



Folien zur Vorlesung am 25.03.2025
3D Computer Vision

IMAGE FORMATION (BILDENTSTEHUNG)

Cameras

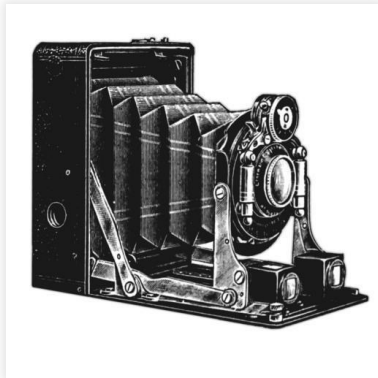
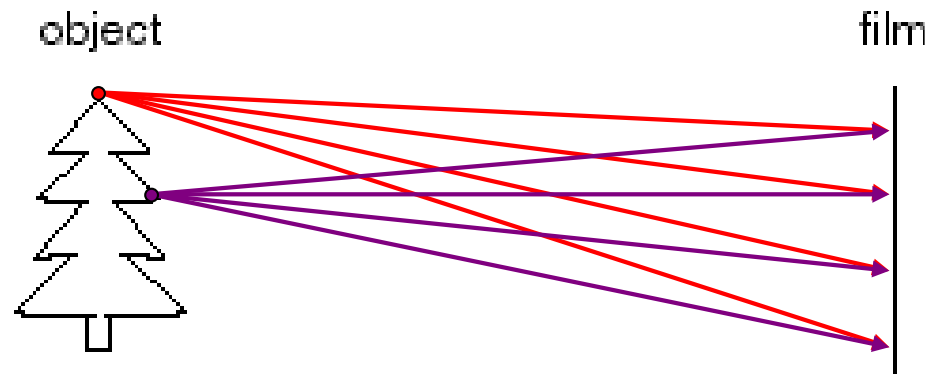


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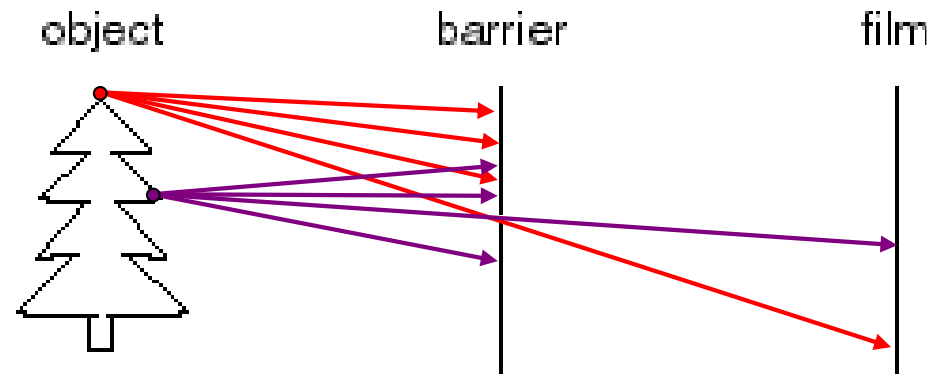
Image formation



Let's design a camera

- Idea 1: put a piece of film in front of an object
- Do we get a reasonable image?
- No. This is a bad camera.

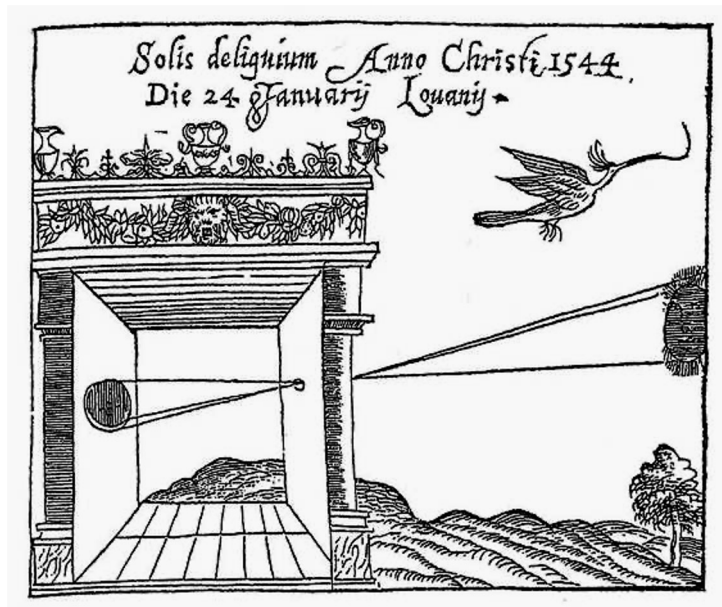
Pinhole camera



Add a barrier to block off most of the rays

- This reduces blurring
- The opening known as the **aperture**
- How does this transform the image?

