

# Package ‘realTimeloads’

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**Title** Analyte Flux and Load from Estimates of Concentration and Discharge

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**Description** Flux (mass per unit time) and Load (mass) are computed from timeseries estimates of analyte concentration and discharge. Concentration timeseries are computed from regression between surrogate and user-provided analyte. Uncertainty in calculations is estimated using bootstrap resampling. Code for the processing of acoustic backscatter from horizontally profiling acoustic Doppler current profilers is provided. All methods detailed in Livsey et al (2020) <[doi:10.1007/s12237-020-00734-z](https://doi.org/10.1007/s12237-020-00734-z)>, Livsey et al (2023) <[doi:10.1029/2022WR033982](https://doi.org/10.1029/2022WR033982)>, and references therein.

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acoustic\_backscatter\_processing  
*Process acoustic backscatter from hADCP*

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## Description

Processes acoustic backscatter from horizontally profiling ADCP (hADCP). Returns attenuation of sound due to water and suspended-sediment. Applies all corrections to acoustic backscatter detailed in the guideline.

## Usage

```
acoustic_backscatter_processing(
  Site,
  ADCP,
  Height,
  Sonde,
  Echo_Intensity_Beam_1,
  Echo_Intensity_Beam_2,
  Instrument_Noise_Level = NULL,
  Include_Rayleigh = FALSE,
  Include_near_field_correction = TRUE
)
```

## Arguments

Site	Data frame with site, local vertical datum, and ADCP elevation information
<b>Site_name</b>	Site name (string)
<b>Site_number</b>	Unique site code (string)
<b>ADCP_elevation_above_bed_m</b>	Elevation of the ADCP above the bed (m)

	<p><b>ADCP_elevation_above_gauge_datum_m</b> Elevation of the ADCP above local gauge datum (m)</p> <p><b>Distance_of_gauge_datum_below_thalweg_m</b> Distance from local gauge datum to lower point in cross-section (m)</p> <p><b>Start_date_and_time</b> Installation date of ADCP (time, POSIXct)</p> <p><b>End_date_and_time</b> Date if/when ADCP is moved vertically (time, POSIXct)</p> <p><b>Comment</b> User comment (string)</p>
ADCP	<p>Data frame with various readings from ADCP</p> <p><b>Site_number</b> Unique site code (string)</p> <p><b>time</b> Date and time (time, POSIXct)</p> <p><b>Ensemble</b> Measurement ensemble number (integer)</p> <p><b>Acoustic_Frequency_kHz</b> Acoustic frequency of ADCP (kHz)</p> <p><b>Transducer_radius_m</b> Radius of ADCP transducer (m)</p> <p><b>Beam_angle_degrees</b> Angle of beam relative to normal (degrees)</p> <p><b>Beam_aspect_ratio</b> Ratio of beam radius to beam length (-)</p> <p><b>Range_to_bed_of_acoustic_beams_m</b> Normal range to bed, optional (m)</p> <p><b>Range_to_water_surface_of_acoustic_beams_m</b> Normal range to water surface, optional (m)</p> <p><b>Number_of_Cells</b> Number of measurement cells along beam (integer)</p> <p><b>Bin_Size_m</b> Cell width measured normal to ADCP (m)</p> <p><b>Blanking_distance_m</b> Blanking distance measured normal to ADCP (m)</p> <p><b>Instrument_serial_number</b> Serial number of ADCP instrument (string)</p> <p><b>CPU_serial_number</b> Serial number of ADCP CPU (string)</p> <p><b>Ambient_Noise_Level_Beam_1_Counts</b> Ambient noise level for beam 1, optional (counts)</p> <p><b>Ambient_Noise_Level_Beam_2_Counts</b> Ambient noise level for beam 2, optional (counts)</p> <p><b>Distance_to_Bin_1_mid_point_m</b> Reported distance normal to ADCP to midpoint of bin/cell (m)</p> <p><b>Distance_to_surface_m</b> Reported depth of ADCP from vertical beam, optional (m)</p> <p><b>Speed_of_sound_m_per_s</b> Speed of sound used by ADCP in the field (m/s)</p> <p><b>Temperature_degC</b> Temperature recorded by ADCP (degrees C)</p> <p><b>Pressure_dbar</b> Pressure recorded by ADCP (dBar)</p> <p><b>Salinity_PSU</b> Salinity in PSU recorded or assumed in ADCP data file, optional (PSU)</p> <p><b>Distance_to_surface_m</b> Distance to water surface reported by vertical beam of ADCP (m)</p> <p><b>Power_supply_voltage</b> Power to ADCP (V)</p>
Height	<p>Data frame with timeseries of river height</p> <p><b>time</b> Date and time (time, POSIXct)</p> <p><b>Height_m</b> Water surface elevation above gauge datum (m)</p> <p><b>Site_number</b> Unique site code (string)</p>

