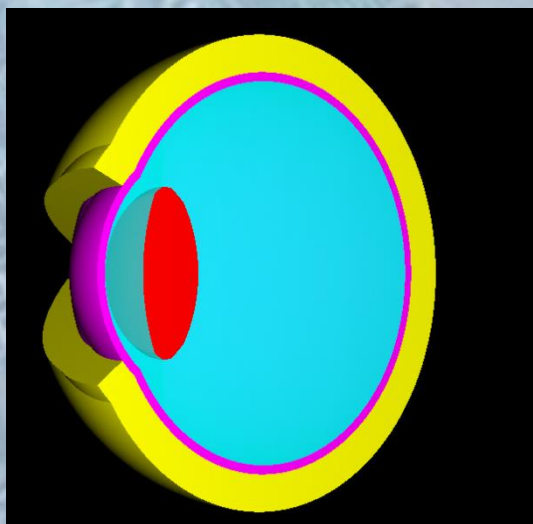


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# Introduction

- April 2011: 

Limit of  $H_{\text{lens}}$ : 150 mSv  $\rightarrow$  20 mSv per year

$\rightarrow$  Protecting and monitoring may be necessary!

- Main question:

Which quantity / kind of dosimeter is suitable?

$H_p(0.07)$ ,  $H_p(3)$  or  $H_p(10)$ ?  $H_p(3)$  should work well, BUT:  
not used in the past,  
only few dosimeters available.

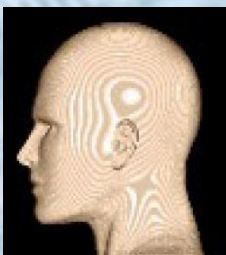
- Method:

Compare indication of ideal dosimeters and  $H_{\text{lens}}$ ,  
i.e. compare conversion coefficients for  $H_p(d)$  and  $H_{\text{lens}}$

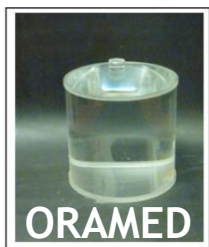
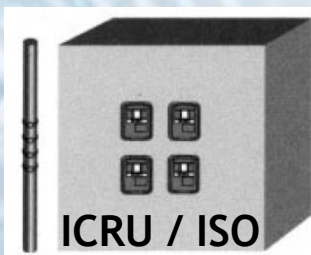
# Data base

**Operational quantity**  
(Dose equivalent)

**Organ dose to the lens**  
(Equivalent dose)



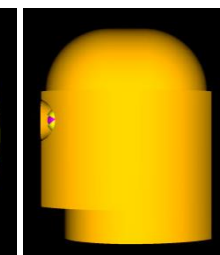
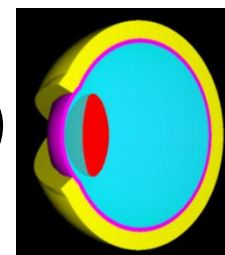
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$$h_{p\phi}(d;E)$$

?

$$h_{\text{lens}\phi}(E)$$



Radiation	Quantity	Data source	Quantity	Data source
Electrons	$H_p(0.07)_{\text{slab}}$ $H_p(3)_{\text{slab}}$ $H_p(10)_{\text{slab}}$ $H_p(3)_{\text{cyl}}$	} ICRP74 + ICRU57 Ferarri and Gualdrini	$H_{\text{lens}}$	ICRP116 (Rev. ICRP74); Behrens
Photons	$H_p(0.07)_{\text{slab}}$ $H_p(10)_{\text{slab}}$ $H_p(0.07)_{\text{rod}}$ $H_p(3)_{\text{slab}}$ $H_p(3)_{\text{cyl}}$	} ICRP74 + ICRU57 Grosswendt Till et al. Vanhavere et al.	$H_{\text{lens}}$	ICRP116 (Rev. ICRP74); Behrens and Dietze

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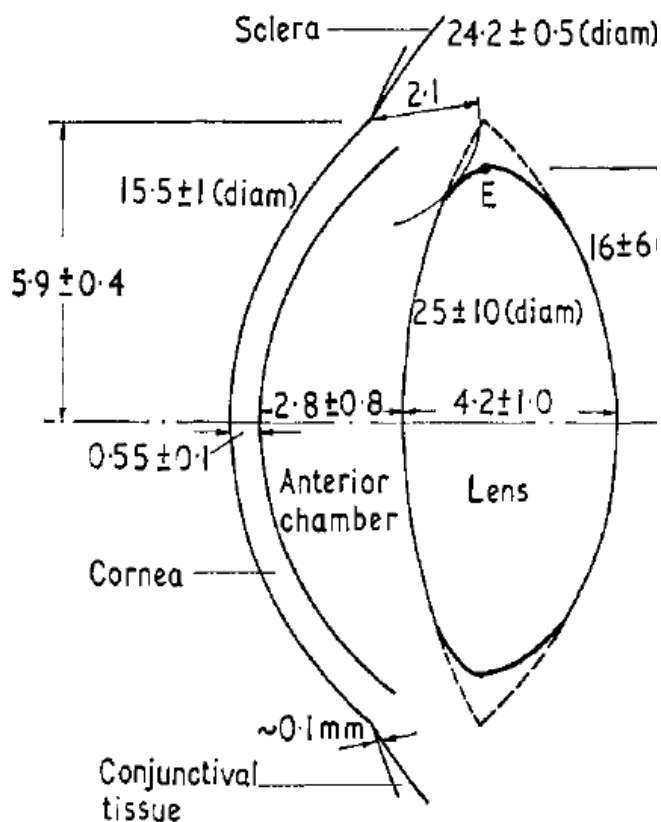
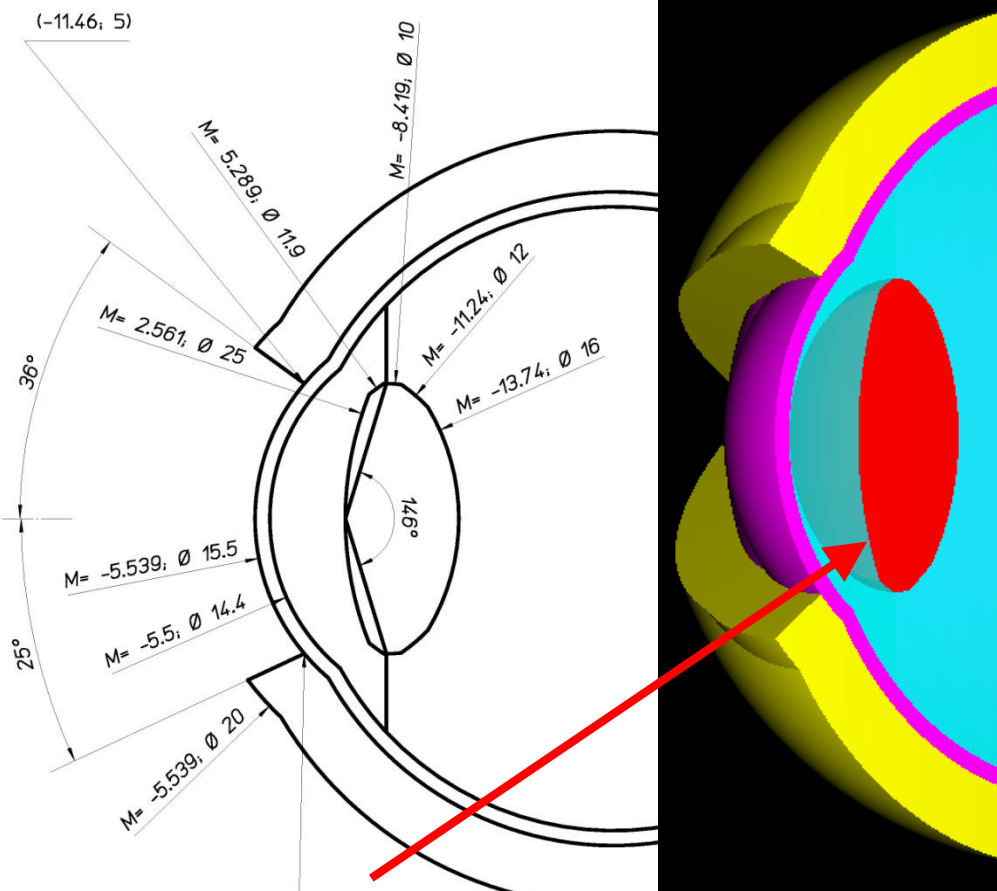


Fig. 8. Mean ocular dimensions for the unaccommodated eye. The limits represent the limits found in a normal adult.

## Organ dose to the lens

## Simulation



Complete lens: ICRP state of art

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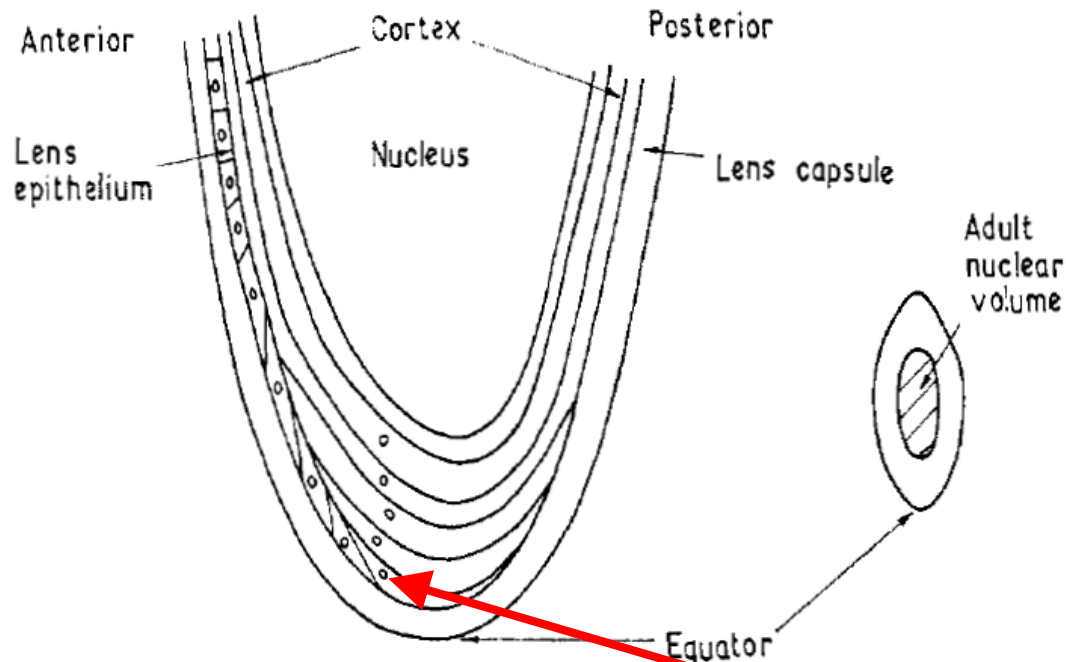
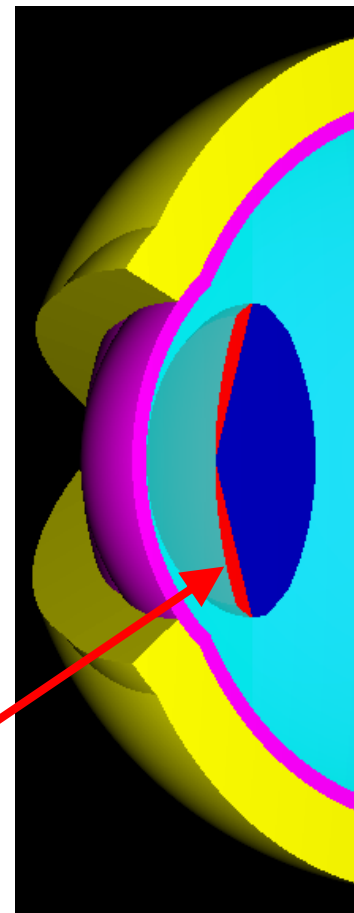
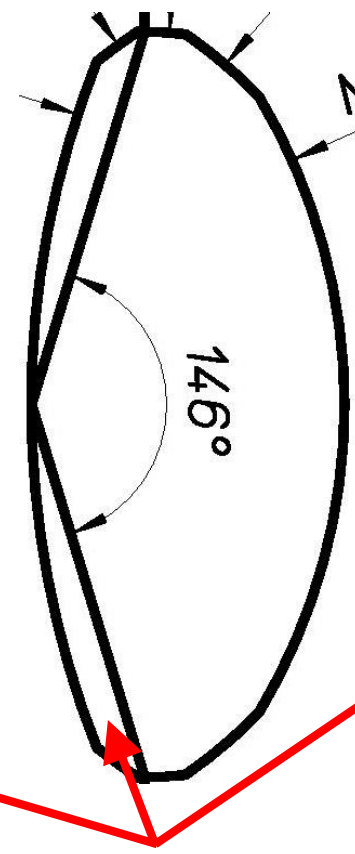


Fig. 2. Transverse section of the lens.

## Organ dose to the lens

## Simulation



**Sensitive cells: In ICRP discussion**

**R. Behrens et al. in Phys. Med. Biol. (PMB):  
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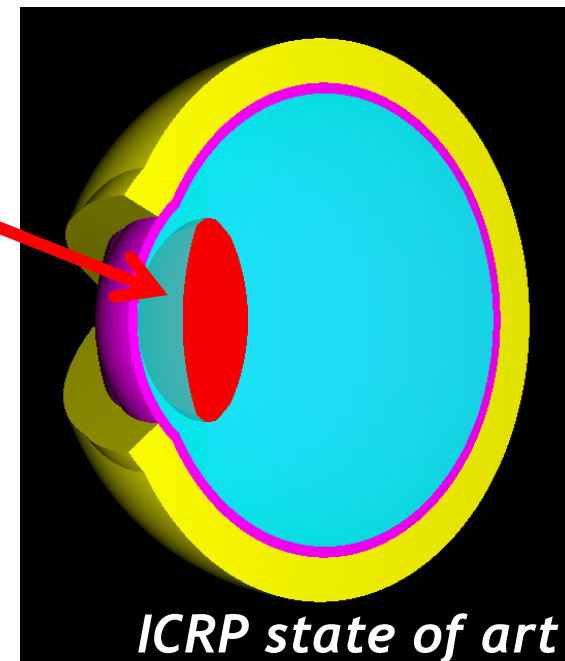
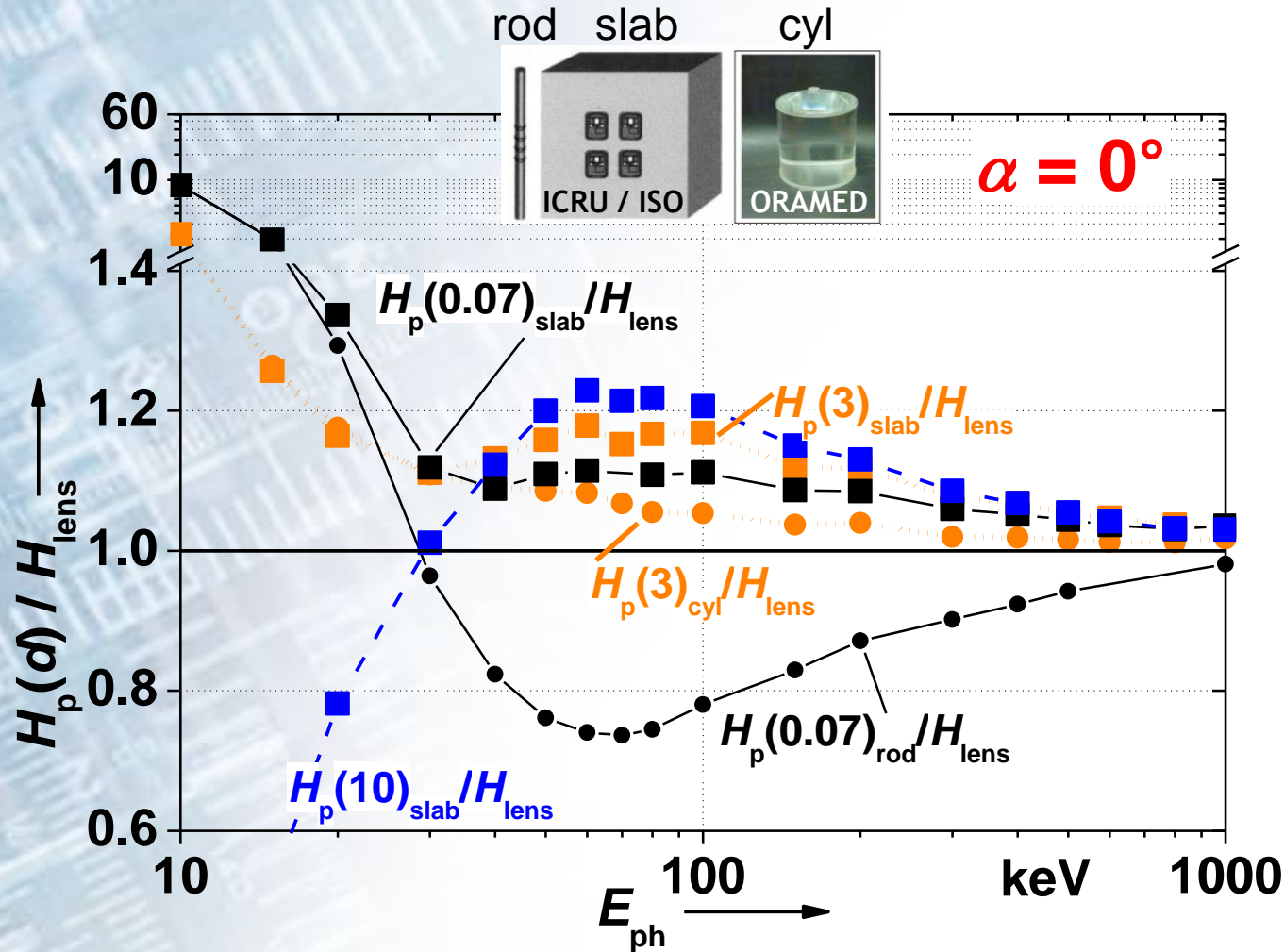
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$H_p(d) / H_{\text{lens}}$  (based on complete lens)



