

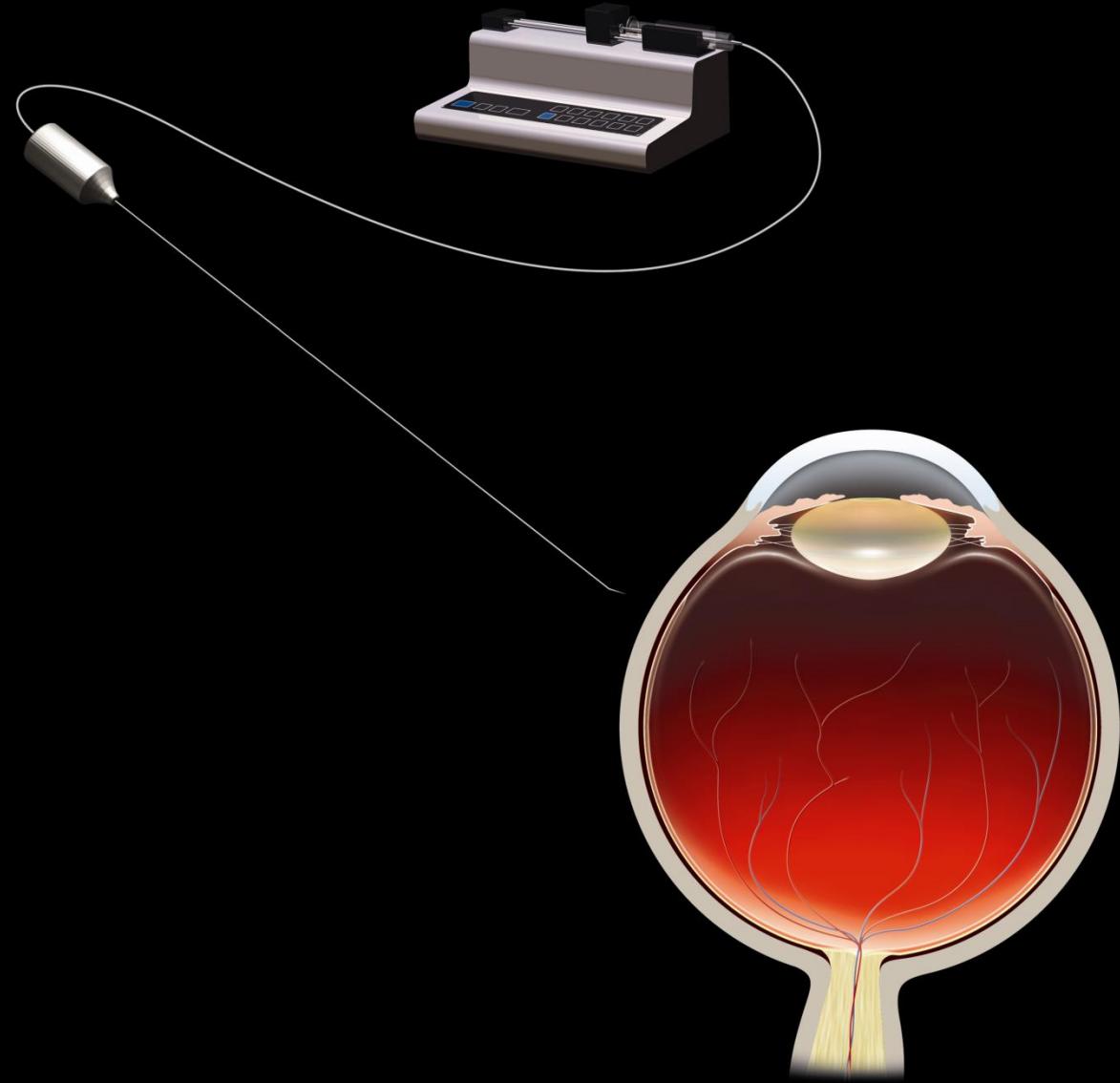
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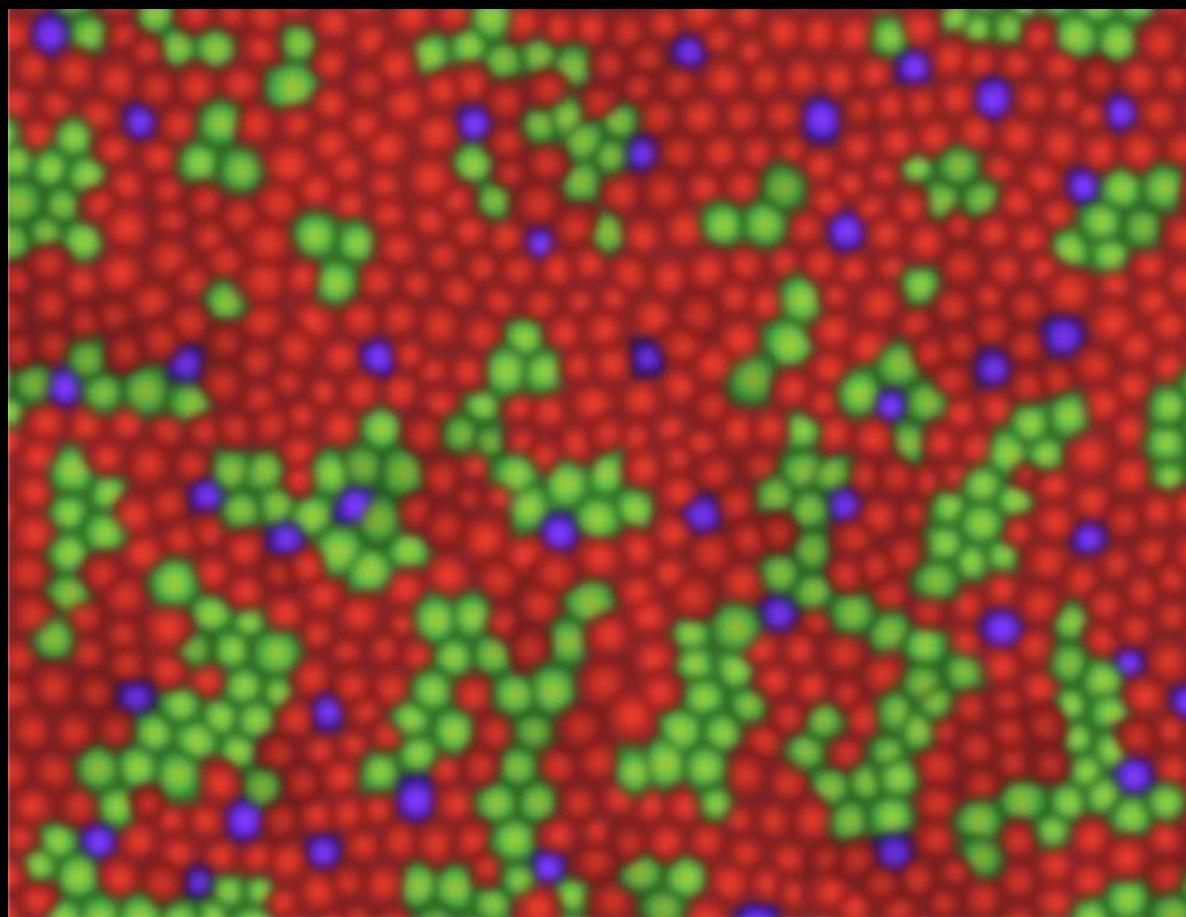


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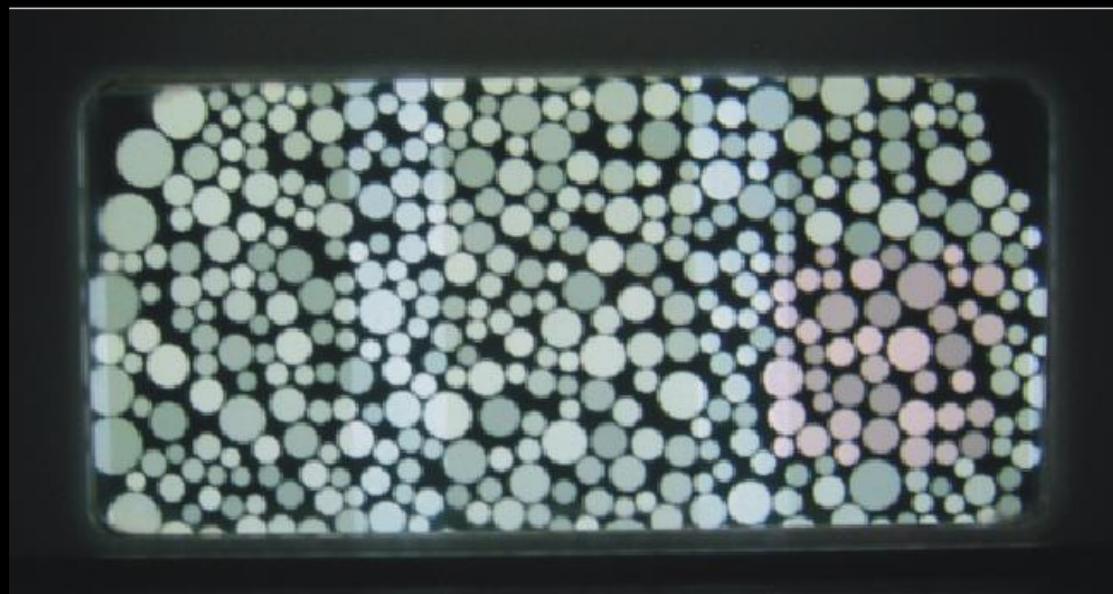




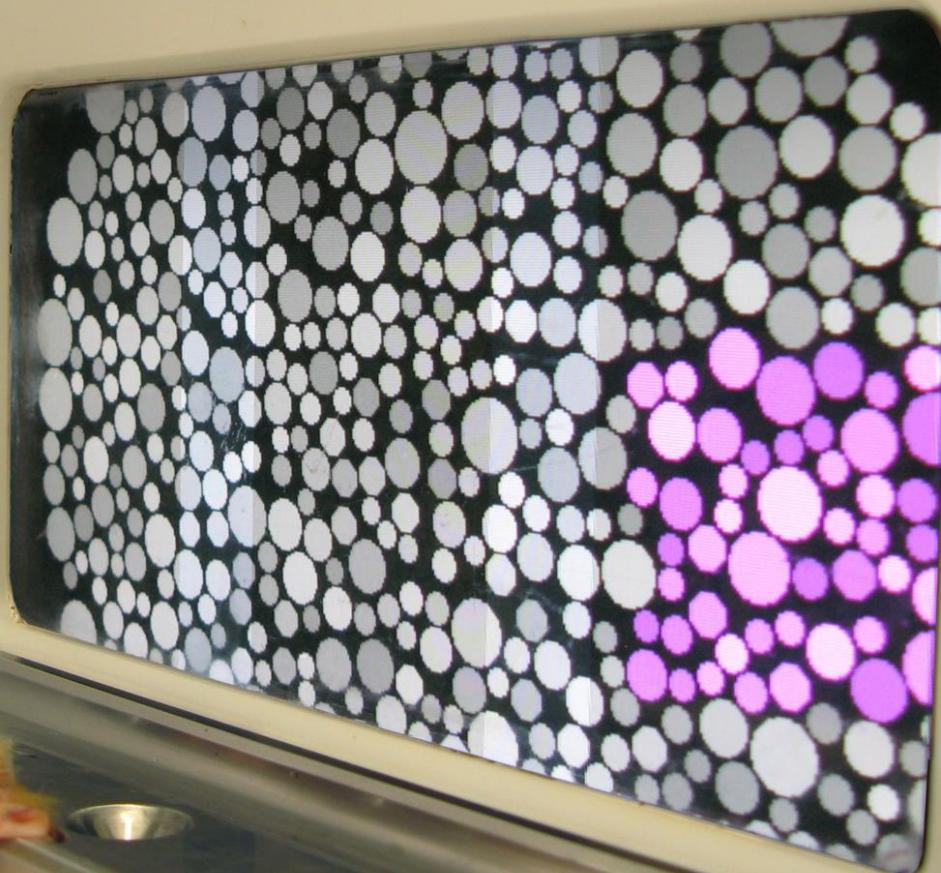


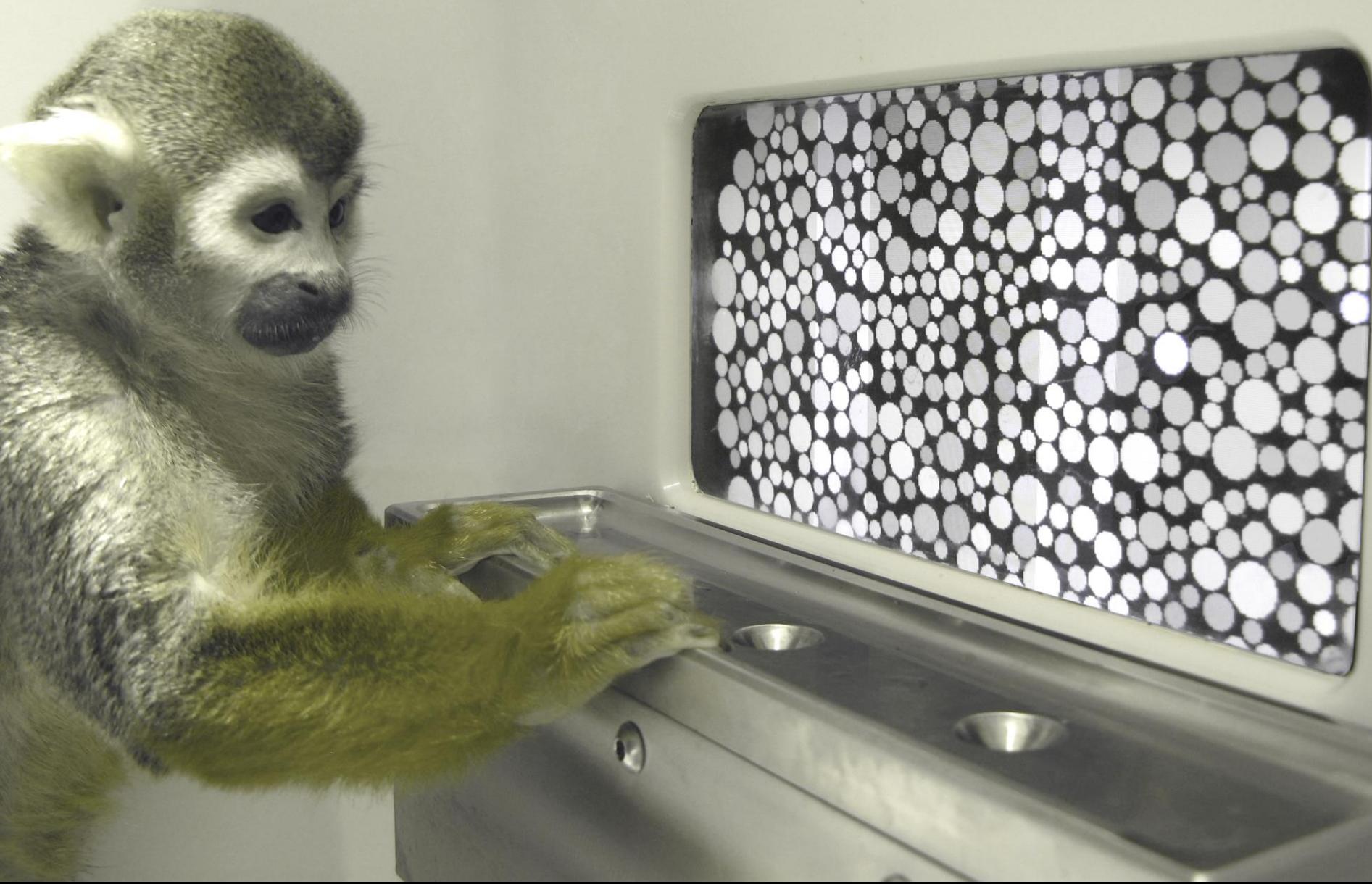
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- Developed by Mollon & Regan; Available through Cambridge Research Systems
- Animals are not able to use luminance differences or edge artifacts to make the correct color discriminations.













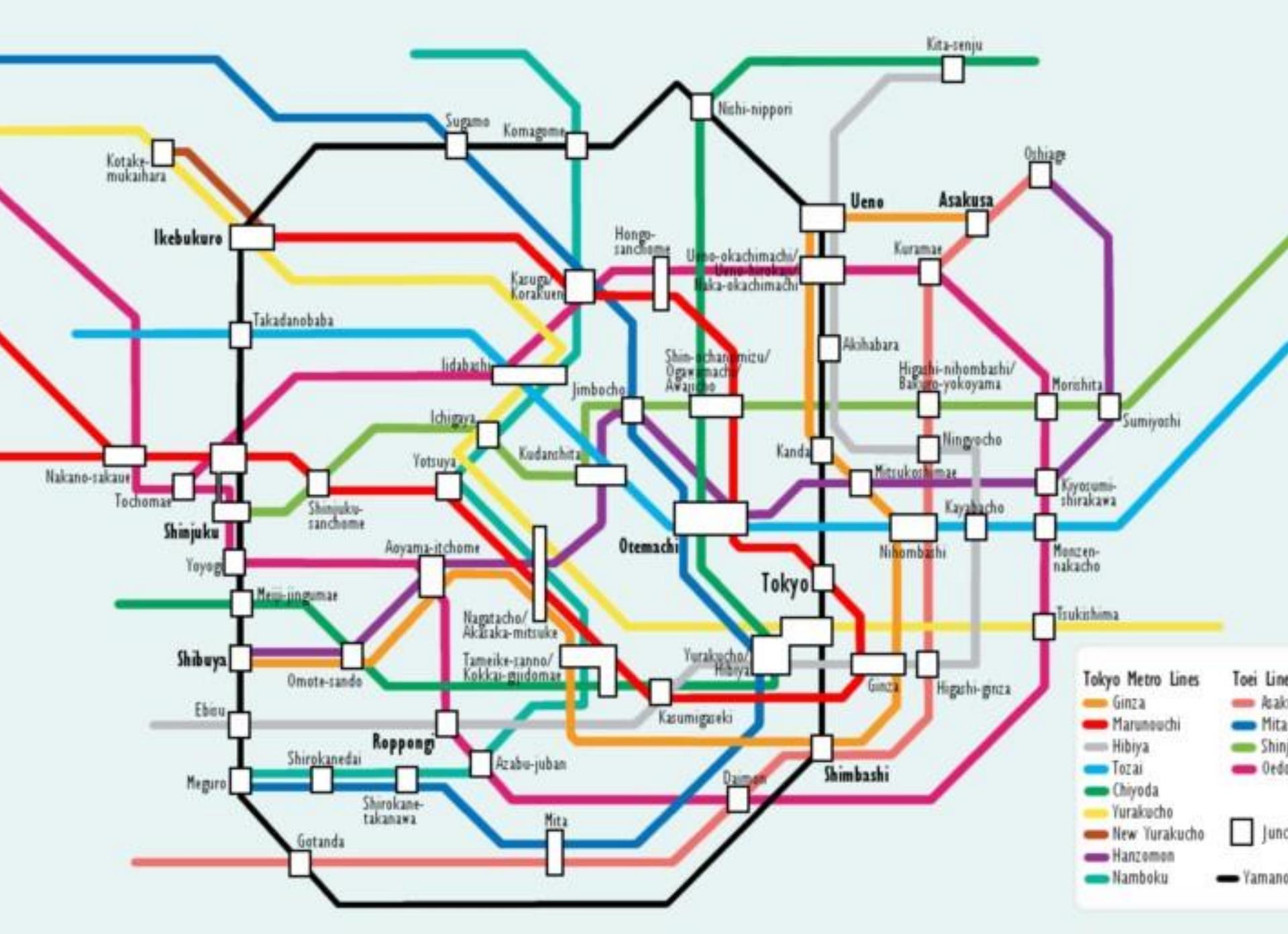


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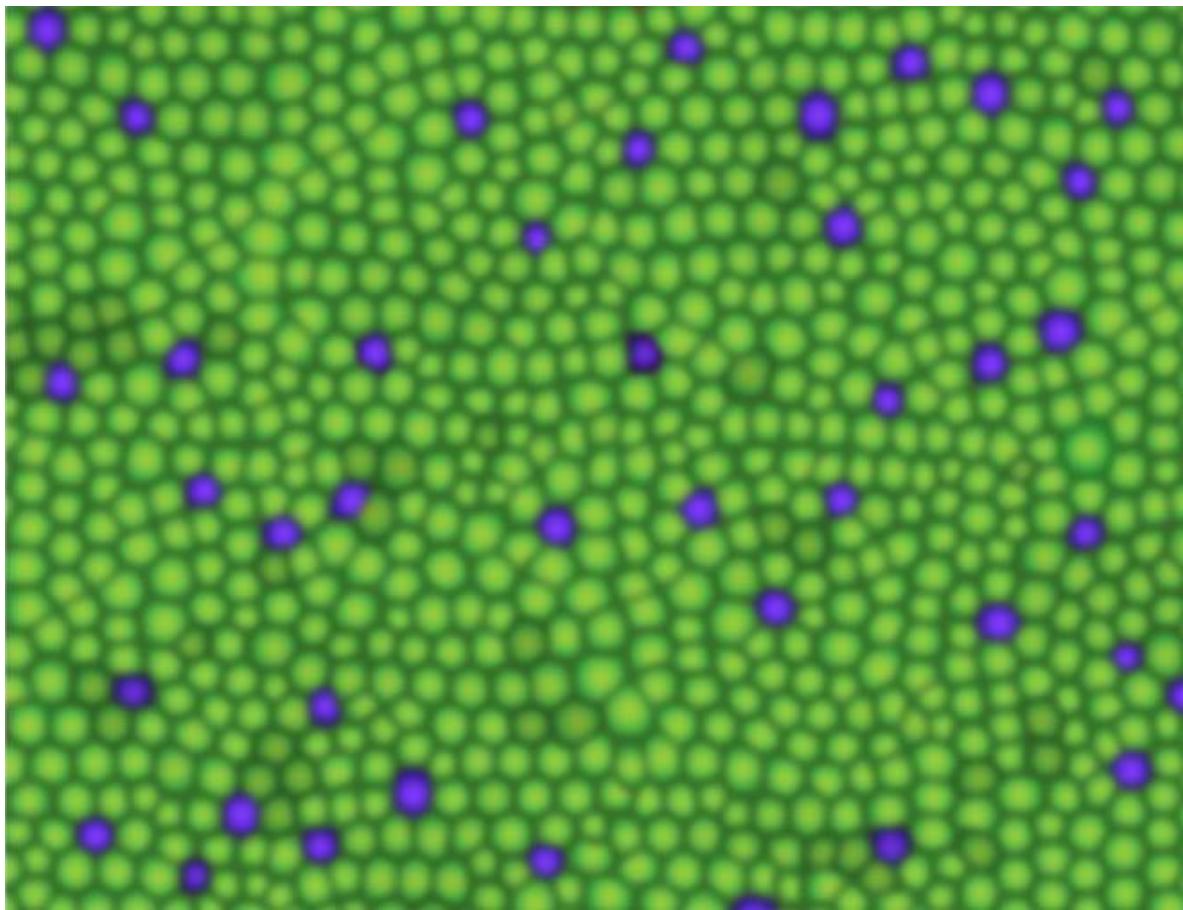


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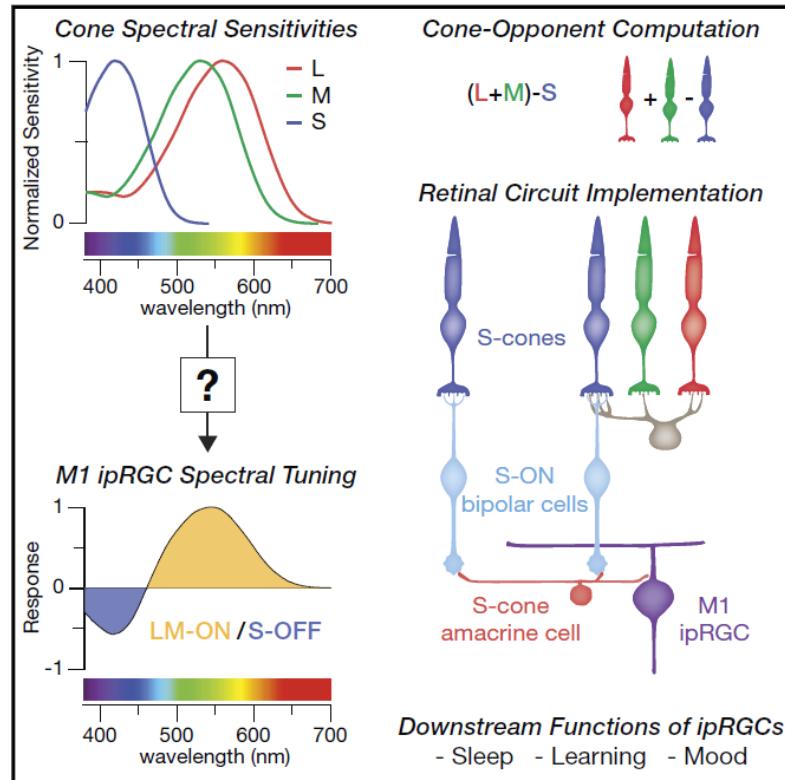




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A Color Vision Circuit for Non-Image-Forming Vision in the Primate Retina

Graphical Abstract



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In Brief

Patterson et al. identify a new amacrine cell type in the primate retina with “blue” S-cone circuit input and targeted output to intrinsically photosensitive retinal ganglion cells (ipRGCs). This circuit may contribute to the effects of short-wavelength light on ipRGC downstream non-image-forming visual functions such as sleep, mood, and learning.

