

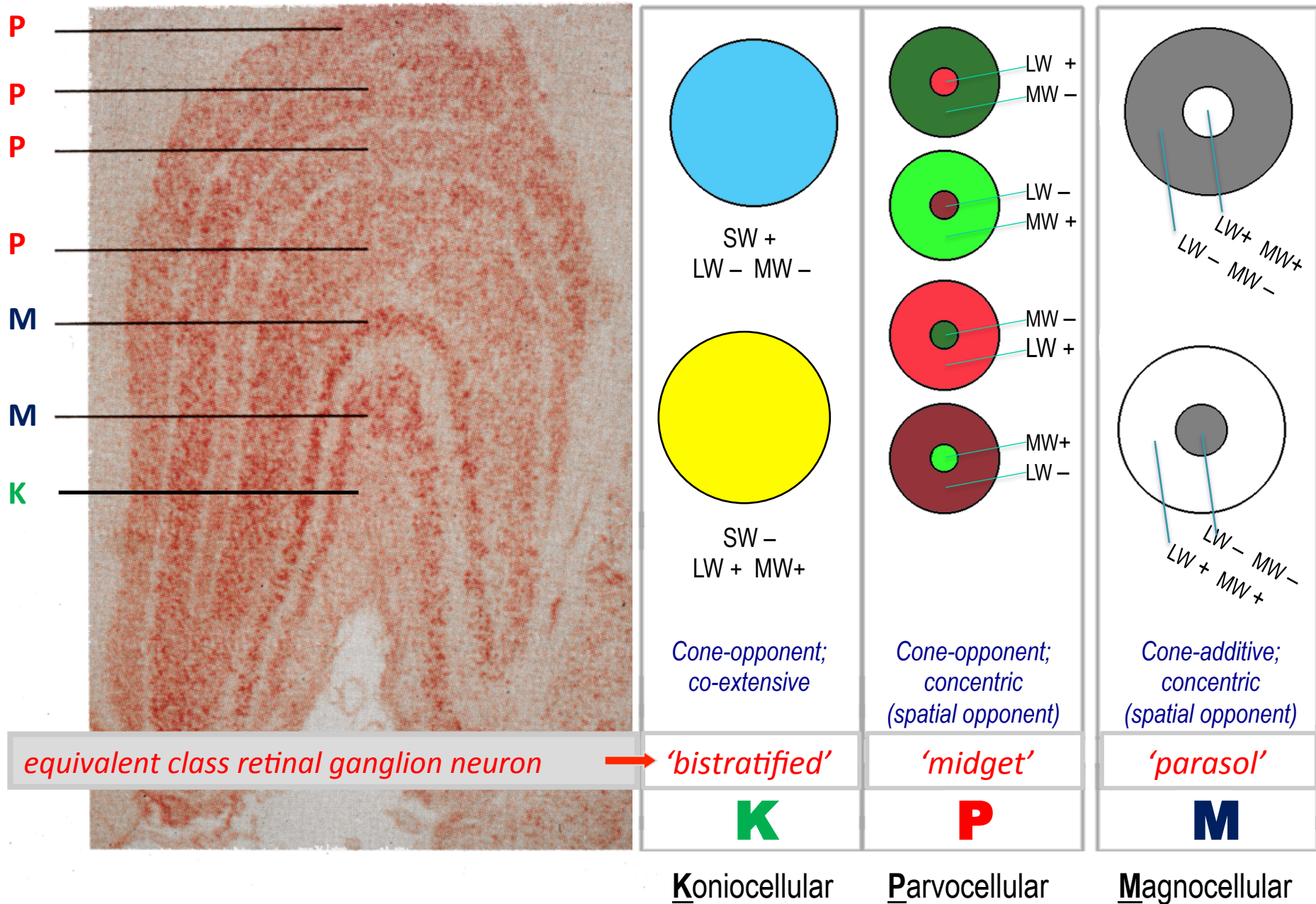
How similar are different cultures' concepts of colour?

Do different languages share equivalent basic colour terms ?

***Basic Color Terms: Their Universality and Evolution***  
**Berlin & Kay 1969.**

- 1 & 2    Light and dark (i.e. 'black' & 'white')
- 3        Red
- 4 & 5    Green & Yellow
- 6        Blue
- 7        Brown
- 8-11    Purple Pink Orange Grey

# LGN – receptive field properties of 3 different channels



**NAMING SEQUENCE**

**WAVELENGTH**

**TRADITIONAL SPECTRUM**

Red

**R**

668

Red

Reddish-yellow

**R**

**Y**

Orange

Yellow

**Y**

580

Yellow

Yellowish-green

**G**

**Y**

Green

**G**

520

Green

Greenish-blue

**G**

**B**

500

Blue

**B**

464

Blue

Bluish-red

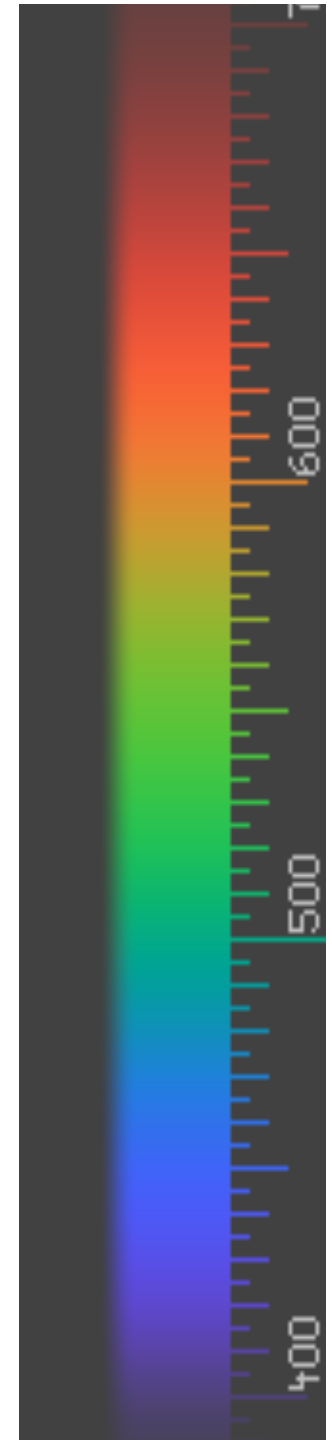
**R**

**B**

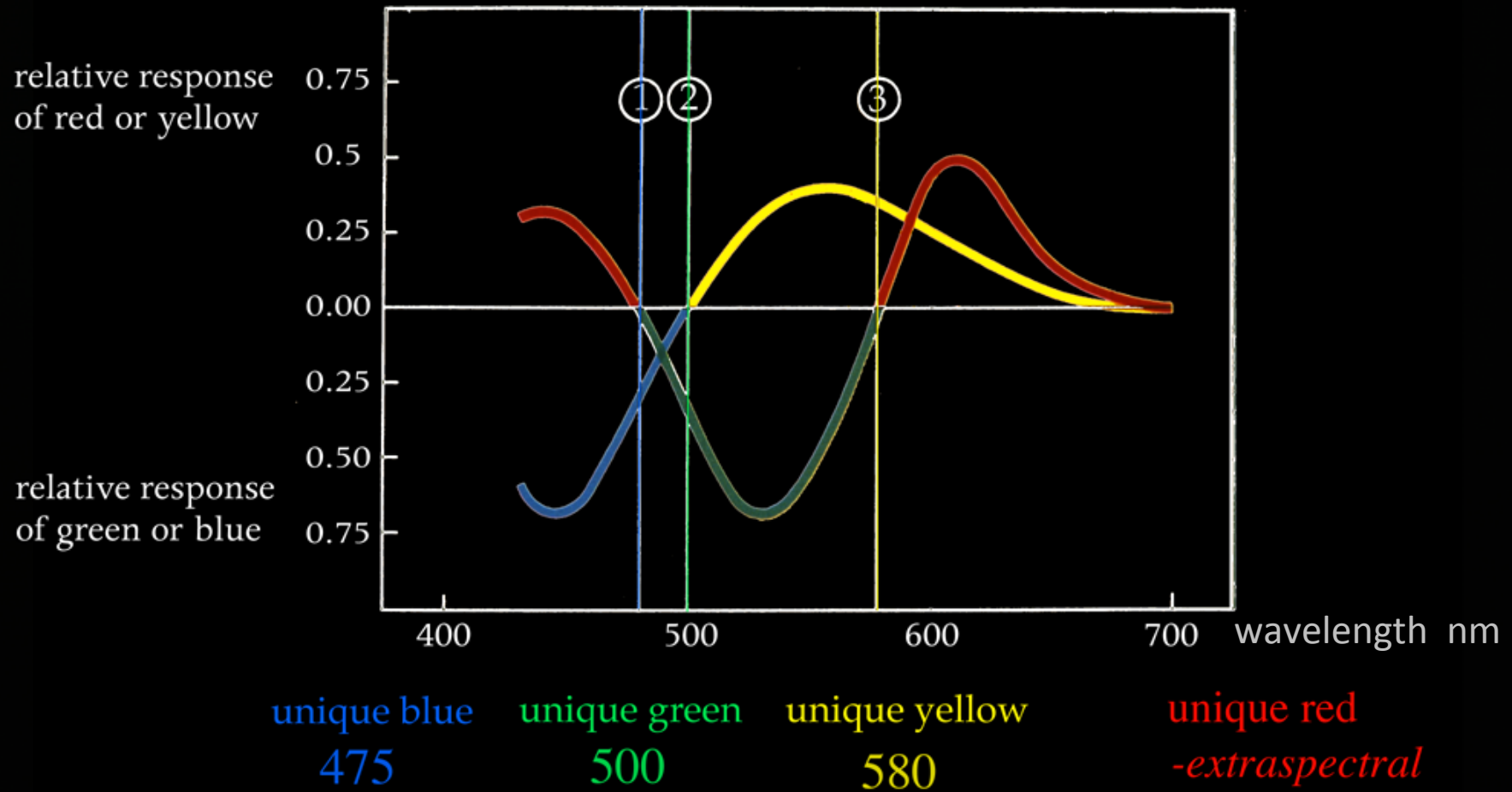
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Indigo

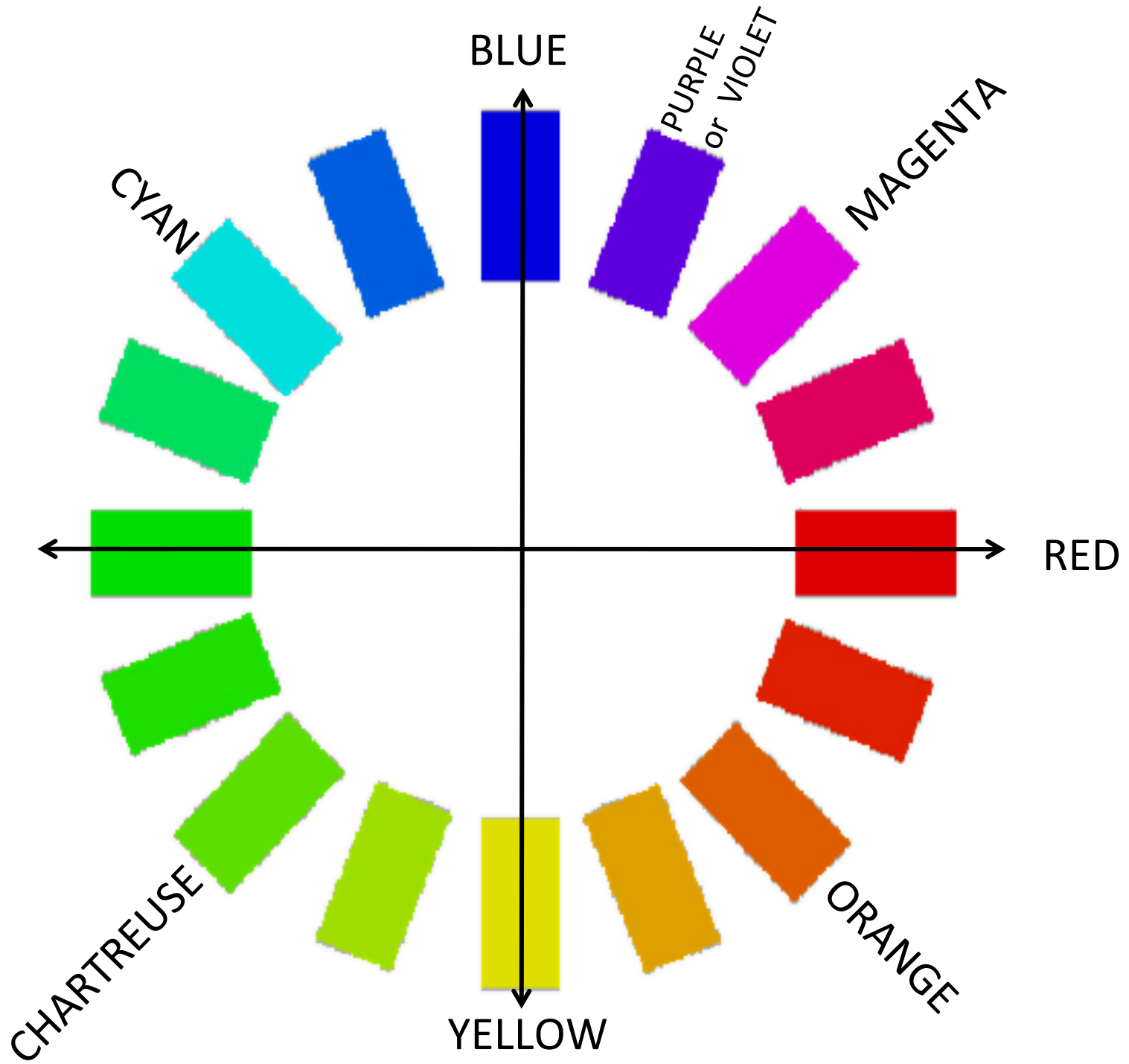
Violet



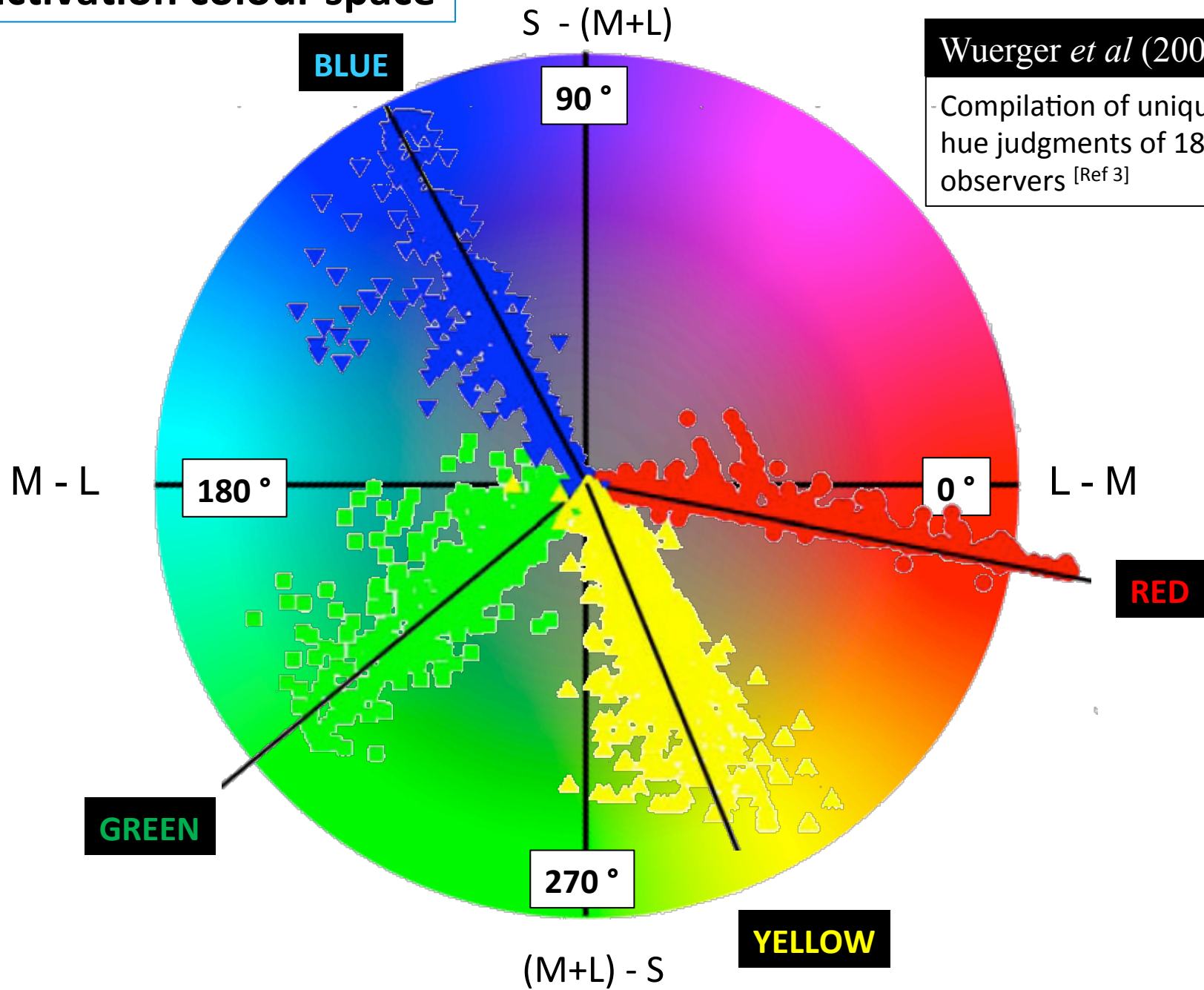
# opponent colour response functions



[Ewald Hering 1878 – opponent colours theory]



