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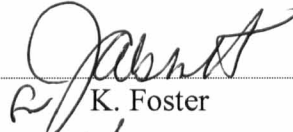
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## **Abstract**

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Over the most recent series of contracts the acoustic prediction model called Bellhop has been streamlined to more closely fit the requirements of DRDC Atlantic's Environment Modeling Manager. The Bellhop Fortran code has been streamlined by removing choices of interest in scientific research but less necessary in an operational system. The input data and file formats have been altered to satisfy the requirements of the controlling programs within the Environment Modeling Manager, and additional output capabilities for bistatic reverberation and active signal excess have been added. The program has been configured into two executables to run for passive or active prediction. This document provides a user's guide to the running of Bellhop, and describes some plotting routines available for viewing the prediction results.

## **Résumé**

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Dans le cadre de la dernière série de contrats, on a rationalisé le modèle prédictif de champs sonores appelé Bellhop afin de mieux satisfaire aux exigences de l'Environment Modeling Manager de Recherche et développement pour la défense Canada – Atlantique (RDDC). On a simplifié le code Fortran de Bellhop en supprimant des choix présentant un intérêt pour la recherche scientifique, mais moins nécessaires dans un système opérationnel. On a modifié les formats des données d'entrée et des fichiers afin de satisfaire aux exigences des programmes de contrôle d'Environment Modeling Manager et ajouté des capacités de sortie supplémentaires pour la réverbération bistatique et l'excès de signaux actifs. Le programme a été configuré en deux exécutables pour la prédiction passive ou active. Ce document constitue un guide d'utilisation de Bellhop et décrit certaines routines de traçage permettant de visualiser les résultats des prédictions.

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# **Executive summary**

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### **Introduction**

Over the past few years the acoustic prediction program called Bellhop has been enhanced to accommodate both passive and active environmental prediction. This application computes the acoustic fields via beam tracing, and can handle variations in sound speed profile, bottom loss, and bathymetry. The calculated results include transmission loss, based on coherent, semi-coherent, or incoherent summation, and an arrival structure or SALT (Sound Angle, Level and delay Time) table.

### **Results**

This document is a User Guide to the Bellhop program. It details the input requirements, commands, and options to successful run the engine, and provides a number of example input configuration files. Plots extracted from sample output files are also shown.

### **Significance**

Tactical oceanography is a critical aspect of Underwater Warfare, providing predictions of sonar performance and detection probabilities. The Bellhop acoustic prediction program serves as an underlying engine to operator requests, tactical decision aids, and combat system algorithms during at-sea operations against subsurface targets. This document assists programmers involved in algorithm development to realize the full potential of the Bellhop engine.

### **Future plans**

Future versions of Bellhop will include more capability in the prediction of both passive and active sonar performance, particularly in littoral waters.

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## Guide d'utilisation de BellhopDRDC, version 3

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### Introduction

Au cours des quelques dernières années, on a amélioré le programme de prédiction de champs sonores appelé Bellhop afin de permettre la prédiction environnementale passive et active. Cette application calcule les champs sonores par traçage de faisceaux et peut gérer les variations dans le profil de vitesse du son, les pertes au fond et la bathymétrie. Les résultats calculés comprennent l'affaiblissement acoustique, basé sur la sommation cohérente, semi-cohérente ou incohérente, et une structure d'arrivée ou table SALT (*Sound Angle, Level and delay Time*).

### Résultats

Ce document est un guide d'utilisation du programme Bellhop. Il décrit de façon détaillée les exigences d'entrée, les commandes et les options permettant d'exécuter avec succès le programme, et présente plusieurs exemples de fichiers de configuration d'entrée. Des tracés extraits d'exemples de fichiers de sortie sont également présentés.

### Importance

L'océanographie tactique est un aspect crucial de la guerre sous-marine, qui fournit des prédictions sur la performance des sonars et des probabilités de détection. Le programme de prédiction de champs sonores Bellhop sert de moteur sous-jacent aux demandes de l'opérateur, aux aides à la décision tactique et aux algorithmes de systèmes de combat durant les opérations en mer contre des cibles sous-marines. Ce document vise à aider les programmeurs chargés du développement d'algorithmes à réaliser le plein potentiel du moteur Bellhop.

### Plan futurs

Les futures versions de Bellhop comprendront des capacités supplémentaires pour la prédiction de la performance des sonars passifs et actifs, en particulier dans les eaux littorales.



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# 1. Introduction

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Bellhop is a computer program created by Dr. Michael Porter that computes acoustic fields in oceanic environments via Gaussian beam tracing. The environment consists of an ocean that may have range variations in the sound speed profile, the bottom loss, and the bathymetry. The outputs include transmission loss (coherent, semi-coherent, and incoherent), and an arrival structure or SALT (Sound Angle, Level and delay Time) table which can be used for active predictions.

This users guide describes the two versions of Bellhop named BellhopDRDC\_ray\_TL\_v3 and BellhopDRDC\_active\_v3 that were created for use with the Environment Modeling Manager (EMM) at the Defence R&D Canada – Atlantic (DRDC Atlantic) laboratory.

Changes in version 3:

The changes between this third version and the previous versions include:

1. The creation of two models from the original Bellhop for passive and active. The first, BellhopDRDC\_ray\_TL\_v3 computes passive transmission loss or ray trace files at the users choice. The second, BellhopDRDC\_active\_v3 computes SALT tables, signal time series, surface and bottom reverberation time series using a bottom conforming output, and active signal excess.
2. The inclusion of beam patterns in both models.
3. The choice of scattering strength models for the active model. The choice of surface and bottom loss models with both models.
4. The dynamic allocation of most array sizes, removing most input size restrictions.
5. The incorporation of changes from Dr. Porter's Web version of Bellhop dated Jan 2006.

The Fortran coding approaches are similar between the two models. They consist of a frontend program that reads the input files and writes the output files, and a subroutine named BellhopDRDC. This structure was used to enable repeated calls to the subroutine Bellhop from within frontend, for looping calculations over source depth, frequency, or bearing for example. It is anticipated that the user may rewrite or replace the frontend algorithm to suit his application.

Also included in this users guide is a simplified program to compute surface and bottom loss for separate analysis. Finally, included in this users guide are examples of some IDL plot routines for TL vs range, (full field or single depth), ray tracing, arrival angle, surface loss, bottom loss, reverberation and signal excess.

## 2. BellhopDRDC\_ray\_TL\_v3

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The BellhopDRDC\_ray\_TL\_v3 model is intended for passive predictions of ray paths and transmission loss. This model consists of four Fortran source files and their subroutines:

1. datamod\_ray\_TL\_v3.f90 – module with data array declarations
2. refcomod\_ray\_TL\_v3.f90 – module with reflection coefficient array declarations and some loss models
  - CALCbotRC – compute bottom reflection coefficients using MGS NAVOCEANO routine
  - CALCtopRC – compute surface reflection coefficient using either Modified Eckart or Beckmann-Spezzichino
  - BOTT\_NEW – MGS bottom loss function
  - SURF\_NEW – Surface loss function using Beckmann-Spezzichino
  - LFSOPN – Low Frequency Open Ocean Surface loss using Modified Eckart
3. frontend\_ray\_TL\_v3.f90
  - frontend\_ray\_TL\_v3 – main program
  - clean\_up – deallocate ray structure arrays
  - Raywrite – write out to ascii rays.txt the ray trace path information
  - READIN\_v3 – reads file runinput.inp and allocates and initializes arrays for range and receiver depth
  - READBTY\_v3 – reads file bathy.inp and allocates arrays for bathymetry
  - READSVP\_v3 – reads file speed.inp and allocates arrays for sound speed
  - READBOTLOSS\_v3 – reads file bottomloss.inp and allocates arrays for which ever bottom type was specified
  - READBPATTERNS\_v3 – reads file beampattern.inp for sensor beam pattern, allocates arrays and converts loss to pressure coefficient
4. bellhopDRDC\_ray\_TL\_v3.f90
  - BellhopDRDC\_ray\_TL\_v3 – beginning of bellhop algorithm- initializes arrays, calls ray trace and calls Grab style TL computation
  - Trace – traces a ray for each launch angle
  - Step – takes a single step along the ray path
  - Reflect – changes ray direction and computes amplitude and phase at reflection. The geoacoustic bottom loss is embedded in this subroutine.
  - REFCO – interpolates for reflection coefficients from table if needed
  - INFLUGRB – Gaussian beam contribution to complex pressure for TL
  - TMP\_SPP – function to convert temperature to sound speed using Leroy's equation
  - CLIN – linear interpolation of sound speed data with depth
  - Smoother – Savitsky-Golay smoothing filter for coherent TL
  - Thorpe – Thorpe attenuation
  - CRCI – converts real wave speed and attenuation to a single complex wave speed
  - ERROUT – outputs error messages



The two module files, `datamod_ray_TL_v3.f90` and `refcomod_ray_TL_v3.f90`, contain the data arrays and declarations, and must be compiled first. The executable is named `BellhopDRDC_ray_TL_v3.exe`

To run the program, place the executable `BellhopDRDC_ray_TL_v3.exe` in your working directory or on your path. Place the five input files listed below in your working directory. Then click on the `.exe` icon or use the windows start/run command. If programming in IDL, the `spawn` command can be used to run the executable. For example, the command to run this in IDL is: `spawn, 'BellhopDRDC_ray_TL_v3.exe', result, /noshell .`

## 2.1 Input files

There are five input files: `runinput.inp`, `speed.inp`, `bottomloss.inp`, `bathy.inp` and `beampattern.inp`. The formats are free field, so the values on each row do not occupy specific column positions, but only need be separated by a space.

