# PySilsub—a toolbox for silent substitution

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## Introduction

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- Human retinae are packed with photosensitive cells—rods for low-light vision, three types of cone for daylight vision, and intrinsically photosensitive retinal ganglion cells (ipRGCs) for controlling non-image forming functions (e.g., circadian photoentrainment, pupil size)
- Significant overlap in spectral sensitivities means that most lights will stimulate all photoreceptors, but to varying degrees
- Silent substitution (Estévez & Spekreijse, 1982) provides a principled basis for selectively stimulating individual classes of photoreceptor(s), which is useful in research and clinical settings
- PySilsub is a novel Python package for silent substitution featuring objectoriented support for individual colorimetric observer models, multiprimary stimulation devices, and solving silent substitution problems with linear algebra and constrained numerical optimization



## *PySilSub* – key modules

#### pysilsub.observers

## pysilsub.devices



Grünert & Martin (2020)

- Control for the effects of age and field size
- Generate spectral sensitivity functions for individual colorimet





- Create a forward model of any multipriumary stimulation system for which accurate calibration data are available
- Predict output, perform gamma correction,



# pysilsub.problems

• Target melanopsin with 50% contrast (no background specified) whilst ignoring rods and minimizing cone contrast

from pysilsub.problems import SilentSubstitutionProblem as SSP

problem = SSP.from\_package\_data('STLAB\_1\_York') # Load example data problem.ignore = ['rh'] # Ignore rod photoreceptors problem.minimize = ['sc', 'mc', 'lc'] # Minimise cone contrast problem.modulate = ['mel'] # Target melanopsin problem.target\_contrast = .5 # With 50% contrast solution = problem.optim\_solve() # Solve with optimisation fig = problem.plot\_solution(solution.x) # Plot the solution



background whilst ignoring rods and minimizing contrast on

# *PySilSub* – how are we using it?



Something about how it's being used here

PySilSub – lots more info and examples online

#### melanopsin and L/M cones

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A Python software for performing the method of silent substitution.

# Welcome to PySilSub's documentation!



https://github.com/PySilentSubstitution/pysilsub



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