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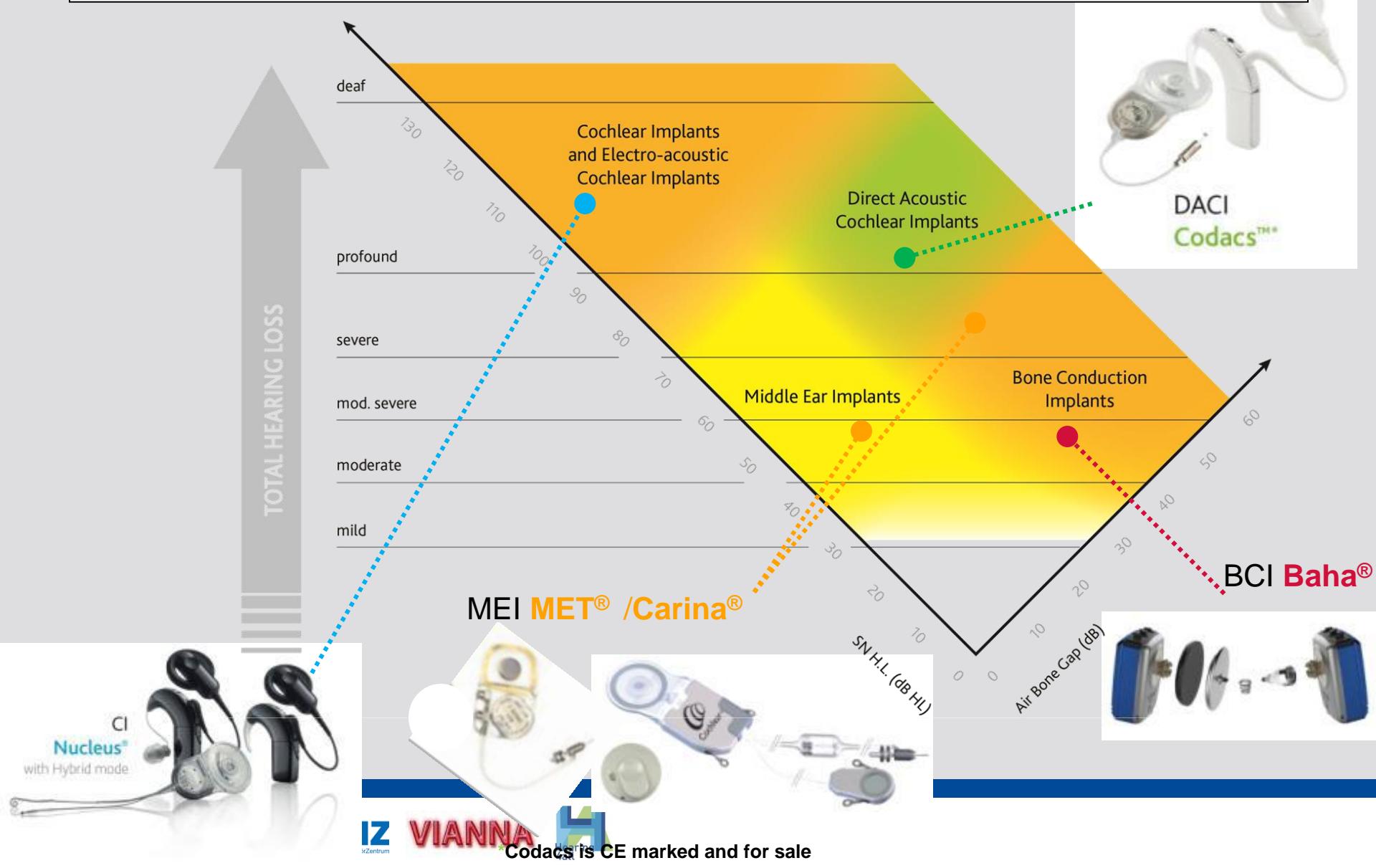
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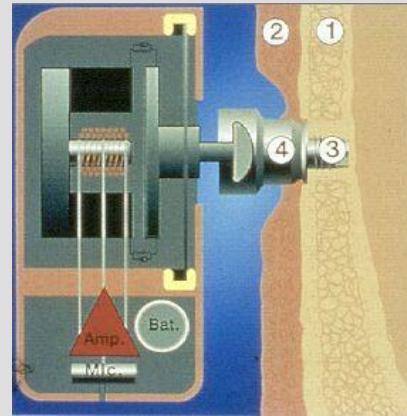
# Auditory Implants



# Bone Conduction Devices BCDs



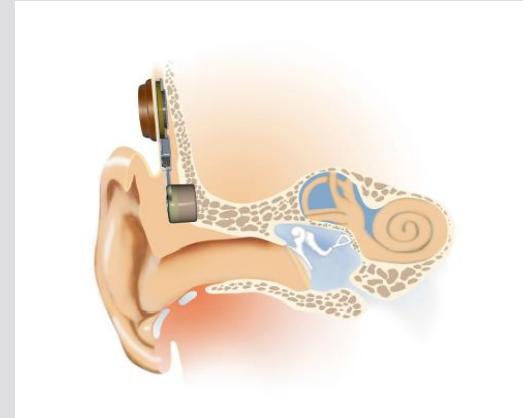
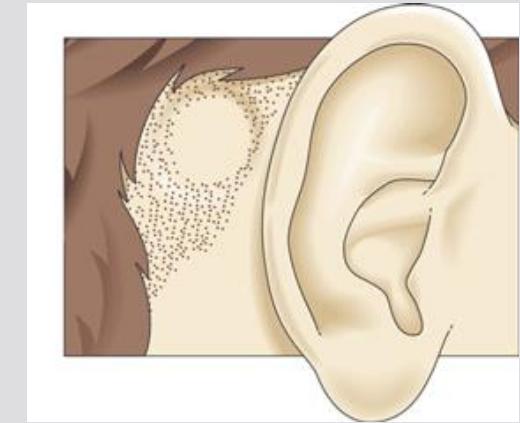
Bone Conduction



