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Based on a workshop held at the University of Bielefeld in Germany in March 1986, this book presents the work of researchers from a diversity of fields, from neuroanatomy to behavioural ecology, covering the anatomy, physiology and behavioural correlates of the auditory system in the vertebrate class amphibia. It summarizes all aspects of the amphibian auditory system, reviewing current knowledge of the structure, function and evolution of this sensory system, and offers new contributions to our understanding of this subject. Chapters discuss amphibian phylogeny, the anatomy and physiology of the peripheral auditory system, the anatomy and physiology of central auditory areas, specialized topics in sound localization, the development of the amphibian auditory system (including changes that occur during metamorphosis), acoustic communication in anurans, selected

topics in the evolution of amphibian and vertebrate audition, and others aspects. There has been substantial progress in understanding the contributions of the auditory forebrain to hearing, sound localization, communication, emotive behavior, and cognition. The Auditory Cortex covers the latest knowledge about the auditory forebrain, including the auditory cortex as well as the medial geniculate body in the thalamus. This book will cover all important aspects of the auditory forebrain organization and function, integrating the auditory thalamus and cortex into a smooth, coherent whole. Volume One covers basic auditory neuroscience. It complements The Auditory Cortex, Volume 2: Integrative Neuroscience, which takes a more applied/clinical perspective. This updated, second edition of The Auditory System: Anatomy, Physiology, and Clinical Correlates remains an essential text for audiology students and clinicians. The text is designed to provide comprehensive coverage of the anatomy and physiology of the central and peripheral auditory systems. Readers will benefit from the important link between science and clinical practice, with integrated clinical correlates found in each chapter. Key Features: Presents balanced coverage of both the peripheral and central auditory systemsIntegrated clinical correlates establish the link between science and practiceSubstantial use of review articles and secondary sources enhances general understandingNumerous anatomical sketches and photographs supplement learning New to this Edition: A newly designed color interior and many full color images provide increased

readabilityA new chapter providing an overview of normal development of the auditory system, plasticity of the central auditory system, and aging effects on the peripheral and central auditory systemsA number of new illustrationsNew and updated information on synaptic ribbons, neuropharmacology of cochlear function, cryoloop cooling, and the vascular network of the brainstemUpdated references, review articles, and readings The Auditory System: Anatomy, Physiology, and Clinical Correlates, Second Edition is an essential text for graduate programs in audiology and a valuable reference for audiologists at any stage of their career. *Disclaimer: Please note that ancillary content (such as documents, audio, and video, etc.) may not be included as published in the original print version of this book. The Auditory System This text considers the effects of ageing on the auditory system from an anatomical, physiological and psychophysical perspective. Amongst the areas covered are ageing and the outer middle ear and the etiology of inner ear pathology and its relationship to presbycusis This book comprises a selection of review papers and original research from leading scientists with interests as diverse as the psychology of music perception and inner-ear biology. Rather than attempting a complete coverage of the vast field of hearing research, the book probes the subject with a series of in-depth papers that deal with the most exciting developments in each discipline. The result is a multidisciplinary sketch of the field that should act as both a useful reference and a stimulating basis for discussion among research workers and advanced students in the fields of hearing biophysics

and physiology. Synaptic Mechanisms in the Auditory System will provide a basic reference for students, clinicians, and researchers on how synapses in the auditory system function to encode acoustic signals. These mechanisms are the groundwork for all auditory processing, and understanding them requires knowledge of the microphysiology of synapses, cellular biophysics, receptor pharmacology, and an appreciation for what these synapses must do for a living, what unique jobs they carry out. The Auditory System in Sleep presents for the first time a view of a sensory system working in a different state-that of the sleeping brain. The auditory system is always “open receiving information from the environment and the body itself (conscious and unconscious data). Even during sleep the auditory information is processed, although in a different way. This book draws information from evoked potentials, fMRI, PET, SPECT, lesions, etc., together with electrophysiological online data in order to depict how the auditory system single unit activity, recorded during sleep, revealed the possibility of sensory information participation in sleep processes. Presents diverse experimental viewpoints from the beginning of classical electroencephalography to the more recent imaging, single units, electro-magneto-encephalography studies, etc. Includes classic data as well as new data based in the existing literature and on the long scientific research lines (auditory and sleep) developed by the author and coworkers on this subject since 1963 The symposium that has provided the basis for this book, "Plasticity of the Central Auditory System and Processing of Complex Acoustic Signals" was held in Prague on July 7-10, 2003. This is the fourth in a series of seminal

