

# Refractive error sensing in natural multifocal eyes

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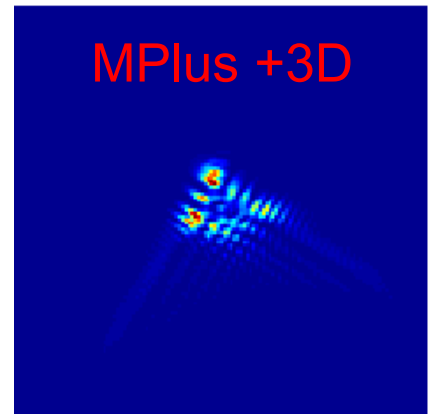
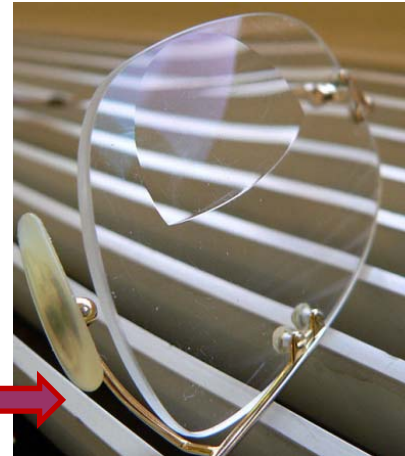


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# Introduction

## Bifocal designs:

- Spherical aberration  
(aspherical, axicons, etc.)
- Coma
- Combinations of HOA



## Bifocal eyes? Progressive?

Refraction changes across pupil

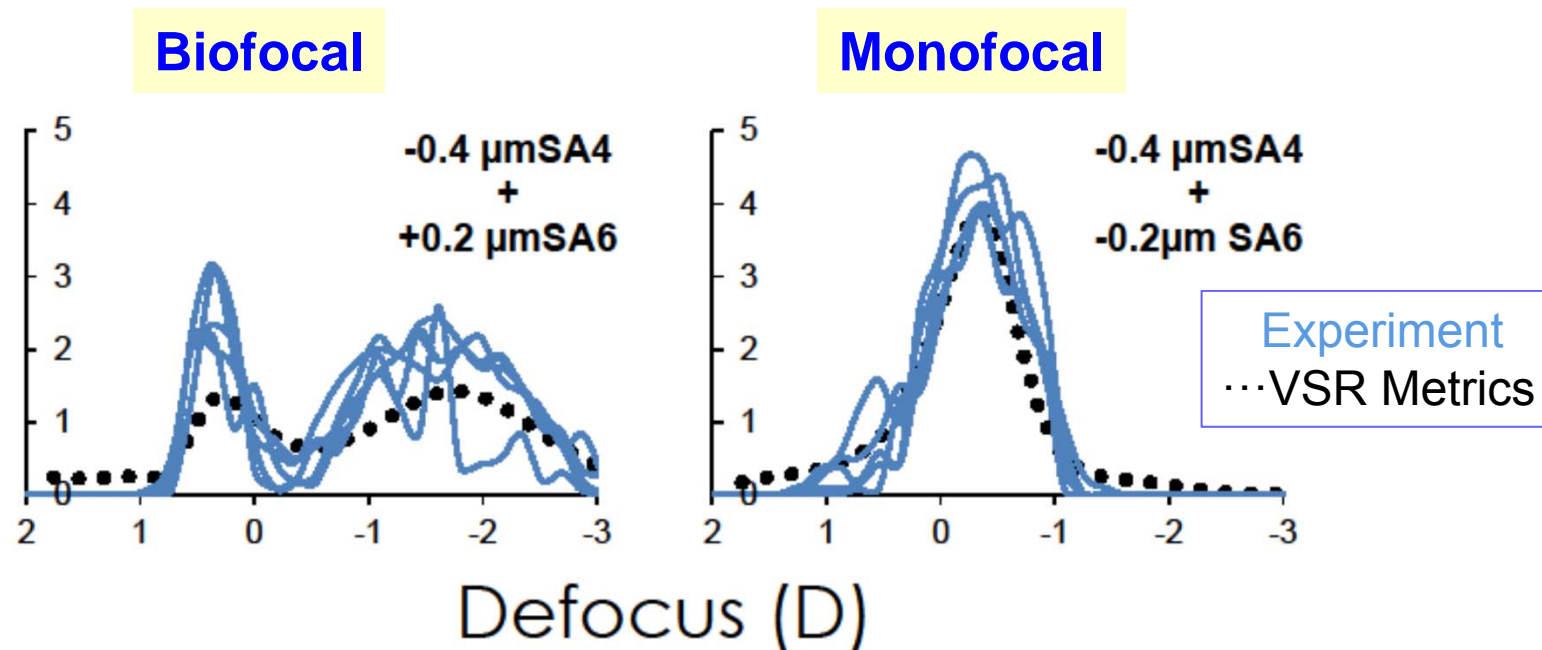
- Koomen et al., 1949; Ivanoff, 1953
- Charman & Walsh, 1989
- Legras & Bernard, 2011; Legras et al. 2012



