

# CS160



USER  
INTERFACE  
DESIGN  
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## HUMAN MODELS

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Regrade:

Clerical (missing APK, etc) -> email the grader

Larger concerns -> Bring printout to my office hours for full regrade of assignment

All regrades must be completed within two weeks of grade release date

PROG 02-A :: Extension until 11:59pm TODAY!

Emulator Install "Party" in 220 Jacobs after class

Brainstorming NEXT MONDAY! — Required Class

Groups and Group Dynamics

Assign lead (coordination)

Setting up times to meet weekly

Problems ... private piazza post to all instructors

Watches go out next Wed — one per group with \$100 check as deposit

PROG 02B OUT

# READING RESPONSE

Prompt:

For your first programming project, you are designing a calorie burning conversion app (given an input of the type and amount of exercise, you'll be able to see how many calories you've burned as well as the equivalent amount of another type of exercise). Create a persona that would be useful in the design of PROG 01, and describe a scenario of usage for that app. Use your persona in the scenario. Why is it important to consider personas when designing an application?

# READING RESPONSE

Personas are important to anticipate many users' needs and prioritize features according to your targeted audience. Personas also help the designer remove themselves from the process of designing so that there is less self-referential design. By designing towards the goals of one persona or a select few, you don't run into the problem of trying to please everybody.

# READING RESPONSE

Persona: Jamie, Newbie Trying to Lose Weight

## **Activities:**

- Goes to the gym every other day
- Meets up with a trainer once a week
- Works from 9AM-5PM at a desk

## **Attitudes:**

- Uses technology casually
  - Only started exercising regularly
- Influencers:
- trainer decides what they do weekly
  - gym friends influence the extra exercise they do

## **Frustrations:**

- not sure how to operate new gym equipment
  - doesn't know how much exercise is needed per time unit
- Wish List:
- wishes to be able to customize their exercise regimen
- Experience Goals:
- to not spend too much money
  - to stay on track
  - to be motivated
  - to be interested
  - to enjoy working out

## **End Goals:**

- to lose weight (50 lbs)
- to be more healthy

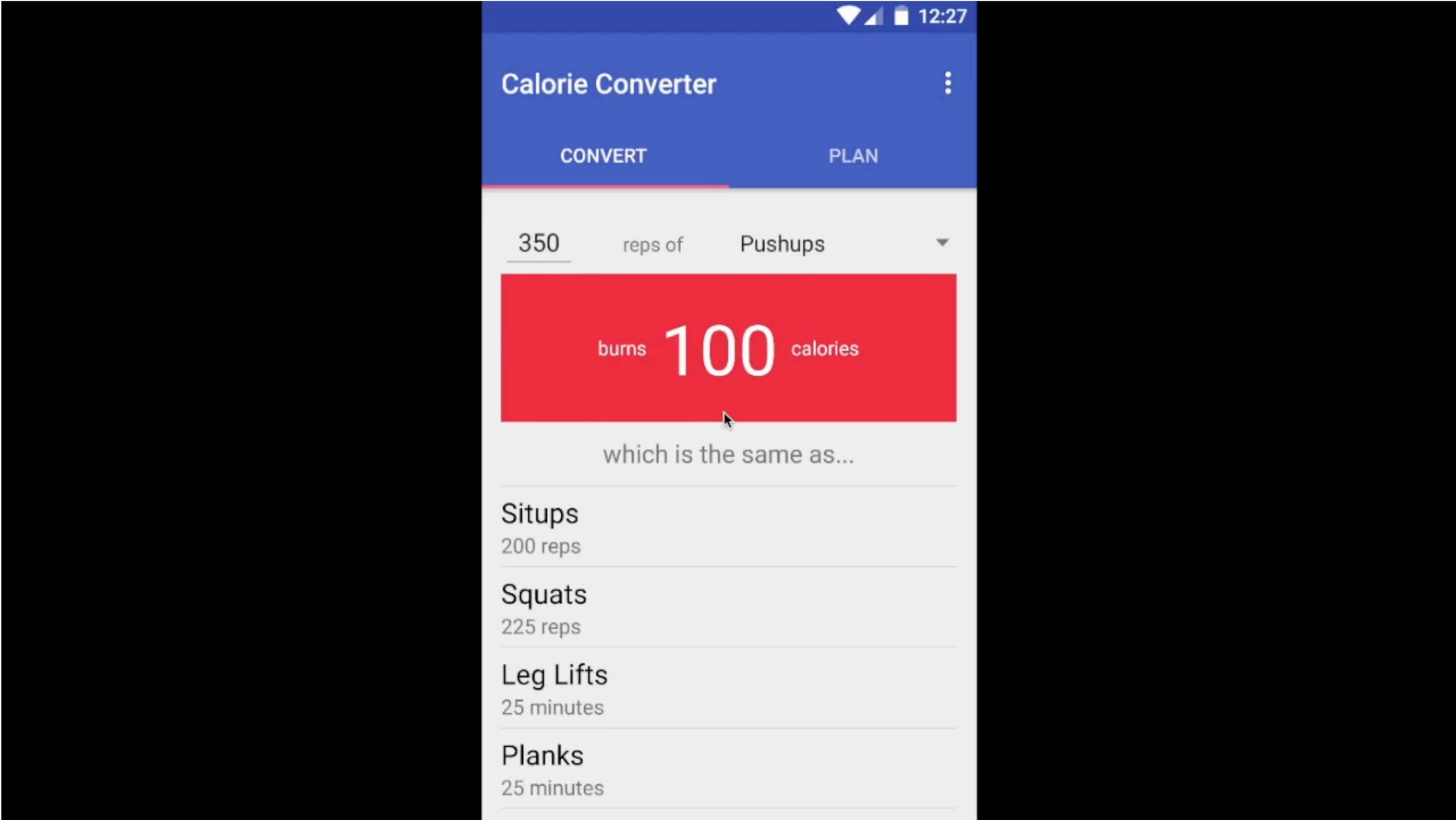
## **Life Goals:**

- to live longer
- to find a life partner
- to be respected and looked upon favorably

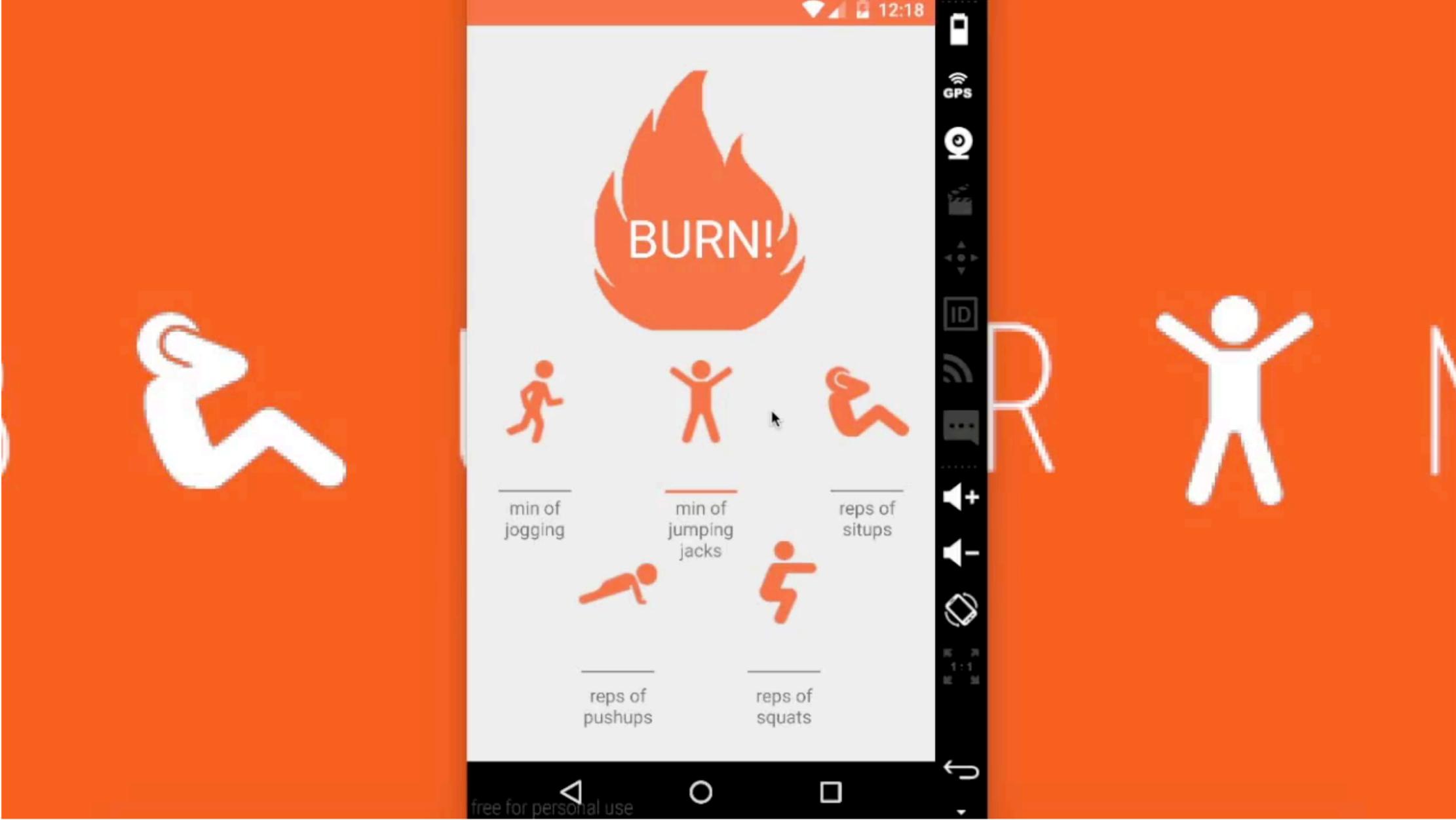
# READING RESPONSE

Scenario: Jamie has just begun exercising regularly. They decide to add an extra workout day to their week just this once. They spontaneously come to the local gym in the neighborhood. Without the guidance of their trainer, Jamie looks around at the gym and notices a lot of people performing a variety of exercises. Not wanting to repeat any exercises from their prescribed workout regimen, Jamie searches online for a set of exercises. Mid-routine Jamie finds that the next set requires a piece of gym equipment that is already being used. Jamie quickly uses their phone (and the exercise app) while running on the treadmill to convert the calorie burn of the next set into a different activity.

# PROG 01: JOEL GRAYCAR



# PROG 01: MAYA ANGELICA HERNANDEZ



# DESIGN 01



# **WHY MODEL HUMAN PERFORMANCE?**

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To predict impact of new technology/interface

Apply model to predict effectiveness

We could build a simulator to evaluate user interface designs

# HUMAN INFO PROCESSOR

Processors:

Perceptual

Cognitive

Motor

Memory:

Working memory

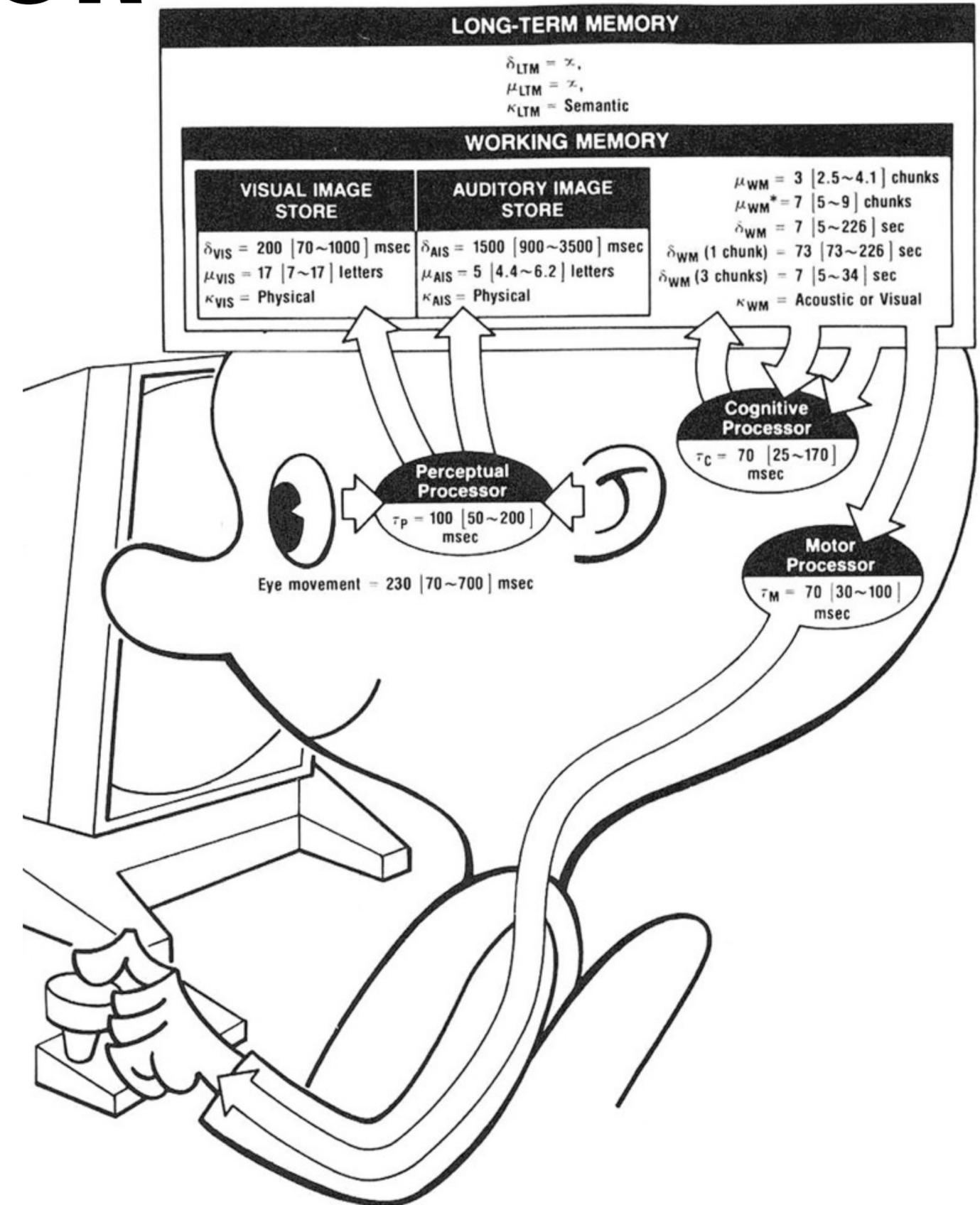
Long-term memory

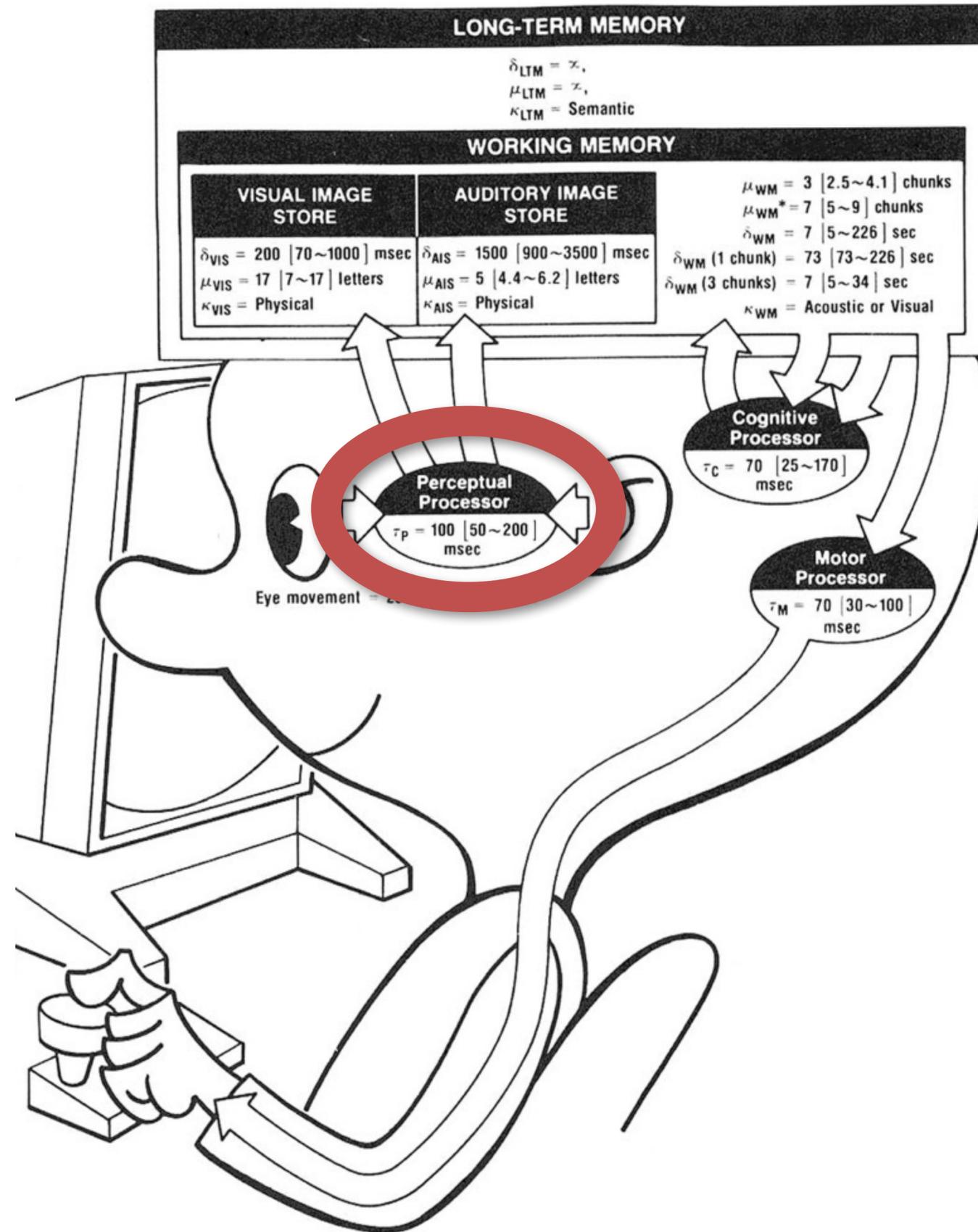
Unified model

Probably inaccurate

Predicts performance well

Very influential





# PERCEPTUAL PROCESSOR

Physical store from our senses: sight, sound, touch, ...

Code directly based on sense used

Visual, audio, haptic, ... features

Selective

Spatial

Pre-attentive: color, direction...

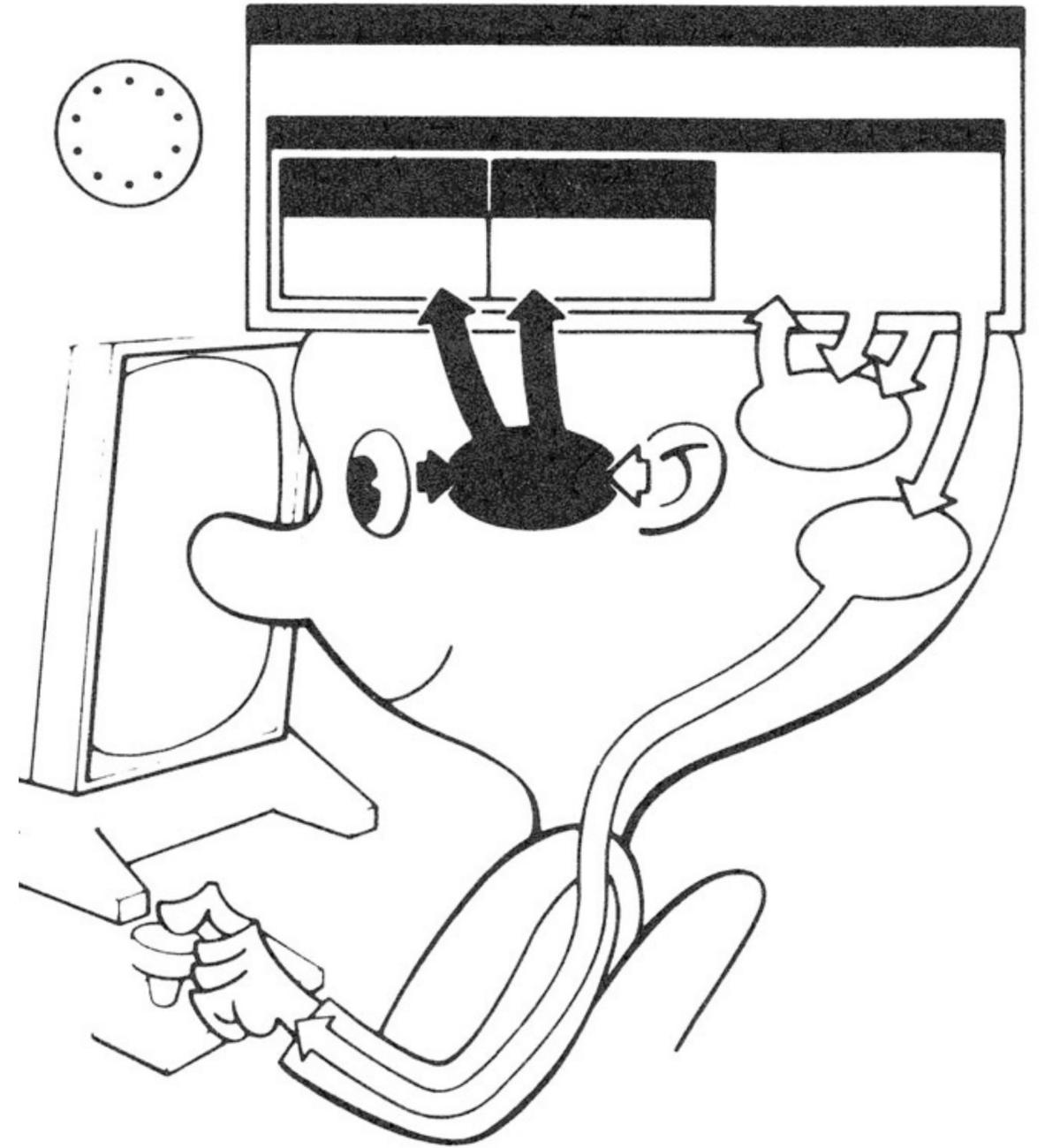
Capacity of visual store

Example: 17 letters

Decay time for working memory: 200ms

Recoded for transfer to working memory

Progressive: 10ms/letter



# PRE-ATTENTIVE

*Typically, tasks that can be performed on large multi-element displays in less than 200 to 250 milliseconds are considered preattentive.*