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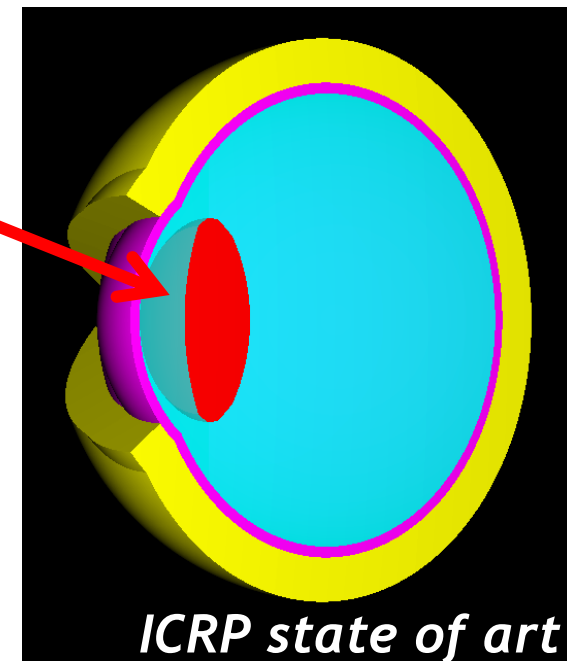
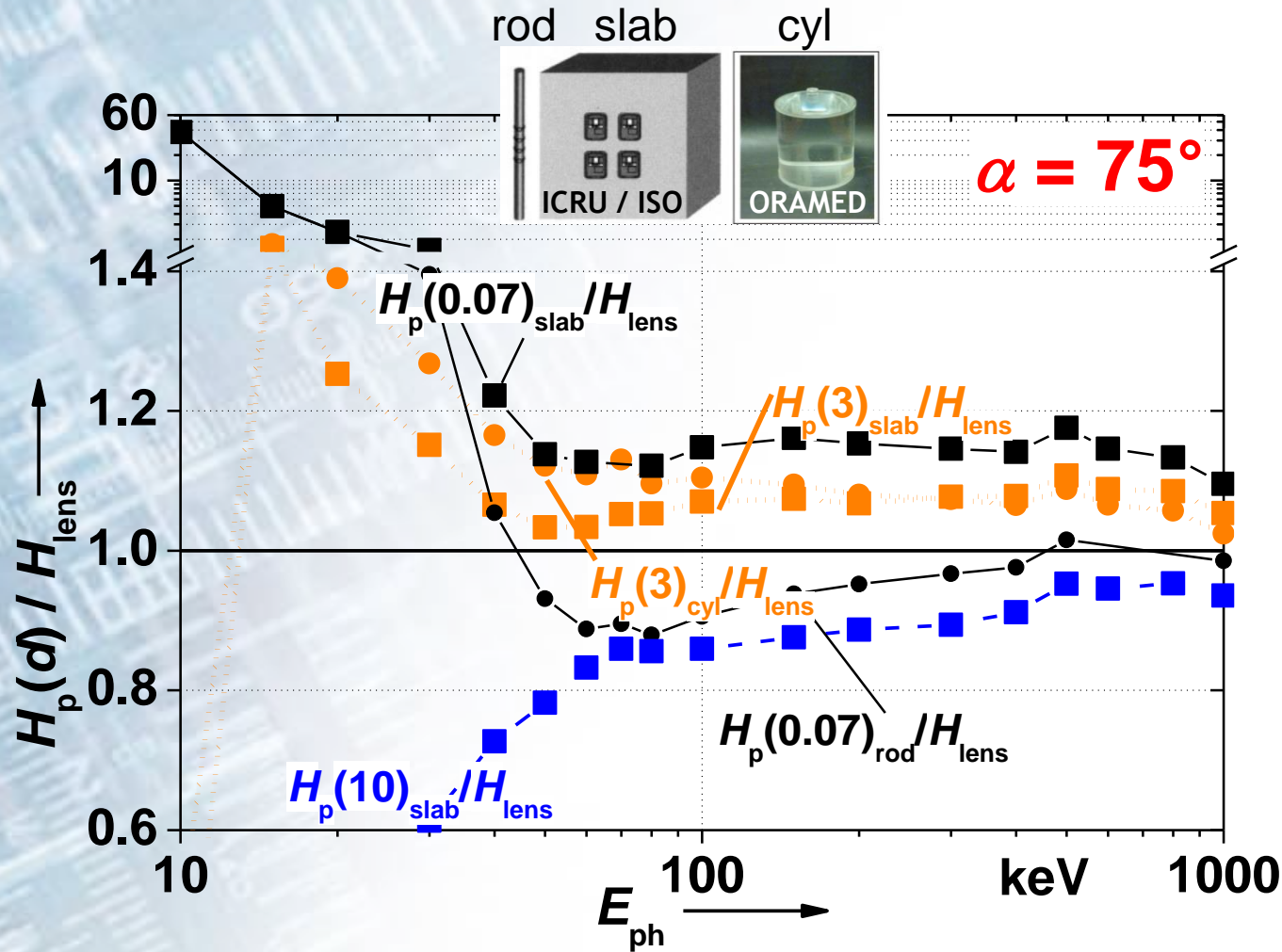
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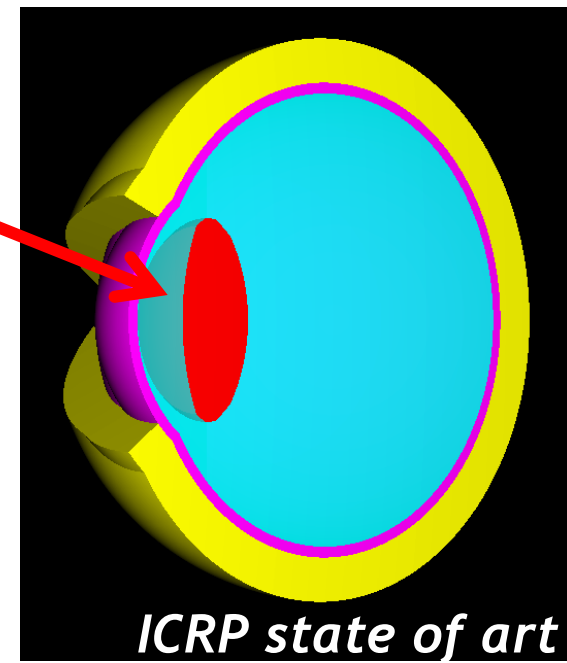
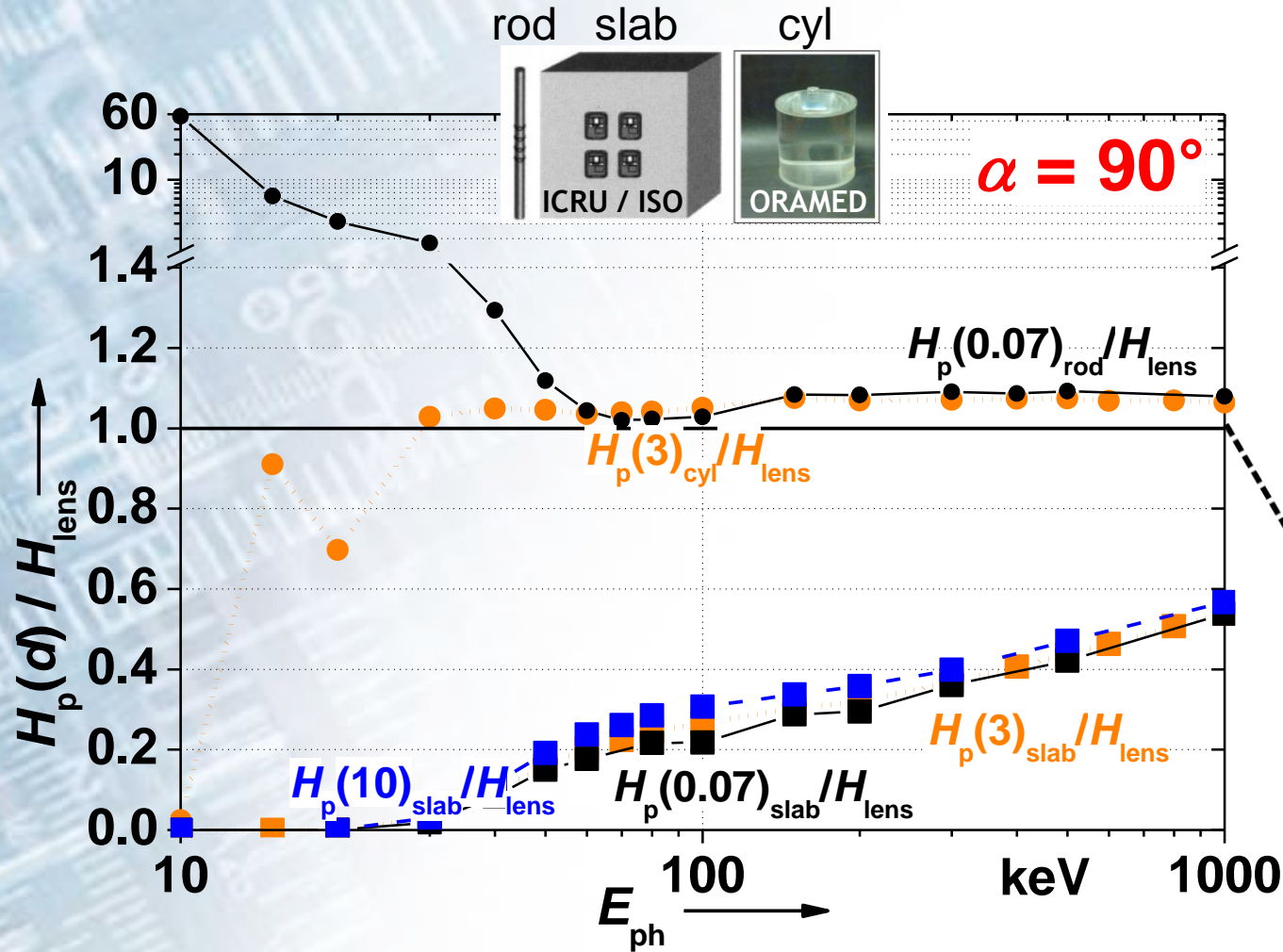
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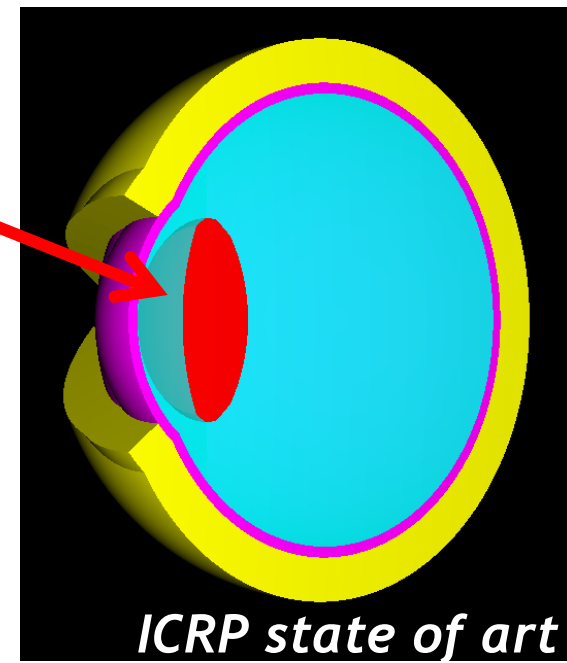
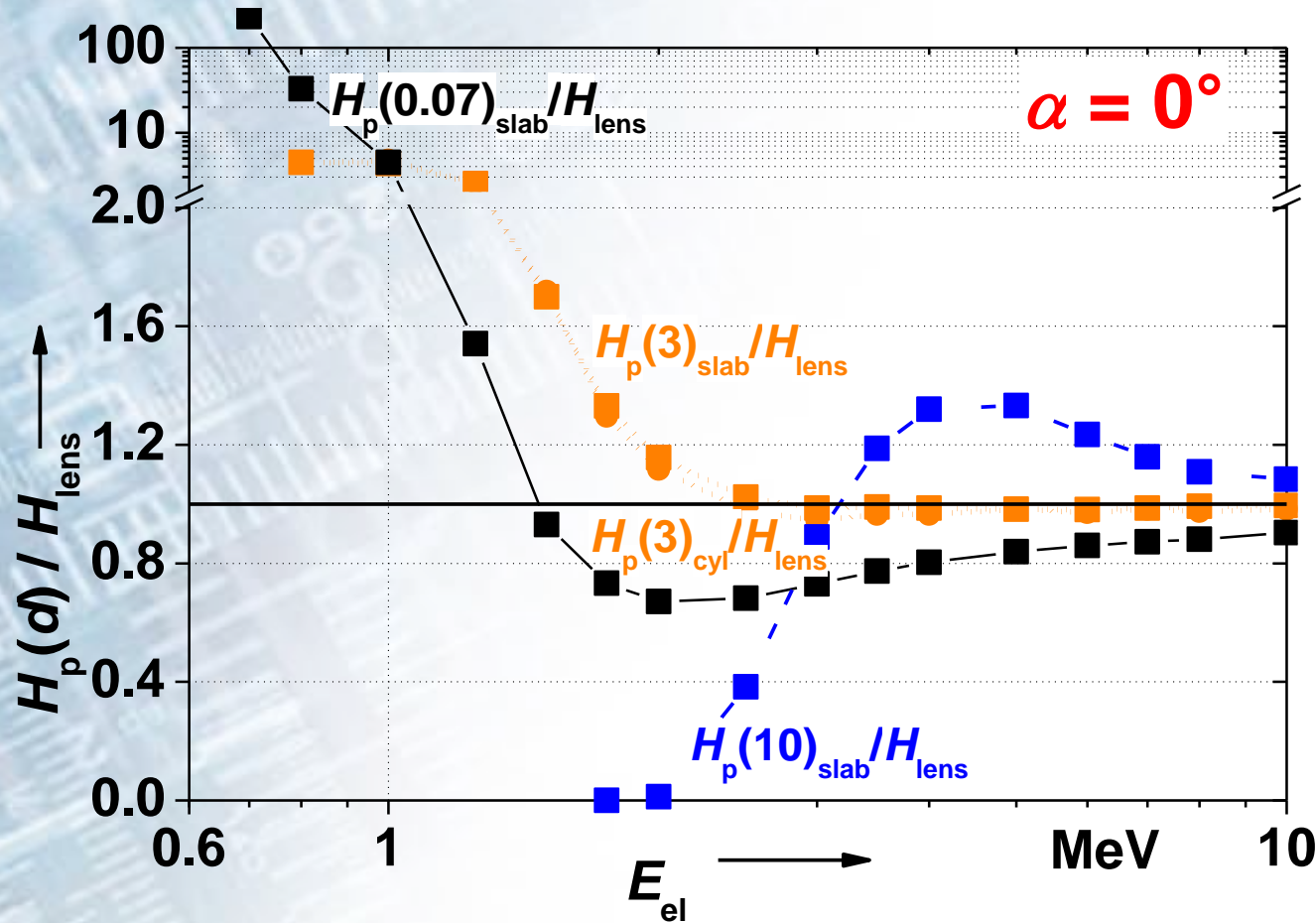


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# Electron radiation:

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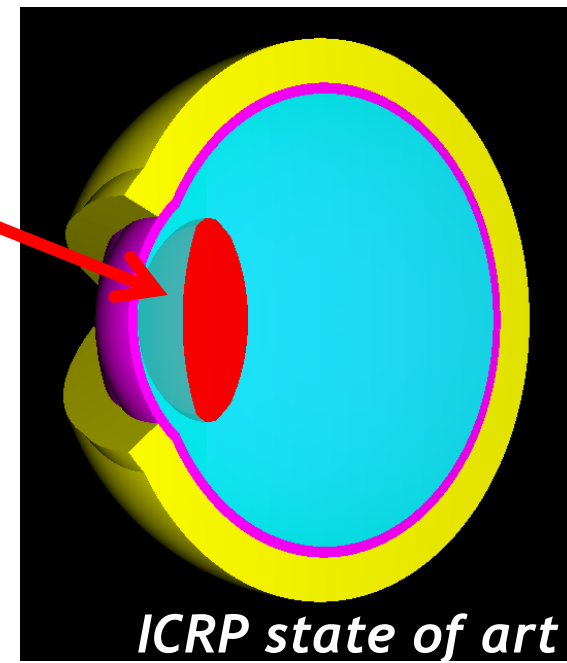
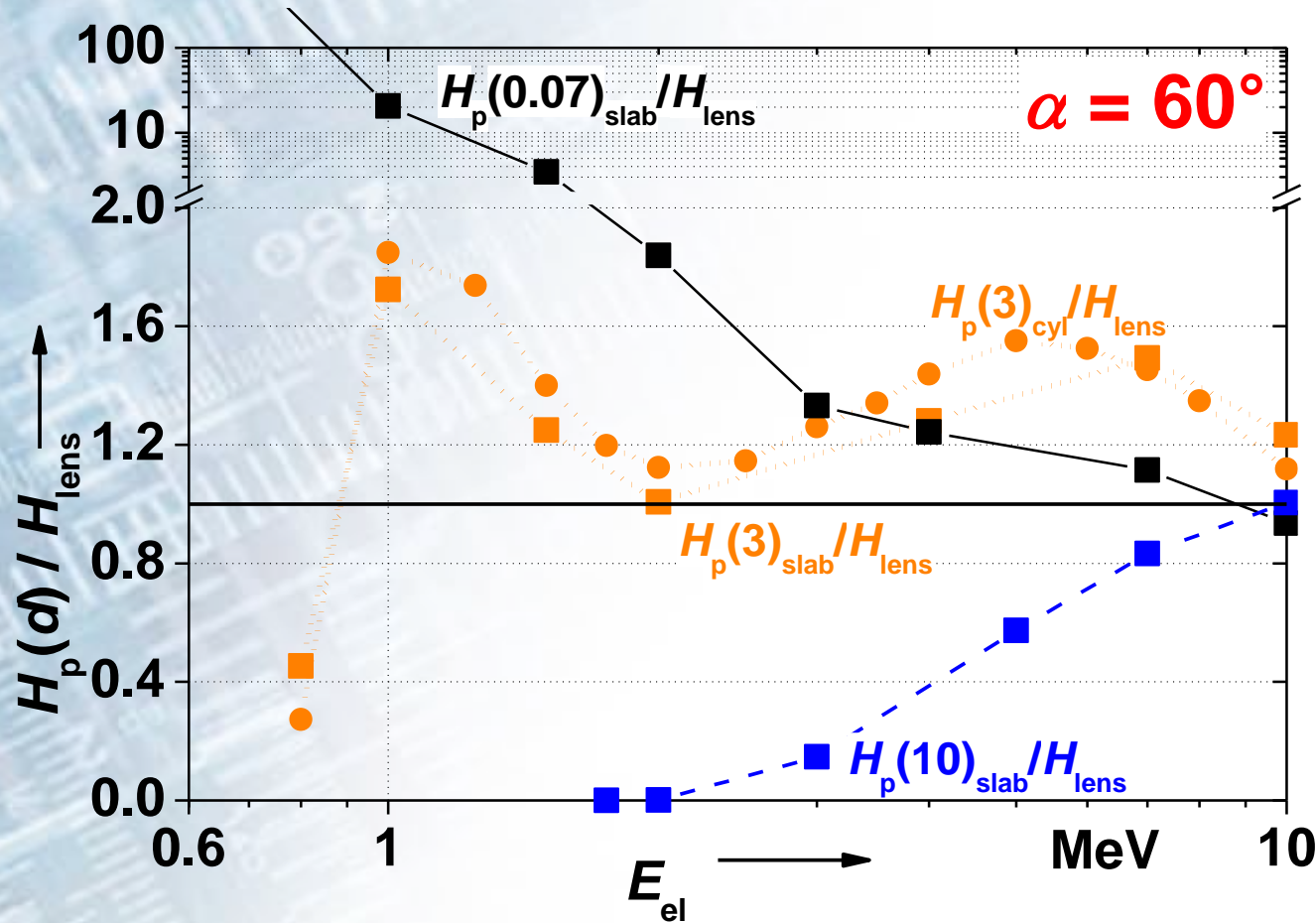
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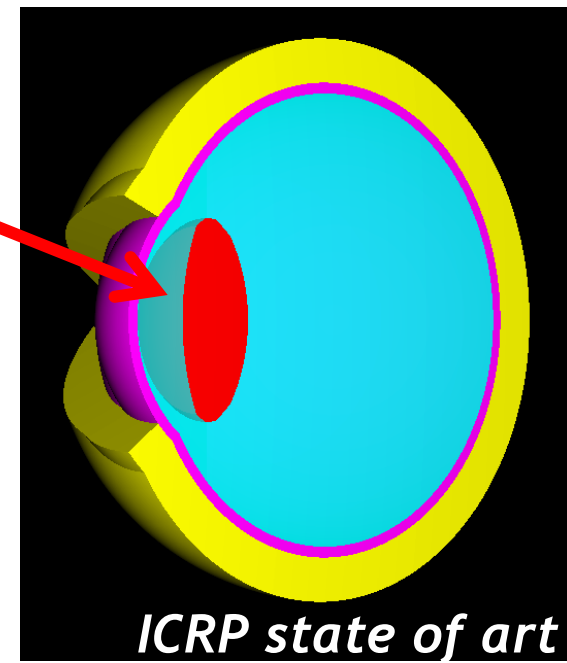
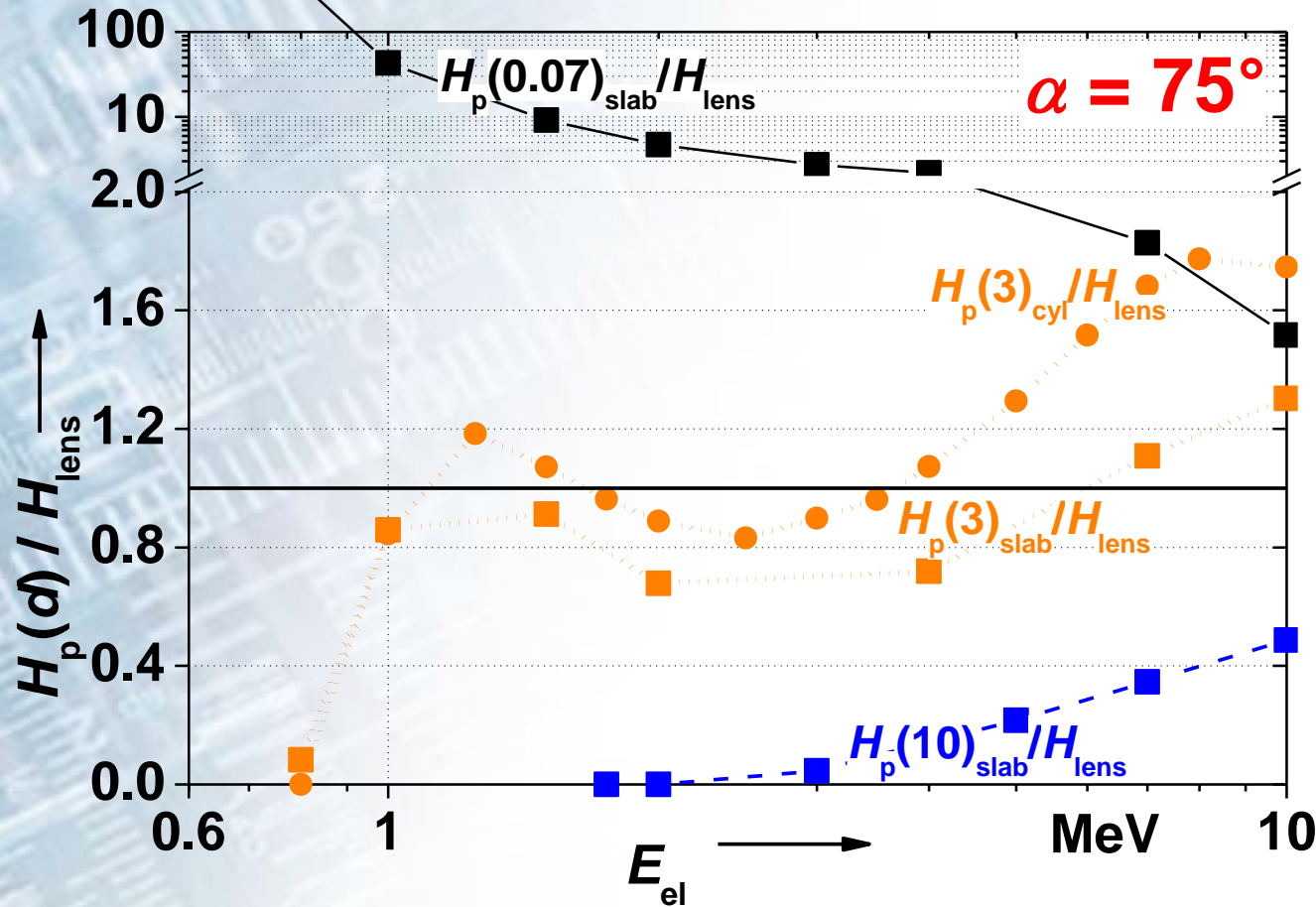
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# Electron radiation:

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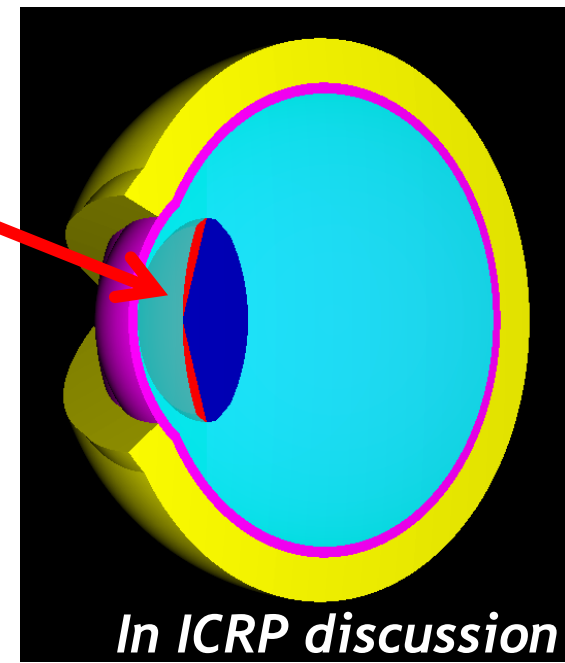
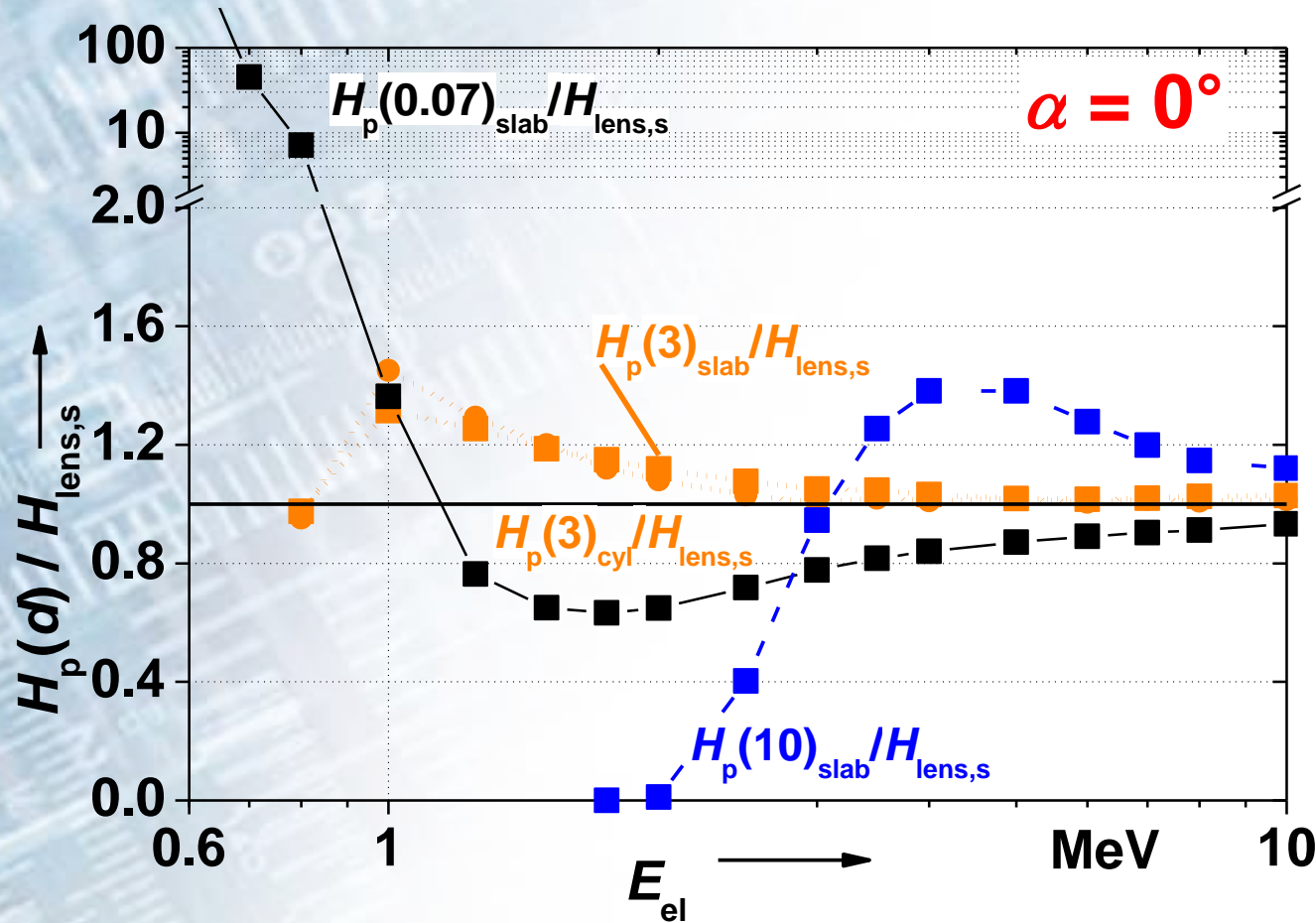
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# Electron radiation:

$H_p(d) / H_{\text{lens},s}$  (based on sensitive cells)