# Introduction

## Human Eyes:

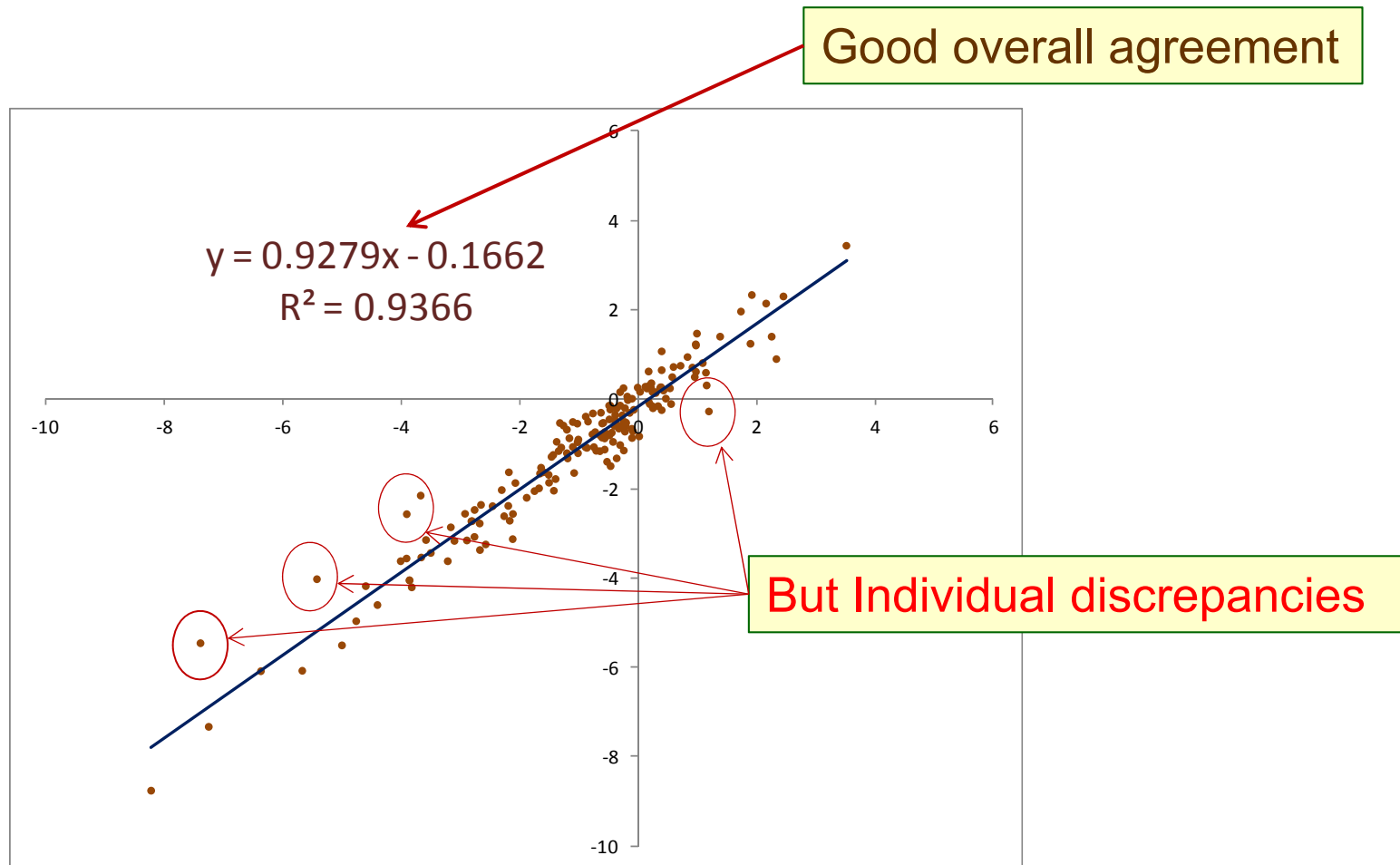
Trough focus visual quality  
(SA4  $\pm$  SA6 induced by adaptive optics)