BAHA

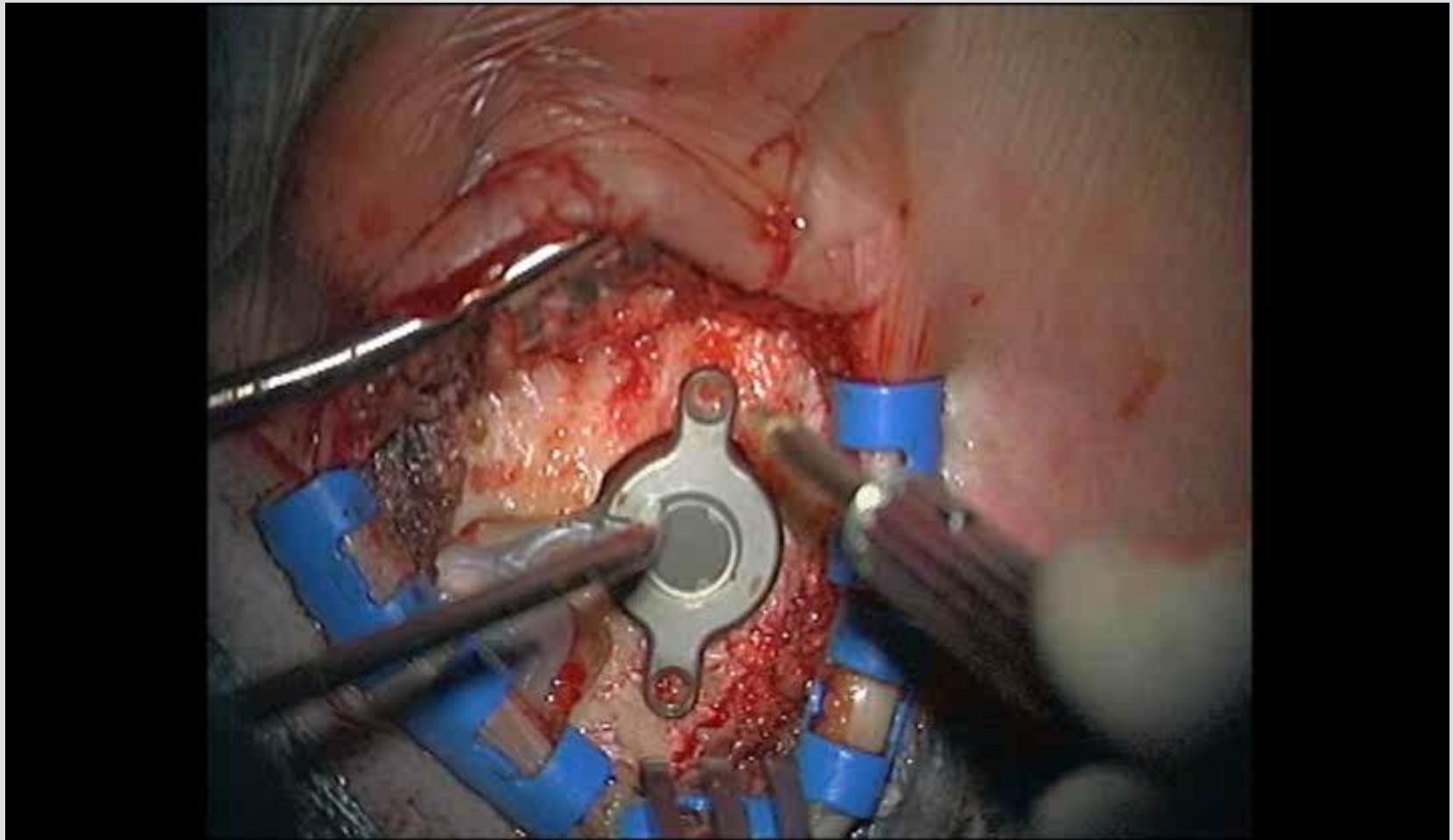


BAHA Attract



Bonebridge

# Bonebridge Implantation

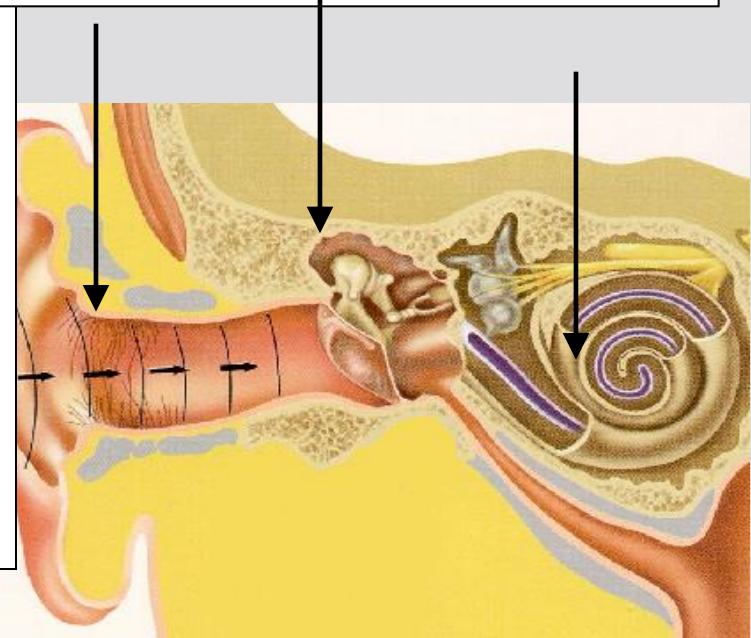


# Active Middle Ear Implants AMEI

## Comparison Stimulation

- Acoustic: Hearing Aid
- Electric: Cochlear  
Implant
- Mechanical: Active Middle  
Ear Implant

Active Middle  
Ear Implants      Hearing Aids      Cochlear  
Implants



# Acoustic Implants used at MHH

- Hannover Medical University
  - 500 CI / yr.
  - 50-90 AI / yr.
- Approx. 850 since 1996



Cochlear Codacs



Cochlear Carina



Cochlear MET

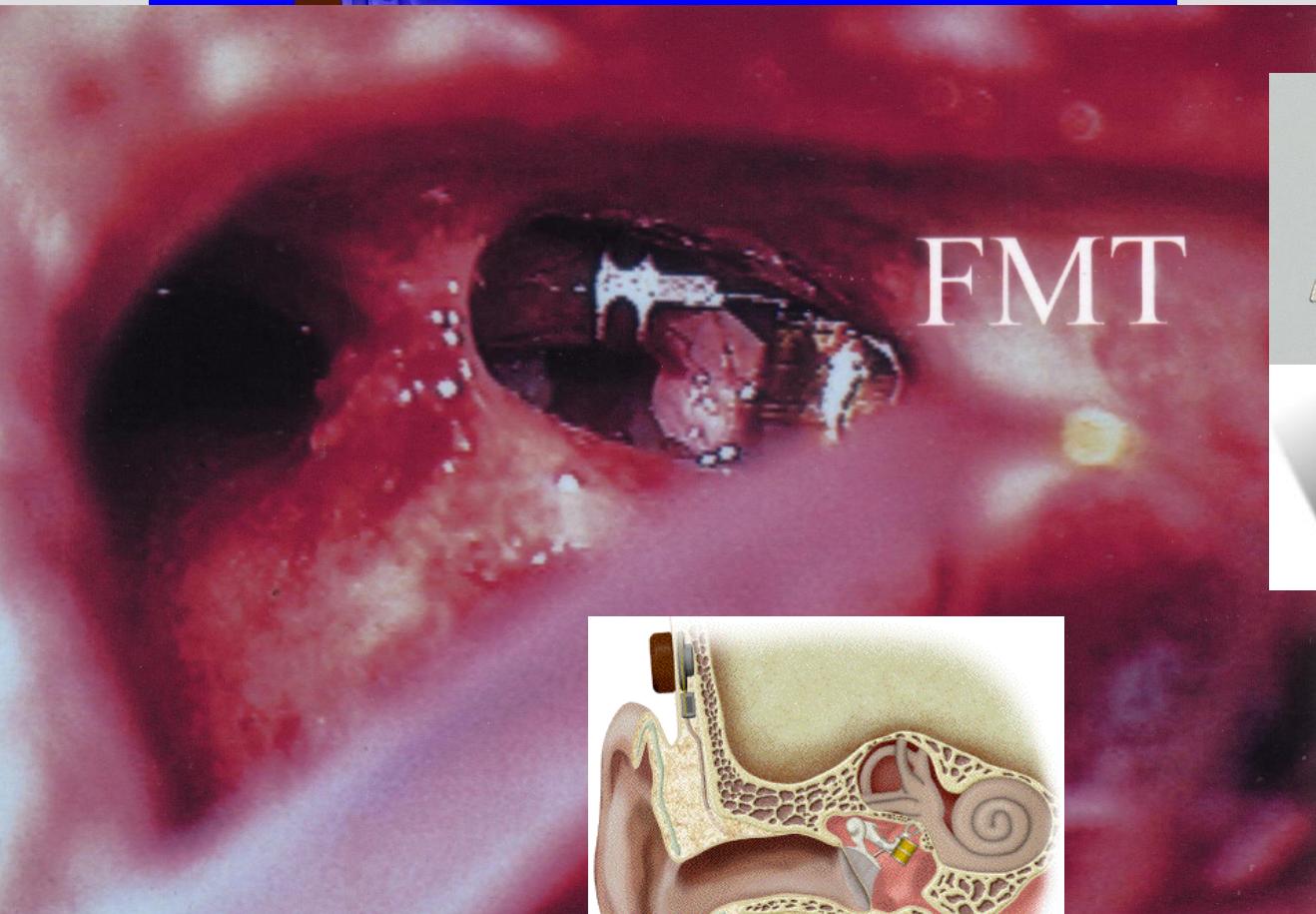


Medel VSB

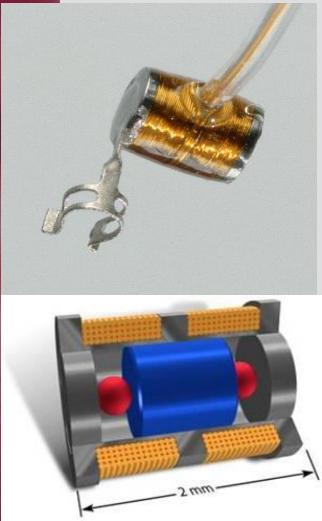
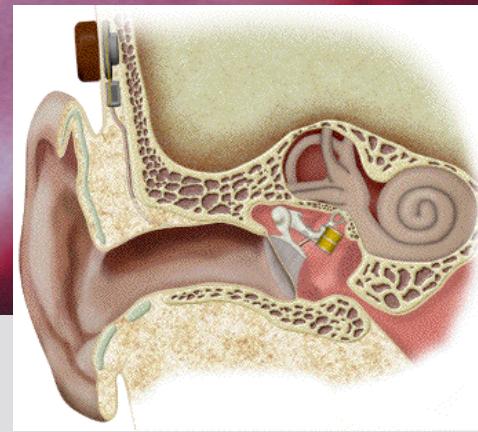
Codacs, MET and Carina are not approved in all markets and may be subject to restrictions in the region in which you practice.

# Vibrant Soundbridge, Med-El

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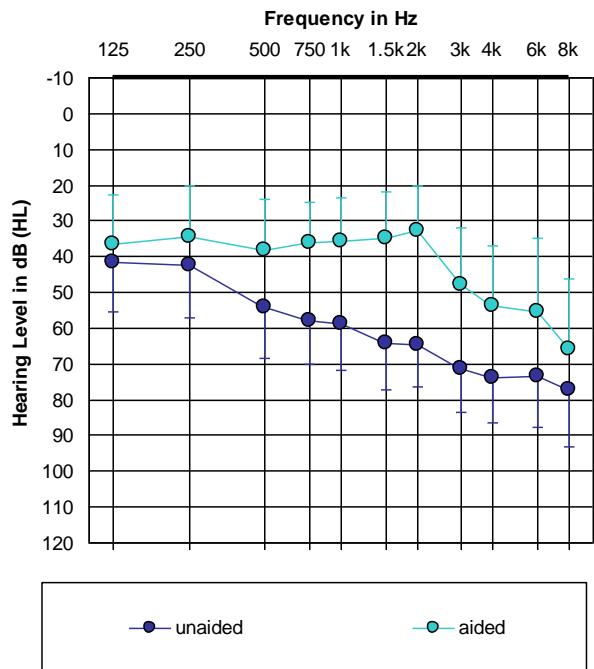
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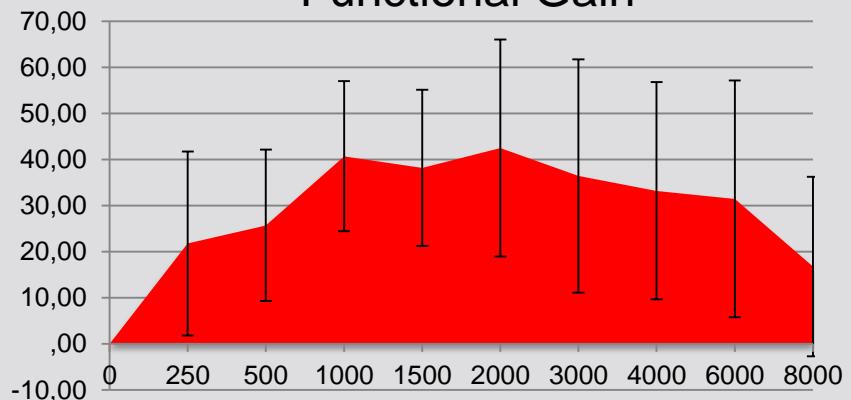
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Transducer

