



# Assessment of Vision for Early Intervention

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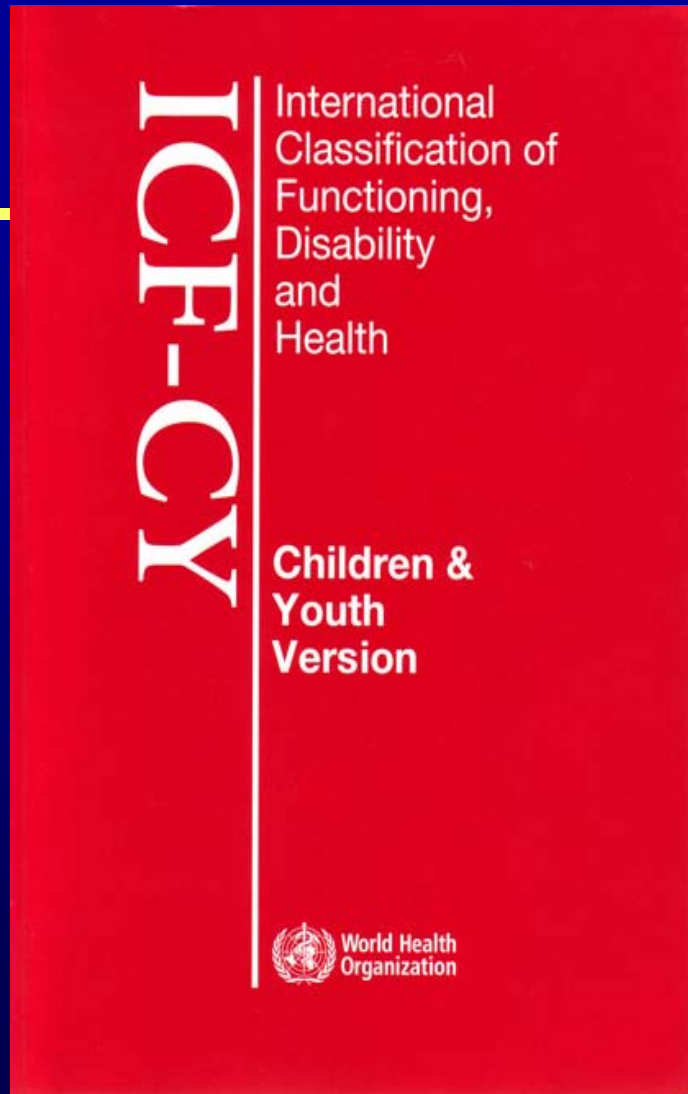
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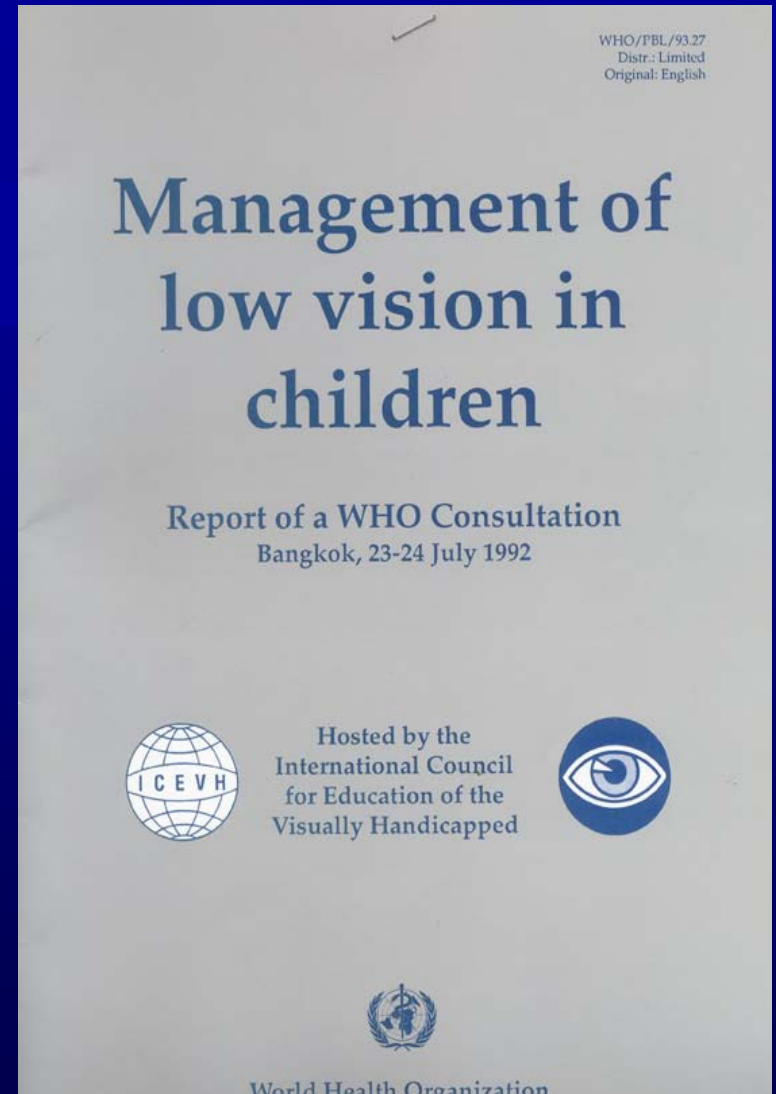
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# ICF-CY 2007



9 activites/domains



4 activites/domains

International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health, Child and Youth Version

# Visual functioning

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- Oculomotor functions
- Quality of the image
- Processing of visual information in brain functions

# Assessment of functional vision

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- basic information from the eye hospital  
structure of the pathways, refraction,  
glasses (under- or overcorrection?)  
VA, VF, CS, CV, VAd, motor functions
- testing of all visual functions in  
play and teaching situations

# Binocularity - Fusion of images

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## Stereovision



# Visual acuity

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- Measurement of visual acuity **using optimal refractive correction** that can be used
- in standard luminance + **optimal luminance**
- using varying **postures** when needed, use child's physiotherapist for positioning

# Visual acuity

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**Detection acuity** – small objects, "where" function  
– response to grating "

**Grating acuity** - cpd

**Recognition acuity** – optotype acuity

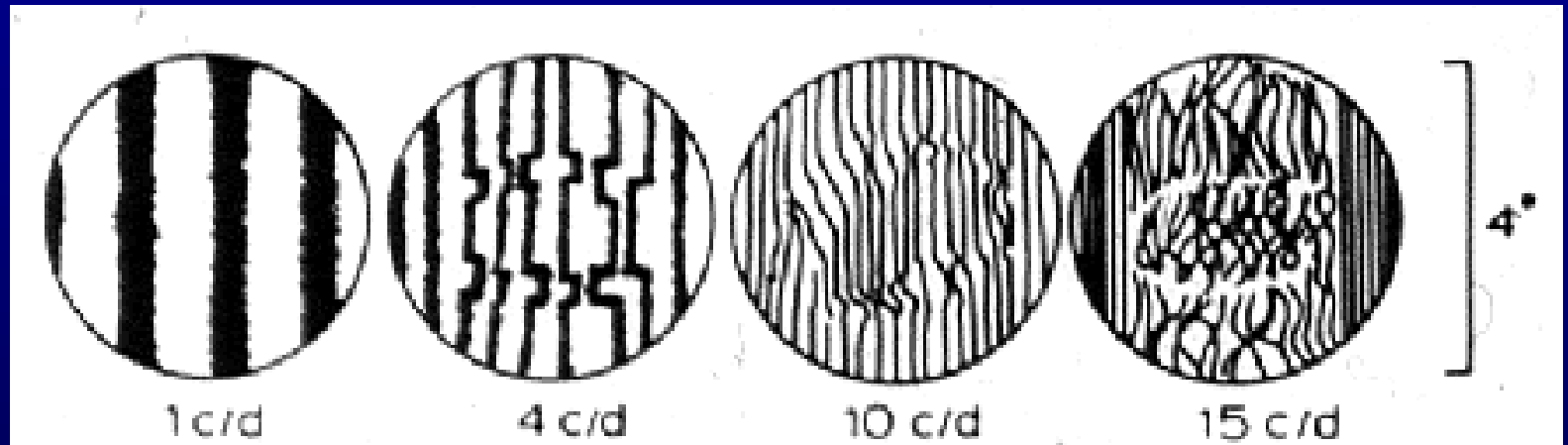
**Hand movements, light perception/  
projection**

(no "counting fingers", fingers are not standardized)

# Grating tests

in preferential looking situation

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Detection tests

cpcm @ \_ m

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Grating response values

**MUST NOT**

be converted

to

optotype acuity values

or reported as cycles per degree (cpd)

but as response to a grating with \_ cpcm lines.

# Training before testing

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# Increased Crowding

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<b>Distance</b>	– single	<b>1.6, 6/4, 20/12</b>
	– line 3m/4M =	<b>0.8, 6/8, 20/25</b>
<b>Near</b>	– single symbols	<b>0.40, 6/15, 20/50</b>
	– screening test	<b>0.25, 6/24, 20/80</b>
	– standard test	<b>0.20, 6/30, 20/100</b>
	– 50% spacing	<b>0.16, 6/40, 20/120</b>
	– 25% spacing	<b>0.12, 6/50, 20/160</b>

# Order of testing

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- Near**
- single symbols **0.40, 6/15, 20/50**
  - standard test **0.20, 6/30, 20/100**
  - 25% spacing **0.12, 6/50, 20/160**
- Distance**
- single **1.6, 6/4, 20/12**
  - line  $3m/4M =$  **0.8, 6/8, 20/25**

# WHO/PBL/03.91

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Logarithmic design

Distance & near VA, same optotypes

Distance 6m-4m; children 3m and 40cm,

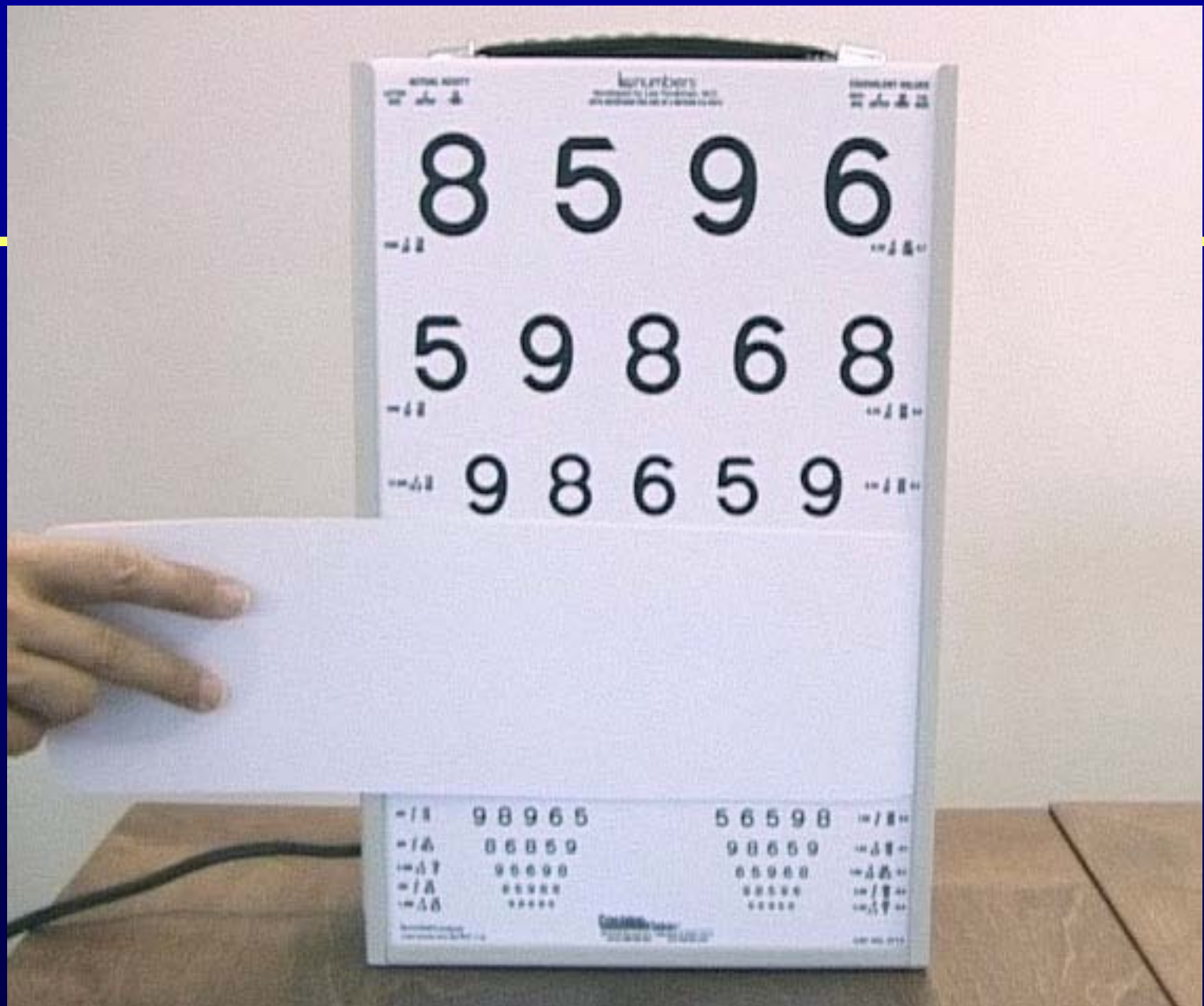
**adjust the distance and angle to fit the child's needs**

