

Your best RGP Fit ever - Guaranteed !

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Objectives

- To review definitions, conditions and techniques in the use of rigid gas permeable contact lenses.
- To introduce the advantages of using modern contact lens materials with different characteristics and attributes.
- To provide fitting trick and tips using aspheric, multicurve, toric, asymmetric, quadrant-specific and reverse geometries for difficult corneal conditions.
- To discuss new and old ideas of advanced lenses like intra-limbal and extra-limbal (miniscleral) contact lenses.

Time table

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Basic Fit's (spheric, aspheric, multicurve)	8'
Advanced Fit's (sphero-toric, toric)	10'
Short Break	1'
Specialty Fit's (Keratoconus, Keratoplasty, post-Trauma, post-OP, Aphakia, Ortho-K)	25'
Presbyopia Fit's (Bi-, Multifocal)	8'
Short Break	1'
Competition Results	15'
Conclusion and Discussion	5'

Introduction and Background

Dipl.Optomtrist/Contact Lens Specialist (SHFA)

Master of Science in Clinical Optometry (PCO)

Master of Medical Education (University Bern)

In Privat CL practice since 1989



Professional Head of the CL department at
the University Eye Clinic Basel since 2000

Optometrist and Laser technician at
the VISTA Eye Clinic Basel (2002)

CL fitting rate : 50% RGP
50% Hydrogel CL



Competition

6 cases of unsuccessful RGP Fit's

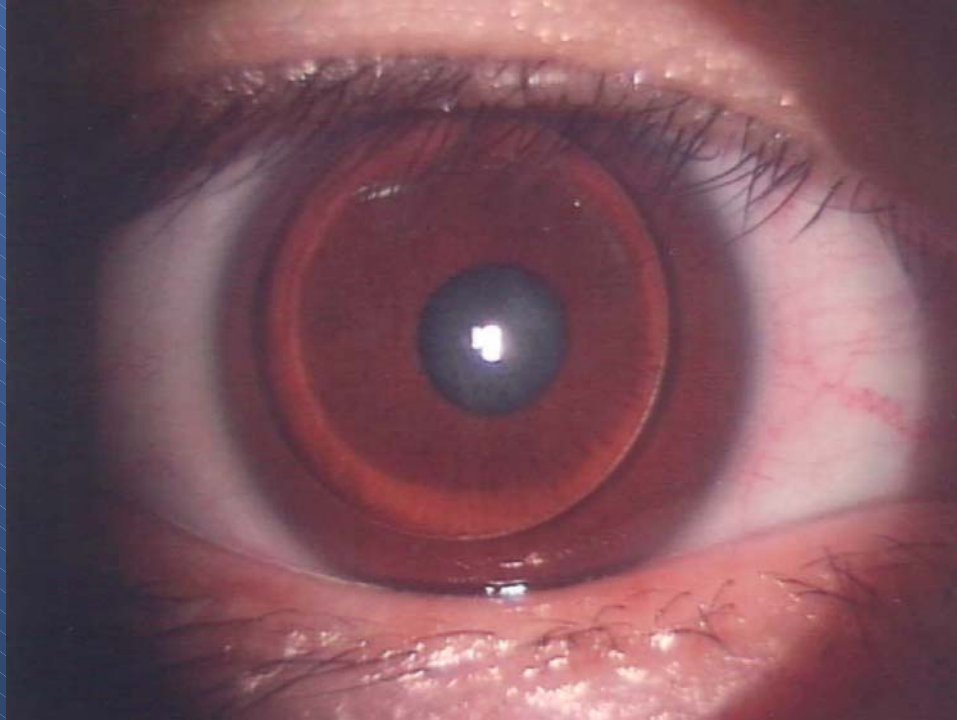
Please make notes :

What is the possible cause of the problem ?

What would you do different ?

What would you try next ?

Case 1



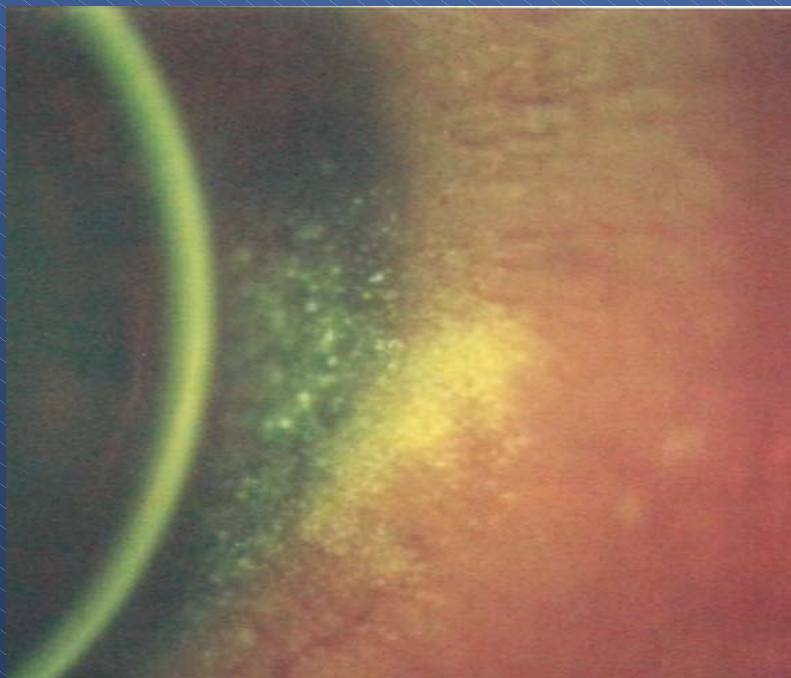
Foreign body sensation :

- 17 y/o Girl
- New RGP fit 3 weeks ago
- Can't wear the lenses more than 3 hours per day
- Does not get better
- Wants to quit CL wear

Case 2

3/9 o'clock Staining :

- 26 y/o man
- Myopia of -15 dpt
- Works in an office
- Always red eyes in the evening



Case 3

Sticking (tight) lens :

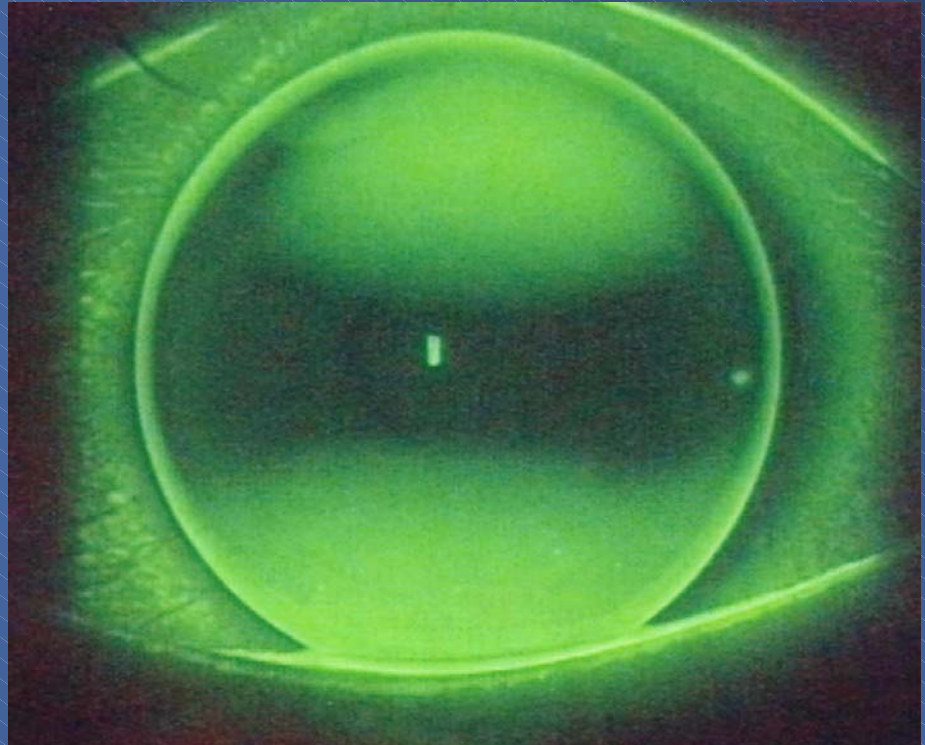
- 12 y/o Girl
- Hyperopia +8 dpt
- Hurts when she takes off her CL's



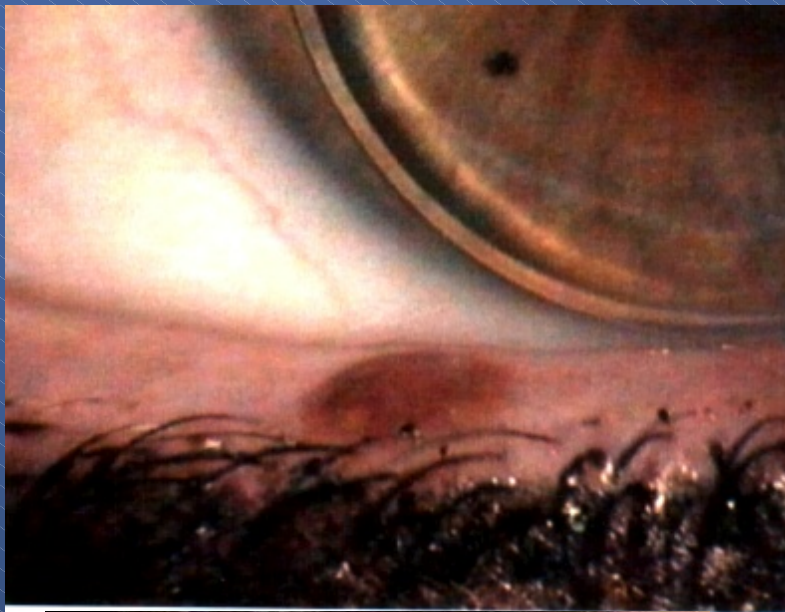
Case 4

Foreign bodies :

- 23 y/o man
- Hobby: mountain biking
- Astigmatic eye
- Handicapped by foreign bodies under the CL's
- Has lost lenses in the past



Case 5



Vision fluctuations :

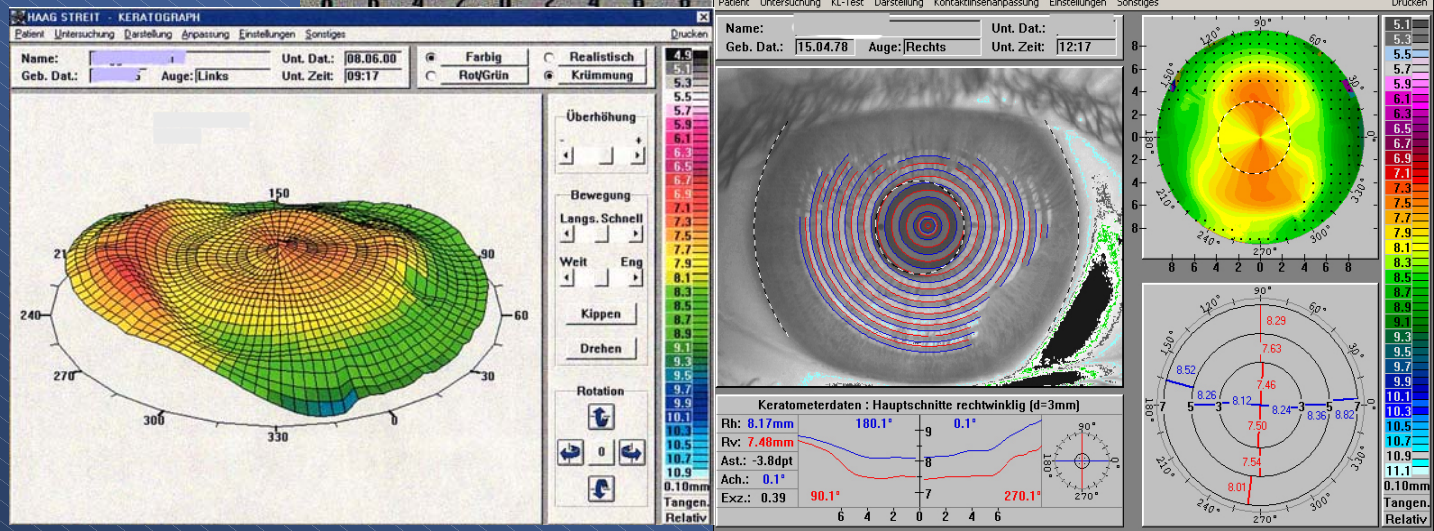
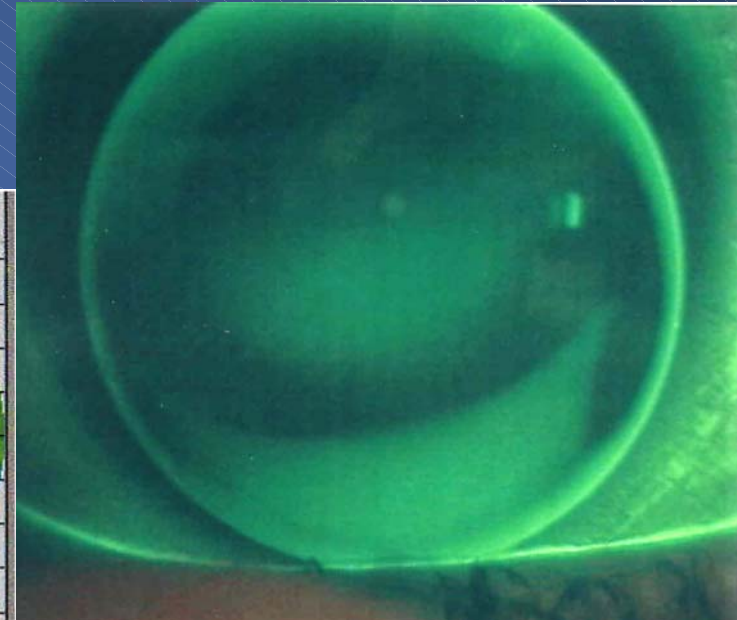
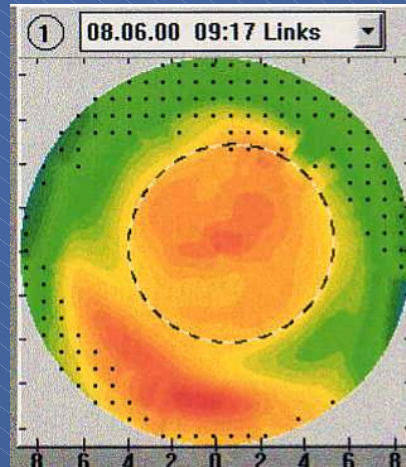
- 52 y/o woman
- Consultant for cosmetic products
- Vision fluctuations starts after a few hours and are getting worse every additional hour
- CL's are 2 years old
- Uses All-in-one Solution only



Case 6

Spectacle Blur :

- 36 y/o man
- Regular Astigmatism -3,8 dpt
- Has been wearing RGP's for 5 years
- No problems, except after removing CL's for wearing eyeglasses



Definition, Conditions, Techniques

Rigid Gas Permeable (RGP)

or

Gas Permeable (GP) Contact Lenses

are optical-refractive, medical devices, fitted to
the biological structure of the anterior eye
segment, to correct monocular and binocular
ametropia.

Definition, Conditions, Techniques

The contact lenses are part of the biological anterior eye segment system and the surrounding environment :

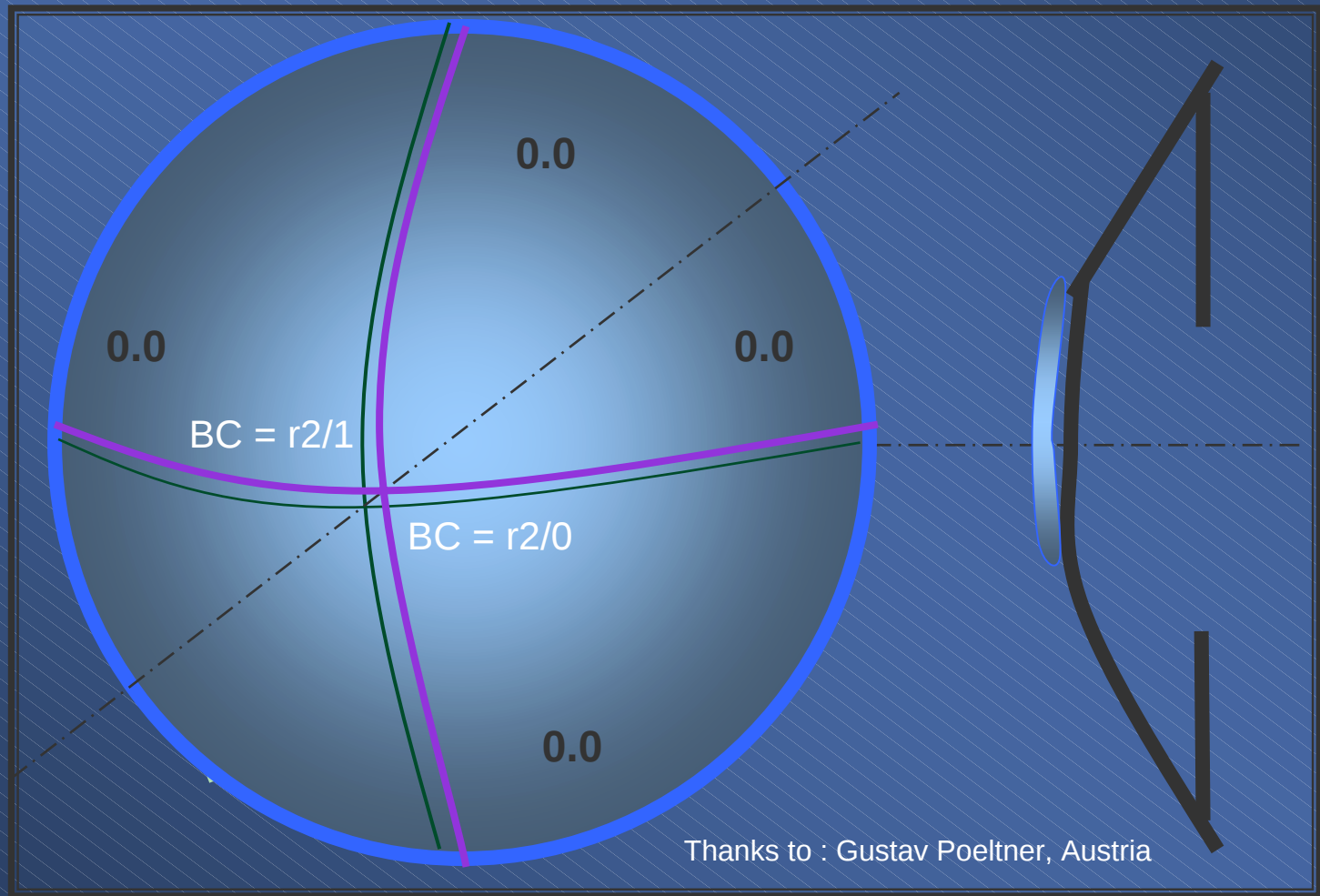
- Lids and tears
- Cornea and conjunctiva
- Eye and general diseases
- Medications
- Air, dust and smoke
- Make-up and hygiene
- and many other factors

Definition, Conditions, Techniques

Contact lenses should be fitted so
as to minimally disturb corneal
and conjunctival physiology.

Definition, Conditions, Techniques

Contact lenses should be fitted on an alignment standard



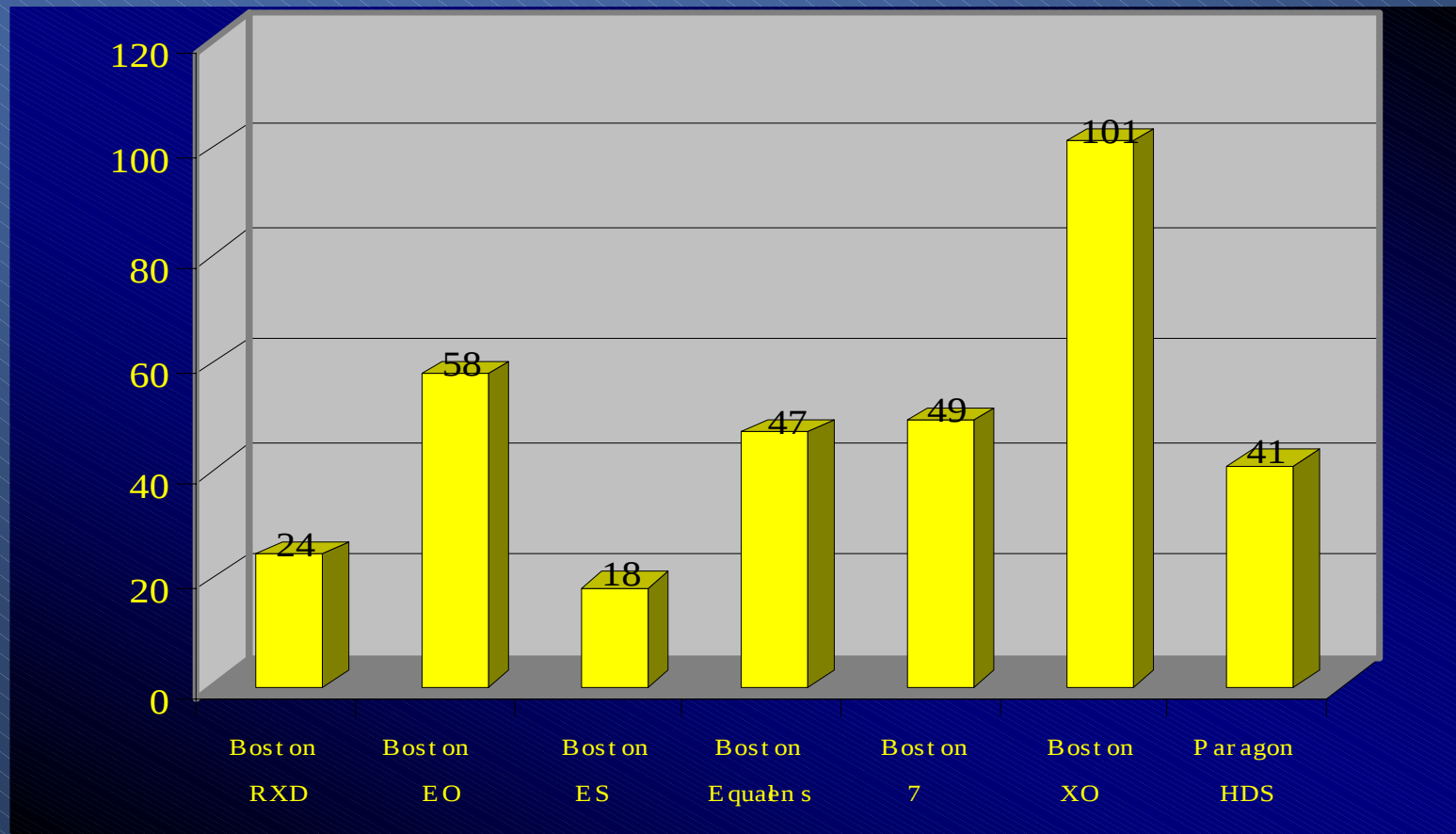


Short Break



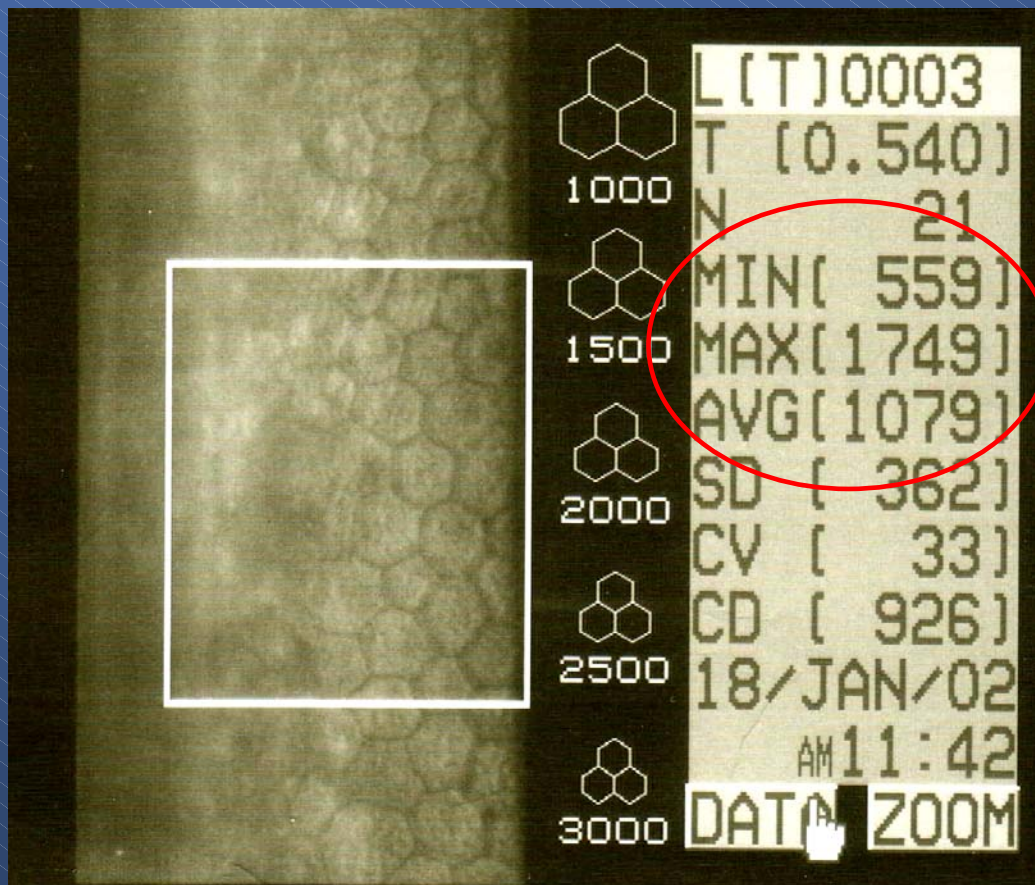
Modern Materials

Oxygen Permeability (ISO/Fatt)
for highest possible biocompatibility



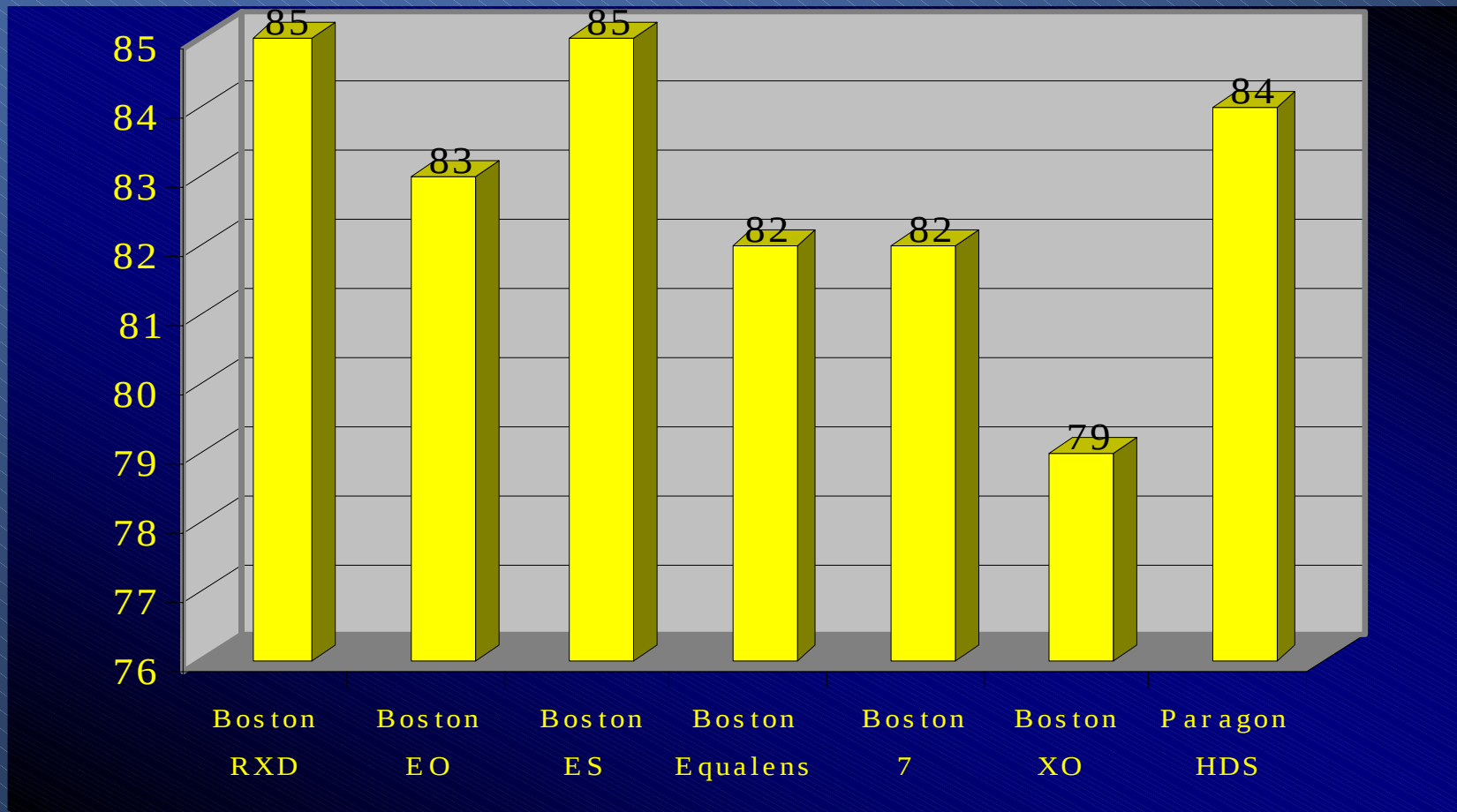
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Modern Materials

