



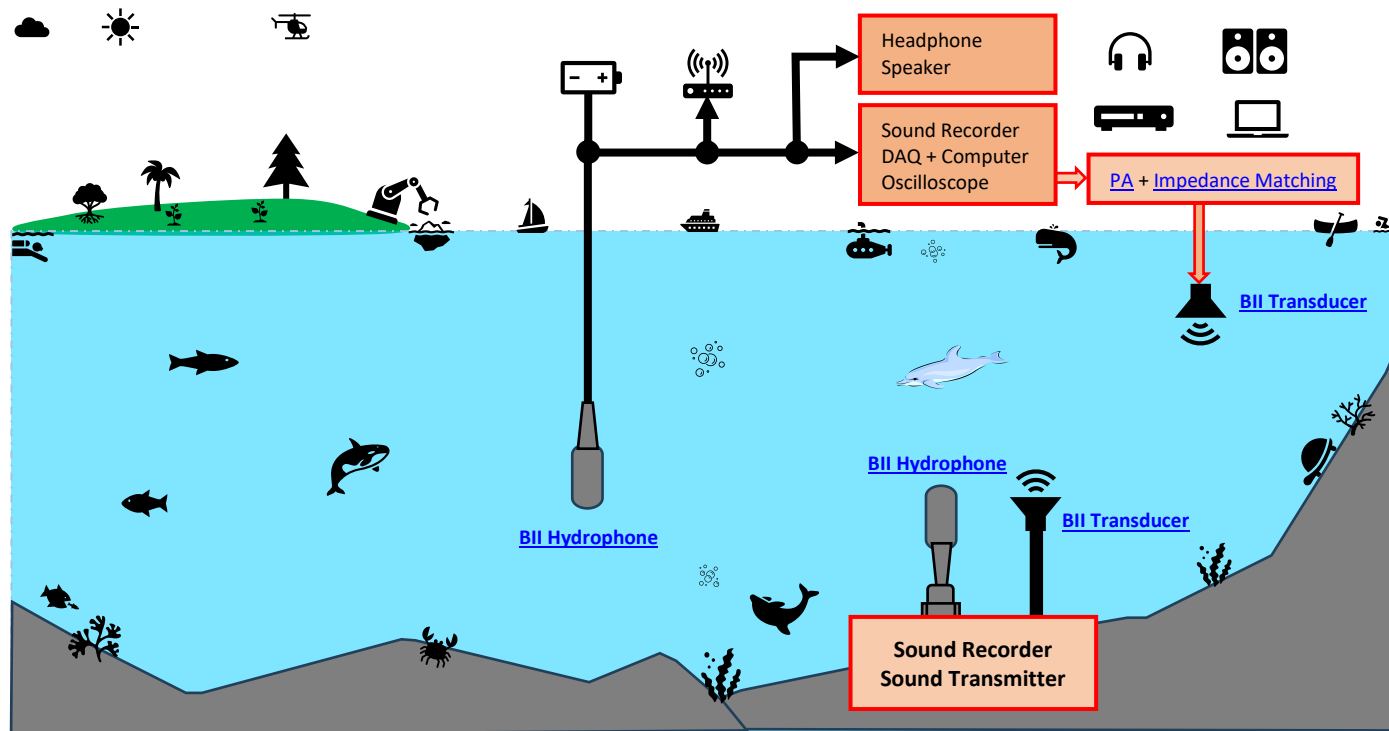
BII7120 Series Low Noise, Low Power, and Low Frequency Hydrophone: Noise Level Below Sea State Zero

BII's low noise hydrophones are optimized to possess self-noise levels below sea-state zero with omnidirectional response in low frequency range and toroidal response in high frequency range. Its streamlined hemispherical dome minimizes drag force and hydrodynamic noise. The power consumption can be customized to be 1 to 2 mA quiescent current at 9 VDC for battery powered underwater instrumentation. A spatial array of multiple hydrophones can be set up for directional measurement system. The hydrophones can measure underwater sounds and pressure fluctuations down to [0.1Hz infrasonic sounds](#): surface waves (Wave-height Sensor), turbulences, seismic, ocean traffics, industrial noises, precipitations, biologics, ...

With these low power hydrophones, battery and system lifetimes are extended, and lighter portable systems with lower-capacity batteries can be achieved. Its compact small size and hemispherical dome reduce interferences to acoustic field under test. Some [preamplifier](#) can drive cable up to 1000m without significant signal loss. Available cable terminals include audio connectors (TRS, DIN, XLR), BNC, and underwater mateable connectors. The housing and mounting part are corrosion resistant plastics and/or stainless steels.

Low Frequency Sounds in the Ocean at 1 Hz to 1 kHz. Low Frequency Sounds between 1Hz to 1kHz undergo little attenuation in ocean and lakes: 1.2×10^{-7} at 1Hz, 0.0002 at 10Hz, 0.0015 at 100Hz, 0.07 at 1kHz, in dB/km, proximately. The major propagation losses are Spreading Loss, Absorption and Scattering at boundaries such as seafloor sediments. The sounds being trapped in deep sound channel or SOFAR channel avoiding losses from both top and bottom boundaries can propagate very big area with very low loss. These low frequency sounds contain valuable information on their sources and propagation areas such as Weathers (Winds, Rains, Surface Waves, Ice, Storms, ...), Geological Process (Earthquakes, Tsunamis, Moving of Tectonic Plates and Crusts,...), Marine Animals (Whales, Dolphins, Fish, Invertebrates, ...), Anthropogenic Activities (Shipping, Harbor, Oil and Wind Energy Extraction, Air Guns, ...). Besides sounds detection or monitoring with deployment at 1000m depth, the distributed hydrophone network in shallow water (at a specific depth) can also be used to detect and monitor upward sounds being refracted from SOFAR channel.

Underwater Sound Listening, Recording, and Communication



Typical Applications

Underwater Sounds Recording, Listening, and Communication, Noise Measurement, Marine Bioacoustics, Passive Acoustic Monitoring (PAM System).
Coastal/Offshore Processes, Engineering & Management, Wave-Structure Interaction, Wave-height Sensor, Wave and Tide Recorder/Logger.
Surface Waves, Ocean Turbulences, Hydrodynamics, Marine Geophysics, Battery-Powered Instruments: Sonobuoy, Recorder, Transponder, Acoustic Release...

Questions

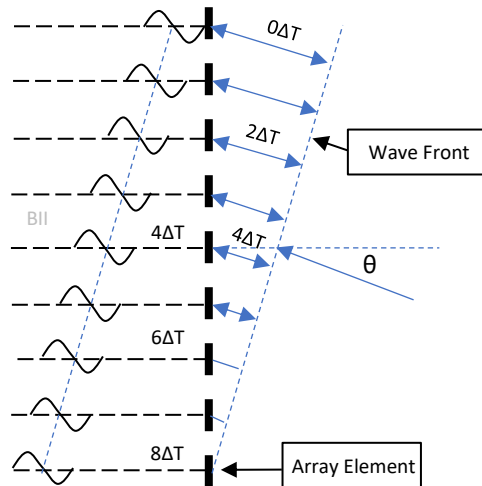
How do I set up my professional sound recorders to work with BII Hydrophones?

