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## **ECLIPSE, a multimodal analysis of speech pathologies**

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# What is ECLIPSE?

Research Project ECLIPSE



Evaluation fonctionnelle CLInique des Pathologies  
vocales et Suivi Embarqué



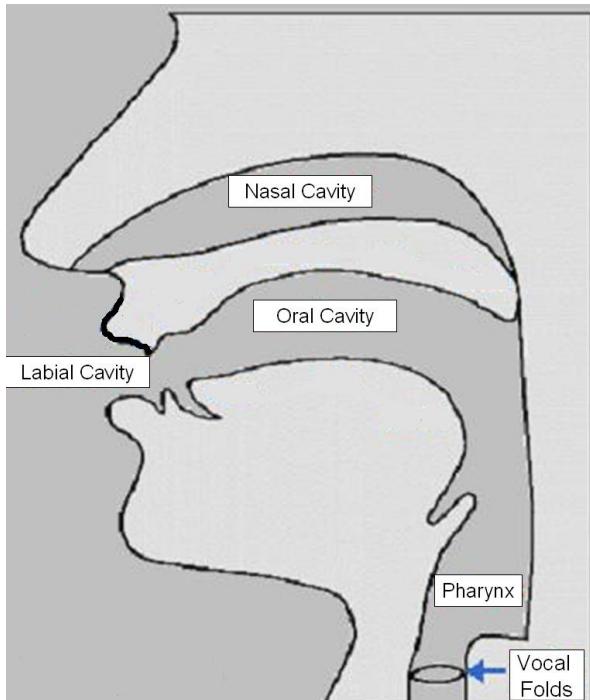
Clinical functional evaluation of vocal pathologies  
and embedded follow-up

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# Context of research

## □ Voice production and disorders



<b><i>Causes</i></b>	<b><i>Vocal Phenomena</i></b>
Vocal folds dynamics	Biphonation, diplophony
External disturbances	Amplitude and frequency modulation
Audible additive noise	Breathy voice

# Context of research

## ❑ Voice assessment (ESGVD):

- Perceptual evaluation (GRBASI scale)
- Acoustic and aerodynamic measurement
- Stroboscopic examination
- Self evaluation of the patient

## ❑ Limitations of vocal assessment:

- Often limited to sustained vowels
- Unable to follow the evolution of pathology during work

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# Goals

- Detection of dysperiodicities in connected speech
- Clinical station:
  - estimation of voice pathologies (connected speech or sustained vowel) whatever the degree of hoarseness is.
  - multimodal analysis between acoustic signal and images of the vibration of the vocal folds (high speed imaging)
- Embedded system: follow-up of the patient in his everyday life

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# Partners



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# General context

- Developed by Mr **Baris Bozkurt** and subject of his thesis entitled '*Zeros of z-transform(ZZT) representation and chirp group delay processing for analysis of source and filter characteristics of speech signals*' defended by himself in 2005
- Protected by the patent **PCT WO 2005/031702 A1** '*Method for estimating resonance frequencies*'