Stiffness (Shore)



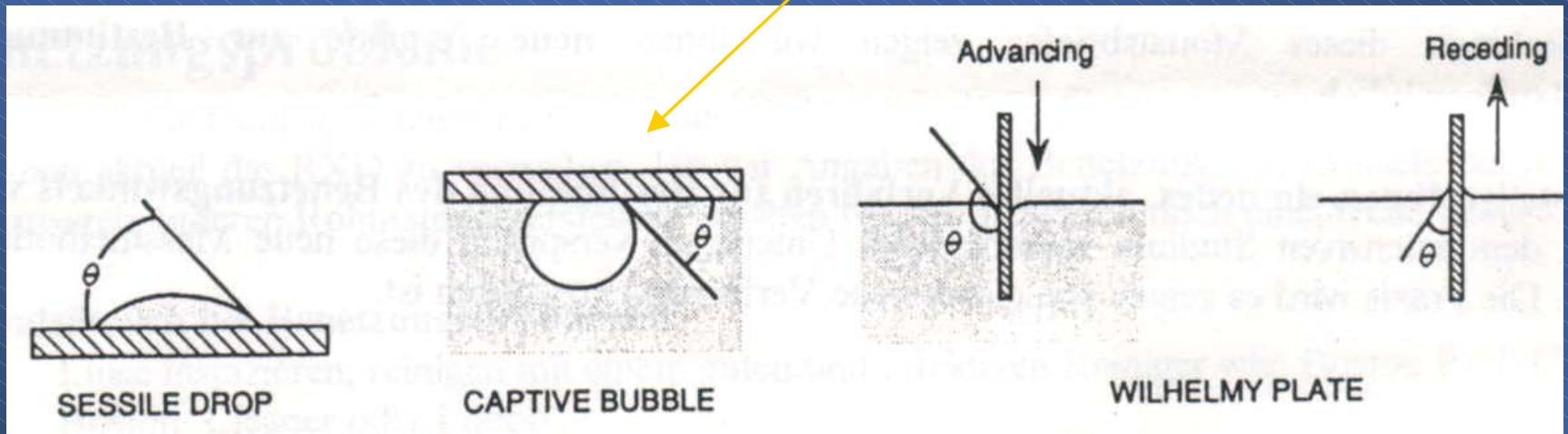
Modern Materials

Scratches



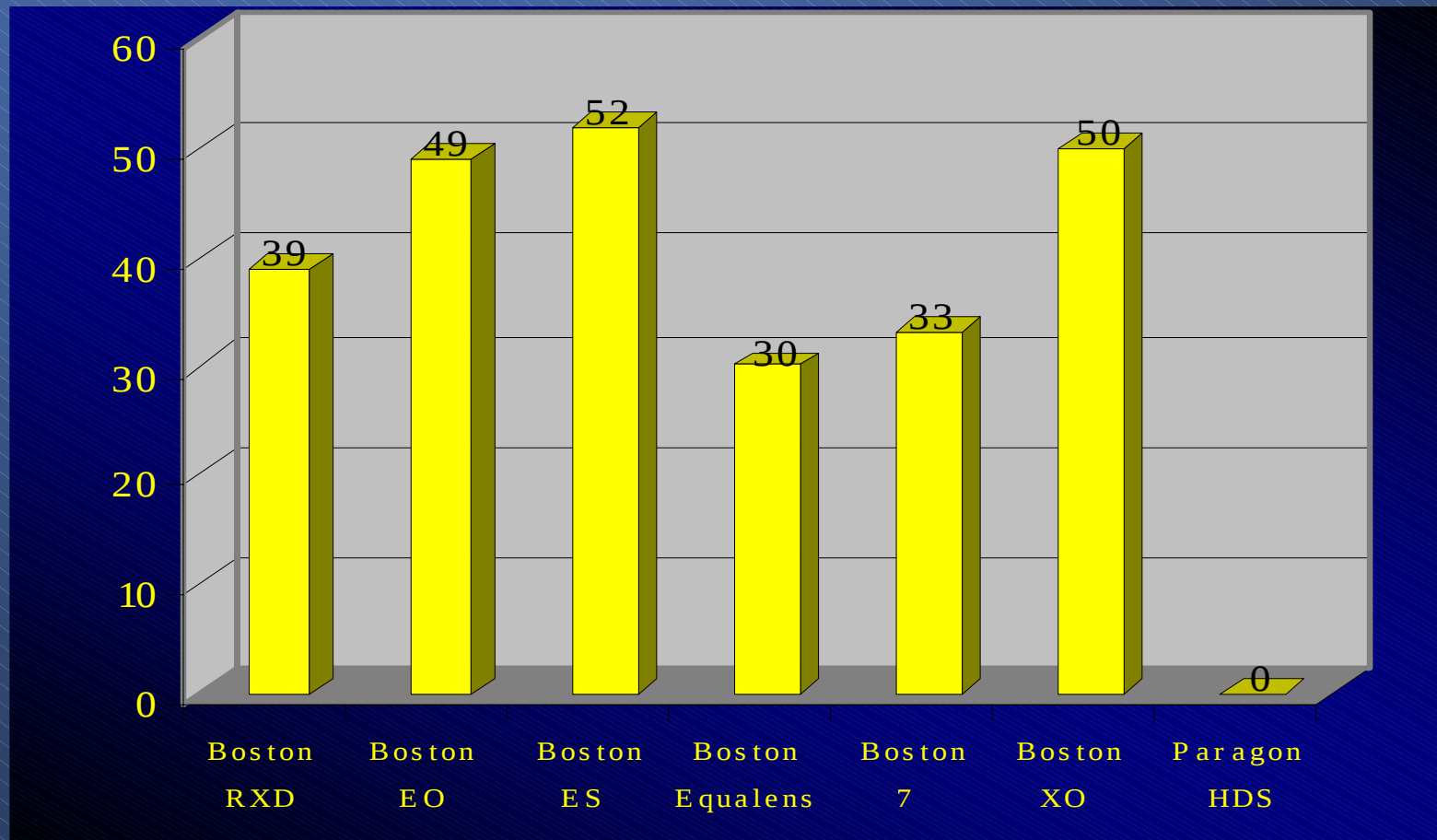
Modern Materials

Wetting angle (Captive bubble method)



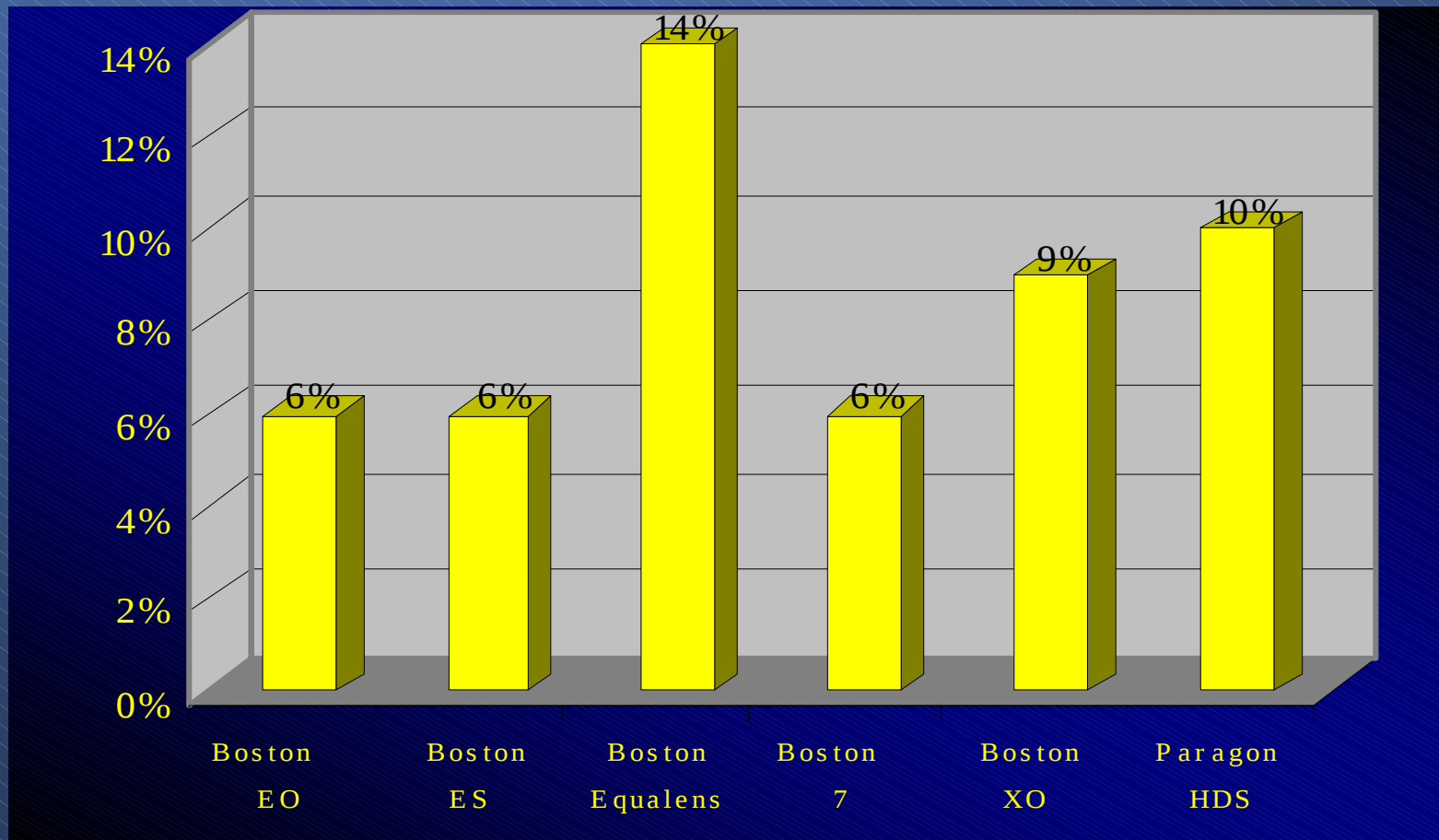
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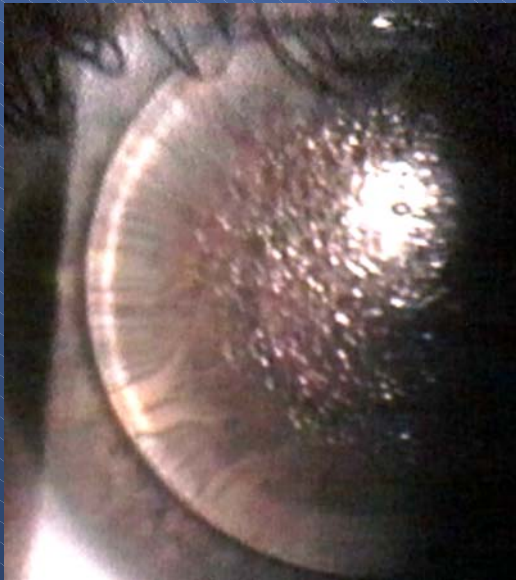
Modern Materials

Silicon content (%)
for less oil and protein deposits



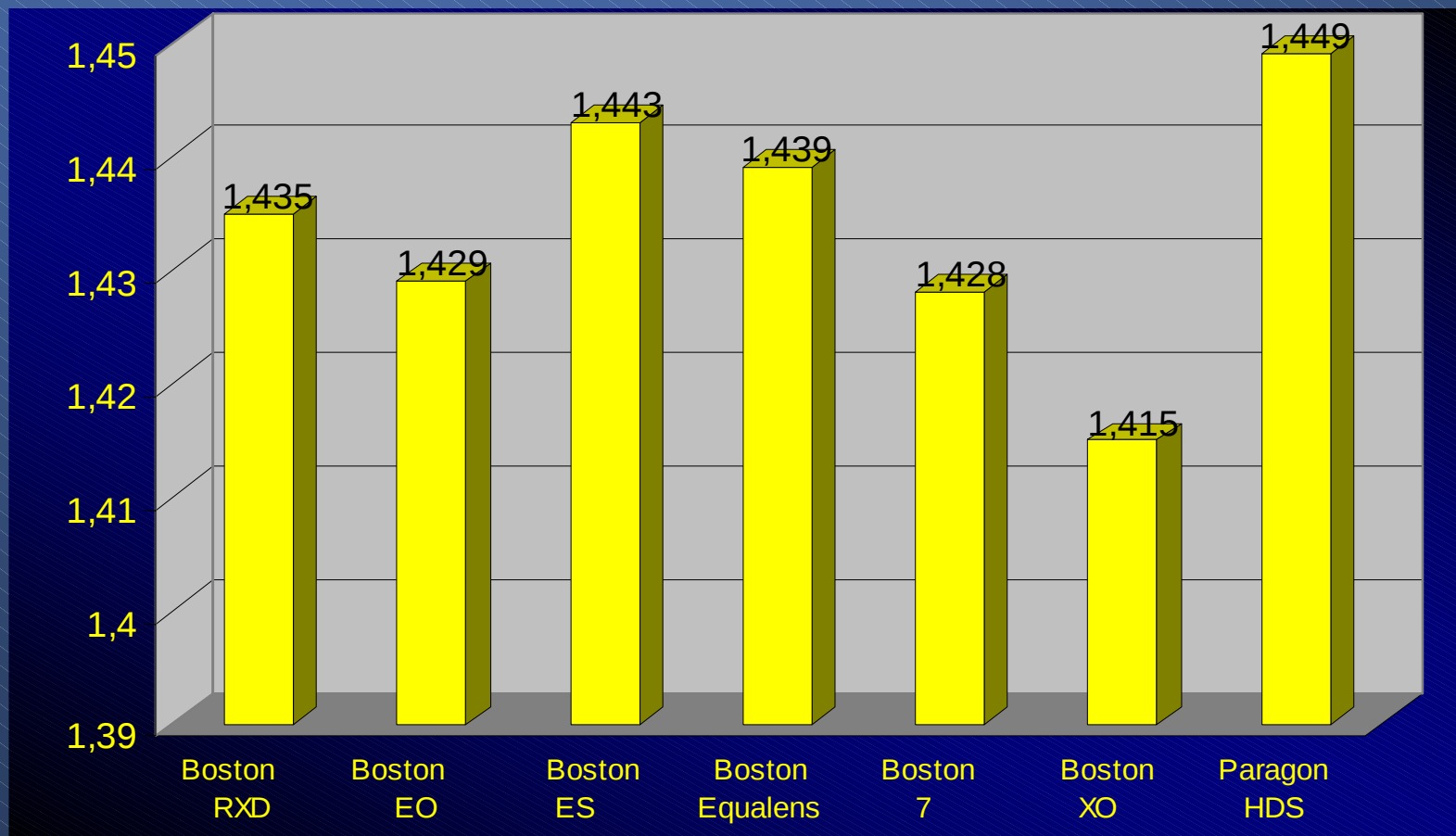
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Oil and protein deposits



