

Audio analysis and BEEP

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- Elements of sound
- History / commercial / academic
- Within the context of BEEP
- Tests done so far
- Outlook







Background sound vs. communication signals

• Airborne sound vs. substrate vibrations



cf. Insect Sounds and Communication: Physiology, Behaviour, Ecology, and Evolution. edited by Sakis Drosopoulos, Michael F. Claridge, CRC Press, 2005. <u>url</u>.



Audio analysis in history

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... and many more to follow

звуковой фон пчелиной семьи

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Звуковой фон семьи, находящейся в нормальном состоянии, лежит в диапазоне частот от 20 до 12 000 ец (динамический диапазон интенсивностей 40 дб). Стабильные частотные составляющие лежат в диапазоне от 60 до 500 гц. Спектральные показатели звукового фона имеют четко выраженную сезонную цикличность. Соотношение интенсивностей частотных компонентов в стабильной зоне спектра закономерно изменяется в связи с изменением биологического состояния пчелиной семьи, что может быть использовано практическим пчеловодством. Некоторые звуки, из которых складывается звуковой фон улья, могут иметь для его обитателей сигнальное значение.





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- E.F. Woods Apidictor (1950s)

NARB

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Modern Apidictors

- OSBeeHives (US)
- Arnia (UK)
- Apivox Auditor (RU)
- ... others



cf. Apivox Auditor website



cf. OSBeeHives website



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Literature

- There is lots of scientific literature available
- Mostly on communication (tooting, piping, etc.) and on identifying swarming events
- List of papers found so far is available in case you are interested
- 100 600 Hz is a very interesting frequency window !!

(see next slide)



See for example: <u>hyperlink</u>





Sound map



During summer



Higher frequency indicates higher intensity / excitement. Greater amplitude indicates that more bees are involved in this work.

cf. Apivox Auditor website

Within the context of BEEP



- Sensor system requirements:
 - Accessible and affordable: low bill of materials
 - Deployable in "remote" places: low power, high range radio
- You can only have two out of three characteristics: long distance, high bandwidth, and/or low power
- Low power wide area (LPWA) networks have limited bandwidth, but enable low power and high range.
- LoRaWAN (anno 2015) satisfies these requirement.
- Bandwidth worst case: 14 packages of 51 bytes per day.

Challenges

- How to extract and recognize relevant features related to the status of the hive
- How to encode such that relevant information is maintained but the data is shrunk in order to be wirelessly transmitted and stored.
- → How much processing needs to be done in the sensor node ??





So ... Let's try it





Implementation





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Data



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Data



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Further analysis

- Principle component analysis showed sensitivity to certain events
- pca 1 and pca 2 pca 1 2 pca 2 0 nspections -2 -4 Courtesy Daan Bijkerk 2018-08-26 2018-08-28 1018-08-30 2018-09-03 2018-09-07 2018-09-09 1018-09-11 1018.09.01 2018-09-13
 - Amount of data is too limited to be conclusive
 - How/where to process data is completely open



Conclusion / Outlook

- Looking at sparse FFT data already gives interesting information: e.g. when the feeder is empty.
- Key question: how much processing in the sensor node and which data to make available for further processing?
- Much to do in terms of hardware choice, algorithms on the sensor node, server-side data processing, data labelling, etc.