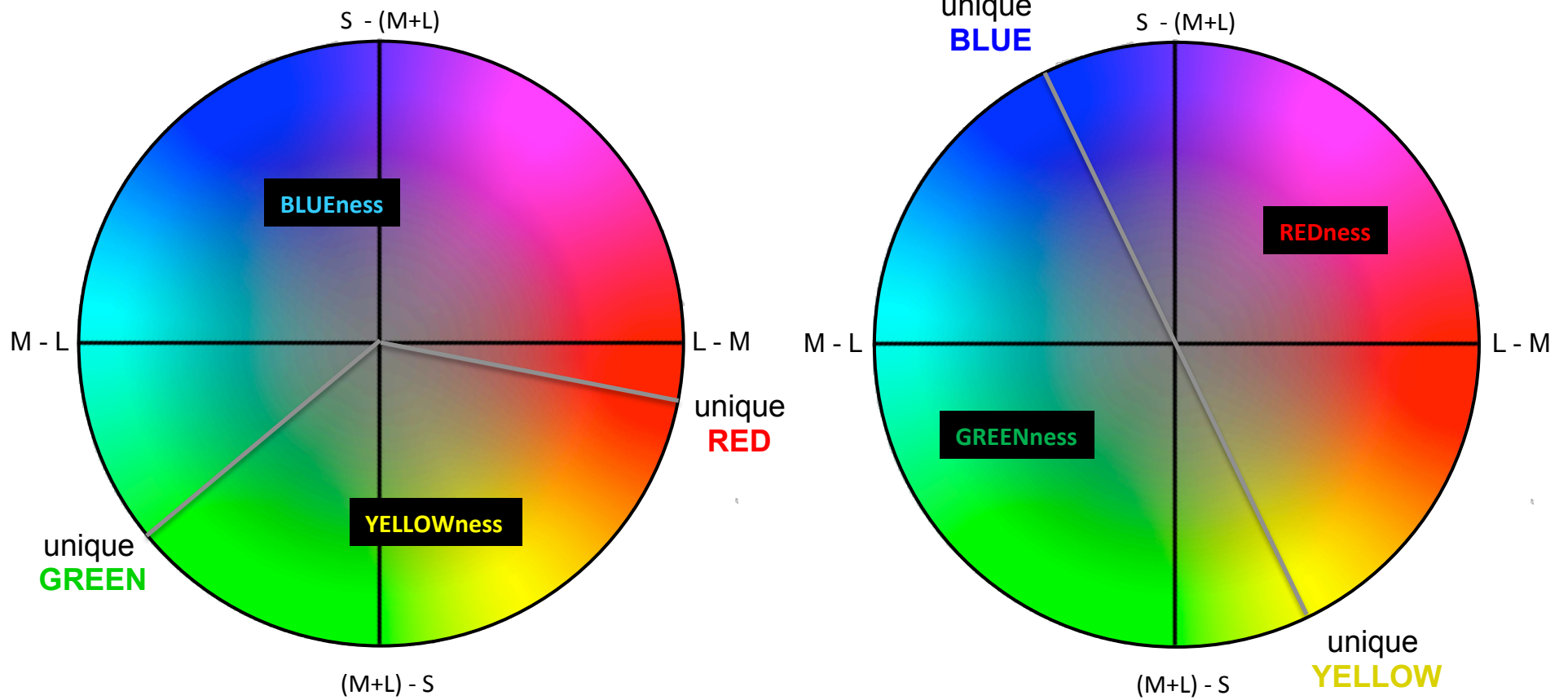
# Cone activation colour space



Wuerger *et al* (2005)

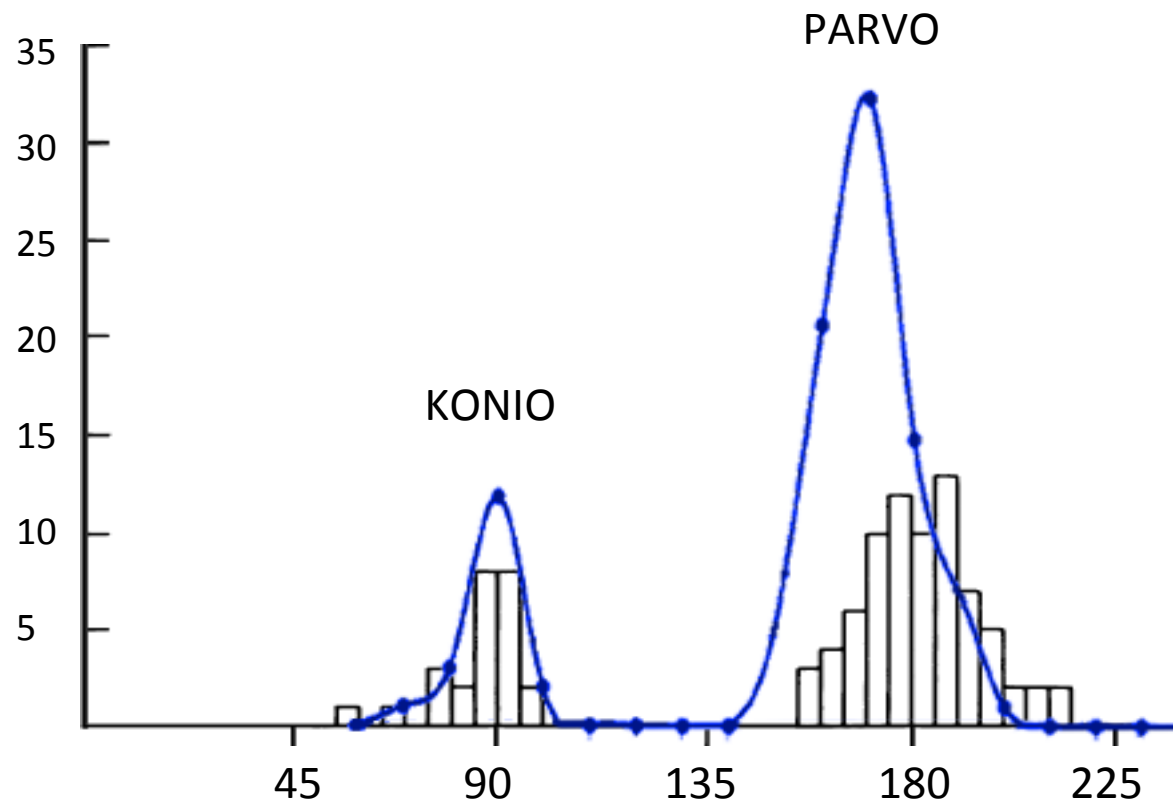
Compilation of unique hue judgments of 18 observers [Ref 3]

# Cone activation colour space





# LGN - frequency distribution of chromatic tuning



DeValois *et al.* (2000) [Ref 6]

Derrington, Krauskopf & Lennie (1984) [Ref 5]

(M+L)-S



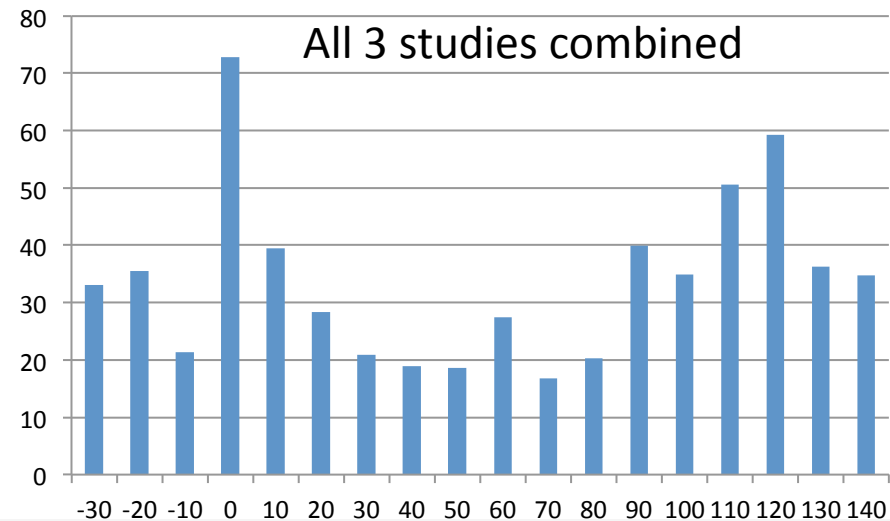
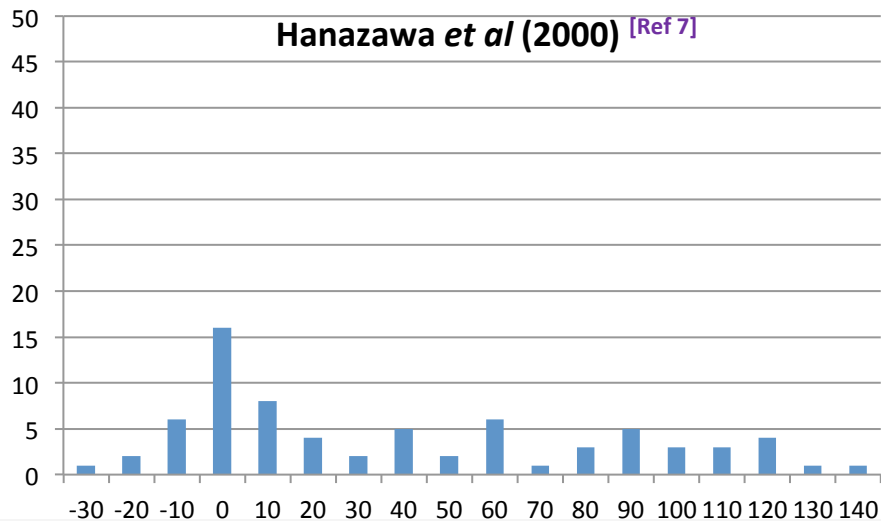
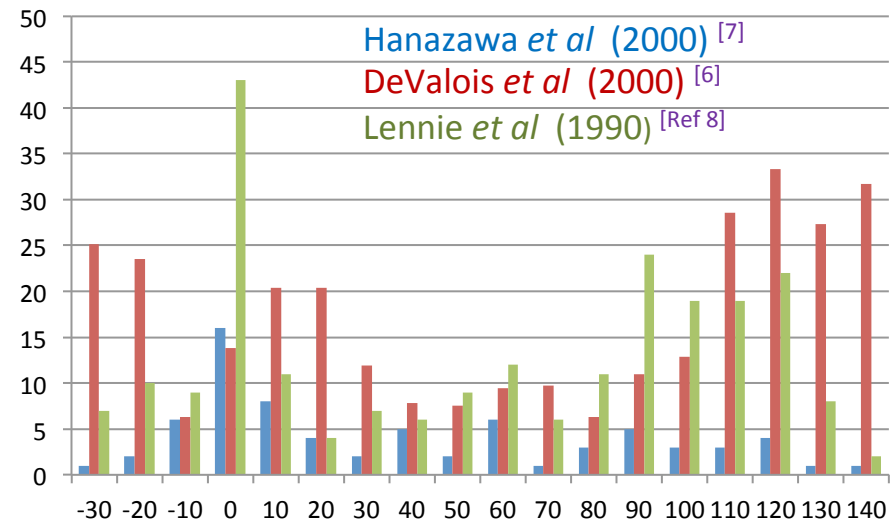
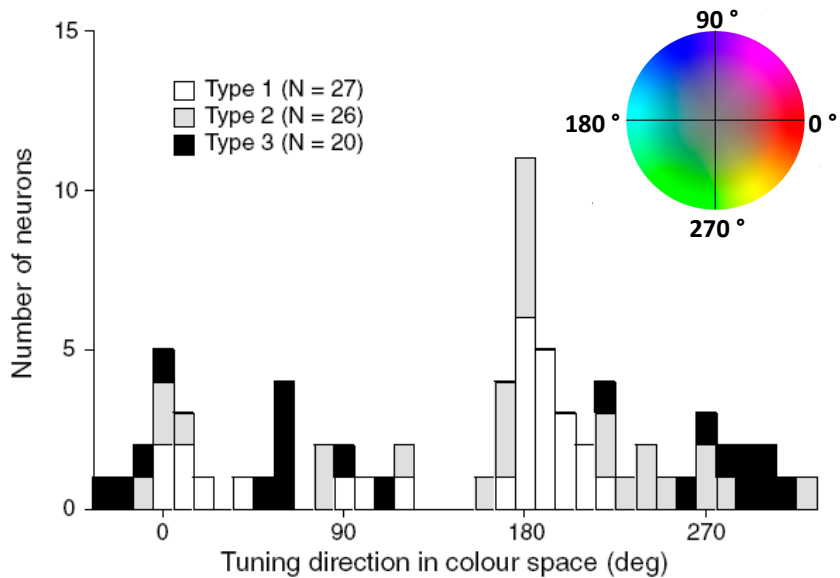
S-(M+L)

M-L

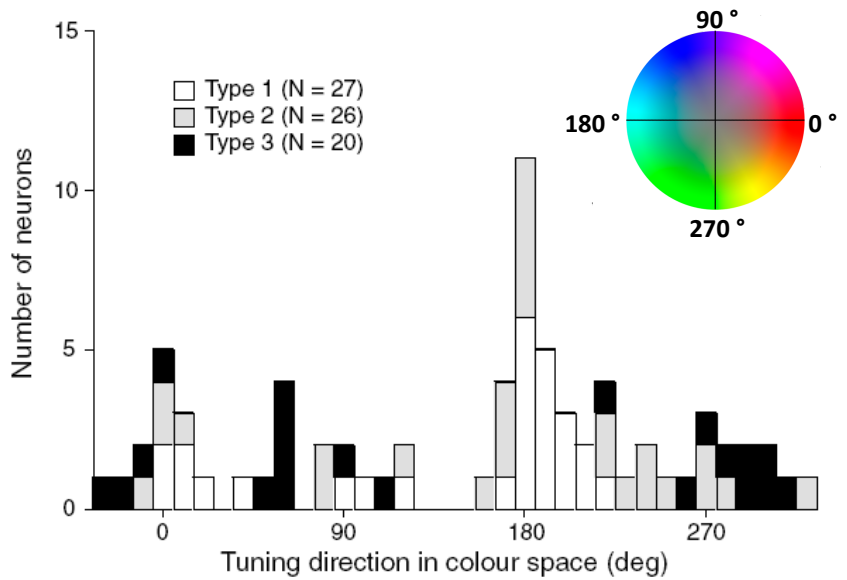


L-M

# Neural colour axes in V1

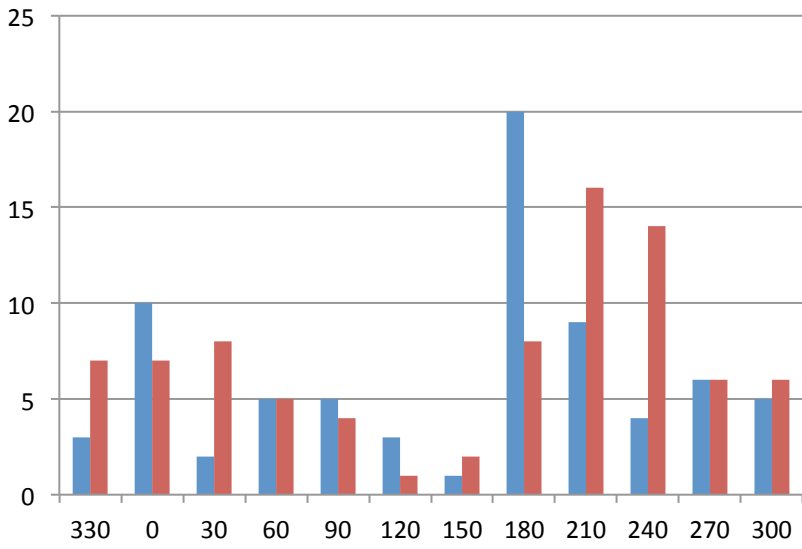


**Neural colour axes in V1 & V2**



V1: Hanazawa *et al* (2000) [Ref 7]

10 deg. histogram (360 scale)



V1: Hanazawa *et al* (2000) [Ref 7]

V2: Kiper *et al* (1997) [Ref 9]

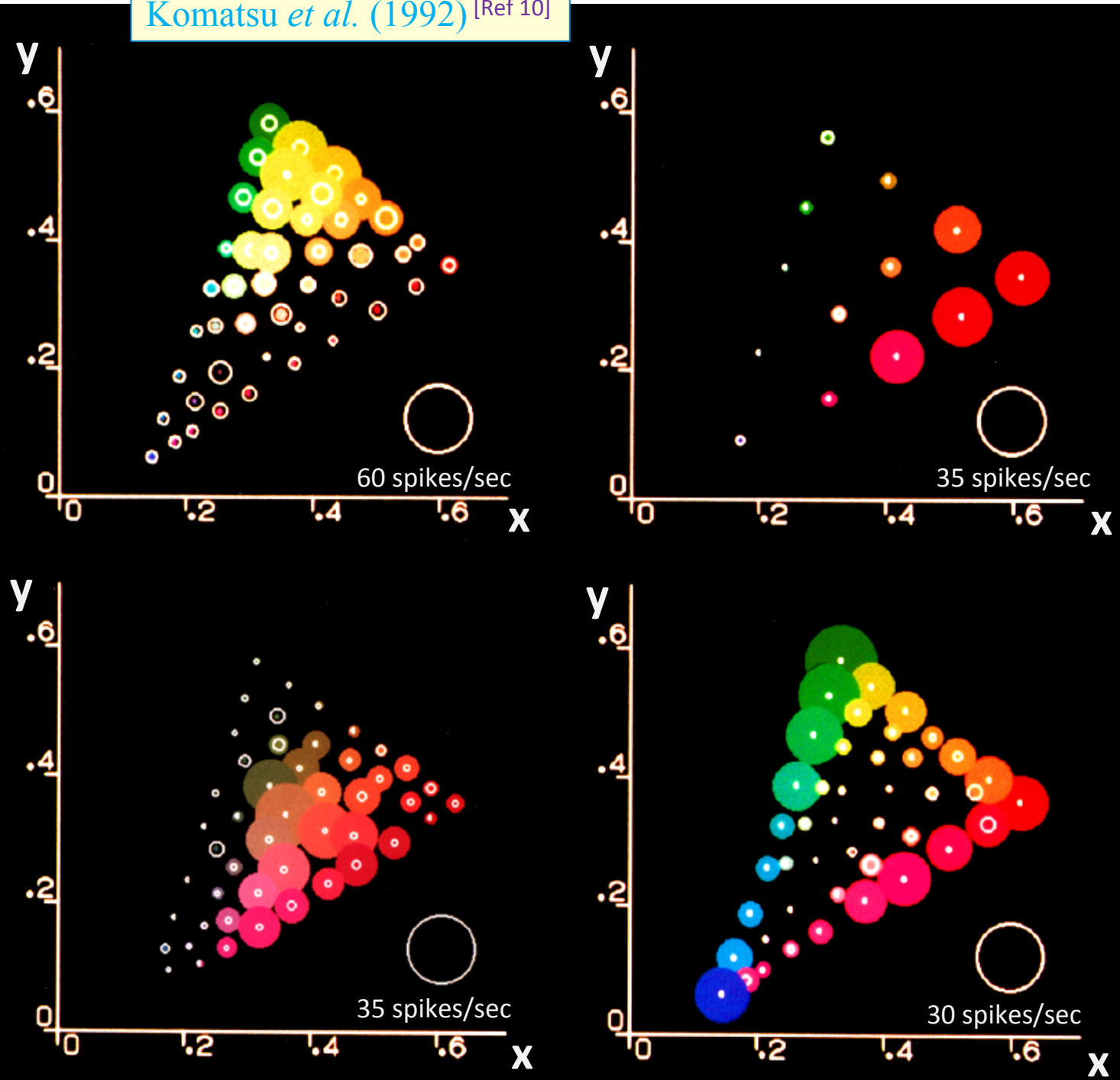
Similar looking?  
- but correlation coefficient = 0.29, not significant