1. BII hydrophones have their own DC power supply to support Line Input of recorders, and Do NOT use phantom power 48V which may destroy the hydrophones.
2. Maximum Input Level (Line Input) of recorders should be large enough to avoid saturation or clipping during recording.
Equivalent Input Noise of recorders should be low enough for the recorders to be sensitive to weak signal of the interest.
3. Sampling Rate of the recorder should be fast enough to avoid missing high frequency sound of the interest. Generally, the Sampling Rate should be at least two times greater than the maximum frequency of sound.
4. Calculate the memory size of data storage according to sampling rate, resolution, sampling channels, and recording time, and use suitable recording media.
5. Calculate battery service life according to battery power and consuming current.
6. When the cable is greater than 5m, balanced signal or differential signal is recommended to be in use over the cable.

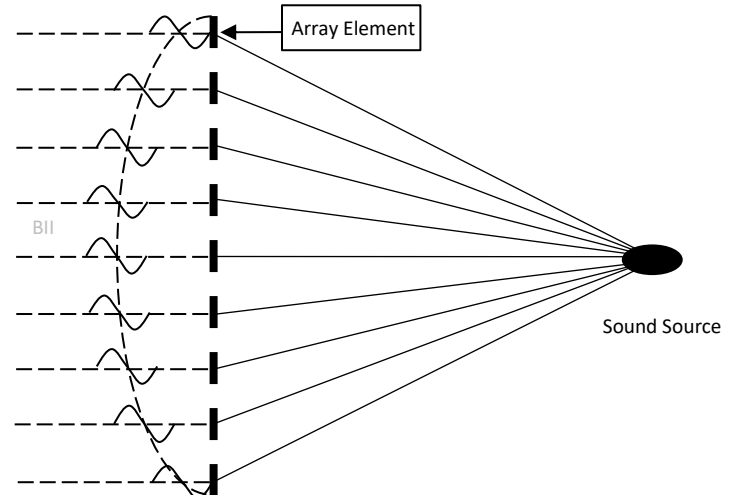
How do I playback the recorded sounds in water?

System Setup: Recorder (Recorded Sounds) with Line or Phone Output -> [Audio Power Amplifiers](#) -> [Impedance Matching Device](#) -> [Transducers \(Projectors\)](#).

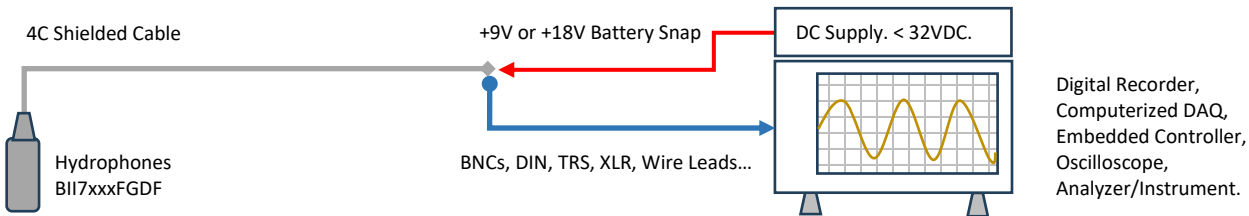
Linear (Rectangular) Array Beam Steering



Linear, Annular, and Planar Array Beam Focusing

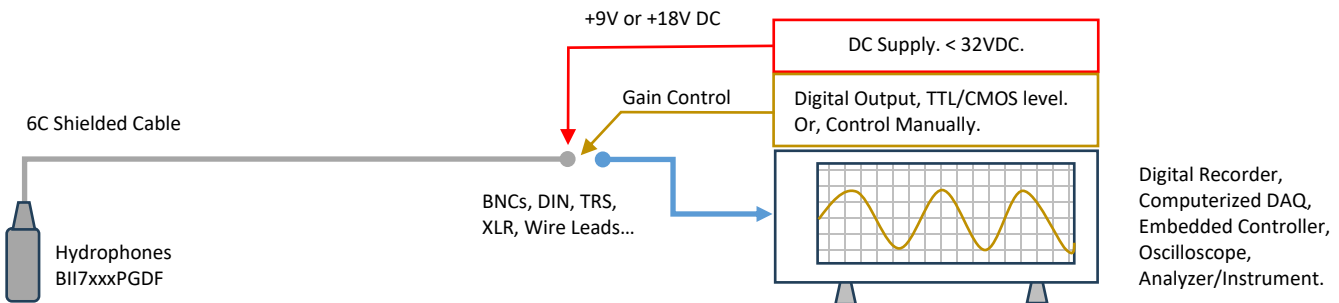
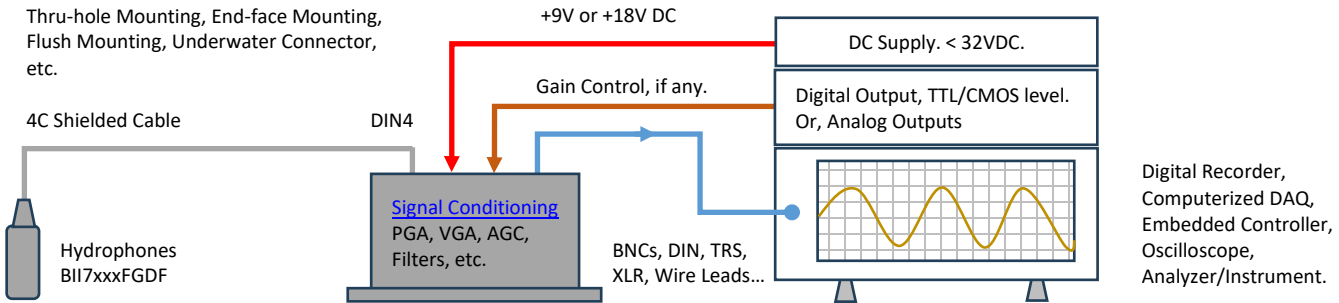


System Configuration of Receiving Sounds and Waves.



Installation to Underwater Submersibles:

Thru-hole Mounting, End-face Mounting, Flush Mounting, Underwater Connector, etc.



Specification

The hydrophone is tested in water unless stated otherwise.

FG: Fixed Gain; **PG:** Programmable Gain; **DF:** Differential Output; **SE:** Single Ended Output; **BPF:** Band Pass Filter; **HPF:** High Pass Filter; **LPF:** Low Pass Filter.

