

DSP4Linguists

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Elements of Acoustic Phonetics

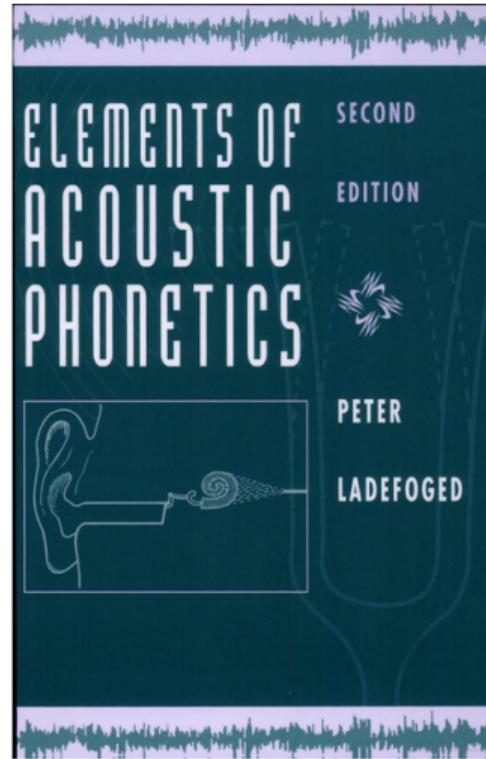


Figure 2: Peter Ladefoged, Elements of Acoustic Phonetics, 1996

Acoustic wave

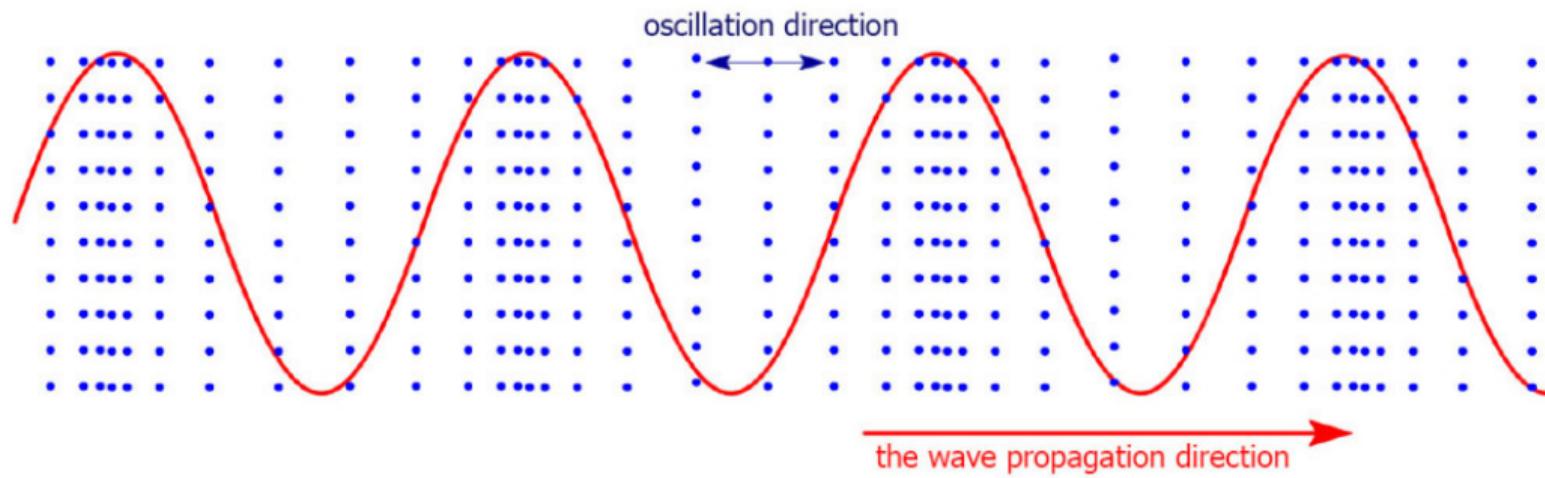


Figure 3: Acoustic wave.

Analog > Digital / Digital > Analog

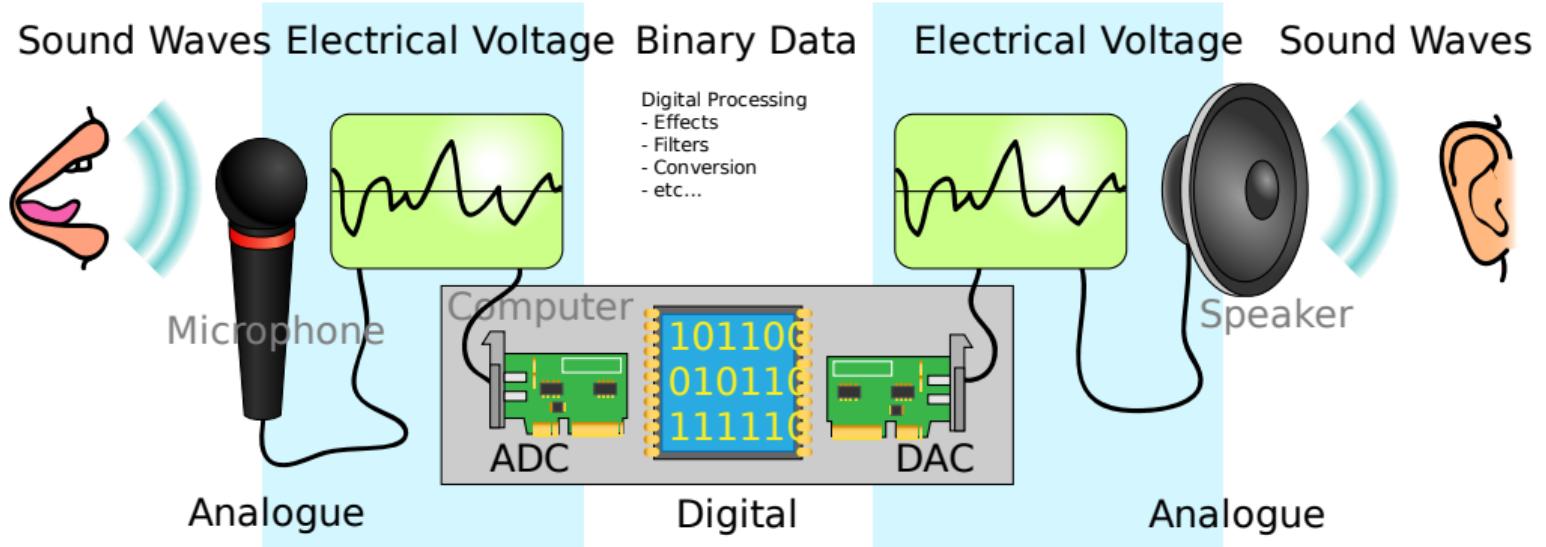


Figure 4: ADC and DAC.

Microphone



Figure 5: Microphone polar pattern

Microphone

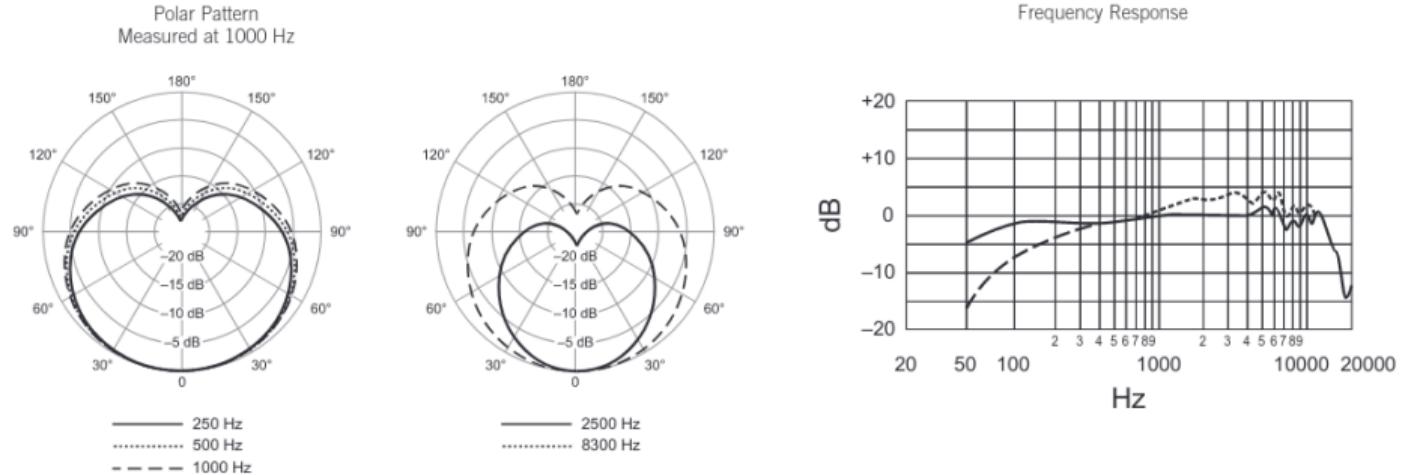


Figure 6: Microphone polar pattern

Headphone

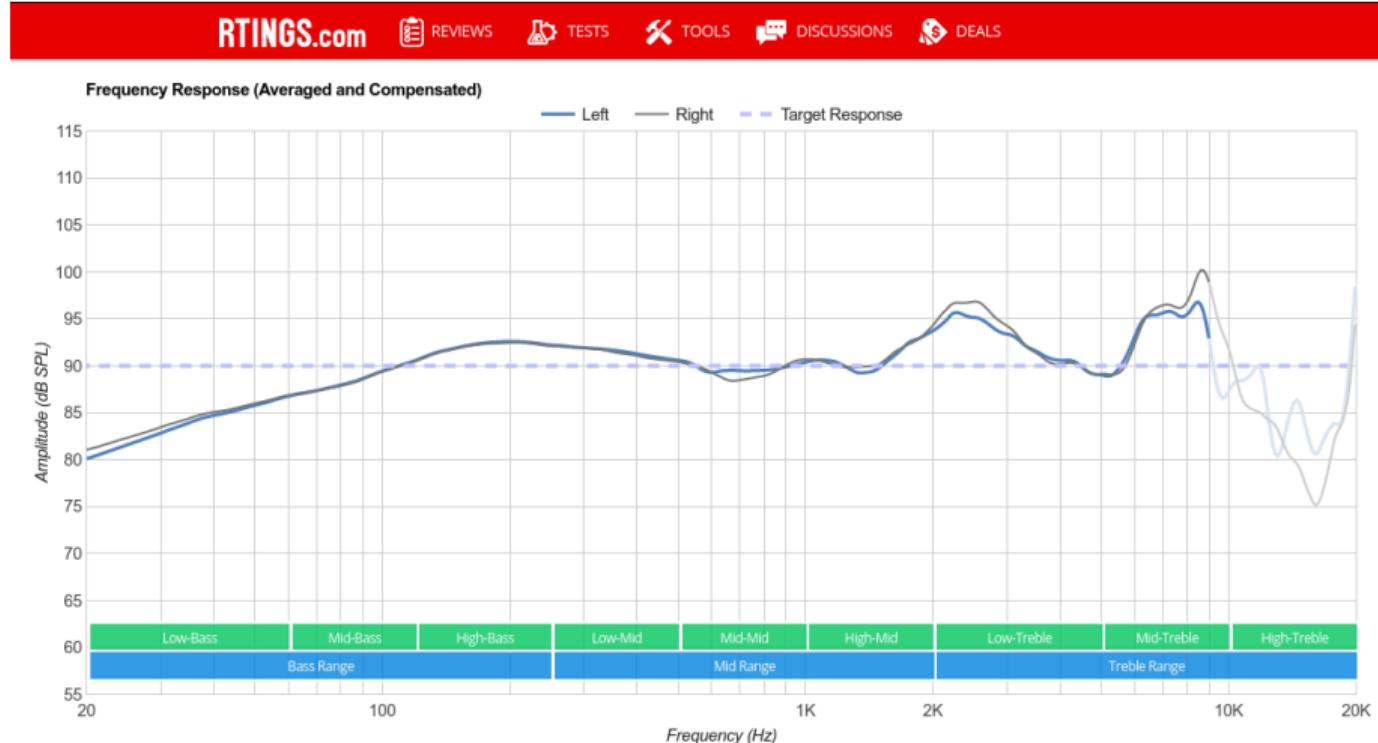


Figure 7: Headphone frequency response

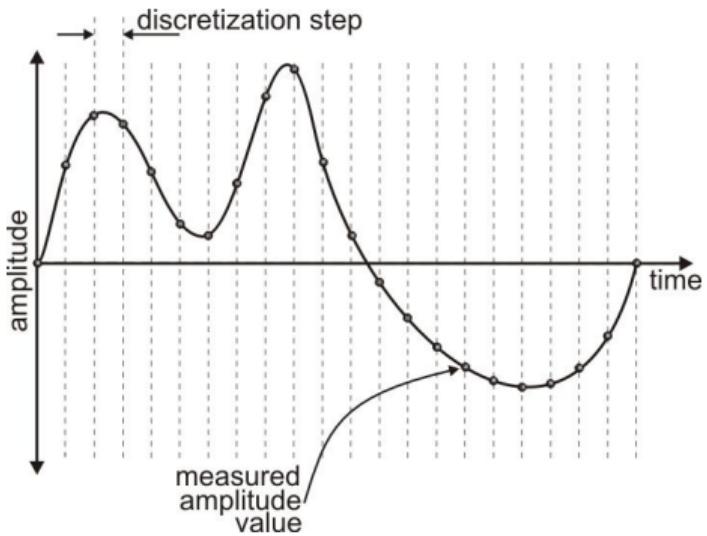


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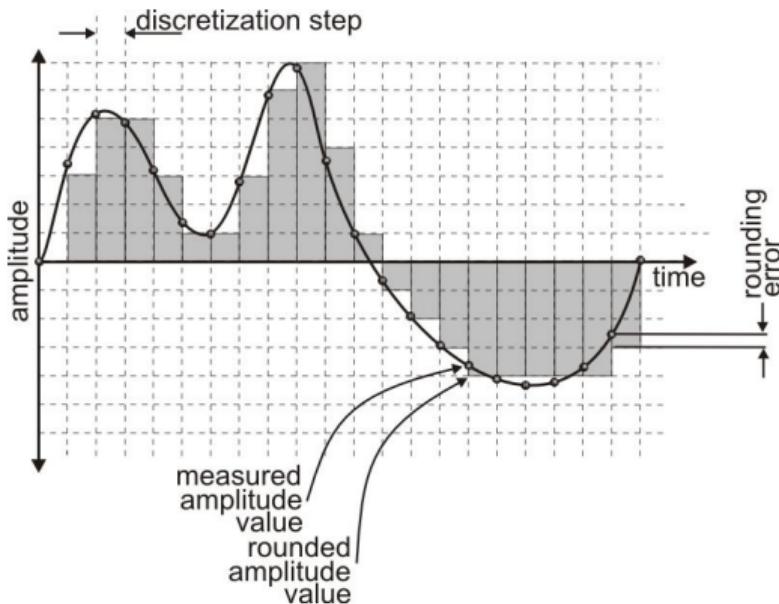


Figure 9: Quantization.

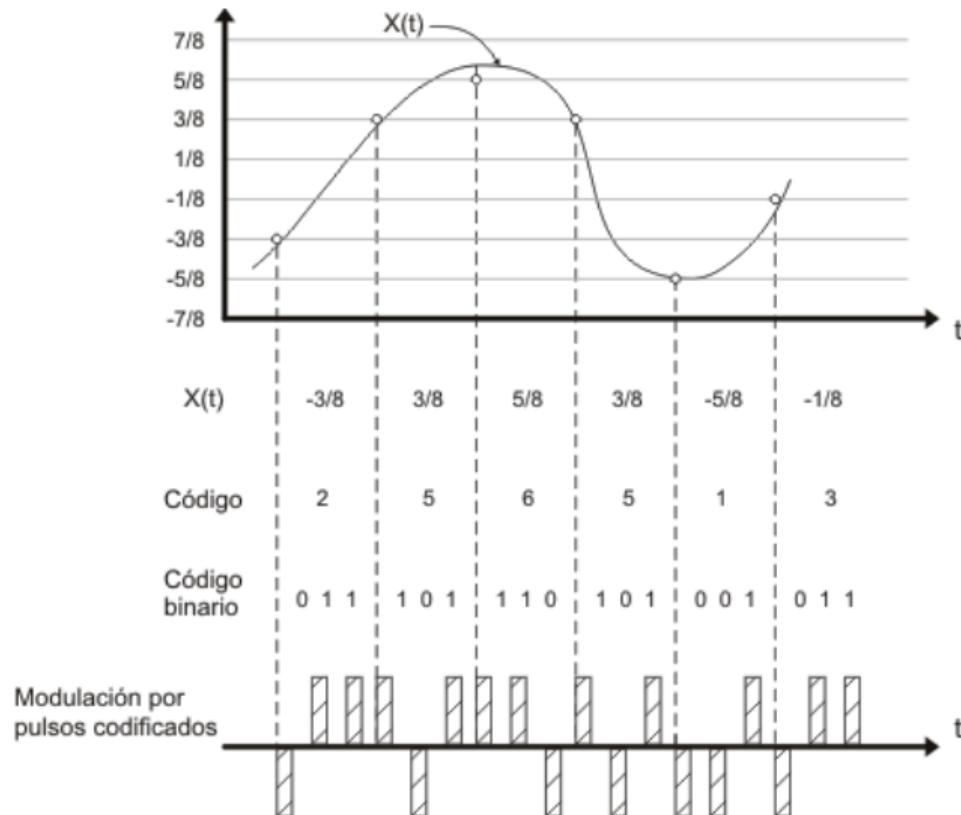
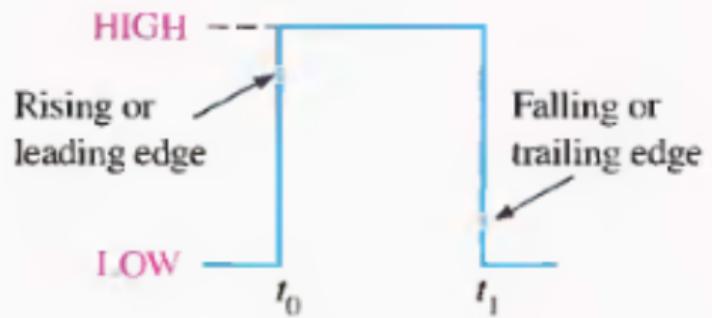
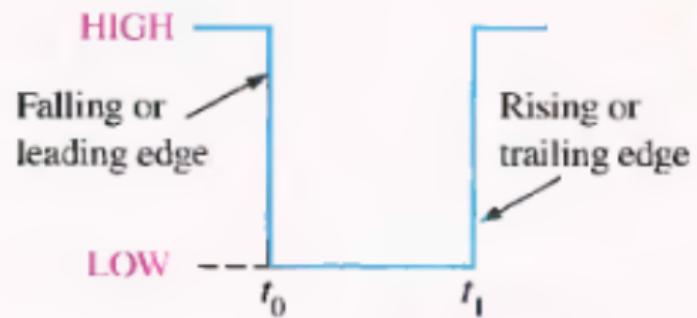


Figure 10: Coded pulses.