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# Definitions

## The Z-transform

$$X(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x(n)z^{-n}$$

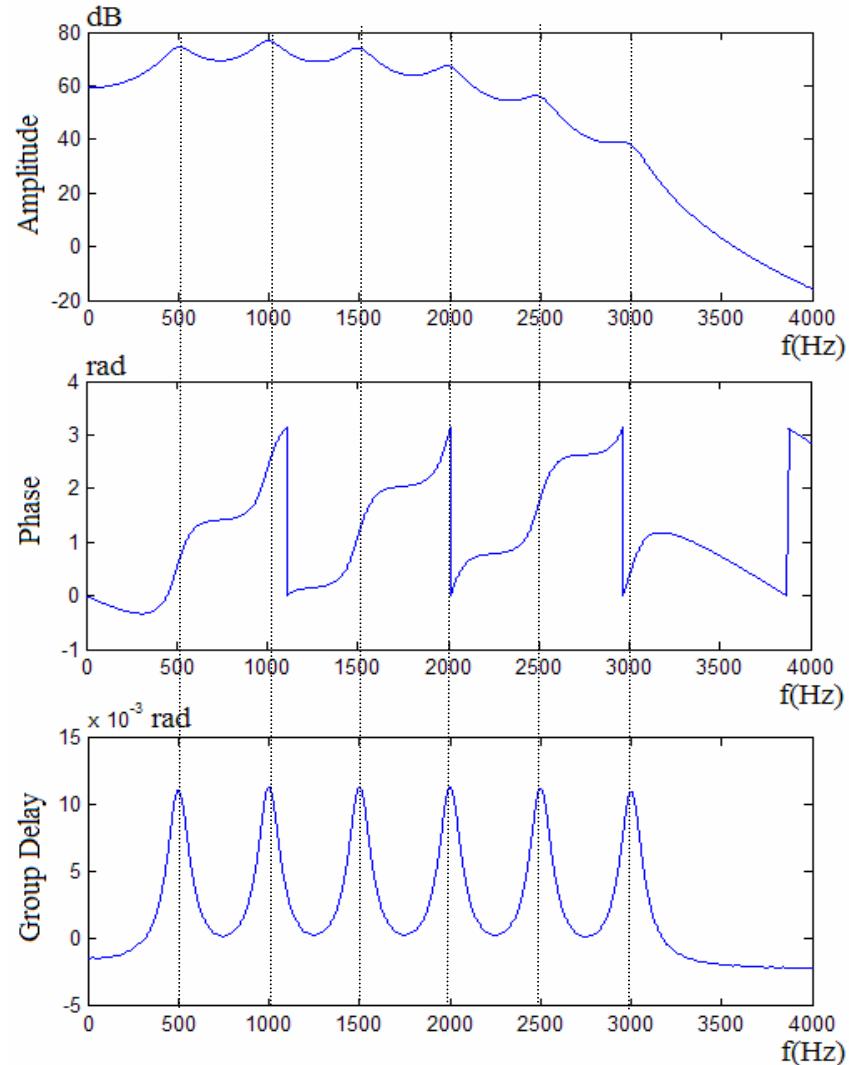
## The Fourier Transform

$$X(w) = X(z) \Big|_{z=e^{jw}} = a(w) + jb(w)$$

$$\text{Amplitude} \Rightarrow |X(w)| = \sqrt{a(w)^2 + b(w)^2}$$

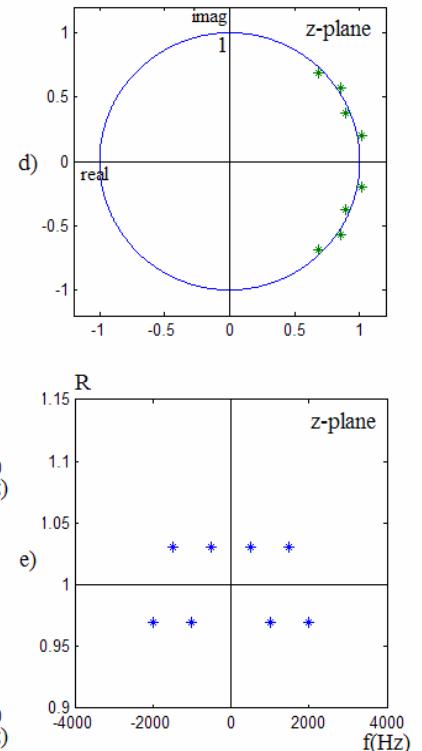
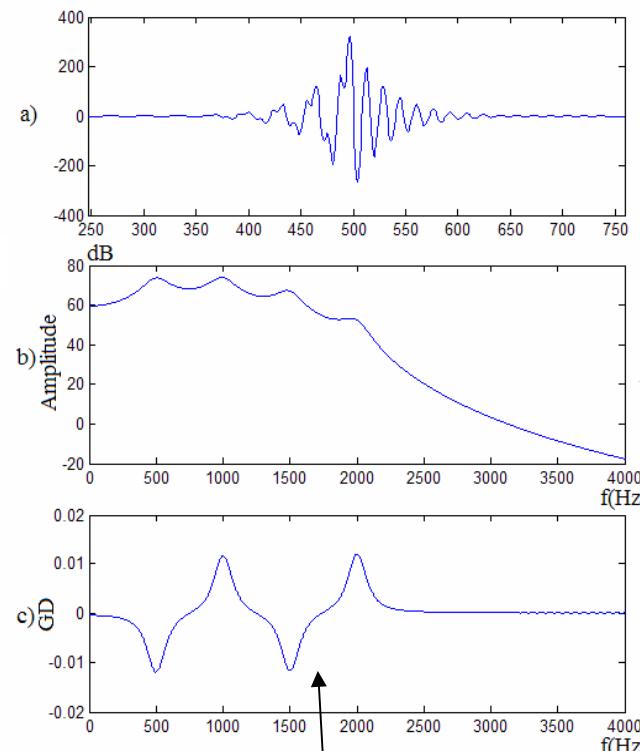
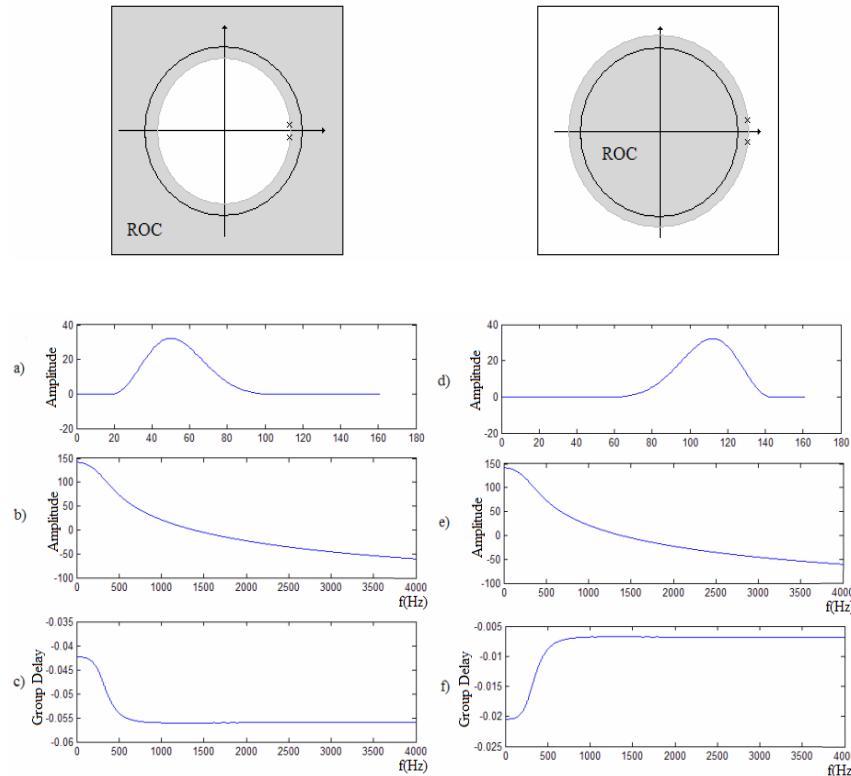
$$\text{Phase} \Rightarrow \theta(w) = \arctan\left(\frac{b(w)}{a(w)}\right)$$

