

Individualized cross-linking protocols for the treatment of keratoconus

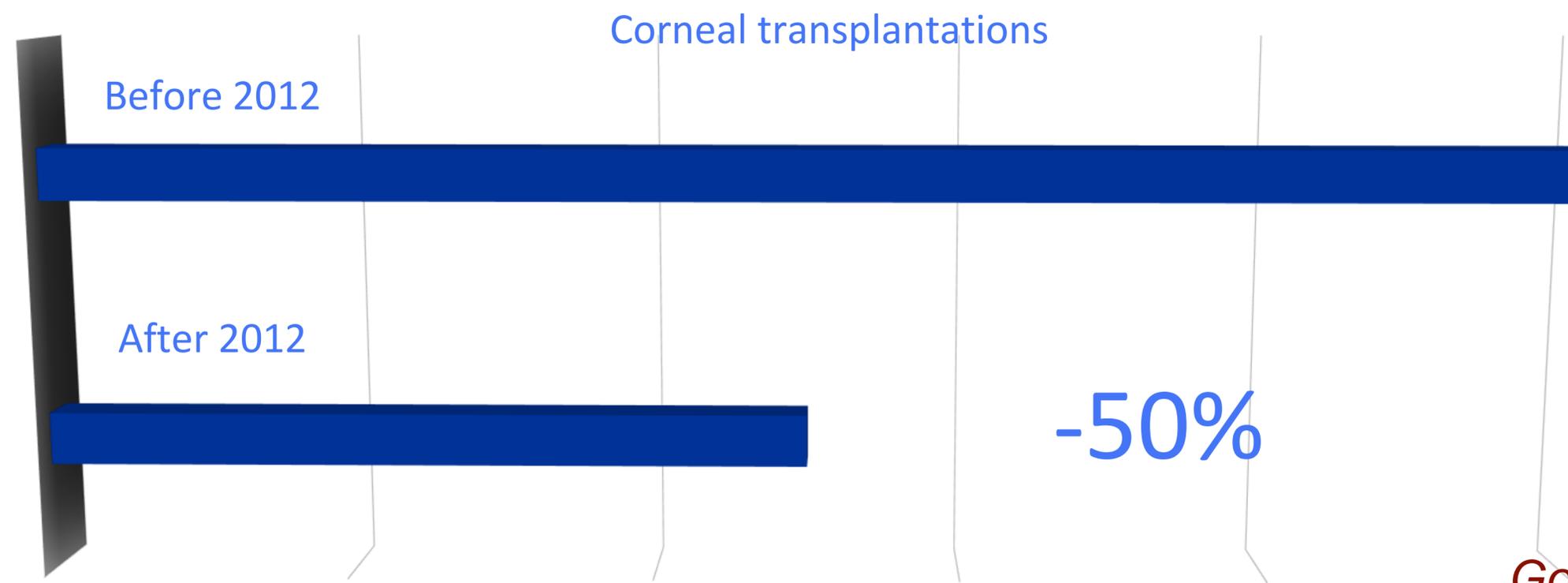
Léonard Kollros, M.Sc. Clin. Opto



CROSS-LINKING (CXL)

- Global standard of care for keratoconus
- Approximately 200'000 procedures per year
- Does not improve topography but stabilizes it

CXL

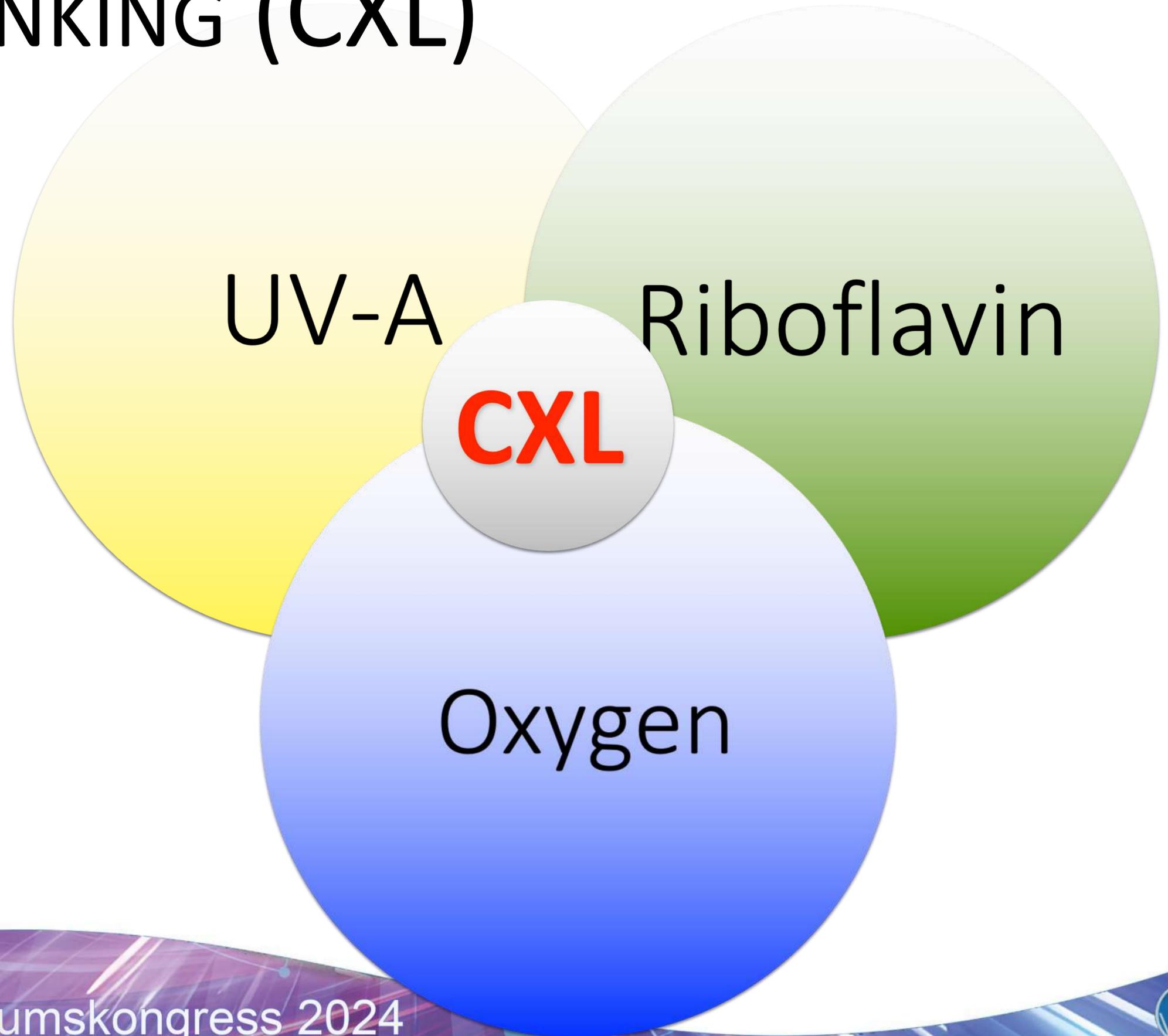


Godefrooj et al., 2016

Sandvik et al., 2015

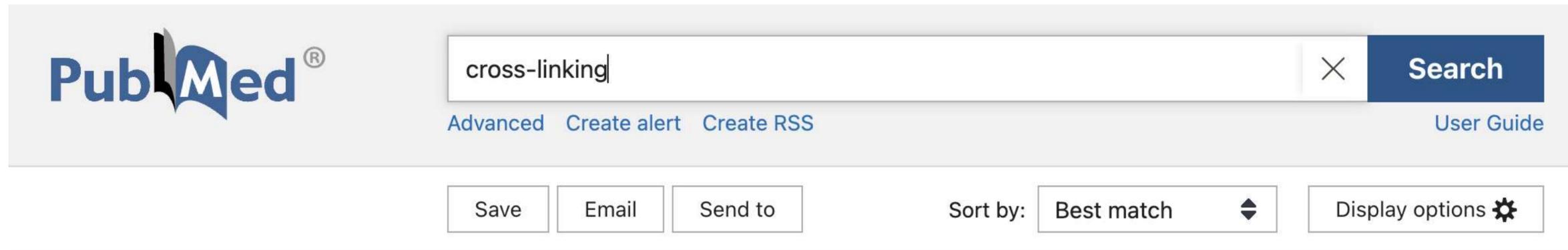
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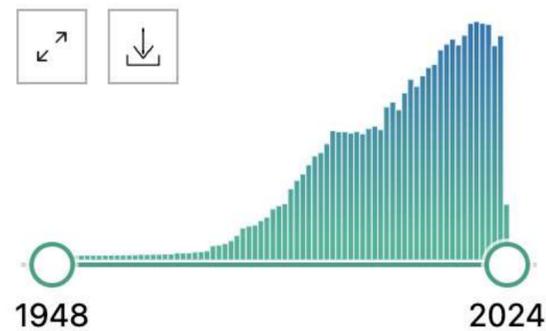
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RESULTS BY YEAR



Cross-linking electrospinning.

1 Han WH, Wang QY, Kang YY, Shi LR, Long Y, Zhou X, Hao CC.

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However, considering the poor water resistance and mechanical properties of electrospun (e-spun) nanofibers, **cross-linking** is a perfect solution. In this review, we systematically discuss the **cross-linking** e-spinning system for the first time, includin ...

CROSS-LINKING (CXL)

Protocols

CXL



Epi - off



Since 2000



Epi - on



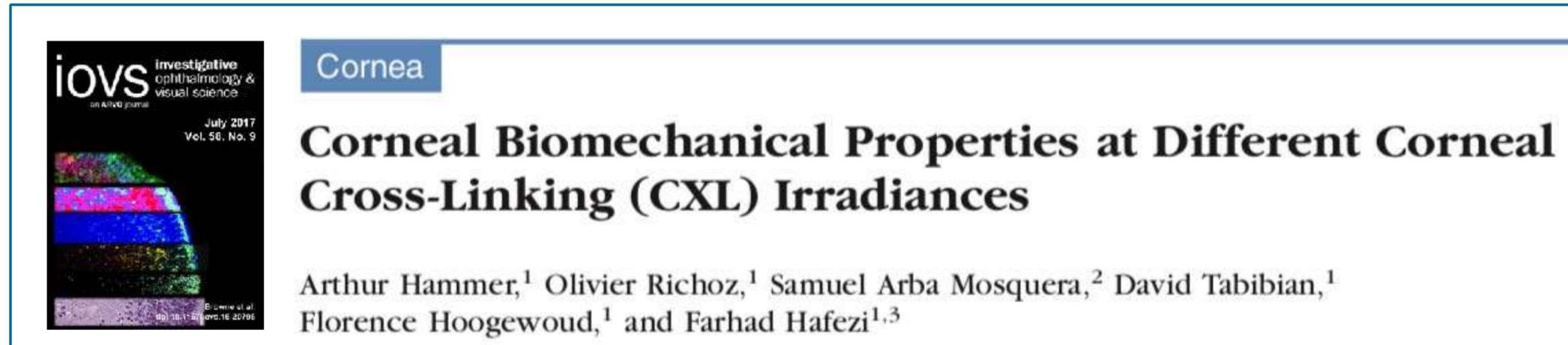
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Customized

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30 min @ 3 mW/cm²

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10 min @ 9 mW/cm²

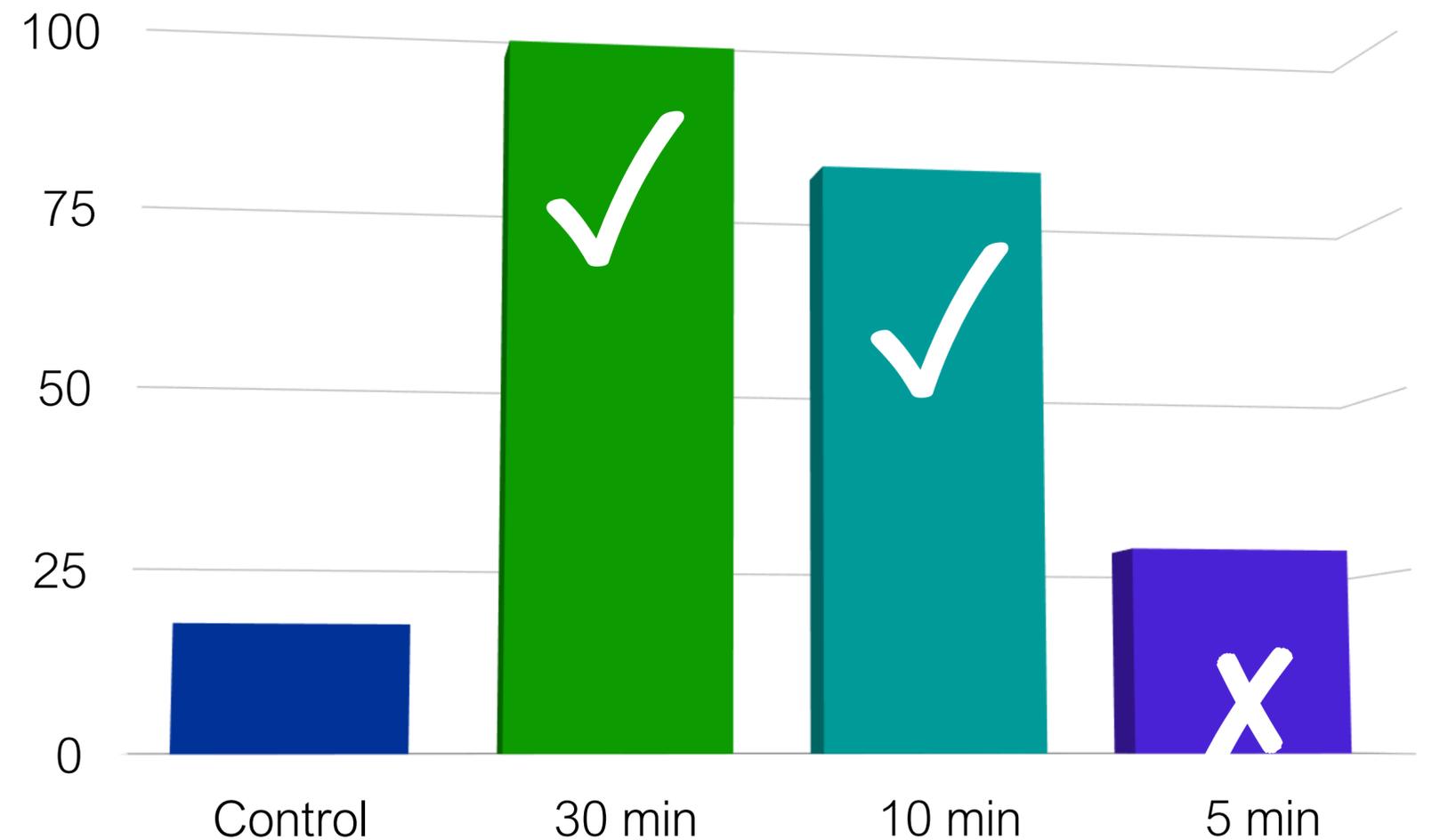
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5 min @ 18 mW/cm²

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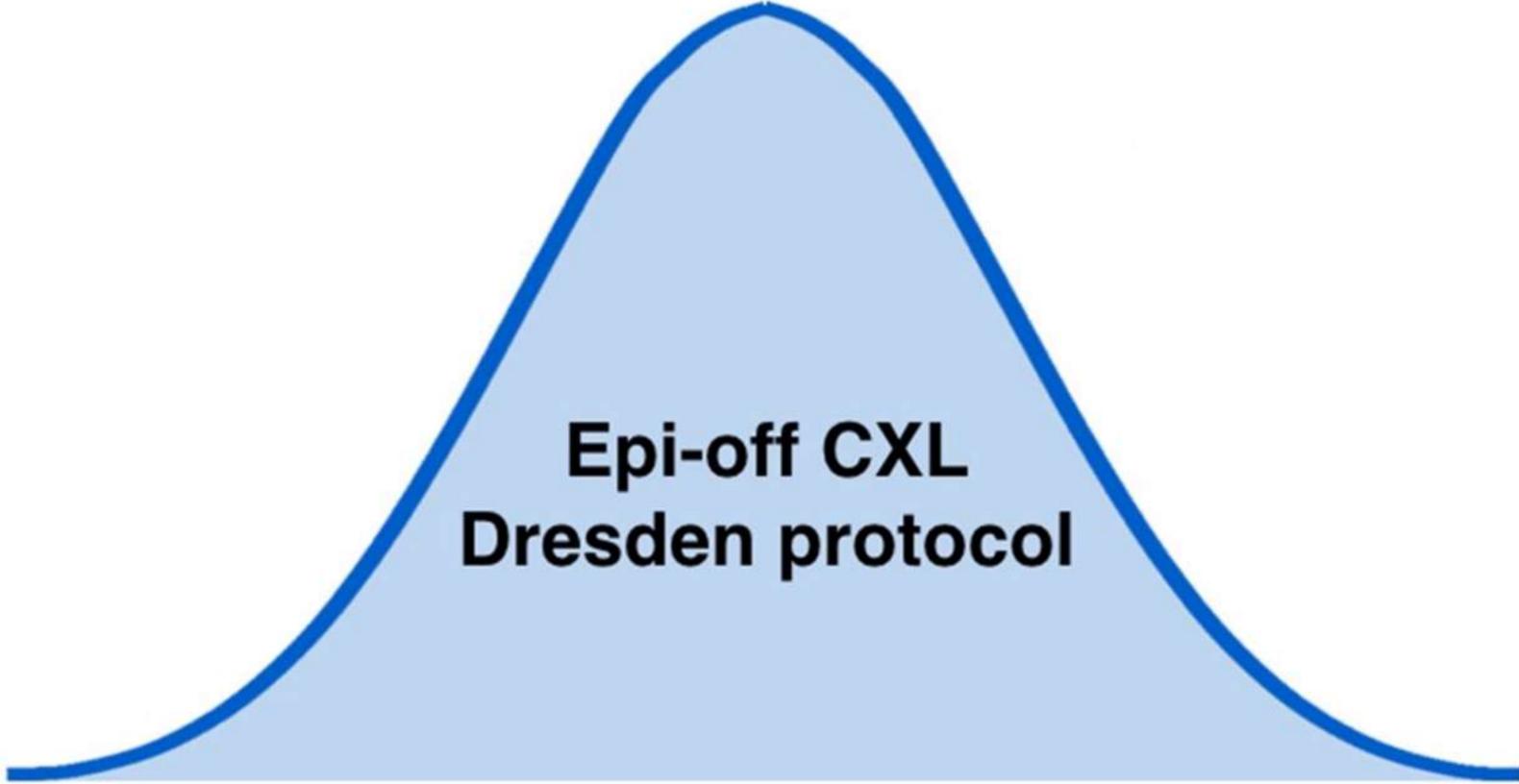
3 min @ 30 mW/cm²