(a) Positive-going pulse



(b) Negative-going pulse

Figure 11: Digital pulse.

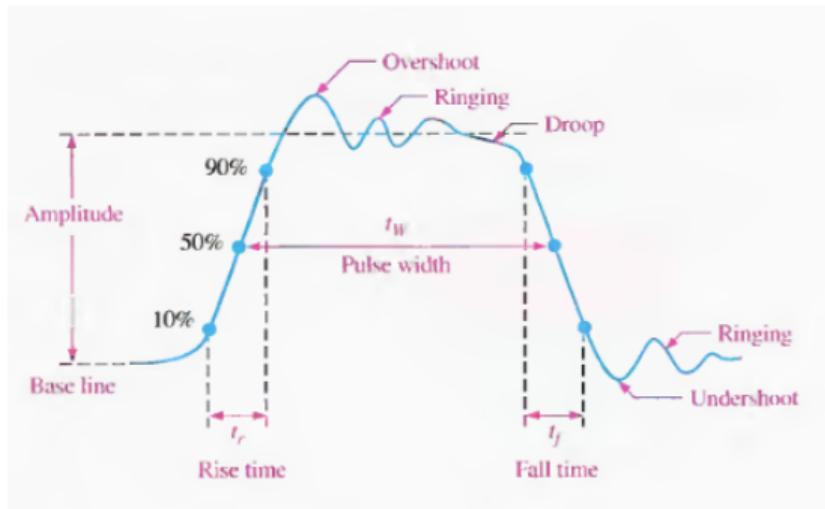


Figure 12: Non-ideal Pulse.

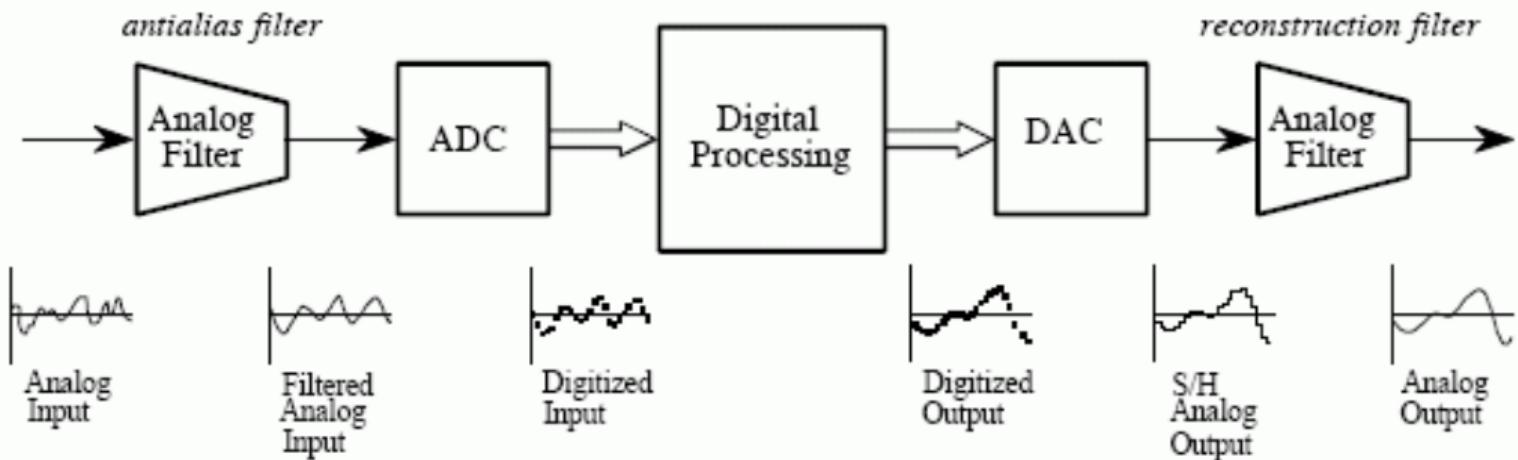


Figure 13: ADC and DAC

Quantizer

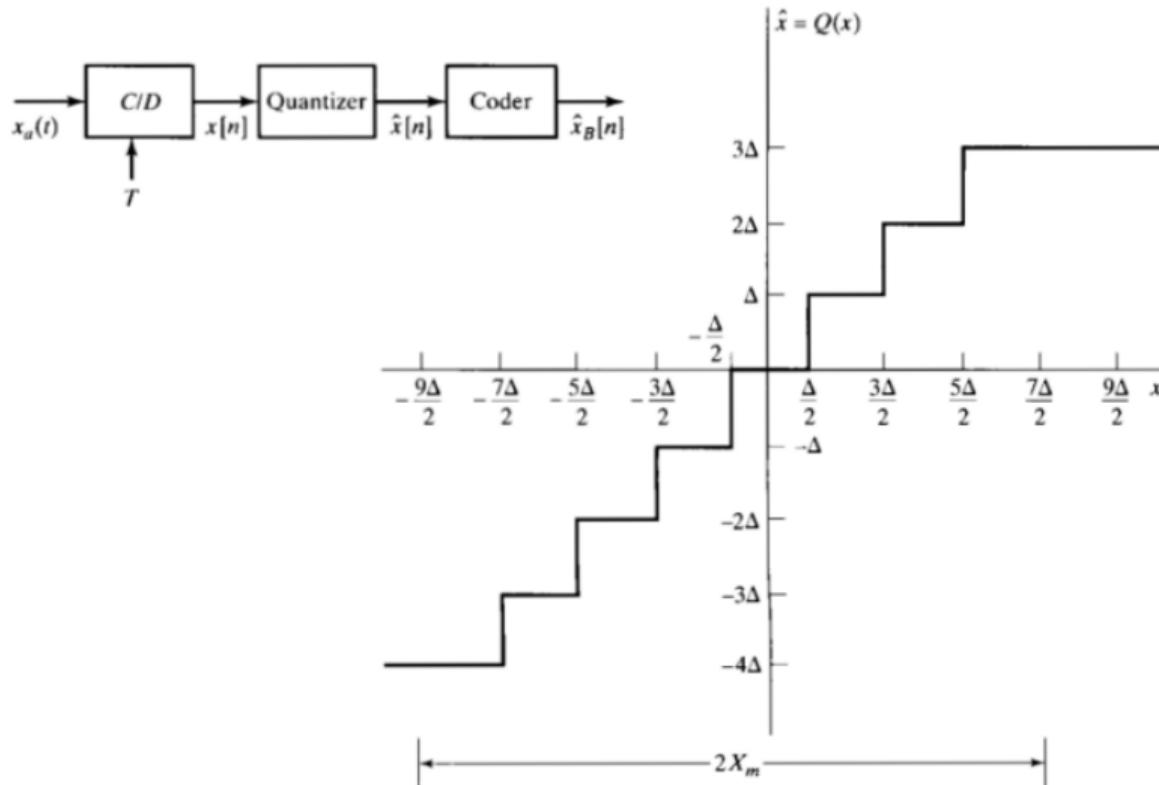


Figure 14: 3 bits uniform quantizer

Quantization examples

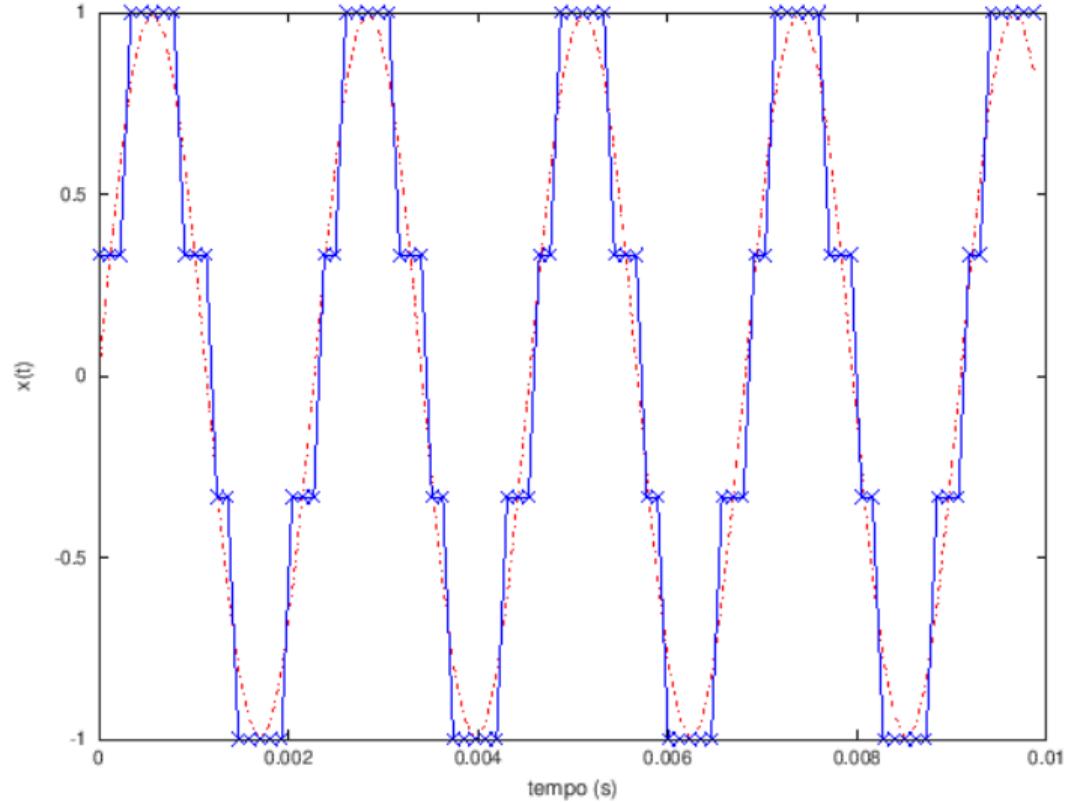


Figure 15: 440 Hz sin wave.