# HOW MANY 3'S

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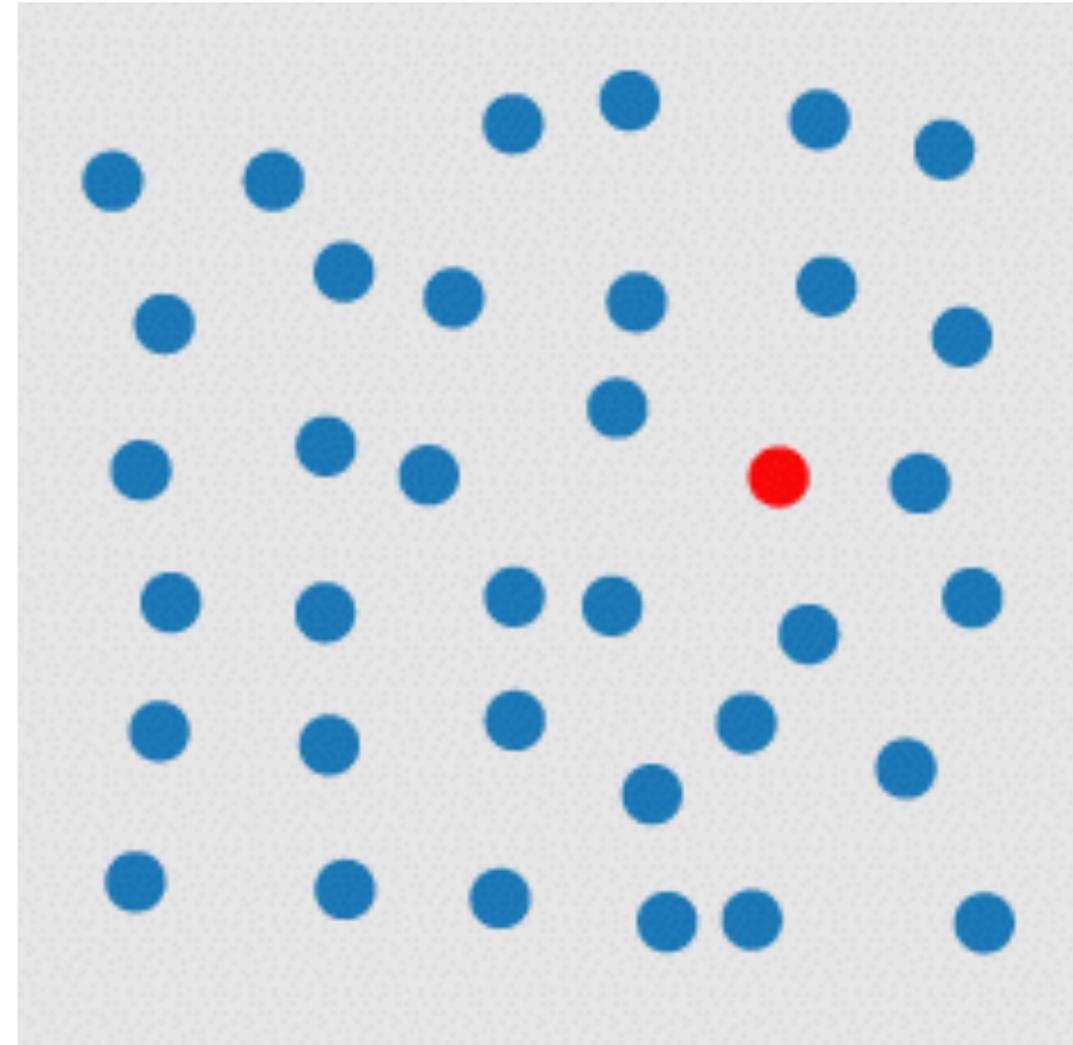
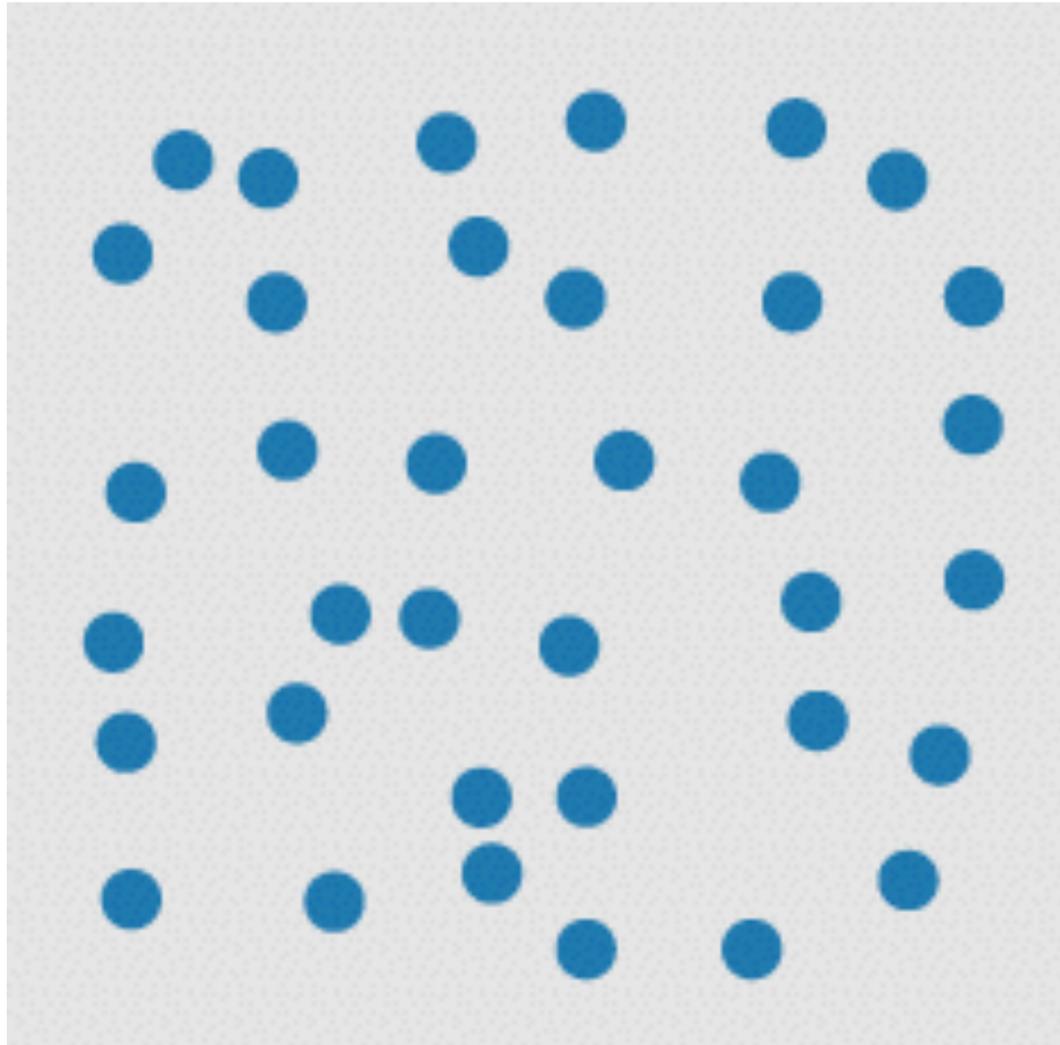
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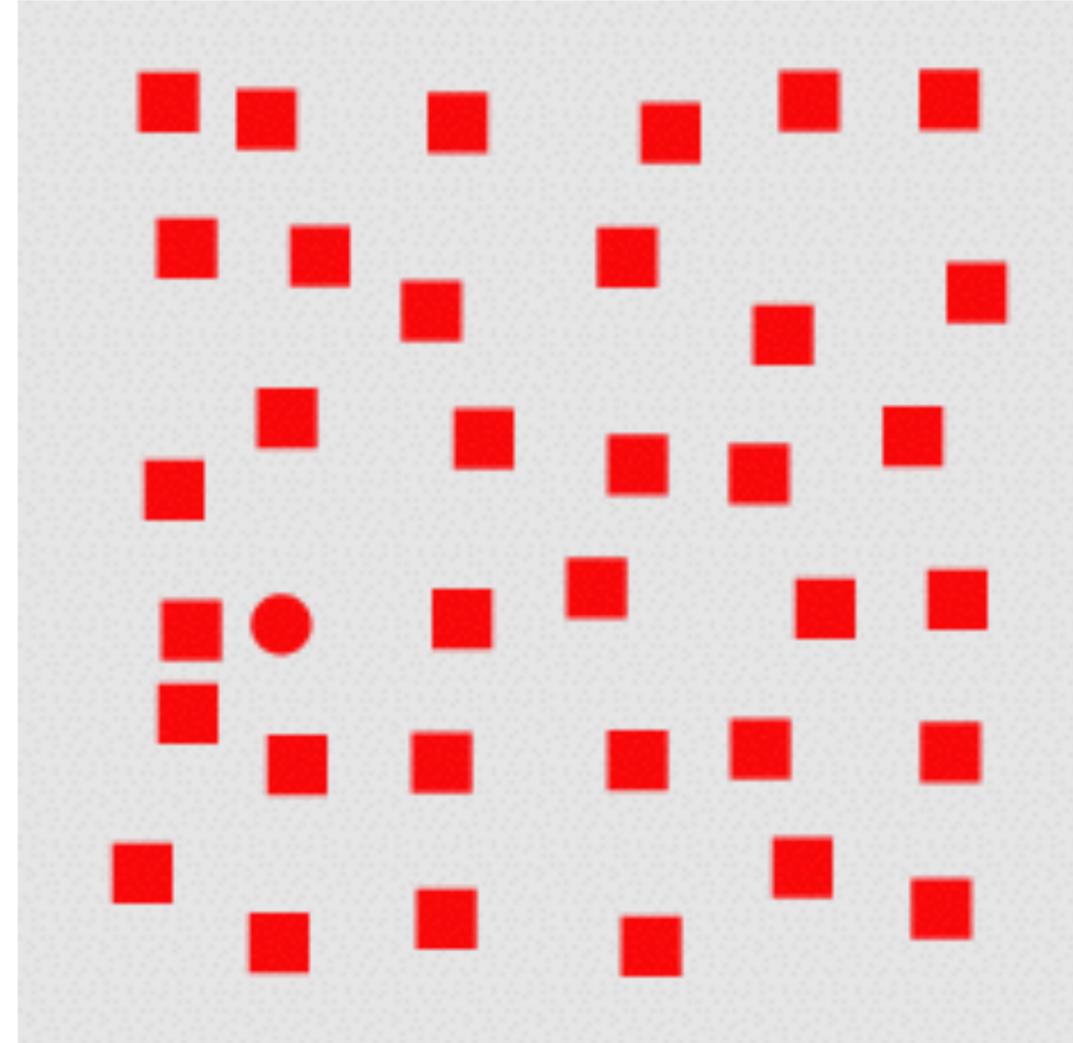
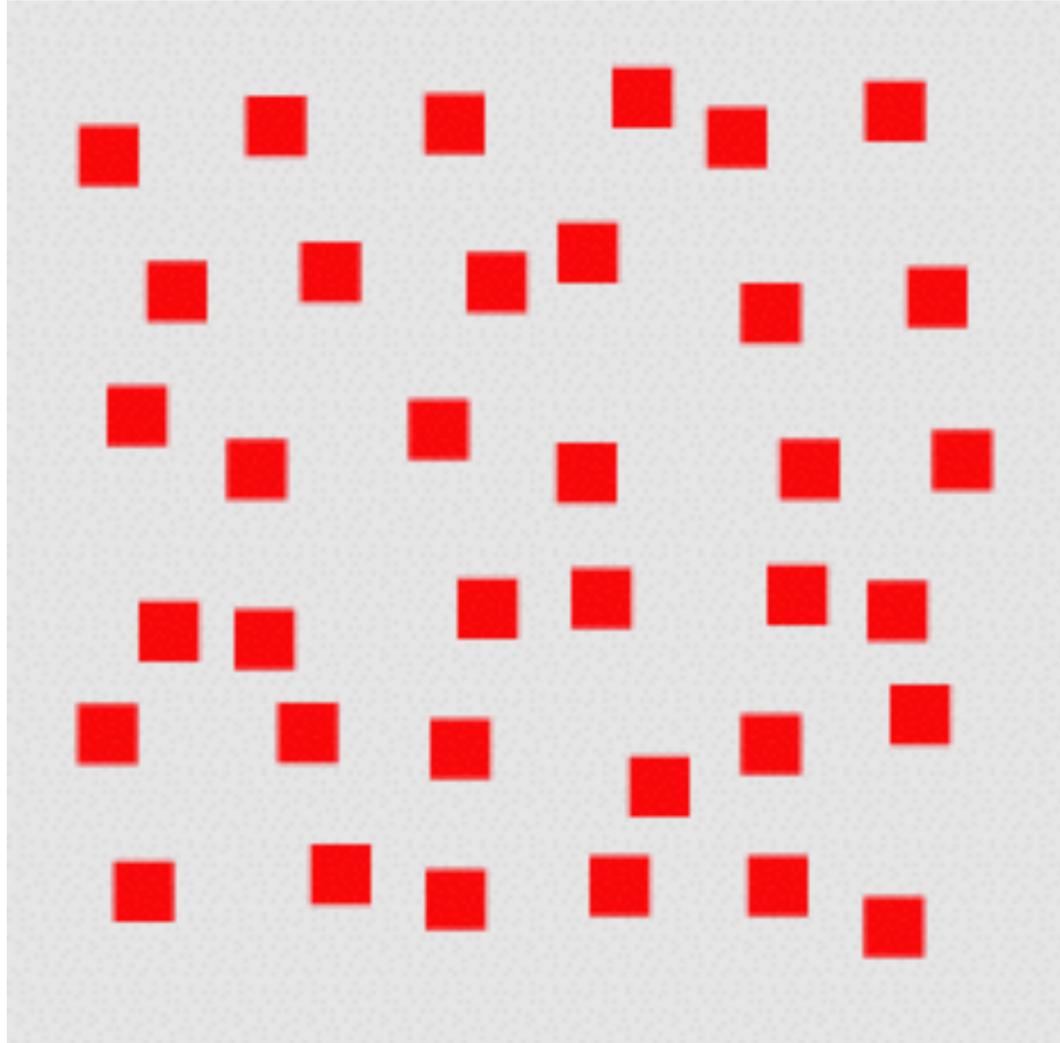
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# VISUAL POP-OUT: COLOR

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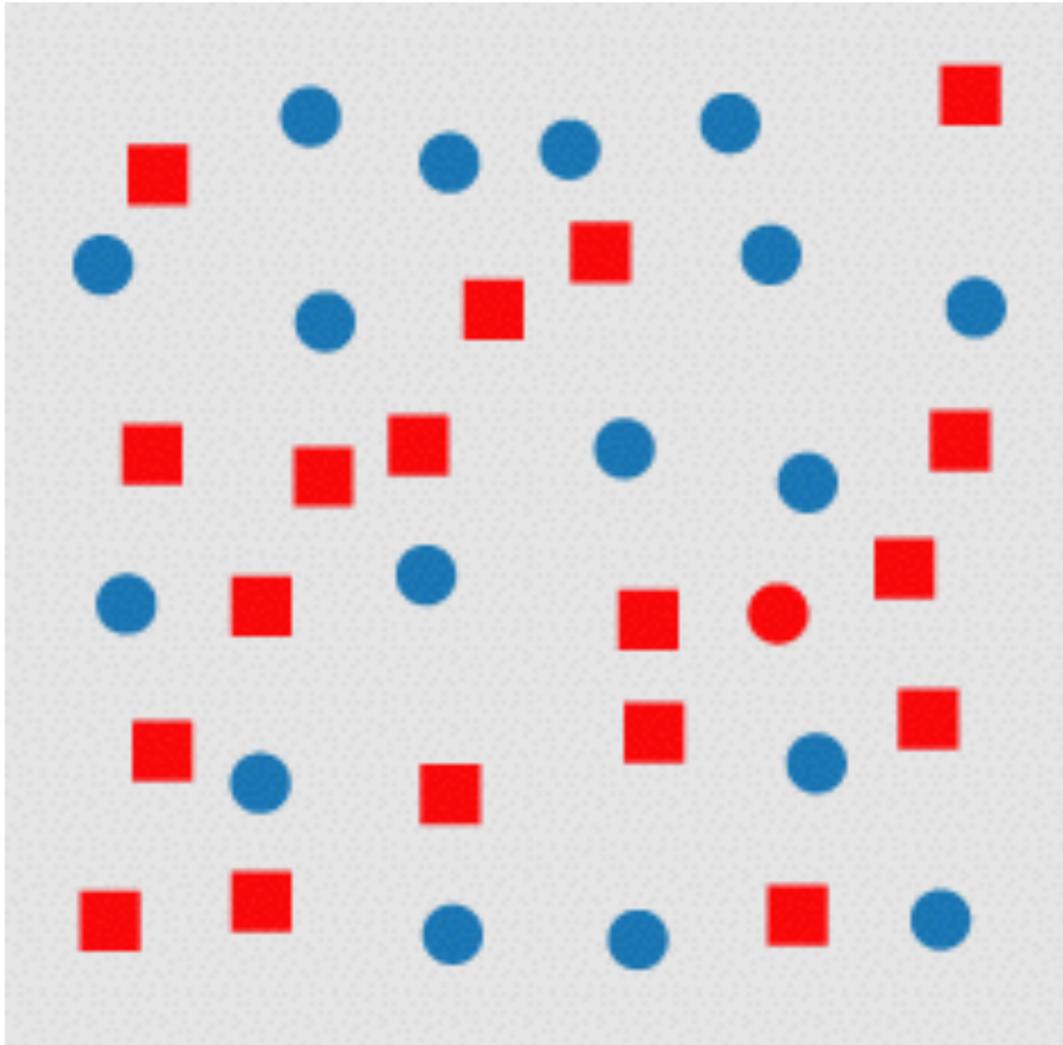
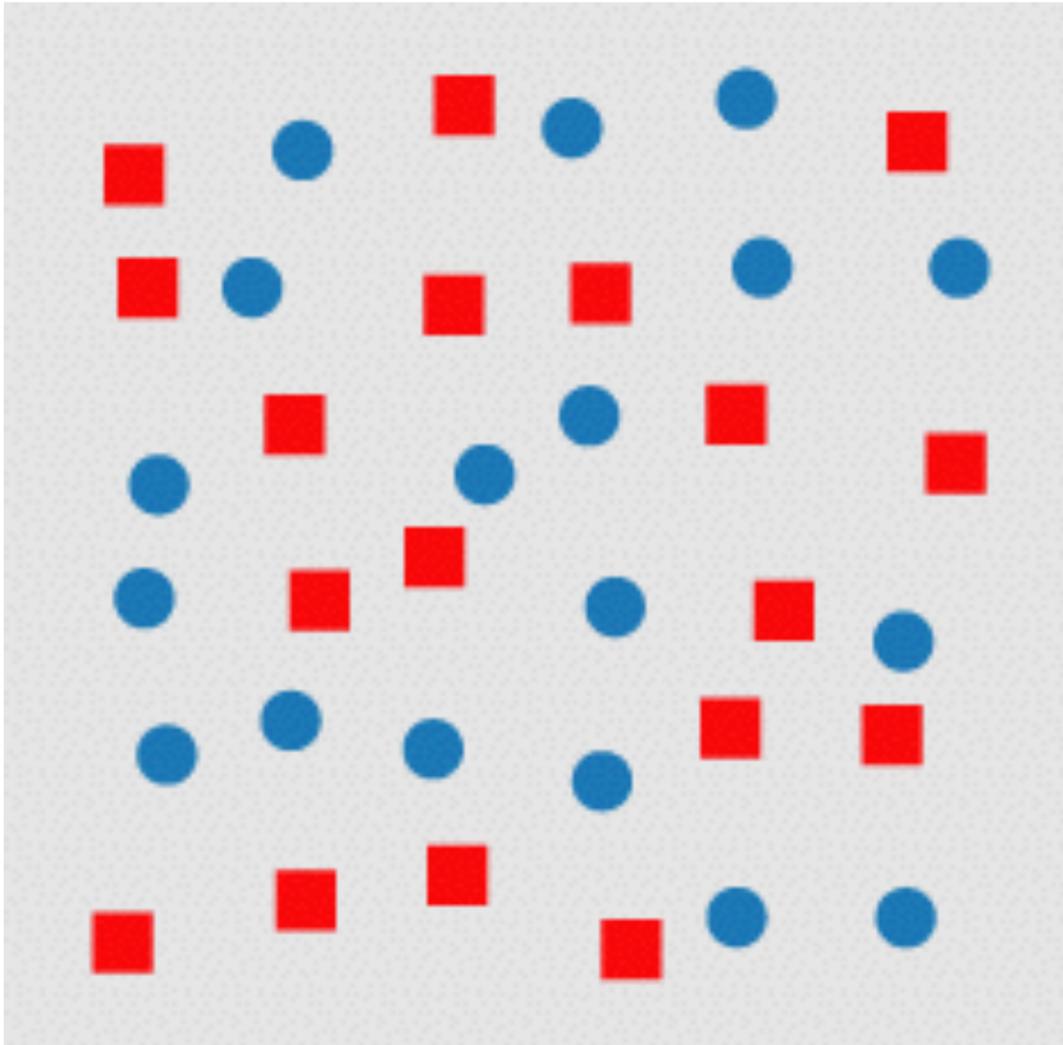


# VISUAL POP-OUT: SHAPE



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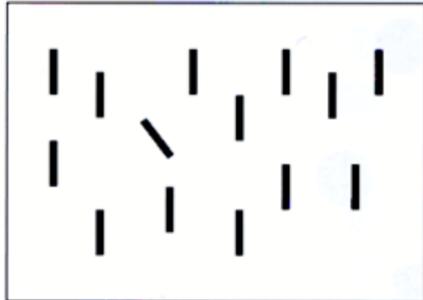


