

# TIMBRE CONNECTIONS 2

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# REVIEW QUESTION:

**WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN  
THE TWO UKE NOTES WE RECORDED?**

**(use waveforms, spectrograms, spectra)**

**[www.ling197m.krisyu.org/media/instruments/uke.wav](http://www.ling197m.krisyu.org/media/instruments/uke.wav)**



# **“MAP” WITH DR. MEI-YAU SHIH**

**<https://www.umass.edu/tefd/map>**

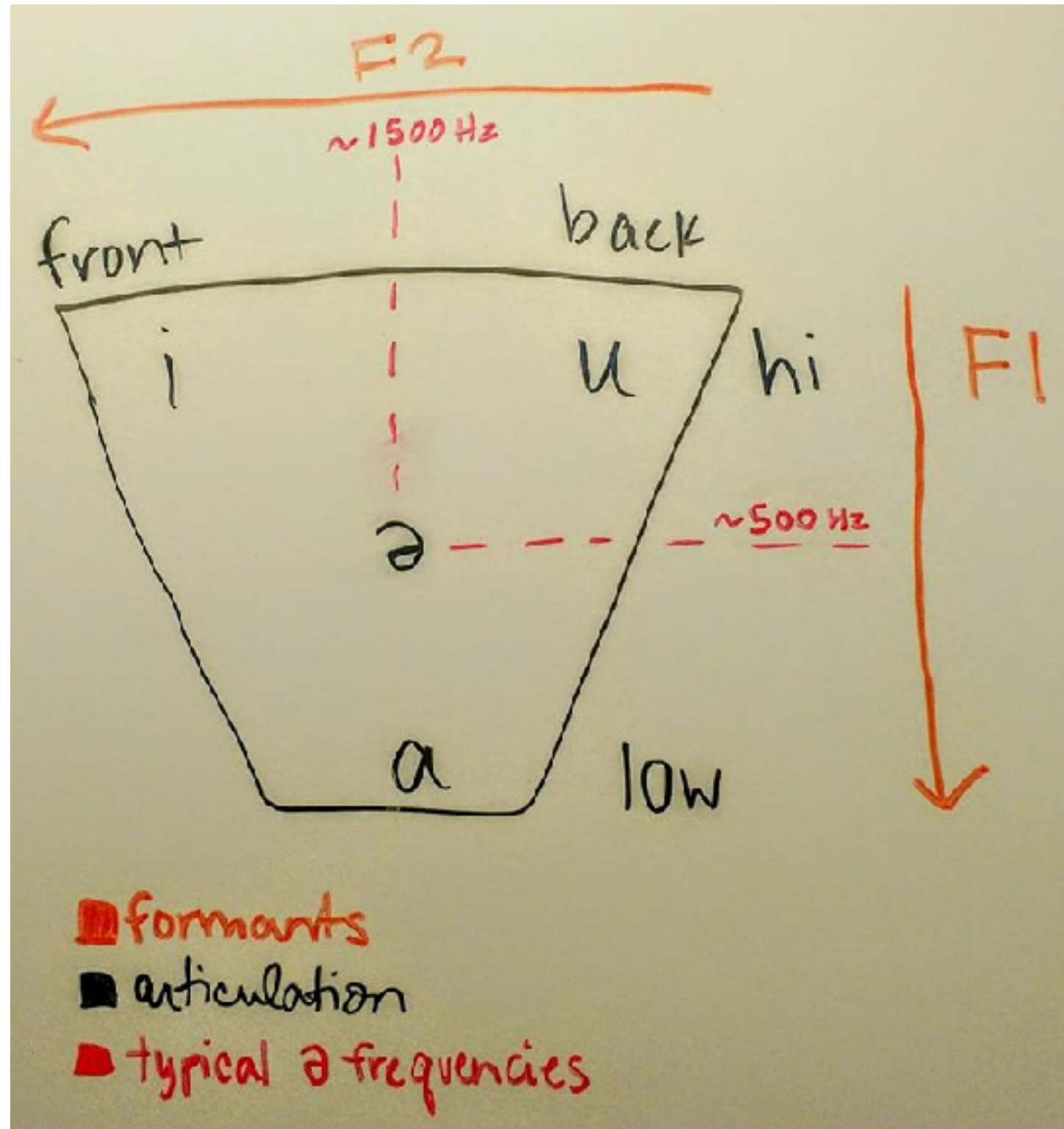
# EXAM 2 PREVIEW

# EXERCISE: INDEPENDENCE OF F0, FORMANTS

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- ▶ Demonstrate that you can keep f0 constant, while changing formants
- ▶ Demonstrate that you can keep formants constant, while changing f0

# HANDY FORMANT CHART!



**Ivy Hauser**

<https://blogs.umass.edu/ihouser/>

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/ling5>

# HELMHOLTZ RESONATORS IN MUSIC

# BOTTLE BLOWING

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Will the pitch of the note you hear as we blow over the bottle go up or down as we add water into the bottle?



# DJEMBE DRUMS

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<http://djembefola.com/board/viewtopic.php?t=3619>

# MAKING DJEMBE DRUMS

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<https://youtu.be/aLeede5z1vQ>

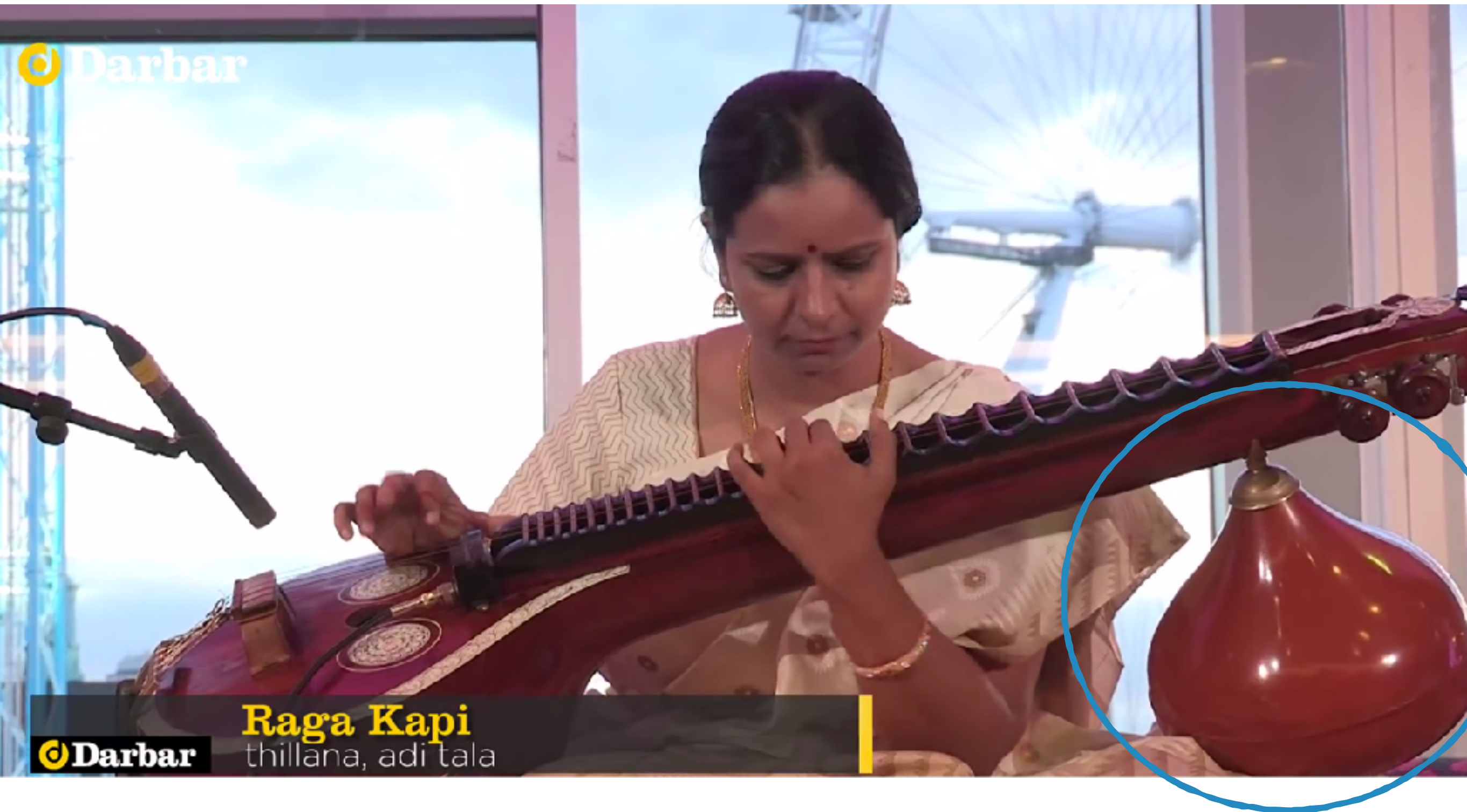




# SARASWATI VEENA (CARNATIC)

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<https://youtu.be/4yv4ea1pFp4?t=1m6s>



