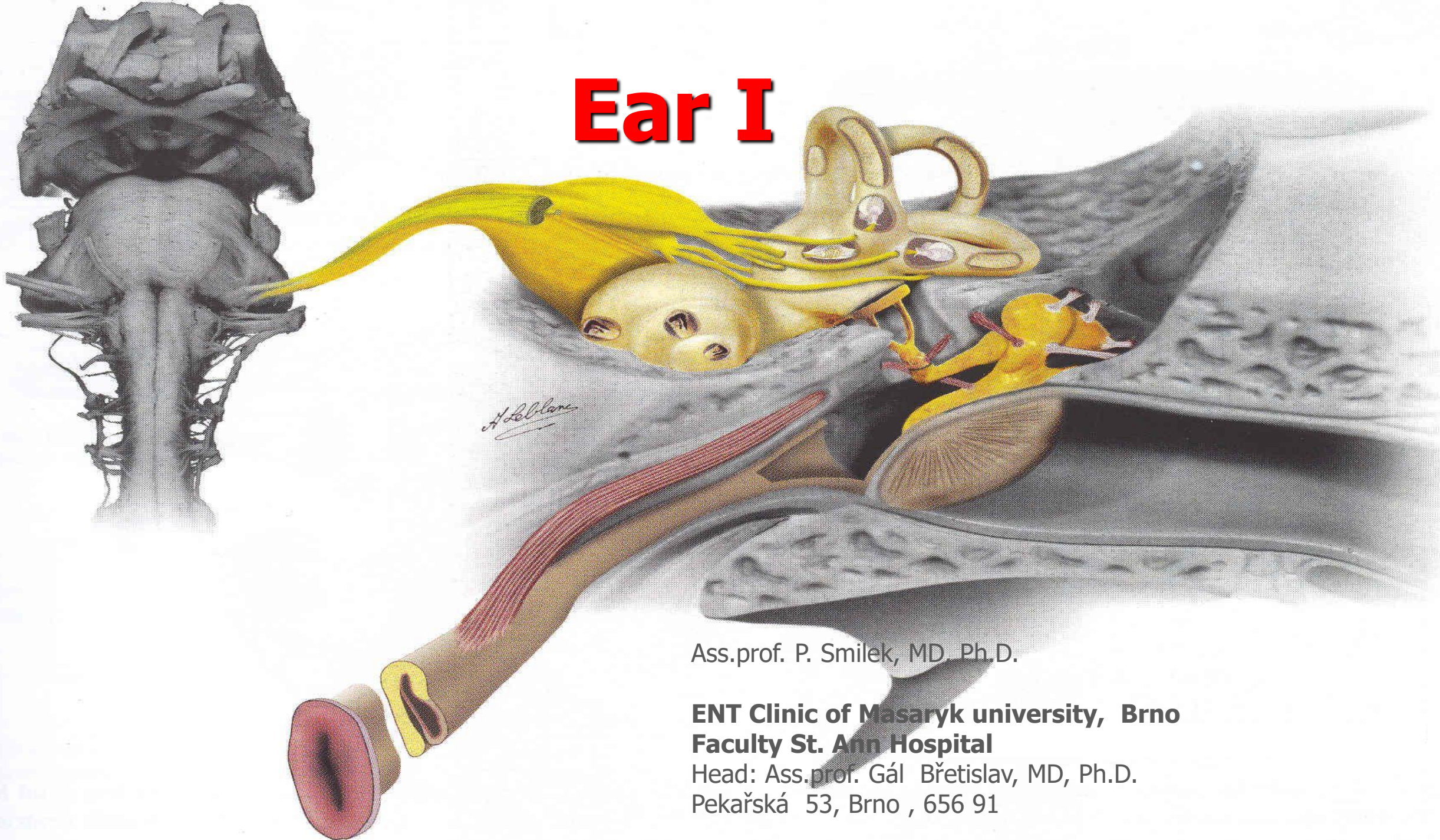


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# Ear I



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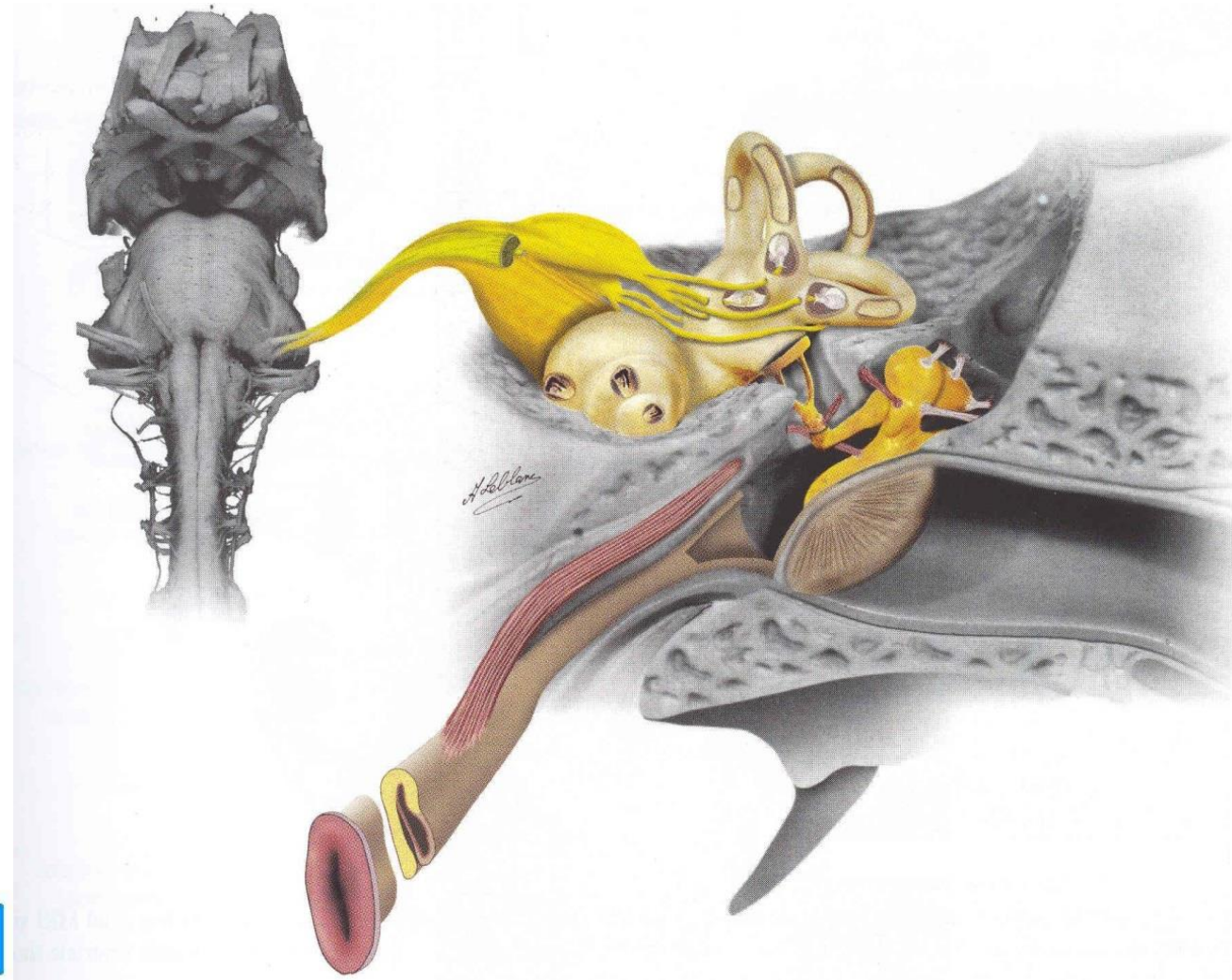
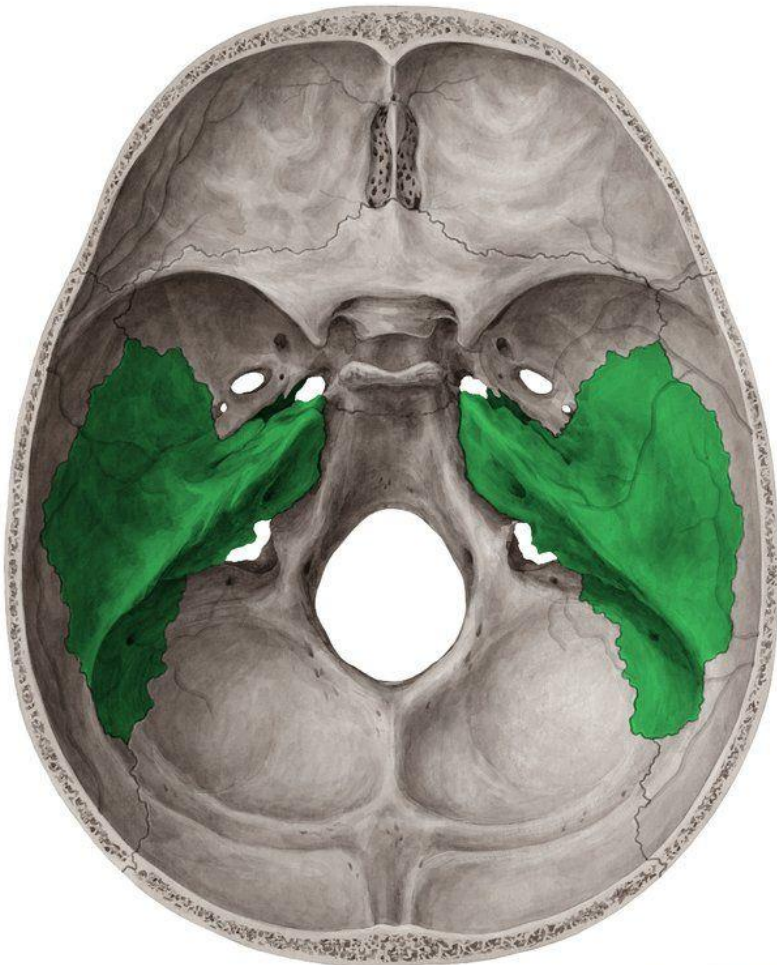
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# The hearing and balance system

The hearing and balance system localized in temporal bone



# The hearing system

Two main subdivisions:

## ***Peripheral Part***

- external, middle and inner ear
- auditory nerve

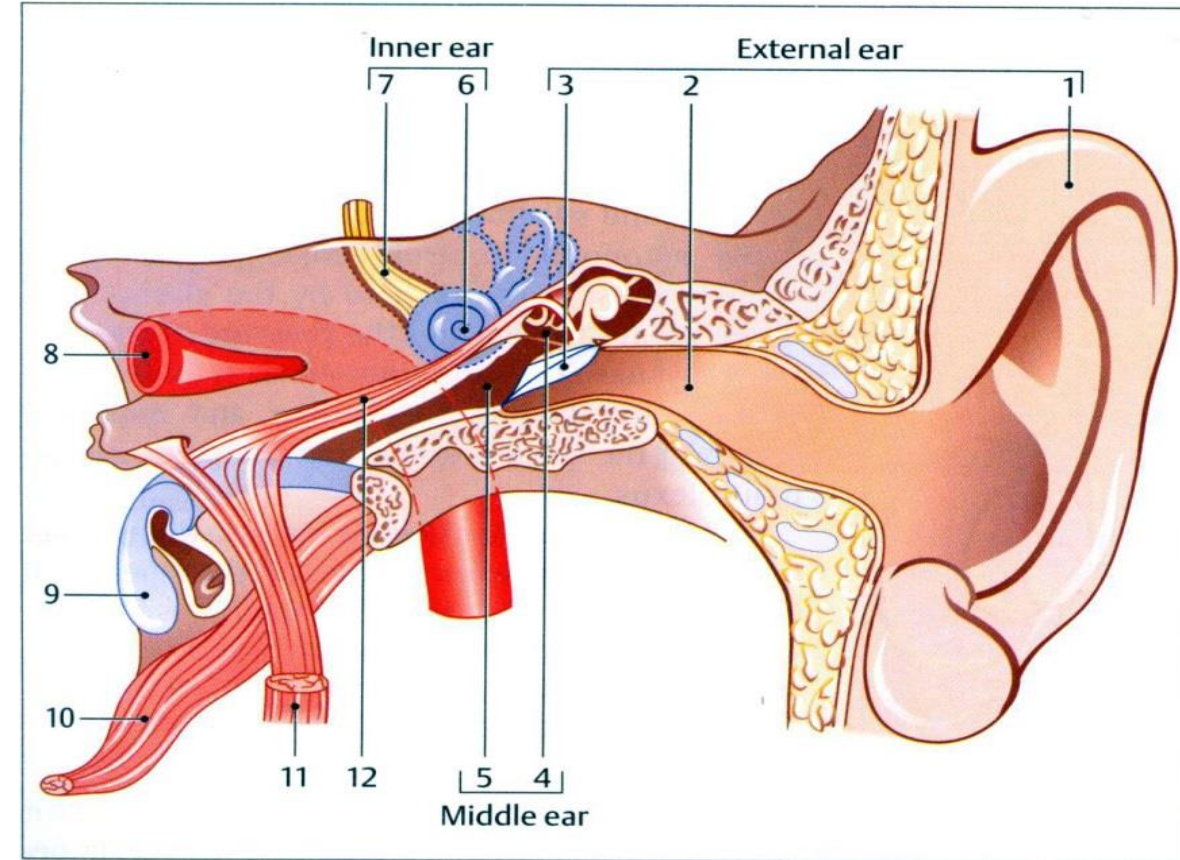
## ***Central Part***

- central hearing pathways
- subcortical and cortical auditory centers

Anatomic boundary - entry the VIII<sup>th</sup> nerve into brainstem.

Function of hearing system

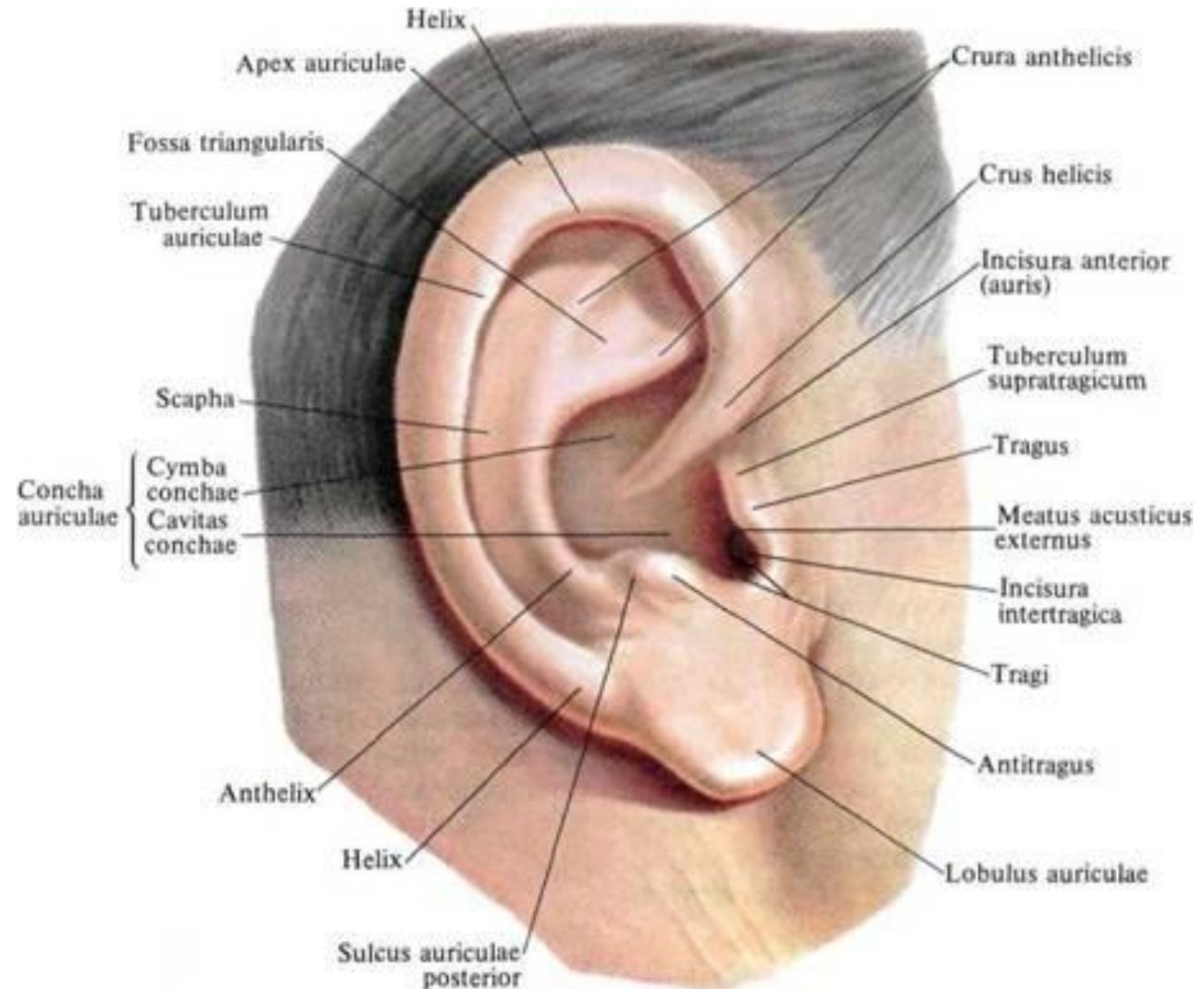
- The external and middle ear *transport* the stimulus
- cochlea *distributes* the stimulus
- the sensory cells *transform* the stimulus





# External ear

**Auricle** – abundantly formatted cartilage (localization, protection)





# External meatus (meatus acusticus externus)

## External part

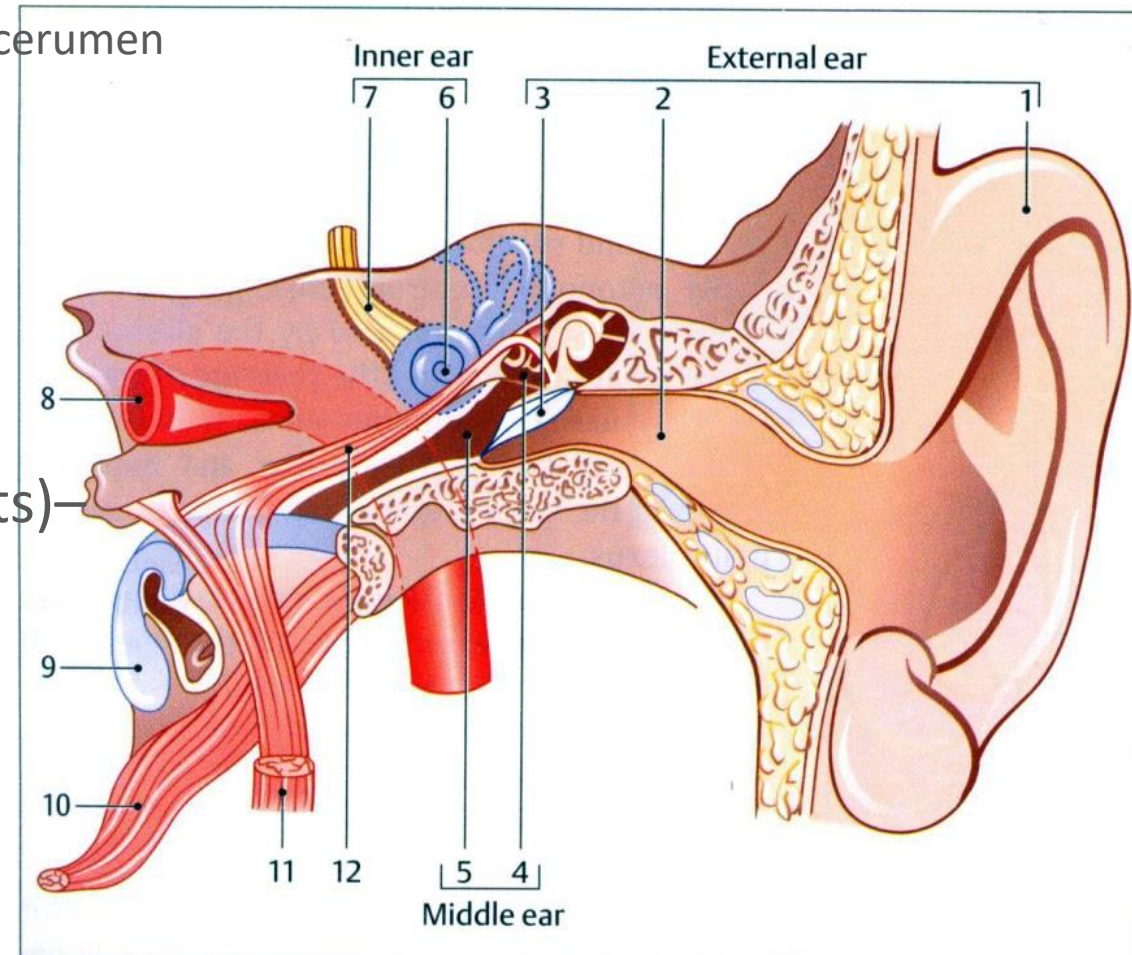
- cartilage
- Lined with skin and down (tragi) and sebaceous gland – cerumen

## Internal part

- Temporal bone
- Lined with thinned epidermis (skin)

– curved cartilaginous mobile part –  
must be drawn upward and posteriorly (in adults) –  
to bring the same axis

External meatus **skin** has **10x** higher growth potential  
than middle ear **mucose membrane** – theory of development  
of acquired cholesteatoma





# Middle Ear

## Middle Ear cavity

- summary name for **the whole pneumatic system of temporal bone**: tympanic cavity, cells of proc. mastoideus and Eustachian tube (tubotympanal and tympanomastoideal segment)

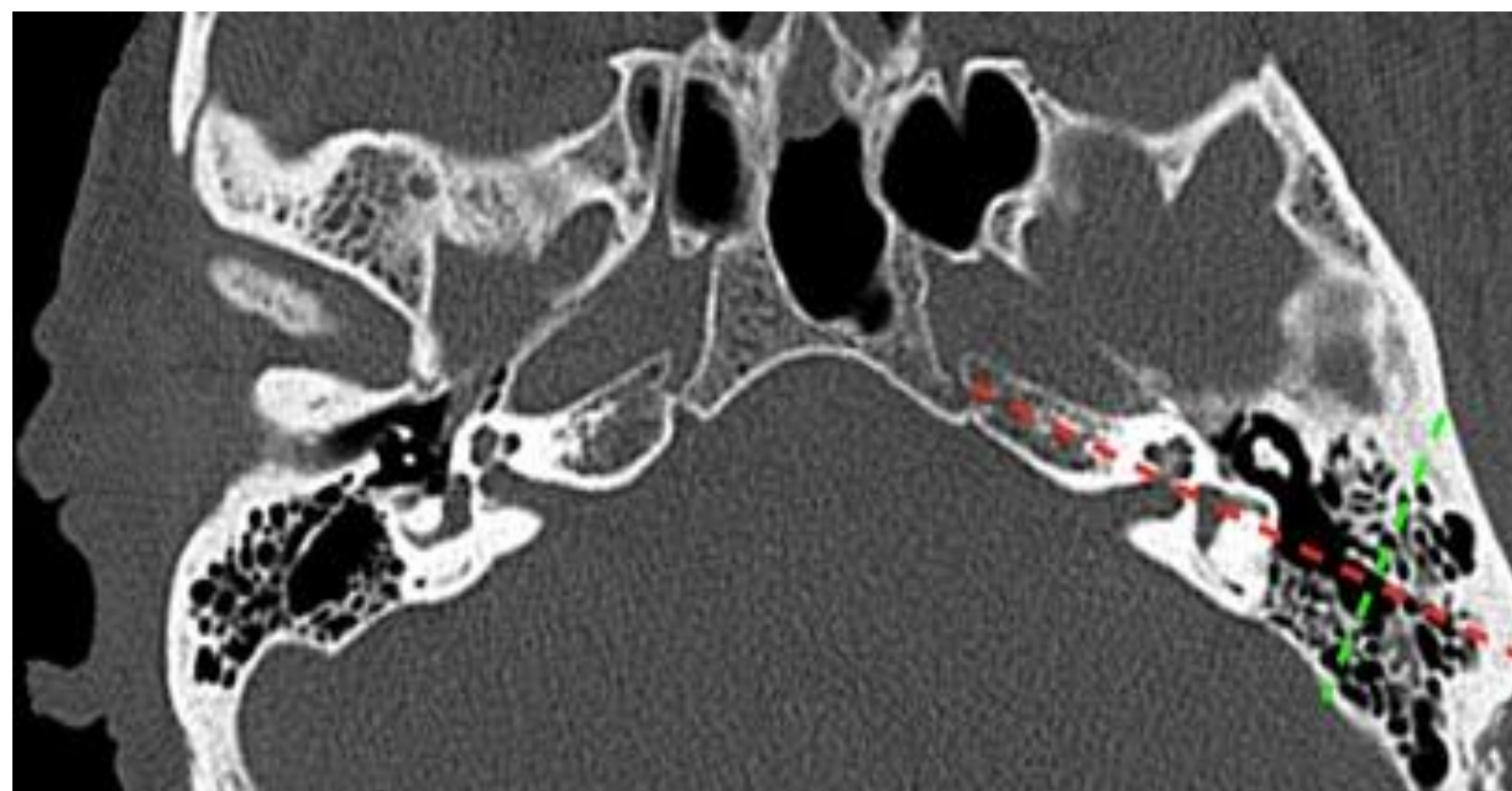


Fig. 26  
Pneumatization types of the petrous bone

- compact mastoid process
- restrained pneumatization
- good pneumatization



# Middle Ear

**Tympanic membrane (membrana tympani)** - a sound pressure receptor and transformer

Inclination and declination angle to meatus axis, surface 55 mm<sup>2</sup>

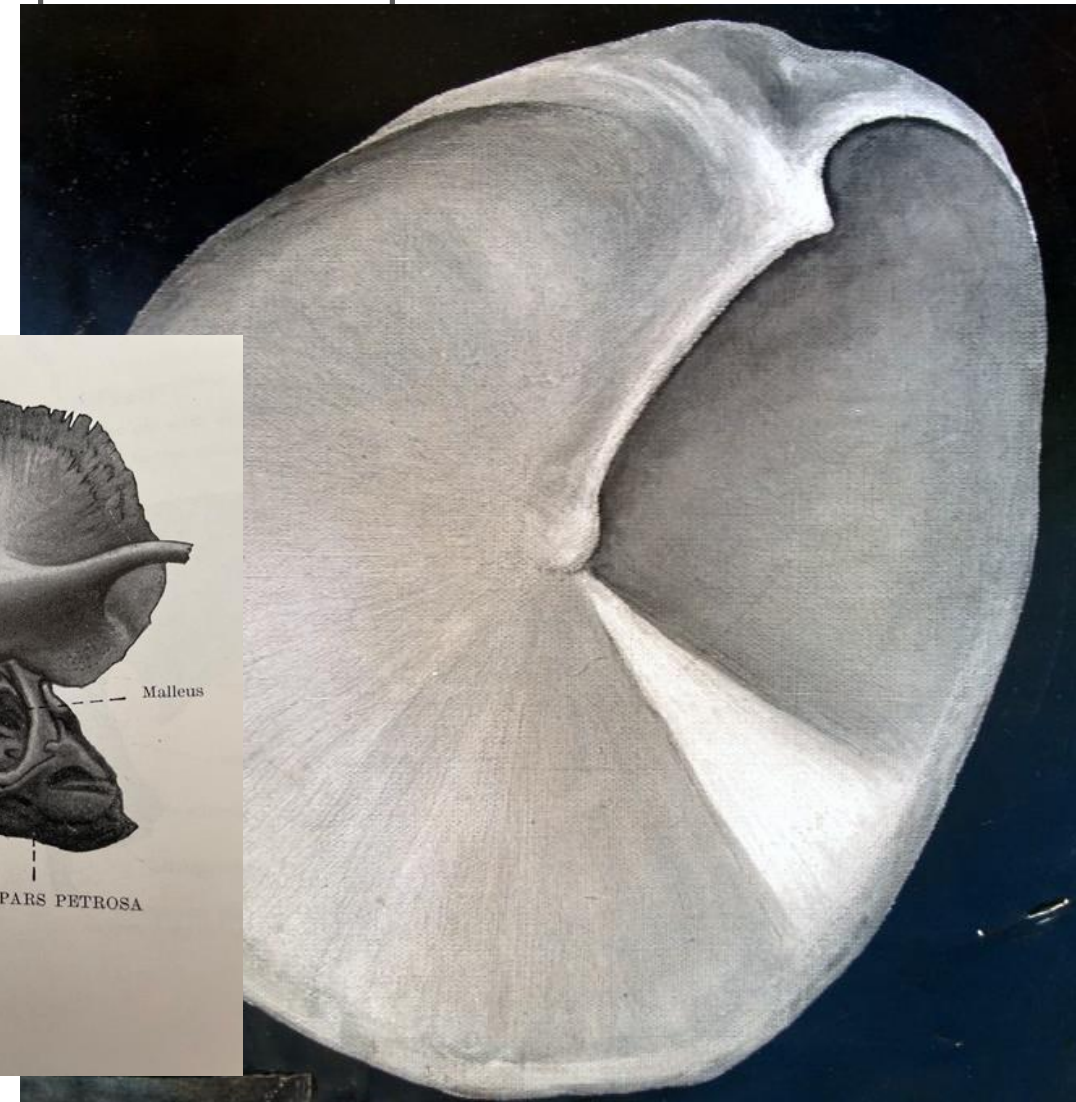
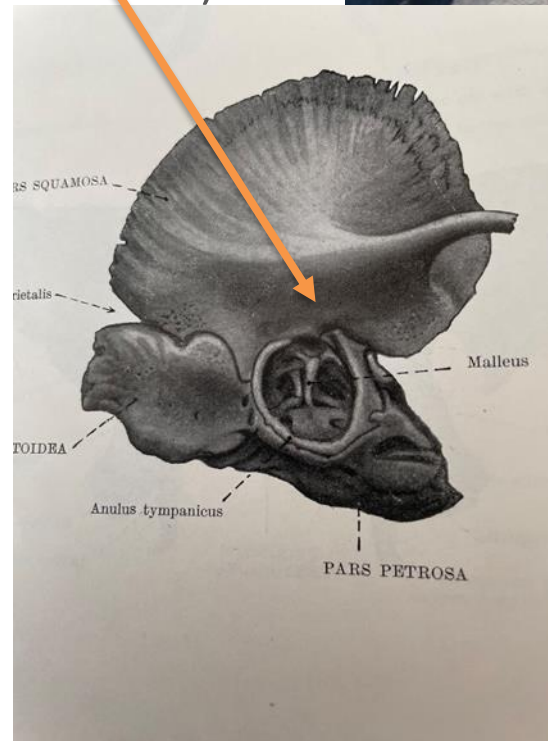
- sulcus tympanicus; incisura tympanica Rivini
- annulus fibrocartilagineus (fixing of tymp. membrane)

