

PSYCH 260/BBH 203

Vision

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Prelude



Traveling at Warp 1

<https://vimeo.com/117815404>

Announcements

- Blog post 3 and papers due today
- Schedule change: **No class next Thursday, April 21**
- Quiz 4 still on for next Thursday, April 21

Today's topics

- Vision

Warm-up

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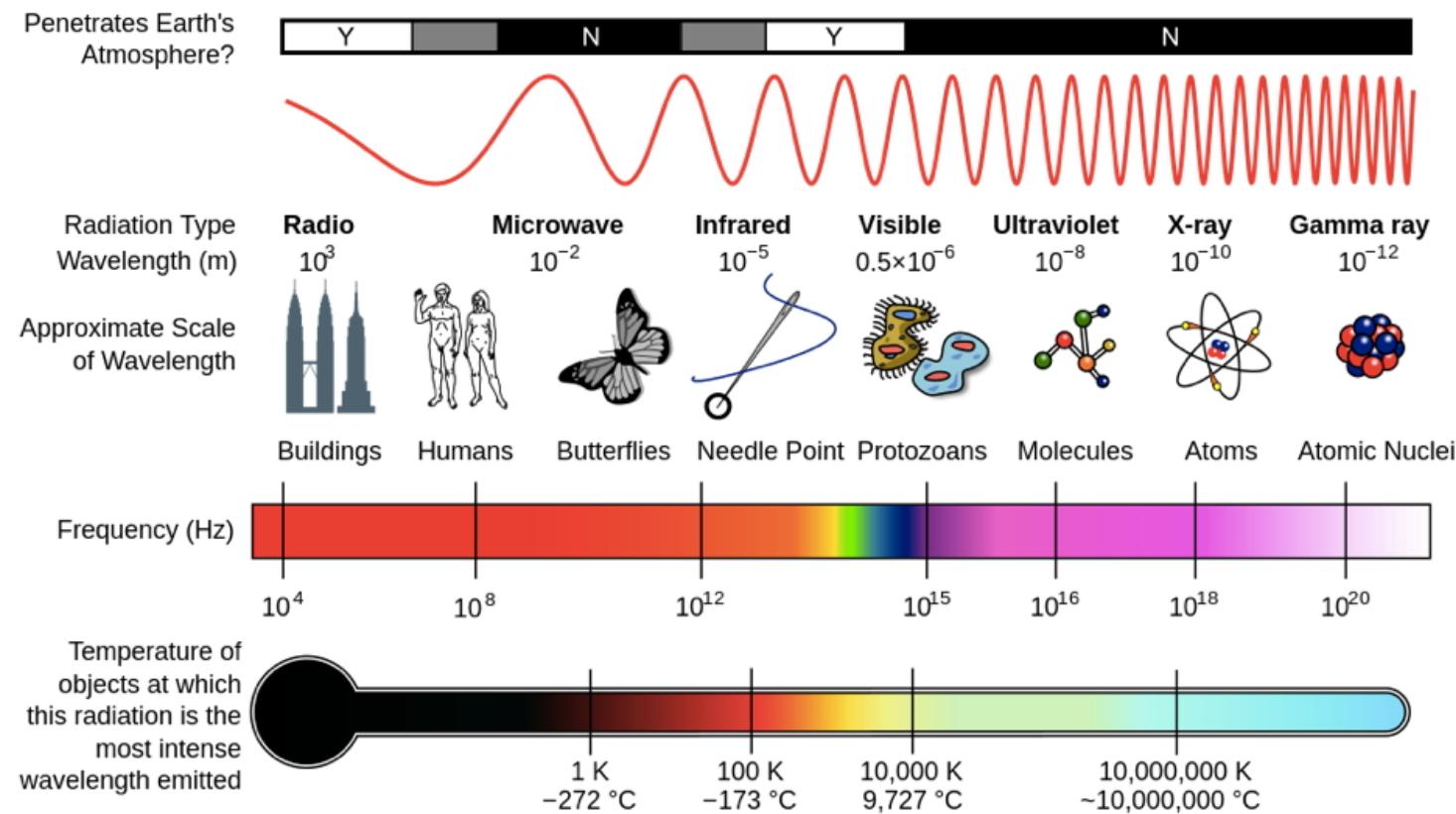
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Vision

How vision informs

- What's out there?
 - Shape, form, color
- Where is it?
 - Position, orientation, motion

Electromagnetic (EM) radiation

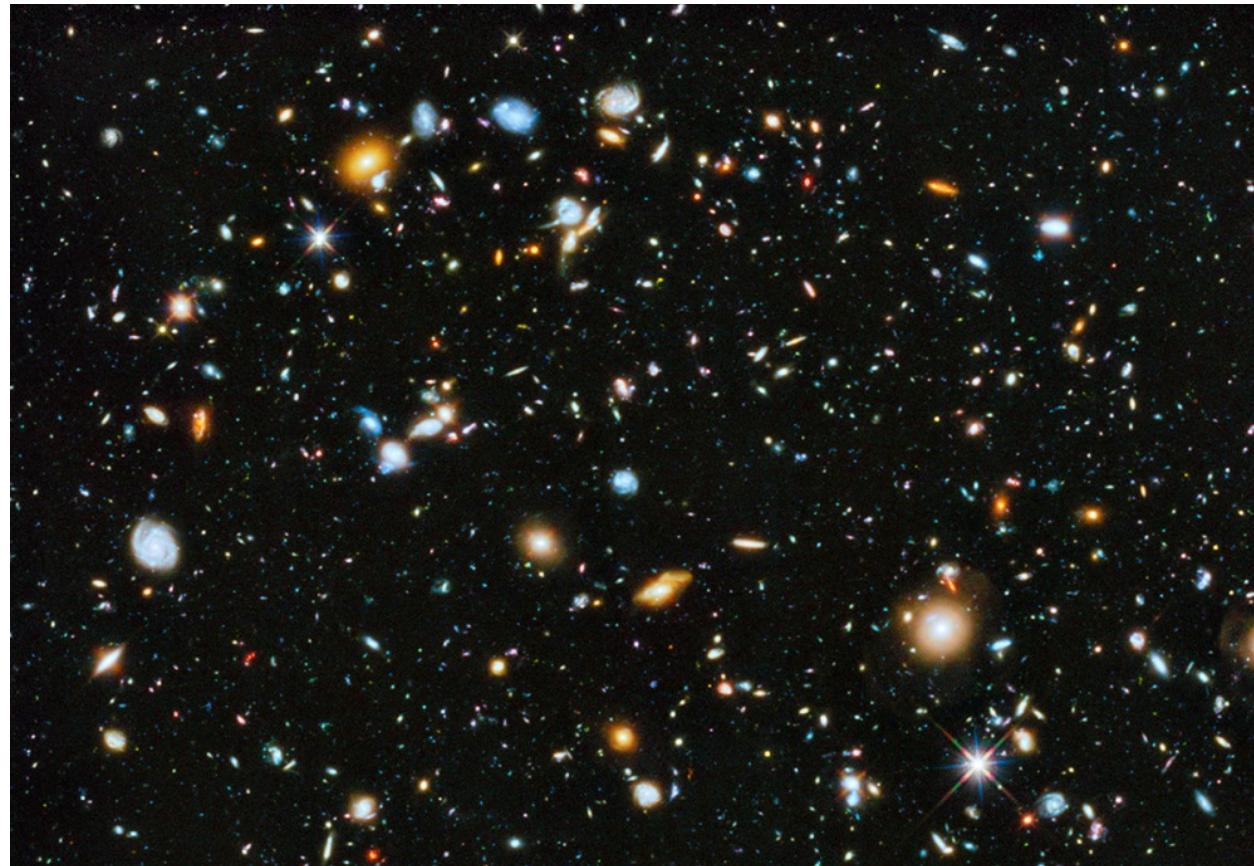


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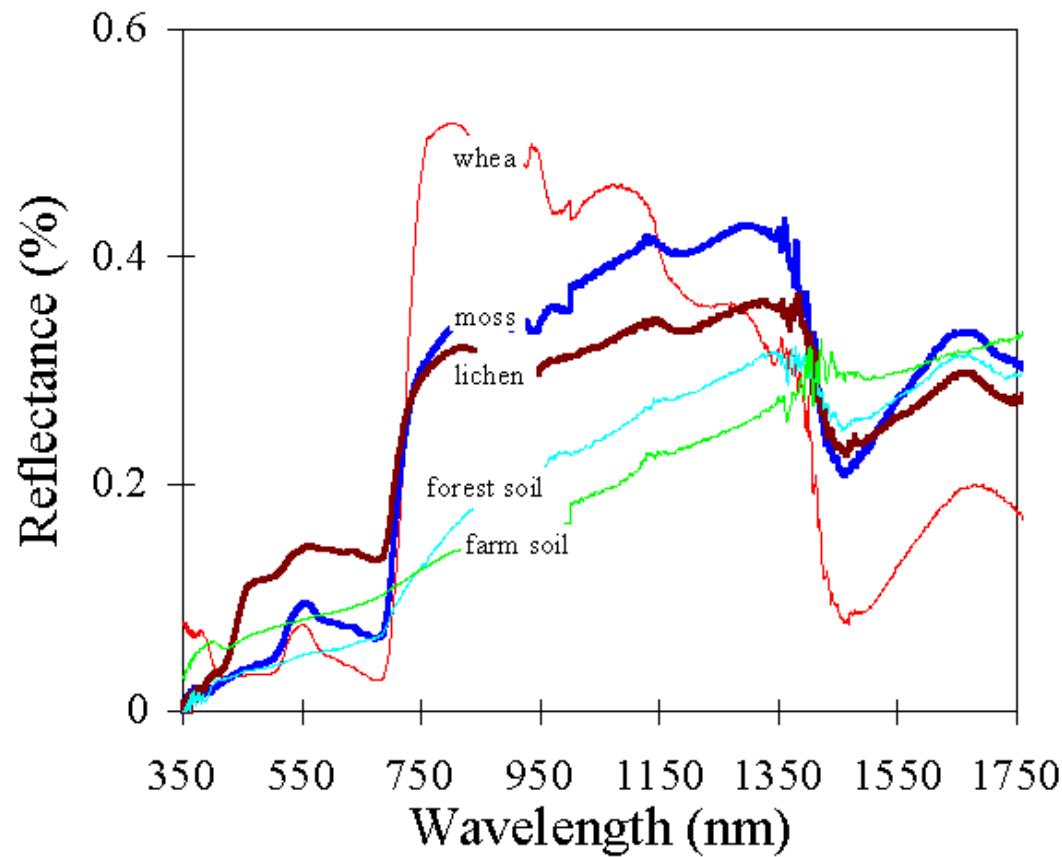
Features of EM radiation

- Wavelength or frequency
- Intensity
- Location/position of source
- Reflects off some materials
- Refracted (bent) moving through other materials

EM radiation provides information across space (and time)

