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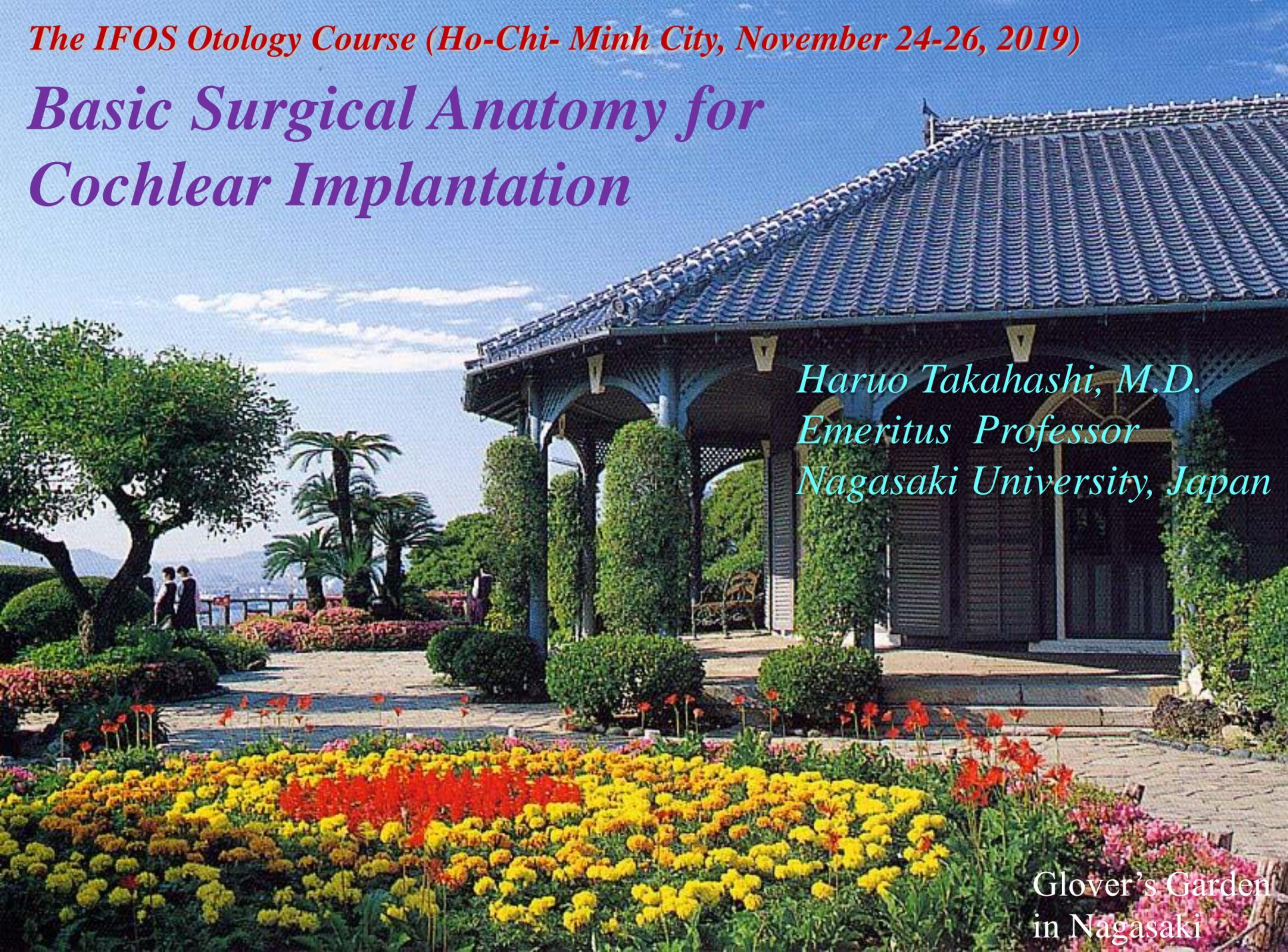
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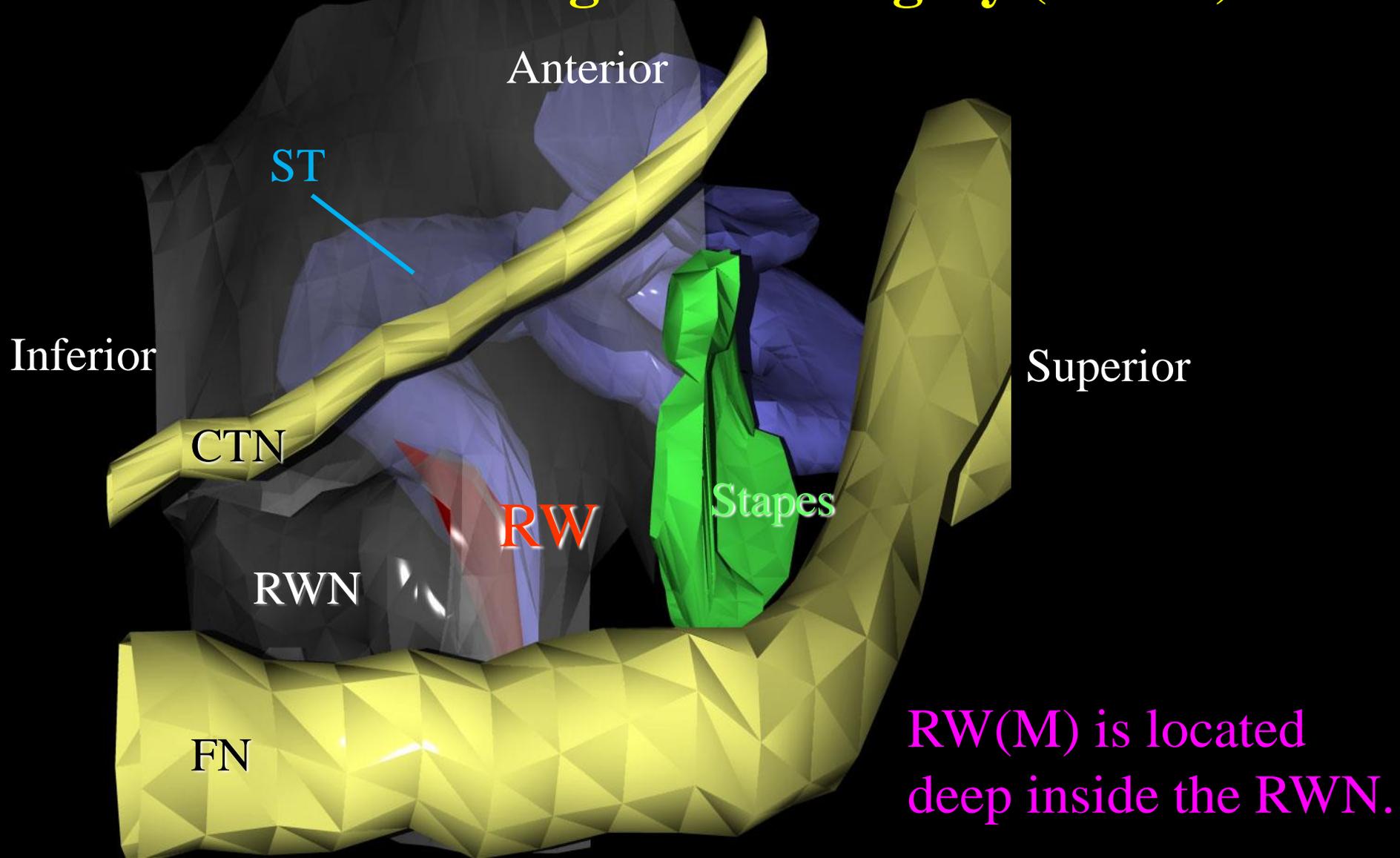