Camera Obscura



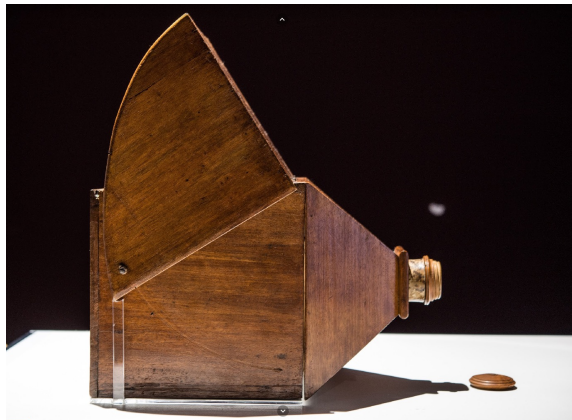
Gemma Frisius, 1558

- Basic principle known to Mozi (470-390 BC), Aristotle (384-322 BC)
- Drawing aid for artists: described by Leonardo da Vinci (1452-1519)

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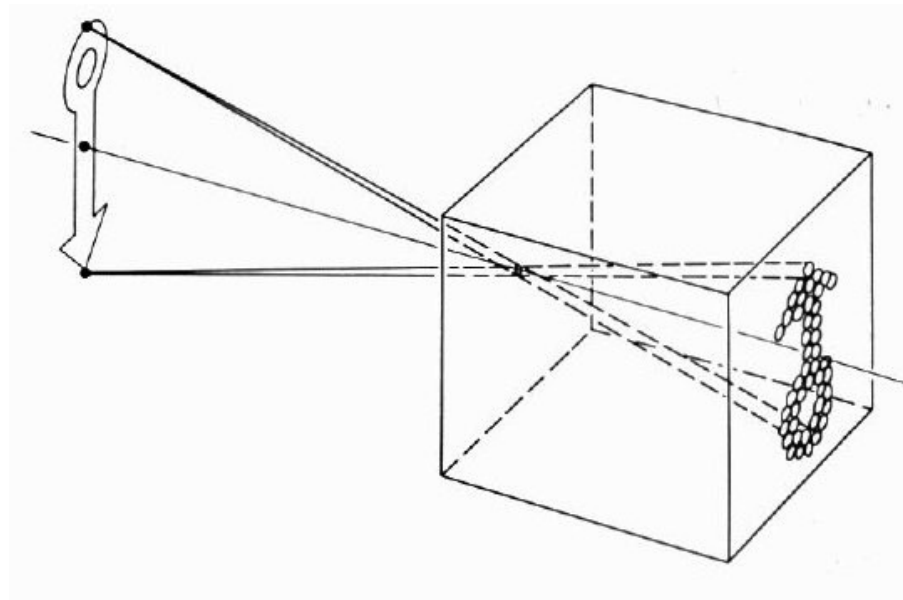
Camera obscura

- Used by [Canaletto](#) in Venice (~1730)