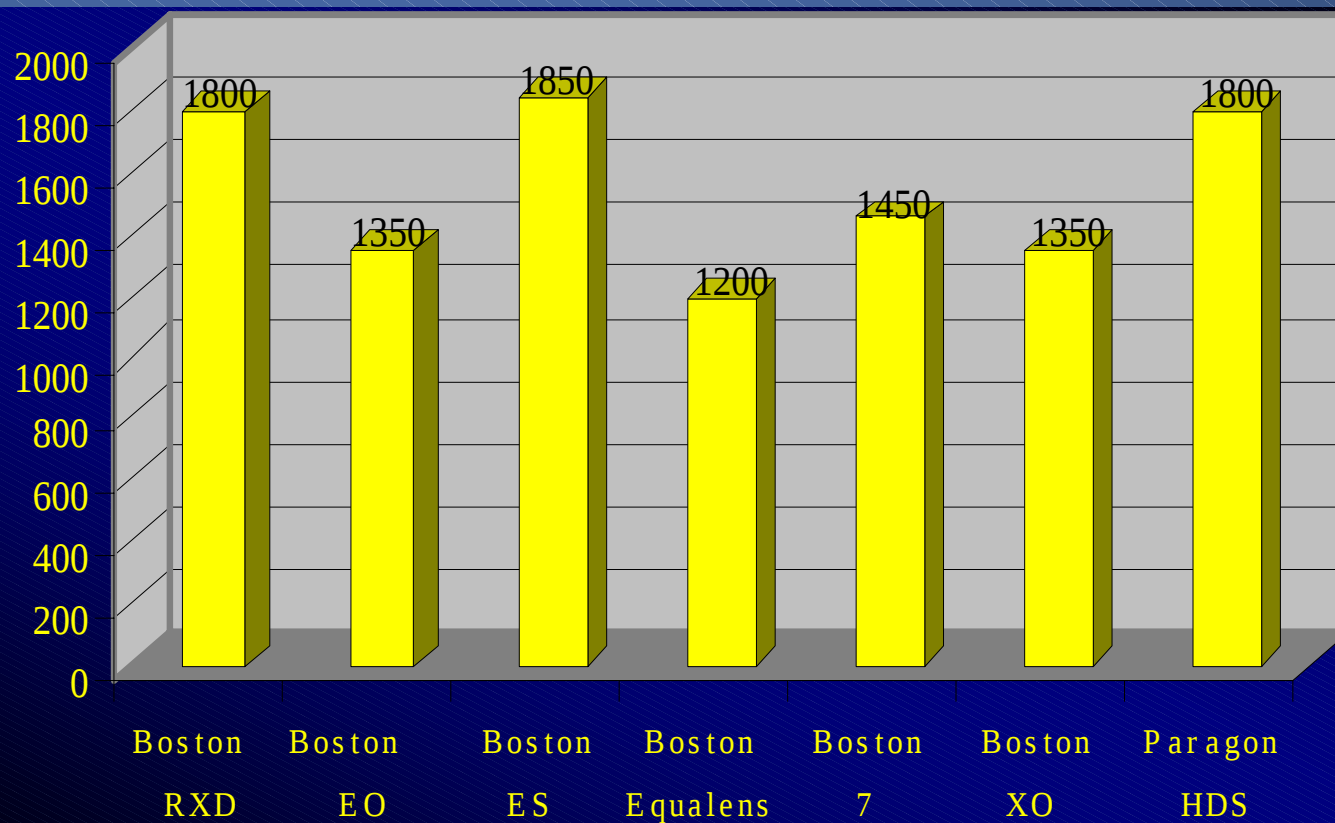
Modern Materials

Refractive Index for thin designs



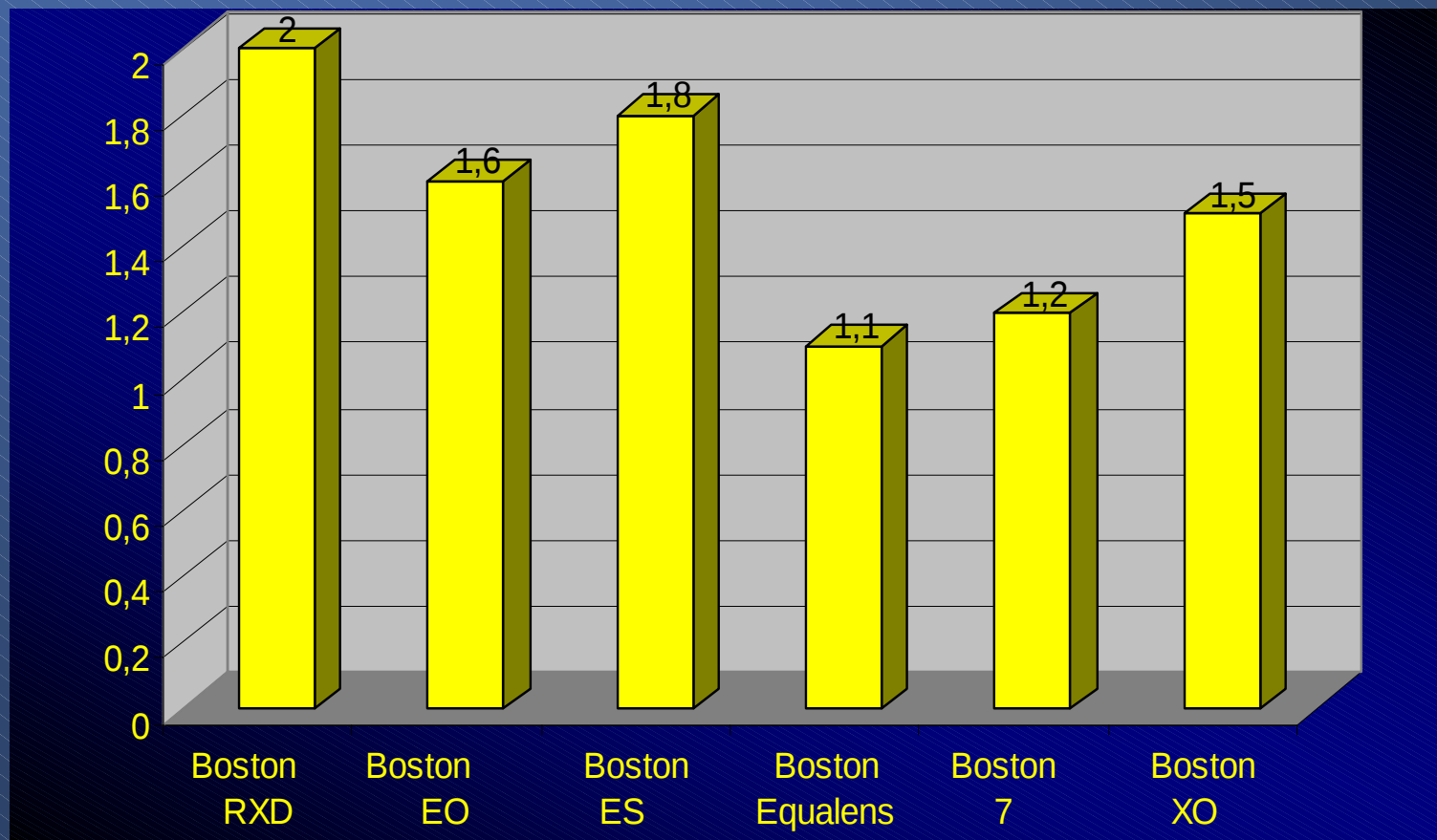
Modern Materials

Flexural Modulus,
one factor for on-eye stability



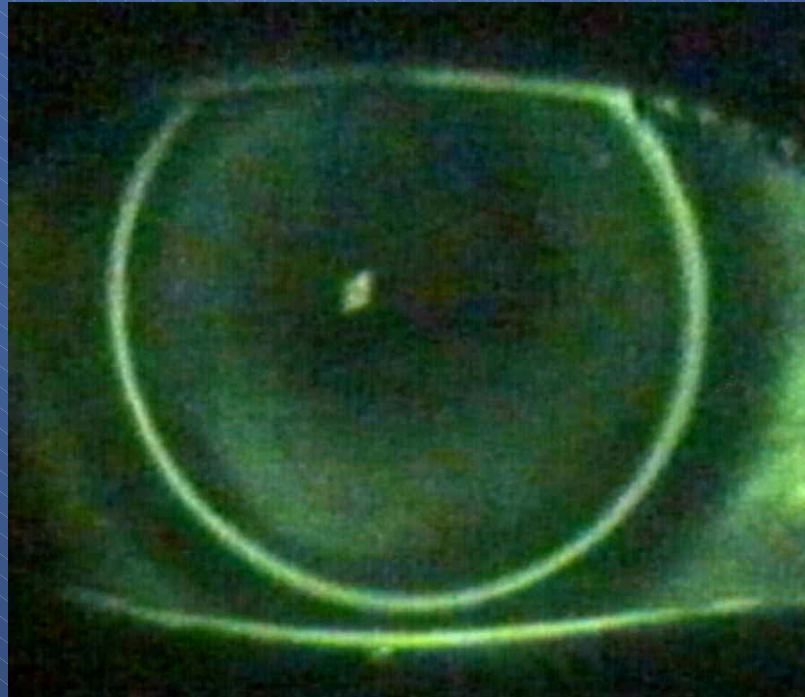
Modern Materials

Toughness,
a second factor for long term stability



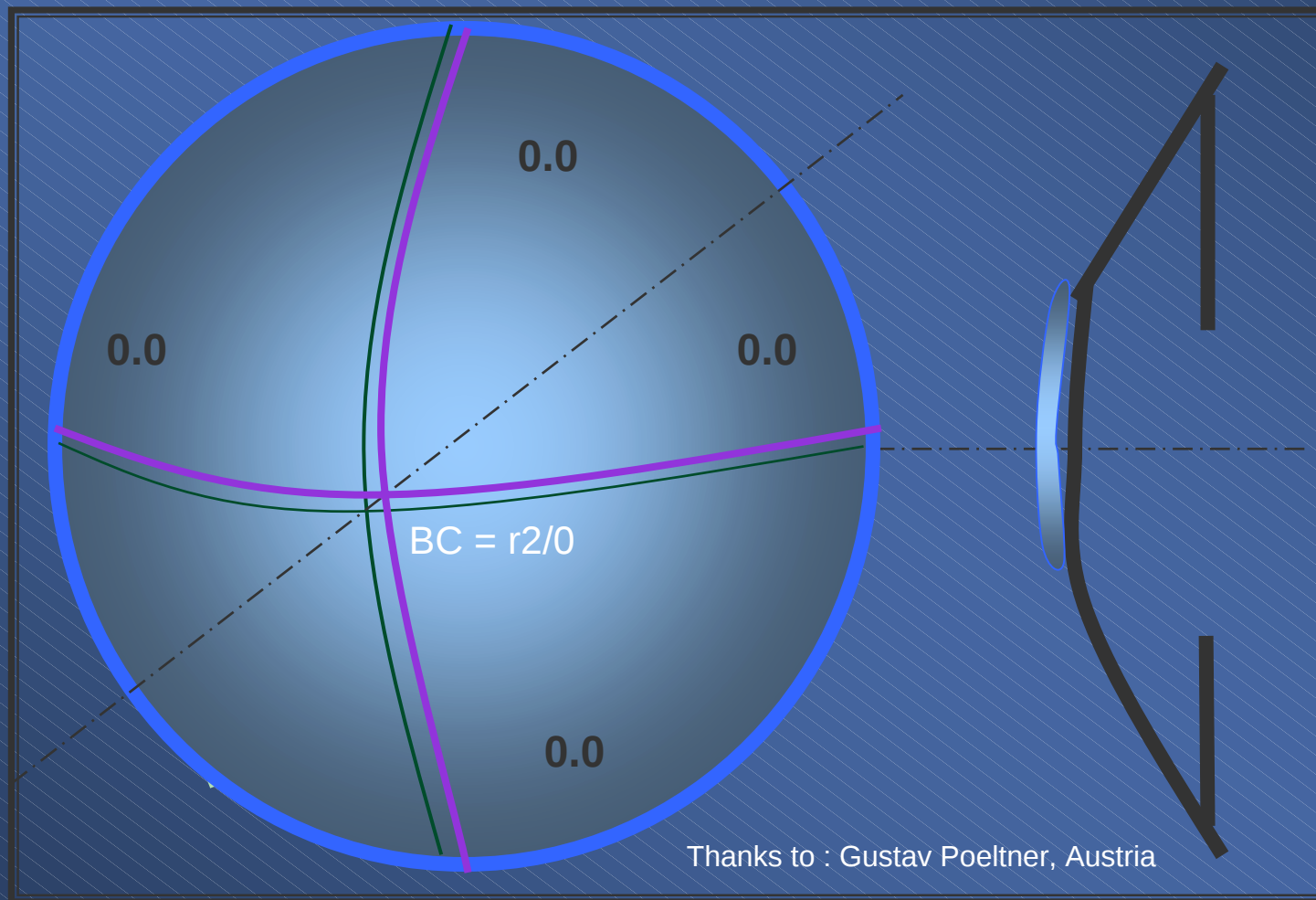
Modern Materials

Deformation after time



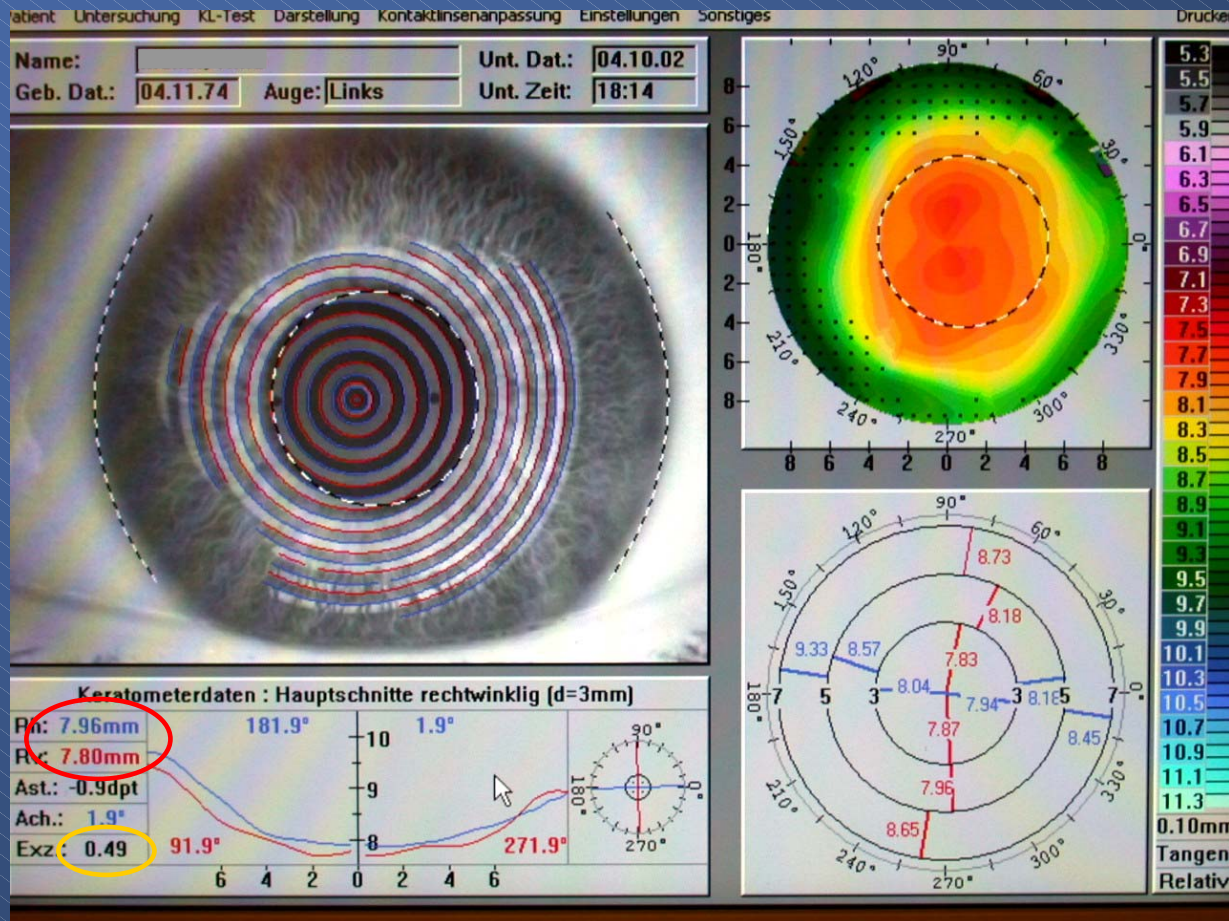
Basic Fits

Alignment Fit



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Basic Fits



Alignment Fit = Rotation-symmetric aspheric RGP,
BC 7.95 nE. 0,5

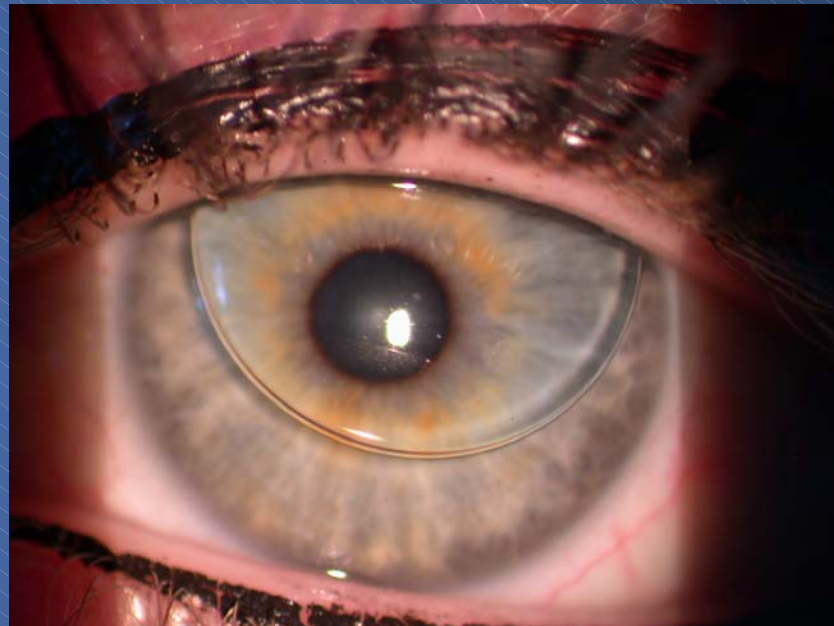
Basic Fits

Complications

„Deep Impact“



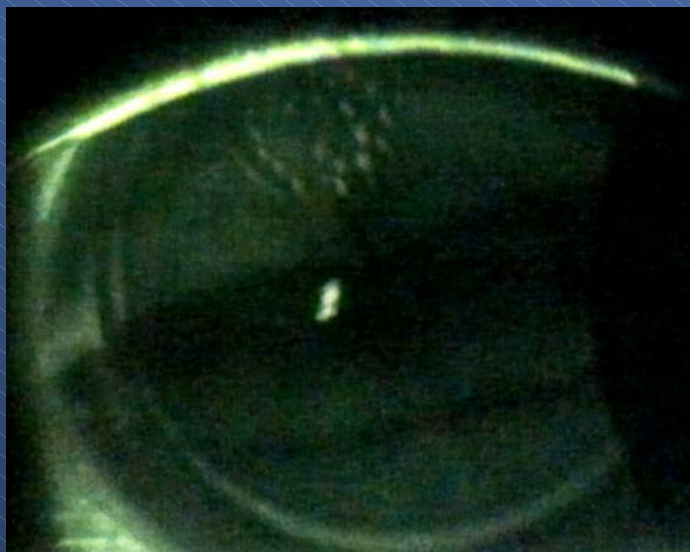
High Rider



Basic Fits

Complications

Sticking lens

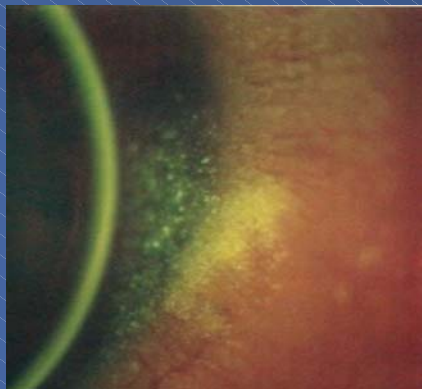


High Rider

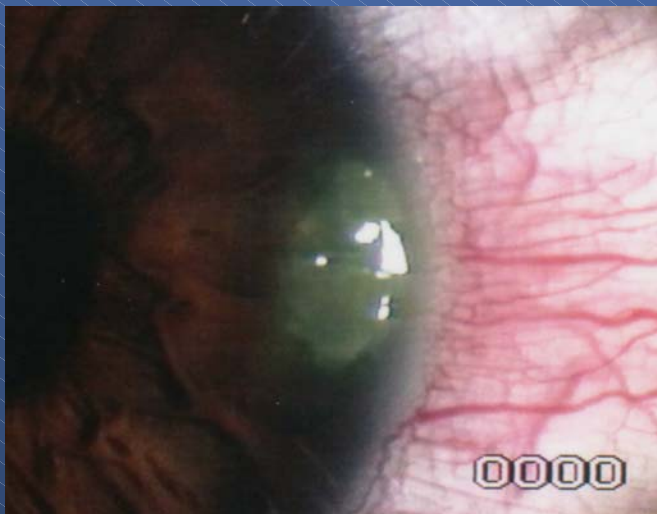


Basic Fits

Complications



3/9 o'clock staining



Peripheral scar

Basic Fits

Complications

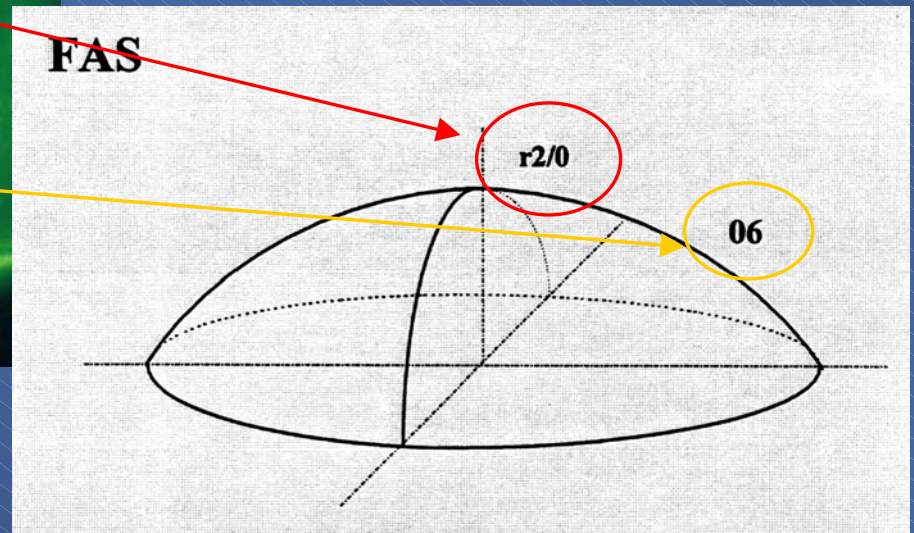
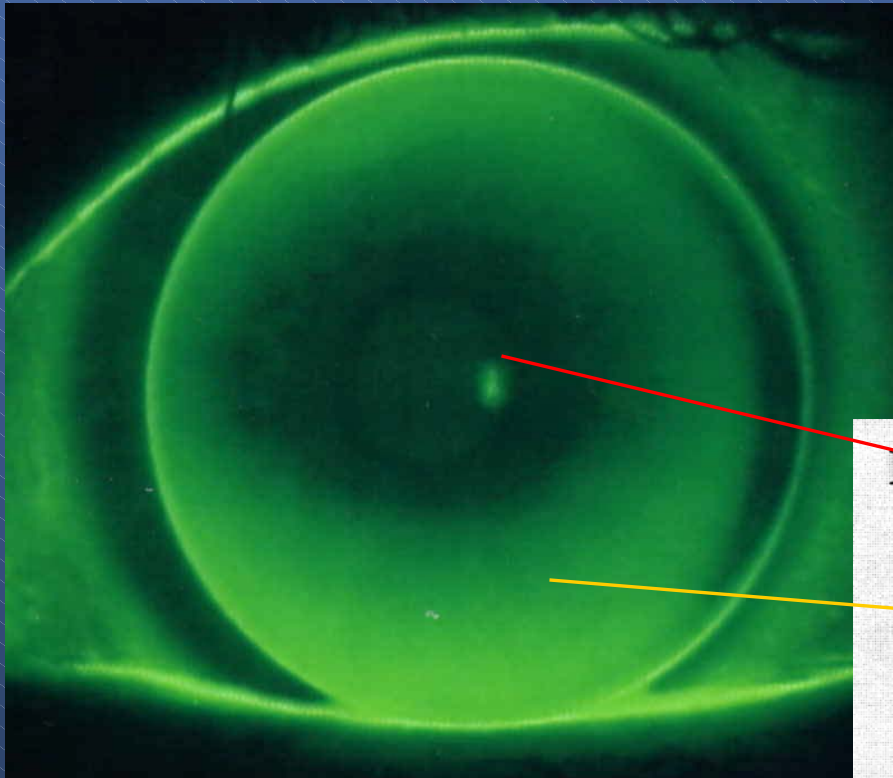


3/9 o'clock
Staining

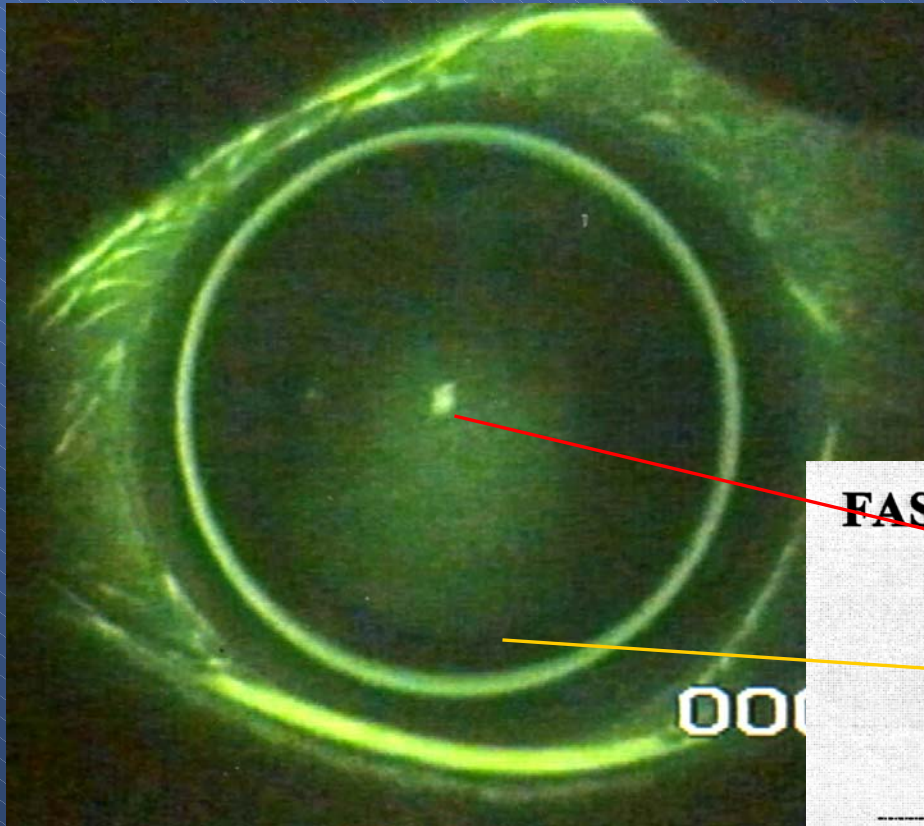
Basic Fits

Flat Fit :

- Check BC
- Check nE or 2./3. curve

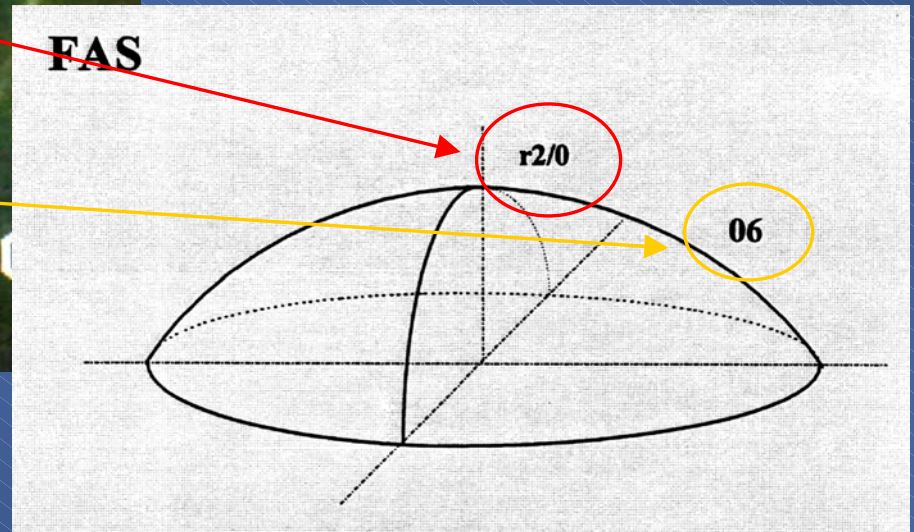


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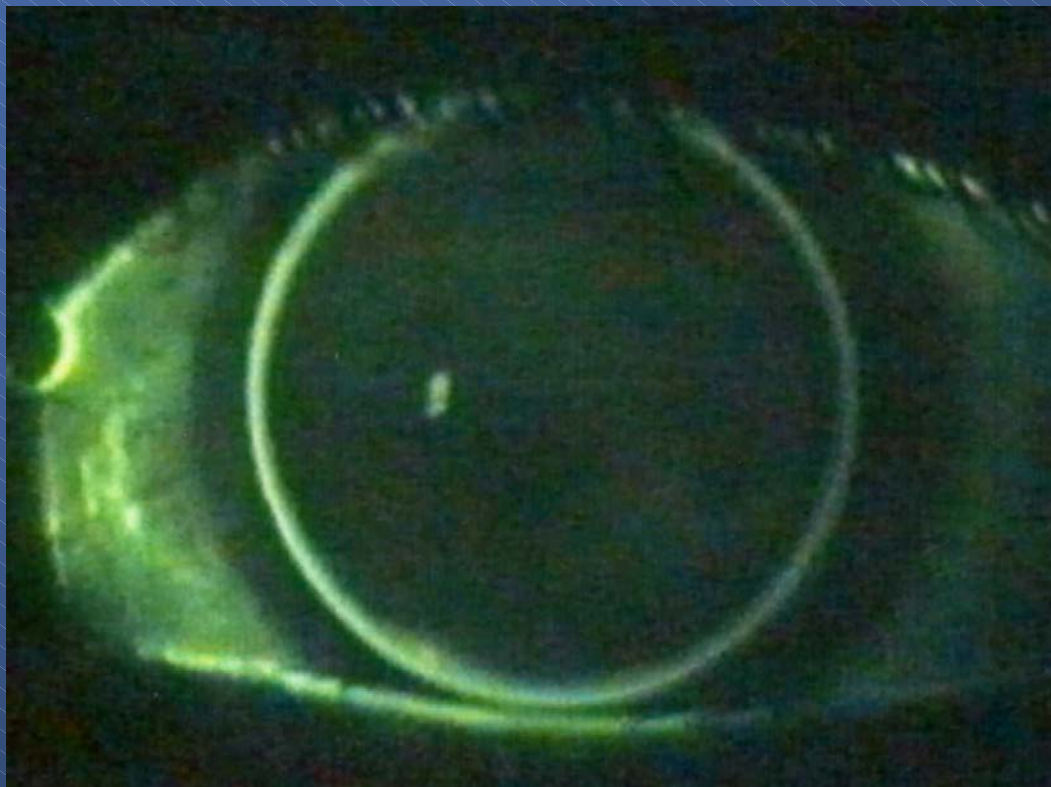
Steep Fit :

- Check BC
- Check nE or 2./3. curve

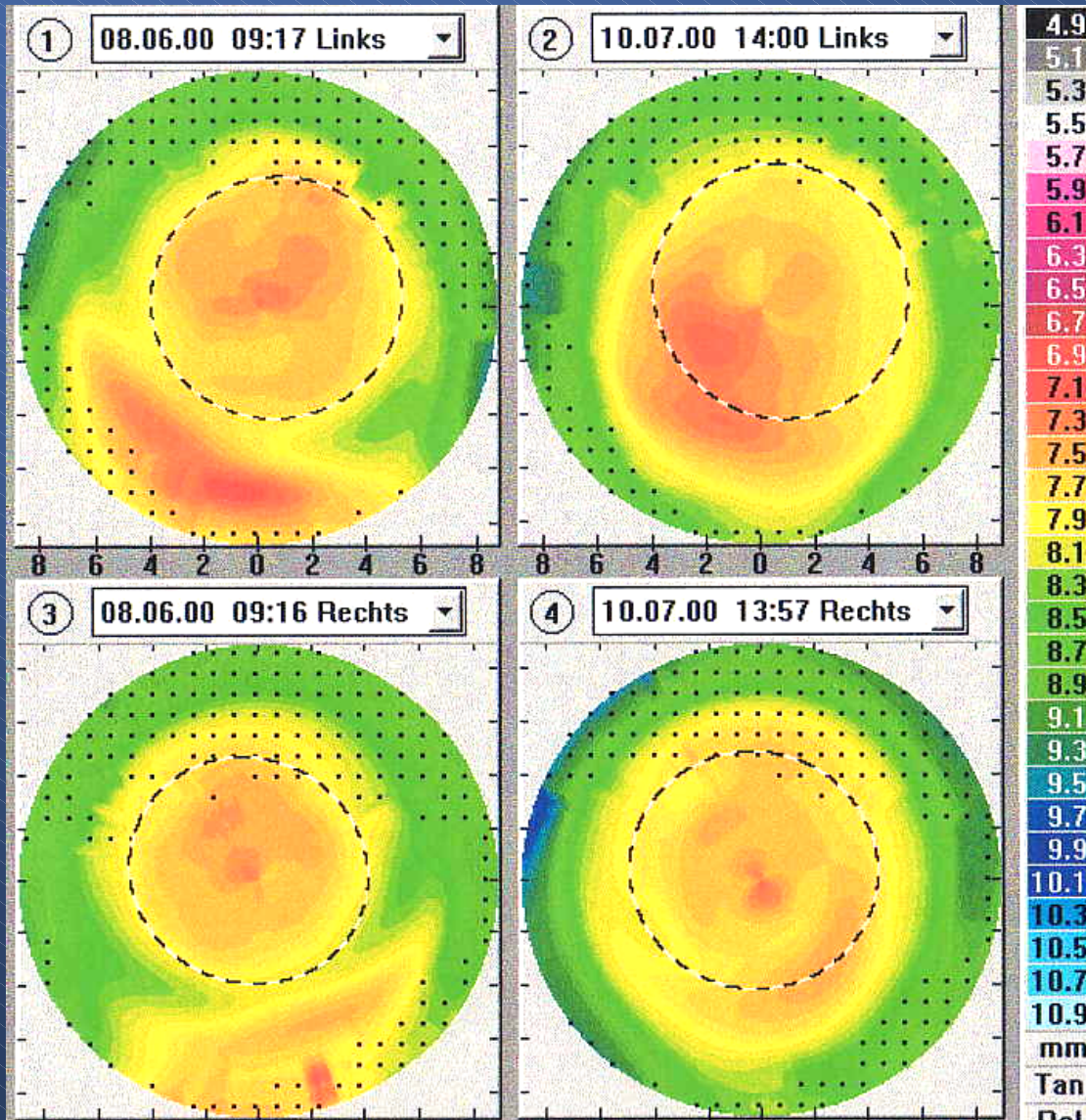


Basic Fits

Alignment Fit



Advanced Fits

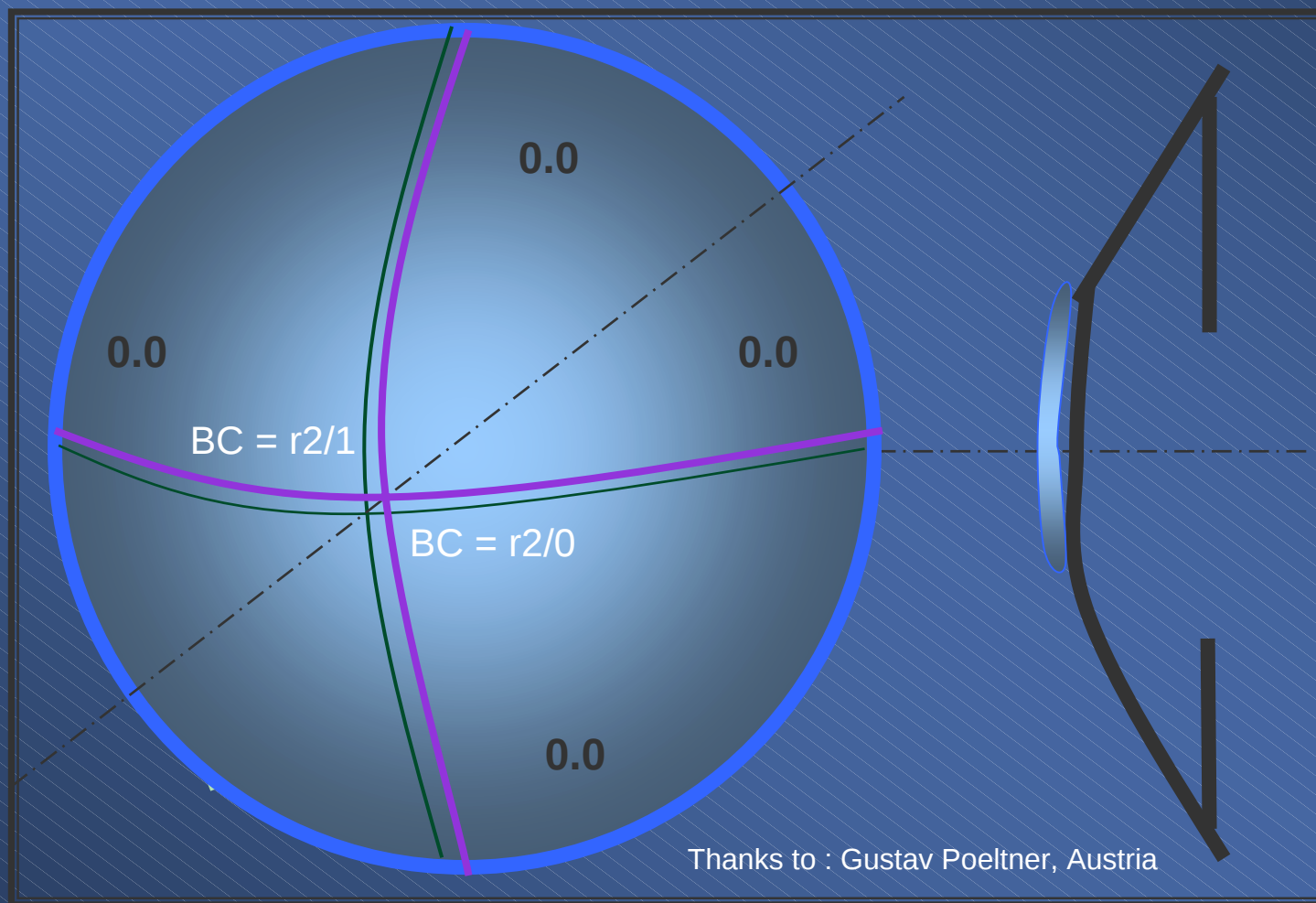


Complications :

- Corneal warpage
- 3/9 Staining
- Decentration
- Lost lenses
- Foreign bodies
- Foreign body sensation

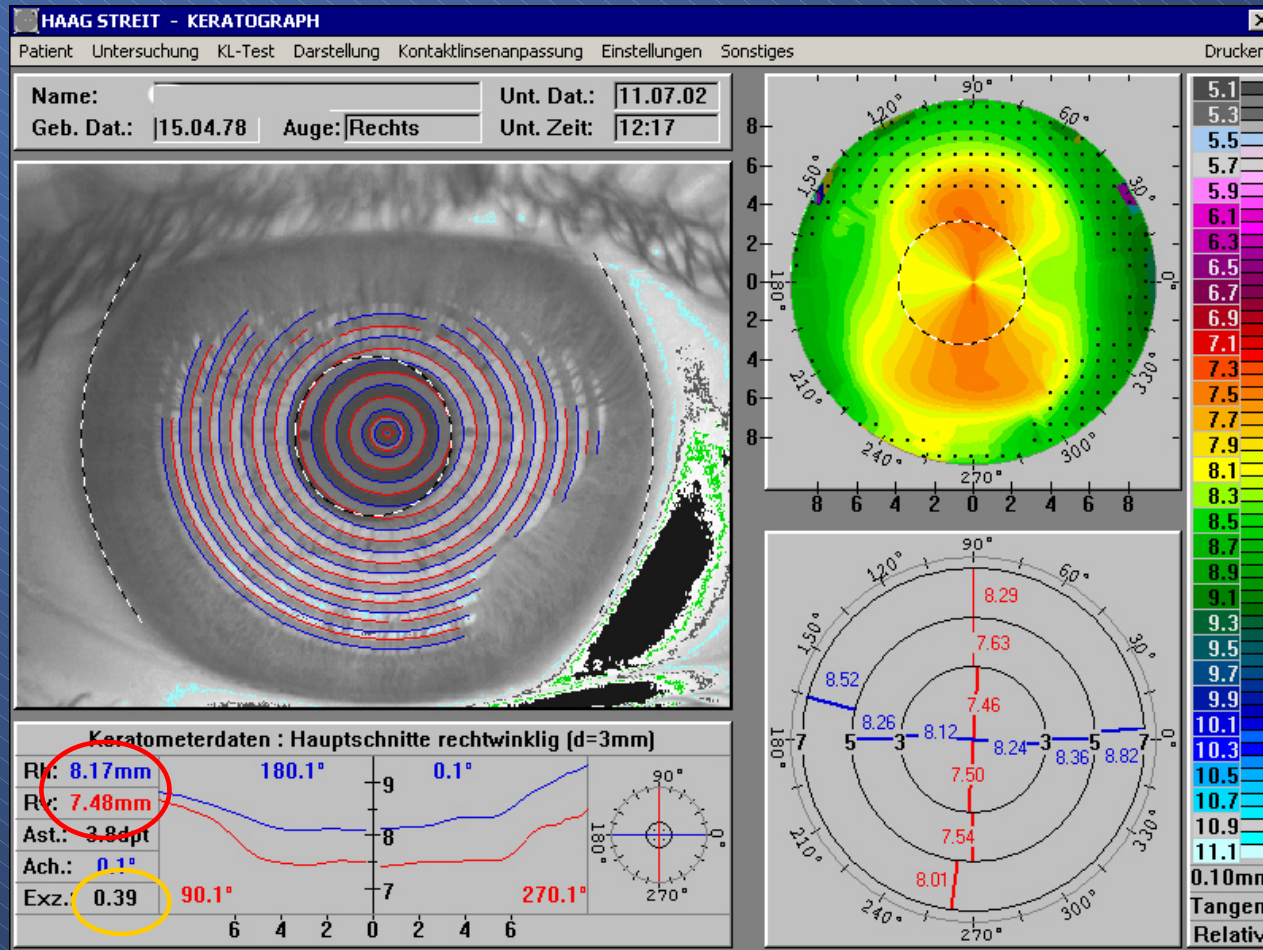
Advanced Fits

Toric Fit



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Advanced Fits



Toric Fit

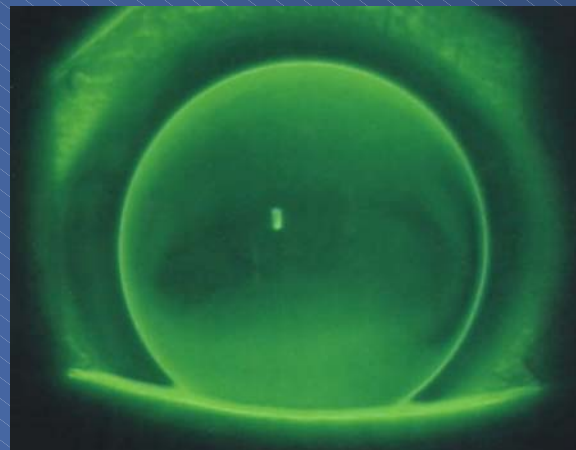
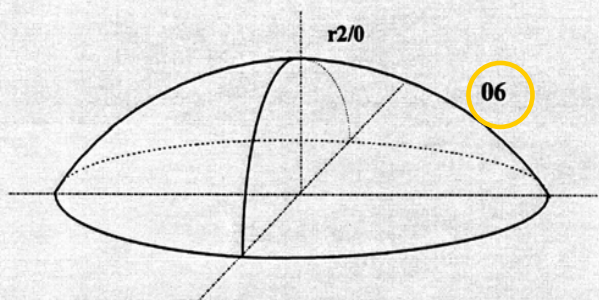
Alignment toric Fit = Toric aspheric RGP, (2/3 rule)