# FMT Incus – Coupling

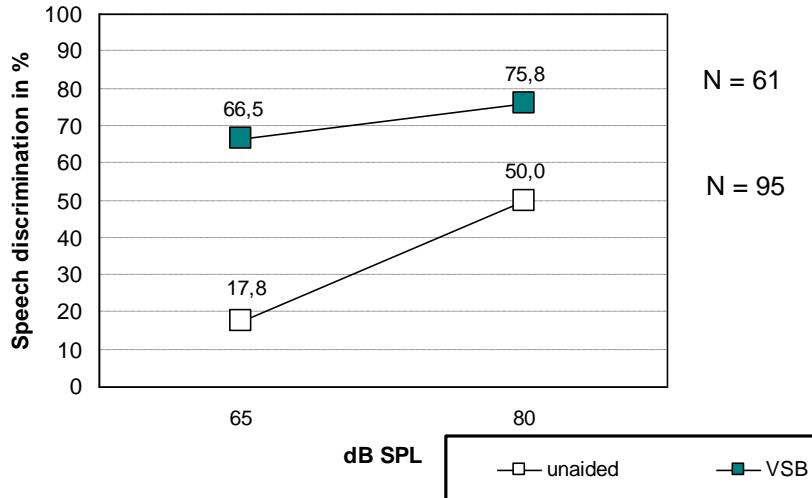
Freefield audiology with pure tones  
Incus, N = 111



## Functional Gain

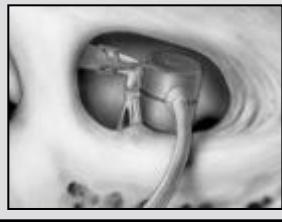


Freefield speech discrimination with  
Freiburger monosyllabic Test Incus, N=101



# VSB Coupling: “VIBROPLASTY”

Vibrant  
classic



Vibrant  
TORP



Vibrant  
PORP



Vibrant  
round  
window

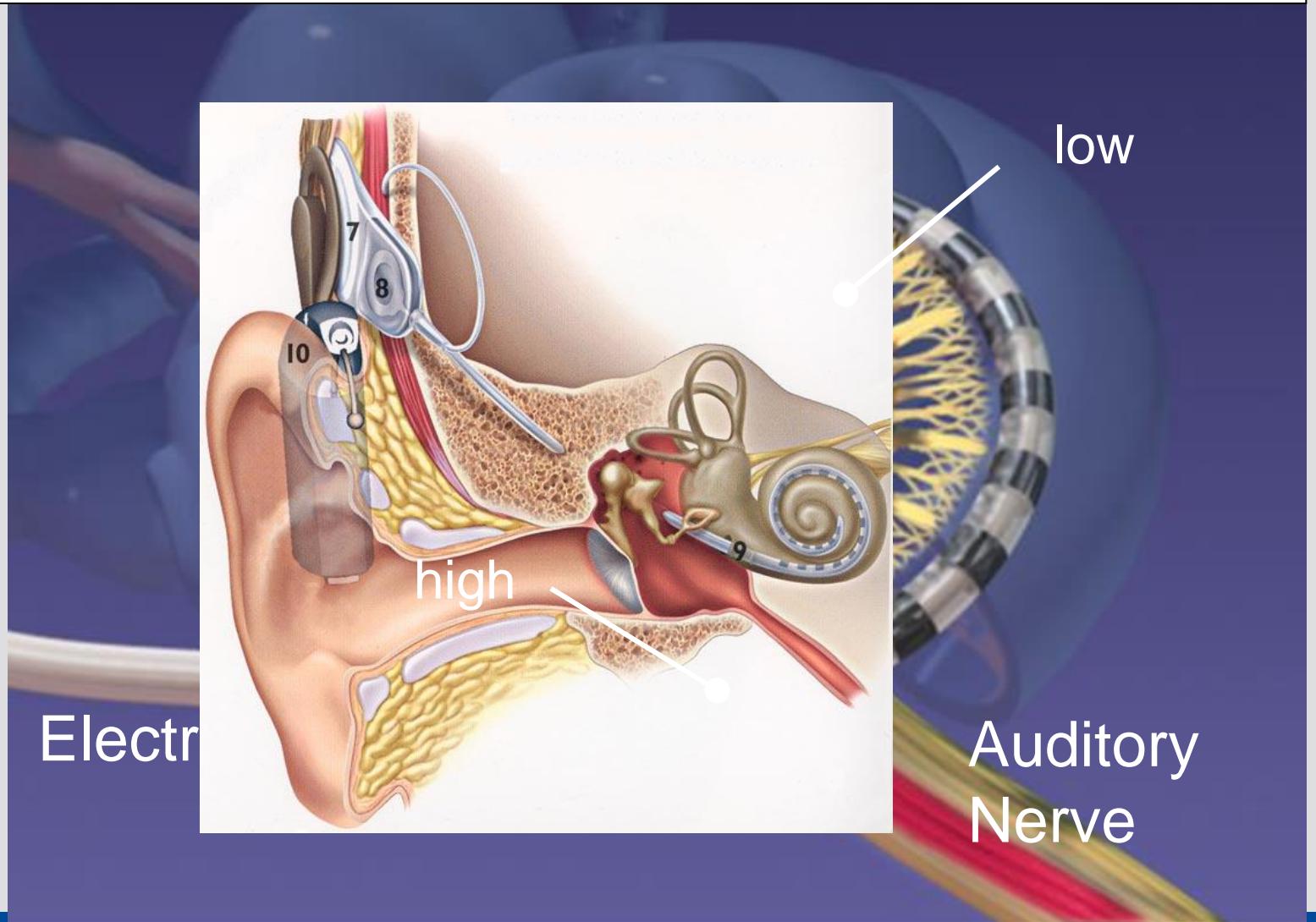


Vibrant  
Piston



Vibrant  
?

# Cochlear Implant



# Cochlear Implant: Success Story of Neuroprostheses

- 450.000 recipients worldwide
- Germany. 1 Mio candidates

Awareness  
of sound

Speech  
Recognition  
In a few

Speech  
Recognition  
For most

Speech  
Recognition  
For all

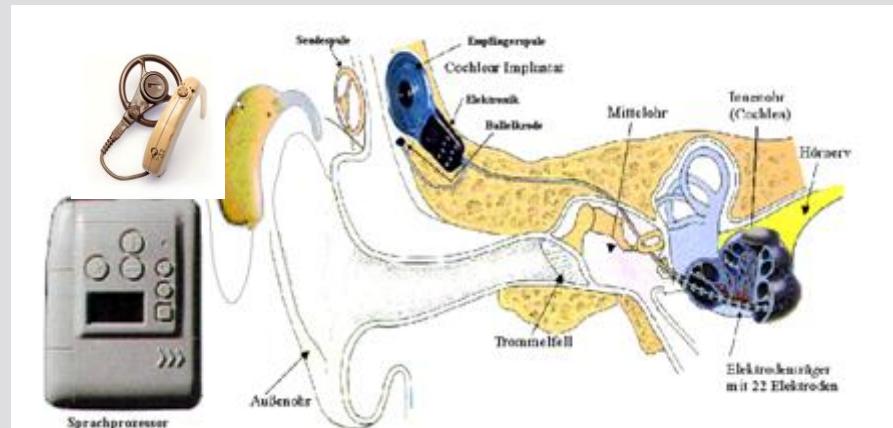
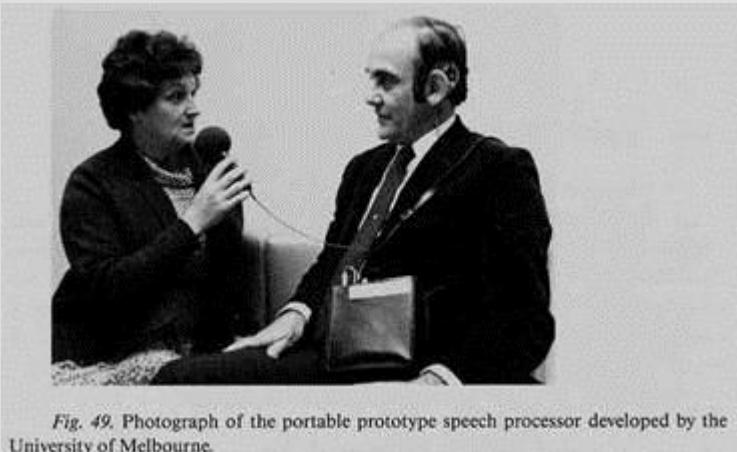
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1978

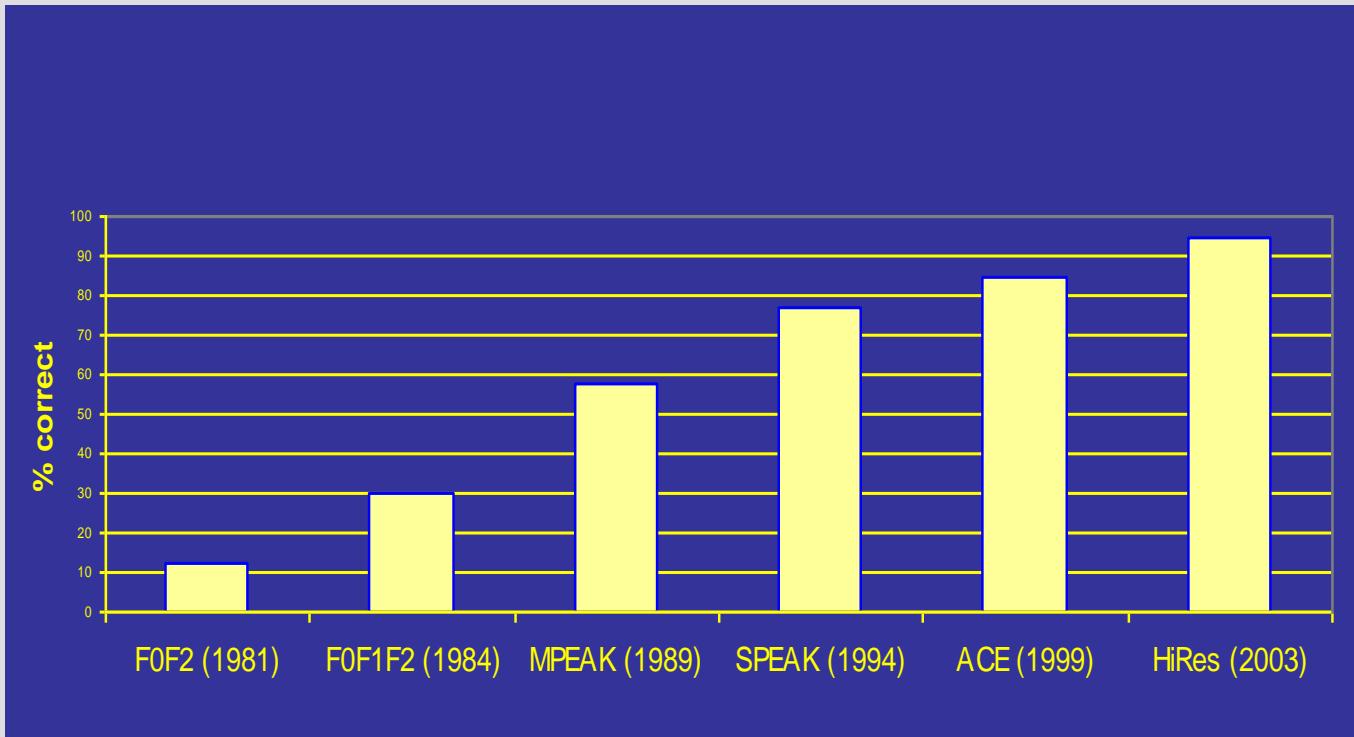
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Future