Clipping

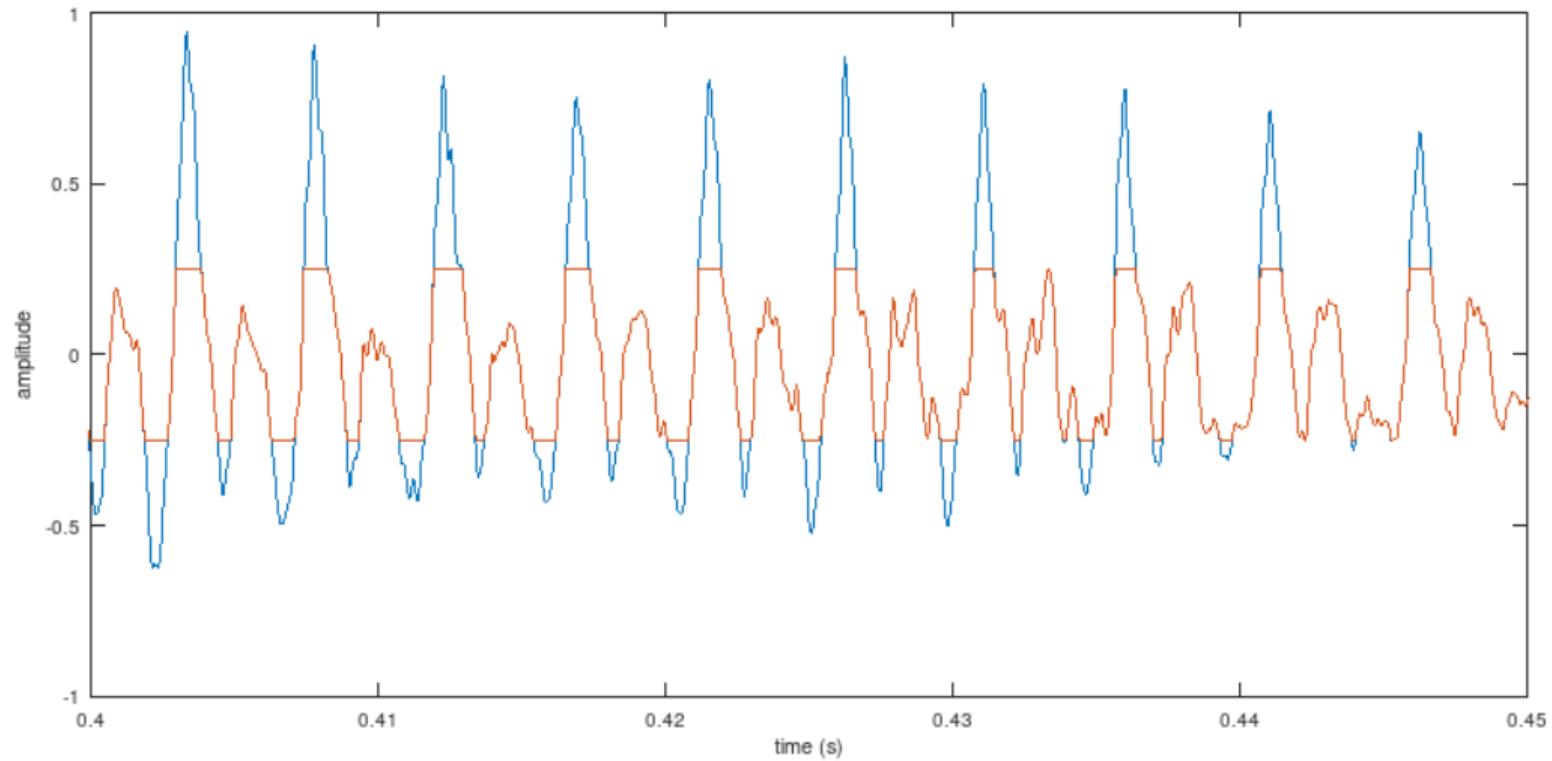


Figure 16: Signal clipping

Praat clipping example

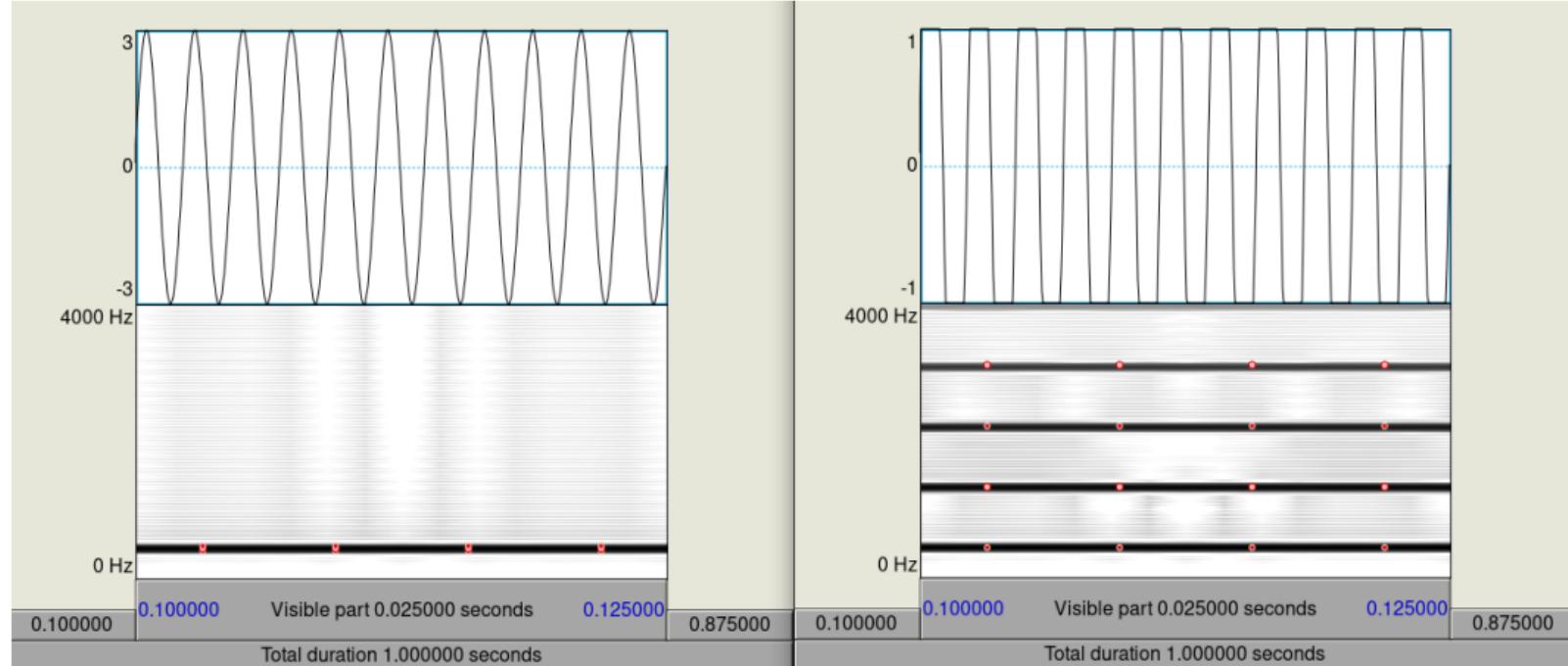


Figure 17: 440Hz sin wave clipped

Praat clipping example - recording

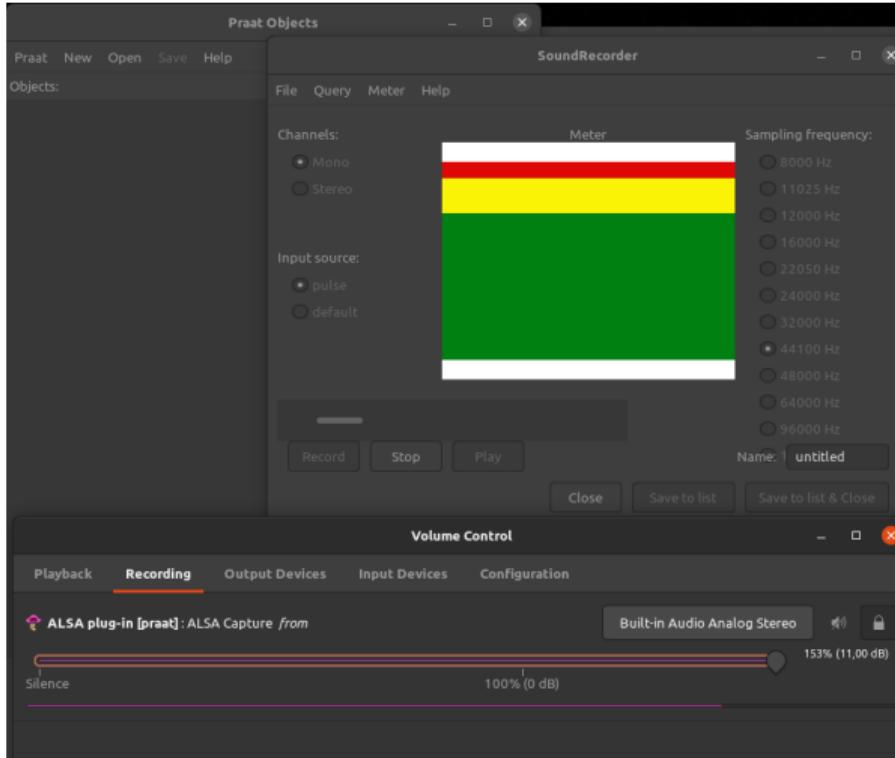
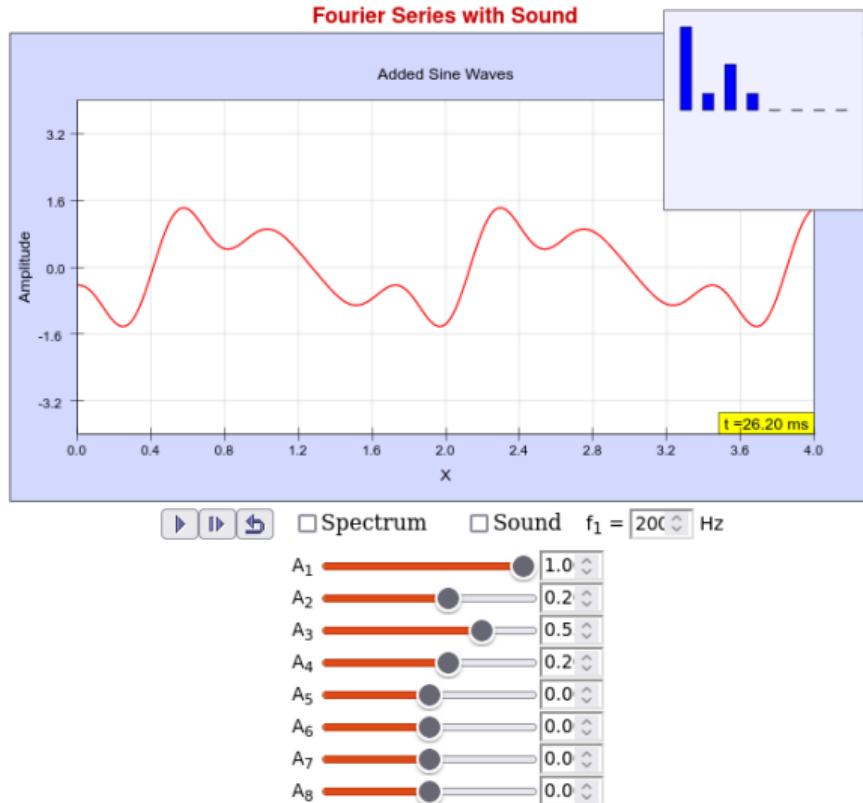


Figure 18: saturation

Fourier Series

Simulation



Signals and Systems

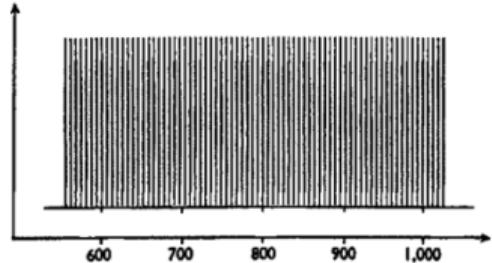


Fig. 5.3. The spectrum of a sound consisting of a large number of tones with the same amplitude.

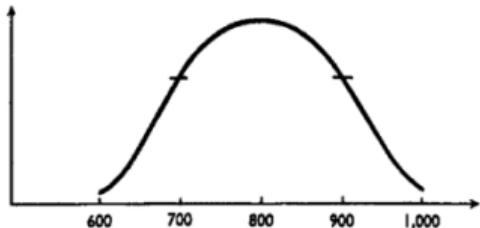


Fig. 5.4. A curve specifying a resonator.

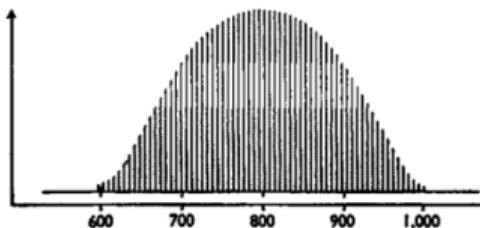
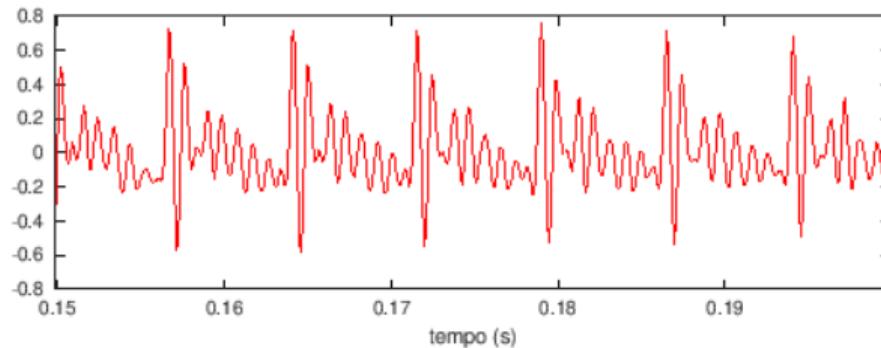
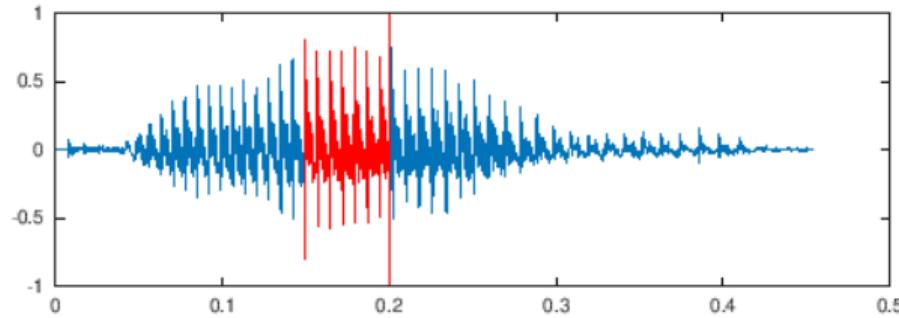


Fig. 5.5. The output of the resonator in fig. 5.4 when the input shown in fig. 5.3 is applied to it.

Figure 20: Resonator

Vowel

open_front_unrounded.mp3



Pitch

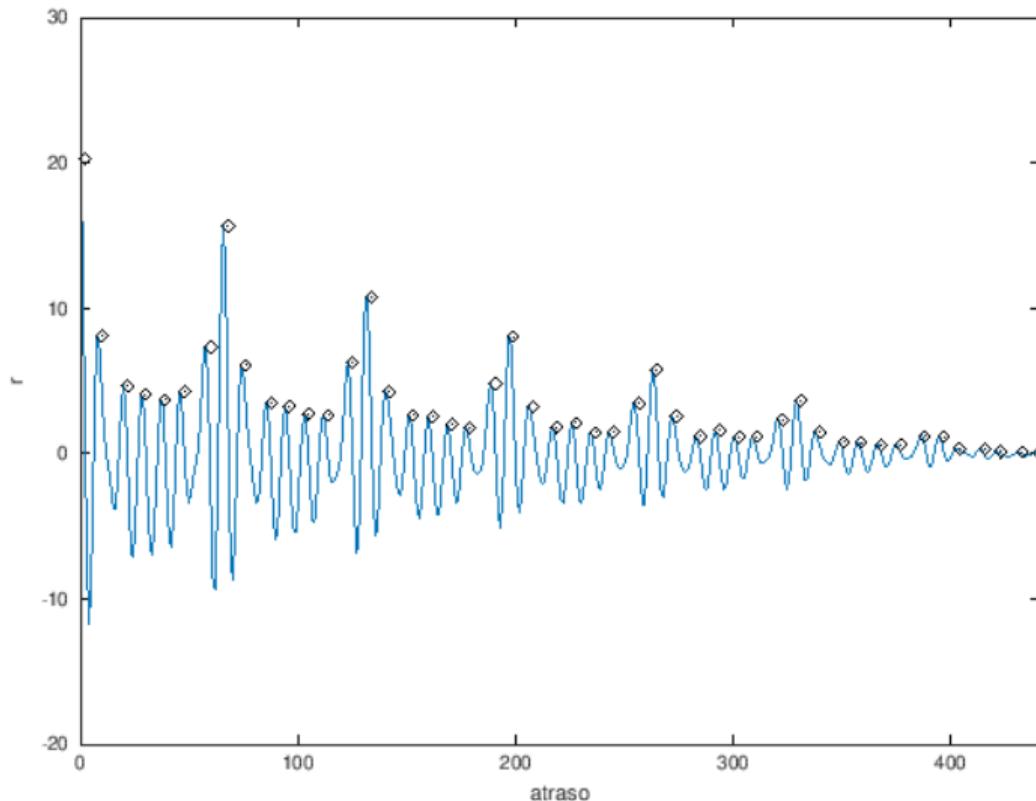


Figure 22: Autocorrelation

LPC model

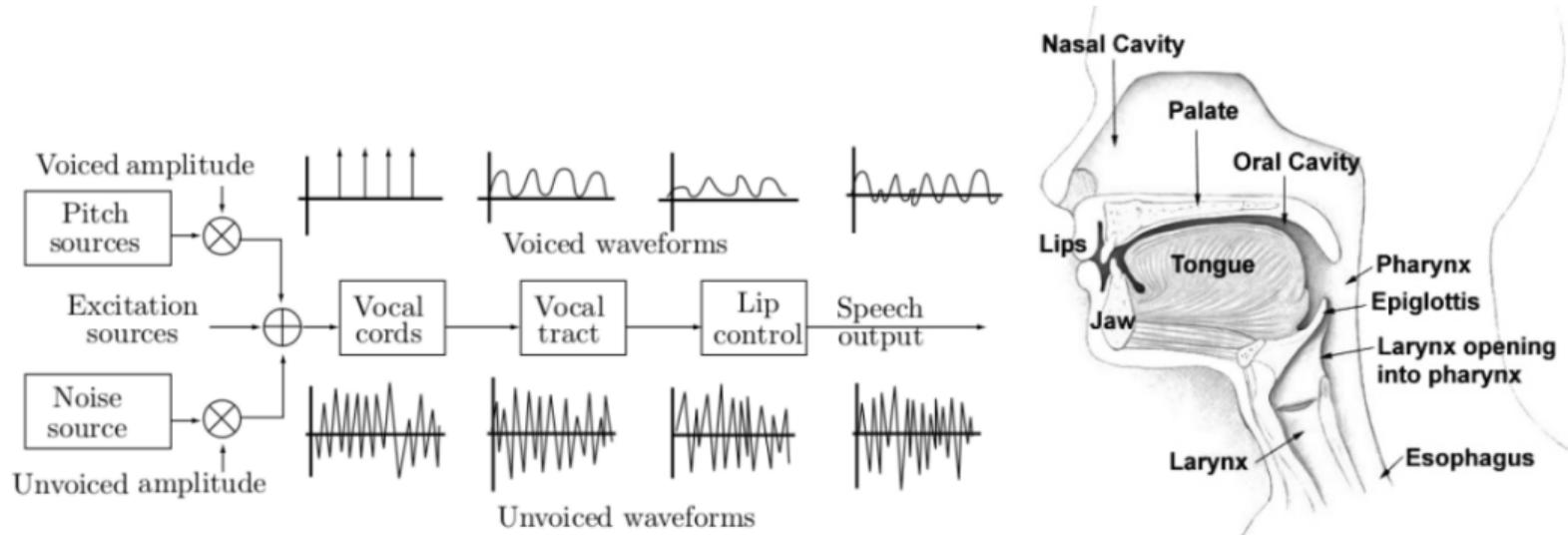


Figure 23: LPC model and vocal tract

Vocal apparatus

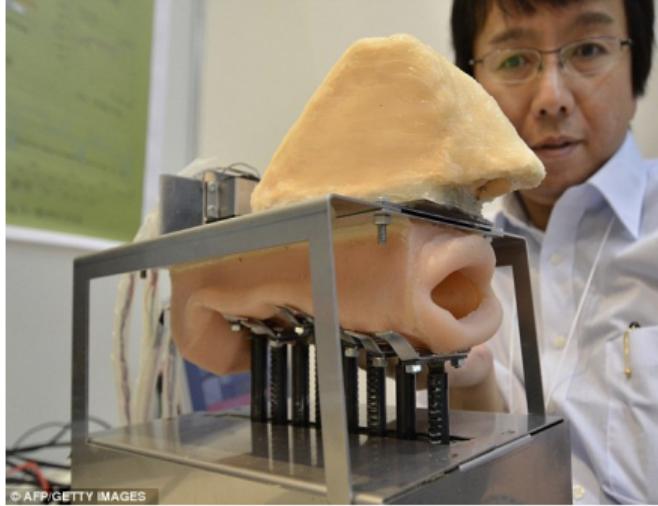


Figure 24: Hideyuki Sawada's KTR voice robot
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qobhDJ_vEOc

vocal cord stroboscopy examination

History of Speech Synthesis

four people sing Kyrie eleison during laryngoscopy

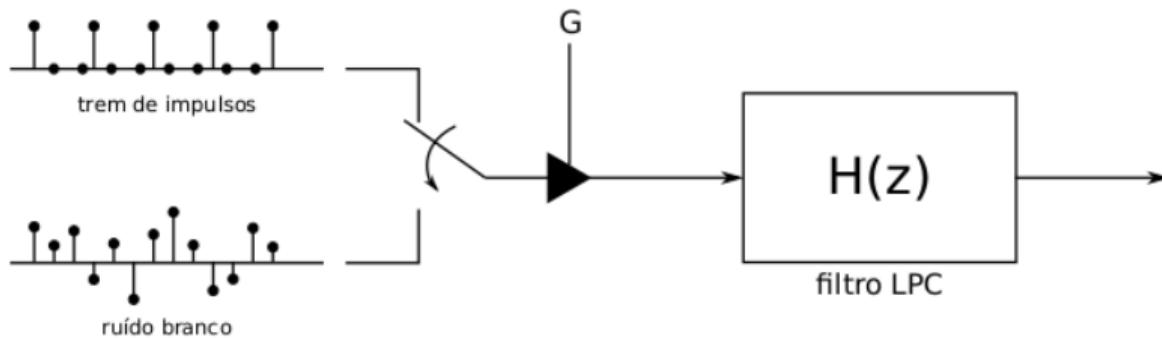


Figure 25: LPC model

synthesized example

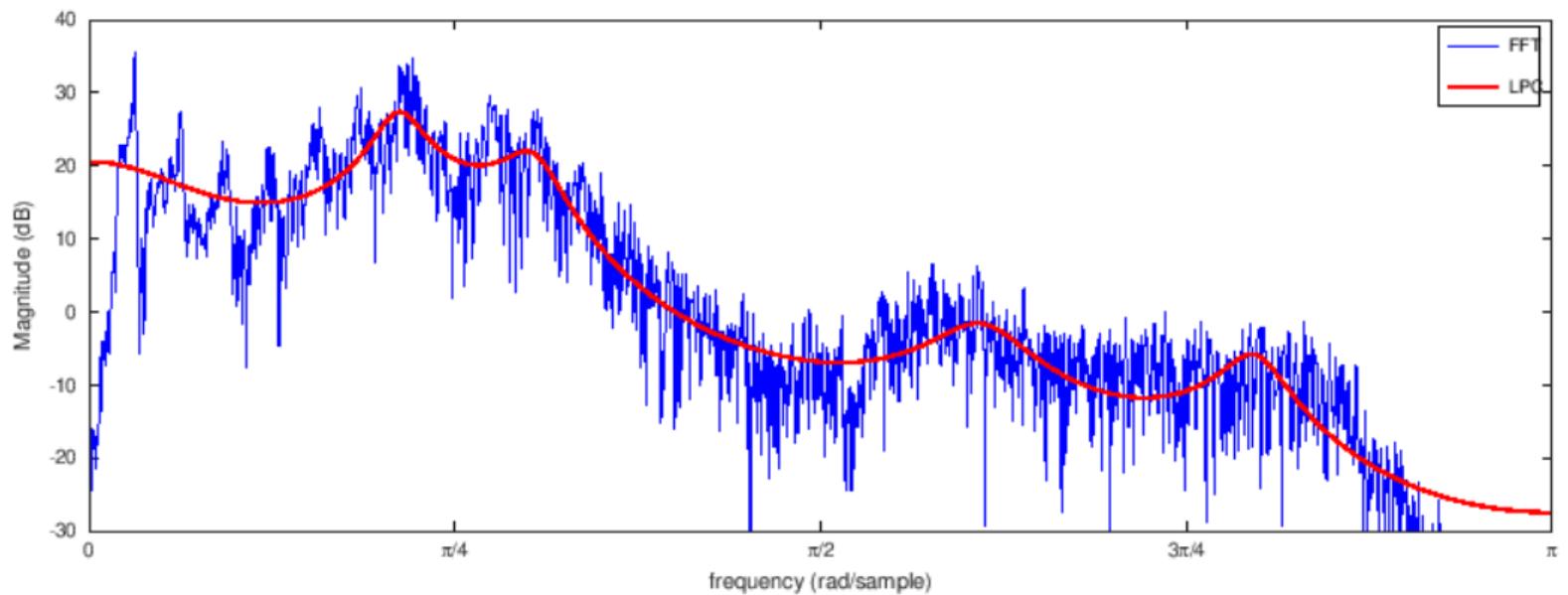


Figure 26: Spectrum and LPC.

