

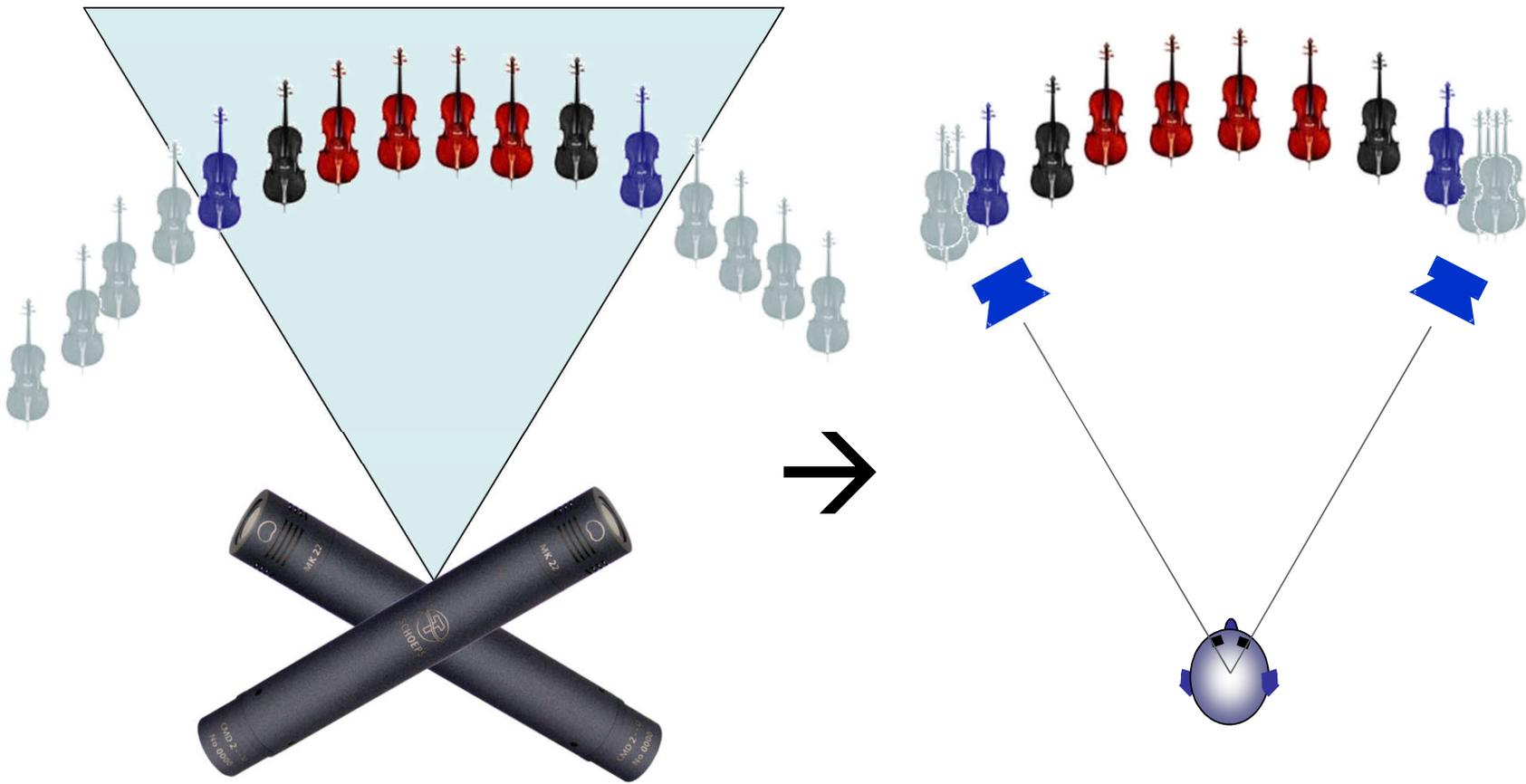
# Stereophonic multichannel recording techniques for 3D-Audio and VR