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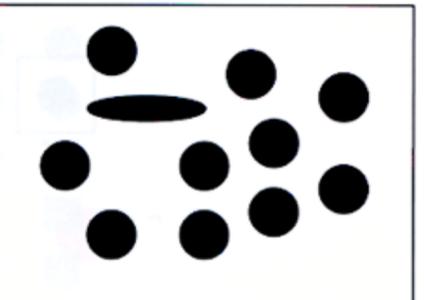
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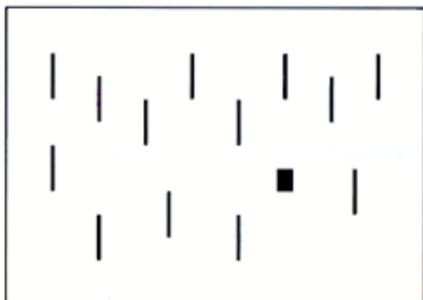
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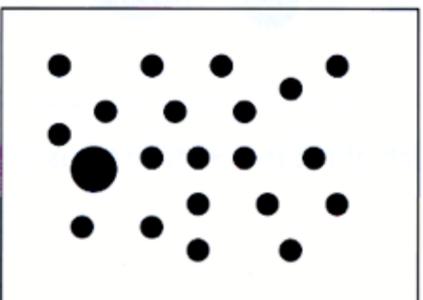
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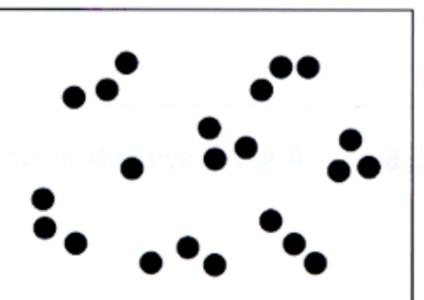
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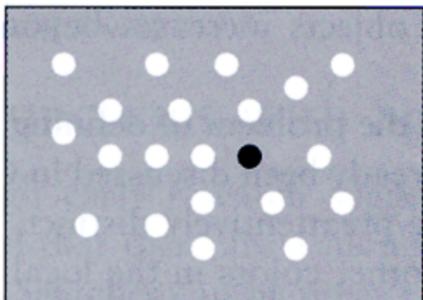
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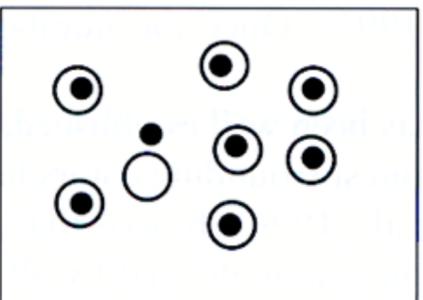
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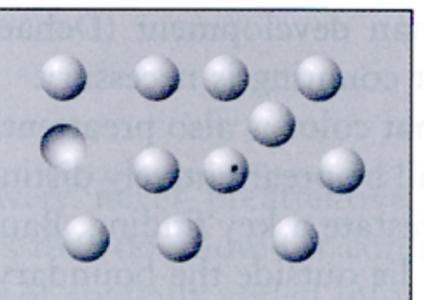
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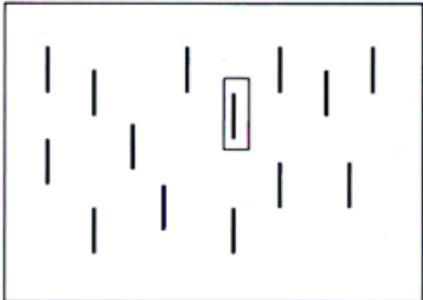
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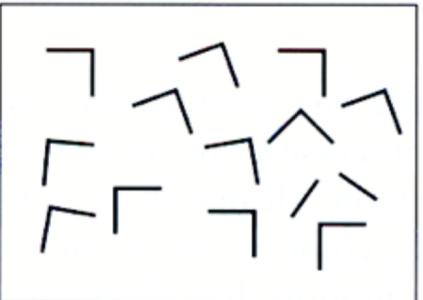
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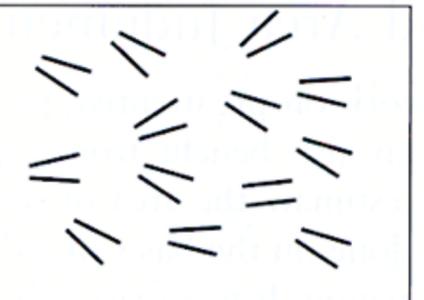
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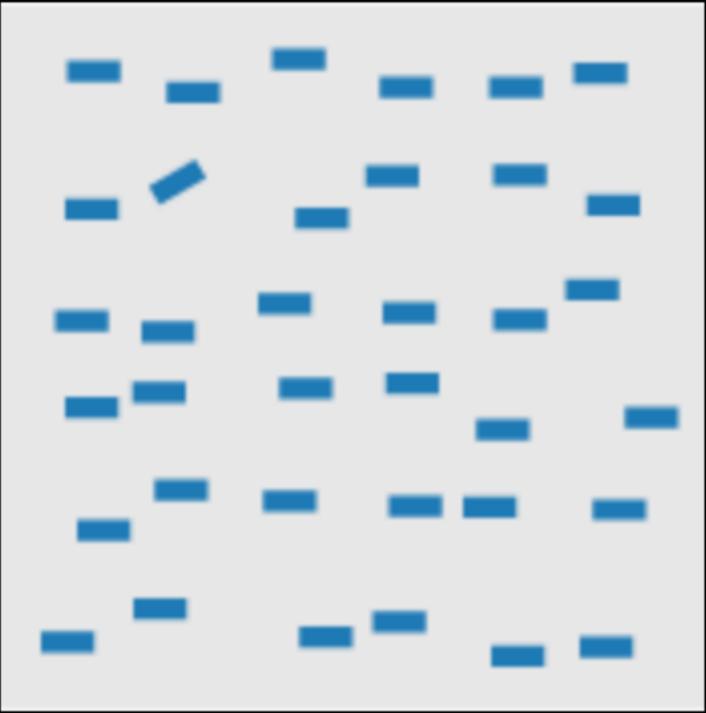
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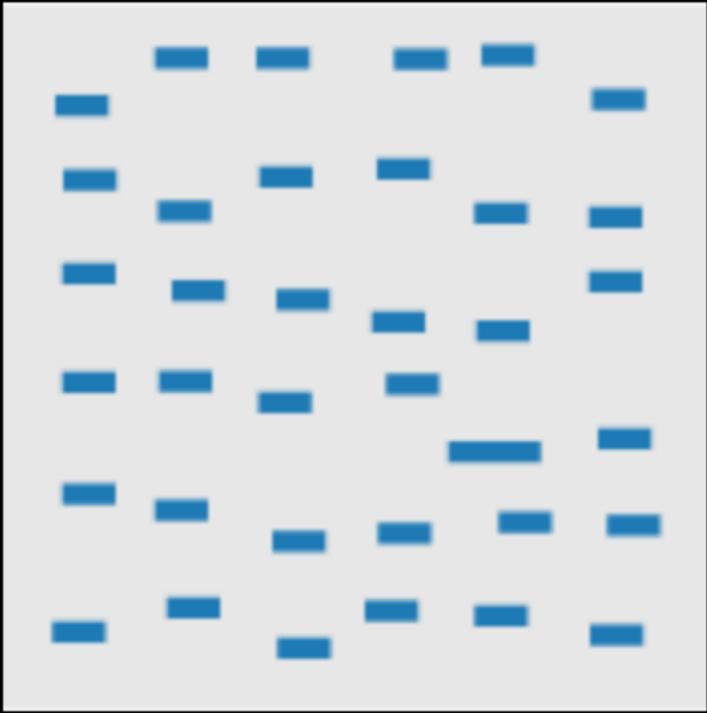
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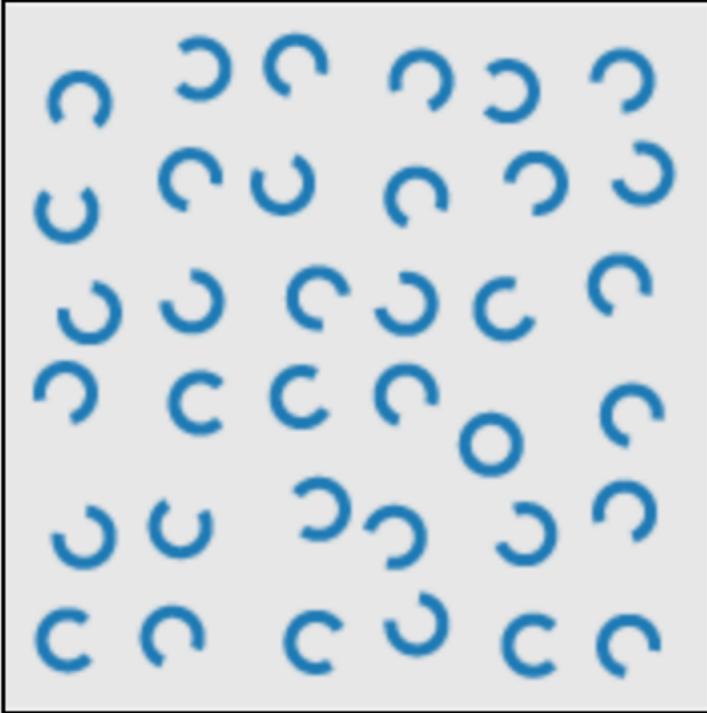
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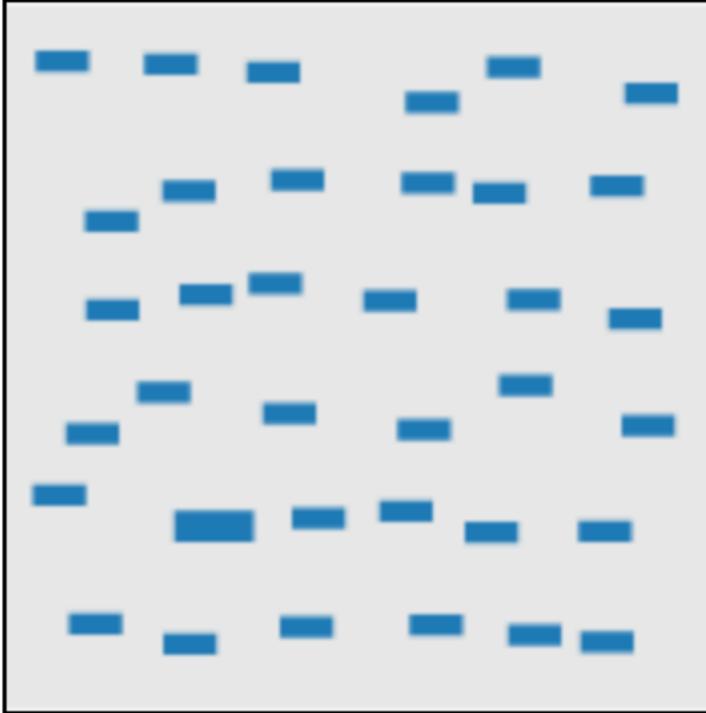
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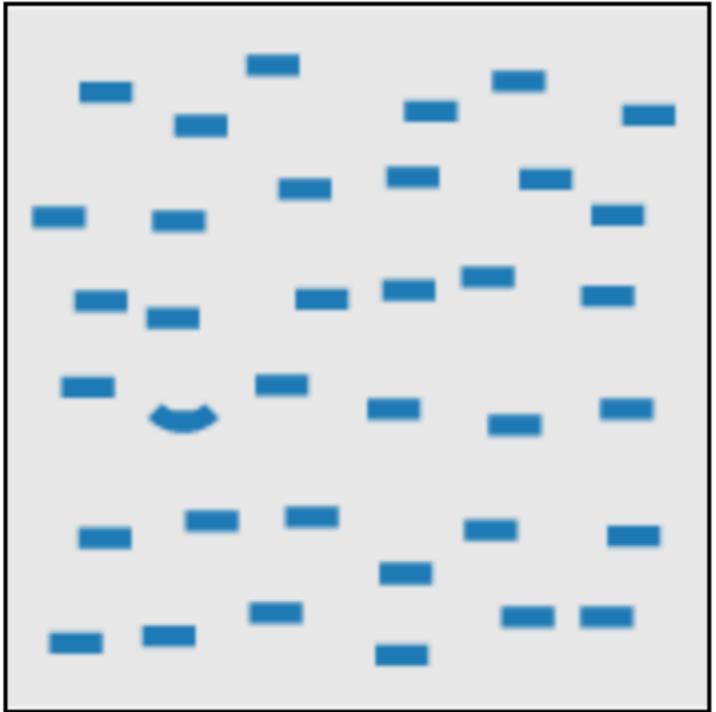


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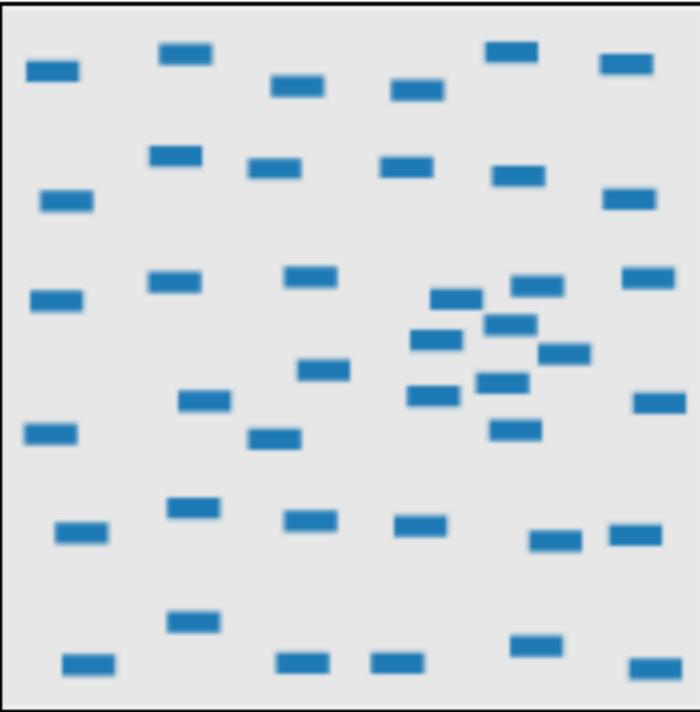


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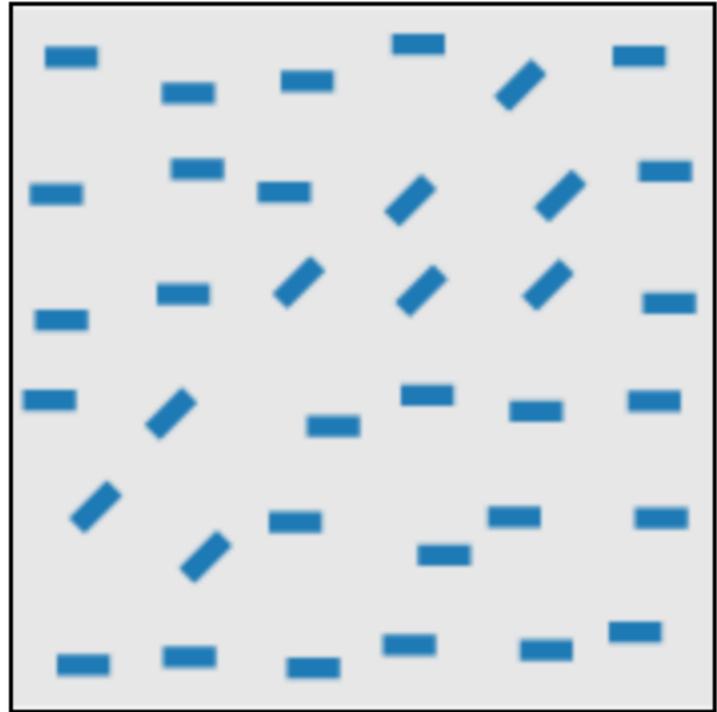
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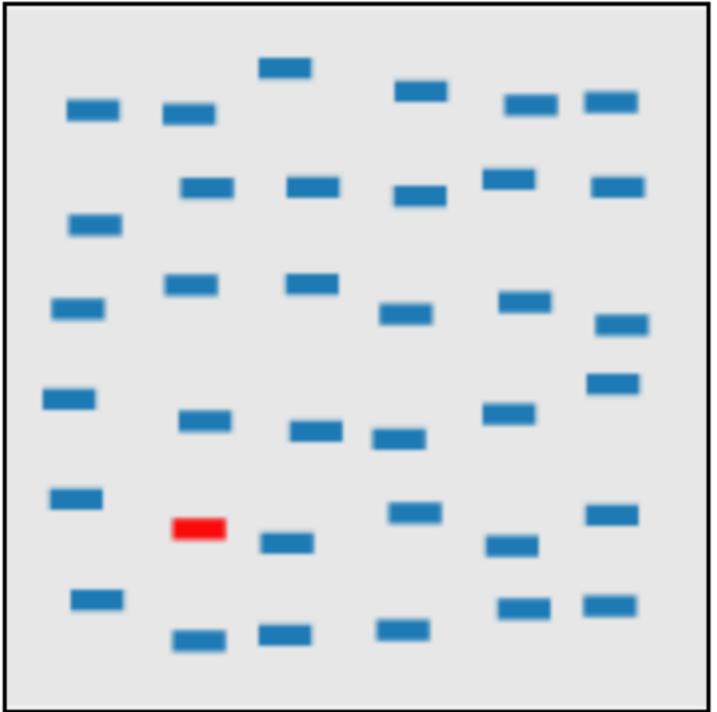
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density, contrast

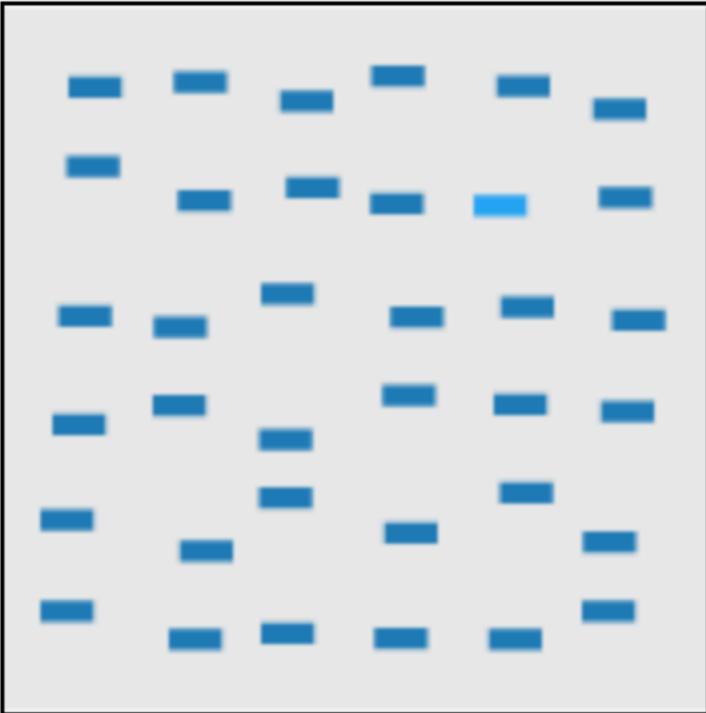


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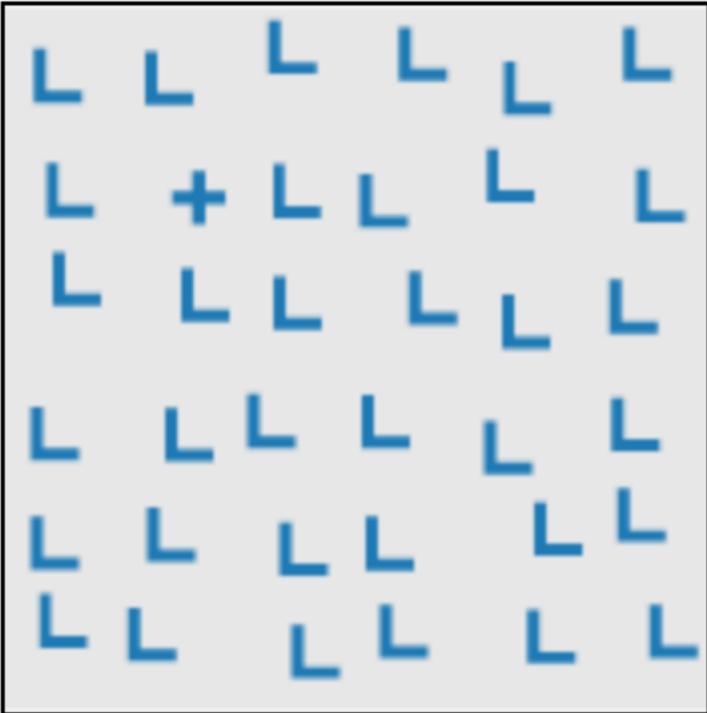


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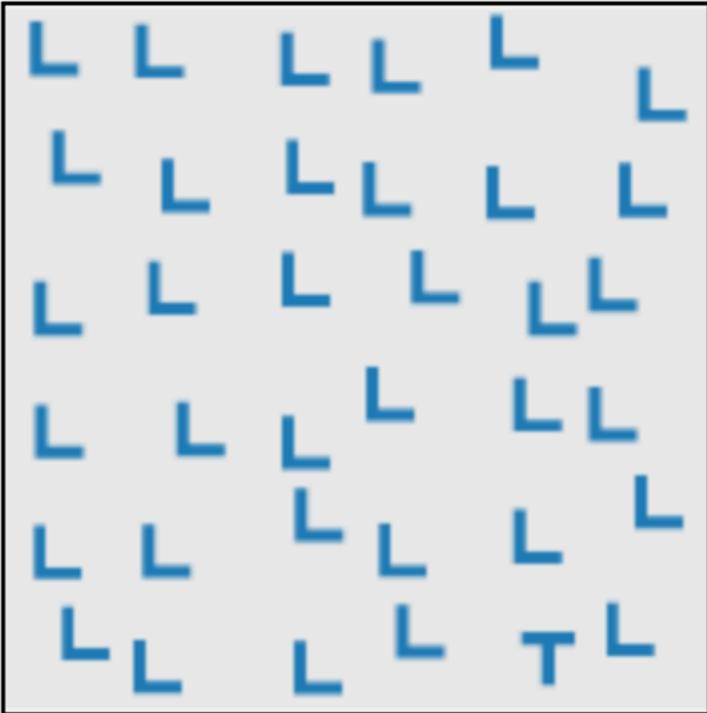
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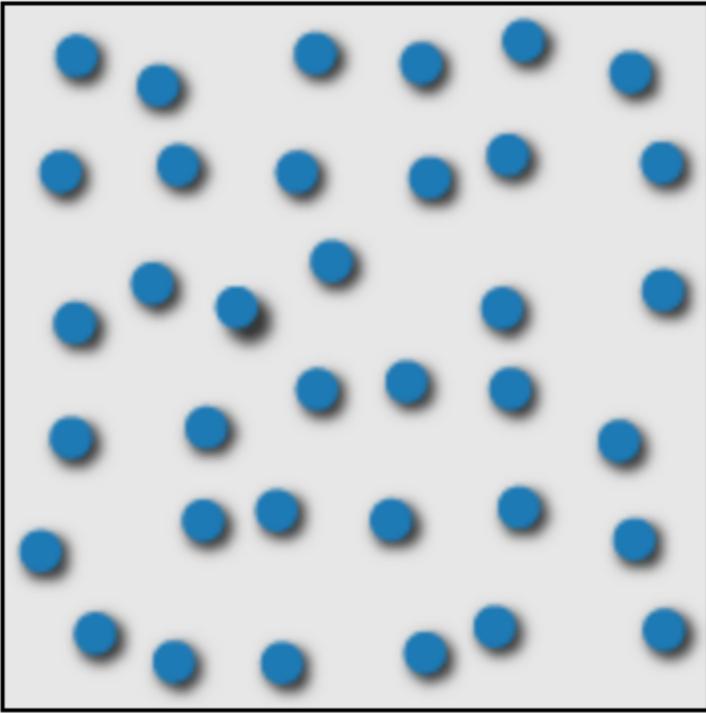
intensity, binocular lustre



intersection



terminators



3D depth cues

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# CHANGE BLINDNESS

Change blindness is a surprising perceptual phenomenon that occurs when a change in a visual stimulus is introduced and the observer does not notice it. For example, observers often fail to notice major differences introduced into an image while it flickers off and on again.