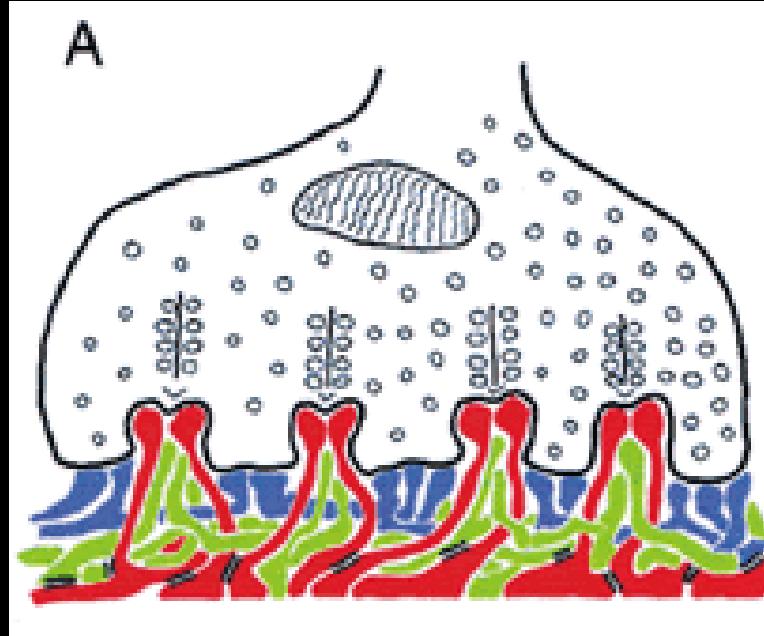
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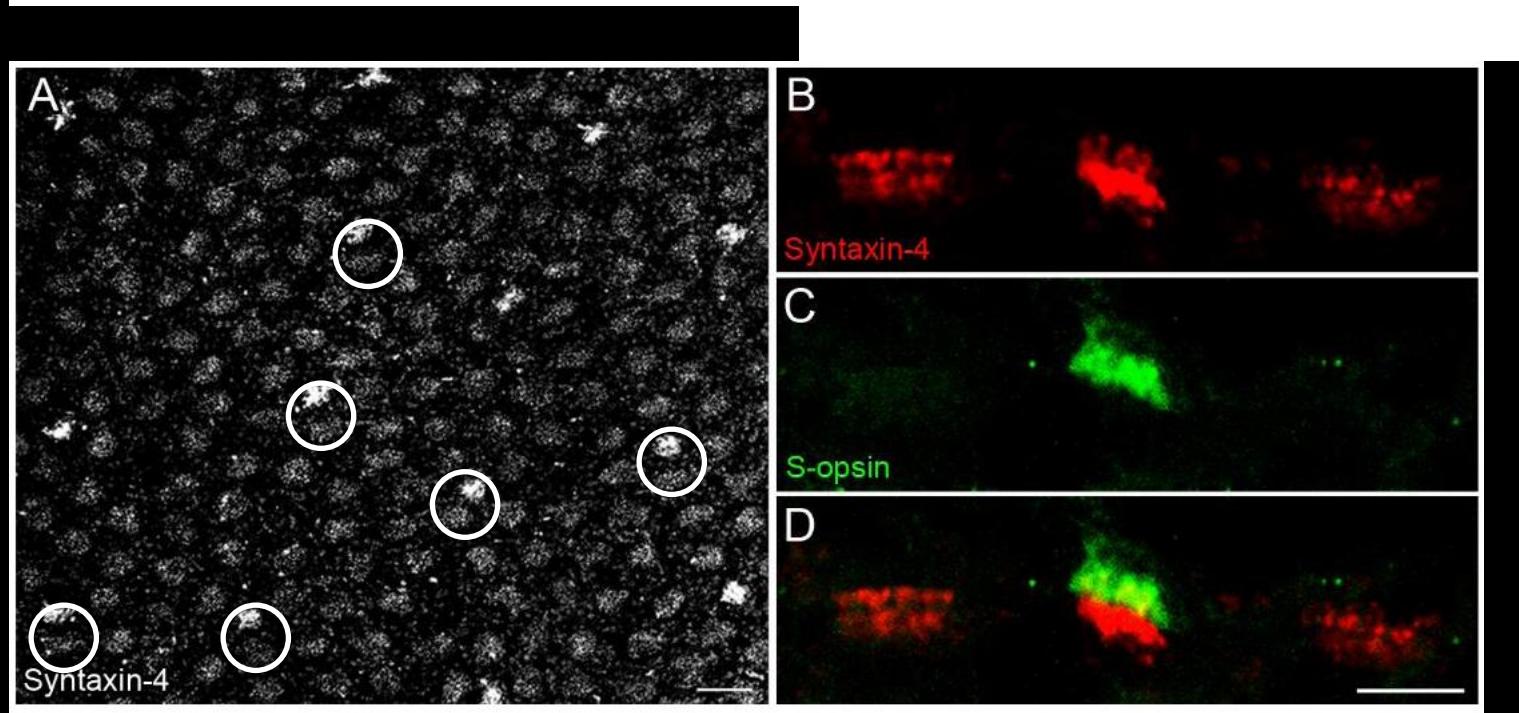
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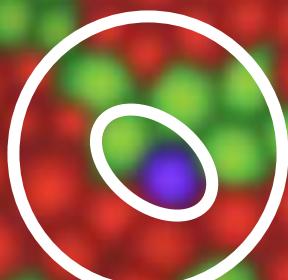
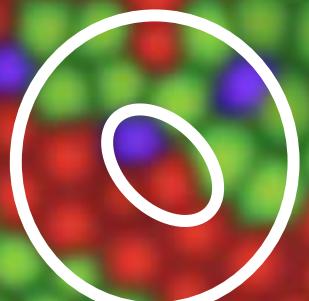
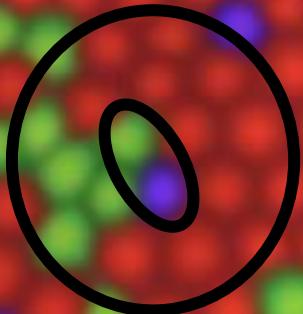
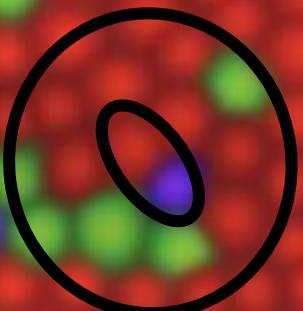
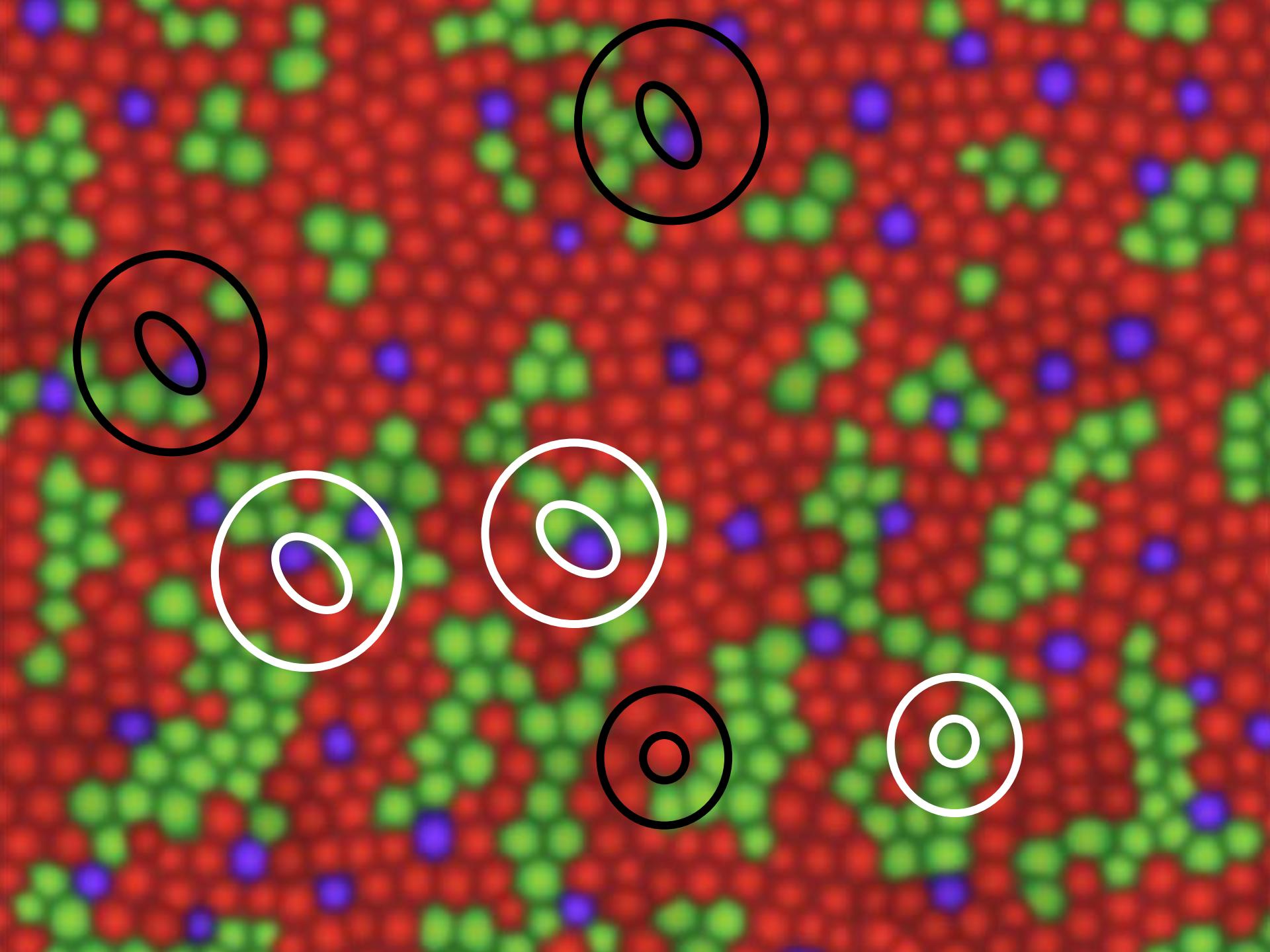




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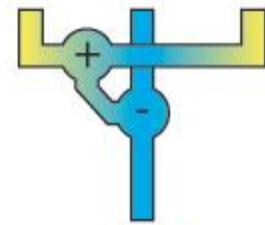


And this is how red-green color vision evolved in primates

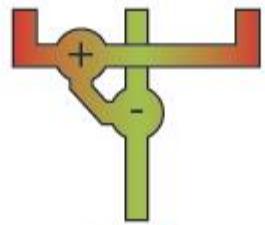




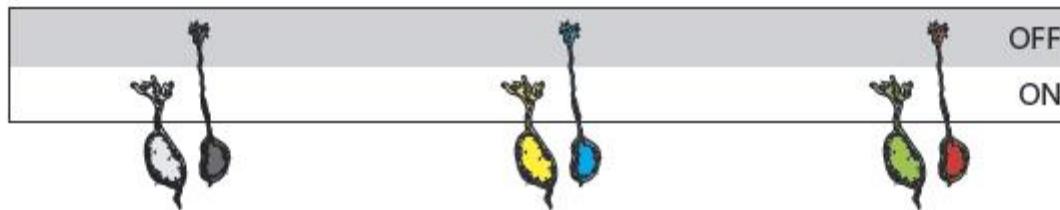
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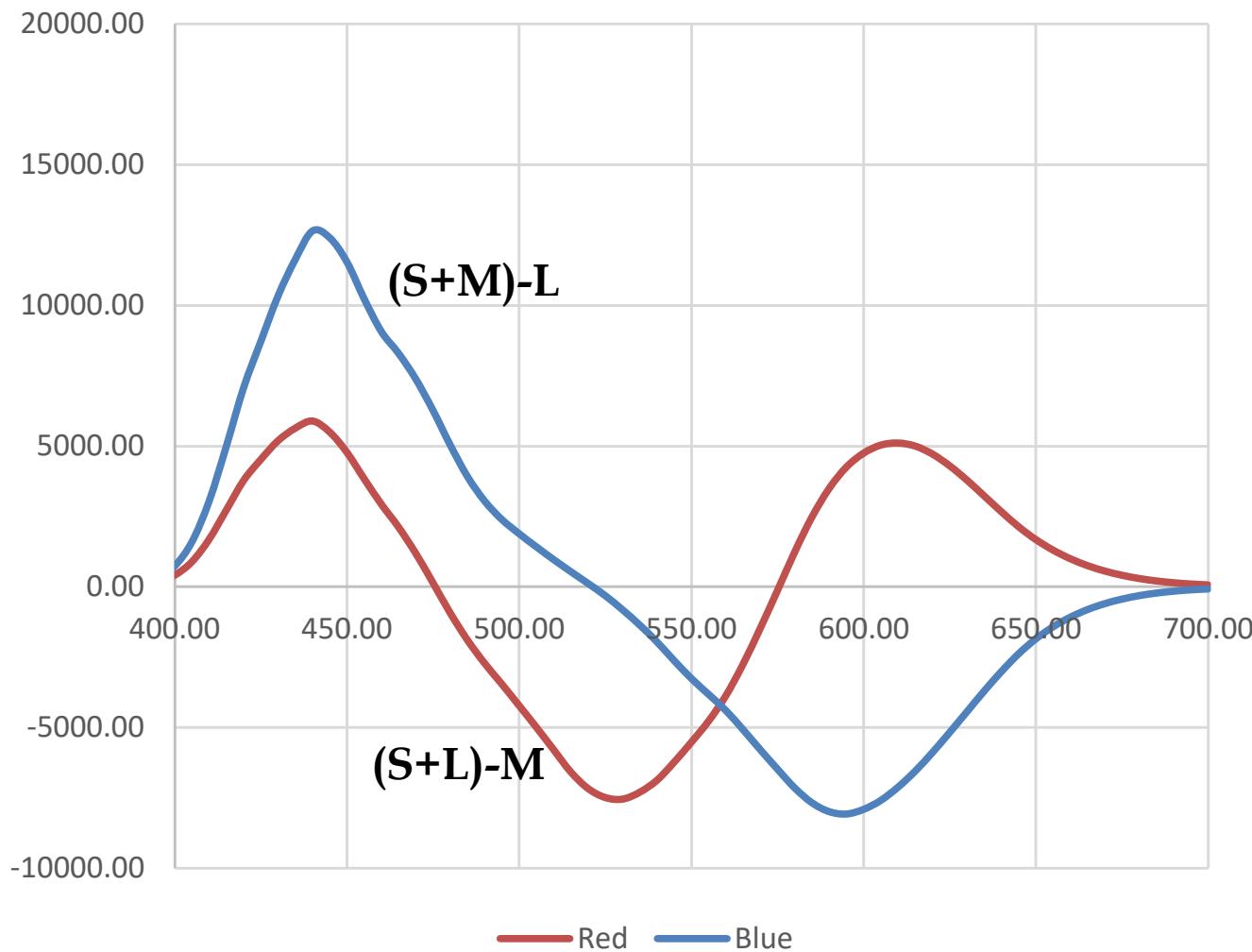
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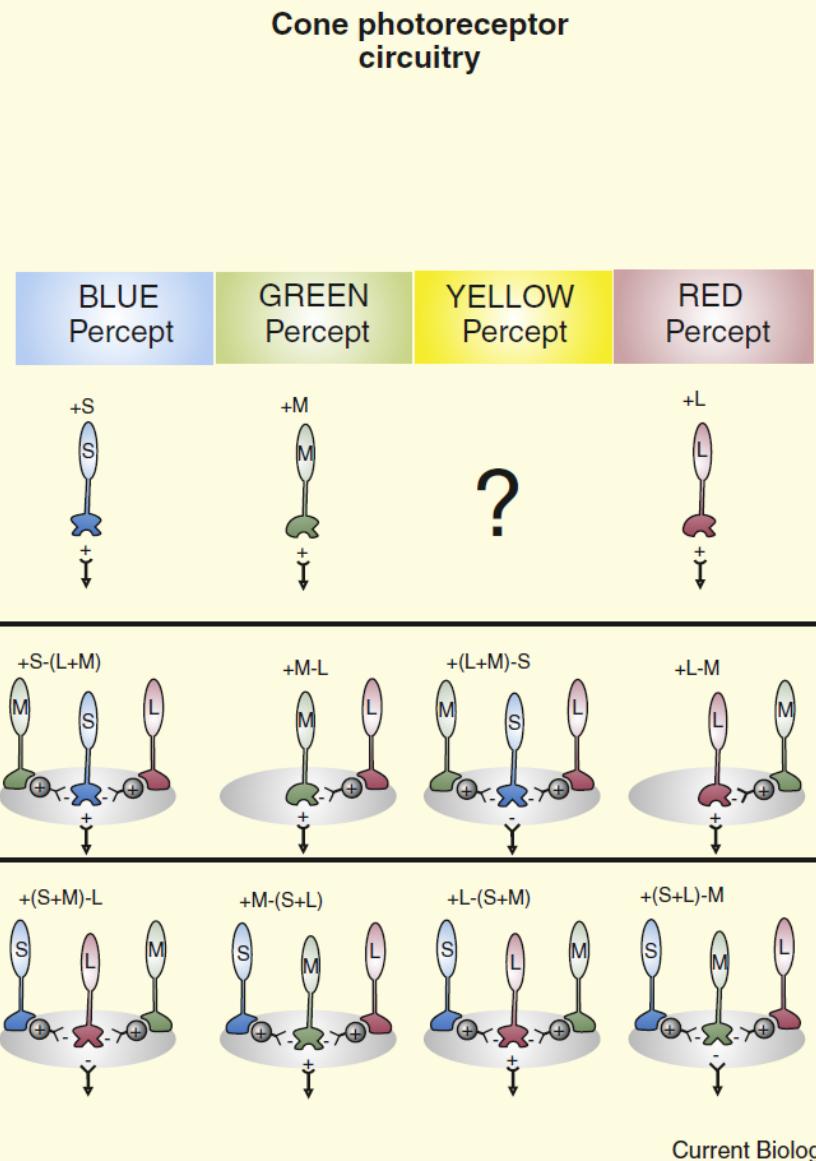
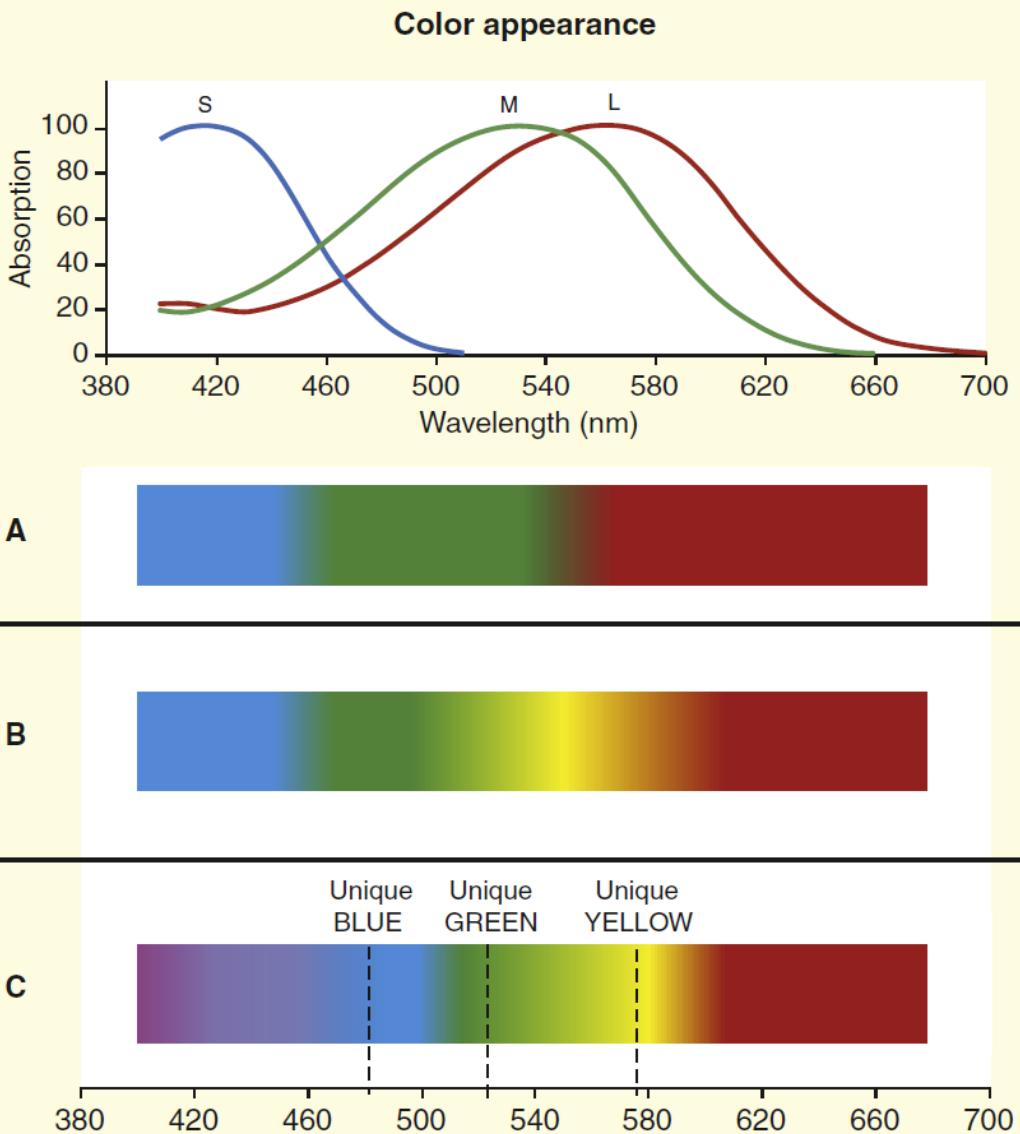