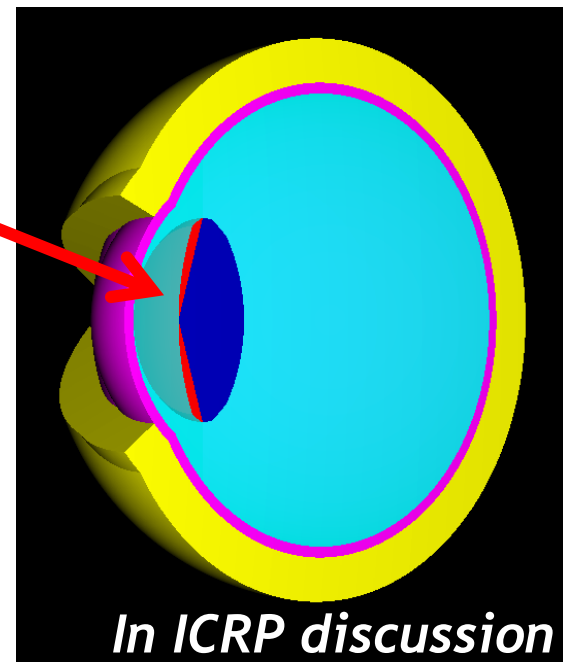
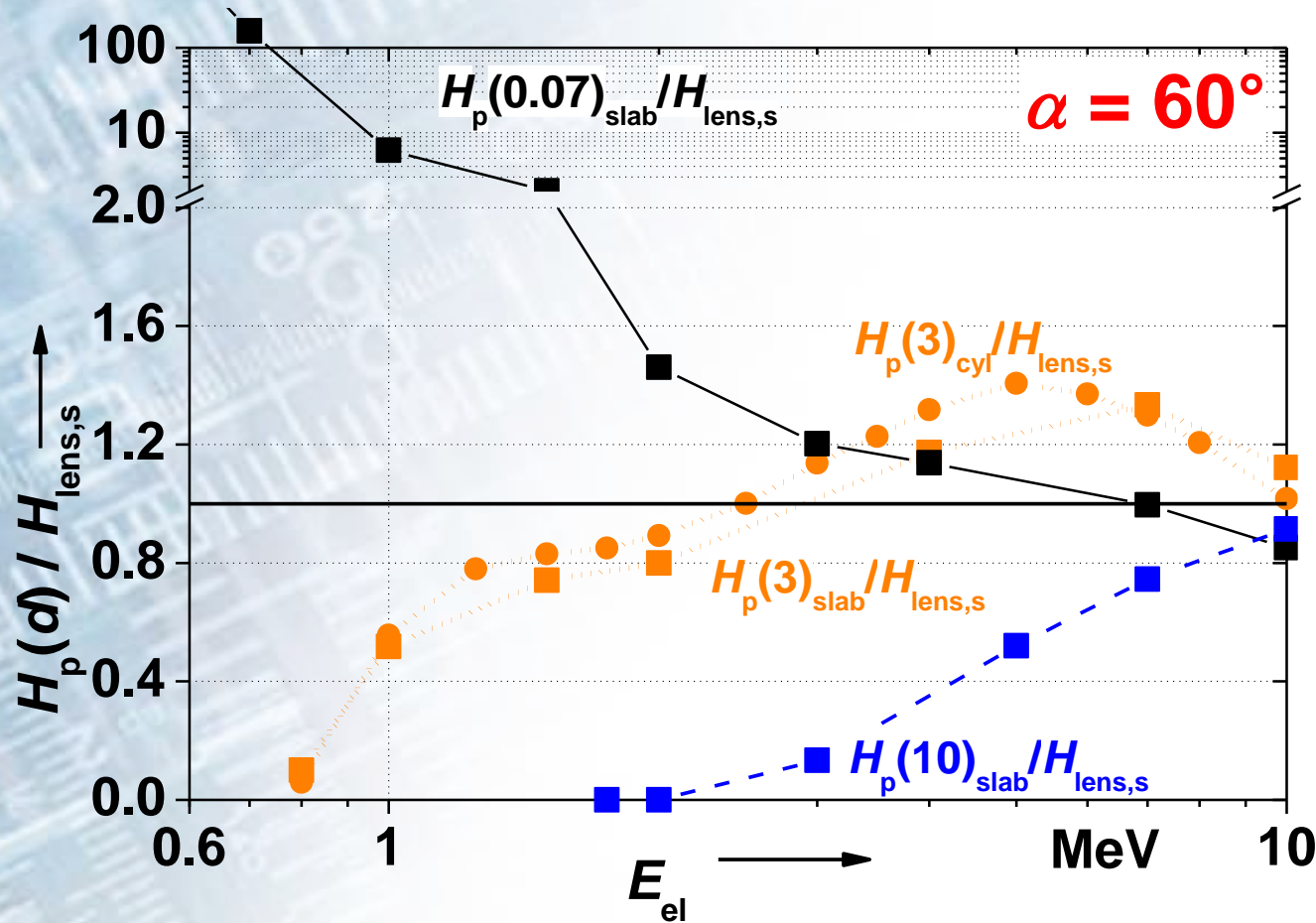
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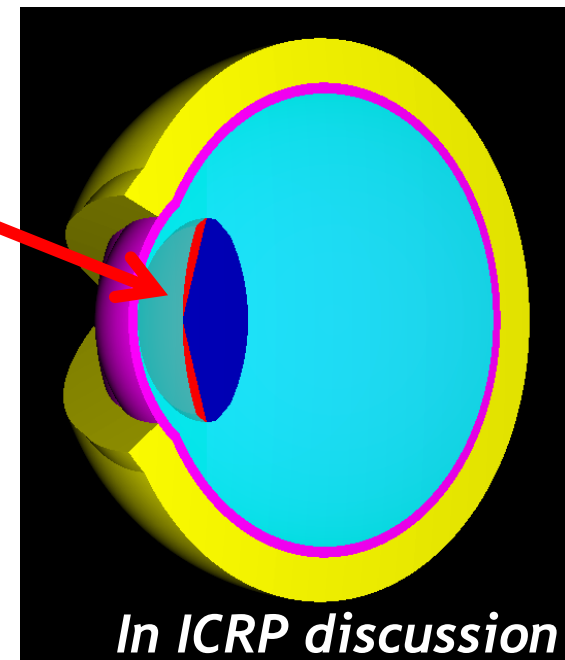
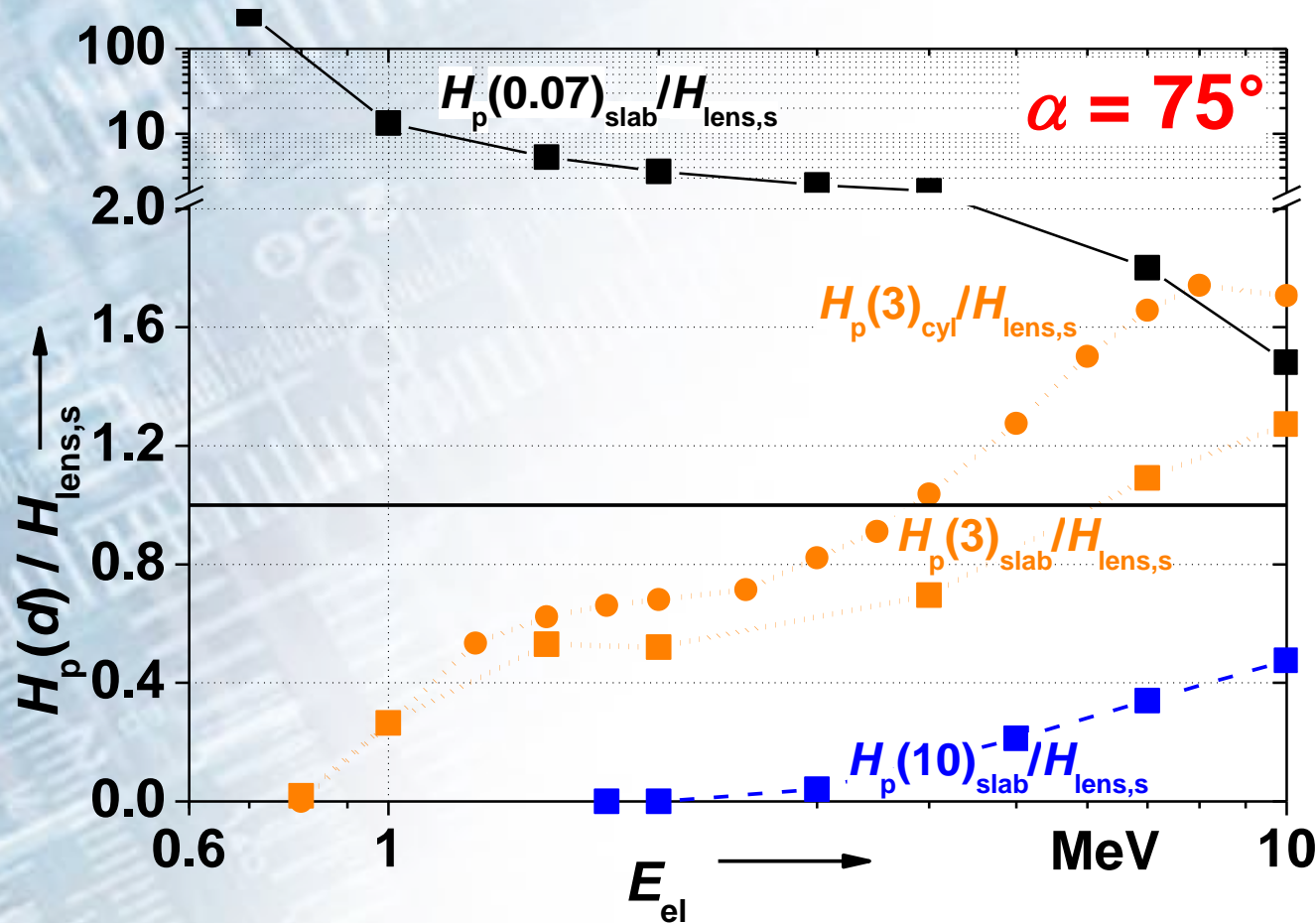
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# Electron radiation:

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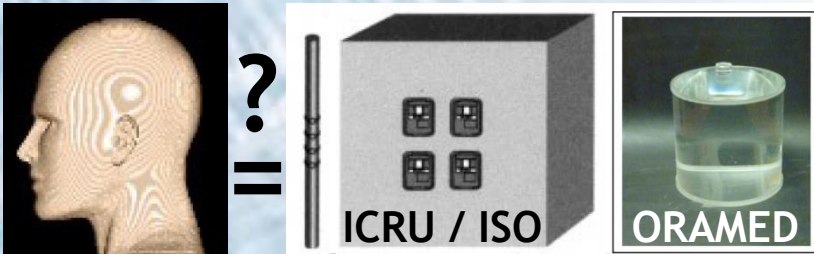
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# Conclusions - equal for realistic radiation fields

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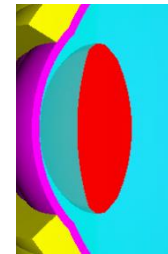


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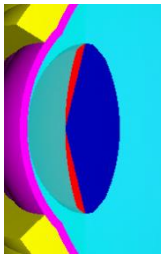
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**Organ dose to the lens**  
(Equivalent dose)

ICRP state of art:  
Complete lens:  
 $H_{lens}$



In ICRP discussion:  
Sensitive cells:  
 $H_{lens,s}$



Radiation	Quantity	Good to estimate $H_{lens}$ ?	Good to estimate $H_{lens,s}$ ?
Photons	$H_p(0.07)_{rod}$ $H_p(10)_{slab}$ $H_p(0.07)_{slab}$ $H_p(3)_{slab}$ $H_p(3)_{cyl}$	} Underestimating } Up to 75° appropriate } Up to 90° appropriate	As for $H_{lens}$
Electrons	$H_p(0.07)_{slab}$ $H_p(3)_{slab}$ $H_p(3)_{cyl}$ $H_p(10)_{slab}$	} Extrem. overestimating } Up to 60° appropriate } Underestimating	Extremely overestimating <b>Underestimating,</b> <b><math>H_p(d &lt; 3)</math> necessary?</b> Underestimating

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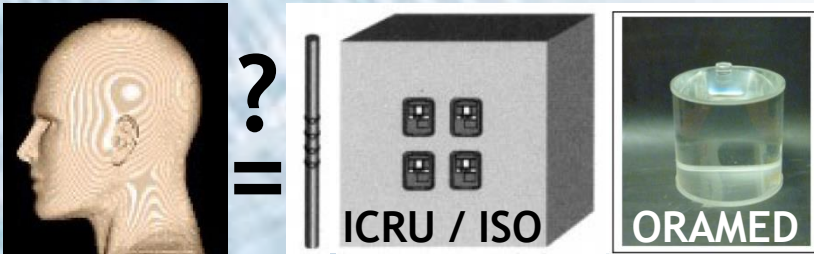
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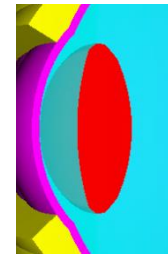


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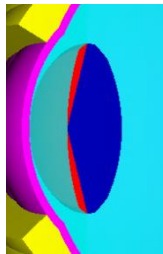
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	Electrons		



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**Extremely overestimating**  
**Underestimating,**  
 **$H_p(d < 3)$  necessary?**  
**Underestimating**

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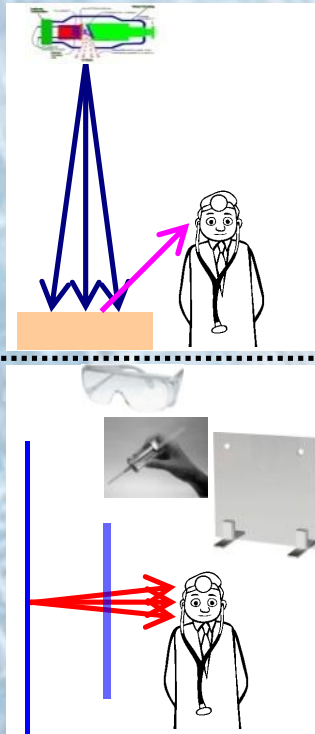


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# Same conclusions for realistic radiation fields

$H_D(0.07)_{rod}$ , i.e. ring dosimeters worn near the eye, suitable for photons?



Radiation field	$H_p(0.07)_{rod} / H_{lens}$	$H_p(0.07)_{slab} / H_{lens}$	$H_p(3)_{slab} / H_{lens}$	$H_p(10)_{slab} / H_{lens}$
Photons < 30 keV	0.9 – 5	1.1 – 5	0.6 – 1	0.01 – 0.9
Photons > 30 keV	0.8 – 0.9	≈ 1.1	1 – 1.2	0.9 – 1.2
Electrons < 0.6 MeV and photons	1 – 100	1 – 100	≈ 1	see above
Electrons < 0.6 MeV and photon	1 – 500	1 – 500	≈ 1	$2 \times 10^{-4} - 1$

**R. Behrens and G. Dietze:**  
*Phys. Med. Biol.* **55** (2010) 4047-4062 and  
*Phys. Med. Biol.* **56** (2011) 511

$H_p(0.07)_{slab}$  is ONLY adequate for photon radiation.

$H_p(3)$  is NECESSARY for beta radiation.

$H_p(10)$  is NOT adequate!

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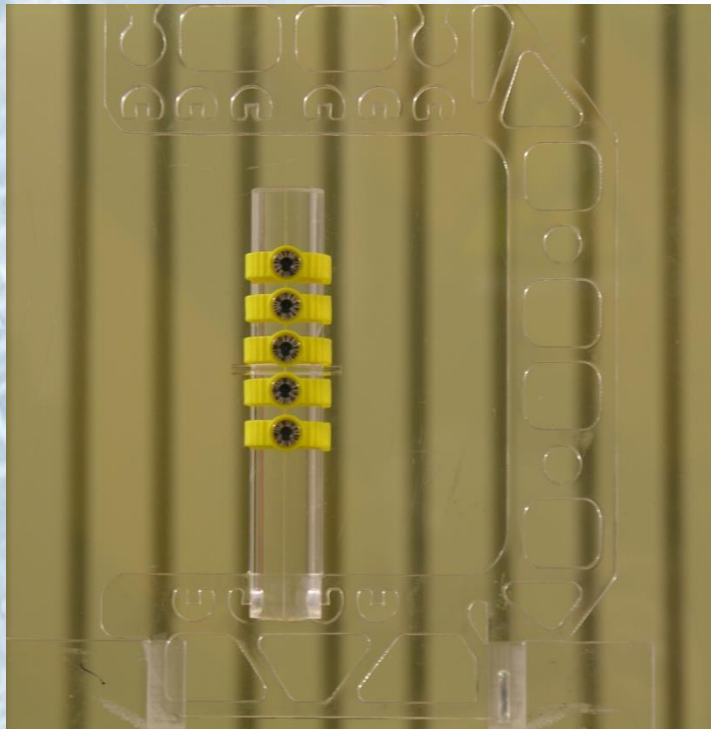
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# *Extremity dosimeters suitable for the eye lens?*

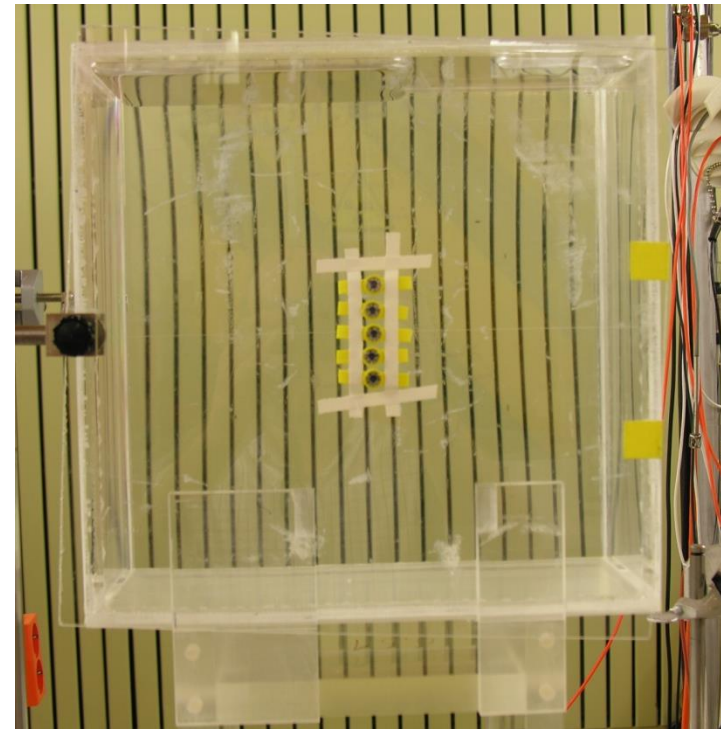
Are extremity dosimeters (for  $H_p(0.07)$ ) appropriate?

