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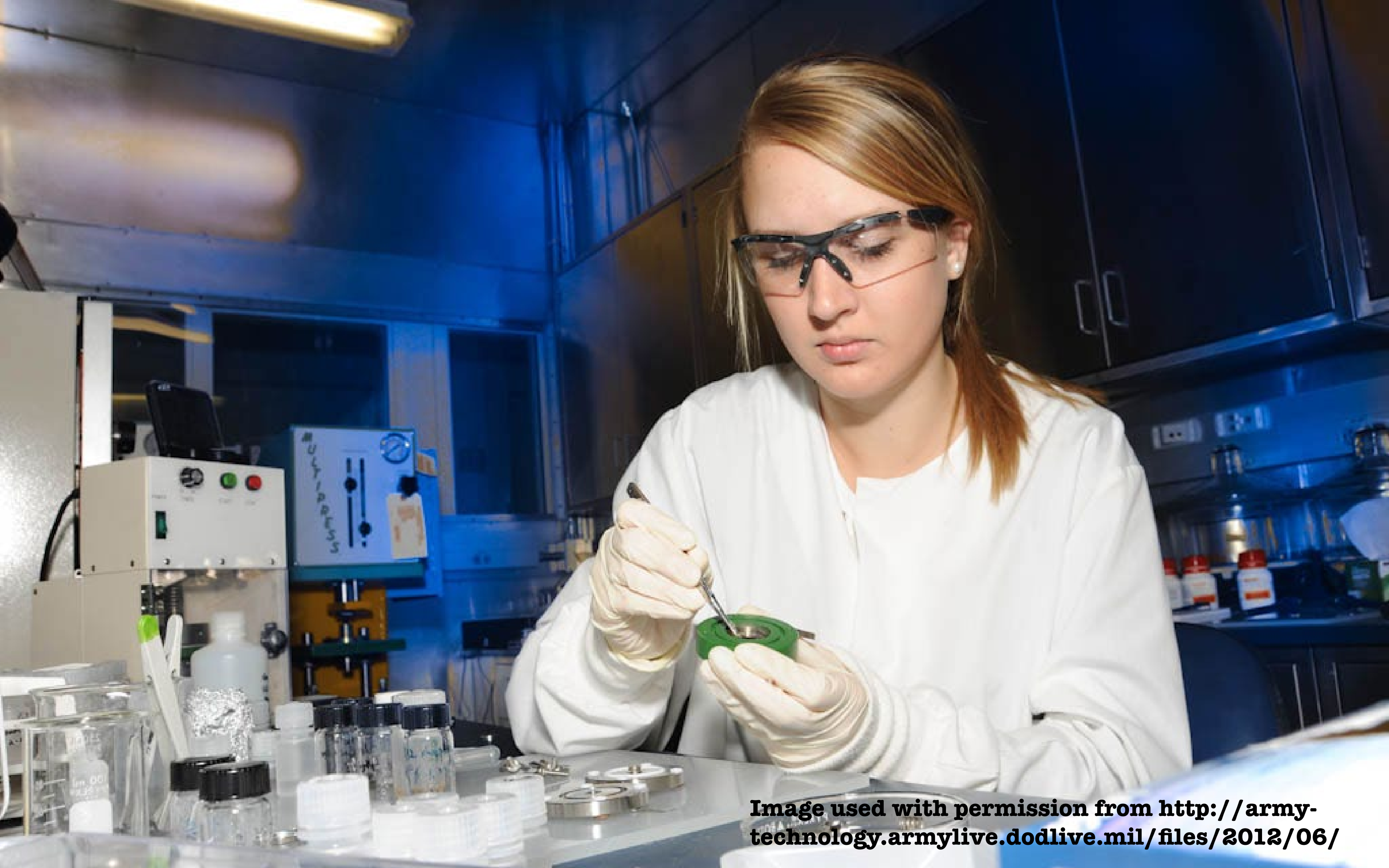


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Importance of research

professor and student

New Discovery •

Push Limits •

Personal engagement •

Tenure & Promotion •

Recognition •

Roadblocks to research

professor and student

- Not enough time!
- Perceived Difficulty
- Perceived enjoyment
- Funding



BORING!