## Instructions

**Count how many times the  
players wearing white pass  
the basketball.**

# SELECTIVE ATTENTION

Selective attention is simply the act of focusing on a particular object for a period of time while simultaneously ignoring irrelevant information that is also occurring. This occurs on a daily basis and can be seen in basically any of your interactions. Because it is impossible to give attention to every stimulus in our environment, we use selective attention to select what stimuli are important as events occur.

# PERCEPTUAL PROCESSOR

## Cycle time

Quantum experience: 100ms

Percept fusion

Frame rate necessary for movies to look continuous?

time for 1 frame  $< T_p$  (100 msec)  $\rightarrow$  10 frame/sec.

Max. morse code rate can be similarly calculated

## Perceptual causality

Two distinct stimuli can fuse if the first event appears to *cause* the other

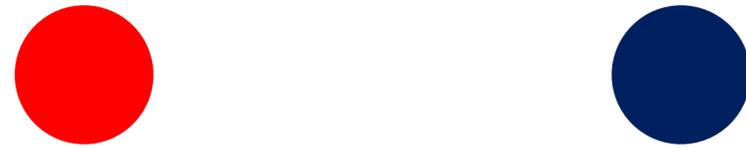
Events must occur in the same cycle

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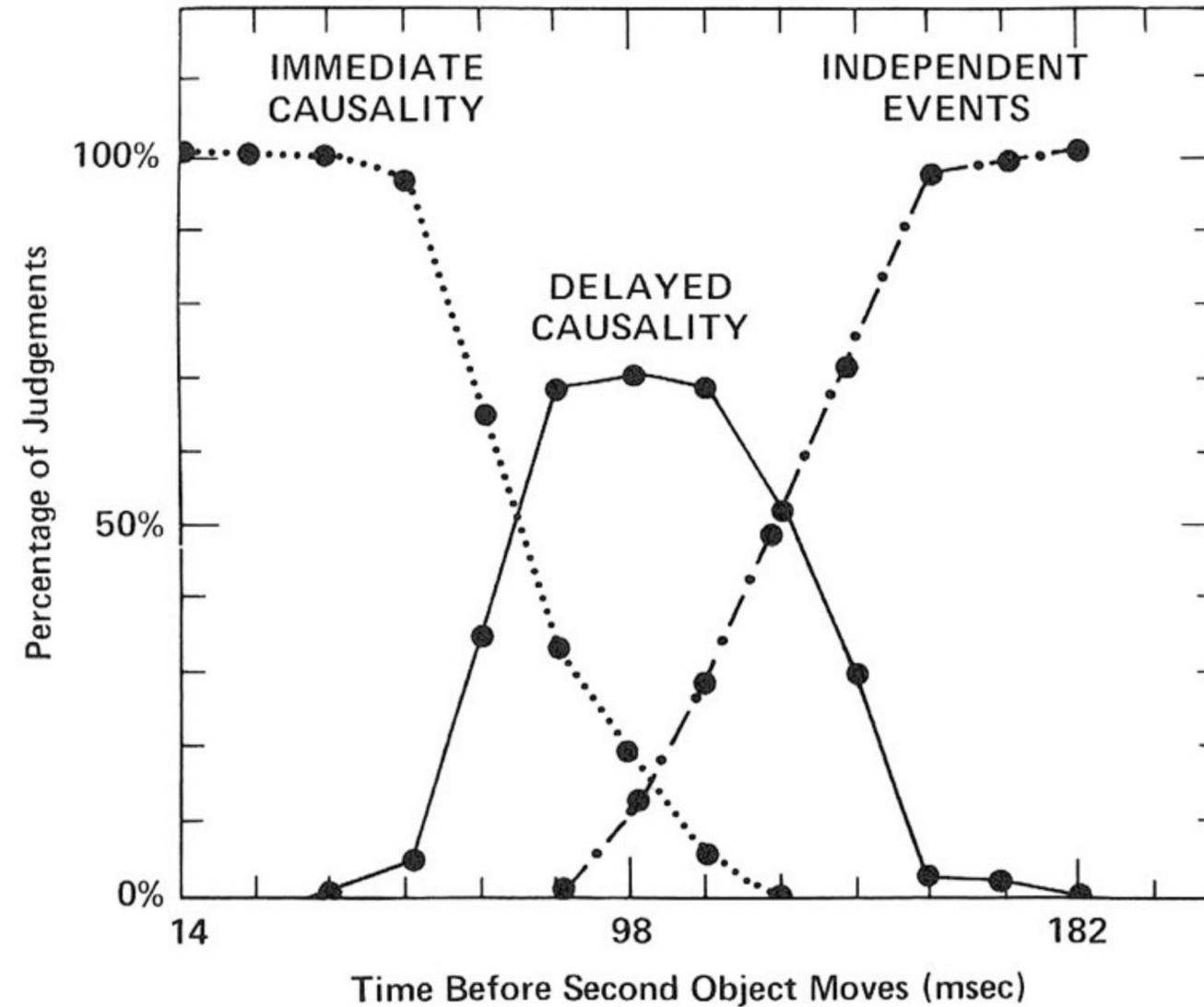
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# WORKING MEMORY

Access in chunks

Task dependent construct

$7 \pm 2$  (Miller)

Decay

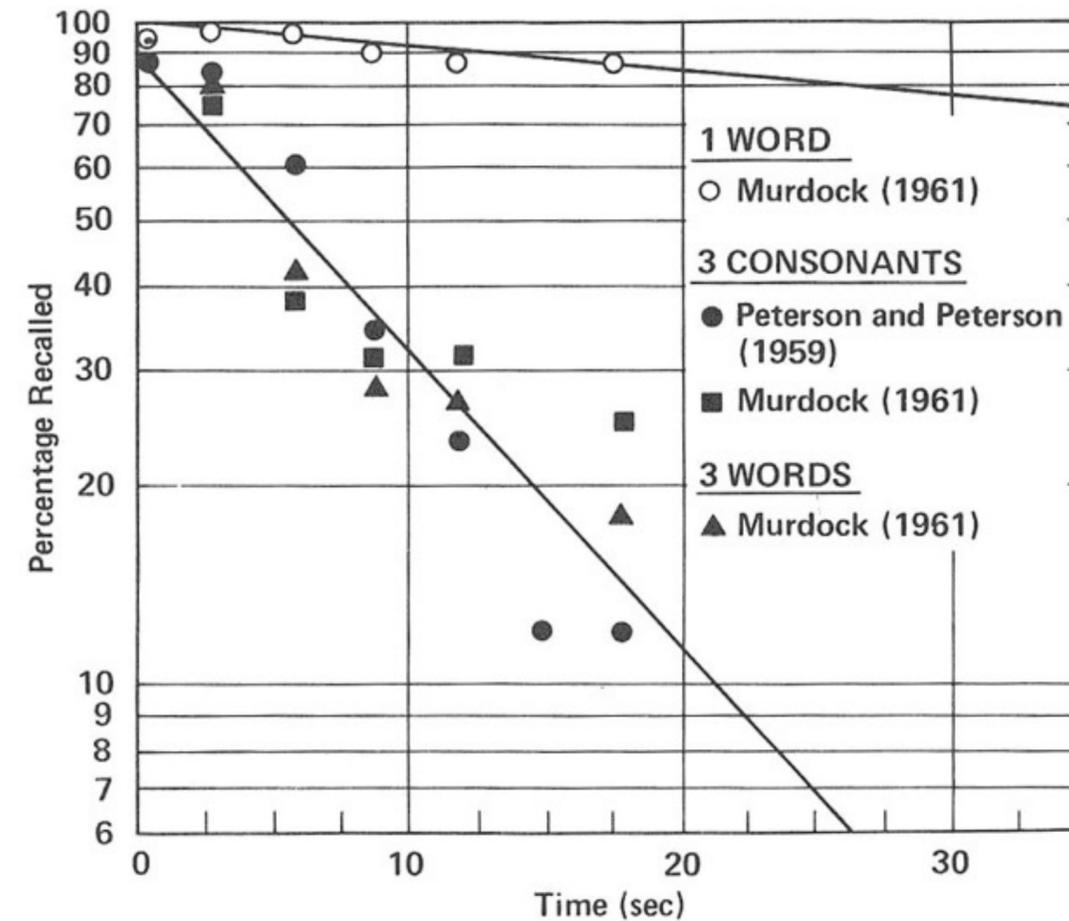
Content dependant

1 chunk 73 sec

3 chunks 7 sec

Attention span

Interruptions > decay time



# LONG TERM MEMORY

Very large capacity

Semantic encoding

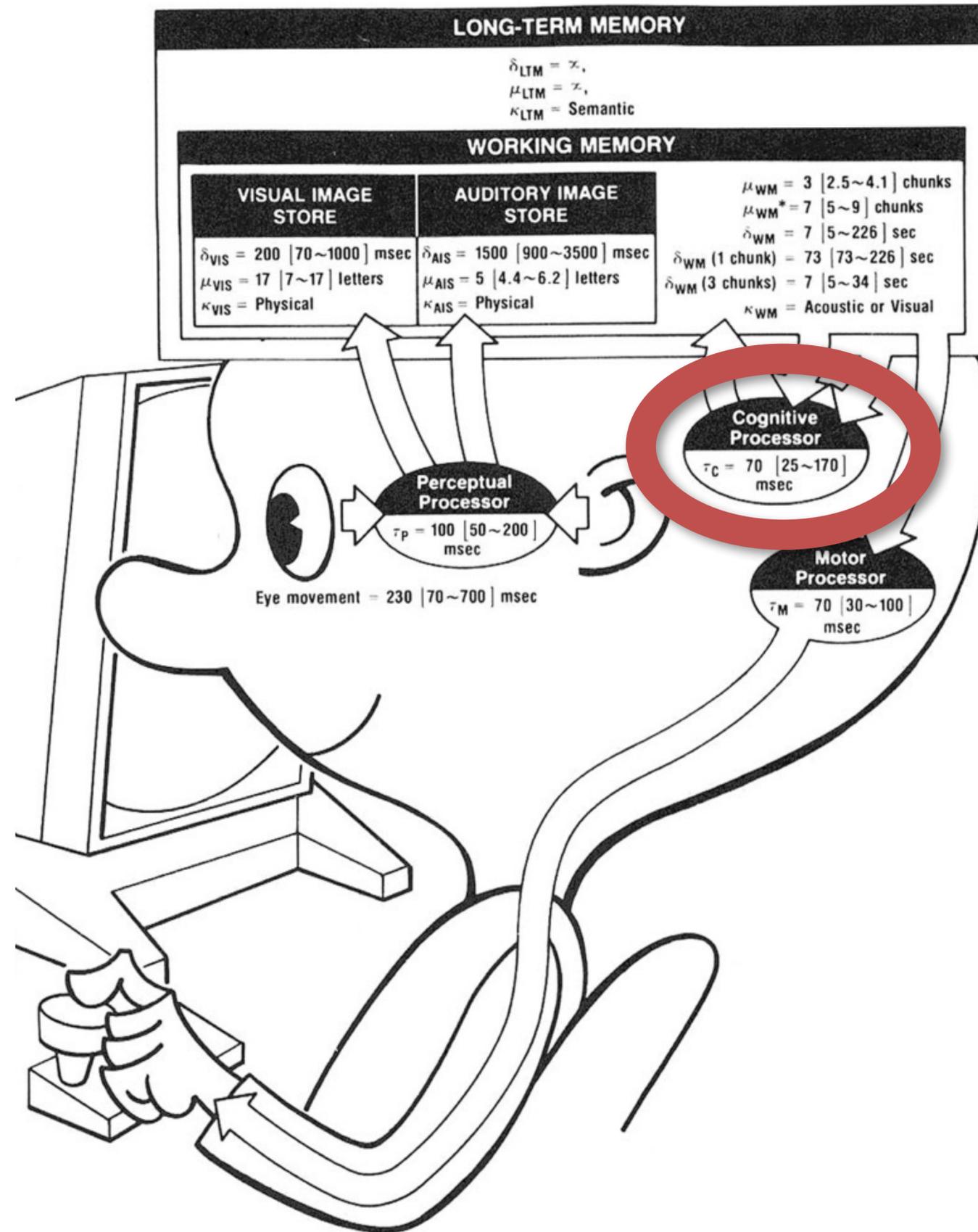
Associative access

Fast read: 70ms

Expensive write: 10s

Can also move from WM to LTM via rehearsal

Context at the time of acquisition key for retrieval



# COGNITIVE PROCESSOR

Cycle time: 70ms

Can be modulated

Typical matching time

Digits: 33ms

Colors: 38ms

Geometry: 50ms...