**NOT** to point at the optotypes.

Luminance between 80 and 160 cd/m<sup>2</sup>

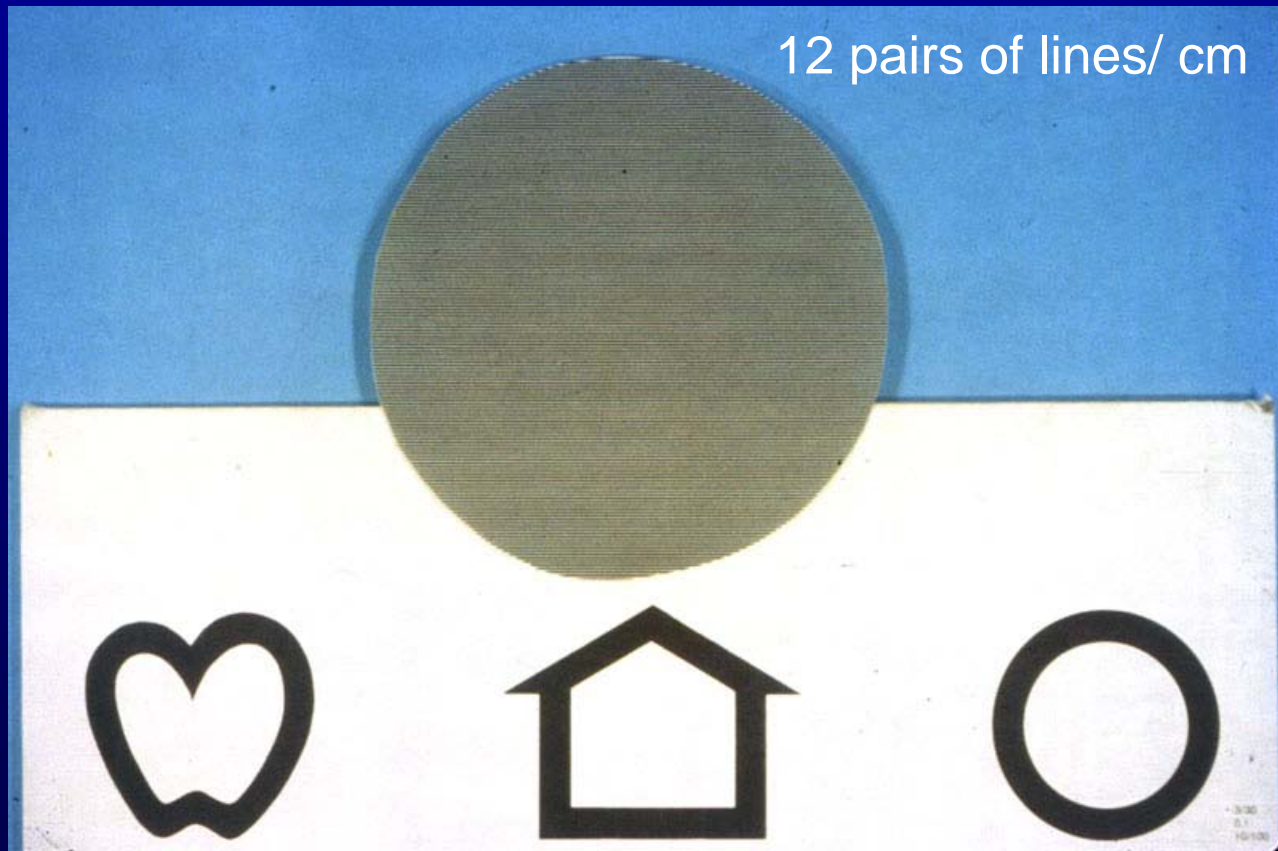
Standard optotypes: Sloan letters, LEA Numbers & Symbols

Characters of local languages, calibrated with Landolt C



$VA < 0.01$ , GrA 6cpd

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This boy with grating acuity 6cpd was also tested with low contrast gratings, which he saw nearly normally when they were broad.

# CVI

Visual acuity

$< 0.01$ ,  $< 20/2000$

2005: 0.004, 6/1500

Grating acuity

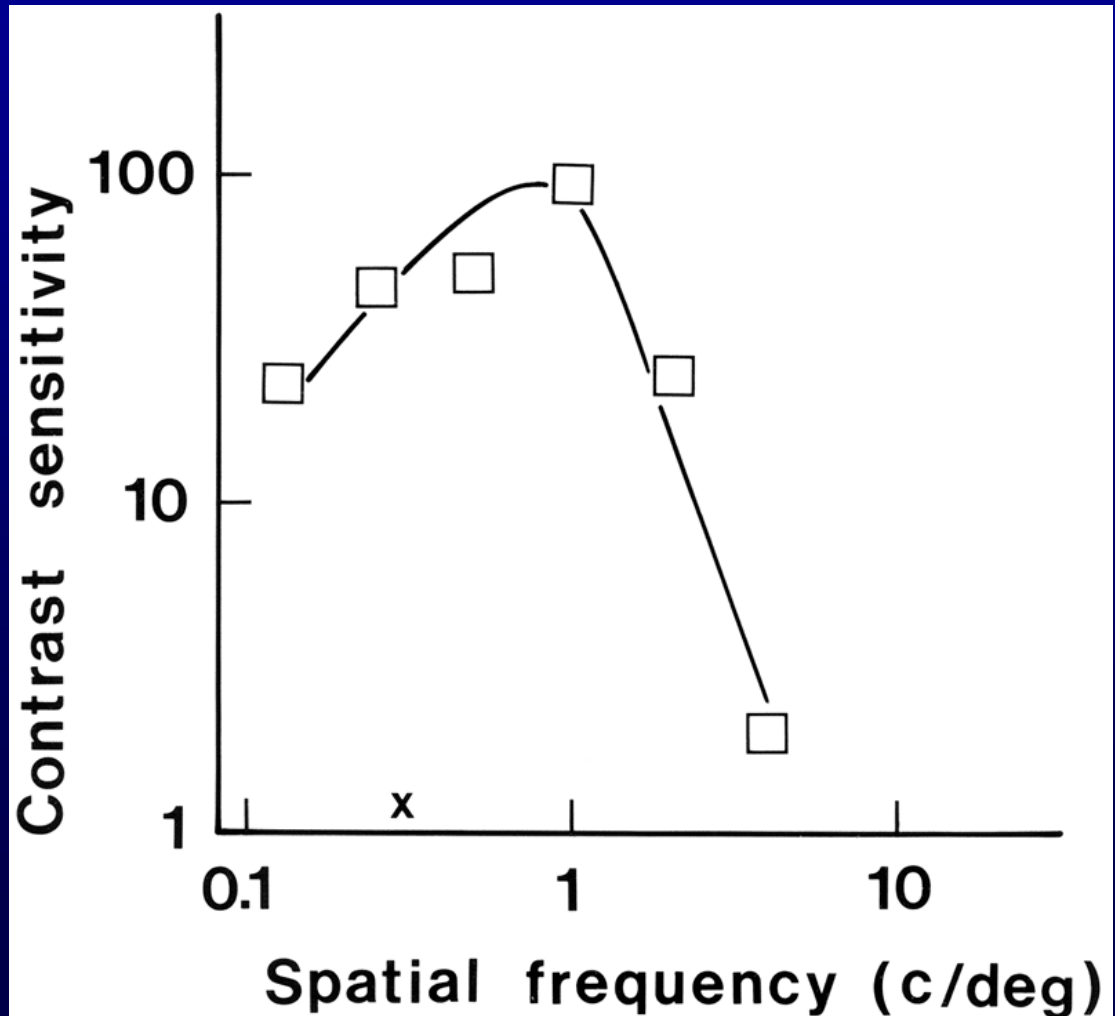
4 cpd

Contrast

sensitivity

close to normal

at low frequencies



# Low contrast pictures of smiling face

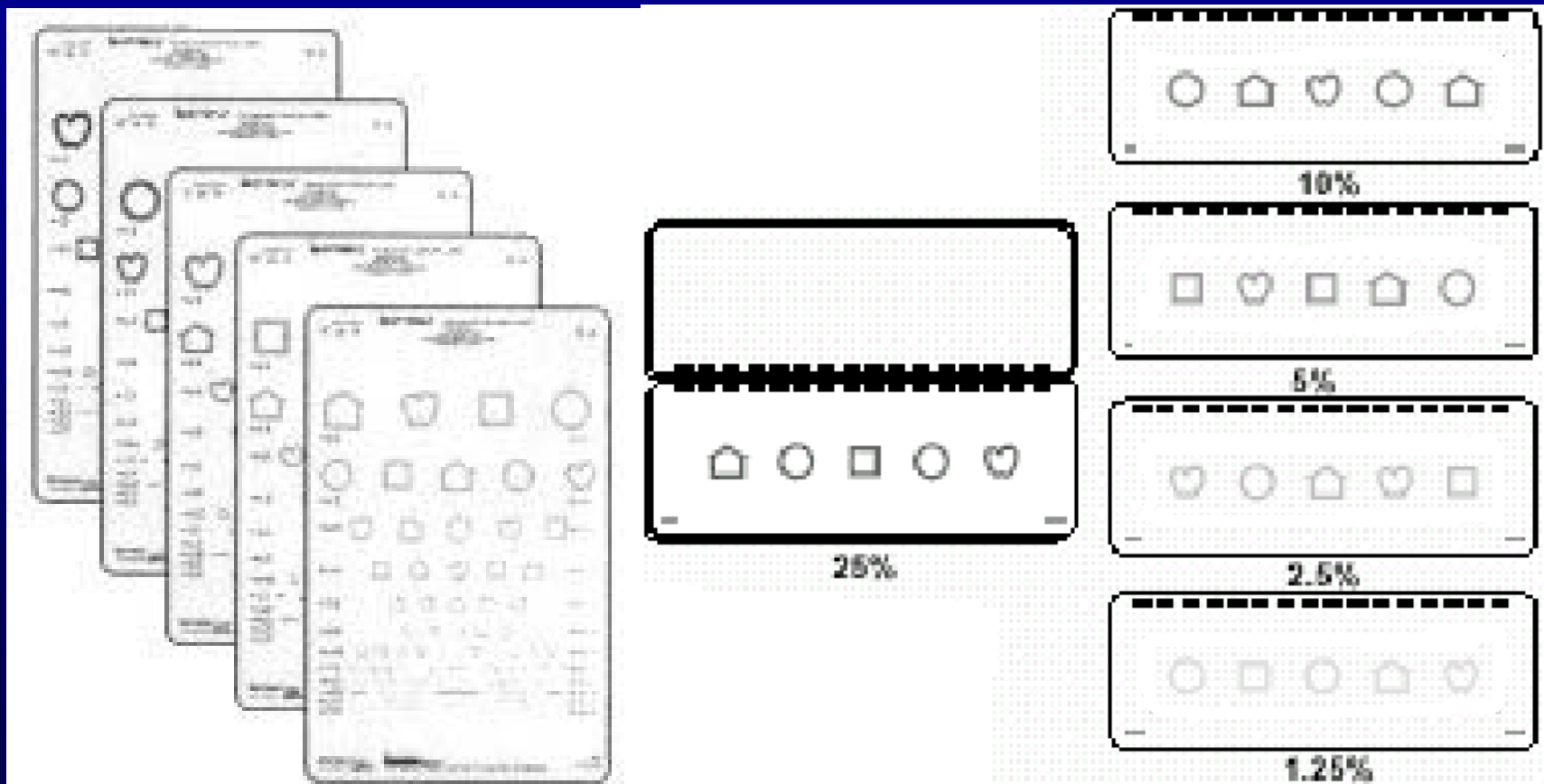
to assess communication distance

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# Contrast sensitivity

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# Cambridge Low Contrast Gratings