Solutions

Clarity - What is research really? •

Sneak Attack (don't let them know!) •

Show value and rewards •

Make it part of a class or special topic •

Search internally & externally for funding •





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Bringing Intricate Details to Life with Automated Focus Stacking

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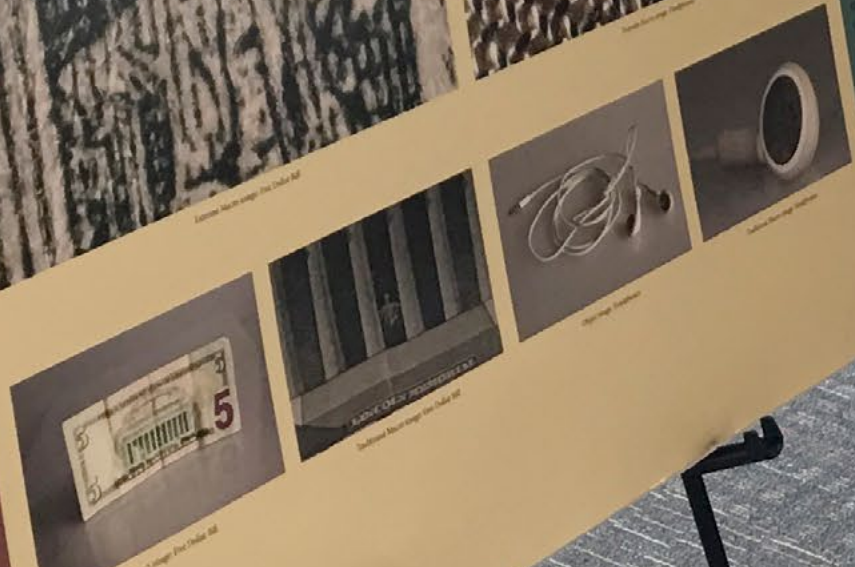
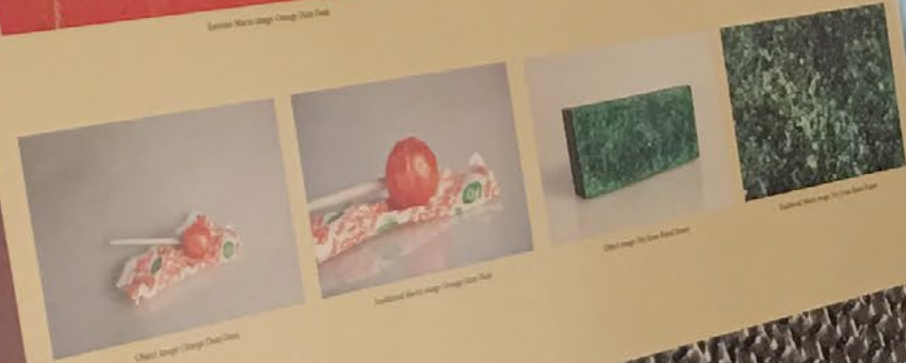
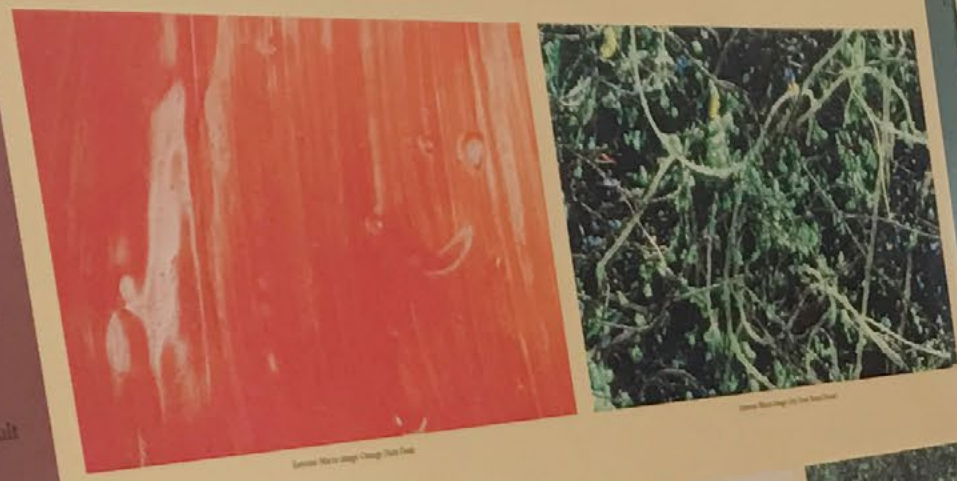
Intro

Macro photography allows us to see extreme details of subjects that we typically cannot see with our naked eye. A major limitation of traditional macro photography, however, is shallow depth of field. Due to the subject being so close to the lens, details become blurred and out of focus, except for on a single plane of focus. To remedy this problem, a photographer may attempt to use an extremely small aperture to lengthen the depth of field. The issue with this technique is that there must be a tremendous amount of light present to properly expose the subject, and using that amount of light might not even be possible depending on the circumstances.

