

**NAME**

**mbkongsbergpreprocess** – performs preprocessing of data from third generation Kongsberg multibeam sonars (e.g. EM122, EM302, EM710, EM2040, M3).

**VERSION**

Version 5.0

**SYNOPSIS**

**mbkongsbergpreprocess** [-C -Doutputdirectory -Eoffx/offy[/offdepth] -Fformat -Ifile -Ooutfile -Psonardepthfile -PFfilterlength/filterdepth -Sdatatype/source -Ttimelag -W -H -V]

**DESCRIPTION**

**mbkongsbergpreprocess** reads data from a third generation Kongsberg multibeam sonar (e.g. EM122, EM302, EM710, EM2040, M3), interpolates the asynchronous navigation, heading, and attitude onto the multibeam data, and writes a new file with that information correctly embedded in the multibeam survey data. The input files may be in the vendor format MBF\_EM710RAW (format id 58) or the **MB-System** extended format MBF\_EM710MBA (format id 59); the output files will always be in the **MB-System** extended format MBF\_EM710MBA (format id 59).

Like most modern swath survey data streams, Kongsberg multibeam data includes navigation, attitude, and heading data logged in separate data records as output by the respective sensors. Since each of these values is time stamped according to its origin rather than synced with multibeam pings, these values are asynchronous relative to the survey ping data. When multiple sources of navigation, heading, and/or attitude have been recorded in a data stream, **mbkongsbergpreprocess** allows the user to specify which asynchronous data are extracted and interpolated onto the survey data using the **-S** option.

This program allows the correction of a time latency (or time lag) error between the sonar data and the attitude and navigation data using the **-T** option.

The format 58 files This program also creates four ancillary files containing the full asynchronous attitude, sonar depth, and heading data and the synchronous attitude data in parallel with each output format 59 file. These files are used, when present, by **mbeditviz** to facilitate interactive analysis of time lag issues. Each of these are text files with white-space delimited columns; the first column is always time in decimal unix seconds. These have the following suffixes:

asynchronous attitude (roll and pitch):	*.ata
asynchronous heading:	*.ath
asynchronous sonar depth:	*.ats
synchronous attitude (roll and pitch):	*.sta

By default, **mbkongsbergpreprocess** ignores water column records and does not pass these large records into the output format 59 files. The **-W** option causes the water column records to be written in the output files.

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## OPTIONS

**-C**

This option causes **mbkongsbergpreprocess** to print counts of the many different data record types comprising a Kongsberg data stream. The data record counts are output for each file and as totals from all files processed.

**-D**

*outputdirectory*

This option causes all format 59 output files to be placed in the specified directory *outputdirectory* rather than parallel to the original "raw" files.

**-E**

*offx/offz[/offdepth]*

This option is for data from submerged platforms such as ROVs or AUVs. This sets horizontal and vertical distance offsets between the vehicle's depth sensor and the multibeam receive head. If specified, these values are used in a lever-arm calculation to determine the sonar depth change associated with vehicle pitch. The *offdepth* value, if specified, is a static depth offset to be applied to the vehicle depth data.

**-F**

*format*

Sets the data format used if the input is read from stdin or from a file. If *format* < 0, then the input file specified with the **-I** option will actually contain a list of input swath sonar data files. This program only reads third generation Kongsberg multibeam format data files (**MBIO** formats 58 and 59).

**-H**

This "help" flag cause the program to print out a description of its operation and then exit immediately.

**-I**

*infile*

Sets the input file path. If *format* > 0 (set with the **-f** option or **mbdefaults**) then the swath sonar data contained in *infile* is read and processed. If *format* < 0, then *infile* is assumed to be an ascii file containing a list of the input swath sonar data files to be processed and their formats. The program will read the data in each one of these files. In the *infile* file, each data file should be followed by a data format identifier, e.g.:

datafile.all 58

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**-O**

*outfile*

This option causes **mbkongsbergpreprocess** to output all data to a single file specified as *outfile*. By default, the program creates output files for each input file. If the **-Doutputdirectory** option is also used, then the output file *outfile* will be in *outputdirectory*.