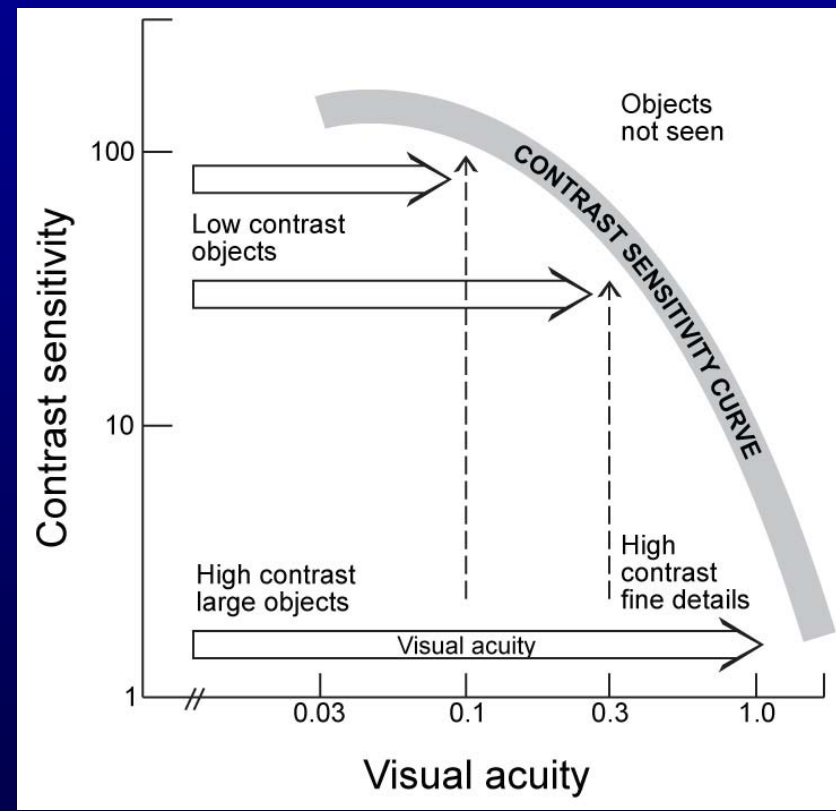
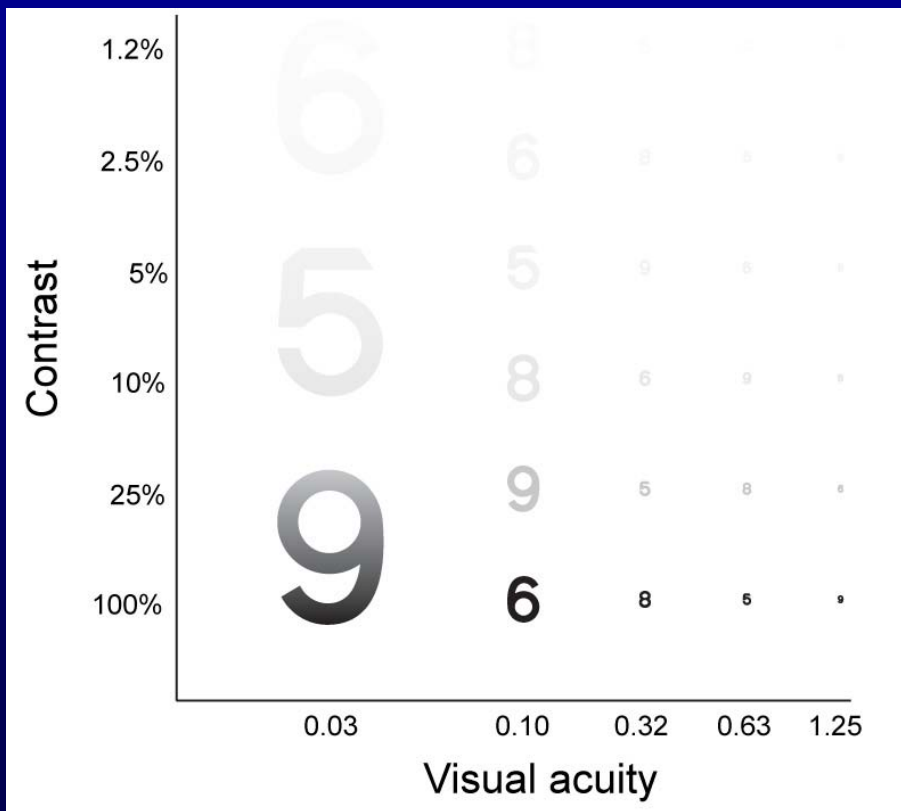
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Detection  
test

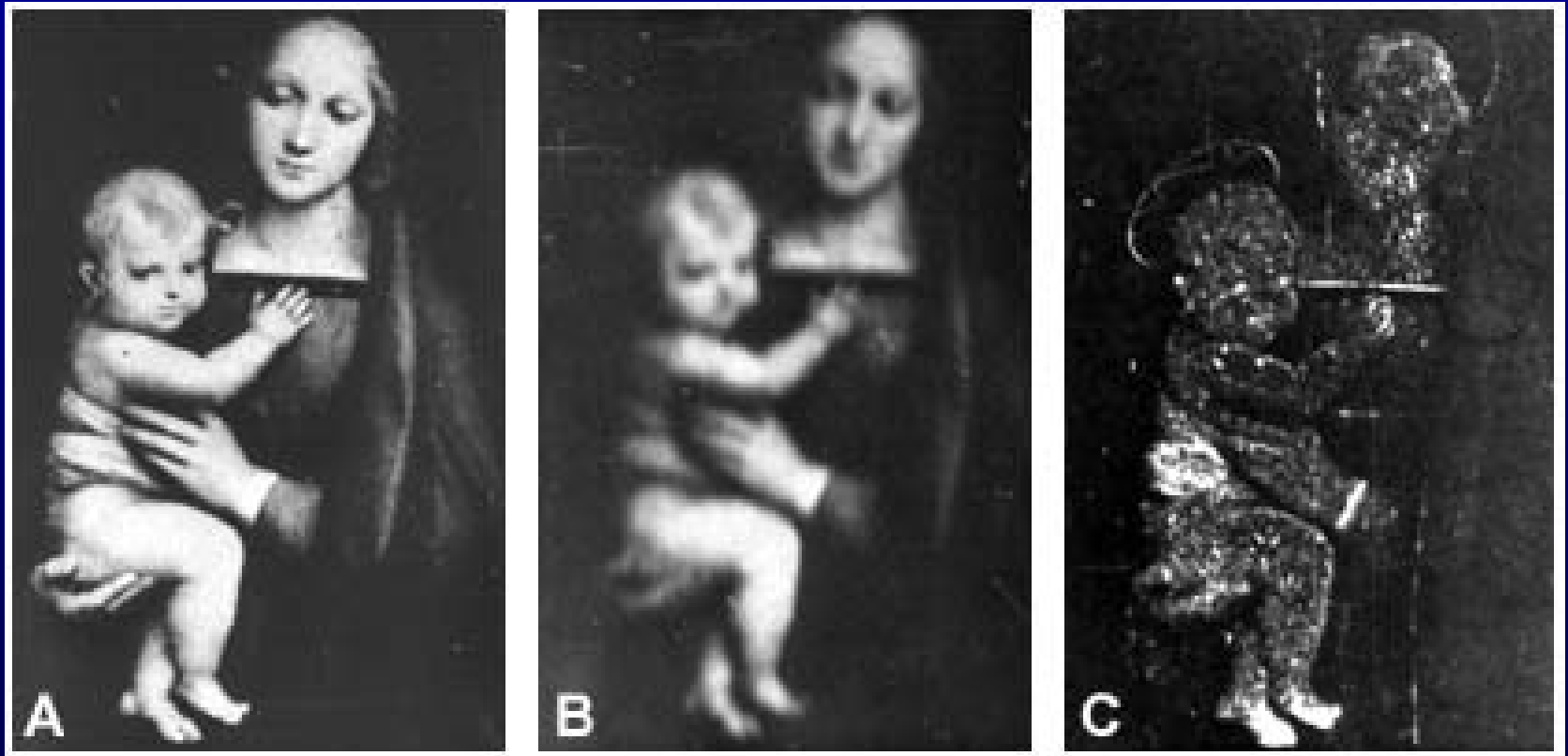
# Contrast sensitivity

is not depicted by a number but a curve



# Low contrast information & image quality

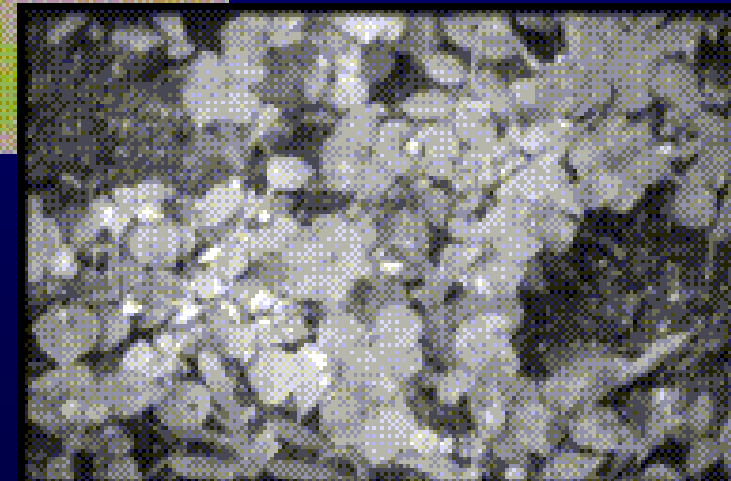
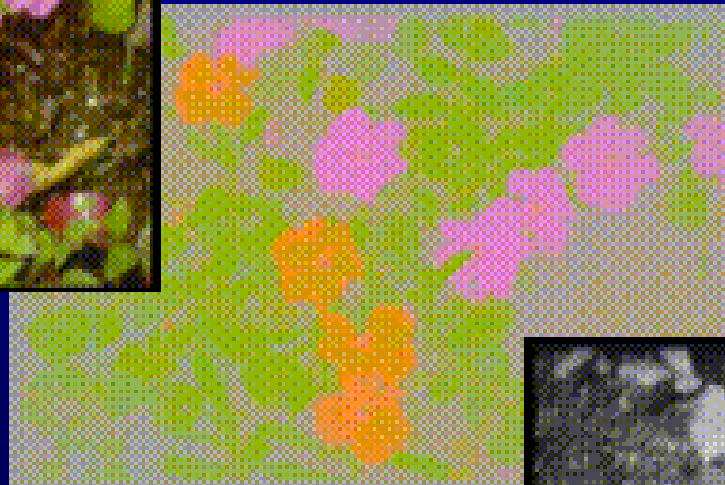
Lamberto Maffei 1981



Visual information for perception of round forms and in communication is NOT transferred by fine lines (high VA) but broad lines (low VA) at low contrast.