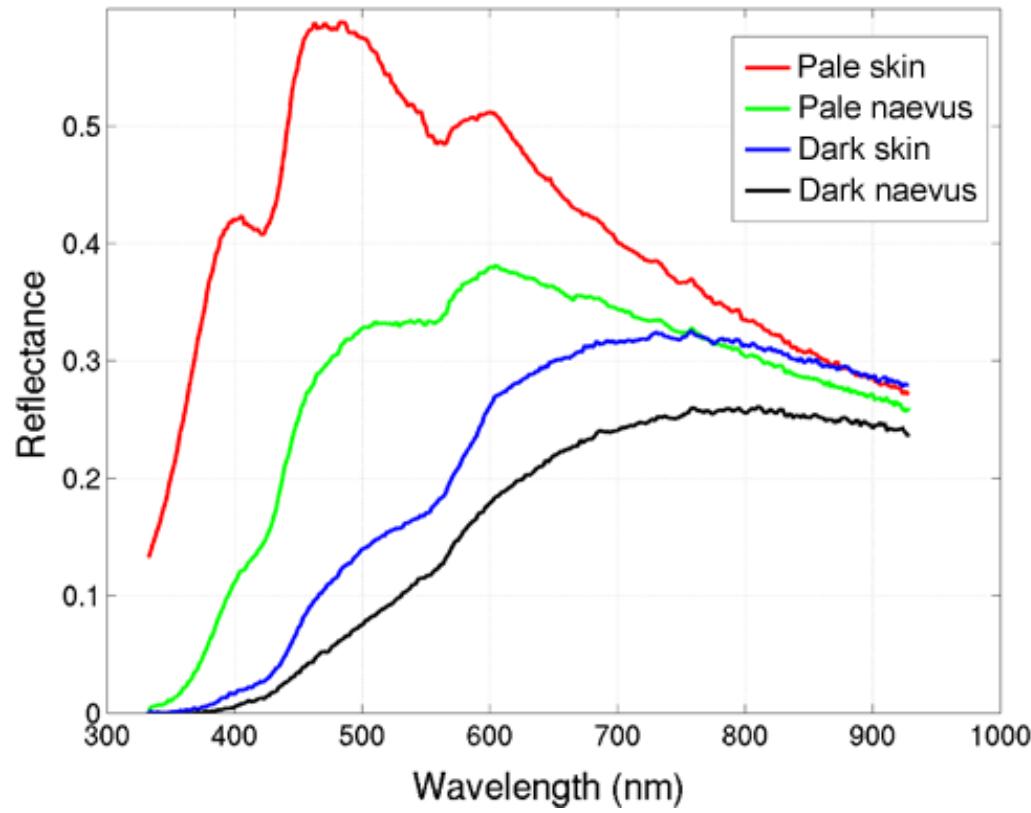


Reflectance spectra differ by surface

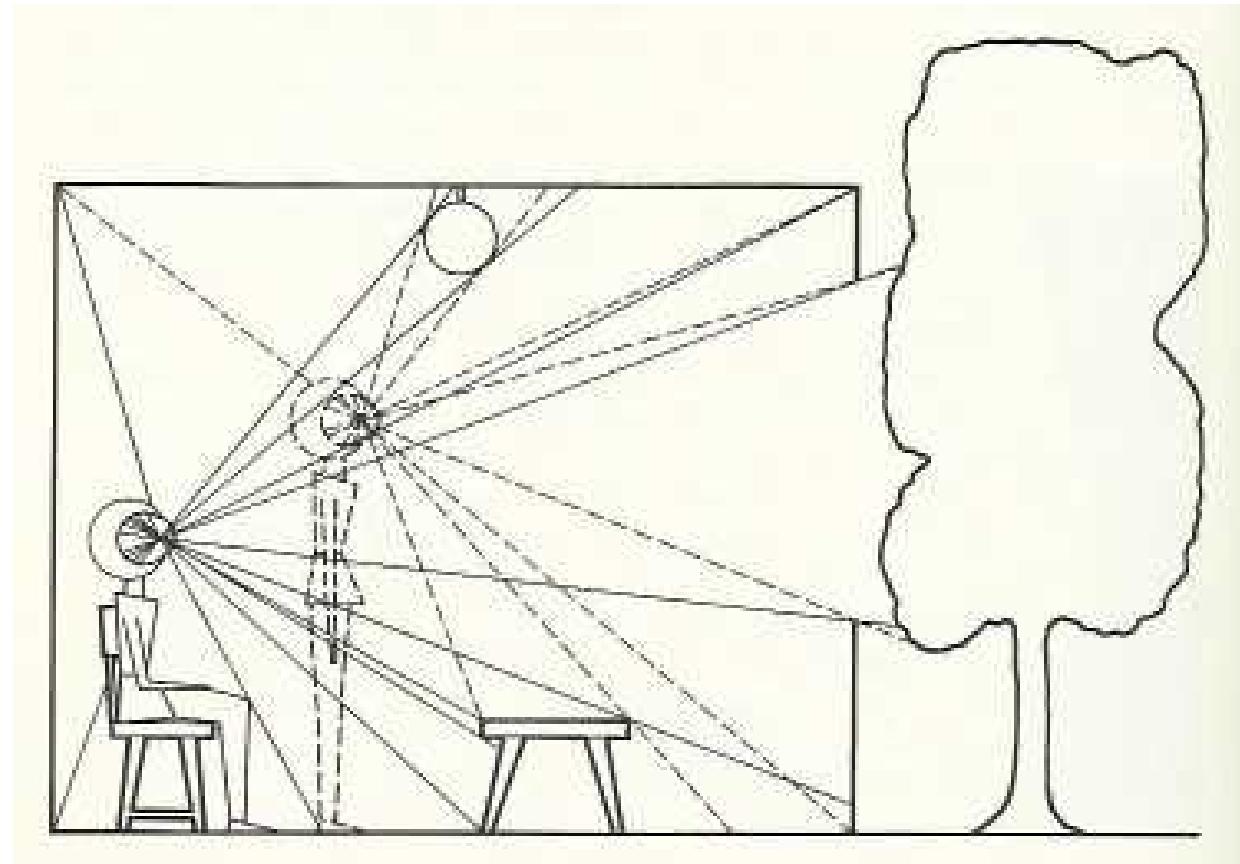


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Reflectance spectra



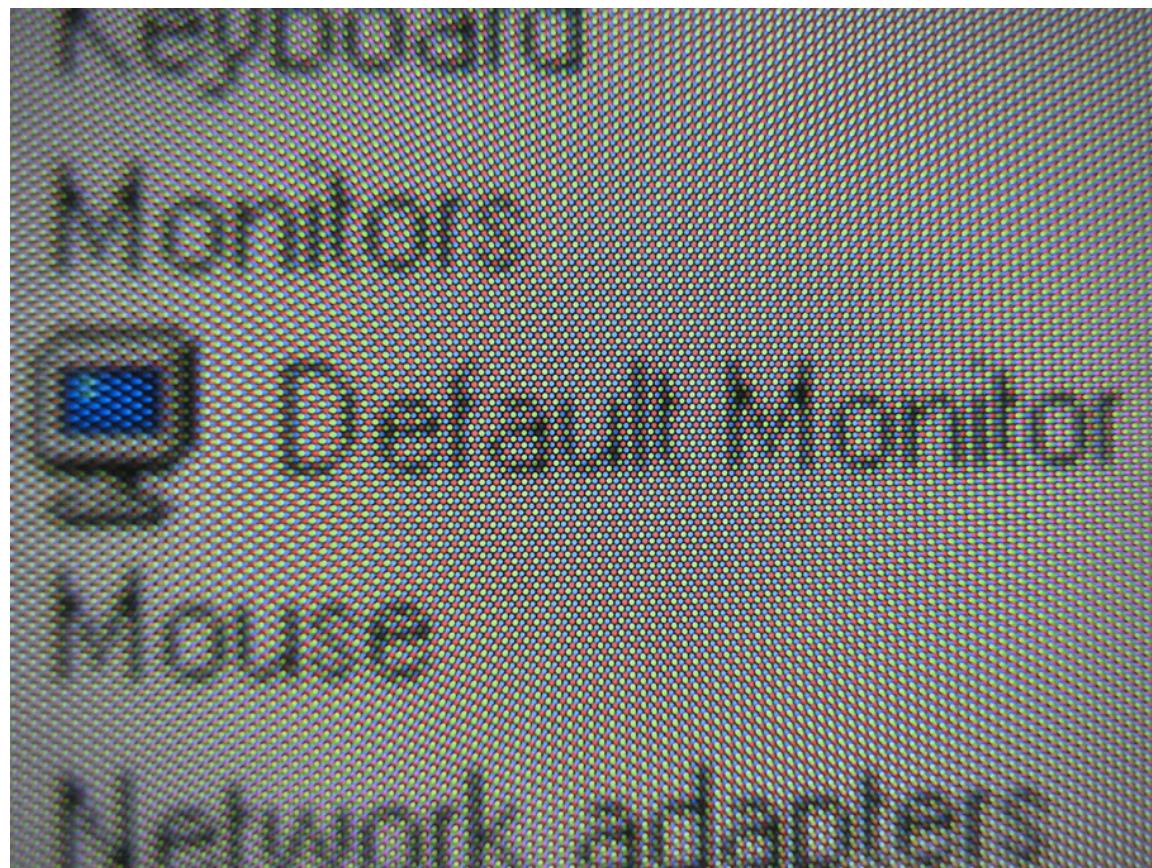
Optic array specifies geometry of environment



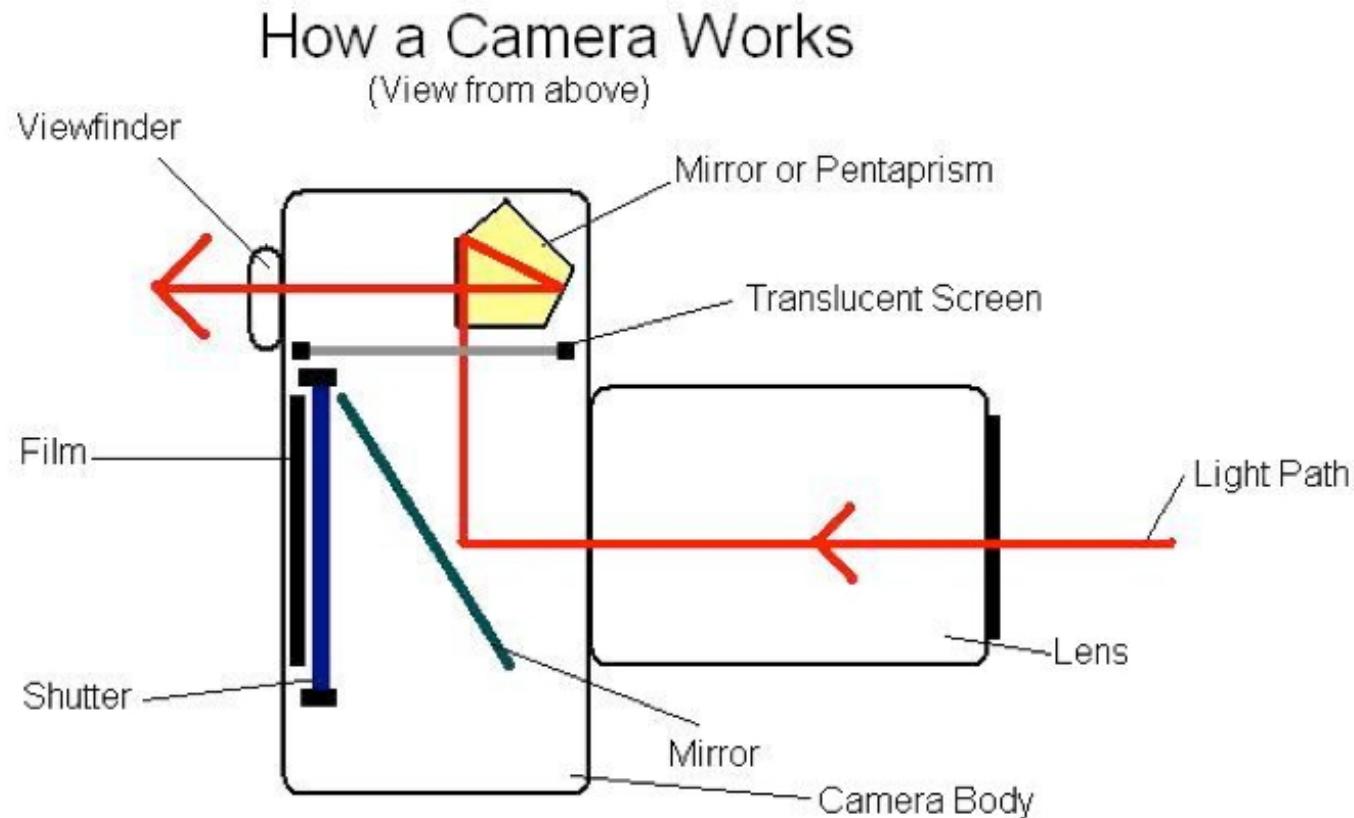
Color == categories of wavelength

- Eyes categorize wavelength into relative intensities within wavelength bands
- RGB ~ Red, Green, Blue
 - Long, medium, short wavelengths
- *Color is a neural/psychological construct*

