

# Lateral Waves near the Surface of Sea

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## ABSTRACT

*In this research, we investigate the propagation of lateral electromagnetic wave near the surface of sea. Interference patterns generated by the superposition of the lateral and direct waves along the sea surface (flat and rough) are shown. The field generated by a vertical magnetic dipole embedded below the sea surface (having a flat and perturbed upper surface) is shown to consist of a lateral-wave and a reflected-wave. Closed-form expressions for the lateral waves near the surface of the sea are obtained and compared with those mentioned for the reflected waves numerically for the considered model.*

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## 1. Introduction

Lateral electromagnetic waves generated by a vertical electric or magnetic dipole near the plane boundary between two different media like air and earth or air and sea have been the subject of investigation for many years beginning with the work of Sommerfeld. King [1] derived simple formulas for the transient field generated by a vertical electric dipole on the boundary between two dielectric half-space when the permittivity of one of these is much greater than that of the other. The roughness of the upper surface of the sea is considered by Bishay [2,3] to indicate the effect of the rough surface on the electromagnetic fields. Recently, Abo-Seida *et al.* [4] calculated the far-field radiated from a vertical magnetic dipole in sea with a rough upper surface. Besides, in previous studies [4], the Hankel transformations are estimated by using new technique developed by Long *et al.* [5] and Chew [6].

The present study is a further contribution to [4], so the Hankel transformations which were estimated by Abo-Seida *et al.* [4] are employed here. The previous studies [2,3] have obtained the formulas of the reflected waves in the region of the seawater, due to a vertical magnetic dipole in a three-layered conducting media by resolving the problem using the residue and saddle-point methods.

However, these methods, involve lengthy algebra and several transformations, which are very tedious and

complicated. The new technique utilized in [4] was used in this study in order to obtain closed-form expressions of the lateral waves.

Firstly the form solutions of the far-field, due to a vertical magnetic dipole in a sea (three-layered conducting media) with variable interface are expanded as an infinite series. Then with the aid of the complex image theory [7], closed-form expression of the lateral waves near the sea surface due to the dipole are obtained. Besides, the physical meaning of the results is presented.

## 2. Geometrical Structure

We shall adopt the following model as illustrated in **Figure 1**. A small loop antenna, whose magnetic moment is  $IS_0$ , is located in the middle layer (*i.e.* in the sea) at depth  $d_1$ , horizontally. An observing point  $P$  is also located in the sea at depth  $d_2$ . We suppose that the thickness of the sea is  $a$ , and that air is infinite upward and the ground downward along the  $z$ -axis. The ground-sea interface is taken to be planar, while the air-sea interface varies slightly from its mean value, as shown in the figure.  $r$  is the distance between the source and the observing point  $P$ , and  $r_1$  is that between  $P$  and the image of the source in the air.

The material constants are assumed to be as follows. The dielectric constant in the air, sea, and ground are  $\epsilon_0, \epsilon_2$  and  $\epsilon_3$ , respectively. The magnetic permeability is taken equal to that of the free space in every layer. The

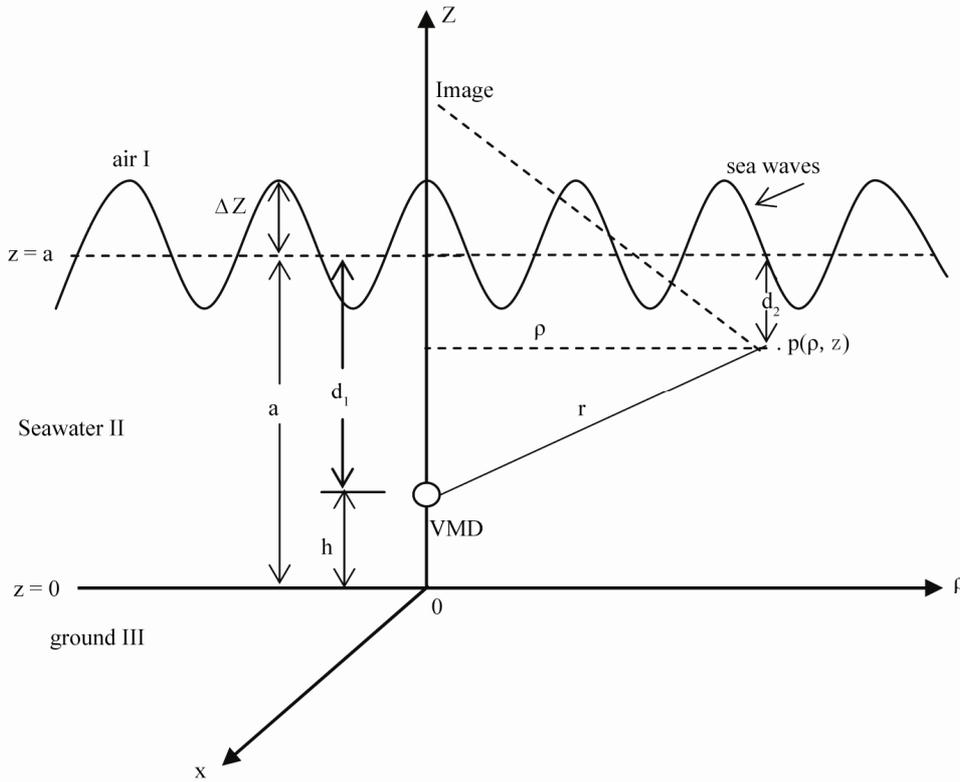


Figure 1. Geometrical configuration of the problem.

conductivity of the seawater and ground are  $\sigma_2$  and  $\sigma_3$ , respectively.

