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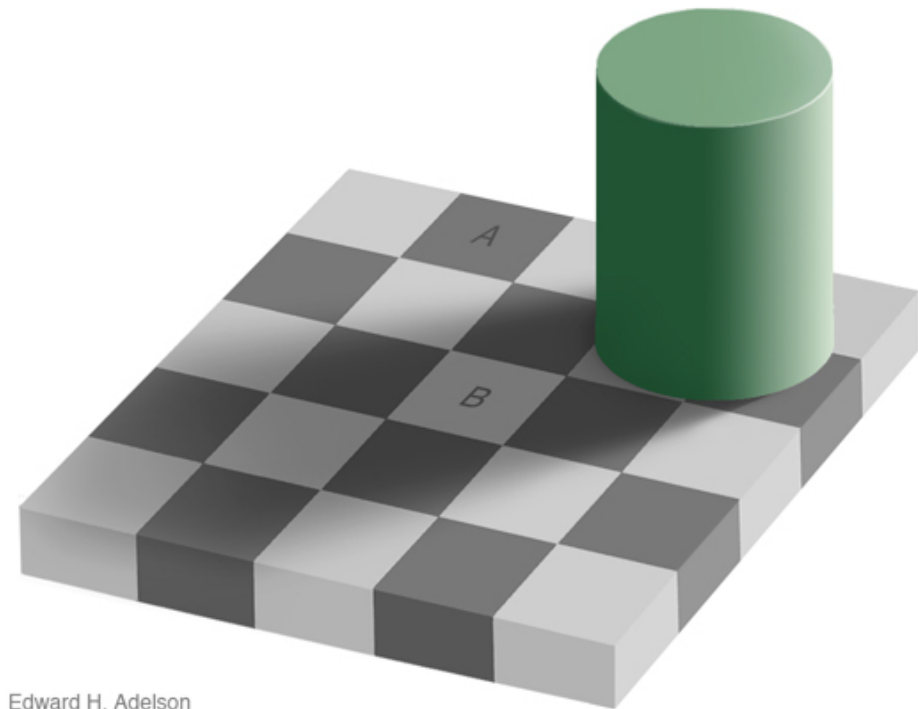
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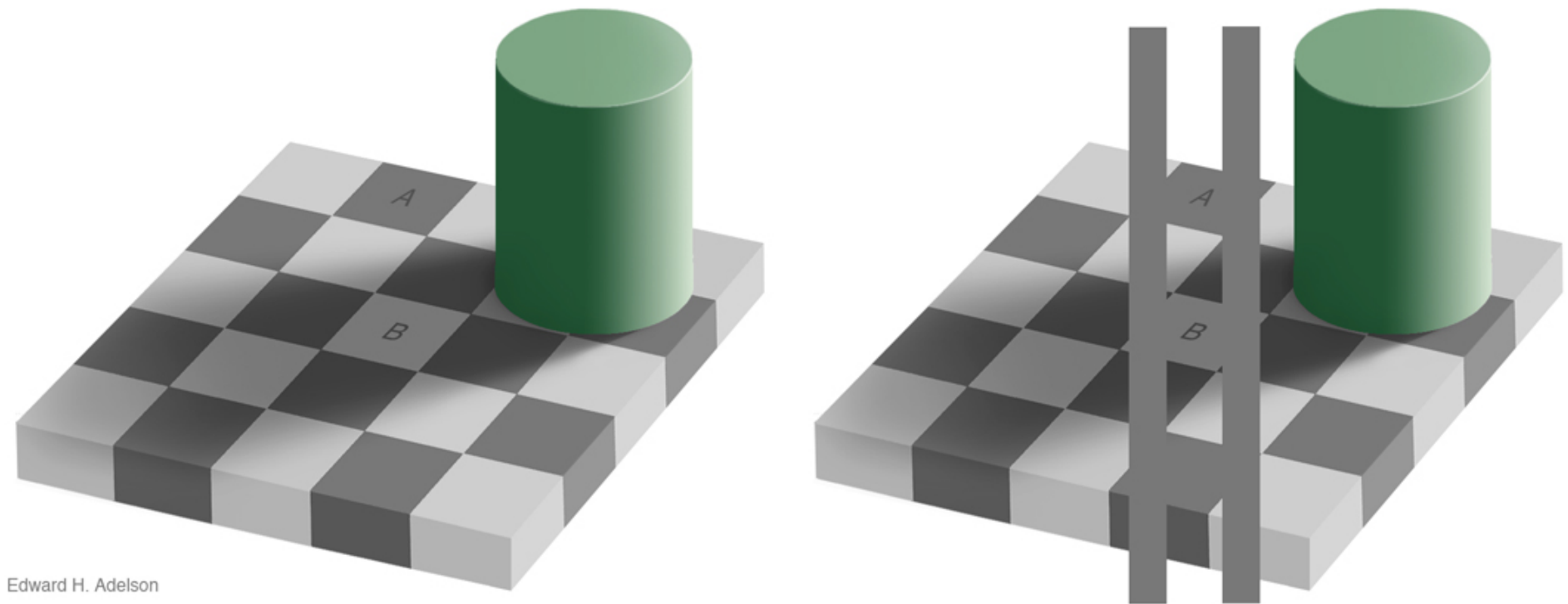
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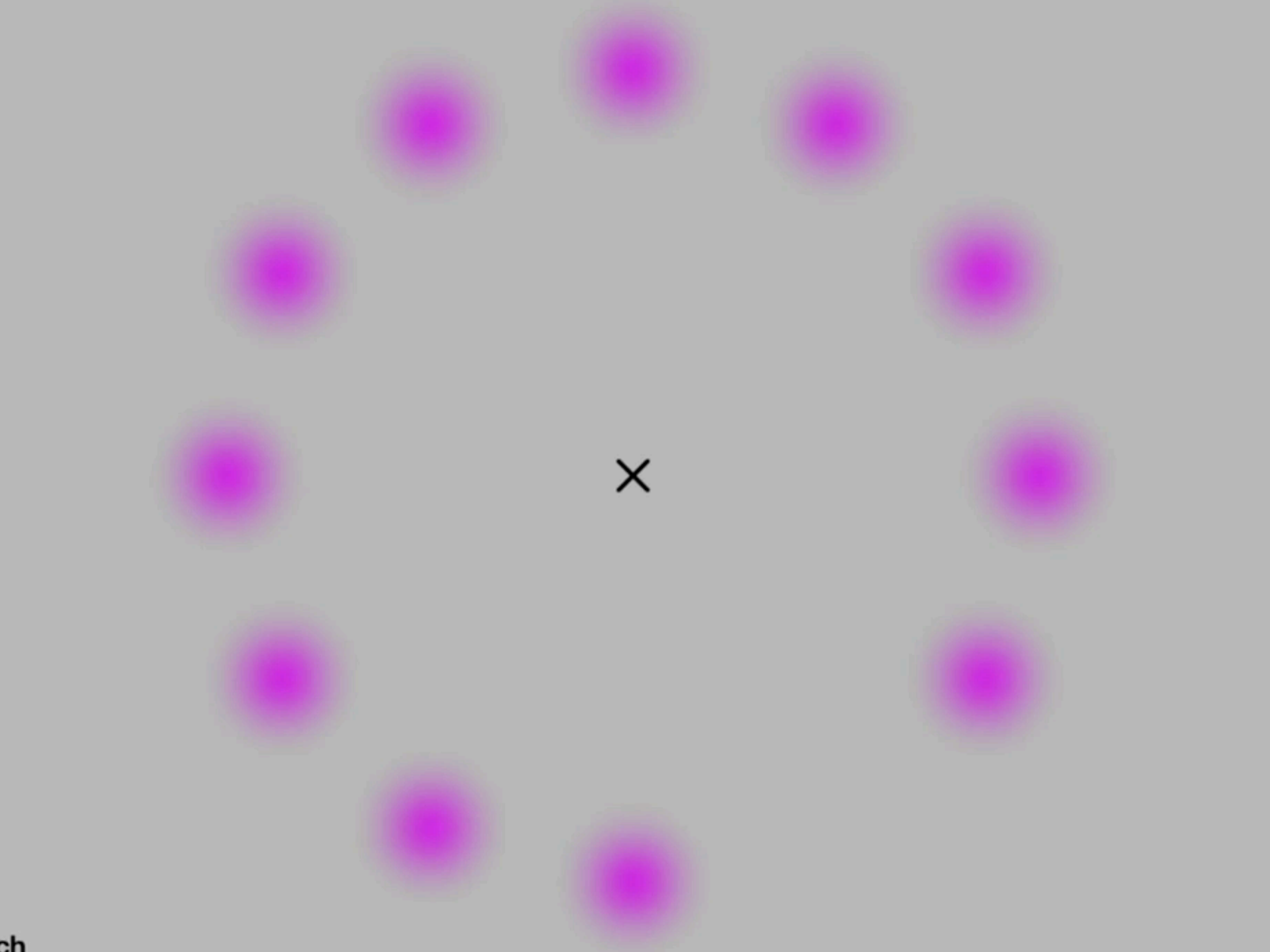
