

Vertical motion modeling as a result of mantle convection on the Sea of Okhotsk profile

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Abstract. Vertical motions, especially in the active continental margins such as Kuril-Kamchatka transition zone, are still poorly studied. One of the factors significantly affecting the amplitudes and directions of vertical motions is mantle convection. Estimates of the amplitudes of vertical motions in the region have been obtained by means of numerical modeling of the mantle convection made by the method of finite elements. The values of emergences in the area of Sakhalin Island and the Kuril Ridge from 0–3 to 13 m were obtained with the accepted rates of mantle convection from 1 to 5 mm/year. The results obtained should be taken into account when reconstructing neotectonic history of the region and assessing the geodynamic situation in the region of the Sea of Okhotsk.

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