

A continuous rating experiment to test the feasibility of working with high-luminance monitors to increase light at eye level

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Framework

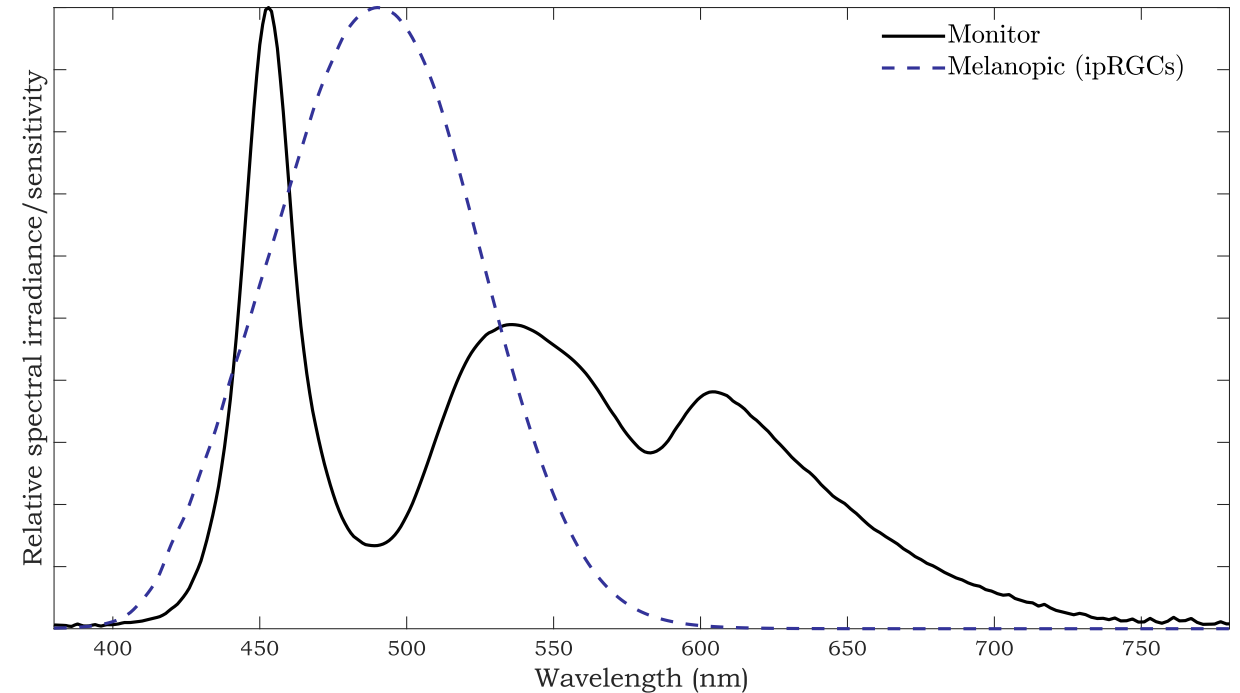
- People spend a lot of time indoors
 - Limited daylight exposure (especially during winter)
 - Negative influence on sleep, mood and attention



How do we get more light indoors?

Framework

- Most office work employs computers
 - One or more monitors
 - Spectrum towards short wavelengths (~6500 K)
 - Light directed to the eye



Employ high-luminance monitors?

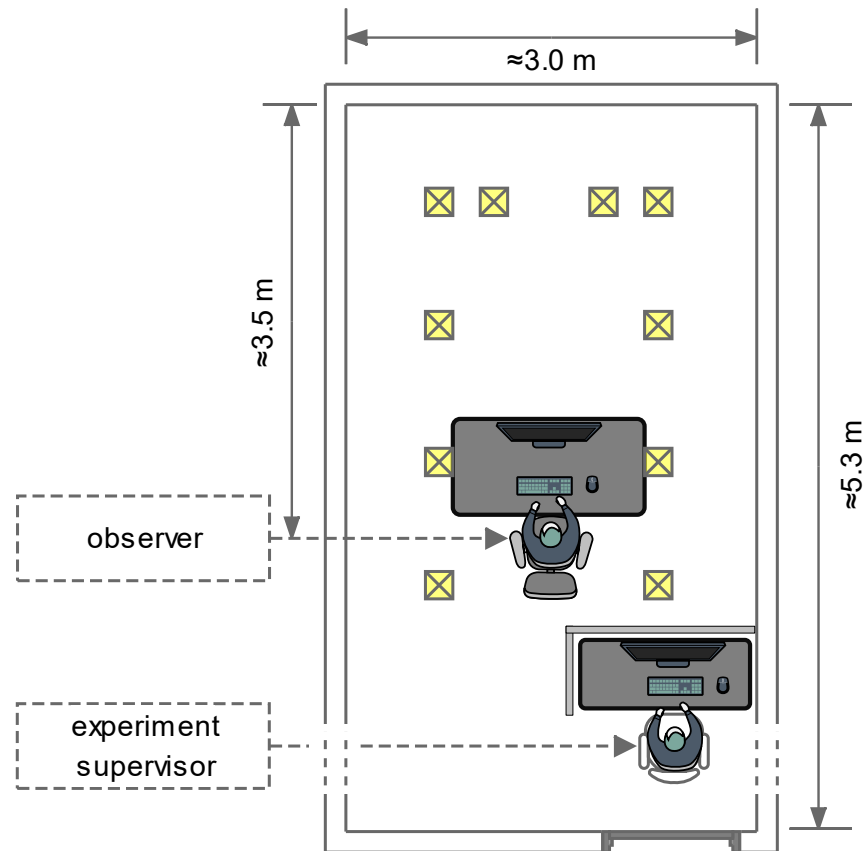
Research question



Hypothesis:
“a higher monitor luminance would require a higher ambient luminance to maintain adequate reading comfort”