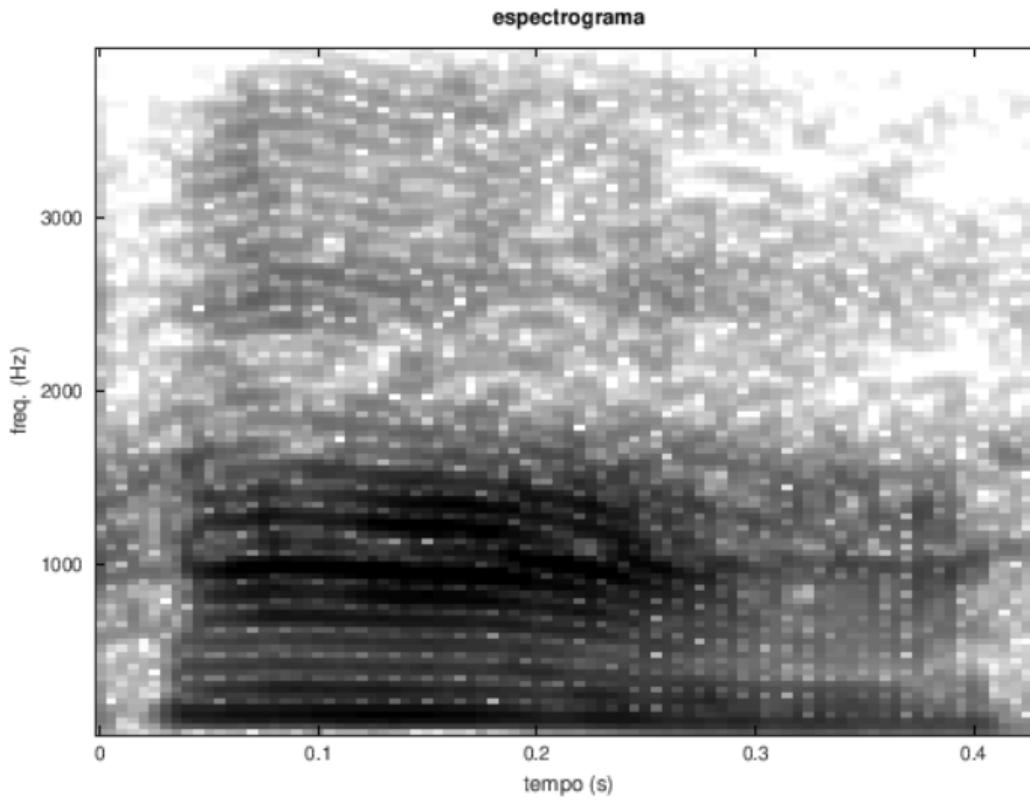


Figure 27: Spectrogram.

Spectrogram

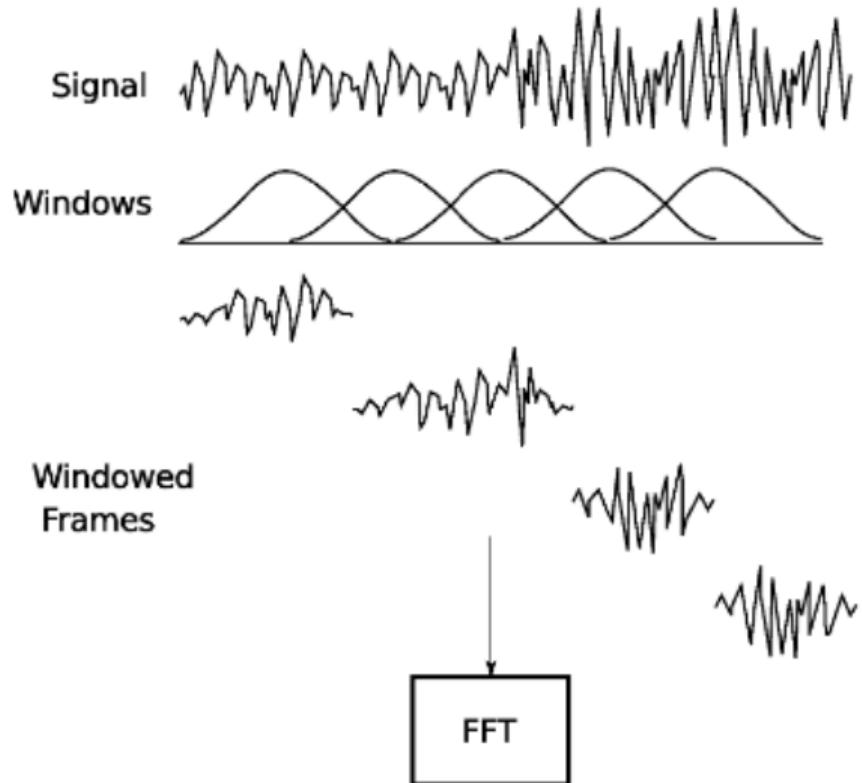


Figure 28: Schematics

Time vs Frequency

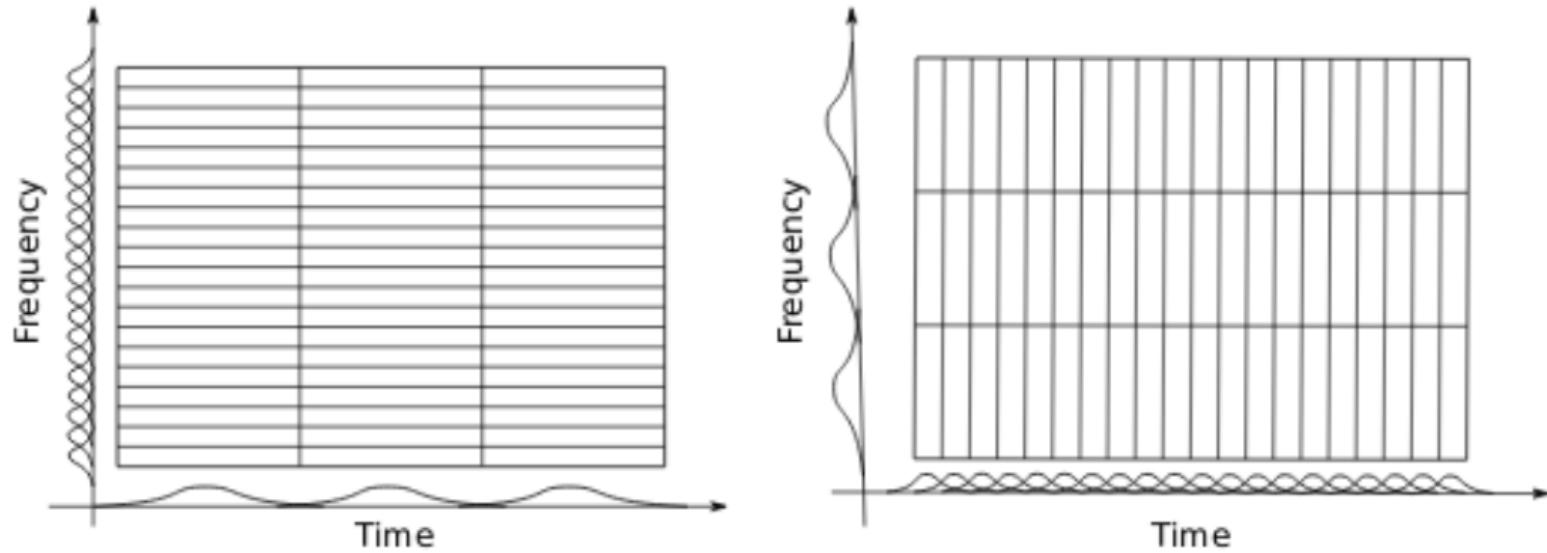


Figure 29: Uncertainty principle

The Uncertainty Principle



Figure 30: Heisenberg's uncertainty principle

Spectrogram

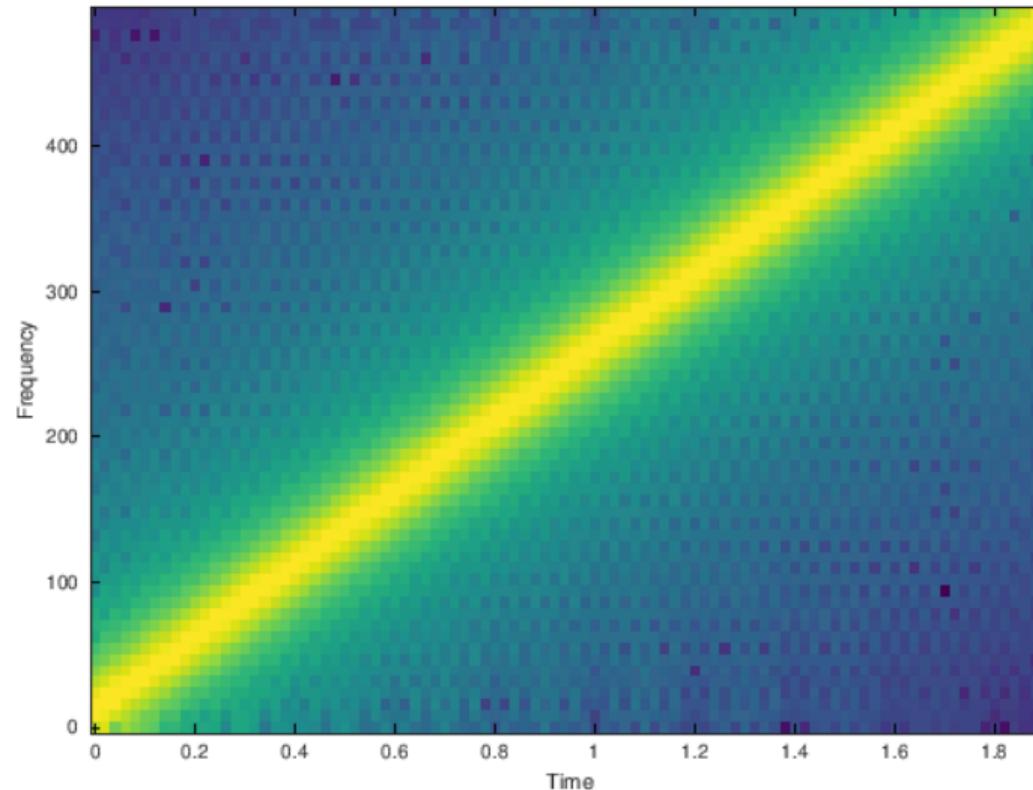


Figure 31: Chirp example, from 0 to 500Hz.

Shepard Tone

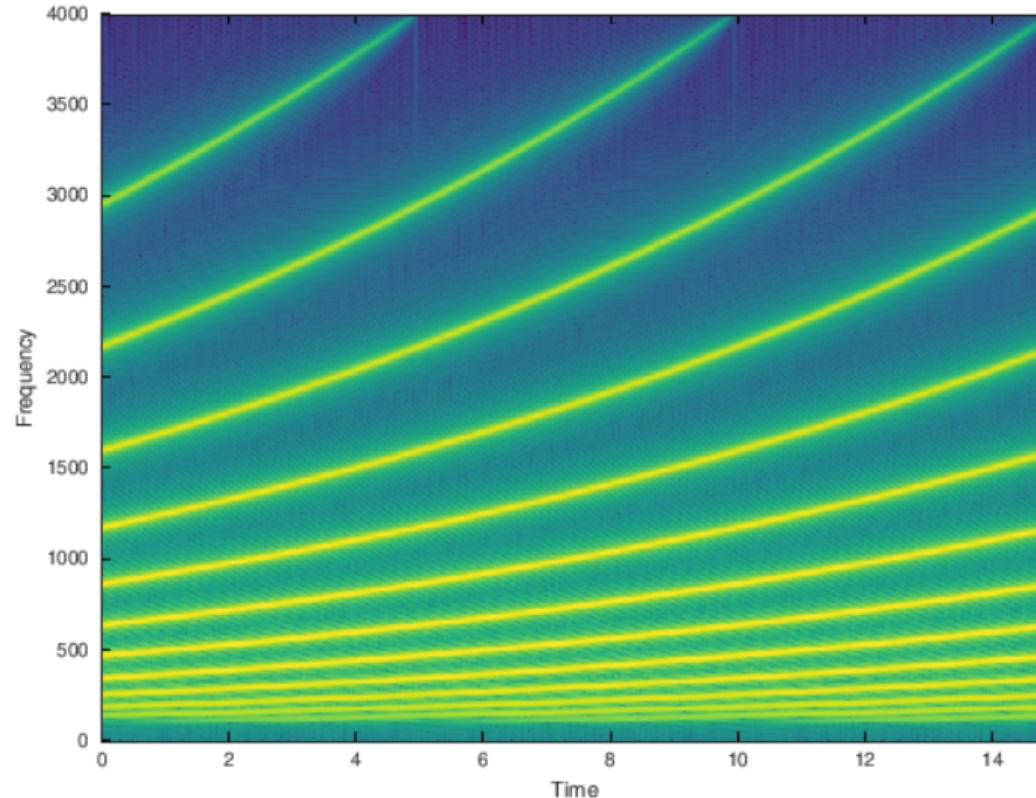


Figure 32: Shepard Tone

Downsampling

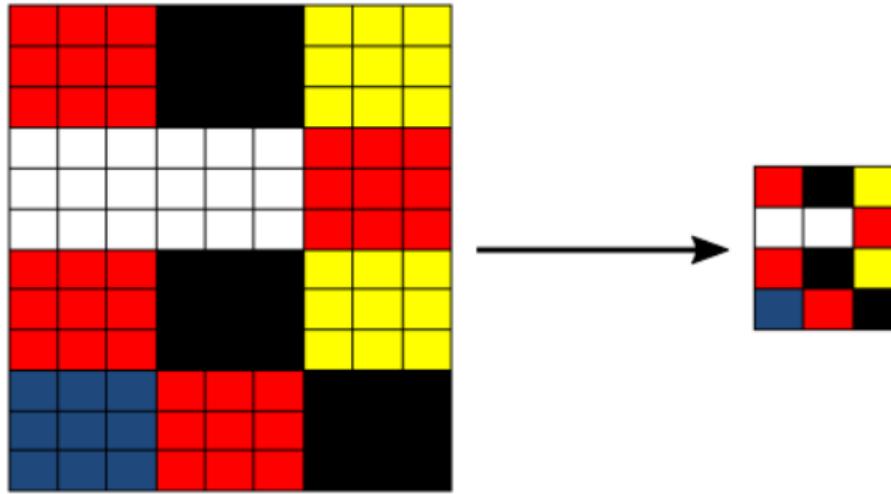


Figure 33: Downsampling example

Downsample / Decimate

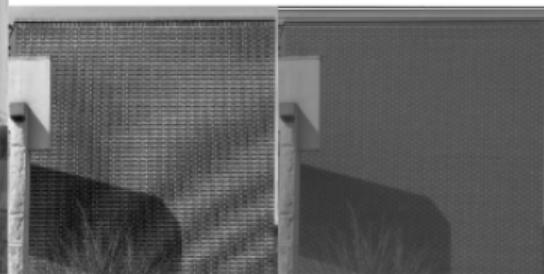
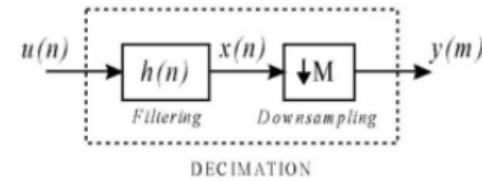
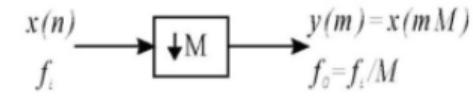


Figure 34: Downsample and Decimate

Downsample / Decimate (audio example)

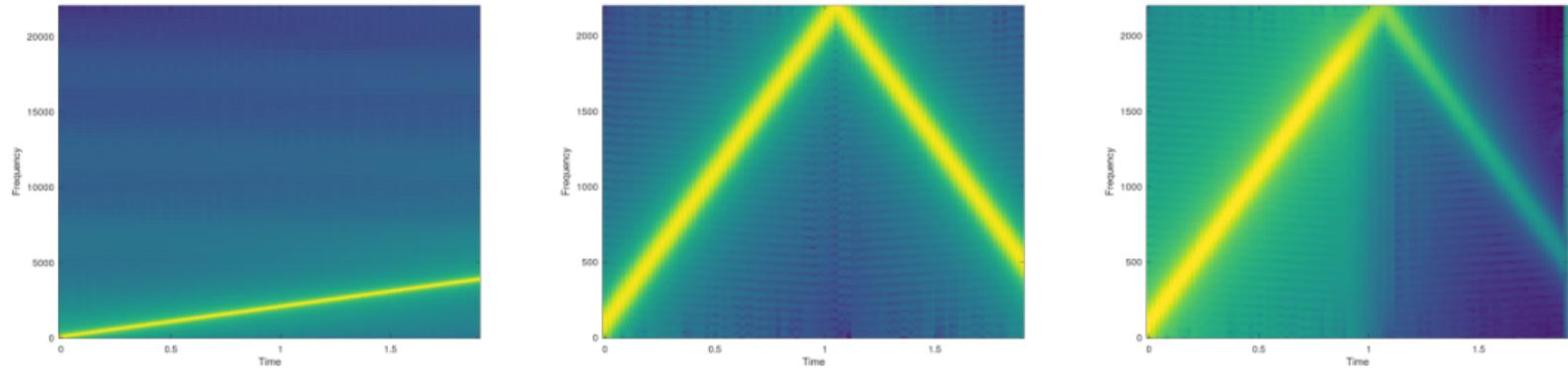


Figure 35: Downsample and Decimate

Hearing

- ▶ Intensity
- ▶ Pitch
- ▶ Duration
- ▶ Quality/timber

Pitch metamery

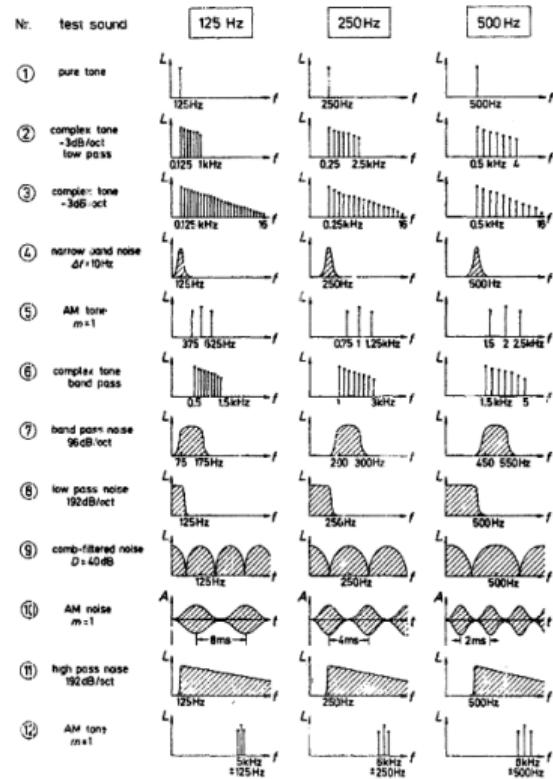


Fig. 1. Schematic representation of test sounds employed.

