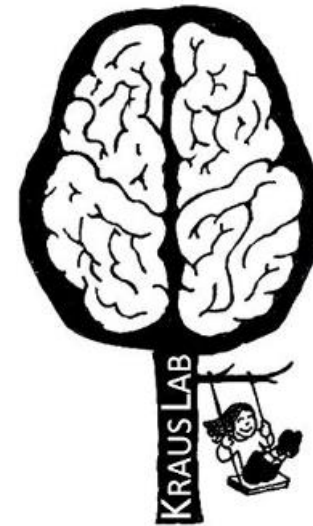


Aging & Making Sense of Sound

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Aging and Making Sense of Sound

EAR

presbycusis
hair cell damage
synaptopathy

BRAIN

central hearing loss

Action: feed the brain the best signal from the ear

Action: activities to promote CNS strength and plasticity

Factors that make an older adult successful at hearing in noise

SOUND...



Attributes of a "seen" object

Shape ... sphere

Dimensionality ... 3D

Color ... yellow

Solidity ... yes

Pattern ... none

Movement ... no

Transparency ... no

Texture ... fuzzy



concrete



Attributes of sound



Pitch ... high

Intensity ... loud

Timbre ... crunchy

Timing ... fast

Consonance ... dissonant

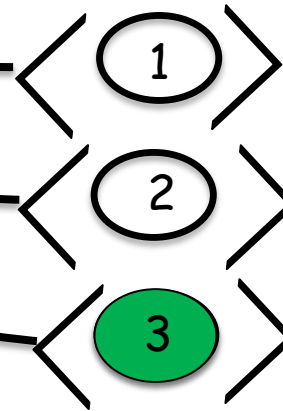
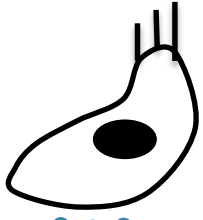
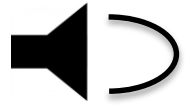
Location ... straight ahead

Attack ... gradual

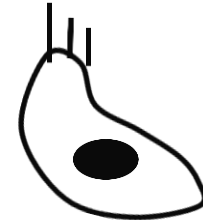
Movement ... left to right

**abstract
fleeting**

Auditory Processing Speed



< 1 ms !

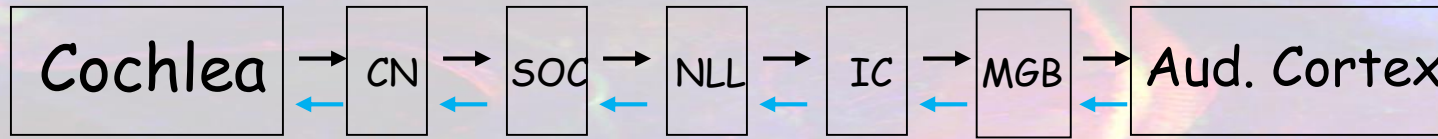


Left Ear

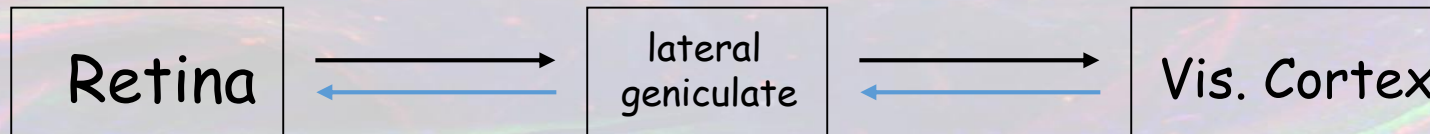
Auditory Brain

Right Ear

Auditory system

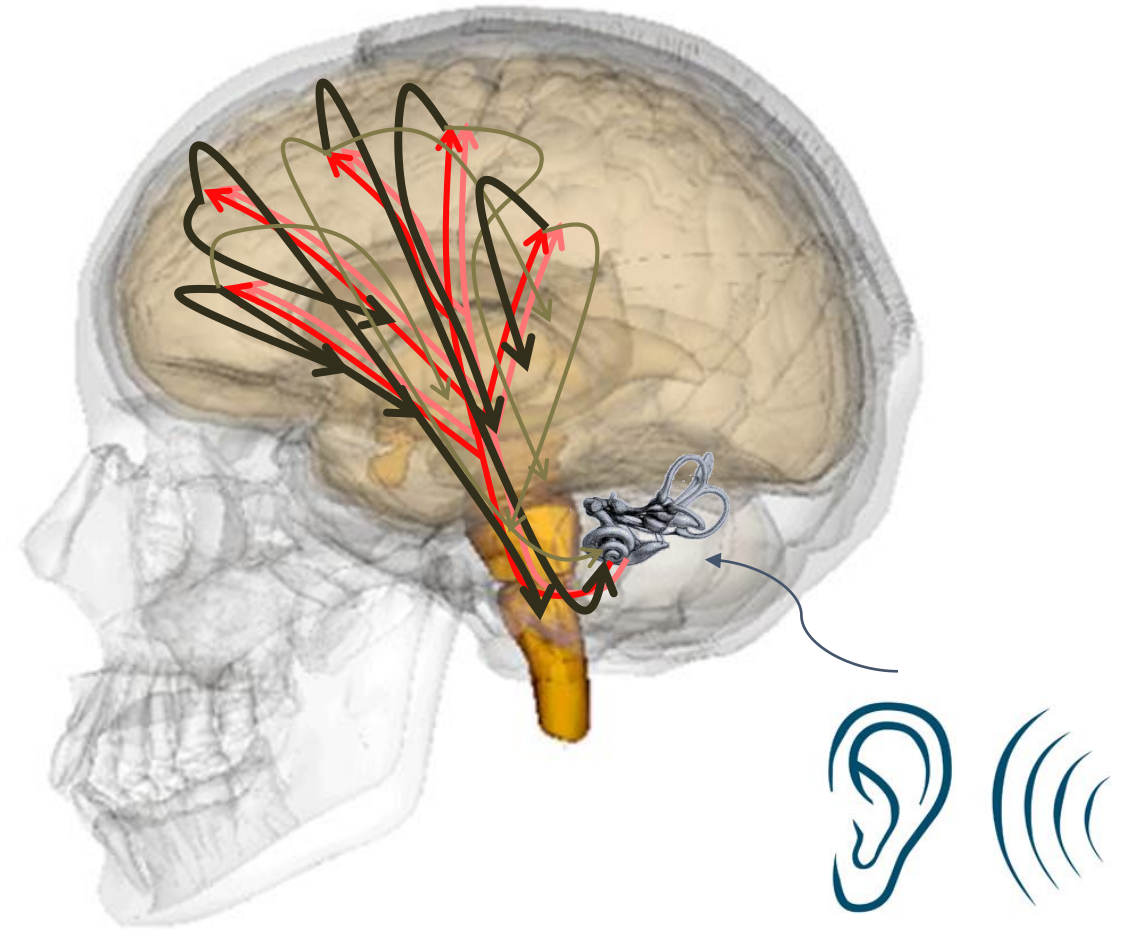
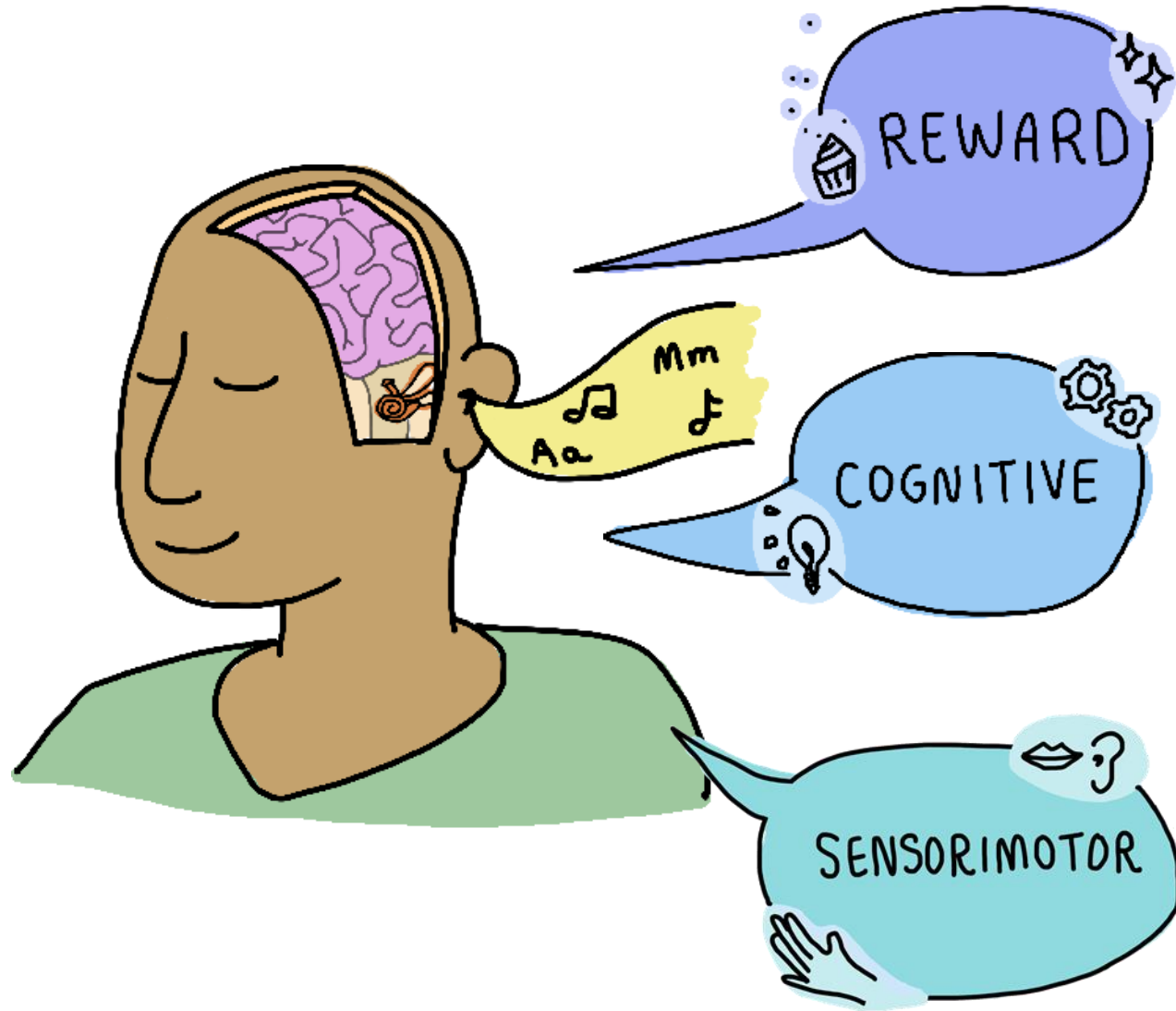