Design

Small windowless office



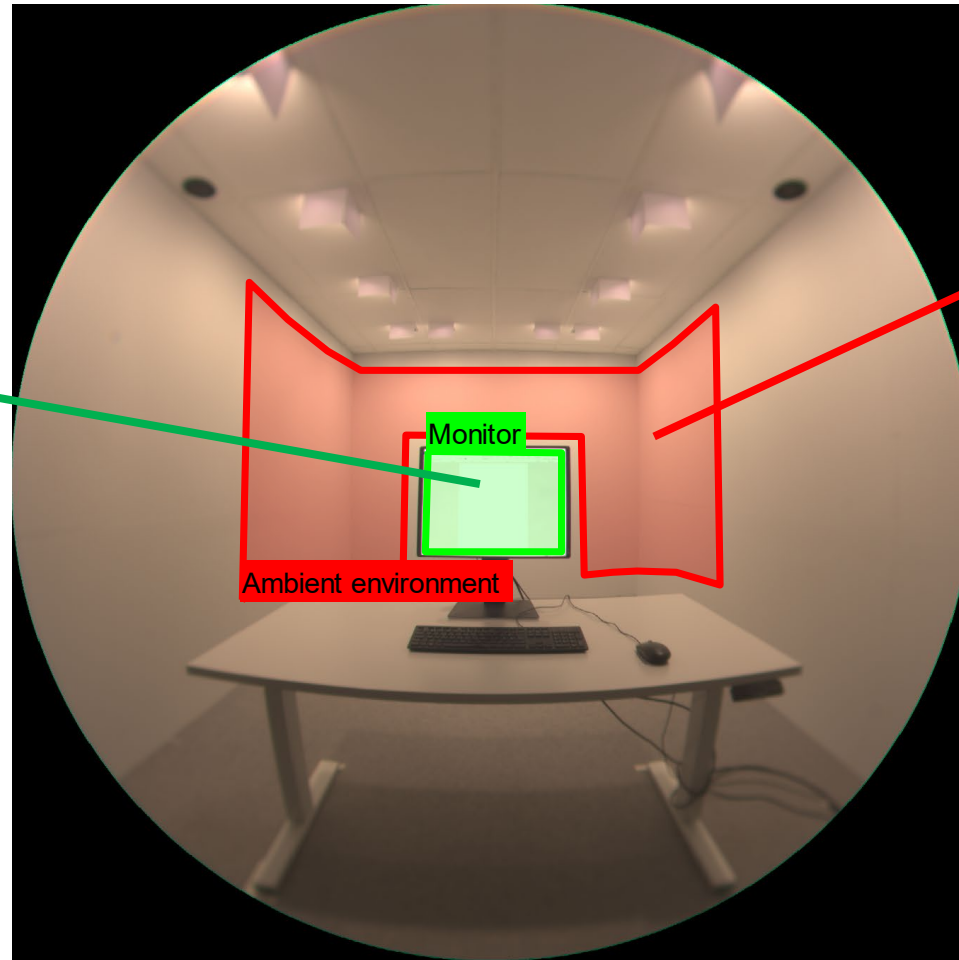
21-inch monitor



Design

4 luminance levels:

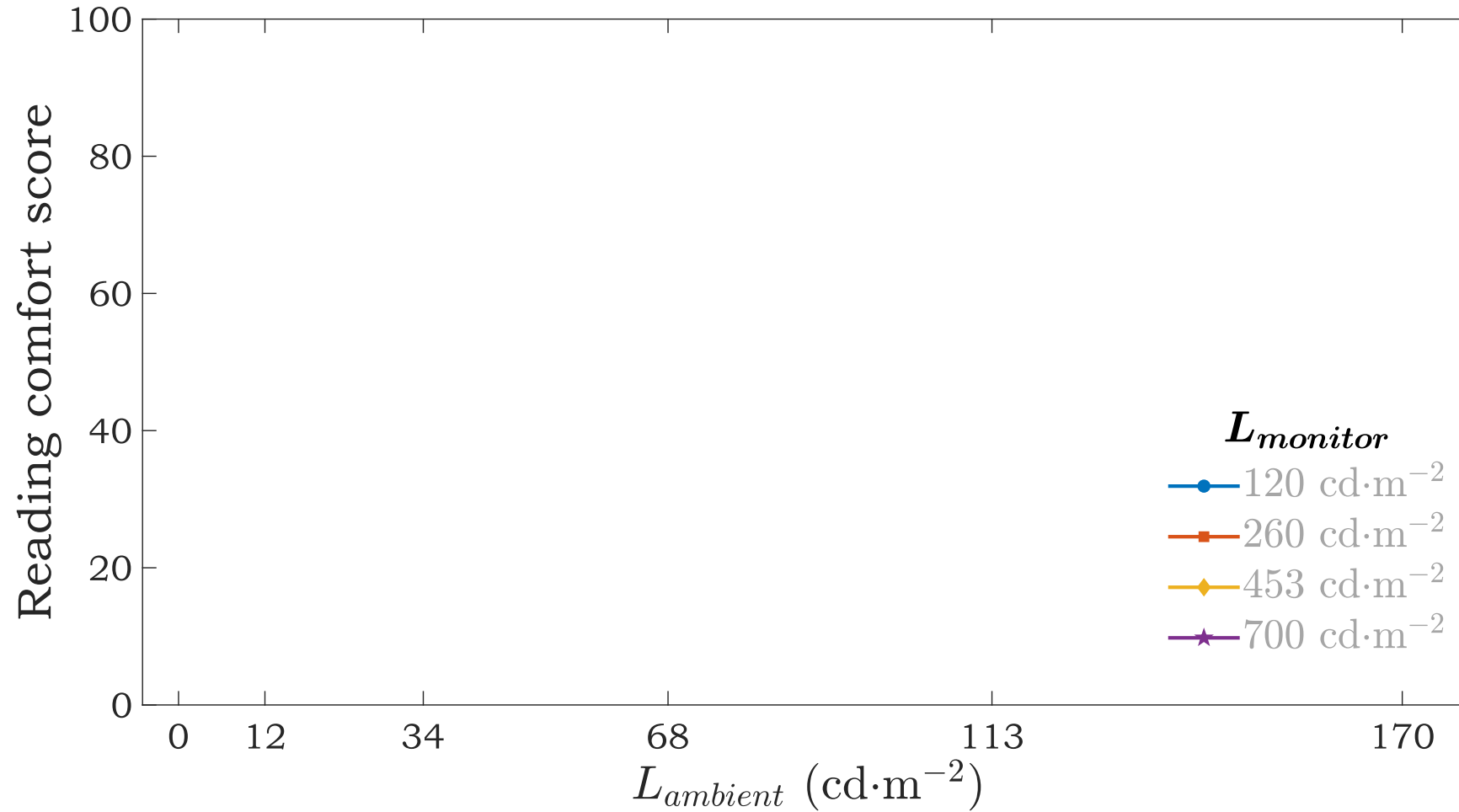
- $120 \text{ cd} \cdot \text{m}^{-2}$
- $260 \text{ cd} \cdot \text{m}^{-2}$
- $453 \text{ cd} \cdot \text{m}^{-2}$
- $700 \text{ cd} \cdot \text{m}^{-2}$



6 luminance levels:

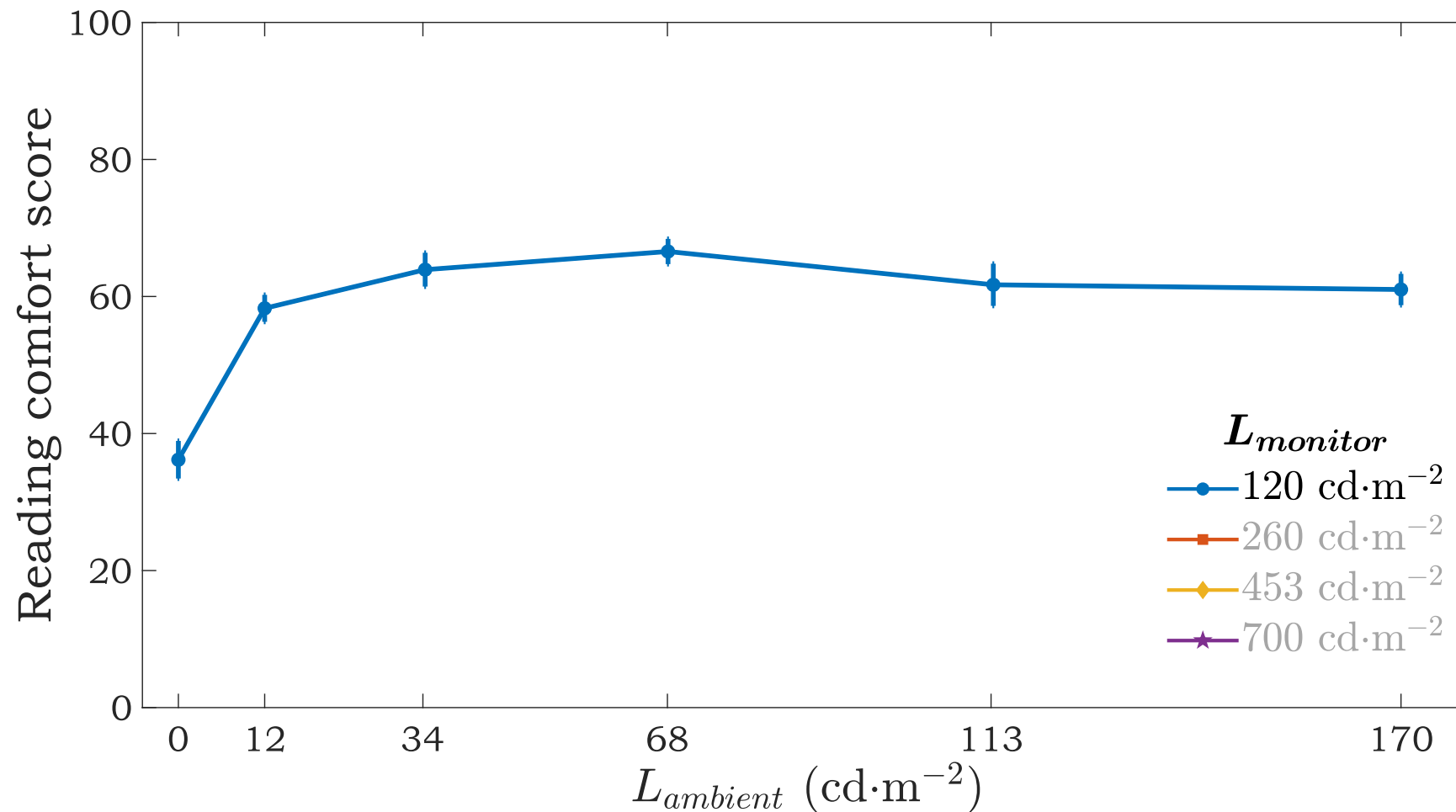
- $0 \text{ cd} \cdot \text{m}^{-2}$
- $12 \text{ cd} \cdot \text{m}^{-2}$
- $34 \text{ cd} \cdot \text{m}^{-2}$
- $68 \text{ cd} \cdot \text{m}^{-2}$
- $113 \text{ cd} \cdot \text{m}^{-2}$
- $170 \text{ cd} \cdot \text{m}^{-2}$

