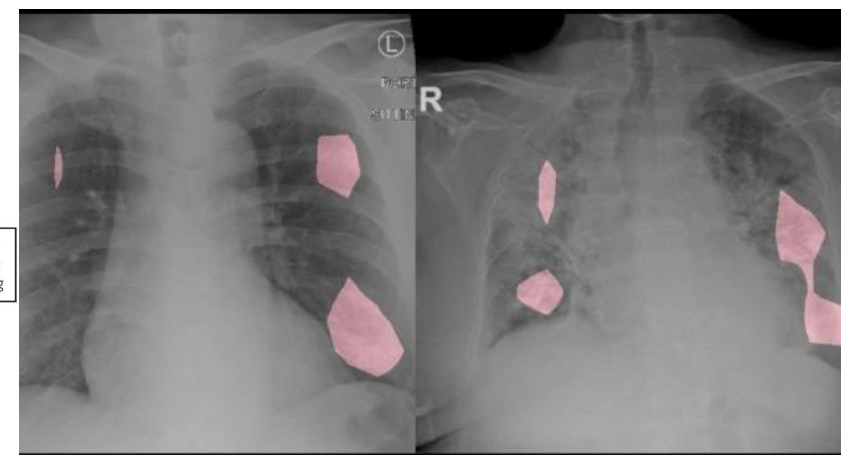
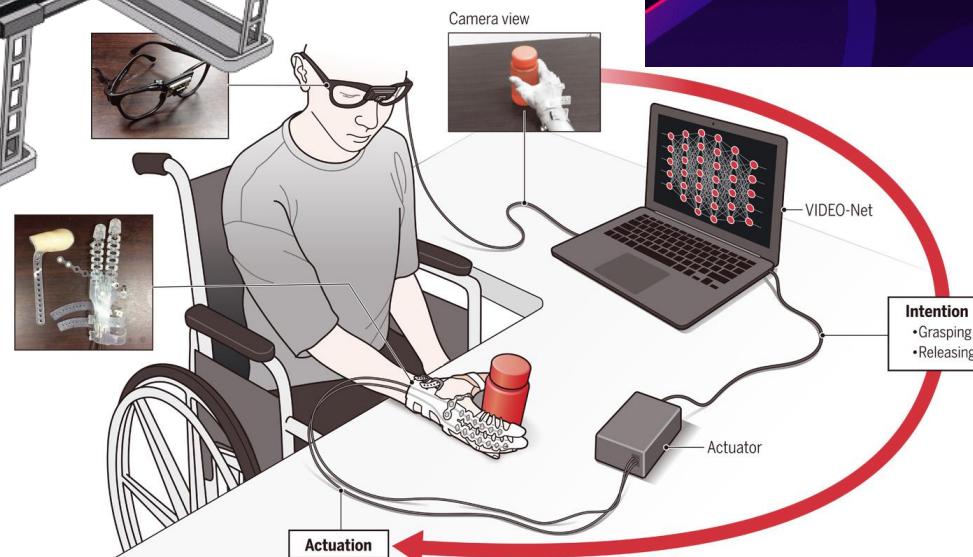
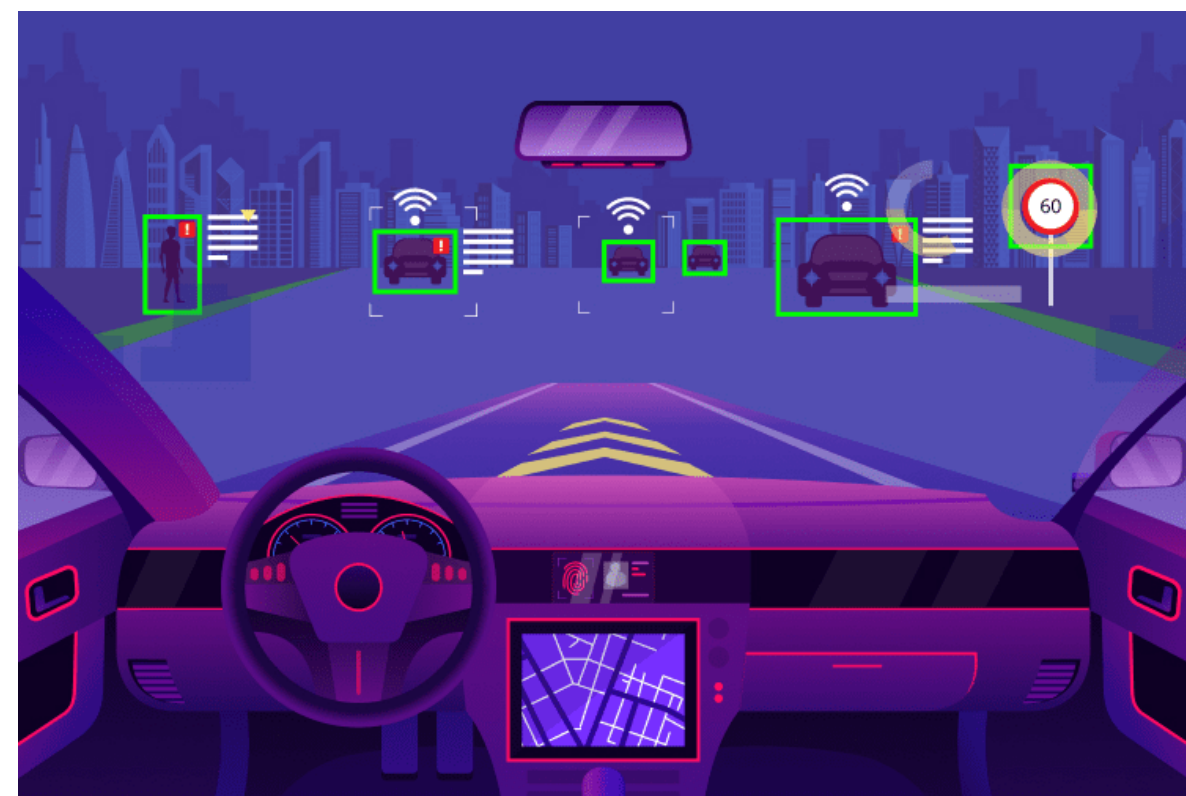
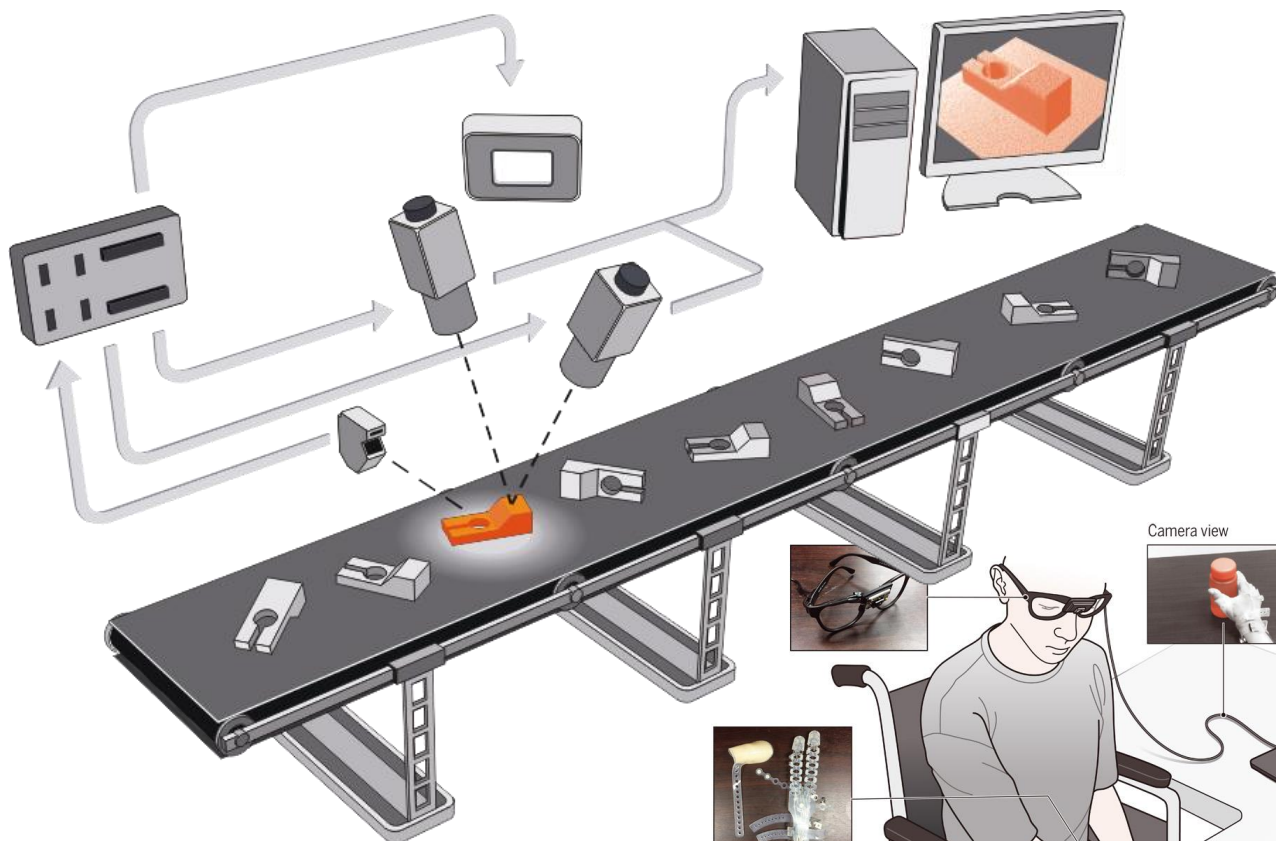


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Deep Learning and Artificial Vision Systems

Artificial Vision Systems



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Outline

Artificial Vision Systems

- Machine Vision [Part A]
- Deep Learning and Computer Vision [Part B]

What can we learn from the Nature (Biological Vision Systems)?



Key Characteristic of Biological Vision Systems

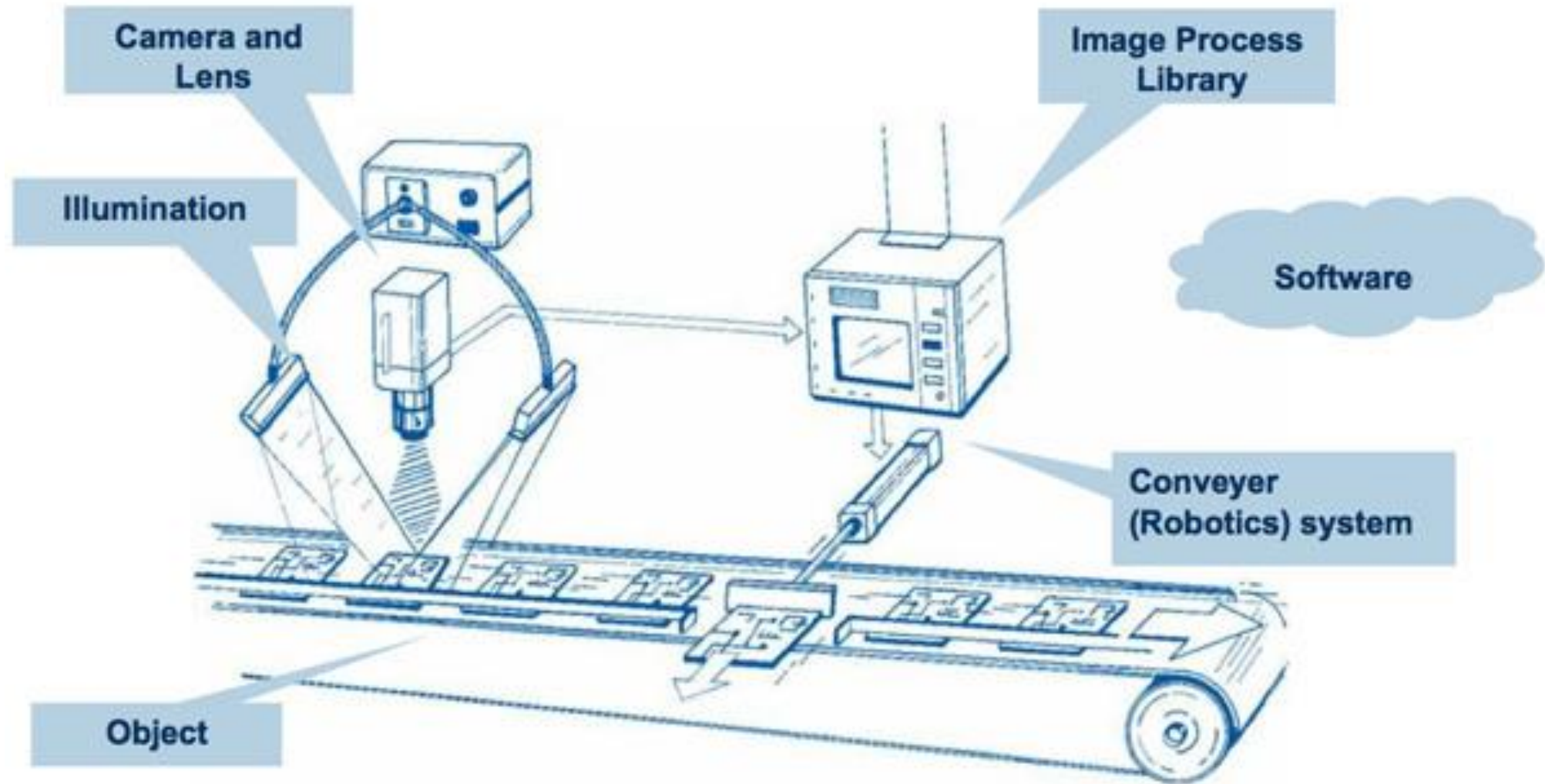
– they are highly optimised/adapted



Part A:

Nature's Design Patterns for Vision Systems

Machine Vision Engineering Problem Overview



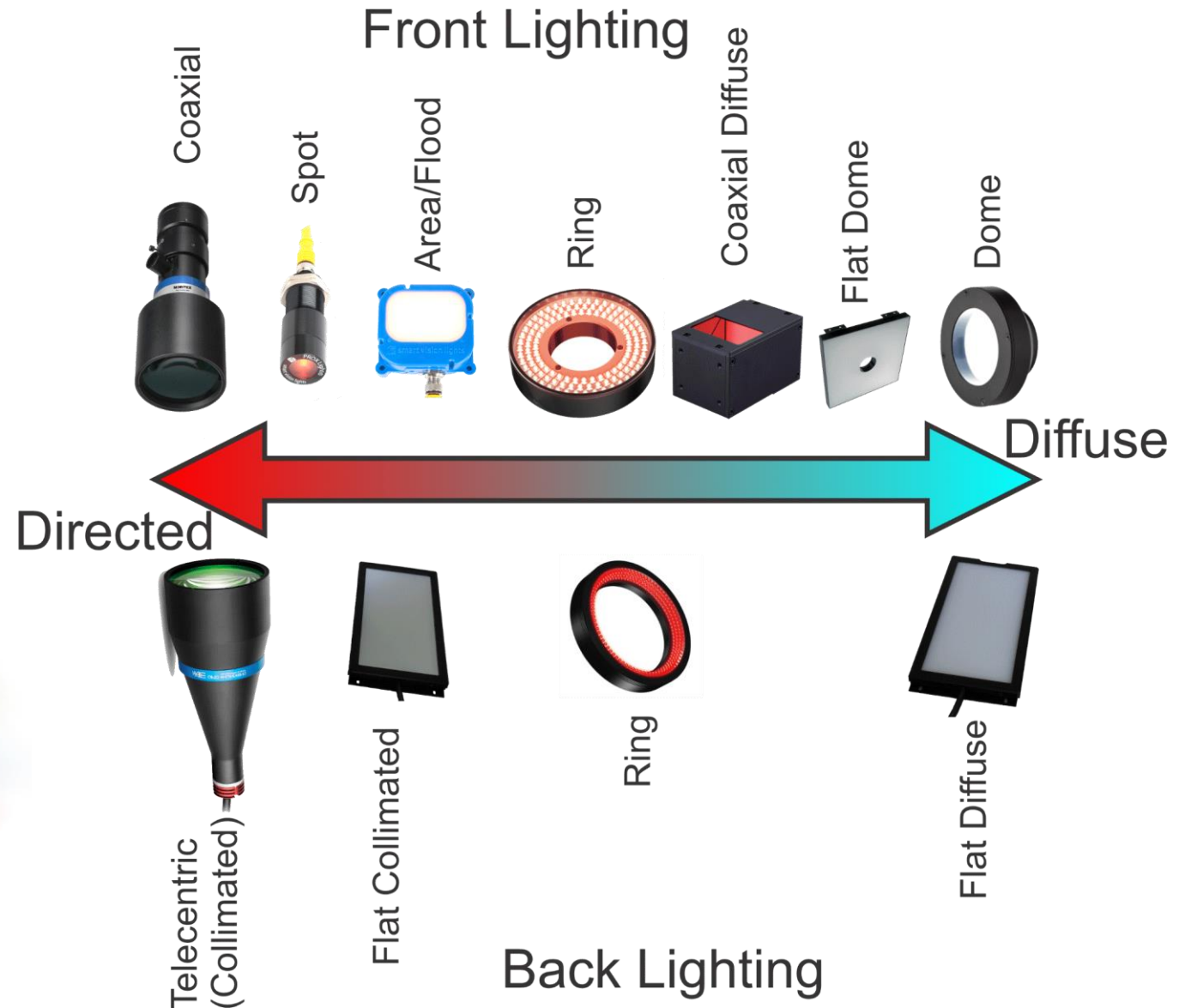
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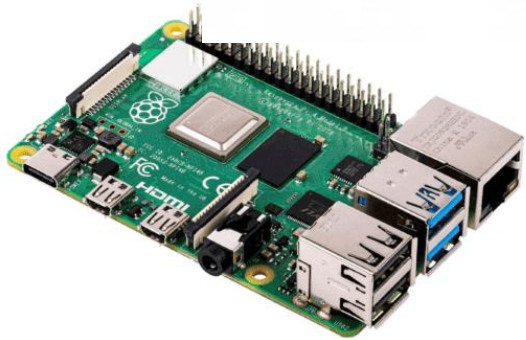
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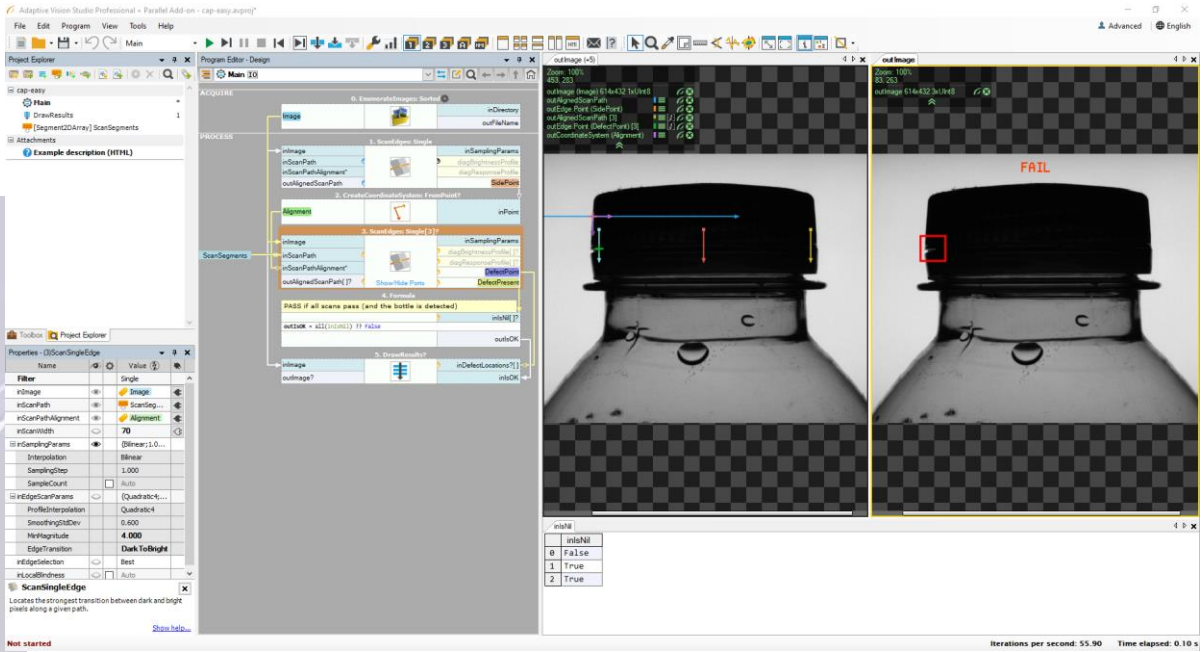
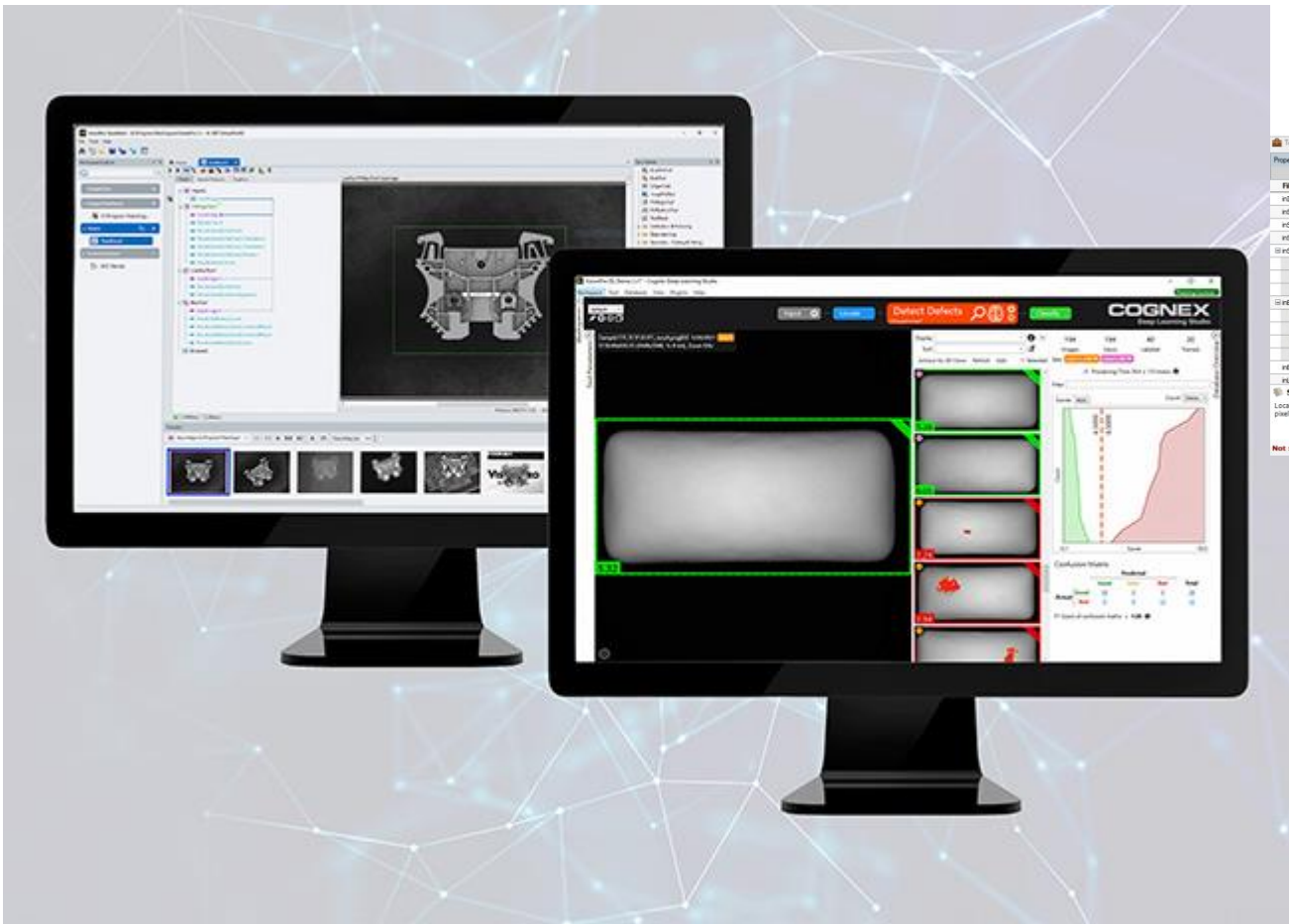
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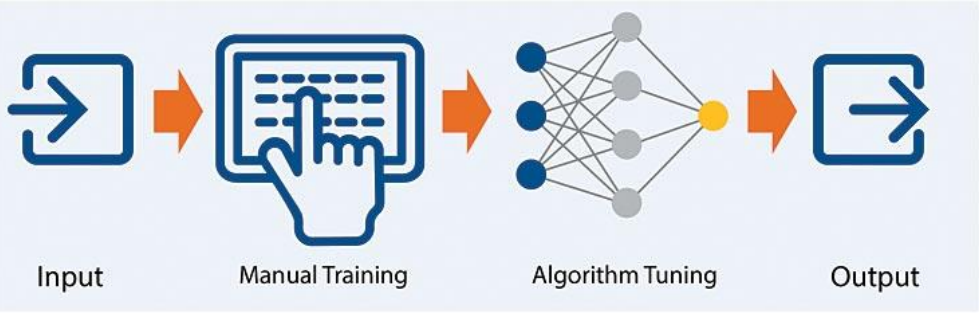
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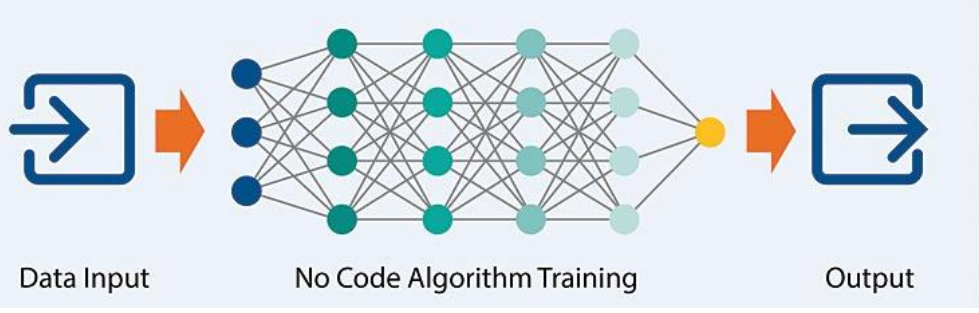
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Classic Computer Vision



Machine Learning



How Would Nature Solve the Problem?

- The purpose of biological vision systems is to gain evolutionary advantage
- Biological vision systems are highly adapted to the image statistics of the natural world
- “Image statistics” depends on:
 - place an organism lives
 - function of organism in its environment



Setting the Goal

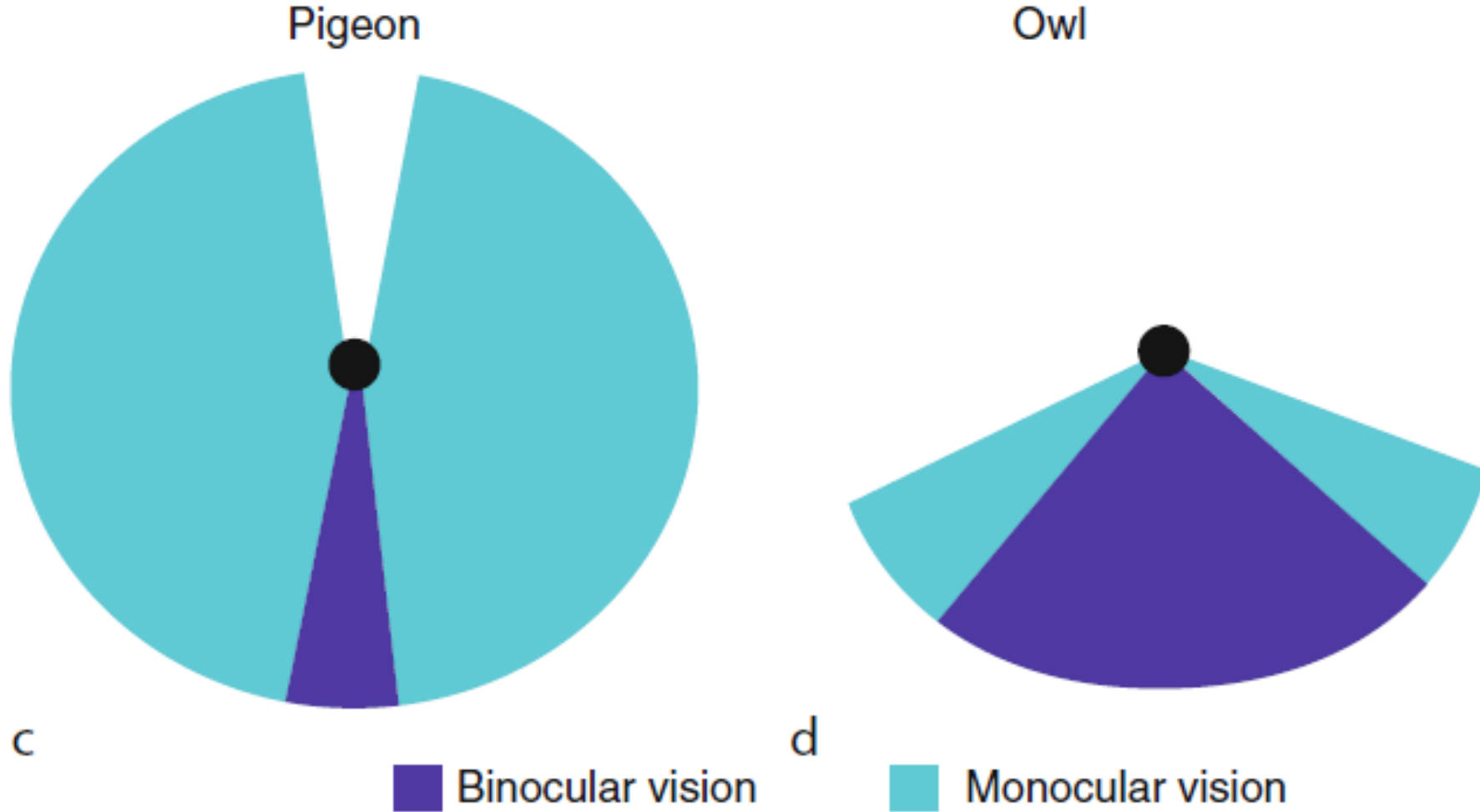
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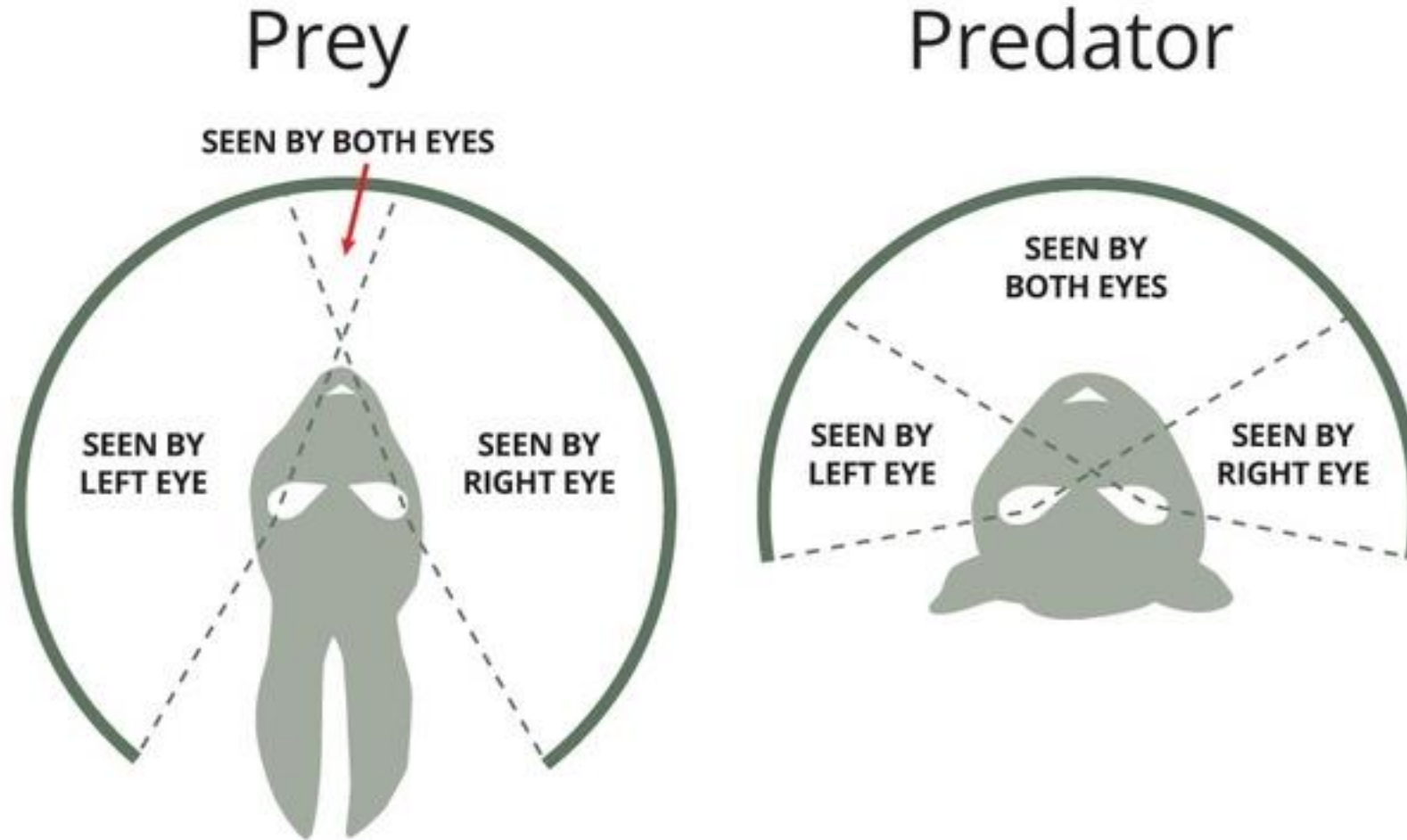
Variety of Eyes – Evidence of “Hardware” Adaptation



Variety of Eyes: Fields of View



Variety of Eyes: Tendencies



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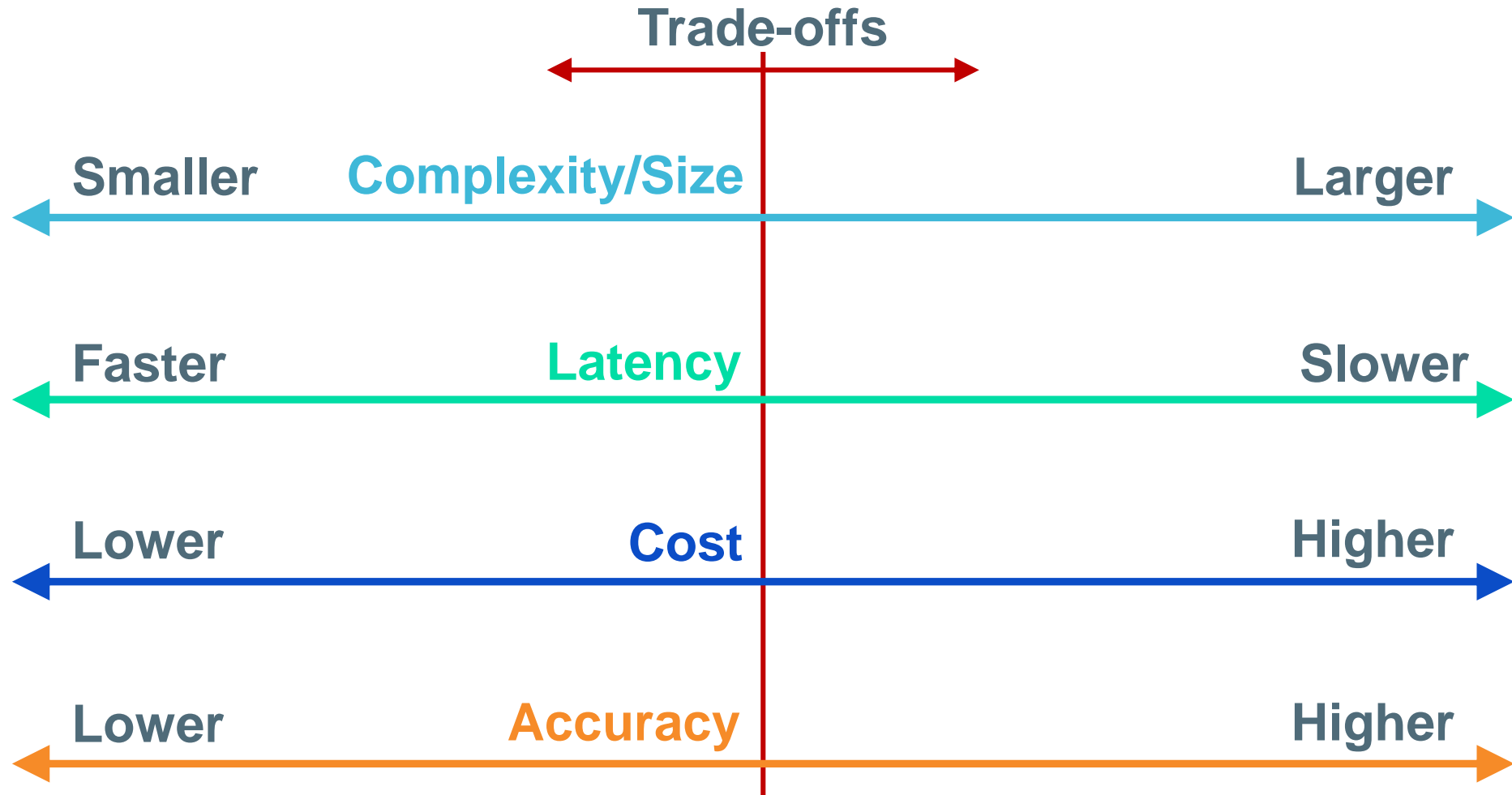


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- What is the actual goal of artificial vision system being designed?



