

# RAINBOW GLARE

A central bright light source emits numerous thin, multi-colored rays (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple) that fan out across the dark background, creating a rainbow glare effect. A faint watermark '© M G U E D J . C O M' is visible diagonally across the center.

INVESTIGATION OF THE  
RAINBOW GLARE EFFECT  
AFTER FS-LASIK

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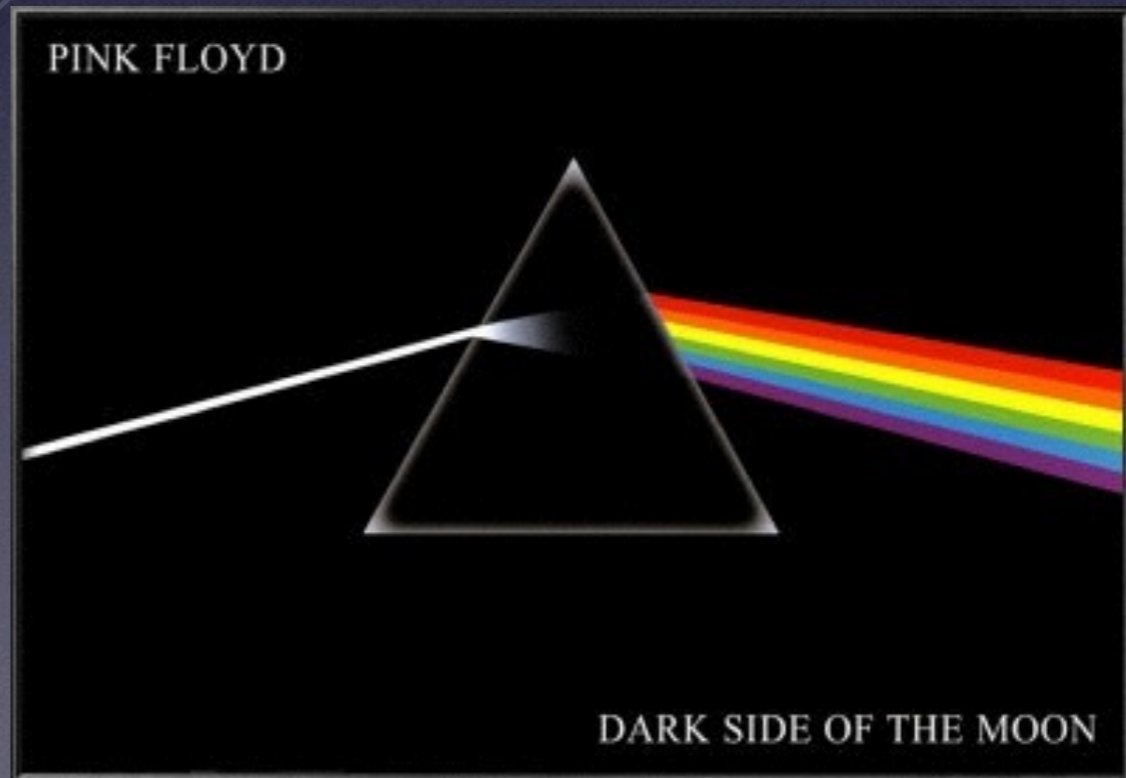
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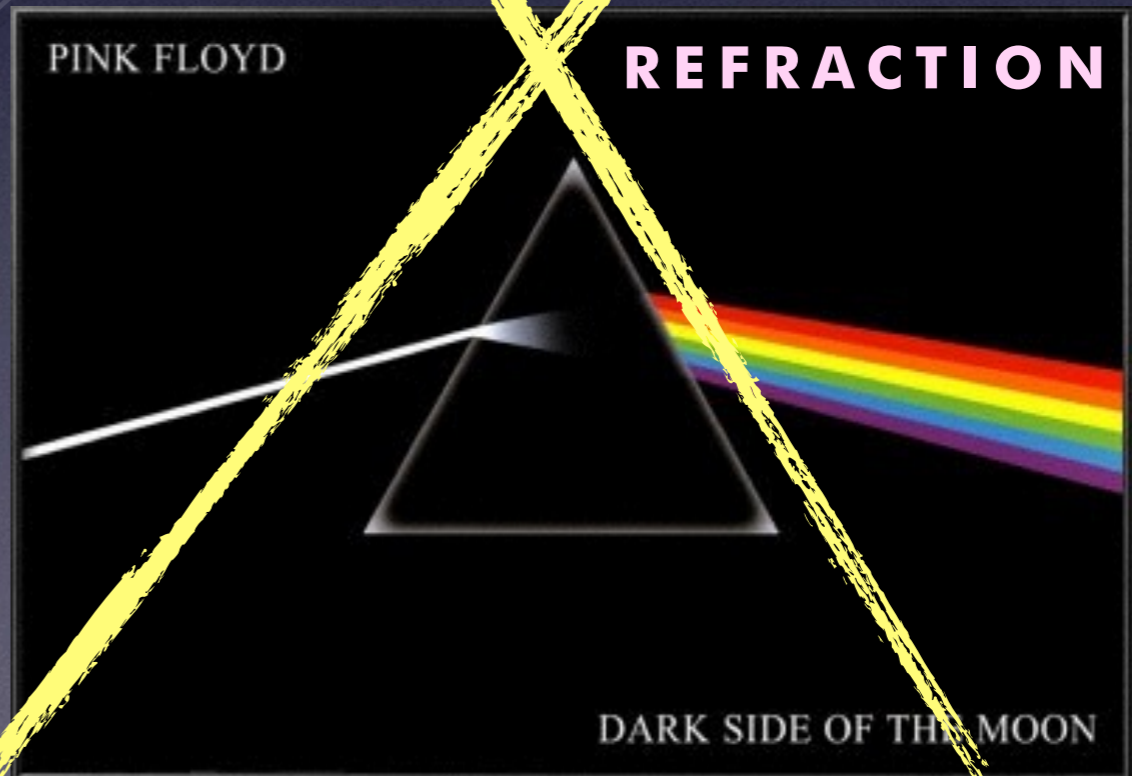
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# IN RAINBOWS

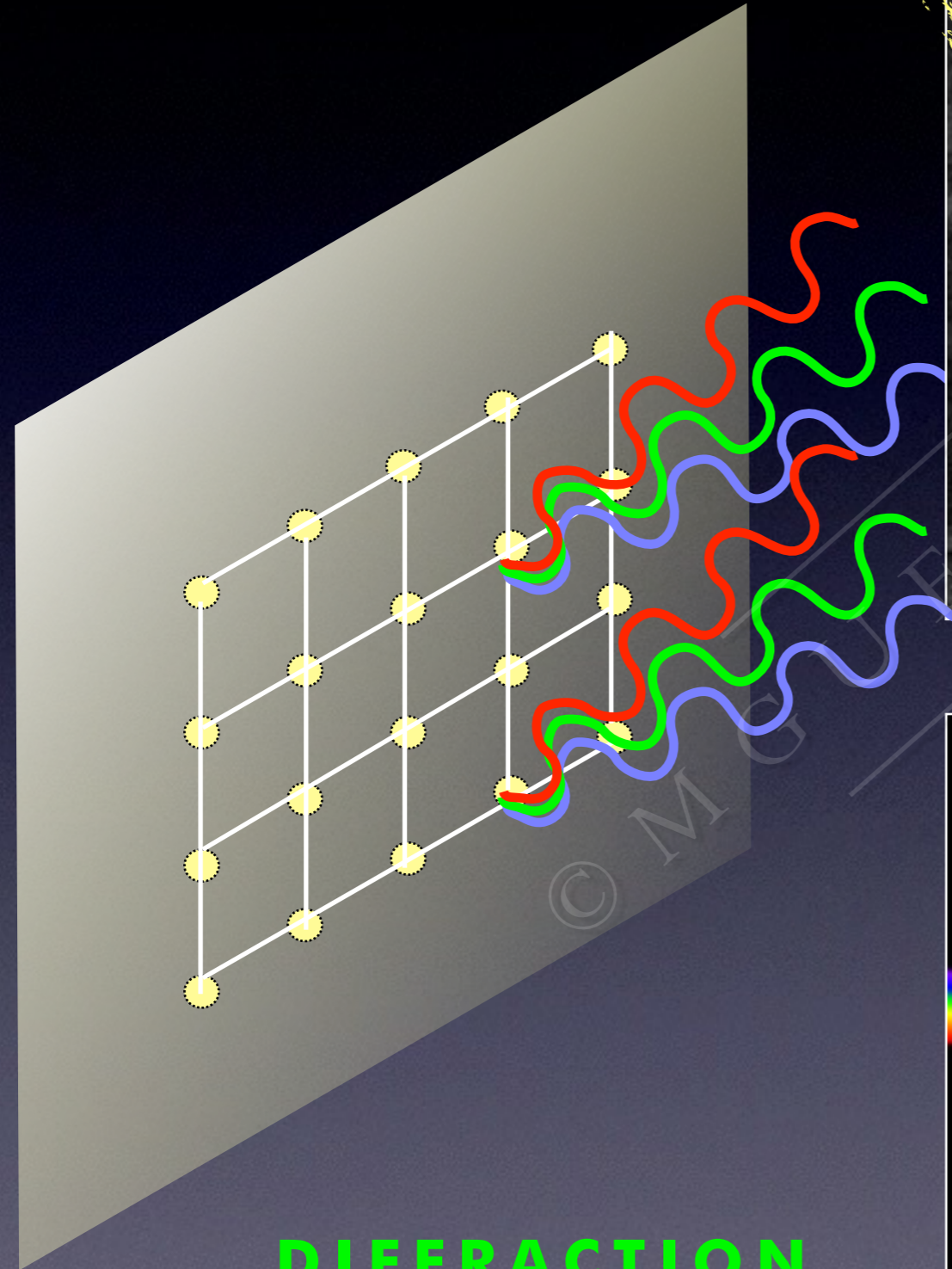


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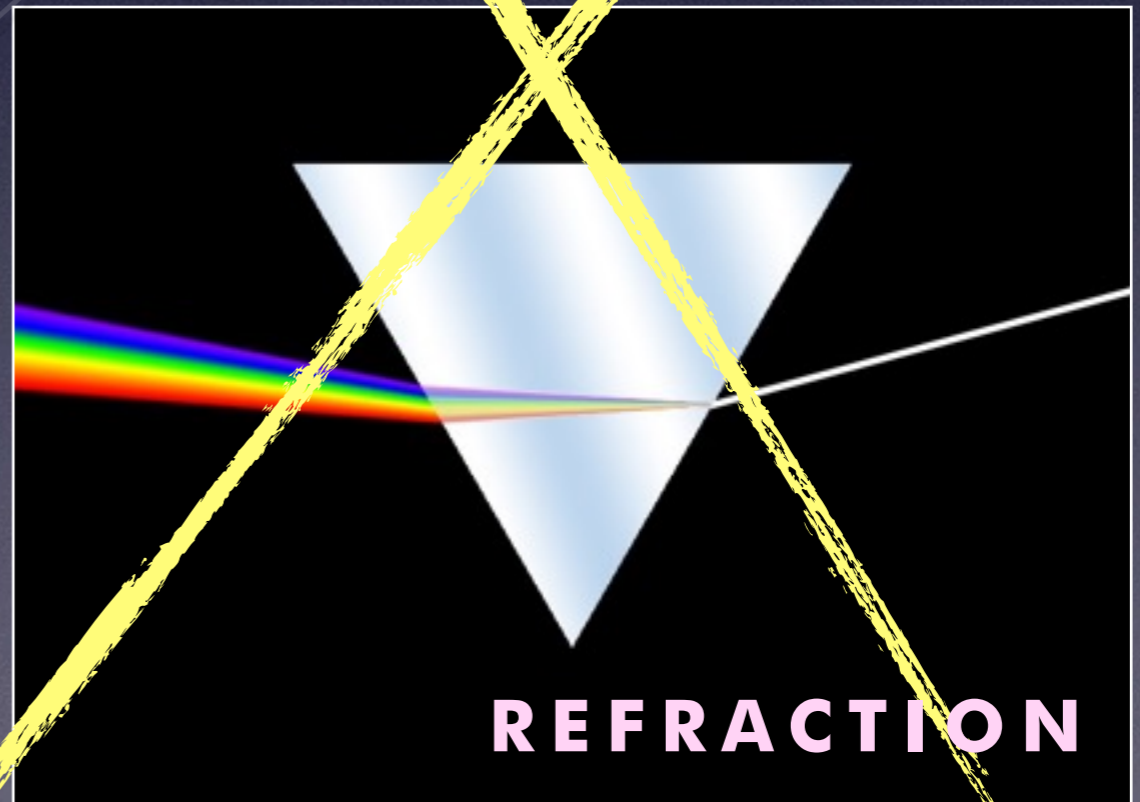
# IN RAINBOWS



**DIFFRACTION  
GRATING**



**NEWTON**



**REFRACTION**



**DIFFRACTION  
GRATING**

PLANE  
WAVEFRONTS



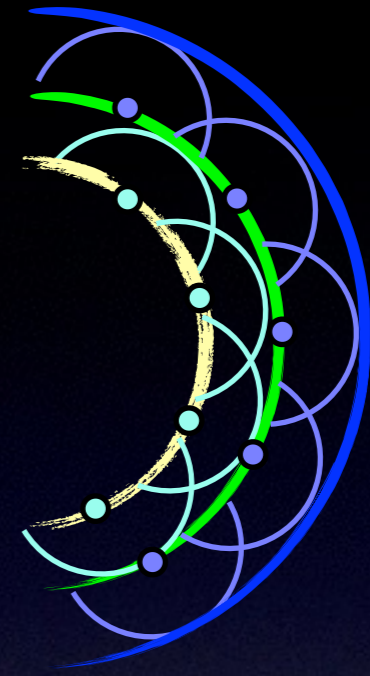
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GRATING**

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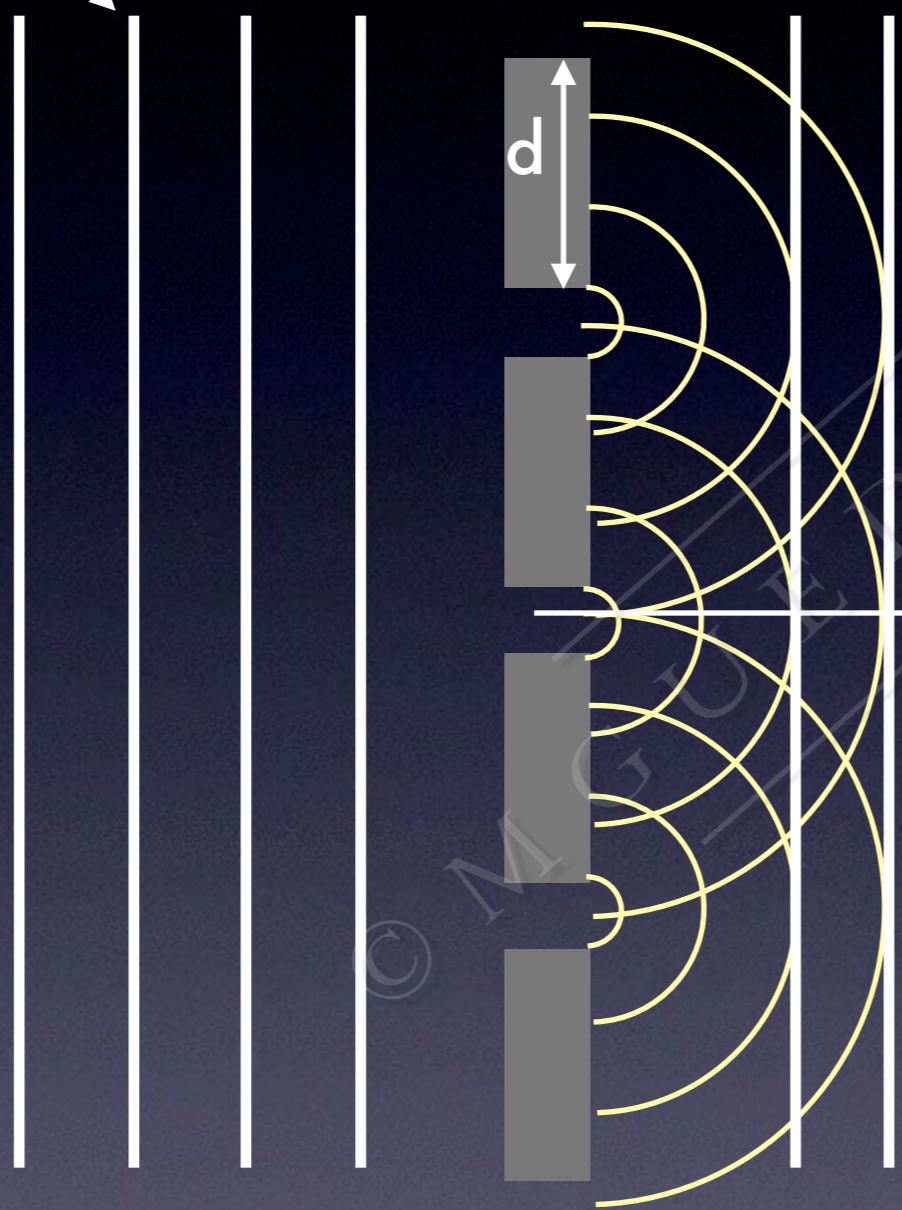
HUYGENS-FRESNEL POSTULATE

PLANE  
WAVEFRONTS



**DIFFRACTION  
GRATING**

PLANE  
WAVEFRONTS



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ZERO ORDER  
WF



**DIFFRACTION  
GRATING**

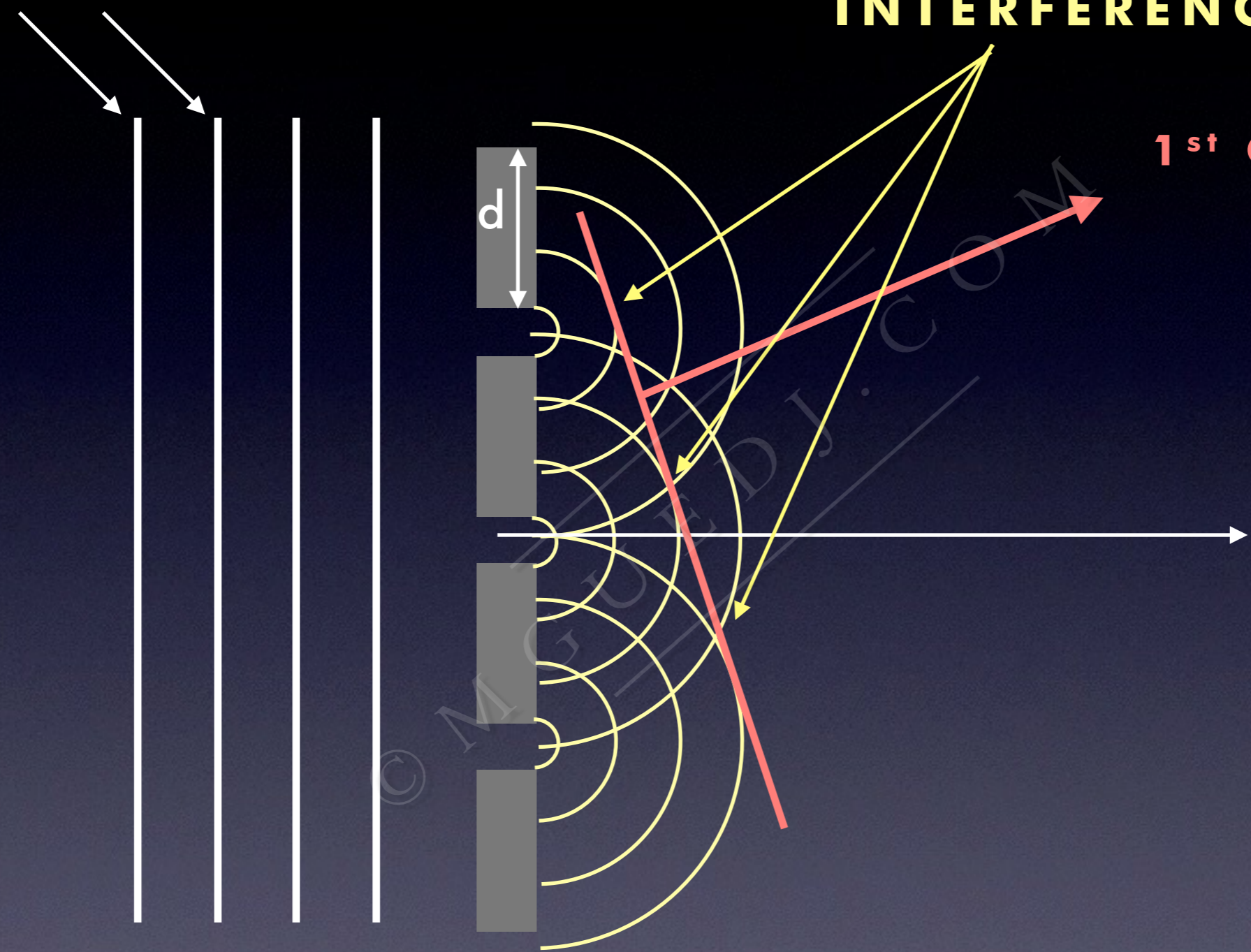
PLANE  
WAVEFRONTS

CONSTRUCTIVE  
INTERFERENCES

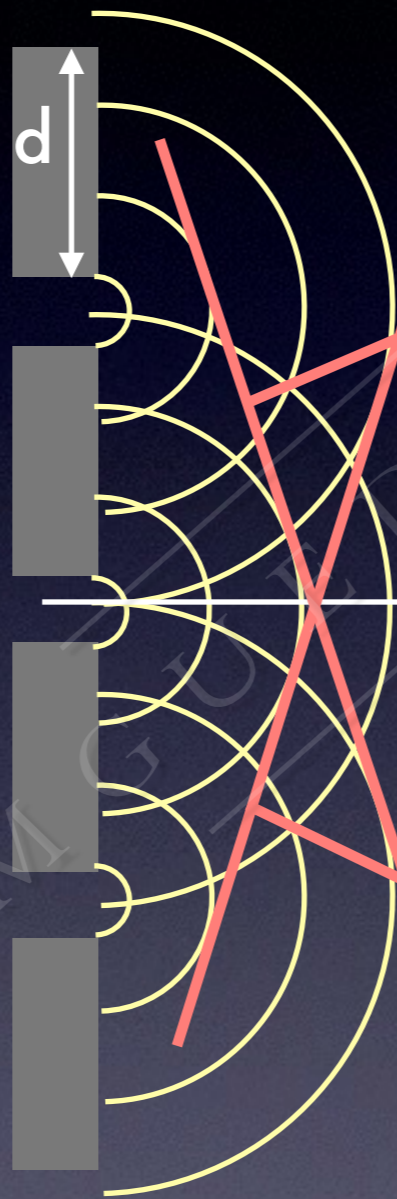
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DIFFRACTION  
GRATING



PLANE  
WAVEFRONTS



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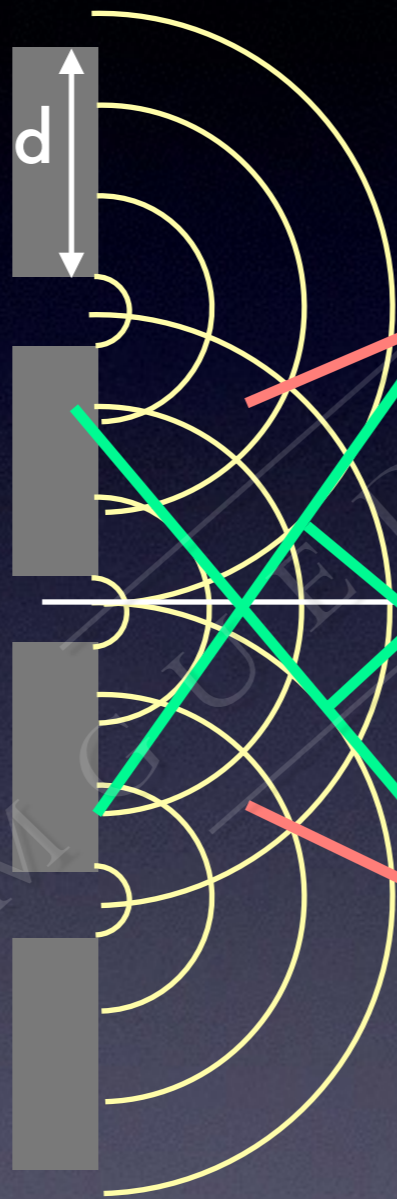
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**DIFFRACTION  
GRATING**

**PRODUCTION OF DISCRETE  
MAXIMA AT SPECIFIC ANGLES**

PLANE  
WAVEFRONTS



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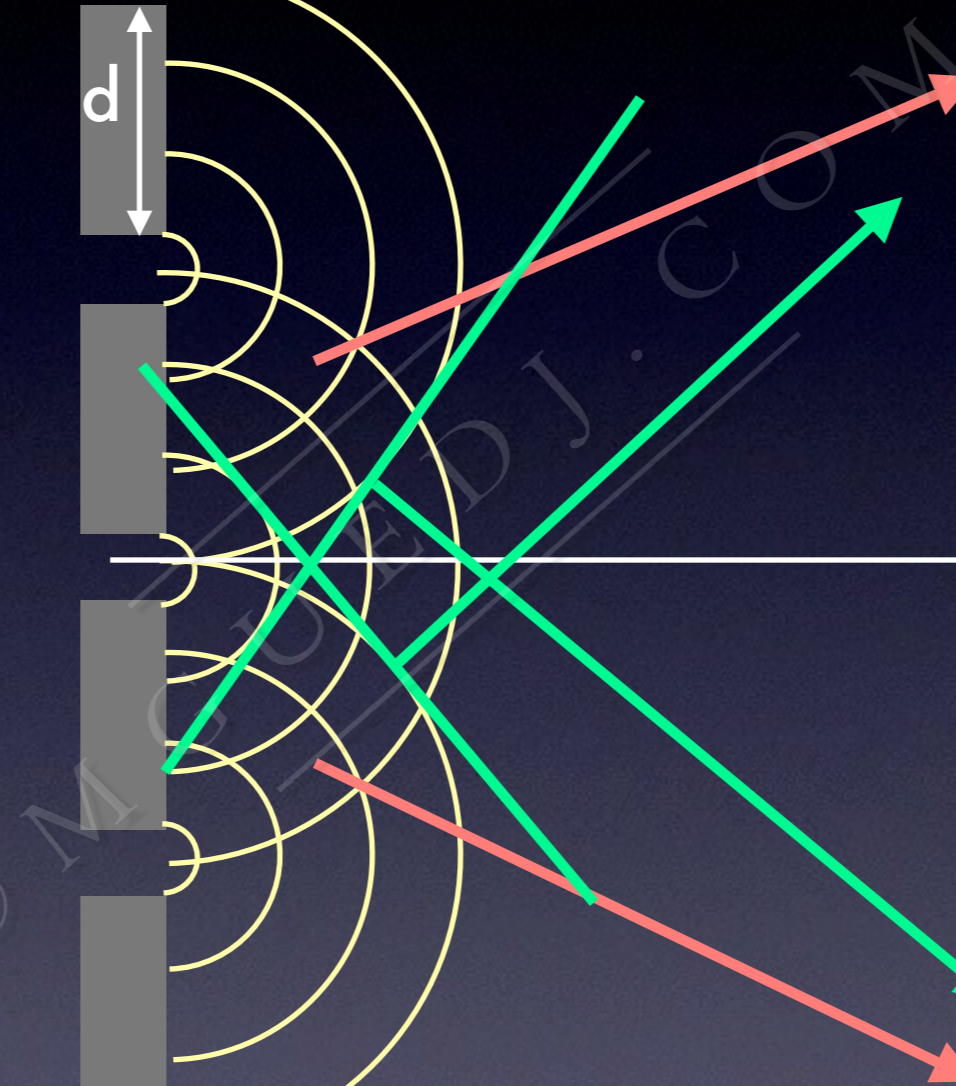
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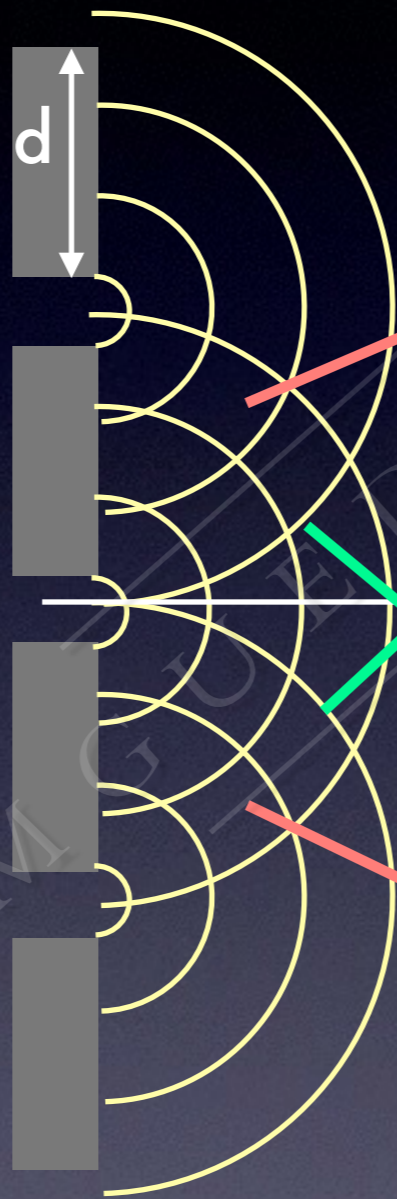
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DIFFRACTION  
GRATING