A more feasible alternative is to focus stack. Focus stacking refers to the technique of taking multiple images and stacking them together. Each image will be taken with focus placed on a different plane. These images can then be stacked together in image editing software, and the result is a perfectly focused image from the front of the subject all the way to the back. This practice is tedious, as it may require hundreds of shots to be stacked together. Focus stacking takes very precise instruments and dedication from the photographer; however, the result allows humans to see intricate details of the subject that would have only previously been able to be seen if under a microscope.

Purpose

This project aims to use automated focus stacking hardware and software to create incredibly detailed photographs of everyday items and then compare the focus stacked images to images of the same subject using traditional macro techniques (single macro capture). This project will help show the capabilities of extreme macro photography and the specialized equipment used for capture.



Methodology

1. Choose the subject to be photographed.
2. Set up the camera on a tripod and adjust the aperture to a small value (e.g., f/16 or f/22).
3. Take a series of images, each with a different focus point.
4. Use image editing software to stack the images together.
5. Review the final stacked image and make adjustments as needed.

Conclusion

The project demonstrated that automated focus stacking can produce high-quality, detailed images of everyday objects that are difficult to capture with traditional macro photography. The use of specialized hardware and software significantly improved the depth of field and overall image quality.

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- Electrospinning produces nanofibers from a polymer solution.
- Poly(lactic acid) (PLA) was dissolved in a 1:1 ratio of chloroform and dichloroacetic acid (DCA).
- The pure PLA electrospun fibers were dried for four hours at 40°C.
- Nano-sized calcium phosphate ($Ca_3(PO_4)_2$) solution (2.5, 5, 10 mg/ml) was added to the PLA solution.
- The solutions were electrospun for fifteen minutes.
- Each PLA-hydroxyapatite (HA) electrospun fiber was dried for 15kV.
- The PLA and HA fibers were then dried for twelve hours.

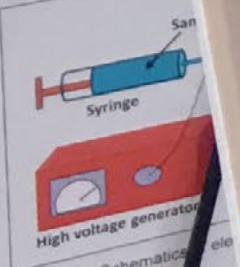


Fig 1- Schematic of electrospinning setup

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Graphene-based materials for supercapacitor electrodes: A review



Abstract

Supercapacitors are energy storage devices that combine the high power density of capacitors with the high energy density of batteries. Graphene-based materials have emerged as promising candidates for supercapacitor electrodes due to their unique properties, including high surface area, excellent electrical conductivity, and mechanical strength. This review discusses the synthesis, characterization, and application of graphene-based materials in supercapacitor electrodes. The challenges and future perspectives in this field are also discussed.

Impact of a job well done

student

- New knowledge base and way of thinking
- Expanded possibilities
- Well rounded for employment
- Innovator instead of consumer
- Confidence boost

Impact of a job well done

professor

Gained knowledge as well •

Lays foundation for student involvement •

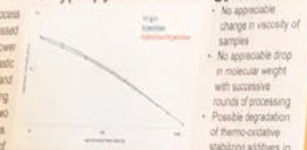
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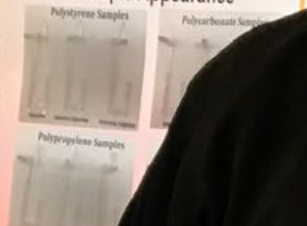
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Polypropylene Rheology at 230°C



Sample Appearance



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SINFONIA

Human color difference thresholds between

Pittsburg State University

Materials/Method

The population will include Pittsburg State University
Graphics and Imaging Technology major and minor students.

Survey Instrument

There will be three different survey instruments used for
study. Participants must first pass two color vision tests
that they are not color deficient, and to assure
normal color vision. Normal color vision will
be defined as a total error of 100 (FM 100) color
vision test score. This range of normal color vision
will be defined as a total error of 100 (FM 100) color
vision test score.

Test

1) is the industry
standard. The test
plate contains a
number of color
patches. The test
is used to determine
if a person is color
deficient. If a
person is color
deficient, they will
be excluded from
the study.

Acuity Test

The test
is used to measure
visual acuity. The
test is used to
determine if a
person is able to
read the numbers
on the test chart.
If a person is
unable to read the
numbers, they will
be excluded from
the study.