# Performance increase by simply turning up the stimulation rate



total  
stimulation  
rate  
increased  
by:

7 x

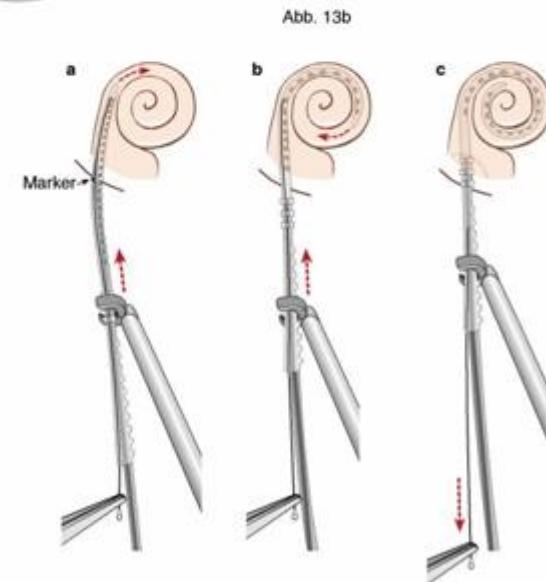
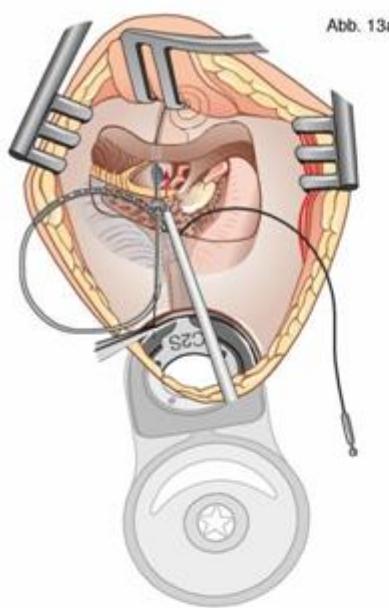
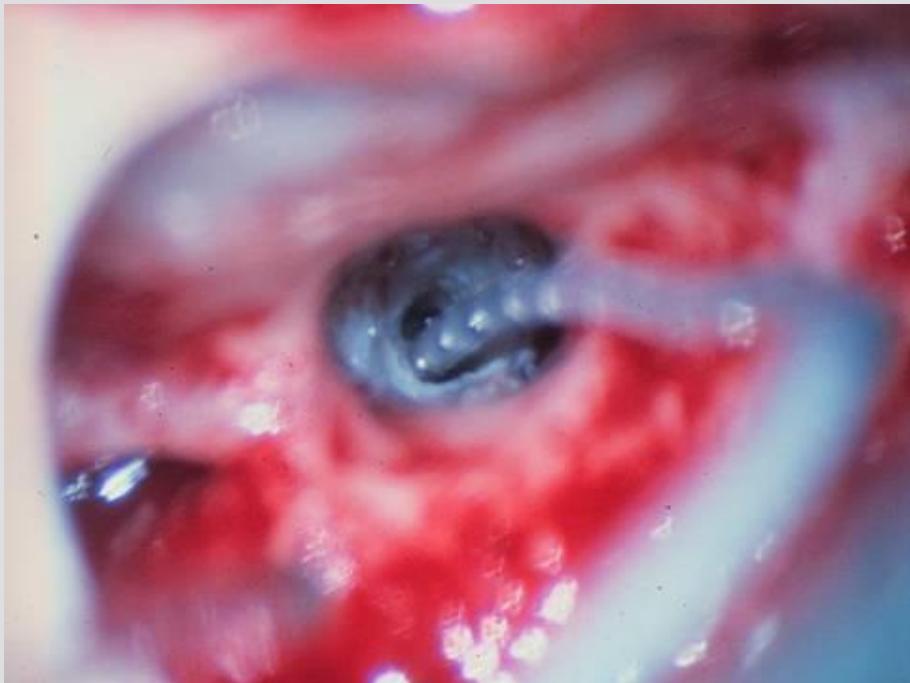
20 x

100 x

# Indications for CI

- Bilateral profound to severe deafness
  - adults
  - Children
- High Frequency deafness
- Single sided deafness
- Borderline Cases

# Electrode Insertion



# Bilateral Implantation



Sound Localization  
Improved Hearing in Noise



# Cochlear Implantation

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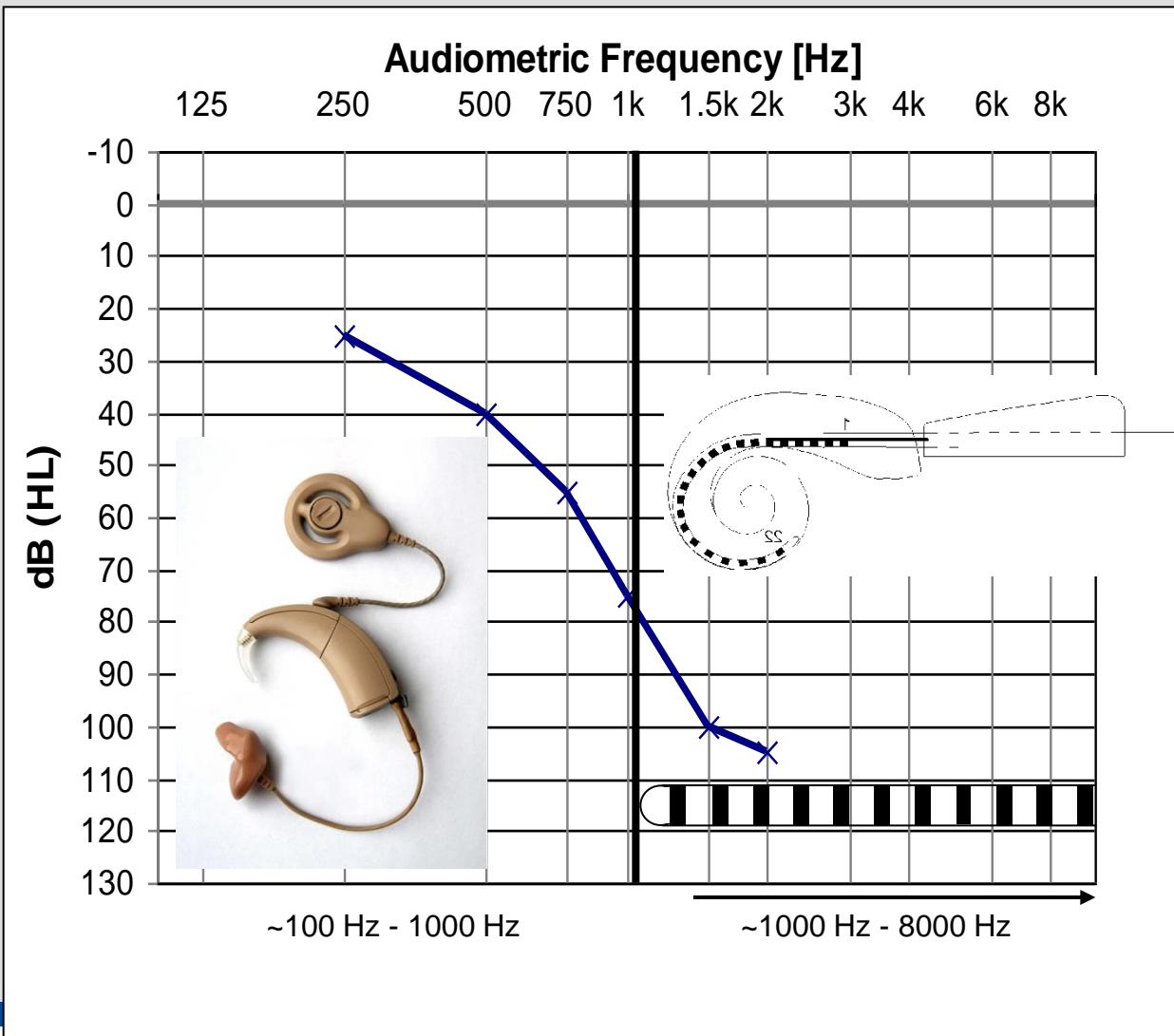
## Results / n = 8430

- 70 % of the adult population open set speech understanding
- When implanted early children achieve normal auditory and speech development
- Results are mainly influenced by duration and age of deafness and time of implantation
- Bilateral implantation gives additional benefit for sound localization in speech in noise recognition