Achieving the Goal While Minimising Expenses



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- Evidence of “software” part of biological vision systems being highly adapted/optimized – visual (optical) illusions



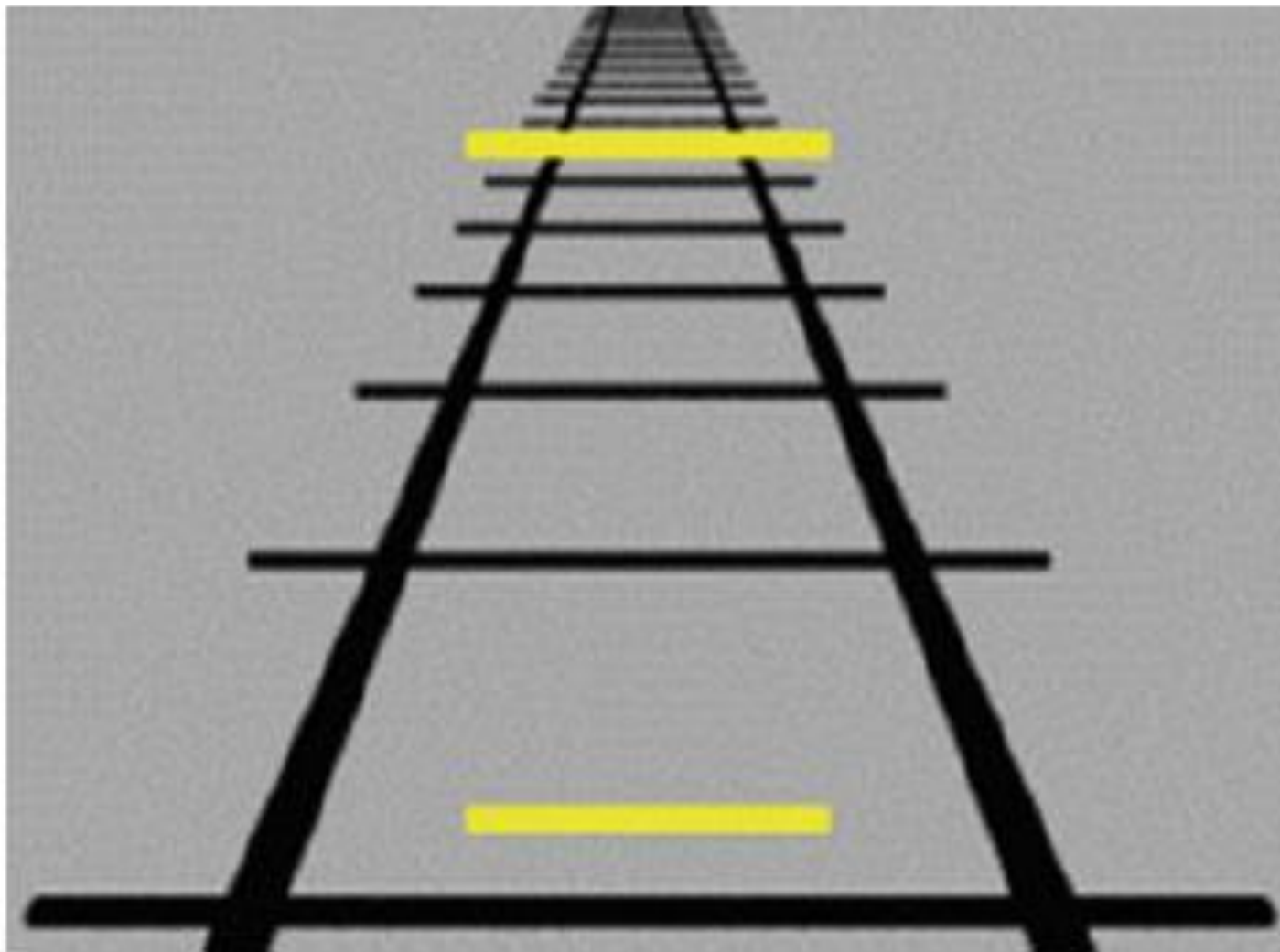
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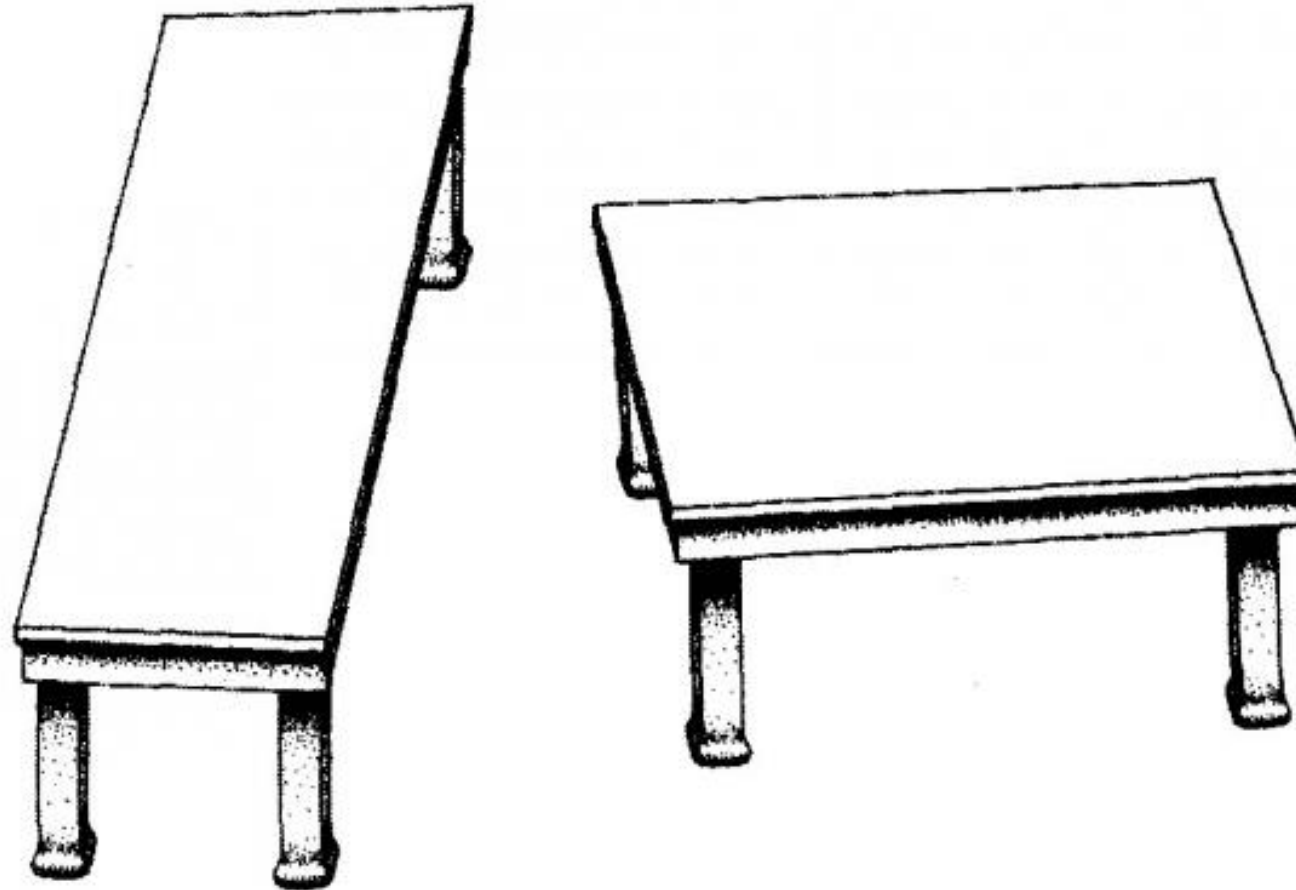
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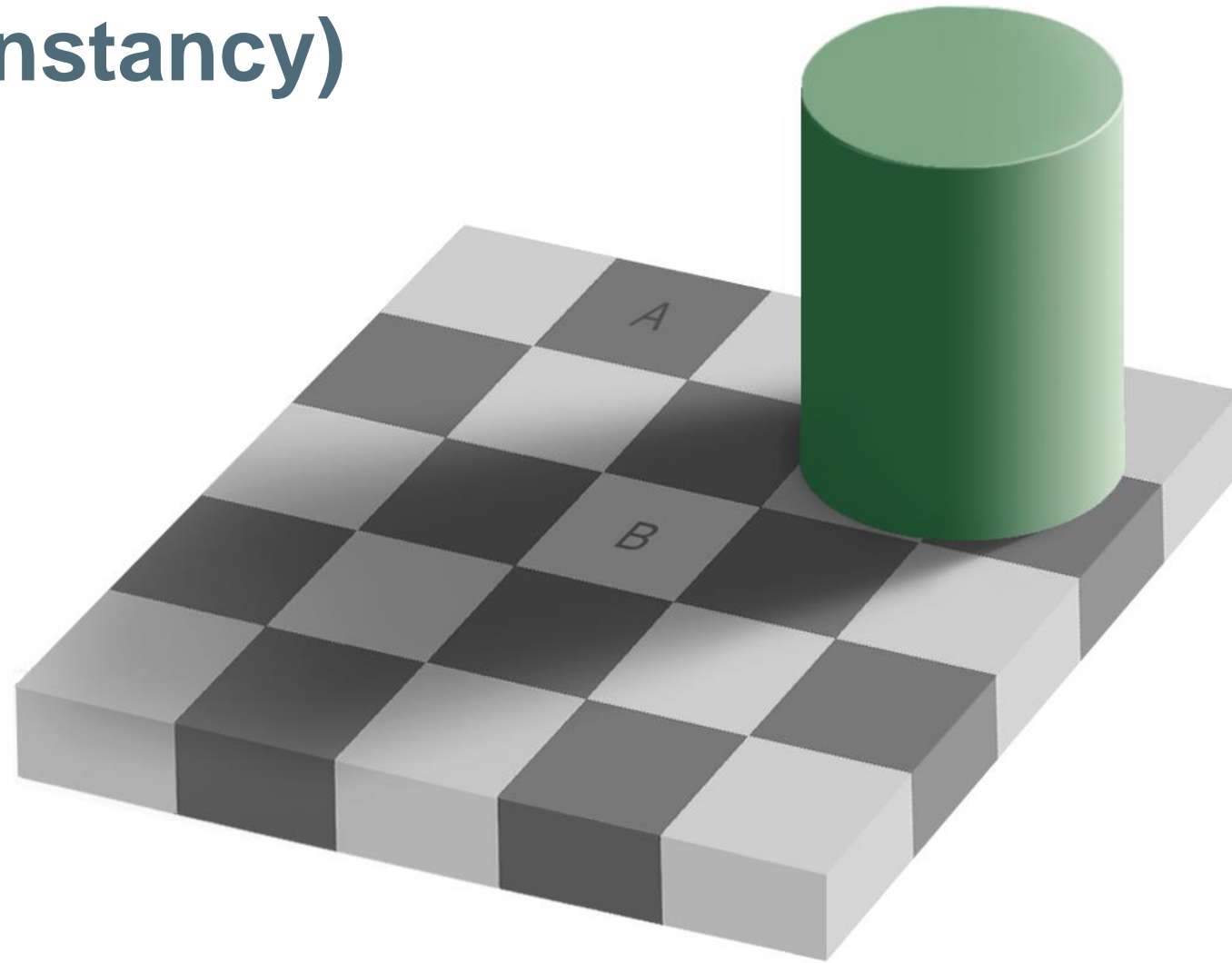
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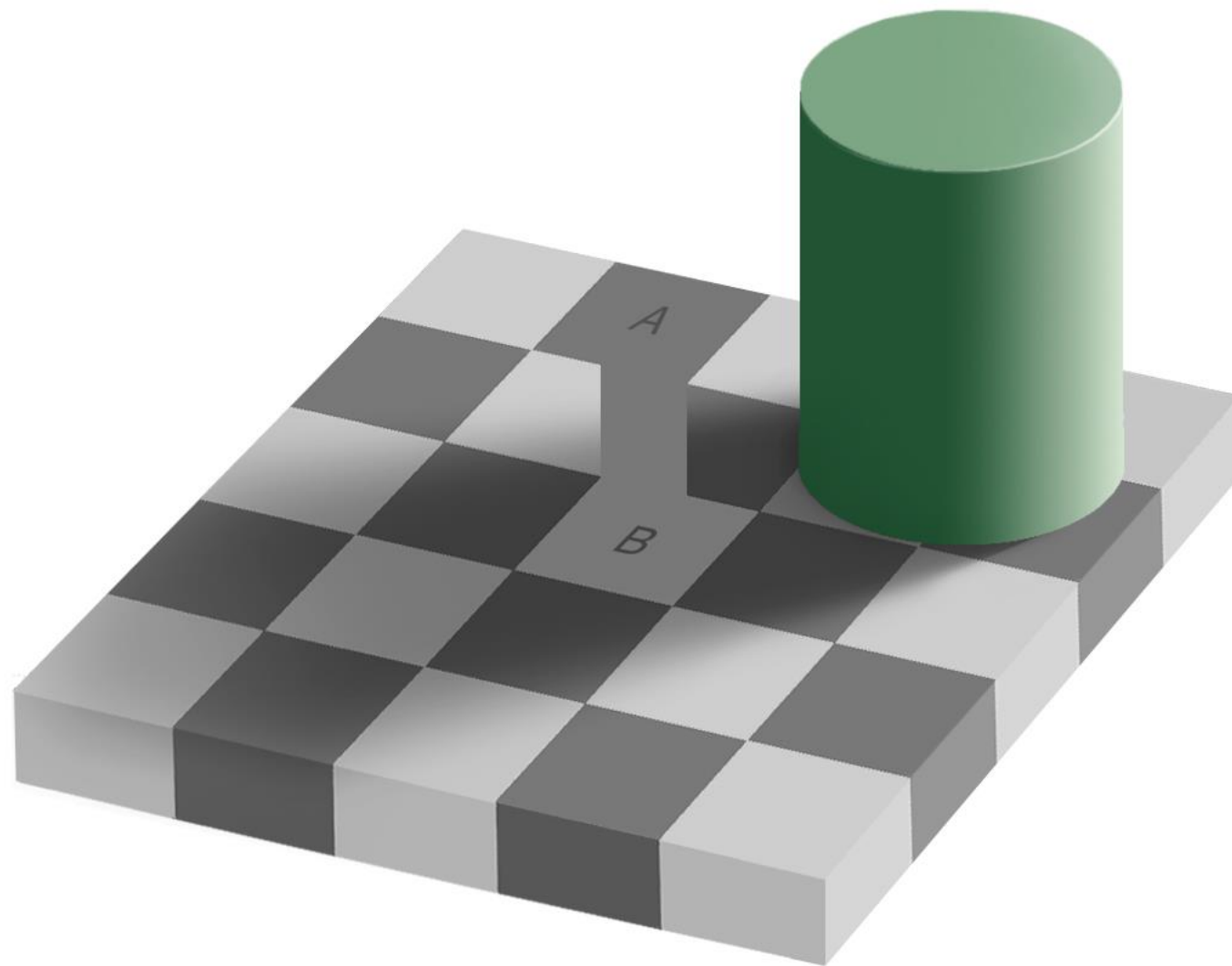
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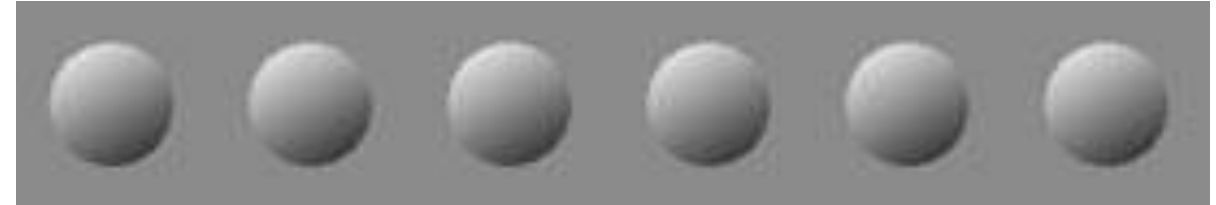
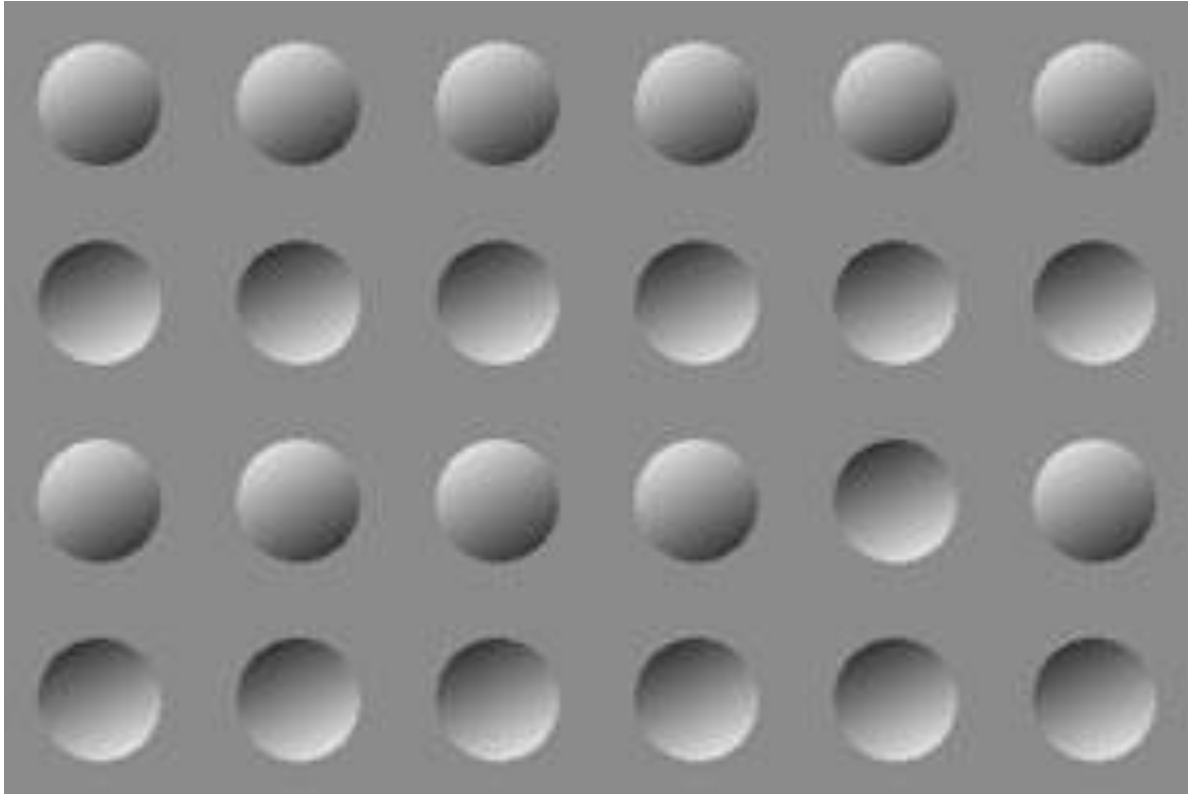
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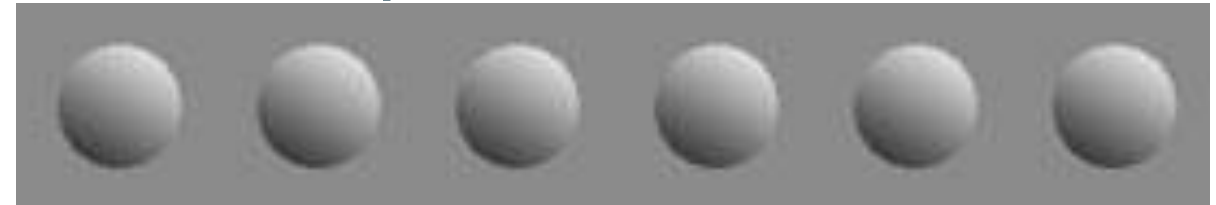
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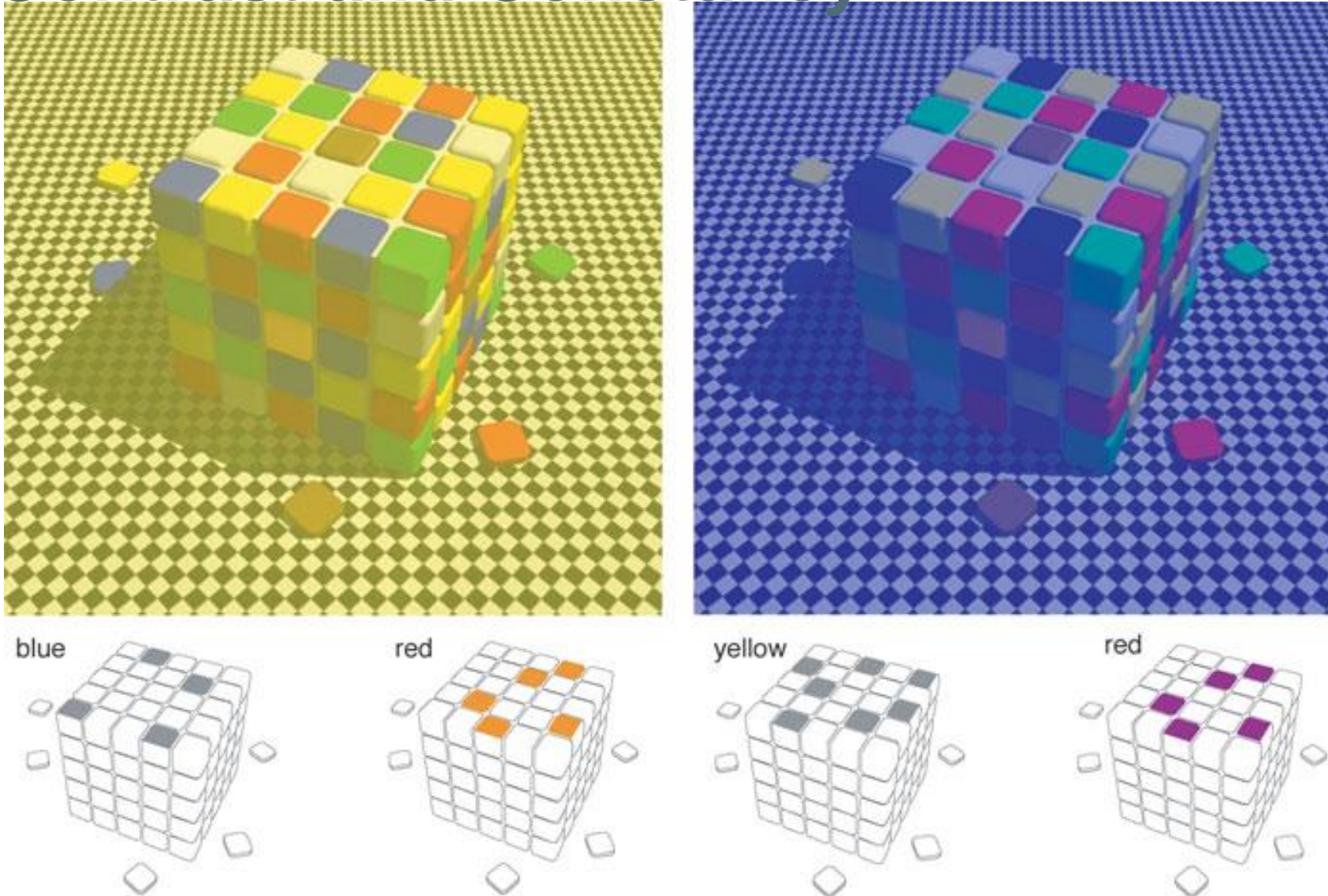
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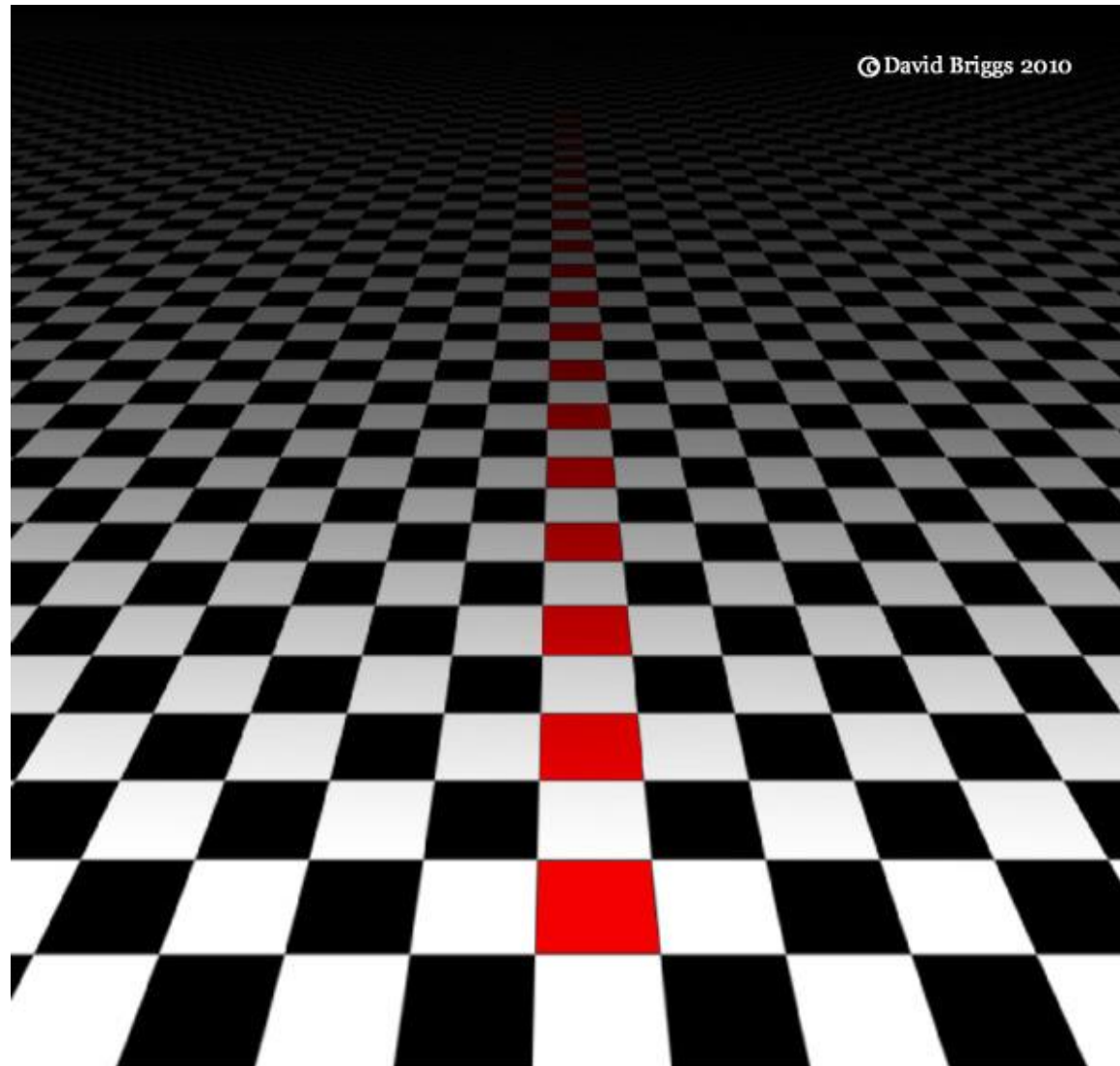
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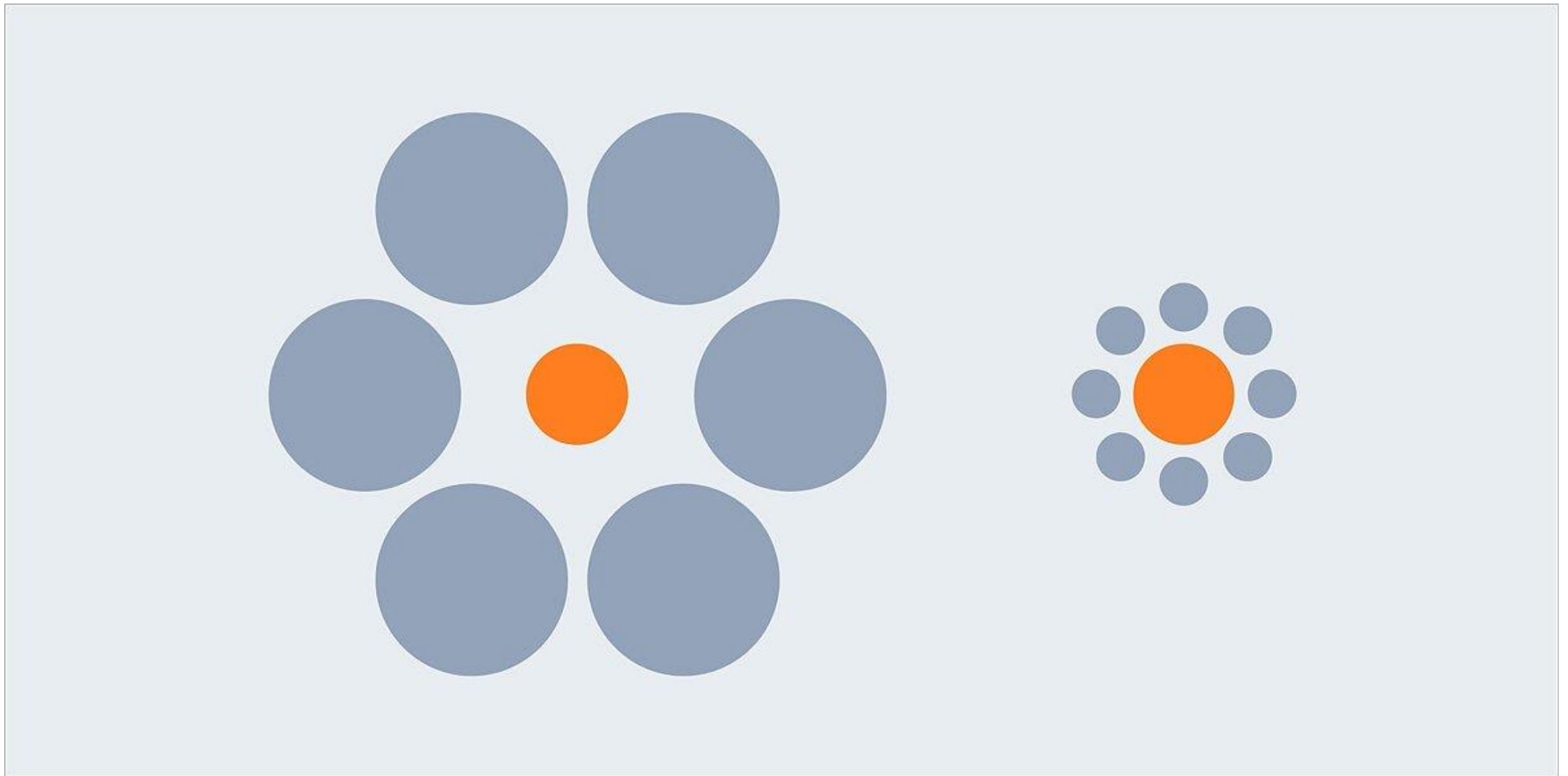
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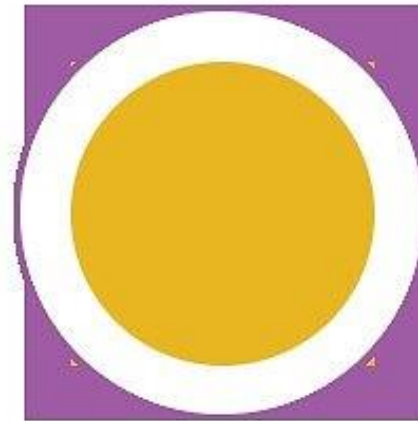
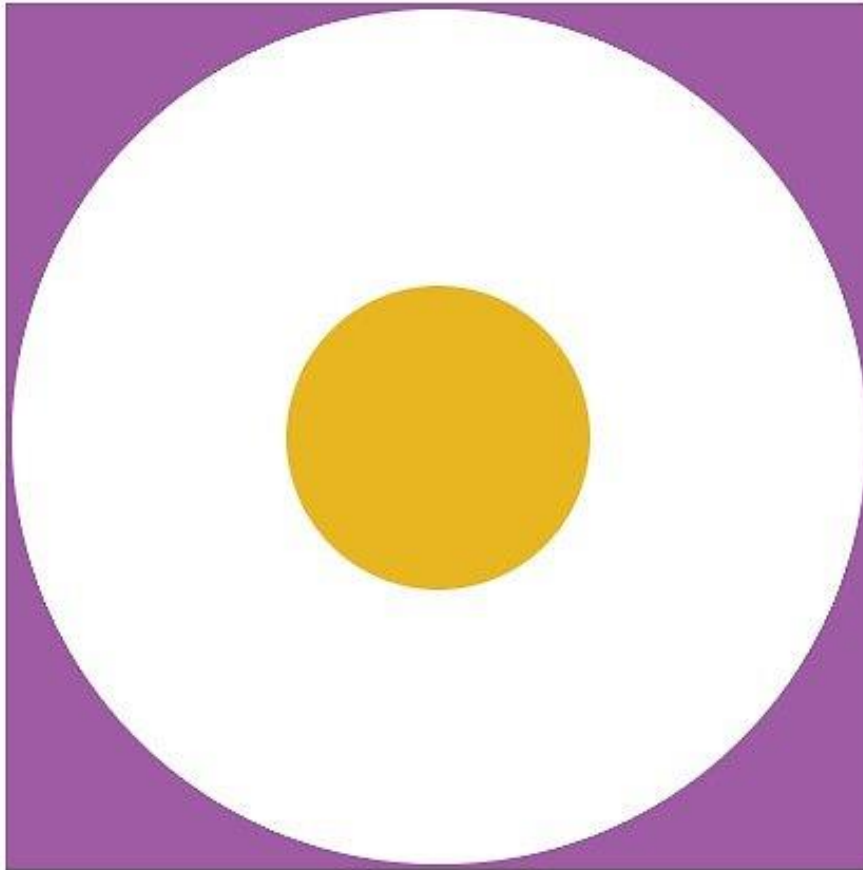
Color, Shape and Size Constancy