PLANE  
WAVEFRONTS



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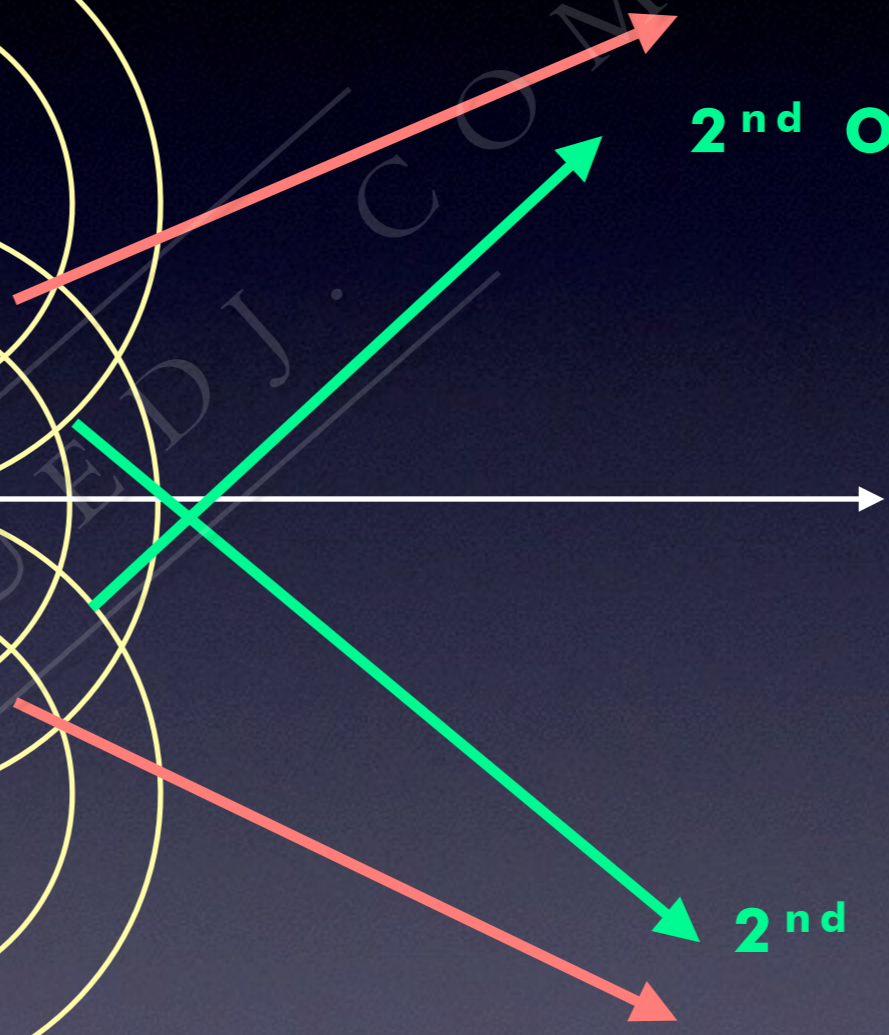
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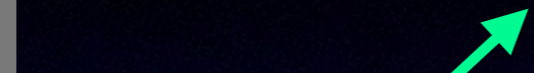


PLANE  
WAVEFRONTS



$n = 0$

$n = 2$



$n = 1$



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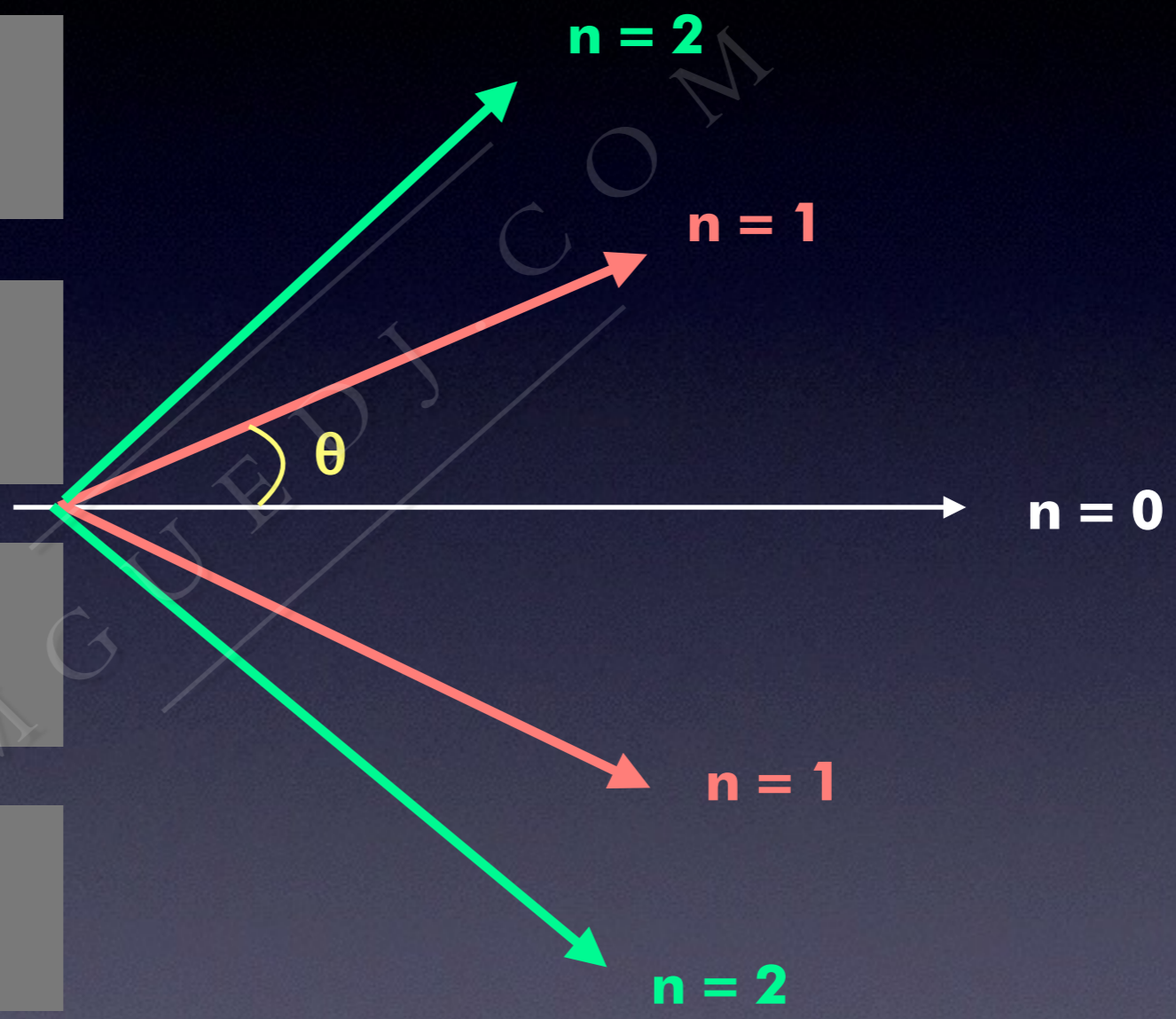
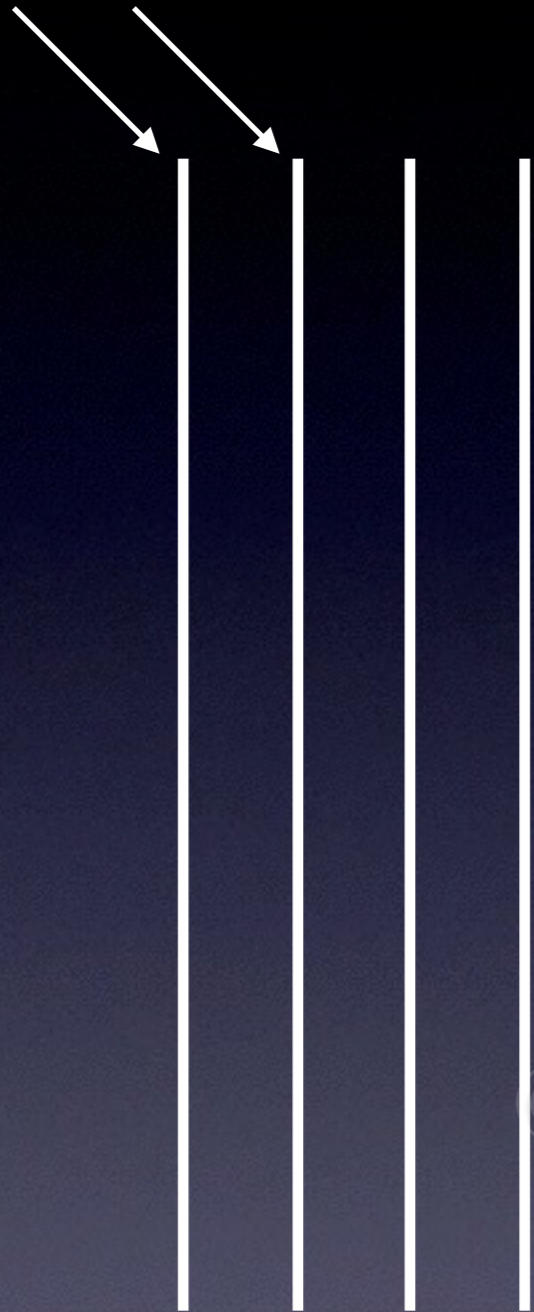


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**DIFFRACTION  
GRATING**

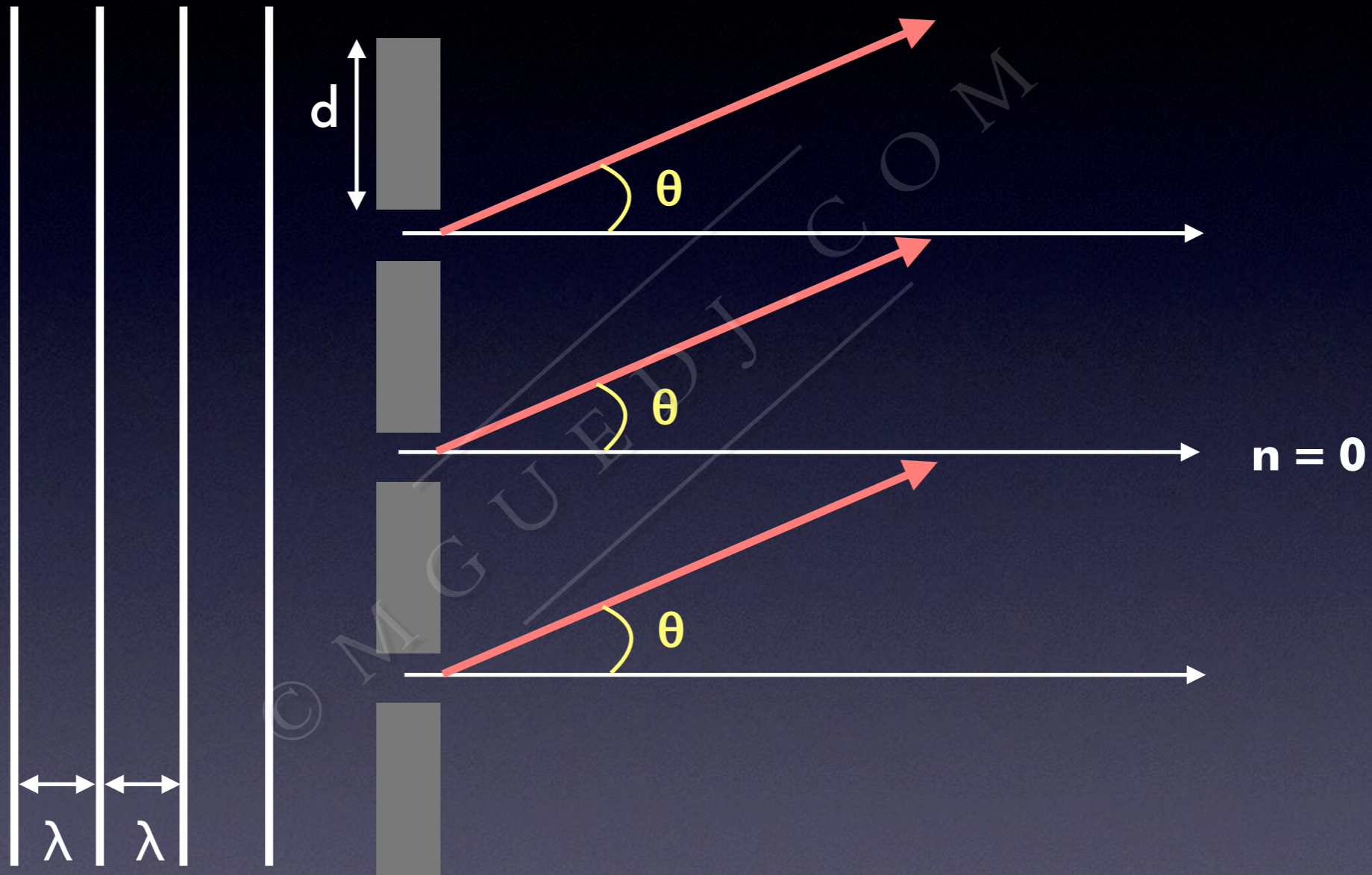
PLANE  
WAVEFRONTS



GRATING EQUATION :

$$d \sin \theta = n \lambda$$



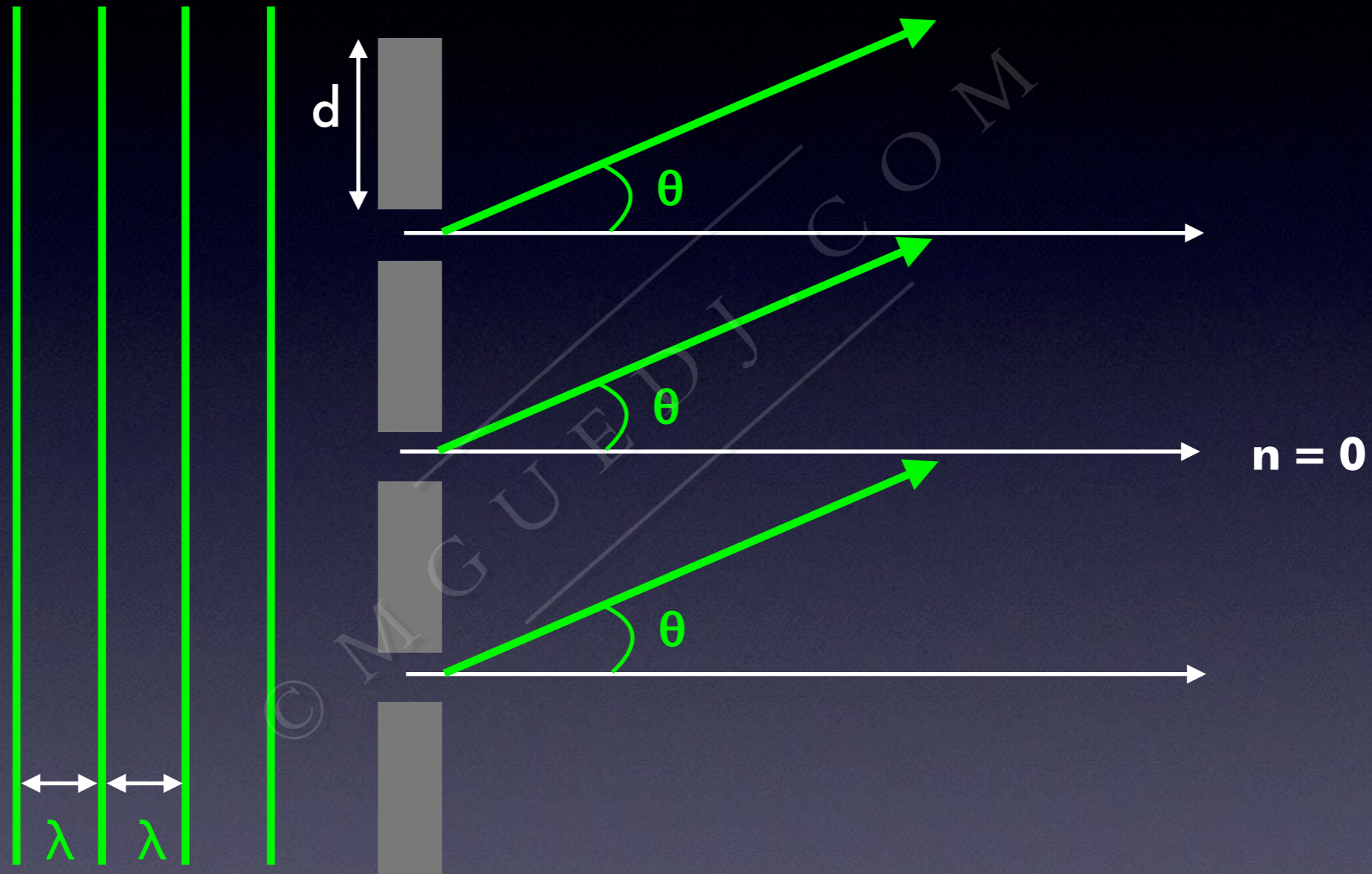


**GRATING EQUATION :**

$$d \sin \theta = n \lambda$$

MONOCHROMATIC  
LIGHT

$\lambda = 550 \text{ nm}$

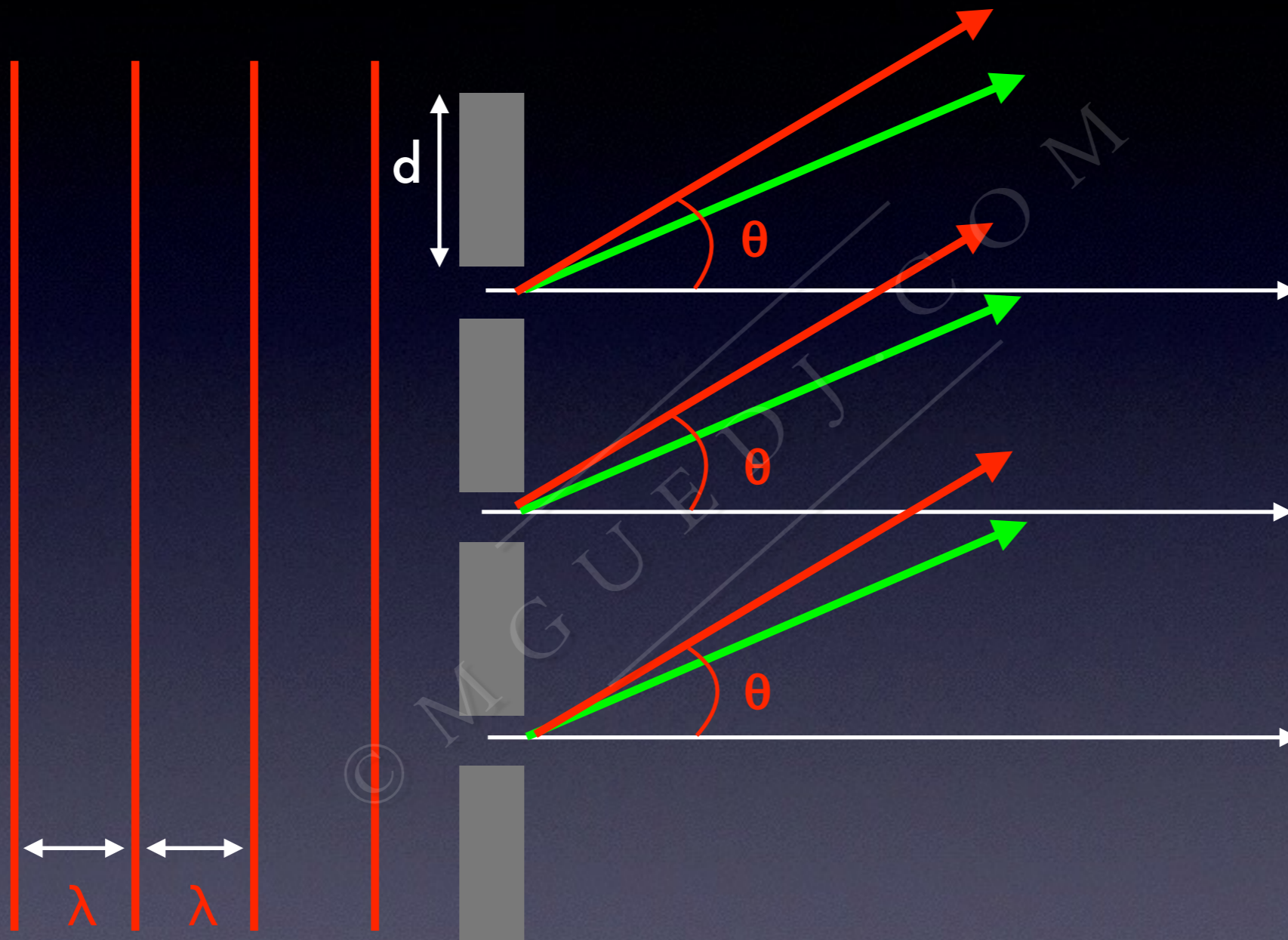


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MONOCHROMATIC  
LIGHT

$$\lambda = 650 \text{ nm}$$

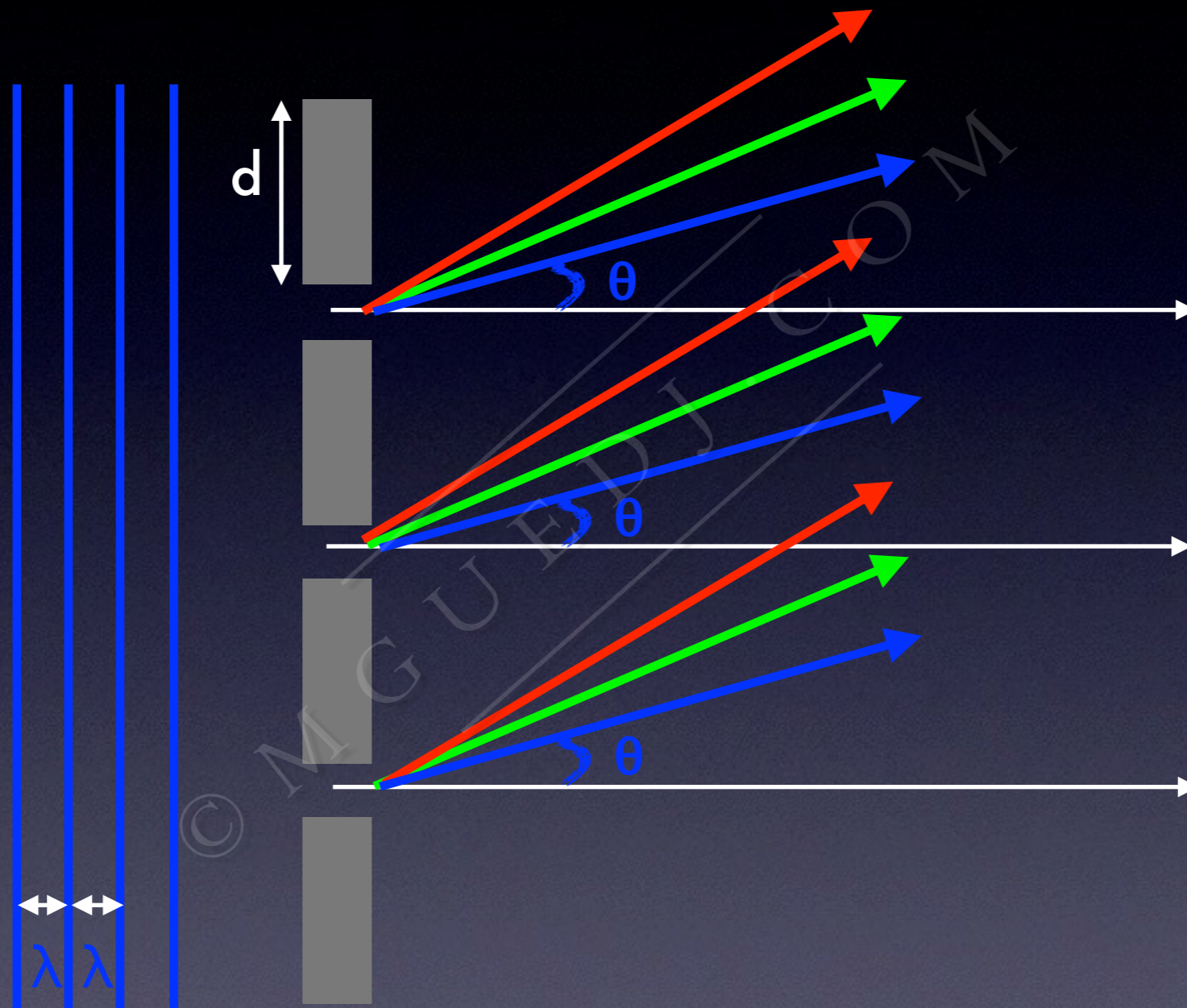


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MONOCHROMATIC  
LIGHT

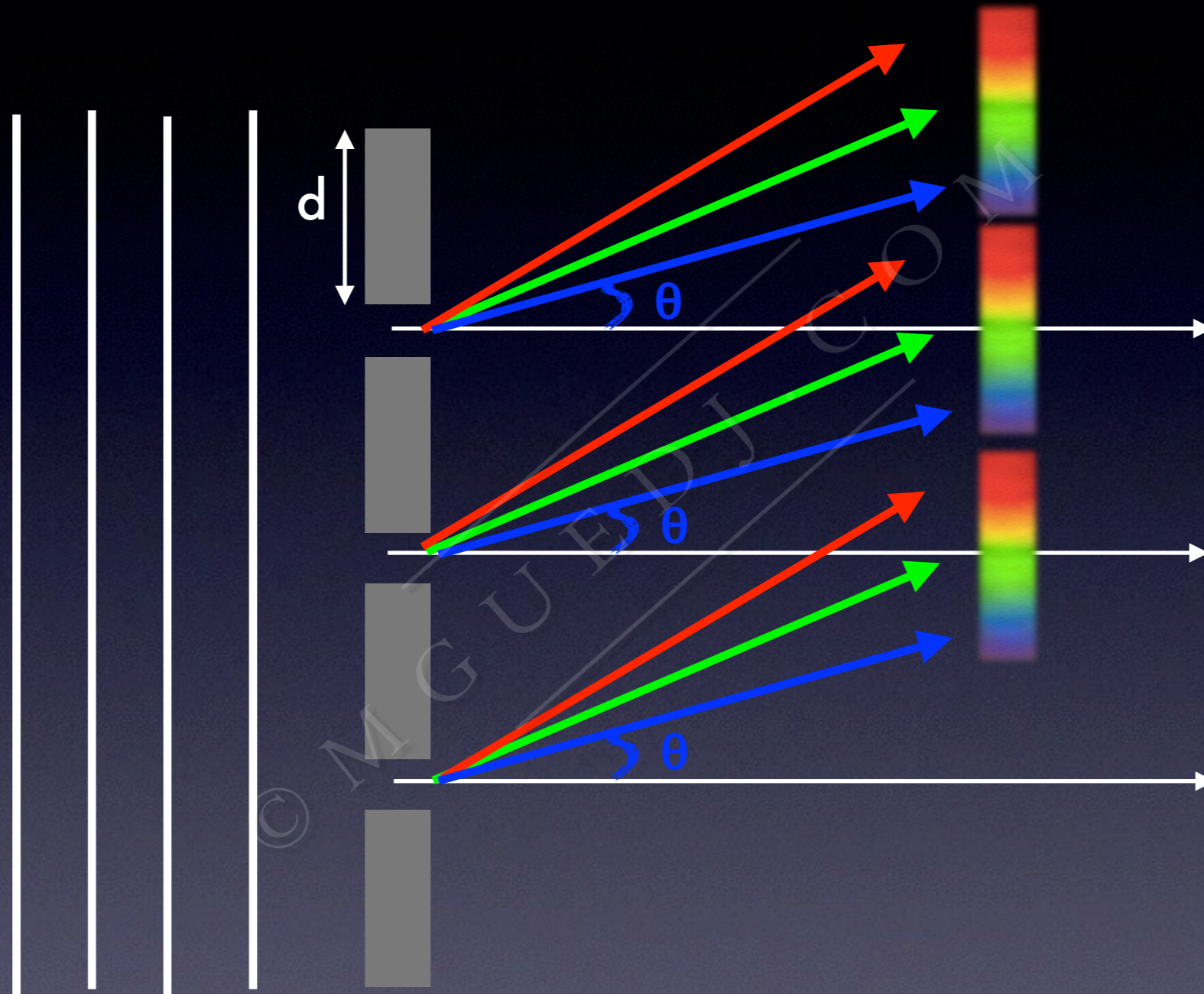
$\lambda = 450 \text{ nm}$



GRATING EQUATION :

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# WHITE LIGHT

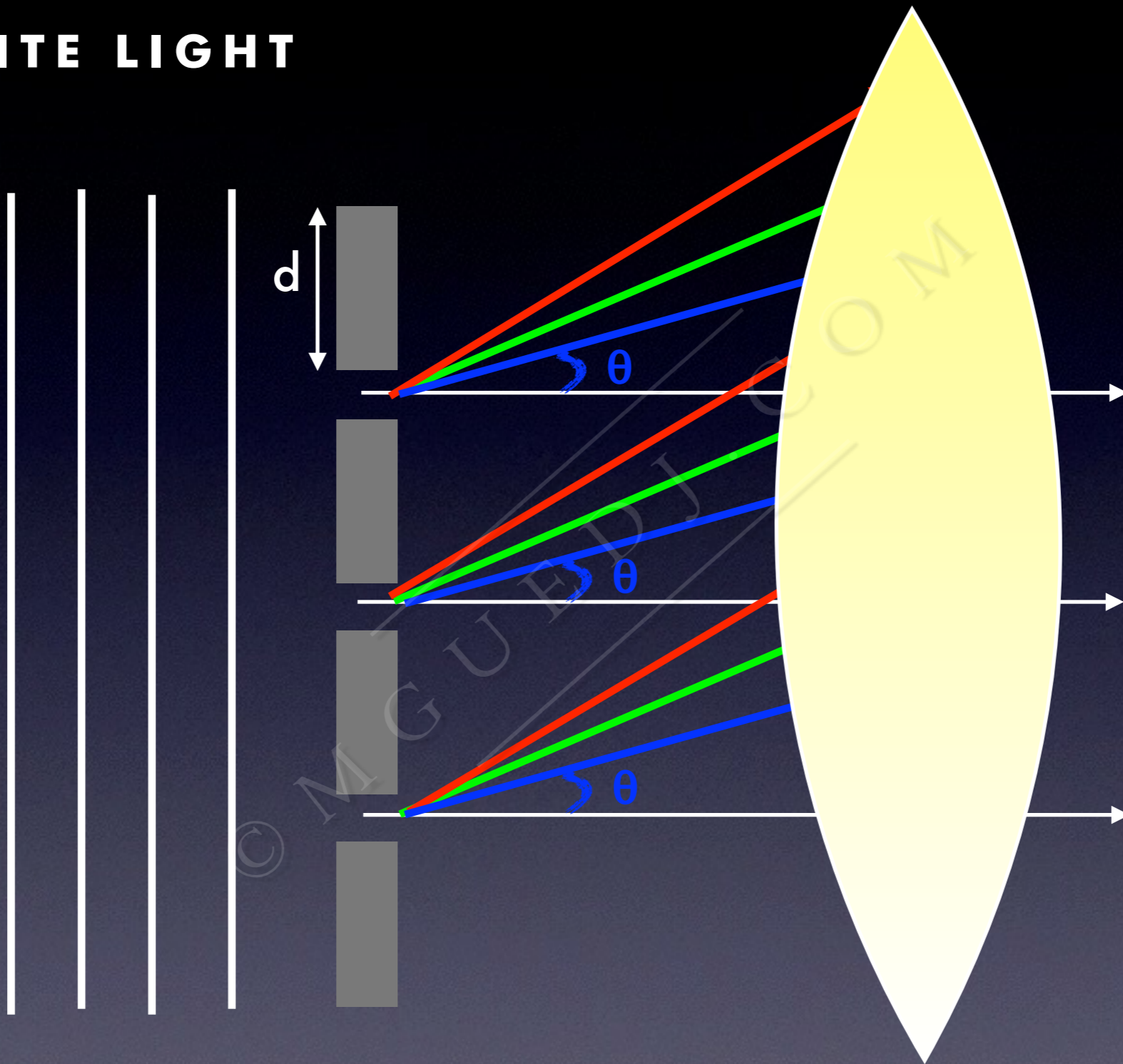


GRATING EQUATION :

