



# COMPUTER VISION

## Lecture 2

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## 1. Light



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Chapter 1  
**Brief Summary**



- Attendance not mandatory
- **Direct** correlation between attendance and passing the exam
- **Direct** correlation between attendance and grade of the exam

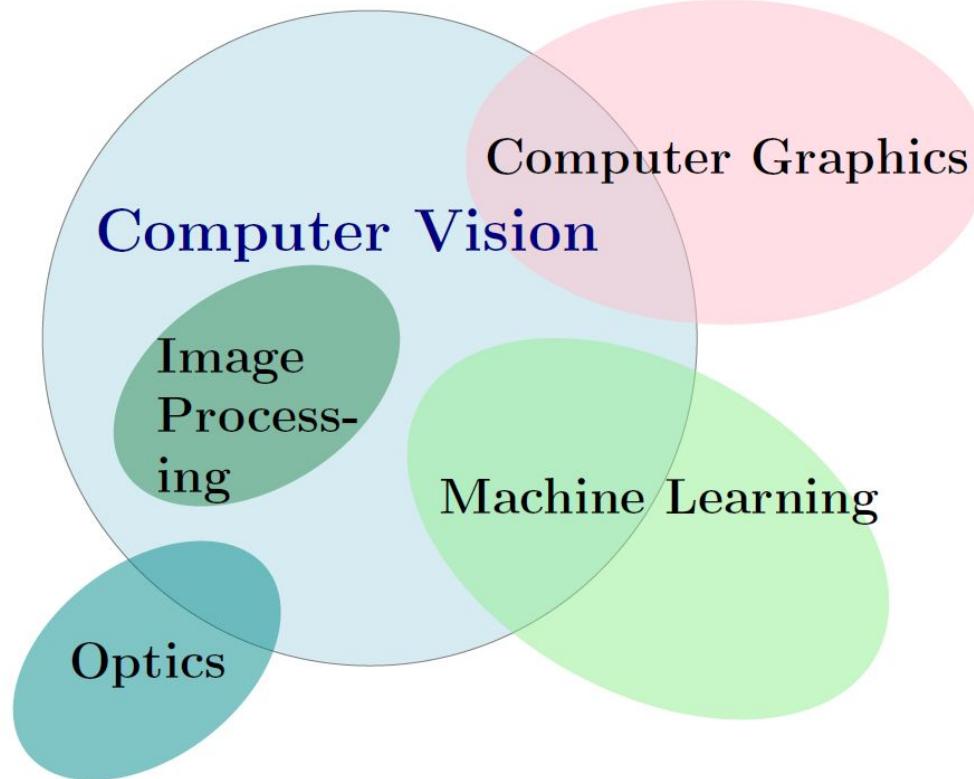
# ATTENDANCE MATTERS



- **ACT!** Don't wait until it is too late!
  - If something not clear, google, ask your friends, contact the TA, contact me.
  - Every professor is busy, but **will find time for you!**
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- Participate in classes, ask questions, review slides, check if anything needs to be better clarified



## RELATION TO OTHER AREAS



## *Bridging the gap between pixels and meaning*



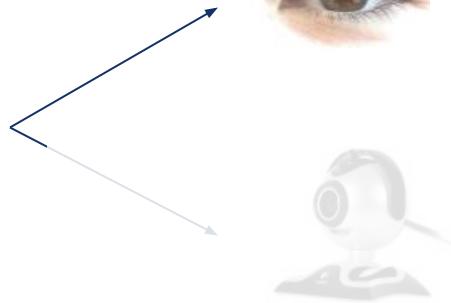
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# WHAT IS (COMPUTER) VISION

Image (or video)



Sensing device



Interpreting device



Interpretations

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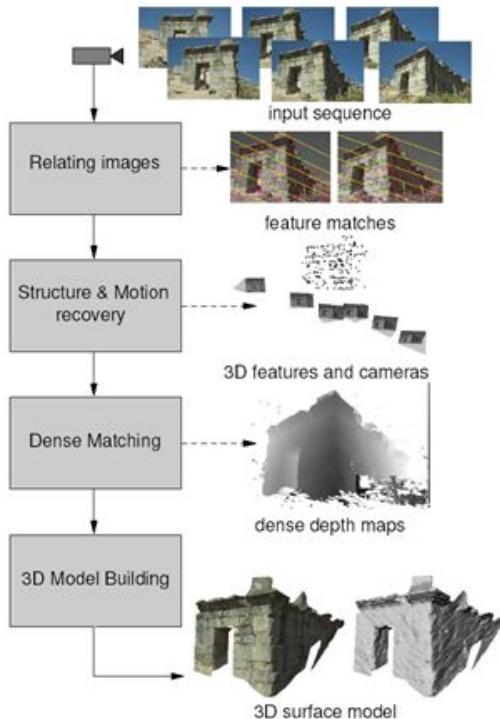
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# WHAT INFORMATION TO EXTRACT

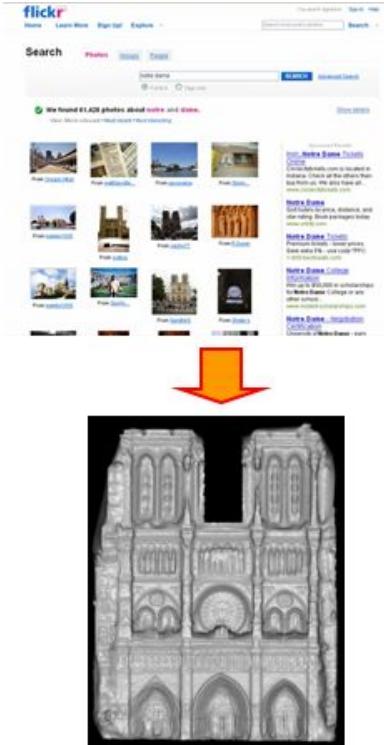
- Metric 3D Information
- Semantics



# VISION AS A MEAUREMENT DEVICE



Pollefeys et al.