visual system

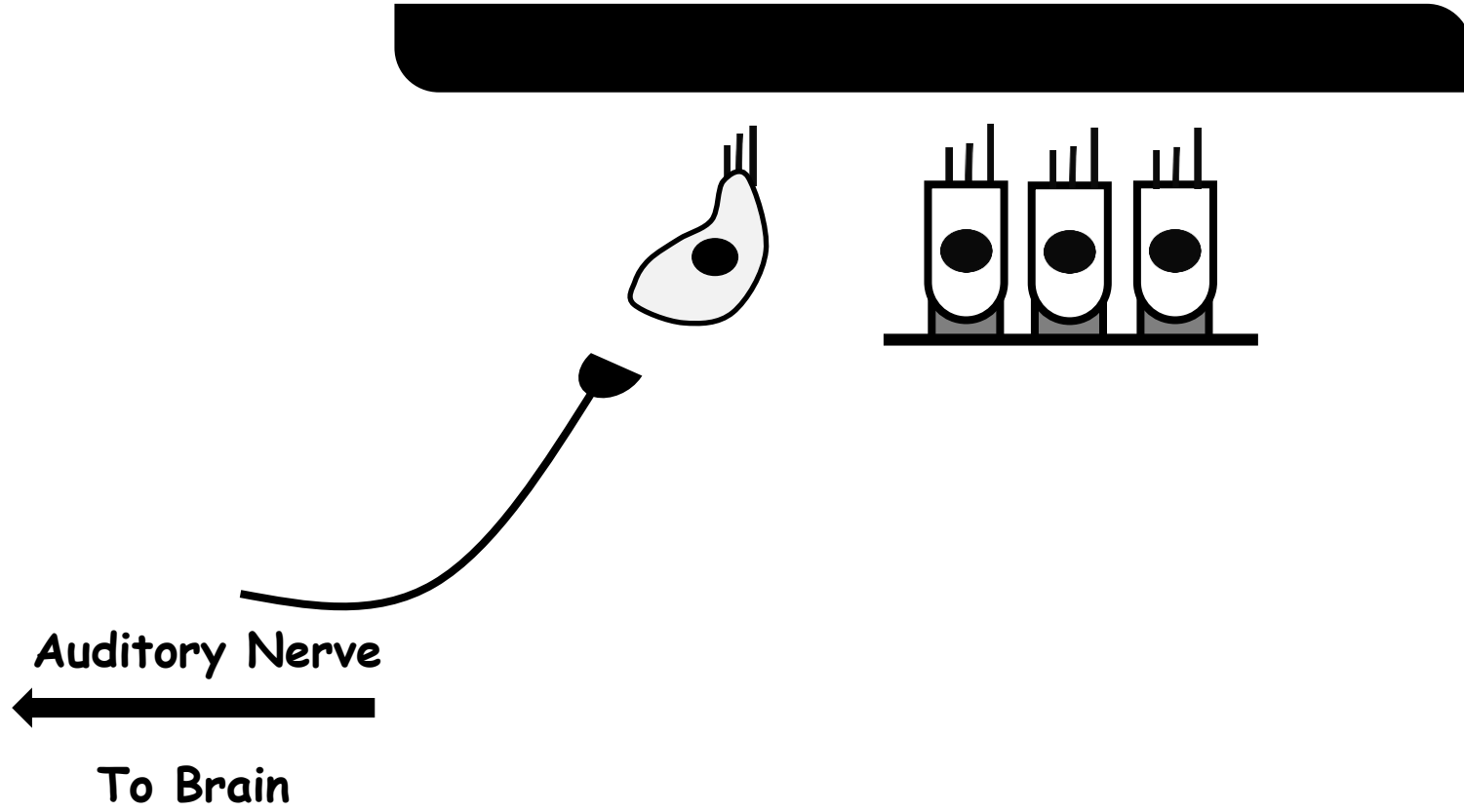


connectivity to
non-auditory
centers

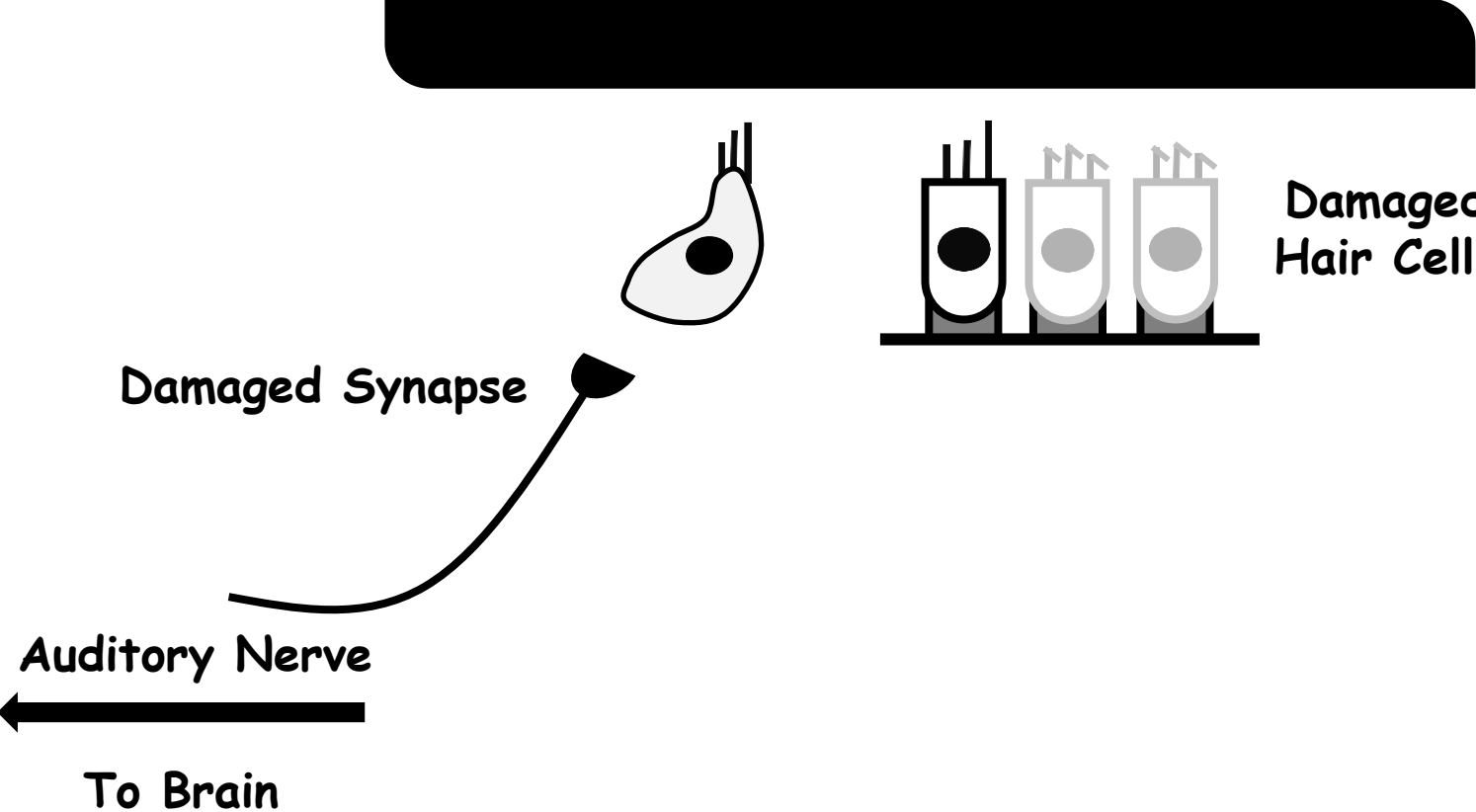
Making sense of sound

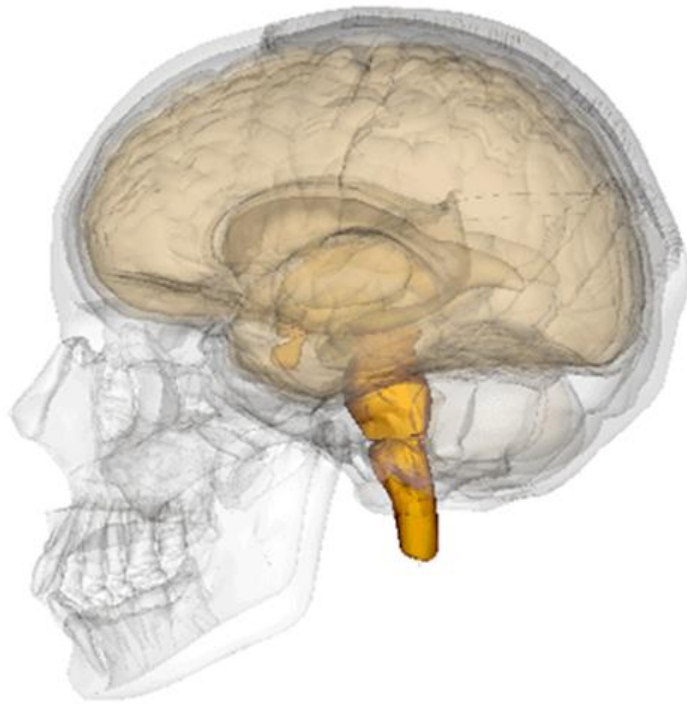


Normal Inner Ear



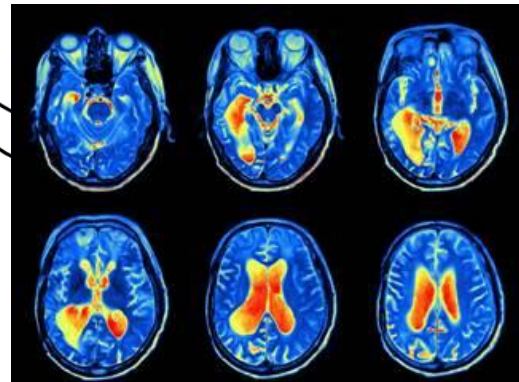
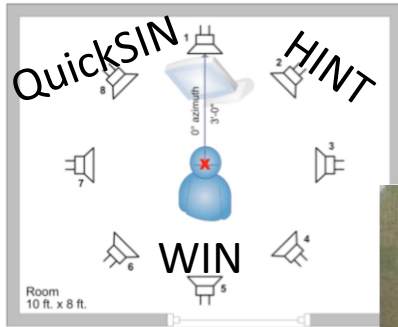
