

Chapter 6: Vision

General Principles of Sensory Processing

The Visual Stimulus

The Anatomy of the Visual System

Coding of Light and Dark

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The Primary Visual Cortex

Perception of Visual Information

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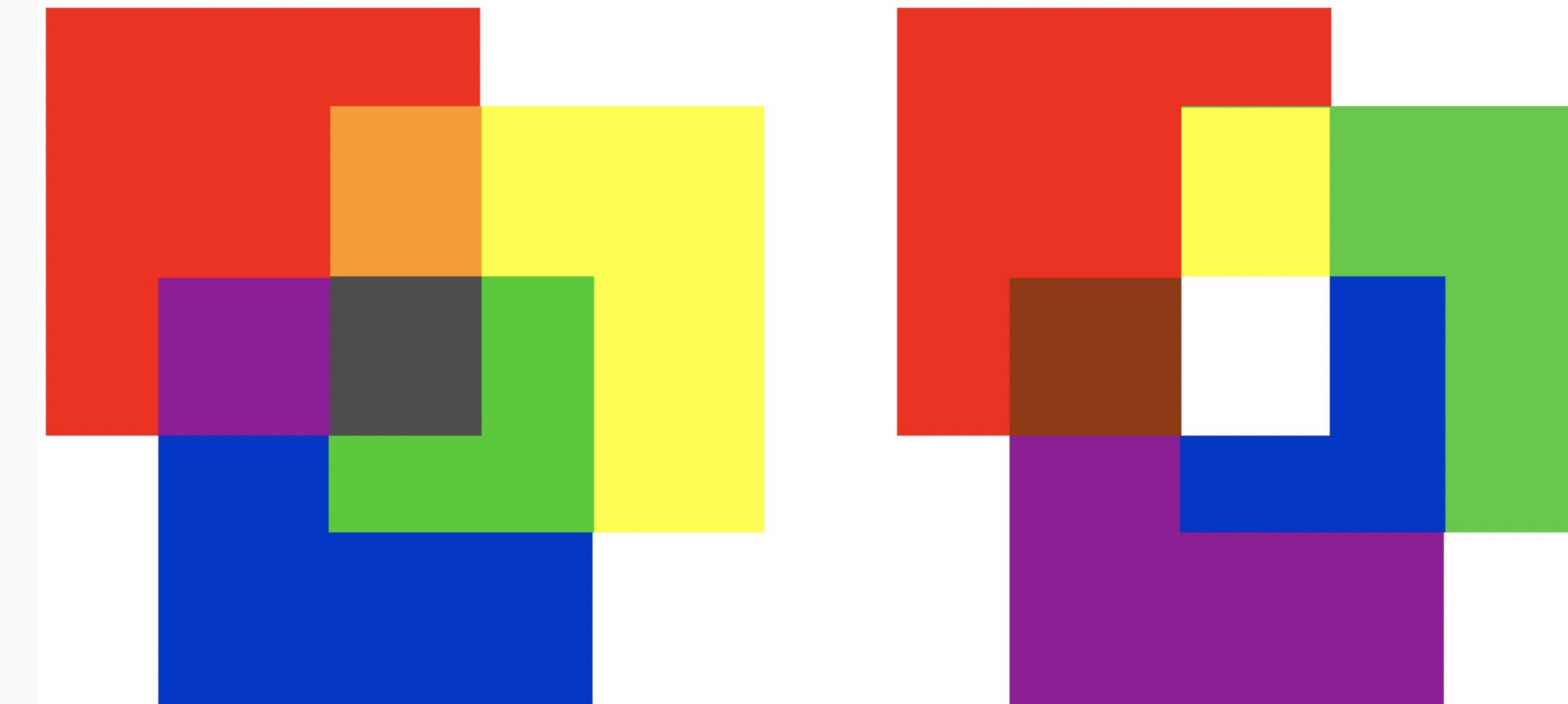
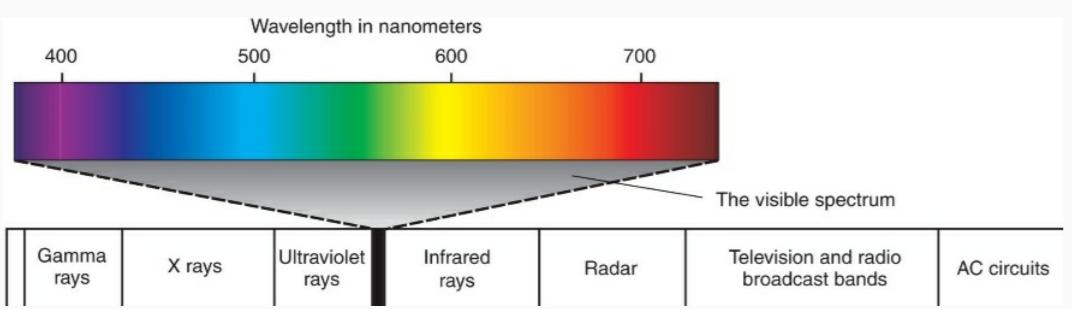
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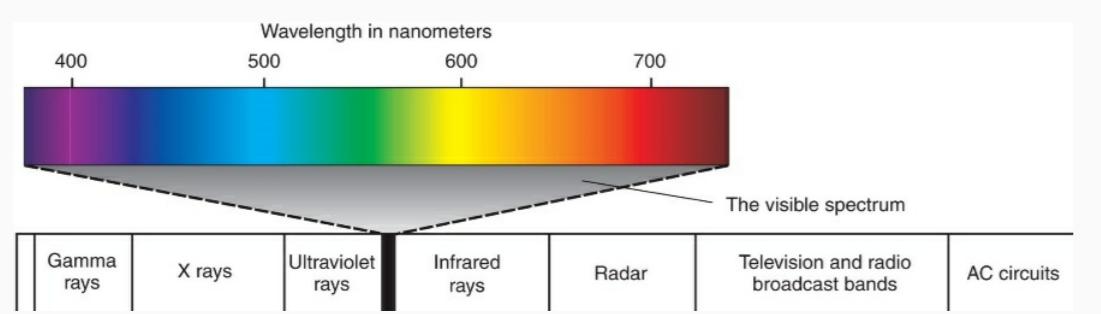
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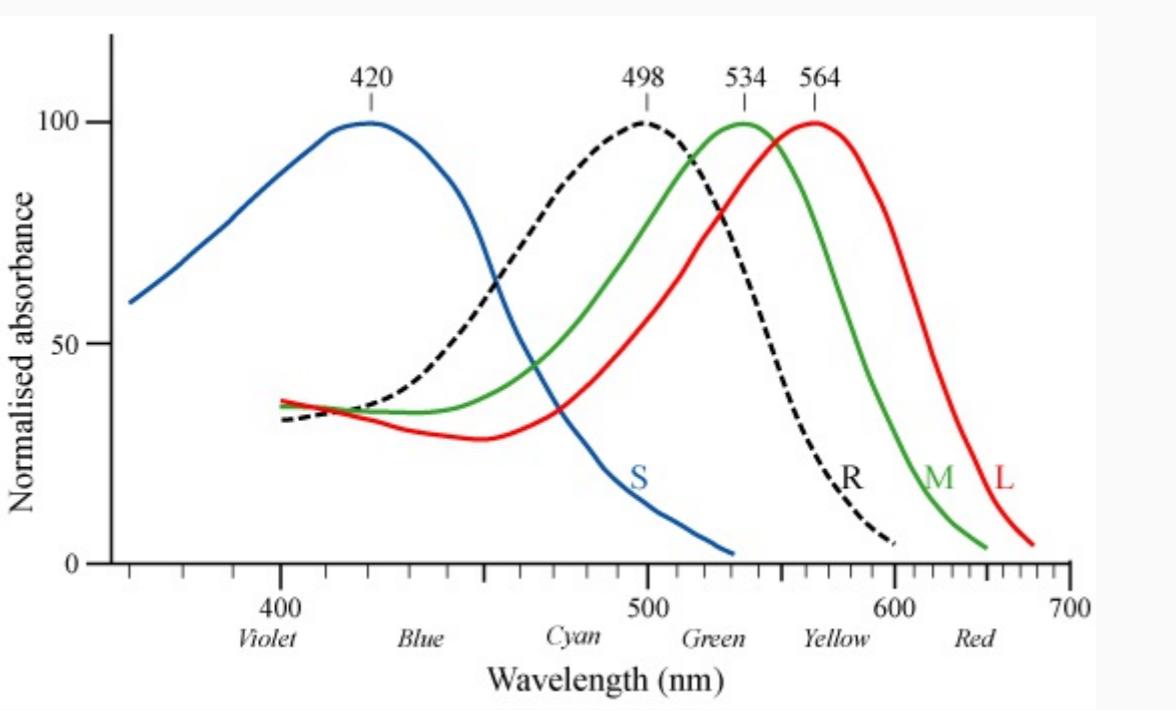