Images from <https://artsandculture.google.com/story/3QVhioQYNBkoJA>

Camera Obscura



Home-made pinhole camera



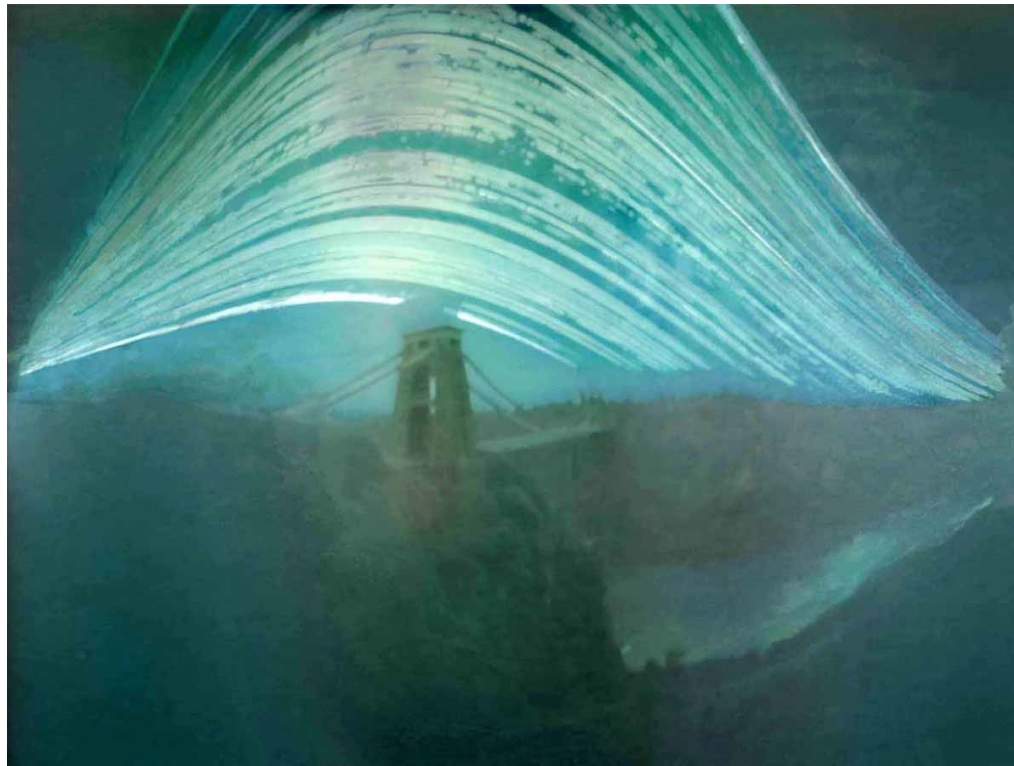
Why so blurry?



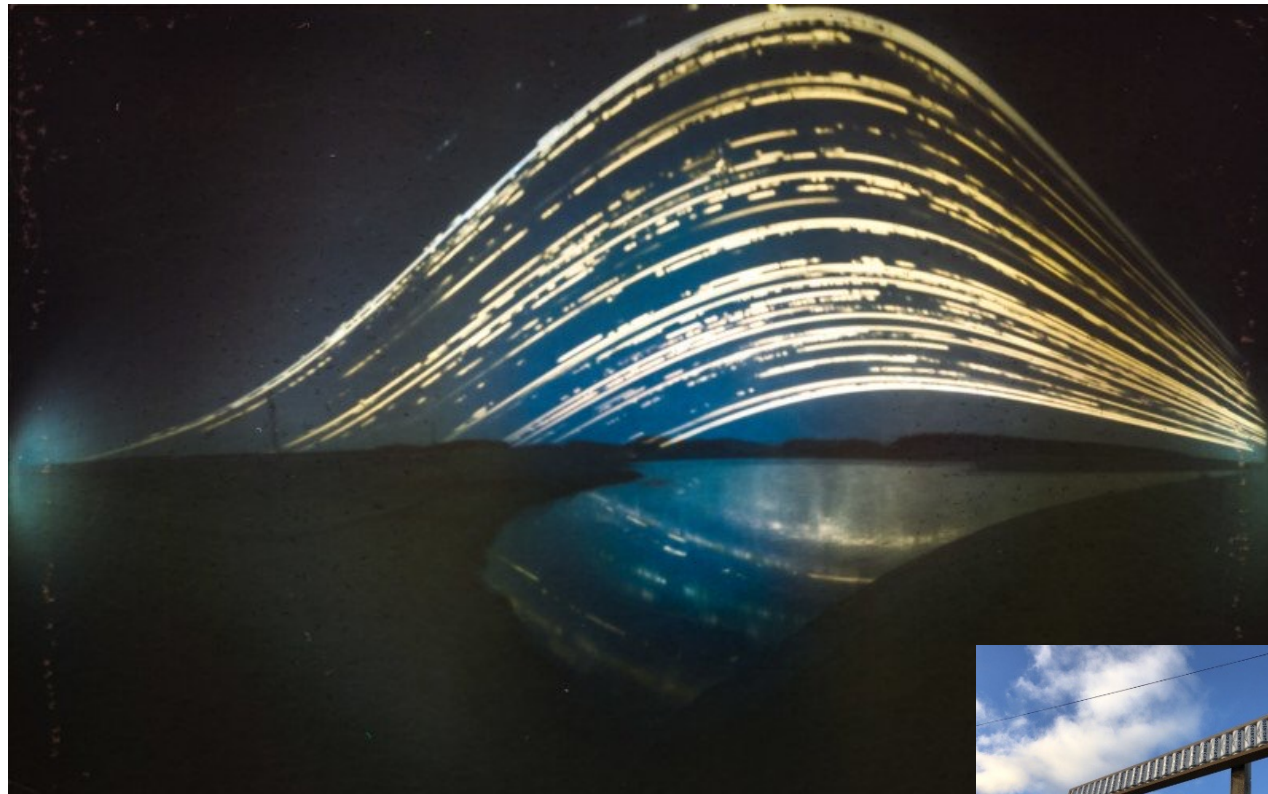
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<http://www.debevec.org/Pinhole/>

