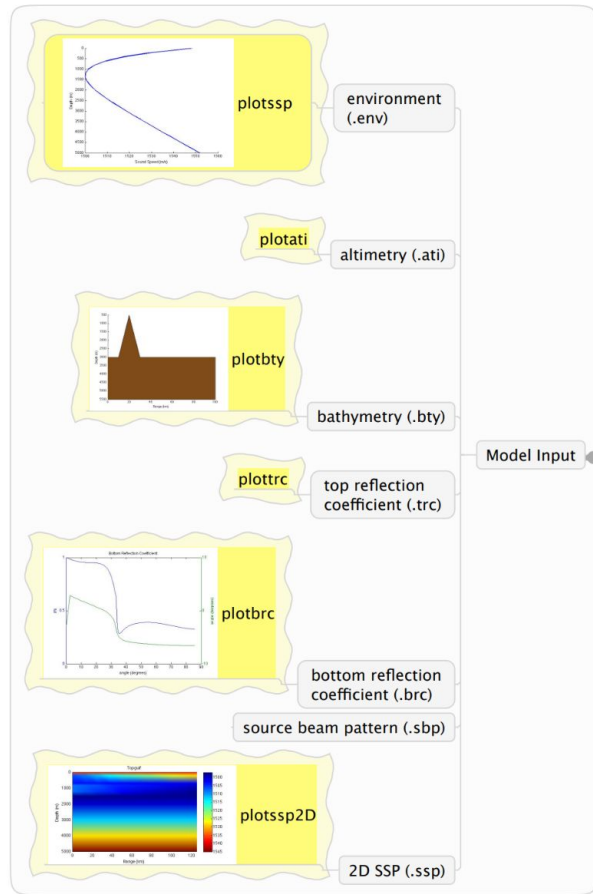


Interactive Underwater Acoustic Simulator with Ray Tracing

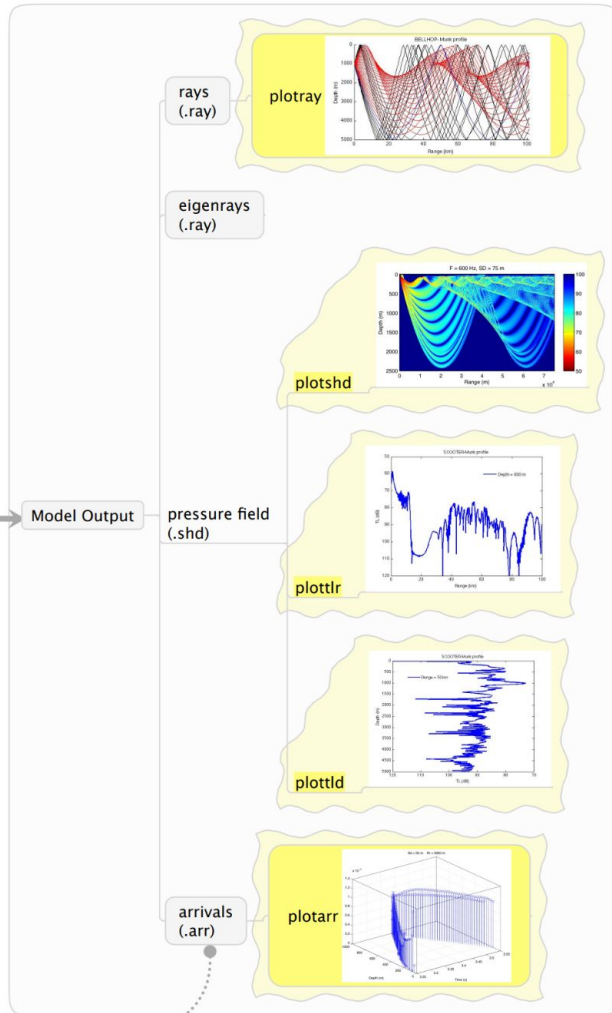
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BELLHOP Acoustic Toolbox

Underwater acoustic propagation modeling with arlpy and Bellhop

The underwater acoustic propagation modeling toolbox (`uwam`) in `arlpy` is integrated with the popular Bellhop ray tracer distributed as part of the [acoustics toolbox](#). In this notebook, we see how to use `arlpy.uwam` to simplify the use of Bellhop for modeling.