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- cones exhibit maximal responses at 420 (short), 534 (medium), or 564 (long) nm
- determined by type of iodopsin in cone
- each cone responds over a range of wavelengths



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Opponent Process Theory of Color Vision.

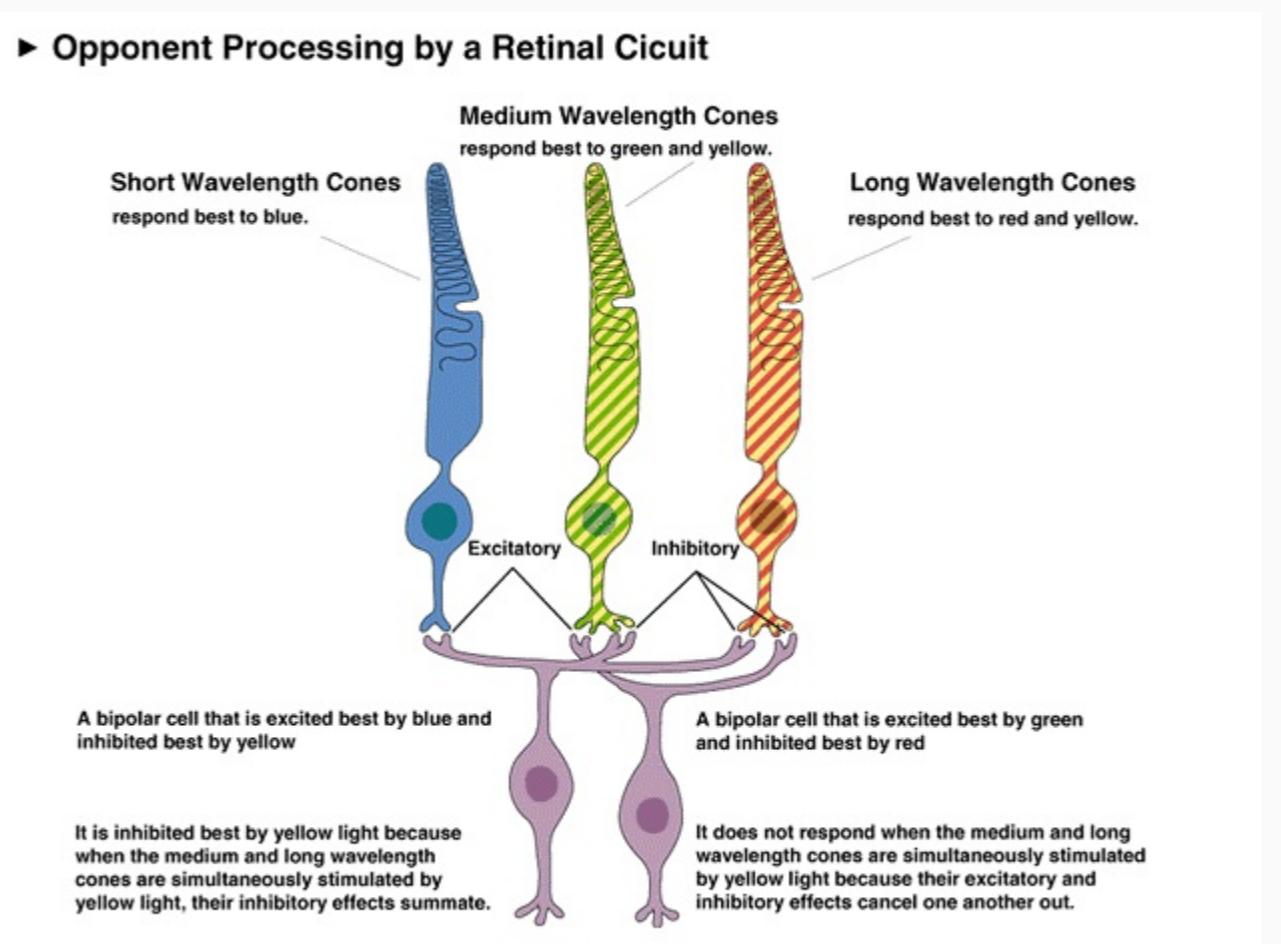
- based upon observation that some colors don't blend
