

# Computer Vision

## IT4342E (2-1-0-4)

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# About course

- 12 weeks: lectures
- 3 weeks: Course project presentation

Grading Criteria and Method of Evaluation		
Kind	Percentage	Evaluation Criteria
Examination	50 %	understand basic concepts of image processing and computer vision
Report	%	
Continuous Assessment	50 %	Project: program, report and presentation
Others	%	
Note		

# About course

Textbooks				
Title	Author	Publisher	ISBN code	Comment
Computer Vision: Algorithms and Applications	Richard Szeliski	Springer	1-55860-604-1	<a href="http://szeliski.org/Book/">http://szeliski.org/Book/</a>

Reference books				
Title	Author	Publisher	ISBN code	Comment
Computer Vision: A modern Approach	David A. Forsyth, Jean Ponce		978-0136085928	

Internet Websites related to the Course	
CS131: Computer Vision: Foundations and Applications <a href="http://vision.stanford.edu/teaching/cs131_fall1718/syllabus.html">http://vision.stanford.edu/teaching/cs131_fall1718/syllabus.html</a>	

# Lecture 1: Introduction to Computer Vision Light and Colors

# Biology

# Psychology

# Physics

# Computer Science

# Engineering

# Mathematics

## Computer Vision

Machine  
learning

Robotics

Speech, NLP

Image  
processing

optics

Neuroscience

Cognitive  
sciences

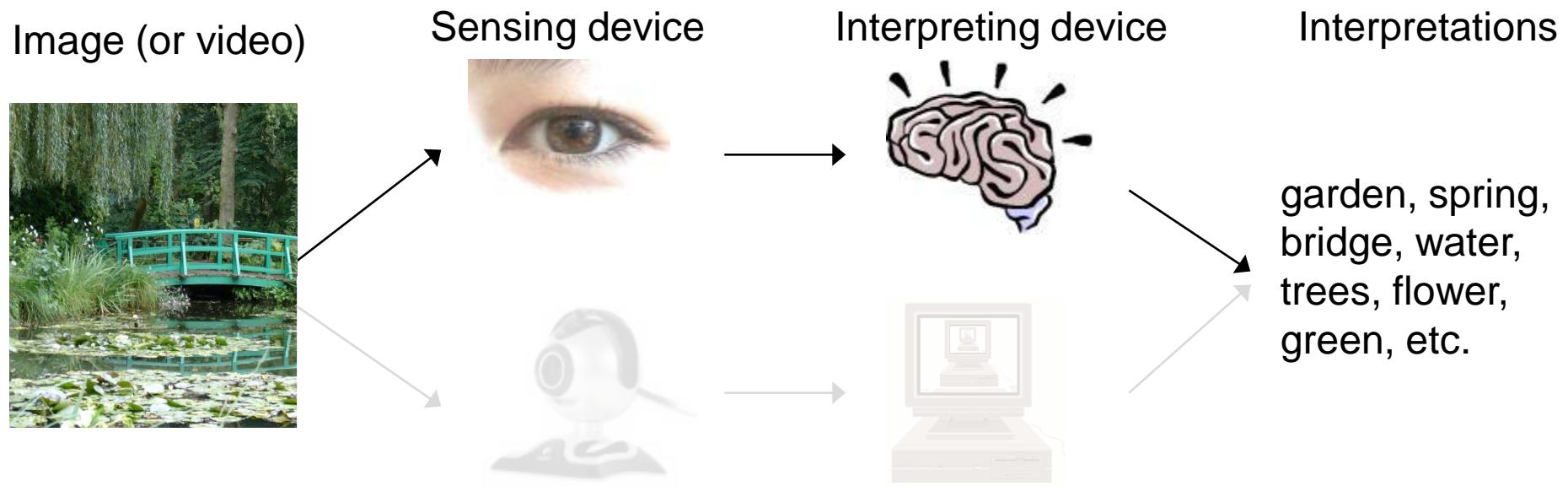
Algorithms,  
theory,...

Systems,  
architecture, ...

Information  
retrieval

Computer vision is related to a large set of disciplines, can be seen as a part of CS. Algorithm theory or ML are essential for developing computer vision algorithms.

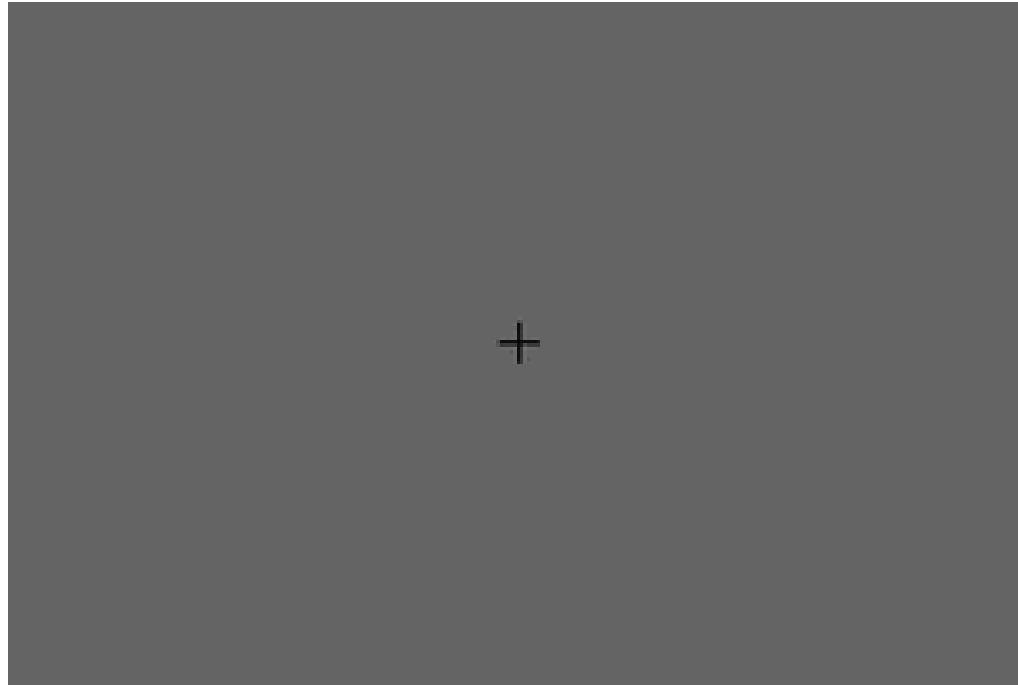
# What is (computer) vision?



Receive images projected on retina.

Brain tries to process the signals and understand/interpret images.

# Human vision is superbly efficient



Potter, Biederman, etc. 1970s

100 ms per frame,  
Never seen the picture, do not know the  
person

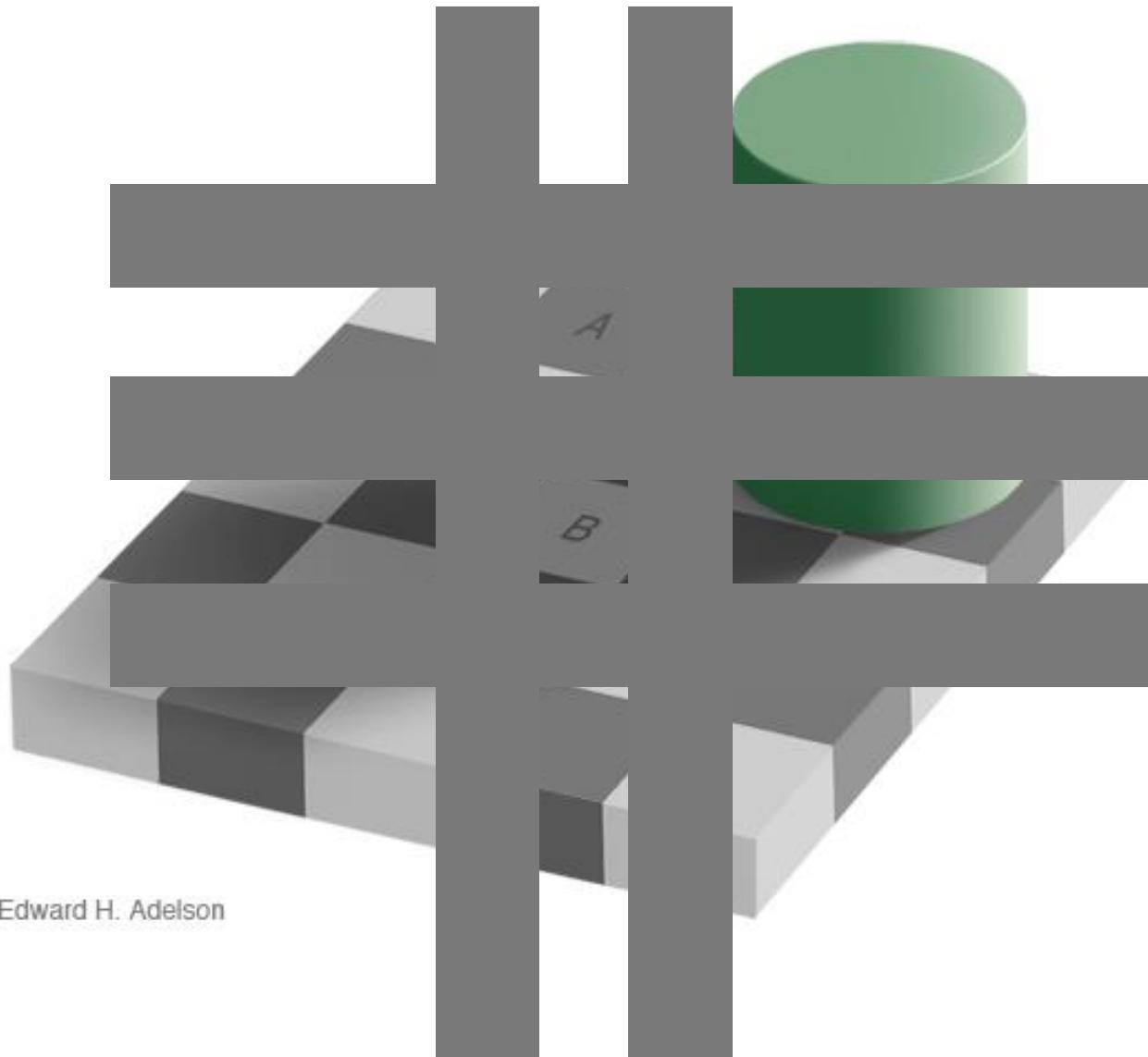
Can do effortlessly

# Perception

The speed is obtained at the price of some drawbacks...

Human perception is not perfect

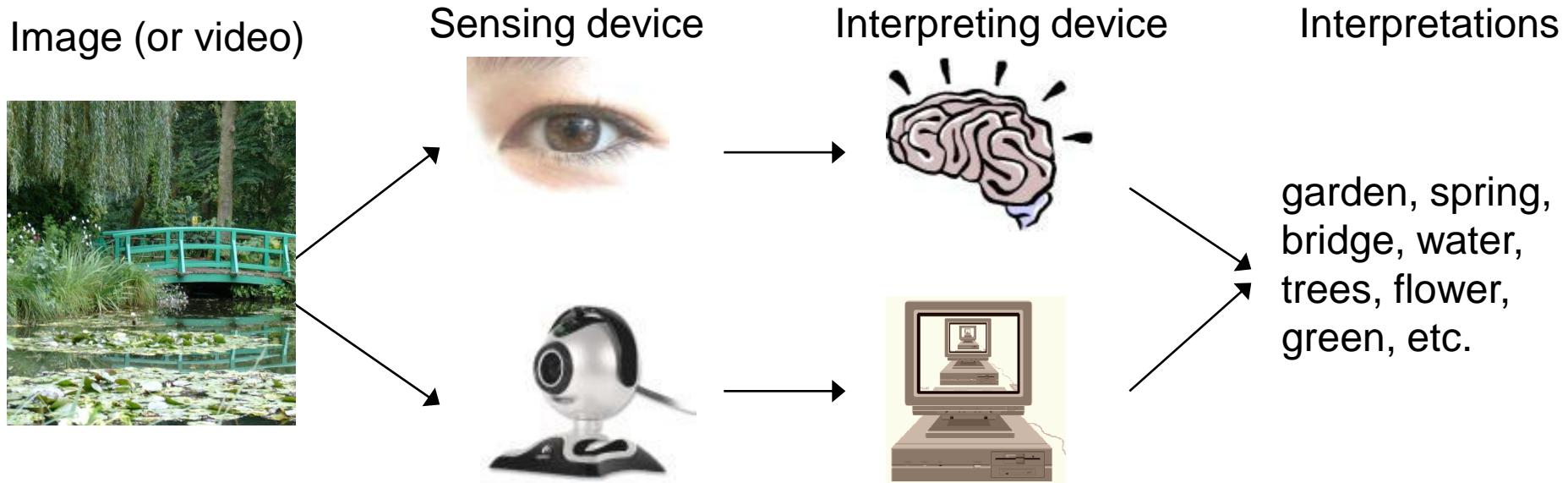




Edward H. Adelson

Do you think the colors in boxes A and B are different?

# What is (computer) vision?



## Definition of CV:

- a scientific field that extracts information out of digital images.
- building algorithms that can understand the content of images and use it for other applications

# The goal of computer vision

- To bridge the gap between pixels and “meaning”



What we see

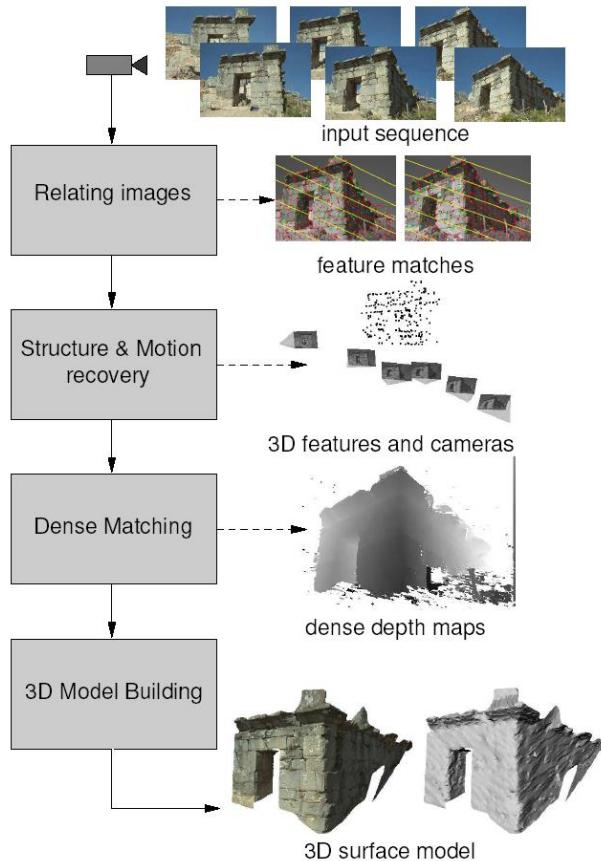
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4	3	2	1	0	3	2	5	4
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What a computer sees

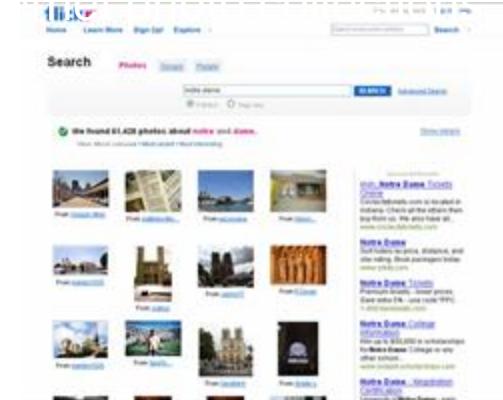
# What kind of information can we extract from an image?

- Metric 3D information
- Semantic information

# Vision as measurement device

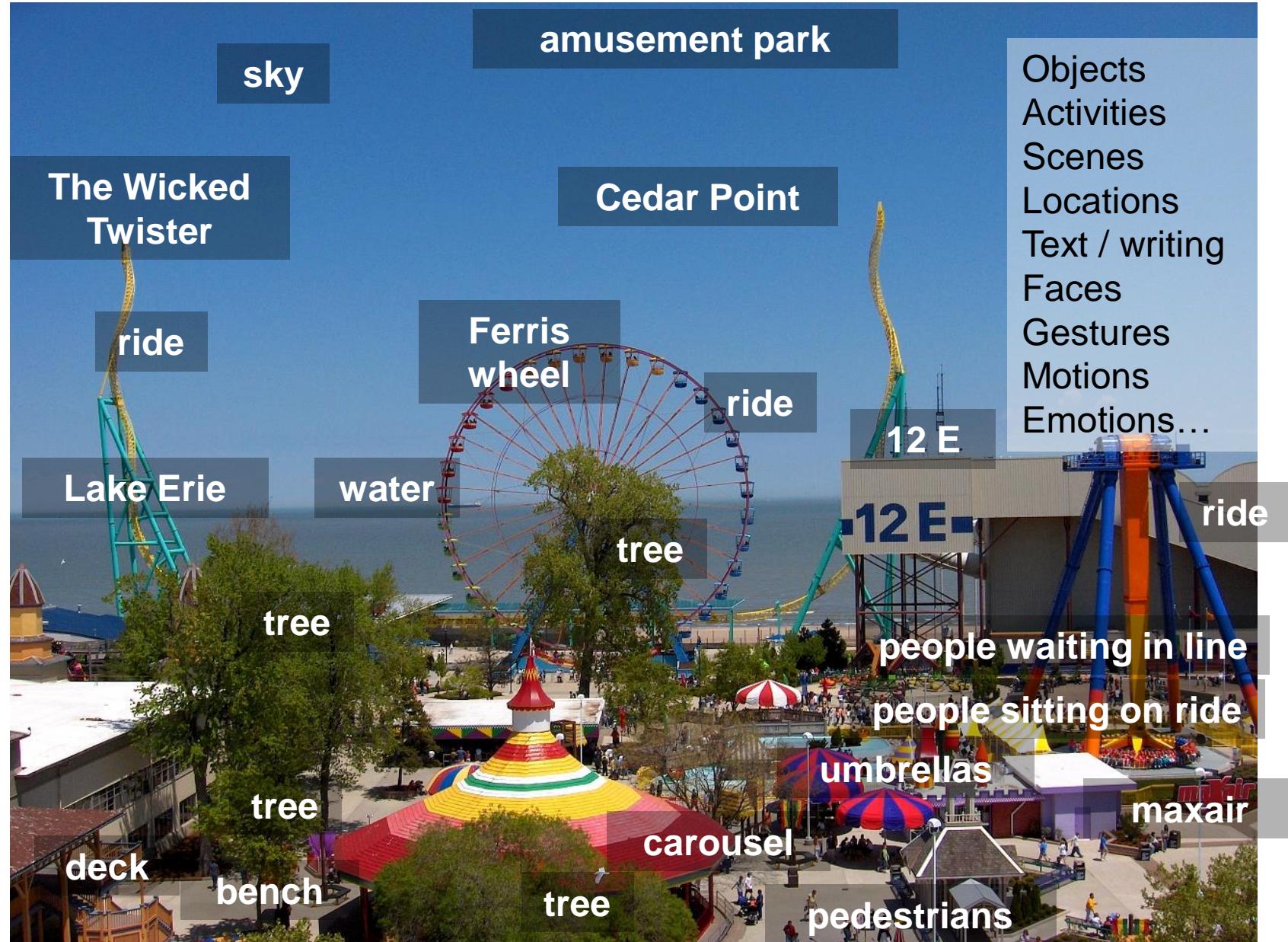


Pollefeys et al.