5.4 J/cm²



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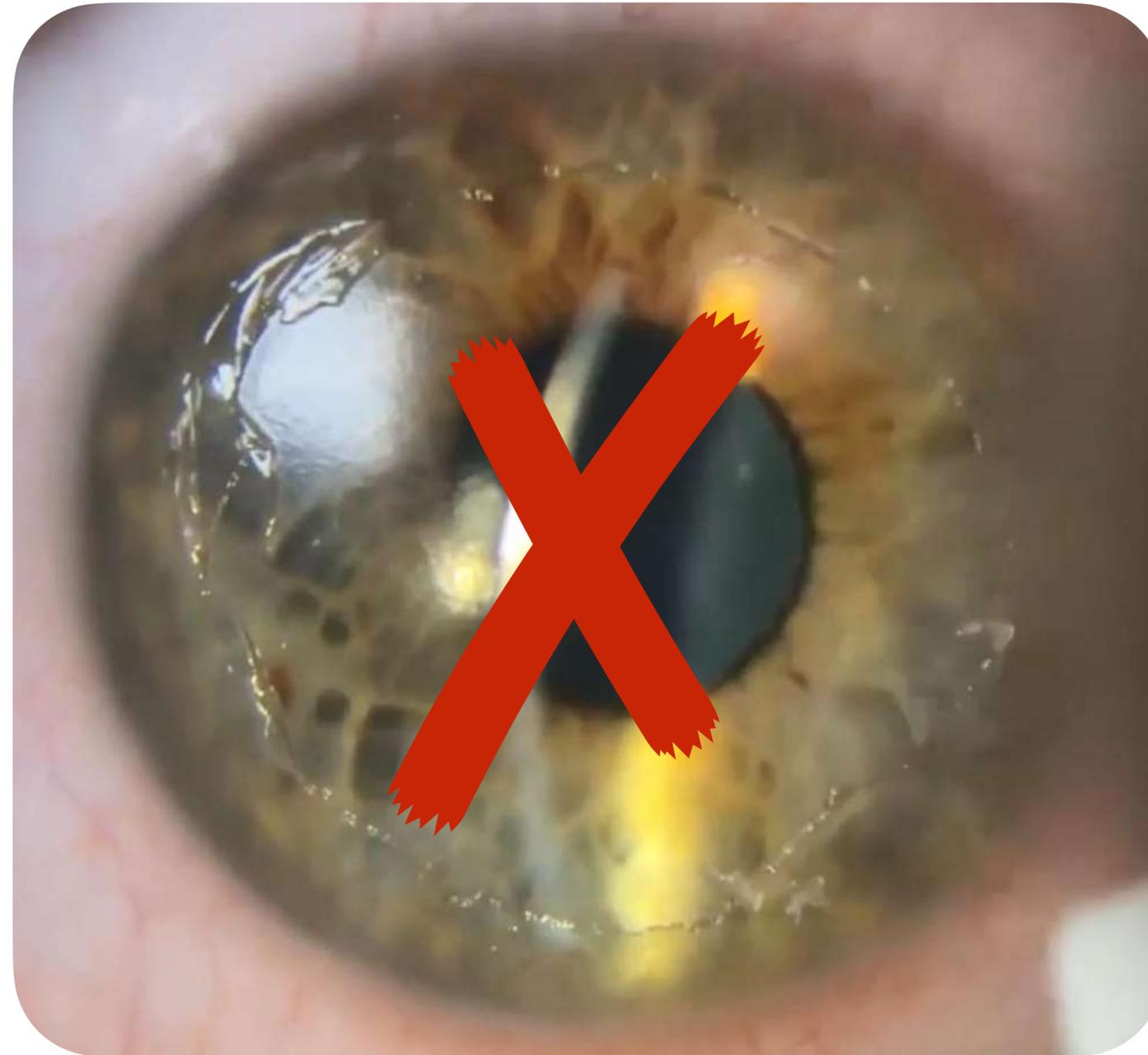
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**Epi-off CXL
Dresden protocol**

EPI-ON CROSS-LINKING (CXL)

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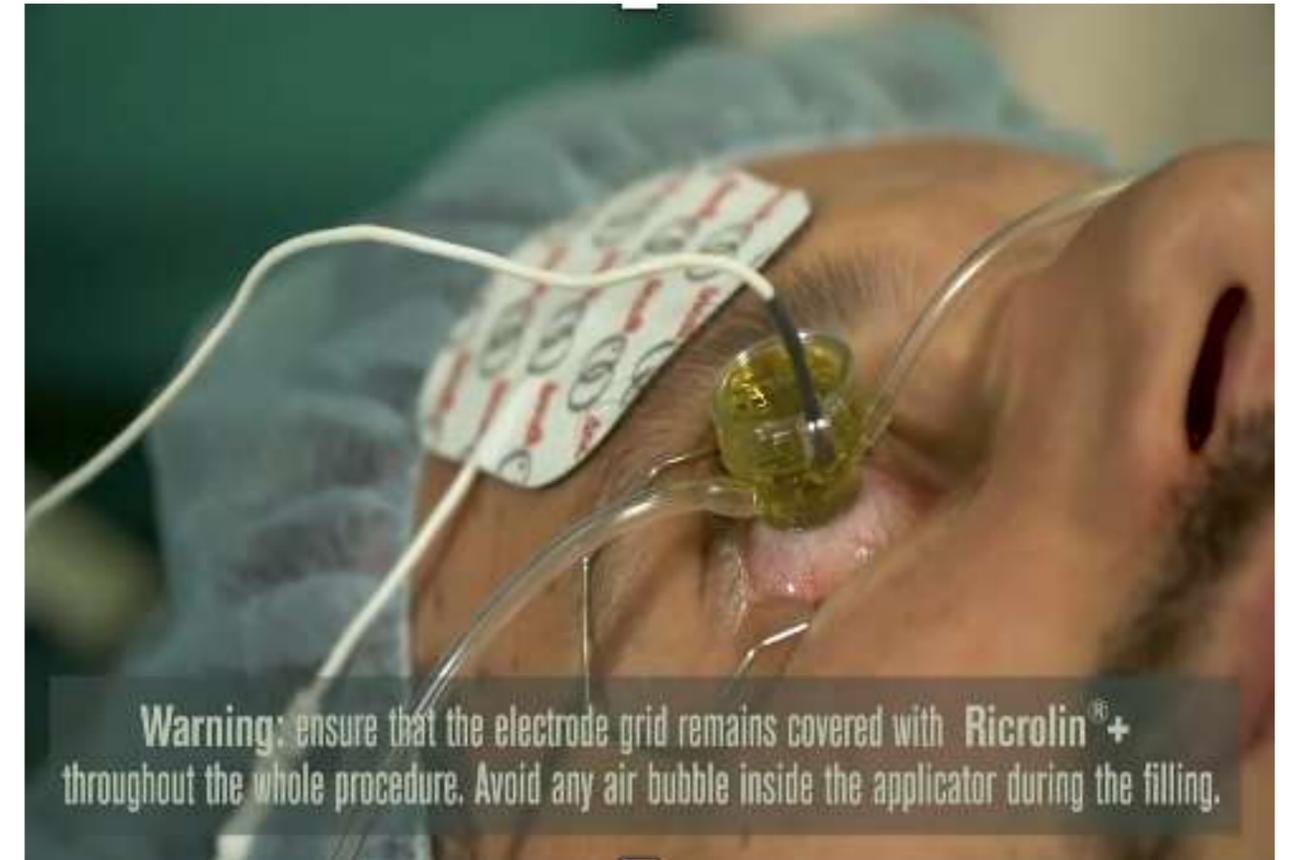


EPI-ON CROSS-LINKING (CXL)

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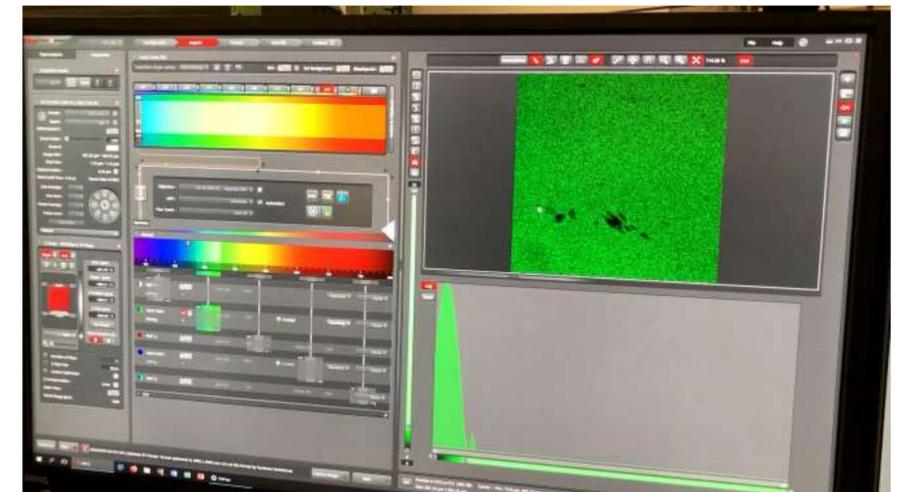
Supplemental oxygen
(To ensure oxygen saturation)



Iontophoresis
(To ensure riboflavin saturation)

EPI-ON CROSS-LINKING (CXL)

CXL



- No additional oxygen, no iontophoresis needed

EPI-ON CROSS-LINKING (CXL)

CXL

- **Strong epi-on**
- **With special eye drops**
- **No iontophoresis needed**
- **No additional oxygen needed**



PACE

Improve

KC Contact lenses

PRK

ICRS

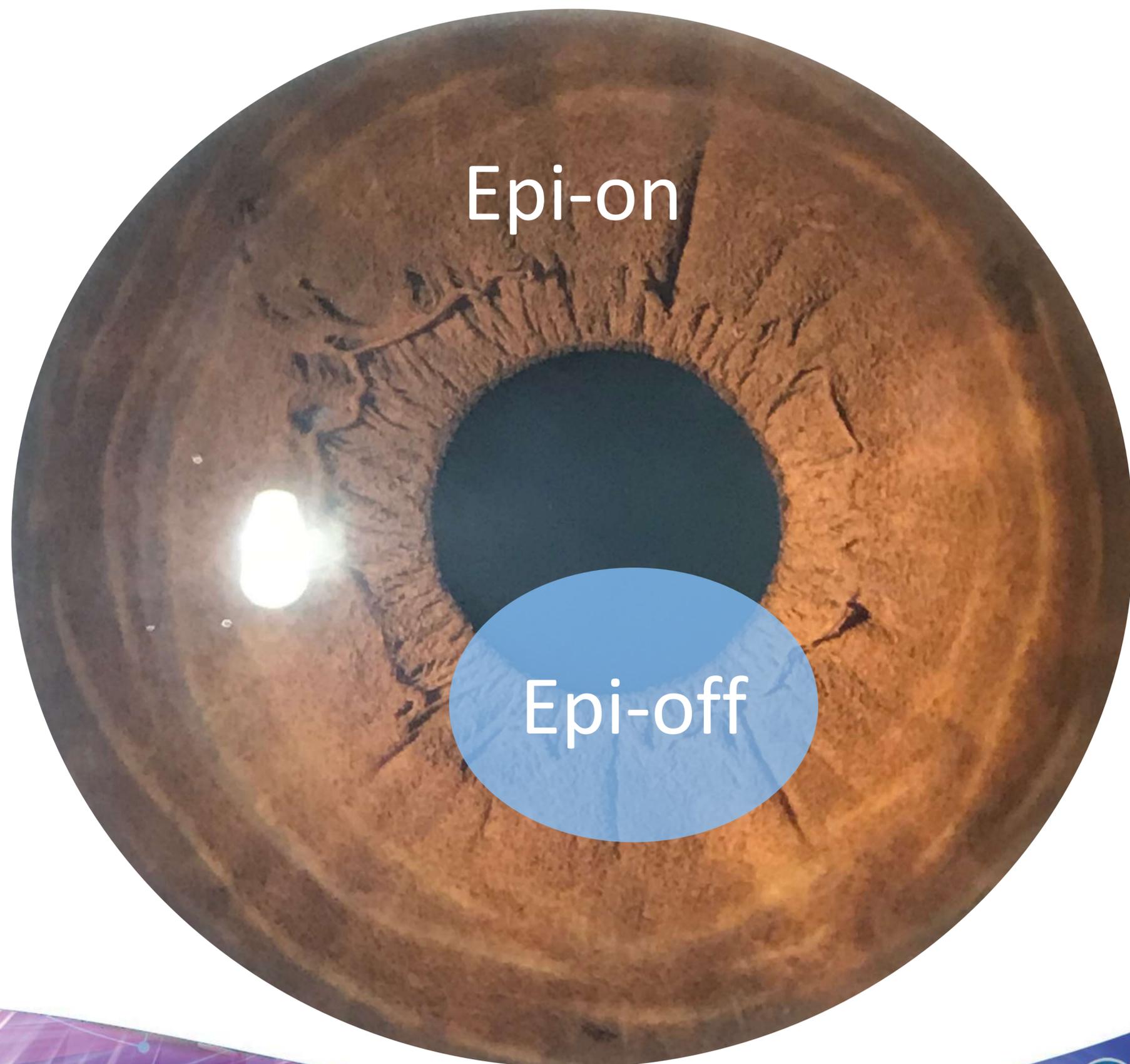
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P_{TK} A_{ssisted} C_{ustomized} E_{pi-on}

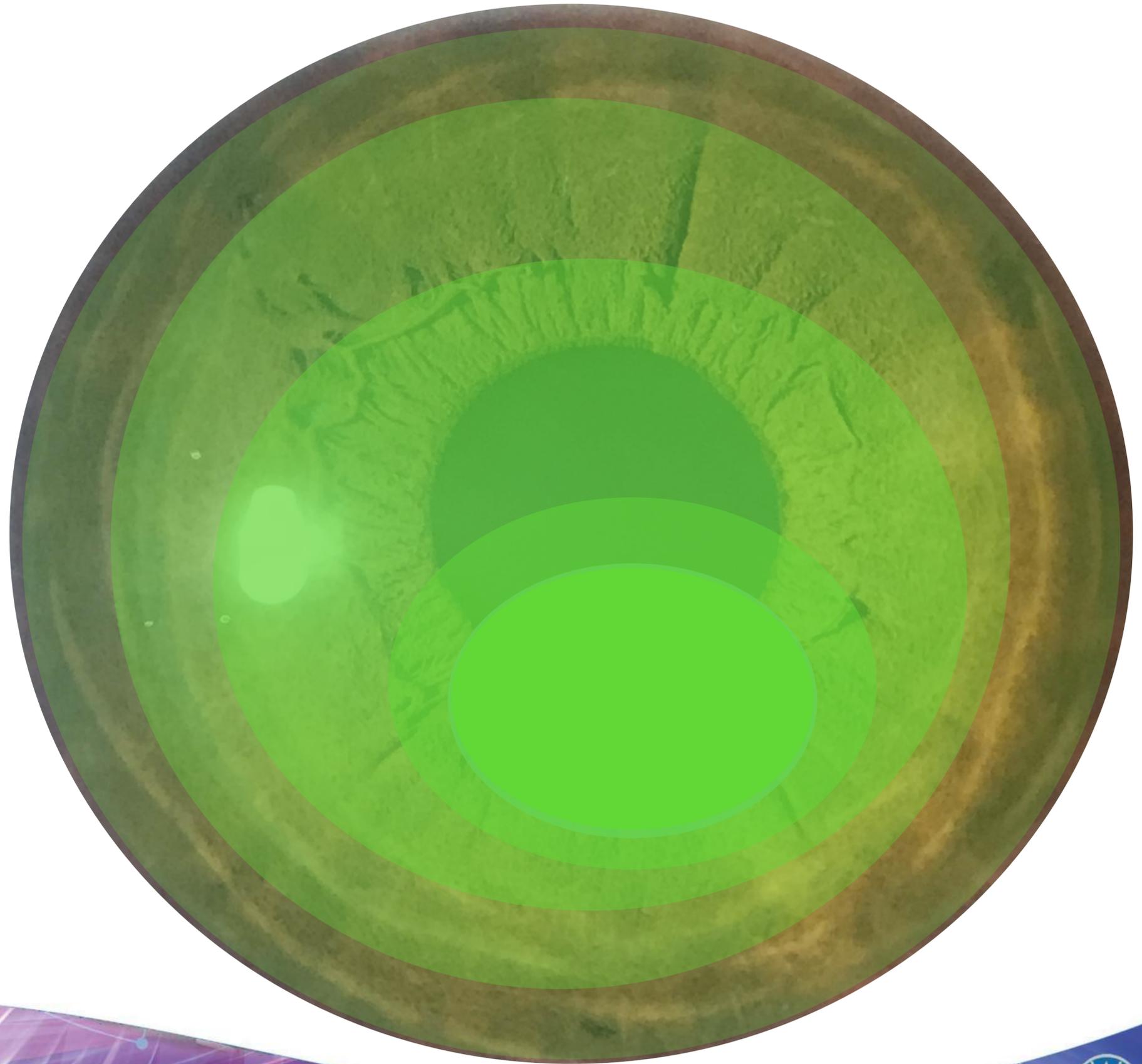
- Strong and immediate flattening
- No tissue removal like in excimer laser ablation, corneal stroma intact

