



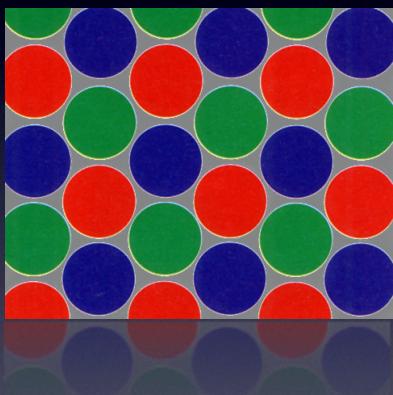
# Human Color Vision and Colorimetry

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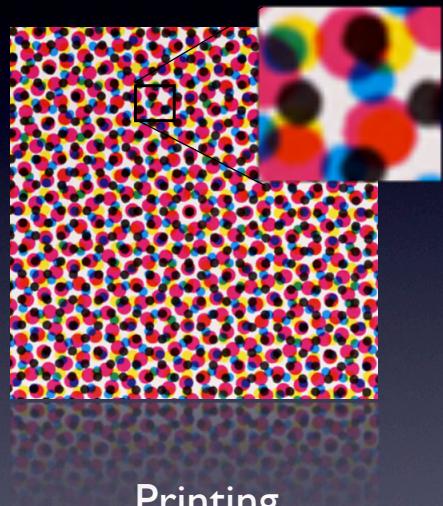
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- Various color phenomena
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# Color imaging



TV (CRT, LCD, etc)  
additive color mixture

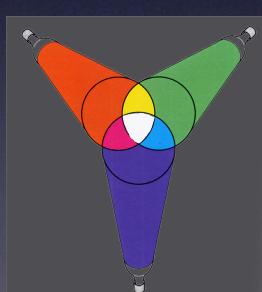


Printing  
subtractive color mixture

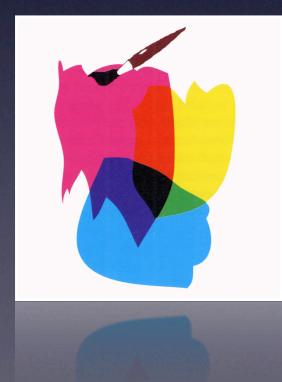


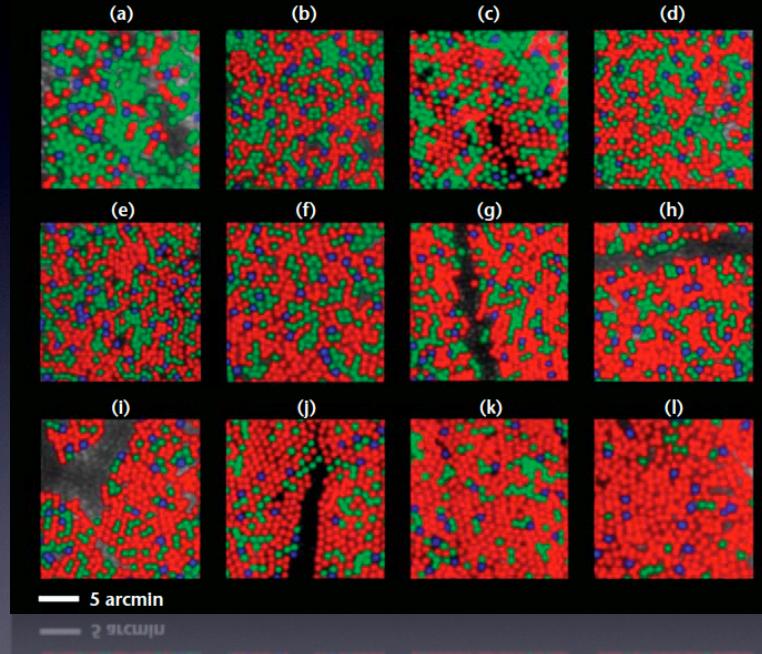
Thomas Young  
(1802)  
Trichromatic theory