### 2.1.1 Runinput.inp

This file contains scenario and runtime choices, as defined in Table 1 and illustrated in Figure 1. In this table, the following alphabetic choices are defined:

'X' = the run choice option

'C' = Coherent transmission loss in output file `CTL.txt`

'S' = Semi-coherent transmission loss in output file `STL.txt`

'I' = Incoherent transmission loss in output file `ITL.txt`

'R' = Ray trace path information in output file `rays.txt`

'S' = surface loss model choice

'B' = Beckmann Spezzichino surface loss

'E' = Modified Eckart low frequency open ocean surface loss = default model

(Note that the bottom loss model is chosen in the `bottomloss.inp` file)

**Table 1. runinput.inp file structure**

<b>Line #, entry</b>		<b>Notes</b>
1.	title	up to 70 characters enclosed in single quotes
2.	frequency	Hz
3.	source depth	Meters
4.	number of receiver depths	
5.	top and bottom of receiver depth array	Meters- note: needs slash at end value to denote an array- a single value can also be used
6.	Range step for output; longest range	Meters; Kilometres
7.	wind speed; surface loss model choice	Knots; 'S' =(B,E)
8.	Run Choice options	'X' =(C,S,I,R)
9.	Internal step size; number of rays; start angle; stop angle; kill-after-bounce number	Default value = -1 Internal step size in m; angles in degrees; negative angles first. Default is -45 to 45 deg, and 100 bounces  For ray tracing, the number of rays and start and stop angle should be selected by the user. For transmission loss, these should be defaulted to -1.
10	Range smoothing flag	Meters, Default = -1, no smoothing Smoothing only affects the 'C' coherent TL

```
'Emerald basin toward Sambro Bank' !title
1200.0 !frequency (Hz)
21. !source depth, m
2 !number of receiver depths
21. 80. / !top and bottom of receiver depth array, or whole array, ** needs the slash
750. 50. !range step (m) and maximum range (km)
15.0 'B' !windspeed(kts), surface loss model {B,E, }
'I' !run choice {I,S,C,R}
-1 -1 -1 -1 -1 !defaults, step size (m), number of rays, start and stop angles, Kill-after-bounce
-1 !smoothing default (-1)=off, 1=on
```

*Figure 1. Sample runinput.inp file.*

### 2.1.2 Speed.inp

This file contains sound speed profiles in depth and range. The format is defined in Table 2 and an example shown in Figure 2.

**Table 2. speed.inp file structure**

<b>Line #, entry</b>		<b>Notes</b>
1	Number of range dependent profiles	
2	Range to profile; number of points in that specific profile, n	km
3 to n+3	Depth; speed or temperature	M; m/sec or °C
	Repeat from 2 for each profile	

Note: there should always be a point at the surface and at or below the deepest bathymetry point.

```

1          !# range dependent profiles
0. 18      !range(km), #points per profile
0. 1498.0  !depth(m) speed(m/sec)
30.0 1499.2
35.0 1491.7
40.0 1483.8
45.0 1475.4
50.0 1466.5
75.0 1468.2
80.0 1470.0
90.0 1473.5
95.0 1475.3
100.0 1477.0
125.0 1479.6
150.0 1482.1
175.0 1484.6
200.0 1488.4
225.0 1489.5
250.0 1490.6
300.0 1490.5

```

*Figure 2. Sample speed.inp file.*

### 2.1.3 Bottomloss.inp

This file contains the range dependent bottom loss descriptions. The format is defined in Table 3 and an example shown in Figure 3.

**Table 3. bottomloss.inp file structure**

<b>Line #, entry</b>		<b>Notes</b>
1	Bottom treatment option; attenuation units	'XY': 'X' = {M,A,T} 'Y' = {F,M,W,N}
2	number of range dependent bottom sets, n	
3 to n+3	If 'X'='M': range; province number If 'X'='A': range; c1; rho1; atten1; h1; c2; rho2; atten2 If 'X'='T': range; # of table rows Angle; reflection coefficient; phase	Km; MGS province number Km; m/sec; g/cc; units of 'Y'; m; m/sec; g/cc; units of 'Y' Km; number of rows Degrees; decimal fraction; degrees

In this table, the following are defined:

'X' = the bottom treatment option

'M' = MGS or HFBL provinces

'A' = Geoacoustic fluid layers (no shear)

'T' = Read in table of pressure reflection coefficients and phases as a function of grazing angle

'Y' = The attenuation units which are used in the geoacoustic layers only, choices are

'F' = dB/(m kHz)

'M' = dB/m

'W' = dB/wavelength

'N' = nepers/m

```

'M'      ! Bottom option for MGS
3        ! number of range dependent bottom provinces
0. 4     ! range (km), province number
10. 2
50. 8

-----
'AF'     !A=geoacoustic, F= dB/m kHz
7        !number of bottom regions
0.0 1453. 1.41 0.038 10. 1557. 1.73 0.156
18.5 1547. 1.72 0.158 20. 1880. 2.175 0.085
22.2 1807. 2.175 0.131 30. 3500. 2.60 0.020
25.9 1630. 2.00 0.157 4. 1880. 2.175 0.085
27.8 1772. 2.11 0.142 10. 1880. 2.175 0.085
44.4 1807. 2.175 0.131 30. 3500. 2.60 0.020
50.0 1453. 1.41 0.038 10. 1557. 1.73 0.156
!range c1 rho1 atten1 depth c2 rho2 atten2

-----
'T'     ! Bottom option for table of reflection coefficients vs angle
1       ! number of sets of tables
0. 5    ! range (km), number of entries in table
0. 1.0 0.0 ! angle (deg), reflection coef fraction, phase (deg)
10. 0.8 0.0
30. 0.7 0.0
50. 0.5 0.0
90. 0.5 0.0

```

Figure 3. Three samples of bottomloss.inp files.

### 2.1.4 Bathy.inp

This file contains the bathymetry. The format is defined in Table 4 and an example shown in Figure 4.

Table 4. bathy.inp file structure

Line #, entry		Notes
1	Number of bathymetry points, n	
2 to n+2	Range; depth	Km; m

Note: needs a point at zero range

```

12                !number of bathymetry points
0.0 238          !range(km), bottom depth (m)
5.5 256
18.5 238
22.2 219
24.1 183
25.9 165
27.8 110
42.6 128
44.4 146
46.3 165
47.2 183
55.5 219

```

Figure 4. Sample bathy.inp file.

### 2.1.5 Beampattern.inp

This file contains the receiver vertical beam pattern in dB. The format is defined in Table 5 and examples shown in Figure 5 and Figure 6.

Table 5. Beampattern file structure

<i>Line #, entry</i>		<i>Notes</i>
1	Number of vertical angles, n	
2 to n+2	Angle; loss	Deg; dB

```

3                !number of angles
-90. 0.0        !angle(deg); loss(dB)
 0. 0.0
 90. 0.0

```

Figure 5. Sample beampattern.inp for an omni-directional beam.

```

37                                !number of transmitter angles
-90.0  51.4                       !angle(deg), loss dB
-80.0  21.2
-70.0  28.5
-60.0  19.85
-50.0  20.55
-45.0  25.3
-40.0  19.0
-35.0  14.0
-30.0  13.66
-25.0  20.0
-20.0  18.44
-17.5  11.69
-15.0  7.72
-12.5  5.00
-10.0  3.05
-7.5   1.66
-5.0   0.721
-2.5   0.178
0.0    0.0
2.5    0.178
5.0    0.721
...

```

Figure 6. Sample *beampattern.inp* file for a transmitter beam.

## 2.2 Output files

There are five possible output files from *BellhopDRDC\_ray\_TL\_v3*. The computed data is written to .txt files in ASCII, depending on the runtime choice made in the input file *runinput.inp*.

- ITL.txt created by run choice 'I'
- STL.txt created by run choice 'S'
- CTL.txt created by run choice 'C'
- rays.txt created by run choice 'R'
- bellhop.log

### 2.2.1 CTL.txt, ITL.txt or STL.txt

This file contains the transmission loss (either coherent, semi-coherent or incoherent, depending on the choice made in *runinput.inp*). At the top, it lists the run title, frequency and source depth. The next line contains the number of ranges and number of receiver depths. Following this are listed the range array in km, then the receiver depth array in m, then transmission loss in dB by range and receiver depth. An example output file is shown in Figure 7 and a plot using this data is illustrated in Figure 8.

BELLHOP- Emerald basin toward Sambro Bank

1200Hz 21.0m source depth

66	2			
0.750000	1.500000	2.250000	3.000000	3.750000
4.500000	5.250000	6.000000	6.750000	7.500000
8.250000	9.000000	9.750000	10.500000	11.250000
12.000000	12.750000	13.500000	14.250000	15.000000
...				
45.750000	46.500000	47.250000	48.000000	48.750000
49.500000				
21.000000	80.000000			
56.04723	60.83149	61.22410	61.61346	67.61076
66.07870	66.25555	70.31084	73.15980	69.96243
71.60814	75.70319	73.49827	73.55996	76.92455
...				

Figure 7. Portion of an ITL.txt output.

