



Bio-Inspired Information Processing

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Modeling:

- Neuronal sound processing in the auditory brainstem
- Sound localization
- Electrical- & optical stimulation of neurons
- Coding strategies for cochlear implants
- Automatic speech recognition

Experimental:

- Psycho“acoustical” investigations on patients with cochlear implants
- Reference measurements with normal hearing subjects

Technology:

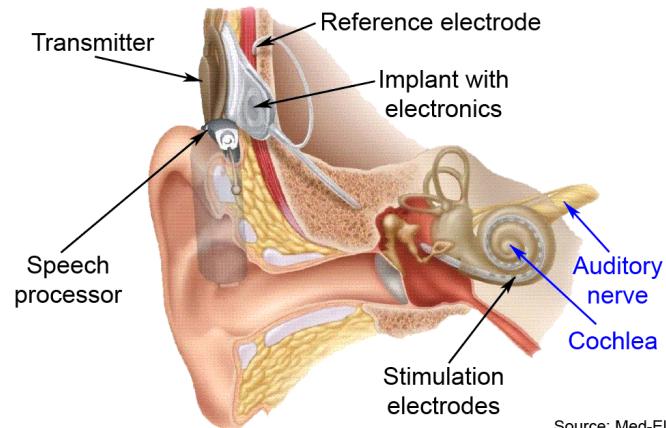
- Objective measurements for cochlear implants: eCAP, eBERA, current spread in the inner ear
- Binaural synthesis
- Microsystemtechnology and micromechanics



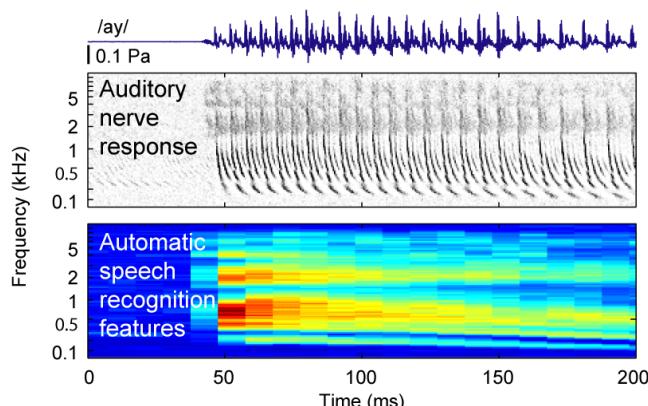
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Agenda

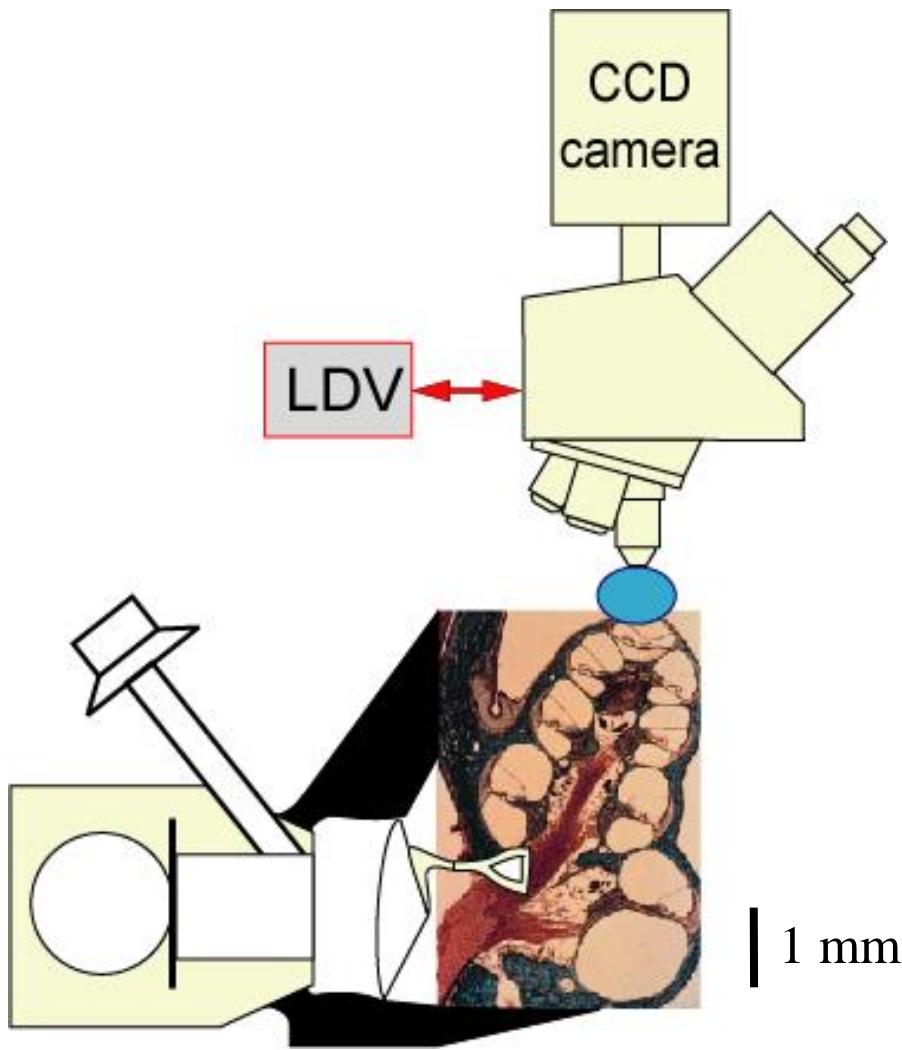
1. Einführung Neuroprothetik
2. Biophysikalische und physiologische Grundlagen
3. Das Membranpotential
4. Ionenkanäle
5. Das Aktionspotential
6. Extrazelluläre elektrische Stimulation eines Neurons
7. Kabelgleichung und Aktivierungsfunktion, EVALUATION
8. Das Hörorgan
9. Neuronale Verarbeitung entlang der Hörbahn
10. Aufbau eines Cochleaimplantats
11. Elektrochemie und Biokompatibilität
12. Prüfungsvorbereitung

Diplomarbeit: Messung der akustischen Eingangsimpedanz des Gehörs bei niedrigen Pegeln

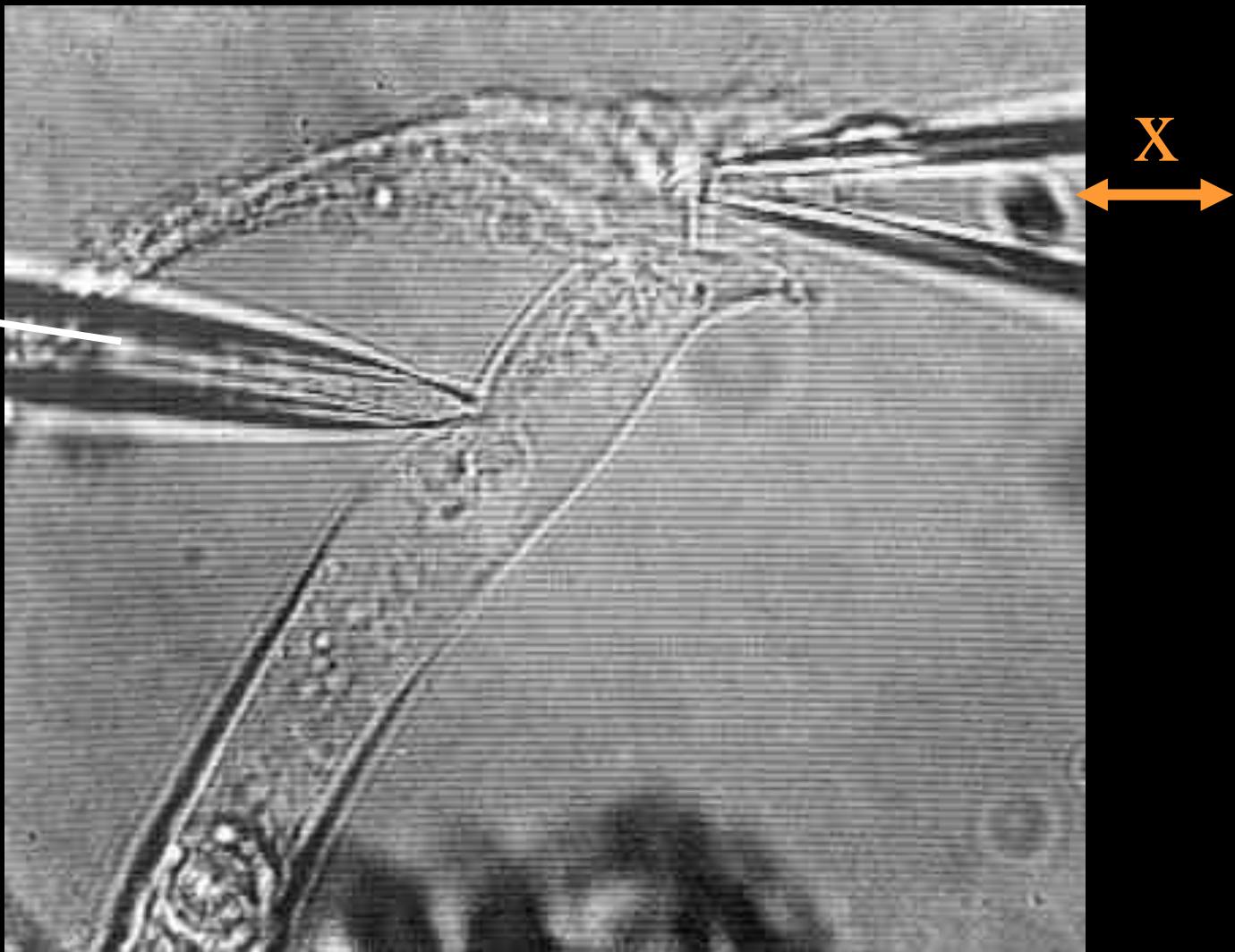
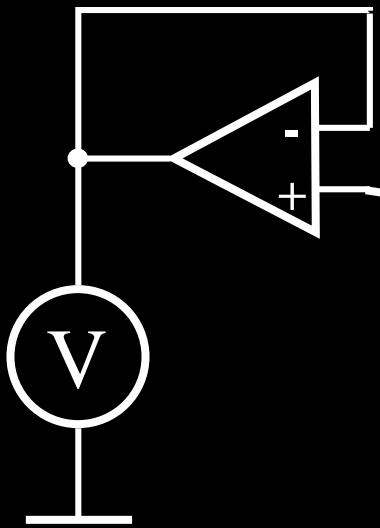
In memory of
Prof. Dr.-Ing. Eberhard Zwicker
(Jan. 15 1924 - Nov. 24 1990),
my teacher, who loved to build
models of the inner ear.



Vibration measurements

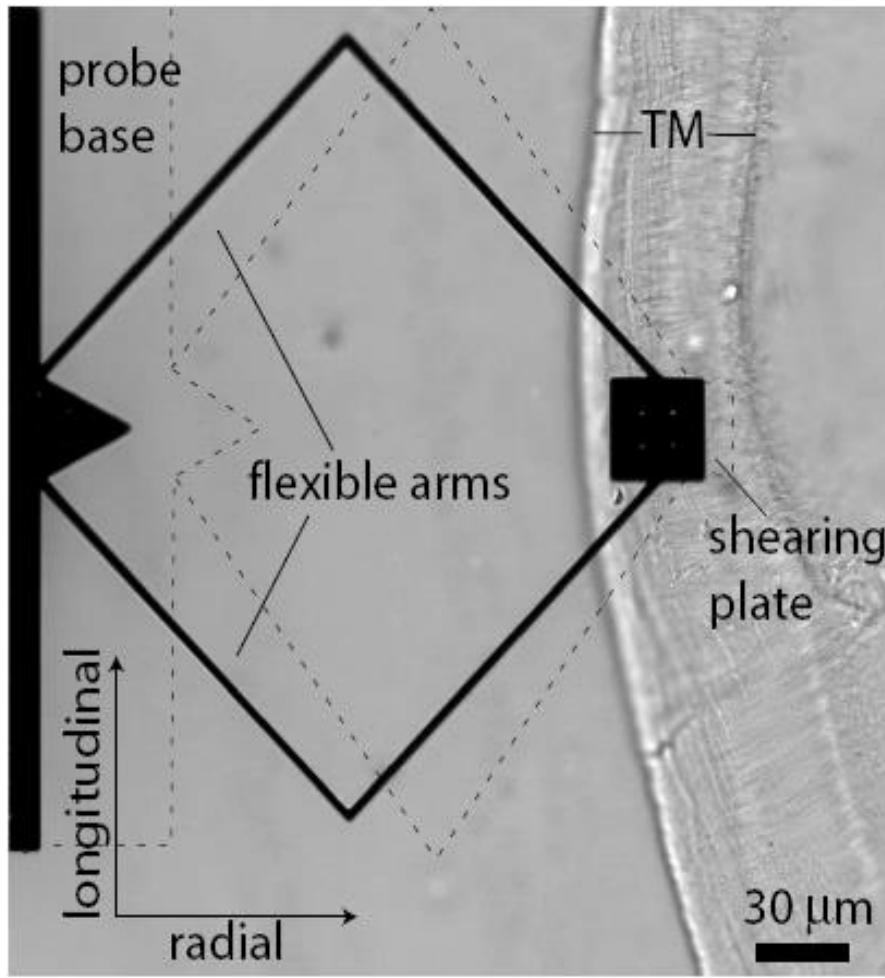


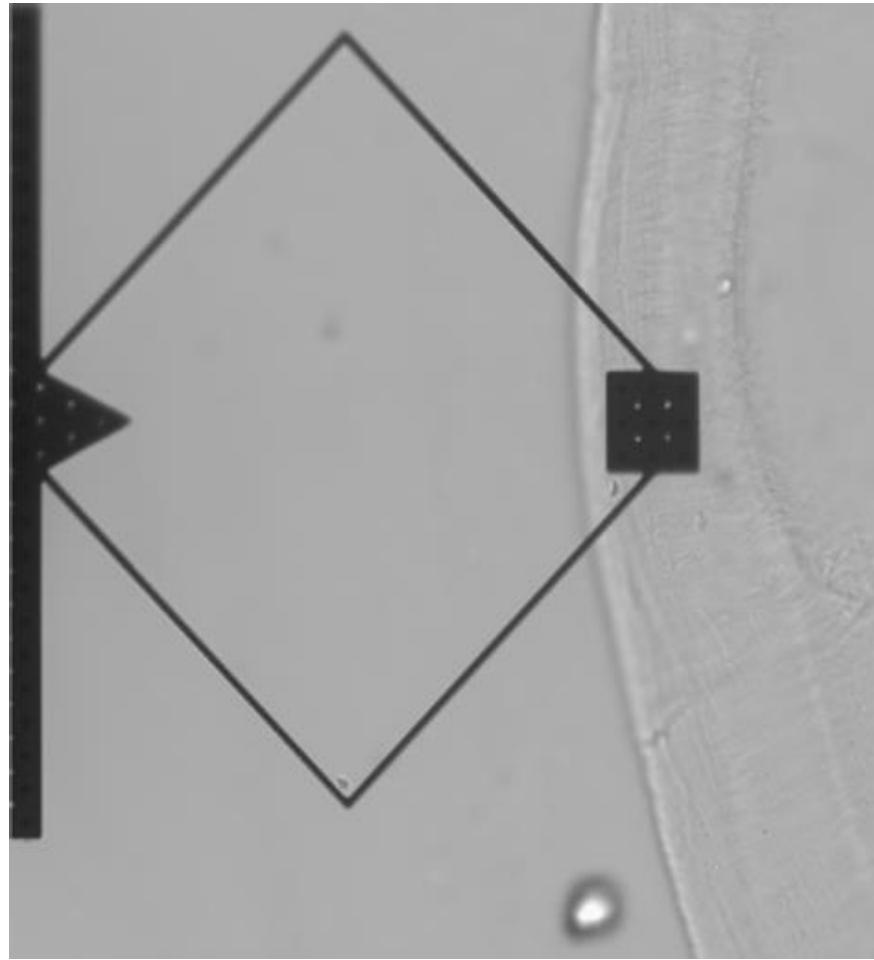
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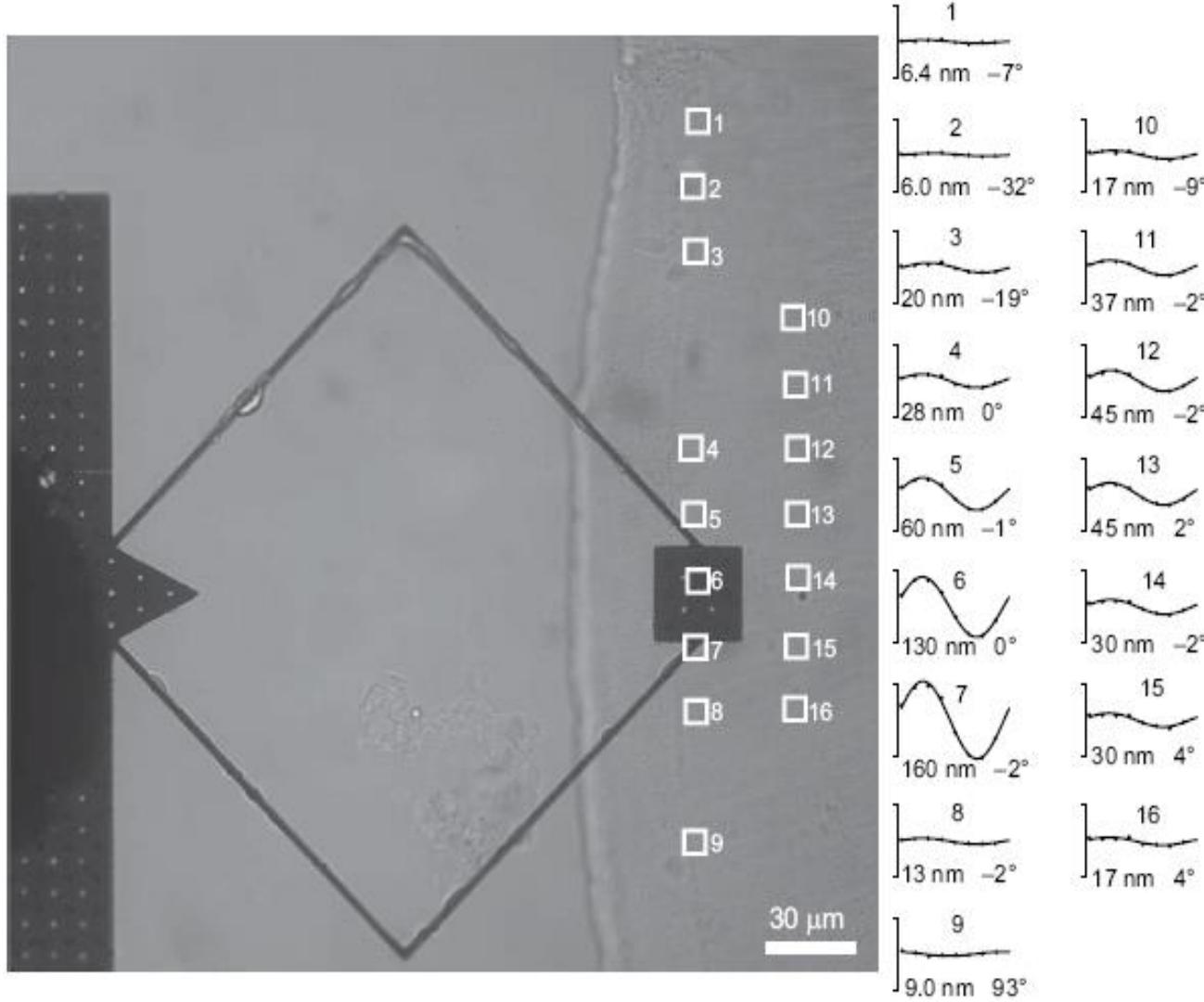