RGB

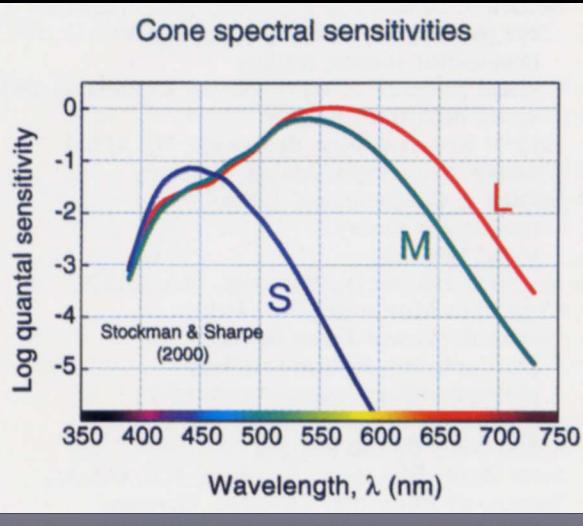


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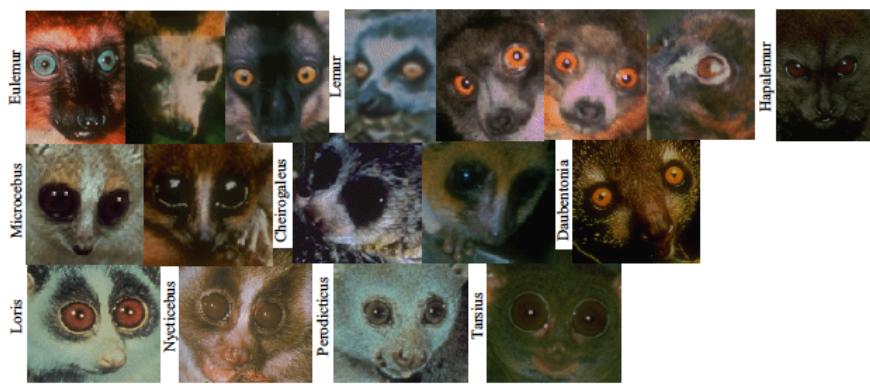
Why three?

Dichromat



We are dichromats.

**b** Dichromats



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# We are trichromats.

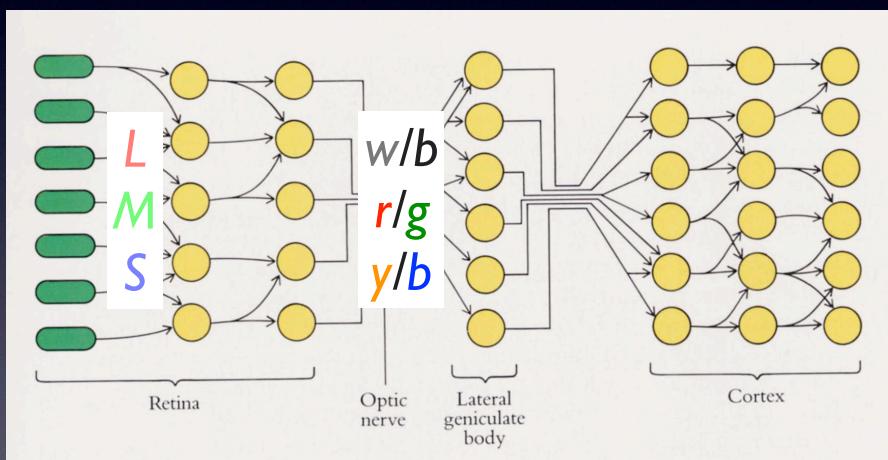
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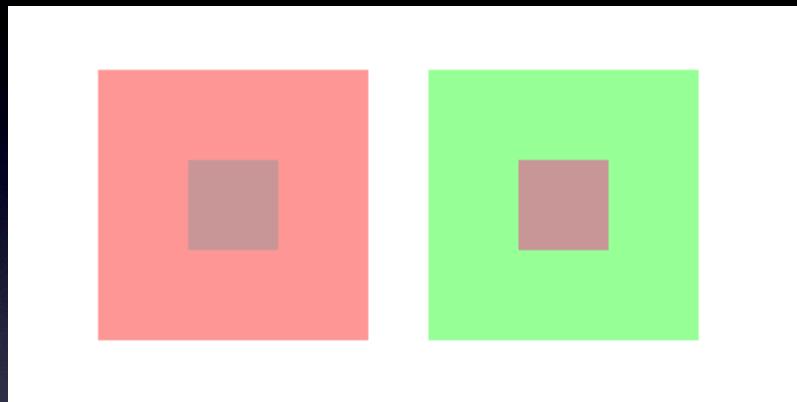
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Light → Eye → Brain → Color