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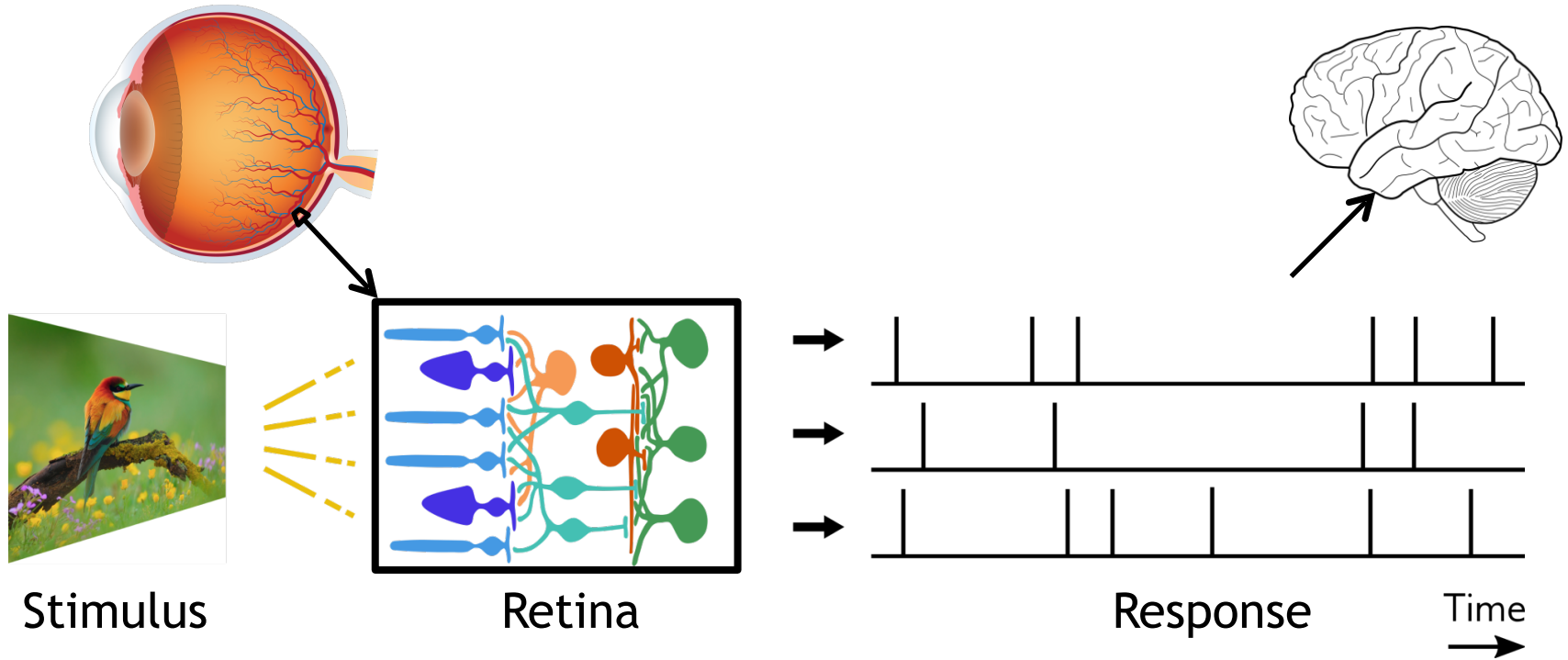
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The retina



- Retina: a thin, light sensitive, layer of tissue
- **Ganglion cells** spikes encode all the visual information accessible by the brain

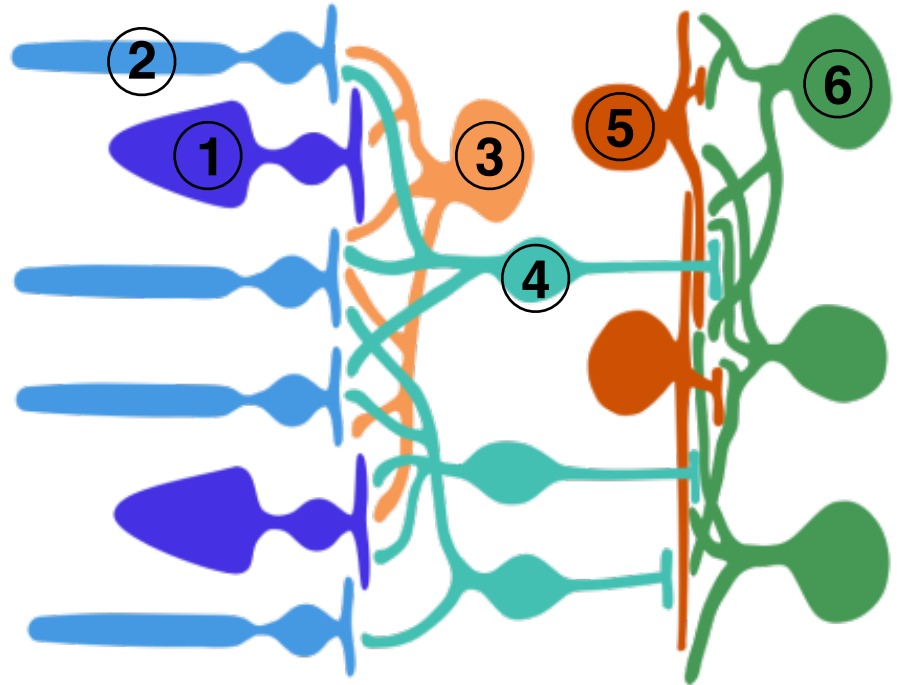
