

Light and Shading

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Administrivia

- HW1 Due in a Week
- Please sign up for Piazza
- Piazza highlights:
 - student answers (please pay it forward!)
 - general tone of discussion!
- One request: please don't post screenshots of code. In many companies, screenshots support requests / emails get ignored or explicitly rejected. **Why?**

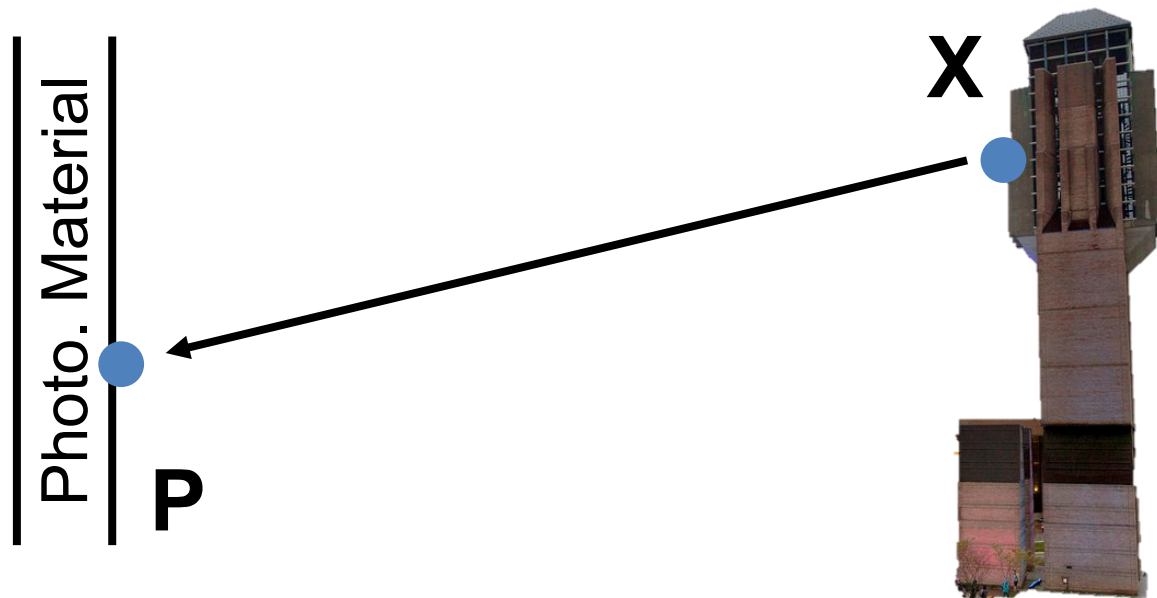
Thoughts on Homework

- Some self-study will be required for:
 - Reinforcing concepts
 - Learning libraries (there's great documentation!)
 - Often “self-study” parts won't be indicated
- Try first aid tips for debugging
 - Print ***X.shape***, X.dtype, X when you're stuck
 - plt.imshow(“debug.png”,X)
 - Read documentation
- This is a skill you need

Recap: Projection

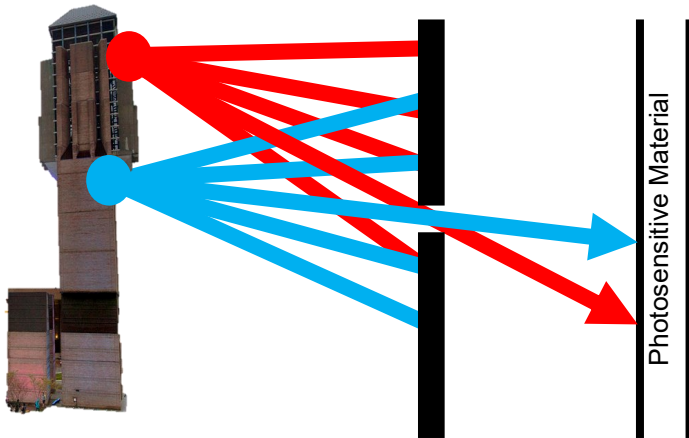
$$\text{Image} \rightarrow \mathbf{P} = \mathbf{K}[\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{t}] \mathbf{X} \leftarrow \text{World}$$

Intrinsic \nearrow \nwarrow *Extrinsic*



Recap: Lenses

Pinhole Model



Mathematically correct
Not quite correct in practice
Reasonable approximation

Reality: Lenses

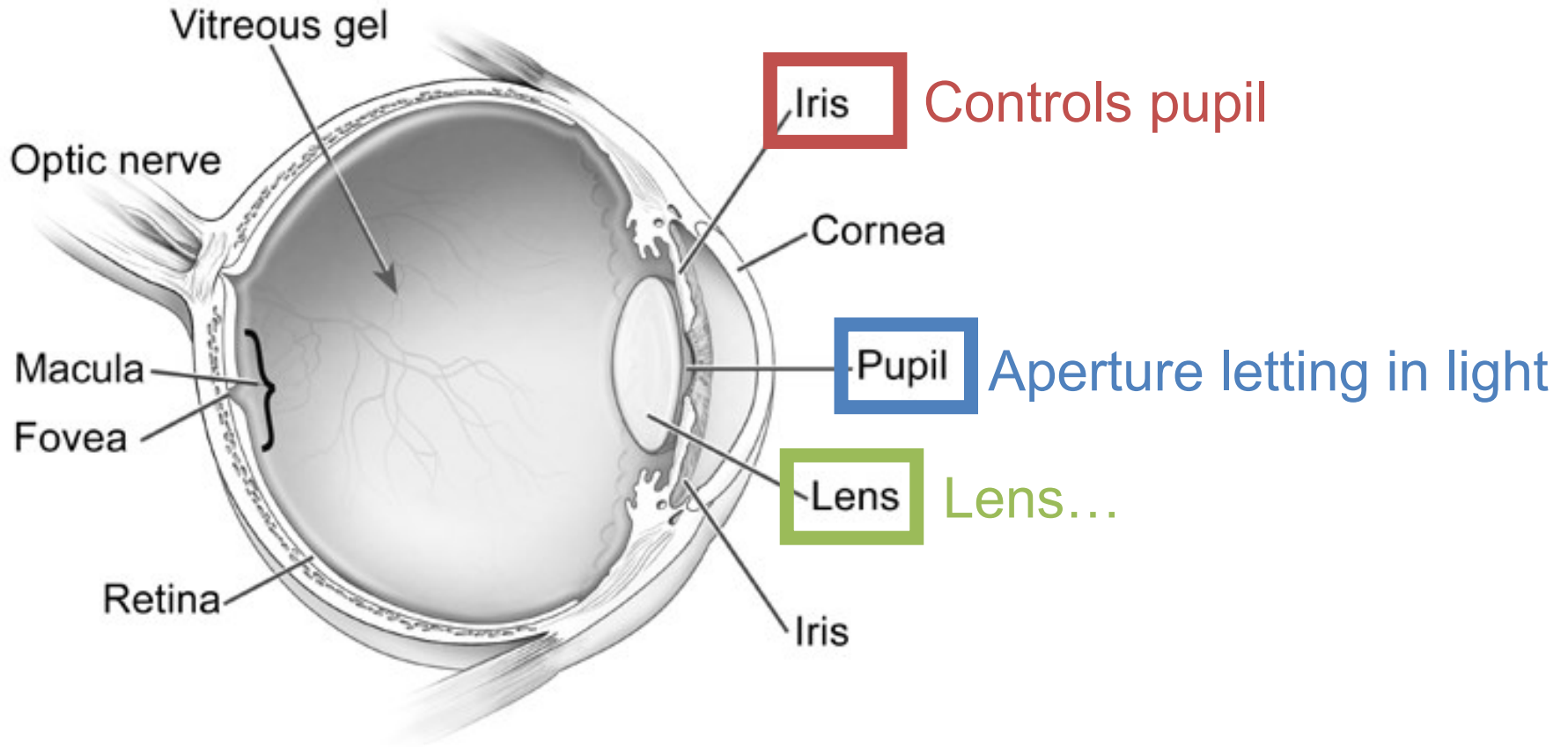


Necessary in practice
Introduce complications
Complications fixable

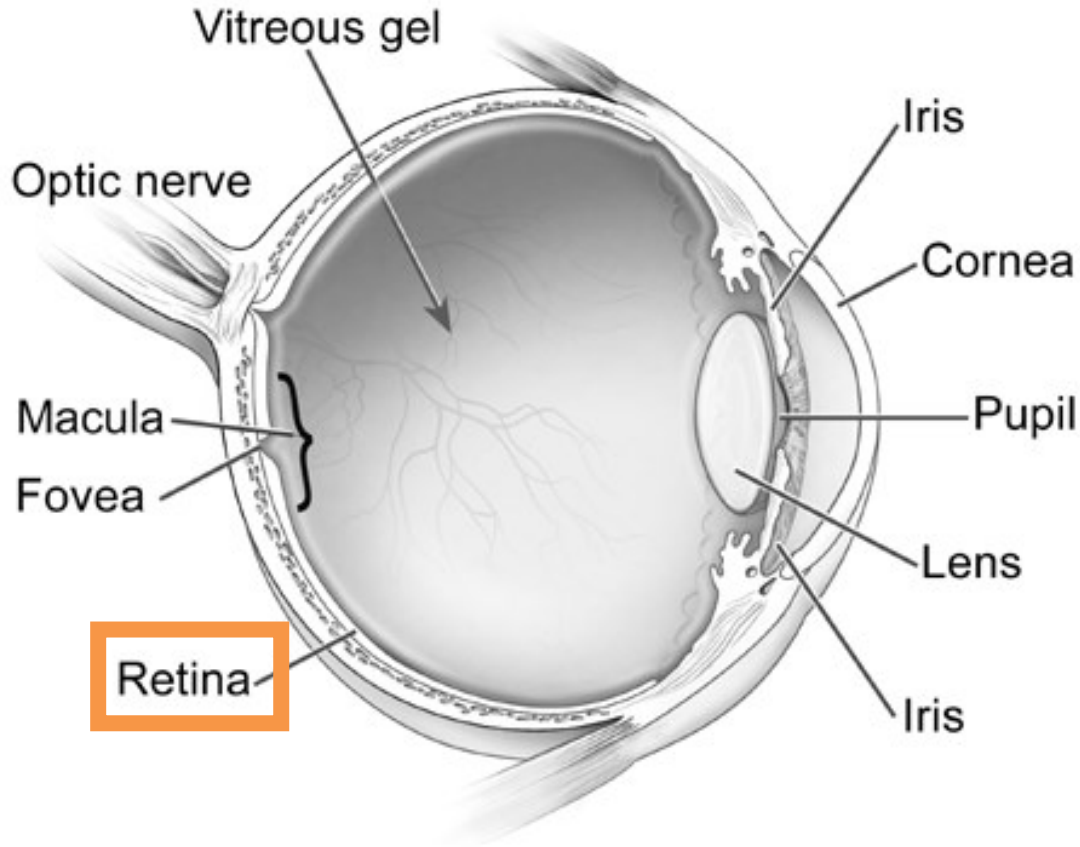
Today

- A little bit about light and how you represent it
- A little bit about lighting and how it works

Your Very Own Camera



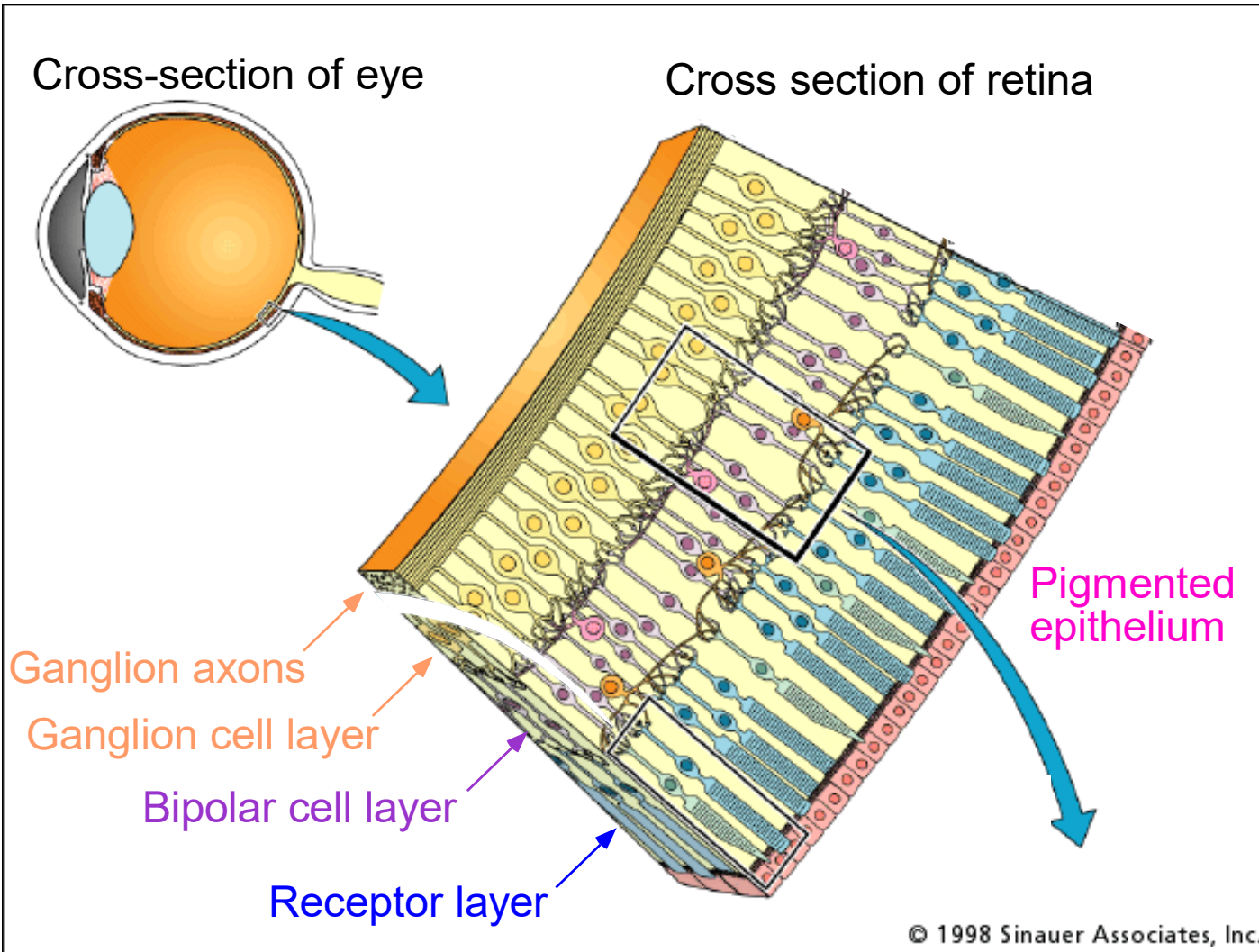
Your Very Own Camera



Where's the **film/CCD**?