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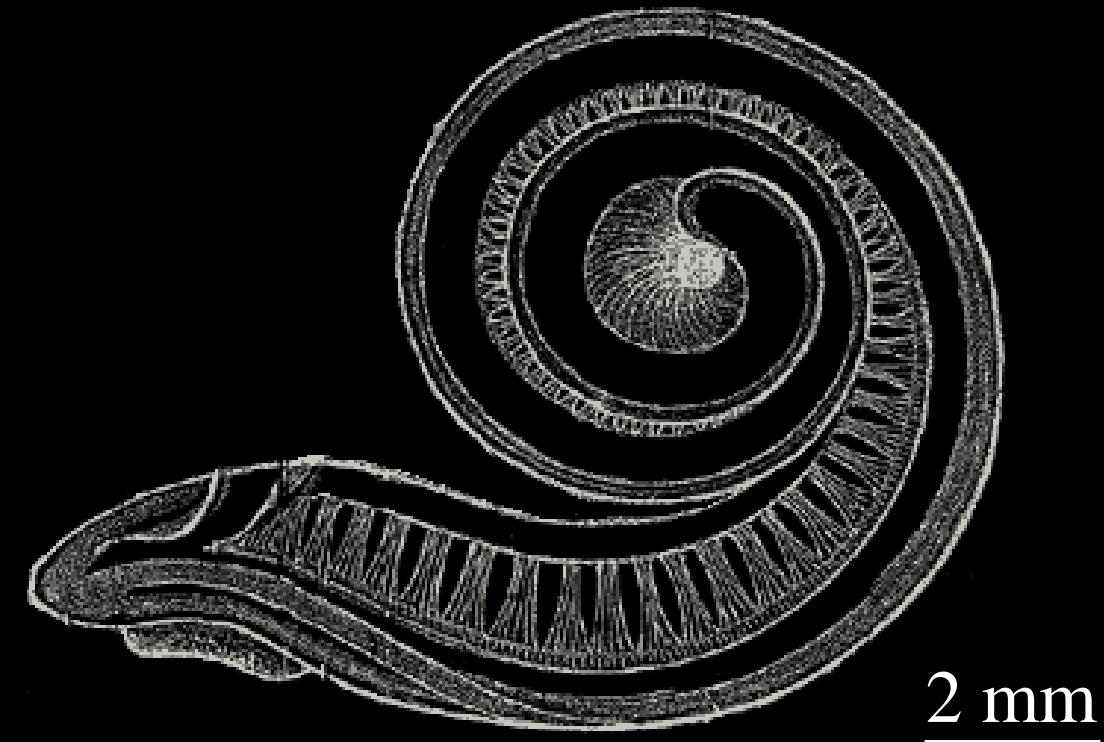
Micromechanical Cochlea - 1st Prototype

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G. Retzius (1884)

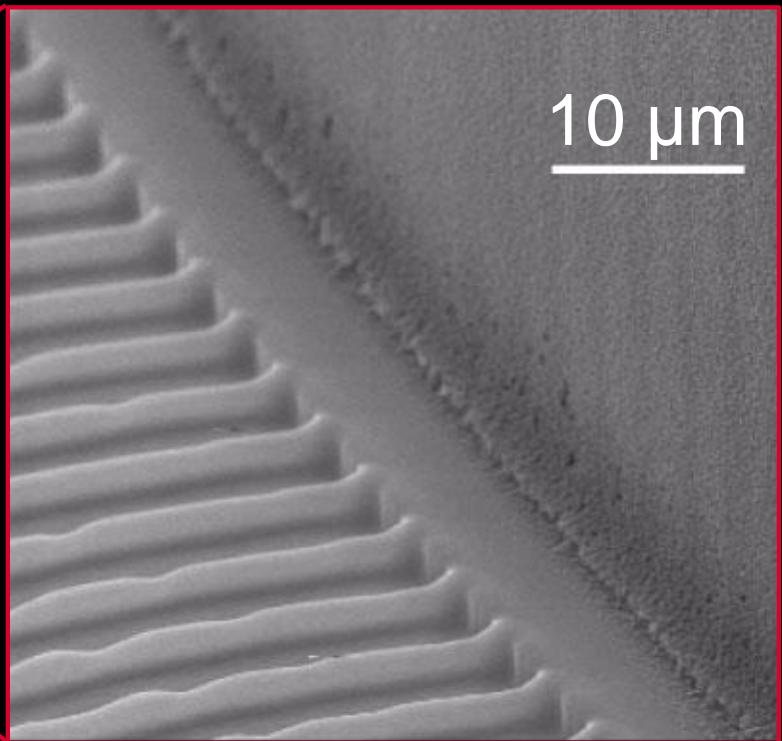
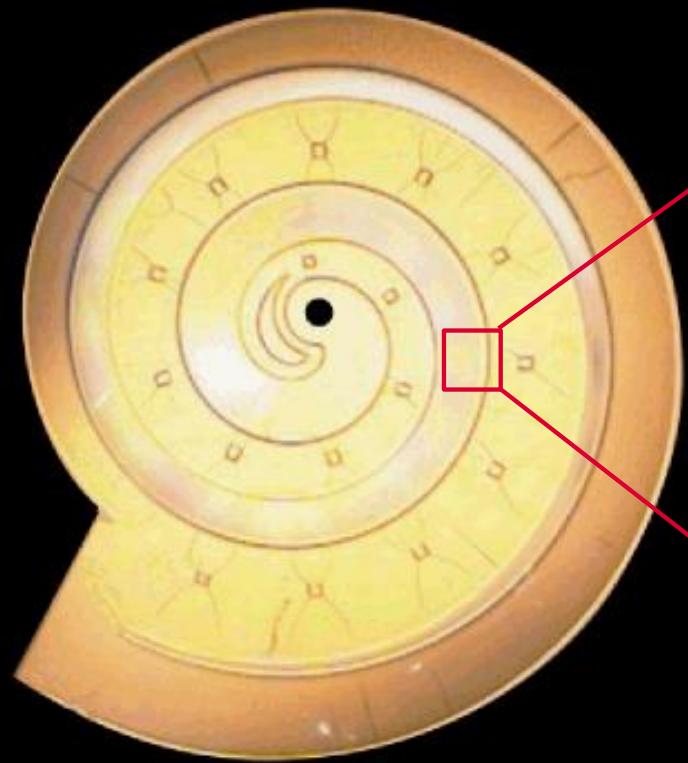
Micromachined Cochlea



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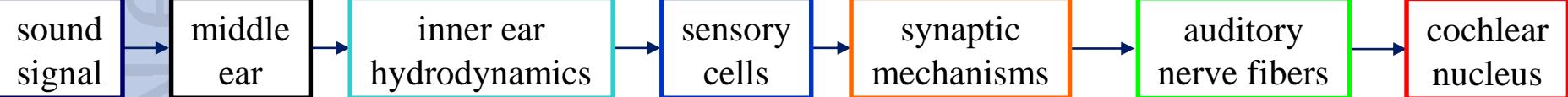
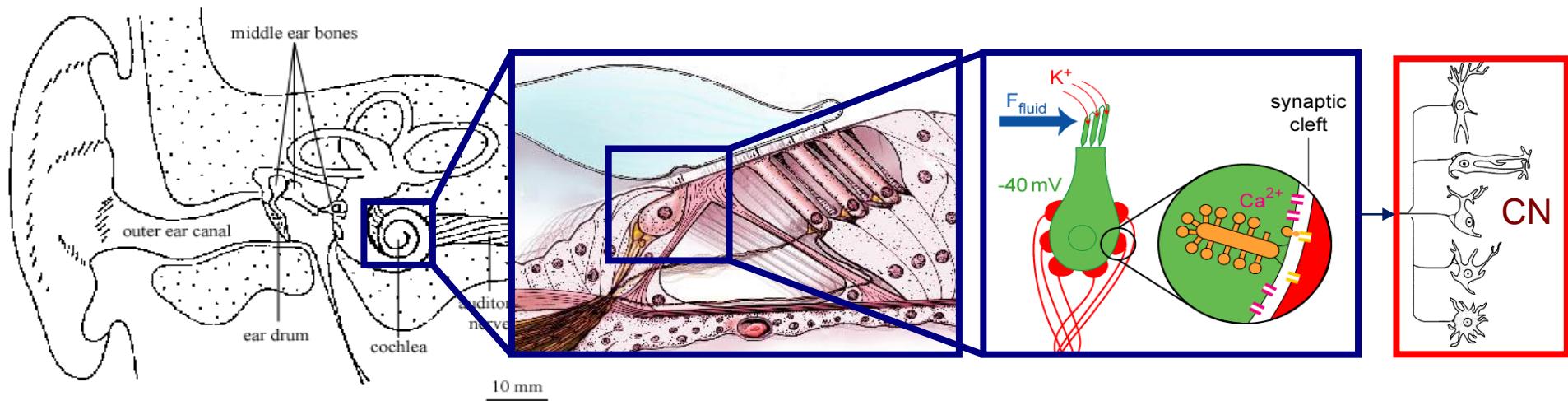
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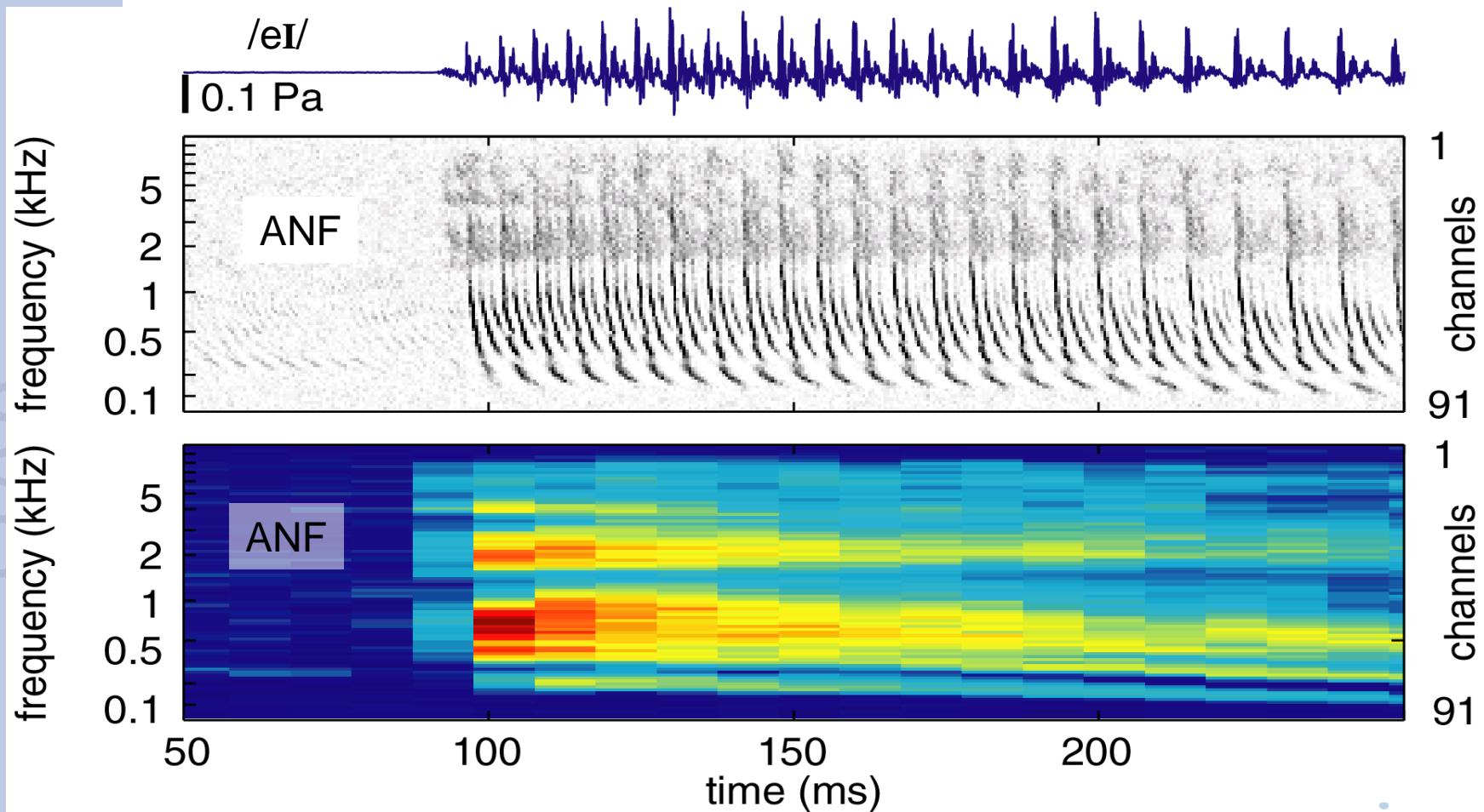


Model of auditory sound processing

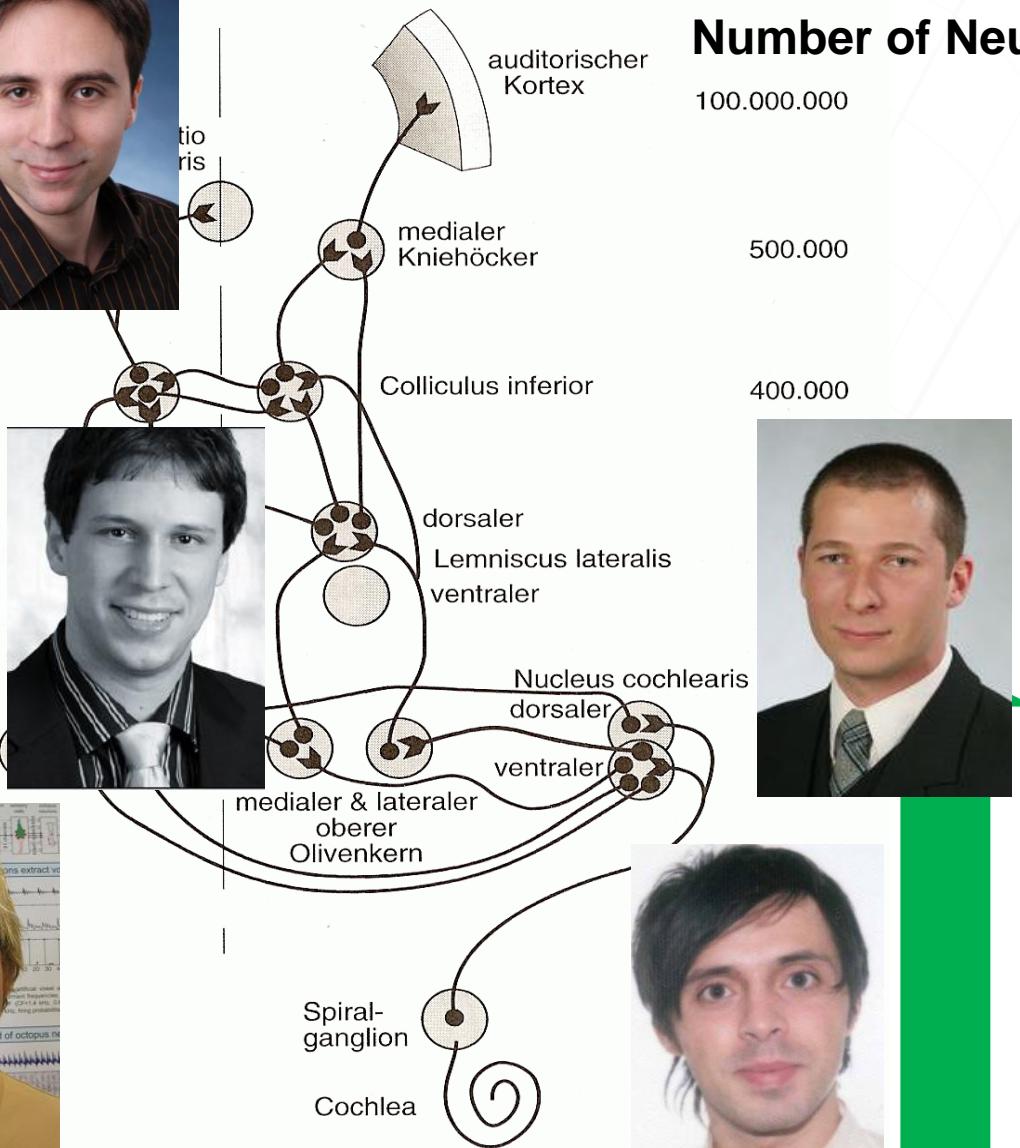
outer ear middle ear inner ear



Speech recognition with auditory nerve spike trains



Modeling the Auditory Pathway



Number of Neurons

100.000.000

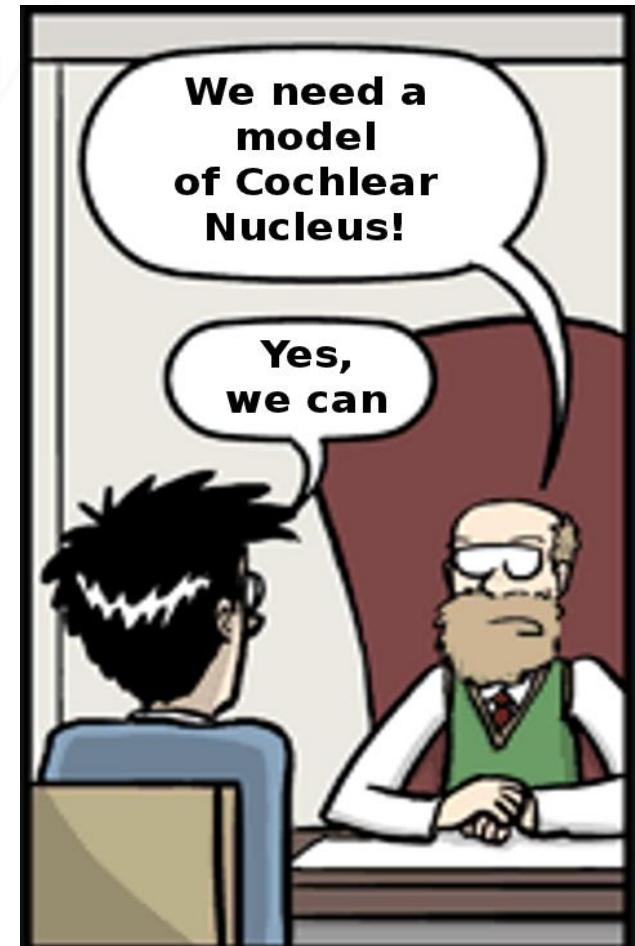
500.000

400.000



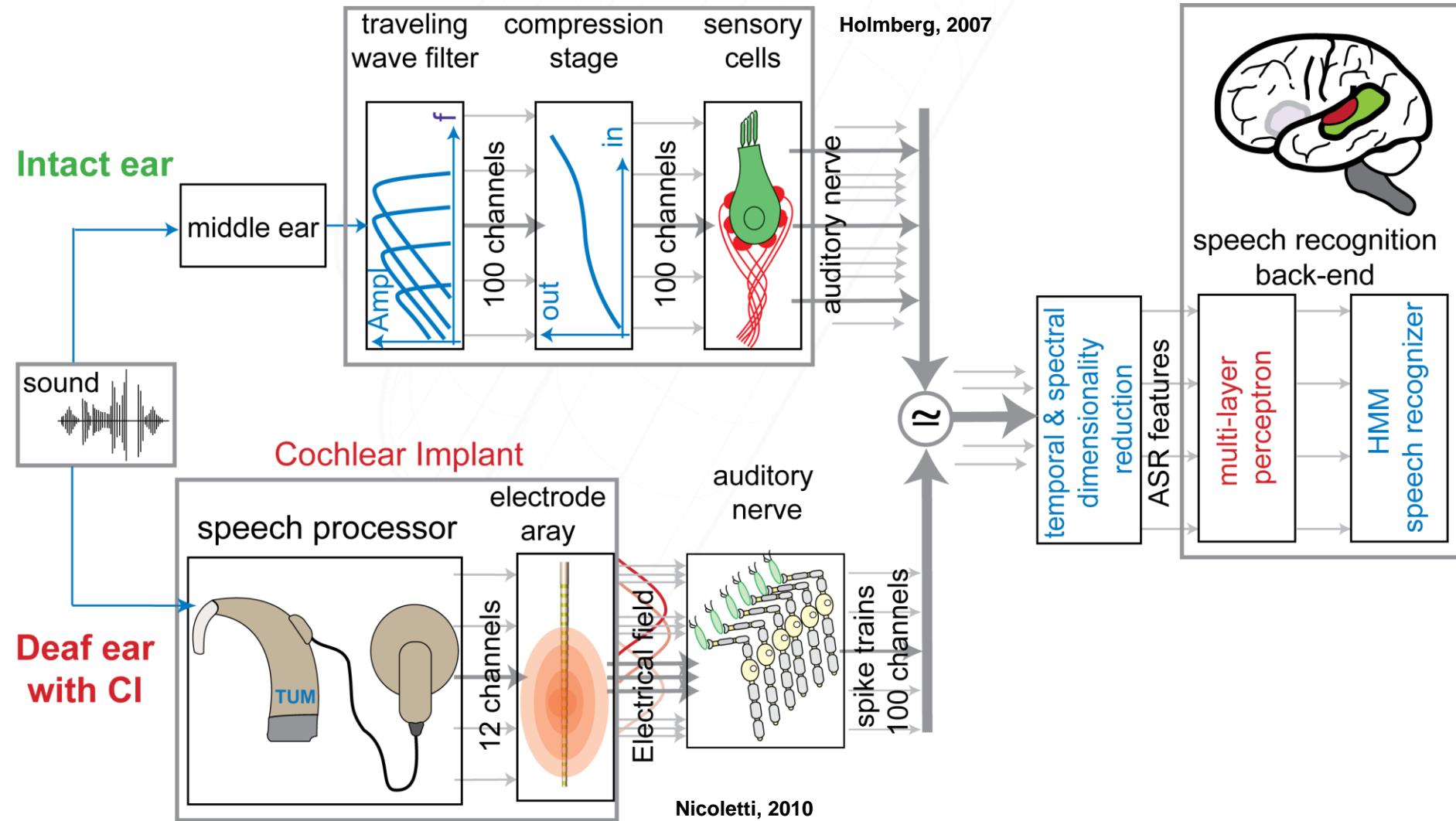
We need a
model
of Cochlear
Nucleus!