- based upon negative afterimages
- trichromatic theory cannot explain



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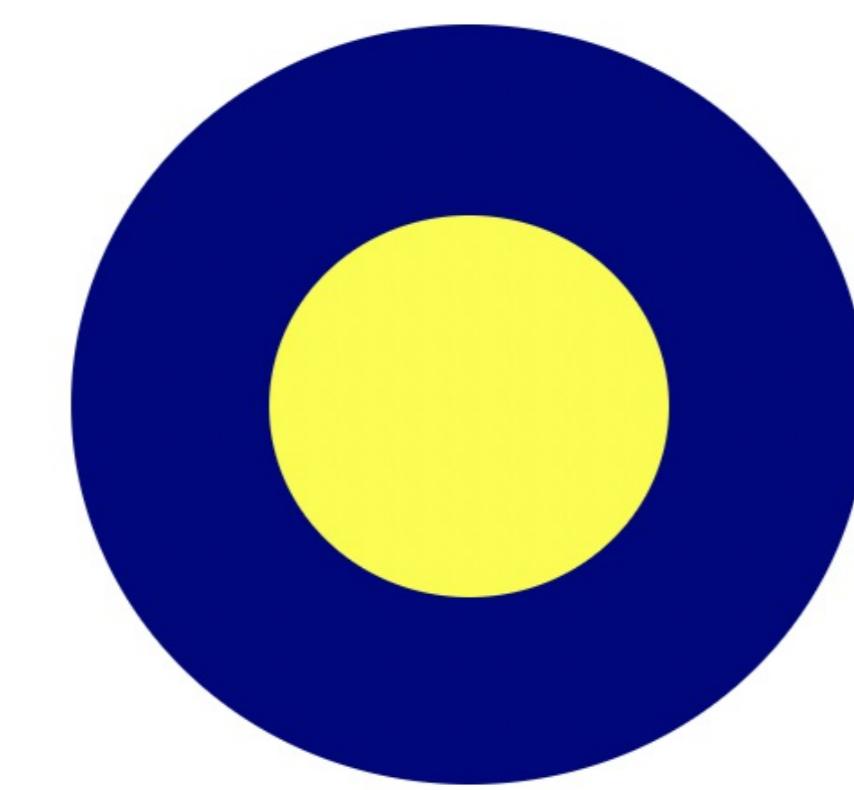
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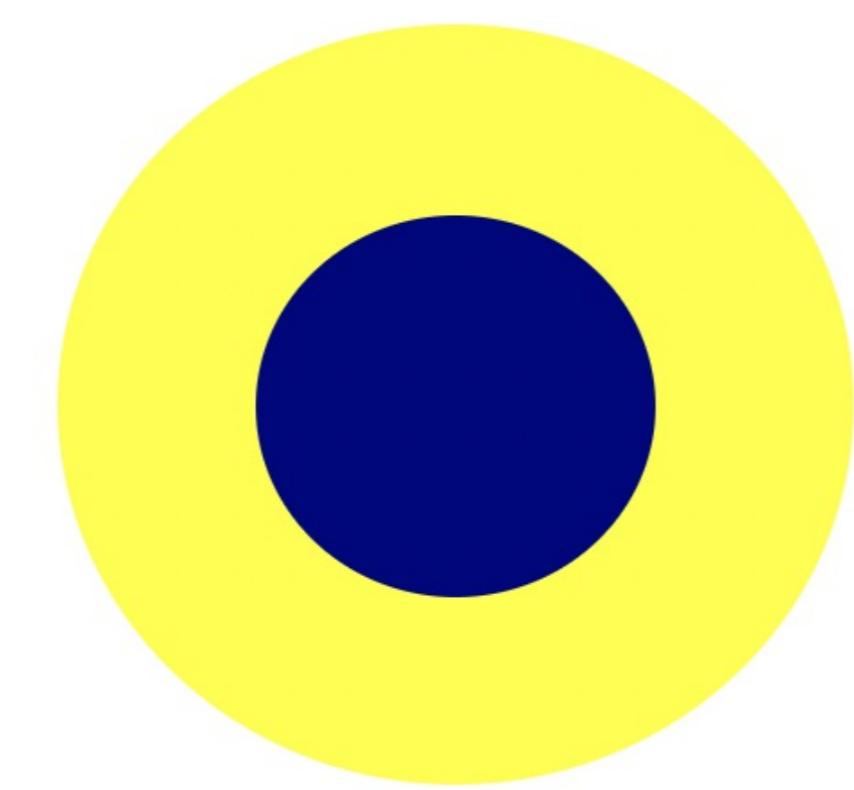
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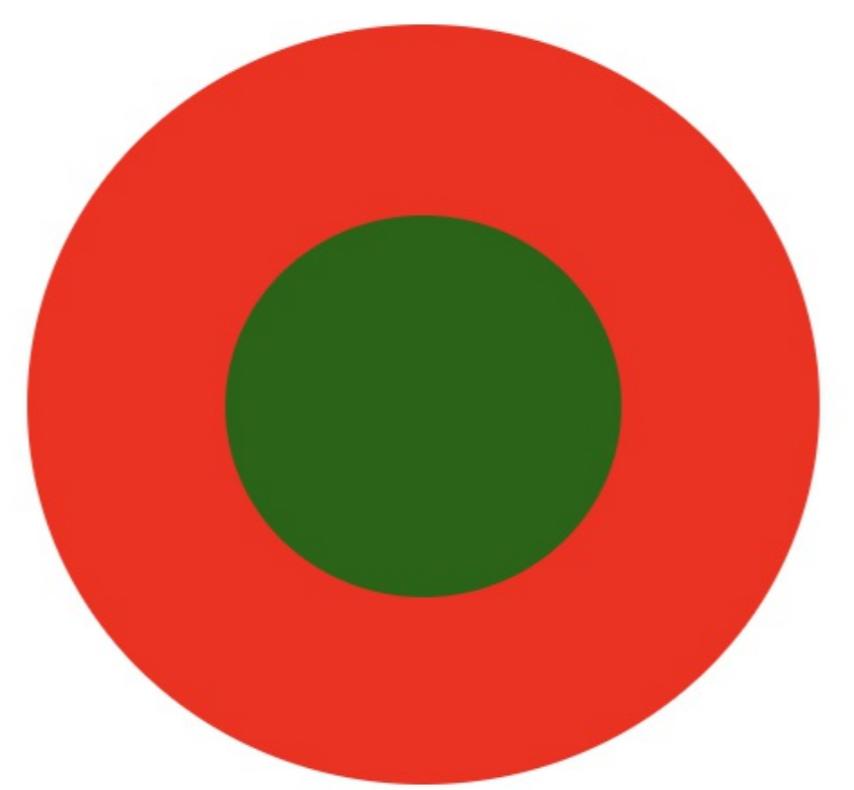
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- roughly concentric cone-fed inputs