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Structure of the retina

Six classes of neurons:

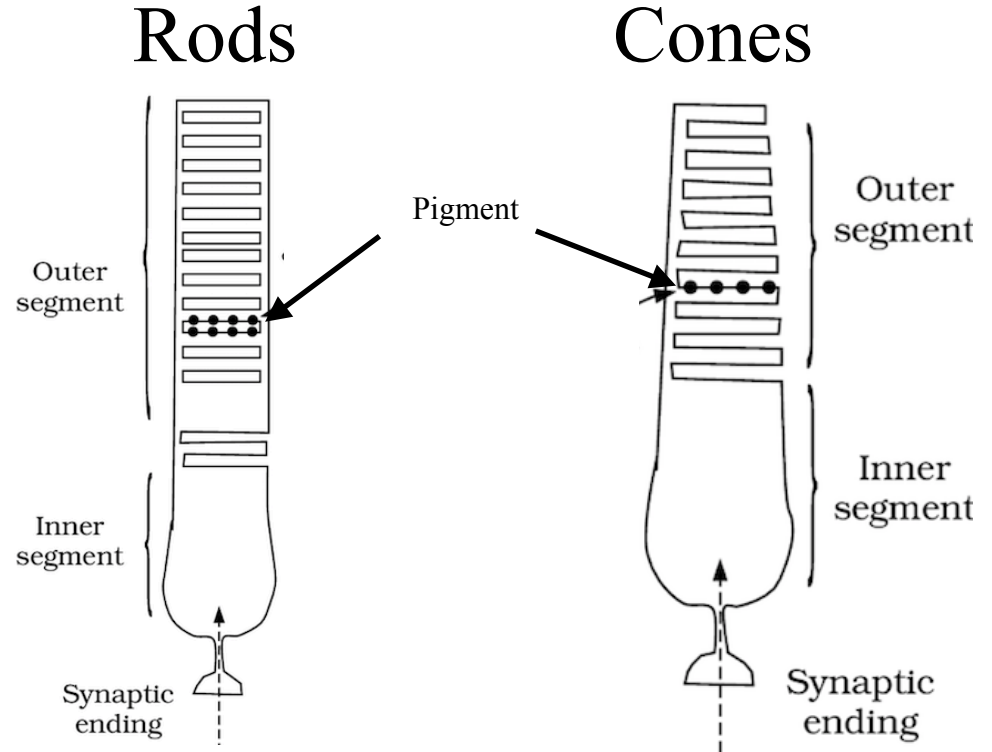
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Scotopic vision
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Slow response