**Raga Kapi**  
thillana, adi tala

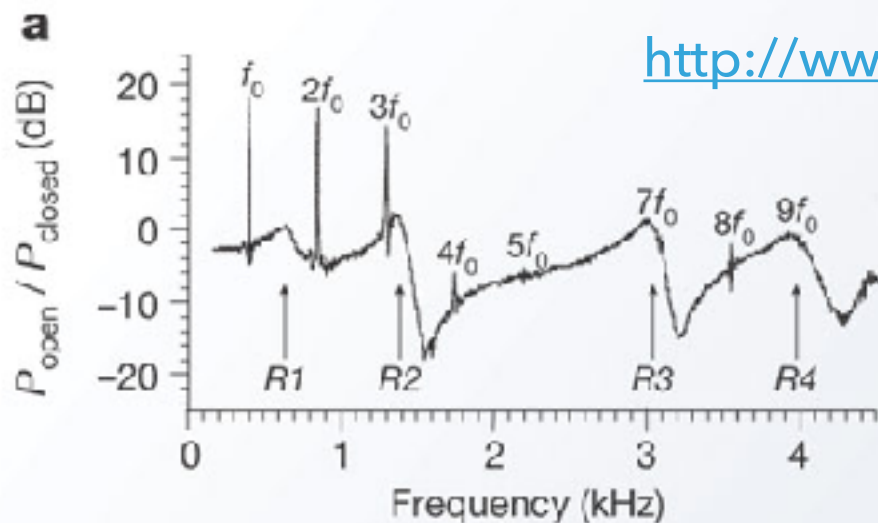
**Darbar**

# RESONANCE TUNING IN SINGING

<http://newt.phys.unsw.edu.au/jw/soprane.html#soundfiles>

Note names: <http://newt.phys.unsw.edu.au/jw/notes.html>

# SOPRANO FORMANTS



[http://www.nature.com/nature/journal/v427/n6970/fig\\_tab/427116a\\_F1.html](http://www.nature.com/nature/journal/v427/n6970/fig_tab/427116a_F1.html)

FIGURE A

- ▶ What vowel is being sung here? What is the frequency of  $f_0$ ? The corresponding musical note?
- ▶ What are R1-R4, in terms of concepts you've learned from source-filter theory? Is there an alternative term you know for them?

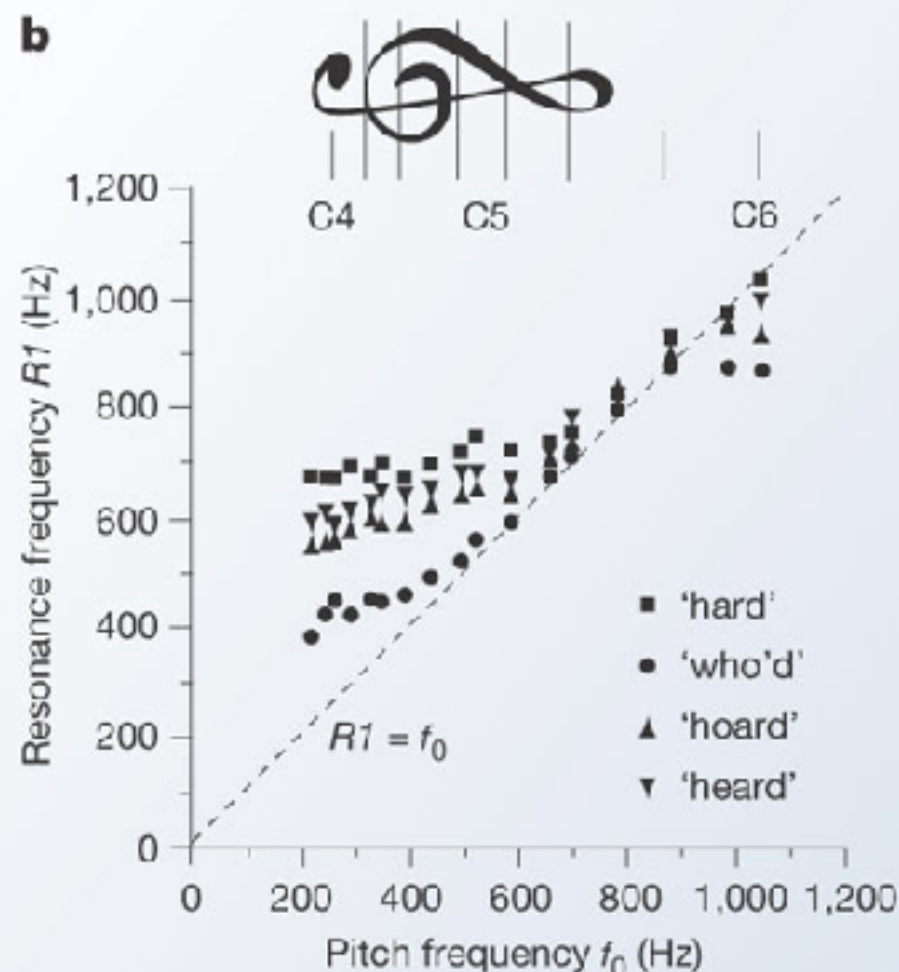


FIGURE B

- ▶ What is another word for "R1" that we've learned? Does it correlate with vowel height or backness?
- ▶ Order the vowels from lowest to highest in height based on the R1 values given at  $f_0 = 200$  Hz. Do the same for the R1 values given at  $f_0 = 800$  Hz.
- ▶ What happens to the R1 values of the different vowels as  $f_0$  gets higher?

**a**, The ratio of the spectrum measured with the mouth open, to that with the mouth closed ( $P_{\text{open}}/P_{\text{closed}}$ ) when the vowel in the word 'hard' is sung at A4. Several harmonics of the voice signal with fundamental frequency  $f_0 = 440$  Hz can be seen. The maxima in the broad band signal corresponding to the resonances R1, R2, R3 and R4 are indicated by arrows. **b**, The lowest resonance frequency, R1, as a function of the pitch frequency  $f_0$ . The pitch is indicated in musical terms by the rotated treble clef at the top of the figure.