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# HEARING PRESERVATION COCHLEAR IMPLANTATION

# Hybrid System for Electro-Acoustic Hearing

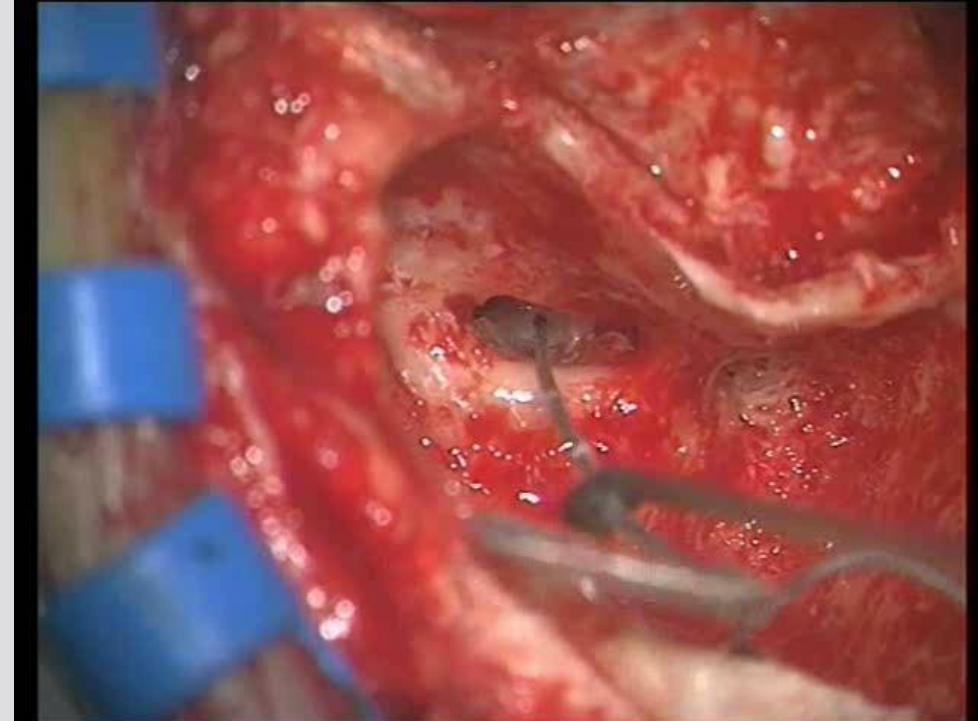


# Hybrid-L and CI422

## Round Window Insertion



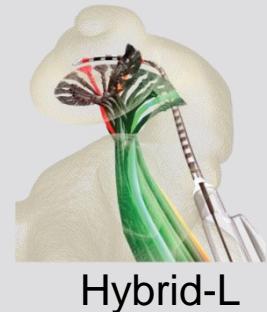
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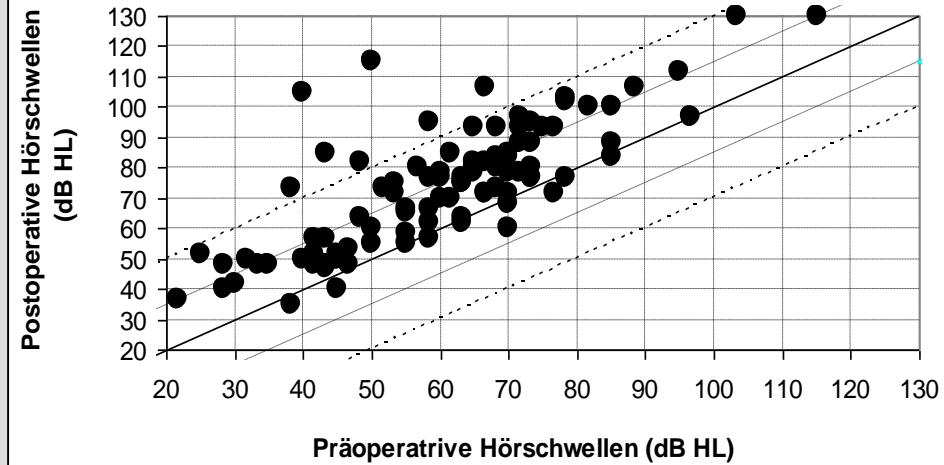
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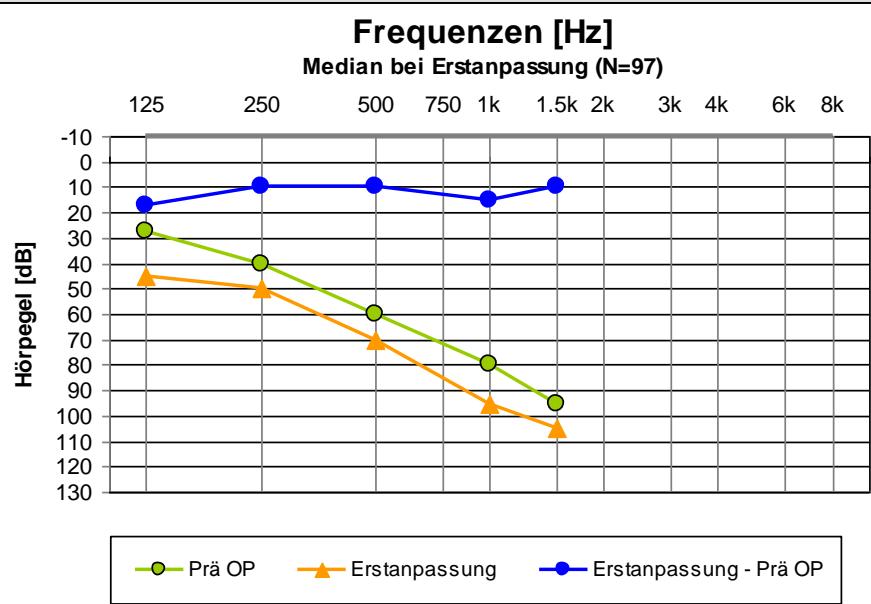
## Pre- OP vs Initial Fitting