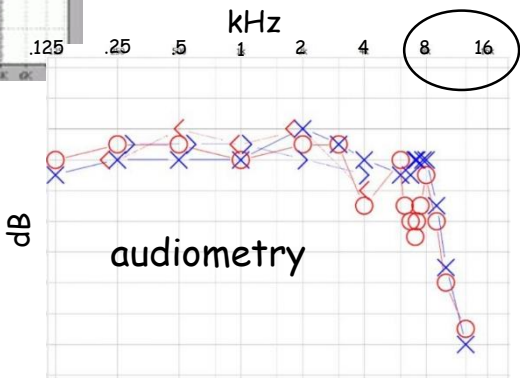
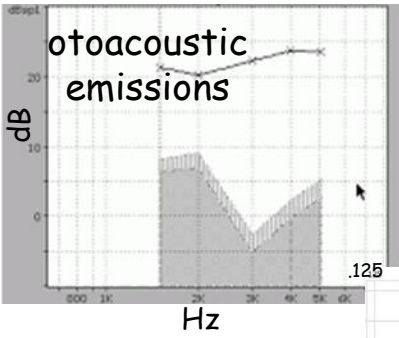
Damaged Hair Cells and Synapse





Take ear and brain into account

Individualized biological data



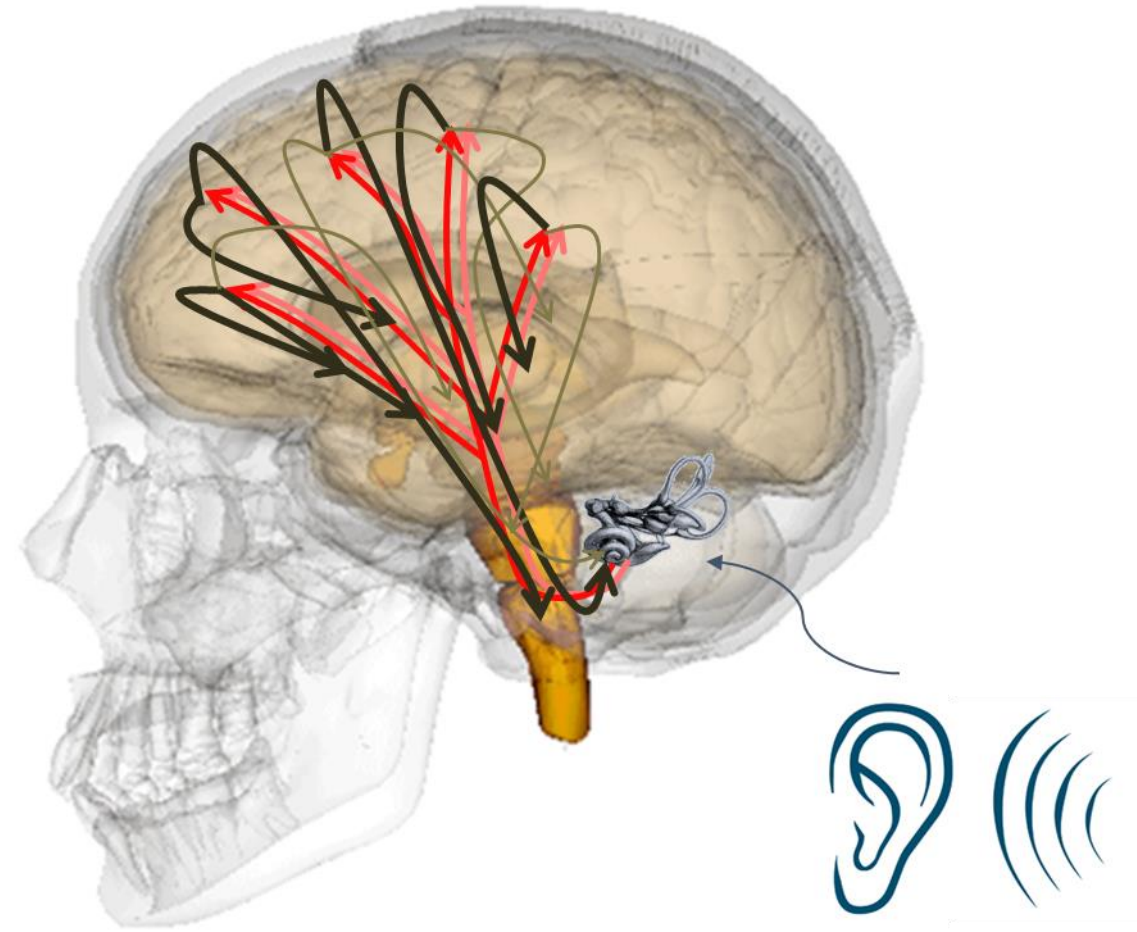
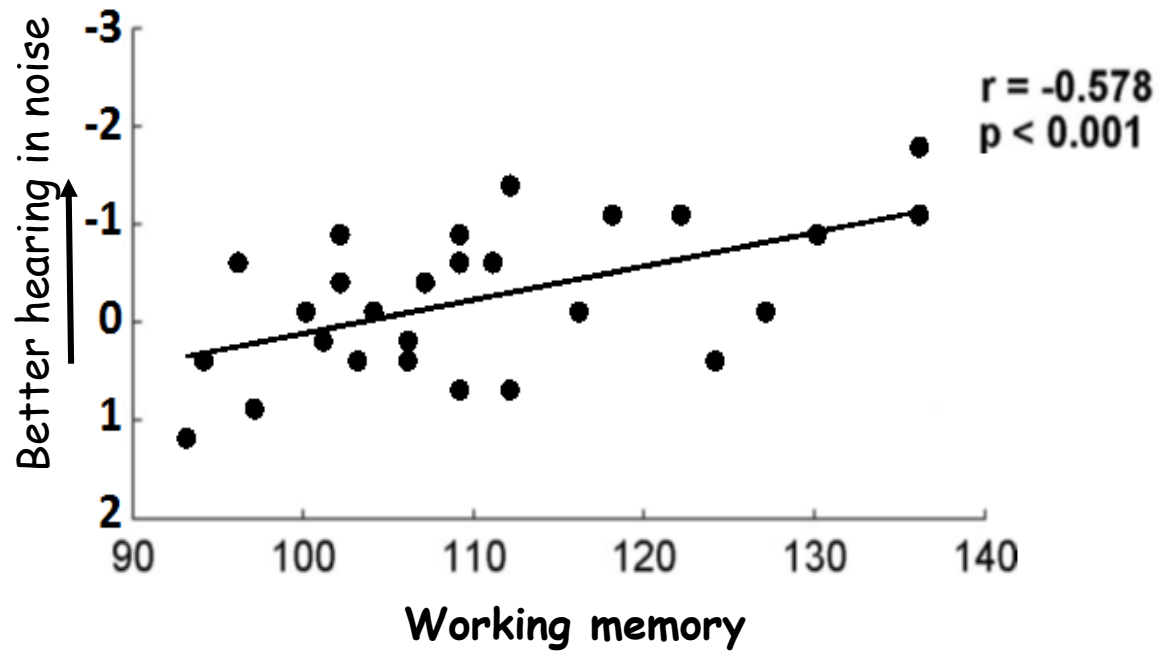