CXL

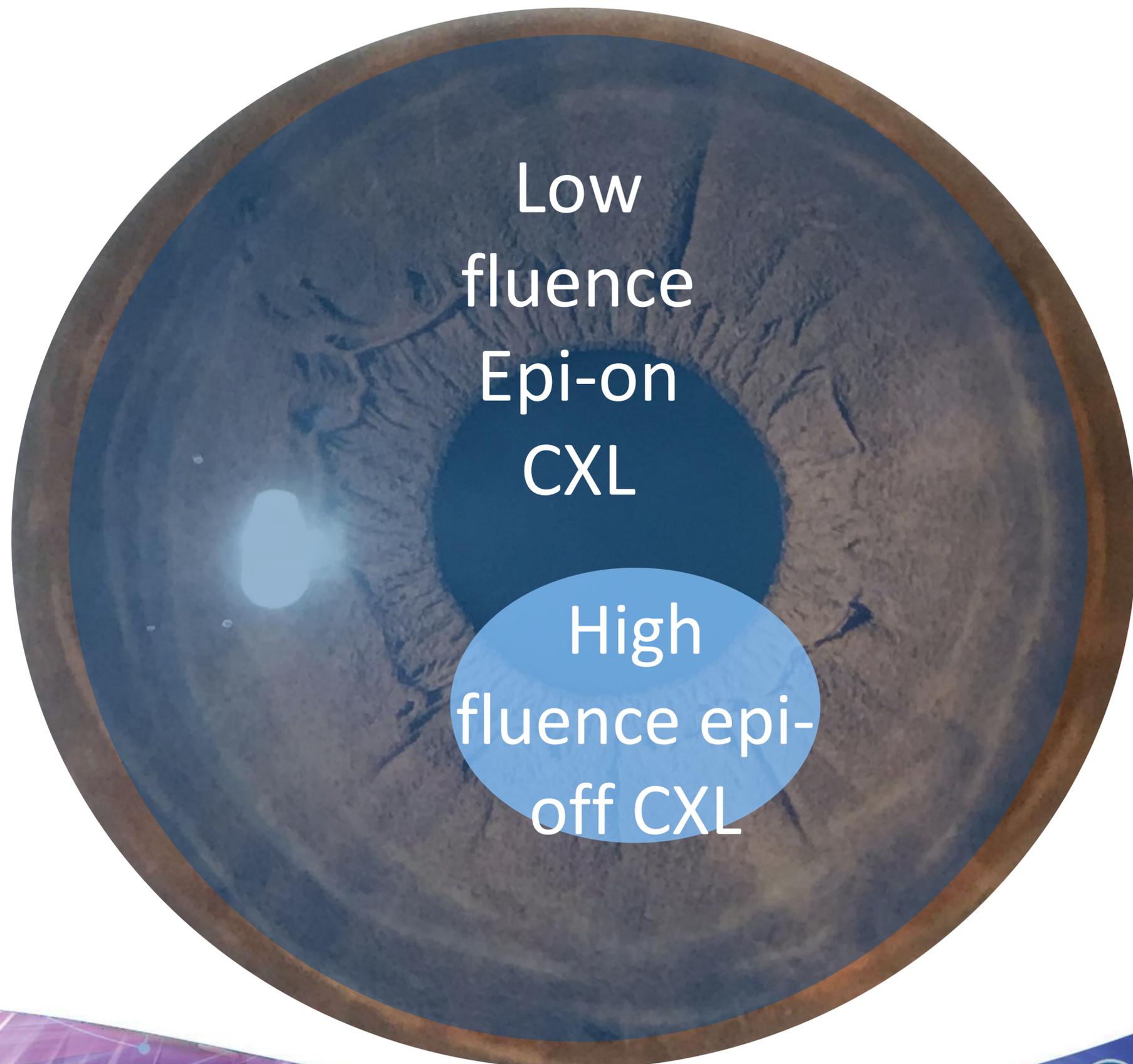
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Epithelial map-
guided
- 2 Gradient
between epi-off
and epi-on



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between epi-off
and epi-on
- 3 Gradient of
riboflavin
saturation



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and epi-on
- 3 Gradient of
riboflavin
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- 4 Gradient
between high
and low fluence

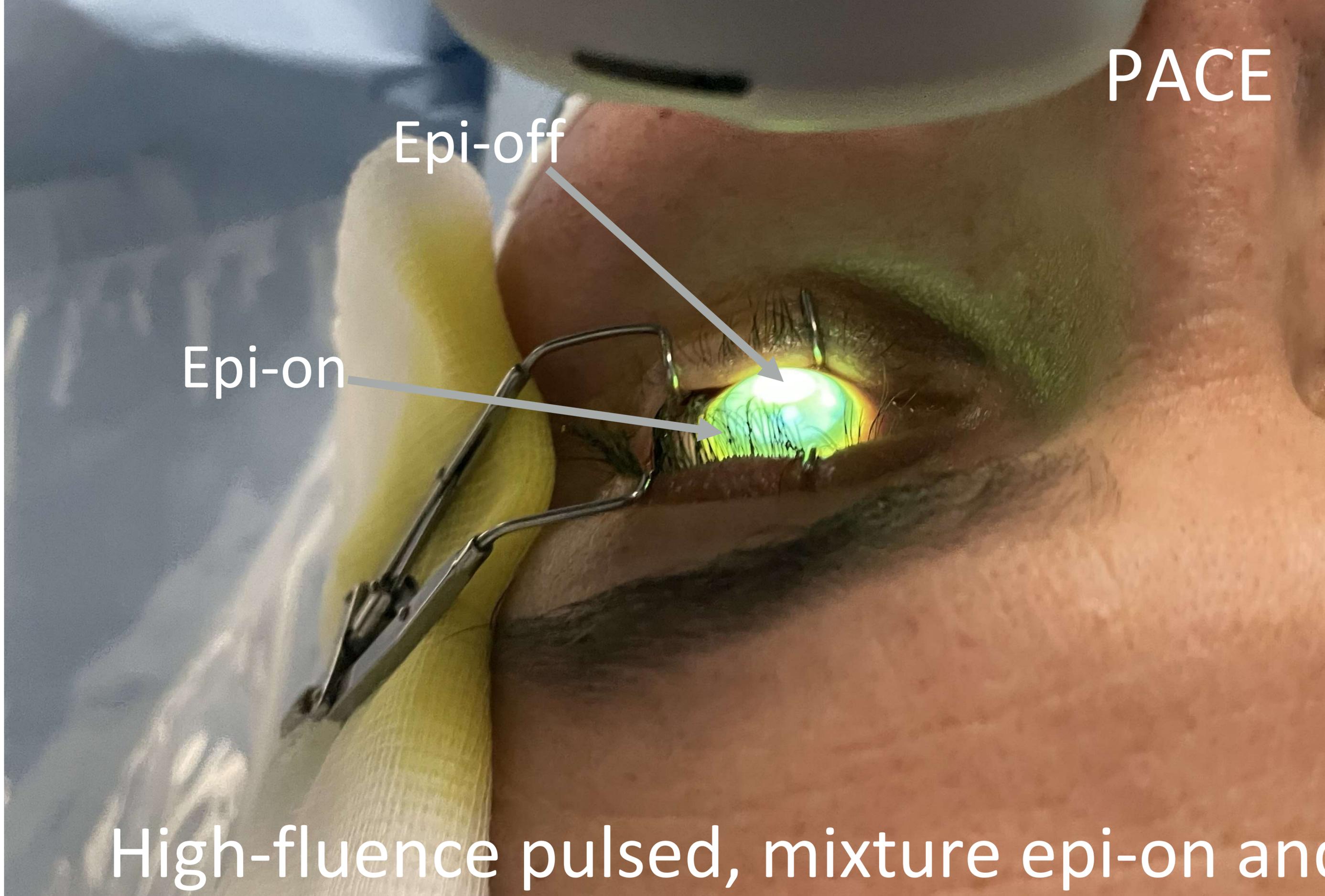


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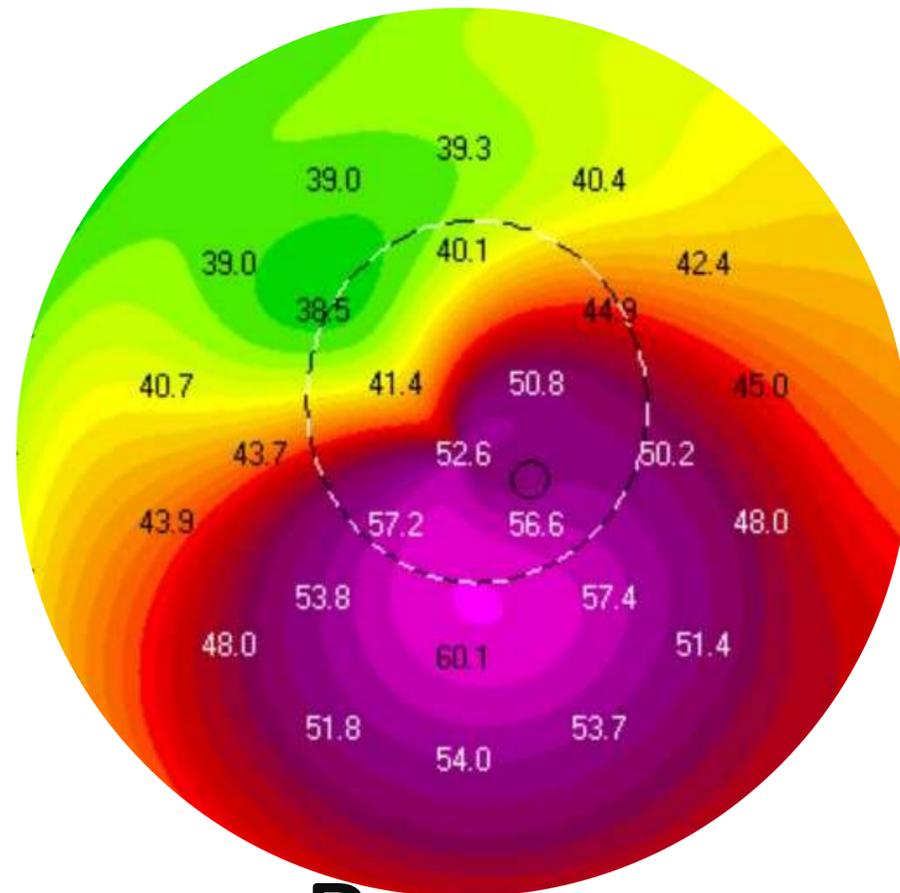
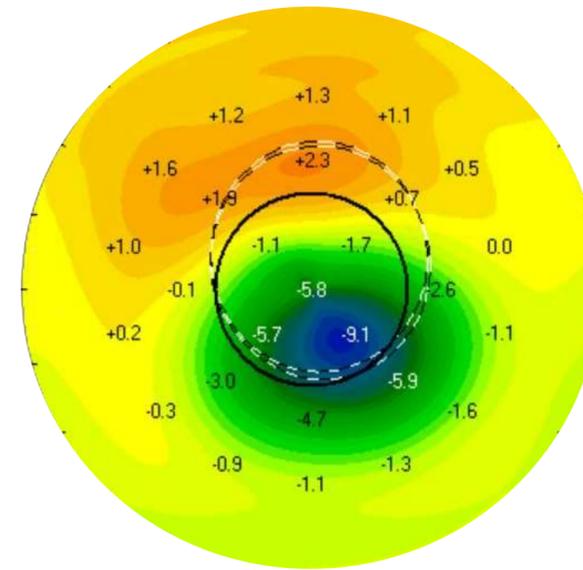
Epi-on

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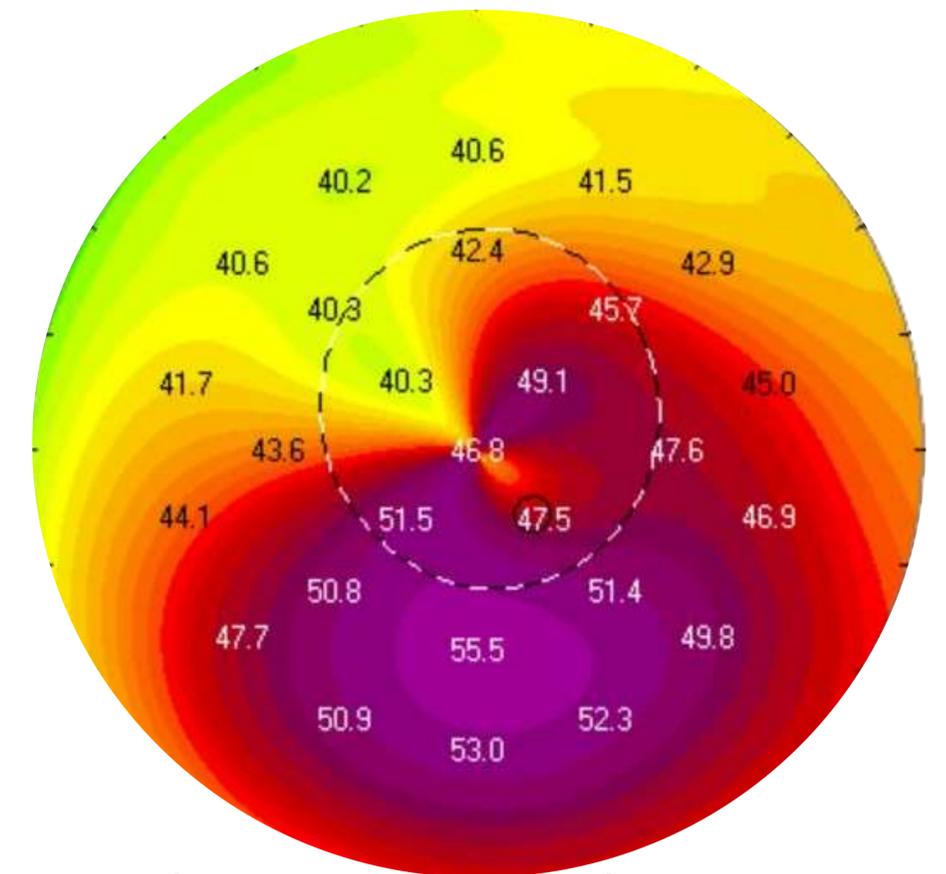
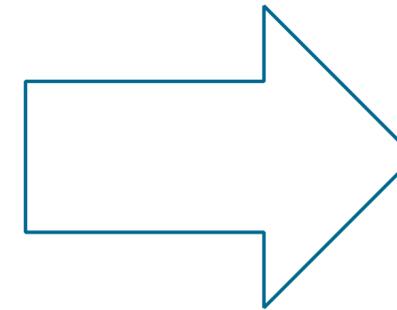
High-fluence pulsed, mixture epi-on and