**-P**

*sonardepthfile*

The program will read sonar depth data from *sonardepthfile* and merge those data with the multibeam, sidescan, and subbottom data in the 7k file. The *sonardepthfile* is a text data file containing two space delimited columns:

time\_d sonardepth

where:

time\_d – decimal epoch seconds (since start of 1970)

sonardepth – sonar depth in meters, positive down

**-PF**

*filterlength/filterdepth* This option specifies Gaussian tapered time domain filtering of the sonar depth data to be merged with the survey data, regardless of source. The *filterlength* value specifies the filter window length in seconds, and the *filterdepth* value controls the depths to which filtering is applied. The filtered sonar depth is used to depths up to twice the *filterdepth* value. Below that threshold, the value used transitions to unfiltered with an exponential taper. This filtering is used in two ways. First, one can apply short period smoothing of noisy sonar depth at all by specifying a small *filterlength* (e.g. 2 seconds) and a *filterdepth* value deeper than the vehicle's track. Second, when an AUV or ROV is operated at shallow depths, the pressure values used to determine depth

are affected by waves at the sea surface. In this case, a longer period *filterlength* (e.g. 10 seconds) and a shallower *filterdepth* (e.g. 50 meters) may be used to lessen the artifacts due to surface swell.

**-S** *datatype/source*

This option specifies which data records should be the source of the navigation (*datatype* = 1), heading (*datatype* = 2), attitude (*datatype* = 3), and sonar depth (*datatype* = 4) data that are interpolated onto the survey ping times. In each case the *source* value specifies a data record type. The possibilities for Kongsberg data include:

MB_DATA_DATA	1
MB_DATA_NAV	12
MB_DATA_HEIGHT	16
MB_DATA_HEADING	17
MB_DATA_ATTITUDE	18
MB_DATA_NAV1	28
MB_DATA_NAV2	29
MB_DATA_NAV3	30
MB_DATA_ATTITUDE1	55
MB_DATA_ATTITUDE2	56
MB_DATA_ATTITUDE3	57

The default sources for position, heading and sensor depth are:

```
nav_source = MB_DATA_NAV
heading_source = MB_DATA_NAV
sonardepth_source = MB_DATA_DATA
```

The default source for attitude is set according to the sensor that was active during data collection, most often:

```
attitude_source = MB_DATA_ATTITUDE
```

**-T** *timelag*

This option specifies a *timelag* value in seconds to be applied to the navigation and attitude data prior to it being merged with the bathymetry. If *timelag* is a valid path to a file containing time stamp and time lag pairs, then these data will be read and the time lag applied to particular records will be interpolated by time.

**-W** *mode*

By default, **mbkongsbergpreprocess** ignores water column records and does not pass these large records into the output format 59 files. If **-W1** is specified, then the water column records will be written to the output files.

## EXAMPLES

Suppose that one has collected a set of three Kongsberg EM122 data files named:

```
0000_20111219_154640_METEOR_EM122.all
0001_20111219_163703_METEOR_EM122.all
0002_20111219_175708_METEOR_EM122.all
```

First, we want to generate a "datalist" file referencing the raw survey files. The following will suffice:

```
/bin/ls -1 *all | awk '{print $1" 58"}' > datalist_raw.mb-1
```

We want to use **mbkongsbergpreprocess** to gracefully interpolate the asynchronous navigation, heading and attitude data onto the survey data and to generate data files in the extended format (MBF\_EM710MBA = 59). To learn which potential sources of navigation, heading and attitude are available, use **mbinfo** with the **-N** option:

```
$ mbinfo -I 0000_20111219_154640_METEOR_EM122.all -N
```

The **-N** option causes **mbinfo** to generate a list of the data record types read in the file at the end of the file statistics:

```
Swath Data File: 0000_20111219_154640_METEOR_EM122.all
MBIO Data Format ID: 58
Format name: MBF_EM710RAW
```

Informal Description: Kongsberg current multibeam vendor format

Attributes: Kongsberg EM122, EM302, EM710,  
bathymetry, amplitude, and sidescan,  
up to 400 beams, variable pixels, binary, Kongsberg.