### 3. The Lateral Waves in Sea

Lateral waves are the electromagnetic waves which are generated by vertical or horizontal dipoles on/or near the plane boundary between two electrically different media like air and earth or air and sea or ocean water. However, the lateral wave propagates from the antenna to the

surface suffering some attenuation, then propagates in the air without attenuation over a long distance and then arrives at the receiver. Thus the communication is only through the lateral wave, since the direct and reflected waves are almost completely attenuated in the medium as in this case of flat upper surface.

To evaluate the lateral waves, we return to the Equation (29) in [4] as

$$E_{sop}^2 = \frac{-j\omega\mu_0 IS_0}{8\pi} \left[ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda}{u_2} \frac{\left(\frac{u_{21}^-}{u_{21}^+}\right) e^{-2u_2 a} e^{u_2 h}}{\left[1 - \left(\frac{u_{21}^- u_{23}^-}{u_{21}^+ u_{23}^+}\right) e^{-2u_2 a}\right]} e^{u_2 z} H_1^{(2)}(\lambda\rho) \lambda d\lambda + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda}{u_2} \frac{\left(\frac{u_{21}^- u_{23}^-}{u_{21}^+ u_{23}^+}\right) e^{-2u_2 a} e^{-u_2 h}}{\left[1 - \left(\frac{u_{21}^- u_{23}^-}{u_{21}^+ u_{23}^+}\right) e^{-2u_2 a}\right]} e^{u_2 z} H_1^{(2)}(\lambda\rho) \lambda d\lambda \right]$$

where  $u_i = \sqrt{\lambda^2 - k_i^2}$ , ( $i=1,2,3$ ) and its real part is positive,  $k_i$  is the propagation constant of the medium under consideration.  $u_{ij}^{\pm} = (u_i \pm u_j)$ , ( $i, j=1,2,3$ ) and  $H_1^{(2)}(\lambda\rho)$  is the second-kind Hankel functions of order one. Therefore, we can write  $E_{sop}^2$  as

$$E_{sop}^2 = \frac{-j\omega\mu_0 IS_0}{8\pi} \left\{ \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \phi(m) + \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \psi(m) \right\} \quad (1)$$

where

$$\phi(m) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^2}{u_2} \left(\frac{u_{21}^- u_{23}^-}{u_{21}^+ u_{23}^+}\right)^m \left(\frac{u_{21}^-}{u_{21}^+}\right) e^{-u_2 [d_1 + d_2 + 2ma]} H_1^{(2)}(\lambda\rho) d\lambda \quad (2)$$

$$\psi(m) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^2}{u_2} \left(\frac{u_{21}^- u_{23}^-}{u_{21}^+ u_{23}^+}\right)^{m+1} e^{-u_2 [d_1 + d_2 + 2h + 2ma]} H_1^{(2)}(\lambda\rho) d\lambda \quad (3)$$

According to the complex image theory [7], when condition  $|k_1^2| \ll |k_2^2|$  is satisfied, we have  $\frac{u_{21}^-}{u_{21}^+} \approx e^{-u_1 d}$ ,

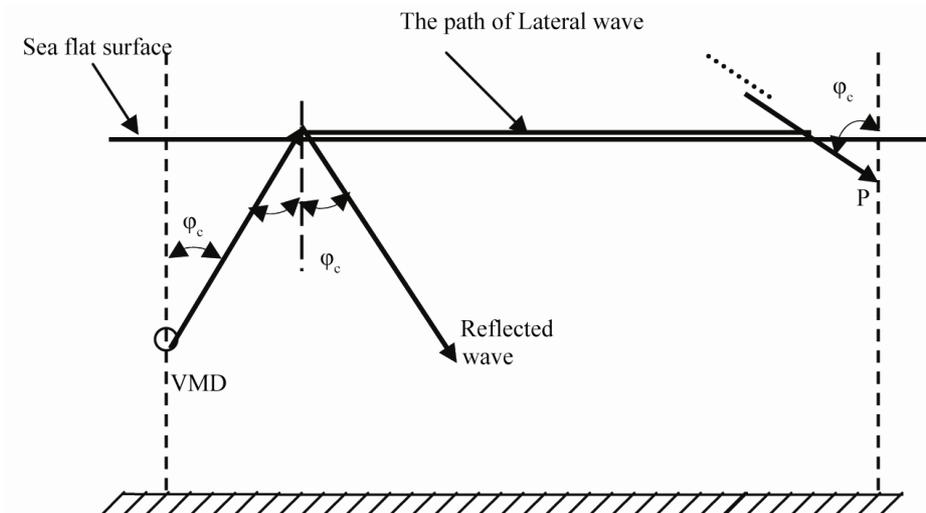


Figure 2. The paths of reflected and lateral waves.