Ebbinghaus Illusion



Delboeuf Illusion



Perception

- Perception is a guess
- Image has infinite interpretations, and brains must derive only one or two meaningful interpretations
- Vision is underconstrained and necessitates some form of guessing by the agent using prior knowledge
- Brains speed up perception by guessing what's next



Illusion



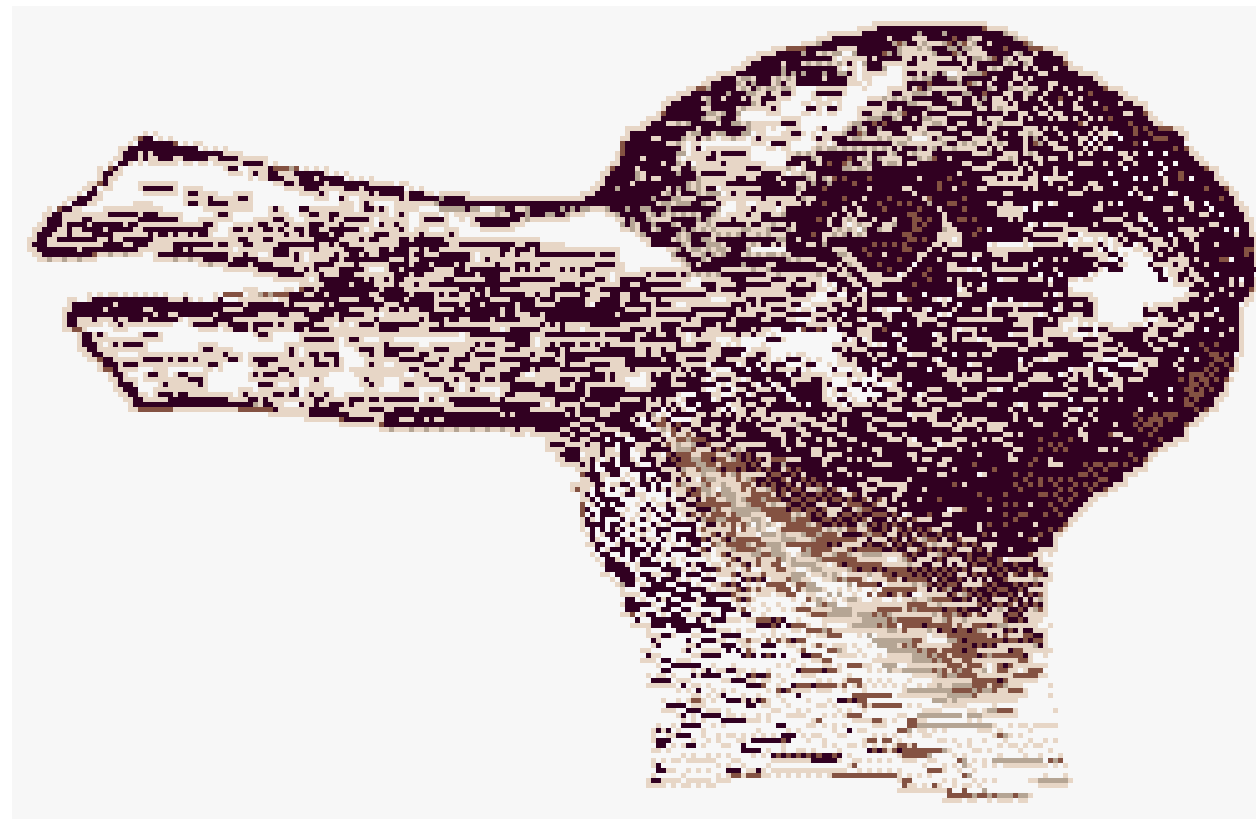
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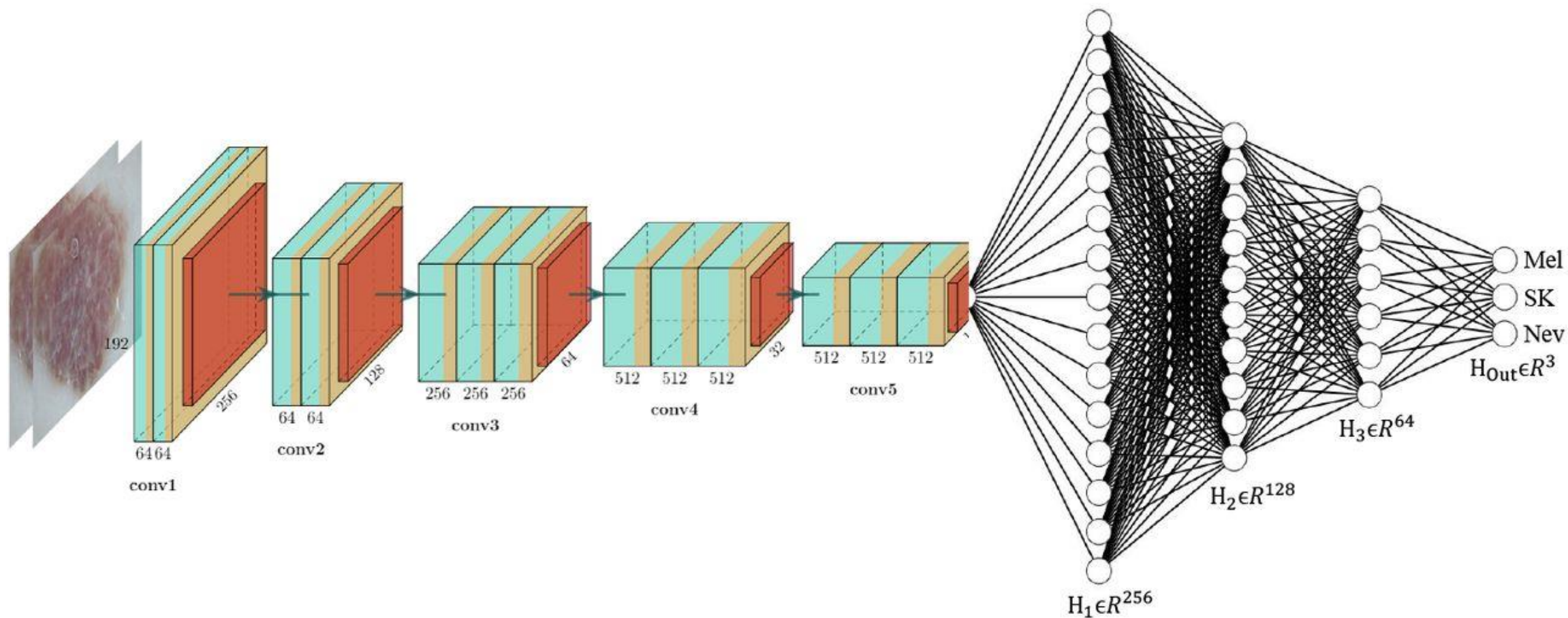
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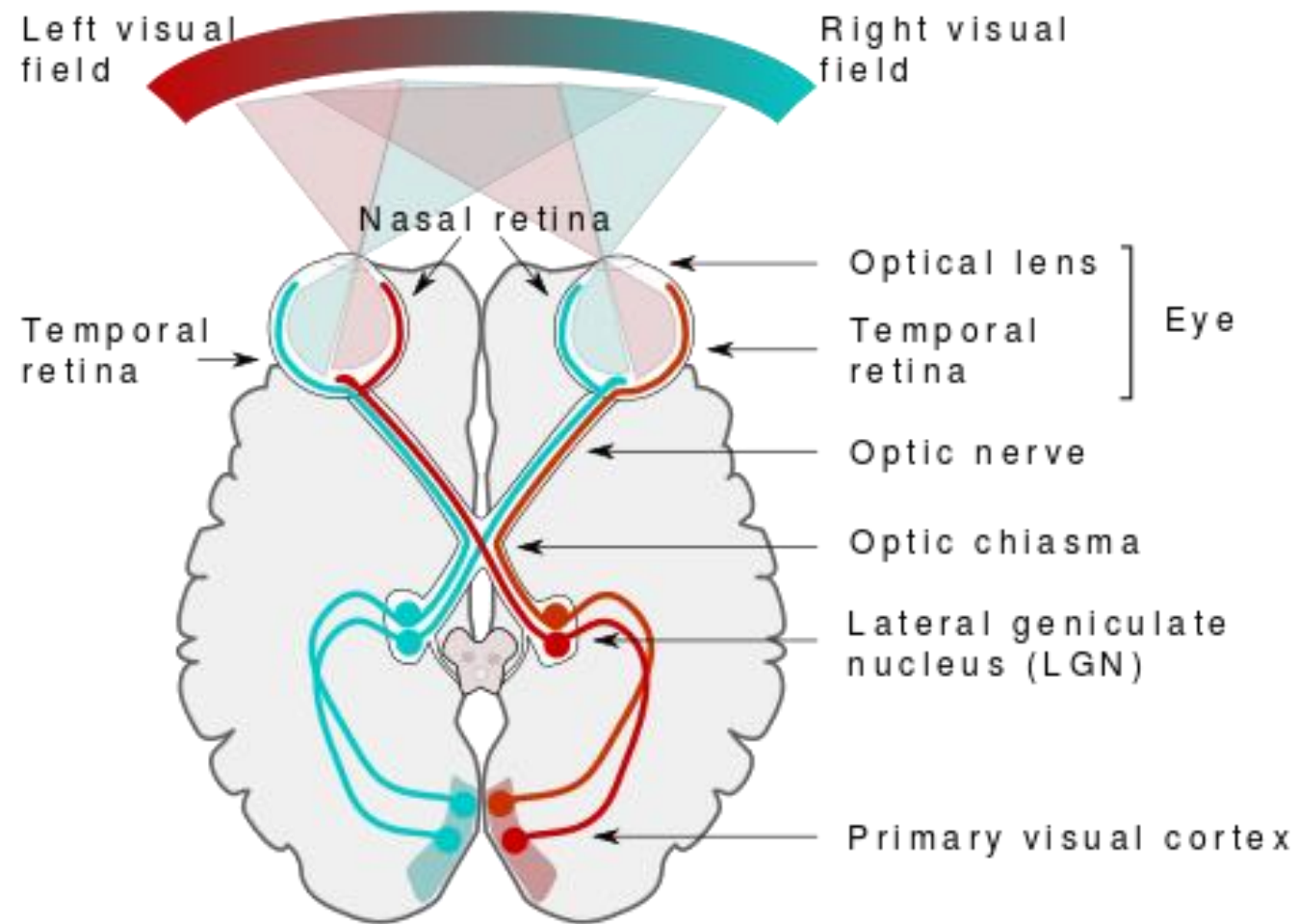
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Deep Learning-Based and Biological Vision