(Legras & Bernard, ARVO2011)

# Introduction

## RMS metric versus subjective (clinical) refraction



(López-Gil et al. 2009)

# Problem: Individual discrepancies

Discrepancies > 1 D are frequent; in a few cases > 2.5 D

## Explanations?

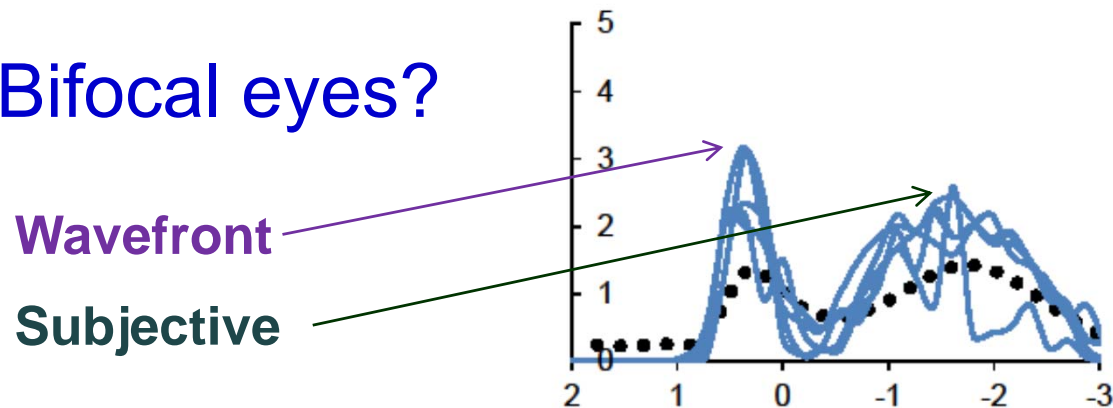
- Wrong aberrometric Metric? But Most metrics give similar results
- Bad subjective refraction? But all methods give consistent values
- Different conditions? Illumination, pupil, individual neural response,...

Cannot explain large discrepancies

Unsatisfactory!

Cue: High discrepancy ↔ High HOA (coma, SA)

## Hypothesis: Bifocal eyes?



# Methods

**1.- Data:** from 178 normal eyes taken from previous study  
(*López-Gil et al., 2009*)

**Objective refraction:** retinoscopy & autorefractometer (Canon T1000)

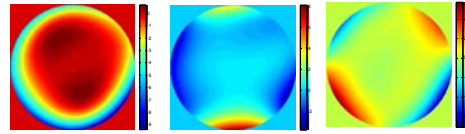
**Subjective refraction:** Standard & custom Badal system

**Aberrometry:** (irx3, Imagine Eyes)

**2.- Refractive Error Sensing (RES):**

Refractive error from aberrometry

Refractive Error = W Curvature

$$\begin{pmatrix} S + C_0 & C_{45} \\ C_{45} & S - C_0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} W''_{XX} & W''_{XY} \\ W''_{XY} & W''_{YY} \end{pmatrix}$$