Goesele et al.

# Vision as a source of semantic information

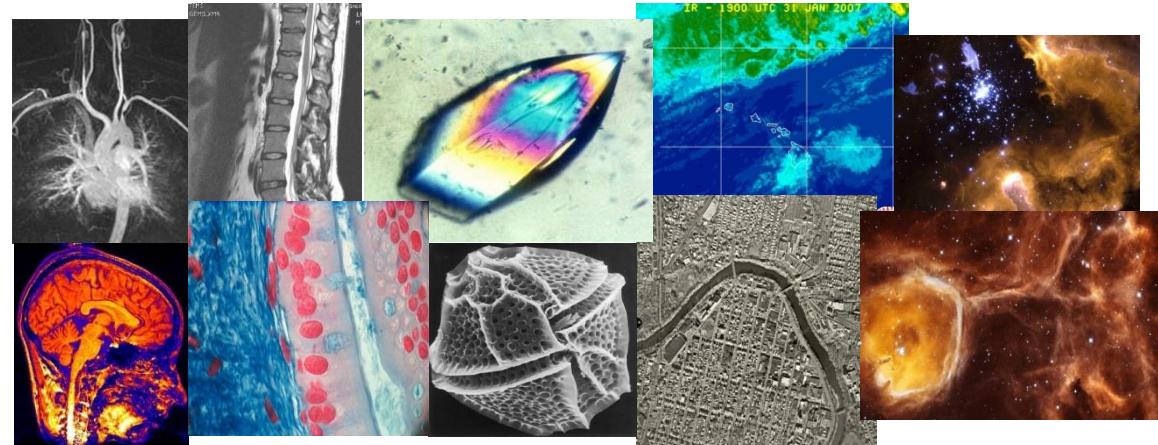


# Why study computer vision?

- Vision is useful: Images and video are everywhere!  
A huge amount data of images/videos are created day by day.  
Its useful to understand them and mining useful knowledge.

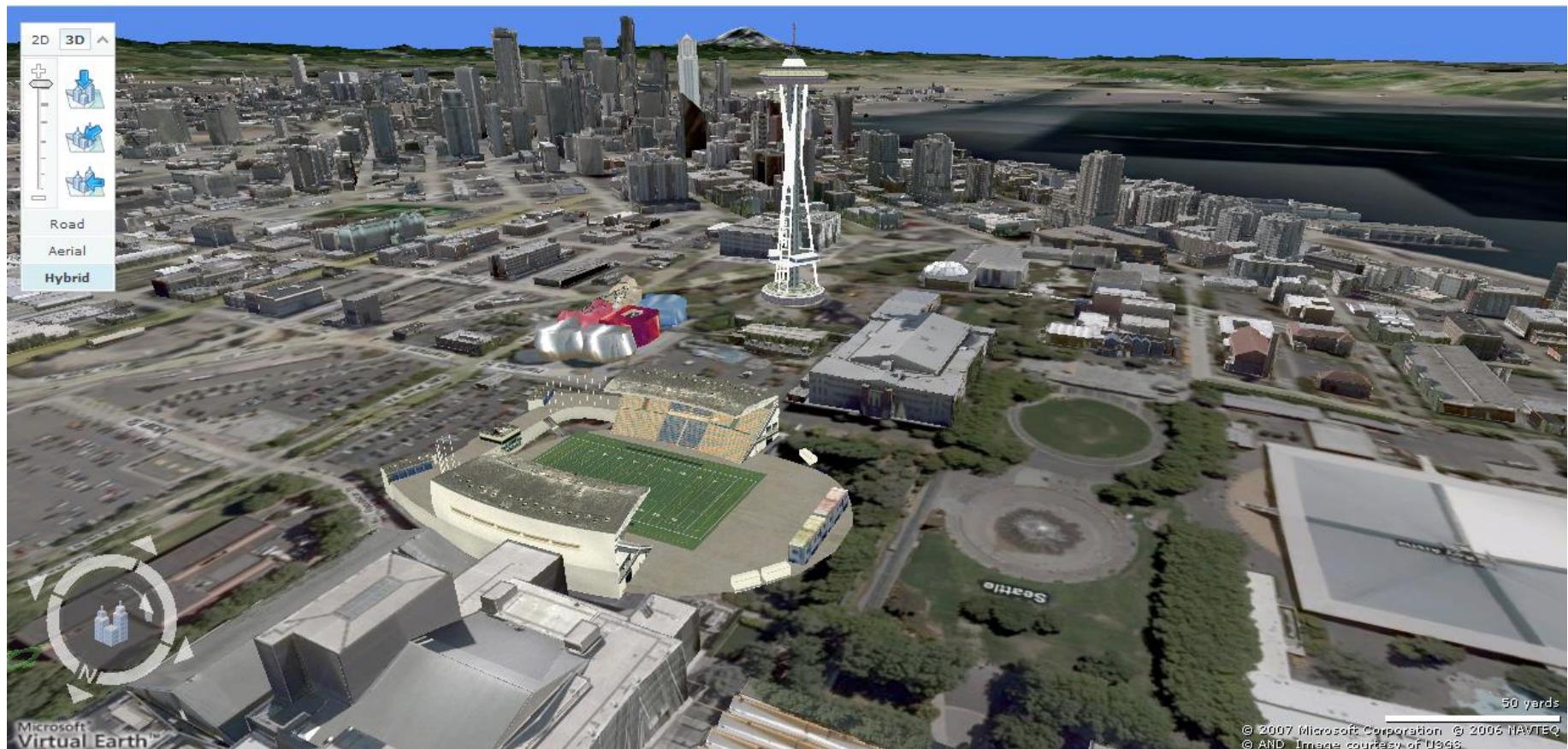


Surveillance and security



Medical and scientific images

# 3D urban modeling



Bing maps, Google Streetview

Source: S. Seitz

# Face detection



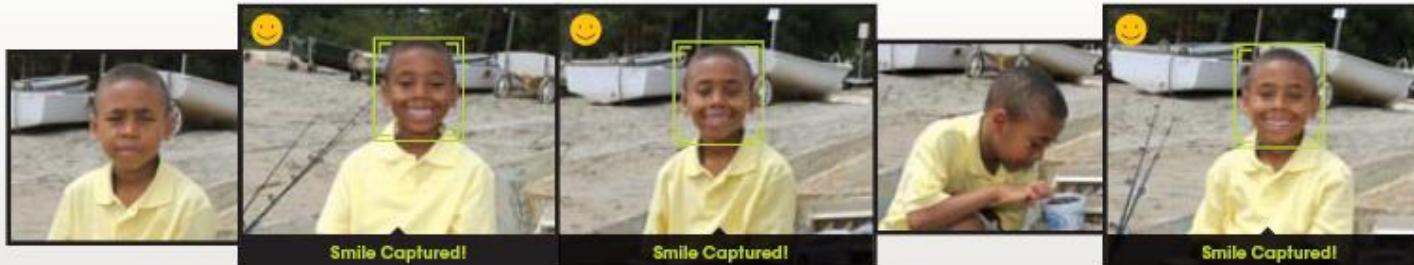
- Many digital cameras now detect faces
  - Canon, Sony, Fuji, ...

Source: S. Seitz

# Smile detection

## The Smile Shutter flow

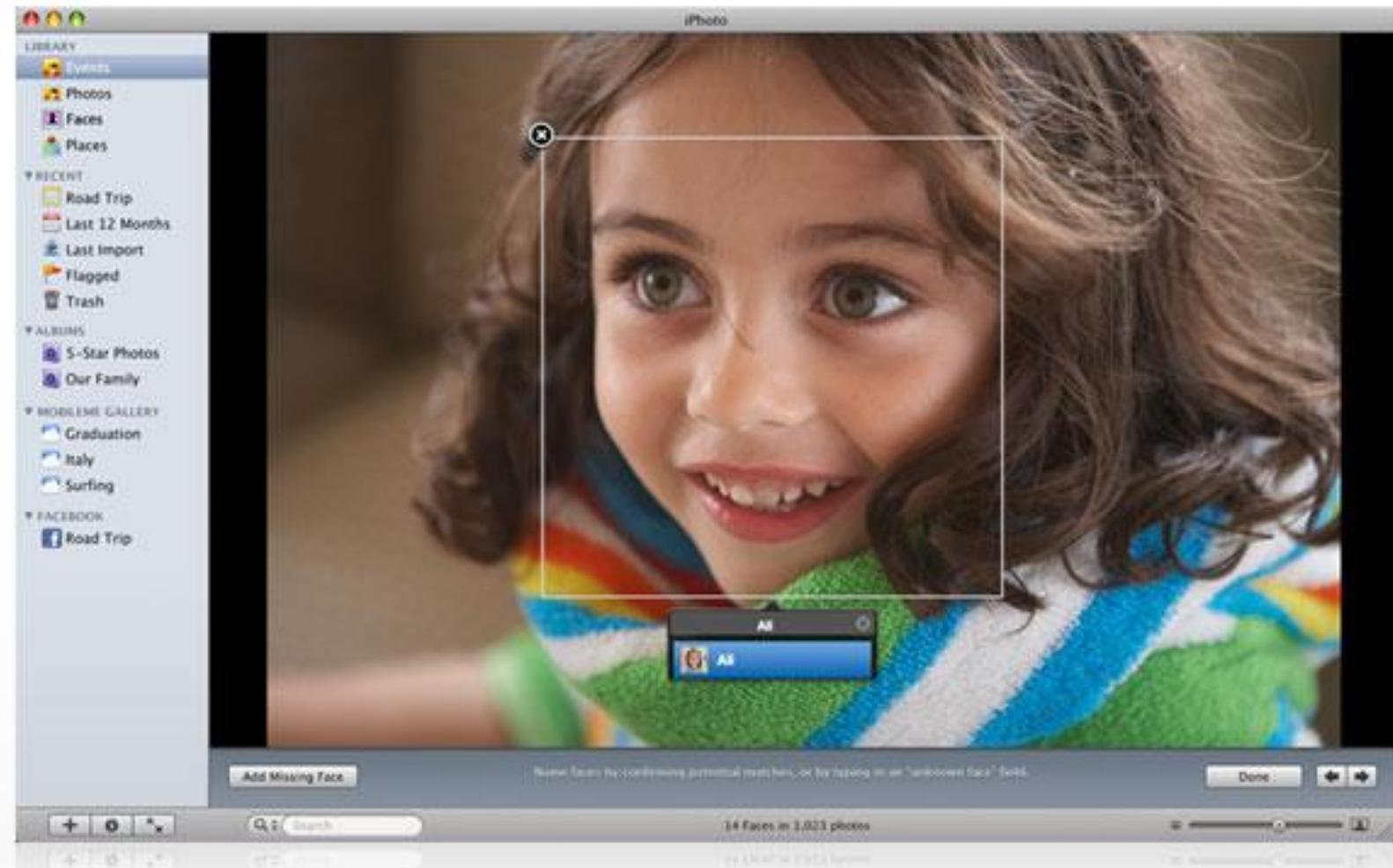
Imagine a camera smart enough to catch every smile! In Smile Shutter Mode, your Cyber-shot® camera can automatically trip the shutter at just the right instant to catch the perfect expression.



[Sony Cyber-shot® T70 Digital Still Camera](#)

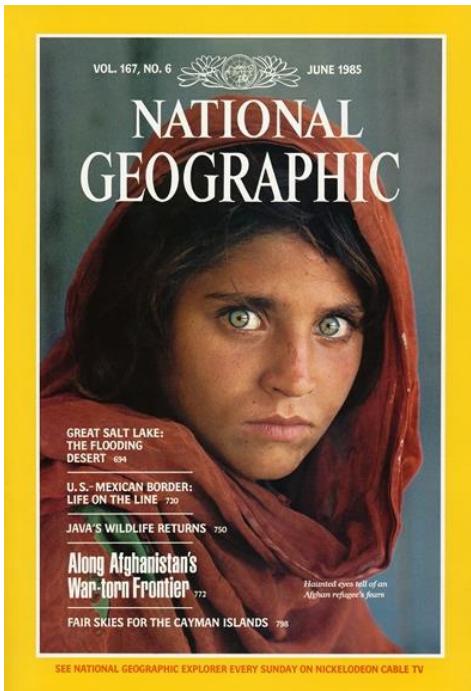
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# Face recognition: Apple iPhoto software

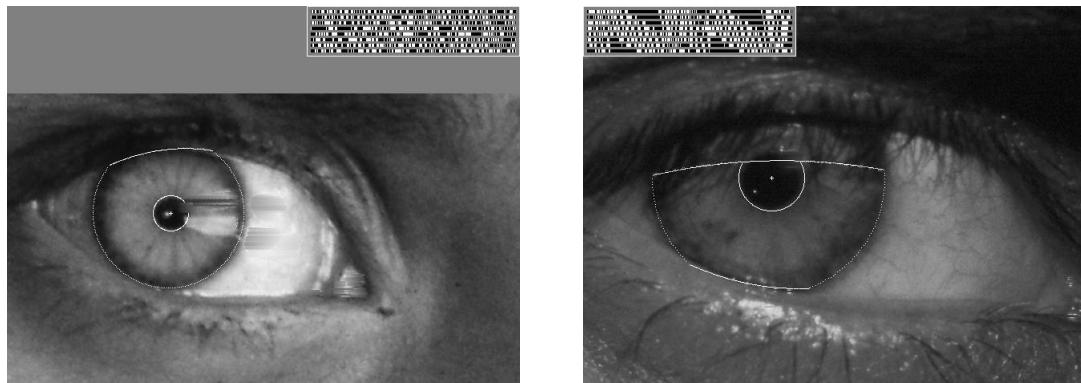


<http://www.apple.com/ilife/iphoto/>

# Biometrics



How the Afghan Girl was Identified by Her Iris Patterns



Source: S. Seitz

# Biometrics



Fingerprint scanners on  
many new laptops,  
other devices

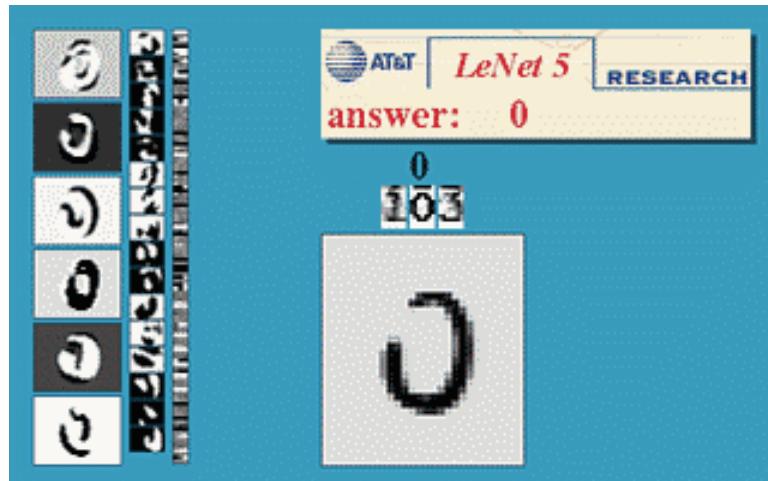


Face recognition systems now beginning  
to appear more widely  
iphone X just introduced face recognition

# Optical character recognition (OCR)

Technology to convert scanned docs to text

- If you have a scanner, it probably came with OCR software



Digit recognition, AT&T labs



License plate readers

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Automatic\\_number\\_plate\\_recognition](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Automatic_number_plate_recognition)

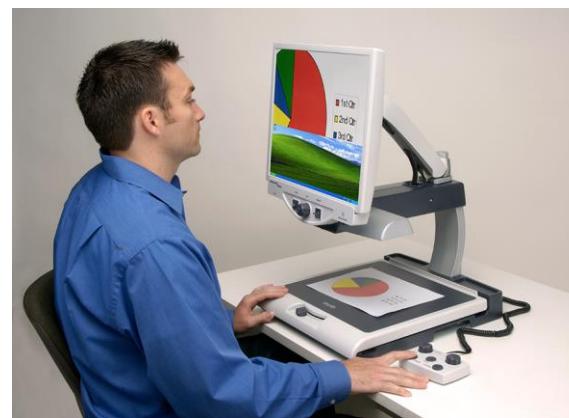
# Vision-based interaction (and games)



Microsoft's Kinect



Sony EyeToy

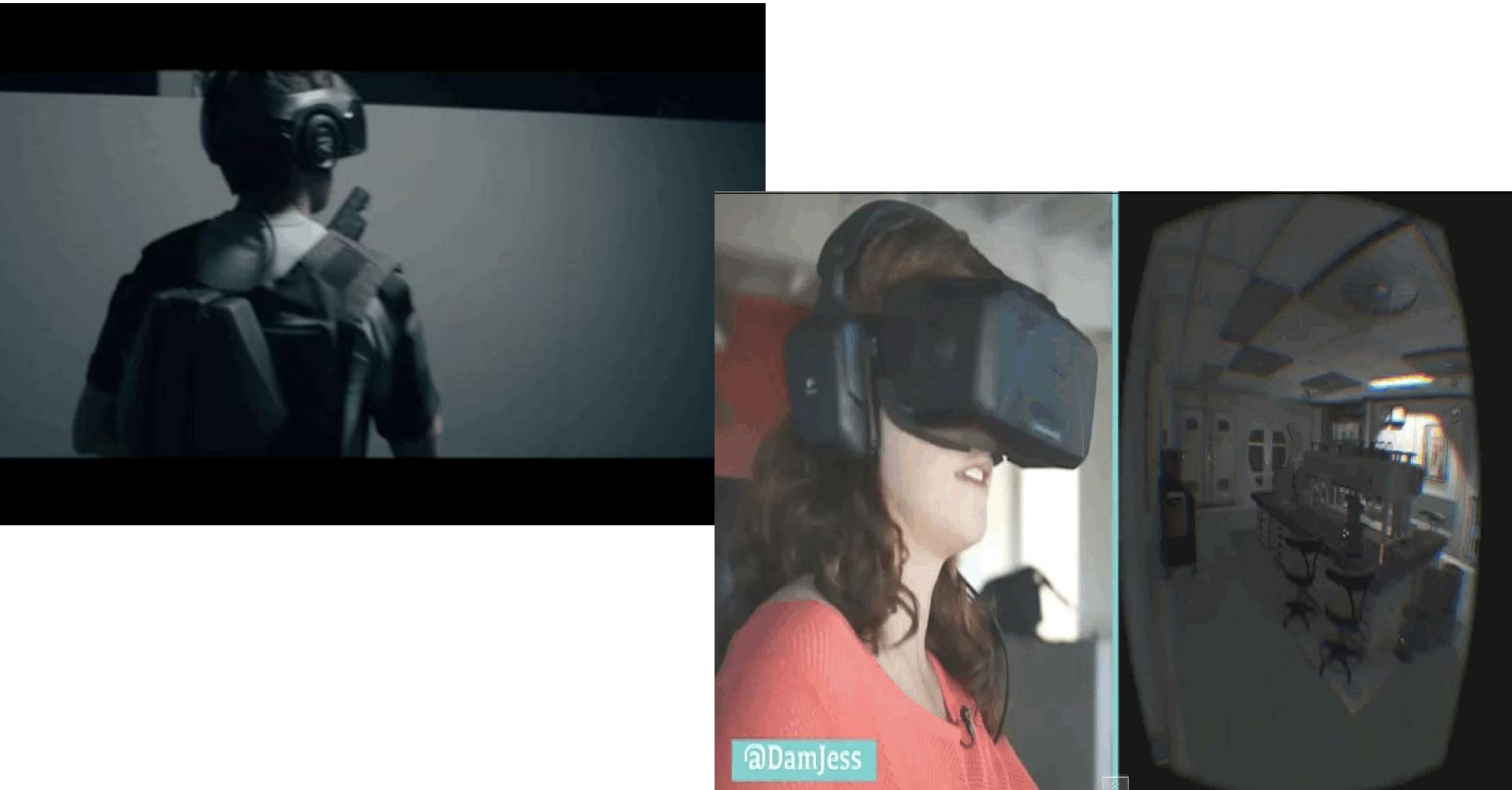


Assistive technologies

# Augmented Reality



# Virtual Reality



@DamJess

# Vision for robotics, space exploration



[NASA'S Mars Exploration Rover Spirit](#) captured this westward view from atop a low plateau where Spirit spent the closing months of 2007.