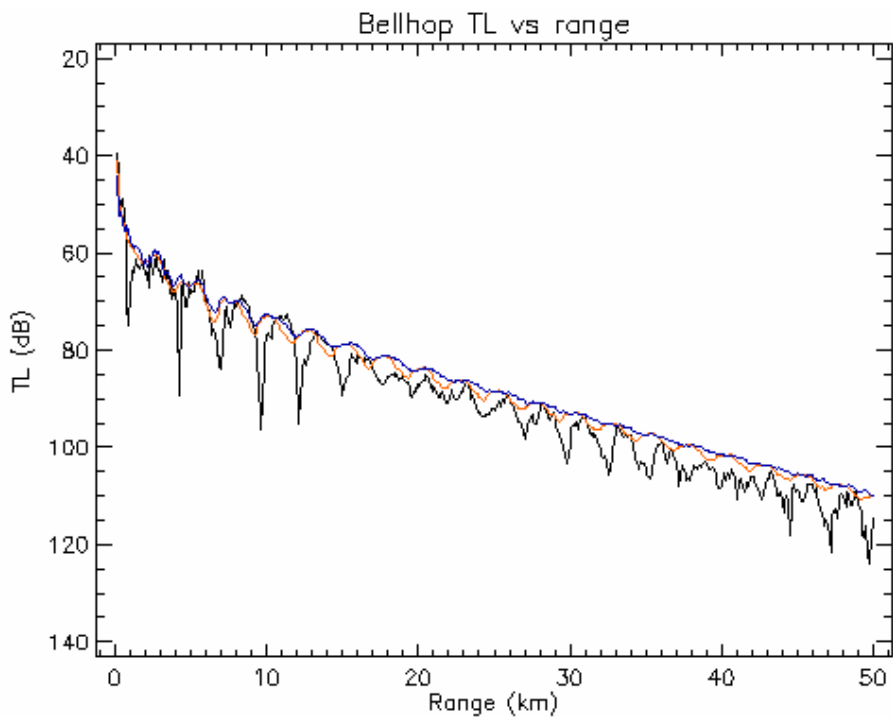


Figure 8. Example transmission loss plot for 20m receiver. Black is coherent, CTL.txt. Red is semi-coherent, STL.txt and blue is incoherent, ITL.txt, using 500 range points.



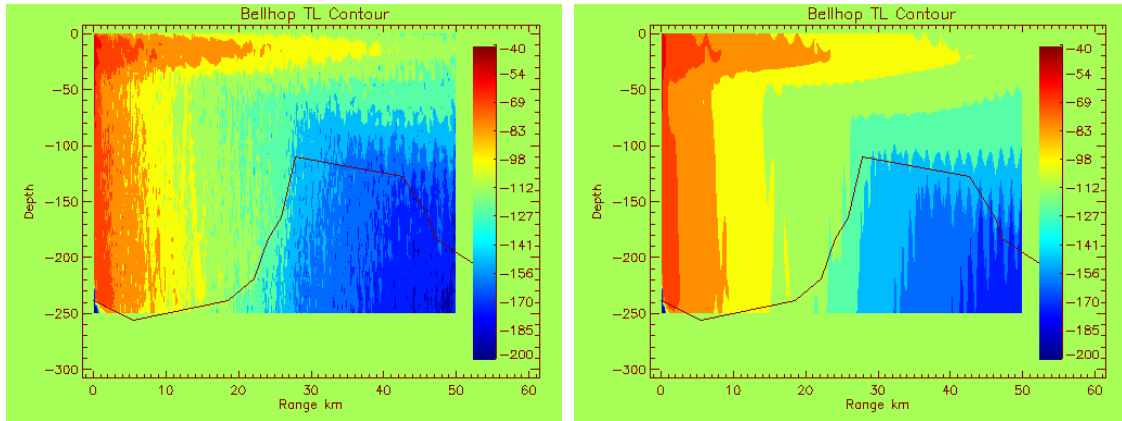


Figure 9. Left: example of full field plot of CTL.txt, (coherent calculation) which was computed using 50 receiver depths from 0 to 250m. The bathymetry is plotted as a line along the bottom. Right: full field plot of ITL.txt (incoherent calculation).

Figure 9 displays a good example of a potential pitfall in using this range dependent model. Note that in the figure, there are places where the field extends below the bathymetry, since the receiver array was defined to 250m to cover the deeper part of the water, but the bathymetry then rises to 110m. The portion of the field below the bathymetry is not a true representation of the acoustic field there. The loss generated by Bellhop on reflection from the bottom into the water column is correct, however the field shown within the bottom does not have the right level. It is an artifact of the Gaussian beam representation in Bellhop. It should be ignored or blanked out in the figure, and in all other Bellhop applications, care should be exercised that the user is only working with transmission loss values from those receivers positioned above the bathymetry.

## 2.2.2 Rays.txt

The output file named Rays.txt contains ray tracing information. Its structure is to echo some of the input choices in the first few lines. The number of rays being traced is listed (in the case shown below it is 6). Then in a loop over the number of rays, each ray is described by the launch angle (-3.0) and number of steps or points in the trace (7481). Finally, the [r,z] coordinates, ray angle, delay time, and number of surface and bottom bounces of each ray are listed for each step. Both r and z are given in metres, angle is in degrees, and time is given in seconds.

Figure 10 shows a portion of the rays.txt listing for the 21m source, and it demonstrates an anomaly that always occurs in Bellhop ray traces. That is, the point of reflection from the surface or bottom is always repeated, as shown at 366.4238 m. On the second repeat, the angle is zero indicating a change of direction.

The rays.txt output can be plotted with the bathymetry, as shown in Figure 11. The case shown was computed using 6 rays from  $-3^\circ$  to  $+3^\circ$ , with a 21m source depth so that the figure would correspond directly to the full field transmission loss plot in Figure 9.

BELLHOP- Emerald basin toward Sanbro Bank

```

1200.0Hz  21.0m source depth
Kill Trace after 100 bottom bounces
6
-3.000000    7481
0.0000E+00  21.00000    -3.000000    0.0000000E+00    0  0
11.88359    20.37532    -3.018170    7.9395389E-03    0  0
23.76698    19.74687    -3.036340    1.5879210E-02    0  0
35.65018    19.11465    -3.054511    2.3819016E-02    0  0
...
344.5391    1.354395    -3.526937    0.2303035    0  0
356.4165    0.6204501    -3.545108    0.2382472    0  0
366.4096    5.1173470E-06    -3.560396    0.2449310    0  0
366.4238    -8.7583682E-04    -3.560417    0.2449404    0  0
366.4238    -8.7583682E-04    0.00000E+00    0.2449404    1  0
378.3009    0.7362430    3.542247    0.2528843    1  0
...

```

Figure 10. Portion of a rays.txt output.

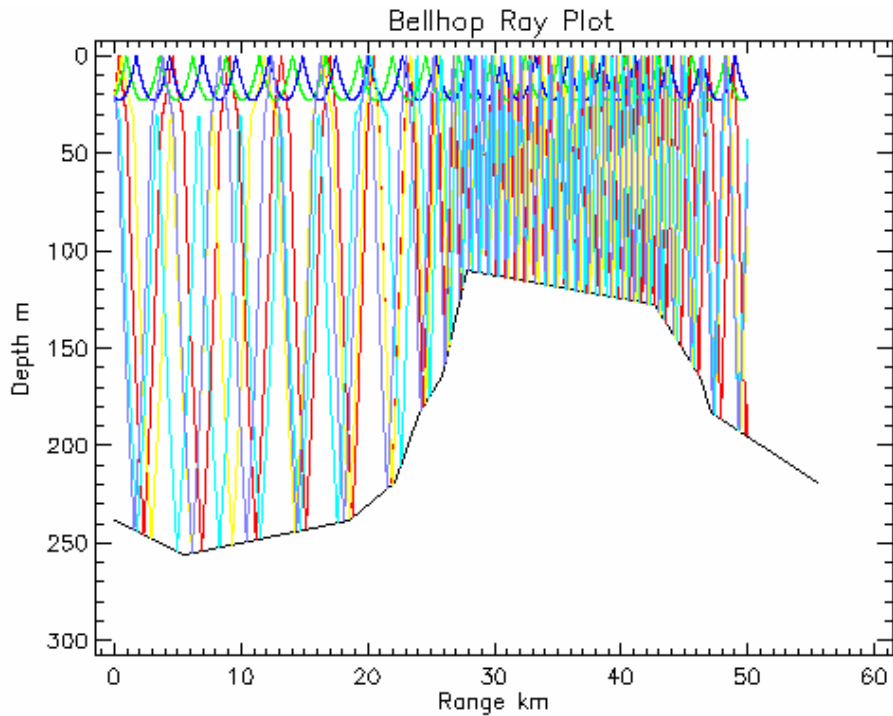


Figure 11. Plot of rays.txt for a 21m source showing the reflections from the uneven bathymetry.

### 2.2.3 Bellhop.log

This file contains a log of the runtime statements generated in any run. Some inputs are echoed, and any warnings or errors generated by the Bellhop code are listed here. An example is shown in Figure 12.

```
BELLHOP- Emerald basin toward Sambro Bank
Frequency= 1200.000
Source depth= 21.00000
Number of receiver depths= 2
range step(m) = 750.0000 Maximum range(km)= 50.00000
Wind speed (kts)= 15.00000
Beckman-Spezzichino surface loss
Runchoice= I
No range smoothing
User input Receiver depth array 21.00000 80.00000
Number of sound speed profiles= 1
Range(km)= 0.000000E+00 #points per profile= 18
1 1 Depth(m)= 0.000000E+00 Speed/Temp= 1498.000
1 2 Depth(m)= 30.00000 Speed/Temp= 1499.200
...
```

Figure 12. Sample portion of bellhop.log.