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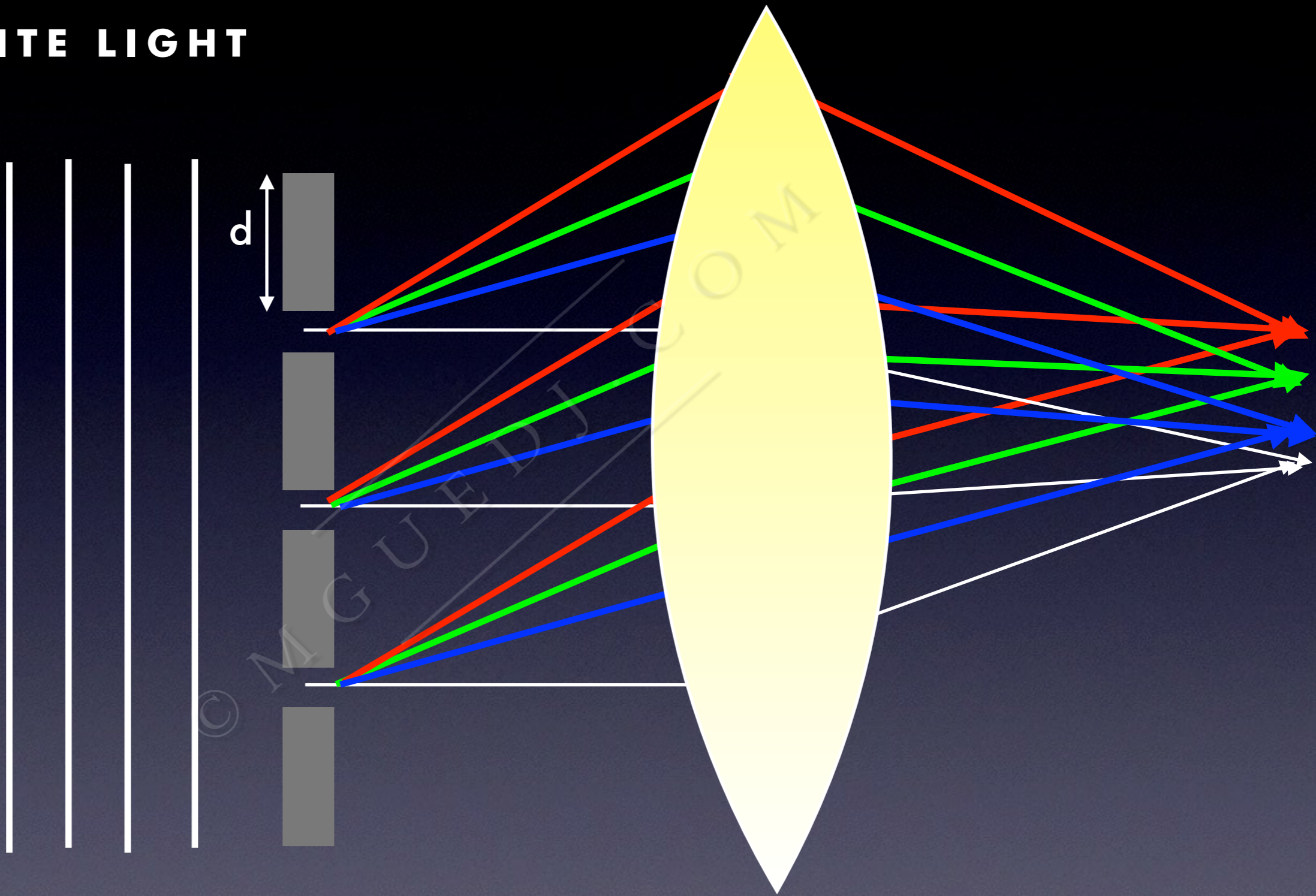
**WHITE LIGHT**

**LENS**



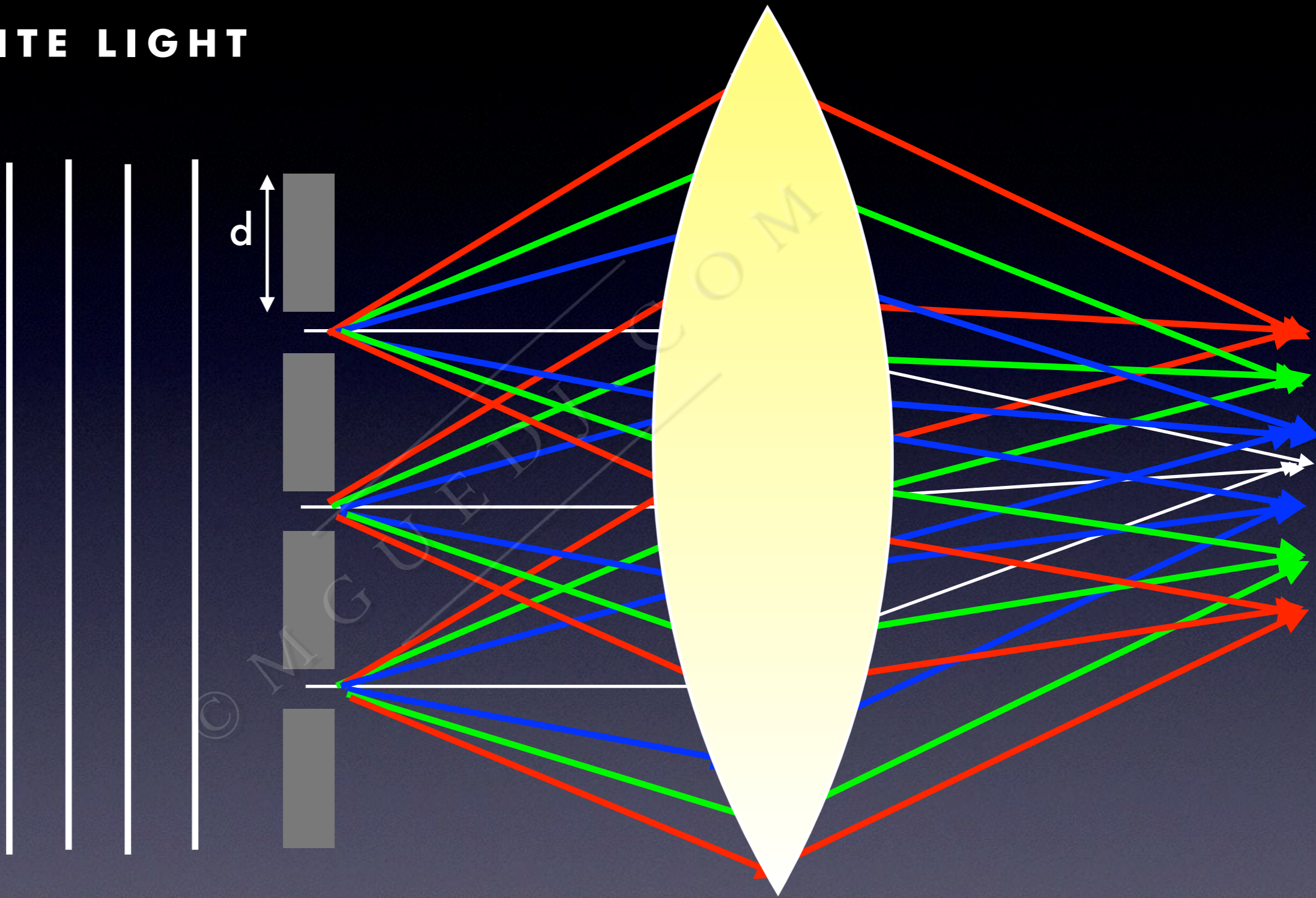
**WHITE LIGHT**

**LENS**



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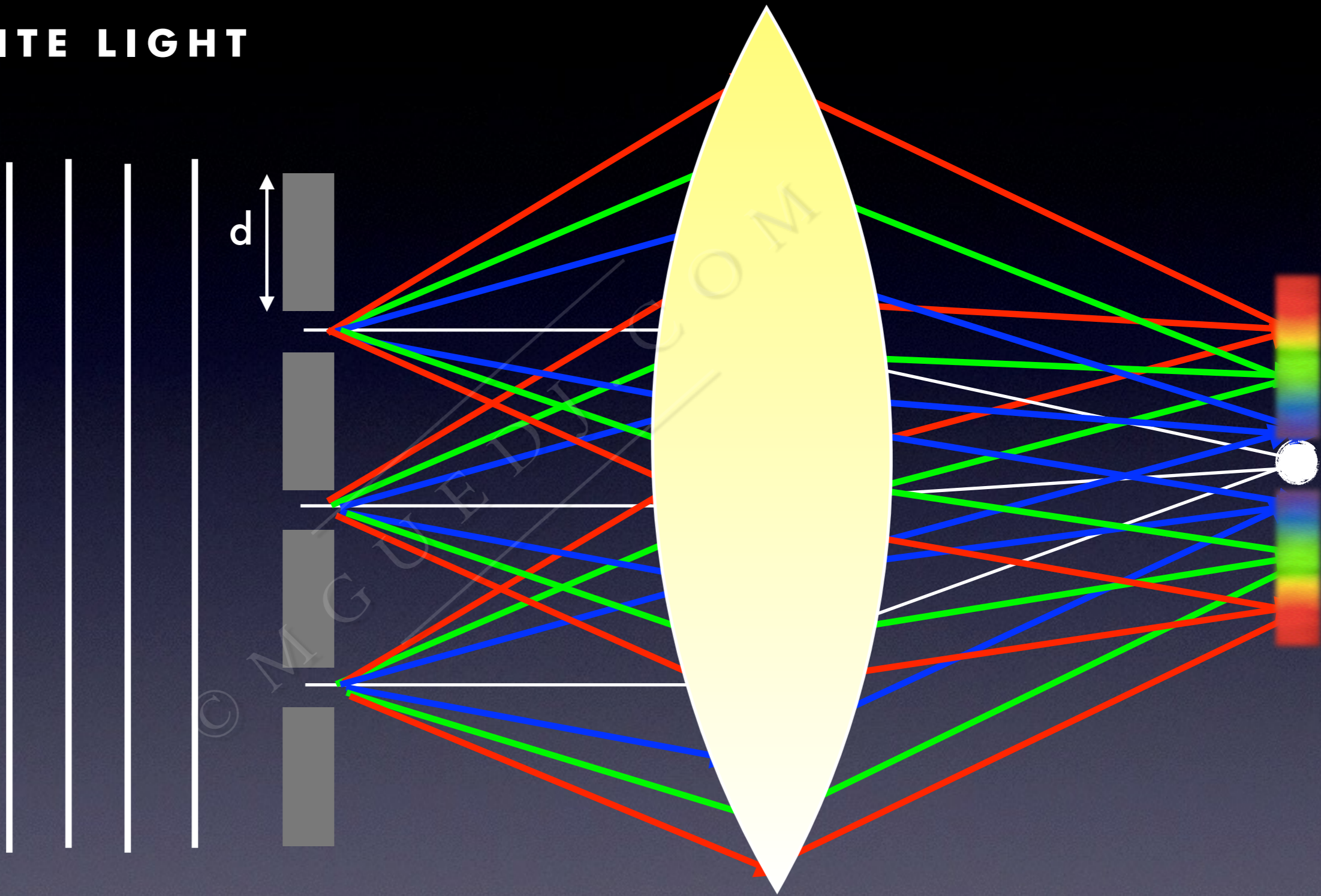
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**WHITE LIGHT**

**LENS**

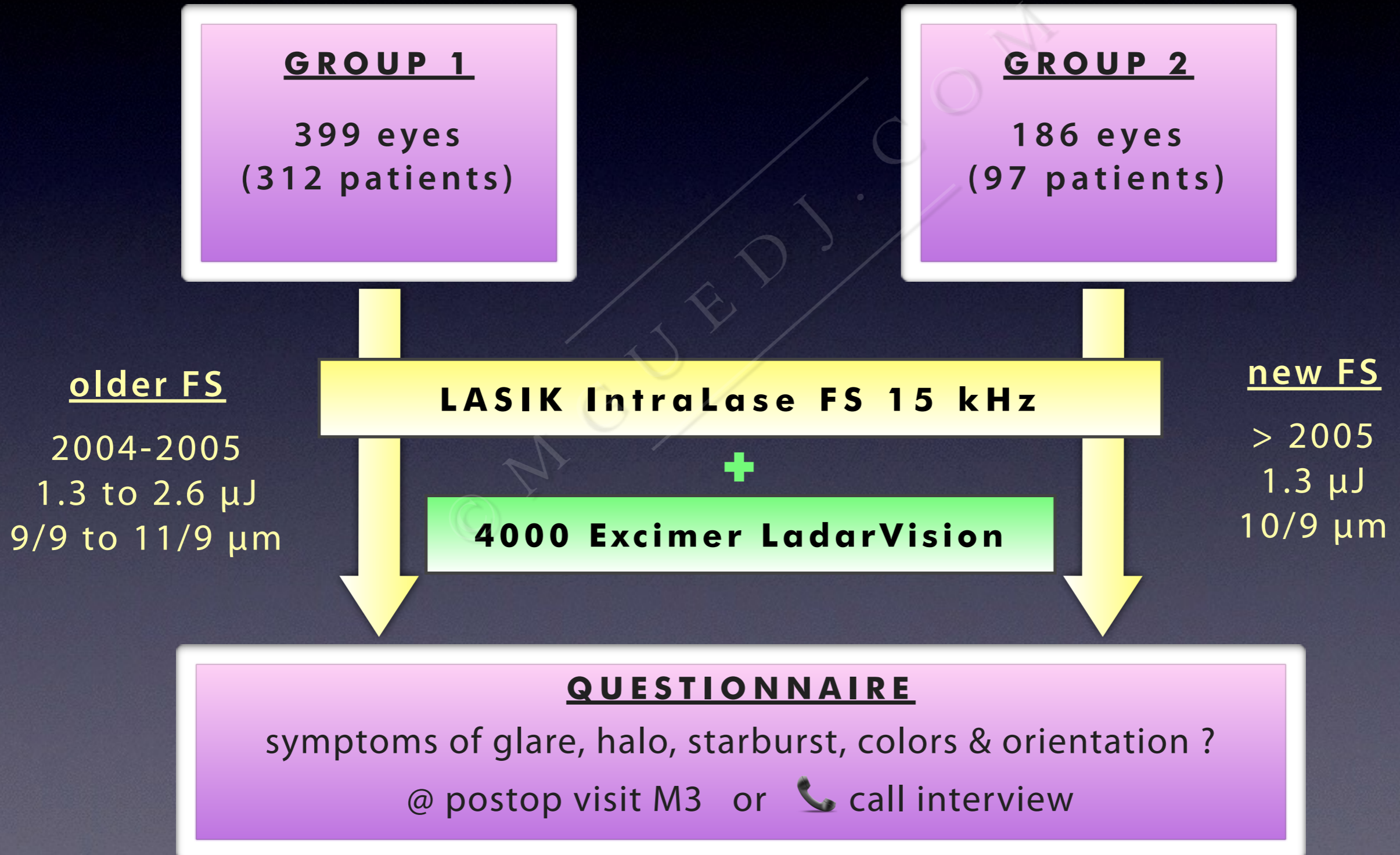


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**WHAT WAS KNOWN  
(STATE OF THE ART)**

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Rainbow glare as an optical side effect of IntraLASIK

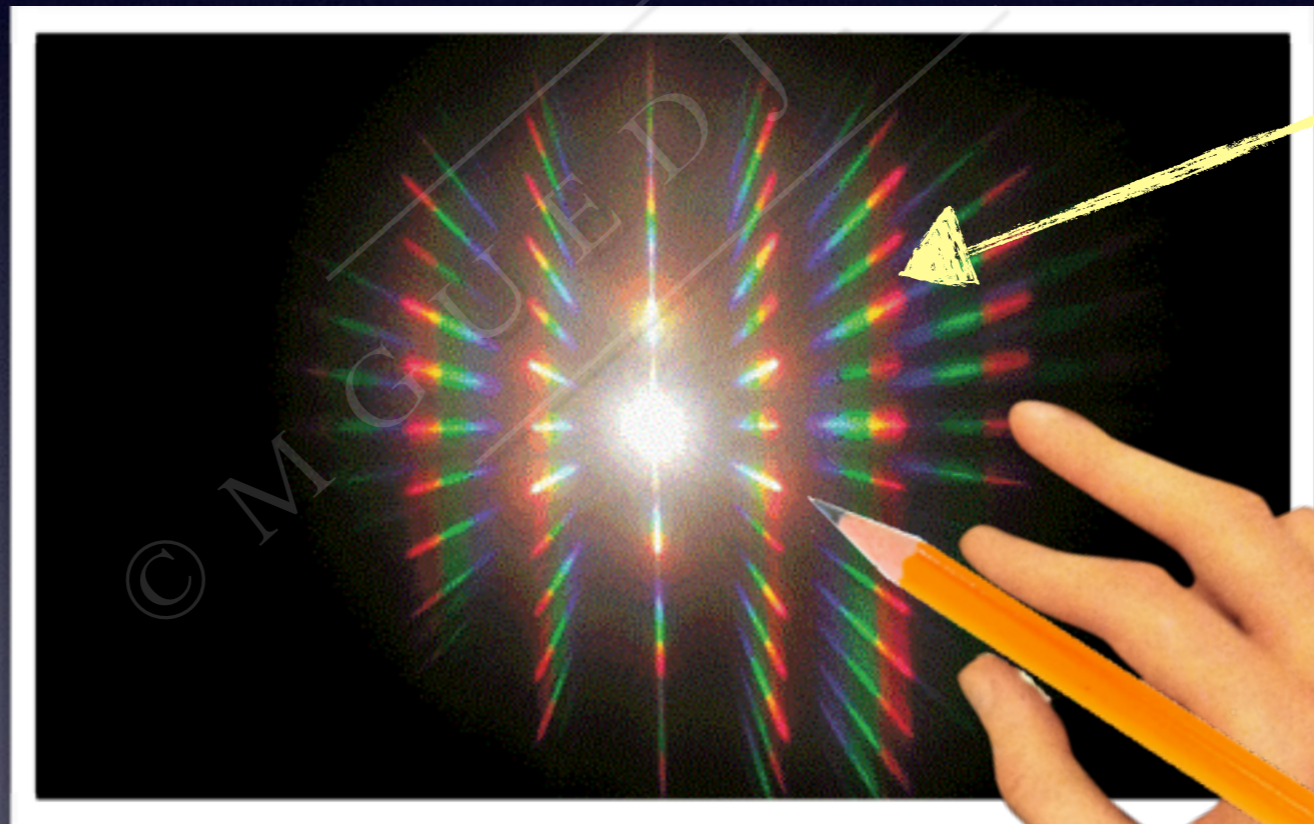


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Rainbow glare as an optical side effect of IntraLASIK

**+ DRAWING**  
**OF THE PERIPHERAL SPECTRAL PATTERN !**

paper @ 55 cm  
around a point  
white light source



**ORIENTATION  
AND VISUAL  
ANGLE OF  
BLUE  
YELLOW  
RED**

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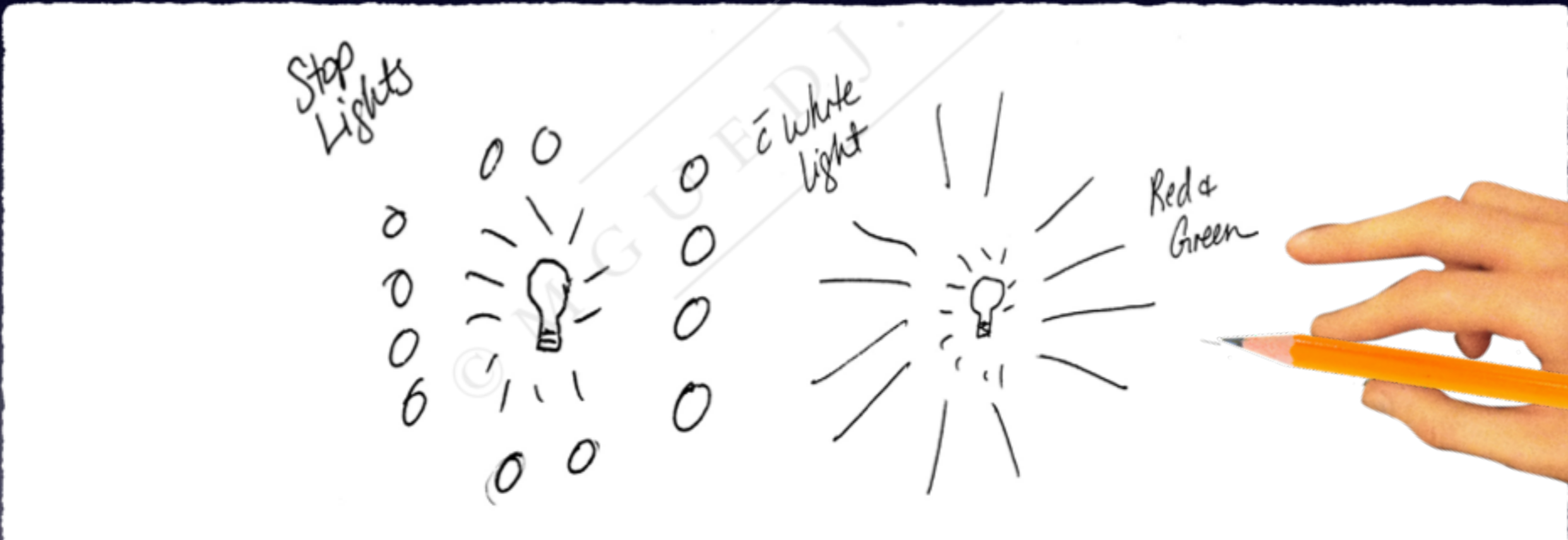


Figure 3. Simple illustration offered by an early patient reporting symptoms of rainbow glare. Twelve faint red spots are seen around a red traffic light, but 12 bands of color are seen around a white light source at night.

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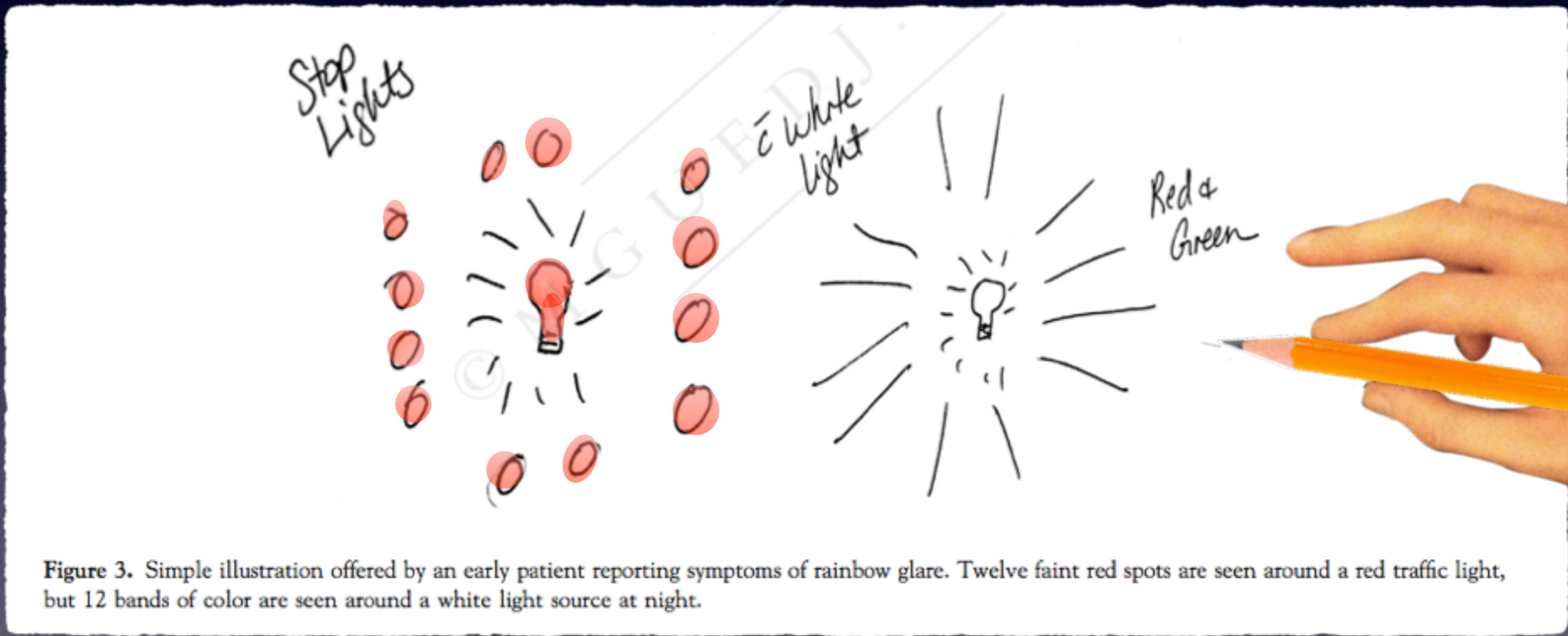


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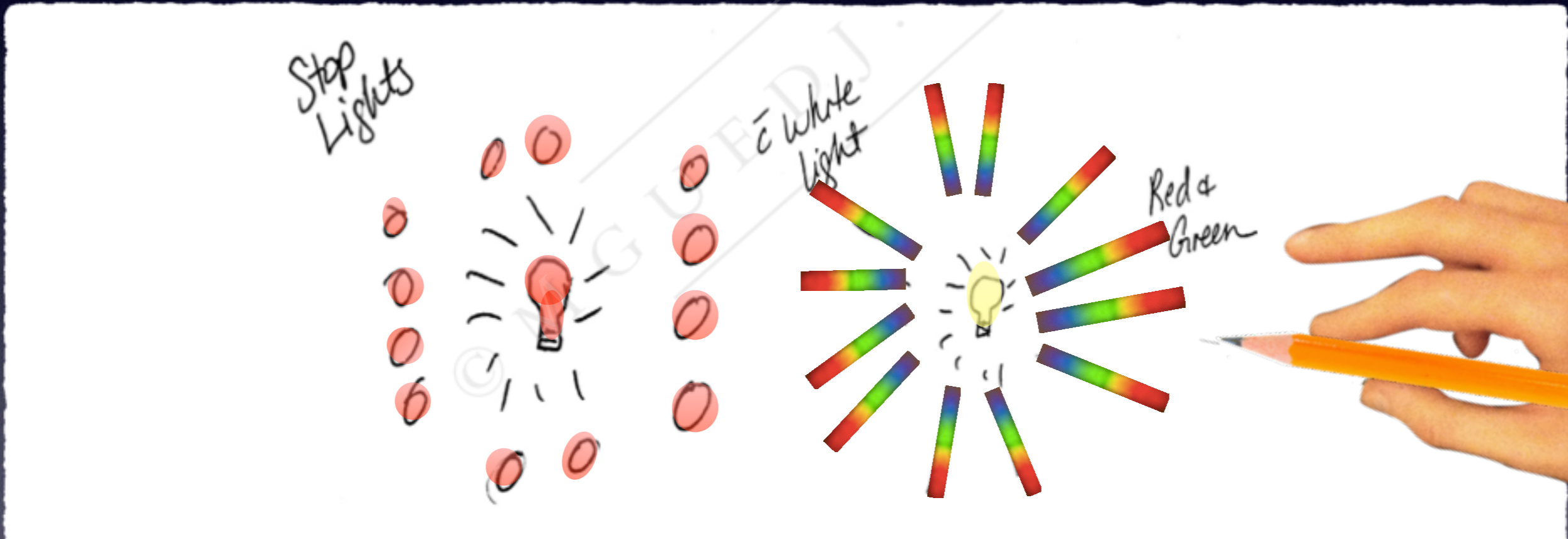
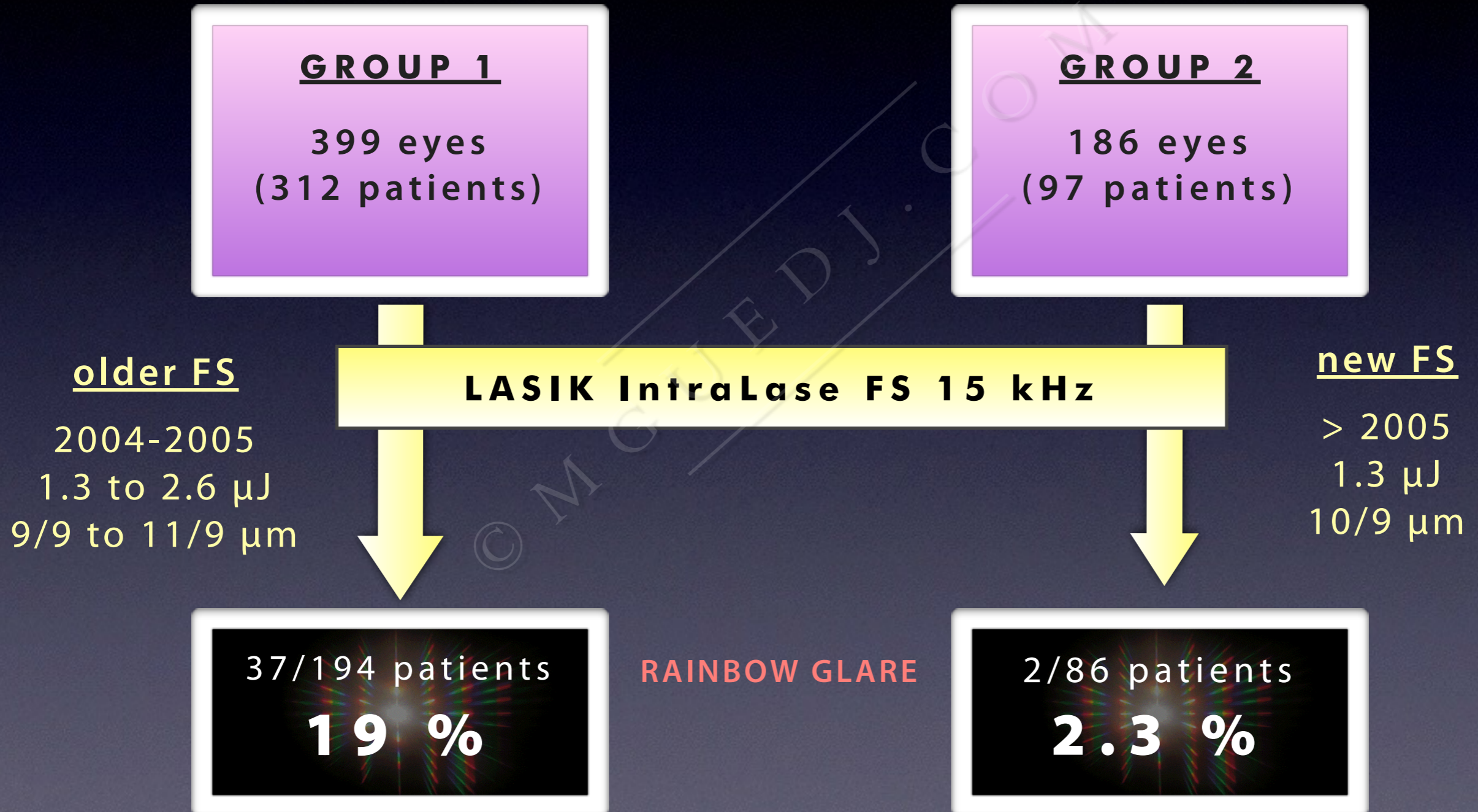