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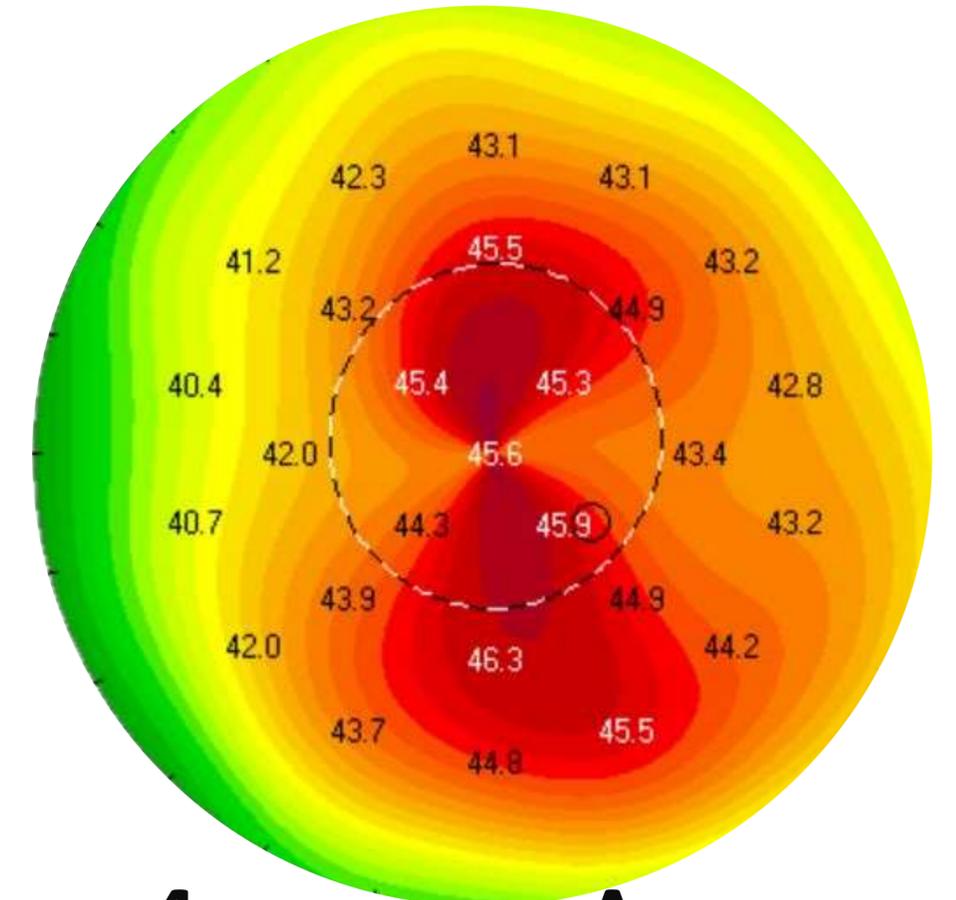
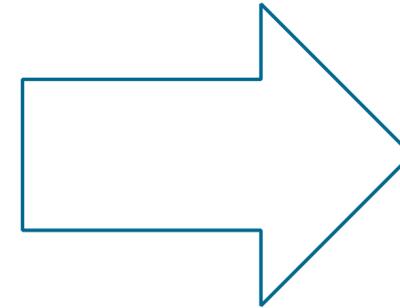
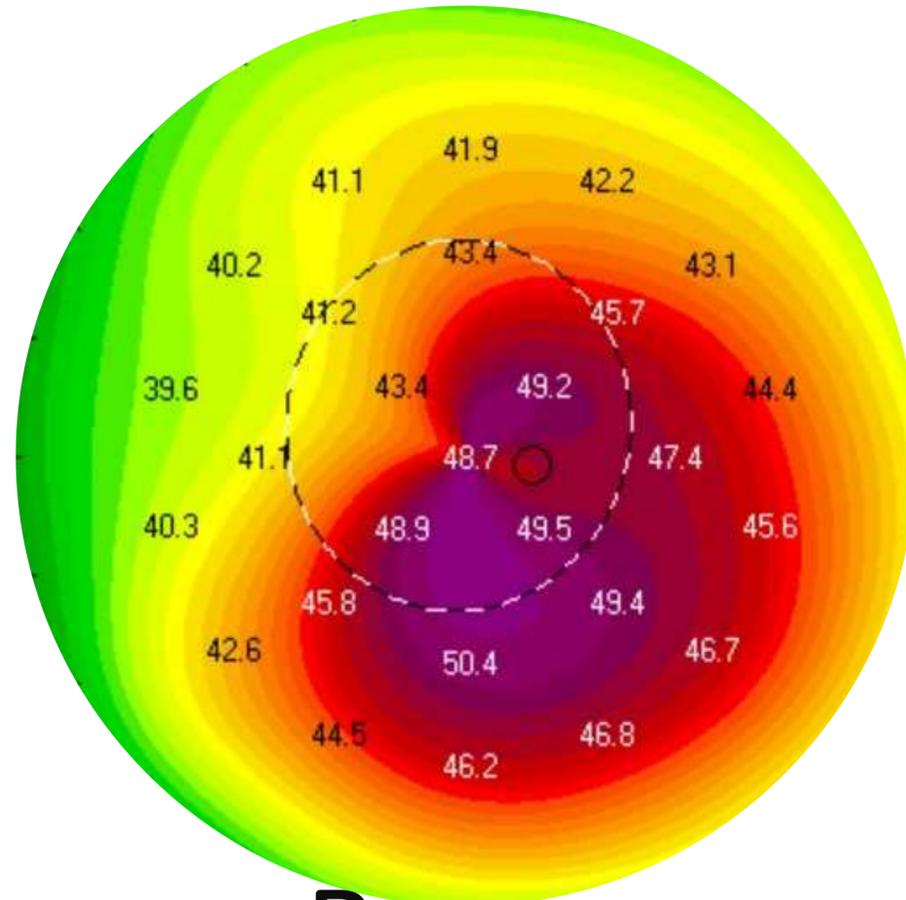
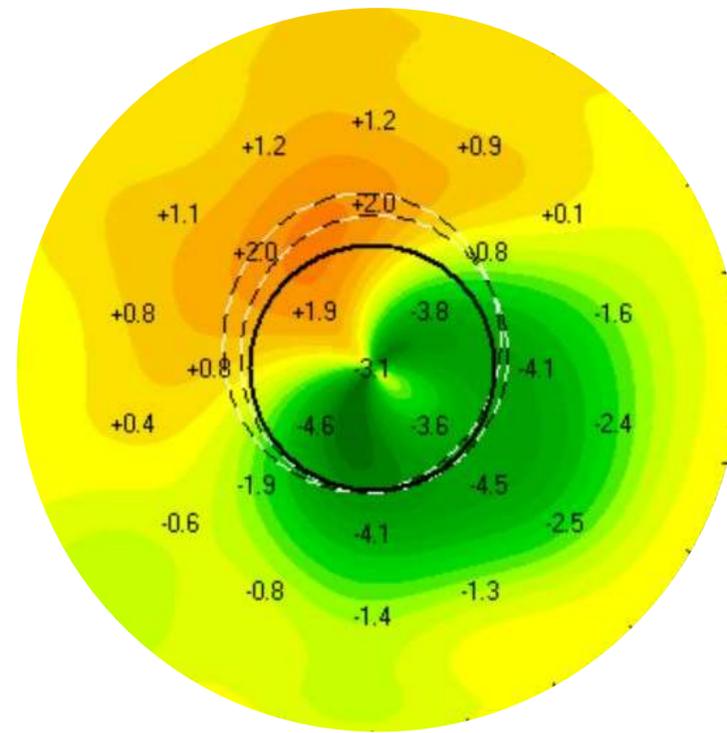