## **pars tensa**

- *Three layers:*
  - external- epidermis (stratum cutaneum)
  - middle- fibrous layer (str. fibrosum)
  - internal- epithelium (str. mucosum)

## **pars flaccida (membrana Shrapnelli)**

- Surface 5 mm<sup>2</sup> in superior part of ear drum
- Fibrous layer is almost missing (lower strength)





# Tympanic cavity (Cavum tympani; shape of biconcave lens) 6 walls

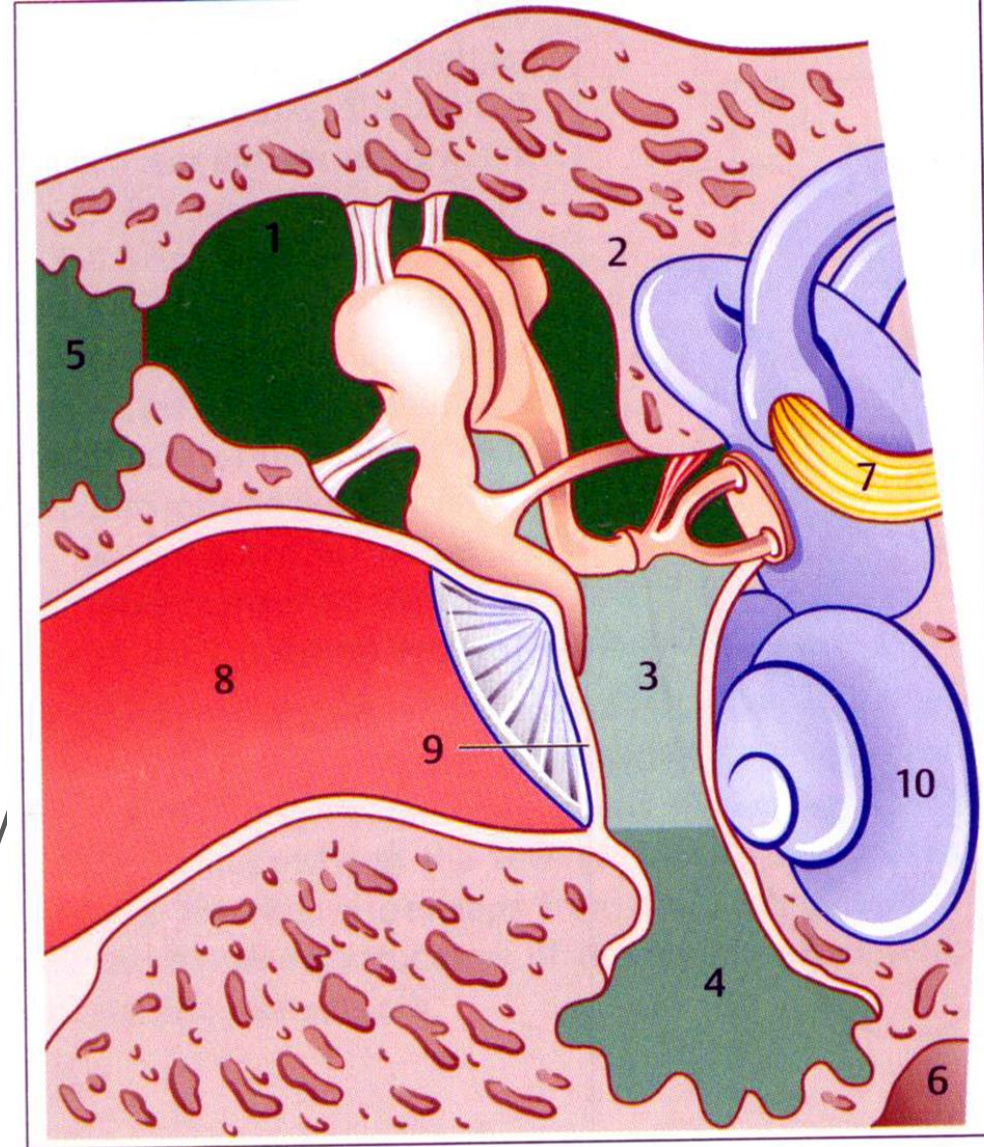
Paries:

- membranaceus
- labyrinthicus
- tegmentalis
- jugularis
- mastoidea
- caroticus

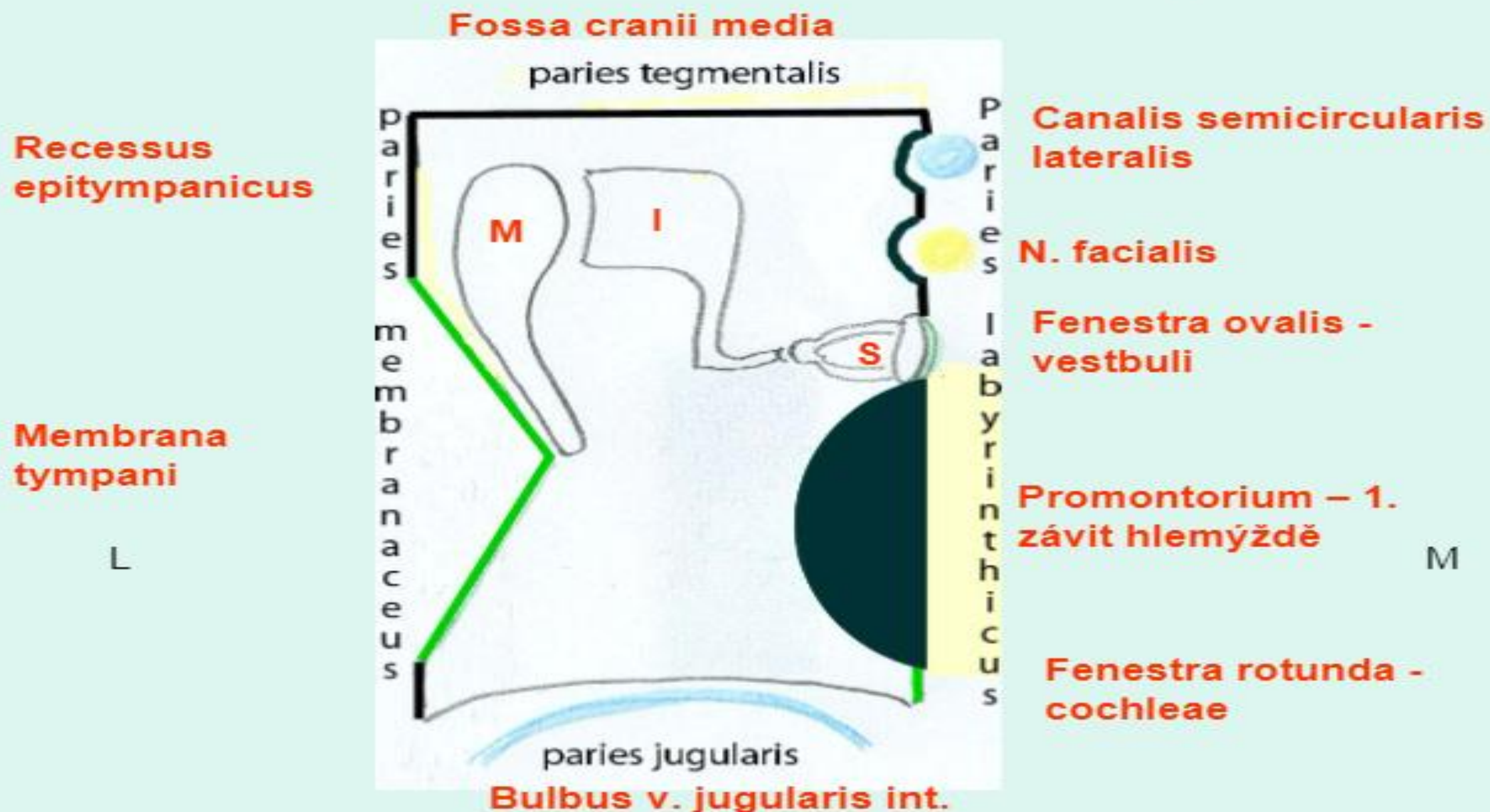
Lateral projection of Ear drum divides tympanic cavity

Into:

- 1,2 epitympanic recess
- 3 mesotympanum
- 4 hypotympanic recess

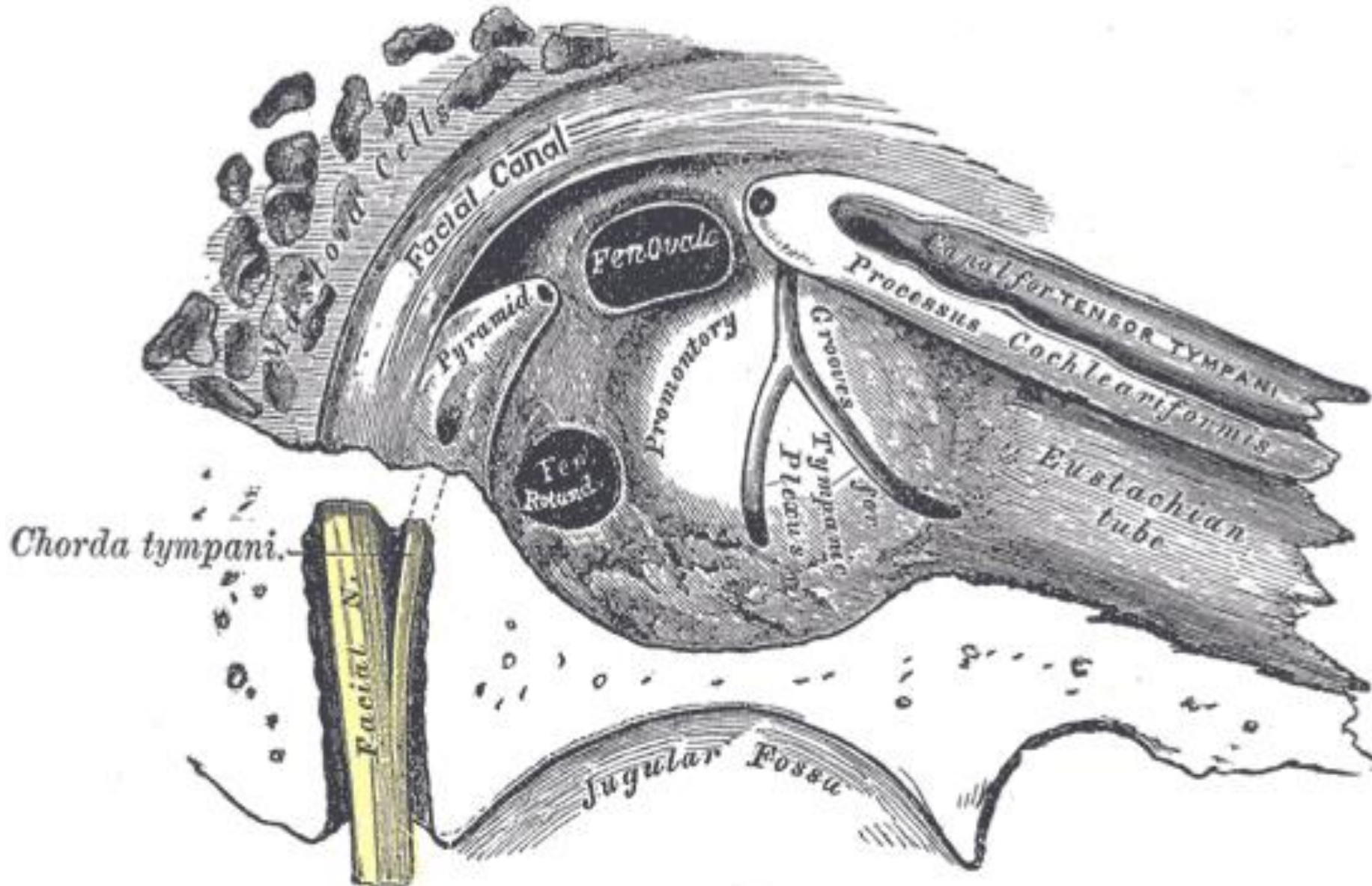


# Cavum tympani schema





# Tympanic cavity – medial wall

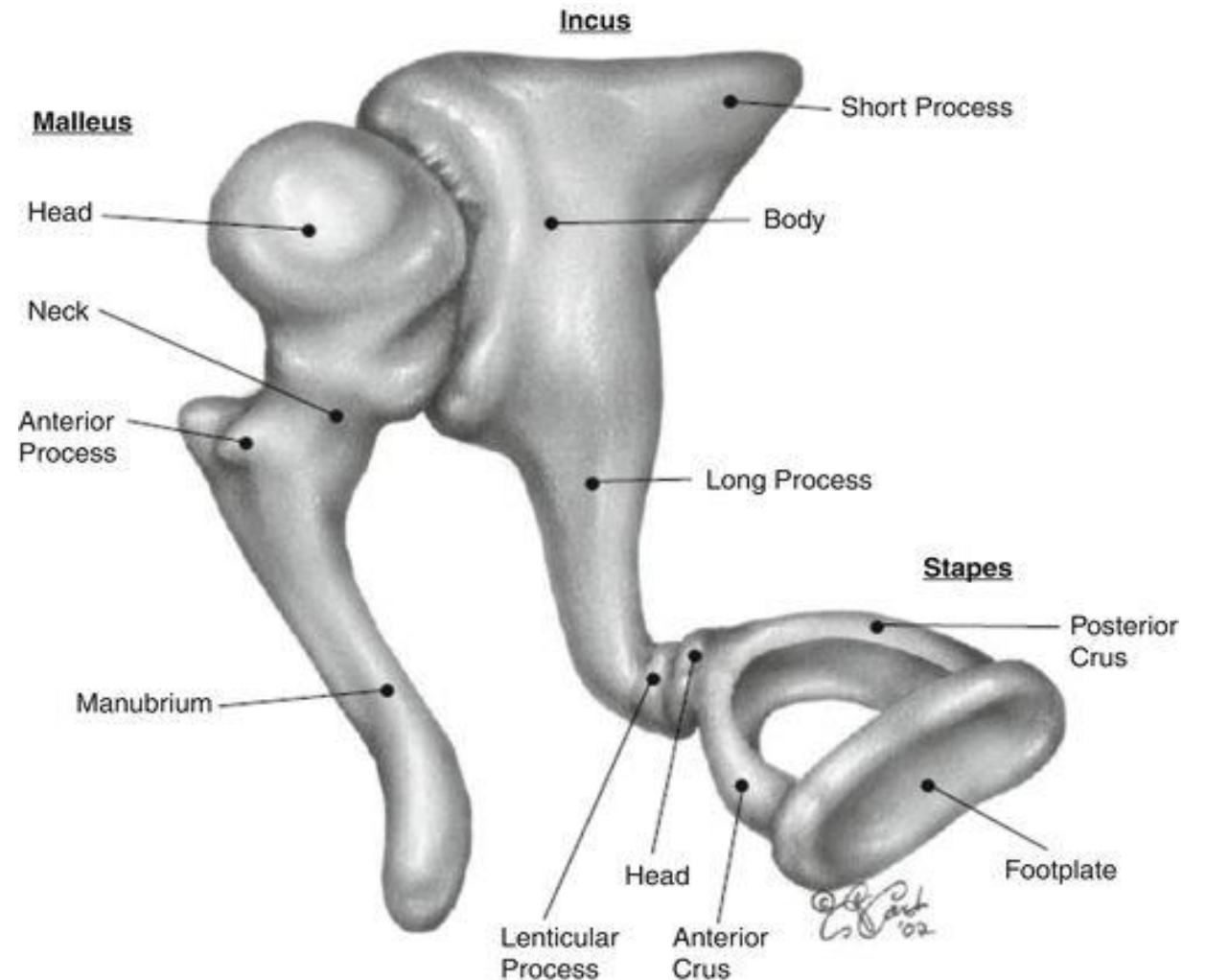


# Middle ear

## Tympanic cavity (cavum tympani)

ossicular chain:

- *malleus*
- *incus*
- *stapes*







# Hearing function of tympanic cavity (transfer system)

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## 1. Compensation of loss of acoustic energy (ear- liquid):

a/ tympanic membrane - oval window 14x

b/ lever-action system of ossicles 1,3x

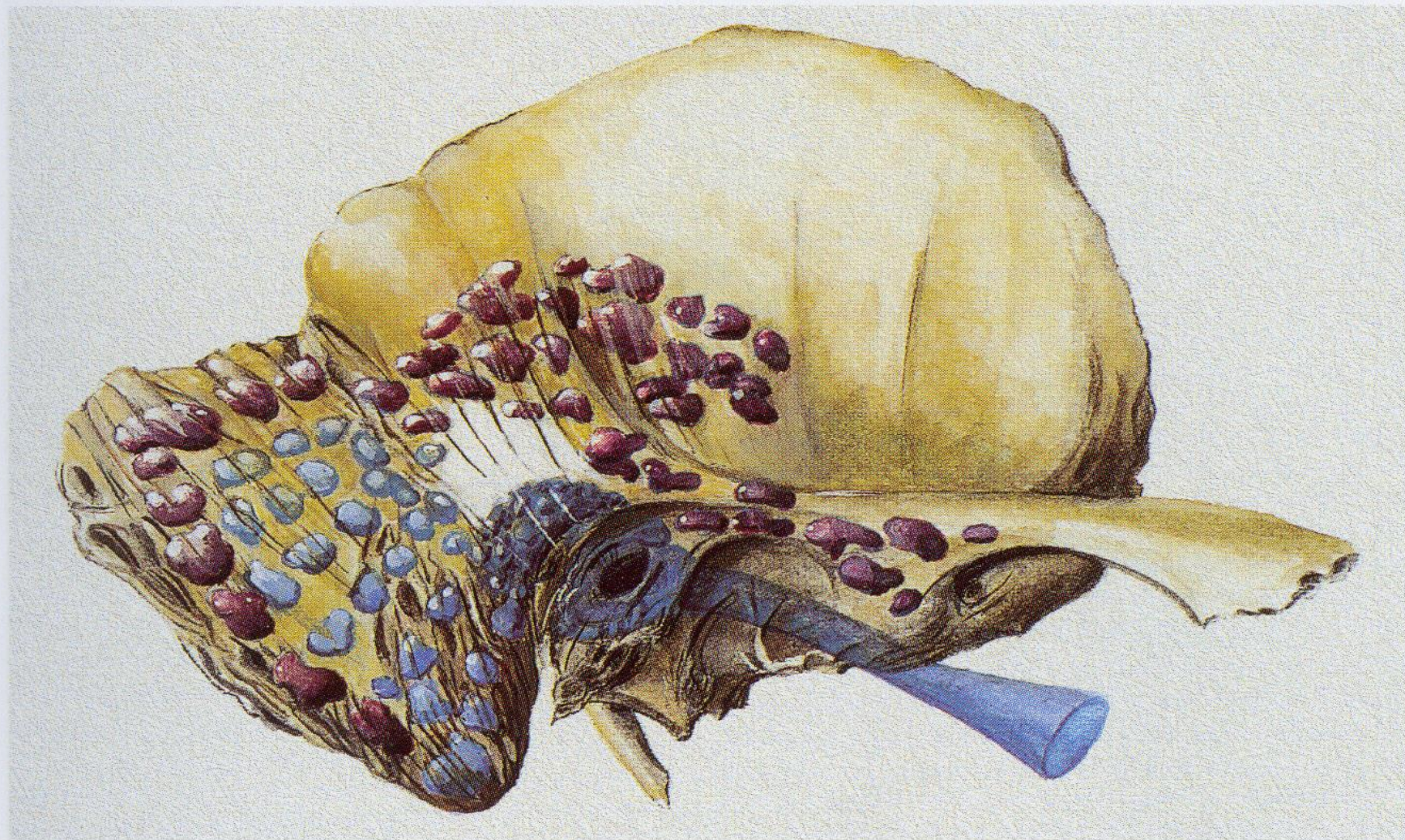
c/ lever-action system due to uneven incurvation of ear drum, all together amplification is 30-35dB

## 2. Mutual change of deviation and pressure acoustic vibration .




*Gas* = great deviation, low pressure.

*Liquid* = low deviation, great pressure .





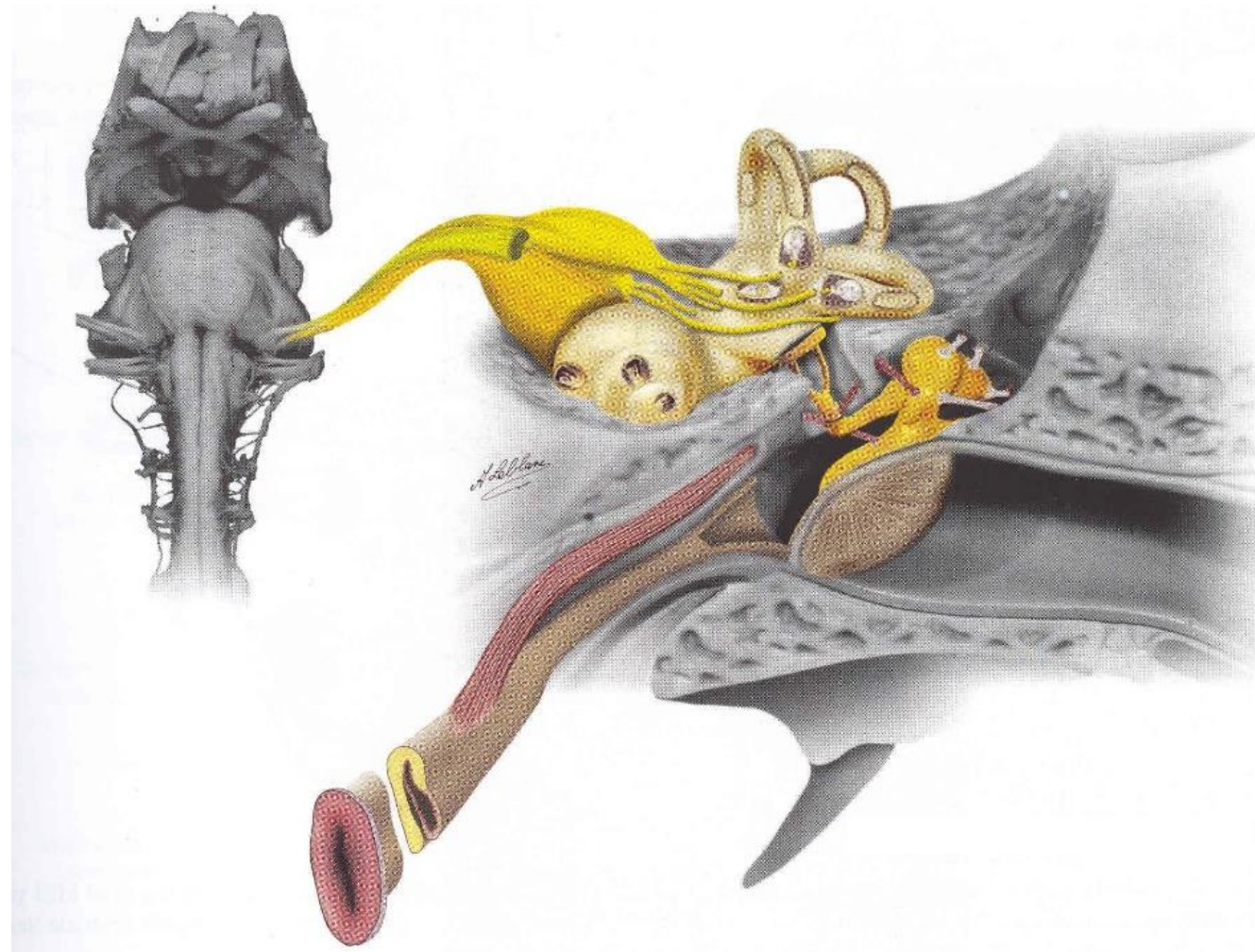
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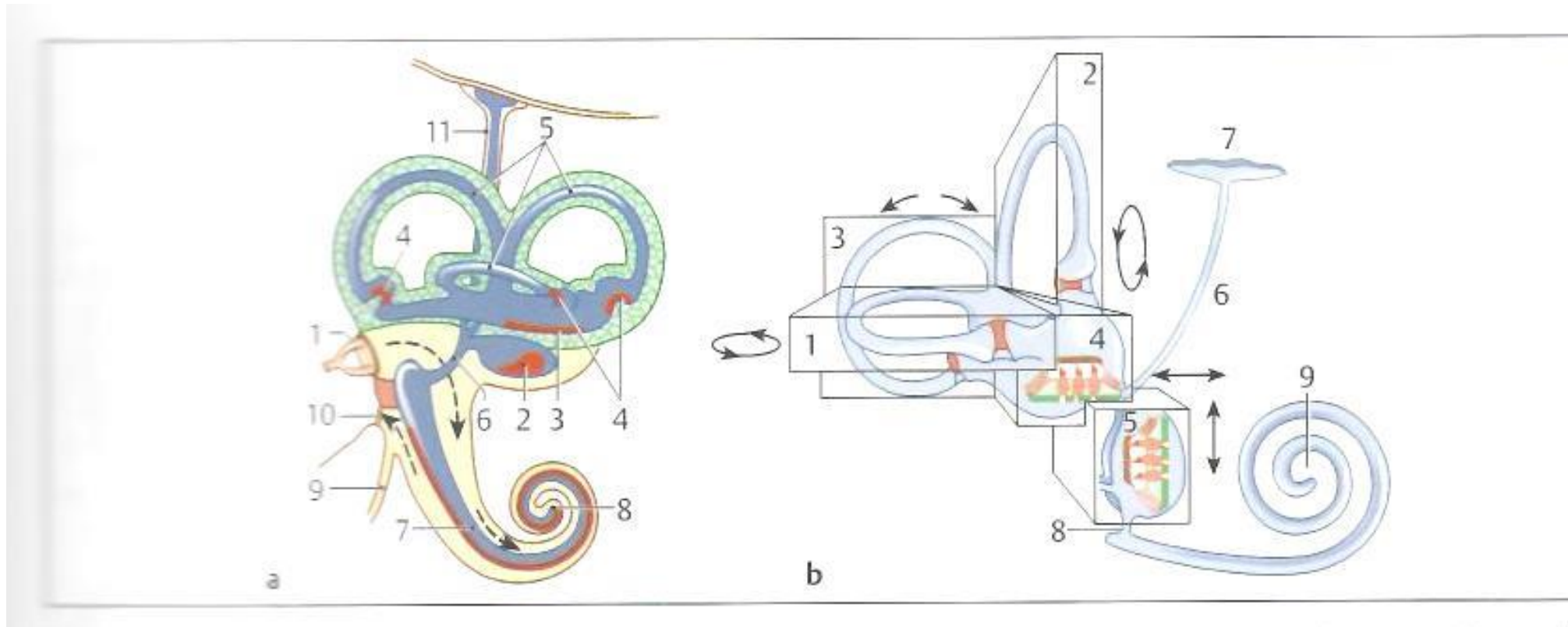
# Eustachian tube