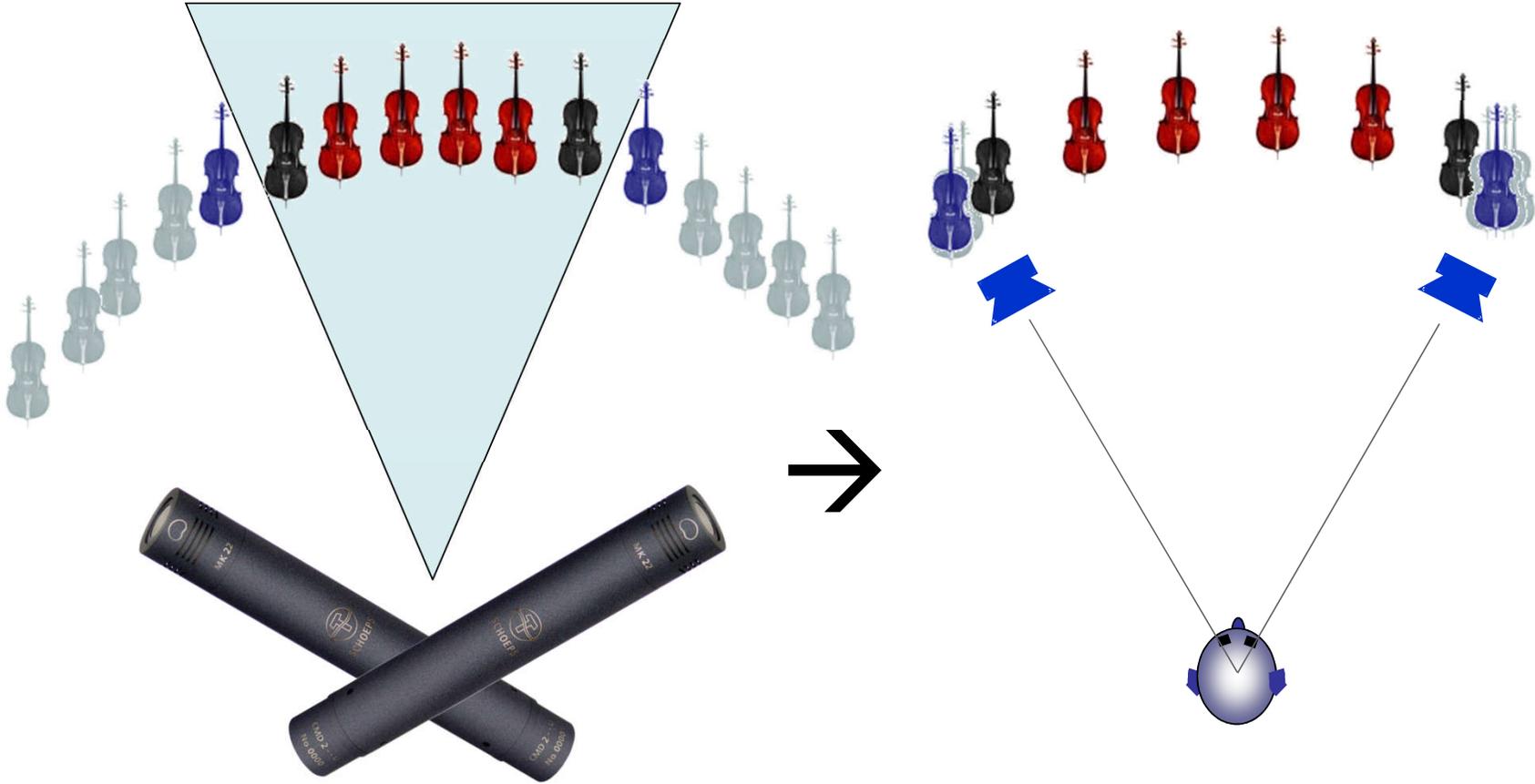
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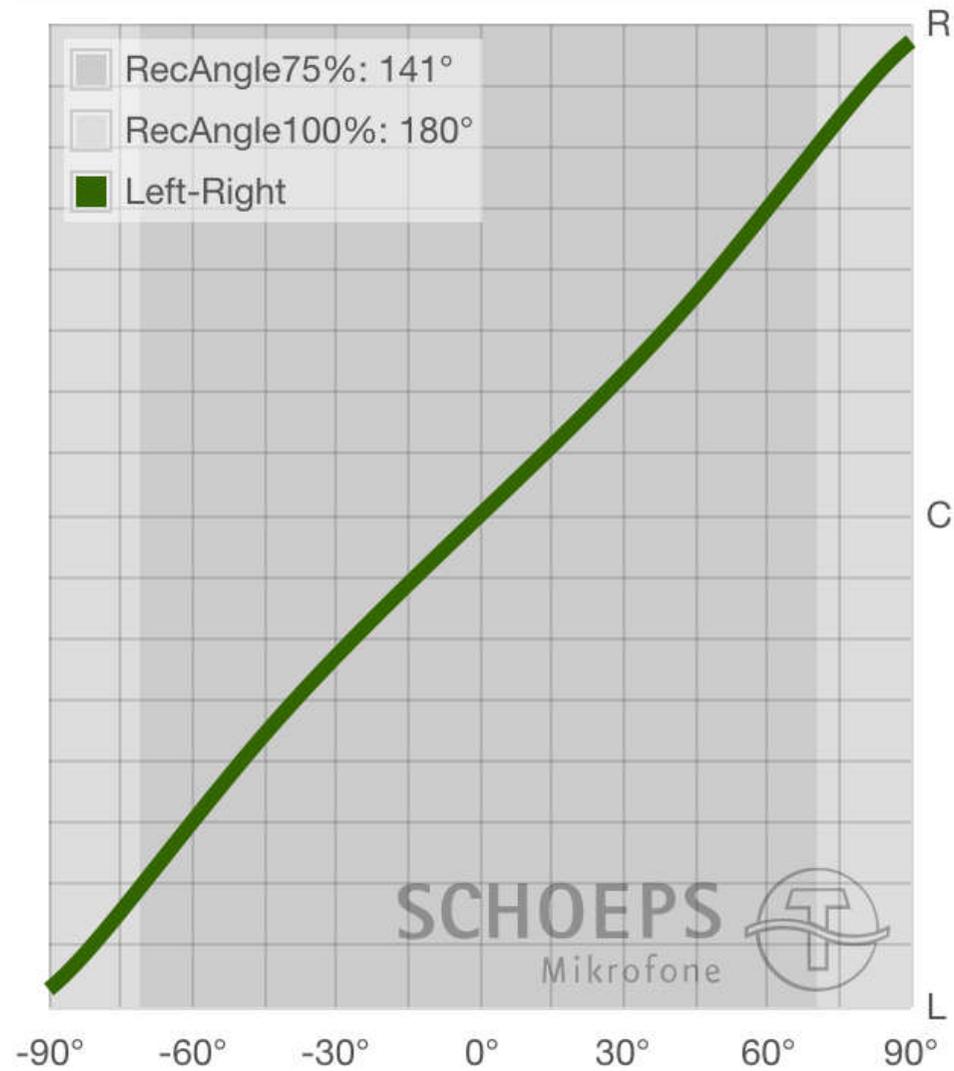
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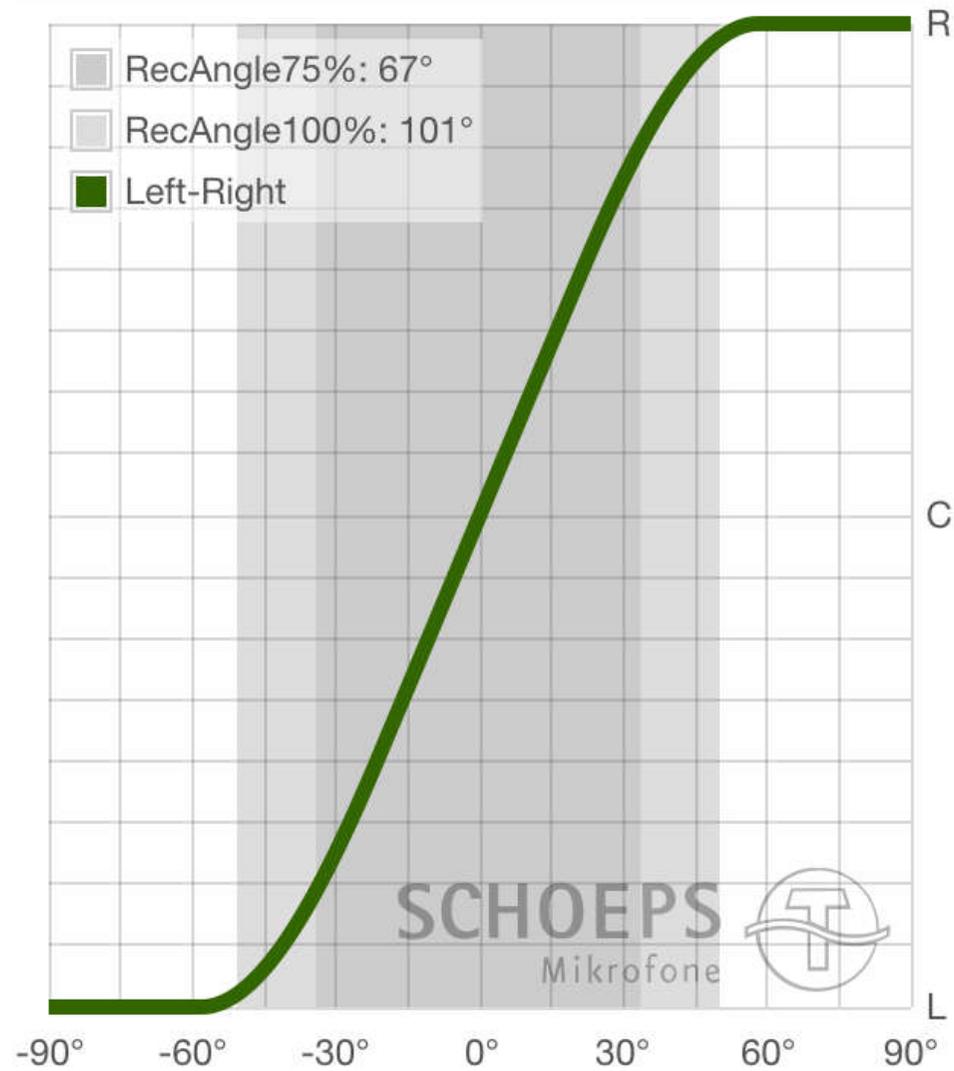
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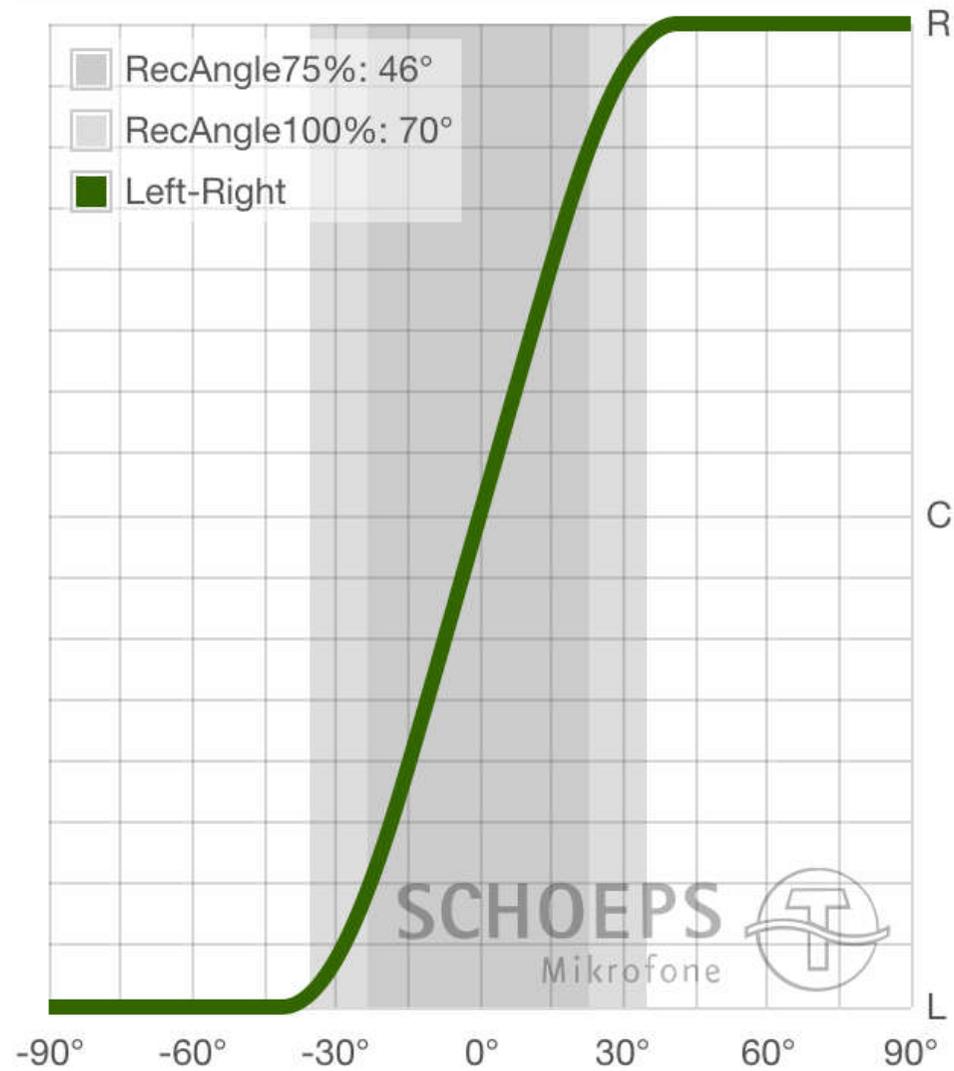