Prerequisites

- Install [arlpy](#) (v1.5 or higher)
- Install the [acoustics toolbox](#) (6 July 2018 version or later)

Getting started

Start off with checking that everything is working correctly:

```
In [1]: import arlpy.uwam as pm
import arlpy.plot as plt
import numpy as np
```

```
In [2]: pm.models()
```

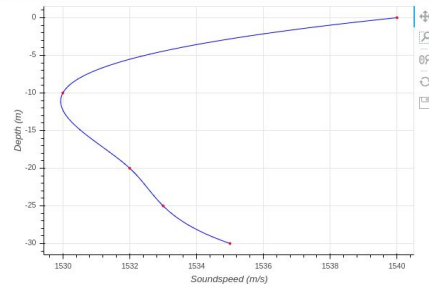
```
Out[2]: ['bellhop']
```

The `bellhop` model should be listed in the list of models above, if everything is good. If it isn't listed, it means that `bellhop.exe` is not available on the `PATH`, or it cannot be correctly executed. Ensure that `bellhop.exe` from the `acoustics toolbox` installation is on your `PATH` (updated `.profile` or equivalent, if necessary, to add it in).

From here on we assume that the `bellhop` model is available, and proceed...

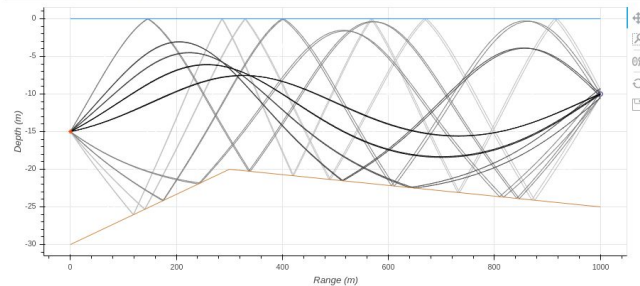
We next create an underwater 2D environment (with default settings) to model:

```
In [14]: pm.plot_ssp(env)
```

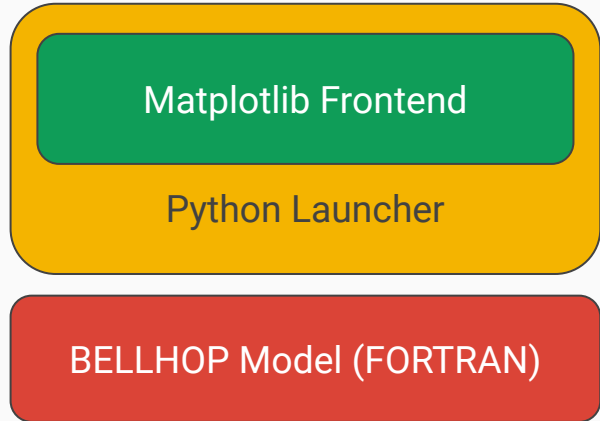


Looks more interesting! Let's see what the eigenrays look like, and also the arrival structure:

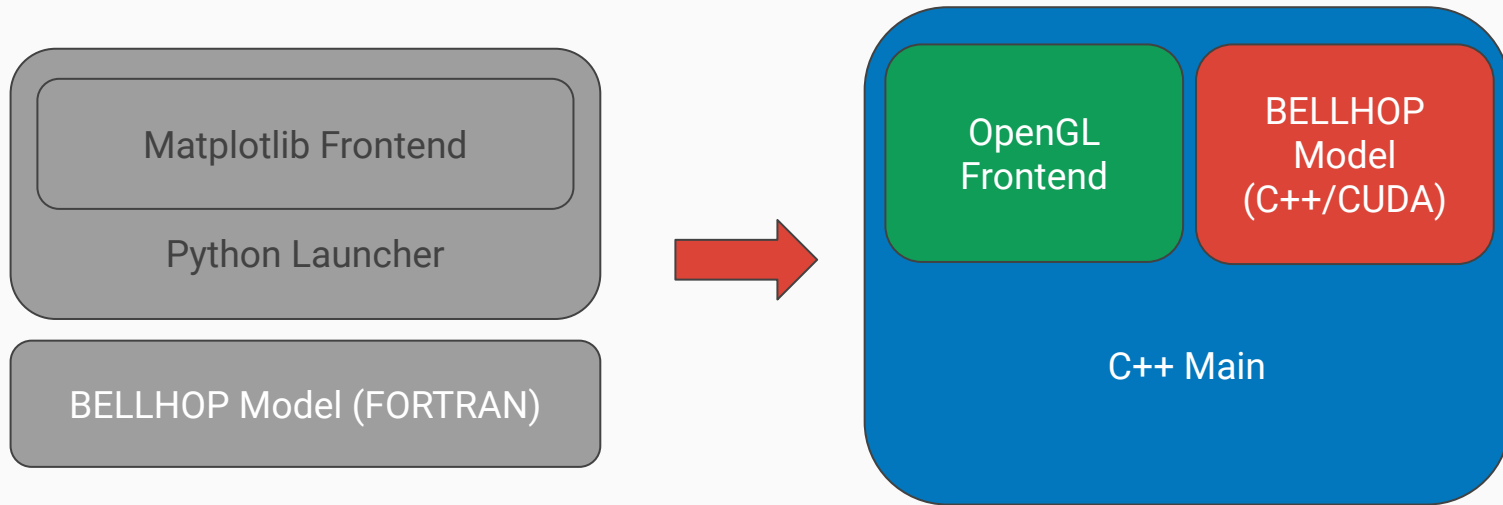
```
In [15]: rays = pm.compute_eigenrays(env)
pm.plot_rays(rays, env, width=900)
```



Our Implementation

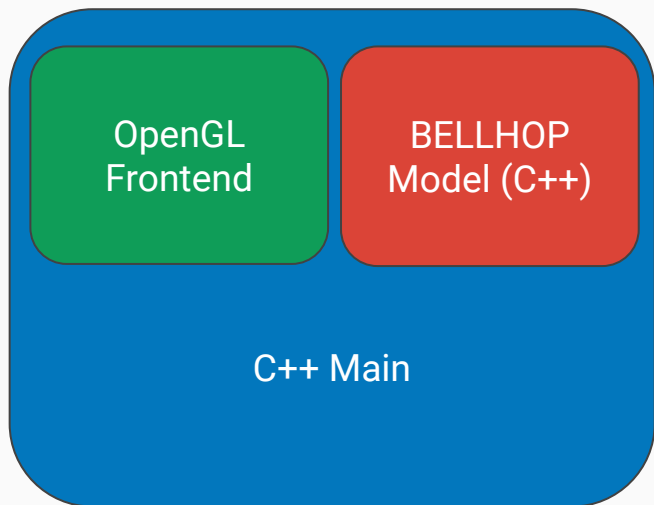


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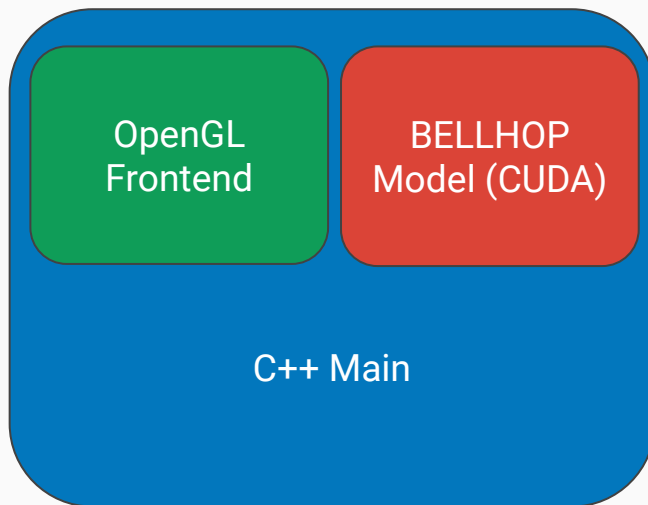
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bellhopcxx / bellhopcuda

C++/CUDA port of BELLHOP / BELLHOP3D underwater acoustics simulator.