- **Ventilation function** - it serves to equalize the pressure between middle ear and the nasopharynx
- **Drainage function** – removal of secretion from middle ear cavity
- **Protective function** - before secretion penetration into middle ear cavity (microbial barrier guard system in epipharynx vs sterile tympanic cavity)



# Membranous labyrinth (hearing and balance)

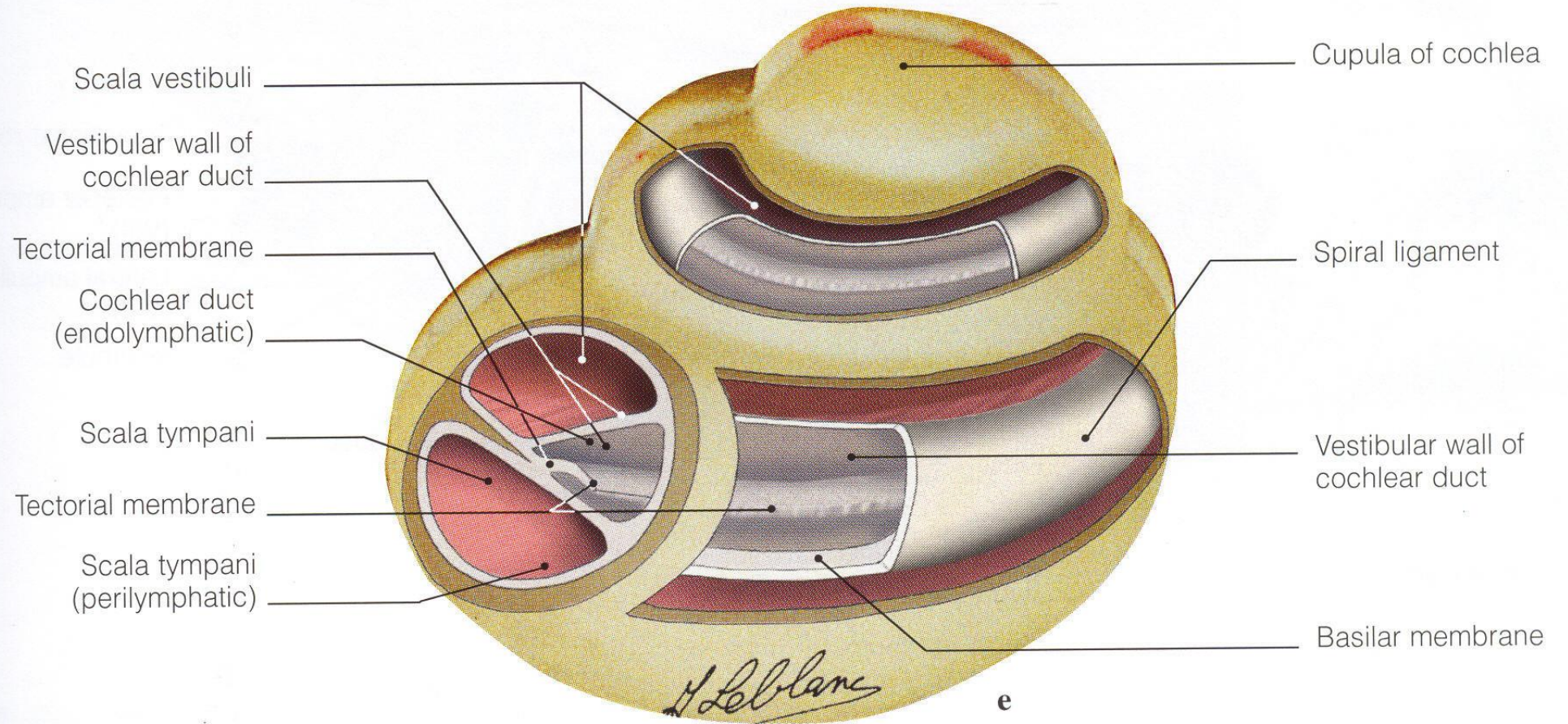
- Cochlear Duct (ductus cochlearis)
- Sacculle and Utricle (saculus et utriculus)
- Membraneus semicircular Ducts (canales semicirculares)





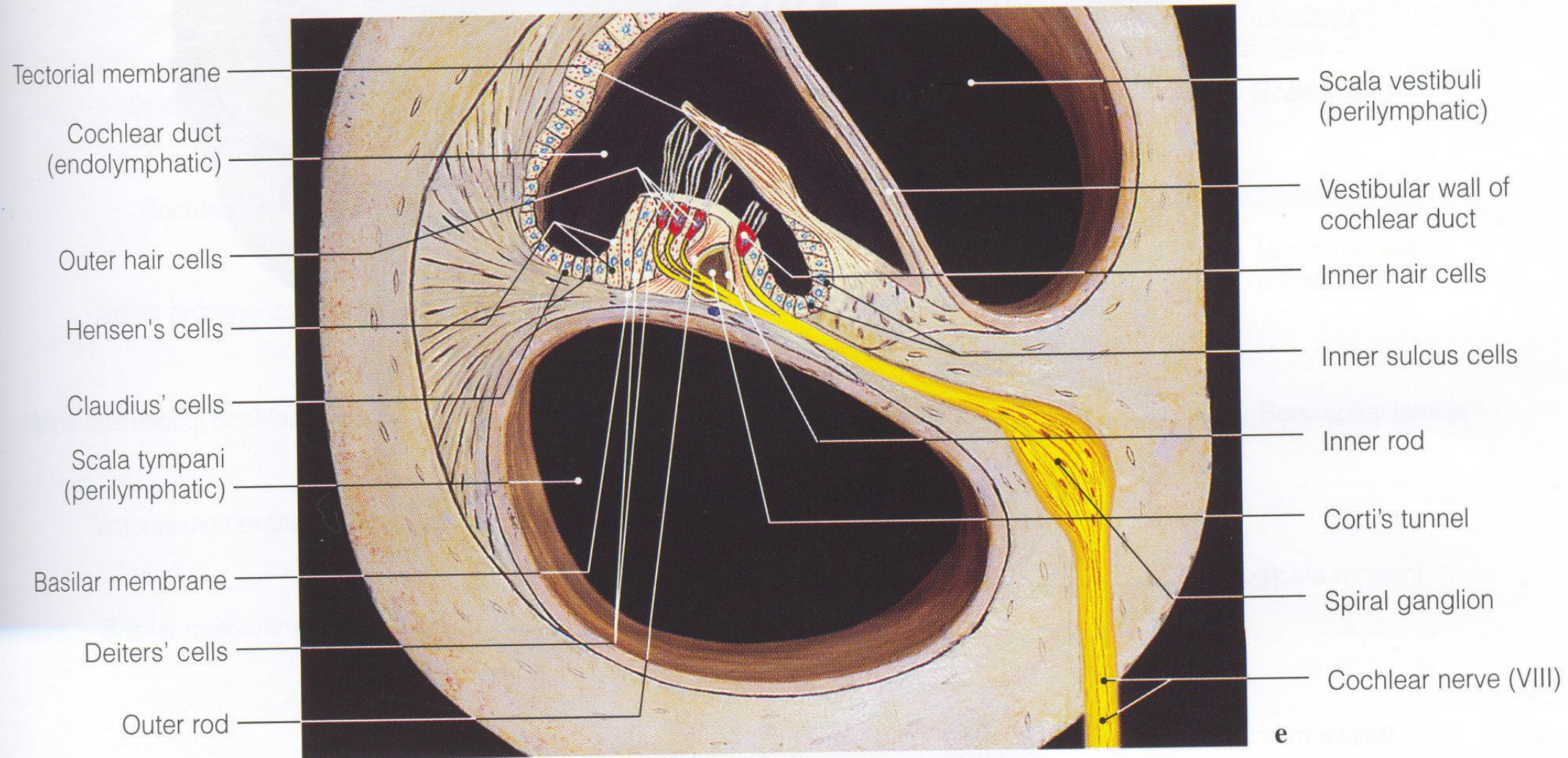
# Cross-section of Cochlear Duct (dct. Cochlearis)

A snail shell in  
shape,  
two and half  
turns





# Cochlear duct cross-section, organon spirale Corti



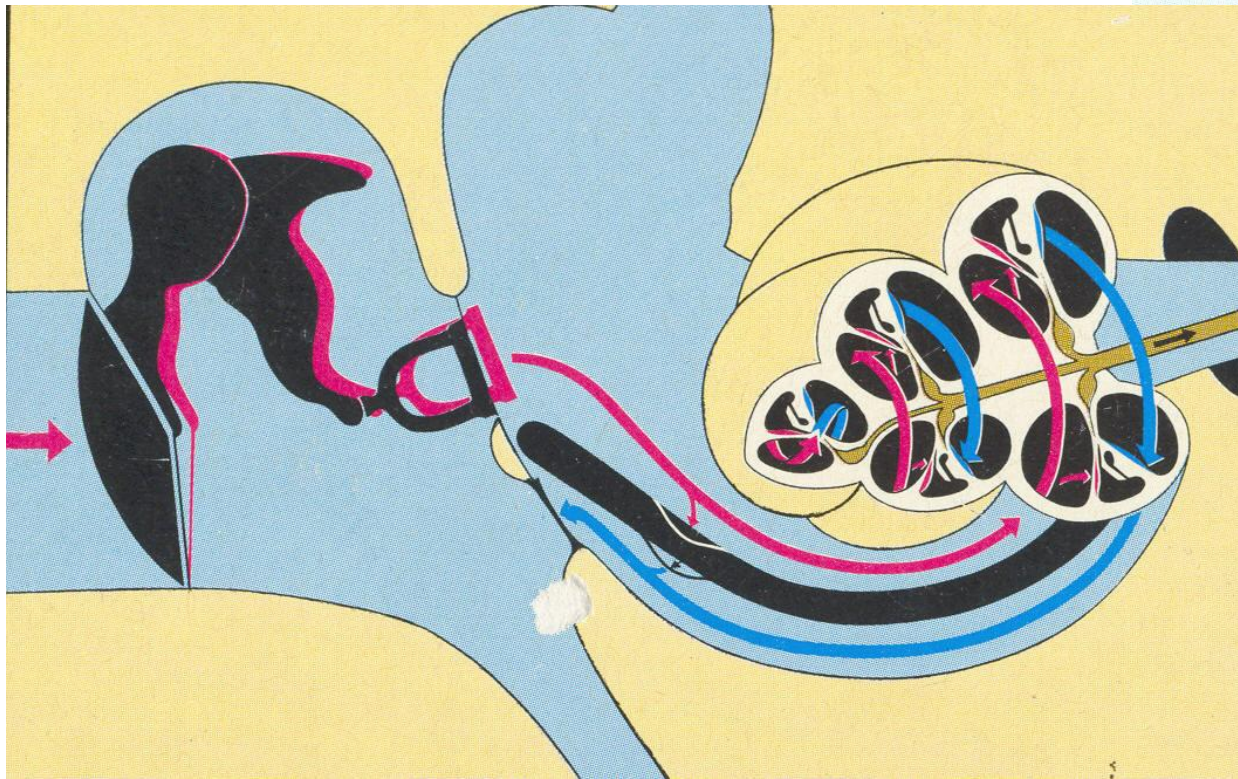
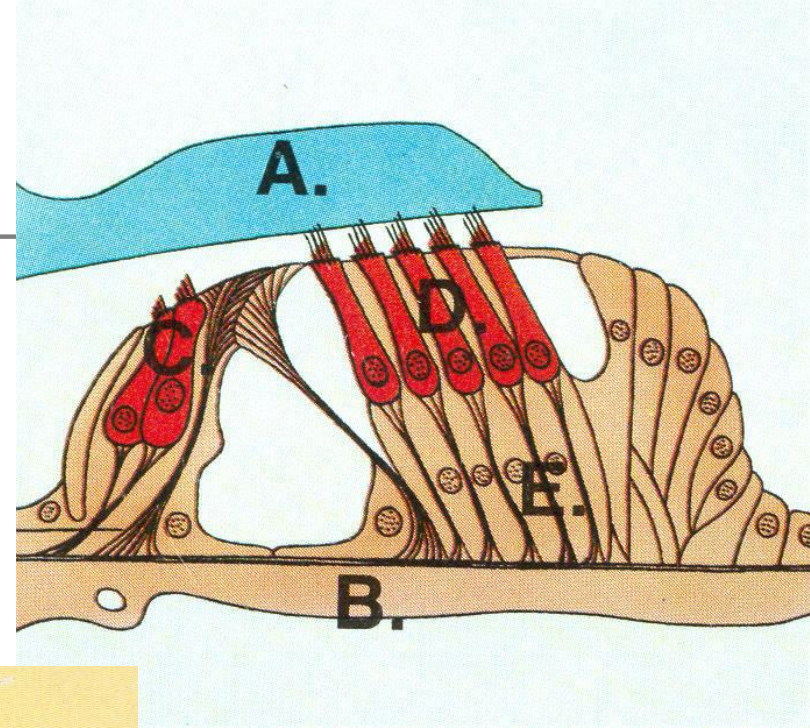
membrana basilaris, reticularis, tectoria



# Cochlear function:

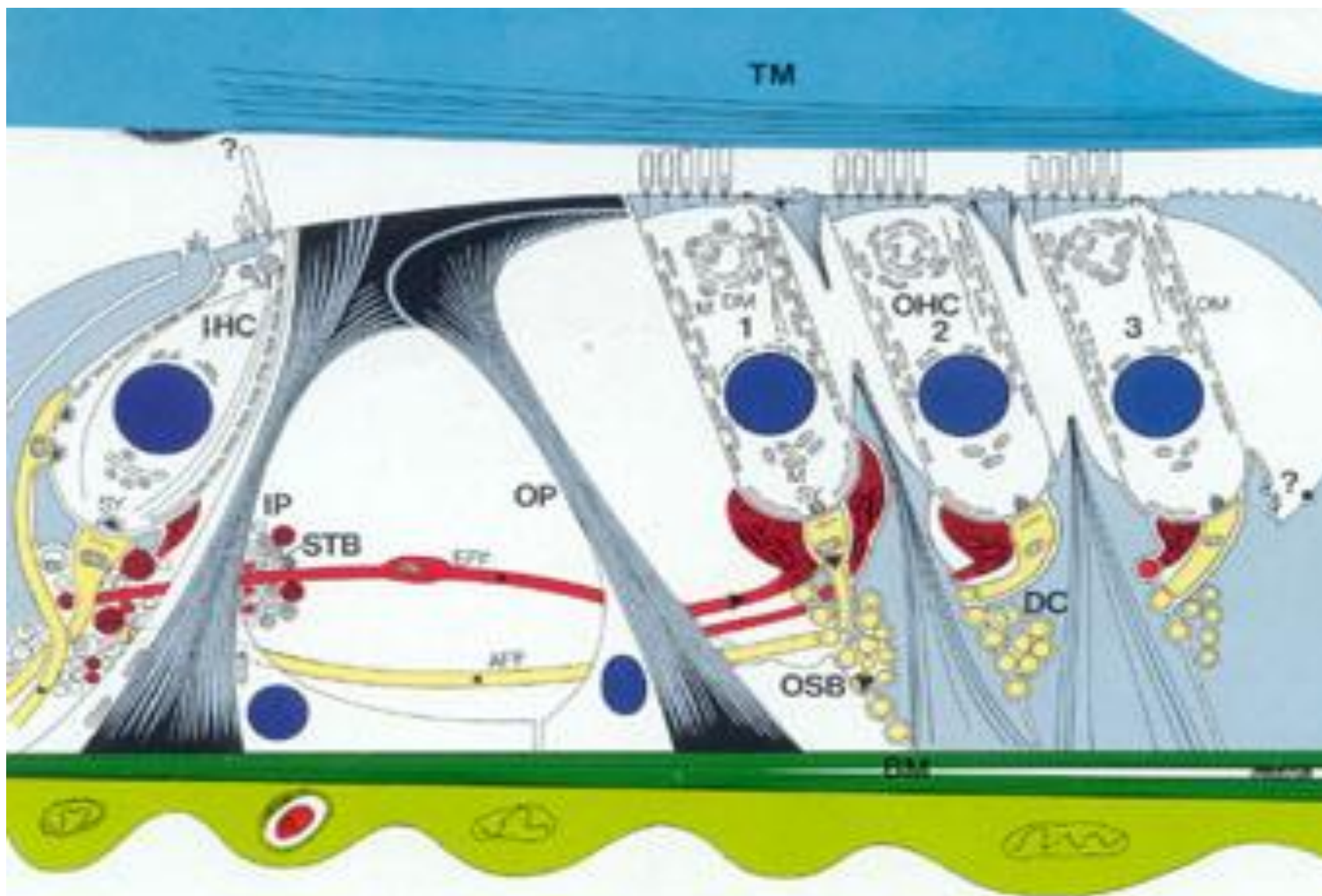
- Change of mechanic vibration on neural excitation
- Basic frequency analysis

## Vibration conduction from the ear drum through cochlea, Organon Corti





## Outer hair cells (OHC) = servomechanism for inner hair cells (IHC)

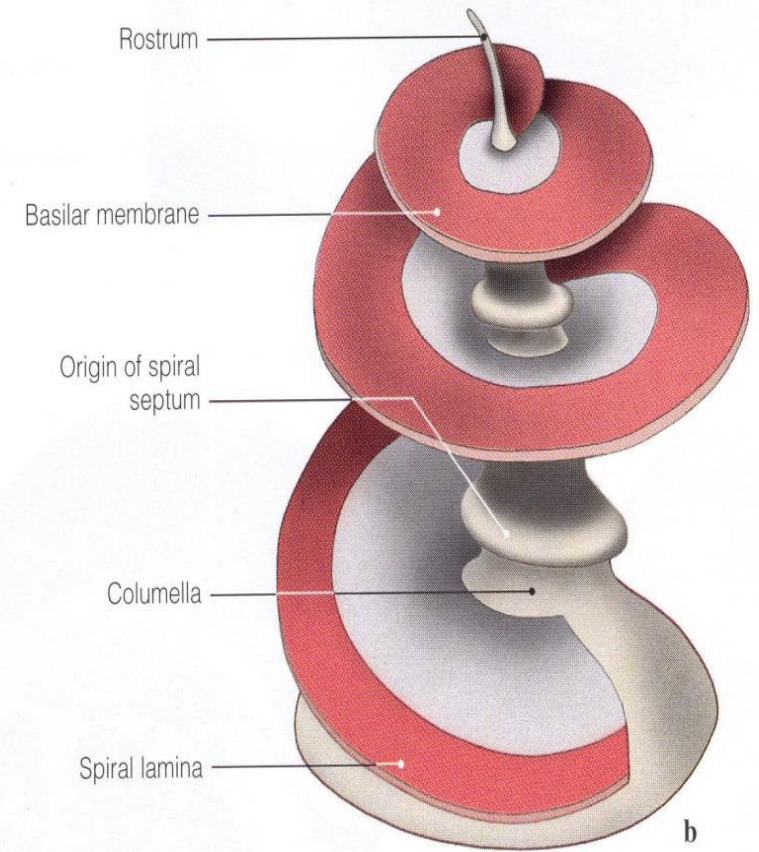


# Cochlear septum

System of 3 membranes – membrana basilaris, reticularis, tectoria

## Principle of tonotopy

– as higher frequency, the acoustic pressure balanced near to stapes.  
High frequency are perceived in basal thread, low frequencies in apical thread.







## Wave hydrodynamic theory of hearing (von Békésy theory of „traveling wave“; still valid 😊)

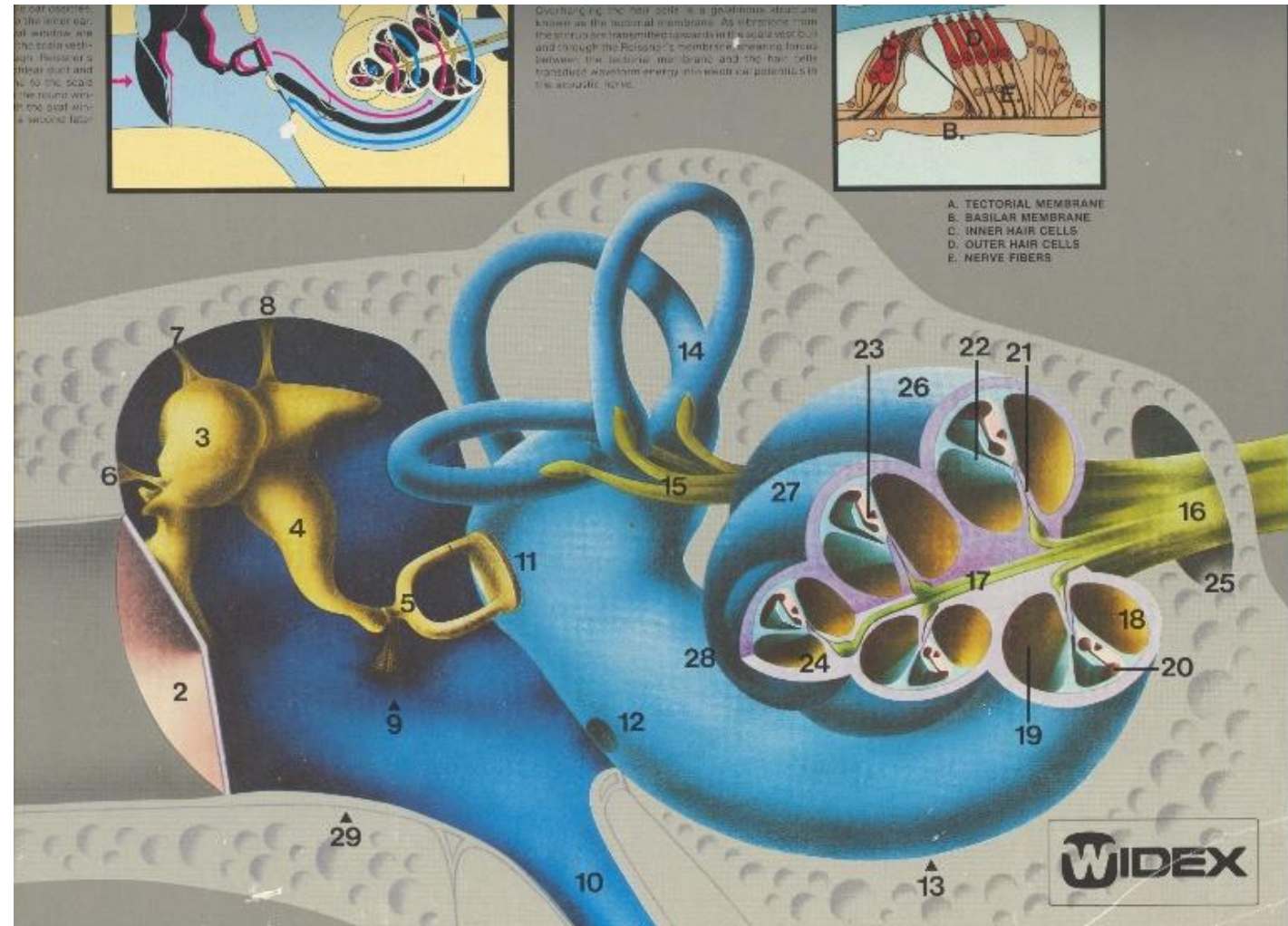
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- Acoustic tension is led from ear drum through ossicles into oval window.
- Liquid is not compressible, pressure changes are equalized on round window membrane, which vibrates in anti phase to stapes.
- Acoustic pressure is equalized on cochlear septum and it creates wave.
- a sound impulse sends a wave sweeping along the basilar membrane. ... And as Helmholtz had postulated, **Békésy** found that the high-frequency tones were perceived near the base of the cochlea and the lower frequencies toward the apex. (**principle of tonotopy**).
- „traveling wave“ leads to **shift of tectorial membrane of Organon Corti in relation to basilar membrane and deflection of hairs** of sensory cells (opening of ion channels)
- Thus the mechanical energy is **changed into electric potential** in VIII cranial nerve.

# Vestibular system

## Basic function

1. Equilibrium of human body in stand and in walking
2. Stabilization of retinal picture and keeping visual sharpness in movement





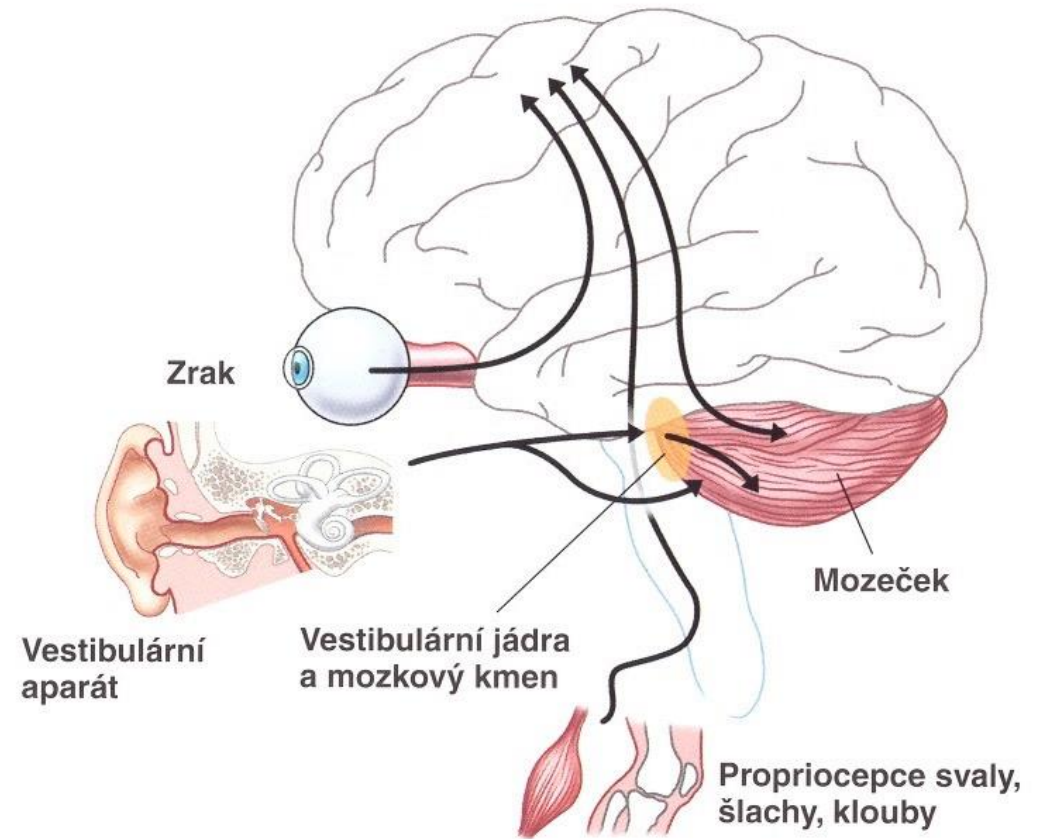
# Equilibrium

On keeping balance : Interaction of eye, vestibular-semicircular system, proprioception X vestibular nuclei and cerebellum

Three afferent sources of equilibrium: eye, proprioception and vestibular-semicircular system.