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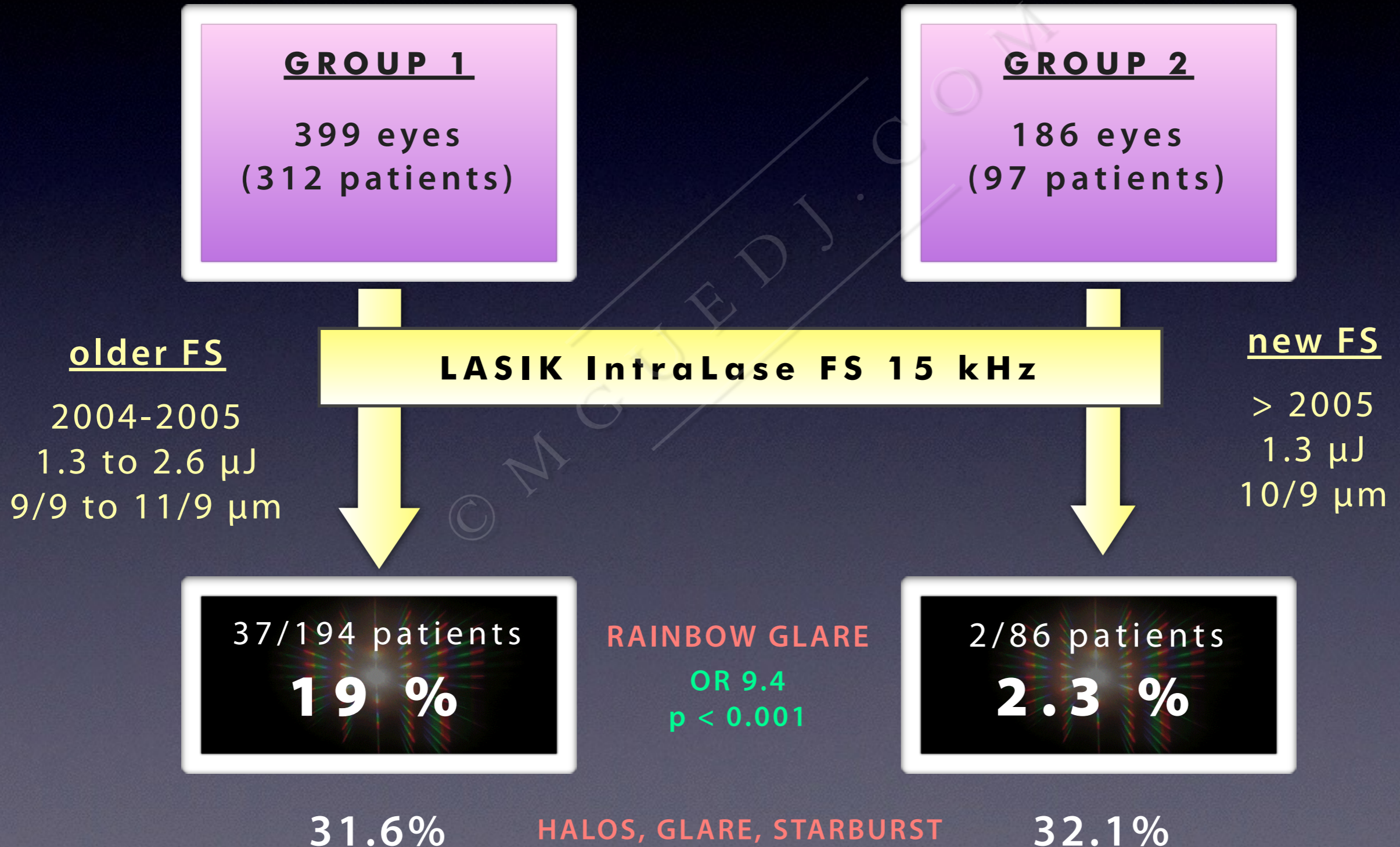
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Rainbow glare as an optical side effect of IntraLASIK



6%

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Bamba - Journal of Cataract & Refractive Surgery 2009

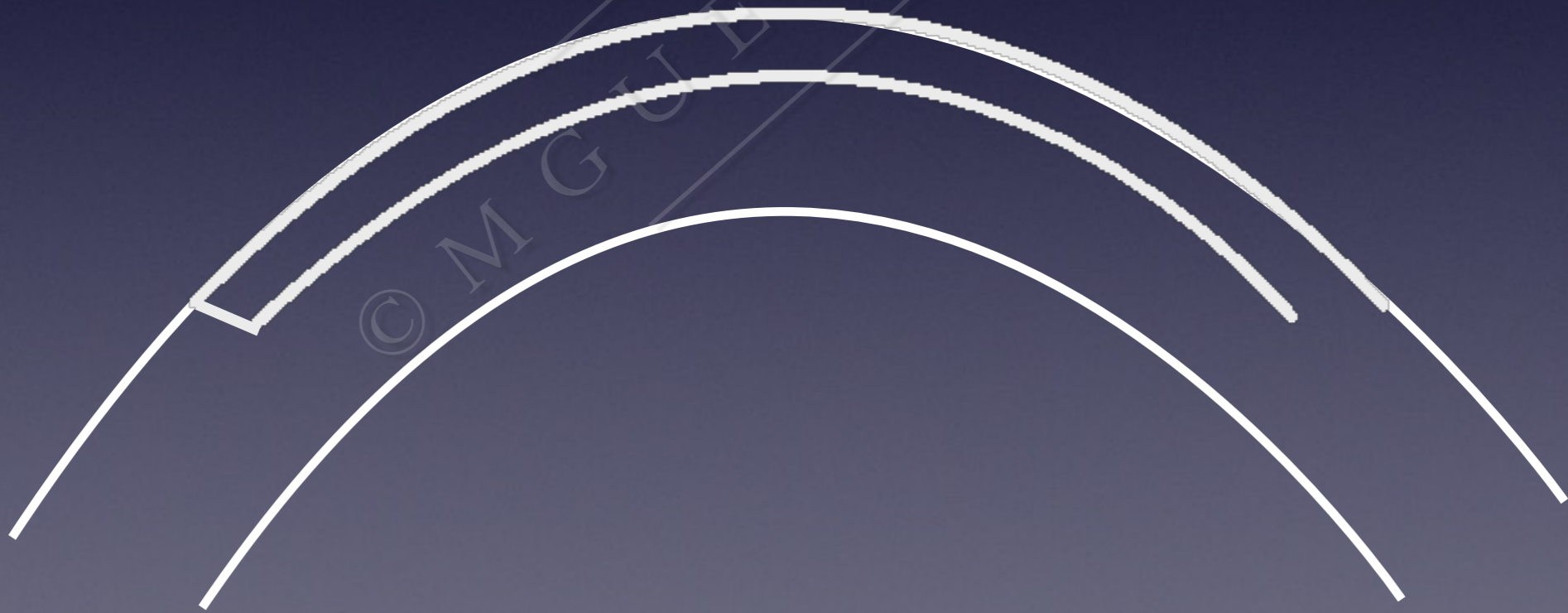
Incidence of rainbow glare after LASIK flap creation with a 60 kHz fs laser.

**L A S E R I N S I T U  
K E R A T O M I L E U S I S  
( L A S I K )  
T E C H N I Q U E**

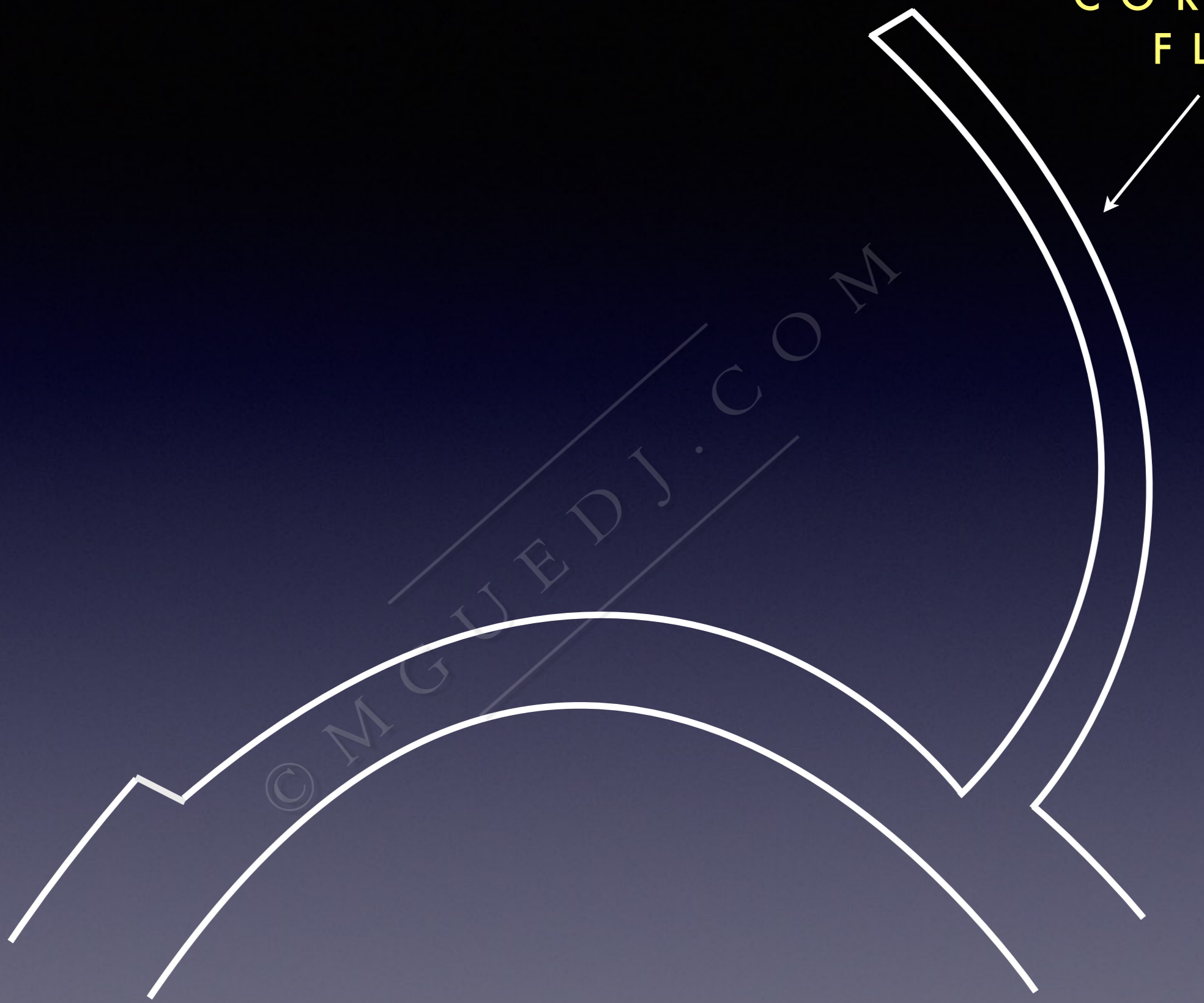


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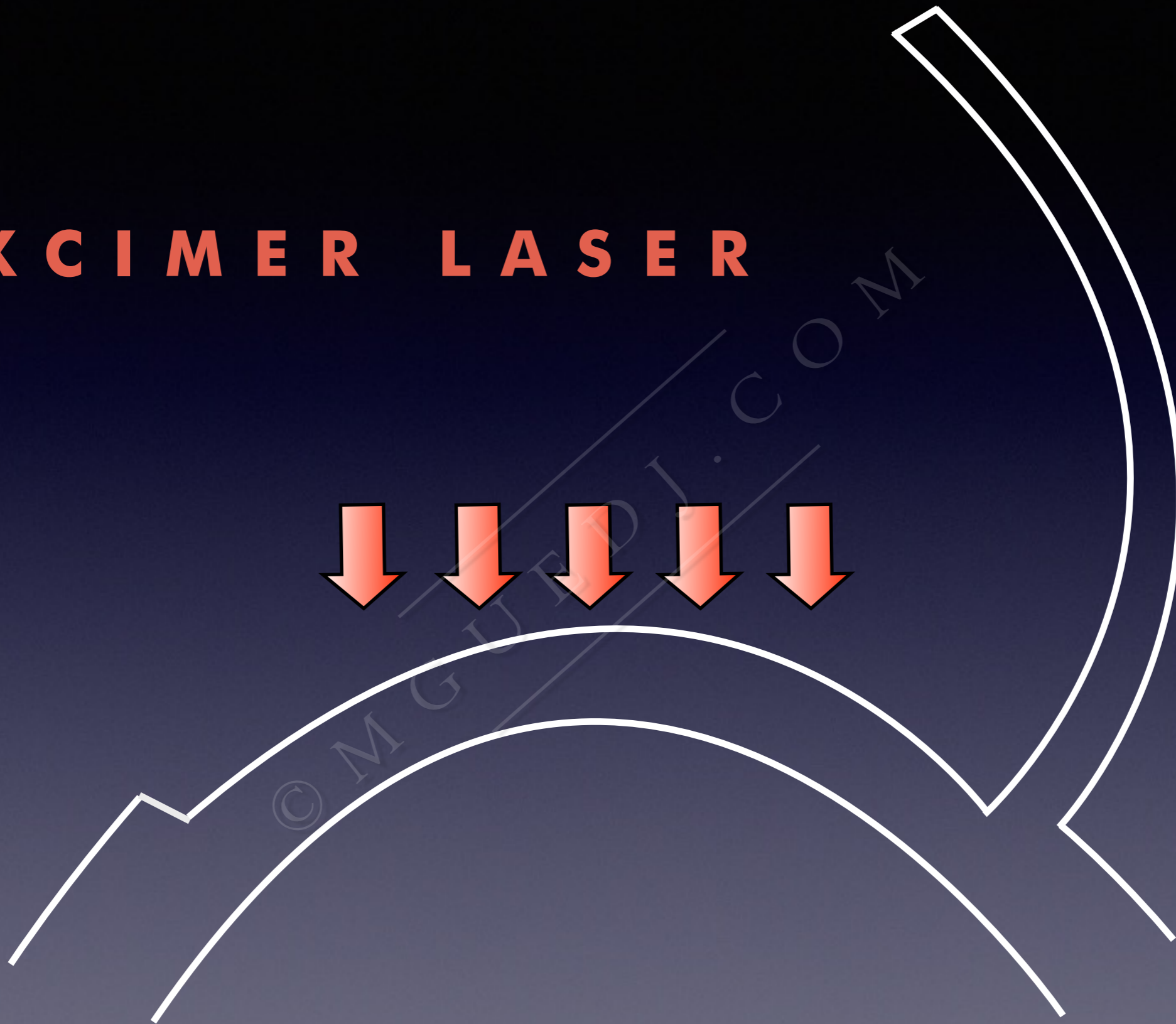
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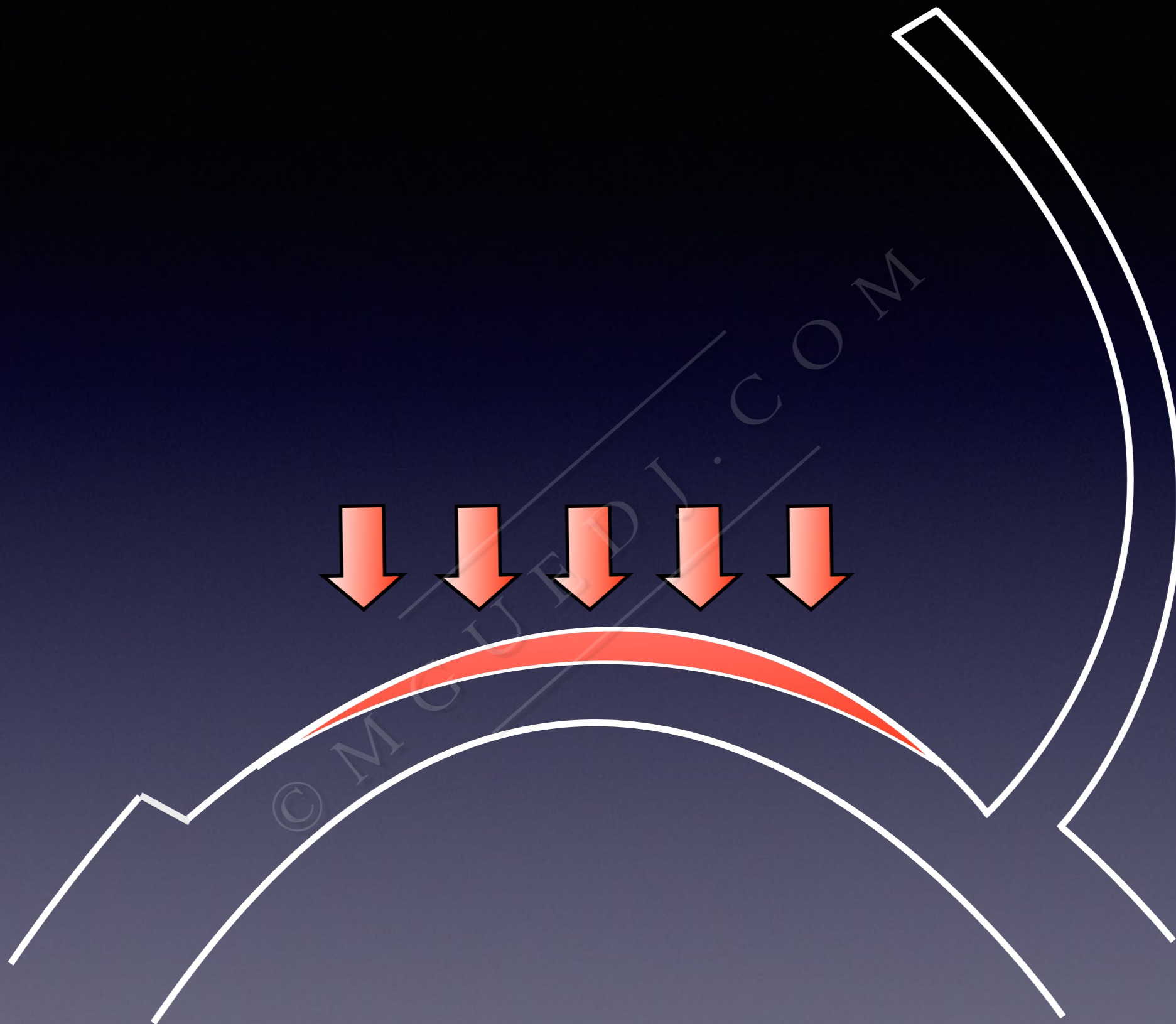


CORNEAL  
FLAP



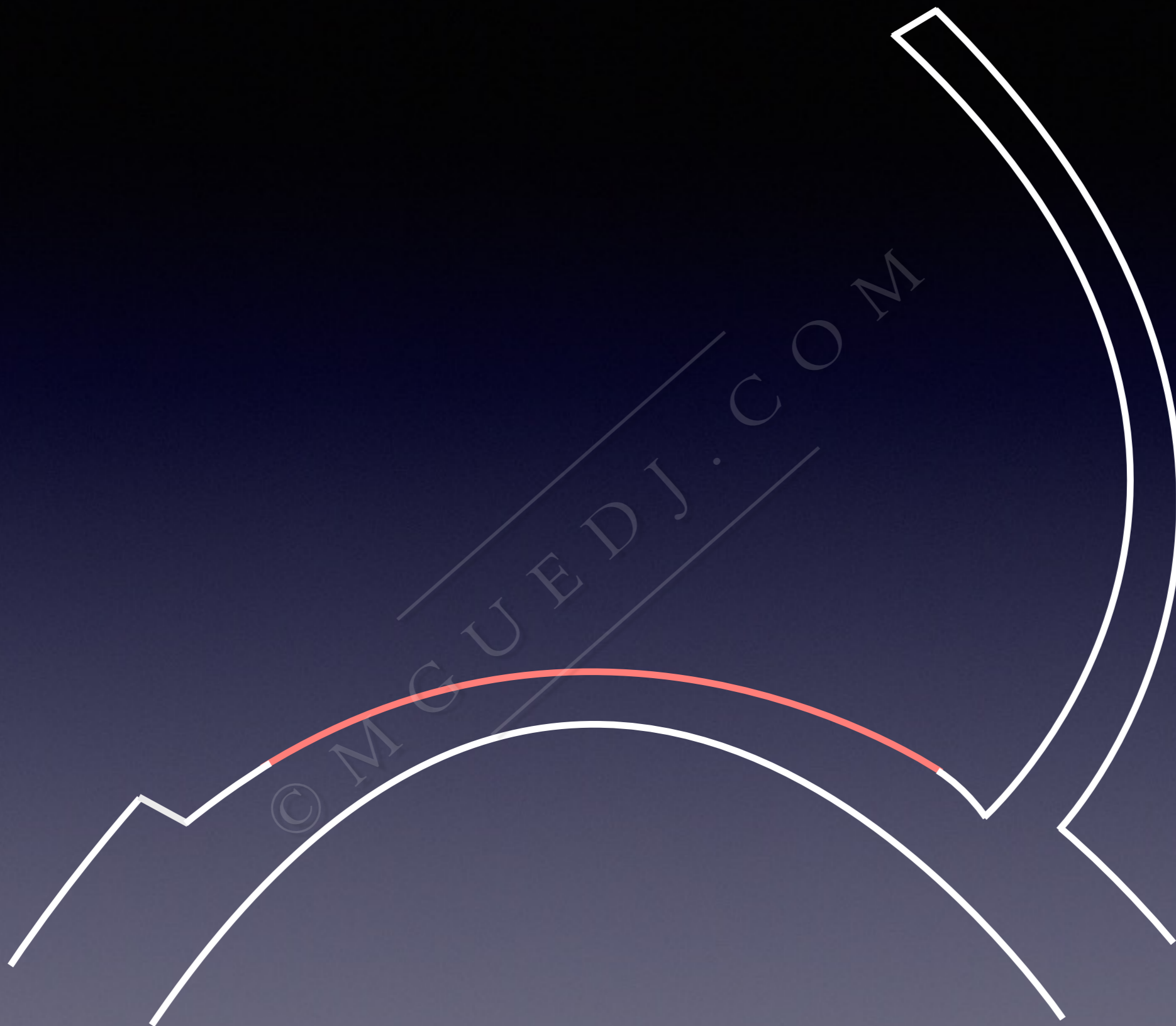
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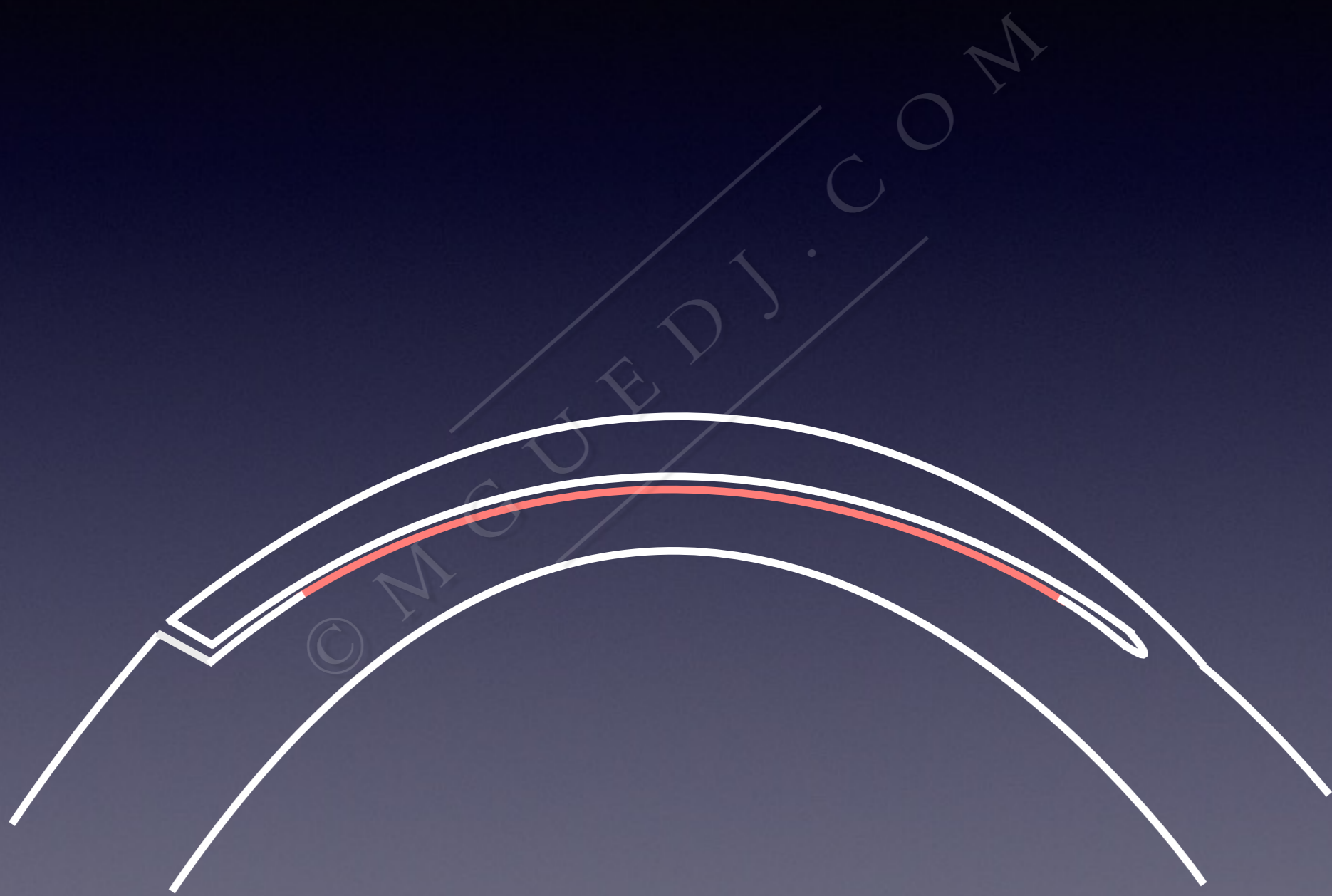