Figure 36: Fastl, H. & Stoll, G. Scaling of pitch strength, Hearing Research (1979): 293-301

Pitch JND

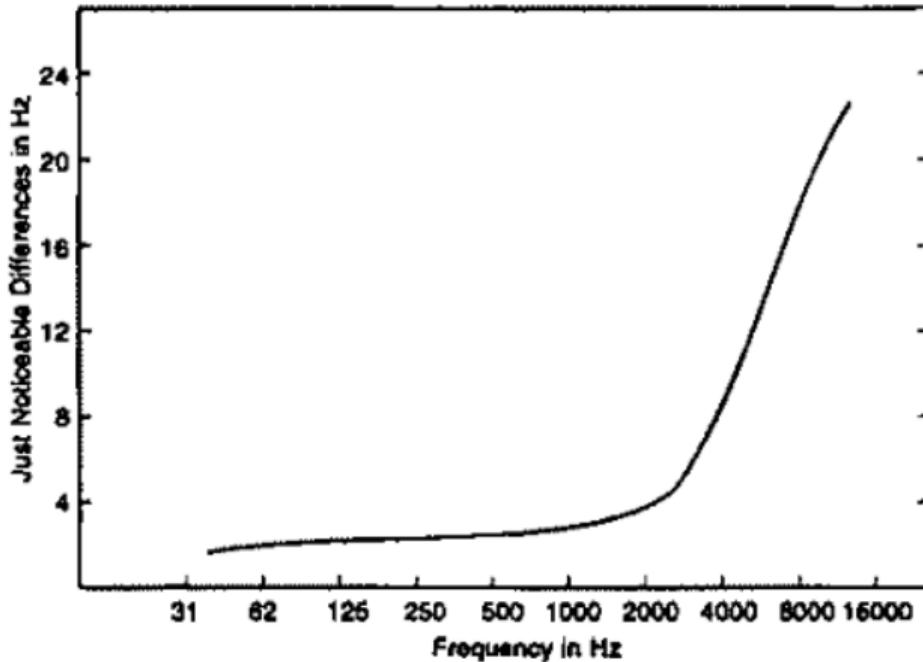


Fig. 6.3. A graph showing how much the frequency of a tone has to be altered in order to produce a change in pitch.

Figure 37: Elements of acoustic phonetics, Peter Ladefoged (1996)

Pitch scales

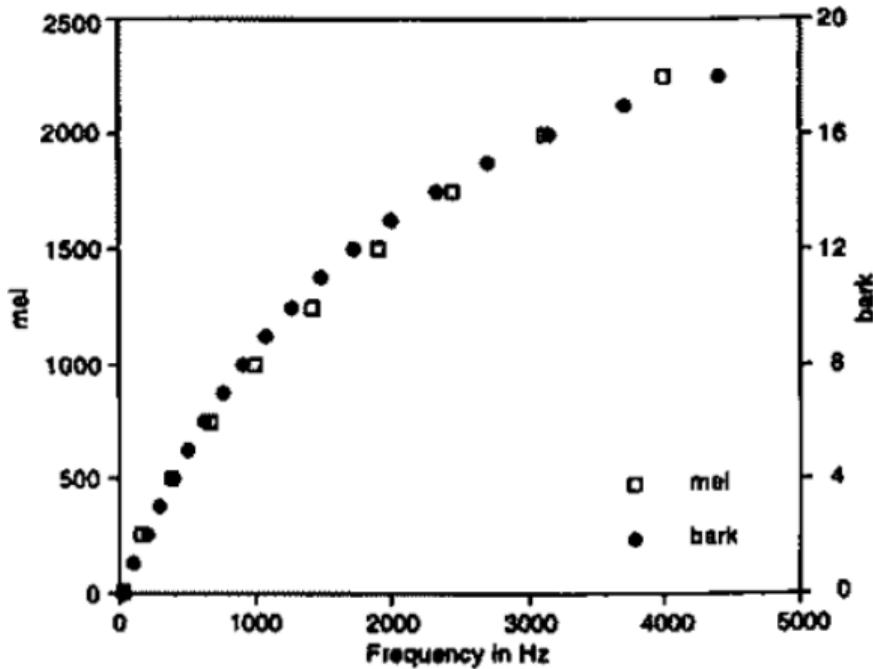


Fig. 6.4. Graph showing the relation between frequencies in Hz and the corresponding values on two different pitch scales, mel and bark.

Figure 38: Elements of acoustic phonetics, Peter Ladefoged (1996)

Tonal languages

媽

ma

mother

麻

má'

listen

馬

ma ^

horse

罵

ma '̄

to scold

嗎

ma ^

used in
end of
sentence
(interrogative particle)