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Red and blue detecors compared





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Neurobiological hypothesis of color appearance and hue perception

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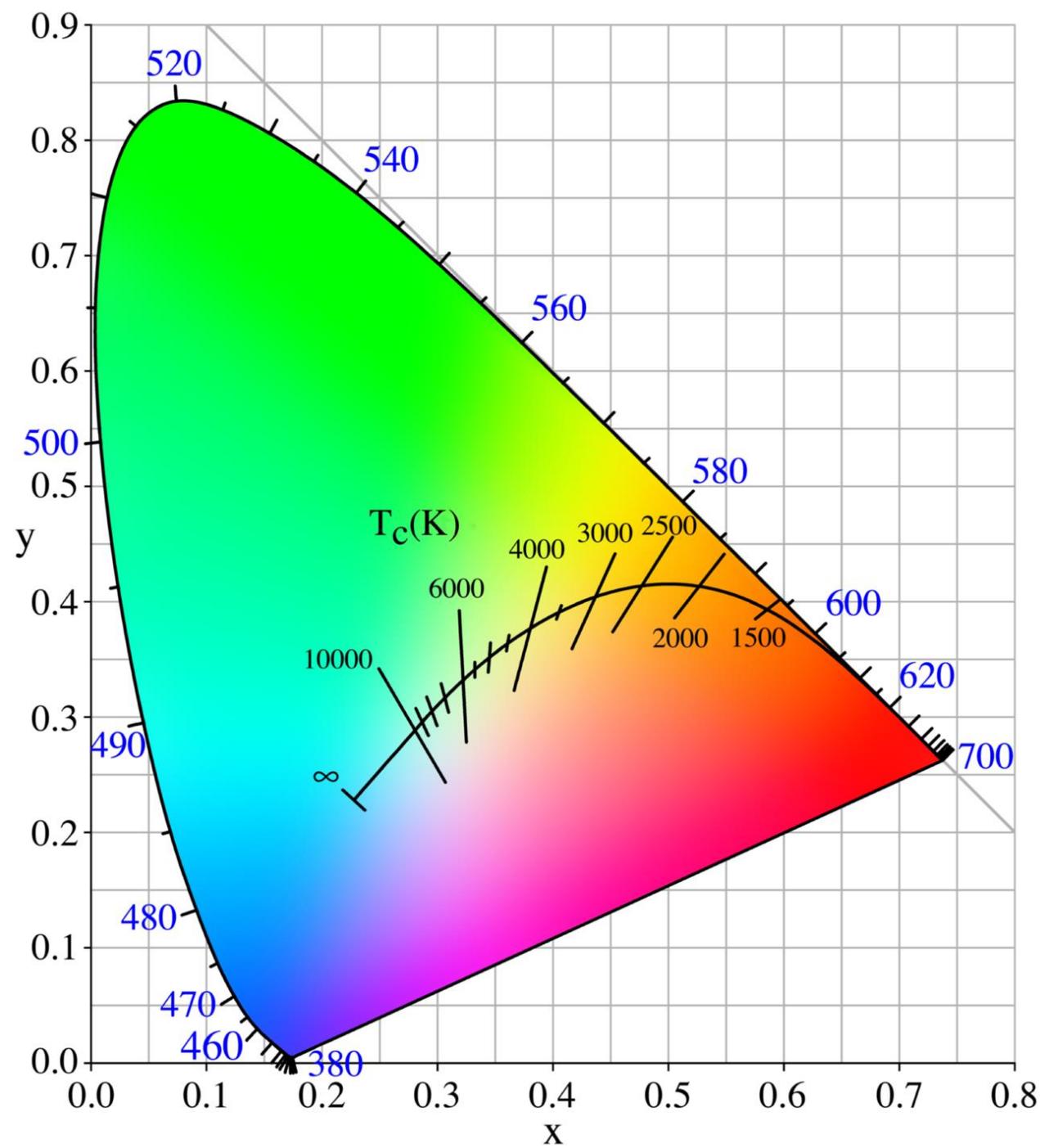
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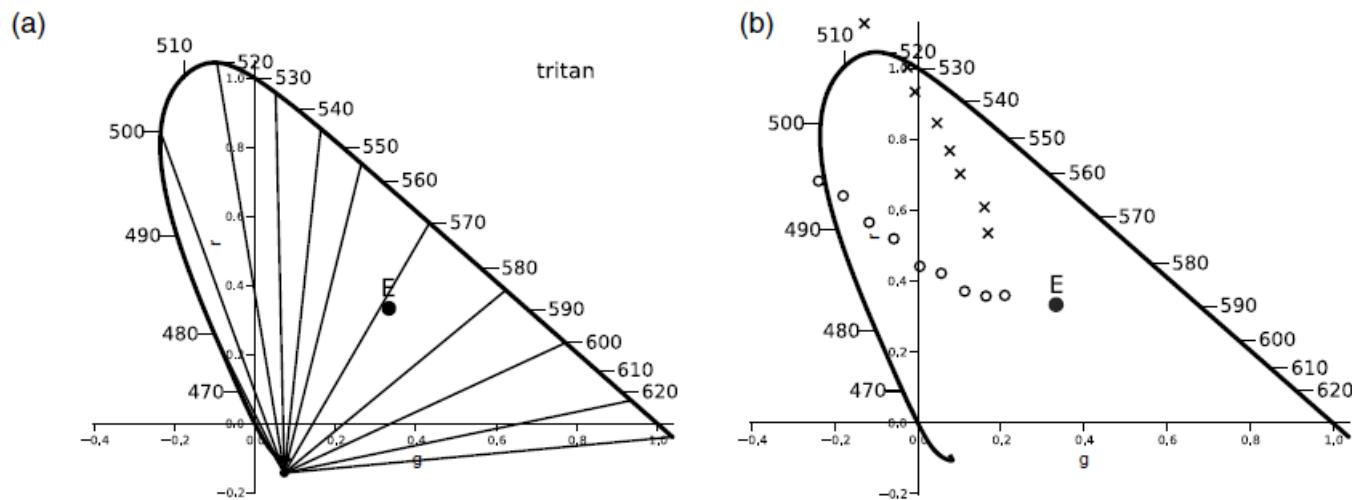
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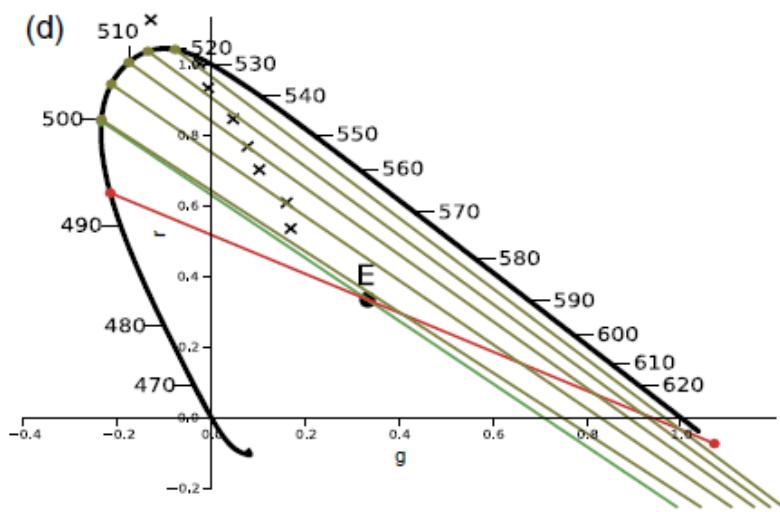
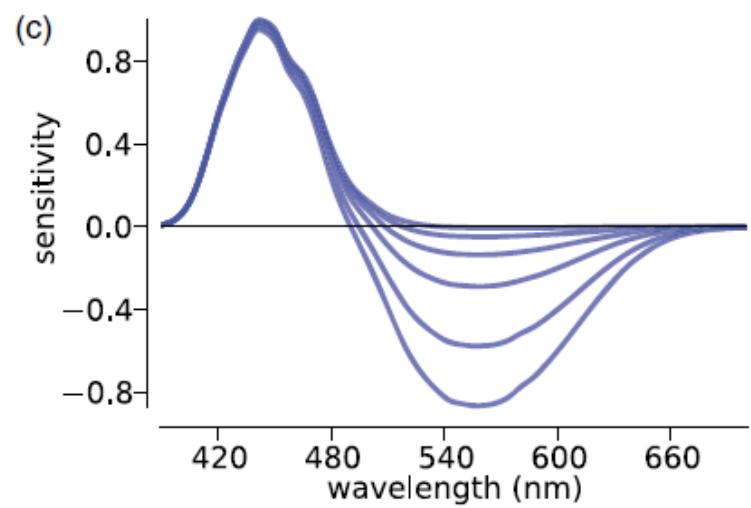
De Valois and De Valois [Vis. Res. **33**, 1053 (1993)] showed that to explain hue appearance, S-cone signals have to be combined with M versus L opponent signals in two different ways to produce red–green and yellow–blue axes, respectively. Recently, it has been shown that color appearance is normal for individuals with genetic mutations that block S-cone input to blue-ON ganglion cells. This is inconsistent with the De Valois hypothesis in which S-opponent konio-geniculate signals are combined with L-M signals at a third processing stage in cortex. Instead, here we show that color appearance, including individual differences never explained before, are predicted by a model in which S-cone signals are combined with L versus M signals in the outer retina. © 2014 Optical Society of America

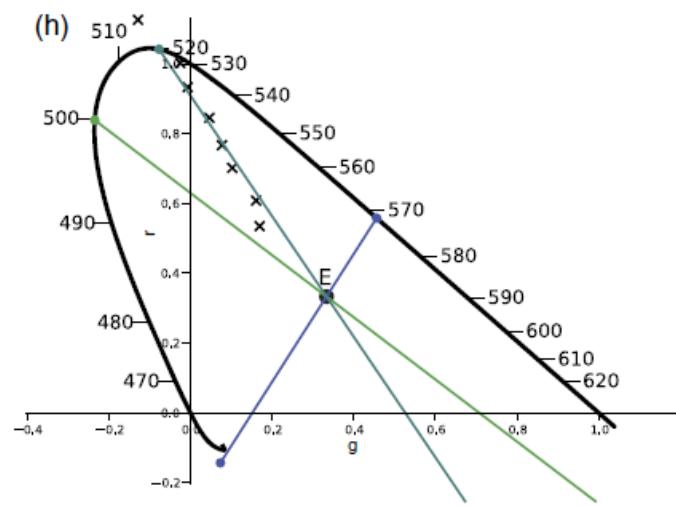
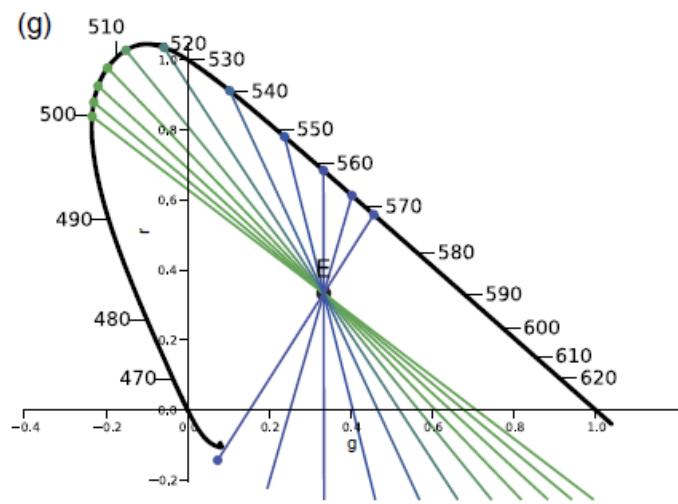
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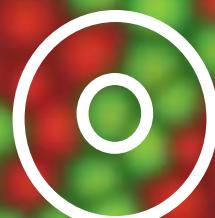
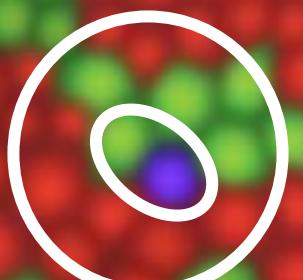
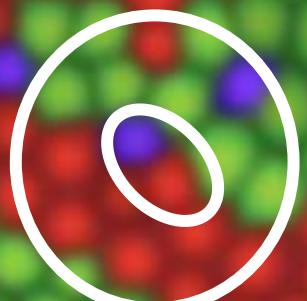
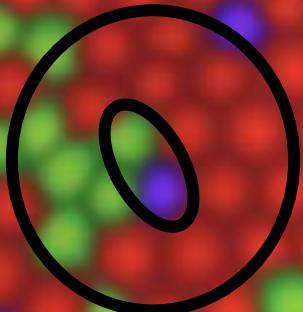
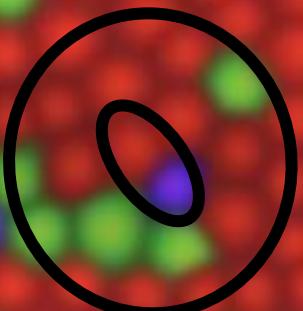
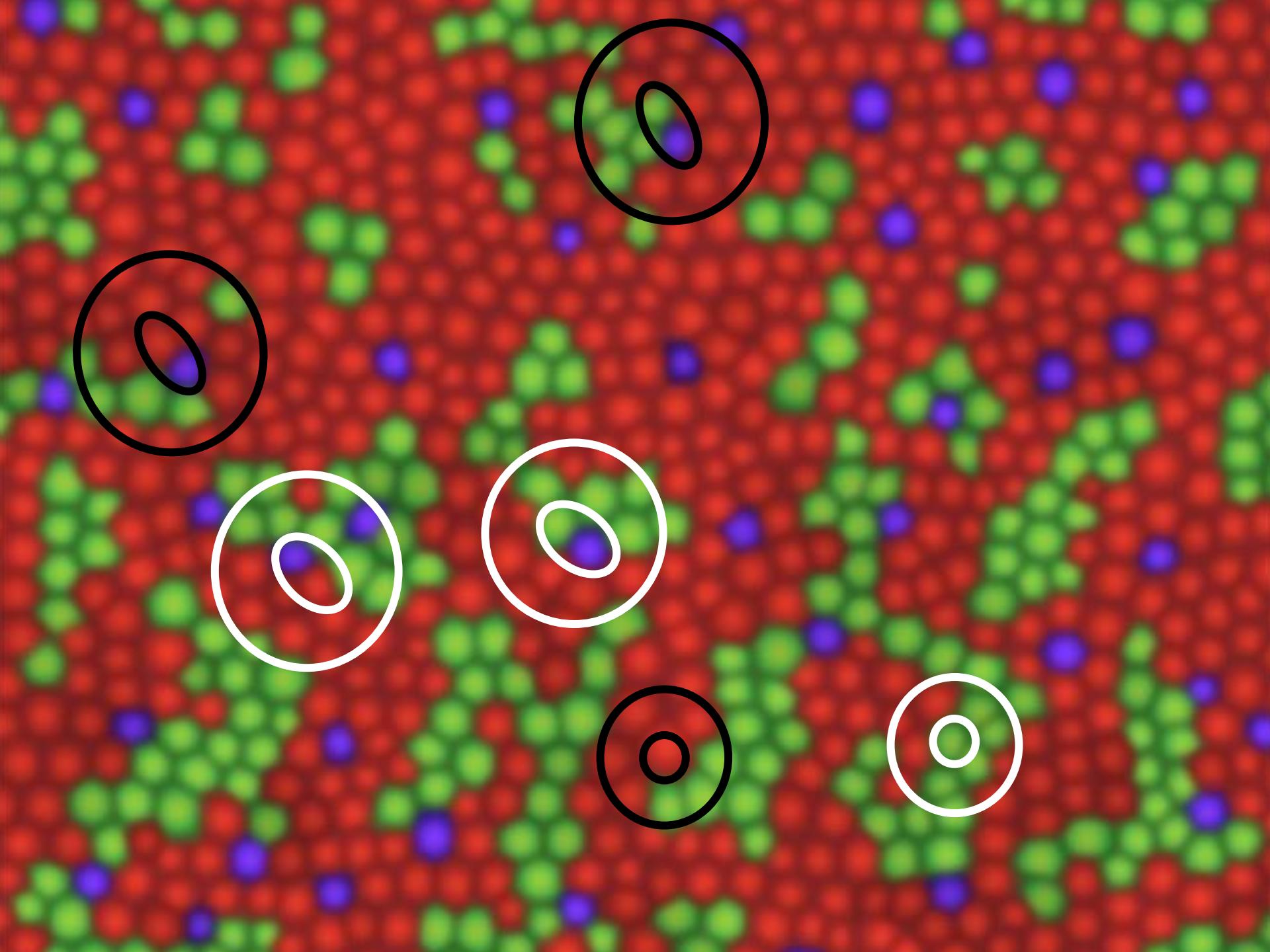
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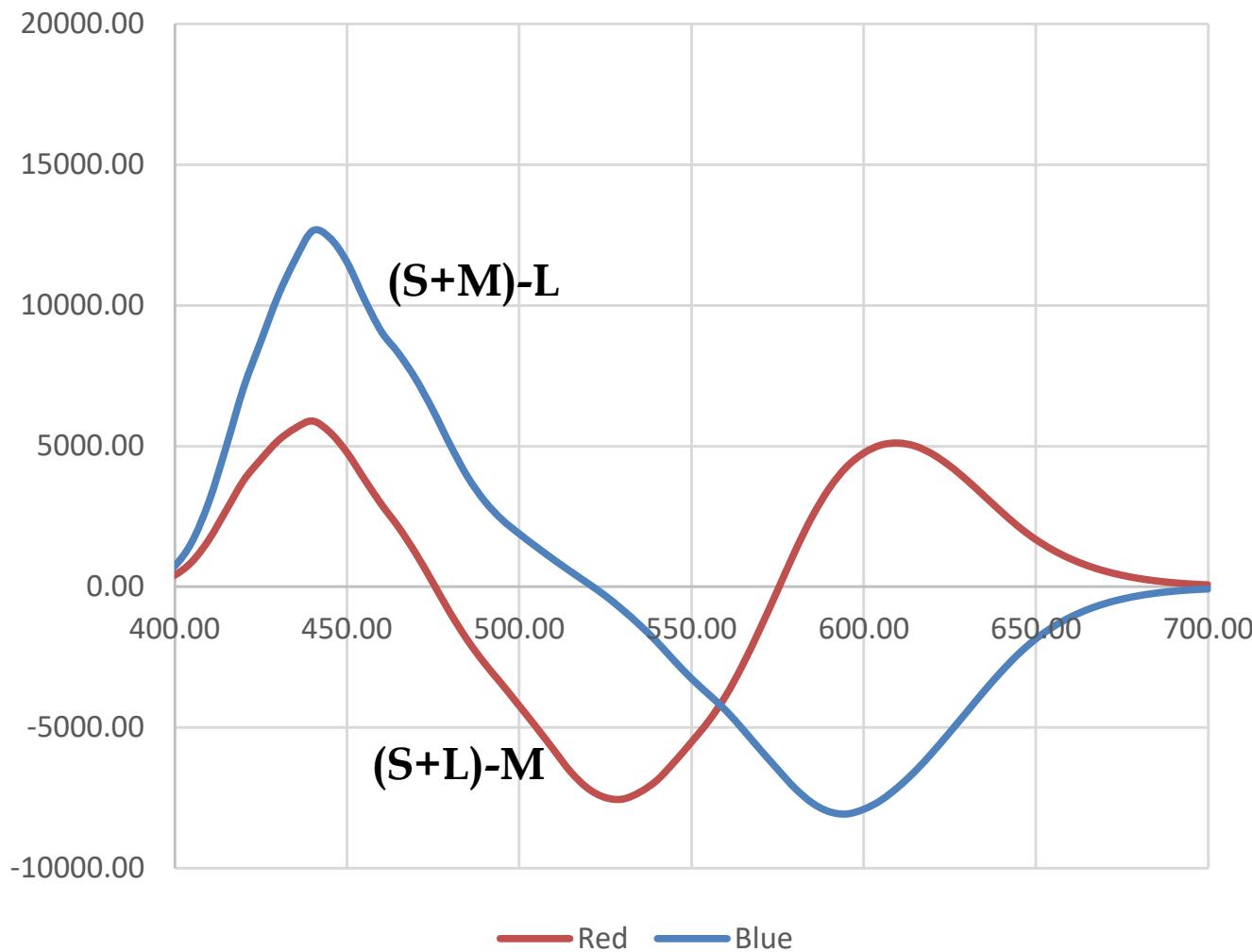








Red and blue detecors compared



The dimensionality of color vision in carriers of anomalous trichromacy

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Some 12% of women are carriers of the mild, X-linked forms of color vision deficiencies called “anomalous trichromacy.” Owing to random X chromosome inactivation, their retinæ must contain four classes of cone rather than the normal three; and it has previously been speculated that these female carriers might be tetrachromatic, capable of discriminating spectral stimuli that are indistinguishable to the normal trichromat. However, the existing evidence is sparse and inconclusive. Here, we address the question using (a) a forced-choice version of the Rayleigh test, (b) a test using multidimensional scaling to reveal directly the dimensionality of the participants’ color space, and (c) molecular genetic analyses to estimate the X-linked cone peak sensitivities of a selected sample of strong candidates for tetrachromacy. Our results suggest that most carriers of color anomaly do not exhibit four-dimensional color vision, and so we believe that anomalous trichromacy is unlikely to be maintained by an advantage to the carriers in discriminating colors. However, 1 of 24 obligate carriers of deutanomaly exhibited tetrachromatic behavior on all our tests; this participant has three well-separated cone photopigments in the long-wave spectral region in addition to her short-wave cone. We assess the likelihood that behavioral tetrachromacy exists in the human population.