## Basic reflex circles

- vestibulo-ocular reflex (VOR)
- Vestibulo-spinal reflex (VSR) - help keep head and body in upright position due to vestibulospinal system.

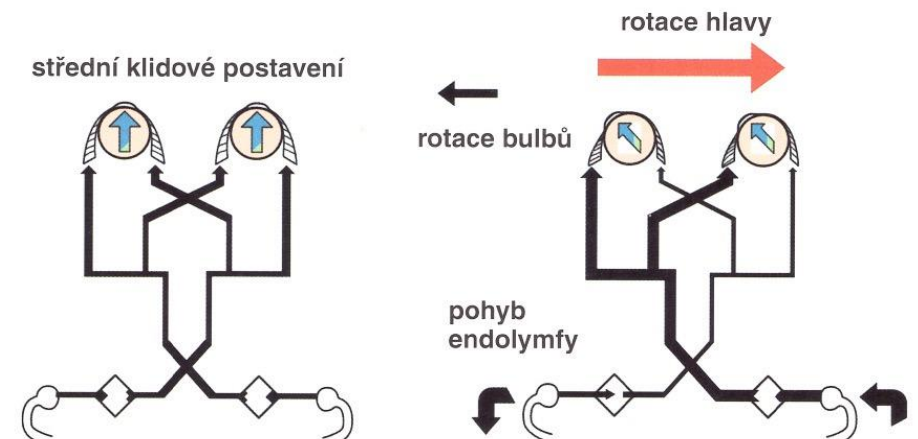


# Vestibulo-ocular reflex

Stabilisation of retinal picture. Create movement of eye, which are opposite to movement of head in some plains.

**Nystagmus** – conjugated, coordinated eye movement around a specific axis. **The movement consists of rhythmically alternating slow – and fast beating phases.**

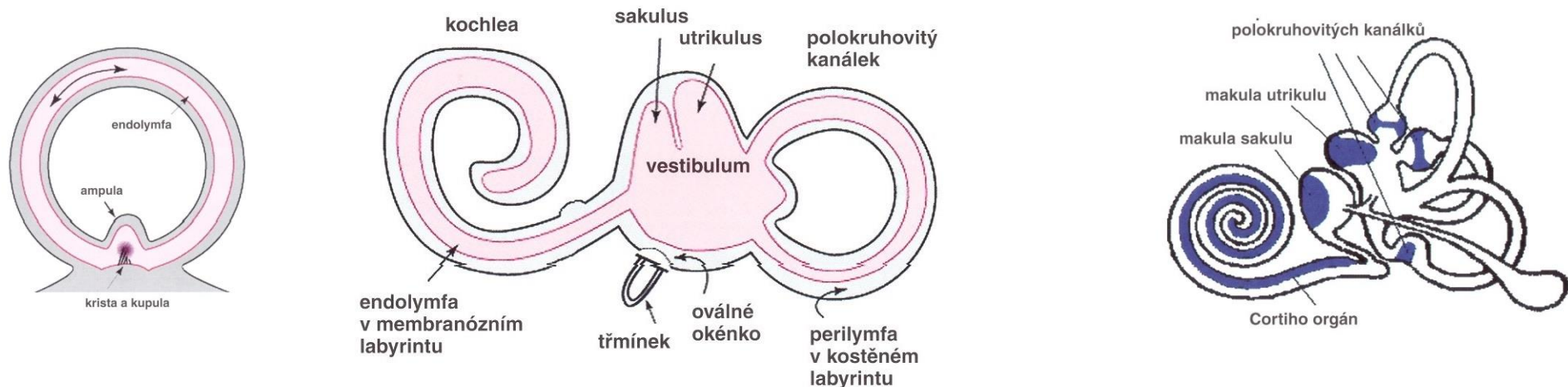
The direction of the fast components determines the laterality of the nystagmus.





# Membranous labyrinth

- Vestibular apparatus localized in pyramis ossis temporalis; membranous labyrinth: saccule, utricle and three semicircular canal; filled with endolymph.
- Every semicircular canal begins with **pars ampullaris** with **ampullary crest**, sense organ is **static macula** (**macula statica utriculi et saculi**).

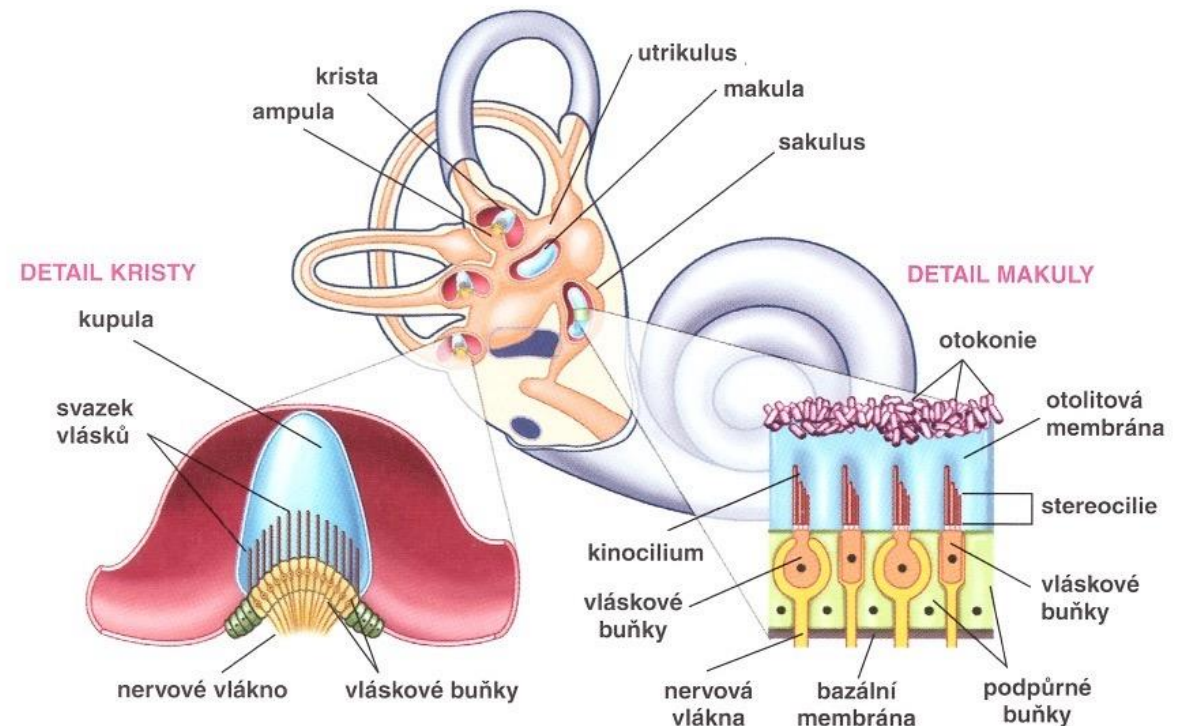


Section of semicircular canal, schema of membranous labyrinth ( with one canal), sensory organs.

# Genesis of receptor potential

Ampullary crests (cristae ampulares) and **maculae utricle and saccule** are created by **supporting cells and hair cells**. On their surface lie the **otoliths** (statoconia) – calcium carbonate crystal.

Linear acceleration changes the otolith pressure, **deflecting the sensory hairs**. This stimulates the sensory cell by altering the resting **potential**.







# Diagnosis, vestibular function tests

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**History** – subjective feeling of dizziness, time of start and duration...

**Evaluation of reflexes** – spontaneous vs. experimentally provoked  
(calorisation, rotation)

- **Nystagmus** (vestibulo-ocular reflex) Detail evaluation of eye movement -  
electronystagmography, video oculography (preferred)
- **Vestibule-spinal reflexes:**
  - Hautant test (spontaneous deviation test),
  - Romberg test (patient is asked to stand in basic position/wide stance, and to close eyes. A check is to see whether there is unsteadiness or a tendency to fall.)
- **Vestibule-cerebellar reflex**
  - Barany test (finger-nose pointing test) ; posturography



## Vestibular function Tests

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- **Head shaking nystagmus** – spontaneous Nystagmus can be provoked by gentle, passive, horizontal shaking of the patients head
- **Unterberger test**, walk „on the rope“
- **Stabilometric plain** - static and dynamic (vestibule-spinal reflexes)
- **Head impulse test:** – in long lasting dizziness. From mild eccentric head position we provide passive quick rotation movement from side to side, patient fixis our tip of nose....





## Vertigo (dizziness)

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the outcome of the functional tests is to determine whether it is peripheral or central vertigo. Peripheral vertigo is troublesome but not life-threatening, while central vertigo can be life-threatening.

- **Peripheral type** – feeling of rotation of itself body or surroundings, direction of rotation is usually into healthy part, loss of stability or feeling of swimming
- **Central type** – ineptitude by walk, inability of walk, vertigines with aura (EPI), disorder of vision "*black outs*" – diplopia is seen by disorder of oculomotory.



# Differential diagnosis peripheral vs. central vestibular syndrome

Symptom	Peripheral (harmonic) VS	Central VS
Nystagmus	<b>Horizontal rotatory</b> on side of most reactive labyrinth	Other than horizontal rotatoric: vertical, „gaze“ nystagmus, rebound nystagmus etc)
Tonic deviation	<b>On side of weak labyrinth</b> (to affected ear) in relation to position of head	Without to relation to head position
Eye fixation	In absence of eye fixation nystagmus is <b>growing</b>	In absence of eye fixation nystagmus not changed
Cranial nerves	<b>Without lesions</b> (excl.: n. VII)	Laesion of cranial nerves present
Cerebellar symptoms	Not present	Could be present
Disturbance of oculomotoric function	Not present	Could be present
Hearing disorder	Usually Could be <b>present</b>	Usually Not present
Central compensation	<b>Gradually compensation</b> , harmonic symptoms: intensity of vertigo correlates with nystagmus intensity and tonic deviations	Not present, disharmonic symptoms



# History of ear disease

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Physician itself is a „remedy“. (Michael Balint)

**Hearing  
disorder**

**Otorrhoea  
Ear discharge**

**Tinnitus**

**Pain**

**Dizziness**

# Ear evaluation, oto(mikro)scopy

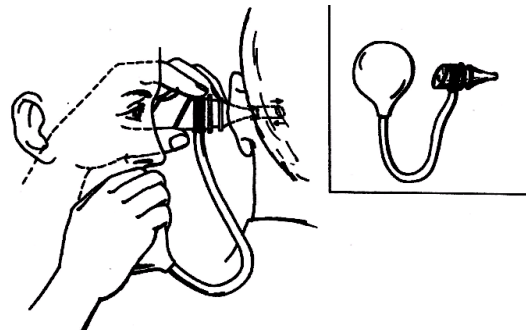
## ■ Aspection and palpation

- Auricle shape, deformities
- Skin lesions, scars (also retroauriculars)
- Discharge from external meatus
- Pain in pressure on tragus (by otitis externa)
- Pain in pressure on processus mastoideus (by mastoiditis acuta)



## ■ Otoscopy and oto(mikro)scopy evaluation

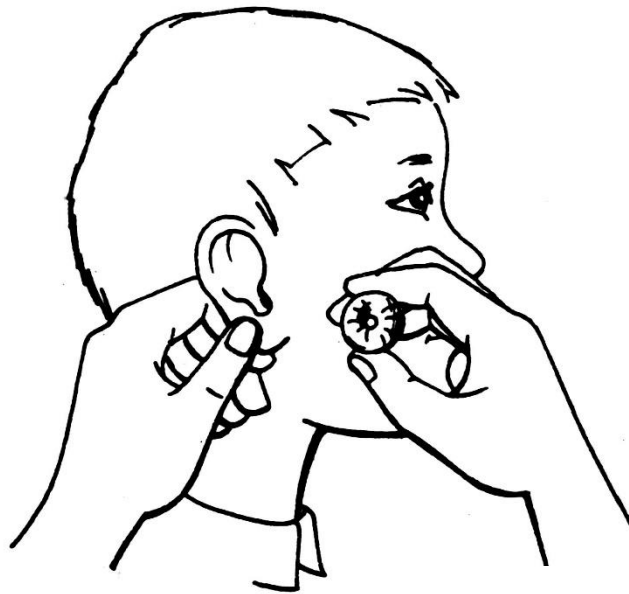
- Ear speculum
- Illuminated otoscope, pneumo-otoscopy
- Otomicroscope, endoscope



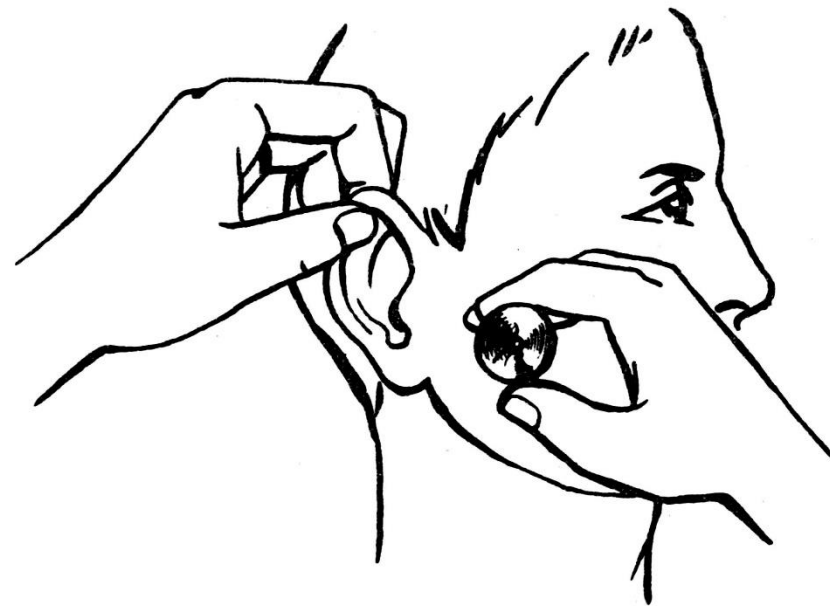
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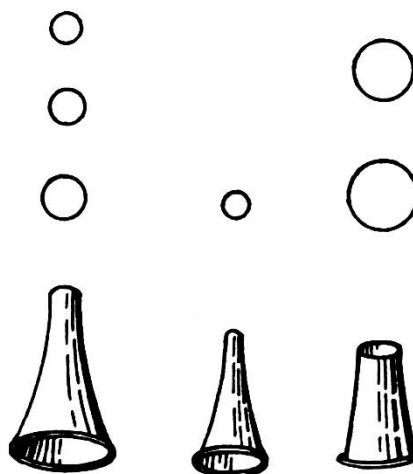


Obr. 13: Zavádění ušního zrcátka u dítěte



Obr. 12: Zavádění ušního zrcátka u dospělého

**Otoscopy**  
eye evaluation of  
deeper parts of  
external meatus  
and ear drum



Obr. 11: Ušní zrcátka

The cartilaginous part of  
ext. meatus is stretched  
by pulling the auricle  
upward and backward

## „Normal“ ear drum

- Grey colour
- Without perforation
- Bezold 's trias

Prominentia mallearis

Stria mallearis

Light reflex





# Otoscopy – tympanic membrane quadrants and zones



*p - prominent malleolus*

*i - isthmus malleolus*

*u - umbilicus*

*r - rotating reflex*

*Quadrants:*

*pl - post. lat.*

*pr - post. med.*

*zl - ant. lat.*

*zh - ant. med.*

*zones: c - central, i - intermediate, p - peripheral*

## Basic pathologic finding on tympanic membrane

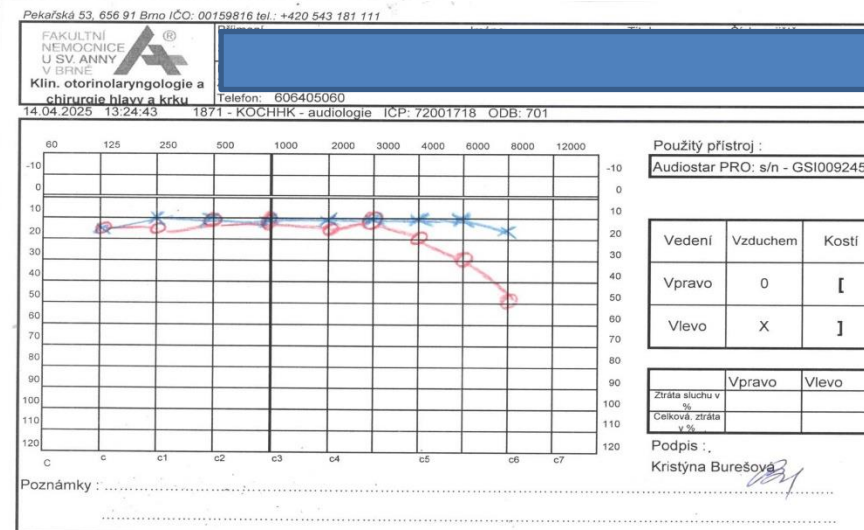
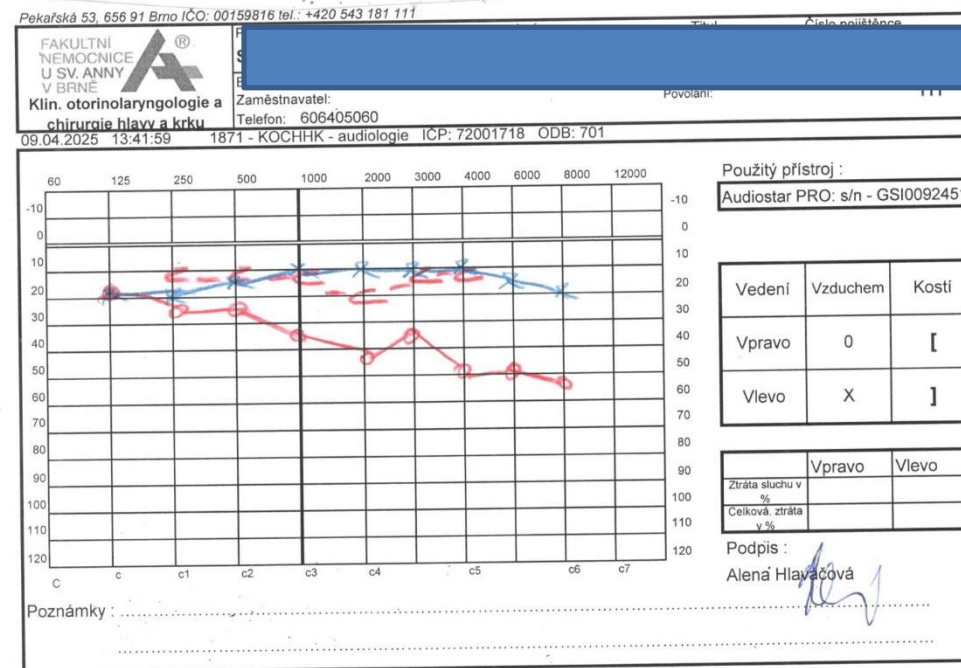
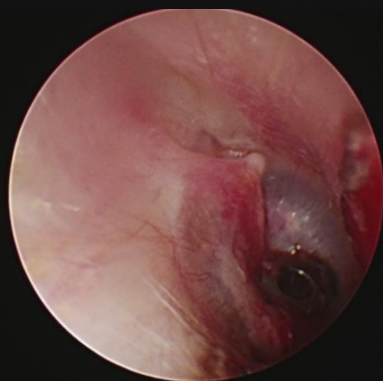
- Changes **on the tympanic membrane**: Injection of the vessels
- **Position of the tympanic membrane**
  - **bulging due to exudate** - hyperemia, moist infiltration and opacity of the surface, the contours of the handle of malleus and short process disappear
  - **retraction** - injection of blood vessels
- **integrity of the tympanic membrane** perforations –
  - after injury
  - inflammatory - acute
    - **chronic** - central (mesotympanic)
    - marginal (peripheral)
- **changes after inflammation**: thickening of the tympanic membrane, scars
- changes **behind** the ear-drum: middle ear effusion, fluid level, air bubbles







# Retraction of the ear drum, pressure equalizing tube





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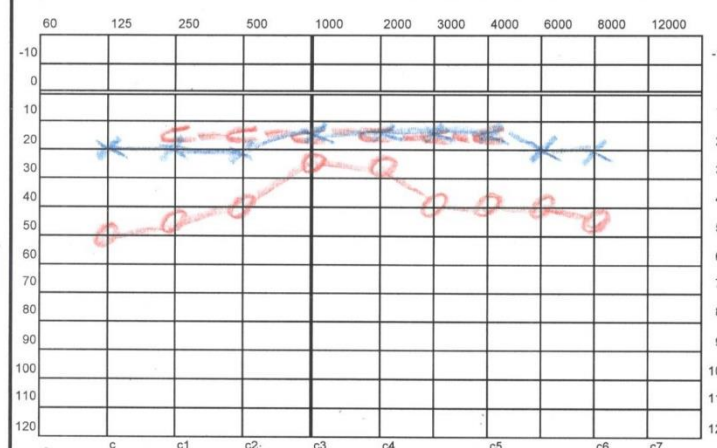
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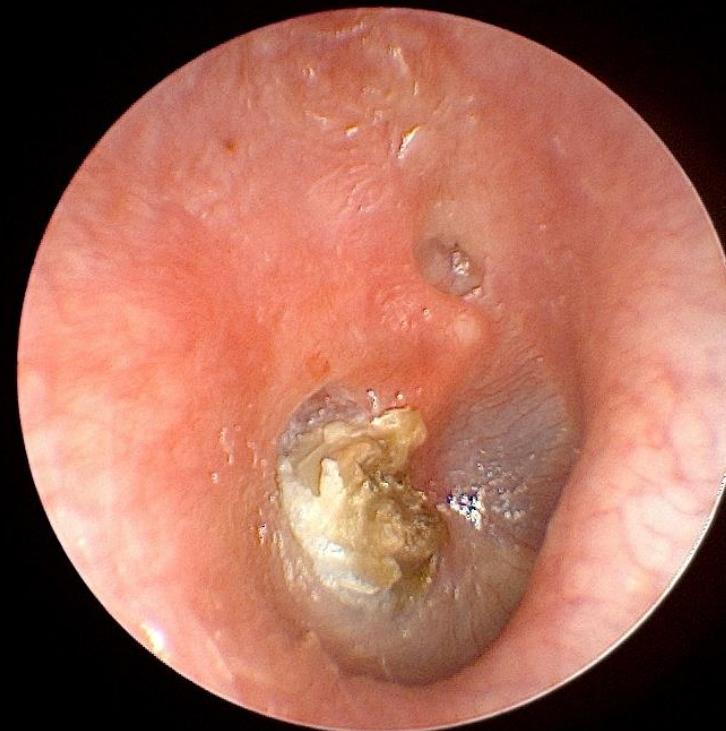
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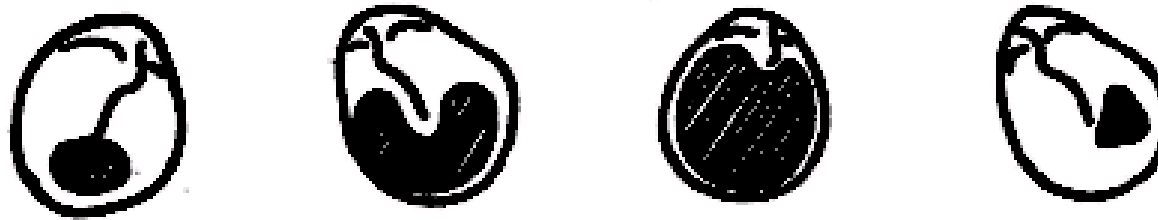
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# Various types of ear drum perforations

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Central perforation



Ear drum injury

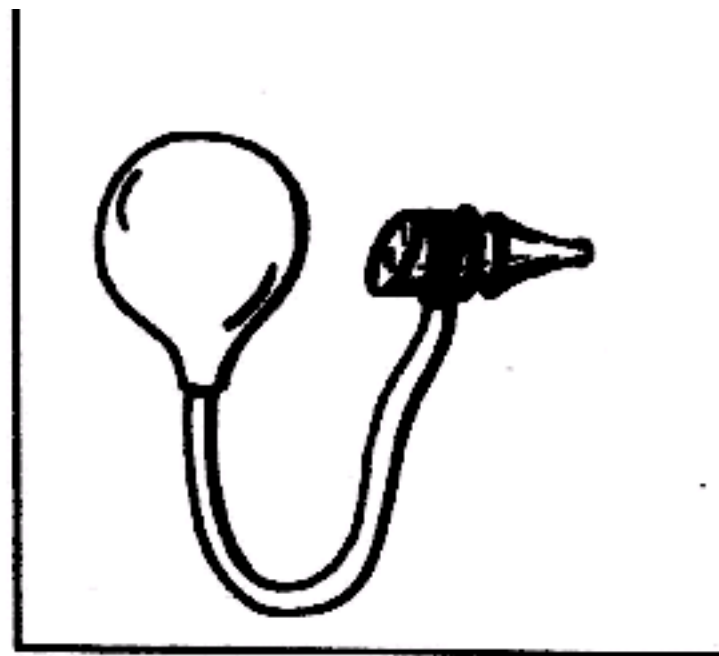
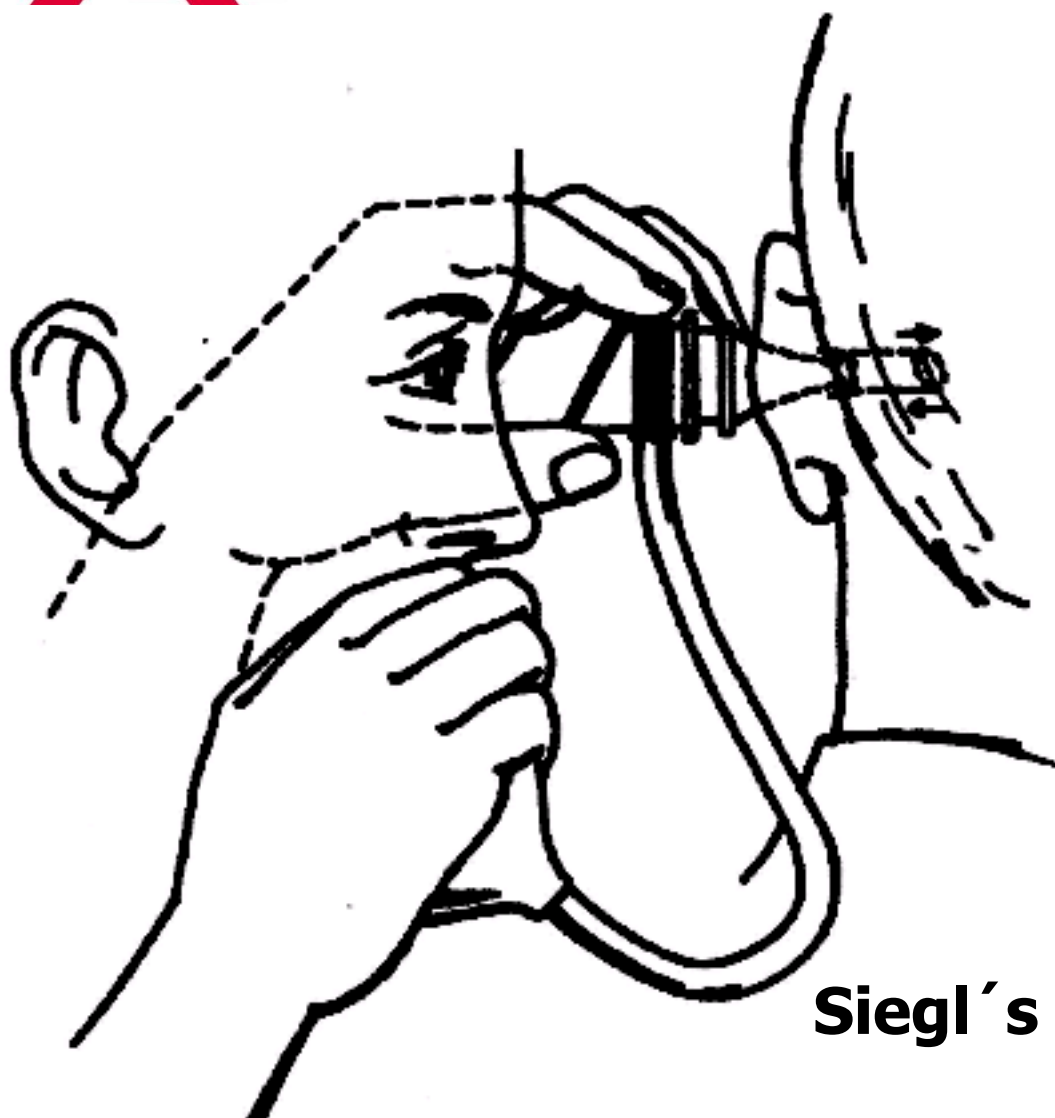