## Vision systems (JPL) used for several tasks

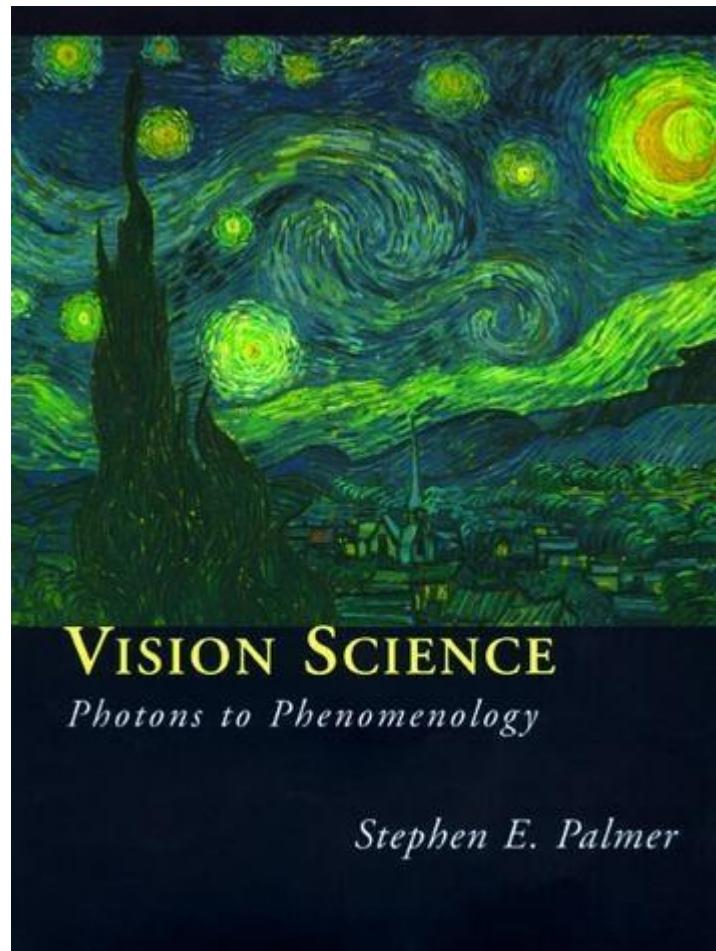
- Panorama stitching
- 3D terrain modeling
- Obstacle detection, position tracking
- For more, read “[Computer Vision on Mars](#)” by Matthies et al.

# Overview of Color

- Physics of color
- Human encoding of color
- Color spaces

# What is color?

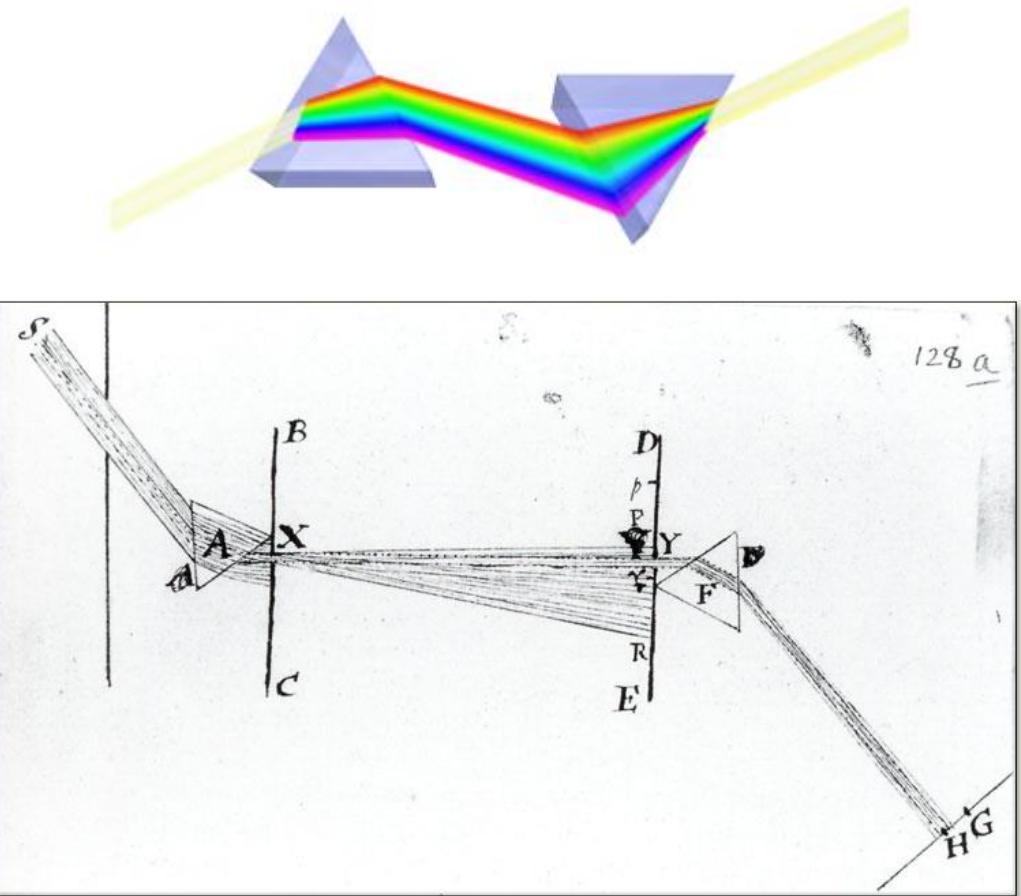
- The result of interaction between physical light in the environment and our visual system.
- A *psychological property* of our visual experiences when we look at objects and lights, *not a physical property* of those objects or lights.



Slide credit: Lana Lazebnik

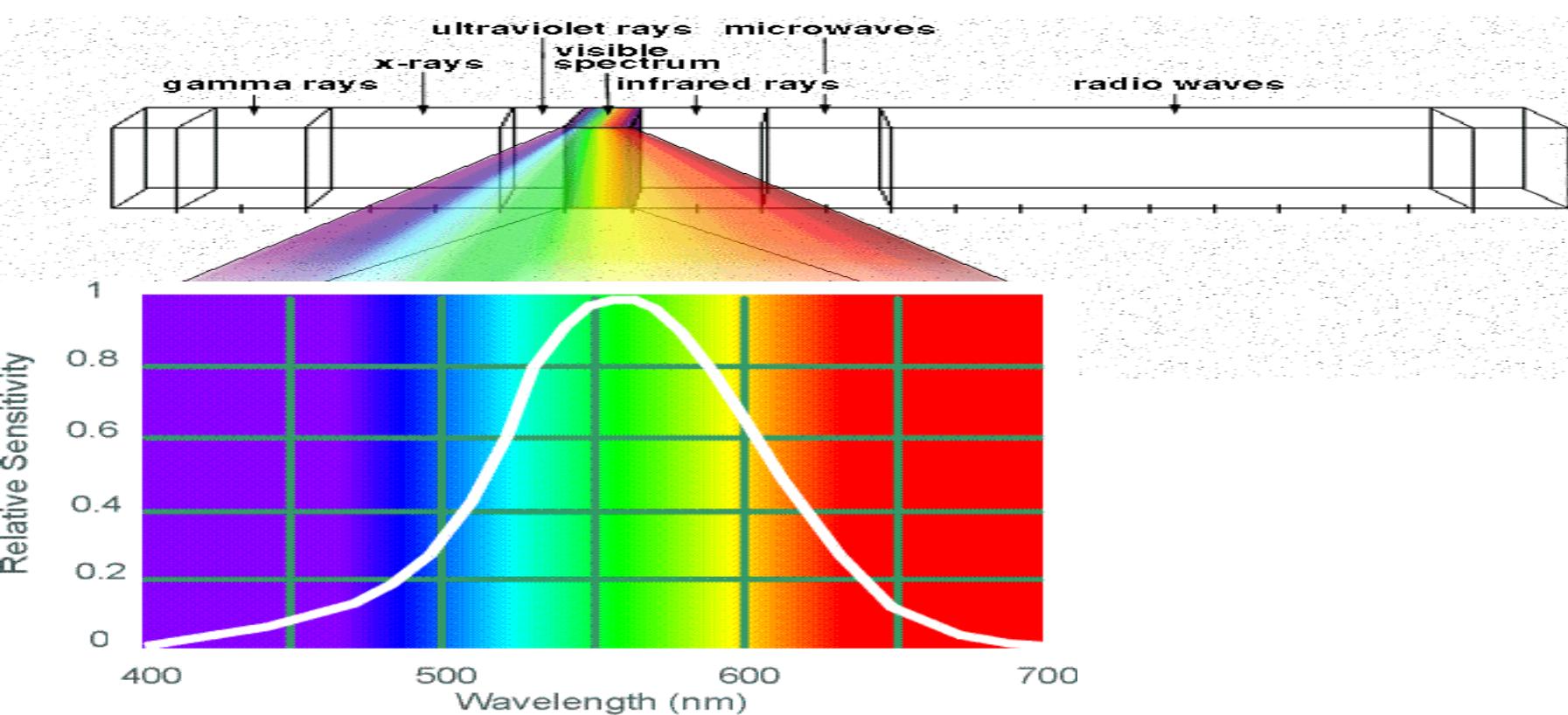
# Color and light

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



Newton 1665

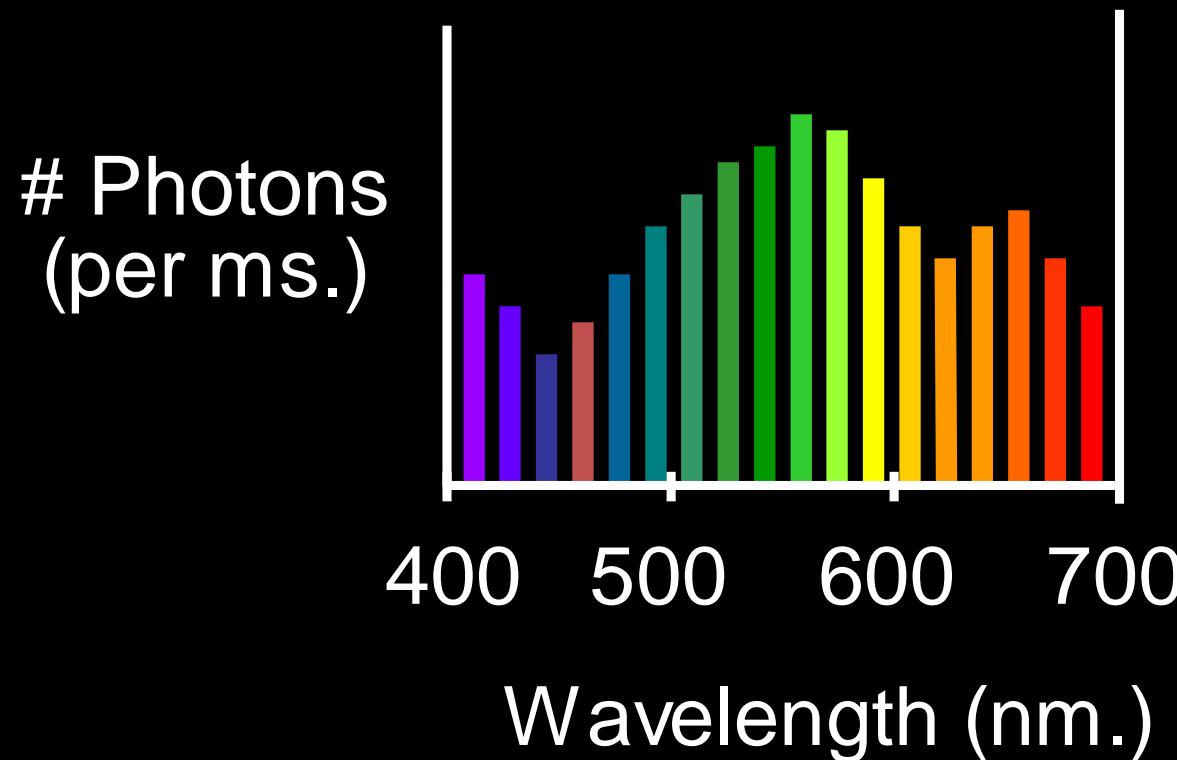
# Electromagnetic Spectrum



## Human Luminance Sensitivity Function

# The Physics of Light

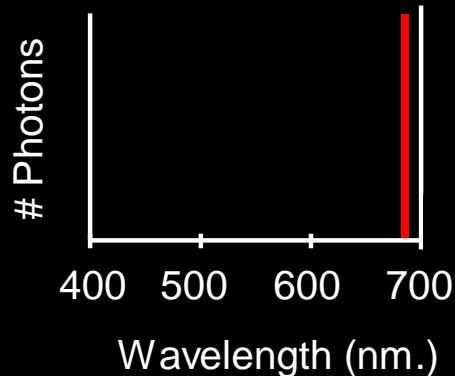
Any patch of light can be completely described physically by its spectrum: the number of photons (per time unit) at each wavelength 400 - 700 nm.



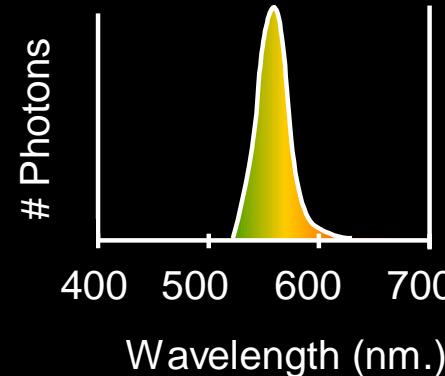
# The Physics of Light

Some examples of the spectra of light sources

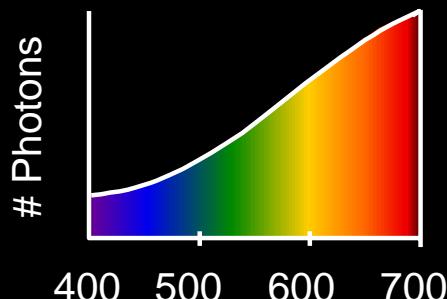
A. Ruby Laser



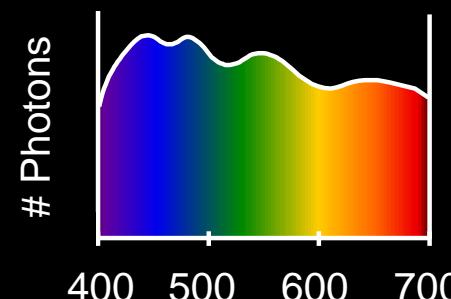
B. Gallium Phosphide Crystal



C. Tungsten Lightbulb

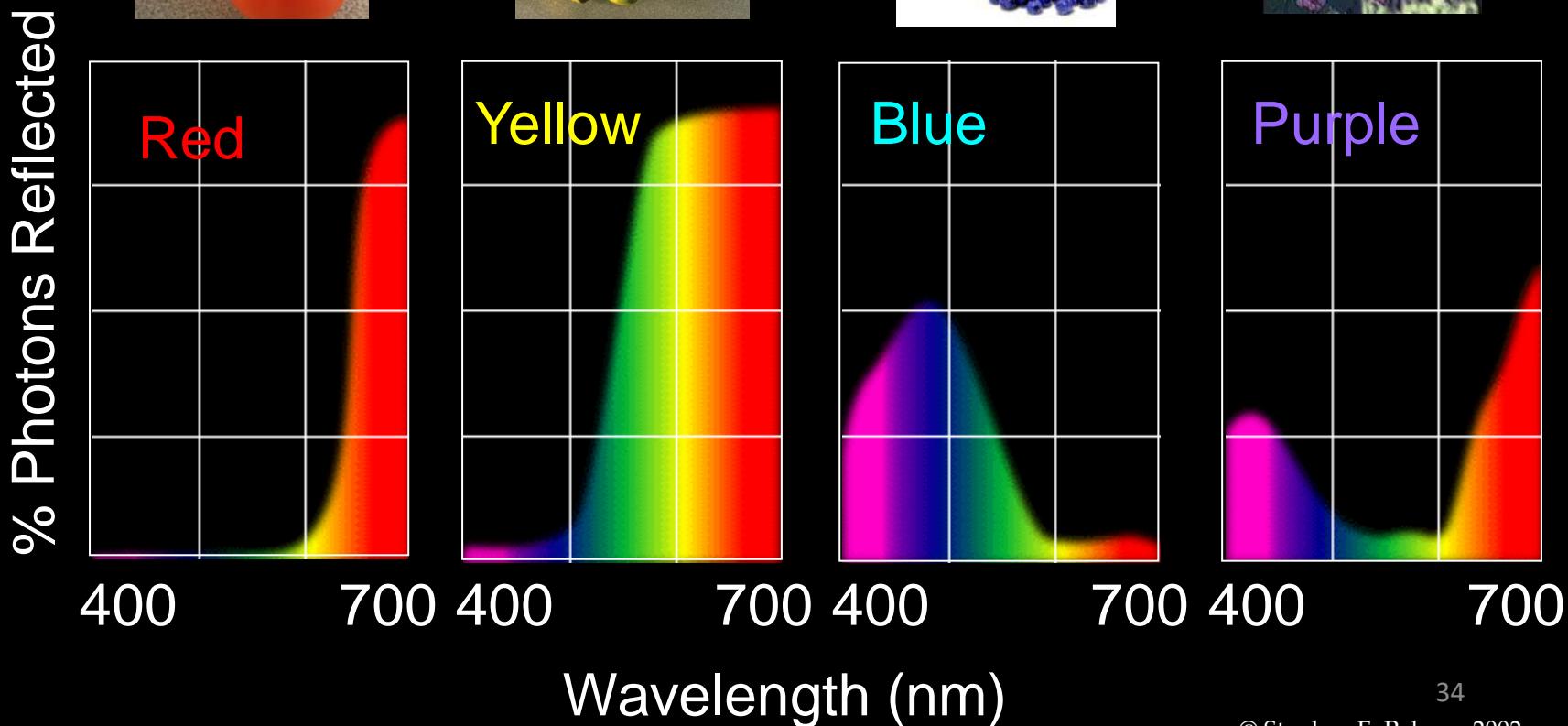


D. Normal Daylight



# The Physics of Light

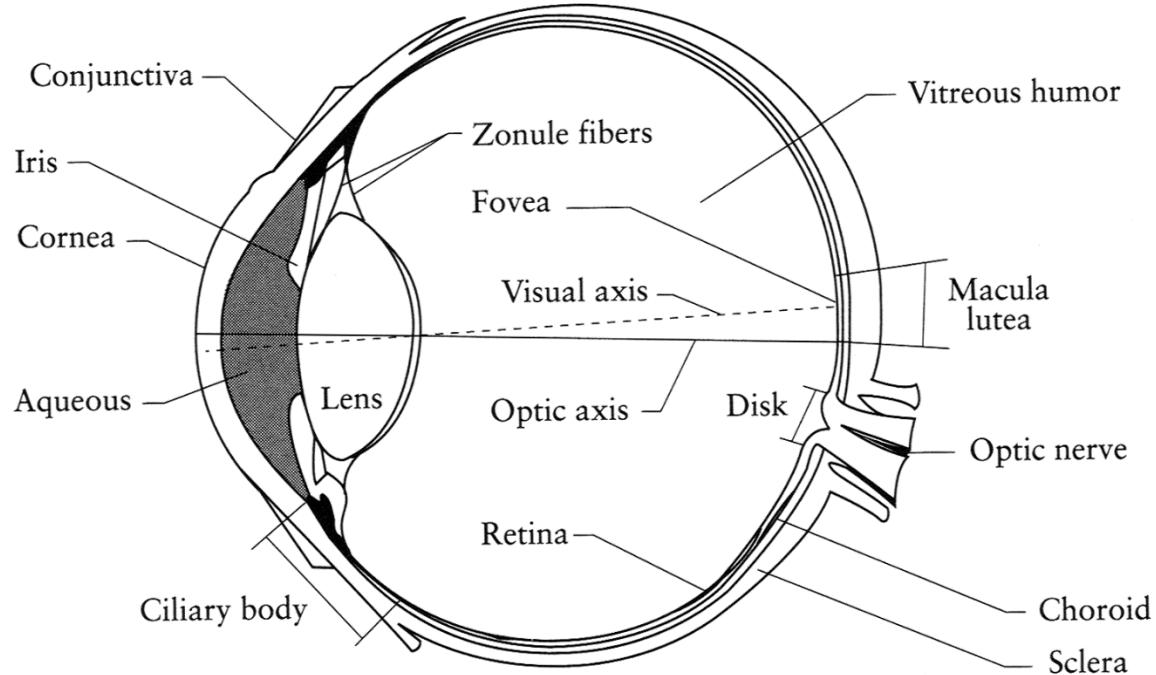
Some examples of the reflectance spectra of surfaces