meetings summarizing the state of development of auditory system neuroscience that has been organized in that great world city. Books that have resulted from these meetings represent important benchmarks for auditory neuroscience over the past 25 years. A 1980 meeting, "Neuronal Mechanisms of Hearing" hosted the most distinguished hearing researchers focusing on underlying brain processes from this era. It resulted in a highly influential and widely subscribed and cited proceedings co-edited by professor Lindsay Aitkin. The subject of the 1987 meeting was the "Auditory Pathway - Structure and Function". It again resulted in another important update of hearing science research in a widely referenced book - edited by the late Bruce Masterton. While the original plan was to hold a meeting summarizing the state of auditory system neuroscience every 7 years, historical events connected with the disintegration of the Soviet Empire and return of freedom to Czechoslovakia resulted in an unavoidable delay of what was planned to be a 1994 meeting. It wasn't until 1996 that we were able to meet for the third time in Prague, at that time to review "Acoustical Signal Processing in the Central Auditory System". Millions of Americans experience some degree of hearing loss. The Social Security Administration (SSA) operates programs that provide cash disability benefits to people with permanent impairments like hearing loss, if they can show that their impairments meet stringent SSA criteria and their earnings are below an SSA threshold. The National Research Council convened an expert committee at the request of the SSA to study the issues related to disability

determination for people with hearing loss. This volume is the product of that study. Hearing Loss: Determining Eligibility for Social Security Benefits reviews current knowledge about hearing loss and its measurement and treatment, and provides an evaluation of the strengths and weaknesses of the current processes and criteria. It recommends changes to strengthen the disability determination process and ensure its reliability and fairness. The book addresses criteria for selection of pure tone and speech tests, guidelines for test administration, testing of hearing in noise, special issues related to testing children, and the difficulty of predicting work capacity from clinical hearing test results. It should be useful to audiologists, otolaryngologists, disability advocates, and others who are concerned with people who have hearing loss. All natural auditory signals, including human speech and animal communication signals, are spectrally and temporally complex, that is, they contain multiple frequencies and their frequency composition, or spectrum, varies over time. The ability of hearers to identify and localize these signals depends on analysis of their spectral composition. For the overwhelming majority of human listeners spoken language is the major means of social communication, and this communication therefore depends on spectral analysis. Spectral analysis begins in the cochlea, but is then elaborated at various stages along the auditory pathways in the brain that lead from the cochlea to the cerebral cortex. The broad purpose of Auditory Spectral Processing is to provide a comprehensive account of the way in which spectral information is processed in the brain and the way

in which this information is used by listeners to identify and localize sounds. Examines spectral processing mechanisms at different levels along the auditory neuraxis, from the cochlear nucleus to the cortex Reviews in detail psychophysical and neurophysiological evidence on the way in which spectral information is processed within and across frequency channels Presents information on the nature of the spectral information required for speech and music perception Examines a series of issues that relate to the role of spectral analysis in higher order/cognitive aspects of hearing and in clinical and applied contexts The Auditory System at the Cocktail Party is a rather whimsical title that points to the very serious challenge faced by listeners in most everyday environments: how to hear out sounds of interest amid a cacophony of competing sounds. The volume presents the mechanisms for bottom-up object formation and top-down object selection that the auditory system employs to meet that challenge. Ear and Brain Mechanisms for Parsing the Auditory Scene by John C. Middlebrooks and Jonathan Z. Simon Auditory Object Formation and Selection by Barbara Shinn-Cunningham, Virginia Best, and Adrian K. C. Lee Energetic Masking and Masking Release by John F. Culling and Michael A. Stone Informational Masking in Speech Recognition by Gerald Kidd, Jr. and H. Steven Colburn Modeling the Cocktail Party Problem by Mounya Elhilali Spatial Stream Segregation by John C. Middlebrooks Human Auditory Neuroscience and the Cocktail Party Problem by Jonathan Z. Simon Infants and Children at the Cocktail Party by