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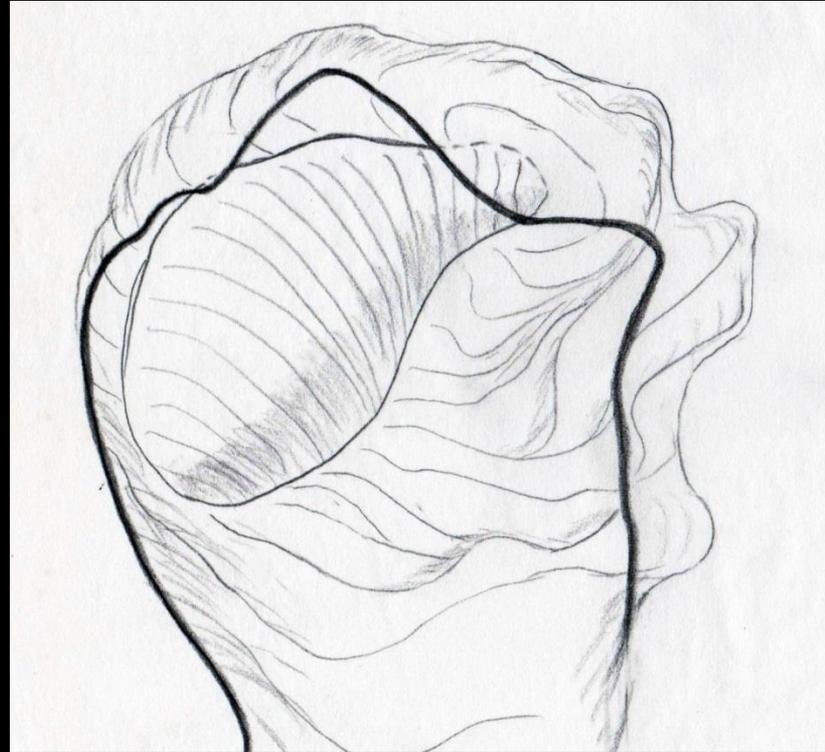
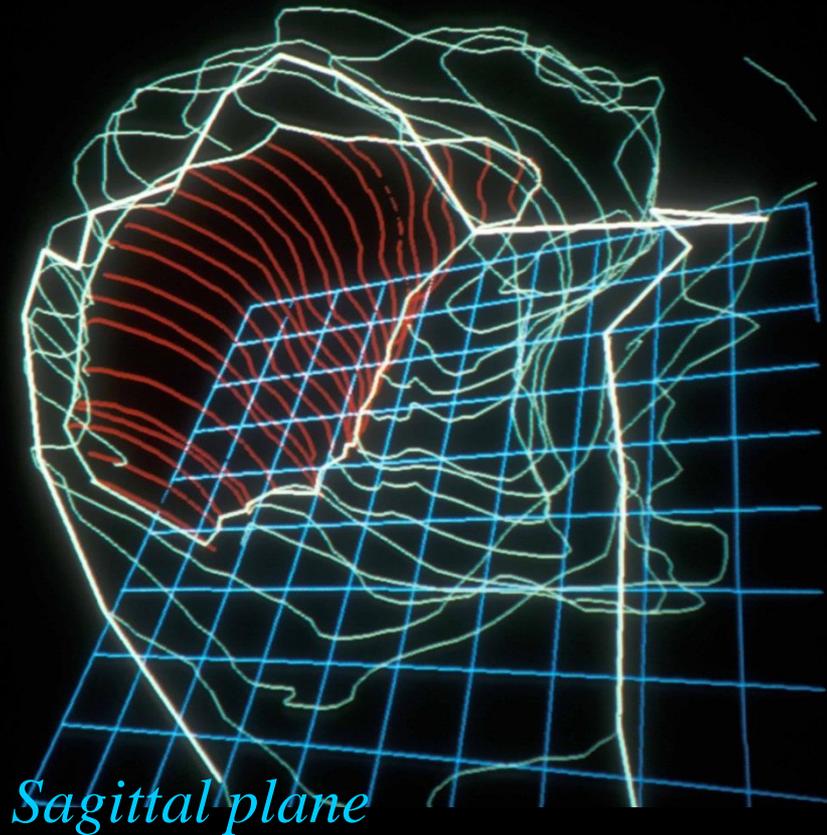


RW and surrounding structures viewed from the direction during the CI surgery (left ear)



(Modified from Takahashi H, et al, Laryngoscope 1990)

Round window viewed from posterolateral-inferior direction through the aperture of the niche (left ear)



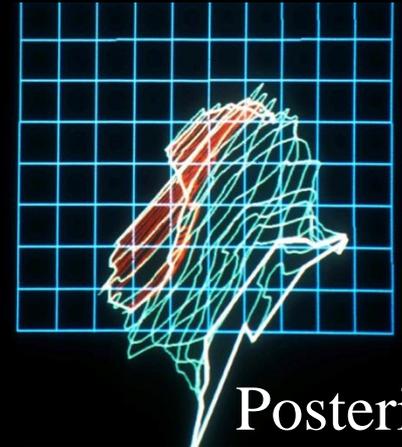
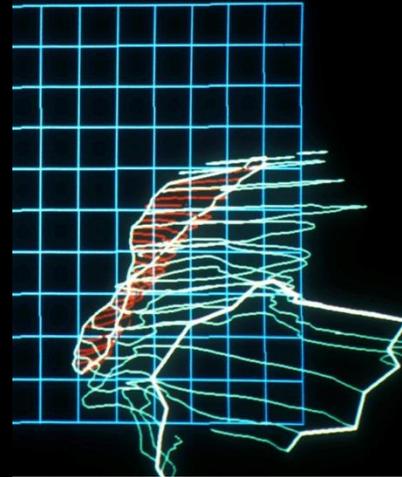
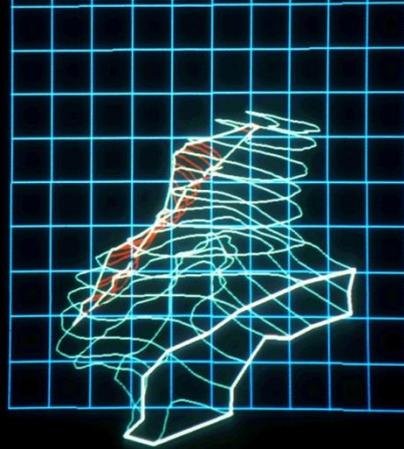
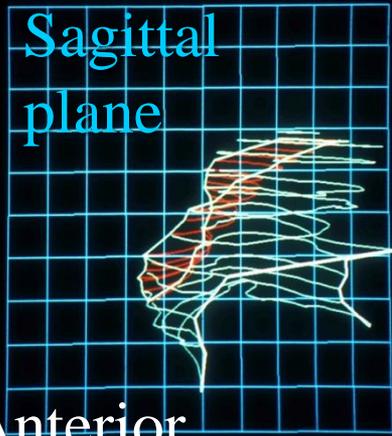
The round window niche is shaped like an inverted pouch.