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# The Eye



- The human eye is a camera
  - **Iris** - colored annulus with radial muscles
  - **Pupil** - the hole (aperture) whose size is controlled by the iris
  - What's the sensor?
    - photoreceptor cells (rods and cones) in the **retina**

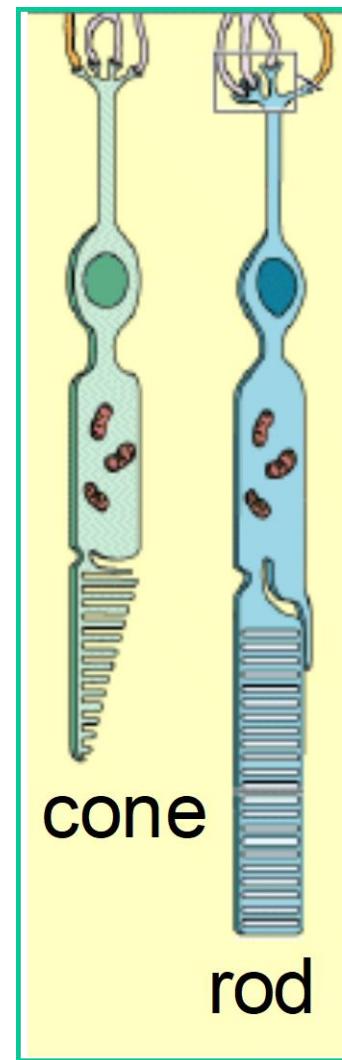
# Two types of light-sensitive receptors

## Cones

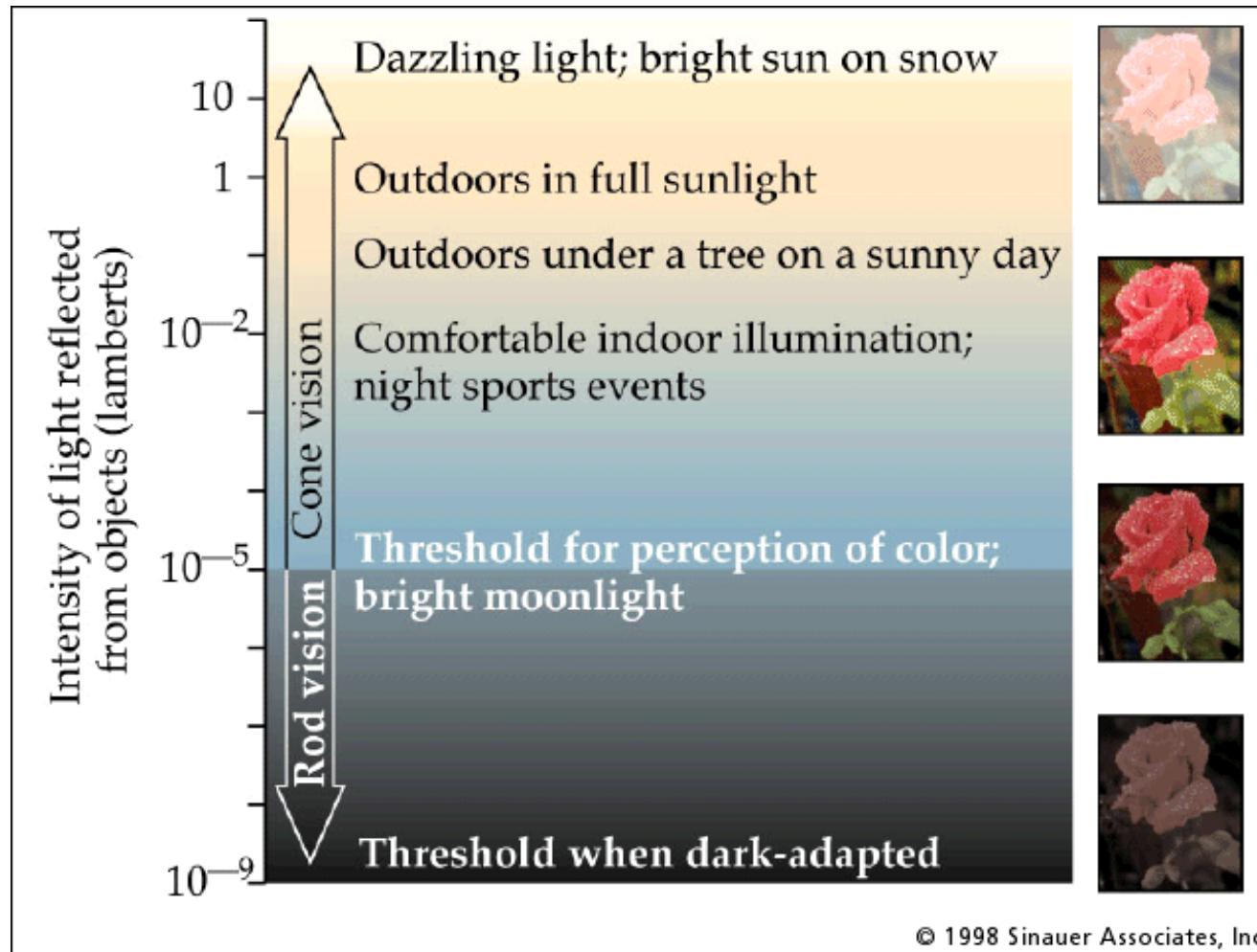
cone-shaped  
less sensitive  
operate in high light  
color vision

## Rods

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

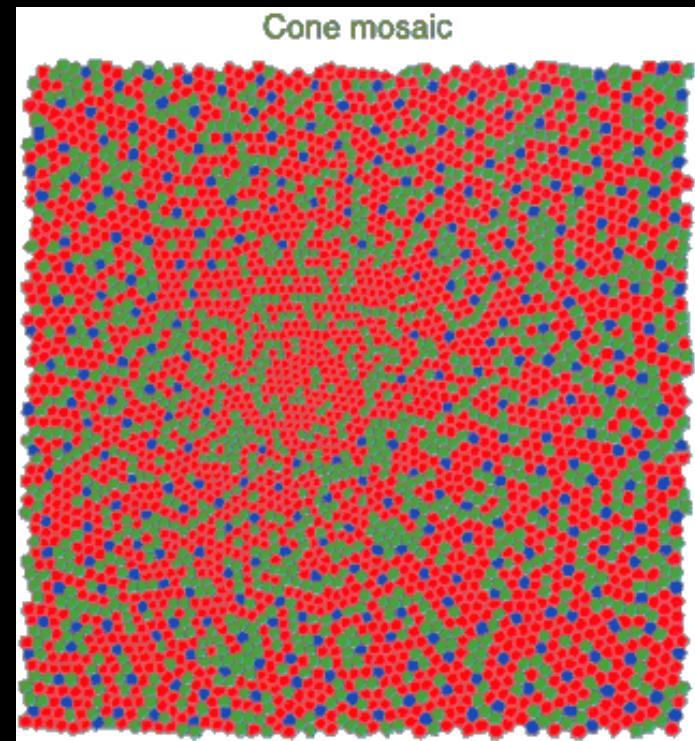
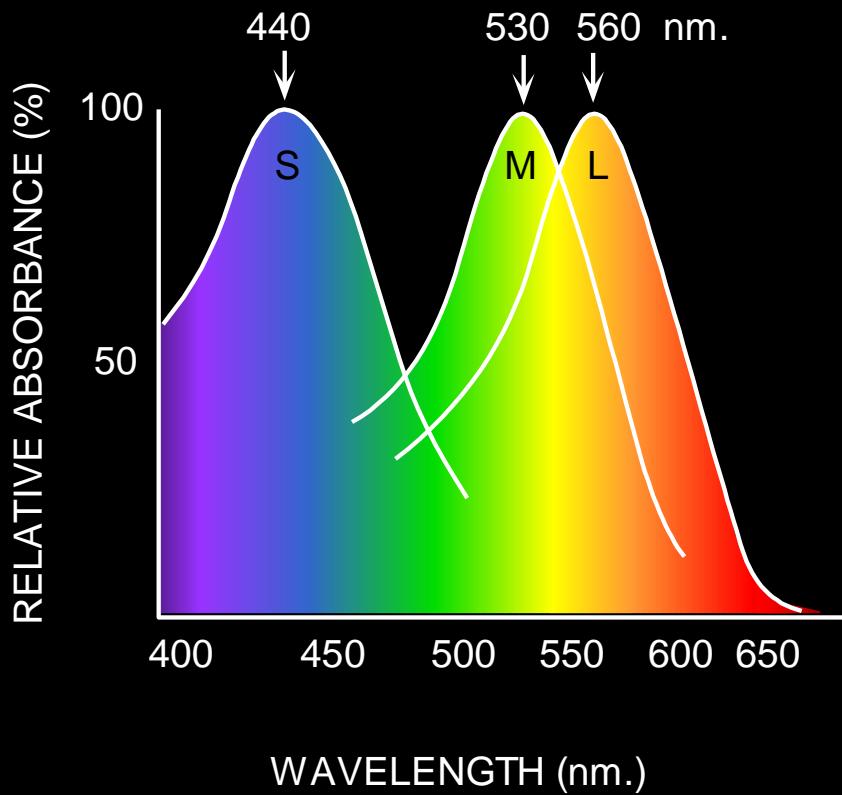


# Rod / Cone sensitivity

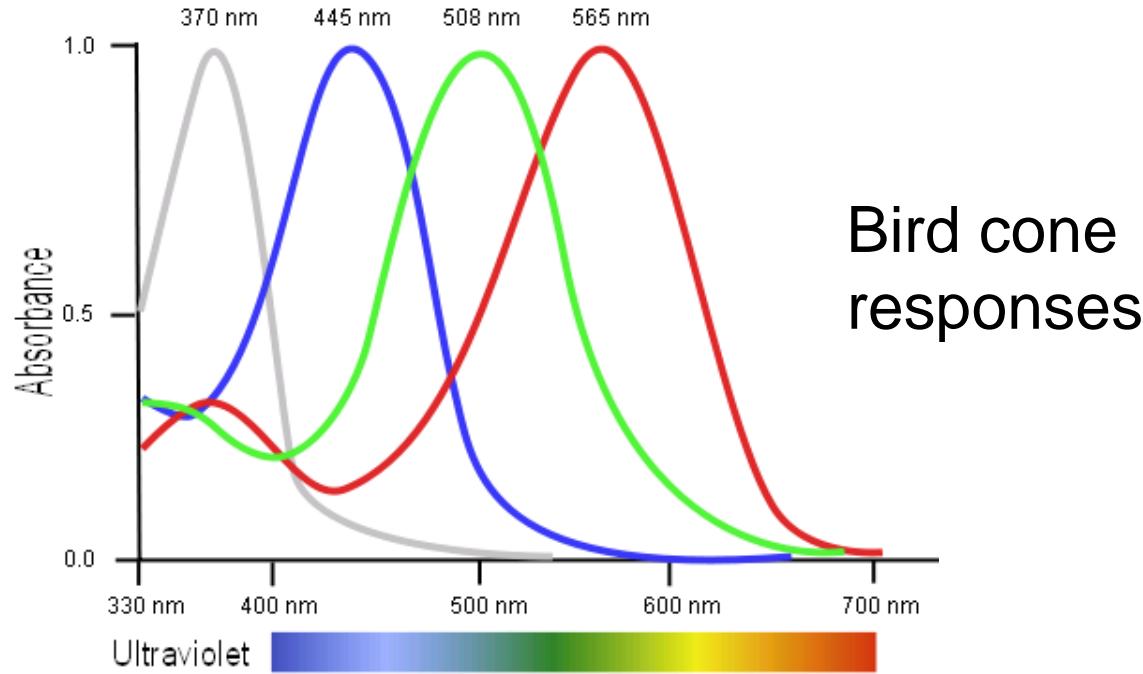


# Physiology of Color Vision

Three kinds of cones:



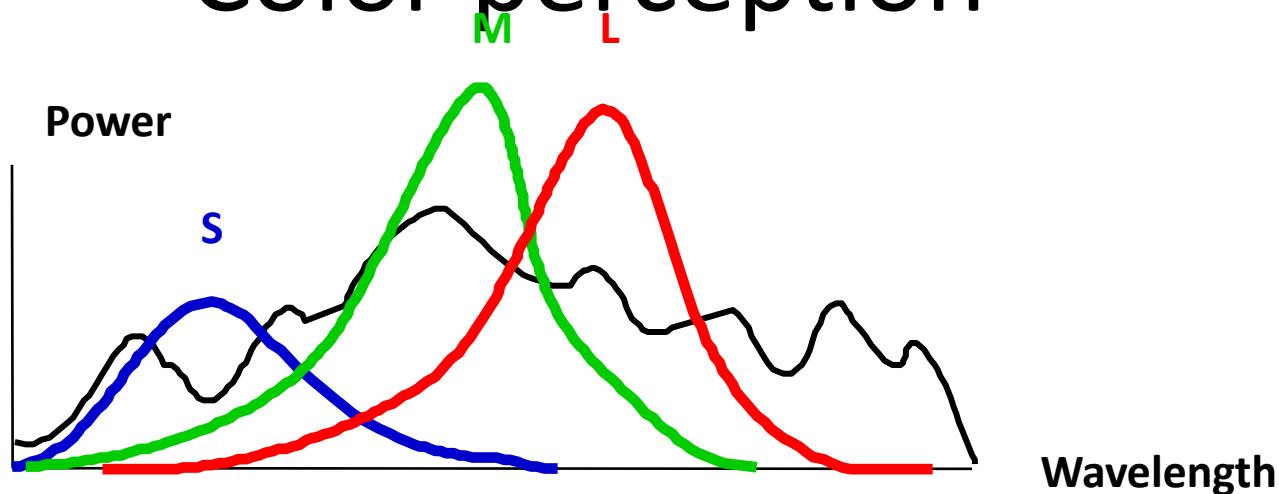
# Tetrachromatism



- Most birds, and many other animals, have cones for ultraviolet light.
- Some humans seem to have four cones (12% of females).

How animals see the world: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ss-nmT7oAA>

# Color perception

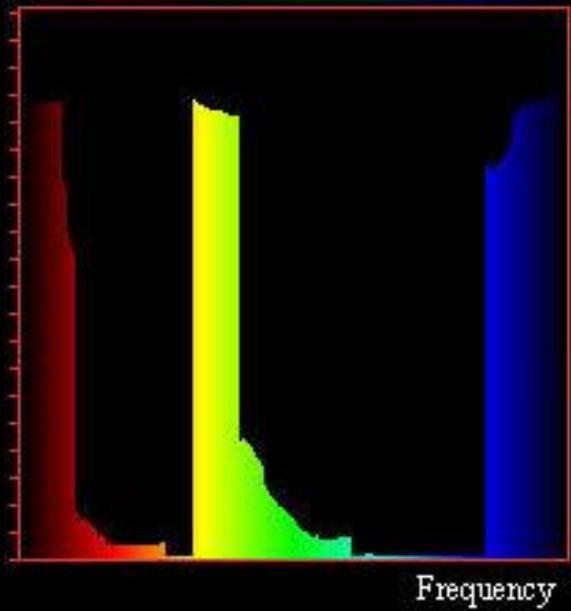


Rods and cones act as filters on the spectrum

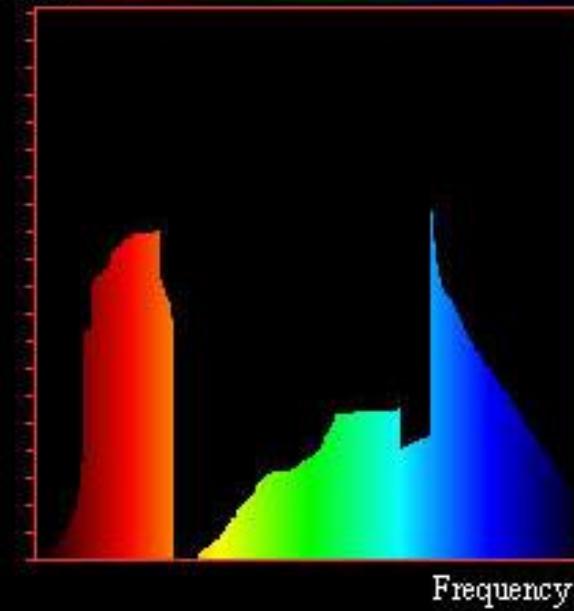
- Each cone yields one number
- Q: How can we represent an entire spectrum with 3 numbers?
- A: We can't! Most of the information is lost.
  - As a result, two different spectra may appear indistinguishable
    - » such spectra are known as **metamers**

# Metamers

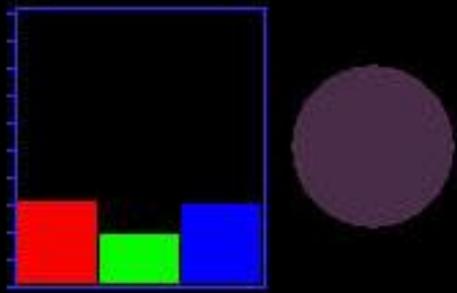
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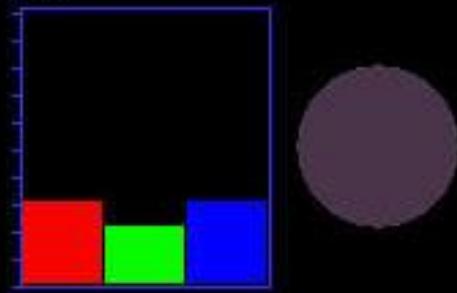
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Result