Is a calibration on a rod phantom (as usual) appropriate?

*Rod phantom*



*Slab phantom*



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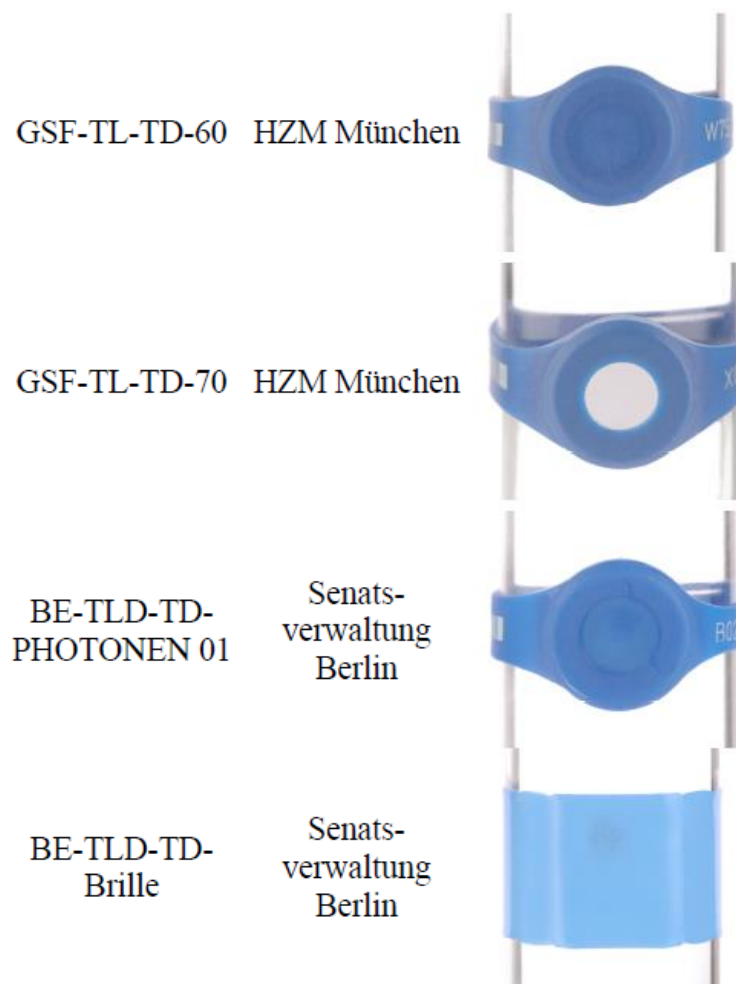
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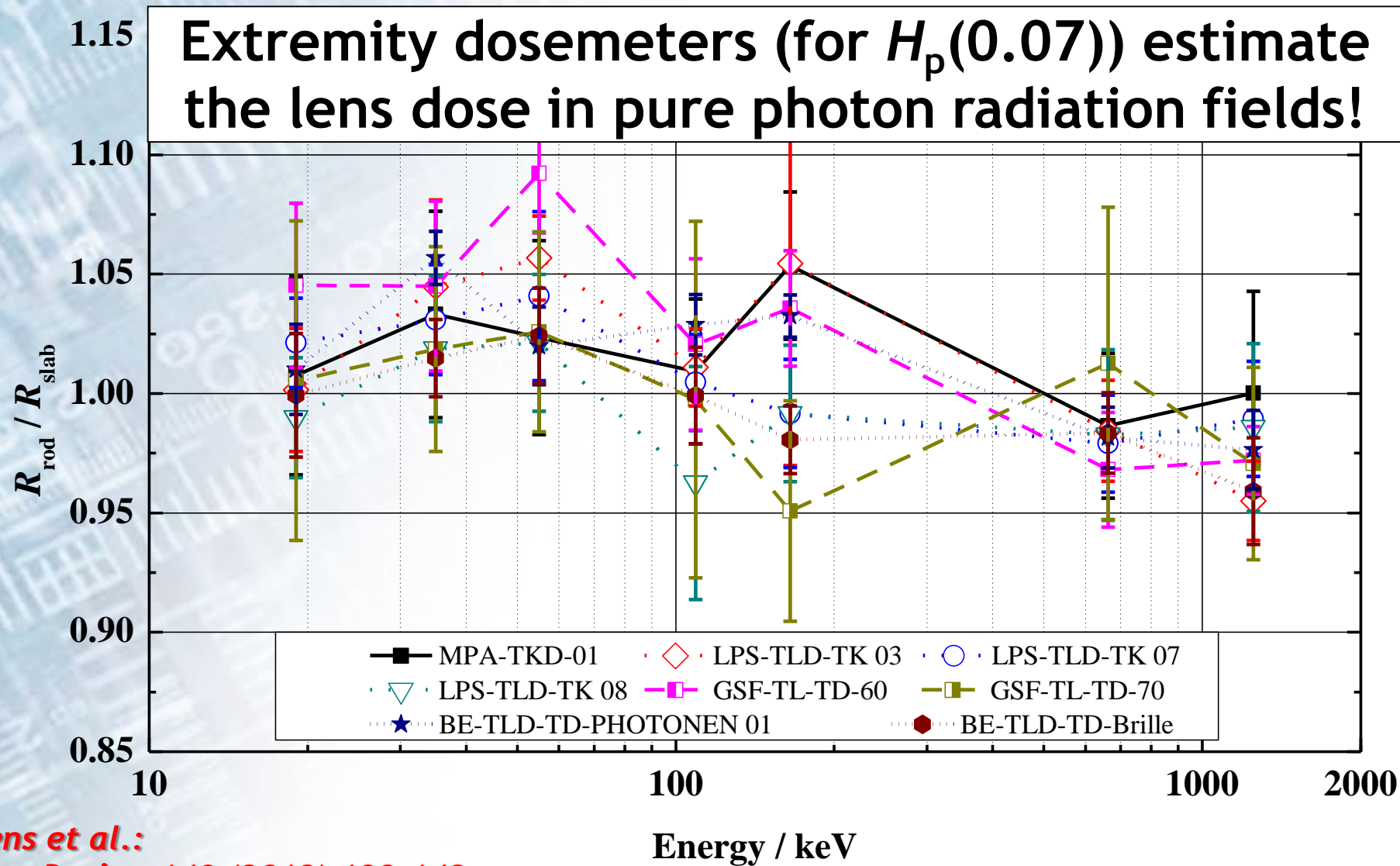
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# Practice: Choice of dosimeters

## Whole body dosimeters measure $H_p(10)$ :

- must be worn on the trunk (far from the eyes);
- **underestimate** the lens dose (too thick cover)
- under the lead apron if in use;
- **danger for your eyes!**



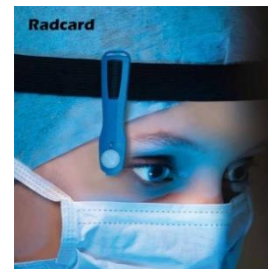
## Extremity dosimeters measure $H_p(0.07)$ :

- must be worn “facing” the beam / source;
- can be worn near the eye, then it
- **correctly estimate the lens dose in photon fields** but
- overestimates the lens dose **in beta fields** (too thin cover)
- **your work may be changed although not necessary!**



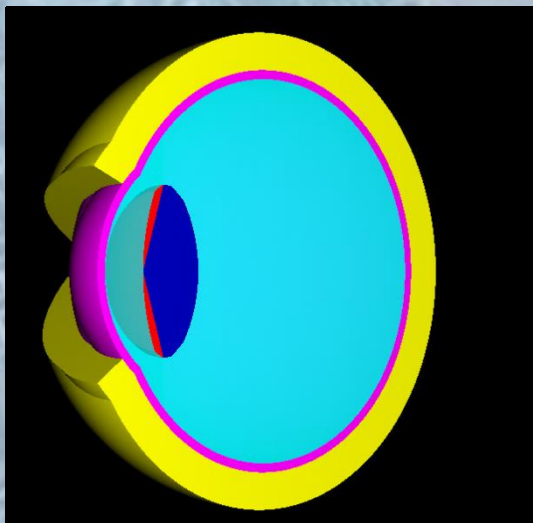
## Eye dosimeters measure $H_p(3)$ :

- must be worn “facing” the beam / source;
- must be worn near the eye;
- **is the only type of dosimeter that correctly estimate  $H_{lens}$  (not  $H_{lens,s}$ ) in beta and photon fields!**



# Thank you – Questions?

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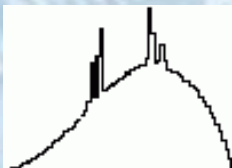
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# Irradiations and type tests in $H_p(3)$

Photon spectra: • Conversion coefficients for  $K_a \rightarrow H_p(3)_{\text{slab}}$ :



*Rad. Prot. Dosim. 147, 373 (2011)*

• Conversion coefficients for  $K_a \rightarrow H_p(3)_{\text{cyl}}$ :

*Rad. Prot. Dosim. doi:10.1093/rpd/ncs032 (2012)*

Beta radiation:



• Extension to the Beta Secondary Standard BSS 2:  
Incl. conversion factors for  $H_p(0.07) \rightarrow H_p(3)$ :

*J. Instrum. 6, P11007 (2011)*

• Available for old instruments via SW update

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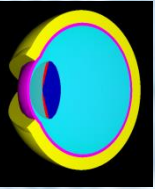


• Passive dosimetry systems (Final draft FIDS 2012)  
 $H_p(3)$  implemented for both photons and betas

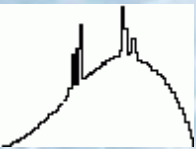
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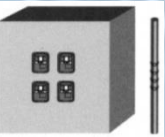
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- Conversion coefficients for mono-energetic electrons:  $\Phi \rightarrow H_{\text{eye}}$ : Phys. Med. Biol. 54, 4069 (2009) and Phys. Med. Biol. 55, 3937 (2010)
- Conversion coefficients for mono-energetic photons:  $\Phi \rightarrow H_{\text{eye}}$ : Phys. Med. Biol. 56, 415 (2011)



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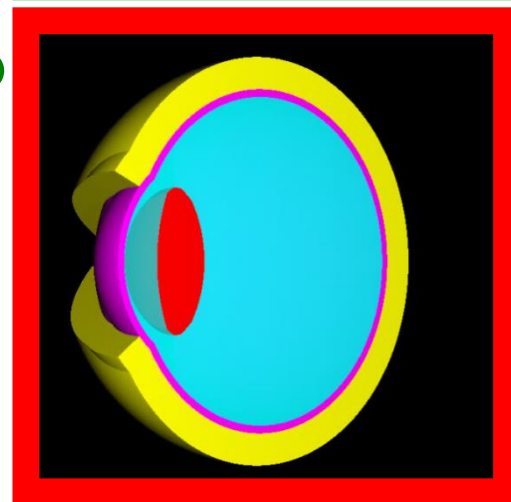
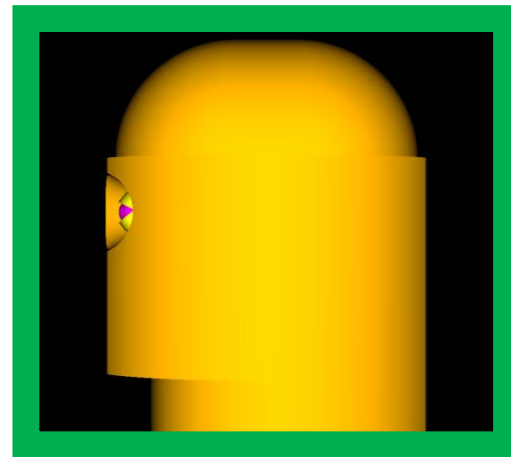
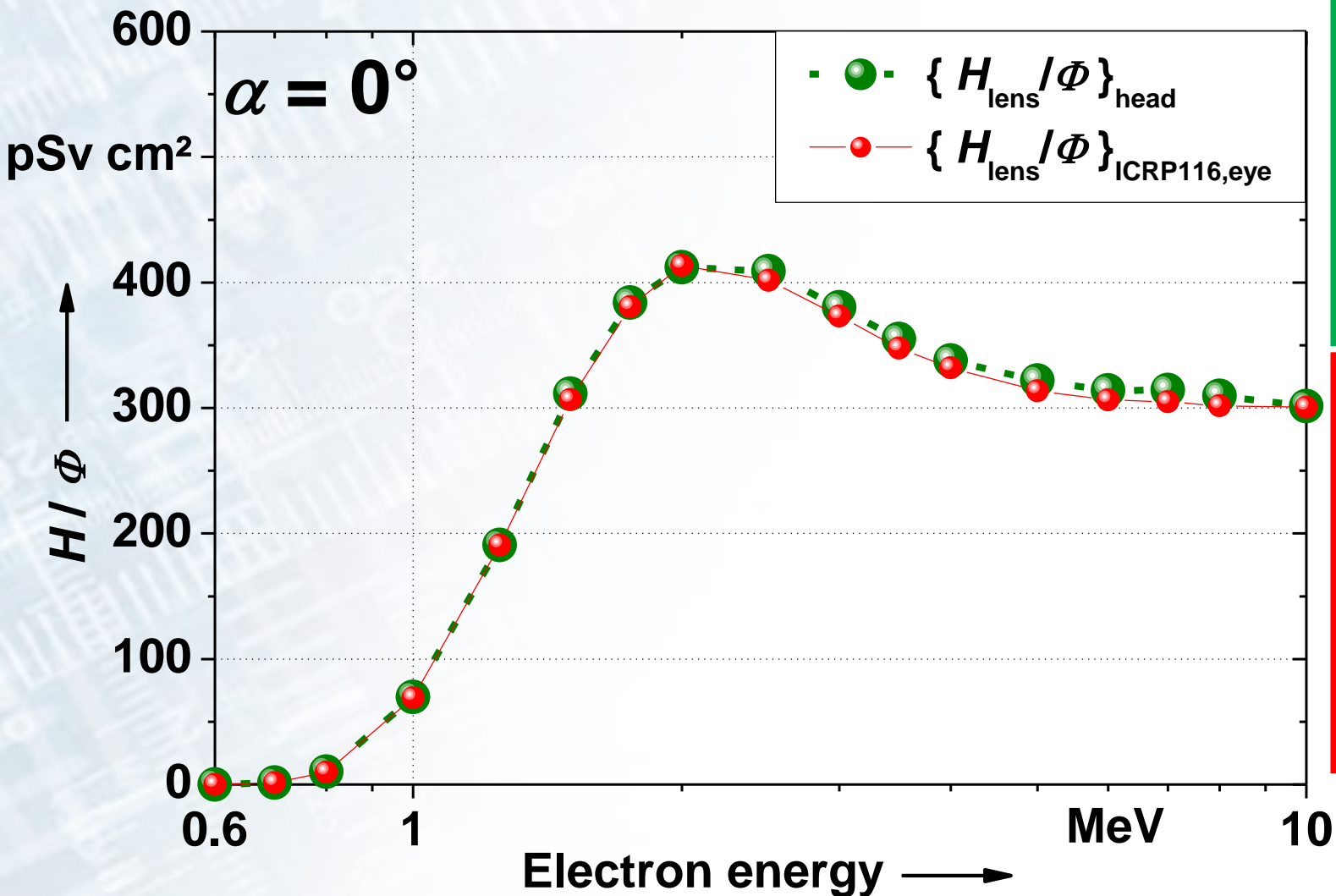
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- Extensions to the Beta Secondary Standard BSS 2: J. Instrum. 6, P11007 (2011) and Erratum and Addendum