BC 8.15 / 7.70 mm nE. 0,4

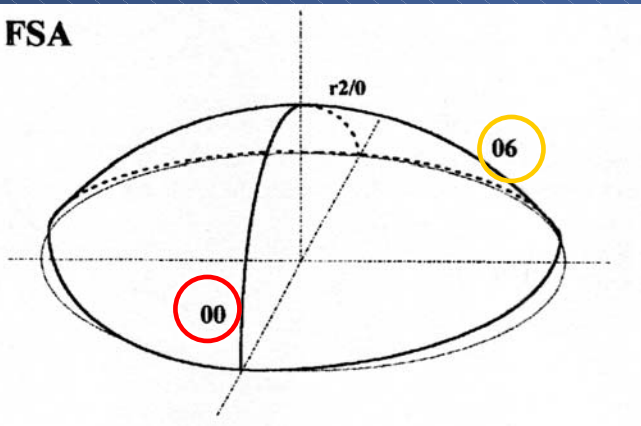
Advanced Fits

Sphero-toric Design ($> 1,5 < 2,0$ cyl)

FAS



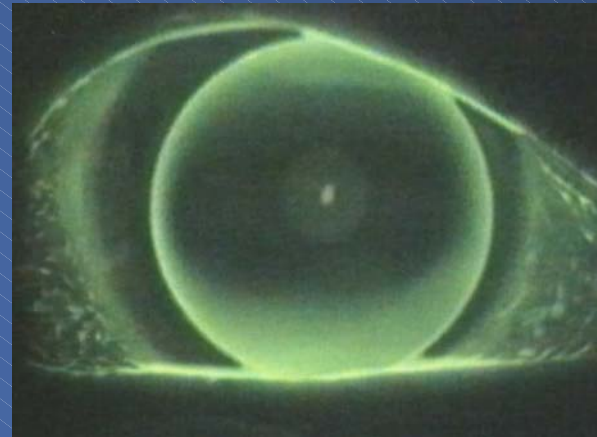
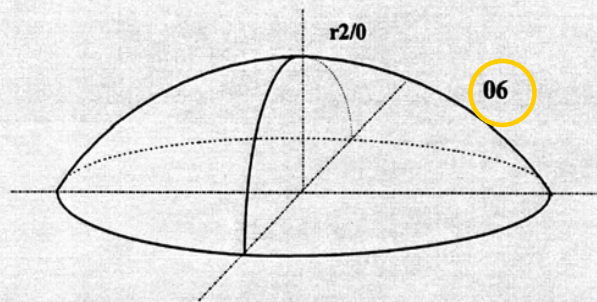
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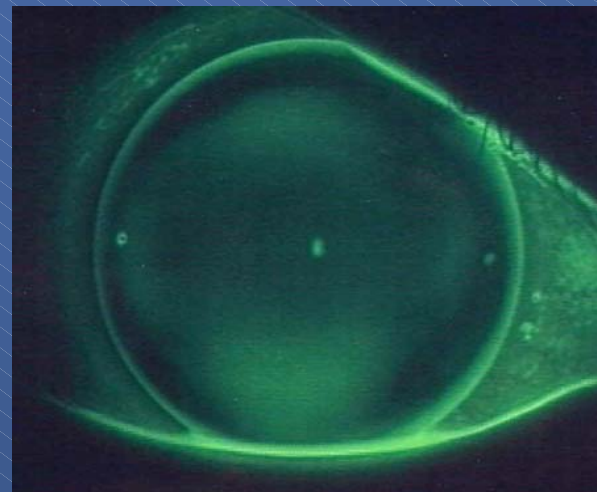
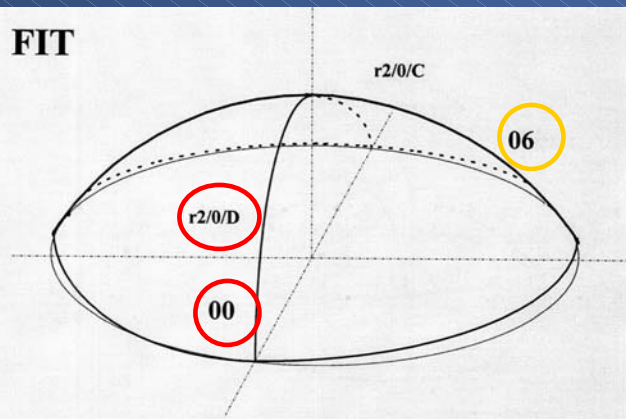
Advanced Fits

Backtoric Design (> 2,0 cyl)

FAS



FIT



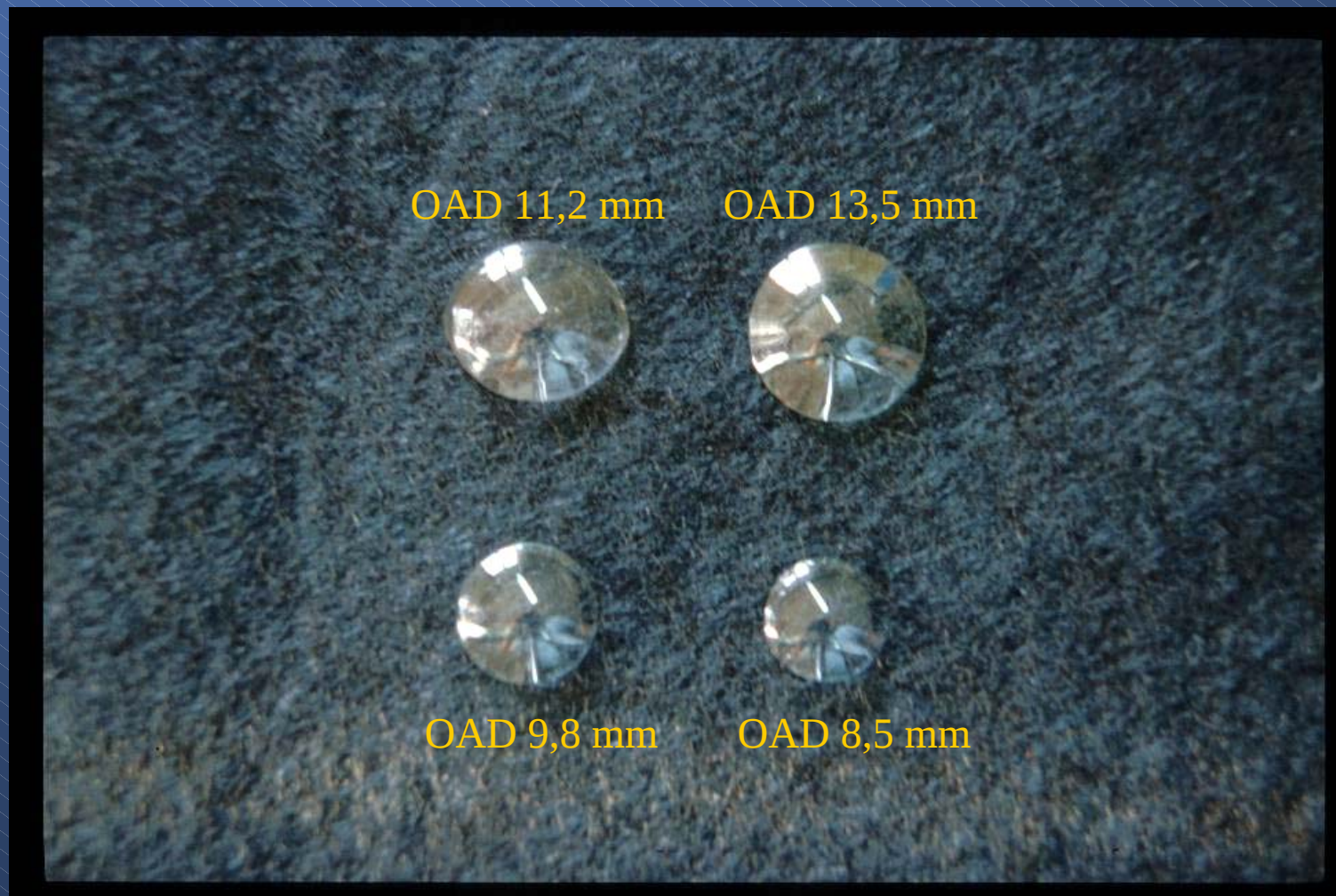
Advanced Fits

Centration and movement (Astigmatismus obliquus)



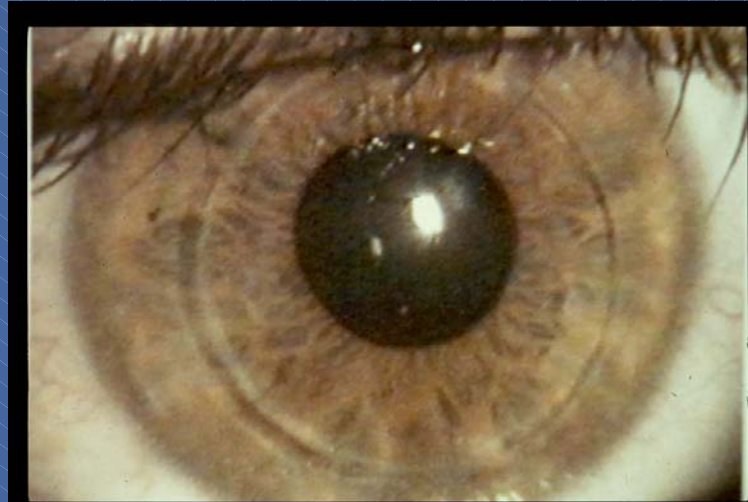
Advanced Fits

Small and large lenses



Advanced Fits

Small lenses :
Tear exchange
Oxygen
Movement
Price (standard lenses)



Large lenses (intra-limbal):
Comfort
Stabilization
Safety
Less dust
Handling

Advanced Fits

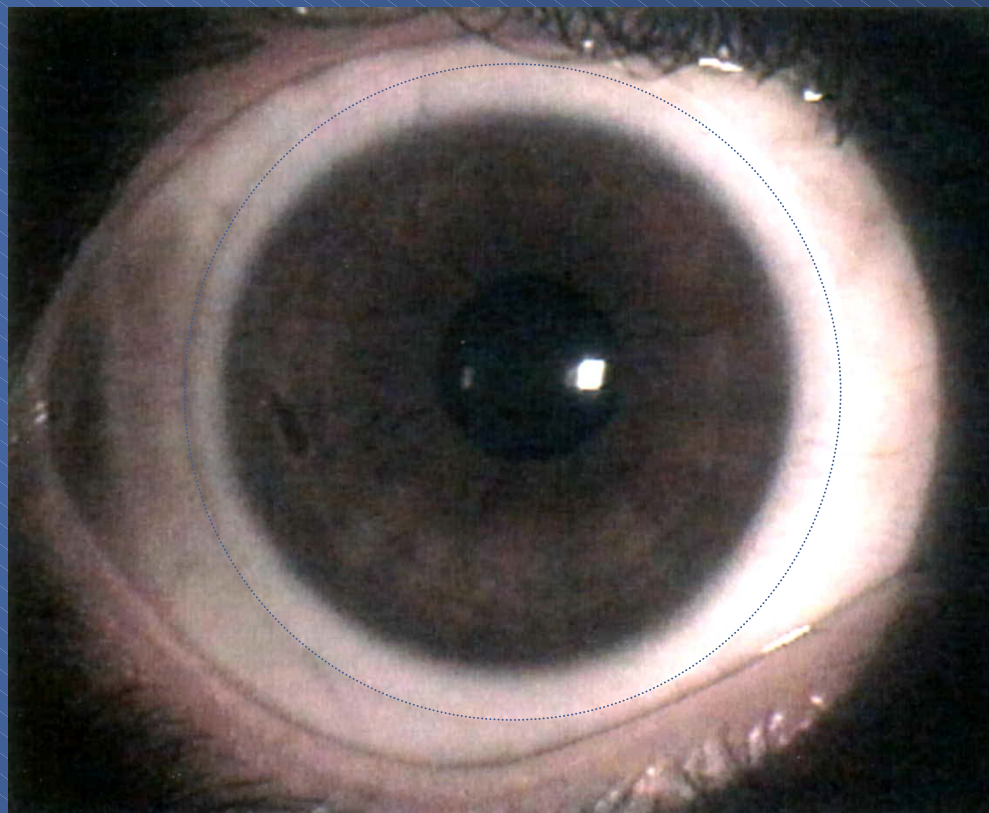
Very large lenses :
(extra-limbal or Miniscleral)

Comfort

Stabilization

Less dust

Protection



Advanced Fits



Lens size :
Tear exchange
Oxygen
Movement



Advanced Fits

Tricks and Tips :

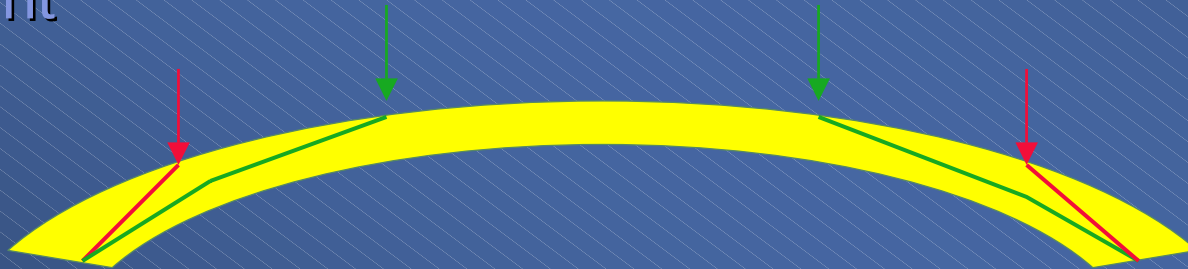
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- Thin design and high refractive index
- Prisma and high specific weight



Advanced Fits

Tricks and Tips :

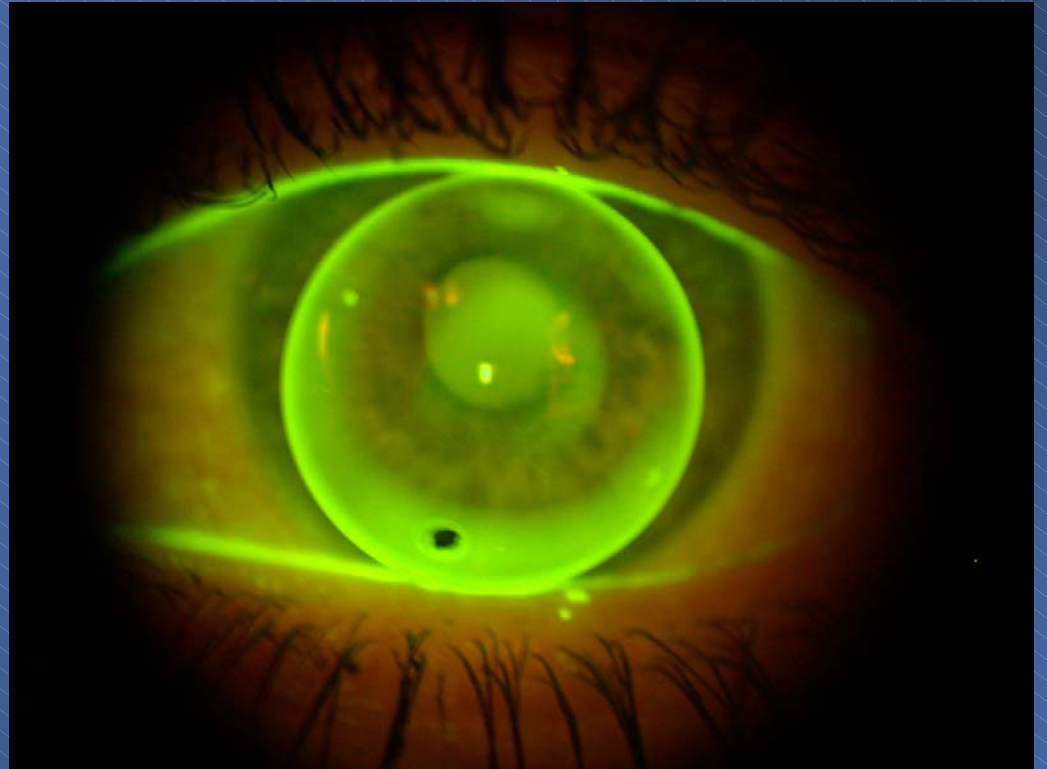
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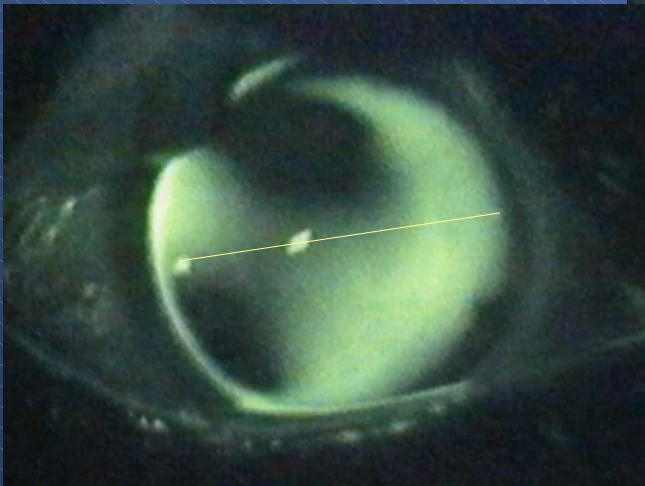
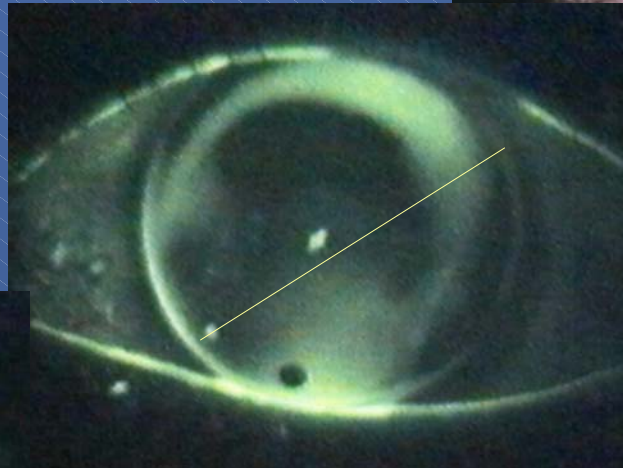
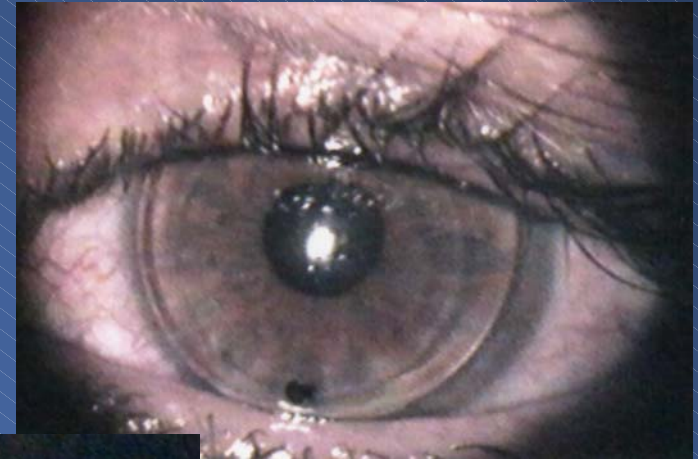
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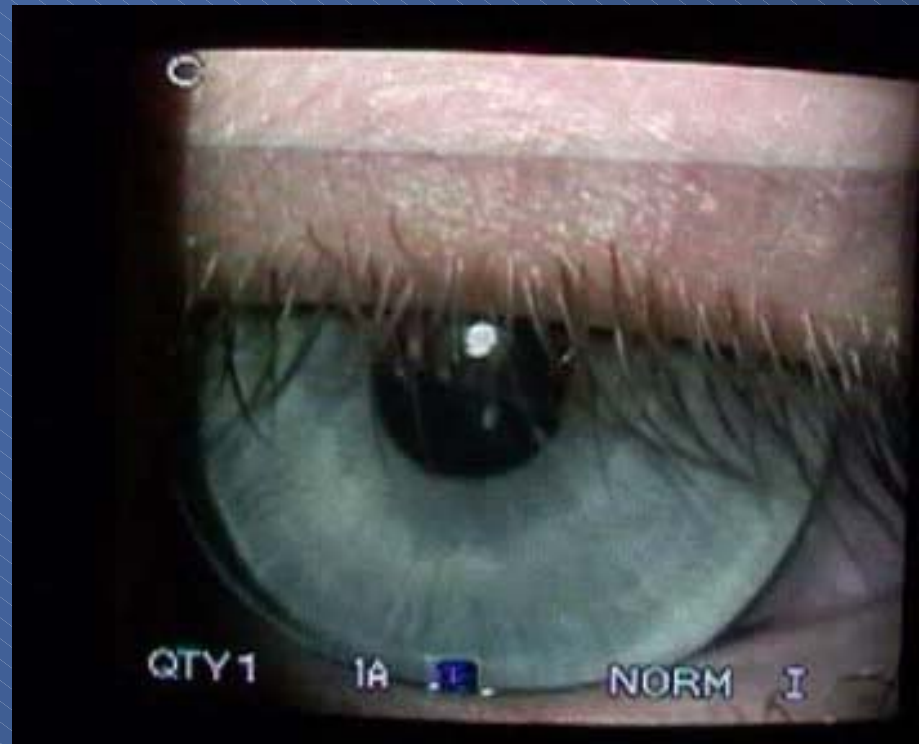
Example :

Backtoric, front-prismatic CL on Keratoplasty

Advanced Fits

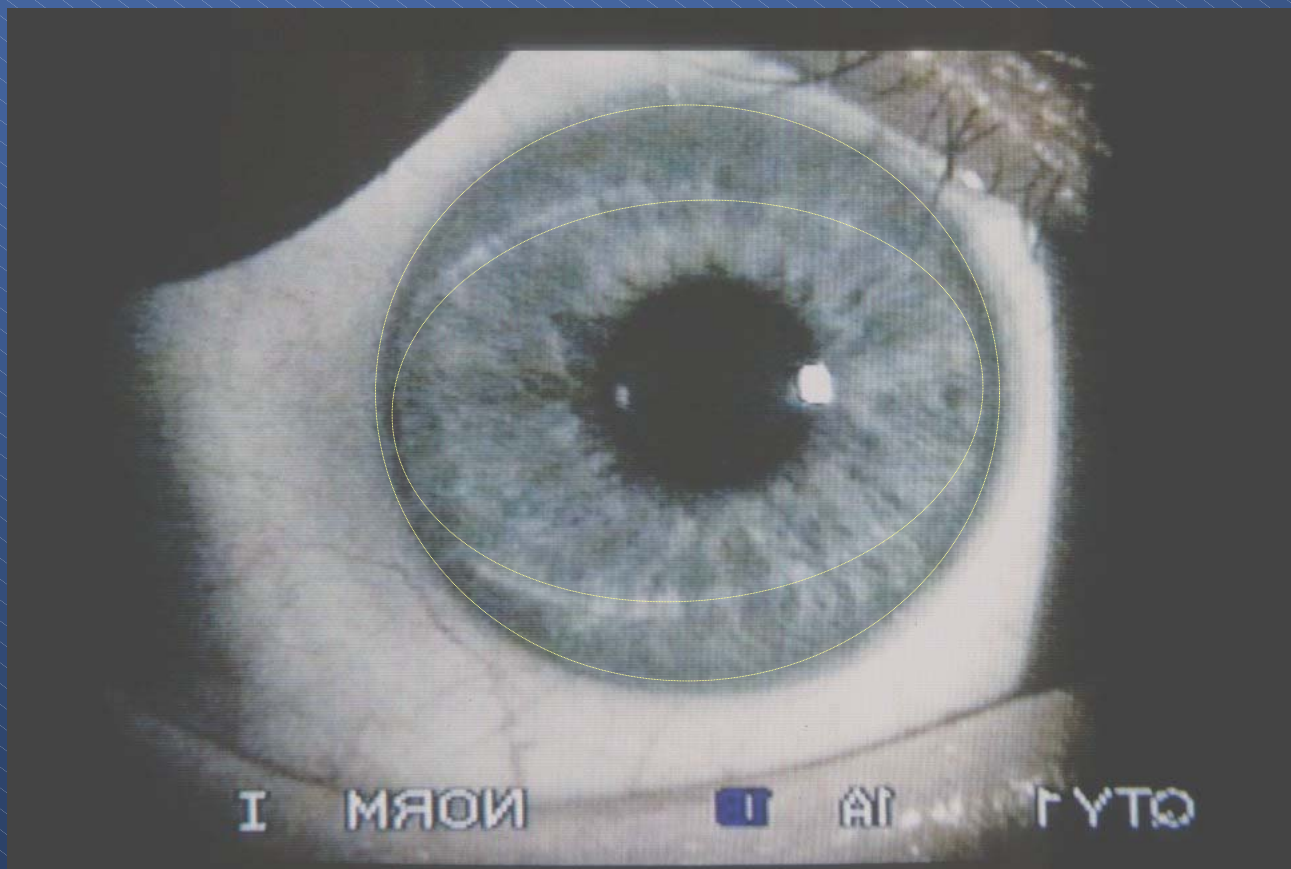
Tricks and Tips :

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- Thin design and high refractive index
- Prisma and high specific weight



Advanced Fits

Oval design with dynamic stabilisation,
to avoid 3/9 o'clock staining
(Early trials 1989)





Short Break



Specialty Fits

Irregular Astigmatism

Keratoconus

Keratoplasty

post-Trauma

post-refractive surgery

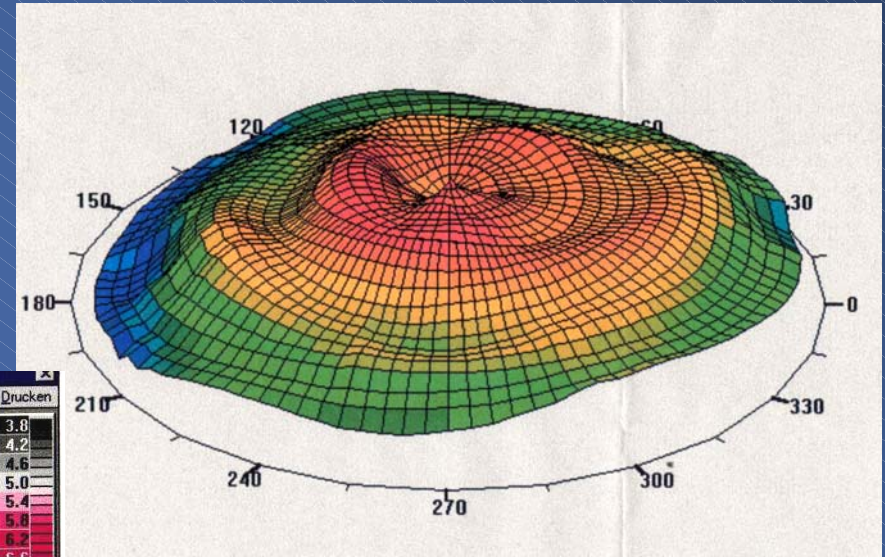
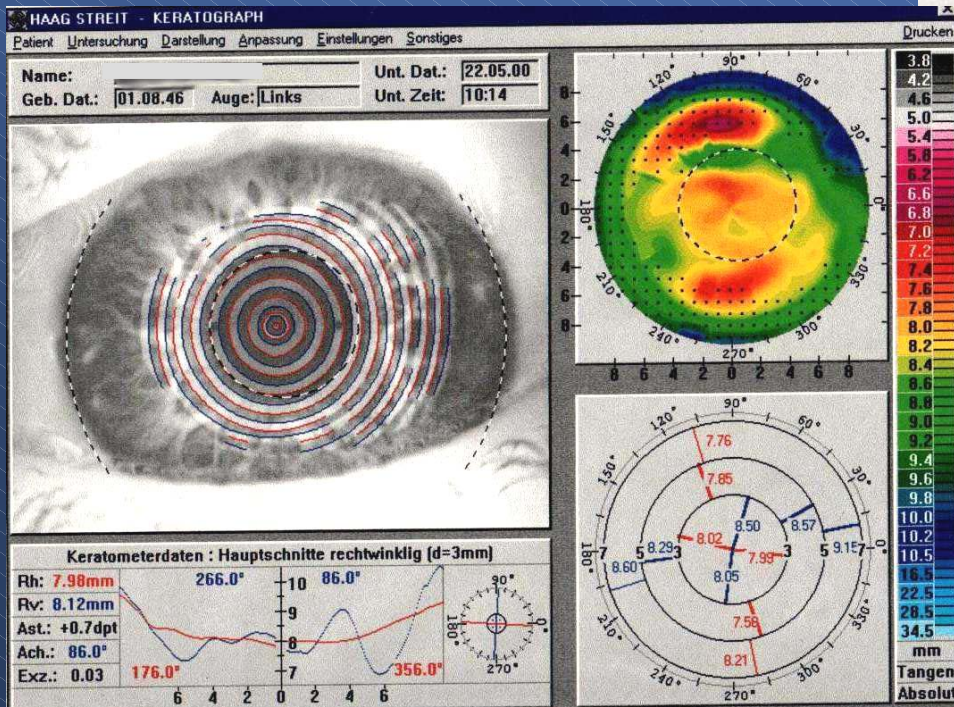
Aphakia (children) and presbyopia