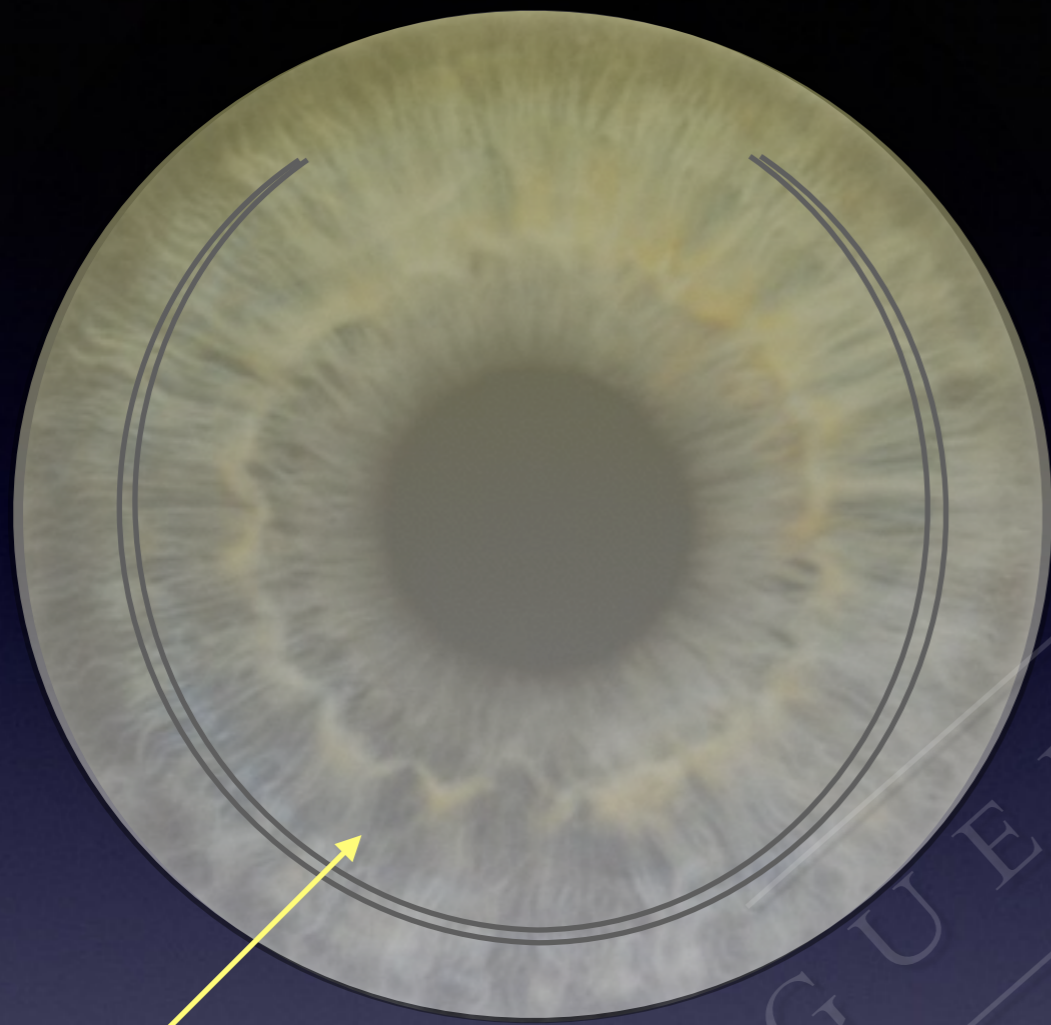


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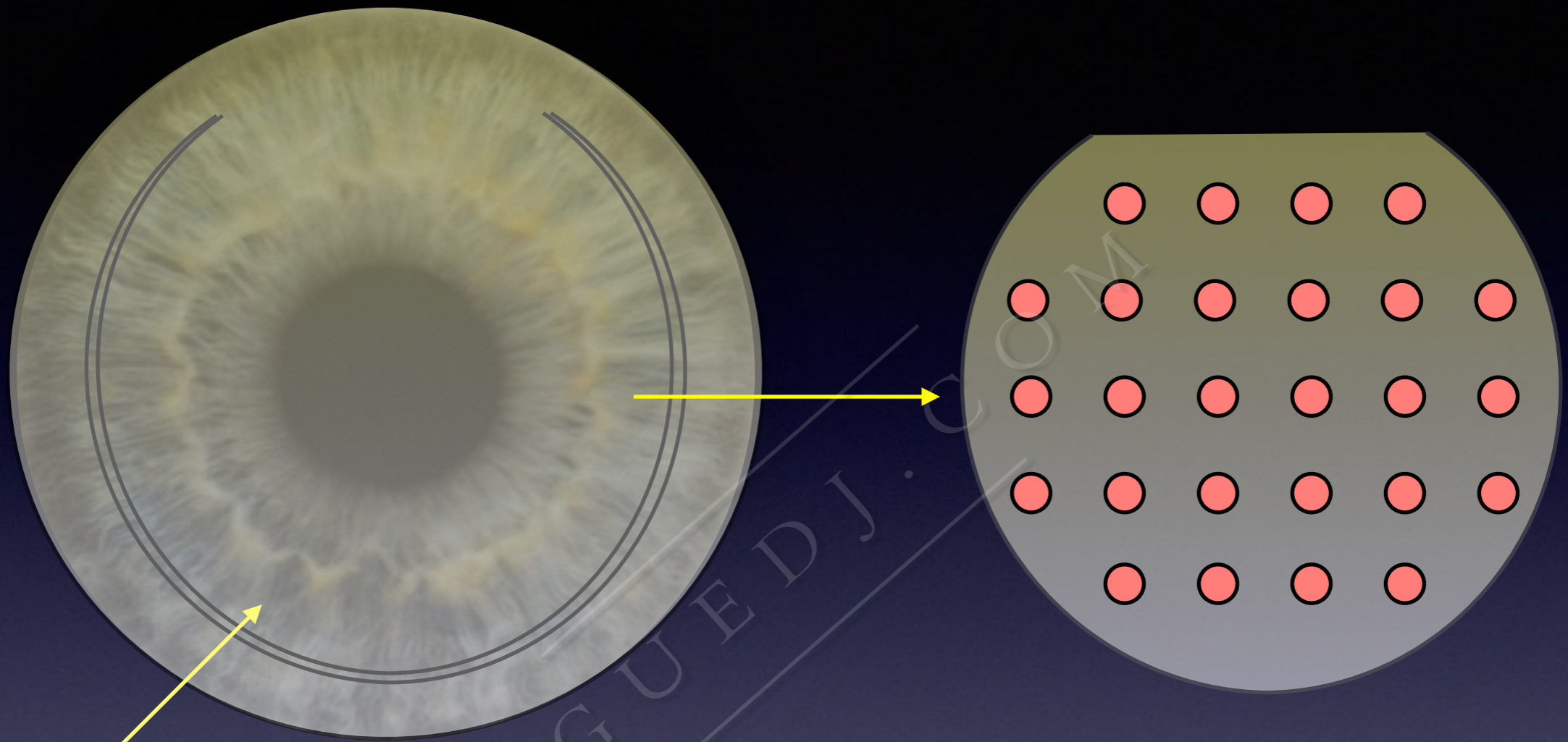






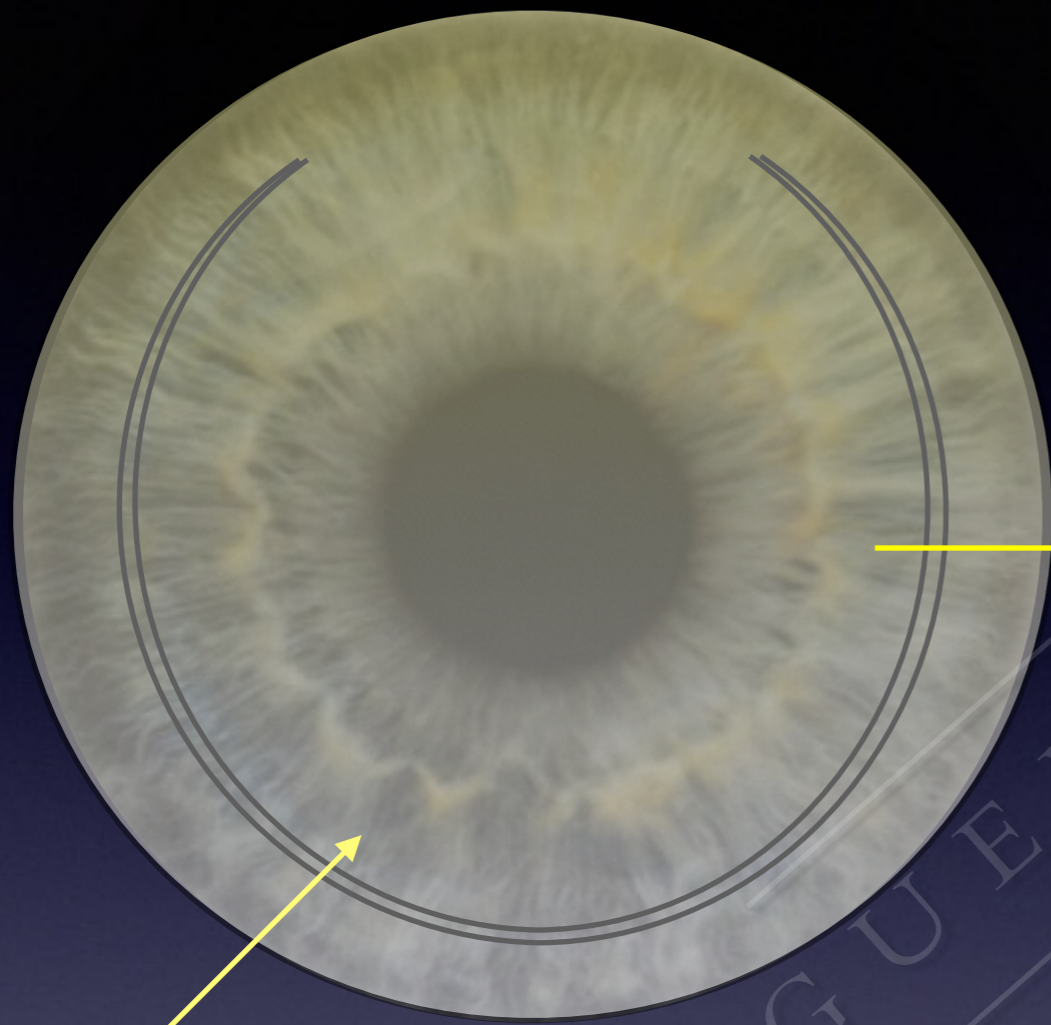
**FLAP**

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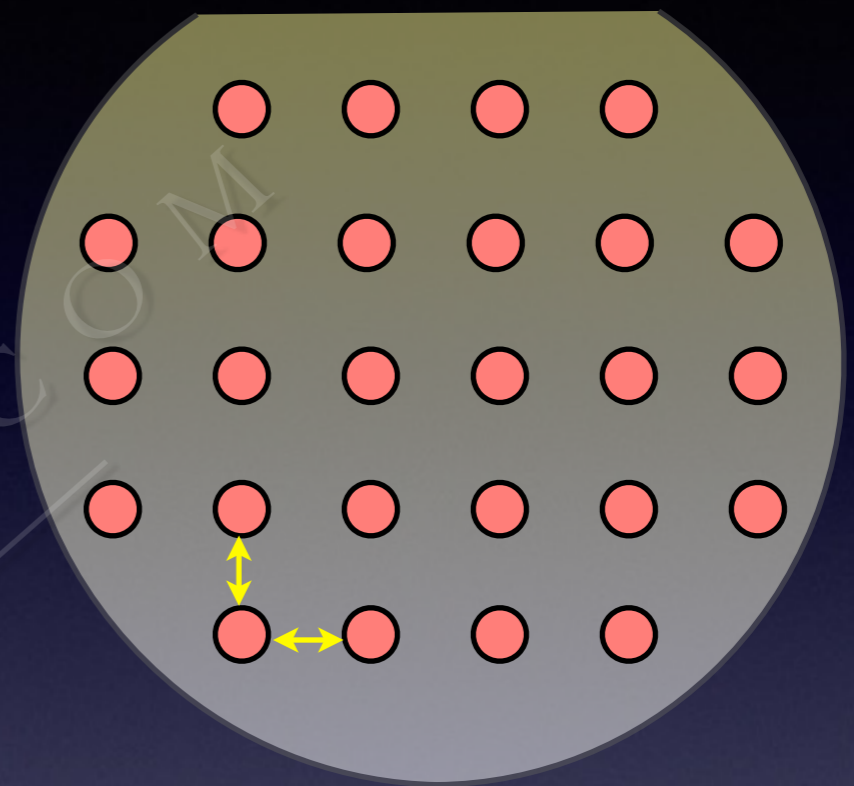


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**↔ SPOT SEPARATION**

**↕ LINE SEPARATION**

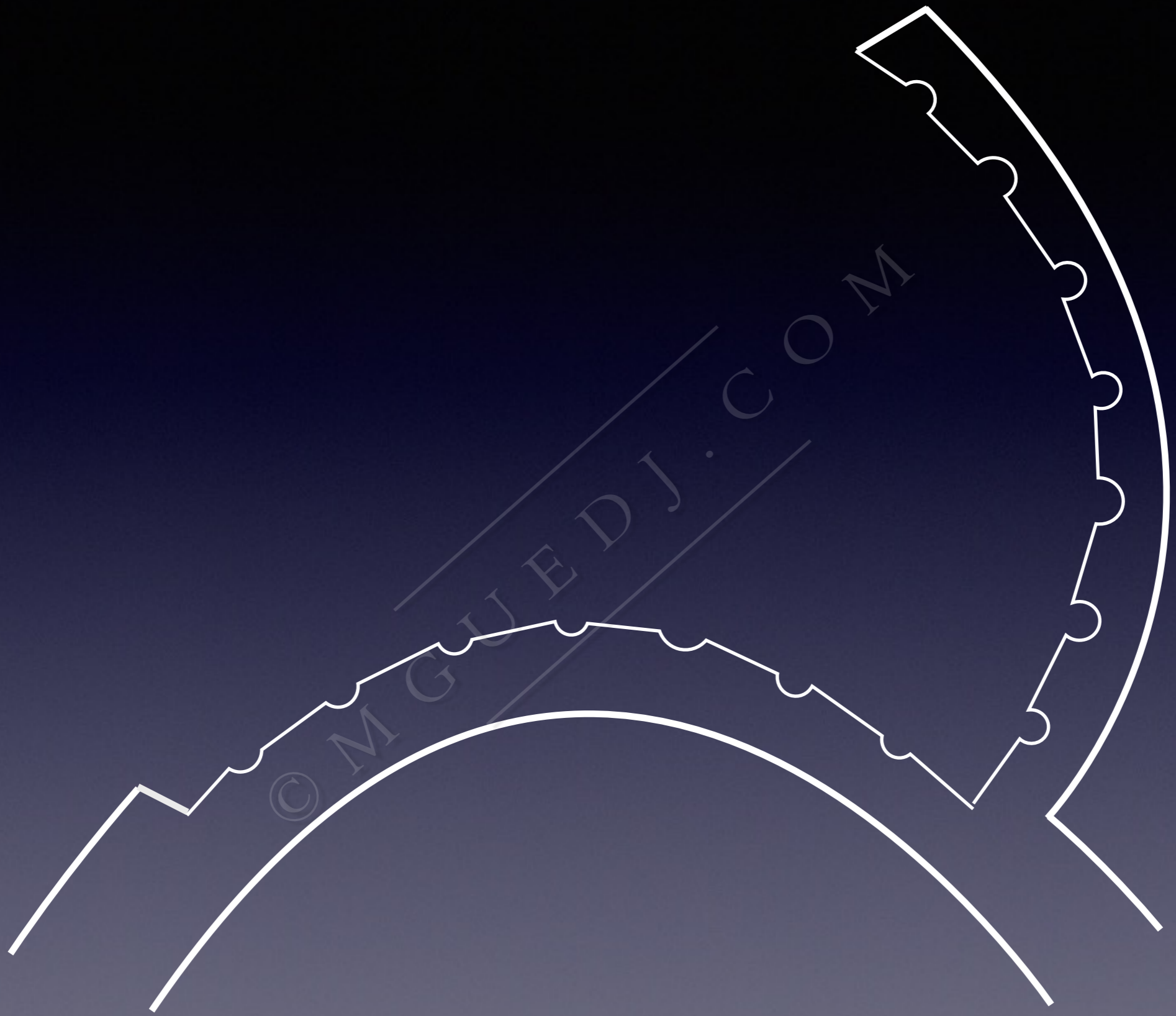
**≈ 9.5 μm**



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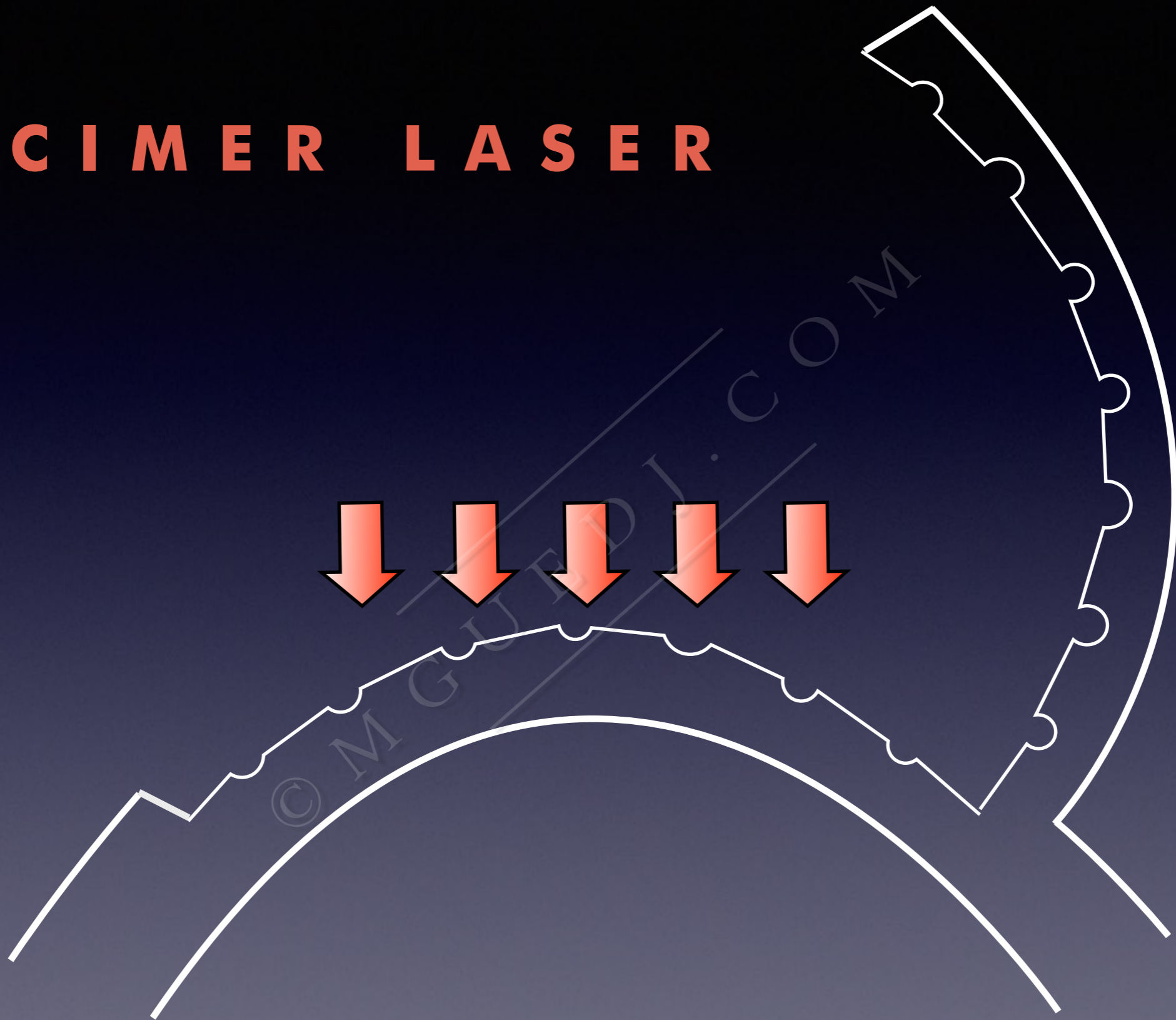
# FS IMPACTS A DIFFRACTION GRATING





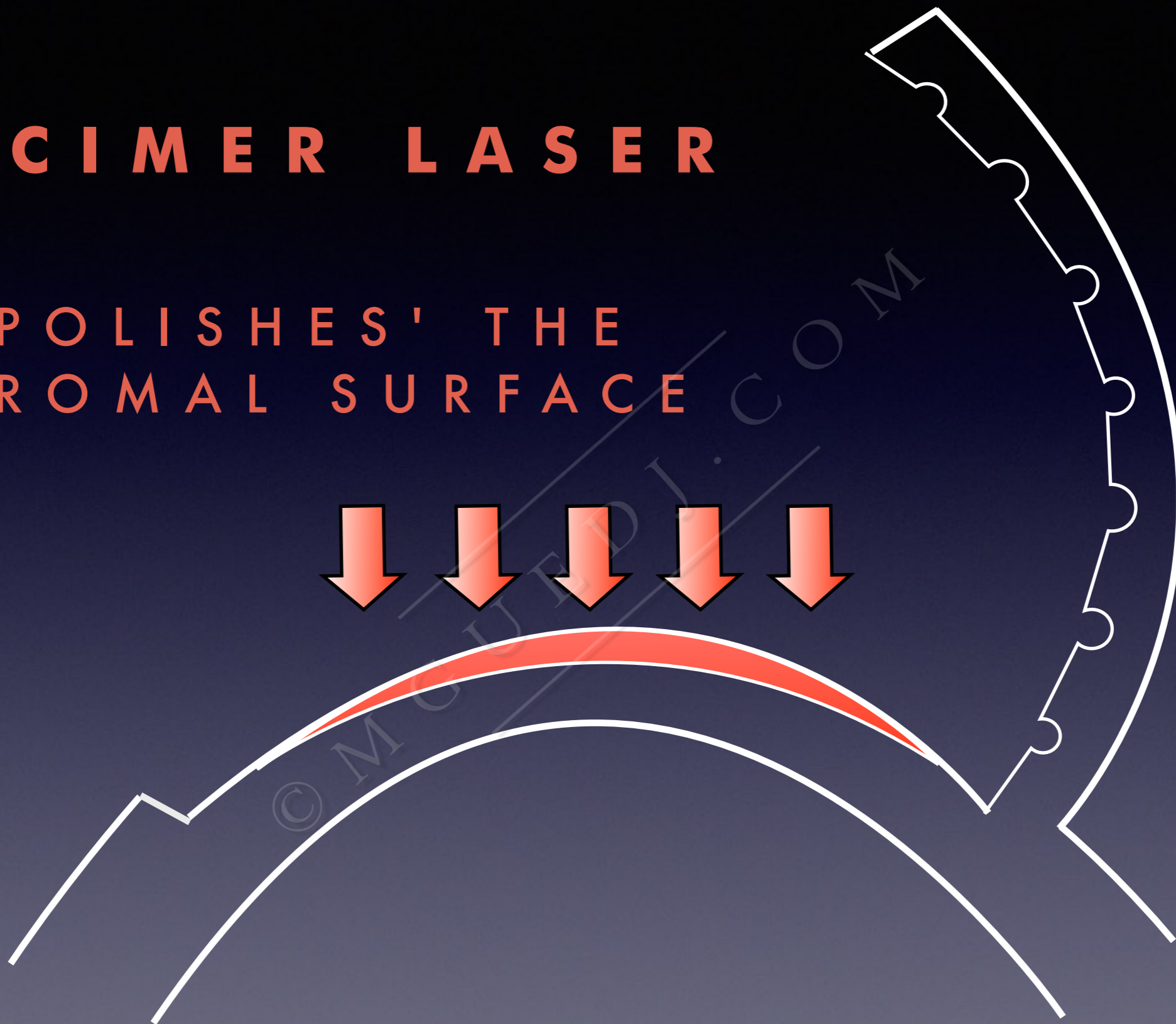


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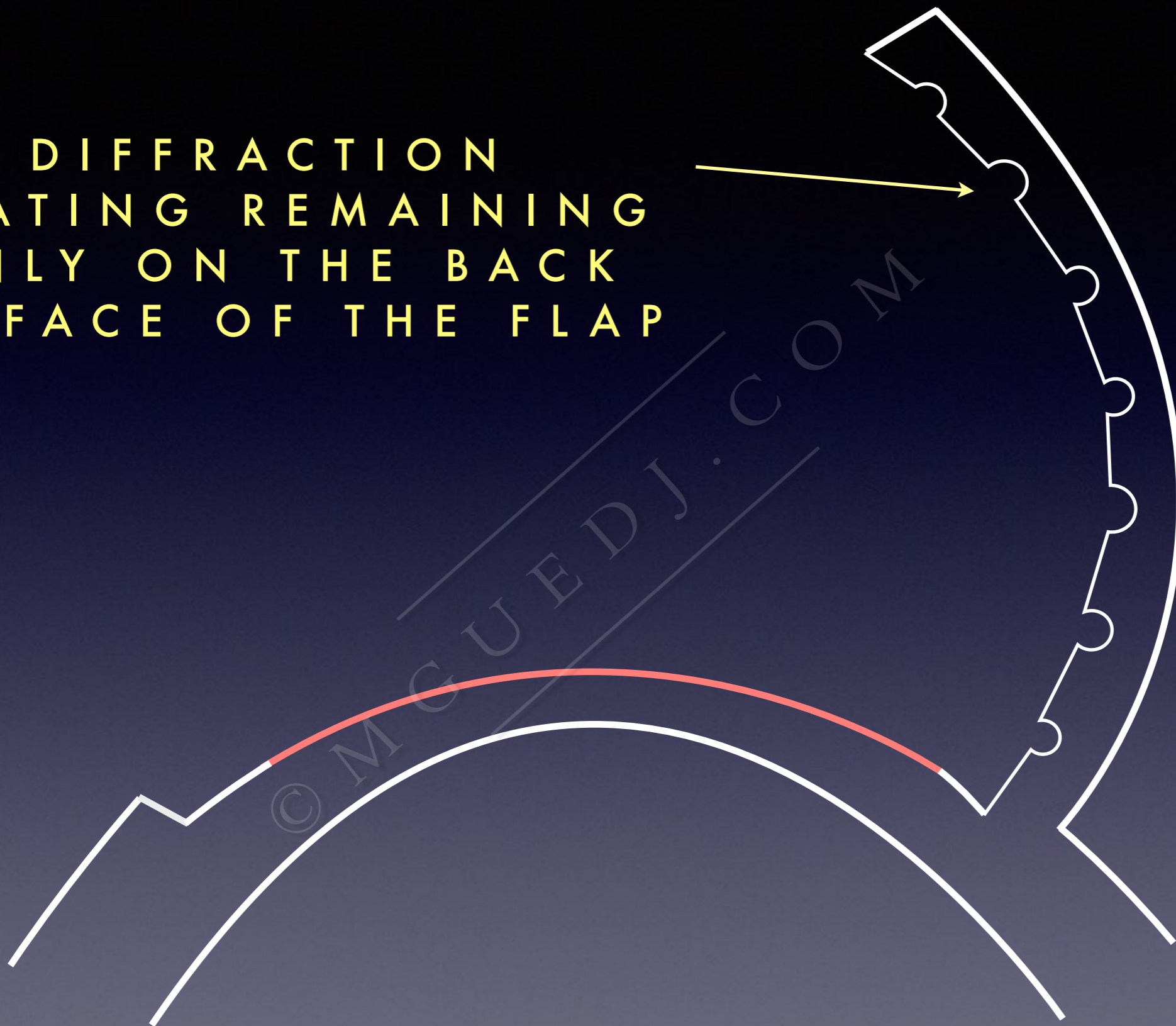


# EXCIMER LASER

'POLISHES' THE  
STROMAL SURFACE

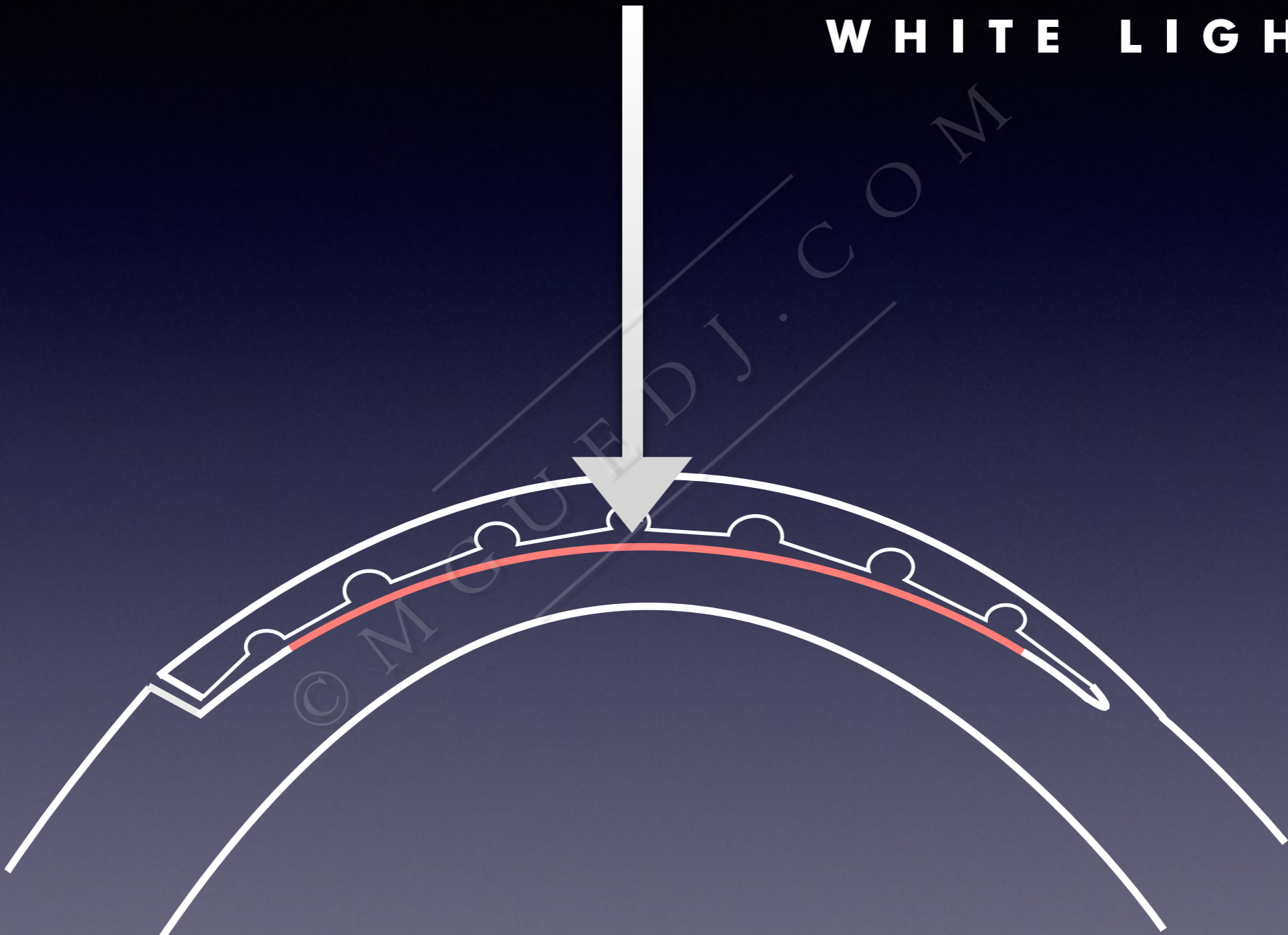


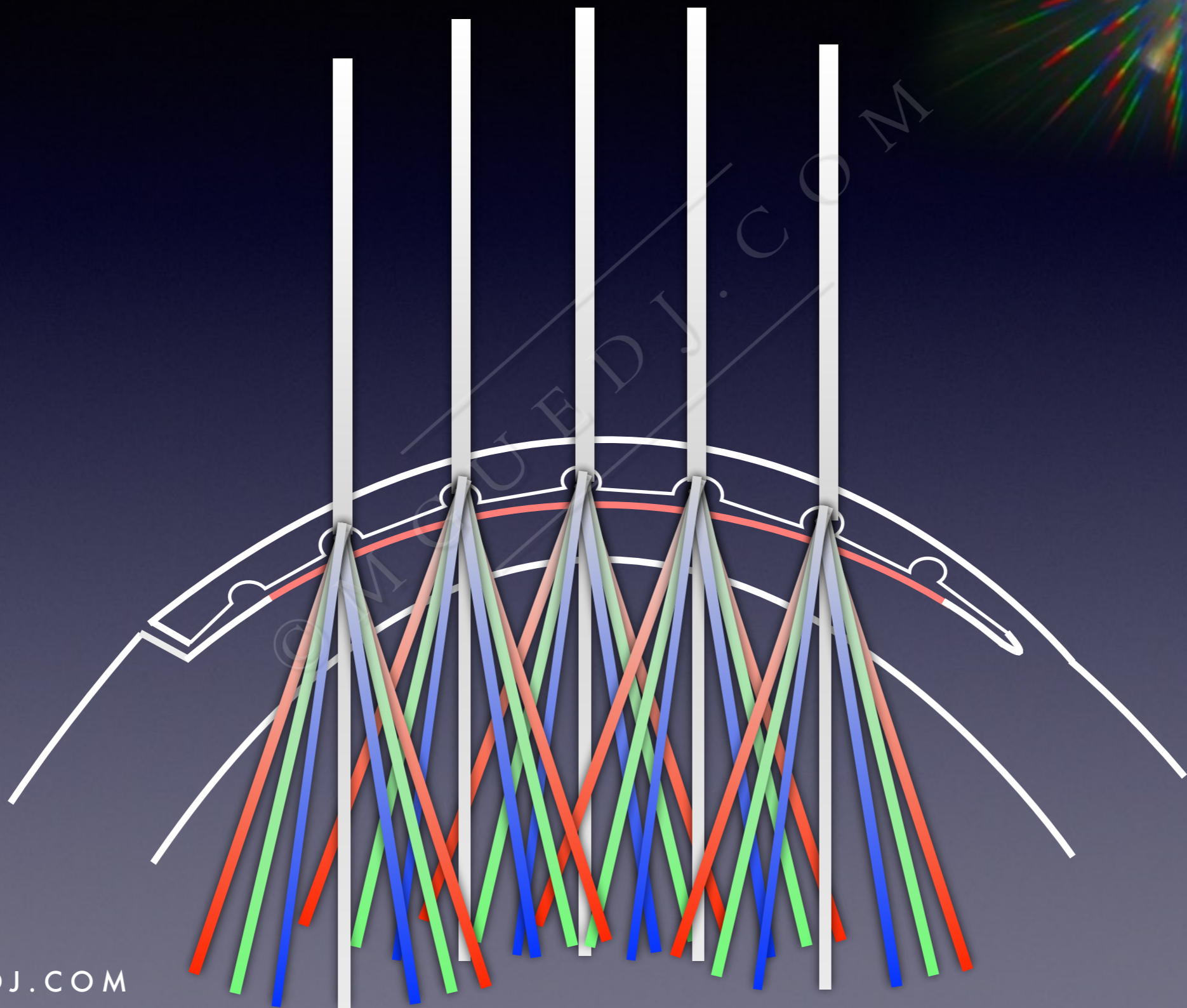
DIFFRACTION  
GRATING REMAINING  
ONLY ON THE BACK  
SURFACE OF THE FLAP





WHITE LIGHT





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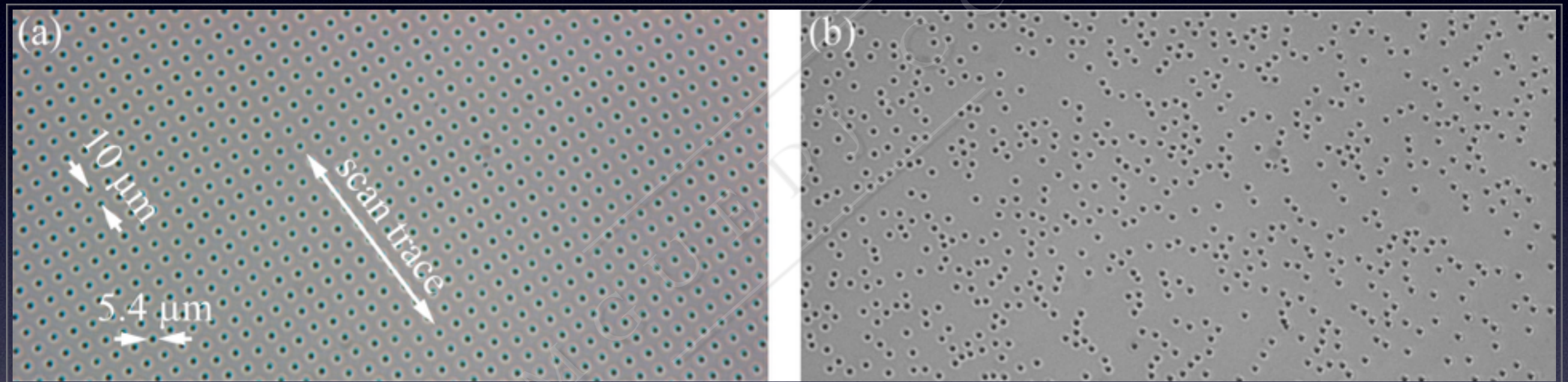
# AIMS AND QUESTIONS

Can we minimize rainbow glare  
by randomising the FS-impact  
pattern ?