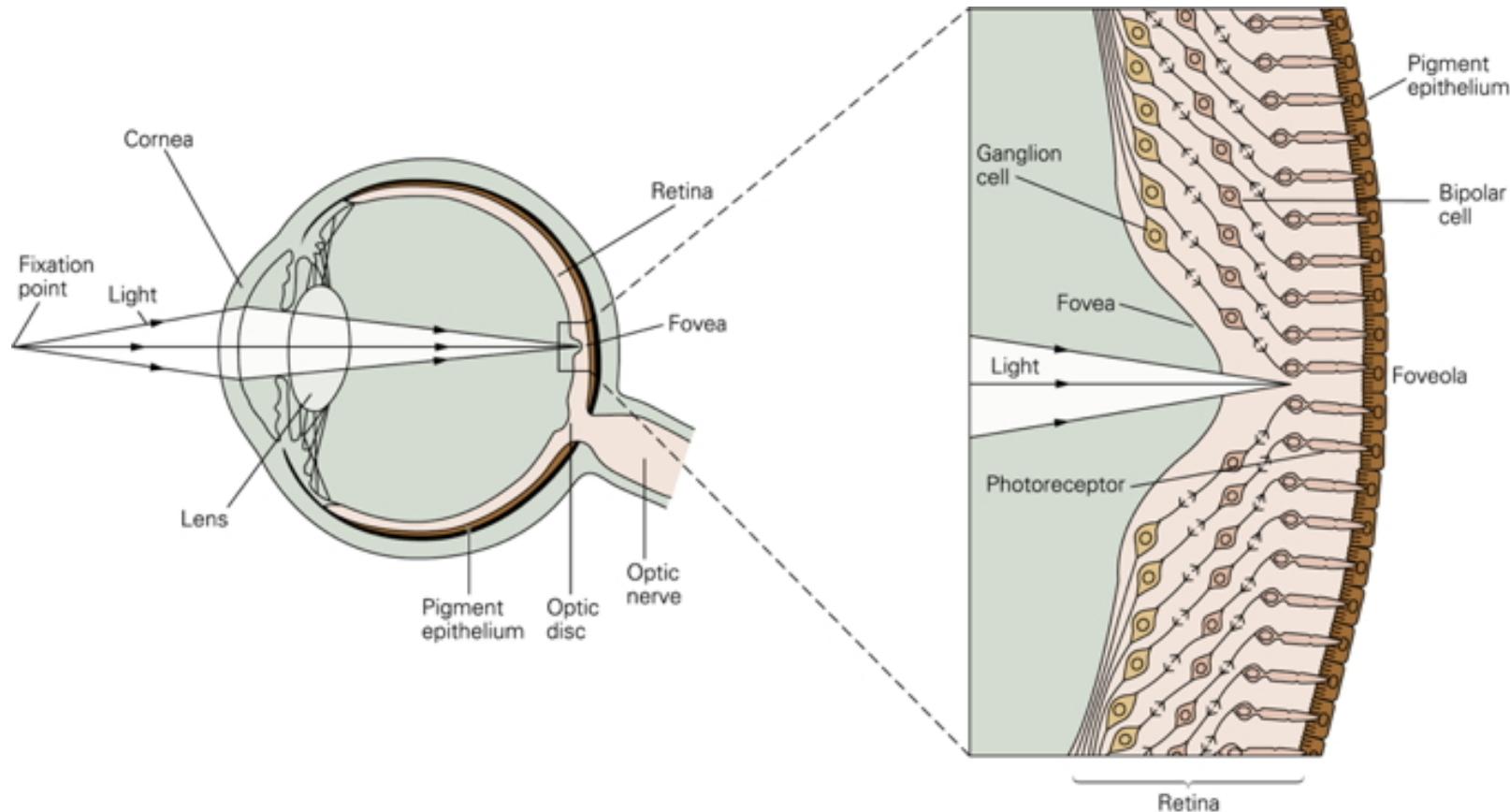
RGB monitors



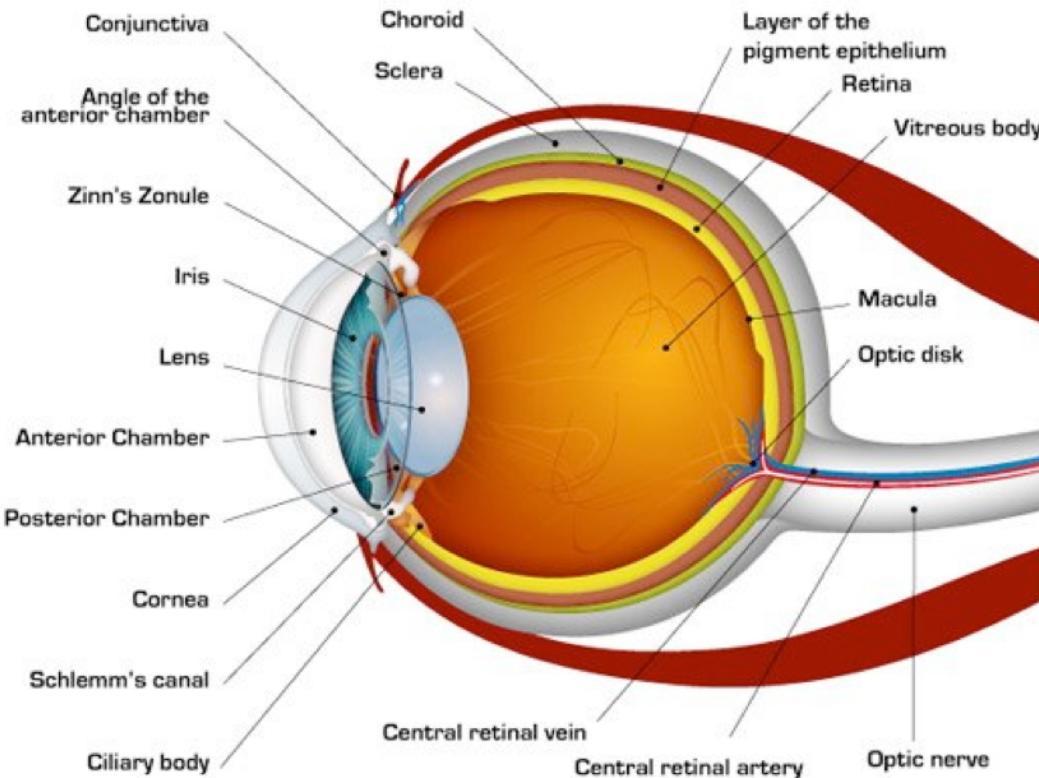
How a camera works



The biological camera



The biological camera



Parts of the eye

- *Cornea* - refraction (2/3 of total)
- *Pupil* - light intensity; diameter regulated by the *Iris*.
- *Lens* - refraction (remaining 1/3; variable focus)

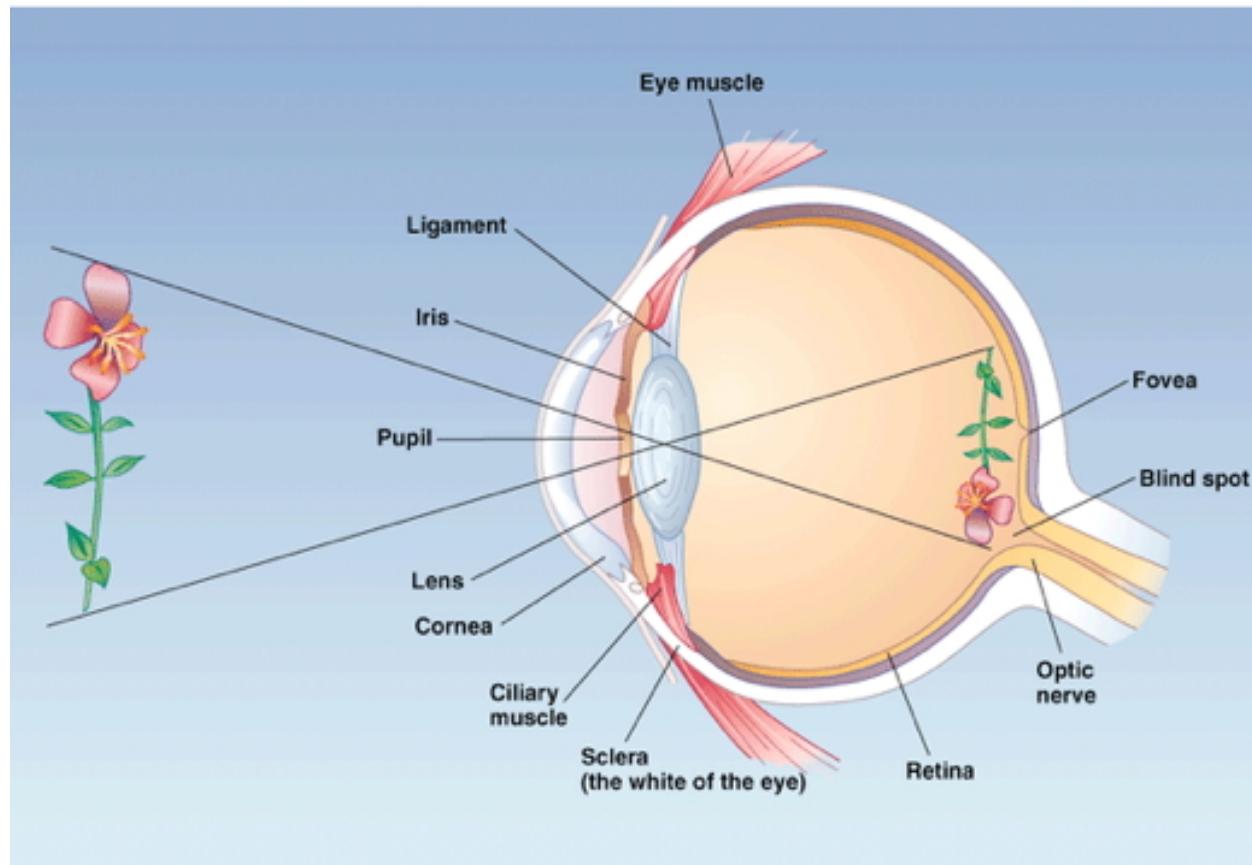
Parts of the eye

- *Retina* - light detection
 - ~ skin or organ of Corti
- *Pigment epithelium* - regenerate photopigment
- *Muscles* - move eye, reshape lens, change pupil diameter

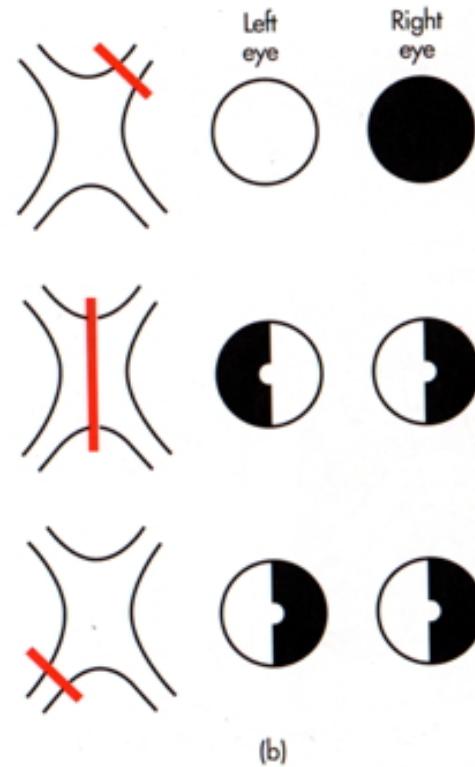
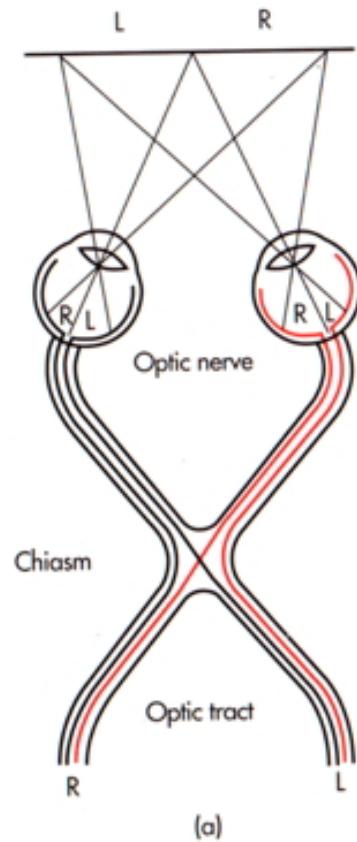
Eye forms image on retina