Colour un-sensitive

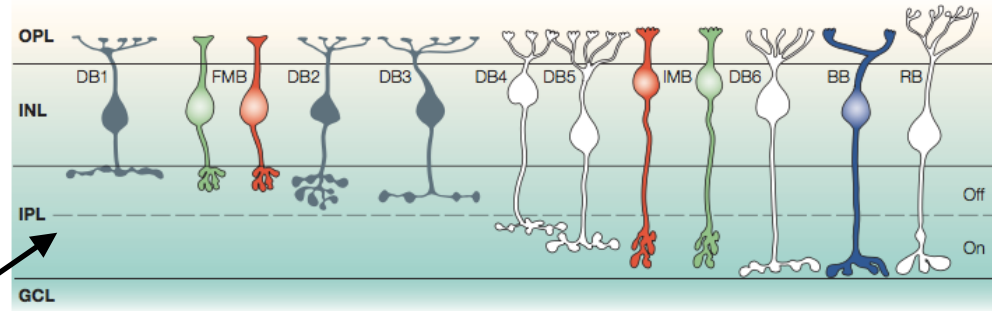
Photopic vision
weakly sensitive
Fast response
Colour sensitive

Both are **hyperpolarized** by light

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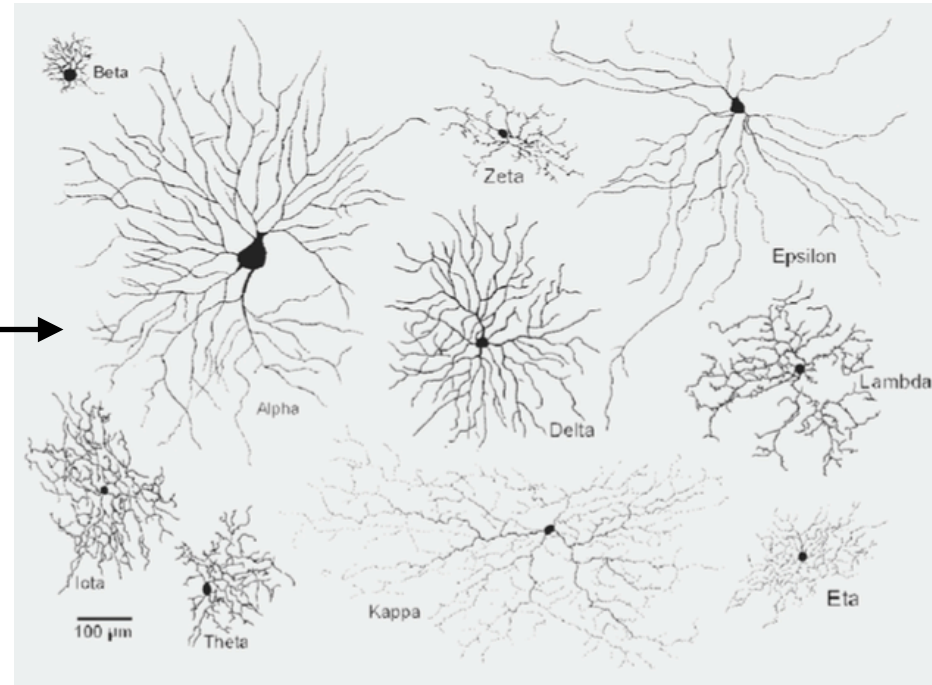
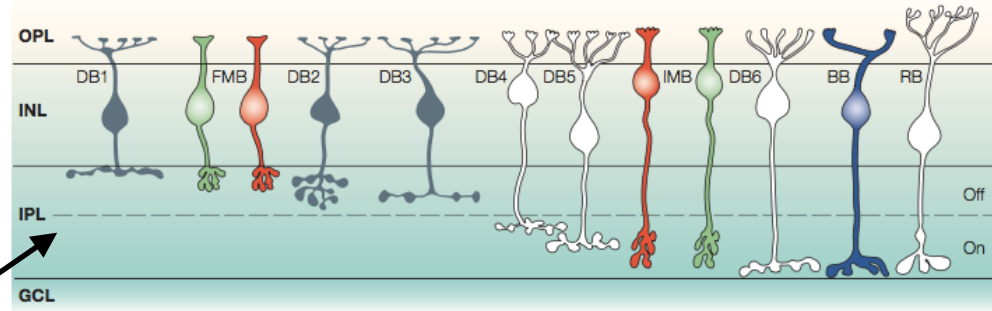