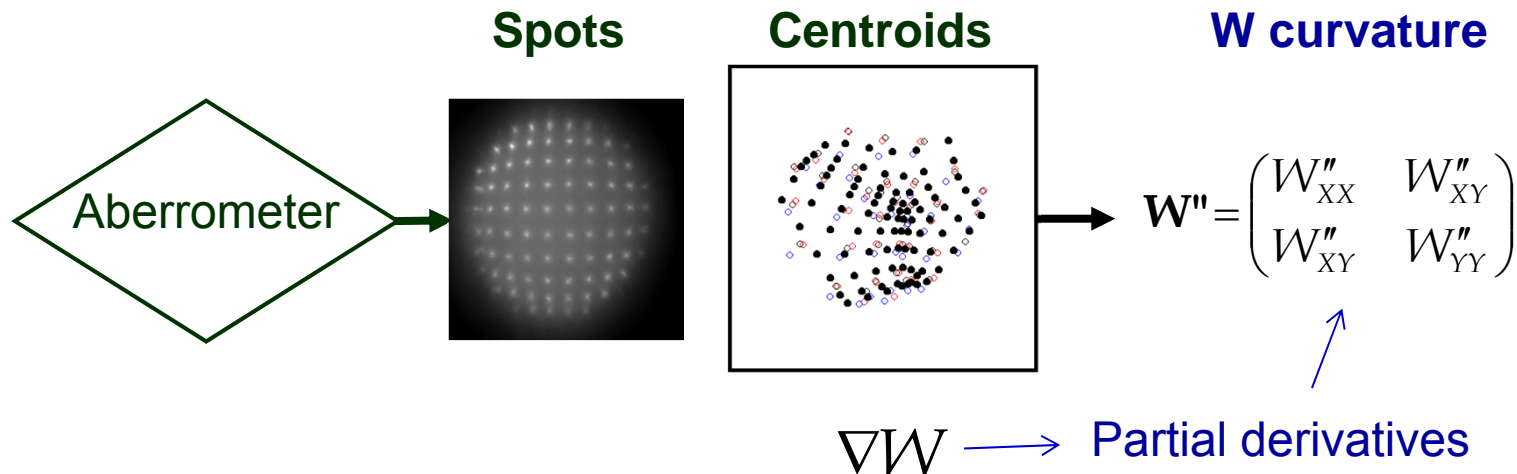
(*Navarro, 2010*)

**3.- Identify bifocals > 1 D:** 8/178

**4.- Analysis:**

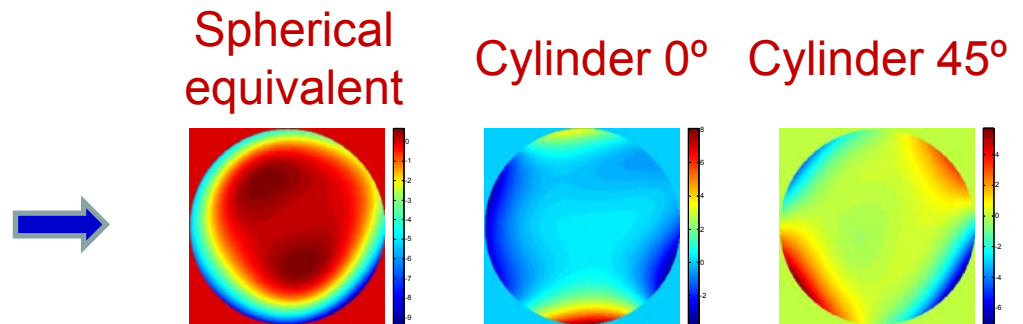
Generalized RES for inhomogeneous/irregular pupils

# Standard RE sensing in monofocal eyes



Refractive Error = W Curvature

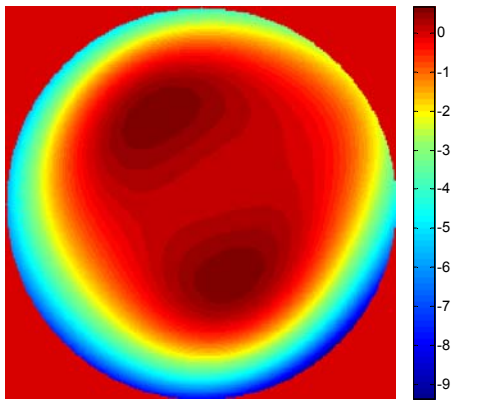
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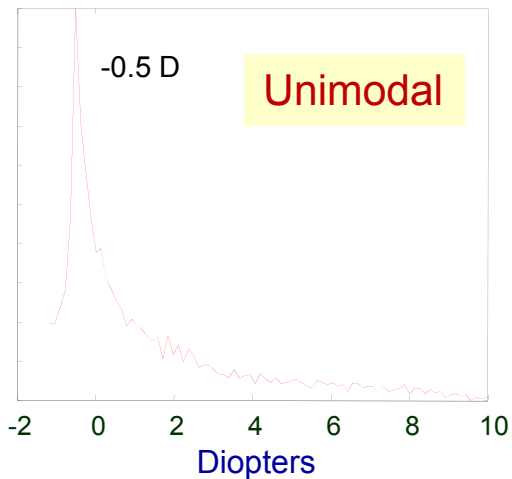
# Distributions of refractive error