Ackermann R - Biomedical Optics Express 2012

Optical side-effects of fs-laser treatment in refractive surgery investigated by means of a model eye



**REGULAR 10 μm spacing**

**RANDOM**

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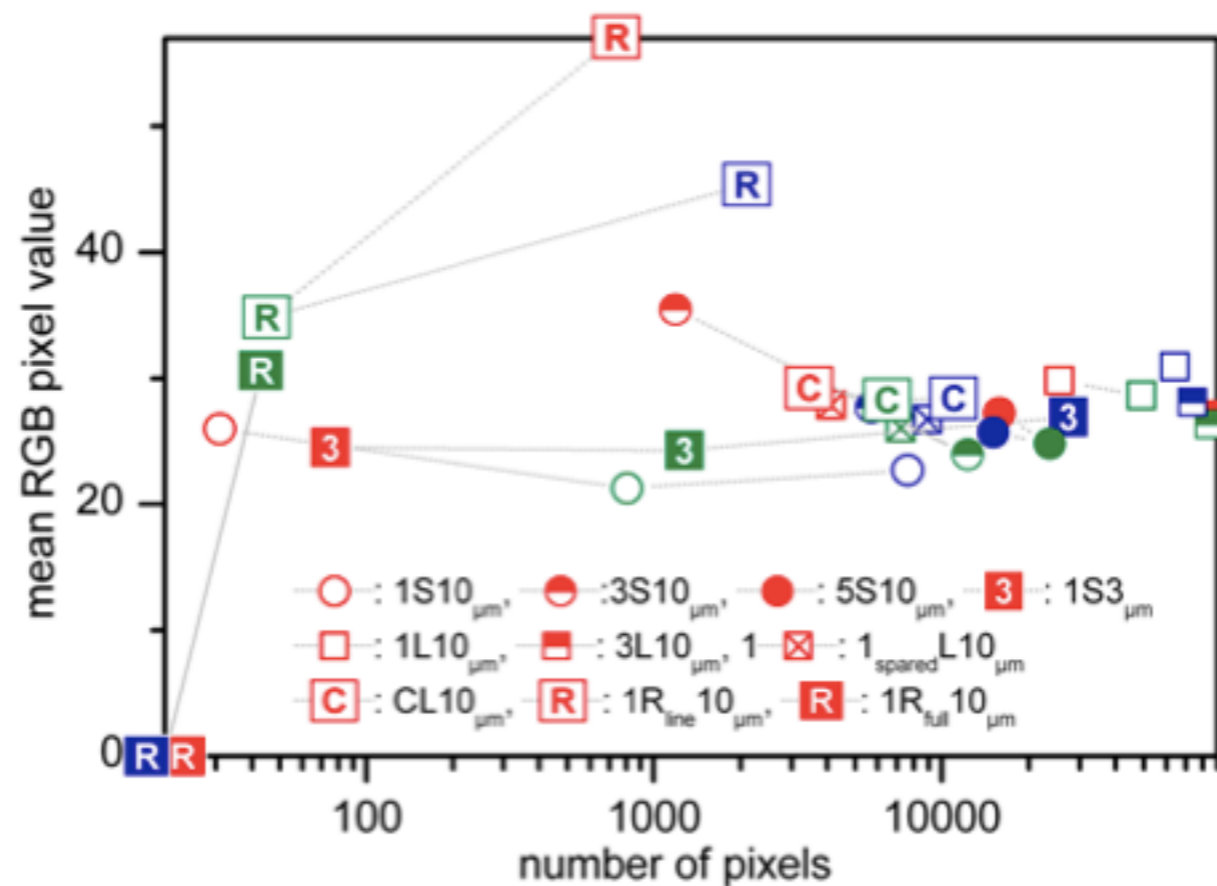
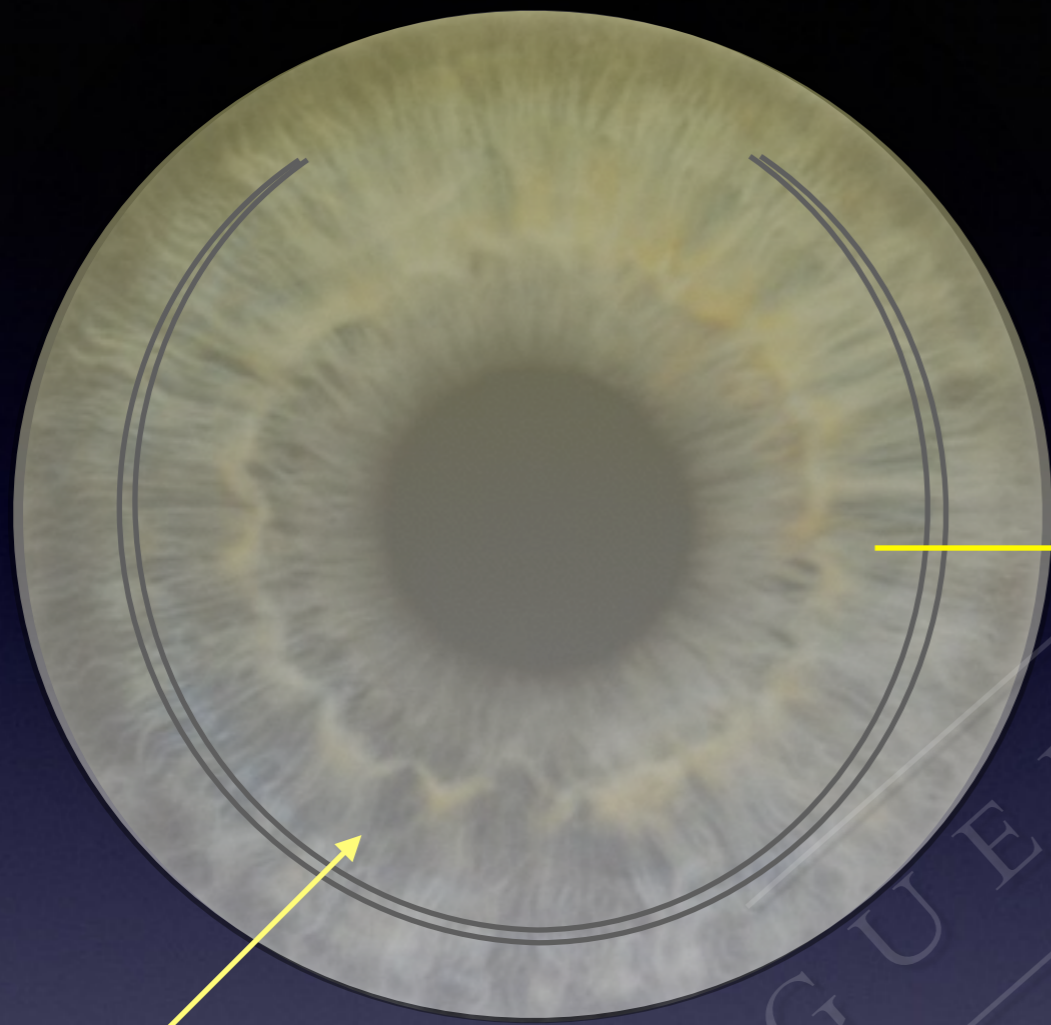


Fig. 3. Number of pixels, for which the intensity of the RGB-channel to be analyzed is 25% higher than the other two channels; the ordinate shows their mean intensity value. Colors indicate the corresponding RGB-channel. For the lens with laser spots at random positions, the number of pixels is exactly zero.

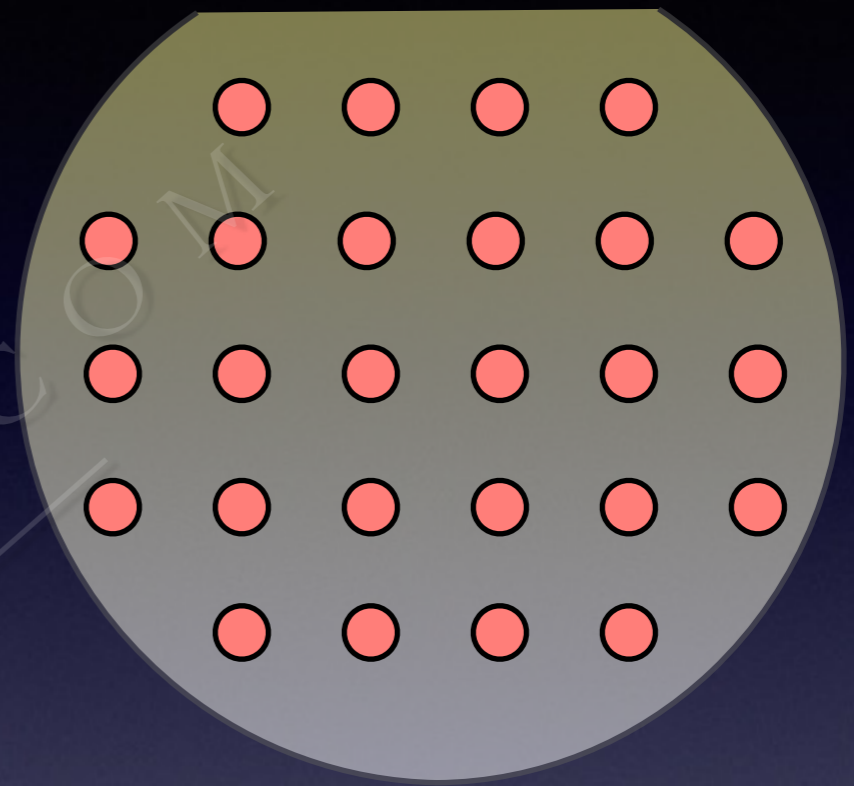
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Optical side-effects of fs-laser treatment in refractive surgery investigated by means of a model eye

- ⇒ **RG** = dominant optical side effect in fs-refractive surgery.
- ⇒ For corneal treatments, it can be avoided by spot-to-spot distances of **~3  $\mu\text{m}$** .
- ⇒ For fs-laser treatment of the crystalline lens, rainbow glare **may nearly entirely be suppressed by a random distribution of the laser spots within the lens.**

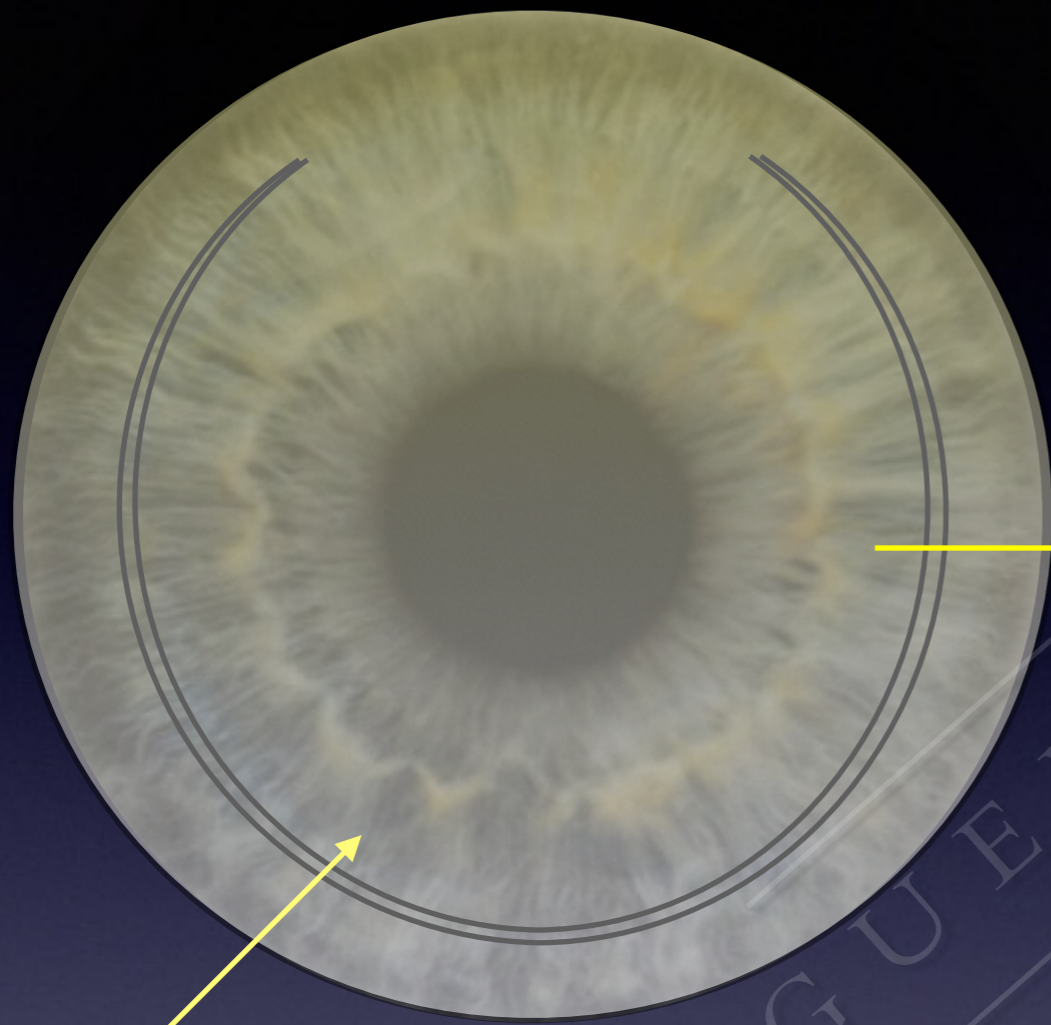


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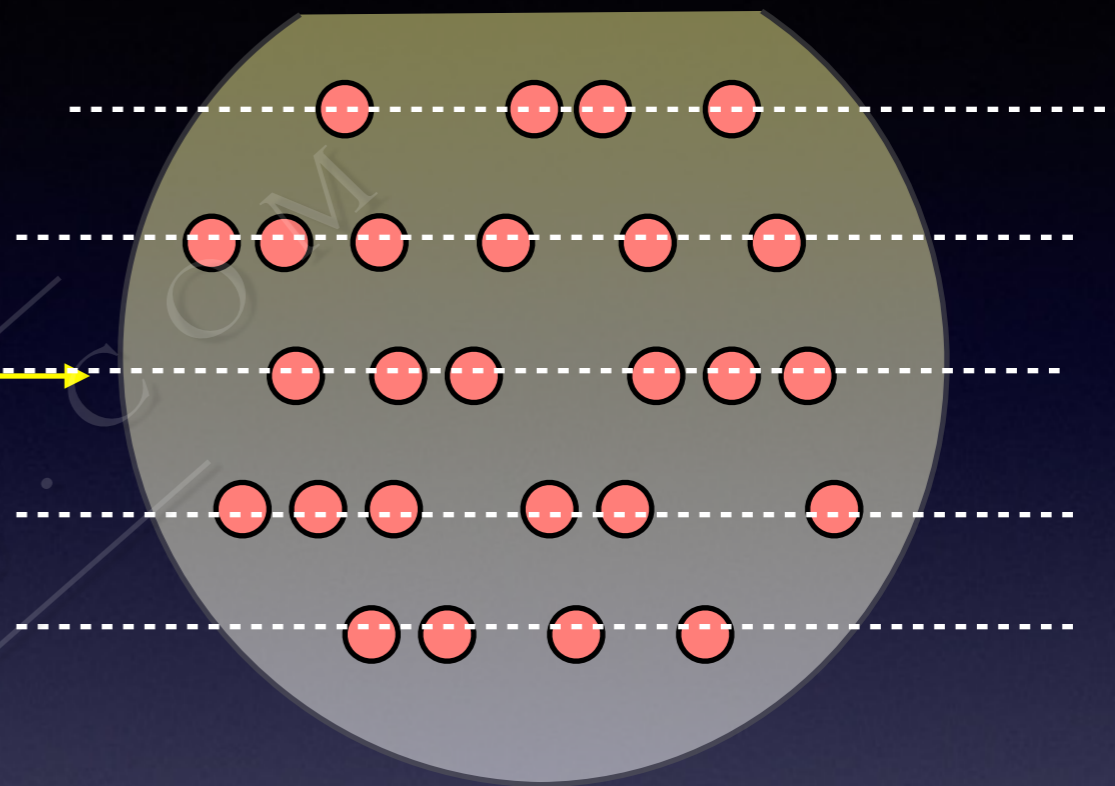


**REGULAR LINES**

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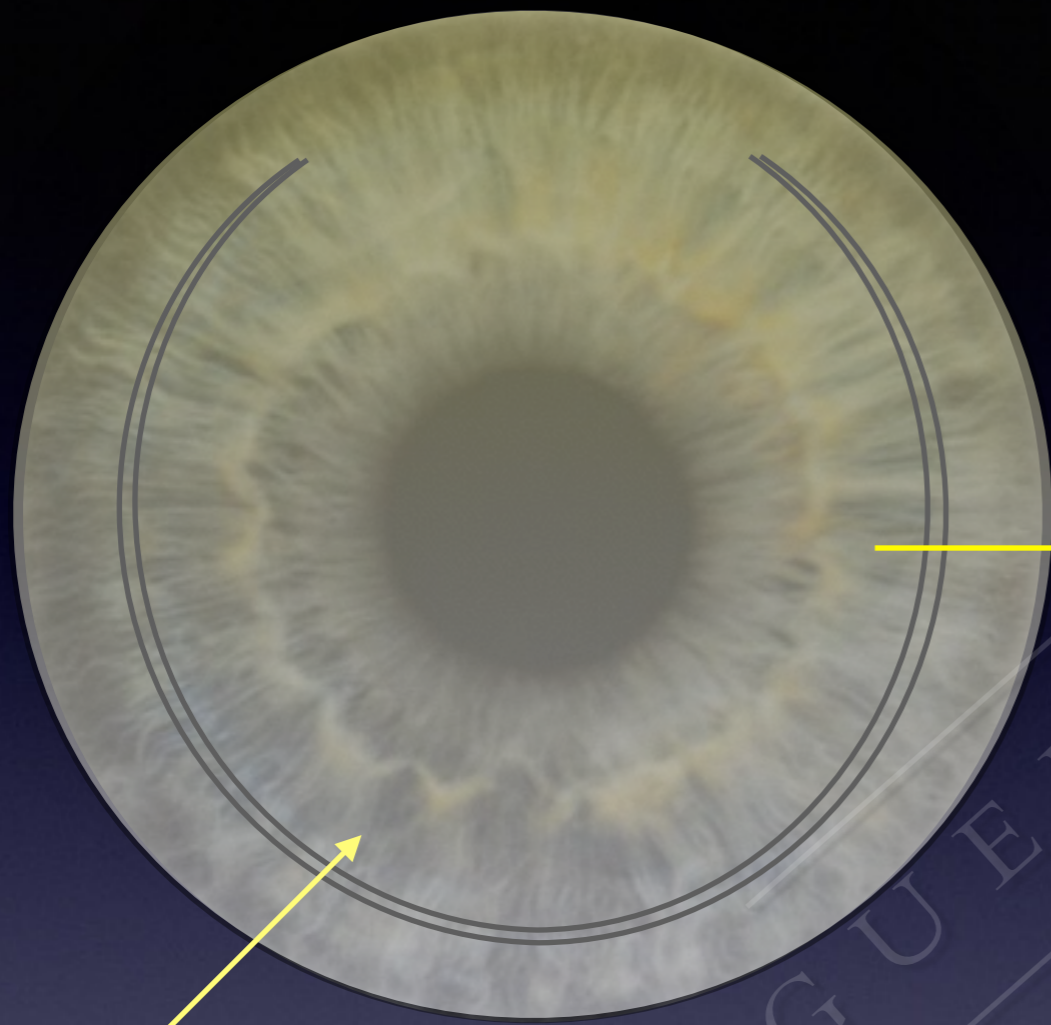


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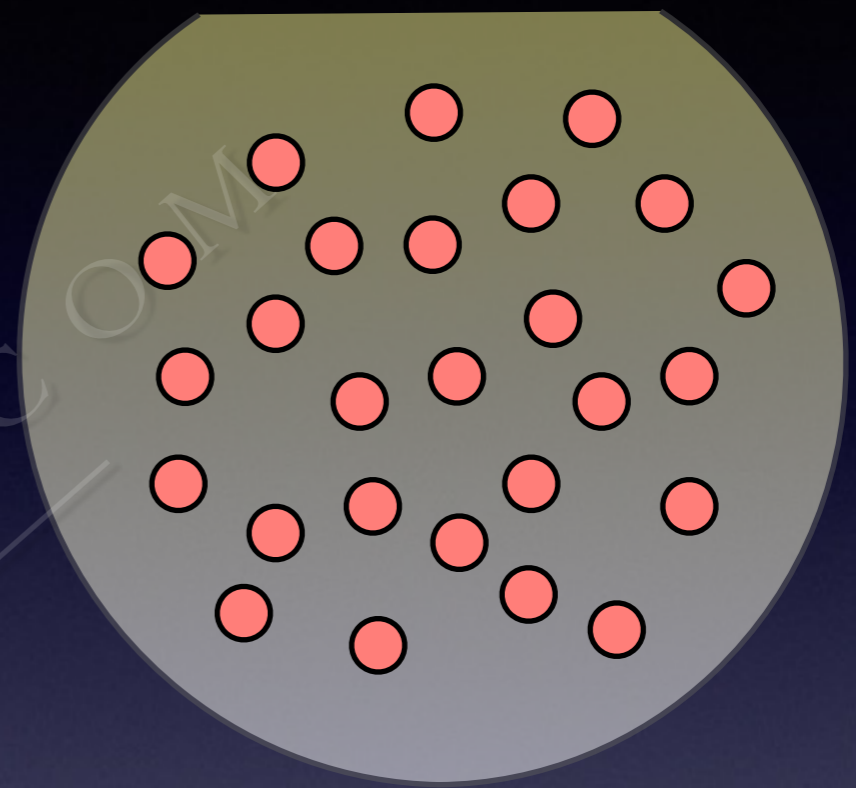


**RANDOM PER LINE**

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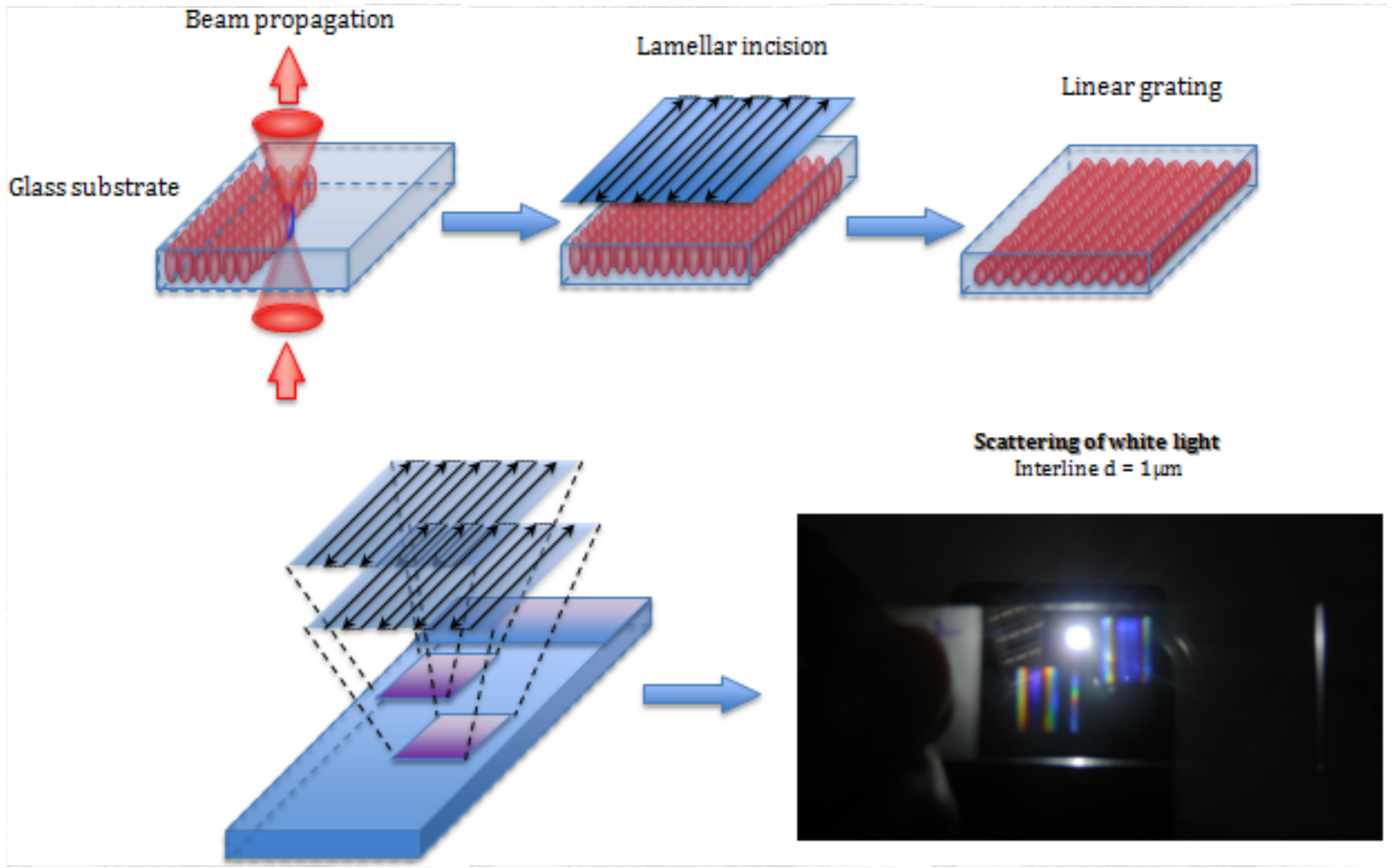