Goesele et al.

# VISION AS A SOURCE OF SEMANTIC INFORMATION



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## Chapter 2

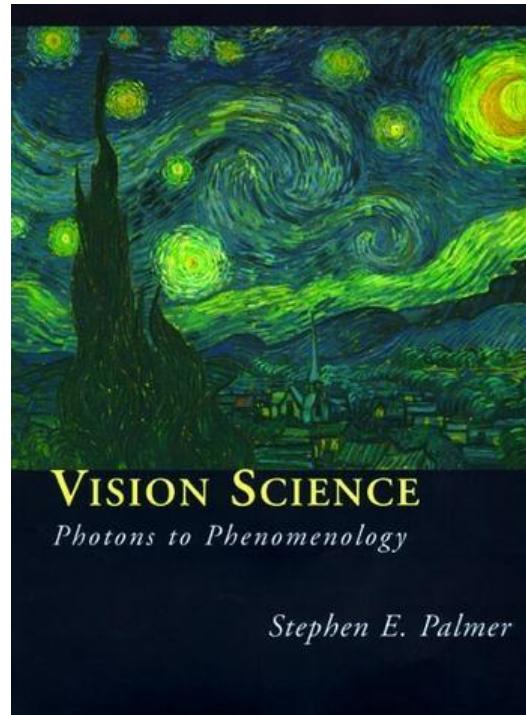
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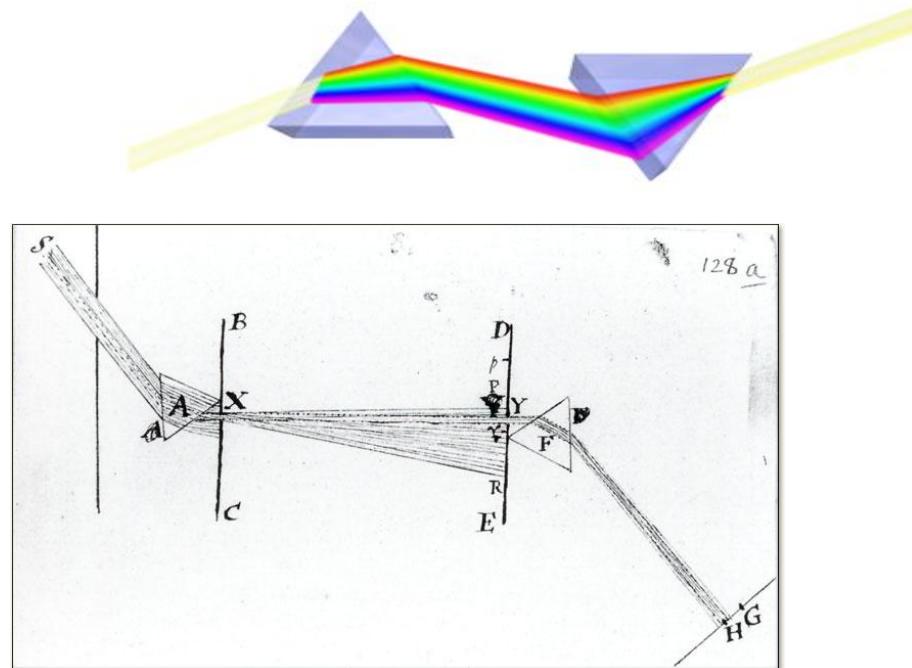
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## WHAT IS COLOR?

- The result of interaction between physical light in the environment and our visual system.
- A *psychological property* of our visual experiences when we look at objects and lights, *not a physical property* of those objects or lights.

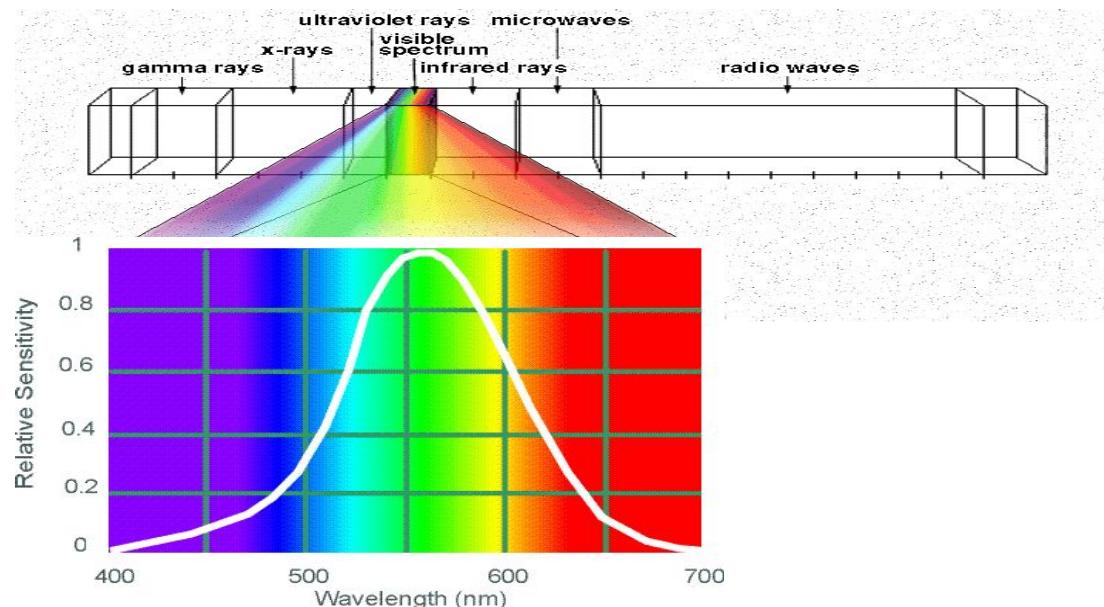


White light:  
composed of almost  
equal energy in all  
wavelengths of the  
visible spectrum