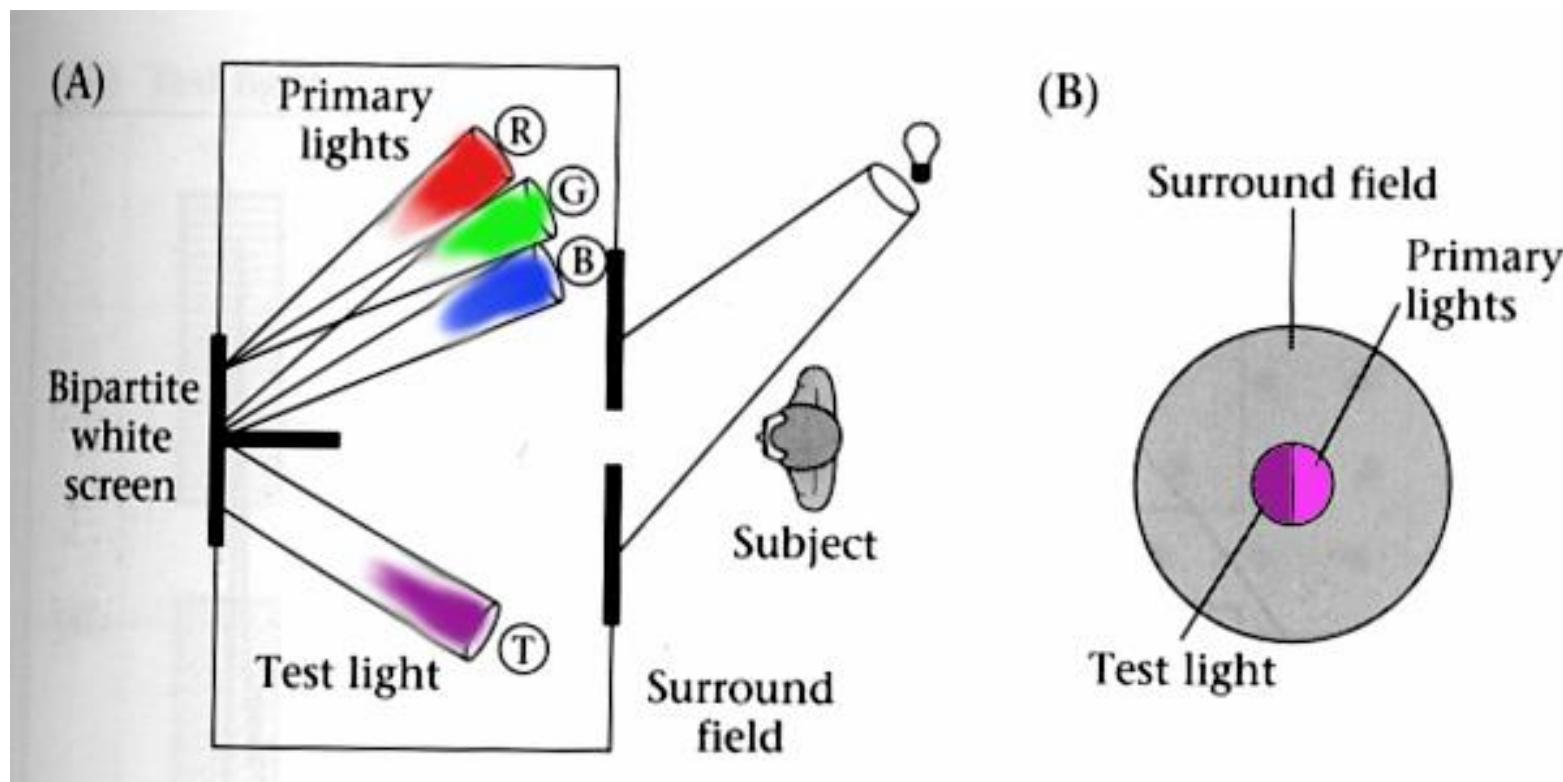


Result



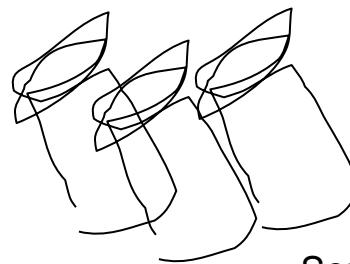
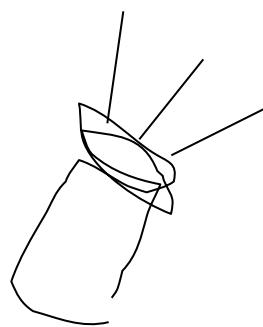
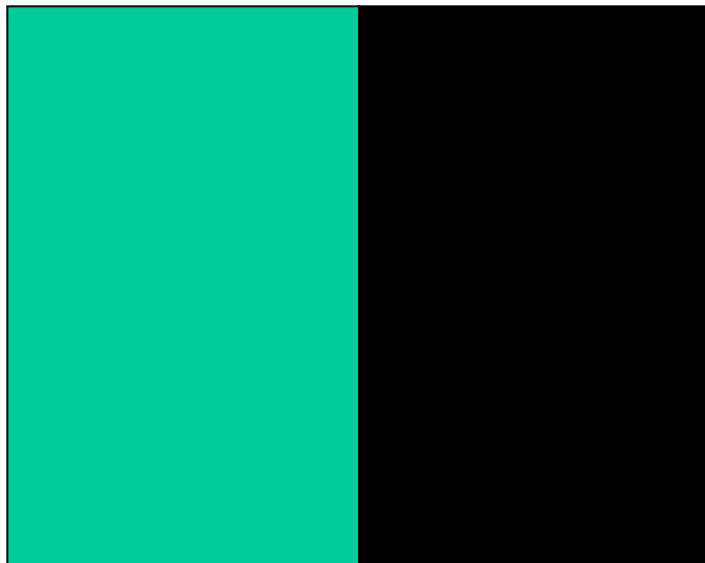
# Standardizing color experience

- We would like to understand which spectra produce the same color sensation in people under similar viewing conditions
- Color matching experiments



# Color matching experiment 1

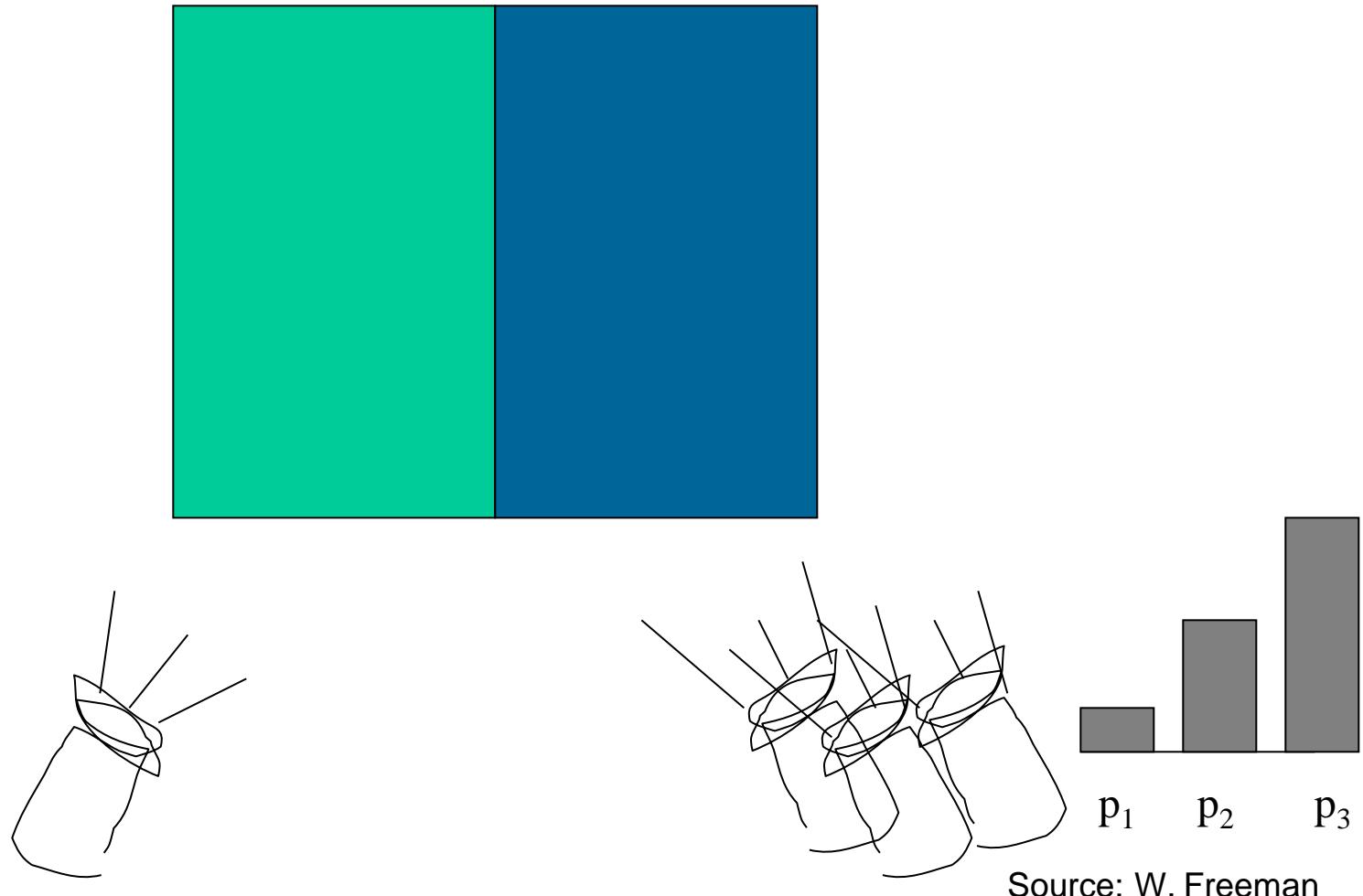
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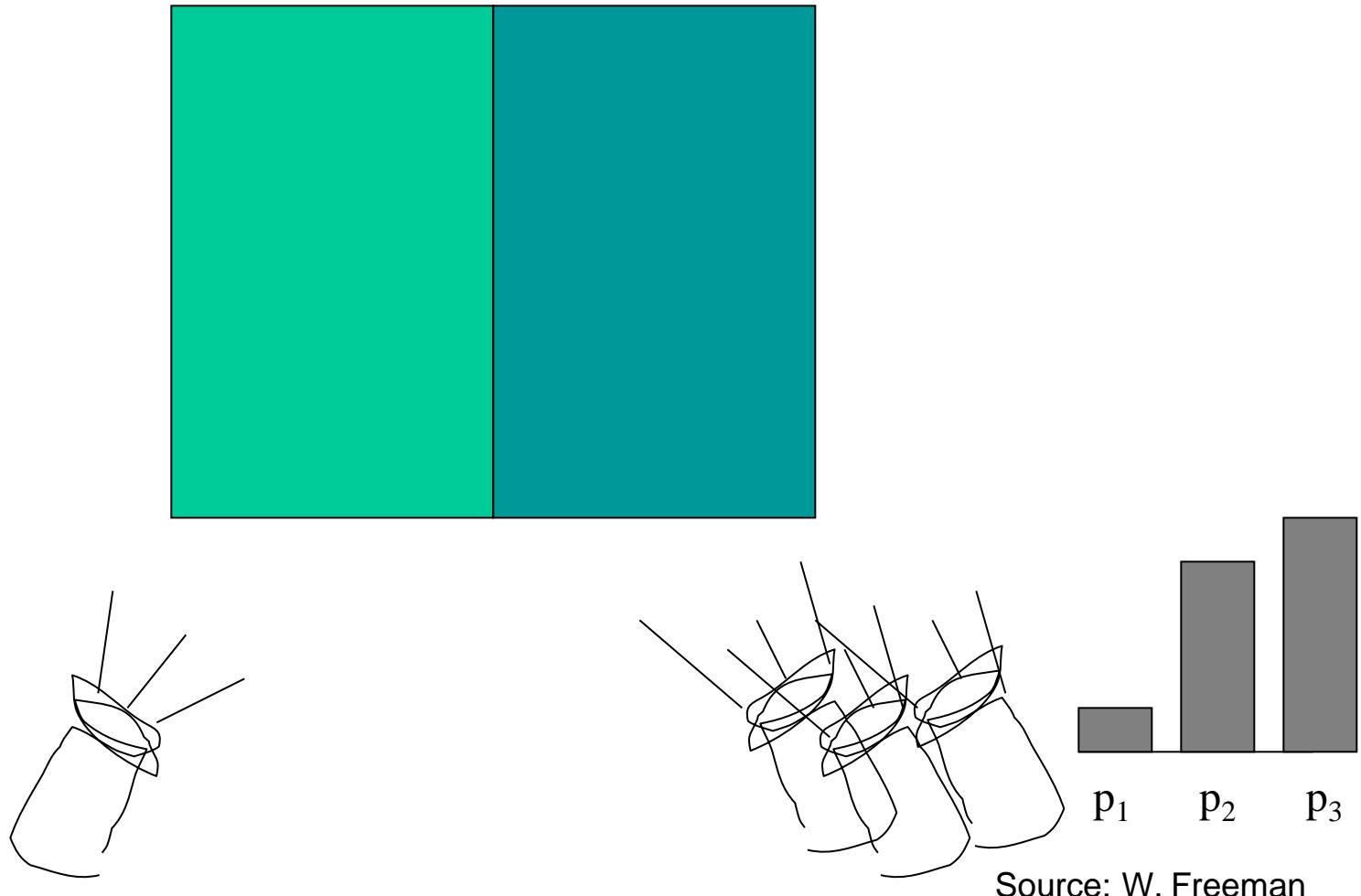
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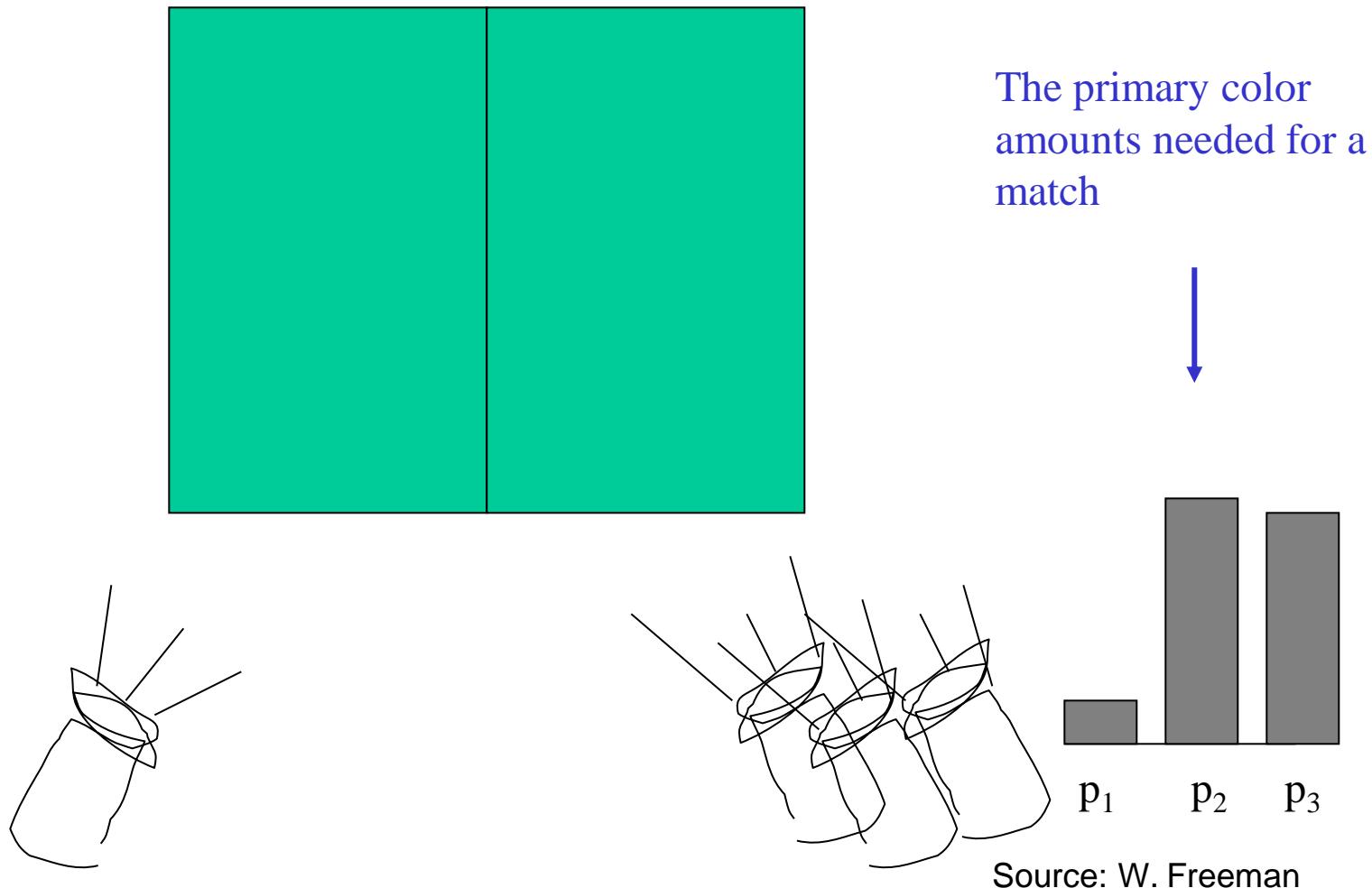
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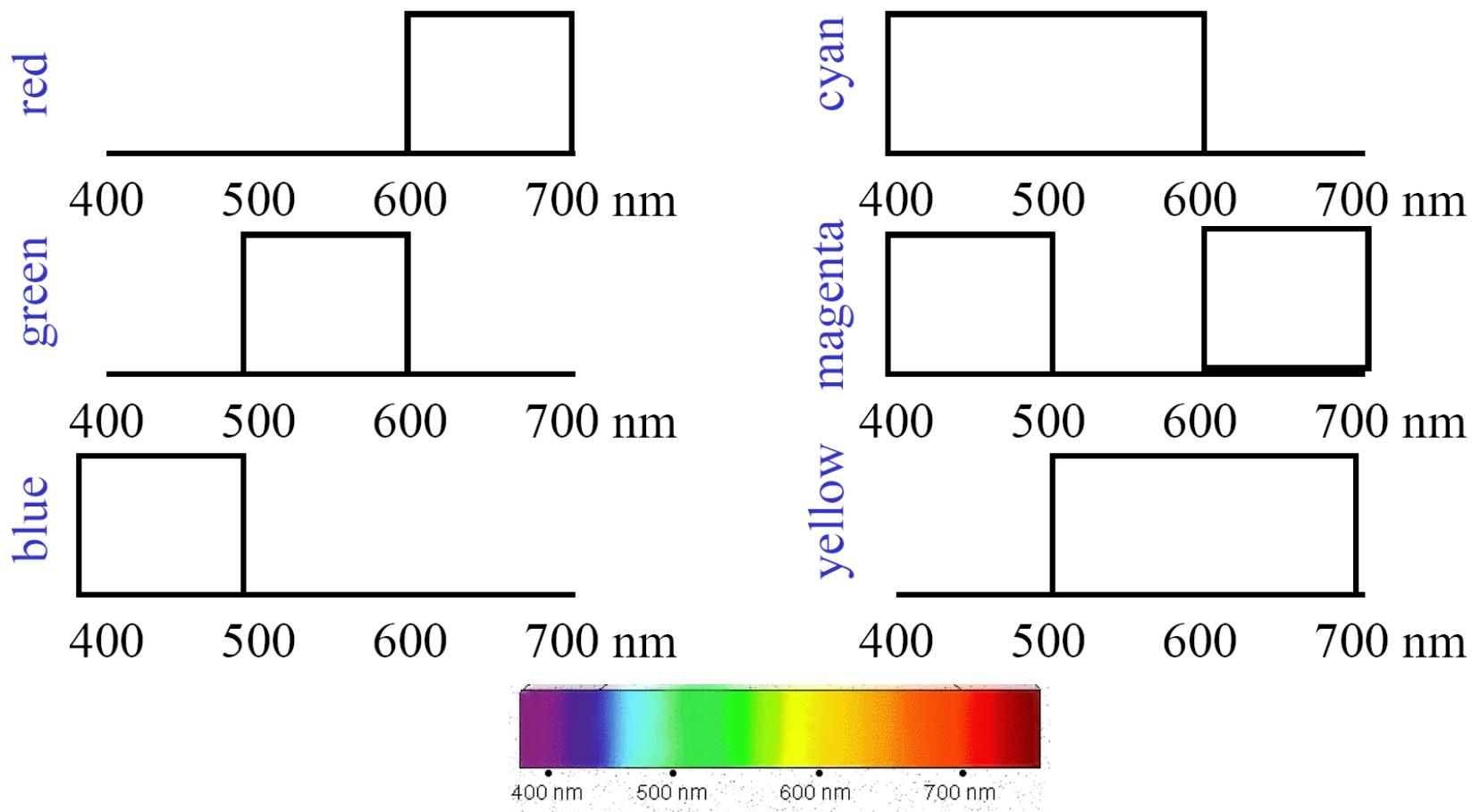
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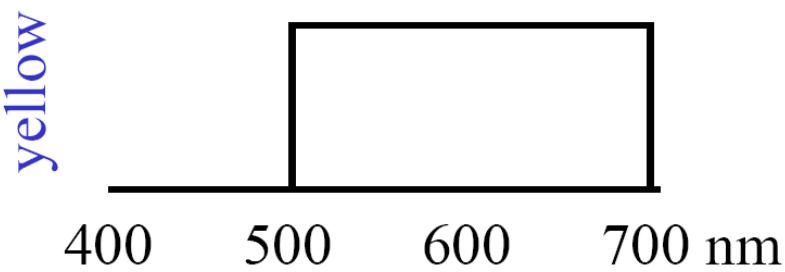
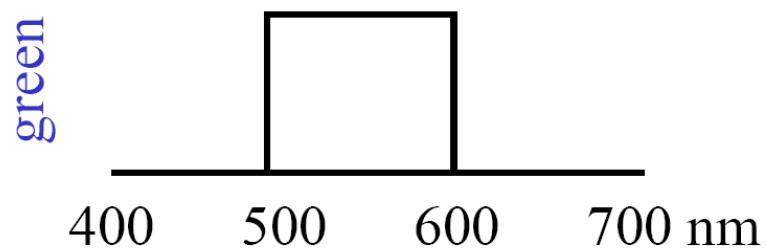
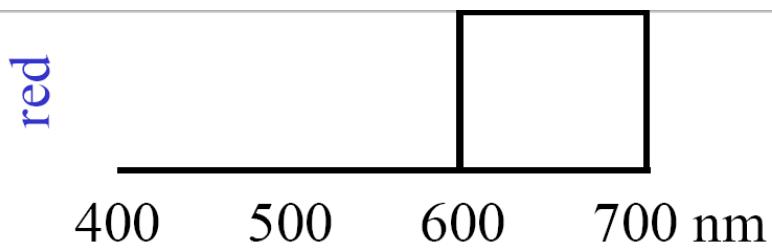
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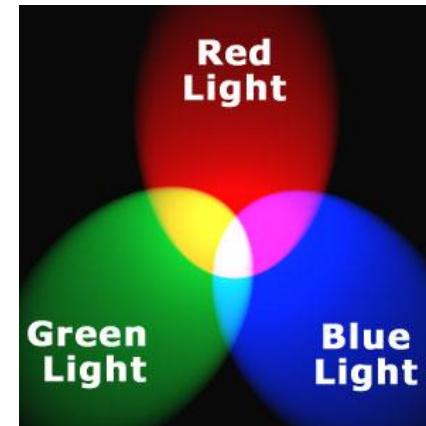


