

Use of monaural auditory models from the AMT toolbox

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What can you expect from this presentation?

- I will show how to use and customise a monaural model of the auditory periphery

- The models:

- dau1997.m
- zilany2014.m
- verhulst2015.m
- verhulst2018.m
- bruce2018.m
- relanoiborra2019_featureextraction.m
- king2019.m
- osses2021.m

Use of **flags** and **keyvals**

There are other models, e.g.:

breebaart2001
hohmann2002
zilany2007
carney2015
decheveigne2023

Input: Not waveforms but
AN responses
Advanced task?

But not all models are parametrised using flags and keyvals
Not all models have the same structure

- In other words you will be able of:

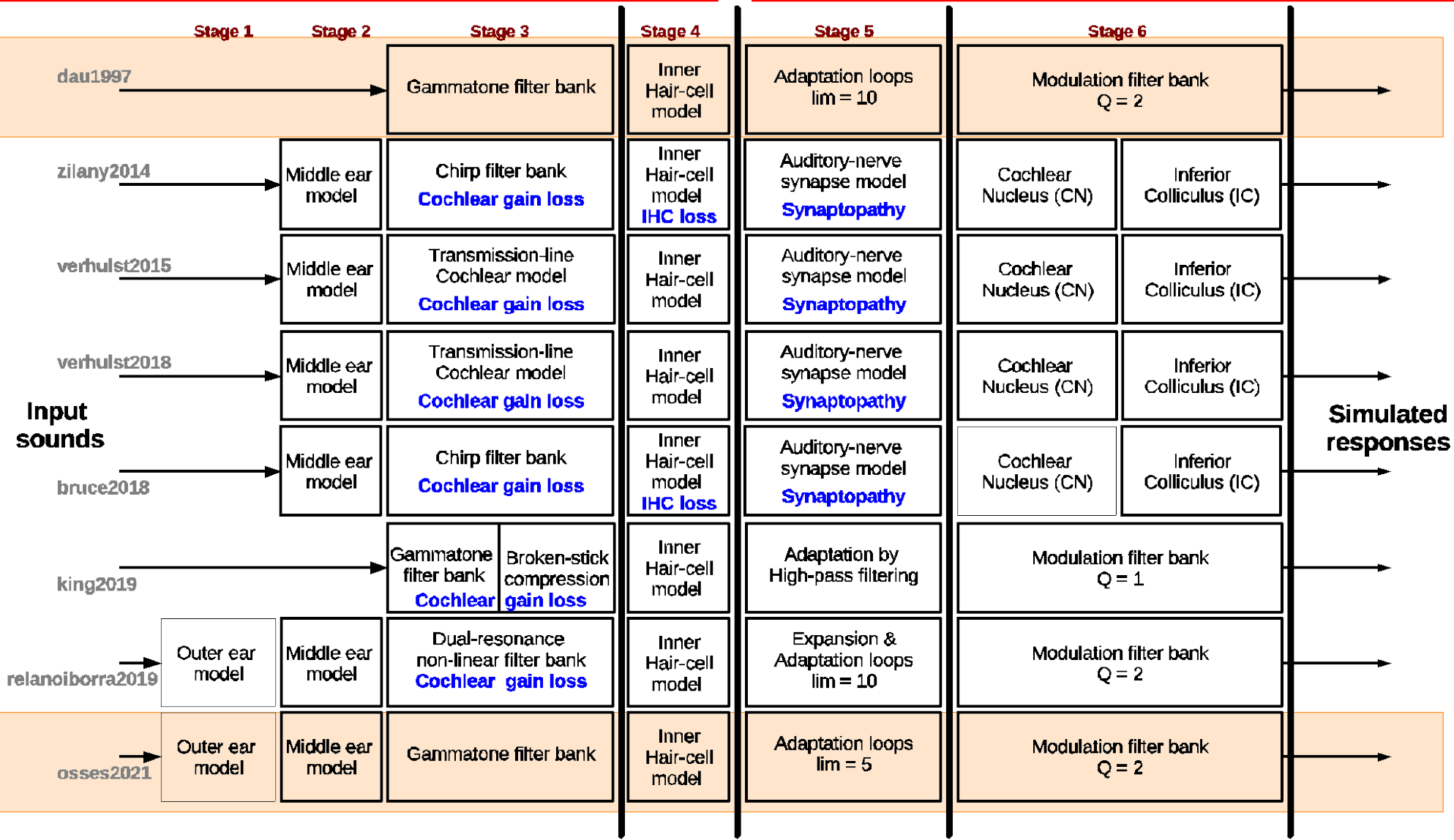
- Understanding the inputs and outputs of the models
- How to enable / disable modules of the models (**flags**)
- How to change parameters of the models (**keyvals**)