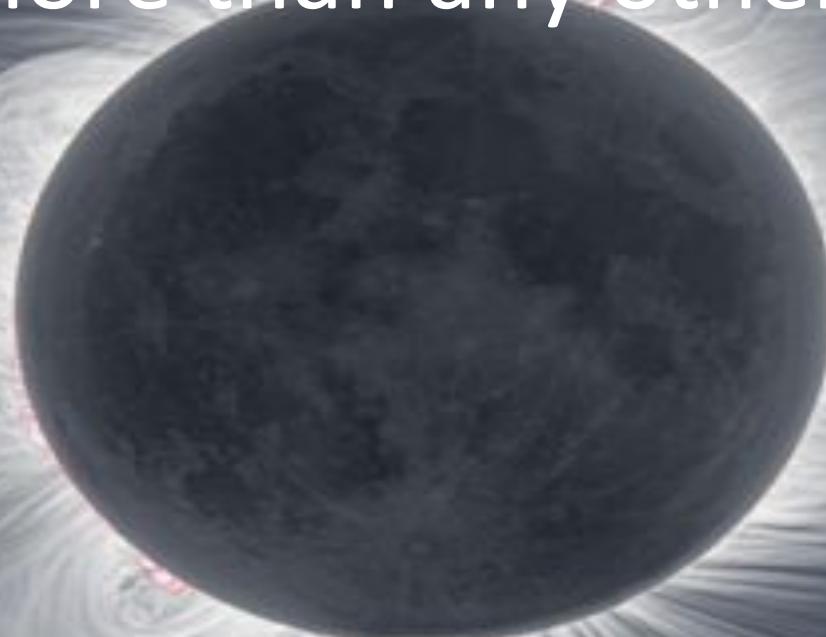
Newton 1665

# ELECTROMAGNETIC SPECTRUM



Human Luminance Sensitivity Function

Sun temperature makes it emit yellow light more than any other color.

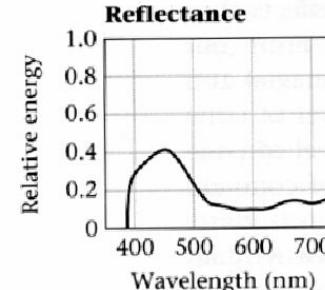
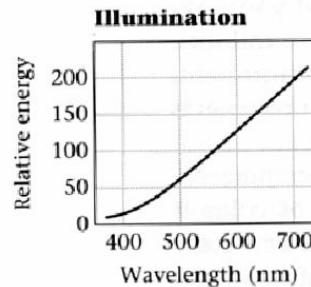


**TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE**

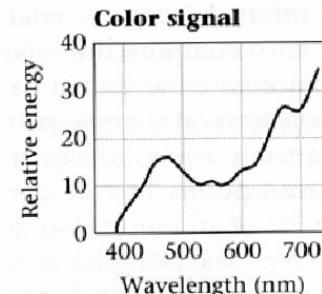
# INTERACTION OF LIGHT AND SURFACES



- Reflected color is the result of interaction of light source spectrum with surface reflectance
- Spectral radiometry
  - All definitions and units are now “per unit wavelength”
  - All terms are now “spectral”



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## TWO TYPES OF LIGHT-SENSITIVE RECEPTORS