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FAQs

What is C++/CUDA?

This is a single codebase which can be built as multithreaded C++ code for your CPU, or as CUDA code for your NVIDIA GPU. You can use the CPU version (bellhopcxx) even if you don't have an NVIDIA GPU.

What platforms does this run on?

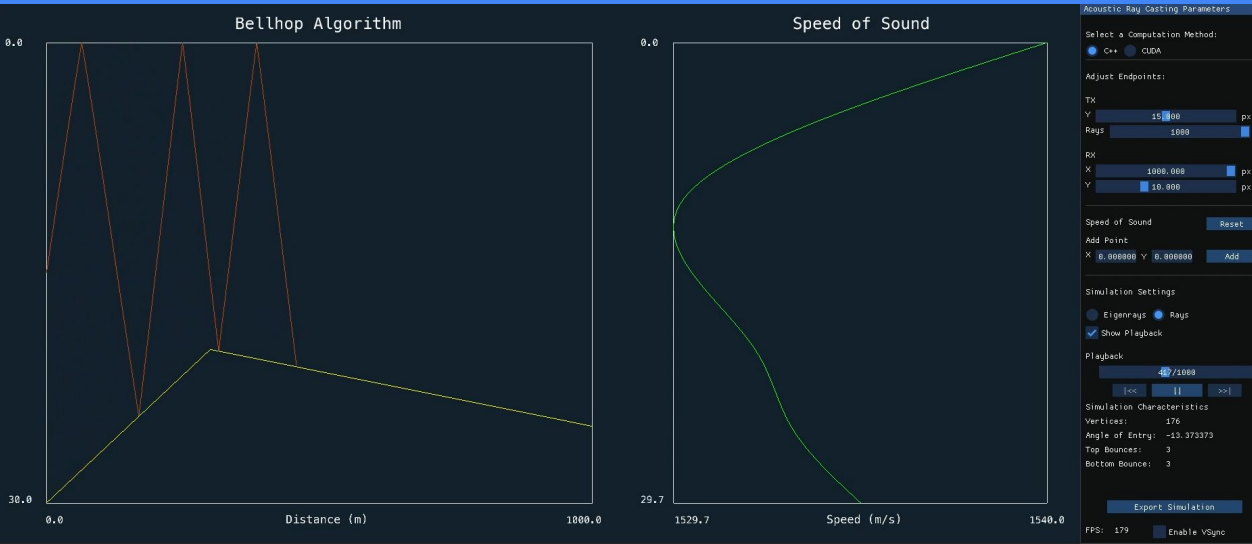
bellhopcxx is compatible with all platforms (Linux, Windows, Mac), and bellhopcuda is compatible with all platforms which support CUDA (Linux and Windows).

Why should I use bellhopcxx / bellhopcuda instead of BELLHOP?

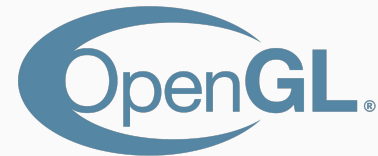
```
template<bool O3D> struct bhcParams {
    char Title[80]; // Size determined by WriteHeader for TL
    real fT;
    BdryType *Bdry;
    BdryInfo<O3D> *bdryinfo;
    ReflectionInfo *refl;
    SSPStructure *ssp;
    AttenInfo *atten;
    Position *Pos;
    AnglesStructure *Angles;
    FreqInfo *freqinfo;
    BeamStructure<O3D> *Beam;
    SBPInfo *sbp;
    // Pointer to internal data structure for program (non-marine-related) state.
    void *internal;
};

template<bool O3D, bool R3D> struct bhcOutputs {
    RayInfo<O3D, R3D> *rayinfo;
    cpxf *uAllSources;
    EigenInfo *eigen;
    ArrInfo *arrinfo;
};
```