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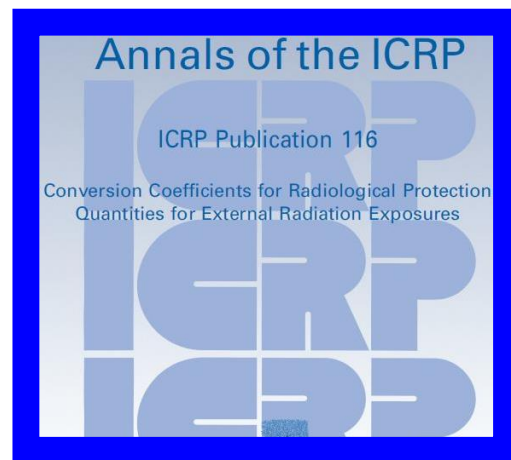
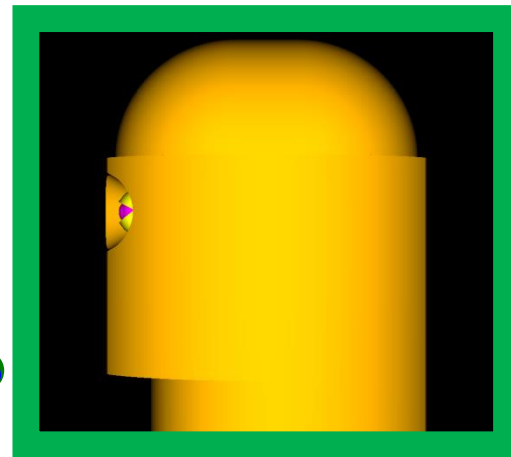
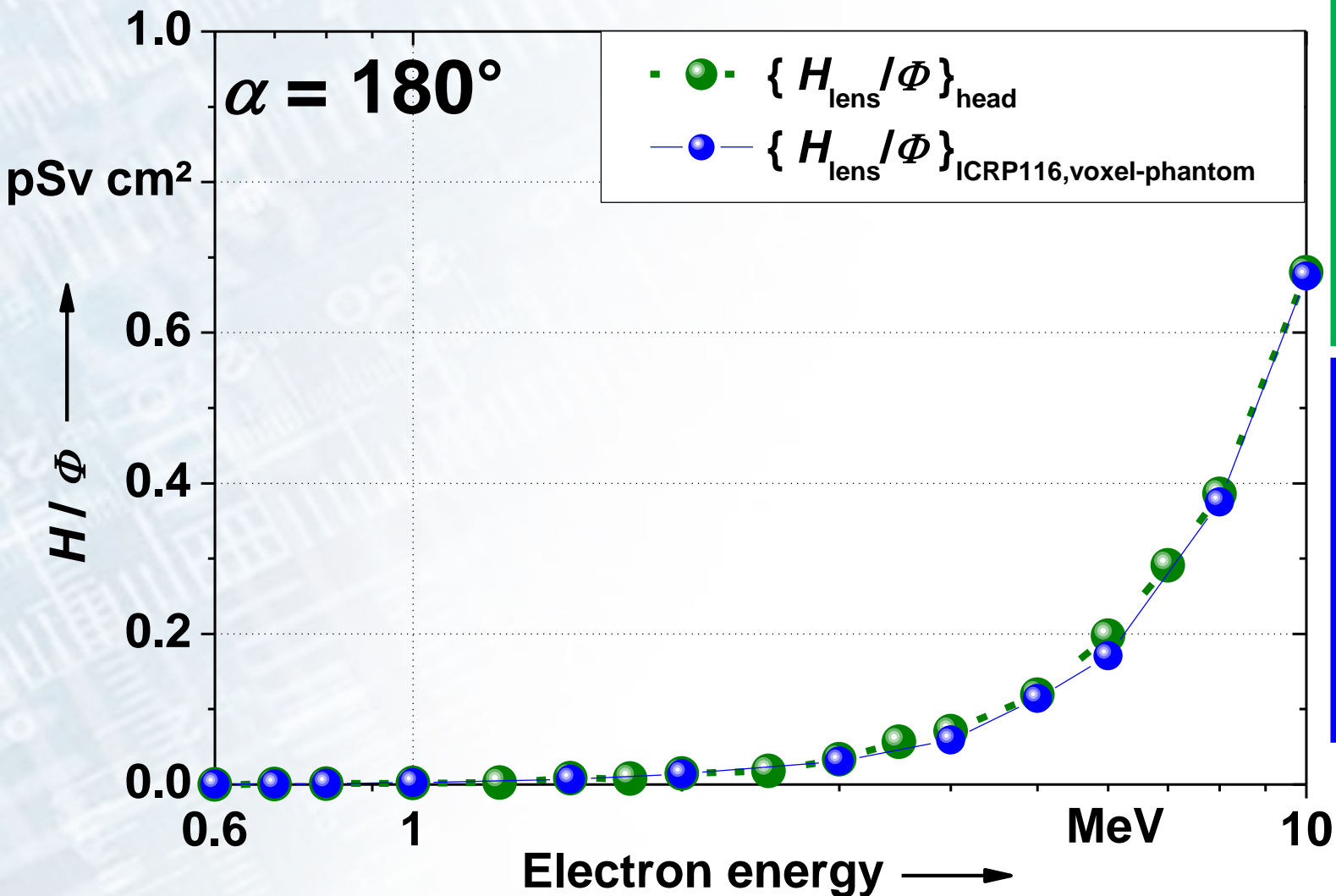


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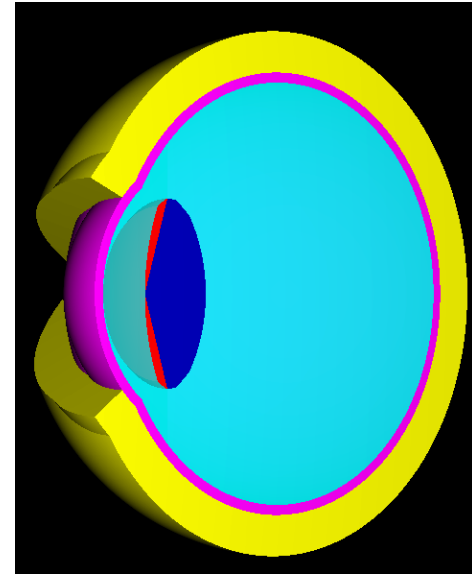
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# *Total lens ↔ significant volume*

## ANNEX F. SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR ASSESSING ABSORBED DOSE IN THE LENS OF THE EYE

(F2) The annual dose limit for the lens of the eye is given in terms of the equivalent dose,  $H_T$ , and by definition this value is based on the mean absorbed dose,  $D_{T,R}$ , averaged over the volume of the lens. Although ICRP Committee 1 will continue to evaluate the location of the stem cells associated with cataract induction, the dosimetric assessments of this annex support the continued use of the mean absorbed dose for the lens of the eye.

(F3) However, it is well known that there are strong differences in sensitivity to ionising radiation exposure with respect to cataract induction among the tissues of the lens of the eye (Charles and Brown, 1975). Even as early as 1955, ICRP stated in its first general recommendations (ICRP, 1955): 'When the spatial distribution of radiation in the organ is very non-uniform, an average of the physical dose is not necessarily indicative of the potential damage to the organ in its relation to the normal physiological functions of the body as a whole. Therefore, in such cases it is necessary to consider a local volume within the organ in which the dose is highest. This may be called the significant volume. . . For the lens of the eye the significant volume is that in which the cell nuclei are located.' This motivated several groups to look deeper into the issue of the dose to a sensitive cell population within the lens, especially for radiations with low penetrability that have steep dose gradients inside the lens of the eye, such as electrons (Behrens et al., 2009, 2010; Behrens and Dietze, 2010, 2011a; Nogueira et al., 2011) and low-energy photons (Behrens and Dietze, 2011b). Recently, the issue of lens dosimetry for neutrons has been under investigation (Manger et al., 2011).



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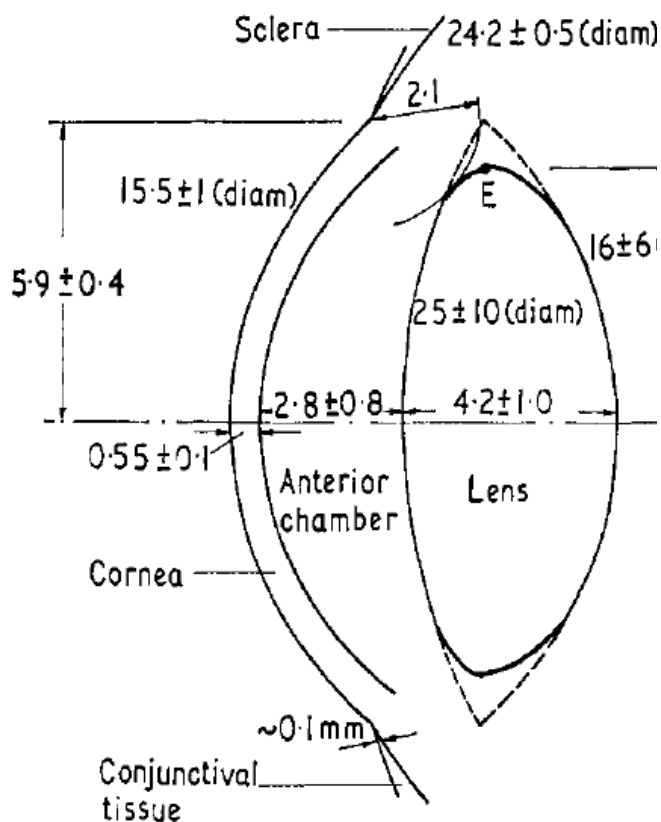
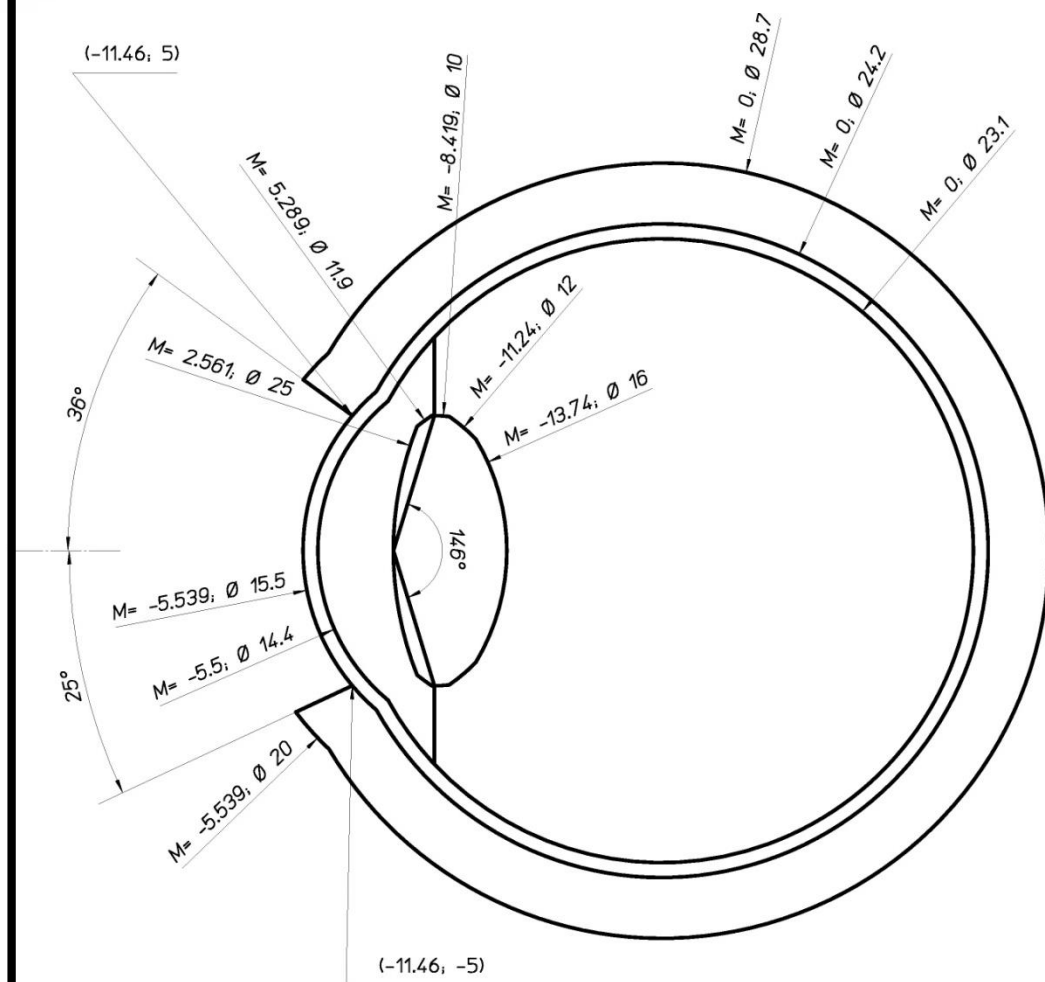


Fig. 8. Mean ocular dimensions for the unaccommodated eye. The limits represent the limits found in a normal adult.

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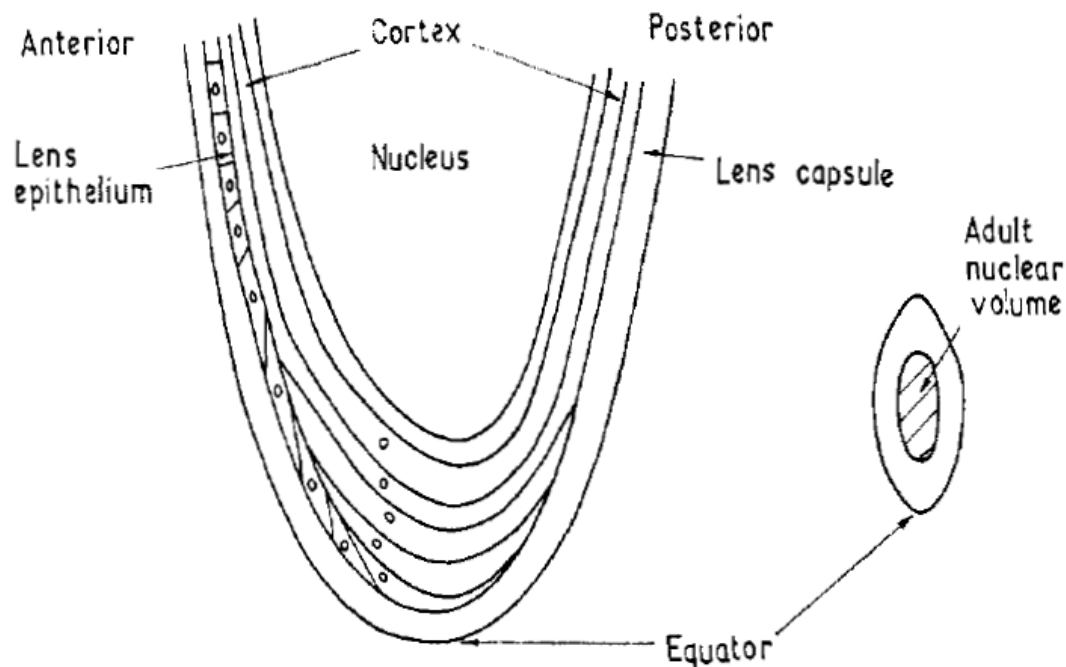
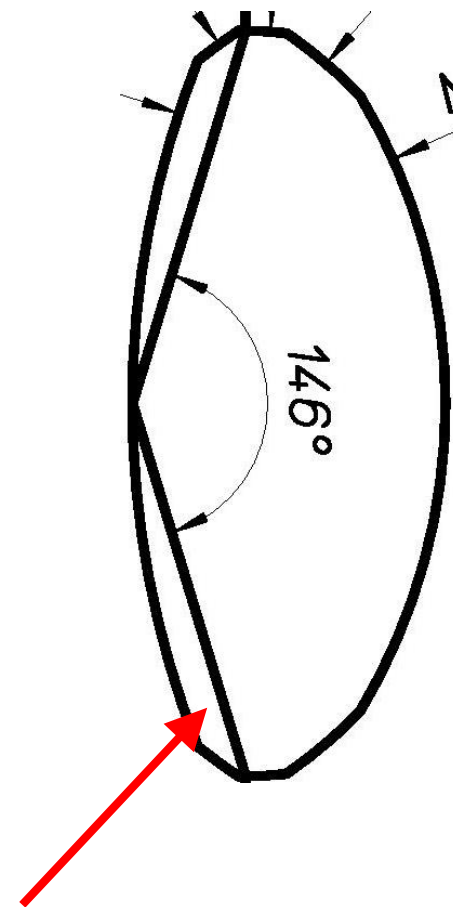