Demo Time

What is Retina/Film Made Of?



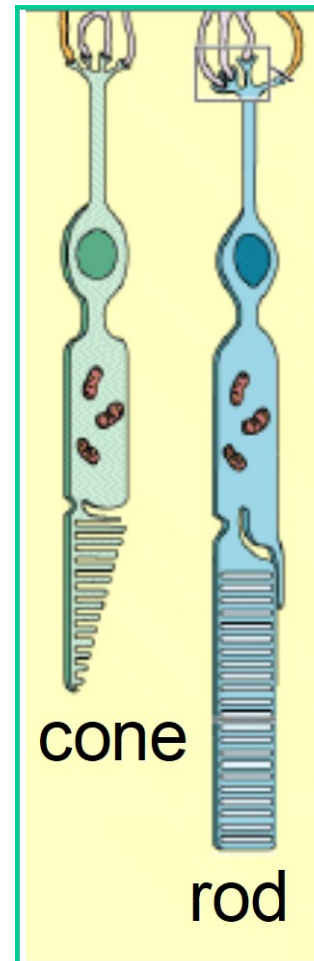
Two Type of Photo Receptors

Cones

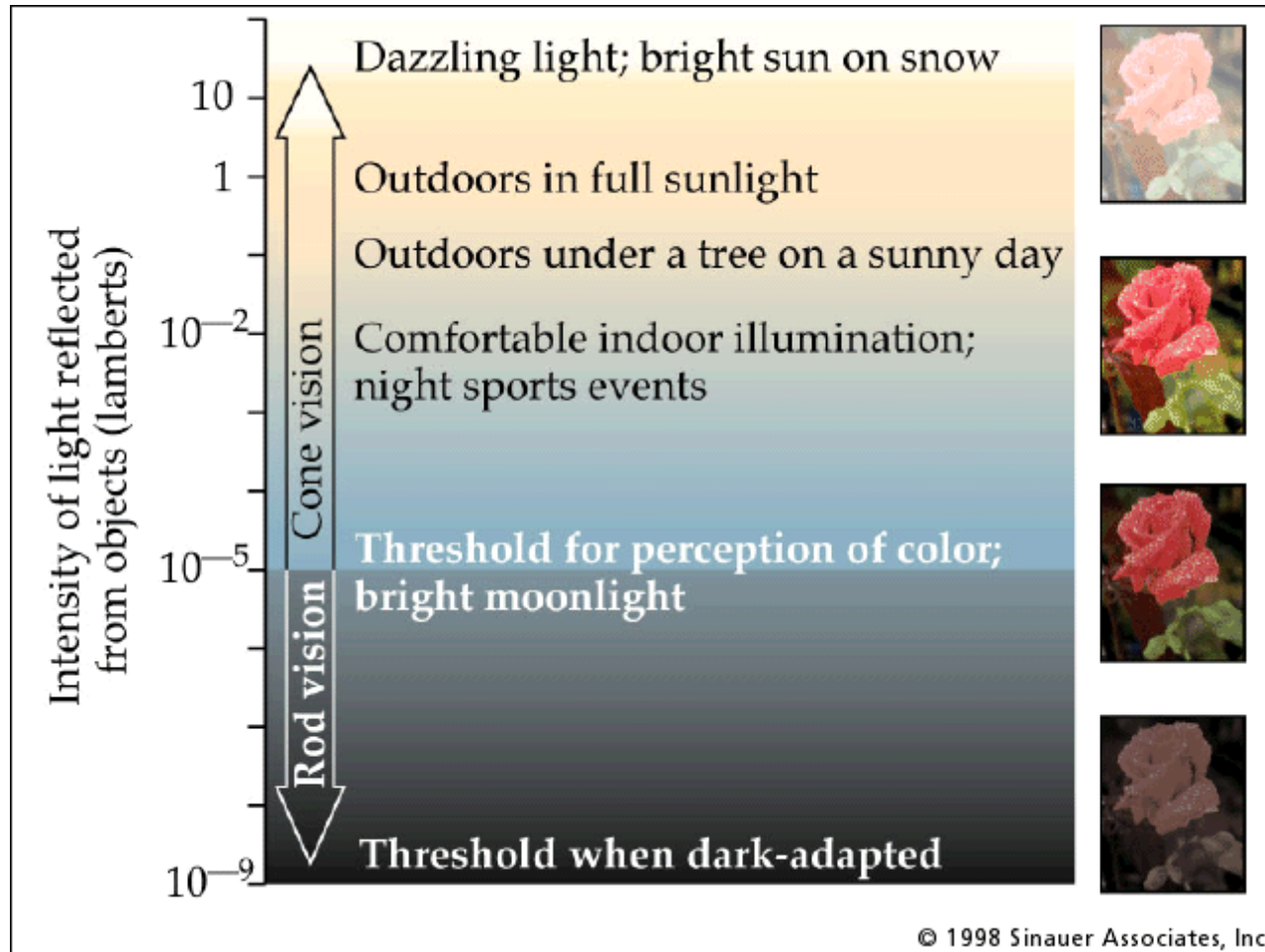
cone-shaped
less sensitive
operate in high light
color vision

Rods

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

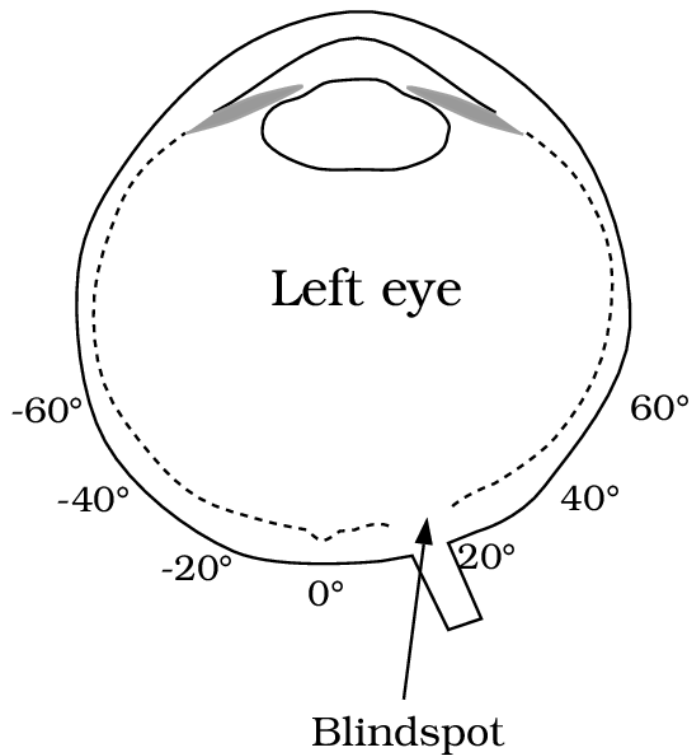


Rod / Cone Sensitivity

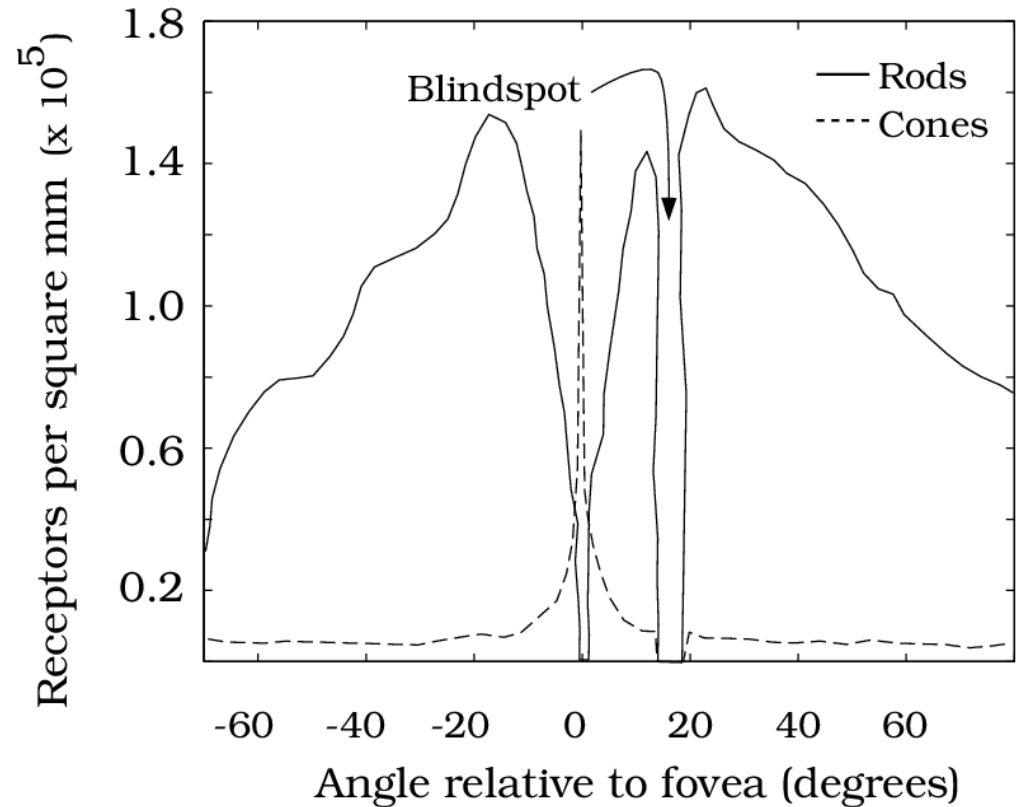


Rod/Cone Distribution

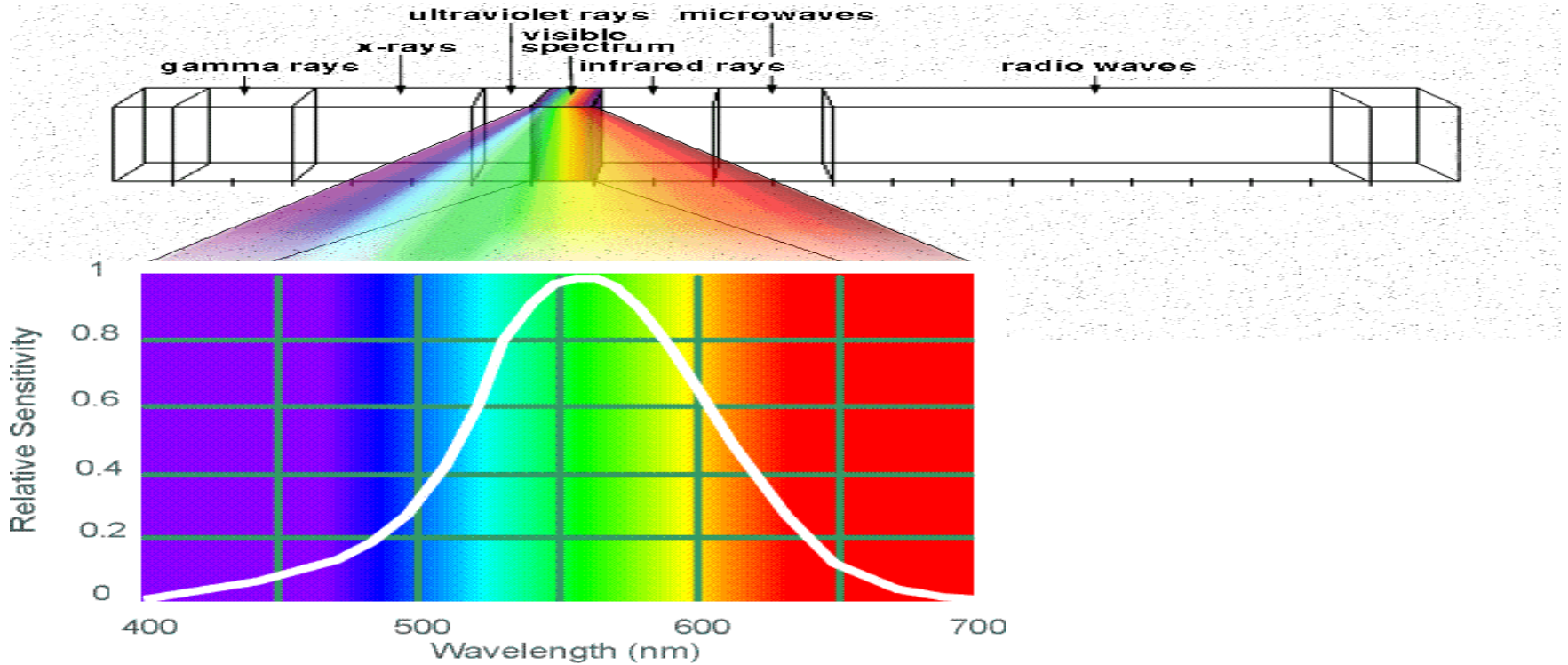
(a)