# Contrast – Form - Colours

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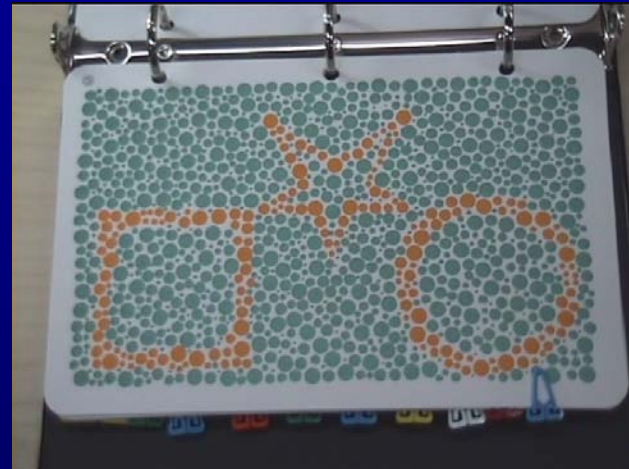


# Colour vision

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## SCREENING

- Ishihara
- Waggoner
- HRR



## ASSESSMENT

- Farnsworth D-15
- LEA Panel 16



# Sorting colours like an adult

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# Small colour areas

same size as in Panel D-15

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# Test caps in a row

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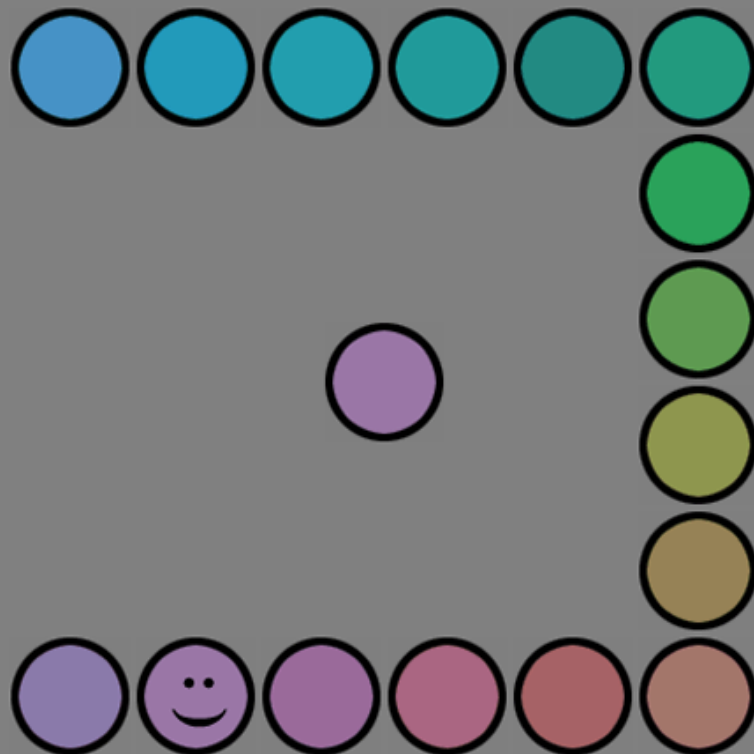
# Facilitation

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# Colour Vision Game

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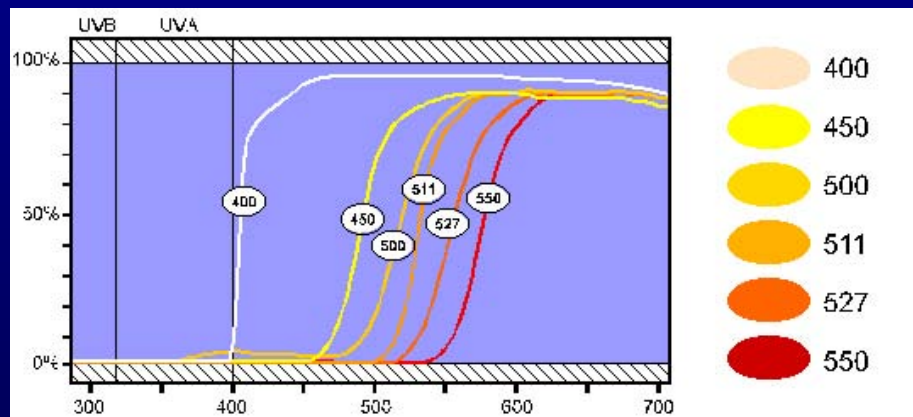
# CONE Adaptation Test

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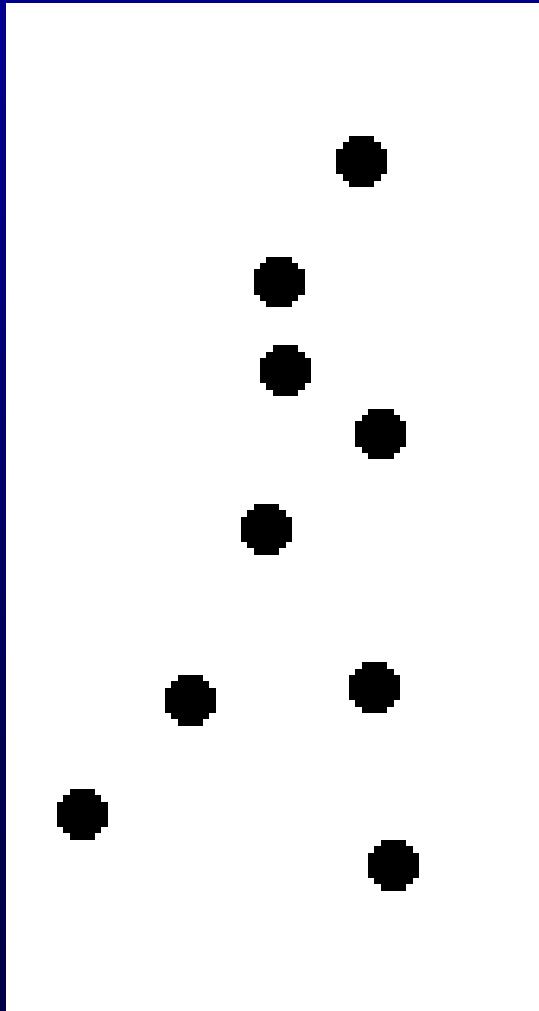
# Filter transmission & filters

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# Perception of movement

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## **Motion perception**

In most activities visual information is in motion: either the object moves, the observer moves or at least the eyes move.

How does the world look like without movement?

# Coherent Motion – 'Pepi'

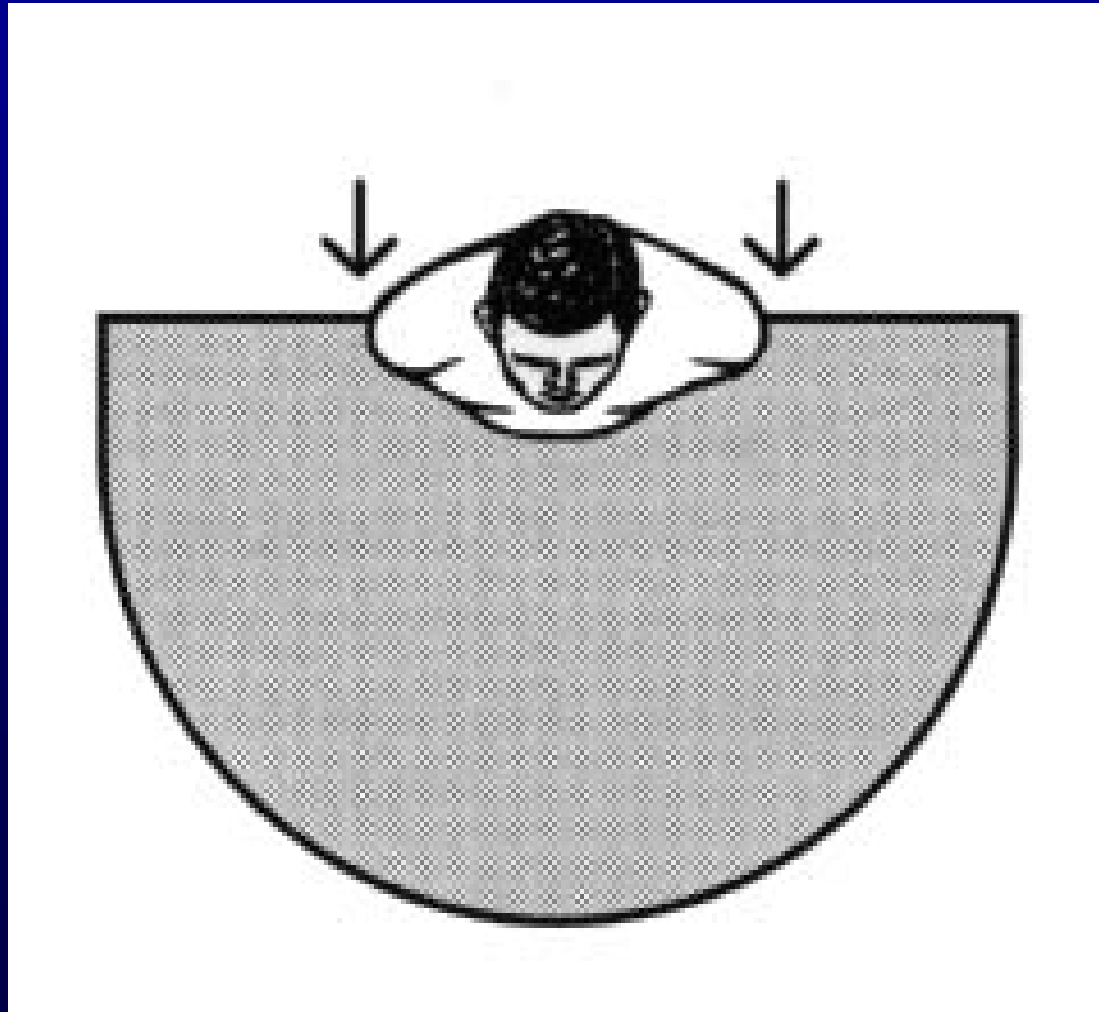
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MOTION PERCEPTION, [www.lea-test.fi](http://www.lea-test.fi)

# Visual field – Confrontation

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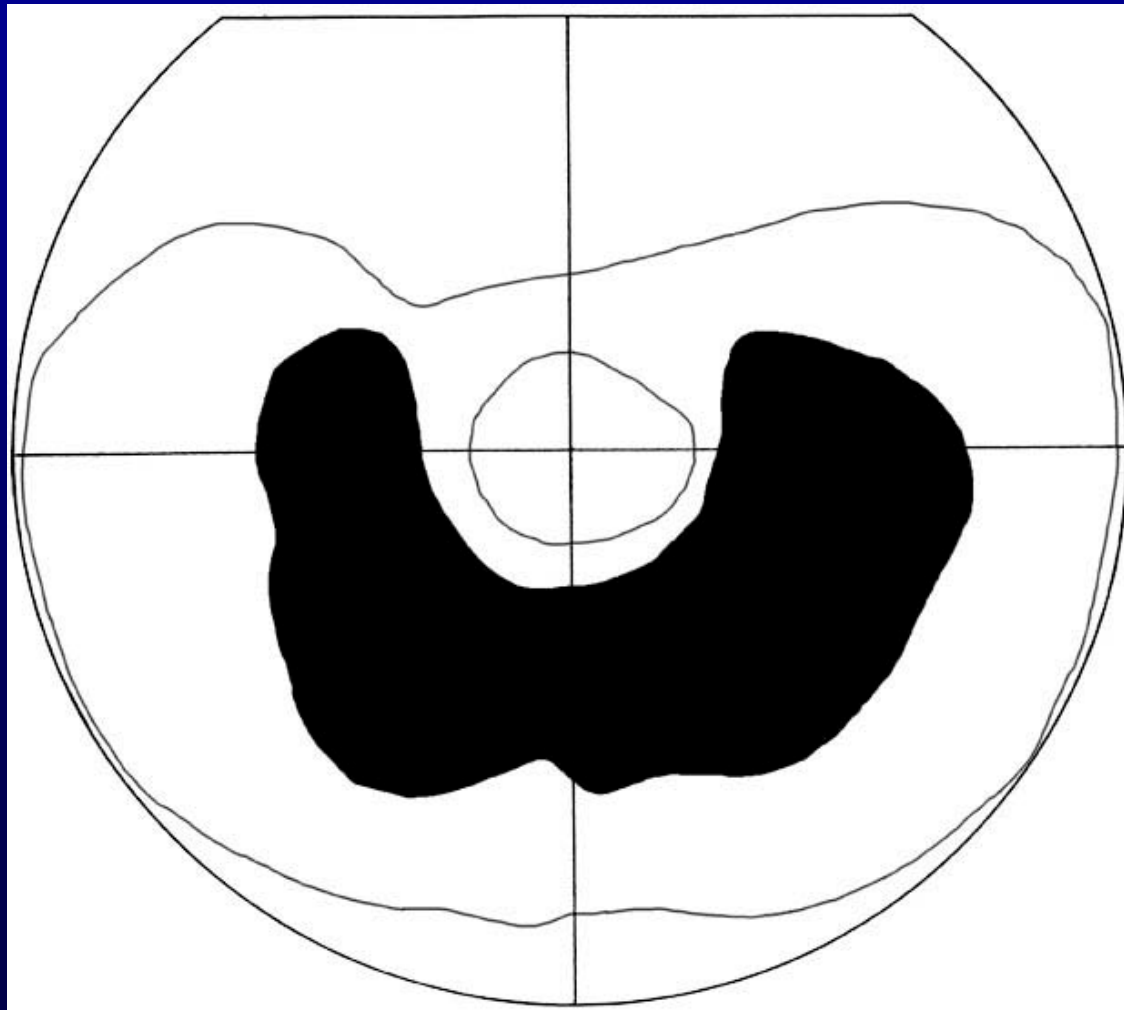
# Goldmann perimetry

