

Interacção Humana com o Computador



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Human-Computer Interaction

Let's Start our Study



Our Key Principle

When simple things need pictures, labels, or instructions, the design has failed.

Always, ...



Remember!

Donald Norman, in *The Design of Everyday Things*, 1988



The Human - Information Proc. Unit

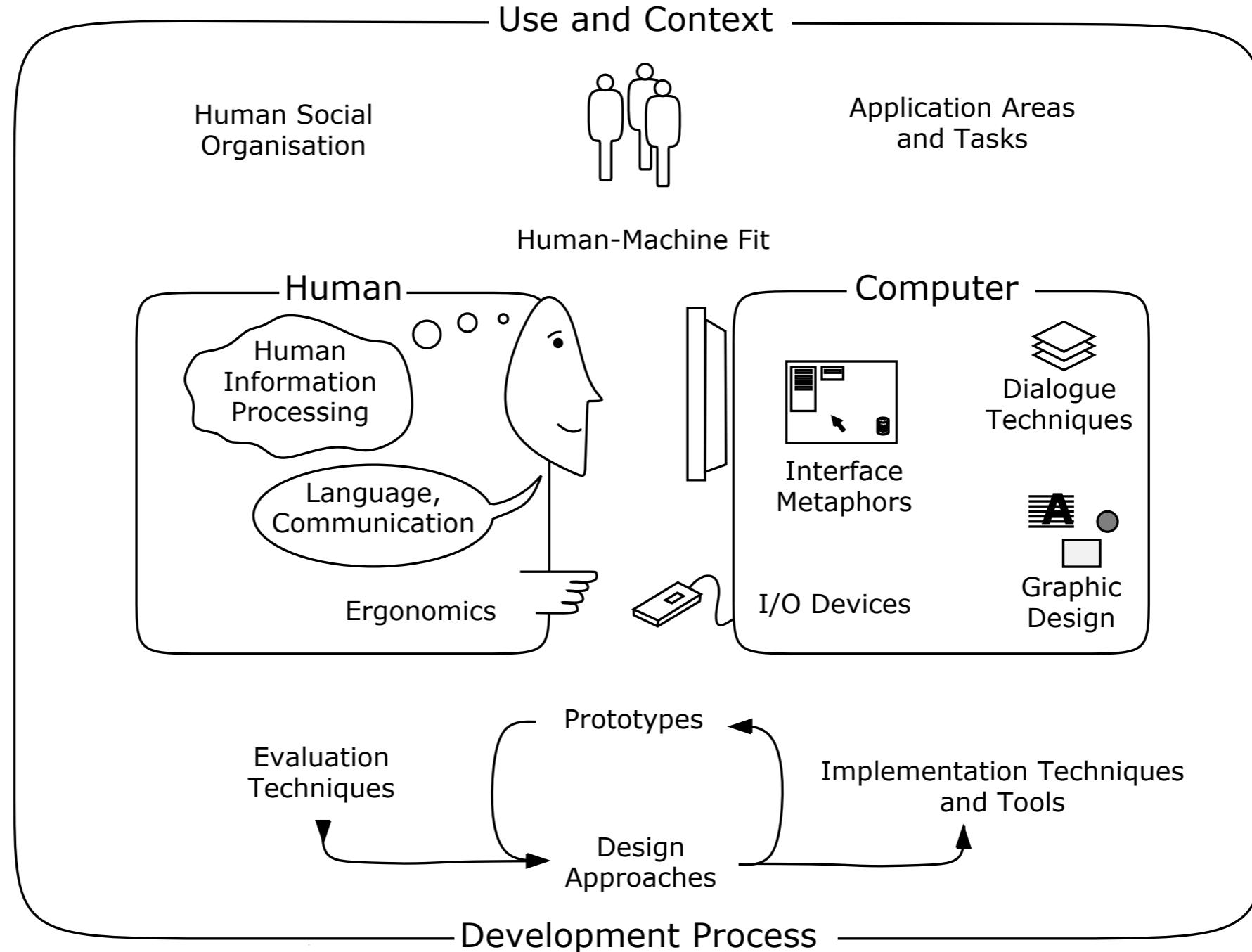
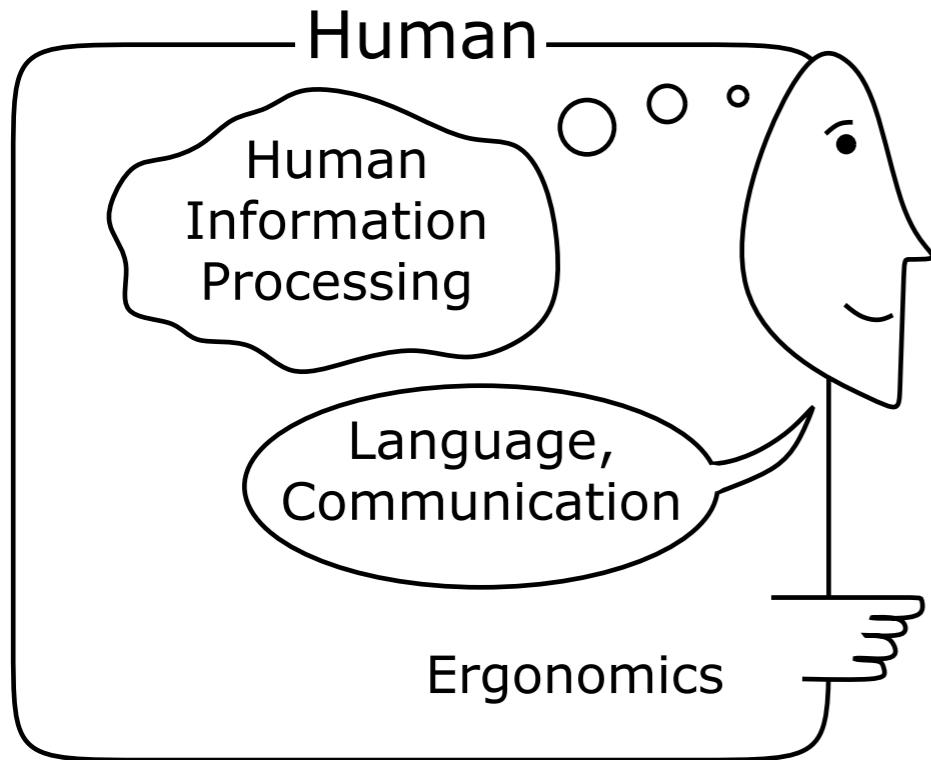


Figure 1.1: The nature of Human-Computer Interaction. Adapted from Figure 1 of the ACM SIGCHI Curricula for Human-Computer Interaction [Hewett et al., 2002]



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The human user

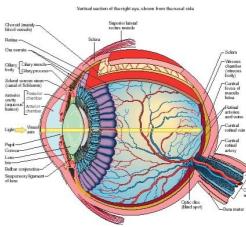
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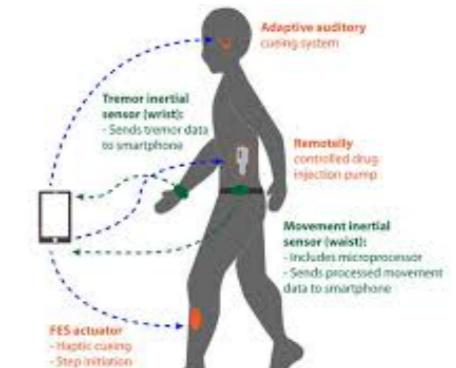
Morgan & Newell 1983

Cognitive Psychology

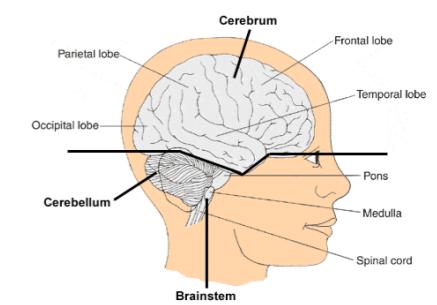
- Perceptive System



- Motor System



- Cognitive System





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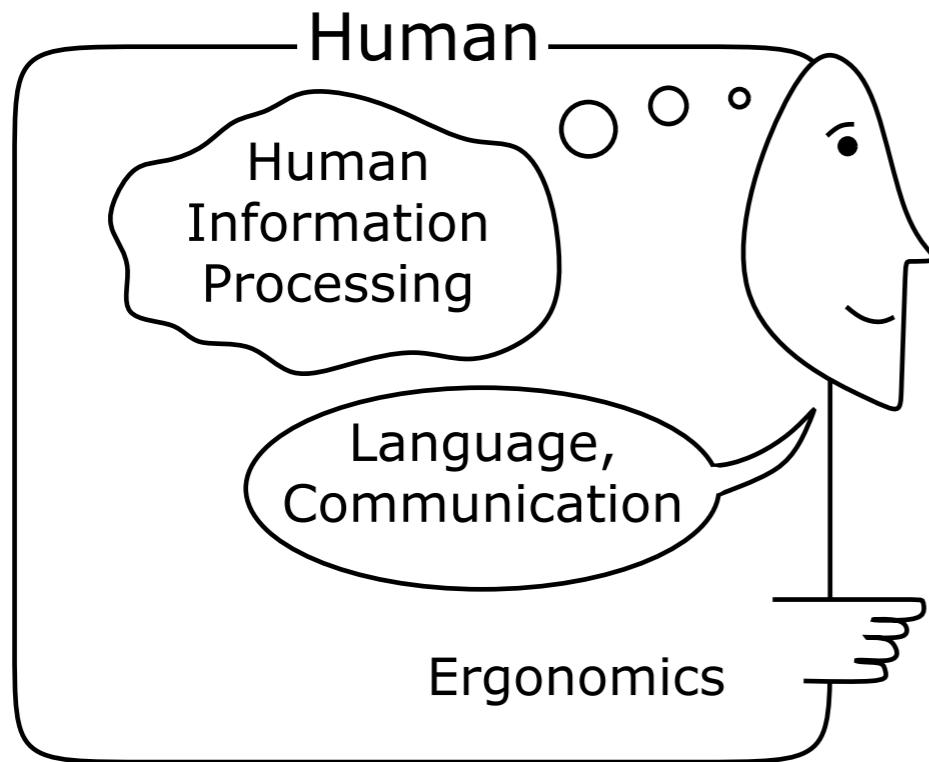
Human user viewed as an IPU

Morgan & Newell 1983

Humans process information in **stages** — receiving, interpreting, processing, and then acting upon it — much like a **computer** system. This analogy has been foundational in developing user interfaces and interaction designs that accommodate **human cognitive limits**, preferences, and error patterns. By viewing humans as IPUs, **designers**, and researchers are encouraged to consider the **limitations** and **capabilities** of human memory, attention, and decision-making processes when creating **technology that is meant to be intuitive**, efficient, and accessible.



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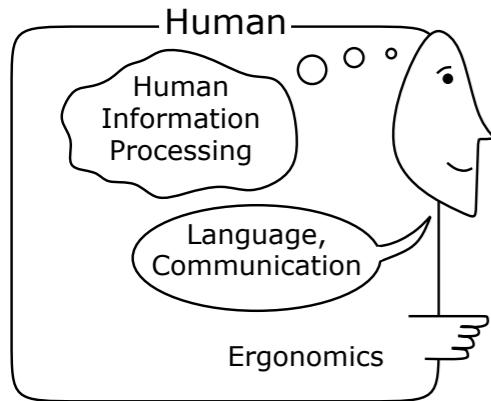
Create for human usage



- Aware of capacities and limitations
- What is easy and difficult?
- What is pleasant?
- Main user Modus Operandi.

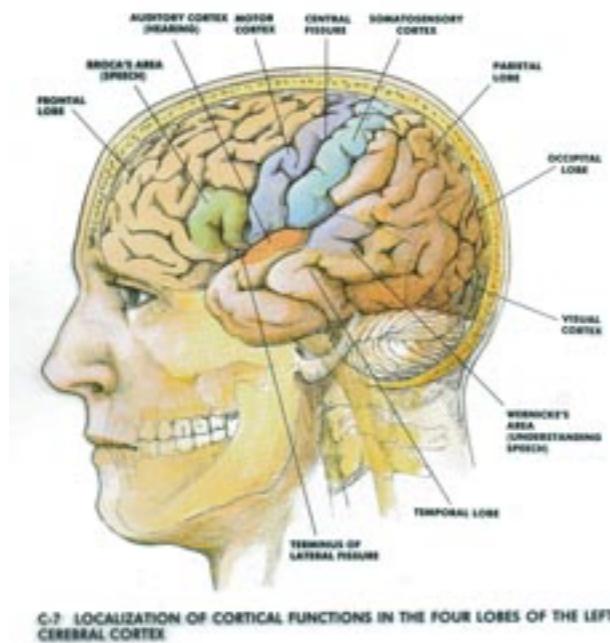


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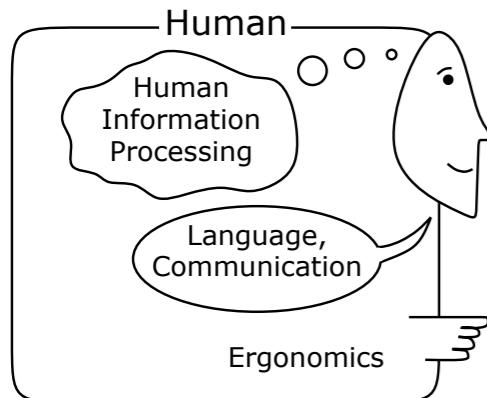
Human = IPU



- **Information input/output**
 - visual, hearing, haptic, movement
- **Information stored in memory**
 - sensorial, short and long term
- **Information processed and applied**
 - reasoning, problem solving, skills, error
- **The emotional dimension**
- **The uniqueness of each person**



The Human



Cognitive Psychology

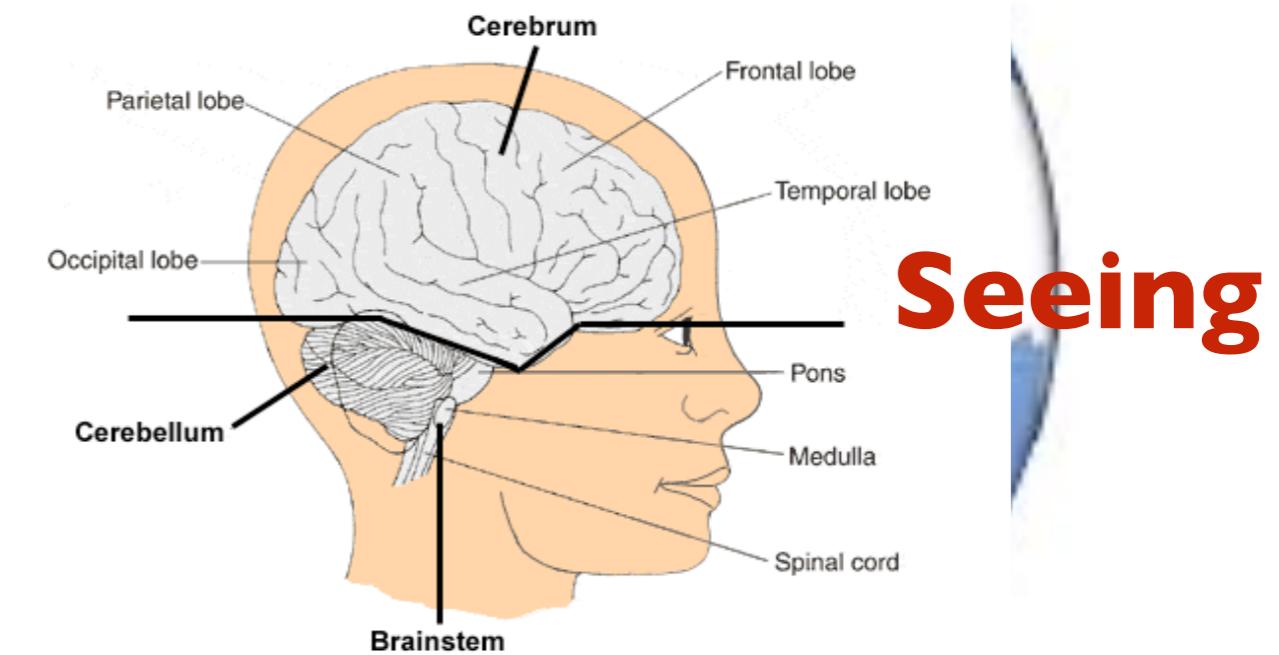
Humano = IPU

“We do not see what we see but what we are”

“Não vemos o que vemos, vemos o que somos”

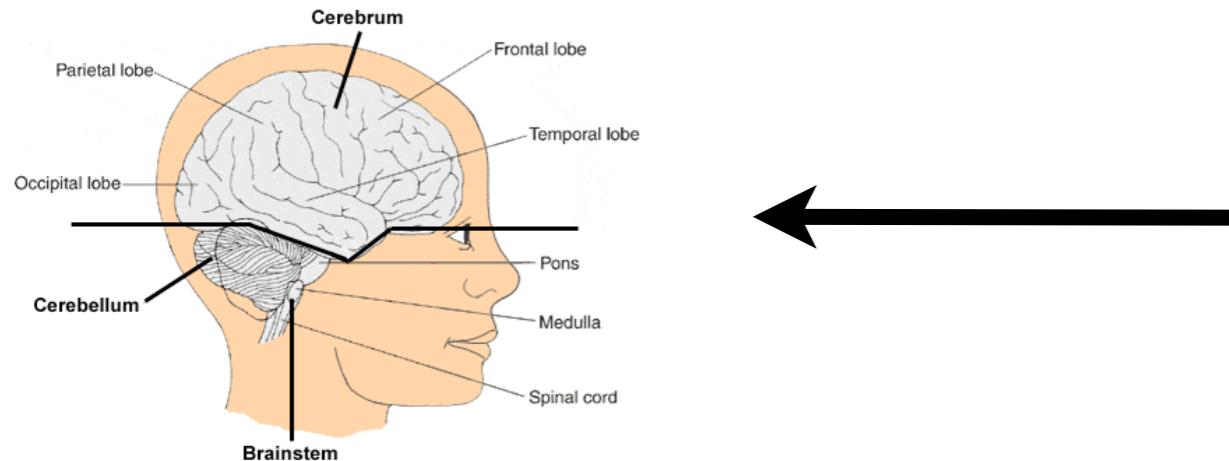
Fernando Pessoa

Knowing



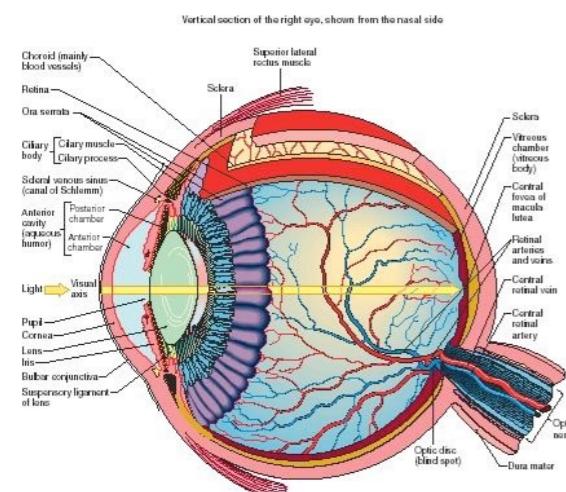


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Input: through the senses

Vision

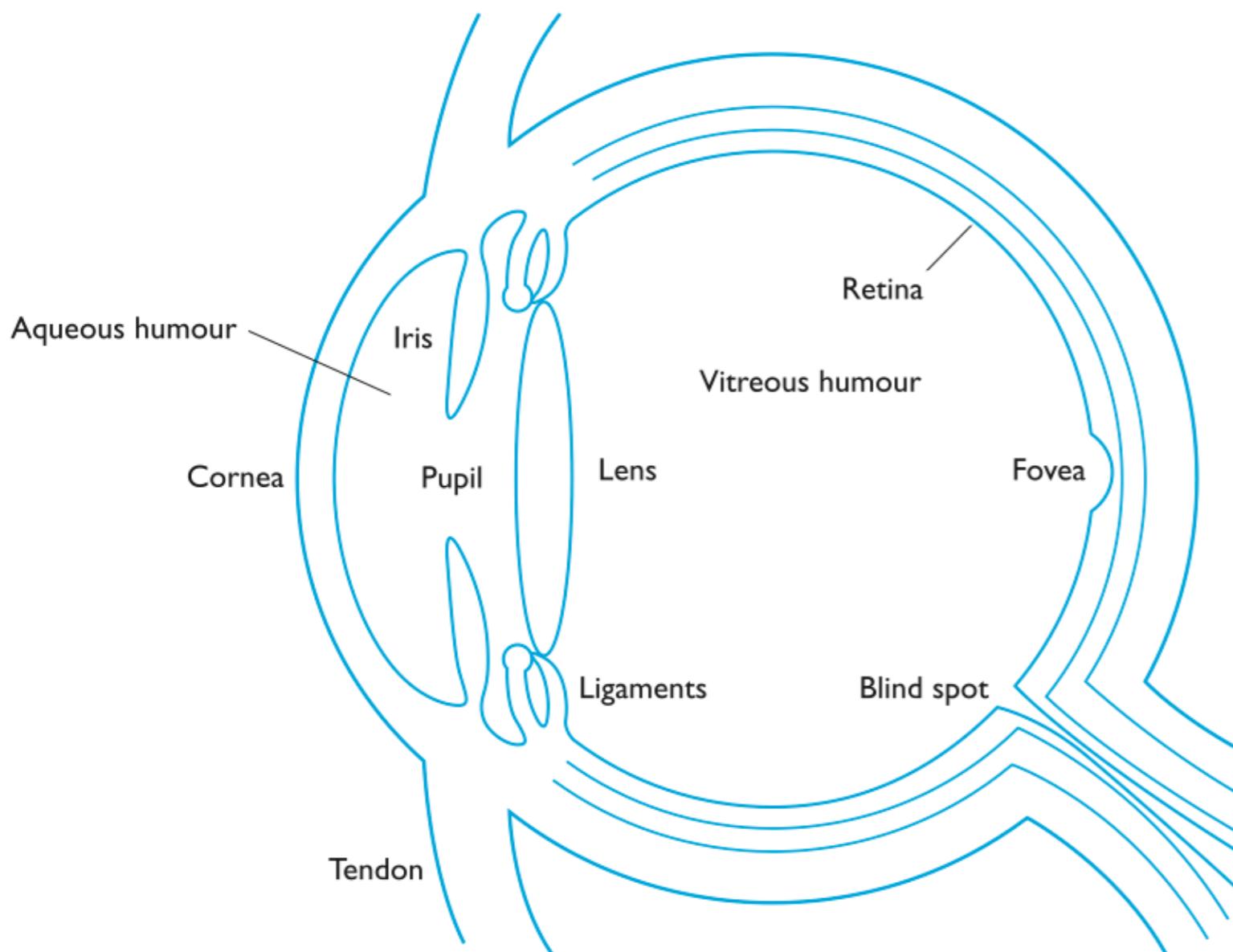


Involves two steps:

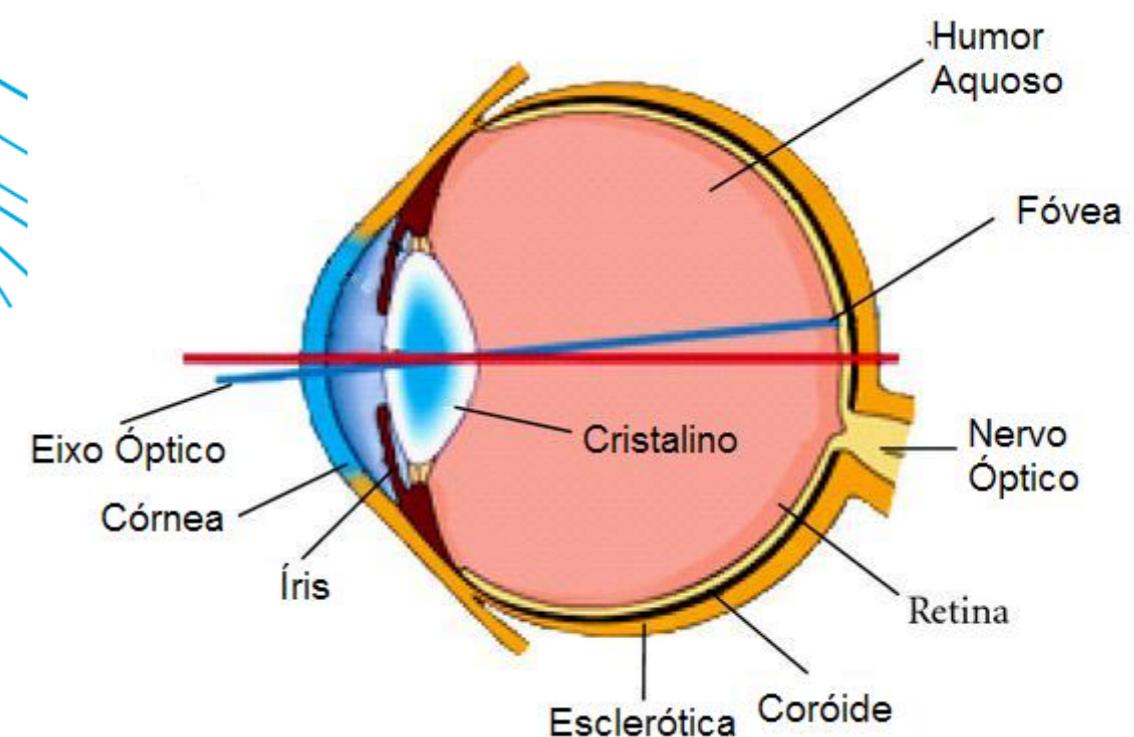
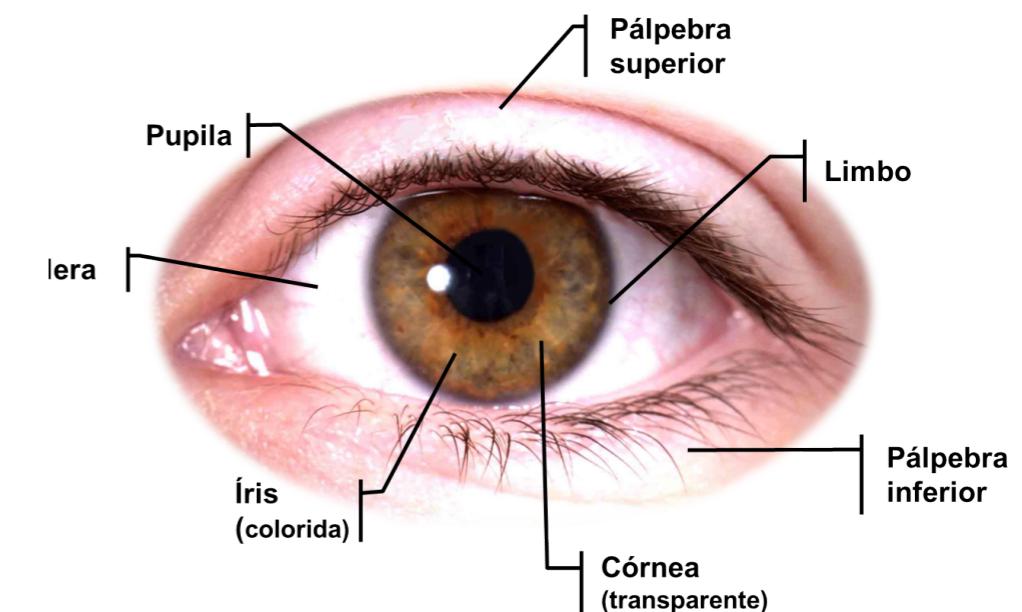
- Physical reception of a Stimulus
- Interpretation and Processing



The Human - Vision



1.1 The human eye

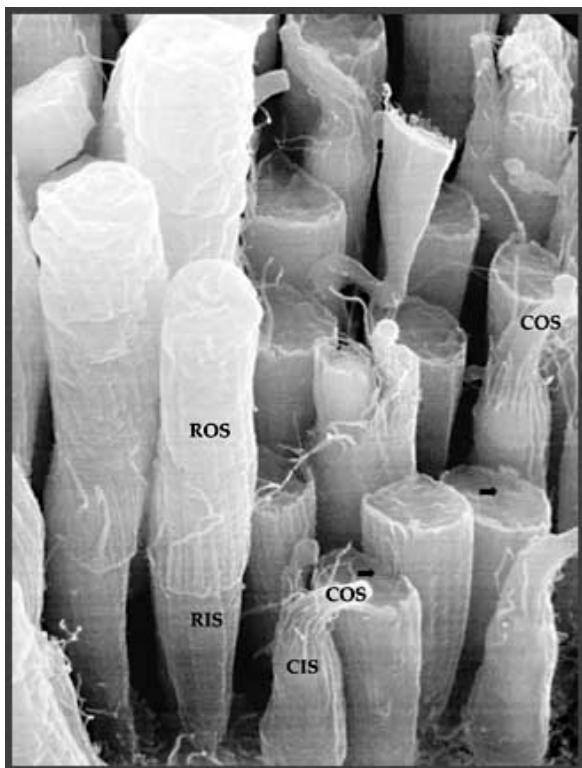




The Human - Vision

Eye - The Reception of a Stimulus

- Light **received** and transformed into electrical signals.
- Light **emitted** and **reflected** by objects
- The **retina** focus images upside down
- The retina contains two kind of photoreceptors:
 - **Rods (bastonetes)** - luminosity sensitivity
 - **Cones** - chromatic vision
- The **Ganglion** cells detects **patterns** (X in foeva) and **movement** (Y peripheral).





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Eye - The Reception of a Stimulus

Rods (Bastonetes) ~ 120 million

- In the retina extremities
- Peripheral vision

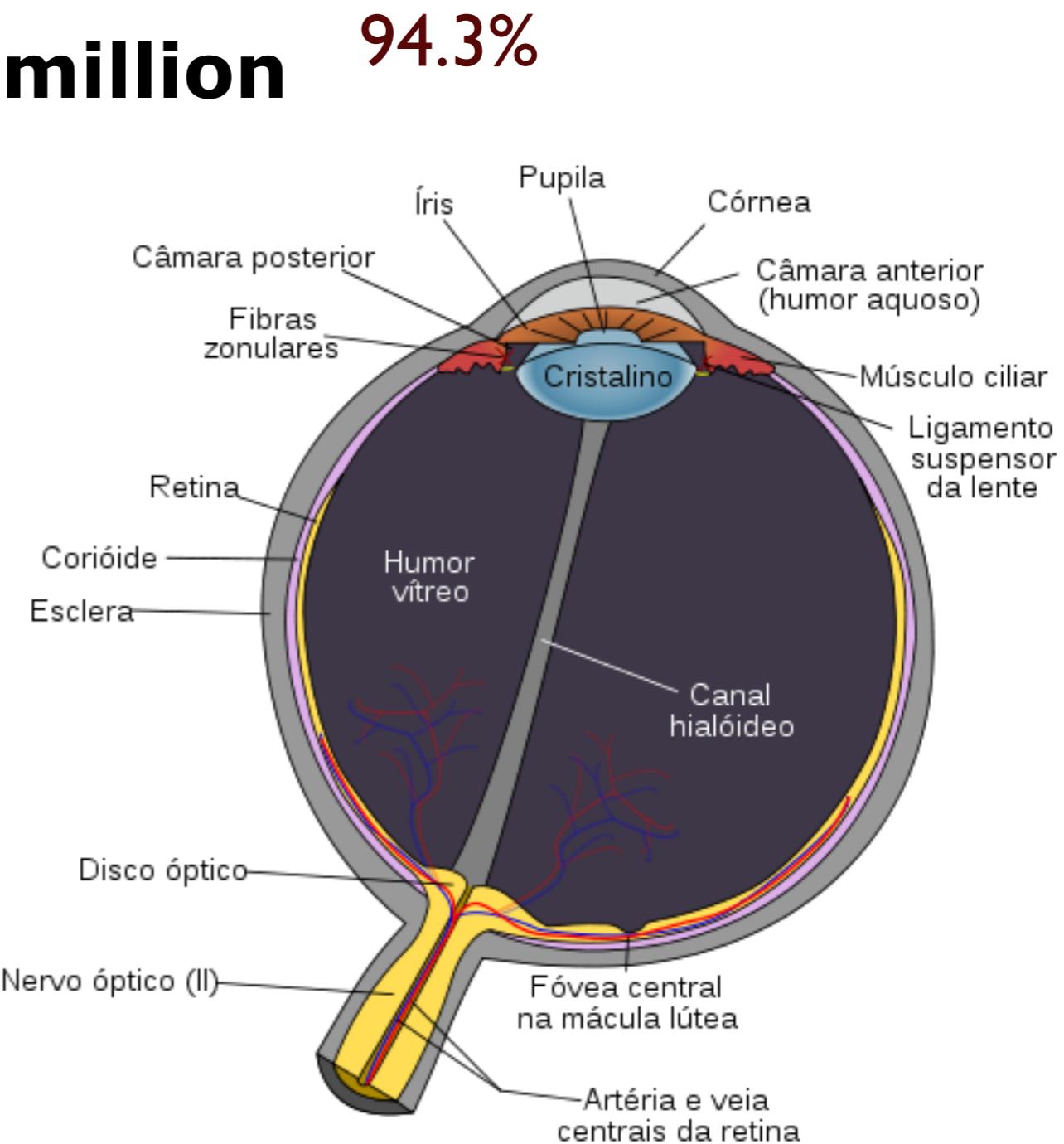
94.3%

Cones ~ 6 million 4.7%

- There are three kind
- Concentrated in the fovea"

Ganglions ~ 1.2 million

- X-cells ~> Patterns
- Y-cells ~> Movement



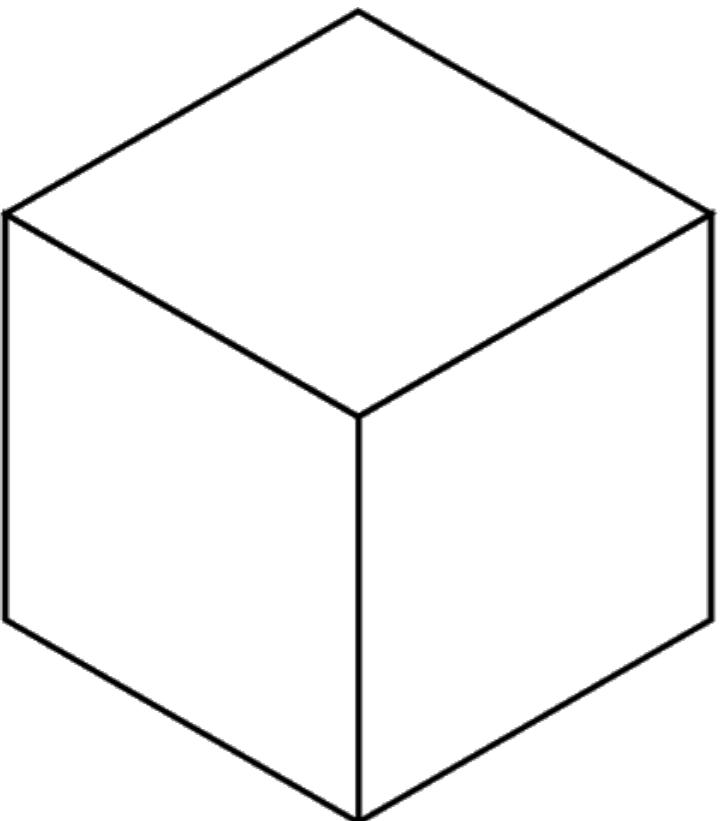
Vision and Signal Processing



The Human - Vision

Signal Interpretation

How do we perceive what we see?



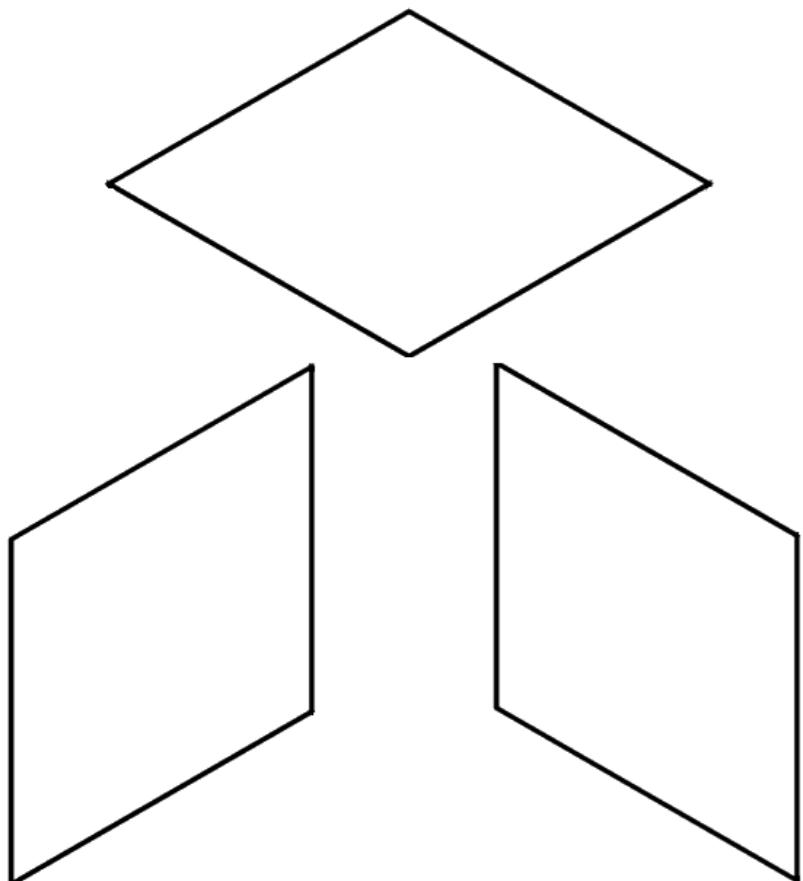
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- **Depth**
- **Brightness**
- **Color**