A 64 year-old woman was referred to us who claims to have congenital red-green color blindness in one eye and normal color vision in the other

Summary

In 303 mothers of colour-blind sons, both eyes were tested with pseudoisochromatic plates and with the anomaloscope. Two hundred thirty healthy normal and 56 colour-blind males served as controls. In good agreement with the expected proportion of homozygotes in our sample, 17 colour-blind mothers were detected. Eight others had difficulty reading pseudoisochromatic plates and were conspicuous at the anomaloscope. In these, both eyes were affected to a very similar, moderate degree. Monocular disturbances of colour vision were not observed in the entire series. Our data suggest that (1) in most (if not all) of the carriers with colour vision impairment, there is no complete lack of normal retina cones, and (2) the proportion of defective retina cones is remarkably similar in both eyes of individual heterozygotes.

The latter observation may indicate that at the time of X-differentiation there is a common primordial cell pool for both retinas.

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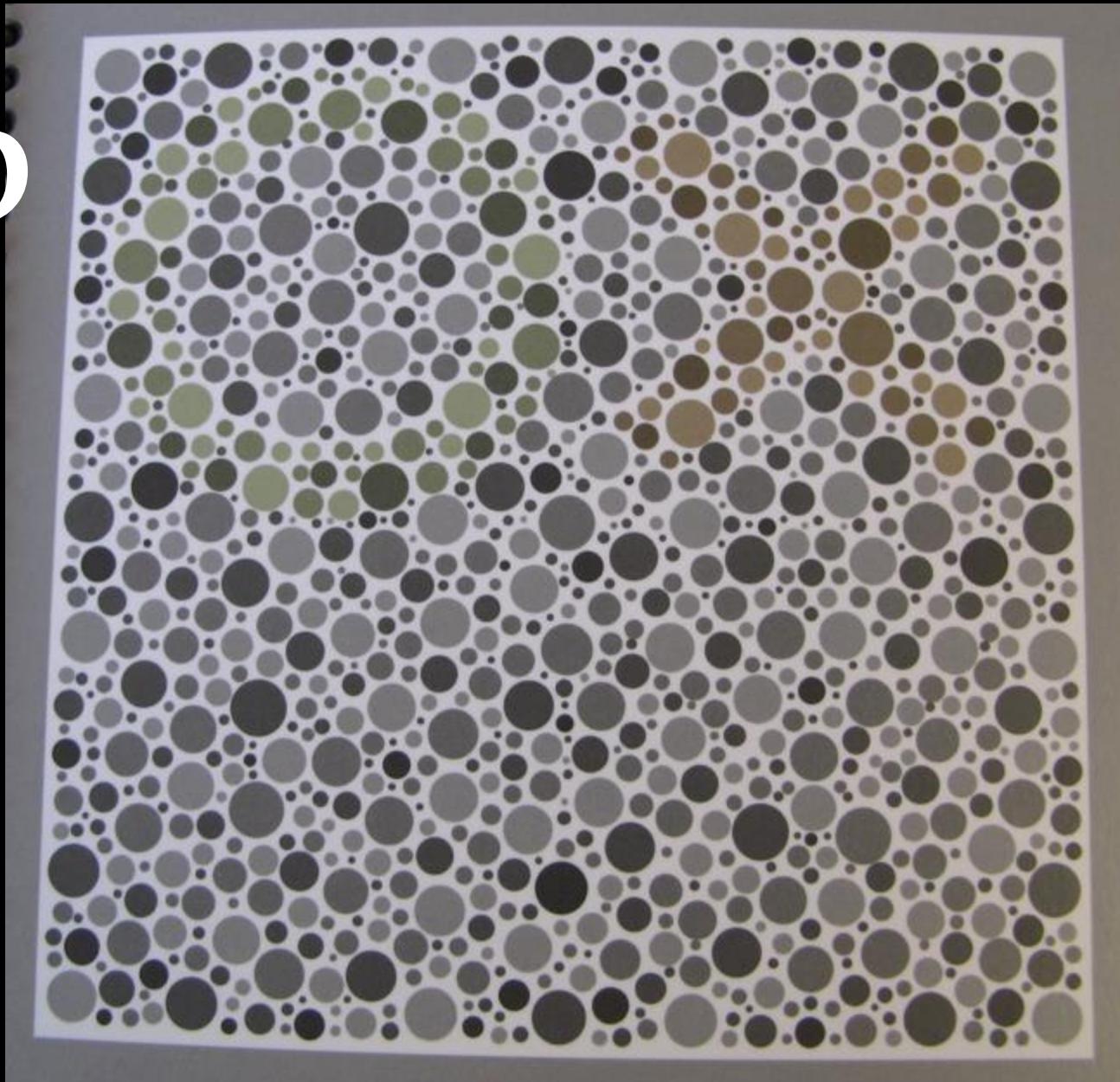
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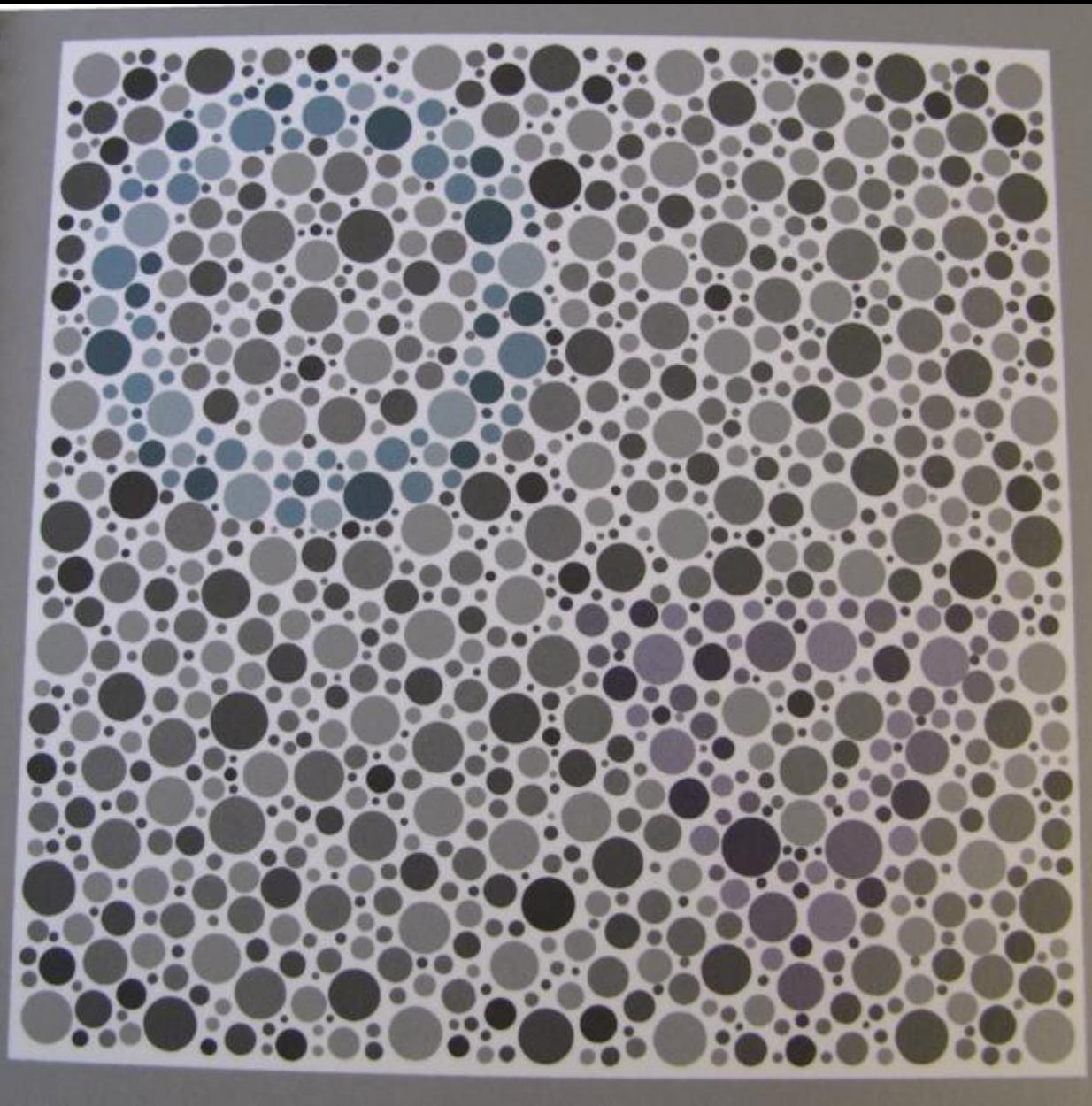
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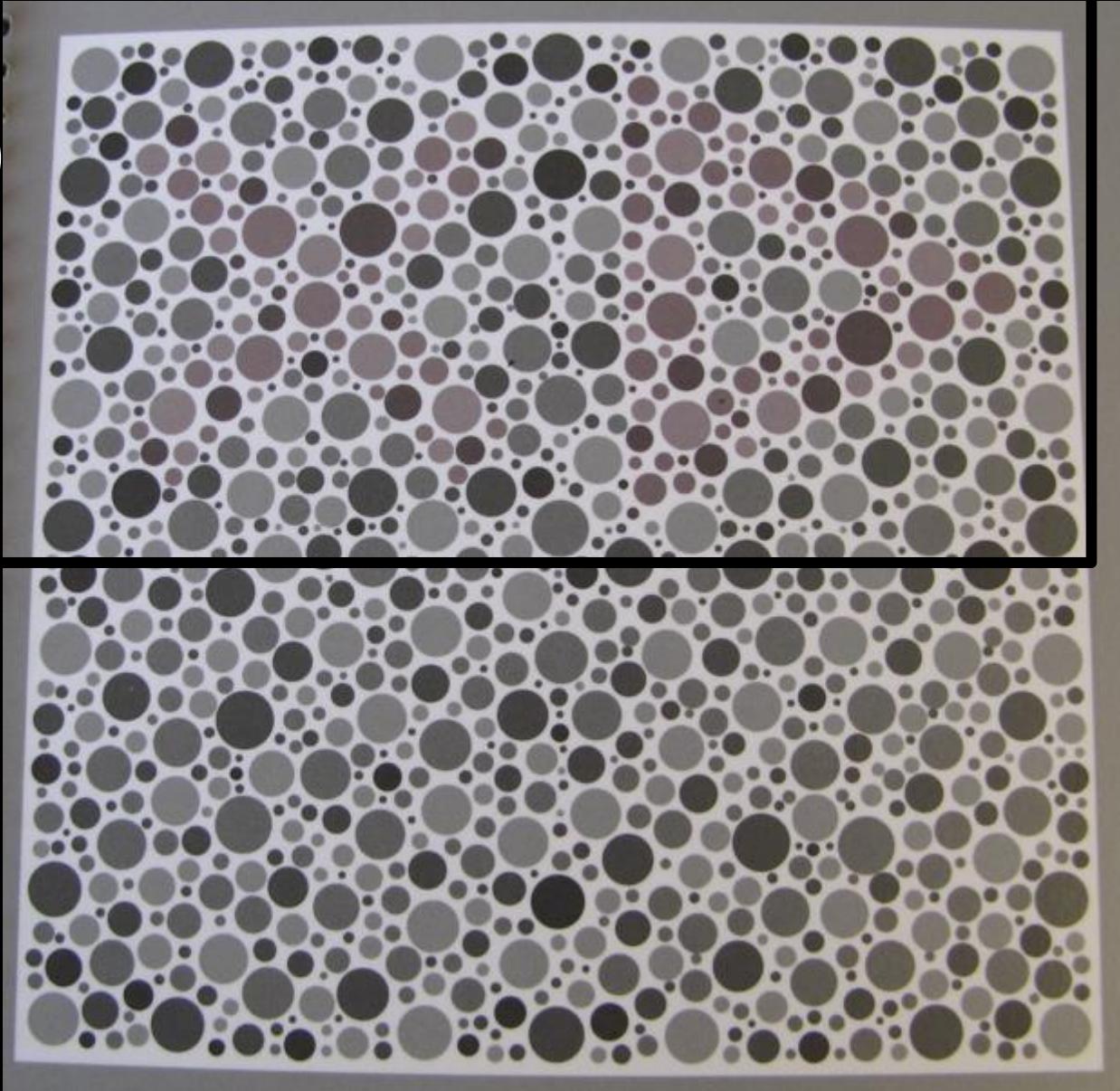
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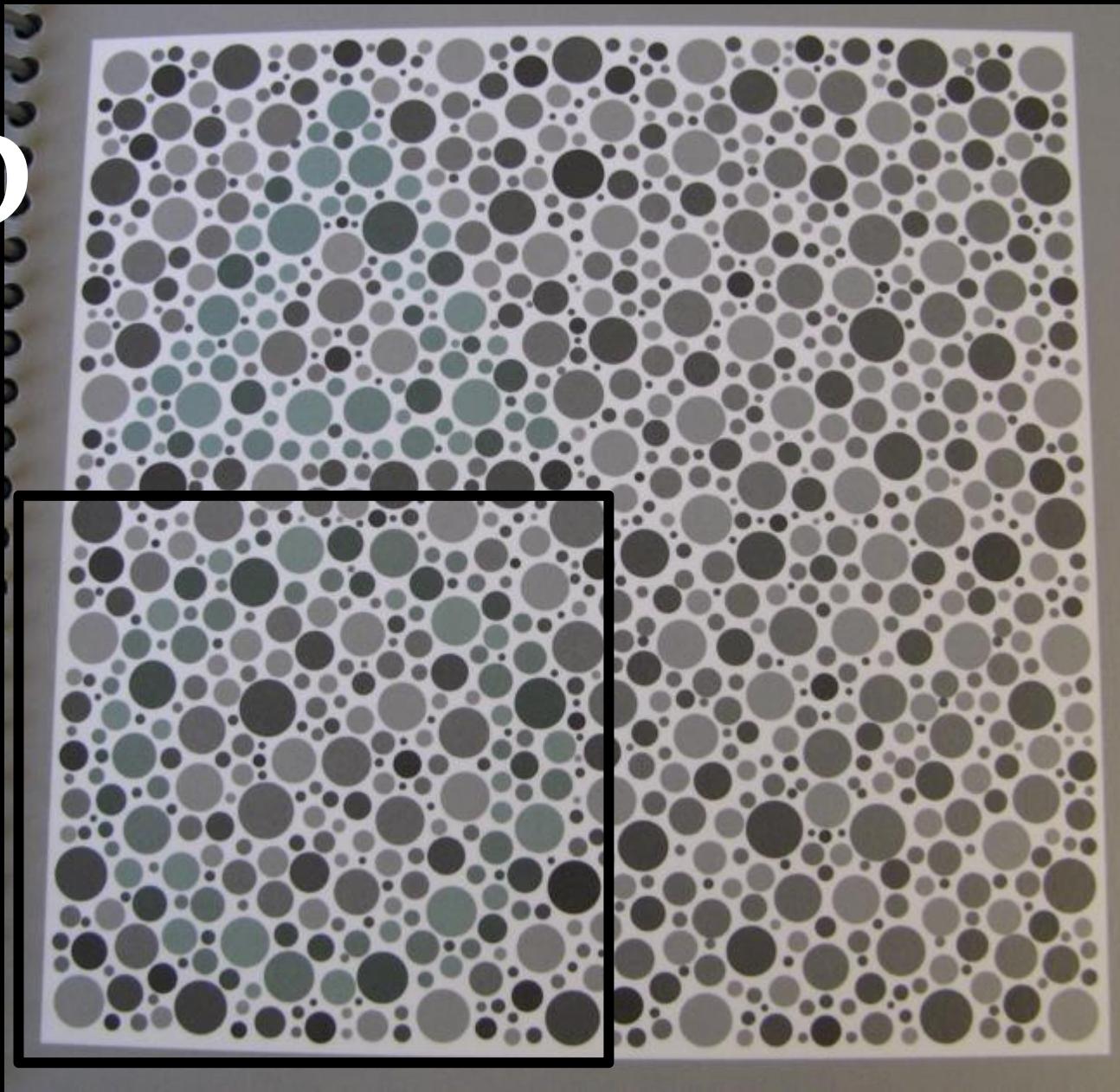
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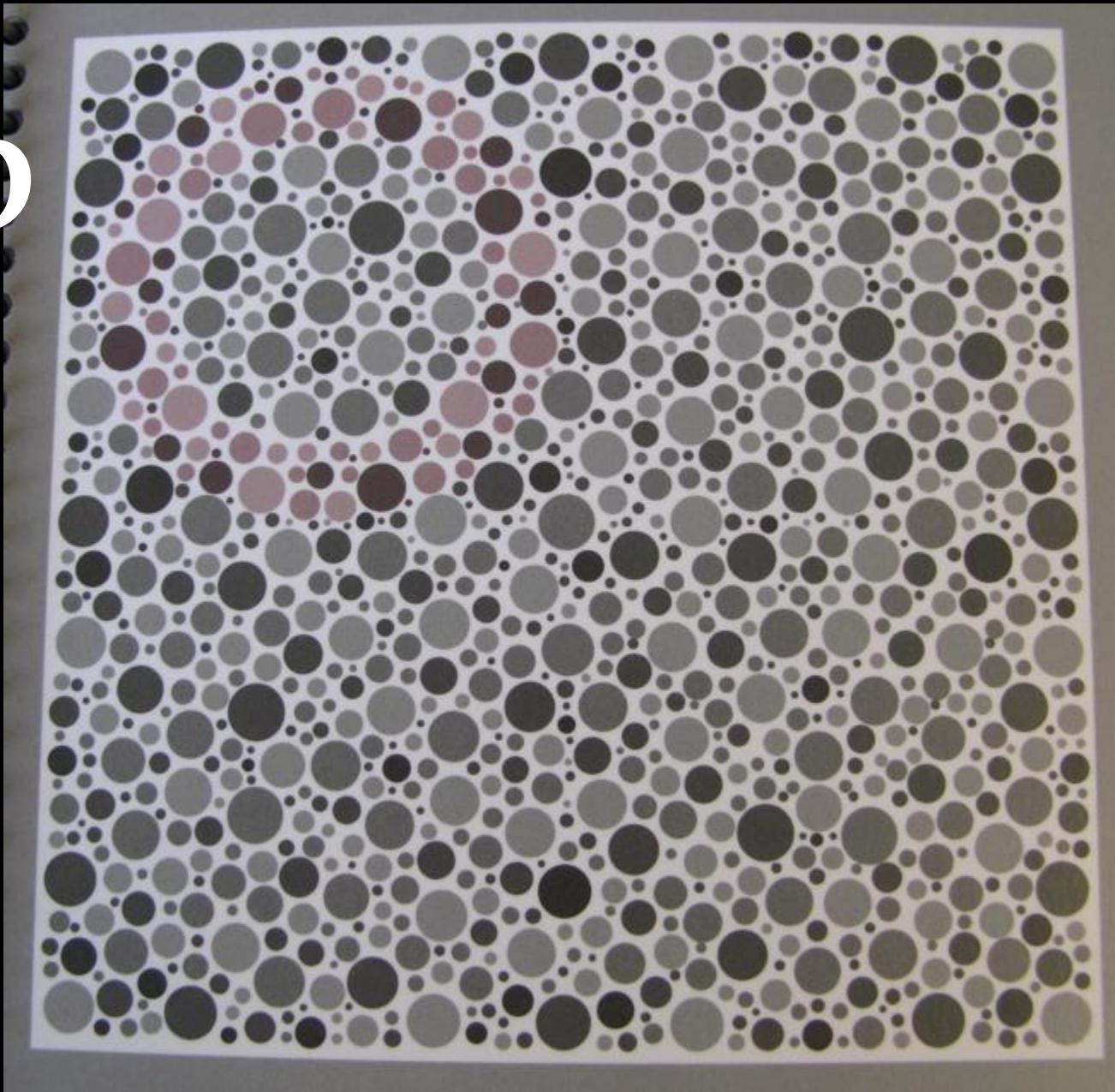
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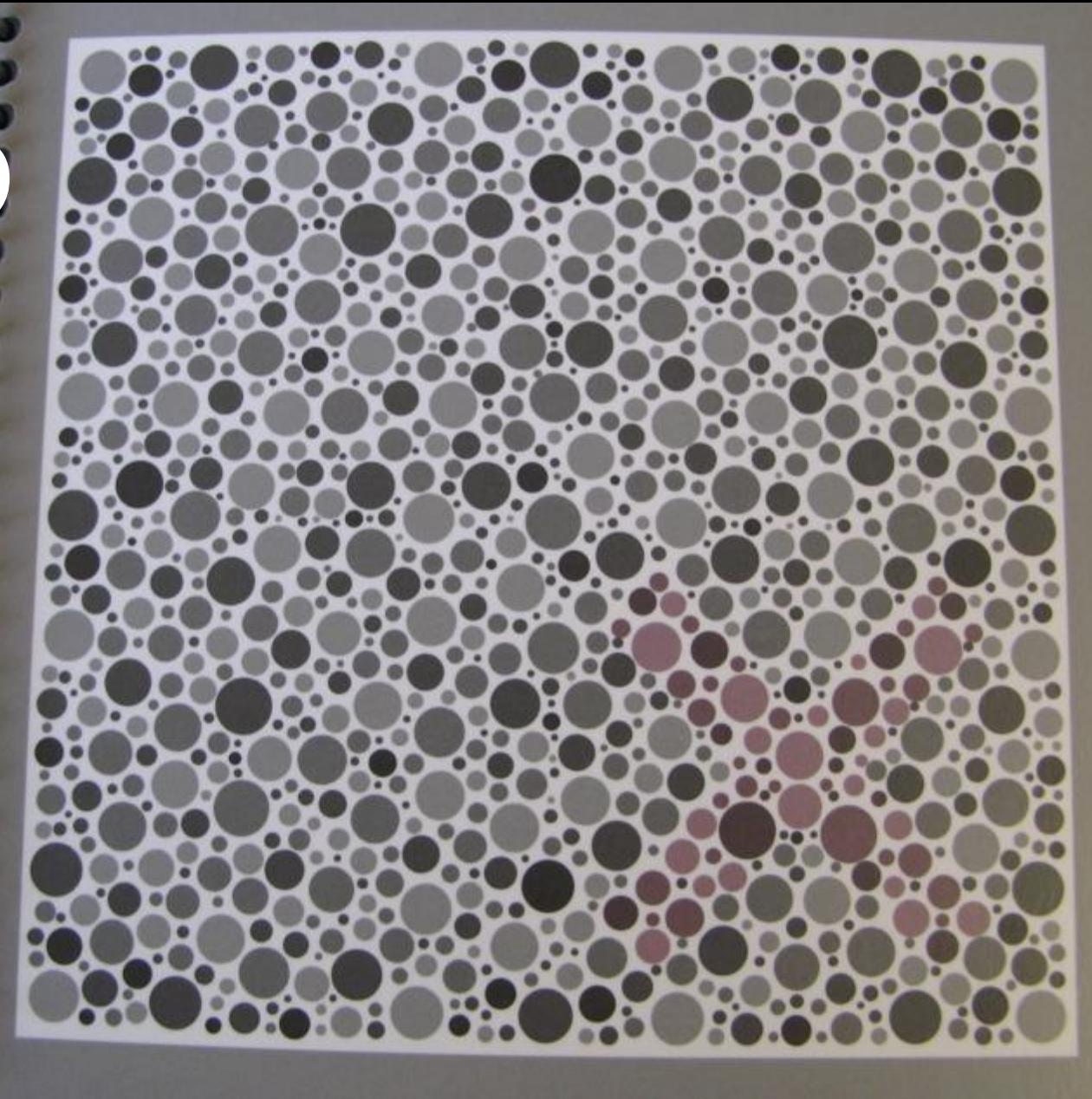
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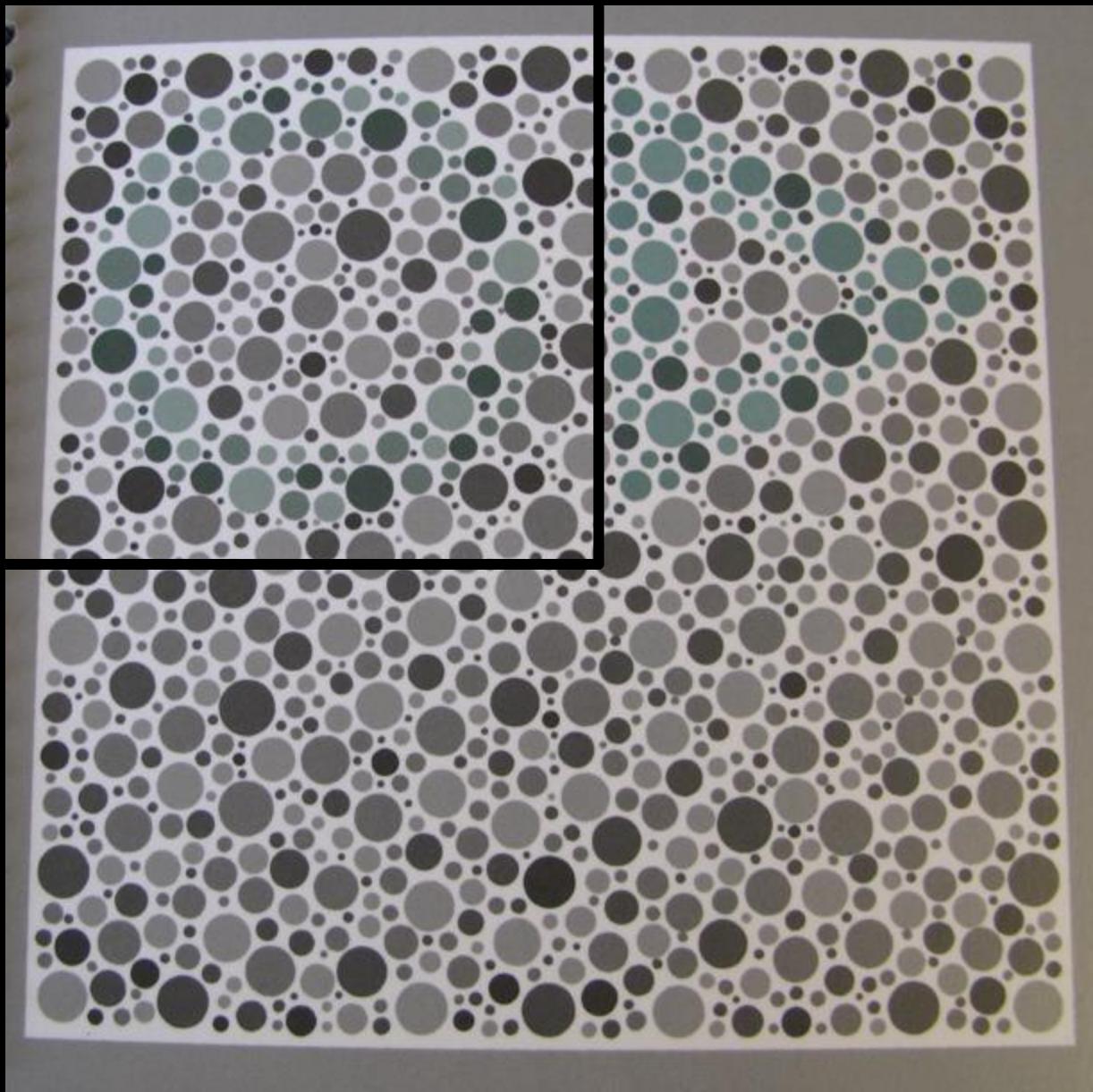
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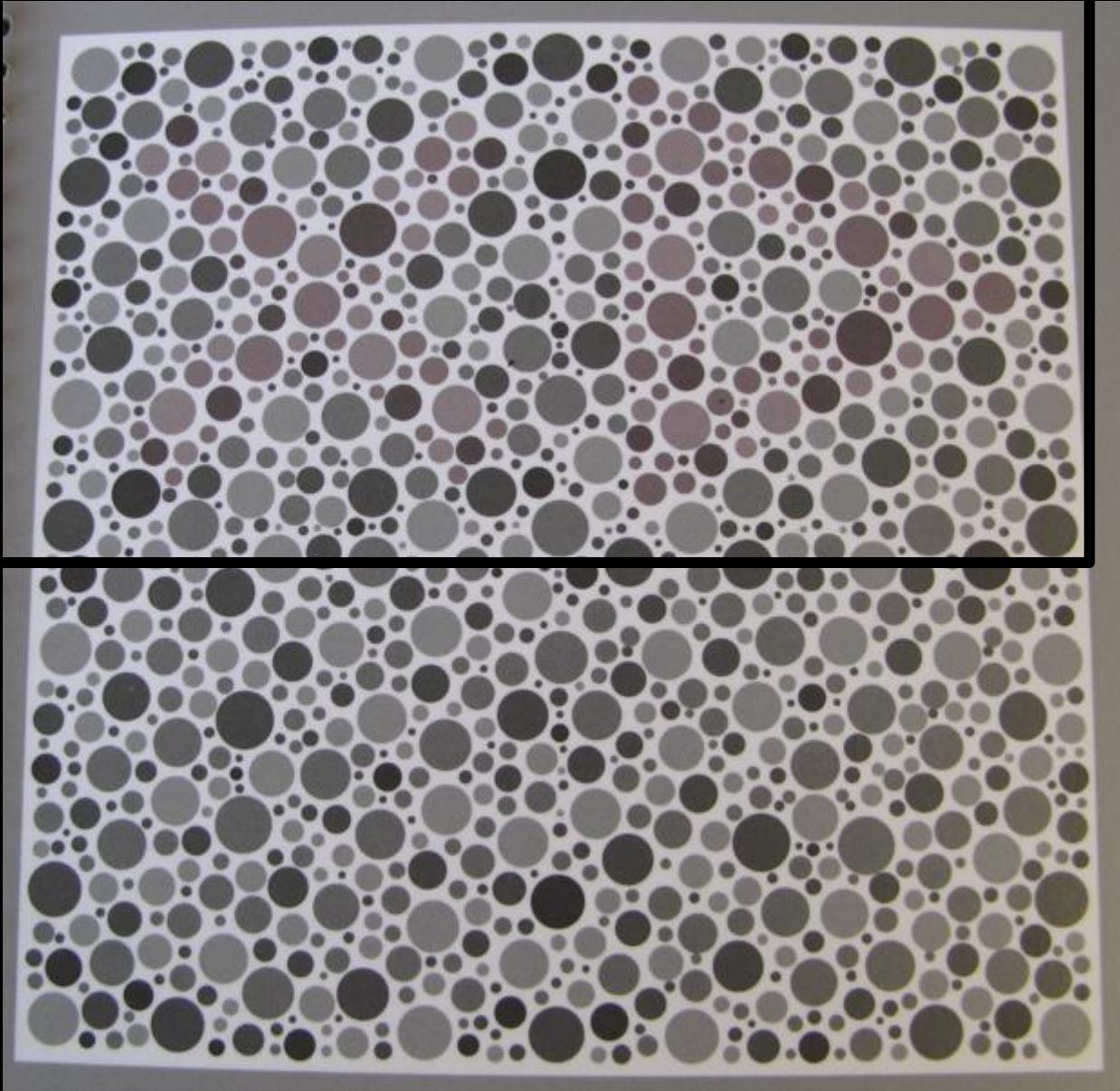
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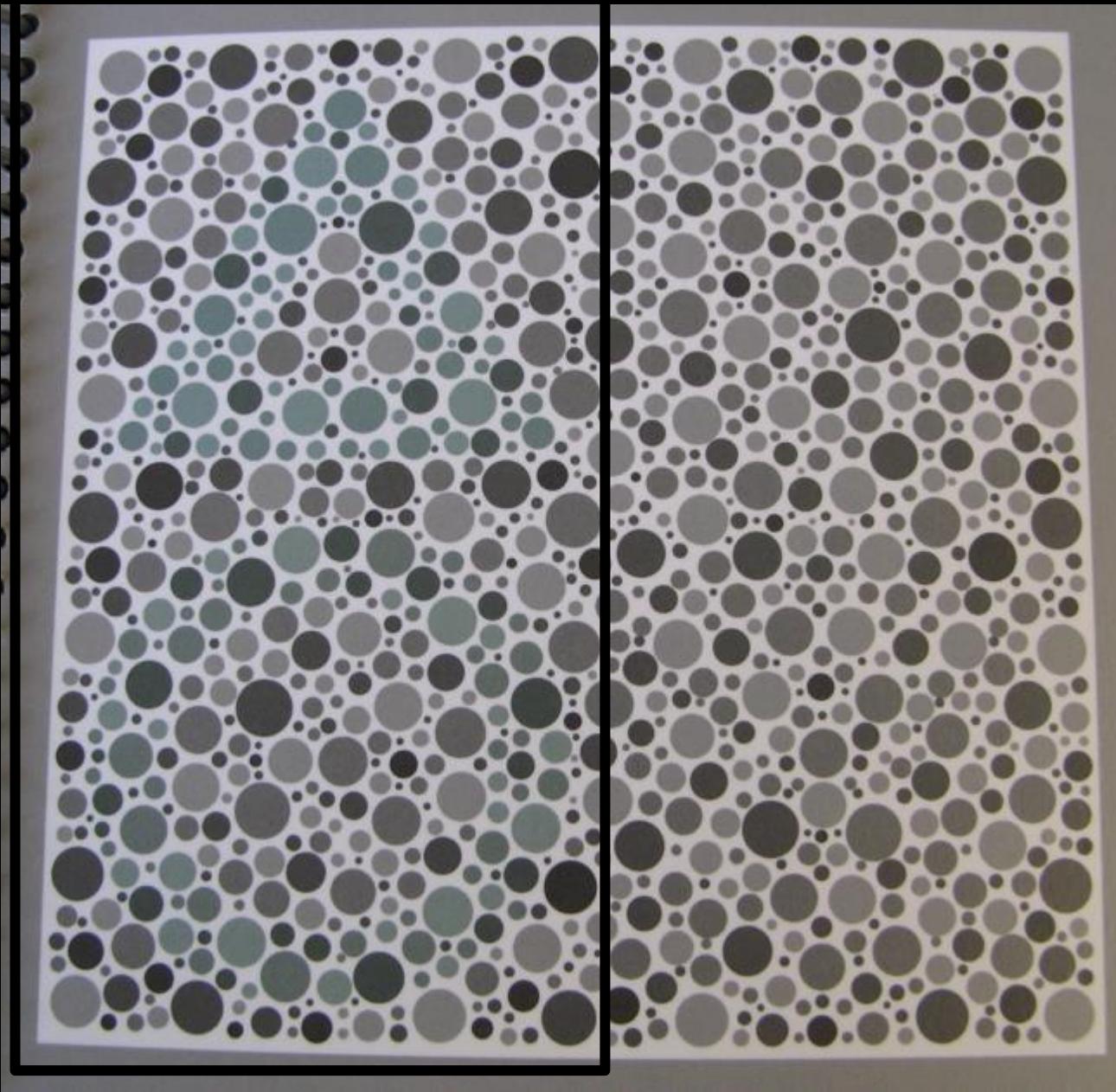
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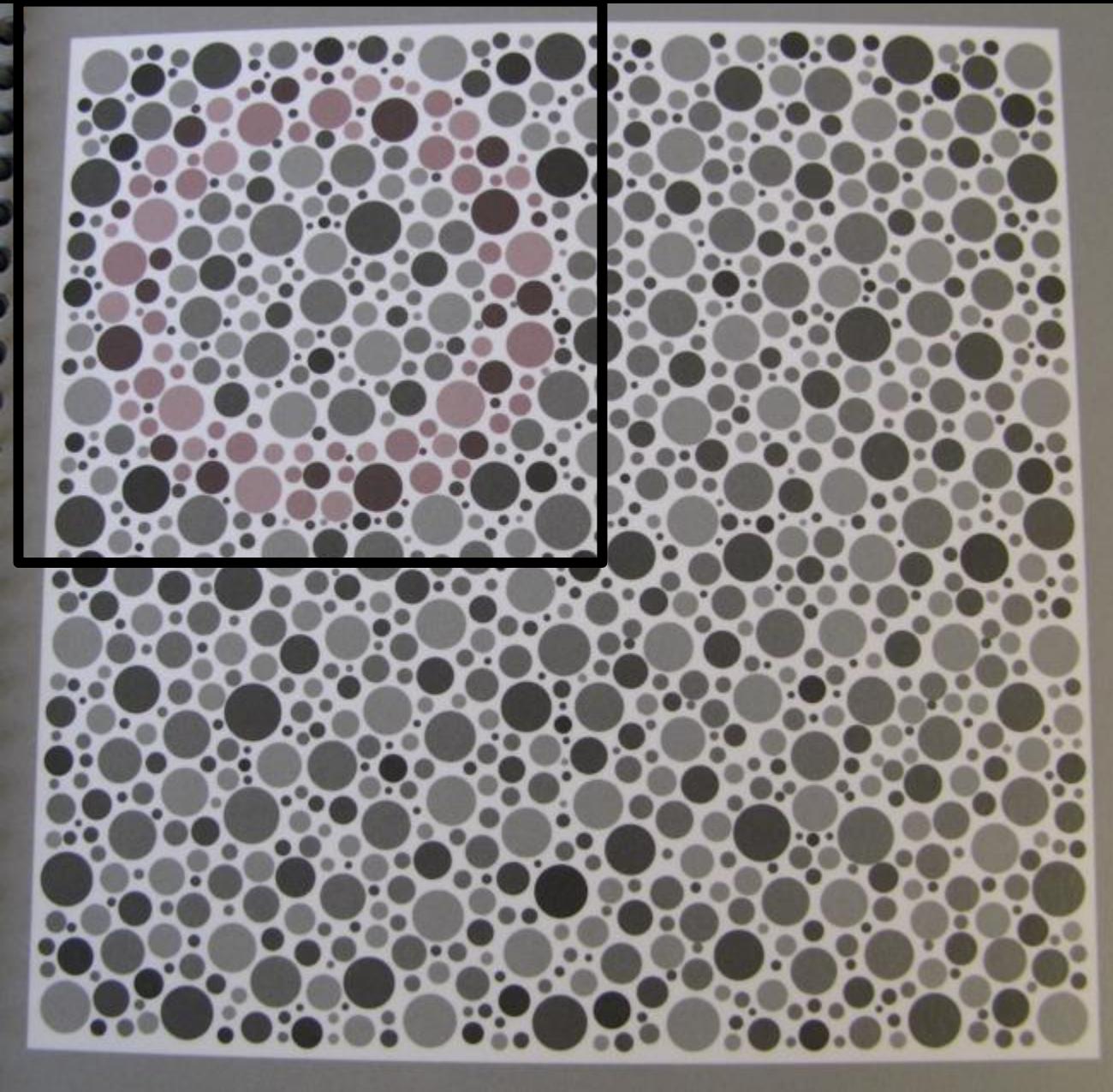
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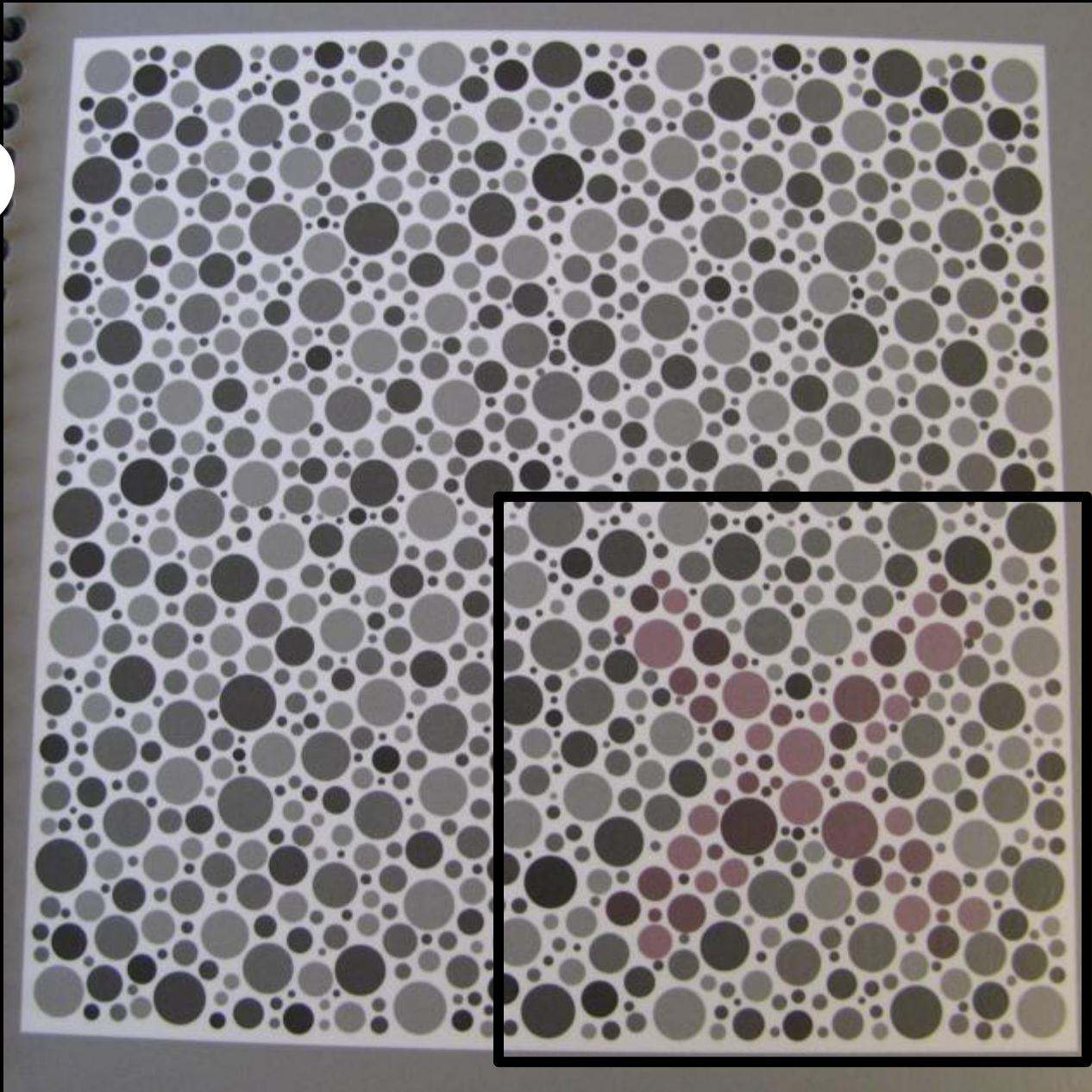
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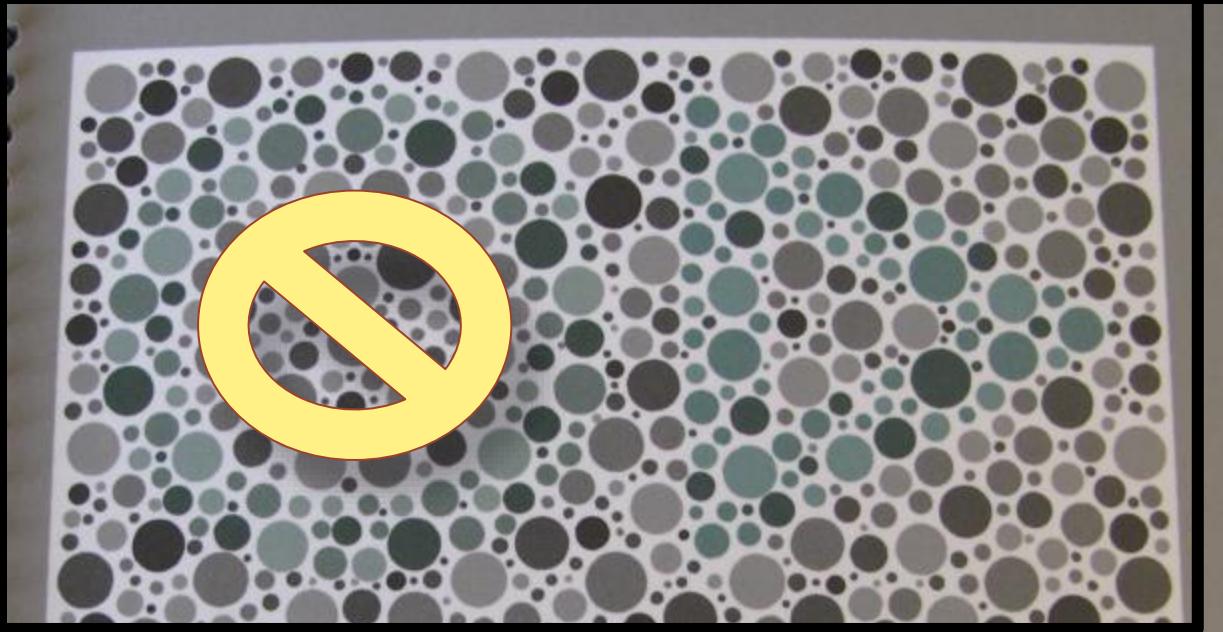
