



Katedra psychologie

# ATTENTION

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# Attention



# Attention

- Selectivity
- 2 stages
  - Focusing
  - Concentration
- Formal function

# Covert vs overt attention

## **Covert attention**

- Based on orienting response (Pavlov)
- Bottom-up process
  - new, intensive, surprising, dangerous stimuli
  - connected with needs

## **Overt attention**

- Conscious intention
- Requires effort
- Top-down process

# Attention - properties

- Selectivity
  - Enhancement and suppression
- Concentration
  - Intensity vs quantity
- Distribution
  - More stimuli/activities, automatic processes
- Capacity
  - $7 \pm 2$  (G.E. Miller), 4-5 chunks/objects
- Stability
  - Tracking one object, fluctuations

# Theories – model situations

## **Passive recipient**

- Multiple signals, one preferred

## **Agent**

- Multiple activities performed simultaneously

# Theories of attention

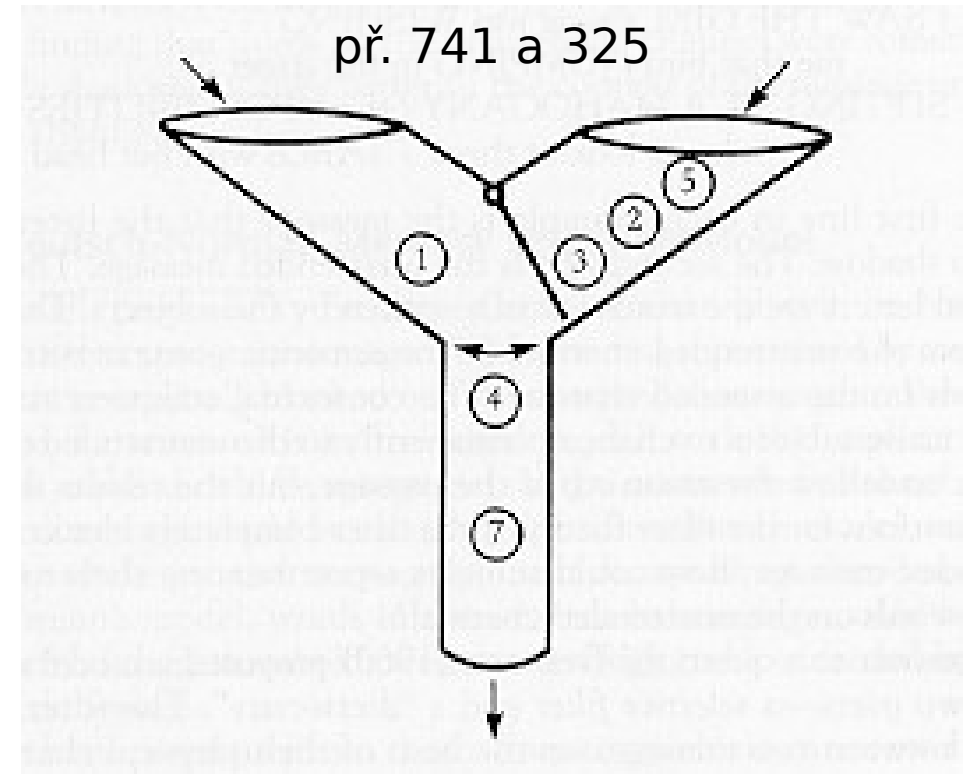
- Filter models
  - D.E.Broadbent
  - A.Treisman
  - Deutsch & Deutsch
  - Johnston & Heinz
- Capacity models
  - D.Kahneman
  - D.A.Norman & D.G.Bobrow





# Donald Broadbent

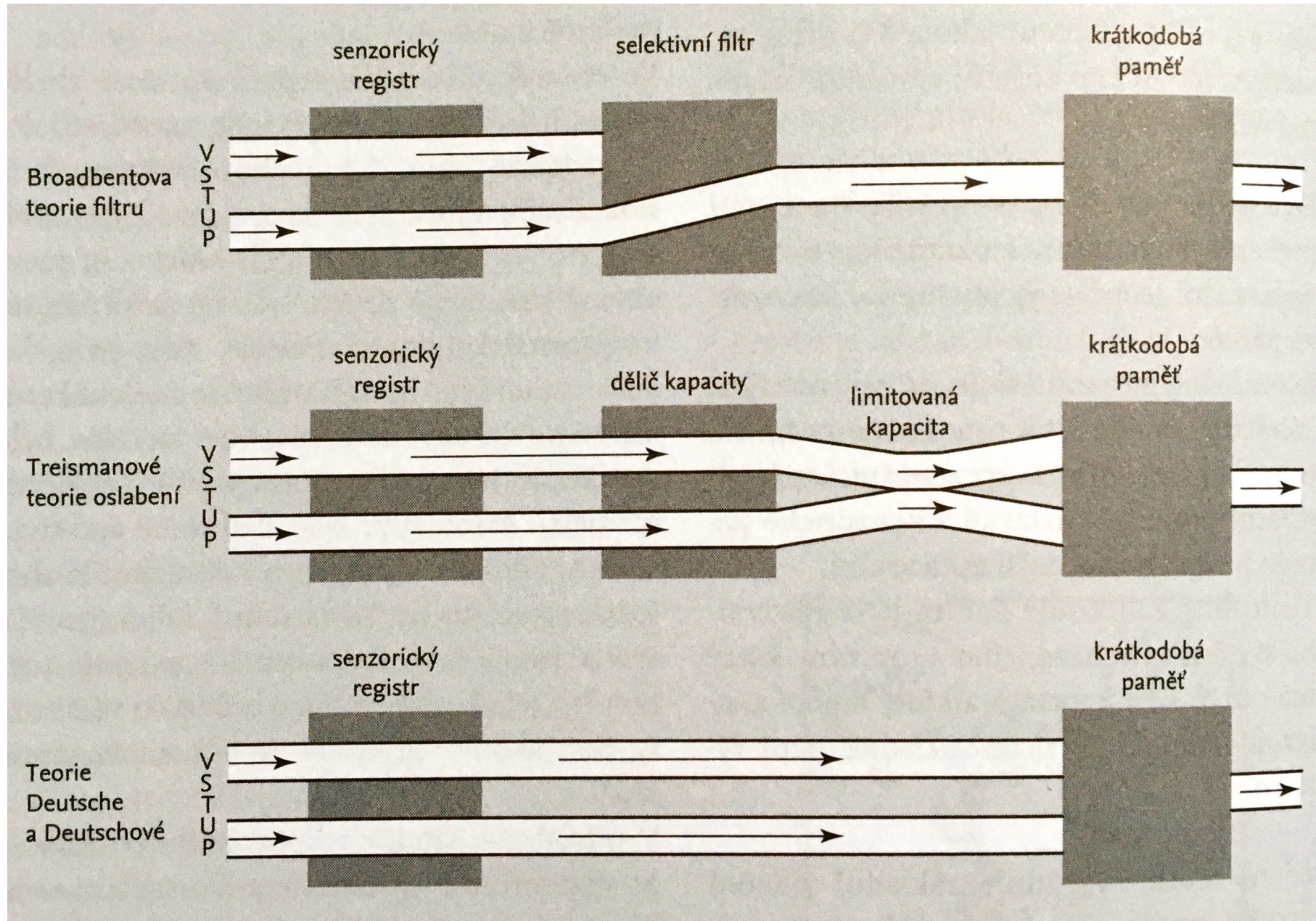
- Dichotic listening
  - Colin Cherry
  - Cocktail party problem
  - Shadowing
- “mechanical model”
  - Balls, priority, force/momentum
  - **Physical properties** of stimuli, early filtering
- Immediate memory





