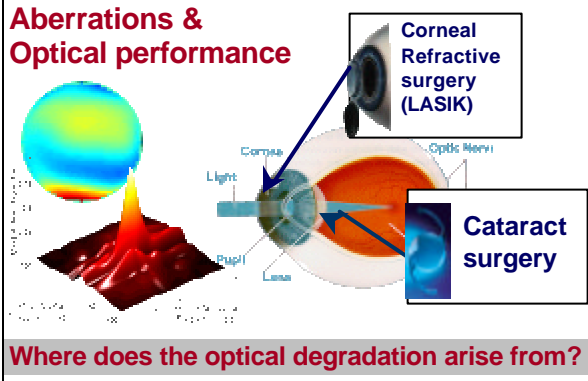


# Surgically induced aberrations and optical performance



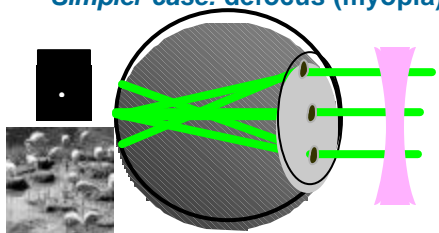
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## Aberrations & Optical performance



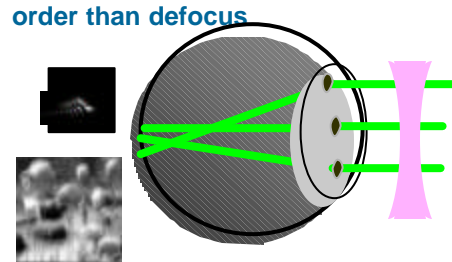
### Aberrations

Simpler case: defocus (myopia)

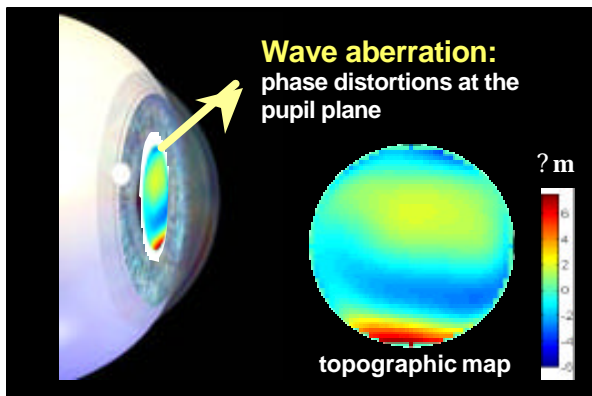
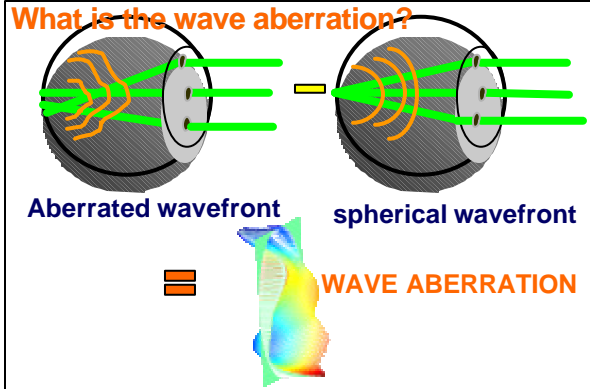


### Aberrations

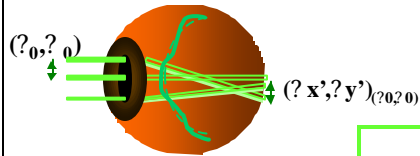
The eye suffers from aberrations of higher order than defocus



### What is the wave aberration?



### Mathematical expression

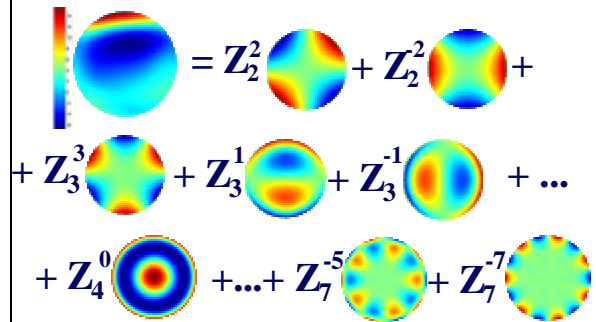


The deviations at the plane of the retina are proportional to the derivatives of the wave aberration

$$\frac{\partial W}{\partial x'} = \frac{1}{R_p} \frac{\partial W(\bar{x}, \bar{y})}{\partial \bar{x}}$$

$$\frac{\partial W}{\partial y'} = \frac{1}{R_p} \frac{\partial W(\bar{x}, \bar{y})}{\partial \bar{y}}$$

### Zernike Polynomial expansion

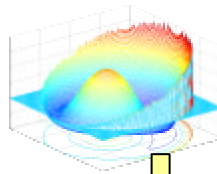


### Optical quality metrics

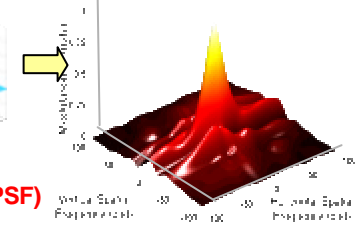
Root mean square wavefront error:

$$RMS = \sqrt{\frac{1}{A} \int |W(x, y) - \text{mean}(W)|^2 dx dy}$$

### Wavefront aberration



### Modulation Transfer (MTF)

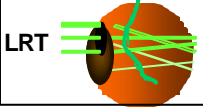


### Image of a point (PSF)



### Methods

#### Total aberrations:



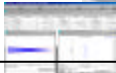
#### Ocular biometry

IOL master  
(OCT +  
Slit lamp)