# MOZART'S QUEEN OF THE NIGHT ARIA

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<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dpVV9jShEzU>

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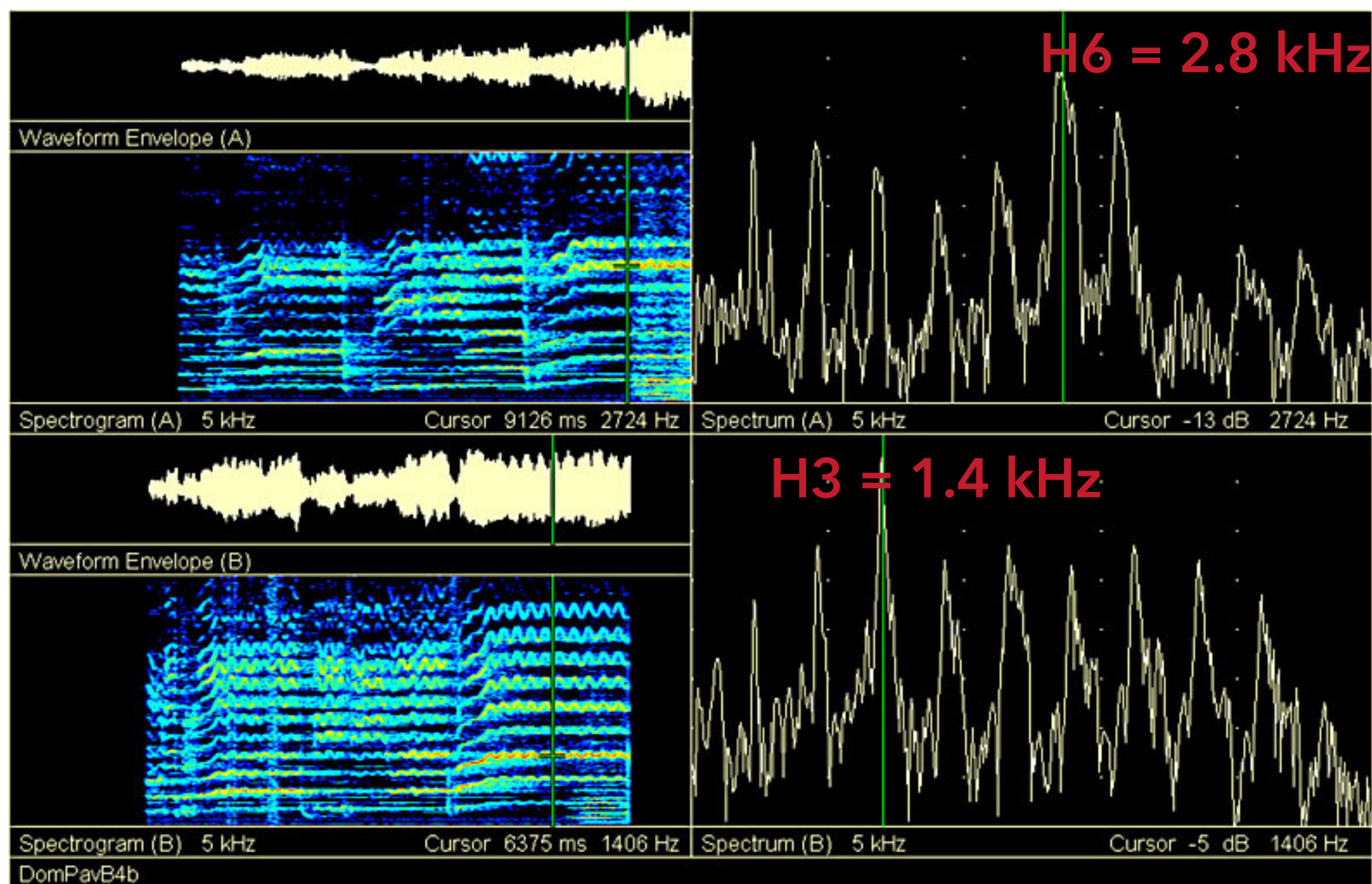
## GERMAN TEXT

Der Hölle Rache kocht in meinem Herzen,  
Tod und Verzweiflung flammet um mich her!  
Fühlt nicht durch dich Sarastro  
Todesschmerzen,  
So bist du meine Tochter nimmermehr.  
Verstossen sei auf ewig,  
Verlassen sei auf ewig,  
Zertrümmert sei'n auf ewig  
Alle Bande der Natur  
Wenn nicht durch dich!  
Sarastro wird erblassen!

Hört, Rachegötter,  
Hört der Mutter Schwur!