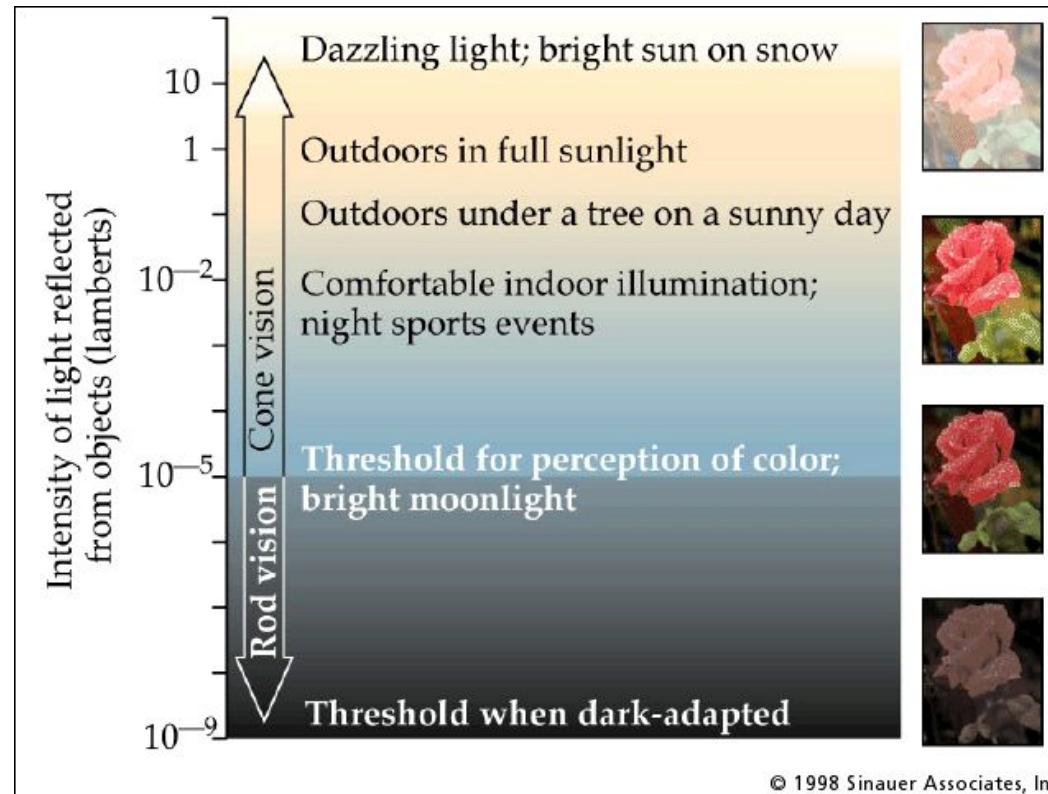
### Cones

cone-shaped  
less sensitive  
operate in high light  
color vision

### Rods

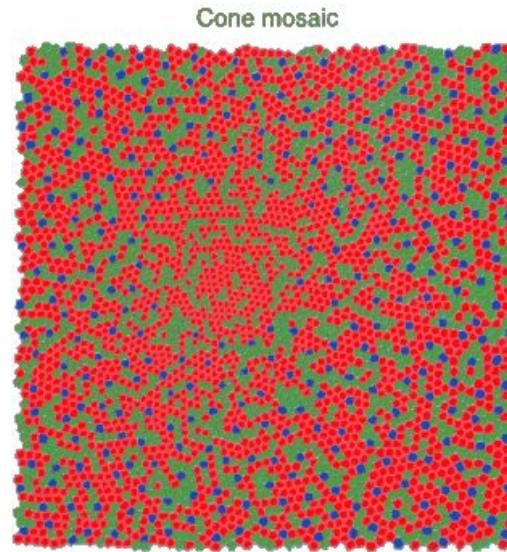
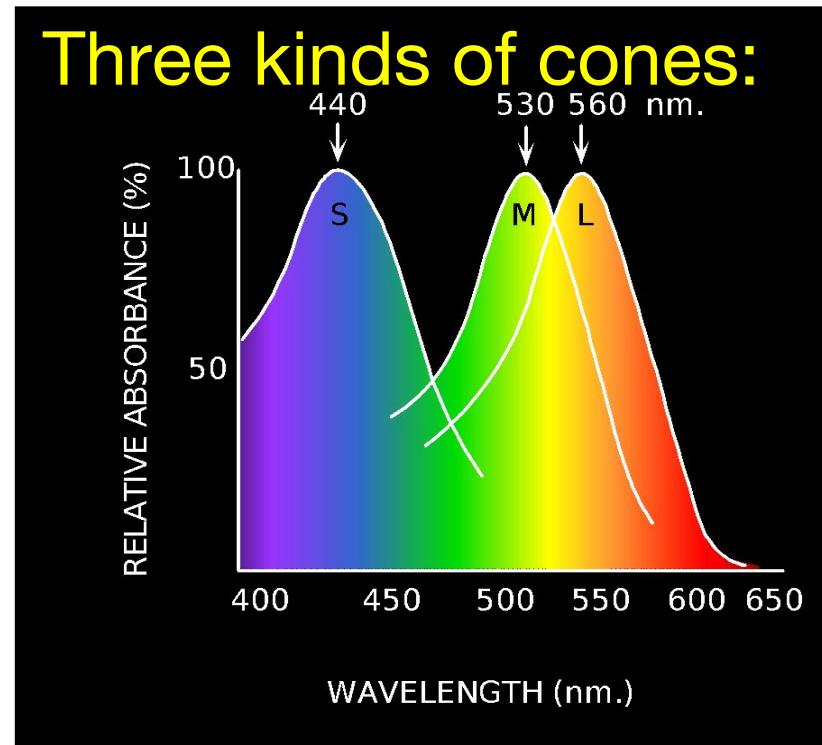
rod-shaped  
highly sensitive  
operate at night  
gray-scale vision

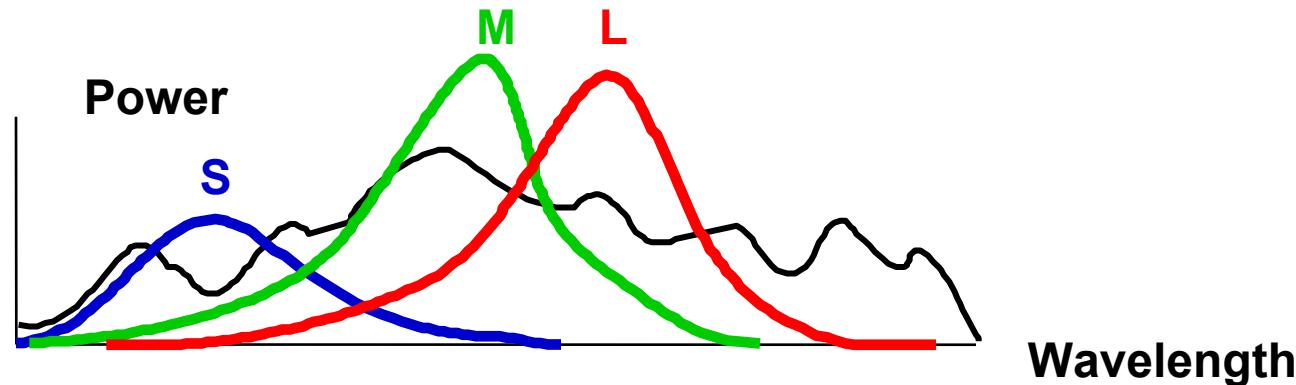
## ROD / CONE SENSITIVITY



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## PHYSIOLOGY OF COLOR VISION





