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SPEECH PERCEPTION AND PRODUCTION

Chapter 3

QUESTIONS

- What is a theory? What is a hypothesis? What is a model?
- What are differences between the experimental condition and the control condition?
- What is priming? What's eye-tracking?
- Is human language a result of natural selection?

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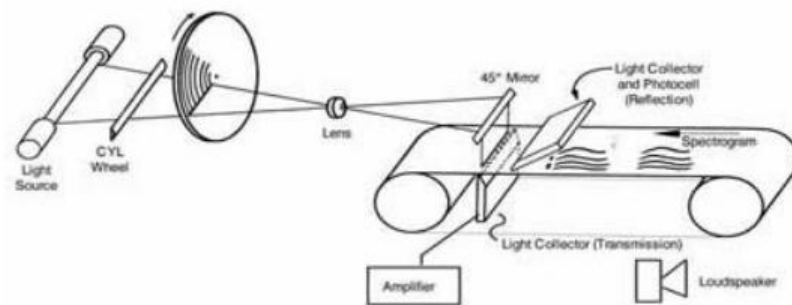
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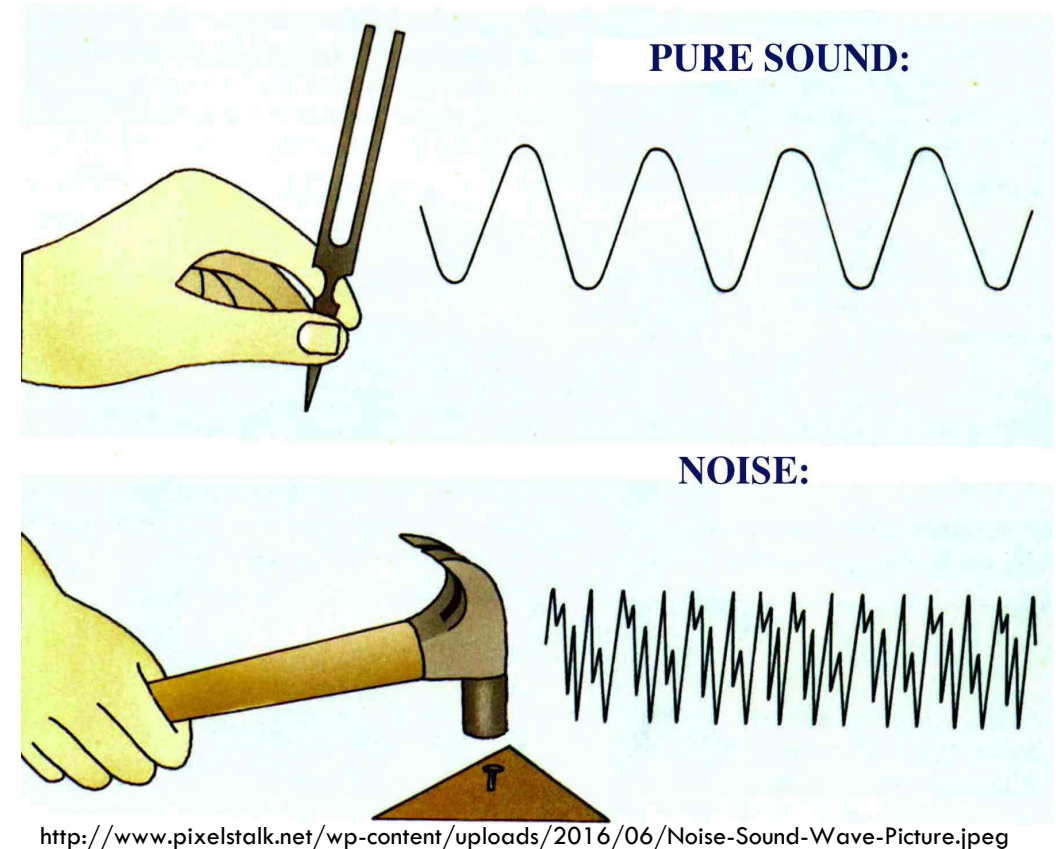
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A schematic rendering of the Pattern Playback machine, which converts pictures of the acoustic patterns of speech back into sound.

CHAPTER 3

1. Auditory perception
2. The speech stream
3. Development of speech perception
4. Theories of speech perception



SOUND PROPERTIES

Frequency (Hz)

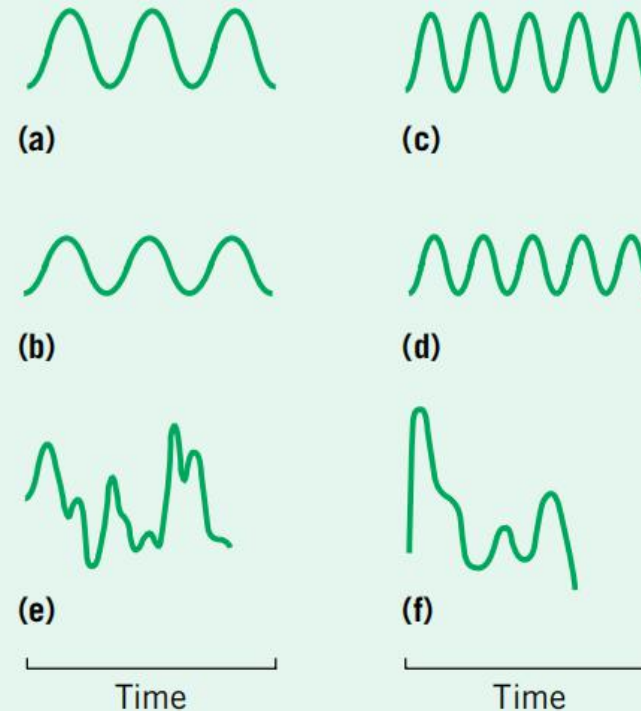
Number of wavelengths that pass by a given point in a given amount of time. (Pitch)

Amtplitude (Hz)

Amount of change that a wave undergoes during one cycle. (Loudness)

Figure 3.1 Examples of Sound Waves (G9.3)

Waveforms (a) and (b) have the same frequency but different amplitudes, as do waveforms (c) and (d). Waveforms (a) and (c) have the same amplitudes but different frequencies, as do waveforms (b) and (d). Waveform (e) is aperiodic noise, while waveform (f) is one cycle of a periodic musical note played on a clarinet.



SOUND PROPERTIES

Fundamental frequency:

Lowest frequency produced by a vibrating object.

Overtone

Frequencies higher than the fundamental that are also produced by a vibrating object.

Fundamental mode
First harmonic



First overtone
Second harmonic



Second overtone
Third harmonic



Third overtone
Fourth harmonic



Fig. 1

SOUND PROPERTIES

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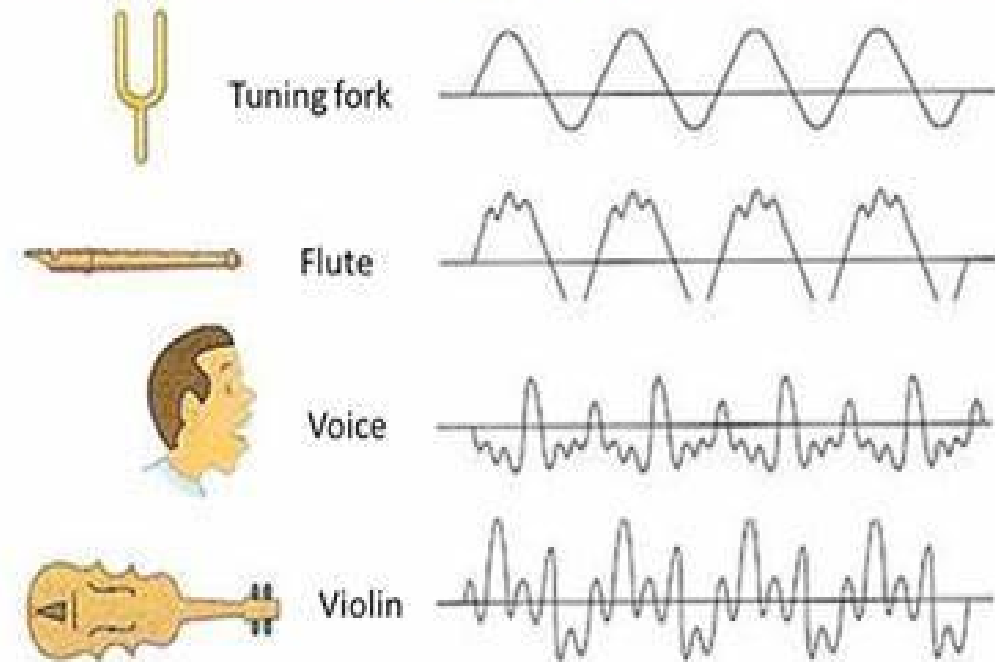
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Overtone

Frequencies higher than the fundamental that are also produced by a vibrating object.

= sound wave complexity (timbre, 音色)

TIMBRE



SOUND PROPERTIES

Aperiodic sound

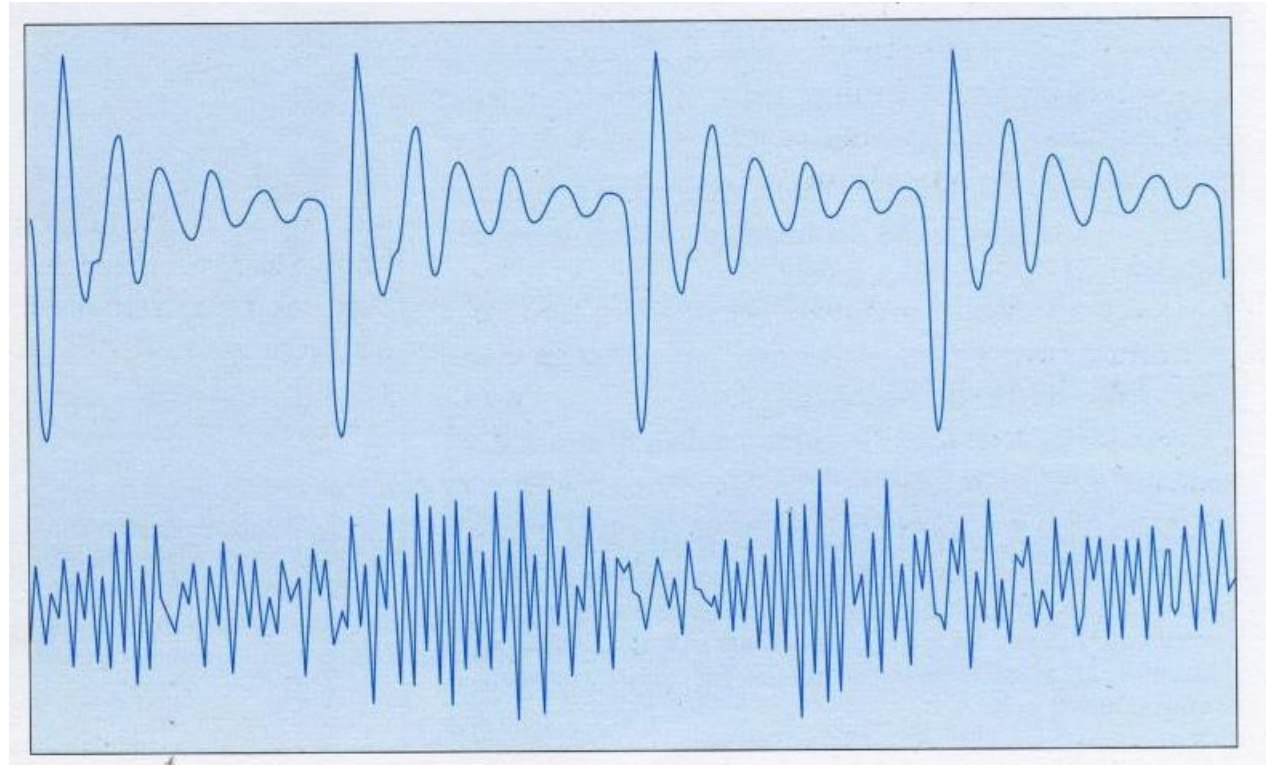
A sound with no regular repeating pattern.

(Consonants,sh,p)

Periodic sound

A sound with regular repeating pattern.