- Image inverted (up/down)
- Image reversed (left/right)
- Point-to-point map (*retinotopic*)
- Binocular and monocular zones

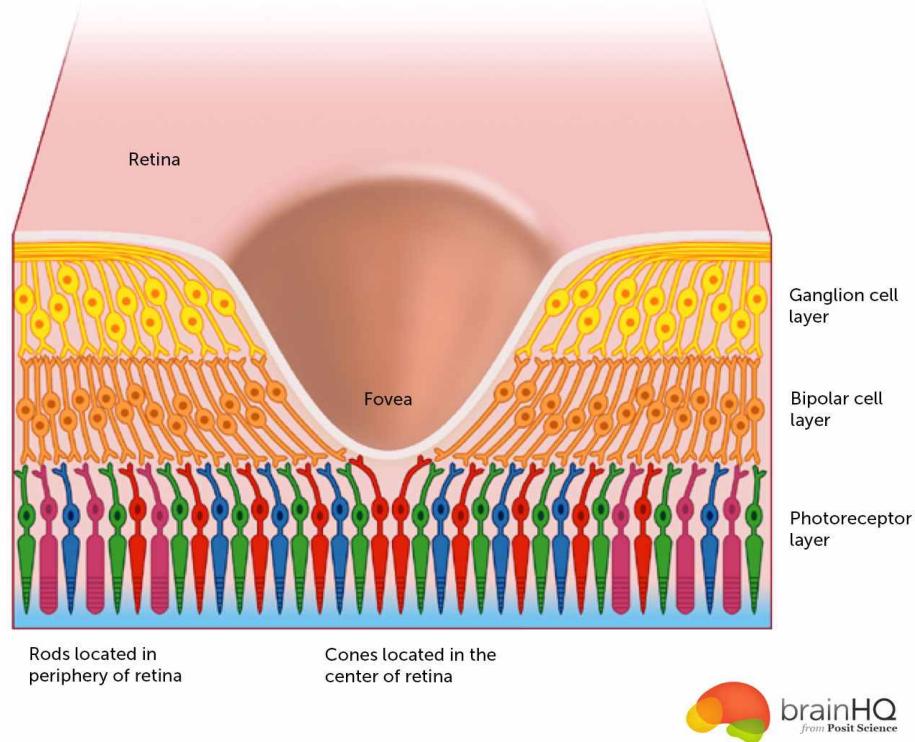
Retinal image



Eyes views overlap



The *fovea*

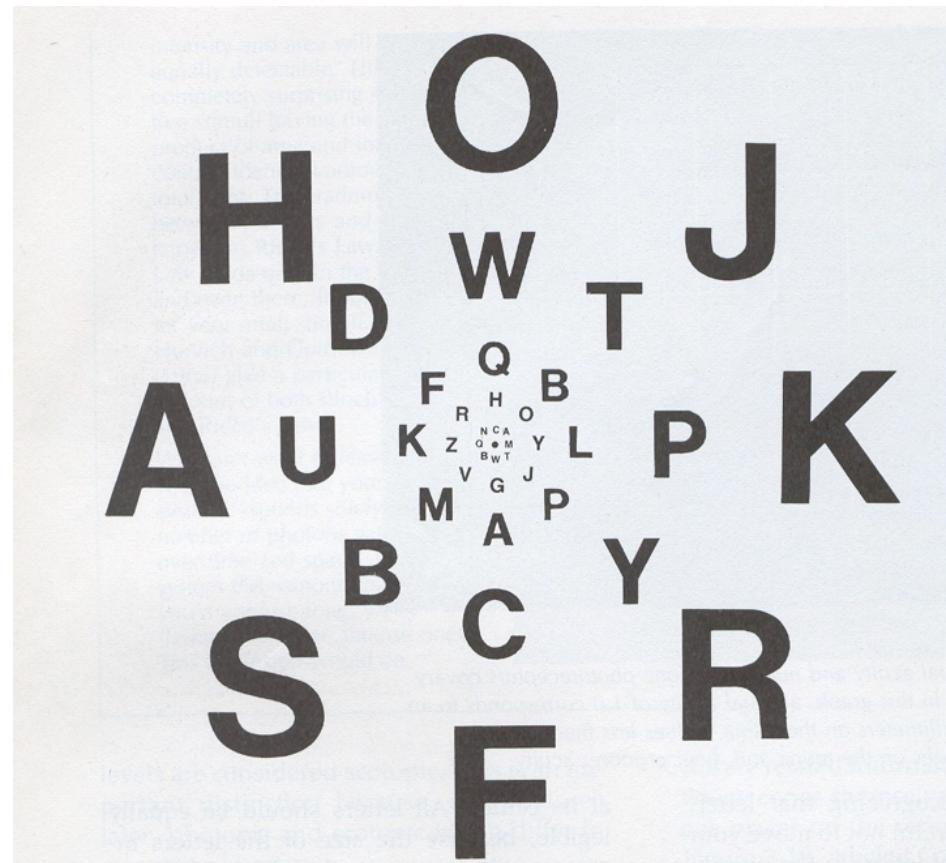


<http://www.brainhq.com/sites/default/files/fovea.jpg>

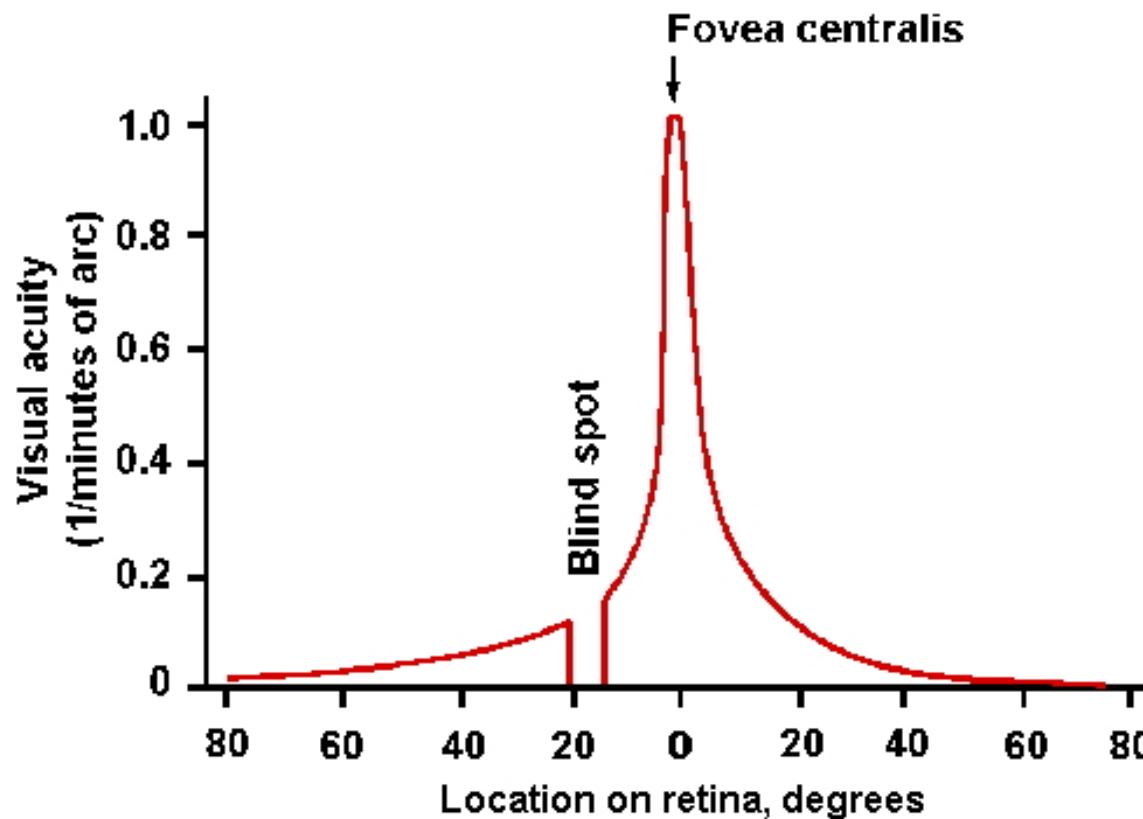
The fovea

- Central 1-2 deg of visual field
 - ~ thumbnail @ arm's length
- Aligned with visual axis; center of gaze
- *Retinal ganglion cells* pushed aside
- Highest *acuity* vision == best for details

Acuity varies across the retina



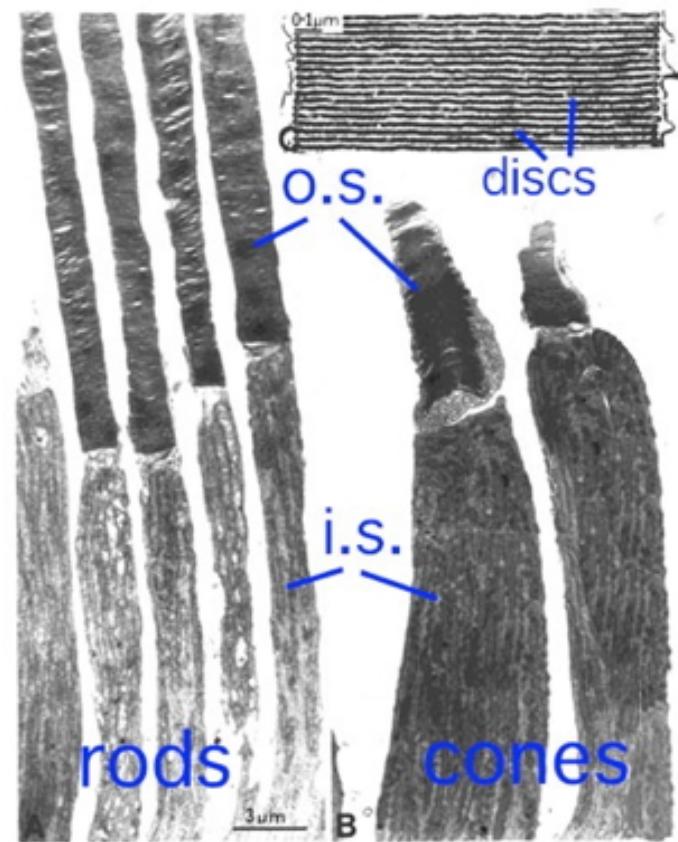
Acuity varies across the retina



http://michaeldmann.net/pix_7/blndspot.gif

What part of the skin is like the fovea?