# Alternatives

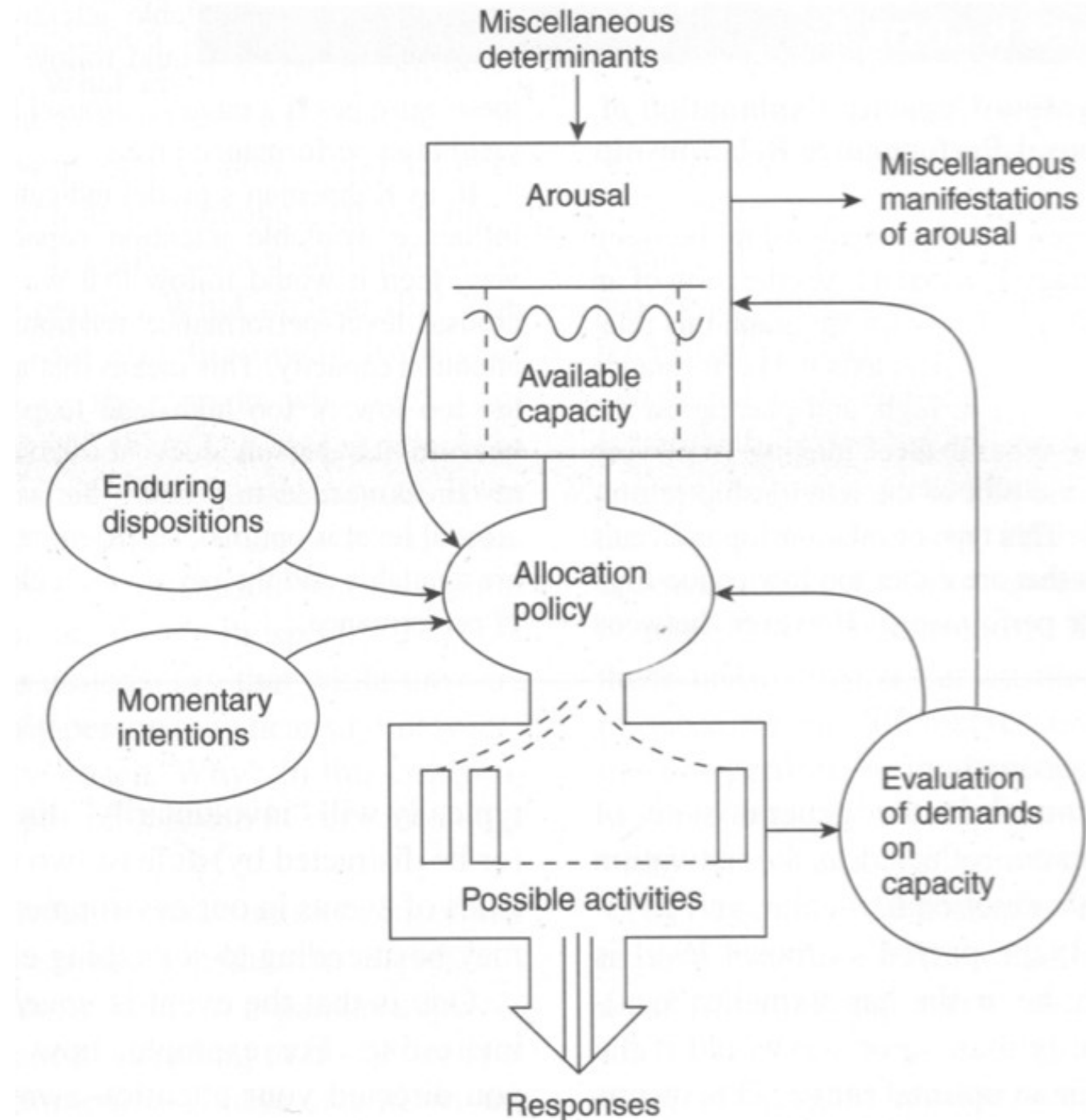
- Attenuation model – A. Treisman
  - Limited capacity
  - Every signal gets some portion
- Late filter – Deutsch & Deutsch
  - Meaning is processed
  - Stimuli selected based on **meaning**
- Flexible model – Johnston & Heinz
  - Selection possible in several stages
  - Early selection saves effort
- Perceptual Load Theory - Lavie
  - We distribute resources based on task-relevance.
  - Remaining resources may be used for other things





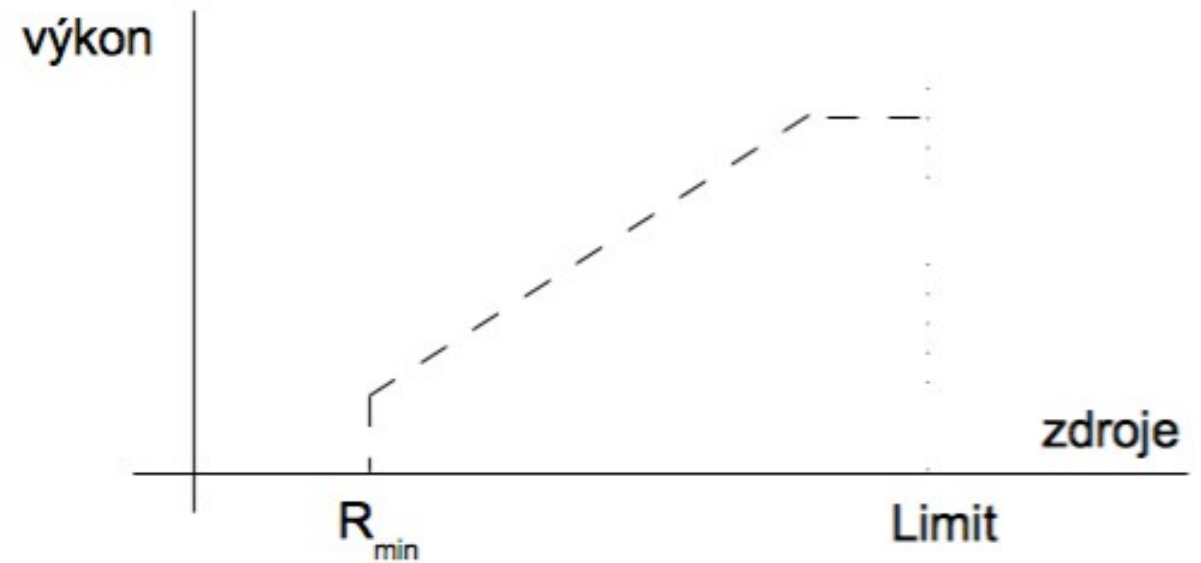
# Capacity model

- D.Kahneman (1973)
- Dual-task method
- Interference
  - Receptors/effectors

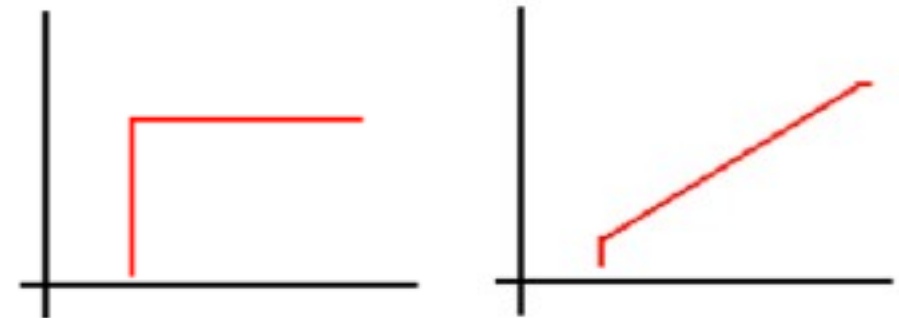


# Resources and performance

- D.A.Norman & D.G.Bobrow



- Data-limited vs Resource-limited processes
  - DLP – notice phone ringing
  - RLP – mathematical tasks