(b)

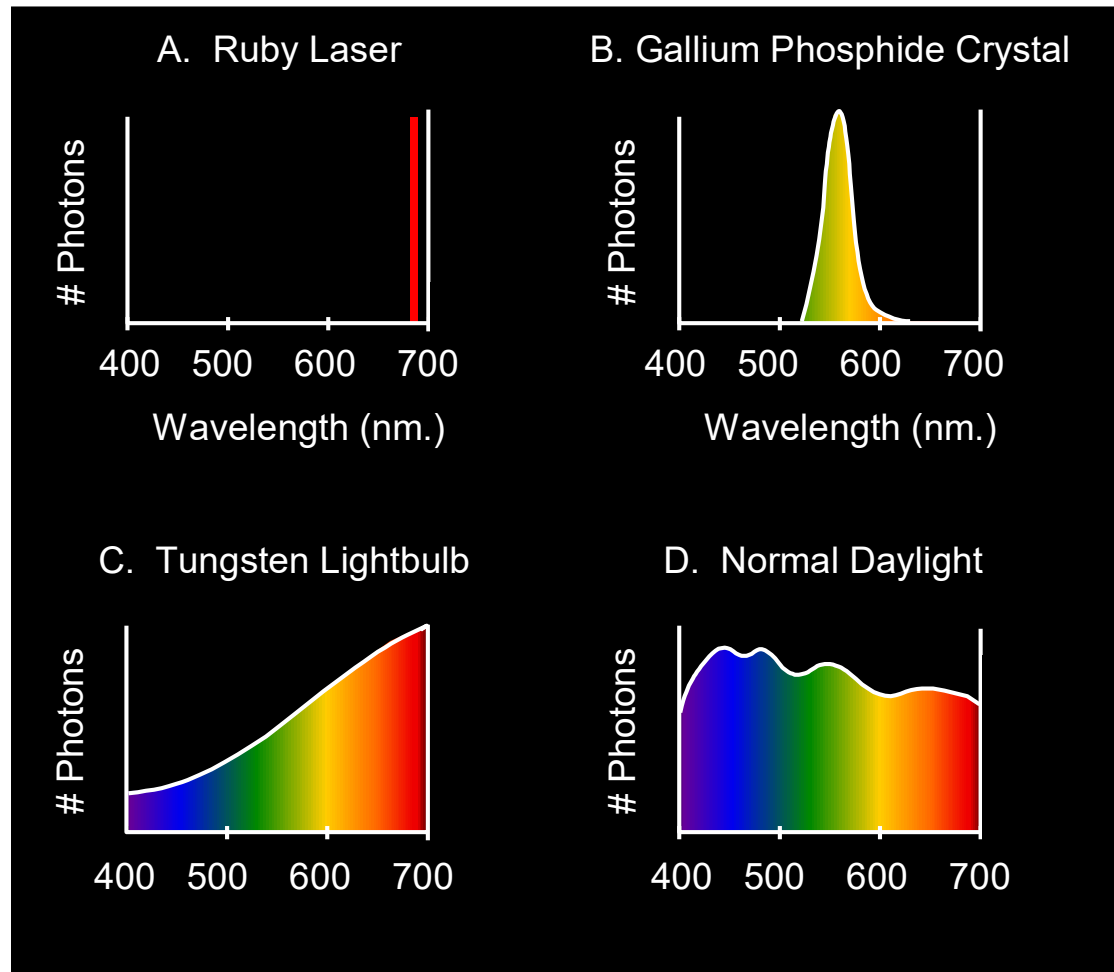


Electromagnetic Spectrum

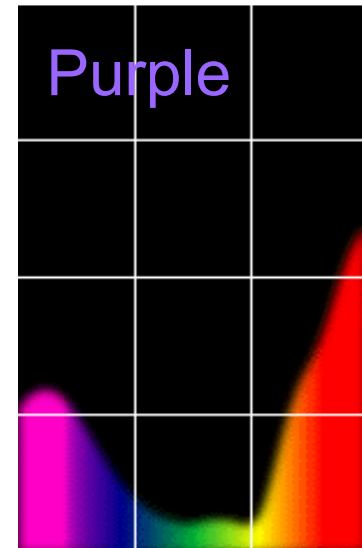
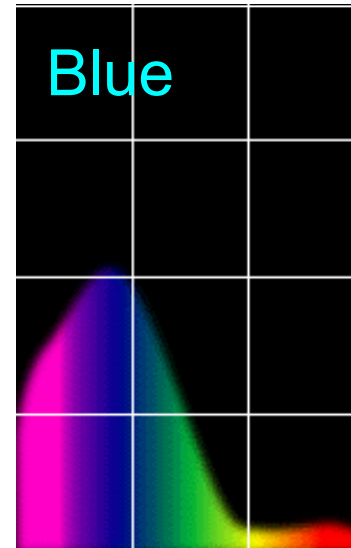
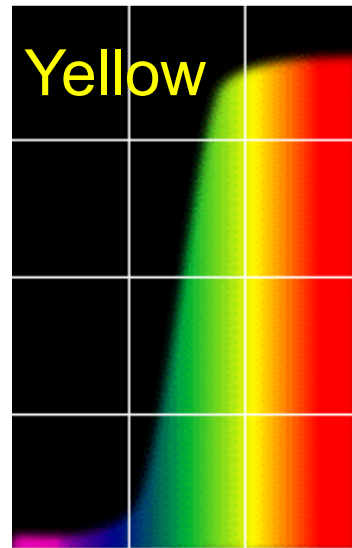
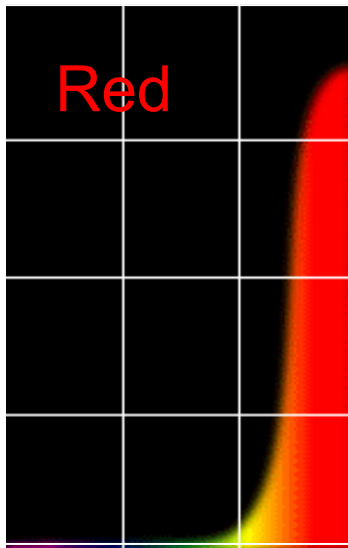


Why do we see light in these wavelengths?

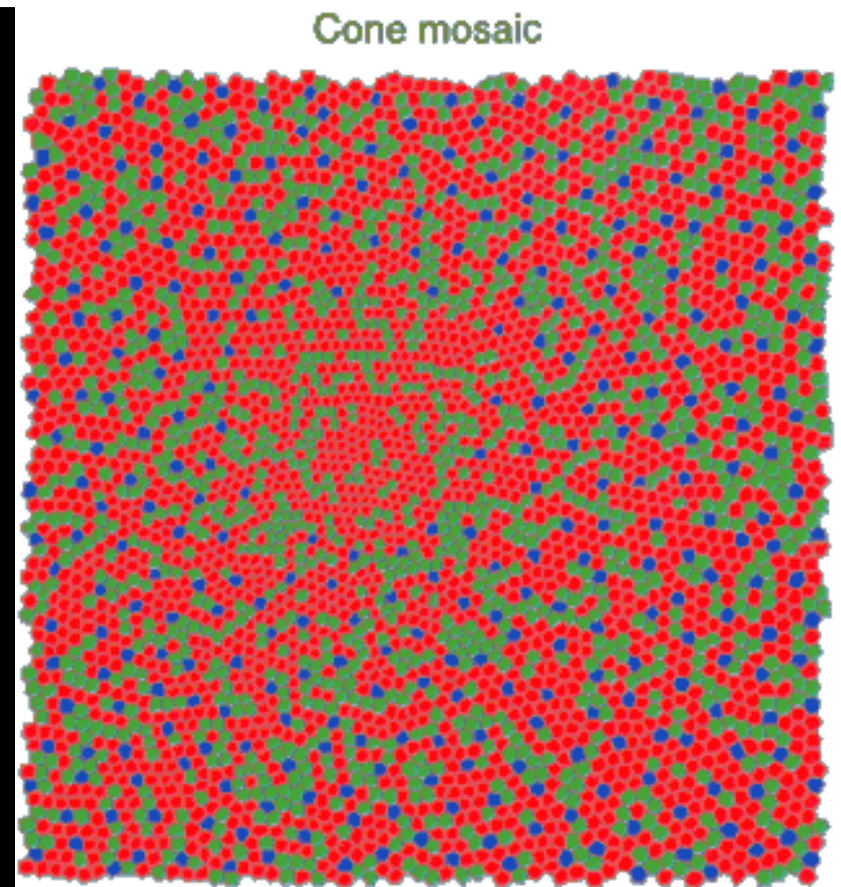
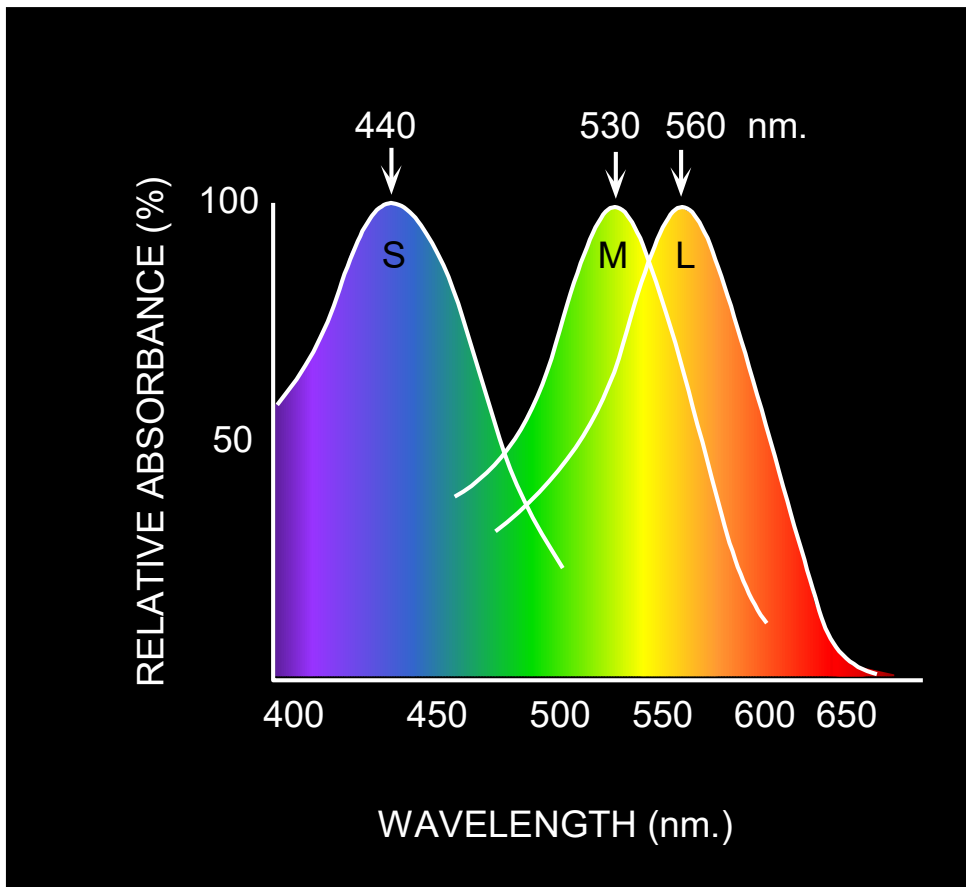
The Physics of Light



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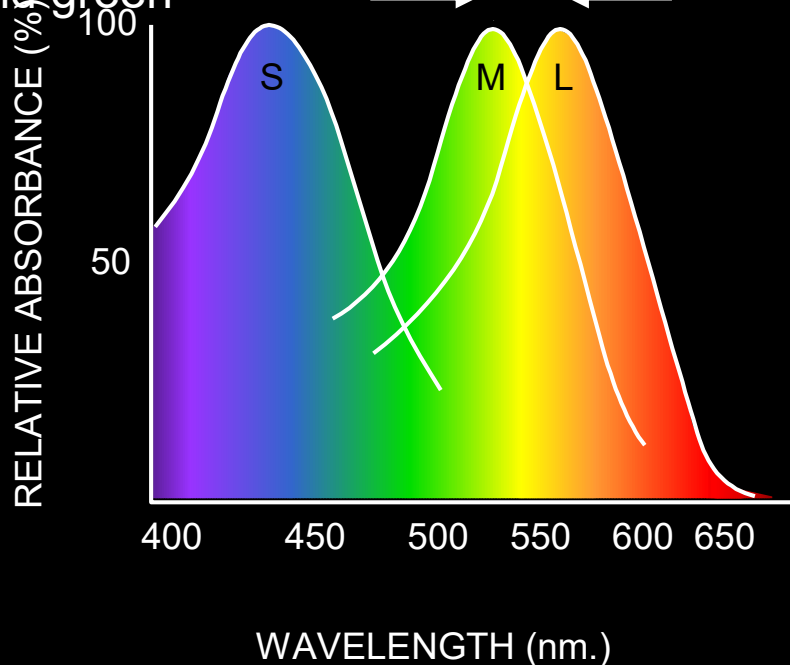