# F2 TUNING IN B4, CELESTE AIDA, [O]



**Domingo:**  
singer's  
formant

**Pavarotti:**  
F2 = 1400 Hz!!  
Raised 500 Hz

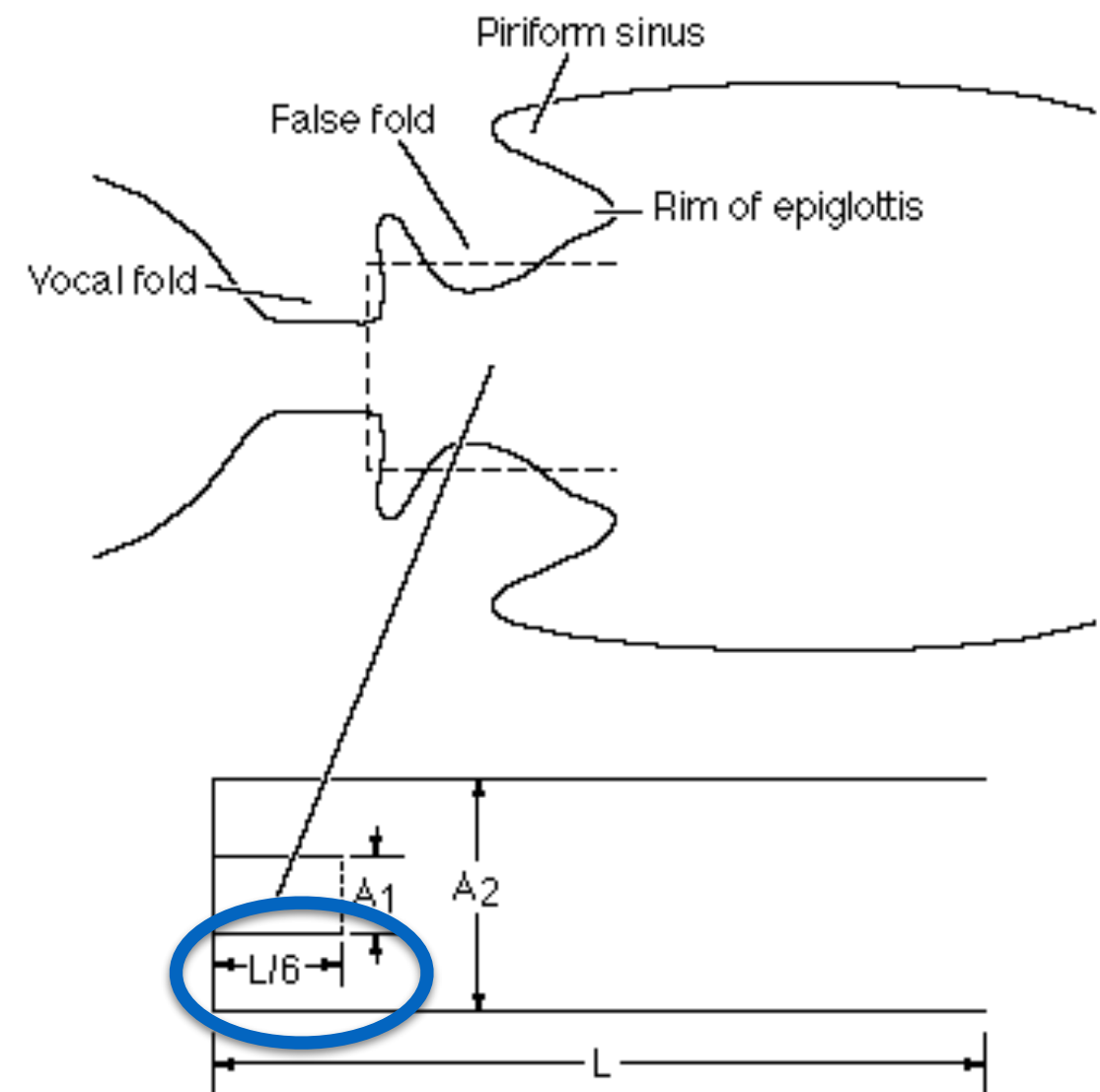
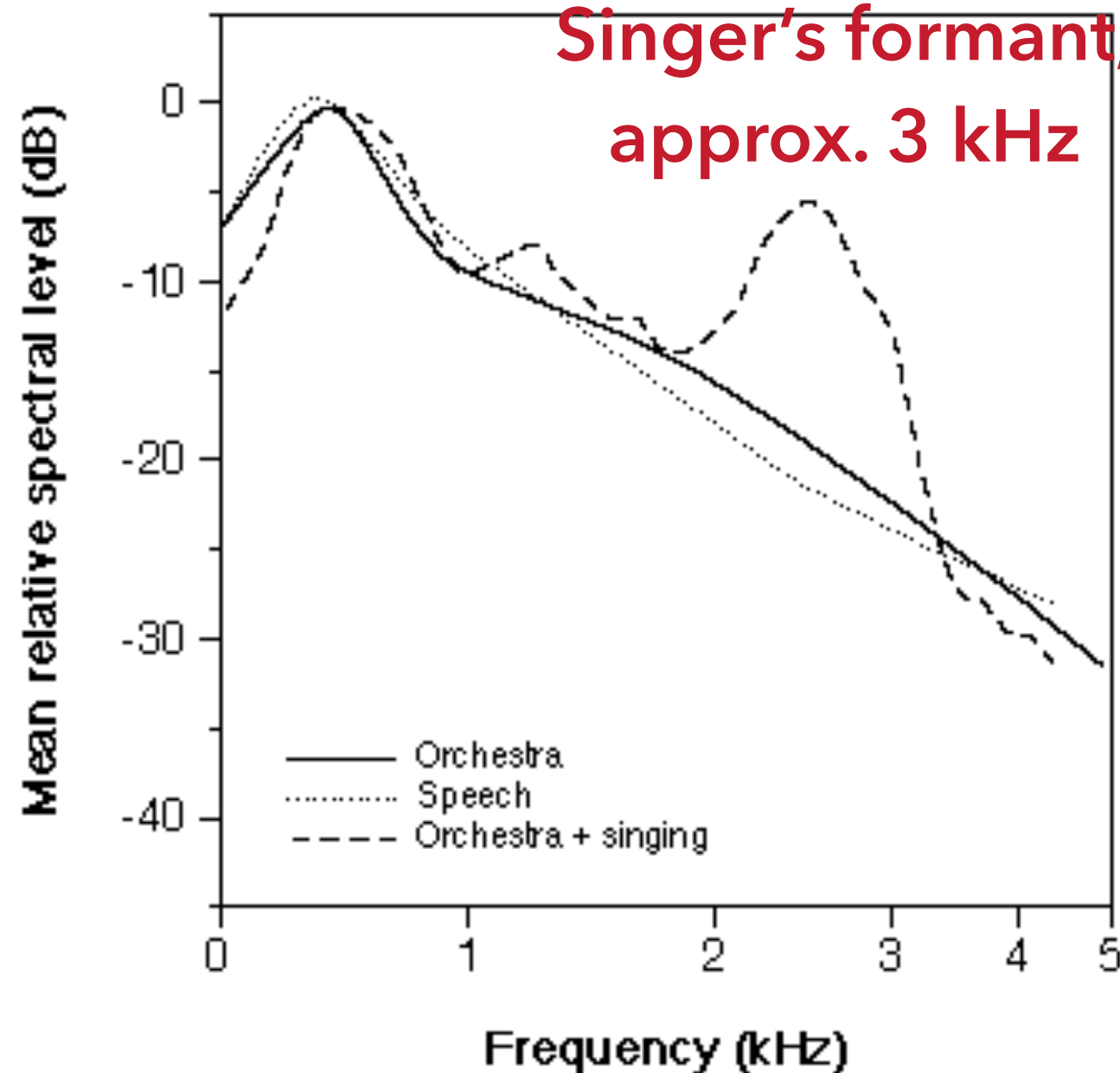
<http://www.vocevista.com/technology.html>

<http://www.voiceinsideview.com/docs/Miller%20chapter%201.pdf>