Figure 39: Mandarin - ma

Duration

- ▶ Staat /ʃta:t/ - country; state
- ▶ Stadt /ʃtat/ - city; town

Hearing range

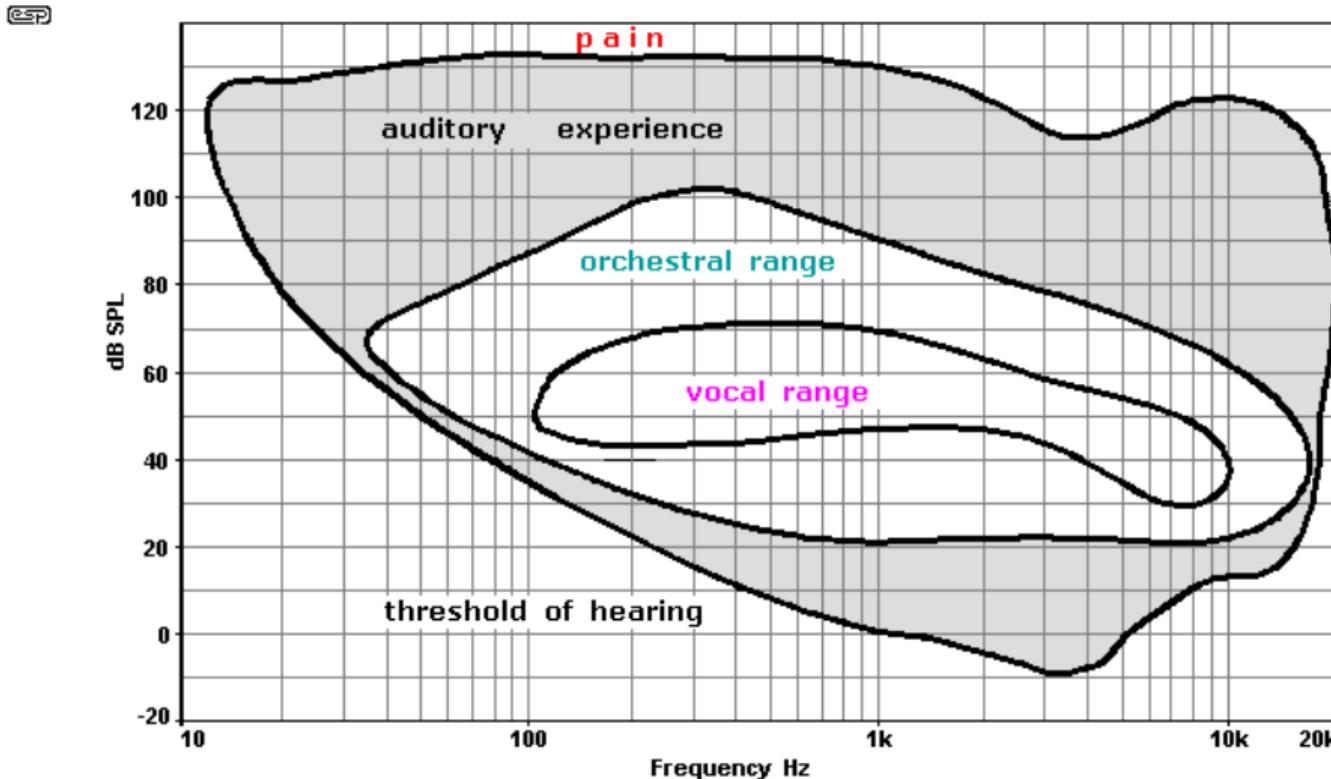


Figure 40: Hearing range

Fletcher-Munson curves

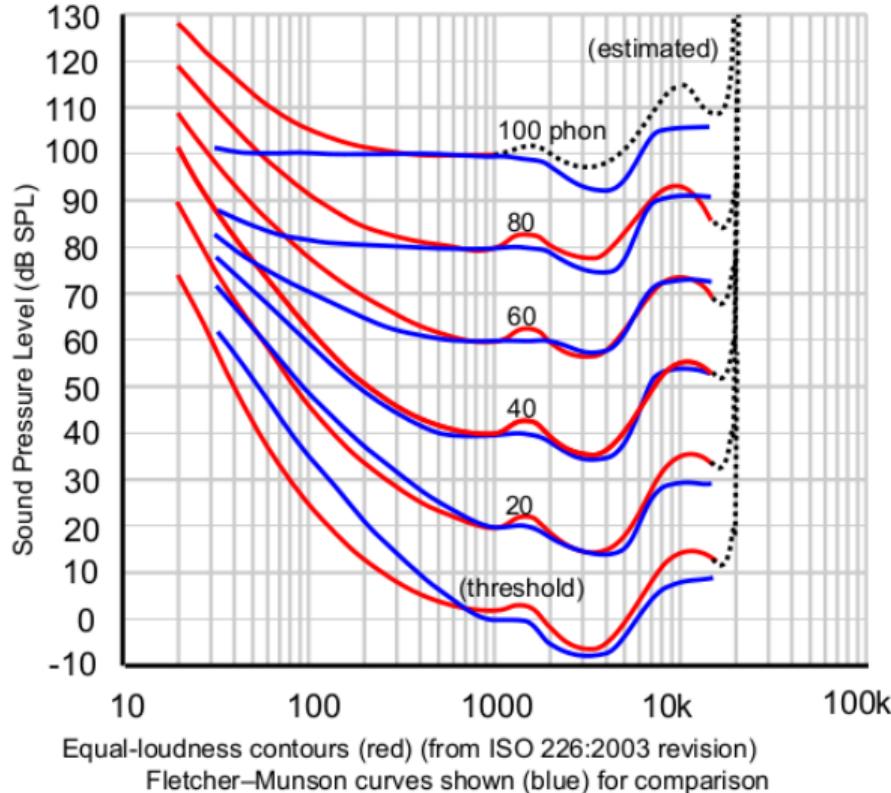


Figure 41: Equal-loudness contour

Masking

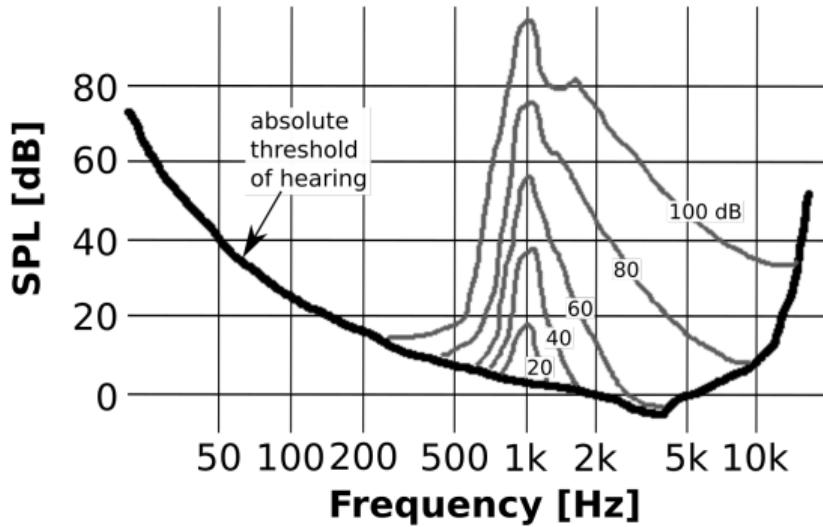


Figure 42: Frequency masking

Masking

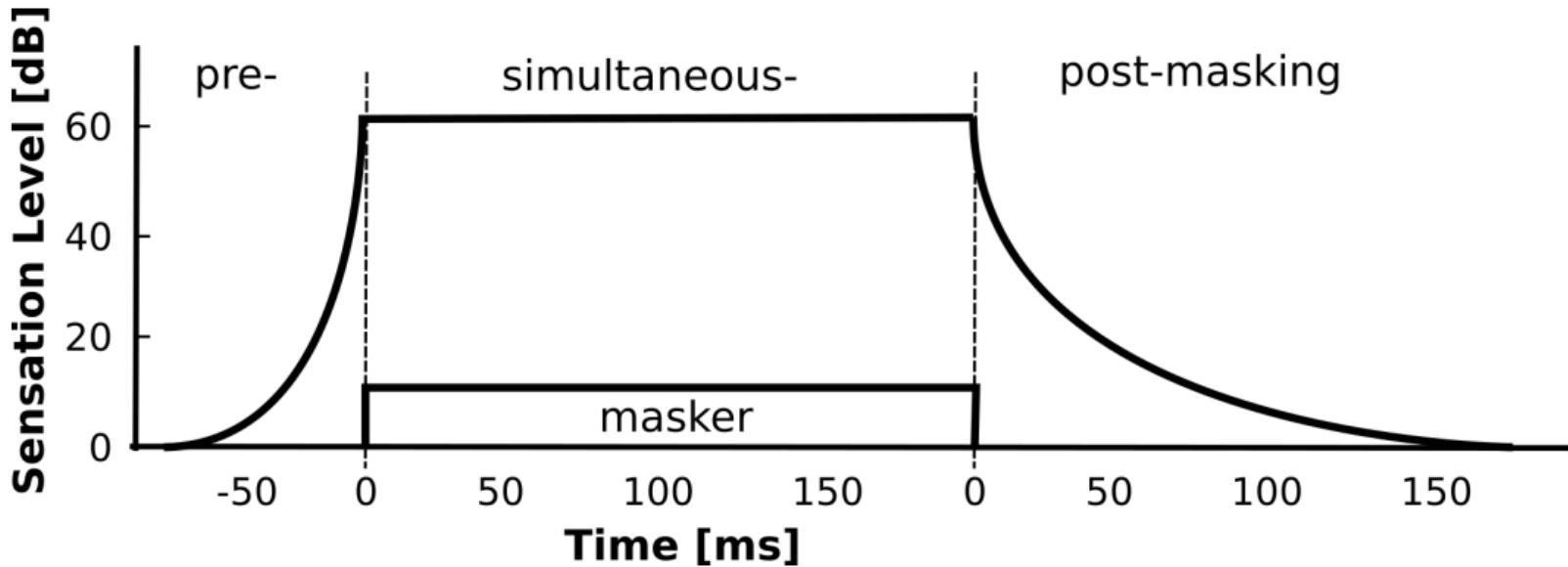


Figure 43: Time masking

Musical instruments

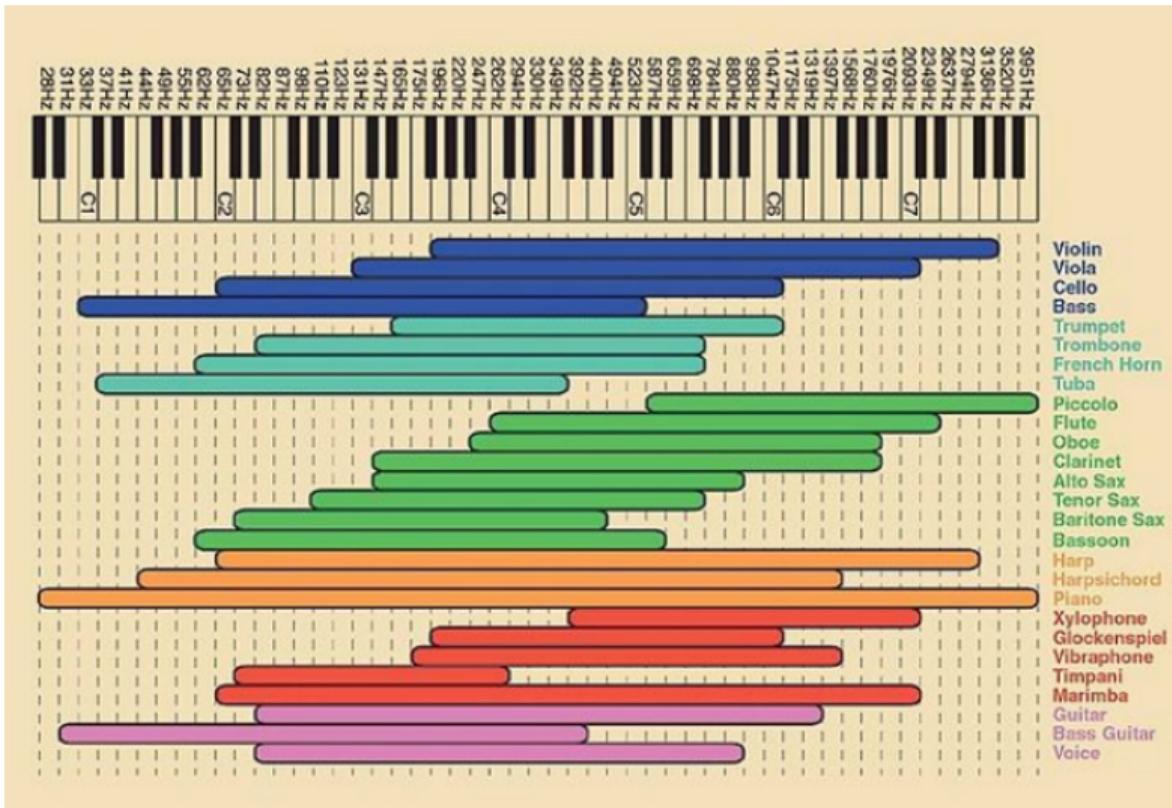


Figure 44: Frequency range of musical instruments

Ear

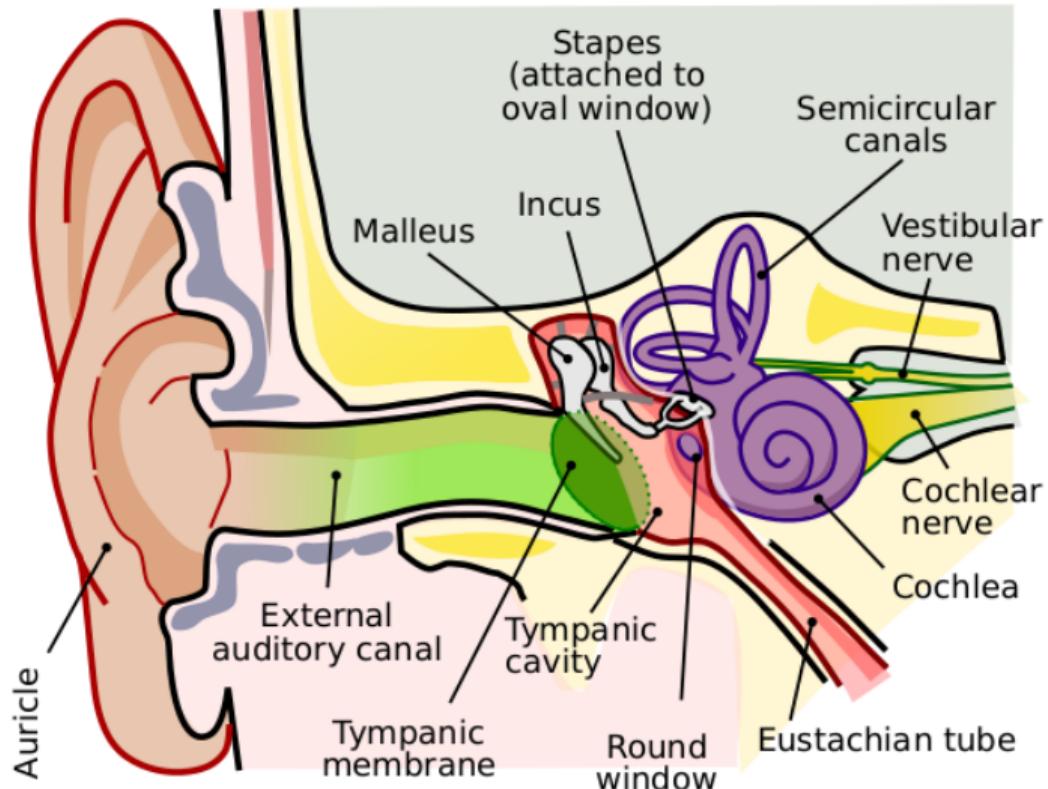


Figure 45: Ear

Middle ear

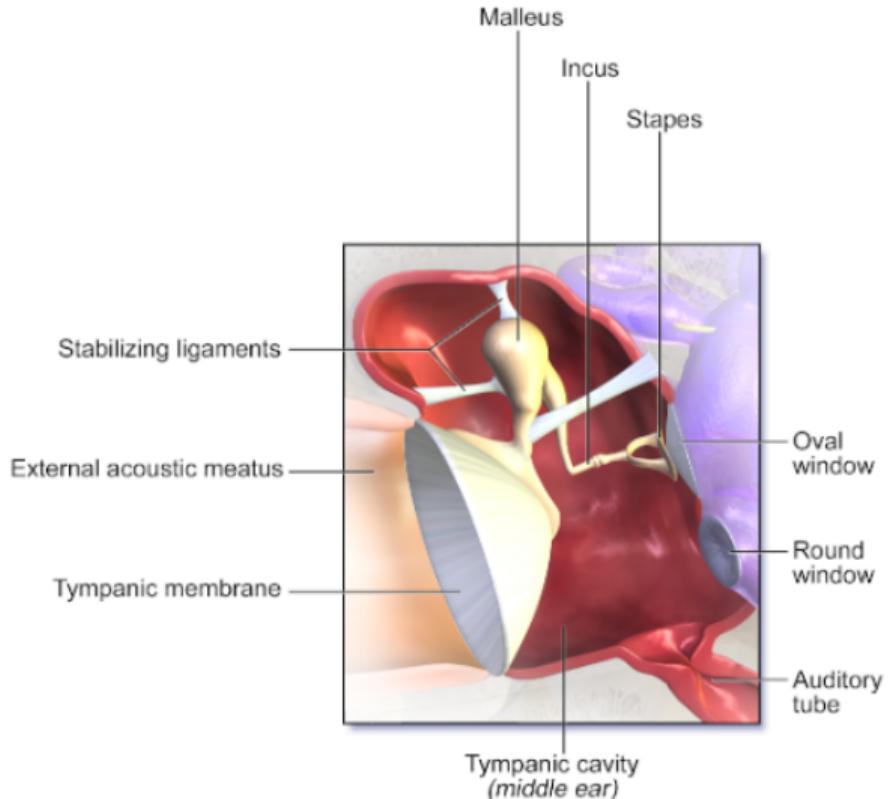


Figure 46: Middle ear

Cochlea

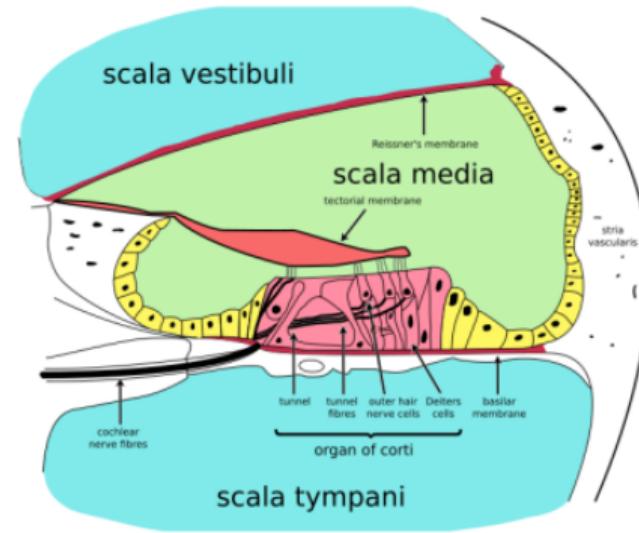
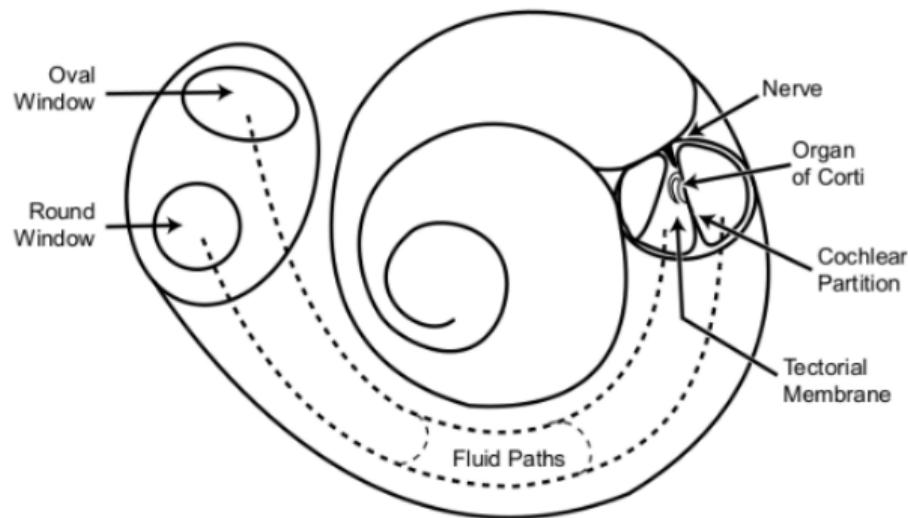


Figure 47: Cochlea and organ of Corti

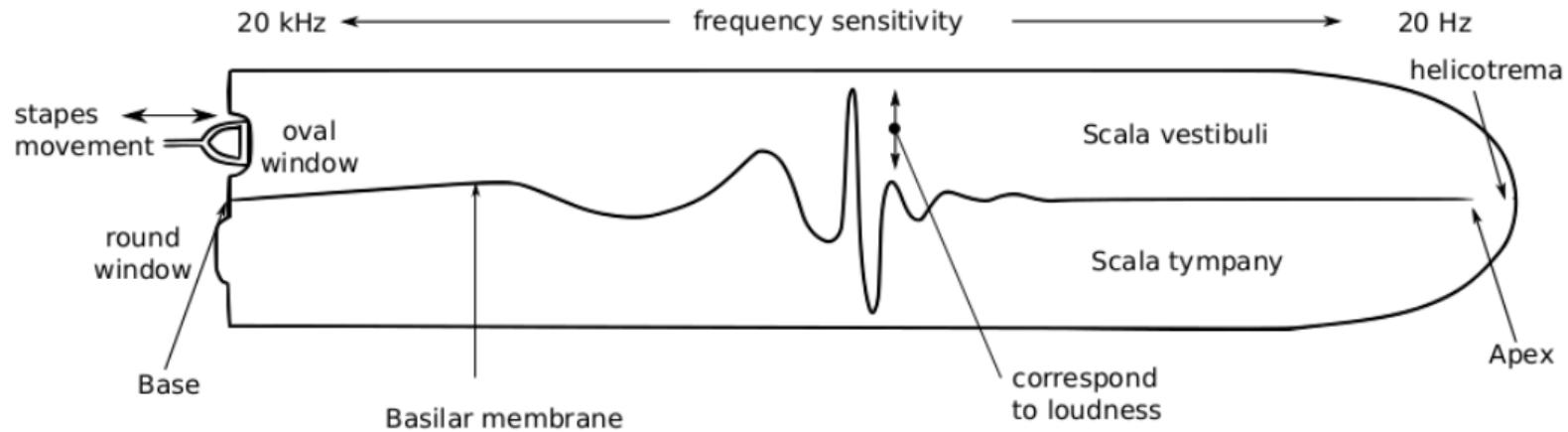


Figure 48: Travelling wave

Hair cells

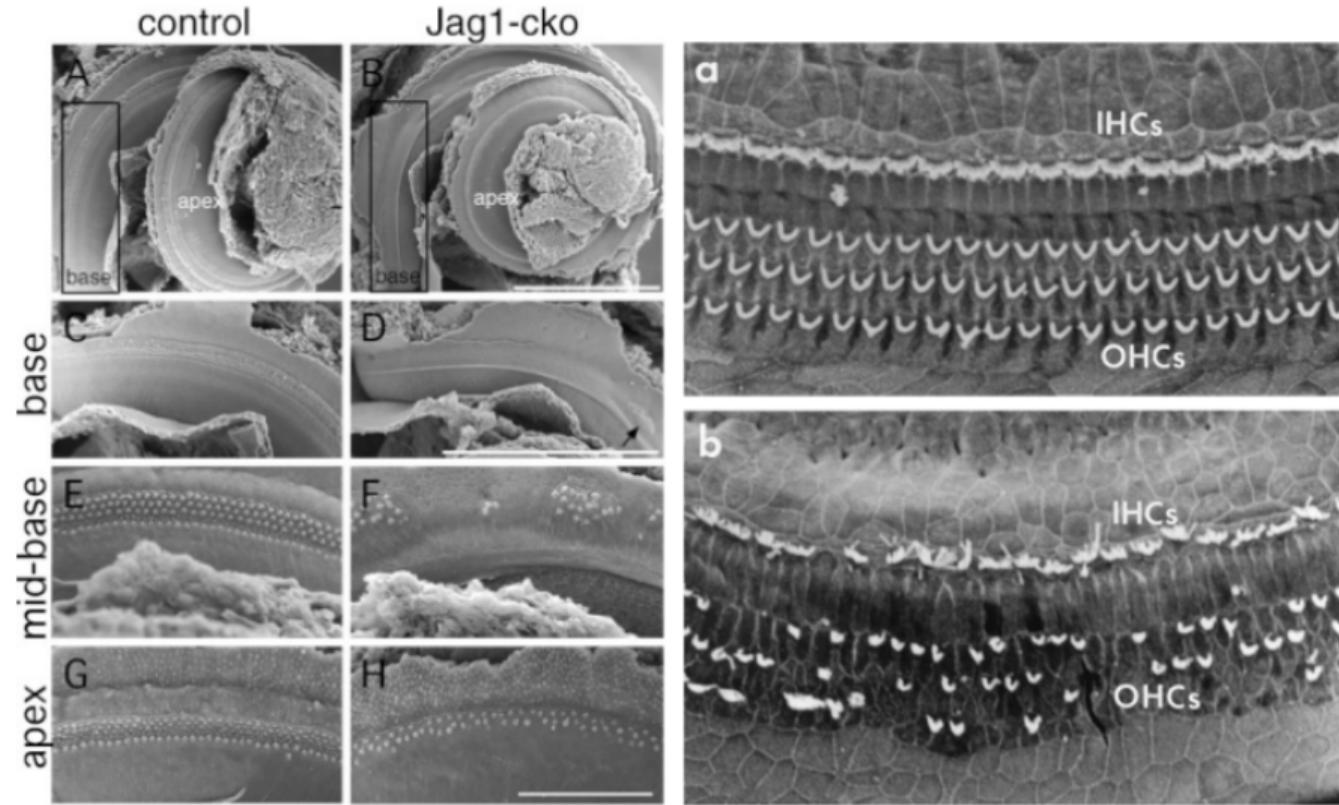


Figure 49: Inner (IHC) and outer hair cells (OHC)