Sonde	Data frame with timeseries of conductivity, temperature, and depth from sonde <b>time</b> Date and time (time, POSIXct) <b>Water_Temperature_degC</b> Temperature (degrees C) <b>Conductivity_uS_per_cm</b> Conductivity (microS/cm) <b>Pressure_dbar</b> Pressure (dbar) <b>Site_number</b> Unique site code (string)
Echo_Intensity_Beam_1	Data frame of acoustic backscatter measurements from beam 2 <b>Site_number</b> Unique site code (string) <b>time</b> Date and time (time, POSIXct) <b>Echo_Intensity_Counts_cell_n</b> Acoustic backscatter in nth cell (counts)
Echo_Intensity_Beam_2	Data frame of acoustic backscatter measurements from beam 2 <b>Site_number</b> Unique site code (string) <b>time</b> Date and time (time, POSIXct) <b>Echo_Intensity_Counts_cell_n</b> Acoustic backscatter in nth cell (counts)
Instrument_Noise_Level	Estimate of noise level, recommended if ambient noise level is not recorded (counts)
Include_Rayleigh	Logical to include data within Rayleigh Distance for processing of acoustic backsactter
Include_near_field_correction	Logical to include near-field correction of Downing et al (1995)

### Value

List with processed data, all variable names and units are written-out in list items, see Livsey (in review) for details of each variable

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### References

Livsey, D.N. (in review). National Industry Guidelines for hydrometric monitoring–Part 12: Application of acoustic Doppler velocity meters to measure suspended-sediment load. Bureau of Meteorology. Melbourne, Australia.

### Examples

```
InputData <- realTimeLoads::ExampleData
Site <- InputData$Site
ADCP <- InputData$ADCP
Height <- InputData$Height
Sonde <- InputData$Sonde
```

```
EIa <- InputData$Echo_Intensity
# example code assumes backscatter is equal across beams
EIb <- InputData$Echo_Intensity
Output <- acoustic_backscatter_processing(Site,ADCP,Height,Sonde,EIa,EIb)
```

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attenuation\_of\_sound\_by\_water

*Compute attenuation of sound in water given frequency, temperature, and salinity*

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## Description

Computes attenuation of sound in water per Ainslie and McColm (1998)

## Usage

```
attenuation_of_sound_by_water(freq, temp, sal)
```

## Arguments

freq	frequency of sound (Hz)
temp	Water temperature (degrees C)
sal	Salinity (PSU)

## Value

attenuation of sound in water (dB/m), divide by  $20 \cdot \log_{10}(\exp(1))$  to convert to Nepers/m

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## References

Ainslie, M. A., & McColm, J. G. (1998). A simplified formula for viscous and chemical absorption in sea water. *The Journal of the Acoustical Society of America*, 103(3), 1671-1672.