(Vowels,singing)



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FROM SOUND TO THOUGHT

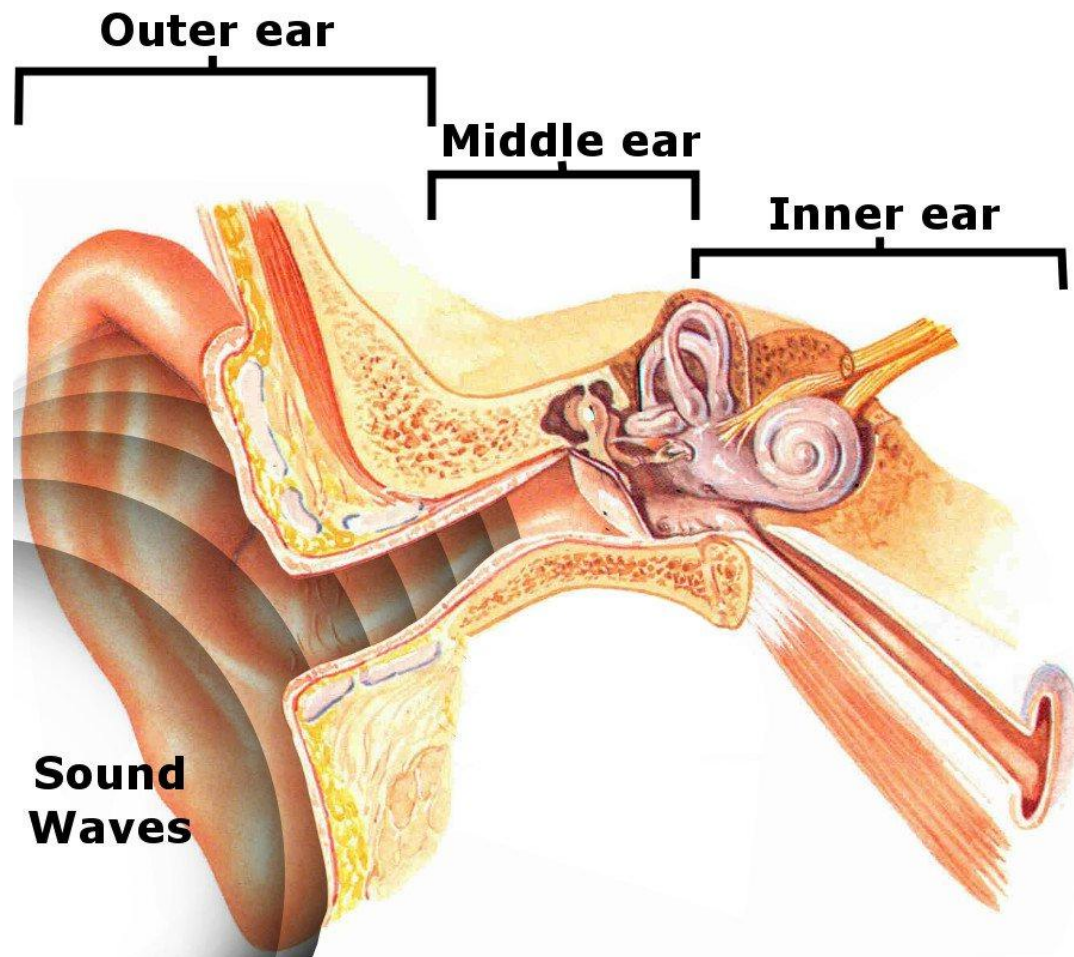


Figure 3.2 The Outer, Middle, and Inner Ear

The outer ear collects sound, the middle ear amplifies it, and the inner ear (cochlea) converts the sound waves into neural impulses that are sent to the brain via the auditory nerve.

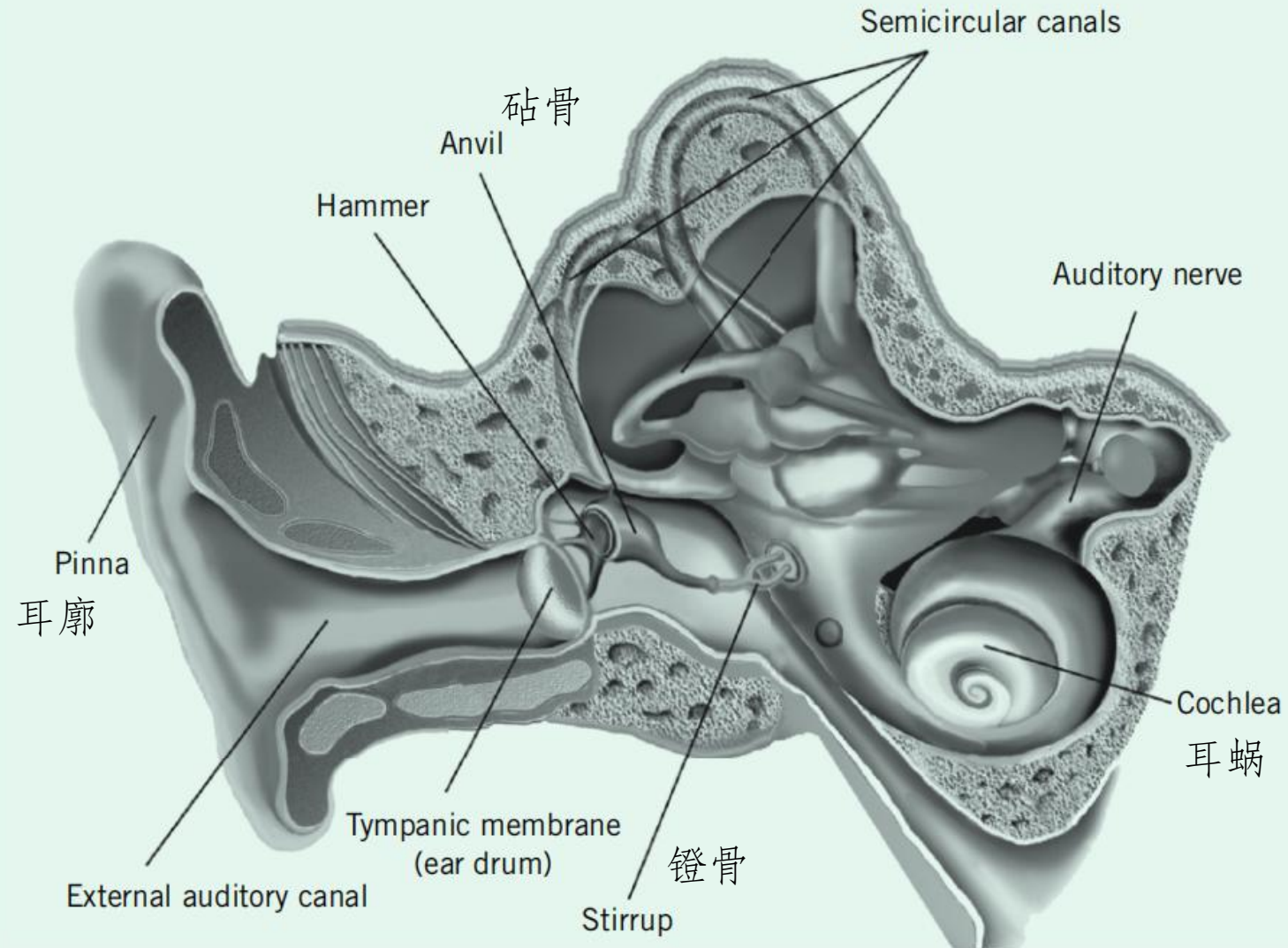
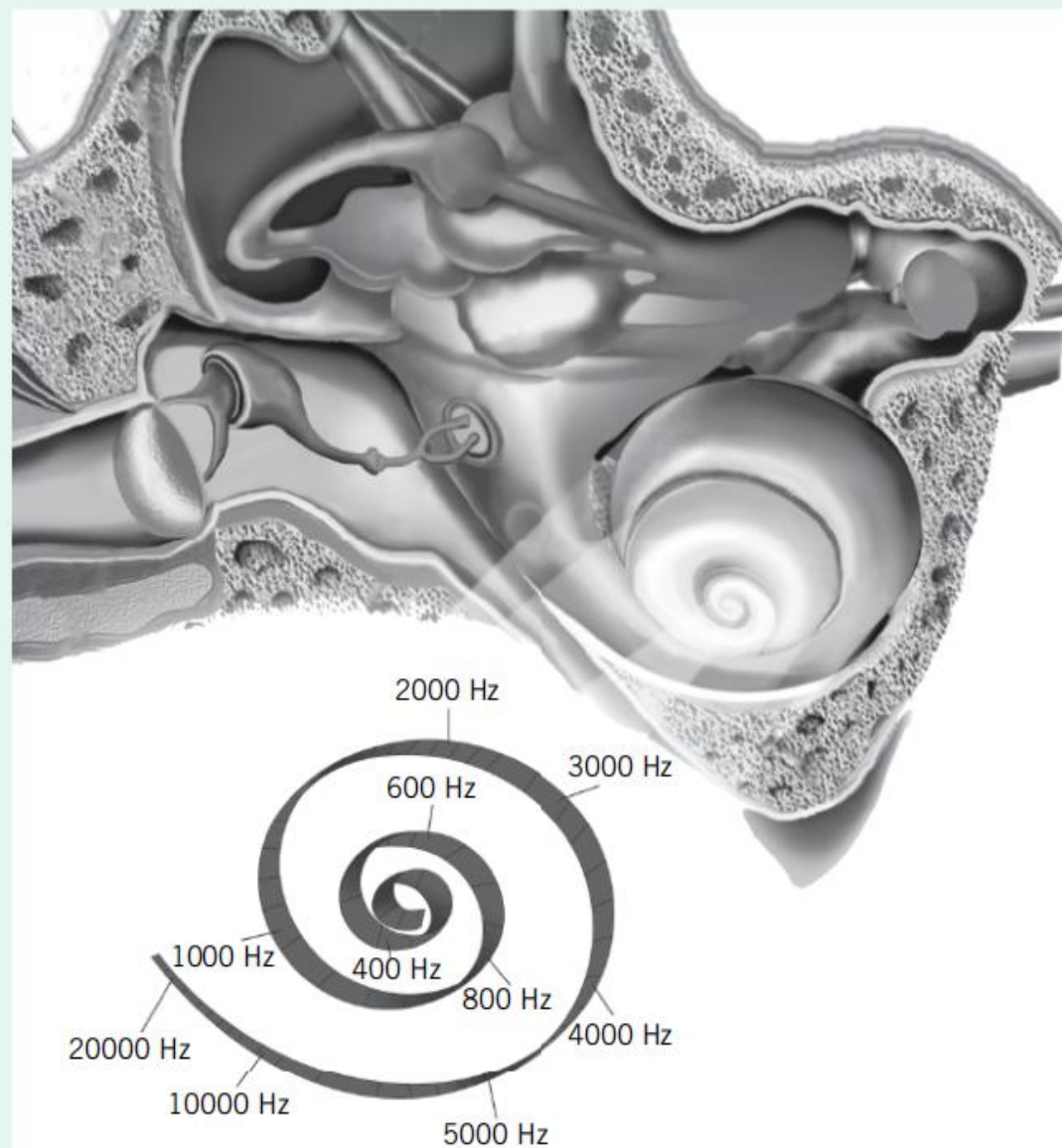
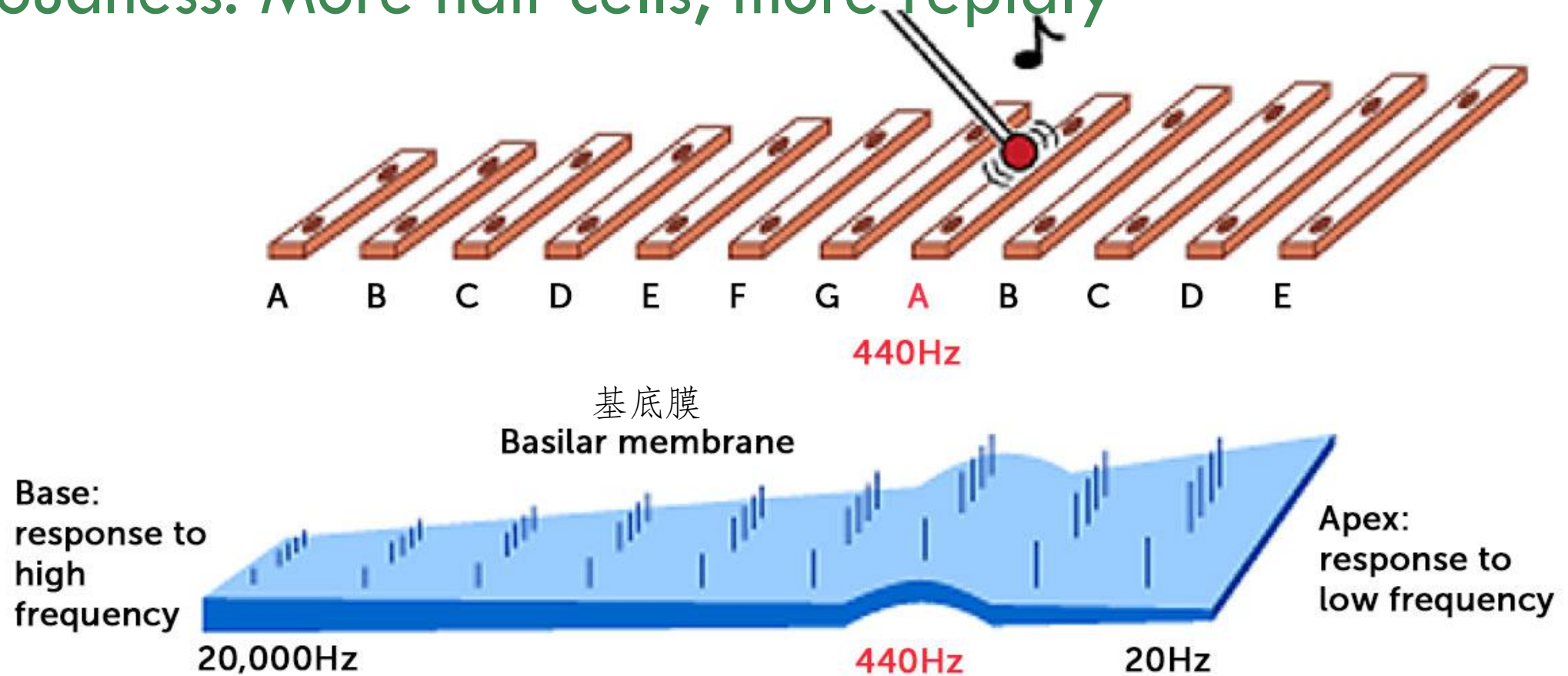


Figure 3.3 Tonotopic Organization of the Basilar Membrane

Hair cells along the basilar membrane are organized according to the frequency they are sensitive to, with the highest frequency positioned at the opening of the cochlea.

