Introduction
Thank you for purchasing Avisoft UltraSoundGate 116Hnb. This bus-powered USB device supports single-channel high-speed data acquisition at sampling rates of up to 300 kHz. The accompanying recording software Avisoft-RECORDER USGH provides either continuous or triggered direct-to-disk recording with real-time spectrogram displays.

Installation procedure
First install the RECORDER USGH software either from the supplied software installation media (navigate to the subfolder RECORDE USGH and run setup.exe) or from the Avisoft Bioacoustics website (w w w .avisoft.com/downloads.htm or directly w w w .avisoft.com/RECORDER USGH.exe). This installation program will install both the RECORDER USGH application (rec_usgh.exe) and the required device drivers (usgh_xx16h.inf, usgh.sys) for the UltraSoundGate xx16H devices. When the installation procedure has completed, the UltraSoundGate unit can be connected to the computer. The device should then be detected as “Avisoft-UltraSoundGate 116H” and the pre-installed driver should be finally activated.

Under some circumstances it might happen that the silent installation of the device driver fails. If that happens, navigate to the Windows Control Panel > Hardware and Sound > Device Manager and right-click at the entry Other devices > Avisoft UltraSoundGate 116H and select the Update Driver Software... option. The completed device driver installation will then look like this:

Getting started
The supplied RECORDER USGH software can be launched from Start / All Programs / Avisoft Bioacoustics / RECORDER USGH. On the first program start, the configuration dialog box will be launched automatically (otherwise it is available from Options / Configuration). Select the desired Sampling rate from the Input Device Settings section and click at Ok. Then click at the Pause button (Monitoring/Pause) and the Start button (Monitoring/Start). You will then see the real-time spectrogram displaying the incoming signals. For details on the operation of the RECORDER software, please see the Avisoft-RECORDER manual and the section RECORDER USGH Software Settings in this guide.

Components of the UltraSoundGate 116Hnb

1 XLR input connector
The 5-pole XLR input connector represents the analog inputs of the recording device and provide power supply voltages for external amplifiers and microphones. The connector scheme is as follows:

1. Ground
2. Positive input
3. Negative input
4. +5V supply voltage (max current 20 mA)
5. +200V polarization voltage

2 USB 2.0 interface

3 REC indicator
This amber colored LED will flash once the device is connected to the PC. It will be switched off once the RECORDER USGH software is running in the monitoring mode. In this mode, the REC LED indicates whether the RECORDER software is recording the incoming data onto disk.

4 POWER indicator
This green LED indicates that the unit is connected to the USB power supply.

5 TRG button
This button can control the .wav file recording process in the RECORDER software. To enable this mode of operation, one of the following Trigger source options must be selected from the configuration dialog box:

Specifications

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RECORIDER USGH Settings

The configuration dialog box can be launched from the menu Options/Configuration... or through the button.

The input sample rate can be selected from the Input Device Settings section. Available sample rates are 750, 500, 375, 300, 250, 214, 187, 166, 150, 125, 100, 75, 62 and 50 kHz.

The Buffer setting determines the USB transfer buffer size on the PC. Shorter durations will provide low real-time spectrogram display latencies but might lead to erroneous USB transfers under certain conditions.

The Settings... button in the Input Device Settings section launches the Advanced USGH Device Settings dialog box that provides several additional device-specific options:

- Enable master/slave mode for synchronizing several devices. This option has no effect on the model 116Hn.
- Activate slave mode for this device. This option has no effect on the model 116Hn.
- Enable low power mode. The A/D converter chip can optionally be operated in a power-saving mode that would increase the battery life in mobile laptop-based systems. The low-power mode slightly degrades the dynamic range performance.
- Enable automatic offset compensation. If activated, this option removes potential DC offset voltages from the input signal.
- Enable band-pass mode. At a few sample rates (50, 62.5, 75, 150, 187.5, 200 and 250 kHz), the A/D converter can be configured for a special band-pass mode in which the analog input bandwidth ranges from fs/2 to fs instead of the normal mode from 0 to fs/2. This option can be advantageous for monitoring applications that require minimal .WAV file sizes. Note that the frequency scale of the resulting .WAV files will be reversed.

Turn on the polarization voltage. This option activates the internal 200V polarization voltage generator of the UltraSoundGate XX16H devices and must be activated when using the CM16/CMPA microphones.

Ignore GetOverlappedResult error. By default, the GetOverlapped Result error message will stop the monitoring/recording process. If this option is activated, the monitoring procedure will be immediately restarted, which is desired in long-term monitoring applications.

TRG out mode. This option has no effect on the model 116Hn.

Monitor undersampling ratio. This option has no effect on the model 116Hn.

Sound-activated recording can be arranged by selecting the Trigger source option level of this channel.

The Pre-trigger duration should be kept as short as possible. Long pre-trigger settings can lead to data transmission errors if the sample rate and the number of channels is high.

In order to simplify the operation of the Avisoft-RECORIDER software in the field, a link to RECORIDER USGH may be added to the Windows Startup folder (Start->All Programs->Startup). Additionally, the Avisoft-RECORIDER option Monitoring/Autostart should be activated. This arrangement will start the monitoring process automatically after booting the laptop (the UltraSoundGate device must be attached to the USB port prior to booting Windows).

The menu Options/Configuration management/Presets provides a number of default settings that might help to configure the system for a specific task.

Please refer to the users guide or the online help system for further details on the Avisoft-RECORIDER software.

Bat detector mode

The RECORIDER USGH software includes a number of acoustic monitoring options that allow listening to the incoming ultrasounds through the PC sound card. This can be setup from the Configuration dialog box button labeled Monitor...

The broad-band HF monitoring option represents an undersampling mechanism that transforms the entire ultrasonic frequency range into the audible range, which is useful to cover all species of bats.

The selective heterodyne HF monitoring option shifts a selected frequency band into the audible range, which is similar to a classic heterodyne bat detector. The center frequency of the bandpass filter can also be tuned by dragging its graphic representation on the real-time spectrogram display.

If you use the UltraSoundGate on a Tablet PC with a capacitive touchpad, it might be useful to activate the main window option Options/Large buttons.