Yes,
we can

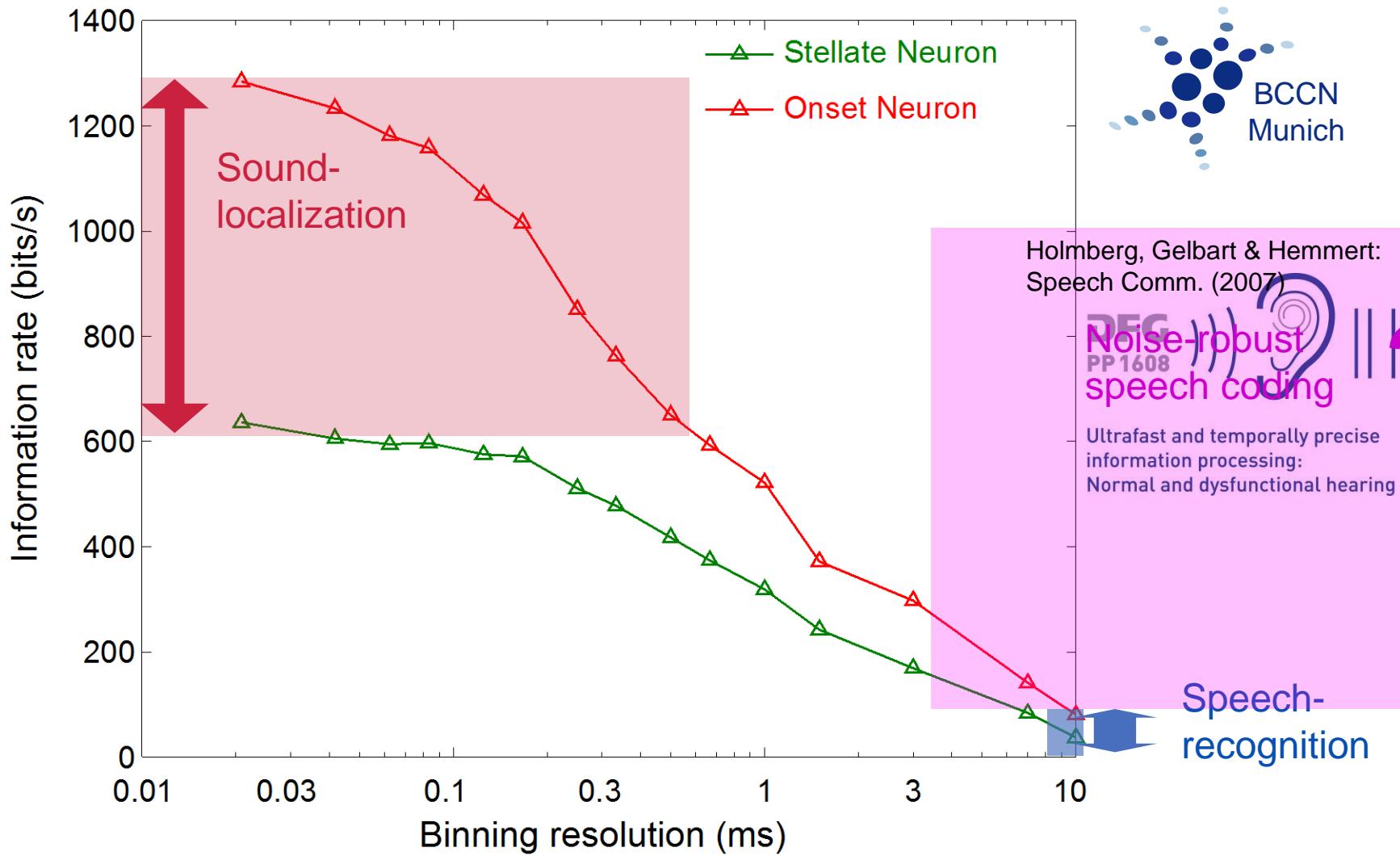


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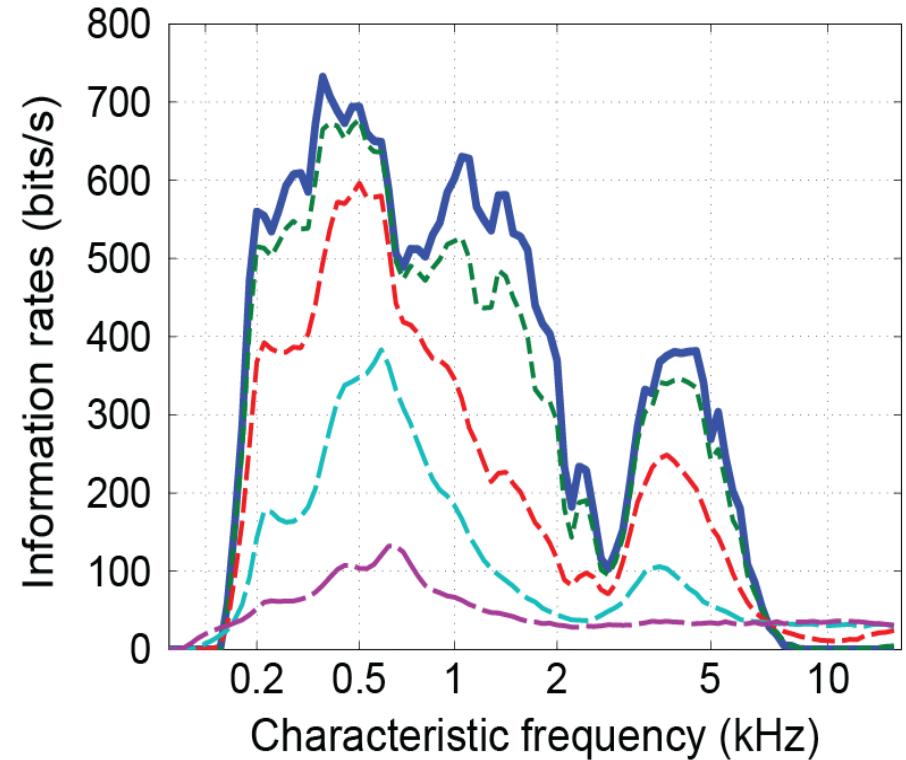
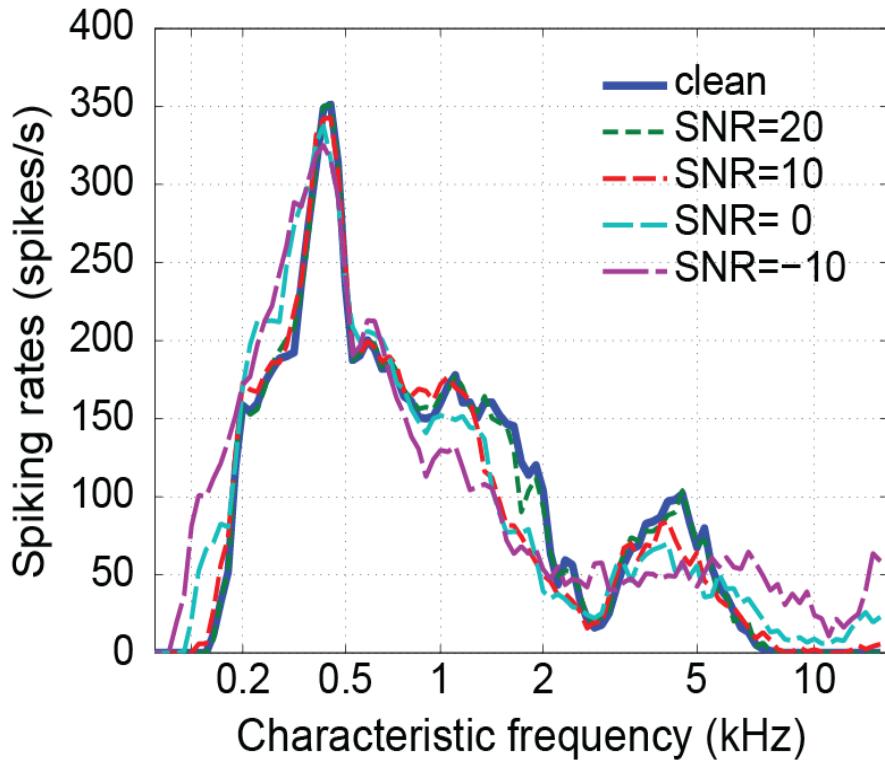
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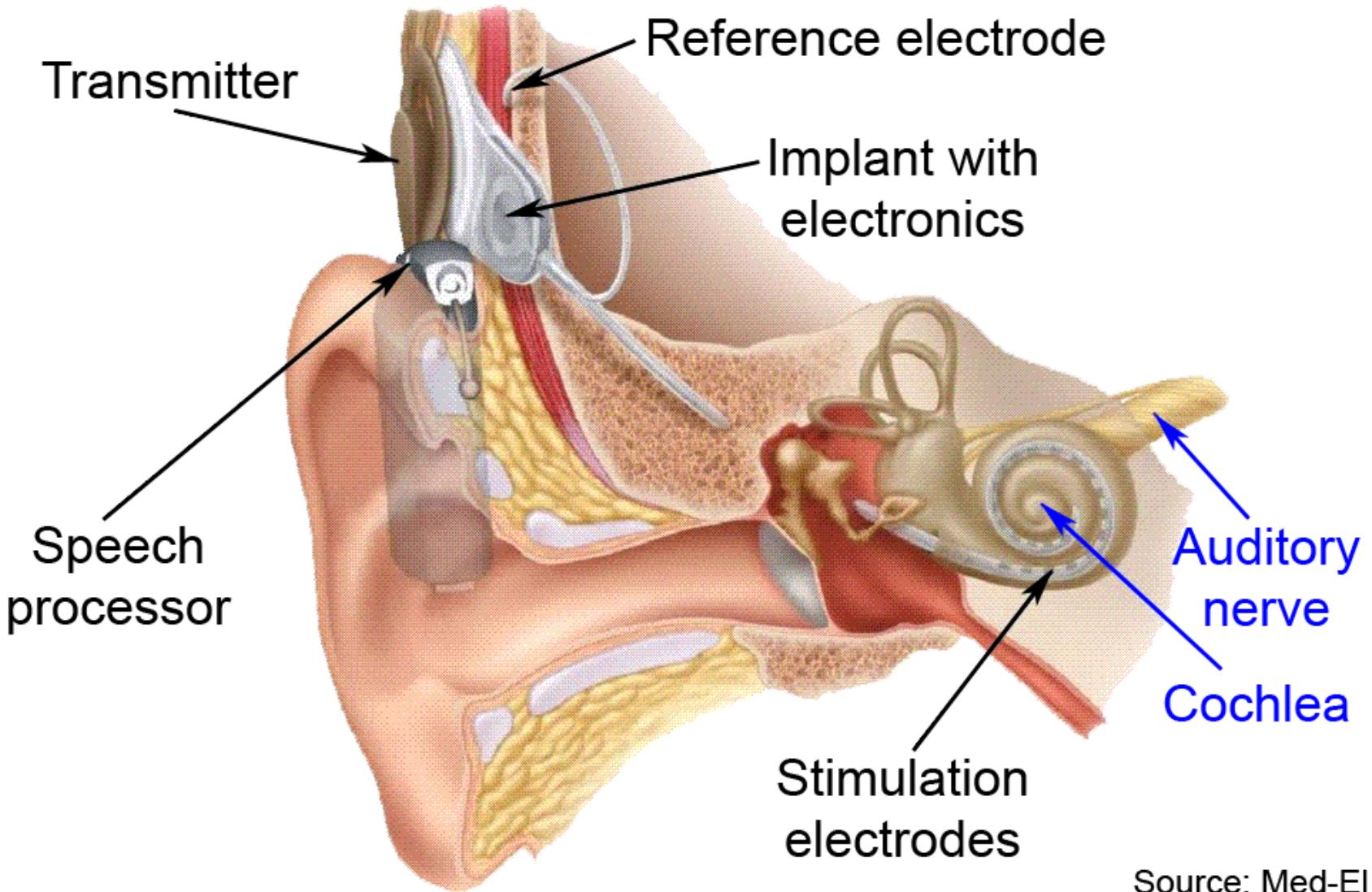
Temporal resolution of spike trains



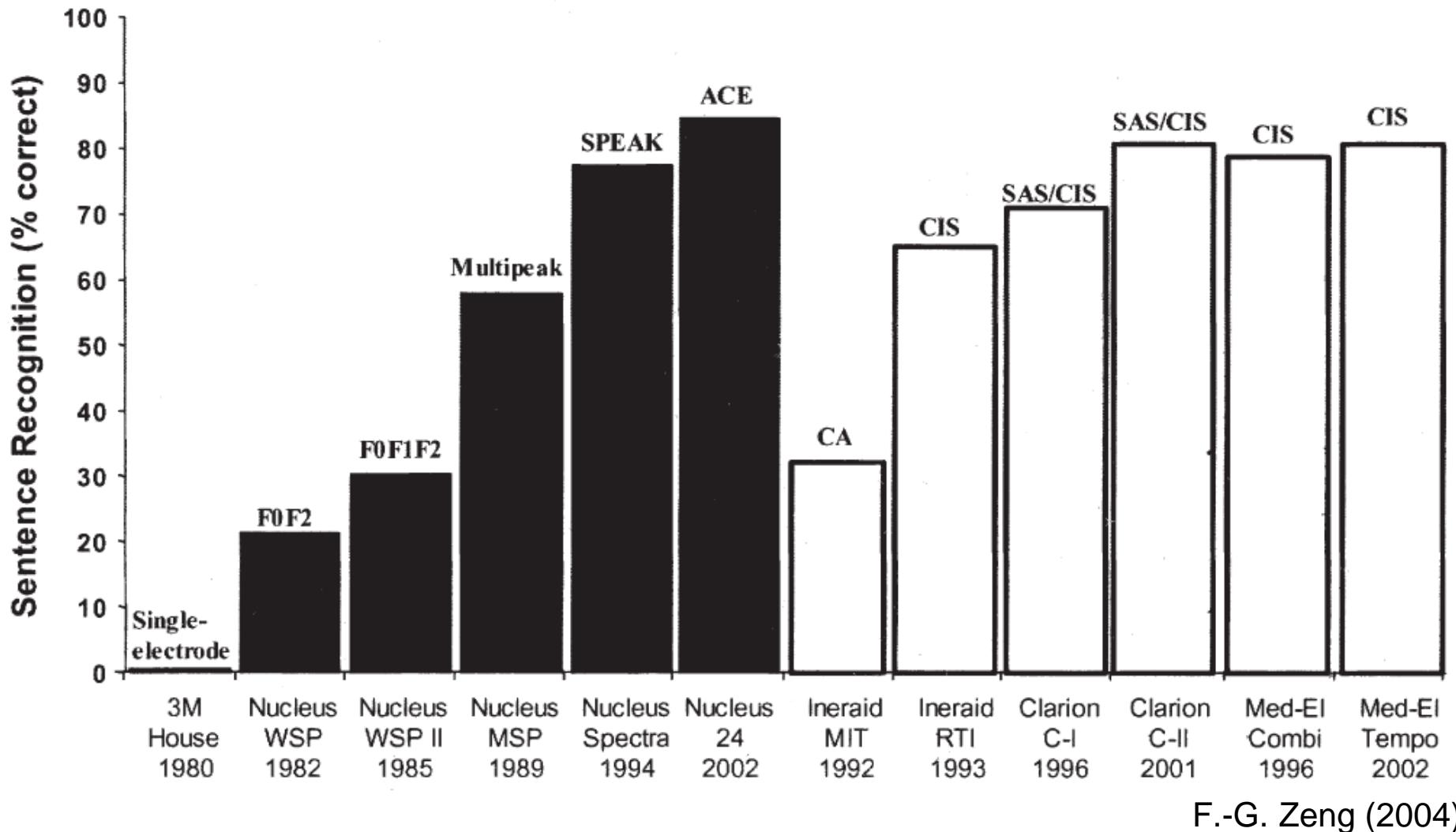
Spectral information distribution and degradation in noise



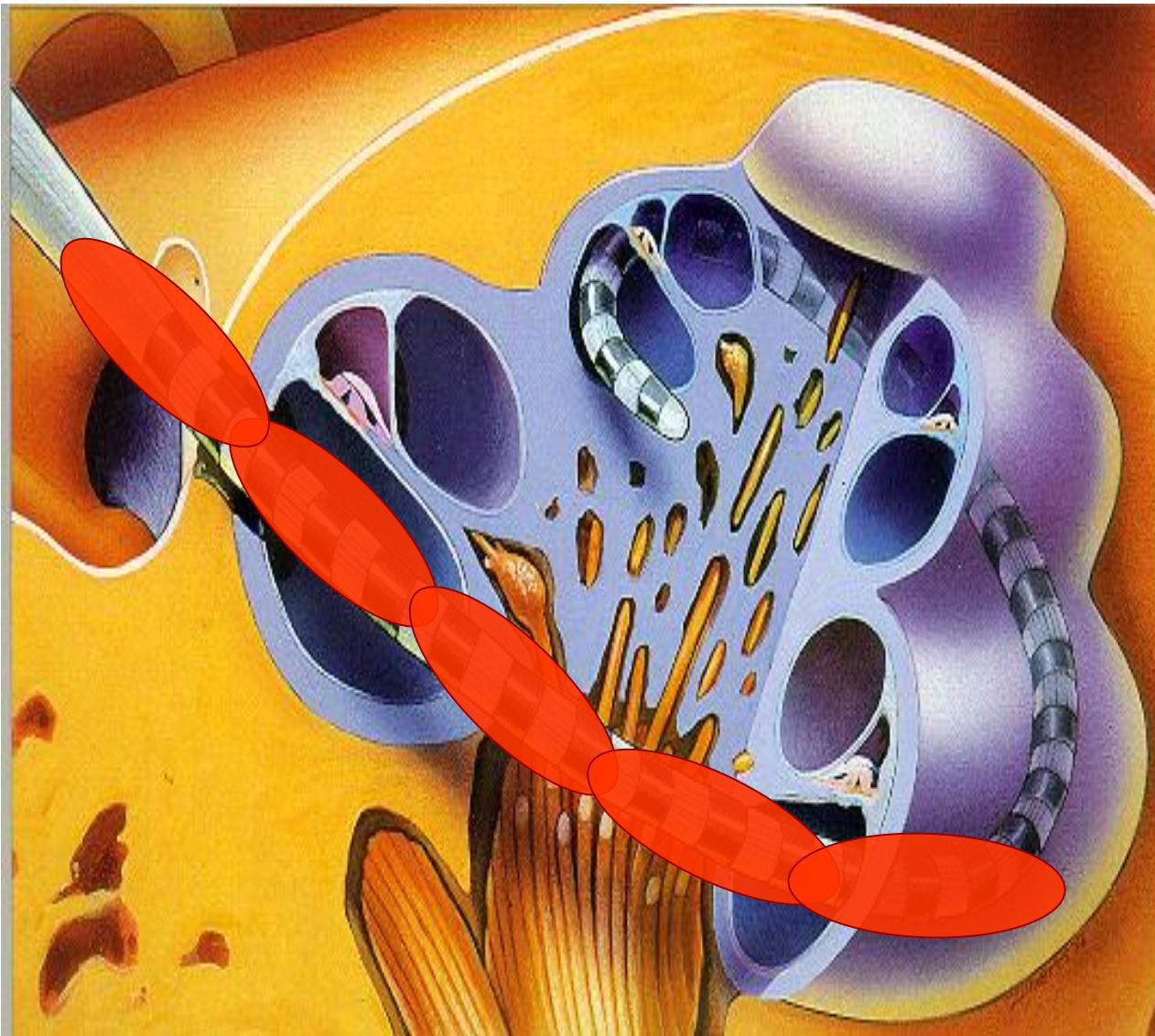
How does a Cochlear Implant work?