# THE SINGER'S FORMANT

**Singer's formant,  
approx. 3 kHz**

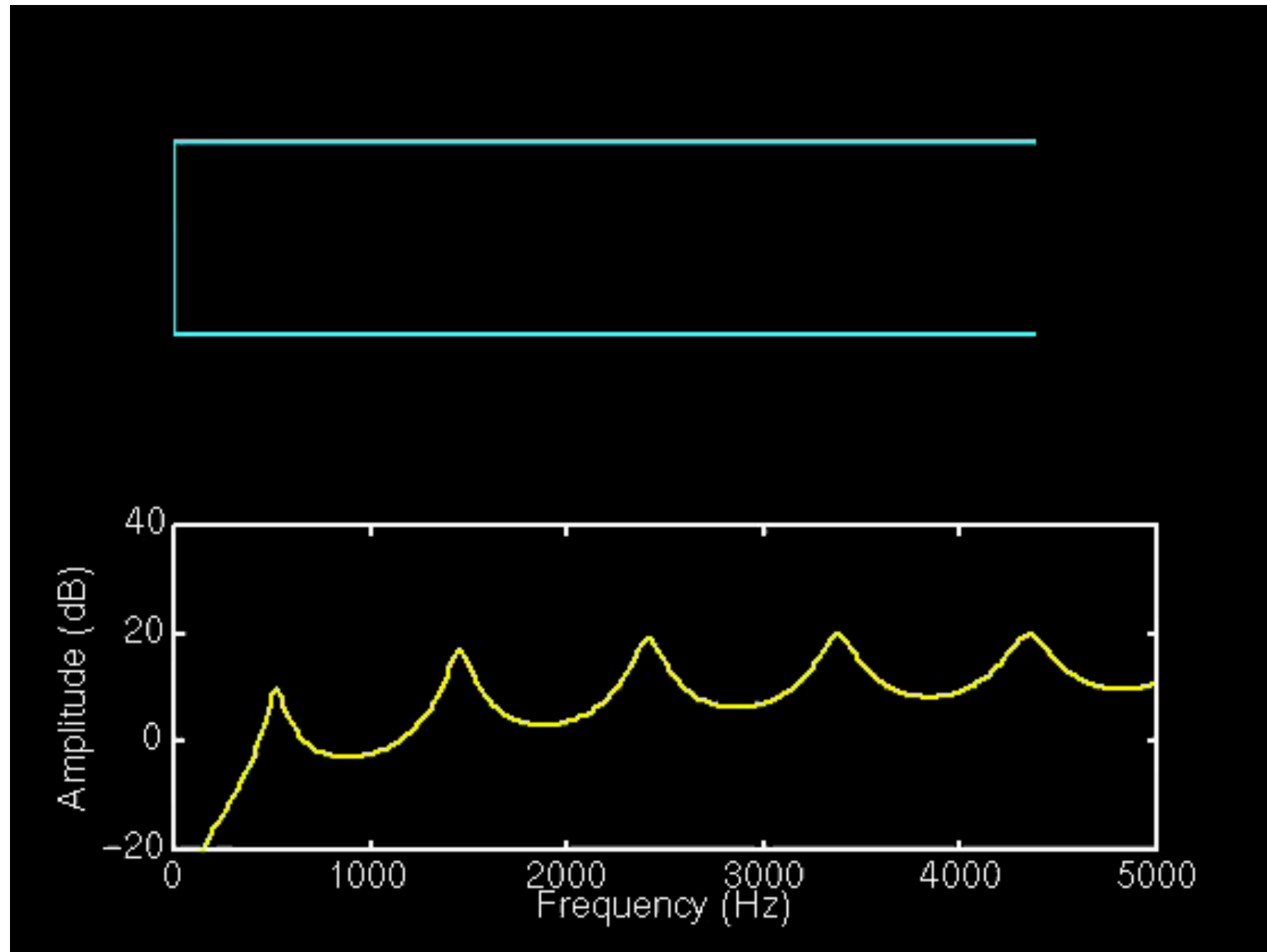


<http://www.ncvs.org/ncvs/tutorials/voiceprod/tutorial/singer.html>

[http://www.speech.kth.se/prod/publications/files/qpsr/1995/1995\\_36\\_2-3\\_083-096.pdf](http://www.speech.kth.se/prod/publications/files/qpsr/1995/1995_36_2-3_083-096.pdf)