and

$$\frac{2u_1}{u_{21}^+} \approx 1 - e^{-u_1 d} \tag{4}$$

$\phi(m)$  and  $\psi(m)$  to obtain the lateral waves. Then, we have

$$(E_{so\phi}^2)_{lat} = \frac{-j\omega\mu_0 IS_0}{8\pi} \left\{ \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \phi_{lat}(m) + \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \psi_{lat}(m) \right\} \tag{5}$$

where  $d = \frac{-2j}{k_2}$ .

Using the first formula of (4) and rearranging properly where

$$\phi_{lat}(m) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left\{ \lambda \frac{u_1}{u_2} \left( \frac{u_{23}^-}{u_{23}^+} \right)^m e^{-u_2(d_1+d_2+2ma)} \frac{H_1^{(2)}(\lambda\rho)}{H_0^{(2)}(\lambda\rho)} \right\} \left\{ \frac{\lambda}{u_1} e^{-u_1(m+1)} H_0^{(2)}(\lambda\rho) \right\} d\lambda \tag{6}$$

$$\psi_{lat}(m) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left\{ \lambda \frac{u_1}{u_2} \left( \frac{u_{23}^-}{u_{23}^+} \right)^{m+1} e^{-u_2(d_1+d_2+2h+2ma)} \frac{H_1^{(2)}(\lambda\rho)}{H_0^{(2)}(\lambda\rho)} \right\} \left\{ \frac{\lambda}{u_1} e^{-u_1(m+1)} H_0^{(2)}(\lambda\rho) \right\} d\lambda \tag{7}$$

The first factor in (6) is a slowly varying part, while the second term is rapidly varying. The location of the stationary phase point is given by

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} j \left[ -\lambda\rho - \sqrt{k_1^2 - \lambda^2} (m+1)d \right] \Big|_{\lambda=\lambda_0} = 0 \tag{8}$$

The solution of (8) is

$$\lambda_0 = \frac{k_1 \rho}{r_{m+1}} \tag{9}$$

where,  $r_{m+1} = \sqrt{\rho^2 + (m+1)^2 d^2}$ . We can see that the approximation in (9) is valid for  $\lambda \approx k_1$

$u_1 = \frac{jk_1}{r_{m+1}}(m+1)d$  and  $u_2 = jk_2$ , then we get

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_{lat}(m) &= \frac{4k_1^2}{k_2^2} \rho(m+1) e^{-jk_2(2ma+d_1+d_2)} \left( \frac{1-n_3}{1+n_3} \right)^m \frac{e^{-jk_1 r_{m+1}}}{r_{m+1}^3} \end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

where  $n_3 = \frac{k_3}{k_2}$

In analogy to this approach we can obtain  $\psi_{lat}(m)$  as follows

$$\psi_{lat}(m) = \frac{4k_1^2}{k_2^2} \rho(m+1) e^{-jk_2(2ma+2h+d_1+d_2)} \left( \frac{1-n_3}{1+n_3} \right)^{m+1} \frac{e^{-jk_1 r_{m+1}}}{r_{m+1}^3} \tag{11}$$

From (10) and (11), we get

$$(E_{so\phi}^2)_{lat} = \frac{-j\omega\mu_0 IS_0}{2\pi} \frac{k_1^2}{k_2^2 \rho^2} e^{-jk_1\rho - jk_2(d_1+d_2)} \left[ \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (m+1) \left( \frac{1-n_3}{1+n_3} \right)^m e^{-jk_2 2ma} + \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (m+1) \left( \frac{1-n_3}{1+n_3} \right)^{m+1} e^{-jk_2(2h+2ma)} \right] \quad (12)$$

The exponential in the lateral wave term all indicates that the wave travel vertically a distance  $d_1 + d_2$  from the dipole to the boundary surface in the sea, then horizontally along the boundary a distance  $\rho$  in the air, and finally vertically in the sea to the point of observation.

#### 4. Lateral Waves at the Rough Surface of the Sea

In this section we shall calculate the lateral waves for secondary fields in the sea. These will represent the changes which occur in the electromagnetic field of the wave propagation in the sea due to the perturbation applied on the upper surface, where

$$E_{sg}^2 = \begin{cases} (E_{sg}^2)_{ref}, & \text{when waves with propagation constant } k_2 \\ (E_{sg}^2)_{lat}, & \text{when waves with propagation constant } k_1 \end{cases}, \quad g = 0, 1 \quad (13)$$

$(E_{sg}^2)_{ref}$  : The secondary reflected electric field in the sea in any direction,

$(E_{sg}^2)_{lat}$  : The secondary lateral electric field in the sea in any direction, as in **Figure 3**.