## Spherical Equivalent

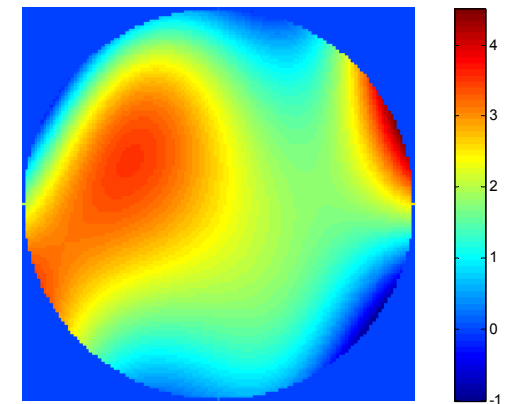
### Monofocal



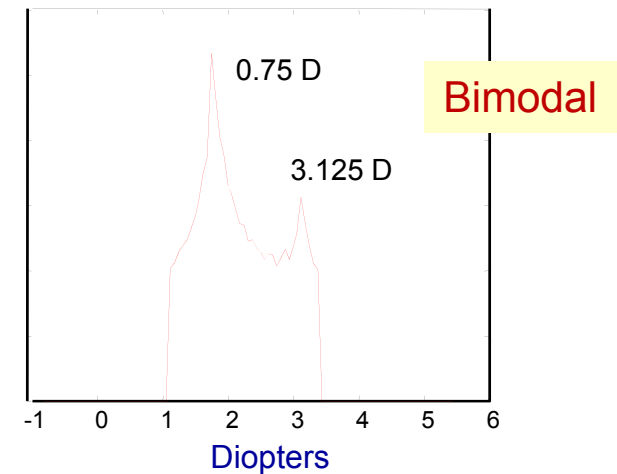
Diopters



### Bifocal



Diopters

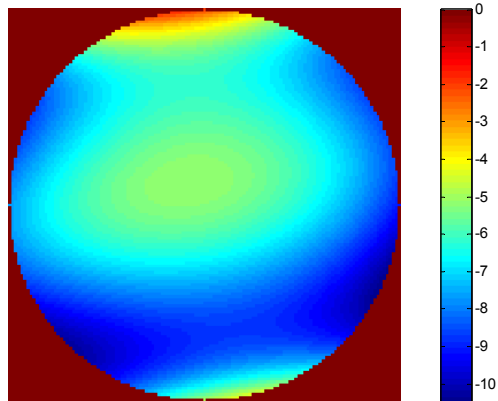


Spatial (pupil)  
distribution

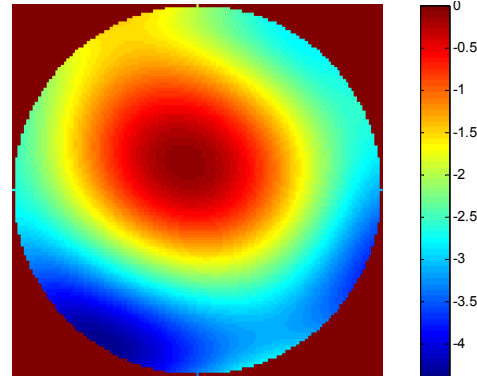
Probability  
density  
distribution  
(histogram)



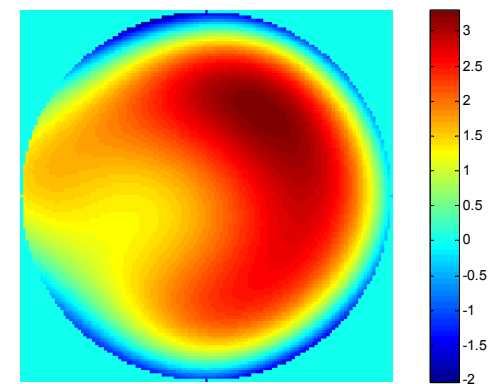
# Multifocals (examples)