The Physics of Light



Red-Green Color Blindness

"Peaks" of these red/green cones shifted, making it hard to distinguish red and green



Four possibilities:

- **Deuteranomaly:** Green cone shifted toward red
- **Protanomaly:** Red cone shifted toward green
- **Deuteranopia:** Green cone missing
- **Protanopia:** Red cone missing

Color Vision in Animals

Birds have 4 cone types:
can see ultraviolet light

Some flowers have
“Nectar Guides” in UV

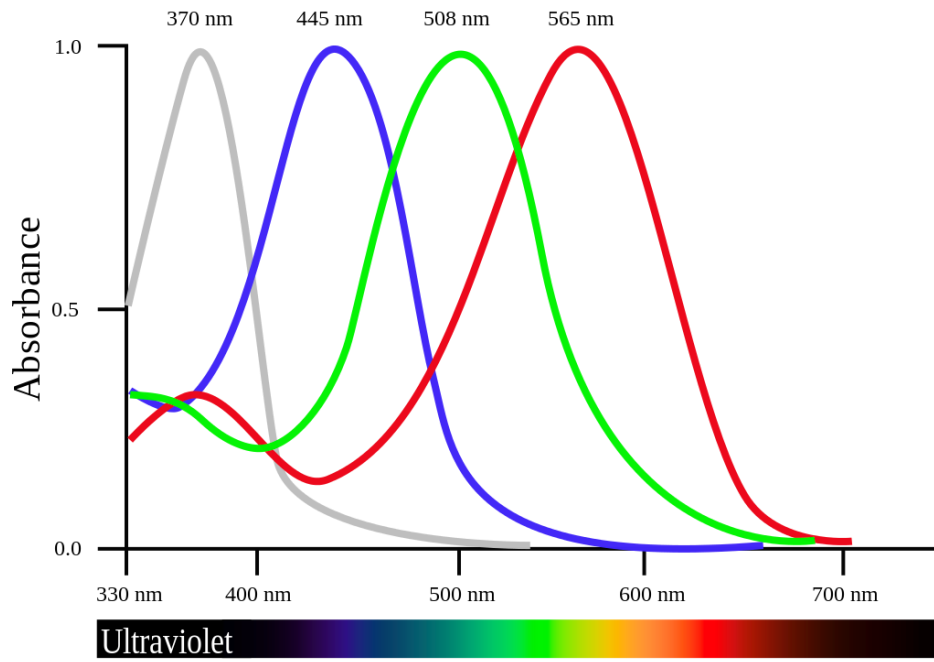


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Visible Light

UV light

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Color Vision in Animals

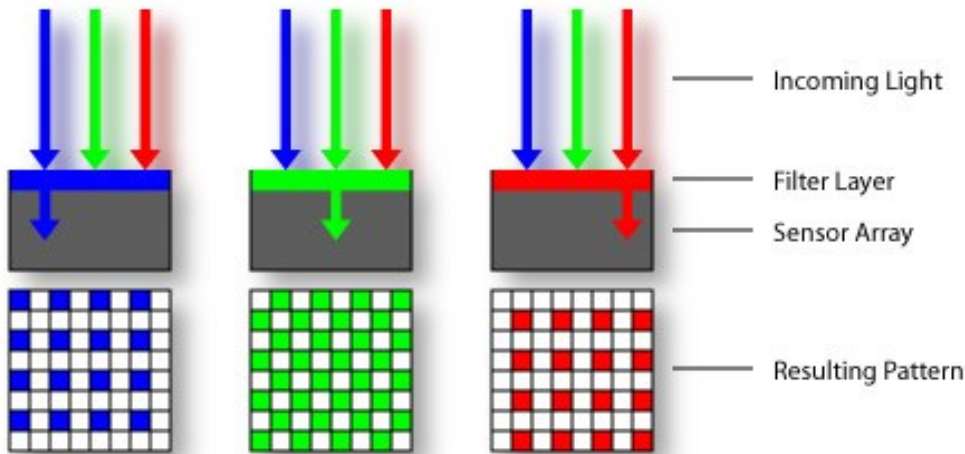
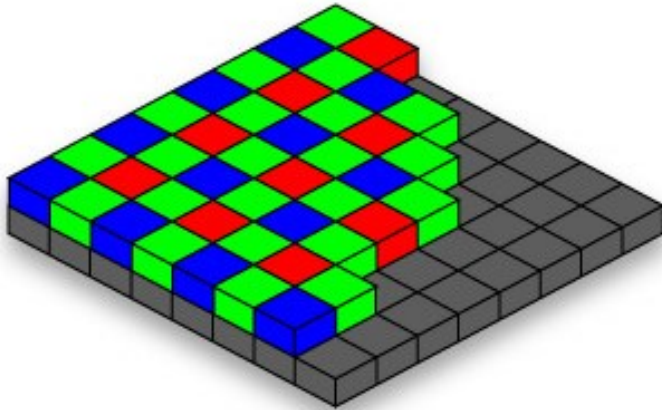
Mantis Shrimp: Up to 16 types of photoreceptors!
Can also detect polarization of light!



Image source: [Wikipedia](#)

How Do We Get Light?