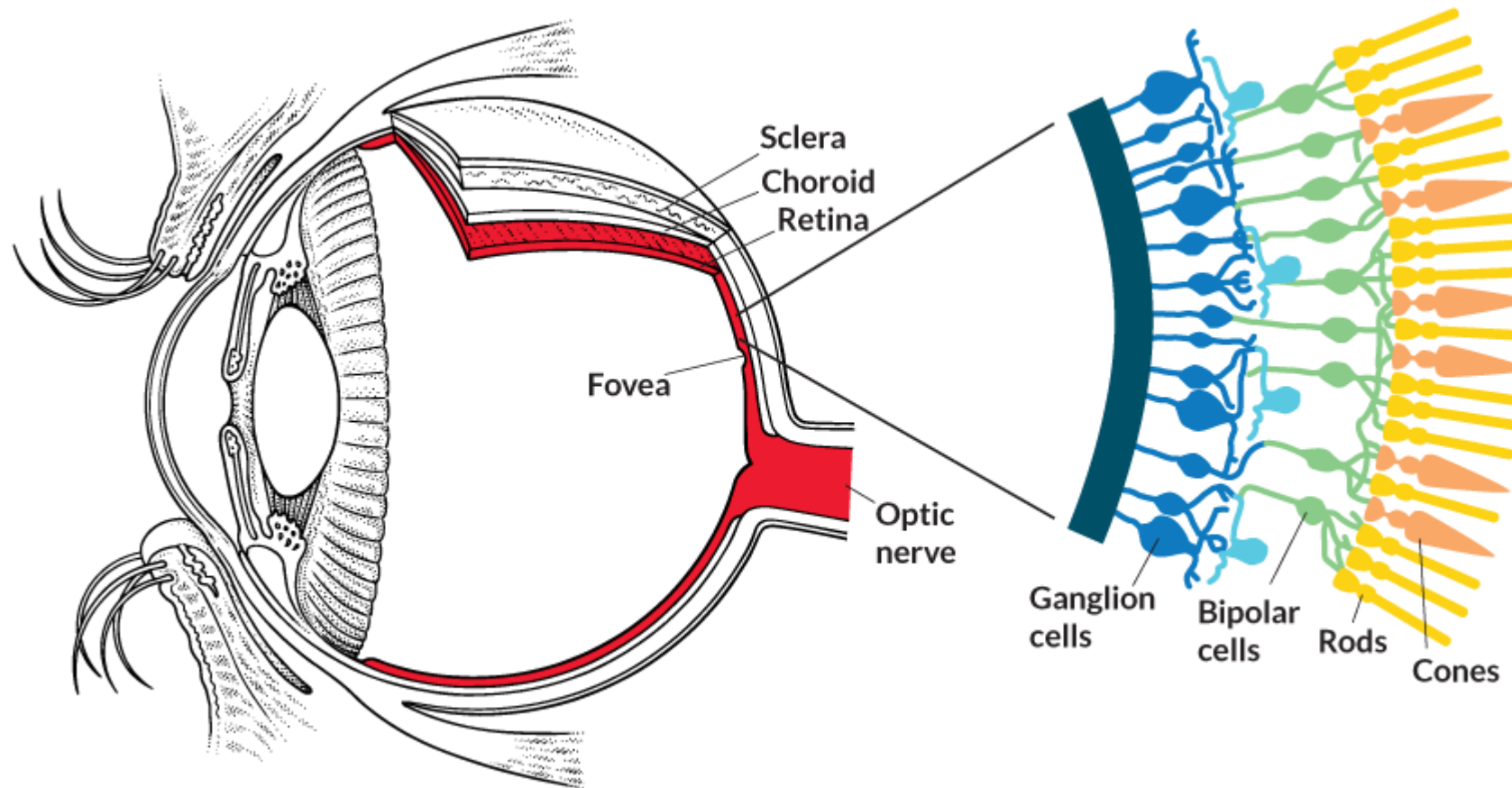
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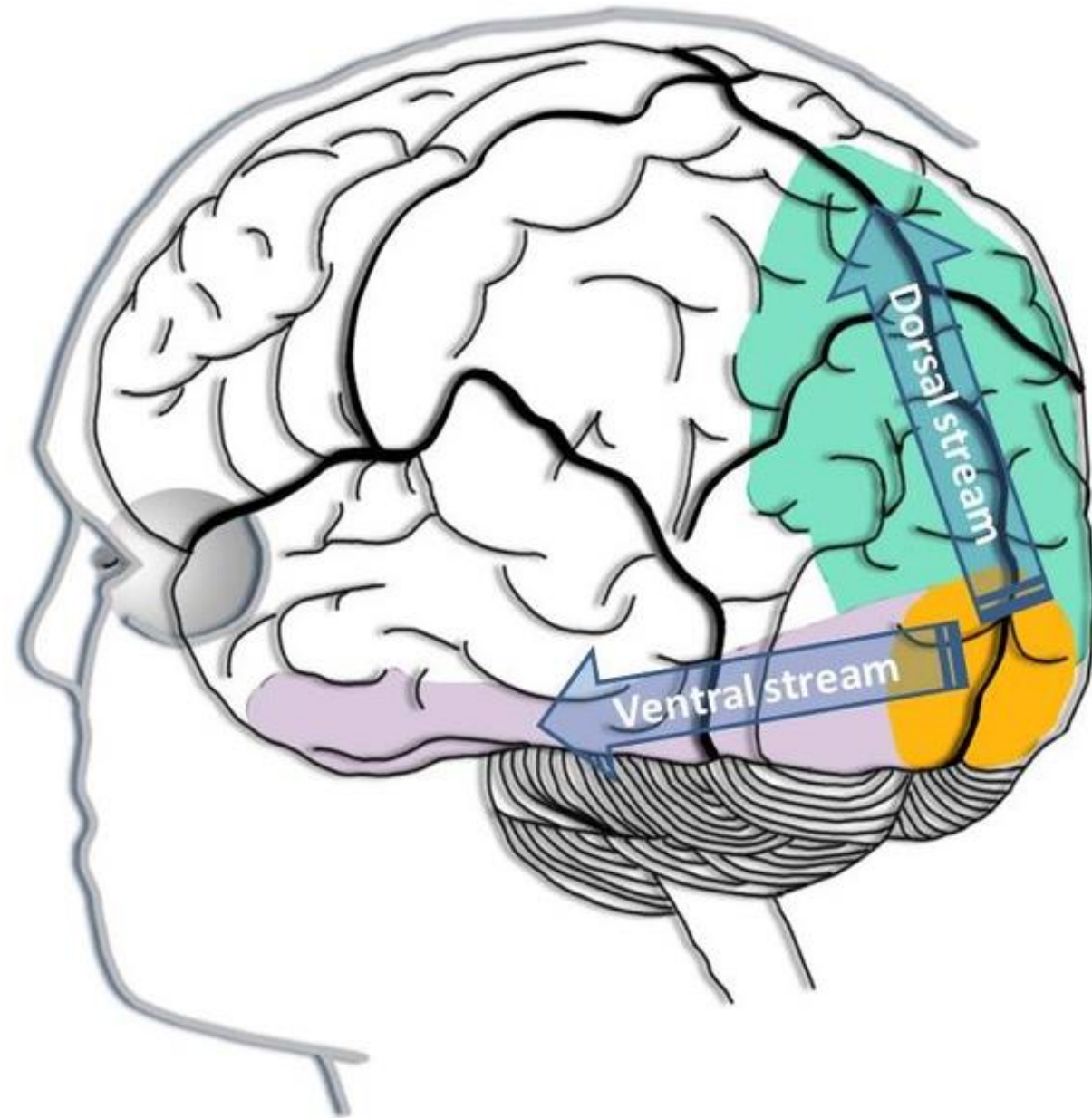
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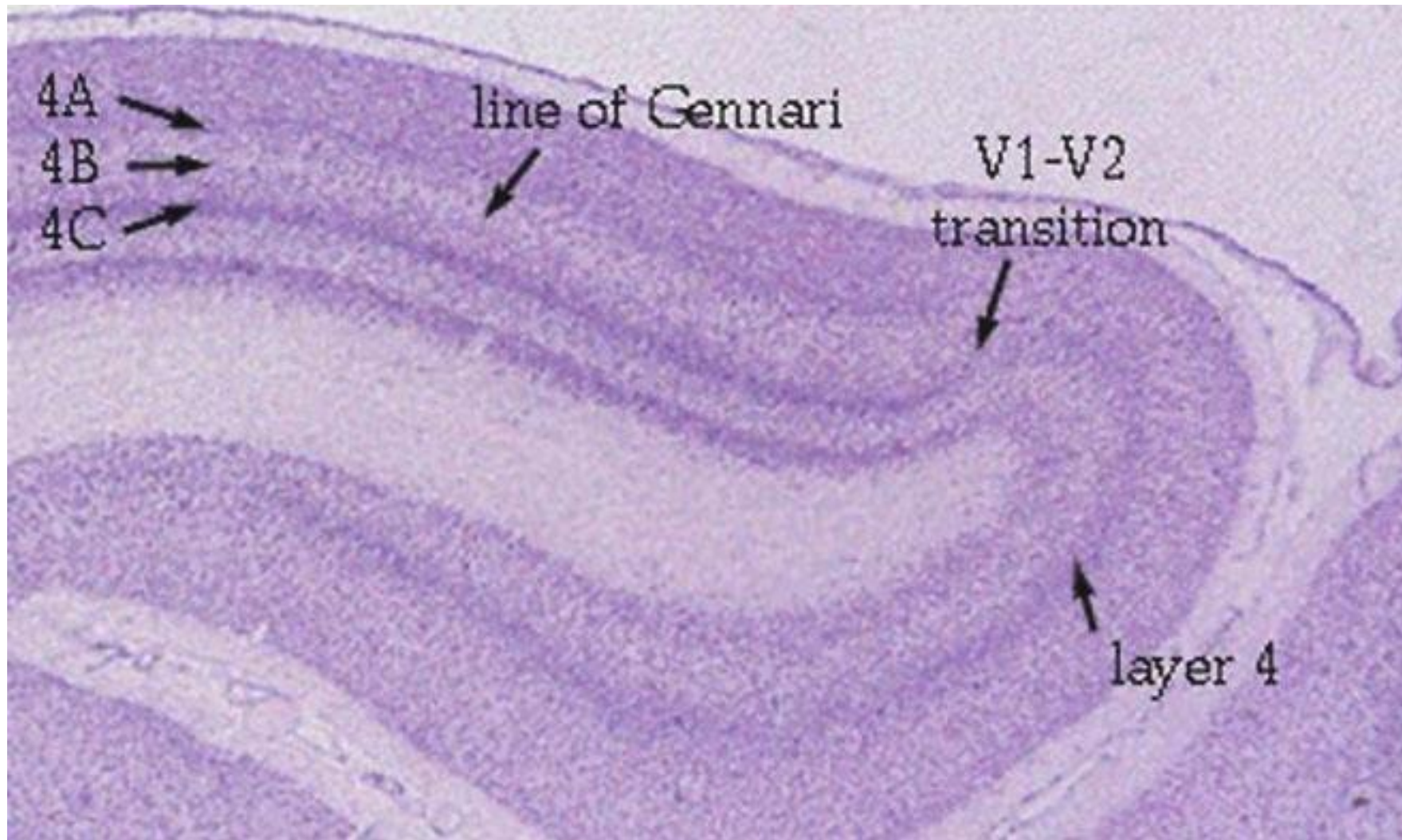
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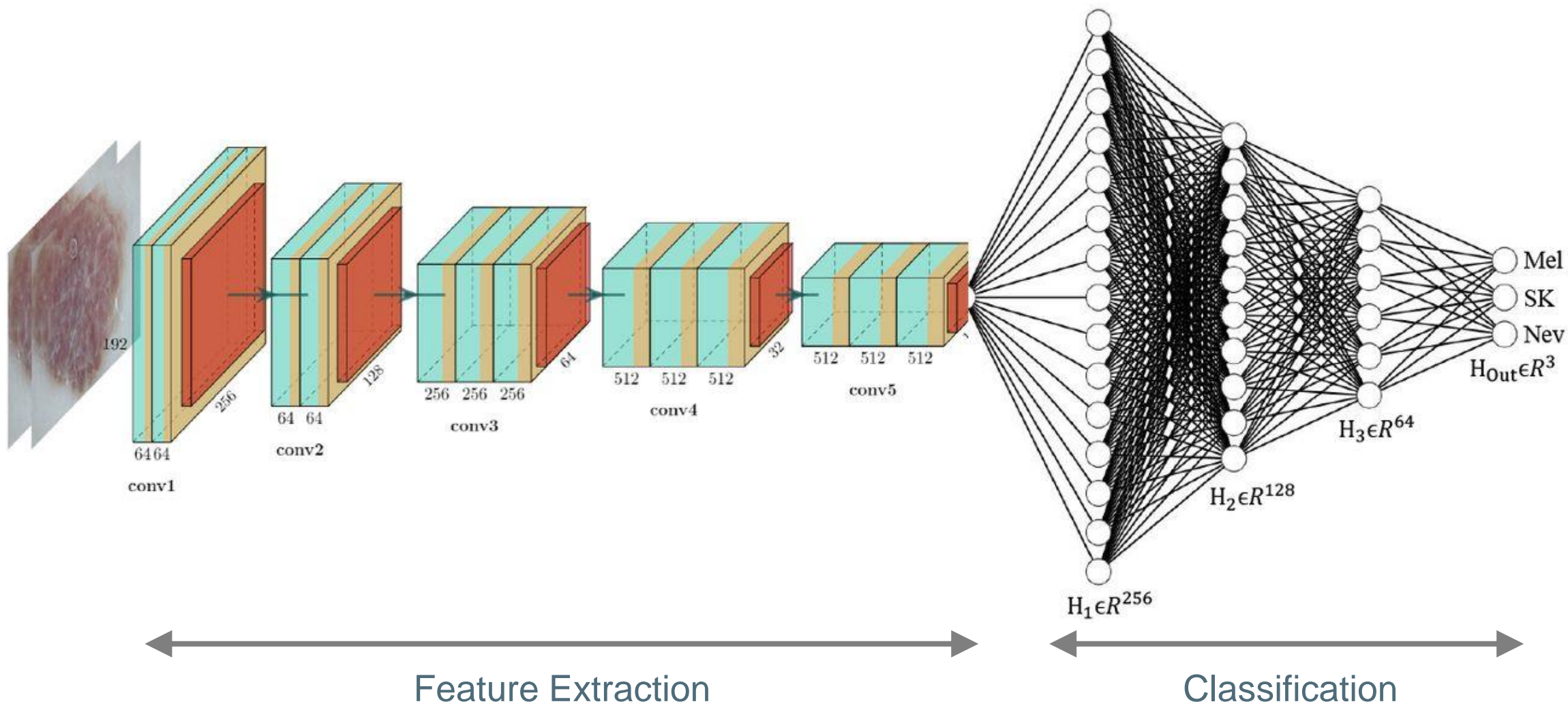
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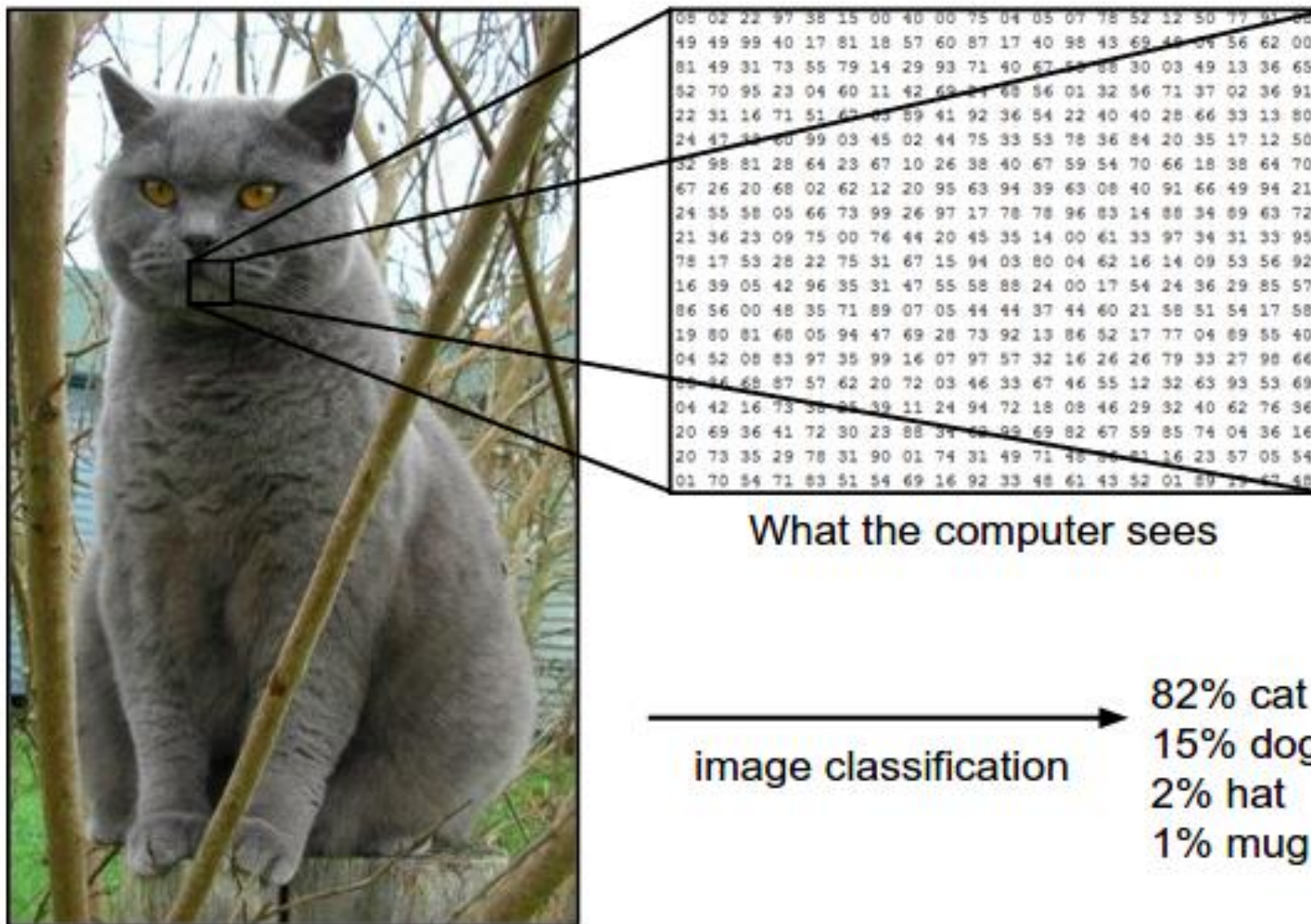
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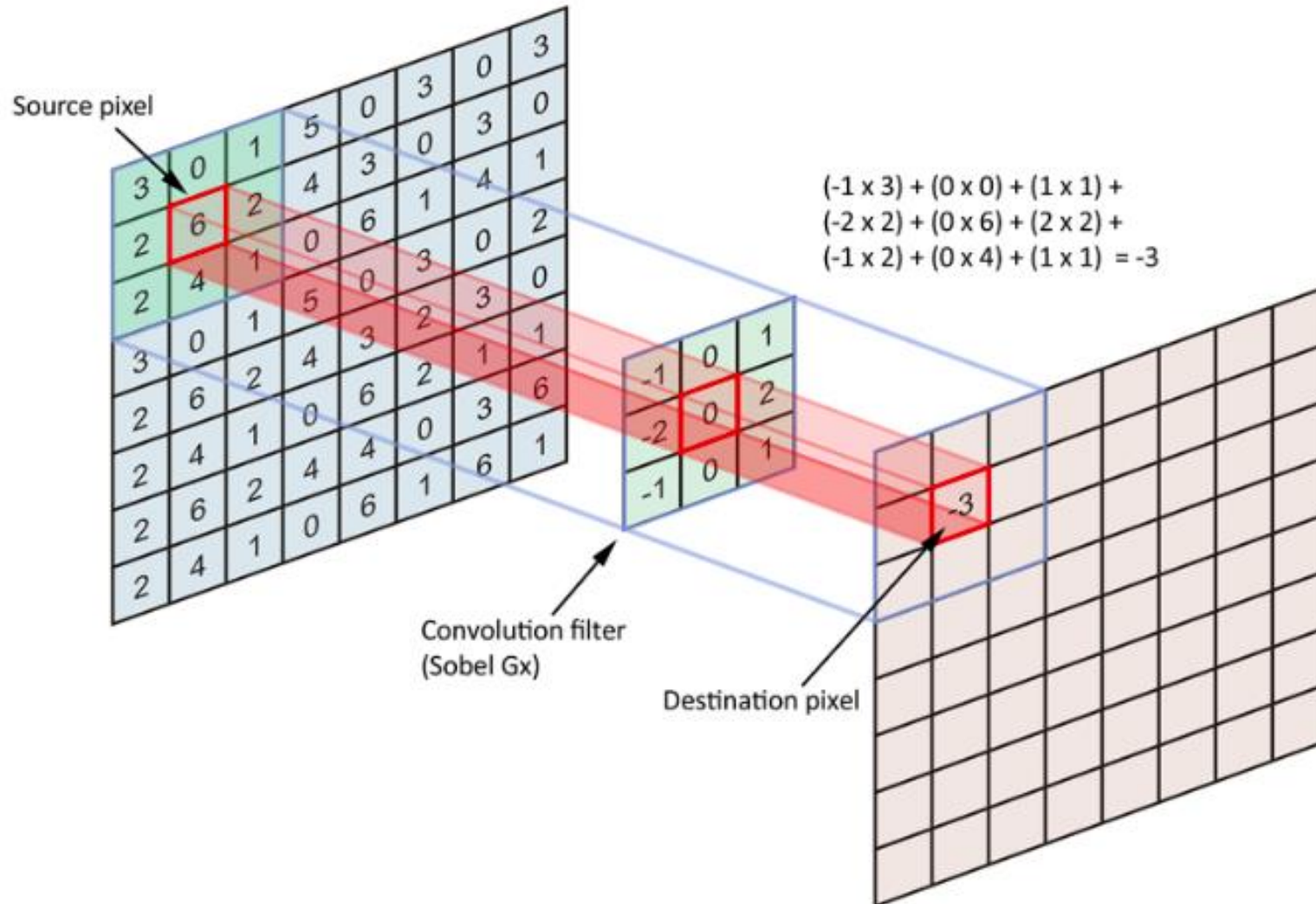