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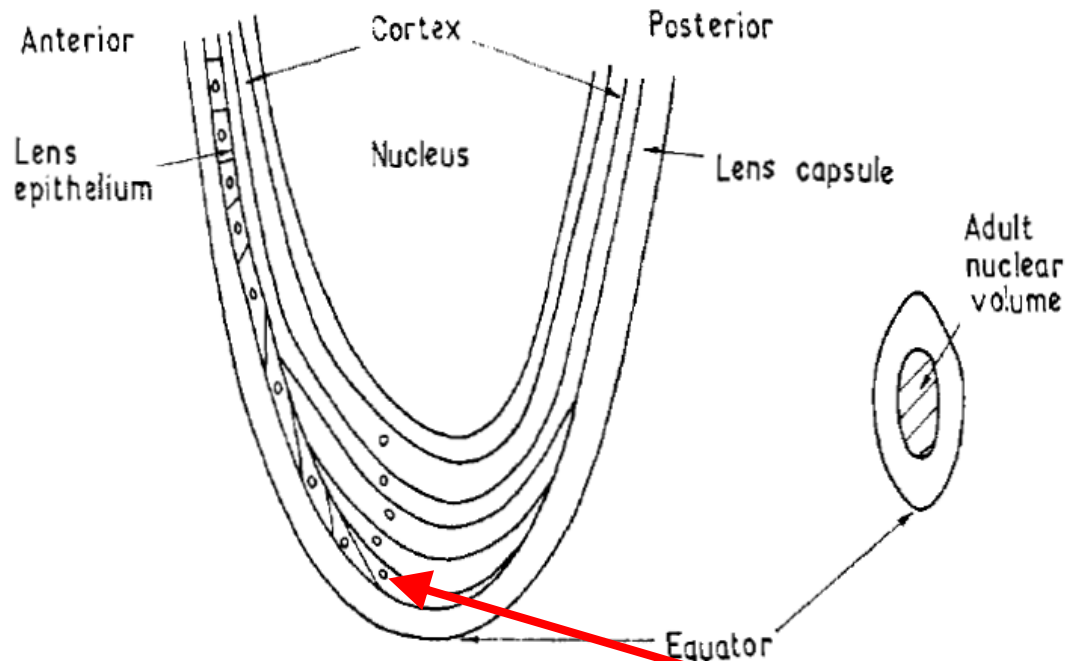
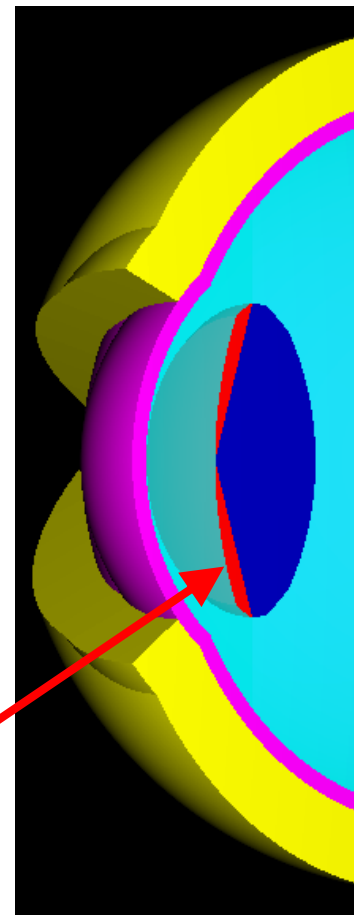
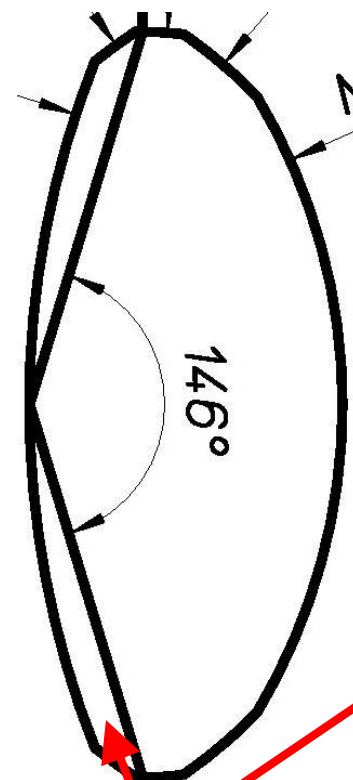


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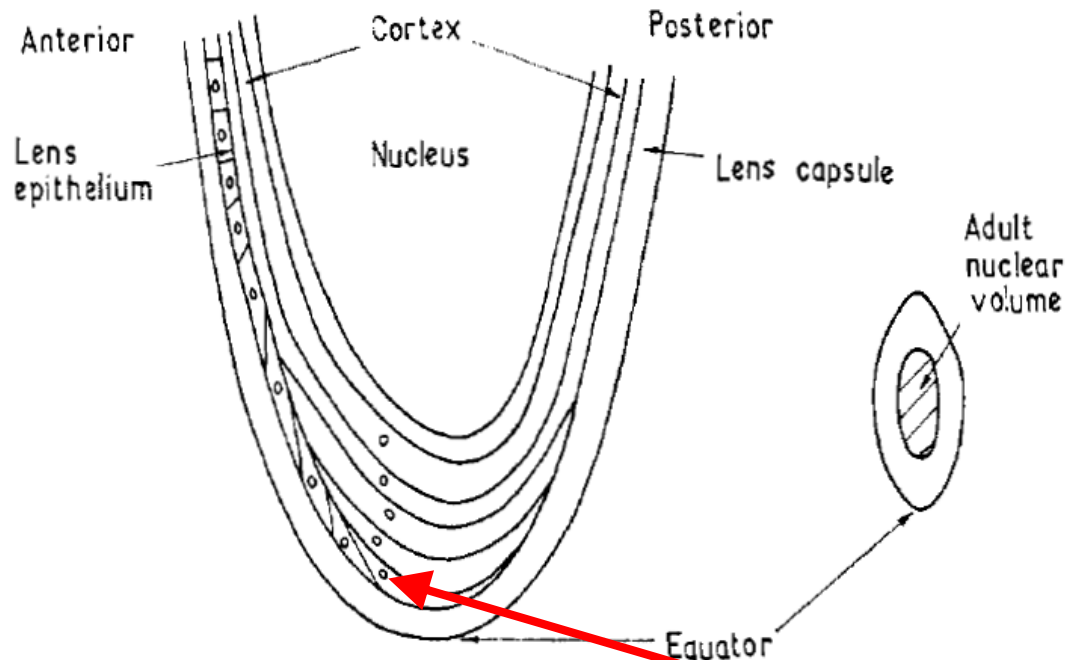
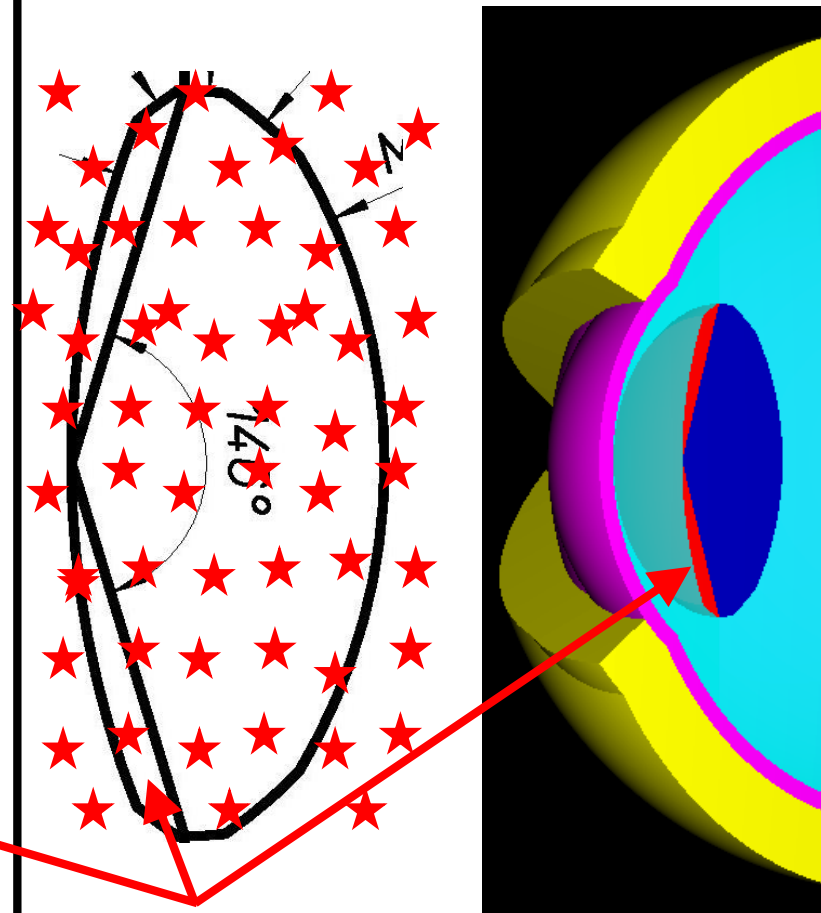


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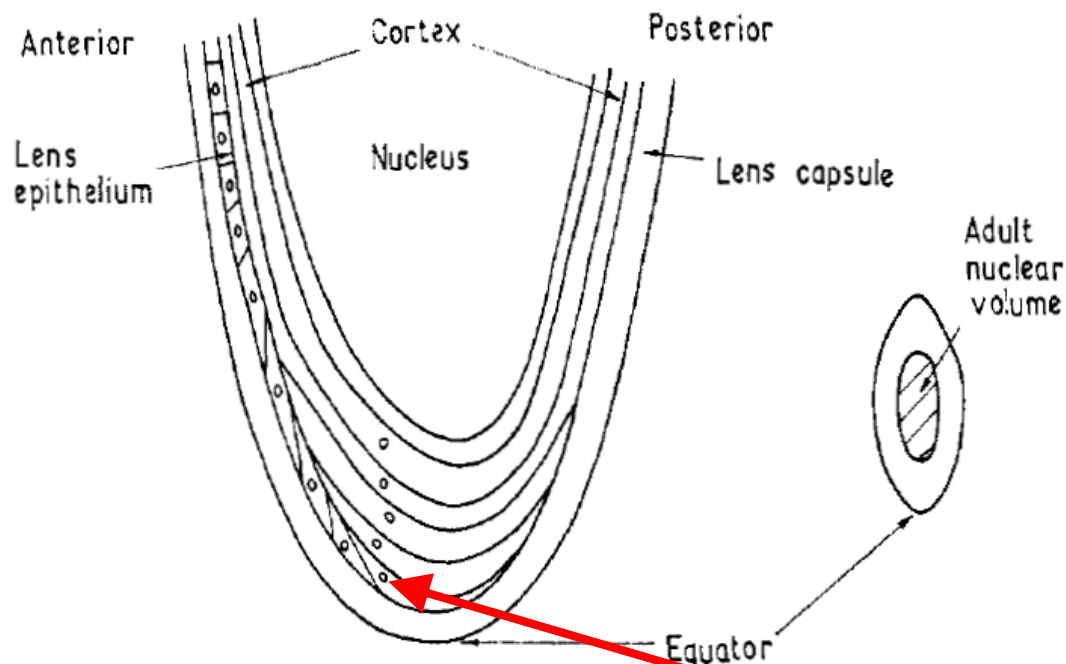
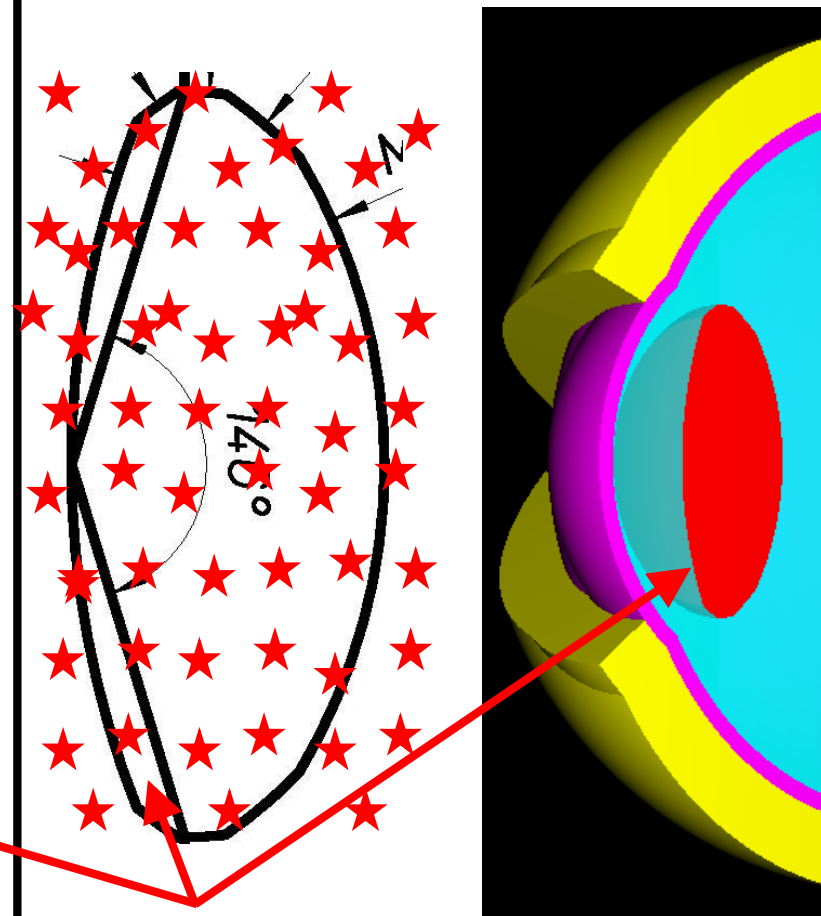


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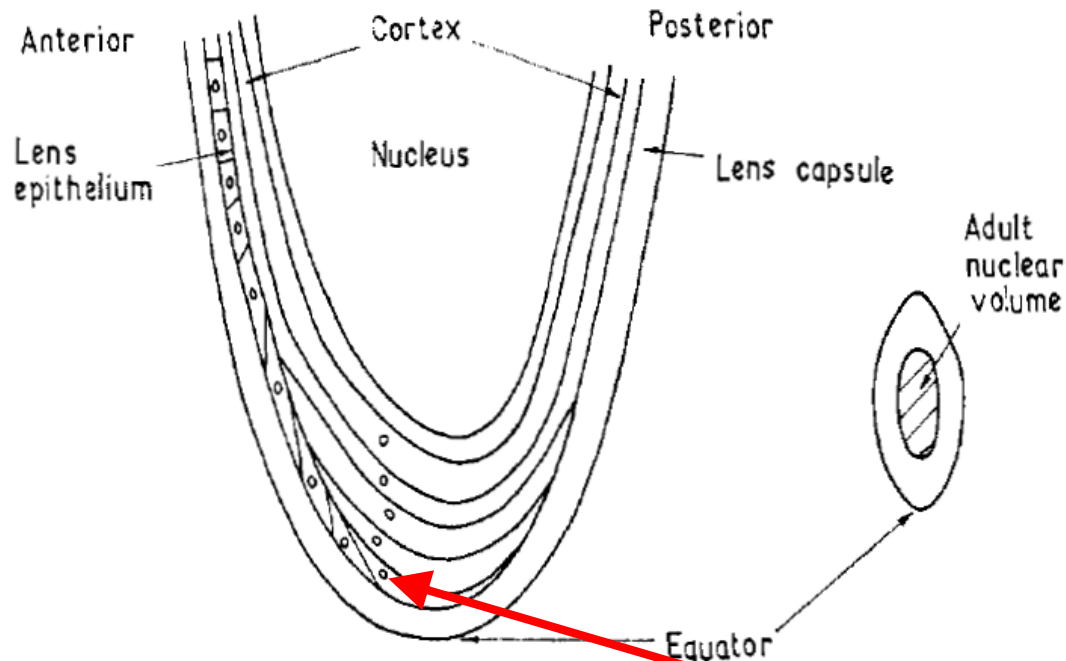
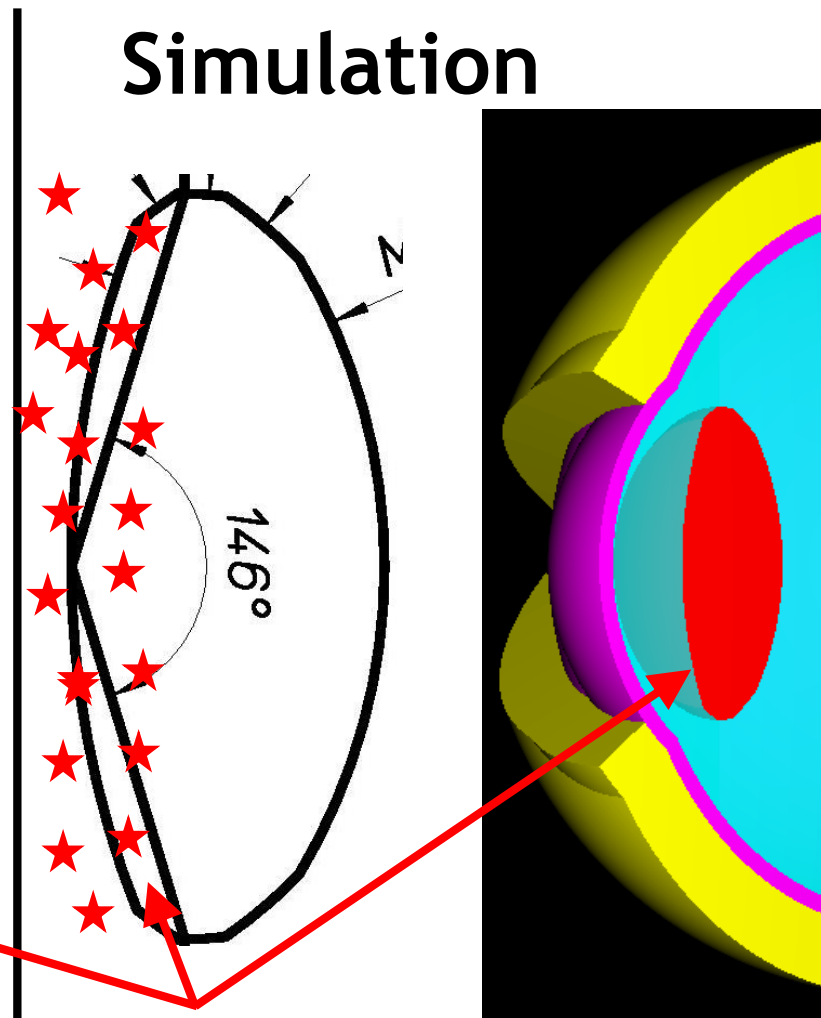