30 deg. histogram (360 scale)

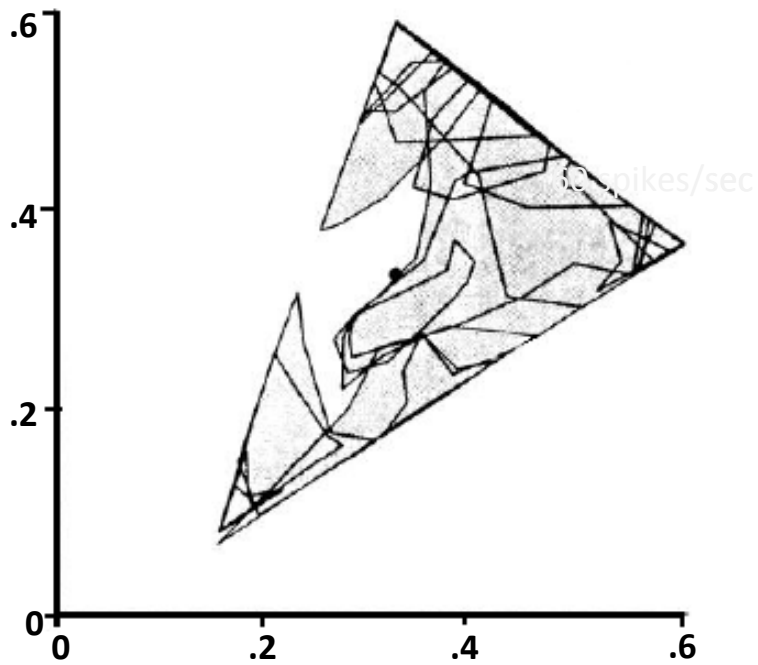
And, at the far end of the 'ventral' visual pathway...



Komatsu *et al.* (1992) [Ref 10]



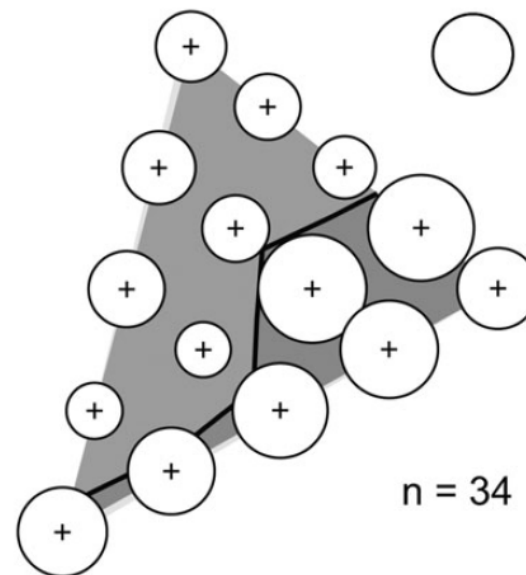
Komatsu *et al* (1992)



Pooled colour response fields of 19 IT neurons

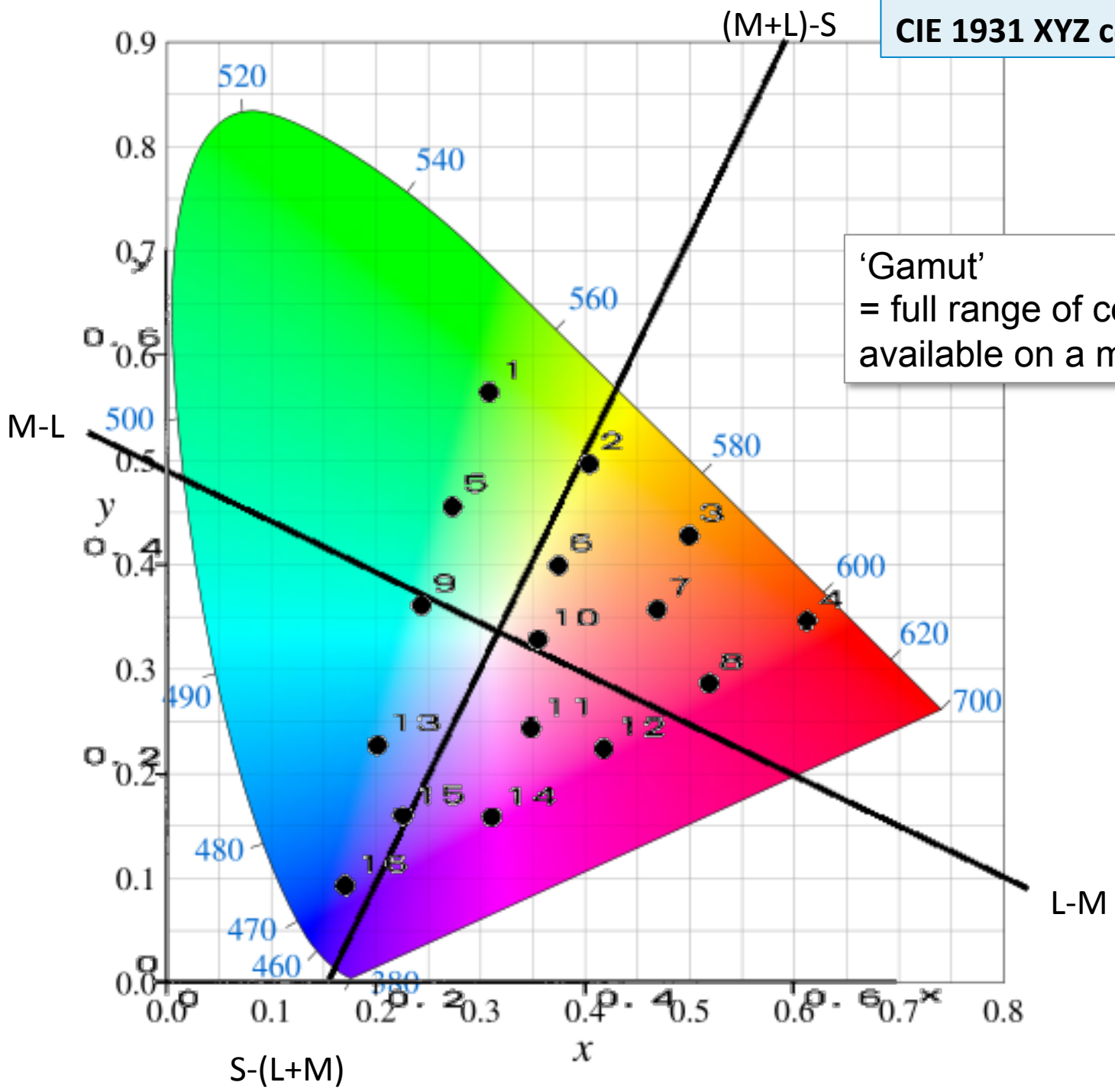
35 spikes/sec

Yasuda *et al* (2010)



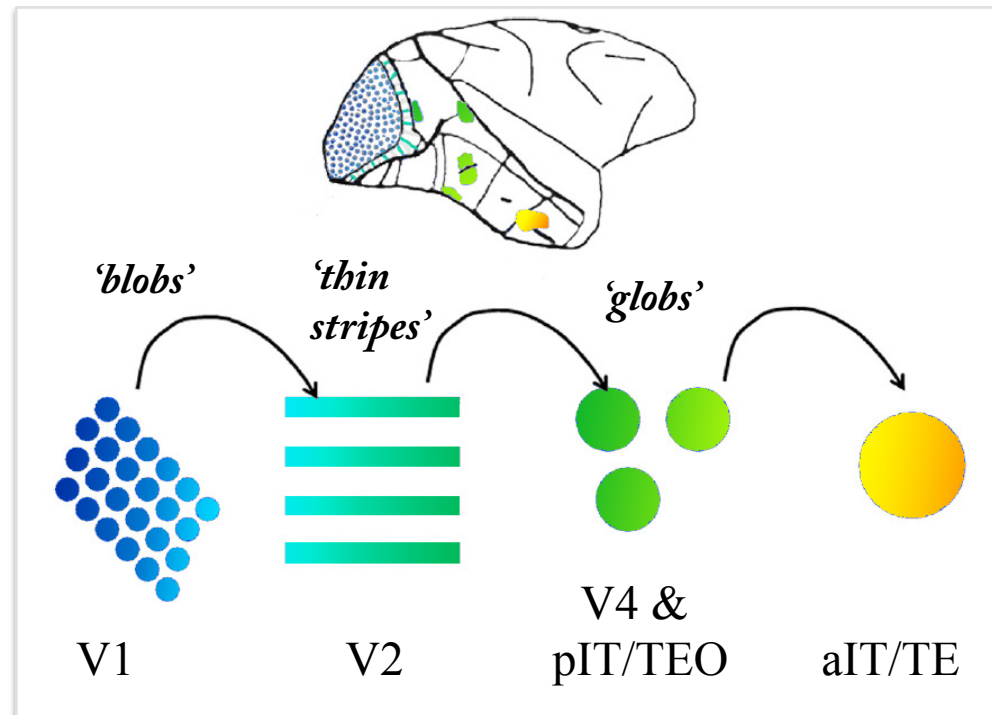
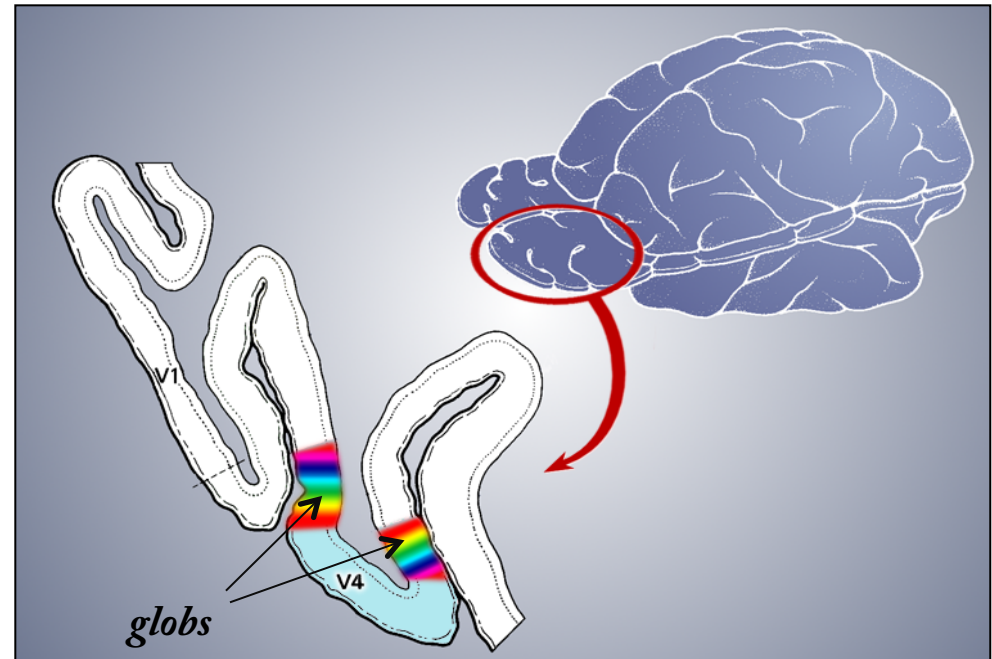
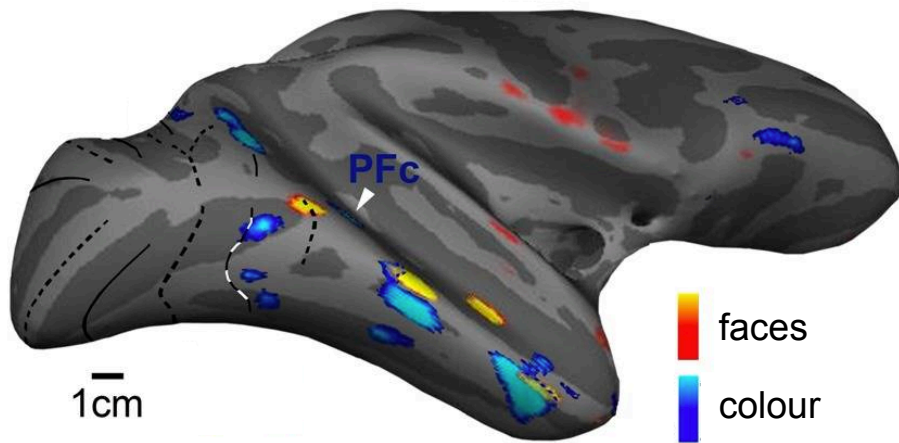
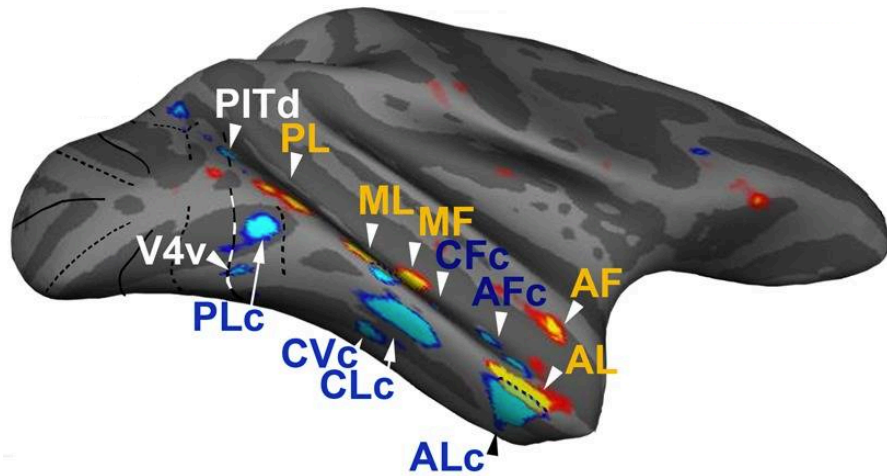
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CIE 1931 XYZ color space



'Gamut'  
= full range of colours  
available on a monitor

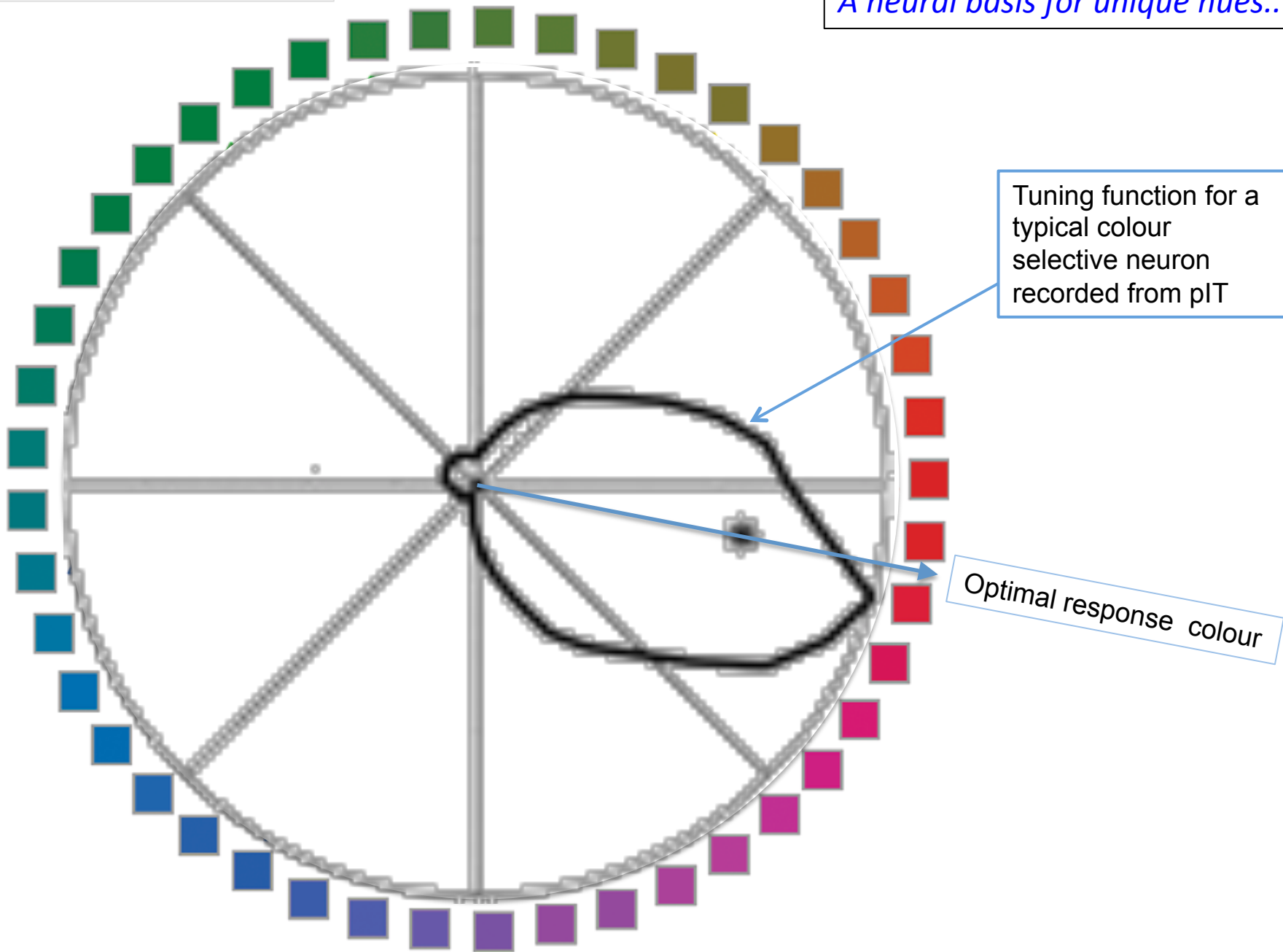
Conway *et al.* (2007) [Ref 12]  
 Lafer-Sousa & Conway (2013) [Ref 13]  
 Colour pathway 'blobs' revealed by fMRI