Rods and cones act as filters on the spectrum

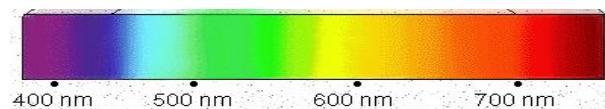
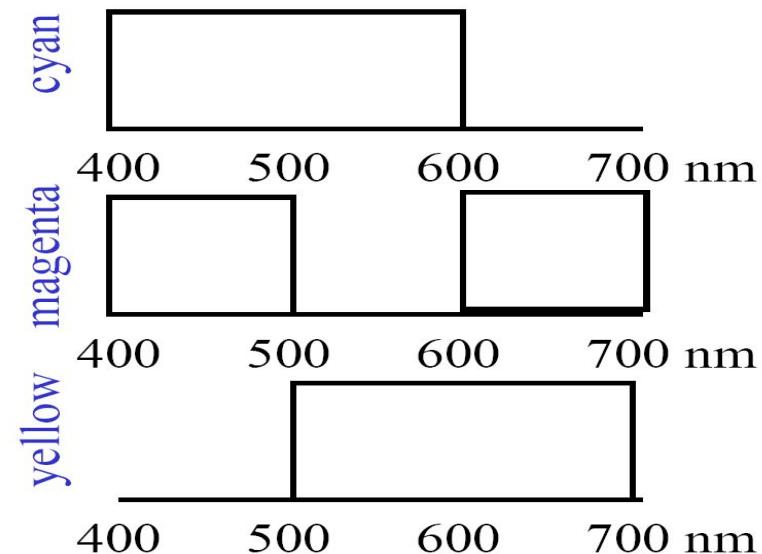
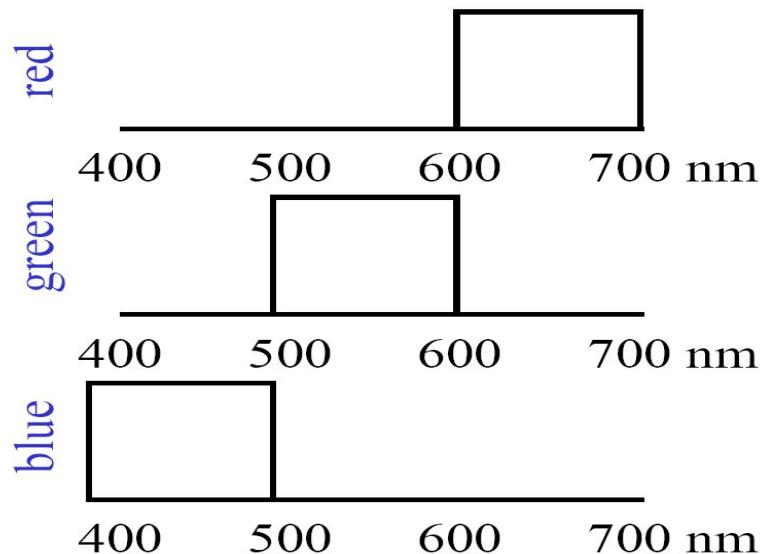
- To get the output of a filter, multiply its response curve by the spectrum, integrate over all wavelengths
  - Each cone yields one number

Q: How can we represent an entire spectrum with 3 numbers?

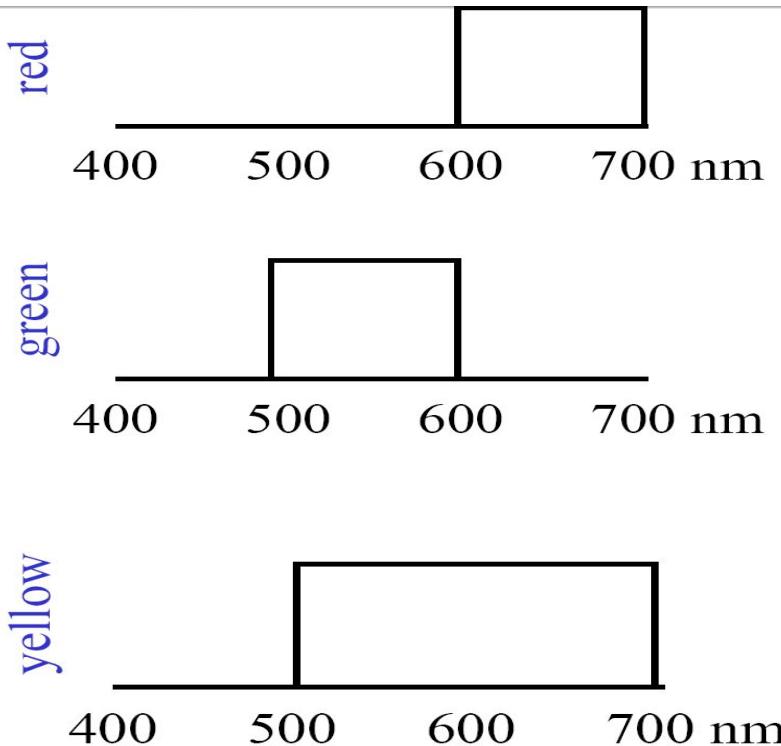
A: We can't! Most of the information is lost.

- As a result, two different spectra may appear indistinguishable
  - » such spectra are known as **metamers**