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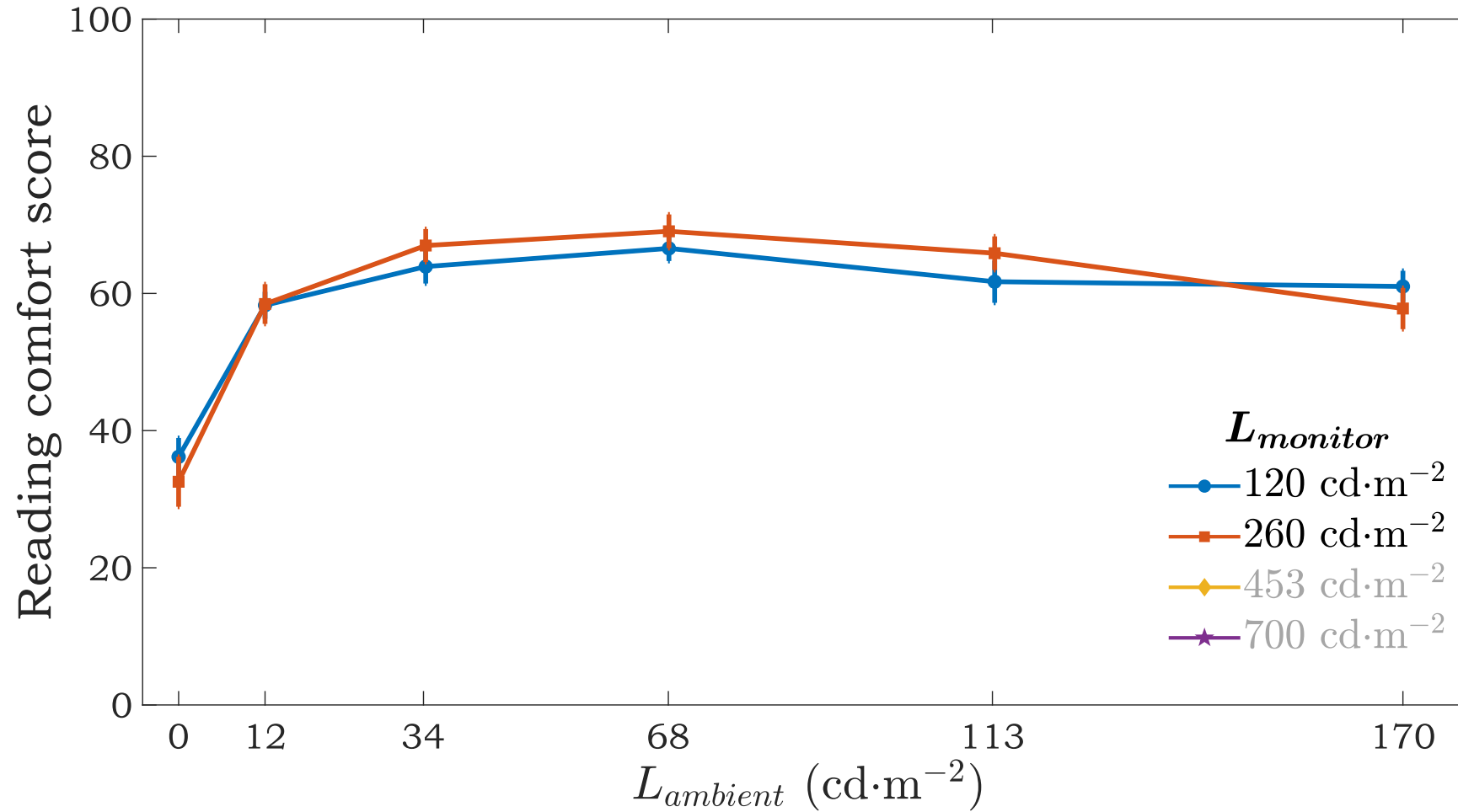
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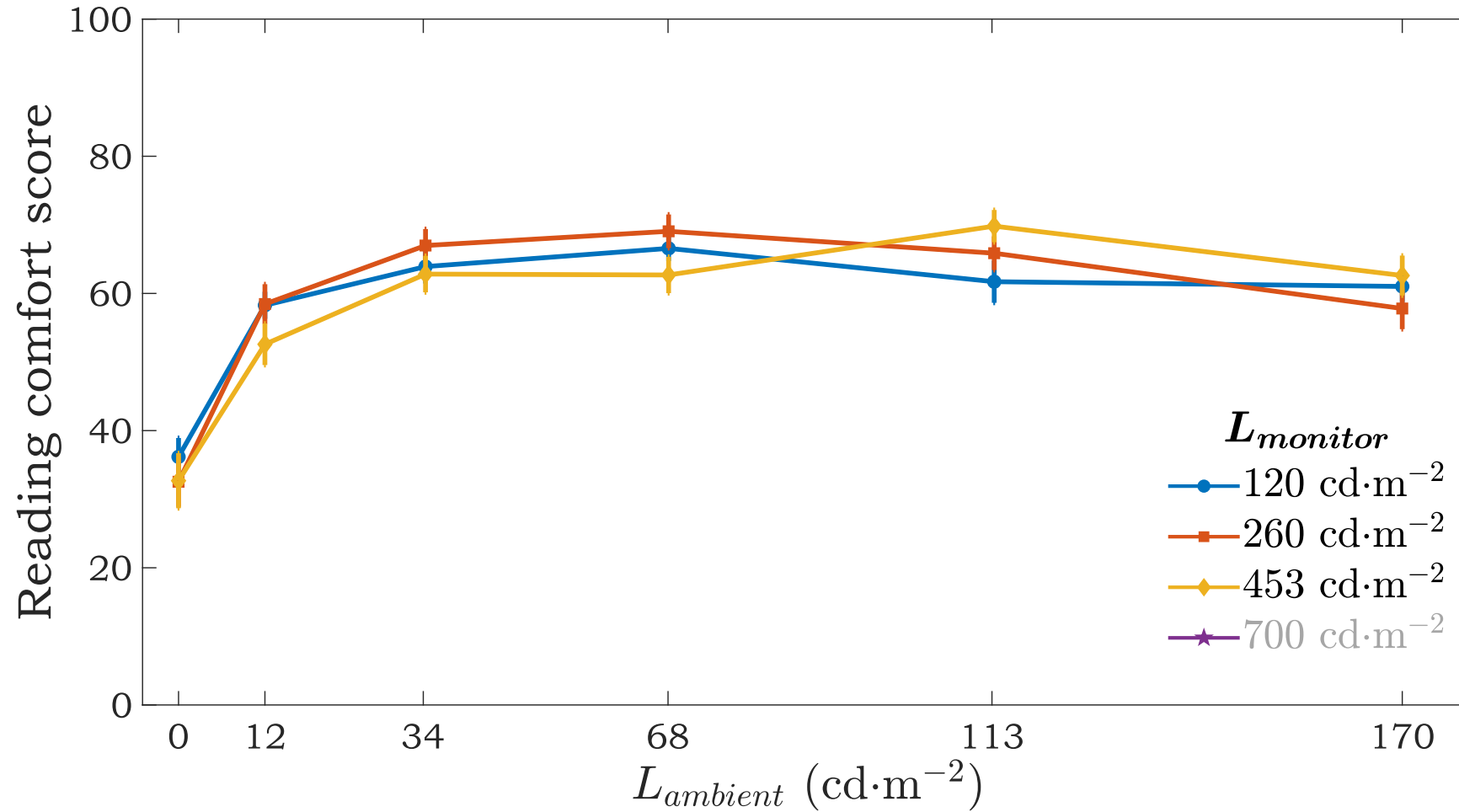
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