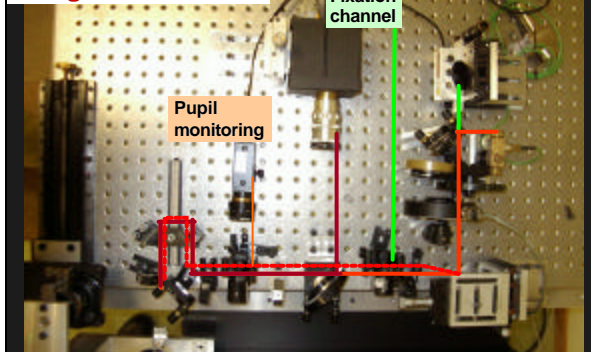


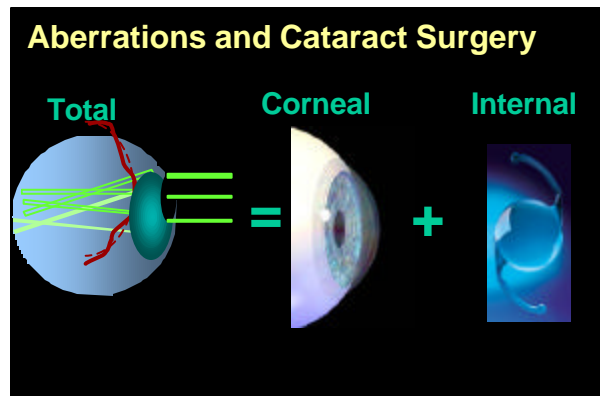
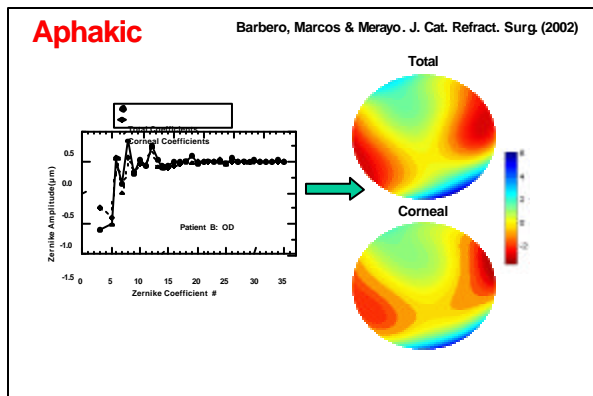
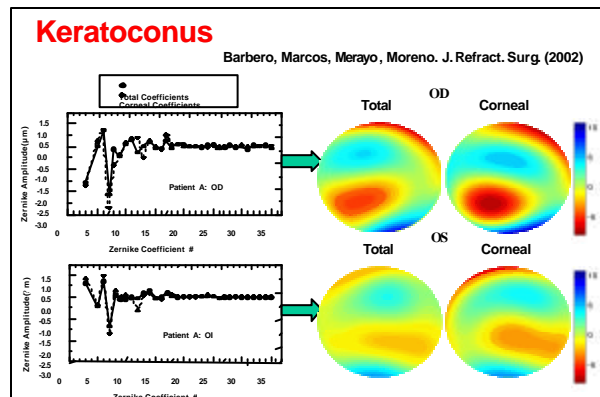
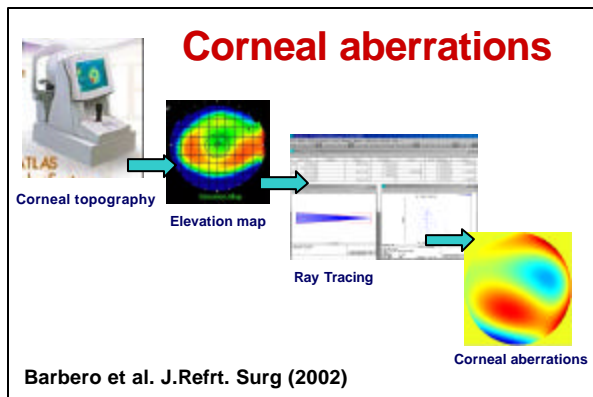
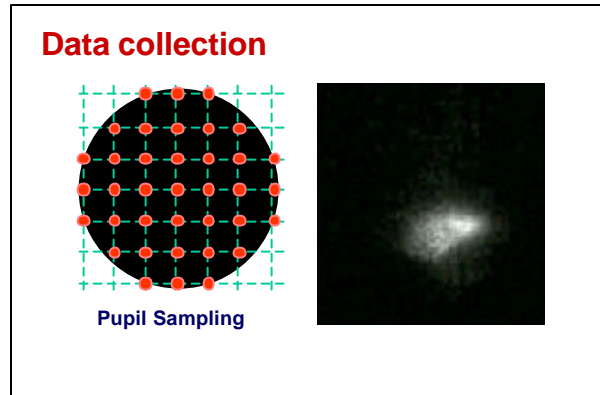
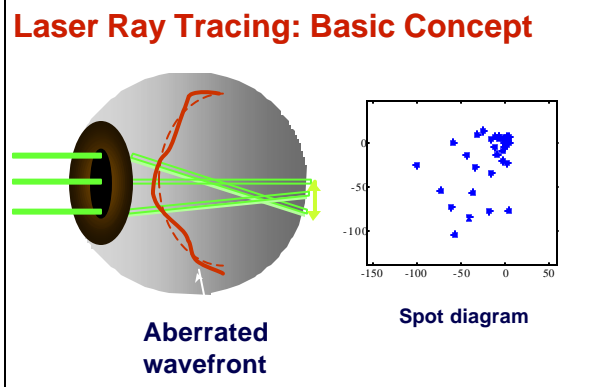
#### Corneal aberrations:

Topographer +  
Custom software



### 2nd generation LRT



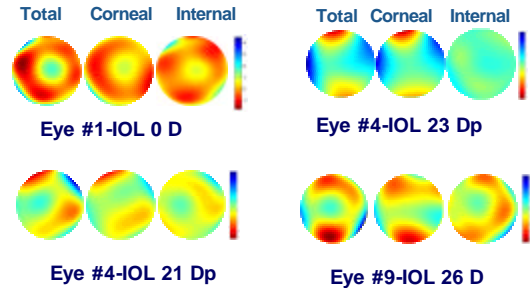


## Patients (cataract surgery)

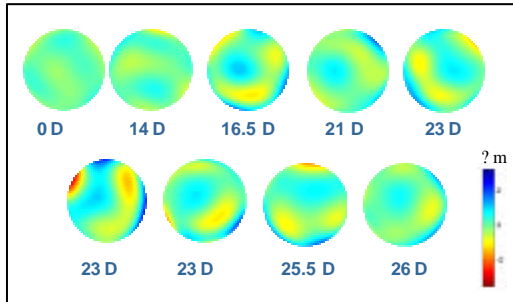


- ⚡ 9 eyes from 7 subjects
- ⚡ mean age:  $70.58 \pm 8.96$
- ⚡ Measurements at least 2 months post-surgery
- ⚡ 6 eyes also before surgery
- ⚡ Phacoemulsification: 4.1 mm superior incision (no suture)
- ⚡ Spherical IOLs
- ⚡ Powers from 0 to 26 D.

## Total, corneal & internal aberrations POST CATARACT surgery

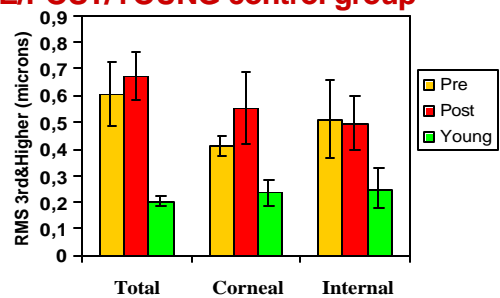


## IOL wave aberrations *in vivo*



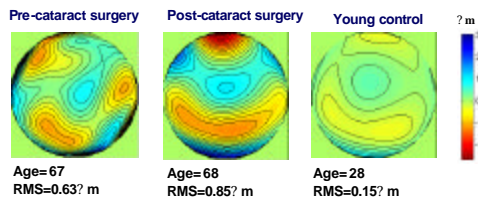
Barbero, Marcos, & Jimenez-Alfaro, JOSA A (2003)

## Comparison total aberrations PRE/POST/YOUNG control group



Barbero, Marcos, & Jimenez-Alfaro, JOSA A (2003)

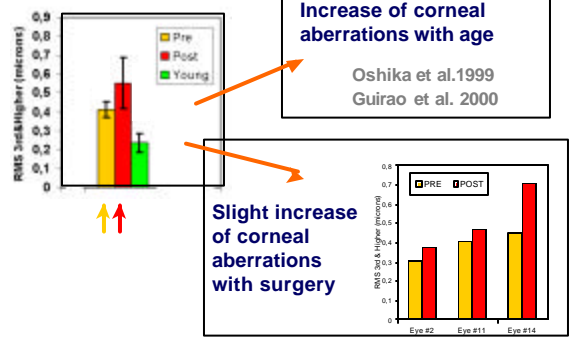
## Why the aberrations of pseudophakic patients are higher than those of young eyes?