Useful references to keep in mind

- Comparison of the eight models: [Osses et al. \(2022, Acta Acustica\)](#)

Table 1. List of selected models. The model labels used in this study correspond with the model functions in AMT 1.1.

Label	Reference	
dau1997	Dau <i>et al.</i> (1997) [31]	(Paper here)
zilany2014	Zilany <i>et al.</i> (2014) [32] and Carney <i>et al.</i> (2015) [33]	(Paper by Maxwell et al. 2020 here)
verhulst2015	Verhulst <i>et al.</i> (2015) [34]	
verhulst2018	Verhulst <i>et al.</i> (2018) [35]	(v1.2 of the model here)
bruce2018	Bruce <i>et al.</i> (2018) [36] and Carney <i>et al.</i> (2015) [33]	(UR EAR toolbox here)
king2019	King <i>et al.</i> (2019) [37]	(Paper here)
relanoiborra2019	Relaño-Iborra <i>et al.</i> (2019) [38]	(Paper here)
osses2021	Osses and Kohlrausch (2021) [39]	(Paper here)



Auditory modelling framework

- Extended Dau et al. model:

We will work today with the model internal representations

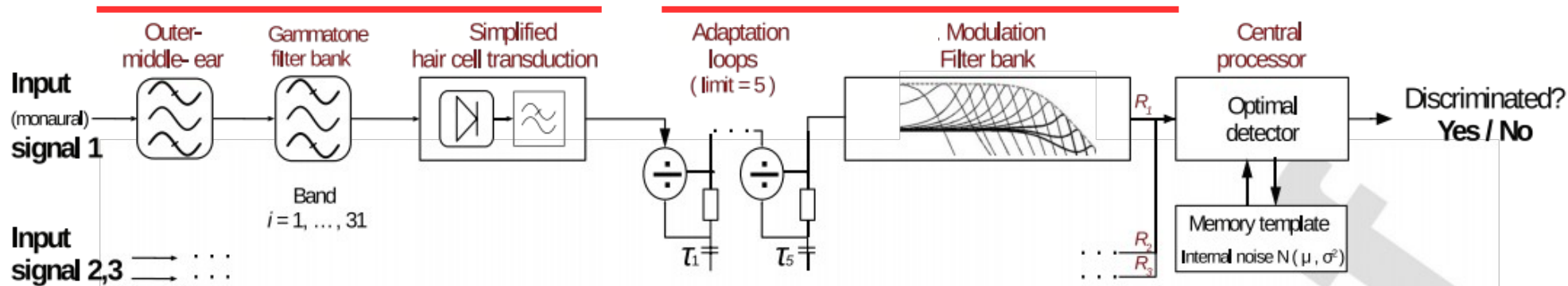
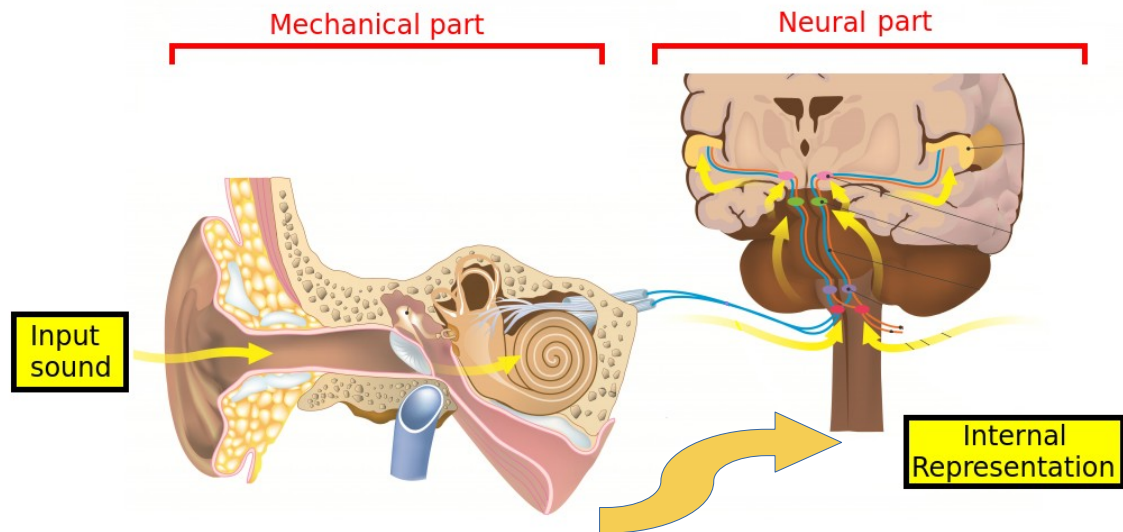