Artificial Cones



Estimate RGB
at 'G' cells from
neighboring
values

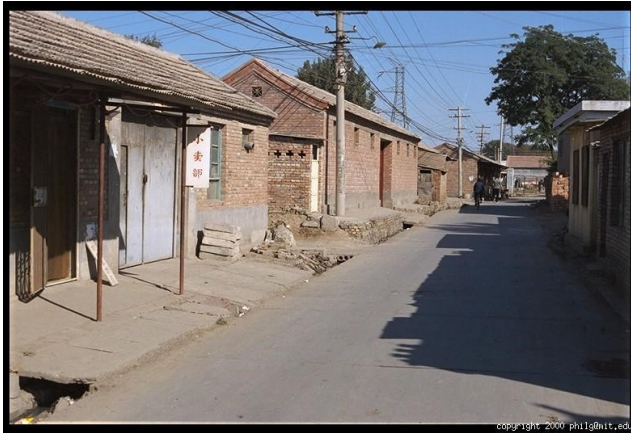
Color Image



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Color Image

Combined



Red



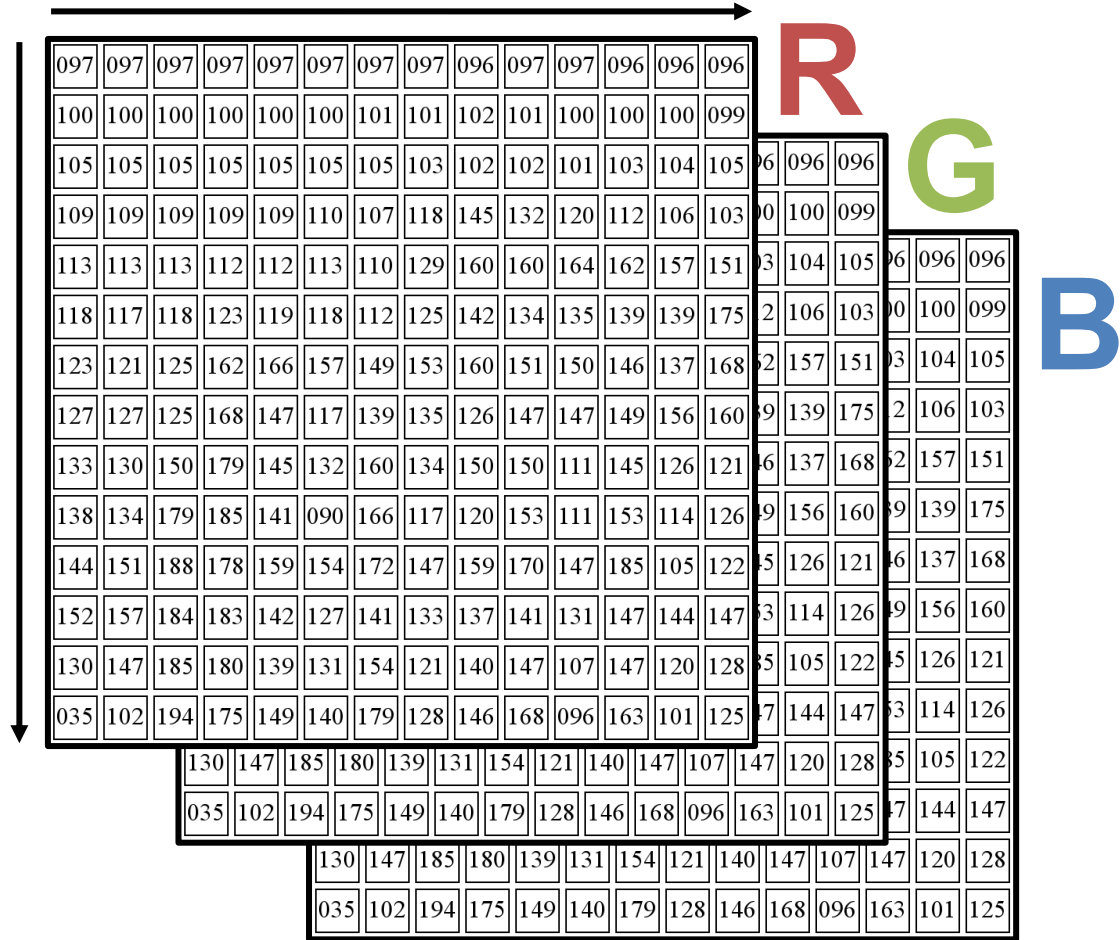
Green



Blue



Images in Python



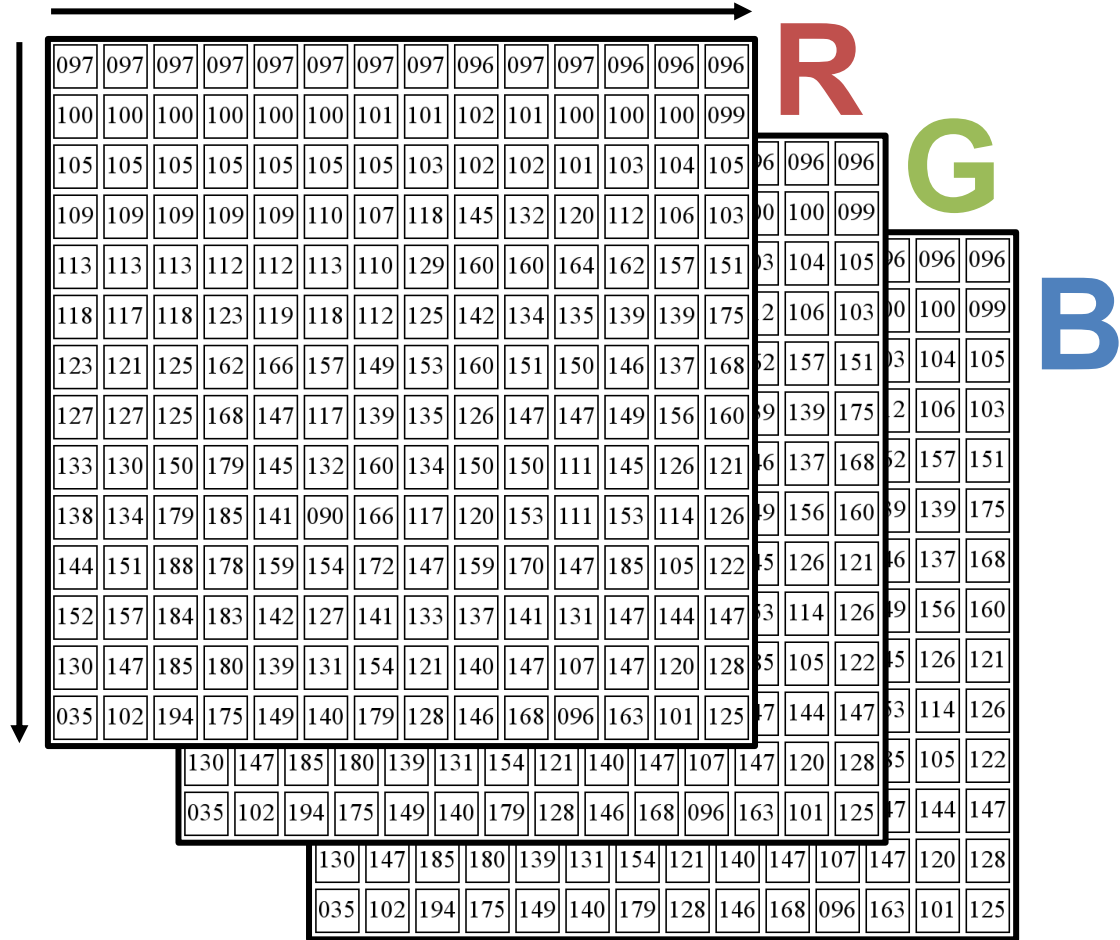
Images in Python

Images are matrix / tensor `im`

`im[0,0,0]`
top, left, red

`im[y,x,c]`
row `y`, column `x`, channel `c`

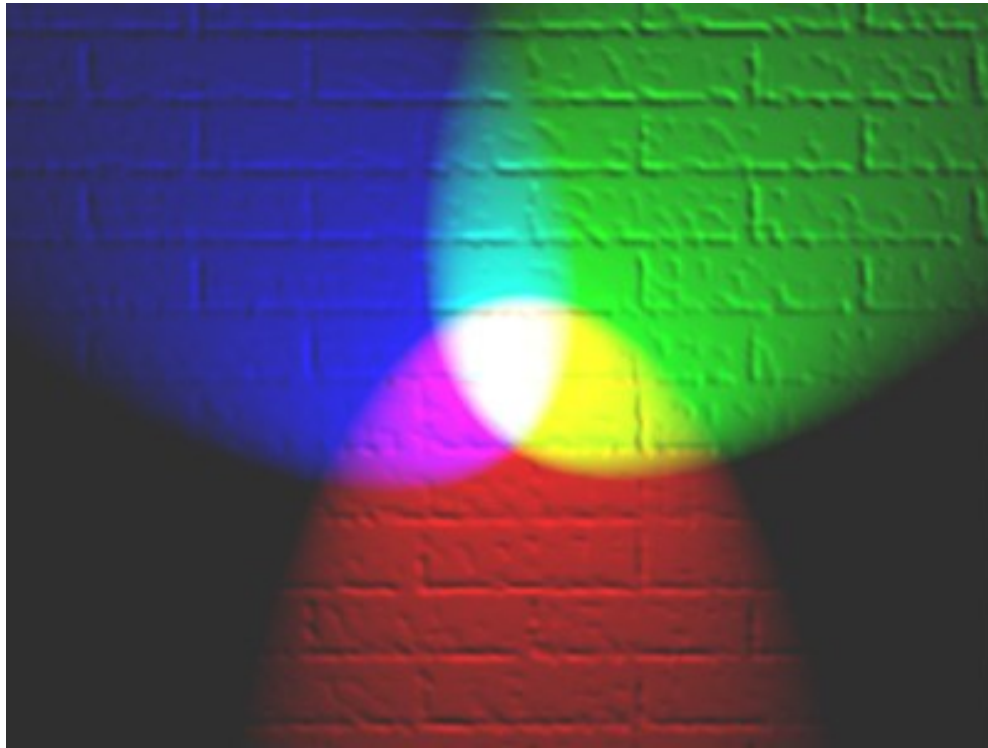
`im[H-1,W-1,2]`
bottom right blue



5 Things To Always Remember

1. Origin is top left
2. Rows are first index (**what's the fastest direction for accessing?**)
3. Usually referred to as Height x Width
4. Typically stored as uint8 [0,255]
5. for y in range(H): for x in range(W): will run 1 million times for a 1000x1000 image. *A 4GHz processor can do only 4K clock cycles per pixel per second.*

Representing Colored Light



Discussion time: how many numbers do you actually need for colored light? Assume all tuples (R,G,B) are legitimate colors (they are).

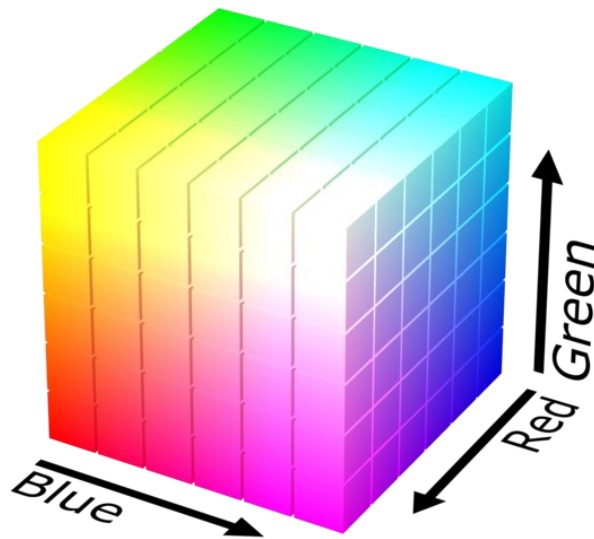
One Option: RGB

Pros

1. Simple
2. Common

Cons

1. Distances don't make sense
2. Correlated



R



G



B

RGB



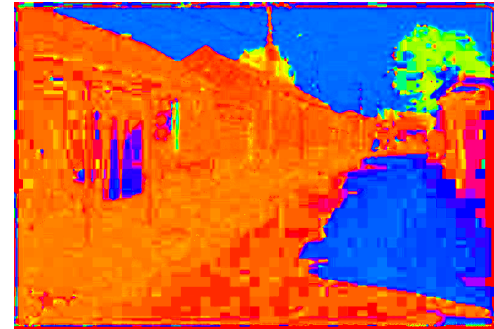
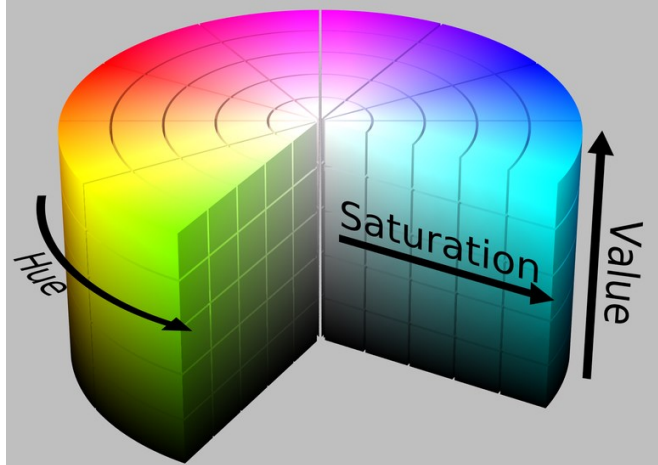
Another Option: HSV

Pros

1. Intuitive for picking colors
2. Sort of common
3. Fast to convert

Cons

1. Not as good as other better spaces



H
(S=1,V=1)



S
(H=1,V=1)



V
(H=1,S=0)

HSV

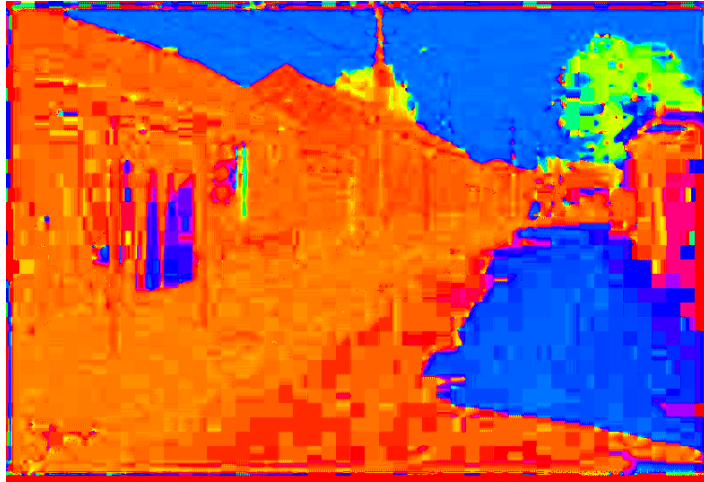


Photo credit: J. Hays

Another Option: YCbCr/YUV

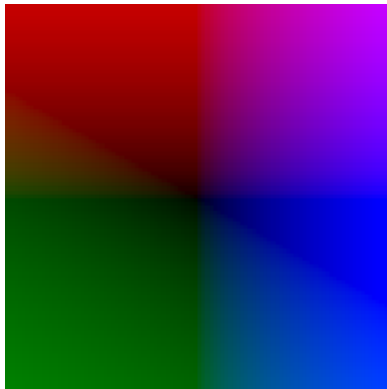
Pros

1. Great for transmission / compression

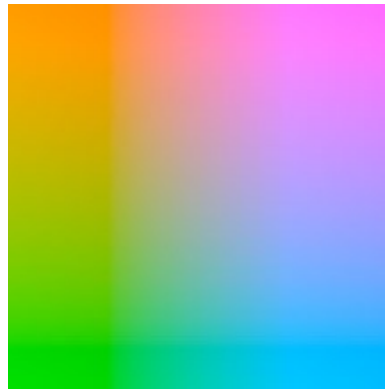
Cons

1. Not as good as other better smart color spaces

Y = 0



Y = 0.5



Y
(Cb=0.5,
Cr=0.5)



Cb
(Y=0.5,
Cr=0.5)



Cr
(Y=0.5,
Cb=0.5)

YCbCr



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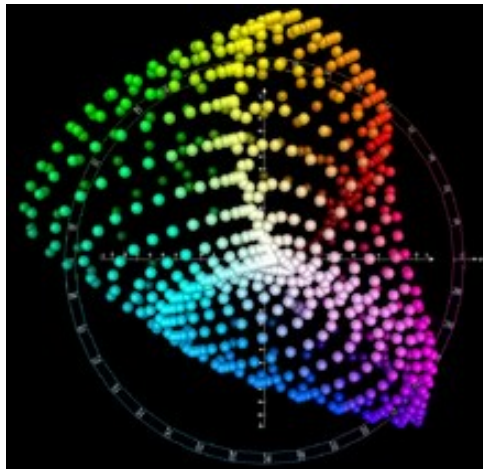
Another Option: Lab

Pros

1. Distances correspond with human judgment
2. Safe

Cons

1. Complex to calculate (don't write it yourself, lots of fp calculations)



L
(a=0,b=0)



a
(L=65,b=0)



b
(L=65,a=0)

Lab



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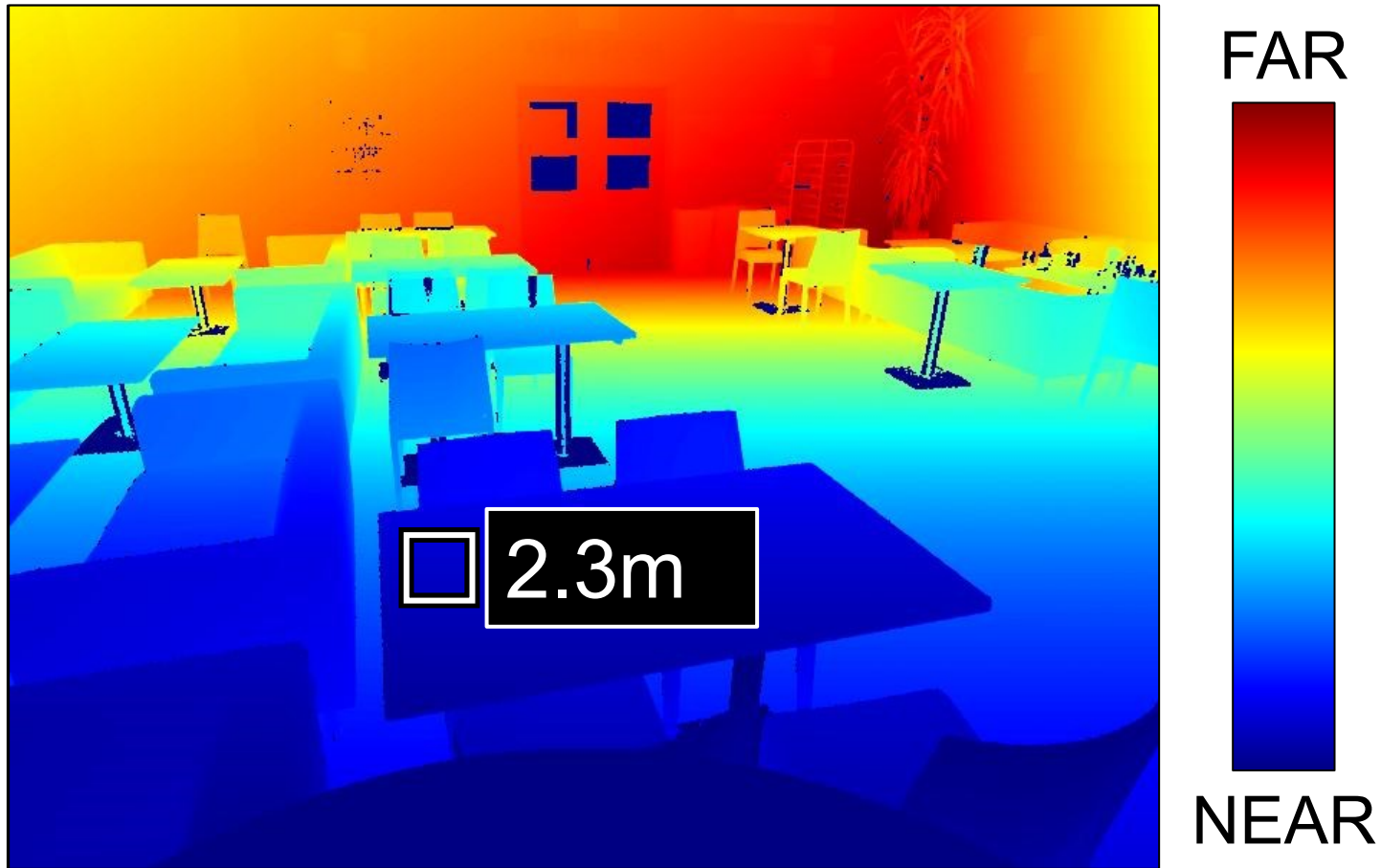
Why Are There So Many?