Lynne Werner Older Adults at the Cocktail Party by M. Kathleen Pichora-Fuller, Claude Alain, and Bruce A. Schneider Hearing with Cochlear Implants and Hearing Aids in Complex Auditory Scenes by Ruth Y. Litovsky, Matthew J. Goupell, Sara M. Misurelli, and Alan Kan About the Editors: John C. Middlebrooks is a Professor in the Department of Otolaryngology at the University of California, Irvine, with affiliate appointments in the Department of Neurobiology and Behavior, the Department of Cognitive Sciences, and the Department of Biomedical Engineering. Jonathan Z. Simon is a Professor at the University of Maryland, College Park, with joint appointments in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, the Department of Biology, and the Institute for Systems Research. Arthur N. Popper is Professor Emeritus and Research Professor in the Department of Biology at the University of Maryland, College Park. Richard R. Fay is Distinguished Research Professor of Psychology at Loyola University, Chicago. About the Series: The Springer Handbook of Auditory Research presents a series of synthetic reviews of fundamental topics dealing with auditory systems. Each volume is independent and authoritative; taken as a set, this series is the definitive resource in the field. This is a graduate-level text on the neurobiology of hearing, covering the structure and function of the central auditory pathway of all mammals. The Human Auditory System: Fundamental Organization and Clinical Disorders provides a comprehensive and focused reference on the neuroscience of hearing and the associated neurological diagnosis and treatment of auditory disorders. This reference

looks at this dynamic area of basic research, a multidisciplinary endeavor with contributions from neuroscience, clinical neurology, cognitive neuroscience, cognitive science communications disorders, and psychology, and its dramatic clinical application. A focused reference on the neuroscience of hearing and clinical disorders Covers both basic brain science, key methodologies and clinical diagnosis and treatment of audiology disorders Coverage of audiology across the lifespan from birth to elderly topics "Key features: presents balanced coverage of both the peripheral and central auditory sytems; integrated clinical correlates establish the link between science and practice; substantial use of review articles and secondary sources enhances general understanding; numerous anatomical sketches and photographs supplement learning."-- The contributors to this volume have provided a detailed and integrated introduction to the behavioural, anatomical, and physiological changes that occur in the auditory system of developing animals. Edwin W Rubel is Virginia Merrill Bloedel Professor of Hearing Sciences at the Virginia Merrill Bloedel Hearing Research Center at the University of Washington, Arthur N. Popper is Professor and Chair of the Department of Zoology at the University of Maryland, while Richard R. Fay is Associate Director of the Parmly Hearing Institute and Professor of Psychology at Loyola University of Chicago. Each volume in this series is independent and authoritative; taken as a set, the series will be the definitive resource in the field. This eBook comprises s series of original research and review articles dealing with the anatomical, genetic, and physiological

