

An excellent study that you should definitely read

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Abstract

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Keywords: vision, illusory contours, psychophysics

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Methods

The methods section can have subsections or subsubsections as appropriate for the study. I have suggested some here.

Participants

Describe your participants, how they were recruited, demographic information.

Equipment

Describe the equipment you used to conduct the experiment, including hardware and software relevant to the presentation of stimuli and collection of data. You should also describe elements of the physical setup. How far from the screen was the participant (how large were the stimuli on the retina)? Data analysis software can come under "Data Analysis" below. If each participant used different hardware to do the experiment, this should be described!

Stimuli and procedure

Describe how the stimuli were created and their properties.

Describe what the participant(s) did in the experiment (their task).

Describe what one trial was like.

Describe how many trials were performed, how they were blocked or randomly arranged, etc.

Data analysis

Describe how you analysed the data. What software (versions?) was used? What functions / equations did you implement? Describe the equations and related aspects in sufficient detail that someone familiar with the field understands what you've done.

You should not include actual code here.

Results

Describe the results of Experiment 1. Refer to data figures, but provide more narrative in text. Try to keep interpretation ("what it means") to a minimum – that goes in the discussion.

Discussion

Your discussion section goes here.

References

Ringach, D. L., & Shapley, R. (1996). Spatial and Temporal Properties of Illusory Contours and Amodal Boundary Completion. *Vision Research*, 36(19), 3037–3050. doi: 10.1016/0042-6989(96)00062-4