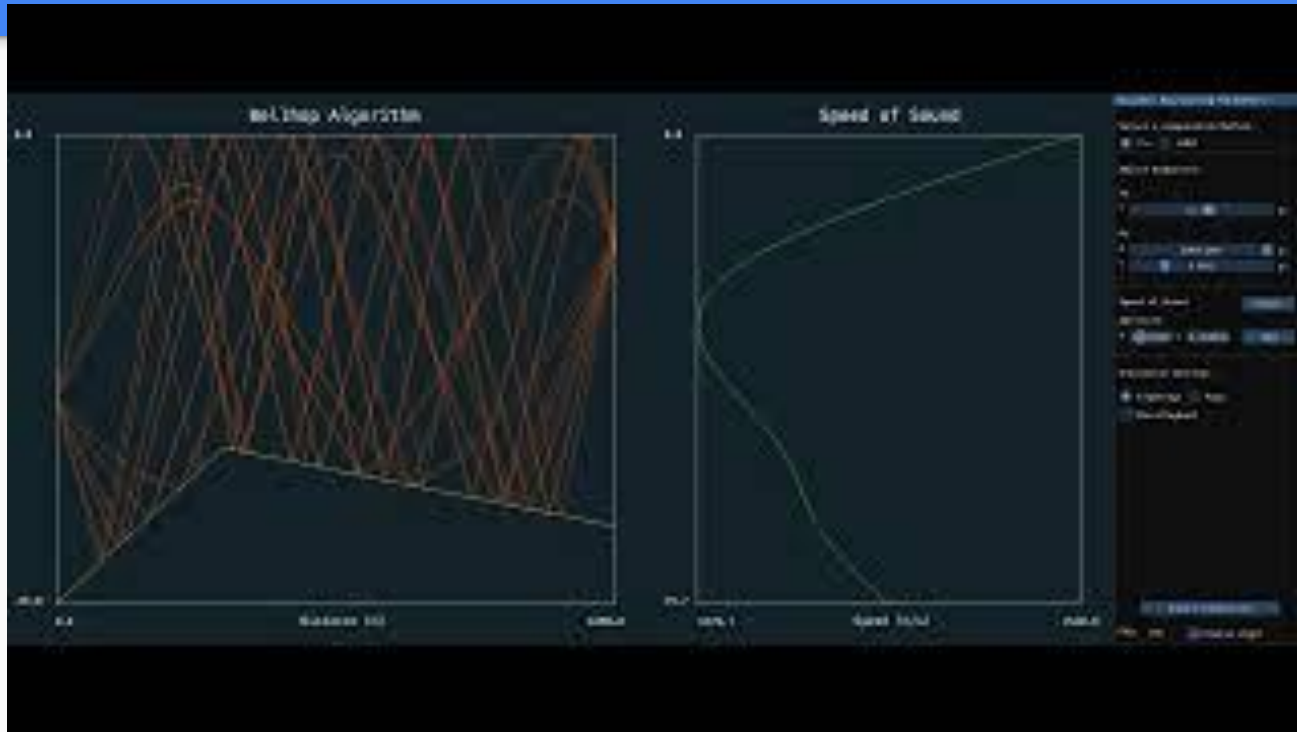
Graphical Frontend



- OpenGL
 - Uses CPU or GPU based on system
- Vectors of Vertices
- Shaders apply color & transformation
- Buffer swapping
- ImGui widgets