The reflected field  $(E_{s1\phi}^2)_{ref}$  has been calculated in the previous paper [4]. We can calculate  $(E_{s1\phi}^2)_{lat}$  by using the following approach, in which the denominator can be expanded as an infinite series, *i.e.*,

$$E_{s1\phi}^2 = \frac{-j\omega\mu_0 IS_0}{8\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} B_1(\lambda) e^{u_2 z} H_1^{(2)}(\lambda\rho) \lambda d\lambda \quad (14)$$

Then,

$$E_{s1\phi}^2 = \frac{-j\omega\mu_0 IS_0}{8\pi} \left\{ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \phi(n) + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \psi(n) \right\} = E_1 + E_2 \quad (15)$$

where,

In this research, there is always  $|k_2^2| \geq 80|k_1^2|$  for any frequency, therefore, the condition required for (4) is met. Using the first formula of (4) and arranging properly, we get

$$\phi(n) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \lambda \left( \frac{u_1}{u_2^+} \right) \left( \frac{u_{21}^- u_{23}^-}{u_{21}^+ u_{23}^+} \right)^n e^{-2u_2 na} \left[ M_0(\lambda) + \frac{j}{u_1} L_0(\lambda) \right] e^{-u_2(d_1+d_2)} H_1^{(2)}(\lambda\rho) d\lambda, \quad (16)$$

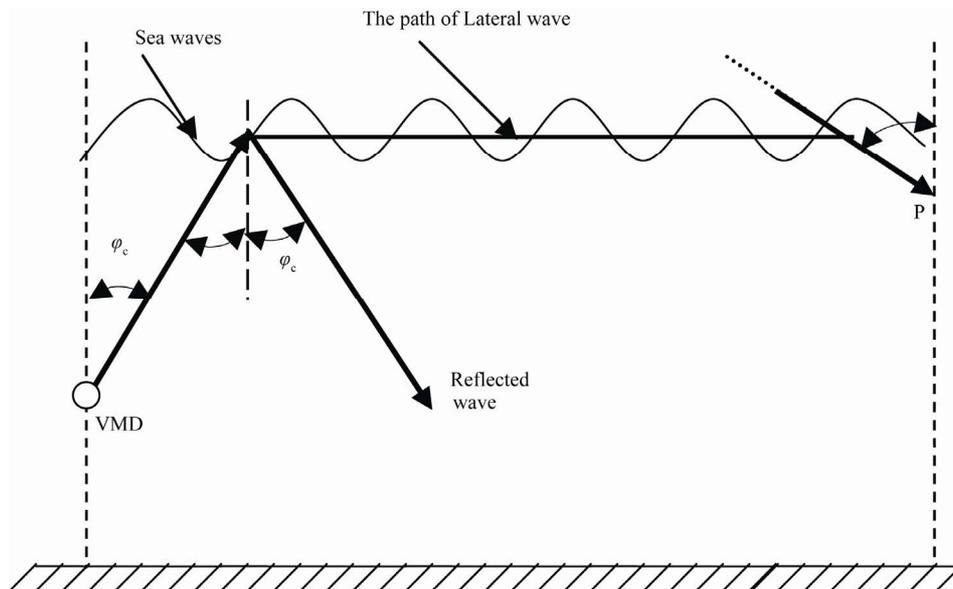


Figure 3. The paths of reflected and lateral waves.

$$\psi(n) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \lambda \left( \frac{u_1}{u_{21}^+} \right) \left( \frac{u_{21}^- u_{23}^-}{u_{21}^+ u_{23}^+} \right)^n e^{-u_2(2na+d_2)} \left[ M_m(\lambda) + \frac{j}{u_1} L_m(\lambda) \right] e^{-jk_2 d_1} H_1^{(2)}(\lambda \rho) d\lambda \quad (17)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_{lat}(n) &= I_{1lat} + I_{2lat} \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left\{ \frac{\lambda}{u_1} e^{-u_1 n d} H_0^{(2)}(\lambda \rho) \right\} \left\{ u_1 \left( \frac{u_{23}^-}{u_{23}^+} \right)^n e^{-u_2(2na+d_1+d_2)} \left[ M_0(\lambda) + \frac{j}{u_1} L_0(\lambda) \right] \frac{H_1^{(2)}(\lambda \rho)}{H_0^{(2)}(\lambda \rho)} \right\} d\lambda \\ &\quad - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left\{ \frac{\lambda}{u_1} e^{-u_1(n+1)d} H_0^{(2)}(\lambda \rho) \right\} \left\{ u_1 \left( \frac{u_{23}^-}{u_{23}^+} \right)^n e^{-u_2(2na+d_1+d_2)} \left[ M_0(\lambda) + \frac{j}{u_1} L_0(\lambda) \right] \frac{H_1^{(2)}(\lambda \rho)}{H_0^{(2)}(\lambda \rho)} \right\} d\lambda \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