# Additive color mixing

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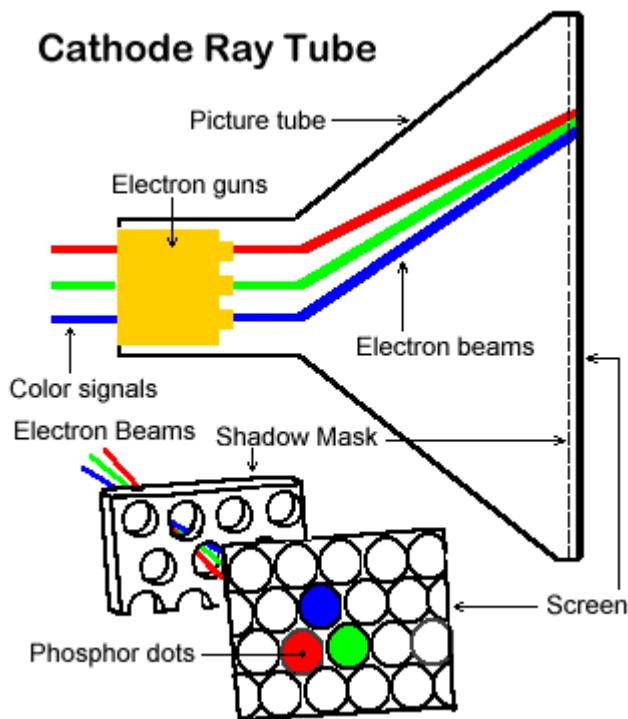


Colors combine by  
*adding* color spectra

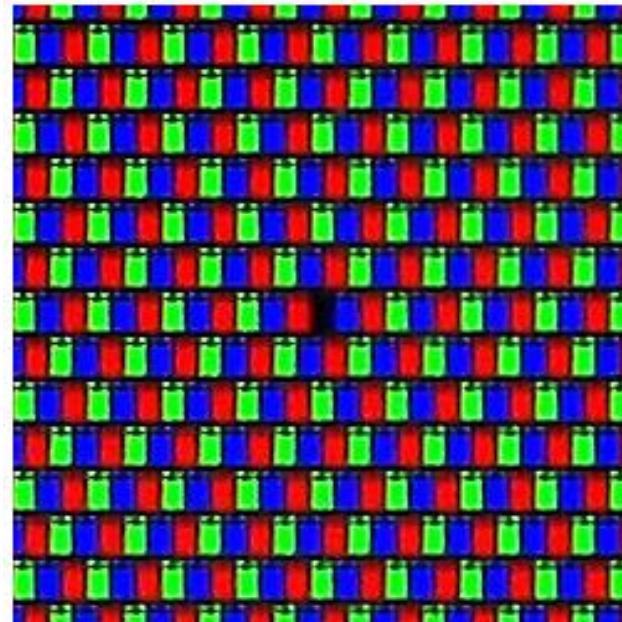


Light *adds* to  
existing black.

# Examples of additive color systems



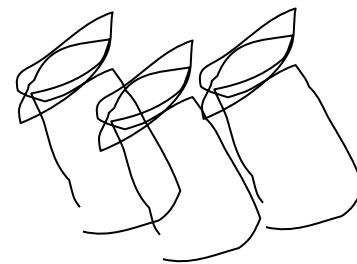
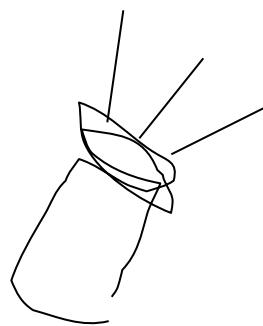
CRT phosphors



multiple projectors

# Color matching experiment 2

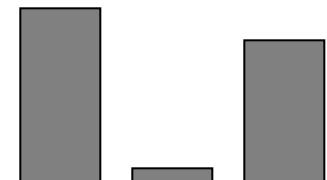
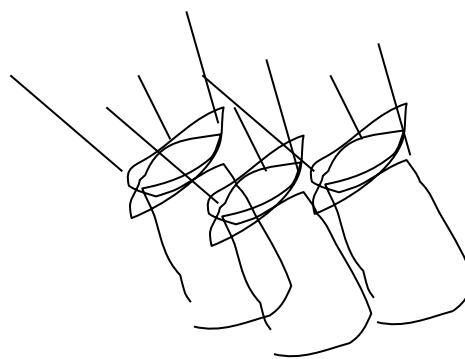
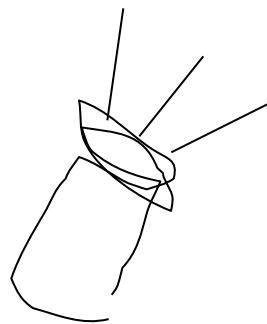
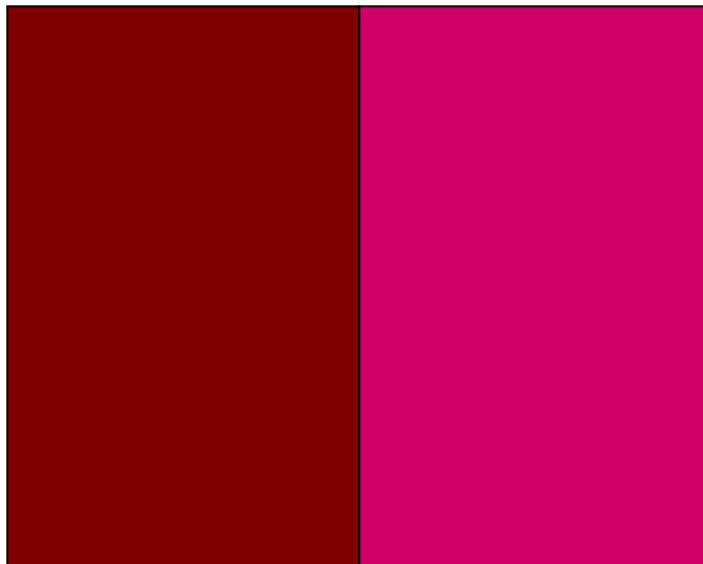
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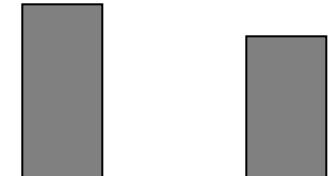
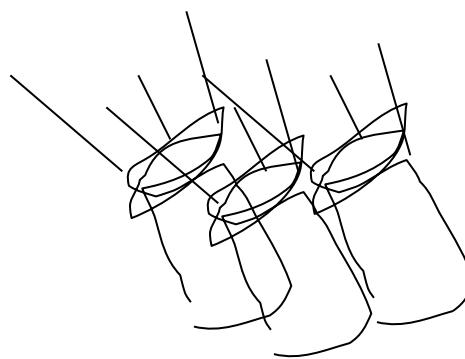
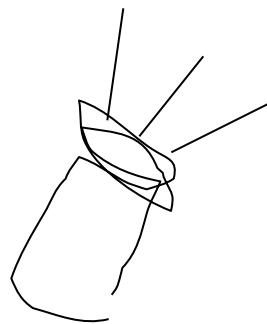
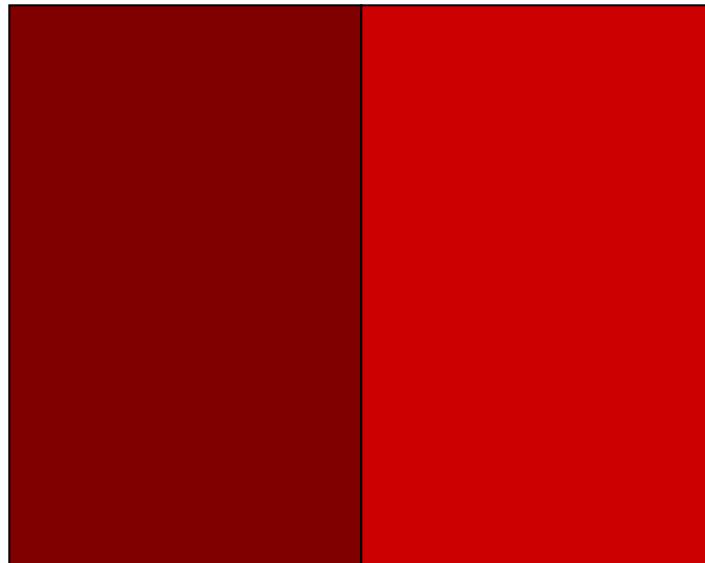
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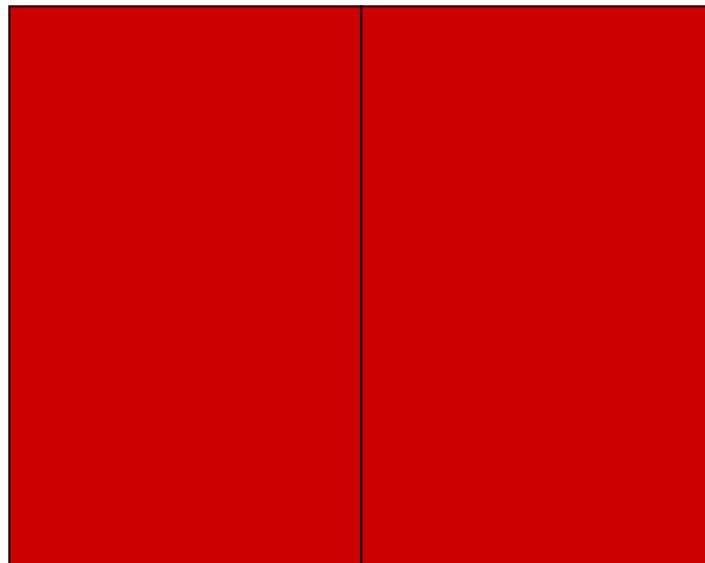


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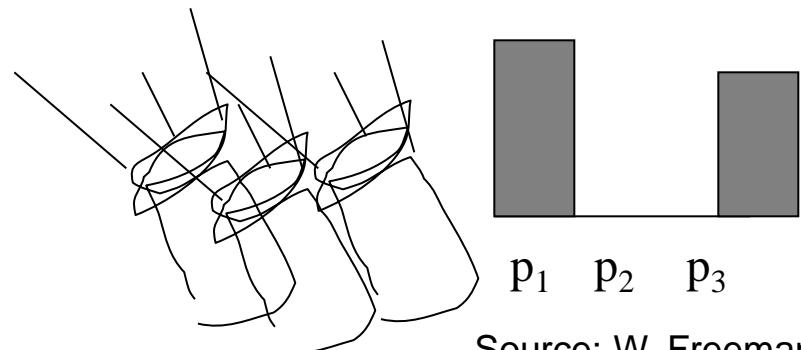
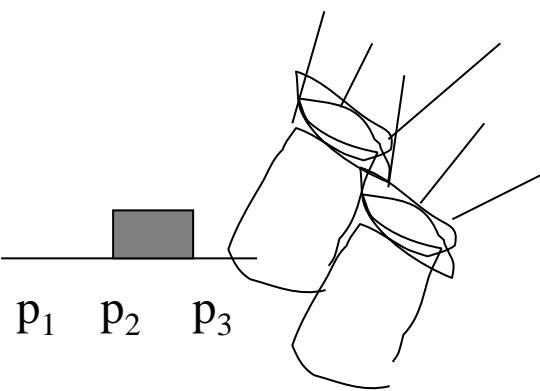
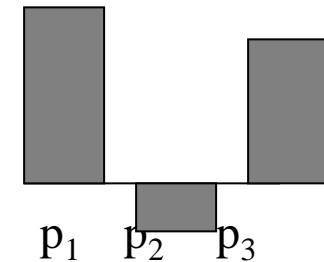
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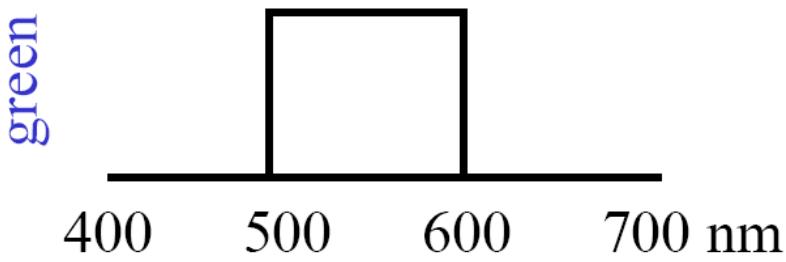
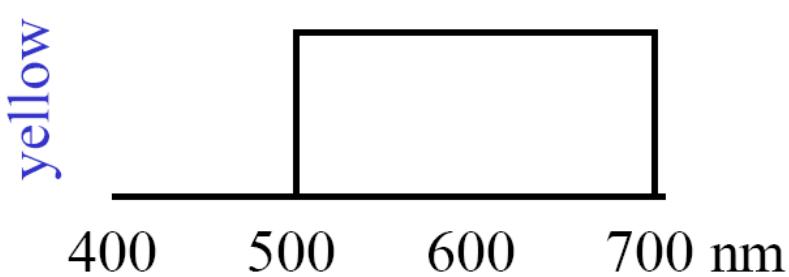
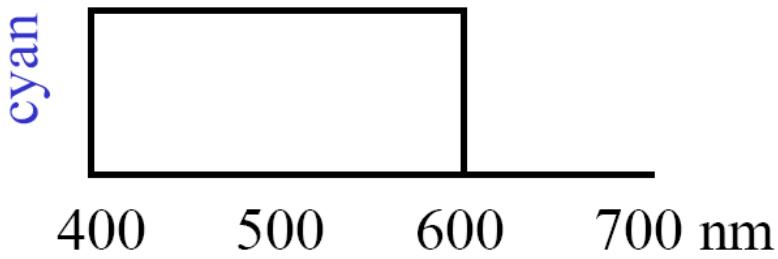
We say a “negative” amount of  $p_2$  was needed to make the match, because we added it to the test color’s side.