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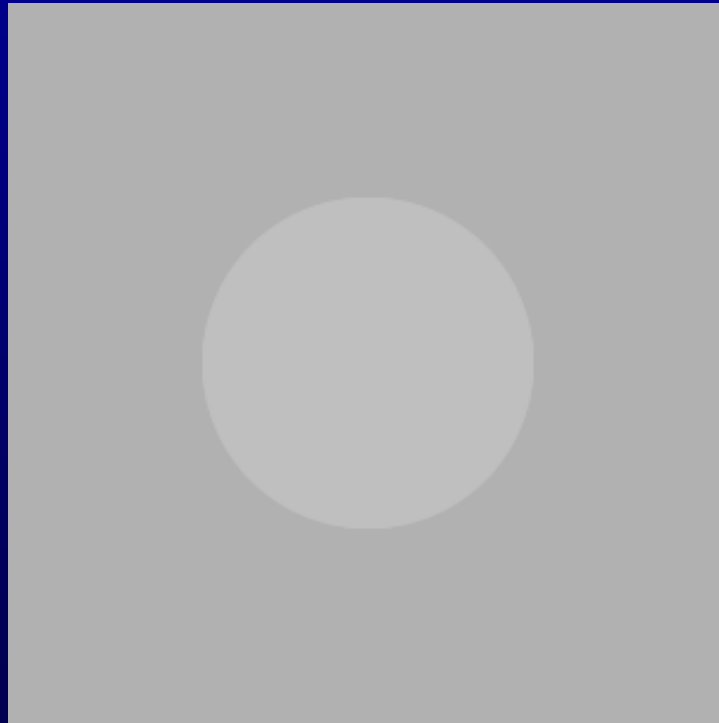
# RP – goal keeper

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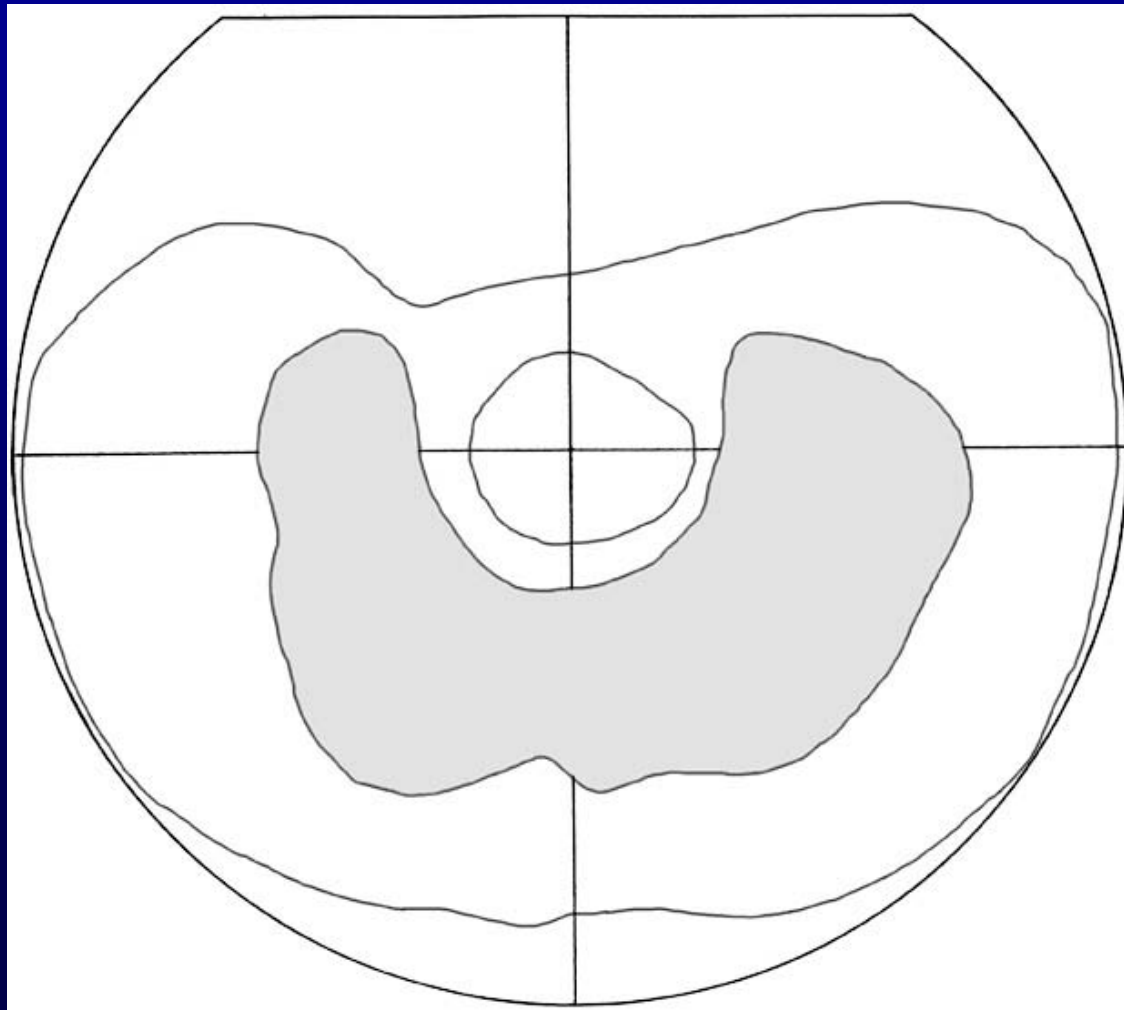
# Luminance flicker

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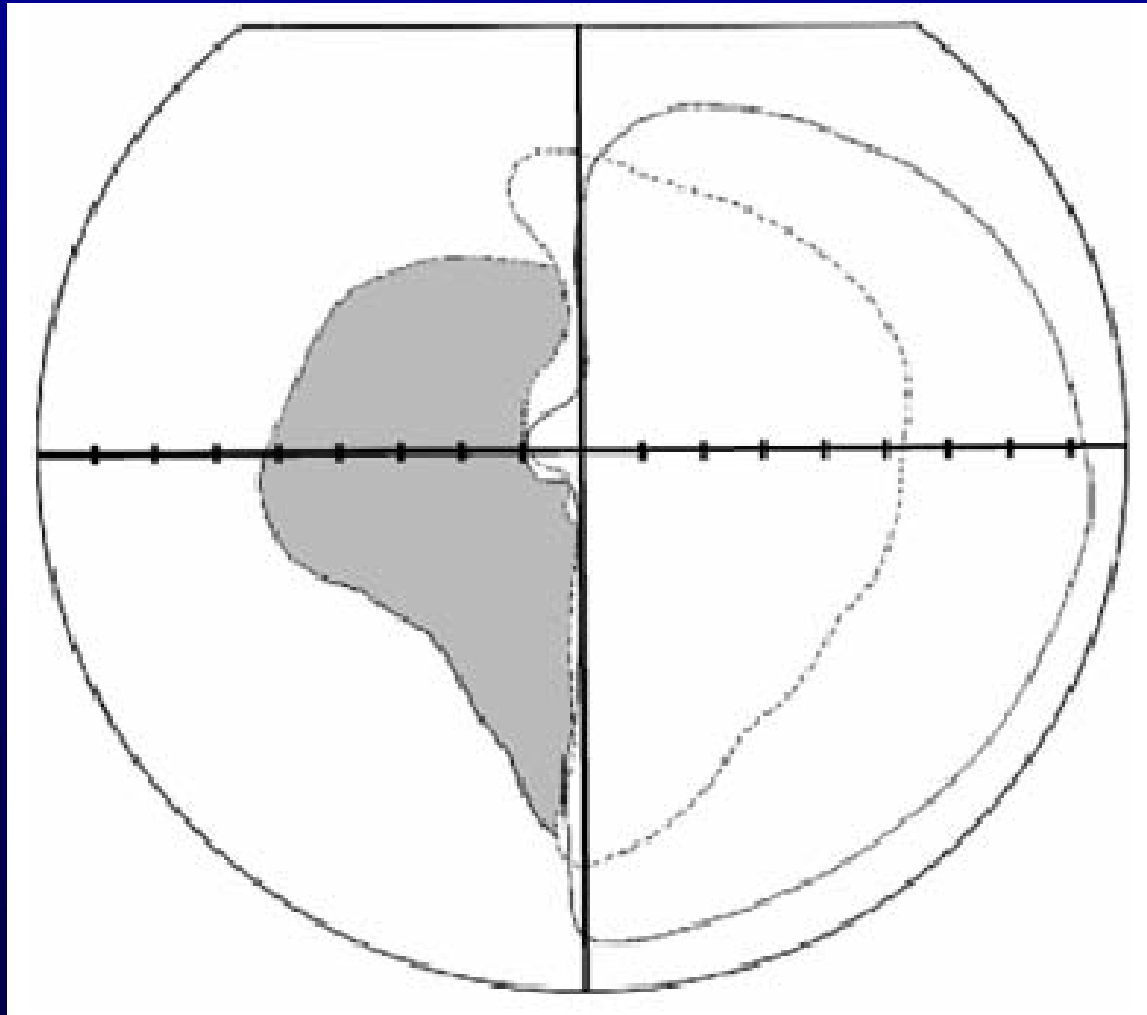
# RP – goal keeper

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# Homonymous hemianopia

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# Motion perception+Visual field

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# Central Scotoma

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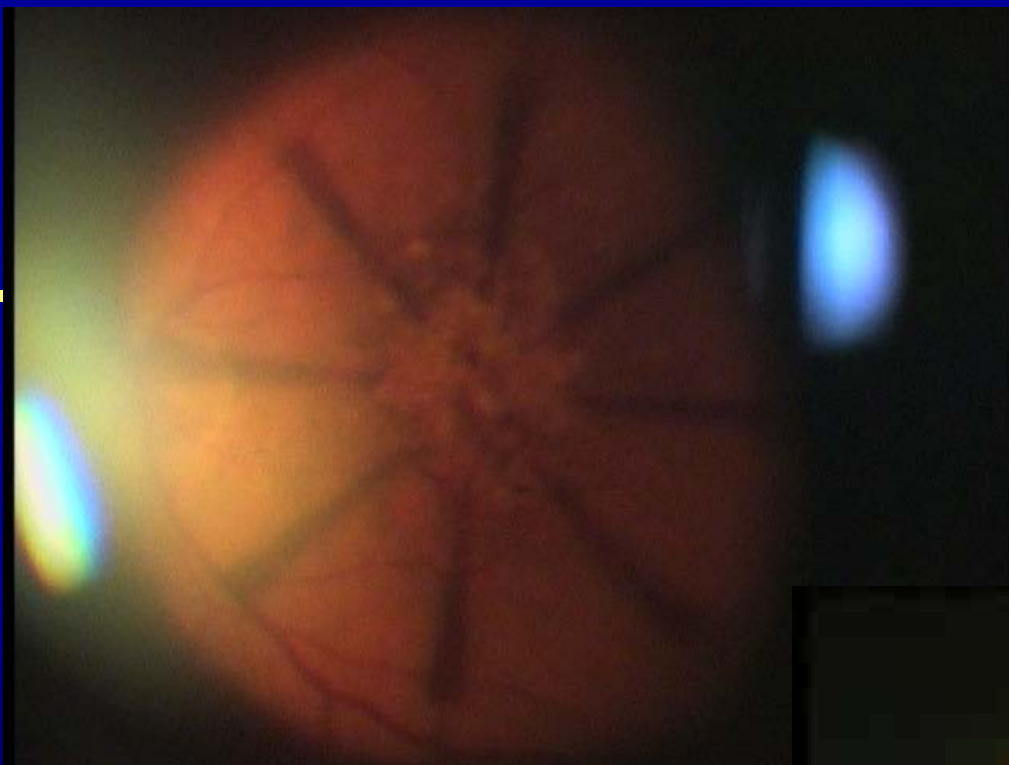
- **fixation is shifted** to an area with best resolution in a large enough a field
- a child may use **varying fixation** areas depending on the visual tasks –