Pinhole photography



Justin Quinnell, The Clifton Suspension Bridge. December 17th 2007 - June 21st 2008
6-month exposure



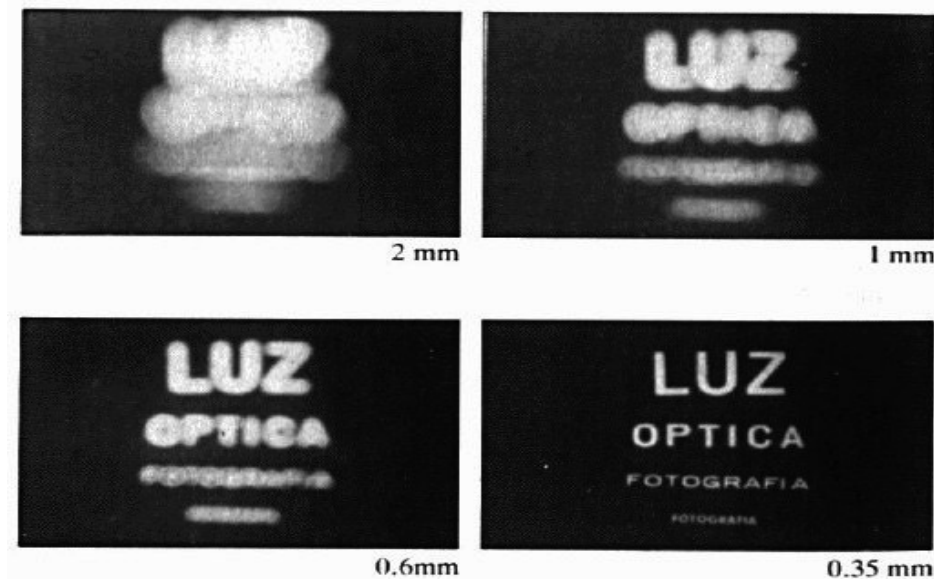
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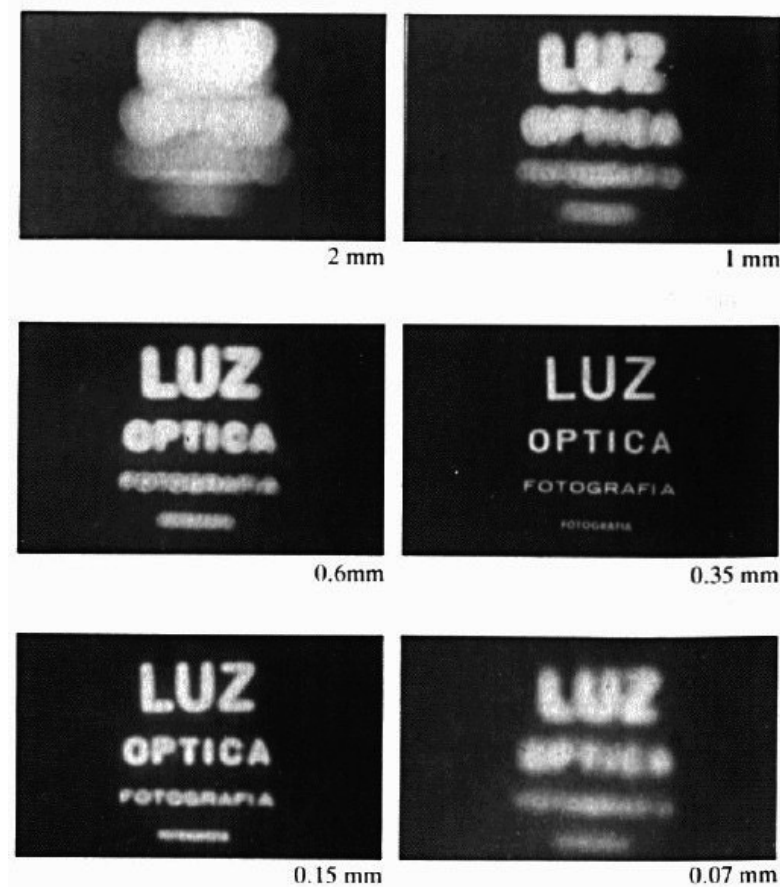
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Shrinking the aperture