(Takahashi H, et al, Otolaryngol Head Neck Surg, 1989)

Variation in the shape of the RWN (left ear)

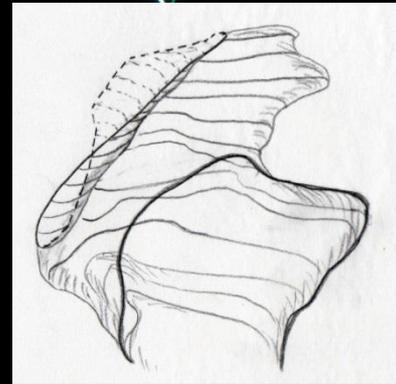
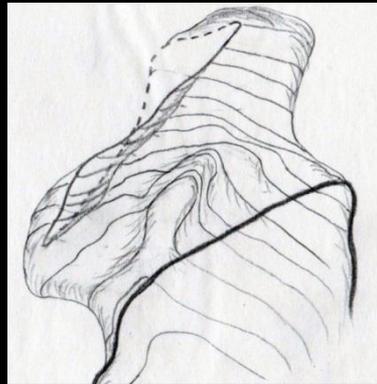
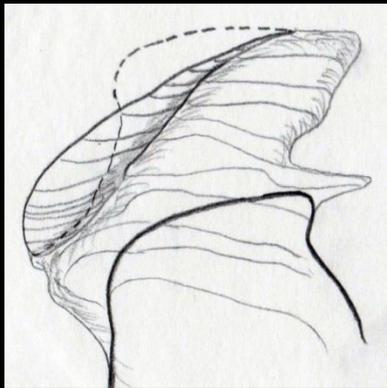
Superior

Sagittal
plane



Anterior

Posterior



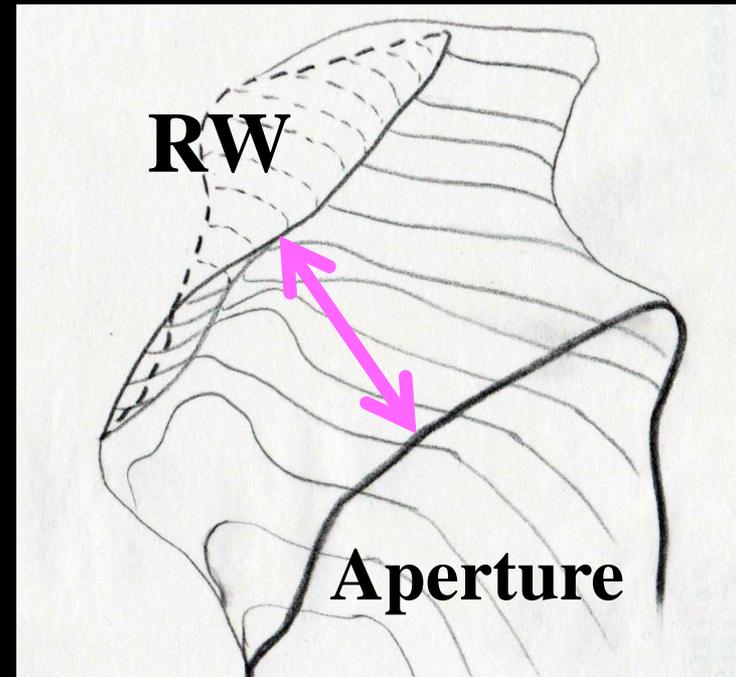
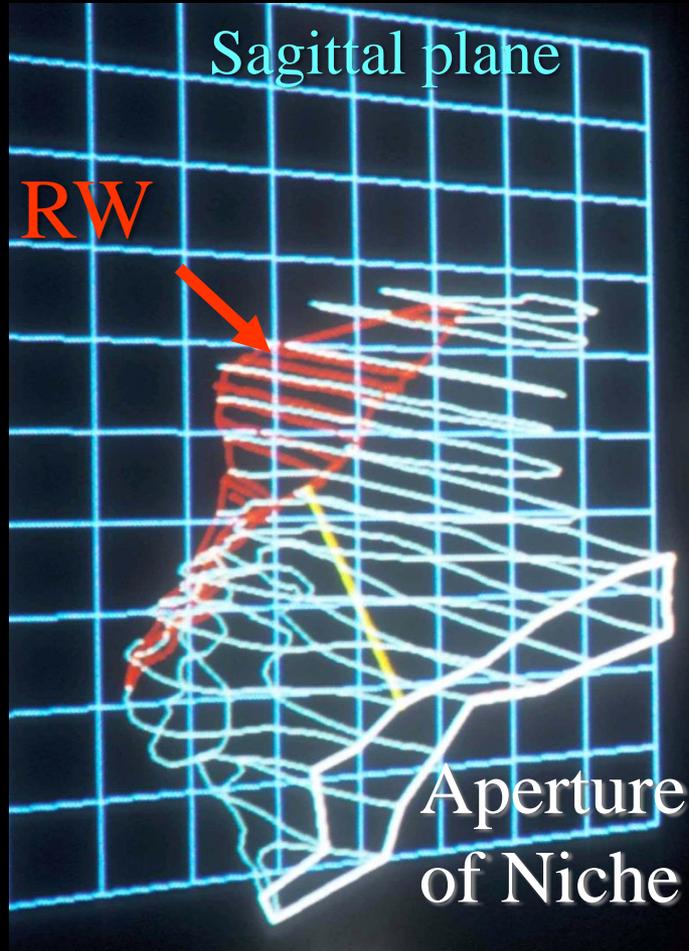
Inferior

Variation was unexpectedly small.

(Takahashi H, et al, *Laryngoscope* 1989)