Photoreceptors detect light



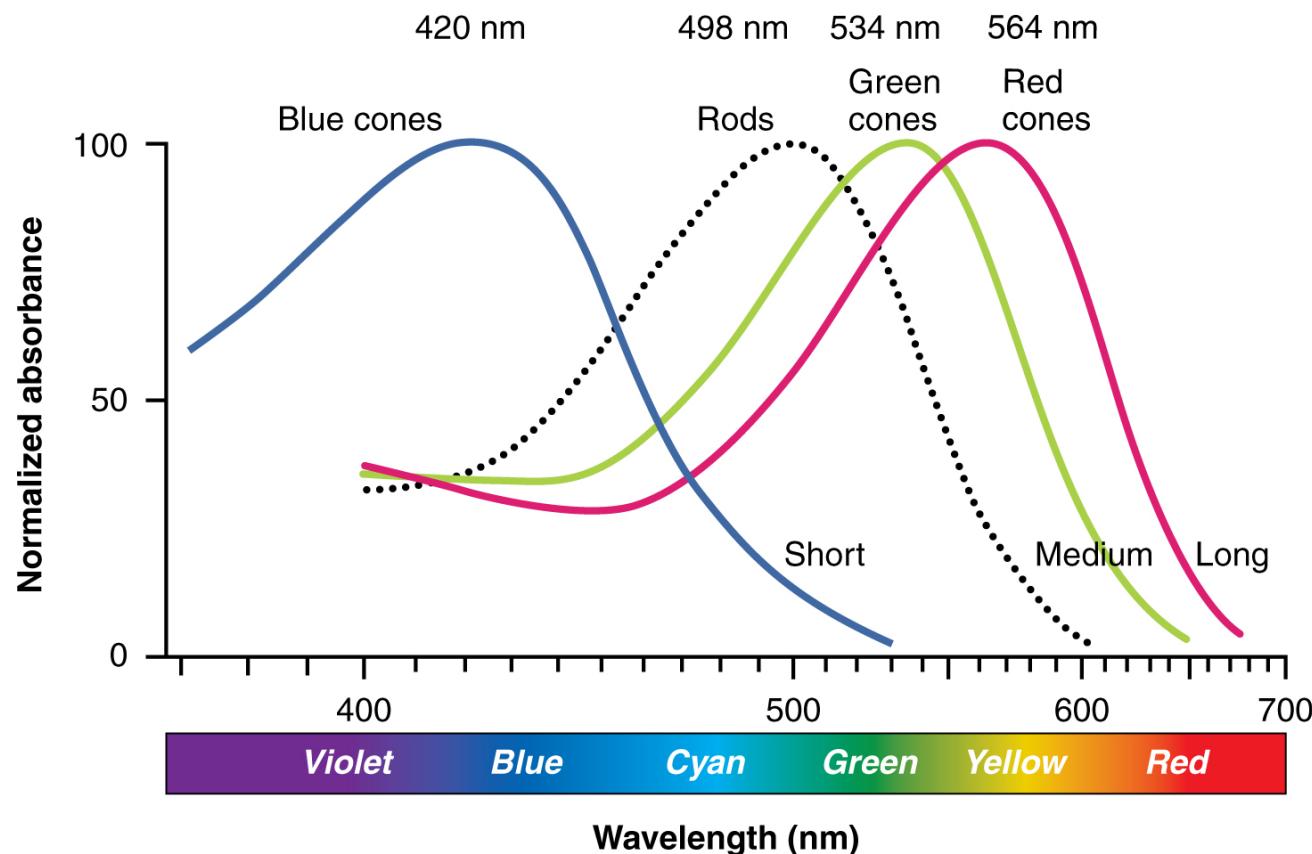
Photoreceptors detect light

- *Rods*
 - ~120 M/eye
 - Mostly in periphery
 - Active in low light conditions
 - One wavelength range

Photoreceptors detect light

- *Cones*
 - ~5 M/eye
 - Mostly in center
 - 3 wavelength ranges

Photoreceptors “specialize” in particular wavelengths



Anatomy & Physiology, Connexions Web site. <http://cnx.org/content/col11496/1.6/>, Jun 19, 2013.

How photoreceptors work

- Outer segment
 - Membrane disks
 - *Photopigments*
 - Sense light, trigger chemical cascade
- Inner segment
 - Synaptic terminal
- Light *hyperpolarizes* photoreceptor!
 - The *dark current*

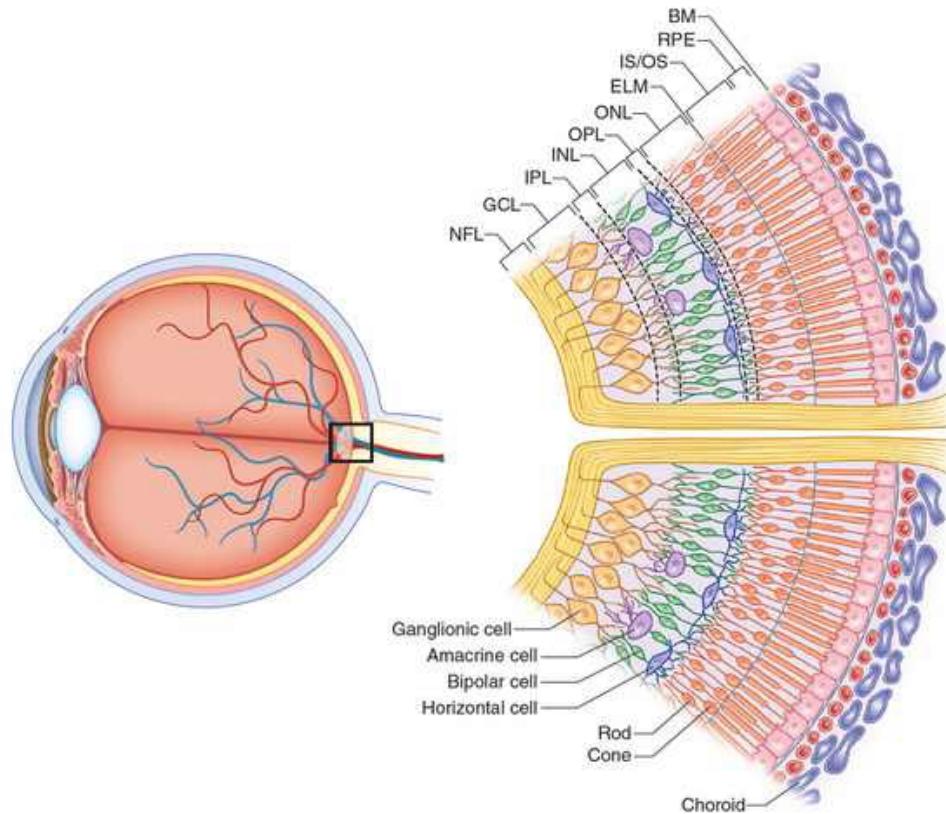
Retina

- Physiologically *backwards*
 - How?
- Anatomically *inside-out*
 - How?

Retina

- Physiologically *backwards*
 - Dark current (more NT released in dark)
- Anatomically *inside-out*
 - Photoreceptors at back of eye

Retinal layers

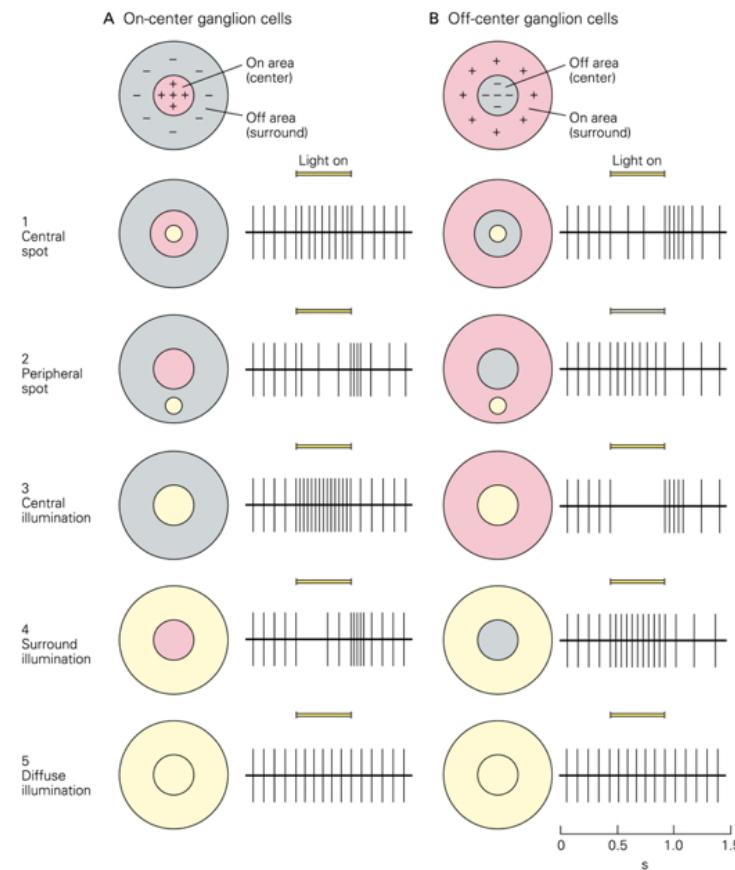


<http://www.retinareference.com/anatomy/>

Retinal layers

- Bipolar cells
 - Horizontal cells
- Retinal ganglion cells
 - Amacrine cells

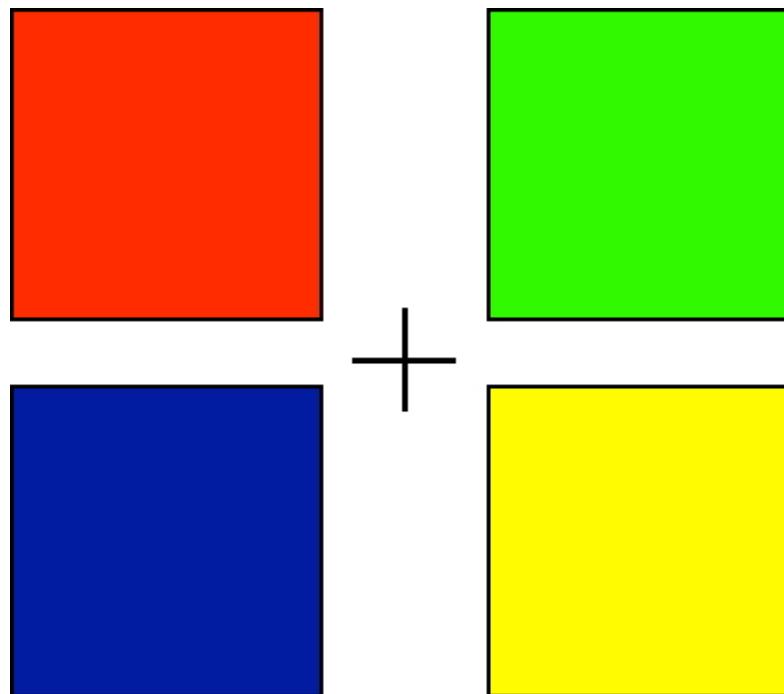
Center-surround receptive fields



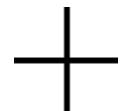
Center-surround receptive fields

- Center region
 - Excites (or inhibits)
- Surround region
 - Does the opposite
- Bipolar cells & Retinal Ganglion cells ->
- Most activated by “donuts” of light/dark
 - Local contrast (light/dark differences)