Part Number:	BII7121FGDF	BII7121FGSE	BII7121PGDF
Sensitivity FFVS @ 1 kHz:	-185.0 + Preamp Gain, ± 2 dB V/ μ Pa. -160.0 dB V/ μ Pa.	-145.0 dB V/ μ Pa.	-175.0 and -145.0 dB V/ μ Pa.
Sensitivity Matching: (at 1 kHz)	When hydrophones are used as array elements, it is necessary for array elements to possess uniform sensitivities. Available Options of Sensitivity Tolerance: a. ± 2.0 (Default); b. ± 1.0 ; c. ± 0.5 ; d. ± 0.3 ; e. ± 0.1 ; in dB V/ μ Pa. 1. Sensitivity is tested at 1 kHz in water. 2. Hydrophones whose sensitivity variations are out of specified tolerance are rejected.		
FFVS:	Bespoke, Refer to Graph of FFVS vs. Frequency . Free-field Voltage Sensitivity.		
Pressure Noise Density:	Refer to Graph of Pressure Noise Density , Referred to Input (RTI), in μ Pa/VHz.		

	Graphs of Pressure Noise Density are for hydrophones with default preamps. Contact BII for noises of bespoke preamps.		
Built-in Filters: at -3dB V/μPa.	Bespoke HPF .		Bespoke HPF or BPF.
	Minimum HPF: 0.2 Hz.	Minimum HPF: 1 Hz.	HPF: 1 Hz.
	In Water: 0.2 Hz ~ 50 kHz at ±2 dB V/μPa.	In Water: 10 Hz ~ 50 kHz at ±2 dB V/μPa.	In Water: 1 Hz ~ 50 kHz at ±2 dB V/μPa.
	In Air: 0.2 Hz ~ 4 kHz at -3 dB V/μPa.	In Air: 10 Hz ~ 4 kHz at -3 dB V/μPa.	In Air: 1 Hz ~ 4 kHz at -3 dB V/μPa.
	1. Reduce Noise. Both ocean ambient noises and the self-noises of electronic devices decrease when frequency increases. It is recommended to choose a built-in high pass filter to reject noises in low frequency range. For example, if you are interested in the signals greater than 1 kHz, you may specify a high pass filter with -3dB cut-off frequency at 100 Hz to improve signal to noise ratio of the signals of the interest. 2. Avoid Saturation. When there are strong low frequency noises, disturbances, and/or vibrations, resulting from rough surface waves and/or mechanical movements of the platform, it is recommended to specify a high pass filter to avoid hydrophone saturation in these low frequency ranges.		
Preamp Gain:	25 dB.	40 dB.	10 dB and 40dB.
Gain Selection Voltage:	N/A		CMOS/TTL Compatible Logic Low 0: Gain Selection Wire to COM or 0 to +1 VDC. Logic High 1: Gain Selection Wire Open or +2.4 VDC to Vs.
Bespoke Preamp:	Low Power Fixed Gain Preamp. Buyer may specify a specific preamp to be used in the hydrophone to fit the project better.		Low Noise Programmable Gain Preamp.
Directivity Pattern:	Omnidirectional and Toroidal. Refer to Graph of Directivity Response Pattern.		
Side Lobe Level:	No side lobes.		
Output Type:	Differential.	Single-ended.	Differential.
	Differential signal has better capability to reduce and reject EMI noise, especially over long cable.		
	How to use differential output as single-ended output? Output+ and COM constitute a single-ended output. The terminal of unused output- must be insulated to avoid short circuit.		
Maximum Output V _{omax} :	Supply Voltage Vs – 1.1, Vpp.	Supply Voltage Vs – 3.4, Vpp.	Supply Voltage Vs – 3.4, Vpp.
Overload Pressure Level:	20*log(V _{omax} /2.828) – Sensitivity, in dB μPa. Refer to the chart of Overload Pressure Level (OPL) .		
Acceleration Sensitivity:	104.3 dB re μPa/(m/s ²) at Acoustic Axis or XZ Direction. ≤ 103.0 dB re μPa/(m/s ²) at other directions or XY Direction.		
Operating Depth:	Maximum 300 m or 3 MPa pressure and limited by the cable length if the cable has wire leads or a non-waterproof connector.		
Mounting Options:	1. Default: Free Hanging (FH). 2. Free-hanging with Male Underwater Connector (FHUWC-4P, FHUWC-6P). 3. Thru-hole Inch Mounting with Single O-ring Sealing (THM-7/16"). 4. Thru-hole Inch Mounting with Double O-ring Sealing (THDO-7/16"). 5. Bolt Fastening Mounting (Plastics) (BFMP-NPT3/8"). 6. Bolt Fastening Mounting (Stainless Steel) (BFM-7/16", BFM-5/8"). Please refer to online document AcousticSystem.pdf for a complete list of Mounting Options and more details.		
	Four Conductor Shielded Cable (SC)	Four Conductor Shielded Cable (SC)	Six Conductor Shielded Cable (SC)
	Wire/Cable Bundles (WCB). Available for hull-mounted Options.		
Cable Length:	1. Differential Output: Default 20 m (65.6ft) for Non-Underwater Connector; 0.6 m (2 ft) for Underwater Connectors. 2. Single-ended Output: Default 0.3 m (1 ft) with Thru-hole Mounting part.		
	2. Custom-fit Cable Length up to 305 m or 1000 ft, refer to Maximum Cable Length . The chart is based on 5Vpp Sinusoidal signals. Maximum cable length which a hydrophone can drive is proportional to output voltage level of the hydrophone.		
Cable Orientation:	1. Default: Perpendicular to end face of hydrophone. 2. Customization: Perpendicular to side wall of hydrophone (Generally, this is used to reduce the overall length of hydrophone). Appending SW to the part number.		
	1. Default: Wire Leads (WL) 2. Two Male BNCs (BNC) (Max. Diameter Φ14.3 mm) for Output+ and Output- Signals. 3. DIN Receptacle with 3 Male Pins (DIN3), (Max. Diameter Φ17 mm). DIN Receptacle with 4 Male Pins (DIN4), (Max. Diameter Φ17 mm). DIN Receptacle with 6 Male Pins (DIN6), (Max. Diameter Φ17 mm). 4. 1/8" (3.5mm) TRS Plug (TRS) (Max. Diameter Φ10.5 mm). 5. XLR Receptacle with 3 Male Pins (XLR3), (Max. Diameter Φ20.2 mm). XLR Receptacle with 4 Male Pins (XLR4), (Max. Diameter Φ20.2 mm). XLR Receptacle with 6 Male Pins (XLR6), (Max. Diameter Φ20.2 mm). 6. Underwater Mateable Connector UMC4P and UMC6P , made by global manufacturers, buyer may search online to get detailed specs of these connectors from their manufacturers. Available in-stock options (the customized is available upon request): 4 pins (UMC4P = MCIL4M + MCDLS-F , or MCOM4M + OMBMC + MCDLS-F.), Maximum Diameter Φ21.5 to Φ35 mm. 6 pins (UMC6P = MCIL6M + MCDLS-F , or MCOM6M + OMBMC + MCDLS-F.), Maximum Diameter Φ21.5 to Φ35 mm. 7. +9VDC Battery Snap (BS), for +9VDC or +18VDC power supply. 8. 4mm Banana Plug Pair (Red and Black Color) (BP), for DC power supply ONLY. Underwater Mateable Connectors are for underwater uses. Other connectors/wire leads are for dry aerial uses and are not waterproofed.		
1. BNC: "Bayonet Neill–Concelman" is a miniature quick connect/disconnect radio/audio frequency connector used for coaxial cable. Fastening Type: Bayonet Lock. 2. XLR: Employed for balanced audio and DC or AC power signal interconnections, 3 to 7 contacts. Fastening Type: Latch Lock. 3. UMC: Underwater Mateable Connectors, interconnection solution for high power or weak signals. Fastening Type: Threaded. Underwater Uses. 4. 3.5mm TRS stand for Tip, Ring, and Sleeve, miniature, quick connect/disconnect, audio frequency connector used for shielded cable. Fastening Type: None. 5. DIN: Electrical cylindrical connectors, 3 to 14 contacts, Φ20mm diameter, used for audio, RF, digital, and DC or AC power signals. Fastening Type: Threaded.			
Current (Quiescent):	1.05 mA	13 mA	18 mA
Supply Voltage Vs:	+4.5 to +32 VDC.	+9 to +32 VDC.	+9 to +32 VDC.