AGING



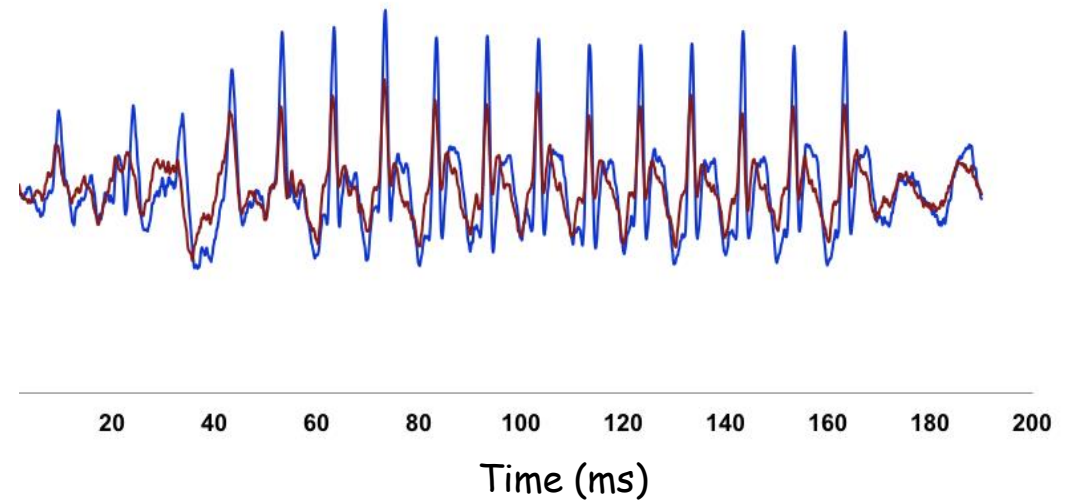
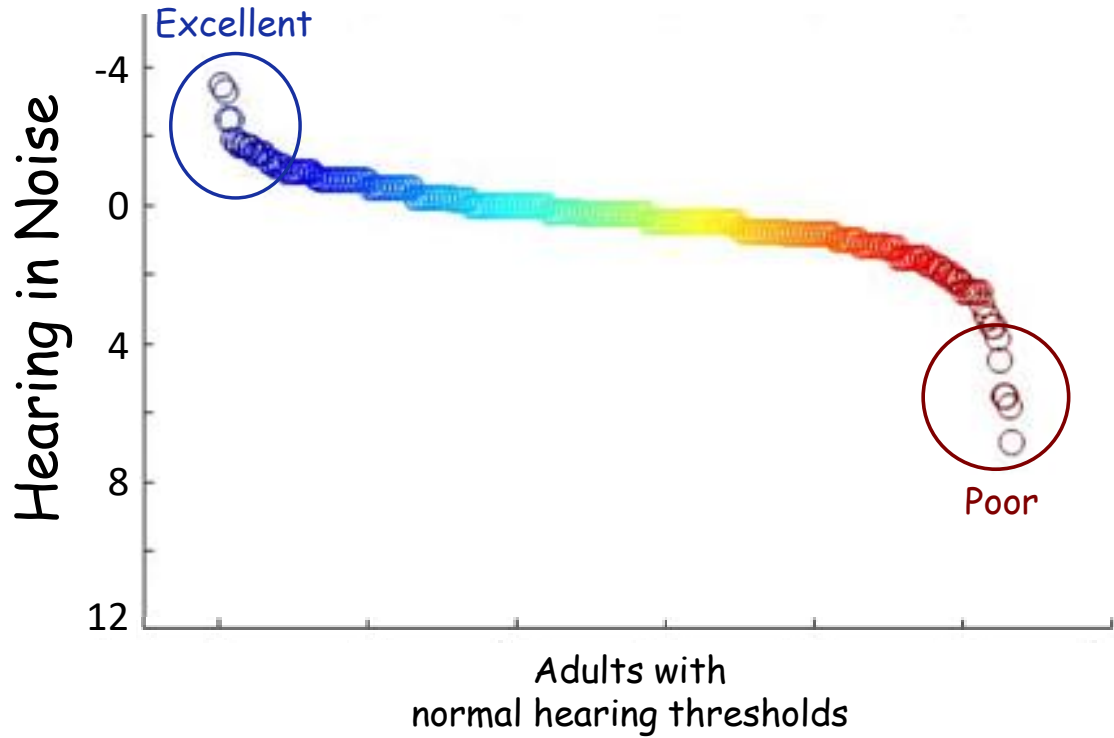
HEARING IN NOISE

Hearing in Noise engages Cognition



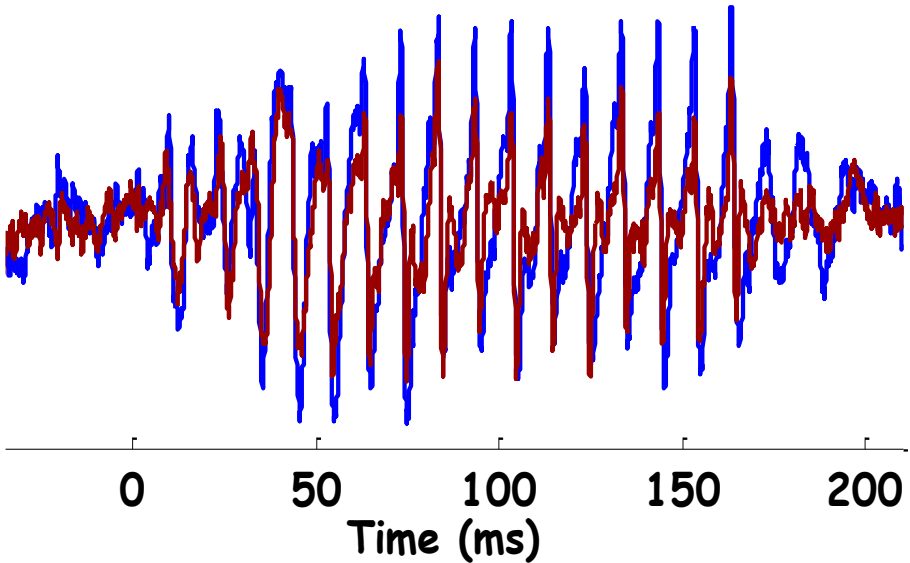
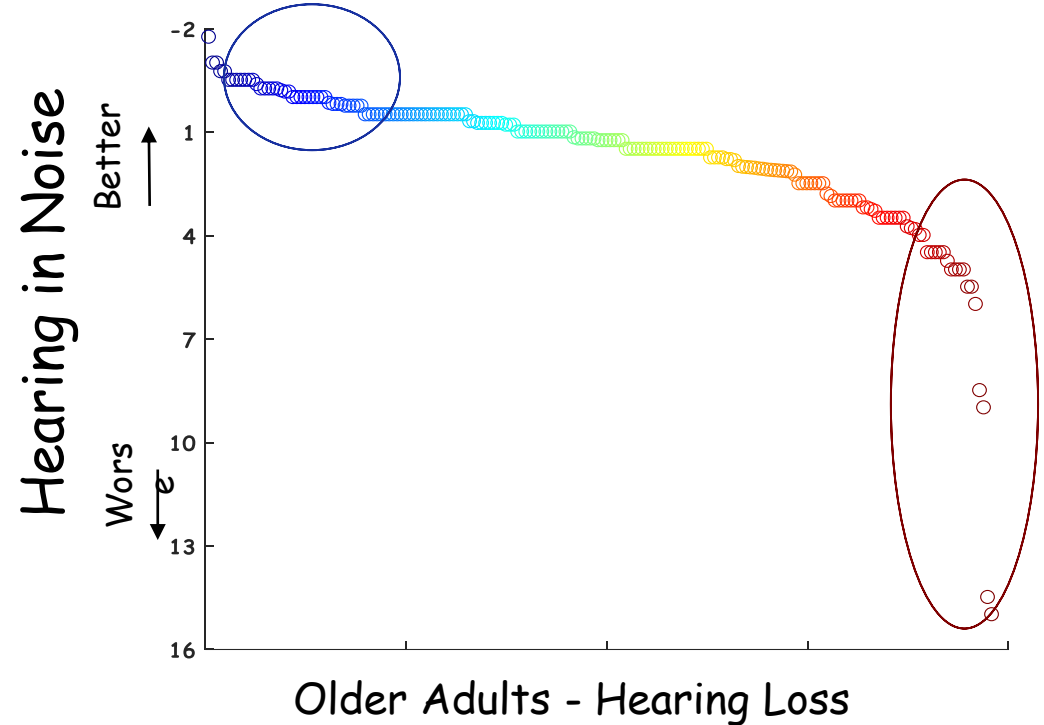
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Normal Hearing Thresholds



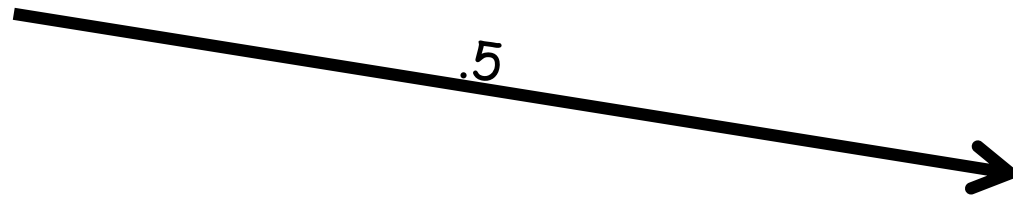
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Hearing Loss



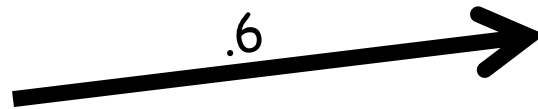
COGNITION

Memory
Attention



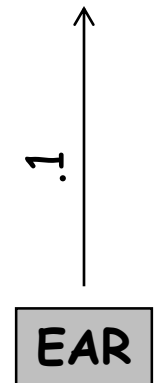
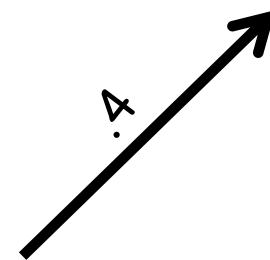
**SOUND
PROCESSING
in the BRAIN**

Pitch, Timing,
Harmonics



LIFE EXPERIENCES

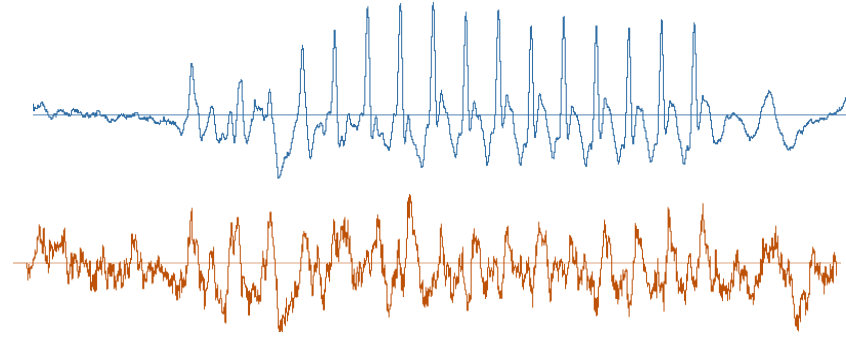
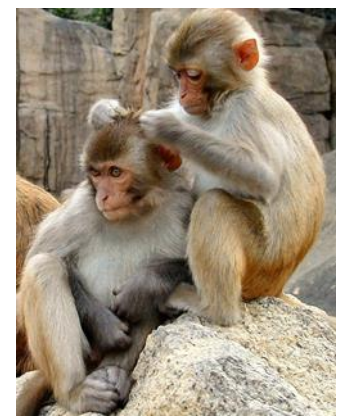
Music
Exercise



