

## Anabat is:

- high frequency detection device
- uses frequency division to ~~div~~<sup>reduce</sup>

high-freq echolocation into sounds

conventional tape recorders can detect, record (or laptop or new digital equip)

- uses zero crossing analysis to create time/freq graphs (sonograms) - picture of the bat call

- from this sonogram; some additional data, you can ID species (NOT ALL SPECIES!)

### PROS

- little experience necessary to use (pres/abs)
- unobtrusive survey method
- convenient to use when other methods cannot be deployed (small, lightweight, portable)

### CONS

- takes practice; experience to get good, useful data
- Myotis sp. issues
- need a complete sonogram library

## The detector:

- ① low battery indicator  $\rightarrow$  9V
- ② sensitivity control (alone vs many people vs. much noise vs. quiet)
  - max sensitivity enables greater distance detection : initial freq detection
- ③ division ratio control : 16 for most microbes
- ④ volume control, the lower the better
- ⑤ calibration tone - 40kHz tone calibrates call freq recorded to the tape recorder. Must be pressed after each call, creates individual calls when downloaded into ANIBIT software
- ⑥ remote control - triggers the tape to begin recording when toggled on
- ⑦ microphone control : microphone

## External features:

- ① data cable socket  $\rightarrow$  connects to recorder or Zcain for laptop
- ② timer control for delay timer
- ③ headphones
- ④ 12 volt  $\rightarrow$  for external power source, must build cable, cannot purchase from Tiller
- ⑤ HF output?
- ⑥ battery case

## Zcain (mini)

- plugs into USB
- on/off - 9V

## Wires

Anabat to tape recorder

Zcain to tape recorder

## Delay timer:

- for remote detection
- must have external 12V power source and connecting wires (must build)
- has light sensitive diode to turn on/off at dusk/dawn
- stores a call in a memory buffer while it triggers the recorder to start running

## PROS

- surveys remote areas
- situations where time, equip; people are limited, no attendance needed

## CONS

- picks up everything - a lot of junk

- subject to vandalism: acts of god
- stationary - increases doppler effect

① on/off light

② night sensor light

③ on/off/ns

④ low battery (external 12v)

⑤ clock (for recording call times)

⑥ data indicator lights (indicates when calls are being detected)

⑦ calibration tone indicator

⑧ time indicator light

### External

① data cable socket

② timer socket

③ 12 volt input

Kinds of survey techniques:

① walking / stationary detection

- minimum of equipment; training
- most used survey technique
- walking: relative abundance on a transect
- stationary: emergence surveys; relative abundance on a point count

<sup>Equip</sup>  
Need: detector; tape recorder

- Operator presses calibration tone after each call or event 15 seconds if activity is constant

\* cal tone adjusts for fluctuation due to battery power in the tape recorder which may cause calls to appear at higher/lower freq.

PROS

- 1 person job, can hike considerable dist.
- can orient detector for higher quality calls.
- can minimize extraneous noise by moving or reorienting detector
- can standardize <sup>sampling</sup> protocols

## CONS:

- only 1 site/night/detector
- not suitable for wet weather
- effects of bright light (flashlight use) may alter bat activity

## ② Vehicle Detection

- calls can be recorded directly into laptop plugged into cigarette socket
- detector can be mounted atop vehicle or held out of window by hand
- no calibration tone is necessary since files can be saved using 's' command on the computer
- time & distance covered s/b recorded to indicate sampling effort

Equip Need: Anabat, Zcain, laptop, cigarette adapter, cables, vehicle (w/ roof rack), protected container for Anabat, bungees or rope for fixing Anabat to roof.

## PROS:

- large distances can be covered
- calls are recorded directly to laptop (reduces noise; recorder fluctuation)
- cover many habitats types
- standardize sampling effort

CONS:

- need at least 2 people
- relies on road proximity
- not good for wet weather
- a little more training; experience <sup>necessary</sup>
- more equip
- greater Doppler shift
- more noise in ears (US freq from engine)

③ Remote Detection

- does not need an operator in attendance
- uses delay switch w/ external power source
- records automatically to tape recorder
- convenient survey method for hard to reach places or sites you don't want to hike out from in the dark

Equip Need: Anabat, tape recorder, delay switch, cables, 12 v battery, protective covering

PROS:

- less labor intensive - 1 person setup
- can be done independantly of other sampling sessions

- all night detection
- surveys difficult to reach locations
- suitable for moderate weather
- human presence won't alter bat behavior