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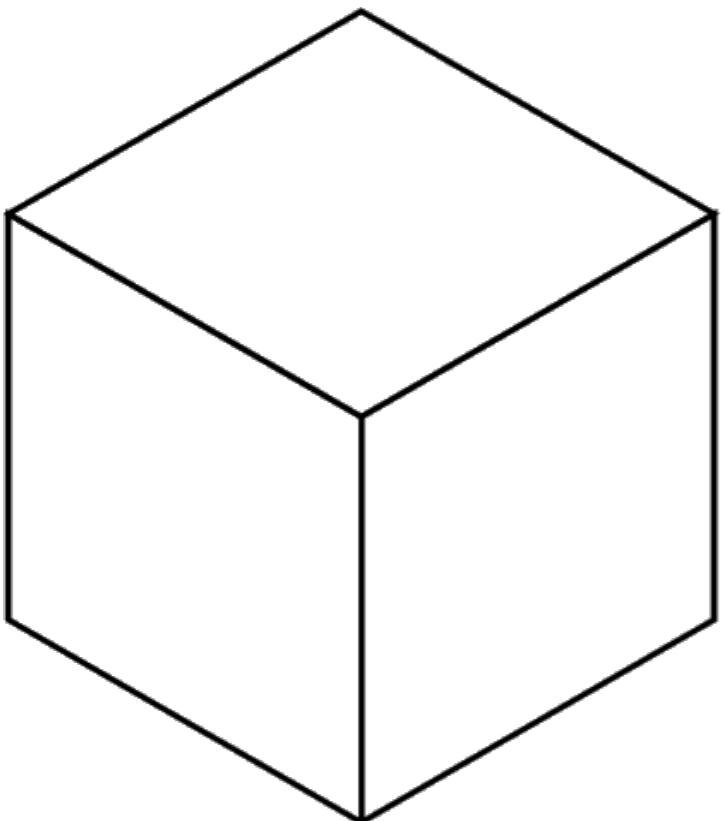
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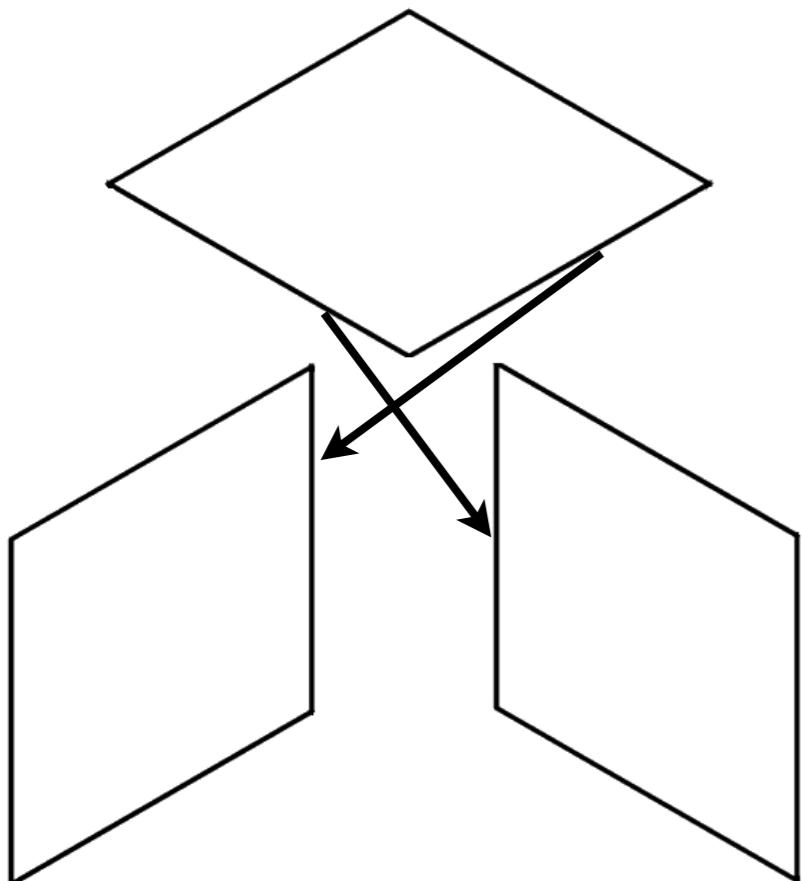
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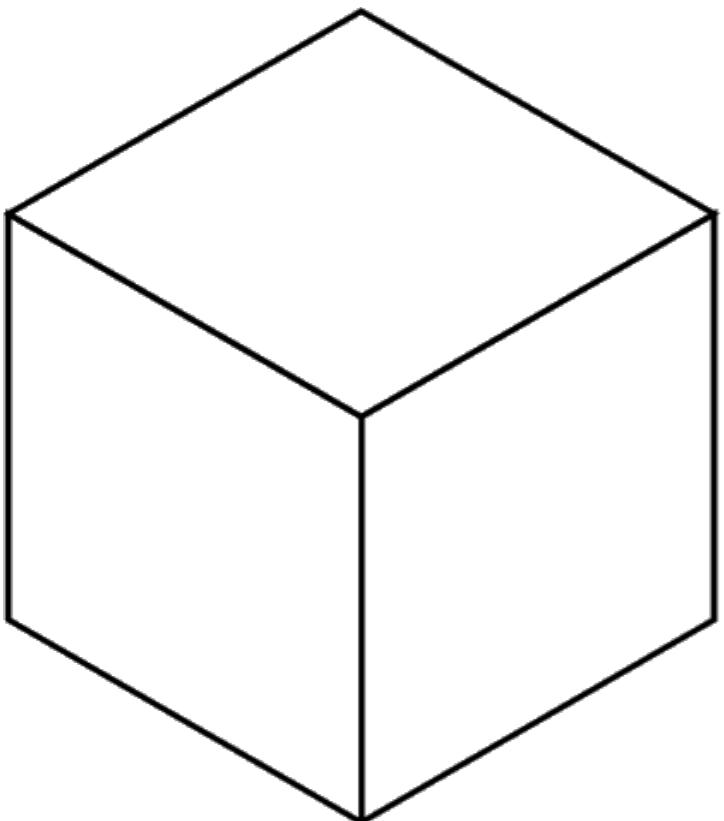
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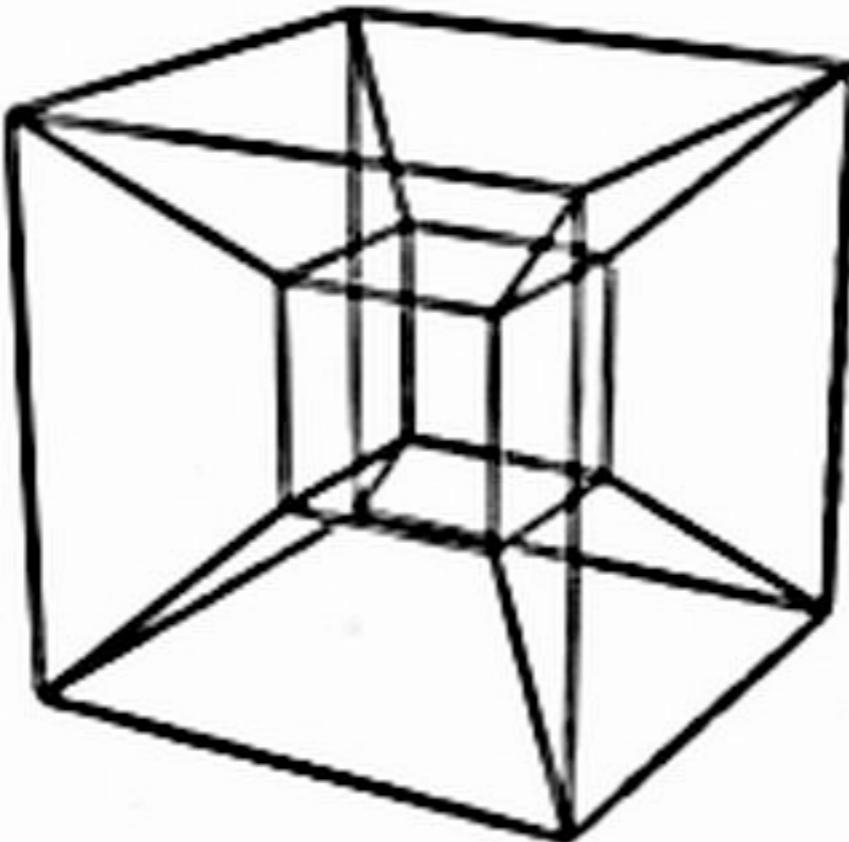
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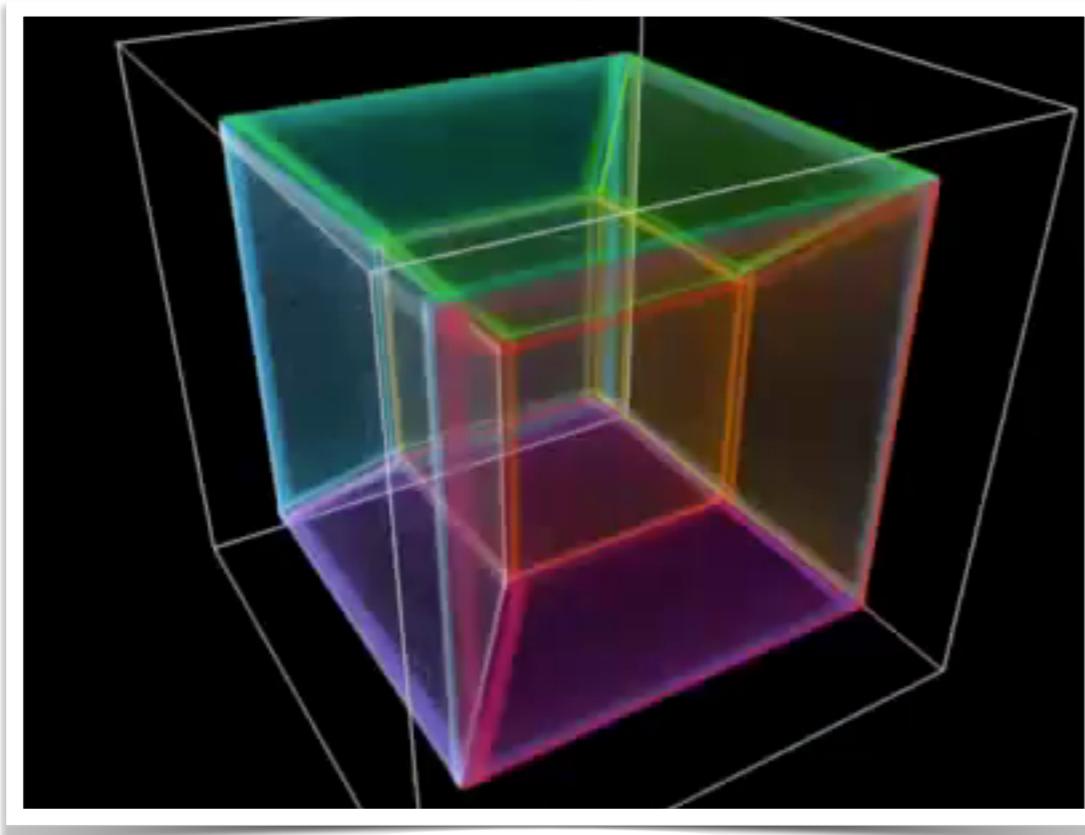
A projection of the 4D cube



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Signal Interpretation

Size

- Measuring the visual angle: degrees, minutes, and arcseconds:
 - **Same-size** objects at different distances have different visual angles;
 - **Different-size** objects positioned at the right distances will have the same visual angle in the eye of the observer.



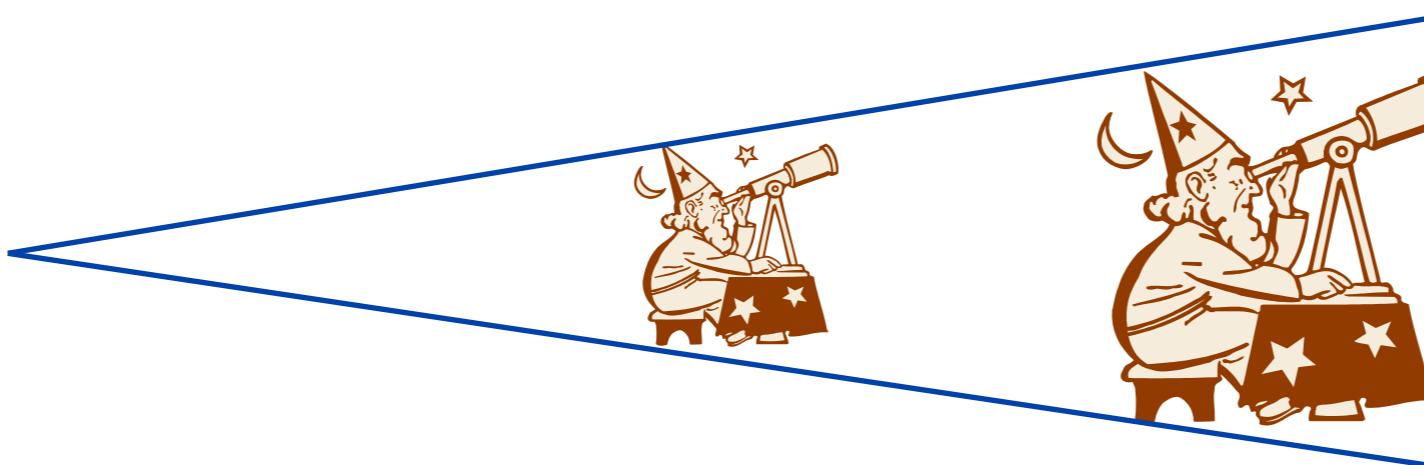
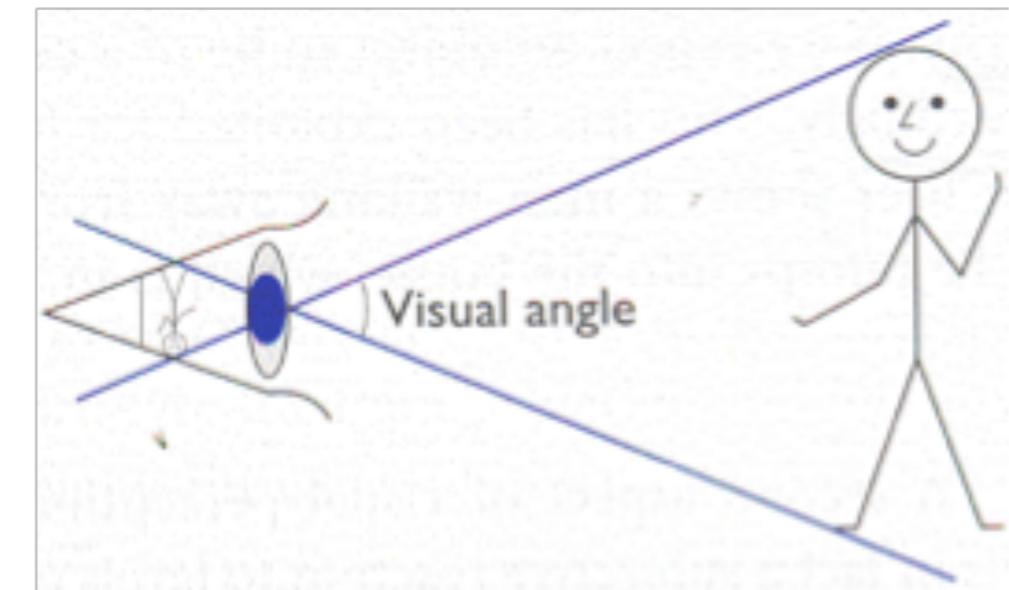
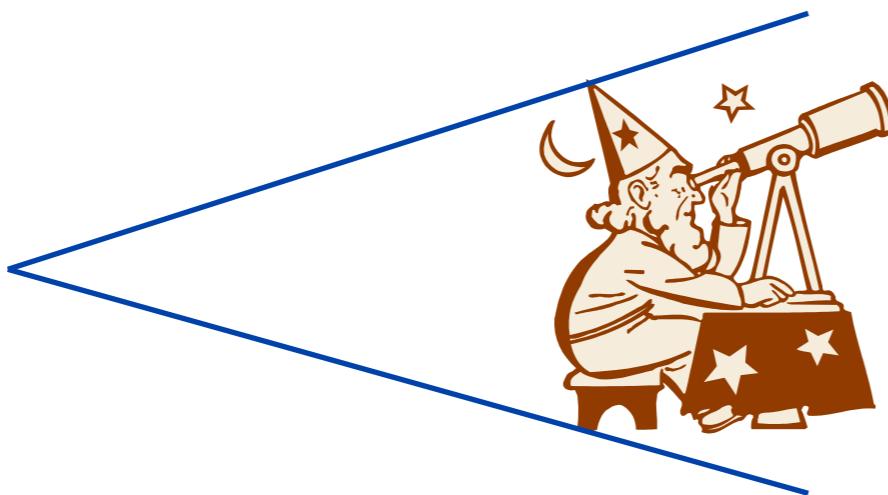
Correct assessment requires observer's world knowledge.



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Signal Interpretation

Size ~ Visual Angle ~ Distance





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Signal Interpretation

visual Acuity

- The ability of a person to perceive the thinnest details



Example:

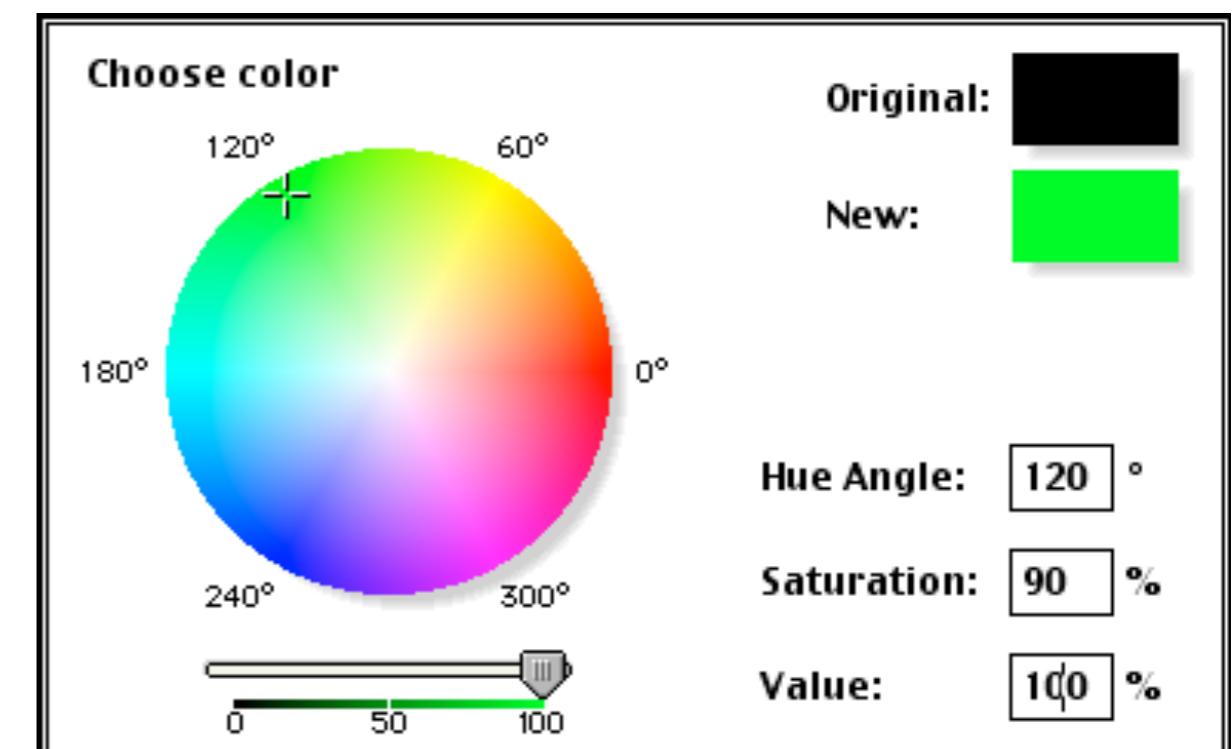
- perceive lines with 0.5 arc seconds in width
- perceive line spaced 30 arc seconds



Vision - Signal Interpretation

Color Hue

Hues can refer to the set of "pure" colours within a color space.

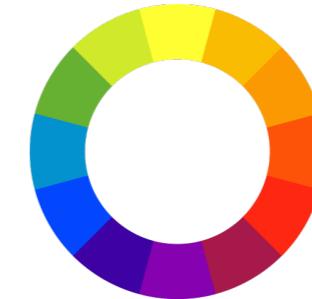




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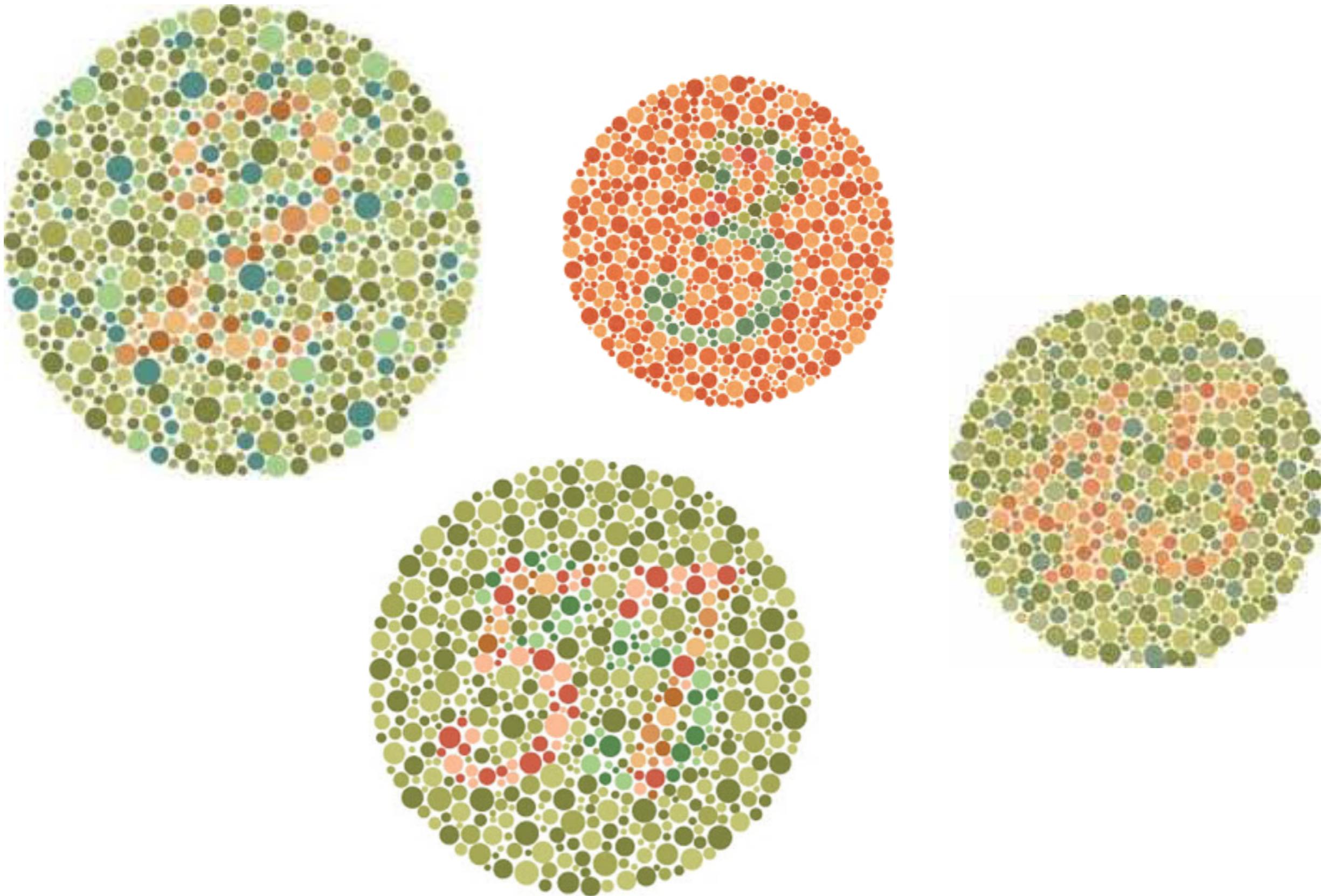
Chromatic vision

- The three components:
 - **Hue** — the spectral wavelength (average person: 150)
 - **Intensity** — the color brightness
 - **Saturation** — the amount of whiteness in the color
- Perceive approximately 7 million colors
- Green ~ maximal acuity.
- Blue ~ minimal acuity (3% to 4% blue cones).
- 8% men and 1% women have some kind of color perception deficiency — **colorblind**
 - Green <> Red ?