BEFORE
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4 WEEKS AFTER
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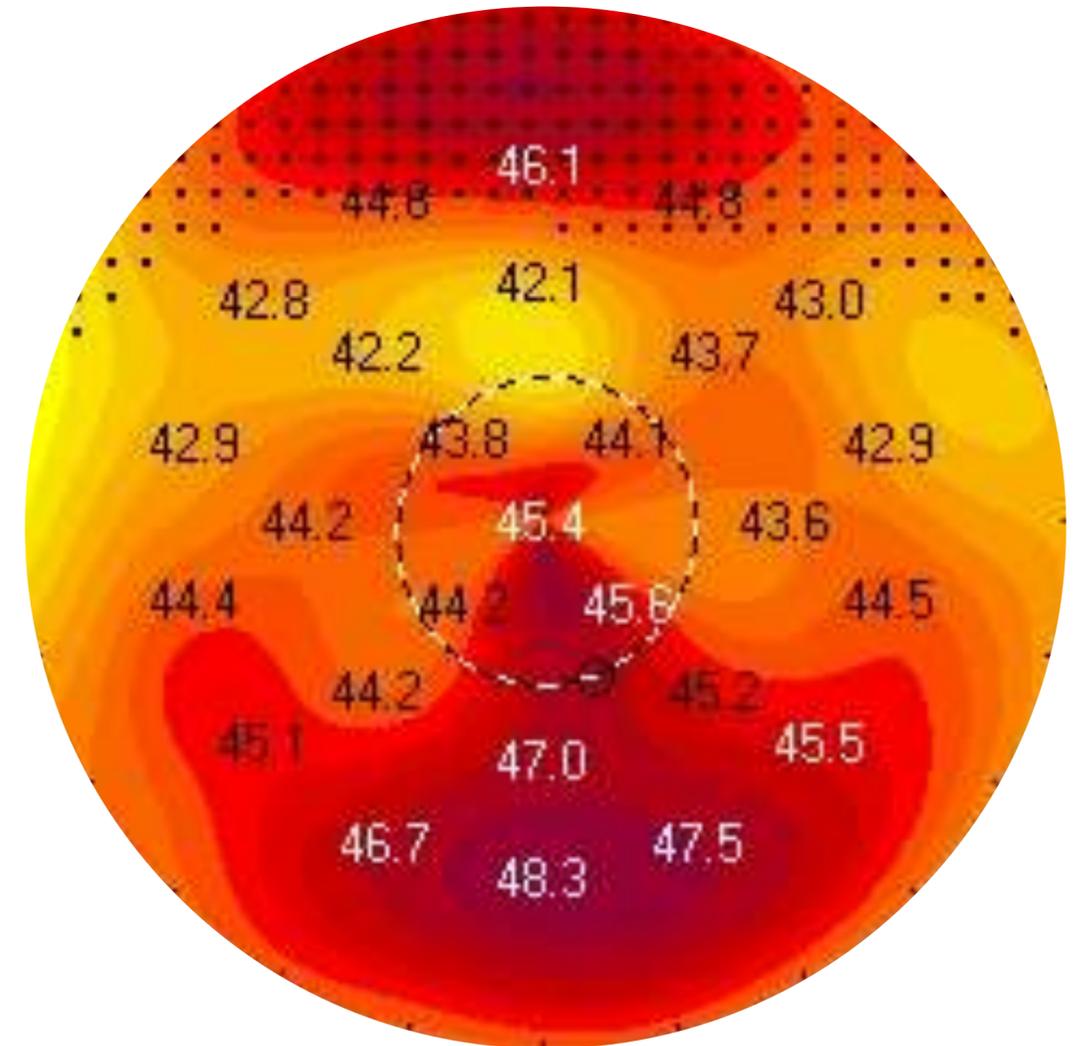
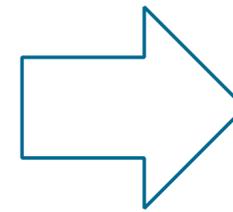
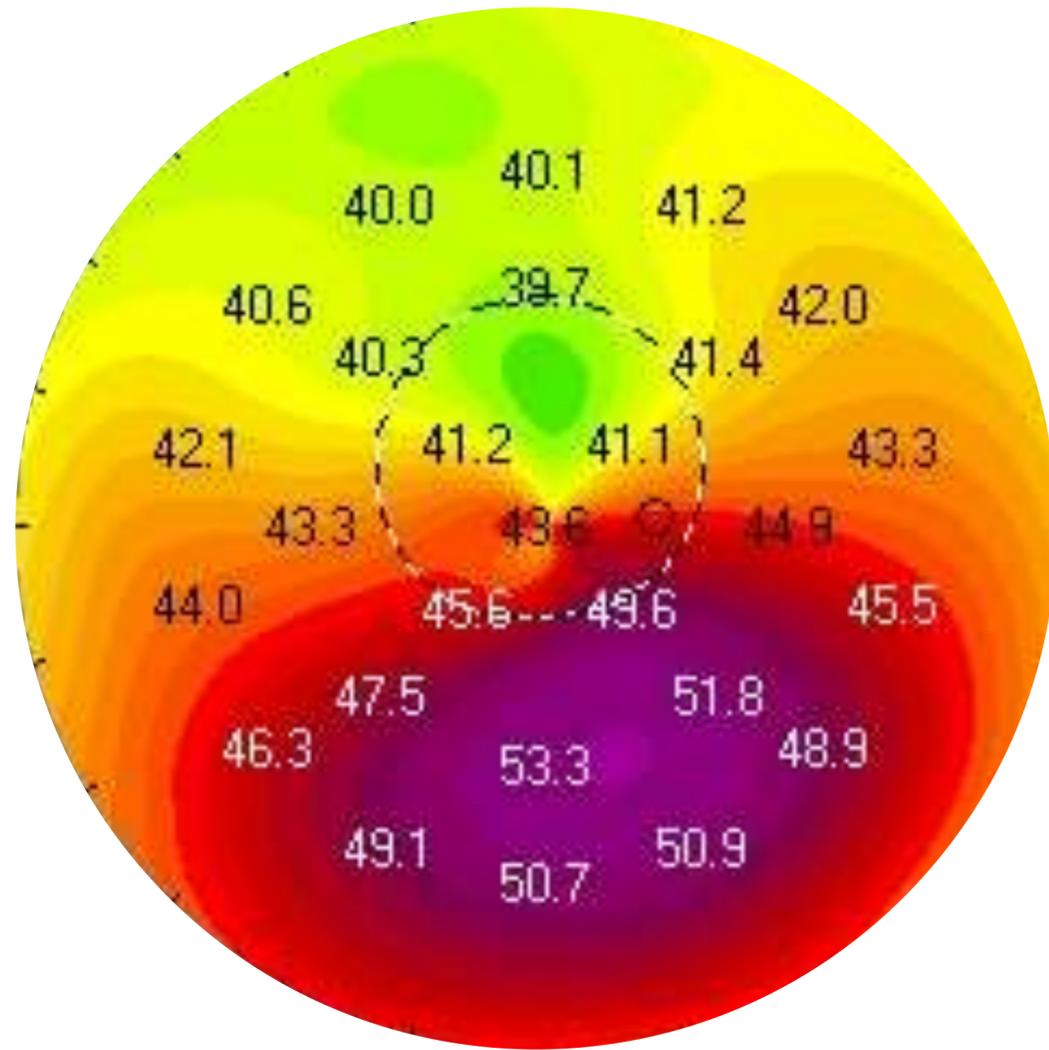
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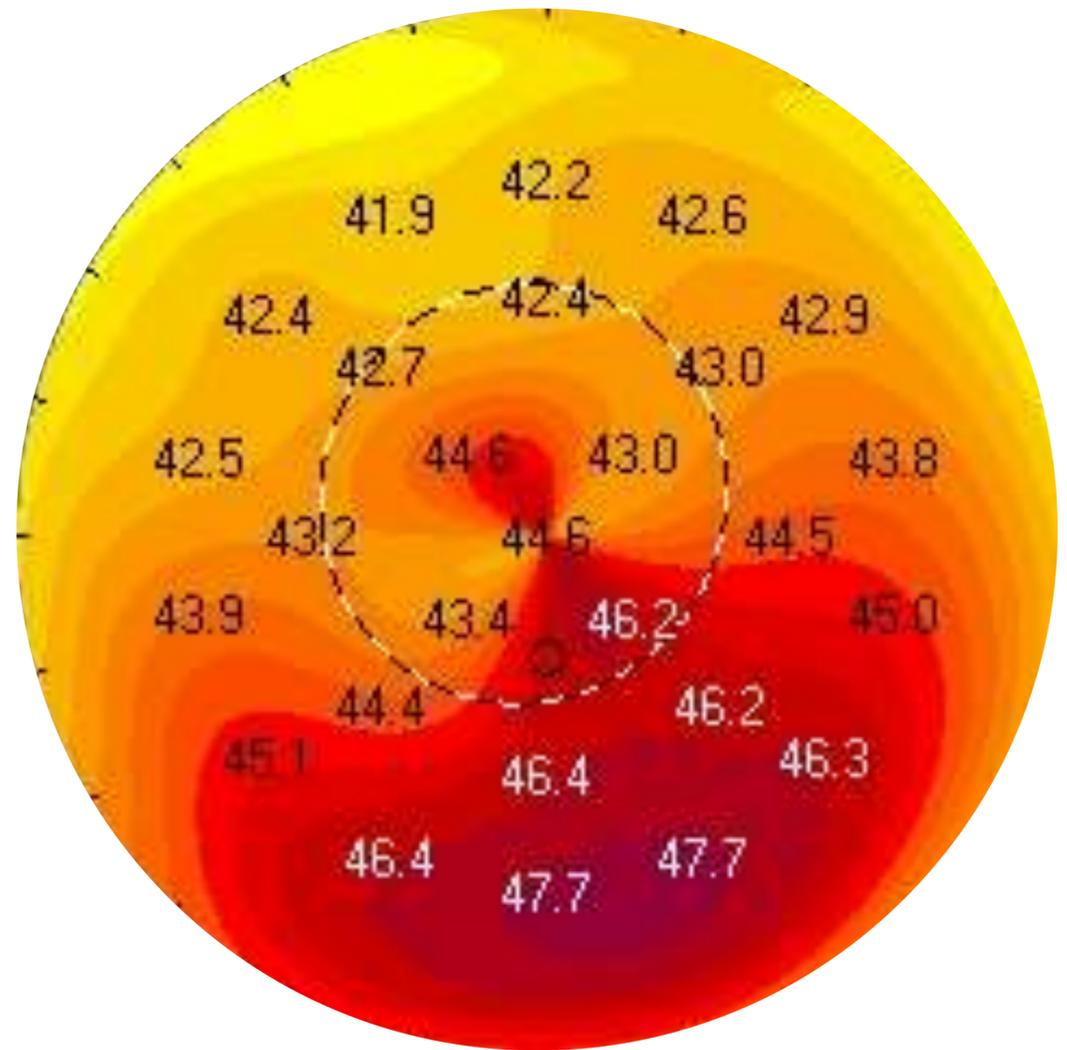
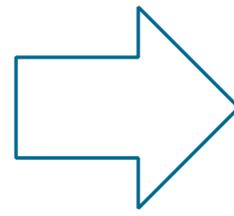
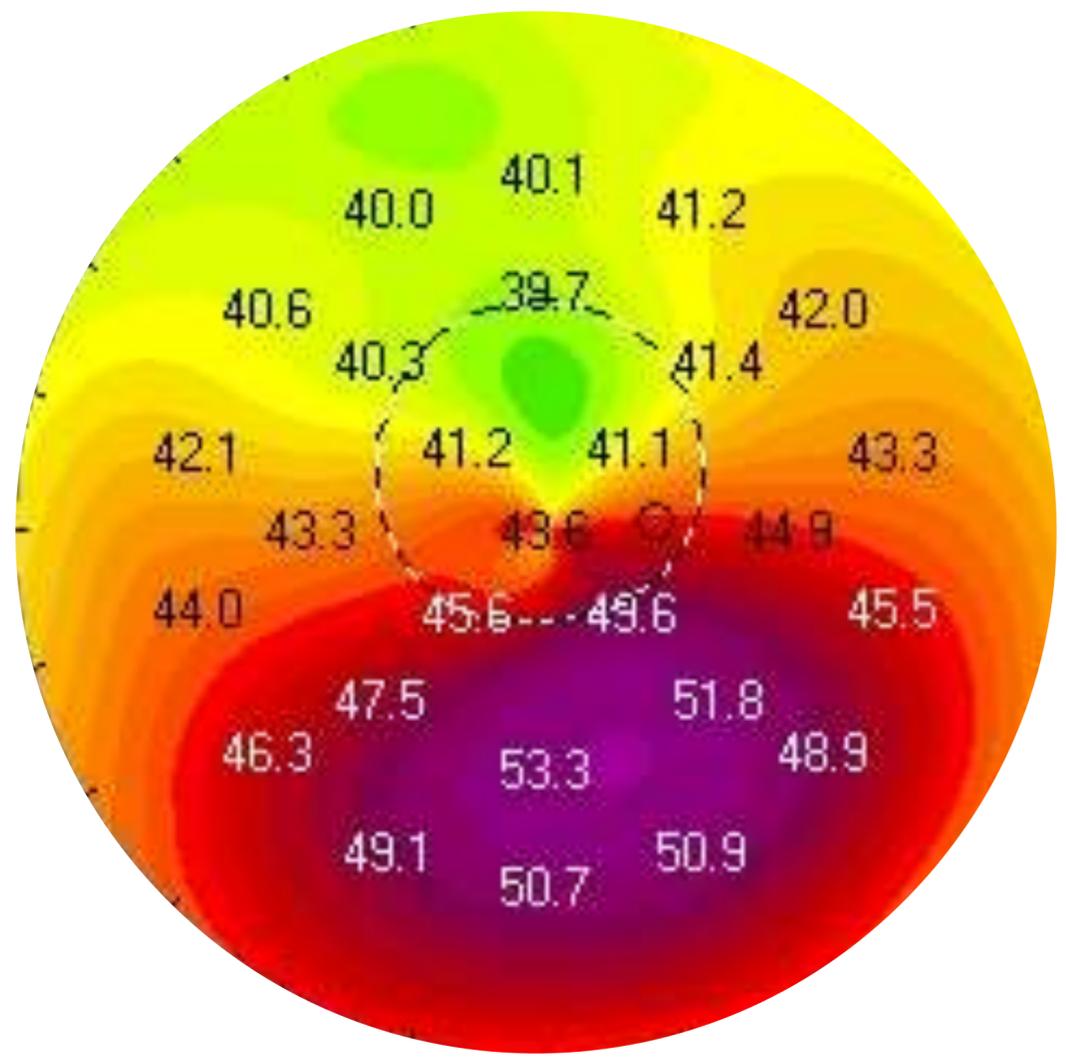
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**BEFORE
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**AFTER 3
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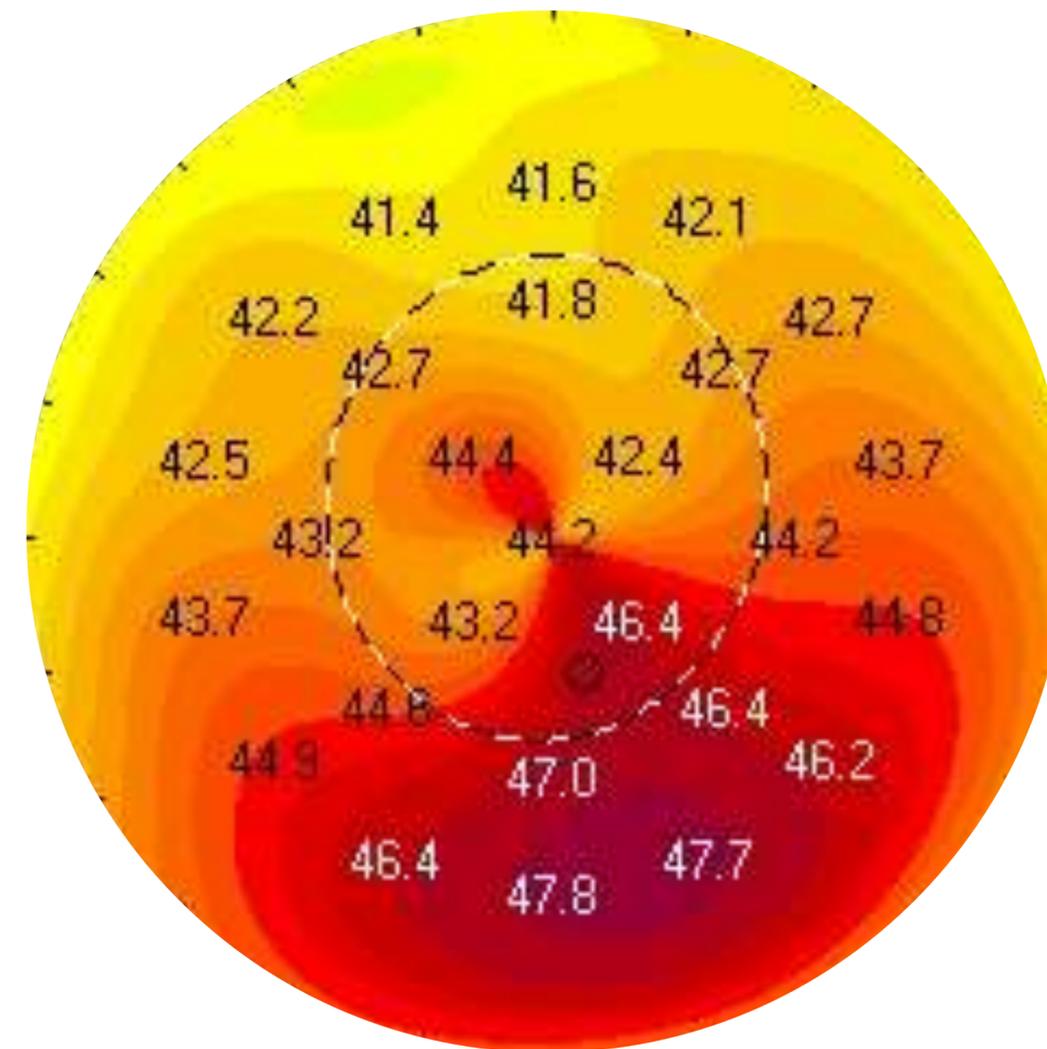
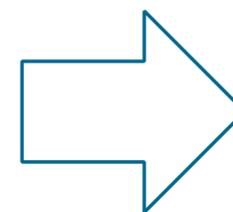
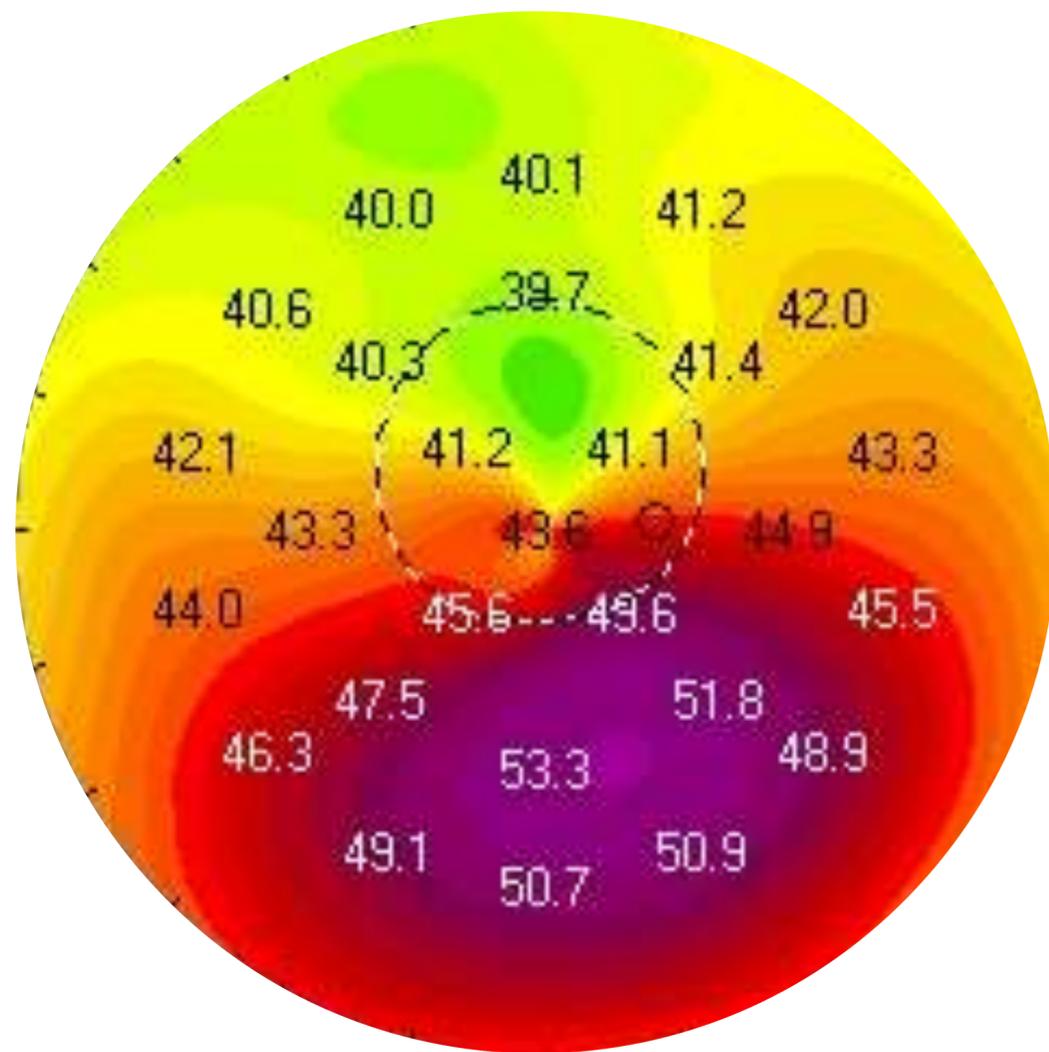
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BEFORE PACE

AFTER 6 MONTHS

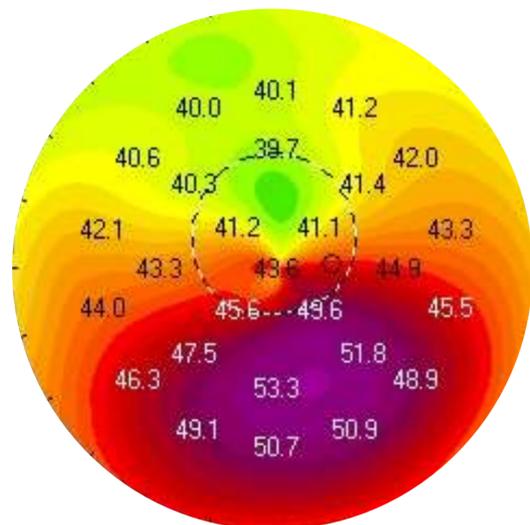
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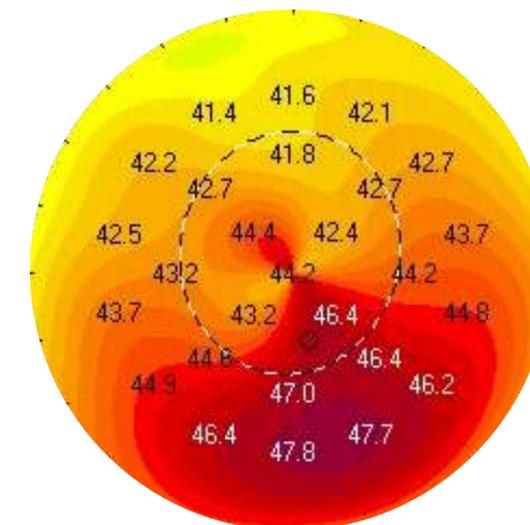
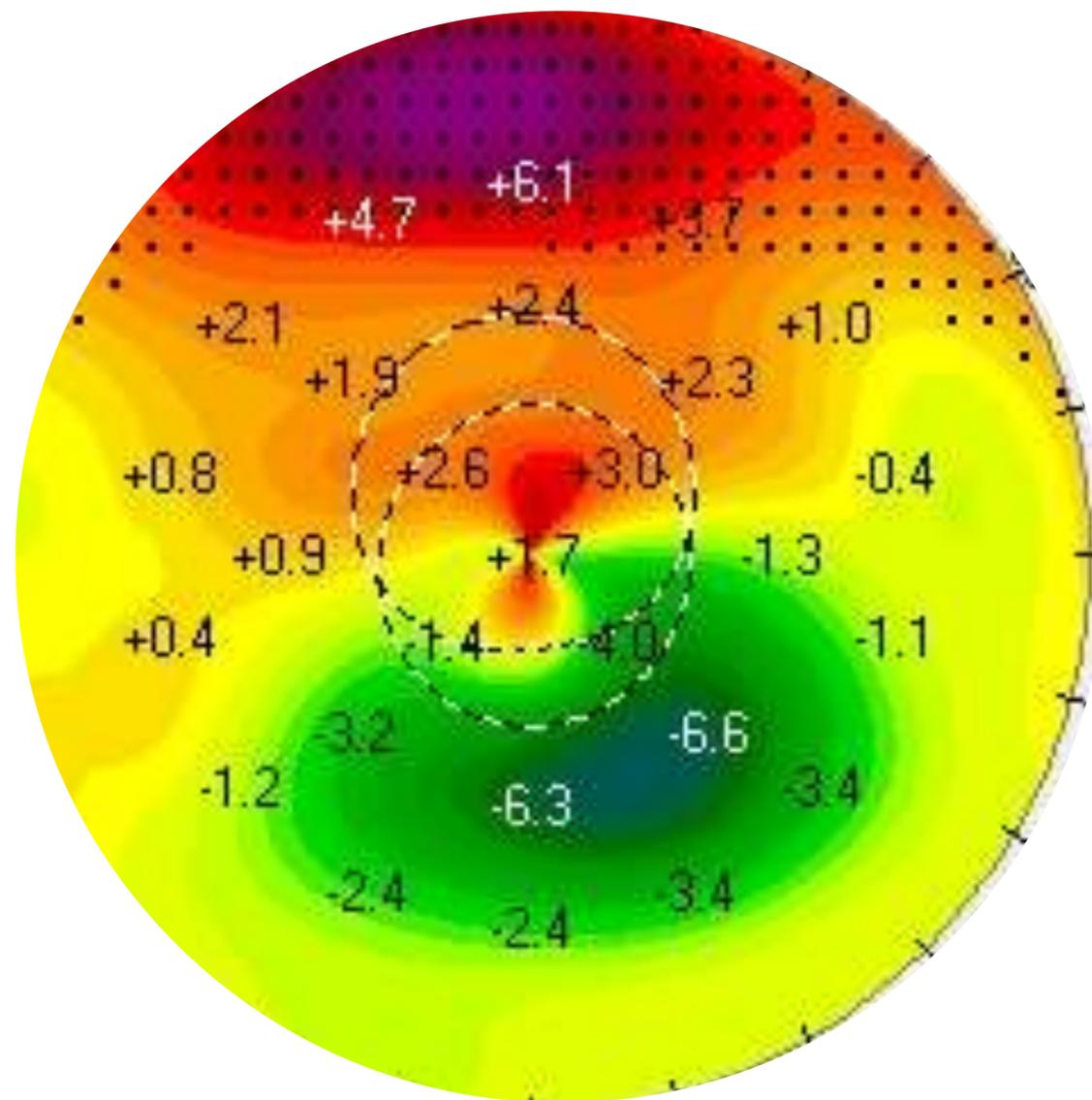
**BEFORE
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**AFTER 12
MONTHS**