$$\text{Group Delay} \Rightarrow \tau(w) = -\frac{d(\theta(w))}{dw}$$



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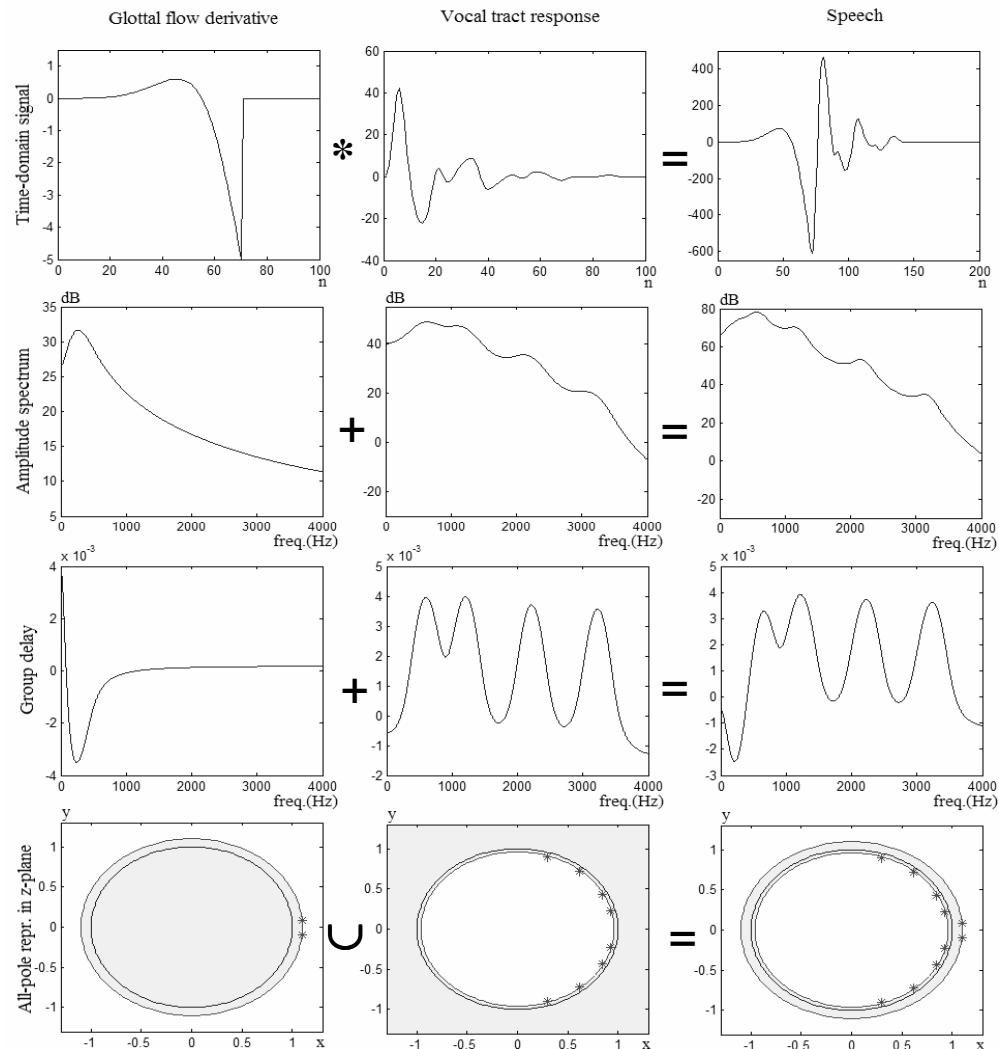
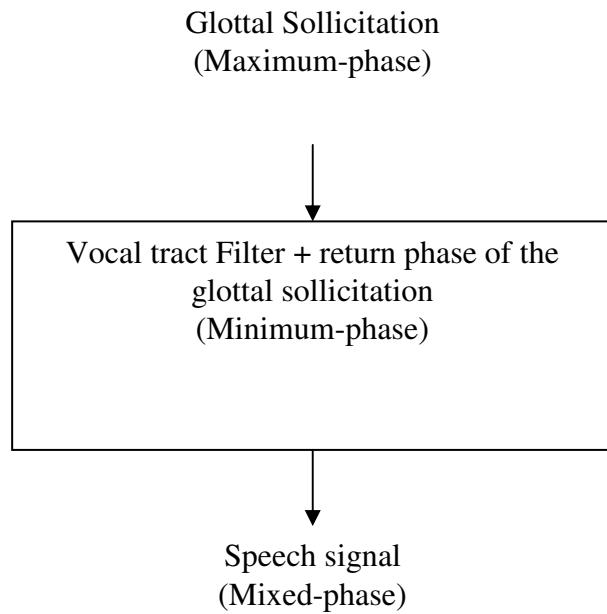
## Causality/anticausality



Importance of the group delay !!!

# Definitions

## Mixed-phase model of speech



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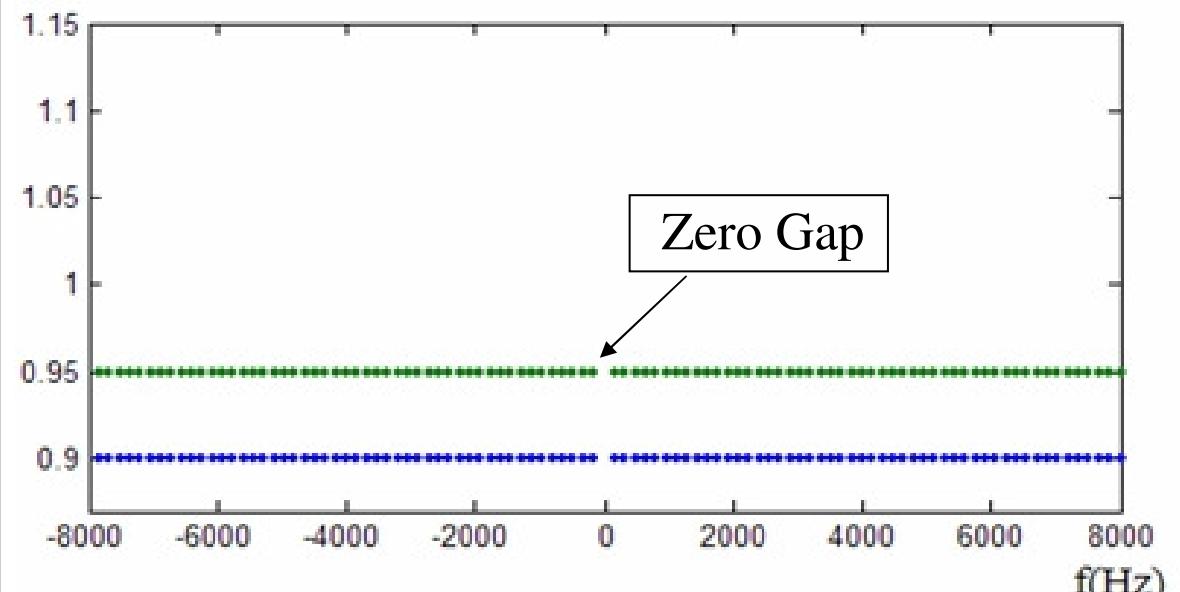
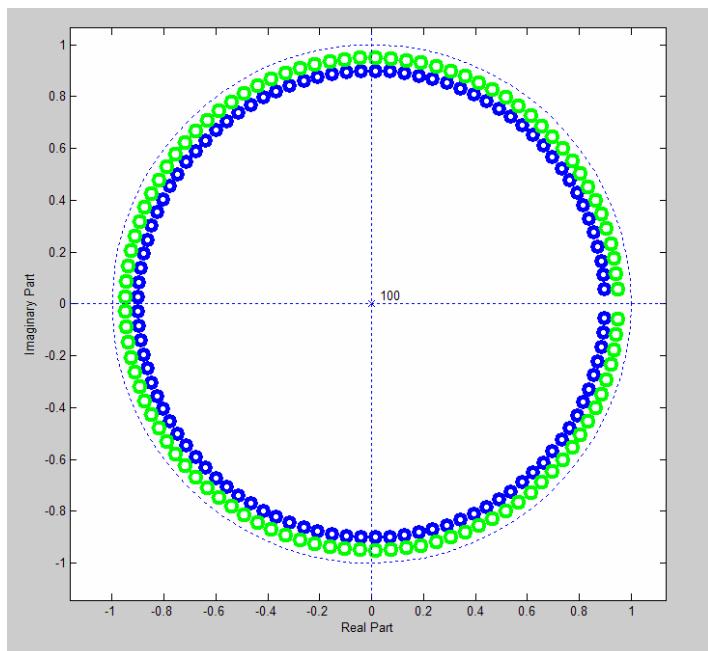
# ZZT representation