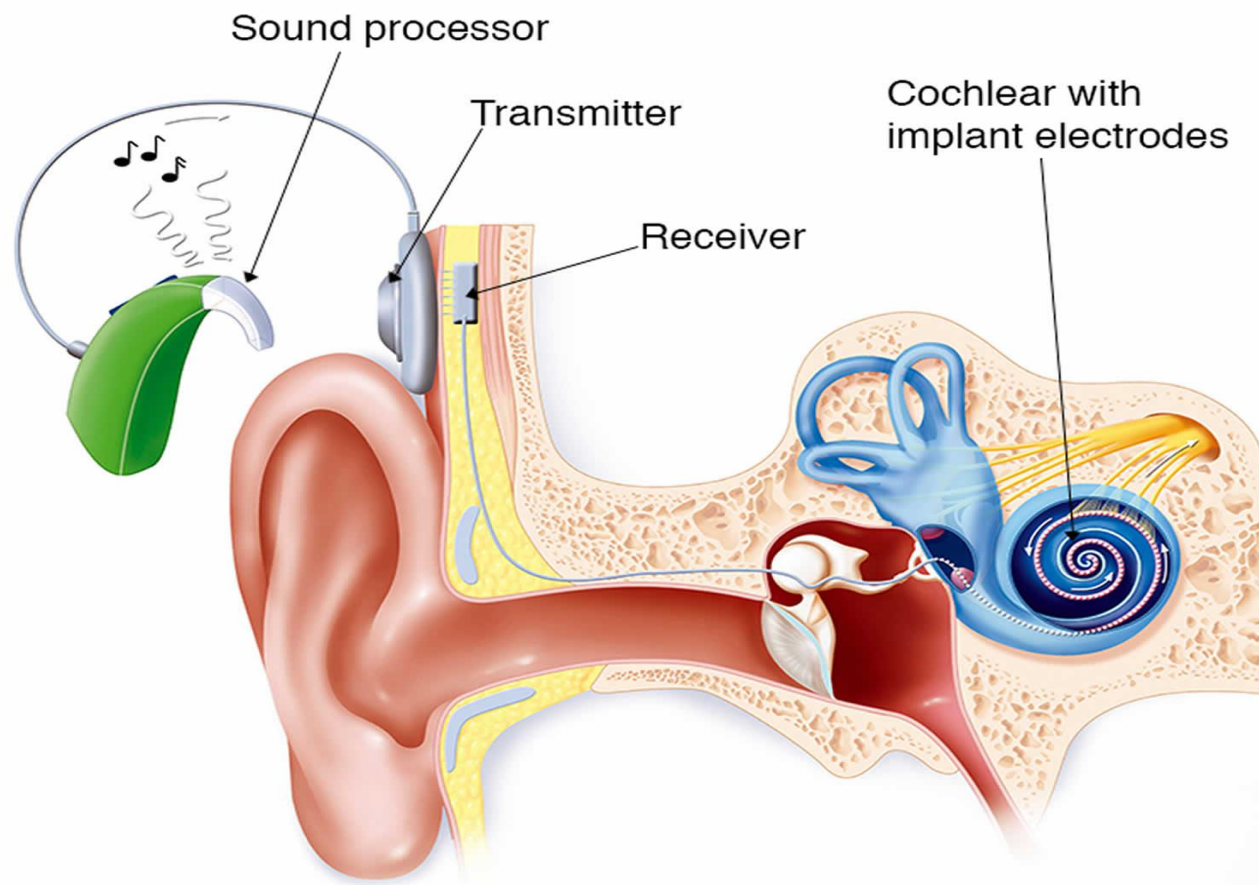


Loudness: More hair cells; more rapidly

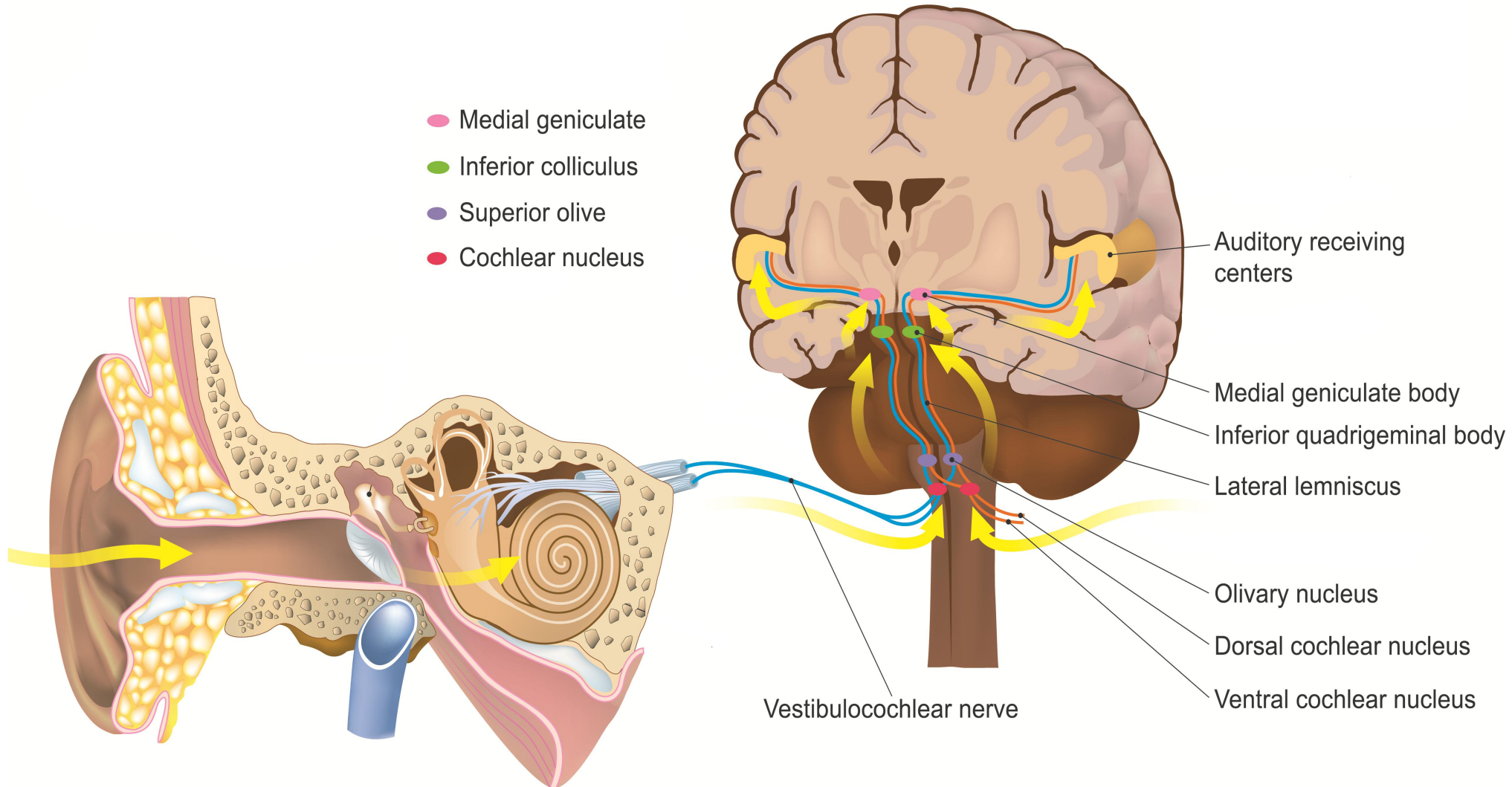


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COCHLEA IMPLANT



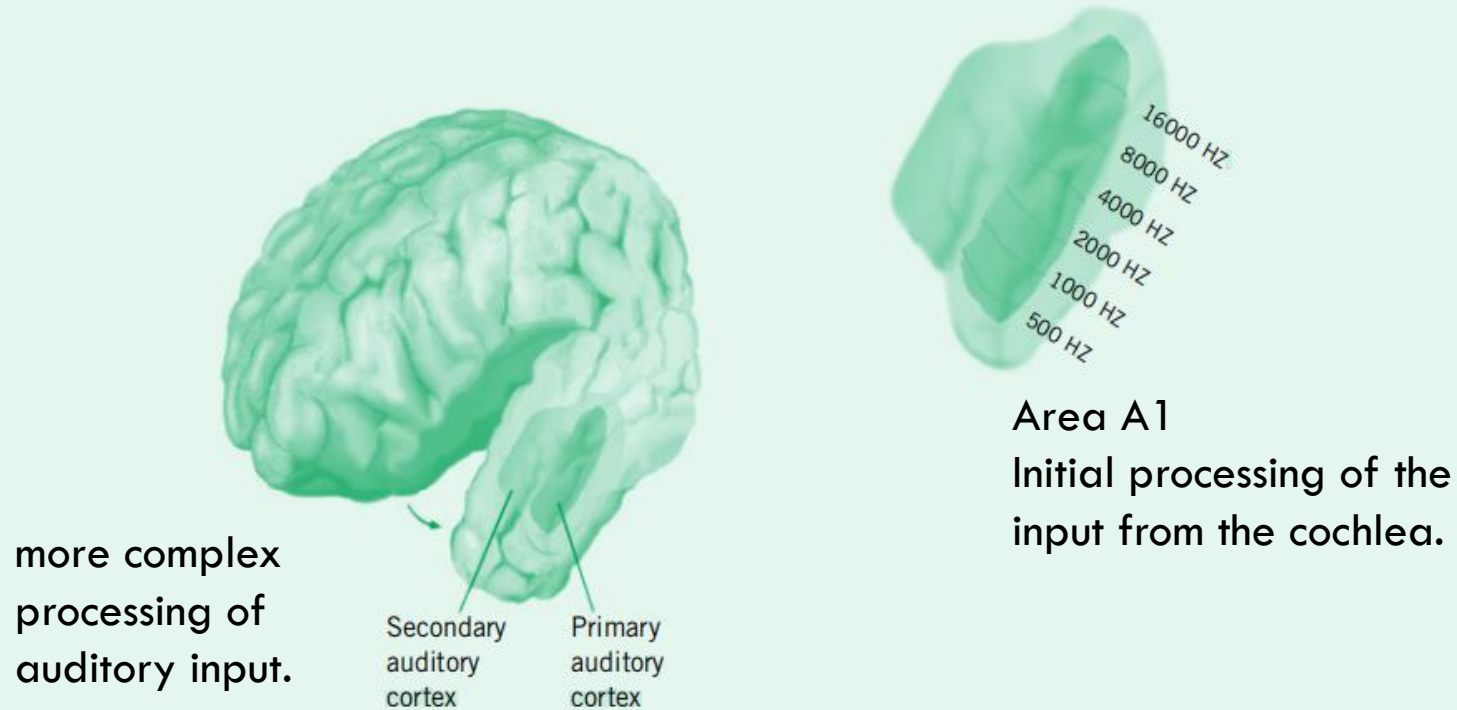
AUDITORY PERCEPTION IN THE BRAIN

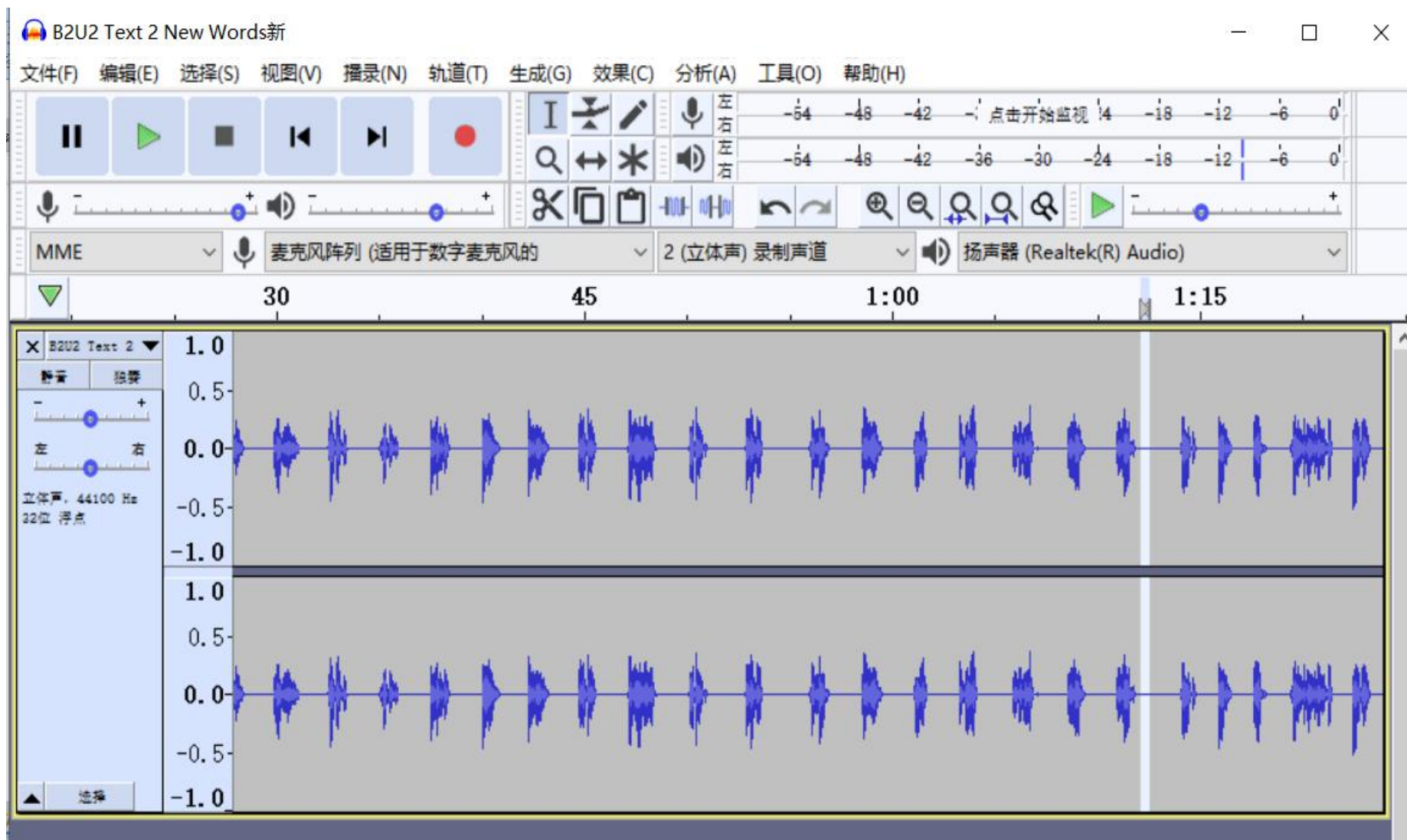


AUDITORY PERCEPTION IN THE BRAIN

Figure 3.4 Tonotopic Organization of the Auditory Cortex

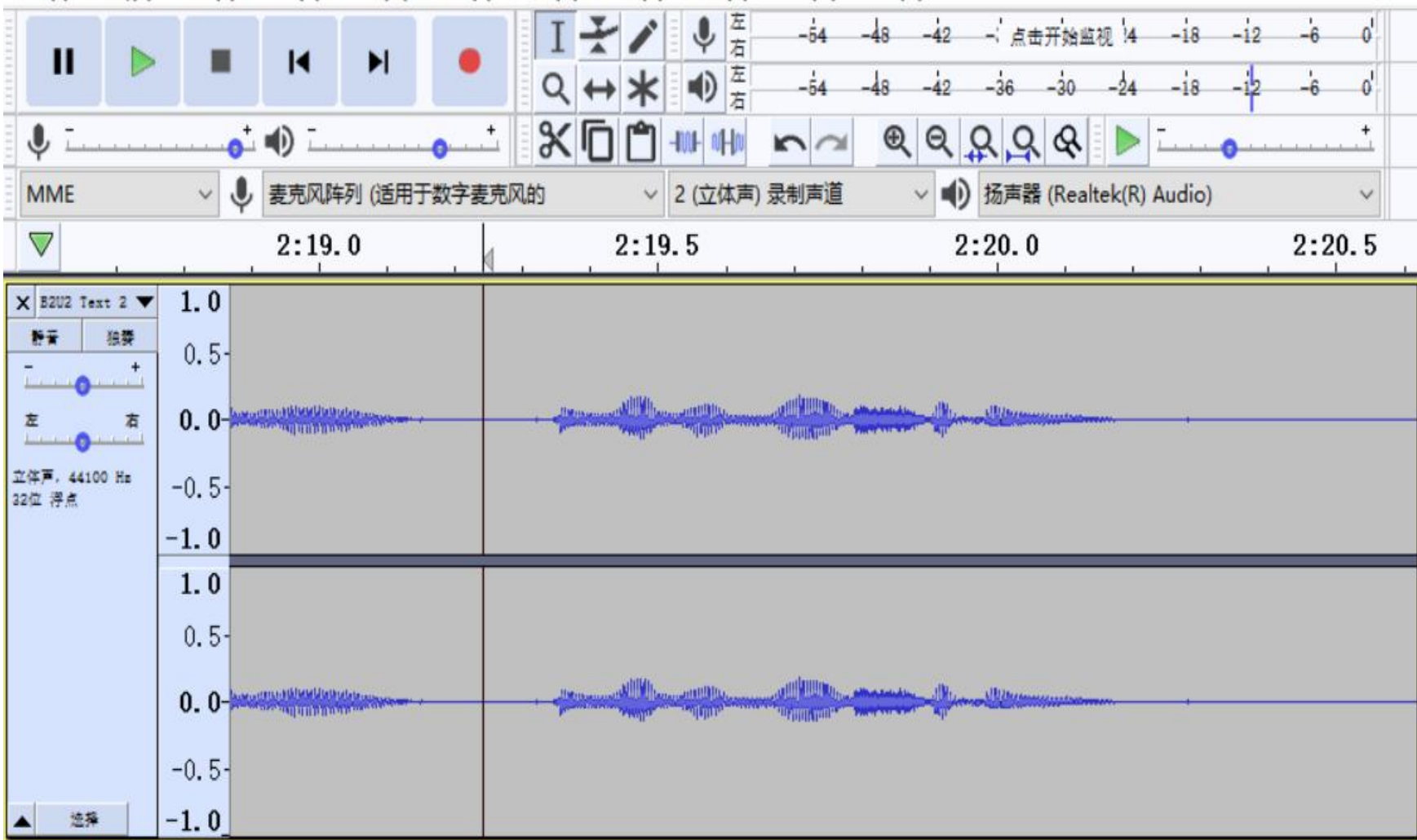
The auditory cortex is tucked deep inside the lateral fissure on the surface that is still considered to be part of the temporal lobe. The primary auditory cortex is arranged in tonotopic fashion, just like the basilar membrane.





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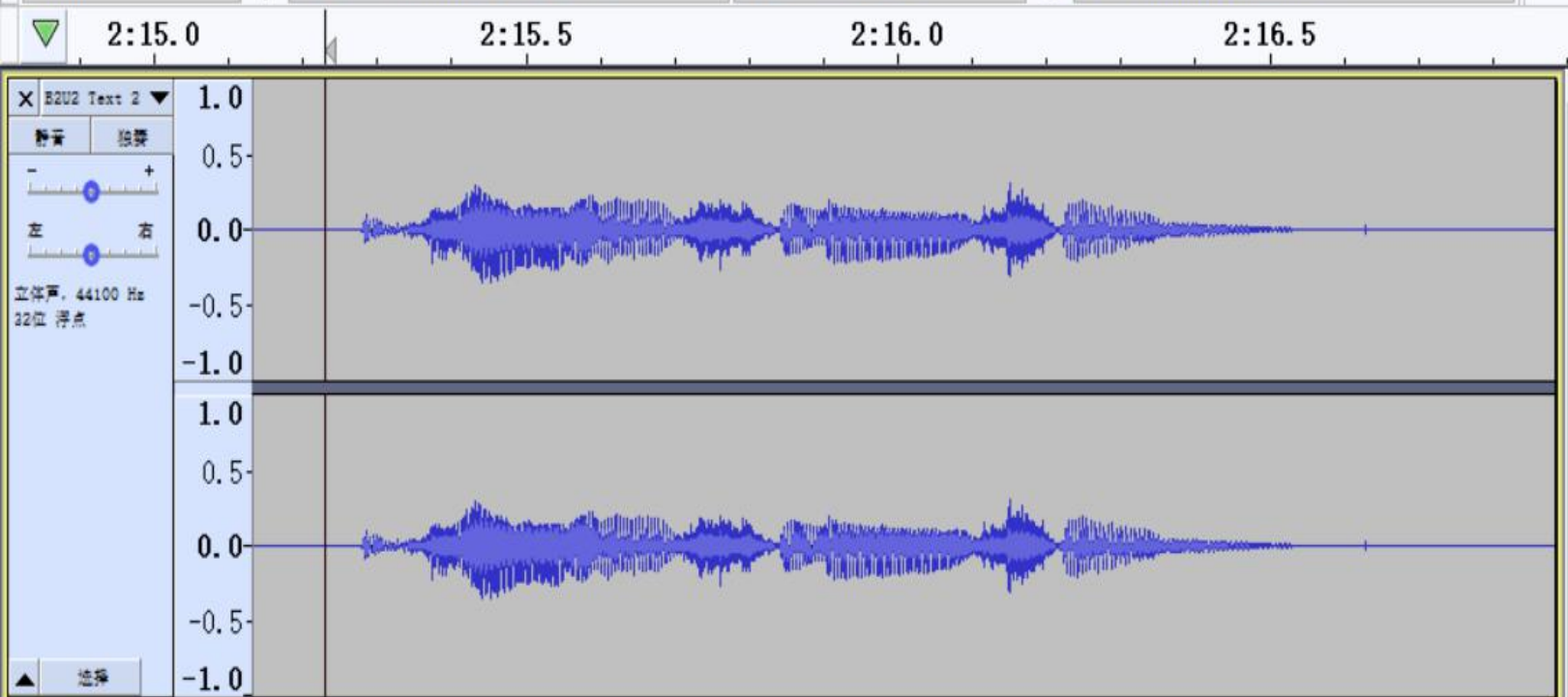