- Each serves different functions
 - RGB: sort of intuitive, standard, everywhere
 - HSV: good for picking, fast to compute
 - YCbCr/YUV: fast to compute, compresses well
 - Lab: the right(?) thing to do, but “slow” to compute
- Pick based on what you need and don't sweat it: color really isn't crucial

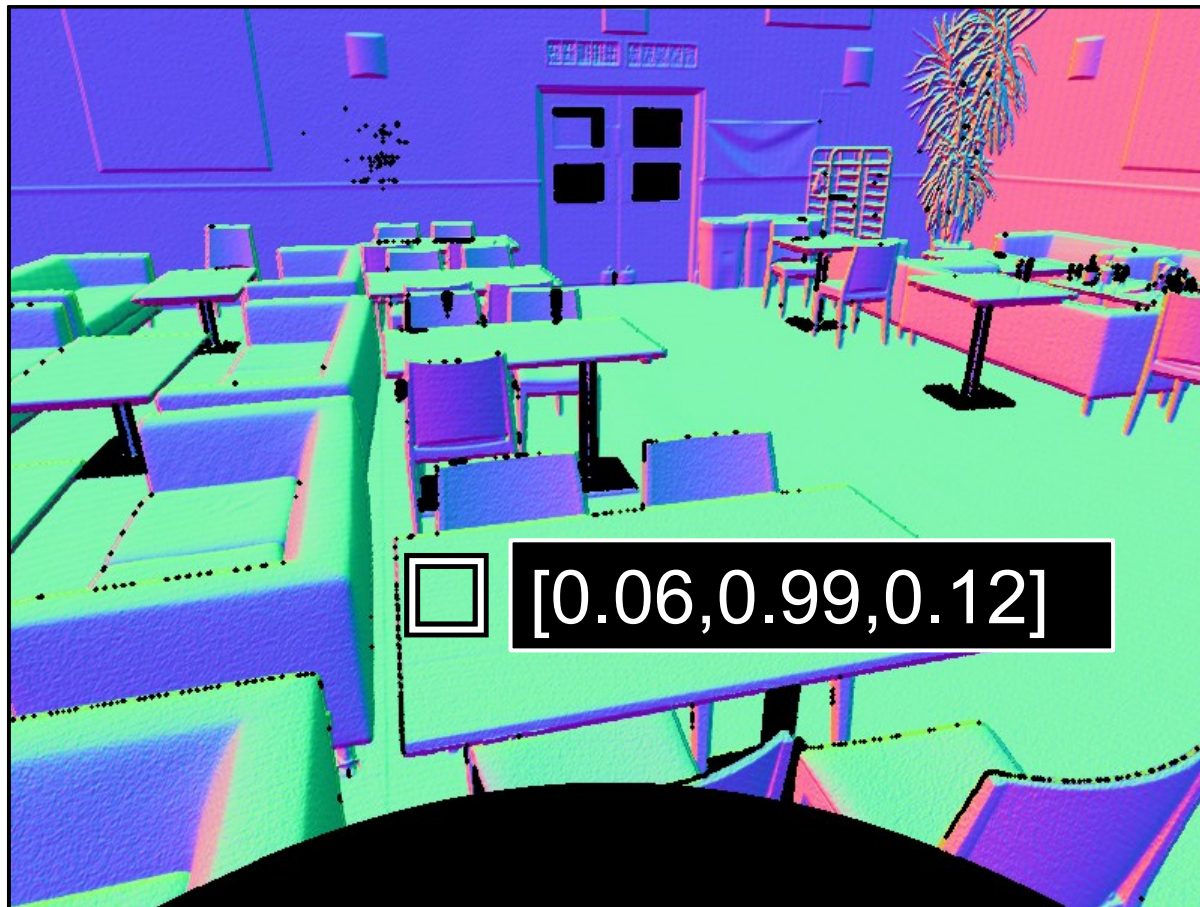
Only Images

- Almost all of this class is about ordinary RGB images because this has driven a lot of applications
- However, there are lots of other images

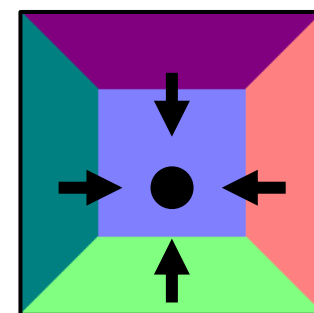
Depthmap



Surface Normals



Room



Legend

Science Data

Magnetic Field in:

x, y, z

via polarized light

Light at 9 ~wavelenths:

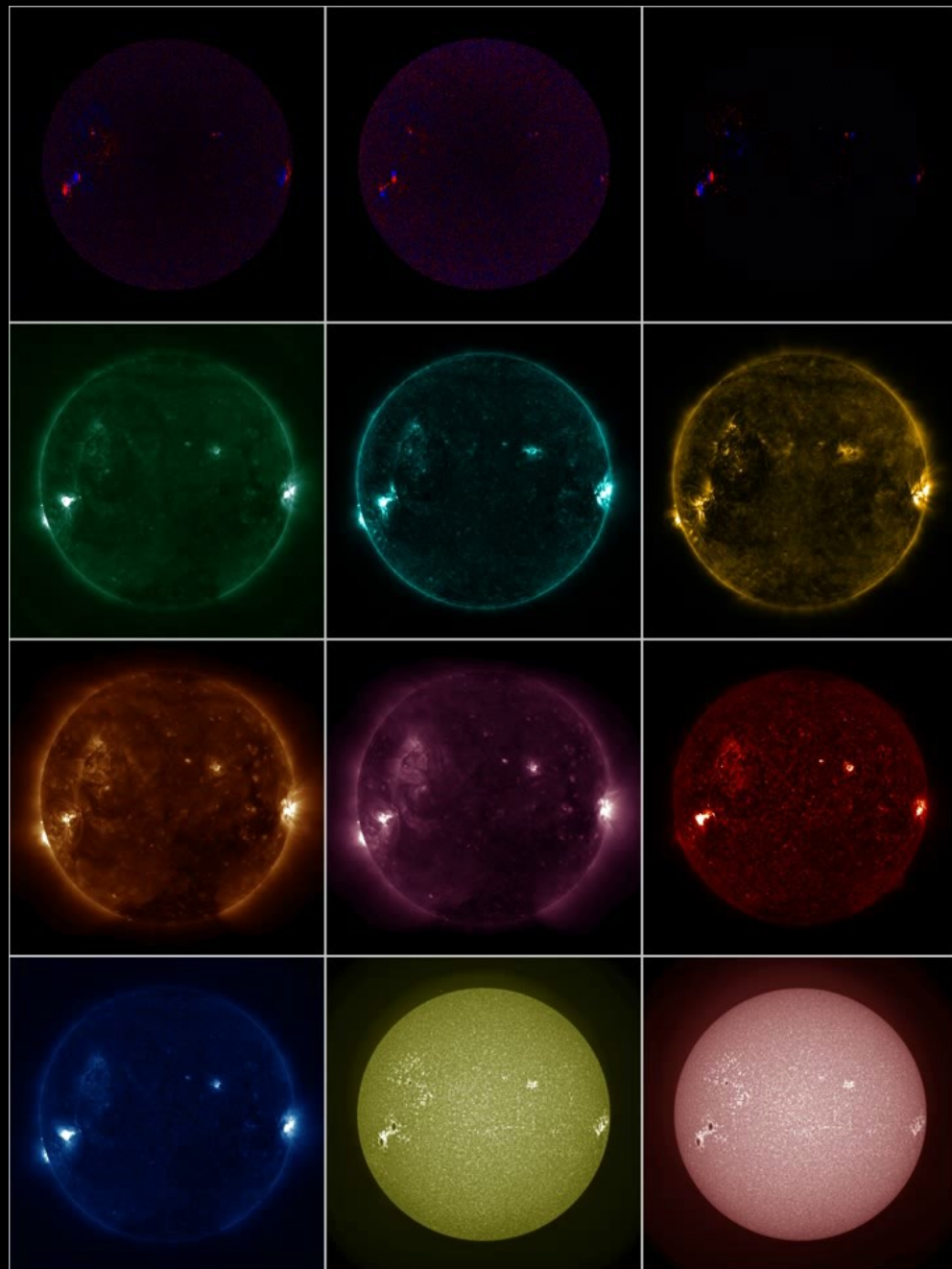
9.4nm, 13.1nm, 17.1nm

19.3nm, 21.1nm, 30.4nm

33.5nm, 160nm, 170nm

NASA Solar Dynamics

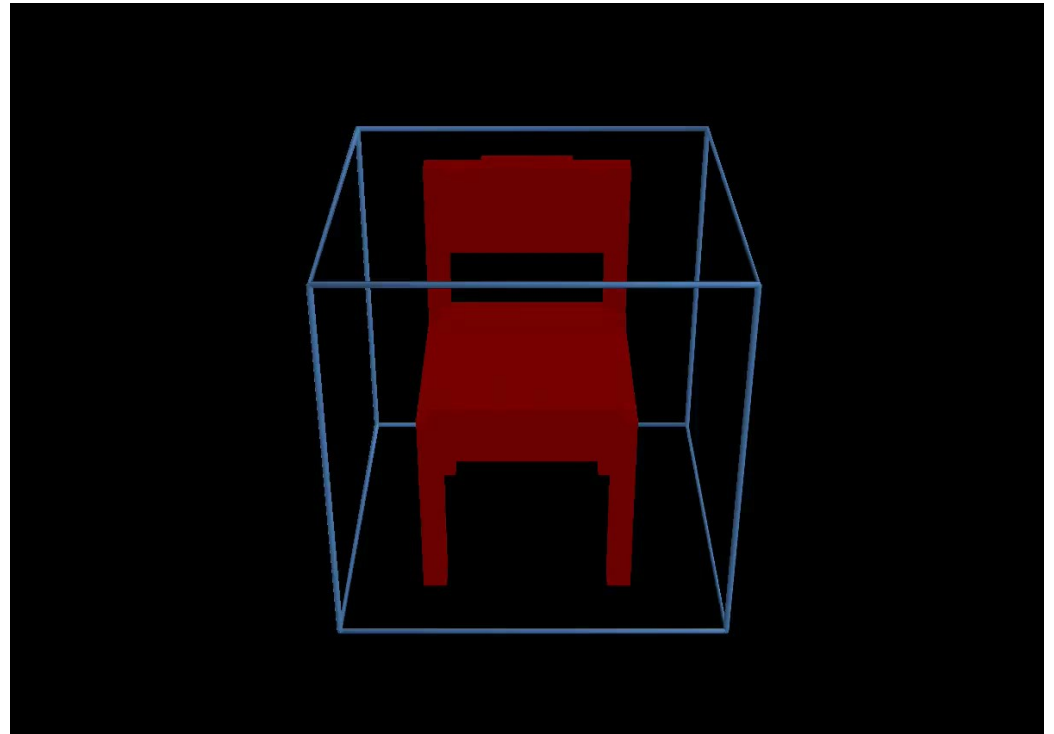
Observatory observing solar flare



Volumes

Volumes: images with more dimensions.

Emerge in 3D reconstruction, medical imaging, temporal data

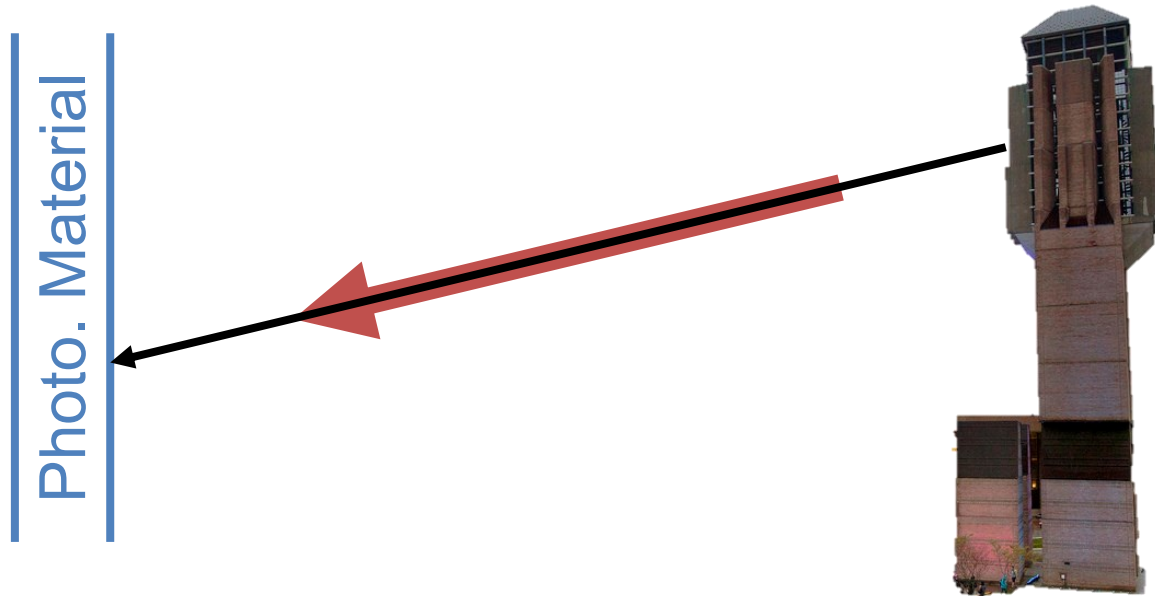


Other Images

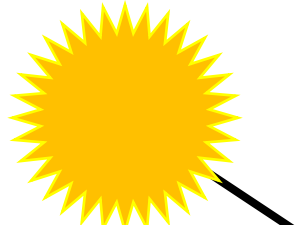
- A small part of computer vision in this class is really only for ordinary images
- The rest is easily generalized to other images
- Really transformative stuff will happen when good vision techniques get traction in other areas

So Far

How do we represent **light**
and its storage on **film**?