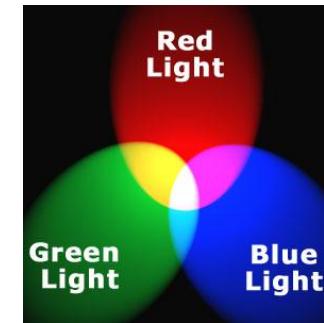
# COLOR MIXING



## ADDITIVE COLOR MIXING

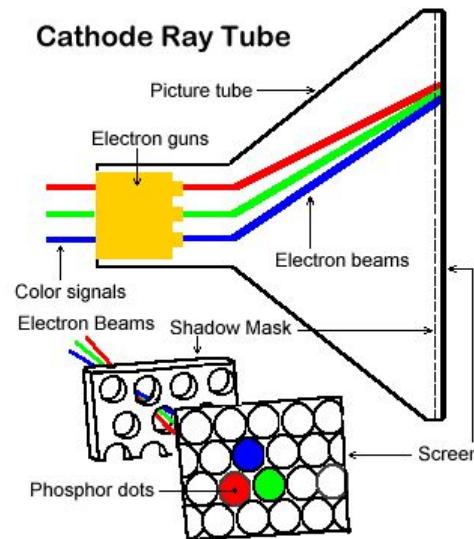


Colors combine by  
*adding* color spectra

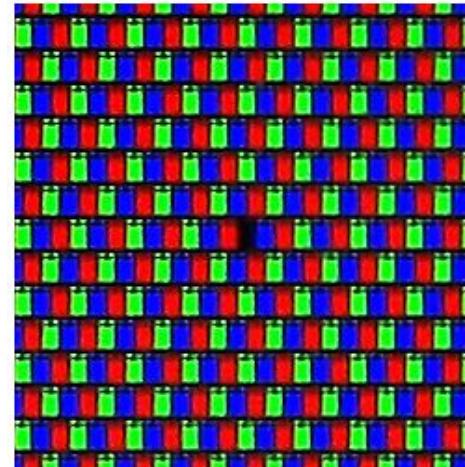


Light *adds* to  
existing black.

## EXAMPLES OF ADDITIVE COLOR SYSTEMS

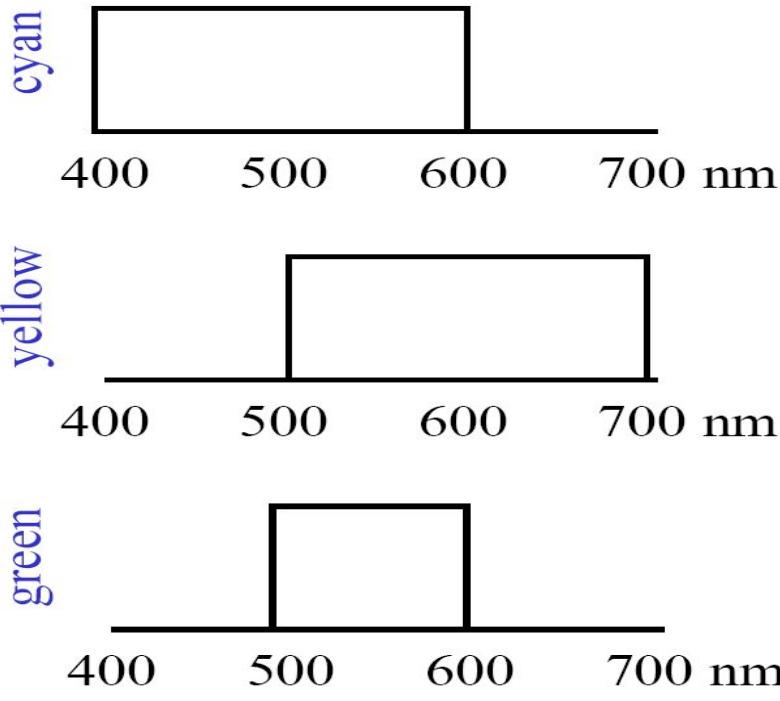


CRT phosphors

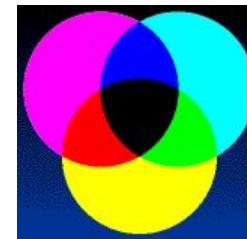


multiple projectors

## SUBTRACTIVE COLOR MIXING



Colors combine by  
*multiplying* color spectra.



Pigments *remove* color  
from incident light  
(white).

## EXAMPLES OF SUBTRACTIVE COLOR SYSTEMS

- Printing on paper
- Crayons
- Photographic film



- -In color matching experiments, most people can match any given light with three primaries
  - Primaries must be *independent*
- For the same light and same primaries, most people select the same weights
  - Exception: color blindness
- Trichromatic color theory
  - Three numbers seem to be sufficient for encoding color
  - Dates back to 18<sup>th</sup> century (Thomas Young)

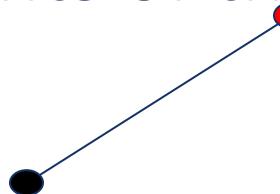
# Overview of Color



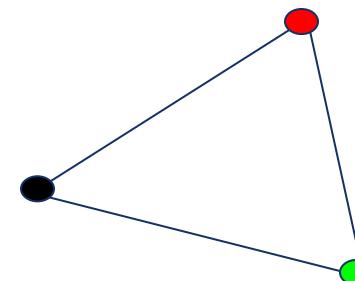
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- Defined by a choice of three *primaries*
- The coordinates of a color are given by the weights of the primaries used to match it



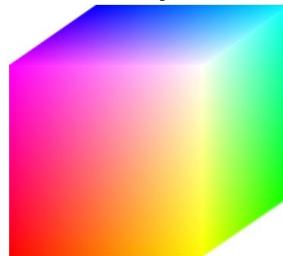
mixing two lights produces colors that lie along a straight line in color space



mixing three lights produces colors that lie within the triangle they define in color space

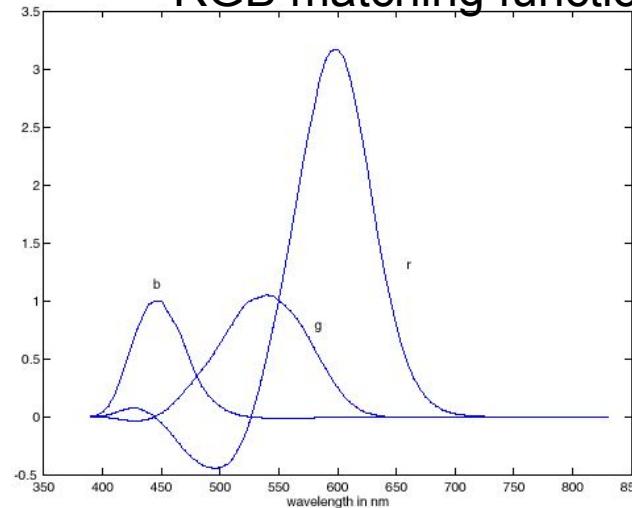
- Primaries are monochromatic lights (for monitors, they correspond to the three types of phosphors)
- *Subtractive matching* required for some wavelengths