Suggested DC Supply:	+9 VDC Battery, Marine Battery, Automobile Battery, Fixed DC Linear Power Supply, Not Included. DO NOT use variable power supply whose maximum supply voltage is higher than the rated voltage. DO NOT use switching mode DC power supply.
Physical Size:	ΦD = Φ28.5 mm, Length ≥ 60 mm, and actual length depends on Mounting Parts.
Weight in Air:	≥ 1.5 kg with 20m cable. Actual weight depends on Mounting Parts, Cable Types and Length.
Operation Temperature:	-10°C to +60°C or 14°F to 140°F.
Storage Temperature:	-20°C to +60°C or -4°F to 140°F.
Array Design Service:	Line (Linear) Array, Rectangular Planar Array, and Circular Planar Array design: Side Lobe Level SLL , -3dB Beam Angle θ_{-3dB} , Array Element Spacing d , Array Element Number N , Beam Steering, FFVS loss and mutual effects among these parameters.
Sound Measurement in Air: The hydrophones can be used to detect sounds in air. The sensitivity in air is same to the one in water in low frequency range.	

How to Order Standard Hydrophones. BII Keeps Standard Products in Stock.

FG: Fixed Gain; PG: Programmable Gain; DF: Differential Output; SE: Single-ended Output; BPF: Band Pass Filter; HPF: High Pass Filter; LPF: Low Pass Filter.					
Part Number	-Preamp Gain	-HPF or BPF Filter	-Mounting	-Cable Length	-Connectors for Signal/Gain Selection/DC Supply
BII7121FGDF	25 dB.	0.2 Hz.	FH	20m (65.6 ft)	WL, TRS, XLR3, DIN3, BNC, BS, BP; DIN4, XLR4.
			FH, BFM-5/8".	0.6m (2 ft)	UMC4P
			THM-7/16".	0.6m (2 ft)	WL.
BII7121PGDF	10/40 dB.	1 Hz.	FH	20m (65.6 ft)	WL, TRS, XLR3, DIN3, BNC, BS, BP; DIN6, XLR6.
			FH, BFM-5/8".	0.6m (2 ft)	UMC6P
			THM-7/16".	0.6m (2 ft)	WL.
In-Stock Examples:			Description		
BII7121FGDF-25dB-0.2Hz-FH-20m-WL			BII7121FGDF Hydrophone, 25dB Gain, High Pass Filter: 0.2Hz, Free Hanging, 20m Shielded Cable, Connector: None, Wire leads.		
BII7121FGDF-25dB-0.2Hz-FH-20m-BNC/BS			BII7121FGDF Hydrophone, 25dB Gain, High Pass Filter: 0.2Hz, Free Hanging, 20m Shielded Cable, Connector: Two BNC Male for Output+ and Output- Signals, 9V Battery Snaps for DC Supply.		
BII7121FGDF-25dB-0.2Hz-FH-20m-XLR3/BS			BII7121FGDF Hydrophone, 25dB Gain, High Pass Filter: 0.2Hz, Free Hanging, 20m Shielded Cable, Connector: XLR3 for Signal, 9V Battery Snaps for DC Supply.		
BII7121FGDF-25dB-0.2Hz-FH-20m-XLR4			BII7121FGDF Hydrophone, 25dB Gain, High Pass Filter: 0.2Hz, Free Hanging, 20m Shielded Cable, Connector: XLR4 for Signals and DC Power Supply.		
BII7121PGDF-10/40dB-1Hz-FH-20m-WL			BII7121PGDF Hydrophone, 10/40dB Gain, High Pass Filter: 1Hz, Free Hanging, 20m Shielded Cable, Connector: None, Wire leads.		
BII7121PGDF-10/40dB-1Hz-FH-20m-XLR3/WL/BS			BII7121PGDF Hydrophone, 10/40dB Gain, High Pass Filter: 1Hz, Free Hanging, 20m Shielded Cable, Connector: XLR3 for Signal, Wire Leads for Gain Selection, 9V Battery Snaps for DC Supply.		
BII7121PGDF-10/40dB-1Hz-FH-20m-XLR6			BII7121PGDF Hydrophone, 10/40dB Gain, High Pass Filter: 1Hz, Free Hanging, 20m Shielded Cable, Connector: XLR6 for Signals, Gain Selection, and DC Power Supply.		
Non-stock Examples:			Description		
BII7121FGDF-25dB-10Hz-BFM-7/16"-100m-XLR3/BS			BII7121FGDF Hydrophone, 25dB Gain, High Pass Filter: 10Hz, Bolt Fastening Mounting BFM-7/16", 100m Shielded Cable, Connector: 3-pin XLR for Signals and Battery Snap for +9VDC Batteries.		
BII7121FGDF-25dB-0.2Hz-FH-0.6m-UMC4P			BII7121FGDF Hydrophone, 25dB Gain, High Pass Filter: 0.2Hz, Free Hanging, 0.6m Shielded Cable, Connector: 4-pin Underwater Mateable Connector for Signals and DC Power Supply.		
BII7121FGDF-FHUWC-4P			BII7121FGDF Hydrophone, Free-hanging with Male Underwater Connector FHUWC-4P.		
BII7121PGDF-10/40dB-1Hz/30kHz-BFM-7/16"-100m-XLR3/WL/BS			BII7121PGDF Hydrophone, 10/40dB Gain, Band Pass Filter: 1Hz to 30kHz, Bolt Fastening Mounting BFM-7/16", 100m Shielded Cable, Connector: 3-pin XLR for Signals, Wire Leads for Gain Selection, and Battery Snap for +9VDC Batteries.		
BII7121PGDF-10/40dB-10Hz-FH-0.6m-UMC6P			BII7121PGDF Hydrophone, 10/40dB Gain, High Pass Filter: 10Hz, Free Hanging, 0.6m Shielded Cable, Connector: 6-pin Underwater Mateable Connector for Signals, Gain Selection, and DC Power Supply.		
BII7121FGDF-FHUWC-6P			BII7121FGDF Hydrophone, Free-hanging with Male Underwater Connector FHUWC-6P.		