Shortest distance from the aperture of RWN to the lateral margin of RWM

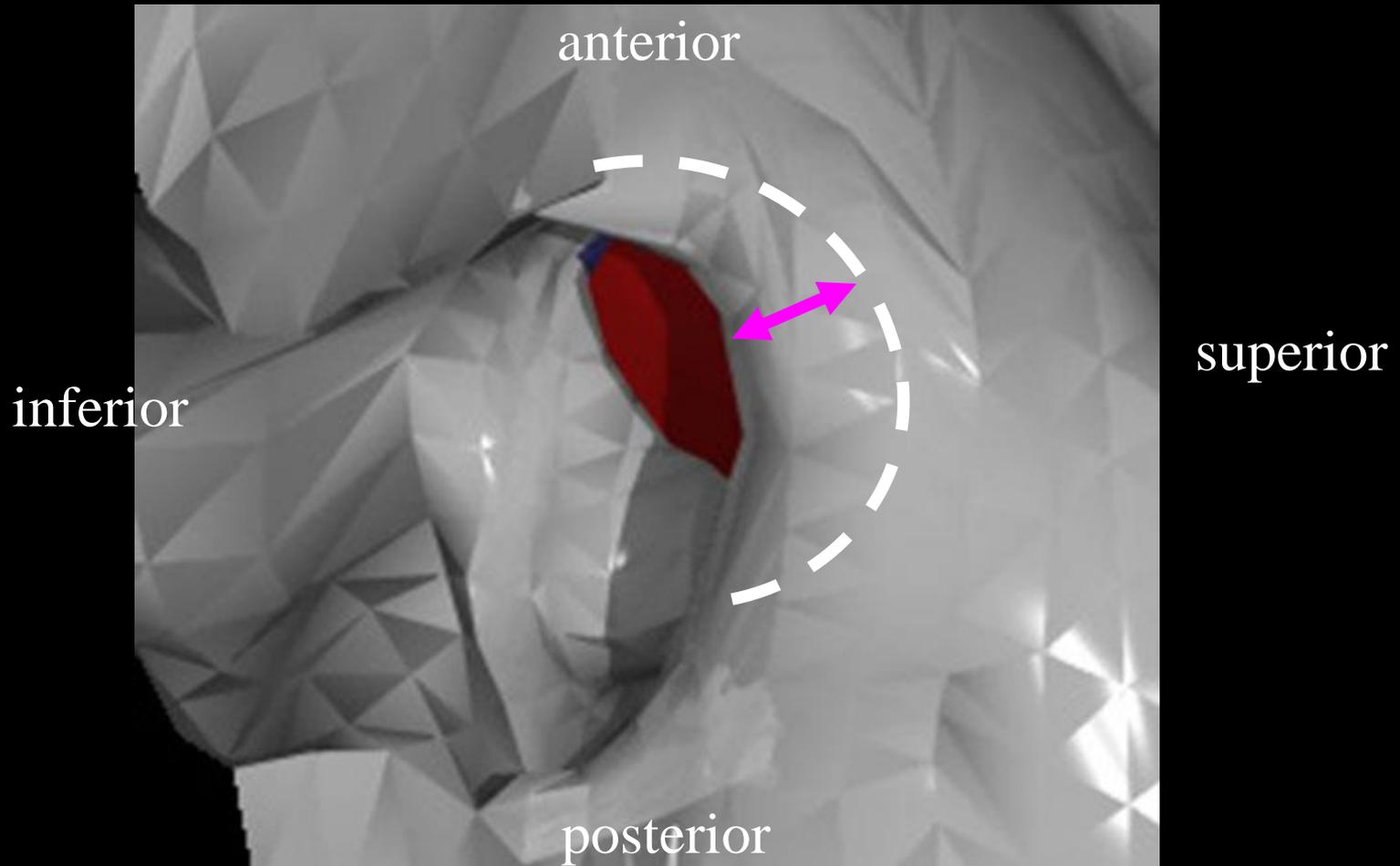
It is important to know how much we can drill the lateral bony overhang.



$0.66 \pm 0.16 \text{ mm}$

(Takahashi H, et al, Laryngoscope 1989)

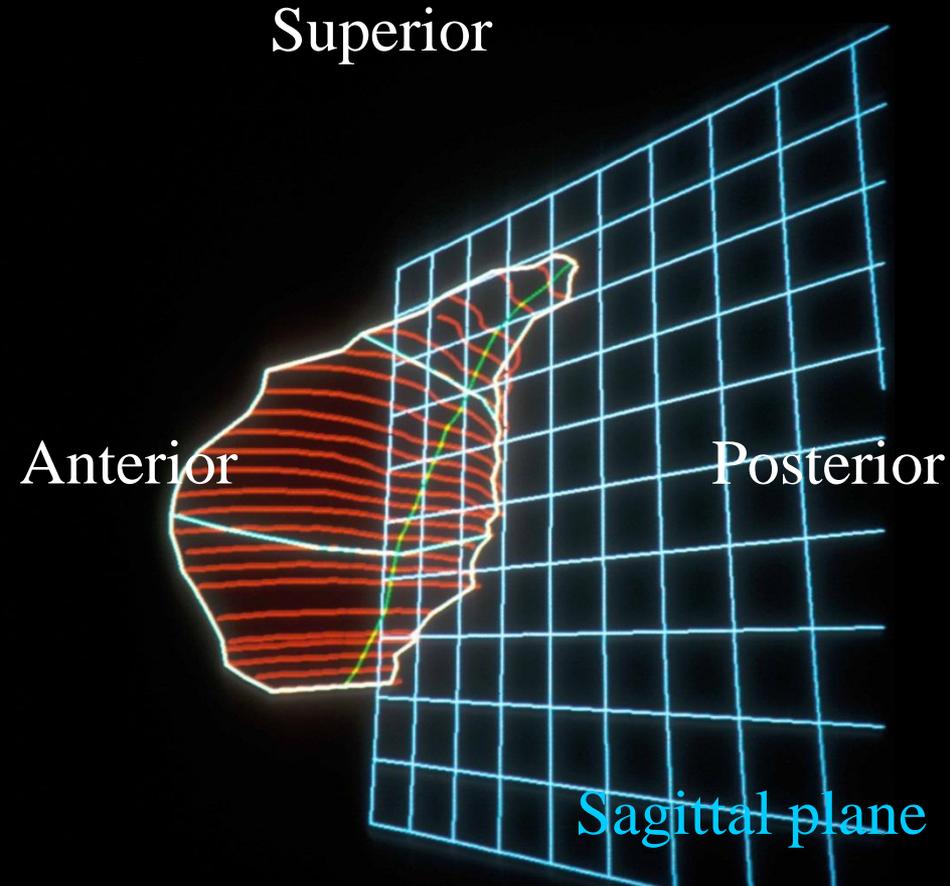
How much can we remove the bony overhang of the round window niche? (left)



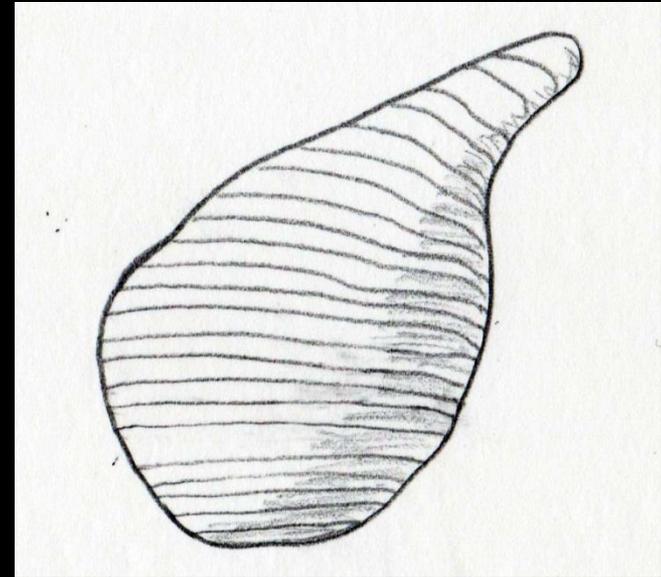
The distance range from 0.34 – 0.98 mm!!