Ortho-K (Example)

Irregular Astigmatism

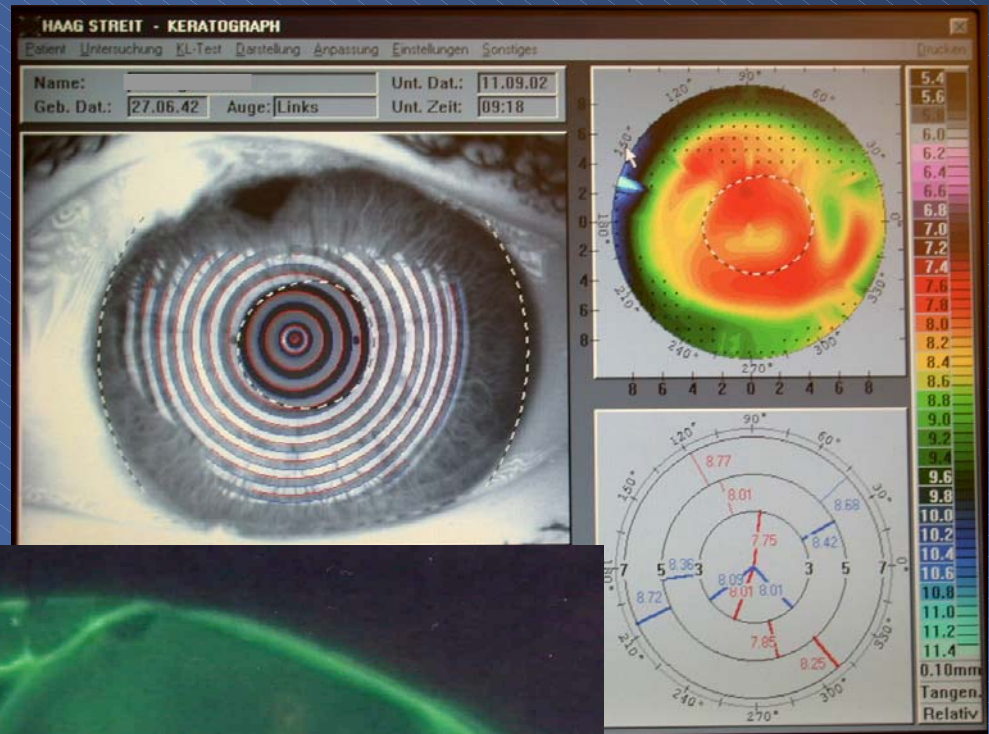
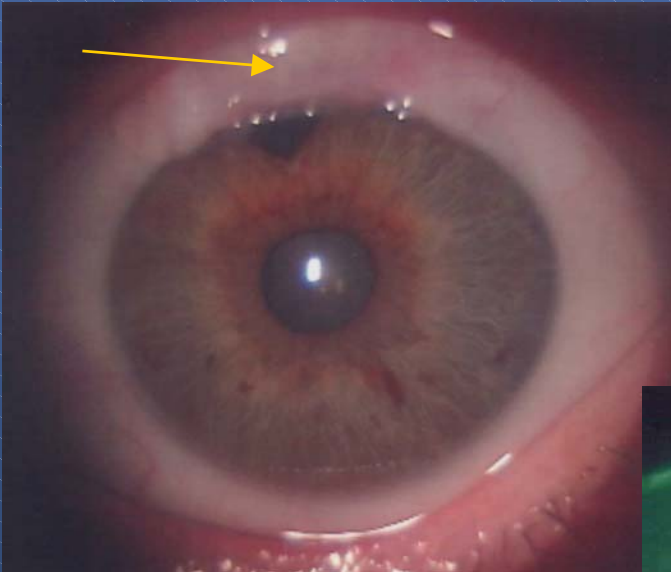
Corneal Dystrophies

Post-Trabeculectomy

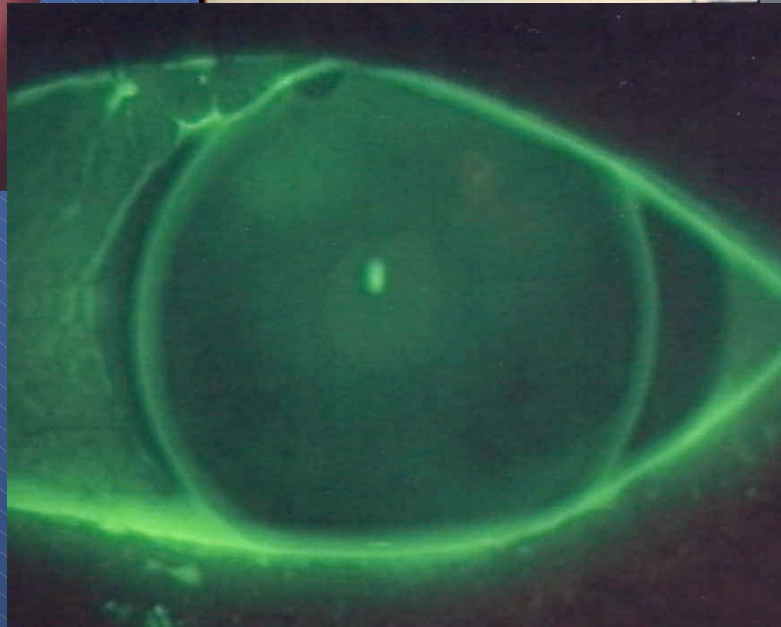


Irregular Astigmatism

Post-Trabeculectomy



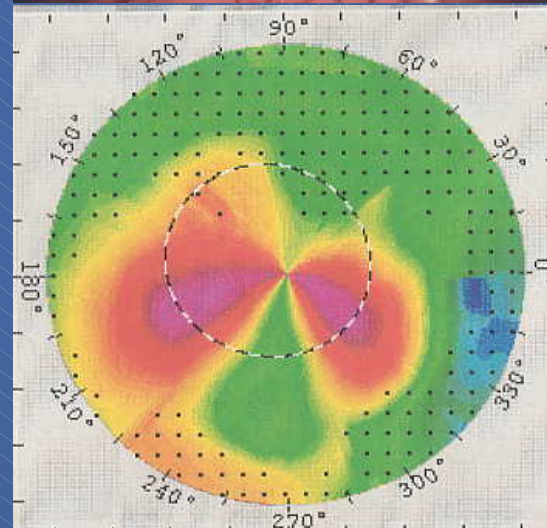
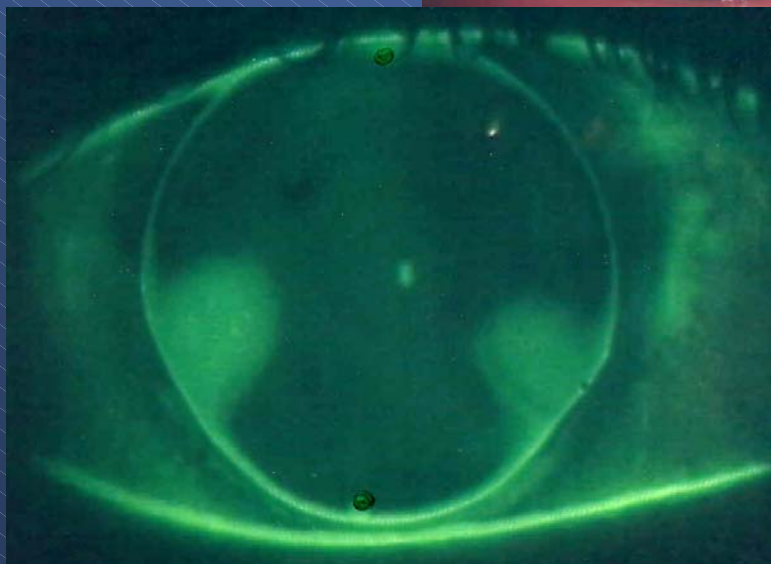
Aspheric CL, nE 0,4
AOD 9,8 mm, Vcc 20/20



Irregular Astigmatism

Pellucid marginal or Terrien Degenerations

Backtoric,
prismatic
CL
AOD 10,2,
Vcc 20/20



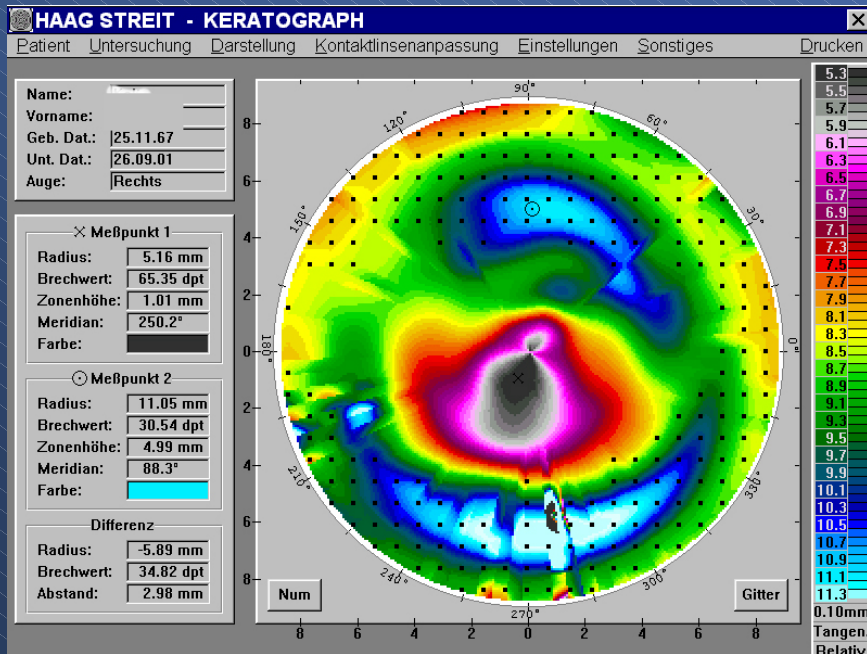
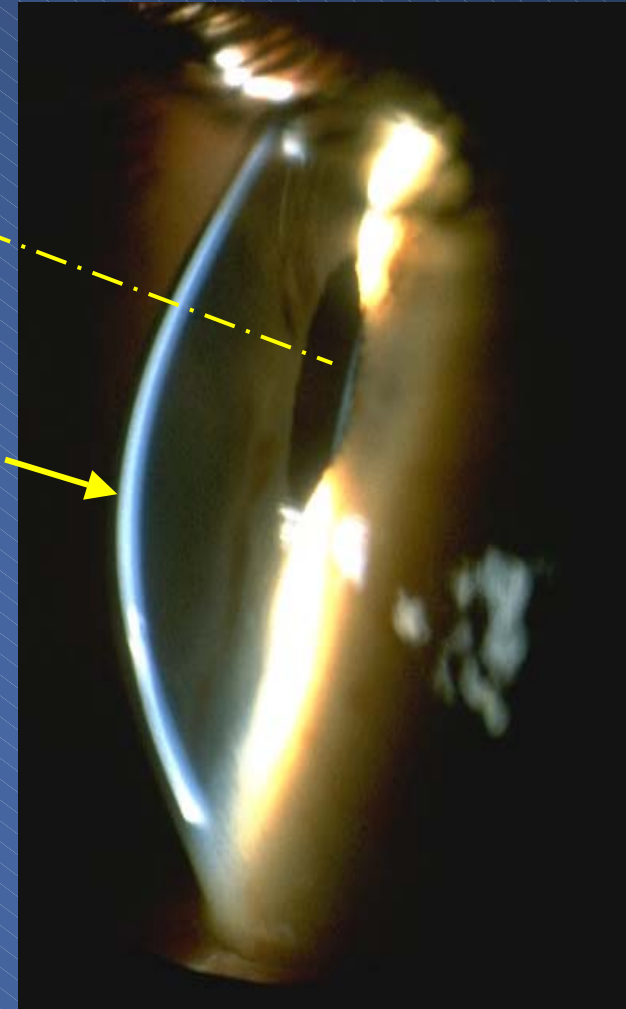
Keratoconus

Scars
and
folds
(Vogt
striae)



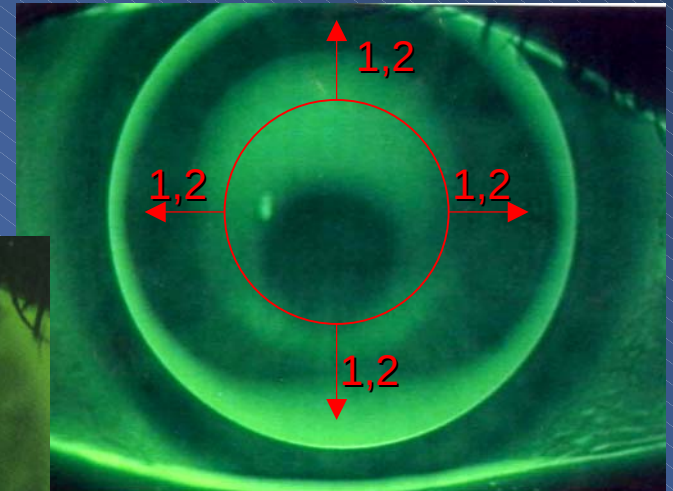
Optical Axes
Center of
Pupil

Apex caudal
decentered

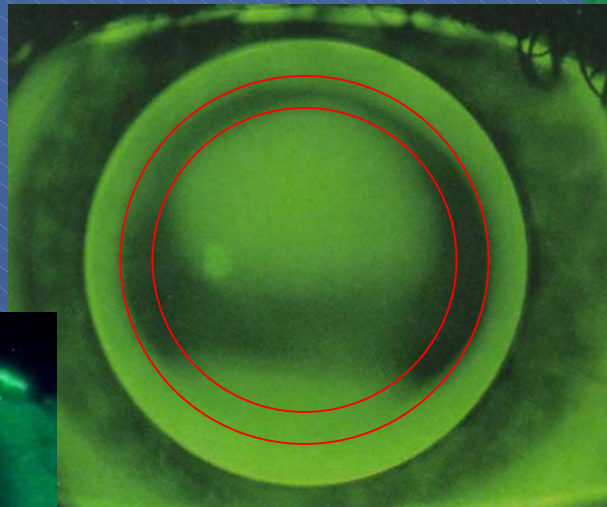


Keratoconus

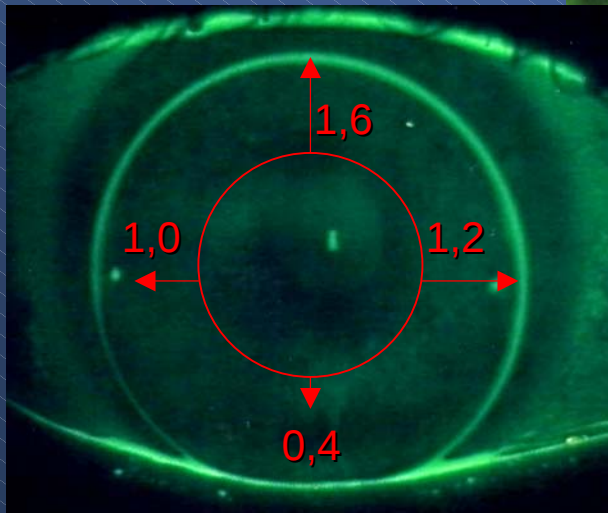
3-point Fit (multicurve or high aspheric design)



First apical clearance
(multicurve design)

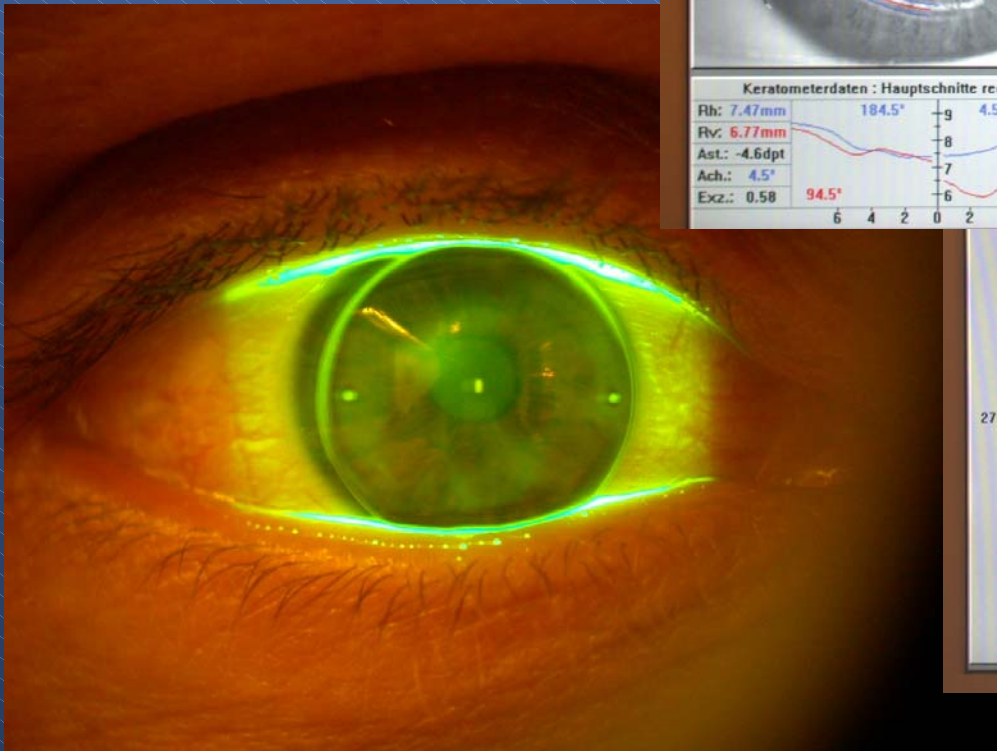
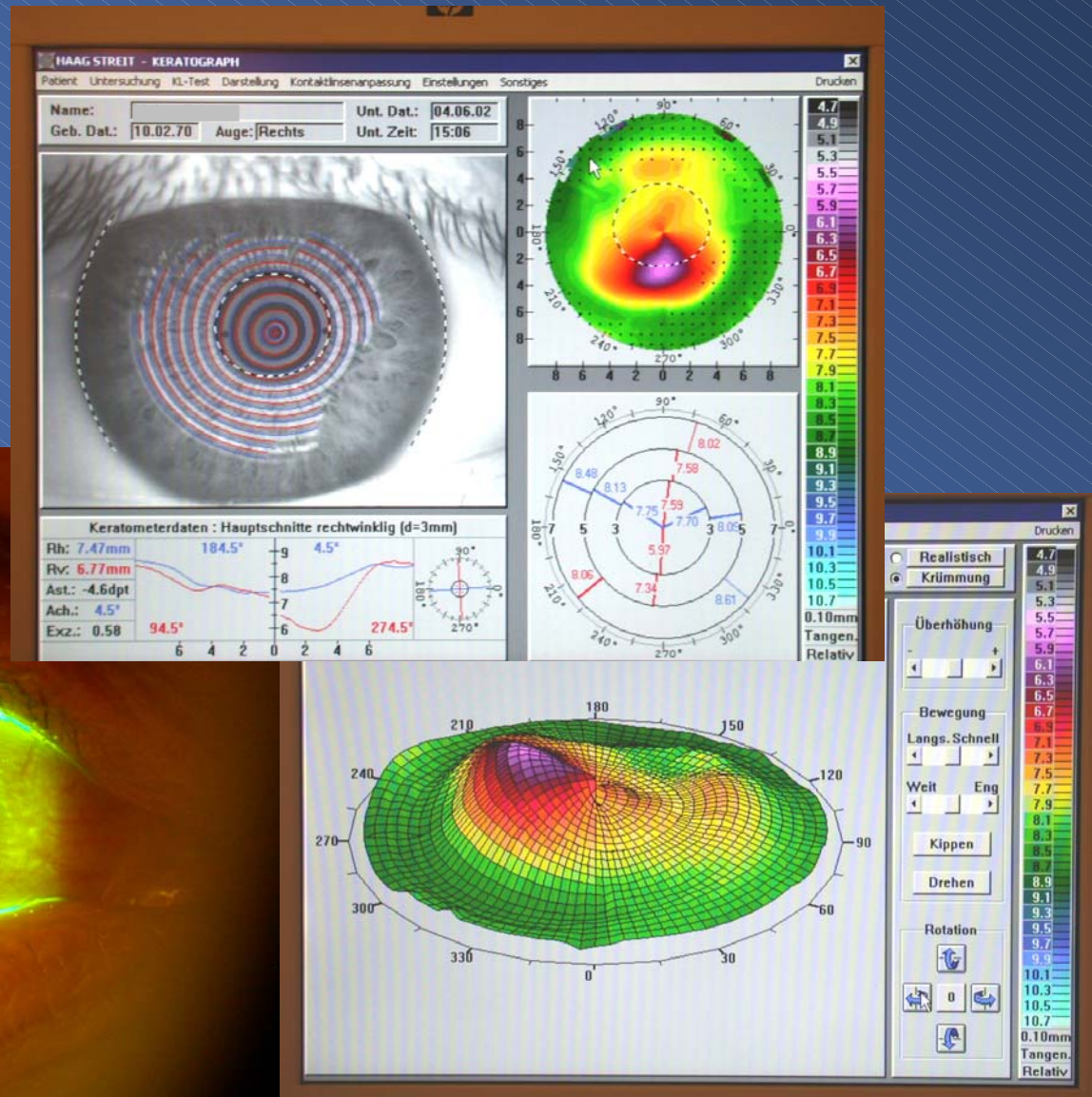


Alignment Fit
(Quadrant-specific design)



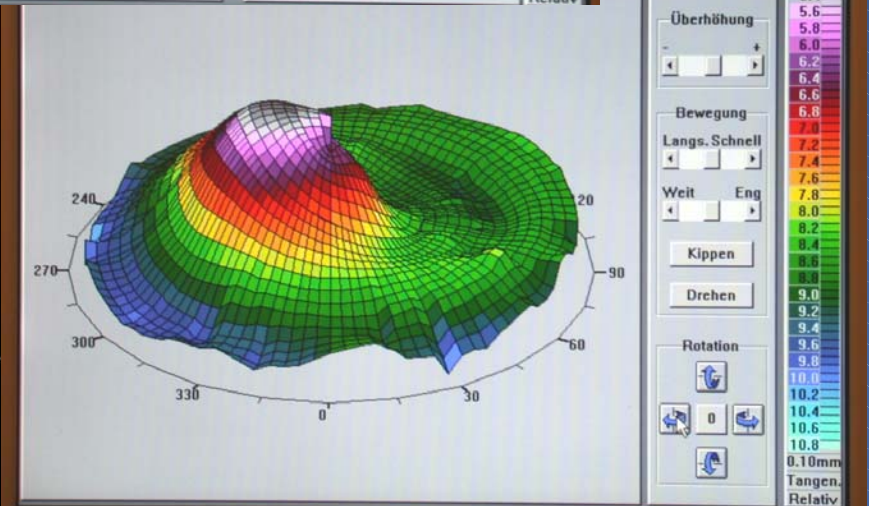
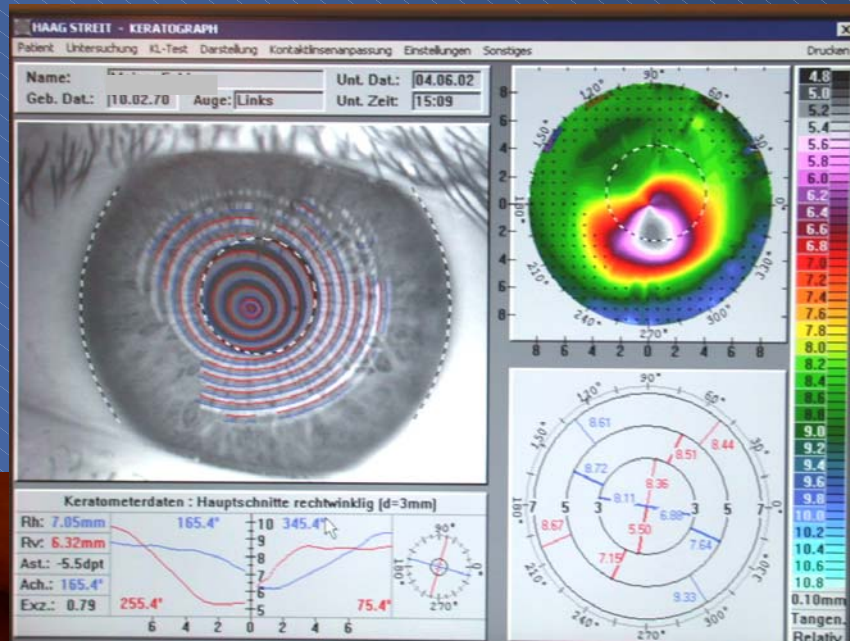
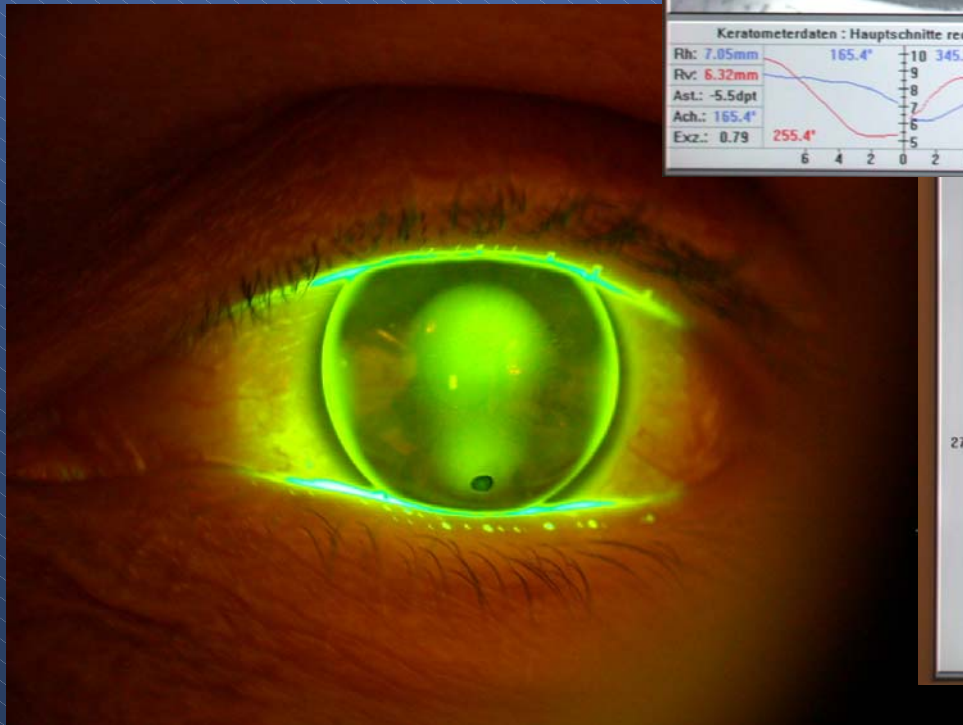
Keratoconus