Fundamentally serial

One locus of attention at a time

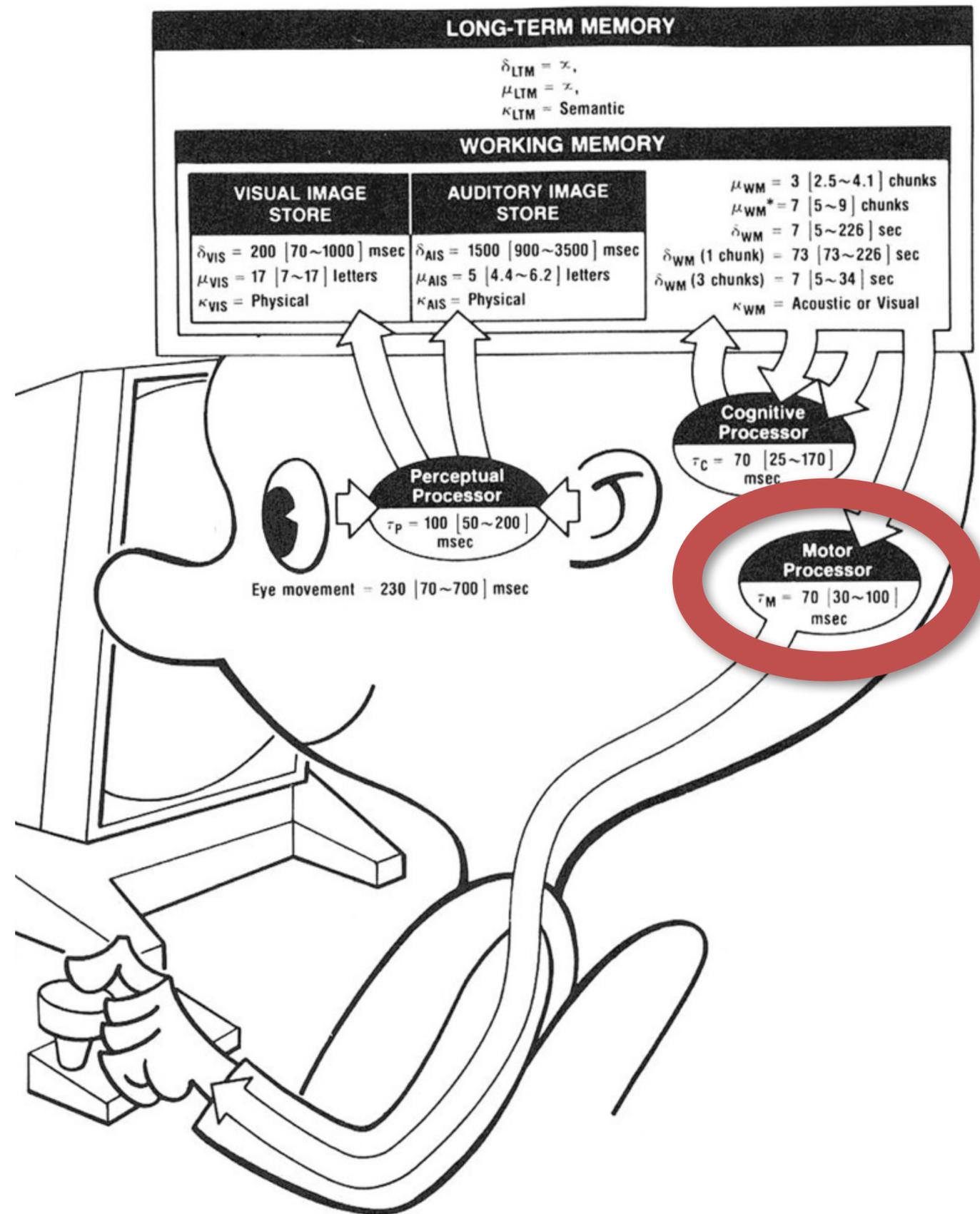
Eastern 401, December 1972

Crew focused on landing gear indicator bulb,

Aircraft is losing altitude (horn, warning indicator...),

Aircraft crashed in the Everglades

see "The Human Interface" by Raskin, p25



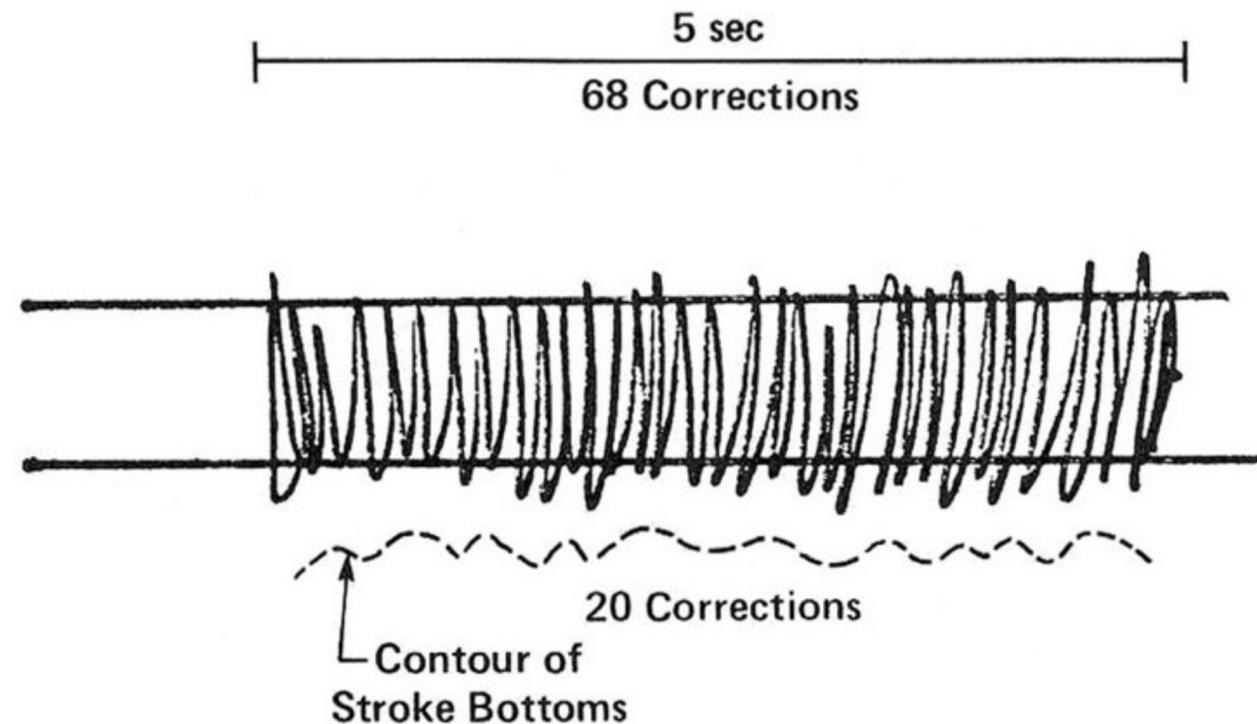
# MOTOR PROCESSOR

Receive input from the cognitive processor

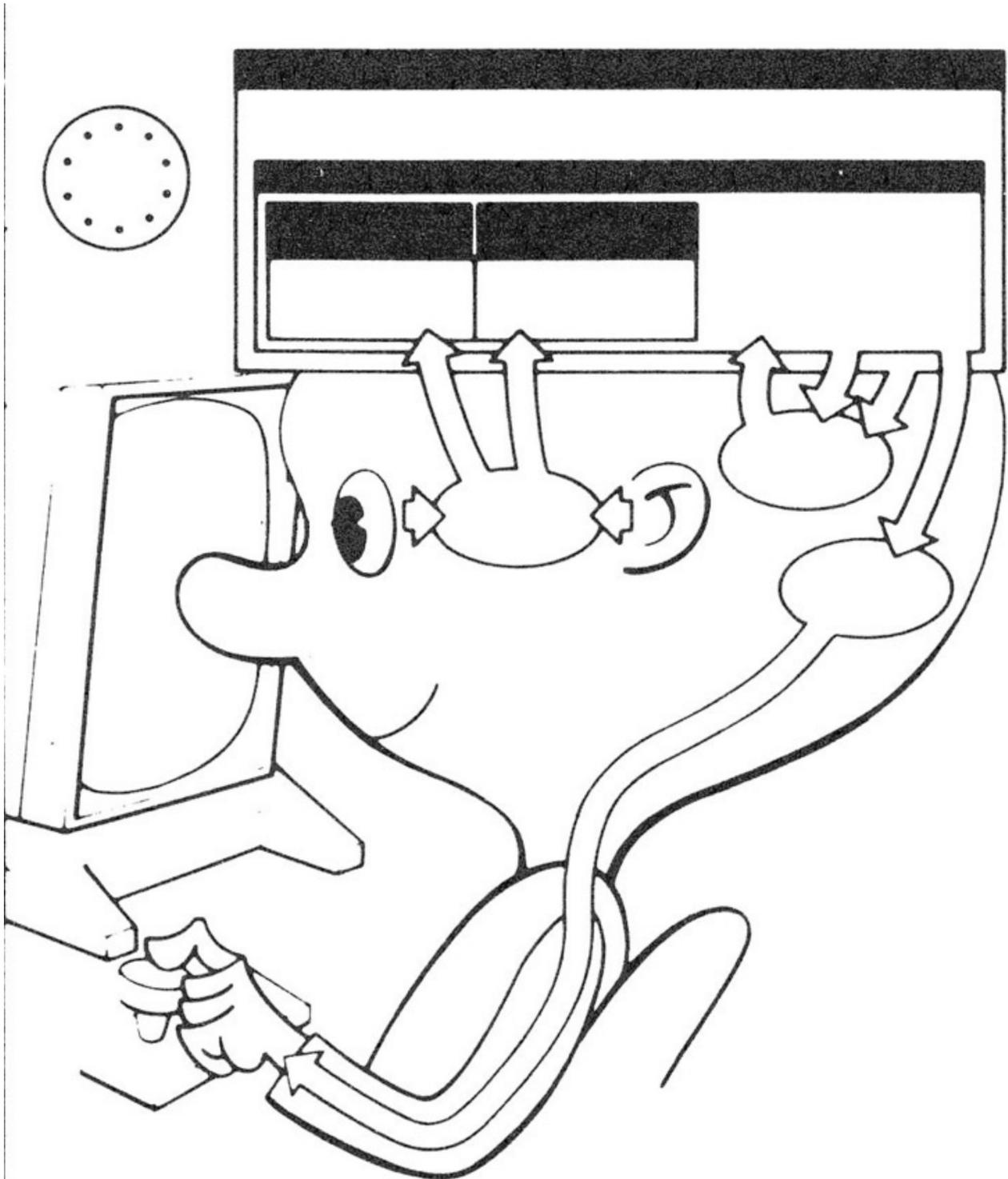
Execute motor programs

Pianist: up to 16 finger movements per second

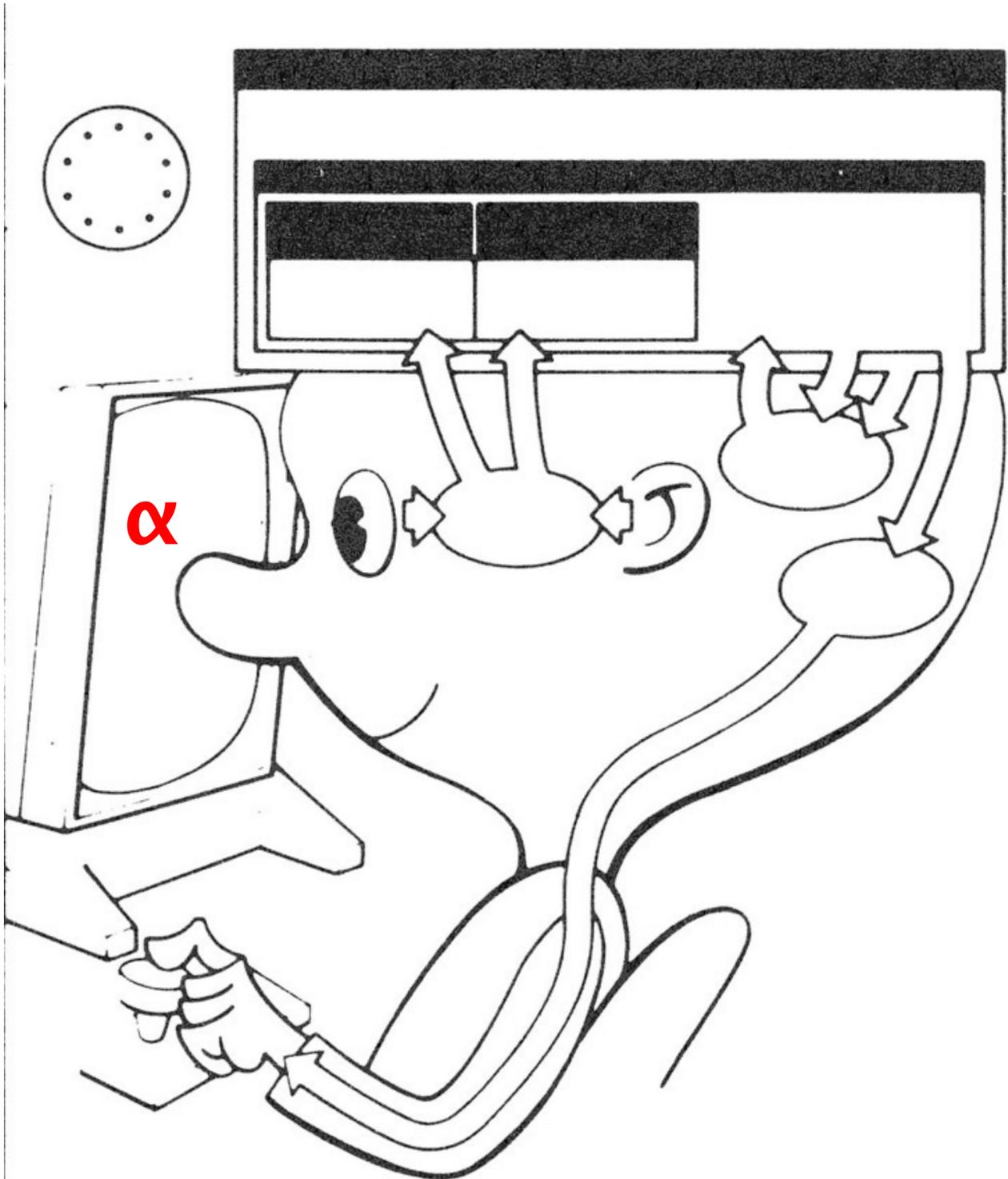
Point of no-return for muscle action



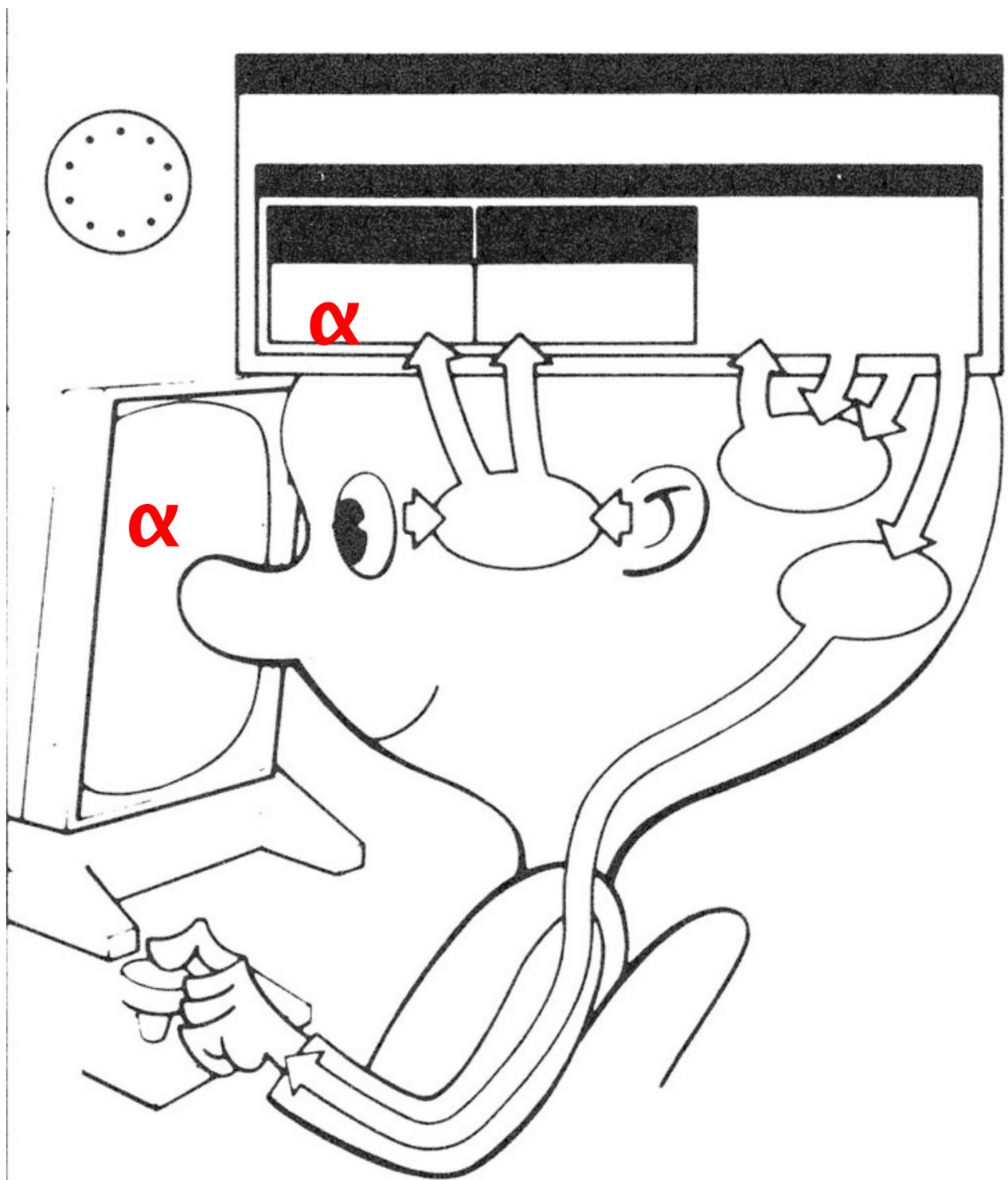
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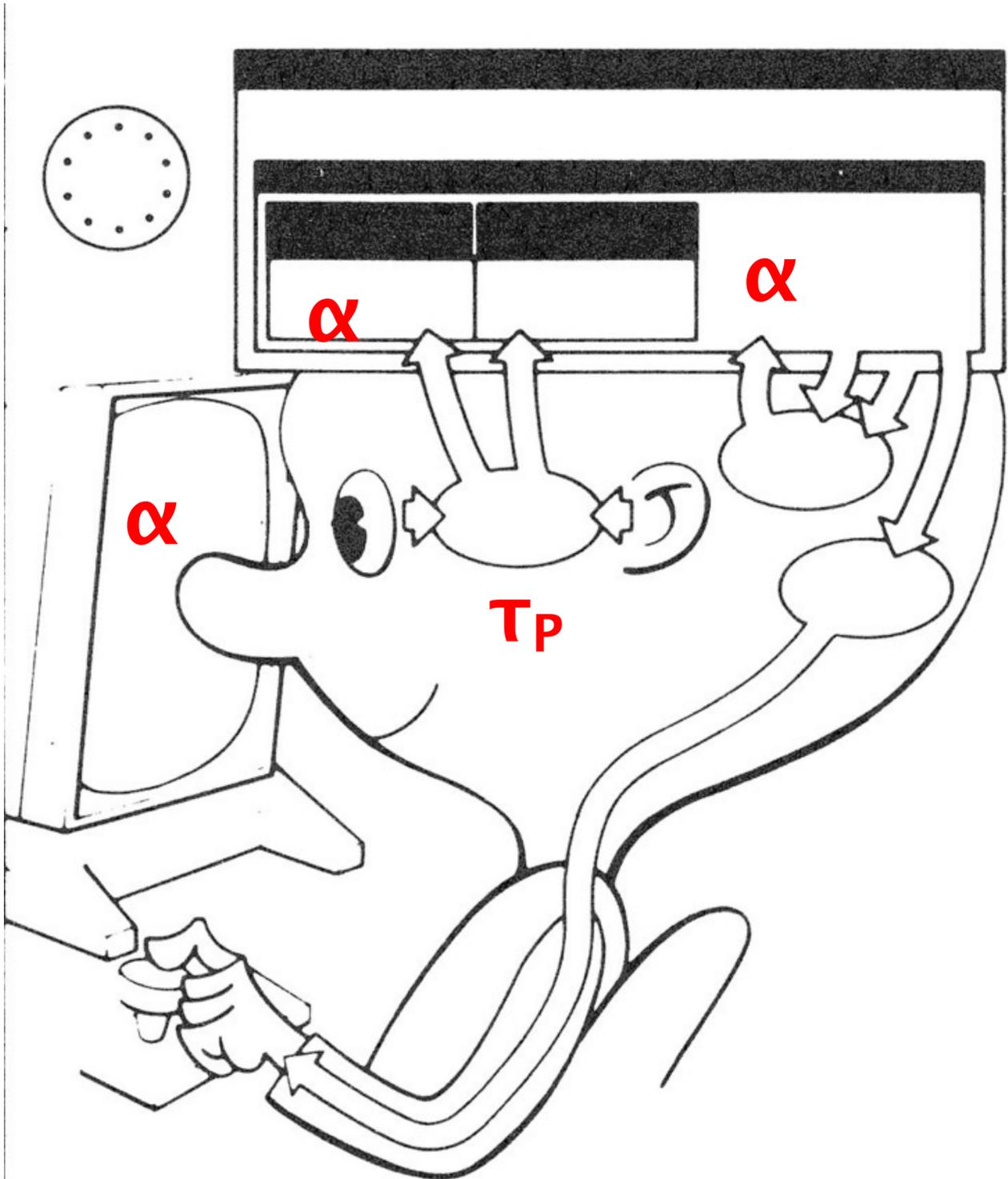
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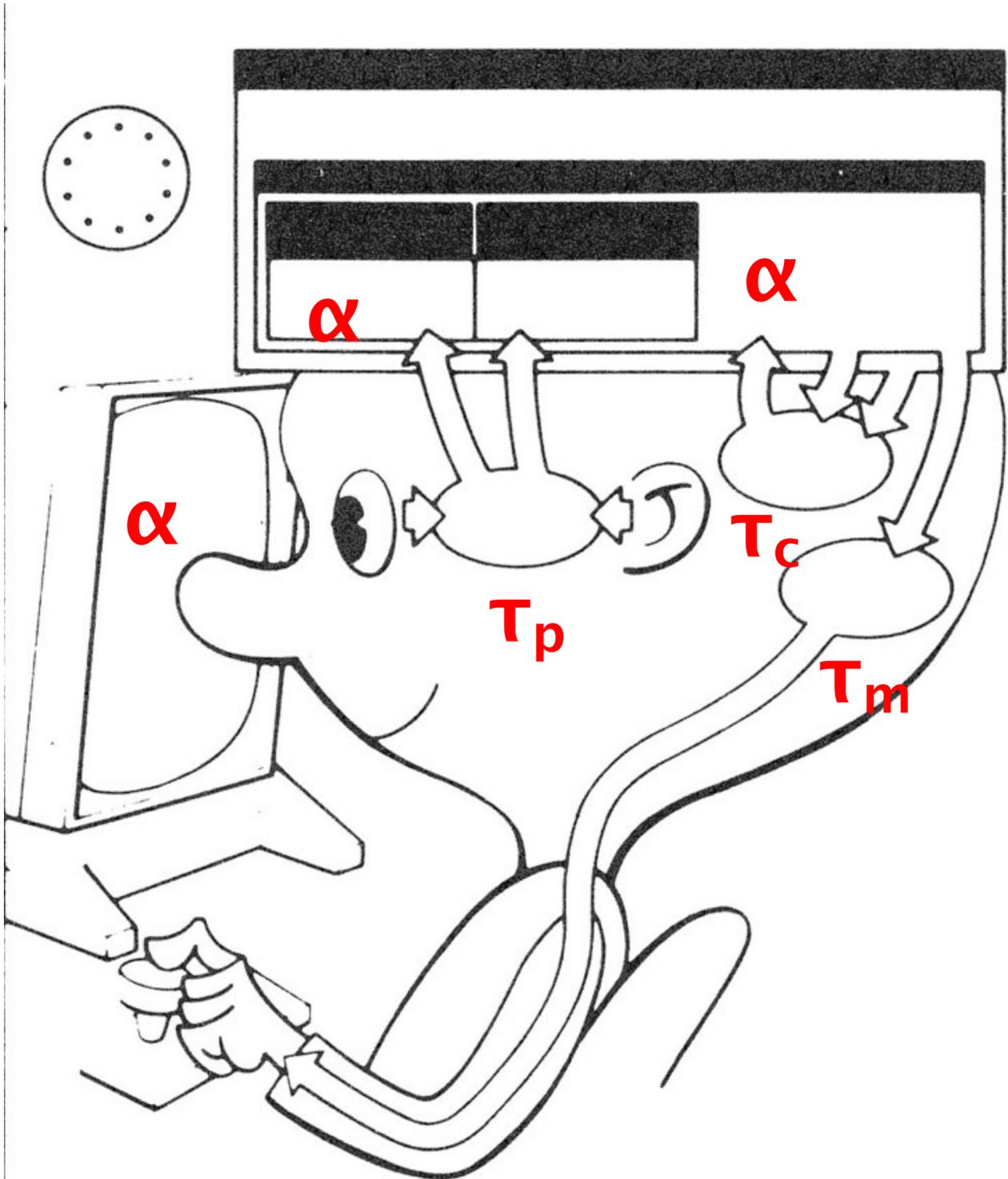
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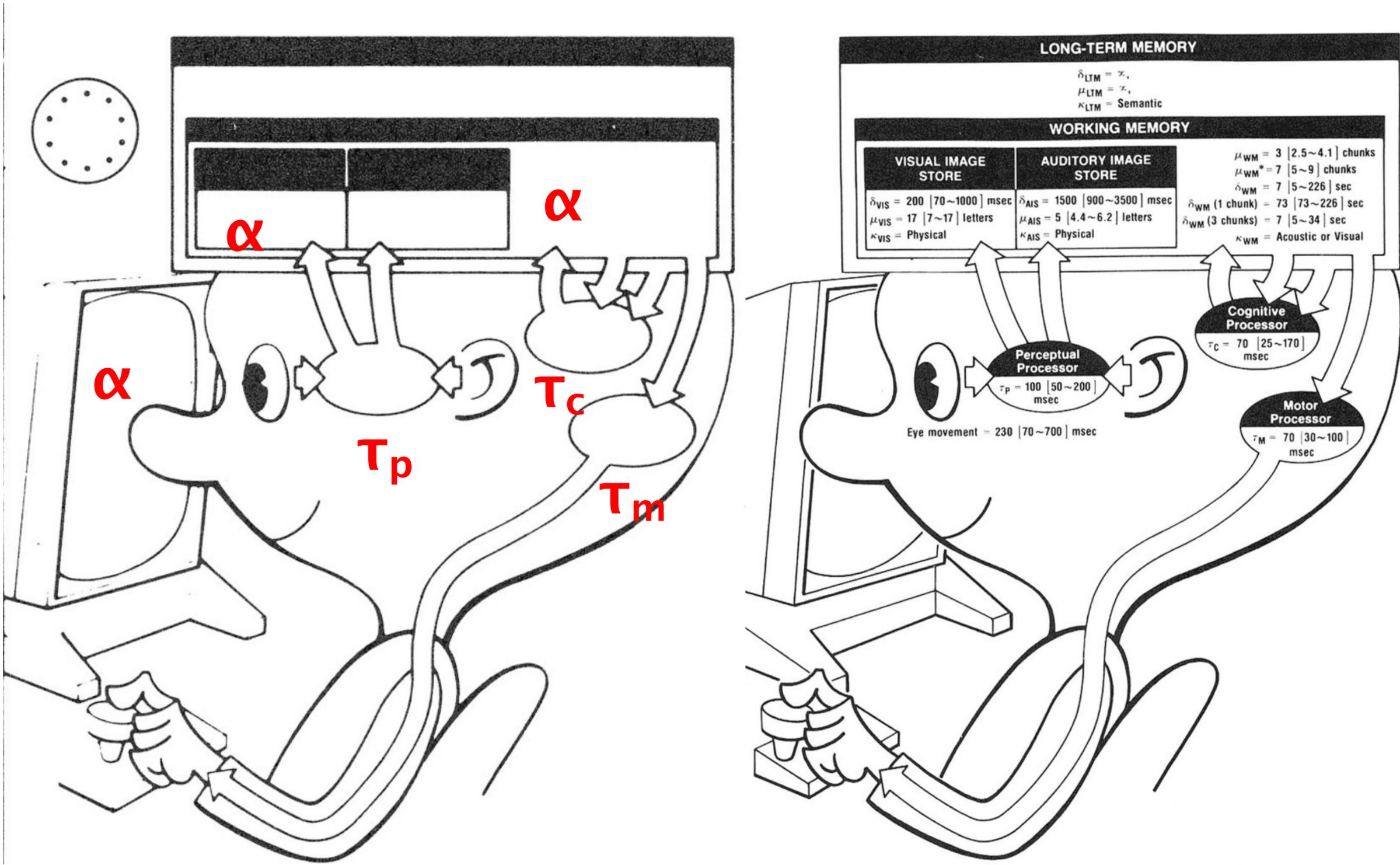
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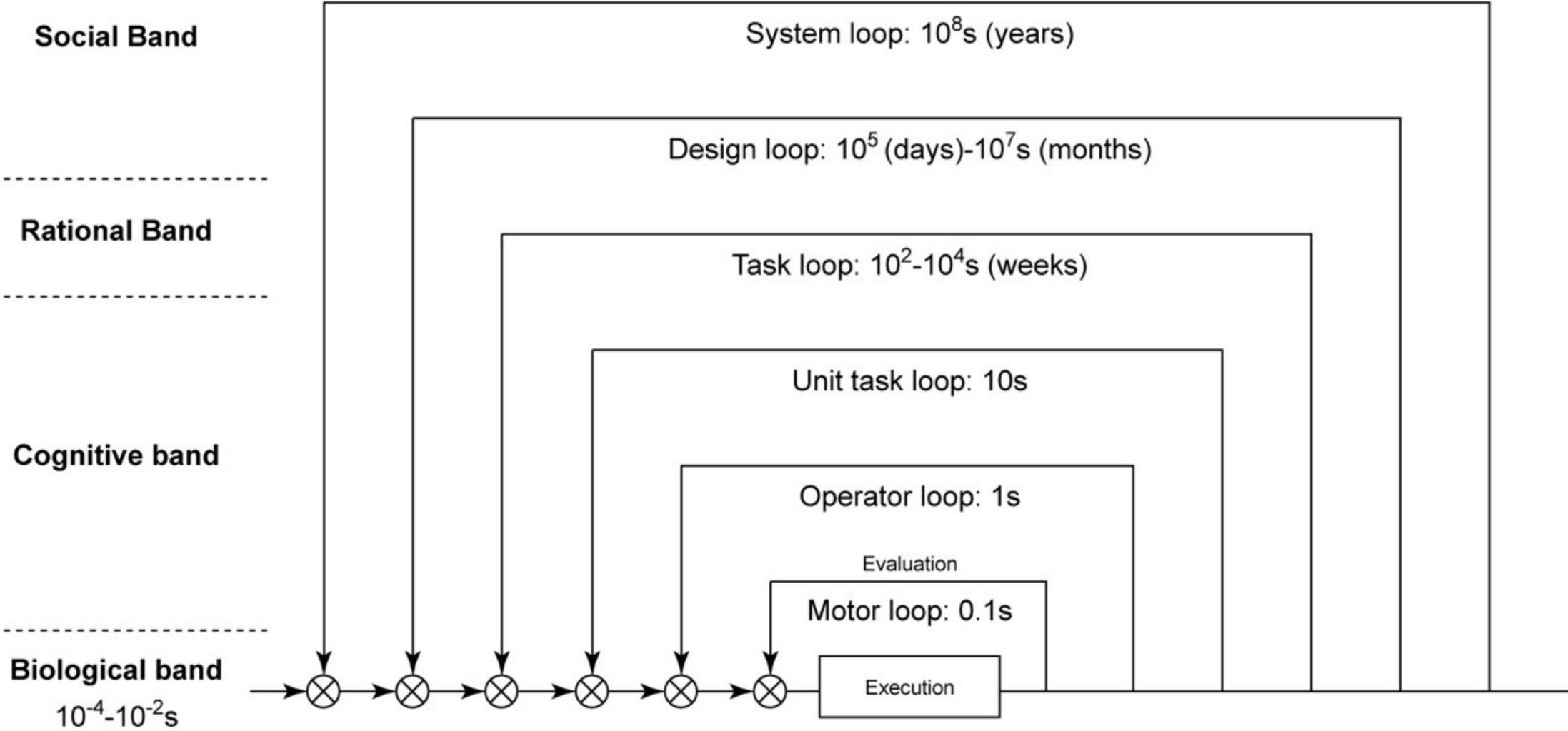