(Modified from Takahashi H, et al, Laryngoscope 1989)

RW(M) viewed from posterolateral direction (left ear)



Area of the RW
 $2.70 \pm 0.43 \text{ mm}^2$



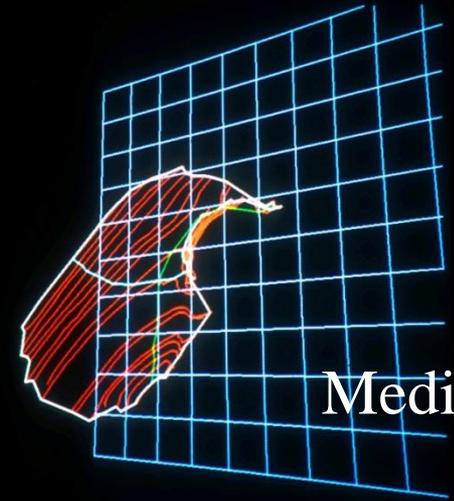
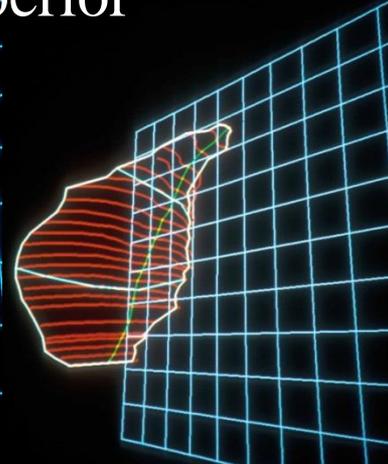
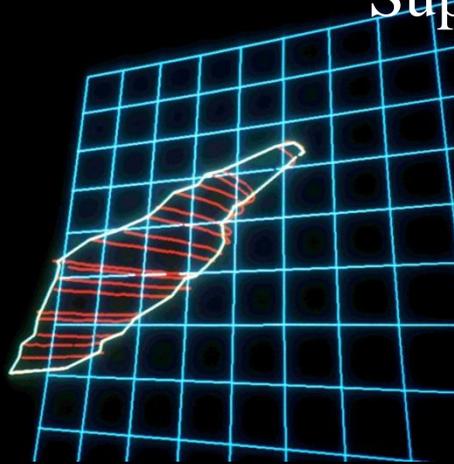
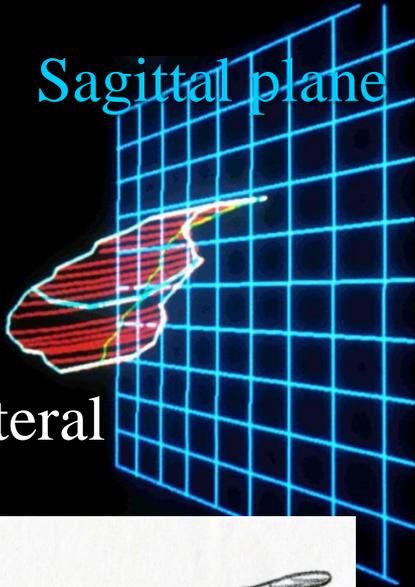
The RWM is convex in the coronal plane and concave in the sagittal plane, thus shaped like a saddle, tapered toward the vestibular end.

(Takahashi H, et al, Otolaryngol HNS, 1989)

Variation in the shape of the RW (left ear)

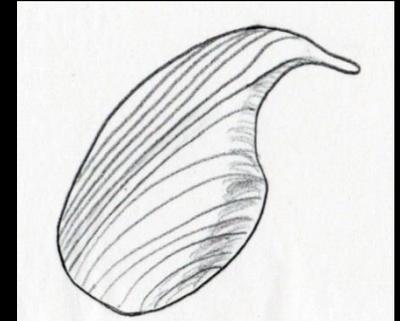
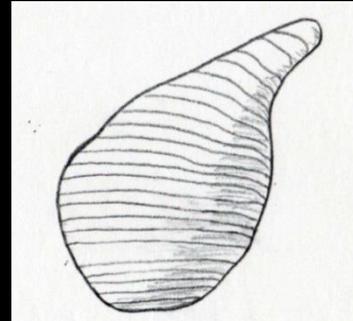
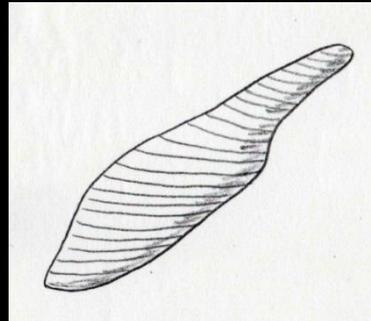
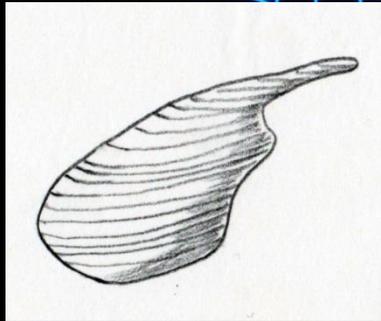
Superior

Sagittal plane



Lateral

Medial

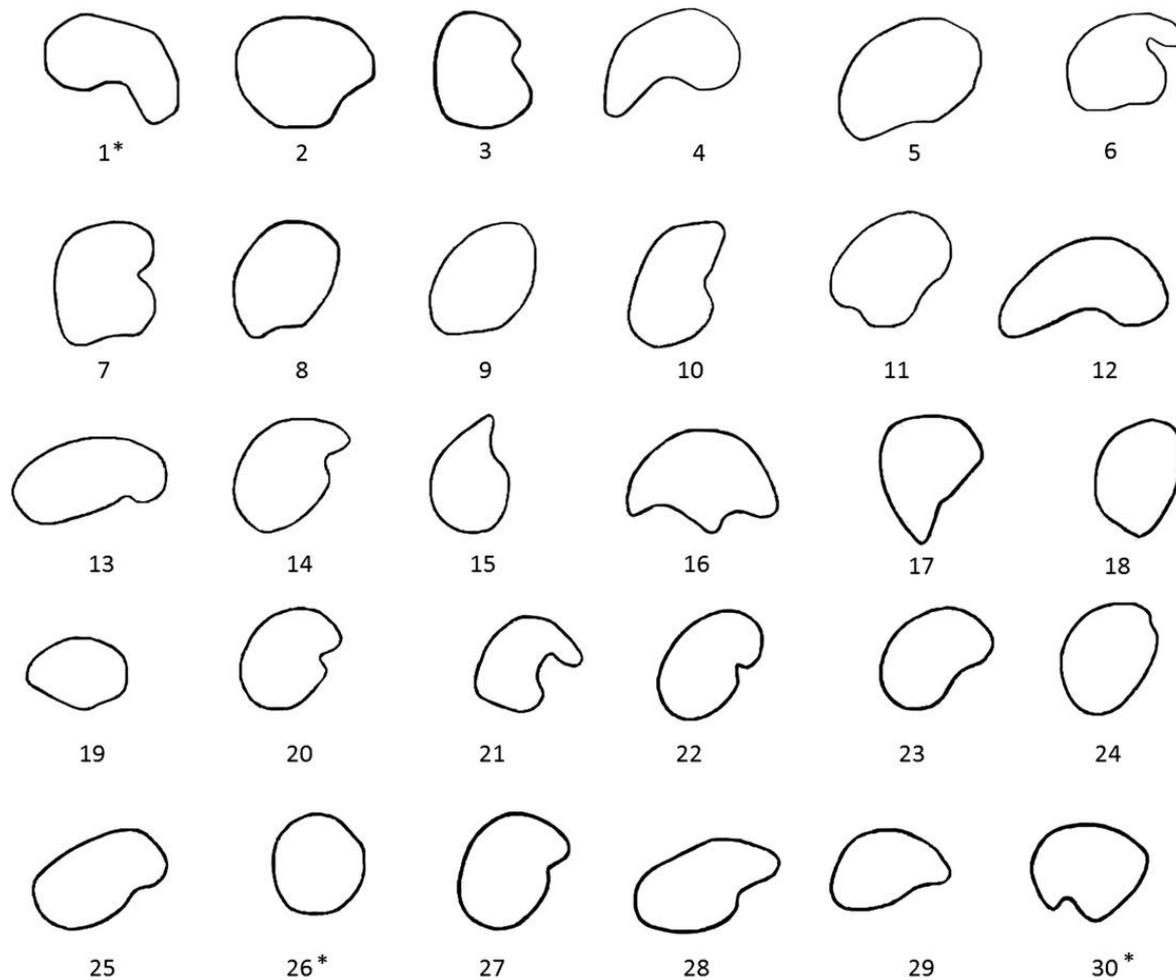


Inferior

Shape was found to have considerable variety.