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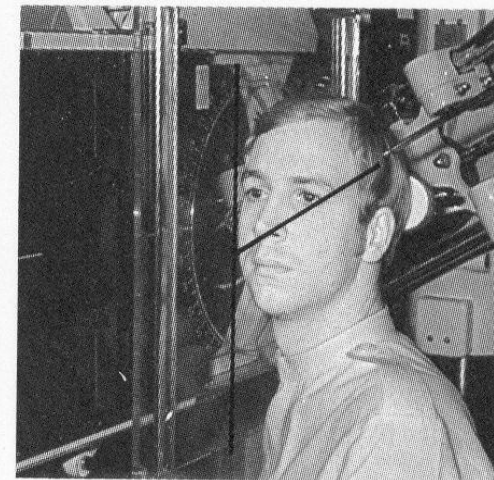
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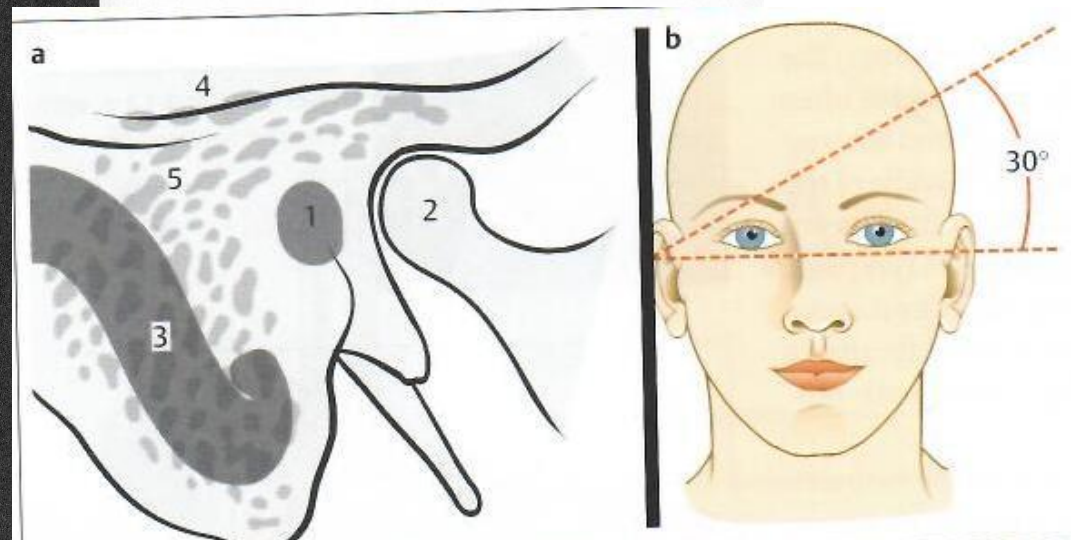


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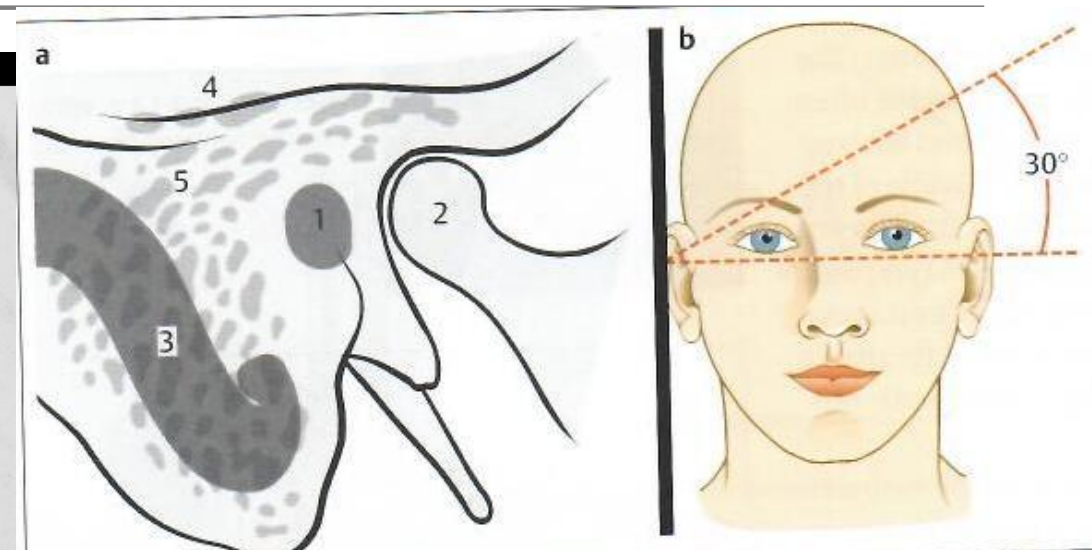
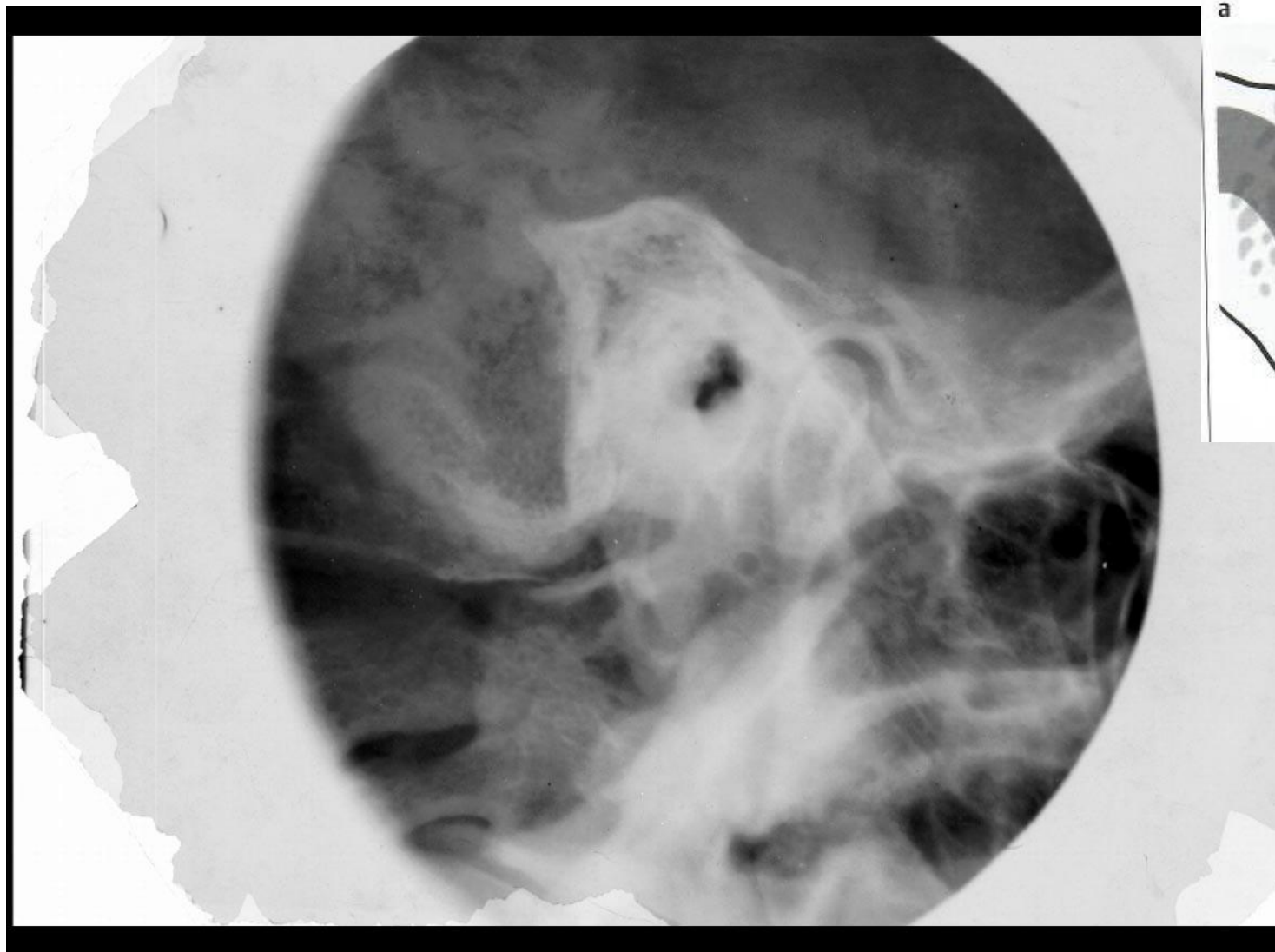


**Radiographs in  
Schüller wiew**





## Radiographs in Schüller wiew

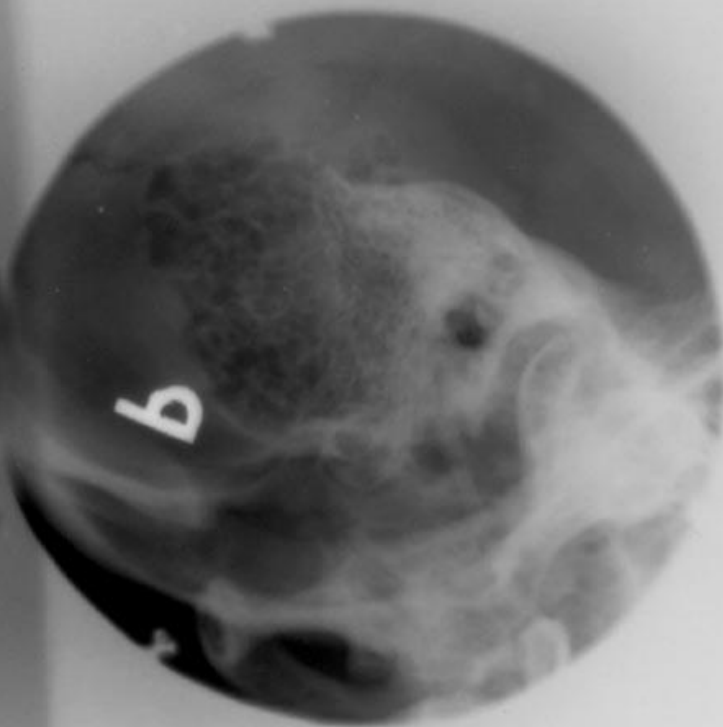
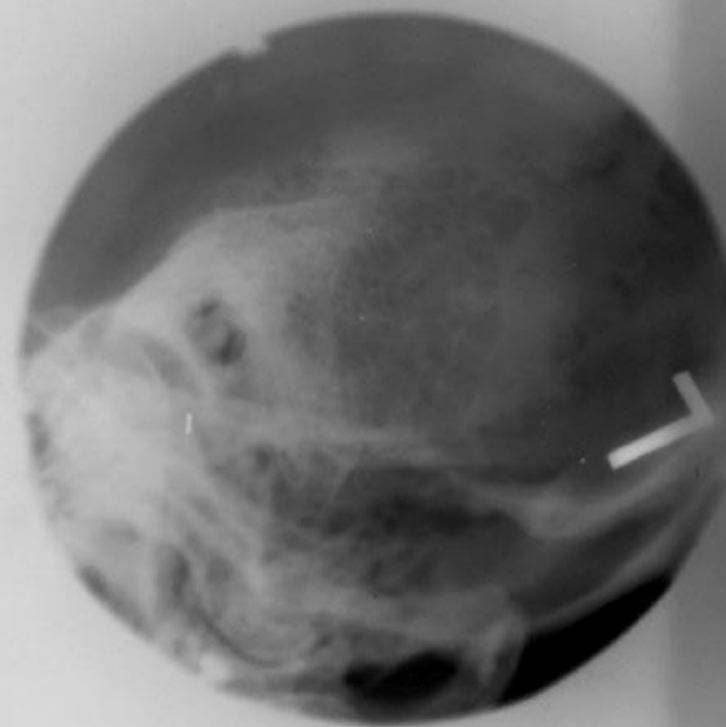




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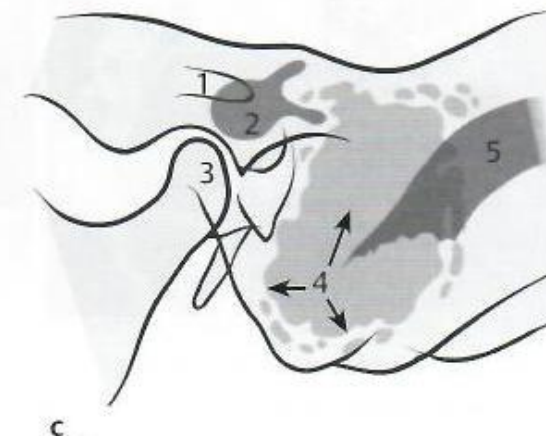
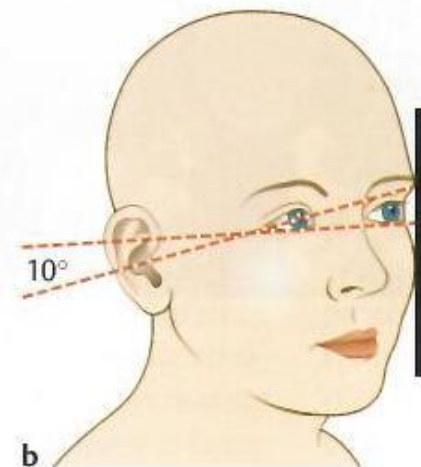
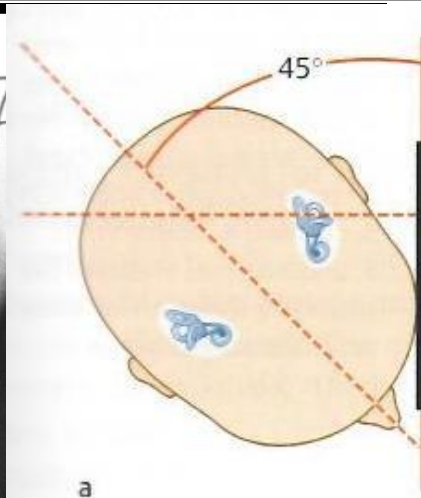
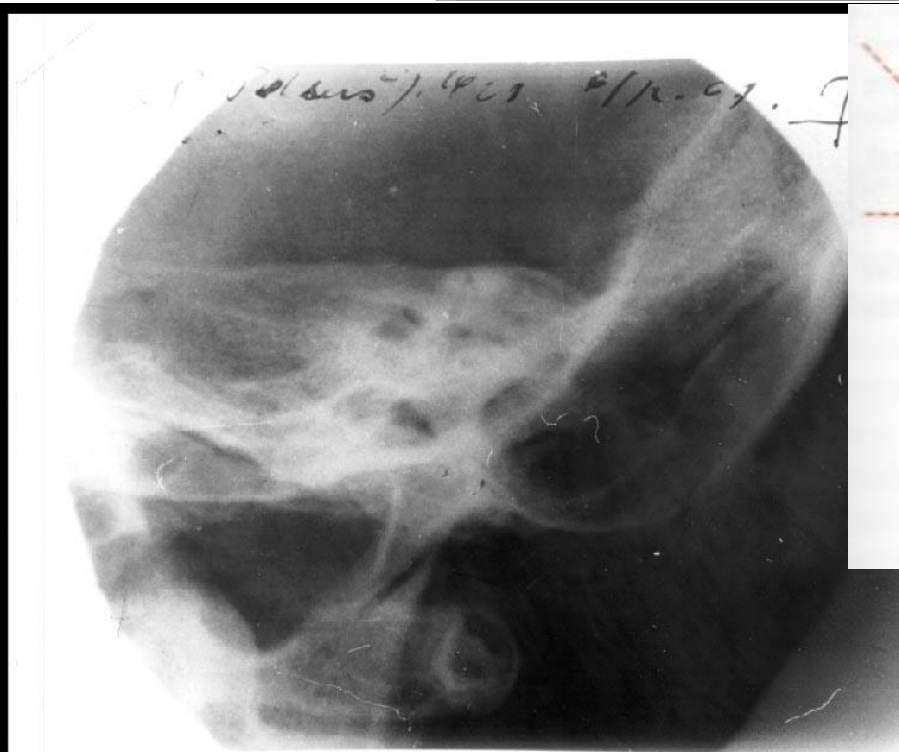




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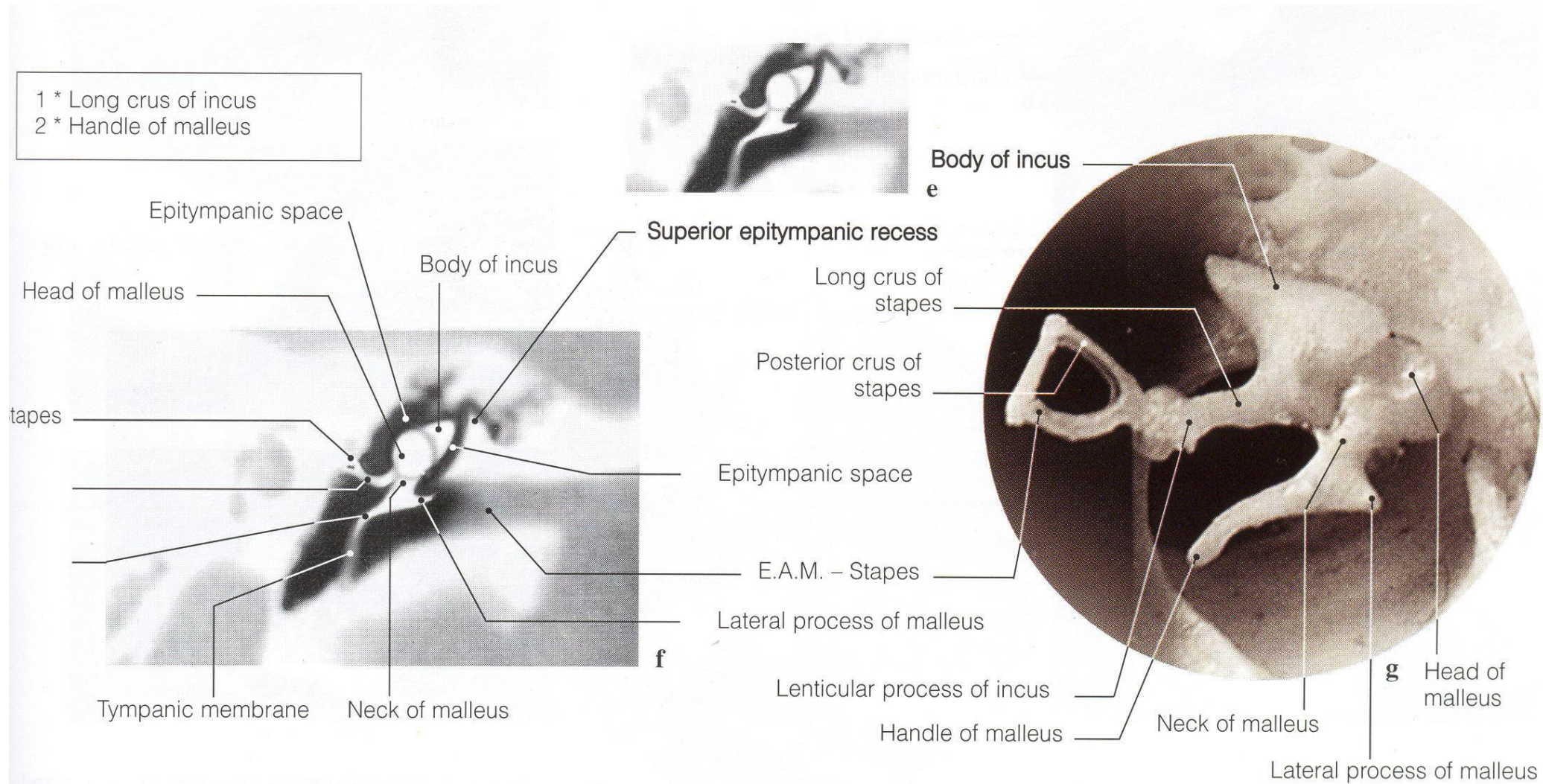
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# Schema of CT of ossicular chain and middle ear cavity