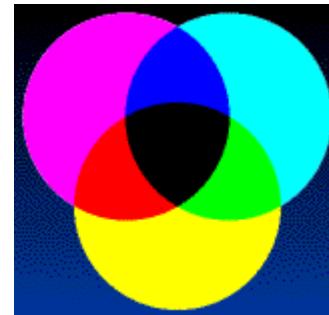
The primary color amounts needed for a match:



# 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



# Trichromacy

- 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

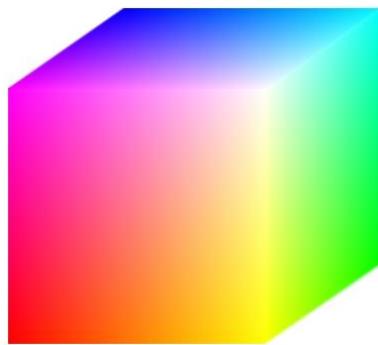
- Physics of color
- Human encoding of color
- Color spaces

# RGB space

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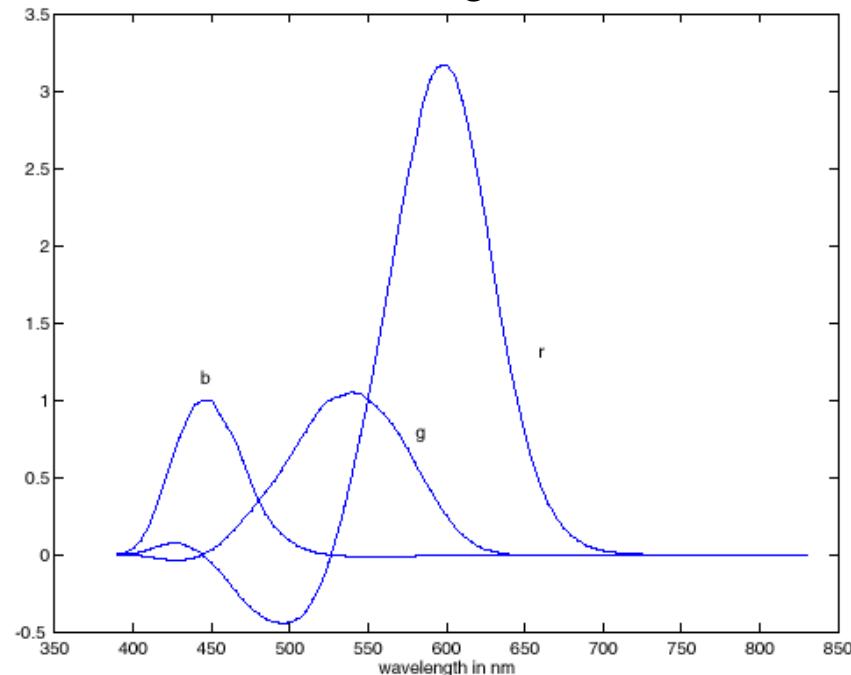
- Primaries are monochromatic lights (for monitors, they correspond to the three types of phosphors)
- *Subtractive matching* required for some wavelengths

RGB primaries



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

RGB matching functions

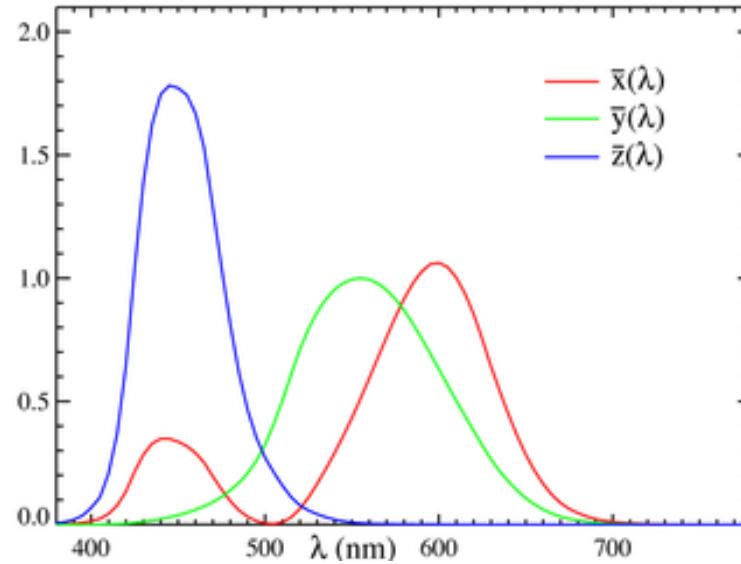
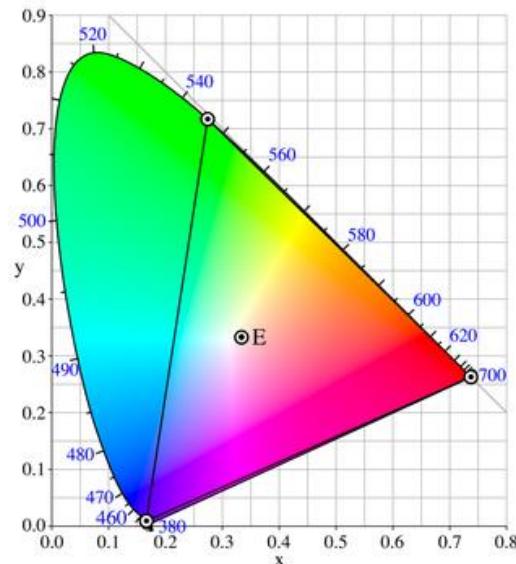


# Linear color spaces: CIE XYZ

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- Primaries are imaginary, but matching functions are everywhere positive
- The Y parameter corresponds to brightness or *luminance* of a color
- 2D visualization: draw  $(x, y)$ , where  
 $x = X/(X+Y+Z)$ ,  $y = Y/(X+Y+Z)$

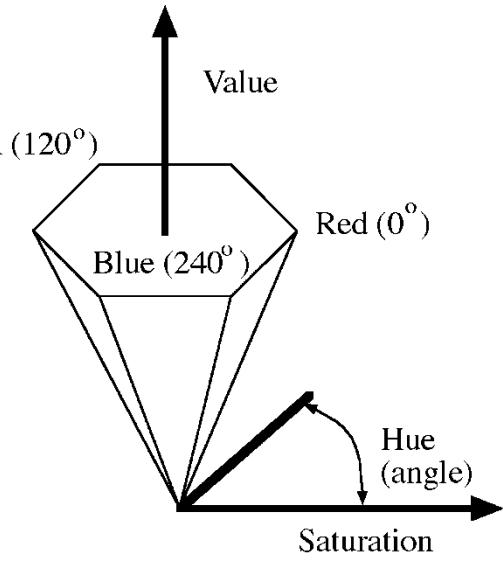
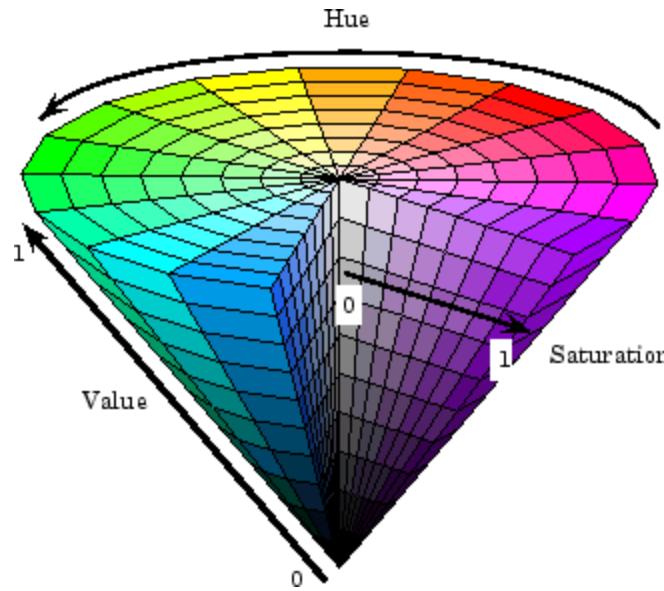
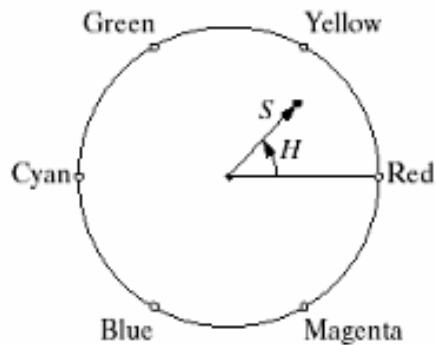
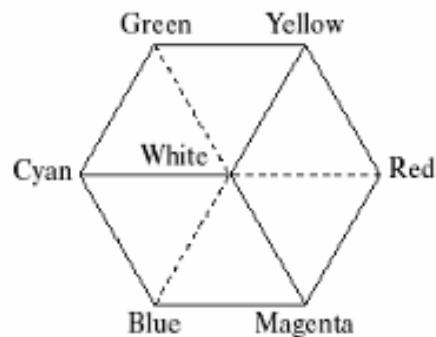
Matching functions



[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/CIE\\_1931\\_color\\_space](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/CIE_1931_color_space)

# Nonlinear color spaces: HSV

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

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If you had to choose, would you rather go without:

- intensity ('value'), or
- hue + saturation ('chroma')?

If you had to choose, would you rather go without luminance or chrominance?

# Most information in intensity

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Only color shown – constant intensity

# Most information in intensity

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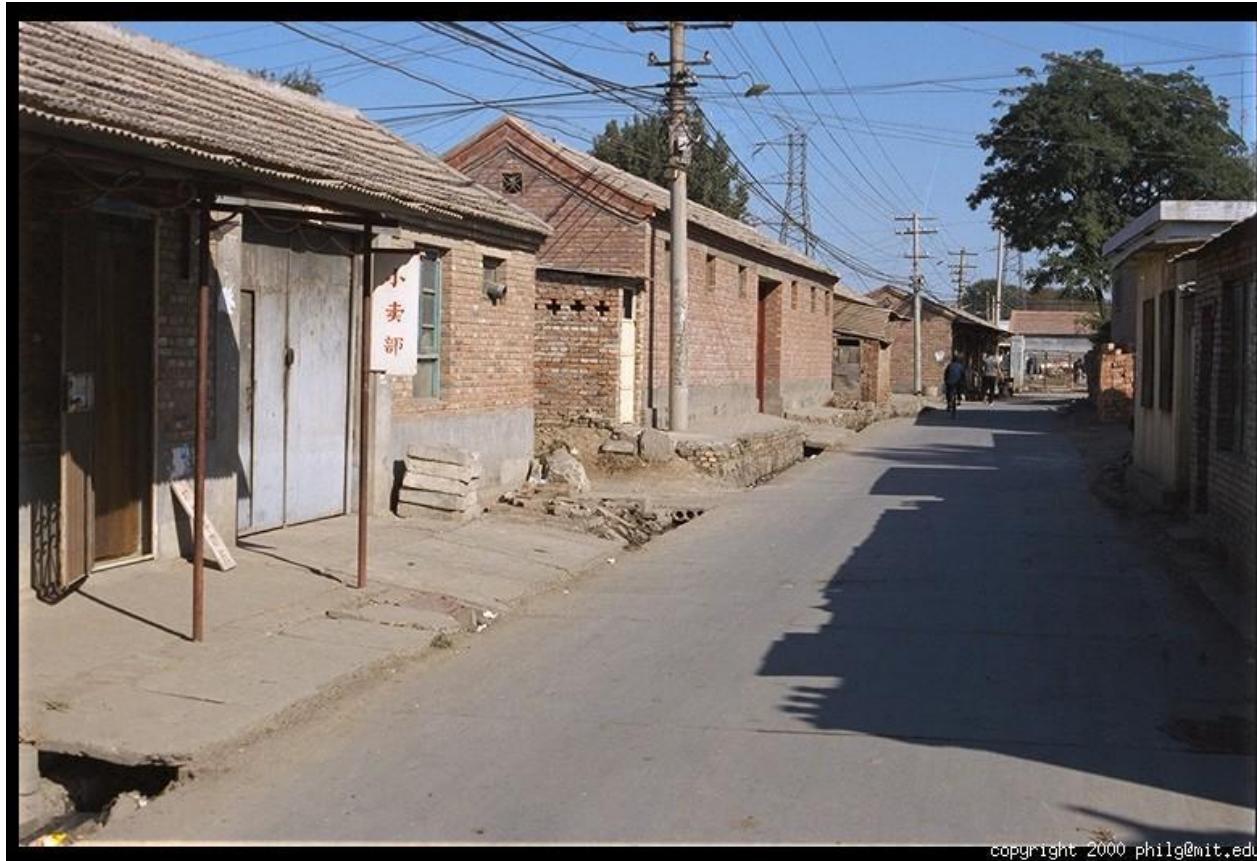


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# Most information in intensity

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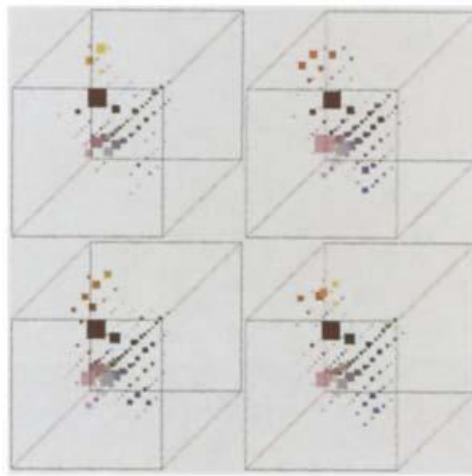
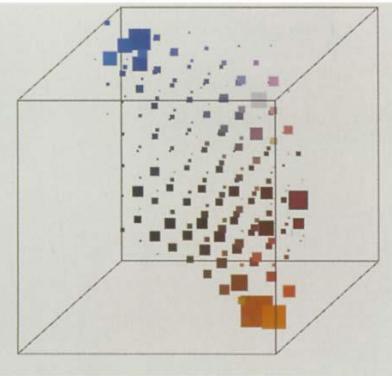
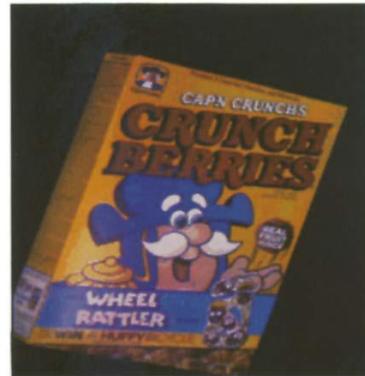
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# Uses of color in computer vision

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Color histograms for indexing and retrieval

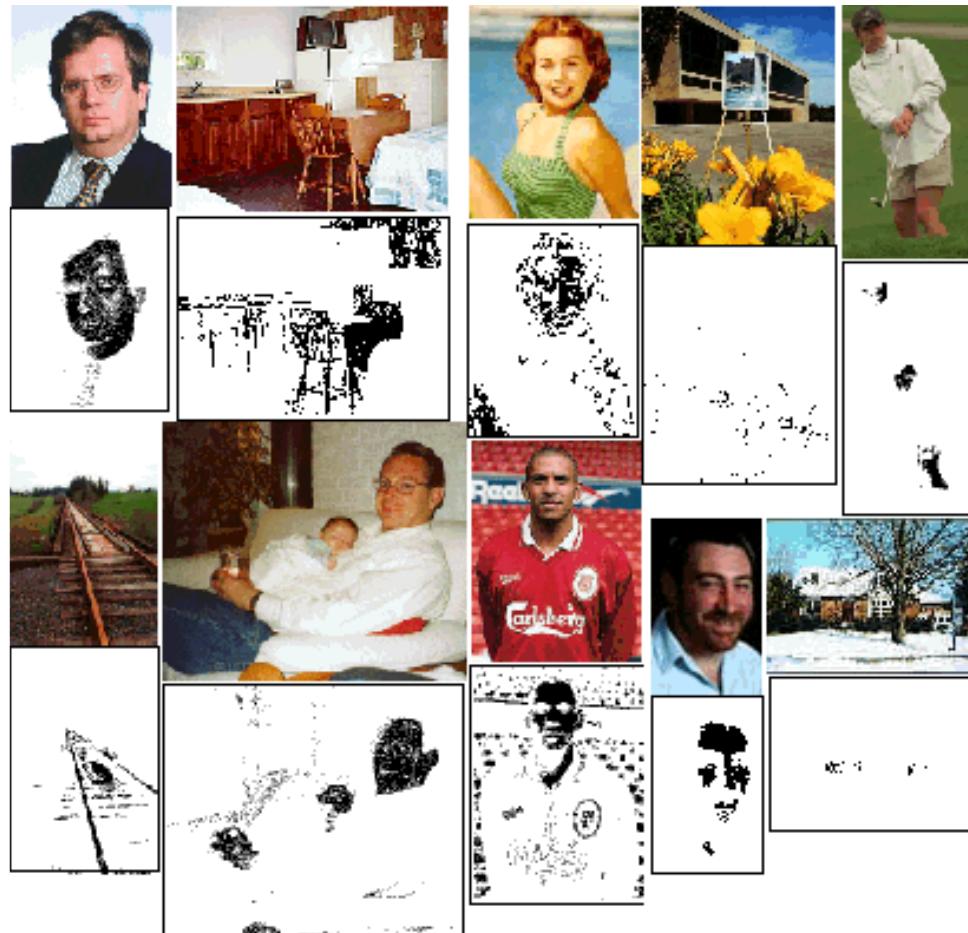


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## Skin detection



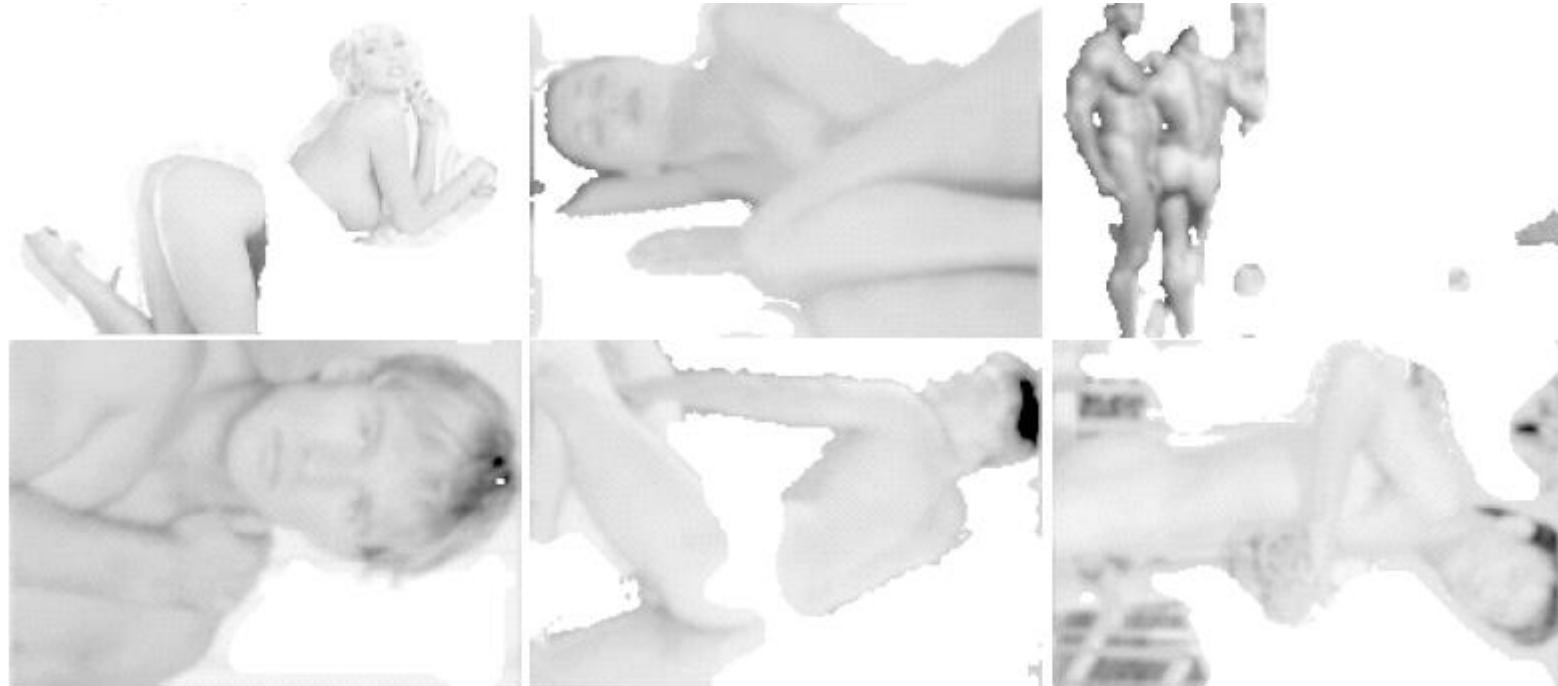
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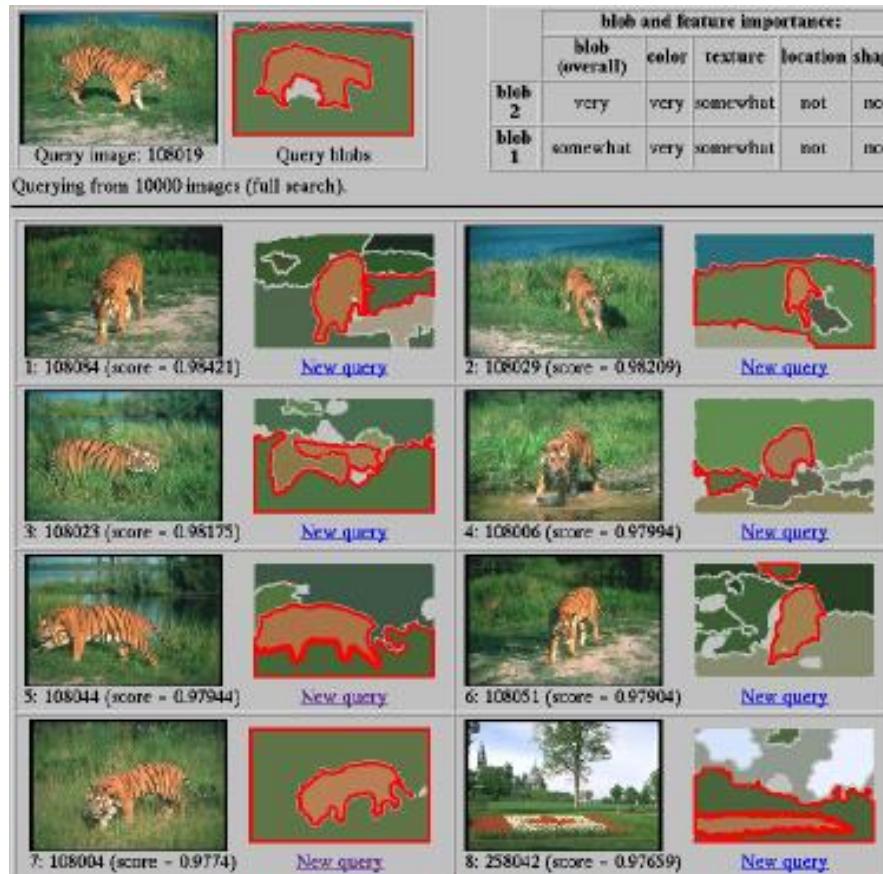
## Nude people detection



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

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## Image segmentation and retrieval



C. Carson, S. Belongie, H. Greenspan, and J. Malik, Blobworld: Image segmentation using Expectation-Maximization and its application to image querying, ICVIS 1999.