**Prä- zu Post OP (Erstanpassung) N=97**  
Individueller Vergleich der Hörschwelten < 1kHz

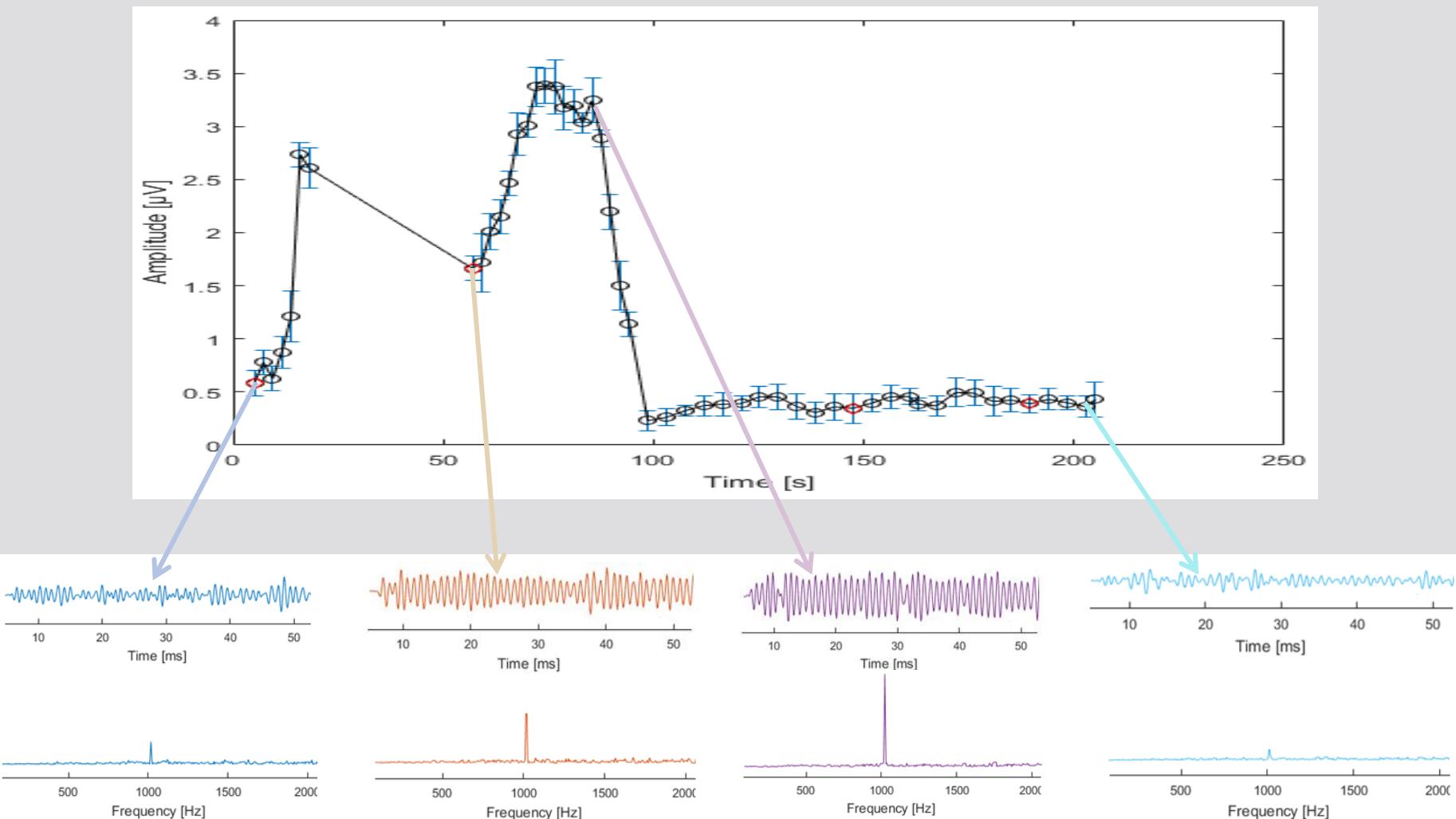


**Frequenzen [Hz]**  
Median bei Erstanpassung (N=97)



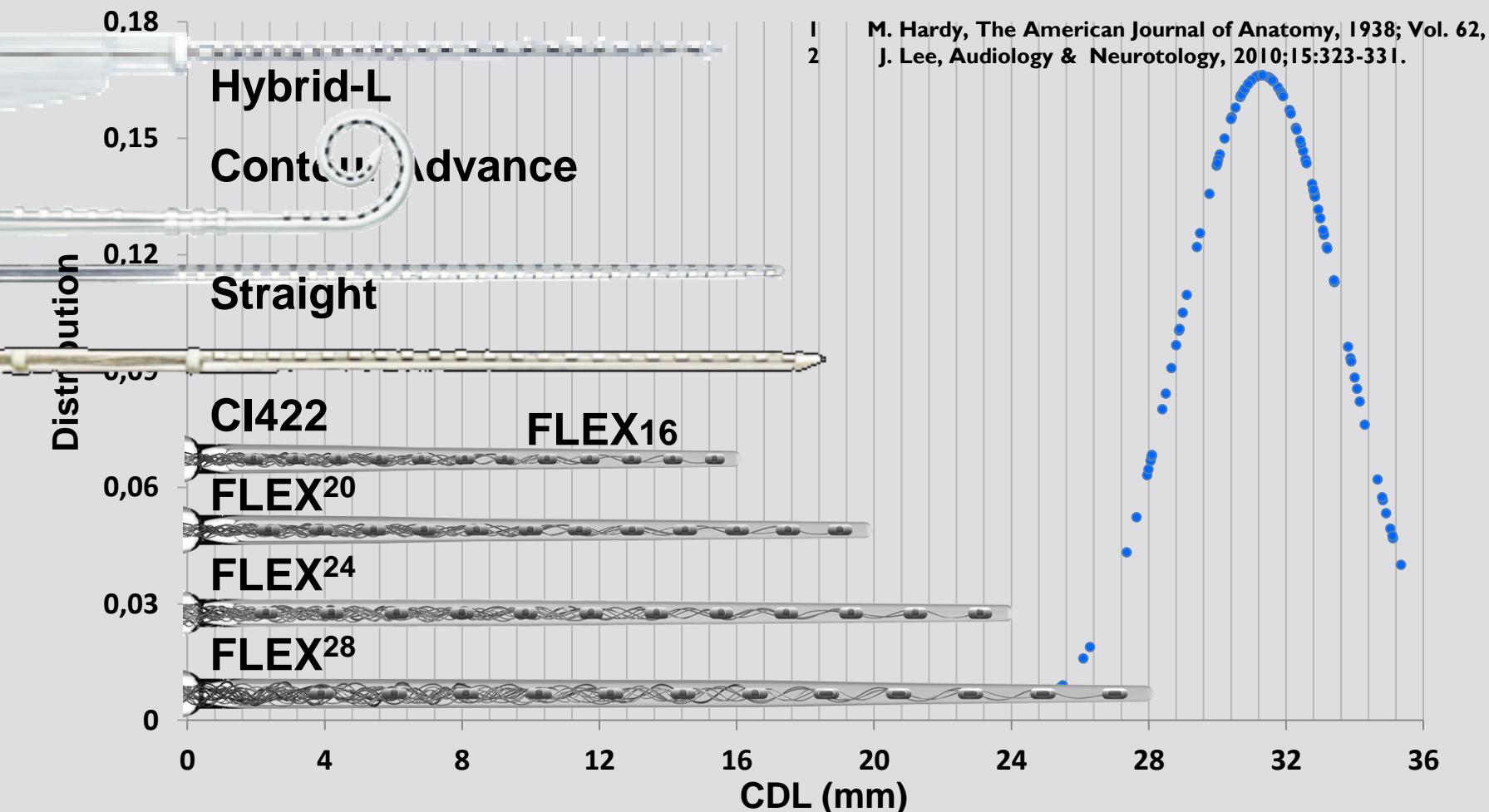
N	97	%
N <15 dB	53	54,6%
N <30 dB	90	92,8%
N >30 dB	7	7,2%

# Intraoperative Cochlear Monitoring



# Current electrodes and CDL

Distribution of Cochlear Duct Length (CDL, n=95, 2 studies)



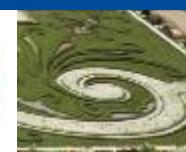
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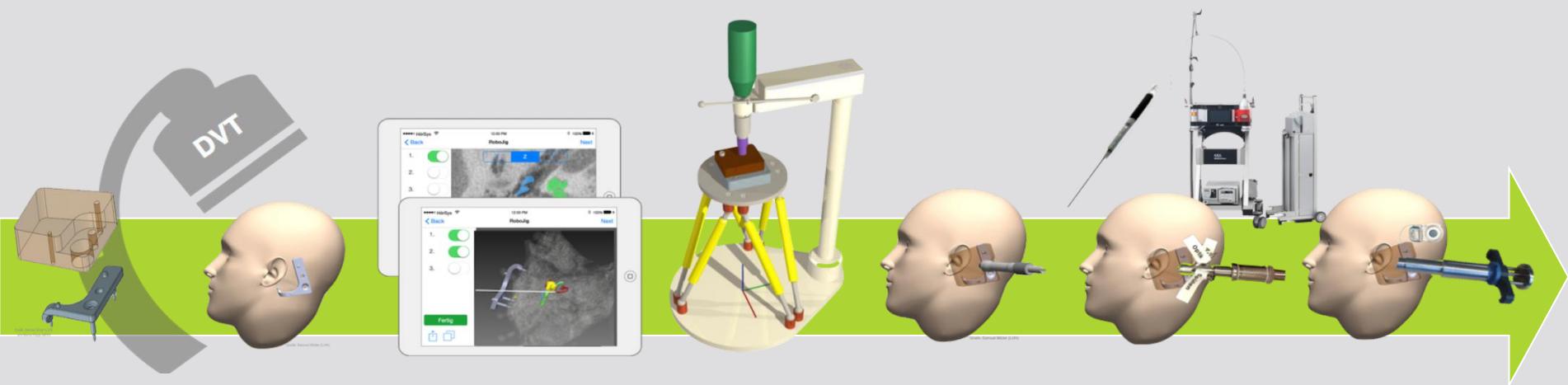


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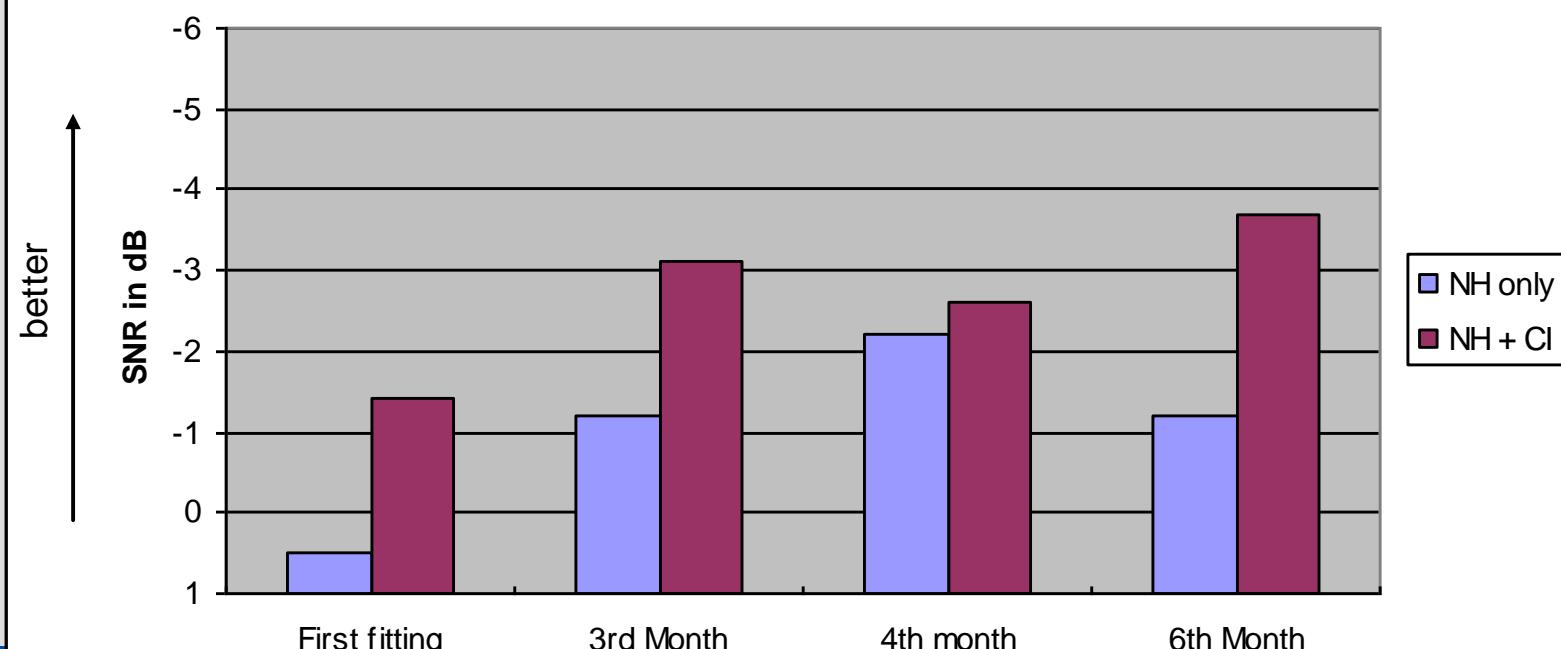
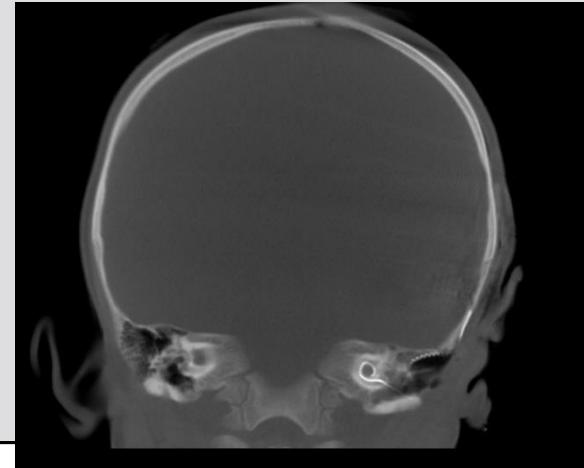
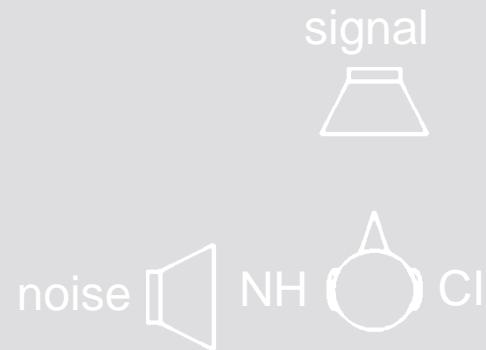
Hearing  
4all