(Takahashi H, et al, Otolaryngol Head Neck Surg, 1989)

Variation in the shape of the RW

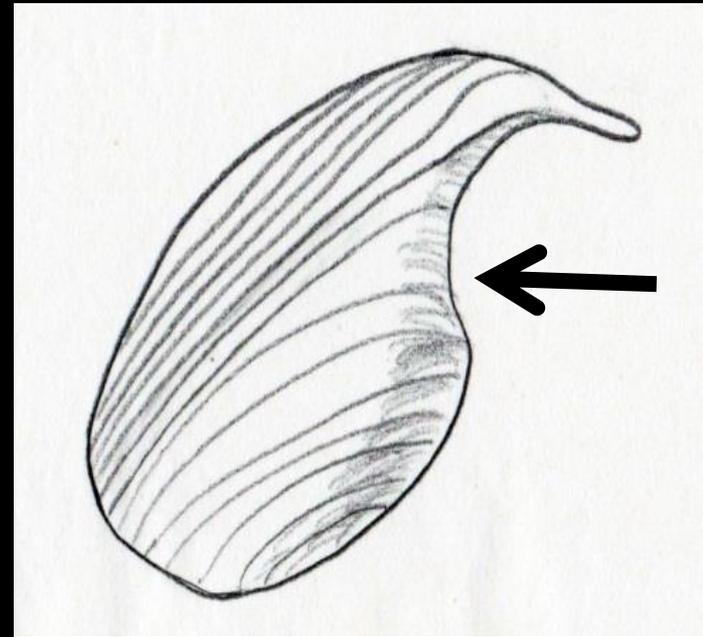
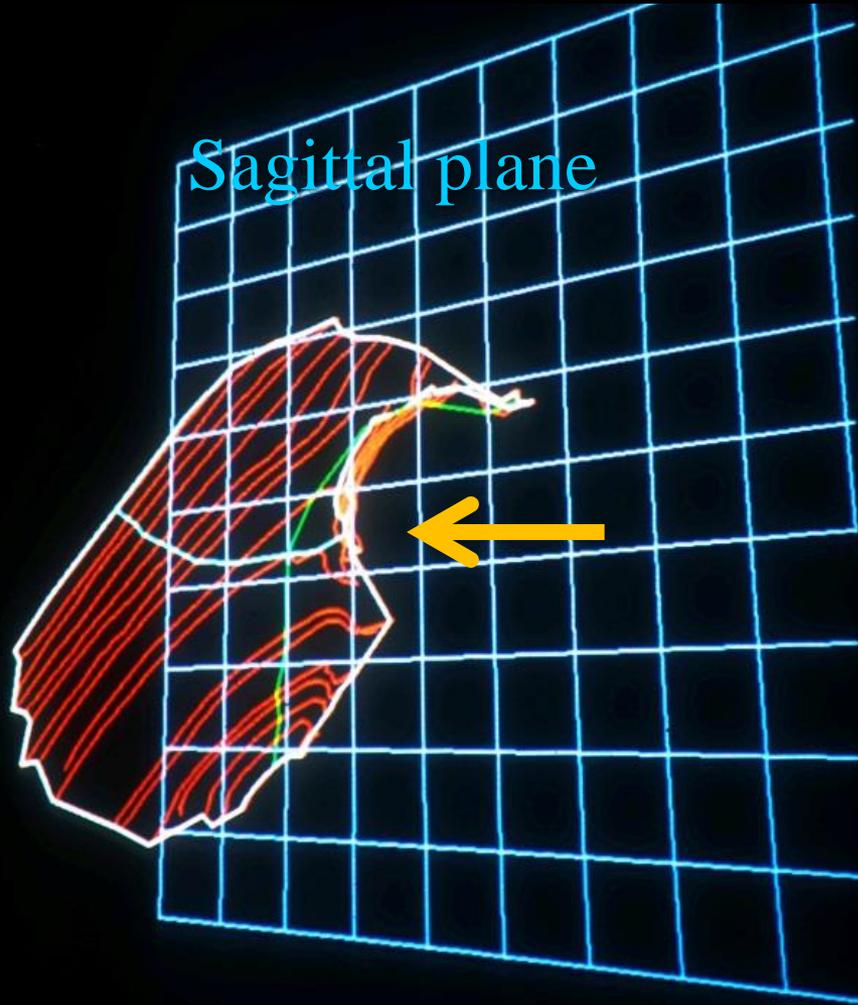


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Tremendous variation in the shape of round window was shown.

(Atturo F, et al, Otol Neurotol 2014)

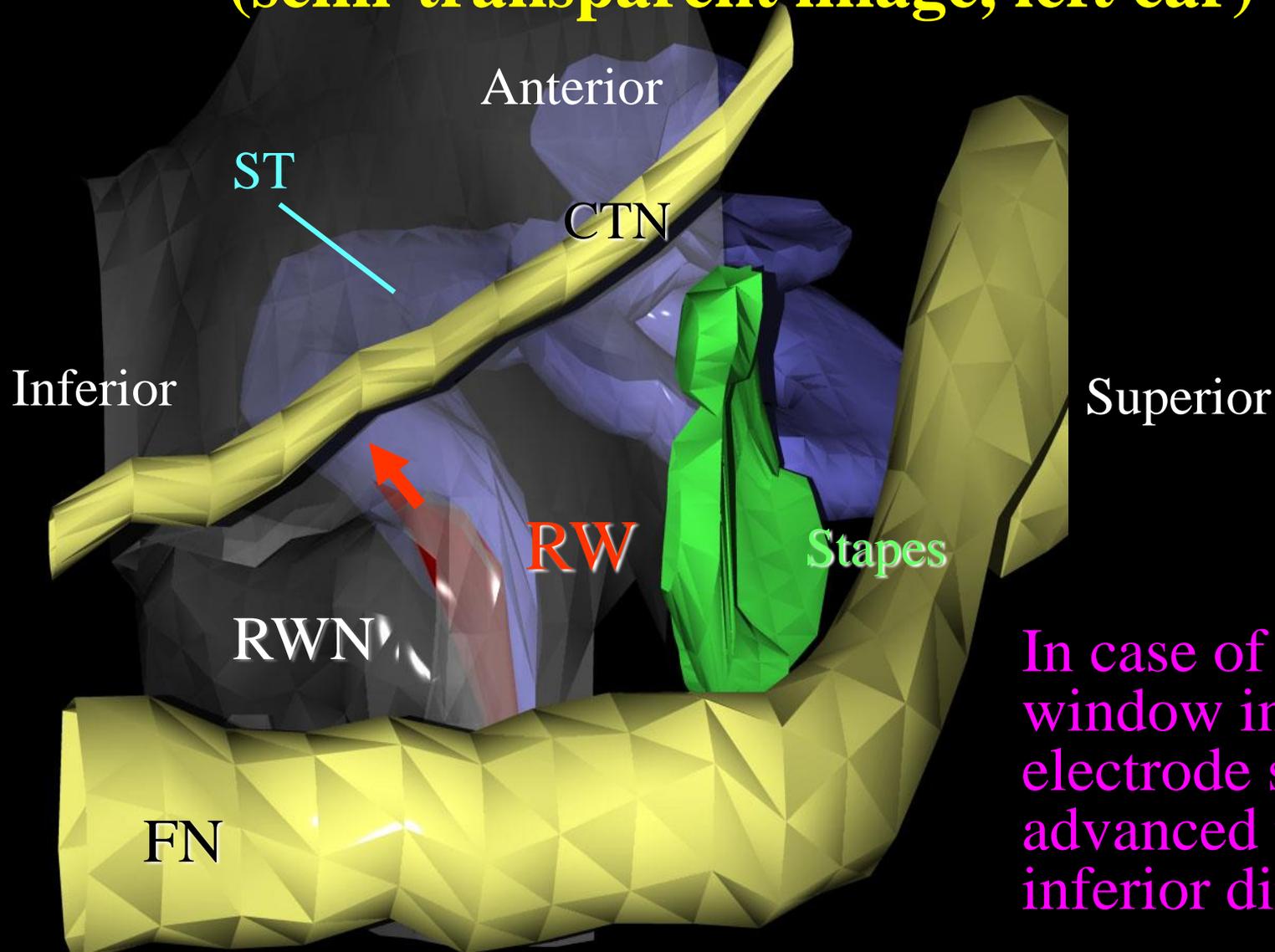
Crista semilunaris (left ear)