organization of the auditory system from humans to monkeys and mice. Anatomy and physiology of the ear and the auditory nervous system, presented so they may be understood with minimal knowledge of the physics of sound. For clinicians, clinical researchers, and basic scientists who want to gain a thorough understanding of the anatomy and function of the normal and the diseased auditory system. Halftone illustrations. This volume brings together noted scientists who study presbycusis from the perspective of complementary disciplines, for a review of the current state of knowledge on the aging auditory system. Age-related hearing loss (ARHL) is one of the top three most common chronic health conditions affecting individuals aged 65 years and older. The high prevalence of age-related hearing loss compels audiologists, otolaryngologists, and auditory neuroscientists alike to understand the neural, genetic and molecular mechanisms underlying this disorder. A comprehensive understanding of these factors is needed so that effective prevention, intervention, and rehabilitative strategies can be developed to ameliorate the myriad of behavioral manifestations. 1 Introduction.- 1.1 Why Study Marsupials?.- 1.2 Evolutionary Considerations.- 1.3 Taxonomic Considerations.- 1.4 Ecological Considerations.- 1.5 The Approach of this Volume.- 2 The Design of the Mammalian Auditory System: A Brief Overview.- 2.1 Structure and Function of the Organ of Corti.- 2.2 Cochlear Potentials.- 2.3 Anatomy of Auditory Nerve and Brainstem.- 2.4 Anatomy of Thalamocortical Auditory System.- 2.4.1 Auditory Cortical Fields.- 2.4.2 Connections

(LG) of Marsupials.- 7.2 Evolution of the Neocortex.- 7.3 Auditory Cortical Fields in Marsupials.- 7.4 Auditory 0Cortical Connections of Marsupials.- 7.5 Effects of Lesions of Cortical Areas on Behavior.- 7.6 Future Research Directions.- 8 Development of the Auditory System.- 8.1 Why Marsupials Are Important to the Developmental Biologist.- 8.2 Embryogenesis of the Auditory System and Growth of Young Marsupials.- 8.3 Physiological Measures of the Onset of Hearing in Marsupials.- 8.4 Development of the Auditory Periphery.- 8.4.1 Mechanical Structures.- 8.4.2 Ultrastructural Development of the Cochlea in Eutherians.- 8.4.3 Ultrastructural Development of the Cochlea in Monodelphis.- 8.5 Anatomical Changes in the Brain.- 8.5.1 Cytogenesis, Migration and Formation of Nuclei.- 8.5.2 Development of Dendrites in the Inferior Colliculus.- 8.5.3 Development of Connections and Synapses in the Inferior Colliculus.- 8.5.4 Concerning the Determinants of Synaptogenesis.- 8.6 Future Research Directions.- 9 Conclusions.- 9.1 Hearing Sensitivity.- 9.2 Relationship Between Hearing Range and Vocal Behavior.- 9.3 The Marsupial Auditory Pathway.- References. A number of first and second order neurons of the guinea pig auditory system were studied extensively in an attempt to determine the method by which information is conveyed. Single neuron electrophysiological techniques with anatomical controls were used in the study and in response to several different stimuli, various response patterns were observed. Statistical methods of analysis, using a digital computer, were employed. Each fiber in the auditory nerve appears to convey only fragmentary

information; therefore, the information carried by a number of fibers is required to extract all the information about a single signal. The data suggest that a pulse density modulation system of encoding is used, in which the 'carrier' appears to be the irregular spontaneous background activity, the pulse density of which is actively increased and decreased to convey information about both pitch and loudness. The system appears to be much more sensitive to sound changes than to absolute values. For example, pulse density correlated far better with rate-of-change of stimulus intensity than with absolute levels of intensity. In addition to frequency and amplitude, the interval between successive stimuli may be an important parameter of stimulation. Contributions from leading international specialists critically document the rapid and substantive progress achieved in understanding plasticity and regeneration of the adult auditory system. Articles synthesize what is currently known about the principles and mechanisms of hair cell regeneration and identify future research directions in this challenging area of hearing science. The symposium that has provided the basis for this book, "Plasticity of the Central Auditory System and Processing of Complex Acoustic Signals" was held in Prague on July 7-10, 2003. This is the fourth in a series of seminal meetings summarizing the state of development of auditory system neuroscience that has been organized in that great world city. Books that have resulted from these meetings represent important benchmarks for auditory neuroscience over the past 25 years. A 1980 meeting, "Neuronal Mechanisms of Hearing" hosted the most distinguished