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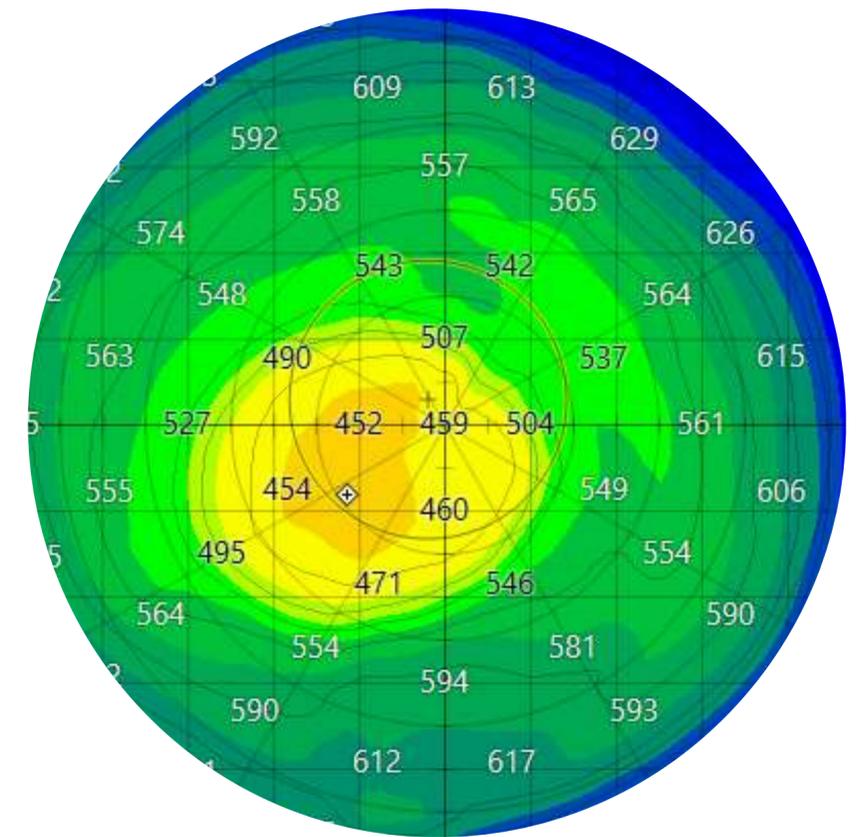
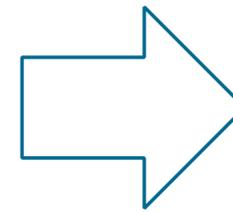
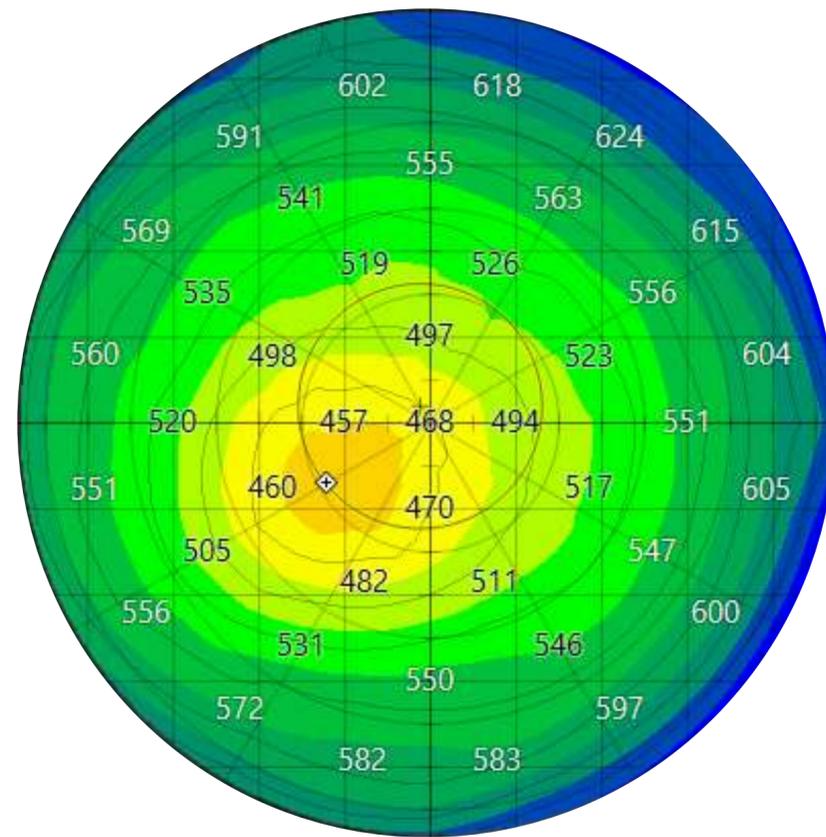
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THICKNESS?

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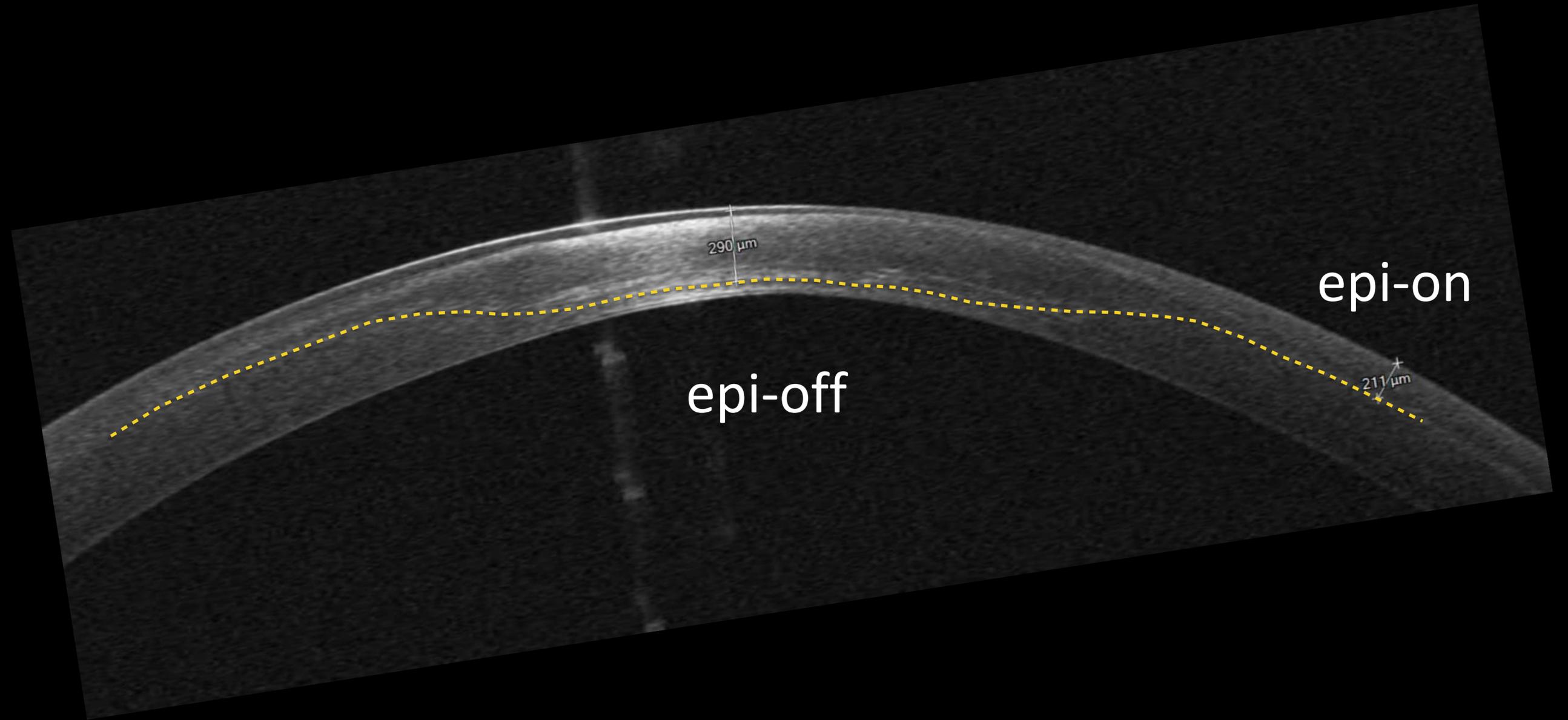


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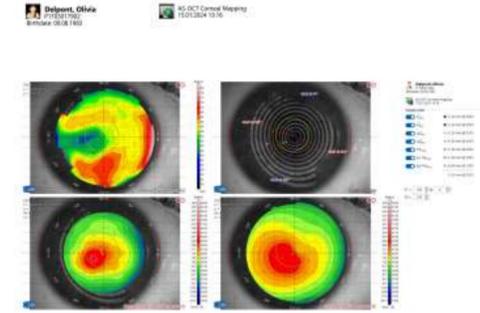
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DEMARICATION LINE

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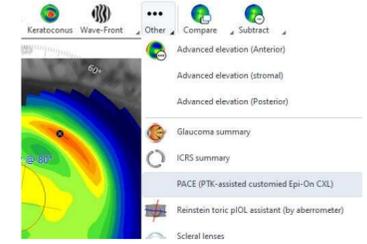


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Keratoconus Wave-Front Other Compare Subtract

- Advanced elevation (Anterior)
- Advanced elevation (stromal)
- Advanced elevation (Posterior)
- Glaucoma summary
- PKRS summary
- PACE (PTK-assisted customied Epi-On CXL)**
- Reinstein toric pIOL assistant (by aberrometer)
- Scleral lenses

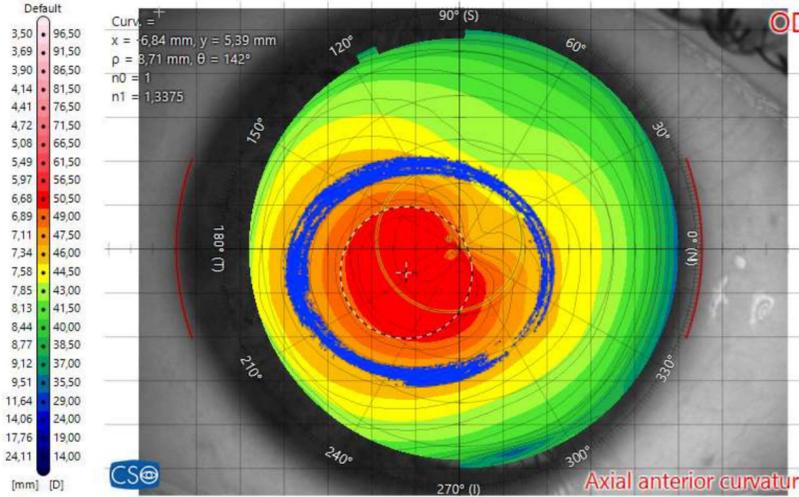
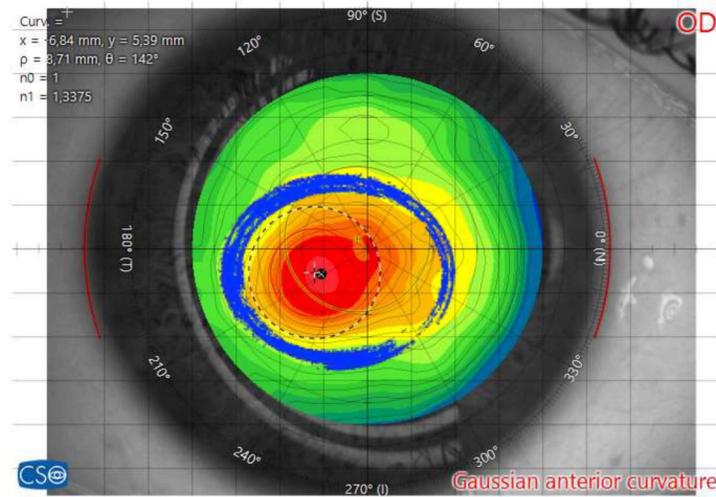
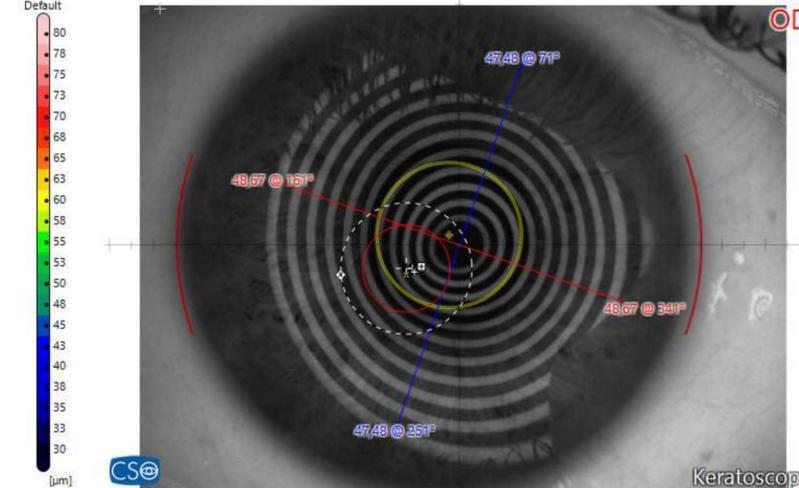
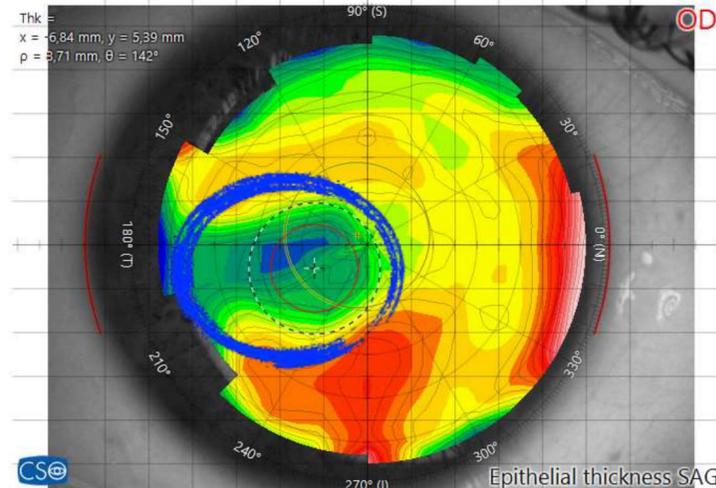
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 Birthdate: 09.08.1983


 AS-OCT Corneal Mapping
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Surgery plan

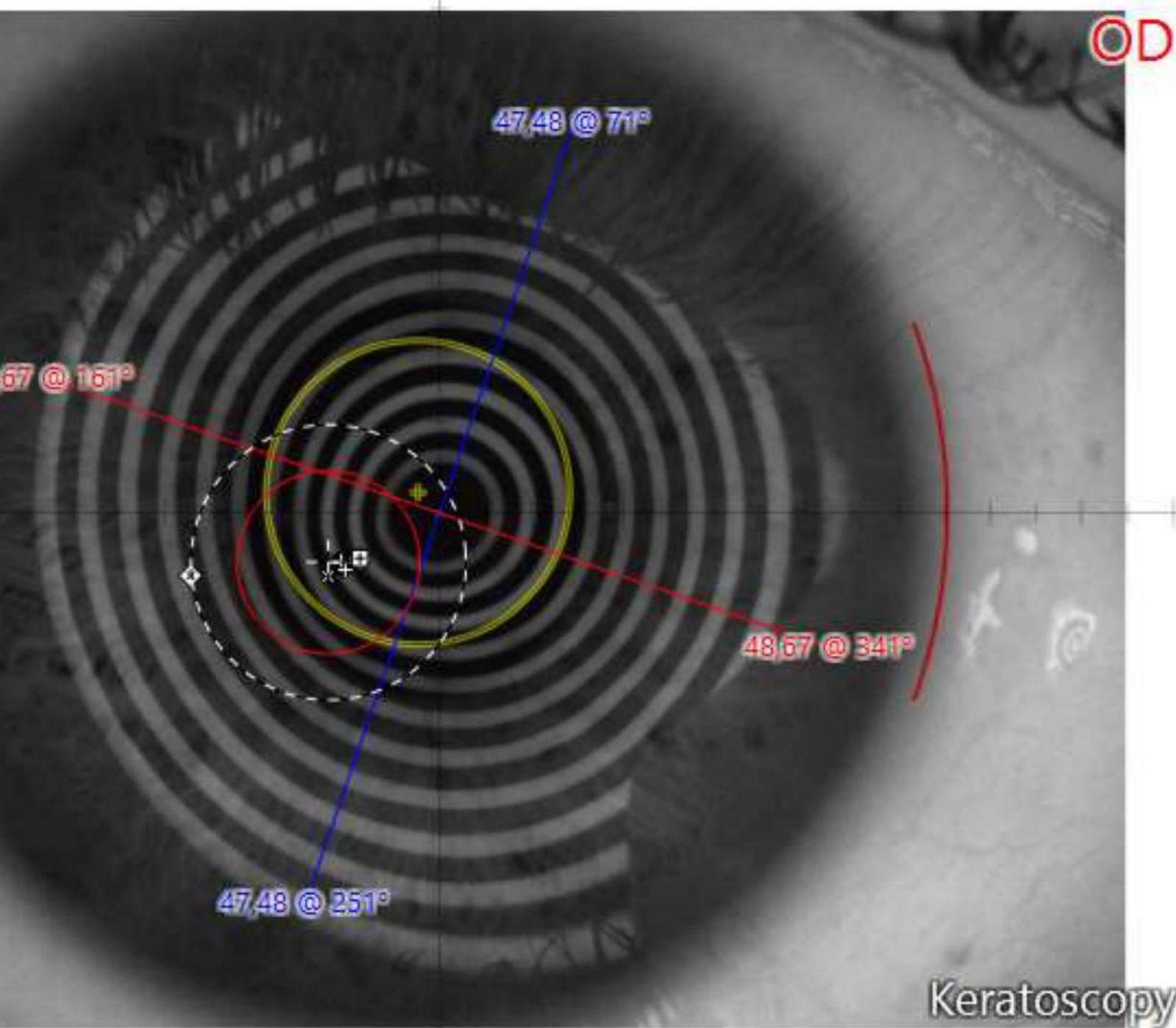
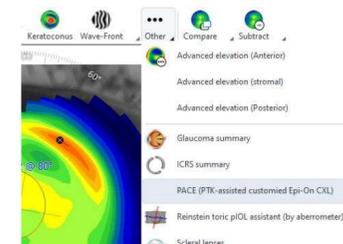
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 - Δz^E_{MAX} ✖ : (1,40 mm @ 209°)
 - Thk_{MIN} ◊ : (1,00 mm @ 209°)
 - Str- Thk_{MIN} ⊞ : (1,00 mm @ 209°)
 - Epi- Thk_{MIN} ◊ : (2,40 mm @ 188°)
- (1,33 mm @ 203°)