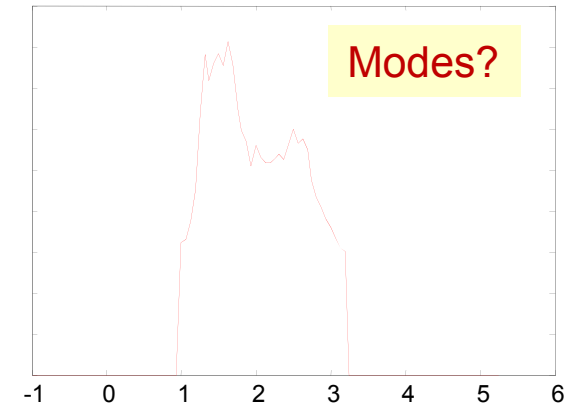
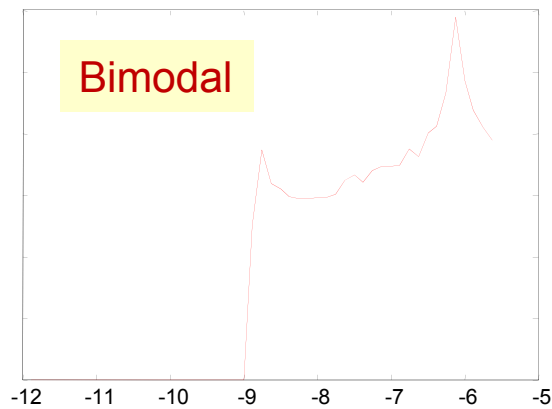
$\Delta D \approx 2.75D$



$\Delta D \approx 2D$



$\Delta D \approx 1.5D$



# Discussion. Part 1

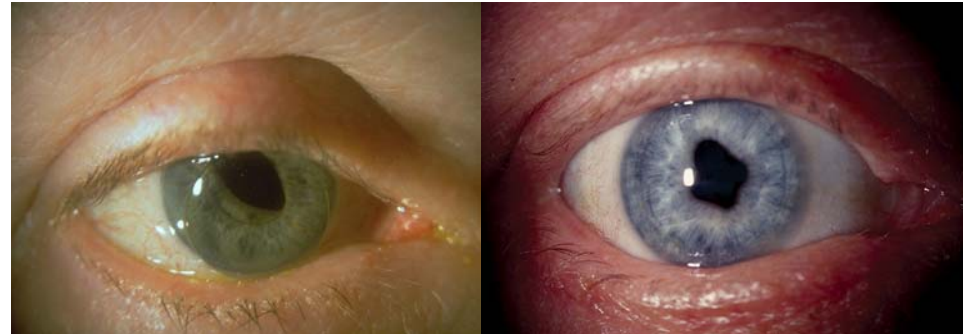
- ✓ A small but significant number (5%) of eyes show bifocal or even multifocal properties
- ✓ They show large amounts of HOA: **Poor image quality**
- ✓ Highest discrepancies aberrometric/standard refraction

## Questions:

- Strategies of the HVS to improve visual quality?
- Role of SCE? **neural response?**
- Generalization of RE Sensing to account for that?

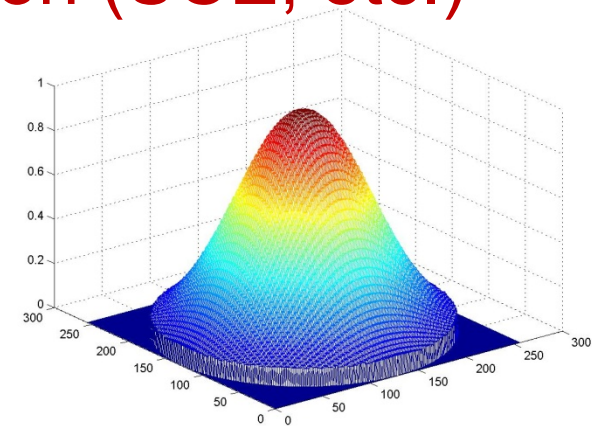
# Generalized RE sensing

✓ Irregular pupil shape



✓ Inhomogeneous pupil transmission (SCE, etc.)

$$\text{Probability(RE)} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{outside real pupil} \\ \text{Effective transmission} & \end{cases}$$



# Analysis of Eye #43

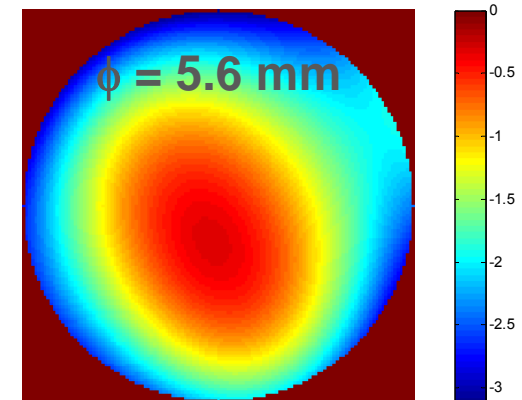
## Refraction (SE)