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and resources Disclaimer: Please note that ancillary content (such as documents, audio, and video, etc.) may not be included as published in the original print version of this book. The Auditory System and Human Sound-Localization Behavior provides a comprehensive account of the full action-perception cycle underlying spatial hearing. It highlights the interesting properties of the auditory system, such as its organization in azimuth and elevation coordinates. Readers will appreciate that sound localization is inherently a neuro-computational process (it needs to process on implicit and independent acoustic cues). The localization problem of which sound location gave rise to a particular sensory acoustic input cannot be uniquely solved, and therefore requires some clever strategies to cope with everyday situations. The reader is guided through the full interdisciplinary repertoire of the natural sciences: not only neurobiology, but also physics and mathematics, and current theories on sensorimotor integration (e.g. Bayesian approaches to deal with uncertain information) and neural encoding. Quantitative, model-driven approaches to the full action-perception cycle of sound-localization behavior and eye-head gaze control Comprehensive introduction to acoustics, systems analysis, computational models, and neurophysiology of the auditory system Full account of gaze-control paradigms that probe the acoustic action-perception cycle, including multisensory integration, auditory plasticity, and hearing impaired Although speech is the primary behavioral medium by which humans communicate, its auditory basis is poorly understood, having profound

implications on efforts to ameliorate the behavioral consequences of hearing impairment and on the development of robust algorithms for computer speech recognition. In this volume, the authors provide an up-to-date synthesis of recent research in the area of speech processing in the auditory system, bringing together a diverse range of scientists to present the subject from an interdisciplinary perspective. Of particular concern is the ability to understand speech in uncertain, potentially adverse acoustic environments, currently the bane of both hearing aid and speech recognition technology. There is increasing evidence that the perceptual stability characteristic of speech understanding is due, at least in part, to elegant transformations of the acoustic signal performed by auditory mechanisms. As a comprehensive review of speech's auditory basis, this book will interest physiologists, anatomists, psychologists, phoneticians, computer scientists, biomedical and electrical engineers, and clinicians. The Springer Handbook of Auditory Research presents a series of comprehensive and synthetic reviews of the fundamental topics in modern auditory research. The v- umes are aimed at all individuals with interests in hearing research including advanced graduate students, post-doctoral researchers, and clinical investigators. The volumes are intended to introduce new investigators to important aspects of hearing science and to help established investigators to better understand the fundamental theories and data in fields of hearing that they may not normally follow closely. Each volume presents a particular topic comprehensively,

and each serves as a synthetic overview and guide to the literature. As such, the chapters present neither exhaustive data reviews nor original research that has not yet appeared in pe- reviewed journals. The volumes focus on topics that have developed a solid data and conceptual foundation rather than on those for which a literature is only beg- ning to develop. New research areas will be covered on a timely basis in the series as they begin to mature. Six studies explore how signals going from the brain to parts of the auditory system helps the system perform a number of functions, including adapting to background noise and allowing transients and other brief stimuli to be properly coded. Studies include discussions of the olivocochlear system and protection from acoustic injury, ontogenetic and evolutionary evidence for the motoneuron nature of vestibular and cochlear efferents, de-recruitment by multiband compression in hearing aids, and clinical applications. The CD contains a brief video of hair cell control and damping. In planning The Handbook volumes on Audition, we, the editors, made the decision that there should be many authors, each writing about the work in the field that he knew best through his own research, rather than a few authors who would review areas of research with which they lacked first hand familiarity. For the purposes of the chapters on Audition, sensory physiology has been defined very broadly to include studies from the many disciplines that contribute to our understanding of the structures concerned with hearing and the processes that take place in these structures in man and in lower animals. A number of chapters on special topics have been included in order to present information that