Wiring Information of BII7121FGDF:

Differential Output:	Wire Leads	UMC4P/XLR4P	DIN4P	DIN3/XLR3 + 9V BS	BNC + 9V BS	TRS + 9V BS
+VDC	Red	Pin 3	Pin 4	Battery Female Snap	Battery Female Snap	Battery Female Snap
Common	Black	Pin 1	Pin 1	Battery Male Snap	Battery Male Snap	Battery Male Snap
Signal+	White	Pin 2	Pin 3	DIN3 Pin 3	XLR Pin 2	#1 BNC Center
Signal-	Blue, Green, or Yellow	Pin 4	Pin 2	DIN3 Pin 1	XLR Pin 3	#2 BNC Center
Signal Common	Black	Pin 1	Pin 1	DIN3 Pin 2	XLR Pin 1	BNC Shell
Shielding	Shield	Metal Shell	Metal Shell	DIN3 and XLR3 Metal Shell	N/A	N/A

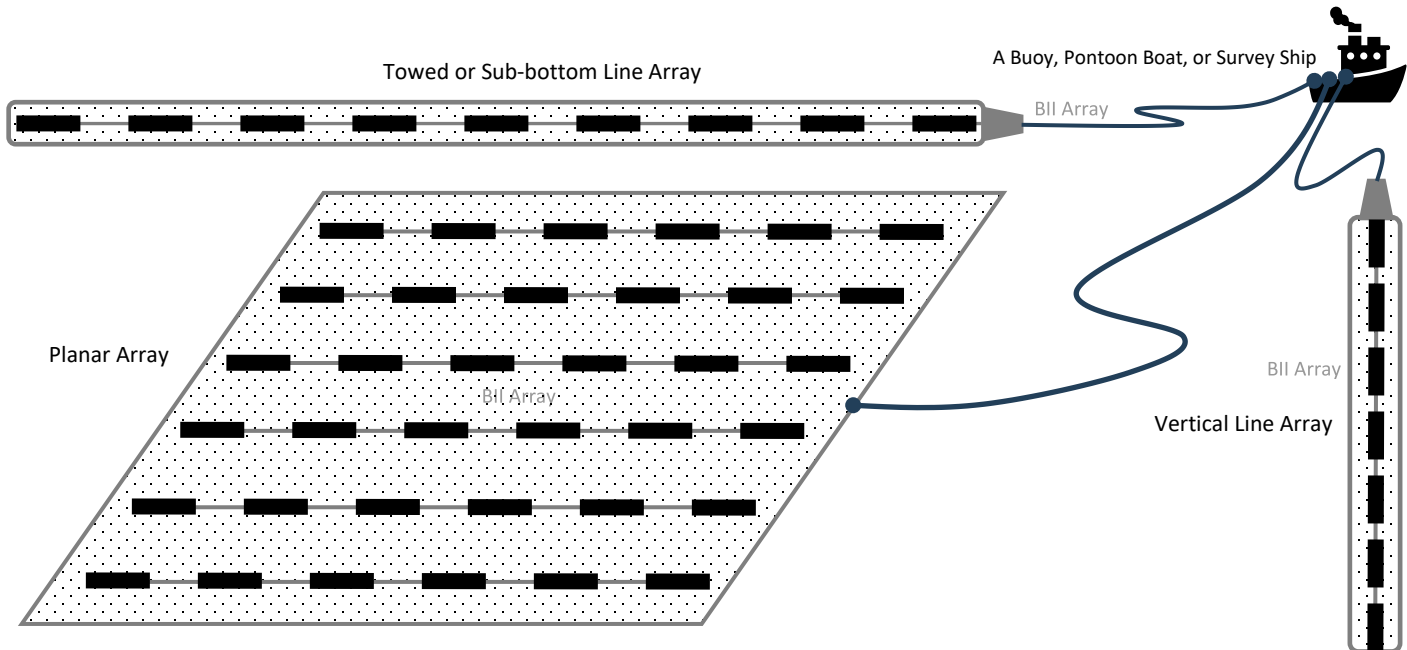
Wiring Information of BII7121FGSE:

Single Ended Output:	Wire Leads	BNC Male, 9V Battery Snap	Underwater/XLR4 Connector	XLR3 Plug and 9V Battery Snap	TRS Plug and 9V Battery Snap
+VDC	Red	Female Snap	Pin 3	Battery Female Snap	Battery Female Snap
Common	Black	Male Snap	Pin 1	Battery Male Snap	Battery Male Snap
Signal	White	Center Pin or Contact	Pin 2	XLR Pin 2	TRS Tip
Signal Common	Blue, Green, or Yellow	BNC/SMA/SMC Shield	Pin 4	XLR Pin 3	TRS Ring and Sleeve
Shielding	Shield	N/A	N/A	XLR Metal Shell	N/A

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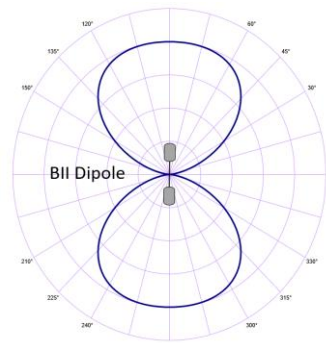
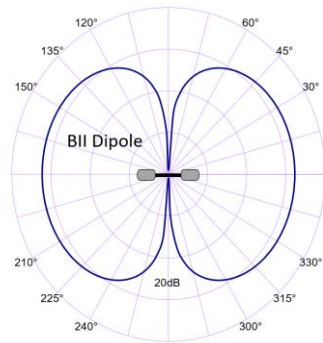
Differential Output:	Wire Leads	UMC6P/XLR6	DIN6	BNC + 9V BS	DIN3/XLR3 + 9V BS	TRS + 9V BS
+VDC	Red	Pin 3	Pin 4	Battery Female Snap	Battery Female Snap	Battery Female Snap
Common	Black	Pin 1	Pin 1	Battery Male Snap, BNC Shield.	Battery Male Snap, DIN Pin 2 or XLR Pin 1.	Battery Male Snap, TRS Sleeve.
Output Signal+	White	Pin 2	Pin 3	"1" BNC Center Pin	DIN Pin 3	XLR Pin 2
Output Signal -	Green	Pin 4	Pin 2	"2" BNC Center Pin	DIN Pin 1	XLR Pin 3
Digital A0	Blue	Pin 6	Pin 5	Blue	Blue	Blue
Digital Common	Yellow or Brown	Pin 5	Pin 6	Yellow or Brown	Yellow or Brown	Yellow or Brown
Shielding	Shield	Metal Shell	Metal Shell	BNC Shield	Metal Shell	N/A
Selecting Sensitivity of One-bit Digitally Programmable						
FFVS Selection Wire A0		Hydrophone Sensitivity FFVS at 1kHz.				
0 (Logic Low)		-185.0 + 10 dB V/ μ Pa.				
1 (Logic High)		-185.0 + 40 dB V/ μ Pa.				