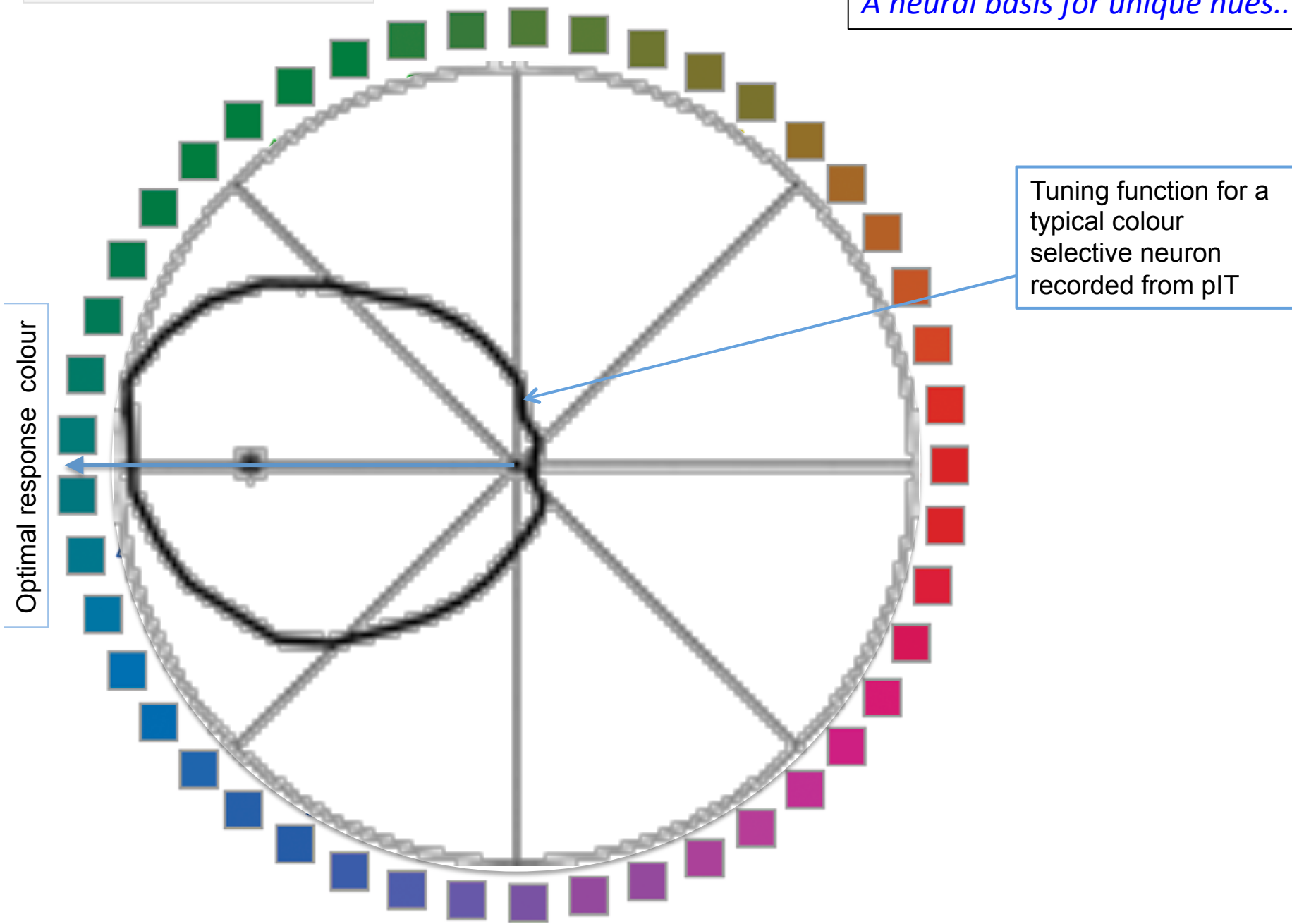
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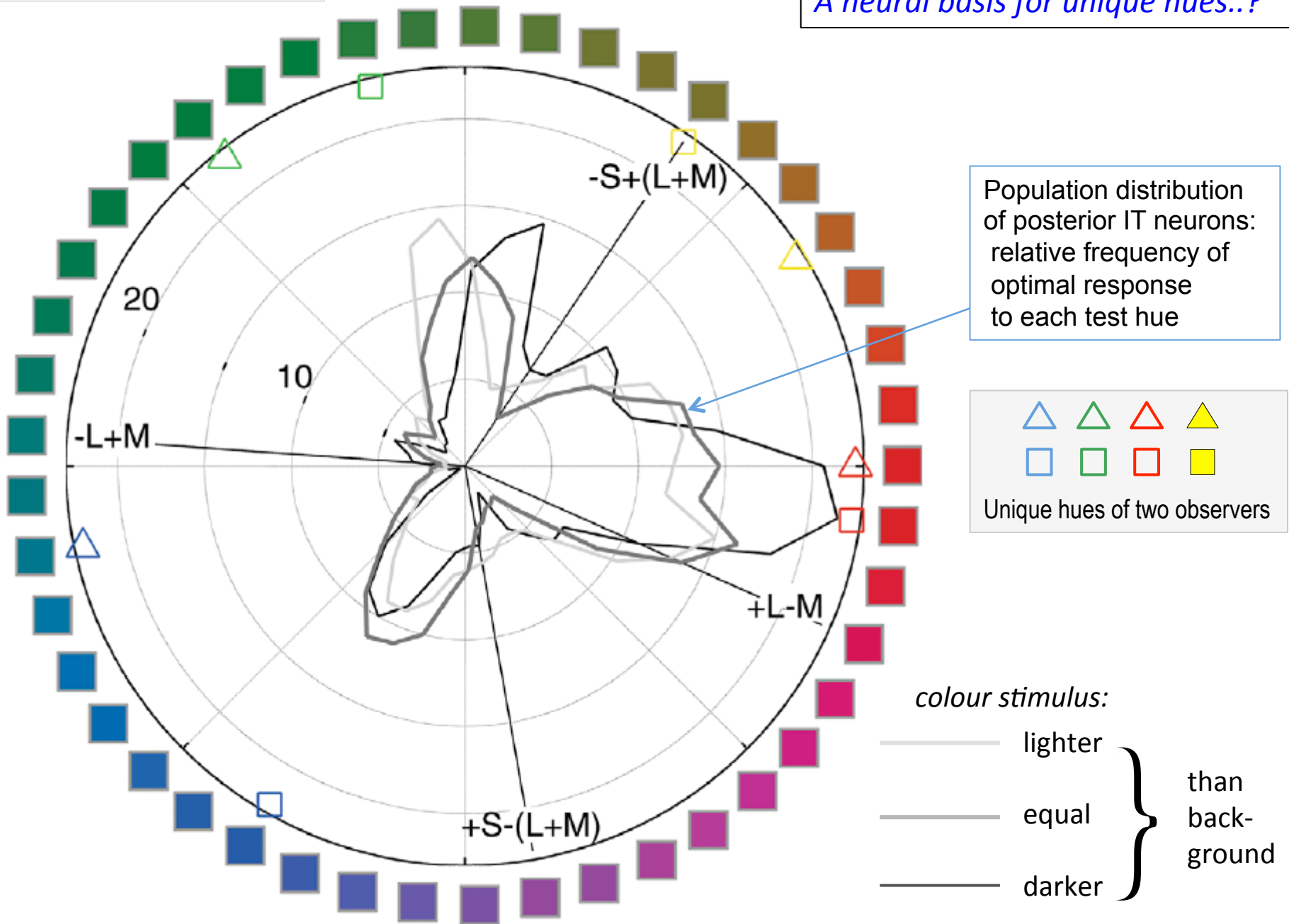


Tuning function for a typical colour selective neuron recorded from pIT

Optimal response colour

# Isoluminant test hues

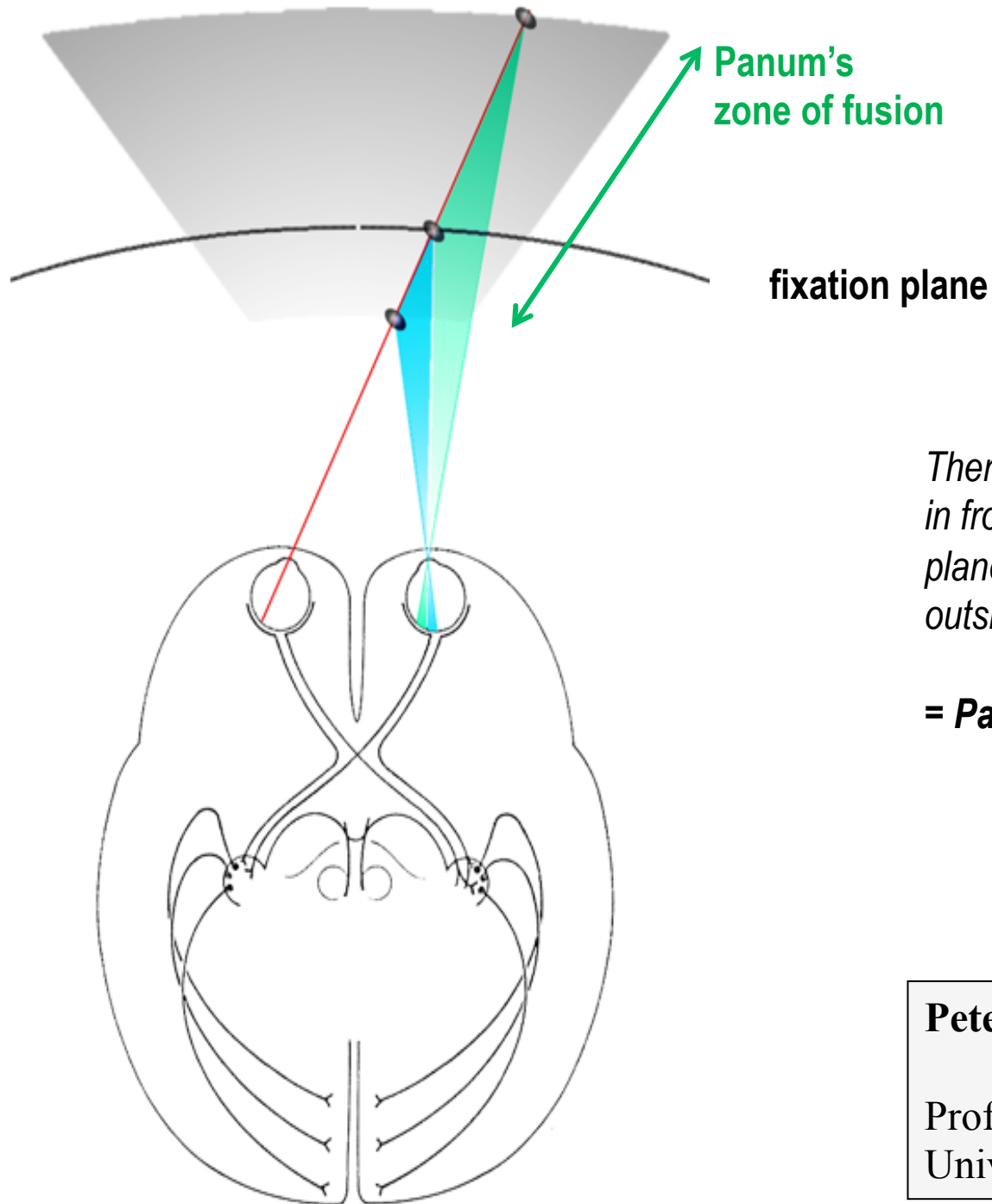
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# Stereoscopic Vision



## **BINOCULAR INTERACTION - PERCEPTION**



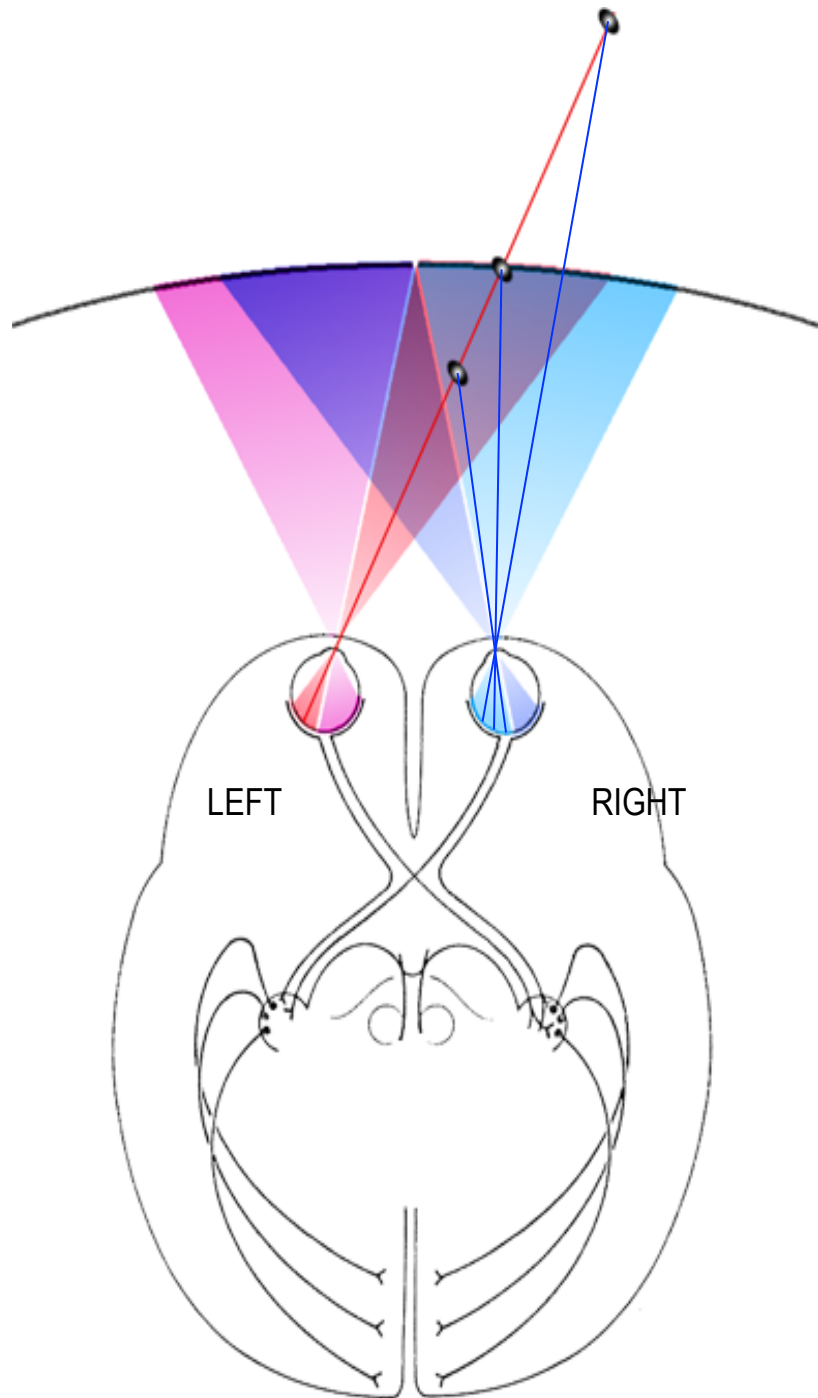
*There is a limited range of depths in front, and behind, of the fixation plane in which a single image is seen; outside this range there is double vision.*

**= Panum's zone of fusion (c. 1860)**

**Peter Panum**

Professor of Physiology  
University of Kiel 1853-1864

## **BINOCULAR INTERACTION - OPTICS**



**fixation plane** - images of objects located on the plane of fixation fall at *corresponding locations* in each retina.

Objects at locations in front, or behind the fixation plane produce images at *non-corresponding* locations in each retina.

e.g.