EAR

Audiogram
OAEs

Biological Aging



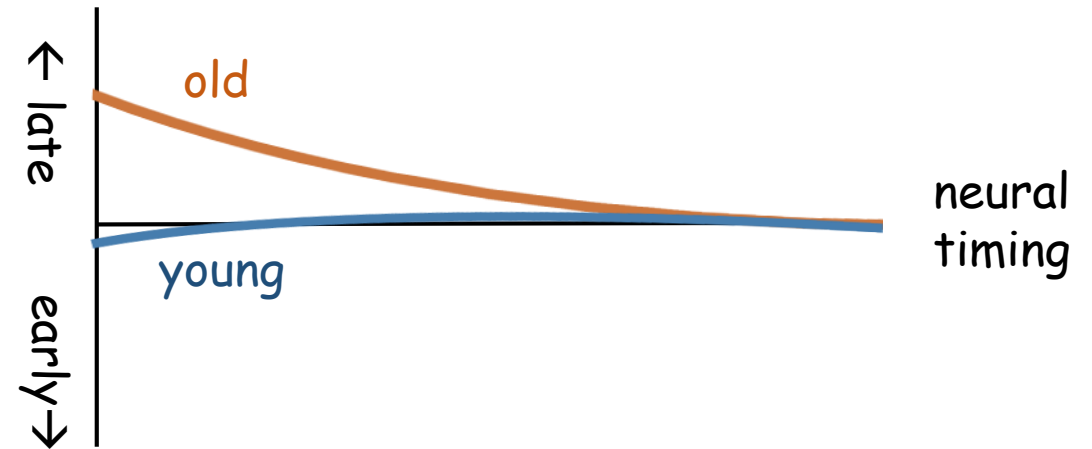
Breakdown in timing

Reduced inhibition

Increased spontaneous activity

Broader spatial tuning

Reduced cortical connectivity for spatial processing



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Biological Aging & Hearing Loss

Compensatory neurochemistry - protein expression

Reduced inhibition throughout auditory pathway

Reorganization of auditory and visual areas



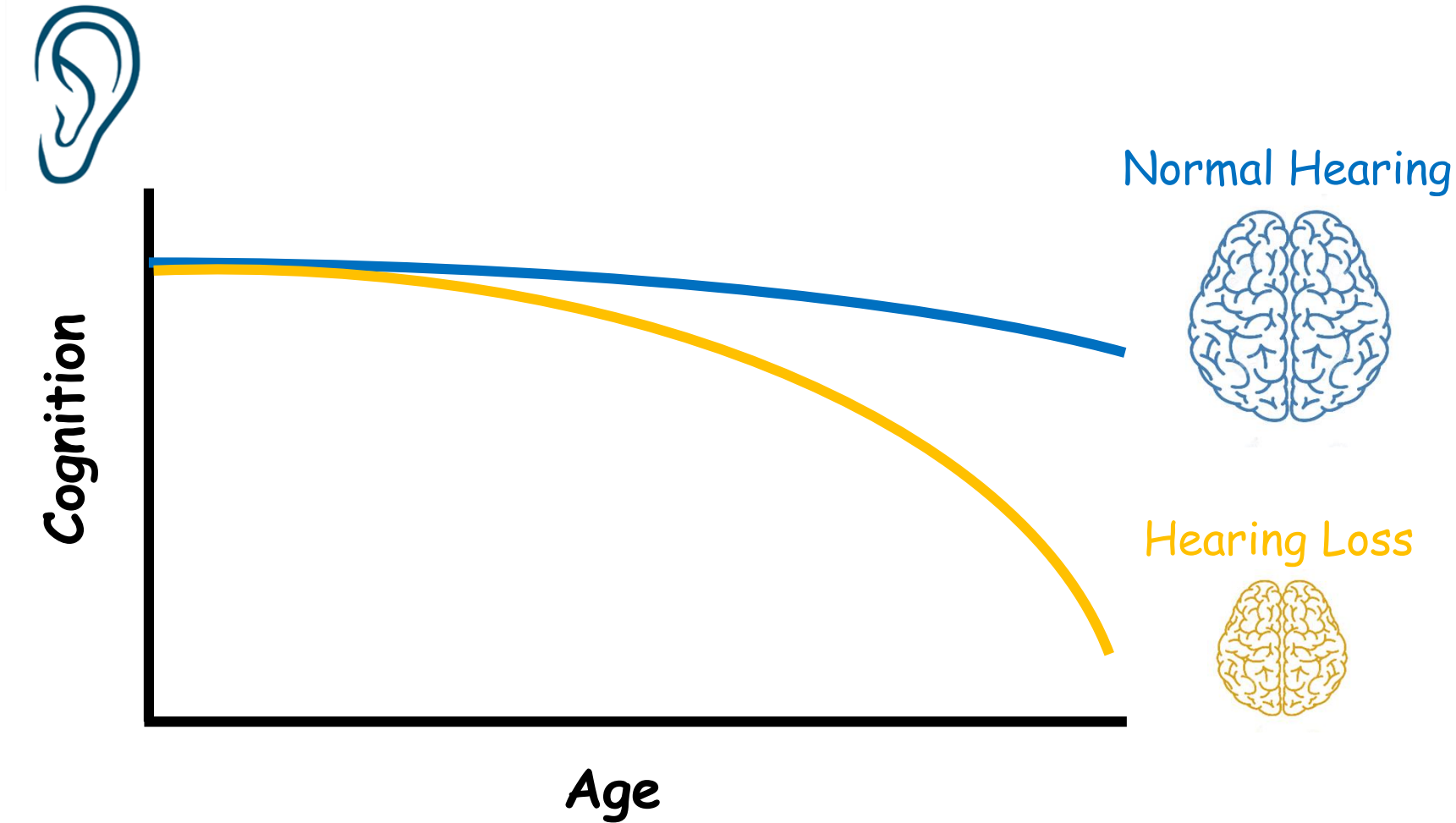
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Hearing loss impacts cognition

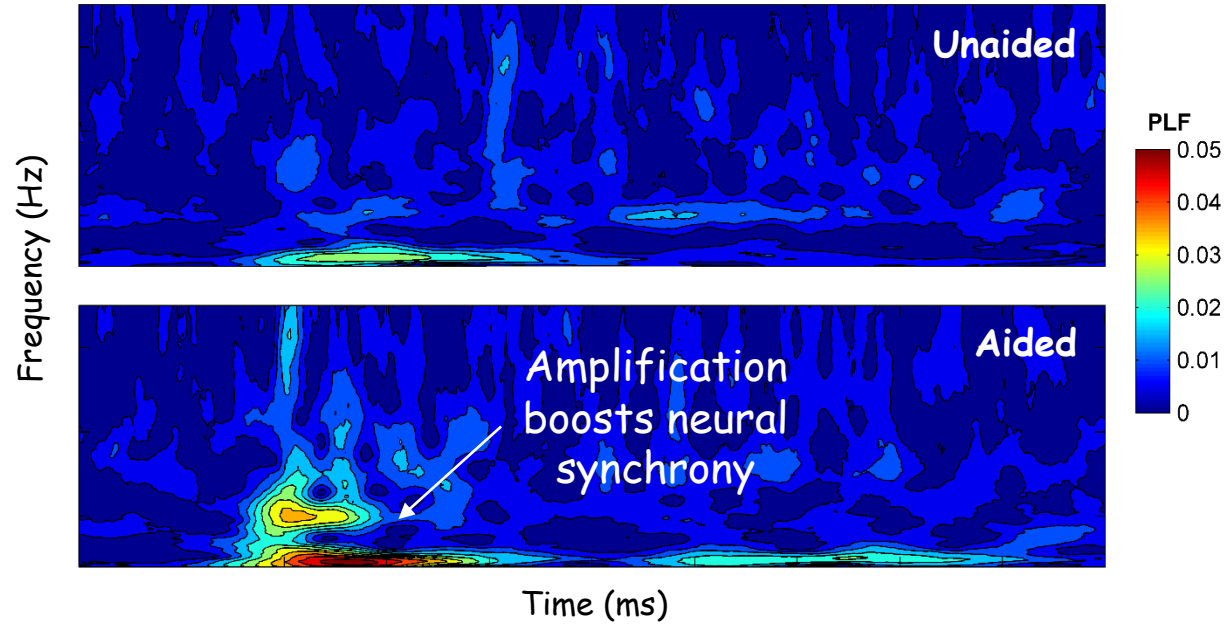


accelerates aging



Feed the brain the best input possible

Hearing aid/device fitting informed by biology

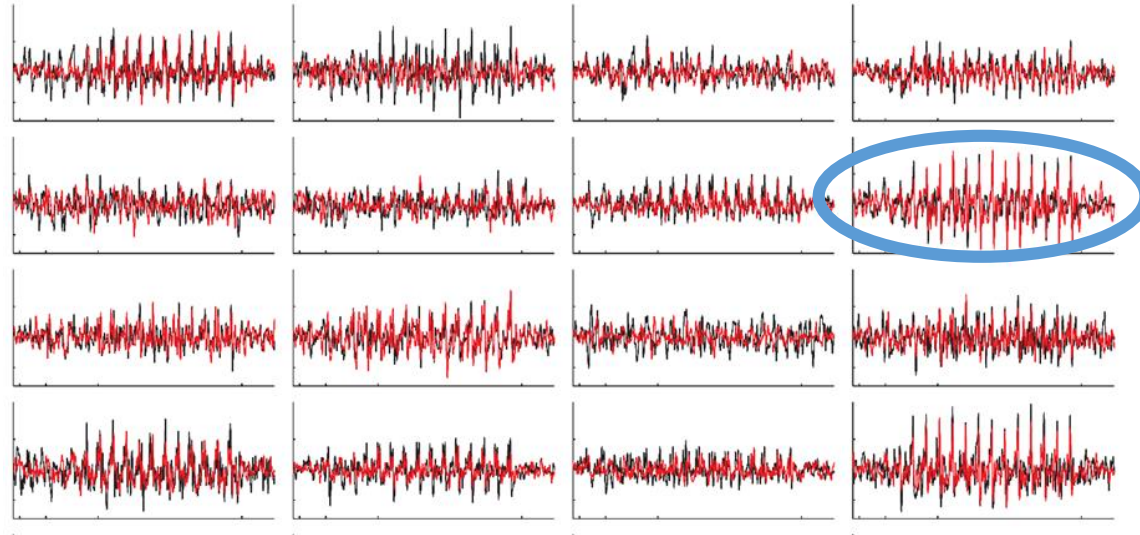
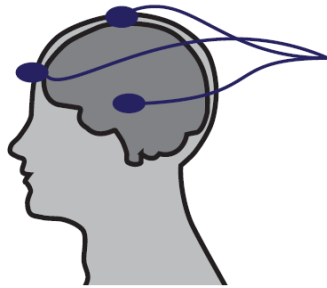


Anderson et al. (under review)

Hearing device/processing strategy

Automated Fitting

Collect EEG to dozens of algorithms to find the best fit for the brain



That's the one!