## ZZT definition

$$X(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x(n) z^{-n} = x(0) z^{-N+1} \prod_{m=1}^{N-1} (z - Z_m)$$

## Examples

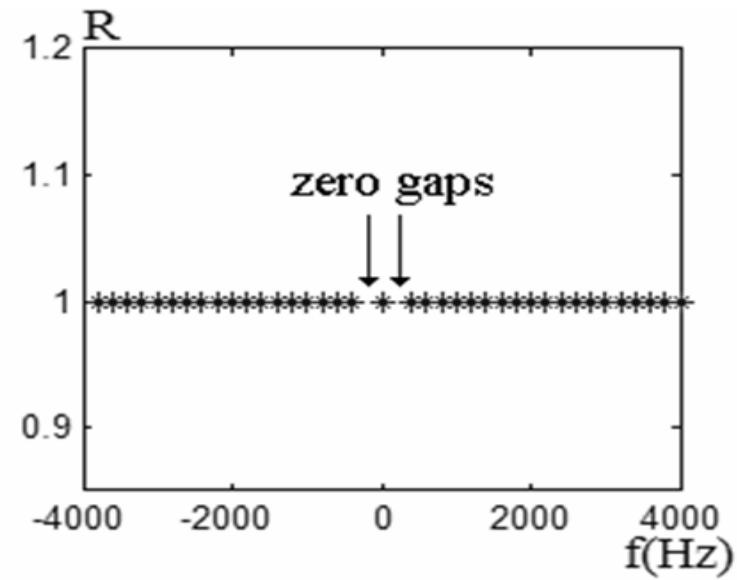
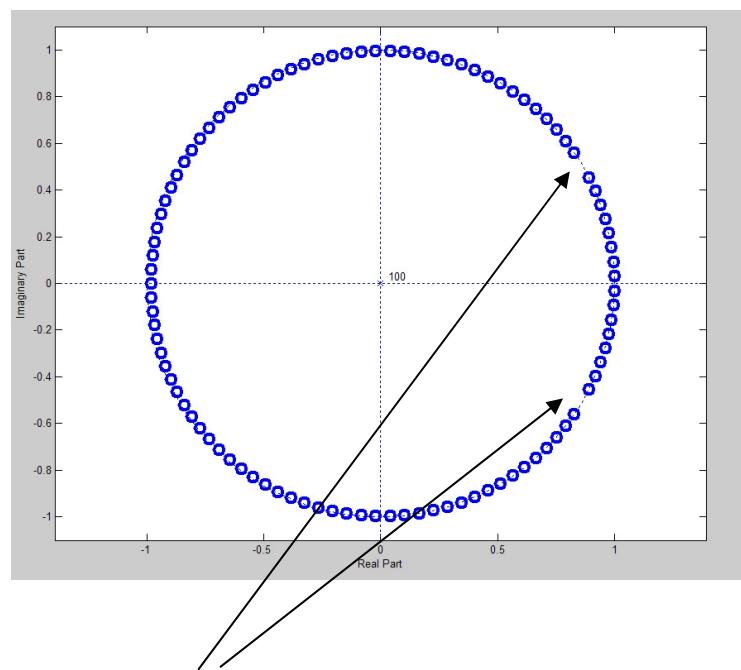
$$x(n) = a^n, n = 0, 1, \dots, N-1$$



# ZZT representation

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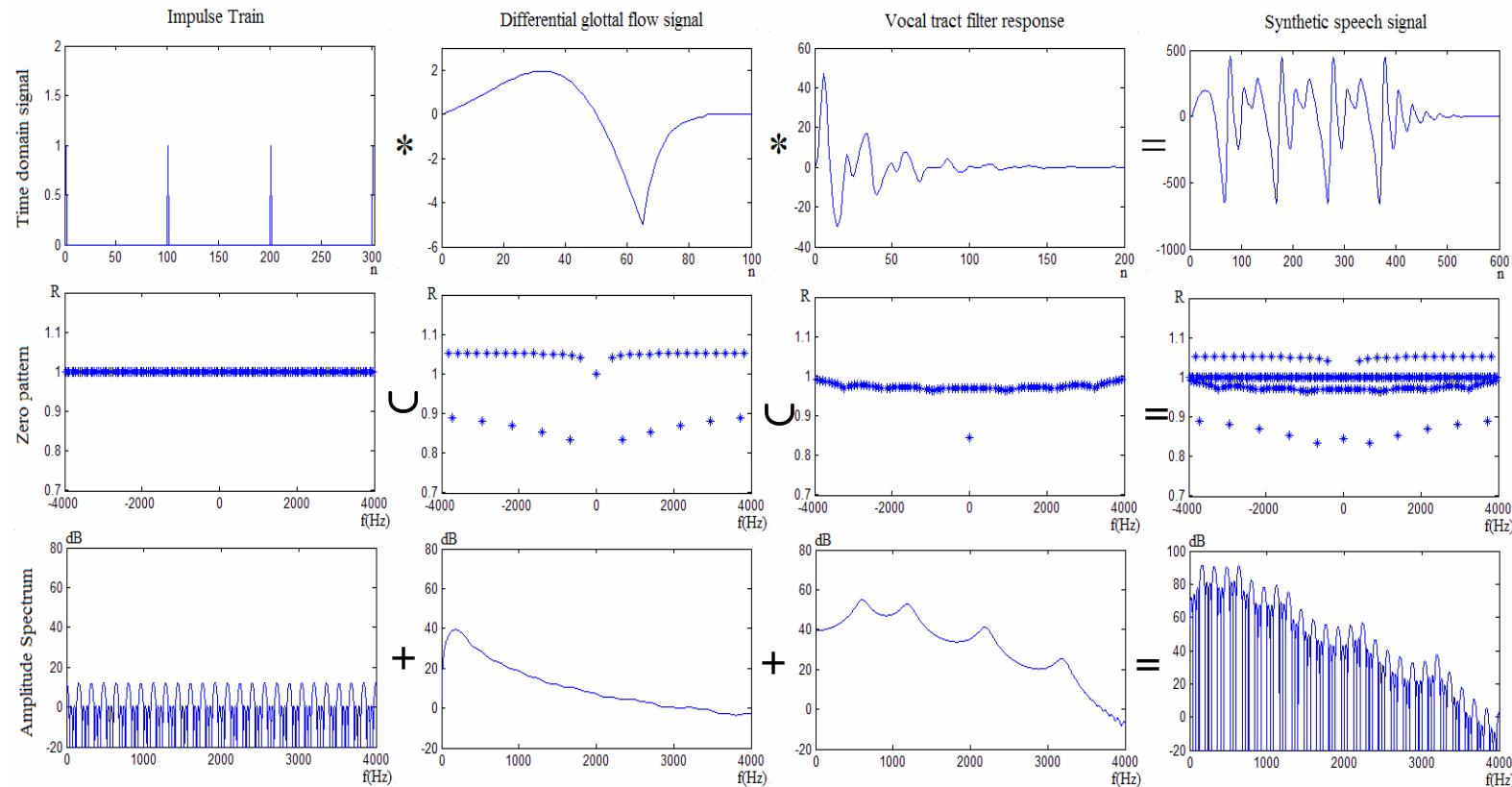
$$x(n) = \sin(\omega n), n = 0, 1, \dots, N-1$$