## 2.3 Plot routines

Several IDL plot routines have been prepared to provide a simple graphic representation of the output products from BellhopDRDC. These should be freely altered to suit the users' data and output requirements.

*Read\_tl\_plot\_loss.pro*: Routine to read each of the xTL.txt output files, and then plot the transmission loss against range, as shown in Figure 8. The user will be asked to enter the receiver depth. If it does not exactly match one of the computed depths, the plot routine will choose the next closest depth. Presently the plot routine is set to open each of the three xTL.txt files and over plot them all in color.

*Read\_tl\_plot\_field.pro*: Routine to read the xTL.txt output and the bathy.inp file and plot the full field as shown in Figure 9. To obtain the best picture, the range of levels of loss that will be shown should be adjusted by the user in the variable Lev.

*Read\_rays\_plot\_trace.pro*: Routine to read the output in Rays.txt and the bathymetry in bathy.inp, and produce a ray trace figure as shown in Figure 11.

### 3. BellhopDRDC\_active\_v3

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The BellhopDRDC\_active\_v3 model is intended for active predictions of bistatic signal time series, bistatic reverberation and active signal excess using SALT (Sound Angle, Level and Time) tables produced by the incoherent output from Bellhop. This model consists of eleven Fortran source files and their subroutines:

1. datamod\_active\_v3.f90 – module of data array declarations
2. refcomod\_active\_v3.f90 – module of reflection coefficient array declarations
  - CALCbotRC – computes bottom reflection coefficients using MGS NAVOCEANO routine
  - CALCtopRC – computes surface reflection coefficient using either Modified Eckart or Beckmann-Spezzichino
  - BOTT\_NEW – MGS bottom loss function
  - SURF\_NEW – Surface loss function using Beckmann-Spezzichino
  - LFSOPN – Low Frequency Open Ocean Surface loss using Modified Eckart
3. saltmod\_active.f90 – module with SALT table array allocation declarations
4. SEmod\_active.f90 – module with signal excess (SE) input variable allocation declarations
5. frontend\_active\_v3.f90
  - frontend\_active\_v3 – main program
  - Setdefaults – assigns default inputs for active applications
6. readinput\_active.f90
  - readinput\_active – reads input files for SE, speed, bathy, beam patterns
  - READBOTLOSS\_S – reads bottom loss and allocates arrays for which ever bottom type was specified
  - READreverb – read user input reverberation table
  - CALCreverb - Rough estimate of reverb in dB using 40logt fall-off
7. bellhopDRDC\_active\_v3.f90
  - BellhopDRDC\_active\_v3 – beginning of bellhop algorithm- initializes arrays, calls ray trace and calls TL computation- defines extra receiver points on surface and bottom (conforming to bathymetry) for reverberation
  - Trace – traces a ray for each launch angle
  - Step – takes a single step along the ray path
  - Reflect – changes ray direction and computes amplitude and phase at reflection. The geoacoustic bottom loss is embedded in this subroutine.
  - REFCO – interpolates for reflection coefficients from table if needed
  - INFLUGRB – computes Gaussian beam contribution to complex pressure. For surface and bottom points for reverberation, the last reflection loss is removed. Results are sent to AddArr

TMP\_SPP – function to convert temperature to sound speed using Leroy’s equation  
CLIN – linear interpolation of sound speed data with depth  
Smoother – Savitsky-Golay smoothing filter for coherent TL  
AddArr – creates arrival SALT table for surface, bottom, and target depths from all sensors and transmitter along all bearings  
Thorpe – Thorpe attenuation  
CRCI – converts real wave speed and attenuation to a single complex wave speed  
ERROUT – outputs error messages

8. reverb\_active.f90

Reverb\_active – computes bistatic reverberation from surface and bottom using SALT tables for each sensor and target bearing. Formulas for various surface and bottom scattering strengths are embedded. Output is reverberation time series without source level.

9. signal\_active.f90

Signal\_active – computes bistatic signal intensity as a function of time, range and depth along target bearing. Output is signal time series without source level or target strength.

Envstore – moves range dependent environments from input storage arrays into runtime arrays for each bearing and sensor

NUWsalt – computes SALT tables for each bearing and sensor using a call to BellhopDRDC\_active\_v3

10. SE\_active.f90

SE\_active – computes signal excess from reverb and signal time series and noise. Source level and target strength are applied. The result is smoothed and saved as a function of range, target depth, bearing and sensor

11. writeoutput\_active.f90

WriteArrival – writes SALT arrival tables for each target bearing and sensor

Writerevb – writes reverberation time series for each target bearing and sensor

WriteSE – writes SE for target bearing, target depth, range and sensor

Writesignal – writes signal time series for each target bearing, target depth, range and sensor

WriteTL – writes TL from transmitter and from sensor to target vs range for target depth

The four module files, datamod\_active\_v3.f90 and refcomod\_active\_v3.f90, saltmod\_active.f90 and SEmod\_active.f90, contain the data arrays and declarations, and must be compiled first. The executable is named BellhopDRDC\_active\_v3.exe

To run the program, place the executable BellhopDRDC\_active\_v3.exe in your working directory or on your path. Place the five input files listed below in your working directory. Then click on the .exe icon or use the windows start/run command. If programming in IDL, the spawn command can be used to run the executable. For example, the command to run this in IDL is: spawn, 'BellhopDRDC\_active\_v3.exe', result, /noshell .

## 3.1 Input Files

There are five input files: NUWSEinput.inp, NUWspeed.inp, NUWbottomloss.inp, NUWbathy.inp and NUWbeampattern.inp. The formats are free field, so the values on each row do not occupy specific column positions, but only need to be separated by a space. For active use, the run choice is defaulted to incoherent 'I' in the file frontend, subroutine setdefaults.

### 3.1.1 NUWSEinput.inp

This file contains the basic scenario and system parameters and scattering strength and surface loss model choices. The format is defined in Table 6 and an example shown in Figure 13.

**Table 6. NUWSEinput.inp file structure**

<i>Line #, entry</i>		<i>Notes</i>
1	Number of receiving sensors, nrd	
2	Noise level at each sensor	Array 1 to nrd, values separated by spaces, units=dB
3	Source level; detection threshold; target strength; system loss; pulse length	dB; dB; dB; dB; seconds
4	Blast arrival time at sensor	Array 1 to nrd, values separated by spaces, units= seconds  sign will position the sensor to the right or left of the transmitter as you face the target bearing. Negative=left, positive=right
5	Frequency	Hz
6	Asset depths	Array 1 to nrd+1, values separated by spaces, units=m, extra last point is the transmitter depth
7	Maximum range to target	km
8	Number of target depths; Target depth minimum; Target depth maximum	Program will create an array of depths, units= m, Note: must have both min and max depth, even if the number of targets=1
9	Wind speed; surface loss model choice 'S'	kts; 'S'={B,E}, default=E
10	Surface scattering strength model choice 'SS'	'SS'={OE, CH}, default=CH
11	Bottom scattering strength model choice 'SB'; Mackenzie coefficient; Normal incidence bottom loss; facet width or RMS slope	'SB'={EC, LB, OM}, default=LB; dB, used with all choices; dB, used with 'EC'; degrees, used with 'EC'

In Table 6, the model choices are:

- 'S' = surface loss model choice
  - 'B' = Beckmann Spezzichino surface loss
  - 'E' = Modified Eckart low frequency open ocean surface loss = default model  
(Note that the bottom loss model is chosen in the NUWbottomloss.inp file)
- 'SS' = surface scattering strength model choice
  - 'OE' = Ogden-Erskine surface scattering strength- a combination Chapman Harris with low wind speed algorithms
  - 'CH' = Chapman Harris surface scattering strength = default model
- 'SB' = bottom scattering strength model choice
  - 'EC' = Ellis and Crowe= Lambert's rule with a high angle facet scattering term
  - 'LB' = Lambert's Rule with Mackenzie Coefficient= default model
  - 'OM' = Omni-directional Rule with Mackenzie Coefficient

1	!Number of sensors
70.8	!Noise level by sensor, dB
230.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 1.0	!SL, DT, TS, Syslos, in dB, pulse length in sec
-12.34	!blasttime to sensor, right = + left = -
1200.	!freq
18.3 21.	!asset depth array, including transmitter
30.	!maximum range to target locations km
2 21.0 80.0	!number of target depths, dmin, dmax
15. 'B'	!wind speed in knots, surface loss model
'CH'	!Surface scattering strength model
'OM' 21. 5. 10.	!Bottom scattering strength model, lambert coef(dB), normal !incidence bottom loss (dB), facet width (deg)

Figure 13. Example of NUWSEinput.inp file.