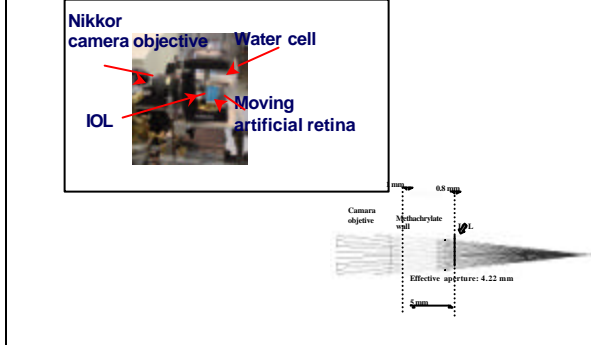
## Various reasons:

- ⚡ Increase of corneal aberrations with age, and increase of corneal aberrations by incision
- ⚡ Aberrations of the IOL
- ⚡ Tilt/decentrations of IOL
- ⚡ No balance internal/corneal aberrations

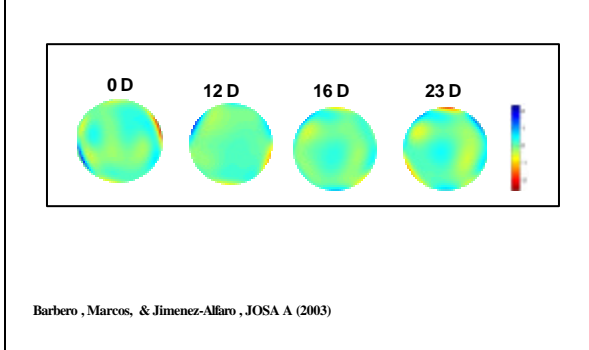
### Corneal aberrations



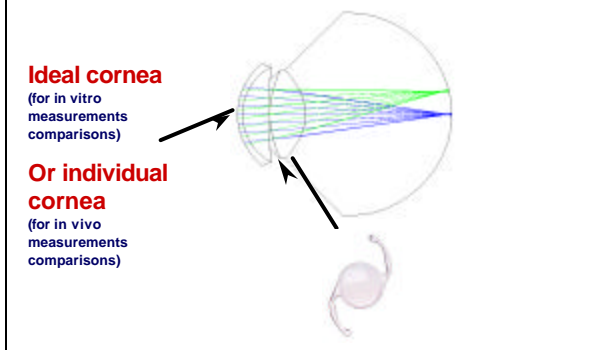
### Measuring IOL aberrations *in vitro*



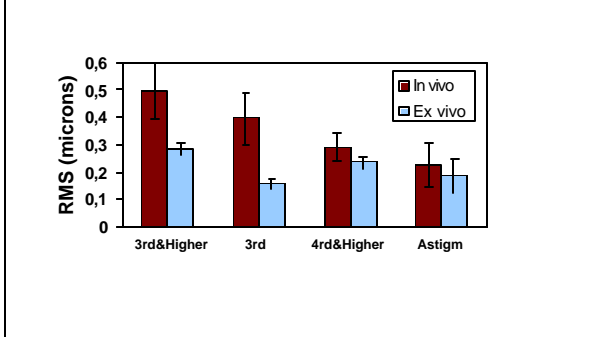
### IOL wave aberrations *in vitro*



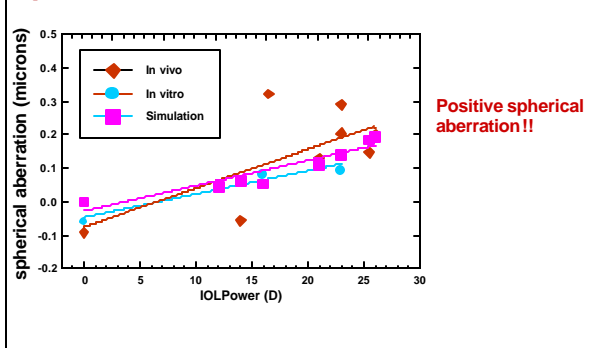
### Predicted aberrations of the IOL



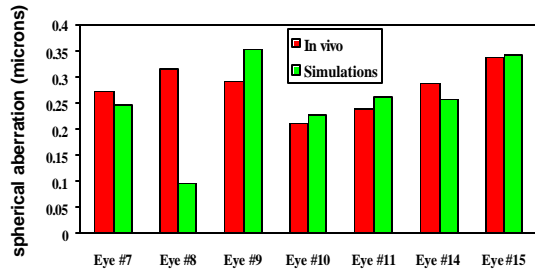
### IOL Aberrations: in vivo and in vitro



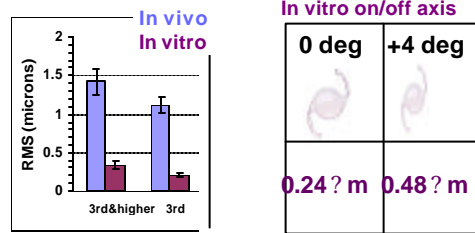
### Spherical aberration of the IOL



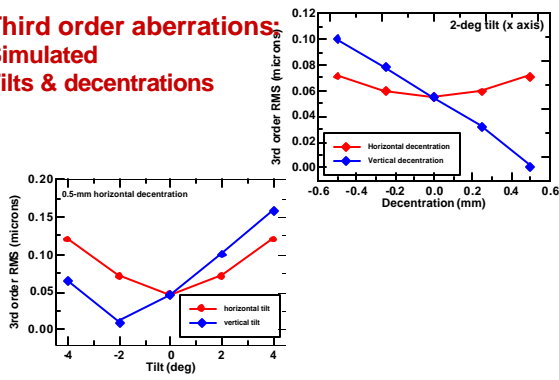
### Spherical aberration: in vivo/simulated



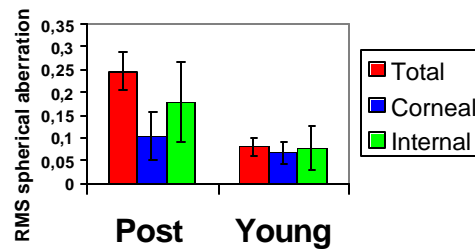
### Third order aberrations: Tilts



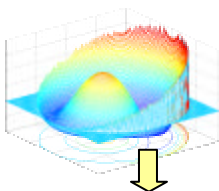
### Third order aberrations: Simulated Tilts & decentrations



### Corneal / Internal aberration balance



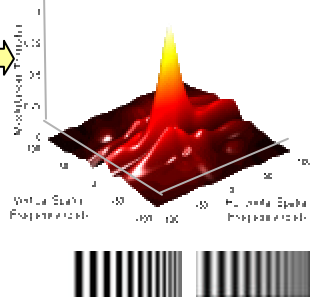
### Wavefront aberration



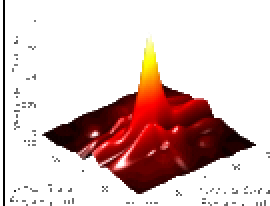
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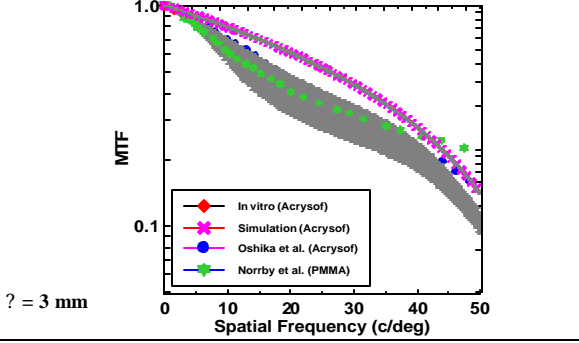
### Optical performance in terms of MTF