FIG. 1. (Color online) Block diagram of the updated PEMO model. All processing stages and their corresponding set of parameters are explained in the text. (Figure from Osses & Kohlrausch, 2021, JASA)

Categories
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See also
auditoryfilterbank
ihcenvelope
adaptloop
modfilterbank
plot_audspecgram
relanoiborra2019
exp_osses2021
exp_osses2022
lopezpoveda2001
dau1996

DAU1997 - Linear filtering for monaural masking (improved)

Usage

```
[outsig, fc] = dau1997(insig, fs);
[outsig, fc] = dau1997(insig, fs, ...);
```

Description

Input parameter:

insig : input acoustic signal. fs : sampling rate.

dau1997(insig, fs) computes the internal representation of the signal *insig* sampled with a frequency of *fs* Hz.

[outsig, fc, mfc]=dau1997(...) additionally returns the center frequencies of the filter bank and the center frequencies of the modulation filterbank.

The model consists of the following stages:

1. a gammatone filter bank with 1-erb spaced filtes.
2. an envelope extraction stage done by half-wave rectification followed by low-pass filtering to 1000 Hz.
3. an adaptation stage modelling nerve adaptation by a cascade of 5 loops.
4. a modulation filterbank

Any of the optimal parameters for [auditoryfilterbank](#), [ihcenvelope](#) and [adaptloop](#) may be optionally specified for this function. They will be passed to the corresponding functions.

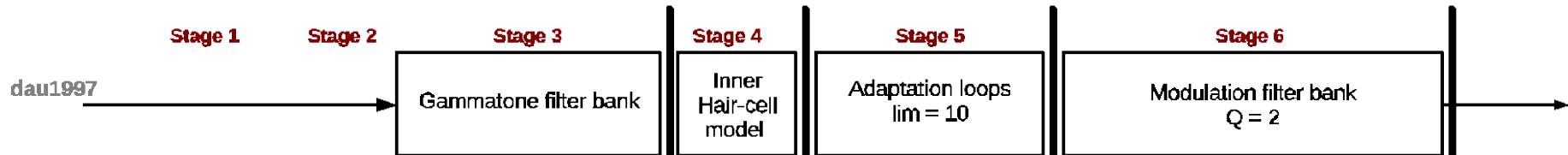
References:

T. Dau, B. Kollmeier, and A. Kohlrausch. Modeling auditory processing of amplitude modulation. I. Detection and masking with narrow-band carriers. *J. Acoust. Soc. Am.*, 102:2892--2905, 1997a.

T. Dau, B. Kollmeier, and A. Kohlrausch. Modeling auditory processing of amplitude modulation. II. Spectral and temporal integration. *J. Acoust. Soc. Am.*, 102:2906--2919, 1997b.

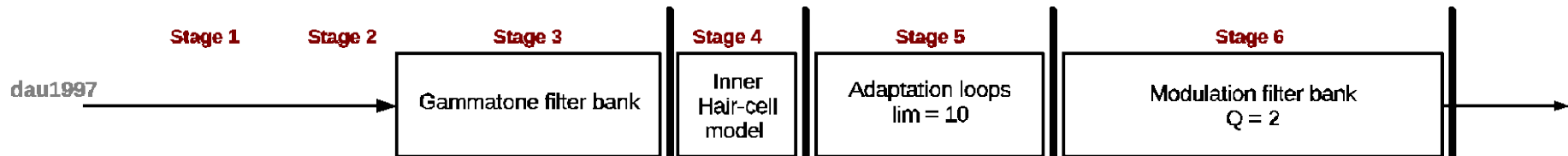
Default parameters for dau1997: Flags

- Outer ear: No
- Middle ear: No
- Gammatone filter bank: Yes (it cannot be by passed)
- Inner hair cell: Yes
- Adaptation loops: Yes
- Modulation filter bank: Yes