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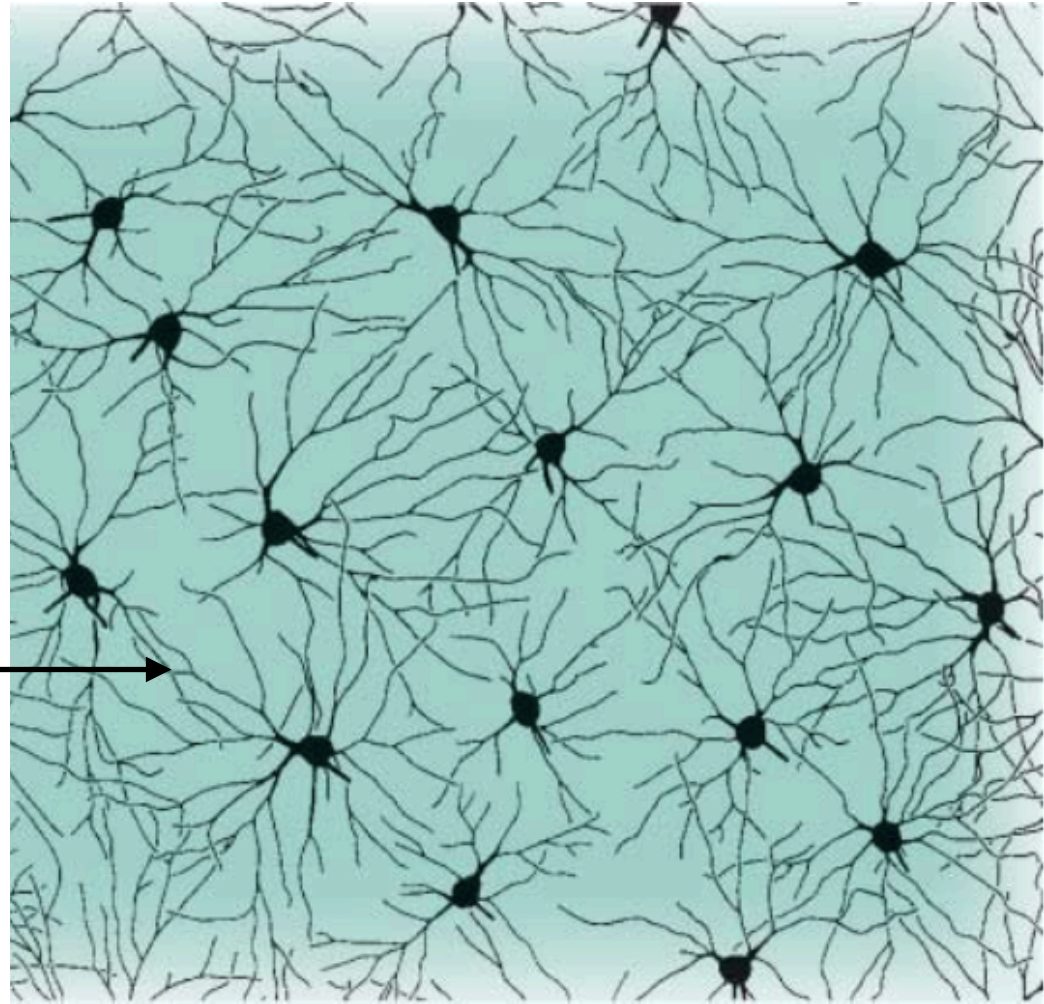


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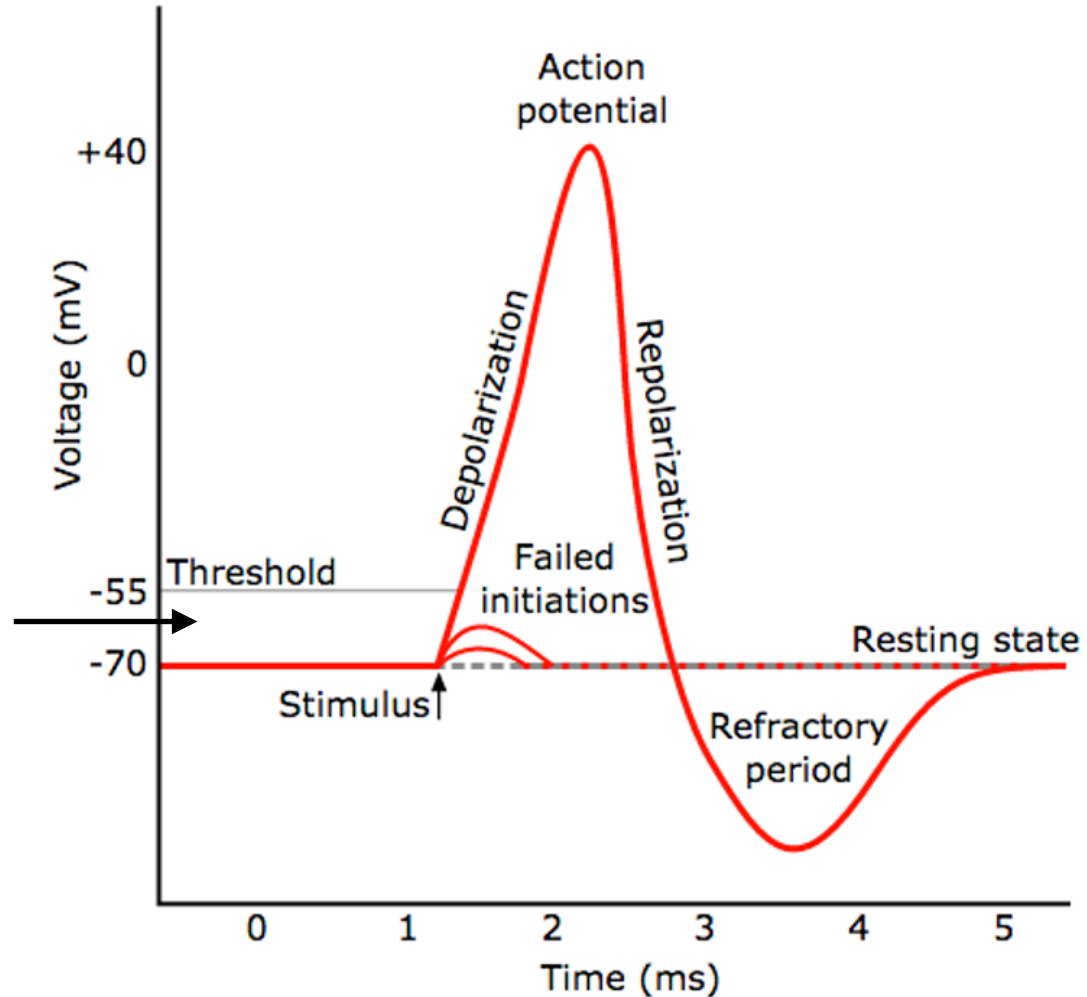


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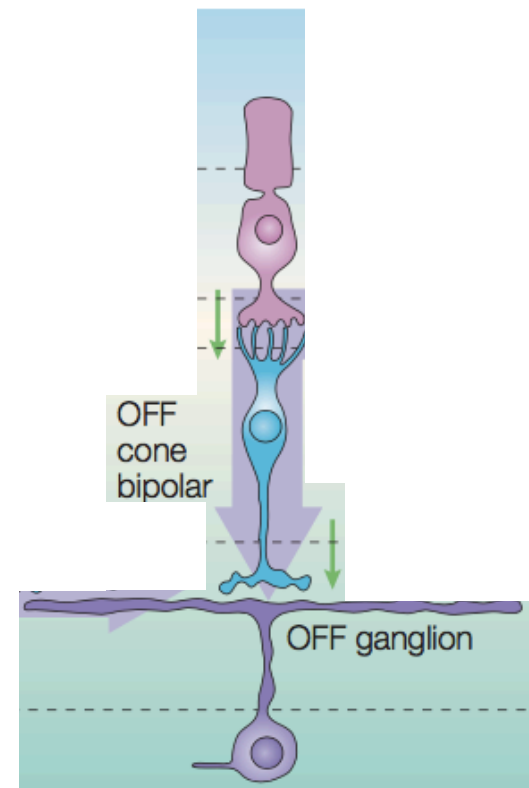
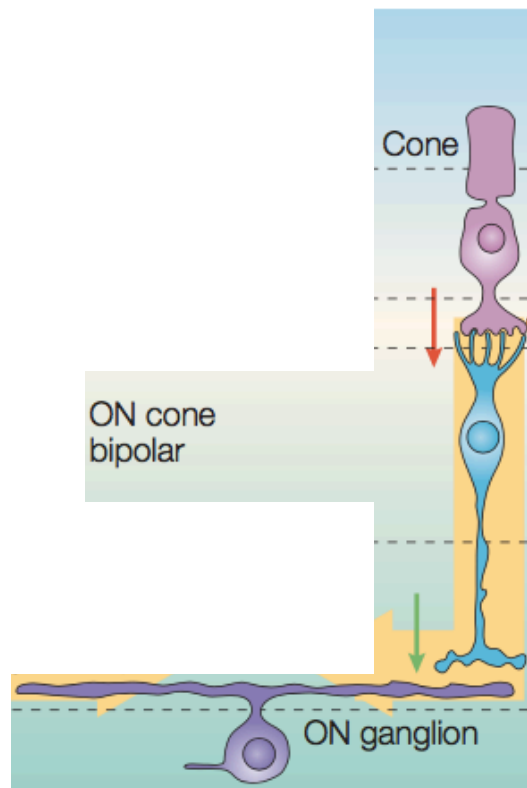