Now

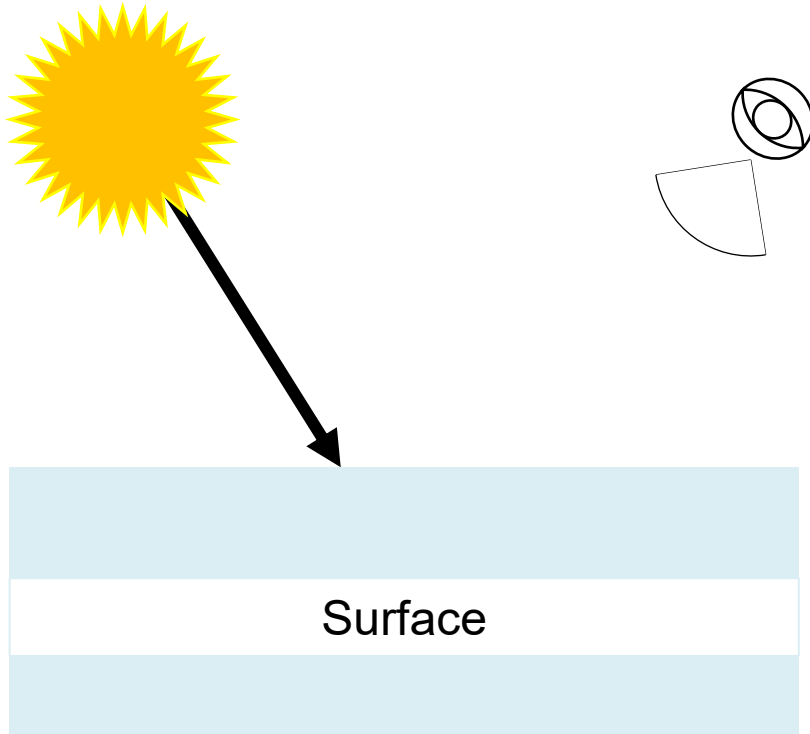


How does the scene
cause that **light**?

Photo. Material

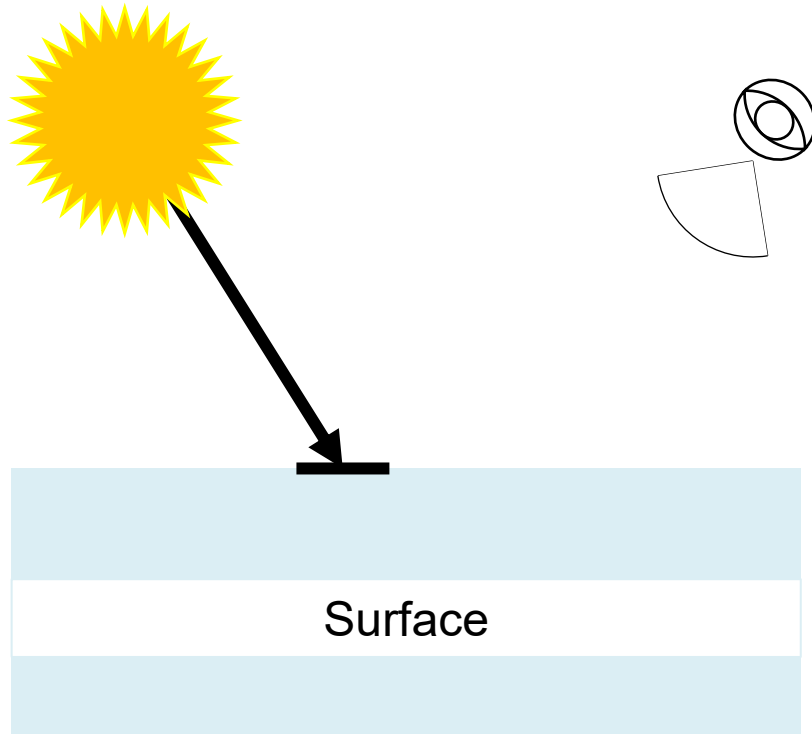


Light and Surfaces



What happens when
light hits a surface?

Light and Surfaces

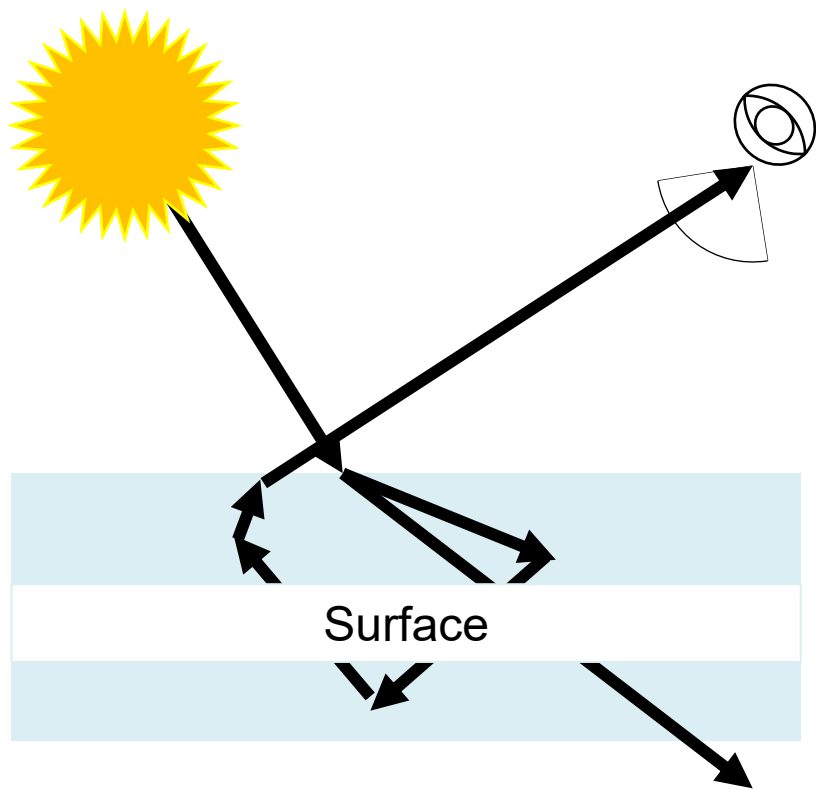


What happens when light hits a surface?

1. Absorbed

It's absorbed and converted into some other form of energy (e.g., a black shirt getting hot in the sun)

Light and Surfaces

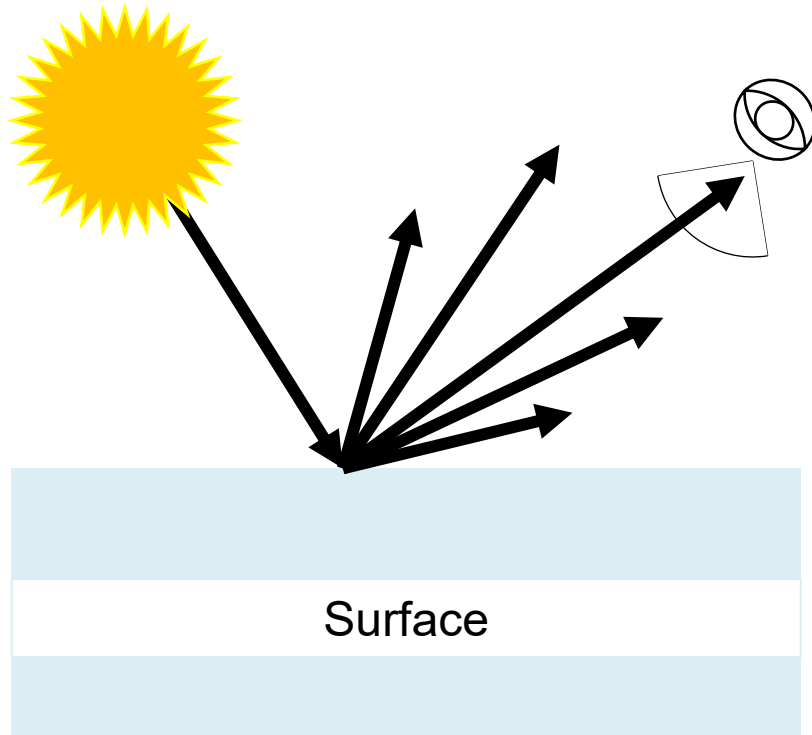


What happens when light hits a surface?

2. Transmitted

Possibly bouncing around before going through or out (e.g. lenses bend and go through, milk bounces around)

Light and Surfaces

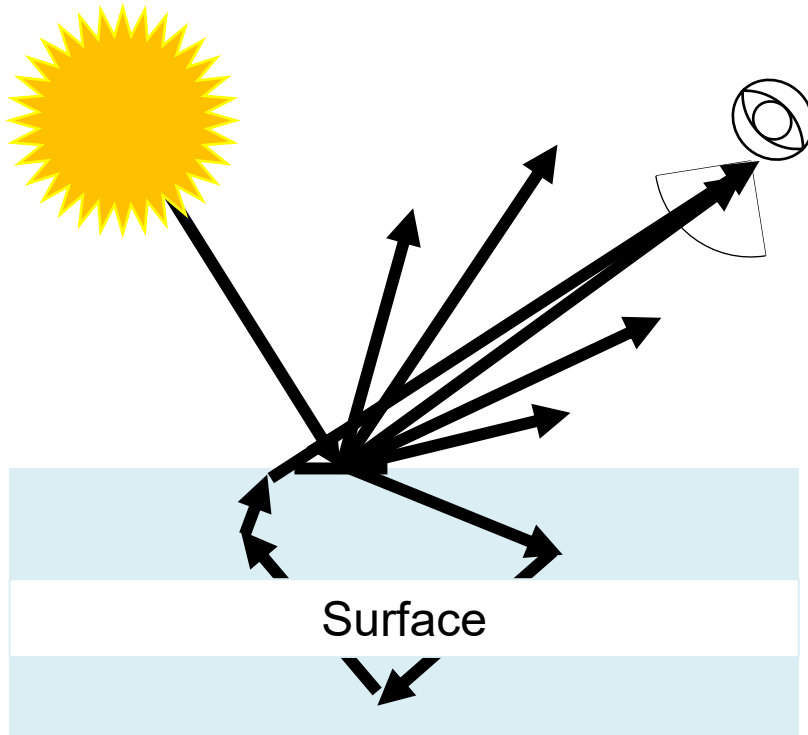


What happens when light hits a surface?

3. Reflected

It's reflected back, in one or more directions with varying amounts (e.g., mirror, or a white surface)

Light and Surfaces

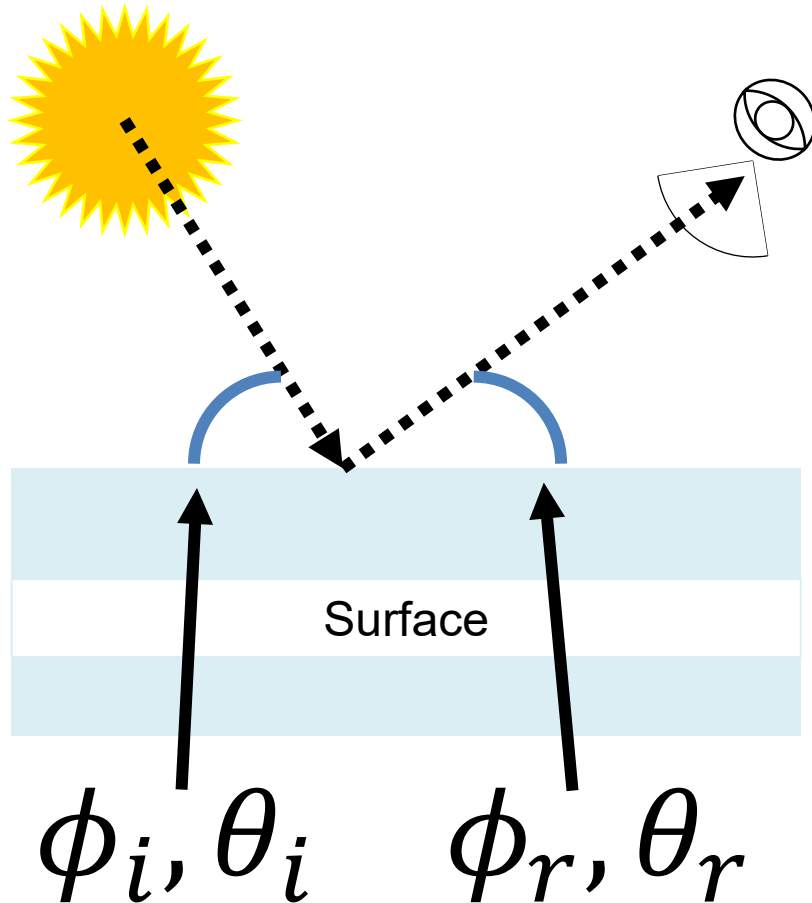


What happens when light hits a surface?

4. Everything

All of the above! Real surfaces often have combinations of all of these options.

Modeling Light and Surfaces



Opaque Reflections

Bi-directional reflectance function: % reflected given incident angle to light reflected angle to the viewer.

Note: have not specified form of function.