Example OD,
Amsler 1-2,
Radius 6,05 mm,
CL FSK 12/08

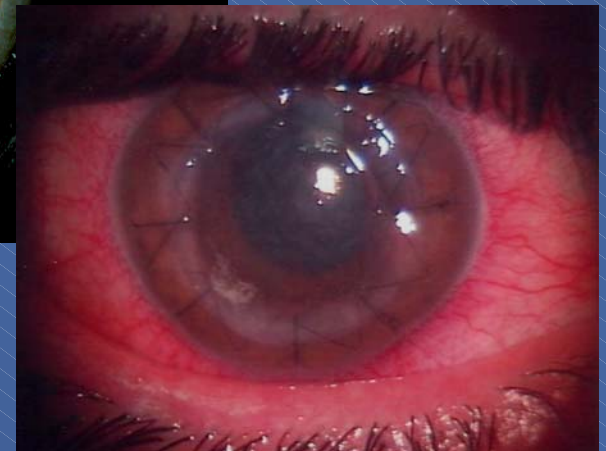
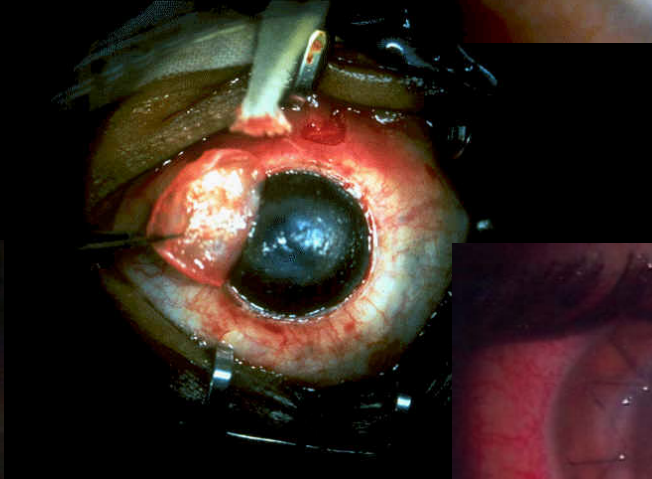
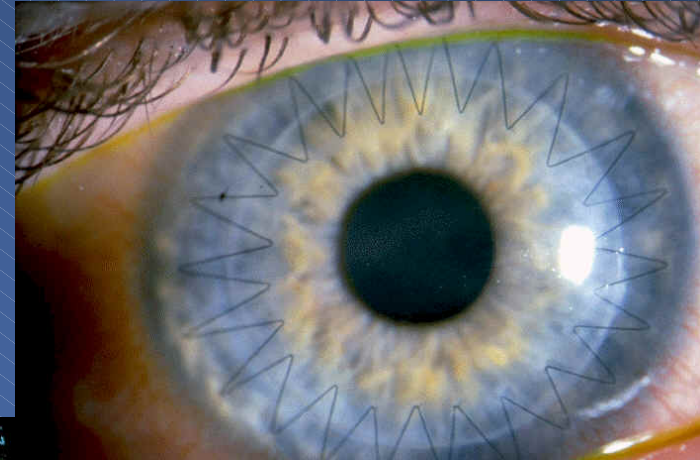
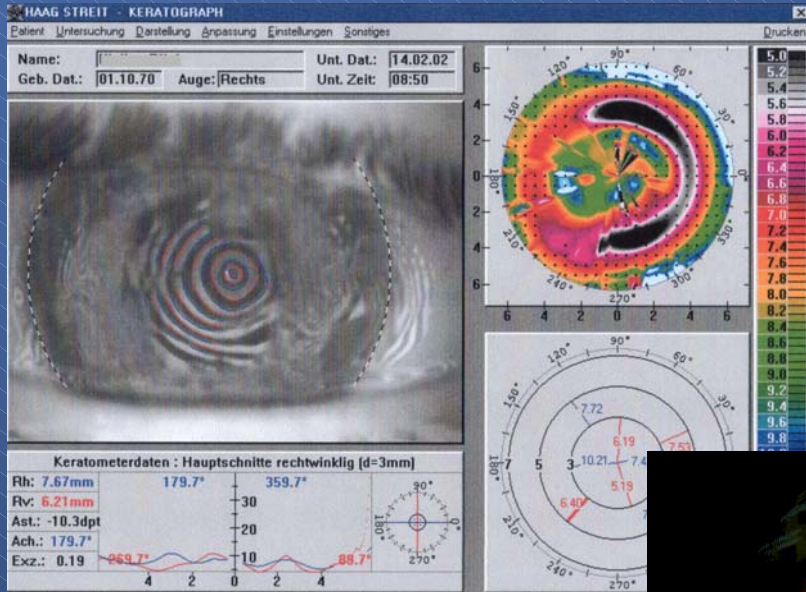


Keratoconus

Example OS,
Amsler 3-4,
Radius 5,4 mm
CL FSKQ 15/15/15/00

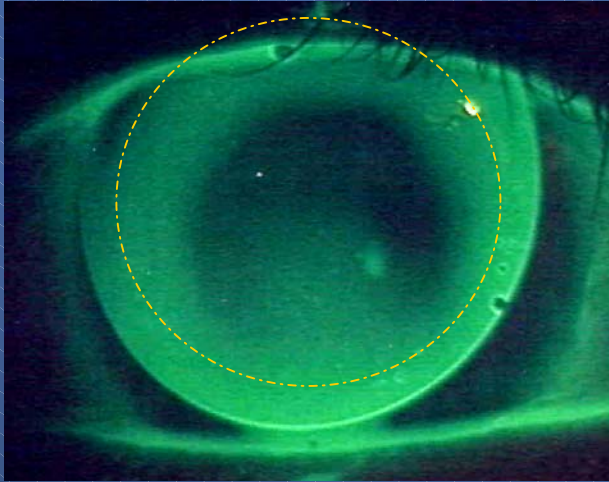


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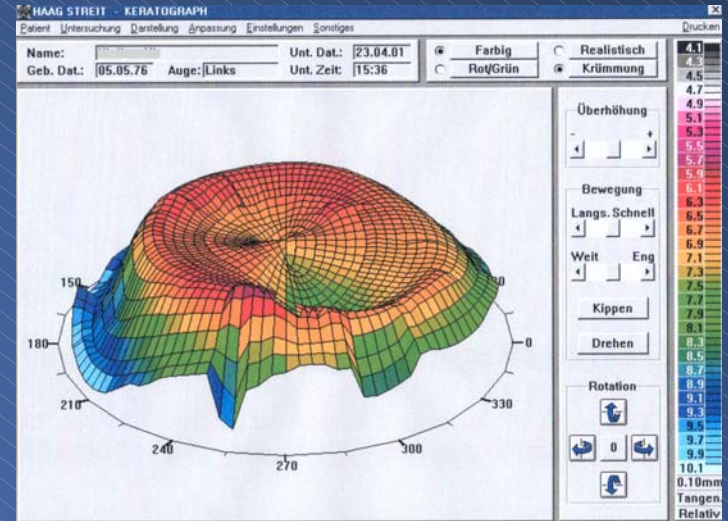


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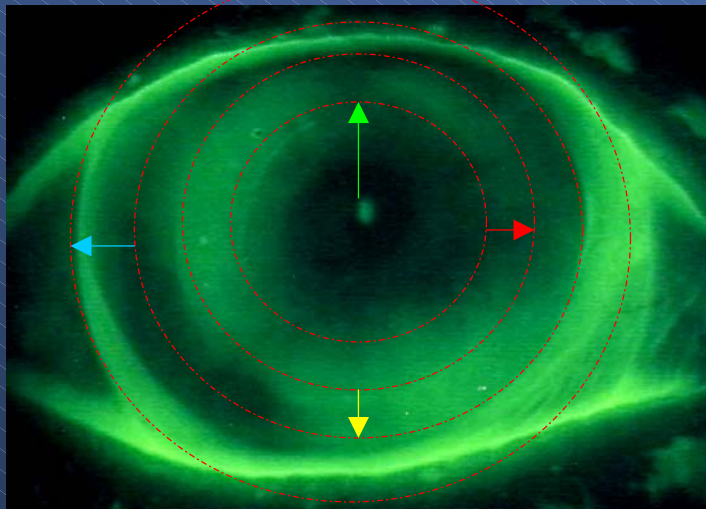
Monocurve CL (nE 0,0)



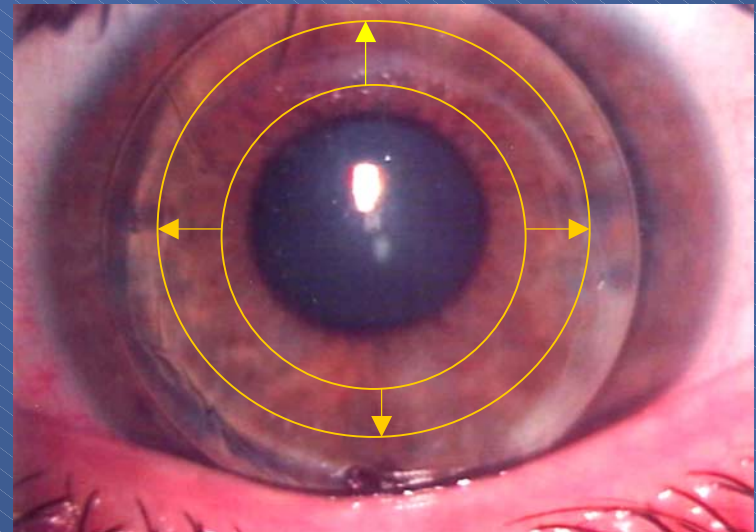
Astigmatic KP,
steep edges



Miniscleral CL (reverse Geometry)

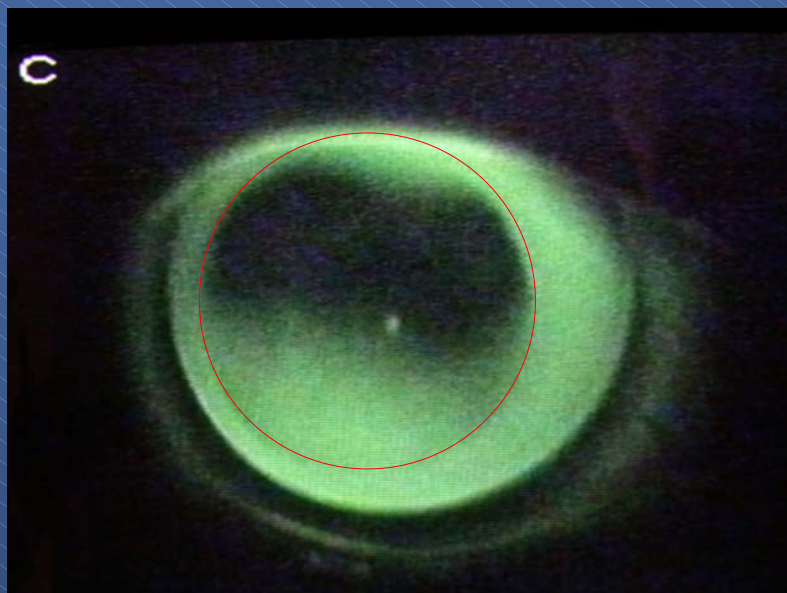


Reverse Geometry CL (nE -0,6)



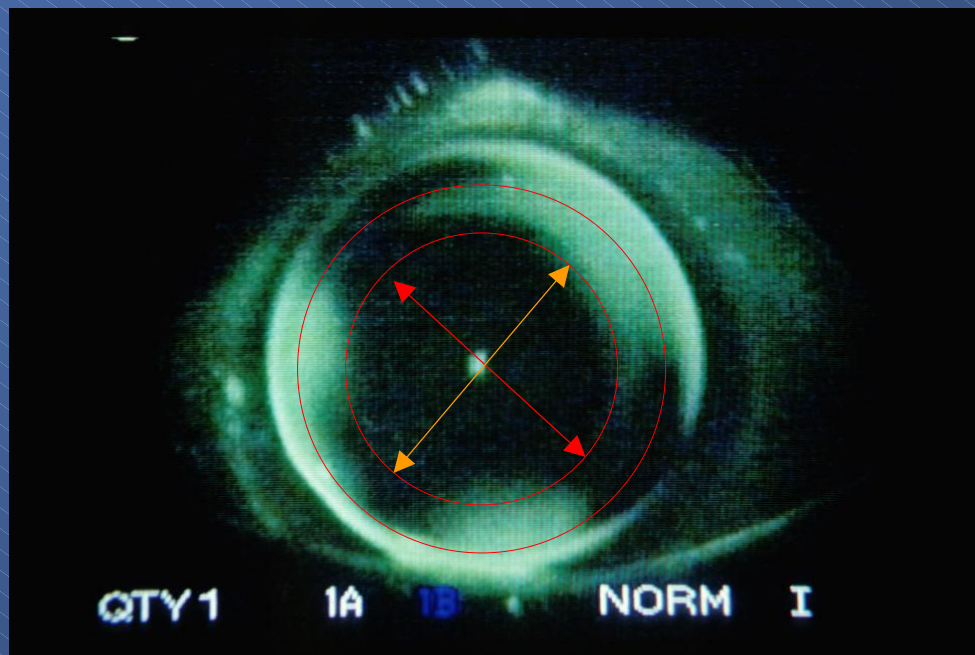
Keratoplasty

Monocurve CL (nE 0,0)



Reverse Bactoric Geometry CL (nE -0,6)

8,40 / 7,60 mm



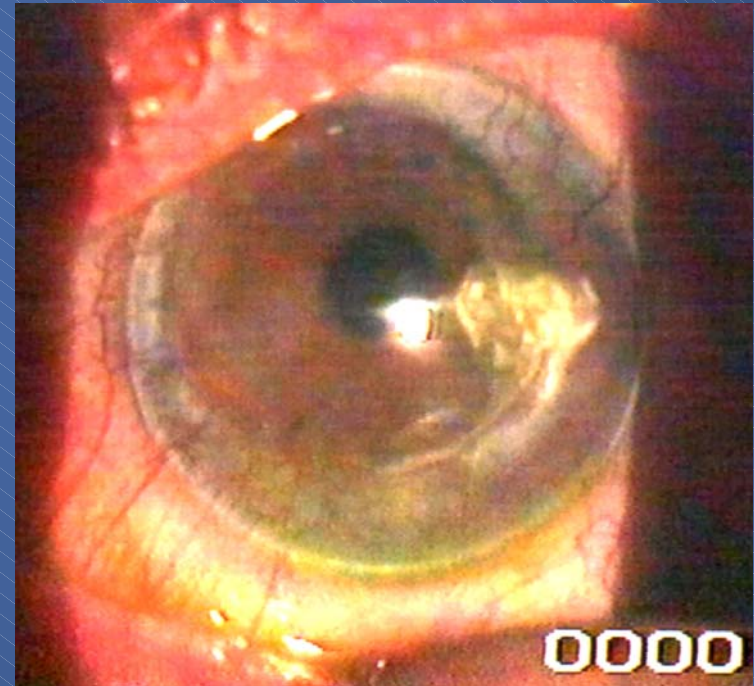
Keratoplasty complications

Keratoplasty repulsion : CL Fit after stabilisation

Large RGP OAD 10,8 mm
(intra-limbal)

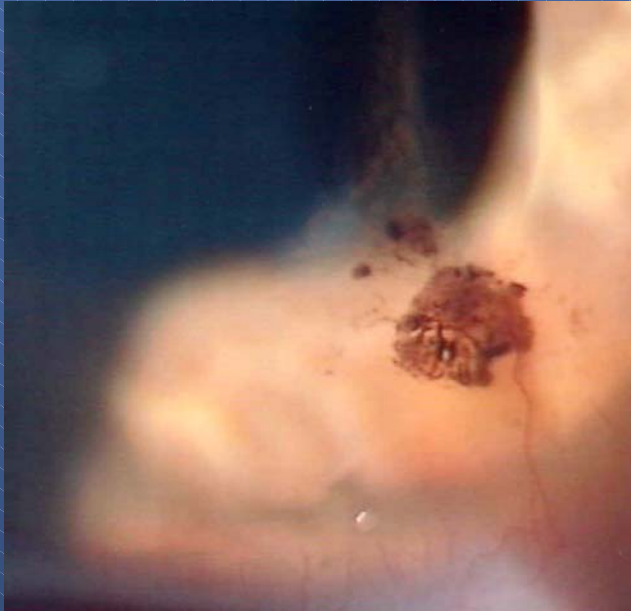


Miniscleral OAD 13,5 mm
Vcc 20/28 (extra-limbal)

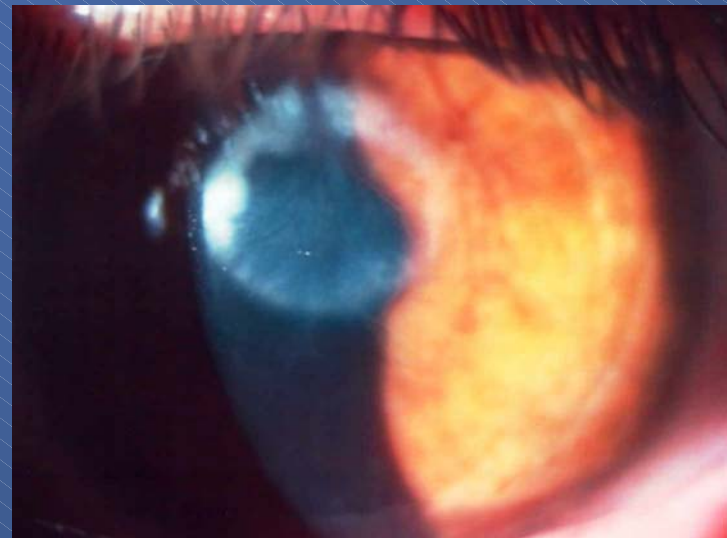


Post-Trauma

Cause of trauma: Cat



Cause of trauma: Infection



Post-Trauma

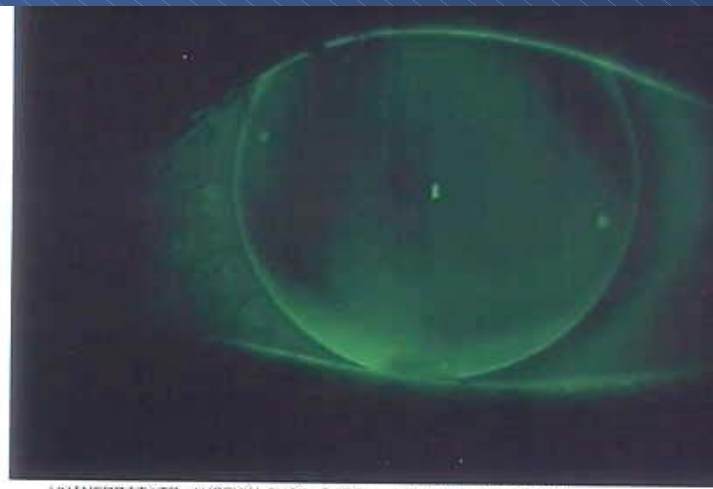
Large sphero-toric CL

Large bi-toric CL

Cause of
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Knife



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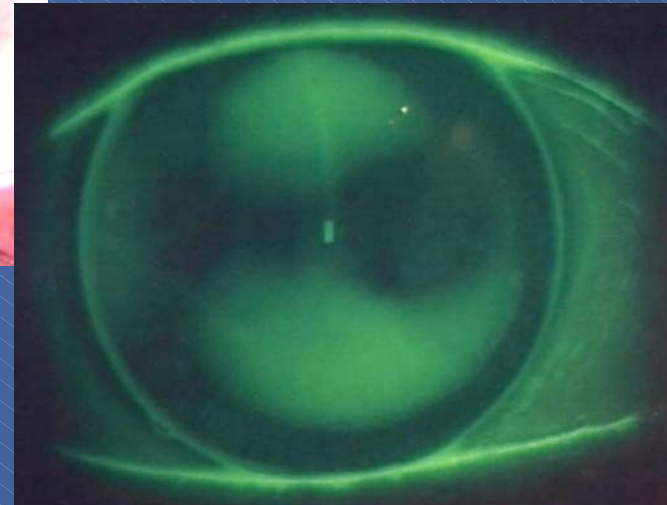


Post-Trauma

Cause of trauma : Scissors



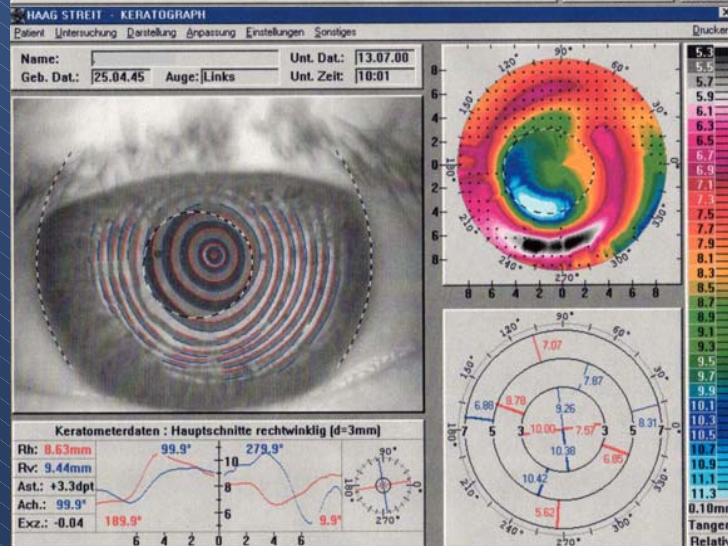
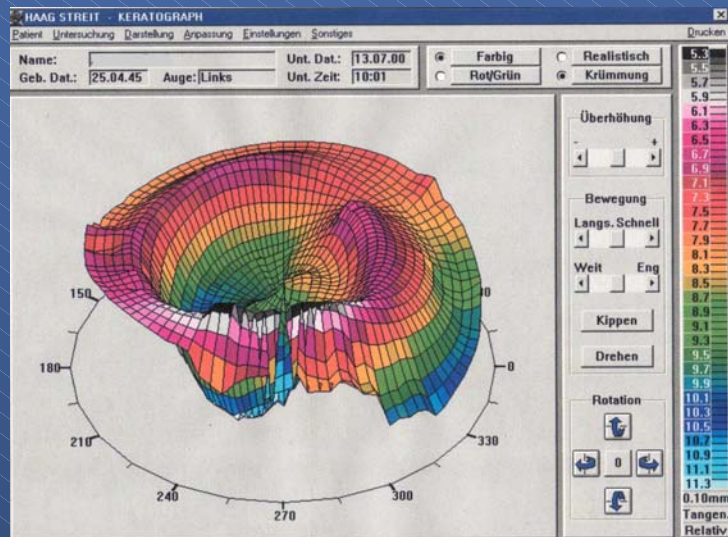
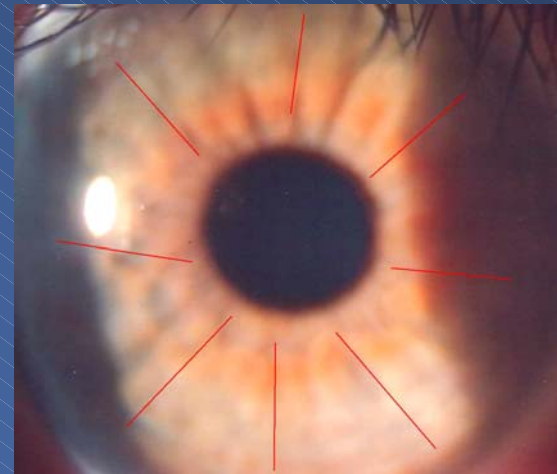
Large spherotonic CL