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# PAVORATTI'S FINAL B4, CELESTE AIDA: 4:18

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[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XP1vp\\_G9mLc](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XP1vp_G9mLc)

# VOCAL TRACT RESONATORS IN MUSIC: BENDING IN HARMONICA PLAYING

More general review article:

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2689615/>

# BLOW AND DRAW REEDS

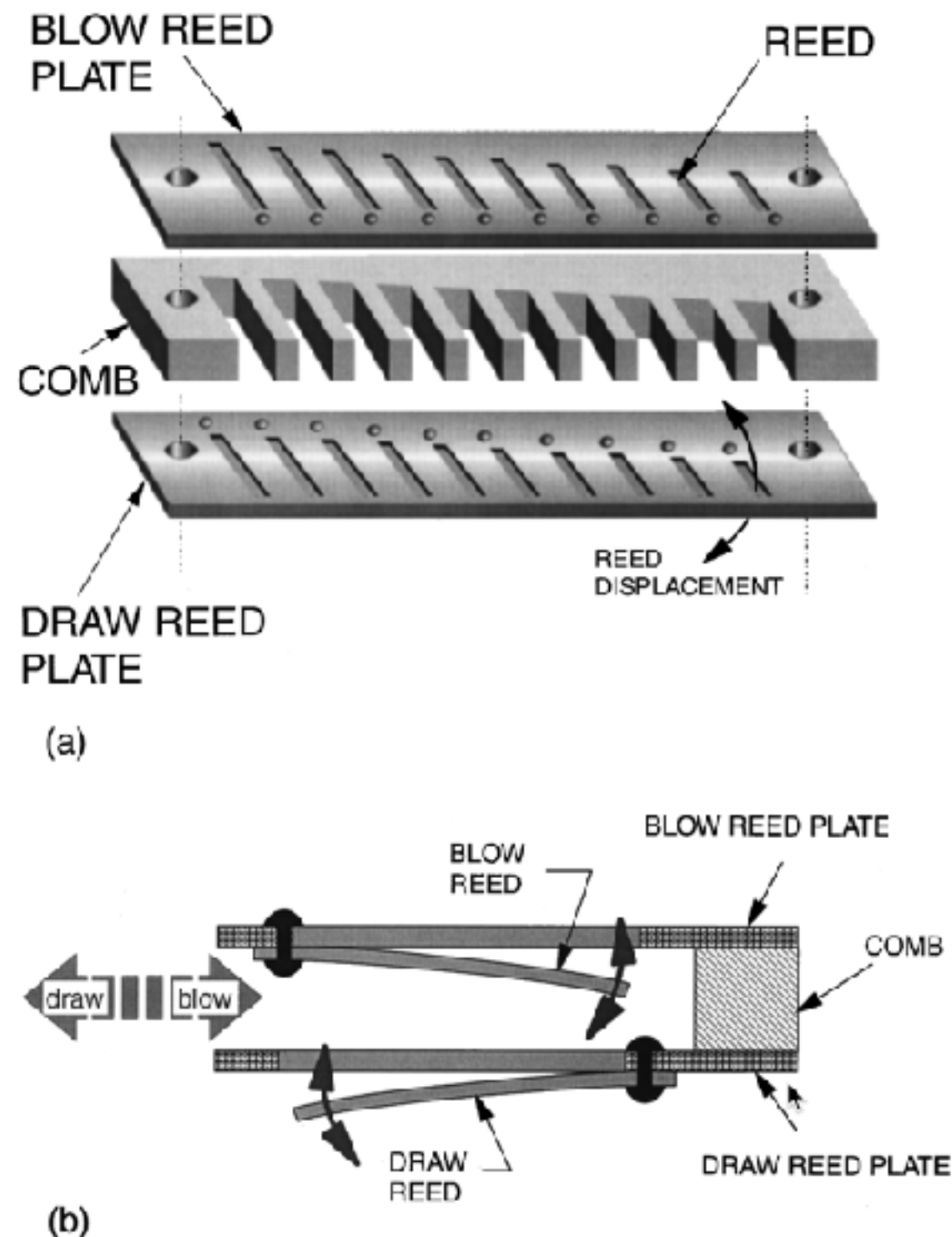


FIG. 1. (a) Exploded view of the ten hole diatonic harmonica showing the upper, blow reed plate, the lower, draw reed plate and the separating comb. Upper and lower covers of the reed plates are not shown. Reeds are mounted on the inside surface of the blow reed plate and the outside of the draw reed plate. Thus blowing closes the blow reed into the blow reed plate and opens the draw reed out of the draw reed plate. The reverse occurs on drawing. It is the closing reed that speaks on natural playing. (b) Schematic, cross sectional view of reeds and plates of a hole of a diatonic harmonica. Reeds vibrate in slots cut out of the reed plate. Blowing into the hole closes the blow reed and opens the draw reed. Drawing closes the draw reed and opens the blow reed.

# BENDING: JAMES COTTON SOLO

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<https://youtu.be/8hEYwk0bypY?t=2m49s>



# BENDING: INSIDE THE ORAL CAVITY

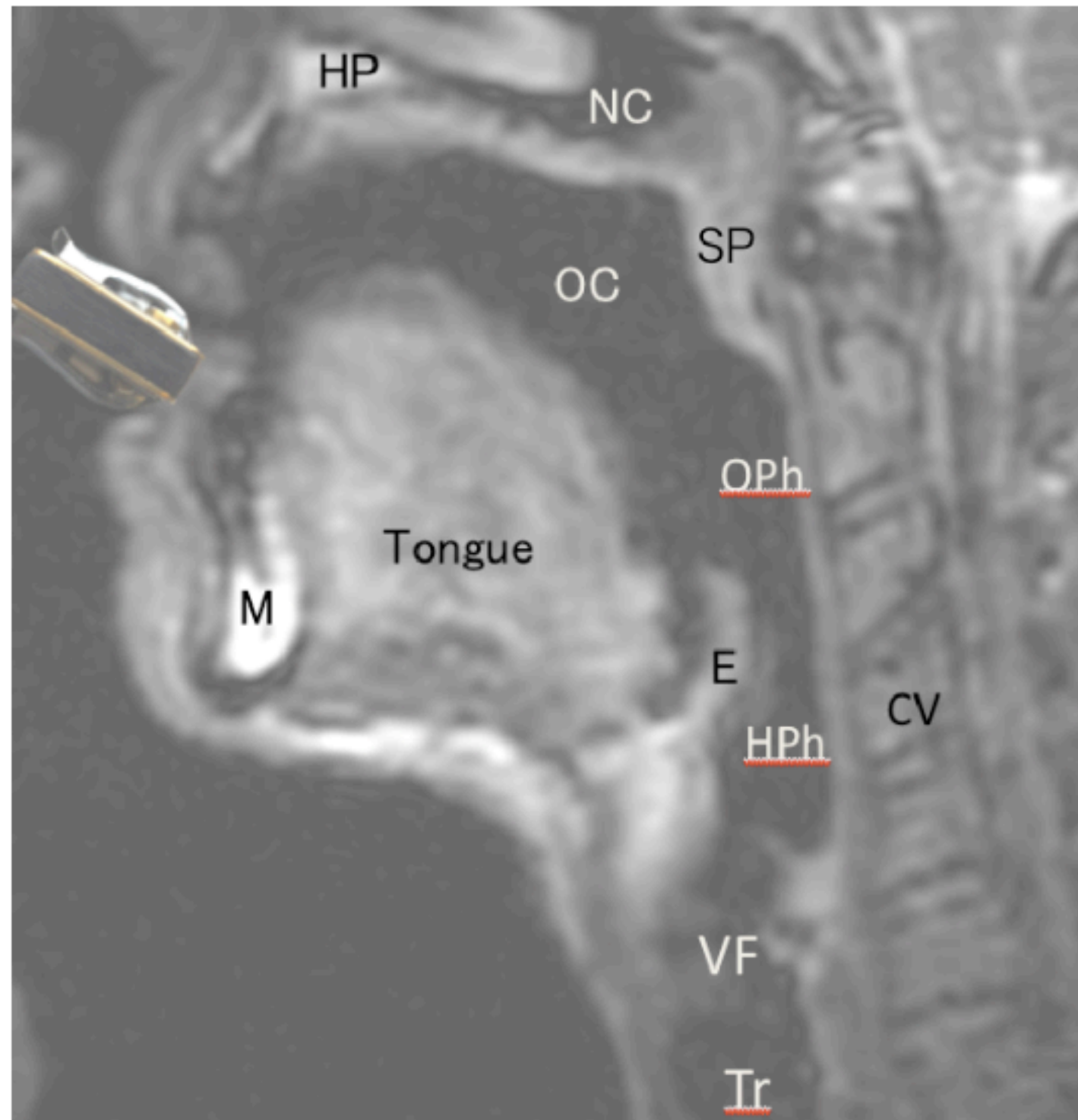
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# NORMAL DRAW NOTE ON 3RD HOLE