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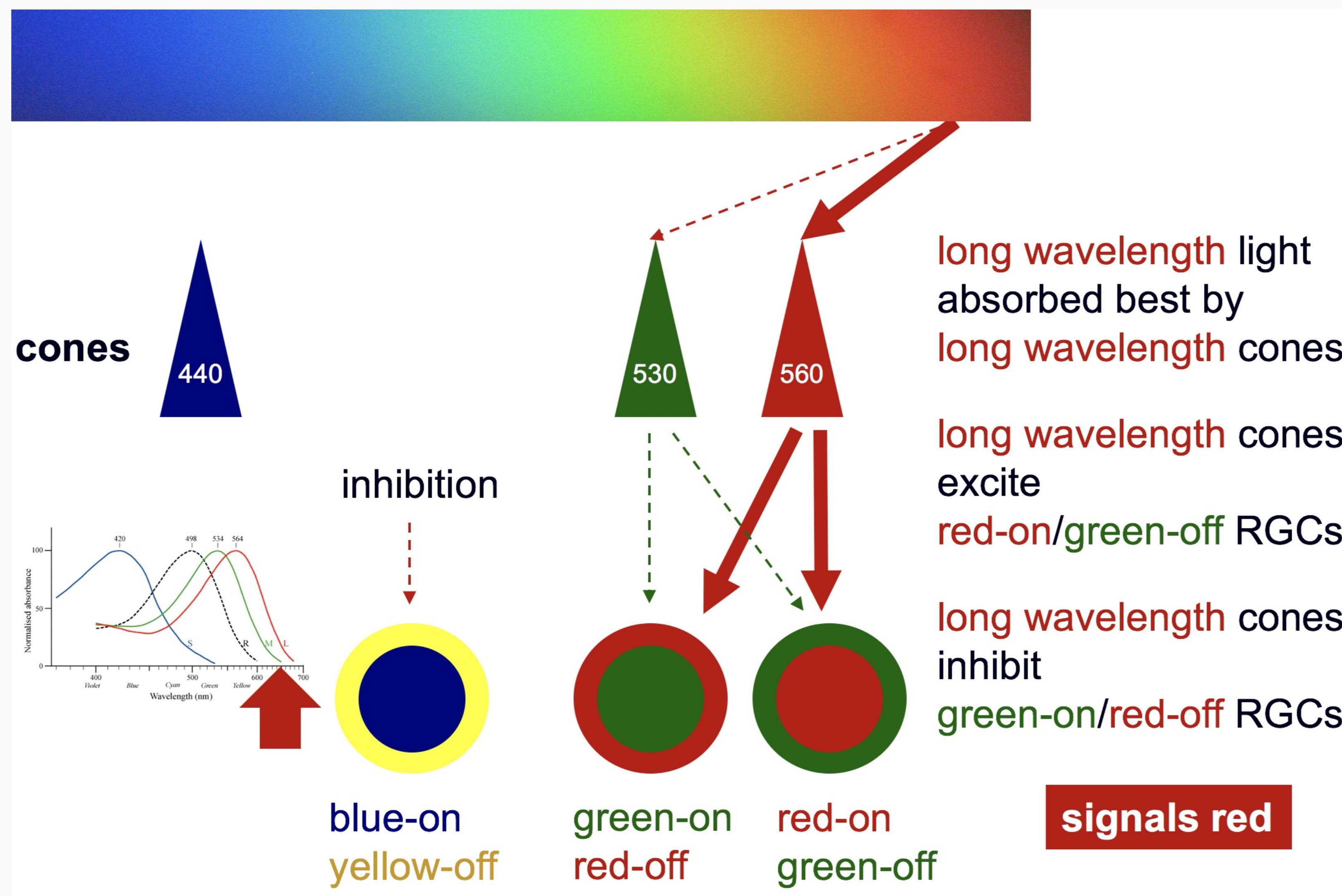
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