$L_{e,\lambda}$

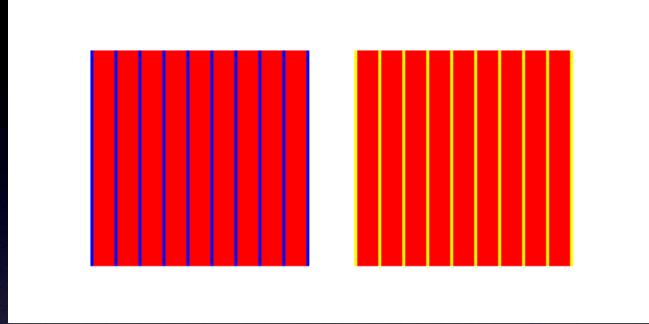


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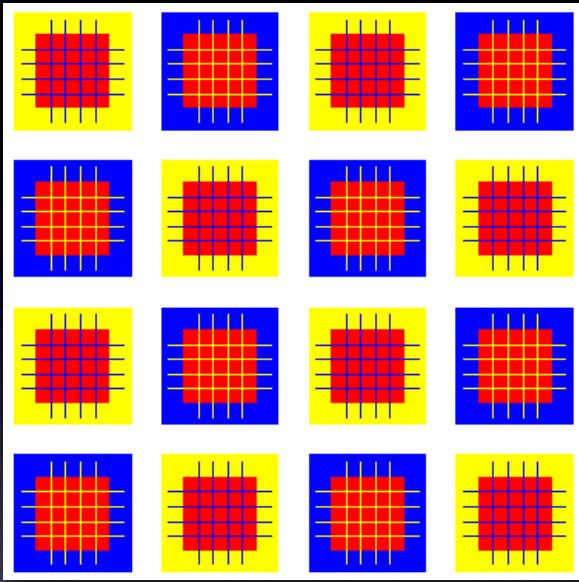
## Color contrast



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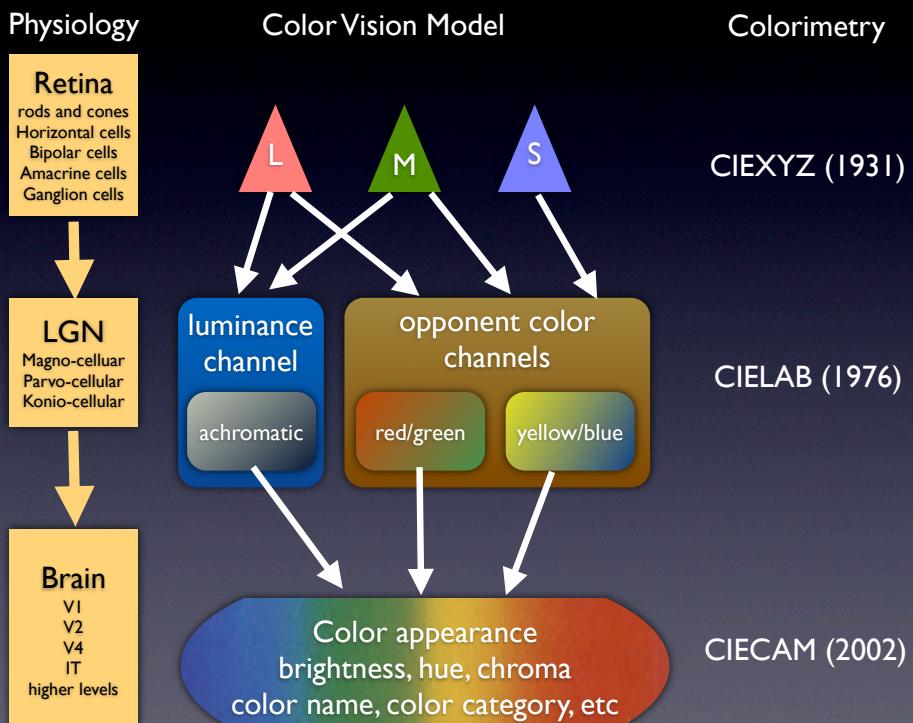
## Color assimilation