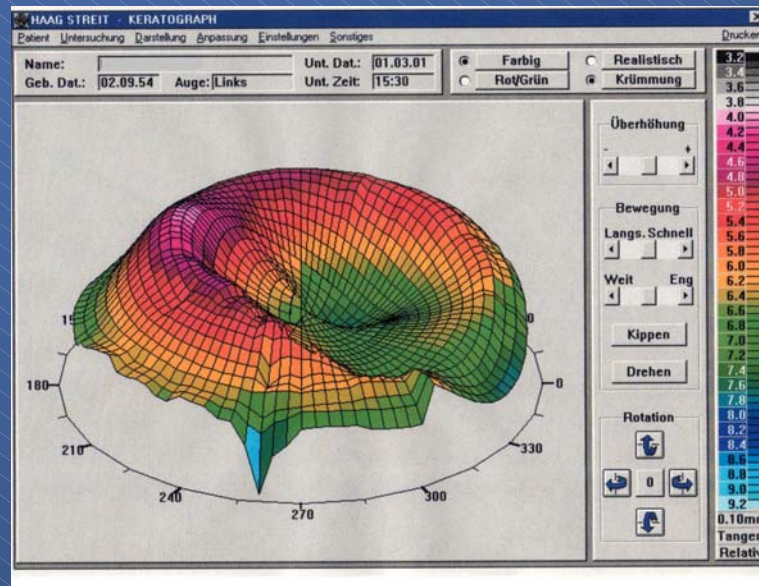
Post-refractive surgery

Photo refractive Keratectomy PRK

Radial
Keratotomy

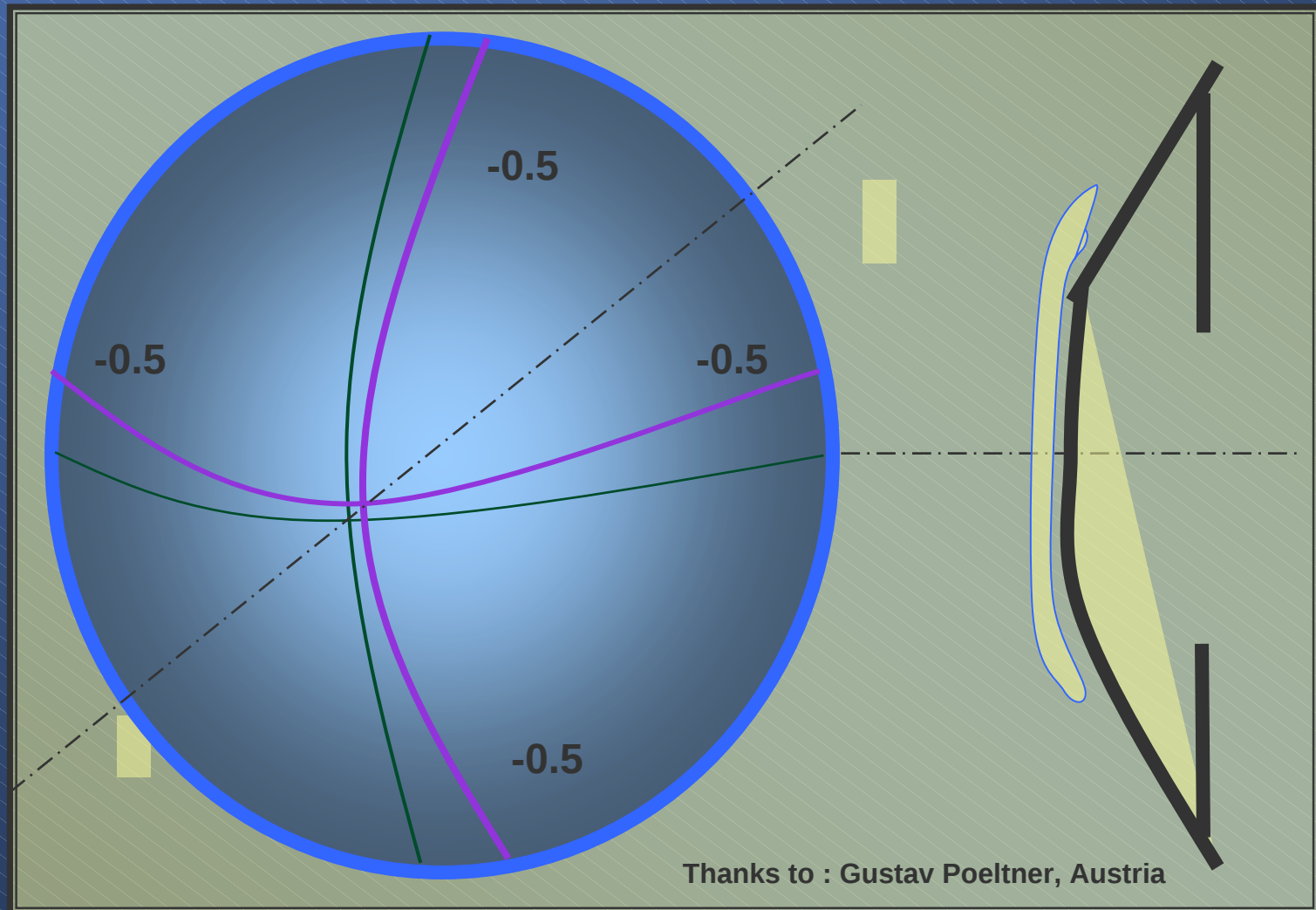


LASIK



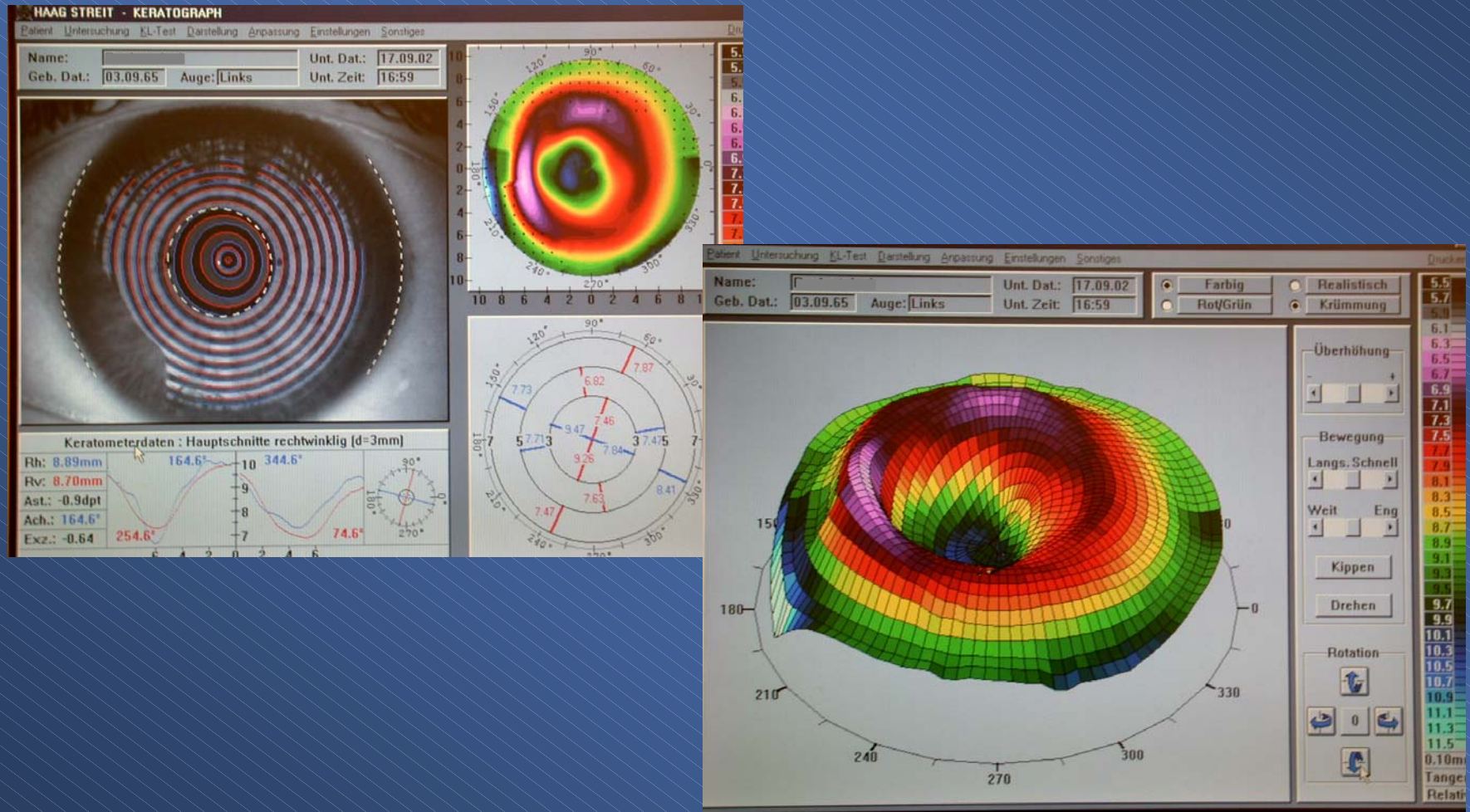
Post-refractive surgery

Photo refractive Keratectomy PRK and LASIK



Post-refractive surgery

Photo refractive Keratectomy PRK and LASIK



Post-refractive surgery

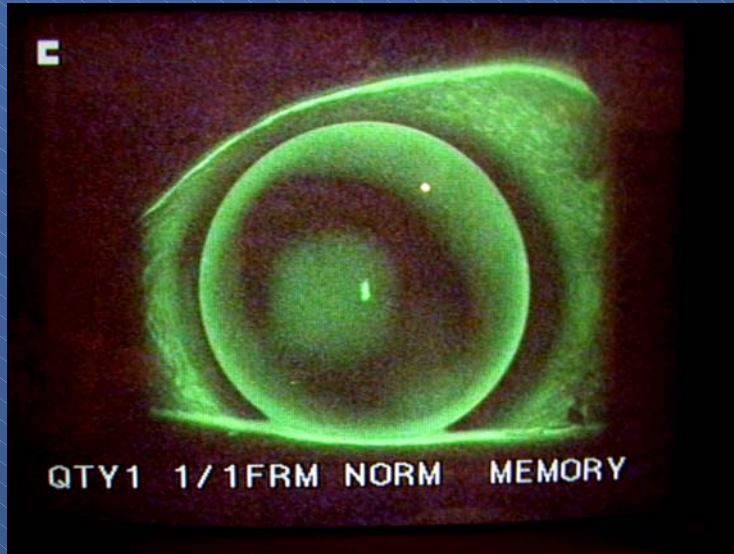
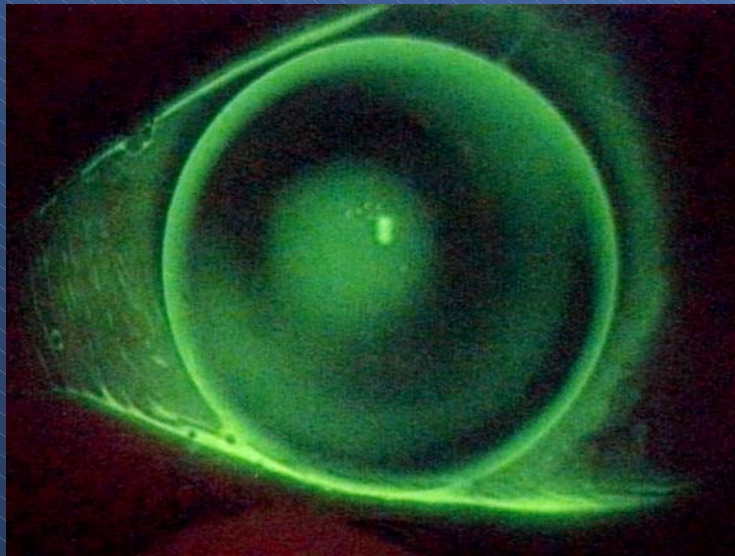
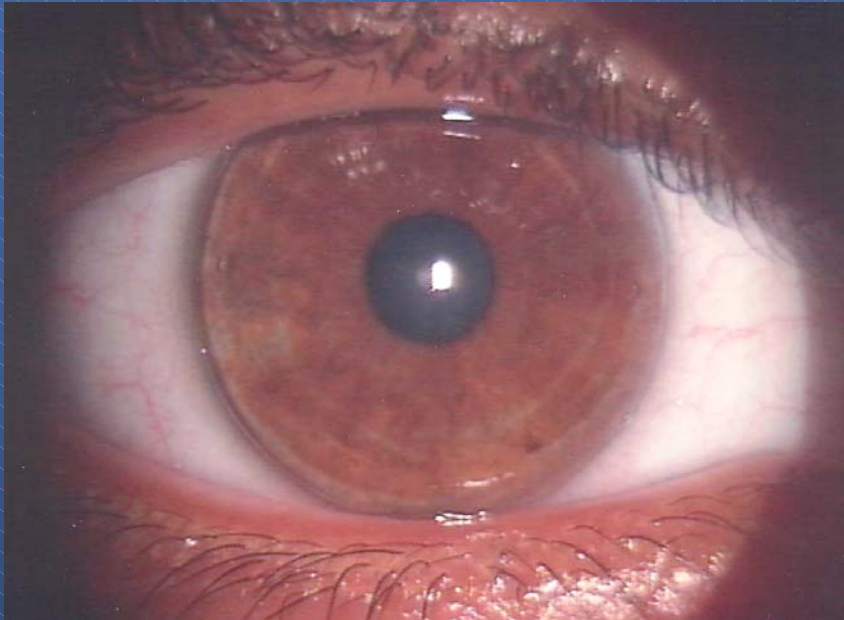


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Post-refractive surgery

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Aphakia and Children



CL + Bifocal glasses :
Difficulties to ride a bike

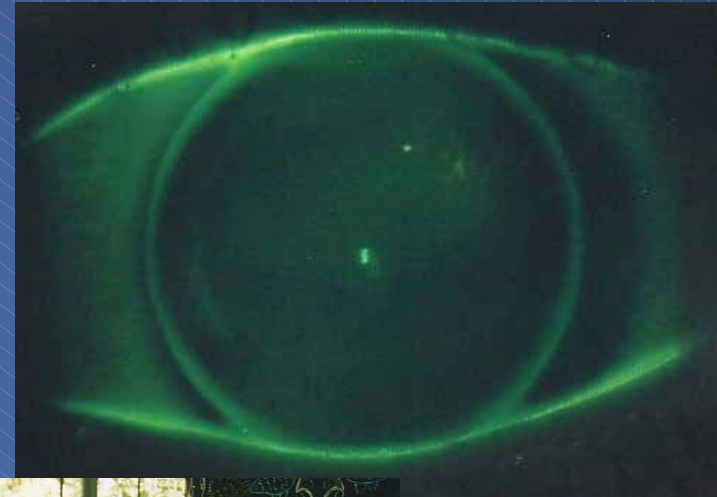


CL + Bifocal glasses :
Difficulties to catch a toy



Aphakia and Children

Bi-, Tri- or Multifocal RGP



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Bi-, Tri- or Multifocal RGP



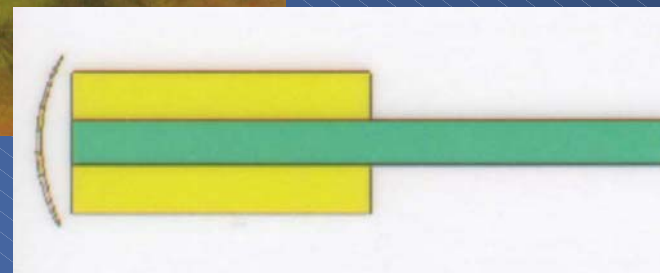
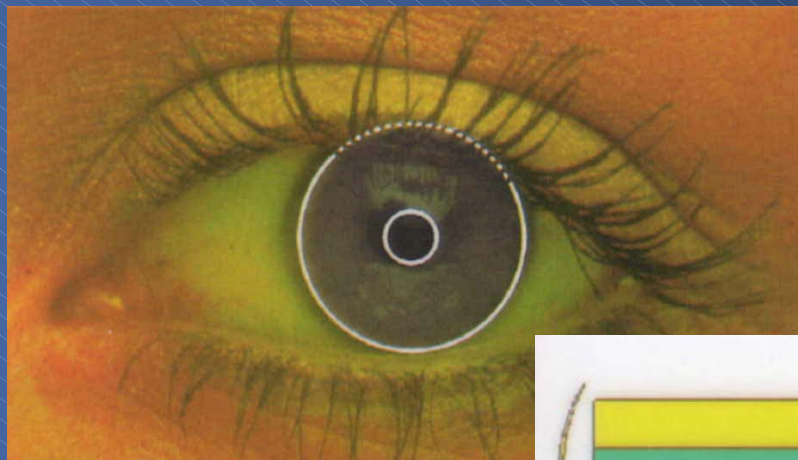
Presbyopia Fits

Simultaneous Design

Bi- or multifocal,
aspheric, aplanatic :

-> Centration !

-> larger OAD
(10,0 to 11,2 mm)

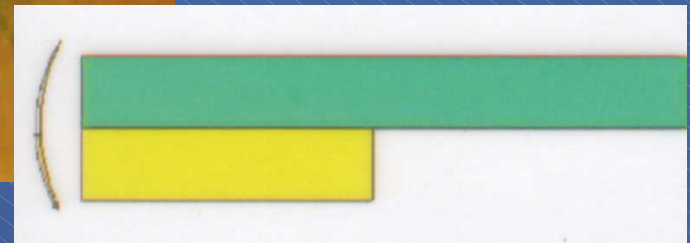
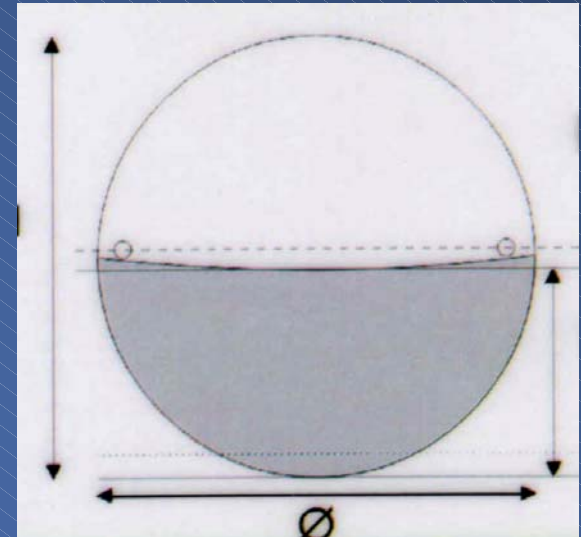
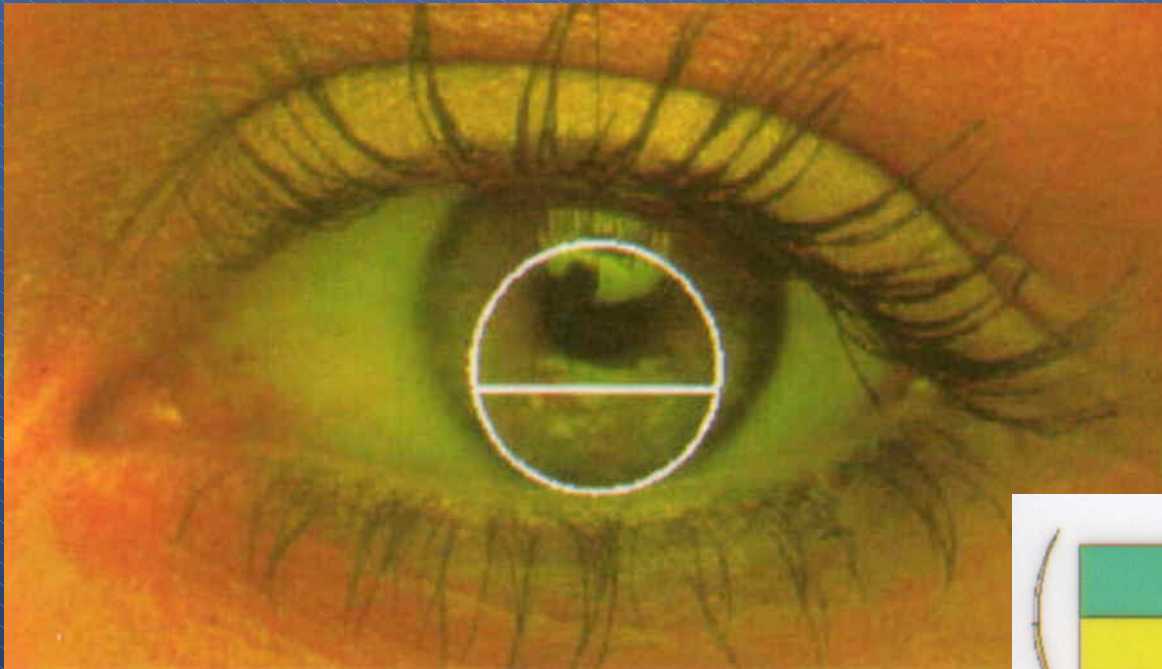


Presbyopia Fits

Translating Design Bifocal :

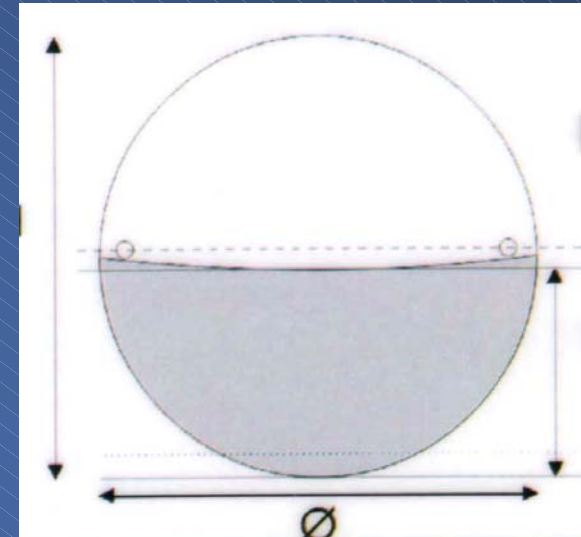
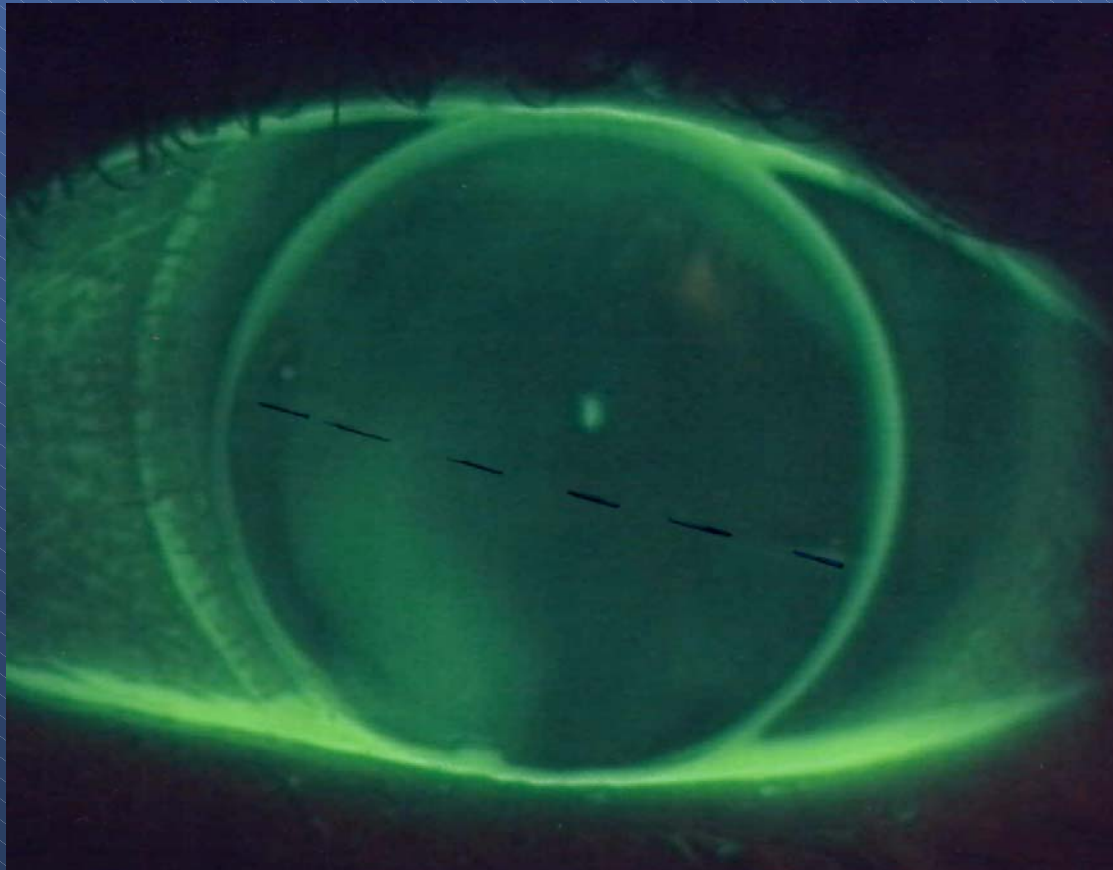
-> Movement !

-> smaller OAD (9,0 to 9,6 mm)



Presbyopia Fits

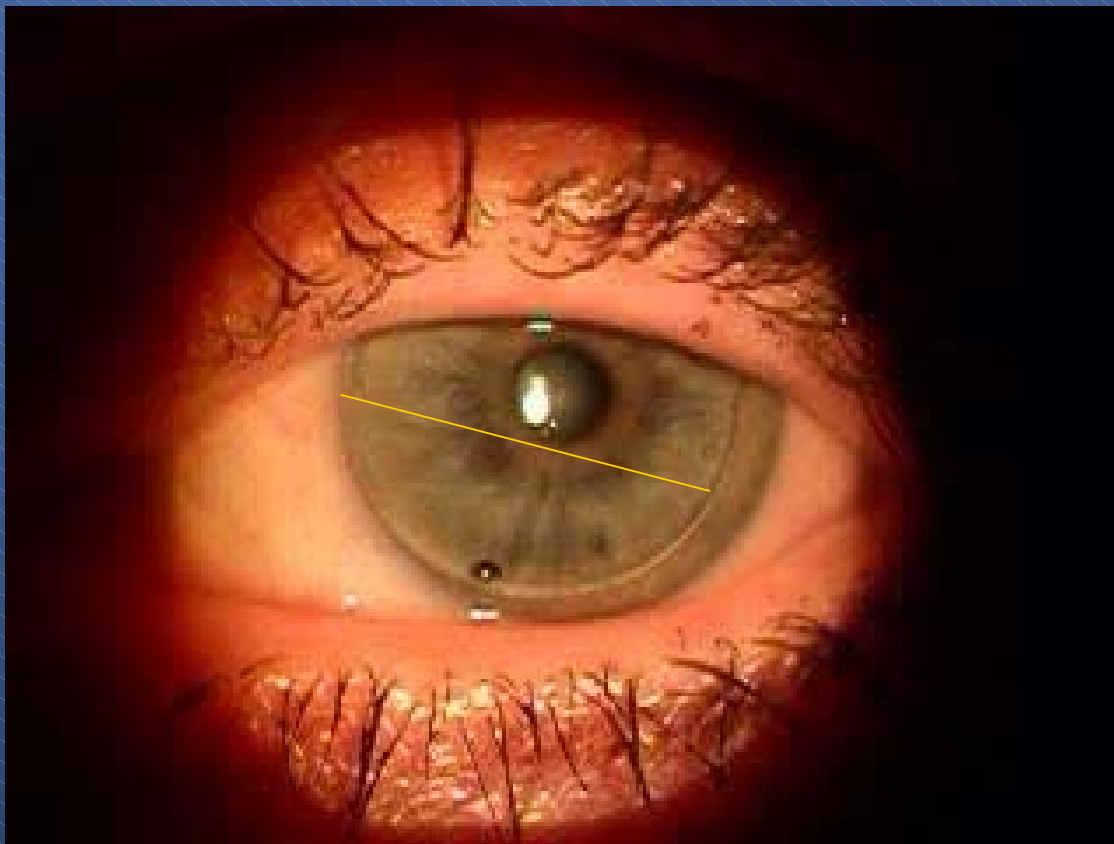
Translating Design Bifocal :
-> Movement !



Backtoric Bifocal

Presbyopia Fits

Translating Design Bifocal :
-> Movement and Centration !



Ortho-Keratology

Centration and movement
(Soft design 2002, Example)





Short Break



Competition 2

6 cases of unsuccessful RGP Fit's

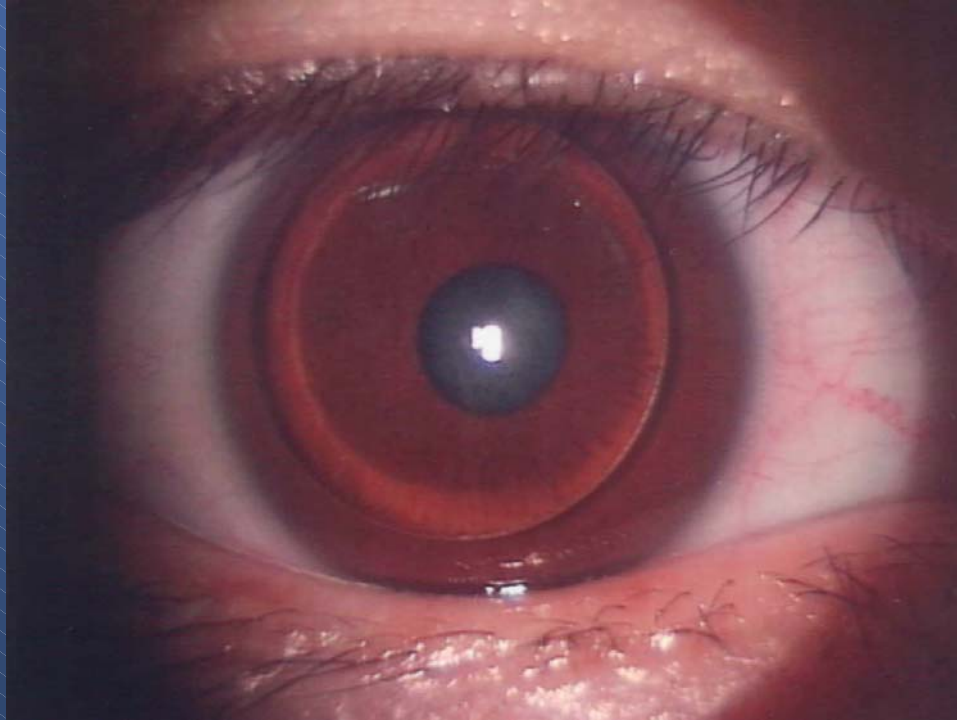
Please make notes :

What is the possible cause of the problem ?

What would you do different ?

What would you try next ?

Case 1



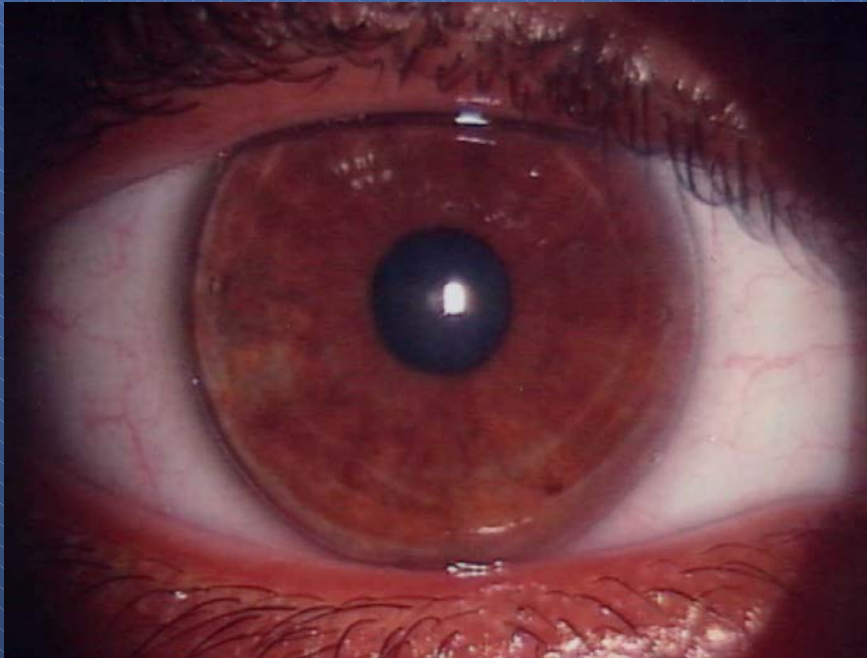
Foreign body sensation :

- 17 y/o Girl
- New RGP fit 3 weeks ago
- Can't wear the lenses more than 3 hours per day
- Does not get better
- Wants to quit CL wearing

Case 1

Foreign body sensation :

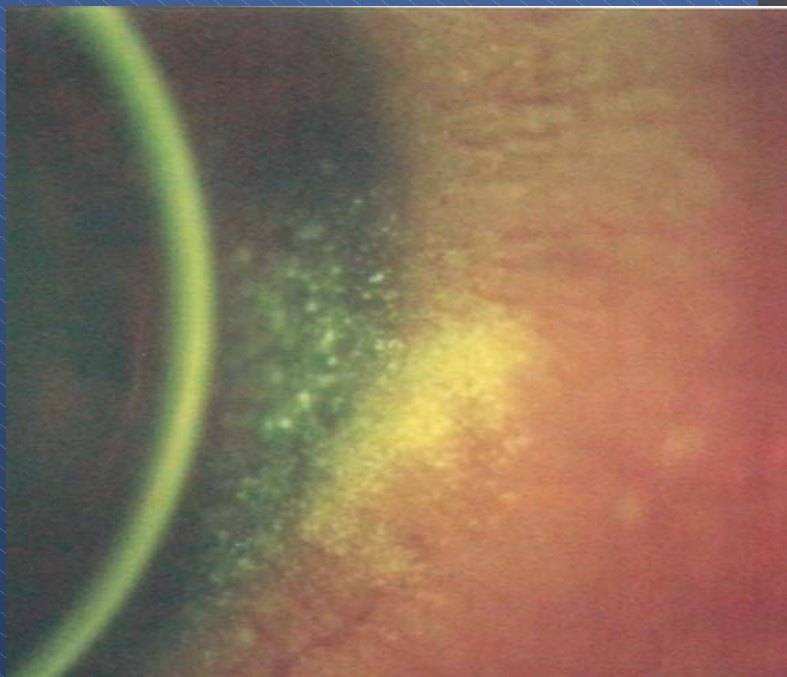
- CL touches the superior Lidmargin !
- OAD smaller or very large (Perilimbal lens)
- Thin Lens design
- peripheral slightly steeper fit
- If nothing helps = Soft CL



Case 2

3/9 Staining :

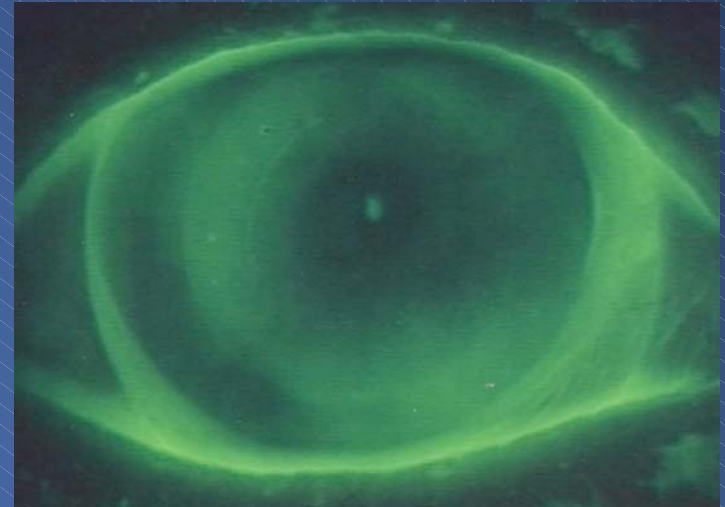
- 26 y/o men
- Myopia of -15 dpt
- Works in an office
- Always red eyes in the evening



Case 2

3/9 Staining :