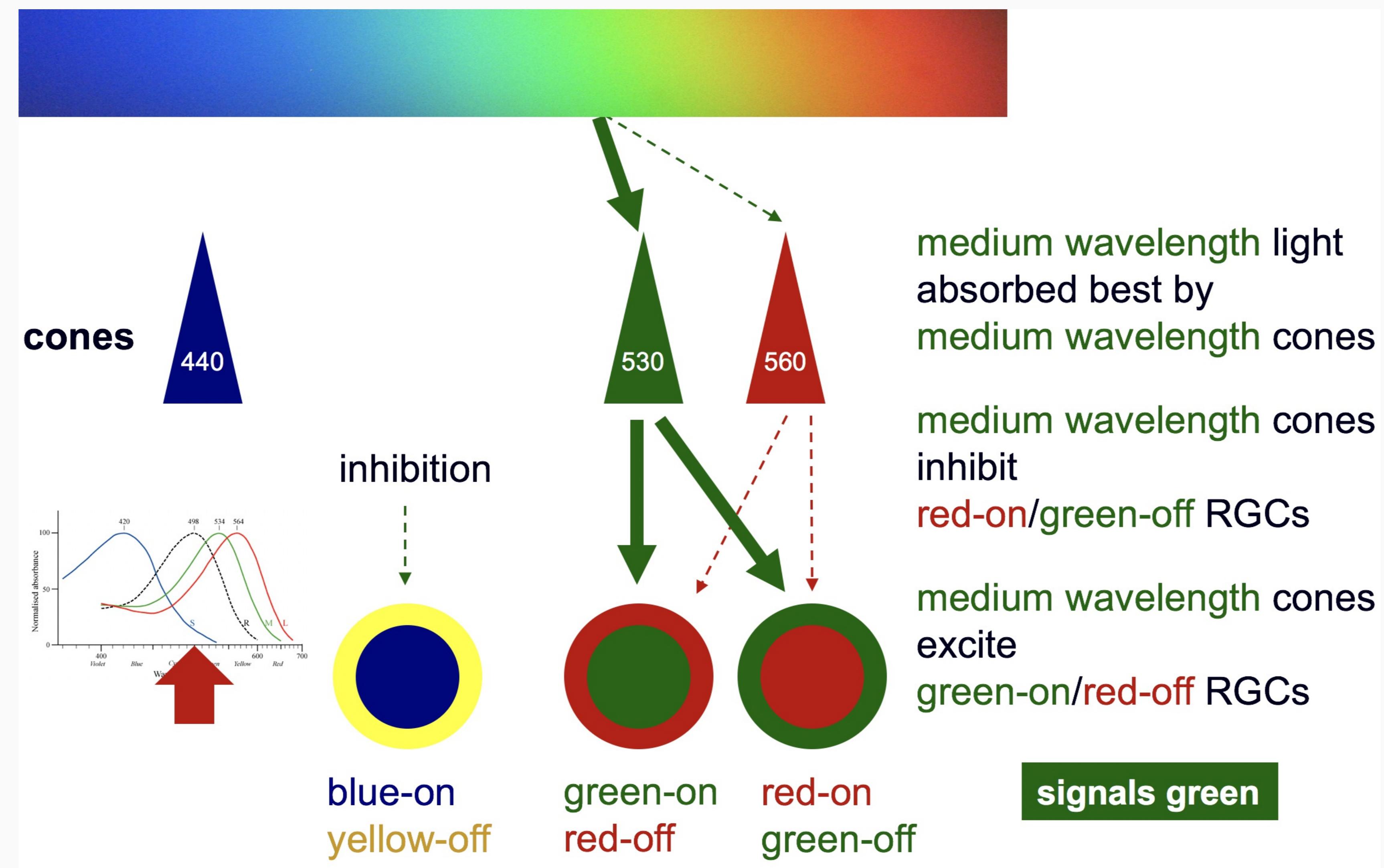
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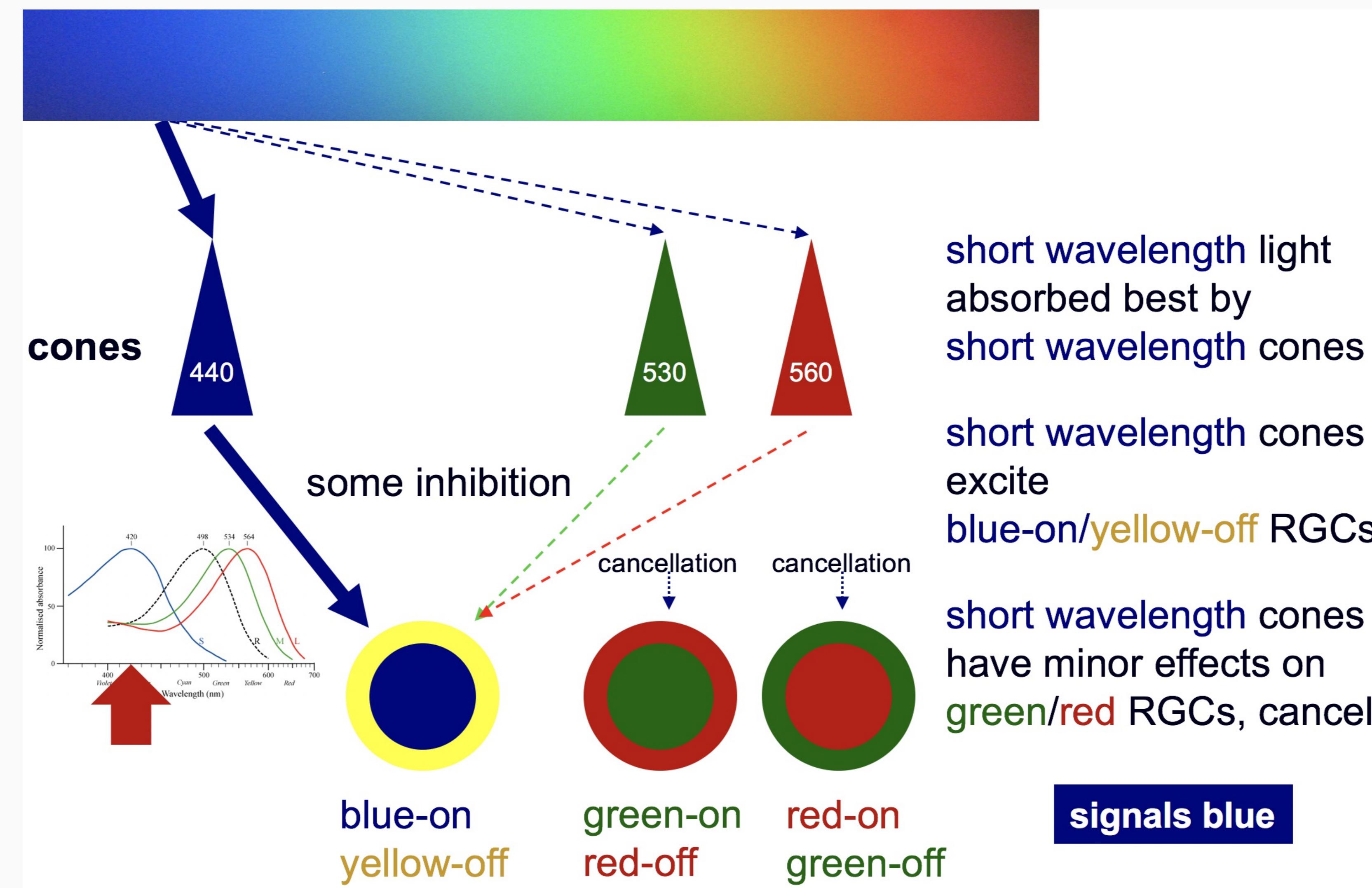
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