# **Perceiving Two Dimensions**

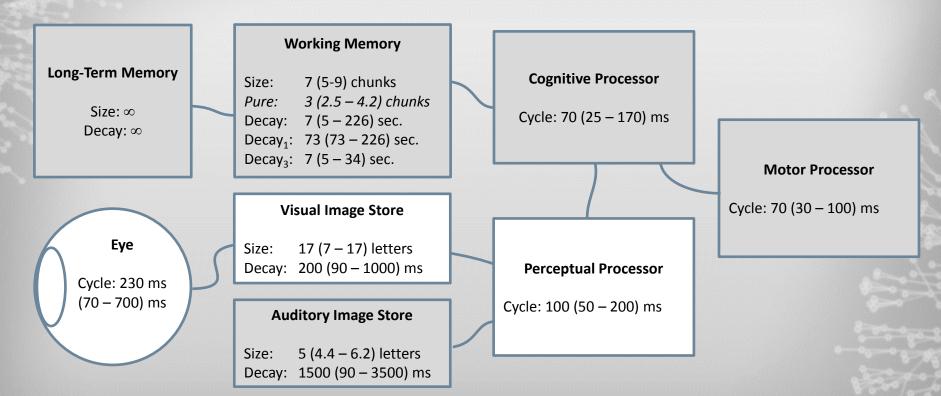
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#### What We Will Learn

- How does the human visual system collect individual rod and cone signals into a shape?
- How can I make sure visual data will be properly perceived?

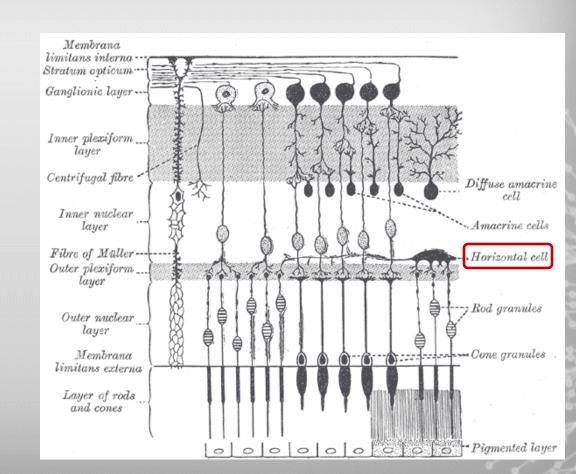
### The Model Human Processor



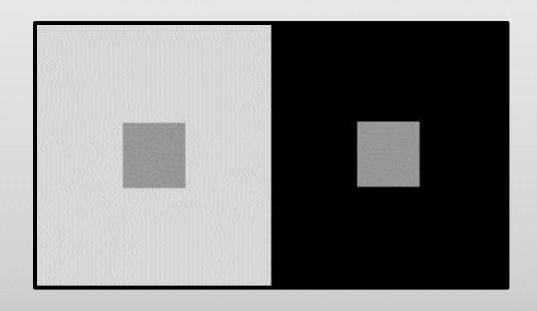
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#### **Lateral Inhibition**

- Horizontal cells
   accentuate and
   exaggerates differences
   in space and time
- Eye's internal real-time edge and motion detector
- Used to detect predators like tigers in the bushes

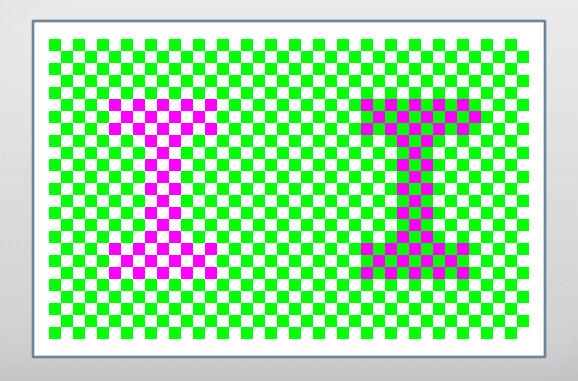


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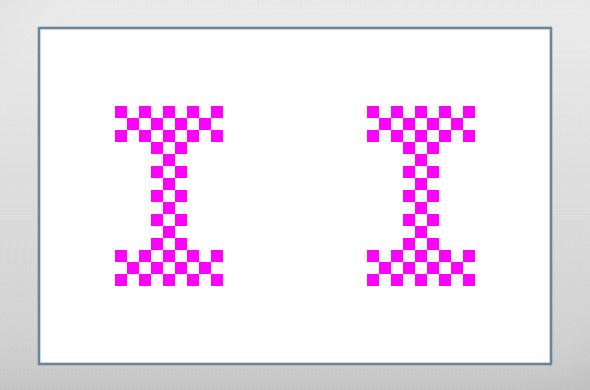