# Minimally Invasive CI Surgery



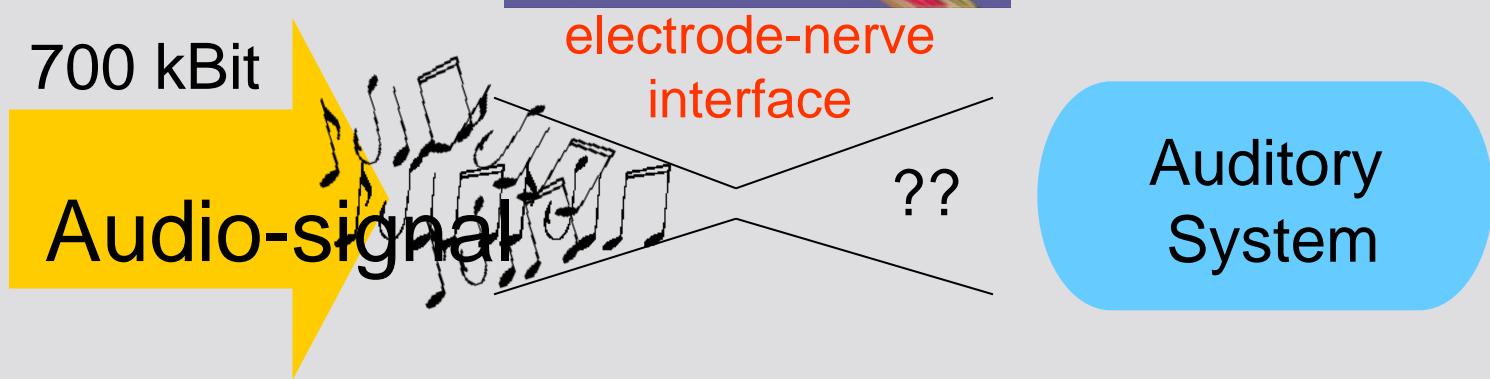
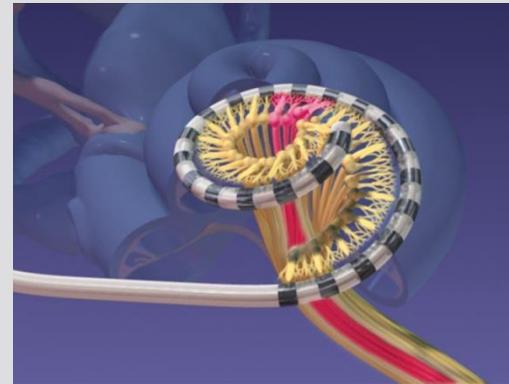
- Reusable bone anchored mini stereotaxic platform
- Intraoperative DVT scan
  - either registration with pre operative scan and it's segmentations
  - or semi- to full-automatic segmentation intra operative (*work-in-progress*)
- Hexapod based, sterile, patient specific preparation of the drilling jig (template)
- Minimally-invasive tools for extended round window approach  
→ **hearing preservation!**

# CI in Single Sided Deafness



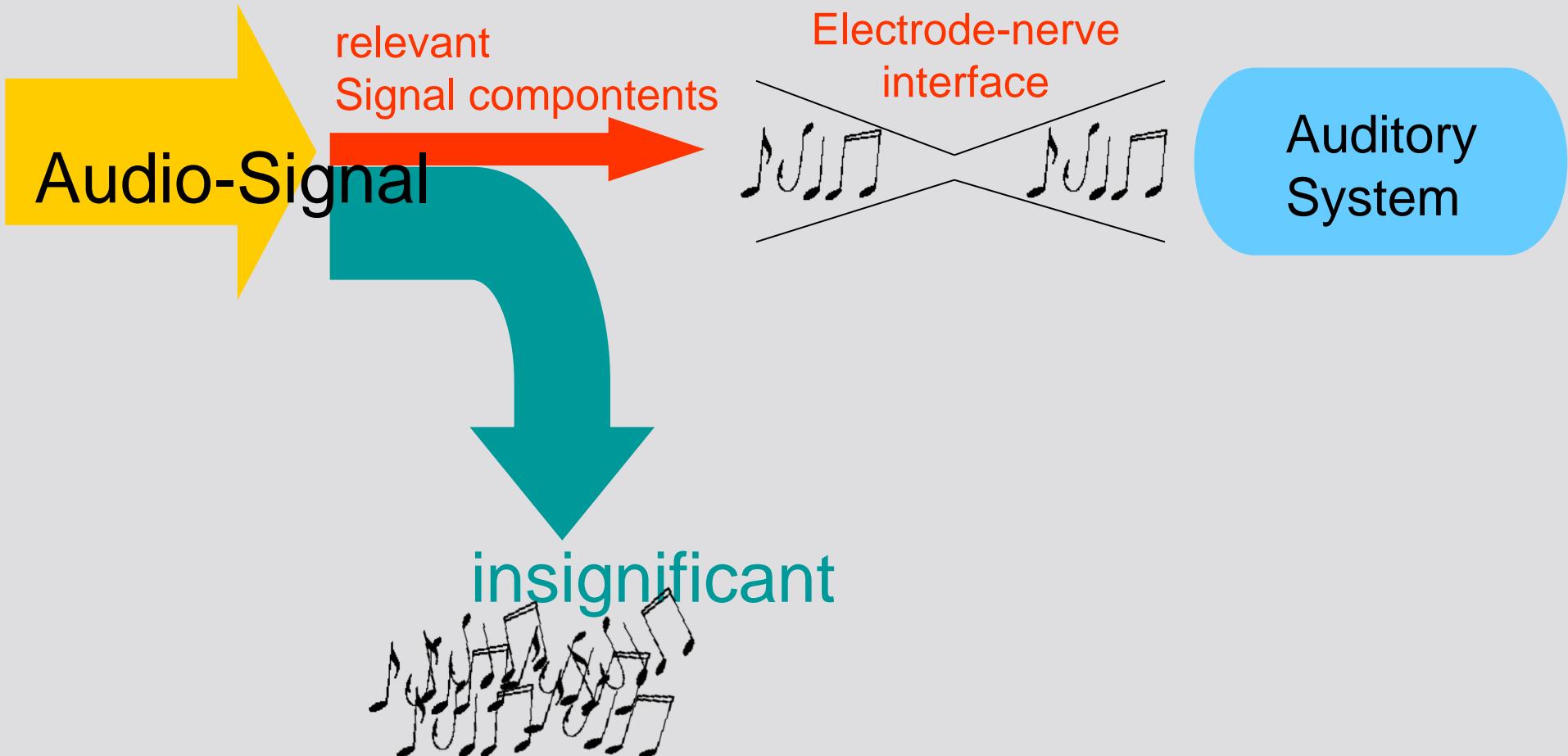
# Problem:

## The electrode-nerve bottleneck

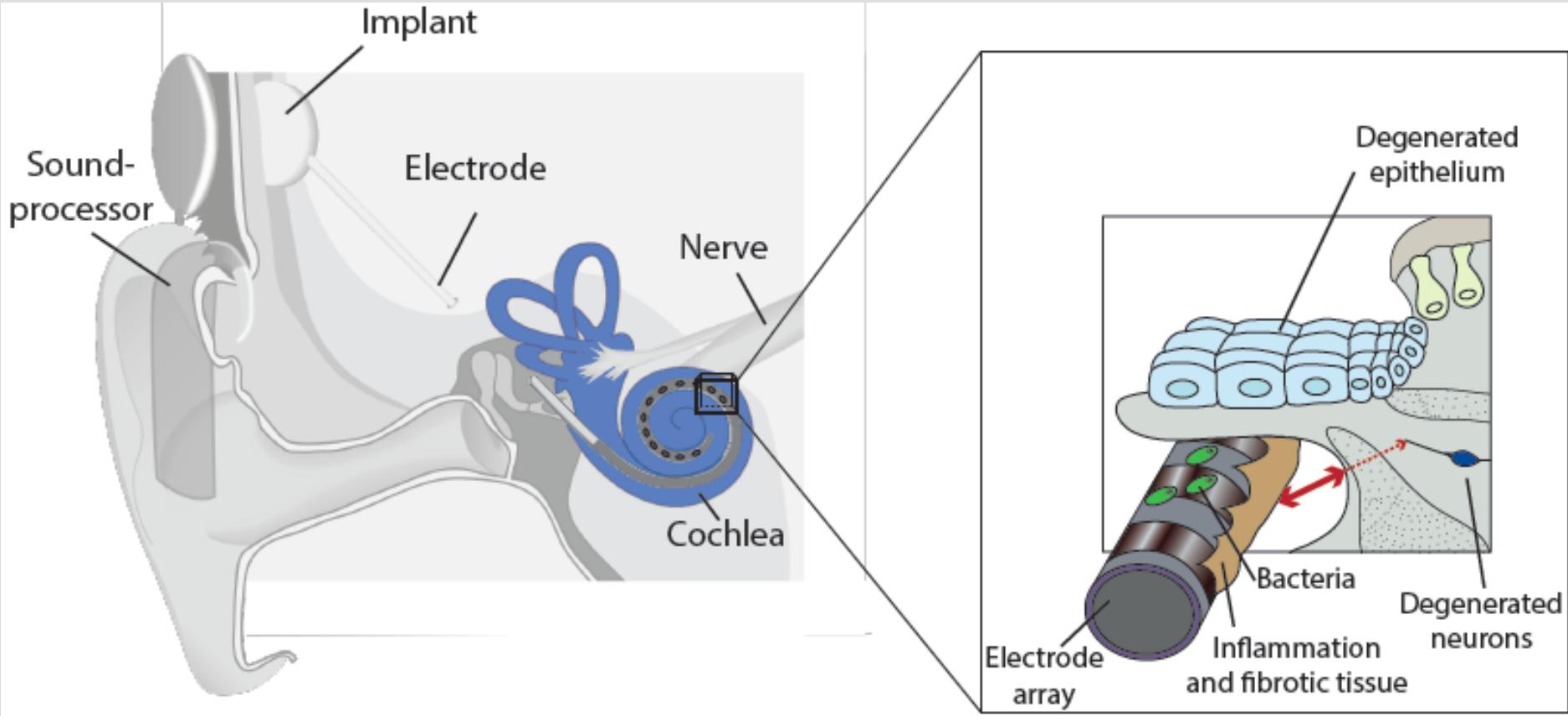


Cochlear Implant System : 10 - 60 kbit/s

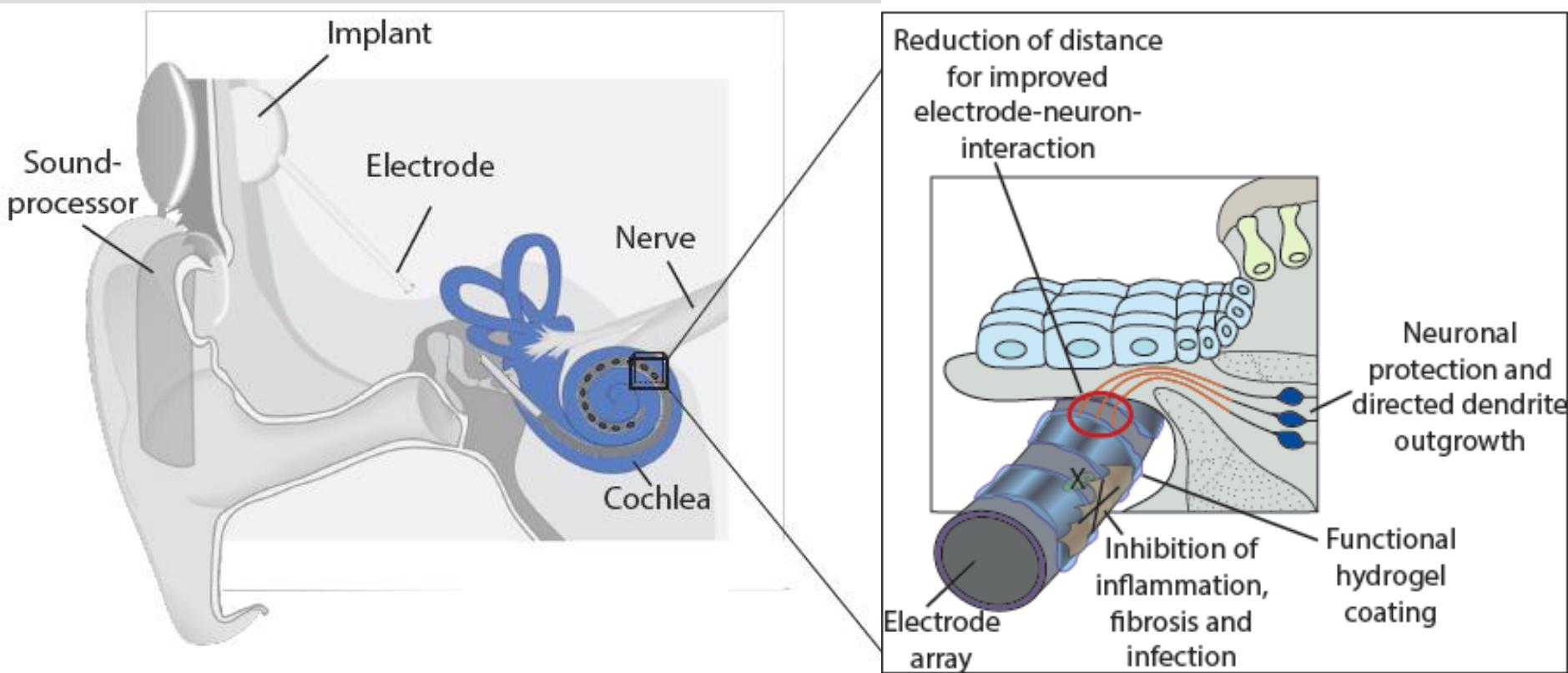
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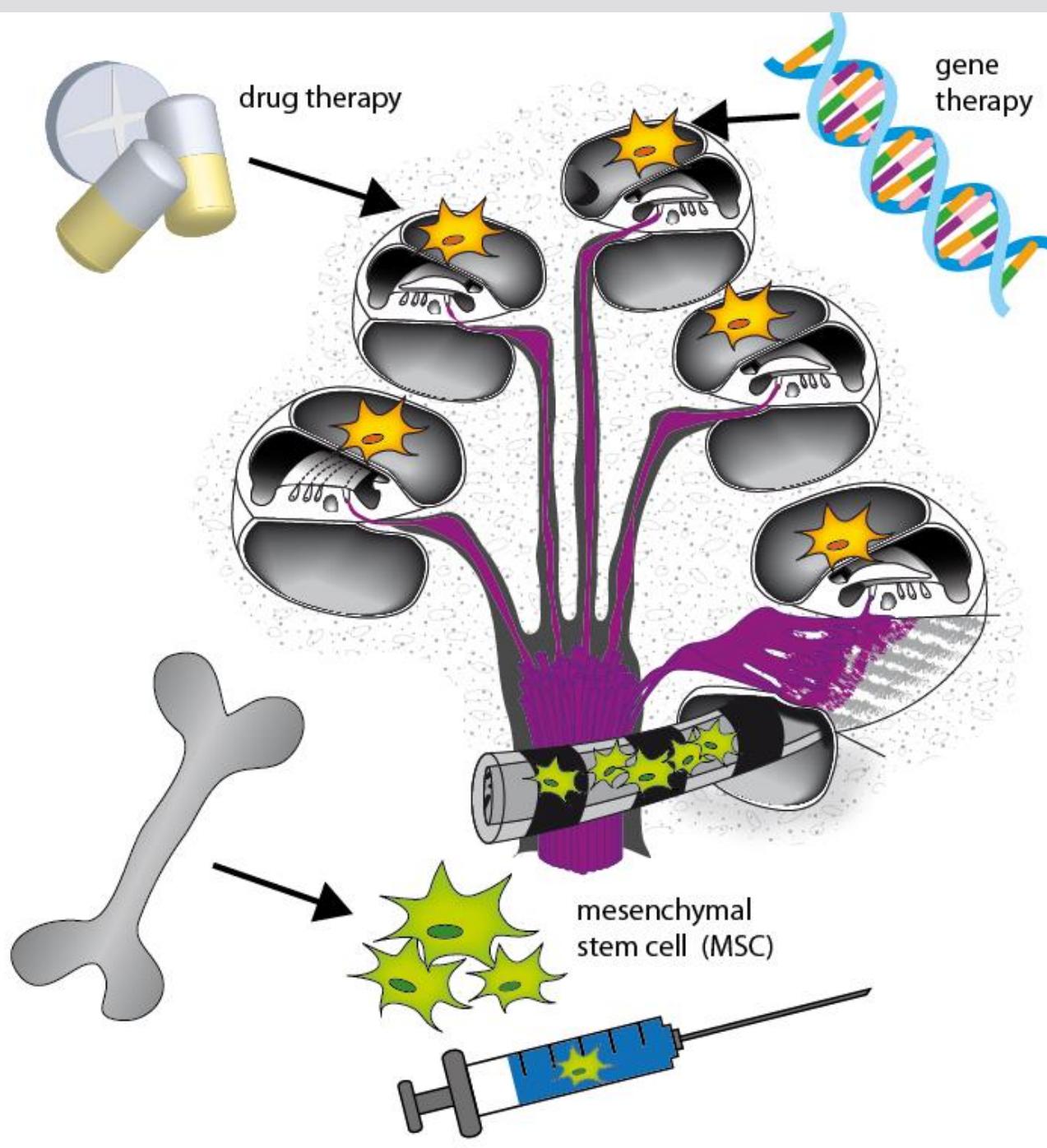


# Current Limitations



# Future Strategies





# Konsequenzen für die Rehabilitation

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- Breite Palette an technischen Möglichkeiten
- Individualisierte Therapie
- Anspruchsvolle Diagnostik
- Prädiktive Modelle
  - Entwicklung der Schwerhörigkeit
  - Zu erwartender Hörgewinn
  - Zukunftssicherheit
- Erweiterte Indikationen
- Progrediente Schwerhörigkeit und Restgehör

# Hearing Research in Hannover

Steps toward excellence:

- 1984 1st CI
- 1992 Children's implant Center
- 2003 German Hearing Center
- 2003 Collaborative Research Grant Medical implants
- 2013 Center of Excellence Hearing4All
- 2016 VIANNA in NIFE
- 2016 Fraunhofer Center of Biomedical Excellence



**Clinic** – with 25,000 outpatients and 6,000 inpatients each year

**German Hearing Center** – patients go with hearing loss

**LEO** – laboratories of experimental otology basic research

**VIANNA** – transfer basic science into new products together with leading companies

**Fraunhofer ITEM** – production, testing and certification



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