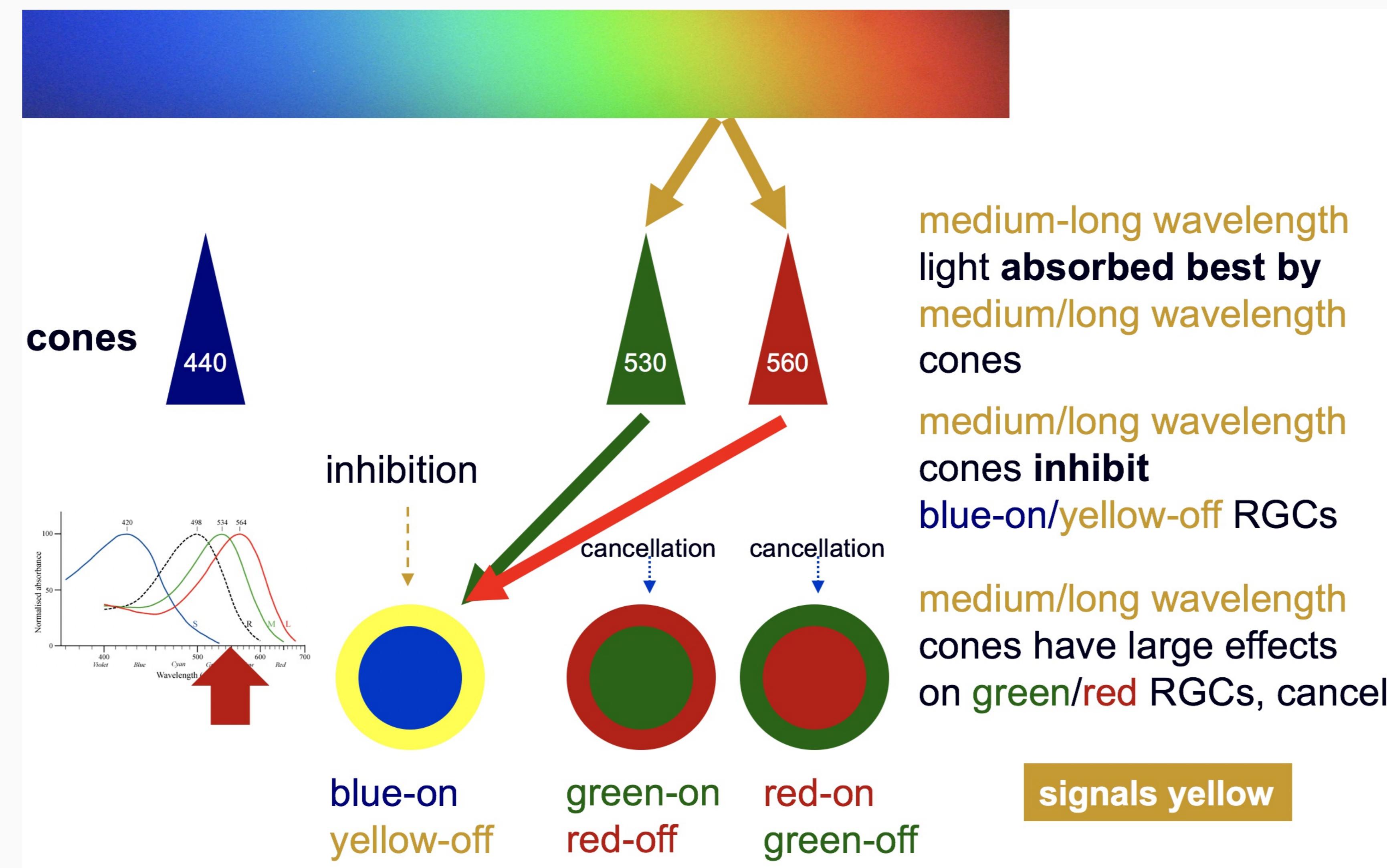
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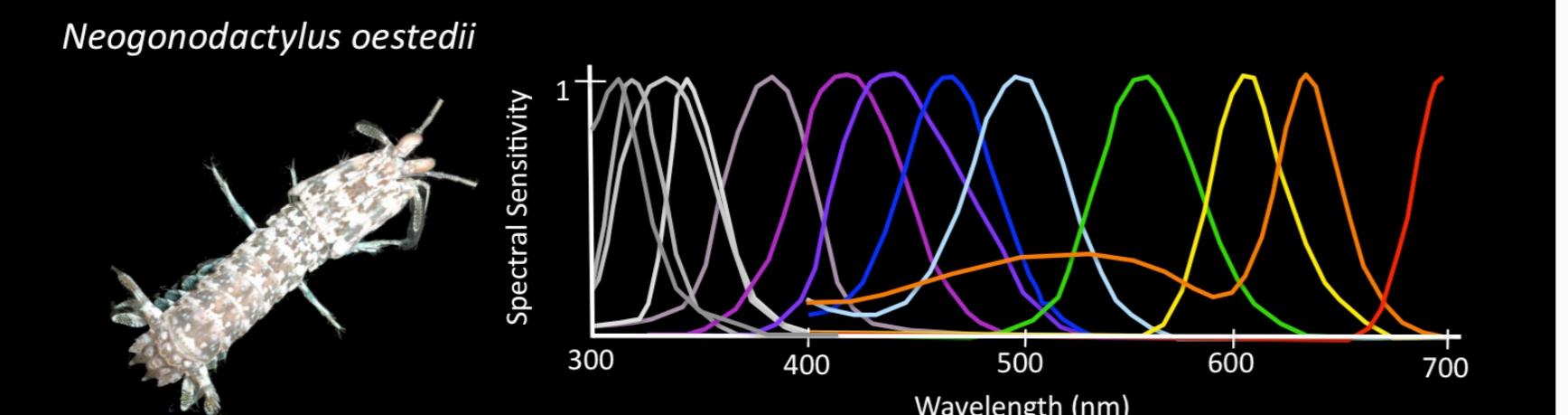