Sprachverständnis mit Cochlea Implantaten

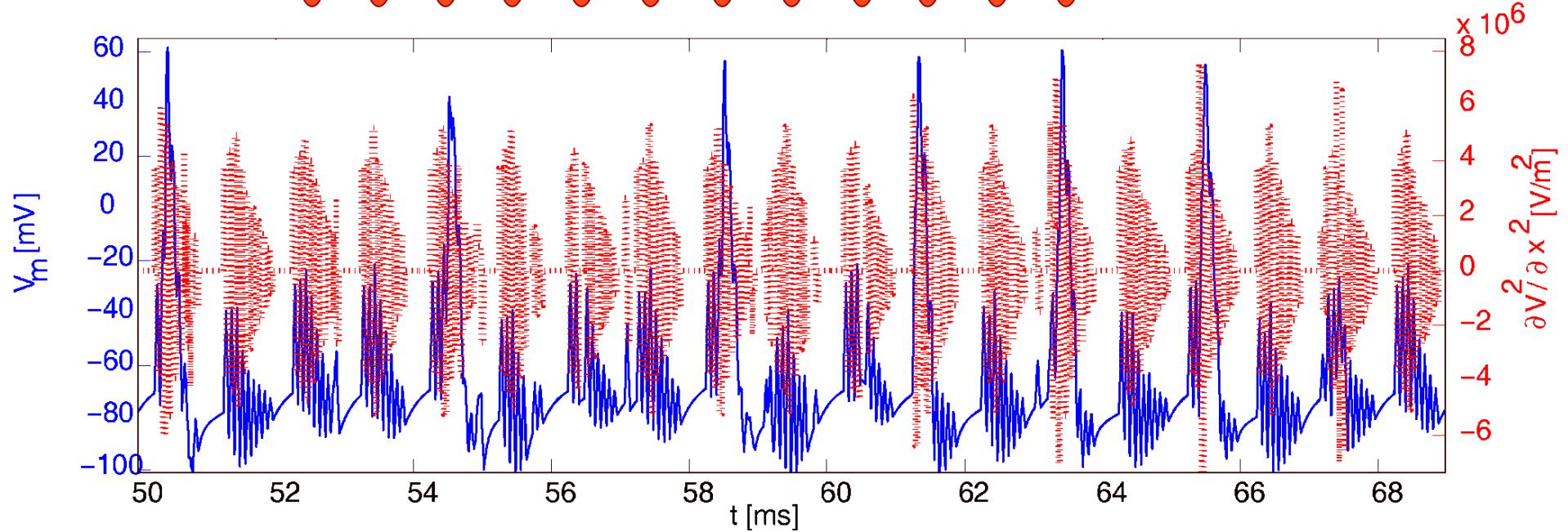
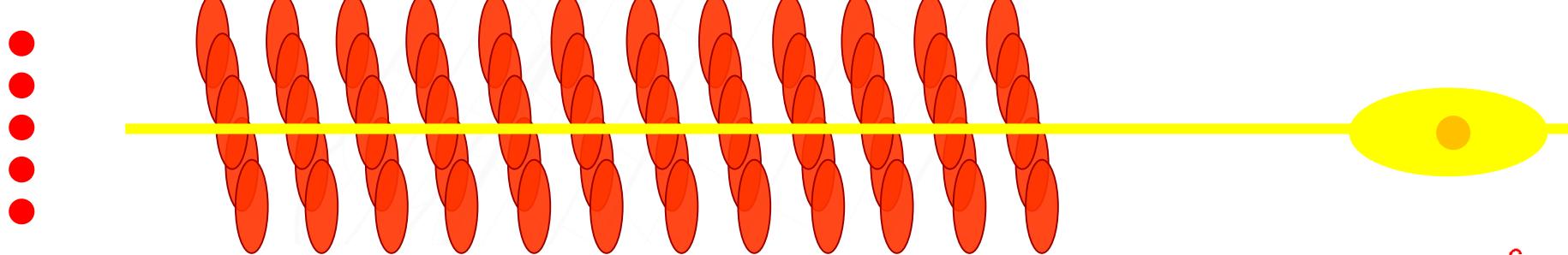


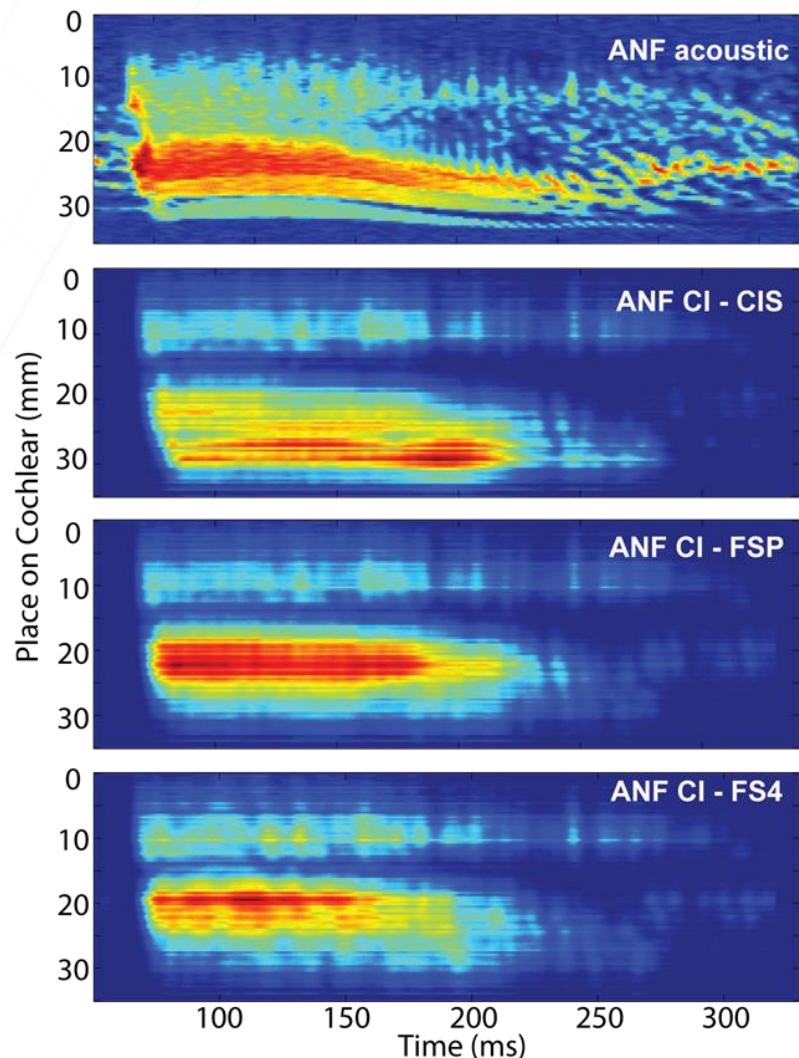
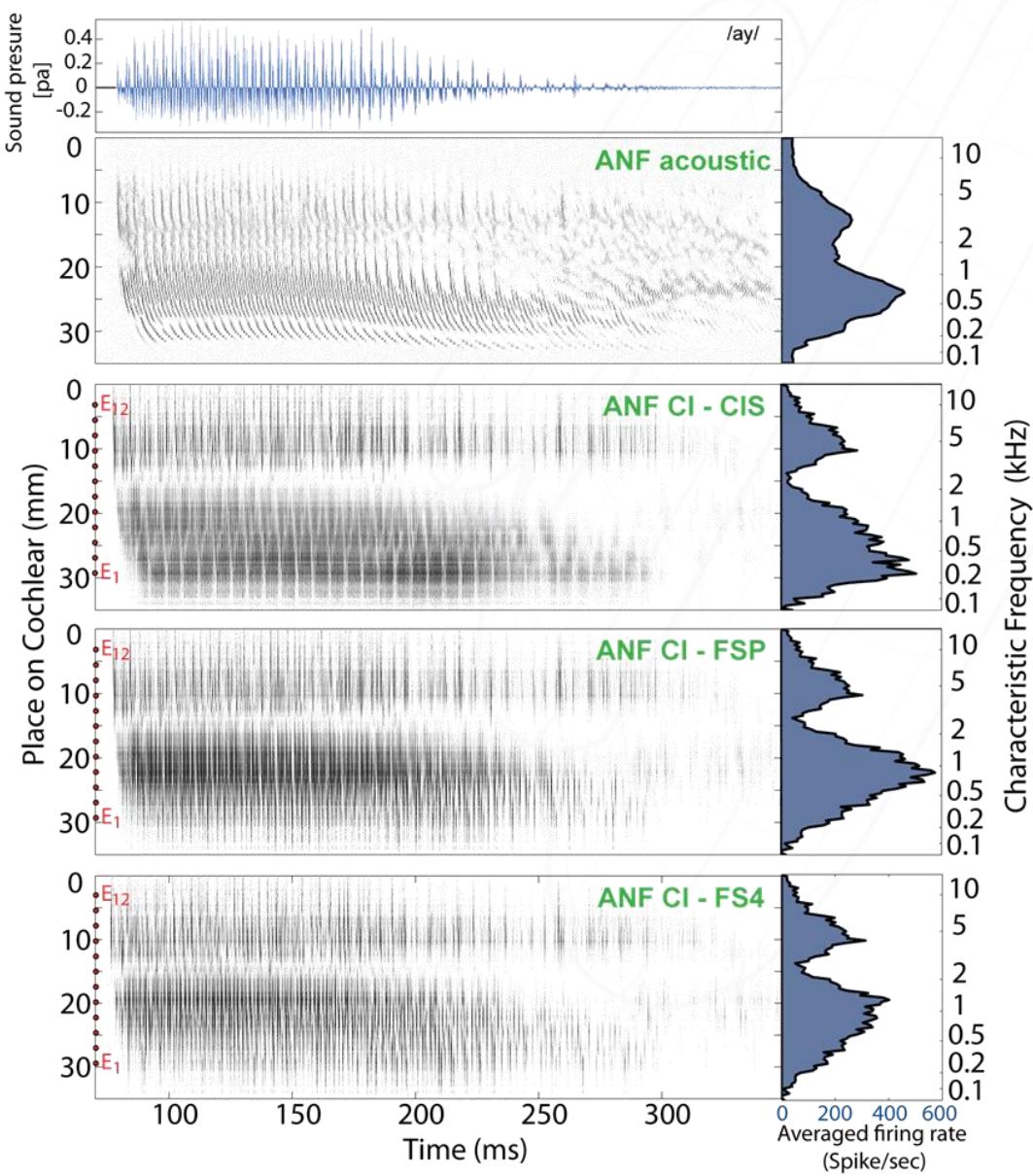
Channel Crosstalk and Interleaved Sampling