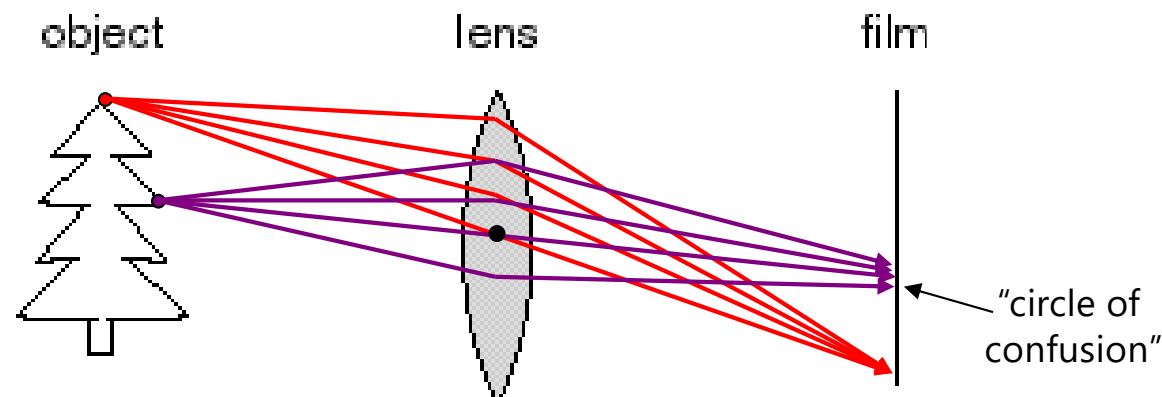


- Why not make the aperture as small as possible?
 - Less light gets through
 - *Diffraction* effects...

Shrinking the aperture



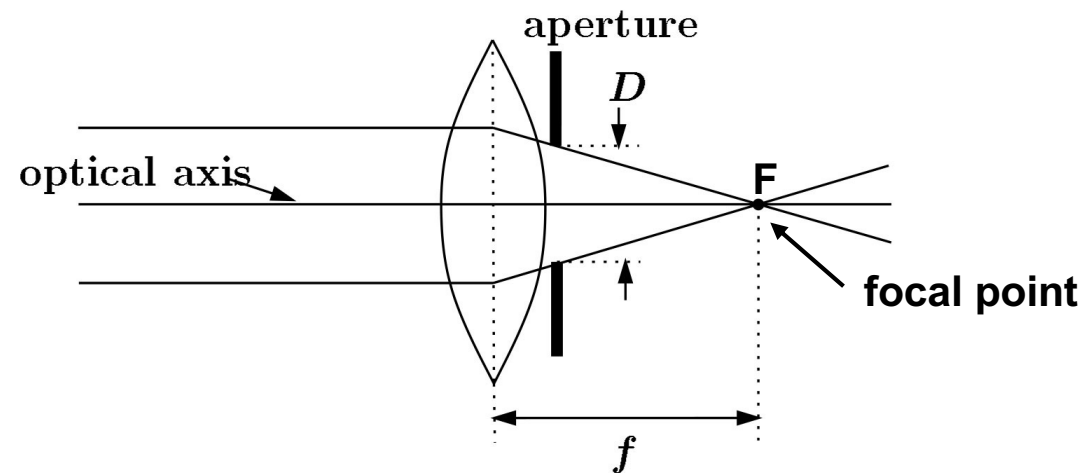
Adding a lens



A lens focuses light onto the film

- There is a specific distance at which objects are "in focus"
 - other points project to a "circle of confusion" in the image
- Changing the shape of the lens changes this distance