It sometimes disturbs electrode insertion through the RW.

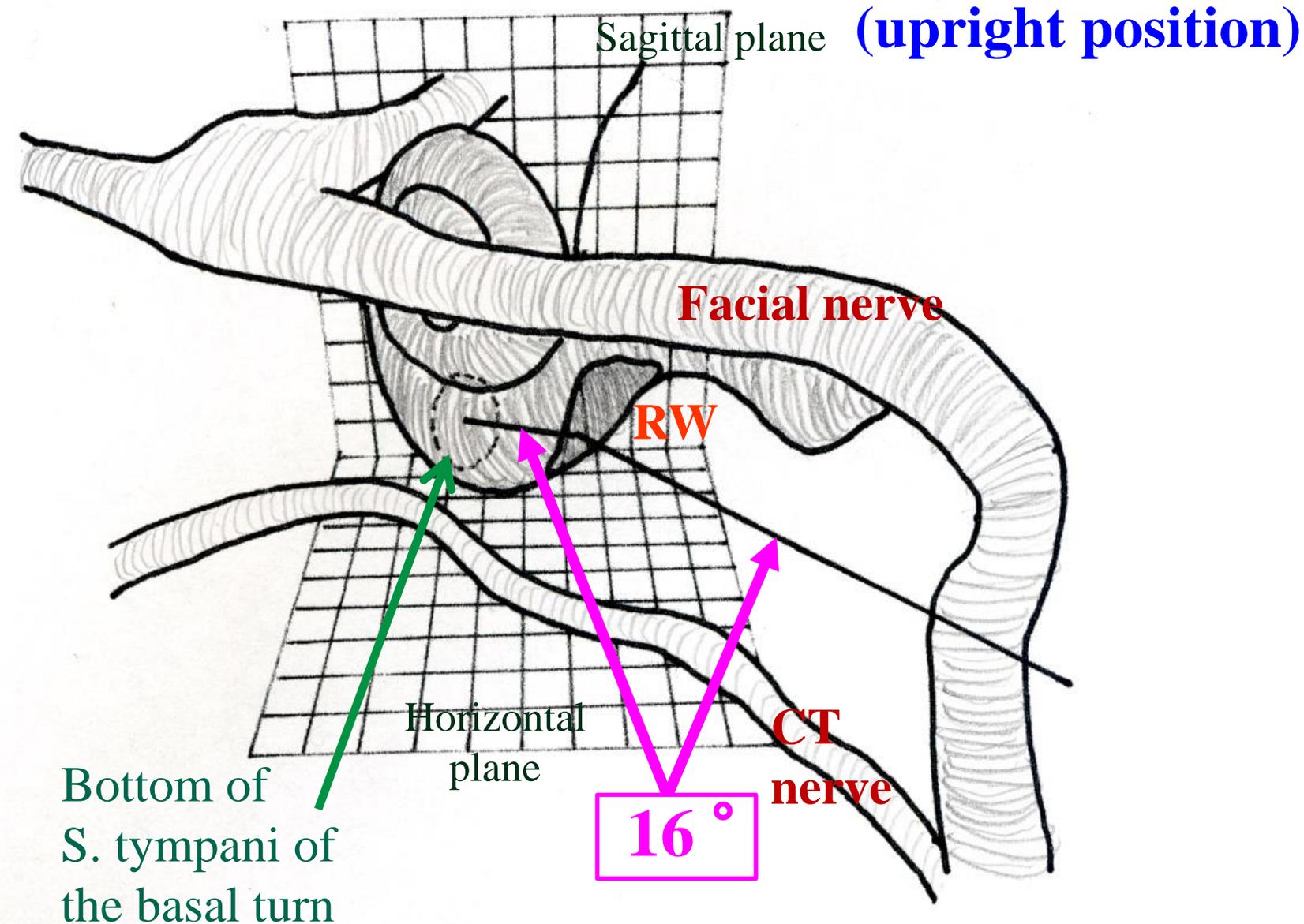
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RW viewed from the CI-surgical-view direction (semi-transparent image, left ear)