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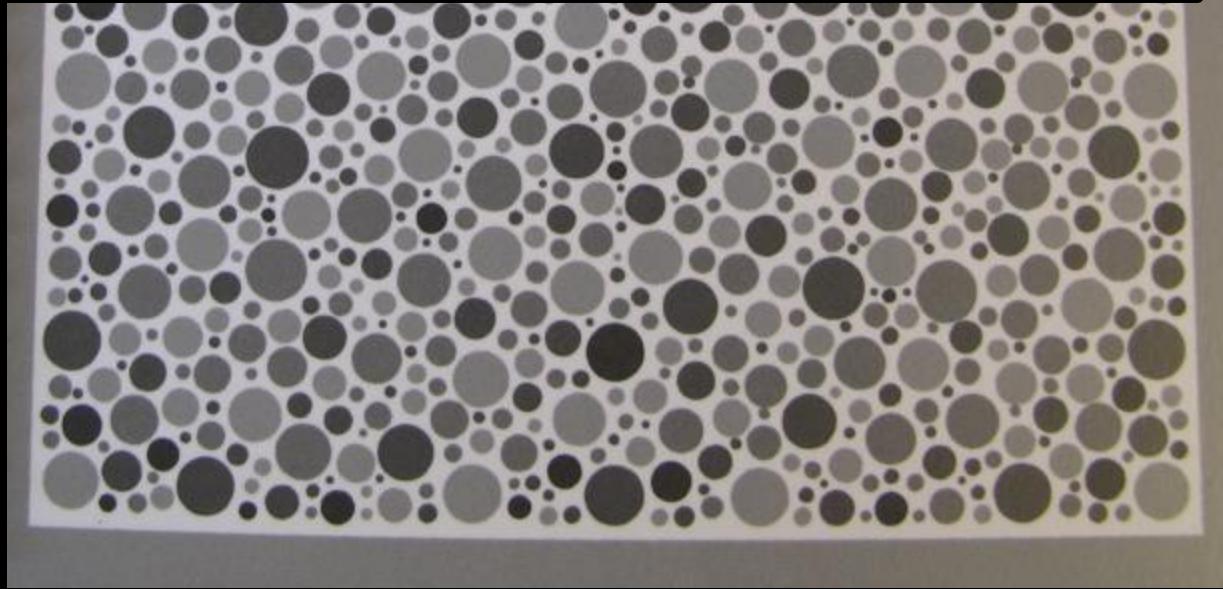
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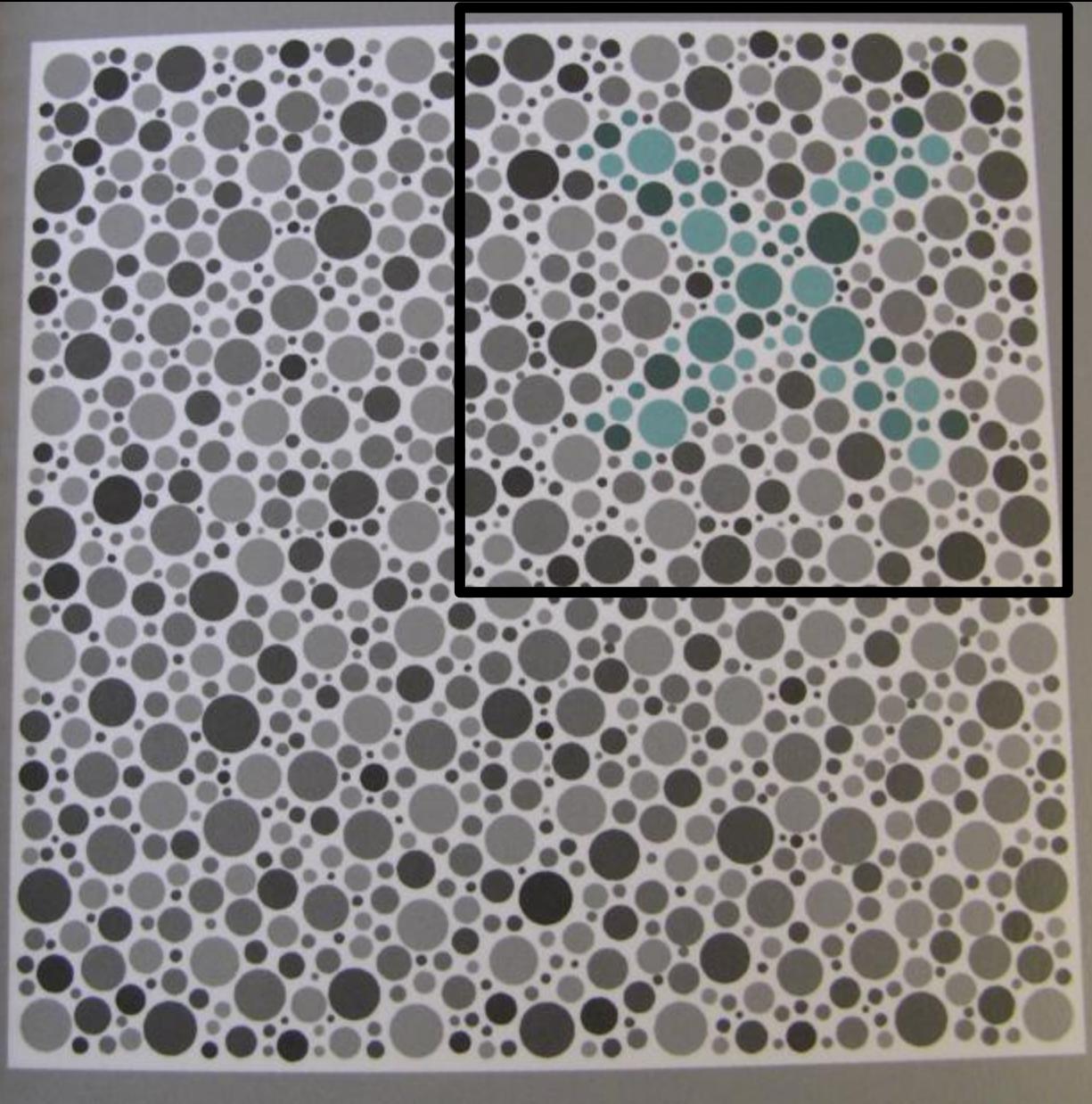
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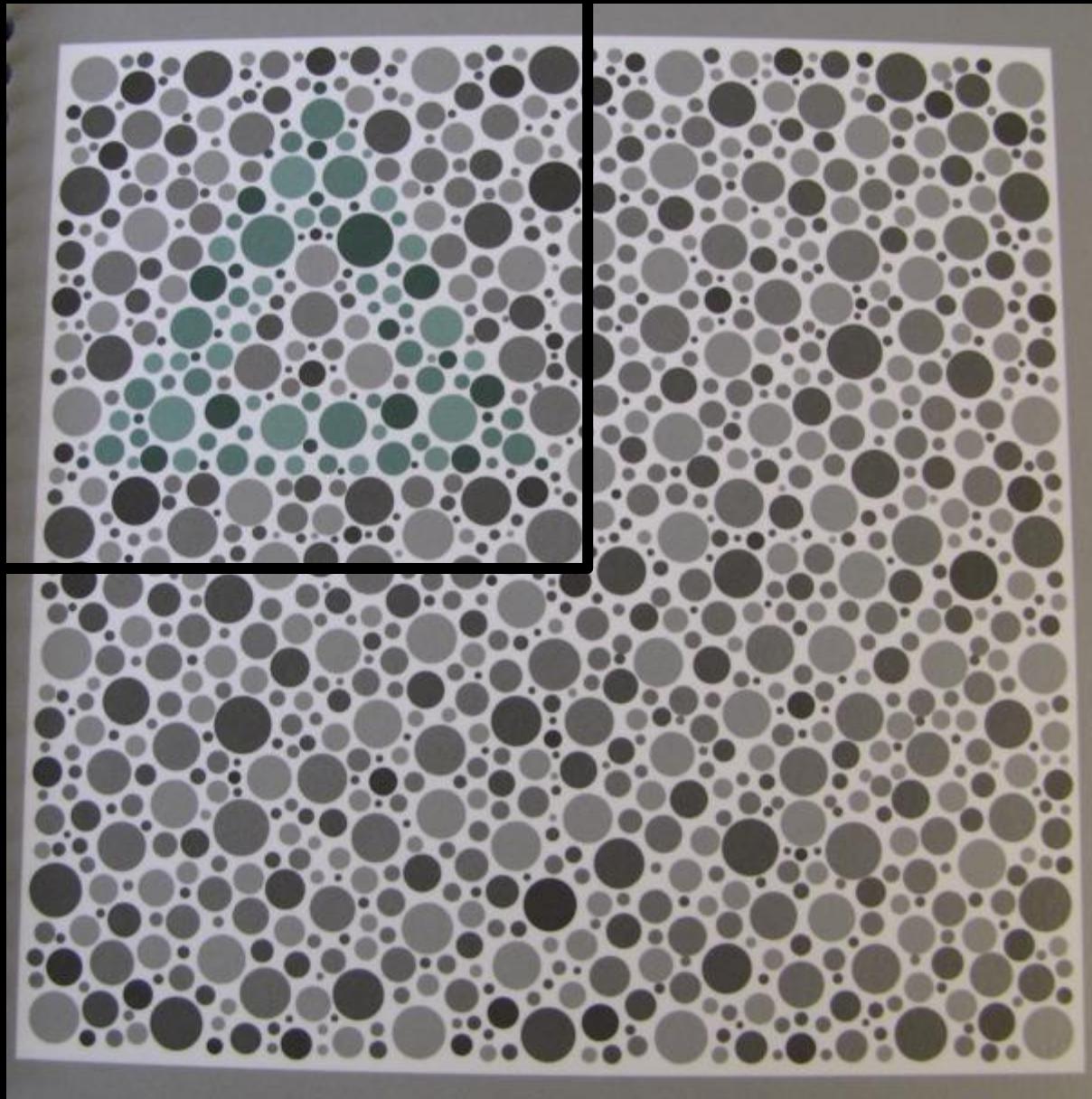
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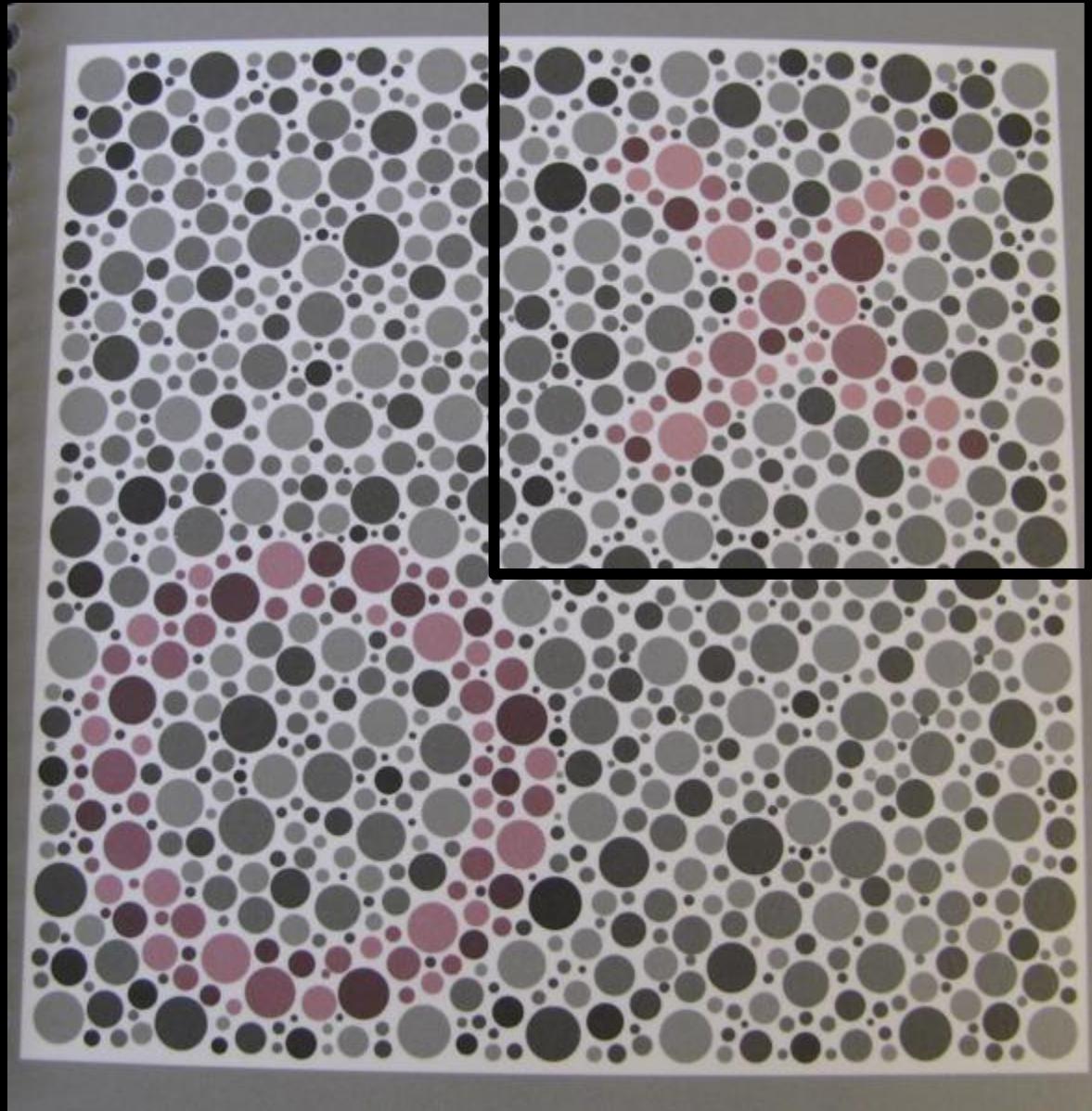
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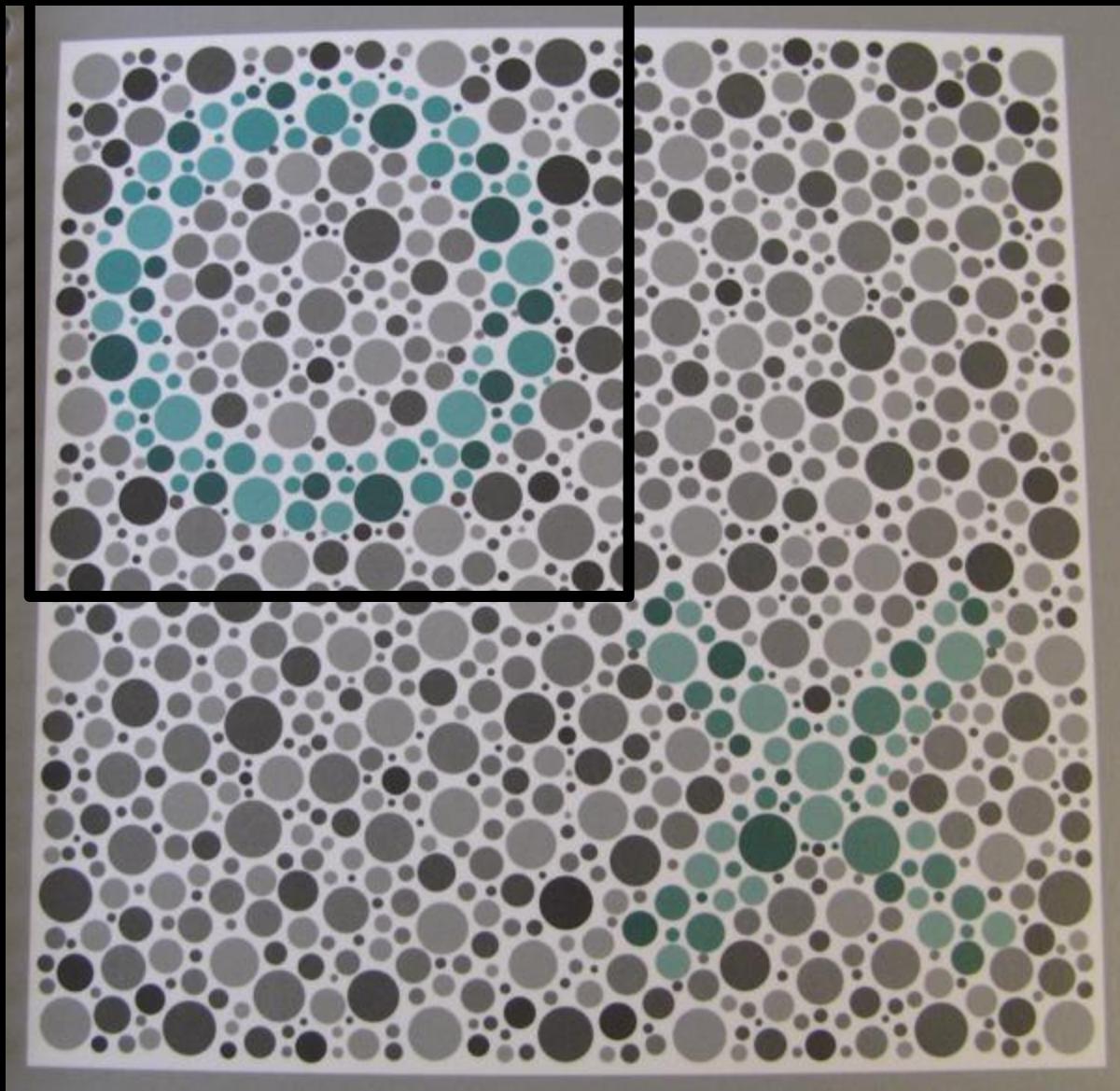
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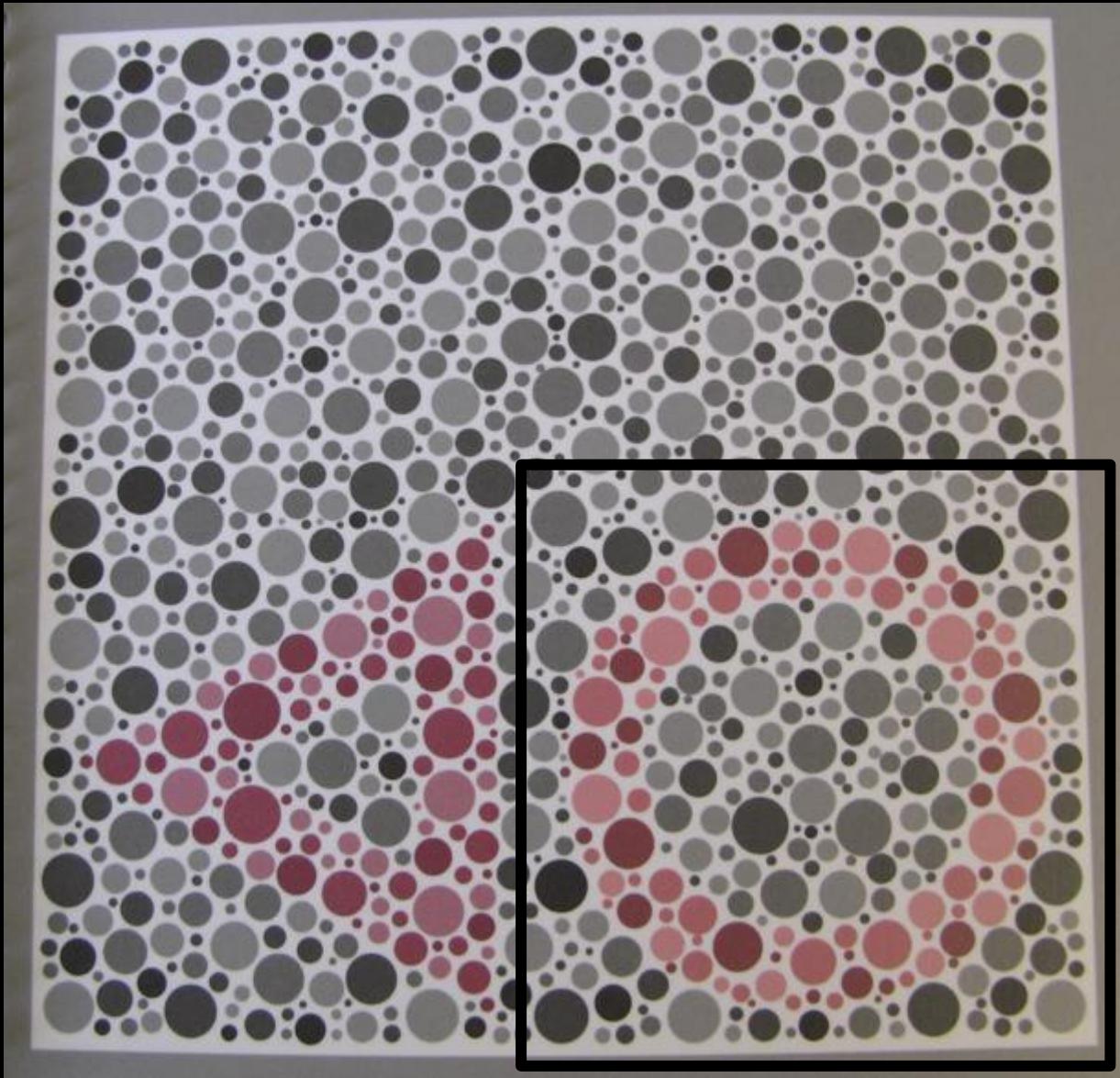
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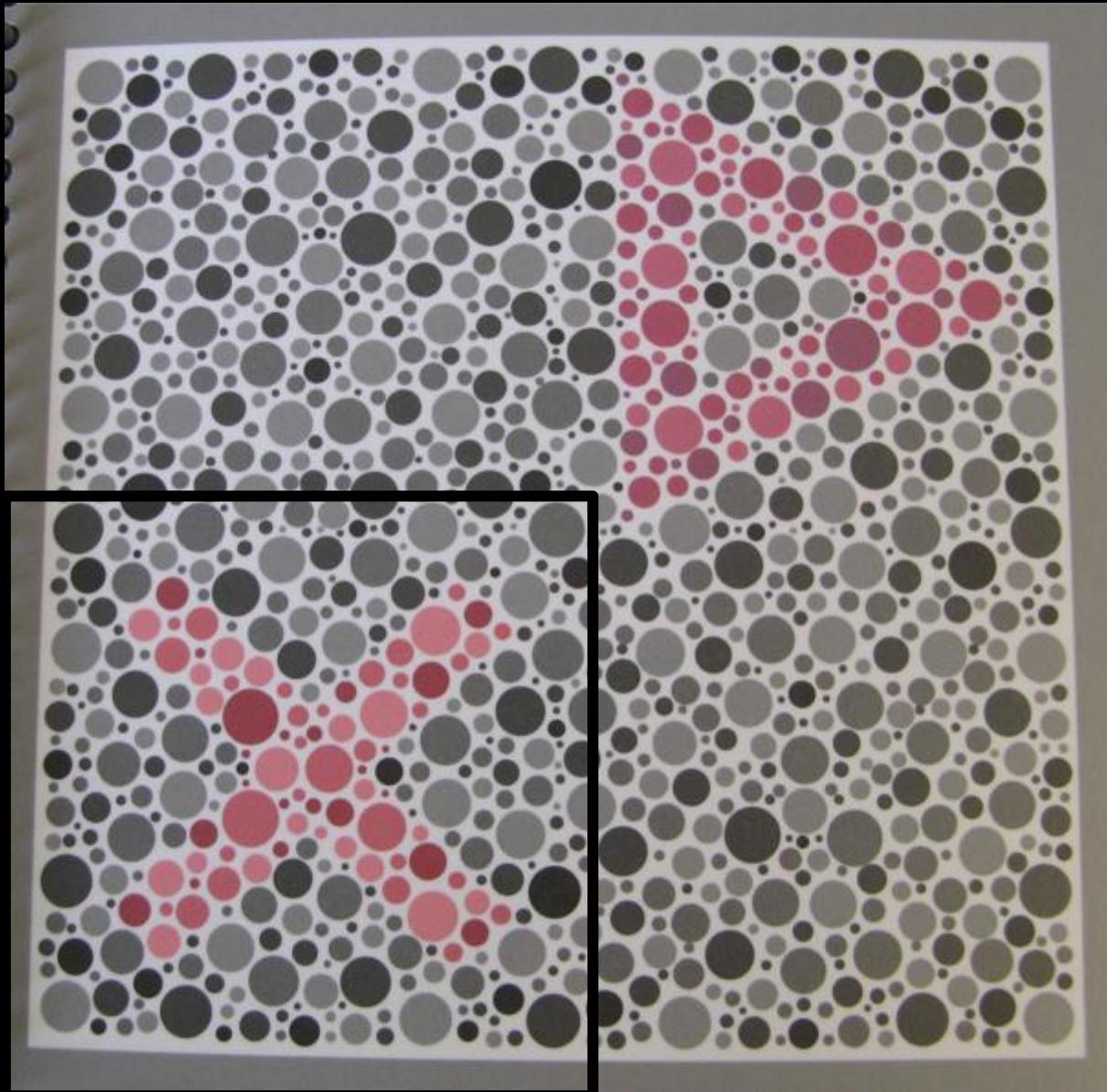
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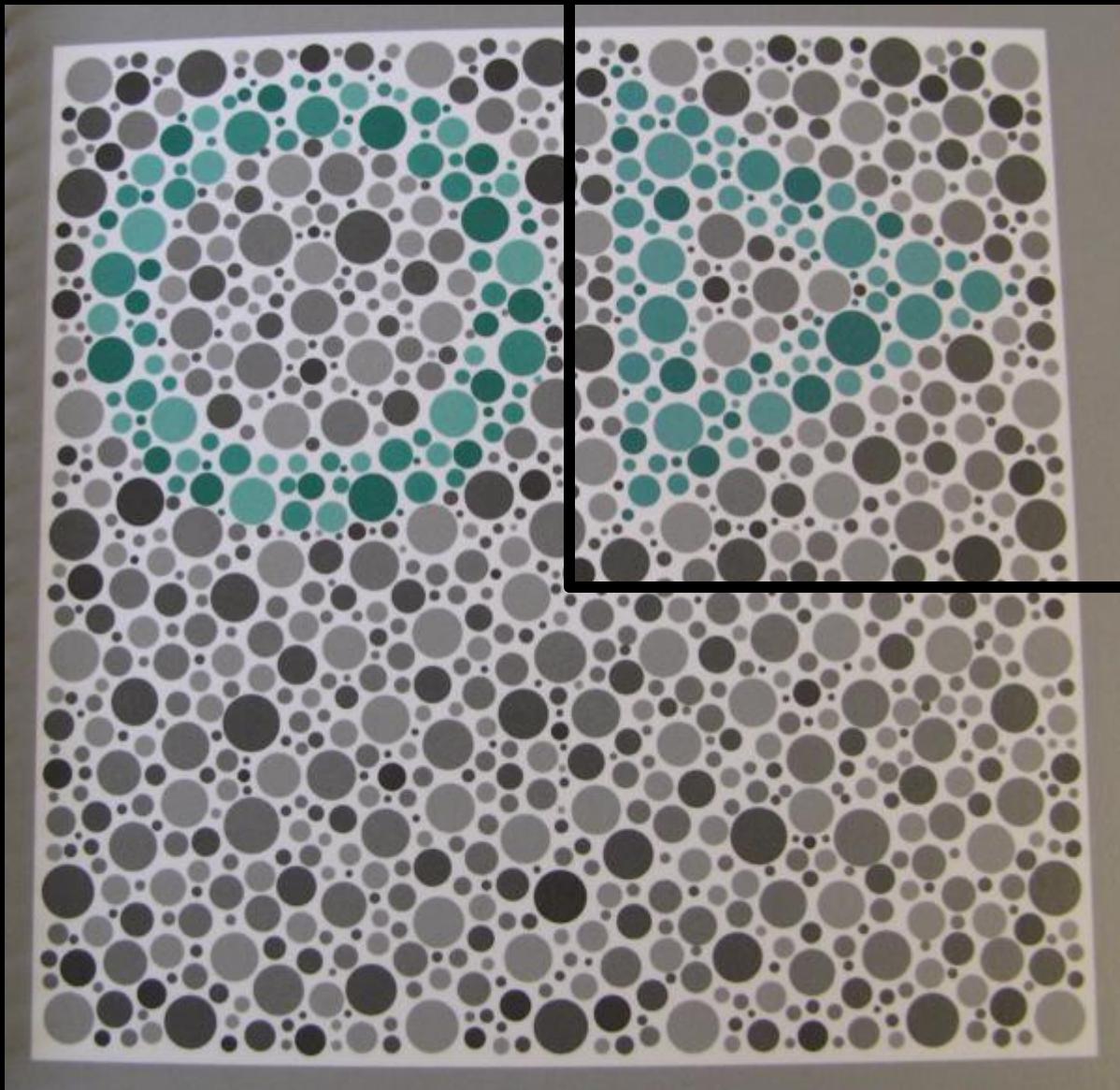
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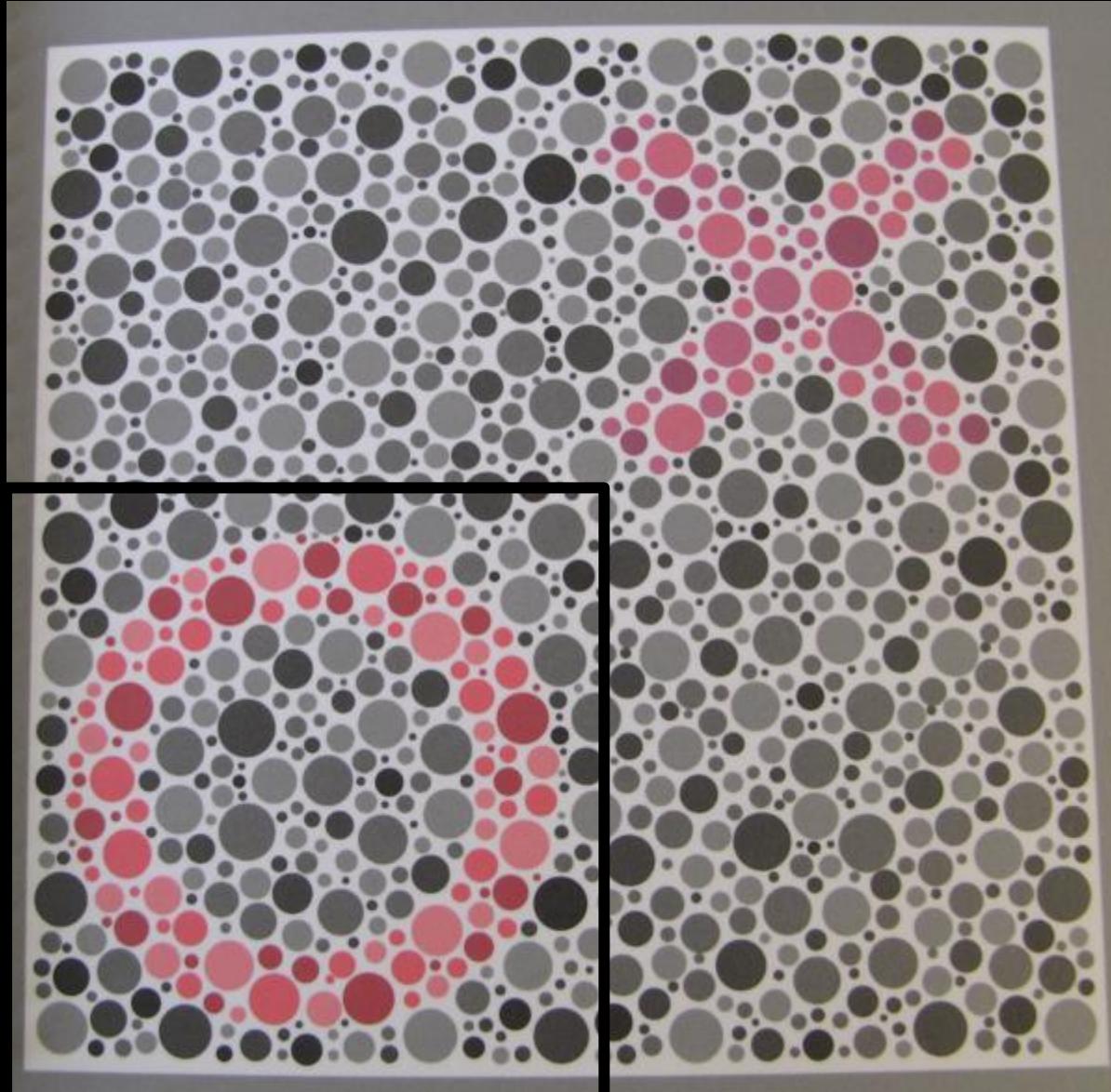
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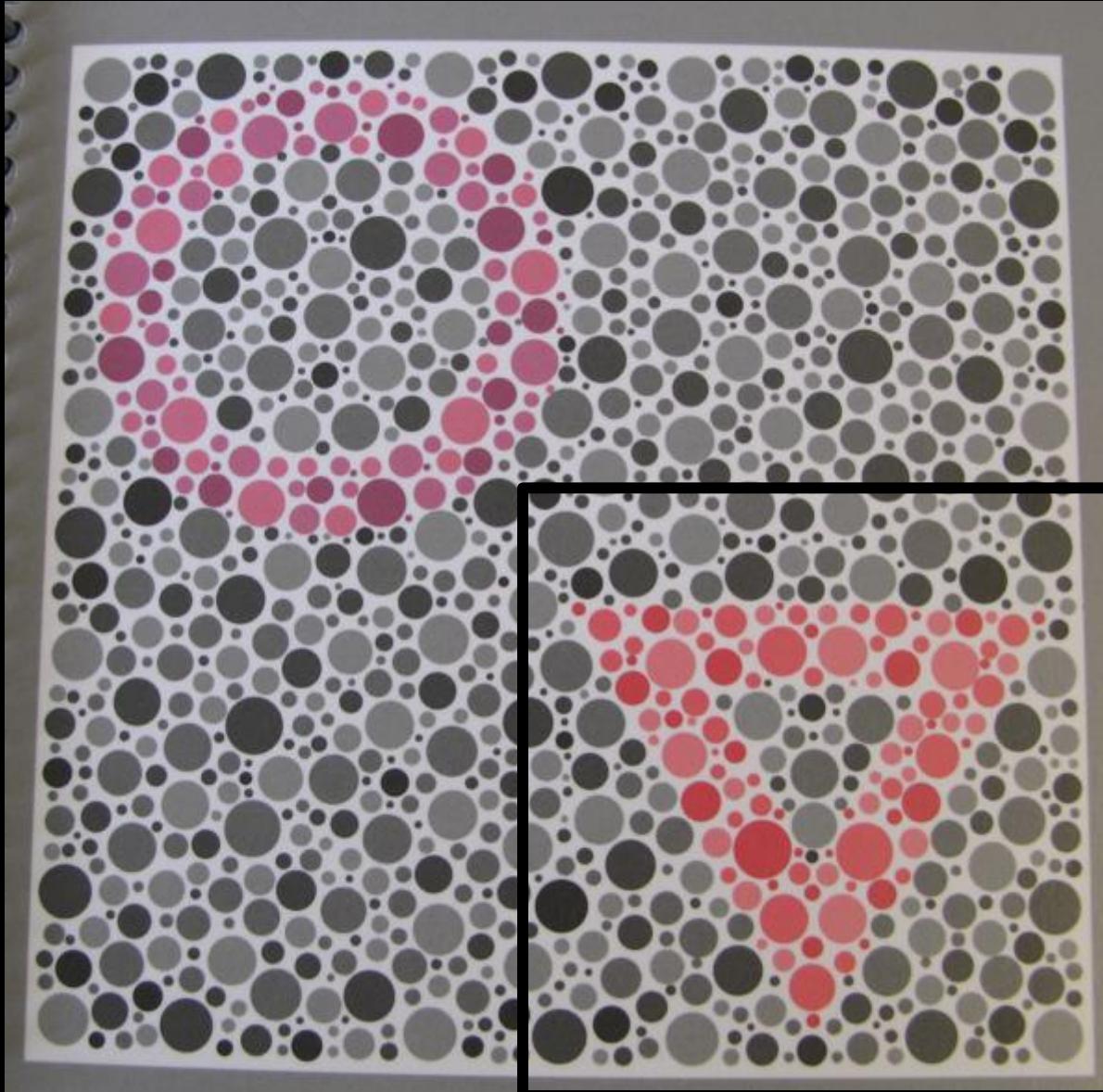
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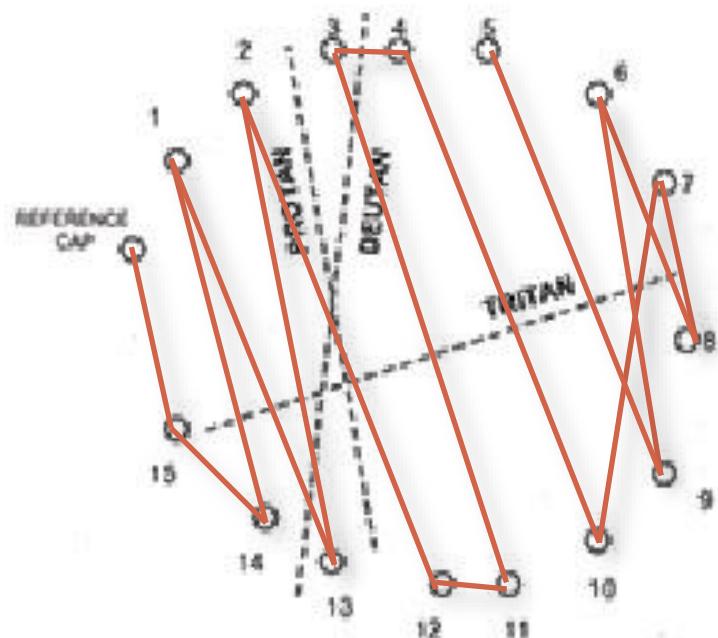
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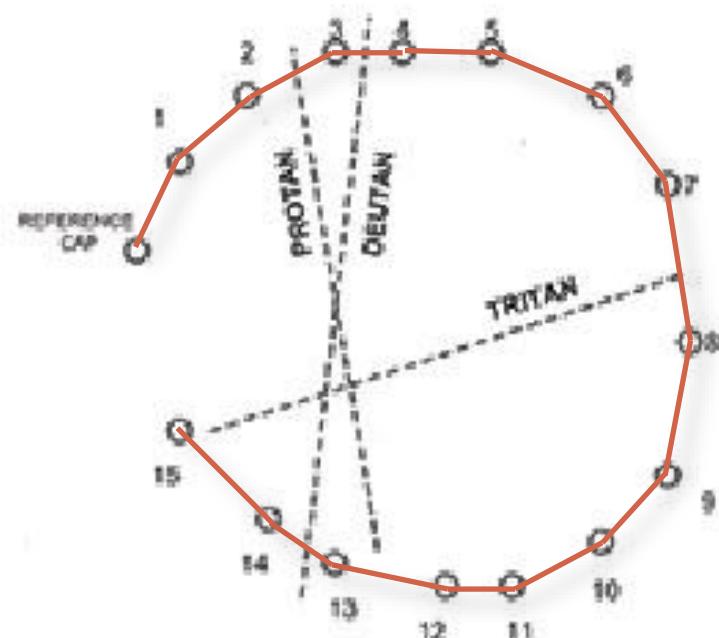