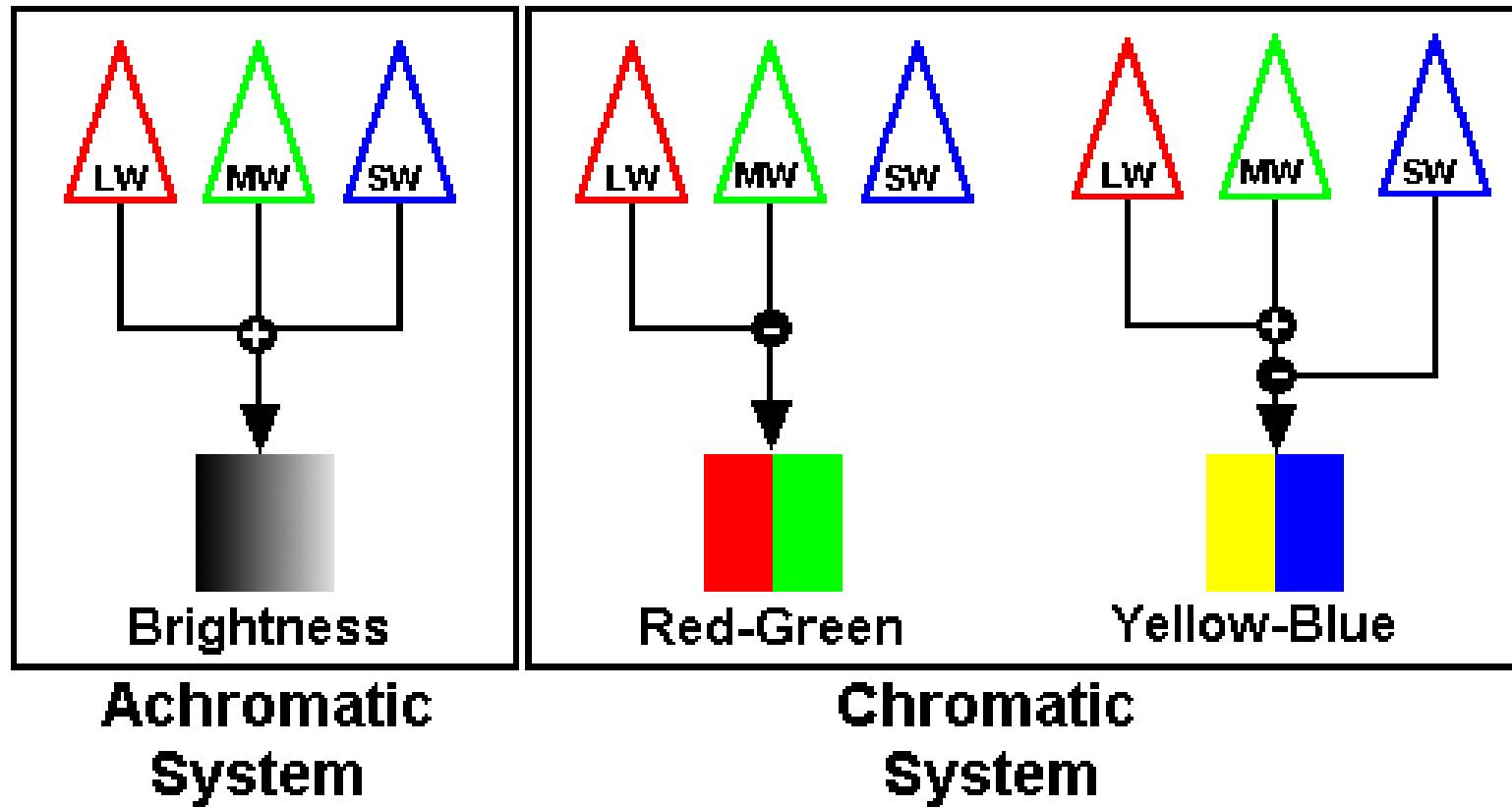
What's a reddish-green look like?



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Opponent processing

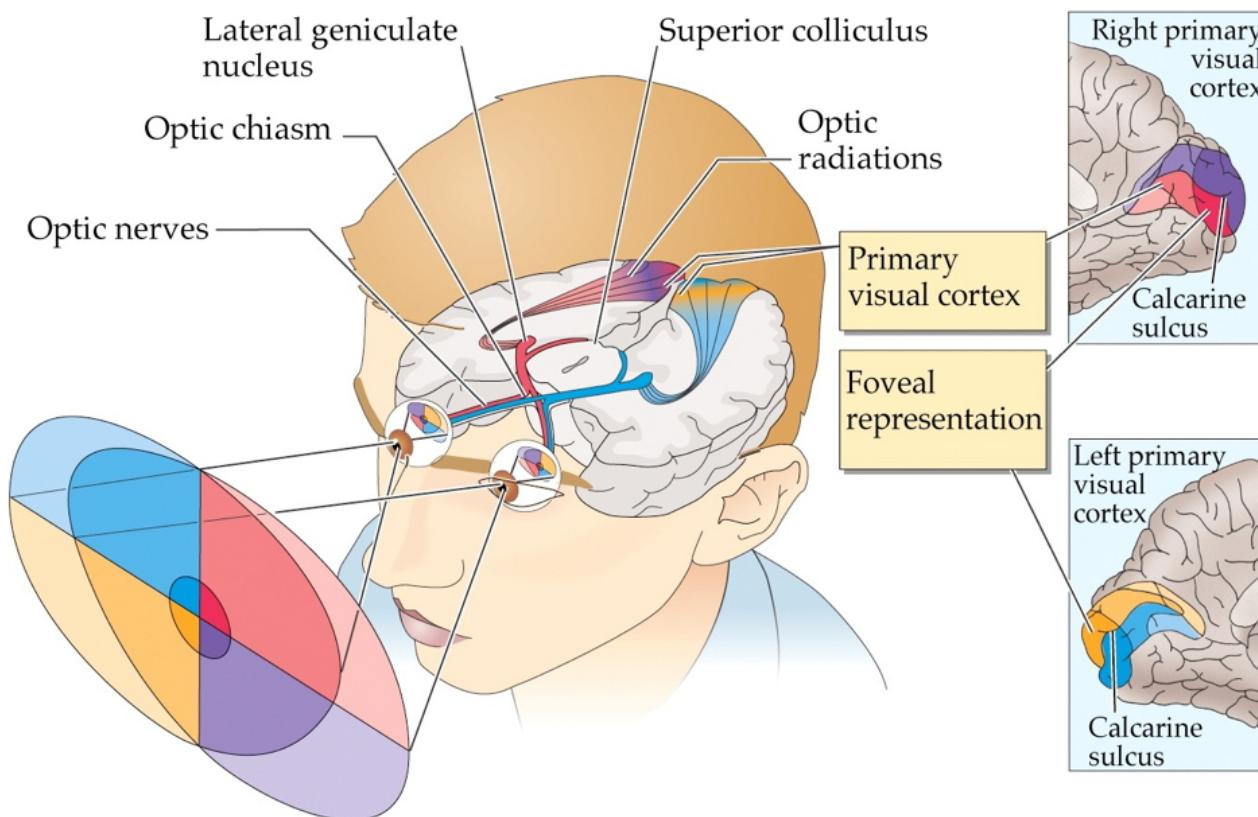


<http://www.visualexpert.com/sbfaqimages/RGBOpponent.gif>

Opponent processing

- Black vs. white (achromatic)
- Long (red) vs. Medium (green) wavelength cones
- (Long + Medium) vs. Short (blue) cones
- Can't really see reddish-green or bluish-yellow

From eye to brain



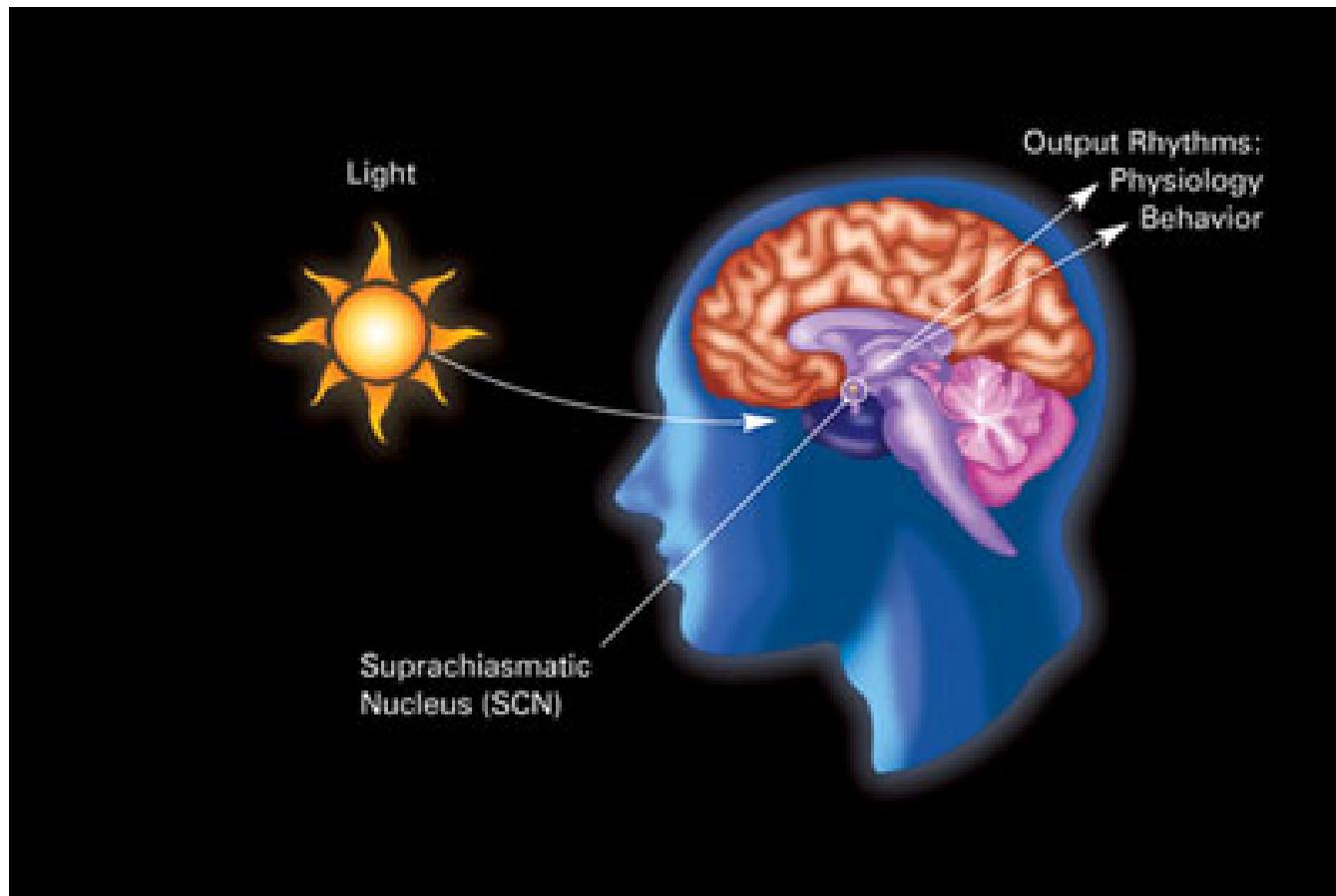
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From eye to brain

- Retinal ganglion cells
- 2nd/II cranial (optic) nerve
 - Optic chiasm

From eye to brain

- Hypothalamus
 - Suprachiasmatic nucleus
 - Regulates circadian (day/night) rhythm via pineal gland



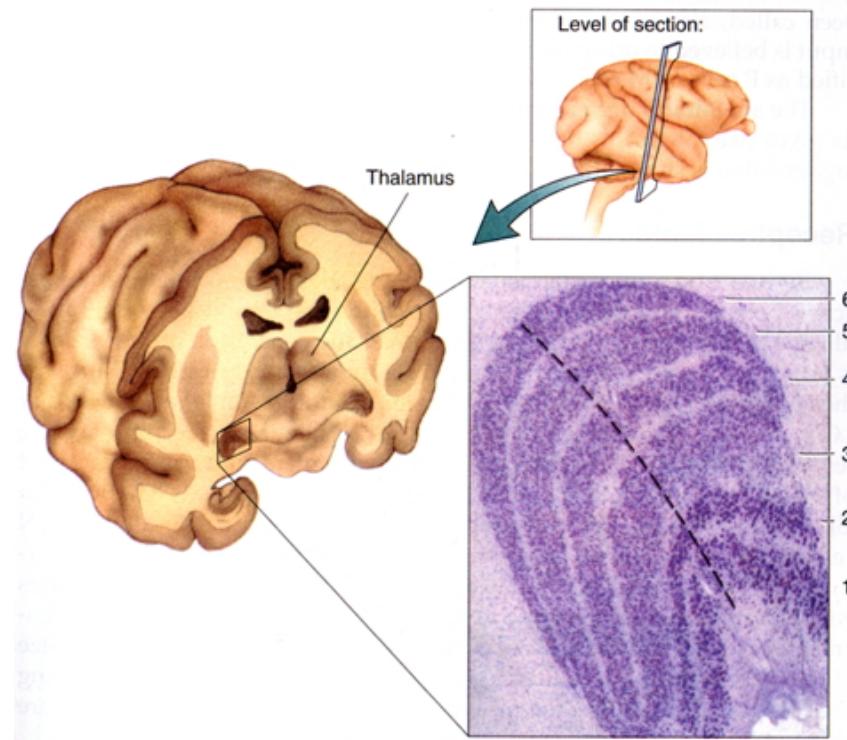
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Retinohypothalamic_tract

