

# Illusioni ottiche come potenziali test optometrici

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# Optical Illusions and Optometry

## Use of Optical Illusion

Art and Entertainment ⇒ Study Perception and Human Vision

## Goal

Create new method for detecting vision disorders

## Hybrid Image

Early screening of possible myopia in childhood

# Hybrid Images

## What are they?

Static images with two different stable interpretations, which change as a function of :

- viewing distance
- image size
- observation time

## Method

Superposition of two coherent global image  $\rightarrow$  Hybrid Image ( $H$ ):

- Low Frequency - Image ( $I_L$ )
- High Frequency - Image ( $I_H$ )

$$H = I_L + I_H$$

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# Interpretation of the images

## Stability

For each observation condition, only one interpretation dominates over the other:

- Possible transition condition between the two interpretation
- No switching between the two interpretations once one rules

## Low Frequency - Image $I_L$ of a Image $I_1$

- global luminance variations in the image (broad contours)
- *blurry* version of the original image

## High Frequency - Image $I_H$ of a Image $I_2$

- sharp details
- it appears a highly detailed line drawing

# Summary of the method (1)

$I_1$  and  $I_2$ : original images

$G_1$  and  $G_2$ : Low-Pass Filters in Fourier domain of the Spatial Frequencies  
 $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_2$ : possible gain coefficients

## Transformation

$$I_L = \alpha_1 G_1 I_1$$

$$I_H = \alpha_2 (1 - G_2) I_2$$

## Composition

Hybrid Image:  $H = I_L + I_H$

## Summary of the method (2)

Discrete Fourier Transform ( spatial coordinates  $(x, y)$  —> spatial frequencies  $(u, v)$  )

Matrix  $f(x, y)$  of the Image of dimensions  $M \times N$  pixels

$$f(x, y) \longrightarrow F(u, v) = \frac{1}{NM} \sum_{x=0}^{M-1} \sum_{y=0}^{N-1} f(x, y) e^{-j2\pi(\frac{ux}{M} + \frac{vy}{N})}$$

Using the *Fast Fourier Transform Algorithm (FFT)*

## 2D Convolution Theorem

Filter:  $g(x, y)$  in spatial domain,  $G(u, v)$  in frequencies domain

$$g(x, y) * f(x, y) \Leftrightarrow G(u, v)F(u, v)$$

## Processed Image $f_F(x, y)$

Inverse Fourier Transform

$$f_F(x, y) = \mathcal{F}^{-1}[G(u, v)F(u, v)]$$

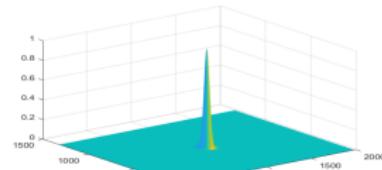
# Filtering

## Gaussian Filter of variance $D_0^2$

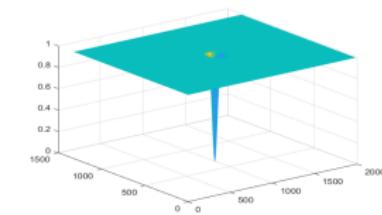
$$G(u, v) = e^{-D^2(u,v)/2D_0^2} \quad D = \text{distance from the origin}$$