- Retinoscopy: -0.5D
- Subjective (Badal): -0.4D

## HOA:

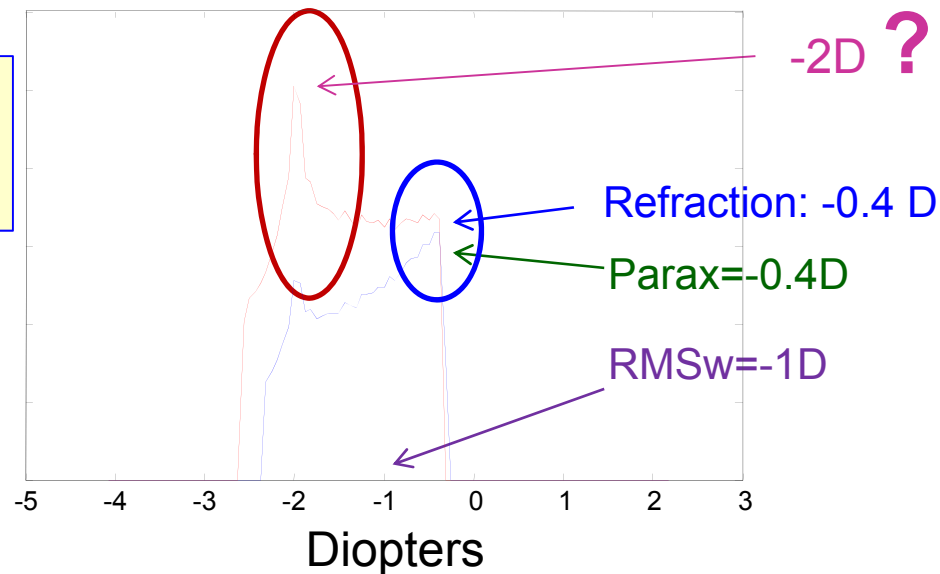
- Coma:  $0.125 \mu\text{m}$
- Spherical A.:  $0.16 \mu\text{m}$
- RMS HOA:  $0.29 \mu\text{m}$

## Spherical equivalent



## SE histogram

**Stiles-Crawford effect**



# Analysis of Eye #74

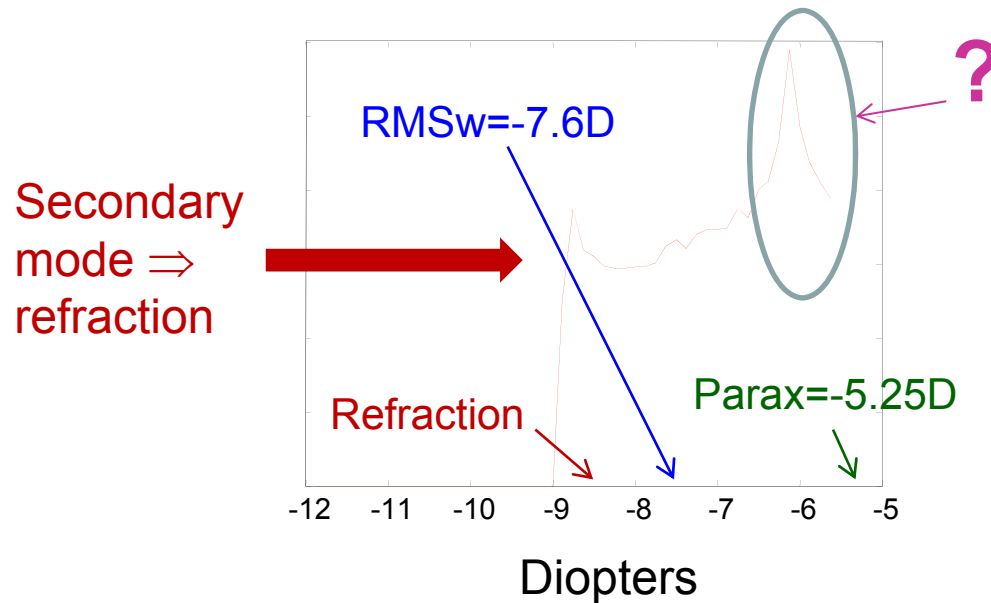
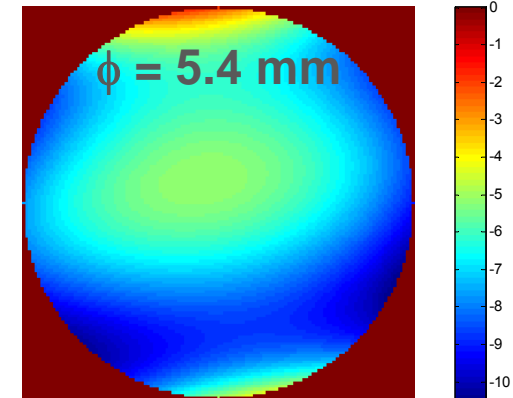
## Refraction (SE)