might not be covered by the usual chapters dealing with anatomical, physi ological and behavioral aspects of hearing. We wish to thank all authors of the volumes on Audition for the contributions that they have made. We feel confident that their efforts will also be appreciated by the many scientists and clinicians who will make use of the Handbook for many years to come. WOLF D. KEIDEL WILLIAM D. NEFF Erlangen Bloomington August 1974 Contents Introduction. By G. v. BEKESY t. With 3 Figures. . . . . 1 Chapter 1 Consideration of the Acoustic Stimulus. By R. R. PFEIFFER. With Chapter 2 19 Figures. . . . . 9 Comparative Anatomy of the Middle Ear. By O. W. HENSON Jr. With Chapter 3 23 Figures. . . . . 39 . . . . . The auditory system of mammals is a highly developed sensory system that facilitates the analysis and the communication in complex acoustical scenes. For the analysis of incoming sounds, the auditory systems makes use of a large variety of physical signal properties that are processed within various mechanical and neural processing stages along the auditory pathway. The scope of this thesis was to investigate processing strategies that contribute to the outstanding performance of the auditory system to detect signals in complex acoustical scenes. Using methods from psychoacoustics and signal processing techniques, it has been shown that a combination of coherent intensity fluctuations in different frequency regions and interaural disparities are processed in a highly efficient way. With the application of a physical nonlinear and active model of the cochlea, the basis was provided for separating

contributions of mechanical and neural processing stages to the analysis of complex acoustical scenes. The symposium on Acoustical Signal Processing in the Central Auditory System which was held in Prague on September 4--7, 1996 was the third in a series organized in Prague, after the Neuronal Mechanisms of Hearing symposium in 1980 and Auditory Pathway - Structure and Function symposium in 1987. Approximately 100 scientists regis tered for the symposium and presented 82 separate papers and posters. The present vol ume contains 53 of these contributions, mostly presented at the symposium as invited review papers. Several essential changes occurred since the previous meeting in 1987. In auditory neuroscience, recently developed methods opened new horizons in the investigation of the structure and function of the central auditory pathway. Methods like c-fos tracing tech niques and monoclonal antibodies for neurotransmitters and their receptors, like the intro duction of electrophysiological recording from brain slices have made possible new insights into the function of individual neurons and their interconnections, particularly in the cochlear nuclei and in the superior olivary complex. Integrative approaches towards understanding the central auditory function started to dominate in the field. It is not easy at the present time to differentiate between purely morphological and neurochemical ap proaches; similarly electrophysiological approaches are accompanied inevitably by behav ioral and psychophysical studies. The understanding of human brain function advanced significantly during the last several years. mainly due to the contribution of magneto encephalography.

positron emission tomography and functional nuclear magnetic reso nance imaging. The auditory system is a complex neural system composed of many types of neurons connected into networks. One feature that sets the auditory system apart from other sensory systems, such as somatosensory or visual systems, is the many stages of neural processing that occur between the ear in the periphery and the cerebral cortex. Each stage is composed of specialized types of neurons connected in specific microcircuits that perform computations on the information about sound. To understand this processing, all the tools of neuroscience must be employed. The proposed text integrates cell biology, synaptic physiology, and electrophysiology to fully develop the topic, presenting an overview of the functional anatomy of the central auditory system. It is organized based on the neuronal connectivity of the central auditory system, which emphasizes the neurons, their synaptic organization, and their formation of functional pathways and microcircuits. The goal of the book is to stimulate research into the cell biology of the central auditory system and the characteristics of the specific neurons and connections that are necessary for normal hearing. Future research on the development of the central auditory including that employing stem cells will require such information in order to engineer appropriate therapeutic approaches. Development of Auditory and Vestibular Systems fourth edition presents a global and synthetic view of the main aspects of the development of the stato-acoustic system. Unique to this volume is the joint discussion of two sensory systems that, although close at the embryological stage, present divergences during

