

Cognition Colloquium

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Rhythms and Algorithms: From Vibrations in the Ear to Abstractions in the Brain

The brain has rhythms - and so do music and speech. Recent research reveals that the temporal structure of speech and music and the temporal organization of various brain structures align in systematic ways. The role that brain rhythms play in perception and cognition is vigorously debated and continues to be elucidated through neurophysiological and computational studies of various types. I describe some intuitively simple but surprising results that illuminate the temporal structure of perceptual experience. From recognizing speech to building abstract mental structures, how the brain constructs and represents time reveals unexpected puzzles in the context of auditory perception and language comprehension.



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