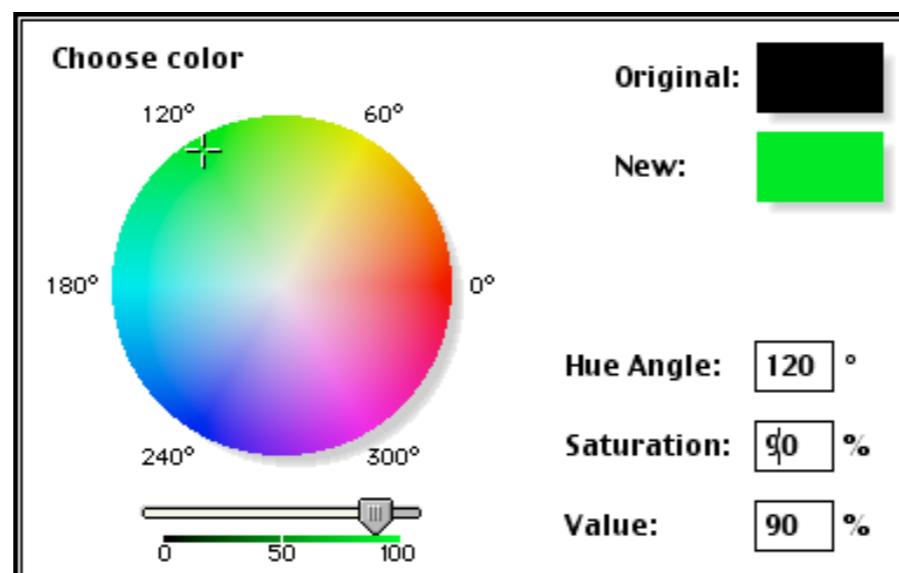
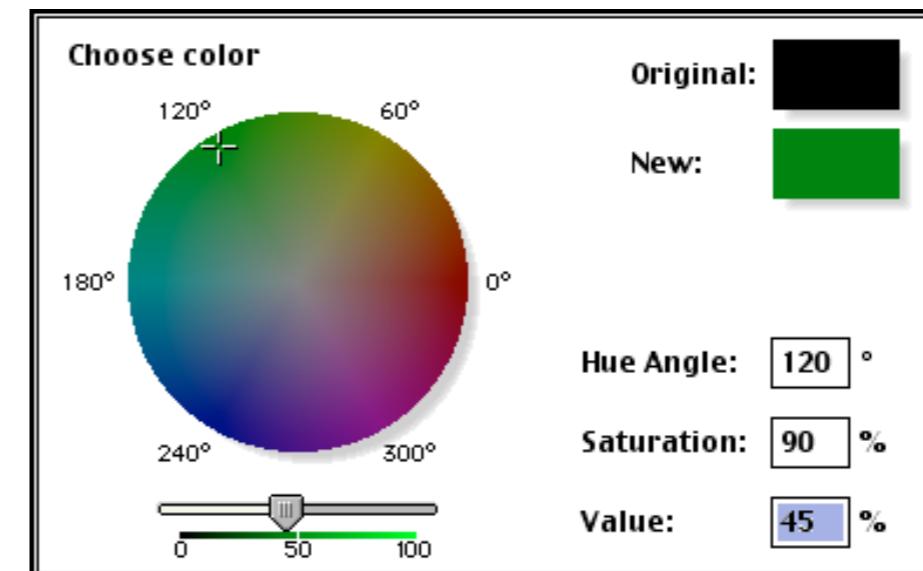
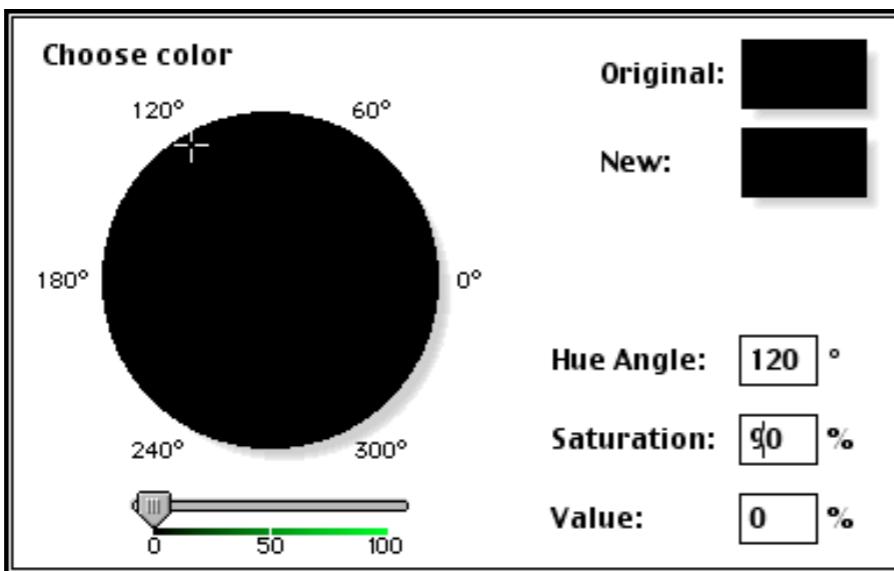
The Human – Vision/Colorblindness





Vision - Signal Interpretation

Color Intensity





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Brightness

- Measures the light intensity
- Related with luminance, measured through a photometer
- *Contrast:* the ratio between two brightness levels
- The pupil compensates for brightness variation
- Visual acuity increases with luminance

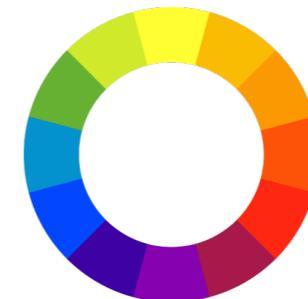




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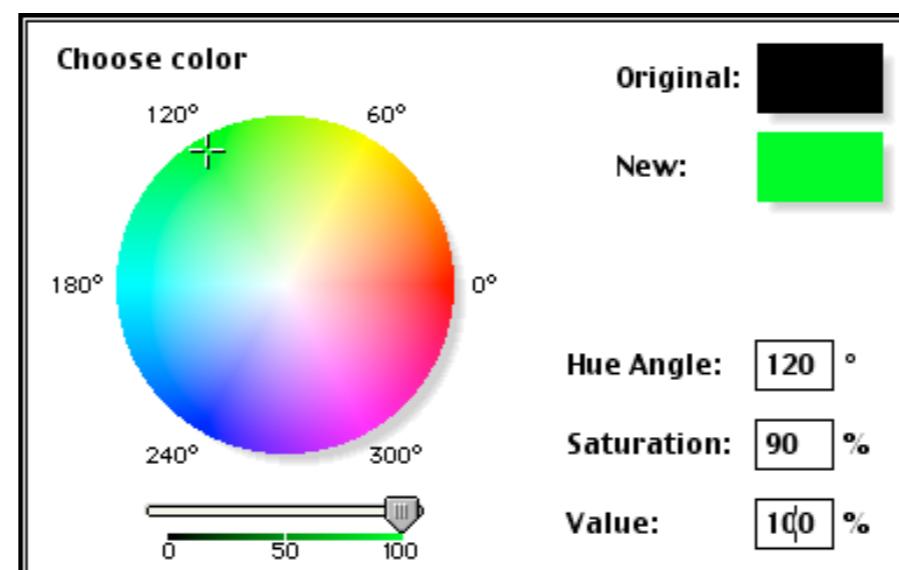
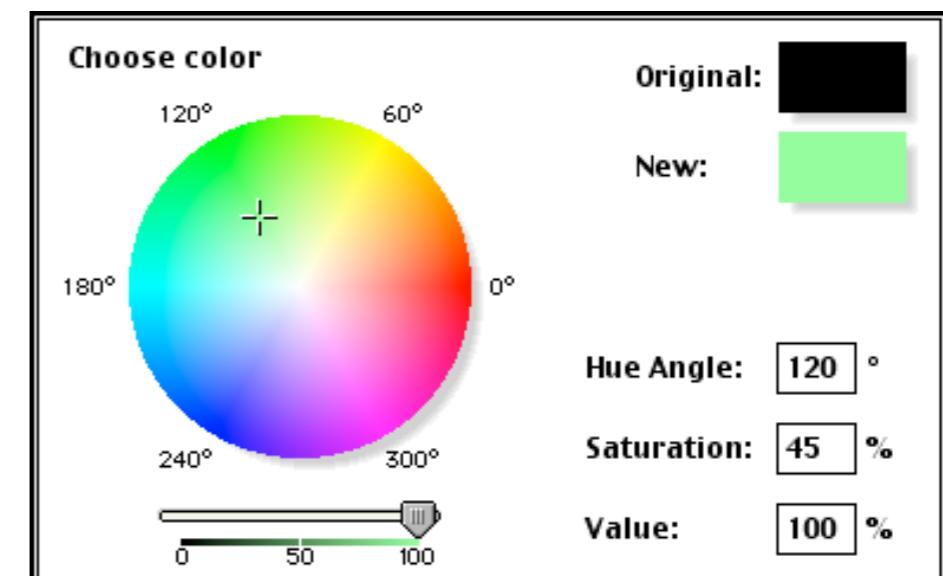
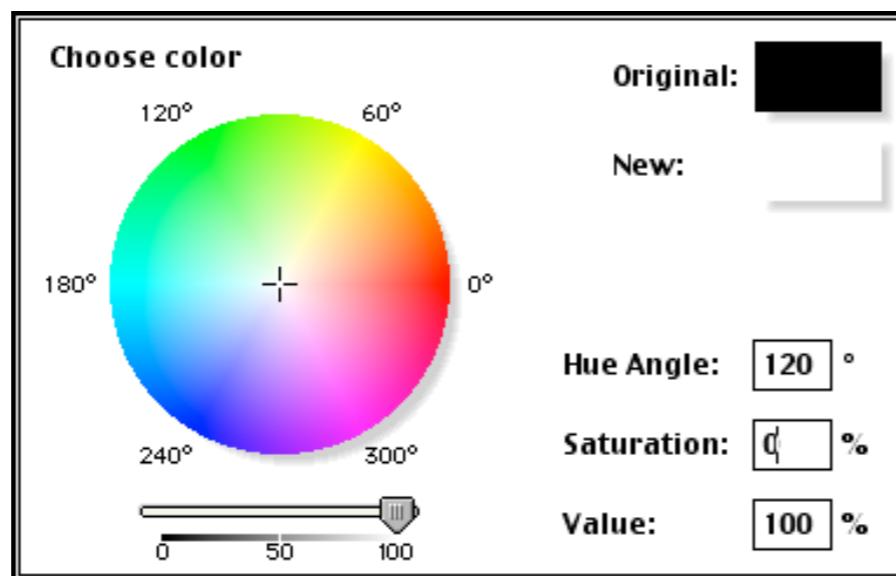
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 - Distinguish green from red (very common)!





Vision - Signal Interpretation

Color Saturation





Human Visual Interpretation

The retina captures an image, and this **raw sensory input** is converted into **neural signals**, which are then transmitted to the brain for further analysis. The brain's occipital lobe plays a critical role in interpreting these signals, which involves **deciphering** shapes, colors, depth, and movement. Subsequent processing **integrates** this visual information with prior knowledge, memories, and context stored in other **brain parts** to **construct** a coherent understanding of what is being seen. This stage is where **perception truly happens**—objects are recognized, spatial relationships are understood, and meaning is assigned to visual cues.



Vision - Signal Interpretation

Visual Processing

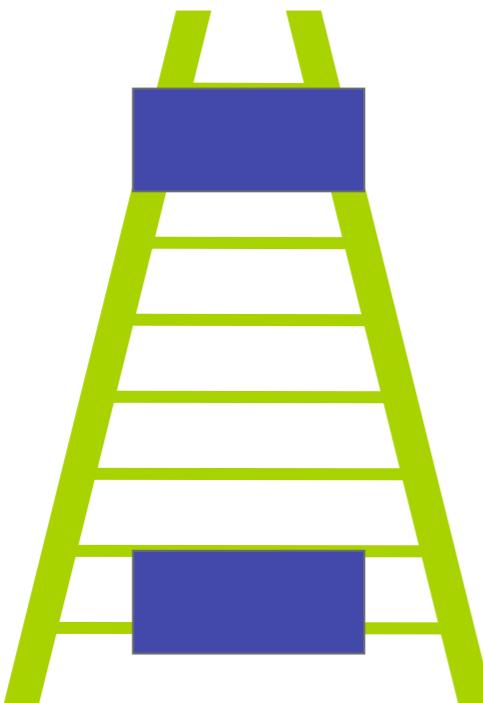
- Action of the brain on the **significance** of the visual signal input.
- What we see is an interpretation guided by our **expectations**
 - Example: the notion of constant size.
 - Our brain can infer complete images when there are “holes”.
 - Your mind can be deceived!



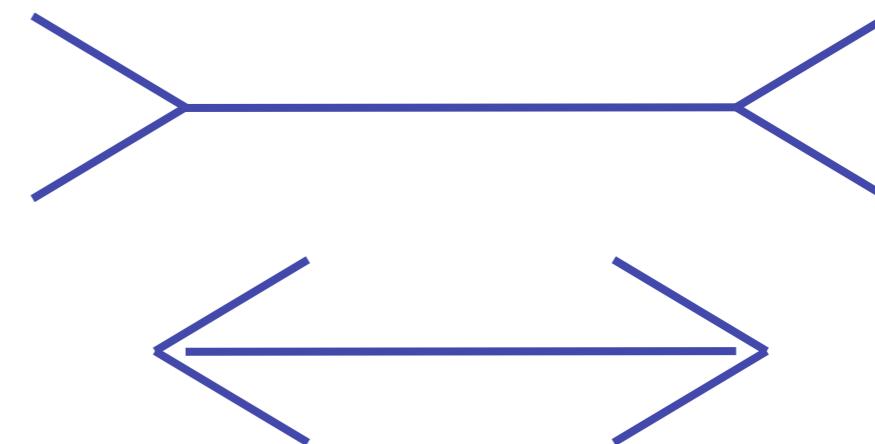
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Optical Illusions

**The law of size
preservation**



The Ponzo illusion



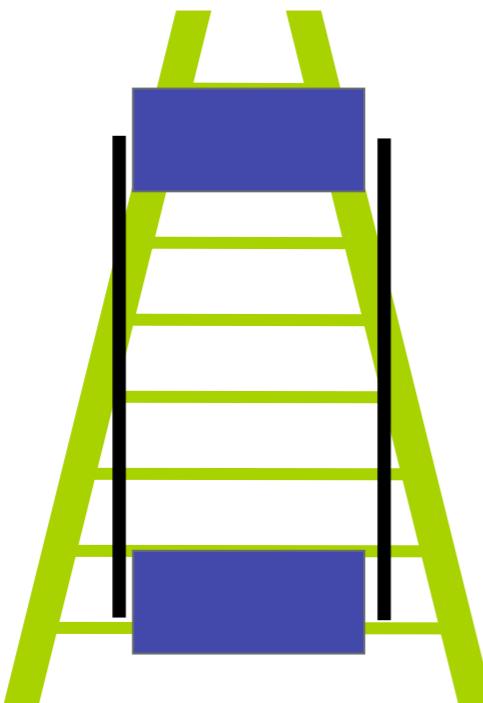
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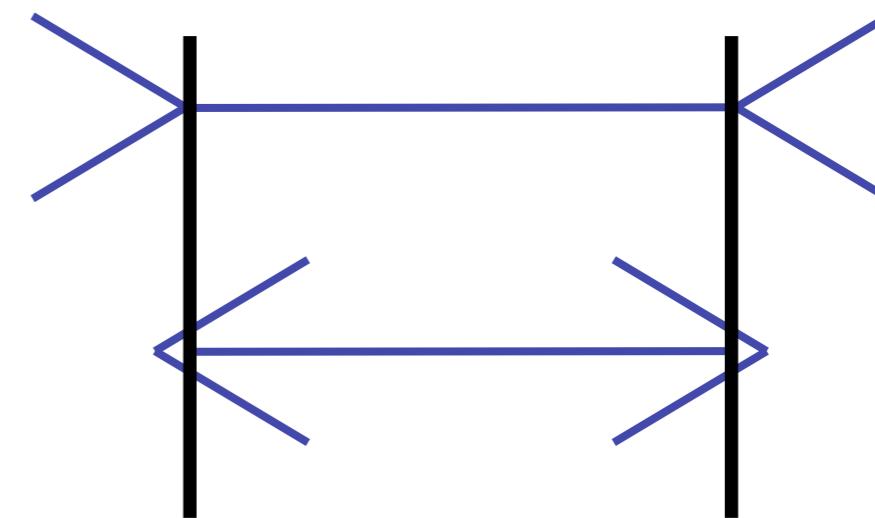
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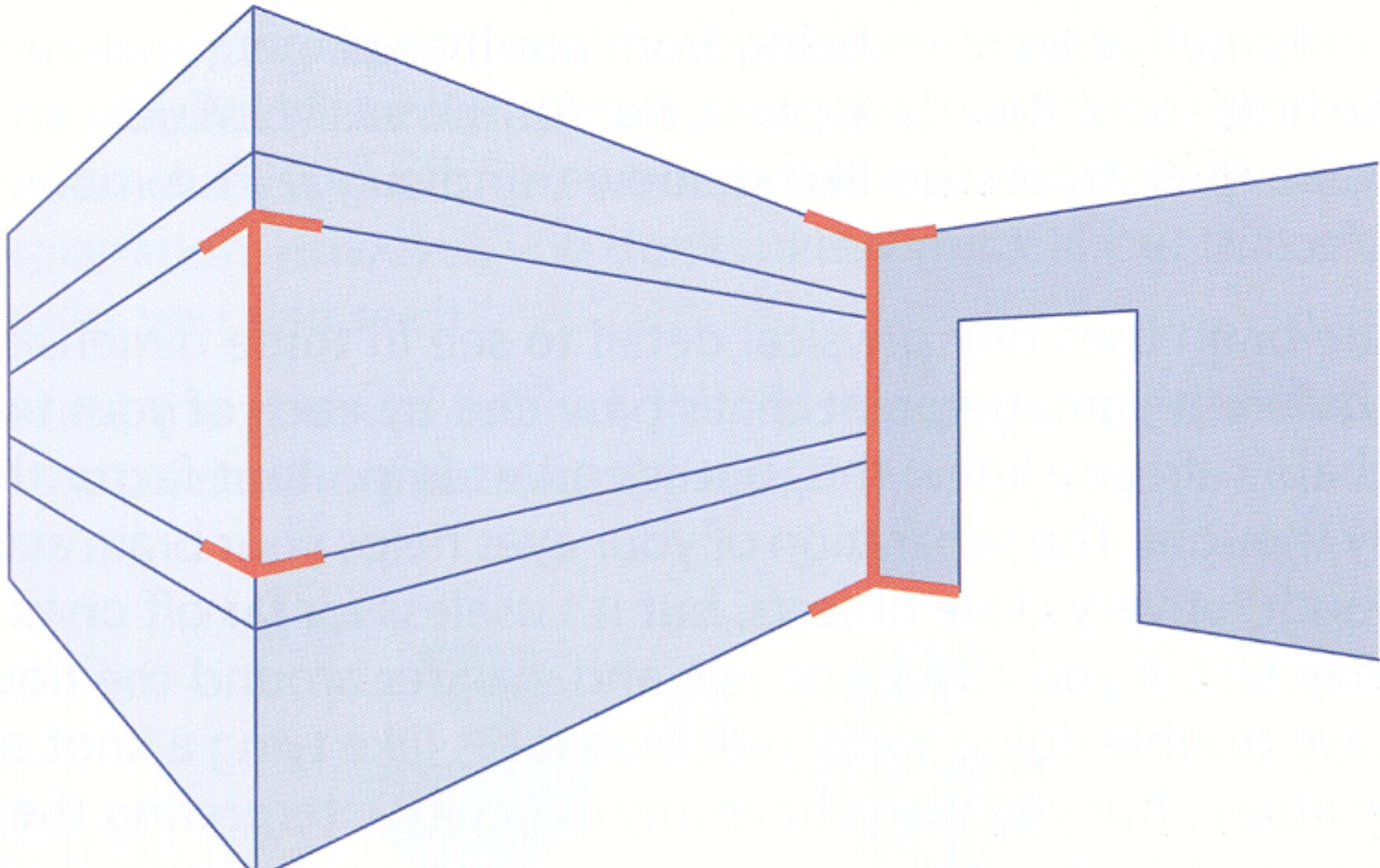