HEALTHY AGING



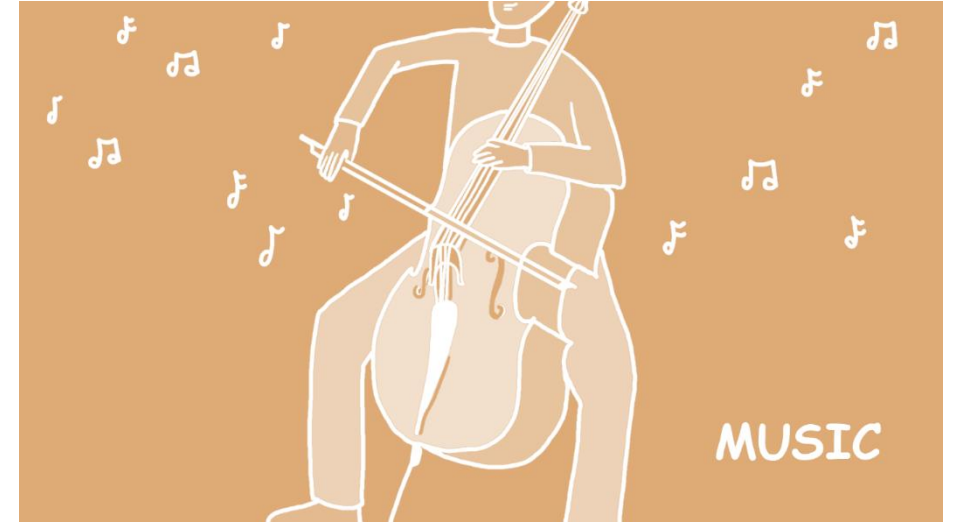
STRENGTHENING SOUND PROCESSING

你怎麼樣？

Bien, gracias.

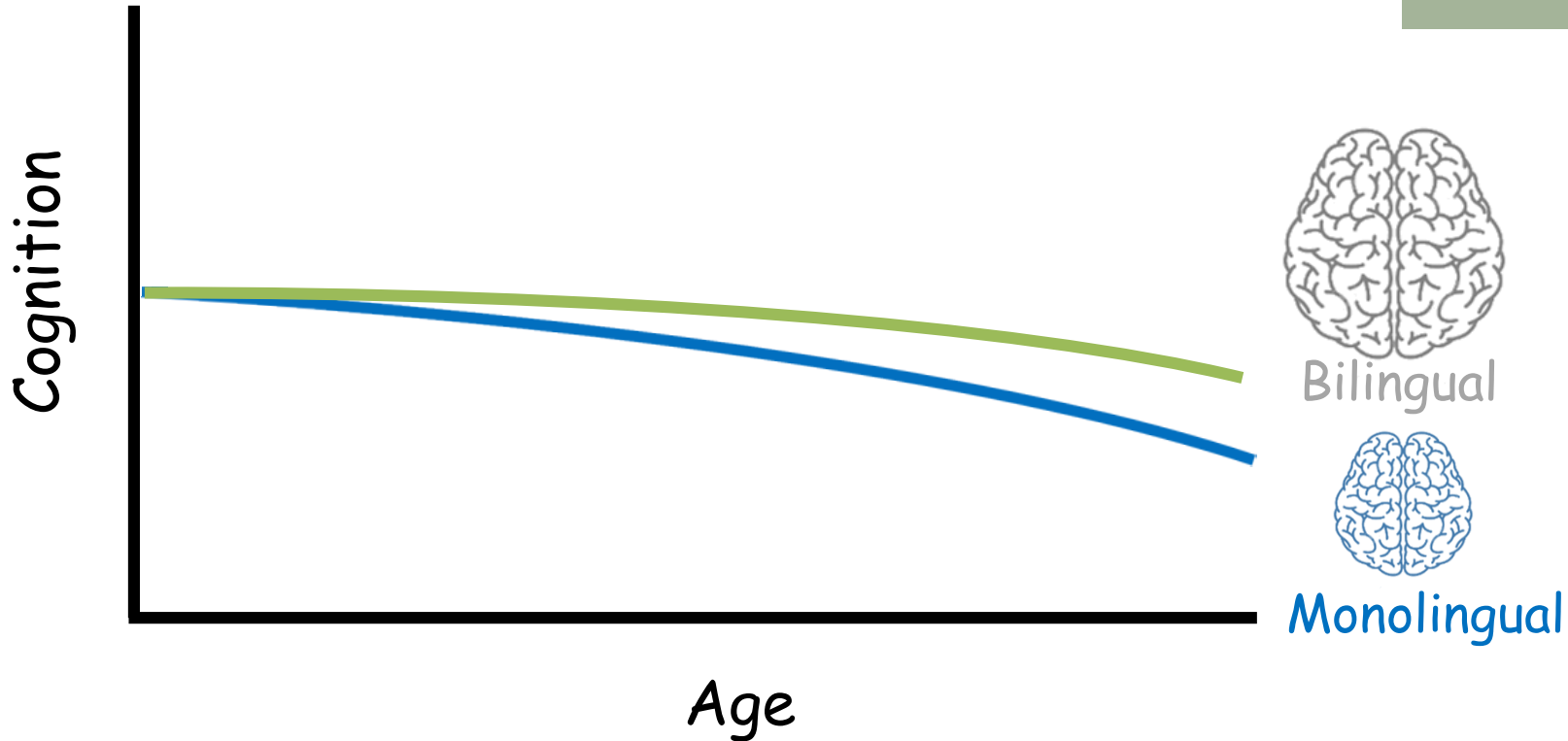
BILINGUALISM

Lifelong



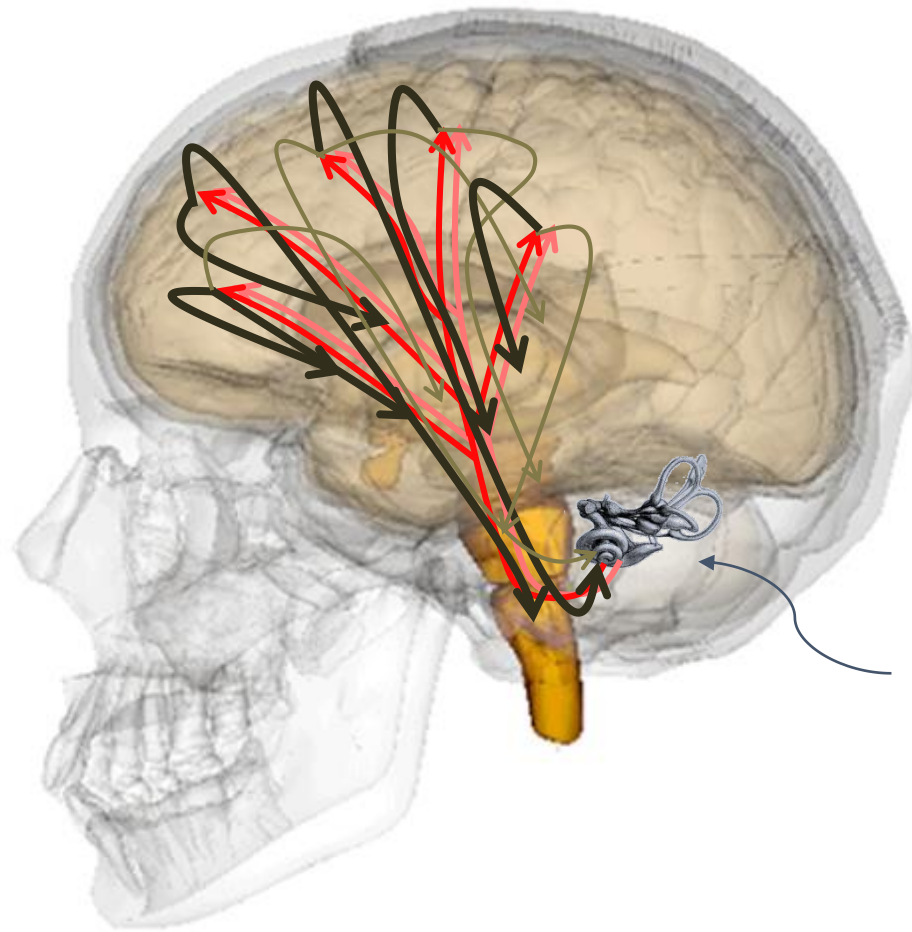
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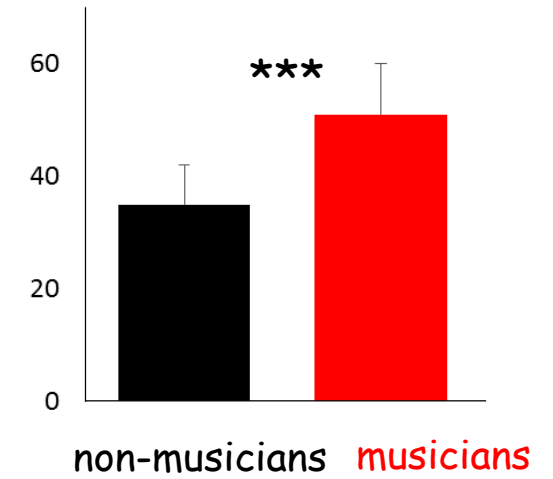