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# HUMAN INTERACTION LOOPS

(NEWELL)



# PRINCIPLES OF OPERATION

Interface should respect limits of human performance

Preattentive features pop-out

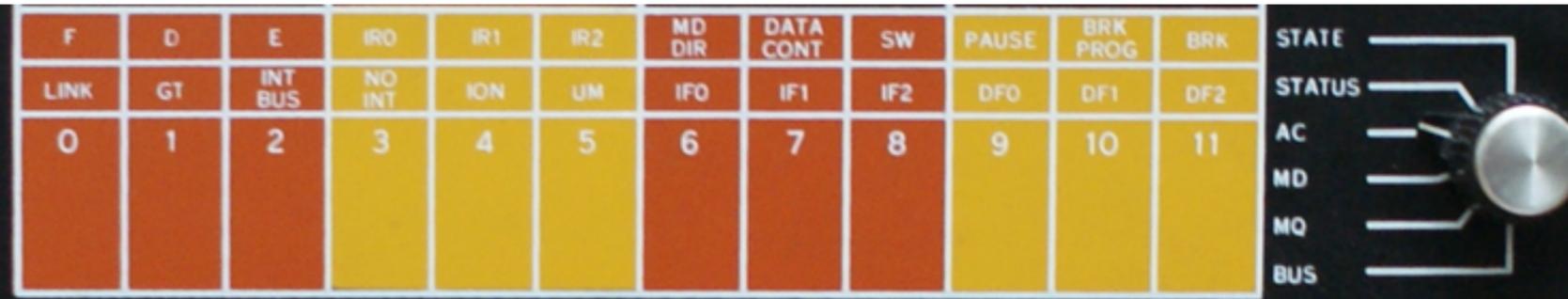
Events within cycle time fuse together

Causality

Recognize-Act Cycle of the cognitive processor

On each cycle contents in Working Memory initiate cognitive actions

Cognitive actions modify the contents of Working Memory



# MEMORY

# SIMPLE EXPERIMENT

Volunteer

Start saying colors you see in list of words

When slide comes up

As fast as you can

Say "done" when finished

Schedule

Paper

Page

Back

Change

Home

# **SIMPLE EXPERIMENT**

Do it again

Say "done" when finished

Blue

Red

Black

White

Green

Yellow

# INTERFERENCE

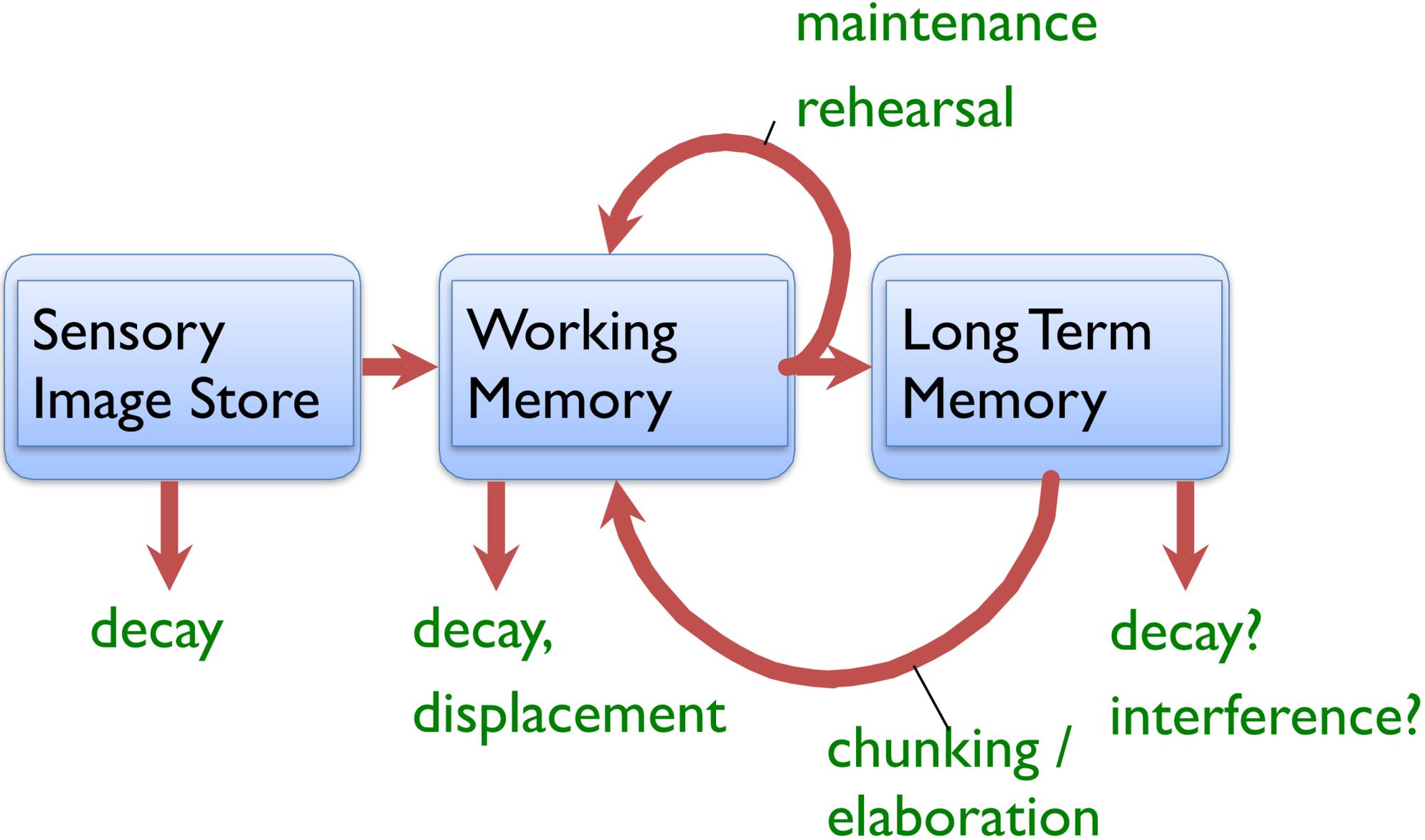
Stroop Effect:

when the *color spelled out by a word* is incongruent with the *color used to show that word*, naming the word color is slower and more error prone.

Explanation:

Relationship between meaning and physical form of stimulus are in conflict.

# STAGE THEORY



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Working memory is small

Temporary storage

decay

displacement

Maintenance rehearsal

Rote repetition

Not enough to learn information well

# LTM AND ELABORATION

Recodes information

Organize (chunking)

Relate new material to already learned material

Link to existing knowledge, categories

Attach meaning

Make a story

# RECOGNITION OVER RECALL

## Recall

Info reproduced from memory

## Recognition

Presentation of info helps retrieve info (helps remember it was seen before)

Easier because of cues to retrieval

We want to design UIs that rely on recognition!

# FACILITATING RETRIEVAL: CUES

Any stimulus that improves retrieval

Example: giving hints

Other examples in software?

icons, labels, menu names, etc.

Anything related to

Item or situation where it was learned

# SUMMARY

## Model human processor

5 parts

Perceptual processor

Working memory

Long term memory

Cognitive processor

Motor processor

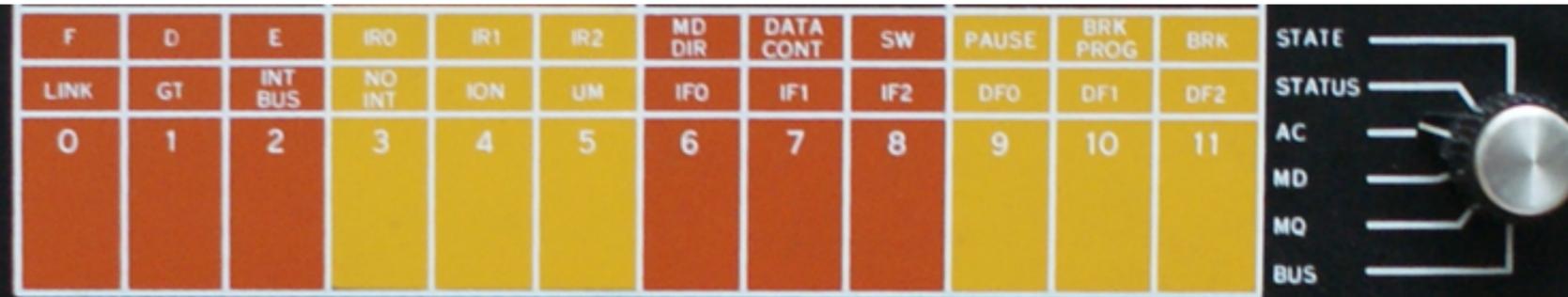
May not be biologically accurate

But ...

Provides rough estimate of performance

Can help us compare and evaluate interfaces

Interfaces should both aid and exploit human capabilities



# DECISION MAKING AND LEARNING



Document1 - Microsoft Word

File Edit View Insert Format Tools Table Window Help Work Adobe PDF Acrobat Comments

Type a question for help

200%

Bulleted, Symbol Georgia 12 B I U

Snagit Window <Click Recount to view> Recount Final Showing Markup Show

All Entries

Georgia 12 B I U

New Frame Left New Frame Right New Frame Above New Frame Below

200%

Body text Update TOC

Document1

## Results from Global Wa

- Shrinking of available de
- Overly confusing interface
- A desire to go back to a si

Font Color

Automatic

More Colors...

Styles and Formatting

Formatting of selected text

Bulleted

Select All New Style...

Pick formatting to apply

Normal

Clear Formatting

Bulleted

Show: Available formatting

NETFLIX

Watch Instantly

Just for Kids

Personalize

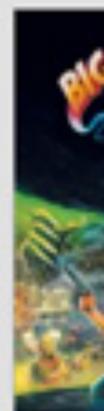
DVDs

Movies, TV shows, actors, directors, genres

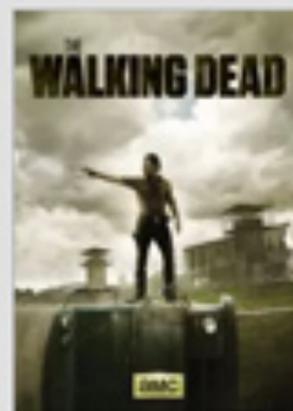


Kyle

Action & Adventure



TV Dramas



Critically-acclaimed Foreign Movies

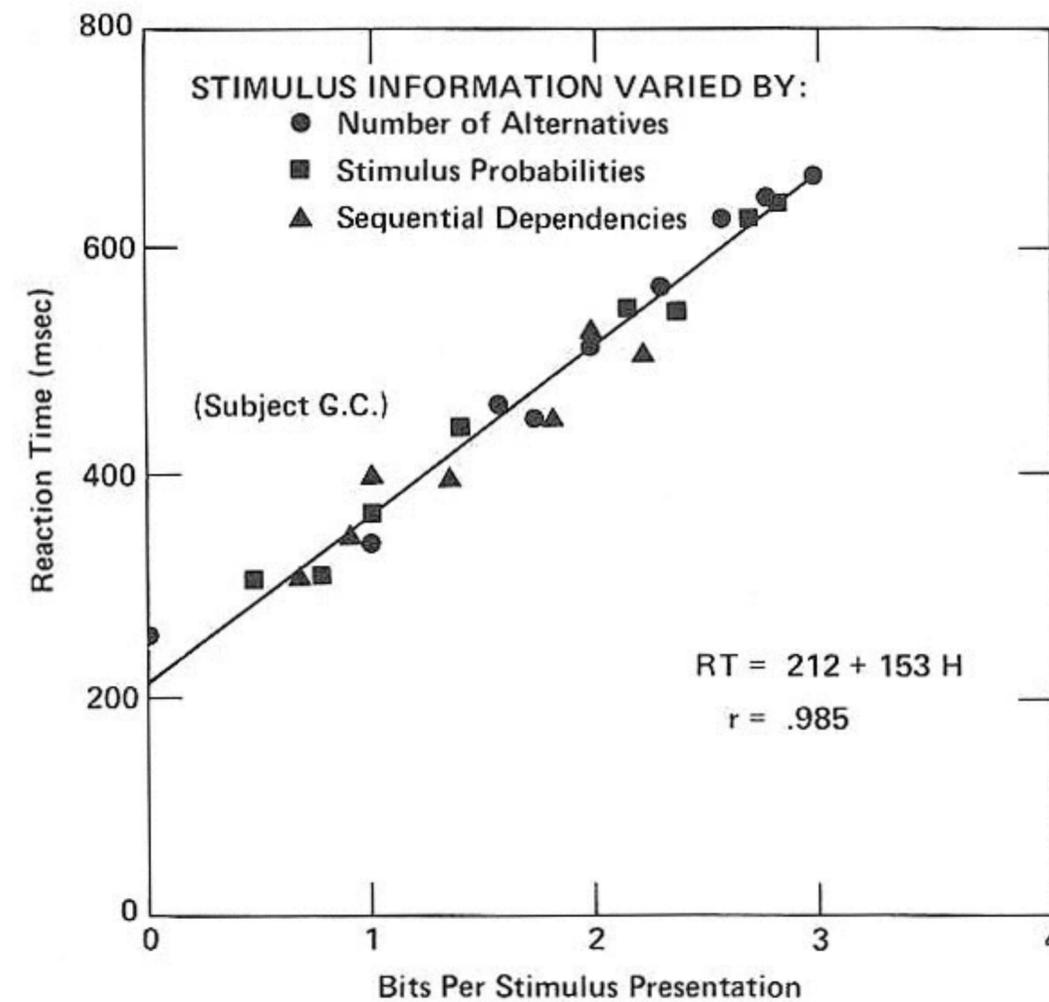
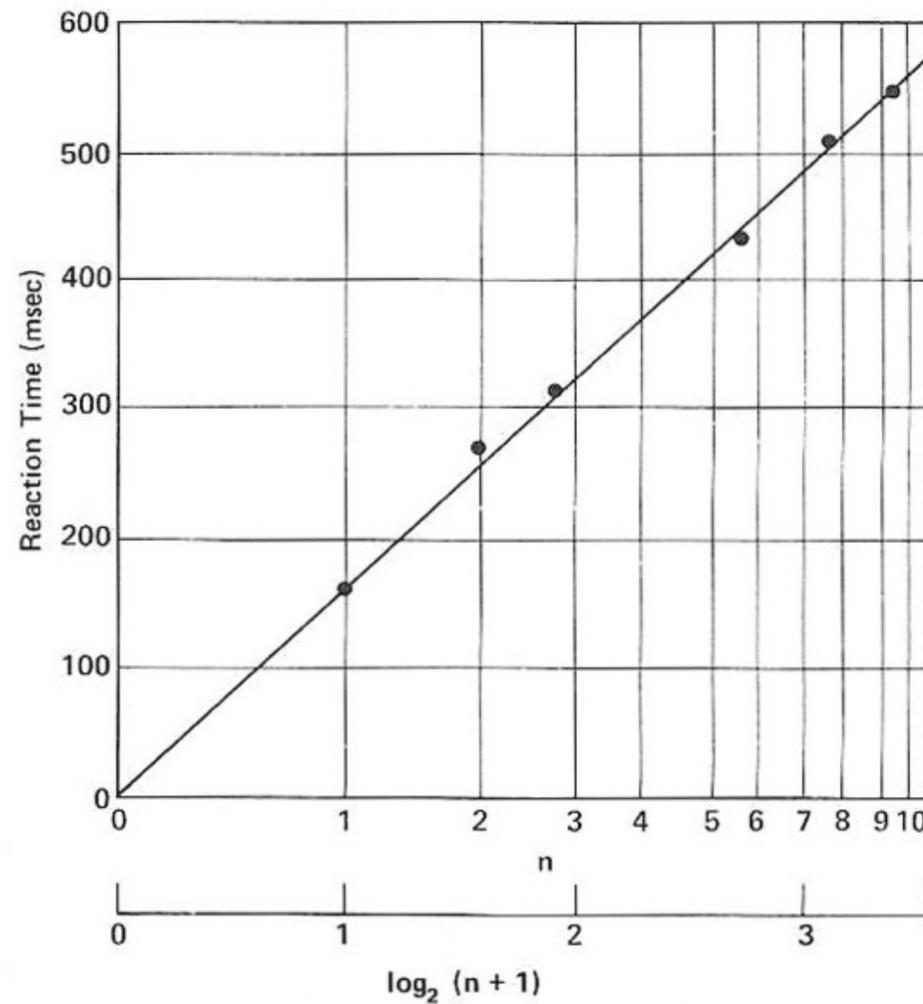
Based on your interest in...



# HICK'S LAW

Cost of taking a decision:  
 $n$  = number of choices

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



# POWER LAW OF PRACTICE

Task time on the  $n$ th trial follows a power law

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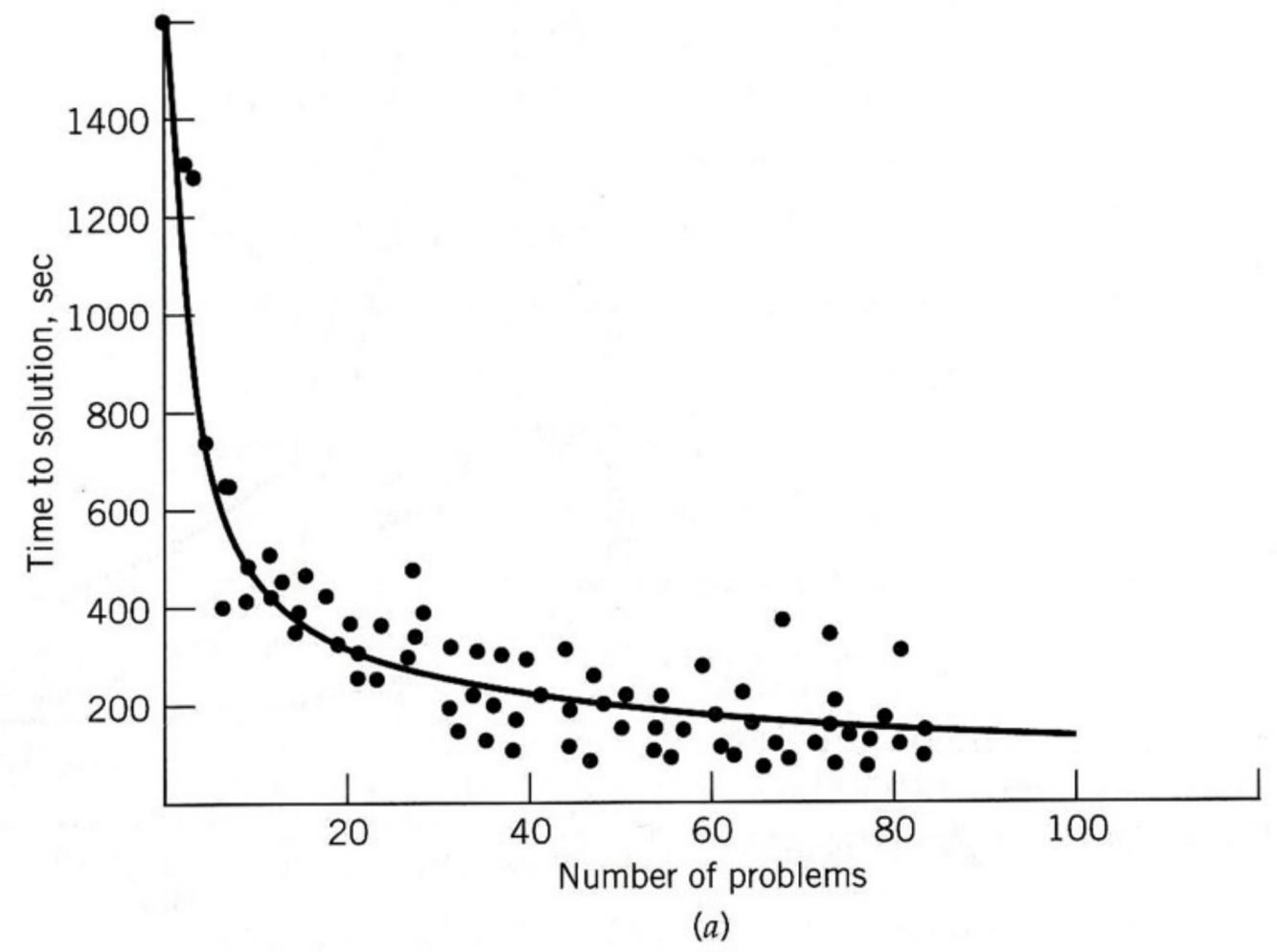
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Applies to skilled behavior (sensory & motor)