Default parameters for dau1997: Keyvals

- Outer ear: No
- Middle ear: No
- Gammatone filter bank: **flow, fhigh, bwmul, basef**
- Inner hair cell: cutofffreq (hard coded), **ihc_filter_order** (flag 'ihc_dau1996')
- Adaptation loops: **limit, minspl, tau** (flag adt_dau1997)
- Modulation filter bank: **mfc_upper_limit_max** (flag mfb_dau1997)



Where to find this information?

```
definput.import={'auditoryfilterbank','ihcenvelope','adaptloop','modfilterbank'};
definput.importdefaults={'afb_dau1997','ihc_dau1996','adt_dau1997','mfb_jepsen2008'};
definput.keyvals.subfs=[];

[flags,keyvals] = ltfatarghelper({'flow','fhigh'},definput,varargin);
```

“Use these configurations” if other input parameters are not specified:

arg_auditoryfilterbank.m	afb_dau1997
arg_ihcenvelope.m	ihc_dau1996
arg_adaptloop.m	adt_dau1997
arg_modfilterbank.m	mfb_jepsen2008

Group of flags / values

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```
46 % Attenuation factor applied to mod filters above 10 Hz (only applied if phase_invert is 1)
47 definput.flags.att_factor = {'att_factor', 'no_att_factor'};
48
49 definput.keyvals.Q_mfb = 2;
50 definput.keyvals.mfc_upper_limit_max = 1000; % Hz, maximum upper limit
51
52 definput.groups.mfb_dau1997 = { 'no_mfc_upper_limit', ...
53                               'no_LP_150_Hz', ...
54                               'no_att_factor'};
55
56 definput.groups.mfb_verhey1999 = {'mfc_upper_limit', ...
57                                   'no_LP_150_Hz', ...
58                                   'no_att_factor'};
59
60 definput.groups.mfb_jepsen2008 = {'mfc_upper_limit', ...
61                                   'LP_150_Hz', ...
62                                   'att_factor'};
63
64 definput.groups.mfb_king2019 = {'mfc_upper_limit', ...
65                                 'no_LP_150_Hz', ...
66                                 'no_att_factor'};
67
68 definput.groups.mfb_osses2021_att_gain = {'mfc_upper_limit', ...
69                                             'LP_150_Hz_att', ...
70                                             'att_factor'}; % corresponds to the "att. gain" condition in
71
```

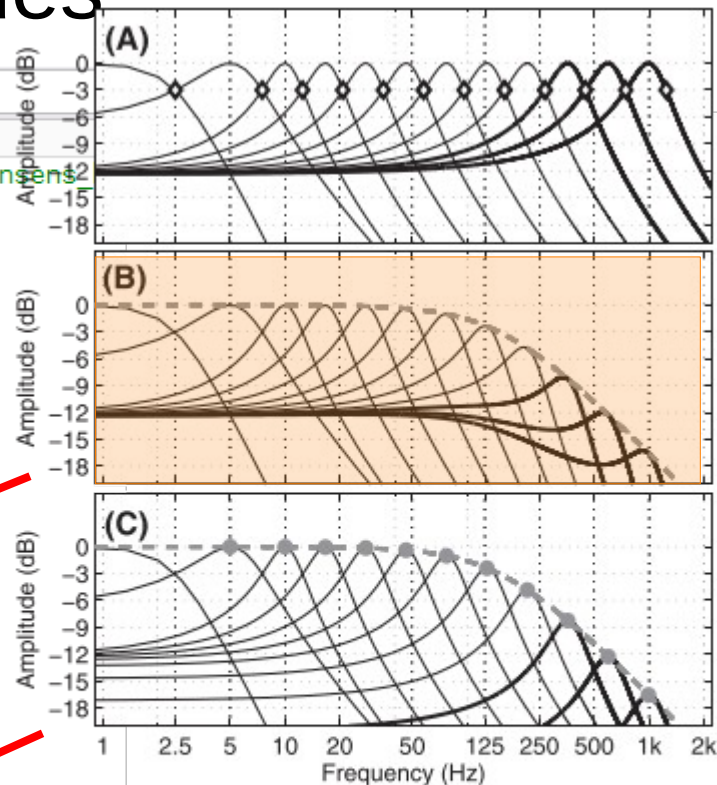


FIG. 14. MTFs of the modulation filter bank without (A) and with (B) the 150-Hz LPF filter. In (C), MTFs using a different implementation of the 150-Hz LPF are shown (see model configuration “mod att. gain,” in the text). The MTFs of filters 10–12, which have frequencies $m_f > 250$ Hz, are drawn in thick black lines. The cut-off frequencies of Table II are indicated by open diamonds in (A). The transfer function of the 150-Hz LPF is shown by the dashed gray line.

Running the model with different configurations

dau1997

Command Window