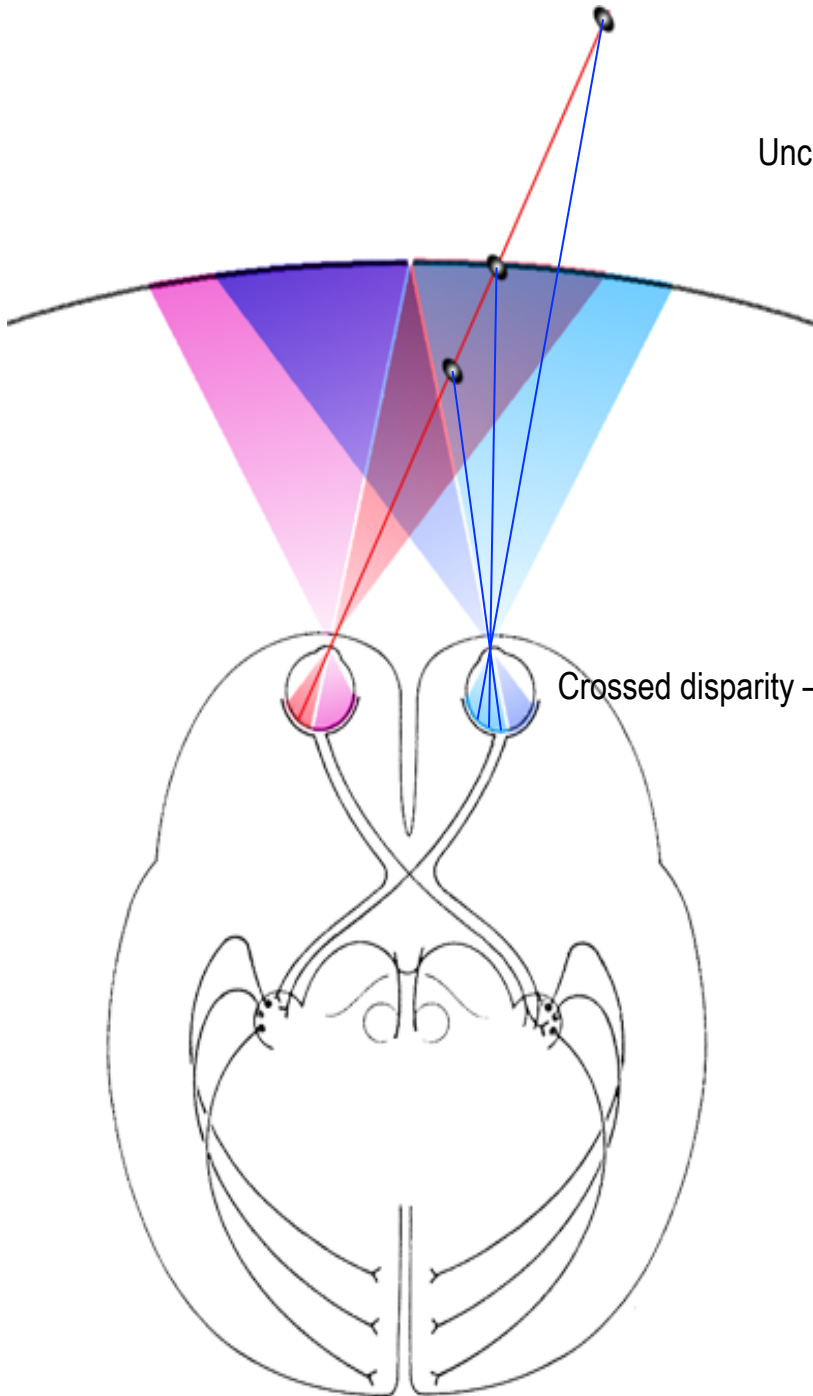
3 items along the same line of sight in the left eye are imaged at 3 separate locations in the right eye.

## ***BINOCULAR INTERACTION - OPTICS***

Uncrossed disparity – far objects lying behind the horopter

**Horopter** – the curved plane on which all points are imaged at corresponding retinal locations

Crossed disparity – near objects lying in front of the horopter



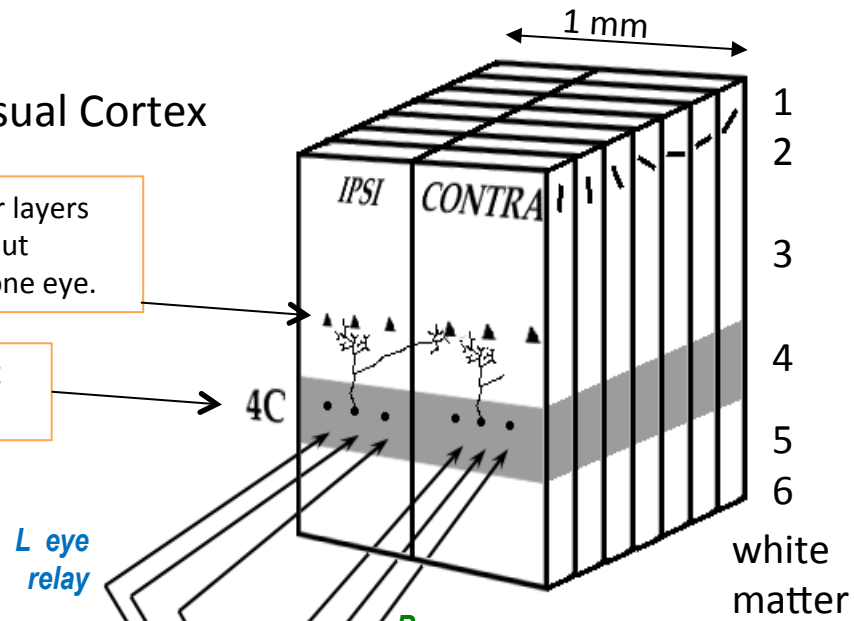
# FUNCTIONAL ARCHITECTURE OF PRIMARY VISUAL CORTEX

David Hubel & Torsten Wiesel

## Primary Visual Cortex

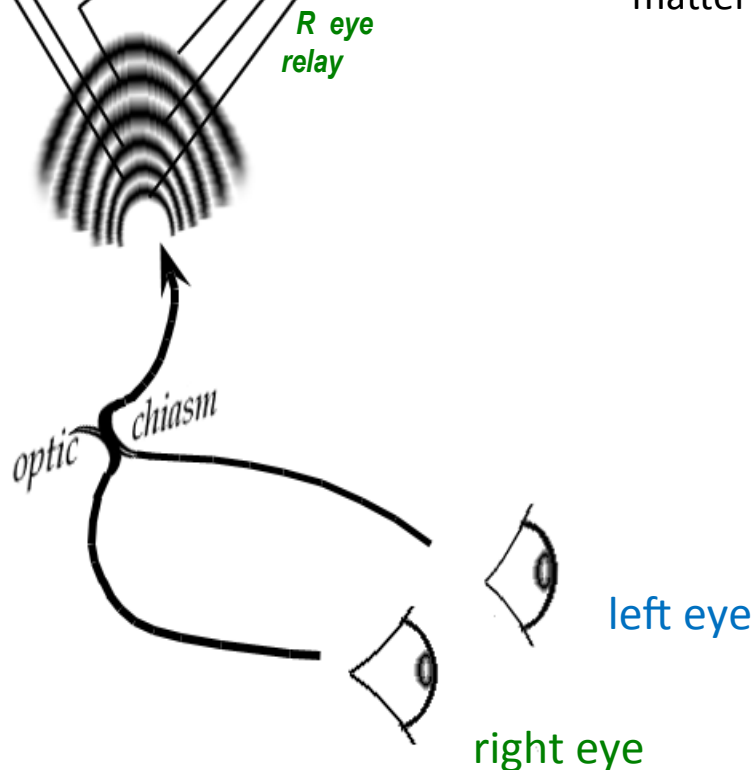
Cells in all other layers are binocular, but dominated by one eye.

Cells in layer 4C are monocular



**V1 (left)**  
*two independent modular subsystems:*  
 - ocular dominance columns  
 - orientation columns

## Lateral Geniculate Nucleus



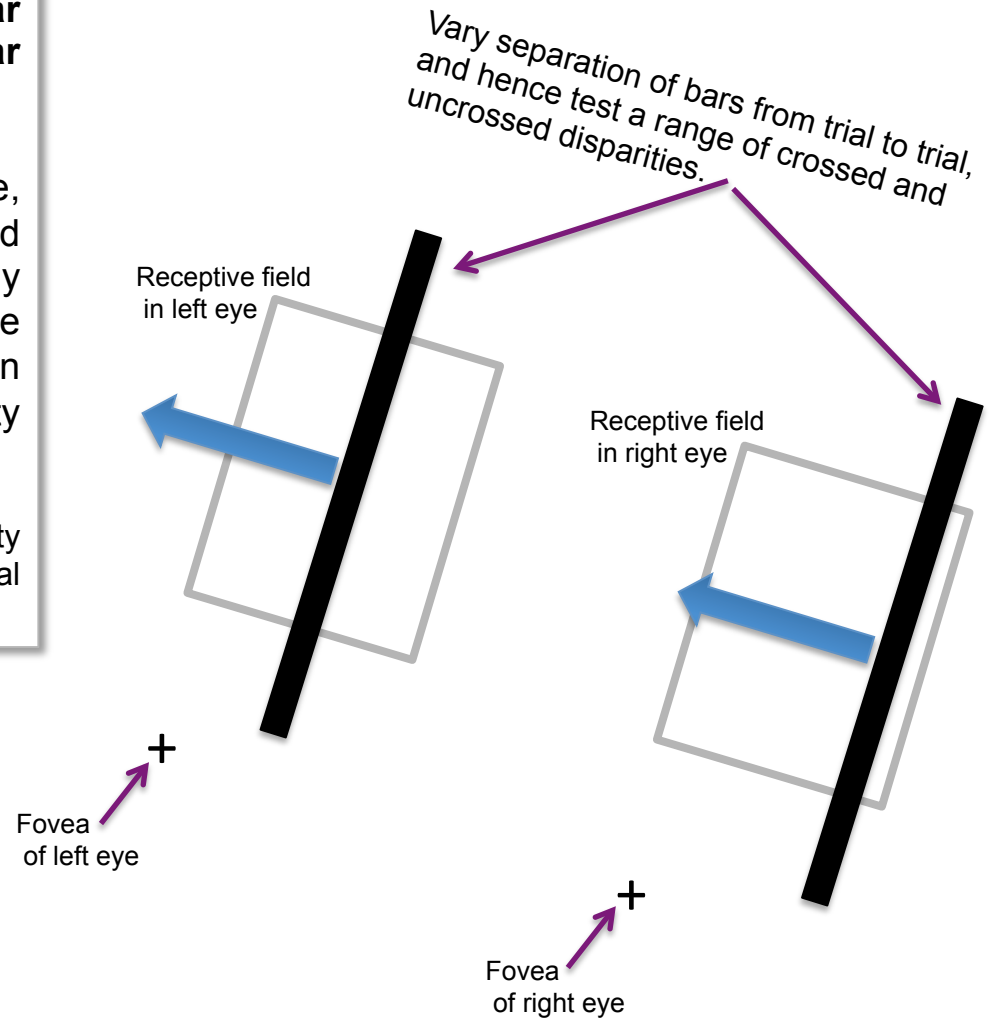
**LGN (left)**  
*6 monocular layers;*  
 - each layer maps a right, or a left eye half-retina



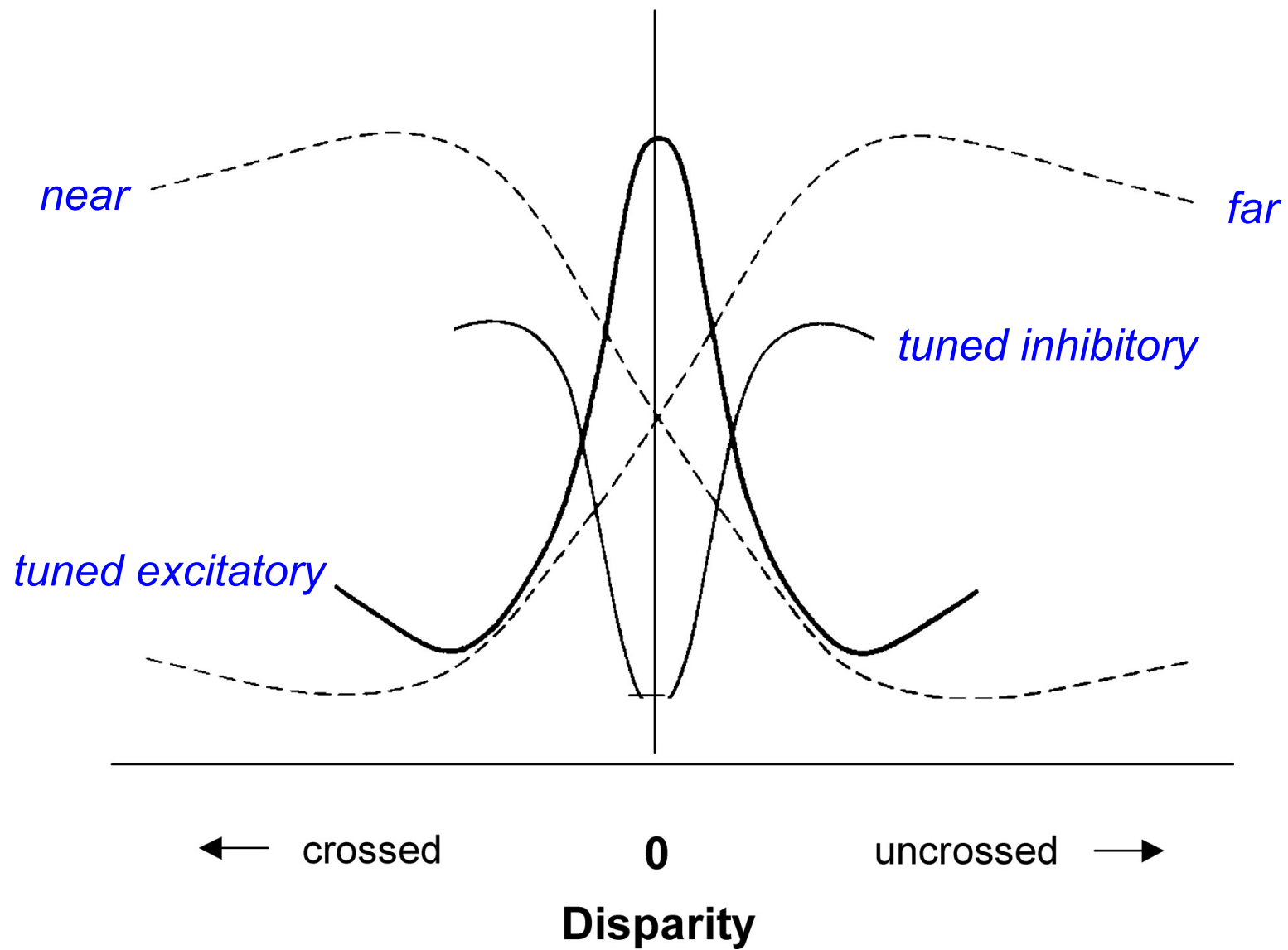
**Typical methodology for testing binocular disparity tuning under conditions of ocular paralysis and anaesthesia.**

Due to paralysis, the ocular axes diverge, separating the receptive fields in either eye, and allowing independent (dichoptic) stimulation by two separate bar stimuli. As there is only one stimulus (per receptive field) against a plain background, this is a test of absolute disparity tuning.

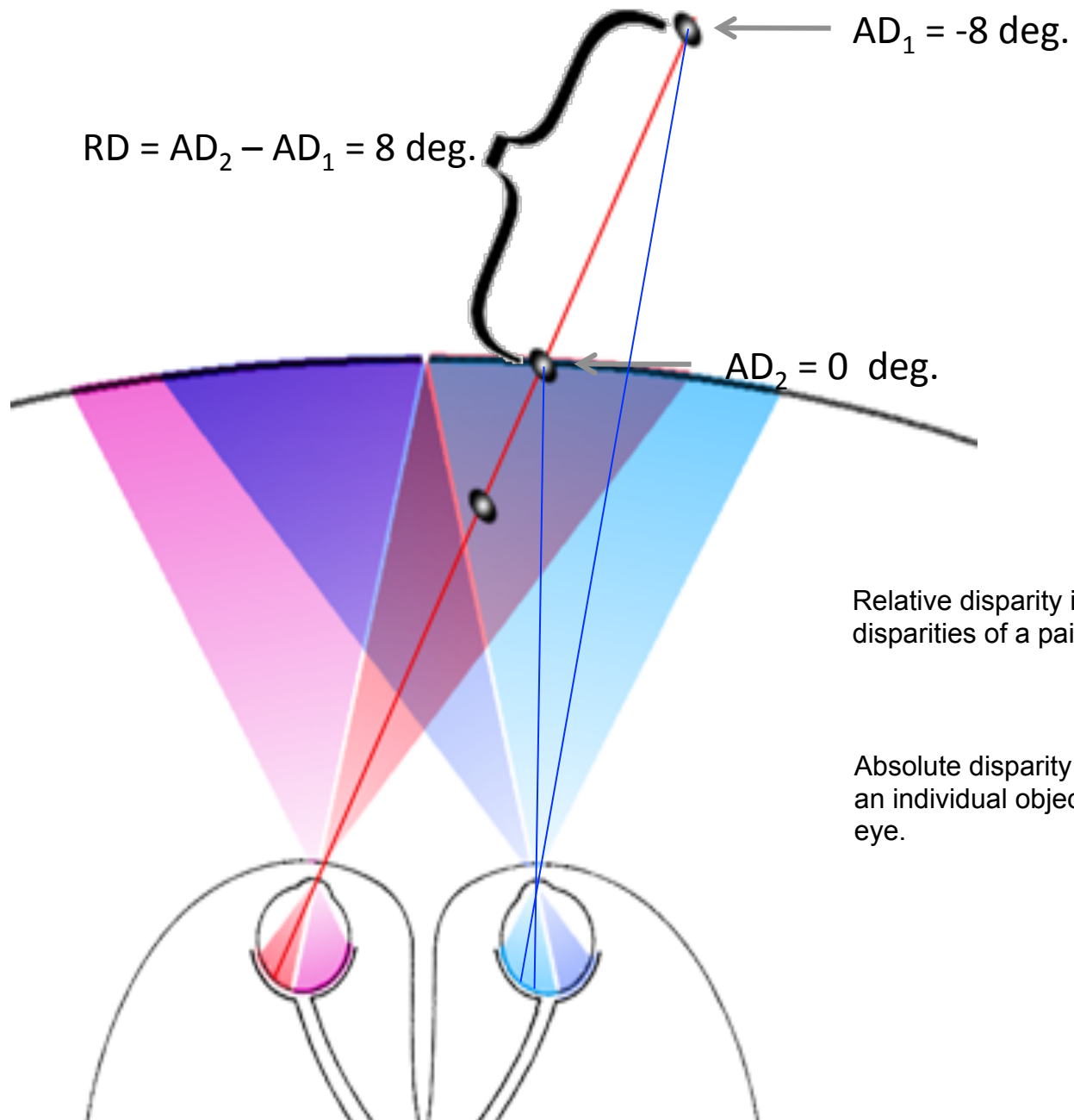
The following slide shows the four varieties of disparity tuning that have typically been observed in several separate studies of area V1, V2 & V3.