Zero gaps

# La représentation ZZT

ZZT for the mixed-phase model of speech



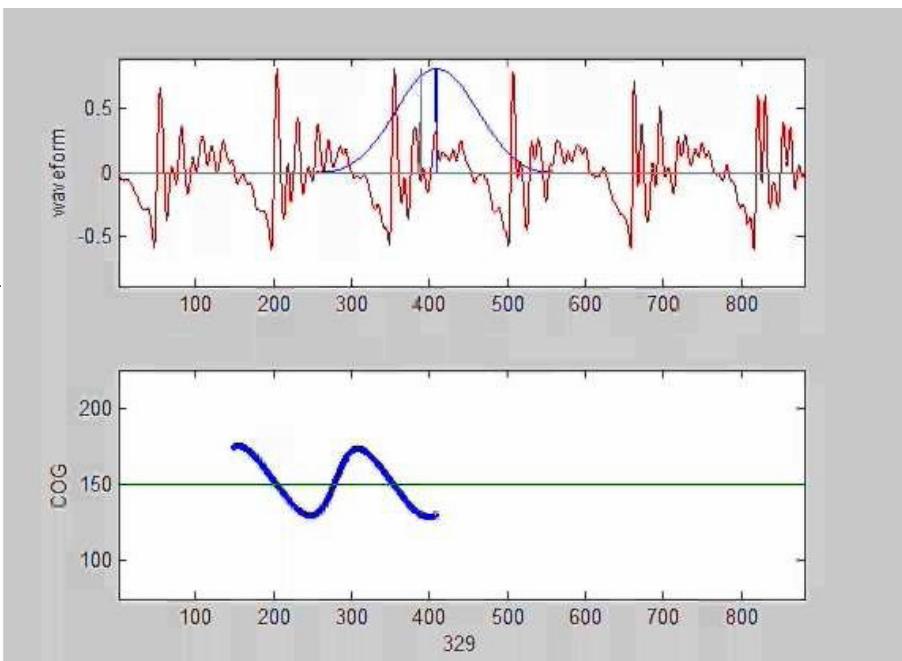
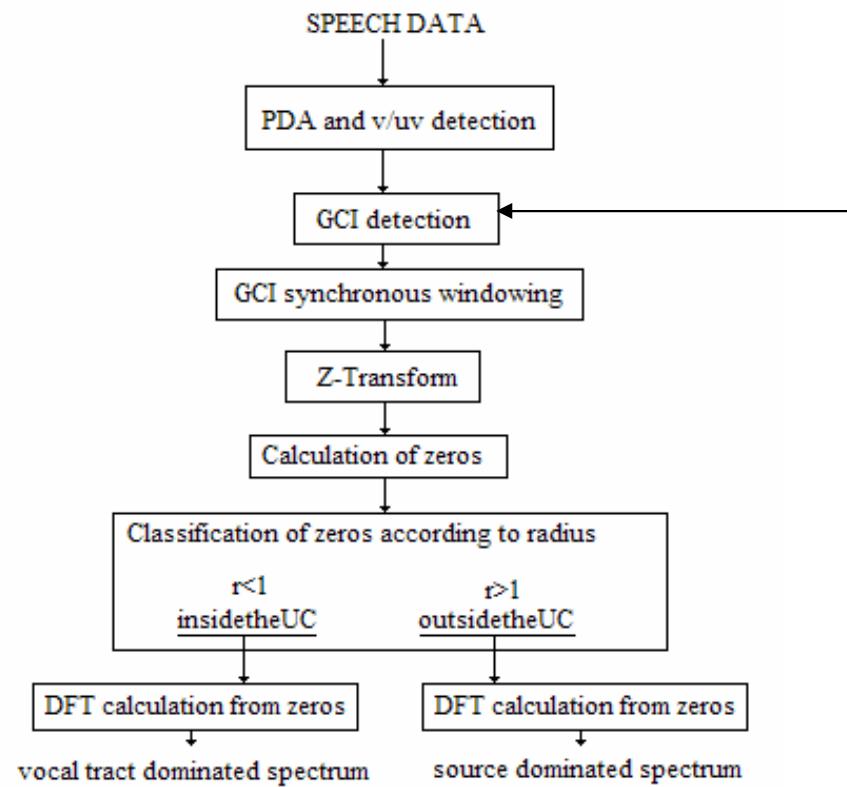
Importance of the analysis window!!