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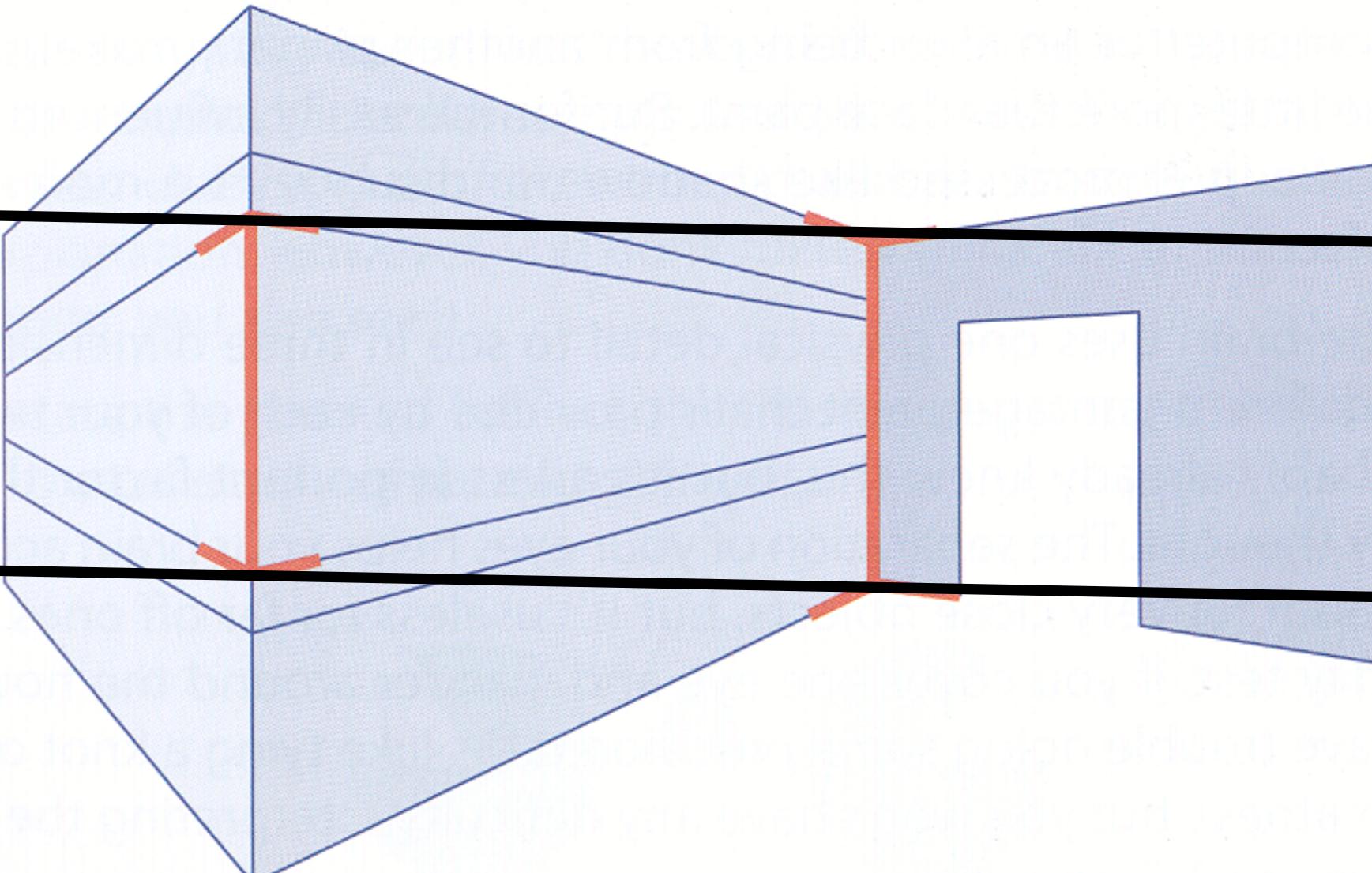


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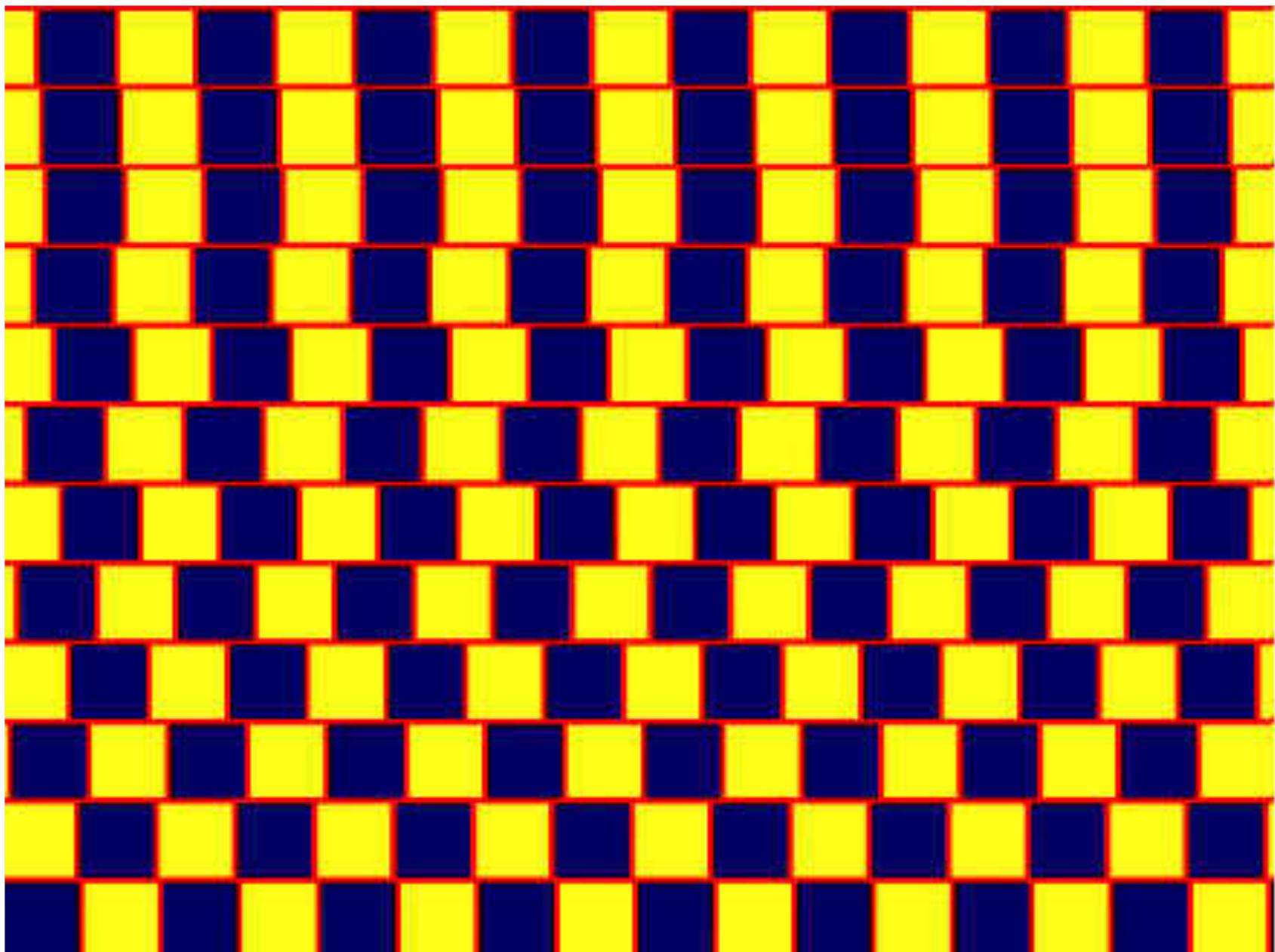


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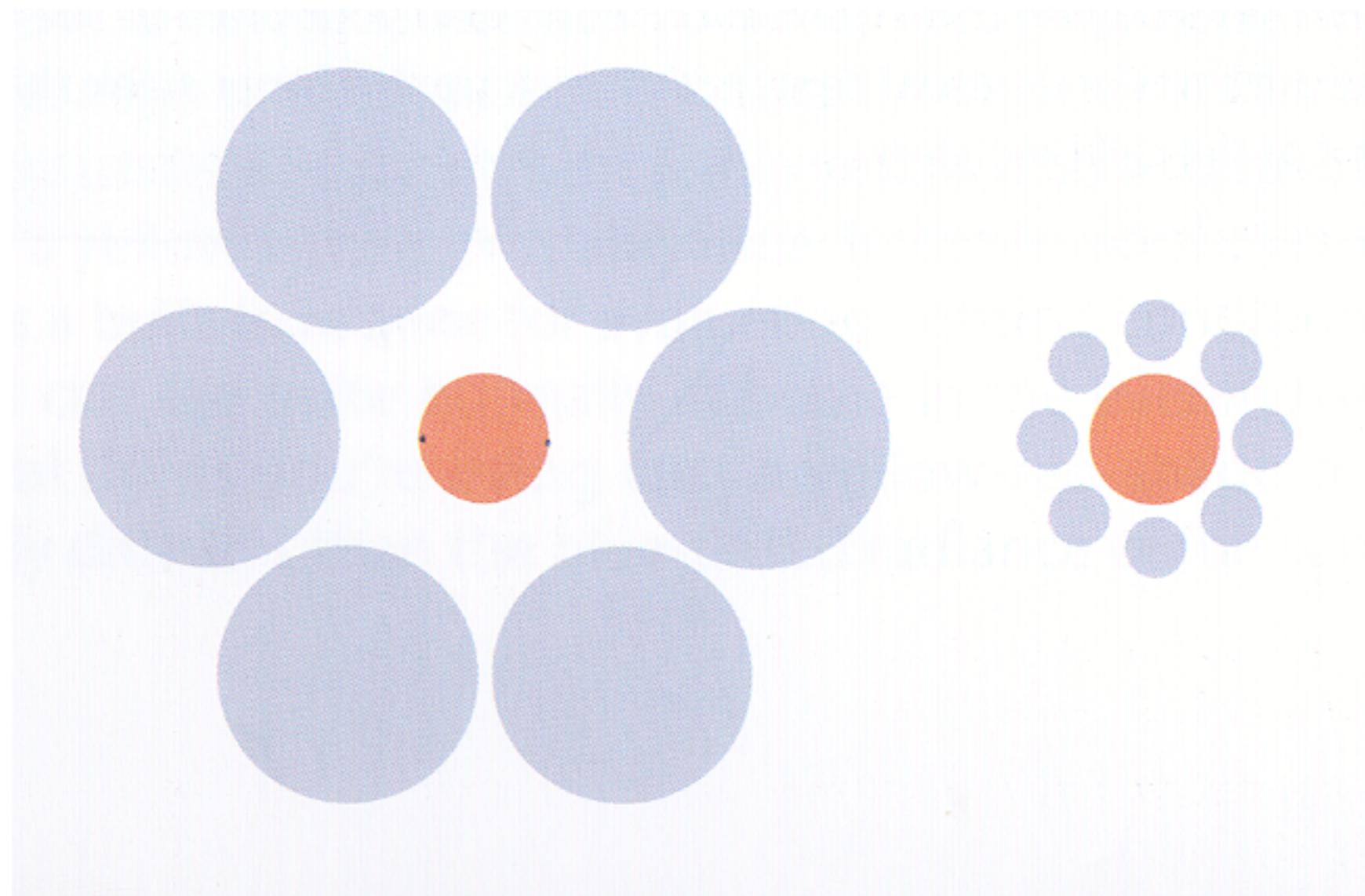


Diluted Parallelism



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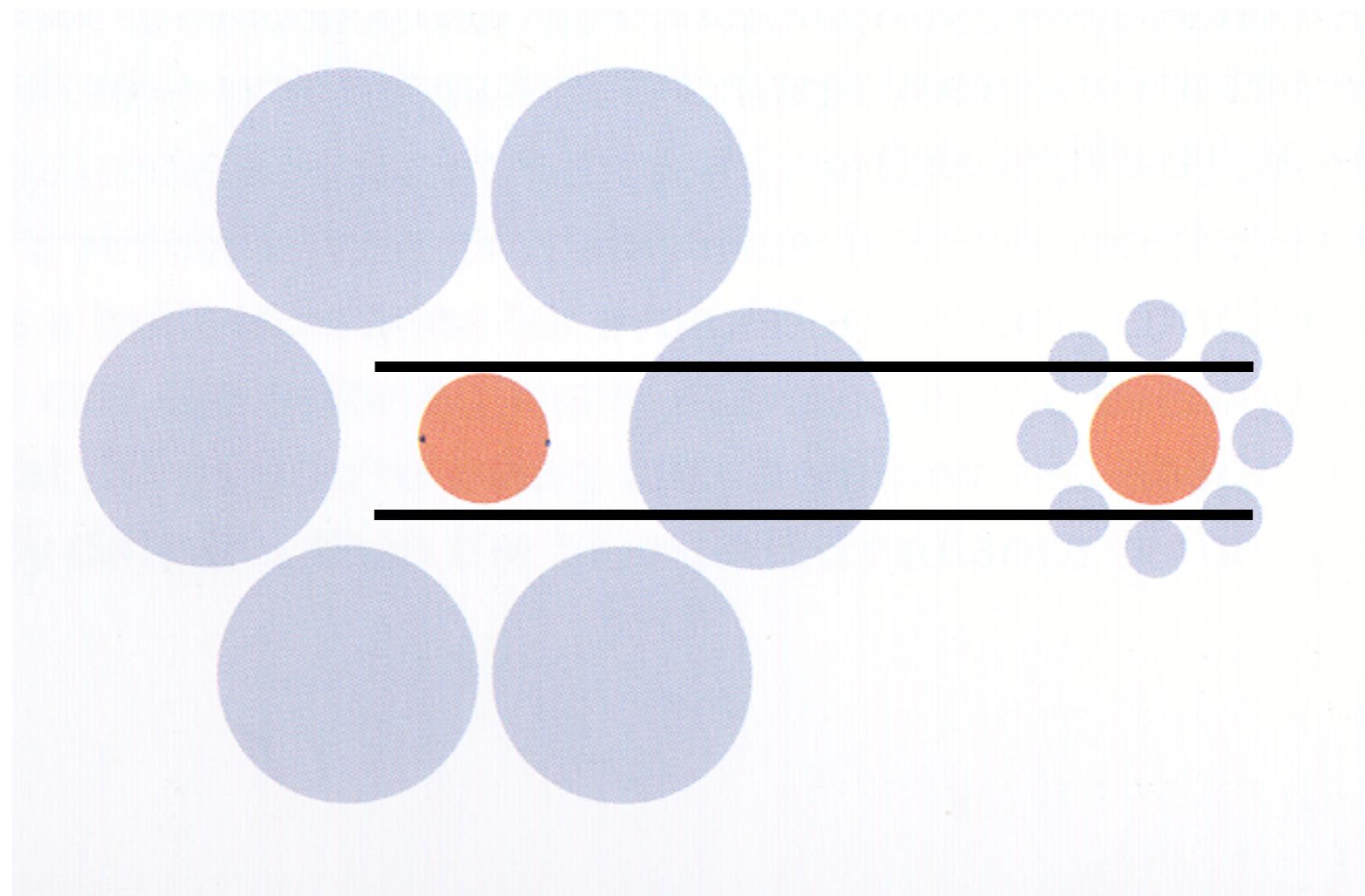


Relativity



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Relativity



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The power of a context



What do you see here?



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The power of a context



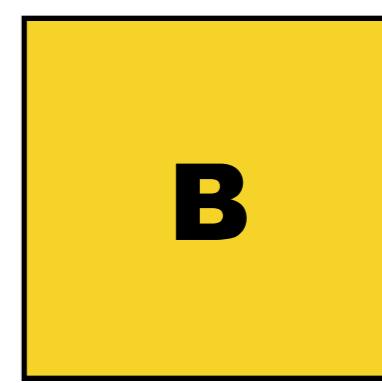
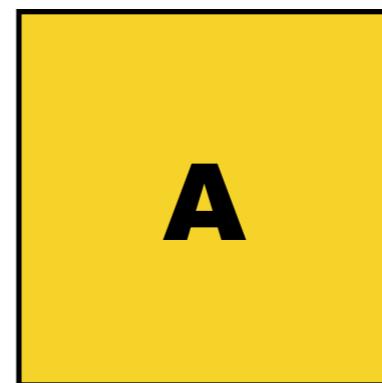
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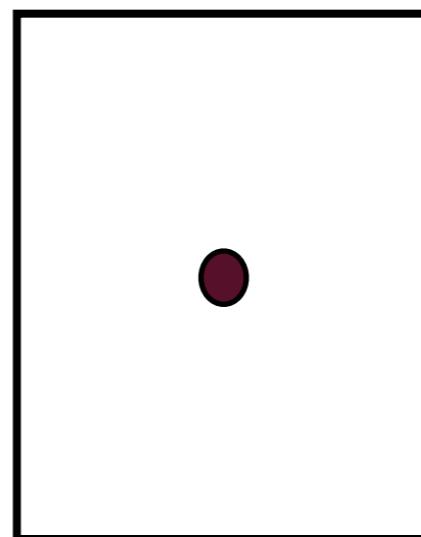
Graphic Design