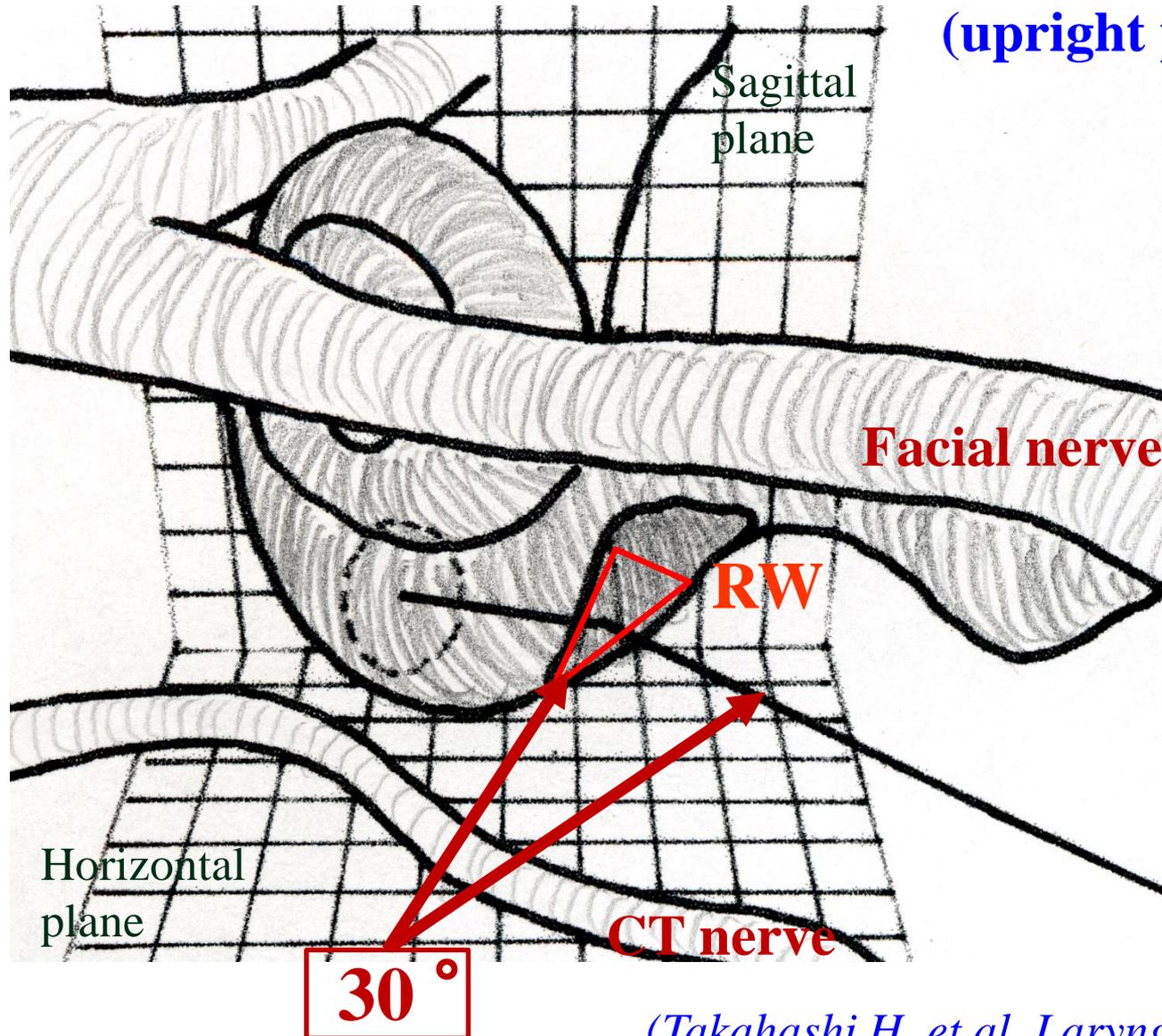
In case of round window insertion, the electrode should be advanced to antero-inferior direction.

Angle between the trajectory of electrode of facial recess approach and that of RW to bottom of the basal turn



(Takahashi H, et al, Laryngoscope 1990)

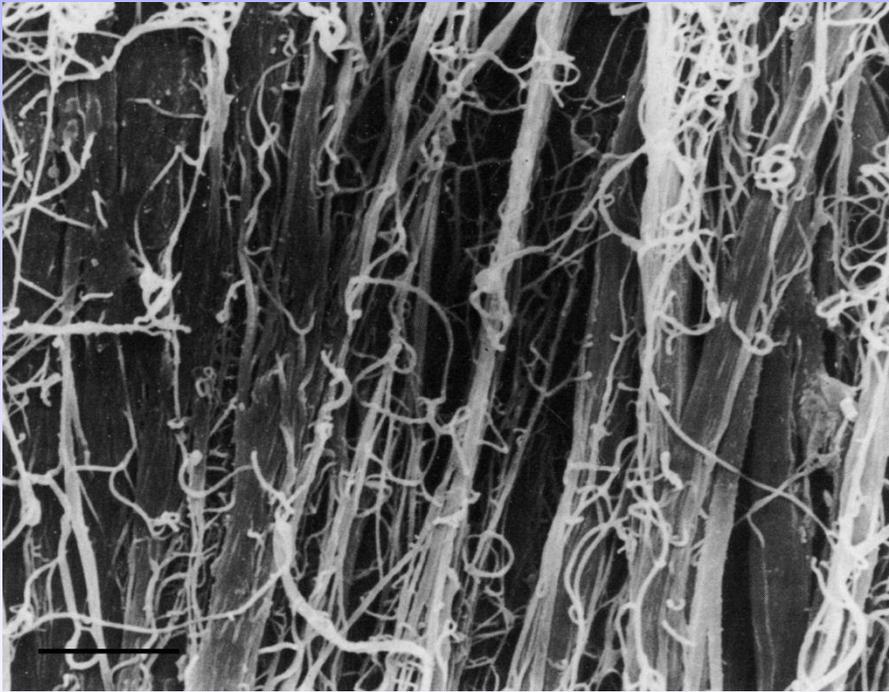
Angle between the trajectory of electrode of facial recess approach and the anteroinferior part of RW (upright position)



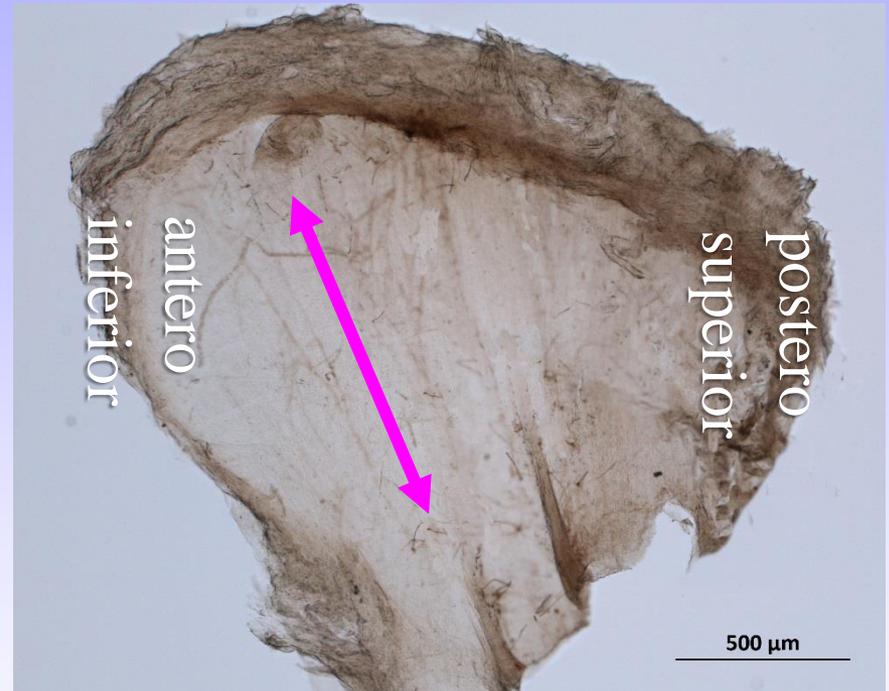
(Takahashi H, et al, Laryngoscope 1990)

Structure of RWM

- special reference to RW incision -



SEM



Macroscopic

Horizontal incision on the RWM may be smoother.

(Courtesy of Dr. Yasuya Nomura)

Summary

- # RWN - pouch-shaped, variation +
- # RWM - saddle-shaped, variation +++
- # Crista semilunaris - where OS� meets margin of RW
- # Electrode - advanced 16 degrees anterolateral from RW to bottom of basal turn scala tympani
- # RW - facing the trajectory of electrode with 30 degrees
- # RWM - Fibers run horizontally – horizontal incision



Thank you for your attention.



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