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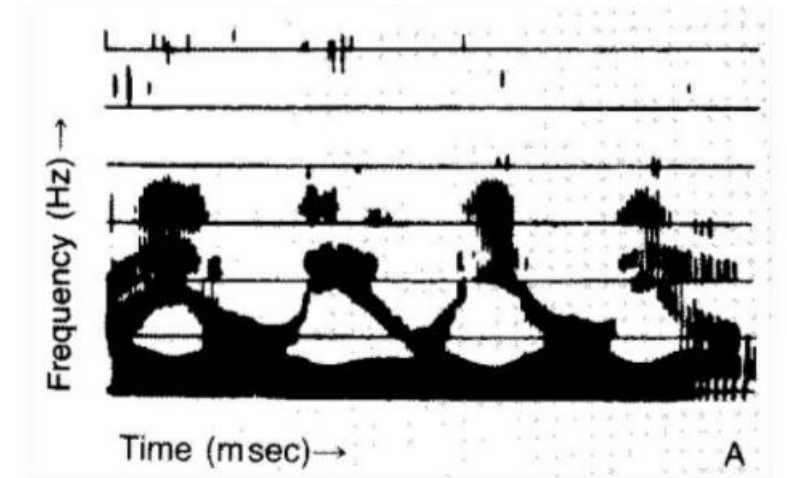
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Audio recording controls and settings. The top section contains playback buttons (stop, play, record, previous, next) and a volume slider. Below this is a toolbar with icons for zooming, panning, and other editing functions. The bottom section shows the audio input/output configuration: MME, 麦克风阵列 (适用于数字麦克风的), 2 (立体声) 录制声道, and 扬声器 (Realtek(R) Audio).



THE SPEECH STREAM

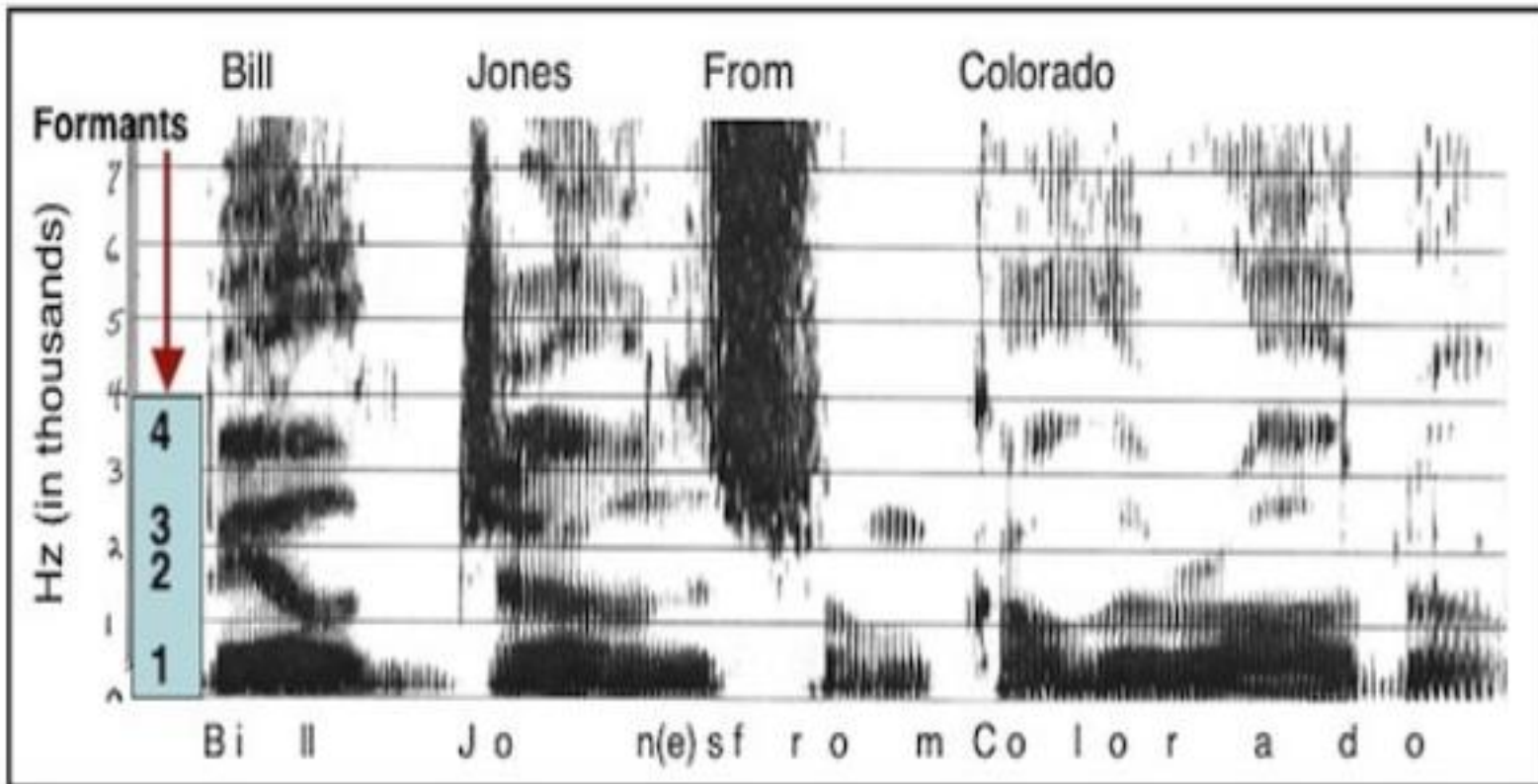
- **Speech stream**: a continuous flow of ever-changing frequencies and amplitudes
- **Speech perception system**: Infer intended phonemes and word boundaries on the basis of multiple cues within the speech stream.