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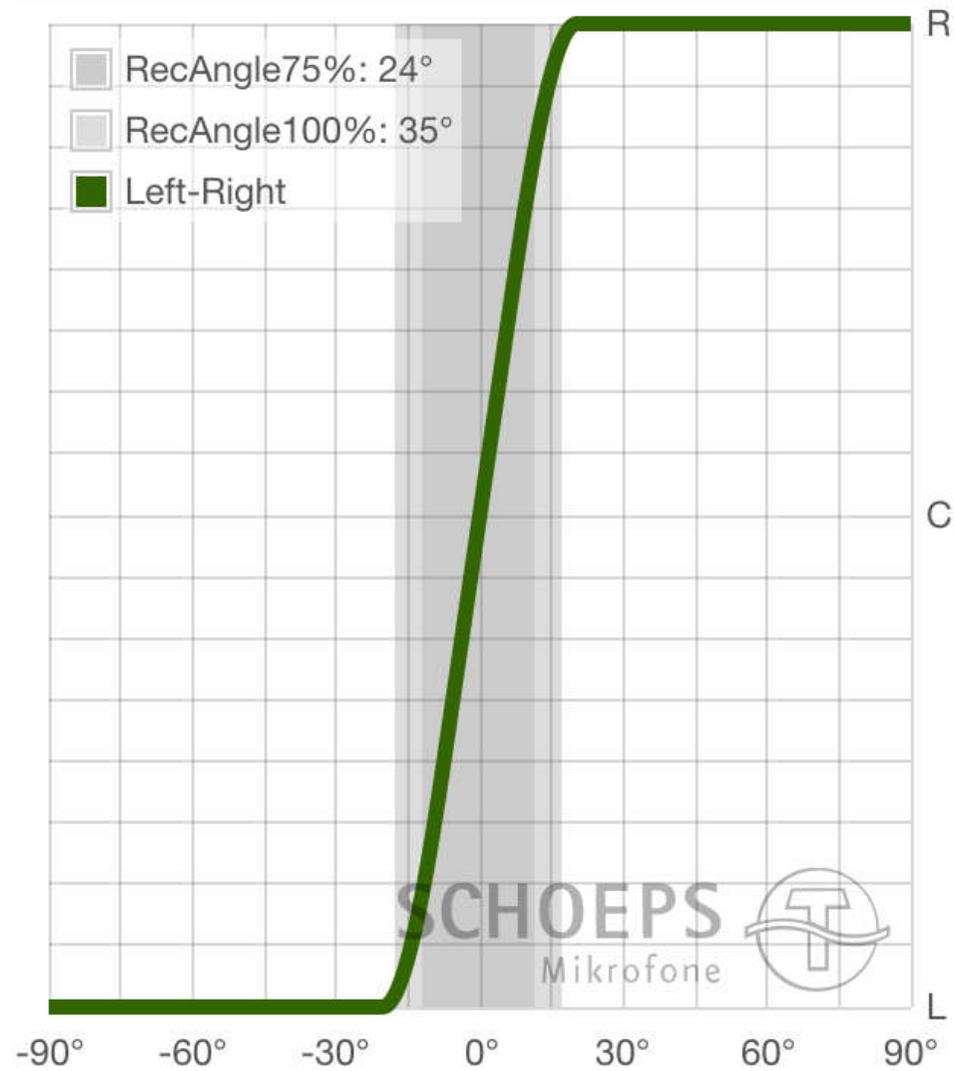
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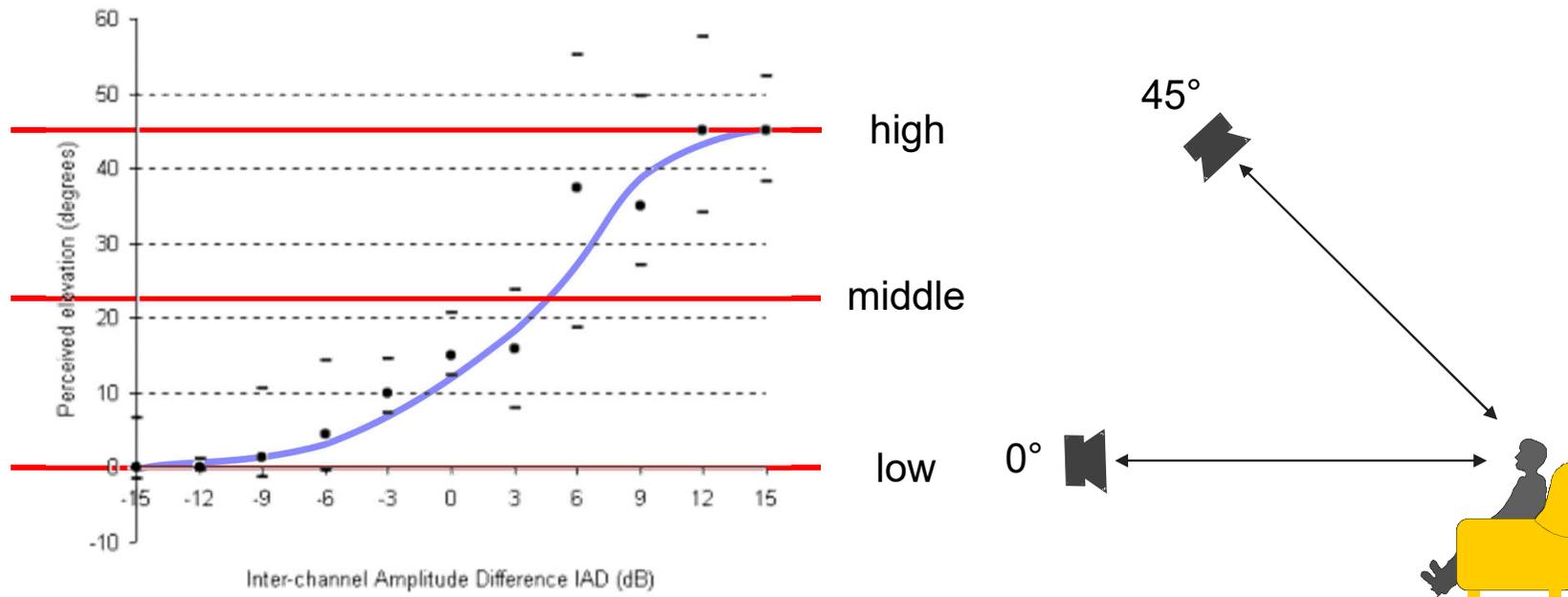
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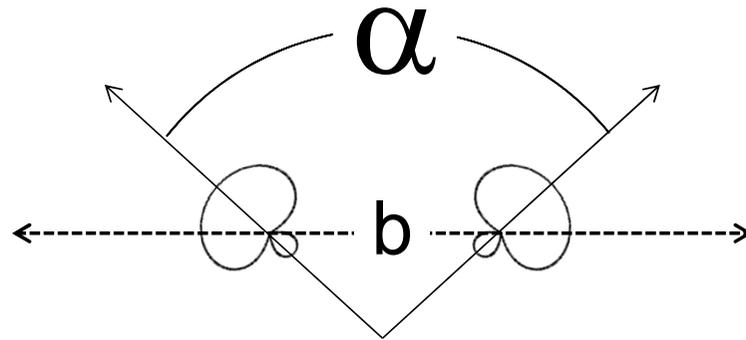
# Localisation in the vertical domain