Typical absolute disparity tuning curves obtained in areas V1, V2 & V3



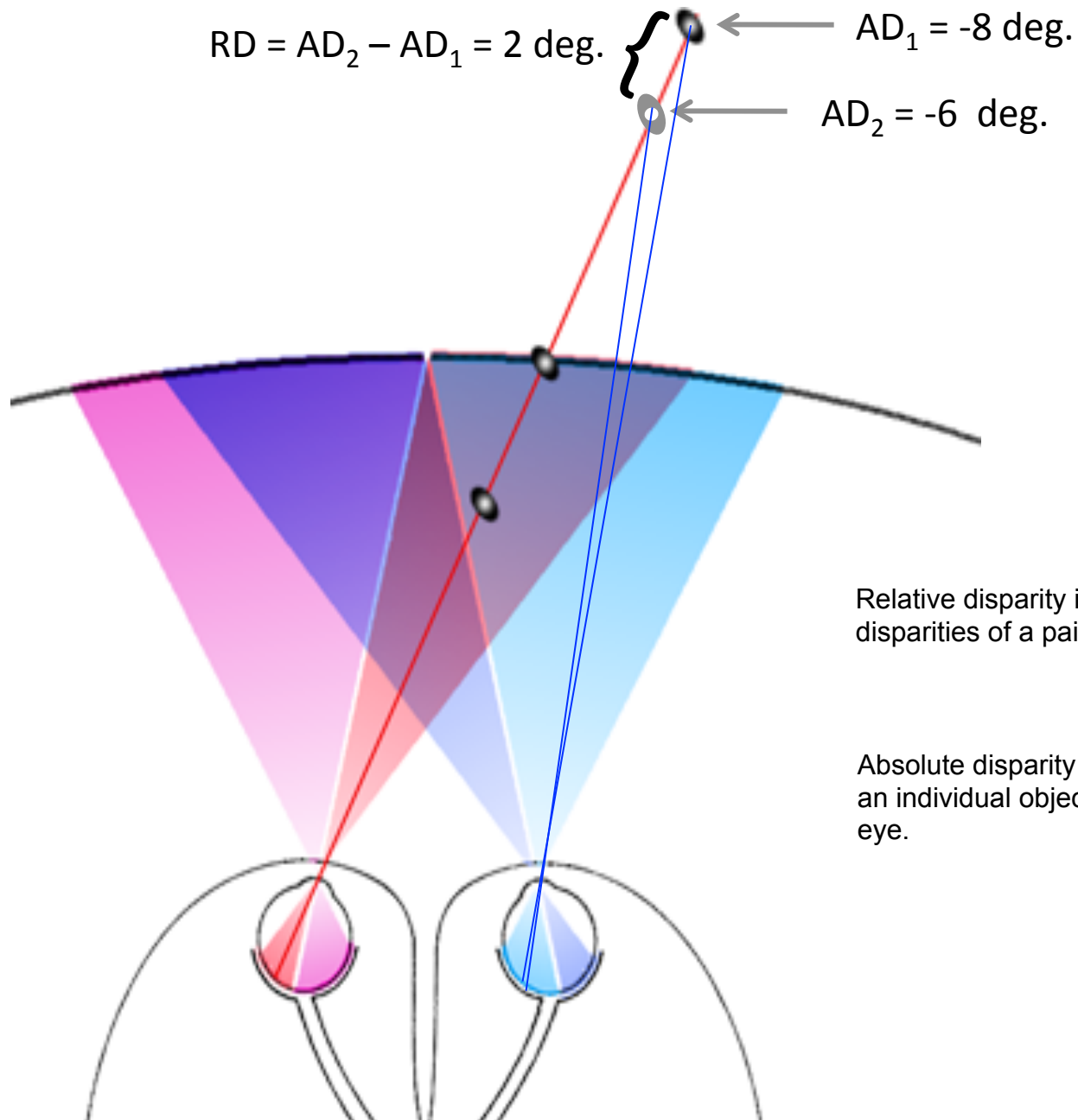
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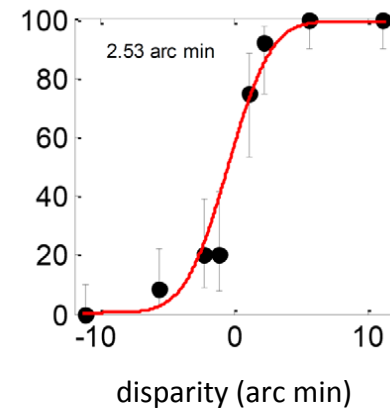
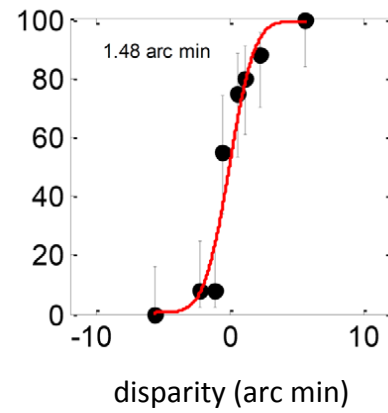
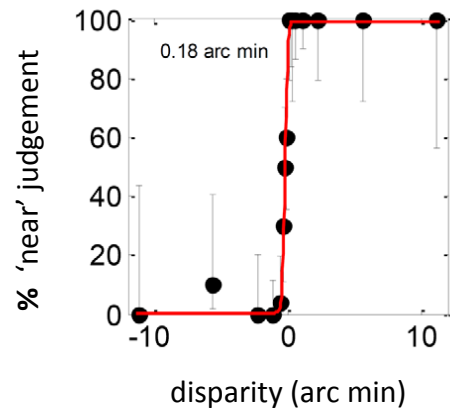
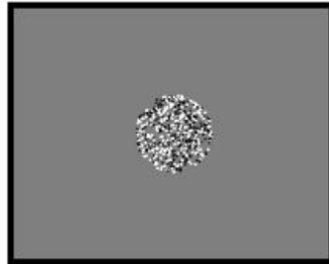
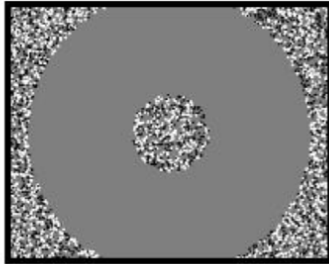
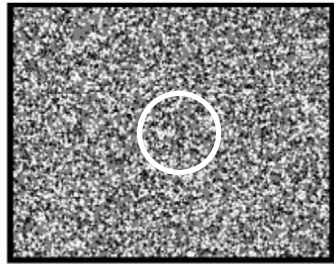
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# Relative disparity allows greater stereoacuity



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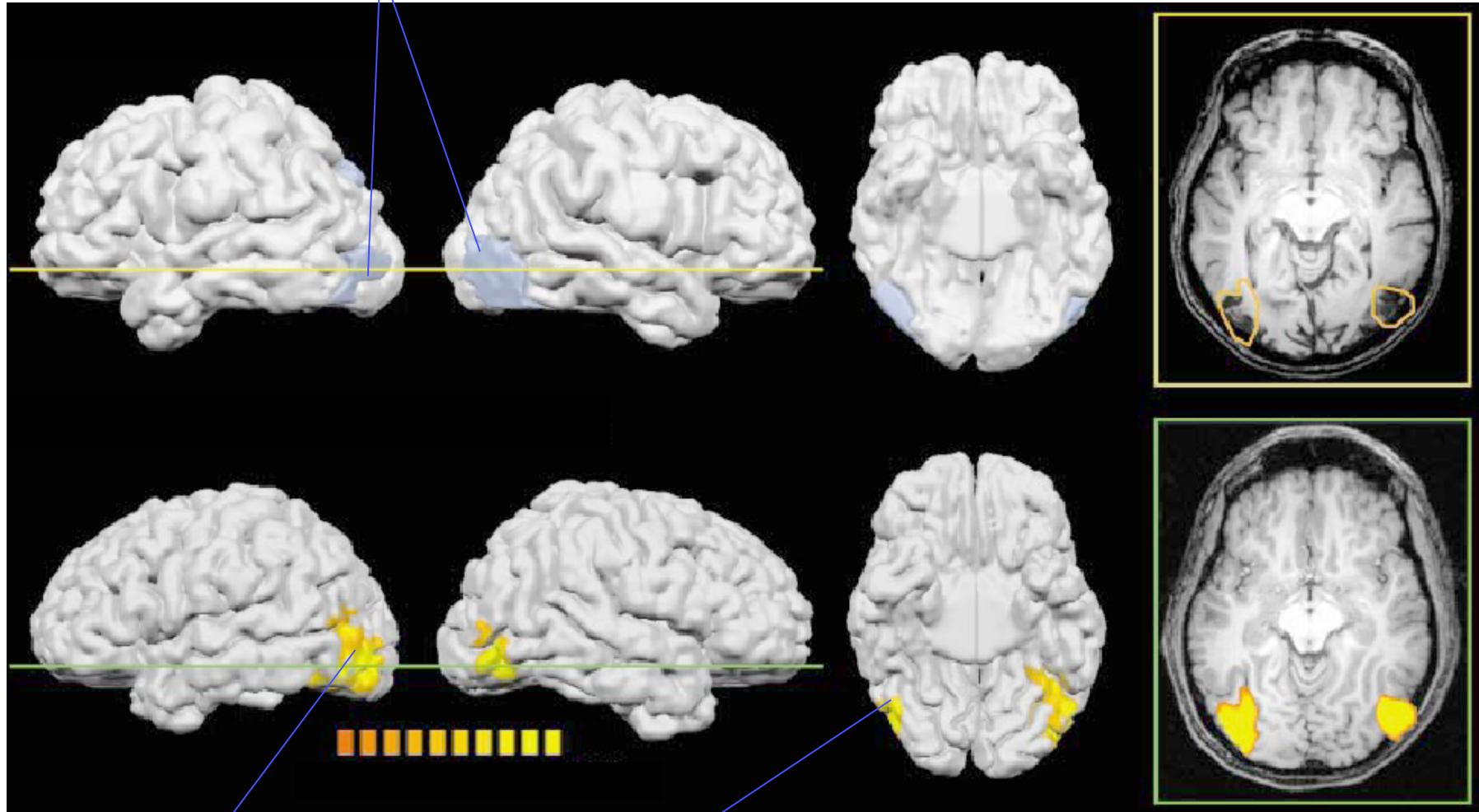
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*Patient DF (bilateral area LO lesions & agnosic)*

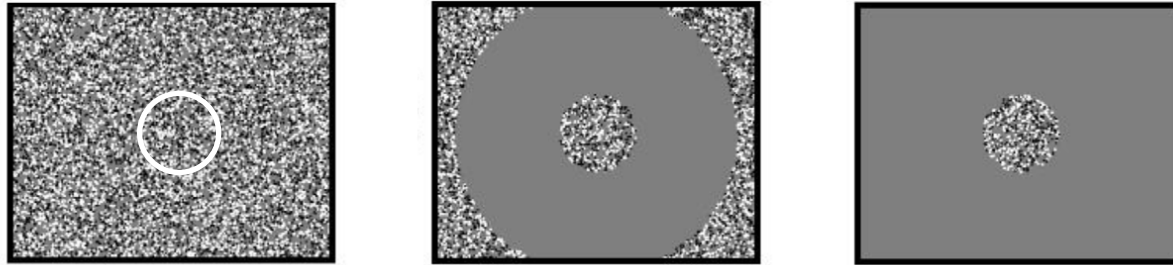
brain lesions in patient DF (case of carbon monoxide poisoning)



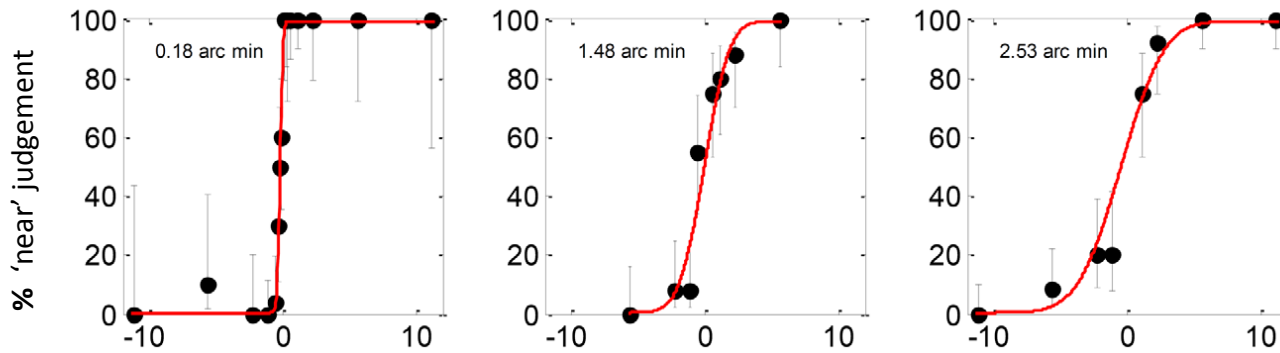
area LO in a normal subject



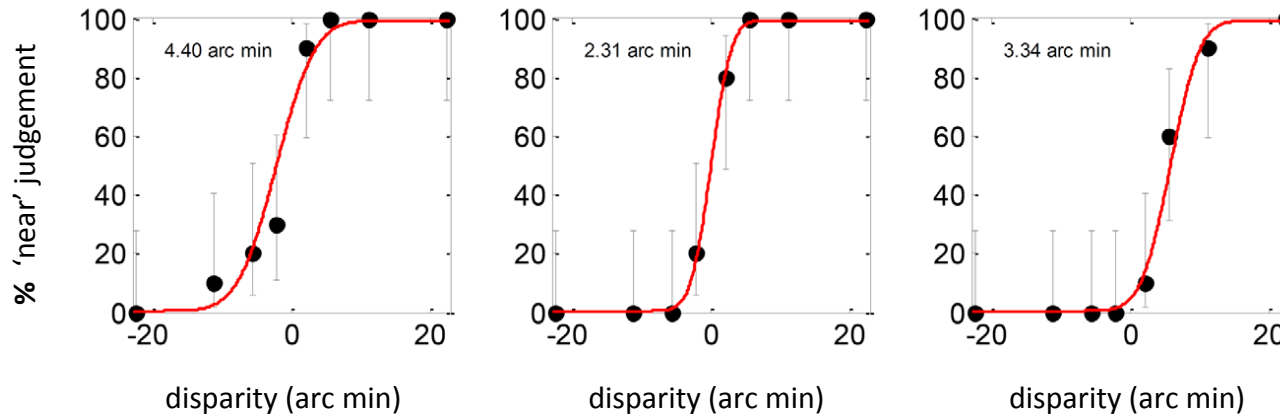
Relative disparity allows greater stereoacuity – but not for patient DF **Read *et al.* (2010)** [16]



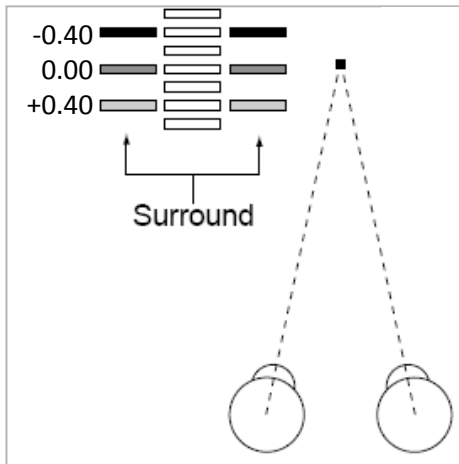
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**PATIENT  
DF**



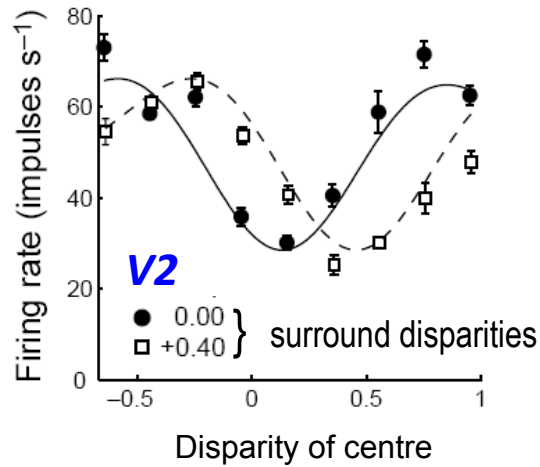
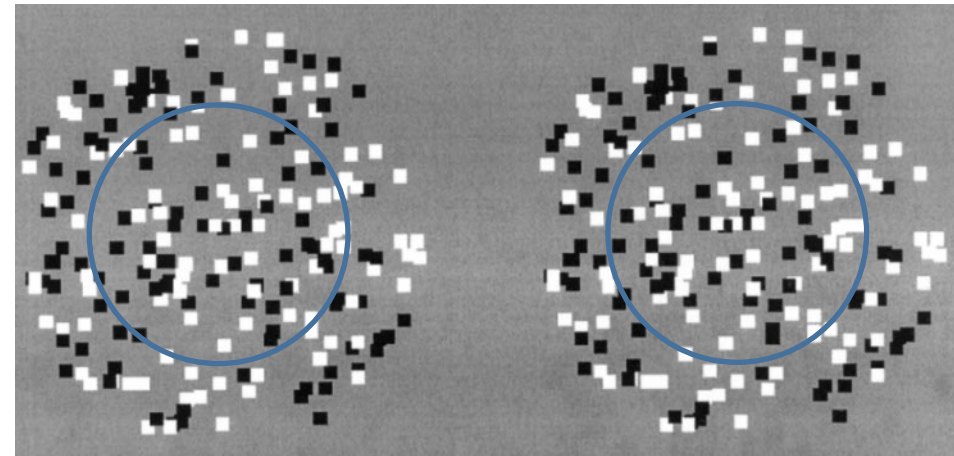
Comparison of neural selectivity for absolute & relative disparity in areas V1 V2 V3 V3A V4 & V5 [Refs 17-21]