When  $\lambda \rho \rightarrow \infty$ , there is an approximate formula for Hankel function as

$$H_n^{(2)}(\lambda \rho) \cong \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi \lambda \rho}} e^{-j(\lambda \rho - n\pi/2 - \pi/4)}.$$

Then, when  $\lambda \rho \rightarrow \infty$ , the first bracket in  $I_1$  is slowly varying part while the second bracket is rapidly varying. The location of the stationary phase point in  $I_1$  is given by:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} j \left[ -\lambda \rho - \sqrt{k_1^2 - \lambda^2} (nd) \right]_{\lambda=\lambda_0} = 0 \quad (19)$$

The solution of (19) is given by

$$\lambda_0 = \frac{k_1 \rho}{r_n} \quad (20)$$

where,  $r_n = \sqrt{\rho^2 + n^2 d^2}$ . We can see that the approximation in (4) is valid for  $\lambda \cong k_1$ . Apparently the reason of this validity is because the stationary phase point ends up being at  $\lambda \cong k_1$ .

Using the approach we presented in the pervious paper [4], we get

$$\begin{aligned} I_{1lat} &= \left\{ u_1 \left( \frac{u_{23}^-}{u_{23}^+} \right)^n e^{-u_2(2na+d_1+d_2)} \left[ M_0(\lambda) + \frac{j}{u_1} L_0(\lambda) \right] \frac{H_1^{(2)}(\lambda \rho)}{H_0^{(2)}(\lambda \rho)} \right\}_{\lambda=\lambda_0} \frac{e^{jk_1 r_n}}{r_n} \\ &= \left\{ k_1^2 e^{-jk_2(2na+d_1+d_2)} \left( \frac{1-n_3}{1+n_3} \right)^n \left[ \bar{M}_0(\lambda) + \frac{j}{u_1} \bar{L}_0(\lambda) \right] \right\} \frac{nd \rho e^{-jk_1 r_n}}{r_n^3} \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

Similarly,

$$I_{2lat} = \left\{ k_1^2 e^{-jk_2(2(n+1)a+d_1+d_2)} \left( \frac{1-n_3}{1+n_3} \right)^n \left[ \bar{M}_0(\lambda) + \frac{j}{u_1} \bar{L}_0(\lambda) \right] \right\} \frac{(n+1)d \rho e^{-jk_1 r_{n+1}}}{r_{n+1}^3} \quad (22)$$

Then, from (21) and (22) we get

$$\phi_{lat}(n) = \left\{ k_1^2 e^{-jk_2(2na+d_1+d_2)} \left( \frac{1-n_3}{1+n_3} \right)^n \left[ \bar{M}_0(\lambda) + \frac{j}{u_1} \bar{L}_0(\lambda) \right] \right\} \left\{ \frac{nd \rho e^{-jk_1 r_n}}{r_n^3} - \frac{(n+1)d \rho e^{-jk_1 r_{n+1}}}{r_{n+1}^3} \right\}$$

By using the following approximation,  $\phi_{lat}(n)$  can be expressed as

$$\phi_{lat}(n) = \left\{ \frac{2jk_1^2}{k_2 \rho} e^{-jk_2(2na+d_1+d_2)} \left( \frac{1-n_3}{1+n_3} \right)^n \left[ \bar{M}_0(\lambda_0) + \frac{1}{k_1} \bar{L}_0(\lambda_0) \right] \right\} e^{-jk_1 \rho} \quad (23)$$

In the same way,

$$\psi_{lat}(n) = \left\{ \frac{2jk_1^2}{k_2\rho} e^{-jk_2(2na+d_1+d_2)} \left( \frac{1-n_3}{1+n_3} \right)^n \left[ \bar{M}_m(\lambda_1) + \frac{1}{k_1} \bar{L}_m(\lambda_1) \right] \right\} e^{-jk_1\rho} \tag{24}$$

Hence,

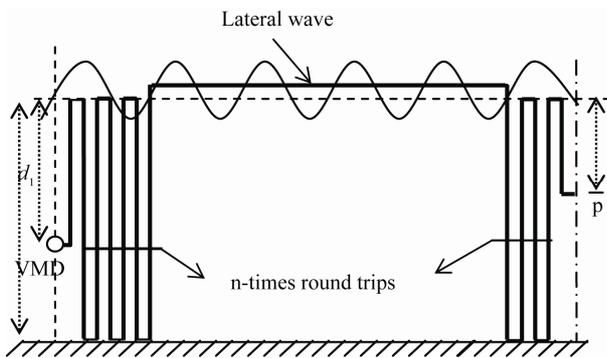
$$E_{s1\phi}^2 = \frac{\omega\mu_0 IS_0}{4\pi} \frac{k_1^2 e^{-jk_1\rho}}{k_2\rho} e^{-jk_2(d_1+d_2)} \times \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e^{-jk_2 2na} \left( \frac{1-n_3}{1+n_3} \right)^n \left\{ \left[ \bar{M}_m(\lambda_1) + \bar{M}_0(\lambda_0) \right] + \frac{1}{k_1} \left[ \bar{L}_m(\lambda_1) + \bar{L}_0(\lambda_0) \right] \right\} \tag{25}$$

where,

$$\bar{M}_0(\lambda) = \left[ \left( 1 - \frac{2u_2}{d_1 k_2^2} \right) f(\rho_0) \right], \quad \bar{L}_0(\lambda) = \frac{-j}{d_1} \left( \frac{3u_2^2}{k_2^2} - u_2 d_1 + 1 \right) f(\rho_0) - \frac{\lambda}{u_2} f'(\rho_0)$$