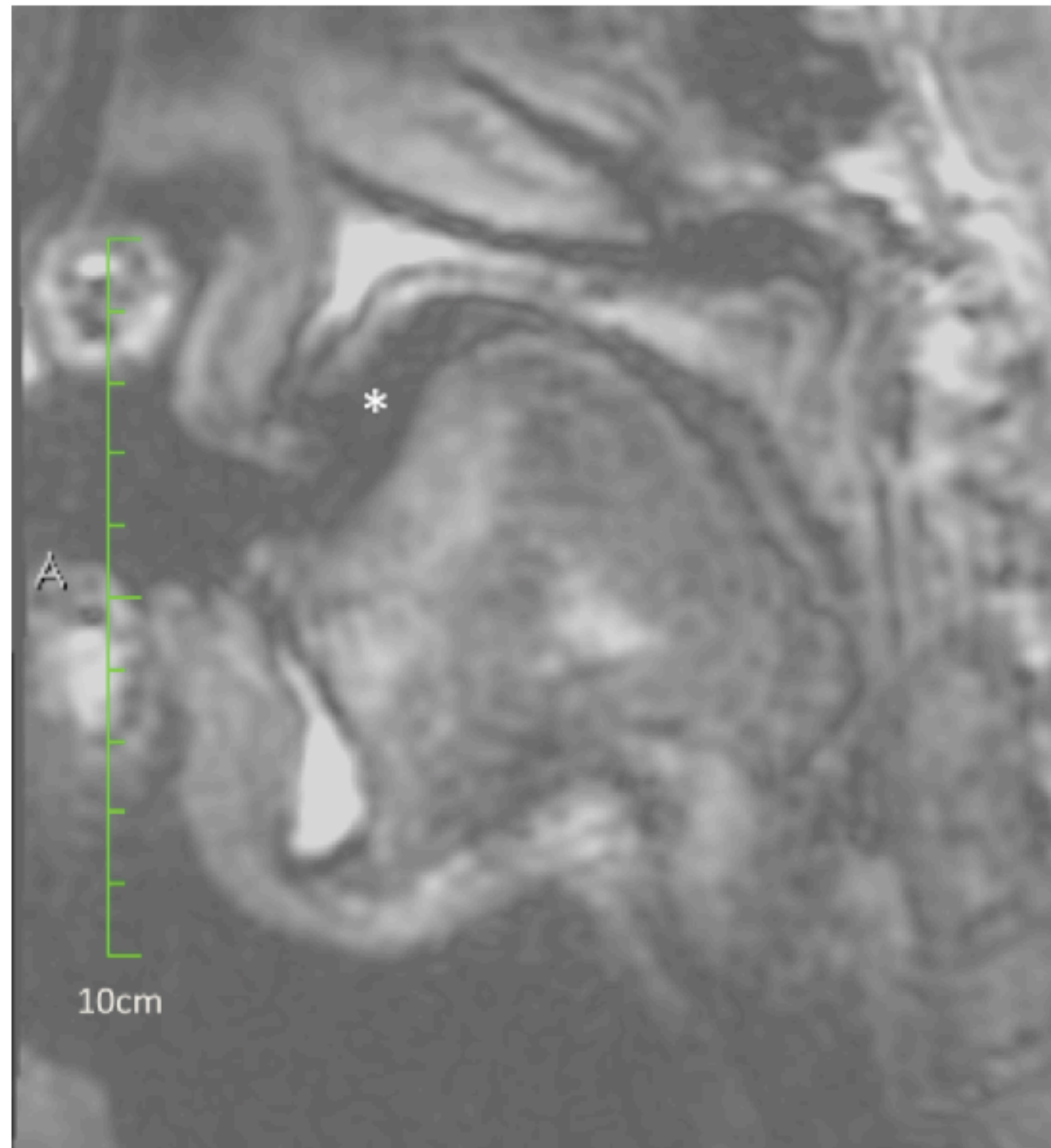
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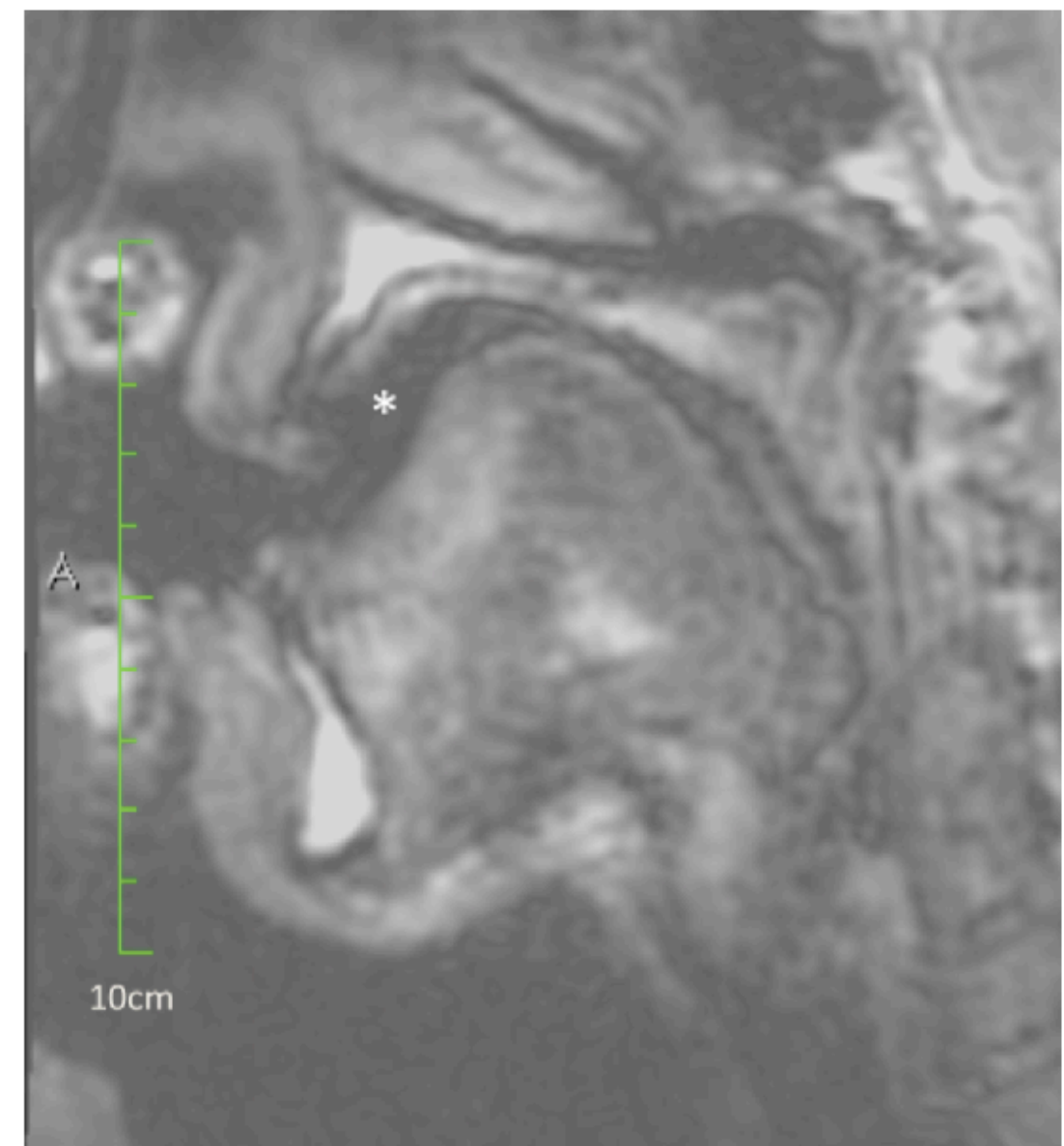
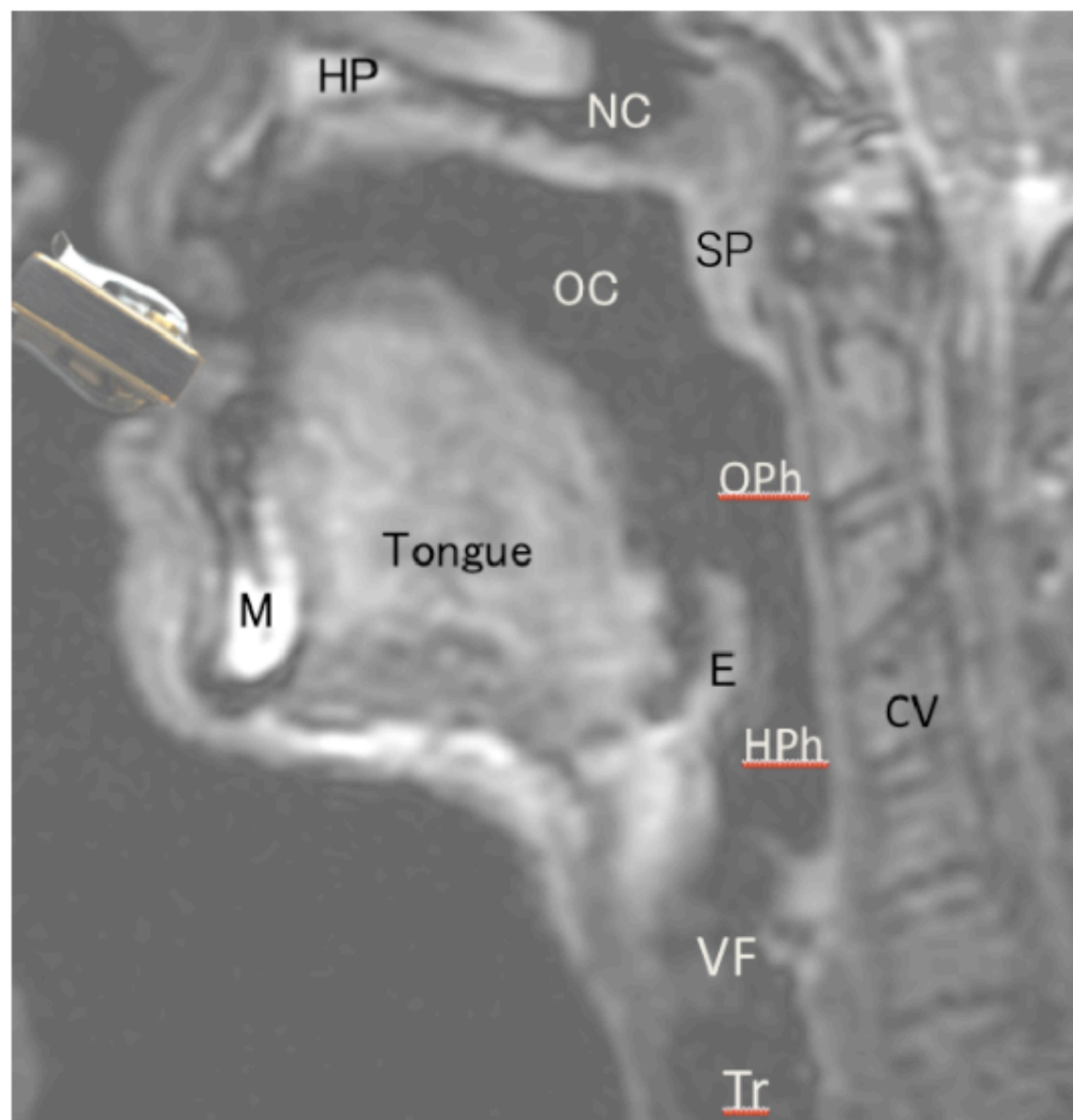
# BEND DOWN THREE SEMITONES