From eye to brain

- Superior colliculus & brainstem

Lateral Geniculate Nucleus (LGN) of thalamus

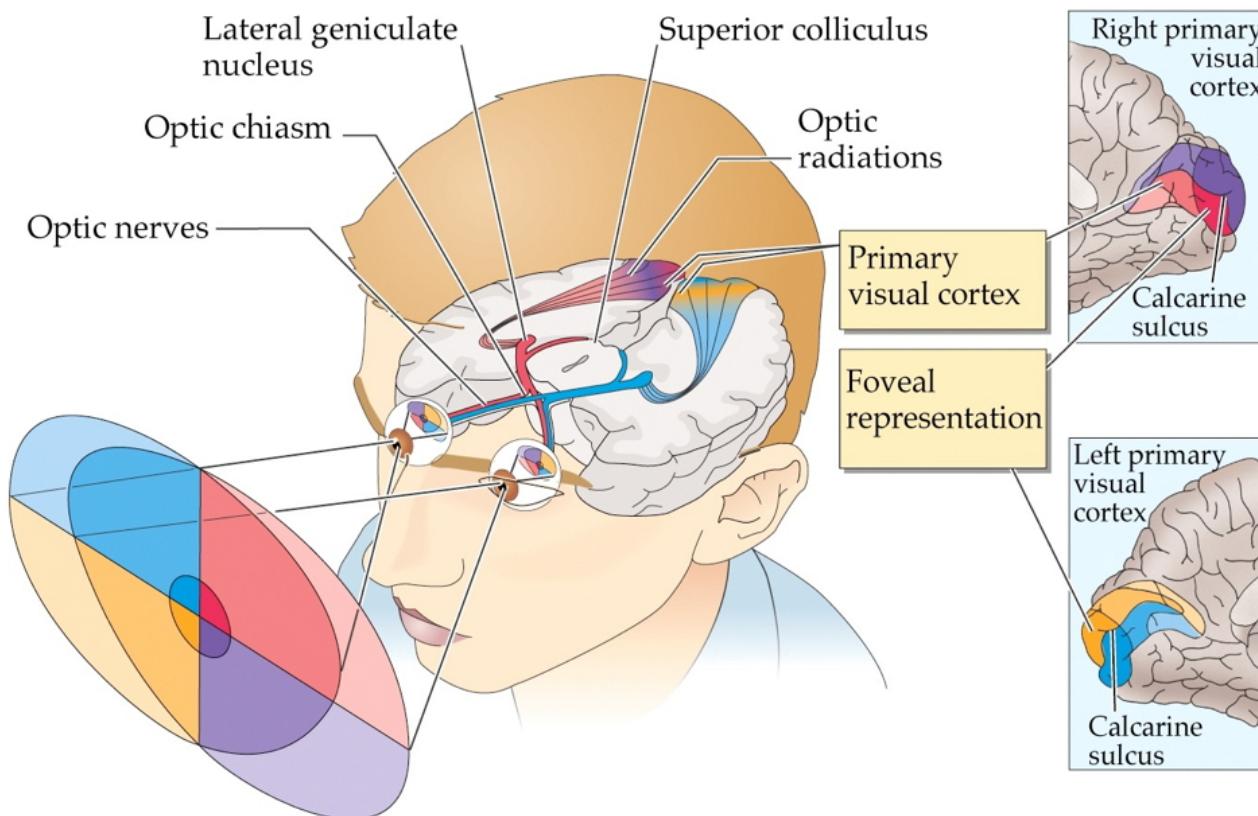
- ~90% of axons from retina



LGN

- 6 layers + intralaminar zone
 - Parvocellular (small cells): chromatic
 - Magnocellular (big cells): achromatic
 - Koniocellular (chromatic - short wavelength?)
- Retinotopic map of opposite visual field

From LGN to V1

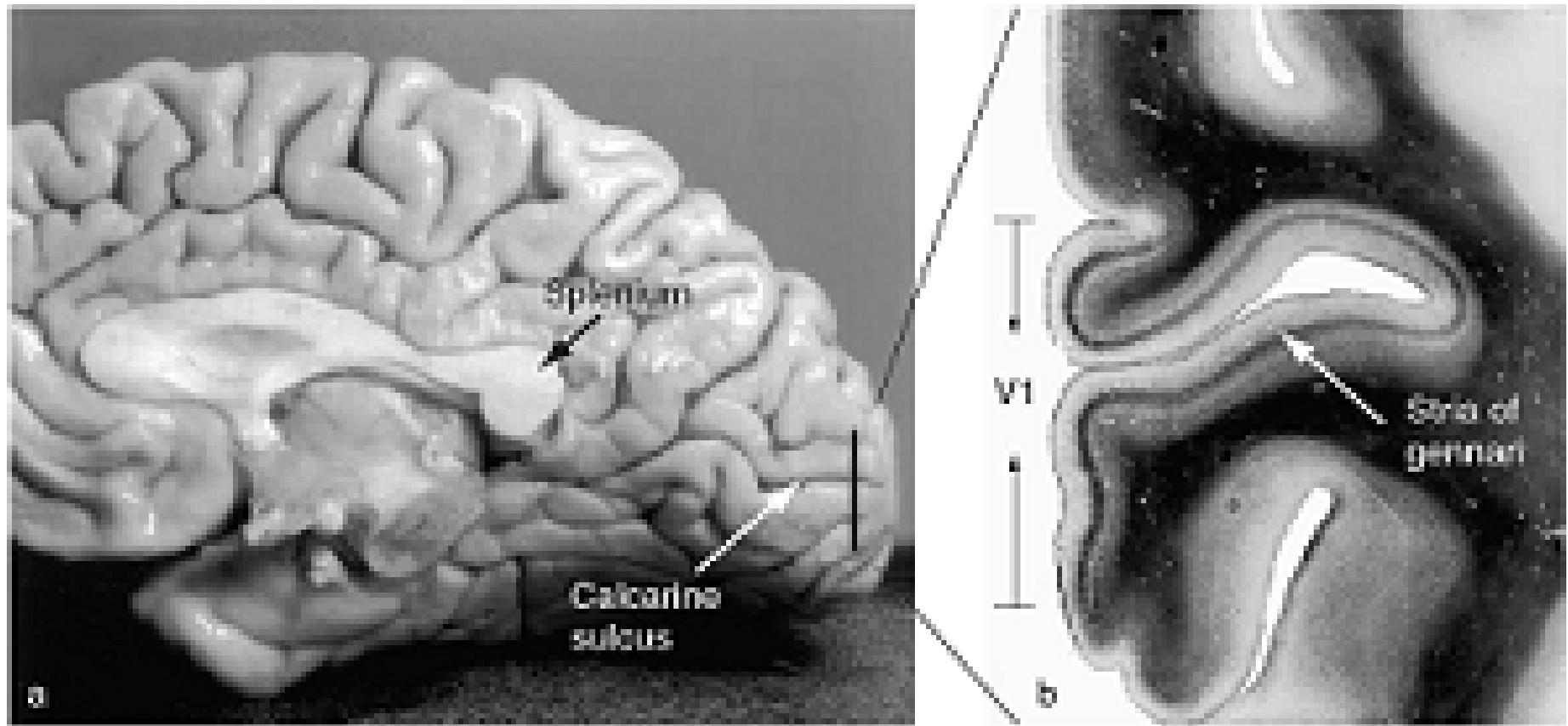


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From LGN to V1

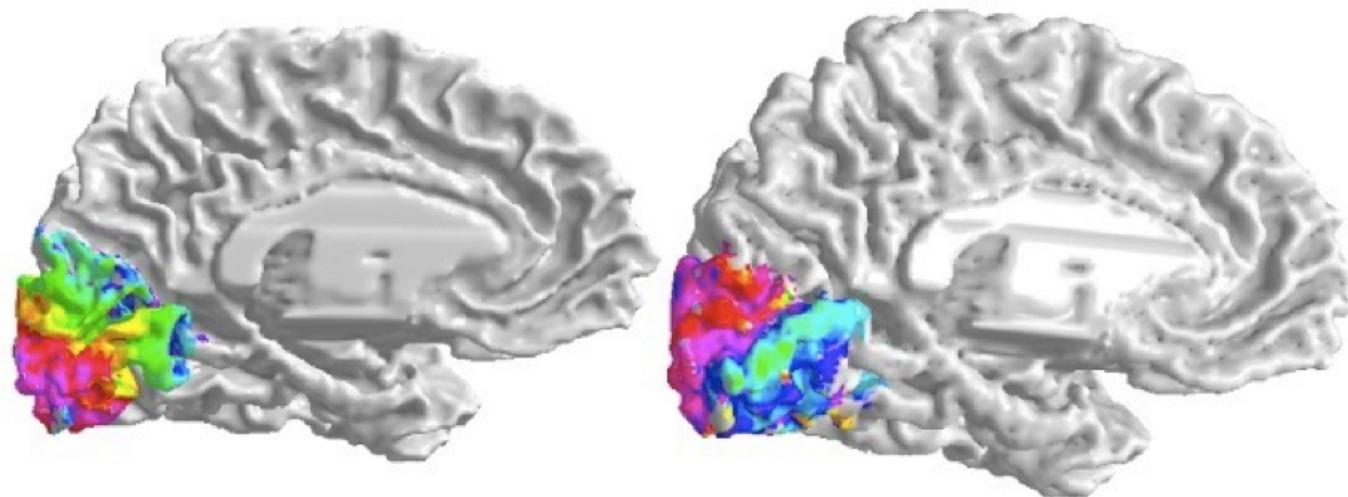
- Via optic radiations
- *Primary visual cortex (V1)* in occipital lobe

Human V1



<http://www.scholarpedia.org/w/images/3/3a/03-Human-V1.png>

Measuring retinotopy in V1



[\(Dougherty et al., 2003\)](#)





Retinotopy in V1

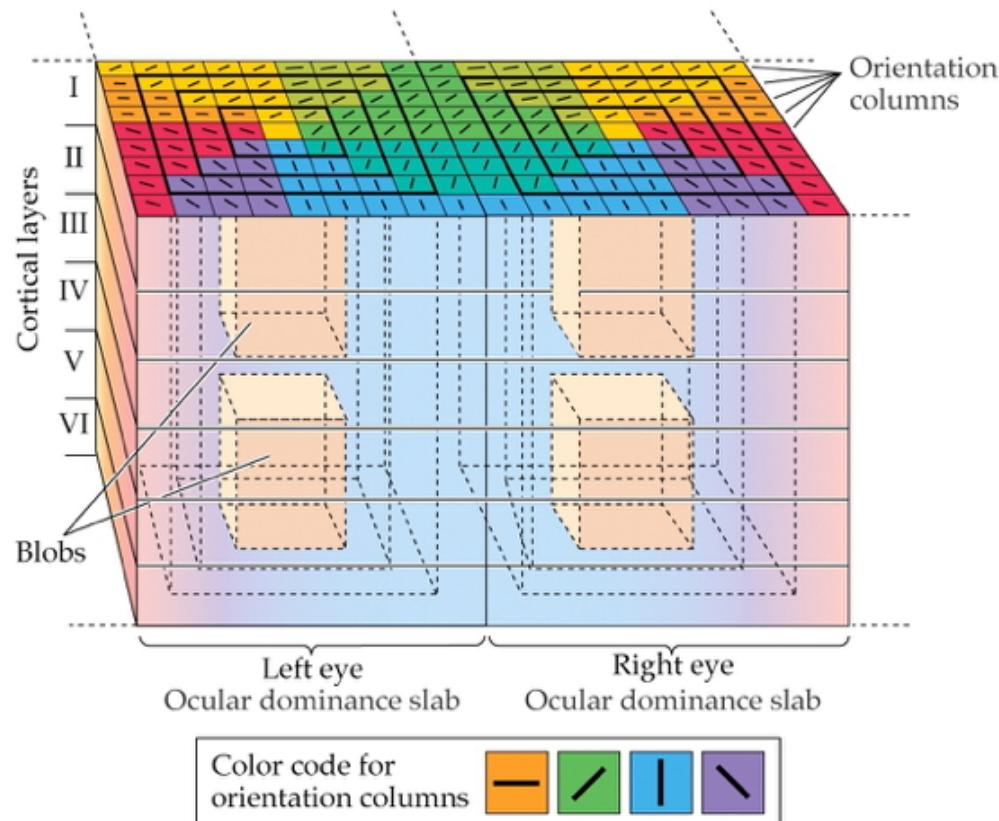
- Fovea overrepresented
 - Analogous to somatosensation
 - High acuity in fovea vs. lower outside it
- Upper visual field/lower (ventral) V1 and *vice versa*