Auditory Scene Analysis - Albert Bregman

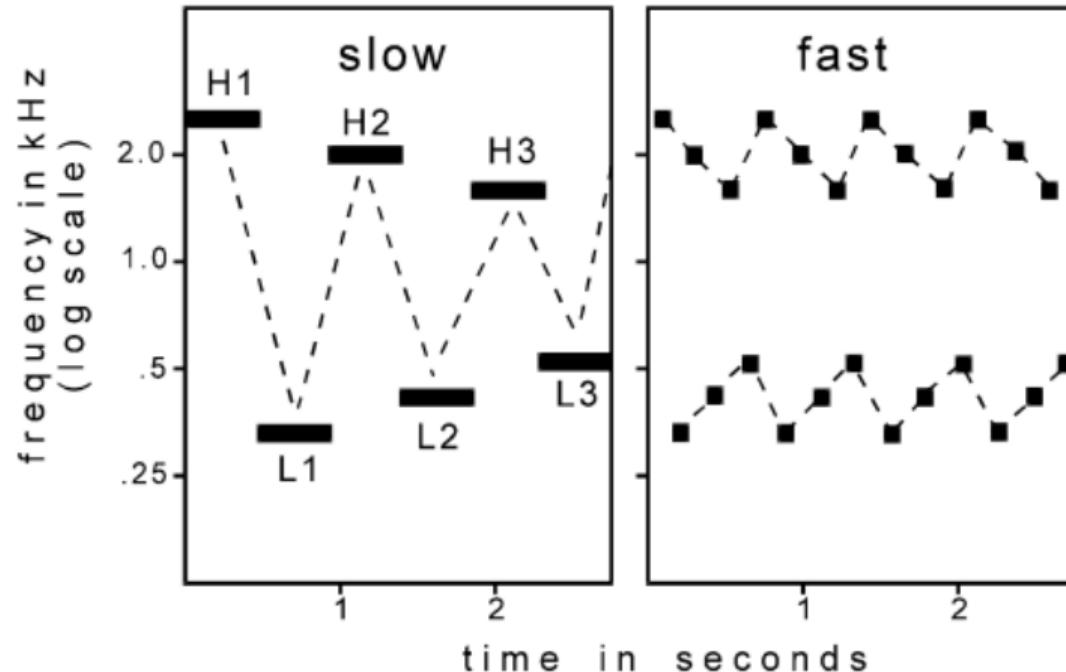


Figure 50: Stream segregation in a cycle of six tones

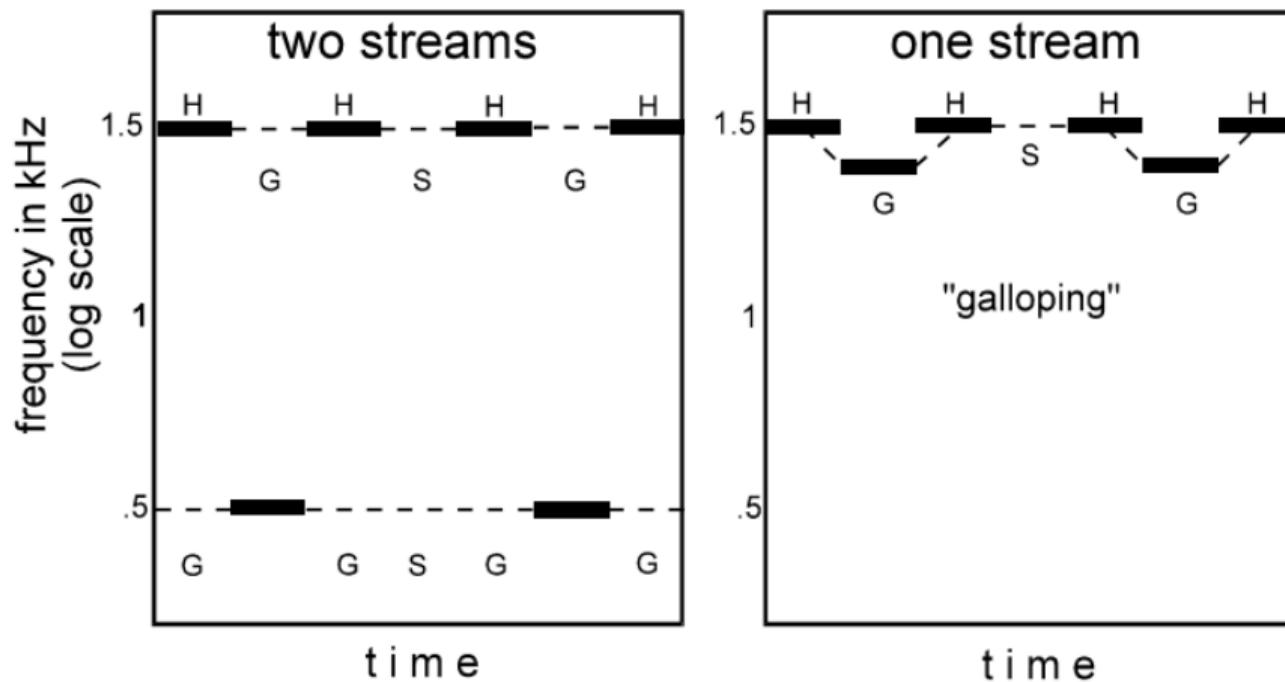


Figure 51: Loss of rhythmic information as a result of stream segregation

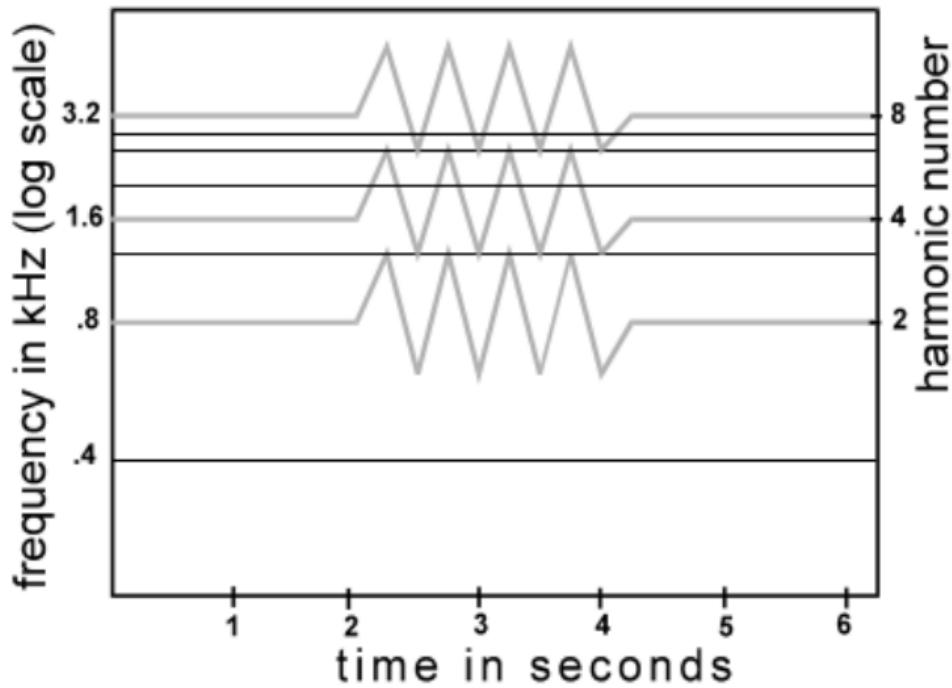


Figure 52: Fusion by common frequency change

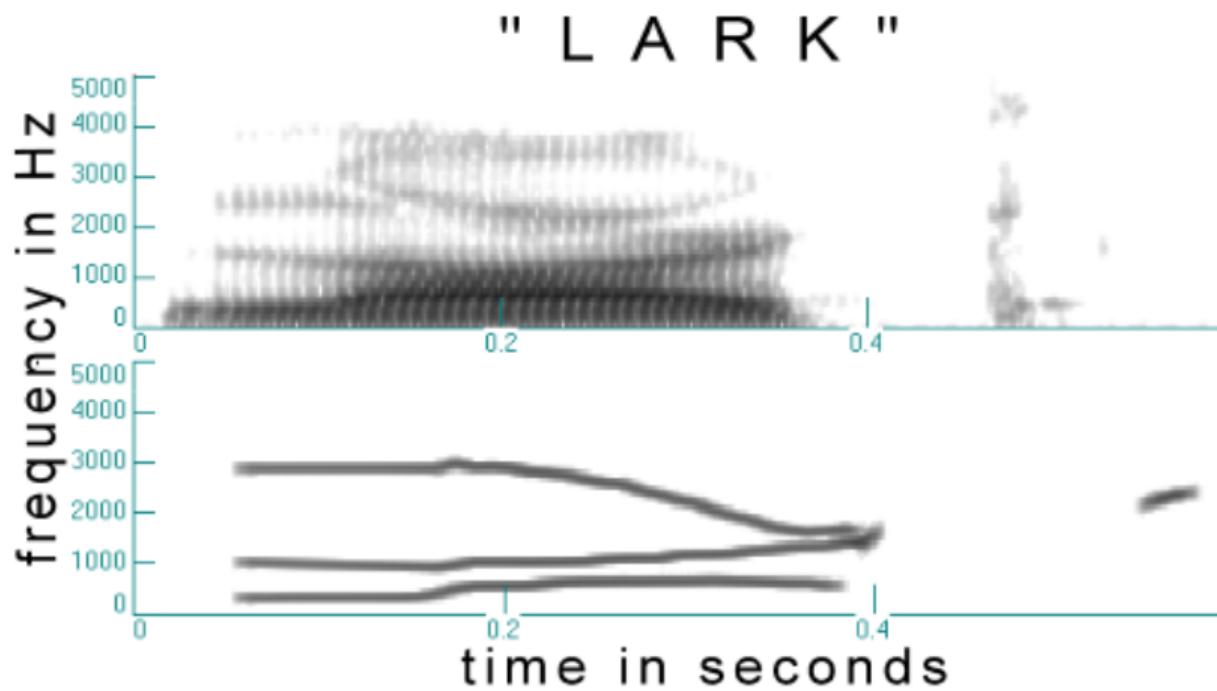


Figure 53: Sine-wave speech

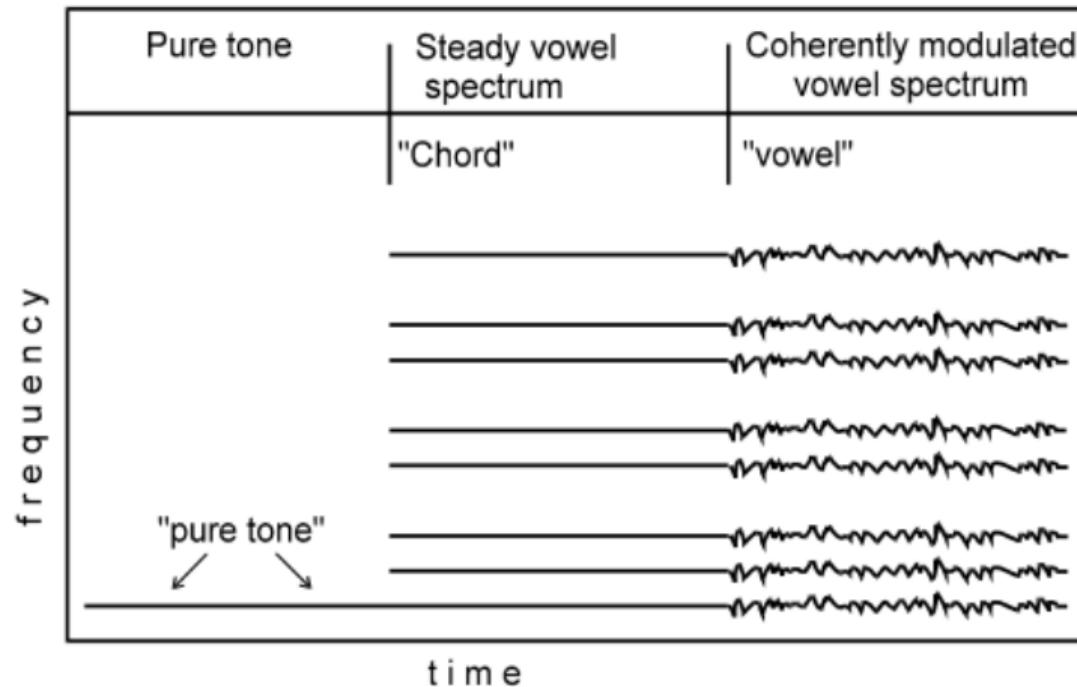


Figure 54: Role of frequency micro-modulation in voice perception



Figure 55: The picket-fence effect with speech

Audio file formats

Table 1 - Overview of selected Audio Codecs

Name	WAV	FLAC	MP3	Vorbis	AAC	Speex	Opus	WMA
Released	1991	2001	1993	2000	1997	2003	2012	1999
Compression	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Loss-less	–	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
Bit-rate (kbit/s)	1,411.2	935	16–320	48–500	16–320	2–24	8–128	32–448
Encoder	–	flac	lame	oggenc	ffmpeg	speexenc	opusenc	ffmpeg
Decoder	–	ffmpeg	lame	oggdec	ffmpeg	speexdec	opusdec	ffmpeg

Figure 56: I Siegert, AF Lotz, LL Duong, A Wendemuth, Measuring the impact of audio compression on the spectral quality of speech data, 2016

Compression ratio

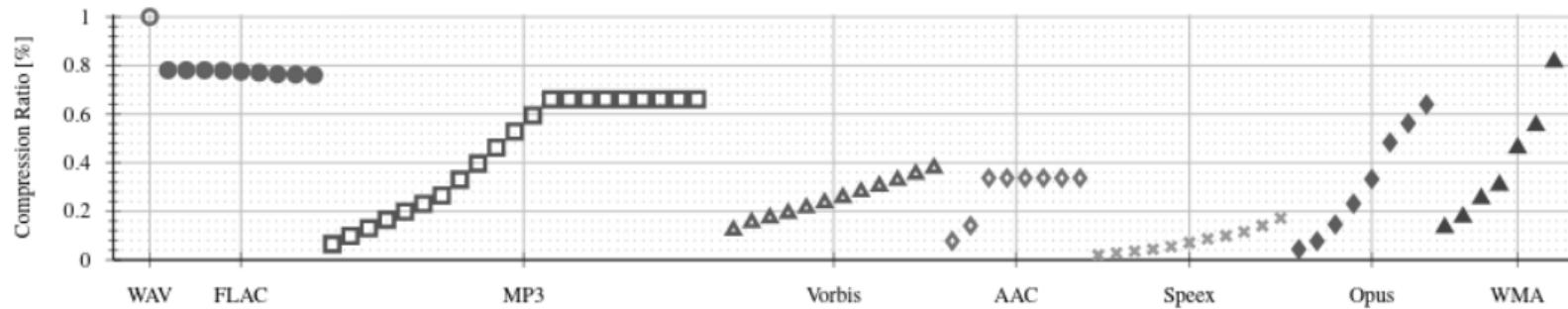


Figure 1 - Achieved average compression ratio for each codec and bit-rate. The bit-rate is increasing from left to right, see Table 2.

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Compression error

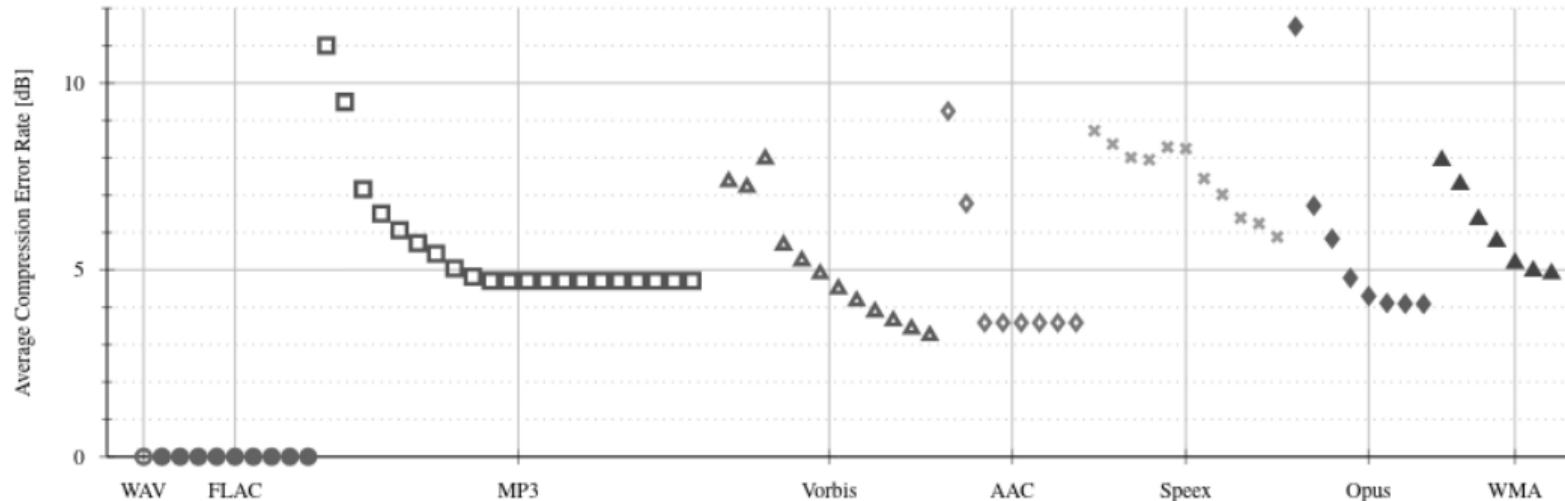


Figure 3 - Average compression error rate for each codec and bit-rate. The bit-rate is increasing from left to right, see Table 2.

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Compression ratio vs compression error

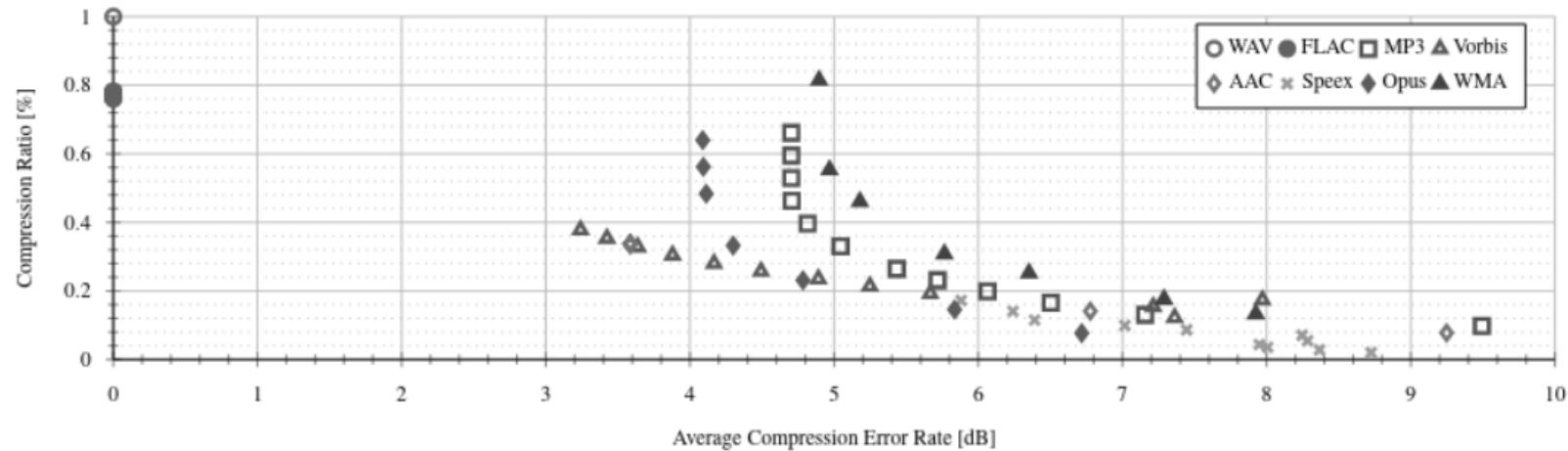


Figure 4 - Average compression ratio over average compression error rate for each codec and bit-rate.