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## Color contrast and color assimilation

# Color Vision and History of Colorimetry



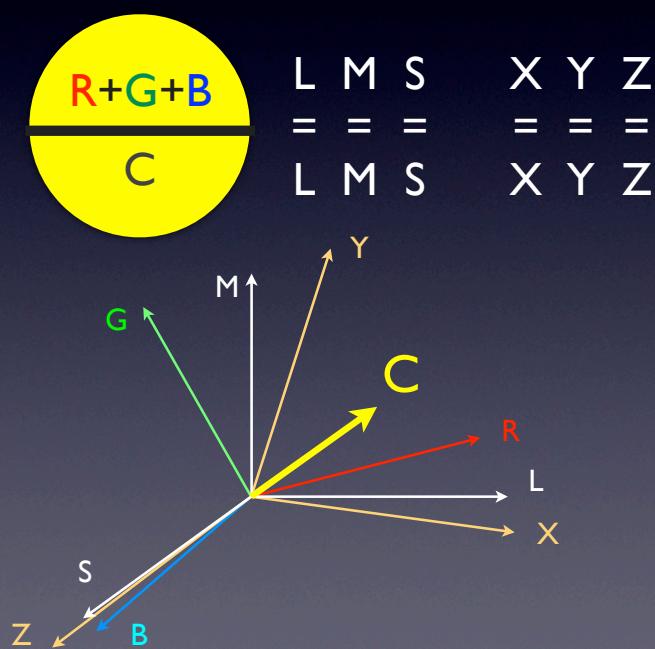
# Basic Colorimetry

## Wyszecki (1973)

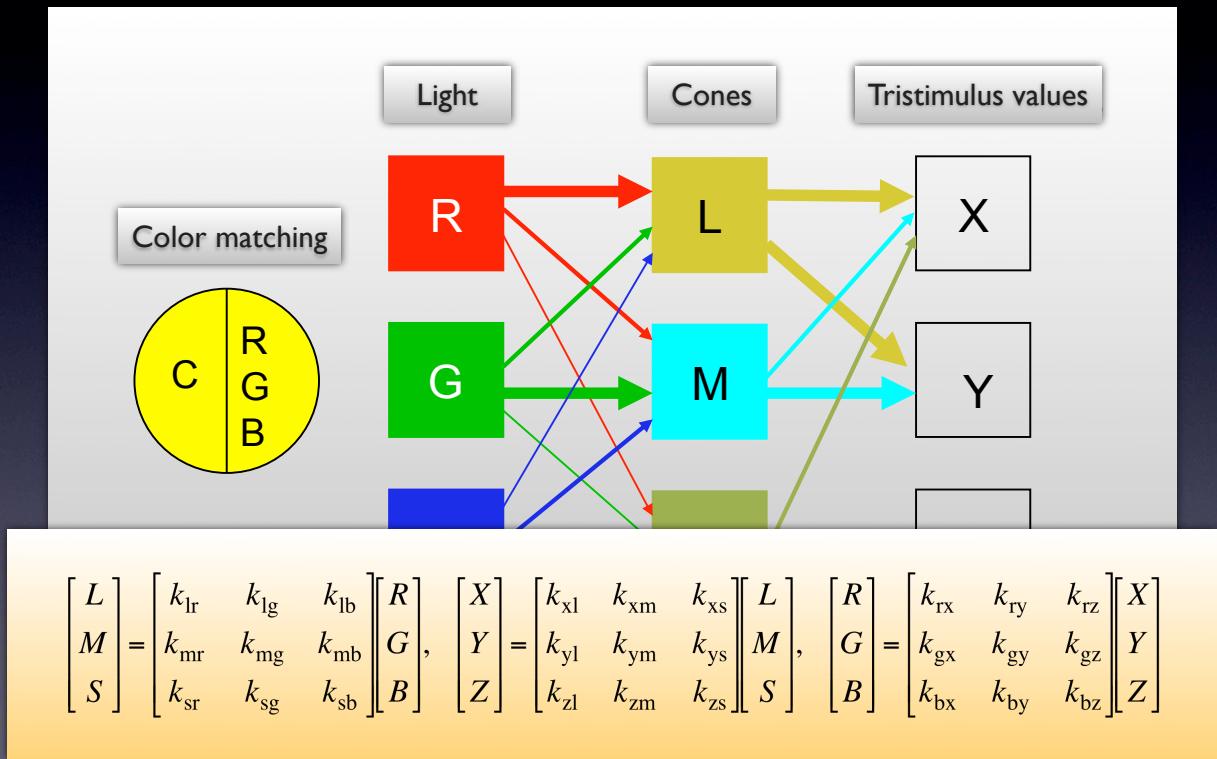
- Colorimetry is a tool used to make a prediction on whether two lights of different spectral power distributions will **match in color** for certain given conditions of observation. The prediction is made by determining the tristimulus values of the two visual stimuli. If the tristimulus values of a stimulus are identical to those of the other stimulus, a color match will be observed by an average observer with normal color vision.