### 3.1.2 NUWbathy.inp

This file specifies the set of radial bearings and bathymetry, with the radials being common for all receivers and the transmitter. The first line defines the number of radials (*nr*) contained in the file. Line 2 specifies the first radial for the first sensor (as a bearing relative to the line connecting transmitter and receiver), the number of range/bathymetry values (*nd*) for this sensor, and a Boolean (0 or 1) indicating whether the current radial points at the target. Next are *n* lines of range (in km) and depth (in m) pairs. The format is repeated for each of the radials. Next, the process is repeated for sensor #2, and so on, as defined in Table 7 and illustrated in Figure 14

**Table 7. NUWbathy.inp file structure.**

<b>Line #</b>	<b>Entry</b>	<b>Notes</b>
1	Number of radial bearings, nr	Number applies to all sensors and the transmitter
2	Radial bearing; number of bathymetry points n; target radial flag	For sensor #1. Degrees measured from line between sensor and transmitter; number of points currently limited to 500 per radial; flag identifying potential target radials
3 to (3+n-1)	Range; depth of bathymetry	Km; m (n range/depth pairs, one pair per line)
	Repeat line 2 to line 3 + n - 1 for each radial for sensor #1	
	Repeat line 2 to line 3 + n - 1 for each radial for sensor #2	
	Repeat line 2 to line 3 + n - 1 for each radial for sensor #nrd	
	Repeat line 2 to line 3 + n - 1 for each radial for transmitter	

```

4          !number of radials- same for all assets
0. 11 0    !1st radial for sensor #1:  phi(deg), #pts,  0/1 for target bearing
  0.0 238  !range,  depth of bathy for given #pts
  4.6 256
 18.5 238
 22.2 219
 33.3 183
 36.1 165
 38.0 146
 40.7 128
 41.7 110
 51.9  91
 55.6  91

90. 7 0    !2nd radial for sensor #1:  phi(deg), #pts,  0/1 for target bearing
  0.0 238  !range,  depth of bathy for given #pts
 22.2 219
 24.1 183
 27.8 165
 31.5 146
 46.3 128
 55.5 146

180. 12 0  !3rd radial:  phi(deg), #pts,  0/1 for target bearing
  0.0 238
  2.8 219
  ...

!repeat for all sensors plus transmitter radials

```

*Figure 14. Example of NUWbathy.inp file*



### 3.1.3 NUWsvp.inp

This file contains the bearing and range-dependent sound speed profiles for each asset. Currently the dimensions of the sound speed arrays are limited to 100 profiles along each bearing, and each profile can have at most 200 points. Ensure the order of sensors matches that used in NUWBathy.inp. The number of receivers *nrd* is on line 1 in NUWSEinput.inp, so the number of assets is *nrd*+1 to include the transmitter. In addition, the number of radial bearings is identical for all assets, and this the number matches that indicated in line 1 of NUWbathy.inp. The values of the radials must match those specified in NUWbathy.inp. Table 8 defines the format of the file and Figure 15 shows an example file.

**Table 8. NUWsvp.inp file structure.**

Line #	Entry	Notes
1	Number of sound velocity profiles along first radial, for receiver #1 bearing	Limited to 100
2	Range to profile; number of svp points, n	Km; # pts limited to 200
3 to 3+n-1	Depth; speed or temperature	m; m/sec or degrees C
	Keep repeating from line 1 to line 3+n-1 for each subsequent radial bearing, for receiver #1	
	Repeat from line 1 for each subsequent receiver, and the transmitter	

```

1          ! number of svp on this bearing for the first receiver,
0.    18    ! 0deg bearing , number of points in svp
0.  1498.0  ! 18 lines of depth and sound speed
30.0 1499.2
35.0 1491.7
40.0 1483.8
45.0 1475.4
50.0 1466.5

. . .
125.0 1479.6
150.0 1482.1
175.0 1484.6
200.0 1488.4
225.0 1489.5
250.0 1490.6
300.0 1490.5
1          ! number of svp on this bearing for the first receiver,
90.    18    !90 deg bearing , number of points in svp
0.  1498.0
30.0 1499.2
35.0 1491.7
...
Repeat for each bearing and asset

```

Figure 15. Example of portion of NUWsvp.inp file.

### 3.1.4 NUWbottomloss.inp

This file contains bottom loss information for each asset and bearing. The type of bottom selected (MGS, geoacoustic, or table) will apply to all assets and bearings. Currently the dimensions of the loss arrays are limited to 25 different regions along each bearing, and for table entries, the number of points is limited to 91. Ensure the sensors match the order used in NUWBathy.inp. The number of receivers *nrd* is on line 1 in NUWSEinput.inp, so the number of assets is *nrd*+1 to include the transmitter. Also there must be the same number of radial bearings for each asset., as specified on line 1 of file NUWbathy.inp. The format is defined in Table 9 and an example shown in Figure 16.

**Table 9. NUWbottomloss.inp file structure.**

<b>Line #,</b>	<b>Entry</b>	<b>Notes</b>
1	Bottom treatment option; attenuation units	'XY': 'X' = {M,A,T} 'Y' = {F,M,W,N}
2	Number of range dependent bottom sets, n	
3 to 3+n-1	If 'X'='M': range; province number  If 'X'='A': range; c1; rho1; atten1; h1; c2; rho2; atten2  If 'X'='T': range; # of table rows; then loop over # table rows with angle; reflection coefficient; phase	Km; MGS province number  Km; m/sec; g/cc; units of 'Y'; m; m/sec; g/cc; units of 'Y'  Km; number of rows; Degrees; decimal fraction; degrees
	Repeat from line 2 for each subsequent radial bearing, for receiver #1	
	Repeat from line 2 for each subsequent asset	

In this table, the following are definitions apply:

- 'X' = the bottom treatment option
  - 'M' = MGS or HFBL provinces
  - 'A' = Geoacoustic fluid layers (no shear)
  - 'T' = Read in table of pressure reflection coefficients and phases as a function of grazing angle

'Y' = The attenuation units which are used in the geoacoustic layers only, choices are:

- 'F' = dB/(m kHz)
- 'M' = dB/m
- 'W' = dB/wavelength
- 'N' = nepers/m

```

'AF'                !A = Geoacoustic fluid layers, F=attenuation units: db/m kHz
4                  !4 bottom loss rows for 0 deg bearing - receiver #1
0.0 1453. 1.41 0.038 10. 1557. 1.73 0.156
26.8 1547. 1.72 0.158 20. 1880. 2.175 0.085
31.5 1630. 2.00 0.157 4. 1880. 2.175 0.085
40.7 1772. 2.11 0.142 10. 1880. 2.175 0.085
4                  !90 deg receiver
0.0 1453. 1.41 0.038 10. 1557. 1.73 0.156
24.0 1547. 1.72 0.158 20. 1880. 2.175 0.085
27.8 1807. 2.175 0.131 30. 3500. 2.60 0.020
46.3 1630. 2.00 0.157 4. 1880. 2.175 0.085
6                  !180 deg receiver
0.0 1453. 1.41 0.038 10. 1557. 1.73 0.156
14.8 1807. 2.175 0.131 30. 3500. 2.60 0.020
19.4 1453. 1.41 0.038 10. 1557. 1.73 0.156
33.3 1807. 2.175 0.131 30. 3500. 2.60 0.020
44.4 1630. 2.00 0.157 4. 1880. 2.175 0.085
50.0 1772. 2.11 0.142 10. 1880. 2.175 0.085
6                  !290 deg receiver
0.0 1453. 1.41 0.038 10. 1557. 1.73 0.156
...

```

Figure 16. Example of portion of NUWbottomloss.inp showing geoacoustic parameters for several bearings.

### 3.1.5 NUWbeampat.inp

This file contains the beampatterns for sensors and transmitter. In the program, these beams will be assumed to be pointing along the target bearings, defined by the target bearing flag in NUWbathy.inp, line 1. Ensure sensors match the order used in NUWbathy.inp. The number of receivers, *nrd*, is specified on line 1 in NUWSEinput.inp. The number of assets is *nrd*+1 to include the transmitter. The format is defined in Table 10 and an example shown in Figure 17.

Table 10. NUWbeampat.inp file structure.

Line #	Entry	Notes
1	Number of vertical D/E angles in pattern, n	
2	Horizontal beamwidth; towed array flag	Degrees to 10 dB down points on either side of MRA. Flag = 0 or 1
3 to 3+n	D/E angle; loss	Degrees; dB
	Repeat from line 1 for next asset	

In this table, the towed array flag on line 2 refers to a value 0 (no) or 1 (yes) to indicate to the reverberation calculations whether to treat this array as a towed array broadside beam that will

have a second beam with the same D/E pattern 180 degrees from the target bearing. There is presently no ability to specify towed array beams other than broadside; this is being added as a future enhancement.

```

3          !number of sensor D/E angles
1.8 1      !horizontal beamwidth of sensor (deg),  towed array flag: 0/1
-90.0  0.0 !angle(deg),  loss (dB)
0.0    0.0
90.0   0.0
37          !number of transmitter D/E angles
120.  0     !transmitter beamwidth (deg), towed array flag of 0/1
-90.0  51.4 !angle(deg), loss dB
-80.0  21.2
-70.0  28.5
-60.0  19.85
-50.0  20.55
-45.0  25.3
-40.0  19.0
-35.0  14.0
-30.0  13.66
-25.0  20.0
-20.0  18.44
-17.5  11.69
-15.0  7.72
-12.5  5.00
-10.0  3.05
-7.5   1.66
-5.0   0.721
-2.5   0.178
0.0    0.0
2.5    0.178
...

```

Figure 17. Example of portion of NUWbeampat.inp.

## 3.2 Output files

### 3.2.1 Arrival.txt

This file contains incoherent ray arrival structures. As illustrated in Figure 18, the file begins by listing the frequency and source depth, then the bearing angle and sensor number. Next it lists by column the target depth(m), range(km), acoustic intensity, phase(rad), delay time(sec), source angle(deg), receiver angle(deg), number of reflections from the surface, and the number of reflections from the bottom. A header with abbreviations of these outputs is given for the reader's convenience. The Fortran output format for these numbers is (f7.1,f7.2,2e12.4,f7.3,2f7.2,2i4). This listing is repeated for each bearing that was designated a target bearing in the input file NUWbathy.inp and for each sensor and the transmitter (last listings). The write statements are in subroutine Writearrival in the file writeoutput\_active.f90.