Specular and Diffuse Reflection

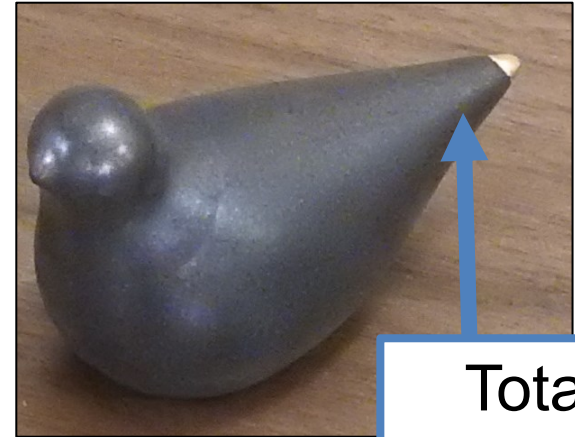
Same lighting, as close as possible camera settings, but different **location**



Specular and Diffuse Reflection

Diffuse

Specular

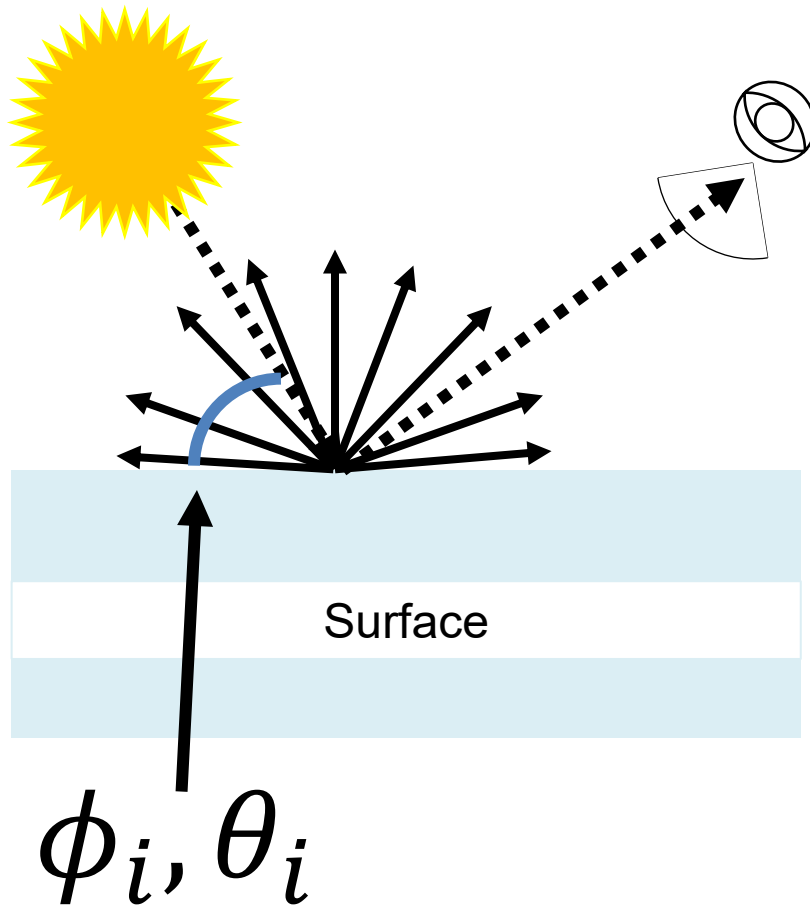


Basically same

Totally different



Diffuse Reflection



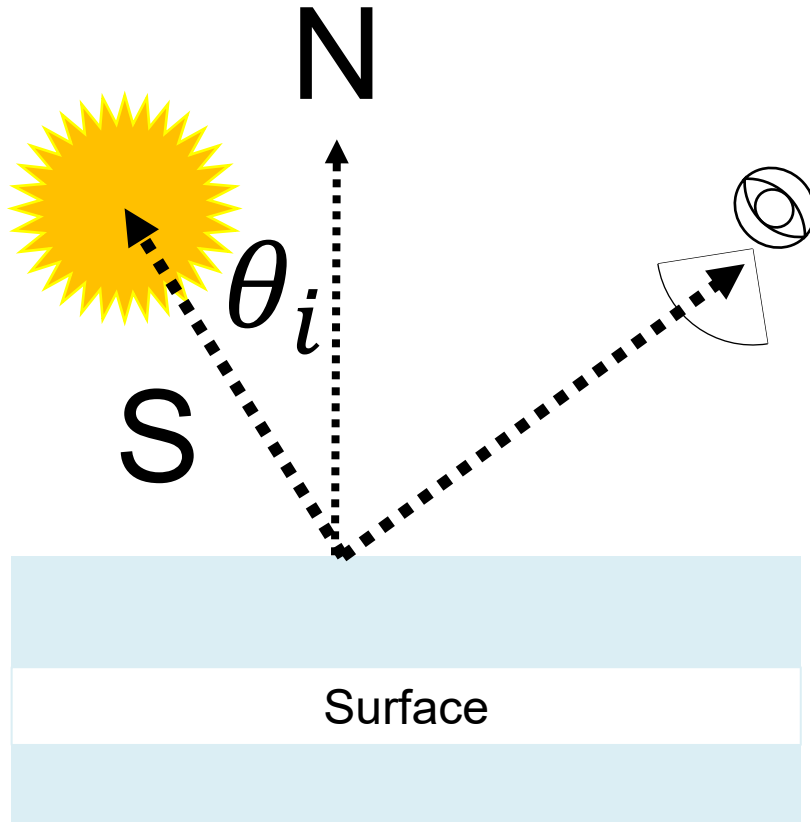
Lambertian Surface

Light depends **only** on orientation of surface

$$\phi_i, \theta_i$$

to light. Result of random small facets. Looks identical at all views.

Diffuse Reflection



Lambert's Law

N: surface normal

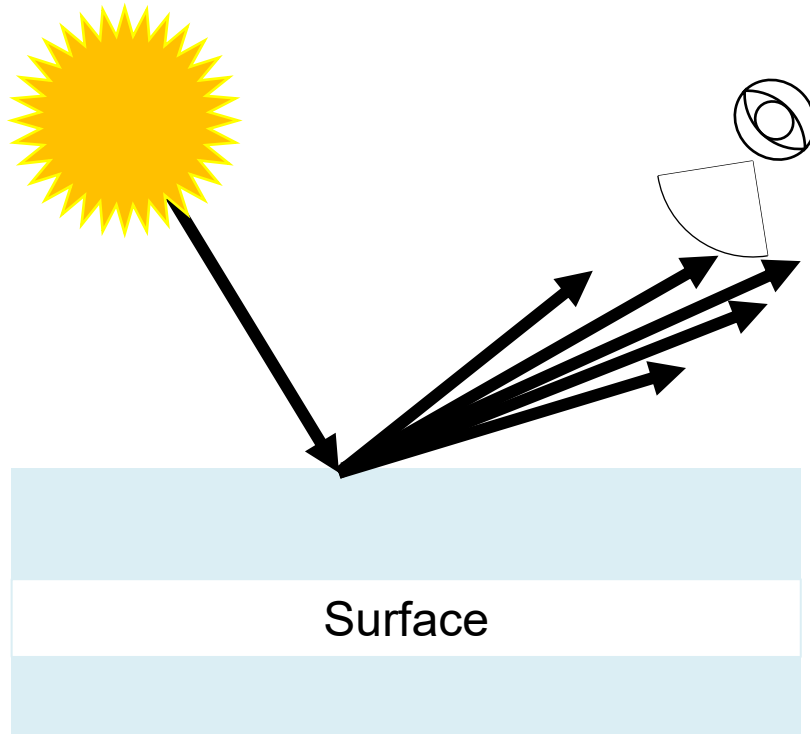
S: source direction **and**
strength

ρ : how much is reflected

$$B = \rho N \cdot S$$

$$B = \rho \|S\| \cos(\theta)$$

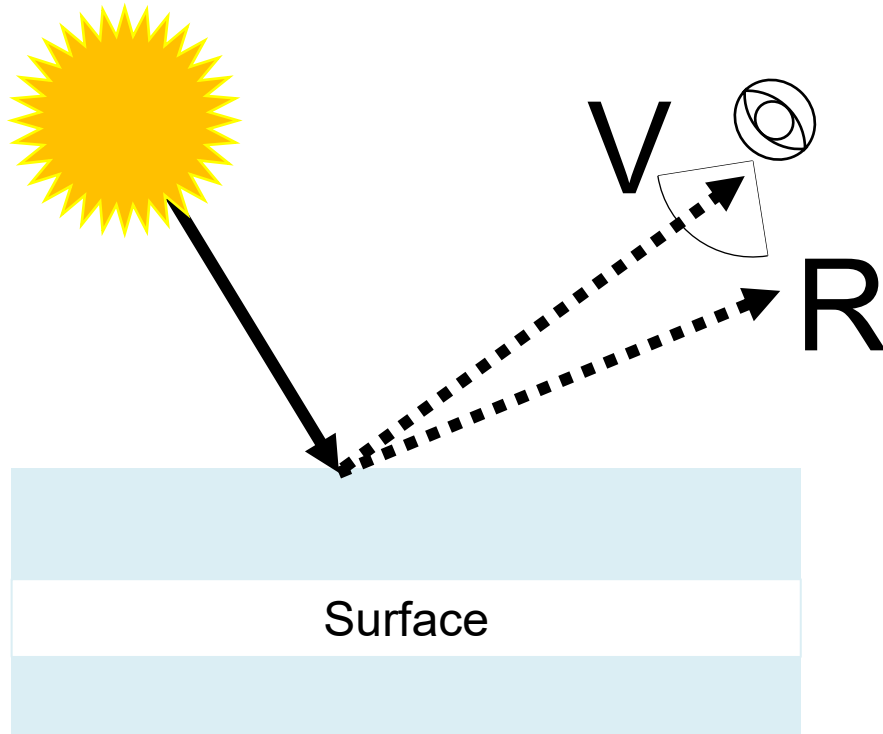
Specular Reflection



Specular Surface

Light reflected like a mirror, but spreads out in a “lobe” around the reflection ray

Specular Reflection



Phong Model

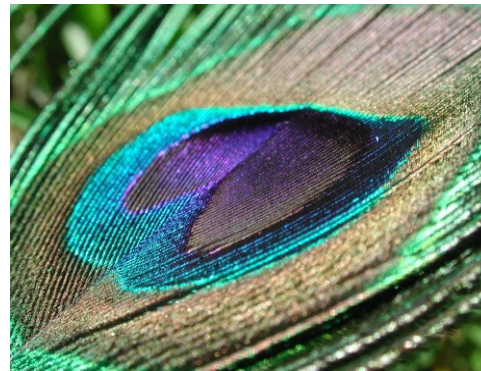
V: vector to viewer

R: reflection ray

α : shininess constant

$$B = (V^T R)^\alpha$$

BRDFs can be incredibly complicated...



What Can This Be Used For

Shape from Shading

Lambert's Law: for each i of K pixels,

$$B_i = \rho N_i \cdot S$$

Reflected Light (1 dim) Surface Orientation (3? dim) Illumination Global (3 dim)

Given: illumination and light, recover normals

Potential problems?

Shape From Shading

$$B_i = \rho N_i \cdot S$$

1D, **fixed** actually 2D 3D, **fixed**
unknown

- System of K equations that's underdetermined (K equations, $2K$ unknowns)
- **Solution:** Add more equations that enforce smoothness or finding a single surface.

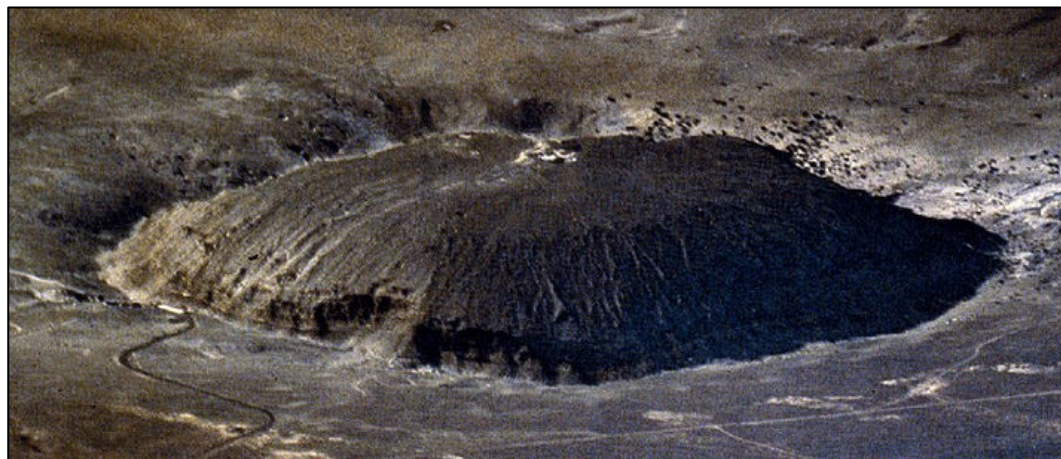
Realistic Shape From Shading

$$B_i = \rho N_i \cdot S$$

1D, fixed 2D unknown 3D, unknown

- System of equations that's underdetermined (K equations, 2K+3 unknowns)
- **Solution:** need prior beliefs to disambiguate.

Ambiguity



Ambiguity

Humans assume light from above (and the blueness also tells you distance)



Shape from Shading in Practice

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4GiLAOtjHNo>