## Color matching and colorimetry (Three colorimetric systems)

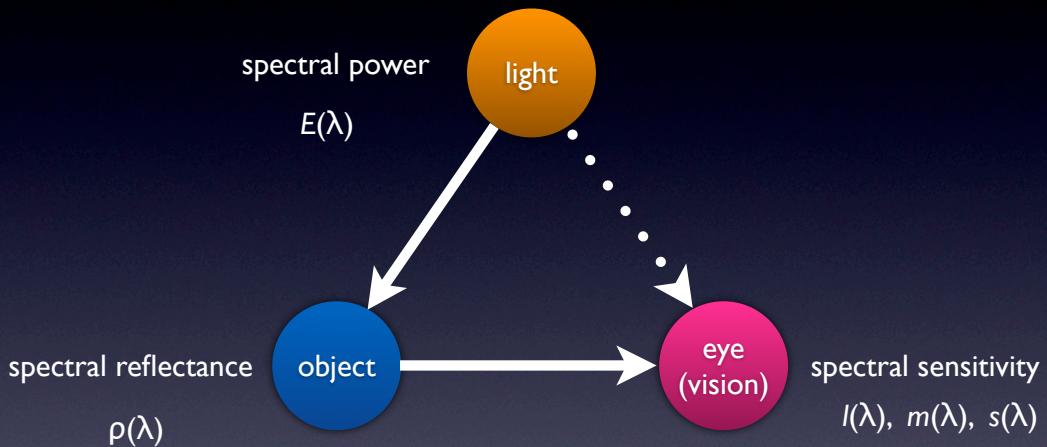
- Physical system (RGB)
- Physiological system(LMS)
- Mathematical system (XYZ)



# Color matching and colorimetry



## Three factors define color



$$\text{Color} = \text{Light} \cdot \text{object} \cdot \text{eye}$$

$$L = \int E(\lambda) \rho(\lambda) I(\lambda) d\lambda$$

$$M = \int E(\lambda) \rho(\lambda) m(\lambda) d\lambda$$

$$S = \int E(\lambda) \rho(\lambda) s(\lambda) d\lambda$$

Tristimulus values are obtained by the spectral power and the color matching functions.

$$R = \int L_{e,\lambda} \bar{r}(\lambda) d\lambda$$

$$G = \int L_{e,\lambda} \bar{g}(\lambda) d\lambda$$

$$B = \int L_{e,\lambda} \bar{b}(\lambda) d\lambda$$

Unrelated color (aperture color)

$$X = K_m \int L_{e,\lambda} \bar{x}(\lambda) d\lambda$$

$$Y = K_m \int L_{e,\lambda} \bar{y}(\lambda) d\lambda$$

$$Z = K_m \int L_{e,\lambda} \bar{z}(\lambda) d\lambda$$

$$K_m = 683 \text{ (lm/W)}$$

Related color (object color)