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The **cone** visual pathway

see: Wässle 2004



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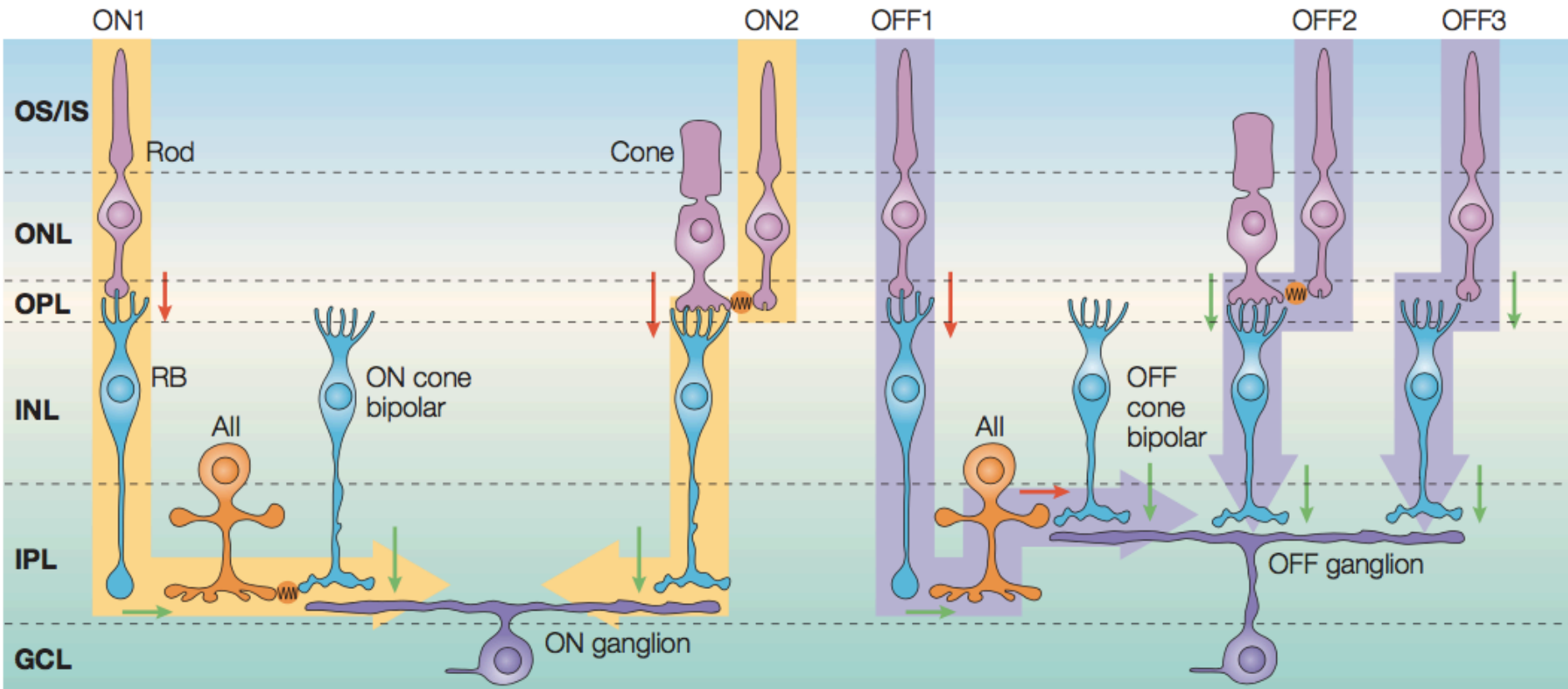
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The **rod** visual pathway