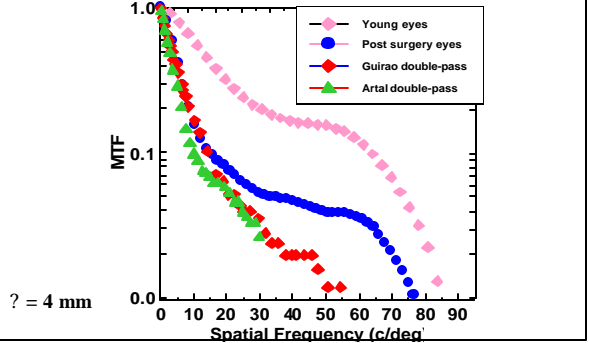
In vitro MTF measurements

In vivo double-pass MTF measurements

### IOL's MTF (in vitro and from design)



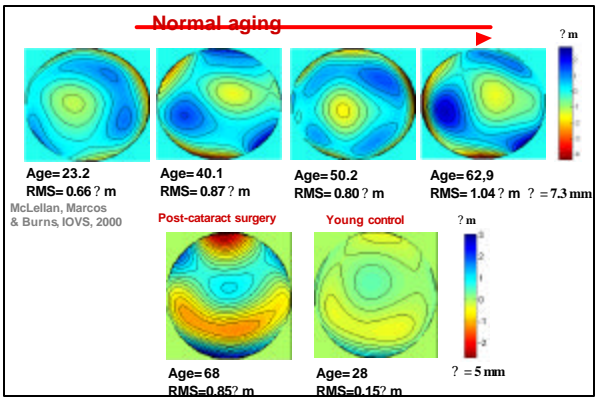
### Ocular MTF



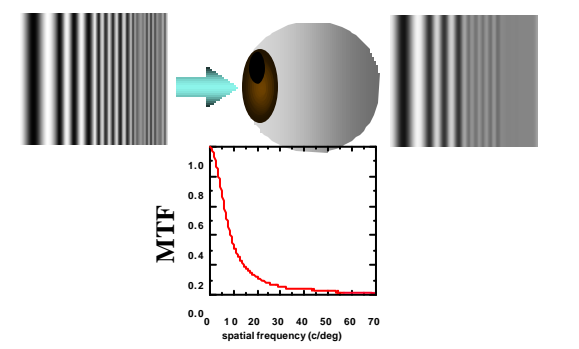
### Conclusion

IOLs eliminate the degradation produced by scattering, but do not restore optical quality to young eyes' values....

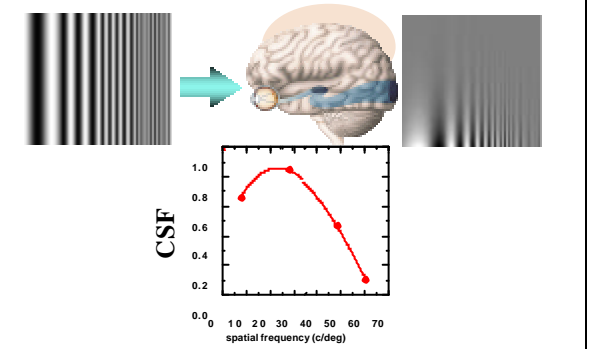
**THERE IS ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT**

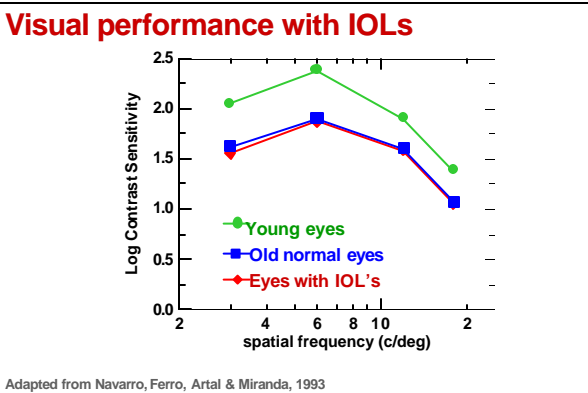
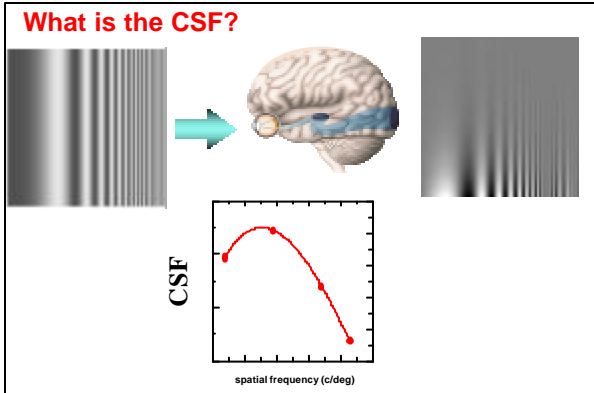


### Optical vs visual performance



### Optical vs visual performance





**Potential solution**

**Aspheric IOLs**  
 With negative spherical aberration, ideally matching the individual cornea

**Drawbacks**  
 Tilts and decentrations more deleterious than for spheric IOLs (Atchison, 1989)

**Presence of aberrations becomes attenuated by...**

**Smaller pupils**

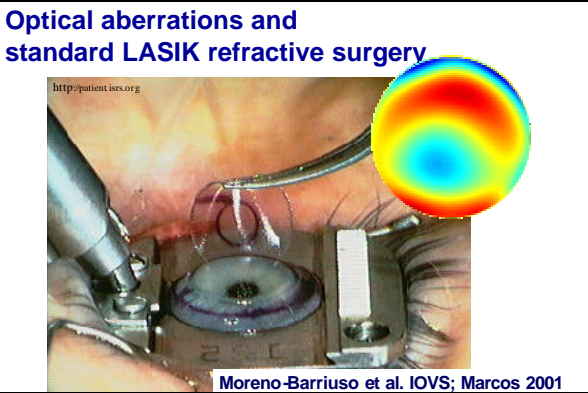
**Increased depth-of-field (i.e. Multifocality)**

**Other questions**

Will the benefits of aspheric IOLs exceed their potential drawbacks?

Should we aim toward a customized intraocular (cataract) surgery?

Is an aberration-free eye really needed in an eye without accommodative response?