$$X = k \int E(\lambda) \rho(\lambda) \bar{x}(\lambda) d\lambda$$

$$Y = k \int E(\lambda) \rho(\lambda) \bar{y}(\lambda) d\lambda$$

$$Z = k \int E(\lambda) \rho(\lambda) \bar{z}(\lambda) d\lambda$$

$$k = \frac{100}{\int E(\lambda) \bar{y}(\lambda) d\lambda}$$

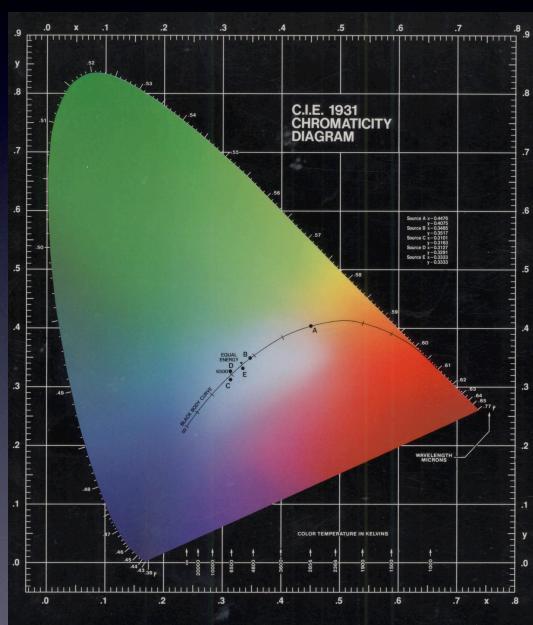
$$L = \int L_{e,\lambda} \bar{l}(\lambda) d\lambda$$

$$M = \int L_{e,\lambda} \bar{m}(\lambda) d\lambda$$

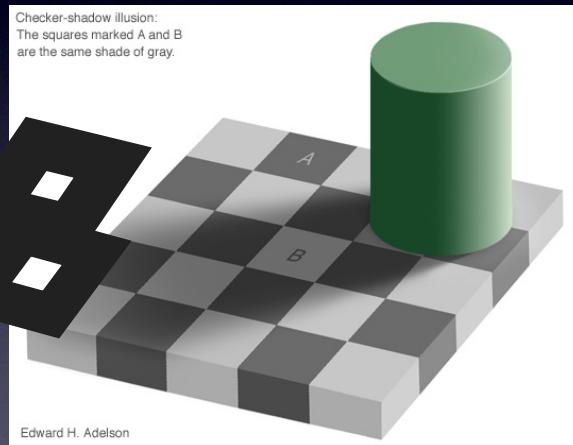
$$S = \int L_{e,\lambda} \bar{s}(\lambda) d\lambda$$

## Color address

### CIE1931 (x, y) chromaticity diagram

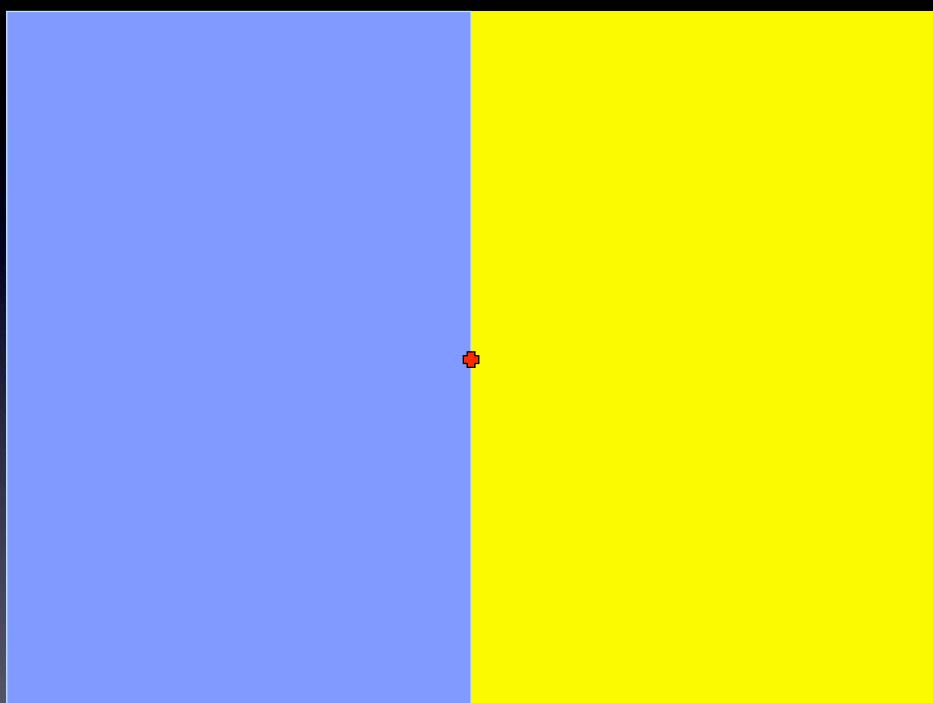


# We don't see light but the object.



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# Advanced Colorimetry

## Wyszecki (1973)

- Colorimetry in its broader sense includes methods of assessing the **appearance of color** stimuli presented to the observer in complicated surroundings as they may in occur in everyday life. This is considered the ultimate goal of colorimetry, but because of its enormous complexity, this goal is far from being reached.