Author modified Matlab code from David Schoellhamer

## Examples

```
InputData <- realTimeLoads::ExampleData
freq <- InputData$ADCP$Acoustic_Frequency_kHz*1000
cond <- InputData$Sonde$Conductivity_uS_per_cm
temp <- InputData$Sonde$Water_Temperature_degC
dbar <- InputData$Sonde$Pressure_dbar
sal <- ctd2sal(cond, temp, dbar)
aw <- attenuation_of_sound_by_water(freq, temp, sal) # dB/m
awNp <- attenuation_of_sound_by_water(freq, temp, sal)/(20*log10(exp(1))) # Np/m
```

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bootstrap\_regression    *Regression parameters estimated using bootstrap resampling*

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**Description**

Computes uncertainty in regression parameters of  $y(x)$  after Rustomji and Wilkinson (2008)

**Usage**

```
bootstrap_regression(Calibration, fit_eq, fit_glm = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

Calibration	data frame with surrogate(s) followed by analyte in last column
fit_eq	equation used to fit $y(x)$ , string (e.g, " $y \sim x + x^2$ ", " $y \sim x$ ", " $\log_{10}(y) \sim x$ ")
fit_glm	logical to use Generalized Linear Models for models with factor (i.e., categorical) predictors

**Value**

list with bootstrap regression parameters and list output from `stats::lm()`

**Warning**

User should inspect regression residuals and relevant statistics to ensure model form is reasonable, suggested reading: regression diagnostics in Statistical Methods in Water Resources (<https://doi.org/10.3133/tm4a3>).

One can call `plot(fit)` to view various regression diagnostic plots

**Note**

Bias Correction Factor (BCF) is only relevant when analyte is transformed to log units, see <https://doi.org/10.3133/tm4a3> to convert a model that used  $\log(\text{analyte})$  back to linear units use:  $\text{analyte} = 10^{(f(\text{surrogates})) \times \text{BCF}}$

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**References**

Rustomji, P., & Wilkinson, S. N. (2008). Applying bootstrap resampling to quantify uncertainty in fluvial suspended sediment loads estimated using rating curves. *Water resources research*, 44(9).<https://doi.org/10.1029/2007>

Helsel, D.R., Hirsch, R.M., Ryberg, K.R., Archfield, S.A., and Gilroy, E.J., 2020, #7 Statistical methods in water resources: U.S. Geological Survey Techniques and Methods, book 4, chap. A3, 458 p. <https://doi.org/10.3133/tm4a3>

**Examples**

```
# linear model
x <- 1:10
y <- 0.5*x + 10
boot <- bootstrap_regression(data.frame(x,y),"y~x")
# polynomial model, call to I() needed for squaring x in equation string
x <- 1:10
y <- x + x^2
boot <- bootstrap_regression(data.frame(x,y),"y ~ x+I(x^2)")
# power law model
# BCF returned since y is transformed to log units
x <- 1:10
y <- x^0.3
boot <- bootstrap_regression(data.frame(x,y),"log10(y)~log10(x)")
# multivariate model
a <- 1:10
b <- a*2
c <- a^2*b^3
boot <- bootstrap_regression(data.frame(a,b,c),"log10(c)~log10(a)+log10(b)")
```

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butterworth\_tidal\_filter

*Return non-tidal signal in data after Rulh and Simpson (2005)*

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**Description**

Applies a Butterworth filter with a 30-hour stop period and a 40-hour pass period

**Usage**

```
butterworth_tidal_filter(time, x)
```

**Arguments**

time	time for x (time, POSIXct)
x	any quantity, for example discharge (double)

**Value**

non-tidal signal in x with data affected by filter ringing removed

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## References

Ruhl, C. A., & Simpson, M. R. (2005). Computation of discharge using the index-velocity method in tidally affected areas (Vol. 2005). Denver: US Department of the Interior, US Geological Survey. <https://pubs.usgs.gov/sir/2005/5004/sir20055004.pdf>

## Examples

```
time <- realTimeLoads::ExampleData$Height$time
x <- realTimeLoads::ExampleData$Height$Height_m
xf <- butterworth_tidal_filter(time,x)
```

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compute\_load

*Compute load with uncertainty on concentration estimates*

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## Description

Compute load with uncertainty on concentration estimates from bootstrap regression after Rustomji and Wilkinson (2008)

## Usage