REF: Jim Barbour, AES

# Diffuse field correlation

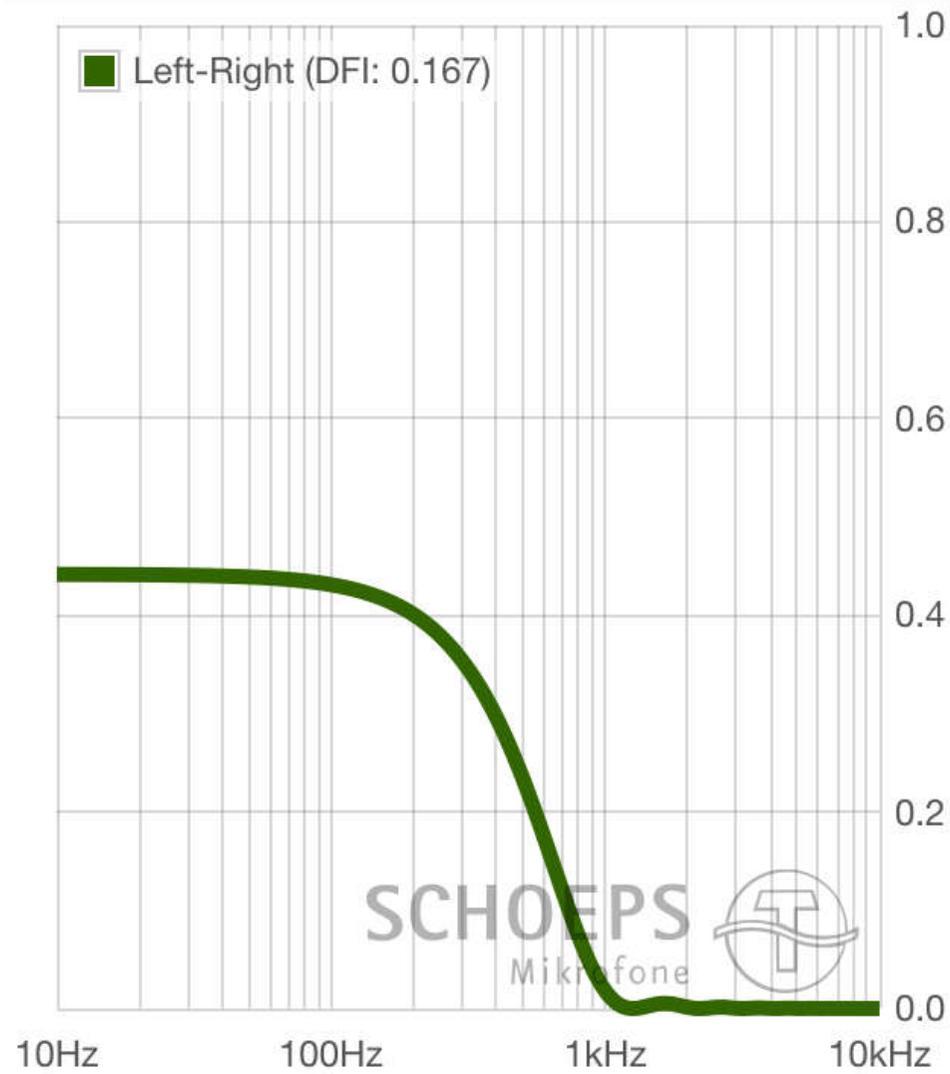
## DFC ( $\alpha, \beta, \lambda$ )