From (25), we have found the lateral waves near the rough surface of the sea. The physical meaning of the first term in (25) indicates a series of waves that propagate upward from the source and make n round trips between the rough sea surface and the bottom, then travel along the surface on the seawater, and finally arrive at the field point in sea, where  $\left( \frac{1-n_3}{1+n_3} \right)$  is the reflection coefficient at the sea bottom, as in **Figure 4**.

The second term represents another series of waves that propagate downward from the source first then reflected upward at the sea bottom and travel along the same path. These results also show that  $\phi_{lat}(n)$  and  $\psi_{lat}(n)$  are proportional with  $e^{-jk_1\rho}/\rho$ , and this means that the electric field in the sea takes the form of the Sommerfeld integral. Also, the result coincides with the result obtained by Long *et al.* [5], when the disturbed factor  $f_n(\rho)$  is neglected.



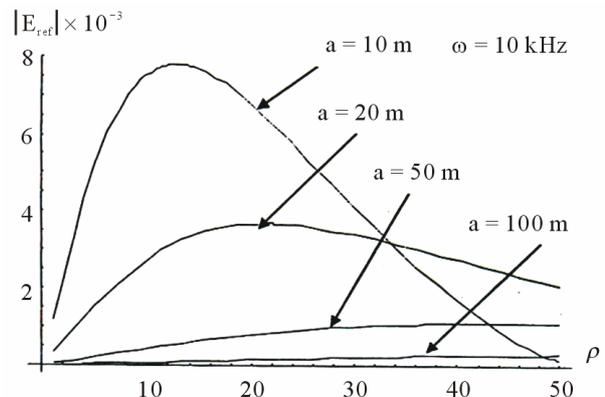
**Figure 4.** The propagation paths of lateral waves between the source and the bottom to receiver.

### 5. Numerical Results

The magnitudes of the electric field (the reflected and lateral waves) for the two cases (flat and rough) in sea are computed for different values of the sea thickness and different frequencies.

Case I: Flat surface of the sea: the **Figures 5 to 7** show the normalized electric field of the dipole in sea versus the radial distance factor  $\rho$ . The depth  $d_2$  of the field point is taken equal to 5 m. To attain the numerical calculation, we ascertain that  $\sum_{m=0}^{25}$  is a match for  $\sum_{m=0}^{\infty}$  under the conditions shown in **Figures 5 to 7**.

We show in these figures that increasing the depth of the sea decreases the value of the electric field. Thus, the previous equations have led to those valid and useful results. These findings also indicate the importance of the derived equations in this research area that could be easily applied in treating related problems.



**Figure 5.** The reflected waves in sea with uniform surface.

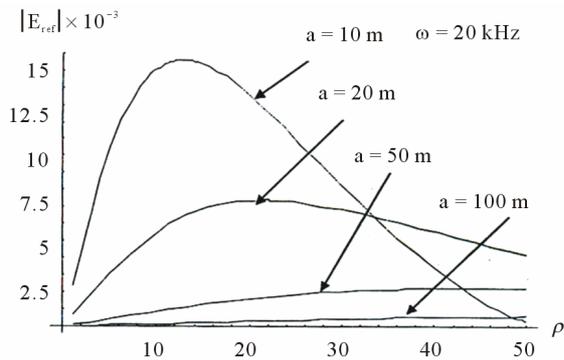


Figure 6. The reflected waves in sea with uniform surface.

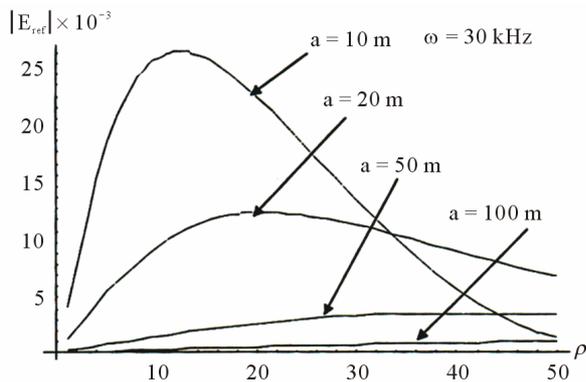


Figure 7. The reflected waves in sea with uniform surface.