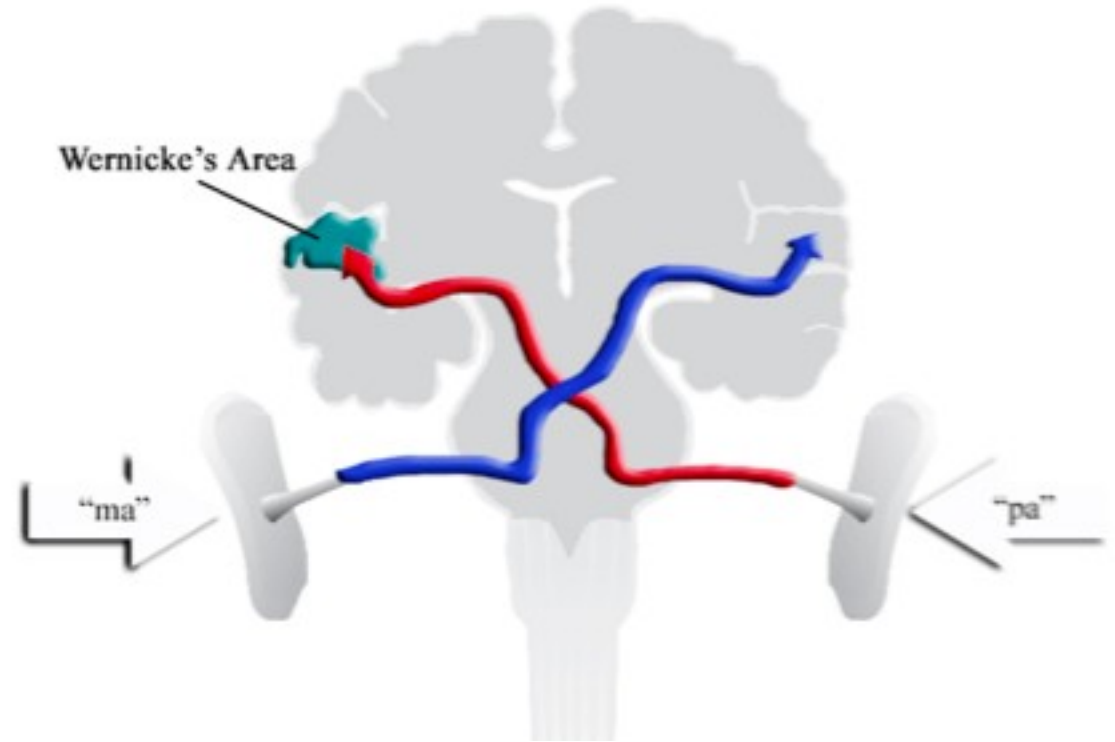


# Methods and approaches

- Auditory attention
- Visual attention
  - Eye movements
  - Saliency
  - Feature integration theory

# Auditory attention

- Cocktail party effect
- Shadowing task
- Dichotic listening



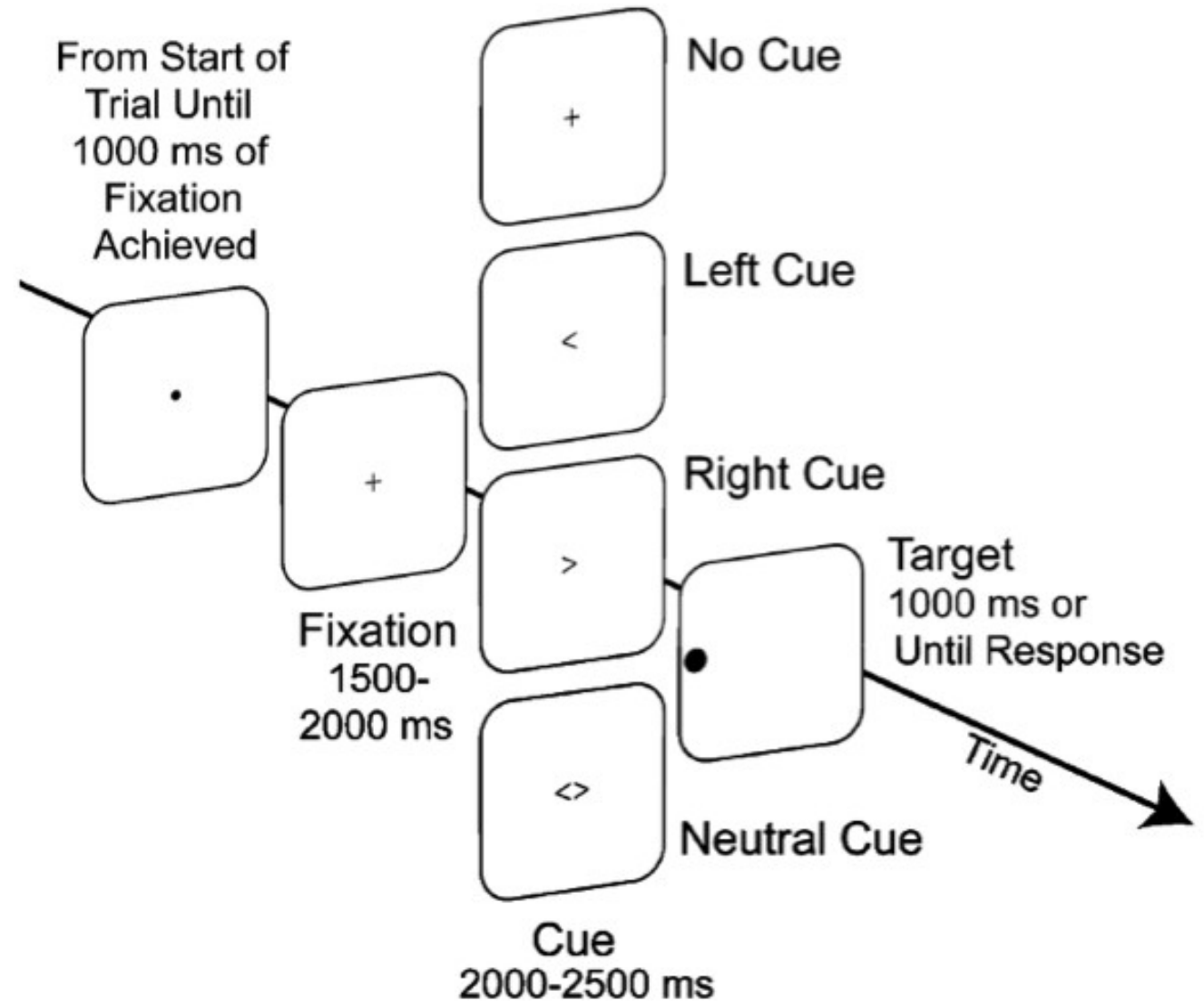
# Visual attention

- Overt attention
  - Eye-tracking
  - Scan-paths, task dependent
- Covert attention
  - Saliency
- Visual search



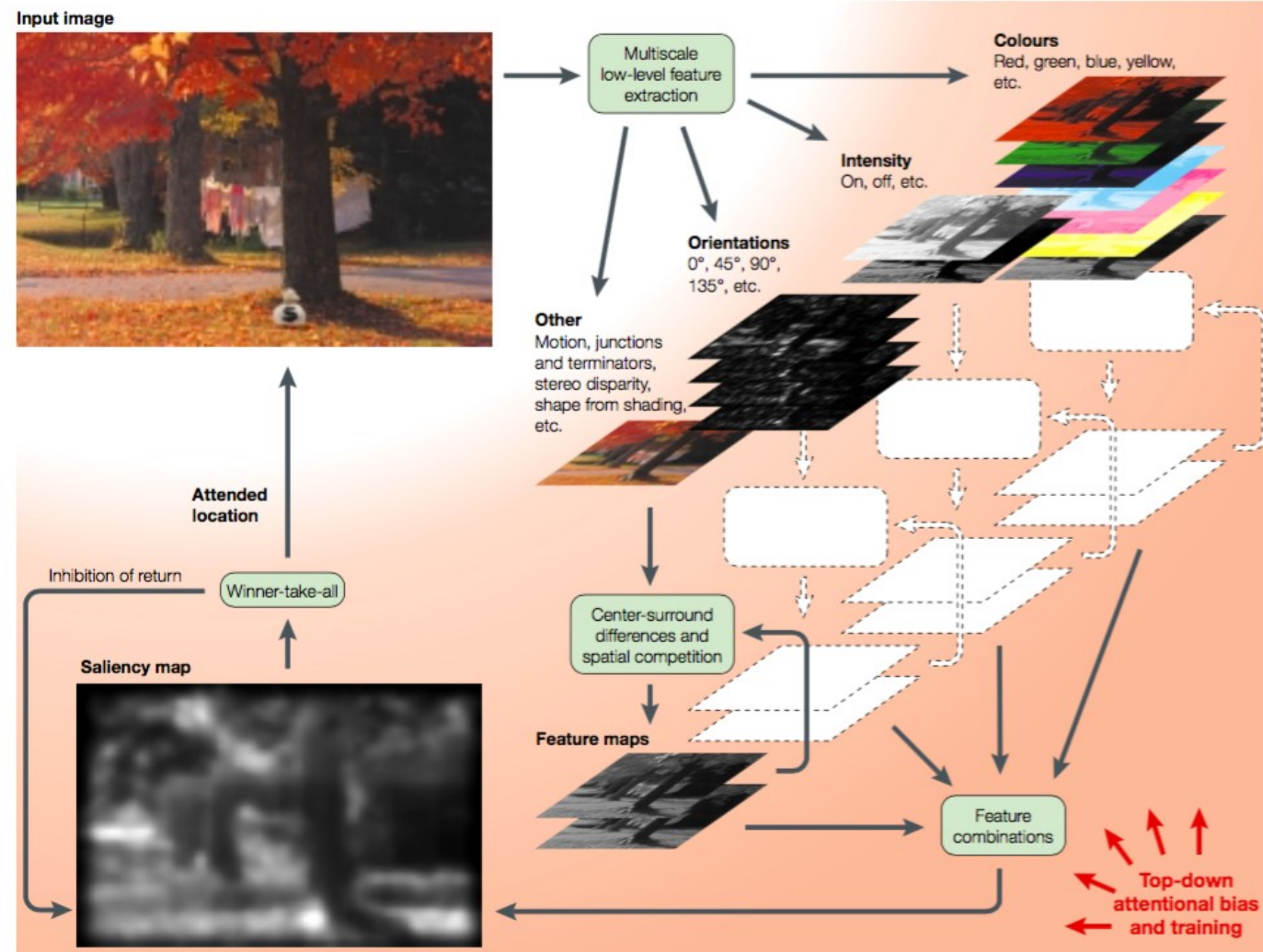
# Attentional cueing

- Attention without foveation
- Posner et al. (1978)