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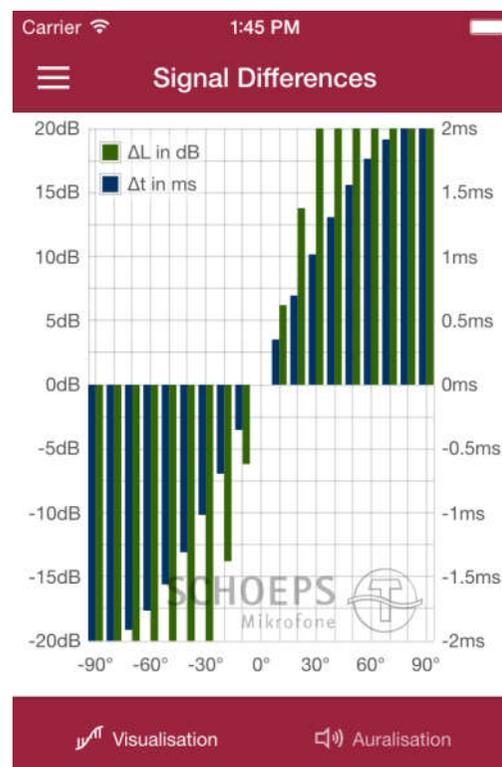
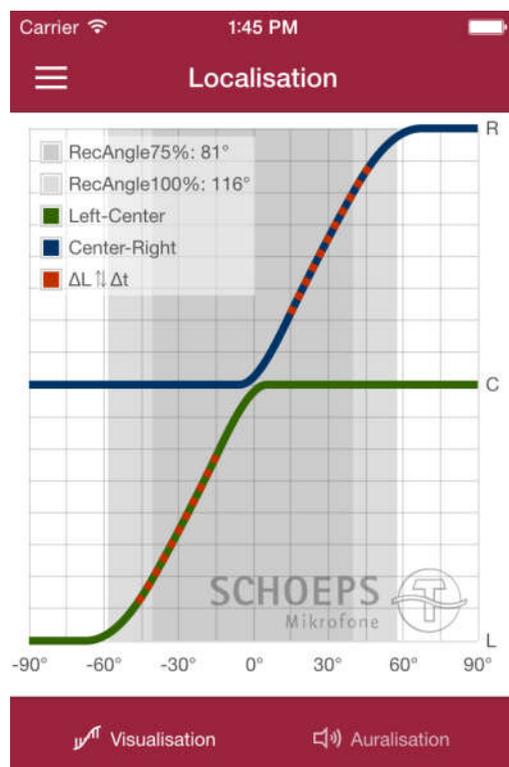
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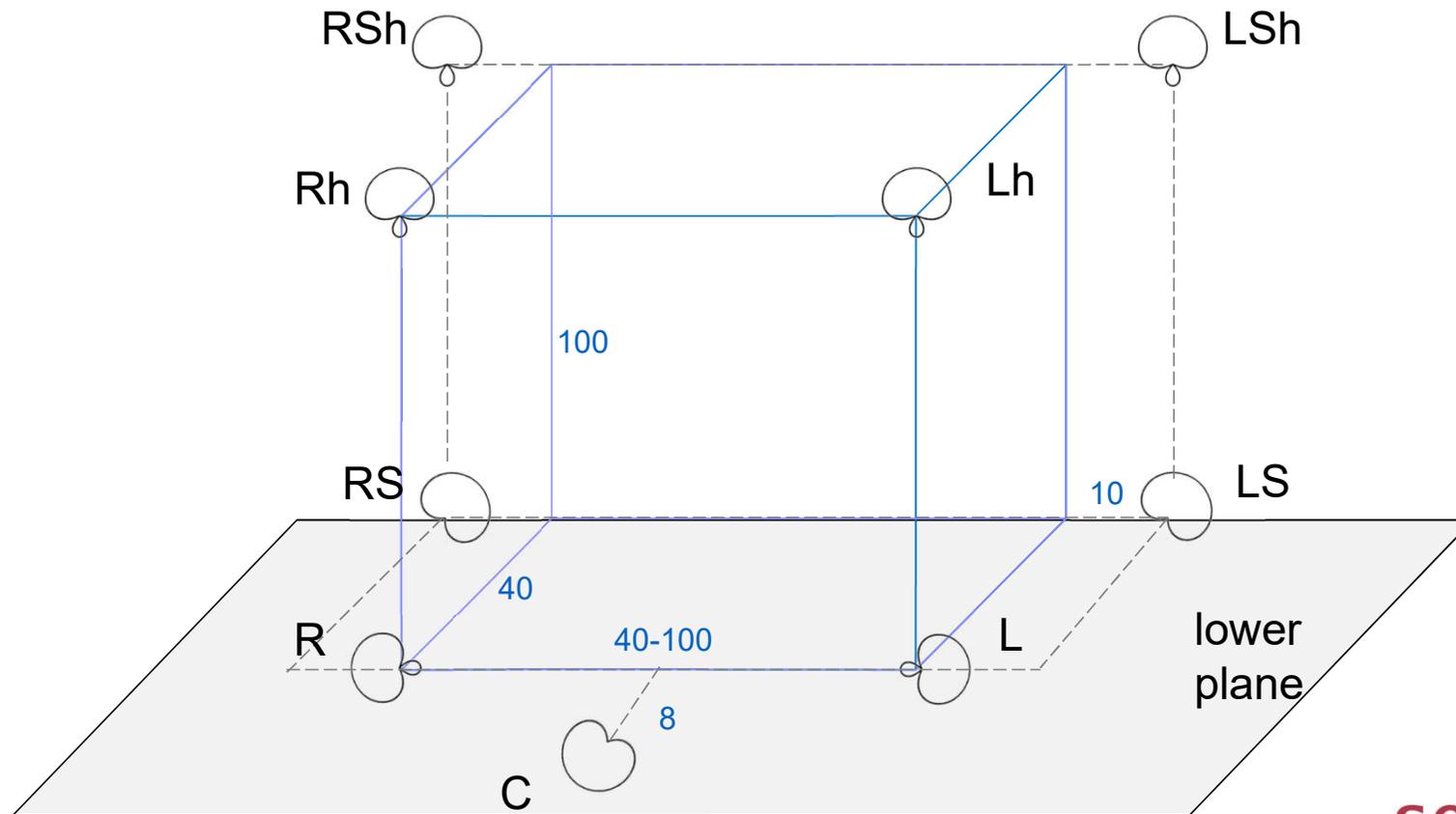