Does not apply to

Knowledge acquisition

Improving quality

# SUMMARY

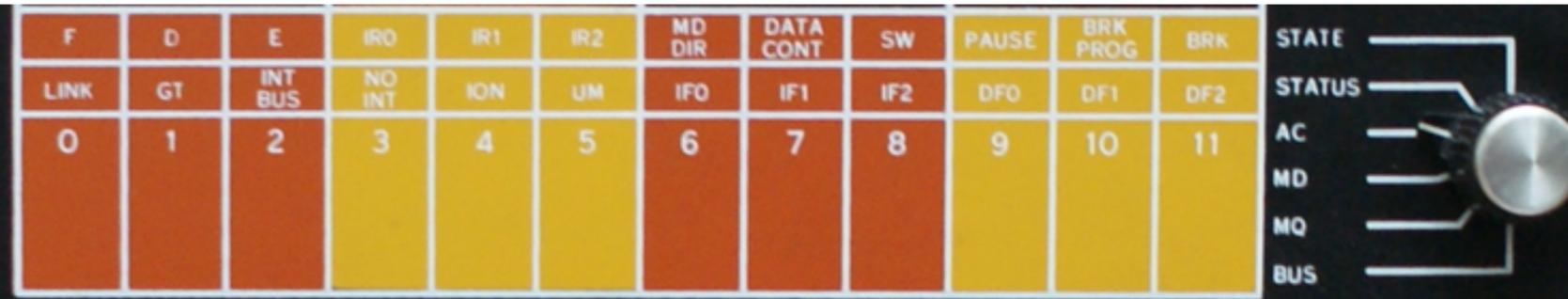
## Decision Making and Learning

Time to make decisions depends on number of options

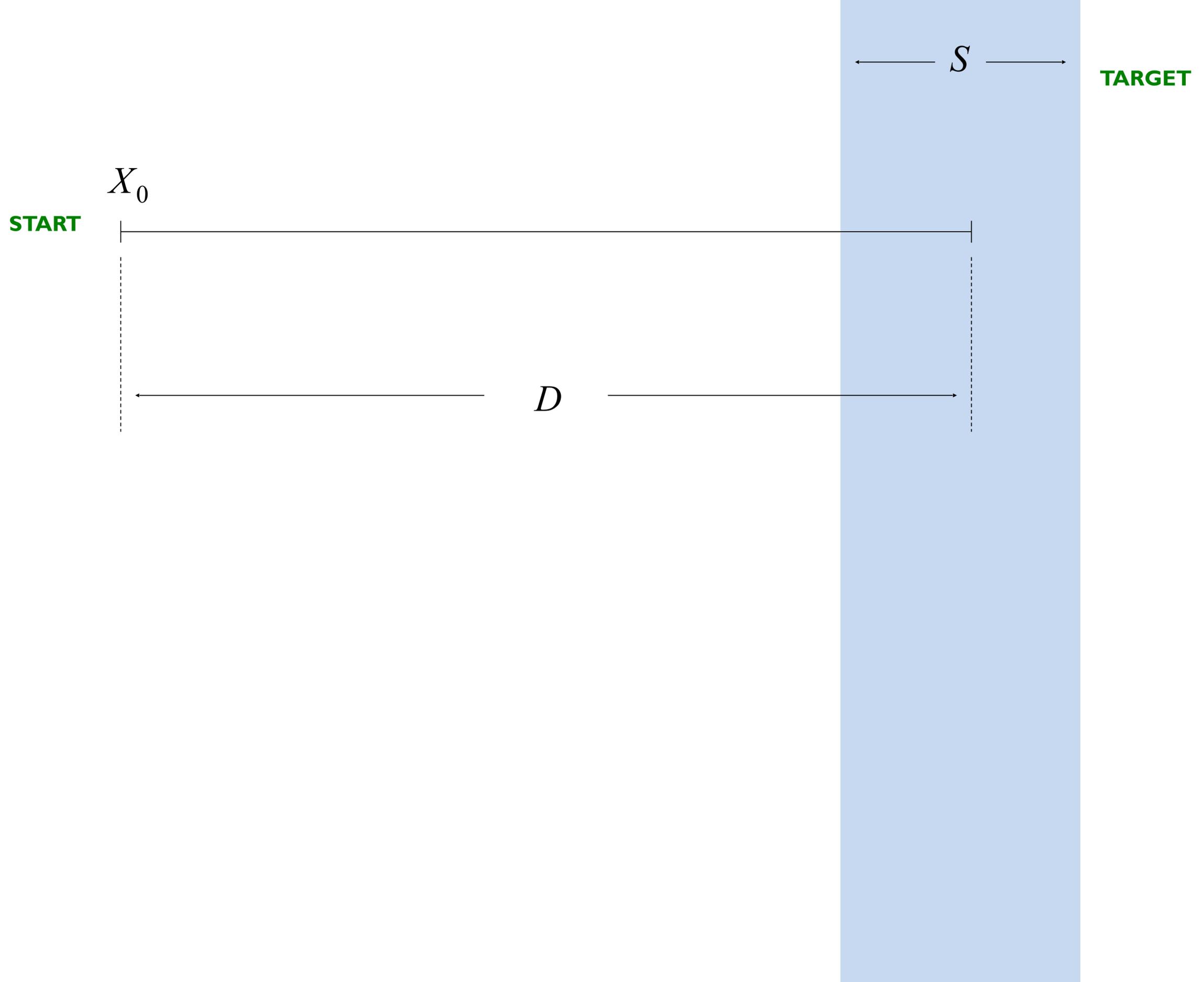
Choosing a movie on Netflix

Learning follows a power law

You get faster as you practice



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

$a, b$  = constants (empirically derived)

$D$  = distance

$S$  = size

ID is Index of Difficulty =  $\log_2(D/S+1)$

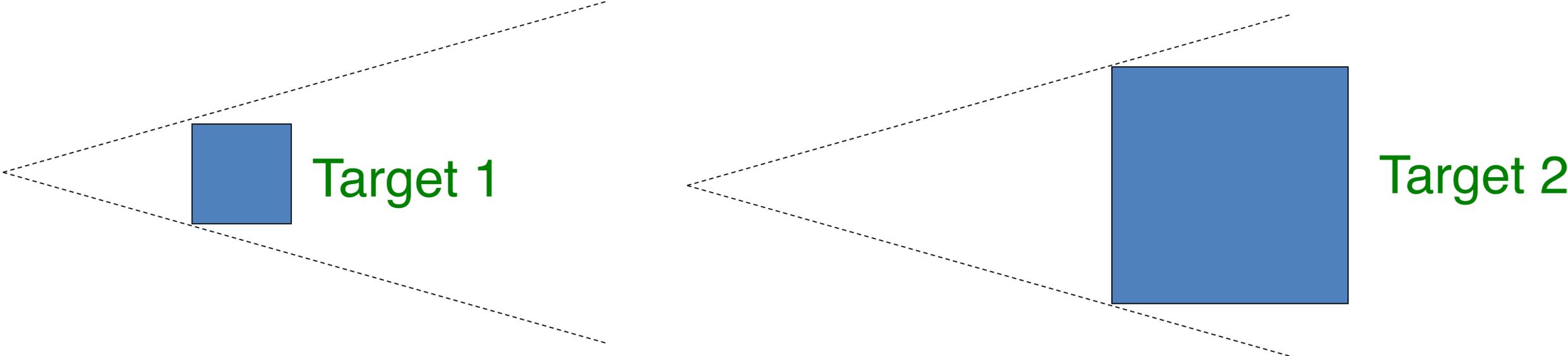
Models well-rehearsed selection task

T increases as the **distance** to the target increases

T decreases as the **size** of the target increases

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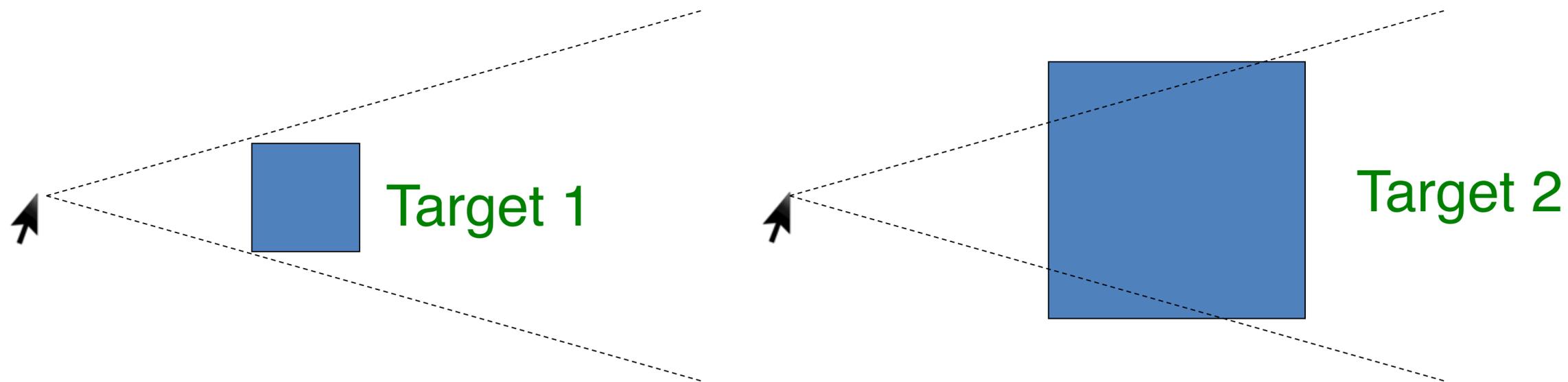
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Same ID → Same Difficulty

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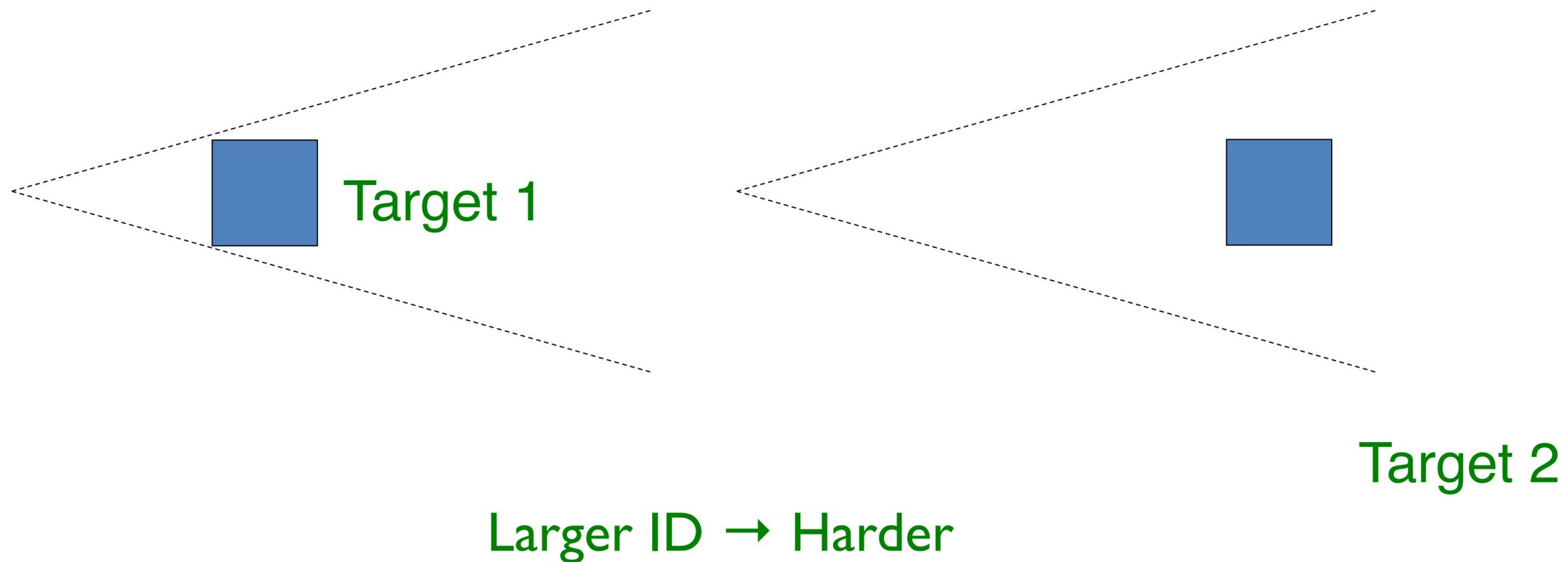
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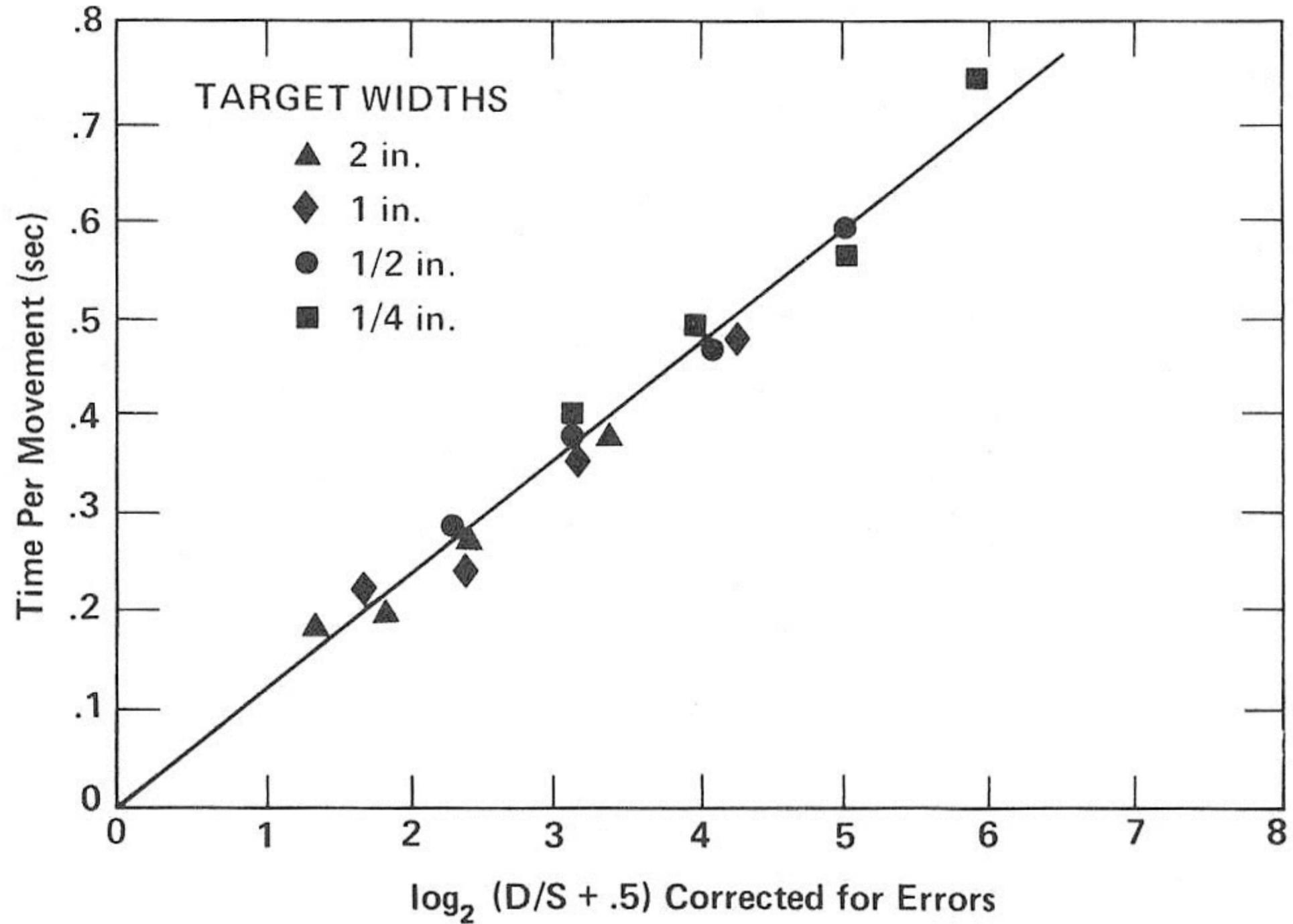
Smaller ID → Easier