The tables include all the target depths that were specified in NUWSEinput.inp on line 8. They also include entries for the surface and bottom to enable reverberation to be computed. The surface entries are listed first at 0 depth, then come the target depth entries, followed by the bottom entries. Note that the depths listed for the bottom entries change with range as the bottom contour changes.

The amplitude in this table is the incoherent acoustic intensity. The transmission loss from these entries is  $TL=10*\log(\text{sum of entries at the same range and depth})$ . It is possible to change the default run choice setting to produce a coherent SALT table, however in that case, the amplitude in the table is an acoustic pressure and the phase and delay time must be used to produce a coherent intensity. Since the other active products of reverberation, signal time series and signal excess are programmed to use intensity inputs, the change to a coherent calculation would not provide the correct input. A plot of the information provided in an arrival.txt file is shown in Figure 19.

Tdepth	Range	Amp	Phase-rad	Time	Sangle	Rangle	Ntop	Nbot
0.0	0.76	0.4199E-12	0.5960E+01	0.609	-32.38	32.74	2	1
0.0	0.76	0.1078E-10	0.2091E+00	0.609	-32.26	32.64	2	1
0.0	0.76	0.1423E-09	0.6779E+00	0.609	-32.14	32.52	2	1
0.0	0.76	0.7818E-09	0.1023E+01	0.609	-32.03	32.40	2	1
0.0	0.76	0.2647E-08	0.1275E+01	0.609	-31.79	-32.17	1	1
0.0	0.76	0.2856E-09	0.1633E+01	0.609	-31.56	-31.93	1	1
0.0	0.76	0.1404E-05	0.0000E+00	0.506	-0.35	-1.51	1	0

Figure 18. Portion of output file arrival.txt showing some of the surface entries.

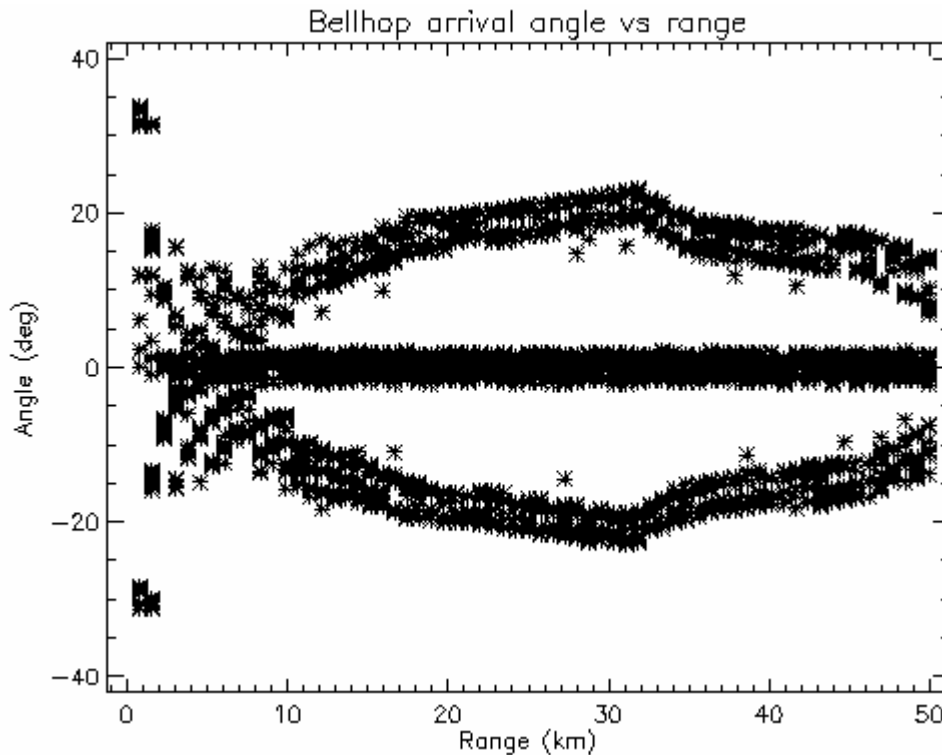


Figure 19. Example of arrival angle vs range plotted using arrival.txt for the 21m target depth.

### 3.2.2 Reverb.txt

This file contains the surface and bottom reverberation as a function of time, with the source level removed. As illustrated in Figure 20, the first line contains the number of time points, the sensor number and depth, the transmitter depth and the target bearing as specified in NUWbathy.inp. Next is a listing of the time array. Then the bottom reverberation time series in dB (without SL), and the surface reverberation time series in dB (without SL). This file structure is repeated for each target bearing and each receiving sensor. The write statements are in subroutine Writerevb in the file writeoutput\_active.f90.

144	1	18.3	21.00	290.0000	
0.500000	1.000000	1.500000	2.000000	2.500000	
3.000000	3.500000	4.000000	4.500000	5.000000	
5.500000	6.000000	6.500000	7.000000	7.500000	
...					
-300.0000	-300.0000	-300.0000	-300.0000	-300.0000	
-151.3029	-148.7673	-151.4195	-153.2674	-154.5864	
-157.0401	-162.3014	-164.1788	-165.6530	-168.0730	
-168.6941	-170.1840	-172.5353	-173.5714	-175.9944	
...					

Figure 20. Selected portions of Reverb.txt output file.

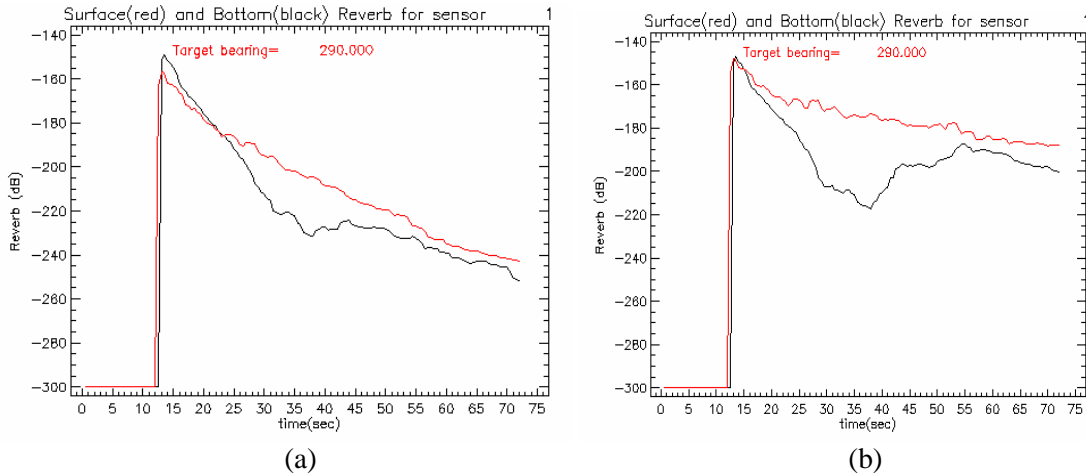


Figure 21. Plots of surface and bottom reverberation from *reverb.txt* (note: source level is not applied).

The -300 dB value shown at the start of the reverberation section of the listing is a default value designating no reception at that time.

While the reverberation is an important computation in its own right, this file is primarily intended to be combined with the *signal.txt* file to produce the signal excess that may be computed at a later date or in another language. The source level is not included to make the signal excess computation more flexible.

In Figure 21a, the plot illustrates the use of the Chapman Harris (surface) and Lambert (bottom) scattering strengths and the Beckmann Spezzichino surface loss as listed in *NUWSEinput.inp*. By way of contrast, the Figure 21b used Ogden Erskine (surface) and Ellis Crowe (bottom) scattering strengths and Modified Eckart surface loss. This latter choice of models produces a much larger contribution from the Sambro bank (shown in Figure 9).

### 3.2.3 Signal.txt

This file contains the signal time series for each receiver's range, target depth and target bearing. The source level and target strength are not included in this output. At present there are no graphics that make use of this file's output. It is provided to be an input along with the *reverb.txt* file for signal excess calculations that may wish to be computed at a later date or in another language. The source level and target strength are not applied to this file to make the signal excess computation more flexible. The write statements are in subroutine *Writesignal* in the file *writeoutput\_active.f90*.

### 3.2.4 SE.txt

This file contains the signal excess computed using the Fortran file *SE\_active.f90*, which is included in this code package. The SE computation begins by working in intensity units and

multiplying the signal time series by the source level and target strength. It then adds the surface and bottom reverberation intensities, multiplies by the source level and adds the noise intensity to form the interference level power sum. Taking the maximum signal to interference ratio from the time series, the program converts this to dB and subtracts the dB values of detection threshold and system loss to form the signal excess. This result is smoothed over range using a Savitsky-Golay smoothing filter found in subroutine smoother.

The SE is listed in the file SE.txt. The first line contains the frequency and transmitter depth. The next line contains the number of ranges, the number of target depths, the number of target bearings (those that were identified in NUWbathy.inp), and the number of receiving sensors. The range array is listed next. Following this, the output loops over sensor number and writes the sensor number and sensor depth. Inside this sensor loop, the output loops over the target bearing and writes its value in degrees. Lastly, the output loops over target depth and writes each depth in metres, followed by the SE(dB) vs range array. The write statements are in subroutine WriteSE in the file writeoutput\_active.f90. An example SE.txt file is shown in Figure 22 and a plot of signal excess against range in Figure 23.