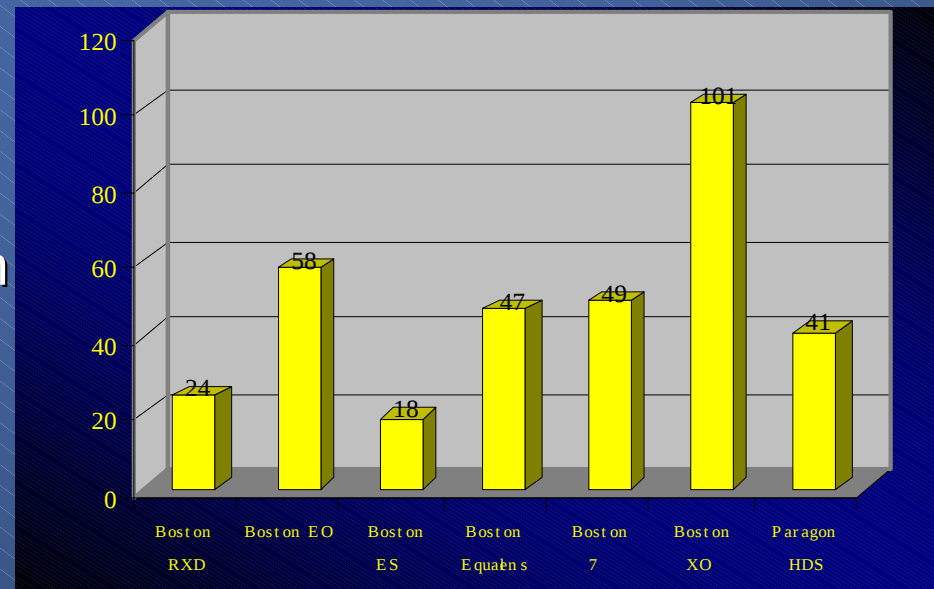
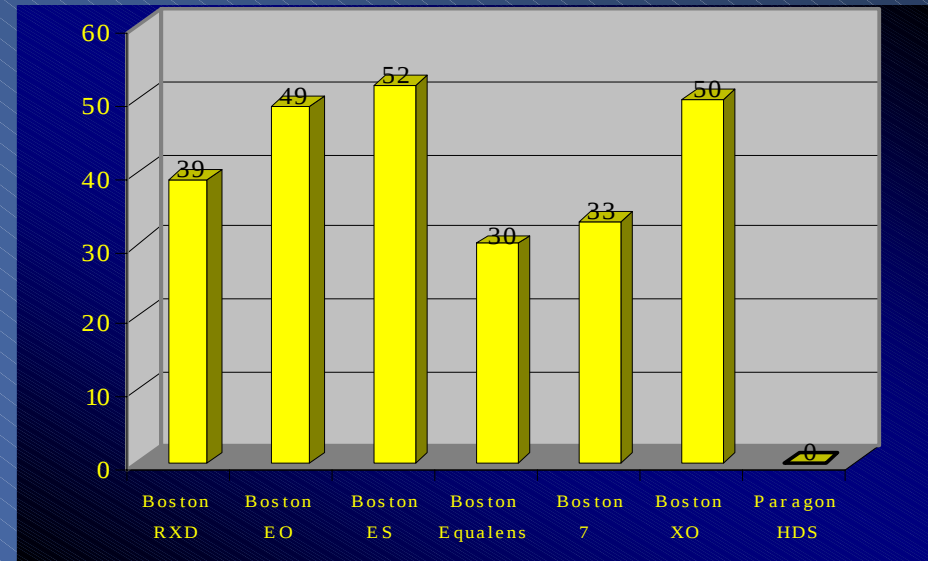
- Dryness
- Very small or very large OAD
- Thin Lens design
- Enhance horizontal movement
- Hyaluron-Acid rewetting drops every 4 hours
- Miniscleral lenses
- Use high wetting angle and high permeable materials



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Case 3

Sticking (tight) lens :

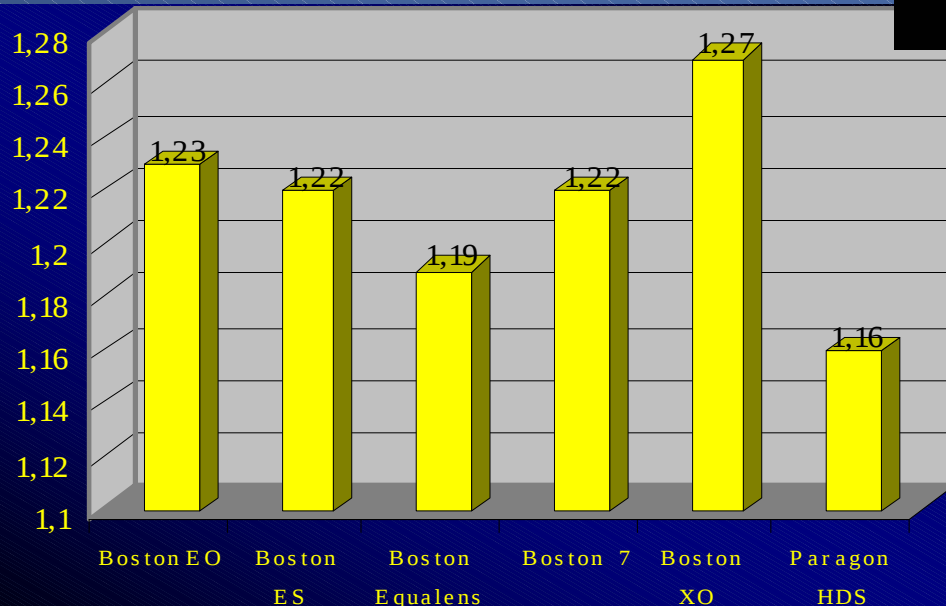
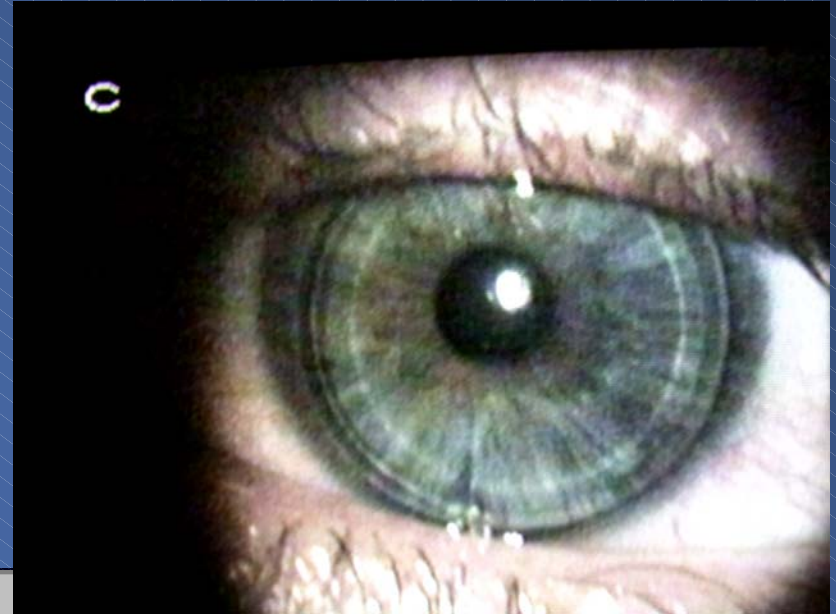
- 12 y/o Girl
- Hyperopia +8 dpt
- Hurts when she takes off her CL's



Case 3

Sticking lens :

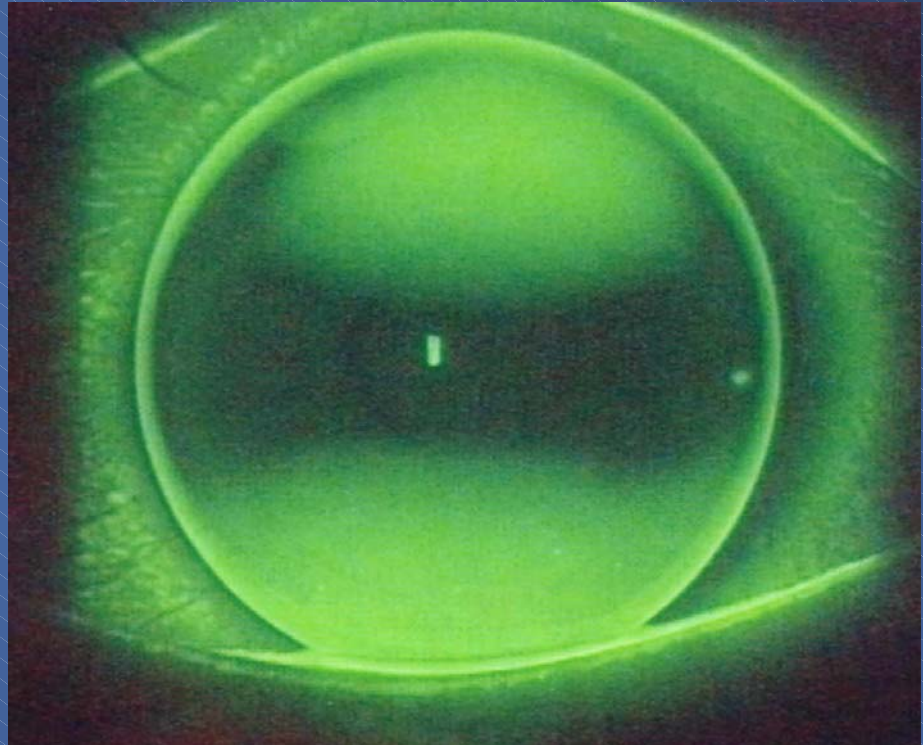
- Larger OAD
- Minus carrier
- Lighter material
(eg.Paragon HDS)
- Steeper fit



Case 4

Foreign bodies :

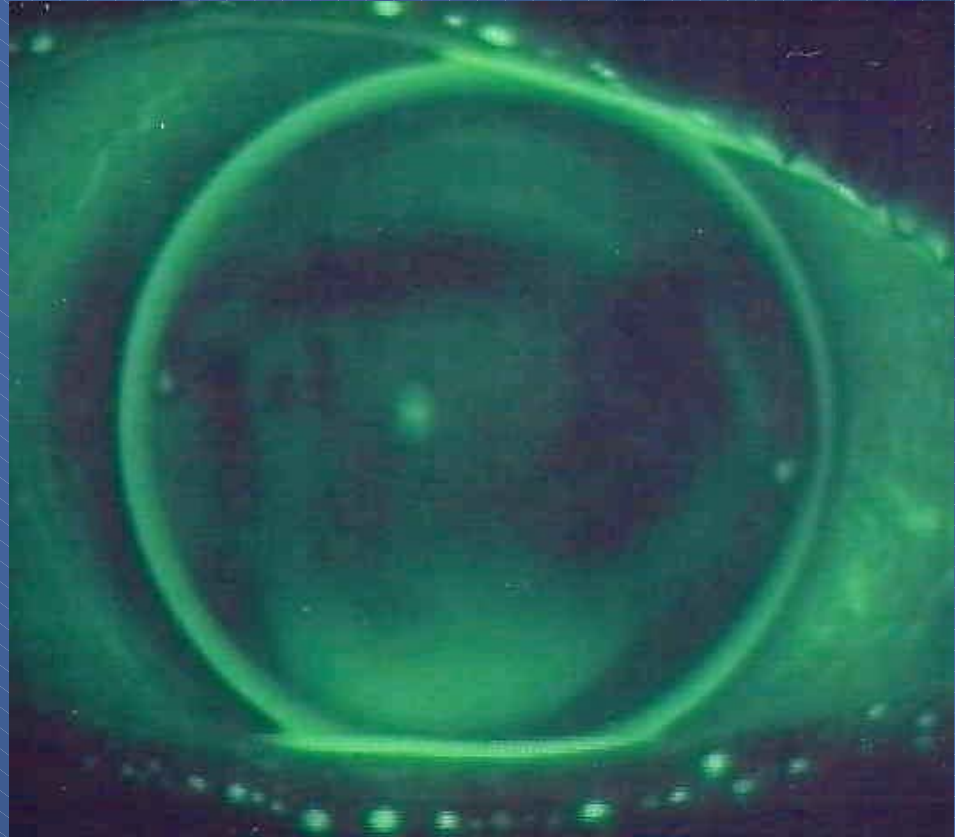
- 23 y/o man
- Hobby: mountain biking
- Astigmatic eye
- Handicapped by foreign bodies under the CL's
- Has lost lenses in the past



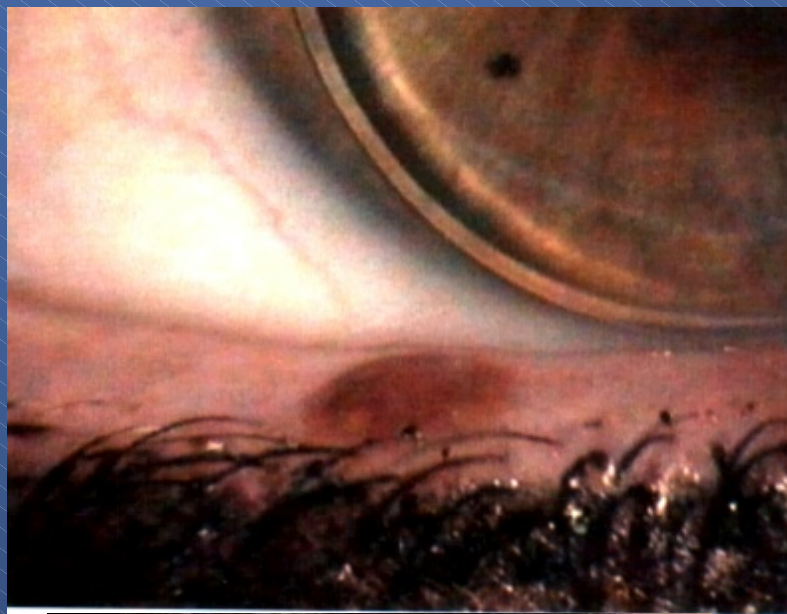
Case 4

Foreign bodies :

- Back-toric or sphero-toric design
- Large OAD
- Peripheral slightly steeper fit



Case 5



Vision changes :

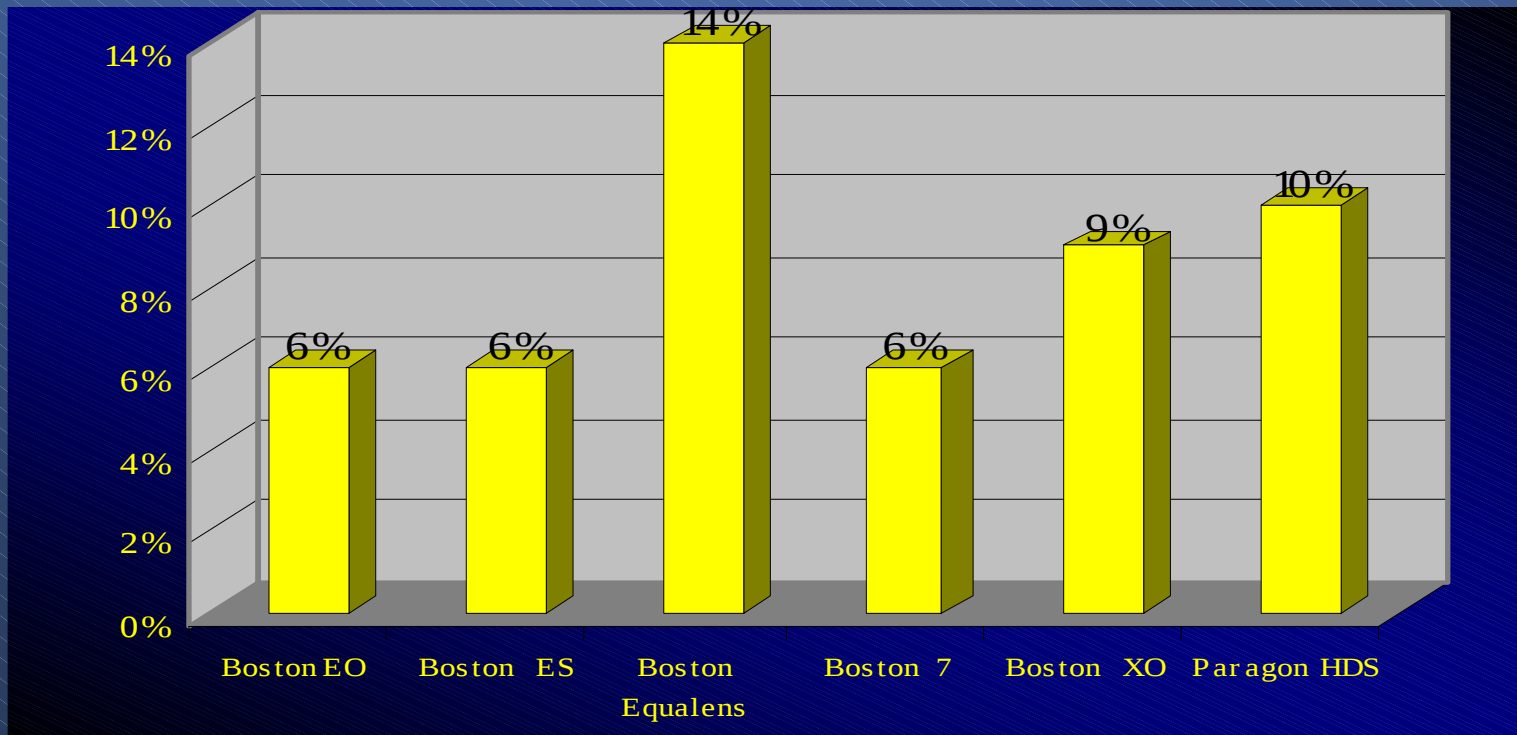
- 52 y/o woman
- Consultant for cosmetic products
- Vision changes starts after a few hours and are getting worse every additional hour
- CL's are 2 years old
- Uses All-in-one Solution only



Case 5

Vision changes :

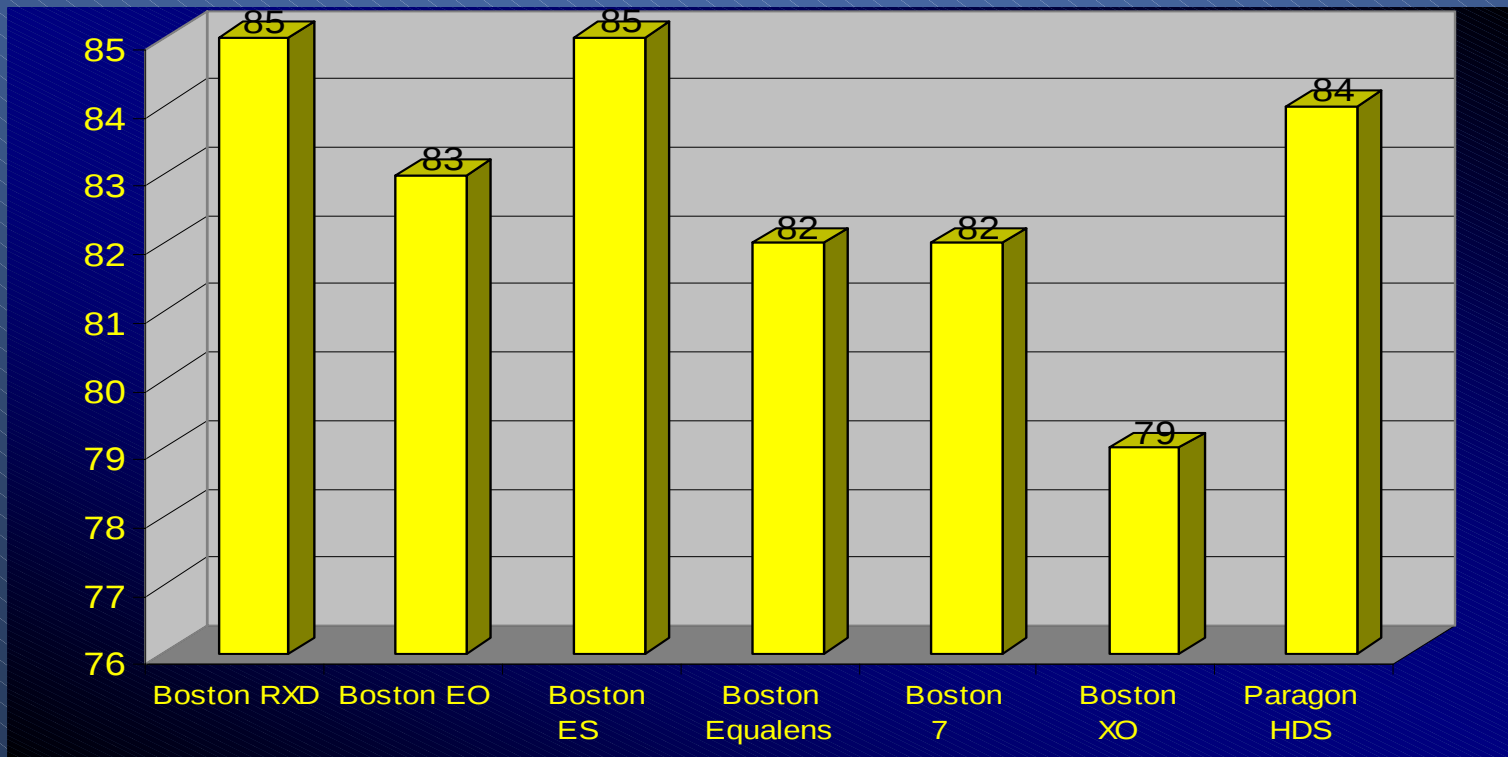
- Oil-, Protein deposits, scratches
- Fluor free material (eg. Boston 4)
- Low silicone content
- Hard material (Shore >83)
- Two step system with anti oil cleaner (eg. Lobob)
- Enzymatic cleaner



Case 5

Vision changes :

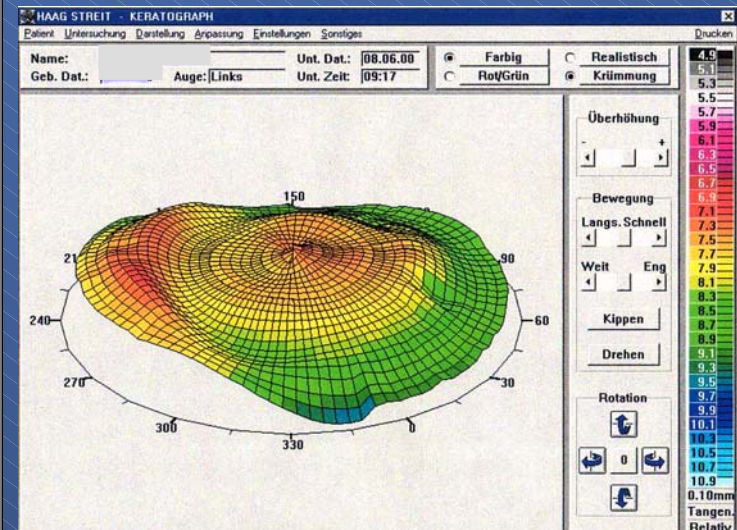
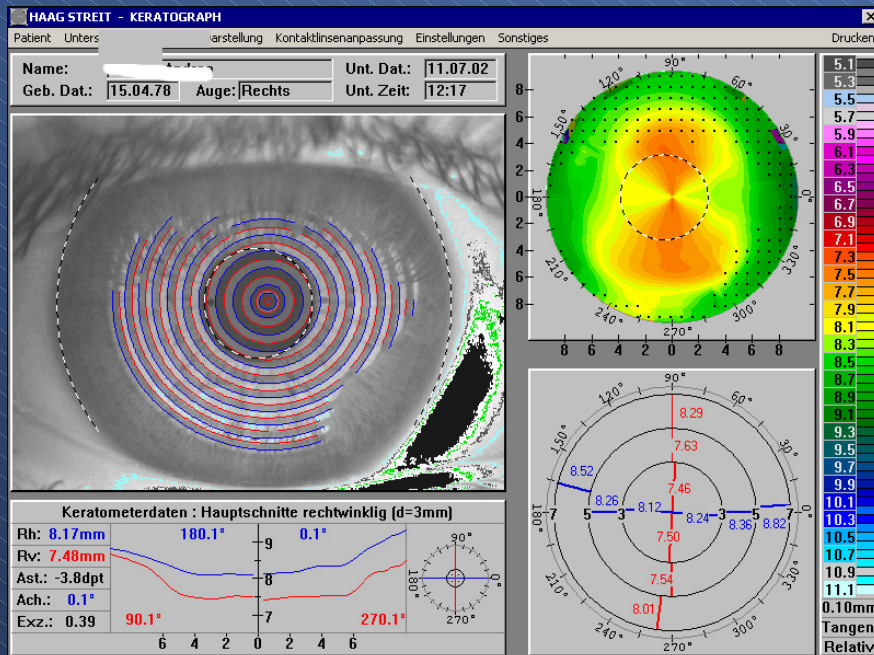
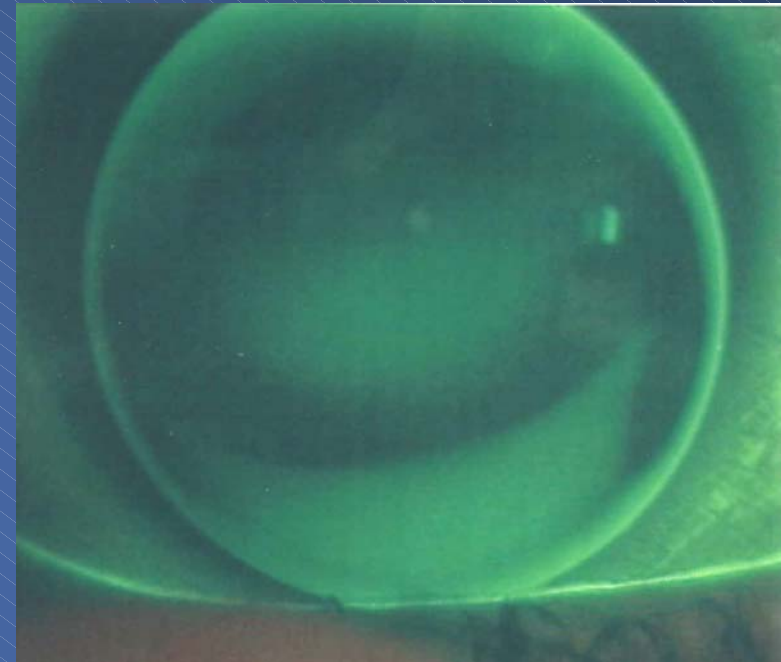
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Case 6

Spectacle Blur :

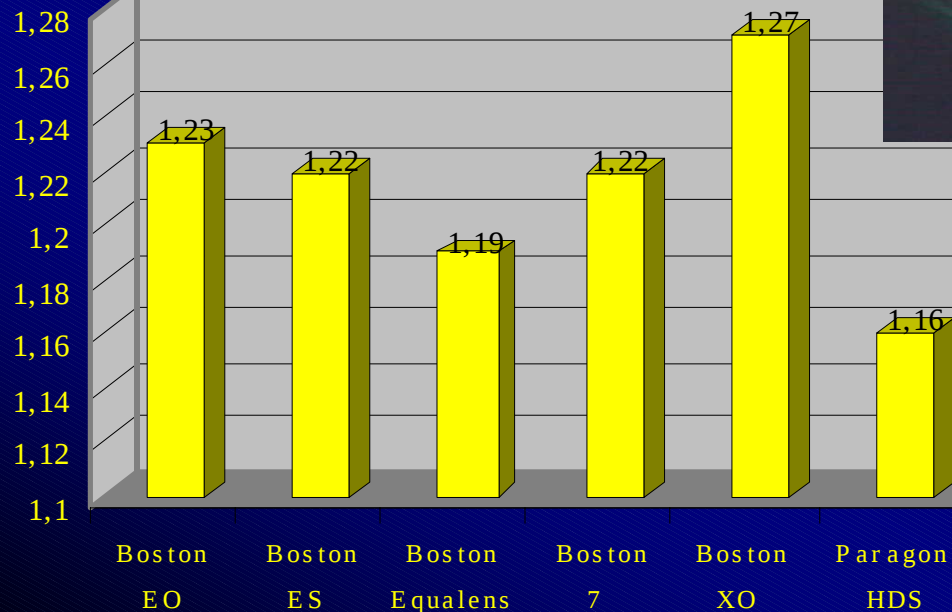
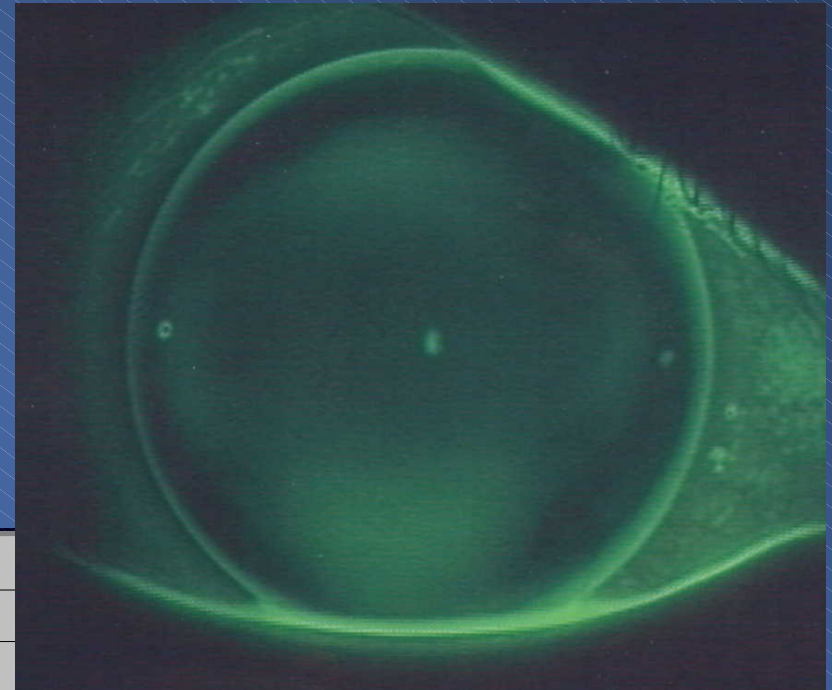
- 36 y/o man
- Has been wearing RGP's for 5 years
- No problems, except after removing CL's for wearing eyeglasses



Case 6

Spectacle Blur :

- Decentration, High Rider, creating irregular Astigmatism
- Back-toric design
- Prismatic front design
- Heavy material



Conclusion and Discussion

Short, middle and long term prognosis :

RGP contact lenses are offering a high amount of technical and physiological possibilities to correct nearly every kind of ametropia.

They are safe and the cost is favorable for both, practitioner and consumer.

They offer a high consumer-practitioner binding.

Conclusion and Discussion

Problem based analysis is fundamental.

Consistent maximum integration of topography,
technical possibilities, mechanical material
attributes

AND

your knowledge and fantasy are the key factors
to success.

Conclusion and Discussion

Fitting RGP contact lenses :

Proves your fitting competency

Needs less fitting skills than you probably thought

Is an excellent and profitable choice for your practice



Thank you !