R1 = 1,50 @ 0

R2 = 1,50



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(1,33 mm @ 203°) **OFFSET**

R1 = 1,50 @ 0°
 R2 = 1,50 **SHAPE**

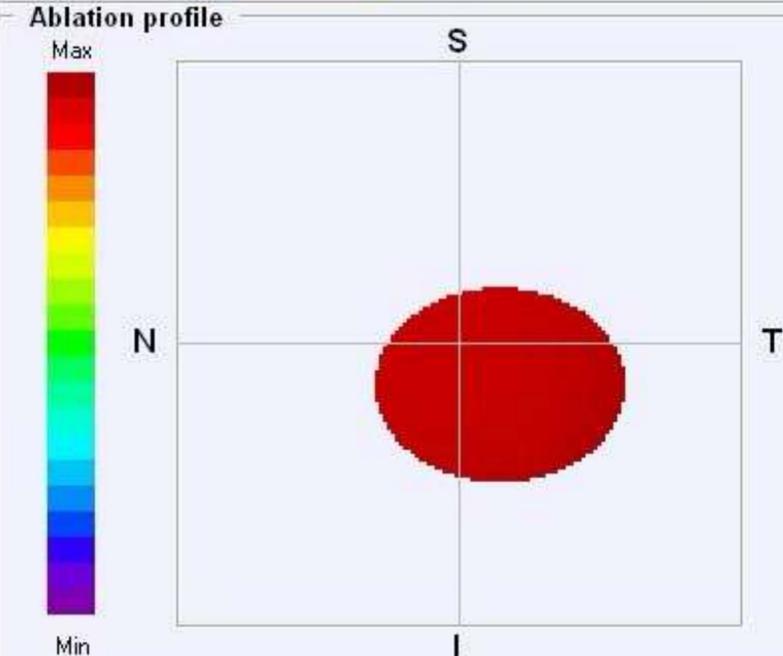


PLANNING THE PTK

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Ablation profile



Main info

Type of treatment: AF (SCHWIND SIRIUS)

Treatment method: PTK

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Optical zone:	4.00 mm
Transition zone:	0.50 mm
Ablation zone:	4.50 mm
Max. ablation depth:	54.5 µm
Central ablation depth:	52.9 µm
Min. ablation depth:	52.8 µm
Ablation volume:	659 nl

SCC device: SCHWIND SIRIUS ✓ Status: SCC info
 SCC data suitable

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Offset info

Pupil diameter: 3.01 mm

Radius: 0.19 mm

Angle: 60°

Treatment settings

Depth: 53 µm TransPTK: 45 / 45 µm @ 6.21 mm

Outer (mm)

Long axis: 4.00 mm @ 0°

Short axis: 3.00 mm @ 90°

Offset: 0.99 mm @ 325°

K-Readings

Pre: K1: 47.52 D @ 153° Avg K: 48.85 D
 K2: 50.18 D @ 63°

Target: K1: 50.29 D @ 63° Avg K: 48.95 D
 K2: 47.62 D @ 153°

RST manager

Central @ 6.21mm

Pachy: 451 µm 513 µm

Epith.thickn.: 0 µm 0 µm

Max. abl.: 53 µm 55 µm

RST (>300): 398 µm 458 µm

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DIFFERENCE TO CURRENT PRK/CXL PROTO

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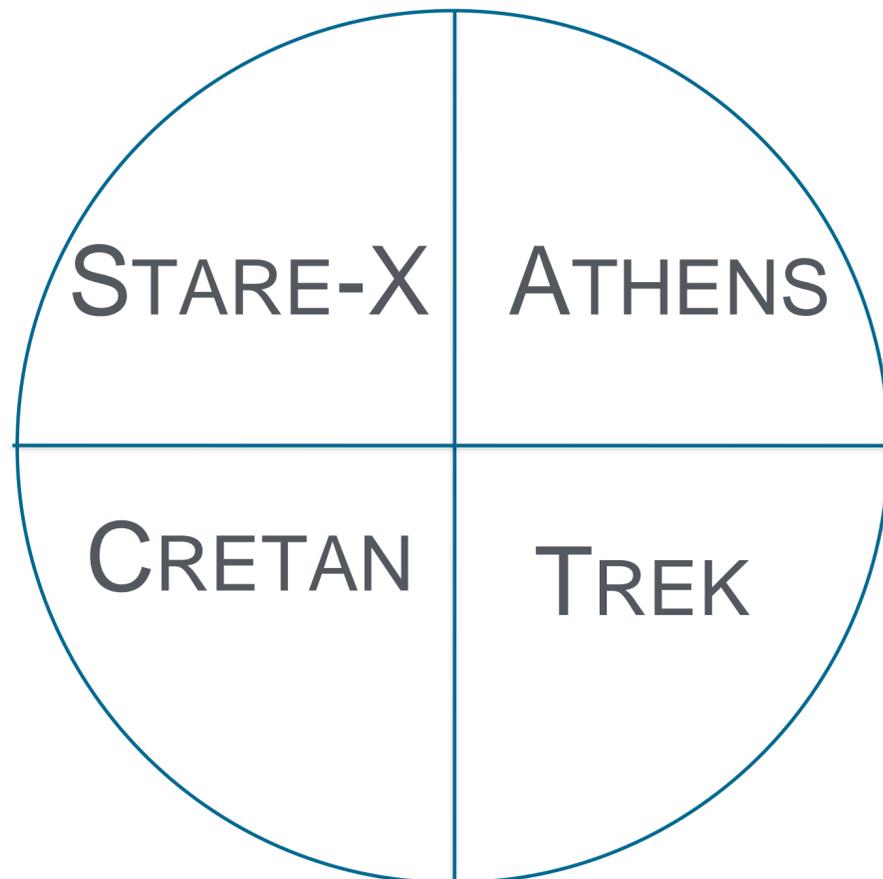
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STROMA IS REMOVED

Excimer laser

Cross-Linking

Excimer laser

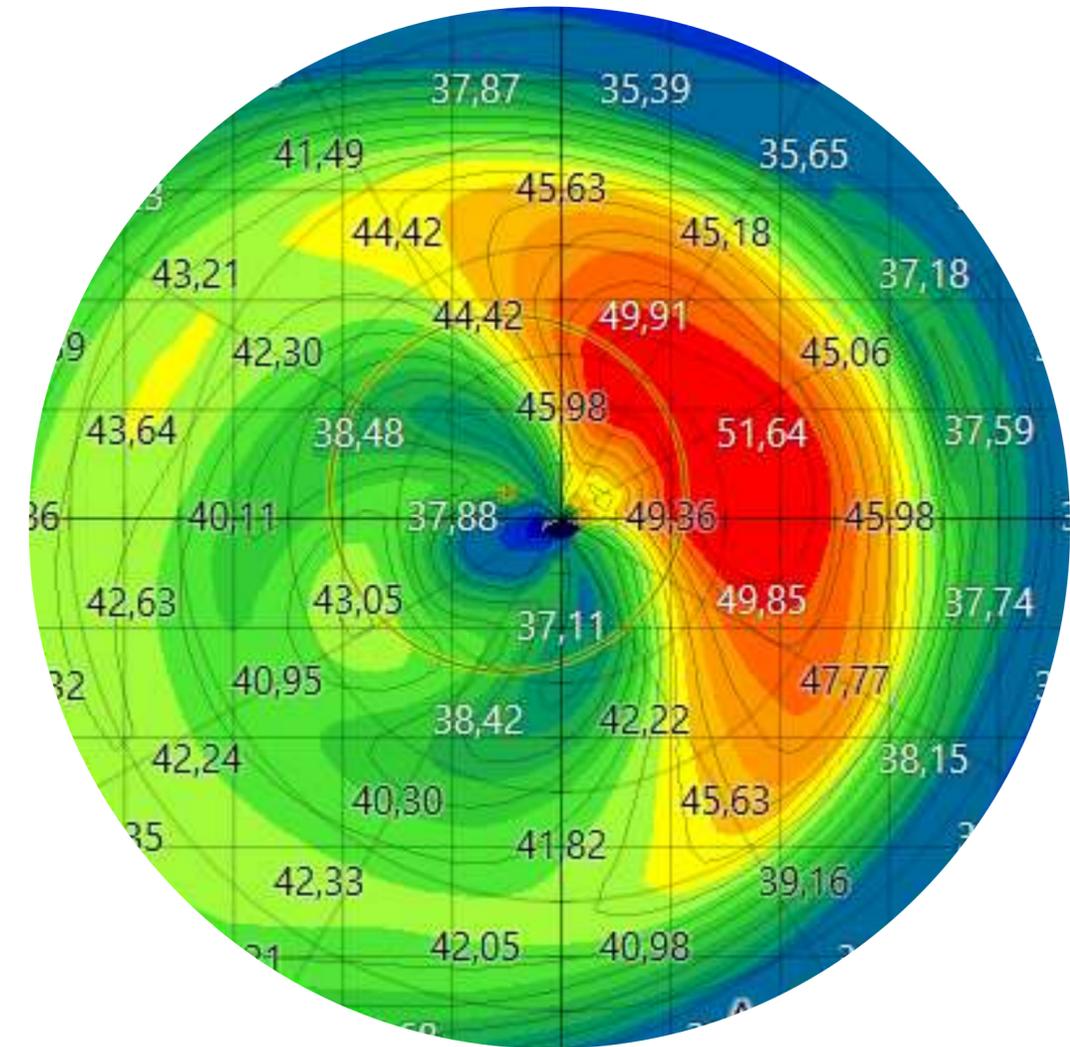
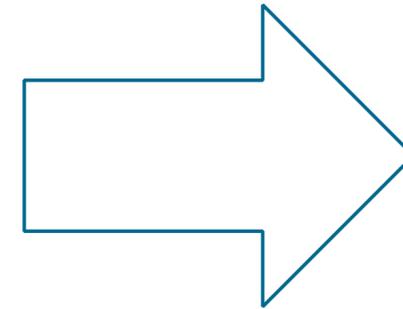
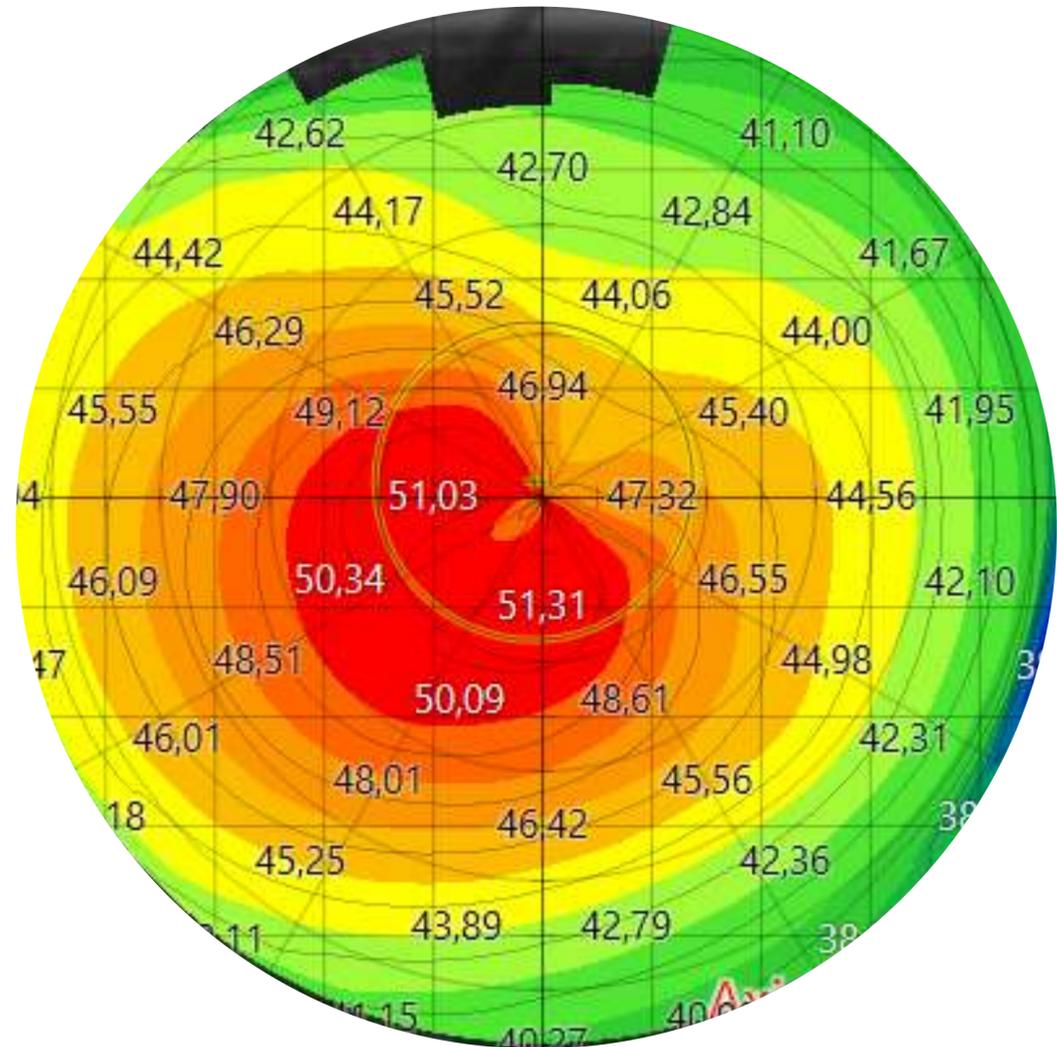
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STROMA UNCHANGED