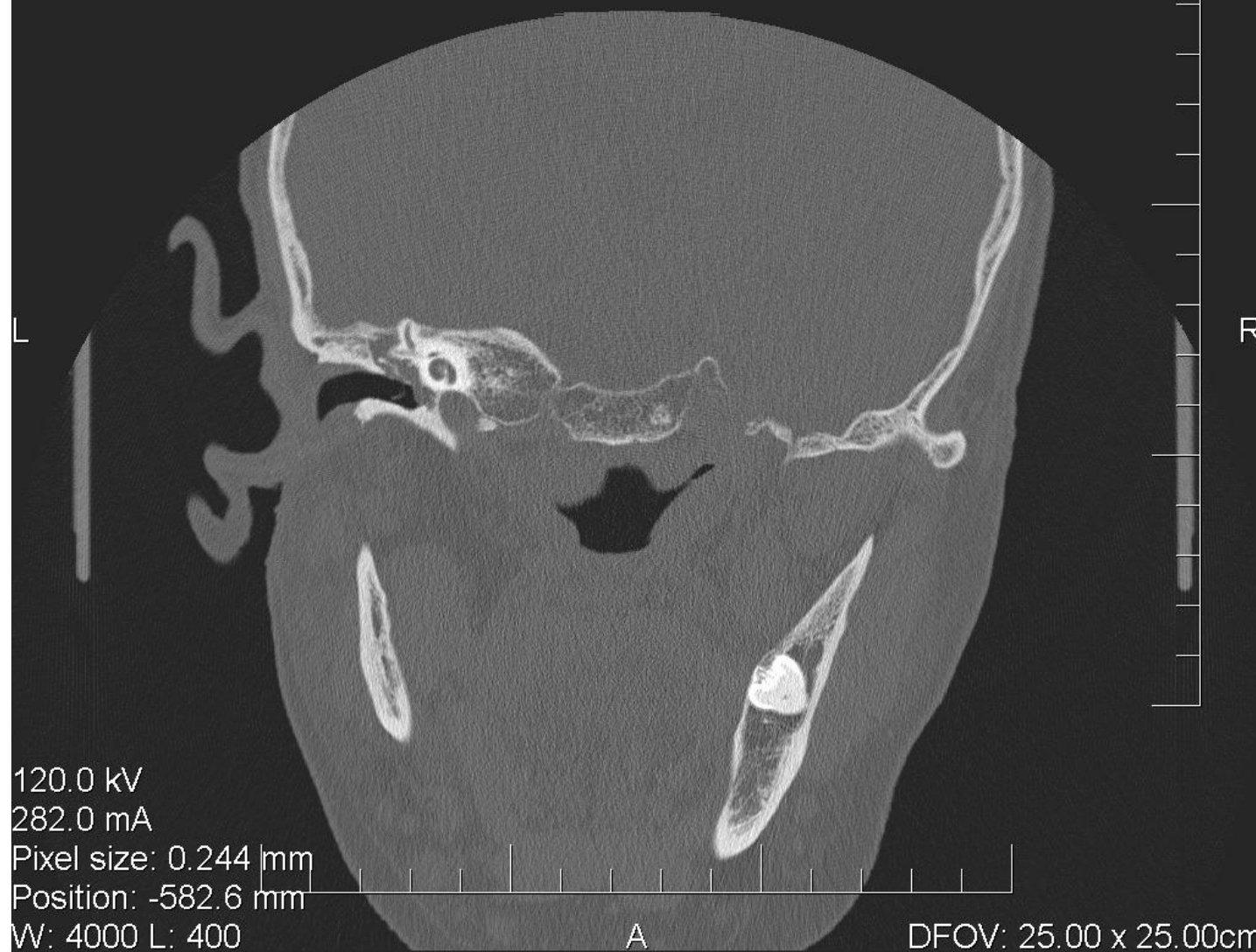




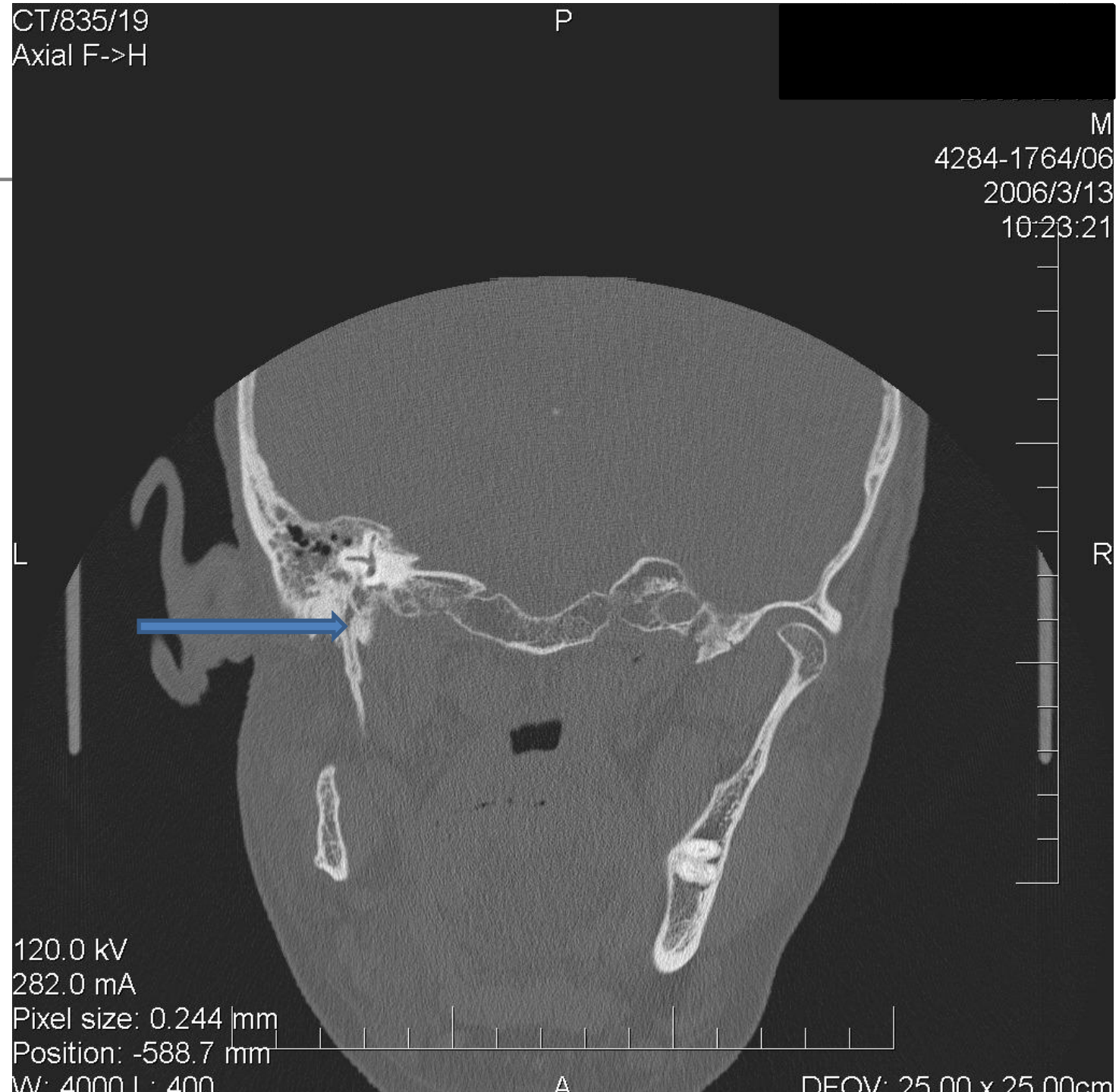
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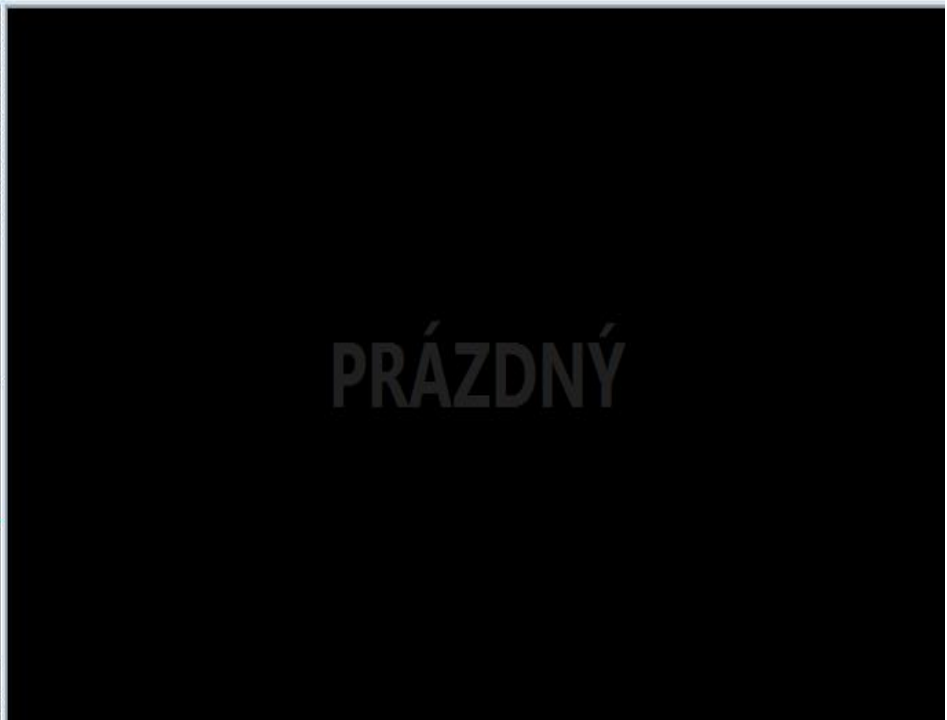
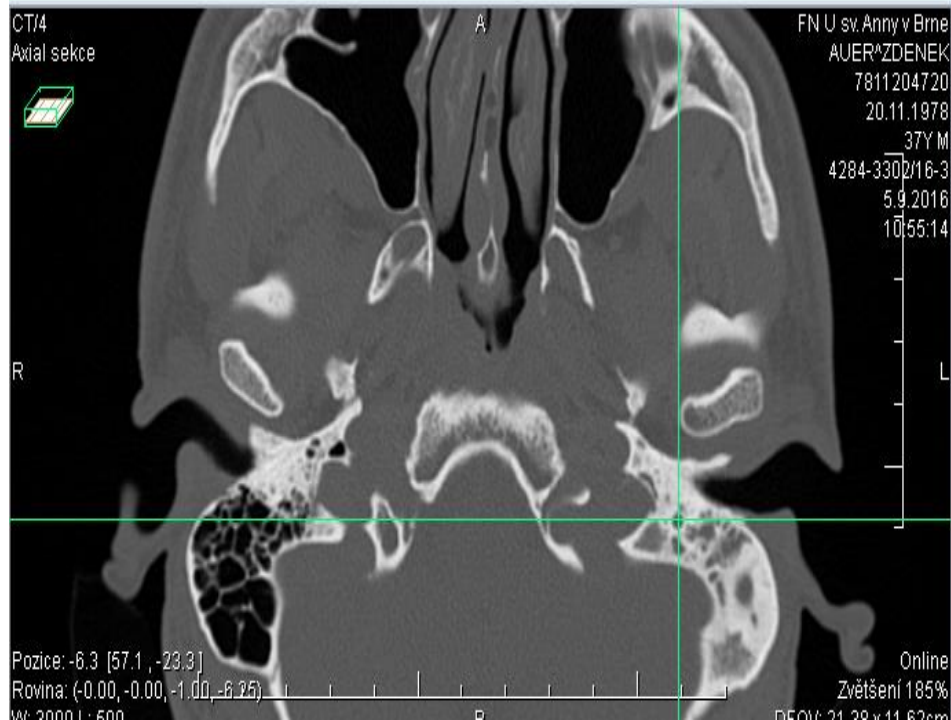
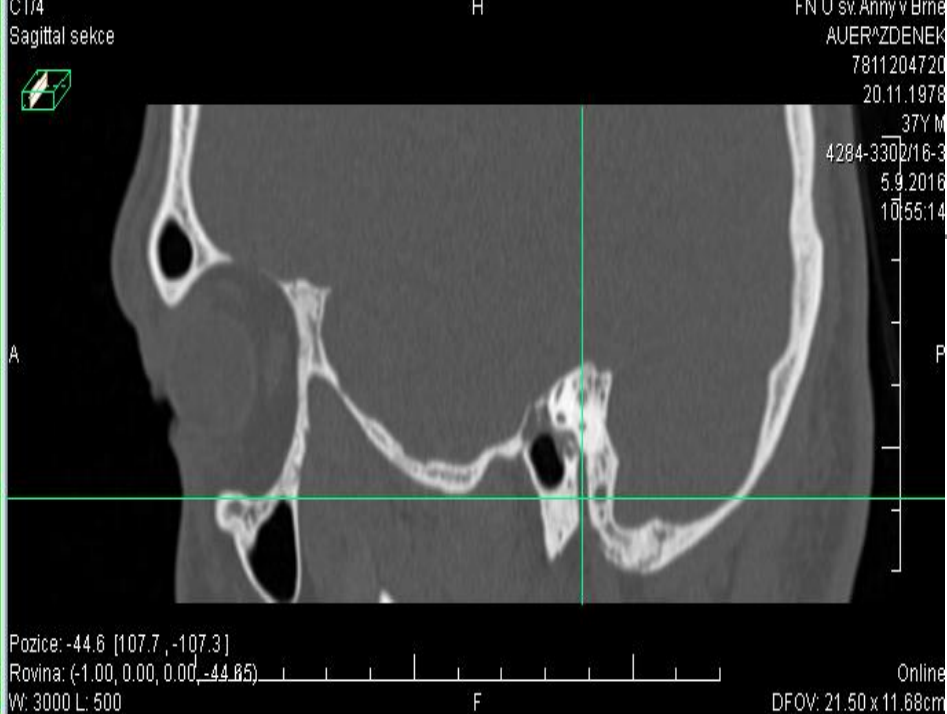
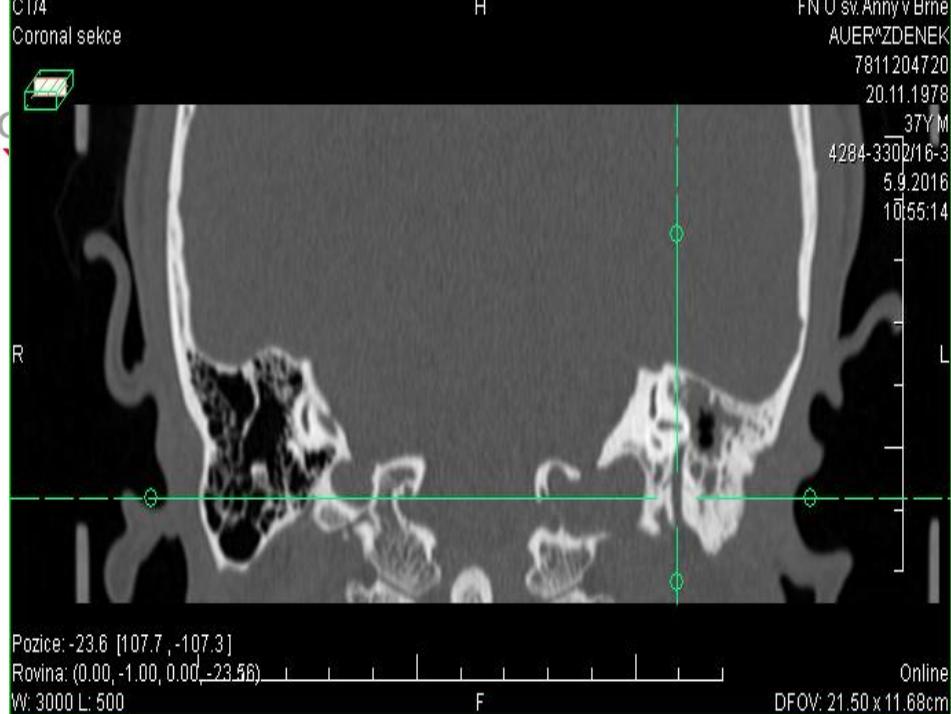
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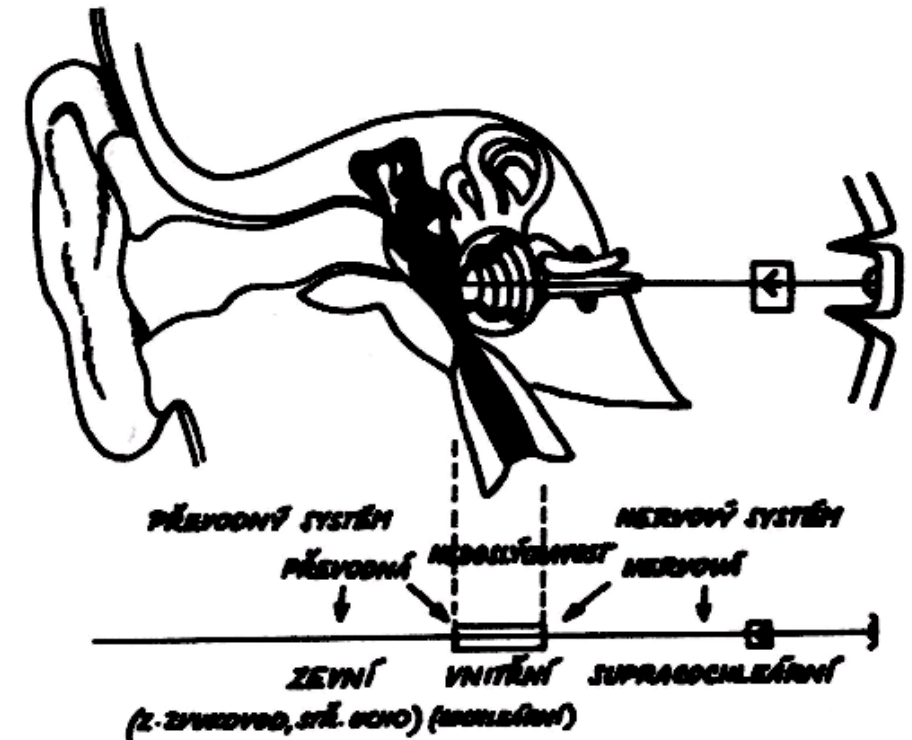


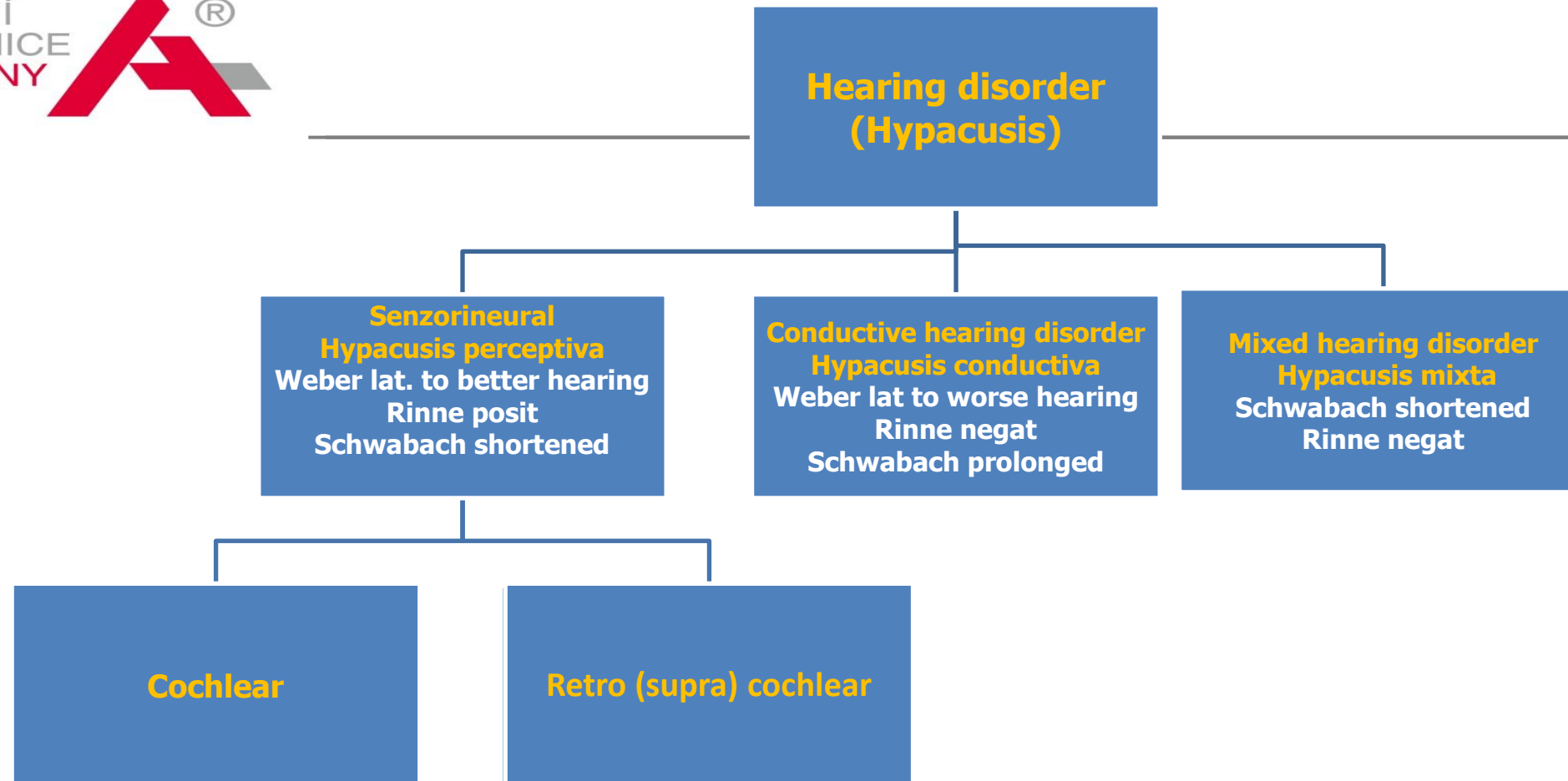




## Hearing disorder according to place of lesion

- External ear – conductive hearing loss
- Inner ear sensorineural intracochlear hearing disorder
- Central pathways – retro cochlear hearing disorder





Classification of basic type of hearing dysfunction  
according to place of lesion

# Evaluation of hearing function

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We evaluate on growing level of objectivity:

- „Classical“ hearing test
- Audiometry
- Objective evaluating methods
  - tympanometry
  - evoked potentials
  - otoacoustic emissions



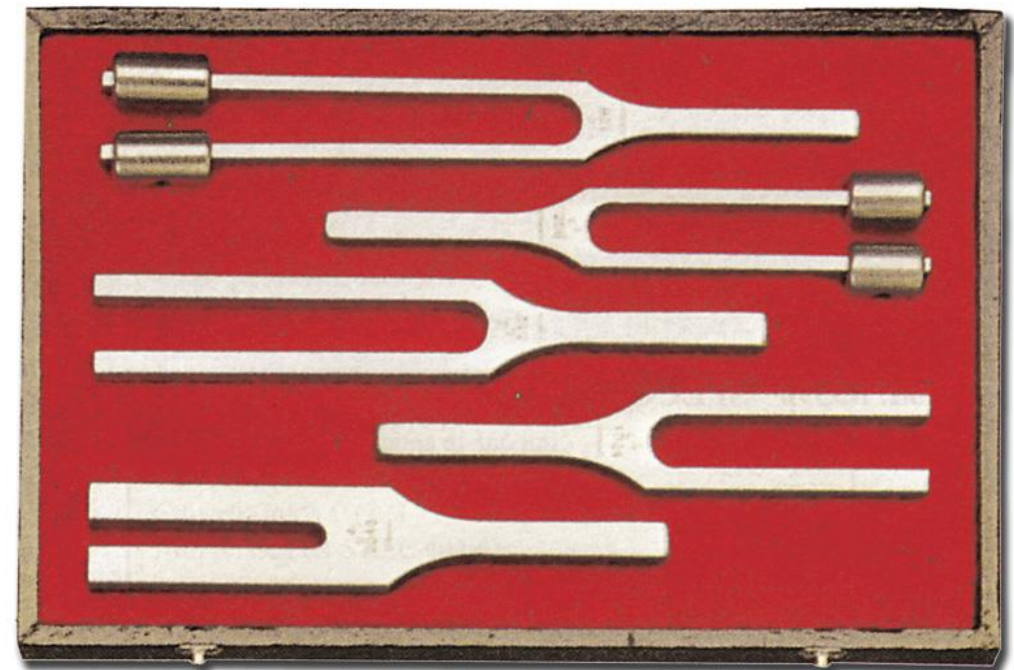
# Classical hearing test (speech test, tuning fork tests)

Important part of hearing tests:

- + quick, easy, cheap, information about understanding speech
- only for orientation

Tuning fork tests:

- Rinne
- Weber
- Schwabach,  
Gellé, ...



## Basic types of hearing disorder

P		L
4	V	10
0,5	Vs	10
→ W →		

+ R +  
zkr. Sch norm

### Hypacusis perceptiva (Sensorineural deafness)

Weber unto better hearing ear

Rinne posit

Schwabach shorter

Retrocochlear

P		L
4	V	10
3	Vs	10
← W ←		
— R +		
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### Hypacusis conductiva (Conductive hearing loss)

Weber unto worse hearing ear

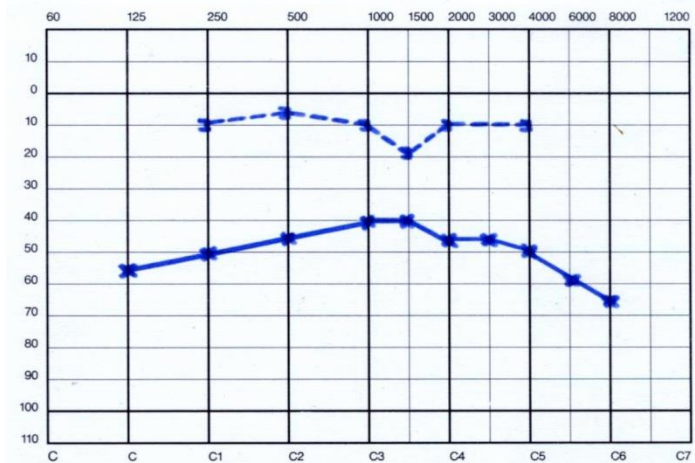
Rinne negat

Schwabach longer

### Hypacusis mixta (Mixed hearing loss)

Schwabach shorter

Rinne negat.



# Pure-tone audiometry

**An audiometer** is an electric tone generator used to determine the **hearing threshold** for pure tones; generates tones of specific frequency (Hz) and intensity (dB).

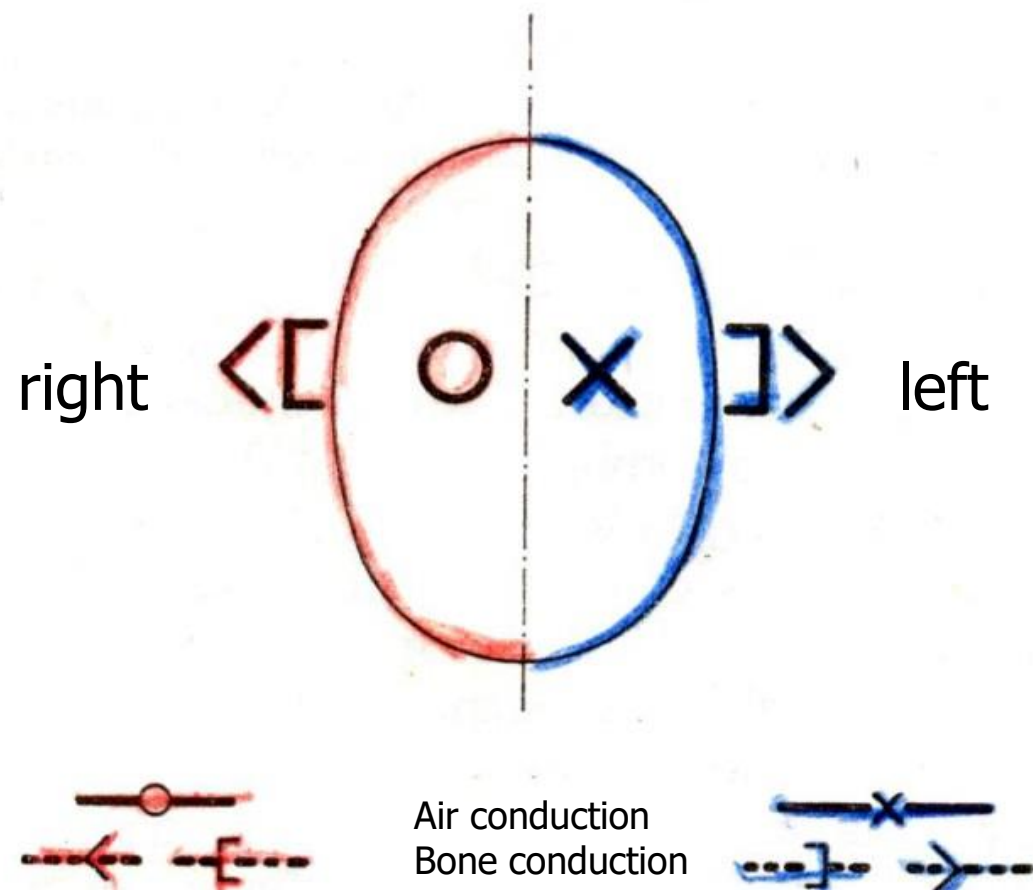
- audiometric room
- Air conduction:
  - headphones
- Bone conduction:
  - bone vibrator

Normal range – until 20 dB loss



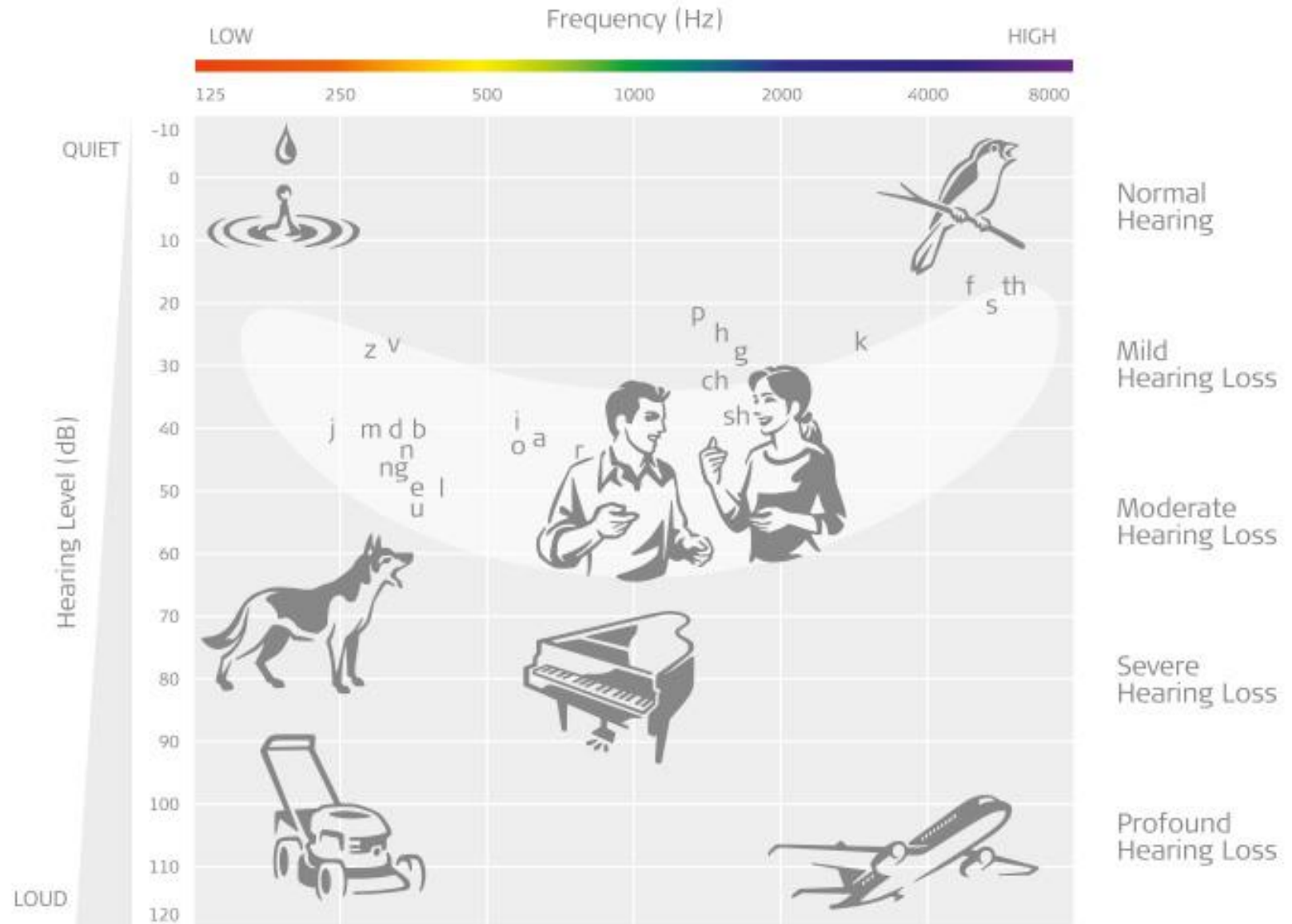


## Symbols for record of audiometric evaluation



# The speech field

Region of the best sensitivity for hearing



## Číslo

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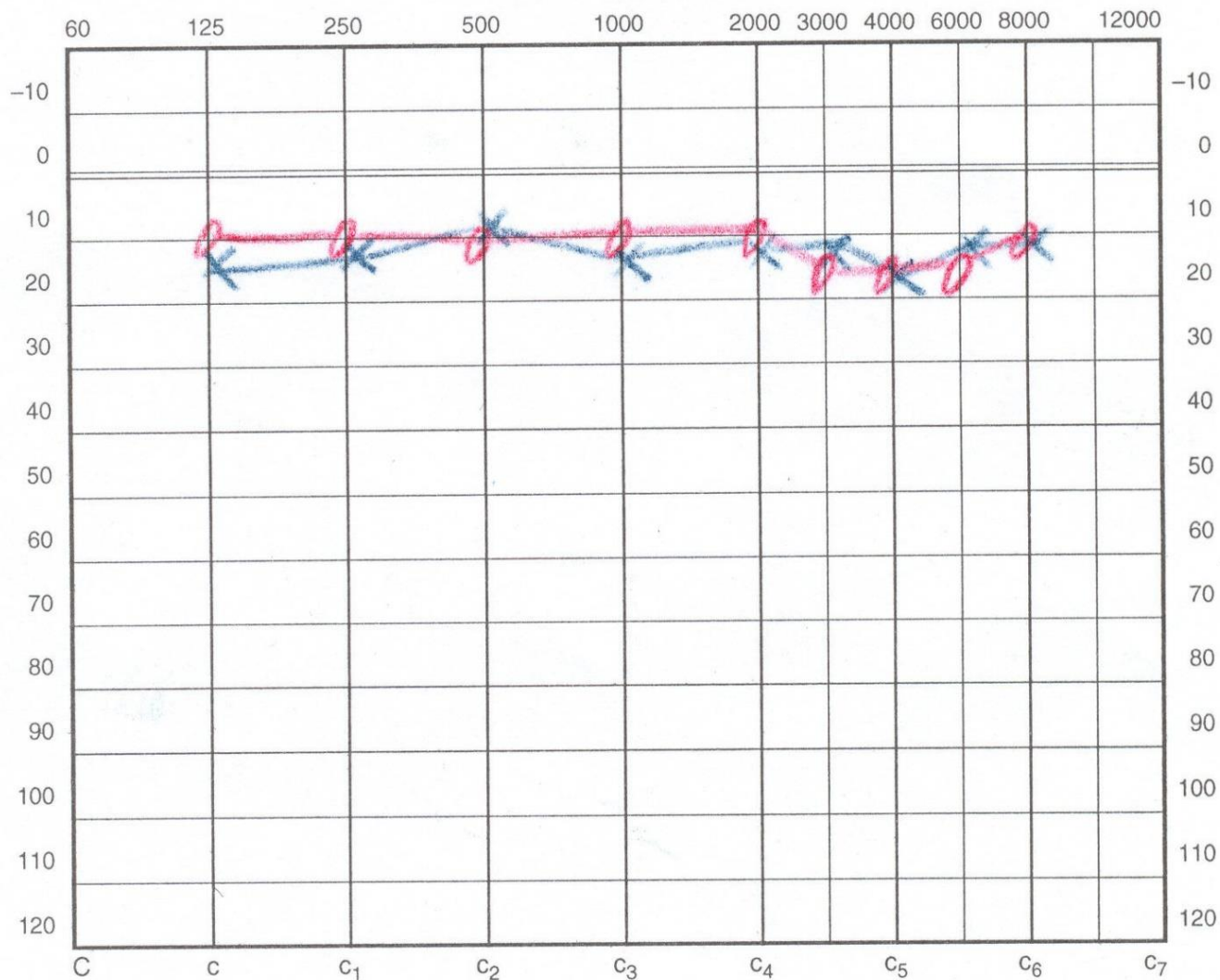
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Ztráta sluchu v decibelech