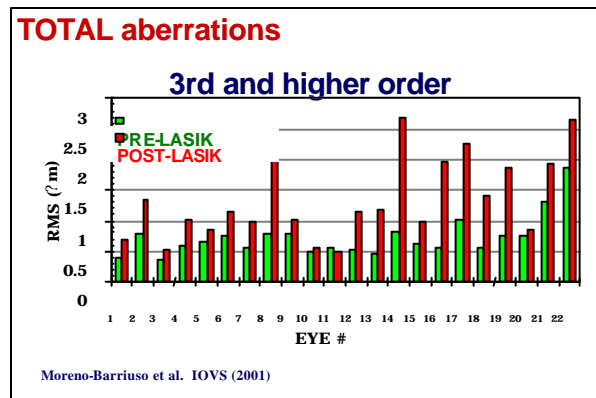
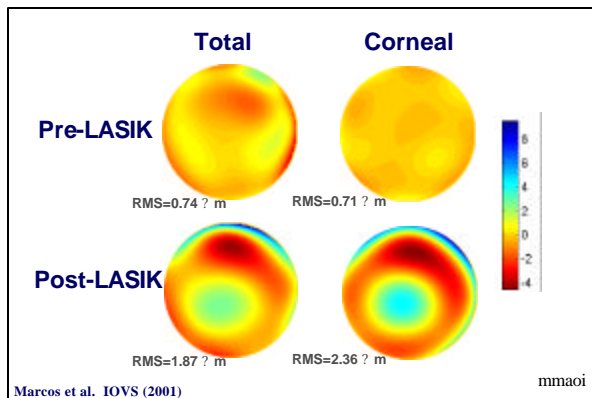
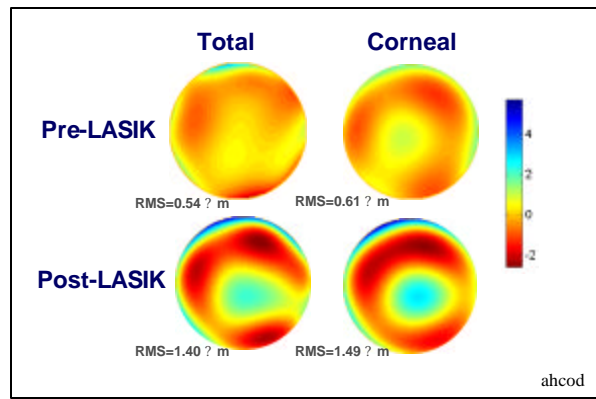
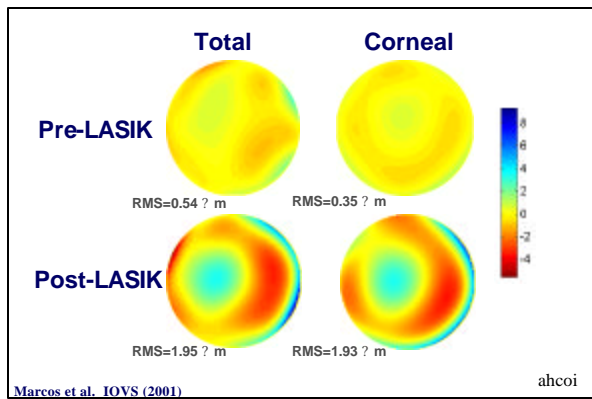
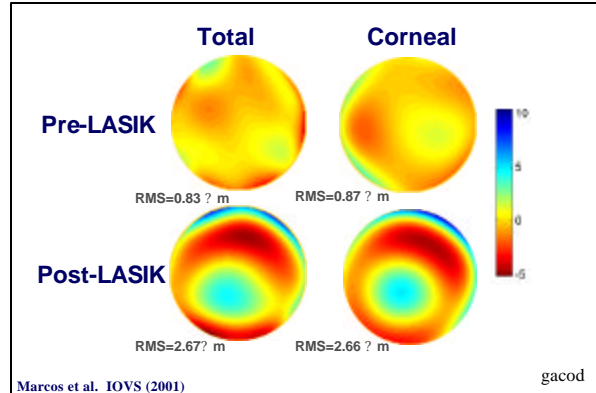


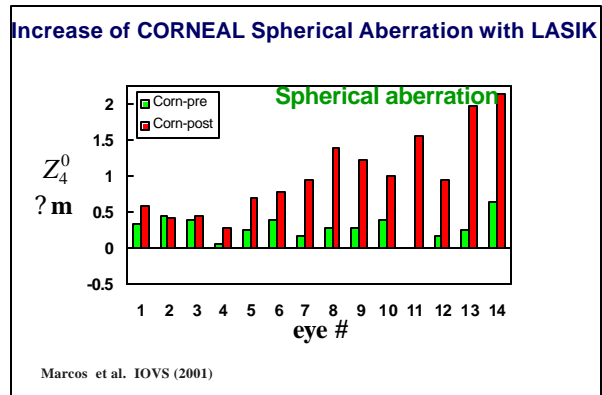
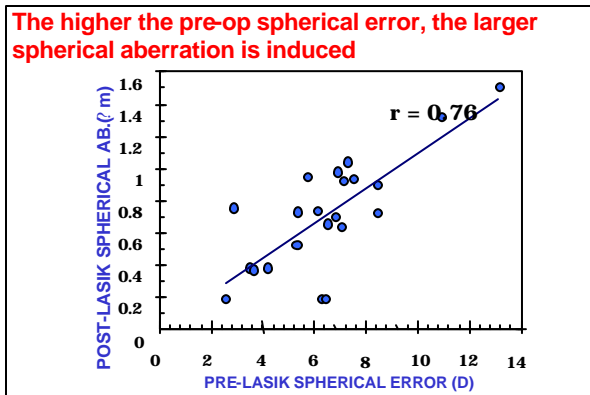
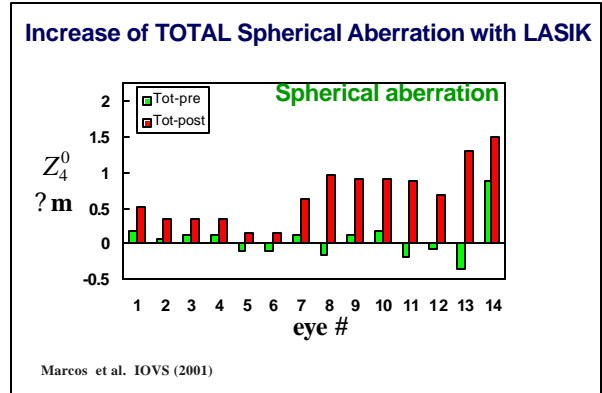
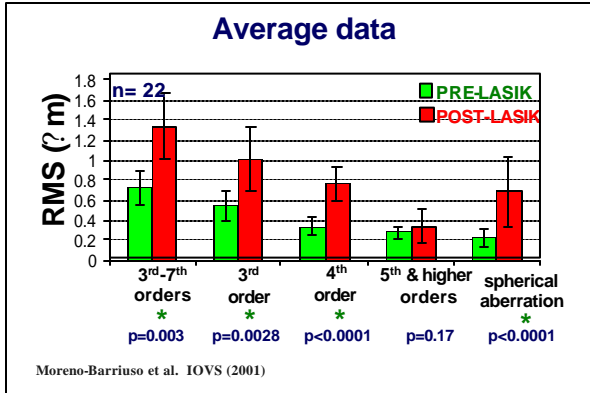


## Patients (myopic LASIK)

- 22 eyes from 12 subjects
- mean age: 28.5
- Spherical equivalent: -2.5 thru -13 D
- No ocular or retinal condition
- Measurements <1 mo. before and >1 mo. after surgery

- Flying spot Technolas 217-C (B&L surgical)
- Hansatome microkeratome
- Optical zone: 6 mm. Transition zone: 9 mm





### Why spherical aberration increases?

Because corneal asphericity changes from negative values (prolate cornea) to negative values (oblate cornea). Holladay (1999)

### Analytical models provide controversial results:

**Determination of Corneal Asphericity after Myopia Surgery with the Excimer Laser: A Mathematical Model**  
 Javier Galimé<sup>1</sup>, David Baumbach<sup>2</sup> and César E. Asat<sup>1,2</sup>