Demo



Ray Test

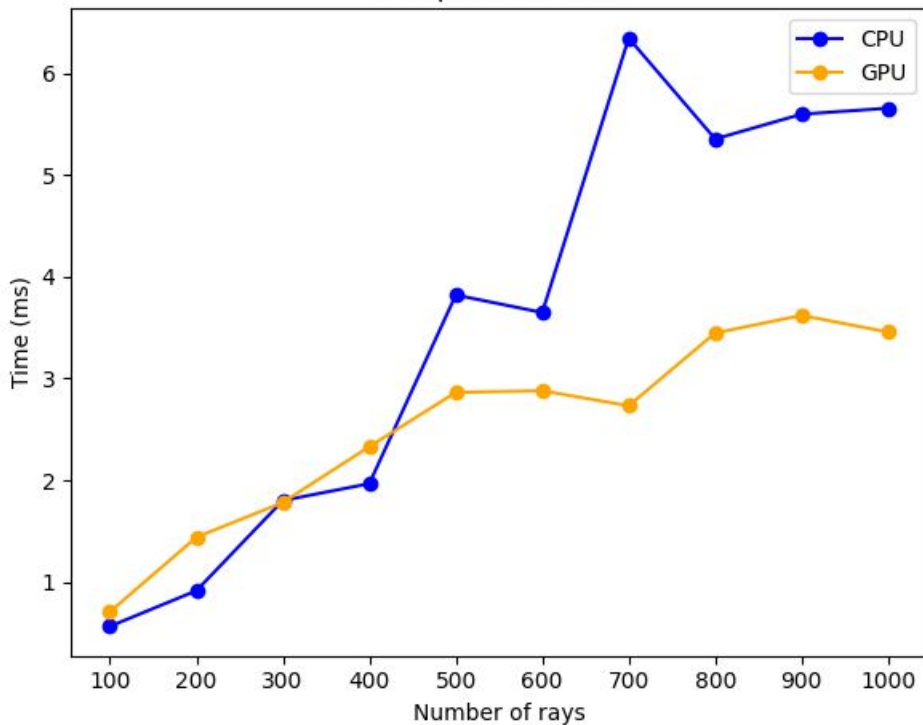
- Measure time it takes to simulate 100-1000 rays on CPU vs. GPU
- Perform a breakdown of frame rendering aspects
 - Memory Management
 - BELLHOP calculations
 - OpenGL drawing

Results: Ray Test

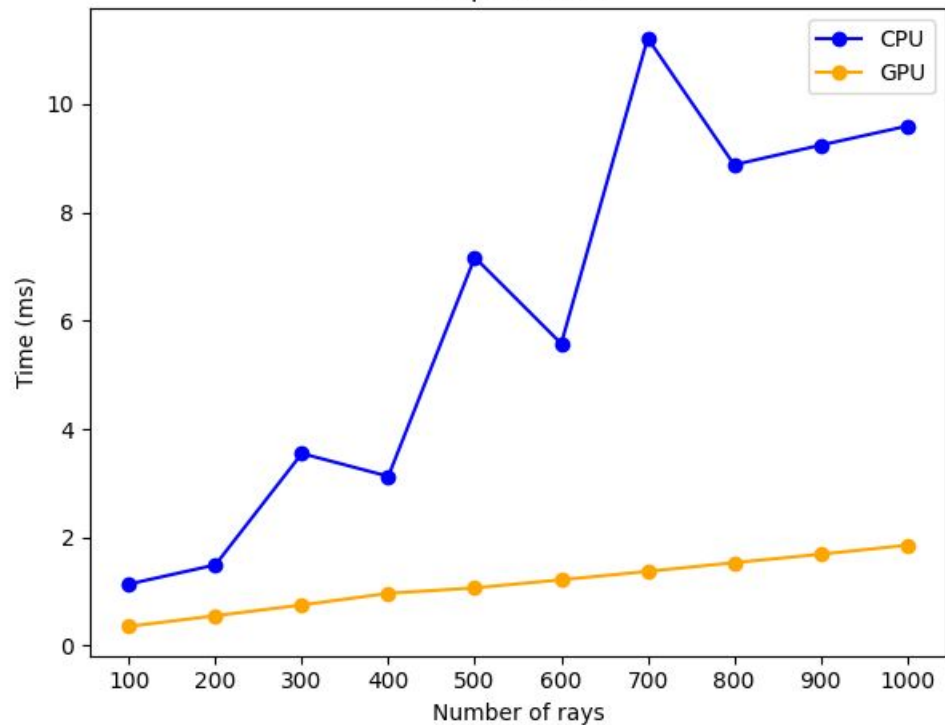
# of Rays	100	200	300	400	500	600	700	800	900	1000
Computation Speed Up	0.80	0.63	1.01	0.84	1.33	1.27	2.32	1.55	1.55	1.63
Graphics Speed Up	3.17	2.69	4.7	3.23	6.7	4.58	8.17	5.79	5.47	5.16