```
compute_load(Surrogate, Discharge, Regression, period = NULL)
```

## Arguments

Surrogate	data frame with time (PosixCt) and surrogate(s) (x,...)
Discharge	data frame with time (PosixCt) and discharge in cubic meters per second
Regression	data frame from <code>bootstrap_regression()</code> that determines analyte(surrogate)
period	two element vector time (PosixCt) indicating period over which load is computed

## Value

list with data frames of estimated concentration and flux used to compute load (i.e., the sum of flux)

## Note

Surrogate and Discharge time series can be on different time steps  
 If period is NULL, computes load over time in Surrogate

## Warning

Discharge should be in cubic meters per second  
 Analyte concentration estimated from surrogate should be in milligrams per second

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**References**

Rustomji, P., & Wilkinson, S. N. (2008). Applying bootstrap resampling to quantify uncertainty in fluvial suspended sediment loads estimated using rating curves. *Water resources research*, 44(9).<https://doi.org/10.1029/2007>

Helsel, D.R., Hirsch, R.M., Ryberg, K.R., Archfield, S.A., and Gilroy, E.J., 2020, # Statistical methods in water resources: U.S. Geological Survey Techniques and Methods, book 4, chap. A3, 458 p. <https://doi.org/10.3133/tm4a3>

**Examples**

```
Turbidity_FNU <- realTimeLoads::ExampleData$Sonde$Turbidity
TSS_mg_per_l <- realTimeLoads::ExampleData$Sediment_Samples$SSCpt_mg_per_liter
Discharge <- realTimeLoads::ExampleData$Discharge
Calibration <- data.frame(Turbidity_FNU, TSS_mg_per_l)
time <- realTimeLoads::ExampleData$Sonde$time
Surrogate <- data.frame(time, Turbidity_FNU)
Regression = bootstrap_regression(Calibration, 'TSS_mg_per_l~Turbidity_FNU')
period <- c(as.POSIXct("2000-02-16 AEST"), as.POSIXct("2000-03-16 AEST"))
Output <- compute_load(Surrogate, Discharge, Regression, period)
```

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ctd2sal	<i>Compute salinity (PSU) from conductivity, water temperature, and depth</i>
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**Description**

Computes salinity from conductivity, water temperature, and depth.

**Usage**

```
ctd2sal(cond, temp, dbar)
```

**Arguments**

cond	Conductance (microS/cm)
temp	Water temperature (degrees C)
dbar	Pressure (dBar) or water depth (m)

**Value**

Salinity in PSU

**Warning**

If specific conductivity is returned from the sonde, the temperature at which specific conductivity is computed should be utilized

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**References**

Fofonoff, N. P., & Millard Jr, R. C. (1983). Algorithms for the computation of fundamental properties of seawater.

Chen, C. T. A., & Millero, F. J. (1986). Thermodynamic properties for natural waters covering only the limnological range 1. *Limnology and Oceanography*, 31(3), 657-662.

Hill, K., Dauphinee, T., & Woods, D. (1986). The extension of the Practical Salinity Scale 1978 to low salinities. *IEEE Journal of Oceanic Engineering*, 11(1), 109-112.

Author modified Matlab code from David Schoellhamer

**Examples**

```
Sonde <- realTimeLoads::ExampleData$Sonde
sal <- ctd2sal(Sonde$Conductivity_uS_per_cm, Sonde$Water_Temperature_degC, Sonde$Pressure_dbar)
```

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estimate\_timeseries     *Compute timeseries with uncertainty from bootstrap regression*

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**Description**

Compute uncertainty on timeseries from bootstrap regression after Rustomji and Wilkinson (2008)

**Usage**

```
estimate_timeseries(Surrogate, Regression)
```

**Arguments**

Surrogate	data frame with time (PosixCt) and surrogate(s) (x,...)
Regression	data frame from bootstrap_regression() that determines analyte(surrogate)

**Value**

list with inputs and uncertainty on timeseries estimated from Regression

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## References

- Rustomji, P., & Wilkinson, S. N. (2008). Applying bootstrap resampling to quantify uncertainty in fluvial suspended sediment loads estimated using rating curves. *Water resources research*, 44(9).<https://doi.org/10.1029/2007>
- Helsel, D.R., Hirsch, R.M., Ryberg, K.R., Archfield, S.A., and Gilroy, E.J., 2020, #' Statistical methods in water resources: U.S. Geological Survey Techniques and Methods, book 4, chap. A3, 458 p. <https://doi.org/10.3133/tm4a3>

## Examples