development and later reveal conspicuous functional differences at the adult stage. This work covers the development of auditory receptors up to the central auditory system from several animal models, including humans. Coverage of the vestibular system, spanning amphibians to effects of altered gravity during development in different species, offers examples of the diversity and complexity of life at all levels, from genes through anatomical form and function to, ultimately, behavior. The new edition of Development of Auditory and Vestibular Systems will continue to be an indispensable resource for beginning scientists in this area and experienced researchers alike. Full-color figures illustrate the development of the stato-acoustic system pathway Covers a broad range of species, from drosophila to humans, demonstrating the diversity of morphological development despite similarities in molecular processes involved at the cellular level Discusses a variety of approaches, from genetic-molecular biology to psychophysics, enabling the investigation of ontogenesis and functional development The auditory system has a remarkable ability to adjust to an ever-changing environment. The six review chapters that comprise Plasticity of the Central Auditory System cover a spectrum of issues concerning this ability to adapt, defined by the widely applicable term "plasticity". With chapters focusing on the development of the cochlear nucleus, the mammalian superior olivary complex, plasticity in binaural hearing, plasticity in the auditory cortex, neural plasticity in bird songs, and plasticity in the insect auditory system, this volume represents much of the most current research in this

field. The volume is thorough enough to stand alone, but is closely related a previous SHAR volume, Development of the Auditory System (Volume 9) by Rubel, Popper, and Fay. The book fully addresses the difficulties, challenges, and complexities of this topic as it applies to the auditory development of a wide variety of species. The auditory system must represent sounds with a wide range of statistical properties. One important property is the spectrotemporal contrast in the acoustic environment. The level of some sounds varies only a little over frequency and time, while the level of other sounds can vary a lot. This raises a contrast problem for neural coding: auditory neurons, with a limited dynamic range of firing rates, must be able to efficiently encode the sound level fluctuations in both low and high contrast sounds. In this thesis, I show how the contrast problem is solved in the primary areas of the ferret auditory cortex (AI/AAF). One hypothesis is that different neurons specialise for representing sounds of different contrasts. I find little evidence for such specialisation in the auditory cortex. Rather, the system adapts its coding to operate under different contrast conditions. I demonstrate that neurons in A1/ AAF rescale their gain to partially compensate for the spectrotemporal contrast of recent stimulation. When contrast is low, neurons increase their gain, becoming more sensitive to small changes in the stimulus, without changing their tuning. I quantify these gain changes and find that they resemble divisive normalisation, a phenomenon observed in many other neural systems. In a given stimulus context, auditory cortical neurons determine their gain predominantly on the basis of

spectrotemporally local statistics. By comparing neural responses in All AAF with those in the inferior colliculus (IC), I show that this adaptive strategy of the auditory cortex is not simply inherited from the IC. When stimulus contrast changes, IC neurons undergo a variety of different changes in coding, which are on average weaker than in cortex. Together, these results suggest that the auditory cortex attempts to divide out contrast in its representation of an ongoing stimulus. This appears to be a novel property of the higher auditory pathway. Hearing: Anatomy, Physiology and Disorders of the Auditory System, Third Edition, provides detailed information about the anatomy and physiology of the entire auditory system and describes important aspects of disorders of the middle ear, the cochlea, and the nervous system in a comprehensive manner. It has become apparent that the function of the ear affects the function of the auditory nervous system, and that pathologies of the peripheral parts of the auditory system can affect the function of the nervous system, and vice versa. The classical separation of the auditory system in peripheral and central parts is therefore no longer valid. This book integrates descriptions of disorders of the ear and the nervous system and provides a comprehensive coverage of anatomy and physiology of the entire auditory system; it also introduces the role of neural plasticity in creating symptoms of diseases of hearing such as tinnitus, hyperacusis and phonophobia. A separate chapter discuses cochlear and auditory brainstem implants.

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