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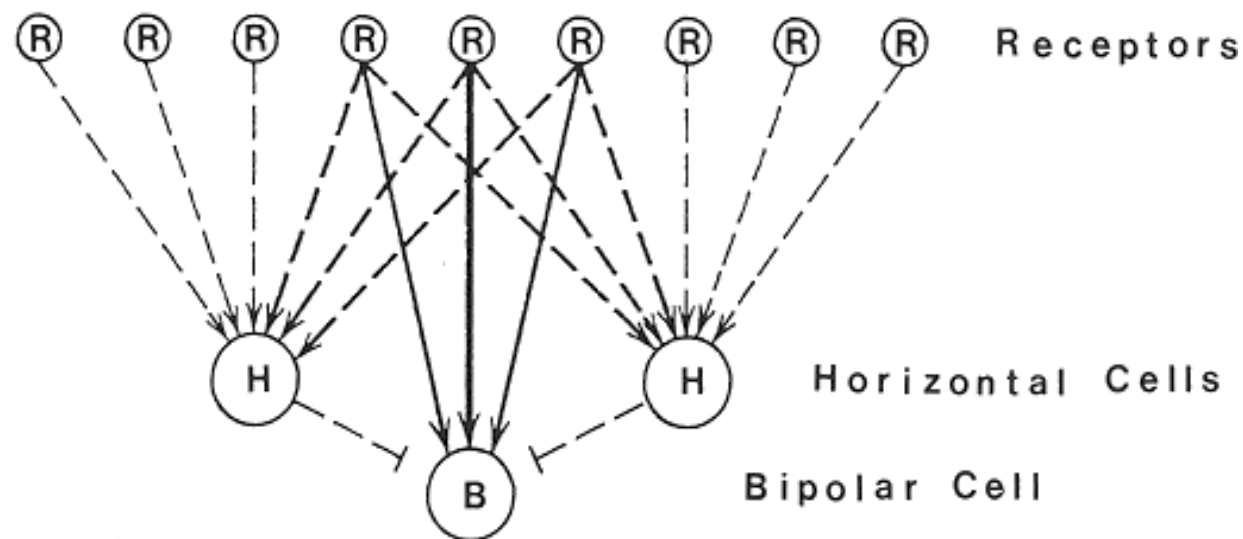
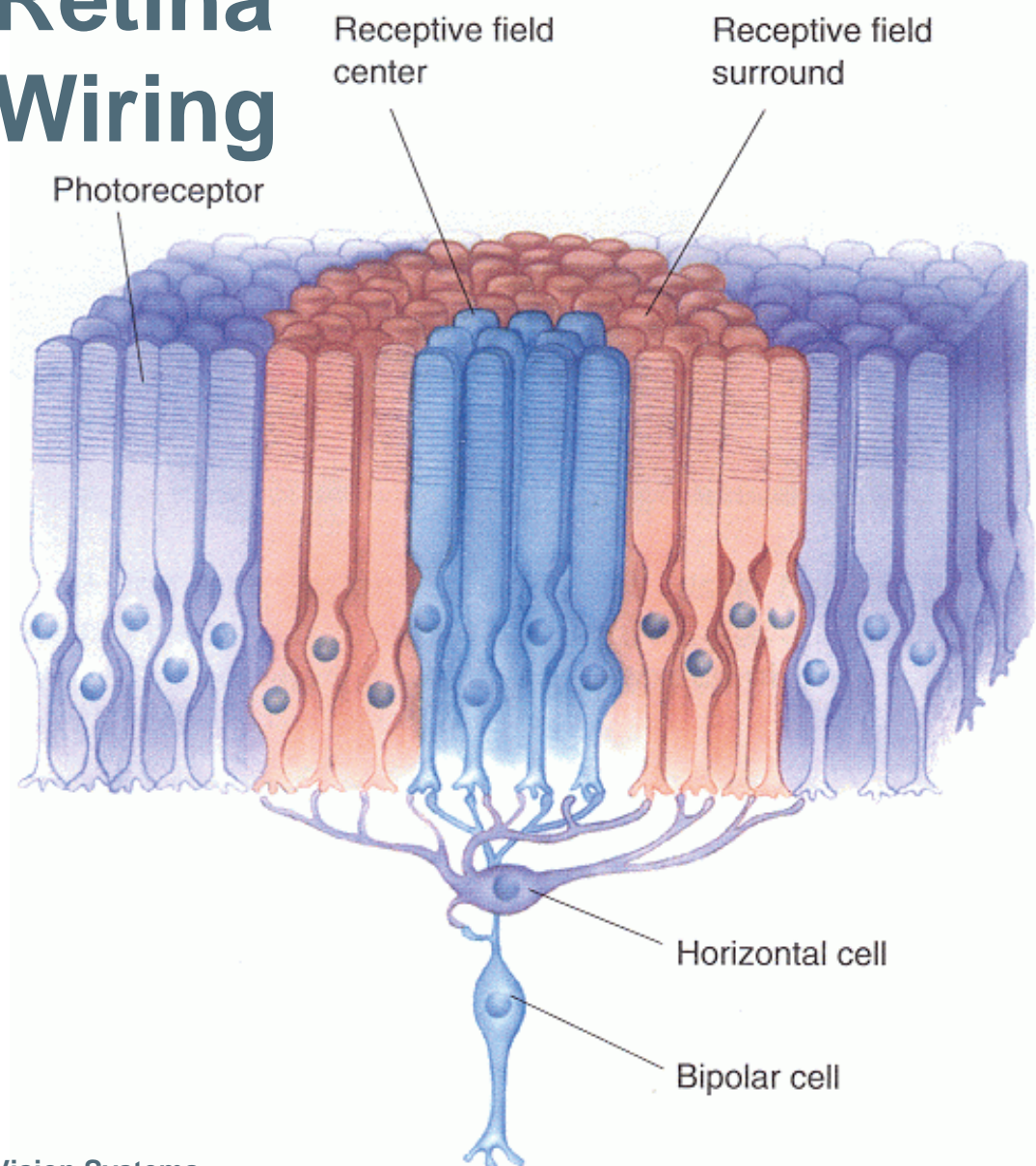
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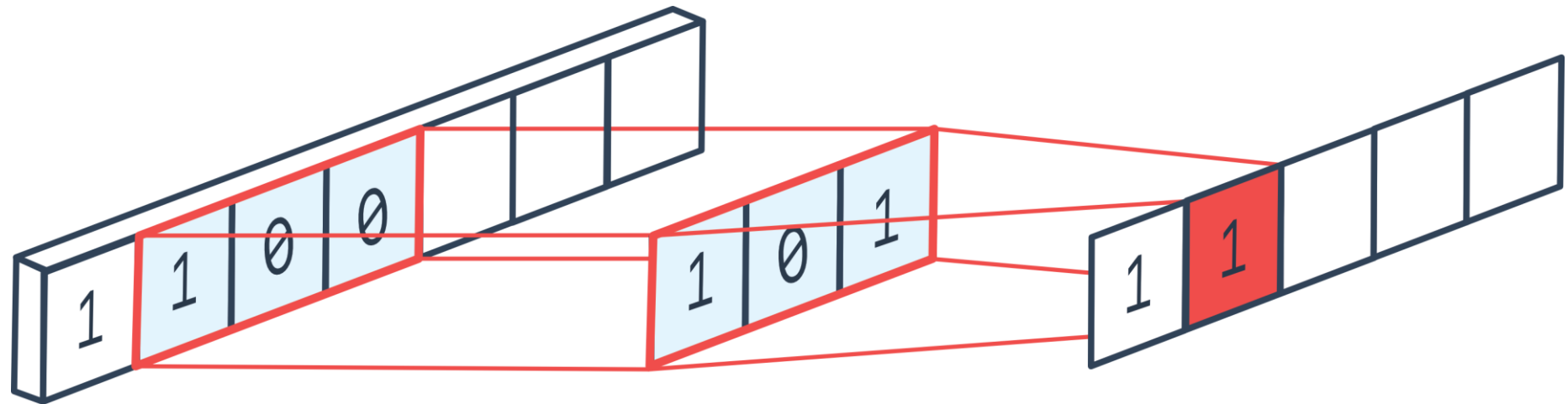
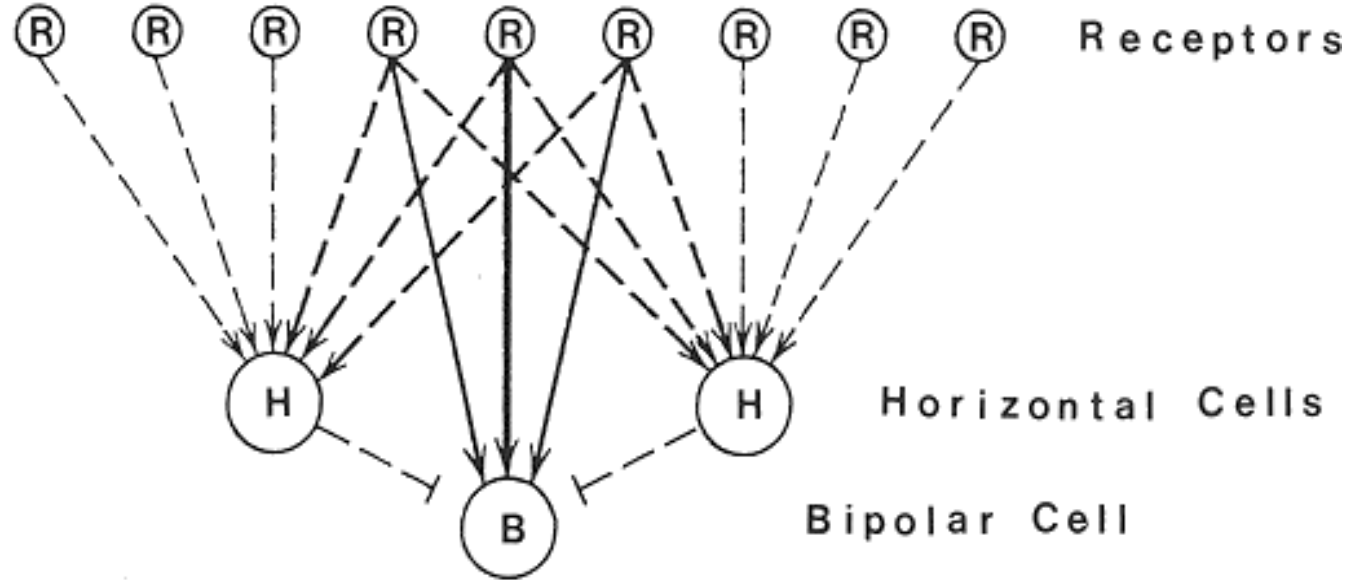
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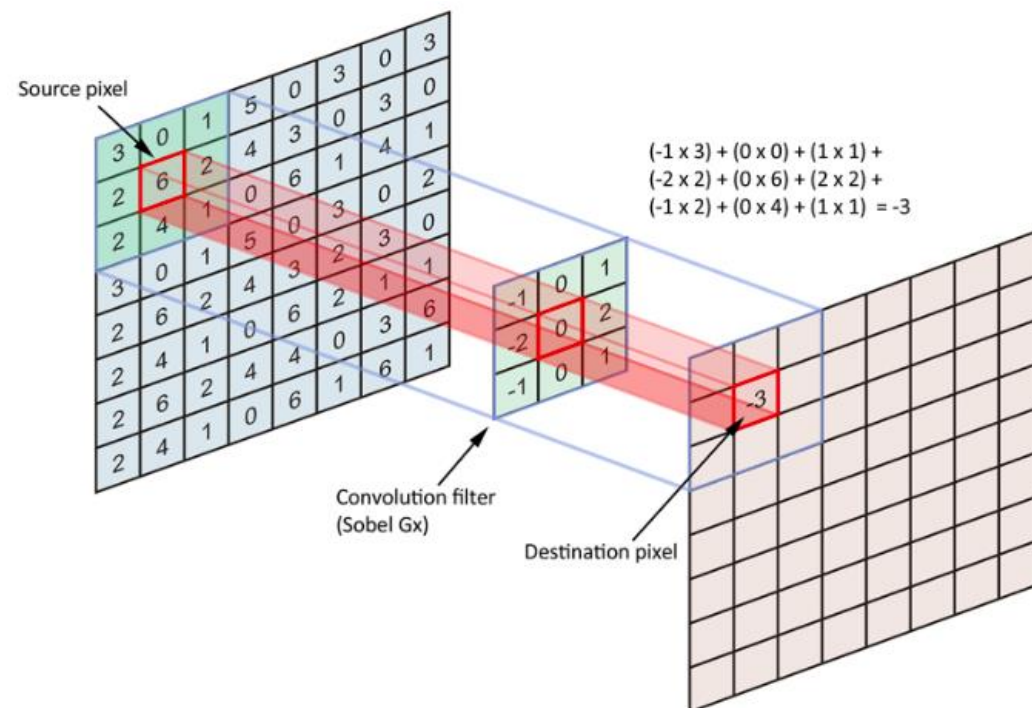
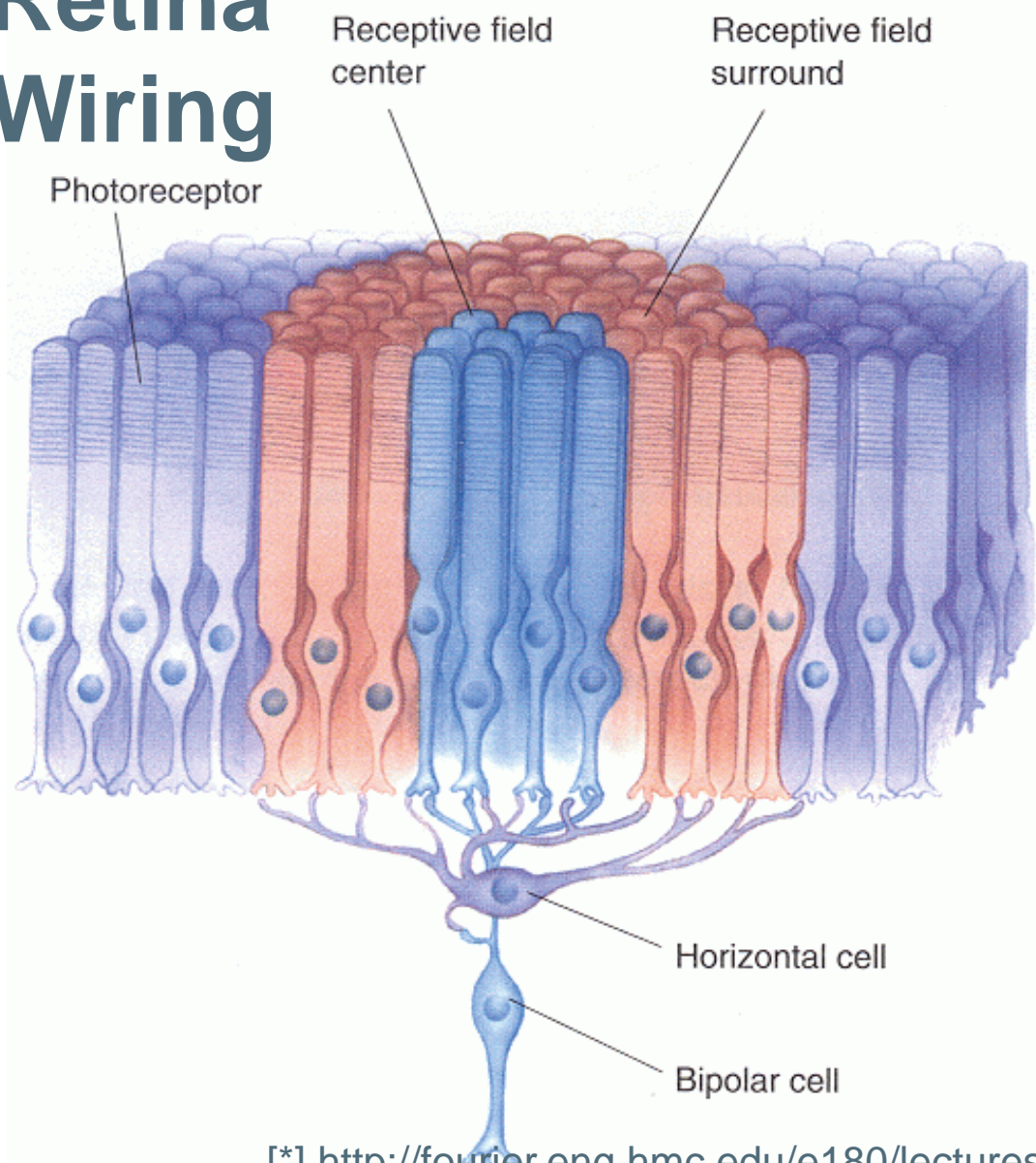
Retina Wiring