Turku – modified slitlamp for direct observation of fixation

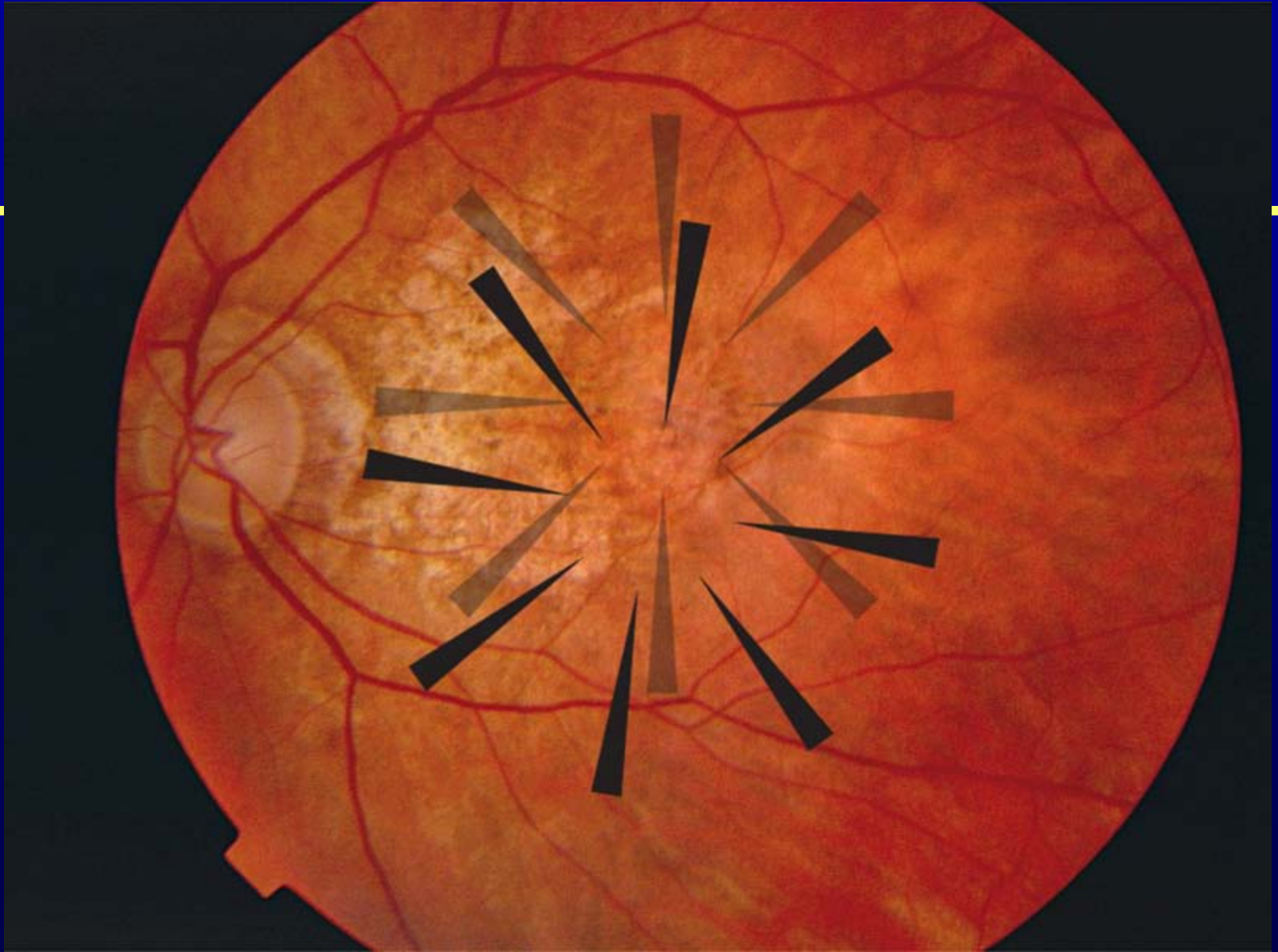
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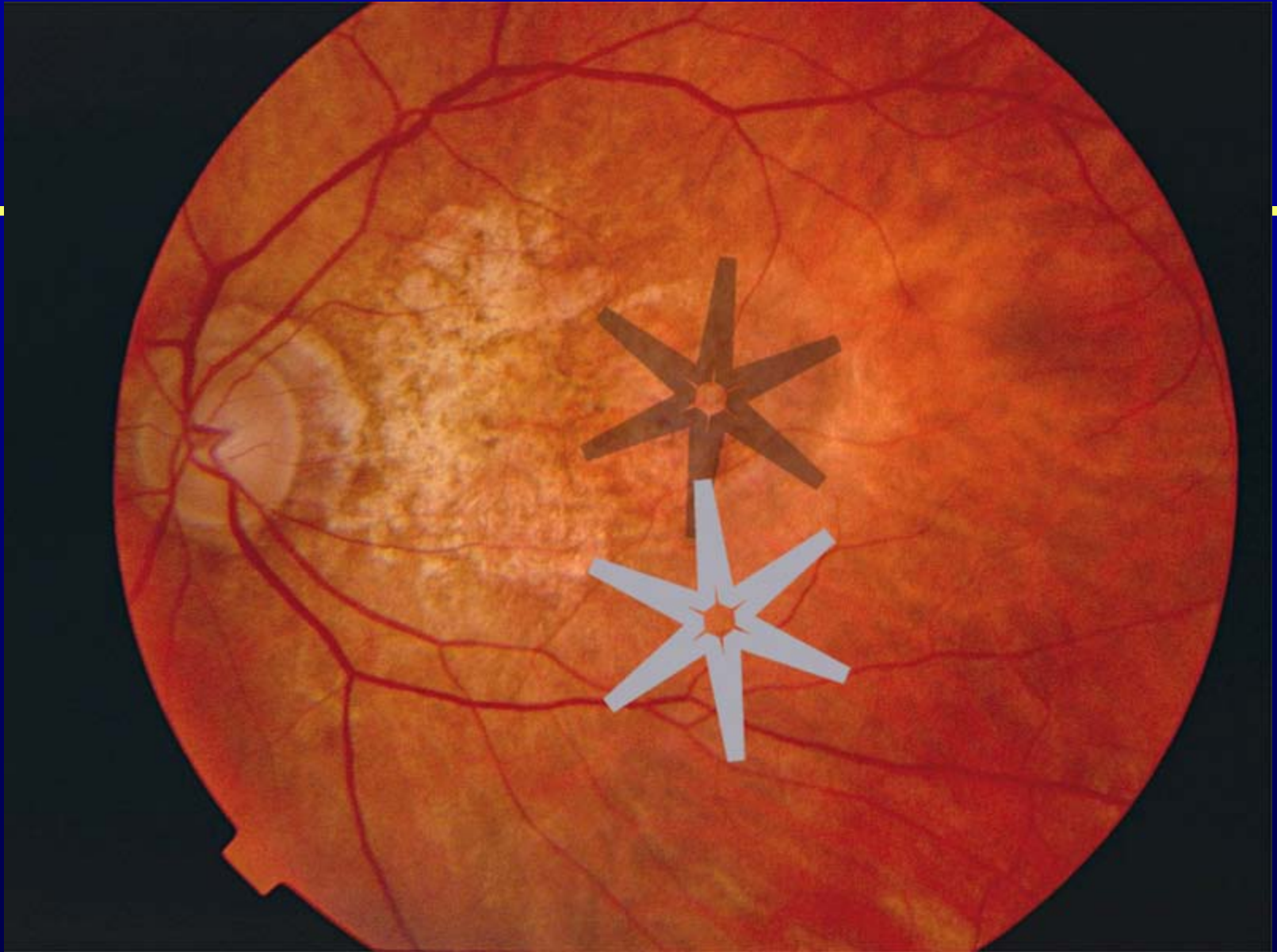


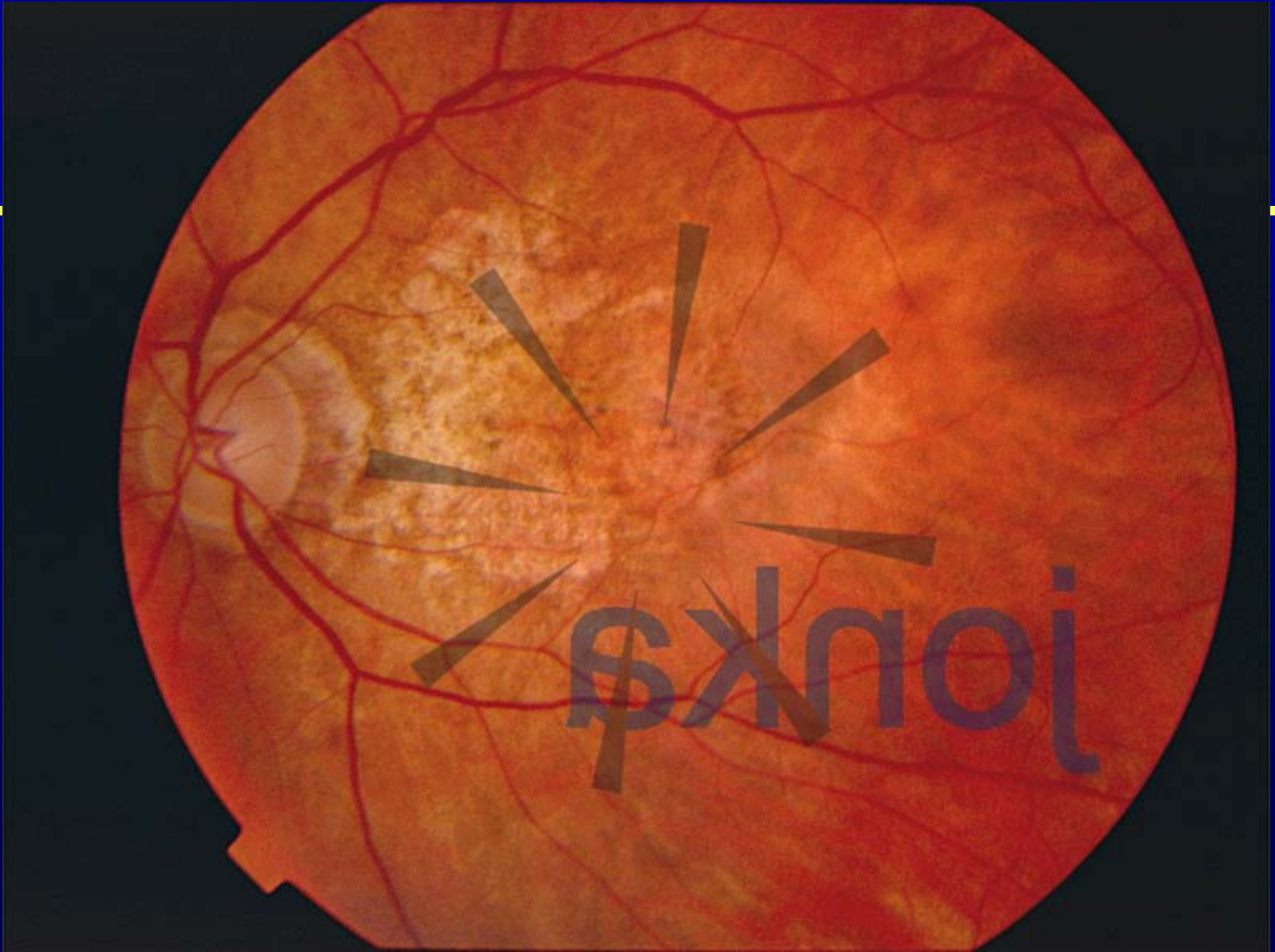
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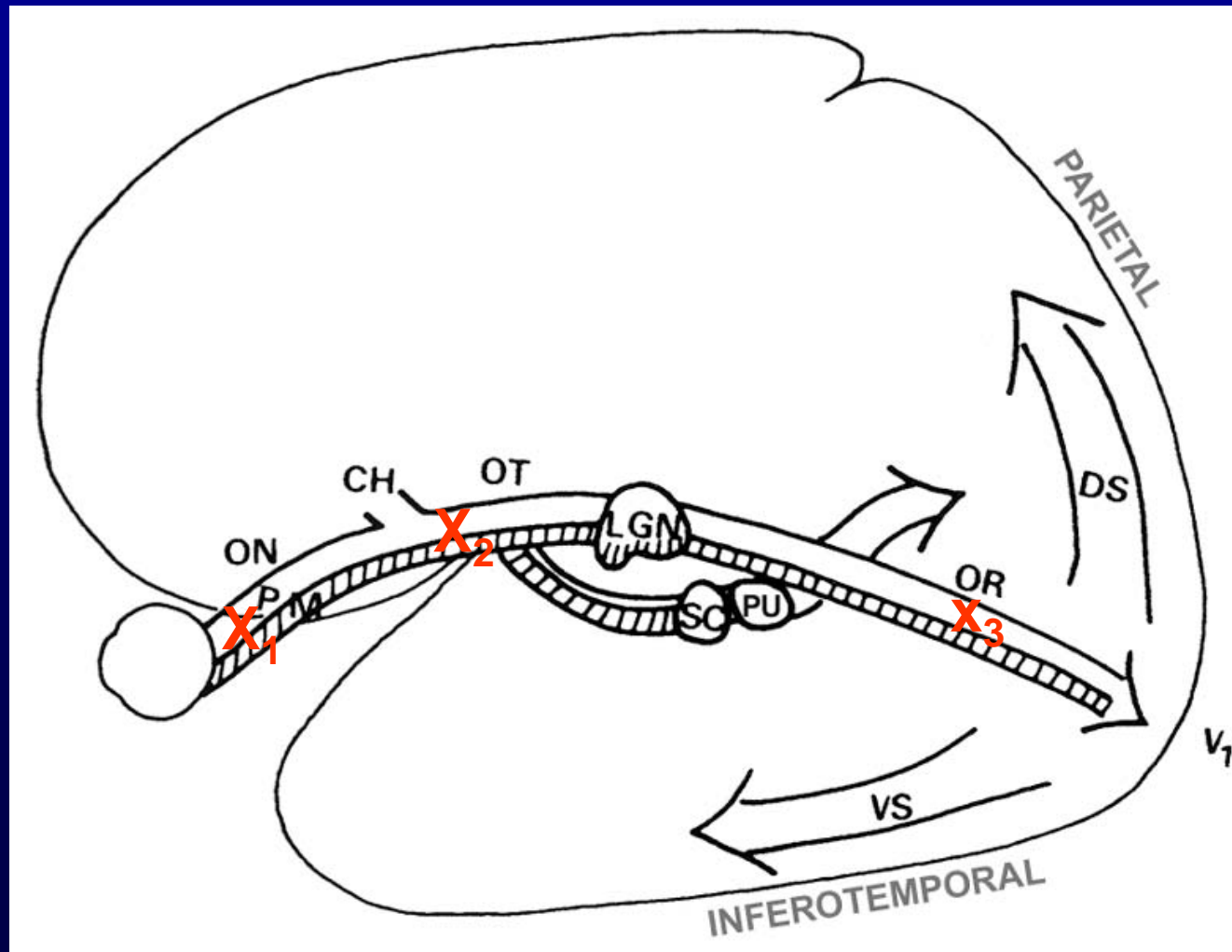