Array Elements for Underwater Linear and Planar Arrays

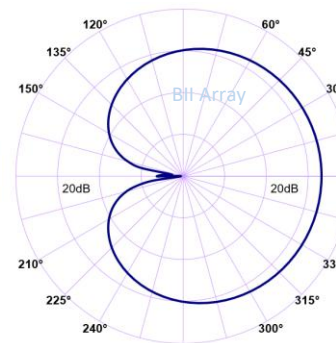


Simple Array Consisting of Hydrophones.

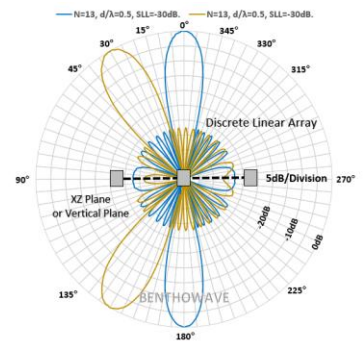
"Figure 8" Pattern of a Dipole (Pressure-Gradient).



Cardioid Pattern

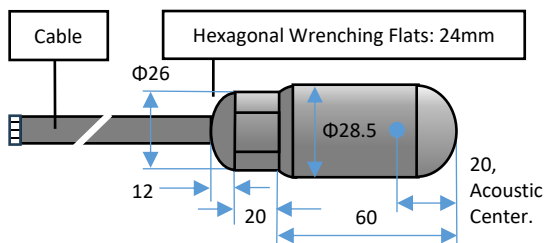


Linear Array with BII Discrete Hydrophones



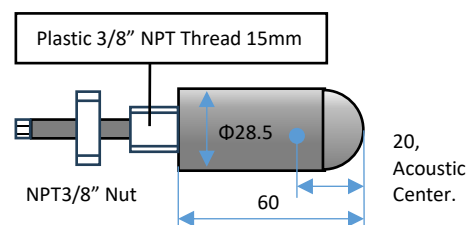
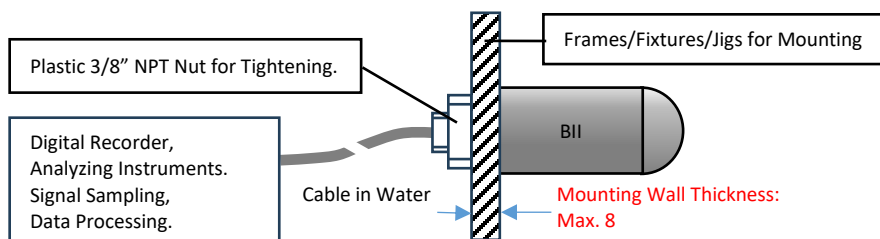
Physical Size (Dimensional Unit: mm): The overall length varies with the length of the built-in preamplifier and mounting parts.

1. Free Hanging (FH).

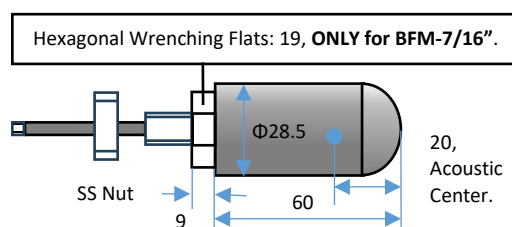
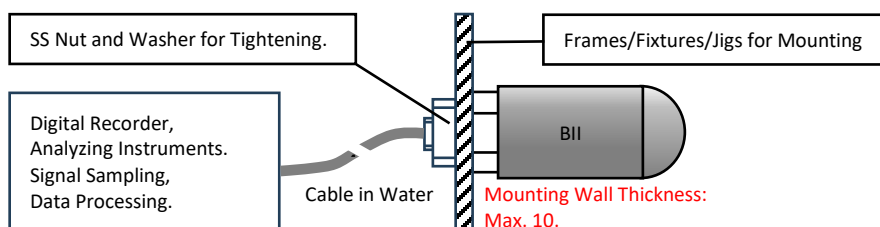


The hydrophone body has streamlined hemispherical domes which minimize the drag forces and the hydrodynamic noise caused by the hydrophone in motion or the flow past the hydrophone.

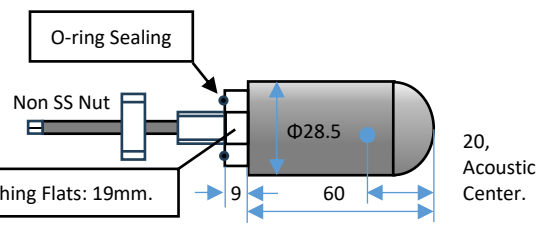
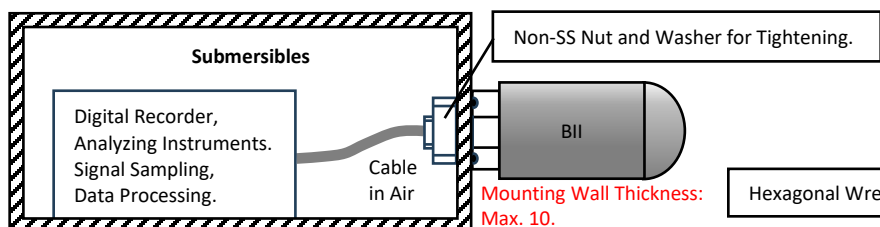
2. Bolt-Fastening Mounting BFMP-NPT3/8", 3/8" NPT Thread Length: 15mm. Nut Height: 5mm. Tips: Plastic material has less sound reflection.



3. Bolt-Fastening Mounting BFM-7/16" (7/16"-20x22 UNF-2A), and BFM-5/8" (5/8"-18x22 UNF-2A, BFM-5/8" does NOT possess Hexagonal Wrenching Flats.).

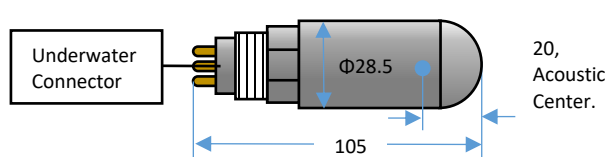
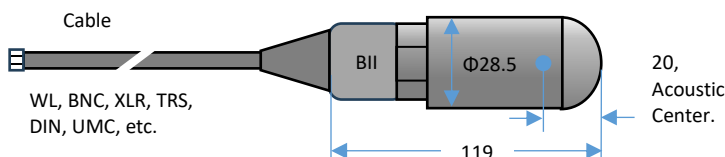


4. Thru-hole Mounting (Inch Thread) with Single O-ring Sealing THM-7/16" (7/16"-20x22 UNF-2A), and THM-5/8" (5/8"-18x22 UNF-2A, does NOT possess Hexagonal Wrenching Flats.).



5. Free-hanging with Underwater Connector FHUWC-4P, 4 Pins (Fixed Sensitivity); FHUWC-6P, 6 Pins (Programmable Sensitivity).