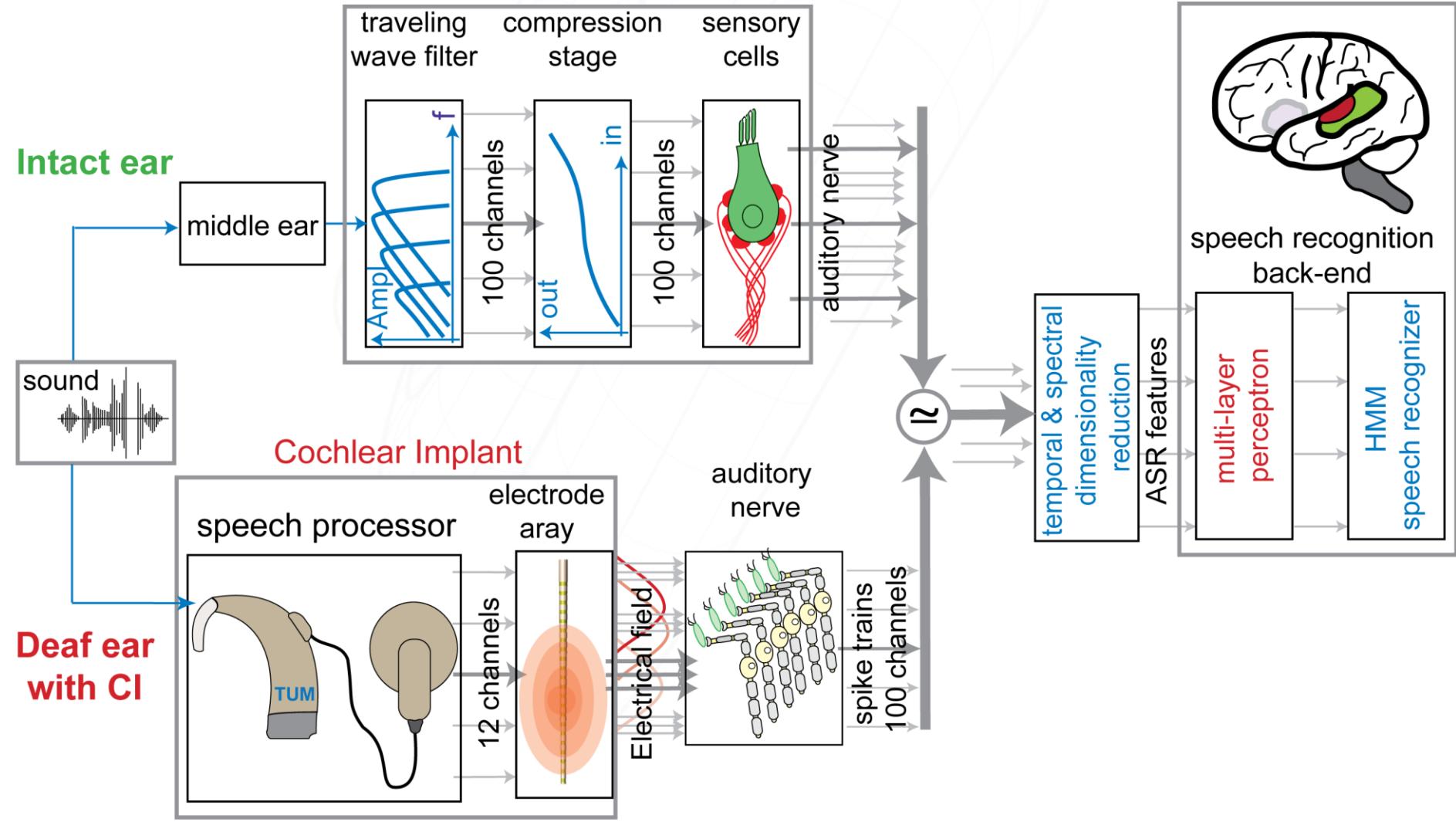
Electrical Excitation of a Neuron

Electrode



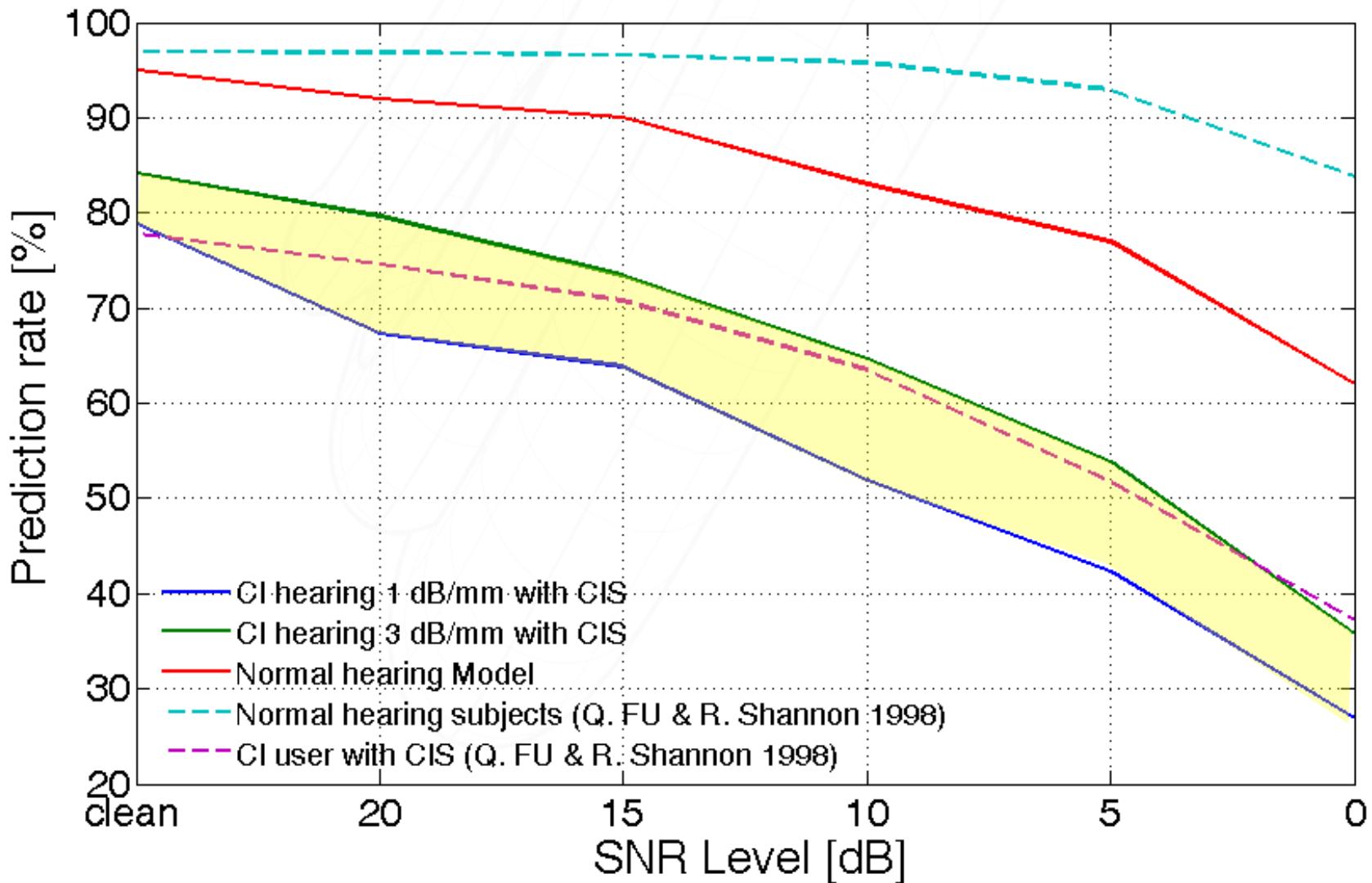


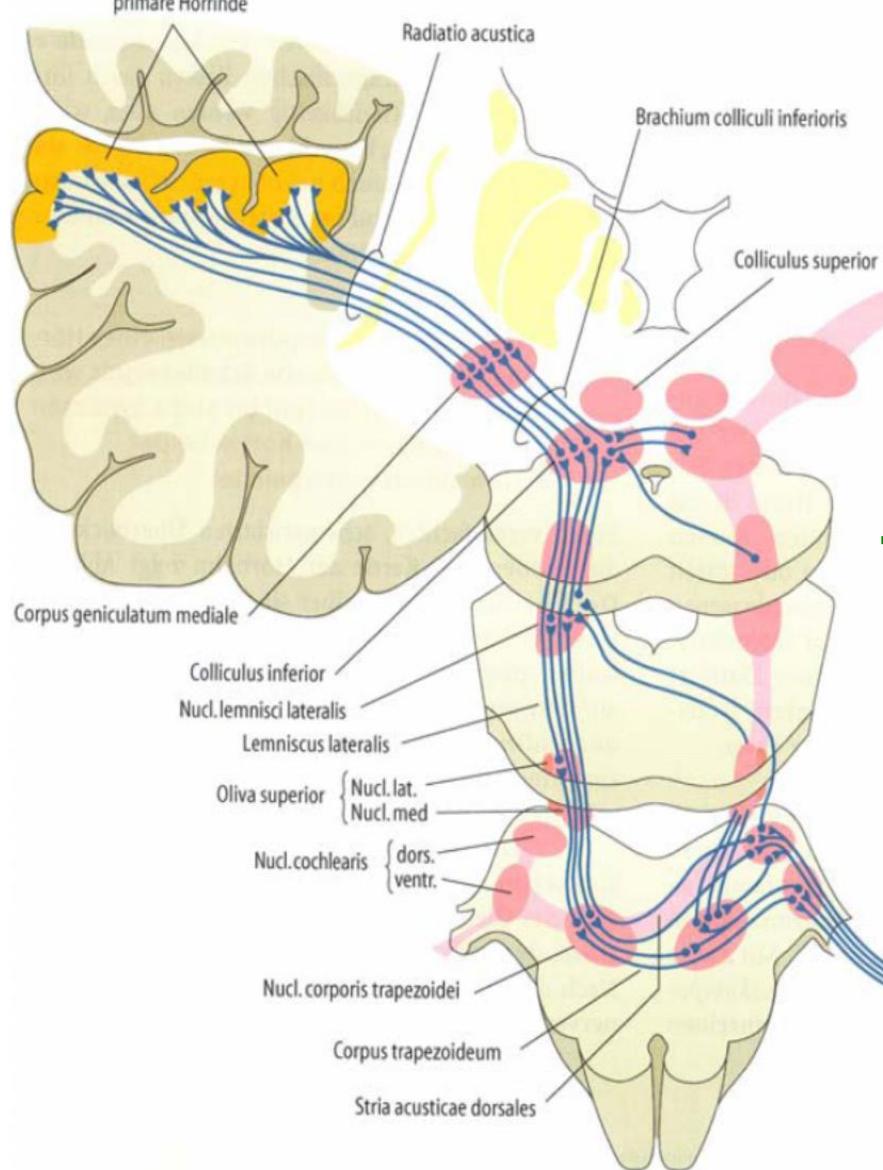
Holmberg, 2007



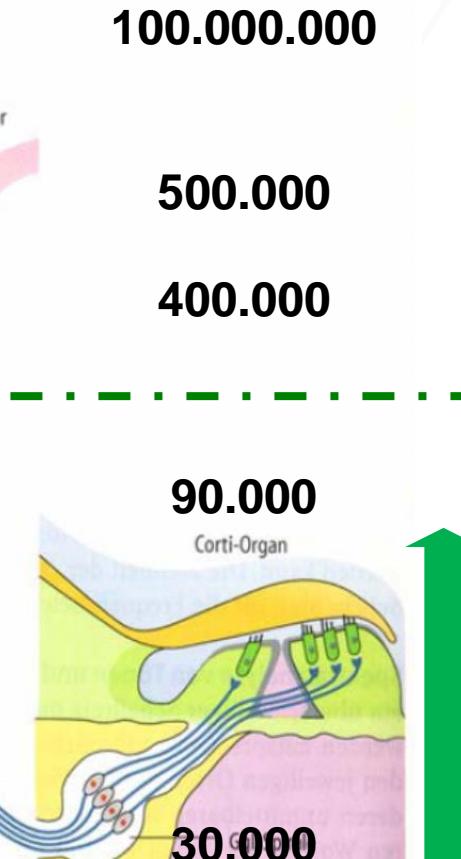
Nicoletti, 2010

Evaluation of speech coding

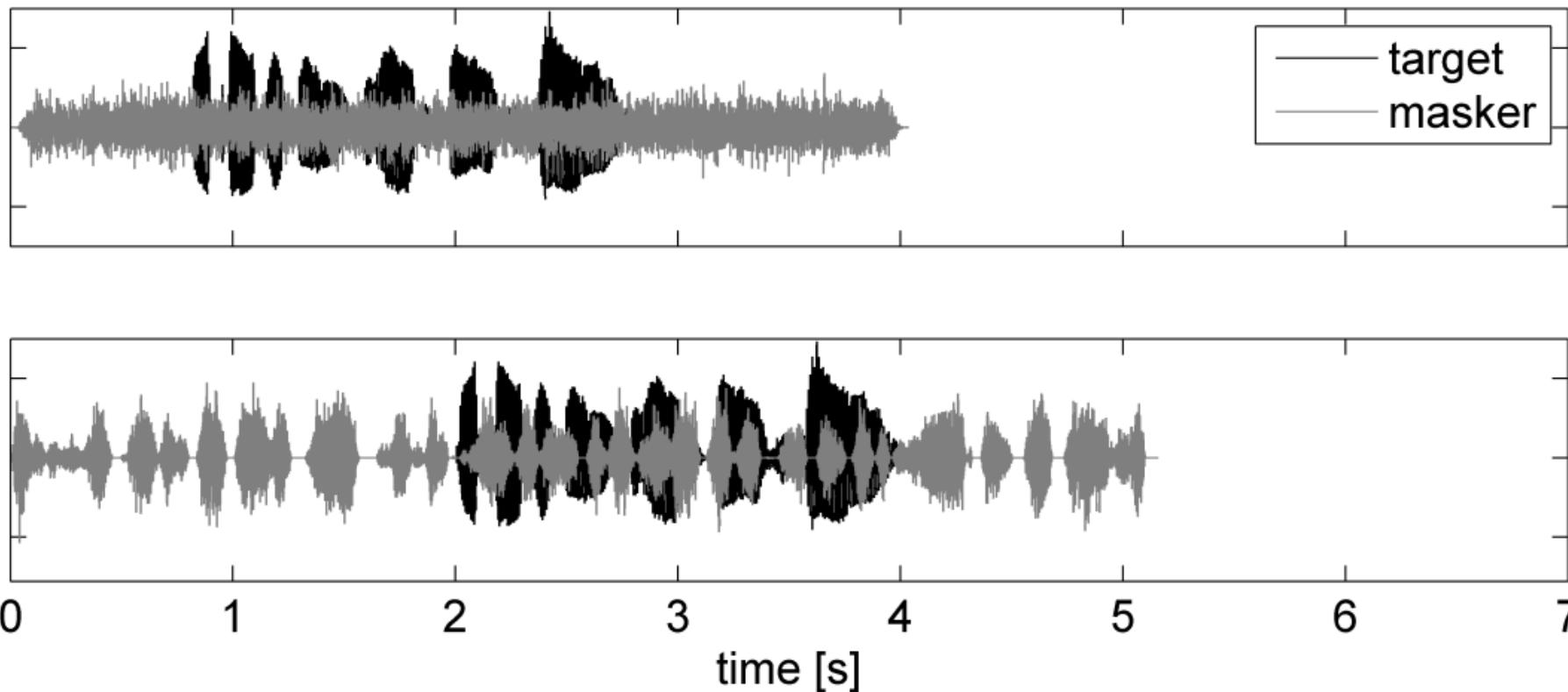




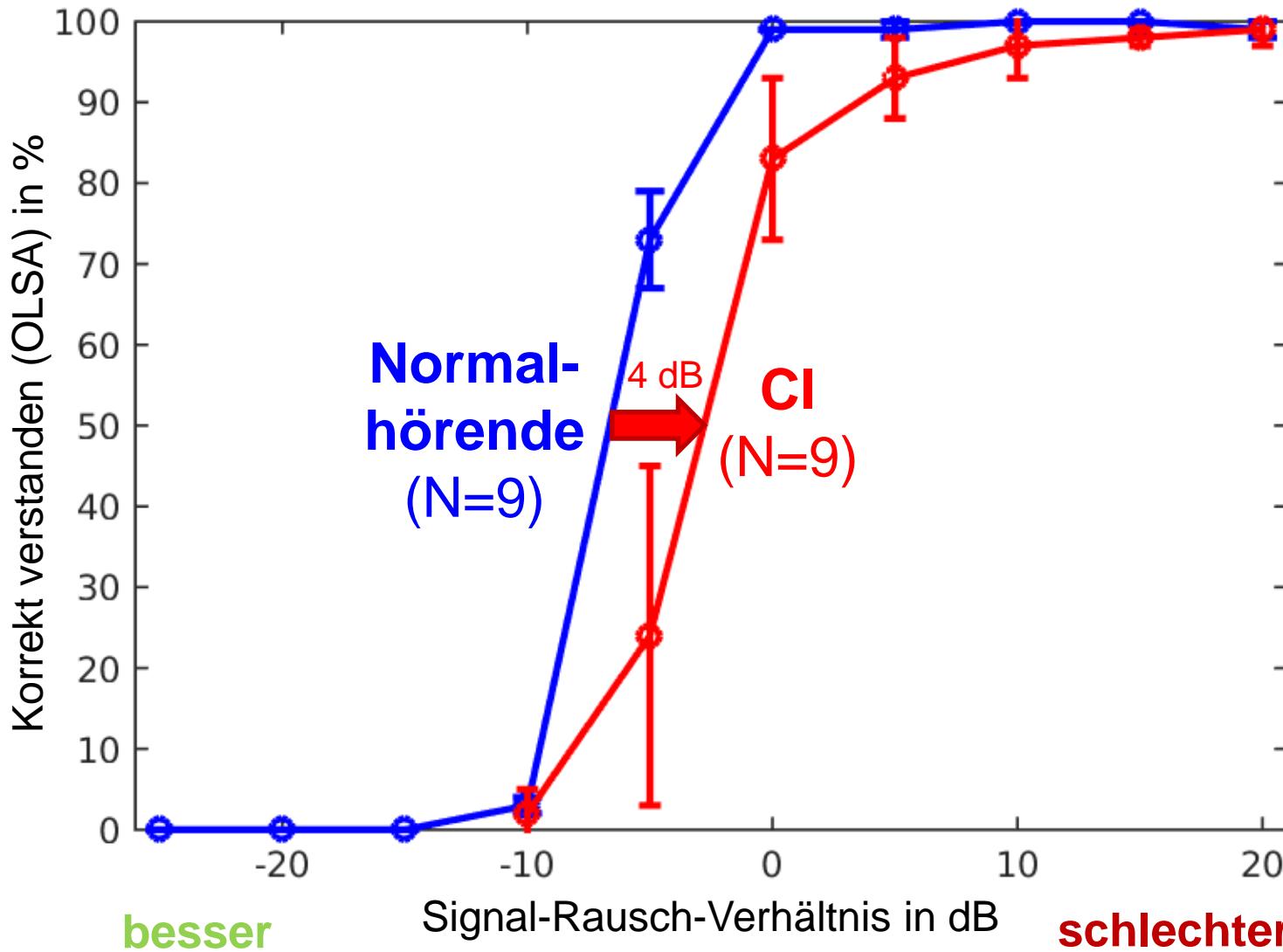
Number of Neurons



Sprache in Störgeräuschen



Stationäre Störgeräusche

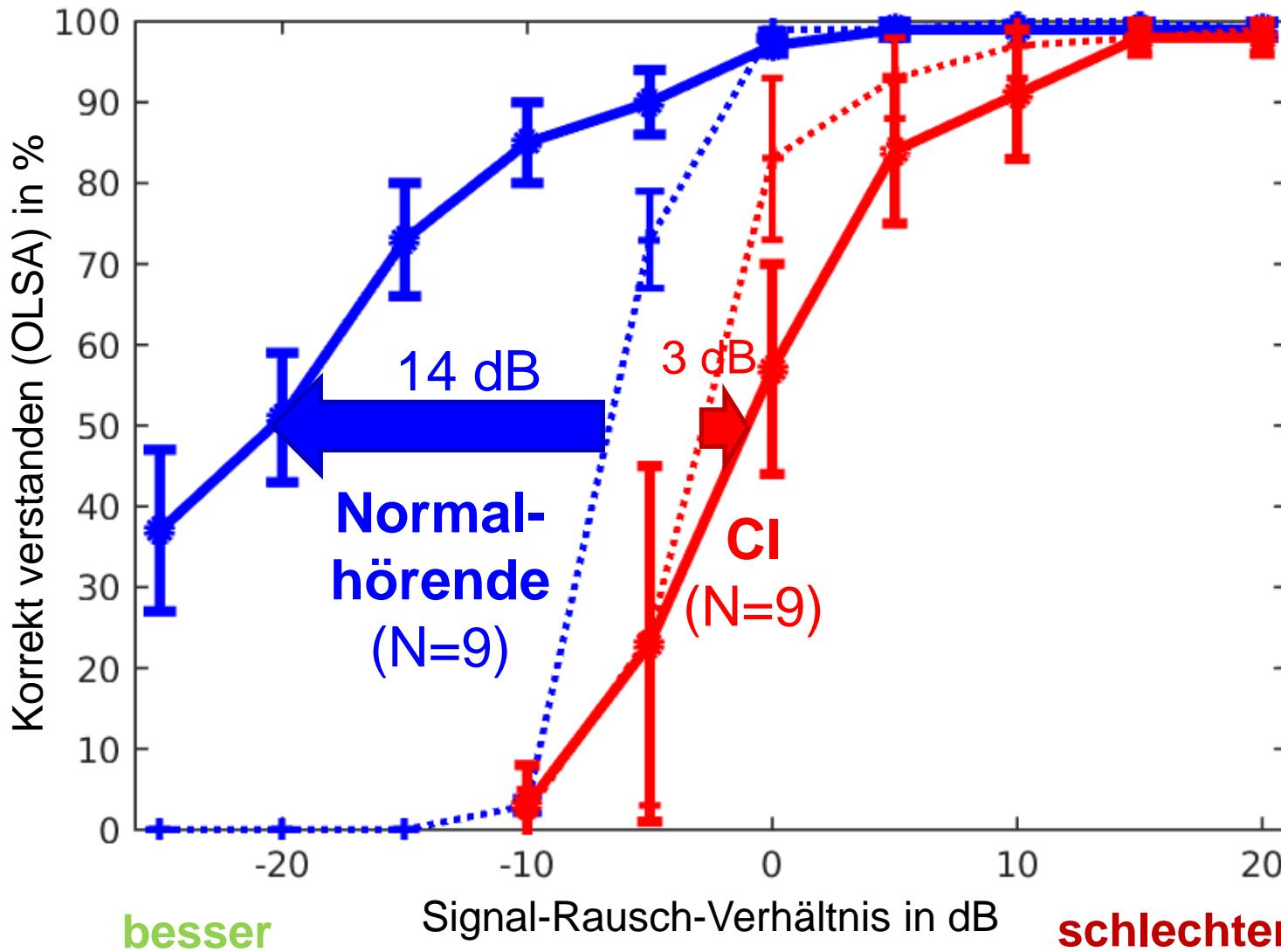


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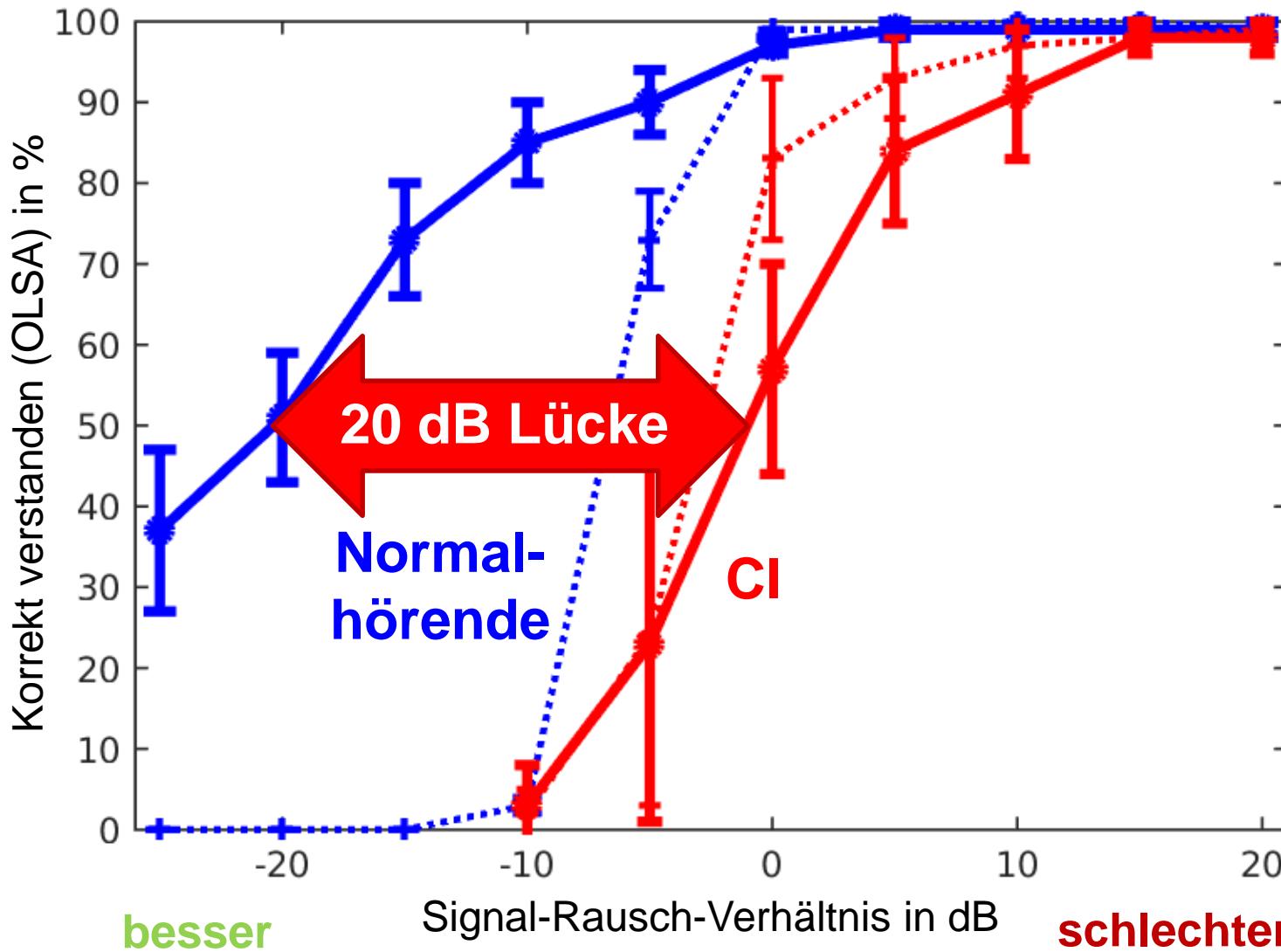