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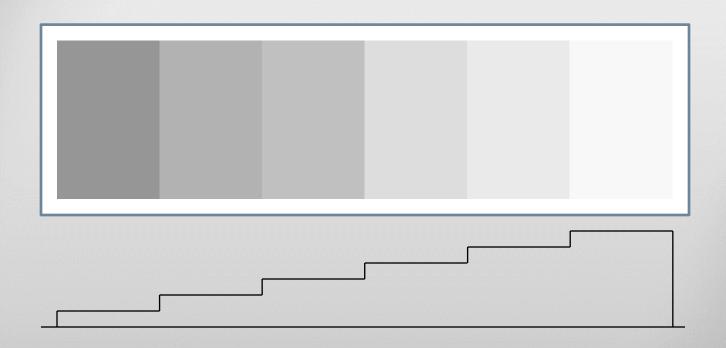
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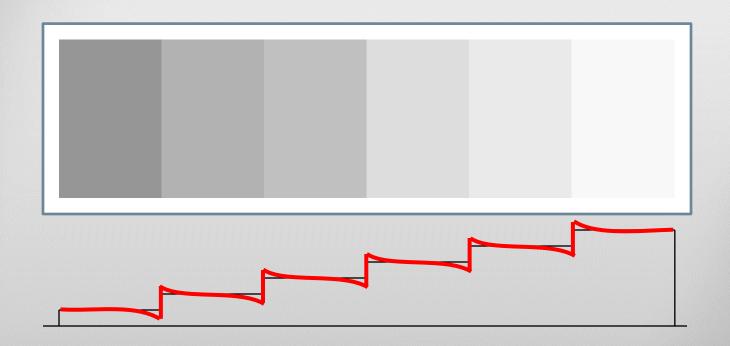
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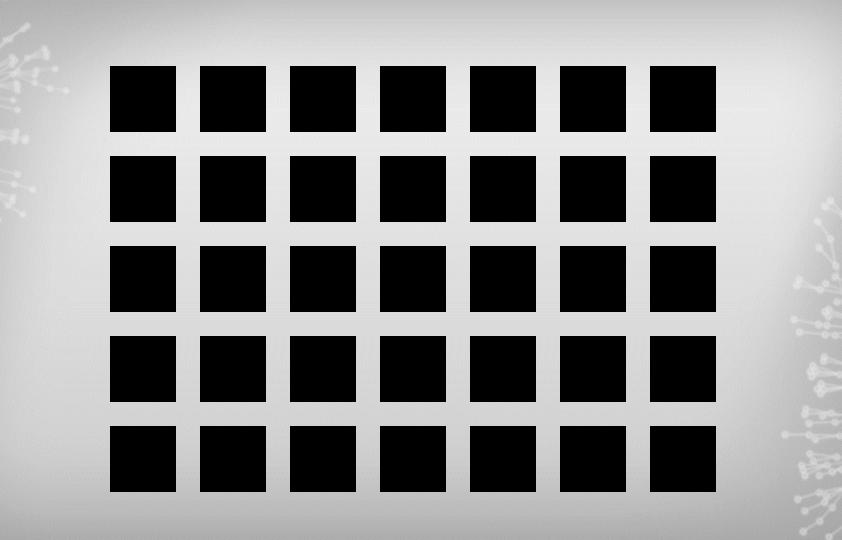