- We tend to increase horizontal lines and shorten the vertical ones



- The perceived “optical center” is position slightly above the true center

true center

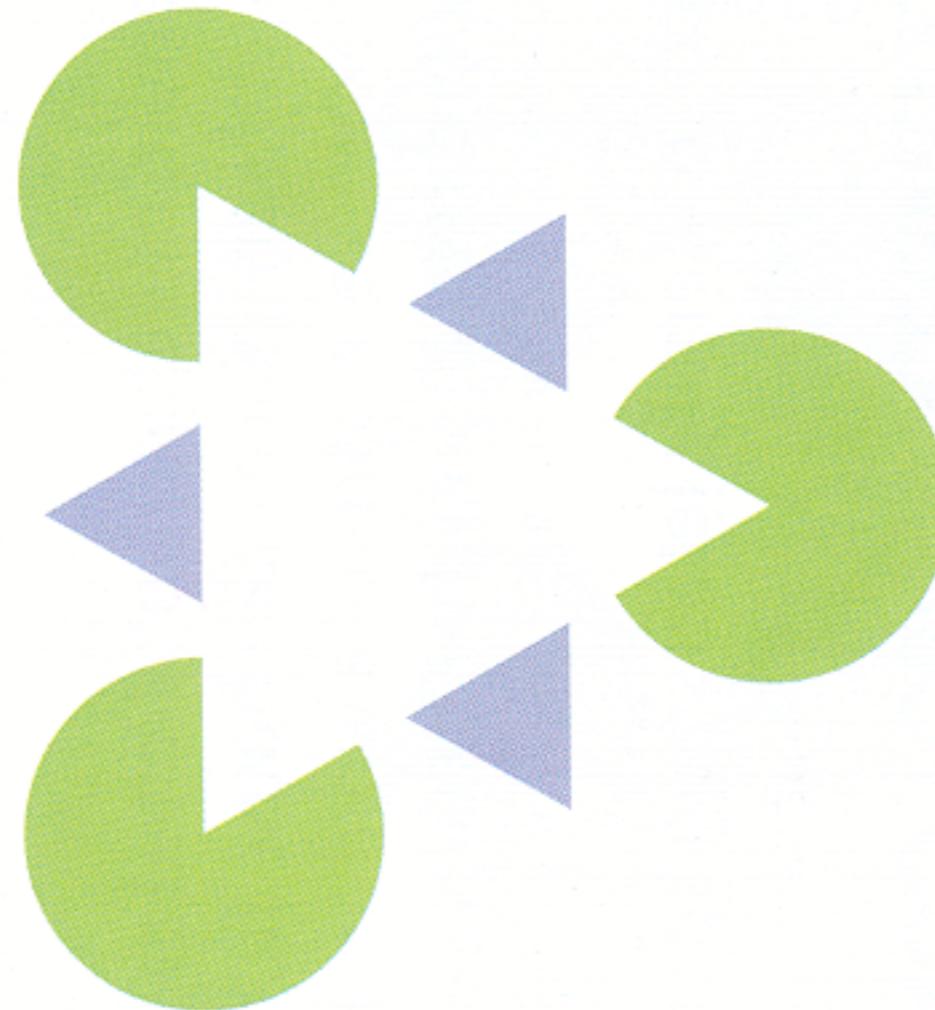


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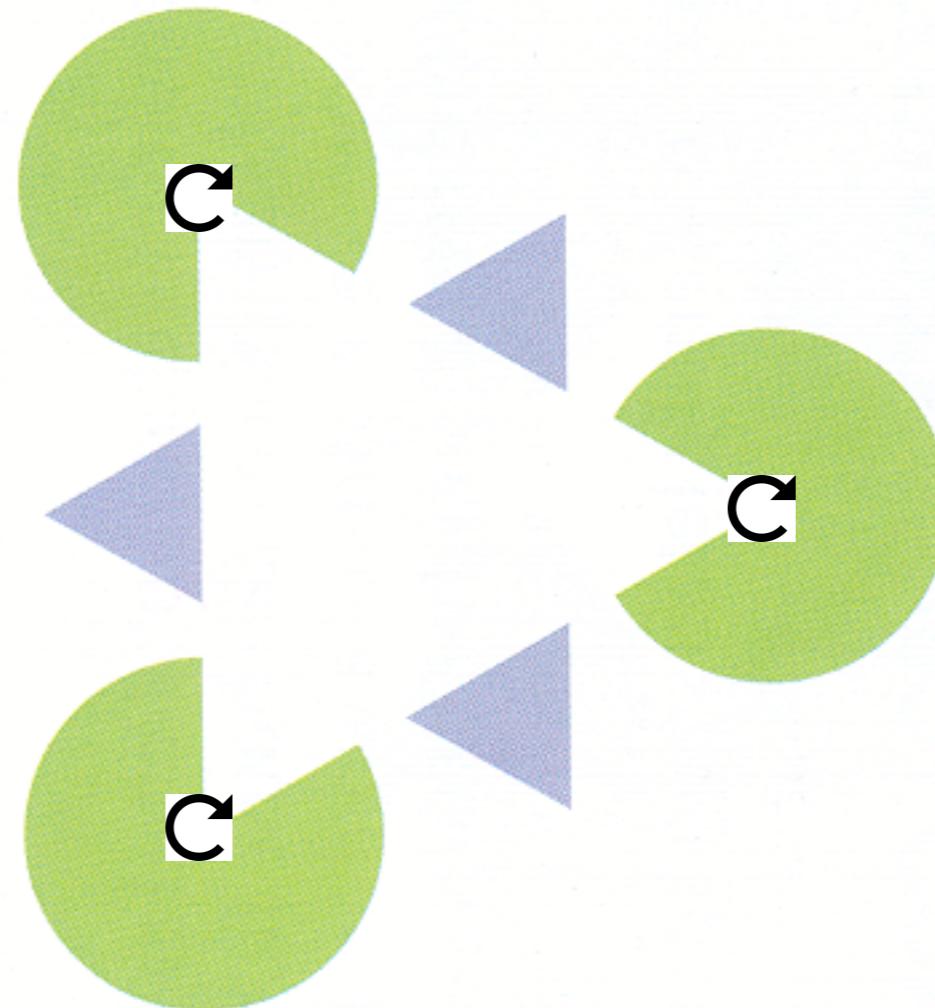


Filling the gap — a human perspective



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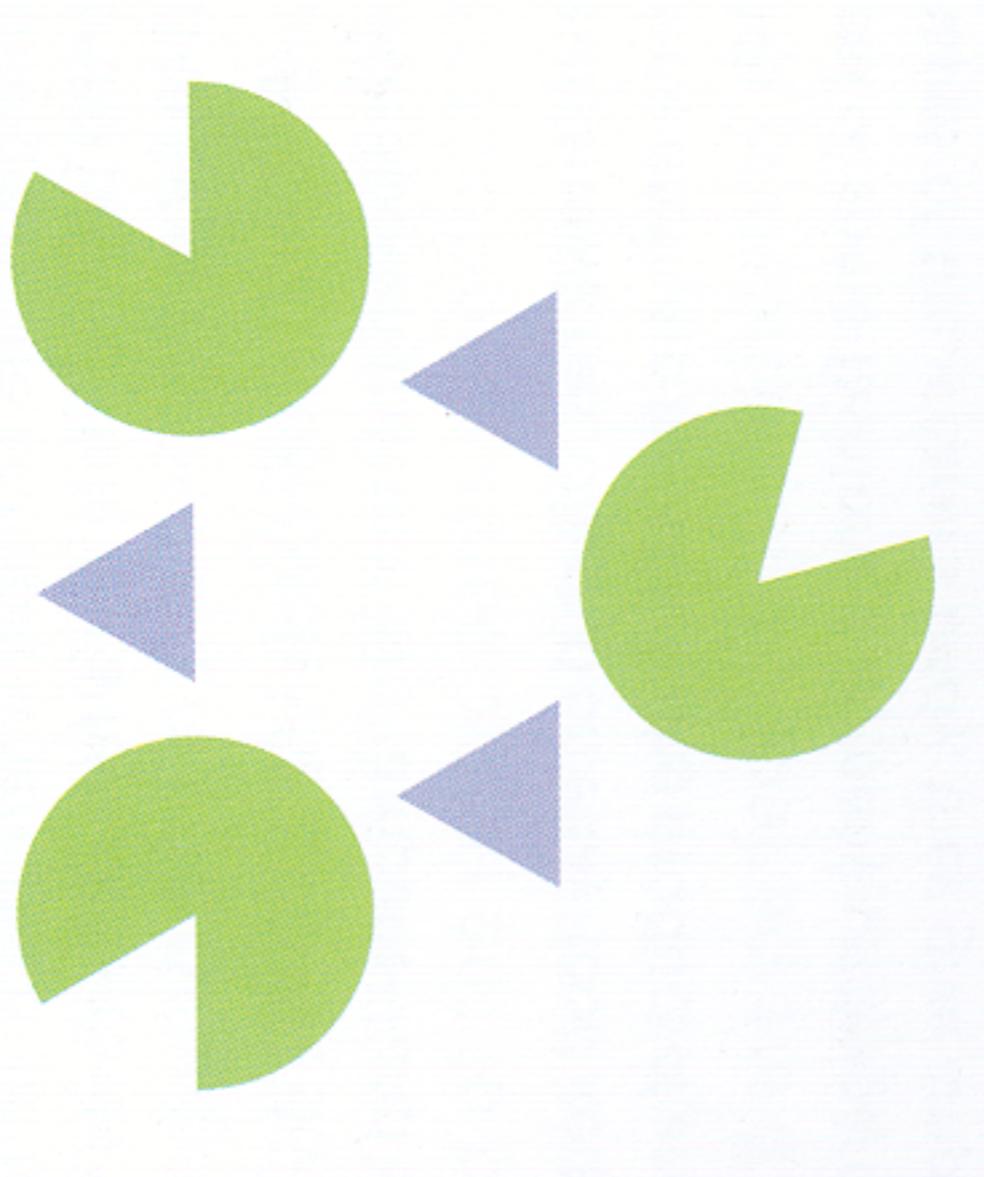


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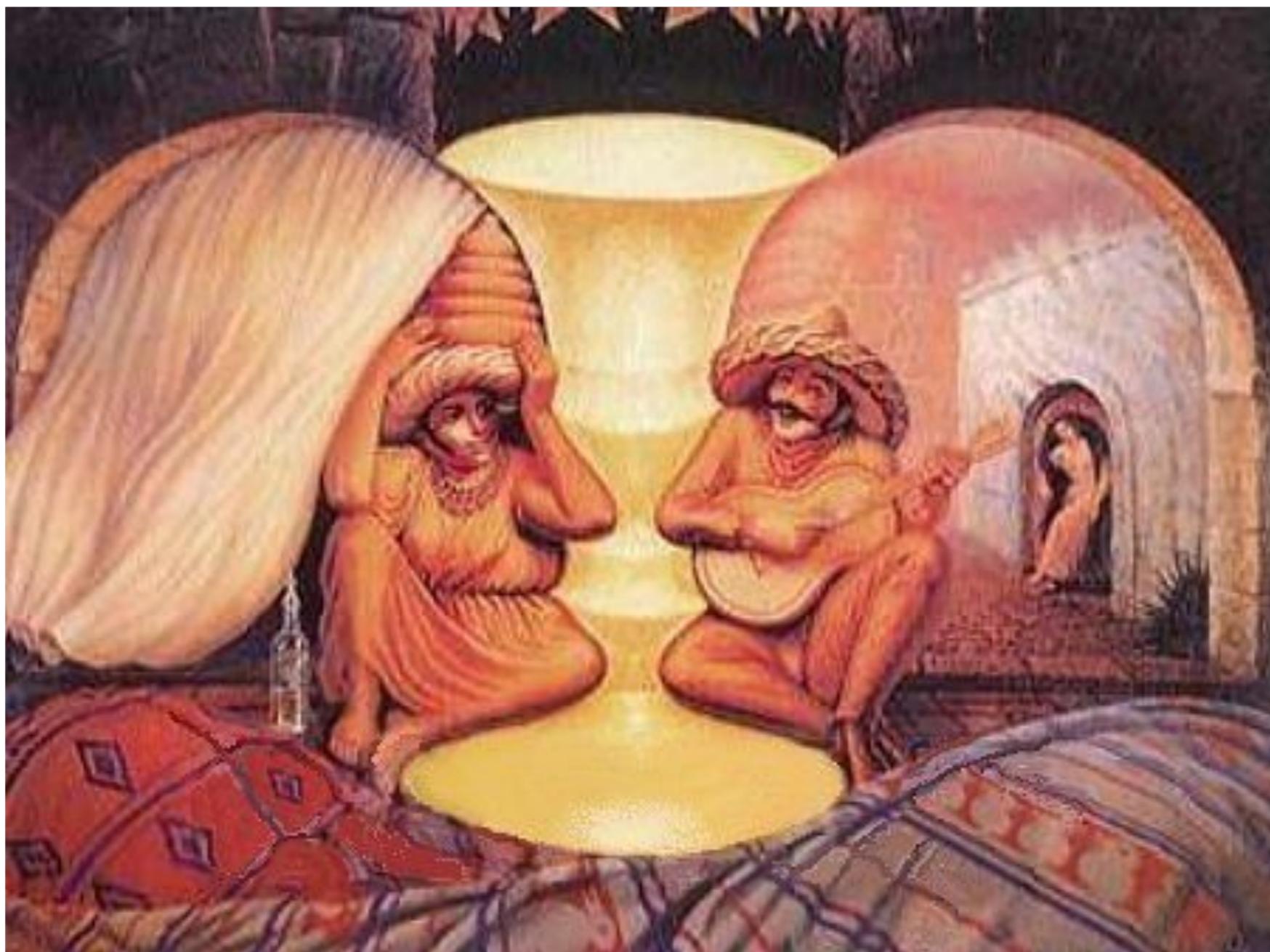


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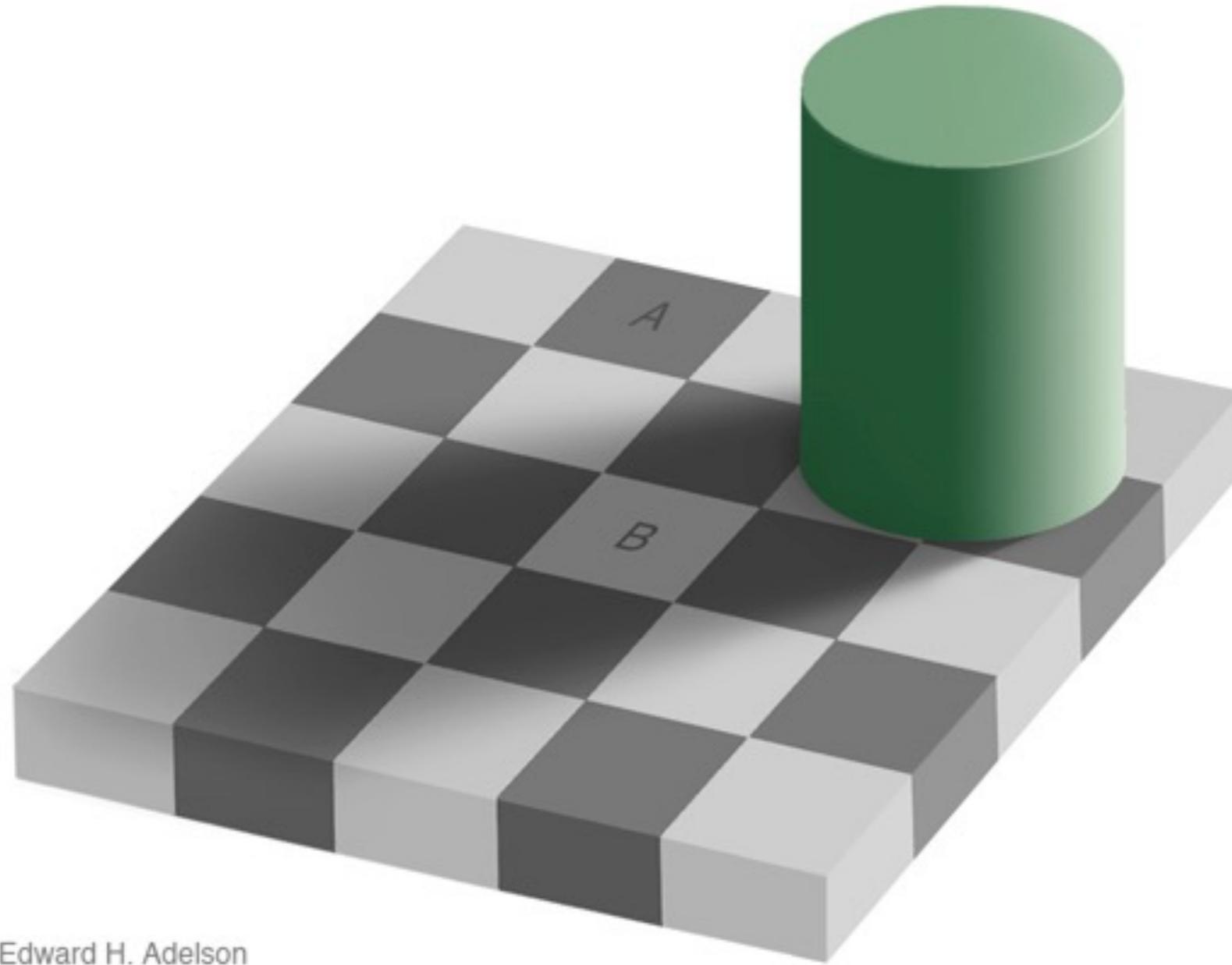


A relative true



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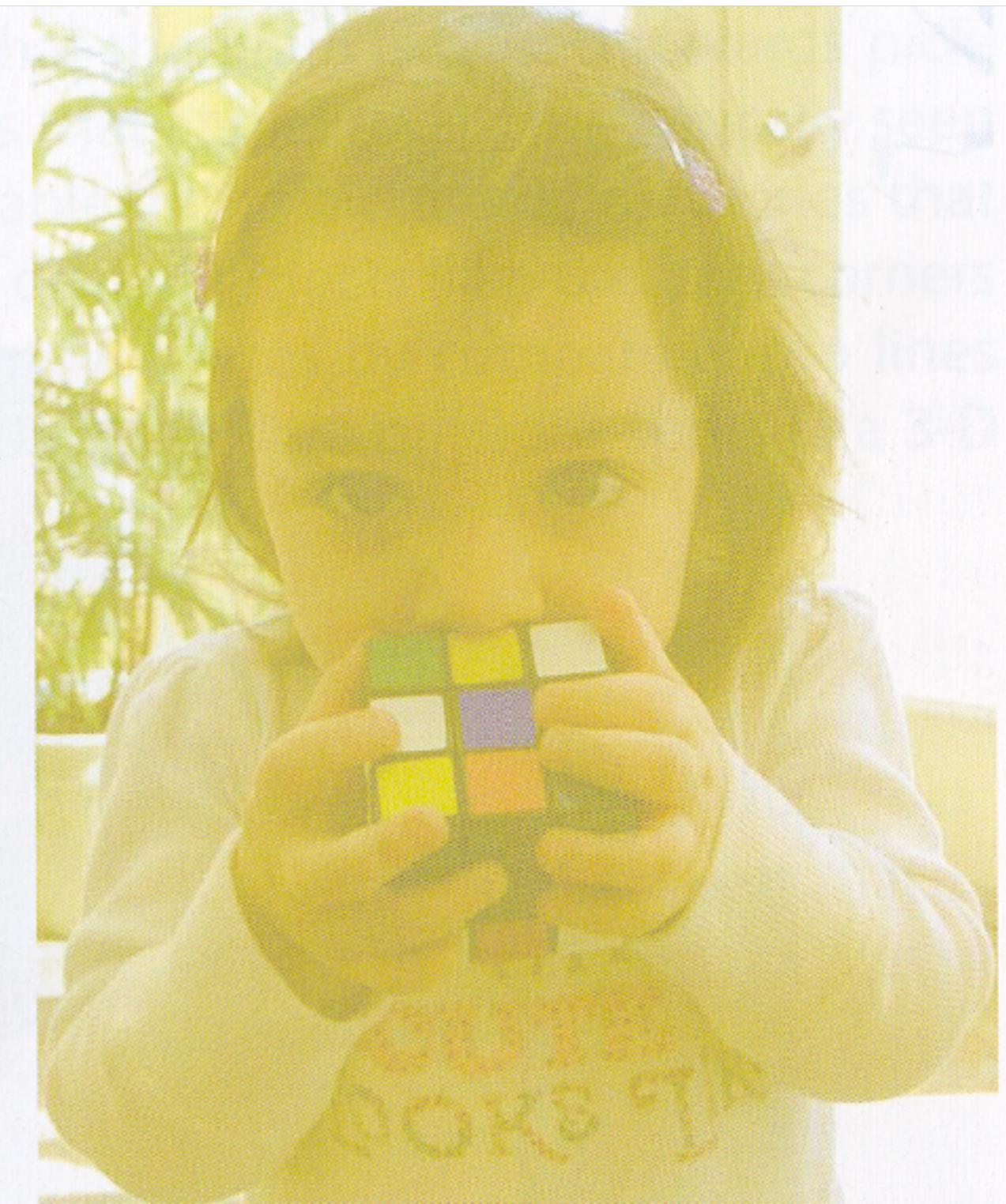
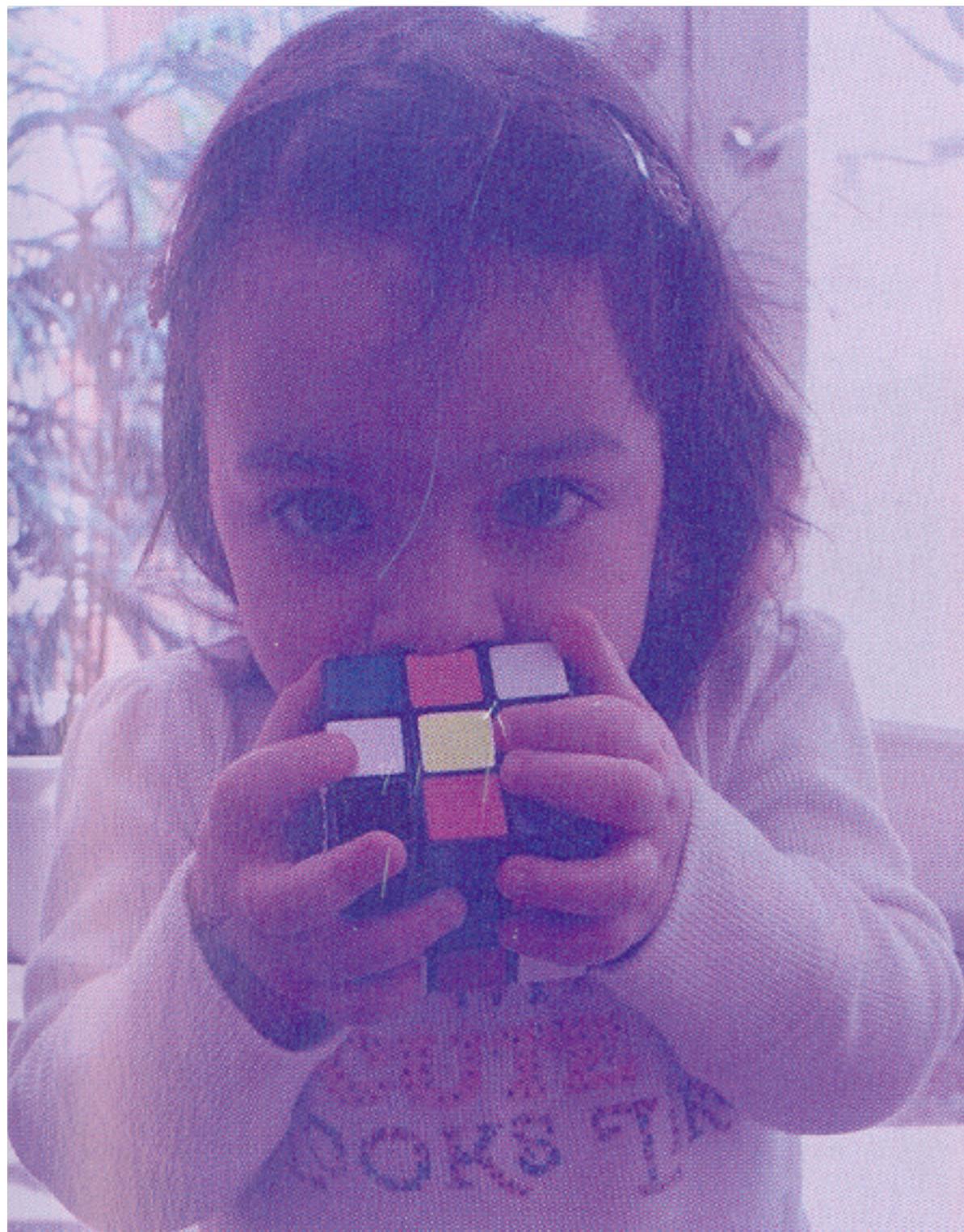