# SCHOEPS-App “Image Assistant”: [www.ima.schoeps.de](http://www.ima.schoeps.de) and in the iOS app store



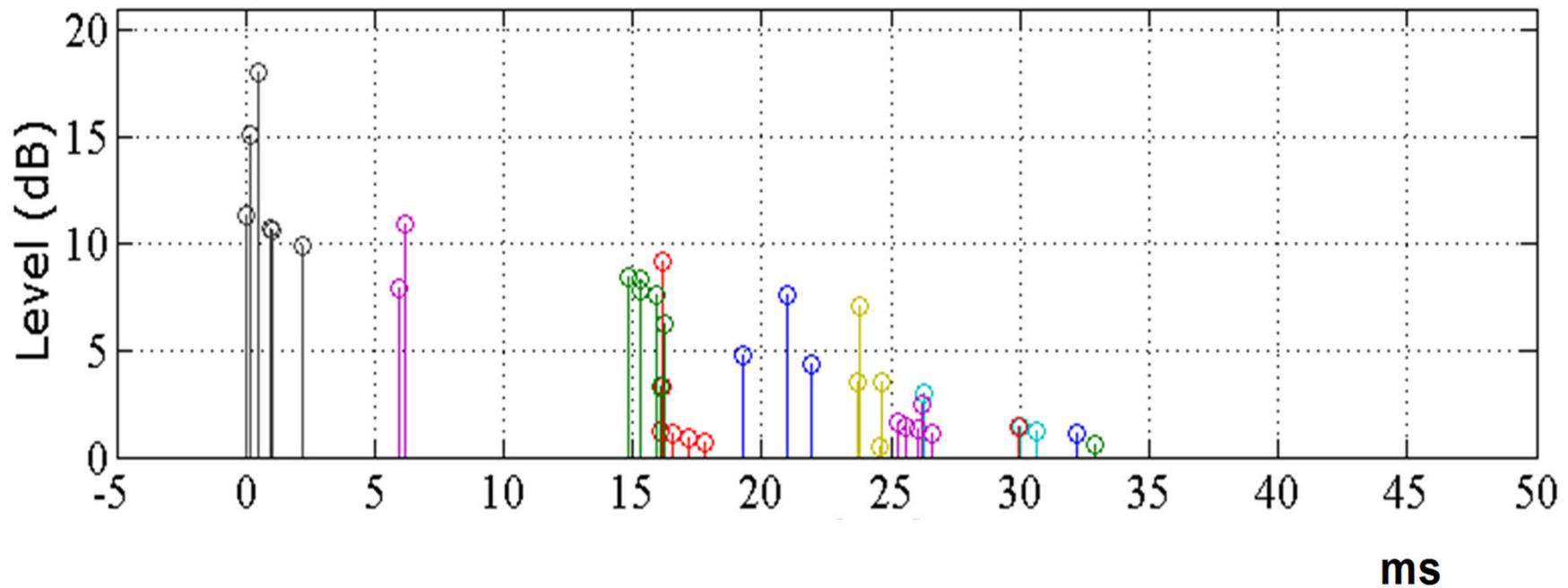
„OCT-3D“ for 3D-Stereo (9.1, 5.1.4, 22.2)