Lenses



- A lens focuses parallel rays onto a single focal point
 - focal point at a distance f beyond the plane of the lens (the *focal length*)
 - f is a function of the shape and index of refraction of the lens
 - Aperture restricts the range of rays
 - aperture may be on either side of the lens
 - Lenses are typically spherical (easier to produce)

Human visual perception

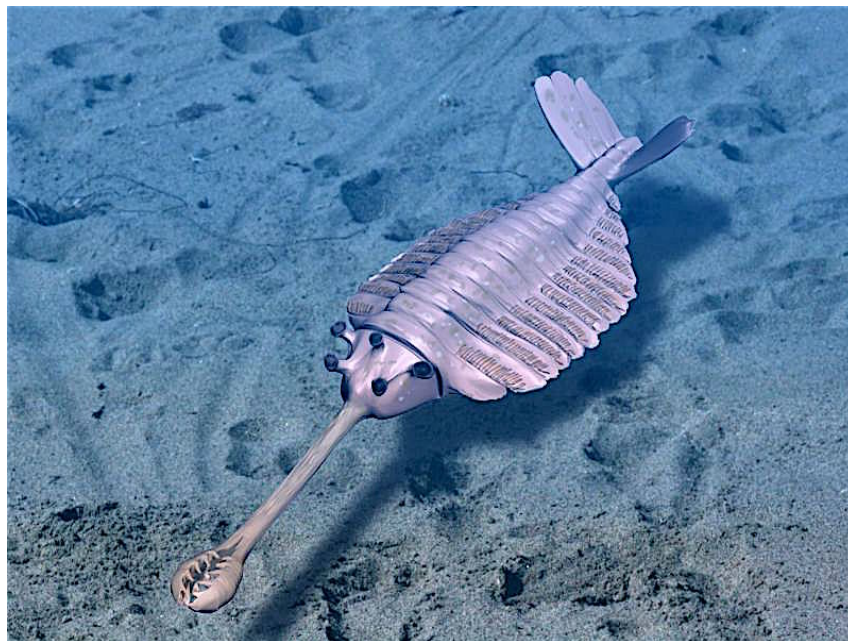
- “It turns out that roughly 60% of your brain is in one way or the other involved in the process of visual perception.”
(Shree Nayar in [What is Computer Vision?](#))

Motivation

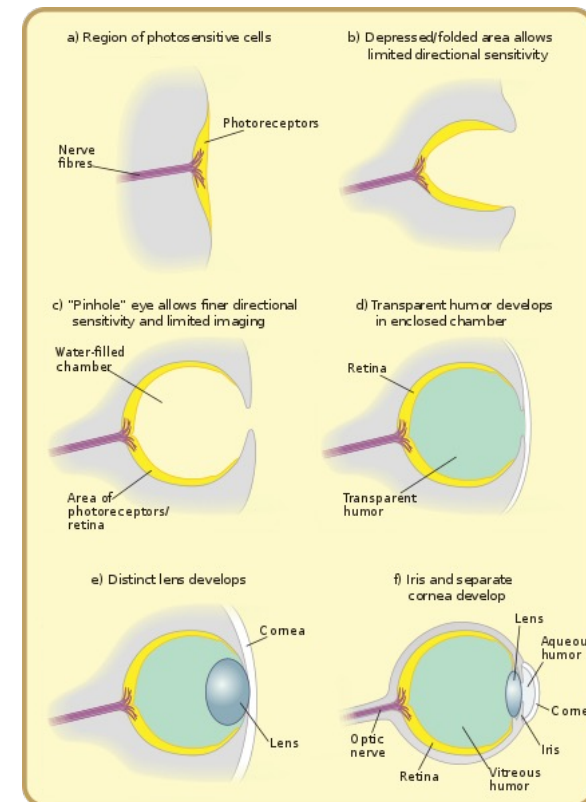
- Vision is the dominant human sense.
- It is important to understand what people perceive if you want to process images for them.