Plots of the variation of the electric field in the case of the lateral waves are shown in **Figures 8 to 10**. Also, in these Figures, the numerical calculations ascertain that  $\sum_{m=0}^{25}$  is a match for  $\sum_{m=0}^{\infty}$ . Also, we show that as the depth of the sea increases, the magnitude of the electric field near the air-sea boundary surface proceeds parallel to the horizontal scale.

In the **Figure 5**, we consider that the horizontal axis denote the radial distance  $\rho$  and the vertical axis denote the normalized reflected electric field  $|E_{ref}|$ . To guarantee that our work proves correctness, we took four different values for the sea depth ( $a$ ) as shown in **Figure 5**. The frequency ( $\omega$ ) was also taken to be 10 KHz. Accordingly, the results show that as we increase the sea depth, the value of the absolute reflected electric field decreases as the radial distance factor ( $\rho$ ) increases.

Furthermore, we used the same values for the sea depths, but altered the values of the frequency to demonstrate that the absolute reflected electric field increases as we increase the frequency. This is clearly shown in **Figures 5-7**.

In addition to the reflected wave, we also examined the lateral wave. We used the same sea depth and the same frequencies. Accordingly, we got the previous three

**Figures 8, 9 and 10**. They show that as the sea depth increases and as the frequency decreases, the lateral wave also decreases.

Case II: Rough surface of the sea. The perturbed lateral electric field  $E_{S1\phi}^2 = E_{\phi,lat}^2$  for the rough upper surface and reflected electric field  $E_{S1\phi}^2 = E_{\phi,ref}^2$  for the same mode are computed. The part of the sea under investigation takes different thickness ( $a = 10$  m, 25 m, 50 m), the height of the source is taken to be 4 m from the ground (the bottom of the sea). We chose the sea waves represented by the roughness cosine profile with period

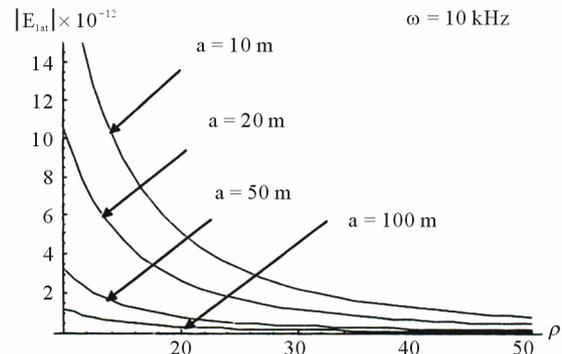


Figure 8. The lateral waves in sea with uniform surface.

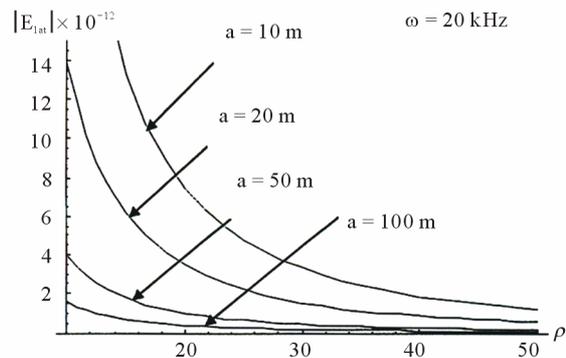


Figure 9. The lateral waves in sea with uniform surface.

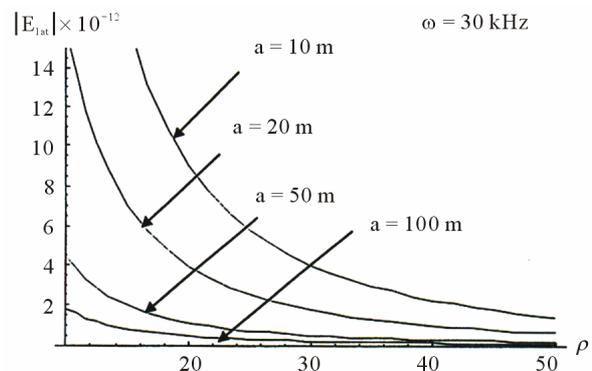


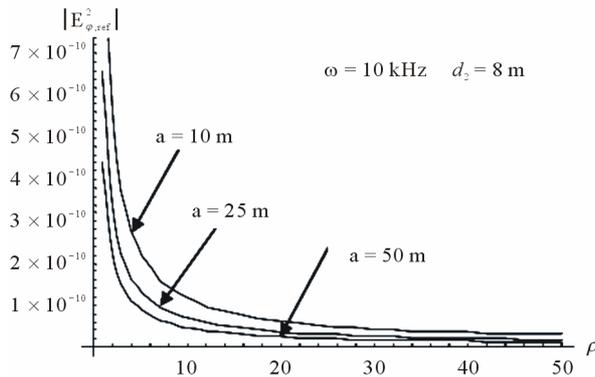
Figure 10. The lateral waves in sea with uniform surface.

10 m and for frequency 10 KHz. Consequently, **Figure 11** shows that the reflected waves are decreasing rapidly with the increasing radial distance  $\rho$  at different sea depths.

