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"When our hearing decodes the world – auditory processing speed, perhaps the missing link?"

The latest research shows that it is not only whether, but how quickly what we hear is processed that has a decisive influence on hearing comprehension, cognition, and quality of life – especially for people with hearing impairments. These findings have the potential to fundamentally expand the role of hearing care professionals: away from being mere hearing aid suppliers and toward becoming holistic health care providers.

The presentation provides visionary insights into:

- the connection between processing speed and secondary diseases such as dementia,
- hearing health needs beyond hearing threshold considerations
- concrete approaches on how hearing care professionals can use these findings in practice.