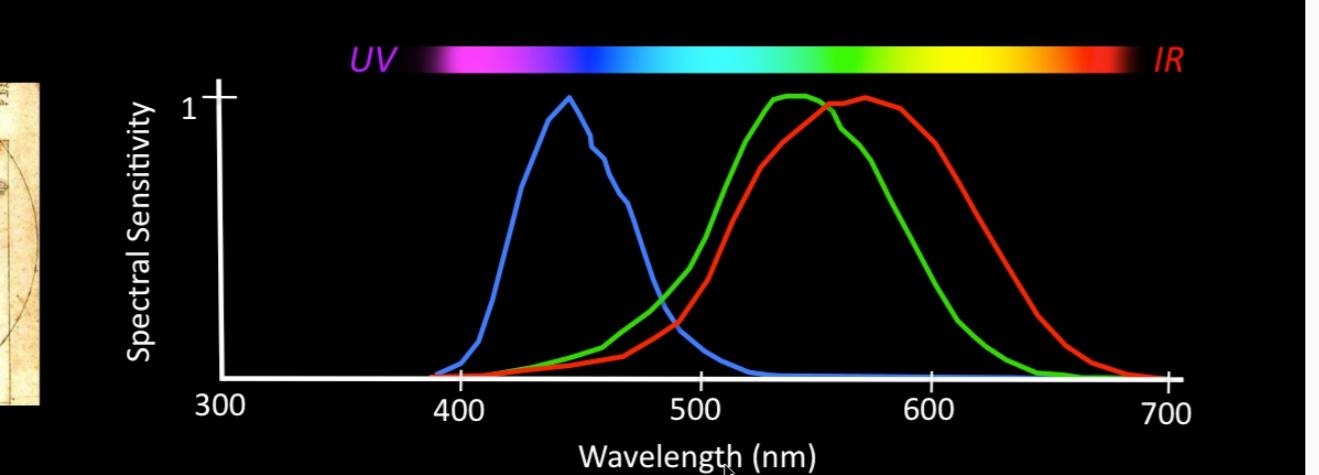
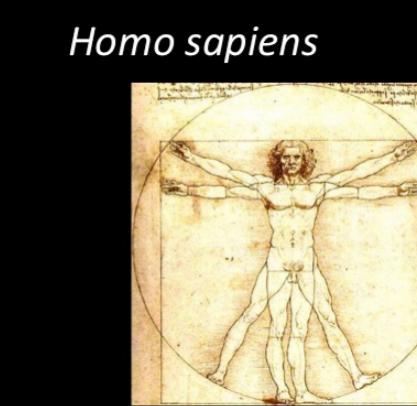
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That Mantis Shrimp Again.