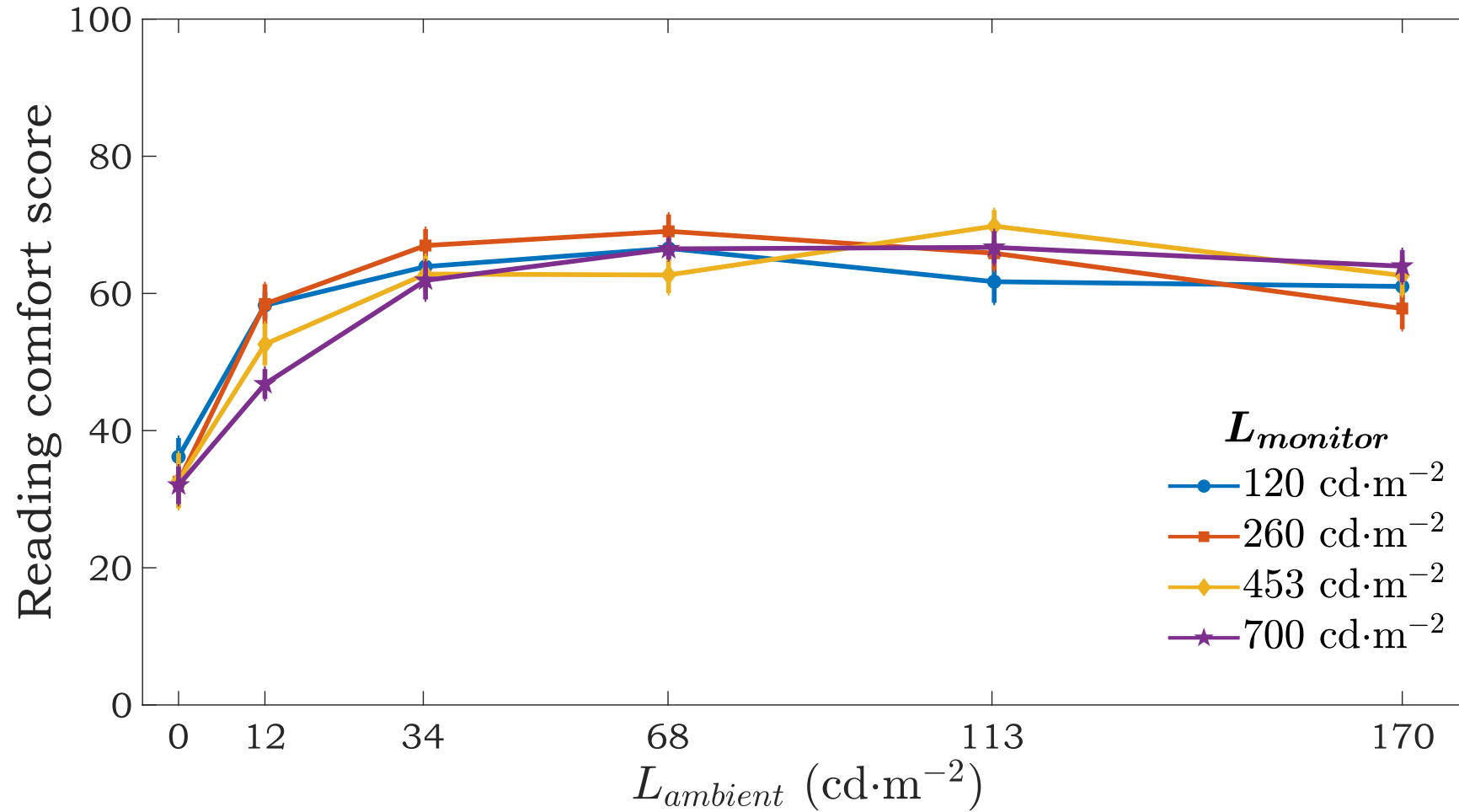
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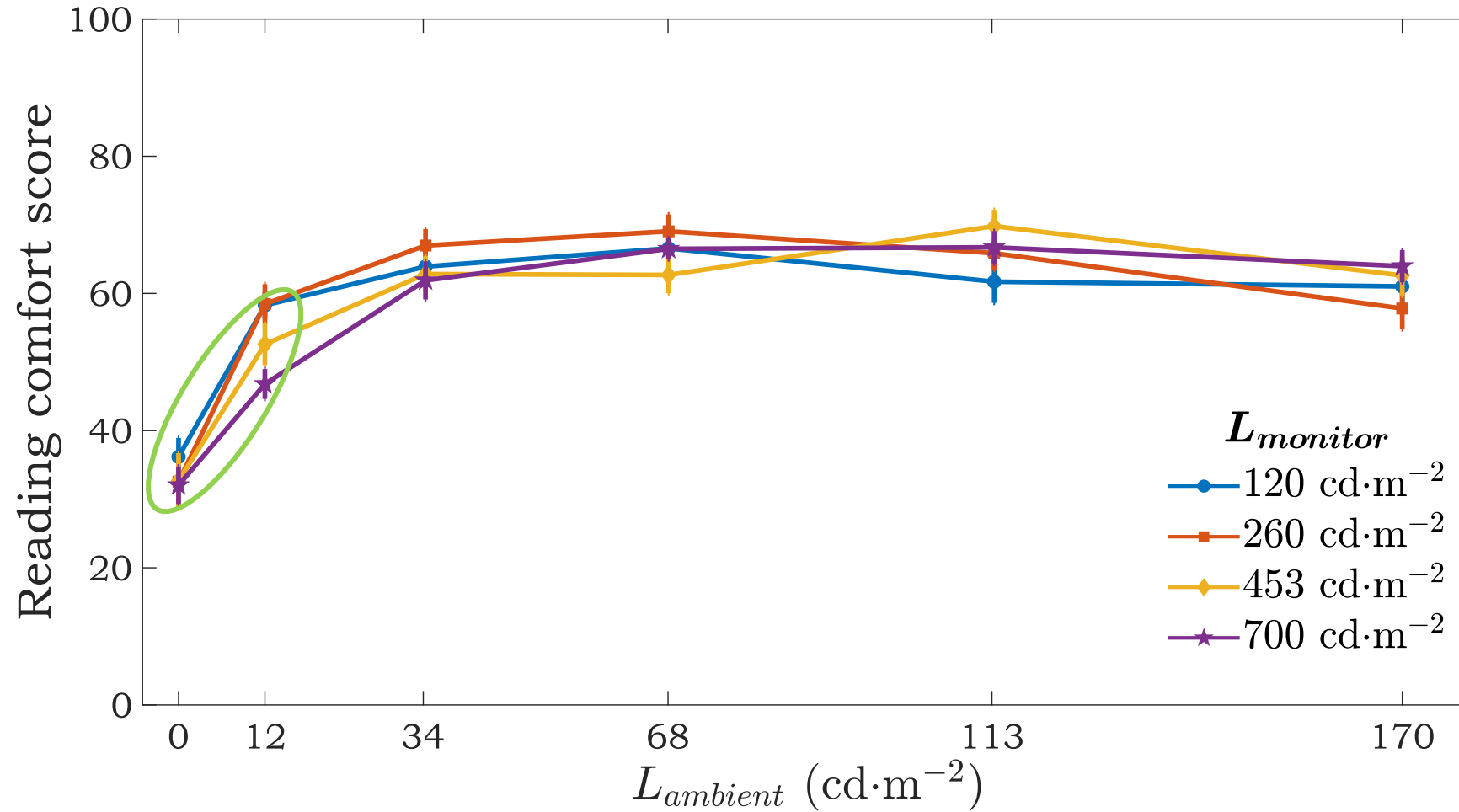
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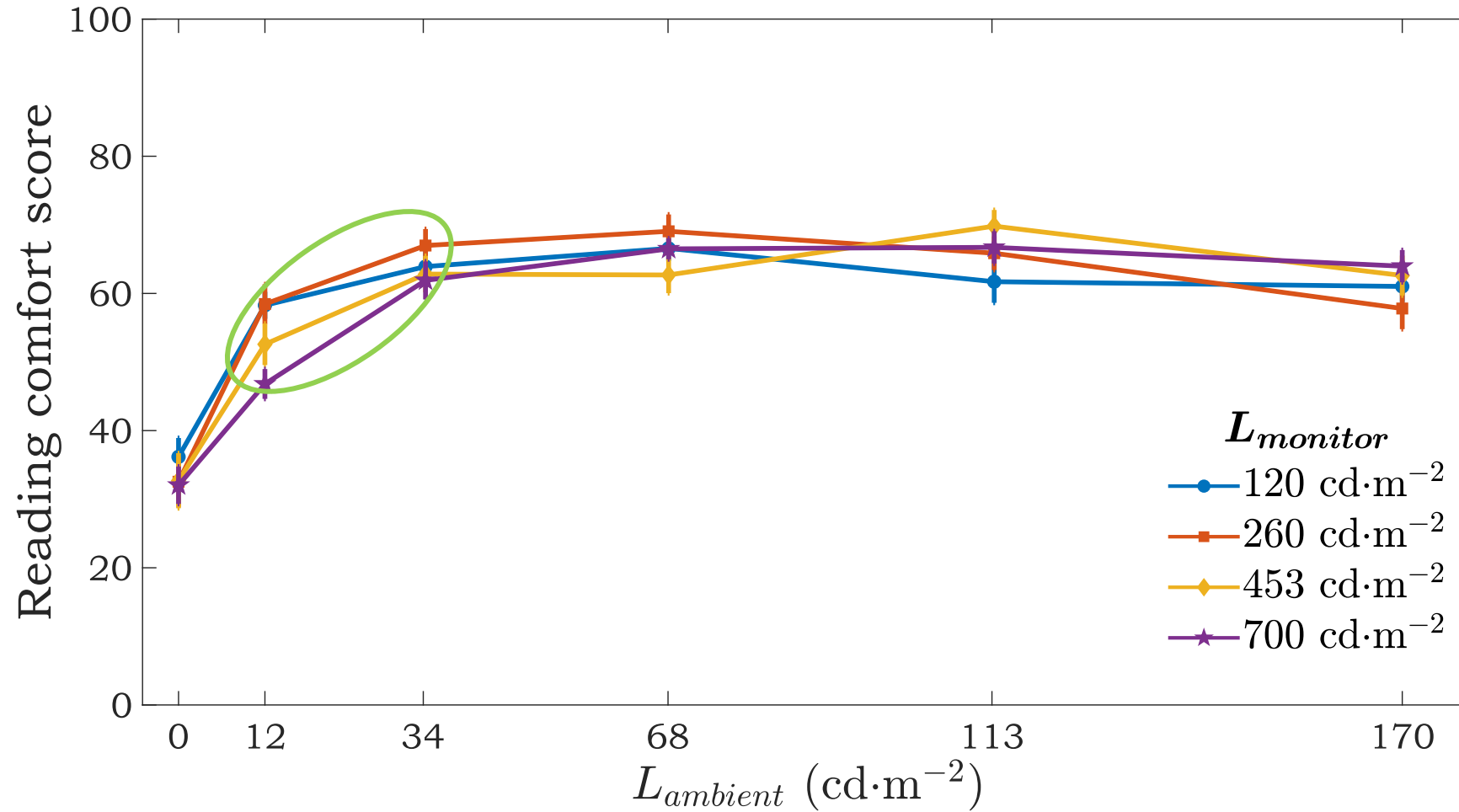