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<https://asa.scitation.org/doi/pdf/10.1121/1.4799443>

# BEND DOWN THREE SEMITONES



When playing the 3 hole draw bent notes, the body of the tongue elevates and humps up toward the hard palate. As the bend deepens, the tongue retracts and the apex of the elevation shifts more and more back toward the pharynx. This process creates a progressively larger cavity in the anterior part of the mouth between the elevated body of the tongue and the lips (Figure 2). Simultaneously, the width of the pharynx

# TIMBRE CATEGORIES IN INDIAN TABLA DRUMMING

# NAMED TIMBRE DIFFERENCES

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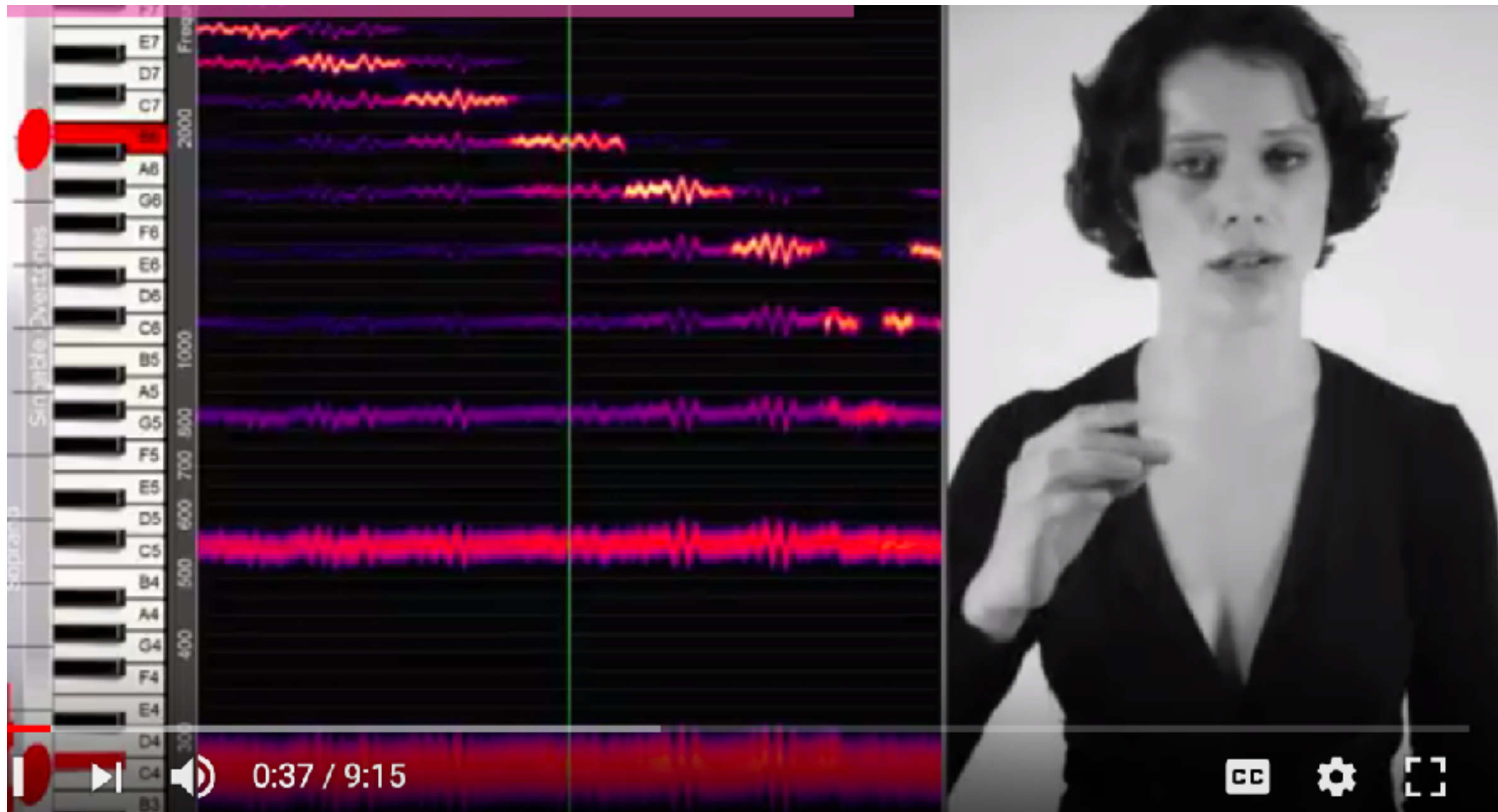


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# OVERTONE AND UNDERTONE SINGING



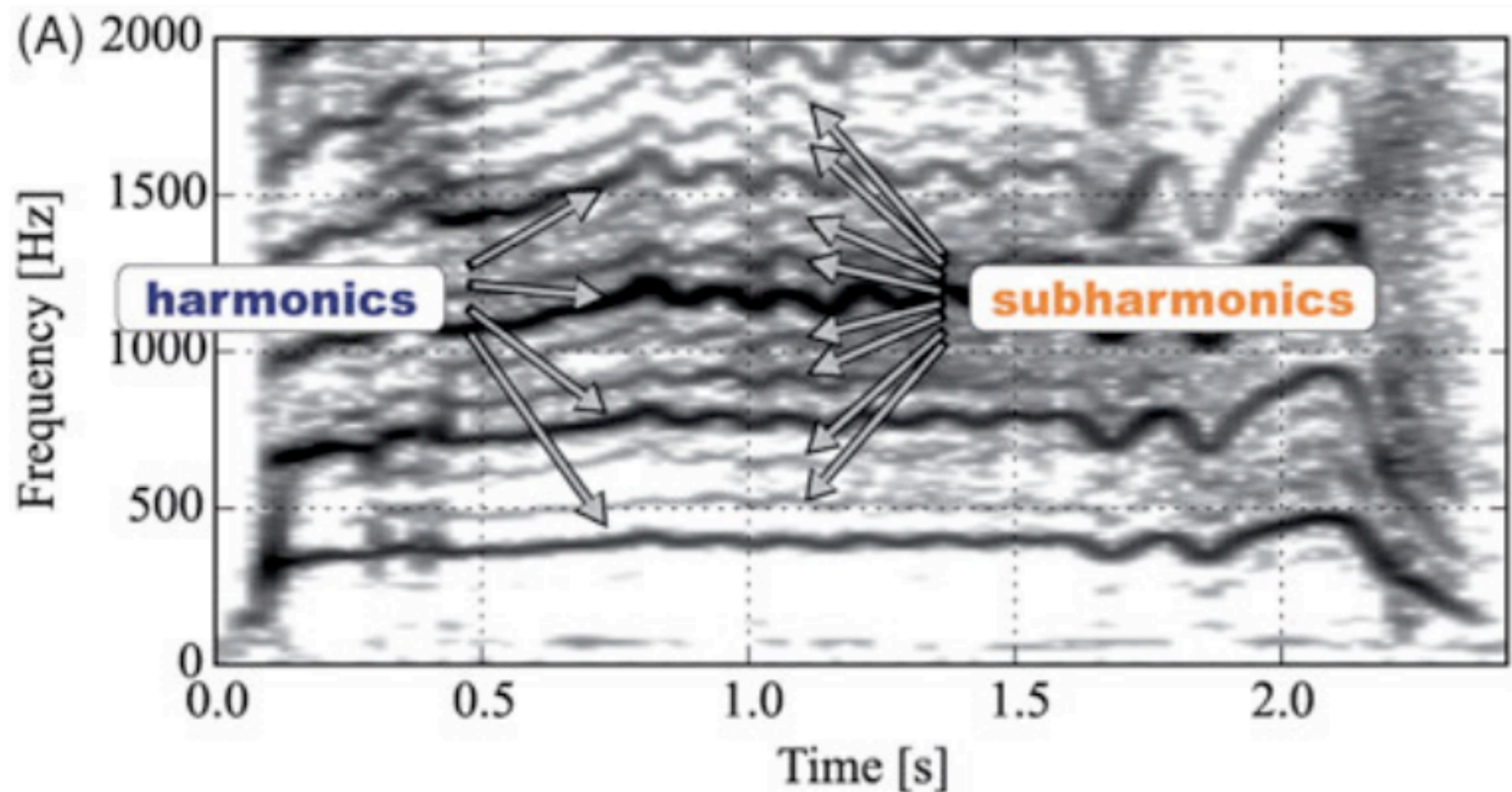
# OVERTONE SINGING



Explanation: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UHTF1-IhuC0>

# UNDERTONES: SUBHARMONICS

Subharmonics in Freddie Mercury's singing: <http://bass2yang.com/freddie-mercury-and-subharmonics/>



# UNDERTONES: KARGYRAA SINGING IN HÖÖMII

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Female throat singing by  
Choduraa Tumat

<https://youtu.be/JN36FVTazjs>

Very low subharmonics:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kiBtqWaluhl&list=RDkiBtqWaluhl&t=9>



# VENTRICULAR FOLD VIBRATION

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S089219970100008X>

Voice Source Characteristics in Mongolian “Throat Singing” Studied with High-Speed Imaging Technique, Acoustic Spectra, and Inverse Filtering ☆

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## Abstract

Mongolian “throat singing” can be performed in different modes. In Mongolia, the bass-type is called Kargyraa. The voice source in bass-type throat singing was studied in one male singer. The subject alternated between modal voice and the throat singing mode. Vocal fold vibrations were observed with high-speed photography, using a computerized recording system. The spectral characteristics of the sound signal were analyzed. Kymographic image data were compared to the sound signal and flow inverse filtering data from the same singer were obtained on a separate occasion. It was found that the vocal folds vibrated at the same frequency throughout both modes of singing. During throat singing the ventricular folds vibrated with complete but short closures at half the frequency of the true vocal folds, covering every second vocal fold closure. Kymographic data confirmed the findings. The spectrum contained added subharmonics compared to modal voice. In the inverse filtered signal the amplitude of every second airflow pulse was considerably lowered. The ventricular folds appeared to modulate the sound by reducing the glottal flow of every other vocal fold vibratory cycle.

Laryngoscopy and Tuvan throat singing:

<https://youtu.be/za8N1DLMuR0>