I owe you a Yo-Yo.

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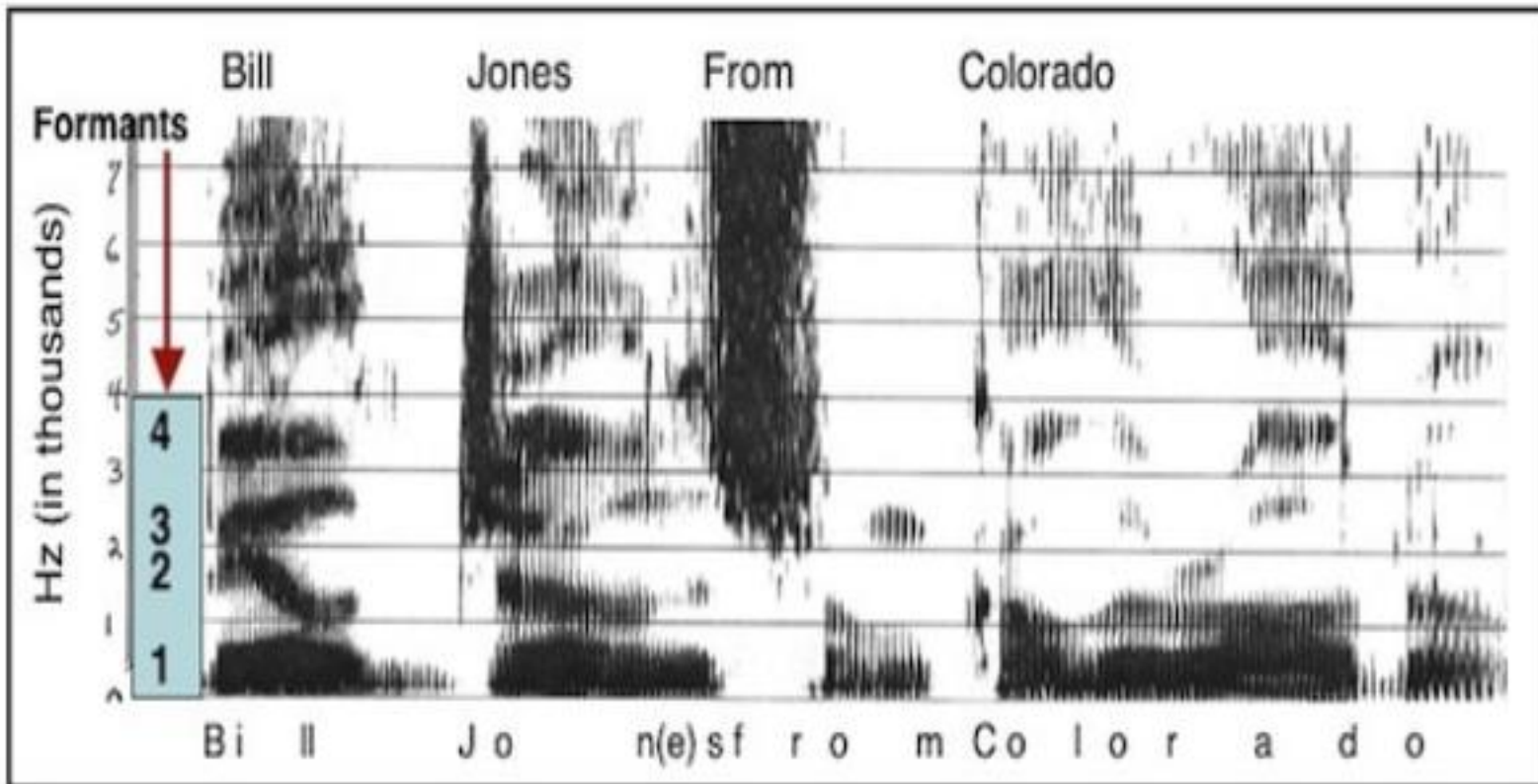
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Spectrogram (语谱图):
A chart displaying the pattern of frequencies in the speech stream and how those patterns change over time.

THE SPEECH STREAM



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Fundamental frequency:

Male: 75-150 Hz

Female: 150-300 Hz

Prosody (韵律):

Fluctuations of the fundamental frequency during an utterance.

(Variation in pitch)

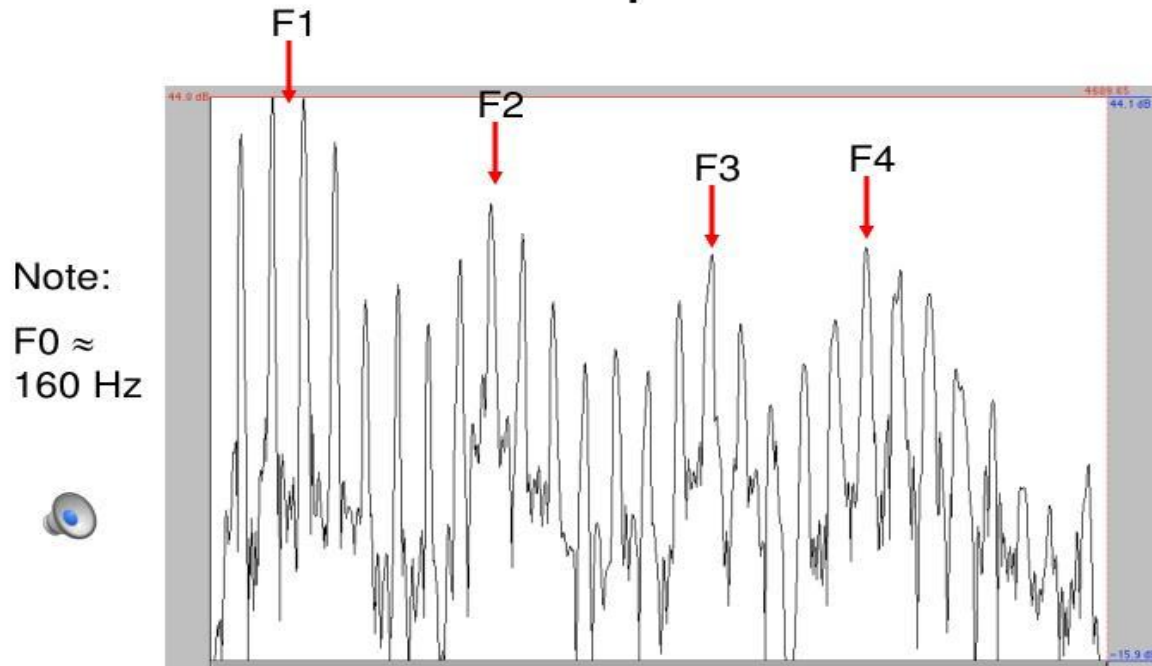
Intonation (语调);

Rhythm (节奏);

Stress (中银)

THE SPEECH STREAM

A Vowel Spectrum



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Fundamental frequency:

Male: 75-150 Hz

Female: 150-300 Hz

Formant (共振峰):

Bands of high-amplitude sound at certain frequencies above the fundamental frequency.

THE SPEECH STREAM

Periodic speech stream:

Vowels;

Sonorant (响音) : a speech sound that usually serves as a consonant but sometimes as a vowel, like, r, n, l, and m (little).

Aperiodic speech stream:

Fricative(摩擦音): A consonant that is produced by constricting the airstream to create friction (s, sh, f).

Plosive (爆破音): A consonant that is produced by momentarily blocking and then releasing the airstream (b, p, d, t, g, k).

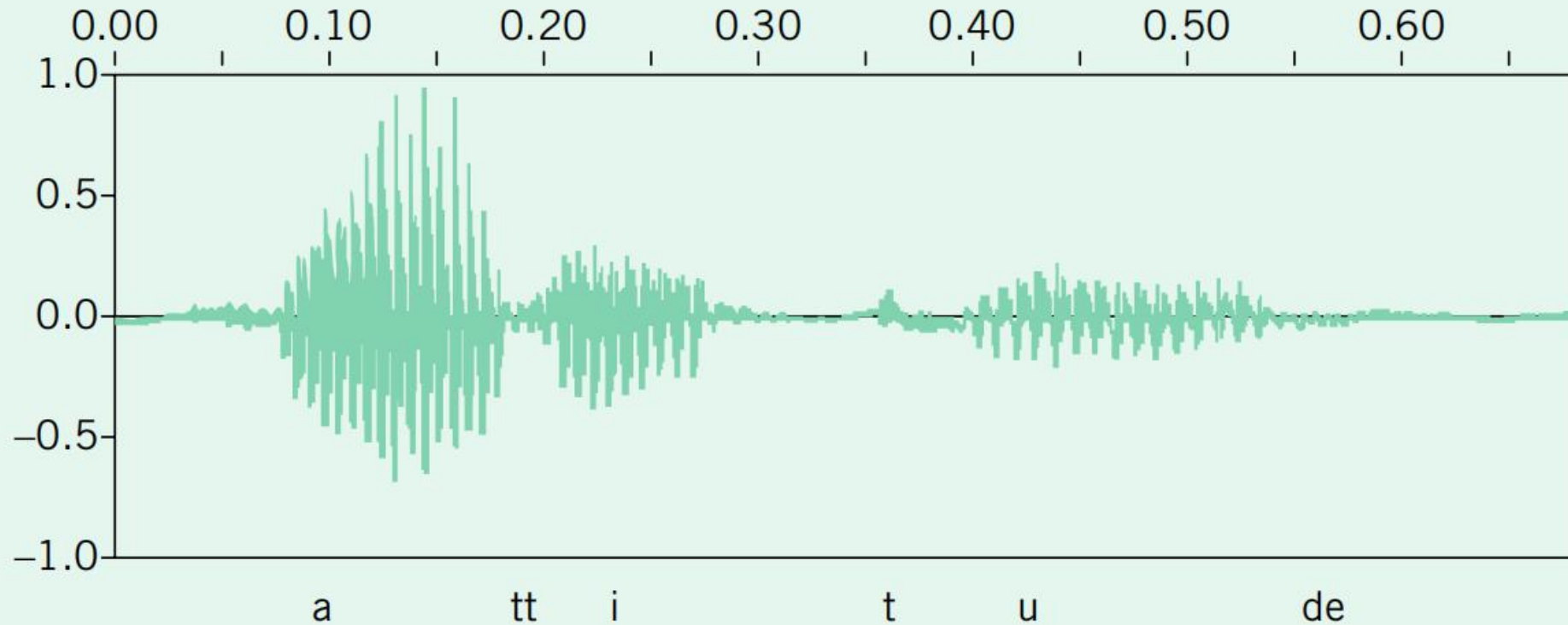
THE SPEECH STREAM

Table 3.1 Major Categories of Speech Sounds

| | | |
|-----------|------------|--|
| Periodic | Vowels | <i>I owe you a yo-yo.</i> |
| | Sonorants | <i>bottom, button, bottle, butter</i> |
| Aperiodic | Fricatives | <i>show, Joe, sue, zoo, few, view</i> |
| | Plosives | <i>pot, tot, cot, bought, dot, got</i> |

Figure 3.5 Spectrogram of the Word *Attitude*

The high-energy segments are vowels, and the “silent” segments are consonants, which are only identified by the effects they have on the preceding and following vowels.