# Covert pozornost

- What attracts attention
  - **Saliency** (výraznost)
- Koch and Ullman, 1985 (p. 221): “Saliency at a given location is determined primarily by how different this location is from its surround in color, orientation, motion, depth etc.”
- <https://youtu.be/zeFCYvwblGU>

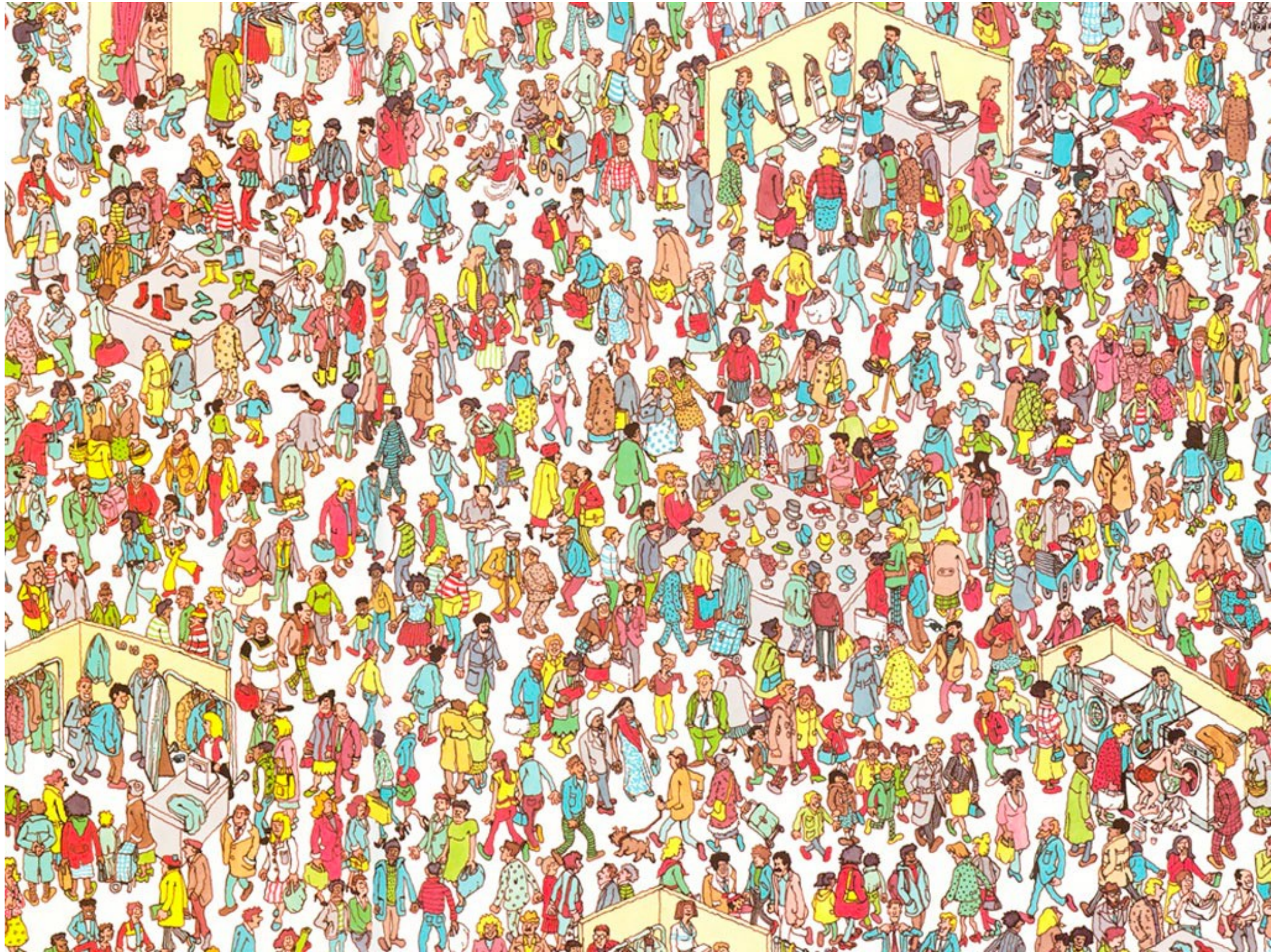


# Visual search

- “Where is Waldo”







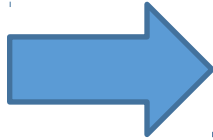


# Feature Integration Theory

## Treisman & Gelade (1980)

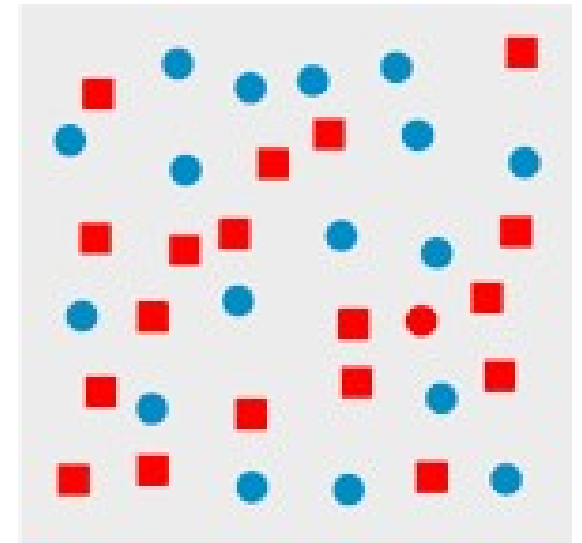
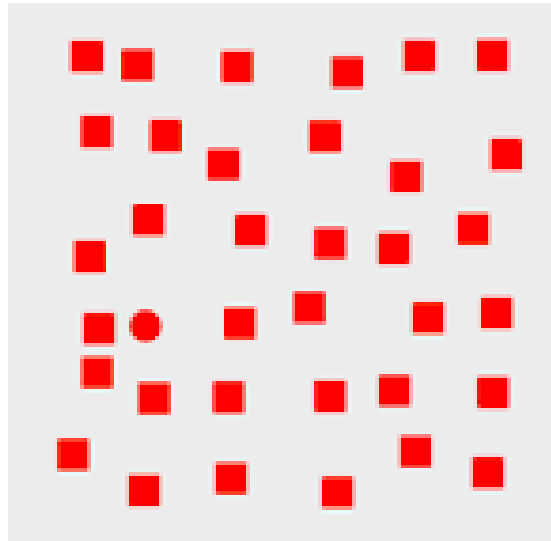
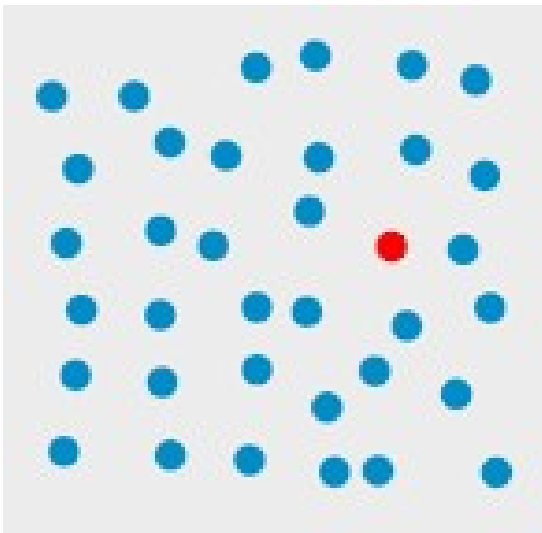
### Pre-attentive processing