*Stimulus set-up*

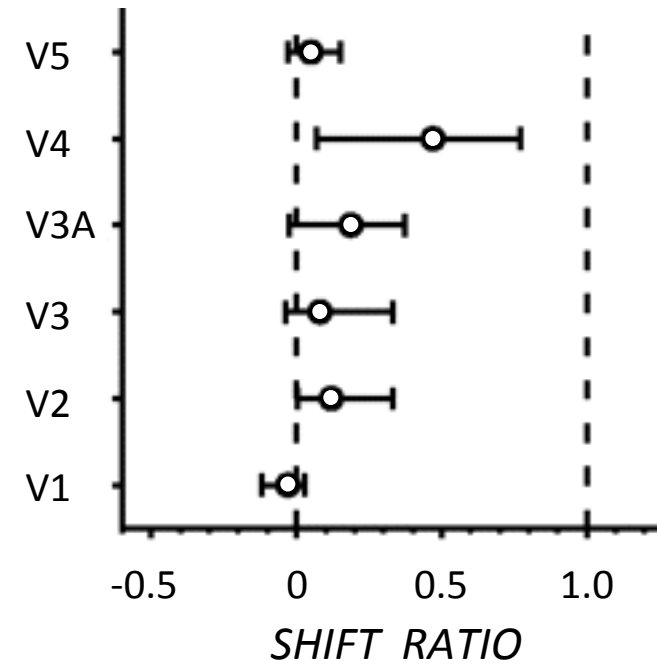
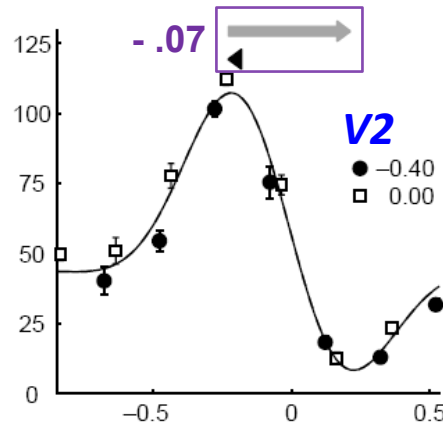
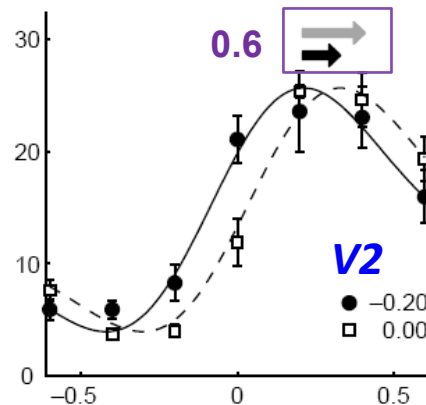
Dot stimulus is composed of centre & surround annulus differing in disparity

Receptive field of test neuron fits inside the centre region.



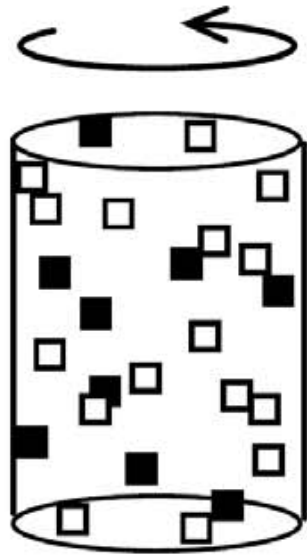
→ predicted shift (0.40)  
 → observed shift (0.32)

$$\text{shift ratio} = \frac{0.32}{0.40} = 0.8$$

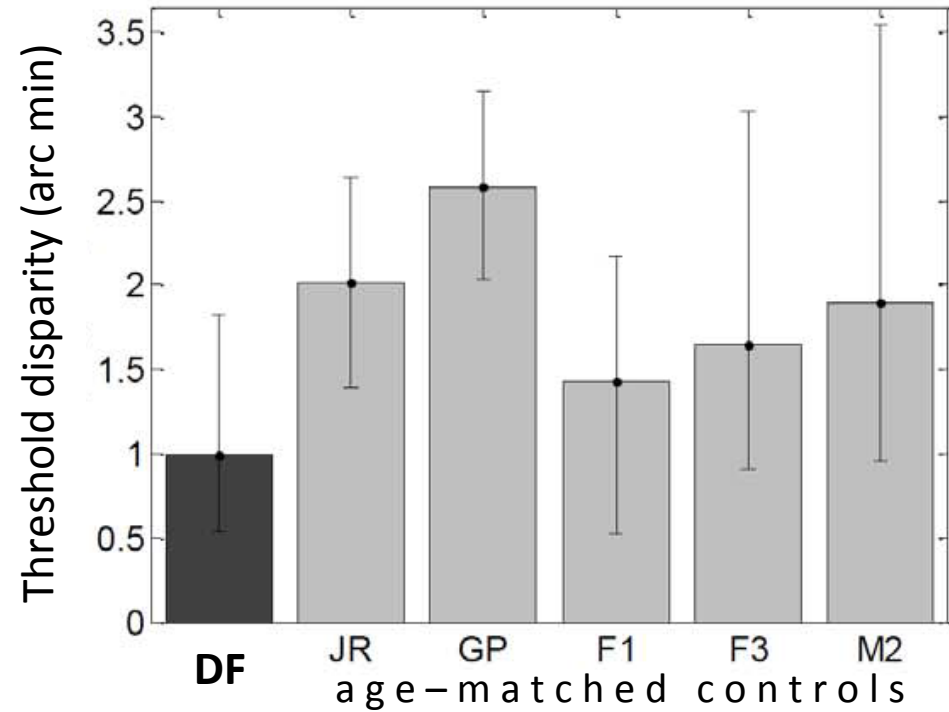


[shift ratio = 1 implies full selectivity for relative disparity;  
 shift ratio = 0 implies selectivity for absolute disparity]

Read *et al.* (2010) [16] Stereovision of patient DF



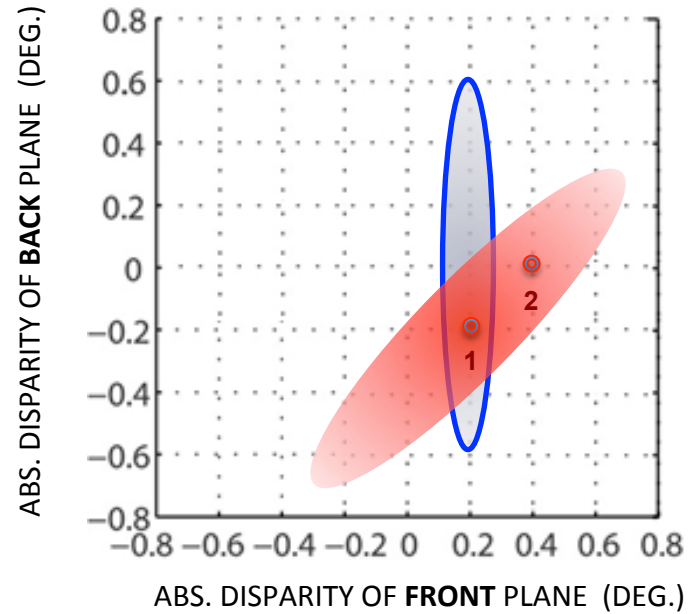
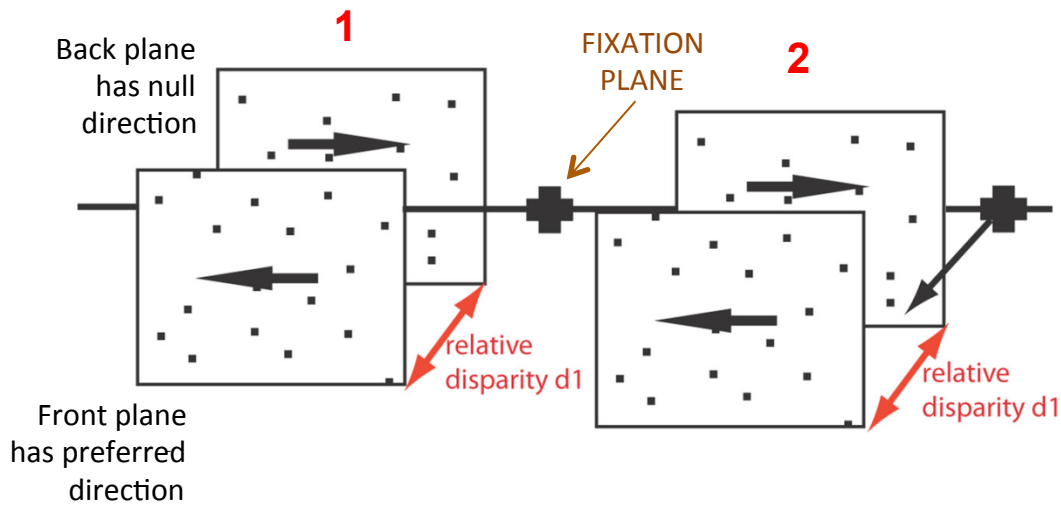
Simulated transparent, revolving cylinder.  
Task: identify direction (L v R) of front surface



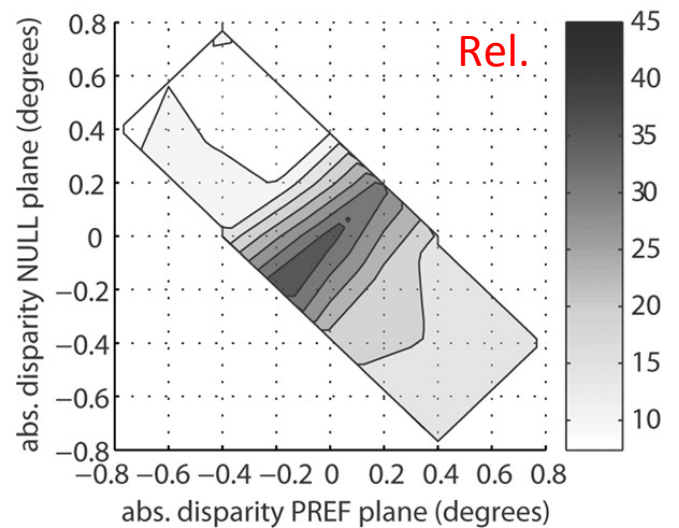
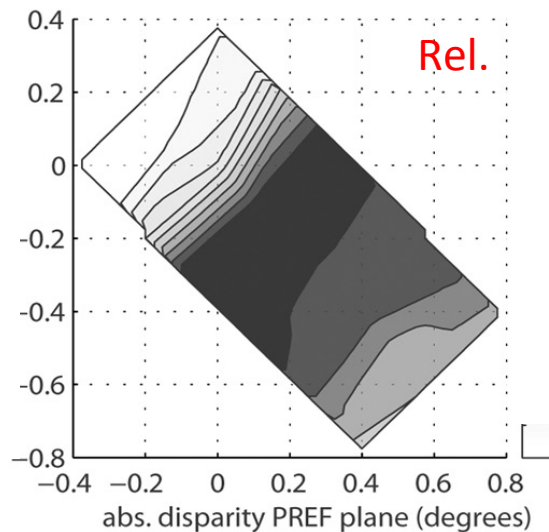
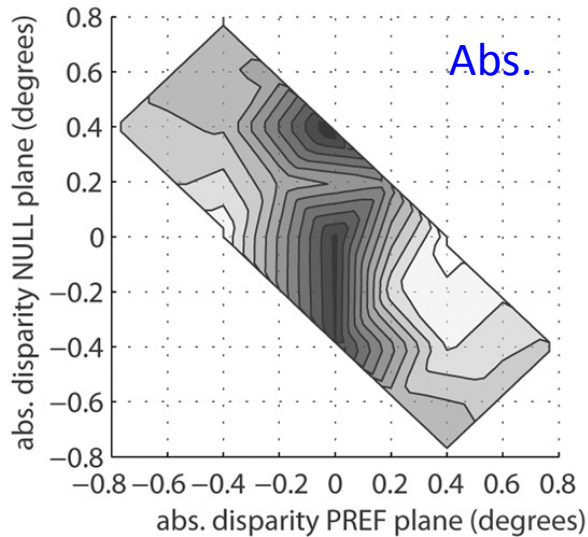
DF outperforms most normal subjects...!

# Krug & Parker (2011) [22] Neurons in area V5 signalling relative disparity

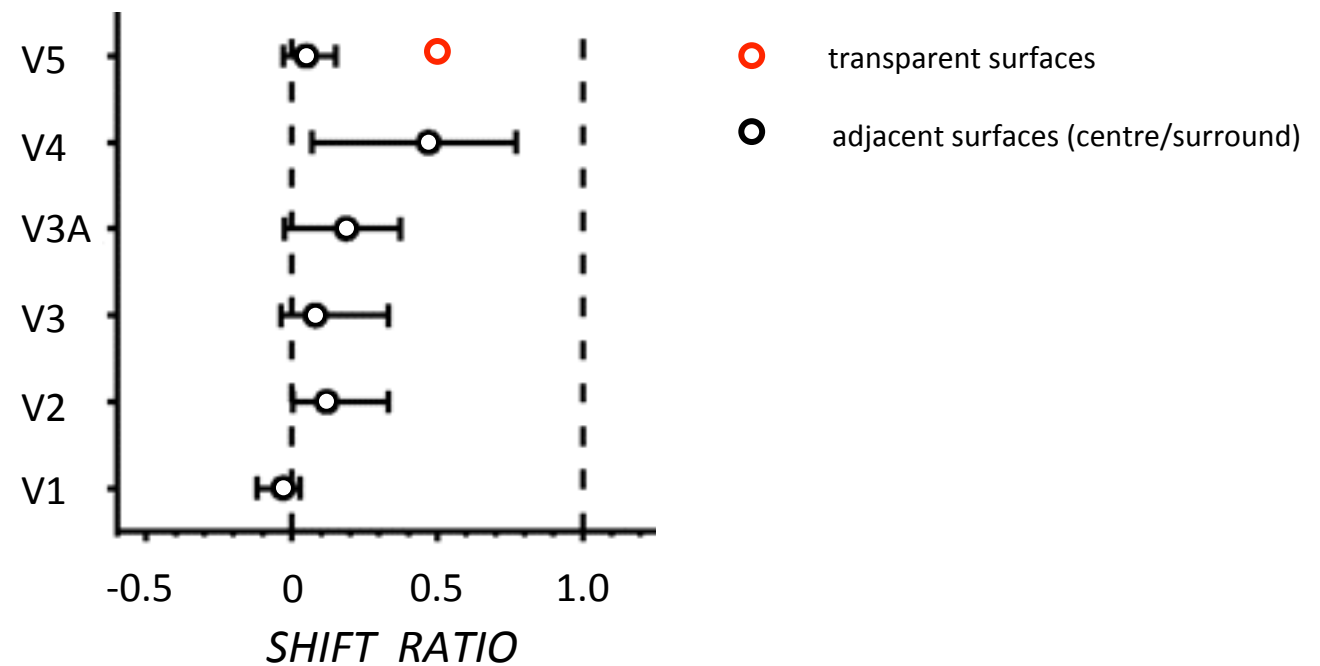
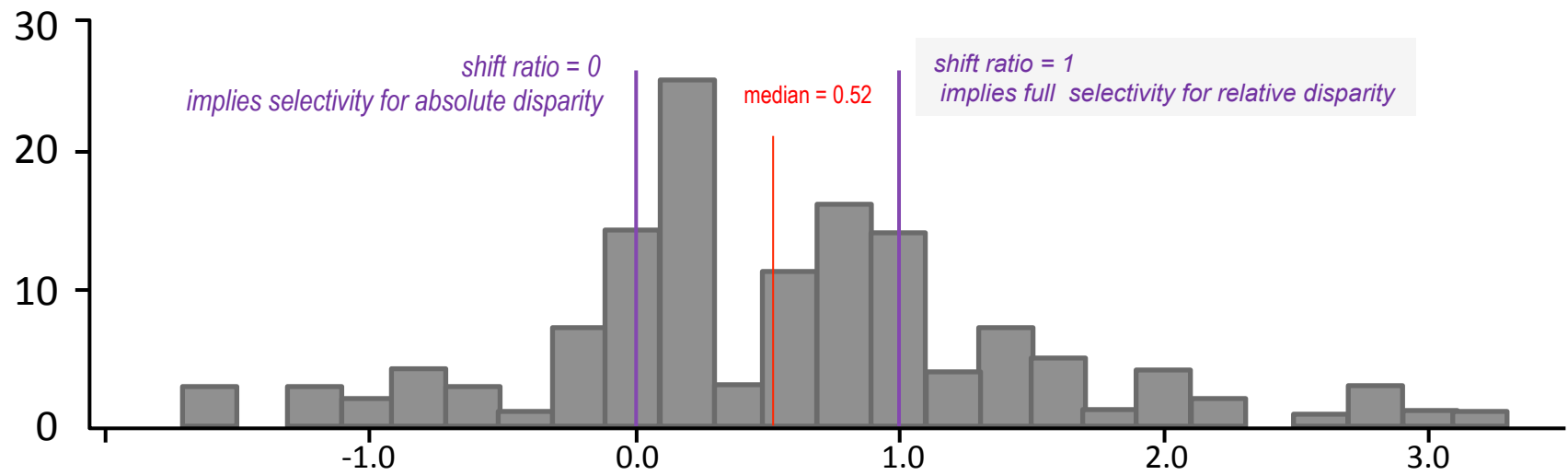
Stimulus: superimposed transparent planes of dots with opposite directions of motion & differing disparity