Formant transition (共振峰迁移) :

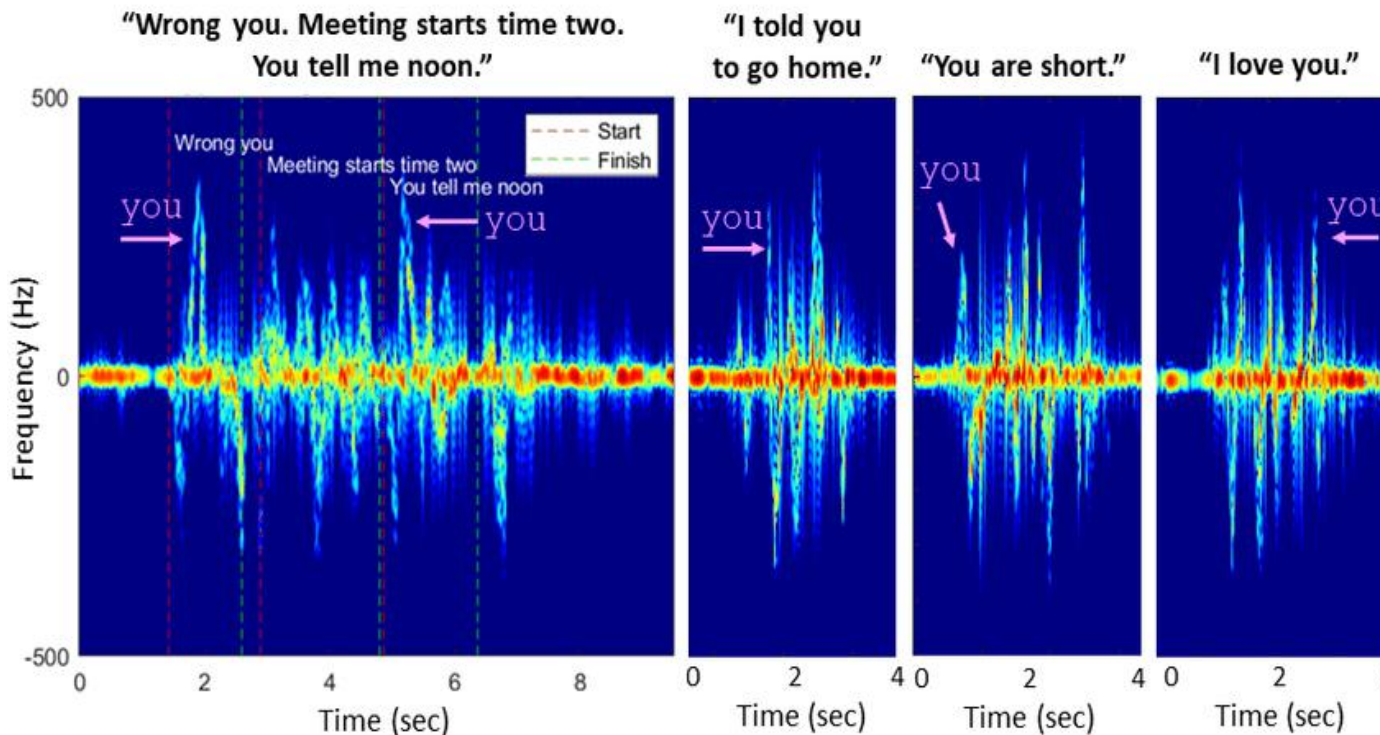
A modification of a formant due to a preceding or following consonant.

THE SOUND OF SILENCE



Coarticulation (协同发音):

The process of overlapping phonemes in the speech stream.



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Aspiration (送气):

The puff of air accompanying the release of some plosives.

bah vs. pah

Phonation: bah

Aspiration: pah

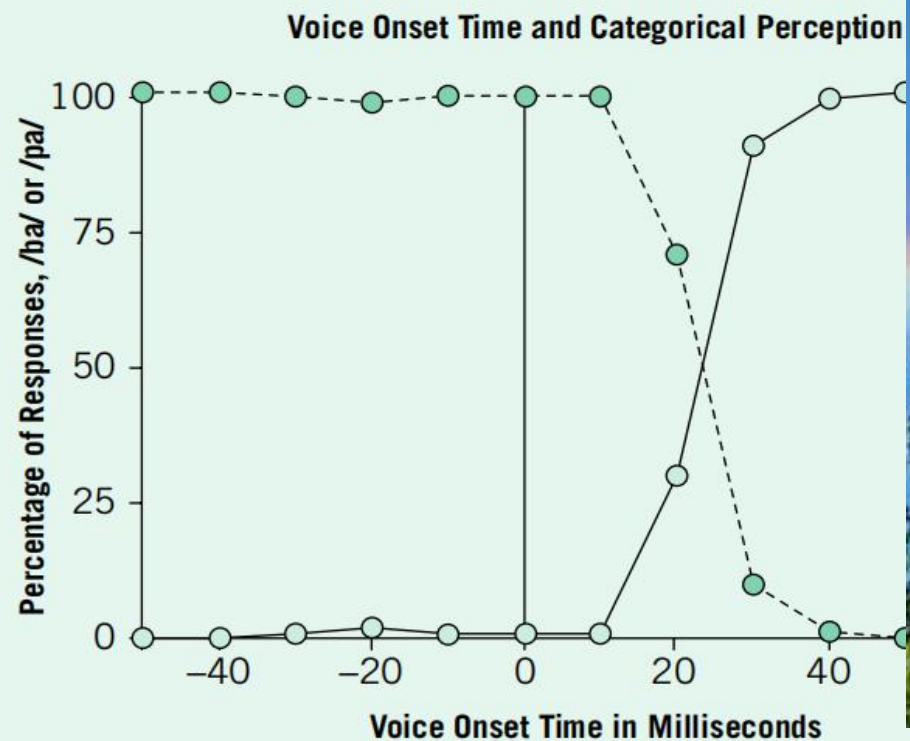
VOT (voice onset time): the difference in time between the release of a plosive consonant and the beginning of vocal fold vibration.

Categorical Perception:

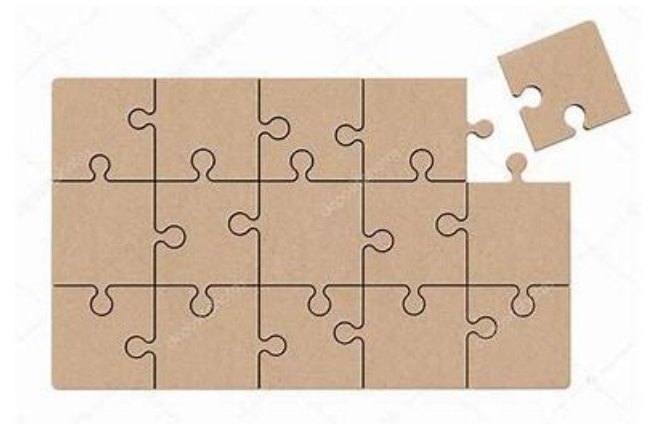
The process of experiencing continuous changing stimuli as belonging to two or more discrete sets.

Figure 3.6 Voice Onset Time

When synthetic speech is used to create a continuum of voice onset times ranging from 0 to 50 milliseconds, native speakers of English do not perceive a series of syllables from *pa* to *ba*. Instead, they perceive a series of *pa* syllables followed by a series of *ba* syllables.



PHONEMIC RESTORATION



The process of filling in missing segments of the speech stream with contextually appropriate material.

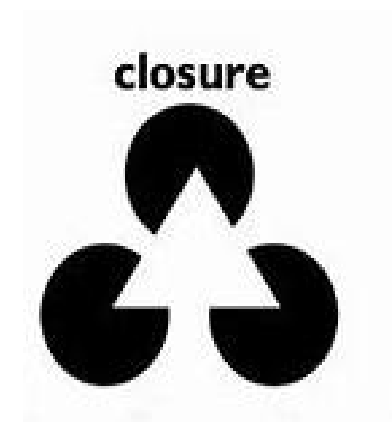
Warren, 1970

The state governnors met with their respective legi*latures convening in the capital city.

Warren & Warren, 1970

It was found that the *eel was on the axle.

It was found that the *eel was on the shoe.



READ MY LIPS

McGurk Effect (McGurk & MacDonald, 1976):

A perceptual phenomenon that demonstrates an interaction between hearing and vision in speech perception.

OPERATIONS IN SPEECH PERCEPTION

1. Analog acoustic patterns must be converted to digital codes at multiple levels of language-specific structure (phoneme, syllables, and words).
2. The categorization of speech signals should be sensitive to fine-grained cues and also flexible to accommodate the tremendous acoustic variability that exists across talkers.
3. The boundaries between words must be identified.
4. All the operations must be executed with breathtaking speed. (1--15 phonemes per second in casual speech)
5. Speech input must be routed to the grammatical and semantic systems and the motor system.

SPEECH PRODUCTION

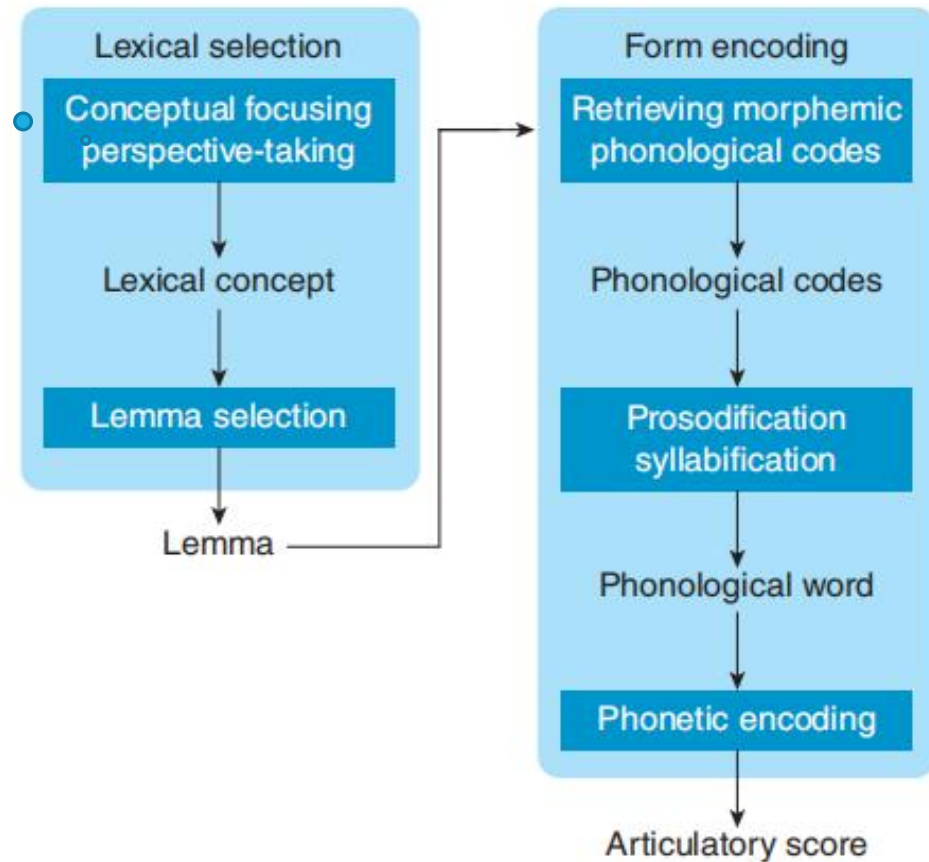
- English speakers generate about two to three words per second.
- Average literate adults have a mental lexicon of 50,000-100,000 entries.
- Articulation involving 80 muscles.
- Few errors: once or twice every 1,000 words. Dimensions of vowel



THE LEMMA MODEL OF LEXICAL SELECTION AND FORM ENCODING



What to
say



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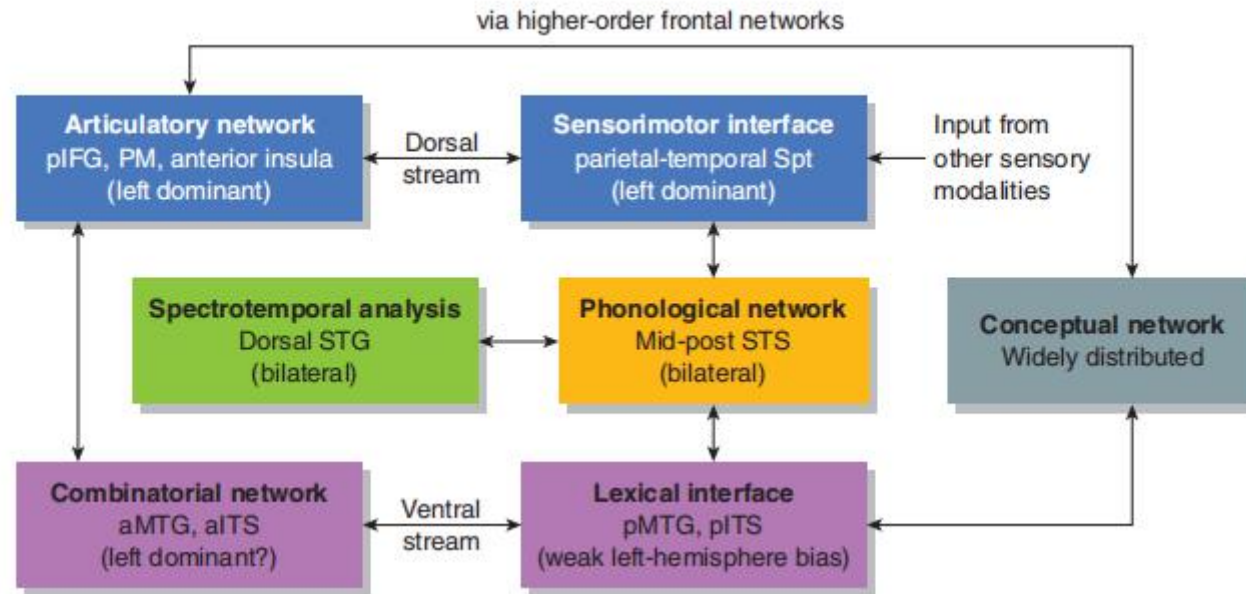
Figure 6.1 Serial two-system architecture of the Lemma Model: Two stages of lexical selection followed by three stages of form encoding. (From Levelt, 2001, p. 13465.) Copyright (2001) National Academy of Sciences, U.S.A.