```
Turbidity_FNU <- realTimeLoads::ExampleData$Sonde$Turbidity
TSS_mg_per_l <- realTimeLoads::ExampleData$Sediment_Samples$SSCpt_mg_per_liter
Calibration <- data.frame(Turbidity_FNU, TSS_mg_per_l)
time <- realTimeLoads::ExampleData$Sonde$time
Surrogate <- data.frame(time, Turbidity_FNU)
Regression = bootstrap_regression(Calibration, 'TSS_mg_per_l~Turbidity_FNU')
Output <- estimate_timeseries(Surrogate, Regression)
```

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ExampleCode

*Computes sediment load per guideline from ExampleData*

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## Description

Computes sediment load per guideline from ExampleData

## Usage

```
ExampleCode()
```

## Value

list with data frames of estimated concentration and flux along with data used in regression and surrogate timeseries

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## References

- Livsey, D.N. (in review). National Industry Guidelines for hydrometric monitoring--Part 12: Application of acoustic Doppler velocity meters to measure suspended-sediment load. Bureau of Meteorology. Melbourne, Australia.

## See Also

[realTimeLoads](#) Package help file

**Examples**

```
Output <- ExampleCode()
```

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ExampleCodeSCI	<i>Computes sediment load from optical and acoustic backscatter measurements</i>
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**Description**

Computes sediment load per guideline from optical and acoustic backscatter measurements combined to the "Sediment Composition Index" (SCI) per Livsey et al (2023)

**Usage**

```
ExampleCodeSCI()
```

**Value**

total load with uncertainty computed from estimates of concentration from SCI

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**References**

Livsey, D.N. (in review). National Industry Guidelines for hydrometric monitoring—Part 12: Application of acoustic Doppler velocity meters to measure suspended-sediment load. Bureau of Meteorology. Melbourne, Australia.

**See Also**

[realTimeLoads](#) Package help file

**Examples**