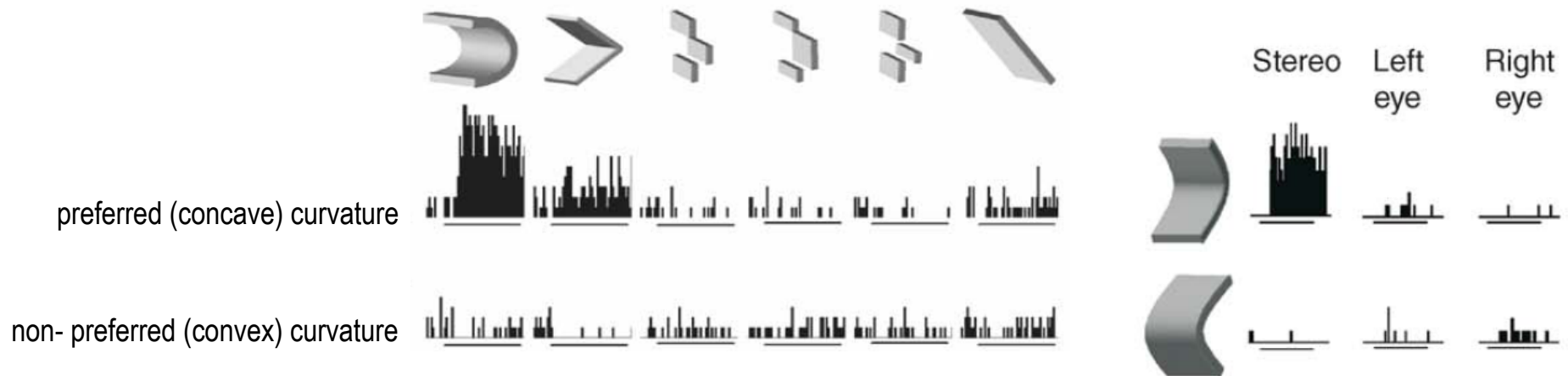
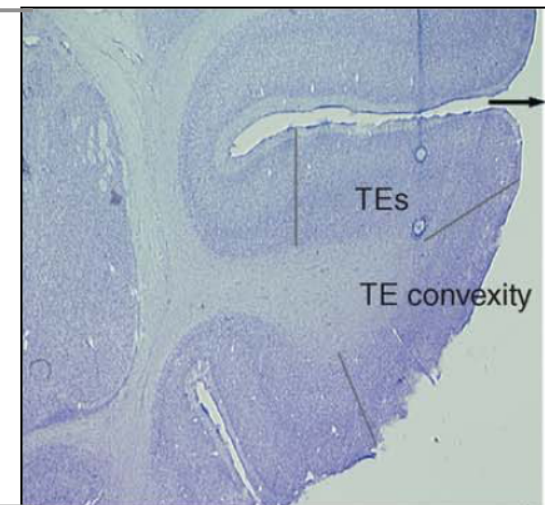
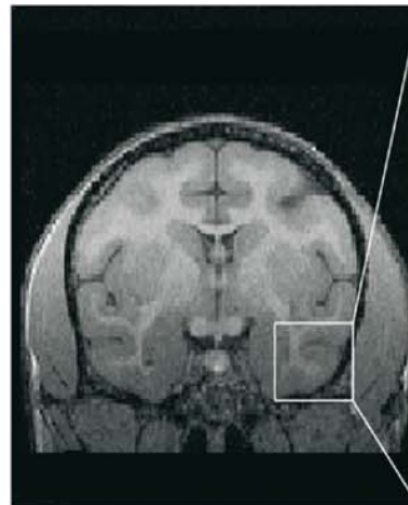
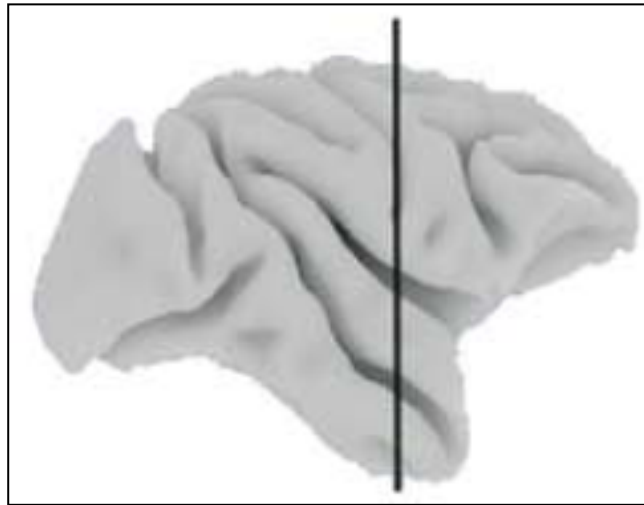
Prediction for absolute disparity tuning  
 Prediction for relative disparity tuning



**Krug & Parker (2011) [22]** Neurons in area V5 signalling relative disparity



**Janssen *et al.* (2000)** [Ref 23] IT neurons selective for disparity curvature (area Tes)



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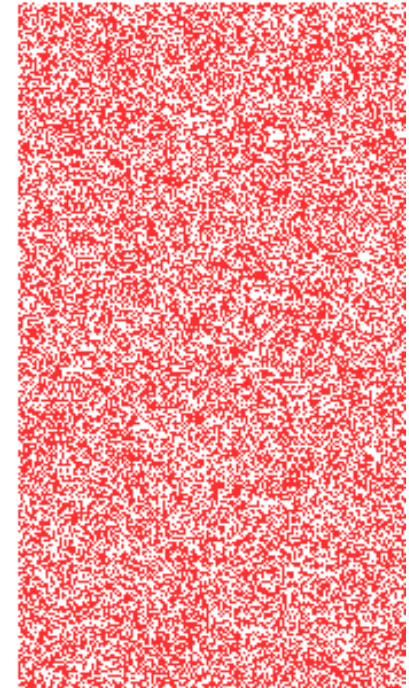
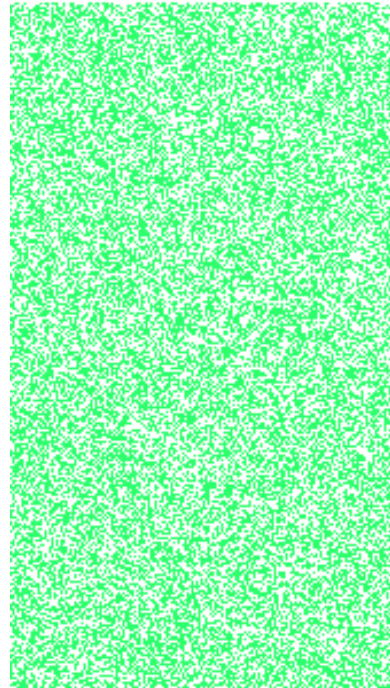
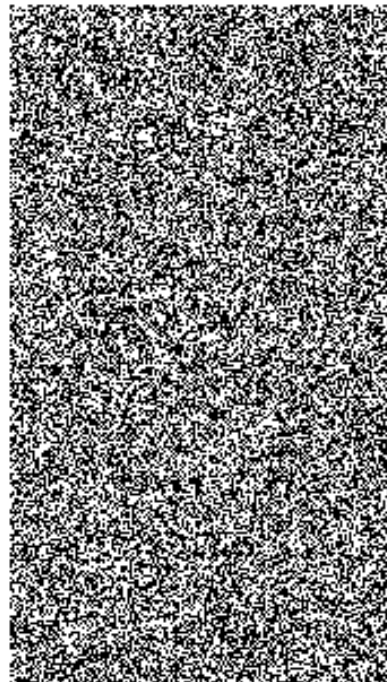
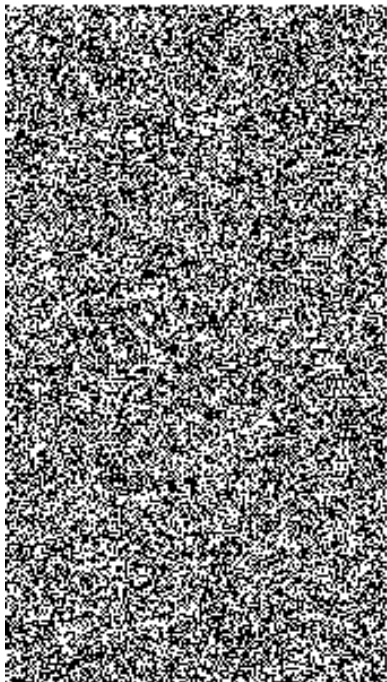
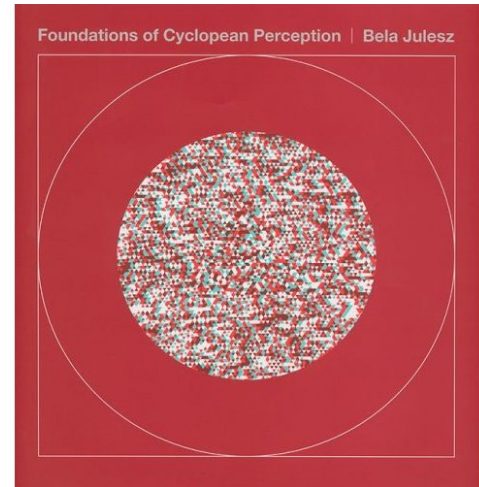
- especially for relative disparity between nearby, adjacent surfaces: e.g. for detecting slant, curvature.

In 'DORSAL SYSTEM' may help to discriminate depth planes e.g. in detecting movement behind foliage (?)

## Cyclopean vision

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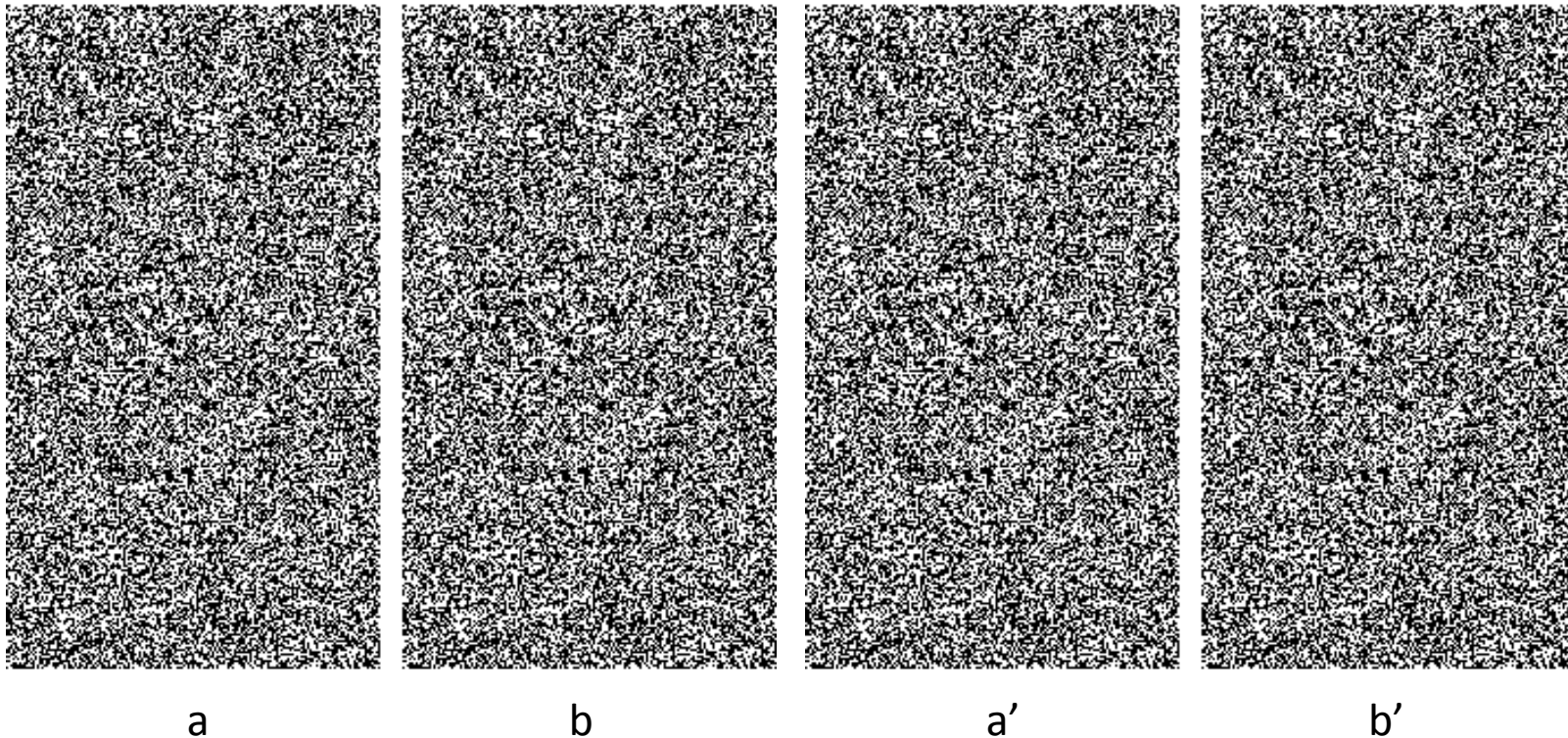


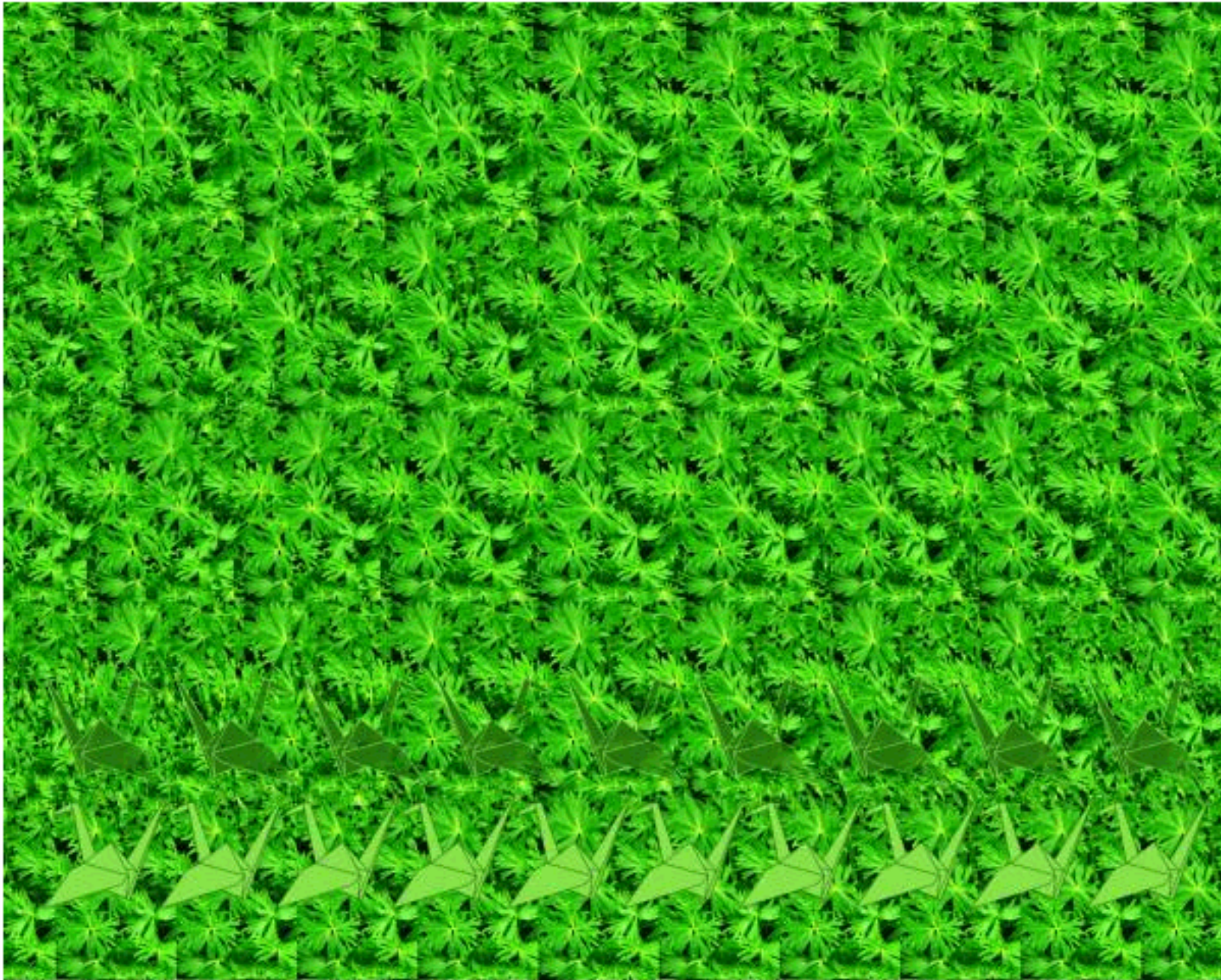
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Below, **a** & **b**, and **a'** & **b'**, are two identical stereograms, that display a number (from 0-9) in front of the background, when ‘solved’ by converging. At the same time, the same number will appear as a cut-out (i.e. behind the background) in the stereo pair formed by **b** and **a'**. Foreground and background depth is reversed if the stereograms are solved by diverging the eyes, i.e. to focus on a plane behind the screen. Typically, this is more difficult.





'Magic eye' pictures are based on exactly the same principle (but normally require divergent free fusion to give the intended depth percept).