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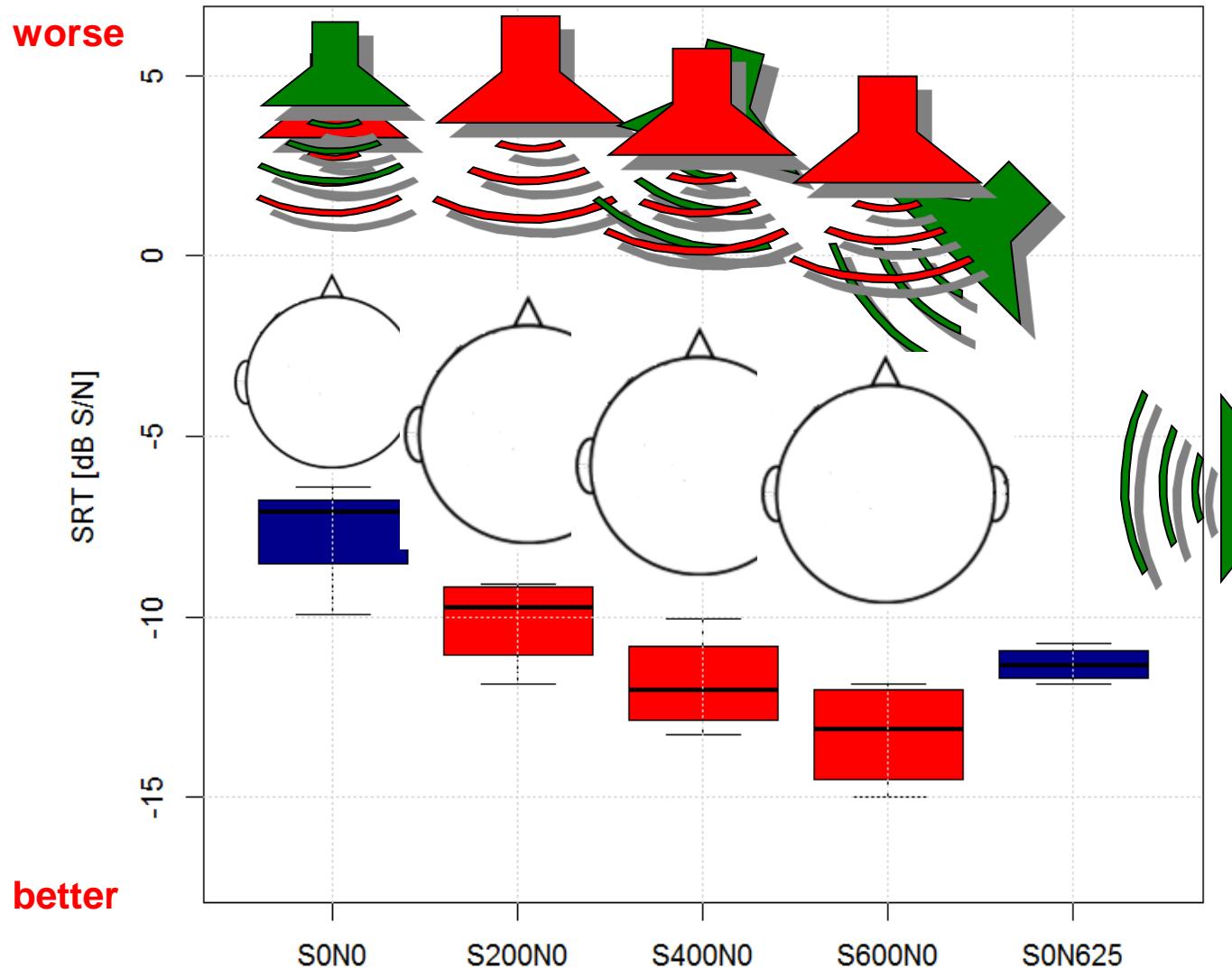


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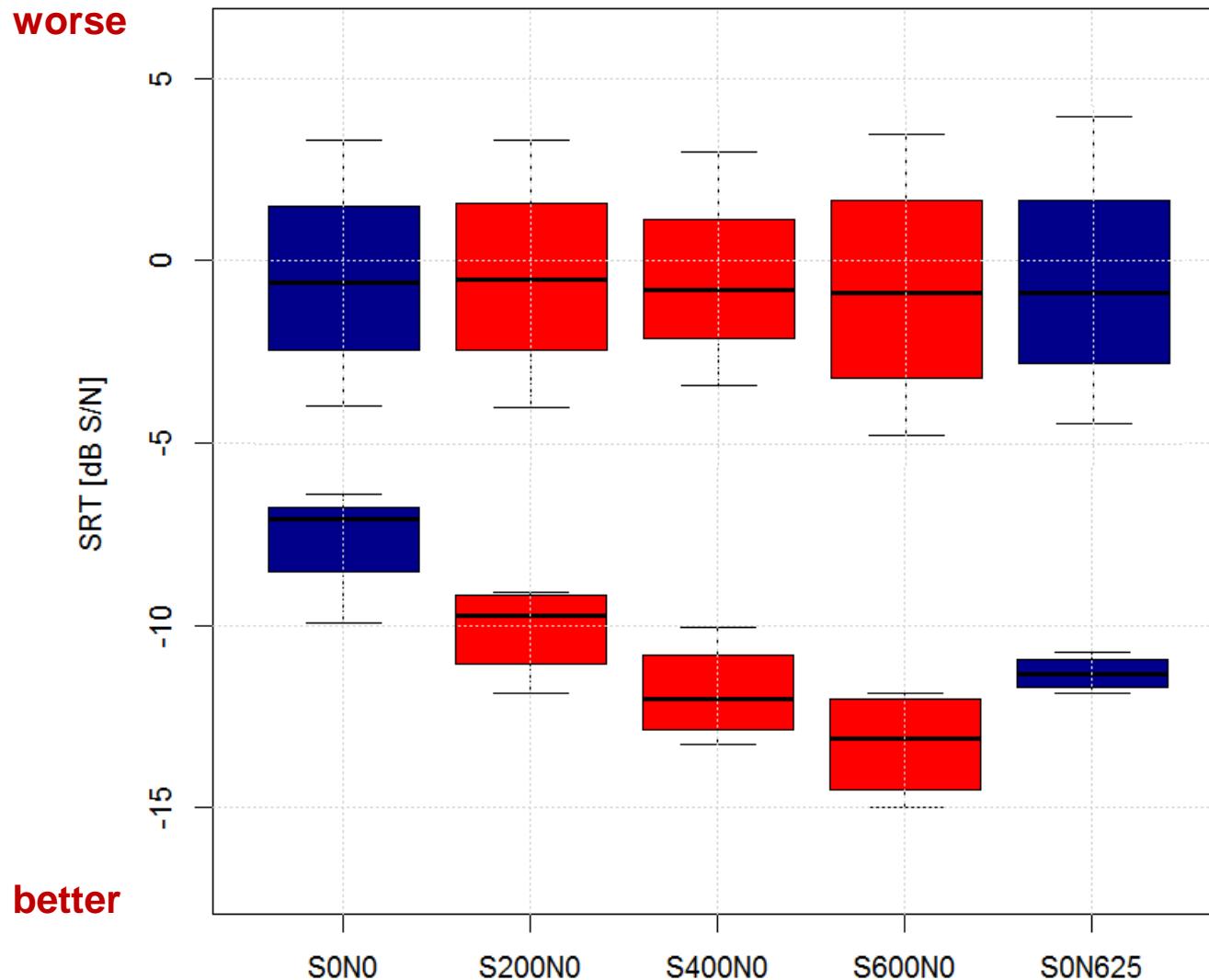
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ITD cues enhance speech understanding...

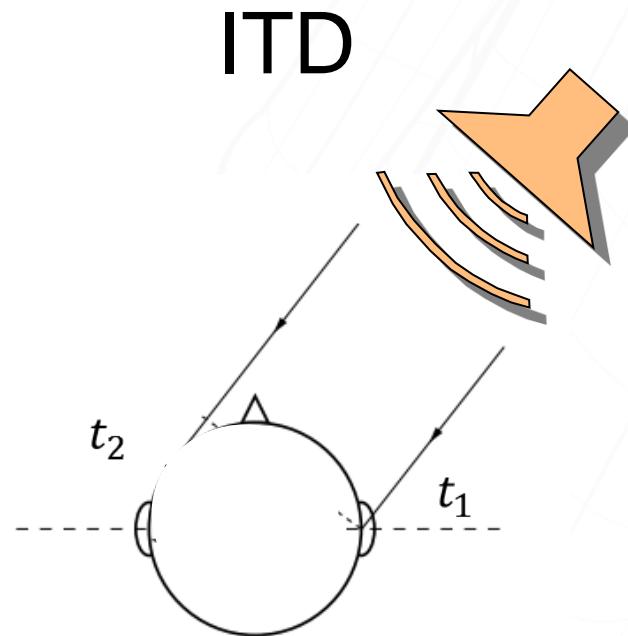


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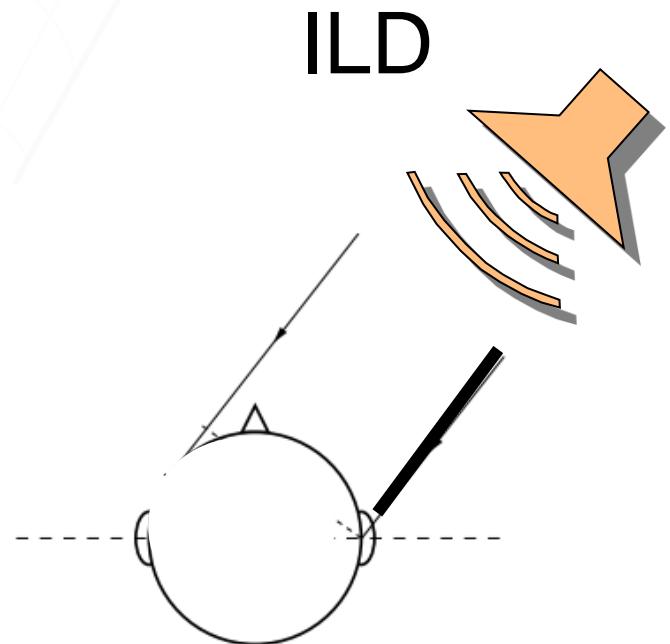
... but (yet) in CI users



Source Localization in the Median Plane

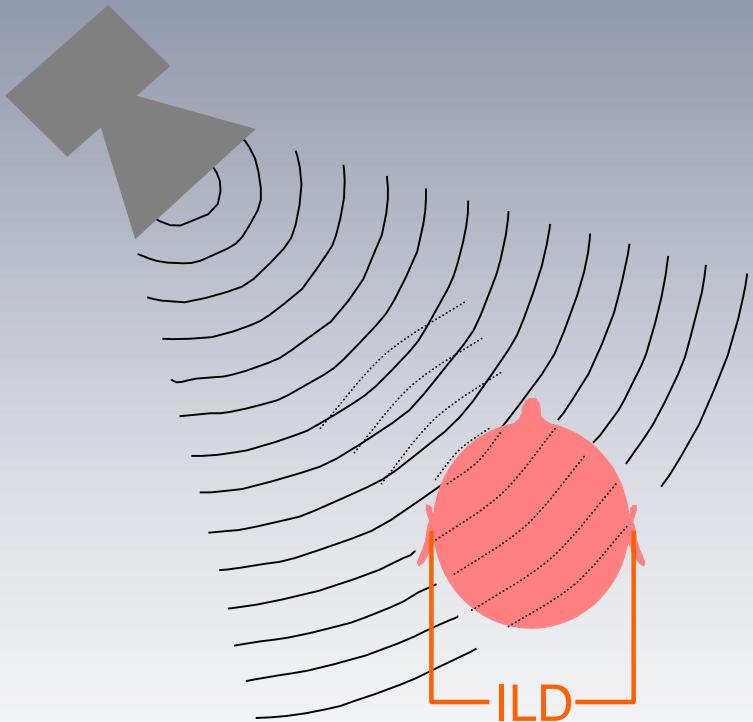
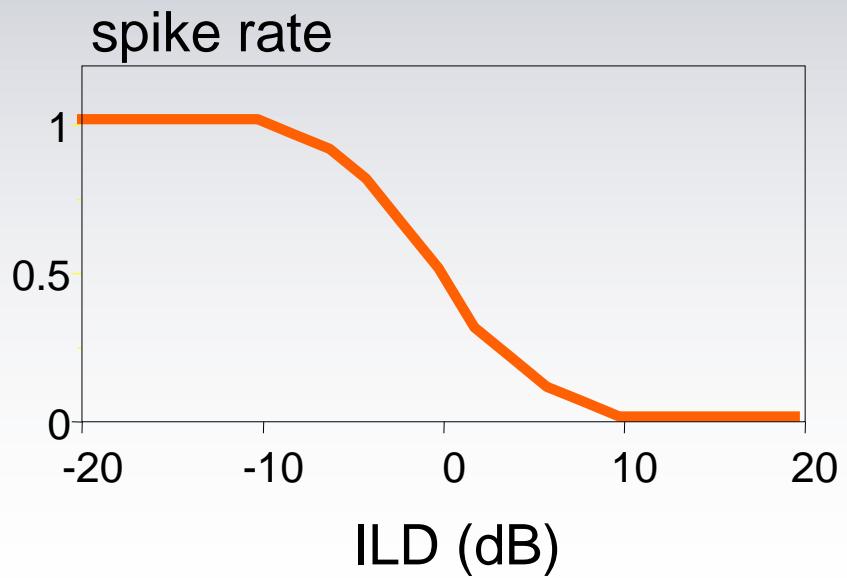
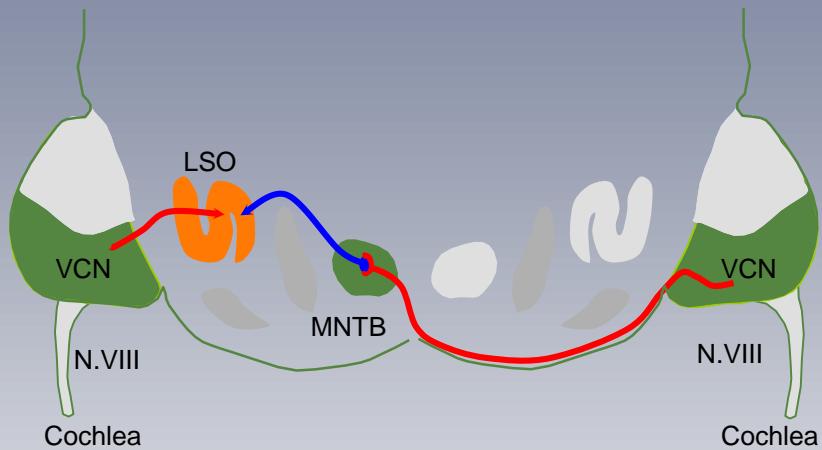


Interaural time differences (ITD)
More important at low frequencies
Higher precision as ILD cues

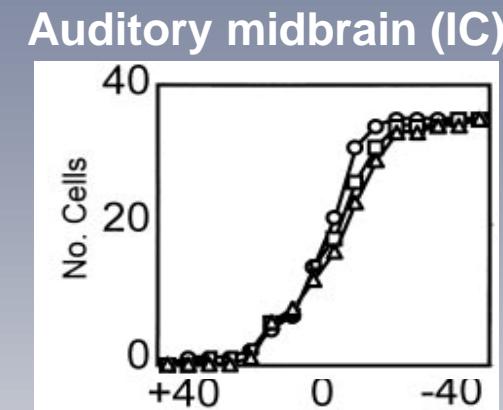
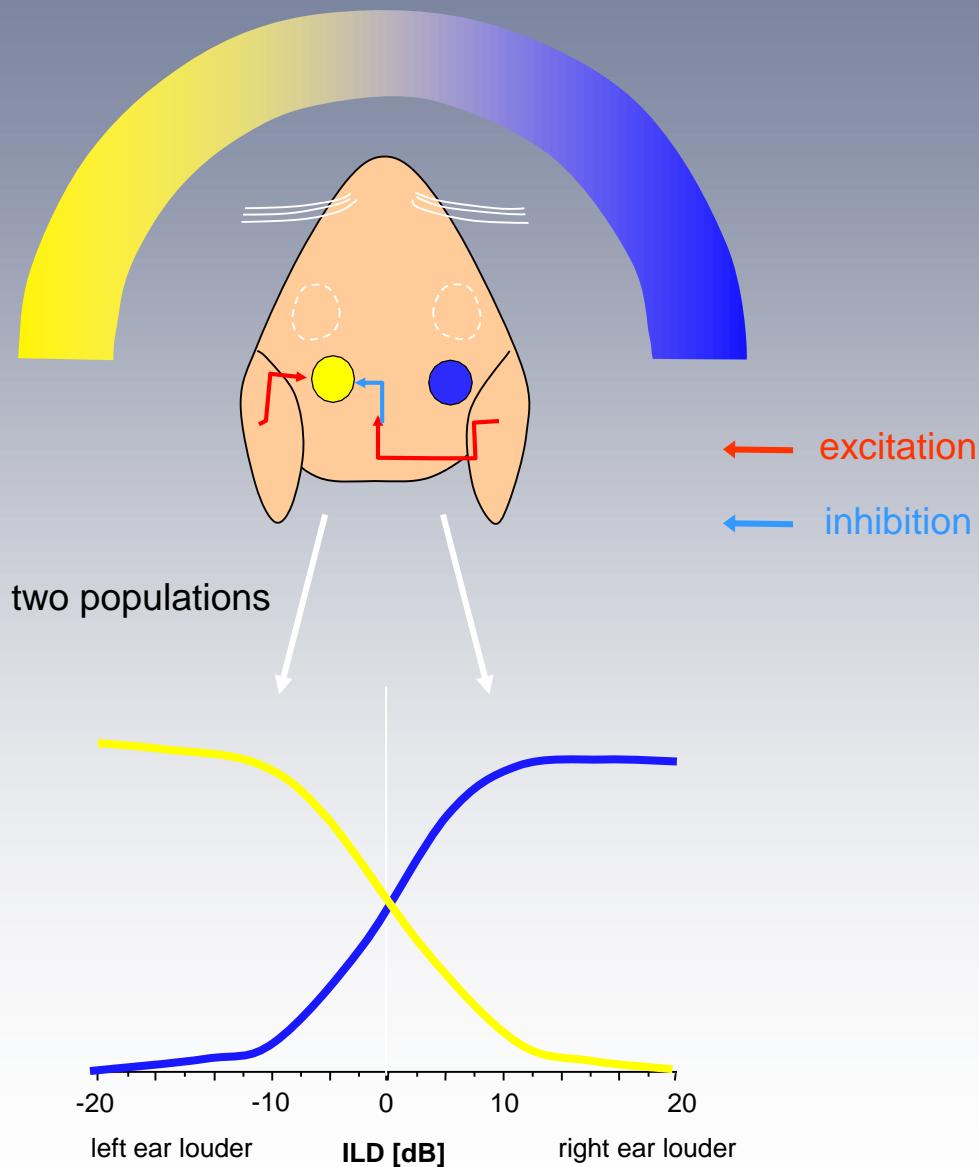