RGB primaries

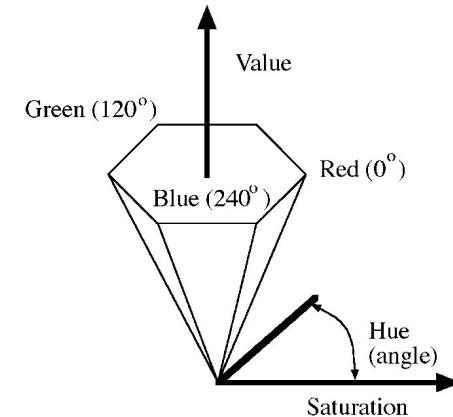
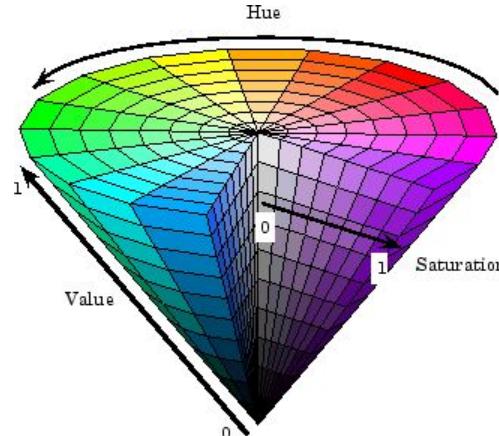
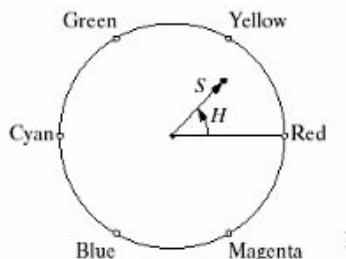
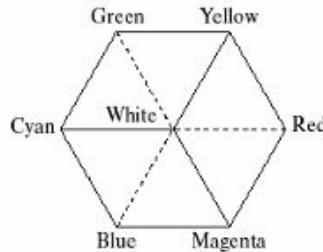


■  $p_1 = 645.2 \text{ nm}$   
■  $p_2 = 525.3 \text{ nm}$   
■  $p_3 = 444.4 \text{ nm}$

RGB matching functions



# NONLINEAR COLOR SPACES: HSV



- Perceptually meaningful dimensions:  
Hue, Saturation, Value (Intensity)
- RGB cube on its vertex

# Overview of Color



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## WHITE BALANCE

- It is the process of removing unrealistic color casts, so that objects which appear white in person are rendered white in your photo
- When the white balance is not correct, the picture will have an unnatural color “cast”

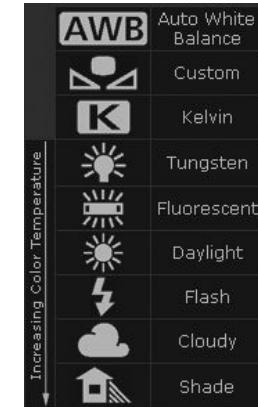
incorrect white balance



correct white balance



- Film cameras:
  - Different types of film or different filters for different illumination conditions
- Digital cameras:
  - Automatic white balance
  - White balance settings corresponding to several common illuminants
  - Custom white balance using a reference object

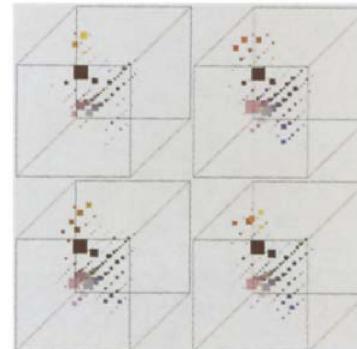
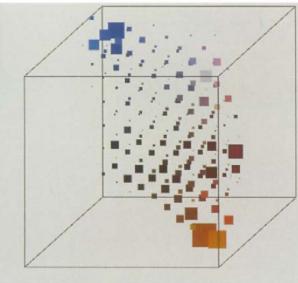


- Von Kries adaptation
  - Multiply each channel by a gain factor
  - A more general transformation would correspond to an arbitrary  $3 \times 3$  matrix
- Best way: gray card
  - Take a picture of a neutral object (white or gray)
  - Deduce the weight of each channel
    - If the object is recoded as  $r_w, g_w, b_w$  use weights  $1/r_w, 1/g_w, 1/b_w$



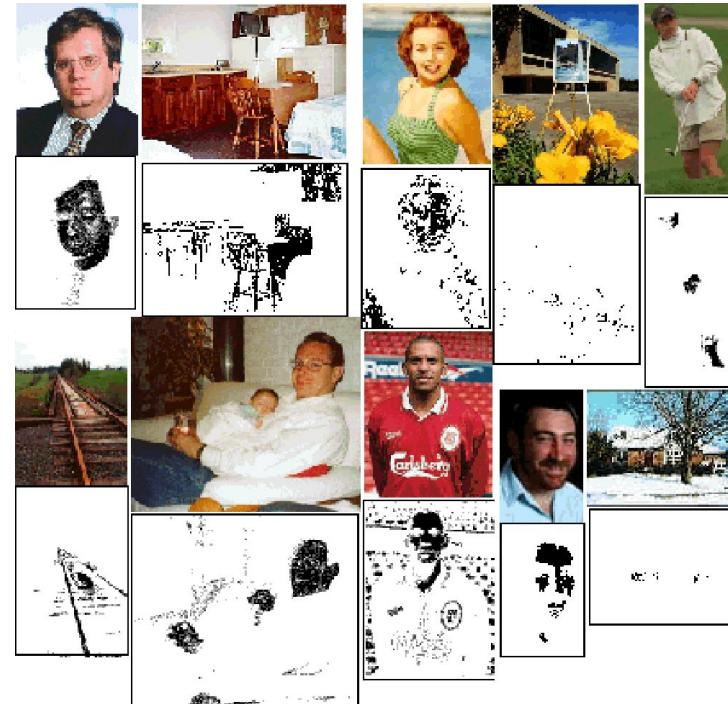
- Without gray cards: we need to “guess” which pixels correspond to white objects
- Gray world assumption
  - The image average  $r_{ave}$ ,  $g_{ave}$ ,  $b_{ave}$  is gray
  - Use weights  $1/r_{ave}$ ,  $1/g_{ave}$ ,  $1/b_{ave}$
- Brightest pixel assumption (non-saturated)
  - Highlights usually have the color of the light source
  - Use weights inversely proportional to the values of the brightest pixels
- Gamut mapping
  - Gamut: convex hull of all pixel colors in an image
  - Find the transformation that matches the gamut of the image to the gamut of a “typical” image under white light
- Use image statistics, learning techniques