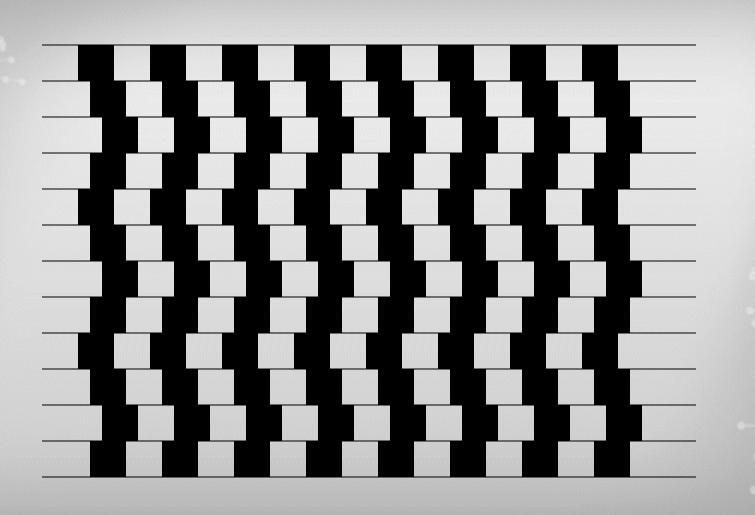
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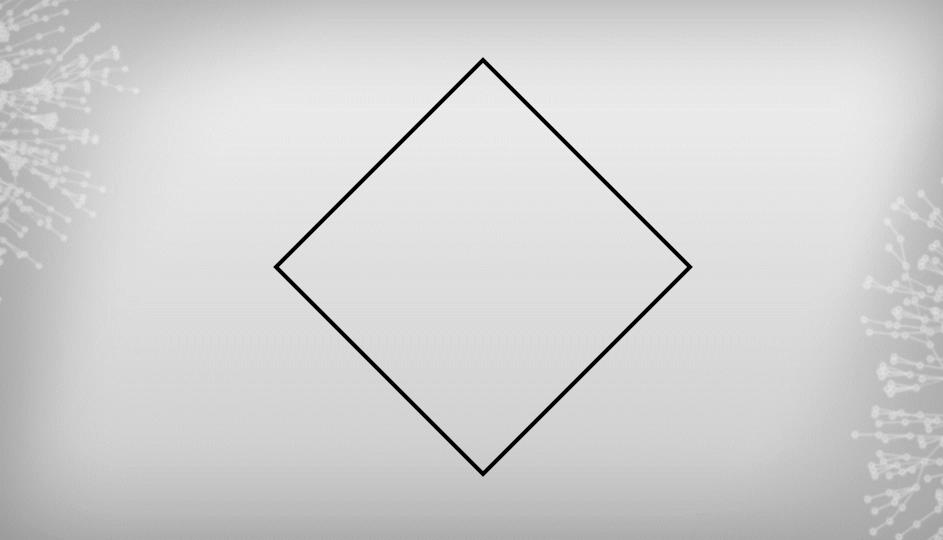
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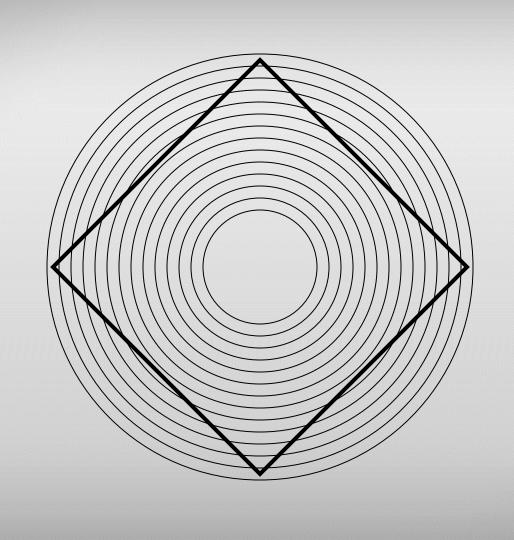




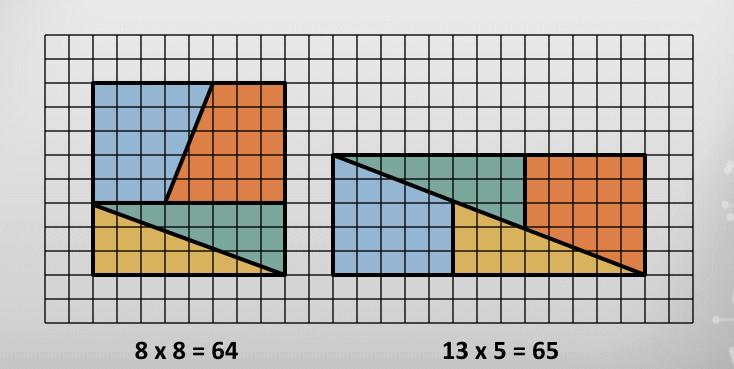




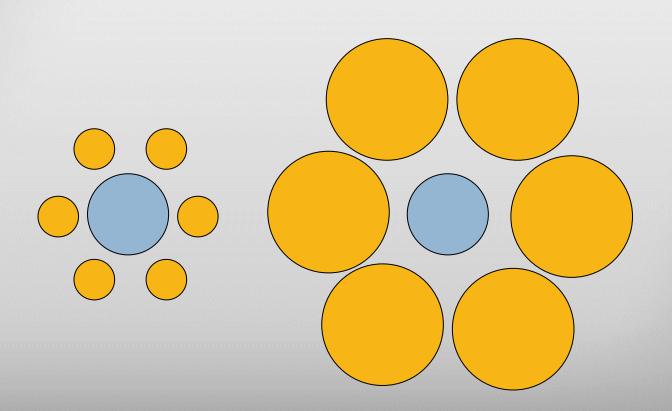




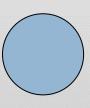
# Perception v. Cognition



#### Size Context



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#### What Did We Learn?

- Various forms of lateral inhibition help our visual system see and accentuate shapes in context of neighboring shapes
- This lateral inhibition can also interfere with the proper perception of visual data
- Always use consistent contexts for visual comparisons