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2D Receptive Field

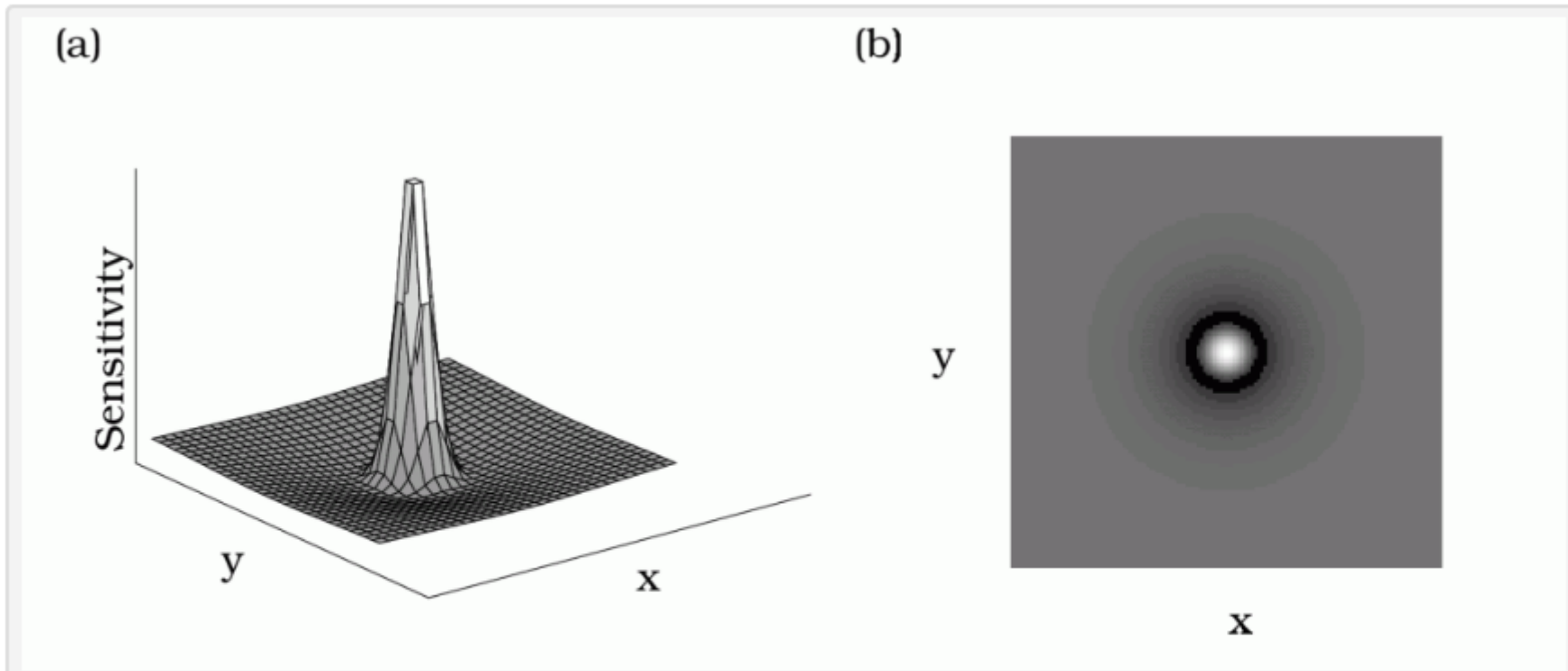
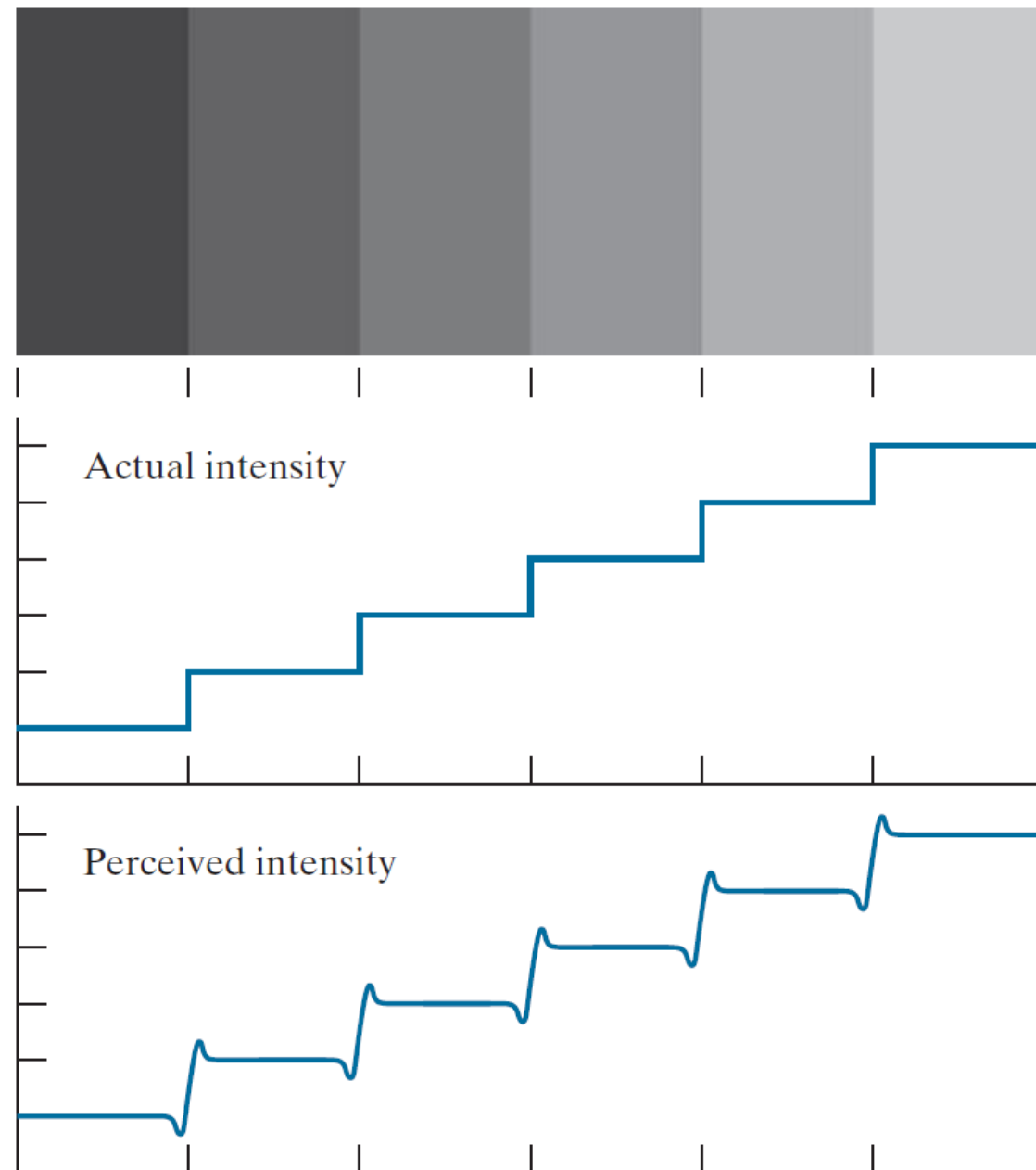


Figure 5.17: The two-dimensional steady-state receptive field of an on-center off-surround retinal ganglion cell is represented in two different ways. (a) A surface plot shows the spatial sensitivity by the height of the surface. The inhibitory surround covers a large area compared to the center, but its general effect on the neuron's response is small compared to the center. (b) An image shows the spatial sensitivity of the receptive field by the image intensity. A light color denotes a retinal location where light excites the neuron, a dark color is a location where light inhibits the neuron, and gray locations are places where light has no influence on the neuron's response.

Mach Band Effect



Contrast Sensitivity

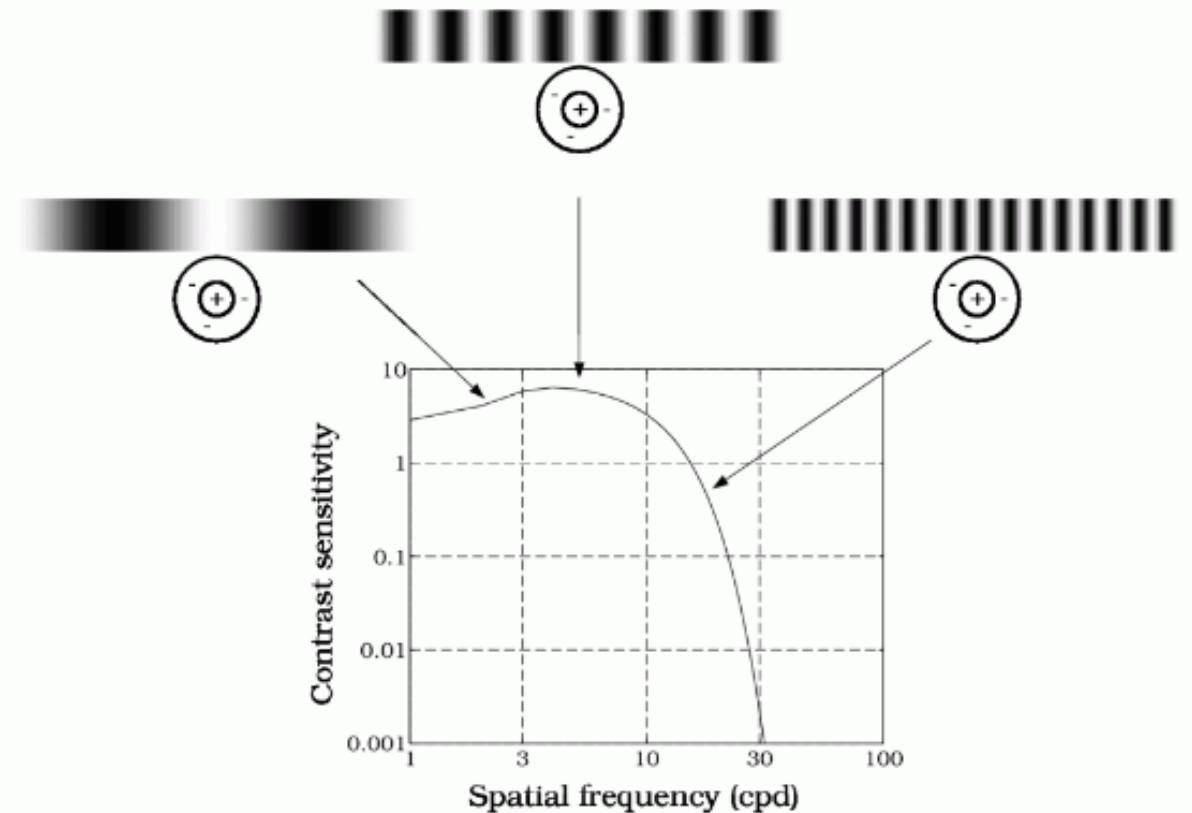
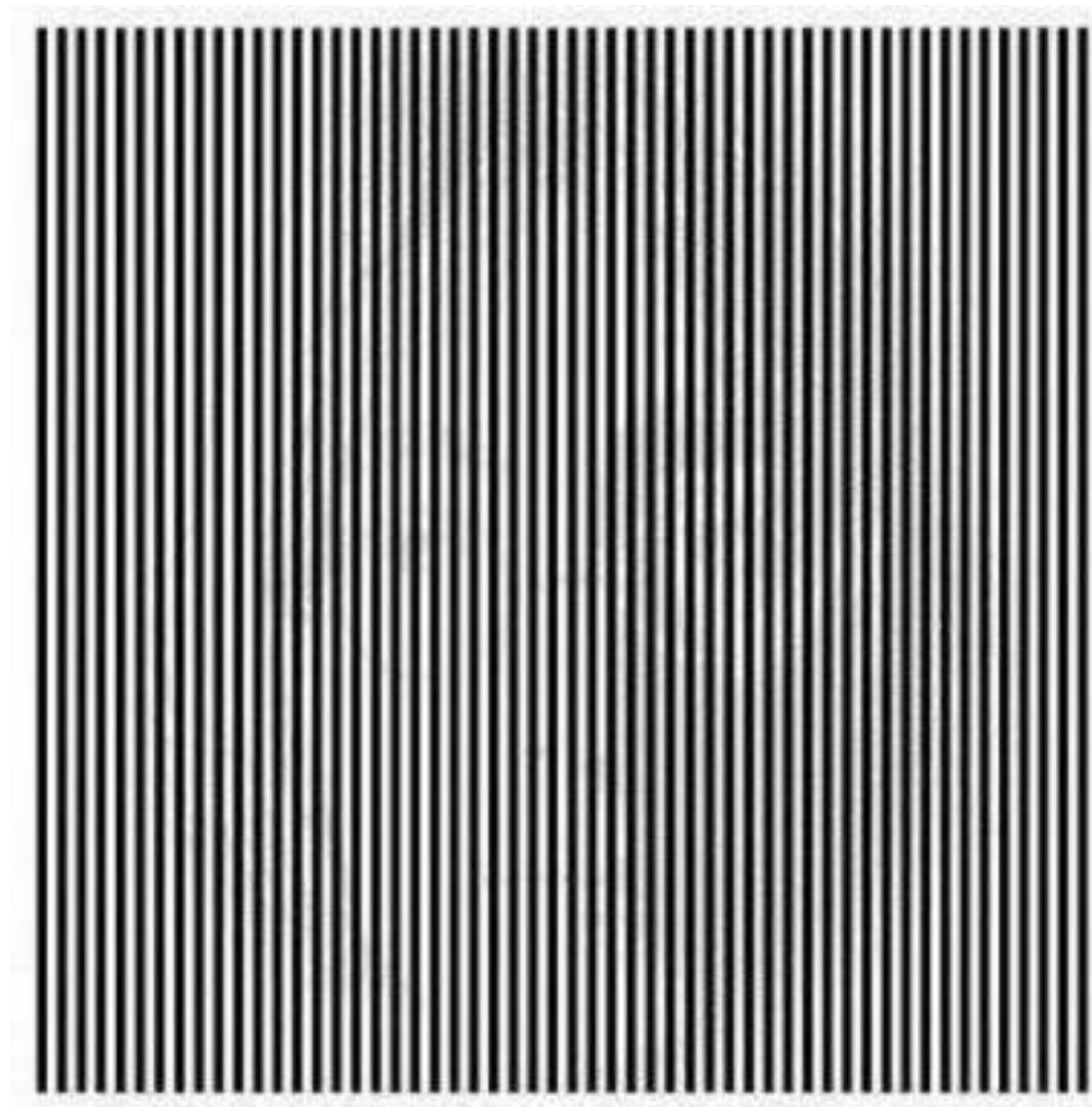
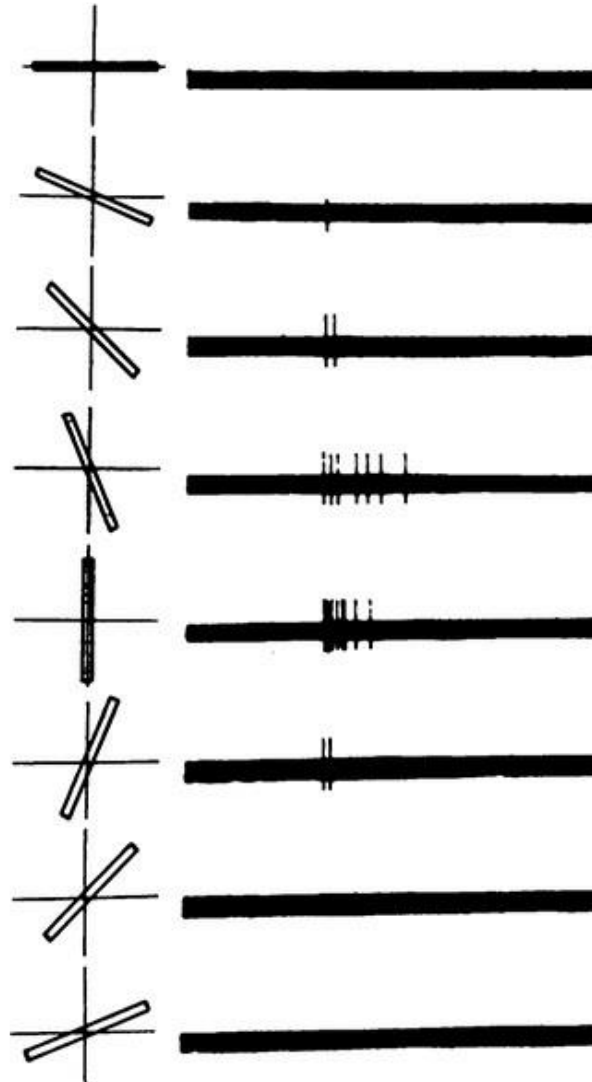