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# Uses of color in computer vision

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## Robot soccer



M. Sridharan and P. Stone, [Towards Eliminating Manual Color Calibration at RoboCup](#). RoboCup-2005: Robot Soccer World Cup IX, Springer Verlag, 2006

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# Self-Reading

# White balance

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- When looking at a picture on screen or print, we adapt to the illuminant of the room, not to that of the scene in the picture
- When the white balance is not correct, the picture will have an unnatural color “cast”

incorrect white balance



correct white balance



# White balance

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- 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

<b>AWB</b>	Auto White Balance
	Custom
<b>K</b>	Kelvin
	Tungsten
	Fluorescent
	Daylight
	Flash
	Cloudy
	Shade

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  - 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  $1/r_w, 1/g_w, 1/b_w$



# White balance

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- 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  $1/r_{ave}$ ,  $1/g_{ave}$ ,  $1/b_{ave}$
- 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

# Linear Algebra Primer

# Outline

- Vectors and matrices
  - Basic Matrix Operations
  - Determinants, norms, trace
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# Vector

- A column vector  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times 1}$  where

$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{bmatrix}$$

- A row vector  $\mathbf{v}^T \in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times n}$  where

$$\mathbf{v}^T = [v_1 \quad v_2 \quad \dots \quad v_n]$$

$T$  denotes the transpose operation

# Matrix

- A matrix  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  is an array of numbers with size  $m$  by  $n$ , i.e.  $m$  rows and  $n$  columns.

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & & & & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & a_{m3} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$$

- If  $m = n$ , we say that  $\mathbf{A}$  is square.

# Basic Matrix Operations

- We will discuss:
  - Addition
  - Scaling
  - Dot product
  - Multiplication
  - Transpose
  - Inverse / pseudoinverse
  - Determinant / trace

# Vectors

- **Norm**  $\|x\|_2 = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}$
- More formally, a norm is any function  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  that satisfies 4 properties:
  - **Non-negativity:** For all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $f(x) \geq 0$
  - **Definiteness:**  $f(x) = 0$  if and only if  $x = 0$ .
  - **Homogeneity:** For all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f(tx) = |t| f(x)$
  - **Triangle inequality:** For all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $f(x + y) \leq f(x) + f(y)$

# Matrix Operations

- **Example Norms**

$$\|x\|_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i| \qquad \|x\|_\infty = \max_i |x_i|.$$

- General  $\ell_p$  norms:

$$\|x\|_p = \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^p \right)^{1/p}$$

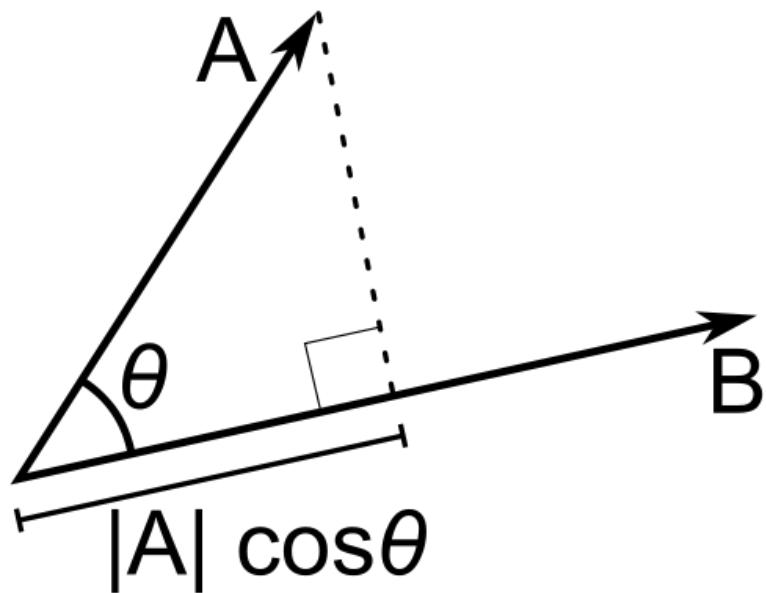
# Matrix Operations

- Inner product (dot product) of vectors
  - Multiply corresponding entries of two vectors and add up the result
  - $\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y}$  is also  $|\mathbf{x}| |\mathbf{y}| \cos(\text{the angle between } \mathbf{x} \text{ and } \mathbf{y})$

$$\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{y} = [x_1 \quad \dots \quad x_n] \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix} = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i \quad (\text{scalar})$$

# Matrix Operations

- Inner product (dot product) of vectors
  - If  $B$  is a unit vector, then  $A \cdot B$  gives the length of  $A$  which lies in the direction of  $B$



# Matrix Operations

- The product of two matrices

$$A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$$

$$C = AB \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times p}$$

$$B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$$

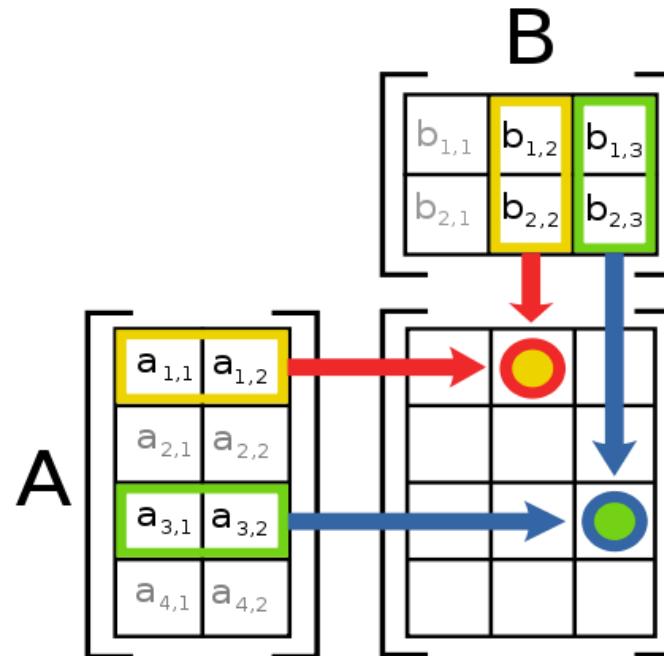
$$C_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^n A_{ik} B_{kj}$$

$$C = AB = \begin{bmatrix} & a_1^T & \\ & a_2^T & \\ \vdots & & \\ & a_m^T & \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} & & & \\ b_1 & b_2 & \cdots & b_p \\ & & & \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1^T b_1 & a_1^T b_2 & \cdots & a_1^T b_p \\ a_2^T b_1 & a_2^T b_2 & \cdots & a_2^T b_p \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_m^T b_1 & a_m^T b_2 & \cdots & a_m^T b_p \end{bmatrix}.$$

# Matrix Operations

- Multiplication

- The product AB is:



- Each entry in the result is (that row of A) dot product with (that column of B)
- Many uses, which will be covered later

# Matrix Operations

- Powers
  - By convention, we can refer to the matrix product  $AA$  as  $A^2$ , and  $AAA$  as  $A^3$ , etc.
  - Obviously only square matrices can be multiplied that way

# Matrix Operations

- Transpose – flip matrix, so row 1 becomes column 1

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & \dots \\ \downarrow & \nearrow & \dots \\ \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}^T = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

- A useful identity:

$$(ABC)^T = C^T B^T A^T$$

# Matrix Operations

- Determinant
  - $\det(\mathbf{A})$  returns a scalar
  - Represents area (or volume) of the parallelogram described by the vectors in the rows of the matrix

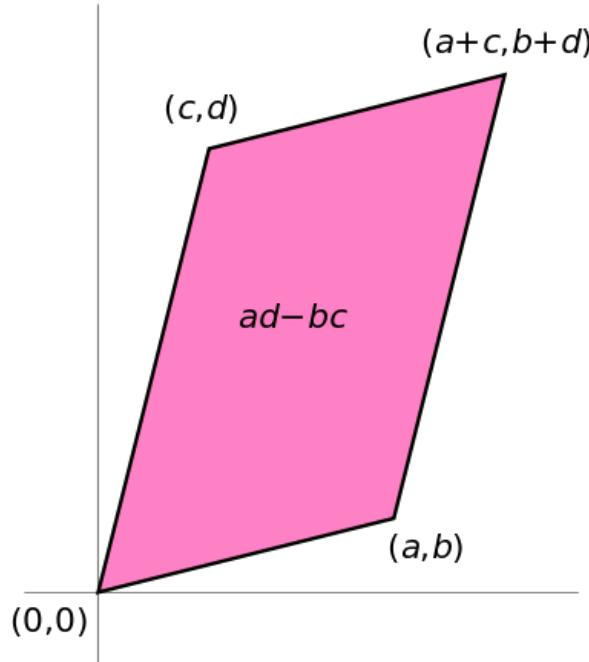
- For  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\det(\mathbf{A}) = ad - bc$

- Properties:  $\det(\mathbf{AB}) = \det(\mathbf{BA})$

$$\det(\mathbf{A}^{-1}) = \frac{1}{\det(\mathbf{A})}$$

$$\det(\mathbf{A}^T) = \det(\mathbf{A})$$

$$\det(\mathbf{A}) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{A} \text{ is singular}$$



# Matrix Operations

- **Trace**

$\text{tr}(\mathbf{A})$  = sum of diagonal elements

$$\text{tr}\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 5 & 7 \end{bmatrix}\right) = 1 + 7 = 8$$

- Invariant to a lot of transformations, so it's used sometimes in proofs. (Rarely in this class though.)
- Properties:

$$\text{tr}(\mathbf{AB}) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{BA})$$

$$\text{tr}(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{A}) + \text{tr}(\mathbf{B})$$

# Matrix Operations

- **Vector Norms**

$$\|x\|_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i| \quad \|x\|_\infty = \max_i |x_i|.$$

$$\|x\|_2 = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}. \quad \|x\|_p = \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^p \right)^{1/p}$$

- Matrix norms: Norms can also be defined for matrices, such as

$$\|A\|_F = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n A_{ij}^2} = \sqrt{\text{tr}(A^T A)}.$$

# Special Matrices

- Identity matrix  $\mathbf{I}$ 
  - Square matrix, 1's along diagonal, 0's elsewhere
  - $\mathbf{I} \cdot [\text{another matrix}] = [\text{that matrix}]$
- Diagonal matrix
  - Square matrix with numbers along diagonal, 0's elsewhere
  - A diagonal  $\cdot$  [another matrix] scales the rows of that matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 7 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2.5 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Special Matrices

- Symmetric matrix

$$\mathbf{A}^T = \mathbf{A}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 5 \\ 2 & 1 & 7 \\ 5 & 7 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Skew-symmetric matrix

$$\mathbf{A}^T = -\mathbf{A}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -2 & -5 \\ 2 & 0 & -7 \\ 5 & 7 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Inverse

- Given a matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ , its inverse  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$  is a matrix such that  $\mathbf{AA}^{-1} = \mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{I}$
- E.g.  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{3} \end{bmatrix}$
- Inverse does not always exist. If  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$  exists,  $\mathbf{A}$  is *invertible* or *non-singular*. Otherwise, it's *singular*.
- Useful identities, for matrices that are invertible:

$$(\mathbf{A}^{-1})^{-1} = \mathbf{A}$$

$$(\mathbf{AB})^{-1} = \mathbf{B}^{-1}\mathbf{A}^{-1}$$

$$\mathbf{A}^{-T} \triangleq (\mathbf{A}^T)^{-1} = (\mathbf{A}^{-1})^T$$

# Matrix rank

- **Column/row rank**

$\text{col-rank}(\mathbf{A})$  = the maximum number of linearly independent column vectors of  $\mathbf{A}$

$\text{row-rank}(\mathbf{A})$  = the maximum number of linearly independent row vectors of  $\mathbf{A}$

– Column rank always equals row rank

- **Matrix rank**

$$\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) \triangleq \text{col-rank}(\mathbf{A}) = \text{row-rank}(\mathbf{A})$$

# Matrix rank

- For transformation matrices, the rank tells you the dimensions of the output
- E.g. if rank of  $\mathbf{A}$  is 1, then the transformation

$$\mathbf{p}' = \mathbf{Ap}$$

maps points onto a line.

- Here's a matrix with rank 1:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x + y \\ 2x + 2y \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{← All points get mapped to the line } y=2x$$

# Matrix rank

- If an  $m \times m$  matrix is rank  $m$ , we say it's "full rank"
  - Maps an  $m \times 1$  vector uniquely to another  $m \times 1$  vector
  - An inverse matrix can be found
- If rank  $< m$ , we say it's "singular"
  - At least one dimension is getting collapsed. No way to look at the result and tell what the input was
  - Inverse does not exist
- Inverse also doesn't exist for non-square matrices

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- Applying  $A$  to the eigenvector only scales the eigenvector by the scalar value  $\lambda$ , called an eigenvalue.

$$A\mathbf{x} = \lambda\mathbf{x}, \quad \mathbf{x} \neq 0.$$

# Eigenvector and Eigenvalue

- We want to find all the eigenvalues of A:

$$Ax = \lambda x, \quad x \neq 0.$$

- Which can we written as:

$$Ax = (\lambda I)x \quad x \neq 0.$$

- Therefore:

$$(\lambda I - A)x = 0, \quad x \neq 0.$$

# Eigenvector and Eigenvalue

- We can solve for eigenvalues by solving:

$$(\lambda I - A)x = 0, \quad x \neq 0.$$

- Since we are looking for non-zero  $x$ , we can instead solve the above equation as:

$$|(\lambda I - A)| = 0.$$

# Properties

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- The eigenvalues of a diagonal matrix  $D = \text{diag}(d_1, \dots, d_n)$  are just the diagonal entries  $d_1, \dots, d_n$

# Some applications of Eigenvalues

- PageRank
- Schrodinger's equation
- PCA

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# Matrix Calculus – The Gradient

- Let a function  $f : \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  take as input a matrix  $A$  of size  $m \times n$  and returns a real value.
- Then the **gradient** of  $f$ :

$$\nabla_A f(A) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f(A)}{\partial A_{11}} & \frac{\partial f(A)}{\partial A_{12}} & \dots & \frac{\partial f(A)}{\partial A_{1n}} \\ \frac{\partial f(A)}{\partial A_{21}} & \frac{\partial f(A)}{\partial A_{22}} & \dots & \frac{\partial f(A)}{\partial A_{2n}} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f(A)}{\partial A_{m1}} & \frac{\partial f(A)}{\partial A_{m2}} & \dots & \frac{\partial f(A)}{\partial A_{mn}} \end{bmatrix}$$

# Matrix Calculus – The Gradient

- Every entry in the matrix is:  $\nabla_A f(A))_{ij} = \frac{\partial f(A)}{\partial A_{ij}}$ .
- the size of  $\nabla_A f(A)$  is always the same as the size of A. So if A is just a vector x:

$$\nabla_x f(x) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f(x)}{\partial x_1} \\ \frac{\partial f(x)}{\partial x_2} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f(x)}{\partial x_n} \end{bmatrix}$$

# Exercise

- Example:

For  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , let  $f(x) = b^T x$  for some known vector  $b \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$$f(x) = [b_1 \quad b_2 \quad \dots \quad b_n]^T \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$$

- Find:  $\frac{\partial f(x)}{\partial x_k} = ?$

$$\nabla_x f(x) = ?$$

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$$\frac{\partial f(x)}{\partial x_k} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \sum_{i=1}^n b_i x_i = b_k.$$

- From this we can conclude that:  $\nabla_x b^T x = b$ .

# Matrix Calculus – The Gradient

- Properties

- $\nabla_x(f(x) + g(x)) = \nabla_x f(x) + \nabla_x g(x).$
- For  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\nabla_x(t f(x)) = t \nabla_x f(x).$

# Matrix Calculus – The Hessian

- The Hessian matrix with respect to  $x$ , written  $\nabla_x^2 f(x)$  or simply as  $H$  is the  $n \times n$  matrix of partial derivatives

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- Exercise: Why is the Hessian always symmetric?

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- The Hessian is always symmetric, because
$$\frac{\partial^2 f(x)}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} = \frac{\partial^2 f(x)}{\partial x_j \partial x_i}.$$
- This is known as Schwarz's theorem: The order of partial derivatives don't matter as long as the second derivative exists and is continuous.

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- Note that the hessian is not the gradient of whole gradient of a vector (this is not defined). It is actually the gradient of **every entry** of the gradient of the vector.

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- Eg, the first column is the gradient of  $\frac{\partial f(x)}{\partial x_1}$

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# Exercise

- Example:

consider the quadratic function  $f(x) = x^T Ax$

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Divide the summation into 3 parts depending on whether:

- $i == k$  or
- $j == k$

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$$\nabla_x^2 f(x) = 2A$$

# What we have learned

- Vectors and matrices
  - Basic Matrix Operations
  - Special Matrices
- Transformation Matrices
  - Homogeneous coordinates
  - Translation
- Matrix inverse
- Matrix rank
- Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors
- Matrix Calculate