# Tiny visual field defects

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Effect varies  
depending on  
whether the lesion is  
**posterior or anterior to  
beginning of tectal pathway**

# Calcarine v. Tectal



dorsal  
stream

ventral  
stream

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When a child makes errors in reading

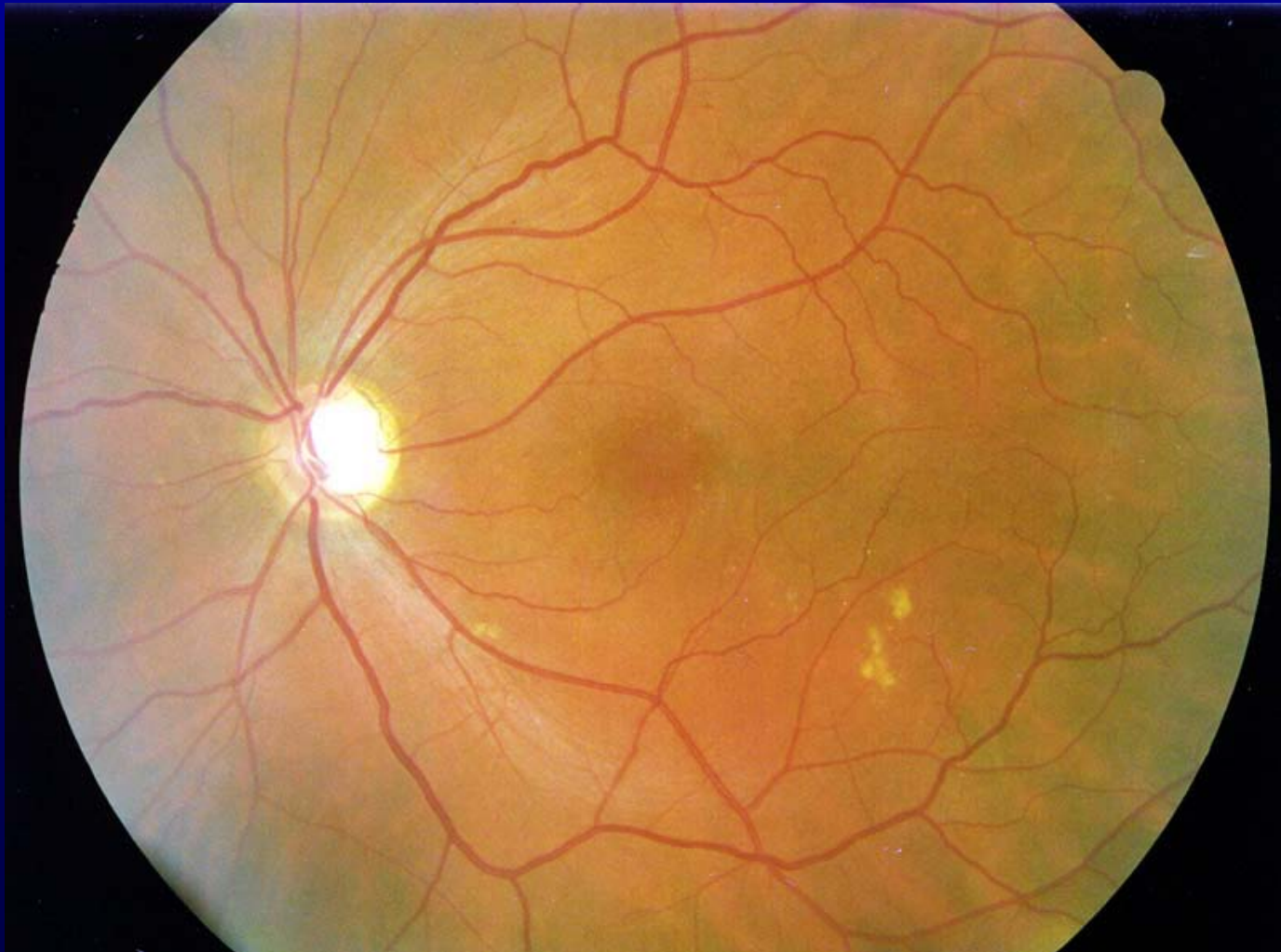
test with texts of

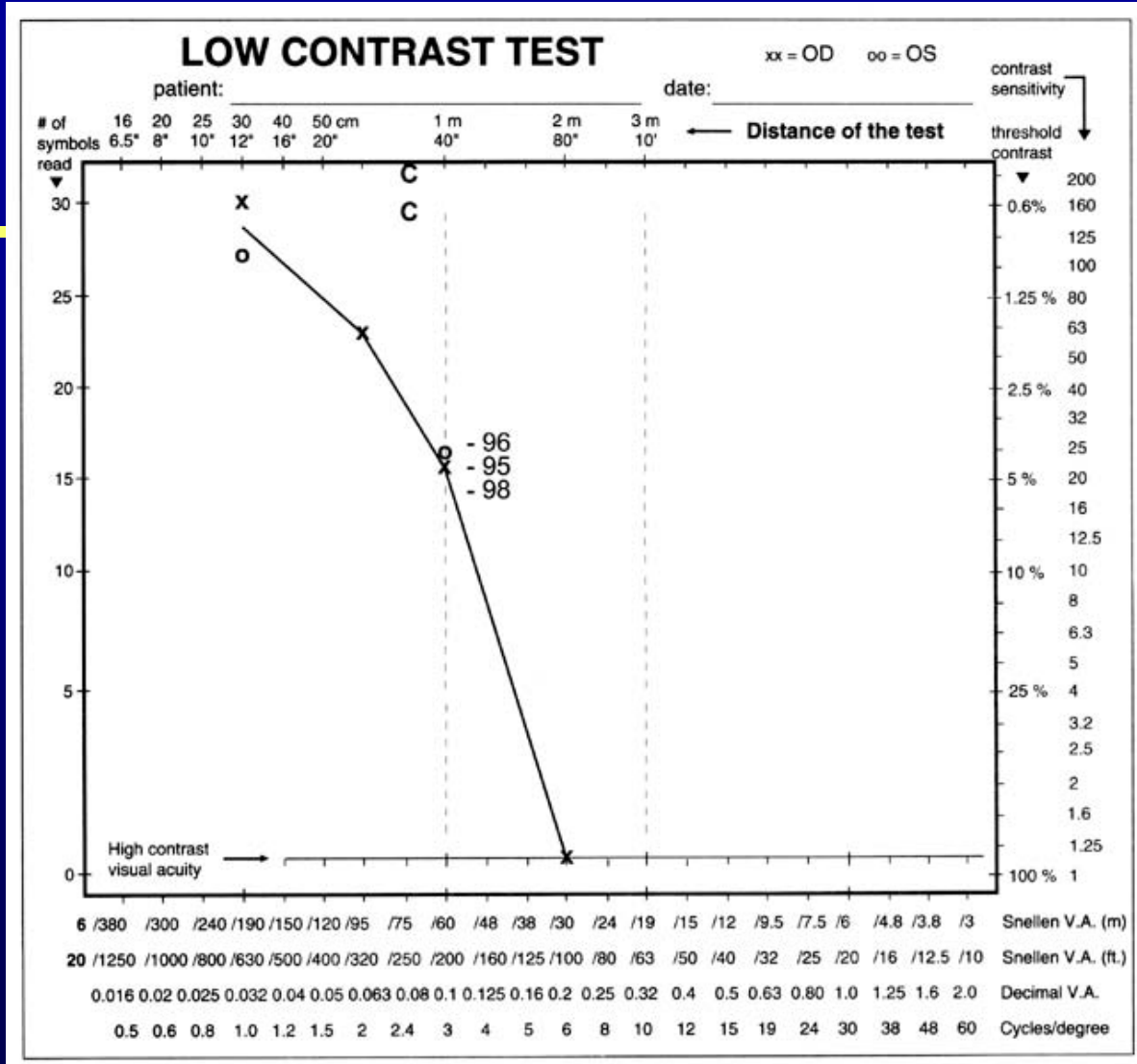
DIFFERENT SIZES

# Retinoschisis

VA 0.2, 6/30, 20/100

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If a boy has a contrast sensitivity curve like this, he will be able to drive.

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# Visual processing disorders

# Visual processing disorders

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- Children with problems in visual processing functions
  - 1) with good, clear image
  - 2) with distorted or blurred image due to anterior visual impairment
- The effect of other disorders and diseases on visual functioning
  - 1) intellectual disability
  - 2) motor problems, often cerebral palsy
  - 3) executive functions
  - 4) other disorders and diseases affecting the child's functioning

# Assessment requirements

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- Variation in age of children
- Variation in cognitive functions
- Variation in communication
- Variation in motor functions
- Variation in visual functions

INDIVIDUAL TESTING - many tests needed

OBSERVATIONS - by all team members

TRAINING - of all persons involved

EVERY CHILD IS A NEW CHALLENGE.