Figure 5.18: The contrast sensitivity function describes a neuron's sensitivity to harmonic stimuli. In the example illustrated, a linear on-center neuron responds best to an intermediate spatial frequency whose bright bars fall over the on-center and whose dark bars fall over the opposing surround. When the spatial frequency is low, the signals from the center and surround oppose one another thus diminishing sensitivity. When the spatial frequency is high, the stimulus is averaged by the center again diminishing the response. From the response to harmonic stimuli, one can derive the spatial structure of the receptive field.

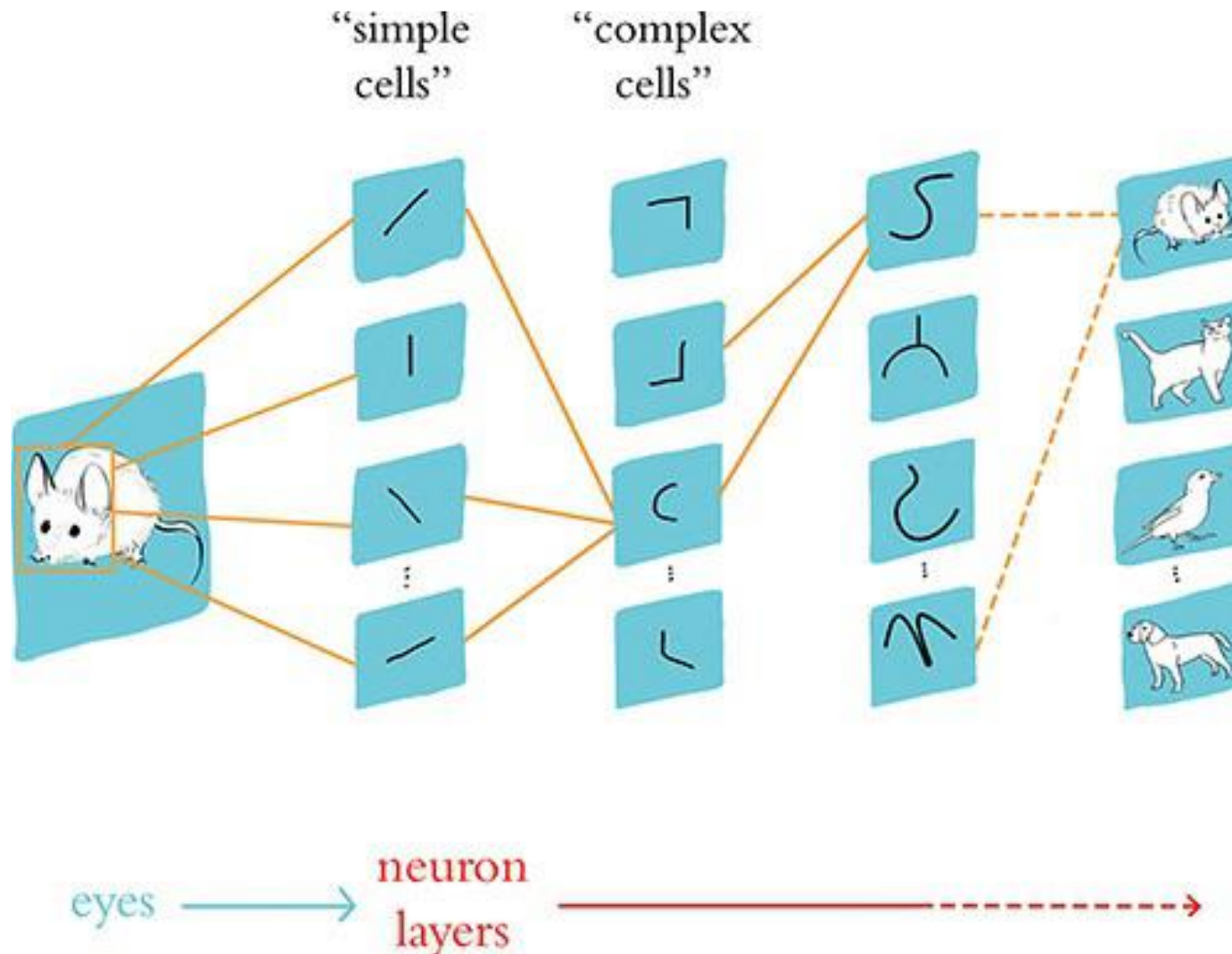
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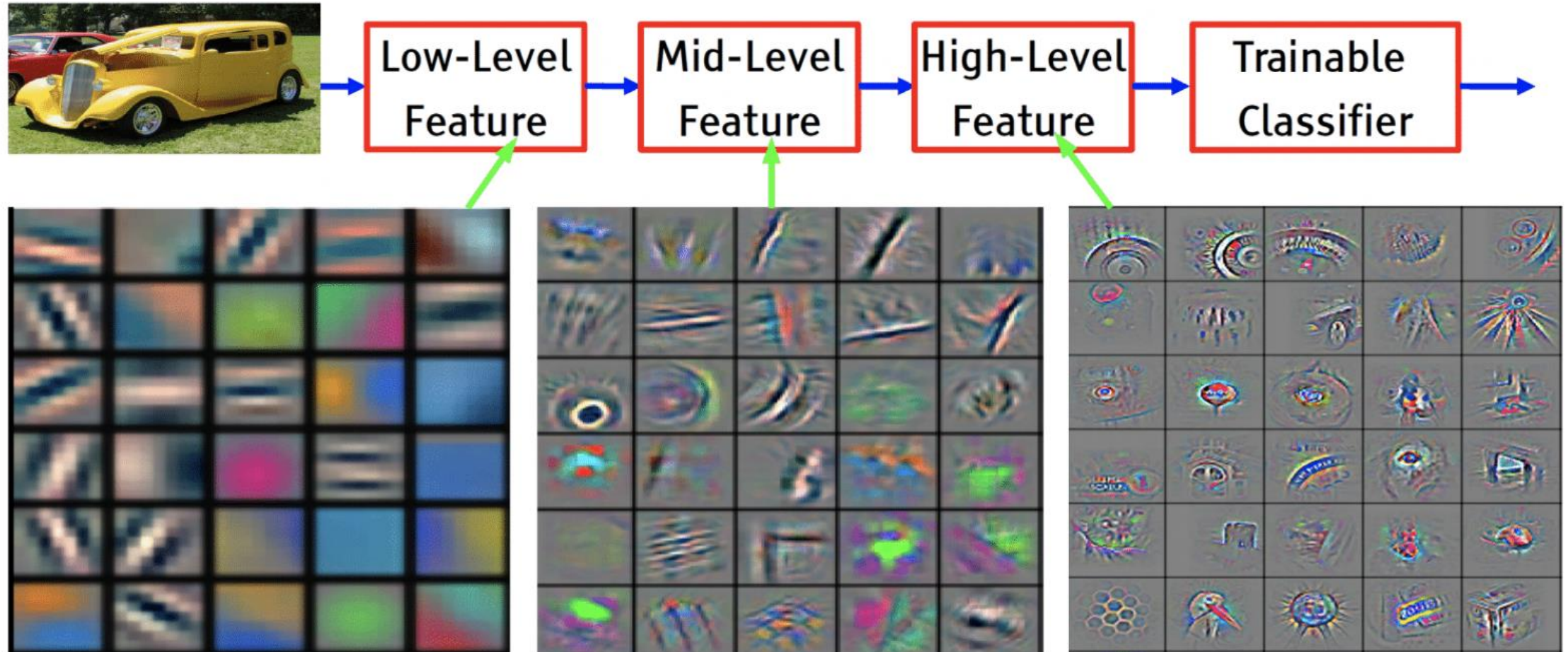
Response of the Simple Cell in V1



Visual Information Representation in the Brain

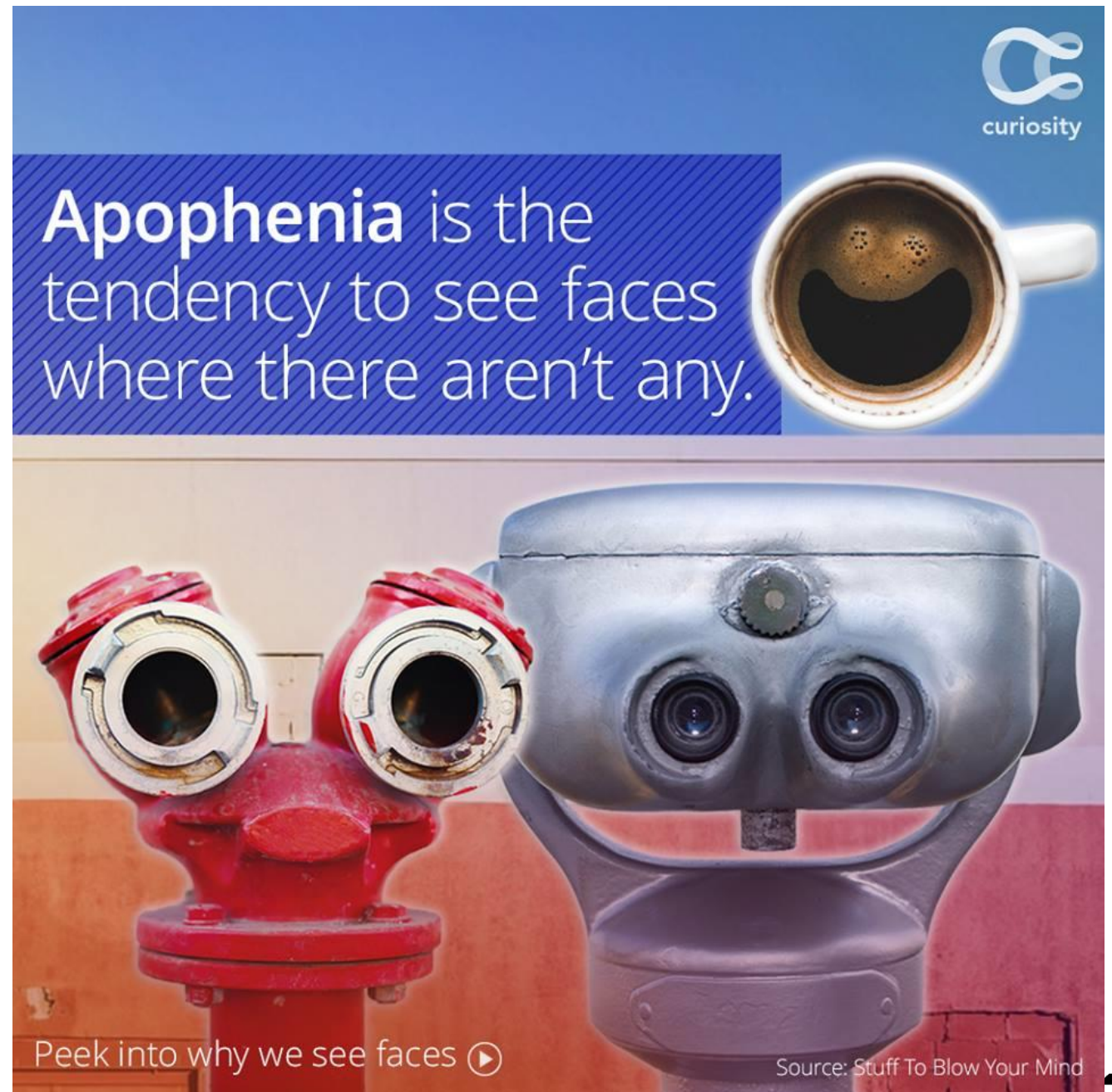


Hierarchy of Features in CNNs



Decision Making

Apophenia is the tendency to perceive meaningful connections between unrelated things



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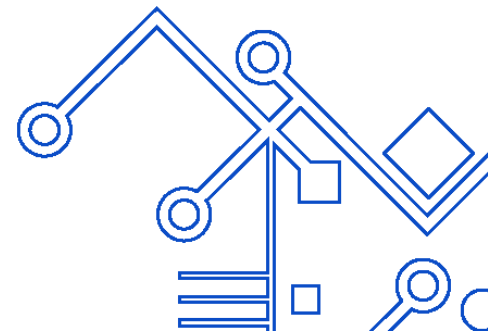
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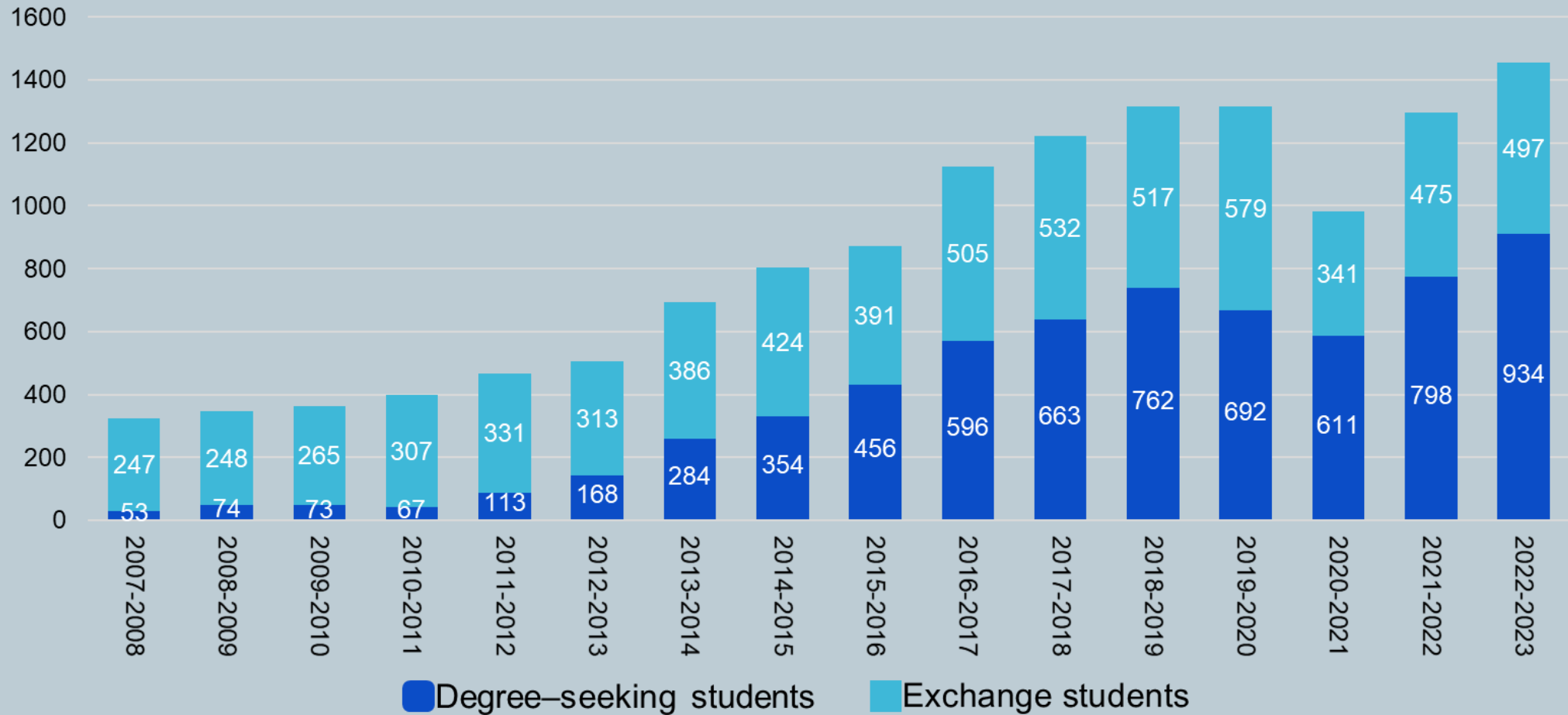


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