Recording from V1





V1 has laminar, columnar organization



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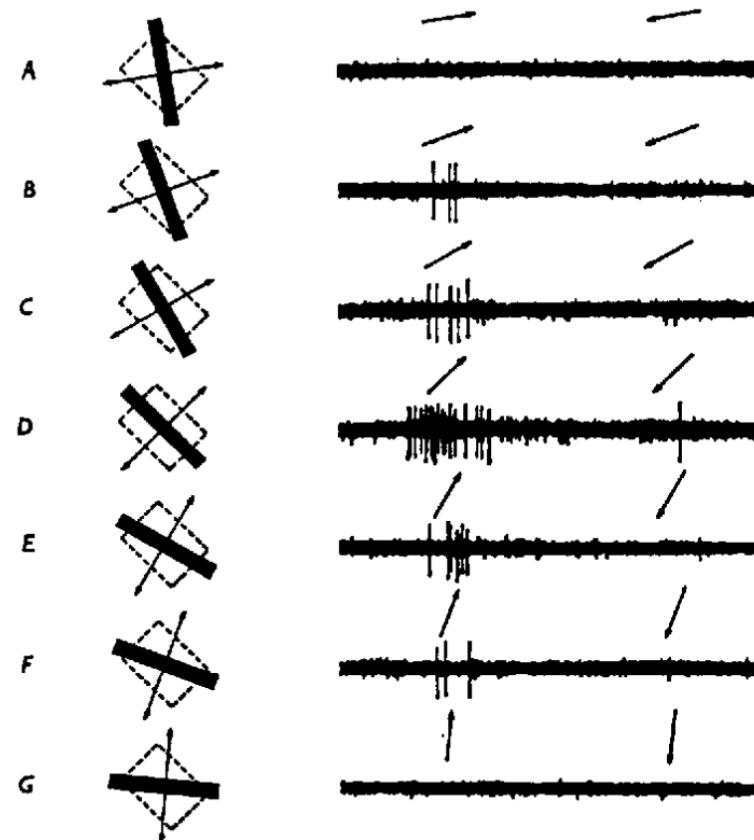
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- 6 laminae (layers)
 - Input: Layer 4
 - Output: Layers 2-3 (to cortex), 5 (to brainstem), 6 (to LGN)

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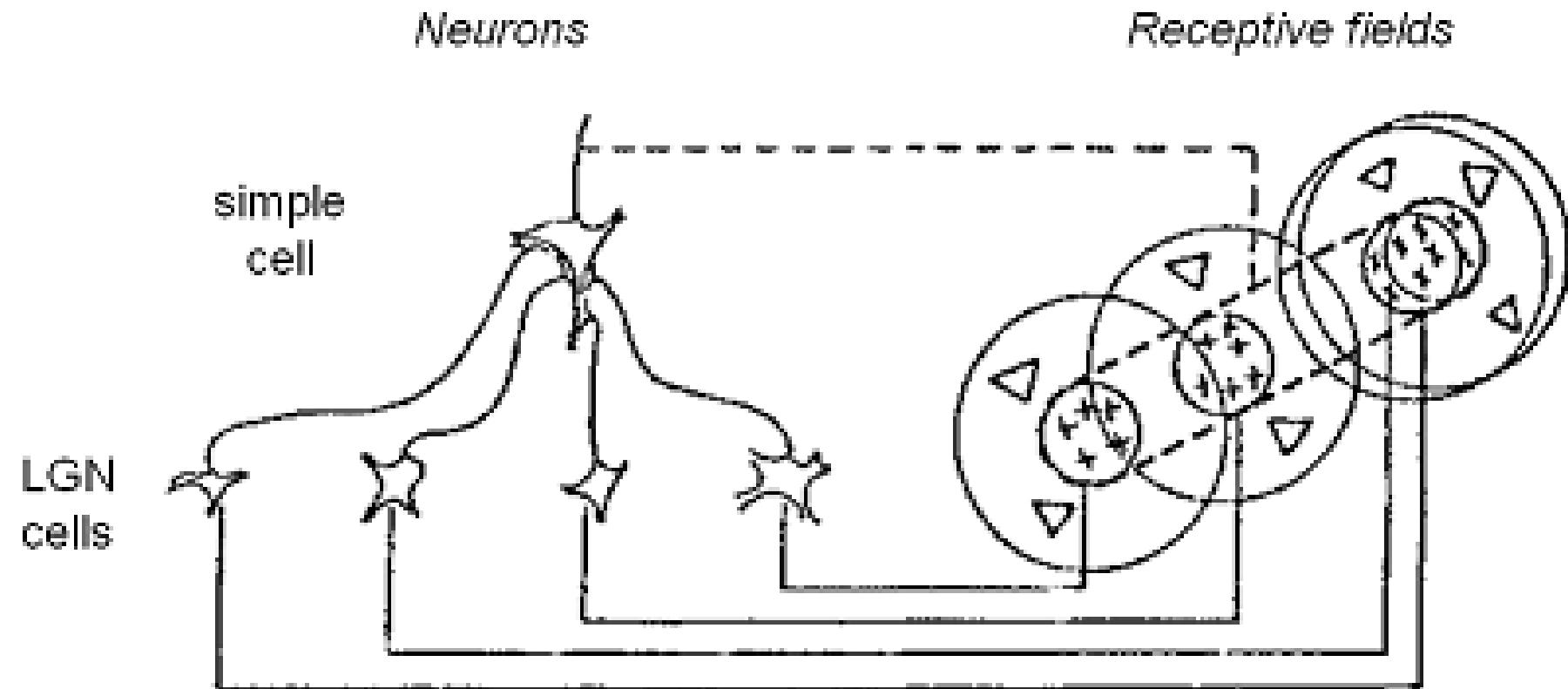
- Columns
 - Orientation/angle
 - Spatial frequency

Orientation/angle tuning



<https://foundationsofvision.stanford.edu/wp-content/uploads/2012/02/dir.selective.png>

From center-surround receptive fields to line detection



Spatial frequency tuning

Low == gist || high == details

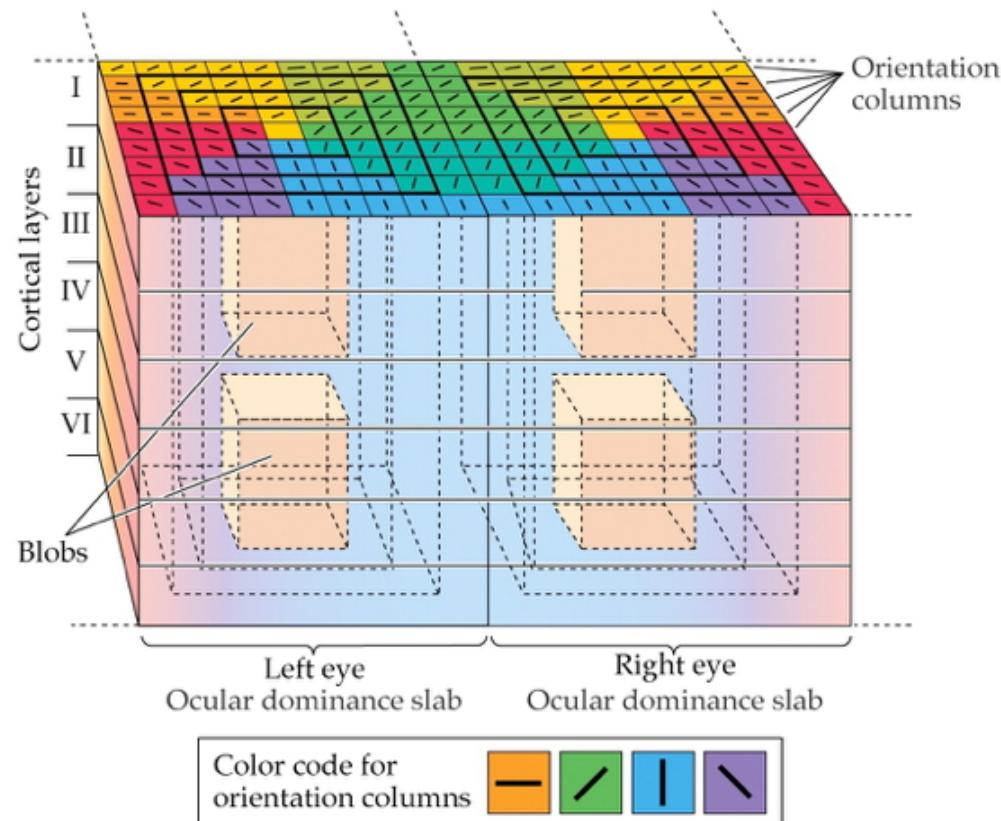


(Panichello, Cheung, & Bar, 2013)

V1 has laminar, columnar organization

- Columns
 - Color/wavelength
 - Eye of origin, *ocular dominance*

Ocular dominance columns



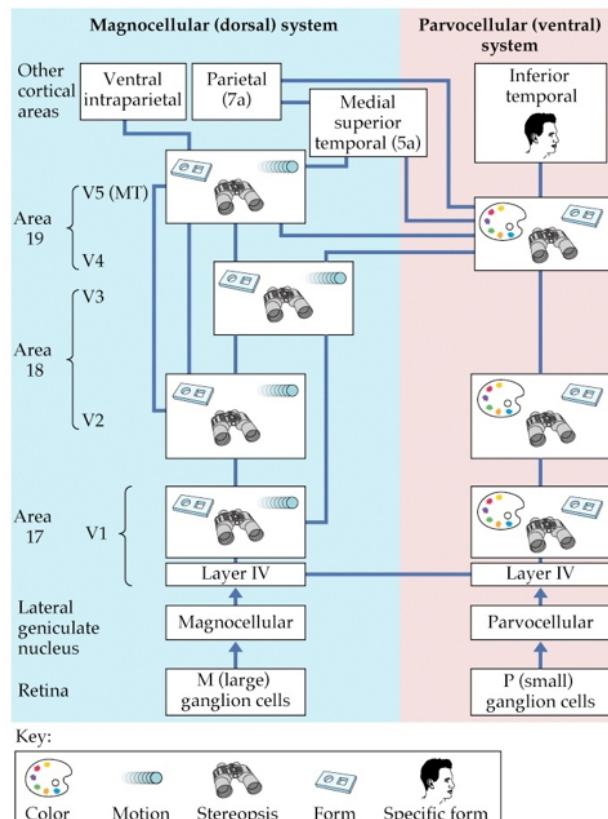
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Ocular dominance signals retinal disparity



<http://www.scholarpedia.org/w/images/9/99/11-Hubel-Wiesel-model.png>

Beyond V1



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Beyond V1

- Larger, more complex receptive fields
- *Dorsal stream* (where/how)
 - Toward parietal lobe
- *Ventral stream* (what)

“Rich” perception from “impoverished” info

<https://www.biromotionlab.ca/html5-bml-walker/>

What is vision for?

- What is it? (form perception)
- Where is it? (space perception)
- How do I get from here to there (action control)
- What time (or time of year) is it?

Computer vision inspired by biological vision

<https://github.com/CMU-Perceptual-Computing-Lab/openpose>



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