strengthens sound processing
consequences for hearing in noise

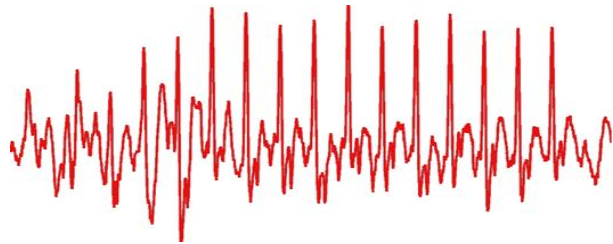
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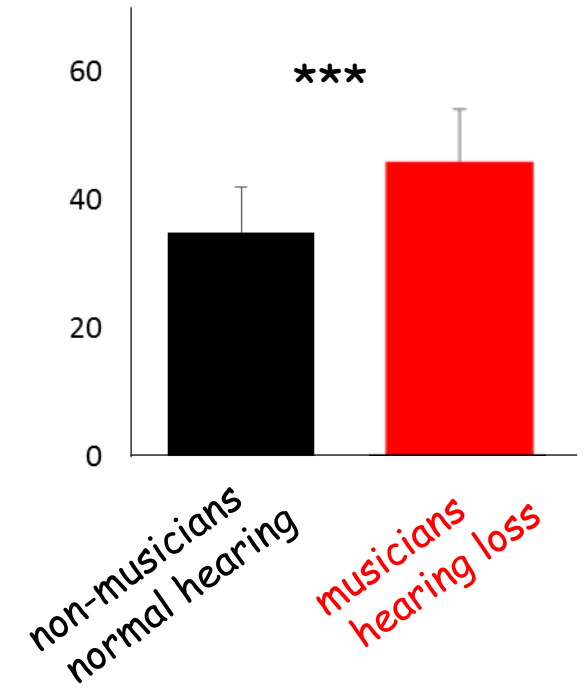
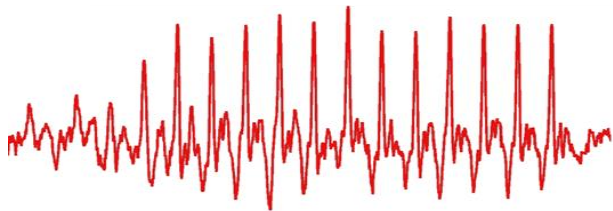
COGNITIVE, SENSORIMOTOR, REWARD



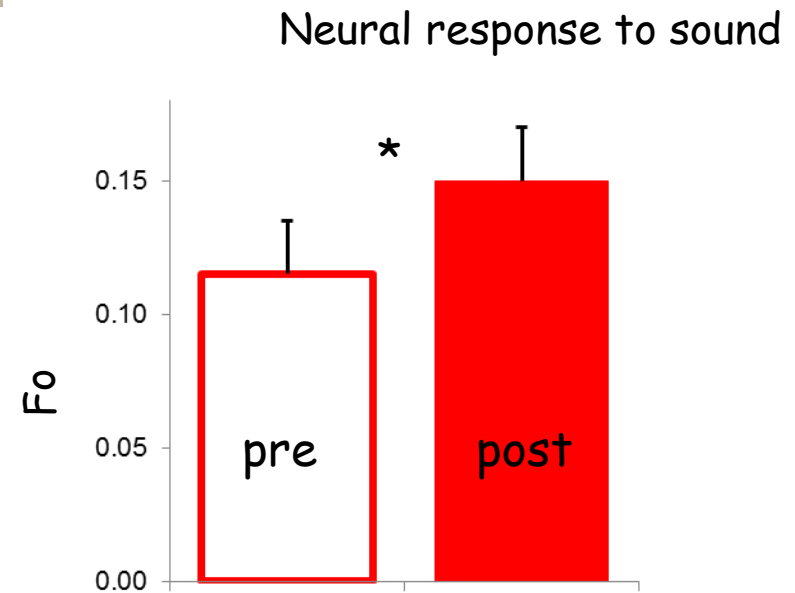
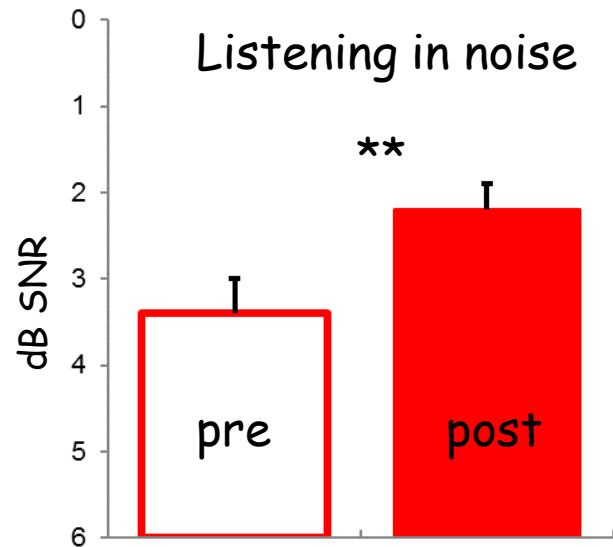
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noise

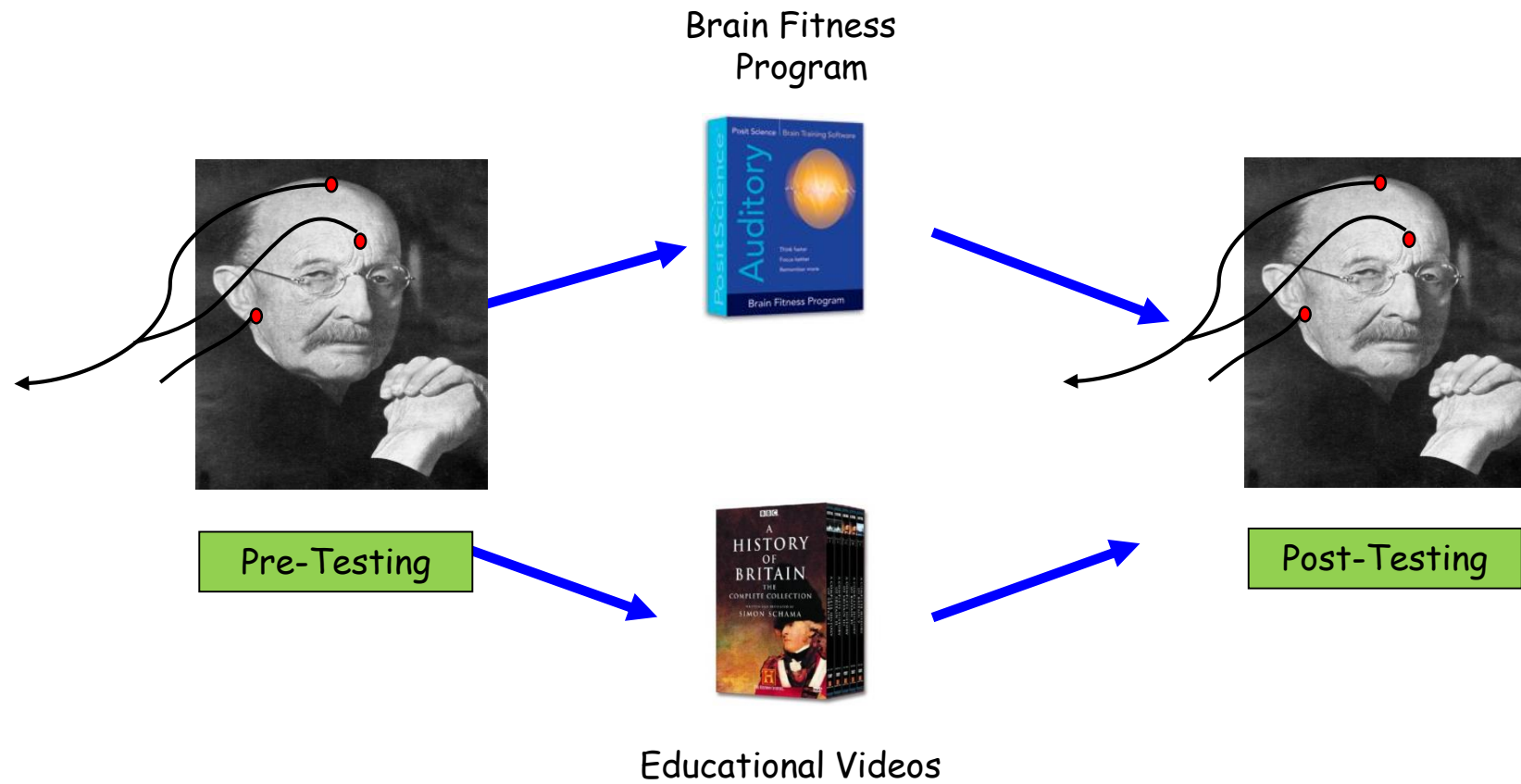


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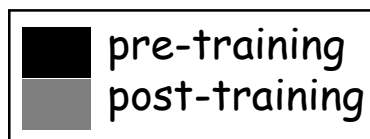
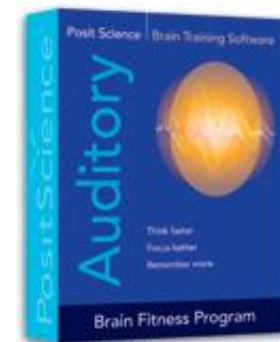