**FULLY RANDOM**

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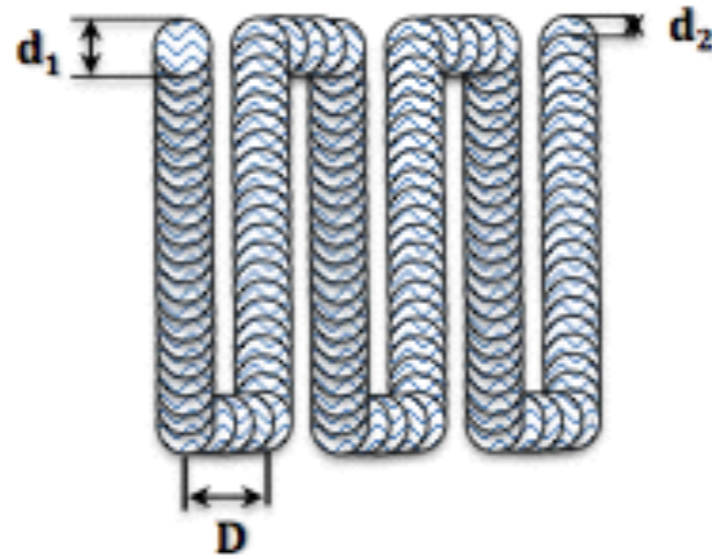
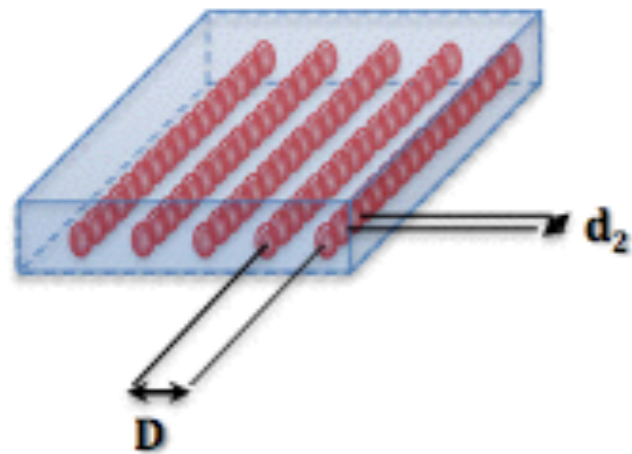
**METHODS**





# Quantification

**Linear grating**



✓ Pulses overlapping (~67%)

**Distance between pulses:**

$$d_2 = \frac{\Delta}{Fr \times T_x}$$

$\Delta$ : line length (1cm)  
 $Fr$ : laser rep. rate (10kHz)  
 $T_x$ : time per line (1s)

**Spot size:**  $d_1 = \frac{1.22\lambda}{N.A.}$

**Values:**

$d_1$ : 2,79 $\mu$ m  
 $d_2$ : 1 $\mu$ m  
 $D$ : variable (1,3,5,7,10,15  $\mu$ m)

# Femtosecond laser

Repetition rate

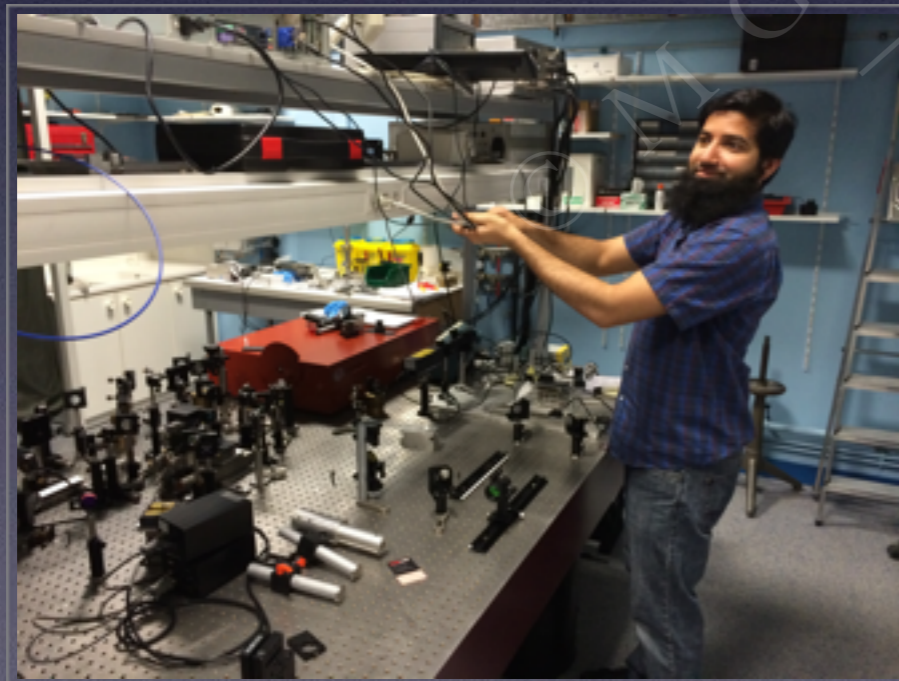
10 kHz

Pulse duration

780 fs

Wavelength

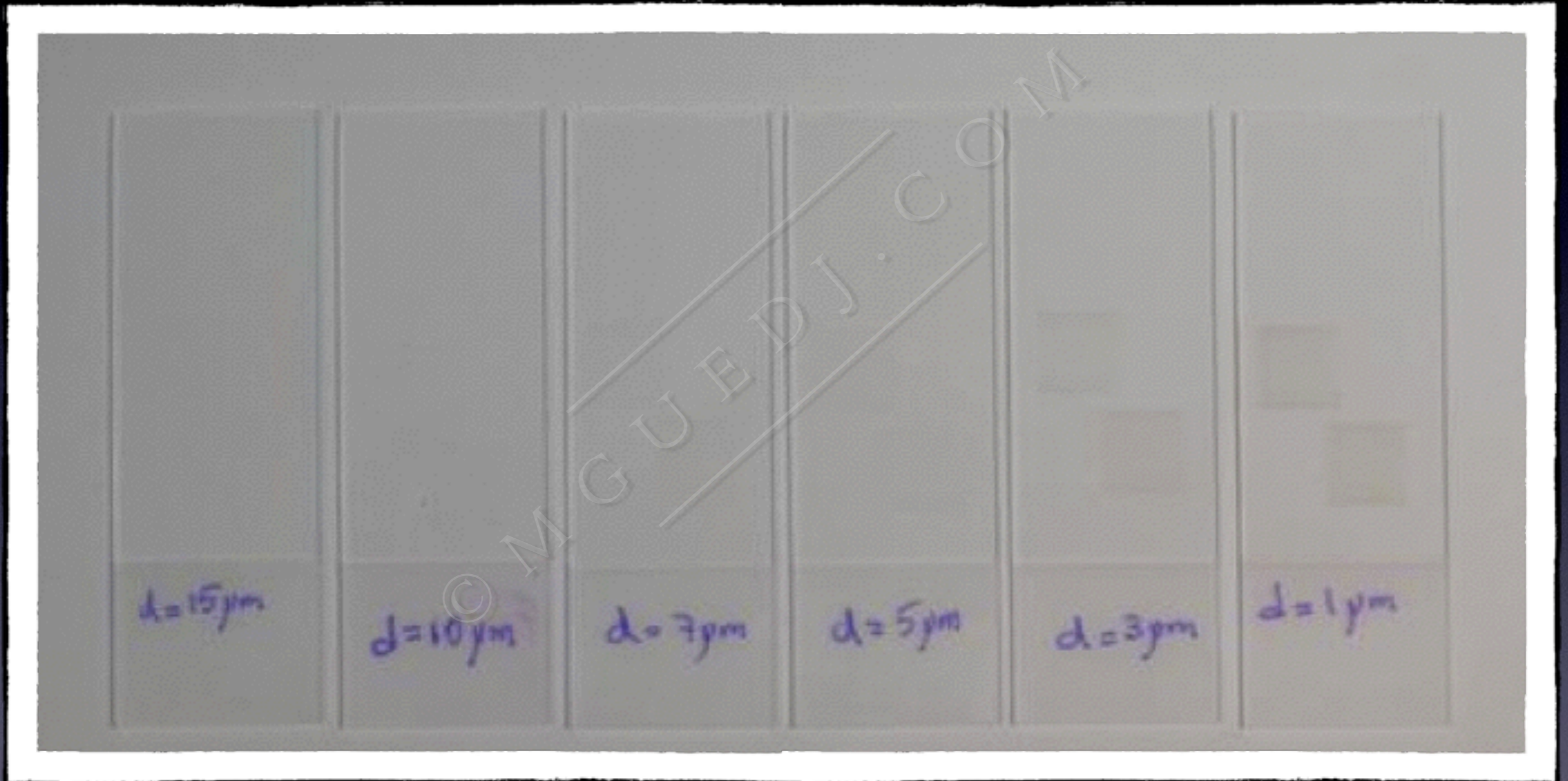
1030 nm



# Glass slides & incisions

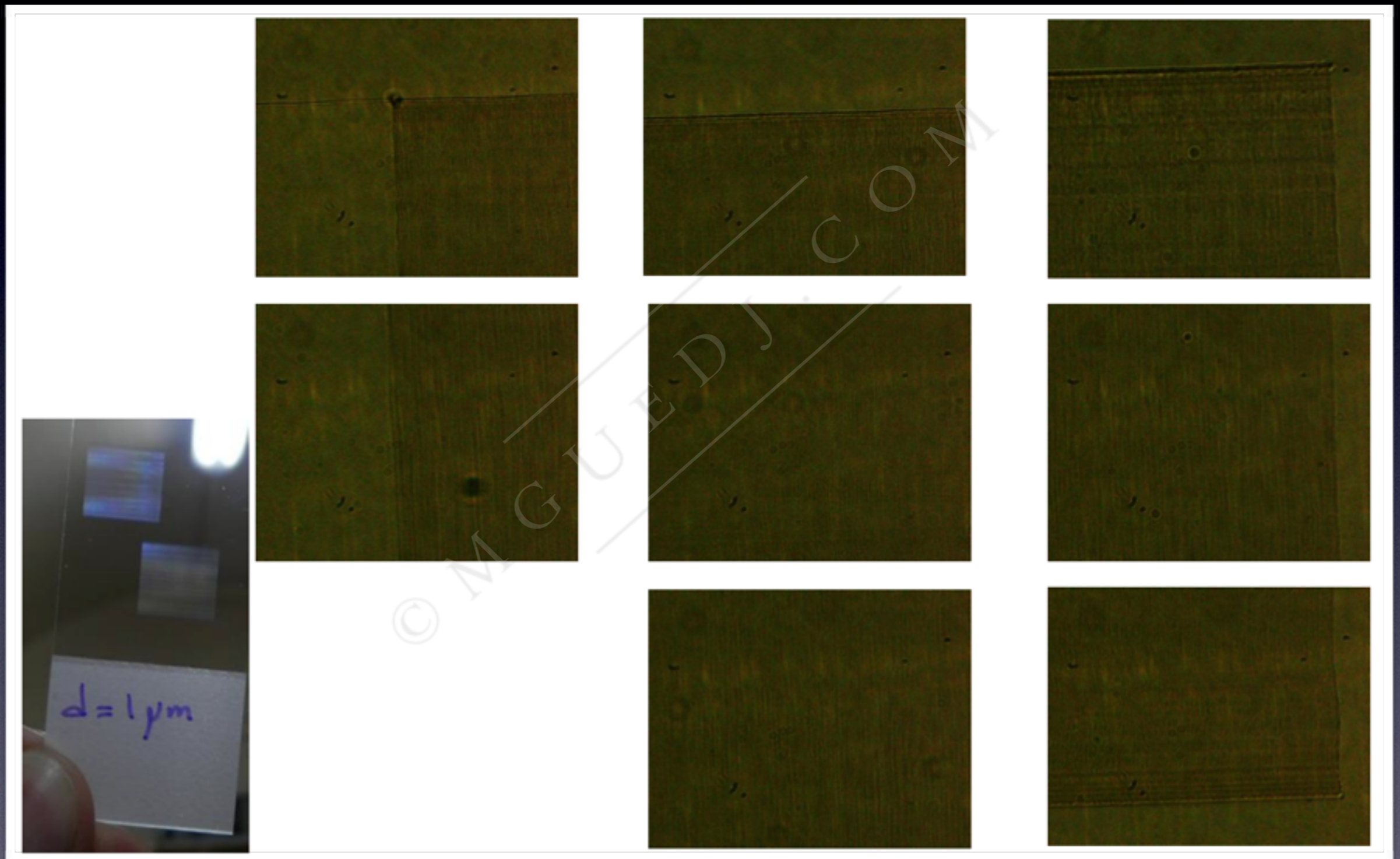
Glass thickness	1.2 mm
Incision type	lamellar
Incision depth	200 $\mu\text{m}$
Incision shape	square 1 cm x 1 cm
Line spacing width	1, 3, 5, 7, 10 and 15 $\mu\text{m}$
Random / line	randomized per line
Random / full	fully randomized

# GLASS SAMPLES



COURTESY OF Z. ESSAIDI

# MACROSCOPE IMAGES 1 $\mu\text{m}$



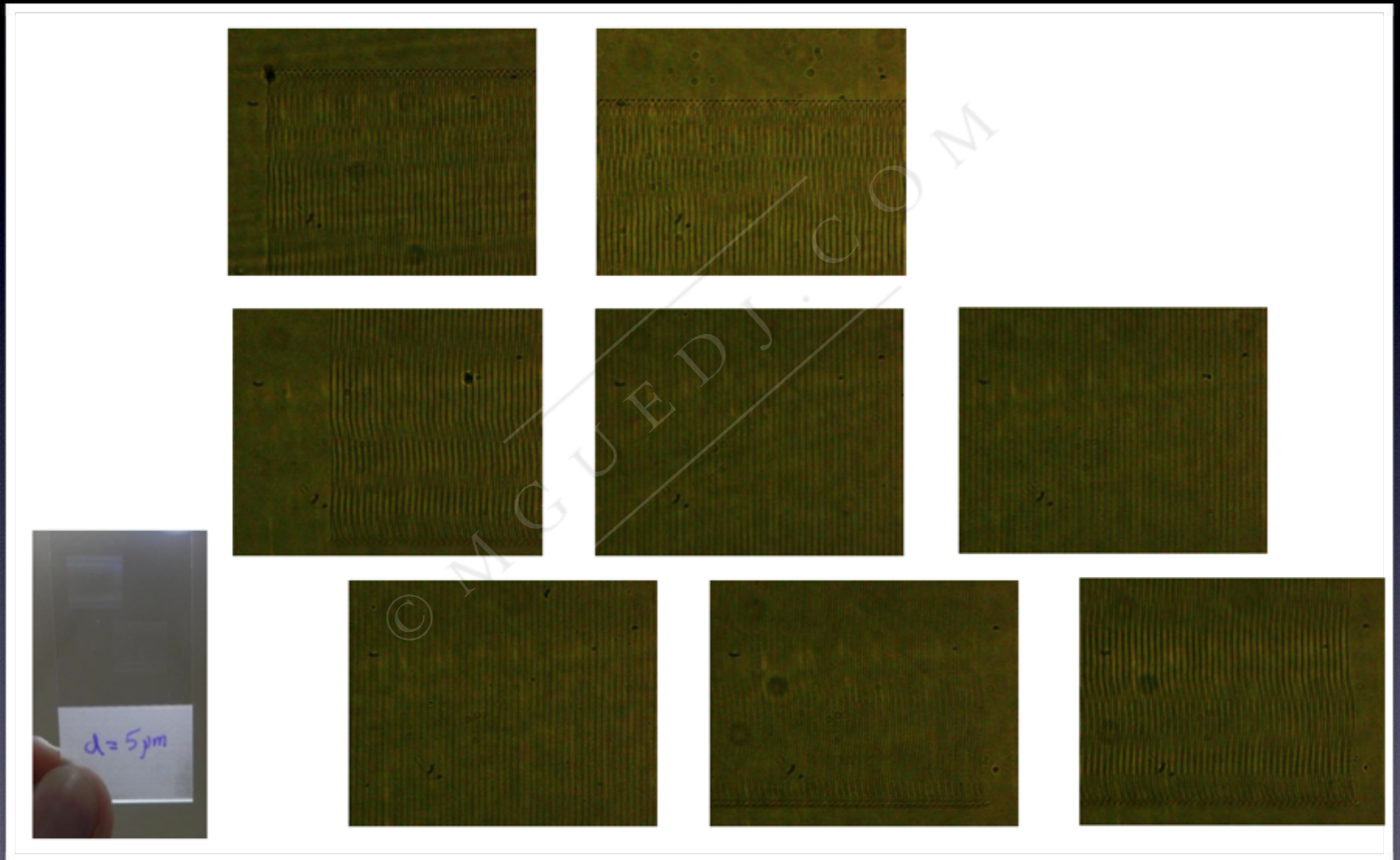
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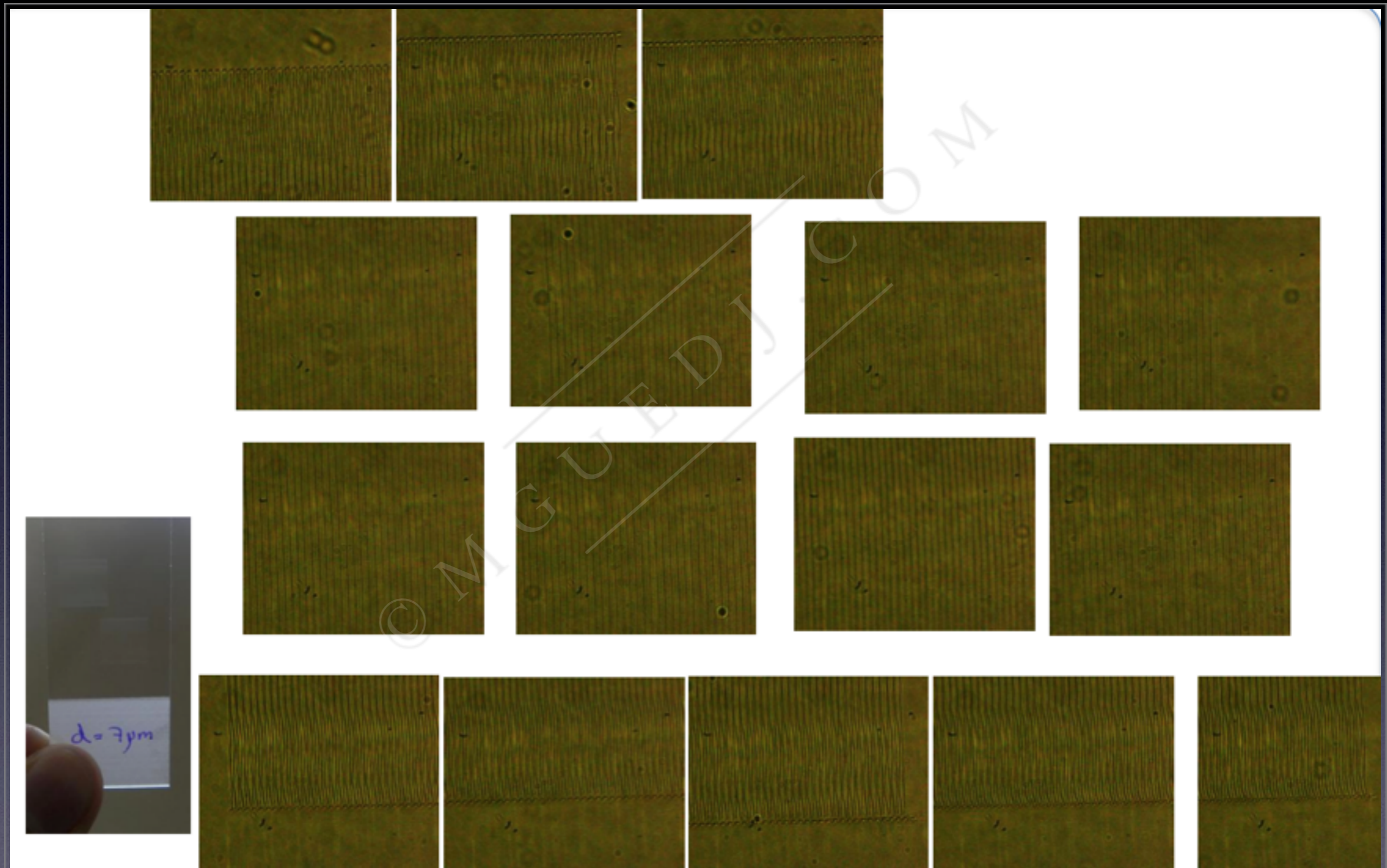
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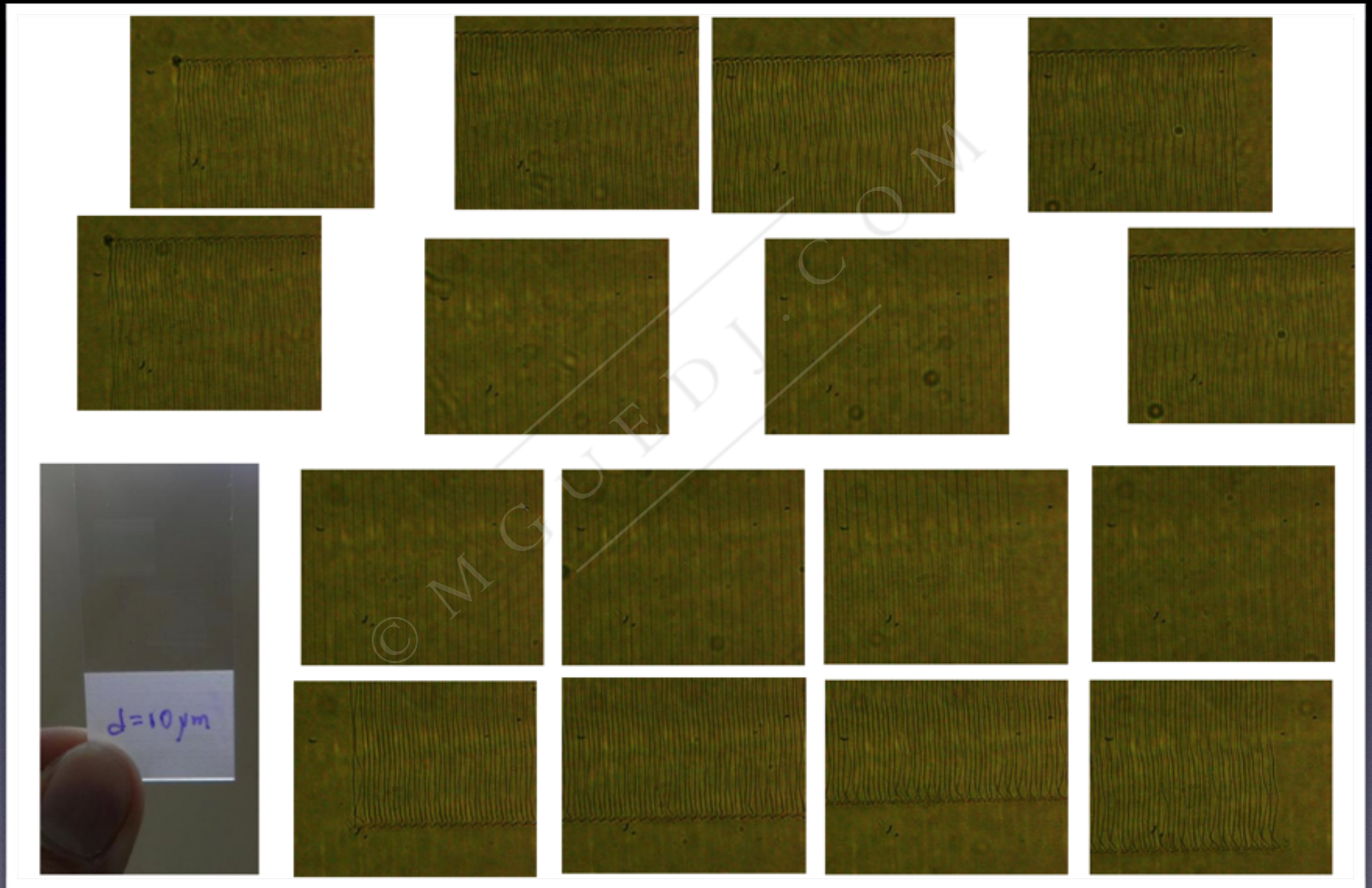
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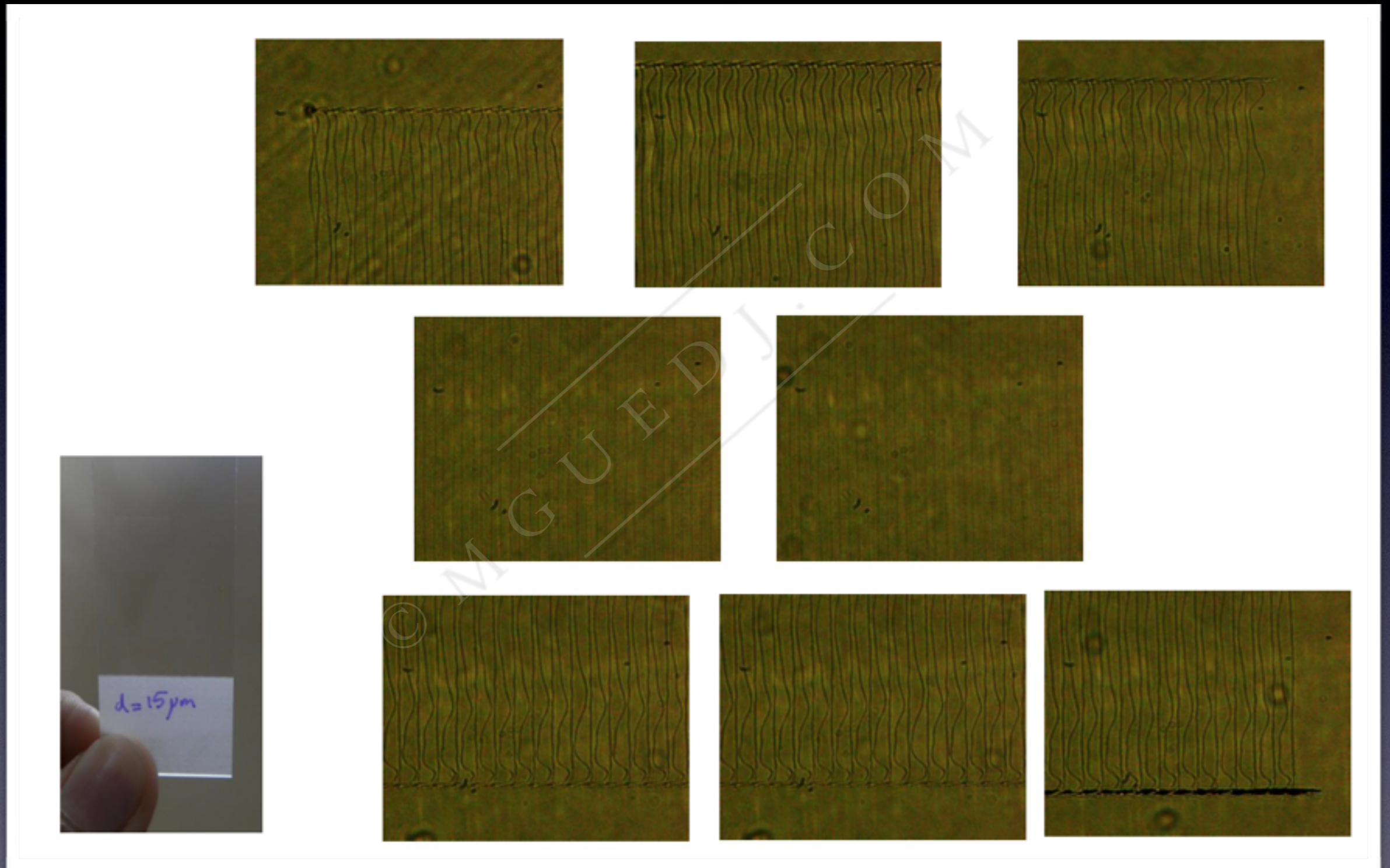


# MACROSCOPE IMAGES 10 $\mu\text{m}$



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# MACROSCOPE IMAGES 15 $\mu\text{m}$



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PERIPHERAL  
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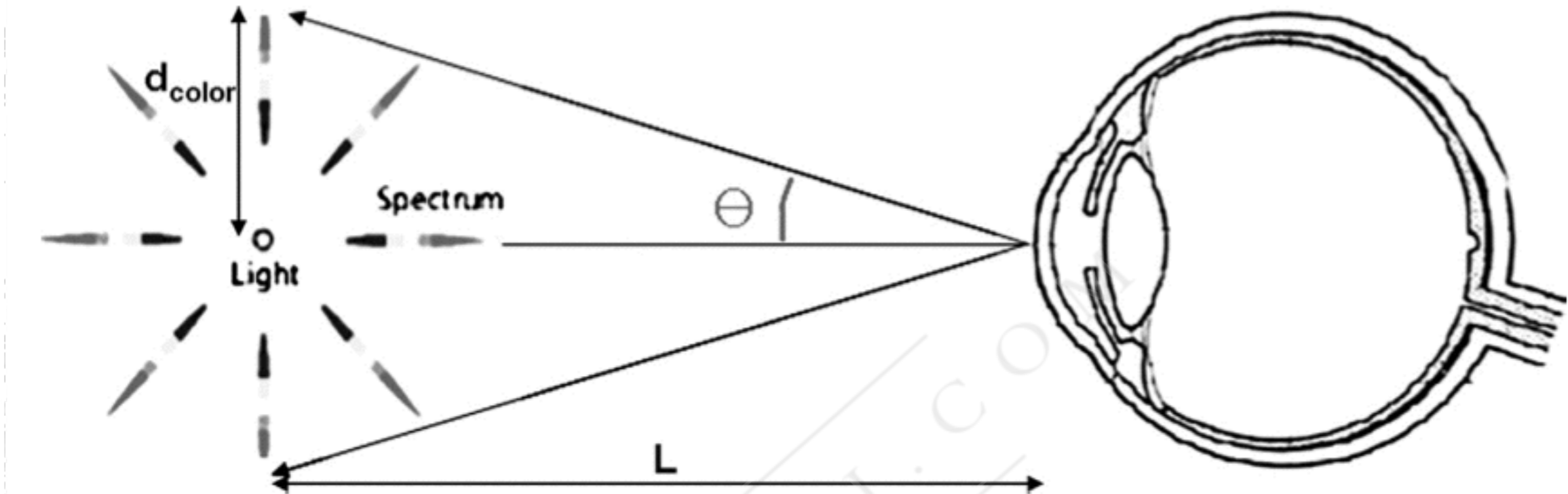
REGULAR LINES