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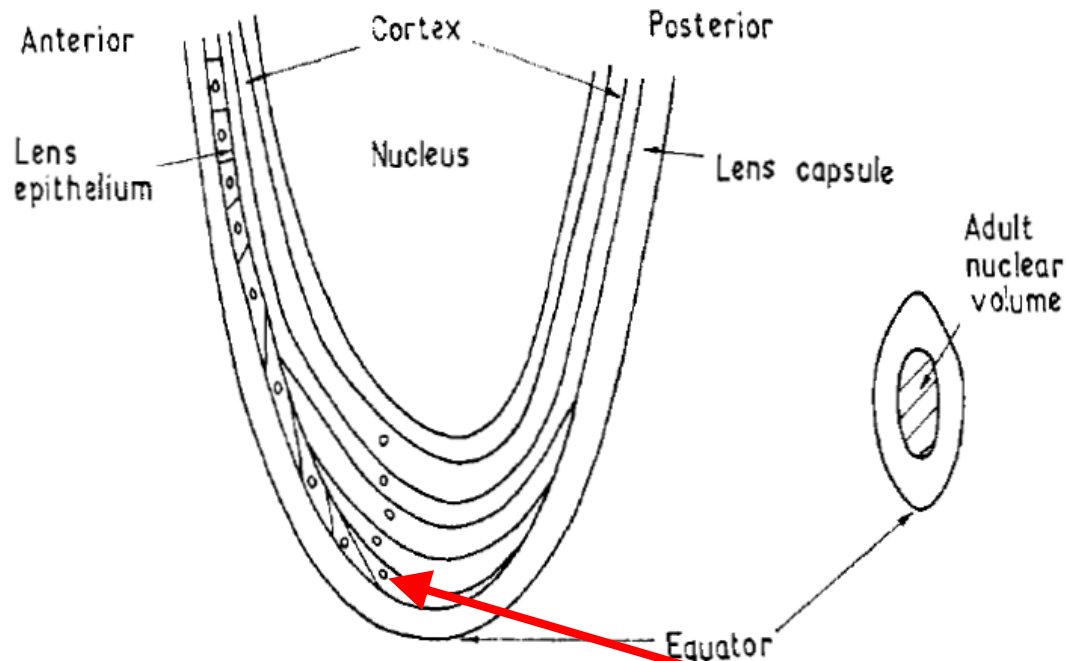
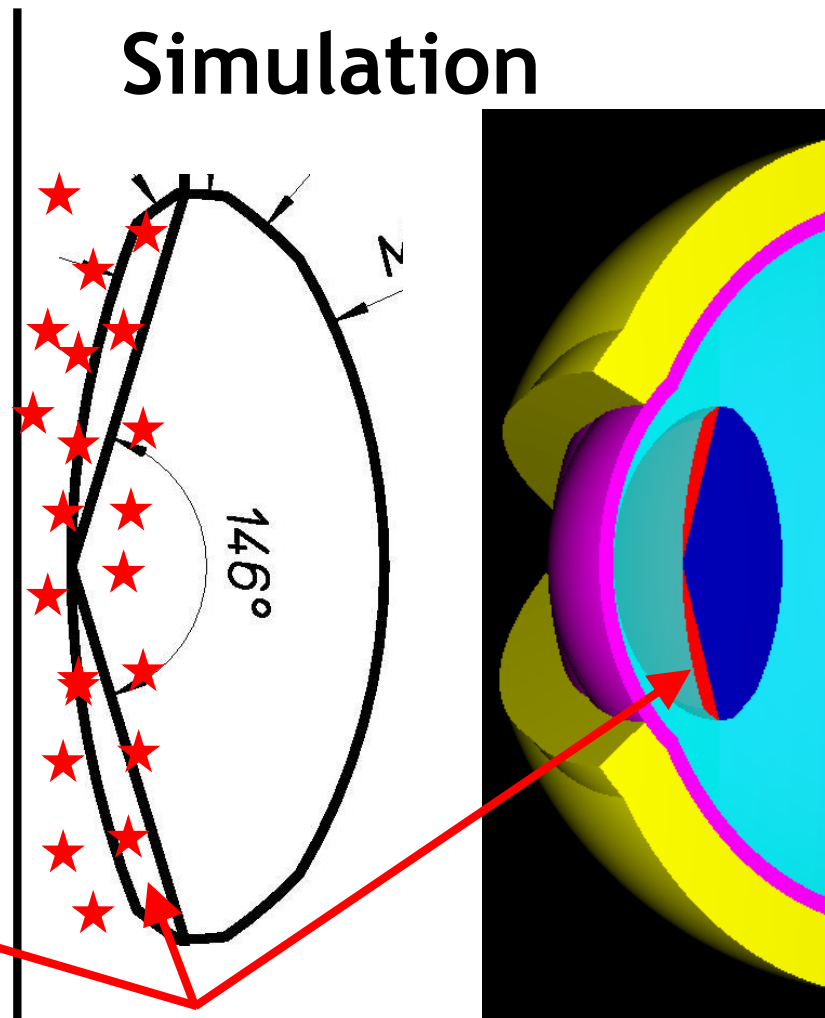


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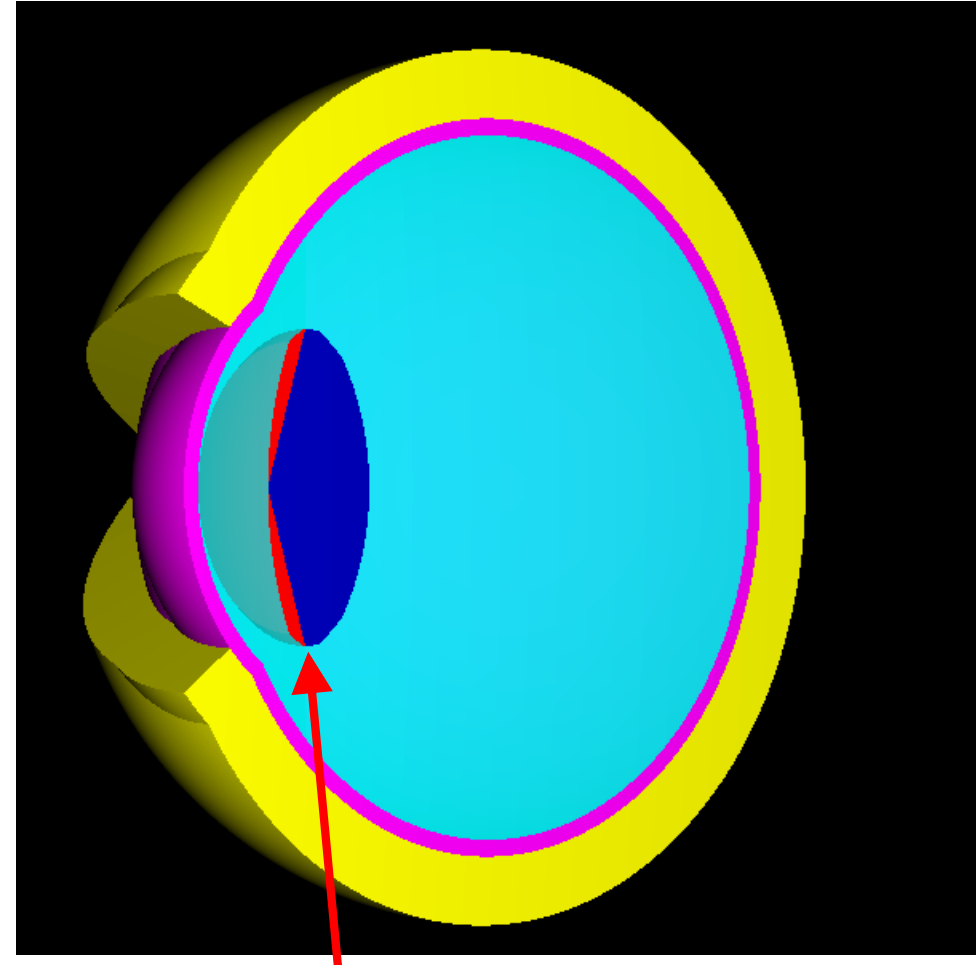
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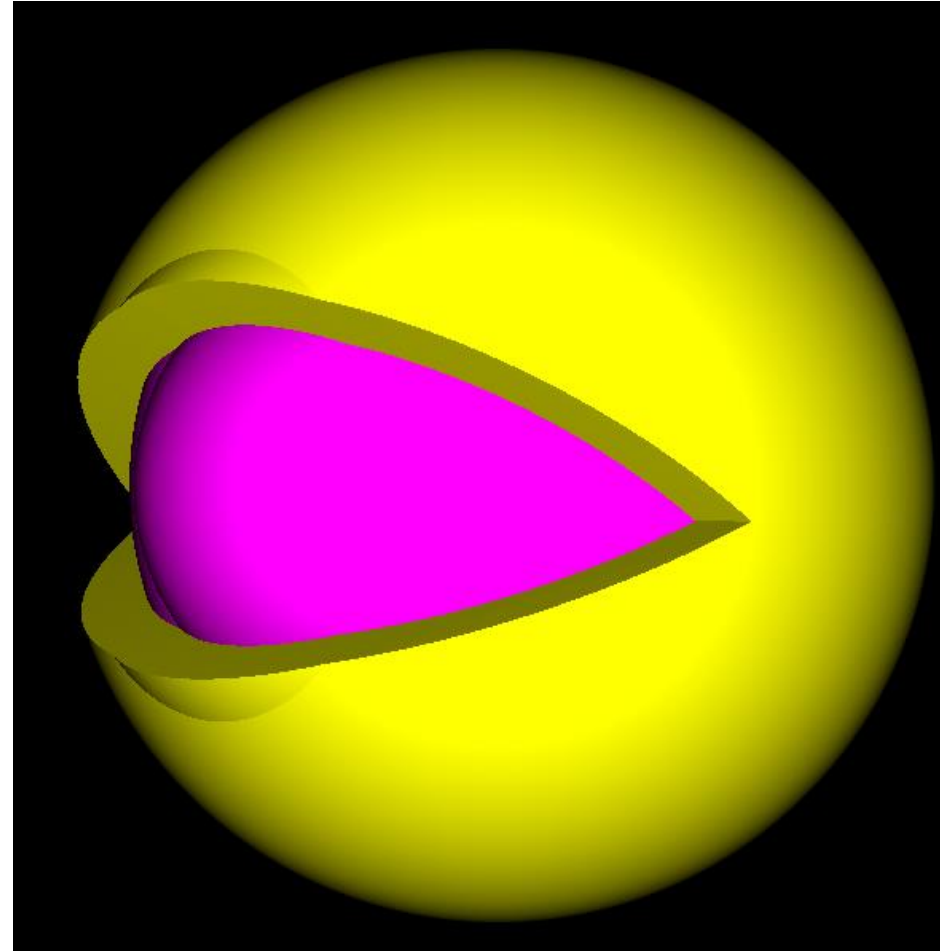
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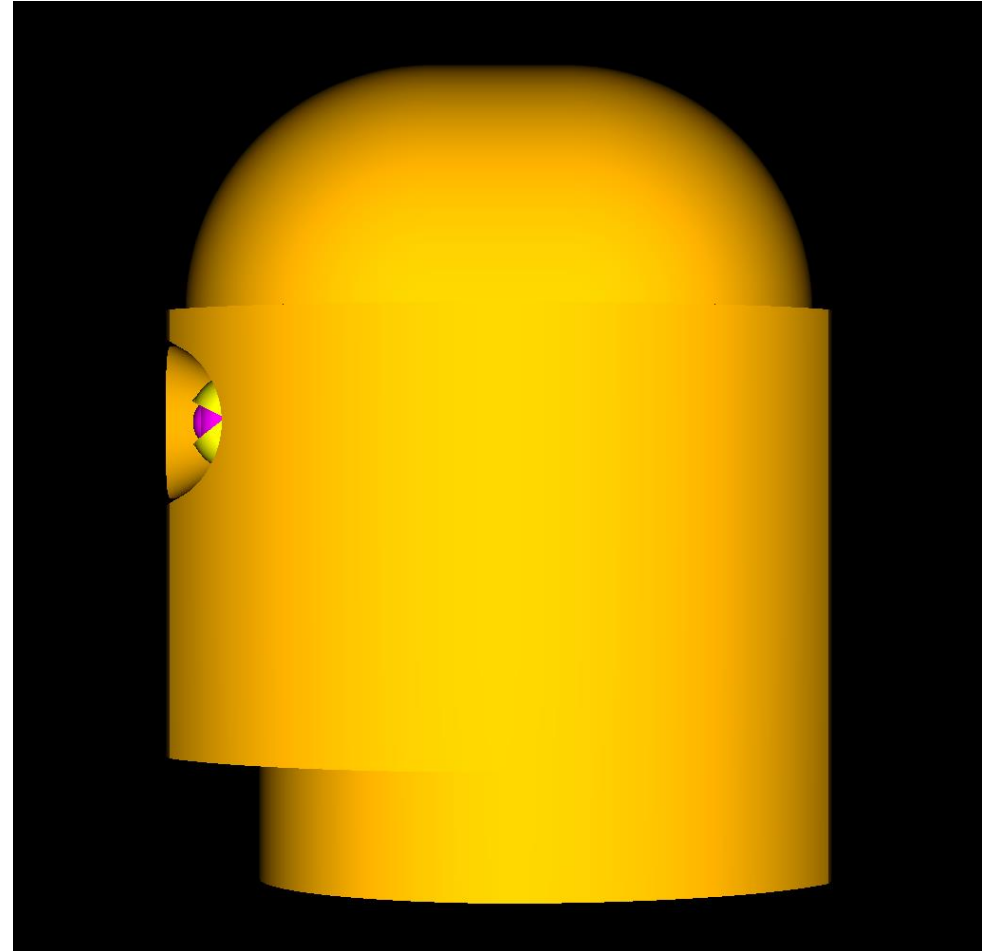
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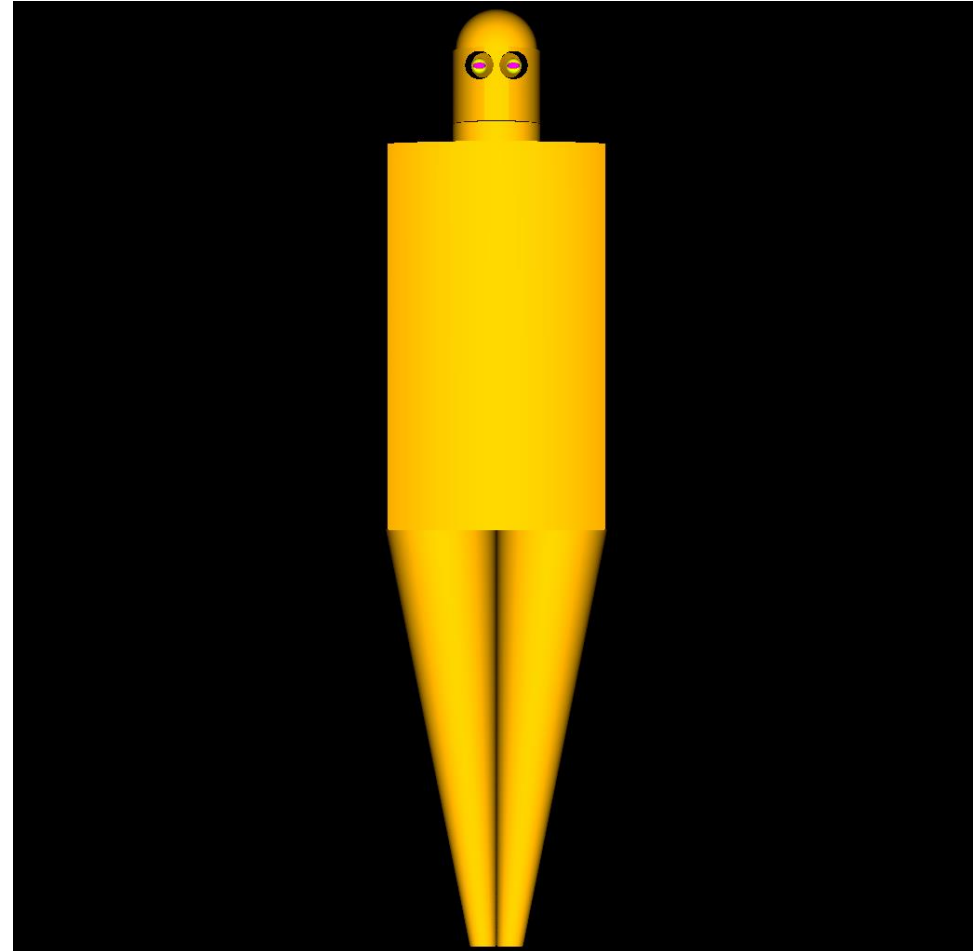
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