```
Output <- ExampleCodeSCI()
```

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 ExampleData

*Example data used to demonstrate computation of real-time sediment loads from horizontal acoustic Doppler current profiler (hADCP)*

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### Description

Synthetic dataset from modeled sediment transport and acoustic scattering detailed in the Appendices of Livsey (in review) Following dataframes are provided in list

### Usage

ExampleData

### Format

#### Site , Site, site datum, and ADCP elevation information:

**Site\_name** Site name (string)

**Site\_number** Unique site code (string)

**ADCP\_elevation\_above\_bed\_m** Elevation of the ADCP above the bed (m)

**ADCP\_elevation\_above\_gauge\_datum\_m** Elevation of the ADCP above local gauge datum (m)

**Distance\_of\_gauge\_datum\_below\_thalweg\_m** Distance from local gauge datum to lower point in cross-section (m)

**Start\_date\_and\_time** Installation date of ADCP (time, POSIXct)

**End\_date\_and\_time** Date if/when ADCP is moved vertically (time, POSIXct)

**Comment** User comment (string)

#### ADCP , ADCP readings except acoustic backscatter:

**Site\_number** Unique site code (string)

**time** Date and time (time, POSIXct)

**Ensemble** Measurement ensemble number (integer)

**Acoustic\_Frequency\_kHz** Acoustic frequency of ADCP (kHz)

**Transducer\_radius\_m** Radius of ADCP transducer (m)

**Beam\_angle\_degrees** Angle of beam relative to normal (degrees)

**Beam\_aspect\_ratio** Ratio of beam radius to beam length (-)

**Number\_of\_Cells** Number of measurement cells along beam (integer)

**Bin\_Size\_m** Cell width measured normal to ADCP (m)

**Blanking\_distance\_m** Blanking distance measured normal to ADCP (m)

**Instrument\_serial\_number** Serial number of ADCP instrument (string)

**CPU\_serial\_number** Serial number of ADCP CPU (string)

**Ambient\_Noise\_Level\_Beam\_1\_Counts** Ambient noise level for beam 1 (counts)

**Ambient\_Noise\_Level\_Beam\_2\_Counts** Ambient noise level for beam 2 (counts)

**Distance\_to\_Bin\_1\_mid\_point\_m** Reported distance normal to ADCP to midpoint of bin/cell (m)

**Speed\_of\_sound\_m\_per\_s** Speed of sound used by ADCP in the field (m/s)

**Temperature\_degC** Temperature recorded by ADCP (degrees C)

**Pressure\_dbar** Pressure recorded by ADCP (dBar)

**Distance\_to\_surface\_m** Distance to water surface reported by vertical beam of ADCP (m)

**Power\_supply\_voltage** Power to ADCP (V)

Echo\_Intensity , **Acoustic backscatter measurements from ADCP:**

**Site\_number** Unique site code (string)

**time** Date and time (time, POSIXct)

**Echo\_Intensity\_Counts\_cell\_n** Acoustic backscatter in nth cell (counts)

Sonde , **Conductivity, temperature, and depth from sonde:**

**time** Date and time (time, POSIXct)

**Water\_Temperature\_degC** Temperature (degrees C)

**Conductivity\_uS\_per\_cm** Conductivity (microS/cm)

**Pressure\_dbar** Pressure (dbar)

**Turbidity\_FNU** Turbidity (FNU)

**Site\_number** Unique site code (string)

Height , **River height in meters referenced to gauge datum:**

**time** Date and time (time, POSIXct)

**Height\_m** Water surface elevation above gauge datum (m)

**Site\_number** Unique site code (string)

Discharge , **Discharge timeseries in cubic meters per second:**

**time** Date and time (time, POSIXct)

**Discharge\_m\_cubed\_per\_s** Discharge (cubic meters per second)

**Site\_number** Unique site code (string)

Sediment\_Samples , **Measured sediment concentration in milligrams per liter (SSC or TSS):**

**time** Date and time (time, POSIXct)

**SSCxs\_mg\_per\_liter** Concentration of suspended-sediment in milligrams per liter, depth-averaged and velocity weighted average for cross-section

**SSCpt\_mg\_per\_liter** Concentration of suspended-sediment in milligrams per liter, measured at-a-point at elevation of hADCP

**Site\_number** Unique site code (string)

## Examples

```
data(ExampleData) # lazy-load only, unable to inspect contents in Rstudio
```

```
names(ExampleData) # load data for inspection in Rstudio and view names of items in list
```

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**Source**

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hADCPLoads	<i>Compute sediment load per guideline using acoustic backscatter from processed hADCP data</i>
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**Description**

Computes sediment load per guideline from user data in list "InputData" generated by function `import_data()`

**Usage**

```
hADCPLoads(InputData)
```

**Arguments**

InputData      List generated by `import_data.R`

**Value**

list with data frames of estimated concentration and flux along with data used in regression and surrogate timeseries

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**References**

Livsey, D.N. (in review). National Industry Guidelines for hydrometric monitoring–Part 12: Application of acoustic Doppler velocity meters to measure suspended-sediment load. Bureau of Meteorology. Melbourne, Australia.

**See Also**

[import\\_data](#) Import data from files in user-specified folder

**Examples**

```
# loads example data in package folder extdata
InputData <- import_data()
# import_data(path) can be used to import user data
Output <- hADCPLoads(InputData)
```

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import_data	<i>Load data from comma-delimited .txt files to list to be used in function hADCPLoads()</i>
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**Description**

Imports csv files to R, file names, variable names (and units) in csv text files must match variable names used in ExampleData.rda

**Usage**

```
import_data(data_folder)
```

**Arguments**

data\_folder      file path to folder containing .txt csv files with format that matches files in ext-data package folder

**Value**

list with data frames used in package code, see ?ExampleData for list format

**Warning**

Synthetic data used in ExampleData only has backscatter for one beam ("ADCP\_Echo\_Intensity.txt"), for user data, one should have backscatter for two beams with following names: "ADCP\_Echo\_Intensity\_Beam\_1.txt" and "ADCP\_Echo\_Intensity\_Beam\_2.txt"

Package arguments require variable names and units to match the names and variable units provided (see ?ExampleData, or .txt files in extdata folder)

Suggest saving all csv files in .txt format to ensure time format is not changed when editing/saving csv in Excel

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**References**

Livsey, D.N. (in review). National Industry Guidelines for hydrometric monitoring–Part 12: Application of acoustic Doppler velocity meters to measure suspended-sediment load. Bureau of Meteorology. Melbourne, Australia.

**See Also**

[hADCPLoads](#) Process acoustic backscatter from hADCP and compute load using InputData from import\_Data()

**Examples**