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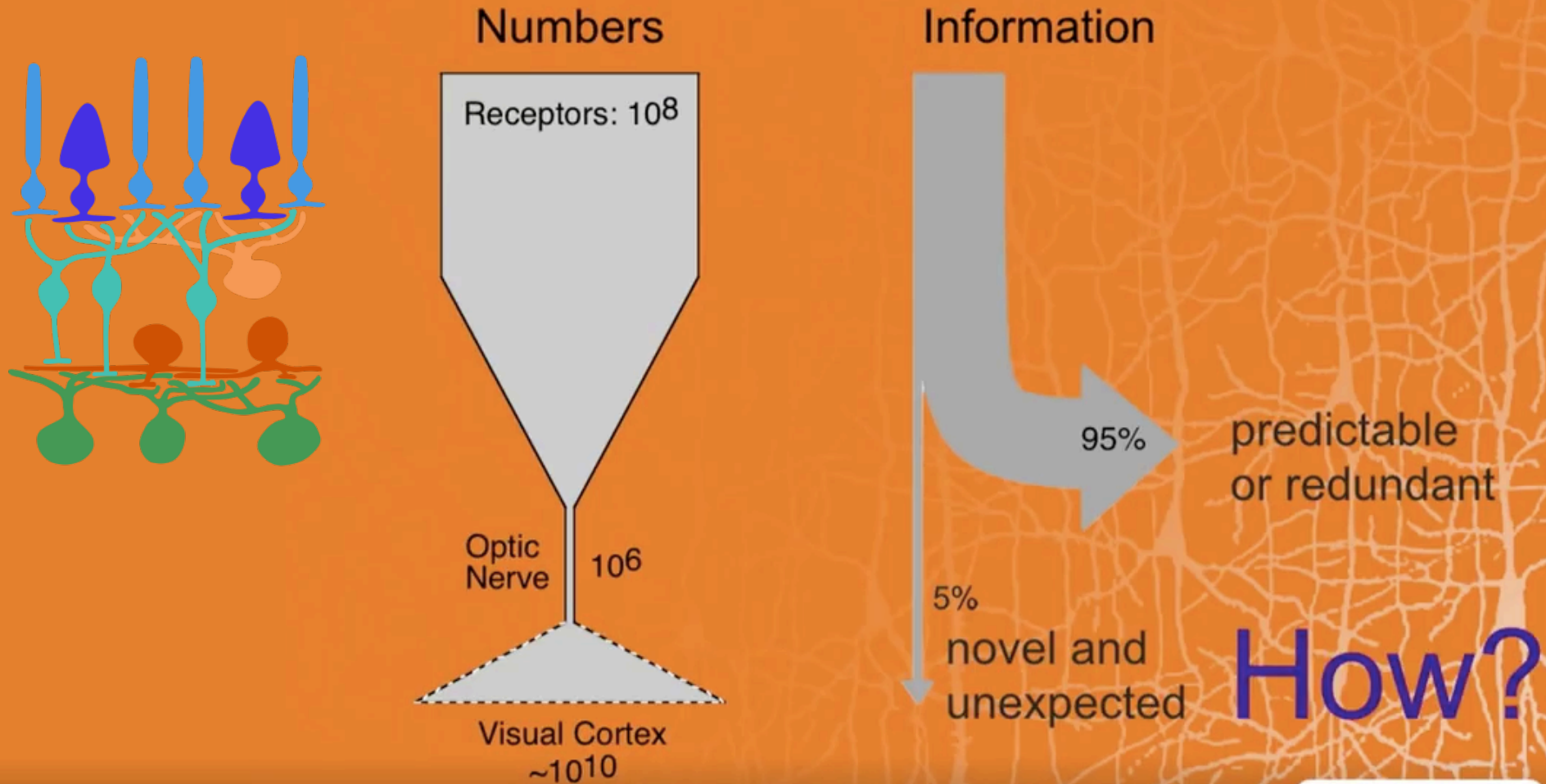
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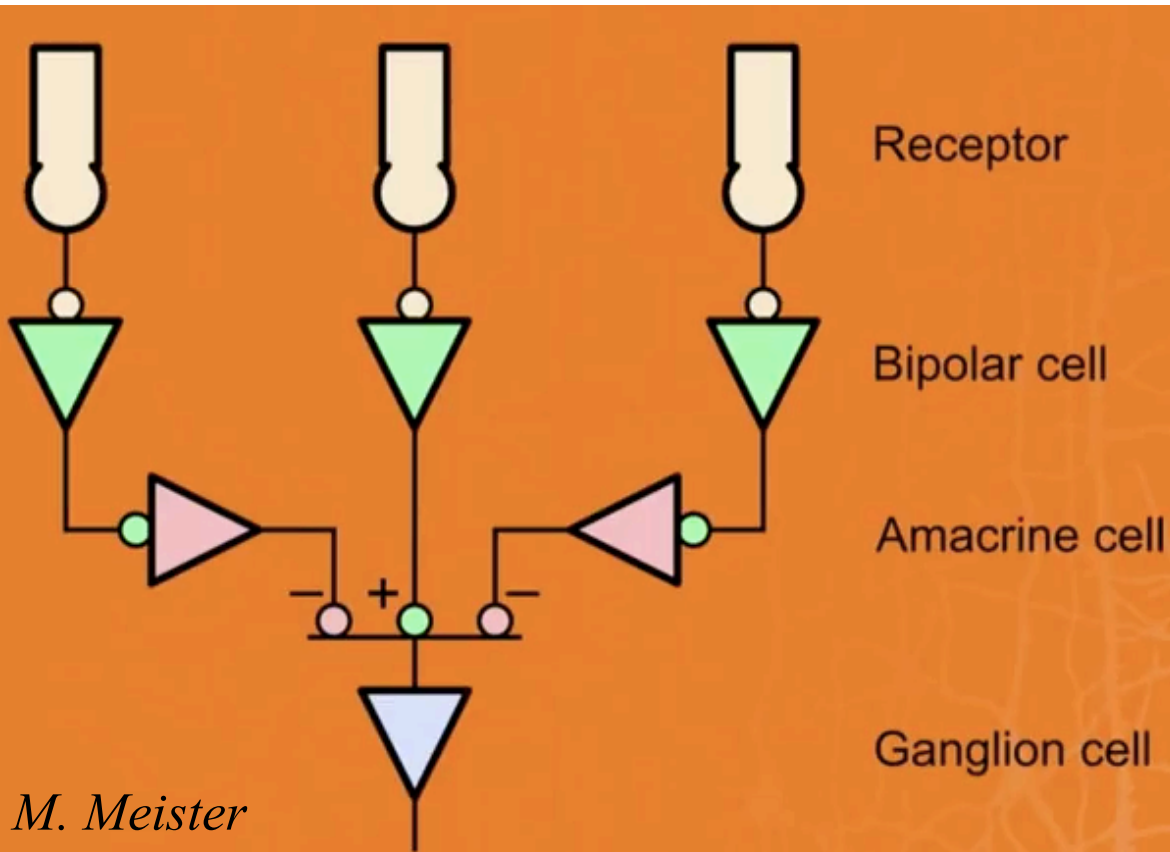
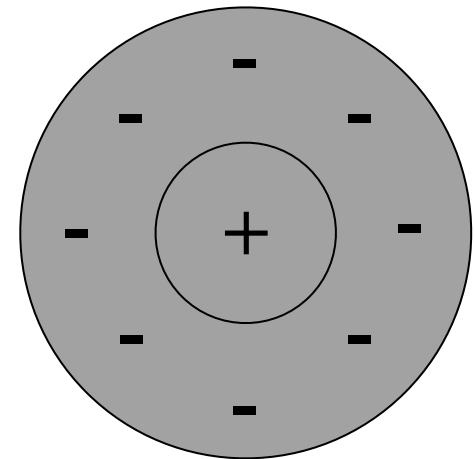
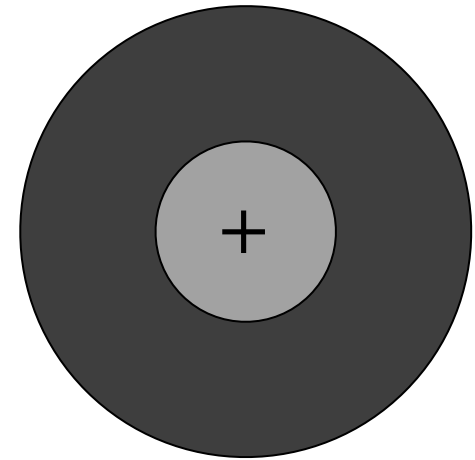
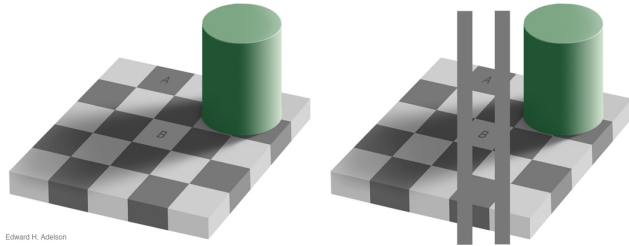