Audiometr

41-40

Č. ambulant. protokolu

Vedení	vzdu- chem	kostí
Vpravo	— o —	[
Vlevo	— x —	]

	Vpravo	Vlevo
Ztráta sluchu v %		
Celk. ztráta v %		

Poznámky:

nodnie

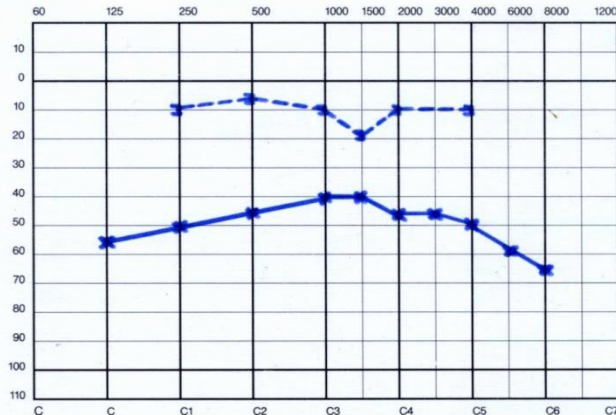


# Hearing loss (Hypacusis)

Conductive

Sensorineural

Mixed



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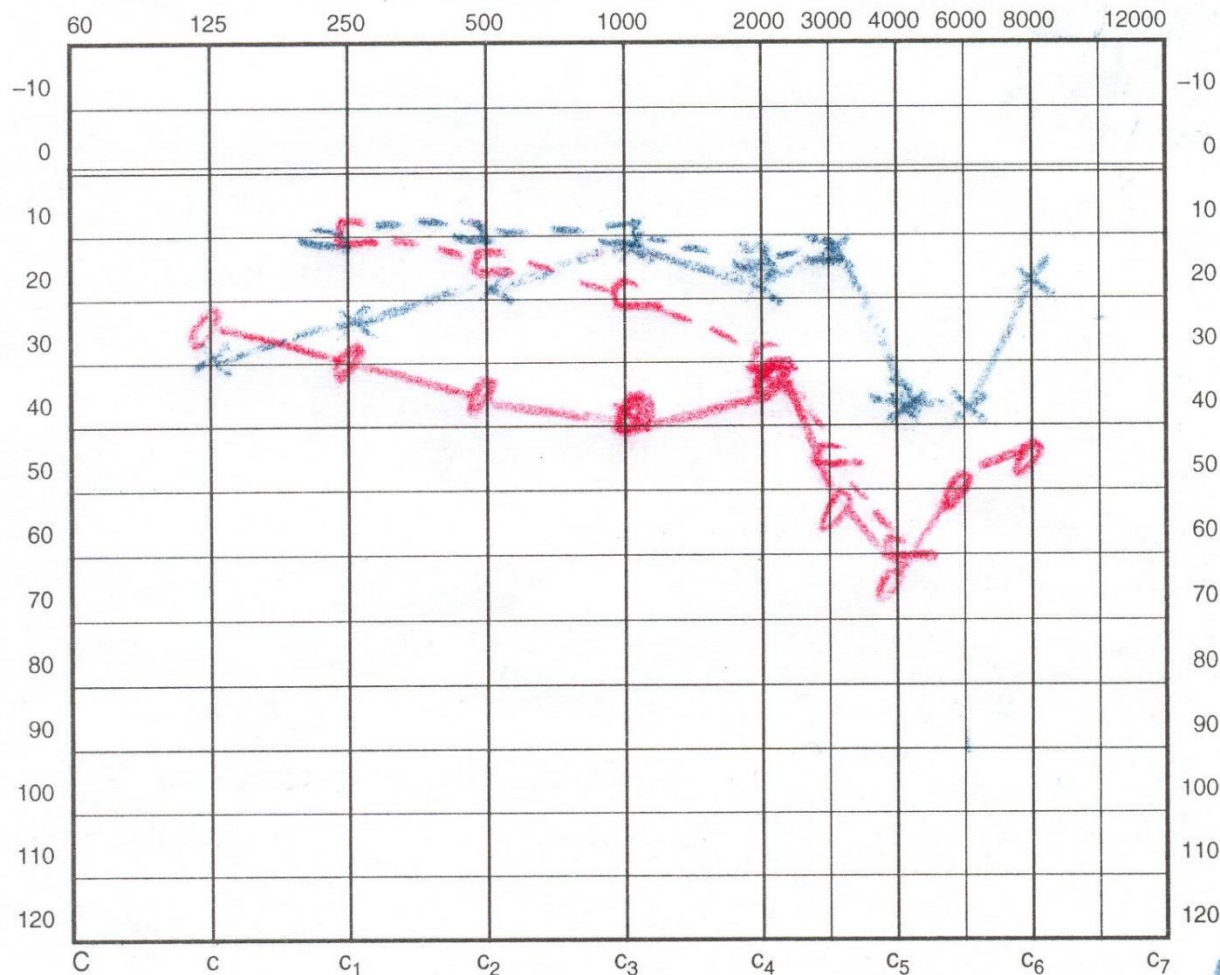
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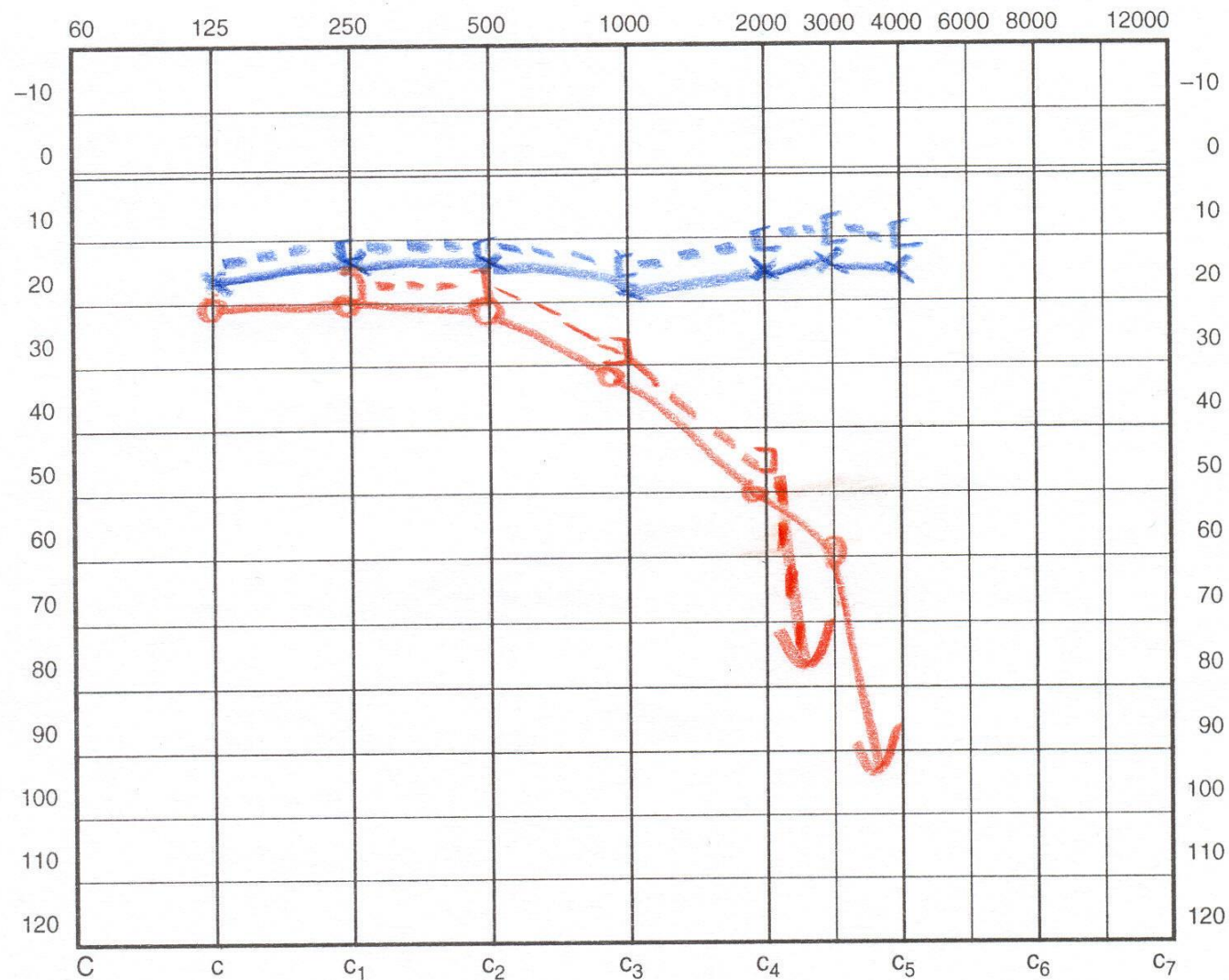
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Ztráta sluchu v %  
Celk. ztráta v %

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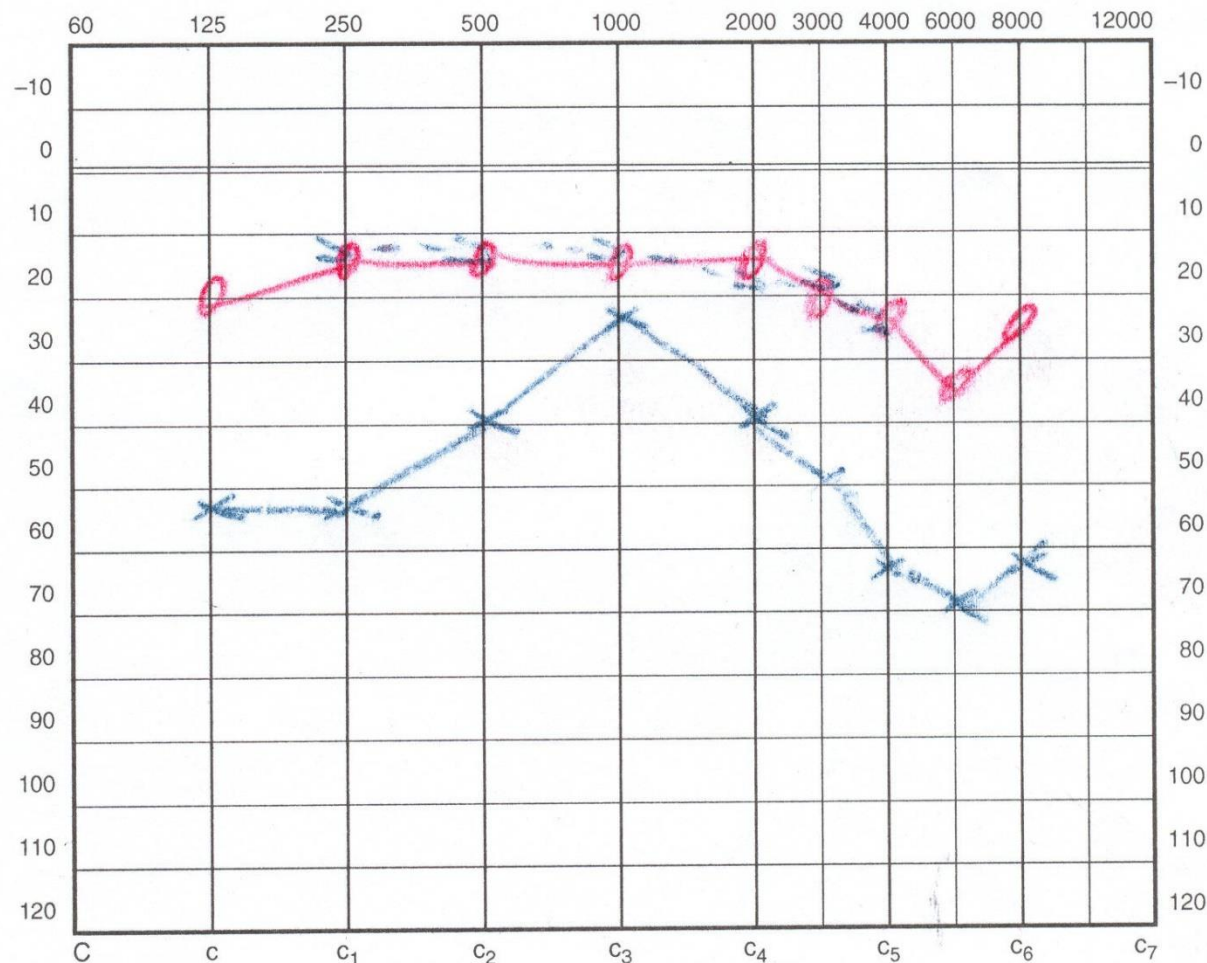
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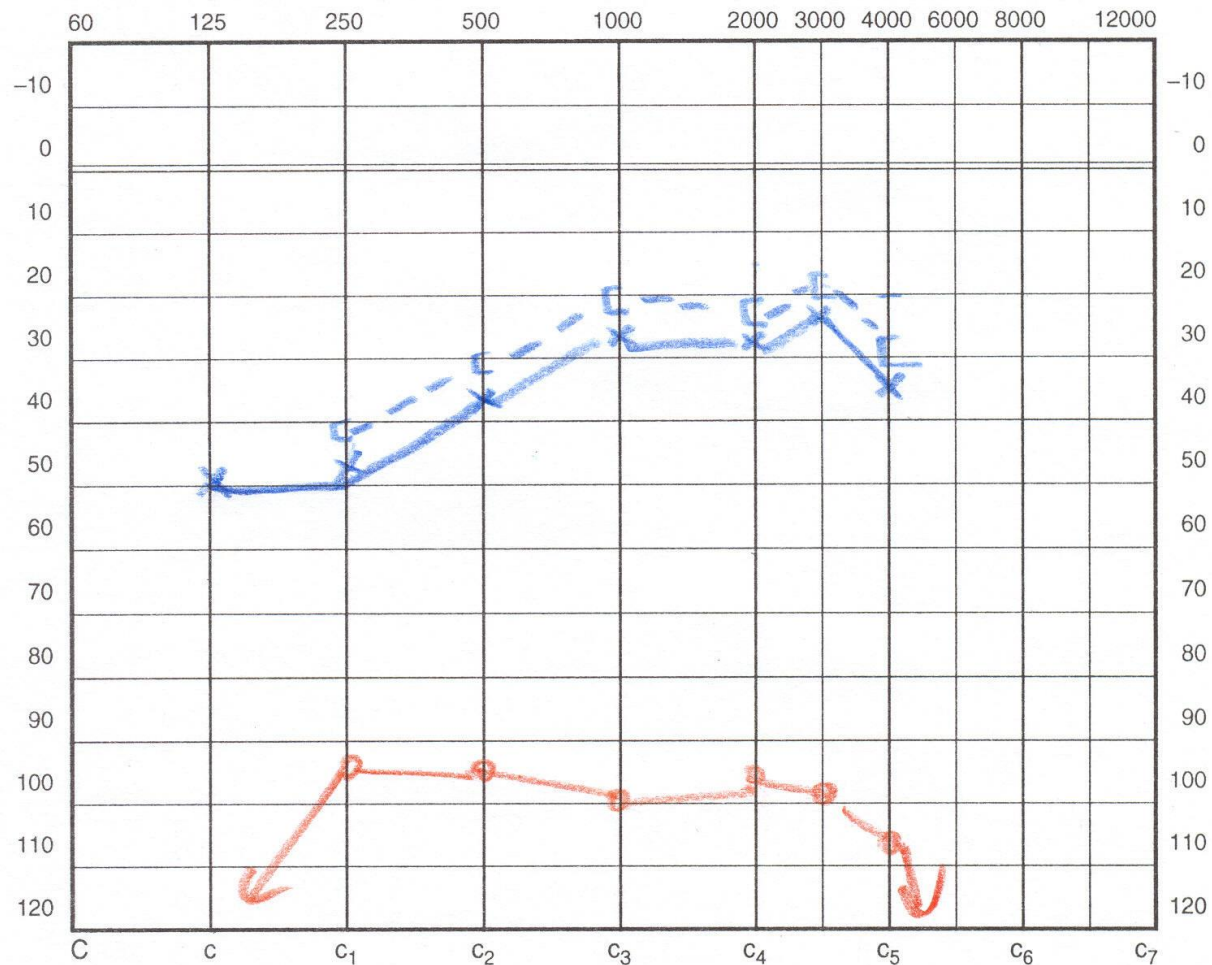
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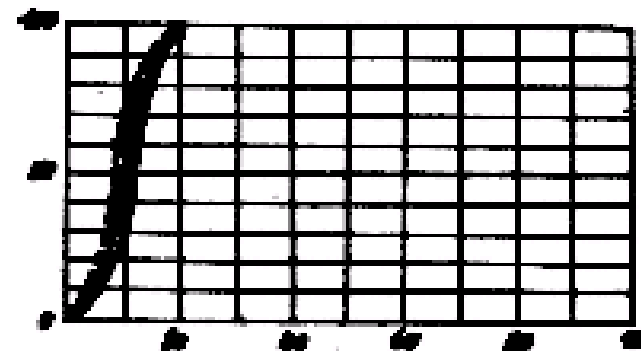
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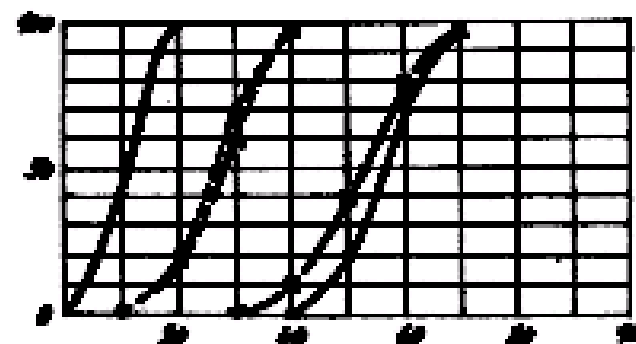
## Speech audiometry

Patient repeats words which are reproduced. One correctly repeated word means 10% of comprehension from one set. It is evaluated on increasing levels of intensity till 100% of comprehension or maximally possible per cent of comprehension.

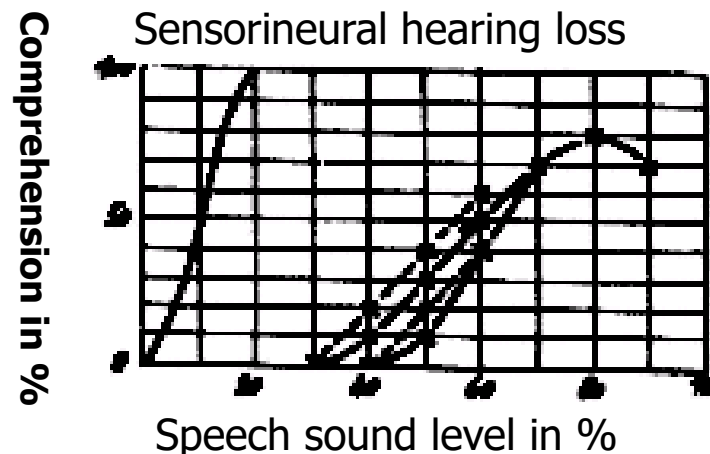
Normal hearing



Conductive hearing loss



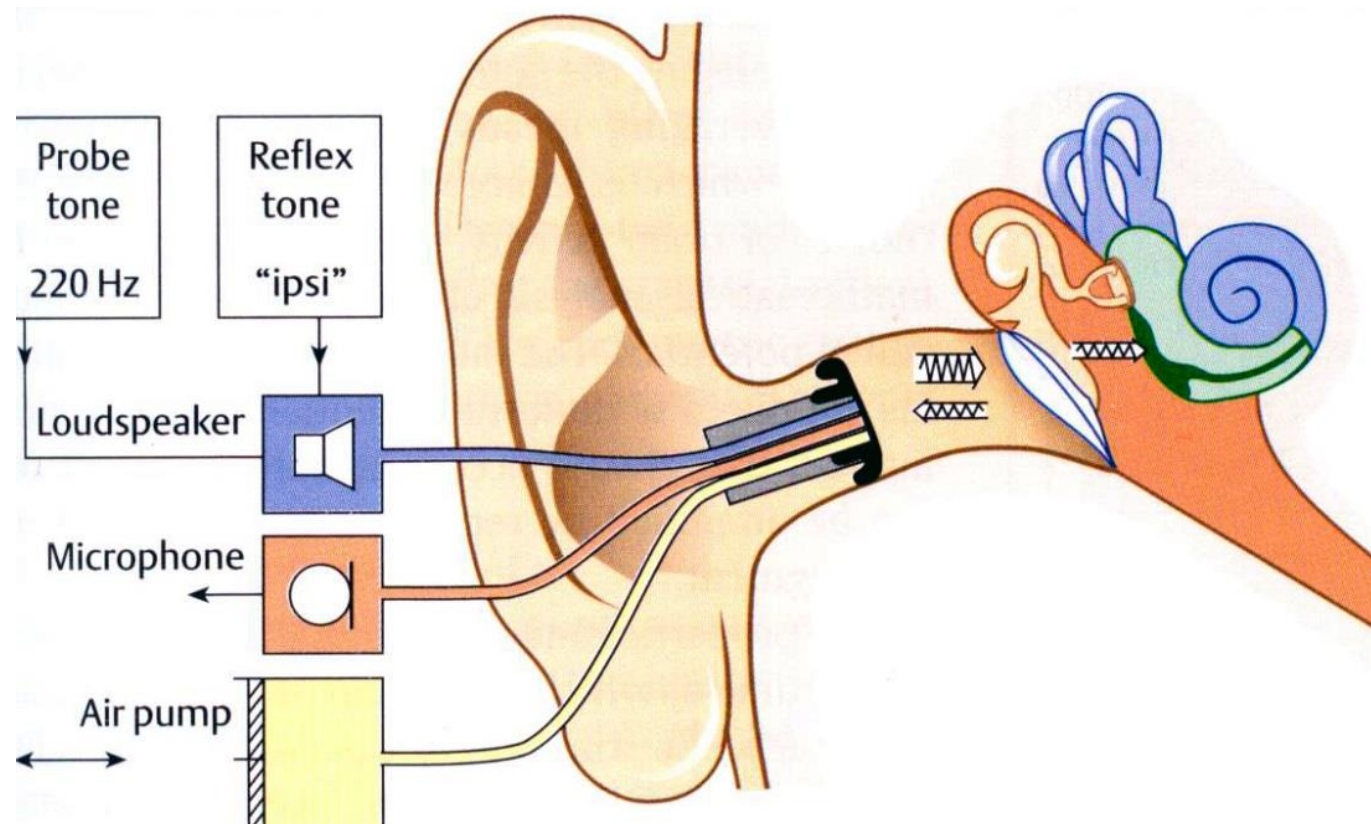
Sensorineural hearing loss

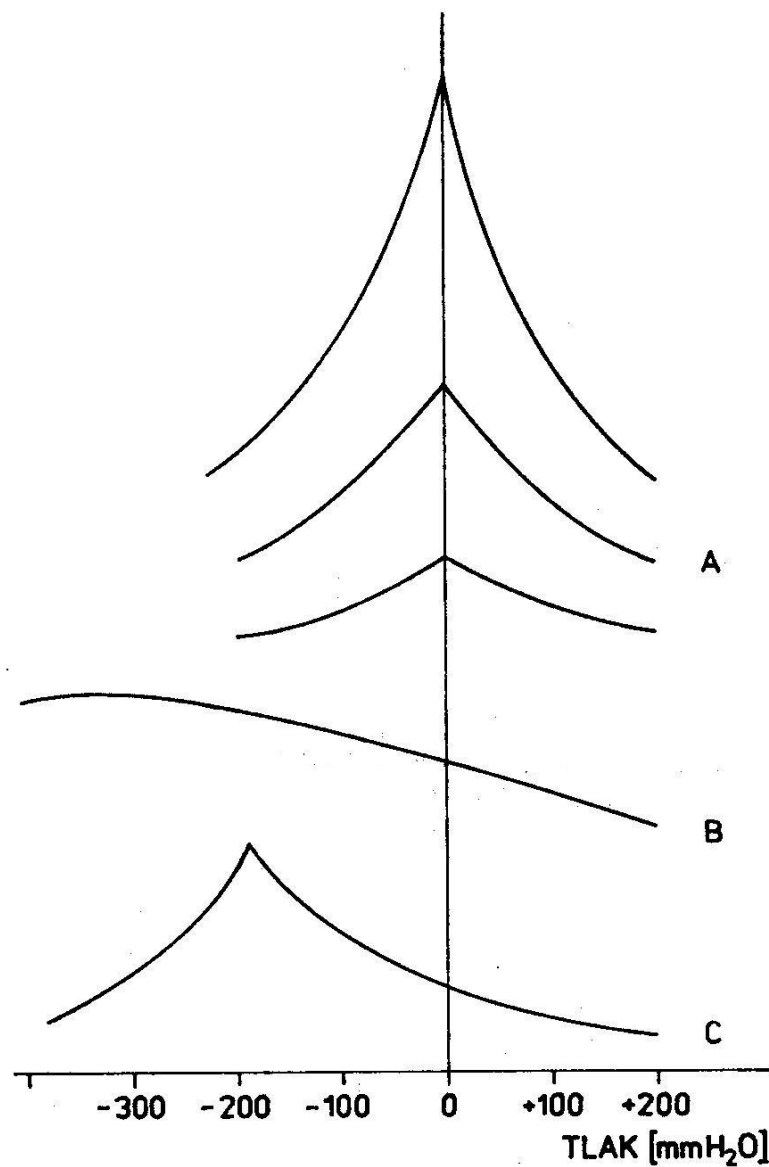




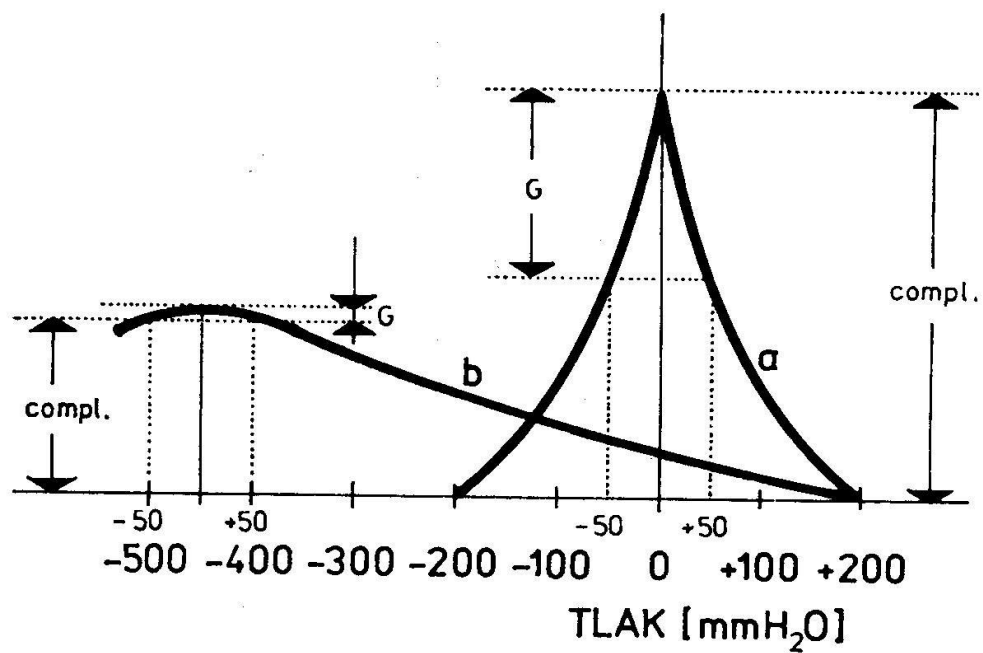
# Tympanometry

The greater the pressure differential (before and behind ear drum), the greater is the impedance of tympanic membrane and **more acoustic energy is reflected back** into external meatus. The level of testing tone in meatus is measured by sensitive microphone .