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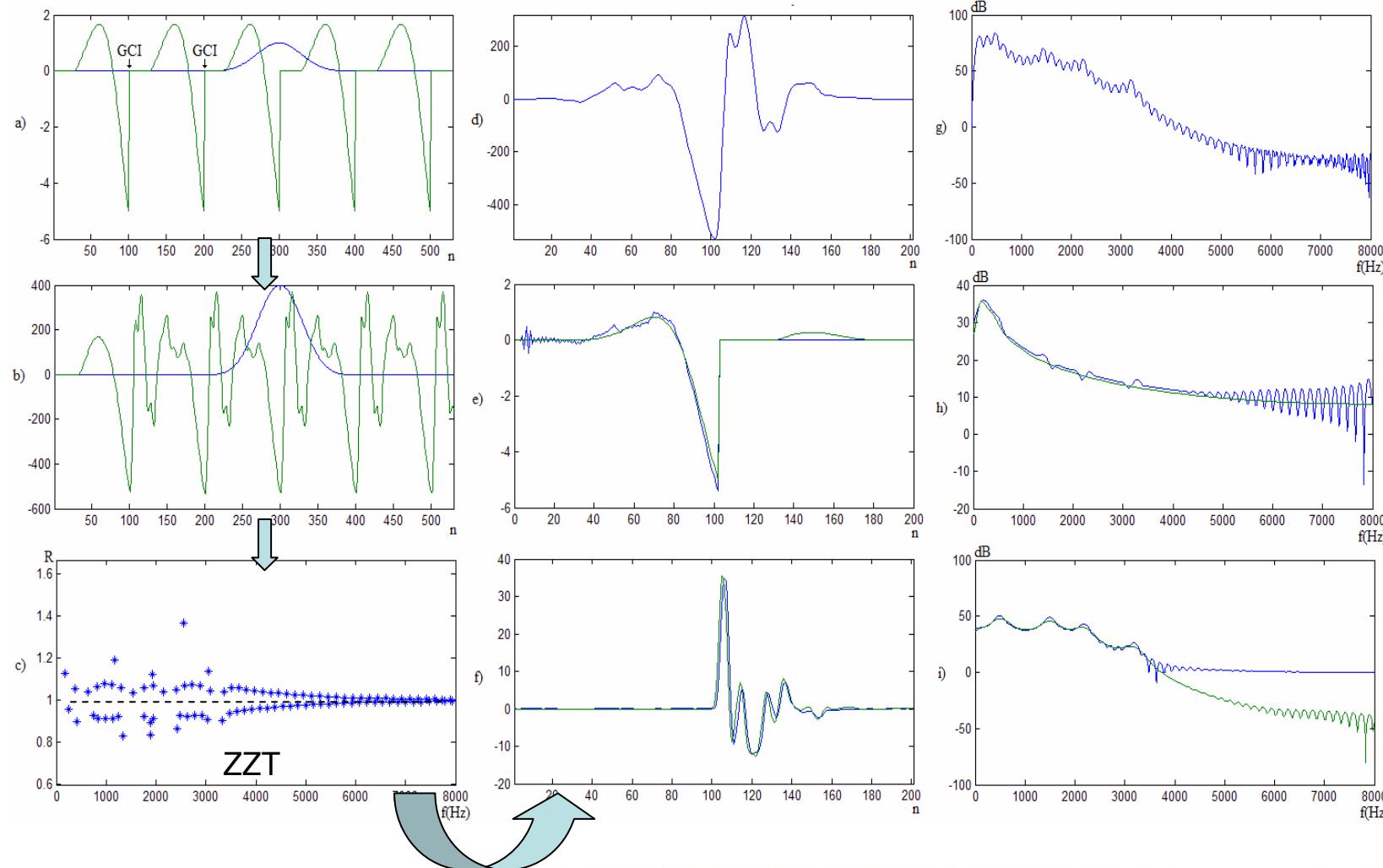
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## Separation glottal source – vocal tract



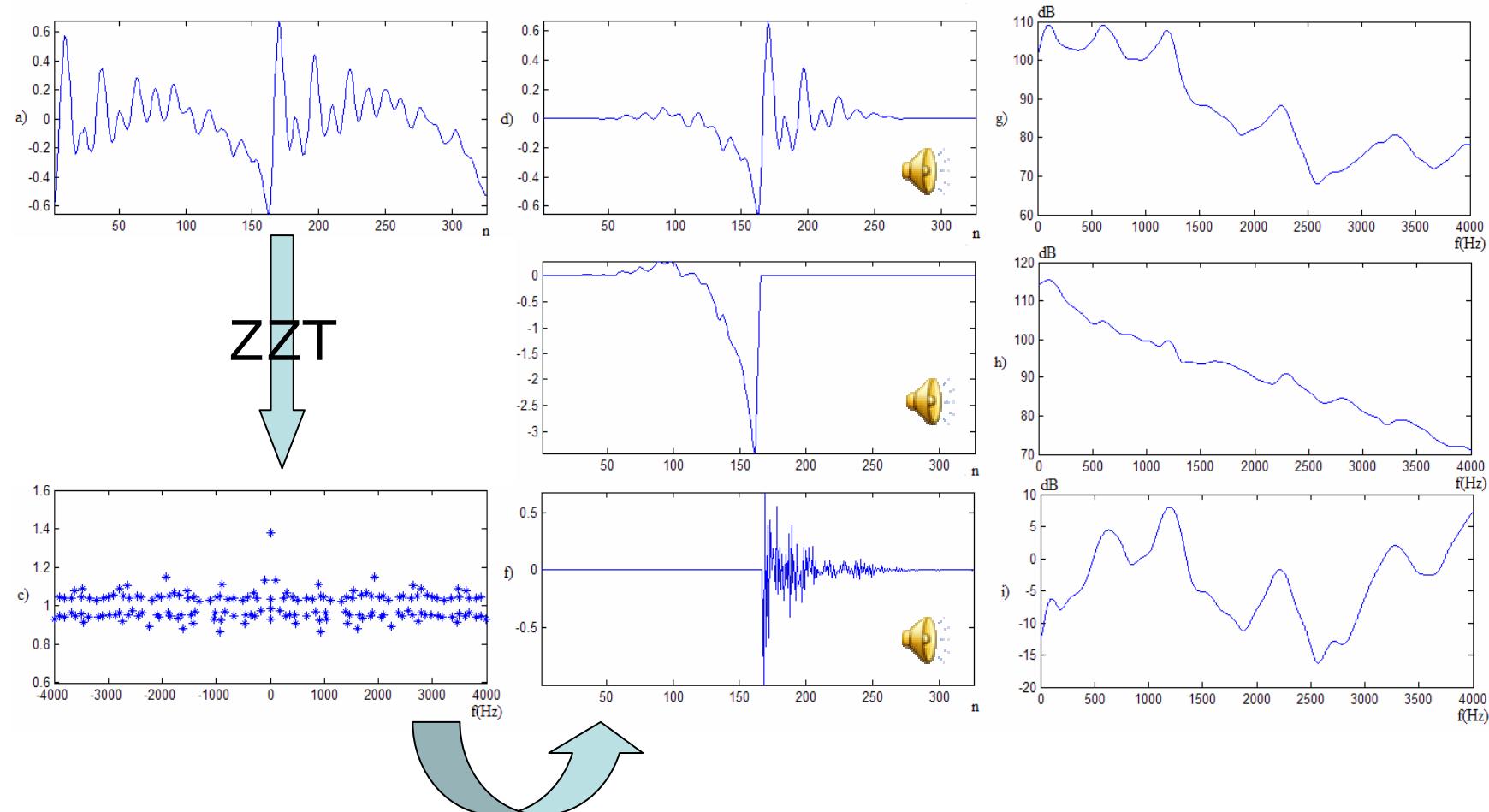
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## Separation glottal source – vocal tract : synthetic speech