```
InputData <- import_data() # loads text files provided in package folder "extdata"
```

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impute_data	<i>Returns x with gaps imputed using ARIMA and Decision Trees, optional uncertainty estimation using Monte Carlo resampling</i>
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**Description**

Returns x with gaps imputed using ARIMA and Decision Trees with option to use harmonic model as predictors for x in decision tree algorithm. Uncertainty on imputed data is estimated using Monte Carlo (MC) resampling adapting methods of Rustomji and Wilkinson (2008)

**Usage**

```
impute_data(
  time,
  x,
  Xreg = NULL,
  ti = NULL,
  hfit = NULL,
  harmonic = FALSE,
  only_use_Xreg = FALSE,
  MC = 1,
  ptrain = 1
)
```

**Arguments**

time	time for x (time, POSIXct)
x	any quantity (double)
Xreg	additional predictors for decision tree, required if harmonic is FALSE (rows = time, or if given, ti)
ti	time vector for interpolation (time, POSIXct)
hfit	model object from TideHarmonics::ftide
harmonic	logical if x exhibits tidal or diurnal variability
only_use_Xreg	logical for using Xreg only in decision tree
MC	number of Monte Carlo simulations for uncertainty estimation
ptrain	proportion of data used for training and testing model

**Value**

list with x imputed at time or ti, if given. Uncertainty estimated from Monte Carlo simulations

**Note**

If MC == 1, uncertainty is not evaluated. If ptrain == 1, uncertainty and validation accuracy are not computed

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**References**

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**Examples**

```
# Impute non-tidal data
time <- realTimeloads::ExampleData$Sediment_Samples$time
xo <- realTimeloads::ExampleData$Sediment_Samples$SSCxs_mg_per_liter
Q <- realTimeloads::ExampleData$Discharge$Discharge_m_cubed_per_s
idata <- sample(1:length(xo),round(length(xo)*0.5),replace=FALSE)
x <- rep(NA,length(xo))
x[idata] <- xo[idata] # simulated samples
flow_concentration_ratio <- imputeTS::na_interpolation(Q/x)
Xreg <- cbind(Q,flow_concentration_ratio)
Output <- impute_data(time,x,Xreg,MC = 10,ptrain = 0.8)

# Impute tidal data
time <-TideHarmonics::Portland$DateTime[1:(24*90)]
xo <-TideHarmonics::Portland$SeaLevel[1:(24*90)]
idata <- sample(1:length(xo),round(length(xo)*0.5),replace=FALSE)
x <- rep(NA,length(xo))
x[idata] <- xo[idata] # simulated samples
Output <- impute_data(time,x,harmonic = TRUE,MC = 10,ptrain = 0.8)
```

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`linear_interpolation_with_time_limit`*Linearly interpolate timeseries time(x) onto new timesetep ti*

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**Description**

Linear interpolation limited by time since previous or following reading

**Usage**

```
linear_interpolation_with_time_limit(time, x, ti, threshold)
```

**Arguments**

<code>time</code>	time for x (time, POSIXct)
<code>x</code>	any quantity, for example discharge (double)
<code>ti</code>	time where time(x) will be interpolated to (time, POSIXct)
<code>threshold</code>	maximum duration where interpolation is allowed (hours)

**Value**

a data frame with time (ti), x interpolated from time(x) onto ti, and logical (ibad) if interpolation exceeded threshold

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**References**

Dowle M, and others (2023). data.table: Extension of 'data.frame'. <https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/data.table>

**Examples**