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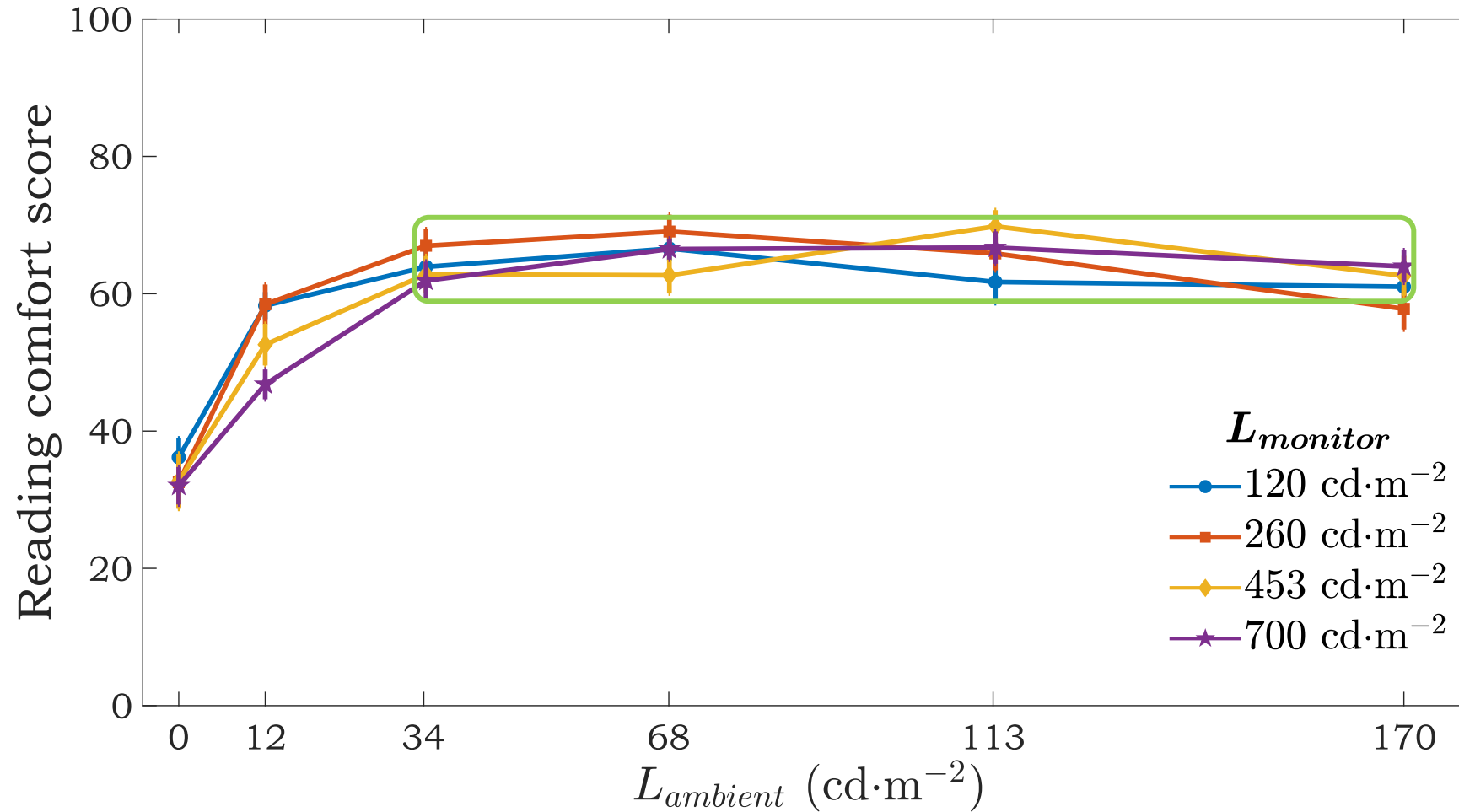
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Discussion

- No dependence of monitor luminance levels on reading comfort
 - Unexpected! → inadequate design?
 - Additional visual experiment is planned → paired comparison
- Translation to realistic scenario?
 - Duration time experiment (1,5h) ↔ 8h working day

Working with high-luminance monitors might be feasible to
increase light at eye level