Results: Ray Test

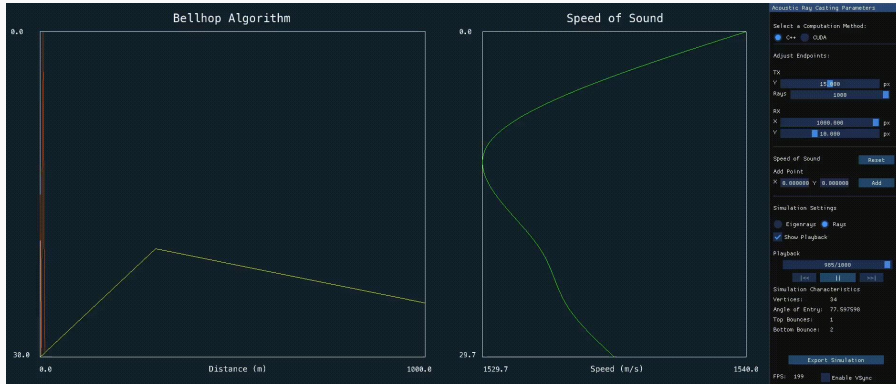
Computation Time



Graphics Time



Frame Breakdown Test



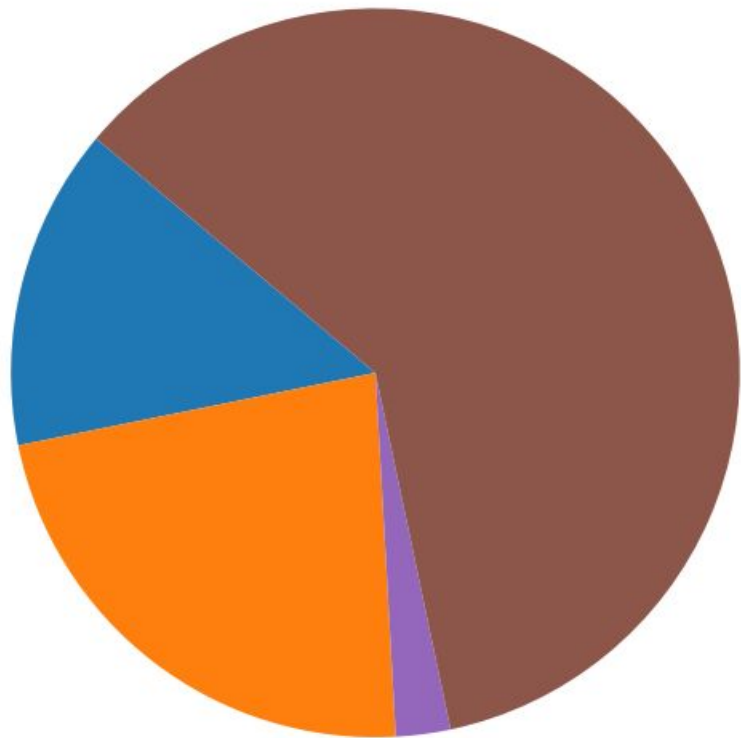
- Run program simulating 1000 rays in a preloaded environment on CPU and GPU
- Perform a breakdown of frame rendering aspects
 - Memory Management
 - BELLHOP calculations
 - Asset Preparation
 - Buffer update/swap