= OCT Surround + 4 Supercardioids for the height plane

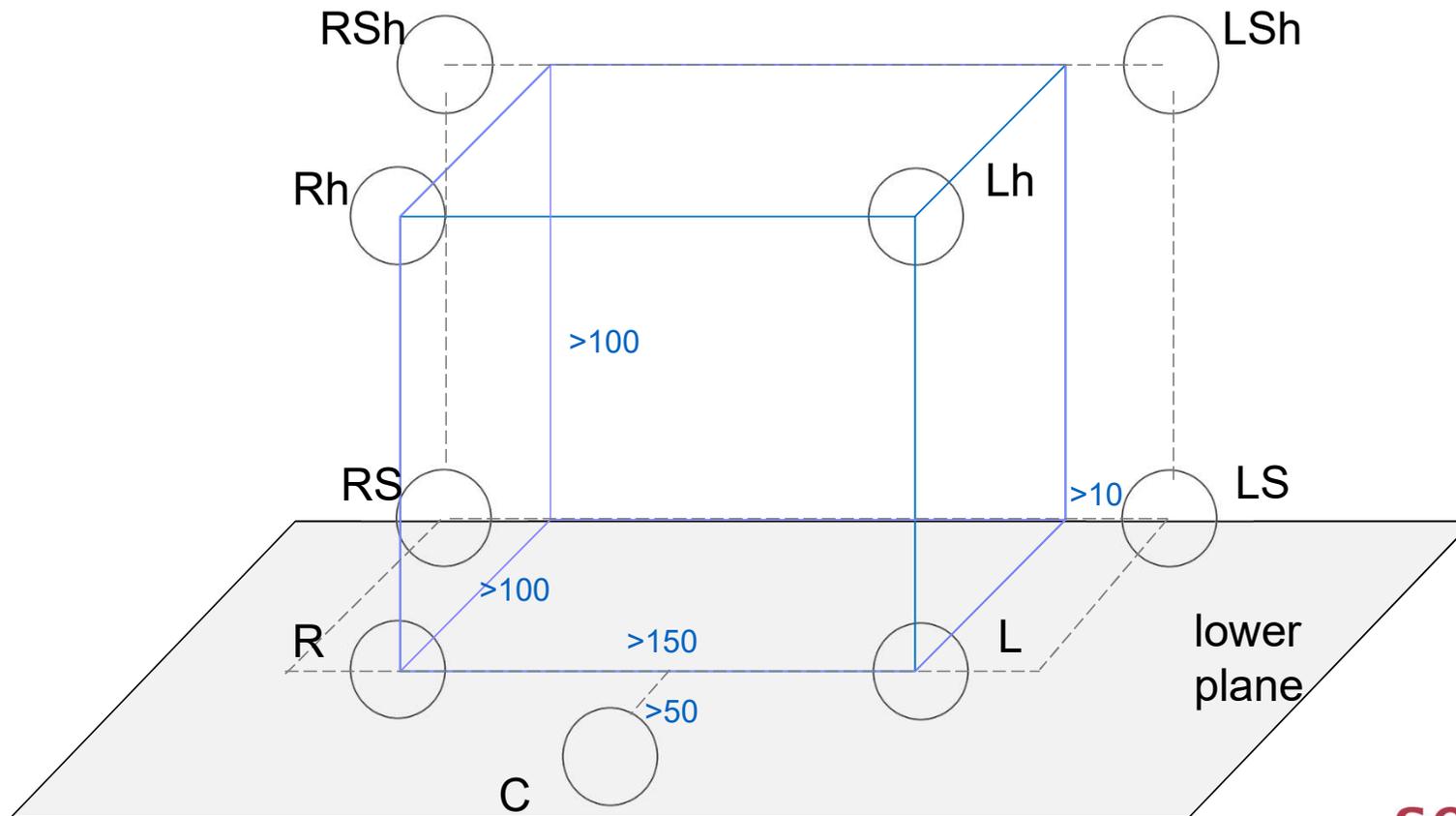


# Response of a mic array (direct sound + early reflections)

OCT 70 + 4 super-cardioids pointing upwards

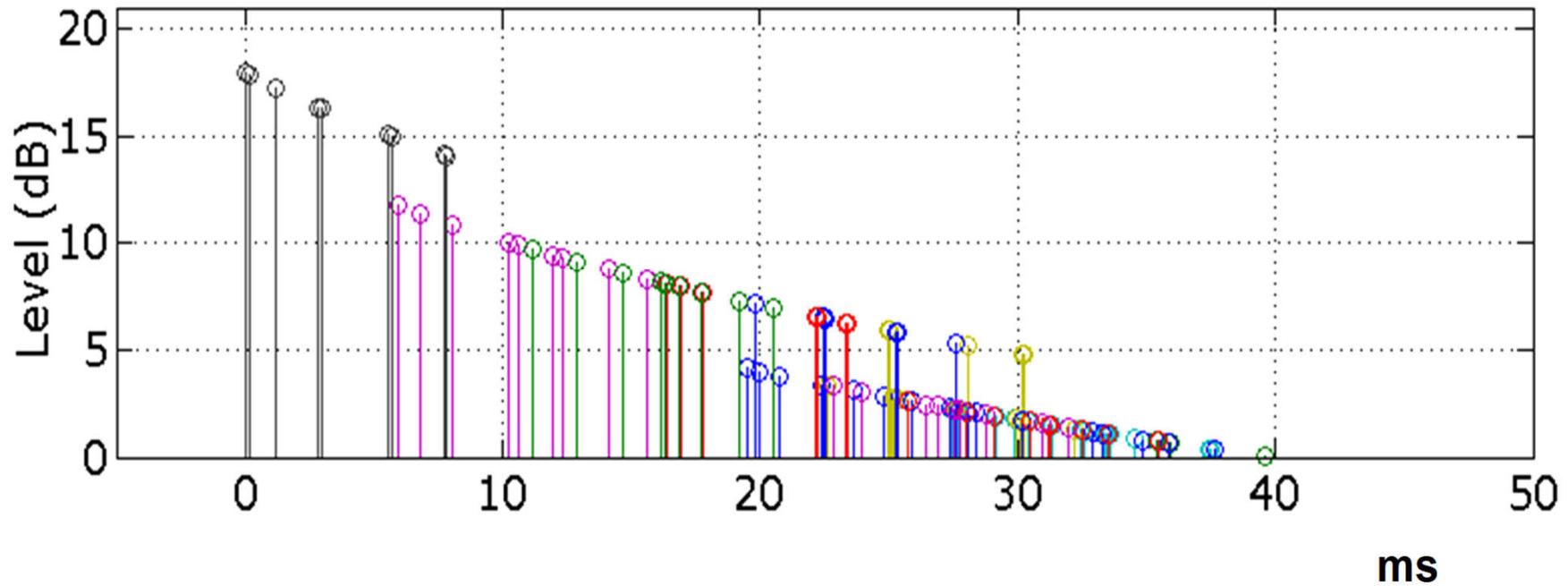


# „Omni Array“for 3D-Stereo (9.1, 5.1.4, 22.2) = 9 omnis with large spacings



# Response of a mic array (direct sound + early reflections)

## Largely-spaced 9-channel A/B setup



# Test recordings @ Galaxy Studios, Belgium

- OCT-9
- Omni array





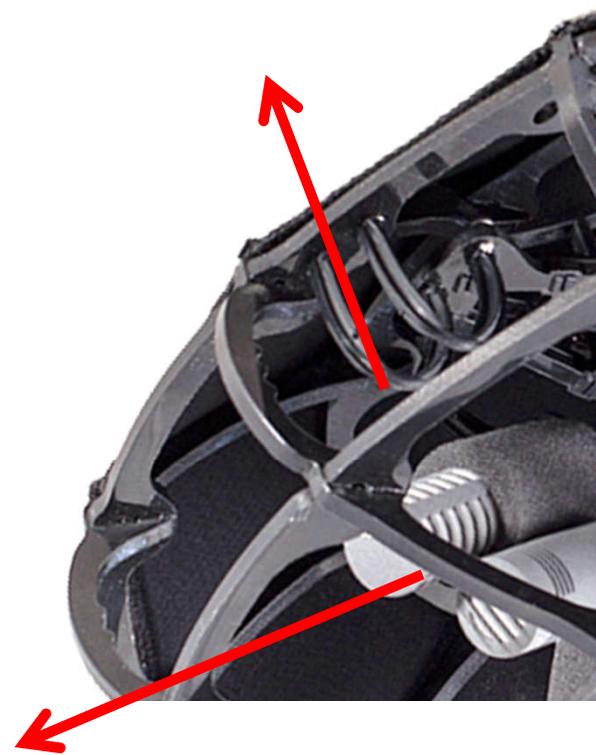
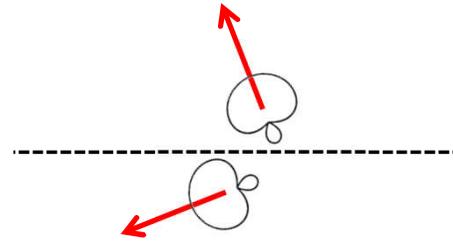
## ORTF-3D „symmetrical“

- 8 \* supercardioids in the edges of a cube with  $d = 10\text{-}20\text{ cm}$
- © G. Theile



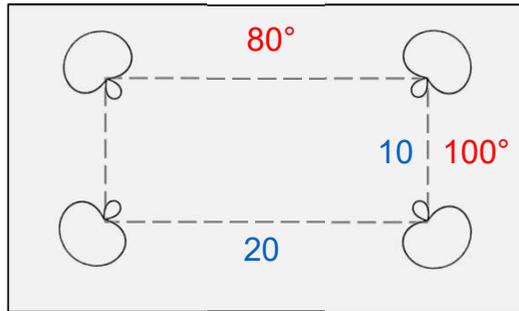
## ORTF-3D

- 8 \* supercardioids in the edges of a rectangle with  $d = 10/20$  cm
- © H. Wittek after Theile
- Coincident X/Y-pairs for the vertical loudspeaker pairs

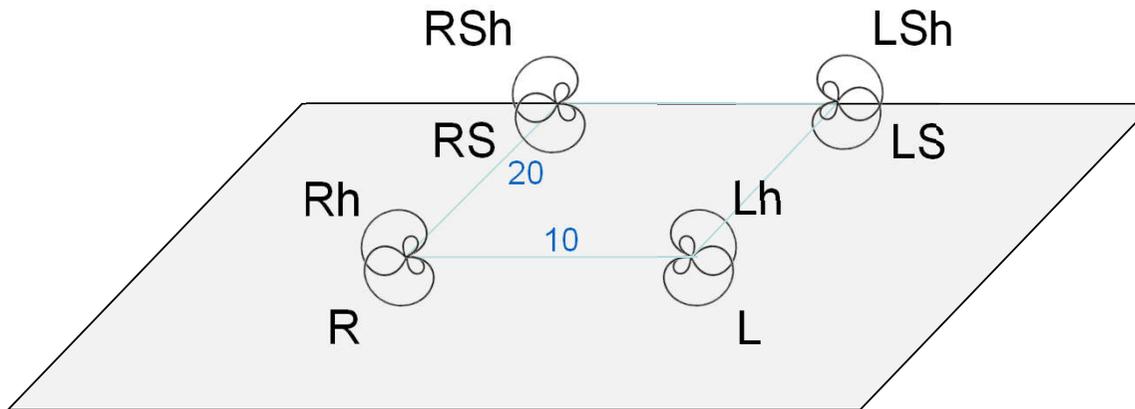
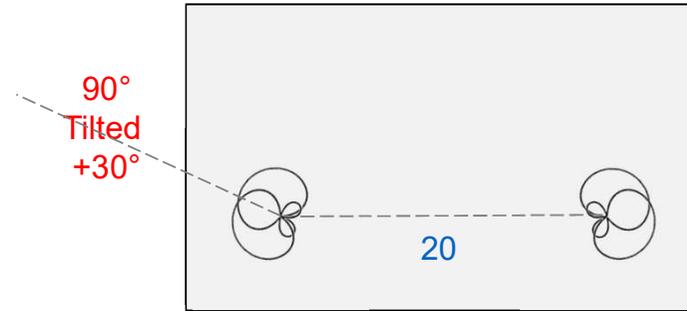