Evolution

- Eyes evolved 540 million years ago, as main part of the Cambrian Explosion, a.k.a. **The Biological Big Bang**

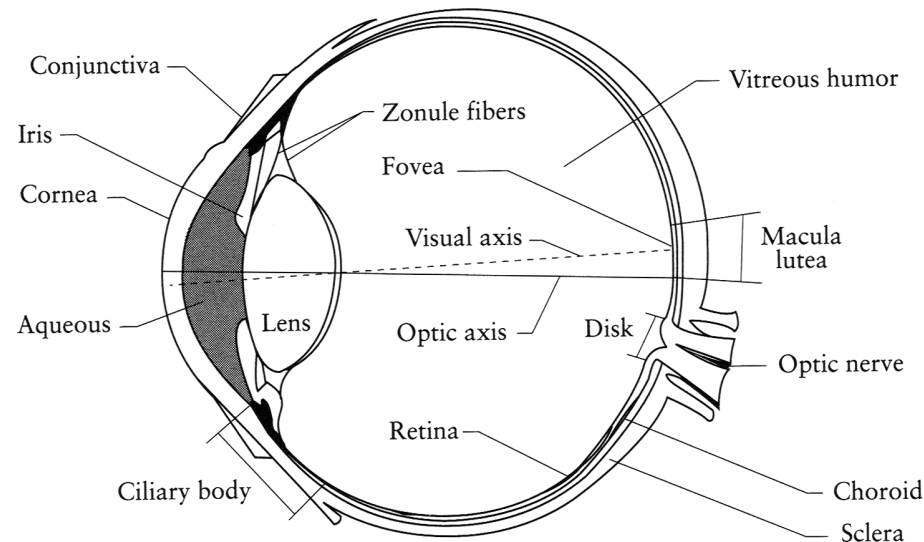


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The eye

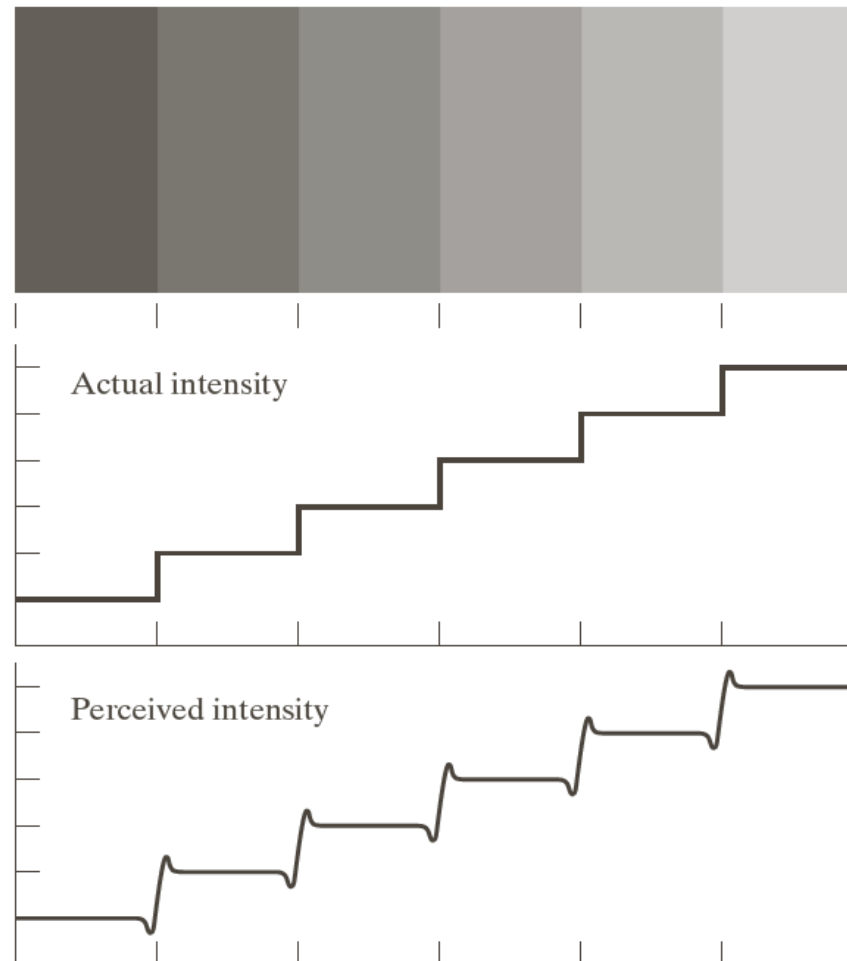


The human eye has elements of a camera but works differently

- **Iris** - colored annulus with radial muscles
- **Pupil** - the hole (aperture) whose size is controlled by the iris
- What's the "film"?
 - photoreceptor cells (rods and cones) in the **retina**

Mach bands

- Perception is not linear

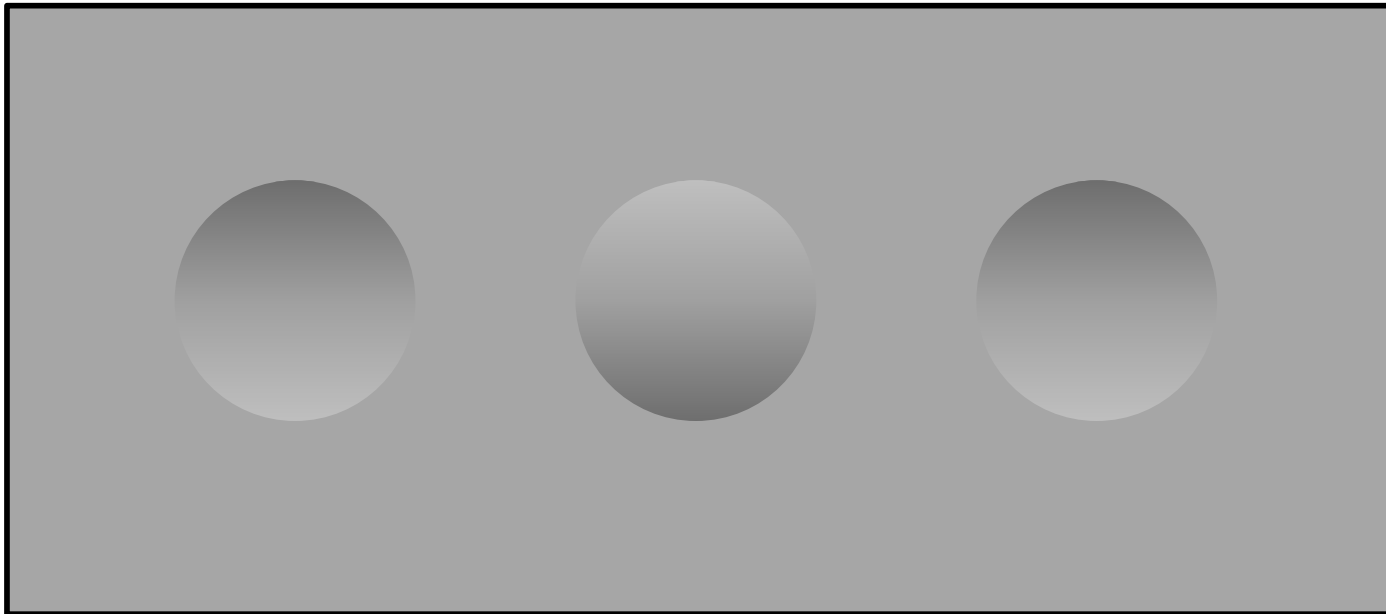


a
b
c

FIGURE 2.7
Illustration of the
Mach band effect.
Perceived
intensity is not a
simple function of
actual intensity.

Ambiguity in perception

- 3D Perception by shading → Assumption: Light comes from above.



Halluzination - Movement



- Image source: <https://giphy.com/gifs/miron-miron-ocxtBHVQaS2fC>
- Giphy user miron

Wrong measurements

- Jastrow Illusion



- Humans lack intuition in measuring visually.

Summary

- Visual perception is complex and not fully understood.
- We do not see everything in pictures.
- We see things in pictures that are not there.
- Inspiration: [How Do Humans Do It? \(Shree Nayar\)](#)