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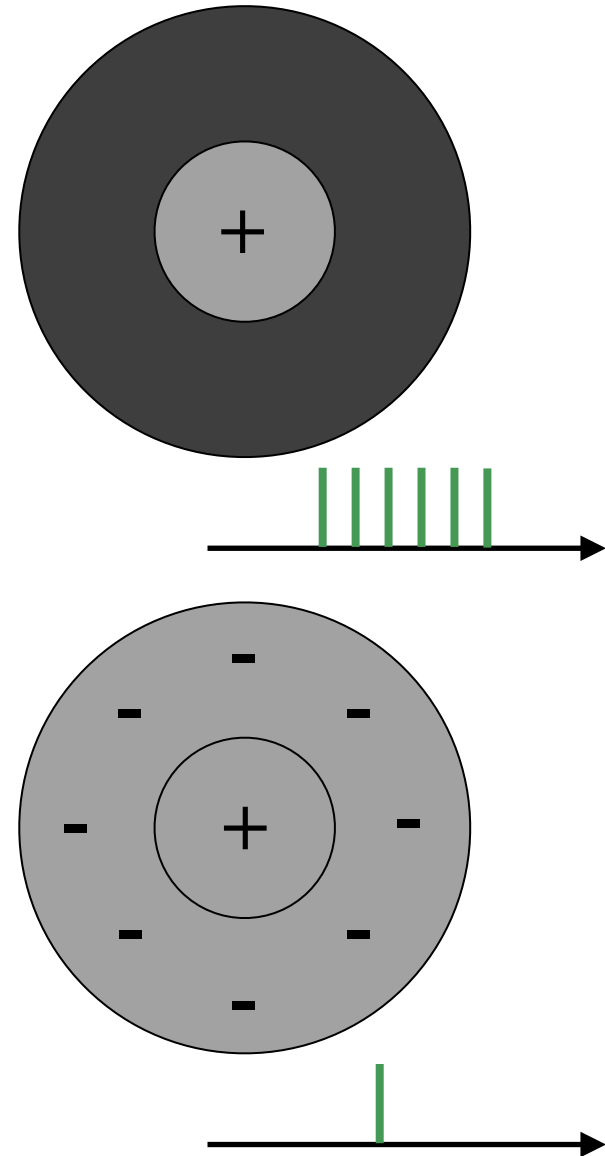
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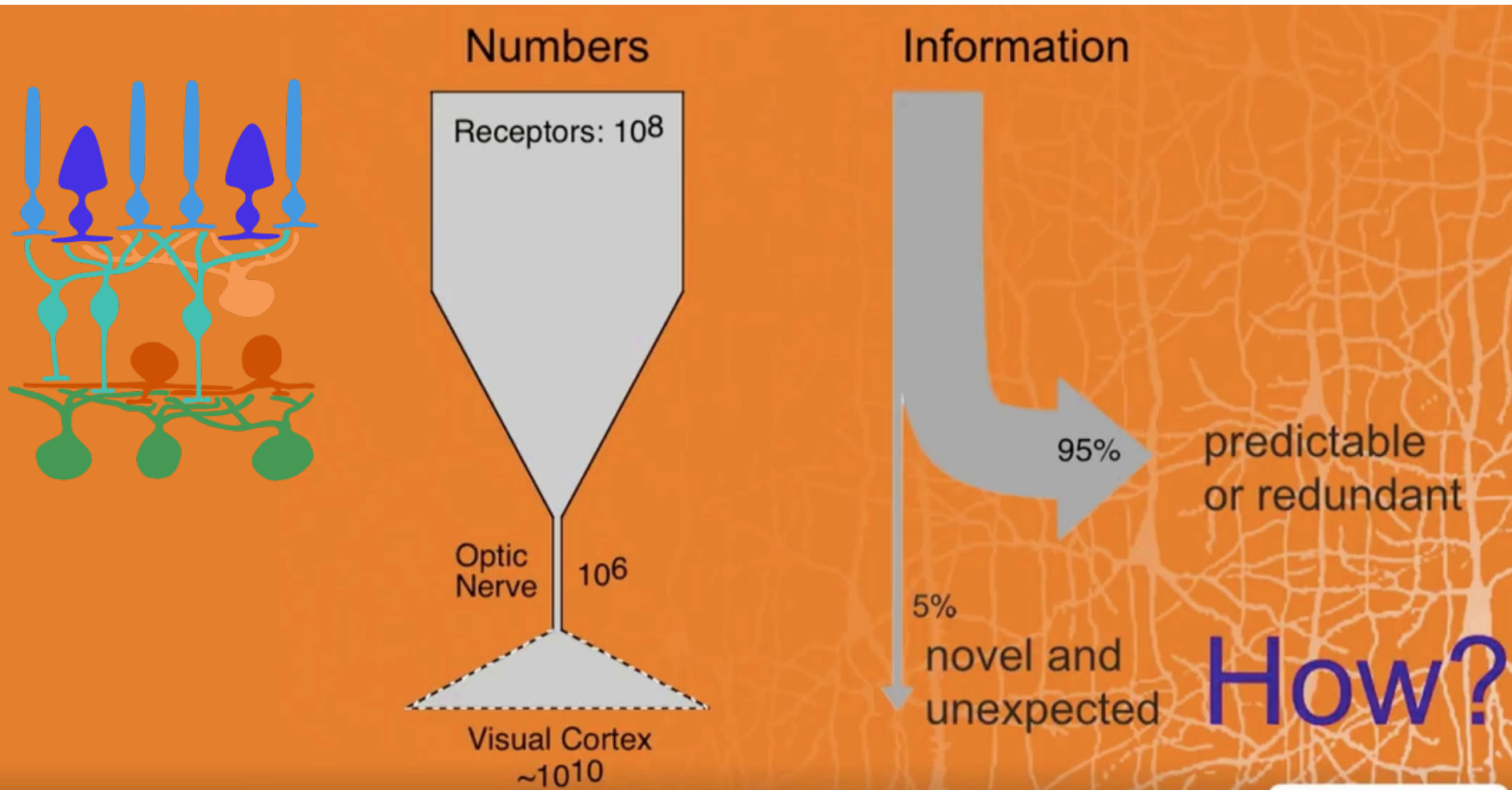
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By processing visual information
thanks to the retinal architecture