# „ORTF-3D“

View from above



Side View

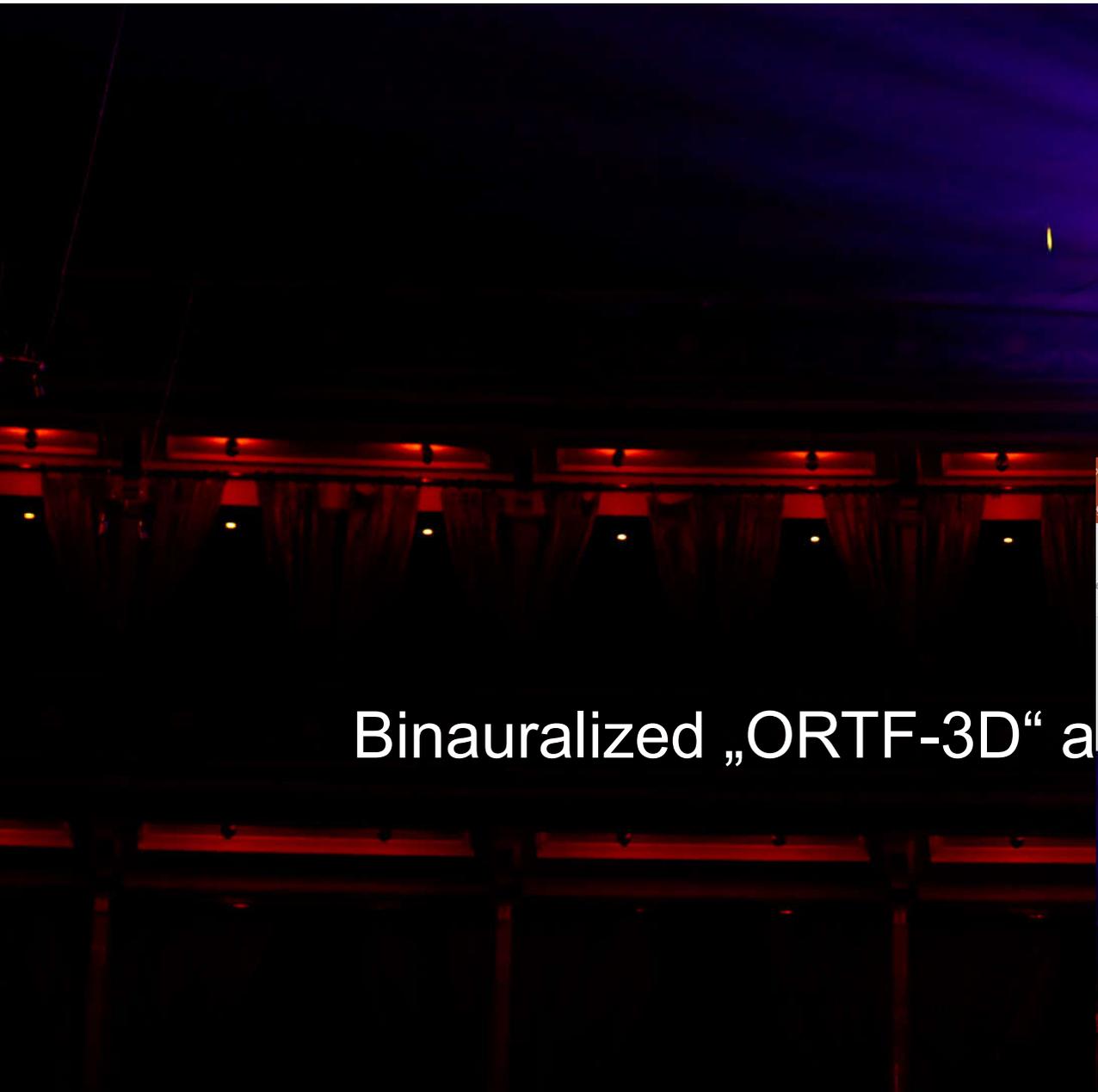


# „ORTF-3D“ @ Radio France



A photograph of a concert hall interior. The scene is dimly lit, with a prominent purple light source on the right side of the frame, casting a strong glow. A binaural microphone rig, consisting of two microphones mounted on a small structure, is suspended from the ceiling by thin wires. The rig is positioned in the upper right quadrant of the image. Below the rig, the ceiling of the hall is visible, featuring a series of recessed lighting fixtures that are illuminated with a warm red light. The overall atmosphere is that of a professional recording session in a grand concert hall.

Binauralized „ORTF-3D“ at the BBC Proms



Binauralized „ORTF-3D“ a

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the following elements:

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- Navigation menu: BBC logo, News, Sport, Weather, Shop, Earth, More, Search.
- Page title: "Research & Development".
- Navigation links: Home, About, Projects, Publications, **Blog**, Contact Us, Careers.
- Article title: "Binaural Audio at the BBC Proms".
- Text: "Posted by Tom Parnell on 2 Sep 2016, last updated 5 Sep 2016".
- Text: "BBC R&D's Tom Parnell writes about setting up a 3D audio array at the Royal Albert Hall to capture the world's greatest classical music festival in binaural audio."
- Image: A photograph of the Royal Albert Hall interior, showing a large, ornate ceiling with many small, glowing blue lights.

# Signal chain: 3D-Stereo → VR/360°-Video

Microphone array

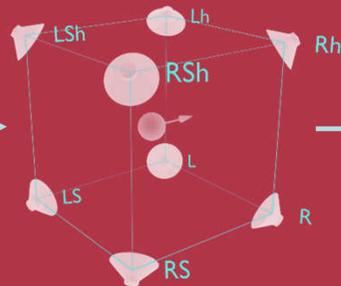
Intermediate format

Ambisonic  
s  
Encoder

Target format

Output

Stereophonic Array  
(e.g. ORTF-3D)



VS2HOA

HOA

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HOA  
Bus Input

Comparison between FOA and the ORTF-3D in Binaural:  
Demo at *SCHOEPS booth* or Download the App  
(<http://www.hauptmikrofon.de/3d/vrapp>) or **listen in youtube**

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# 3D-Stereo Mic Techniques for Ambience on

[www.hauptmikrofon.de](http://www.hauptmikrofon.de)

- Free download
- By Felix Andriessens



The screenshot shows a mobile browser interface. At the top, the status bar displays signal strength, Wi-Fi, 88% battery, and 08:09. The address bar shows the URL [www.hauptmikrofon.de/de/](http://www.hauptmikrofon.de/de/). The main content area features the title "3D-Audio Ambience Recording Techniques, 2016" in red. Below the title, it indicates the article was published on Monday, April 9, 2018, at 11:40, and was written by "Ton und Meister". A photograph shows a person in a park setting up a complex microphone array on a tripod. The array consists of several microphones on a central stand, with a red umbrella positioned below it. The background shows a paved path, trees, and a yellow bench.

3D-Audio Ambience  
Recording Techniques, 2016

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Artikel von Felix Andriessens

Ambience recordings are a crucial tool for  
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- Youtube talks about SCHOEPS and 3D/VR:
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## Conclusions

- Sound engineers: **trust your ears**, don't believe in „scientific“ approaches without skepticism
- Use Stereo to be able to work in a sound engineering way, caring for **aesthetical** aspects
- There are plenty possible **3D-Stereo mic techniques**:
  - **ORTF-3D** (or other cubic 8ch level/time difference ambience setups)
  - **OCT-9** (or other 9ch level/time difference setups for front/back scenes)
  - **Triple-M/S** (or other coincident setups)

Thank you!

- [wittek@schoeps.de](mailto:wittek@schoeps.de) - [www.hauptmikrofon.de](http://www.hauptmikrofon.de)
- SCHOEPS booth: 360° VR app and ORTF-3D mic!
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