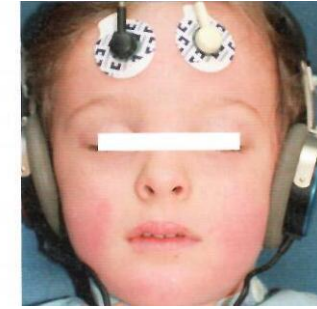


## Tympanometry



## Evoked response audiometry (ERA)

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- Human brain works with bioelectric impulses, not sound.
- bioelectric impulses could be measured as an electric potential
- conditions: motoric and psychic rest of patient, camera silent, electric interference suppression of the room
- Patient repeatedly exposed to an acoustic stimulus, an EEG is recorded. **Averaging** – the individual response can be distinguished by mathematical analysis of numerous individual evoked potentials



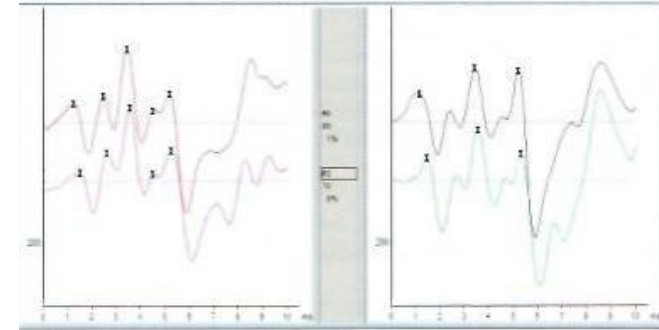
# Evoked response audiometry (ERA)

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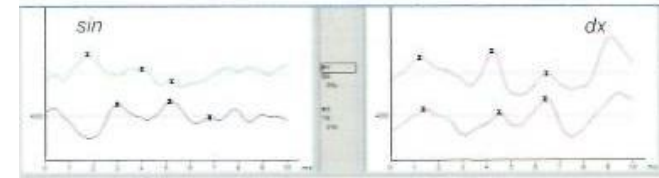
- **Cochlear potentials, electrocochleography** (Ecochg): latency window 0-4 ms. Probe – in external meatus or on promontorium)
- **Early potentials** (brain stem, BERA): 10-12 ms.
- **Middle potentials** MERA (middle latency evoked response audiometry : 40-60 ms – suitable for processing (steady-state evoked potentials)
- **Late potentials** (cortical, CERA-cortical evoked response audiometry): to 200 ms. Before application CI or hearing aids.

## BERA, BAEP (brainstem auditory evoked potentials)

- **Early potentials** (brain stem, BERA): 10-12 ms.
- Complex 7 peaks, so called Jewett waves, most important I-III.
- Fixed elektrods temporal, occipital and referent forehead, given earphone
- Susp. rektrochlear laesion – dysmorphism of Jewett complex, missing or shift of latency V wave.
- Senzitivity and specifity for dg vestib schwanoma 70-80 %



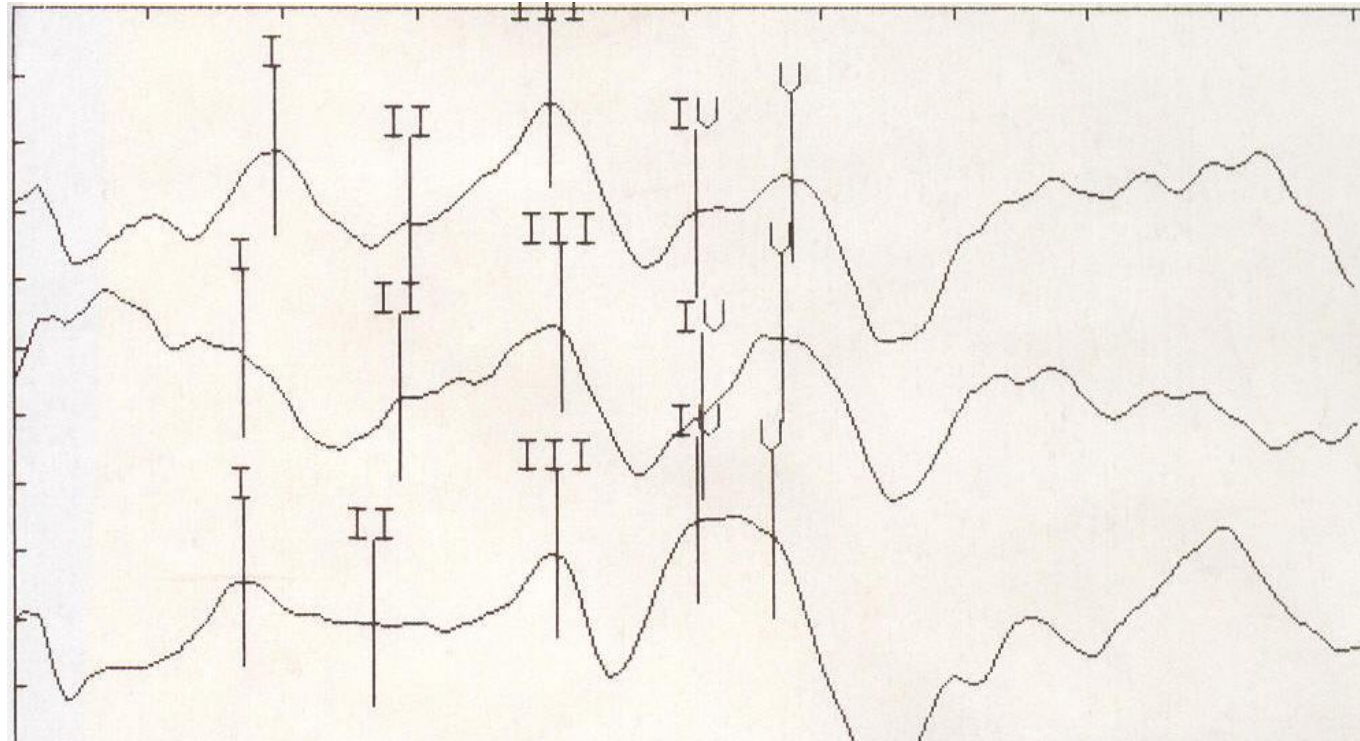
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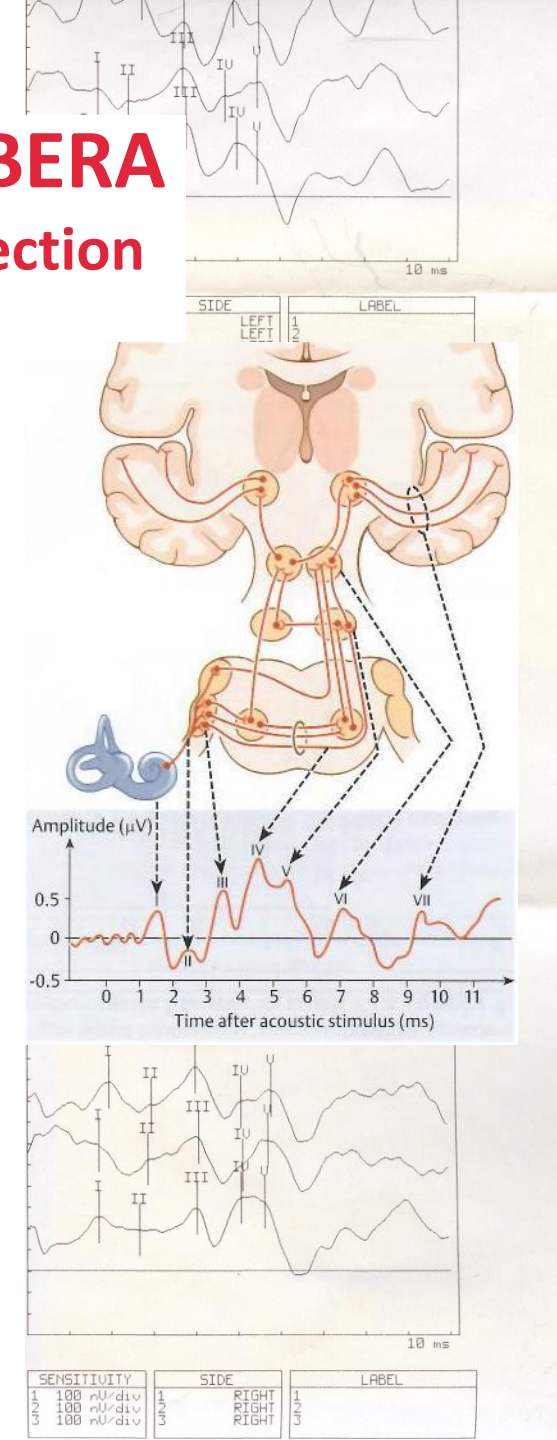
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Retrokochleární léze vlevo (vestibulární schwannom).  
Dysmorfie Jewettových vln, posun latenci V5. V levém poli záznam z vyšetřovaného ucha, v pravém poli kontralaterální záznam.

# Auditory evoked potentials BERA

– prolonged latency of 0,2 ms – suspicion  
on small schwannoma n. VIII



Patient repeatedly exposed to an acoustic stimulus, an EEG is recorded. **Averaging** – the individual response can be distinguished by mathematical analysis of numerous individual evoked potentials







## Middle potentials MERA

### Steady-state evoked potentials (SSEP)

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- Other names: ASSR (auditory steady-state responses), AMFR (amplitude modulated frequency responses) – processing of signals of middle electric response.
- Fully automatized
- Good correlation with pure tone audiometry
- Outcome of measurement – objective frequency – specified threshold audiometry, estimation audiogram

# Otoacoustic emission (OAE)

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- Sound result from spontaneous or provoked activity of outer hair cells organon Corti.
- **Spontaneous OAE** arise itself, sign of normal function of Corti organ, present in childhood
- **Evoked OAE**
  - **Transiently evoked otoacoustic emission (TEOAE)**- as response on acoustic stimulus
  - **Distorsion products (DPOAE)** – emission response on 2 simultaneous perceived tones of nearby frequency and intensity
- **Usage** newborn screening of hearing function and frequency specified determination of hearing threshold

# Sensorineural hearing loss

**According to type of audiometry curve:**

- Basocochlear
- Pankochlear
- Apicocochlear
- Mediocochlear

**According to  
lesion localisation:**

- Cochlear
- Retrocochlear





# Cochlear lesion

- bothering, but not life threatening

# Retrocochlear lesion

- bothering, but also they could life threaten



# Sensorineural hearing loss (intra) cochlear

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= damage of cochlear structures

## **Etiology:**

- Presbycusis
- Heredo-degenerative
- Noise damage
- Toxic damage
- Menier's disease
- Acute sensorineural hearing loss
- ... etc.

# Sensorineural hearing loss retro- (supra-) cochlear

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= damage of structures proximal from cochlea

## **Etiology:**

### **Demyelization**

- atherosclerosis
- sclerosis multiplex

### **Inflammation**

- borreliosis
- neuro-viruses
- meningitis
- meningoencephalitis

### **Tumors**

- vestibular schwannoma
- meningioma
- other tumors of cerebellar angle

### **Trauma**

- commotion, contusion
- skull base fractures





# Differential diagnosis cochlear/retrocochlear

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## 1. Subjective tests:

- time demanding
- active cooperation of pt
- complicated for understanding
- relatively low validity

## 2. Objective tests :

- time usually not so demanding
- demand only passive patient cooperation
- expansive technical equipment
- high validity



# Subjective tests

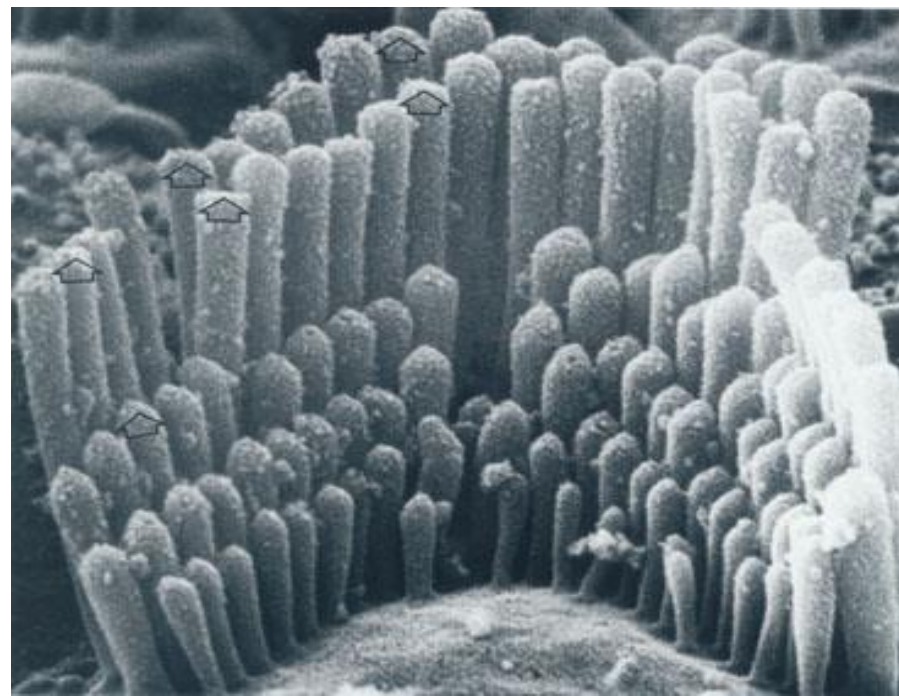
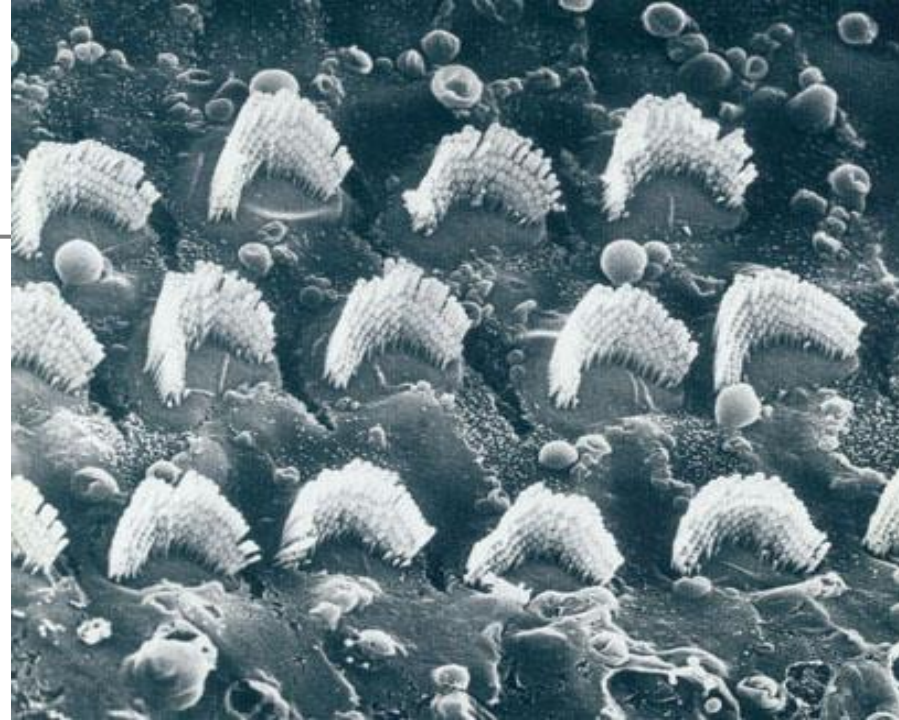
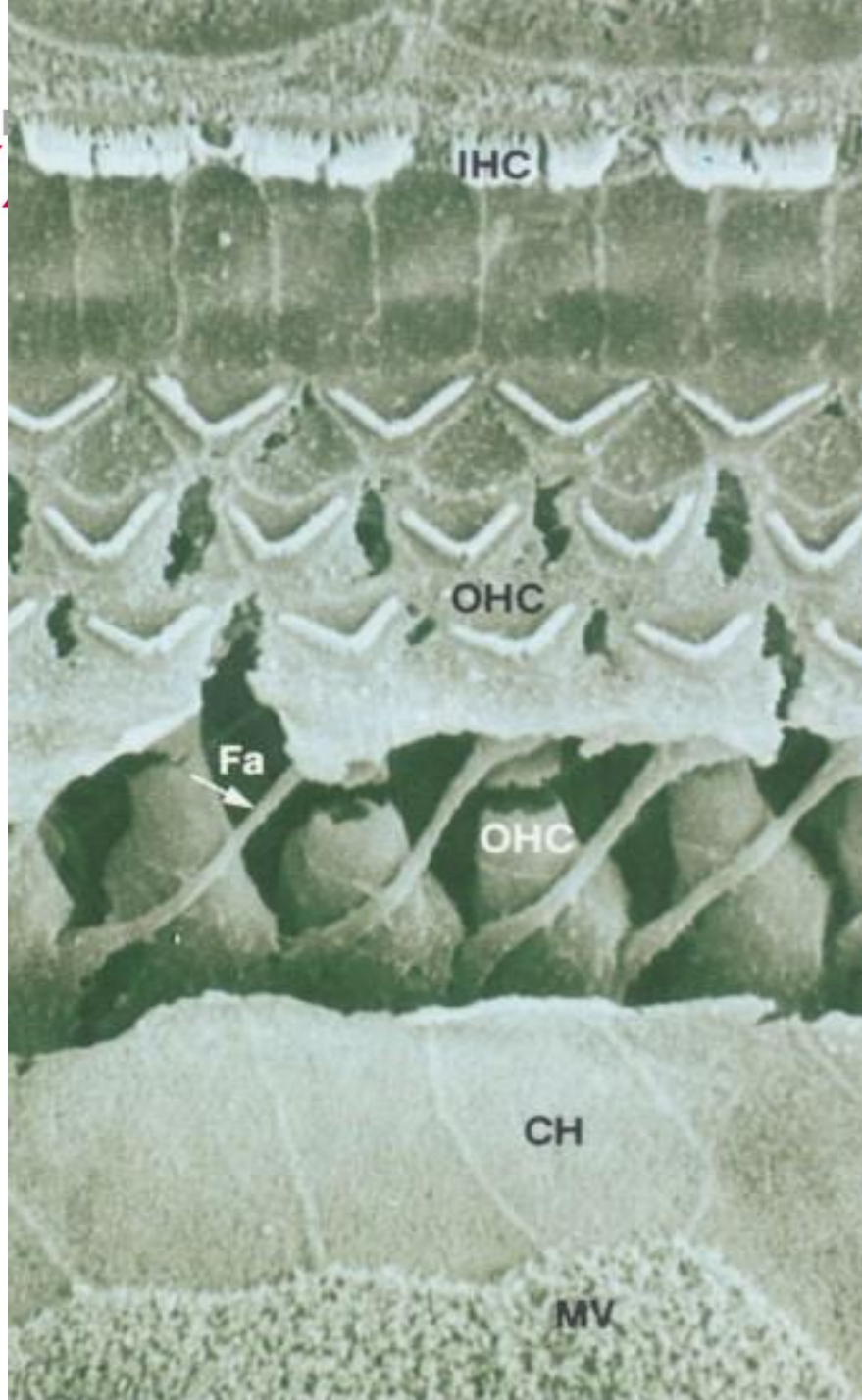
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## Based on proof of:

mask effect of noise

recruitment phenomena

wearisomeness of hearing organ





# Recruitment phenomena

= abnormal increase of loudness in above-threshold in damage of OHC and normal function IHC.

Fowler test; convergence of perceptions



short time 1 dB increase of intensity 20 dB above threshold (20x)

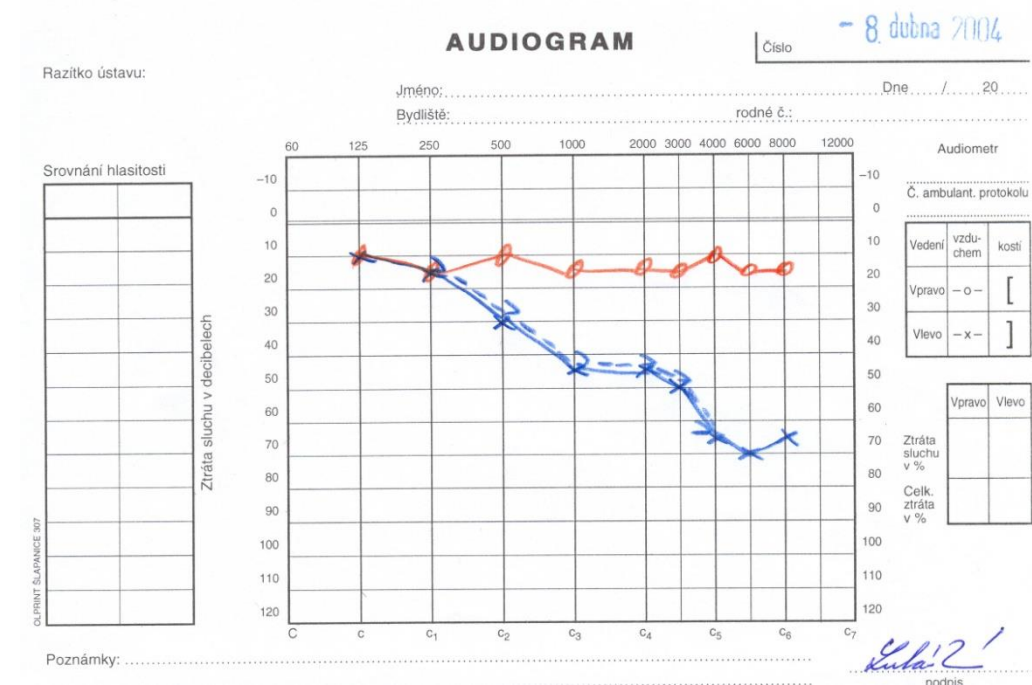
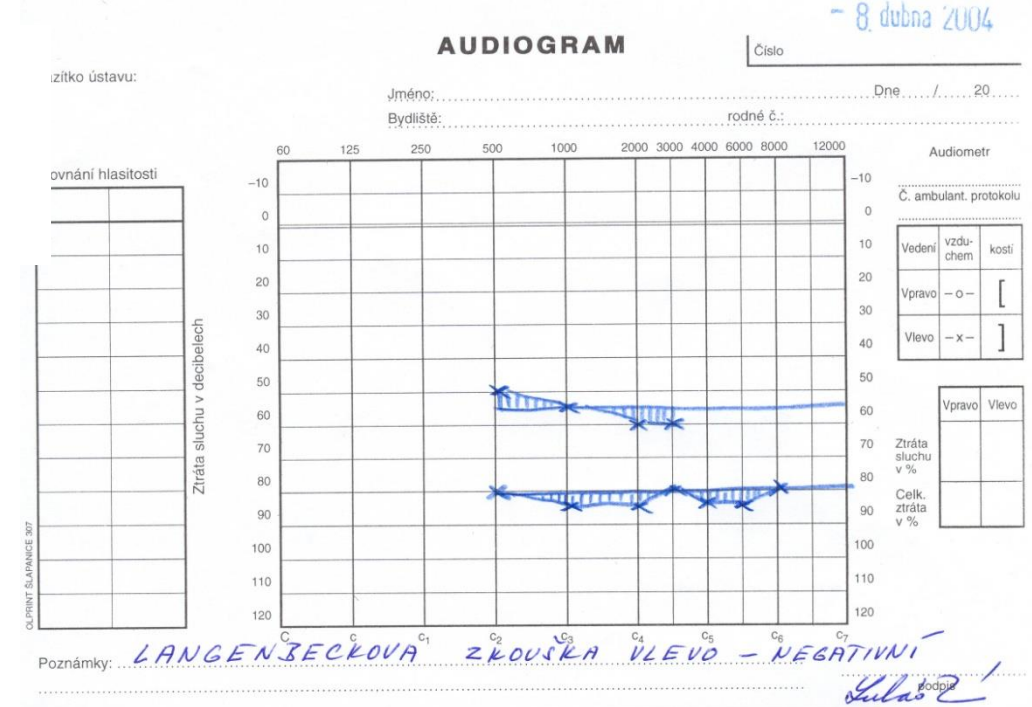
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# Noise audiometry

## Langebeck test

= increase ability to mask tones by hum in  
supracochelear hearing loss. Thresholds  
are higher about more than 10 dB as  
level of ripple.





# Supracochlear hearing loss

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