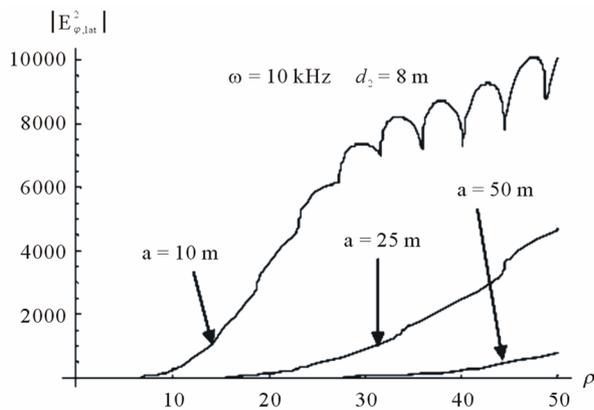
Moreover, in **Figure 12** we illustrate that lateral waves act appositely to the reflected waves where they are increasing hastily with the increasing radial distance  $\rho$  at the same different depths.

## 6. Conclusions

In this paper, we summarized our research work regarding the closed-form expressions for the far fields in the



**Figure 11.** Variation of the absolute value of the reflected electric fields  $E_{\varphi,ref}^2$  versus radial distance of the field point for different depths.



**Figure 12.** Variation of the absolute value of the lateral electric fields  $E_{\varphi,lat}^2$  versus radial distance of the field point for different depths.

sea. The formulas describe the reflected electric field and the lateral waves near the sea surface for different frequencies 10, 20, 30 KHz. The presented results prove that the lateral waves-in the case of uniform surface are very useful in the navigation with very low frequencies as indicate in **Figure 8**.

For instance in **Figures 8-10**, we proved that when we fix the radial distance factor ( $\rho = 20$  m) and the sea depth ( $a = 100$  m), the lateral waves decreased from 2, 1.5 and 1 as the frequencies decreased from 30, 20 and 10 respectively. Also, from these results we show that the reflected waves can be neglected with respect to the higher values of the lateral waves.

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## Appendix A

$$M_0(\lambda) = \lambda \left[ \left( 1 - \frac{2u_2}{d_1 k_2^2} \right) f(\rho_0) \right]$$

where  $\rho = \rho_0$  is the location of the stationary phase point which is given by  $\rho_0 = \frac{j\lambda d_1}{u_2}$ .

$$L_0(\lambda) = \frac{-j\lambda}{d_1} \left( \frac{3u_2^2}{k_2^2} - u_2 d_1 + 1 \right) f(\rho_0) - \frac{\lambda^2}{u_2} f'(\rho_0)$$

$$M_m(\lambda) = \lambda \left\{ e^{-jk_2 2a} G_{m+1}(\lambda) + \left( e^{-jk_2 2h} - N \right) G_{m+1}(\lambda) + 2NC_{m+1}(\lambda) - 2NC_m(\lambda) \right\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} L_m(\lambda) = & -\lambda \left[ \left( N + e^{-jk_2 2a} + ju_1 N \right) G_{m+1}(\lambda) \right. \\ & \left. + \left( e^{-jk_2 2h} - ju_1 N \right) G_m(\lambda) \right] \\ & + 3\lambda jNu_1 \left( C_{m+1}(\lambda) - C_m(\lambda) \right) \\ & + \frac{\lambda^2}{k_2} \left[ \left( \frac{k_2}{u_1} + jN + je^{-jk_2 2a} \right) G'_{m+1}(\lambda) \right. \\ & \left. - \left( \frac{k_2}{u_1} - je^{-jk_2 2h} \right) G'_m(\lambda) \right] \end{aligned}$$

The prime  $G'_m(\lambda)$  and  $G'_{m+1}(\lambda)$  denote differentiation of  $f(\rho)$  with respect to  $\rho$  and  $\rho_{m+1} = j\lambda(m+1)d$  and  $d = \frac{-2j}{k_2}$ .

$$G_m(\lambda) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1-n_3}{1+n_3} \right)^{m+1} e^{-jk_2 2ma} e^{-u_1 md} f(\rho_m)$$

$$G_{m+1}(\lambda) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1-n_3}{1+n_3} \right)^{m+1} e^{-jk_2 2ma} e^{-u_1(m+1)d} f(\rho_{m+1})$$

$$C_m(\lambda) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1-n_3}{1+n_3} \right)^{m+1} \left( \frac{u_1}{mdk_1^2} \right) e^{-jk_2 2ma} e^{-u_1 md} f(\rho_m)$$

$$C_{m+1}(\lambda) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1-n_3}{1+n_3} \right)^{m+1} \left( \frac{u_1}{(m+1)dk_1^2} \right) e^{-jk_2 2ma} e^{-u_1(m+1)d} f(\rho_{m+1})$$

$$N = \left[ \left( \frac{1+n_3}{1-n_3} \right) + e^{-jk_2 2h} \right].$$