Frequency=	1200	transmitter depth (m)= 21.00000		
66	2	1	1	
0.7575104	1.515021	2.272531	3.030042	3.787552
4.545063	5.302573	6.060083	6.817594	7.575105
8.332615	9.090125	9.847635	10.60515	11.36266
12.12017	12.87768	13.63519	14.39270	15.15021
15.90772	16.66523	17.42274	18.18025	18.93776
19.69527	20.45278	21.21029	21.96780	22.72531
23.48282	24.24033	24.99784	25.75536	26.51287
27.27037	28.02789	28.78540	29.54291	30.30042
31.05793	31.81544	32.57295	33.33046	34.08797
34.84548	35.60299	36.36050	37.11801	37.87552
38.63303	39.39054	40.14806	40.90556	41.66307
42.42059	43.17809	43.93560	44.69312	45.45063
46.20814	46.96565	47.72316	48.48067	49.23818
49.99569				
1	18.30000	21.00000	sensor# and depth, xmitter depth	
	290.0000	target bearing (deg)		
	21.00000	target depth (m)		
9.256289	8.535771	9.359191	9.144906	8.026057
7.084254	4.875857	3.116795	1.304128	0.3261878
-0.1079665	-1.899835	-3.688573	-4.459661	-5.735830
-7.032741	-8.430945	-9.686783	-11.37277	-12.41770
-13.60939	-14.89992	-15.97495	-17.22614	-18.70700
-19.57372	-21.09822	-22.91412	-24.28225	-25.03448
-26.24449	-27.77931	-28.72955	-29.85480	-31.56085
-32.87404	-34.36069	-35.25083	-36.51894	-37.97610
-38.86609	-39.71757	-41.35246	-42.44070	-43.37093
-44.78685	-46.59248	-47.37603	-48.62641	-50.29294
-51.74666	-52.79663	-53.94806	-54.60282	-54.82505

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-55.44629	-56.15428	-56.84904	-57.50505	-58.19662
-68.52665	-58.72824	-60.37620	-61.14380	-63.53962
-273.1898				
80.00000	target depth (m)			
-18.53436	-20.66035	-23.45649	-25.00367	-28.71472
-31.48188	-35.14766	-38.54745	-41.59624	-44.67906
-47.18526	-50.00219	-52.73748	-54.50350	-56.60928
-59.08985	-62.29815	-65.48646	-67.66393	-69.63187
-71.12508	-73.26772	-76.85026	-79.01120	-80.86200
-82.96901	-84.39195	-85.44653	-84.95473	-84.61140
-83.78305	-83.09189	-82.90885	-82.79535	-82.34694
-82.36971	-82.73310	-83.66893	-83.49229	-83.22469
-82.87249	-83.55067	-84.22935	-84.87180	-85.25072
-85.72158	-85.85942	-86.47194	-86.91490	-87.88622
-88.32675	-88.77820	-89.07786	-89.83282	-90.16600
-90.51435	-90.68188	-91.16041	-91.51222	-91.77579
-100.5740	-92.59559	-92.36211	-93.96441	-95.86541
-277.0495				

Figure 22. Example of portion of SE.txt output.

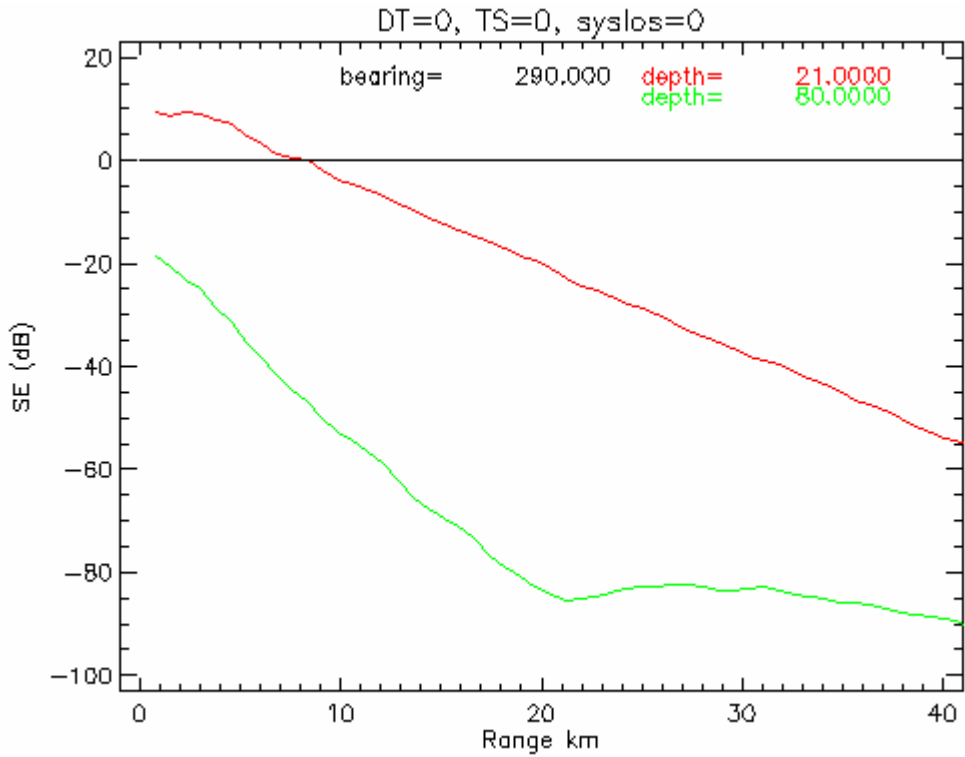


Figure 23. Example of signal excess plot, with DT=TS=syslos=0.

### 3.2.5 TL.txt

This file contains the transmission loss as a function of range for the transmitter location to the target depth, and for the sensor location to the target depth. The beam patterns of the transmitter and sensor are included in the calculation. The output file consists of a loop over sensor number and target bearing, with lines containing the number of ranges, the number of target depths, then the sensor number, sensor depth, transmitter depth and the target bearing. Following this is the range array. Then in a loop over target depth, the depth is listed, followed by the transmitter transmission loss array vs range, and lastly the sensor transmission loss array vs range. The write statements are in subroutine WriteTL in the file writeoutput\_active.f90. An example TL.txt file is shown in Figure 24 and a plot of transmission loss against range in Figure 25.

66	2				
1	18.30000	21.00000	290.0000		
0.7575104	1.515021	2.272531	3.030042	3.787552	
4.545063	5.302573	6.060083	6.817594	7.575105	
8.332615	9.090125	9.847635	10.60515	11.36266	
12.12017	12.87768	13.63519	14.39270	15.15021	
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19.69527	20.45278	21.21029	21.96780	22.72531	
23.48282	24.24033	24.99784	25.75536	26.51287	
27.27037	28.02789	28.78540	29.54291	30.30042	
...					

Figure 24. Example of portion of TL.txt output

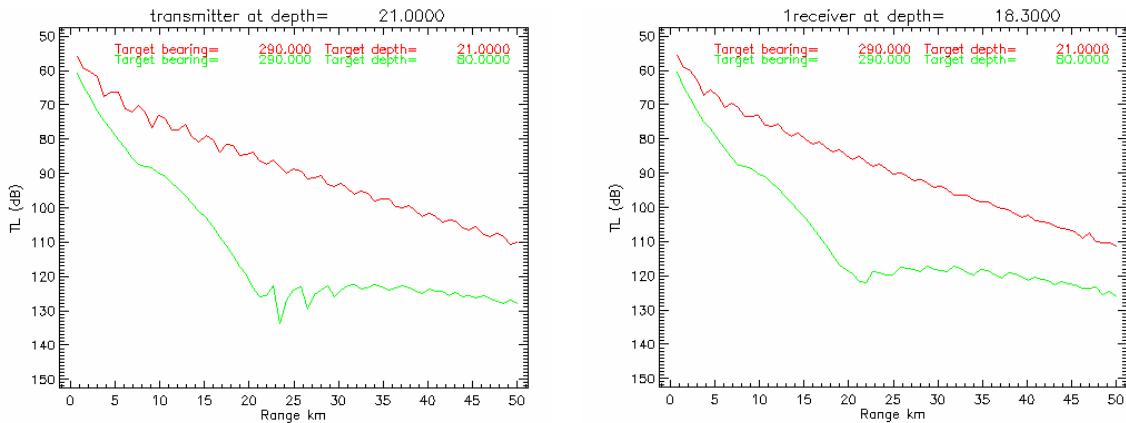


Figure 25. Example of TL plot from the TL.txt file. Left: transmission loss from transmitter to target, including transmitter beam pattern. Right: transmission loss from receiver to target, including receiver beam pattern. Two target depths are shown.

### 3.2.6 Bellhop\_active.log

This file contains a log of the runtime statements generated in any run. Some inputs are echoed, and any warnings or errors are listed here as generated by the Bellhop code.

## 3.3 Plot Routines

Some IDL plot routines have been prepared to provide simple graphic representations of the active program outputs. These should be freely altered to suit the users' data and output requirements.

*Read\_arrivals\_plot\_angleortimes.pro* – reads SALT table output in arrival.txt and plots arrival angle vs range as shown in Figure 19.

*Read\_reverb\_plot\_reverb.pro* - reads reverb.txt and plots surface and bottom reverberation as shown in Figure 21.

*Read\_SE\_plot\_SE.pro* – reads SE.txt and plots signal excess vs range as shown in Figure 23.

*Read\_TL\_plot\_TL\_active.pro* – reads TL.txt from the active program output and plots receiver to target transmission loss and transmitter to target transmission loss in two windows as a function of range as shown in Figure 25.