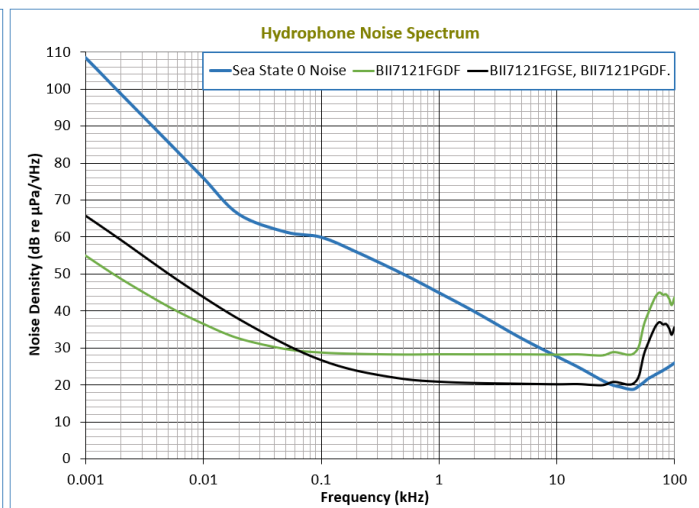
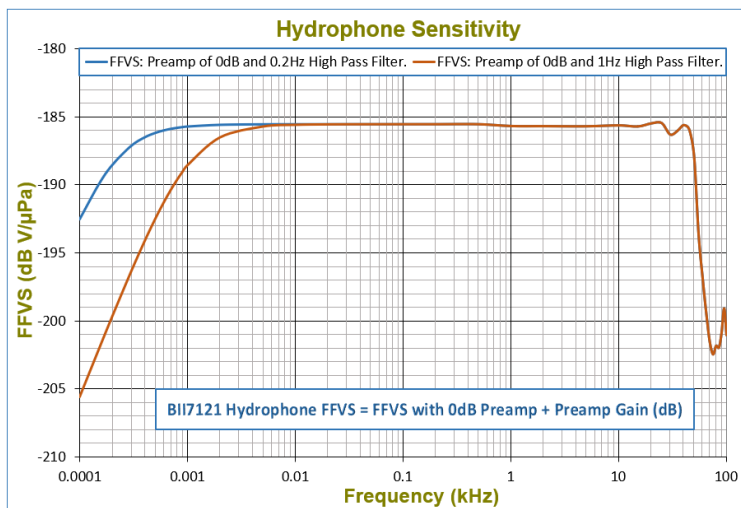
Mating Connector and Cable	UWC-Cable Length-Connector: Underwater Connector with Socket insert and Internal-Thread Mating Parts, customized-length shielded cable, a Connector (WL, XLR, TRS, DIN, MIL, UMC, etc.) to DAQ devices or Digital Recorders. How to order cable with mating underwater connector? for example: UMC4S-20m-WL: 20 m cable with Underwater Mateable Connector 4 Sockets (UMC4S) on one end and wire leads (WL) on other end. UMC4S-20m-XLR3/BS: 20 m cable with and Underwater Mateable Connector 4 Sockets (UMC4S) on one end and XLR Receptacle with 3 Male Pins (XLR3) and Two +9V Battery Snaps on other end.
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6. More Mounting/Installation Options: Please refer to online document [AcousticSystem.pdf](#) for a complete list of Mounting Options and details.

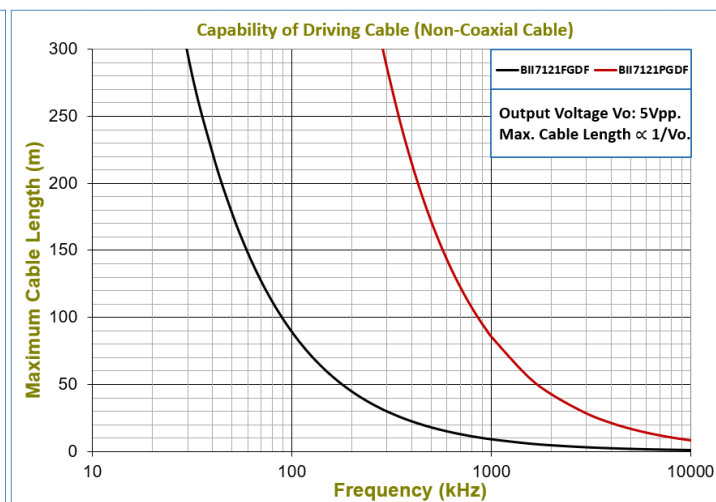
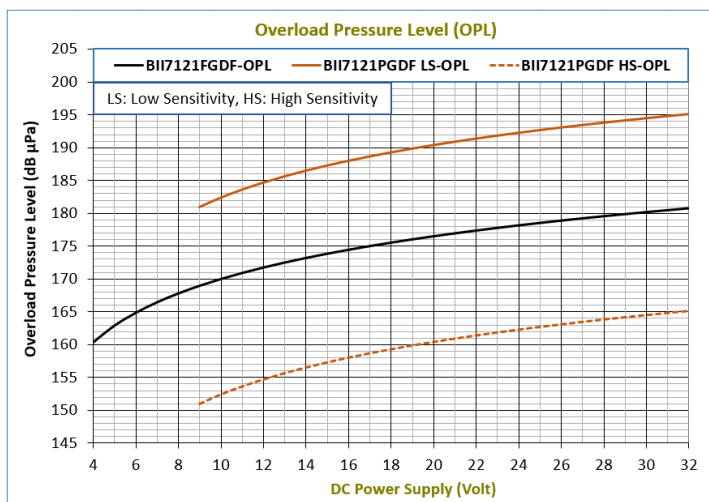
Free-field Voltage Sensitivity:

Noise Density (Referred to Input):

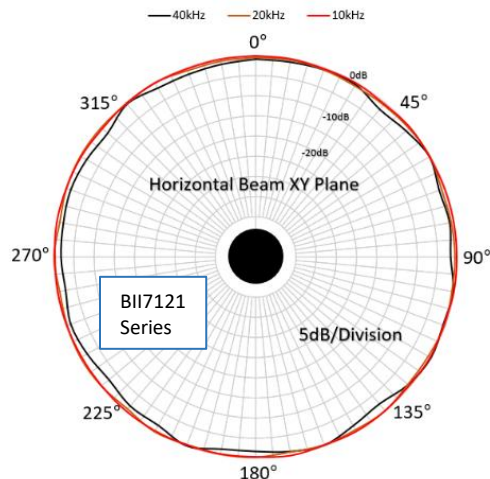
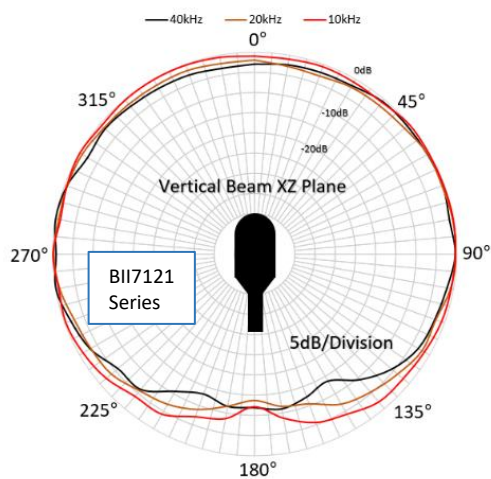


Overload Pressure Level (OPL), LS: Low Sensitivity, HS: High Sensitivity.