# Color histograms for indexing and retrieval



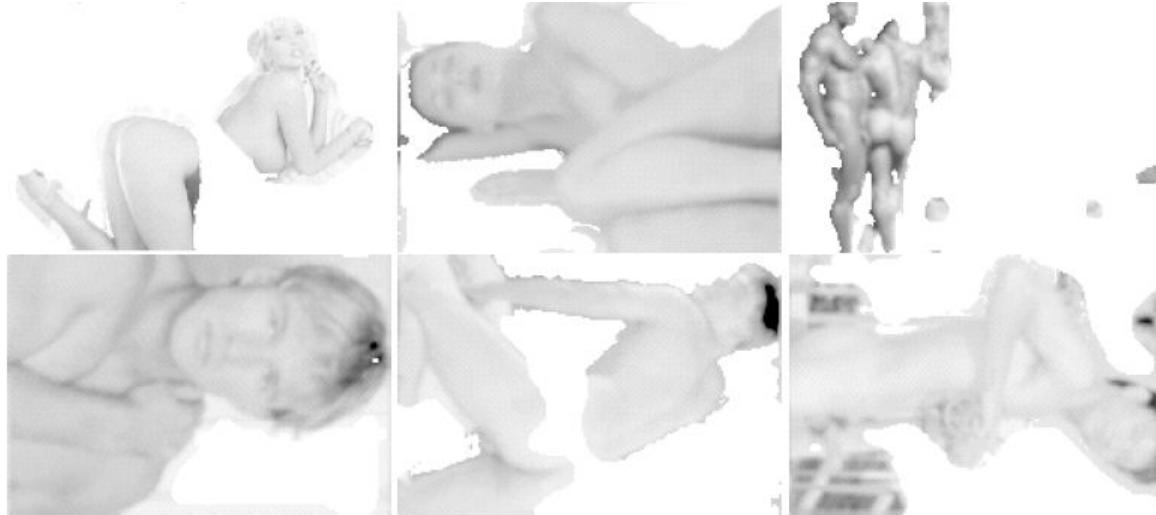
## USES OF COLOR IN COMPUTER VISION

### Skin detection



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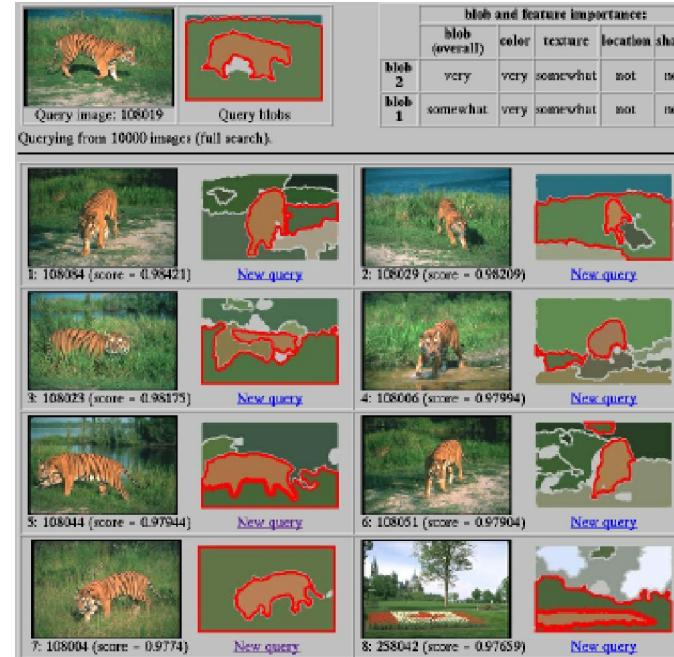
# Nude people detection



Forsyth, D.A. and Fleck, M. M., "Automatic Detection of Human Nudes"  
*International Journal of Computer Vision* , 32 , 1, 63-77, August, 1999

## USES OF COLOR IN COMPUTER VISION

# Image segmentation and retrieval



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### Robot soccer

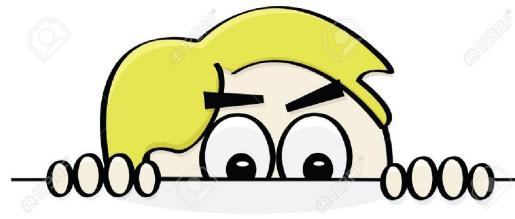


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## Lecture 3

# LET'S SNEAK A LOOK AT NEXT LECTURE



$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} e & f \\ g & h \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} ae + bg & af + bh \\ ce + dg & cf + dh \end{bmatrix}$$

A                    B                    C

A, B and C are square metrices of size  $N \times N$

a, b, c and d are submatrices of A, of size  $N/2 \times N/2$

e, f, g and h are submatrices of B, of size  $N/2 \times N/2$

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**SEE YOU ON TUESDAY!**