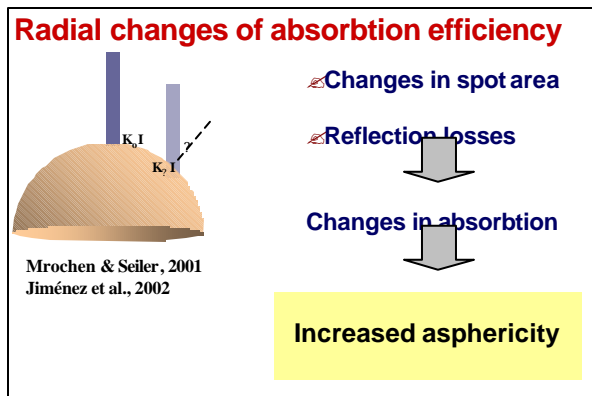
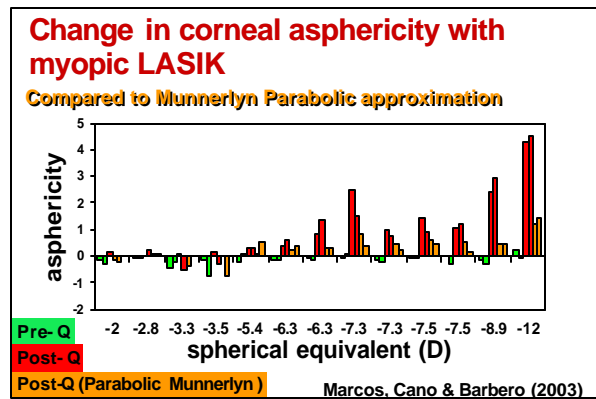
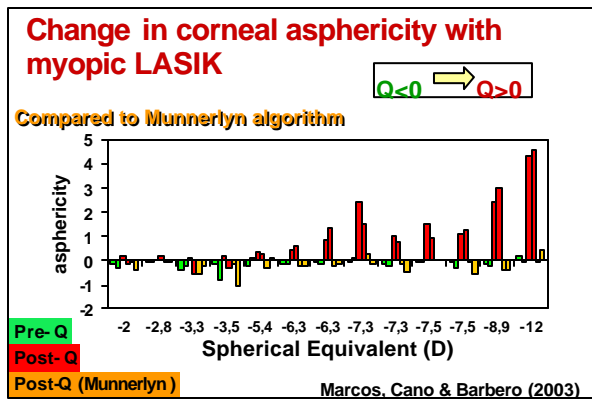
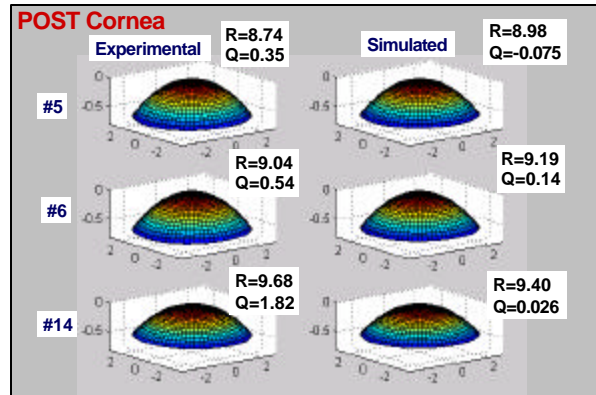
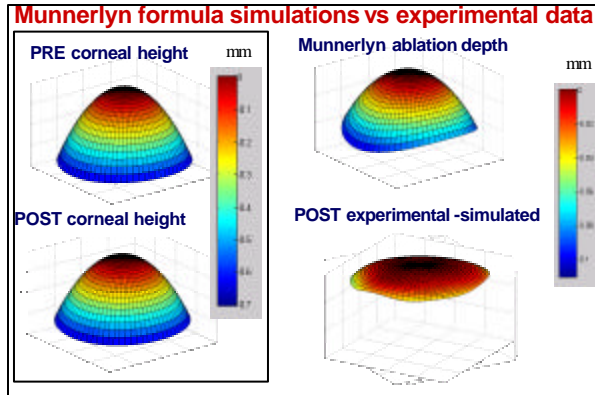
**CONCLUSIONS:** After conventional myopic excimer laser treatment conforming to Munstafa's paraxial formula, the post-operative theoretical corneal asphericity can be accurately approximated by a best-fit conic section. For initially prolate corneas, there is a discrepancy between the clinically reported topographic trend to oblateness after excimer laser surgery for myopia and the results of these theoretical calculations. *J. Refract. Surg.* 2003;19:1136-1142

**Equation for corneal asphericity after refractive surgery**  
 J.R. Jimenez et al. *J. Refract. Surg.* In press

**CONCLUSIONS:** This equation... Explains the increased spherical aberration after refractive surgery.

No approximation

Parabolic approximation



### Why corneal asphericity increases?

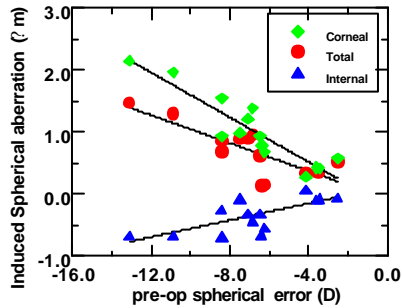
Does the ablation profile really follow the Munnerlyn equation, or an approximation ?

Is the ablation profile properly transferred onto the cornea?

Is the discrepancy due to biomechanical changes?

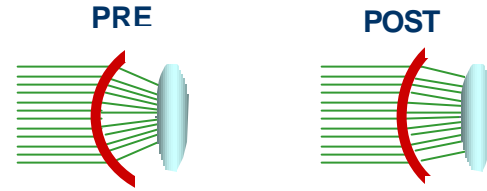
**CRITICAL FOR CUSTOMIZED/OPTIMIZED CORRECTION**

### INDUCED corneal, total & internal aberration



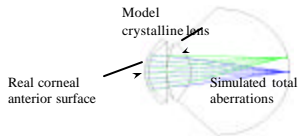
Marcos et al. IOVS (2001)

### Explaining the changes in the internal optics

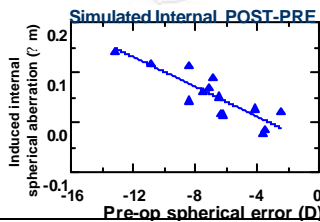


Can the change of **ray convergence** on the crystalline lens be the cause of the measured change in **internal aberrations**?

### Computer simulation

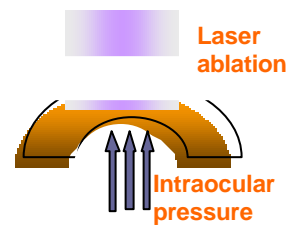


Internal aberration = Total - Corneal



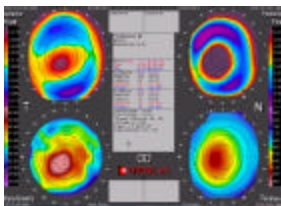
Toward positive values!

### Explaining the changes in the internal optics



Can be changes in the **posterior corneal surface** be the cause of shift of **internal aberrations** to negative values?

### Comparing with scanning slit topography data



Previous studies using **Orbscan** showed changes in the posterior corneal surface after LASIK

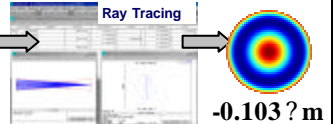
- Naroo & Charman (2000)
- Baek et al. (2001)
- Bruno et al. (2001)
- Seitz et al. (2001)

Do those changes in the **posterior corneal shape** predict our change in **posterior spherical aberration**?