- Parallel processing
- Feature search

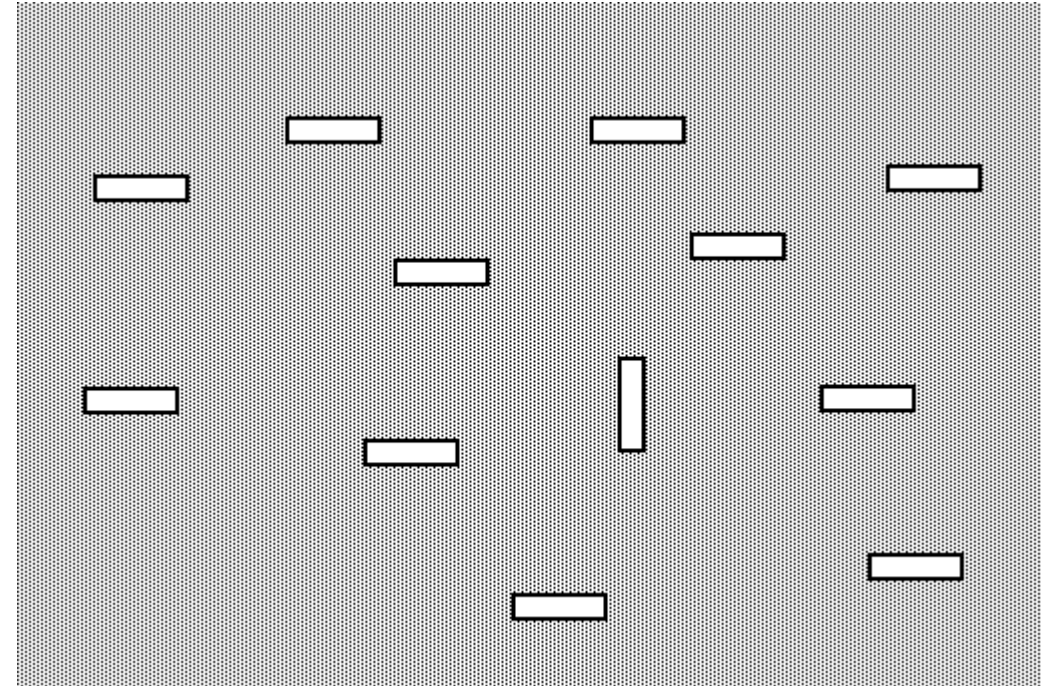
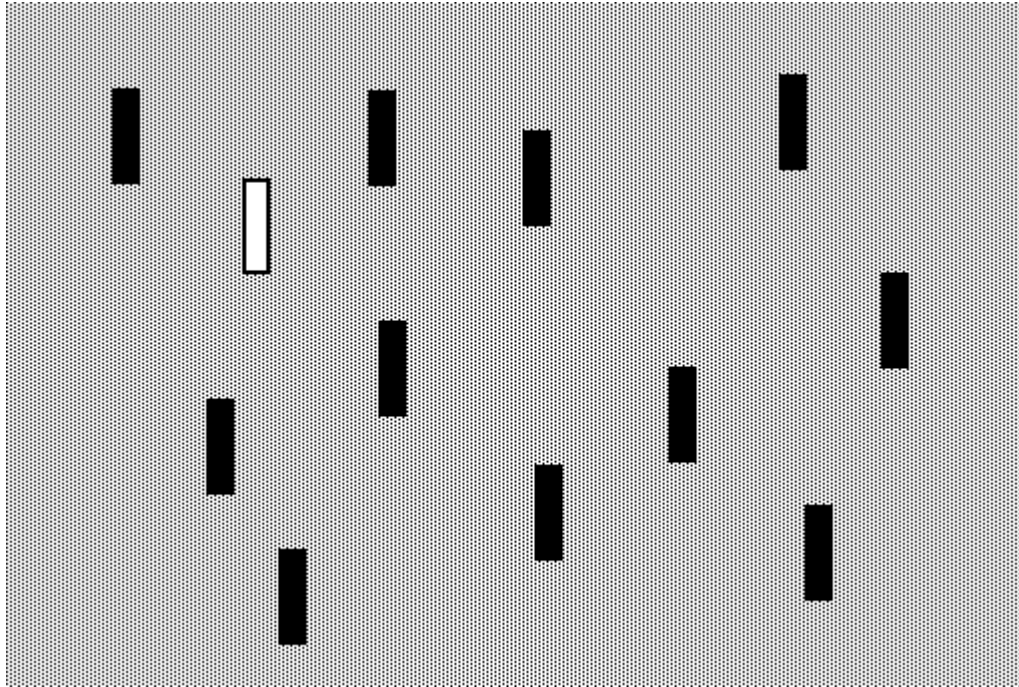


### Focused attention

- Serial processing
- Conjunction search

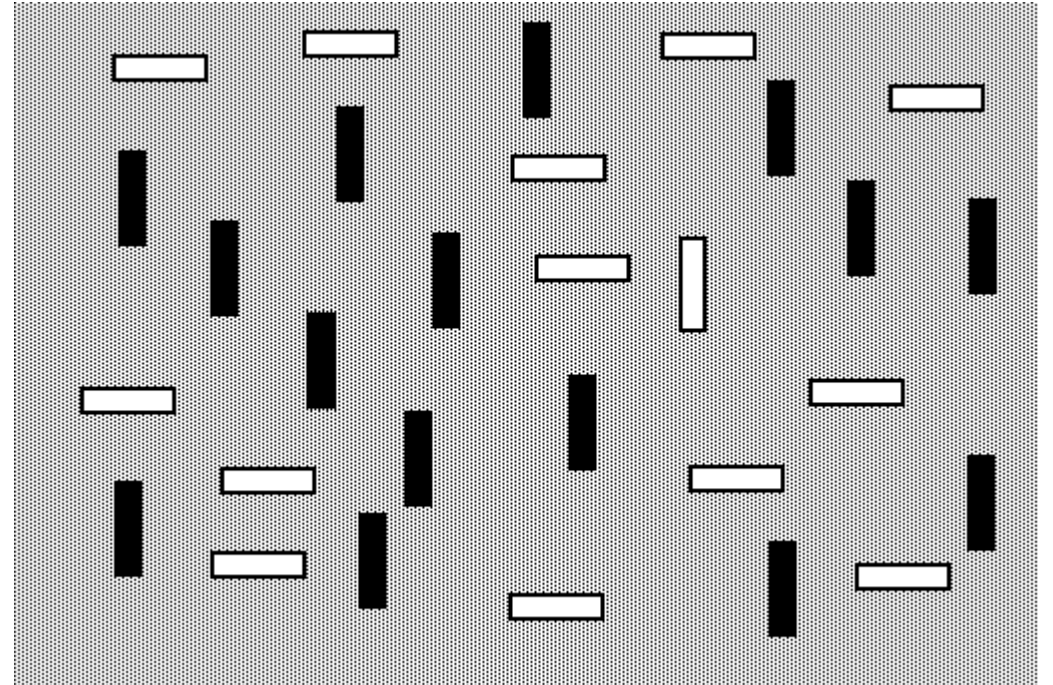
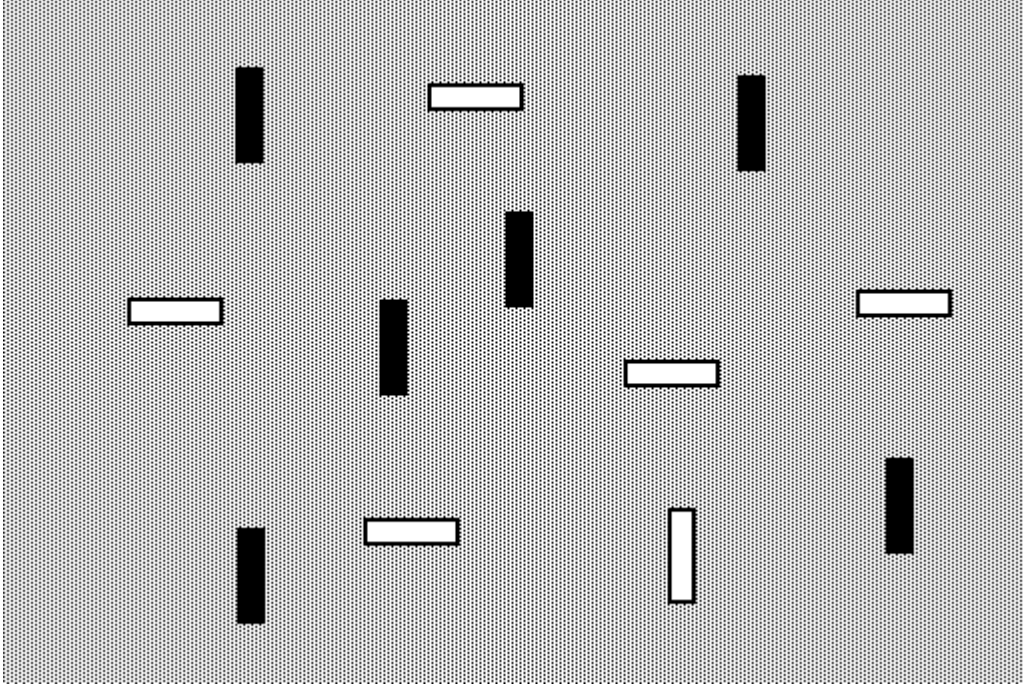
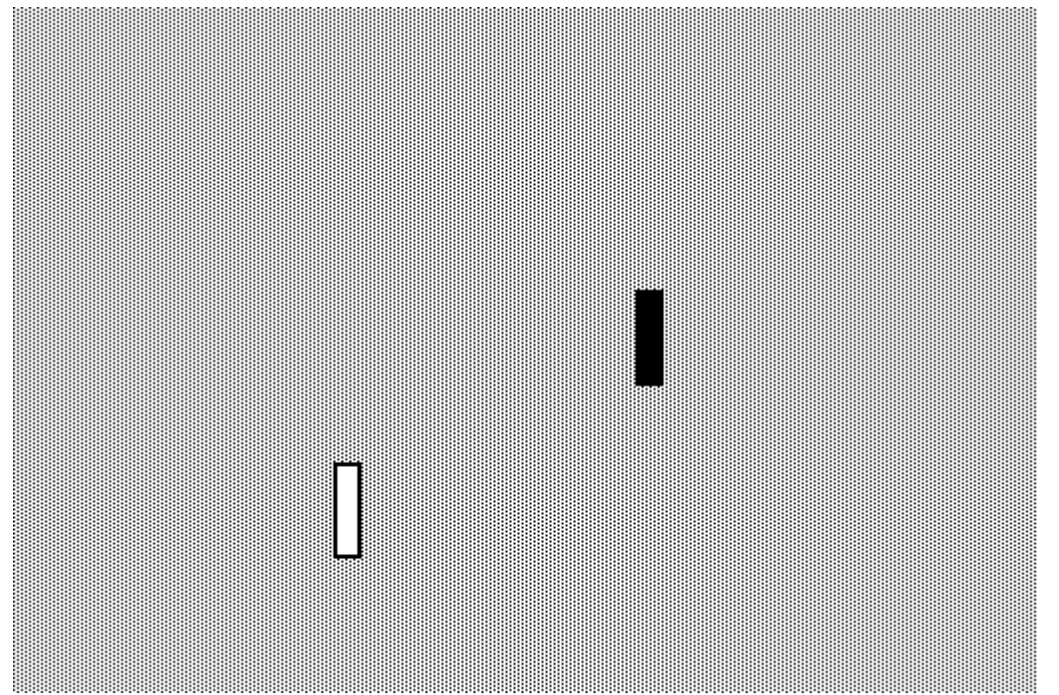