Mantis Shrimp: Extraordinary Eyes



Marshall et al., 2007; Marshall and Oberwinkler, 1999



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Higher-Level Processing

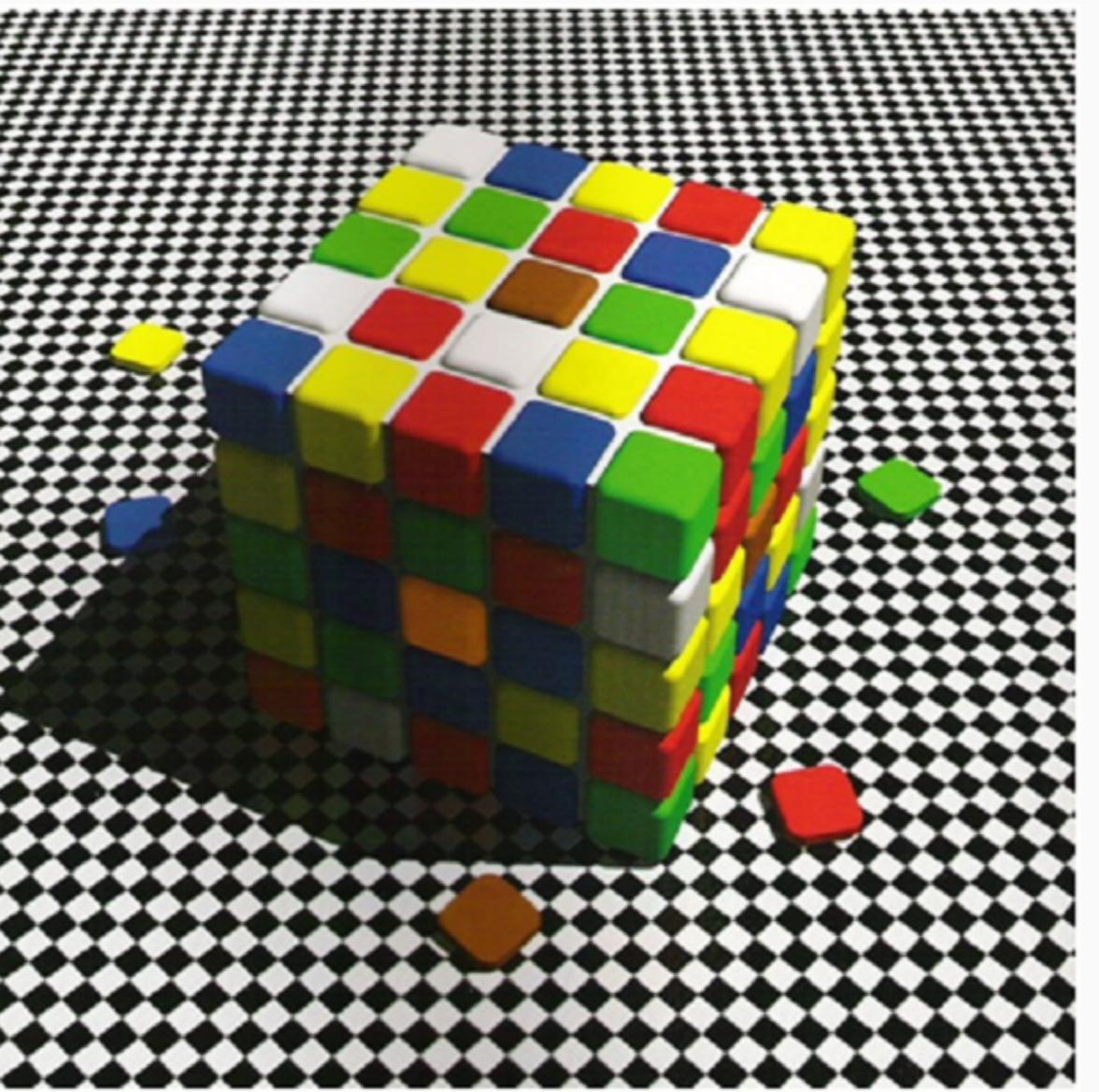


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