Data Totals:

Number of Records: 334

Bathymetry Data (432 beams):

Number of Beams: 144288

Number of Good Beams: 129951 90.06%

Number of Zero Beams: 0 0.00%

Number of Flagged Beams: 14337 9.94%

Amplitude Data (432 beams):

Number of Beams: 144288

Number of Good Beams: 129951 90.06%

Number of Zero Beams: 0 0.00%

Number of Flagged Beams: 14337 9.94%

Sidescan Data (1024 pixels):

Number of Pixels: 342016

Number of Good Pixels: 289910 84.77%

Number of Zero Pixels: 0 0.00%

Number of Flagged Pixels: 52106 15.23%

Navigation Totals:

Total Time: 0.8327 hours

Total Track Length: 13.6418 km

Average Speed: 16.3823 km/hr ( 8.8553 knots)

Start of Data:

Time: 12 19 2011 15:46:27.537000 JD353 (2011-12-19T15:46:27.537000)

Lon: -11.562232000 Lat: 36.848179850 Depth: 4931.4829 meters

Speed: 17.6040 km/hr ( 9.5157 knots) Heading: 129.1900 degrees

Sonar Depth: 5.6975 m Sonar Altitude: 5025.2964 m

End of Data:

Time: 12 19 2011 16:36:25.308000 JD353 (2011-12-19T16:36:25.308000)

Lon: -11.489473500 Lat: 36.771997400 Depth: 3242.5244 meters

Speed: 12.7800 km/hr ( 6.9081 knots) Heading: 274.9200 degrees

Sonar Depth: 6.4334 m Sonar Altitude: 3236.0911 m

Limits:

Minimum Longitude: -11.635798757 Maximum Longitude: -11.391532562

Minimum Latitude: 36.723994163 Maximum Latitude: 36.919907119

Minimum Sonar Depth: 5.0135 Maximum Sonar Depth: 6.9798

Minimum Altitude: 3175.1121 Maximum Altitude: 5027.8770

Minimum Depth: 2391.9229 Maximum Depth: 5121.0713

Minimum Amplitude: -59.2000 Maximum Amplitude: -9.1000

Minimum Sidescan: -90.1300 Maximum Sidescan: -0.4700

Data Record Type Notices:

DN: 334 MB\_DATA\_DATA (ID=1): survey data

DN: 1 MB\_DATA\_VELOCITY\_PROFILE (ID=6): SVP

DN: 1 MB\_DATA\_START (ID=10): Simrad start datagram

DN: 1 MB\_DATA\_STOP (ID=11): Simrad stop datagram

DN: 3023 MB\_DATA\_NAV (ID=12): Navigation record  
 DN: 287 MB\_DATA\_RUN\_PARAMETER (ID=13): Simrad runtime parameter datagram  
 DN: 3022 MB\_DATA\_CLOCK (ID=14): Simrad clock datagram  
 DN: 2964 MB\_DATA\_ATTITUDE (ID=18): Attitude record  
 DN: 731 MB\_DATA\_SSV (ID=19): Surface sound speed record  
 DN: 3022 MB\_DATA\_NAV3 (ID=30): Auxiliary nav system 3  
 DN: 3023 MB\_DATA\_STATUS (ID=46): Status record  
 DN: 2964 MB\_DATA\_ATTITUDE1 (55): ancillary attitude system 1  
 DN: 1512 MB\_DATA\_ATTITUDE2 (56): ancillary attitude system 2

#### Nonfatal Error Notices:

EN: 20551 MB\_ERROR\_NO\_DATA\_REQUESTED (ID=-11): No data requested for buffer load

#### Problem Notices:

This listing shows that the format 58 file includes MB\_DATA\_NAV (*source* = 12) and MB\_DATA\_NAV3 (*source* = 30) records, both of which include both position and heading data. Also included are three sources of attitude data: MB\_DATA\_ATTITUDE (*source* = 18), MB\_DATA\_ATTITUDE1 (*source* = 55), and MB\_DATA\_ATTITUDE2 (*source* = 56).

To extract and use the default navigation, heading, and attitude data, the following will suffice:

```
mbkongsbergpreprocess -I datalist_raw.mb-1 -V
```

An equivalent command that explicitly specifies the default asynchronous data sources using *-S1/source* for navigation, *-S2/source* for heading, and *-S3/source* for attitude is:

```
mbkongsbergpreprocess -I datalist_raw.mb-1 -V -S1/12 -S2/12 -S3/18
```

To interpolate navigation and heading from the secondary navigation source, use

```
-S1/30 -S2/30
```

To interpolate attitude from ancillary attitude system 2, use:

```
-S3/56
```

## SEE ALSO

**mbsystem(1)**, **mbformat(1)**, **mbinfo(1)**

## BUGS

Not true bugs. More like arachnids.