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Conclusion

"we recommend to use FLAC for all cases where the accuracy matters. In cases where a slight error is acceptable, we recommend Vorbis at 500 kbit/s" (Siegert et al 2016)

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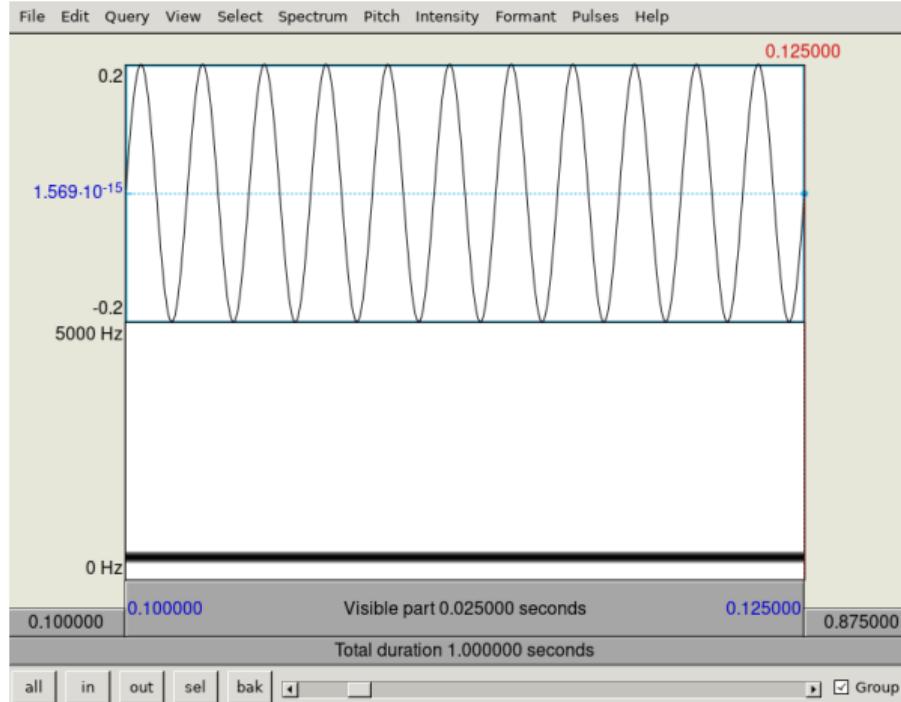


Figure 60: 440Hz sin wave

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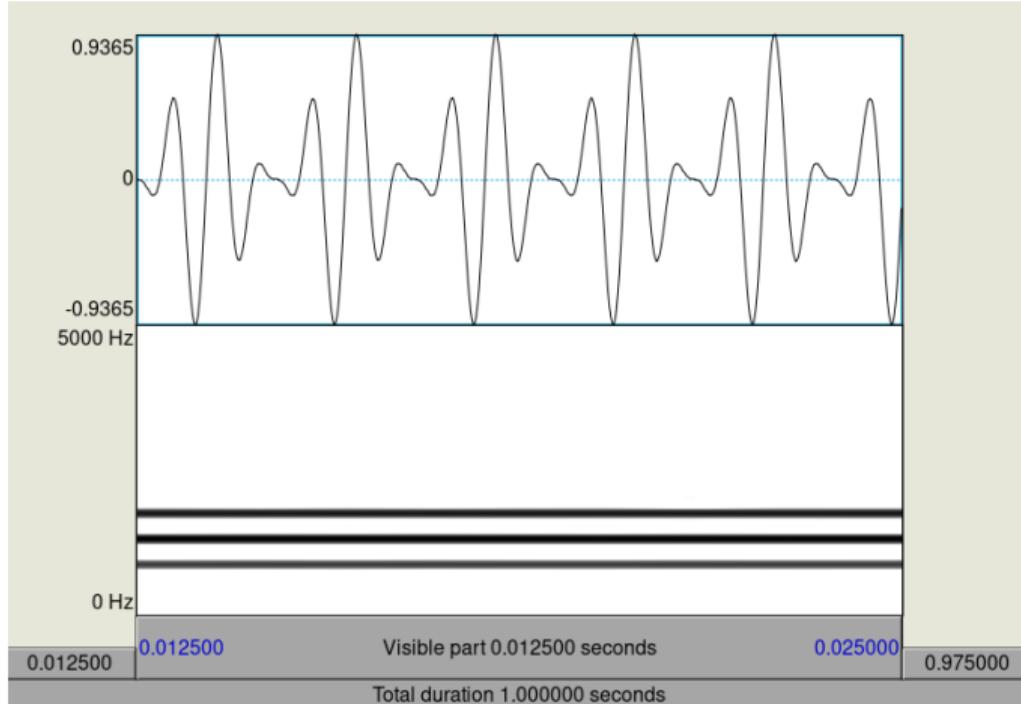


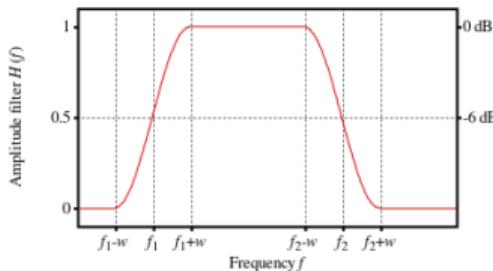
Figure 61: $\frac{1}{4} \sin(2 \pi 880x) + \frac{1}{2} \sin(2 \pi 1320x) + \frac{1}{4} \sin(2 \pi 1760x)$

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Spectrum: Filter (pass Hann band)...

A command to modify every selected **Spectrum** object.

The complex values in the **Spectrum** are multiplied by real-valued sine shapes and straight lines, according to the following figure:



Settings

From frequency (Hz) (standard value: 500 Hz)

the lower edge of the pass band (f_1 in the figure). The value zero is special: the filter then acts as a low-pass filter.

To frequency (Hz) (standard value: 1000 Hz)

the upper edge of the pass band (f_2 in the figure). The value zero is special: the filter then acts as a high-pass filter.

Smoothing (Hz) (standard value: 100 Hz)

the width of the region between pass and stop (w in the figure).

Usage

Because of its symmetric Hann-like shape, the filter is especially useful for decomposing the Spectrum into consecutive bands. For instance, we can decompose the spectrum into the bands 0-500 Hz, 500-1000 Hz, 1000-2000 Hz, and 2000-“0” Hz:

Figure 62: Filter pass Hann band

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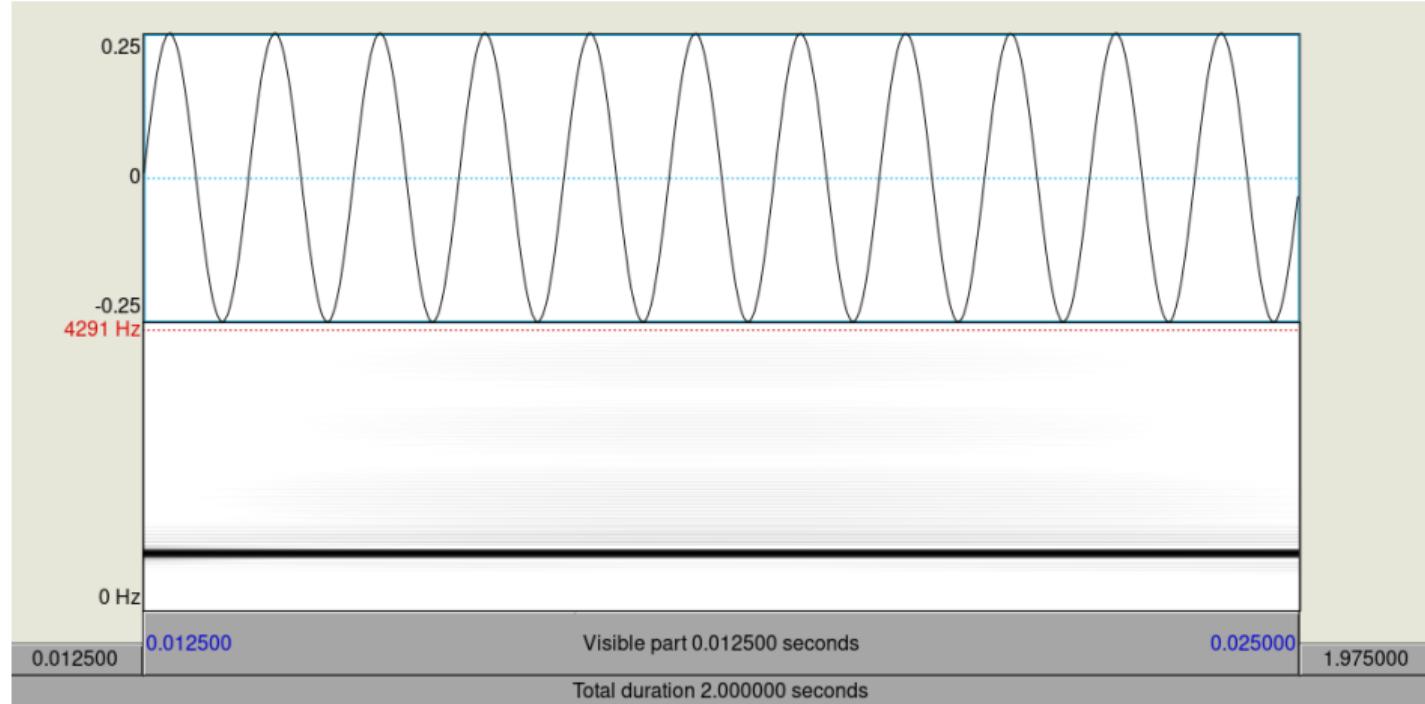


Figure 63: $f_1=780$, $f_2=980$, $w=100$

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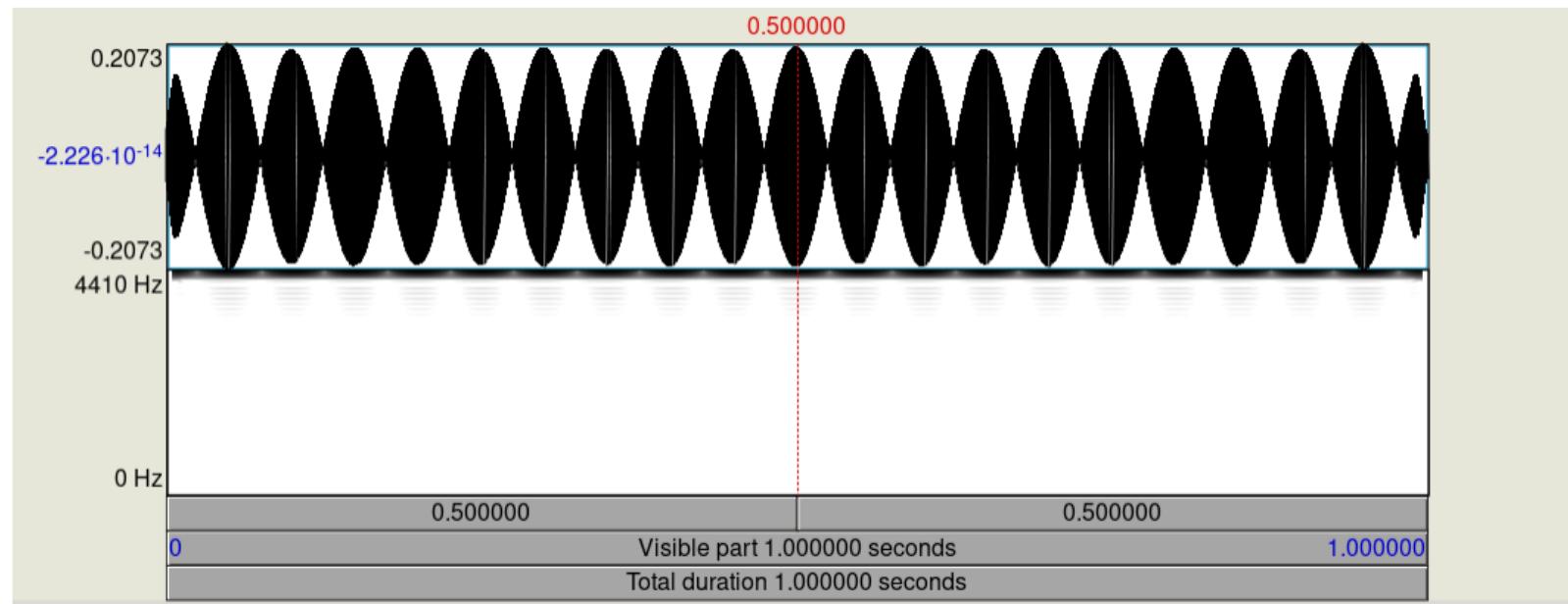


Figure 64: 4400Hz sin wave

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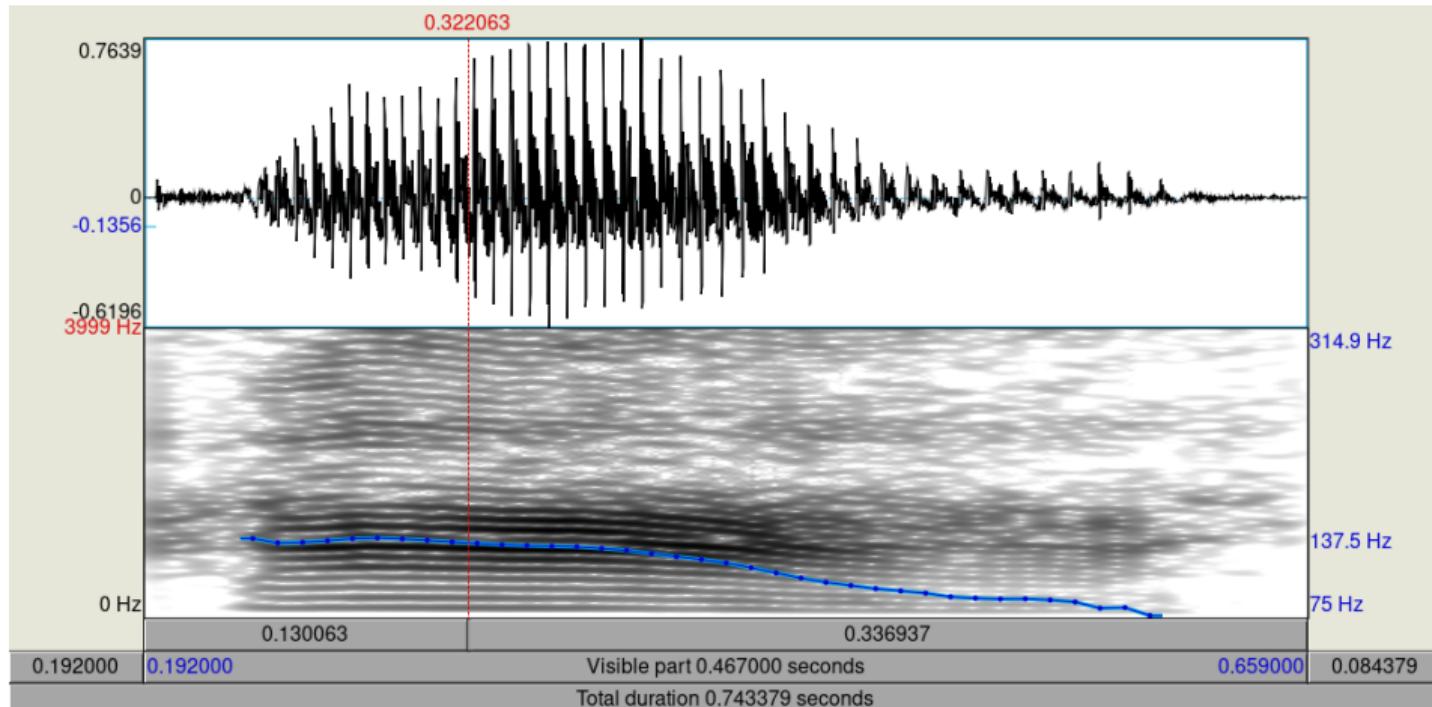


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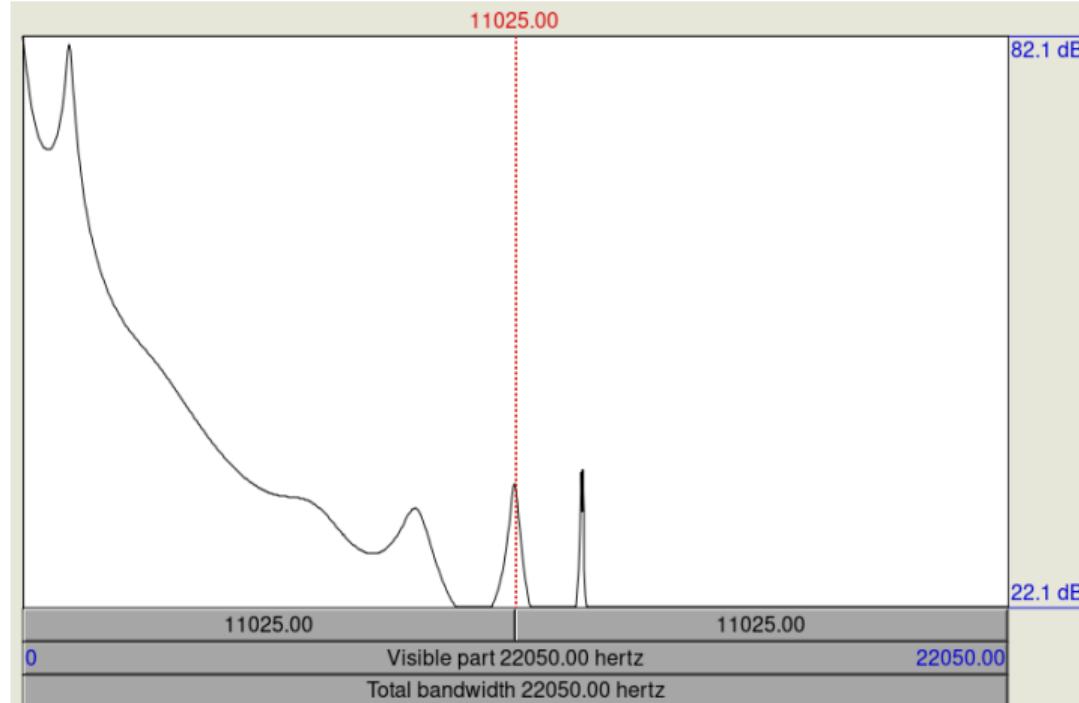


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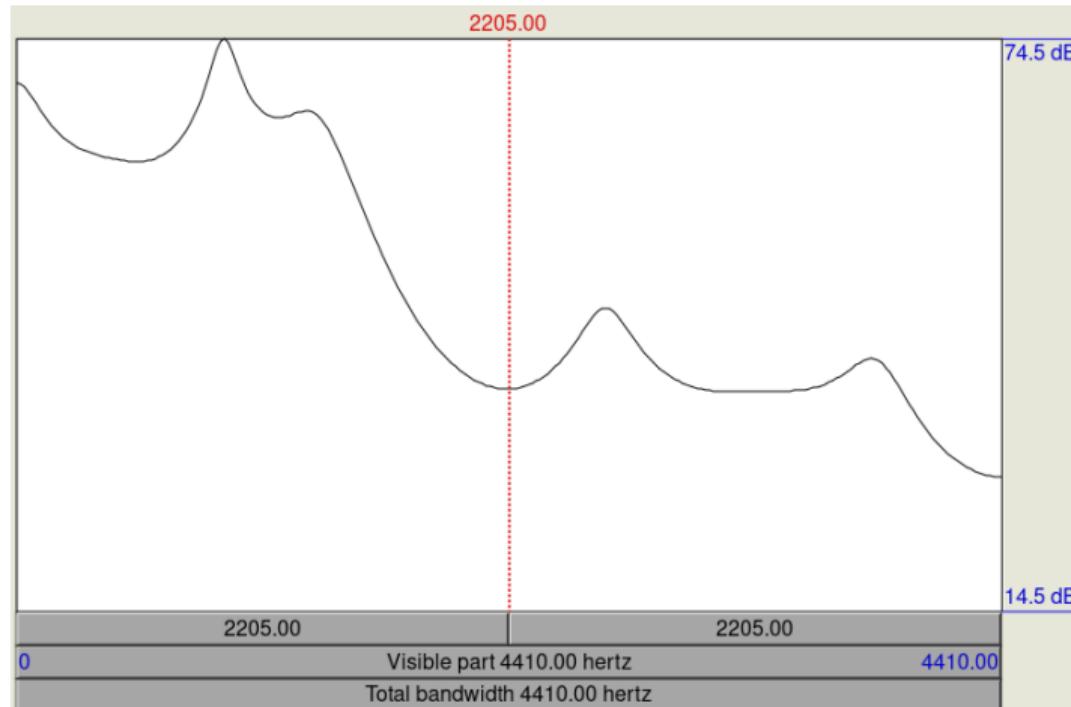


Figure 67: ah

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