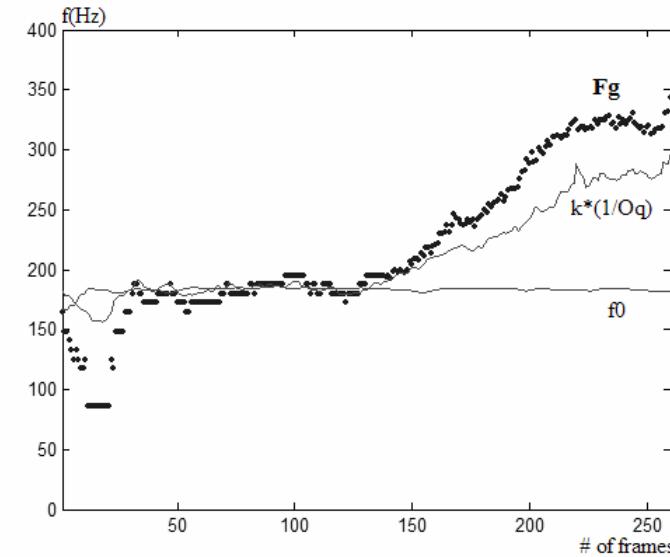
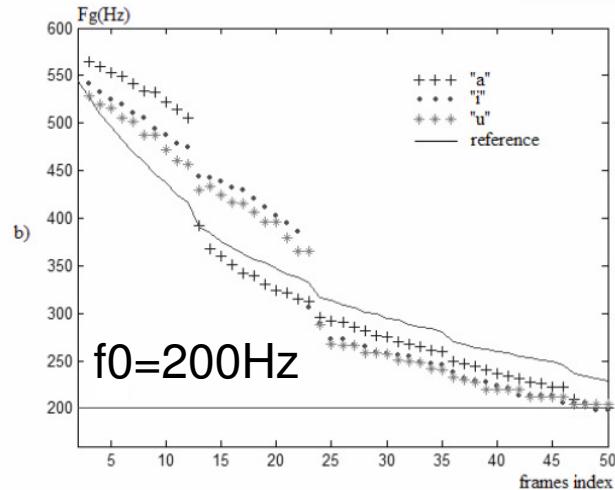
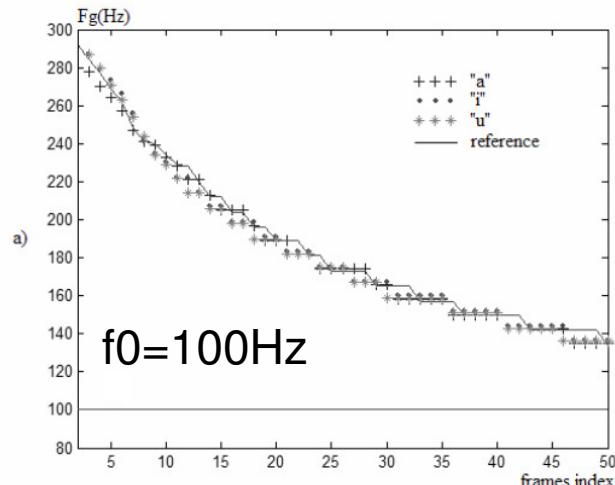
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## Separation glottal source – vocal tract: natural speech



# Applications

## Estimation of Fg (glottal formant)



$$\text{Model : } F_g = \frac{f_g(\alpha_m)}{O_q T_0}$$

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# Image modality

- Image modality: analysis of the vibration of the vocal folds by undersampling
- Currently, use of the **stroboscopic imaging**
- In this project, we expect to use **high speed imaging** : up to 2000 images per second !

# Image modality

## □ Example



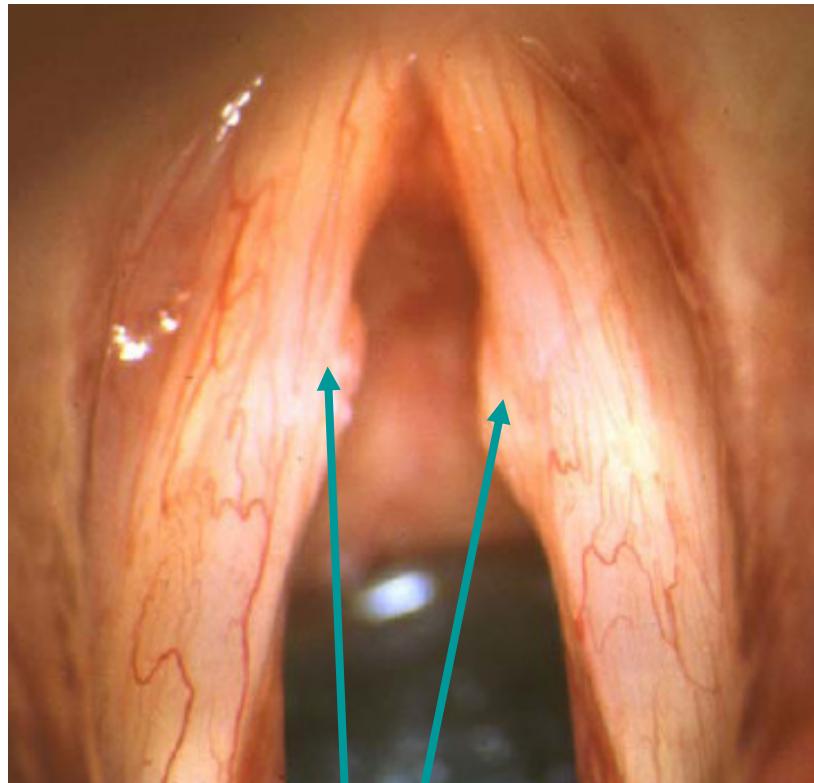
Normal vocal folds (opening)



