

Comparative Study of Sound Localization and its Anatomical Correlates in

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One of the fundamental features of hearing is the ability to localize the sources of sounds, particularly brief sounds, which

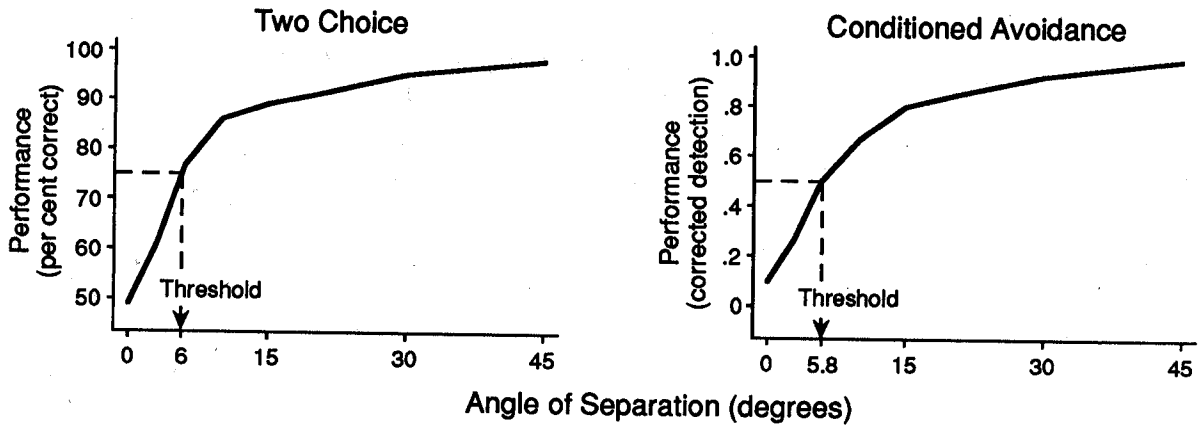
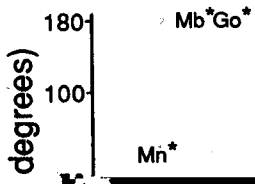


Fig. 1. Sound-localization acuity in cats determined using two-choice and conditioned avoidance test procedures.



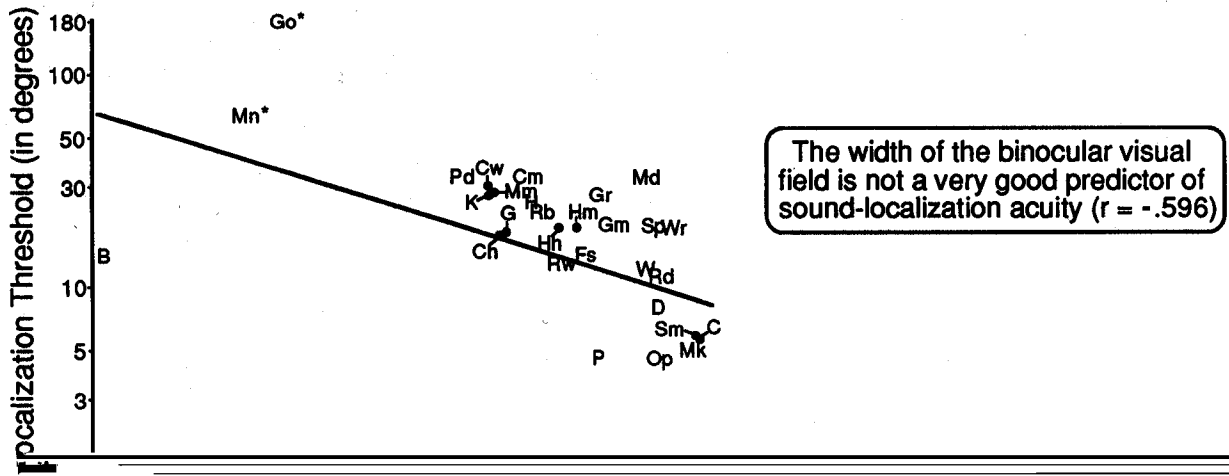


Fig. 3. The relation between binocular visual fields and sound-localization acuity among 31 species. (See Fig. 2 for key.)

Dog



Gerbil



Pig



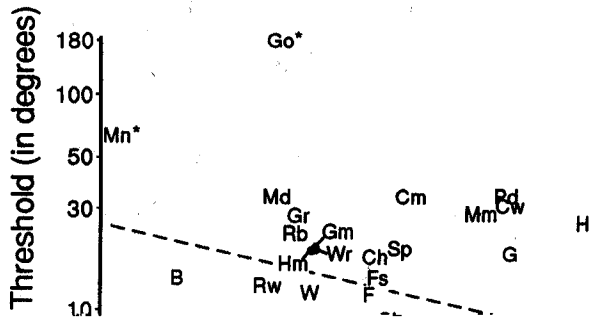
180
100
50
30
Locality (in degrees)

Go*

Mn*

Md Pd
Cm

The width of the field of best vision is a reliable condition



Visual acuity is not a reliable predictor of sound-localization acuity ($r = -0.306$)

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