# Feature search



# Conjunction search

- Set size effect

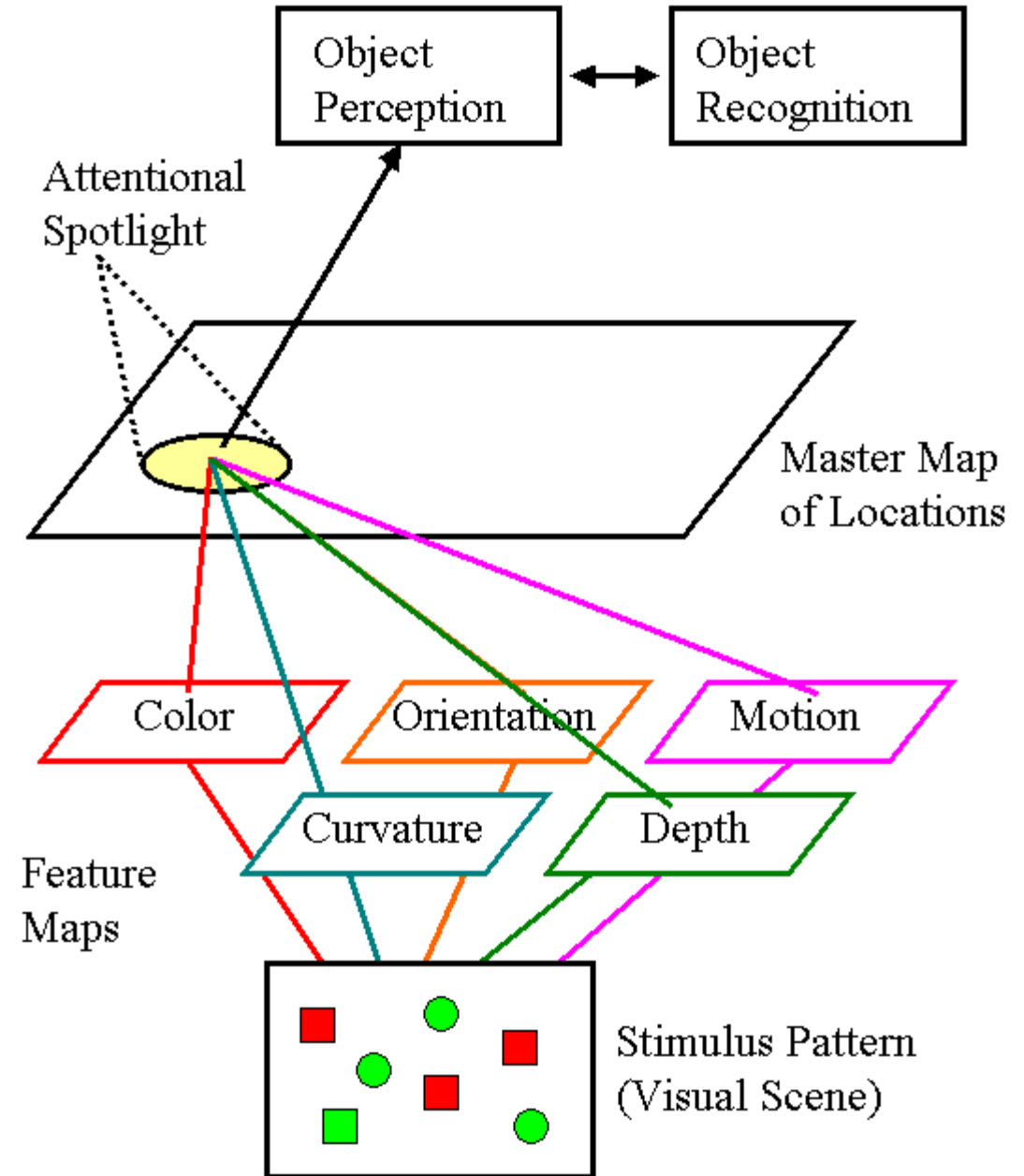




# Feature Integration Theory

- Feature maps
- Attentional spotlight

## Feature Integration Theory (Treisman)



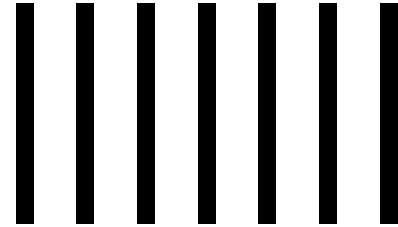
# Attention and scene perception

- Inattention blindness
- Change-blindness

# Attention – resolution in space and time

- Space
  - Crowding
  - Multiple Object Tracking