Interaural level differences (ILD)
More important at high frequencies

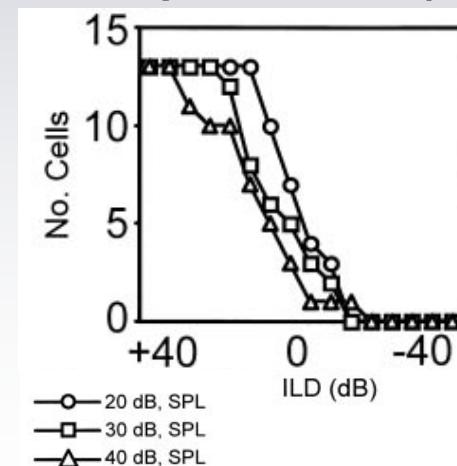
ILD coding in the LSO



Representation of ILDs

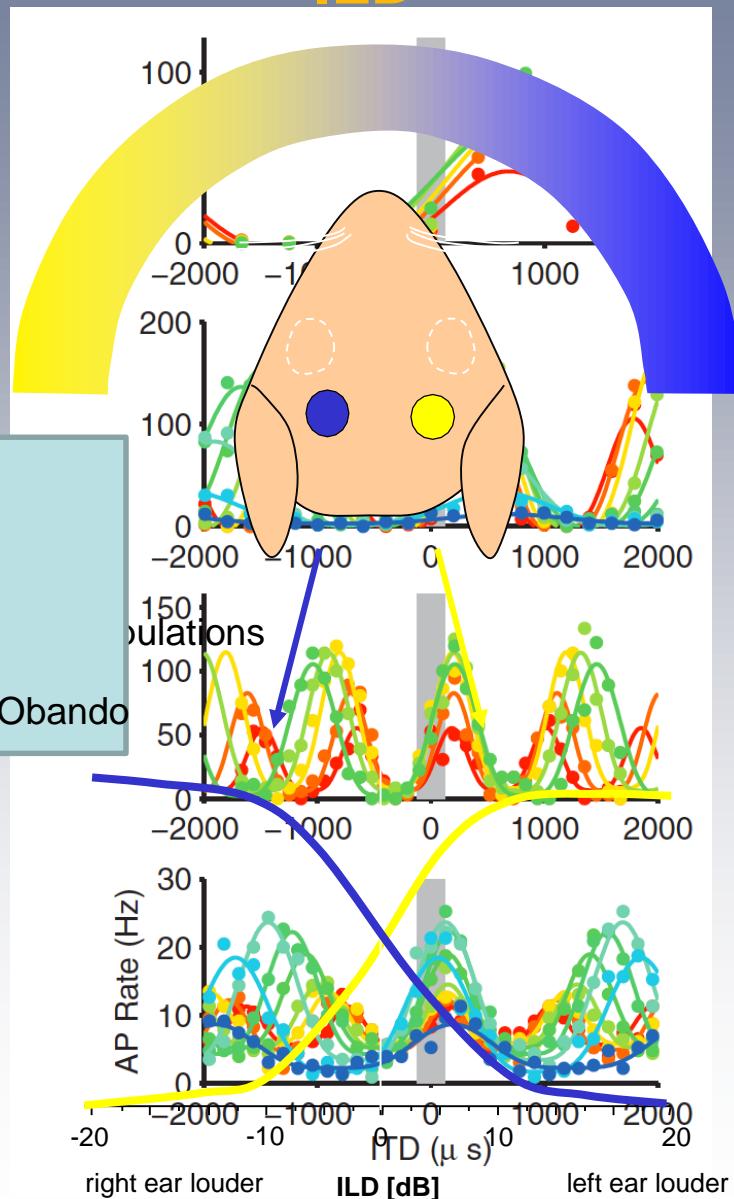


Lateral superior olive (LSO)

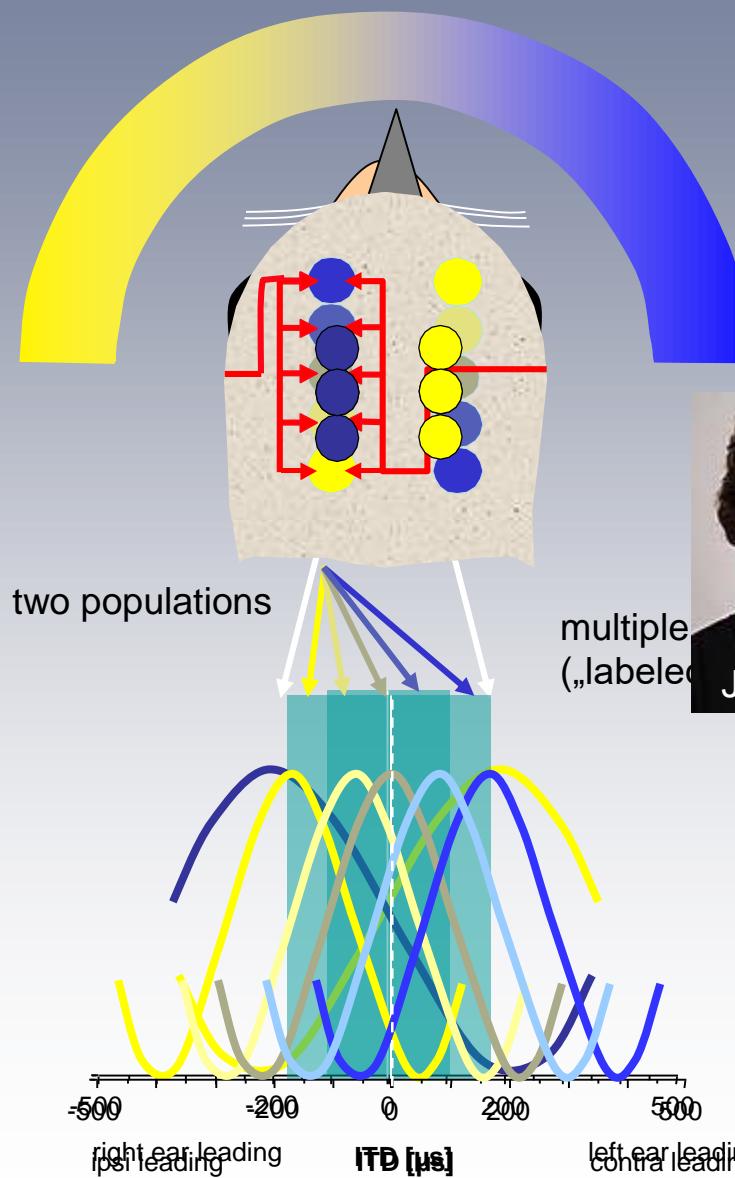


Binaural Processing Strategy

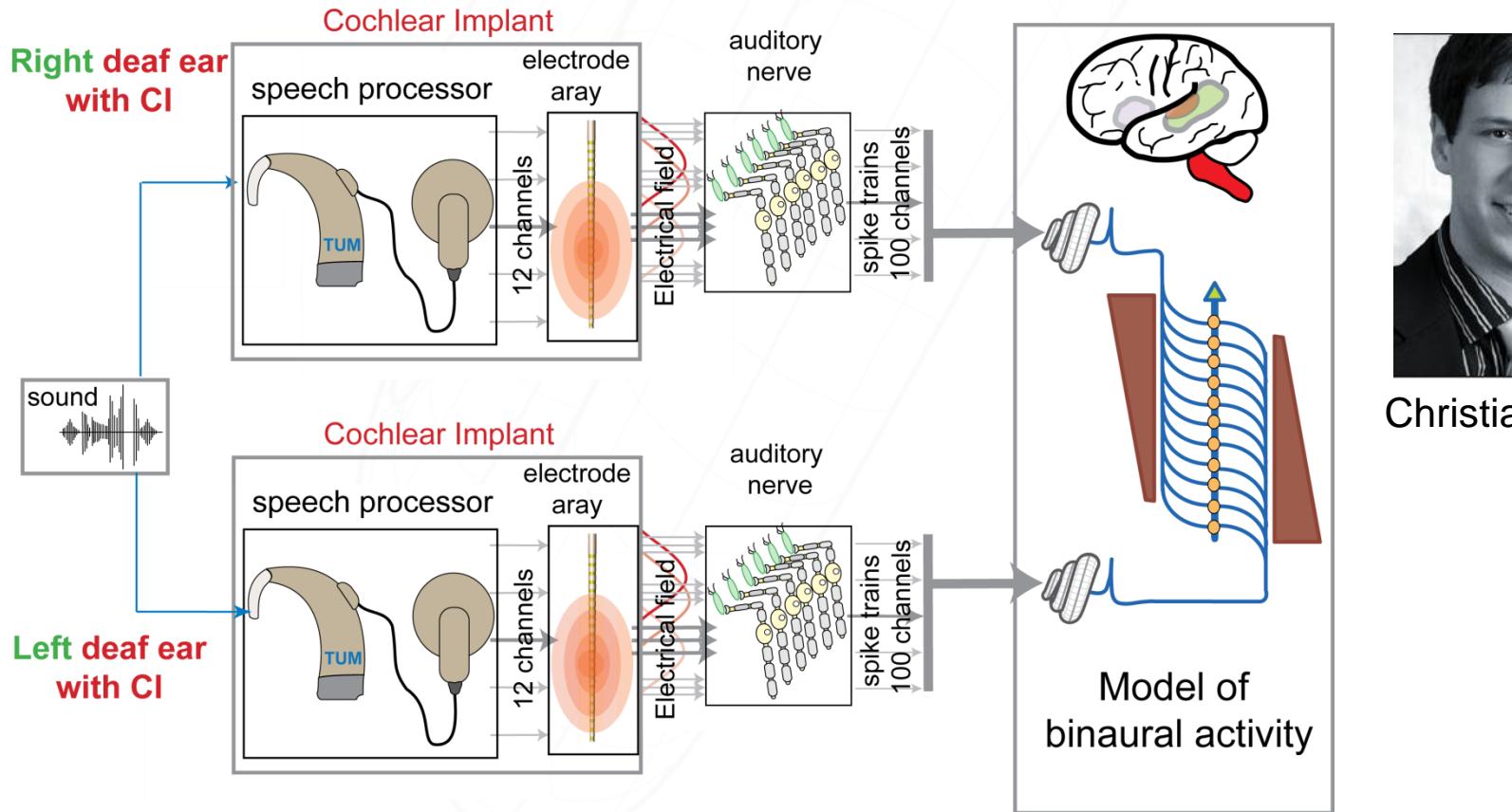
ILD



ITD

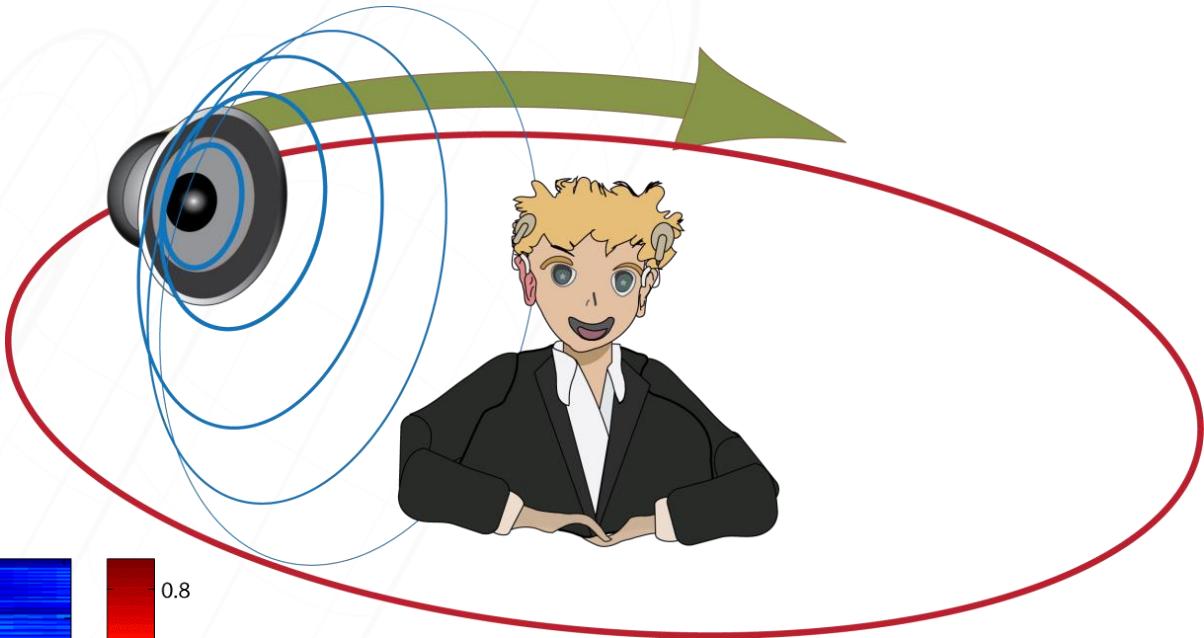
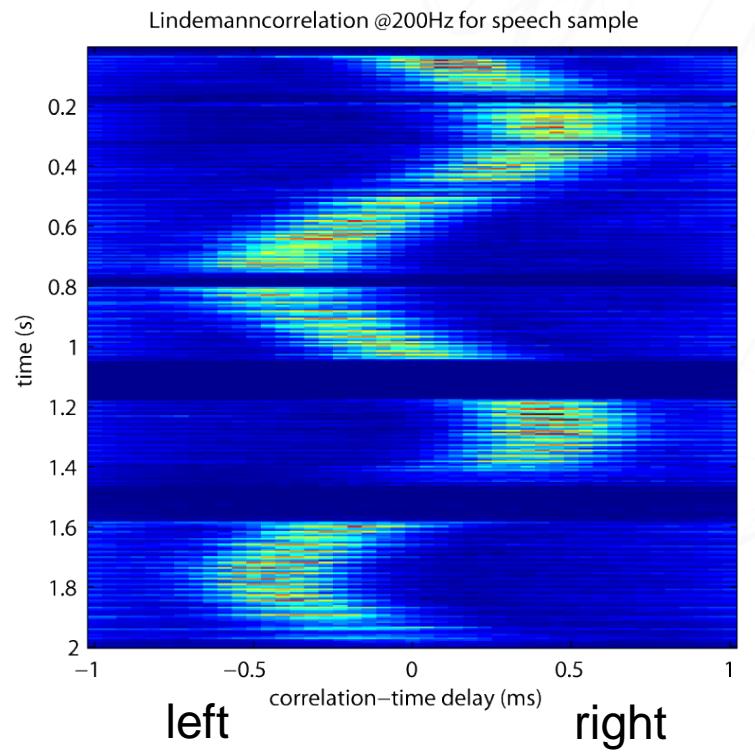


Binaural model

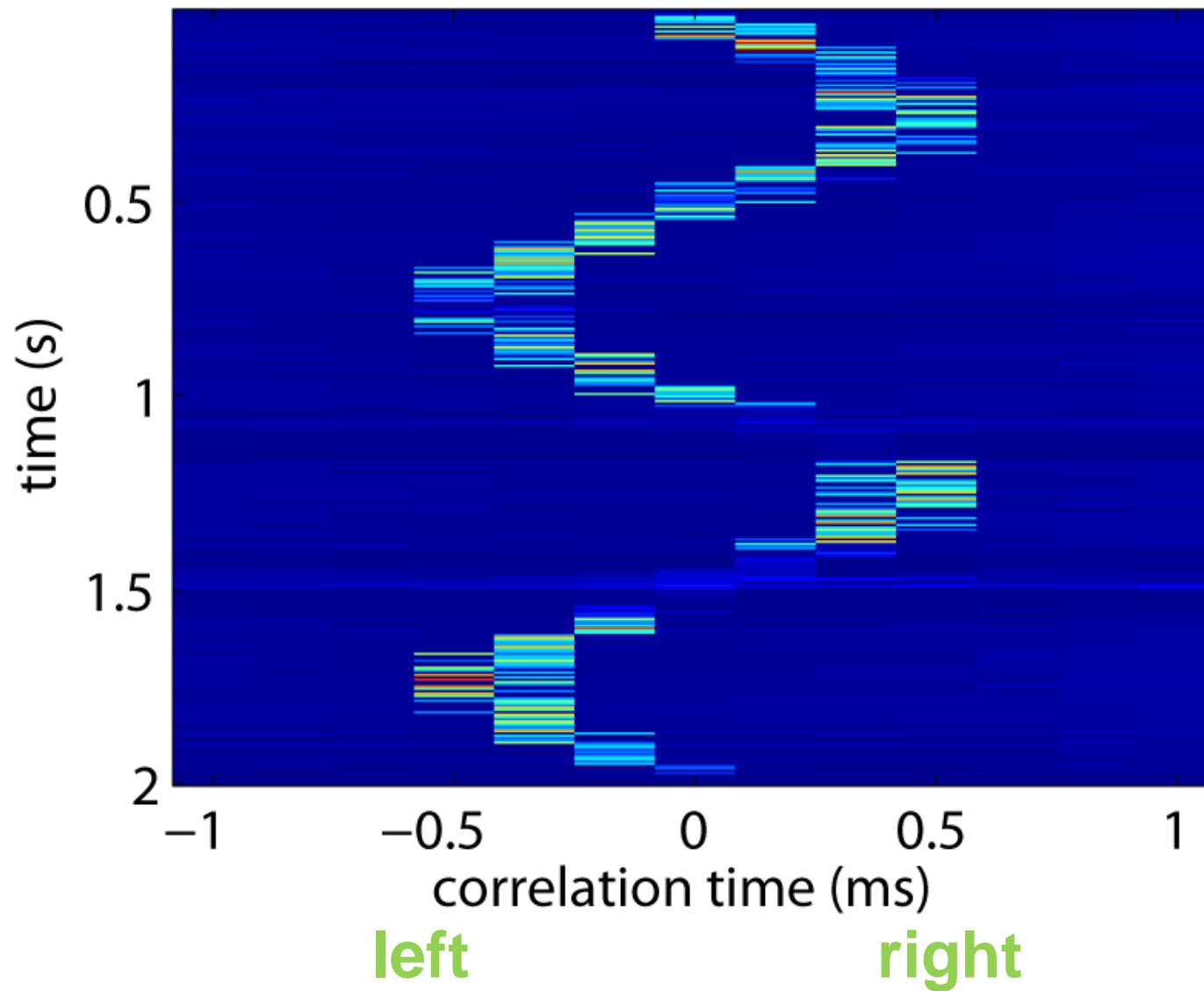


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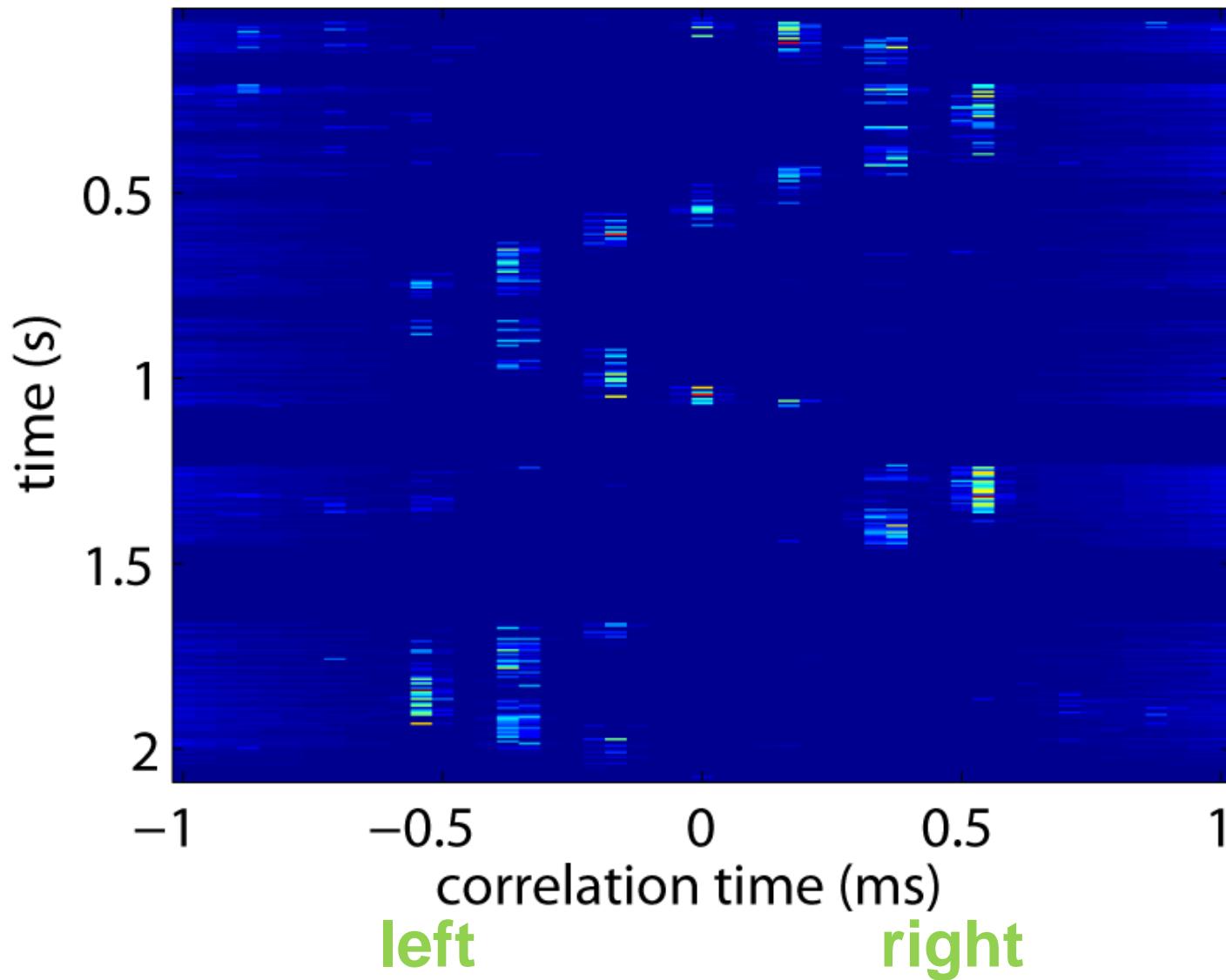
Normal Hearing