```
>>  
[outsig,fc,mfc] = dau1997(insig,fs); % dau1997 with default parameters  
[outsig,fc,mfc] = dau1997(insig,fs,'flow',200,'fhigh',4000); % dau1997 with custom limits for fc between 200 and 4000 Hz  
[outsig,fc,mfc] = dau1997(insig,fs,'mfb_dau1997');  
[outsig,fc,mfc] = dau1997(insig,fs,'outerear','middleear');  
[outsig,fc,mfc] = dau1997(insig,fs,'basef',2000);  
[outsig,fc,mfc] = dau1997(insig,fs,'flow',2000,'fhigh',2000,'basef',2000);  
fx >>
```

The task of today

Process a wave file and obtain its “internal representation”

- 1) Install the AMT toolbox: <https://amtoolbox.org/download.php>
- 2) Pick up one of the eight models
- 3) Pick up one sound and load it using audioread: suggested names “insig” for the signal, and “fs” for the sampling frequency:

ababa1.wav (French utterance): Download [here](#)

greasy.wav: type [insig,fs] = greasy;

- 4) Obtain the “internal representation” by running the model
 - Force the model to have a band centred at 200 Hz
 - Plot the model output of the band at 200 Hz
 - Run the model again but now only up to the adaptation stage (for zilany2014 and bruce 2018 this is already the last stage)

Hands on: Use of monaural auditory models from the AMT toolbox

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Step by step

- 1) Install the AMT toolbox: <https://amtoolbox.org/download.php>
 - I recommend “Download the AMT full package” (follow the instructions of the website): i.e., open MATLAB and type `amt_start`;
 - If needed, type `amt_mex`;

The task of today

Step by step

2) Pick up one of the eight models

- If you pick up verhulst2015 or verhulst2018, note that these models require Python preinstalled and that they are slow models, so at first, use short sounds to be processed.
- zilany2014, bruce2018, verhulst2015, verhulst2018 have many outputs and configurable parameters
- dau1997, king2019, relanoiborra2019_featureextraction, and osses2021 share a similar structure (as I showed earlier in this presentation). **So, if you don't know which model to use, pick up one of these models.**

The task of today

Step by step

3) Pick up one of sound:

ababa1.wav (French utterance): Download [here](#)

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dau1997 or similar: This requires to specify the keyval ‘basef’
zilany2014, bruce2018: set the input parameter cf to 200 Hz
verhulst2015, verhulst2018: use either (1) cf_flag=‘abr’ and then get the closest frequency to 200 Hz, or (2) use cf_flag=200

The task of today

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- 4) Obtain the “internal representation” by running the model
 - Plot the model output of the band at 200 Hz
 - **dau1997** or similar: You get the modulation filter bank outputs, plot one of the bands (the one you want, look at the parameter `mfc`) or several bands superimposed.
 - **zilany2014, bruce2018**: You get the auditory-nerve synapse outputs. For simplicity, I suggest to plot the “`mean_rate`” outputs
 - **verhulst2015, verhulst2018**: You get several inferior colliculus (IC) outputs.
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- 4) Obtain the “internal representation” by running the model
- Run the model again but now only up to the adaptation stage.
 - For this stage you need to identify the name of the last module, so that you can bypass the flag (e.g., ‘mfb’ needs to be specified as ‘no_mfb’)