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**RANDOM SPOTS**



Krueger R - Ophthalmology 2008

$$A \sin \theta = m \lambda$$

A = grating constant, depicting the space between 2 spots and between 2 lines

d = color distance from the light source

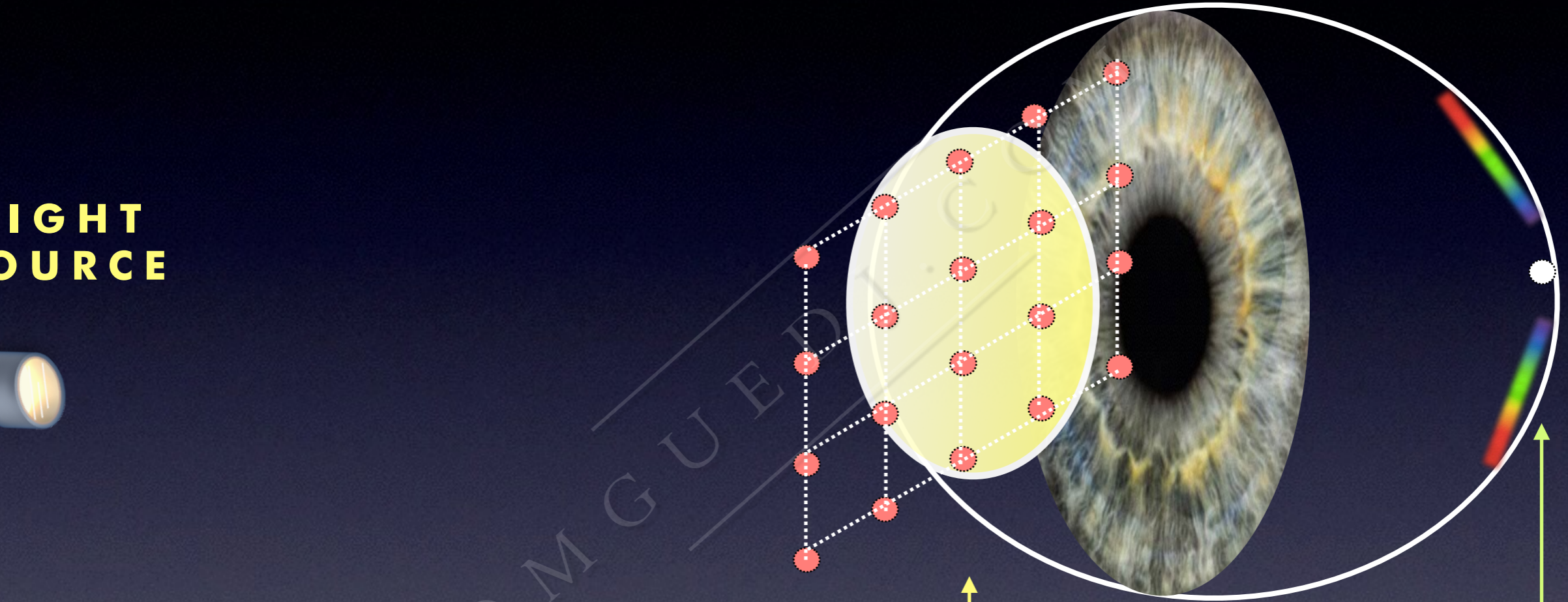
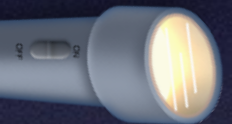
$\theta$  = visual angle of a perceived color ( $\sin \theta \approx \tan \theta = d/L$  for small angles)

m = diffraction order (for the fundamental order,  $m = 1$ )

$\lambda$  = wavelength for a given color

# METHODS

LIGHT SOURCE



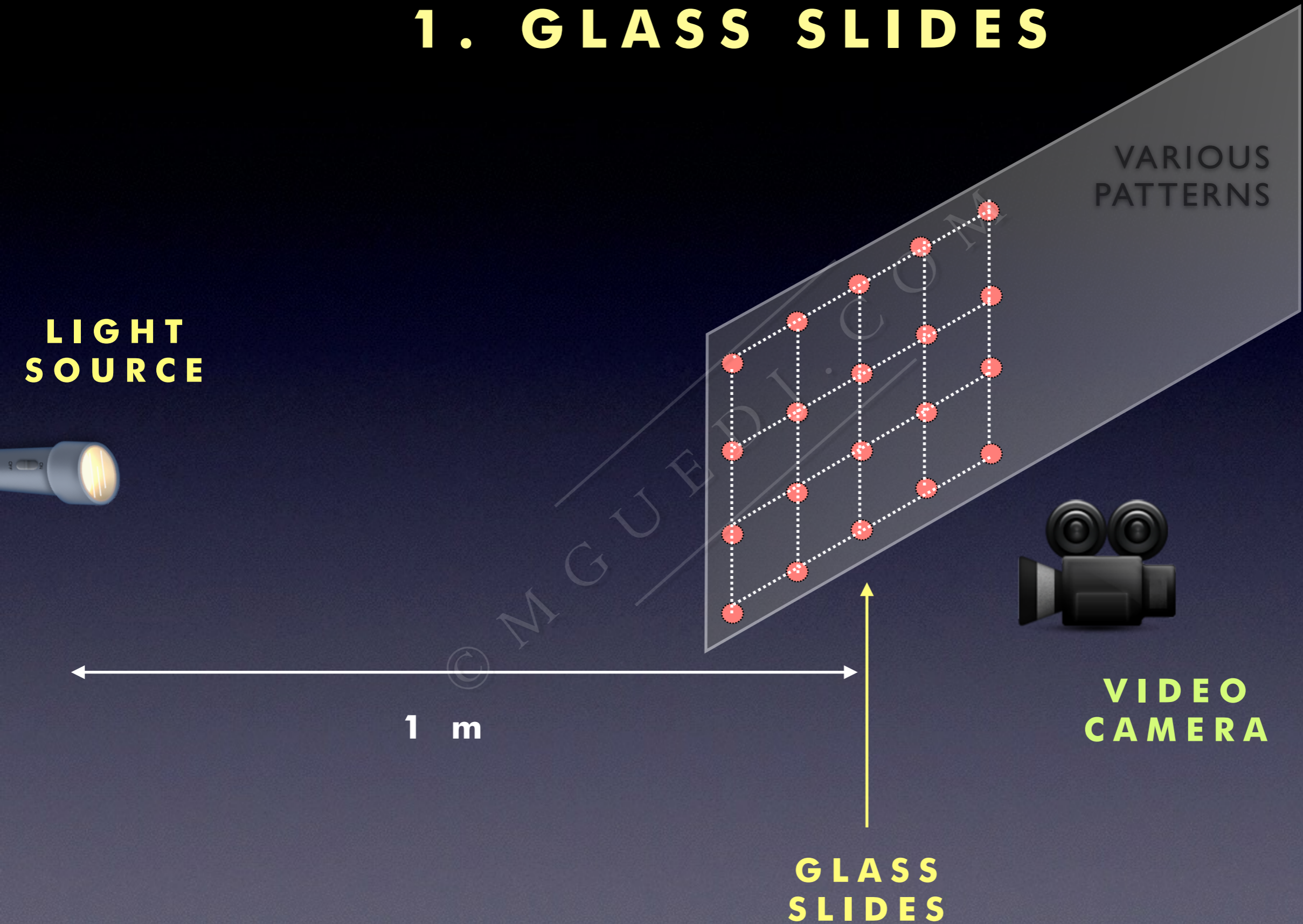
1 m

23 mm

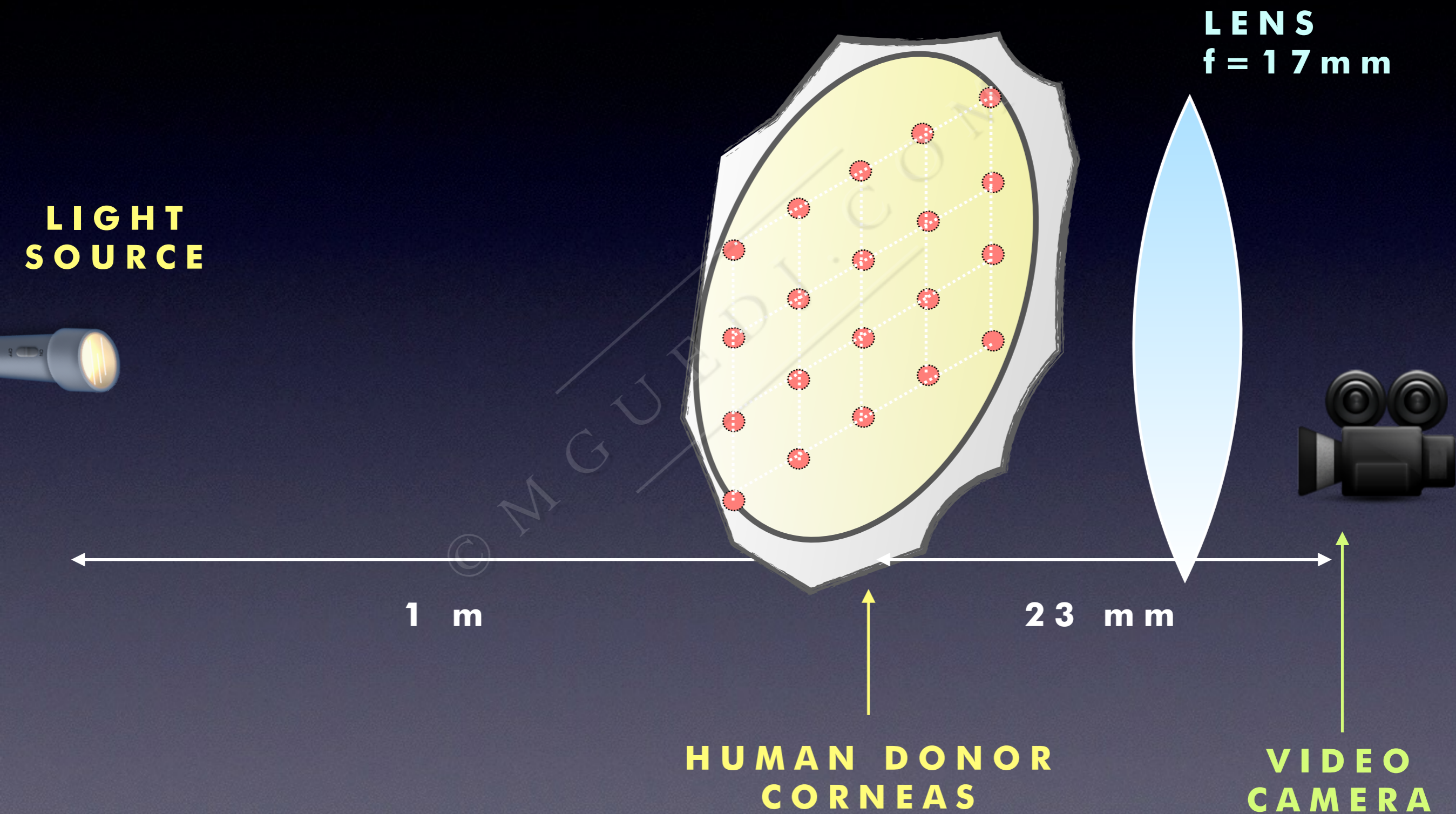
CORNEAL PLANE

RETINAL PLANE

# 1. GLASS SLIDES

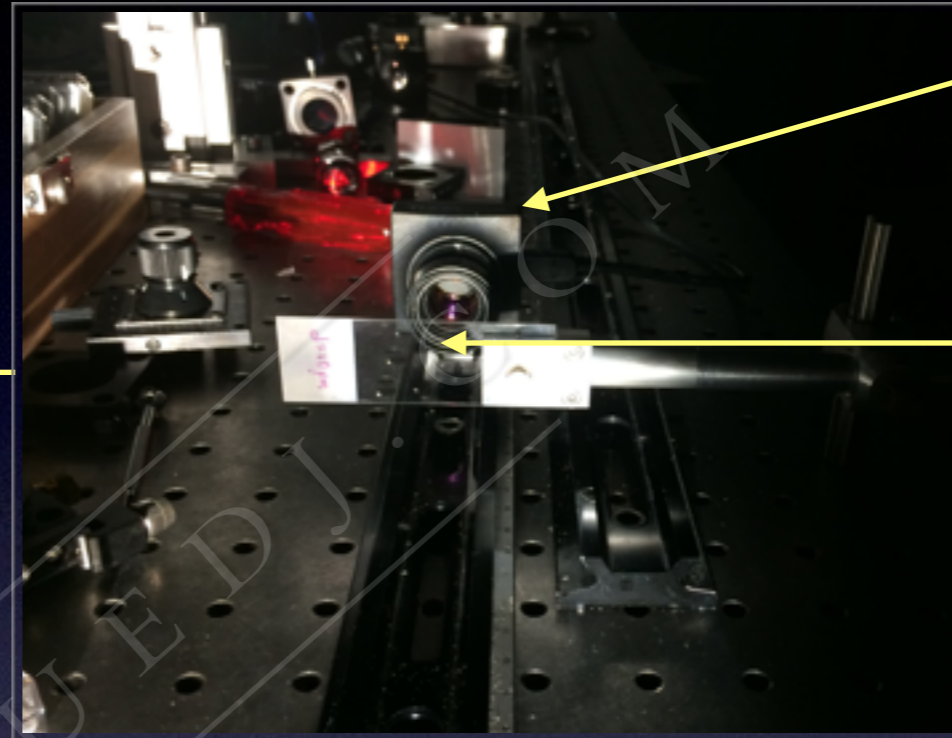


## 2. HUMAN CORNEAS





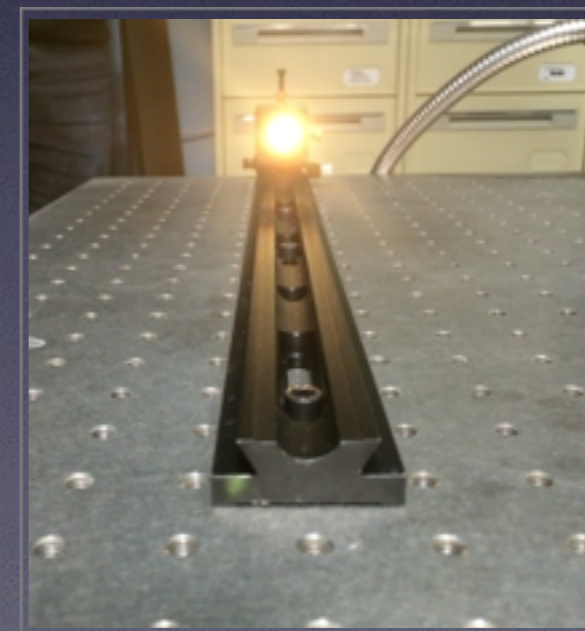
# METHODS



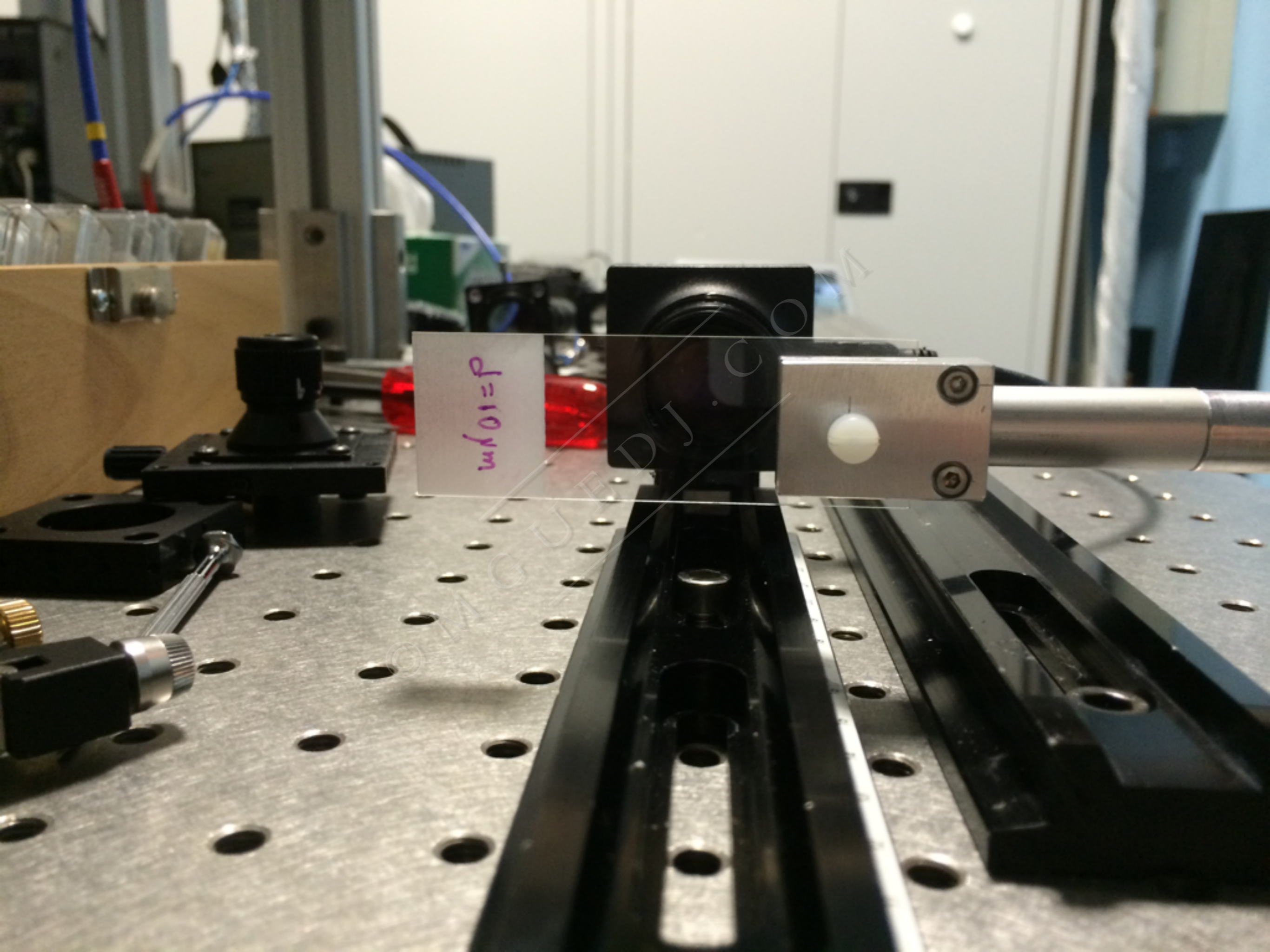
**CAMERA**

**GLASS SLIDE  
IMPACTED  
BY FS LASER**

**SOURCE**  
**DIASCOPIC  
ILLUMINATION**



$\lambda = 10 \mu\text{m}$



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# PRELIMINARY RESULTS

**1  $\mu\text{m}$**



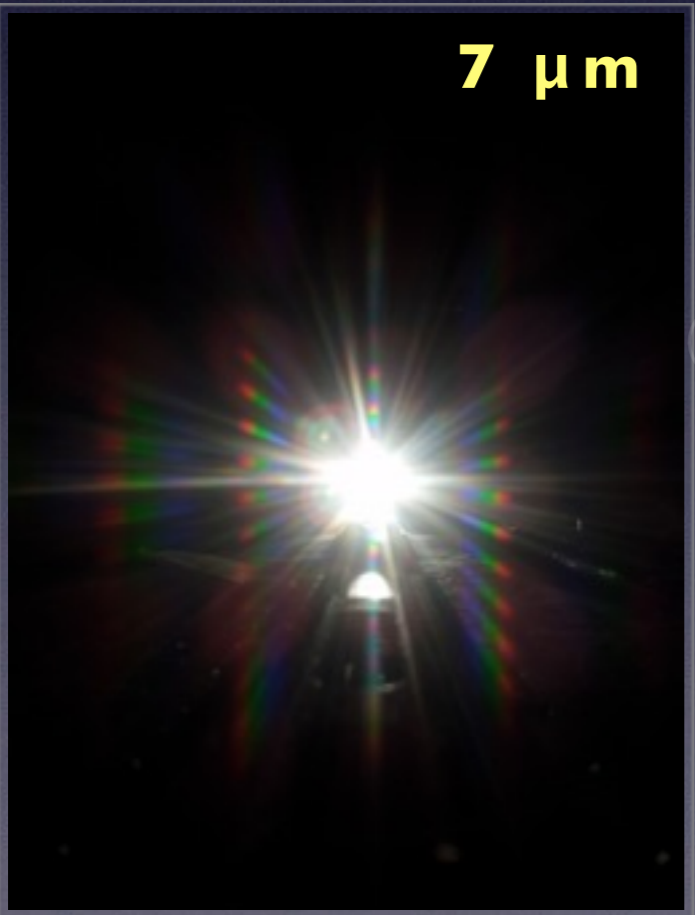
**3  $\mu\text{m}$**



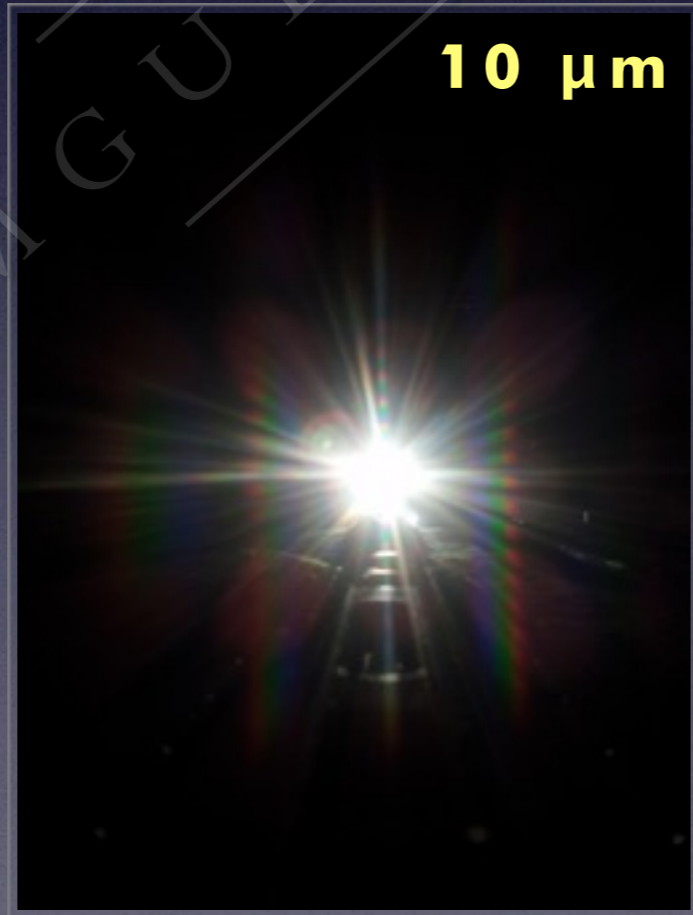
**5  $\mu\text{m}$**



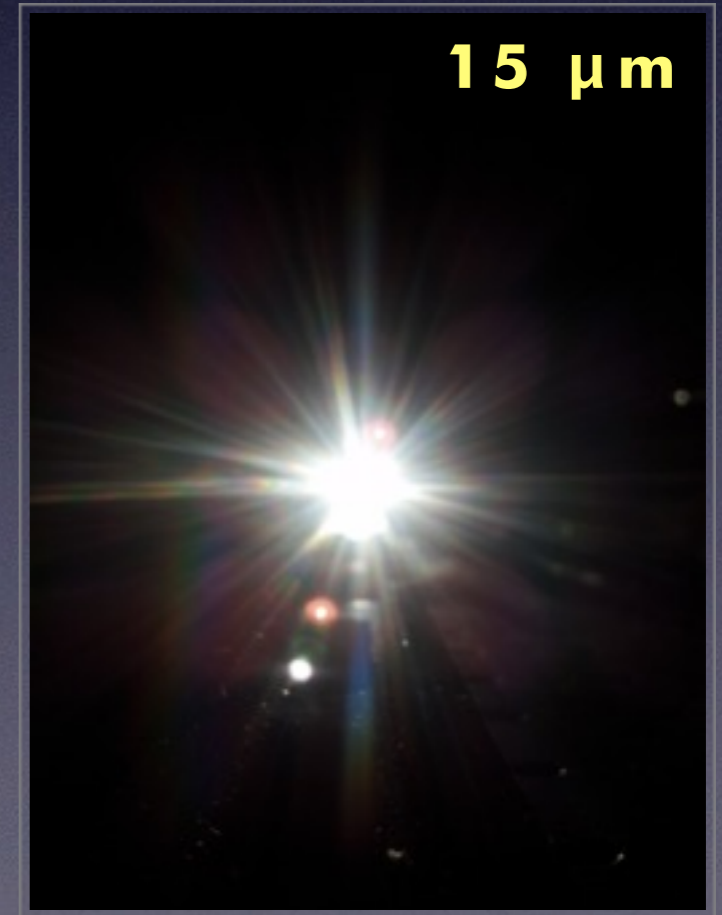
**7  $\mu\text{m}$**



**10  $\mu\text{m}$**



**15  $\mu\text{m}$**



1  $\mu\text{m}$



3  $\mu\text{m}$



5  $\mu\text{m}$



7  $\mu\text{m}$





10  $\mu\text{m}$



15  $\mu\text{m}$



**RANDOM**



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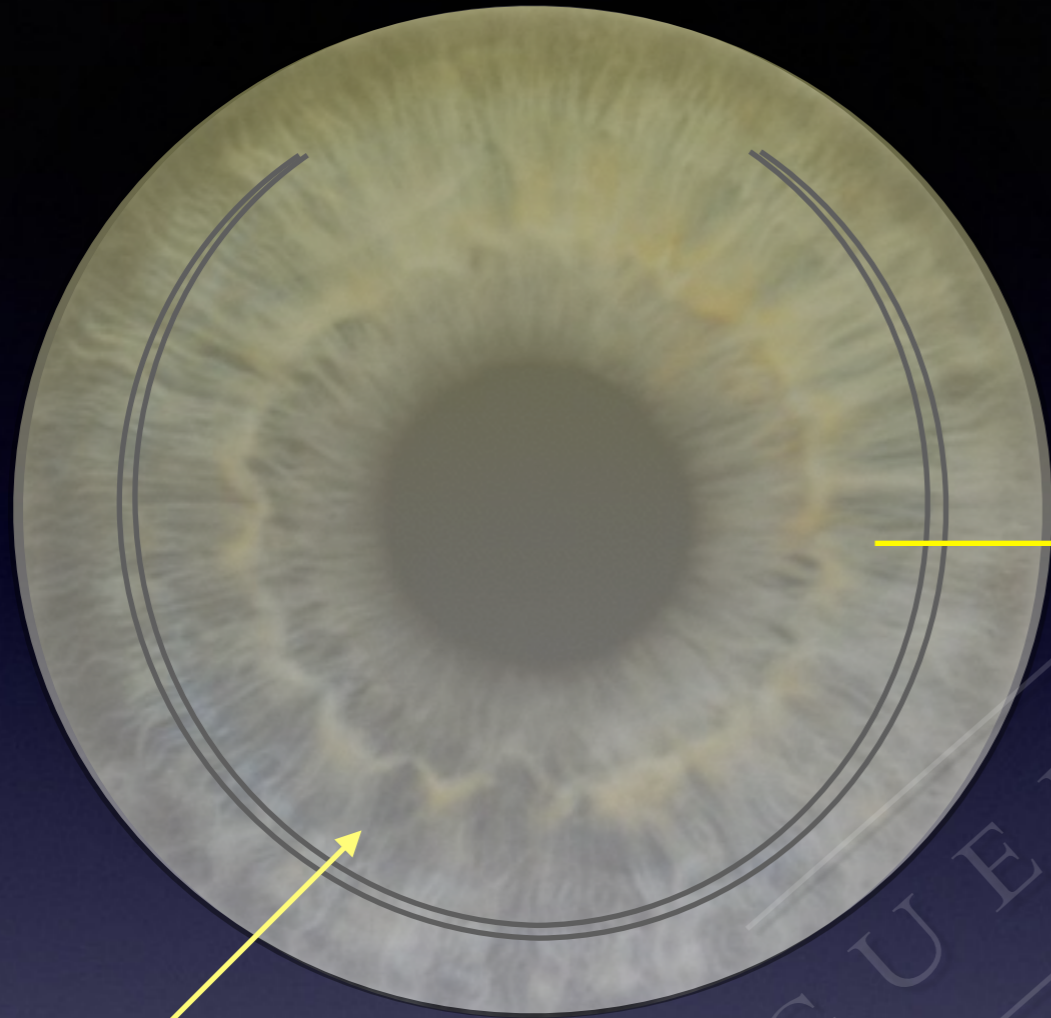
**CONCLUSIONS  
& PERSPECTIVES**

① Concentration of diffracted light in periodic orders is reduced by **randomisation of the FS impacts**.

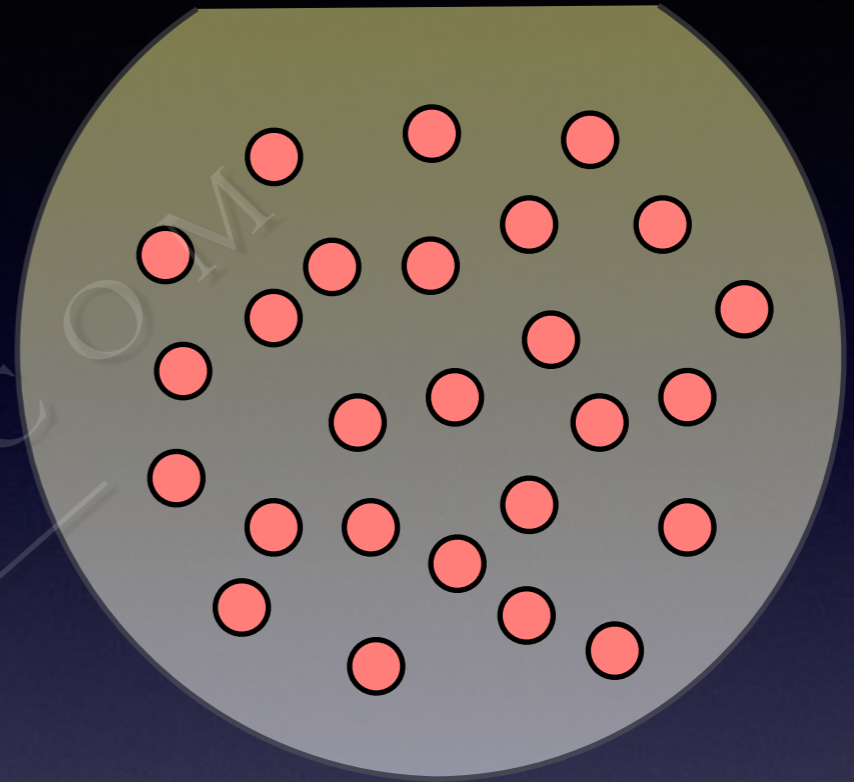
② Spot-to-spot distance of  $\approx 3 \mu\text{m}$  on glass slides ?  
*(Ackermann, BOE 2012)*

Rainbow glare not avoided by line spacing  $< 10 \mu$

③ However, **light scattering** not assessed here  
⇒ possible source of discomfort.



**FLAP**



**FULLY RANDOM**



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