- Time
  - Attentional blink

# Crowding

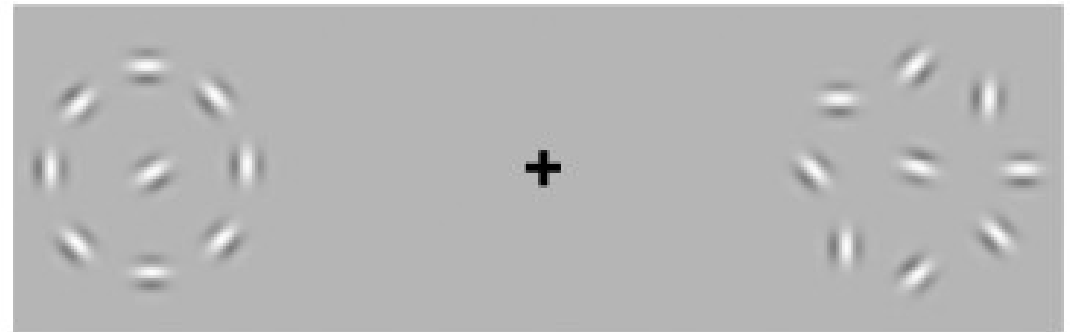
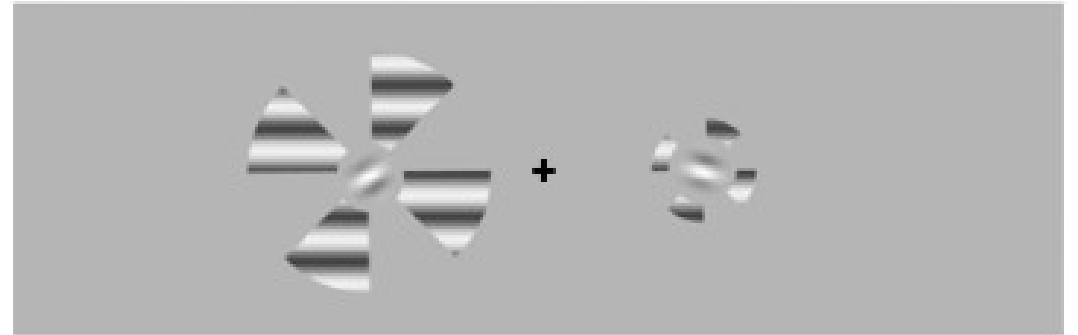
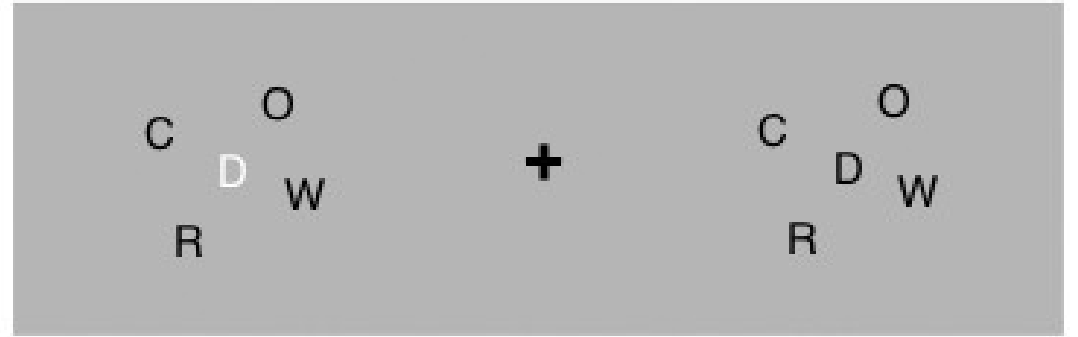
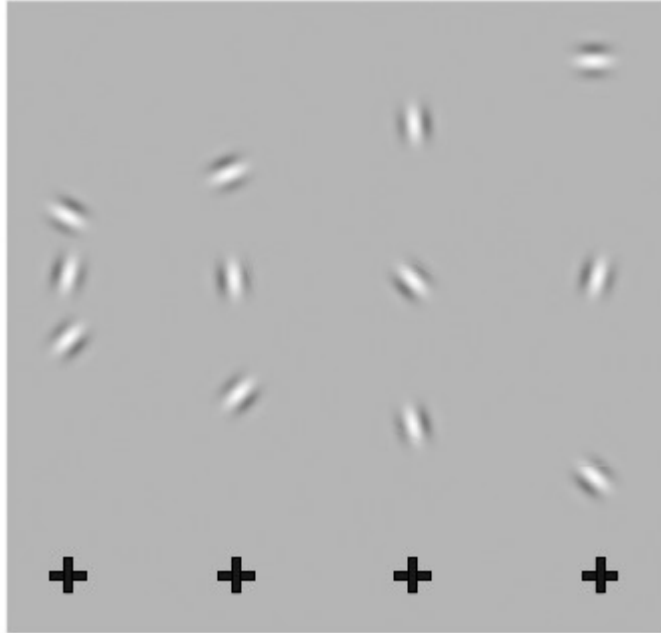
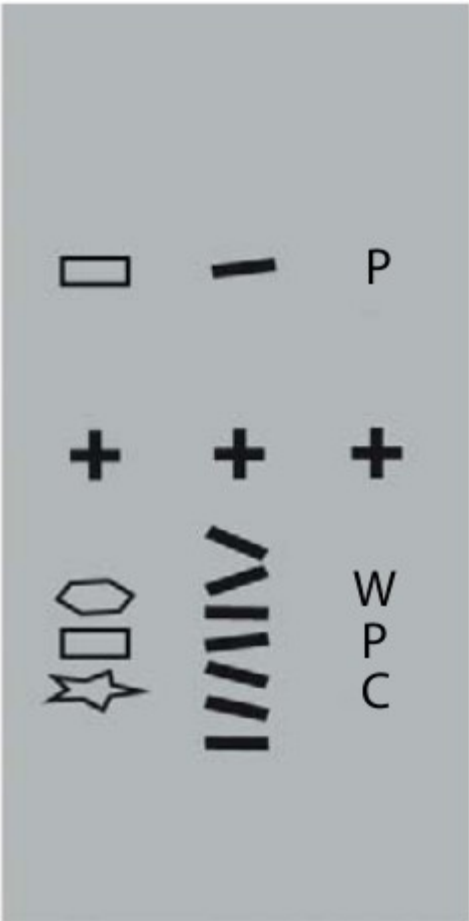


# Crowding

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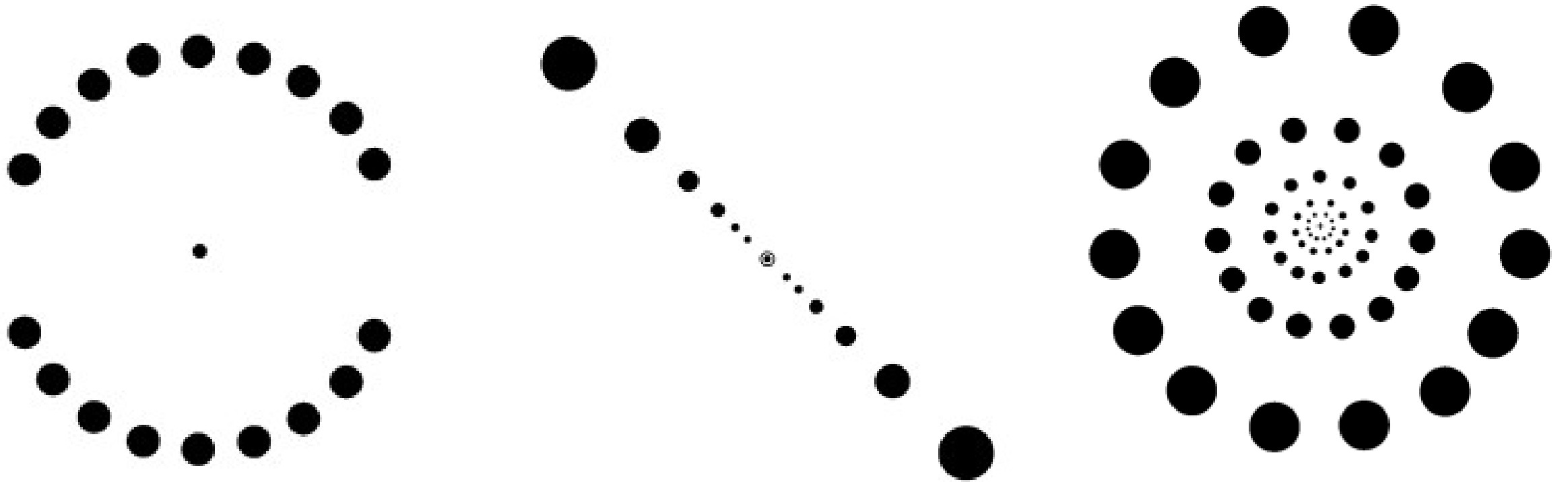


# Crowding



# Resolution in space

- Intriligator & Cavanagh (2001)