```
InputData <- realTimeLoads::ExampleData
ADCP <- InputData$ADCP
Height <- InputData$Height
# Interpolate river height to ADCP time
time <- realTimeLoads::ExampleData$Height$time
x <- realTimeLoads::ExampleData$Height$Height_m
ti <- realTimeLoads::ExampleData$ADCP$time
threshold <- 1
Output <- linear_interpolation_with_time_limit(time, x, ti, threshold)
```

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near\_field\_correction *Near-field correction of Downing et al (1995)*

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**Description**

Computes dimensionless near-field correction

**Usage**

```
near_field_correction(freq, c, r, at)
```

**Arguments**

freq	Frequency of sound (Hz)
c	Speed of sound in water (m/s)
r	range to cell center measured along-beam (m)
at	Radius of ADCP transducer (m)

**Value**

Near-field correction (dimensionless)

**Warning**

See various references cautioning use of near-field correction (e.g., <https://doi.org/10.1002/2016WR019695>)

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**References**

Downing, A., Thorne, P. D., & Vincent, C. E. (1995). Backscattering from a suspension in the near field of a piston transducer. *The Journal of the Acoustical Society of America*, 97(3), 1614-1620.

**Examples**

```
InputData <- realTimeLoads::ExampleData
Sonde <- InputData$Sonde
freq <- InputData$ADCP$Acoustic_Frequency_kHz[1]*1000
S <- ctd2sal(Sonde$Conductivity_uS_per_cm, Sonde$Water_Temperature_degC, Sonde$Pressure_dbar)
c <- speed_of_sound(S, Sonde$Water_Temperature_degC, Sonde$Pressure_dbar)
at <- InputData$ADCP$Transducer_radius_m
r <- seq(0.1, 10, 0.1)
psi <- near_field_correction(freq, c[1], r, at[1])
```

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speed_of_sound	<i>Compute speed of sound in water given salinity, temperature, and depth</i>
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**Description**

Computes speed of sound in water per Del grosso (1974)

**Usage**

```
speed_of_sound(sal, temp, depth)
```

**Arguments**

sal	Salinity (PSU)
temp	Water temperature (degrees C)
depth	Water depth (m) or pressure (dBar)

**Value**

Speed of sound in water (m/s)

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**References**

Del Grosso, V. A. (1974). New equation for the speed of sound in natural waters (with comparisons to other equations). The Journal of the Acoustical Society of America, 56(4), 1084-1091. Author modified matlab code from David Schoellhamer

**Examples**

```
InputData <- realTimeLoads::ExampleData
Sonde<- InputData$Sonde
sal <- ctd2sal(Sonde$Conductivity_uS_per_cm, Sonde$Water_Temperature_degC, Sonde$Pressure_dbar)
c <- speed_of_sound(sal, Sonde$Water_Temperature_degC, Sonde$Pressure_dbar)
```

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`surrogate_to_analyte_interpolation`*Interpolate timeseries x(tx) onto y(ty)*

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**Description**

Interpolate timeseries x(tx) onto y(ty) with temporal threshold on interpolation

**Usage**

```
surrogate_to_analyte_interpolation(tx, x, ty, y, threshold)
```

**Arguments**

<code>tx</code>	time for x "surrogate" (time, POSIXct)
<code>x</code>	quantity used to estimate y, for example, acoustic backscatter
<code>ty</code>	time for y "analyte" (time, POSIXct)
<code>y</code>	measured quantity, for example, an analyte such as suspended-sediment concentration
<code>threshold</code>	maximum duration where interpolation is allowed (minutes)

**Value**

a data frame with surrogate (x) interpolated onto timestep of analyte (y), interpolated values exceeding threshold are excluded from the output

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**Examples**

```
tx <- as.POSIXct(seq(0,24*60^2,60*1), origin = "2000-01-01",tz = "Australia/Brisbane")
x <- sin(1:length(tx))
ty <- as.POSIXct(seq(0,24*60^2,60*15), origin = "2000-01-01",tz = "Australia/Brisbane")
y <- seq(0,24*60^2,60*15)
threshold <- 10
calibration <- surrogate_to_analyte_interpolation(tx,x,ty,y,threshold)
```

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