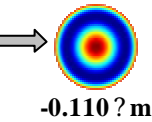
### Spherical aberration of posterior cornea induced by LASIK

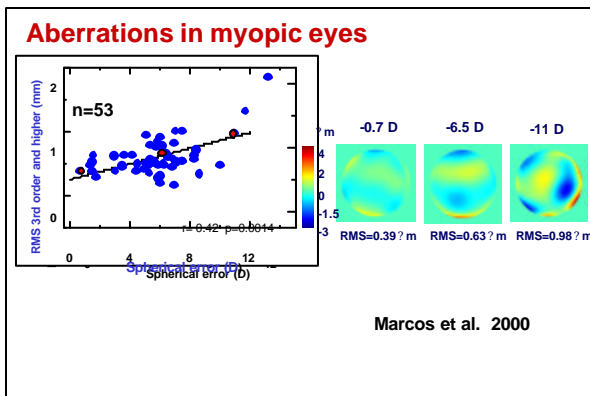
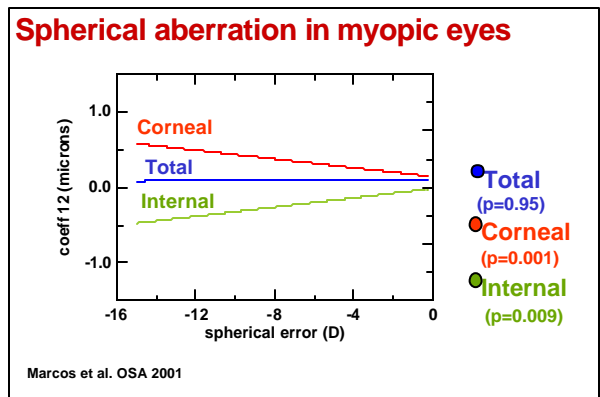
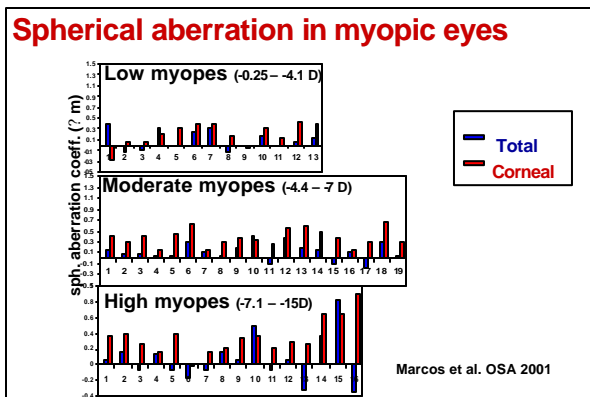
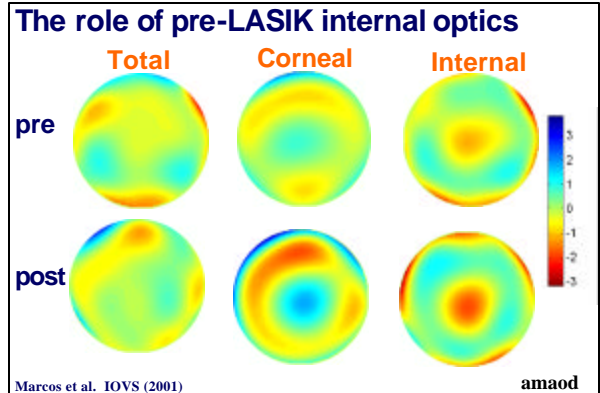
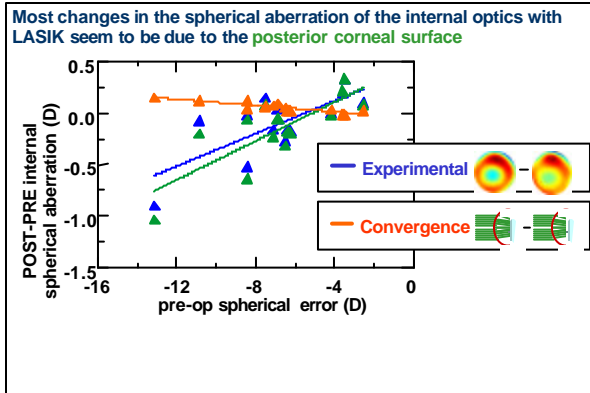
Seitz et al. (2001):

Change in central power: **-6.28 D** → **-6.39 D**  
 Change in asphericity (P): **0.98** → **-1.14**



This study. Marcos et al. (2001)

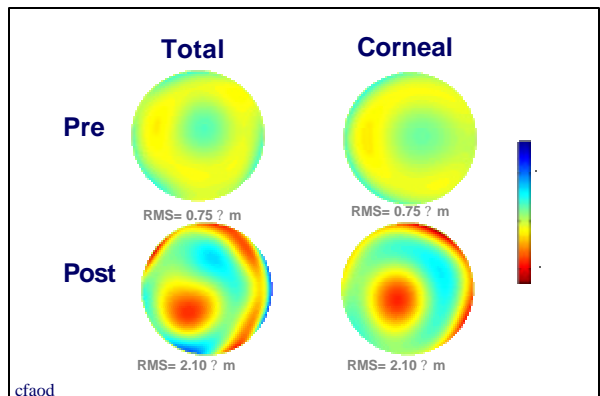
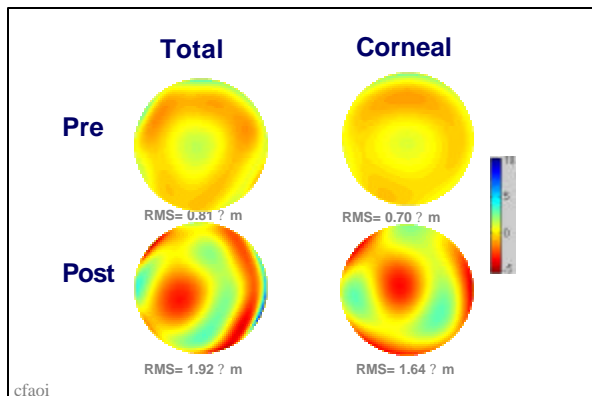
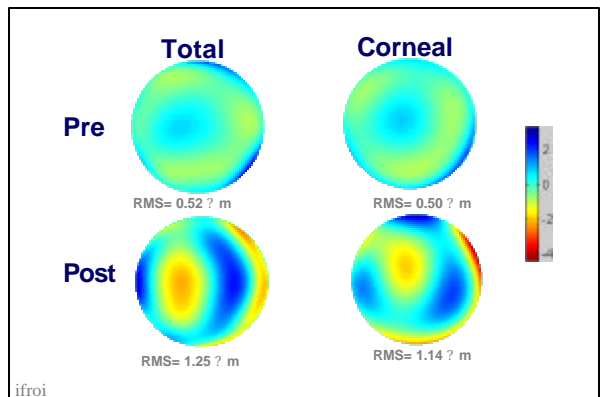
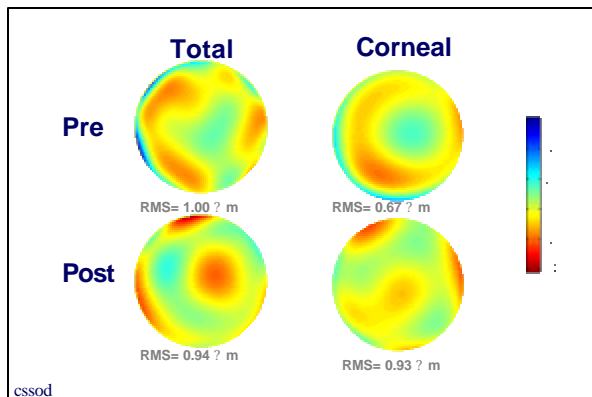
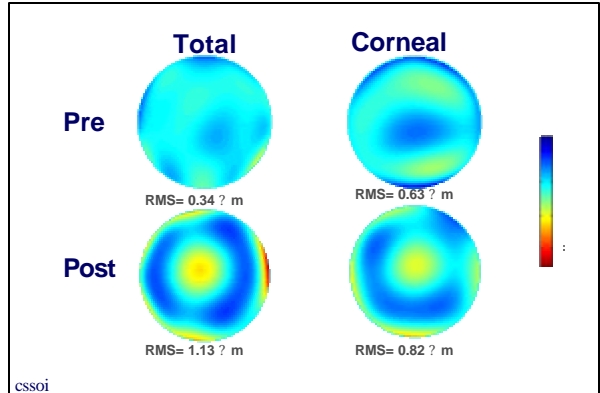