Edward H. Adelson

Gray hues



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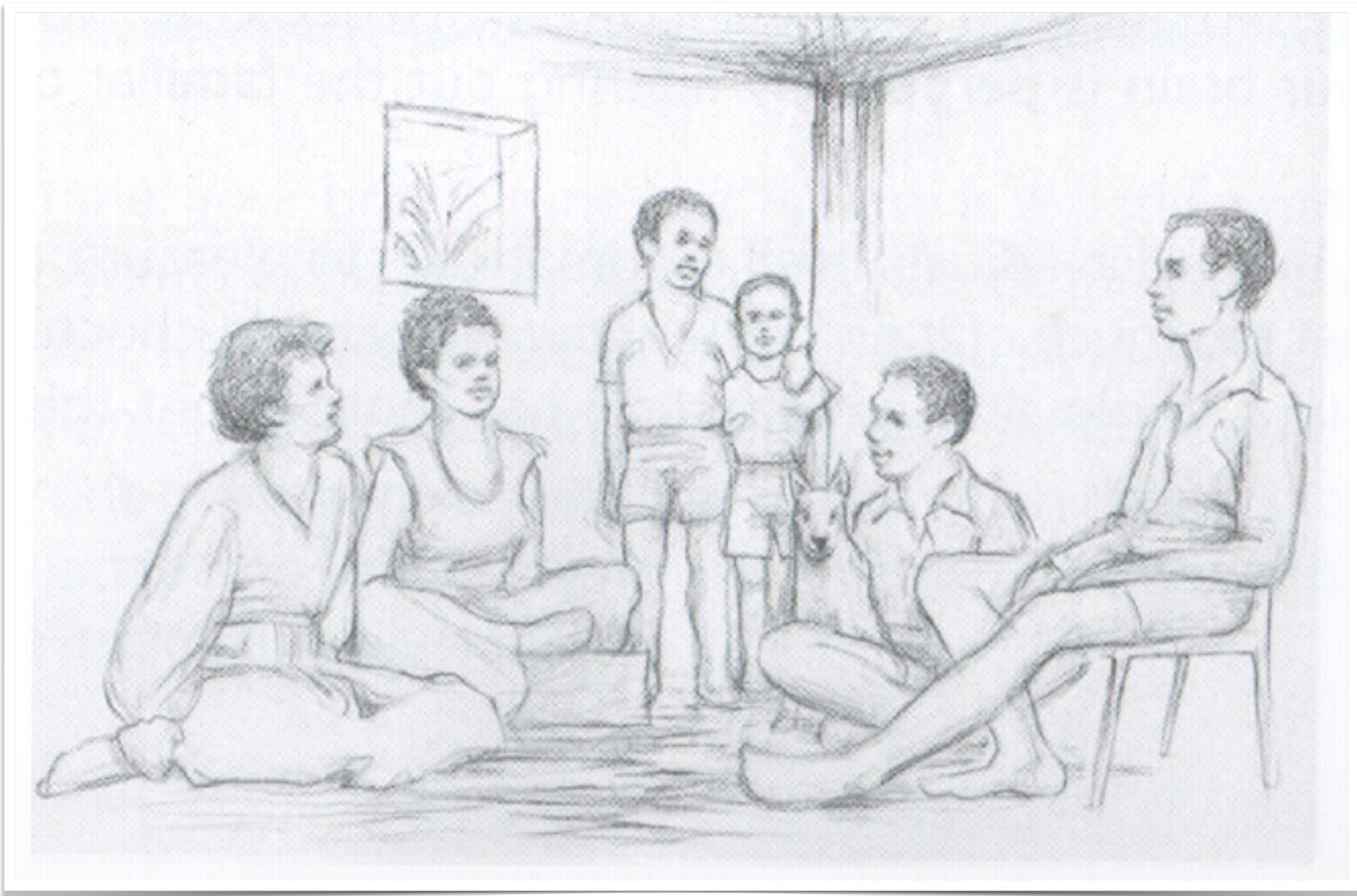


Strange colors



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Optical Illusions



A cultural perspective



Human Visual Interpretation

The **cultural background** provides a context-rich framework that influences our expectations, values, and the meanings we ascribe to what we see. For instance, **color perception** is culturally relative — white may symbolize purity in some cultures, yet in others, it represents mourning. When designing products and applications, it is crucial to **recognize that cultural diversity** can lead to a multiplicity of user interpretations and needs. Acknowledging and addressing these differences is key to **creating inclusive designs** sensitive to the broad spectrum of human experience, ensuring that products are **functional and culturally congruent** with their intended user base.



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Optical Illusions

Read the following:

The quick brown fox
jumps over the
the lazy dog

Is it correct?



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Text Reading

- Human eye makes rapid movements (**saccades**) and pauses (**fixations**) - 94% time breaks
- Information is collected during the "fixations" and there are 3 to 5 per line of text
- There are also **regressions** in the eye movement
 - Complex text => more regressions
 - Reading speed in adults: 250 words / minute.
 - Reading from a computer is slower than from a book
 - Dark letters on light background is easier to read - more luminance => greater acuity
 - Font sizes: 9 = 12 if proportional spacing on lines



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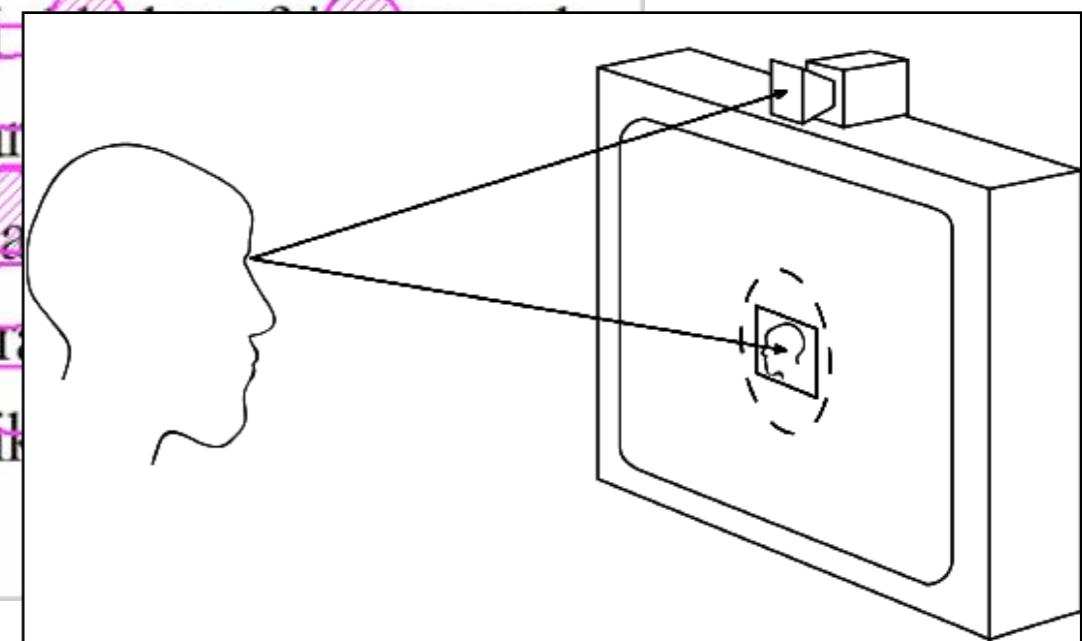
Saccades and Fixations

DANS, KÖN OCH JAGPROJEKT

På jakt efter ungdomars kroppsspråk och den "synkretiska dansen", en sammansättning av olika kulturers dans har jag i mitt fältarbete under hösten rört mig på olika arenor inom skolans värld. Nordiska, afrikanska, syd- och östeuropeiska ungdomar gör sina röster hörda genom sång, musik, skrik, skratt och gestaltar känslor och uttryck med hjälp av kroppsspråk och dans.

eye-gaze

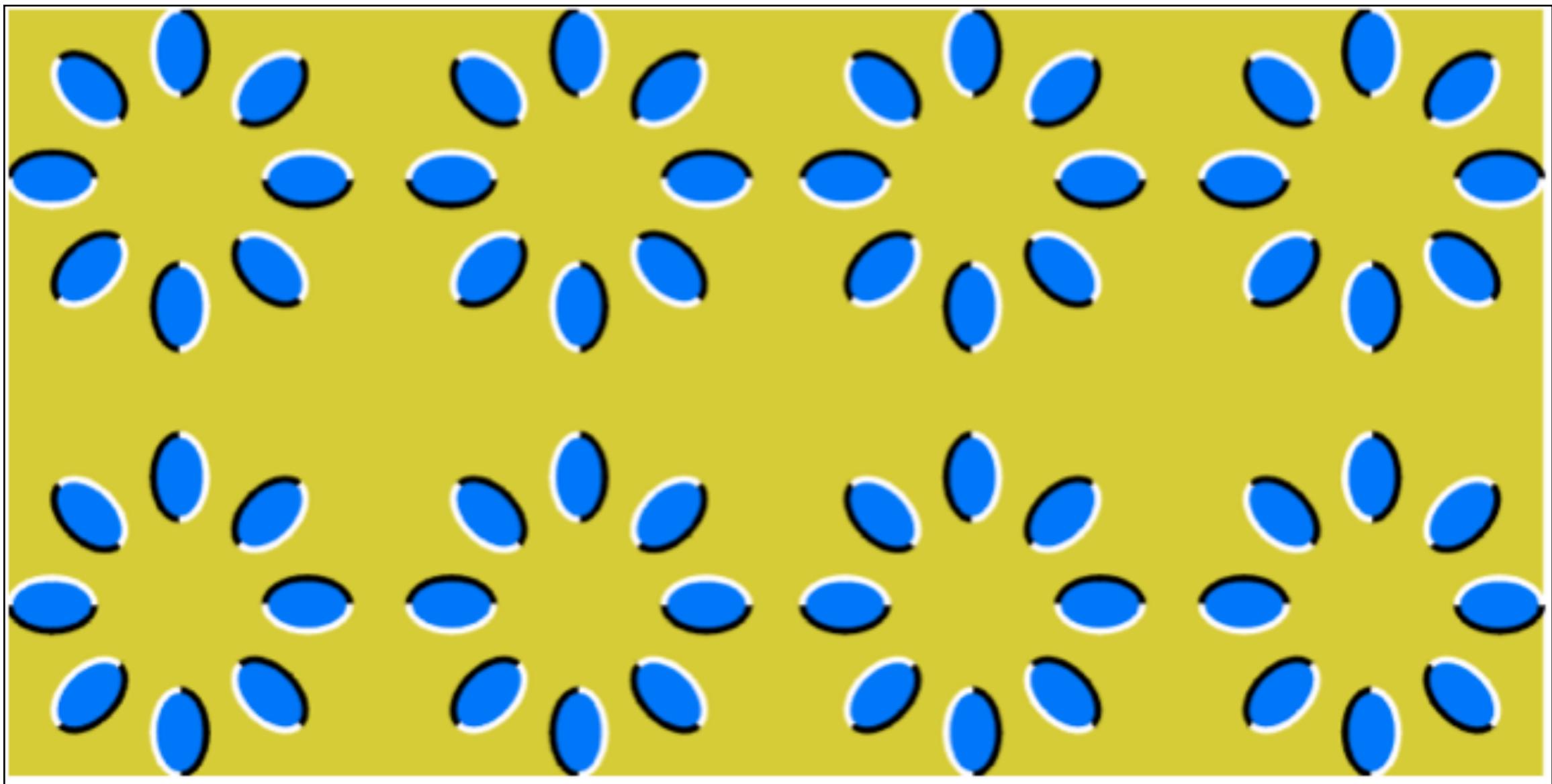
Den individuella estetiken framträder i symboliska tecken som förstärker ungdomar också den egna stilin i kroppsrörelserna spelar identitetsprövningen. Upphållsrummet fungerar där ungdomarna spelar upp sina performanceklik.





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Saccades and Fixations

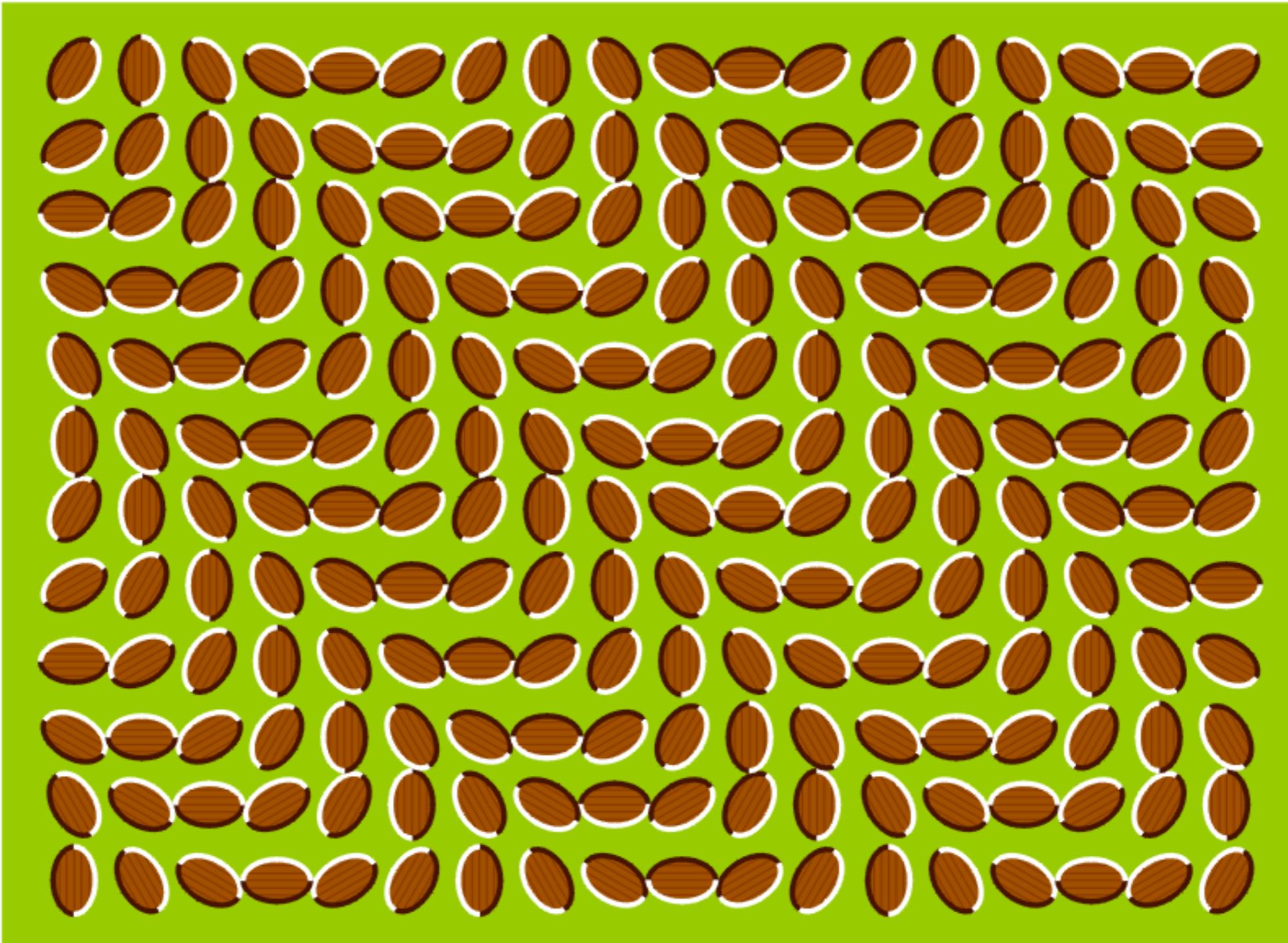


False dynamics



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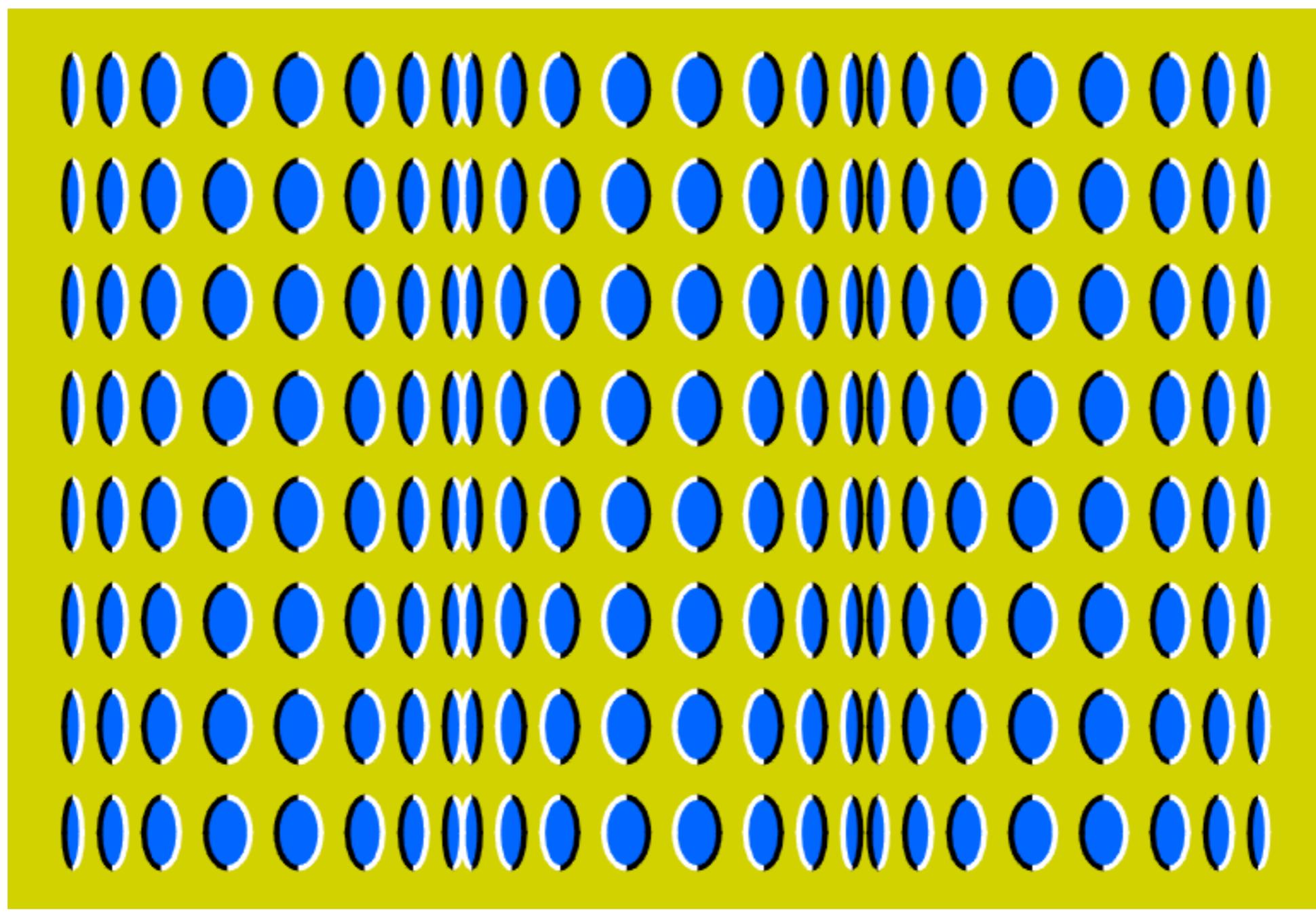


False dynamics



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The Human - Vision

Text Reading

How do humans really read?