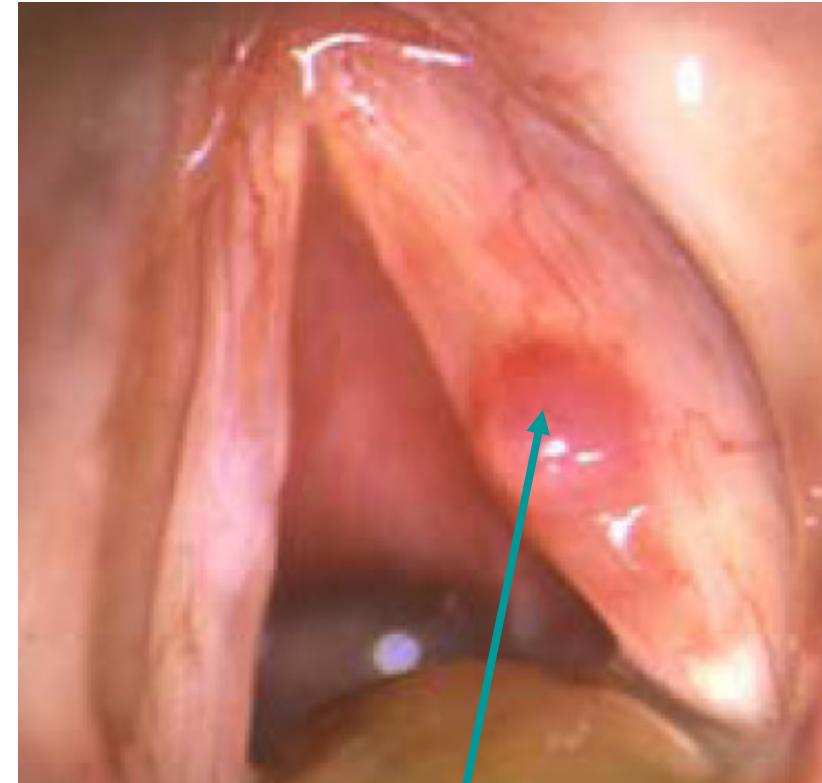
Normal vocal folds (closing)

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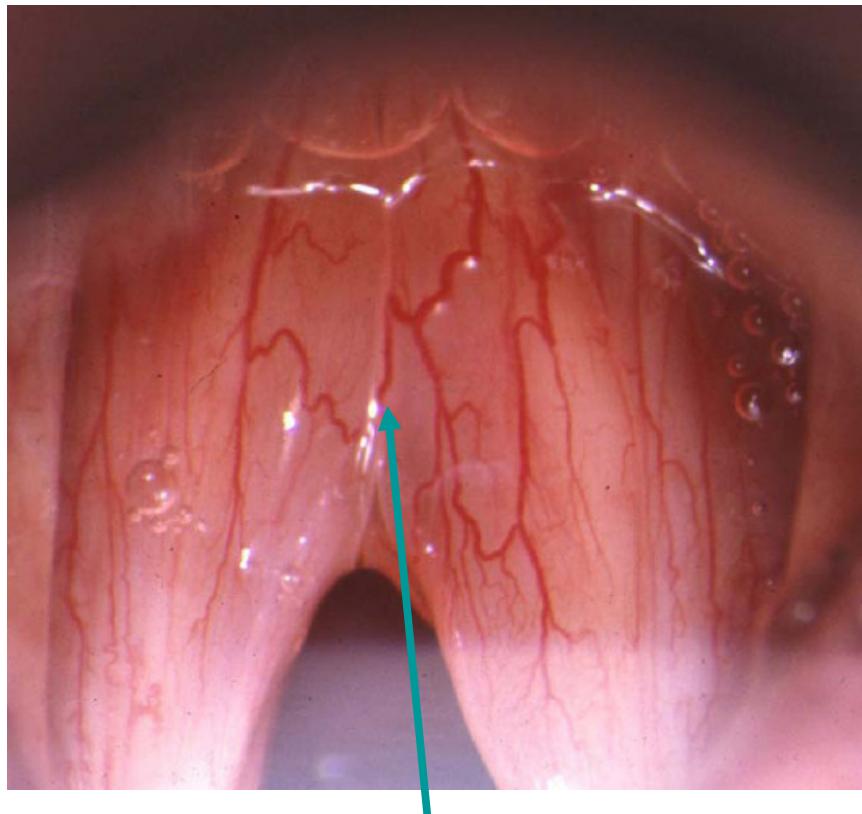
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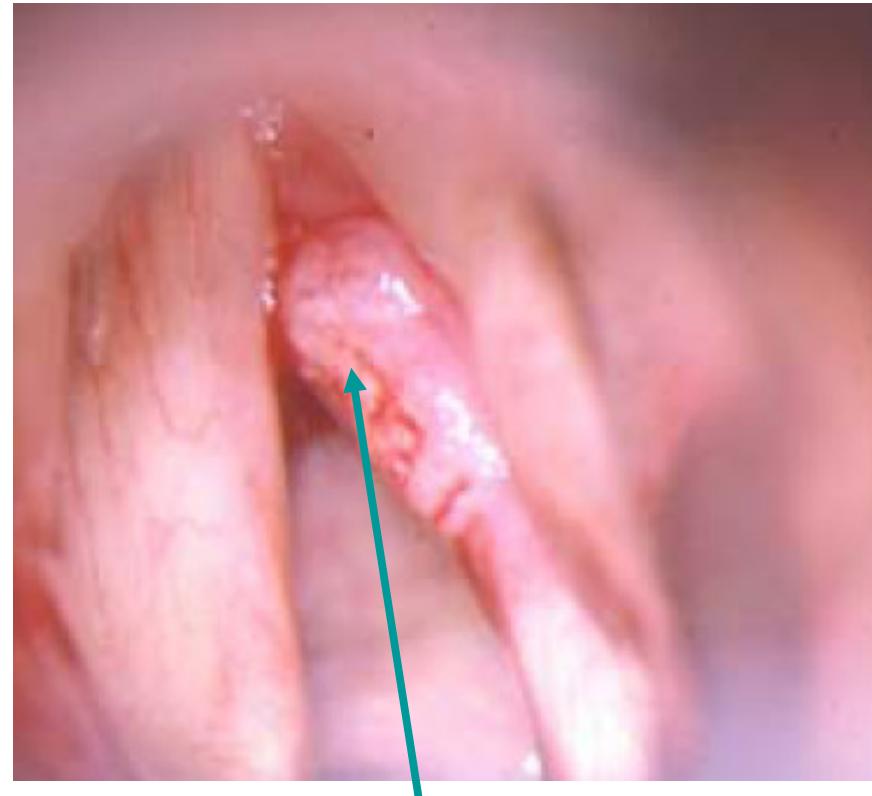
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# Image modality

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Reinke Oedema



Cancer

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Video

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# Multimodality in this project