Hydrophone Cable Length



Directivity Pattern:



Question:

What if the mating connector of my DAQ module or recording device is NOT available from BII? A bespoke connector adaptor might be assembled by BII and BII ships the adaptor to buyer as accessory of the device. Please contact BII for customizations. Many adaptors for standard connectors are available in worldwide electronic suppliers such as BNC to SMA, BNC to SMC, XLR to TRS, etc. Check out your local suppliers.

Is impedance matching necessary between hydrophones/sensors and preamplifiers/Recorders/Analyzers? It is NOT necessary to do impedance matching in low frequency range applications in which electromagnetic wave lengths are much greater than the cable length. High frequency transducers such as NDT pulsing transducers need 50Ω impedance matching among transducers, cables, and analyzers/digitizers.

My acoustic sensors generate differential signals in MHz range, are TRS connectors suitable for my applications? BII's test shows TRS connectors (Plug and Jack) of BII preamps can be used up to 20 MHz. Test Conditions: TRS Jack with 0.2m cable and TRS plug with 1m cable. Oscilloscope: 1MΩ || 20pF, Signal Source: DDS Signal Generator.

Can 3.5mm (1/8") TRS be configured for single-ended signal of a hydrophone/transducer which does not have built-in preamplifier? Yes, the preamp with differential-input TRS can accept single-ended signals from hydrophones/transducers whose TRS wiring should be like followings: **TRS Tip:** Signal. **TRS Ring and Sleeve:** Both terminals are soldered together for Signal Common and Shielding. Common and shielding should be "one-point" contact.

Can BII explain why the capacitance of my hydrophone/transducer affect high pass filtering? (1). Hydrophone/transducer is high impedance devices in low frequency range. Its simplified complex impedance = $j/(2\pi f C_h)$, C_h is the capacitance of hydrophone/transducer, f is frequency in Hz. This impedance is in series with preamp R_i and can reach several MΩ to hundreds MΩ depending on C_h and f . (2). Most high-performance operational amplifiers (IC chips) can use input resistors R_i up to 1 to 200 MΩ to avoid bumping into saturation issue.

Can the hydrophone with differential outputs be wired to single-ended inputs of a DAQ device (Data Acquisition Equipment) such as an Oscilloscope?

Yes, output+ and Common of a BII hydrophone can be used a single-ended signal, or Output- and Common of the hydrophone can be used a single-ended signal.

(1) The terminal of unused output **MUST** be insulated to avoid short circuit.

(2) Neither output+ nor output- of the hydrophone can be wired to common which is going to destroy the hydrophone by short circuit.

How do I use a programmable sensitivity hydrophone as a fixed sensitivity hydrophone?

When a **Gain Selection wire** is short to **Digital Common**, its digital logic is Low or "0". Gain of the built-in preamp is set to low gain such as 10 dB.

When a **Gain Selection wire** is floating or open, its digital logic is High or "1". Gain of the built-in preamp is set to high gain such as 40 dB.

The unused terminals and bare splice wire leads MUST be insulated to avoid short circuit.

What if the connector of my analyzer (instrument) is SMA or SMC Connector? Buyer may order a SMA (or SMC) to BNC (Male) adaptor from local electronic distributors in buyer's country. BII may ship the adaptor as accessory of the device if buyer requests when ordering. **By default, BII does NOT supply the adaptor as accessories.**

How to increase hydrophone sensitivity for extremely weak sounds?

BII low noise hydrophone with built-in preamp (Differential Output) -> Long Cable -> Standalone Preamp -> Analyzing Instrument or Recorder.

What components are necessary to compensate the propagation and spreading loss?

A low noise hydrophone + **PGA** amplifier with gain of 0/20/40/60 dB.

A low noise hydrophone + **VGA** amplifier with gain of 0 ~ 70 dB.

A low noise hydrophone + **AGC** amplifier with gain of -20 ~ 80dB.

How do I use Gain Selection wires of a Programmable Sensitivity Hydrophone in field?

(1). **Manual Gain Selection.**

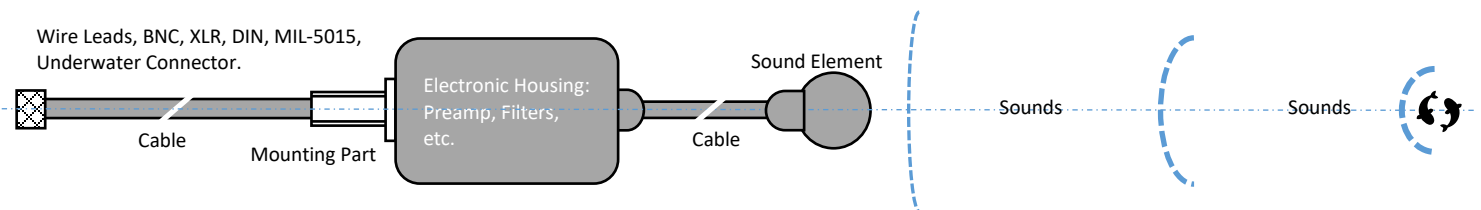
When a **Gain Selection wire** is floating or open, its digital logic is High or "1". When a **Gain Selection wire** is short to **Digital Common**, its digital logic is Low or "0".

Sensitivity of a Hydrophone is fixed when its Gain Selection wires are fixed to **Digital Common** or open (floating) during operation.

(2). **Gain Selection with Digital Outputs.** Digital Outputs of a DAQ (data acquisition device) select gains with TTL/CMOS logic levels.

Bespoke Hydrophone Structure: Sound Element is separated from Electronic Housing with cable of bespoke length.

In standard (default) configuration, a signal conditioning device (preamps, filters, etc.) and a sound element are integrated in one housing. But in some special applications such as size limits, it is better to separate sound element and signal conditioning device. BII supports these bespoke orders.



Bespoke Part Number: BII70xx-Cable Length between Sound Element to Electronic Housing-Electronics-Mounting Part-Cable Length-Connector. For Example:

BII7xxxFGDF-0.15mCable-BII1018(40dB Gain, 100Hz High Pass Filter.)-BFM-7/16"-20m-SC-XLR/BS: BII7xxxFGDF Hydrophone, Cable from Sound Element to Electronic Housing: 0.15m, built-in Pream BII1018 with 40dB Gain and 100Hz High Pass Filter, Mouning Part: BFM-7/16", 20m Shielded Cable, XLR3 for Signal, Battery Snap for DC Power Supply.