- Retinoscopy: -8.5D
- Subjective (Badal): -8.25D

## HOA:

- Coma: 0.56  $\mu\text{m}$
- Spherical A.: 0.37  $\mu\text{m}$
- RMS HOA: 0.76  $\mu\text{m}$

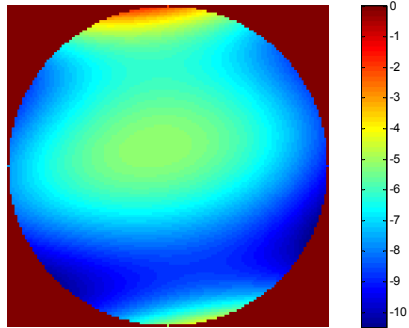
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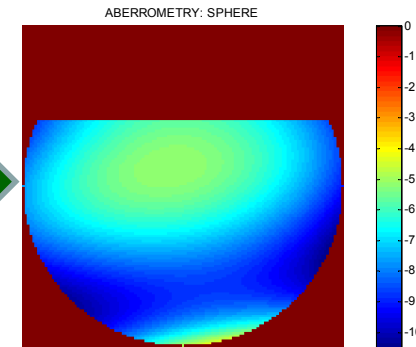
# Strategies to improve vision?

(huge amount of coma)

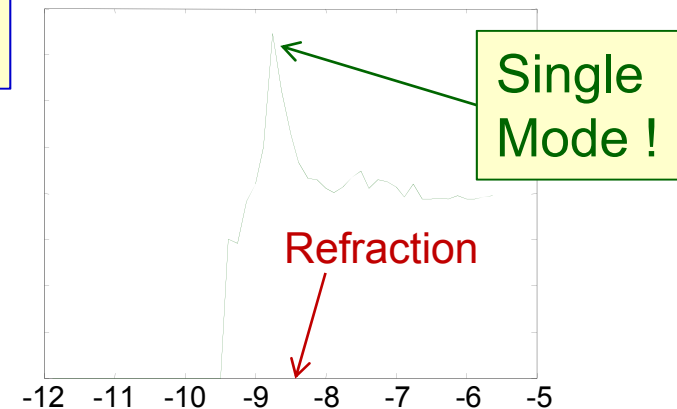
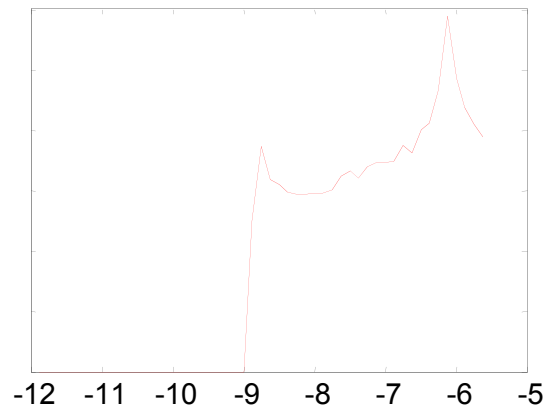
Full pupil



Eyelid Vignetting



His eyelid blocks the upper part of the pupil (both eyes)



# Summary & Conclusions

- ✓ The eyes studied often show a complex distribution of RE. ~5% show bimodal or multimodal histograms with peak distances  $> 1D$  (multifocality.) These eyes show large amounts of HOA (poor image quality) and discrepancies between aberrometric and standard refraction.
- ✓ Generalized RE sensing seems well suited to analyze these cases, including irregular and/or inhomogeneous pupils.
- ✓ SCE or even eyelid vignetting may help to avoid bifocality & improve image quality.

## Future work

- Implementation of complete & automatic histogram analysis
- Selection an deep study of potential multifocal eyes.



**Thanks for  
your attention**