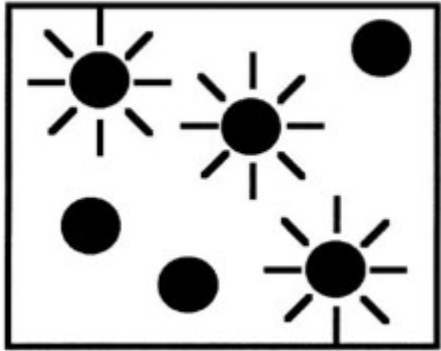




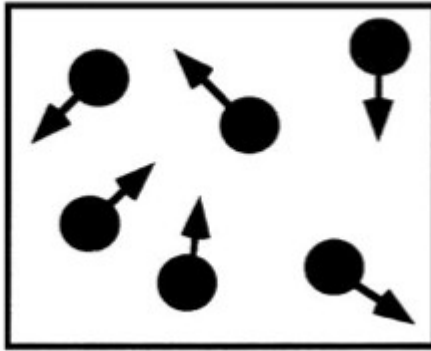
# Distributed attention

- Multiple Object Tracking

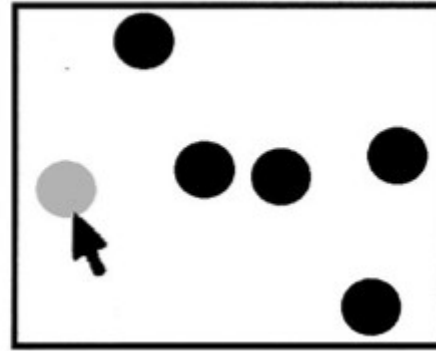
a) Cue Targets



b) Track Targets



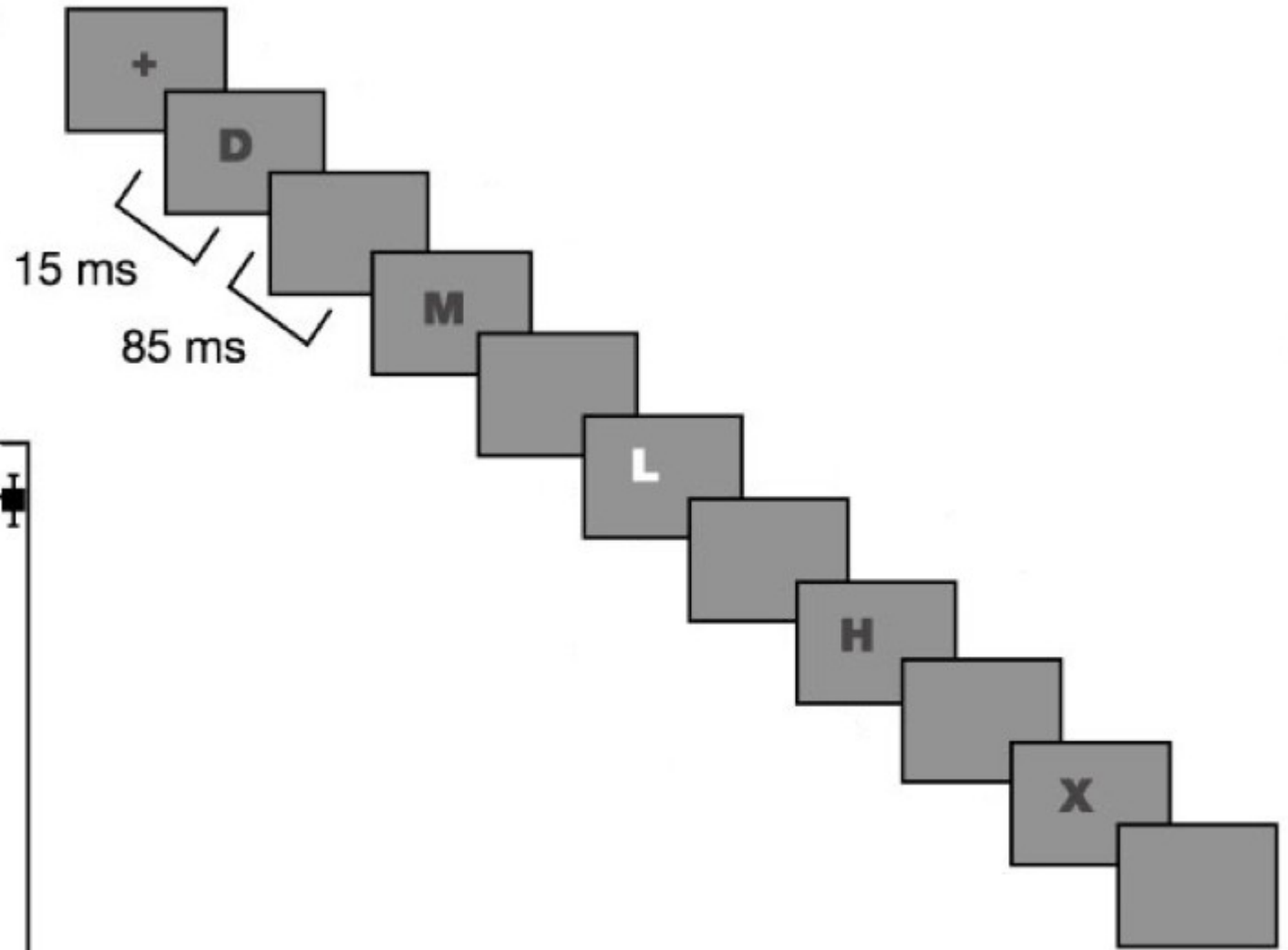
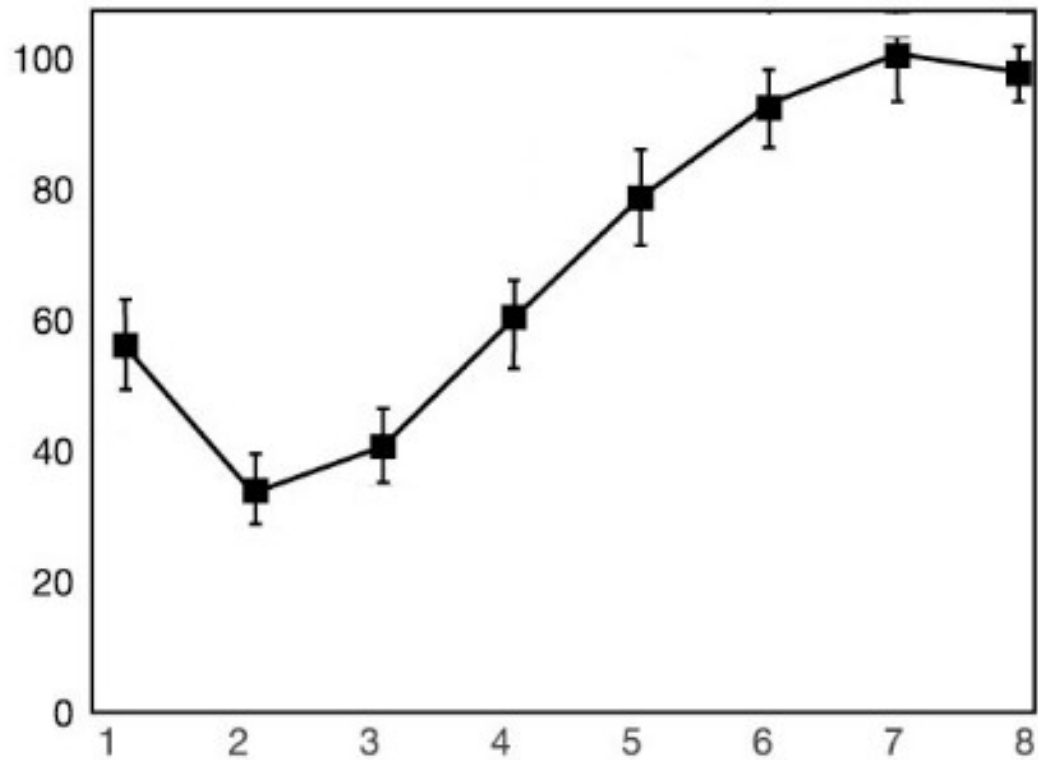
c) Identify Targets



- <https://youtu.be/IAQM4QJRYV8>

# Attention in time

- Attentional blink



# Czech textbooks

- Kognitivní psychologie (Eysenck) - 5. kapitola/Pozornost a hranice výkonu