## CONS

- more equipment; more expensive sampling technique
- lots of noise and junk files
- increases Doppler effect
- large processing time b/c of # of files generated
- analysis is time consuming

## ④ Stationary computer detection

- similar to vehicle detection
- record at sites of high bat activity
- useful for band release of bats which guarantees species ID

Equip Need: AnaBat, 2 cam, laptop, power source (cig adapt / 12V), cables



PROS:

- records directly to laptop, reduces file warping if lost
- can orient detector to reduce Doppler - creates higher quality calls
- very useful when used in conjunction w/ drapping  $\rightarrow$  hand release bats
- reduces later file processing b/c you can process as you record

CONS:

- more training, equip, expense
- not good for wet weather

Additional Considerations:

Weather: moon, rain, wind, temp, pressure  $\Delta$ s

Optimum:  $0 \rightarrow < 3/4$  moon

$0 \rightarrow$  light rain

$0 \rightarrow$  light breeze  $< 5$  km/hr

$> 20^\circ\text{C}$

pressure  $\Delta \approx$  dust?

Season: should survey in many seasons

Survey length: multiple nights

Insect noise: learn to recognize difference,

Keep sensitivity 7+

\* Whispering bats

- low amplitude calls, hard for Anabat to detect

- calls aren't carried far; detection range is small

ie: Townsend's, Pallid to a lower degree

\* Doppler shift

- happens when bats & detector are moving towards or away from each other

- the  $\Delta$  in distance between the source and the receiver can cause an alteration in call freq.

- this can make ID even more difficult

- freq can appear higher if bat is moving towards detector - lower when bat is moving away from detector

## Tips for Good Recording:

① Keep equip in good working conditions (don't drop, keep dry, etc.)

② Scan an area by waving detector slowly from side to side or keep pointed @ a  $45^\circ$  angle perpendicular to mine or cone entrance

③ When a bat is detected, follow it w/ the AnaBat

④ Give a 1/2 second calibration tone after each call or every 15 seconds in constant activity

⑤ Always replace low batteries before use

⑥ When recording at a high activity site, maintain  $\approx 10$  m distance and try to record approaching or leaving site b/c when too many bats are recorded @ the same time, ID is difficult.

Bat Calls: pg 46 in manual

Pulse shapes

Call freq

- bandwidth

- prolonged freq  $\rightarrow$  equates to

the highest freq in bats that emit constant freq and lowest ~~freq~~ in freq modulated bats (our 10 bats)

~~final~~ final freq

- alternating pulses  $\rightarrow$  some sp

emit pulses of alternating freq. which produce consecutive higher or lower freq pulses. This has been found to be a diagnostic characteristic for some species and can be measured when applicable.

Temporal Parameters

- pulse duration

- pulse interval

- interpulse interval

# SOFTWARE

Chris Corben → www.hoarybat.com

Gannon (UNM) → call librarian

http://talpa.unm.edu/batcall

Repairs: http://pwebs.netcom.com/~t-rex/

NevadaBat.html

Dir Rat = 16

[C] - configure menu

Sawon Cal N/Y toggle w/ [V]

freg scale 0-80KHz use [+] or [-]

Headers → [F1] to [F8] (or + shift)

[SPACE] - exits Record Mode

[CTRL] + [N] - Monitor Mode

[CTRL] + [F1] - Δ in slope split screen feature  
↳ can help ID between similar sp

[CTRL] + [F2] TBC spitscreen

[ALT] + [T] - generates a Tif

[Q] Data display

② Filters (3)

# Call Interp problems

① Doppler shift

② Fragments

③ Echoes (over water)

④ Harmonics - a bird call usually

does not produce 1 freq - consists of several harmonics, each of which is a whole-number multiple of the fundamental freq (2<sup>nd</sup> harm is 2x the freq of fund freq)

\*COTO calls often show up at fund; 2 harm / can be detected @ 20 or 40  
40-25    80-50 / other or both, may look like 2 birds

⑤ Multiple birds

⑥ Social calls

# ANABAT

Alt + T - Tiff file  
Cnt + D - delete file  
F1 - F9 home expansion  
T - text mode



S - Save  
Home - back to beg. of seg  
[ ] - next; prev files  
Shift L - load file  
Delete

U - Undo  
R ; Shift + R - Recalibration  
Cnt F10 - Default header

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Call B - Dots  
Acl O - Options (Colors)  
Acl B - Custom filters