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# EXPERIMENTAL DATA

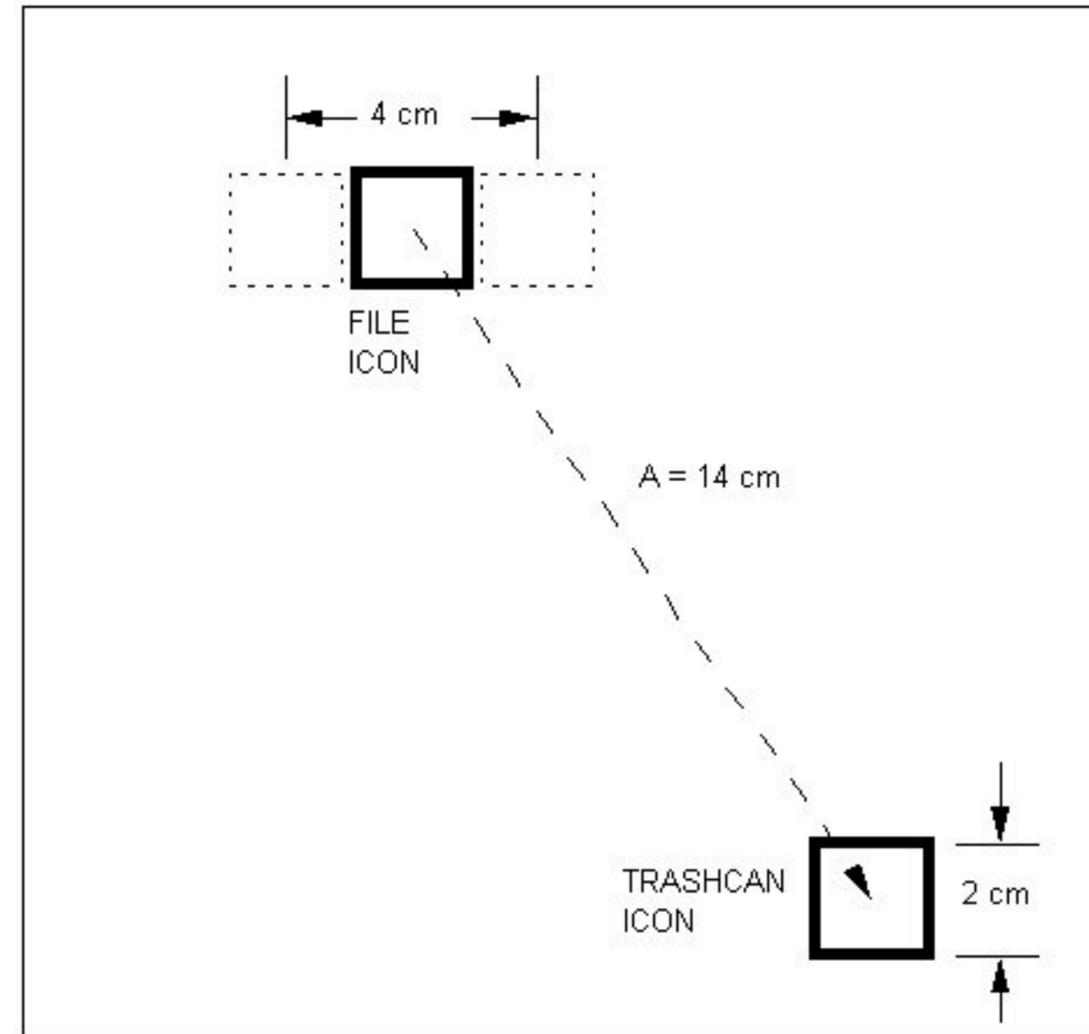


# DESIGNING WITH FITTS' LAW

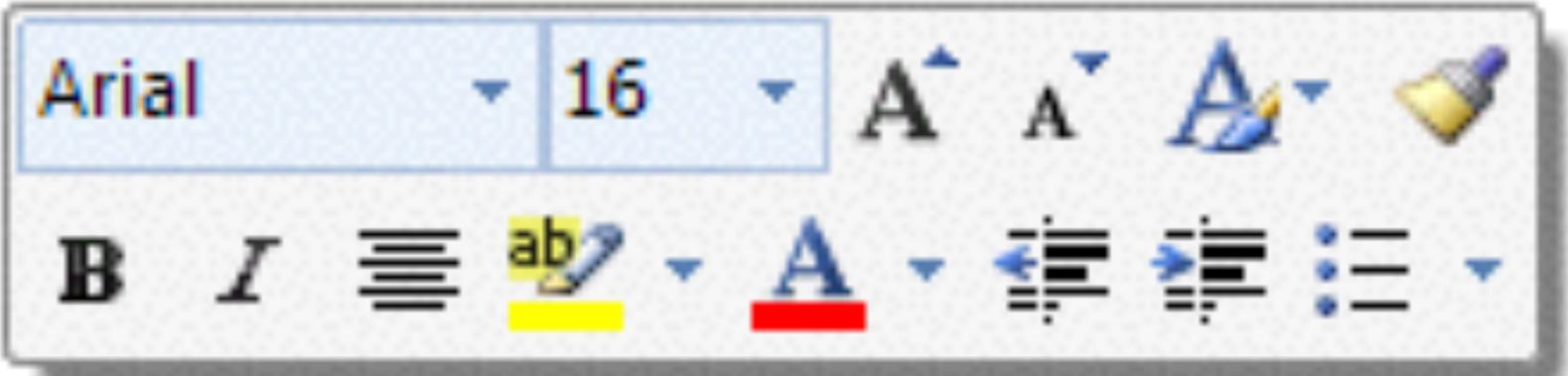
Bring items closer to the cursor

Make them larger

Exploit the edges



# BRING ITEMS CLOSER TO THE CURSOR



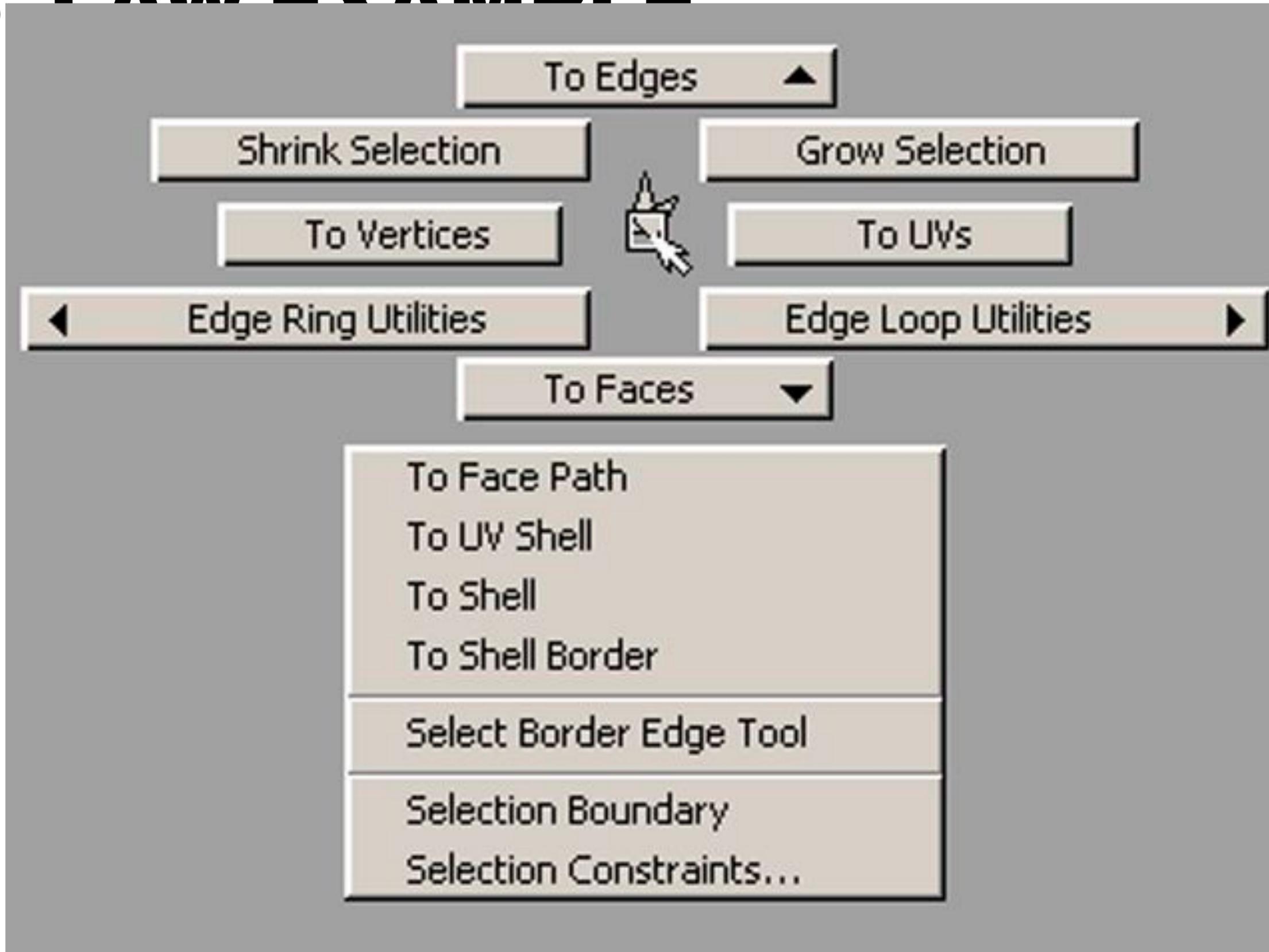
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Text

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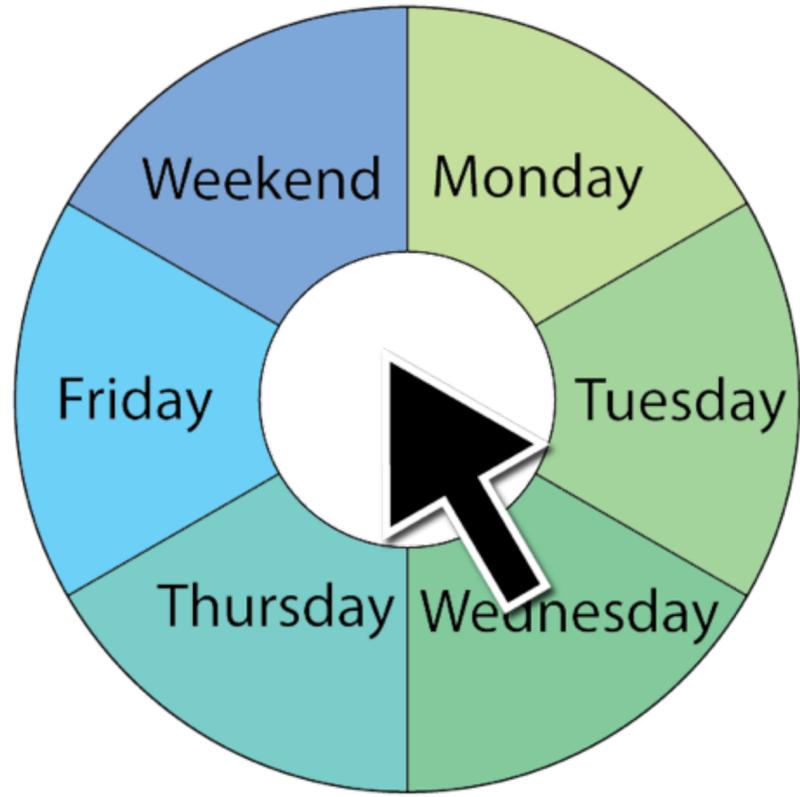
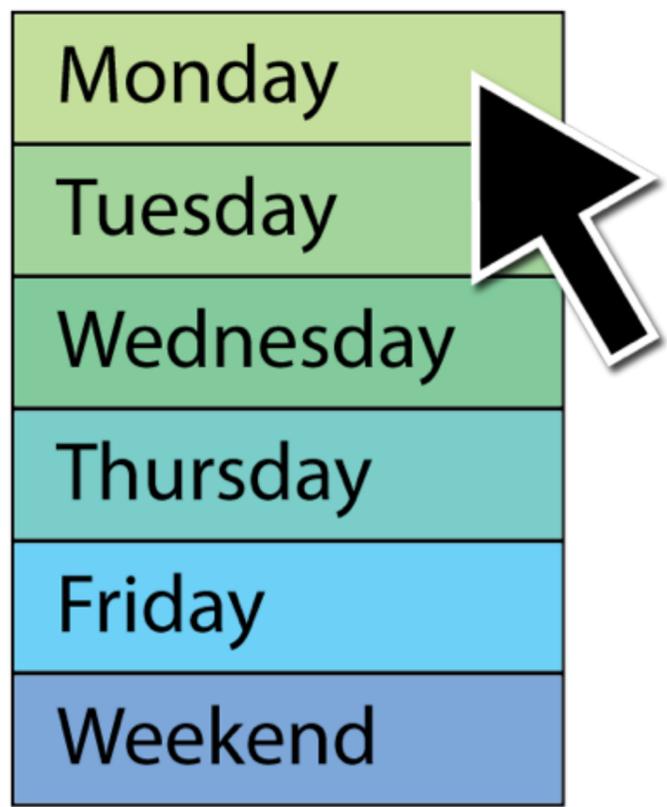


# FITTS' LAW EXAMPLE



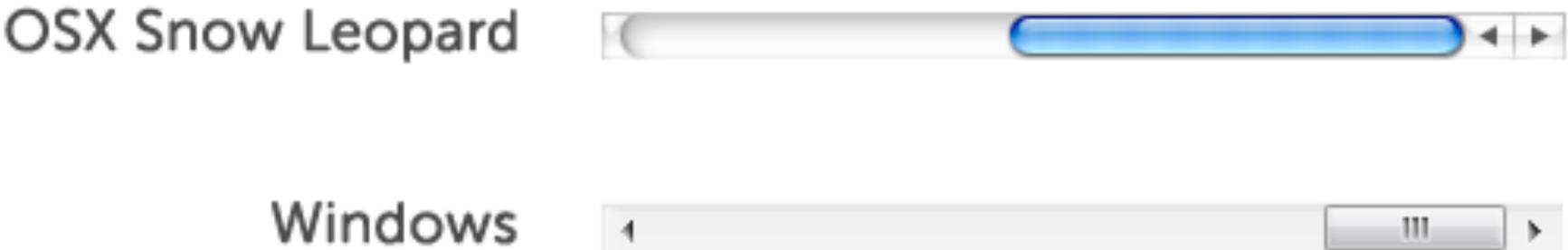
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Which will be faster on average?  
pie menu (bigger targets & less distance)

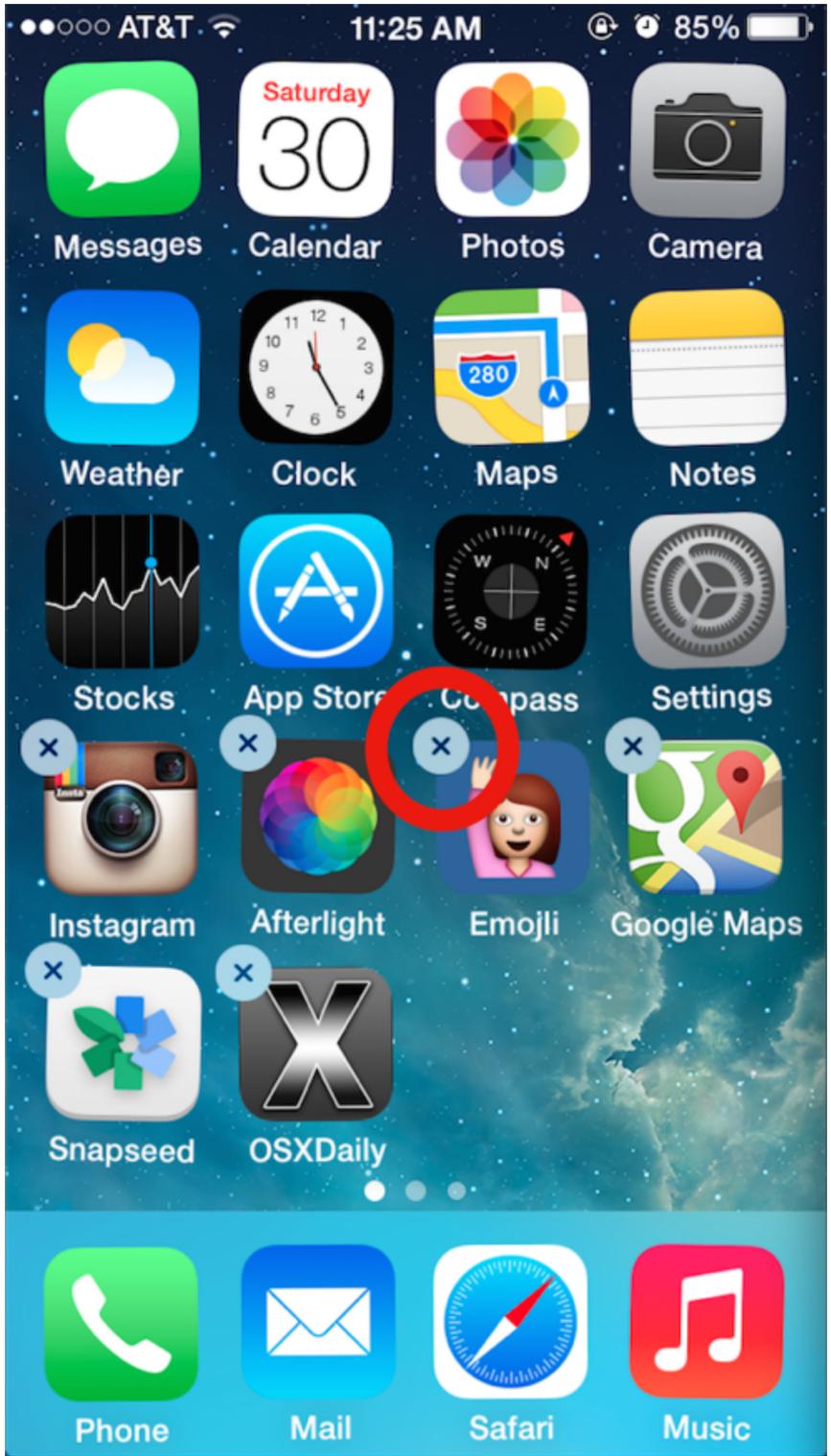


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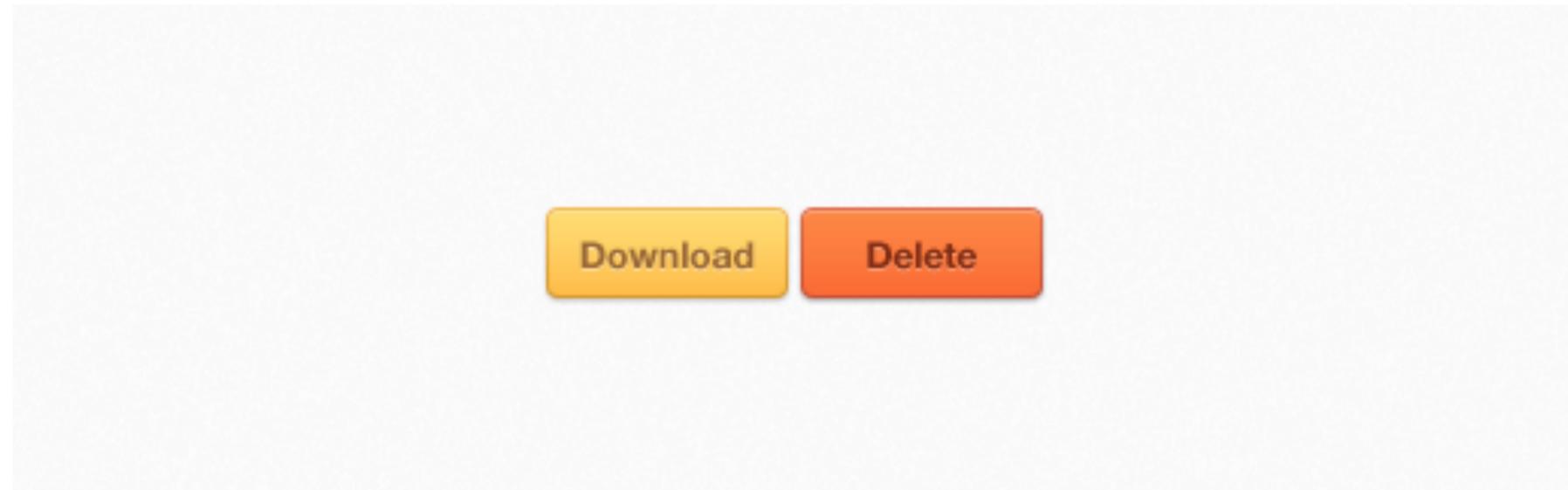
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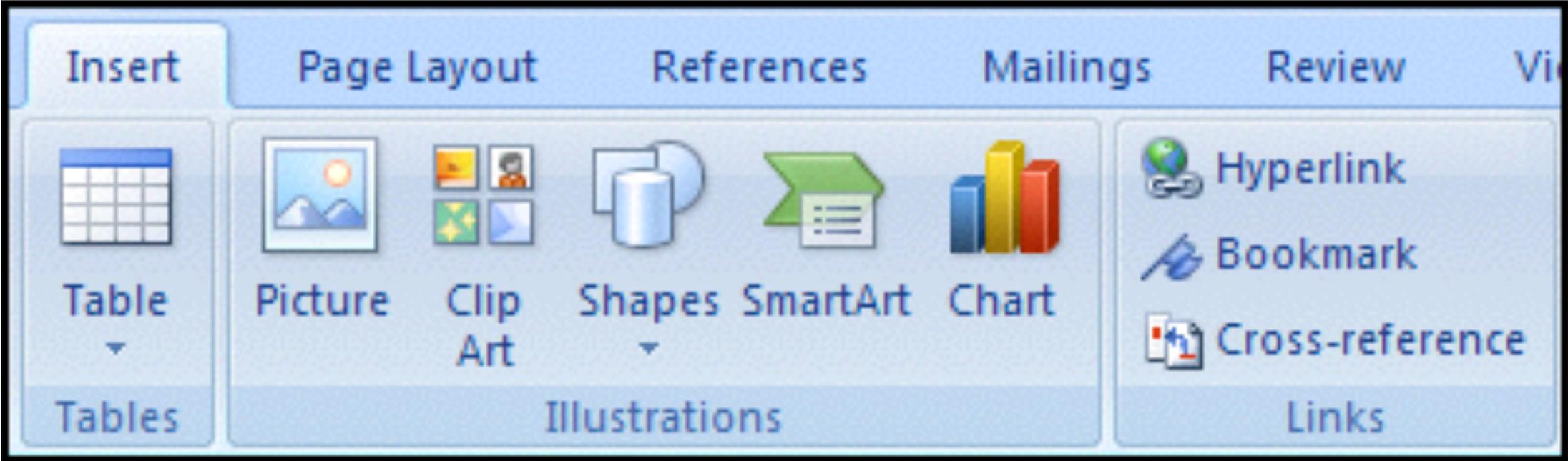
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# INCREASE TARGET SIZE



Larger, labeled controls  
can be clicked more  
quickly

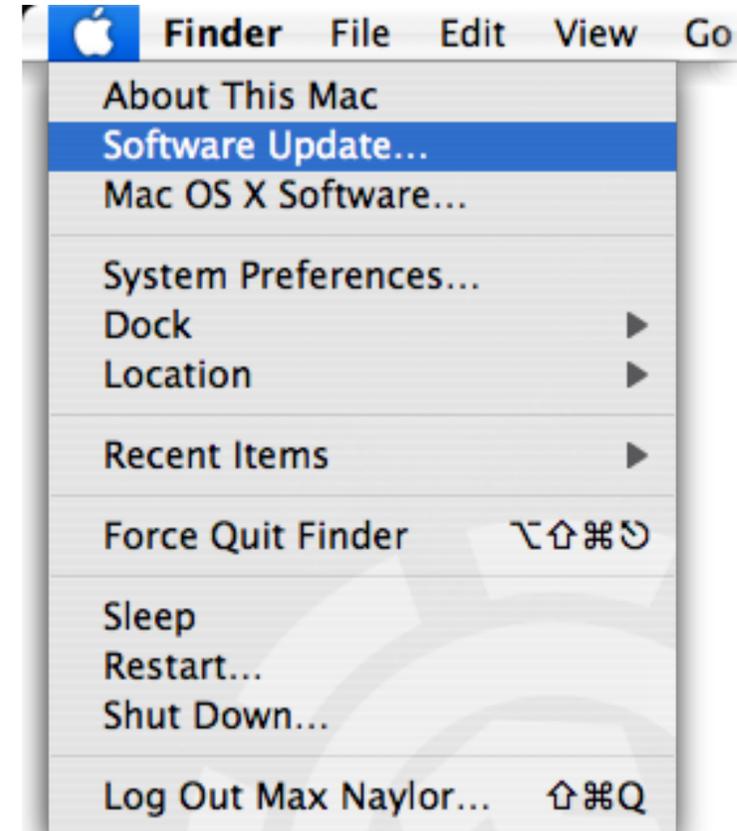


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# EXPLOIT THE EDGES

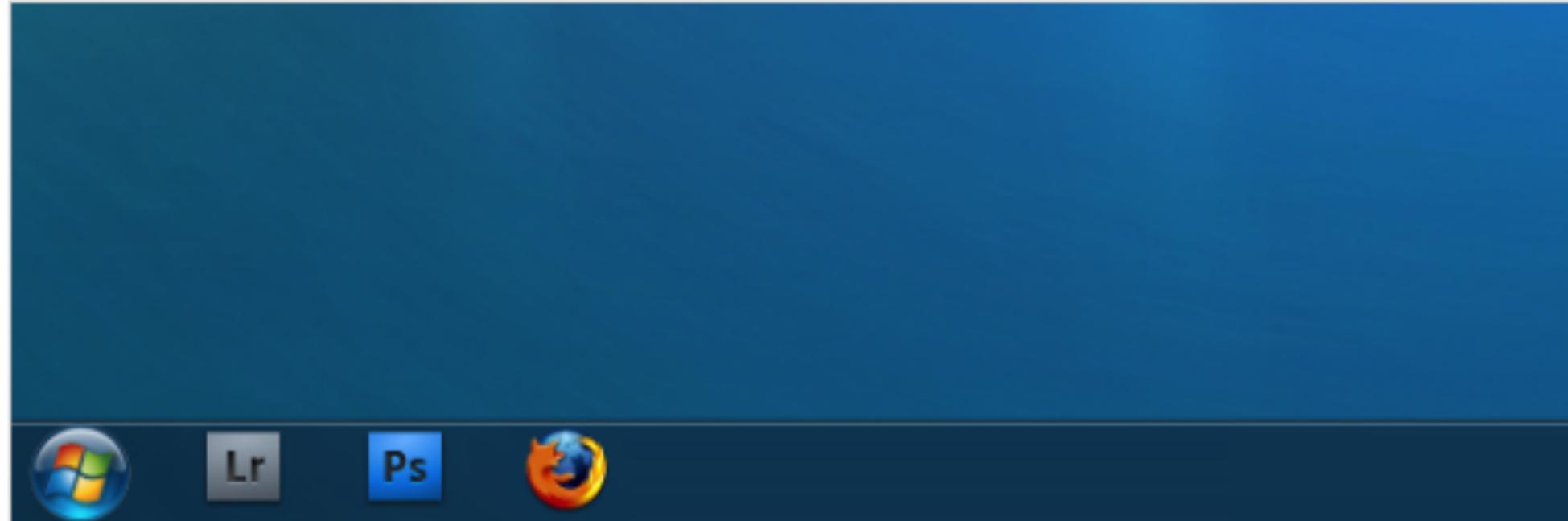


Windows 95: Missed by a pixel  
Windows XP: Good to the last drop



The Apple menu in  
Mac OS

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Yes! Original experiment by Fitts was on human arm movement, not mouse pointing!

Extension to target acquisition with mouse was a big result of Card et al. and not obvious.

Tablet setting is closer to original experimental setting.

No more benefit on device edges

How device is held

# MOBILE