Threshold Test

The test is used to
gather data on
color difference
thresholds. The
test is used to
determine if
participants can
differentiate
between similar
color patches. These
values will be
measured by a
device.

swatches were created that was three inches wide by three
inches tall. This size was used in order to give enough space
to take random color readings with the Node+Chroma® for
generalization purposes. It was also found to be a convenient
size for judging color samples from an approximate
distance of one foot. The distance between the subject
and the sample needs to be held constant in order to get
generalizable results. The measurement of one foot was
used simply because it was deemed to be a comfortable
viewing distance compared to the size of the swatches and
viewing booth. The distance was measured from the edge of
the viewing booth to the approximate plane of the subject's
eyes for consistency.

Two sets of color tests were chosen for the test. The
colors chosen to test individuals were in the hue designation
of blue and red. Blue and red were chosen based upon a
previous study done by Hurlbert and Ling that found a
preference for blues across both genders and a preference
for reds or pinks across both genders.

A control blue swatch was created with the CMYK values
of: Cyan = 100%, Magenta = 50%, Yellow = 0% and Black
= 0%. A control red swatch was also created with the values
of: Cyan = 0%, Magenta = 100%, Yellow = 75% and Black
= 0%. From the control, four more swatches were created
for each color. These four swatches would need to have
an approximate color difference from the control of 1.5ΔE,
2.0ΔE, 2.5ΔE and 3.0ΔE.

Using a collective theory from previous studies, the saturation
of the color was manipulated in order to achieve the
various color differences. A swatch would have incremental
amounts of yellow added into it in order to desaturate the
blue or it would have cyan added to desaturate the red. A
sample was printed, then the Node+Chroma® device was
used to determine color differences between the control
and each desaturated swatch. Because of the variability of
paper fibers, each swatch was tested ten times in different
areas and an average color difference was calculated. The
characteristics of the final swatches chosen are documented
in figure 3.

Once the swatch values were identified, they were arranged
in InDesign to put four swatches on an 11x17" sheet. These
swatches were arranged in such a way that they would
create two separate pairs of swatches. In each pair there
would be a control and one of the swatches that would have
a color difference from the control. There was also two pair
that was both controls with a negligible color difference
(defined as 0.5ΔE).



Impact of a job well done

university

- recognition
- stronger program built on findings
- sets standard for other departments and students

DETERMINING TYPICAL HUMAN COLOR DIFFERENCE THRESHOLDS BETWEEN OPPOSITE SEXES

STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM:
It is not known if there is a difference between the color difference thresholds of males and females with typical color vision.

RESEARCH QUESTION:
What is the difference between male and female color vision thresholds when viewing two color swatches that have a color difference of approximately 1 Delta E, 1.5 Delta E, 2 Delta E, 2.5 Delta E, and 3 Delta E?

INSTRUMENTS:
There will be three different survey instruments used for the study. Participants must first pass two color vision tests to ensure that they are not color deficient, and to ensure that they have normal color vision. Normal color vision will be measured by a Ferrisburgh-Munsell 100 (FM 100) color patch test. Normal color vision will be defined as a total error score between 20 and 100 on the FM 100 test. This range of acceptable total error score was determined by the median of the FM 100 test for a determination of normal color vision. Participants will finally be given the Color Threshold Test to determine the way they see differences between similar colors.

PARTICIPANTS

56 total
Male: 26
Female: 30



A control blue swatch was created with the CMYK values of: Cyan = 100%, Magenta = 50%, Yellow = 0% and Black = 0%.

A control red swatch was also created with the values of: Cyan = 0%, Magenta = 100%, Yellow = 75% and Black = 0%.

From the control, four more swatches were created for each color. These four swatches would need to have an approximate color difference from the control of 1.5ΔE, 2.0ΔE, 2.5ΔE and 3.0ΔE.

RESEARCH QUICK HITS

SWATCHES

Most participants mentioned that the blue swatches were more difficult.
This is backed up by these stats:
Red misses overall: 15
Blue misses overall: 67

PRELIMINARY FINDINGS

The preliminary findings suggest that females have a slightly more accurate ability to determine differences between various color swatches.
It was found that all participants had a difficult time seeing differences between blue swatches opposed to red swatches.

MISSES

Males: 44 misses = the males make up 46% of the population, but account for 54% of the misses.
Females: 38 misses = the females make up 54% of the population, and account for 46% of the misses.

Conclusion: Females were slightly better able to discern color differences as a whole.