Results: Frame Breakdown

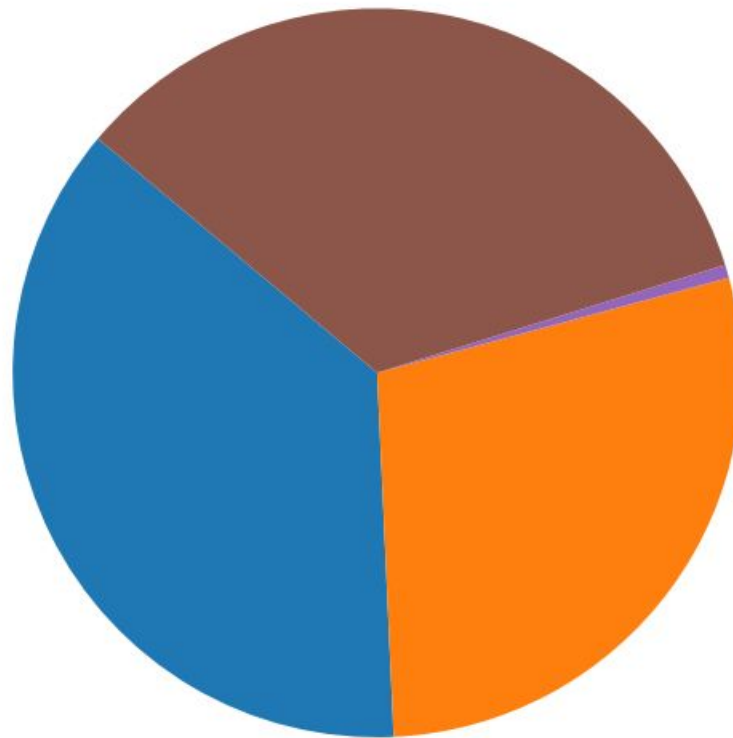
	Preprocessing	Run	Post-processing	Vertex Population	Swap Buffers	Draw + Misc.
CPU time (ms)	2.401 14.3%	3.81 22.69%	0.0004 0.0023%	0.0014 .0083%	0.41 2.44%	10.17 60.56%
GPU time (ms)	1.96 39.74%	1.13 22.91%	0.00015 .003%	0.00052 .01%	0.031 .63%	1.81 36.7%

Results: Frame Breakdown

CPU Frame Breakdown

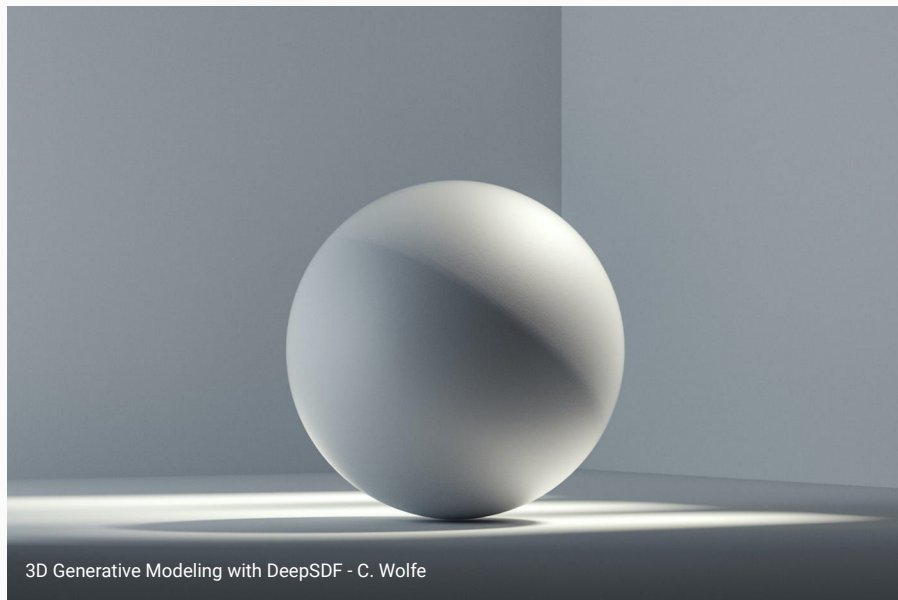


GPU Frame Breakdown



Future Work

- Polish and submit PR to BELLHOP Acoustic Toolbox
- Use the 3D BELLHOP model and create corresponding OpenGL frontend
- Leave vertex data in GPU memory when drawing



Conclusion

- Significant speed ups in both computational and graphical components
- Great starting point for a real time underwater communications simulator



Sources

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