

# PECULIARITIES OF ATTENUATION OF LOW-FREQUENCY SOUND IN THE COURSE OF PROPAGATION IN A 2D ARCTIC-TYPE WAVEGUIDE WITH RANDOM BATHYMETRY

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For a low-frequency sound signal propagating in a two-dimensionally inhomogeneous shallow-water waveguide, the influence of random bathymetry (fluctuating bottom boundary) is considered based on the local-mode approach and statistical modeling. The study was carried out for shallow sea conditions corresponding to the coastal waveguides of Russian Arctic seas. A feature here is the presence of an almost homogeneous water layer with various characteristics of bottom sediments. For conditions of a bottom boundary that is strongly penetrable, calculations predict a very weak effect of bathymetry fluctuations on the average sound intensity. A feature of these coastal areas is the presence of an almost homogeneous water layer lying on weakly consolidated bottom sediments with various characteristics, including those with a high degree of gas saturation. Model calculations were performed for the conditions of a strongly penetrable statistically rough bottom boundary with different scales of random inhomogeneities. It is shown that the effect of bathymetry fluctuations on the average sound intensity has its own characteristics compared to the effect of random volumetric inhomogeneities of the speed of sound. In particular, a decrease in the characteristic scale of bottom roughness fluctuations leads to an increase in scattering and a decrease in the sound signal, while similar large-scale inhomogeneities of the bottom boundary change the propagation pattern a little. At the same time, in the presence of volume fluctuations in the speed of sound in the water layer and sediments, it was previously shown that it is large-scale inhomogeneities that significantly affect the propagation of a sound signal, changing the intensity decay law.

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