Score Sheet Template for 15 Disc Color Vision Test

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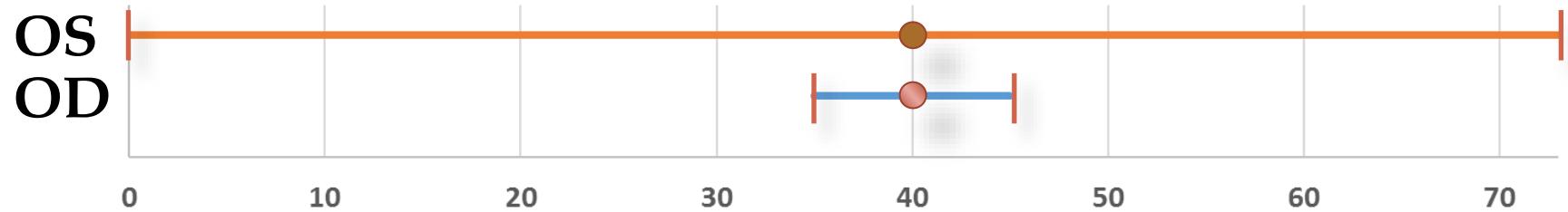


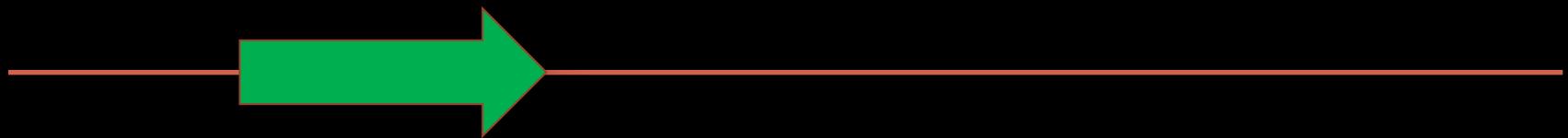
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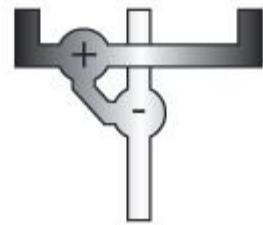


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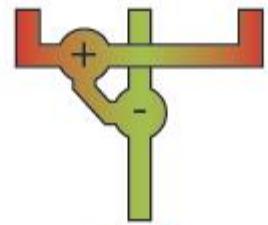