DUAL STREAM MODEL (GREGORY KICKOK & DAVID POEPPPEL)

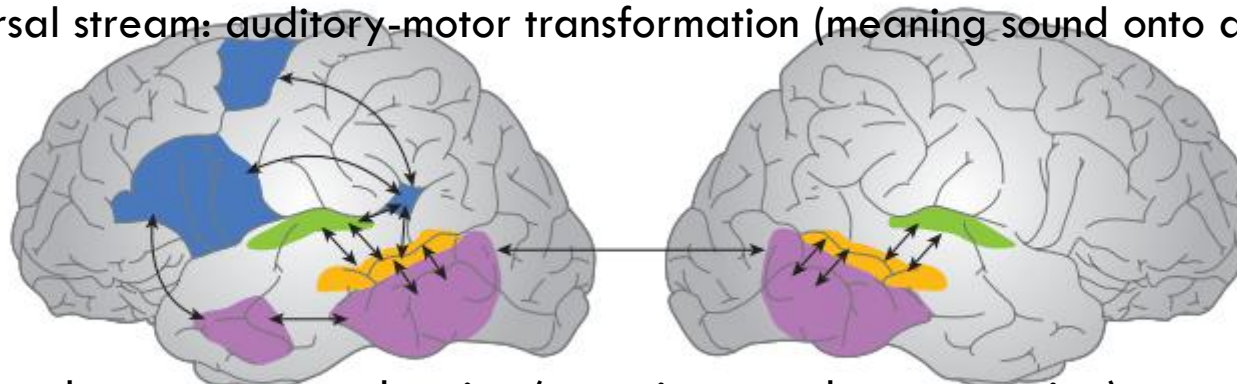
Spectrotemporal analysis:

The computation of which sound frequencies are modulated at which rates.

cat:/k/,/æ/,/t/
pat:/p/,/æ/,/t/



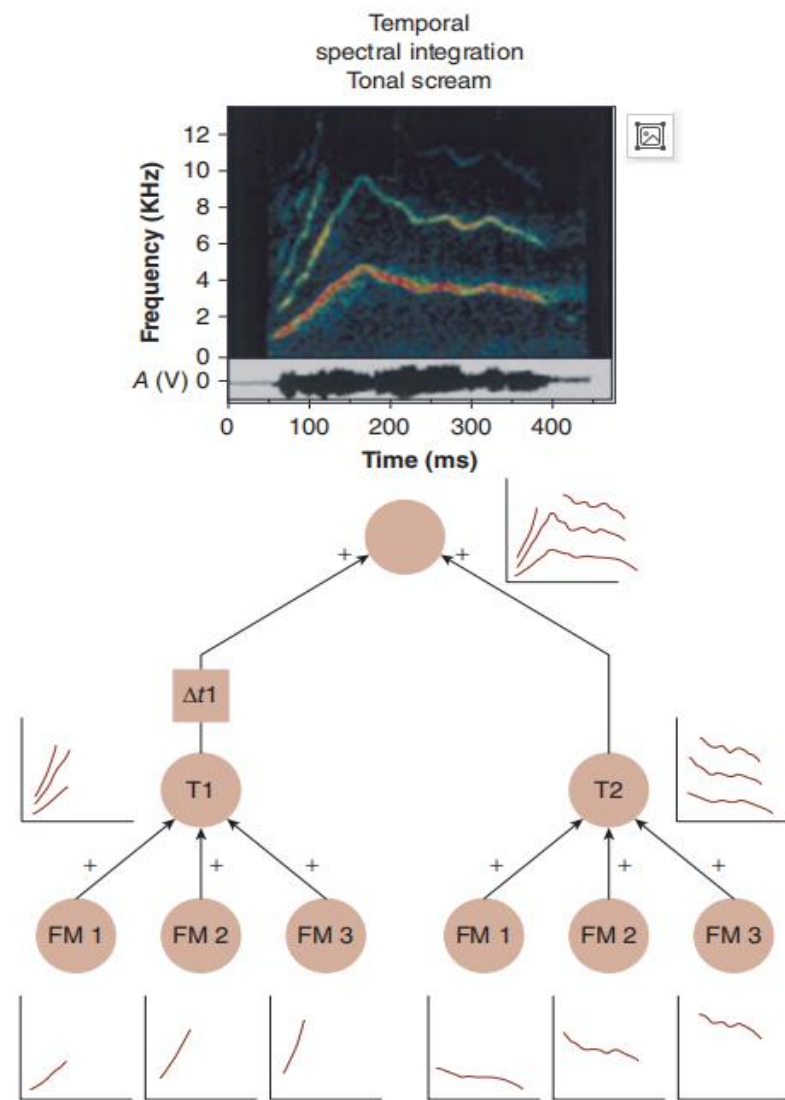
Dorsal stream: auditory-motor transformation (meaning sound onto action)



Ventral stream: comprehension (mapping sound onto meaning)

Figure 5.1 The Dual Stream Model of speech perception. (From Hickok & Poeppel, 2007, p. 395.)

HIERARCHICAL ORGANIZATION FOR SPEECH PERCEPTION



BOTH HEMISPHERES CONTRIBUTE TO SPEECH PERCEPTION

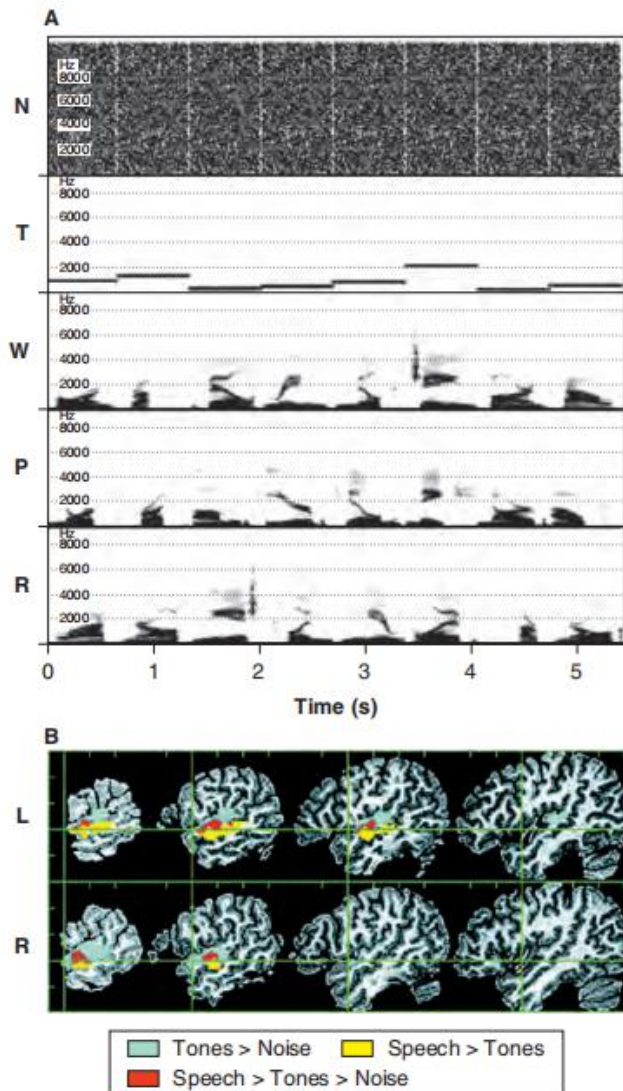


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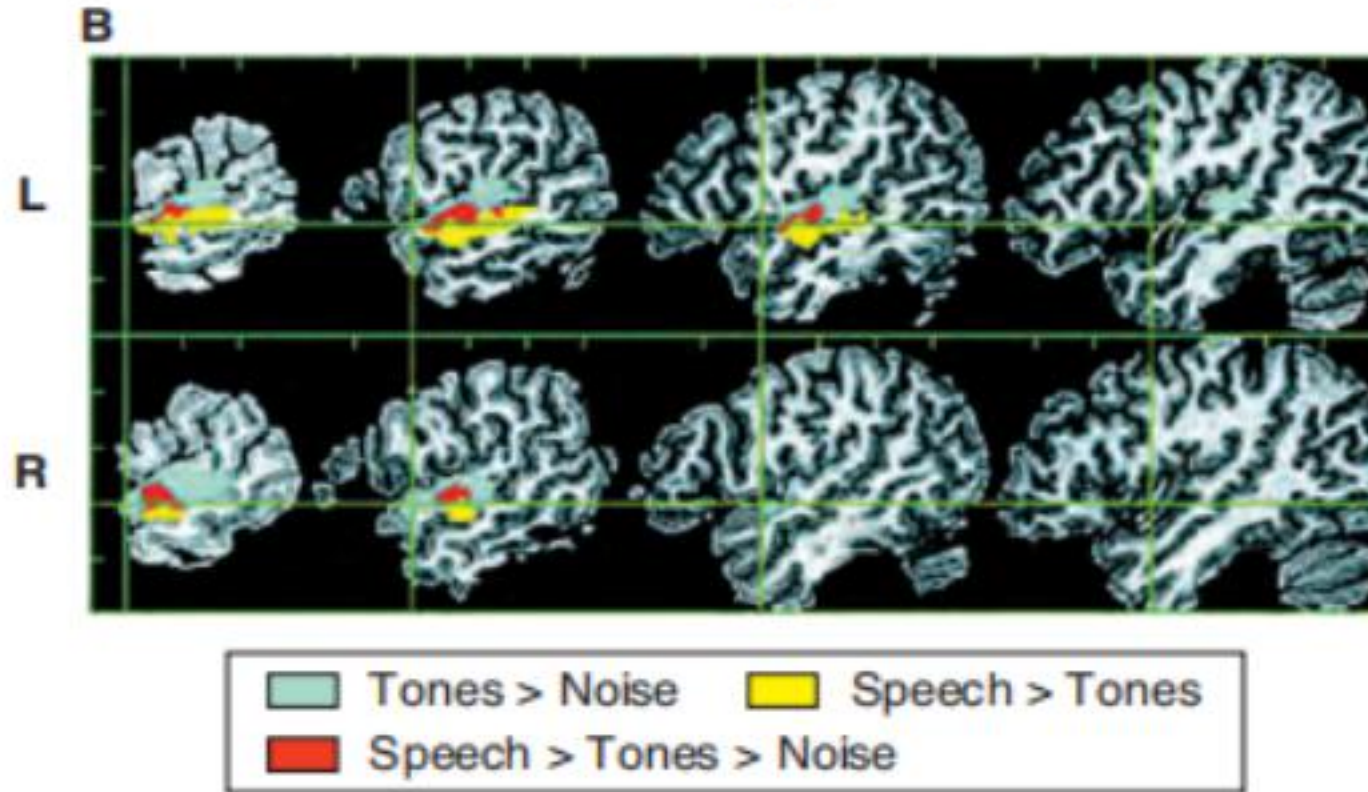
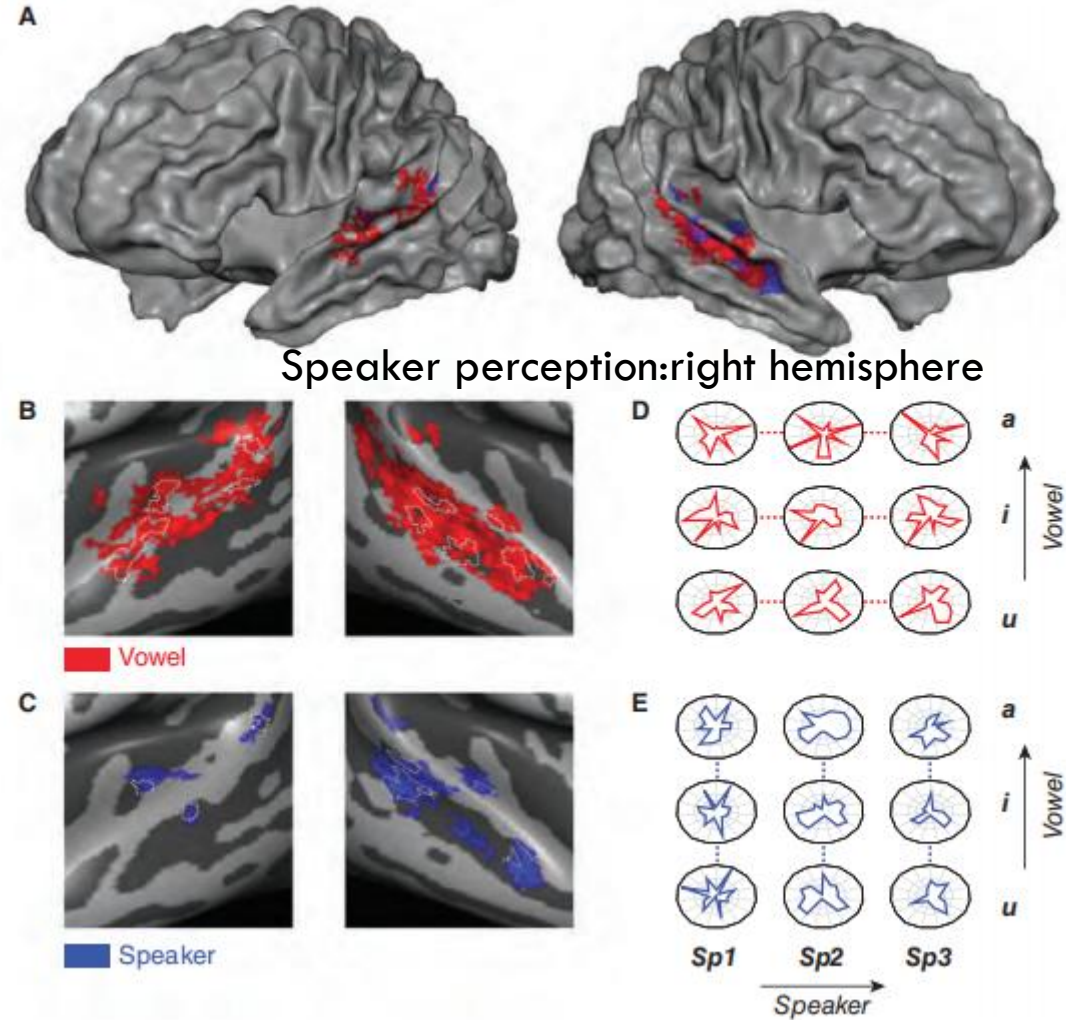
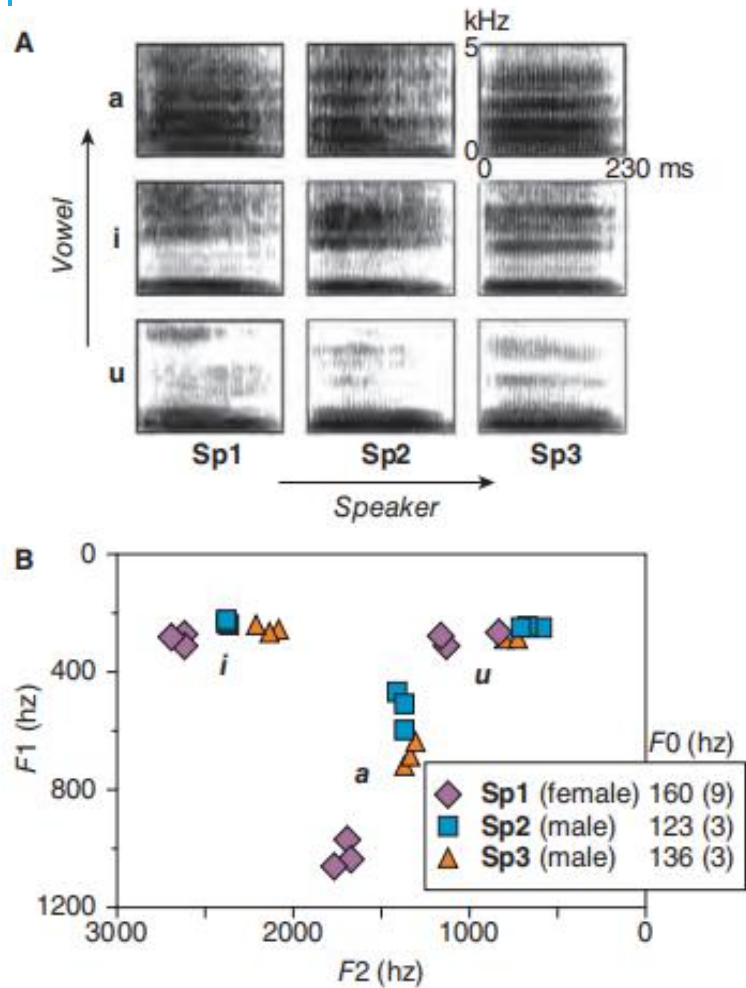