# CIELAB (CIE 1976 L\*a\*b\*)

- Color adaptation

$$L^* = 116 \left( \frac{Y}{Y_n} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} - 16$$

$$a^* = 500 \left\{ \left( \frac{X}{X_n} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} - \left( \frac{Y}{Y_n} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \right\}$$

$$b^* = 200 \left\{ \left( \frac{Y}{Y_n} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} - \left( \frac{Z}{Z_n} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \right\}$$

- White is always white

- Non-linearity

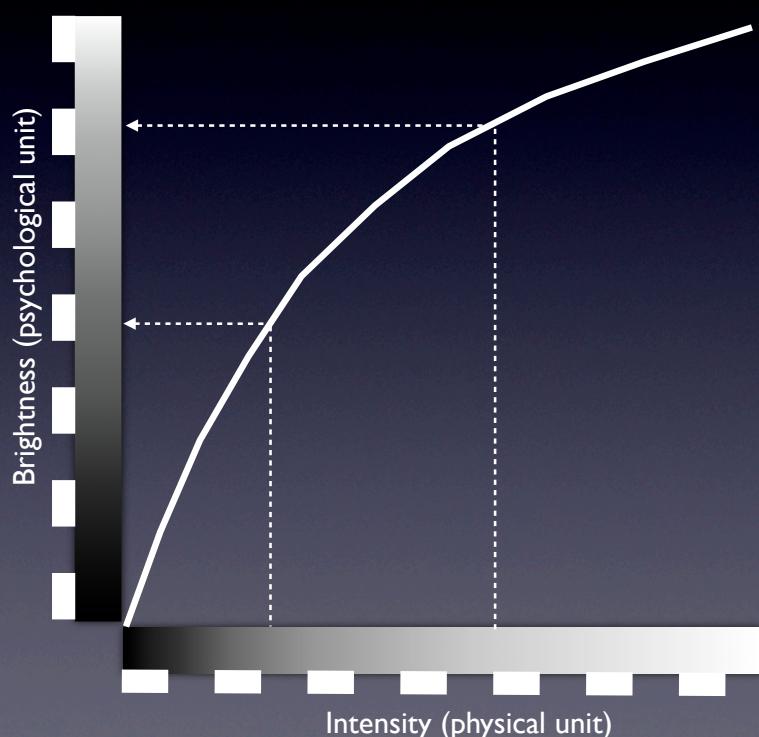
- Physical unit to psychological unit

- Color opponency

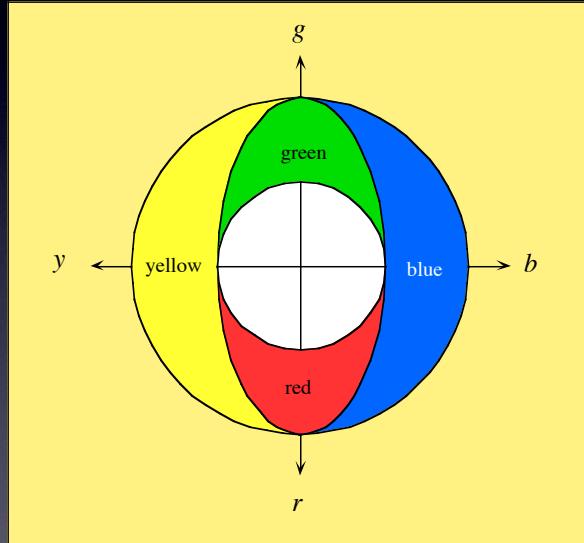
- Luminance and chromaticness

$$\rho^* = 500 \left\{ \left( \frac{\lambda^u}{\lambda_n} \right)_2 - \left( \frac{\Sigma^u}{\Sigma_n} \right)_2 \right\}$$

## Non-linearity



# Color opponency



The most advanced CIE colorimetric system  
(CIECAM02)