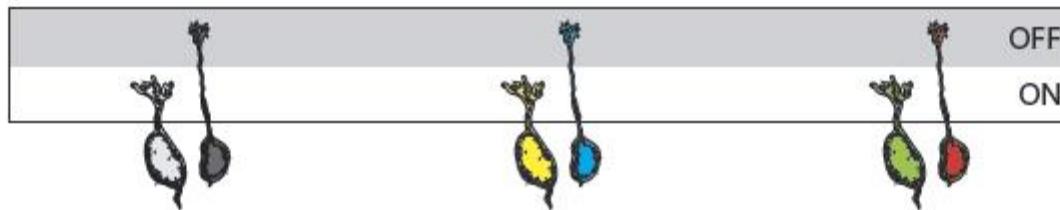
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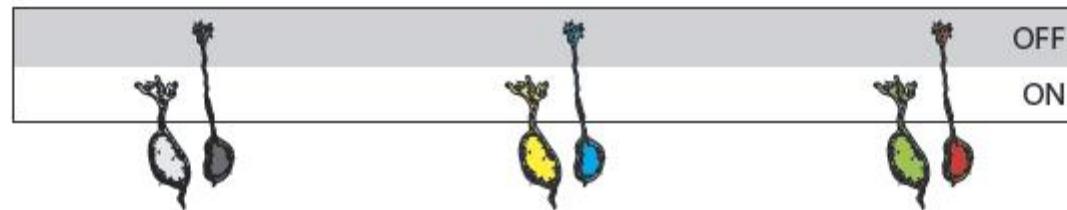
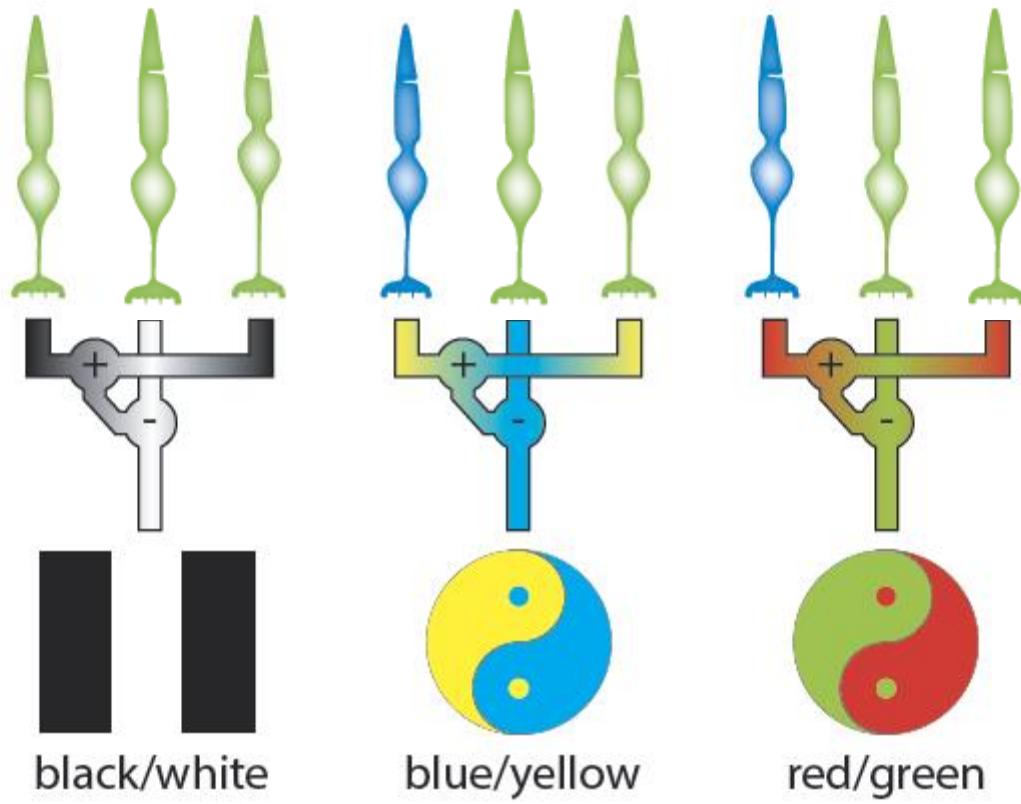


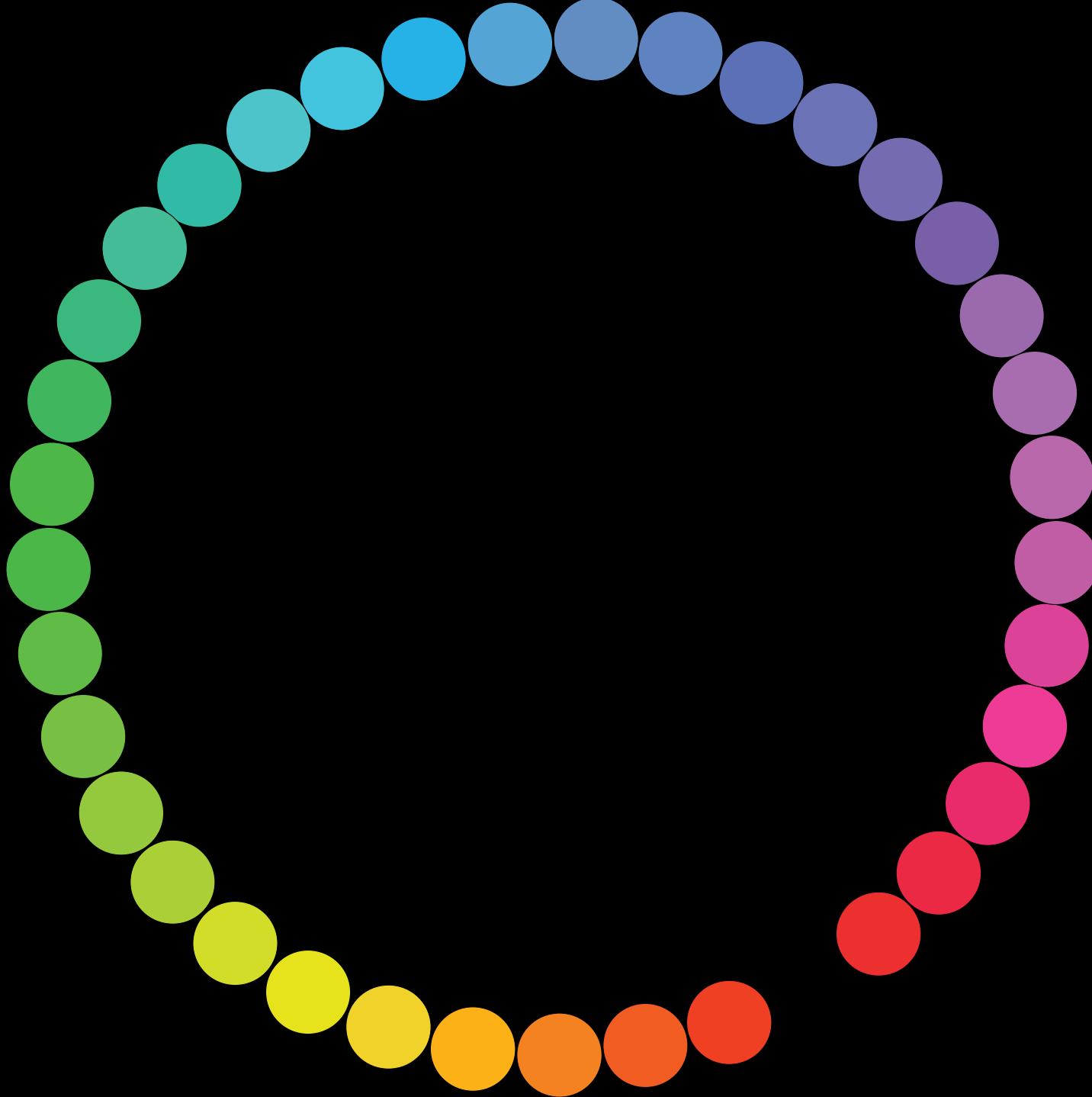
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red/green









Grey



Blue



Yellow



Blue



Yellow



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Off-white



Blue



Light-blue



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Yellow



Blue



Yellow



Grey



White



Yellow



Blue



Yellow



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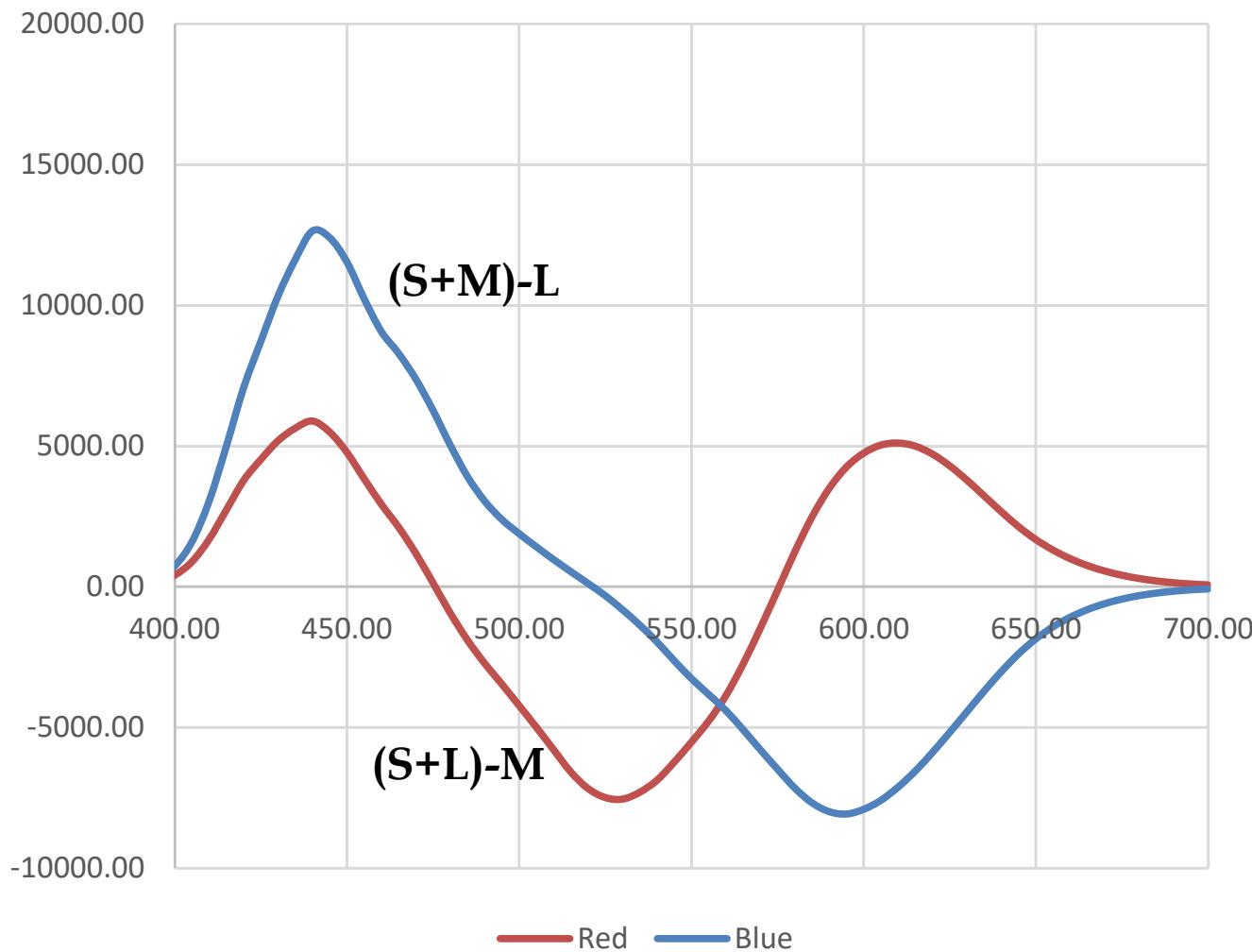
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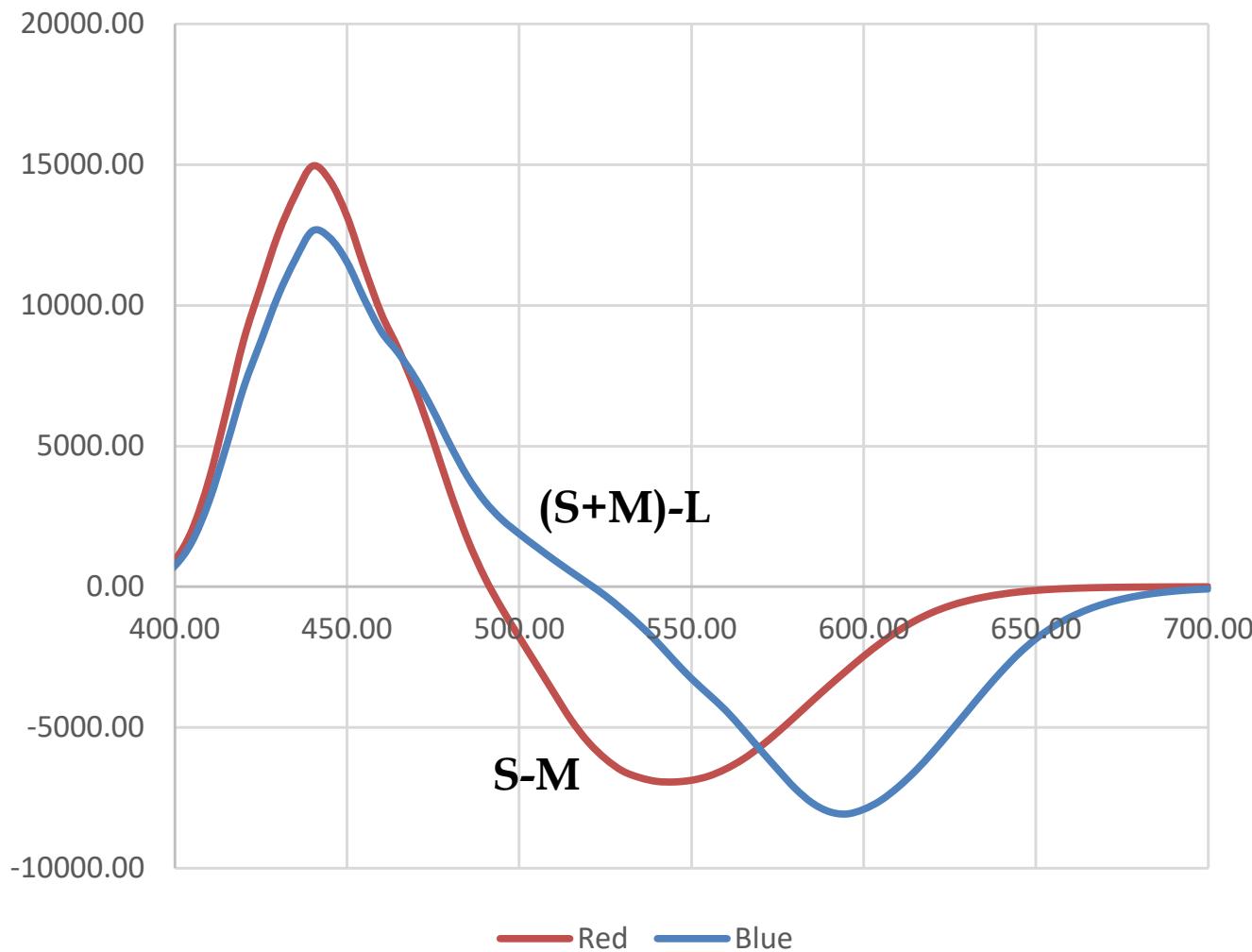


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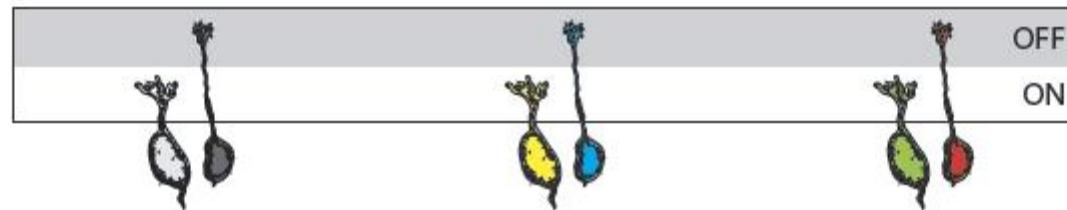
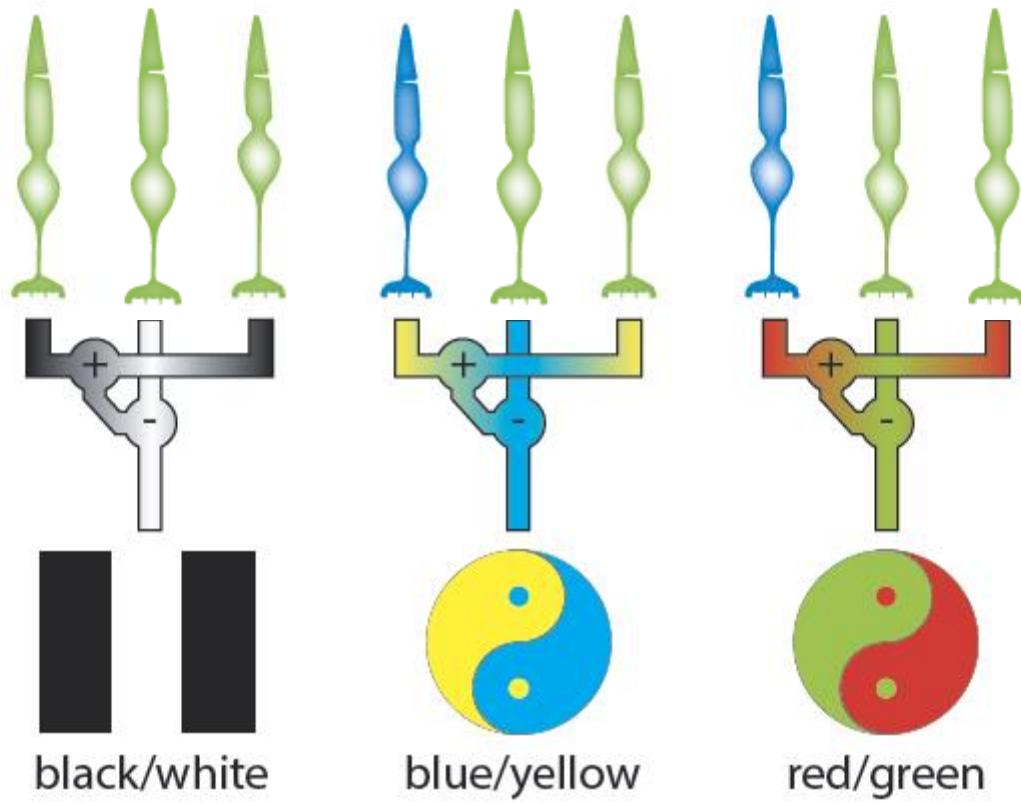


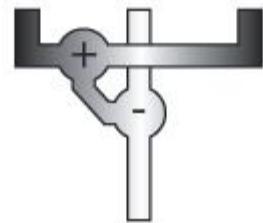
So how is it that gene therapy can cure color blindness?

We postulate the following hypothesis

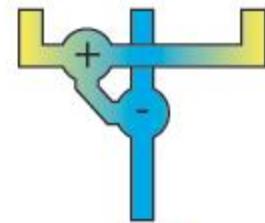
Depending on what types of cone submosaics are in the retina, the circuitry automatically sets of a variety cone opponent detectors at the very first synapse.

Over time, with visual experience, the cortex uses correlations among midget ganglion cell inputs to sort them into subclasses with each subclass being responsible for a distinct color percept

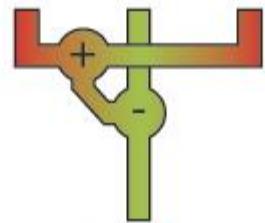




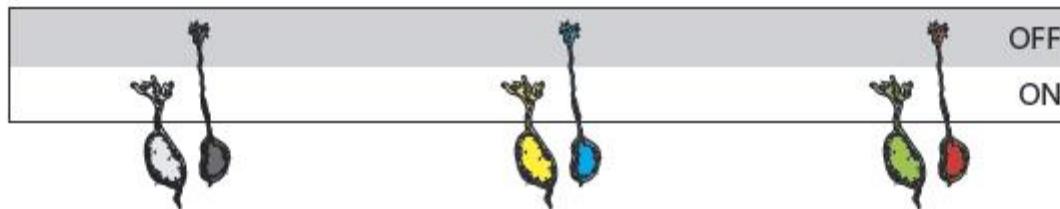
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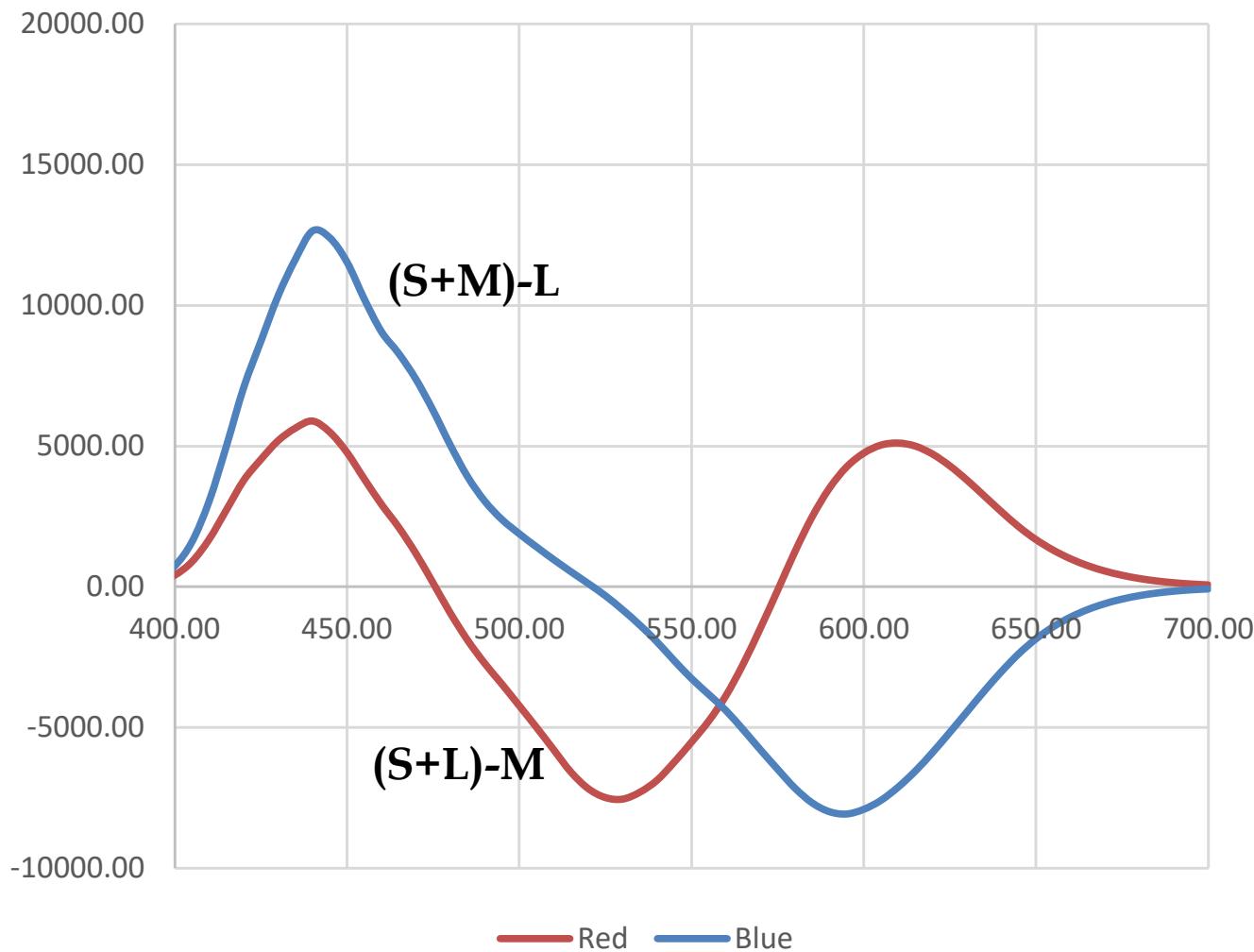
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Red and blue detecors compared



Thank You for Your Attention