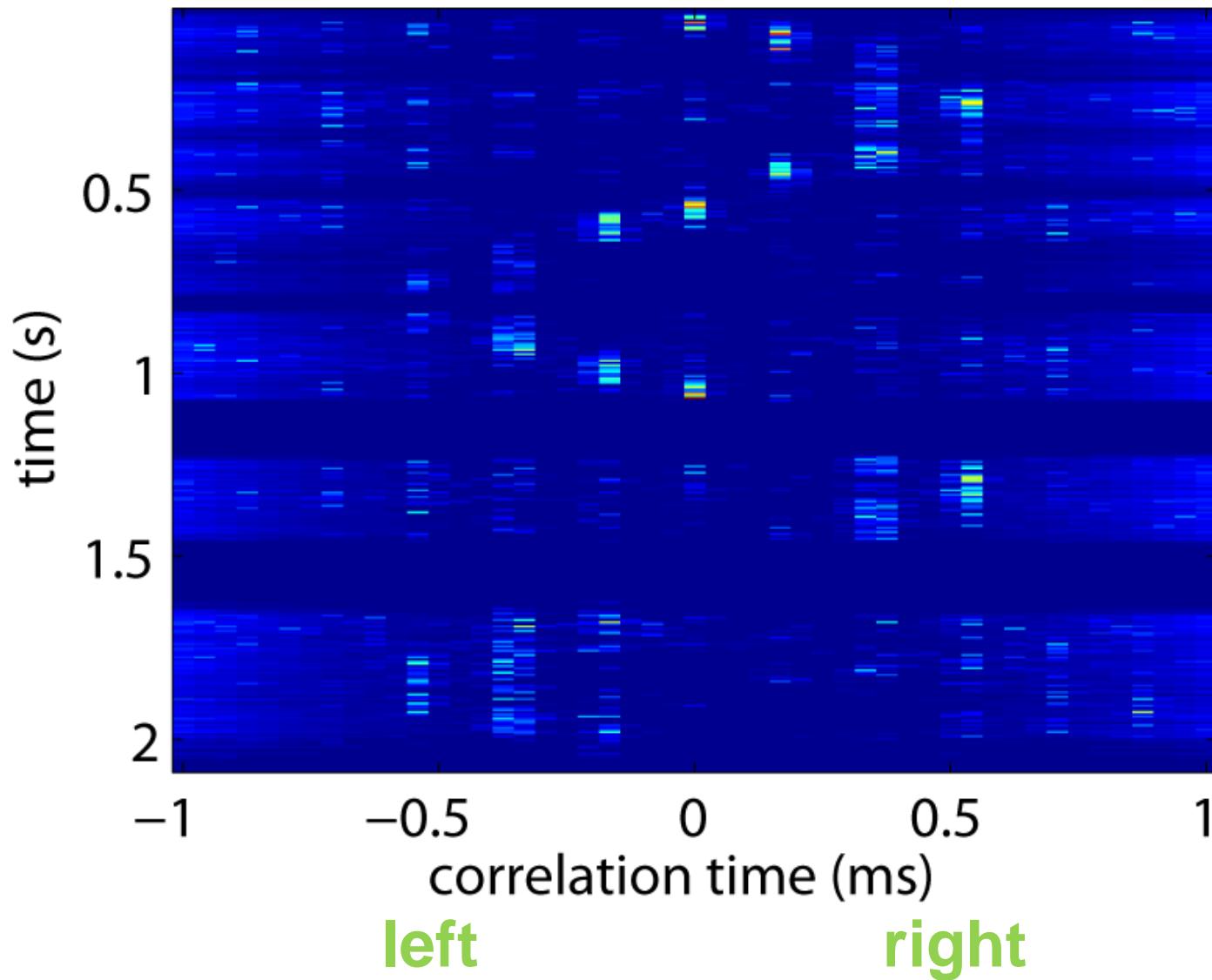
Electrode 2: Lindemann correlation with speech



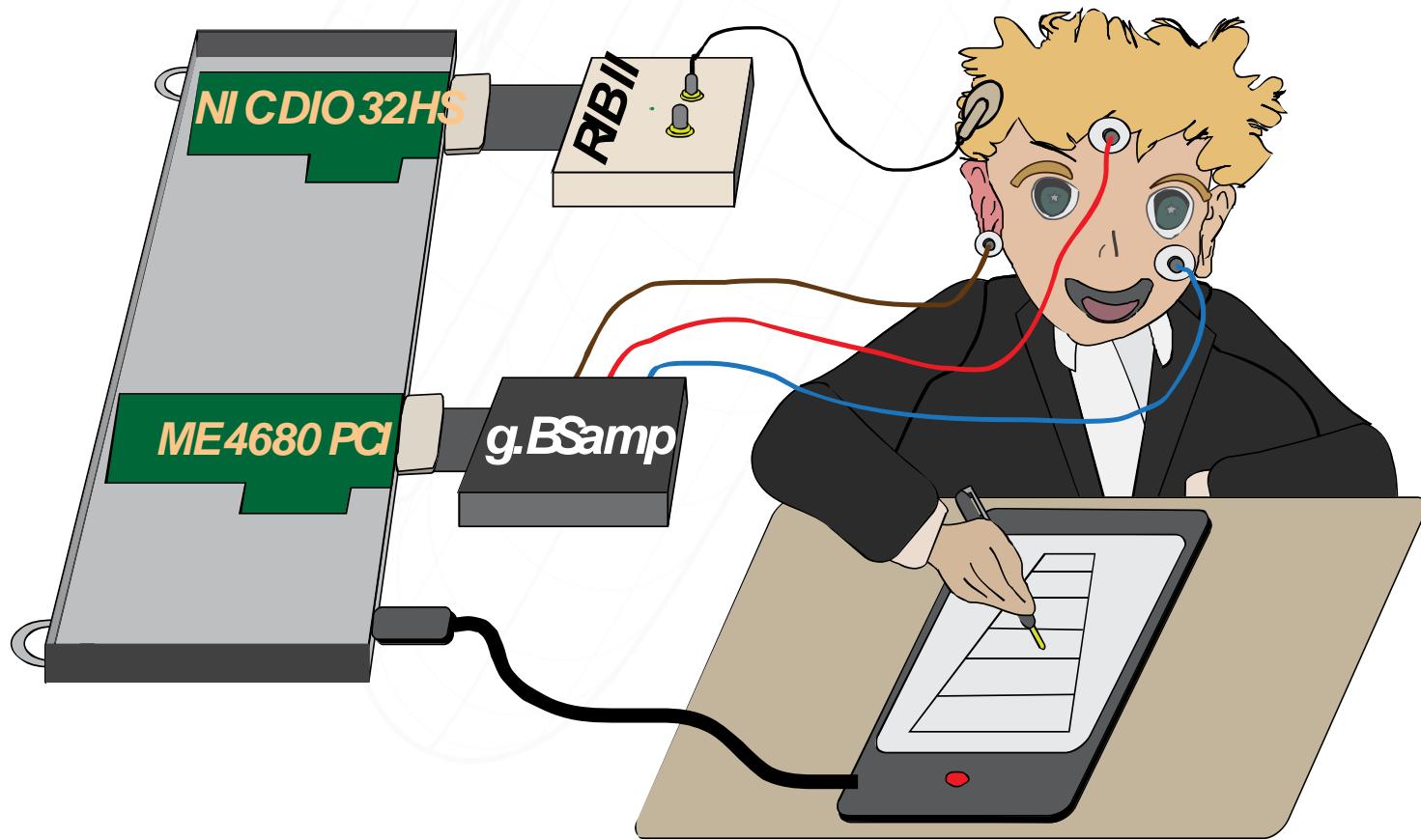
Correlation of neuronal spike-trains at electrode 2



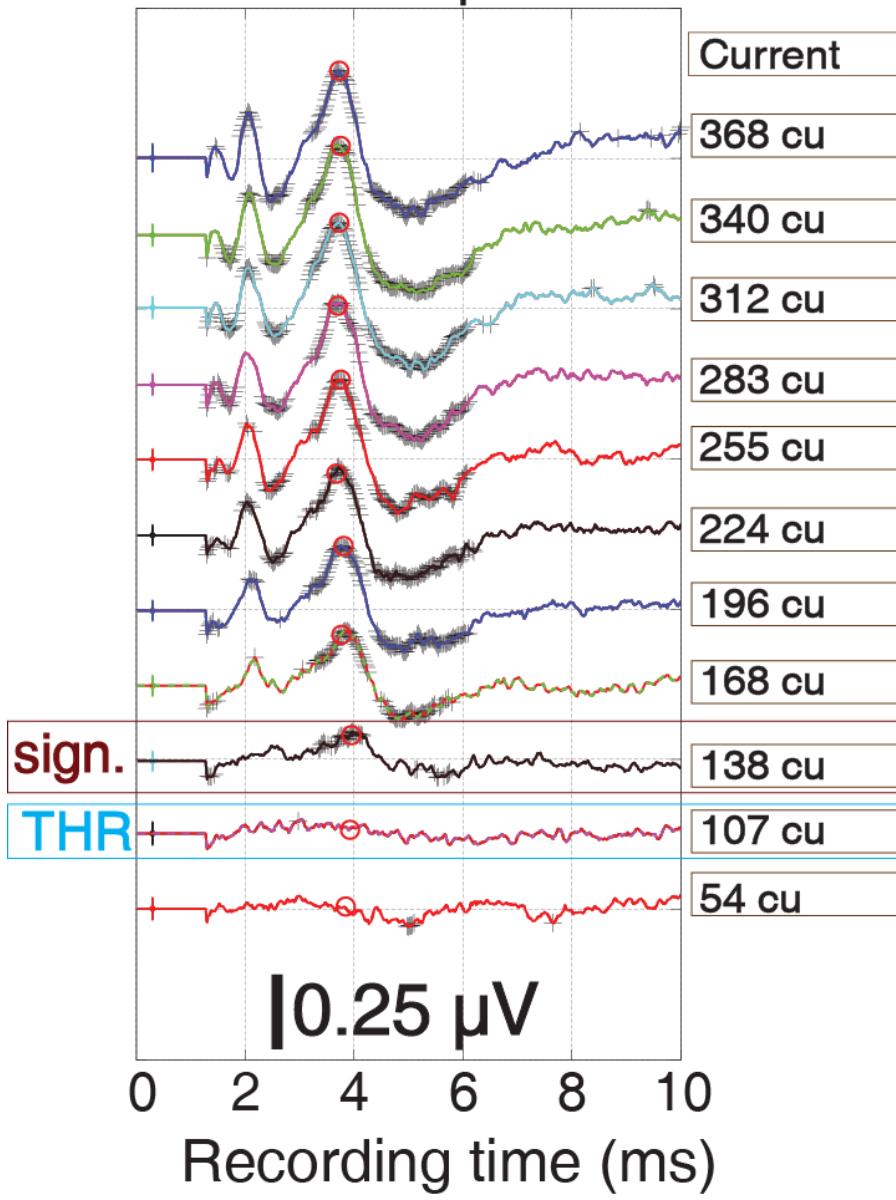
Correlation of neuronal spike-trains between electrode 3 and 4



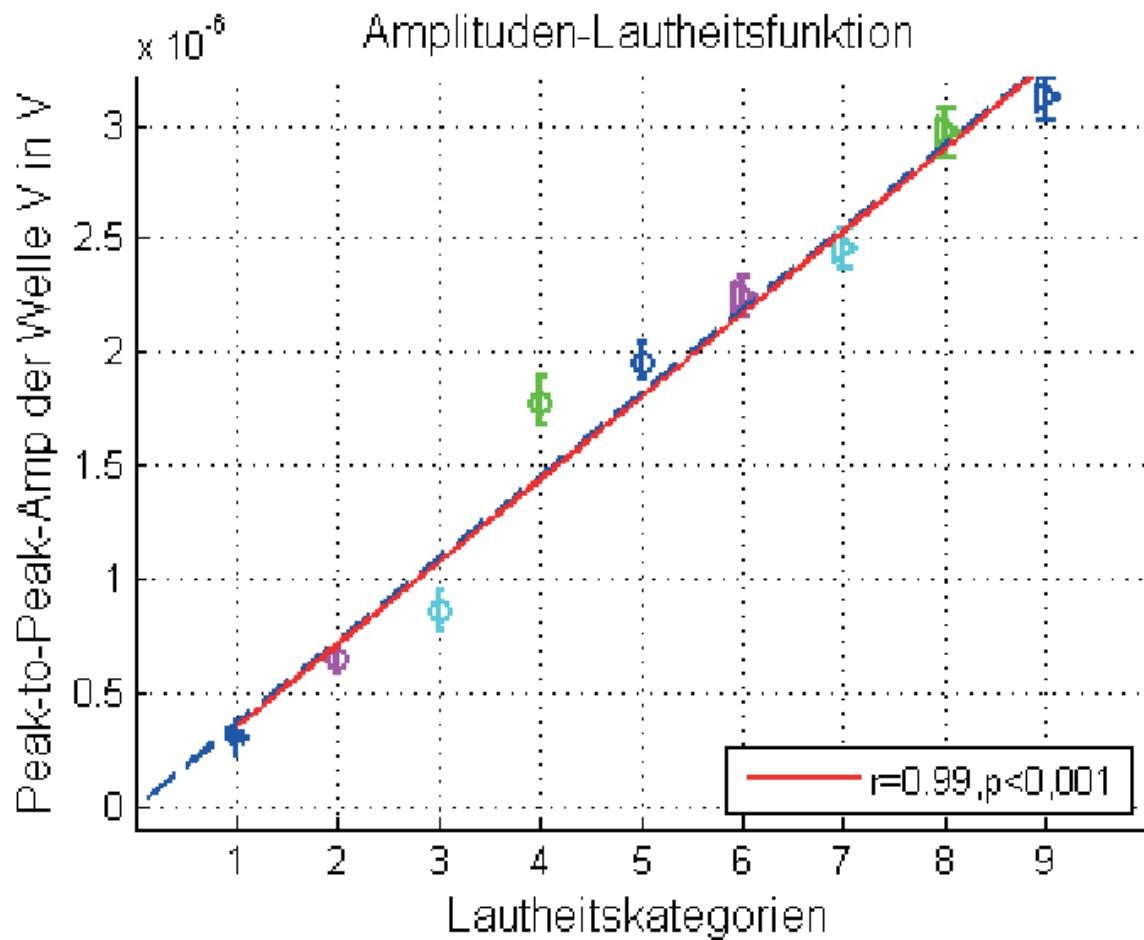
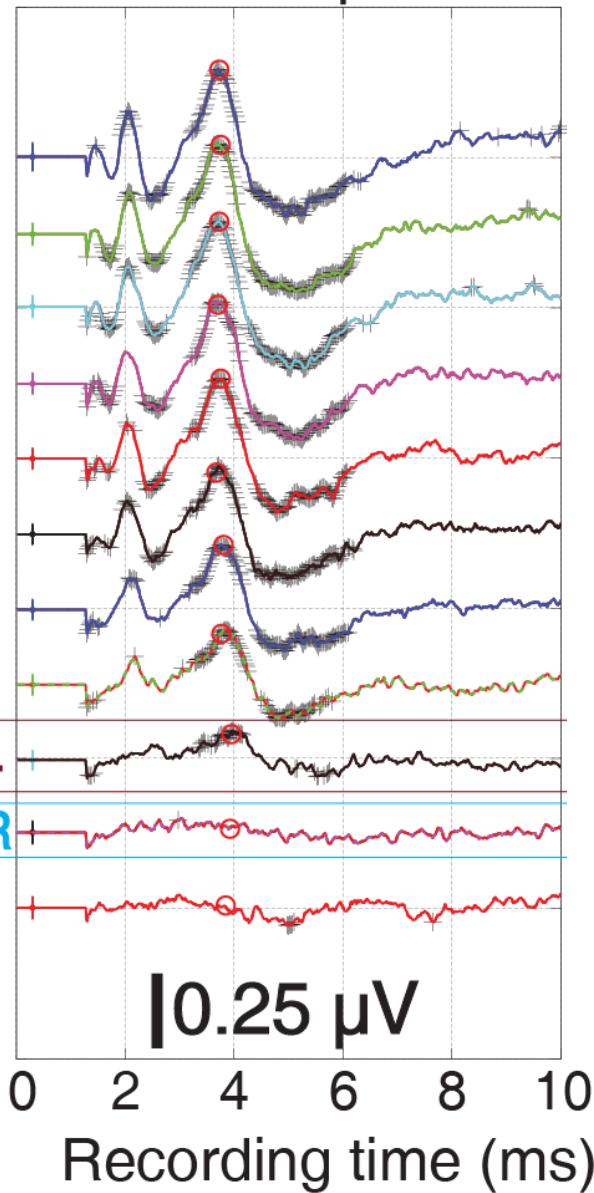
Objective Measurements: eBERA



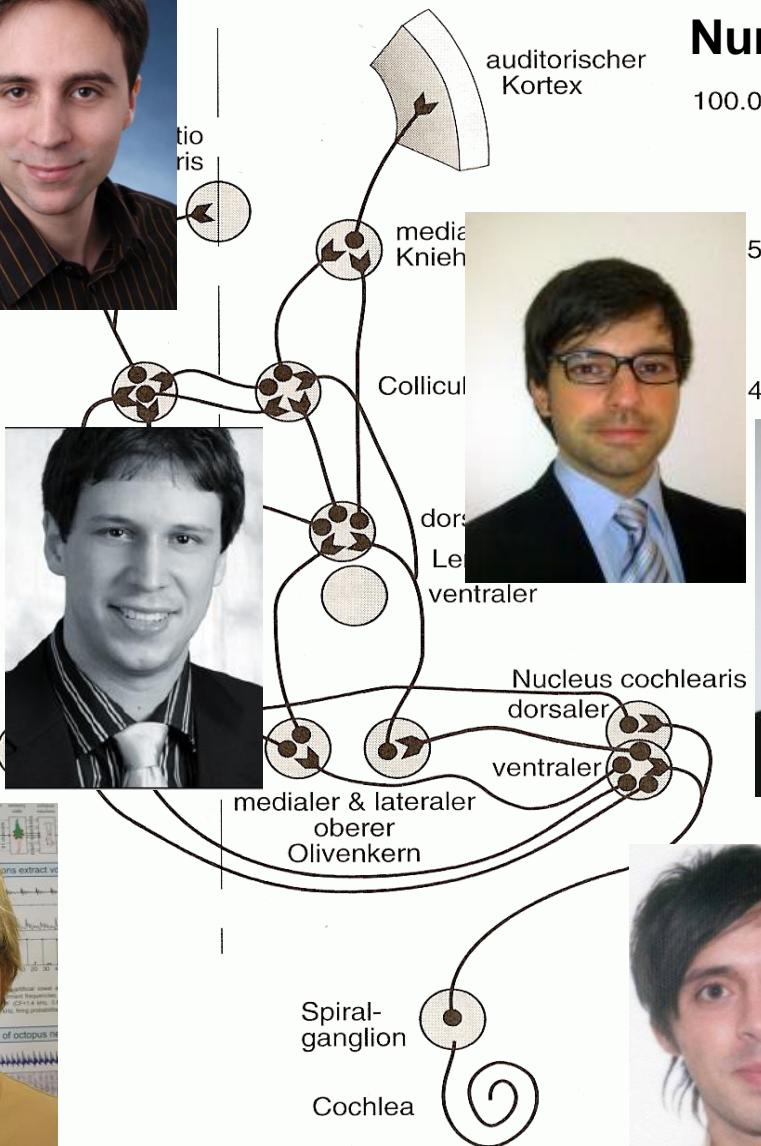
eBERA amplitude



eBERA amplitude



Validation Framework for CIs



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Nucleus cochlearis
dorsaler

ventraler

medialer & lateraler
oberer
Olivenkern

Collicul

dorsal
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