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- Chinese ideograms
- There are about 42 000
- Only 3000 most used



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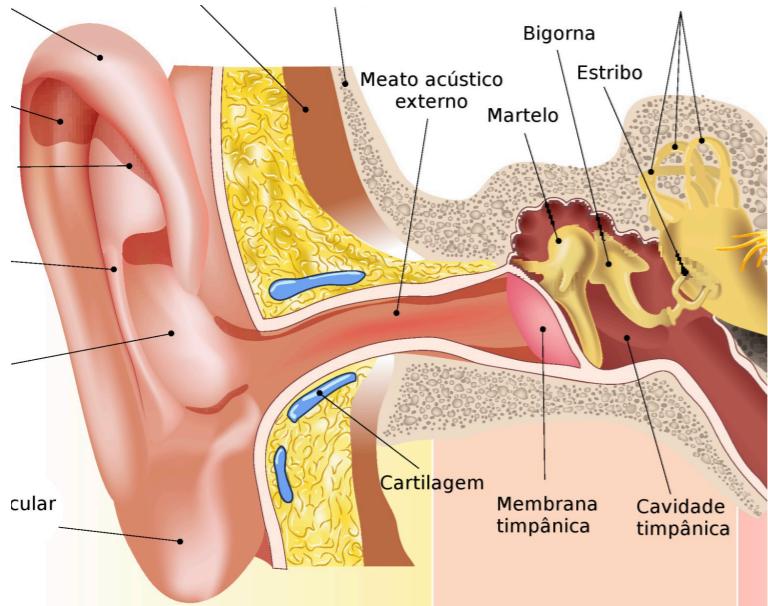
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The Human - Hearing

Human Hearing



Usually viewed as secondary, but ...

There is **much more** information entering than what is naively considered.

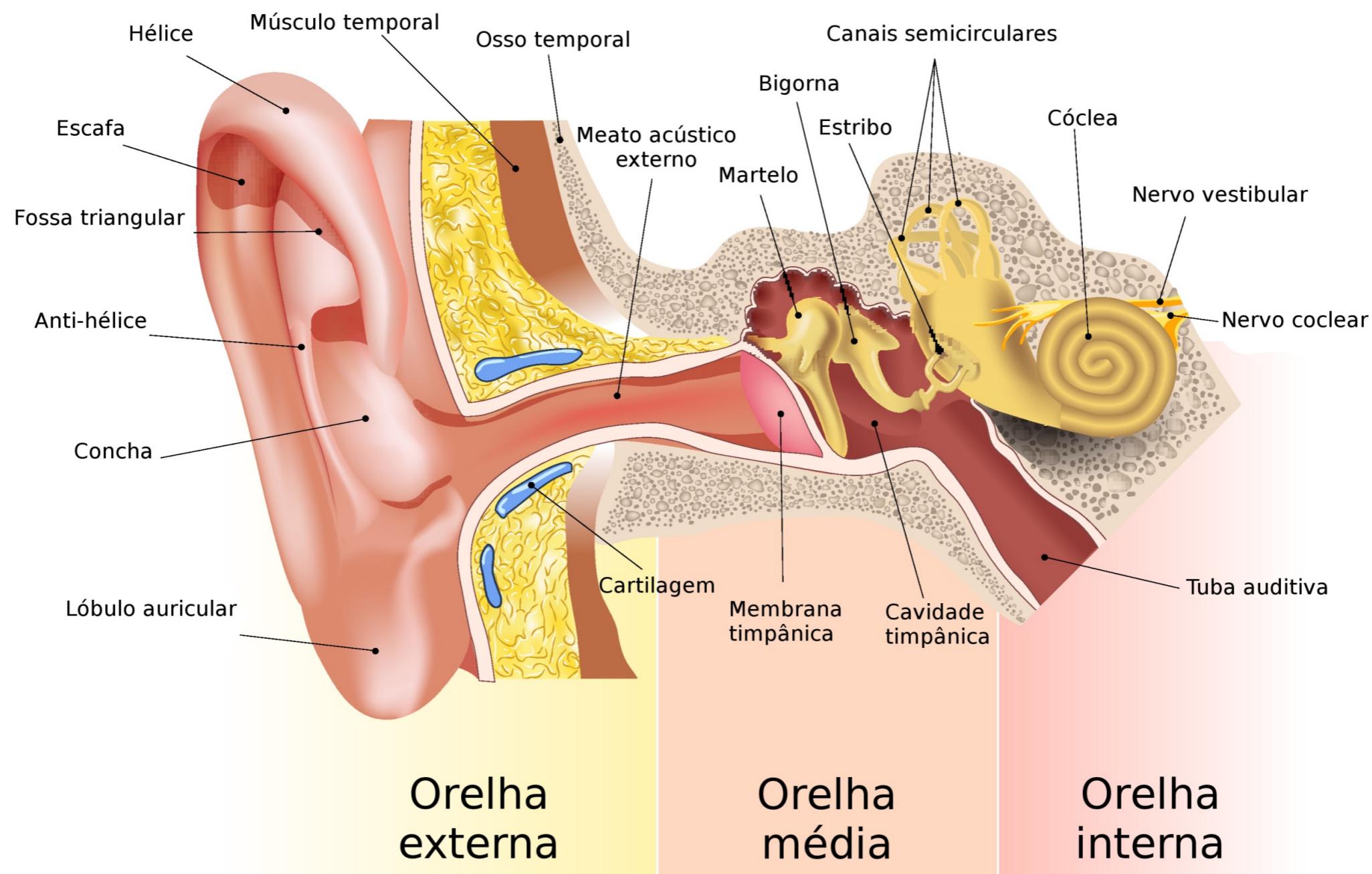
The pinna acts as a **funnel** that channels the sound into the ear.

We were able to **estimate distances**, due to delays in reception between the two ears.



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Anatomia da Orelha





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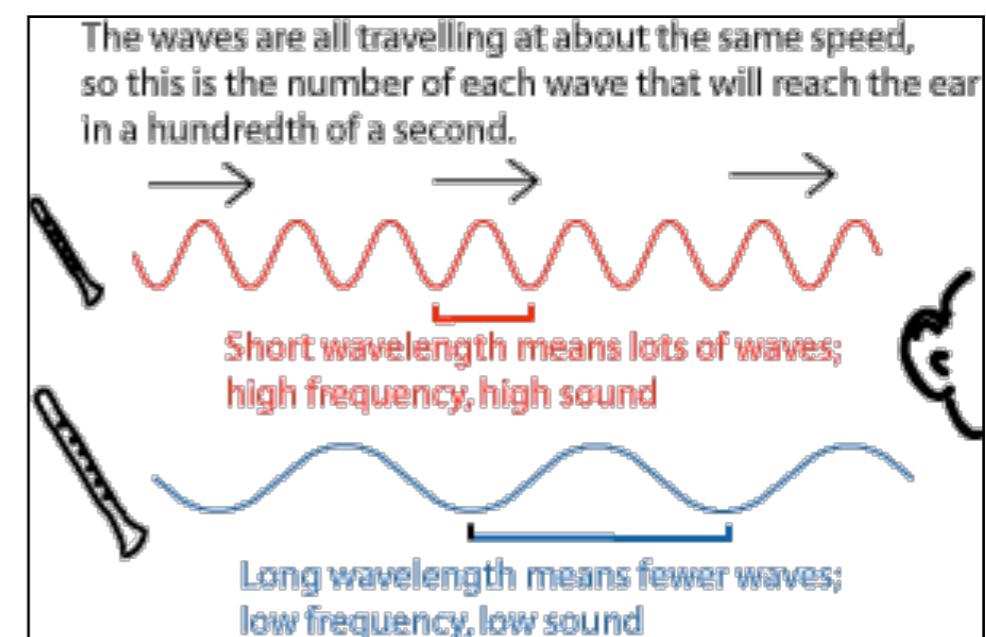
- Provides rich environment information: distances, directions, etc.

- **Physical Apparatus**

- **Outer ear** – protects inner ear and amplifies sound
- **Middle ear** – transmits sound waves as vibrations to inner ear
- **Inner ear** – chemical transmitters are released and cause impulses in auditory nerve

- **Sound**

- **Pitch** – frequência (Hz)
- **Loudness** – amplitude (dB)
- **Timbre** – tipo de som





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Processing Sound

- Human hearing range between 20Hz and 15kHz
 - Dogs can hear **ultrasounds**;
 - Elephants communicate through **infra-sounds**;
- At low frequencies, we can detect differences of 1.5 Hz;
- At higher frequencies, we lose sensitivity;
- The hearing range varies with age;
- The brain efficiently filter sounds, e.g., “the cocktail party”;
- There are also auditory illusions as well.



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There are also auditory illusions

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Auditory illusion

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

An **auditory illusion** is an illusion of hearing, the aural equivalent of an [optical illusion](#): the listener hears either sounds which are not present in the stimulus, or "impossible" sounds.^[1] In short, auditory illusions highlight areas where the [human ear](#) and [brain](#), as organic, makeshift tools, differ from perfect [audio receptors](#) (for better or for worse).

Examples of auditory illusions:

- hearing a [missing fundamental frequency](#), given other parts of the harmonic series
- Various psychoacoustic tricks of [lossy audio compression](#)
- Binaural beats
- Deutsch's scale illusion
- Glissando illusion
- Illusory continuity of tones
- McGurk effect
- Octave illusion/Deutsch's High-Low Illusion
- the Shepard-Risset tone or scale, and the [Deutsch tritone paradox](#)
- the [constant spectrum melody](#)
- [File:Risset accelerando beat1 MCLD.ogg](#): Forever accelerating beat.

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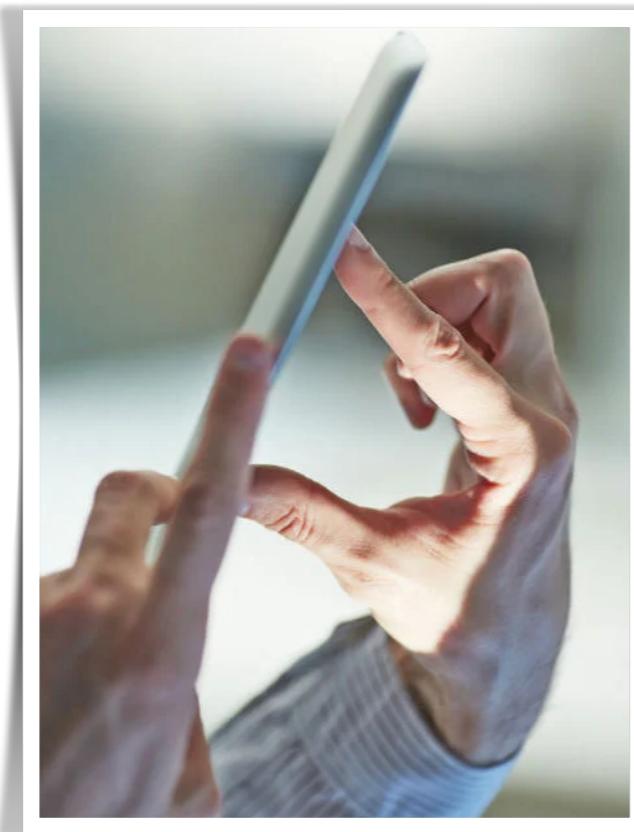
- Musical acoustics
- Psychoacoustics
- Jean-Claude Risset
- Auditory system
- Barber pole – auditory illusions compared to visual illusions
- Doppler effect – not an illusion, but real physical phenomenon
- Holophonics



The Human - Touch

Touch

- Also known as “haptic perception”.
- Normally used as an unconscious feedback:



- The keypresses, when we write;
- Sensing the mouse location (kinaesthetic/cinestético/cinesthesia);
- In electronic equipment: vibrations.



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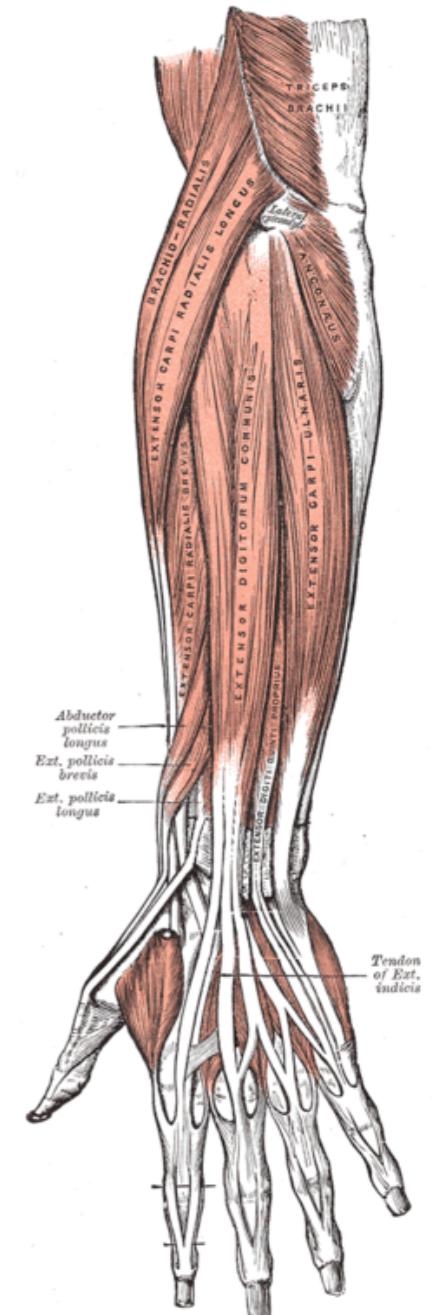
Touch

● Stimuli through skin receptors:

- **Mecano-receptors** (pressure);
- **Termo receptors** (heat);
- **Nocio-receptores** (pain or intense pressure).

● Heterogeneous sensitivity:

- The sensitivity of the fingertip is about **10 times** the sensitivity of the forearm.





The Human - Movement

Movement

- The **motion** is made up of two essential features:
 - Speed
 - Precision
- **Speed** (reaction time) depends on two things (e.g., accident):
 - **Processing** Time
 - **Action** Time



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- Time taken to respond to stimulus:
reaction time + motion time
- The **reaction time** - how quickly an organism can respond to a particular stimulus.
- Dependent on the stimulus type:
 - **Visual** ~ 200 ms
 - **Auditory** ~ 150 ms
 - **Pain** ~ 700 ms
- The **Motion time** dependent on age, fitness, etc.
- Increasing reaction time decreases accuracy in the unskilled operator but not in the skilled one.



combined stimulus => better RT



The Human - Movement

Fit's Law (1954)

Describes the time taken to hit a screen target:

$$Mt = a + b \log_2(D/S + 1)$$

where: **a** and **b** are empirically determined constants,

Mt is the movement time

D is the distance to target,

S is the size of the target

⇒ **Rule**: targets as large as possible and distances as small as possible



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The Hick's law (1952)

Models the time required to select one option among several possibilities:

$$T = b \log_2(n + 1)$$

where:

n is the number of possibilities,

T is the time taken to choose an option,

b is an empirical constant

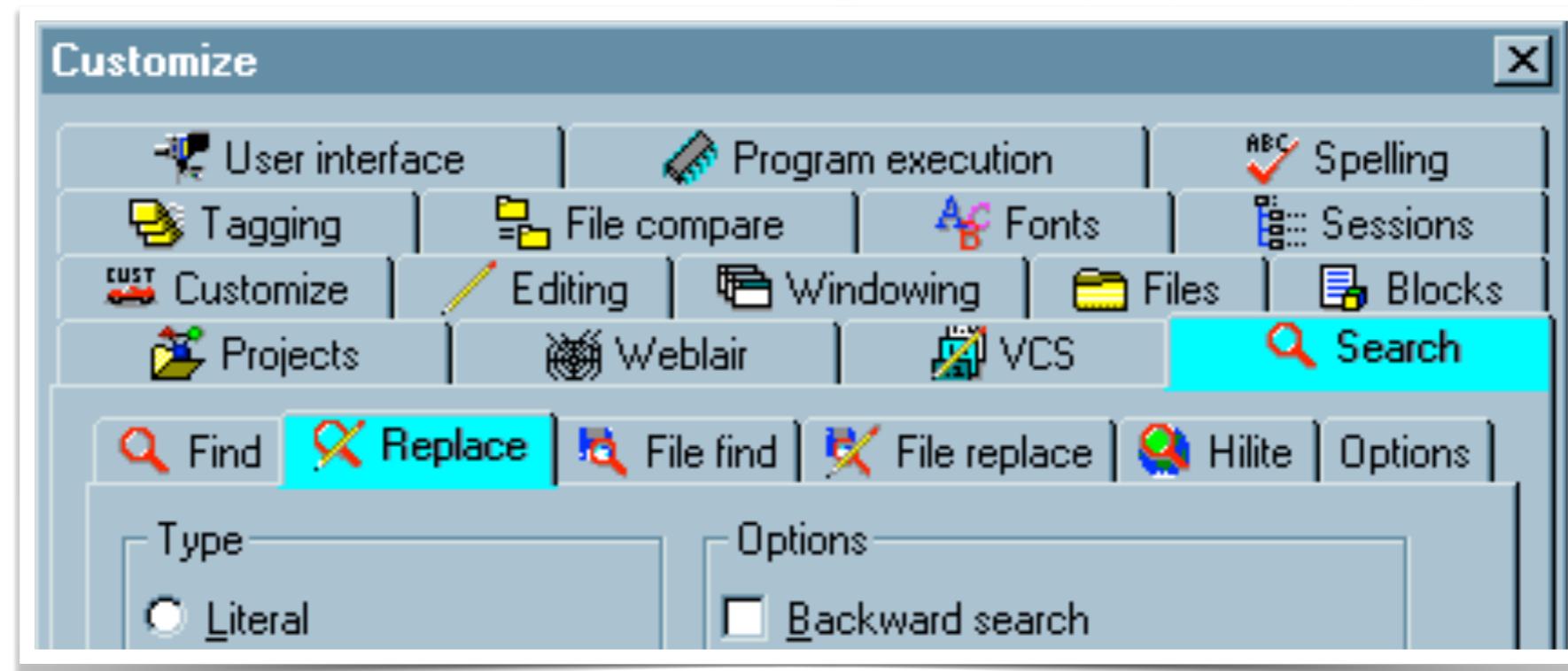
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