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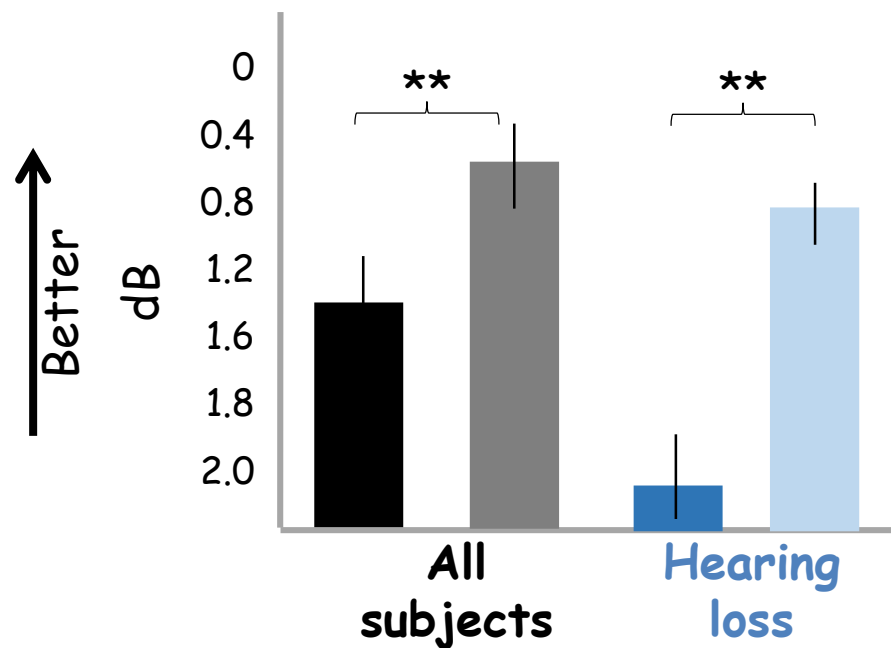
75 older adults



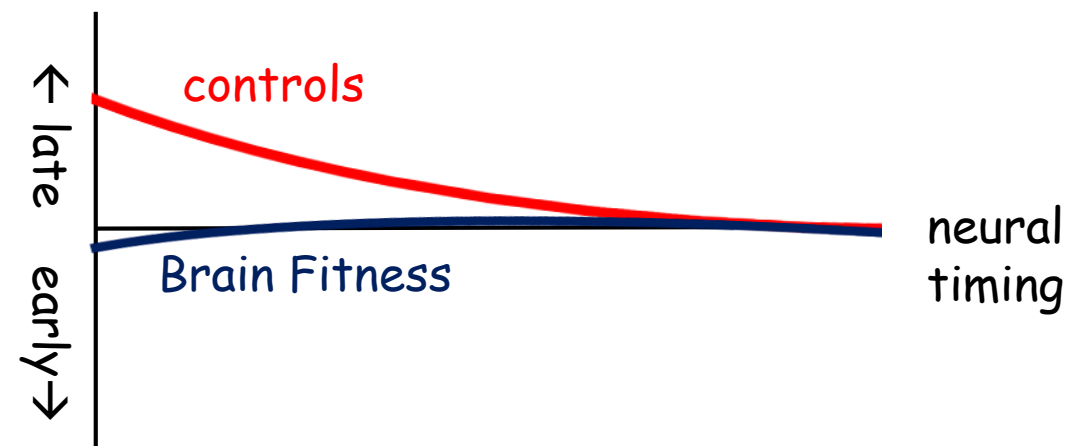
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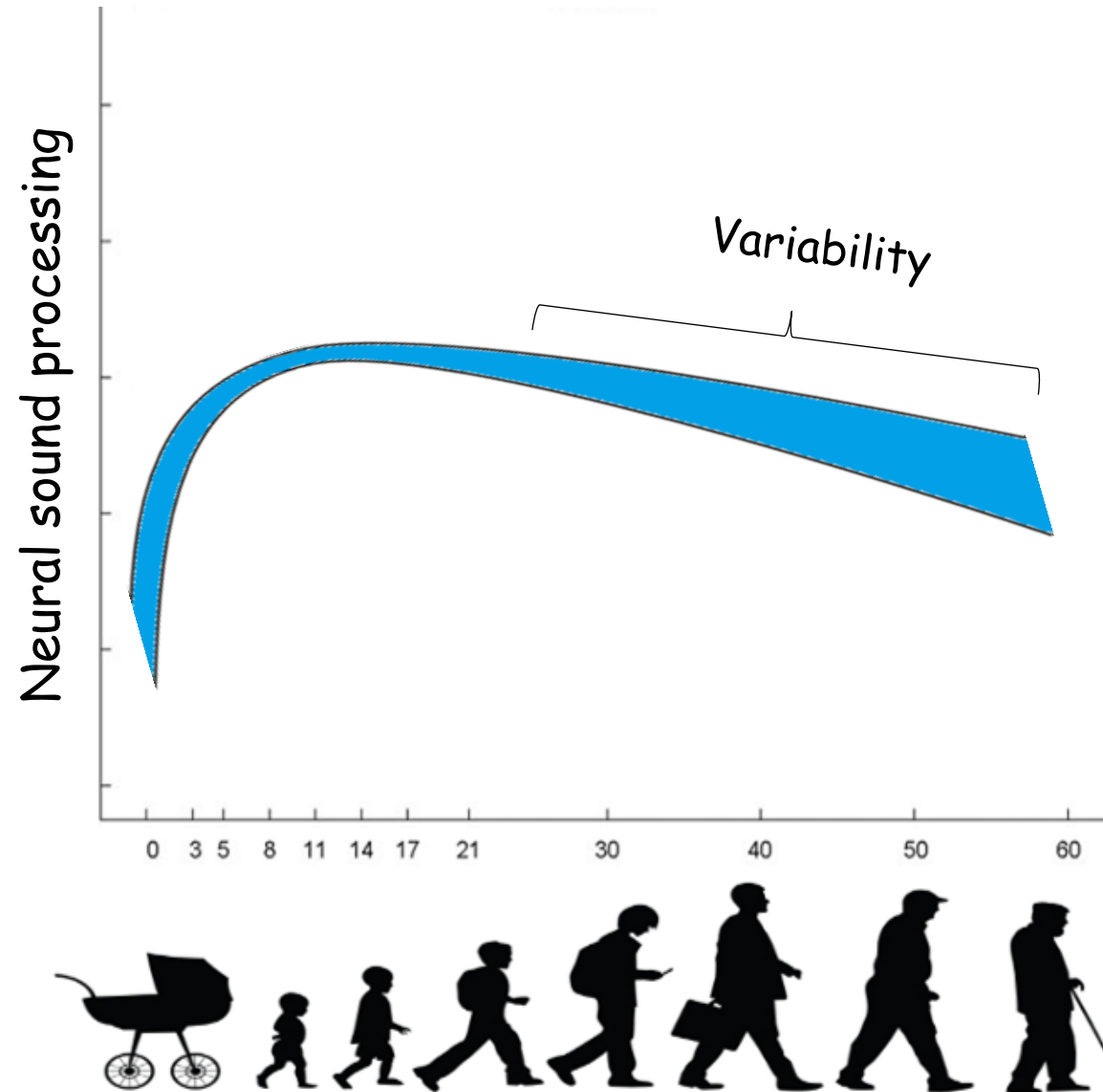
Hearing in Noise



Biology



Biological Aging is Individual



Skoe et al., *Cerebral Cortex*, 2015

Gray and Recanzone *Evolution of Nervous System* 2017

Summary

Nurture Eyes and Ears for healthy aging

Biology can inform training strategies, individualized care

Gaps

How does auditory aging begin?



presbycusis?
hair cell damage?
synaptopathy?

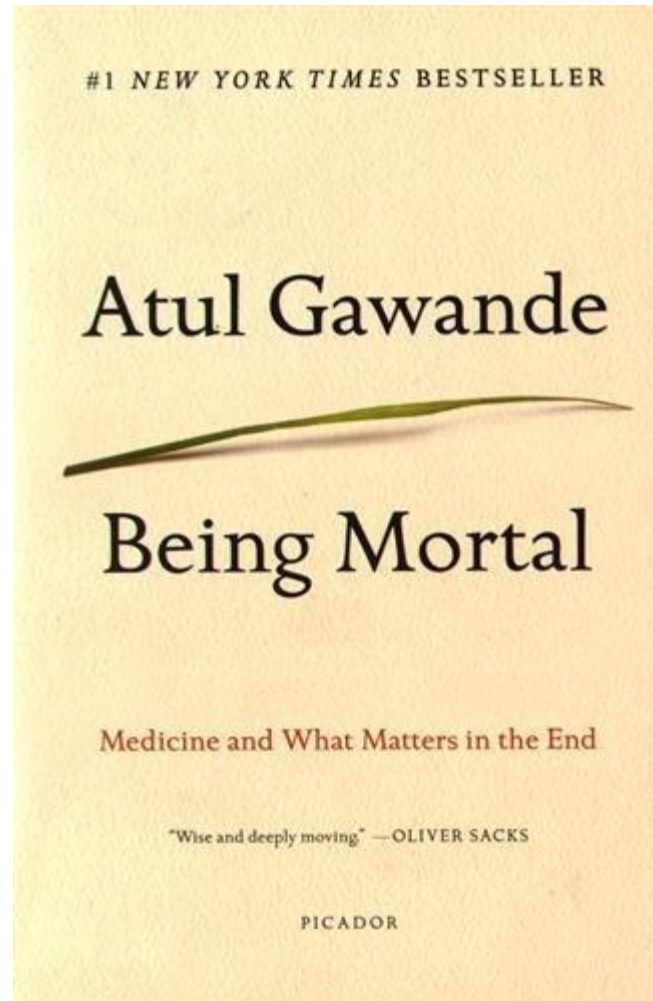
central hearing loss?



combined effect of auditory and visual impairment?

What factors make an older adult successful at hearing in noise?

whole person care







Auditory Neuroscience Laboratory

auditory neuroscience lab

- about us
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- publications
- technologies
- freeware
- talks (upcoming & previous)
- community outreach
- in the news
- donate
- i would like to participate
- directions to the lab

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Demonstration Our Biological Approach

