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Auditory and vestibular system





scala auricle incus scala tympani malleus vestibuli oval window external auditory canal cochlea man tympanic membrane stapes organ óf Corti sound waves round window basilar membrane outer ear middle ear inner ear ©1997 Encyclopaedia Britannica, Inc.

The middle ear













Bekesy's fluid model



The traveling wave

Problem: traveling waves have very broad peaks – frequency discrimination can not be based on the location of the peak vibration!



Masking



Masking and mp3 encoding

Idea: signals that are inaudible because of masking can be removed from the file to save space.



Figure 2.1: Block diagram of MPEG/Audio encoder.



The organ of Corti















Outer hair cell motility



The active cochlea model (video by J. Ashmore 1987)



Connections from outer and inner hair cells

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Microtubule inside of a cilium



http://scienceblogs.com/transcript/upload/2006/08/axoneme.gif /www.uni-mainz.de/FB/Medizin/Anatomie

Tilting of stereocilia bundles cause graded de- or hyperpolarization in hair cells (and modulation of action potential rates in afferent nerve fibers)



The lateral line system



Hair cell: One type of sensory cell, different functions through specific accessory structures

A. Perception and integration of water-flow pattern at the body surface

Vestibular system



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The vestibular labyrinth answers two basic questions: Where am I going? Which way is up?

The vestibular labyrinth answers the two questions by sensing:

Head angular acceleration (semicircular canals) = Head rotation

Head linear acceleration (saccule and utricle)

= Translational motion.

Gravity (and by extension head tilt)



The maculae

Hair cell cilia are embedded in a gelatinous otolithic membrane (above the macula) covered with calcium carbonate particles (otoconia or otoliths). Tilting of the head moves otoliths due to gravity and bends cilia of hair cells.



The maculae





The utricular macula is horizontal, while the saccular macula is vertical. Orientation within each organ for preferred deflection is indicated by arrows, allowing for detection of linear acceleration from almost any direction.

The crista ampullaris



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Basic auditory sensitivity in fish though direct activation of utricular haircells by water-borne sound



Vibrations of swim bladder are transmitted to the vestibular/hearing organ



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Early vertebrates were jawless fish: Food intake by filtering water through a branchial gut



Jaws developed from branchial archs













mouth cavity



Reptiles / birds

Mammals





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- E. Middle ear: Acoustic impedance matching of incoming sound
- F. Mammalian middle ear: Major expansion of the frequency range transmitted to the inner ear

The ascending auditory pathway





The nucleus cochlearis



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The superior olivary complex



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The MSO



Gigantic synapses in the MNTB (calyx of Held)



The LSO









Projections from all lower brainstem nuclei converge in IC



Internal organisation of the inferior colliculus





Thalamus



Sensory relay

- lateral geniculate \rightarrow V1
- medial geniculate \rightarrow A1
- ventral posterior \rightarrow S1





H PT Heschl's gyrus Planum temporale

The shape and size of Heschl's gyrus is highly variable











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1 mm



'What' and 'where' pathways



Temporal lobe: 'what'

The Primate Cortical Auditory System



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