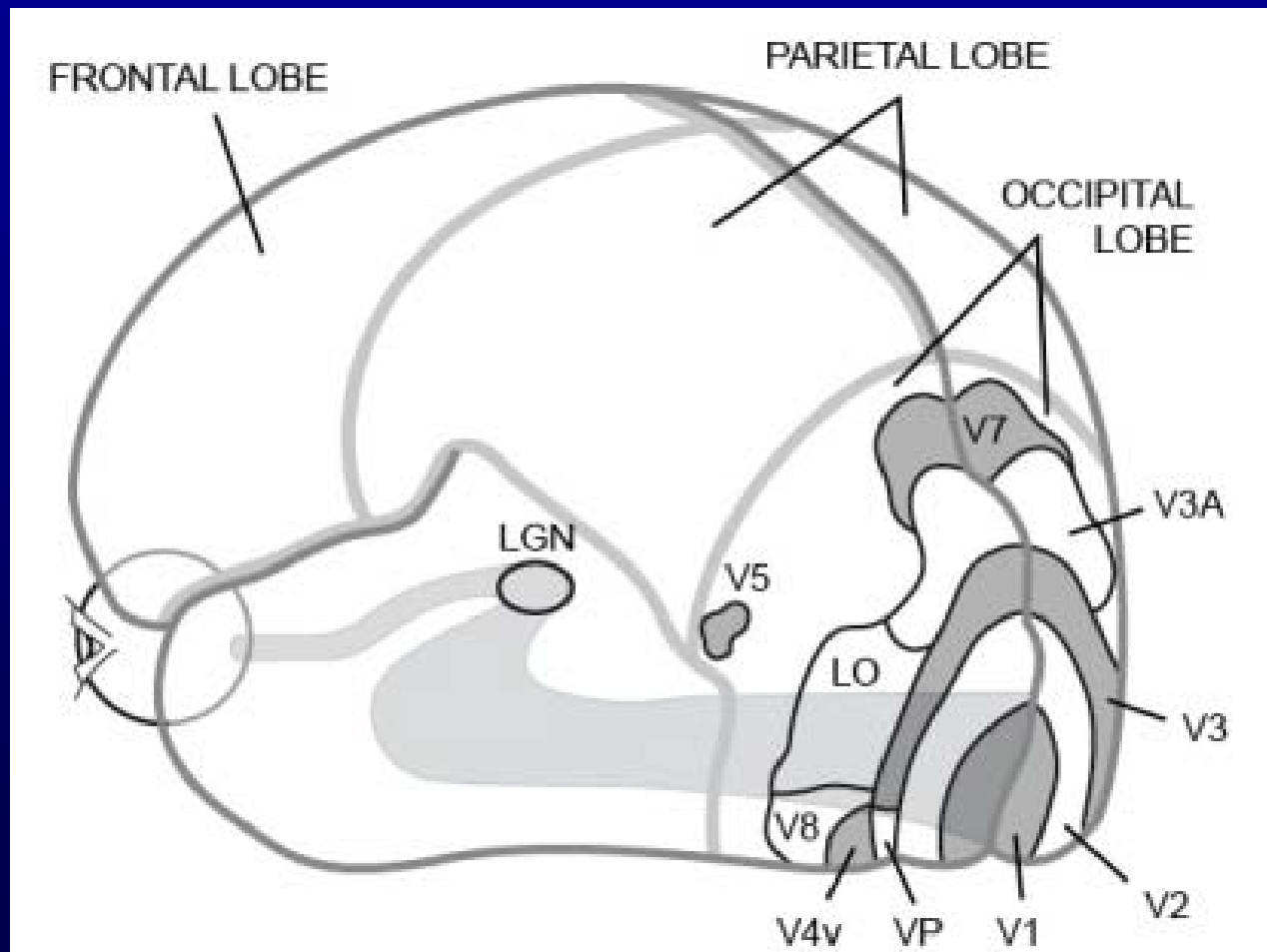
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- ocular motor functions, fixation, saccades, strabismus, nystagmus
- form perception, visual acuity and grating acuity at full contrast
- contrast sensitivity, with optotype and grating tests
- visual field, confrontation, perimetry, ball games
- motion perception, figure in motion, ball games, traffic
- colour perception, matching, Panel 16
- visual adaptation to lower and higher luminance level, filter lenses

# Retinocalcarine pathway

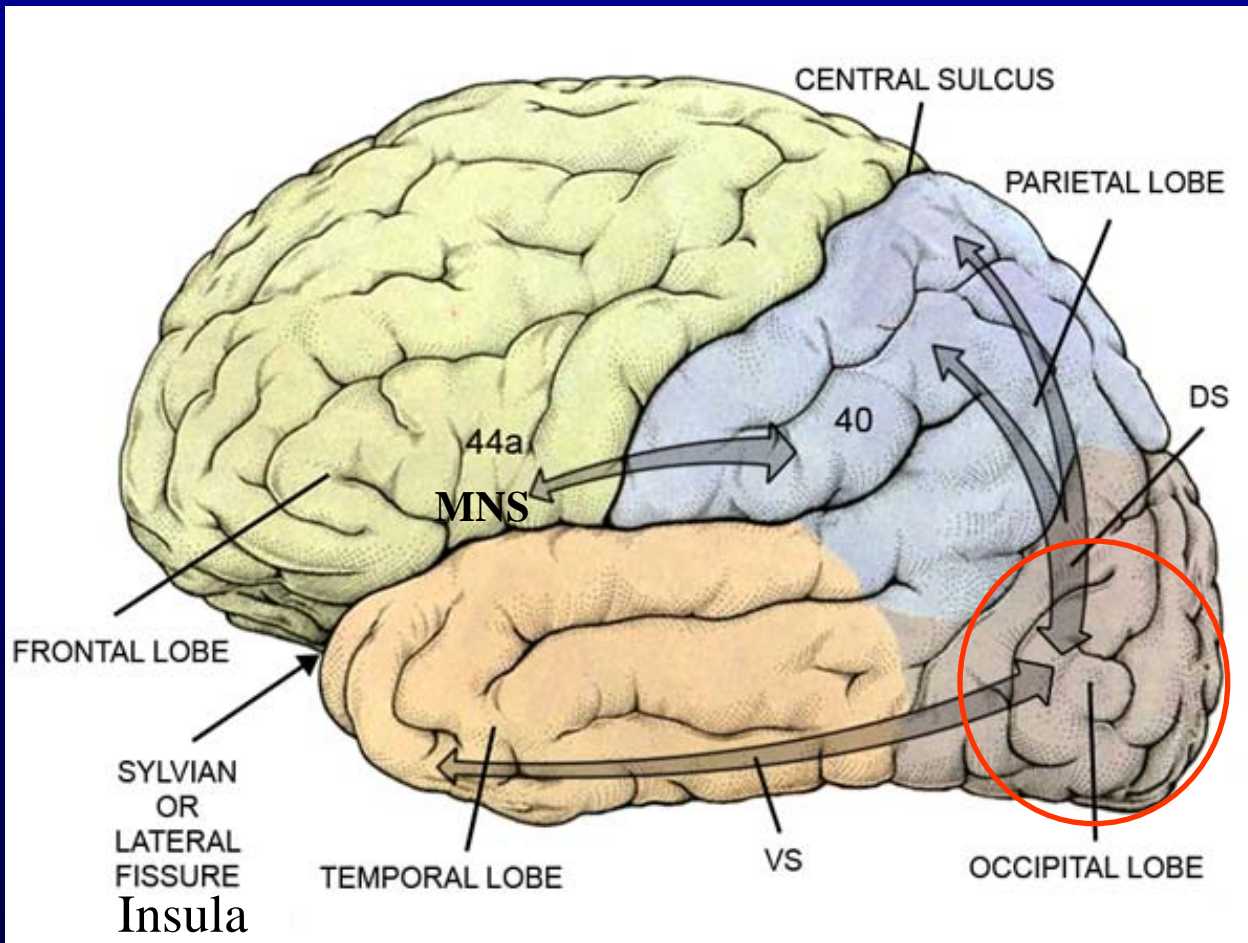
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# Early processing in occipital lobe

## Ventral and dorsal stream/network

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Colours  
Contrast edges  
Movement/ motion

Early processing:  
Line directions & length  
Stereovision  
Object/ background  
Figure/ ground  
Visual closure, filling-in  
Visual illusions

Figure-in-motion

# Rectangles – Mailbox Heidi Expressions- Colorama

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Febr..2000; 3years 8 (corr. 5) months



Testing early and higher visual processing

**Table 2.**

**RECOGNITION and READING**

Concrete objects

Landmarks

Faces, familiar and unfamiliar

Facial expressions, Body language

Pictures of concrete objects

Geometric forms

Letters

Numbers

Words

Crowding effect

Reading speed

Scanning lines of text

Efficiency of reading

**PERCEPTION OF PICTURES**

Length of lines

Orientation of lines

Details of pictures

Figure-ground

Visual closure

Noticing errors

Noticing missing details

Comparison with pictures in memory

‘Reading’ series of pictures

Visual problems in copying pictures

Geometric pictures depicting 3D forms

**MATHEMATICS**

Calculations, logical reasoning

**AWARENESS OF AND ORIENTATION IN SPACE**

Perception of one’s body in space

Depth perception

Perception of near space and far space

Simultanagnosia

Perception of textures and surface qualities

Orientation in space

Memorising routes

Vision in traffic situations and in playgrounds

**EYE-HAND COORDINATION**

Grasping and throwing objects

Drawing, free hand

Copying, from near/ from blackboard

Copying, motor planning and execution

**INTEGRATION PROBLEMS**

Vision not used when listening or exploring

Vision not used when moving

Balance

**COMPENSATORY STRATEGIES**

Auditory information

Tactile, kinaesthetic and haptic information

Memory, reasoning

**DISTURBING FACTORS**

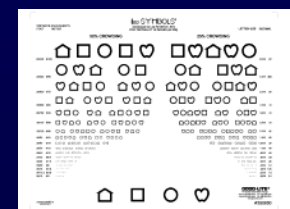
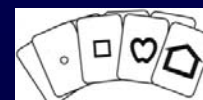
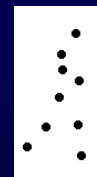
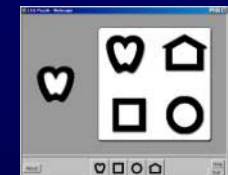
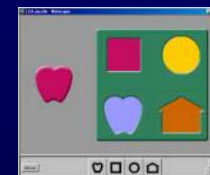
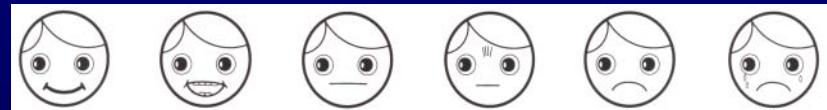
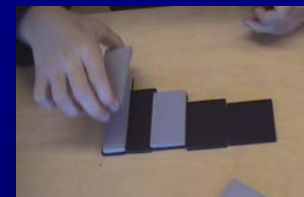
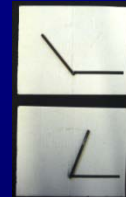
Environmental noise, visual and auditory

Balance problems and motor problems

Medications, epilepsy

# Cognitive vision tests

- Hiding Heidi for communication
- LEA-Mailbox
- LEA-Rectangles
- Face pictures
- Heidi Expressions
- LEA Puzzle
- Crowding effekt
- Pepi-test, Johansson's Walking Man
- **Reading tests**
- OBSERVATIONS



CASE		N	I	P
OCULAR MOTOR FUNCTIONS				
A Fixation				
B Following movements				
C Saccades				
D Nystagmus				
E Strabismus				
F Accommodation				
G Convergence				
CLINICAL FINDINGS, sensory				
H Binocularity				
I Visual Acuity				
J Grating Acuity				
K Contrast sensitivity, optotype, grating				
L Colour Vision				
M Adaptation speed, observation				
N Photophobia				
O Visual field, central scotoma?				
P Visual field, peripheral				
Q Motion perception, Pepi-test				
R Biological motion, Walking Man				
S Refraction				
T Correction of refractive errors				

EARLY PROCESSING				
V Length of lines				
W Orientation of lines				
X Objects/figures on a patterned background				
Y Textures and surface qualities				

DORSAL STREAM				
A Perception of near and far space				
B Observation of surrounding				
C Orientation in space, map based				
D Route based orientation				
E Simultaneous perception				
F Eye-hand coordination				
G Length of lines				
H Direction of lines				
I LEA-Puzzle				
J Grasping and throwing objects				
K Drawing, free hand				
L Copying from blackboard				
M Spatial problems in mathematics				
N Spatial problems in reading				

OTHER PROFILES AVAILABLE				
A Developmental level				
B Motor Functions				

		N	I	P
VENTRAL STREAM				
A Length of lines, purely visual test				
B Direction of lines, purely visual test				
C Recognition of details				
D Noticing missing details in pictures				
E Recognition of faces				
F Interpretation of facial expressions				
G Reading body language				
H Landmarks				
I Concrete objects				
J Pictures of concrete objects				
K Abstract pictures of objects of different categ				
L Abstract forms (Roman letters, numbers)				
M Reading words, characters				
N Cartoons				
O Visual problems in copying pictures				
P Increased crowding effect				
Q Recognition problems n math tasks				

MIRROR NEURON SYSTEM				
A Early communication and interaction				
B Interpretation of emotions and intentions				
C Observation and copying of movements				
D Effect of image quality, motion perception				
E Effect of image quality, contrast sensitivity				
F				
G				

OTHER COMMON PROBLEMS				
M Integration of sensory information				
N Visual and auditory overload				
O Specific memory problems				
P Head control				
Q Body control				
R Hand functions				
S Moving				
T Hearing				
U Executive functions				
V Other				
W Use of devices at school, KG, work				
X Use of devices at home				
Y Services of educational resource centre				
Z Vision services as medical care				

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MAIN FUNCTIONAL AREAS				
A Communication				
B Orientation and moving				
C Activities of daily living				
D Demanding vision tasks				

PROFOUND loss of function in \_\_visual functions  
 IMPAIRED but useful visual functions in \_\_  
 NORMAL visual function in \_\_ functions

# Environmental disturbance

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Visual acuity alone  
**DOES NOT**  
depict visual functioning



Assessment  
of  
**FUNCTIONAL VISION**  
for Early Intervention & Rehabilitation

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# DISCUSSION