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NEW: WHO SAYS WHAT

Vowel perception: bilateral STG and middle STS



DIFFERENT HEMISPHERES DIFFERENT SPEECH PERCEPTION (WADA PROCEDURE, WADA & RASMUSSEN, 1960)

Wada procedure: A way to temporarily shut down an entire hemisphere by injecting sodium amobarbital (氨巴比妥钠) into either the left or the right carotid artery.

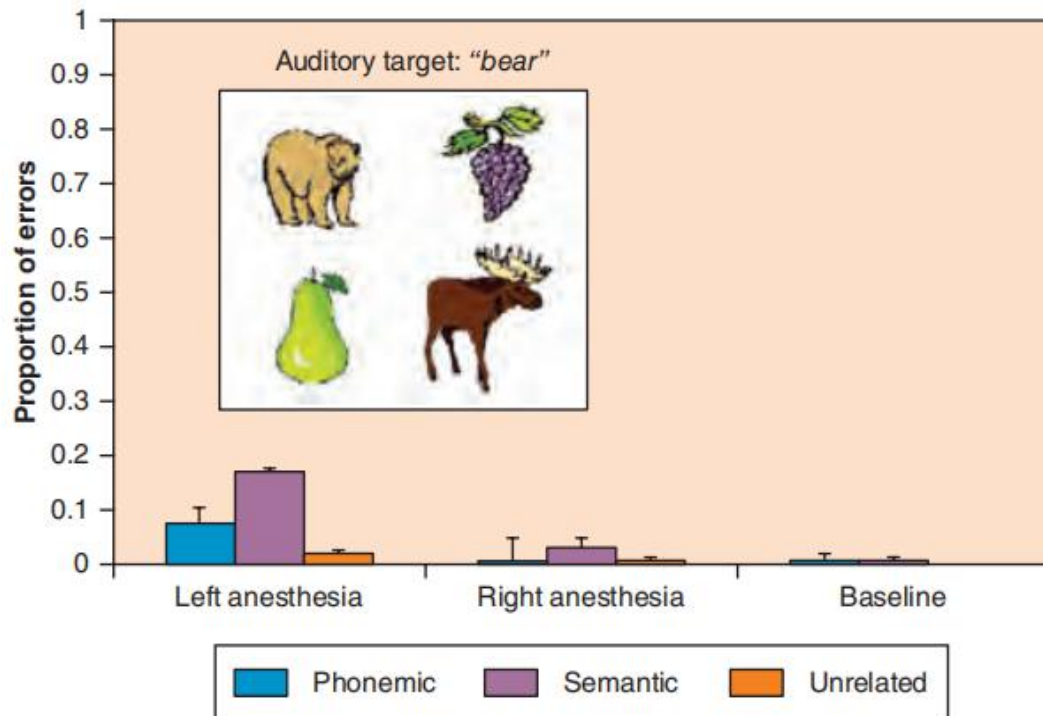


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HYPOTHESIS: THE EARLY CORTICAL STAGES OF SPEECH PERCEPTION ARE BILATERALLY ORGANIZED.

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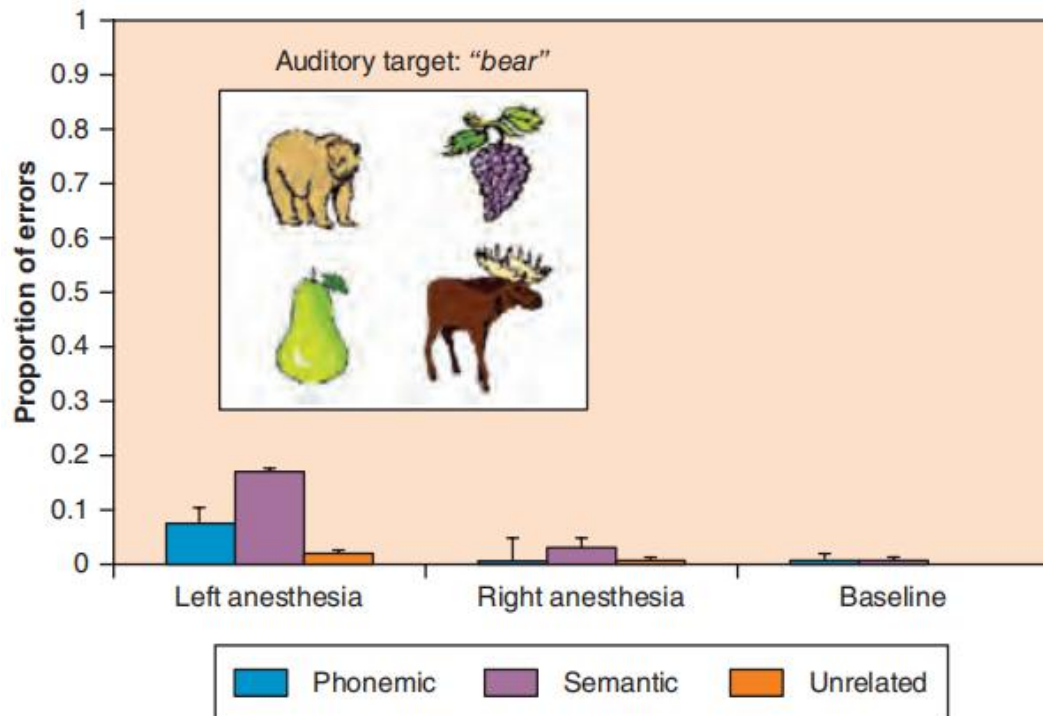


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Word deafness: A disorder in which speech perception is impaired, despite intact hearing and sometimes even intact recognition of nonspeech sounds.

Table 5.1 Subjective Descriptions of How Speech Is Phenomenologically Perceived by Patients with Word Deafness

| Description | Reference |
|--|--|
| "a noise" | Coslett et al. (1984); Buchman et al. (1986) |
| "a hurr or buzzing" | Mendez & Geehan (1988) |
| "like wind in the trees" | Ziegler (1952) |
| "like the rustling of leaves" | Luria (1966) |
| "like jabbering or a foreign language" | Denes & Semenza (1975); Auerbach et al. (1982); Buchman et al. (1986); Mendez & Geehan (1988) |
| Speech simply does not "register" | Saffran et al. (1976) |
| "words just run together" | Klein & Harper (1956) |
| "words come too quickly" | Albert & Bear (1974) |

72% (STG)

Based on Stefanatos et al. (2005).

Reports of patients with severe disturbances are toward the top, and reports of patients with subtler disturbances are toward the bottom.

DIFFERENT HEMISPHERES DIFFERENT TEMPORAL WINDOWS FOR SPEECH PERCEPTION

Left hemisphere: integrating signals on the time scale of rapidly varying phonemes.

Right hemisphere: integrating signals on the time scale of longer-duration syllables.

Voice-onset time between /k/ and /g/: 20-80 ms

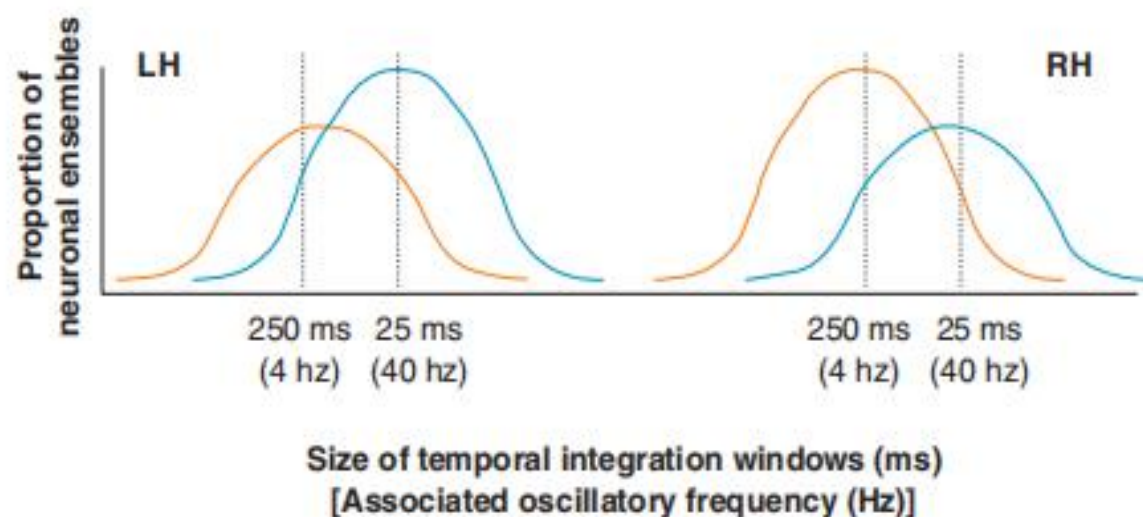
Syllabic stress: 150-300 ms.

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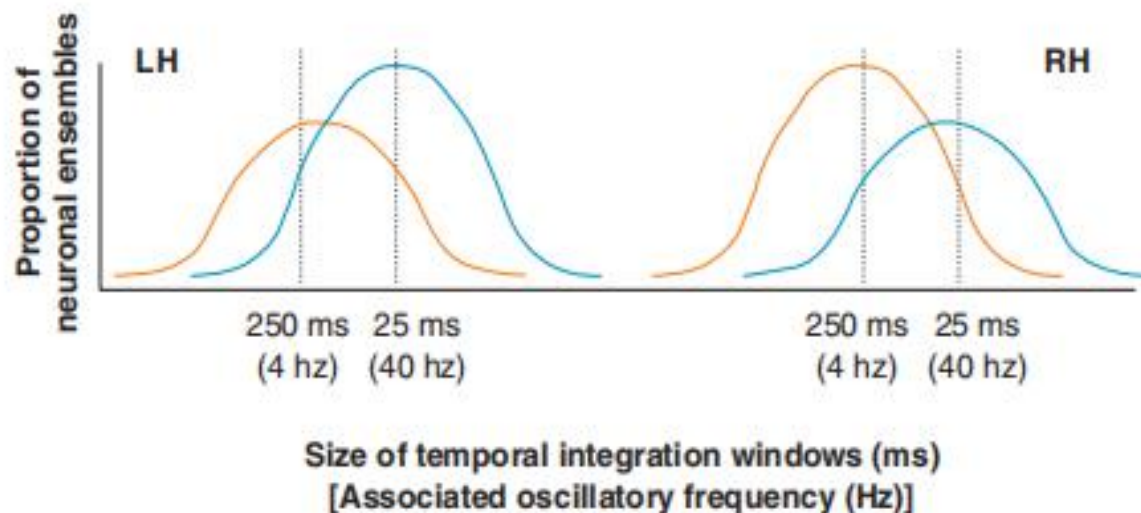


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AUDITORY-VISUAL INTEGRATION DURING SPEECH PERCEPTION

McGurk Effect: is an astonishing illusion which demonstrates that during normal face-to-face speech perception, the brain automatically fuses the simultaneously occurring auditory and visual signals (McGurk & MacDonald, 1976).

Left posterior STS plays a critical role in auditory–visual integration during speech perception