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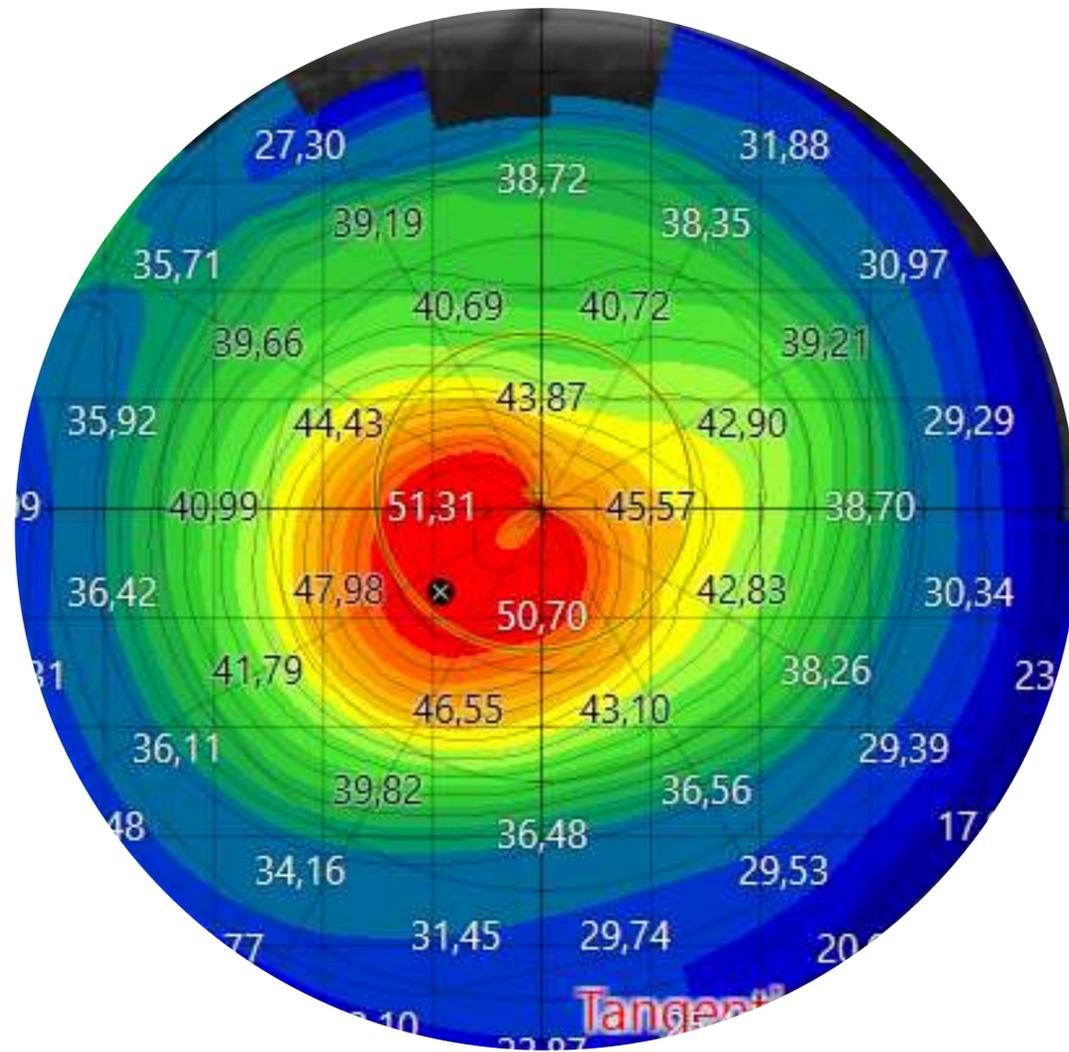
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PACE

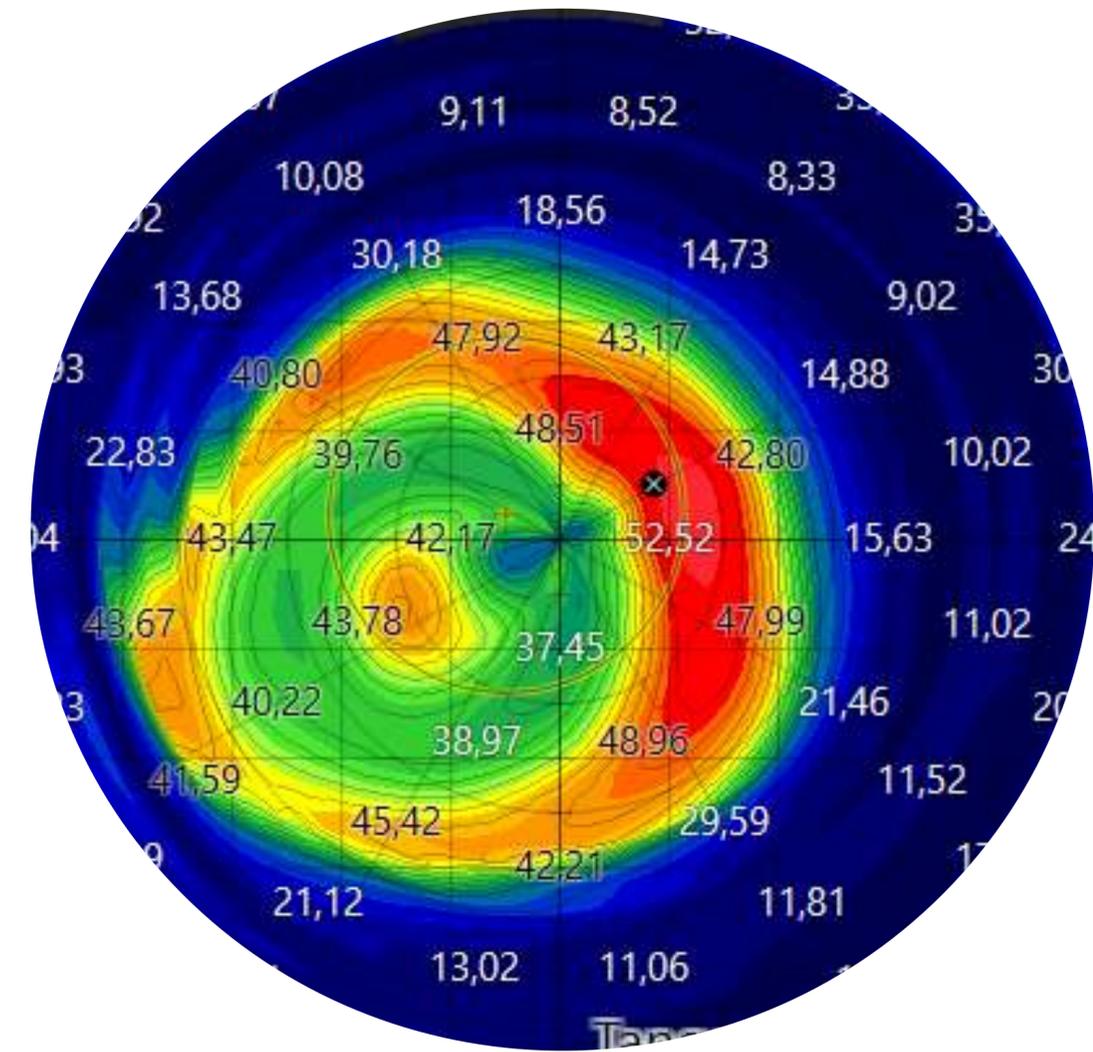
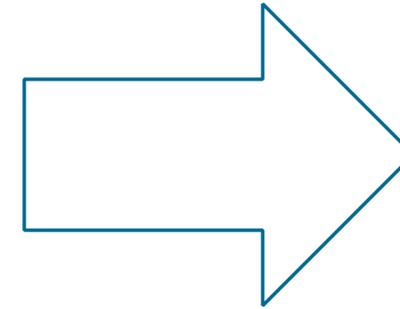


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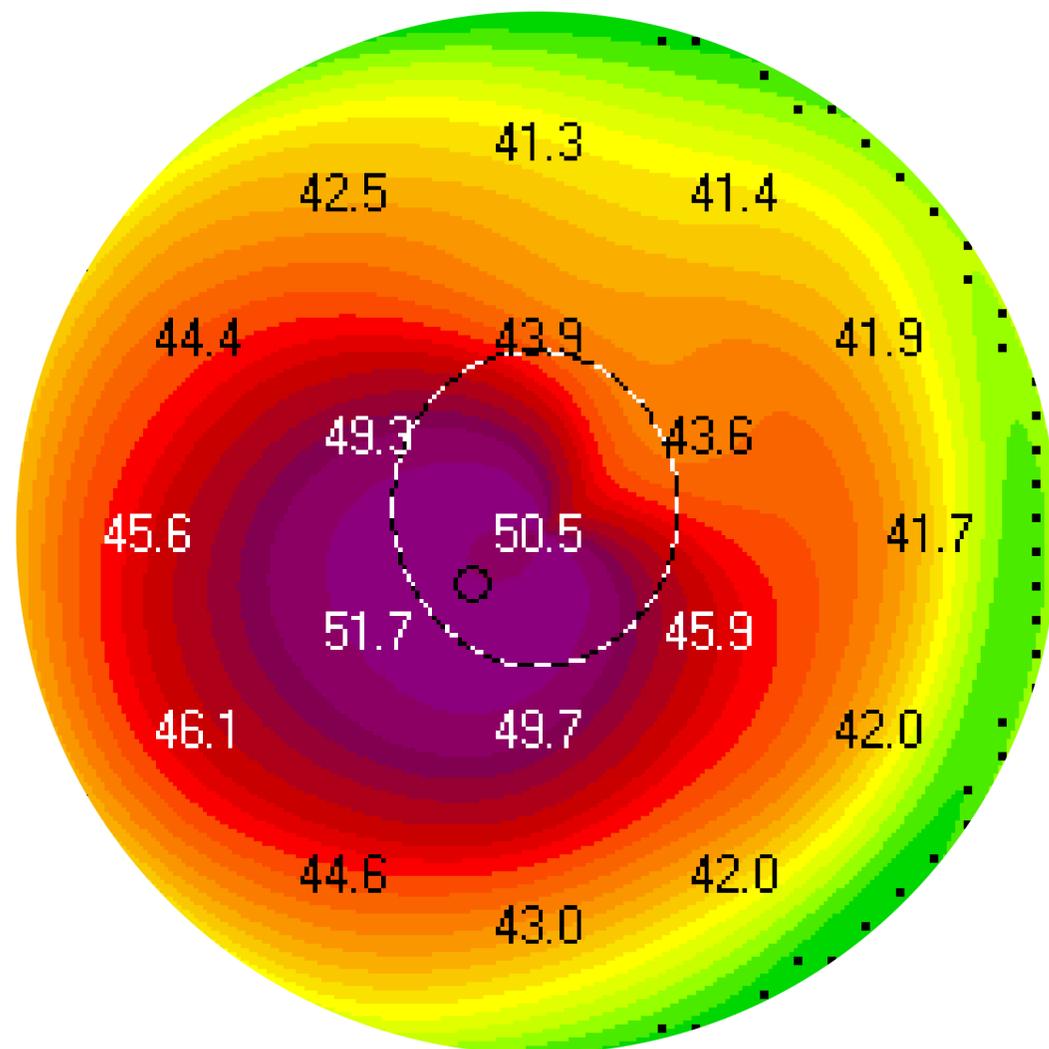
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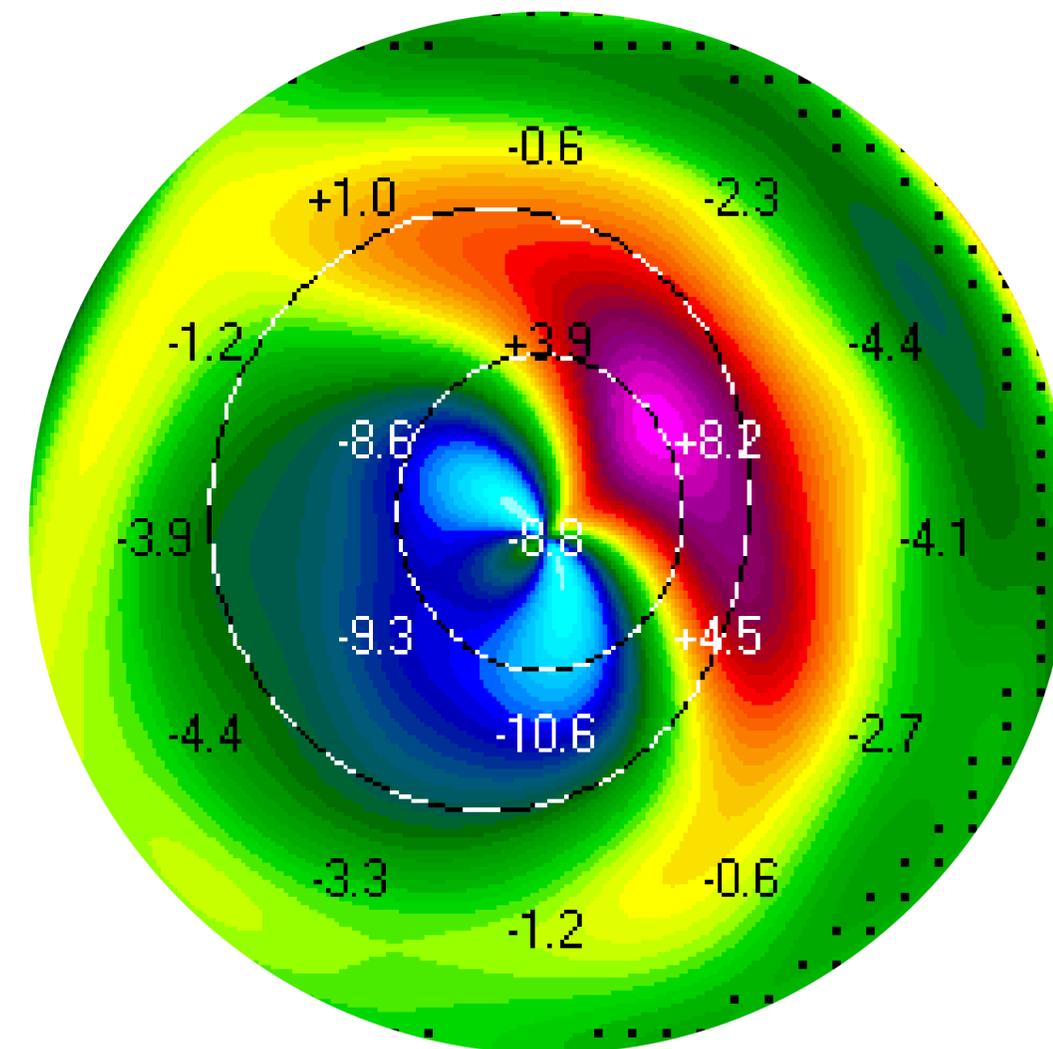
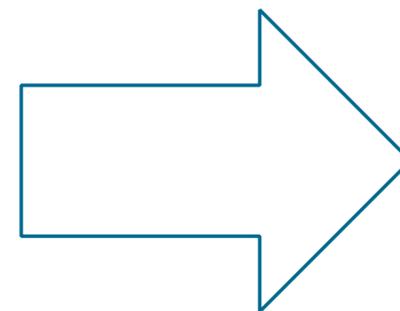
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CONCLUSION PACE

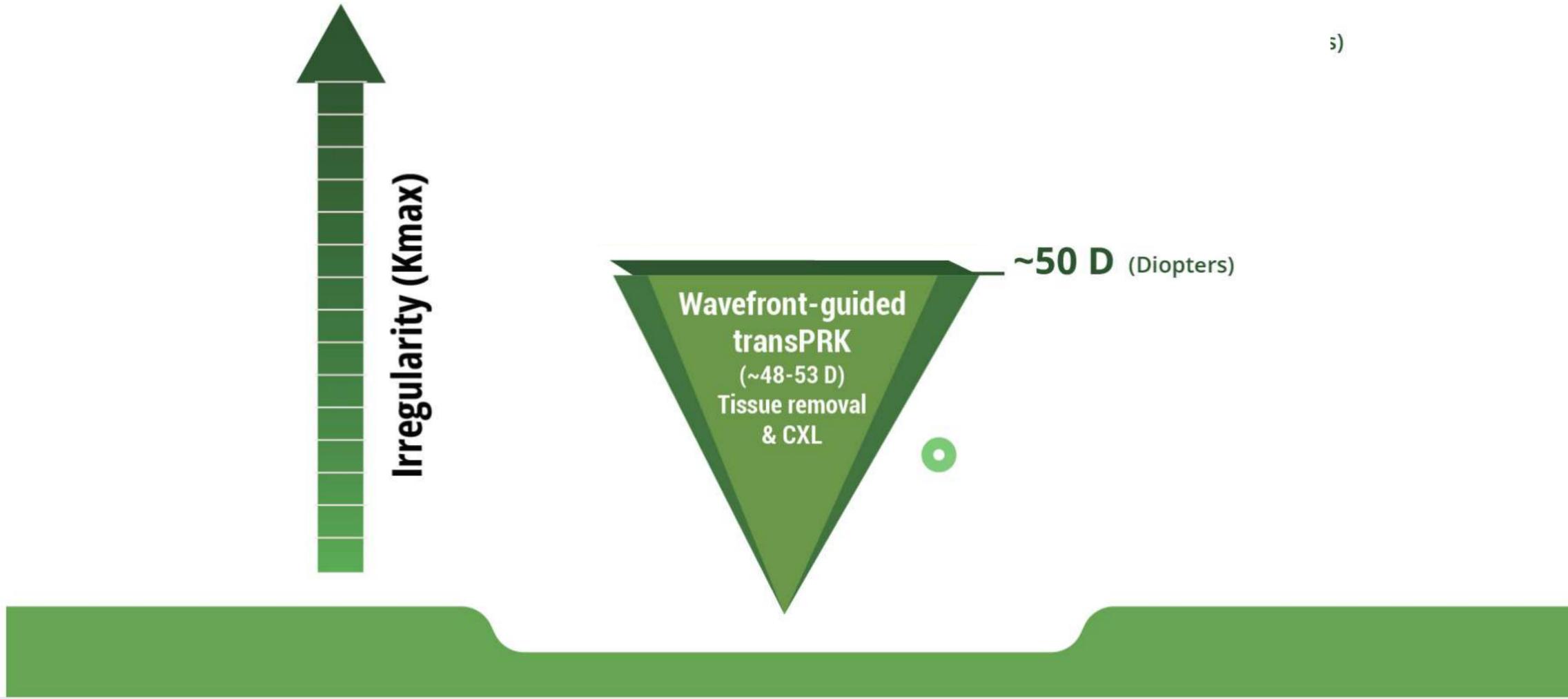
(1) Regularization of up to 12 D

(2) Improves CDVA

(3) Later, wavefront-guided PRK is
possible

(4) Can be used in stable keratoconus

Conclusion



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