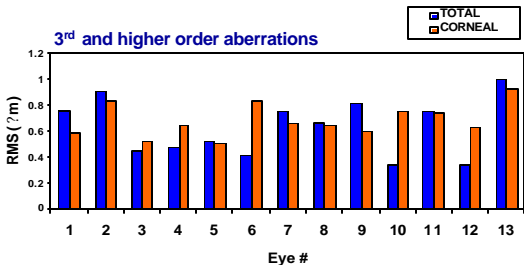
### Patients (hyperopic LASIK)

- 13 eyes from 7 subjects
- mean age: 32.11
- Spherical equivalent: +1.25 thru +3.5 D
- No ocular or retinal condition
- Measurements <1 mo. before and >1 mo. after surgery

- Flying spot Technolas 217-C (B&L surgical)
- Hansatome microkeratome



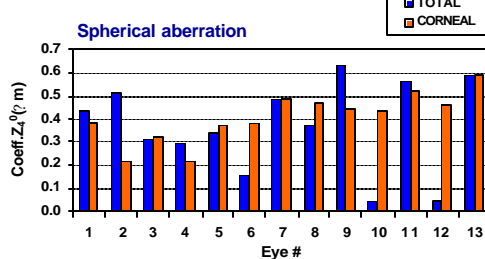
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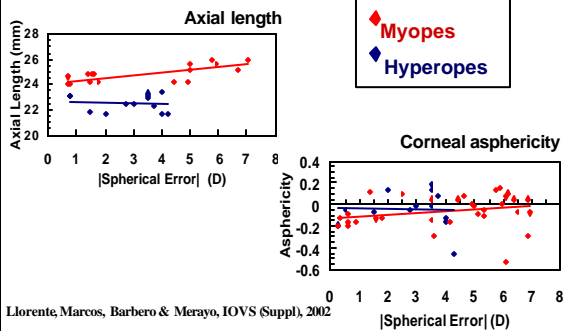
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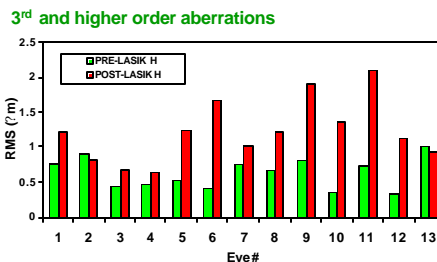
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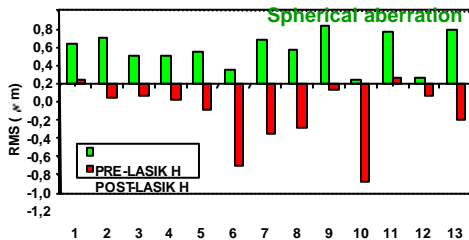
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### Change of TOTAL aberrations with hyperopic LASIK



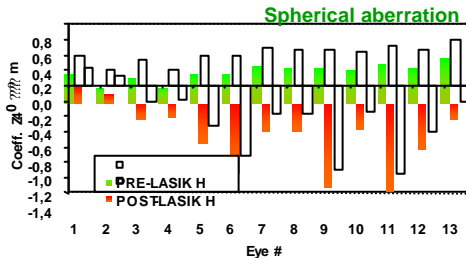
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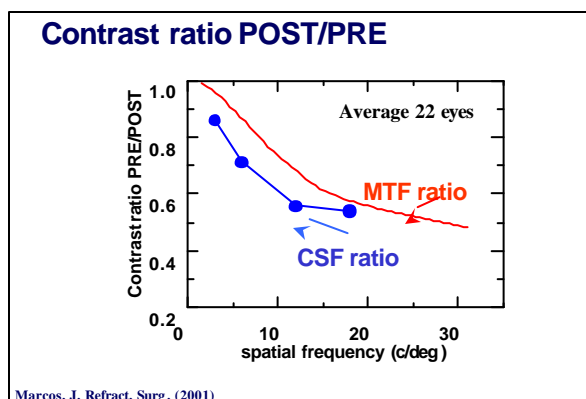
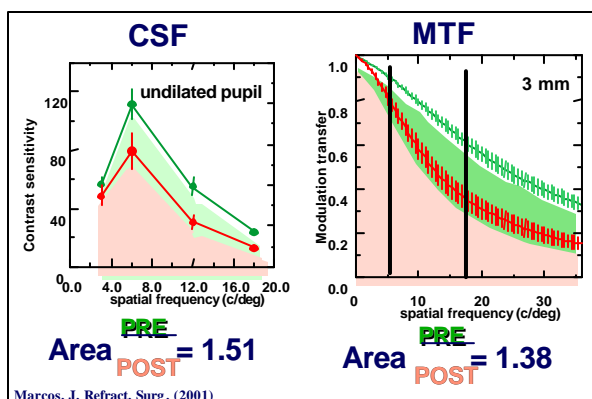
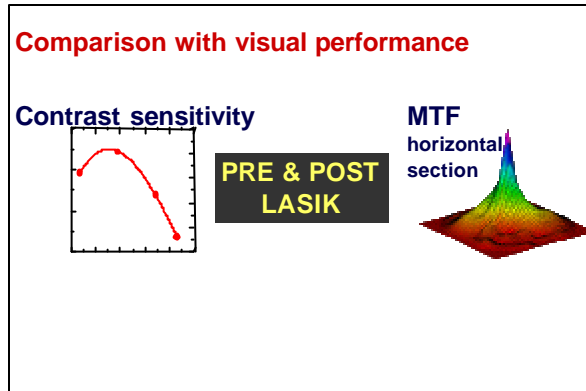
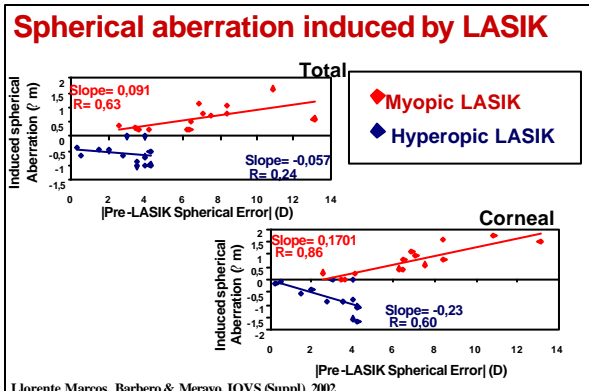


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### Change of CORNEAL aberrations with hyperopic LASIK



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### Total and corneal aberrometry provide:

- ▢ Detailed evaluation of correction procedures
- ▢ Clues for improvement and customization

- IOL lenses design could improve to achieve better corneal/internal balance

- LASIK ablation algorithms should be optimized to avoid aberration induction.

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