## 4. Boundary loss

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To help understand the transmission loss predictions a separate program called boundaryloss is provided that will compute the bottom and surface losses. The file components for this algorithm are:

Boundaryloss.f90 – main program

    READIN\_V3- reads runinput.inp  
    READSVP\_v3 – reads speed.inp  
    READBOTLOSS\_v3 – reads bottomloss.inp  
    BOTT\_NEW – function to compute MGS bottom loss from province numbers  
    SURF\_NEW – function to compute surface reflection coefficients using  
        Bechmann-Spezzichino formulas  
    LFSOPN – computes surface loss per bounce for open ocean using Modified  
        Echart  
    TMP\_SSP – function to convert temperature to speed using Leroy's equation  
    twolayerRefl – computes reflection coefficient from two fluid layers of sediment  
    CRCIS – function to convert real wave speed and attenuation to a single complex  
        wave speed  
    ERROUT – outputs error messages

### 4.1 Input files

#### 4.1.1 Runinput.inp

This is the same file that BellhopDRDC\_ray\_TL\_v3 uses, described in section 2.1.1. The boundary loss algorithm uses the run title, frequency, wind speed and surface loss model from this file.

#### 4.1.2 Speed.inp

This is the same file that BellhopDRDC\_ray\_TL\_v3 uses, described in section 2.1.2. The boundary loss algorithm uses the sound speed from the surface and the bottom of the first profile in this file.

#### 4.1.3 Bottomloss.inp

This is the same file that BellhopDRDC\_ray\_TL\_v3 uses, described in section 2.1.3. The boundary loss algorithm uses all lines in this file.

## 4.2 Output files

### 4.2.1 Botloss.txt

This file contains the bottom loss and grazing angles for each bottom description in the input file. The structure of this file begins with the run title, the frequency, the number of range dependent bottom's being specified, and a string showing the type of bottom being computed, such as the two layer model, the MGS model or a user input table. Next the number of grazing angles is listed, followed by an array of grazing angles then an array of dB losses. These last three are repeated for each bottom specified. An example of this file is shown in Figure 26.

An example of the plot of these data is shown in Figure 27. The different curves are labelled according to their order in the bottomloss.inp file.

```
BELLHOP- Emerald basin toward Sambro Bank

1200.000
7
two-layer fluid reflection bottom loss
91
0      1      2      3      4      5
6      7      8      9      10     11
12     13     14     15     16     17
18     19     20     21     22     23
24     25     26     27     28     29
30     31     32     33     34     35
36     37     38     39     40     41
42     43     44     45     46     47
48     49     50     51     52     53
54     55     56     57     58     59
60     61     62     63     64     65
66     67     68     69     70     71
72     73     74     75     76     77
78     79     80     81     82     83
84     85     86     87     88     89
90
5.8247424E-03 0.5140966  0.9780043  1.415306  1.952464
2.857528  4.540282  6.287792  5.386145  3.989525
3.439673  3.525668  3.814885  3.853908  3.888648
4.145320  4.254133  4.699588  6.281219  8.995653
10.13510  8.535233  8.418880  11.07827  15.56623  ...
```

Figure 26. Portion of a Botloss.txt file.

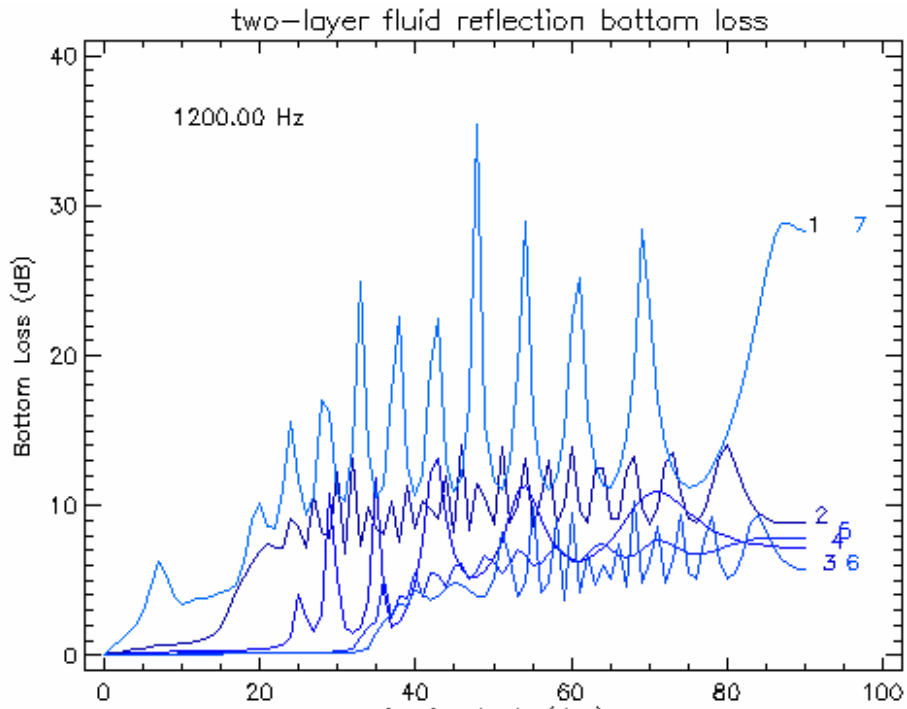


Figure 27. Plot of *botloss.txt* showing the seven regions listed in *bottomloss.inp* for the acoustic bottom descriptions using *read\_loss\_plot\_boundaryloss.pro*.

#### 4.2.2 Surfloss.txt

This file contains the surface loss and grazing angles from the selected loss algorithm. The structure of this file begins with the run title, the frequency, a string showing the surface loss algorithm, the number of points in the table, then an array of grazing angles and an array of losses in dB. An example of this file is shown in Figure 28. A plot of these data is shown in Figure 29 (where both surface loss models are displayed).

BELLHOP- Emerald basin toward Sambro Bank

1200.000

Beckman Spezzichino surface loss

91					
0	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	32	33	34	35
36	37	38	39	40	41
42	43	44	45	46	47
48	49	50	51	52	53
54	55	56	57	58	59
60	61	62	63	64	65
66	67	68	69	70	71
72	73	74	75	76	77
78	79	80	81	82	83
84	85	86	87	88	89
90					
0.0000000E+00	3.8063690E-02	7.6452129E-02	0.1151595	0.1541792	
0.2474124	0.3475395	0.4501680	0.5543828	0.6593952	
0.7645975	0.8695914	0.9741867	1.078379	1.182310	
1.286222	1.390416	1.495207	1.600906	1.707793	
1.816111	1.926067	2.037831	2.151542	2.267317	...

Figure 28. Example portion of surfloss.txt.

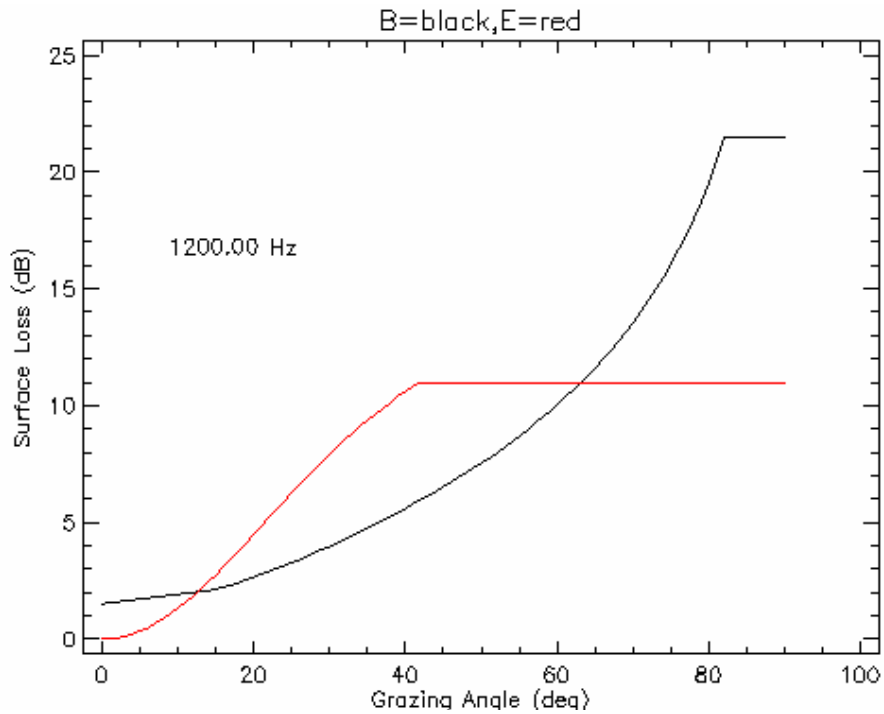


Figure 29. Plot of surfloss.txt for both Beckman Spezzichino (black) and modified Eckart (red).

### 4.3 Plot routine

An IDL plot routine has been prepared to provide a simple graphic representation of the boundaryloss outputs. This should be freely altered to suit the users' data and output requirements.

Read loss plot boundaryloss.pro - Routine to read the output in Botloss.txt and Surfloss.txt and produce two loss figures.



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CANTASS	Canadian Towed Array Sonar System
DND	Department of National Defence
DRDC	Defence R&D Canada
EMM	Environment Modeling Manager
GS	Grid search
HFBL	High frequency bottom loss
IDL	Interactive Data Language
MGS	Marine Geophysical Survey
NUW	Networked Underwater Warfare
R&D	Research & Development
Reverb	Reverberation
SALT table	Sound angle, level and delay time table
SE	Signal excess
SL	Source level
svp	Sound velocity profile
TDP	Technology Demonstration Project
TL	Transmission Loss

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