LOW PASS FILTER

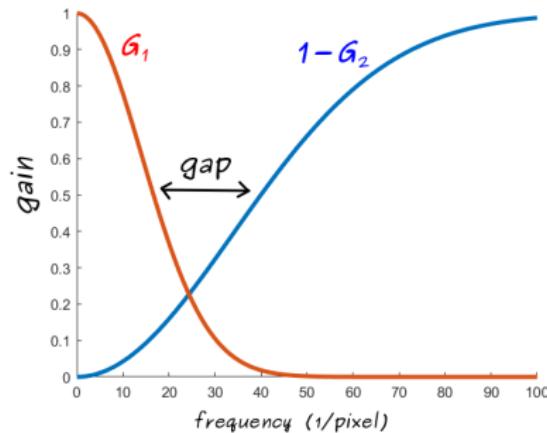


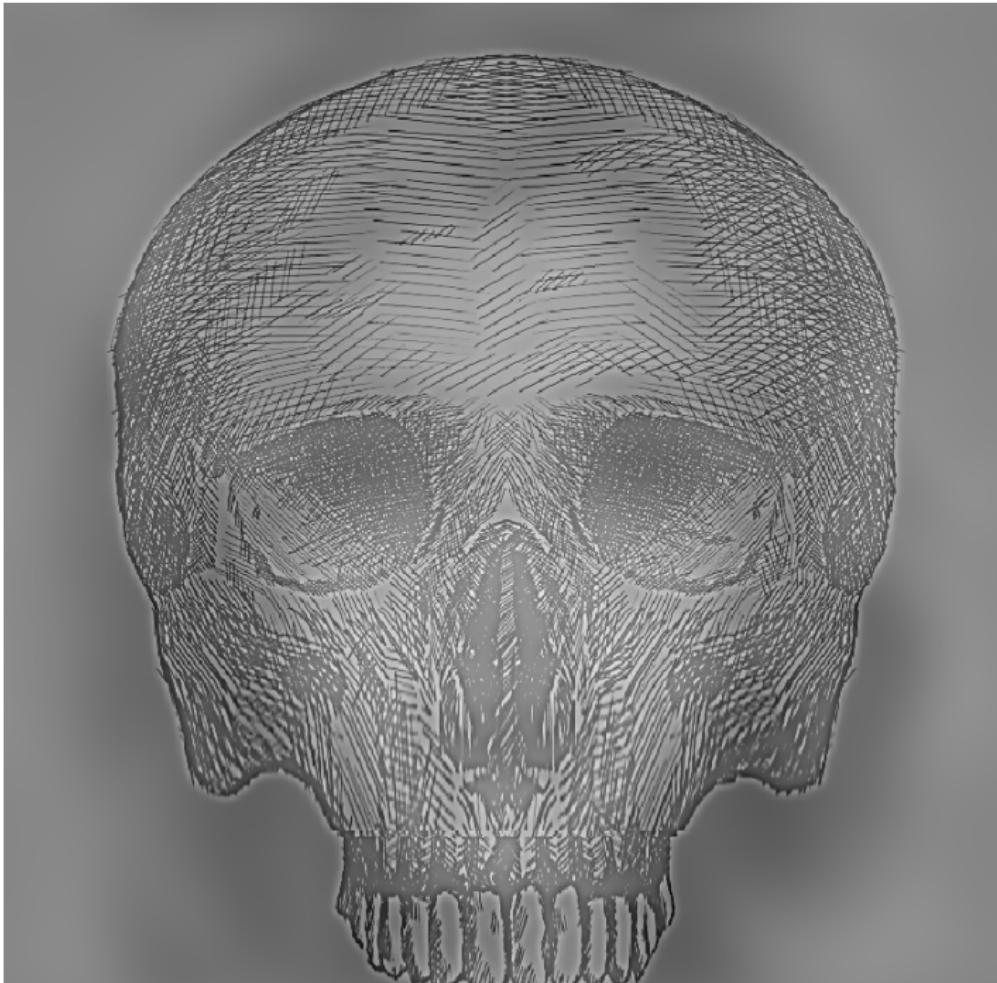
HIGH PASS FILTER

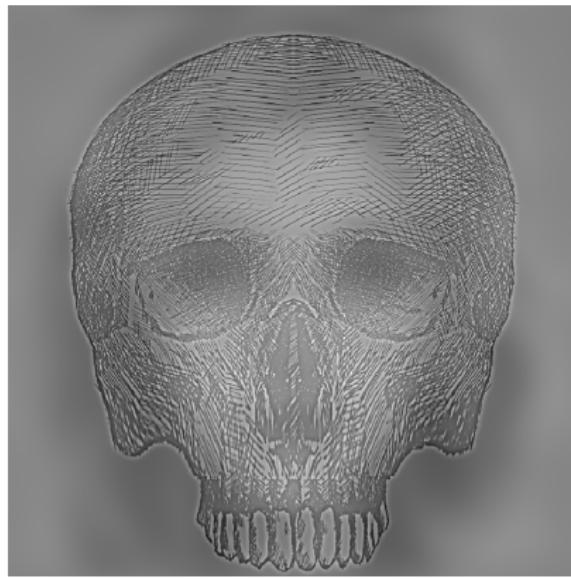


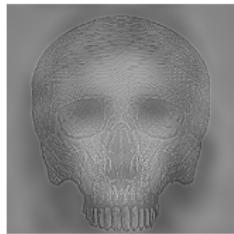
# Additional rules for a Hybrid Image

- The other interpretation should be perceived as *noise*
- Introducing an alignment to reduce the influence of one channel over the other
- Different cutoff frequencies between the Low Pass and the High Pass Filter  $\Rightarrow$  unambiguous interpretation





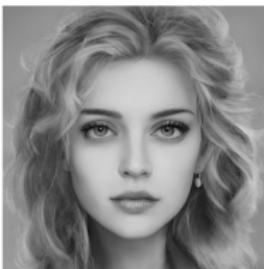












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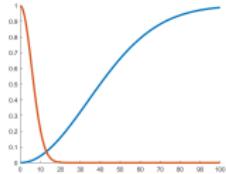


$$\rightarrow I_H$$

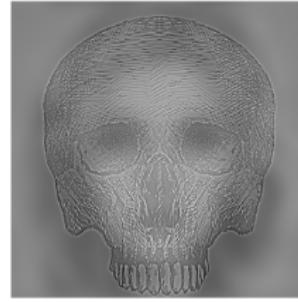


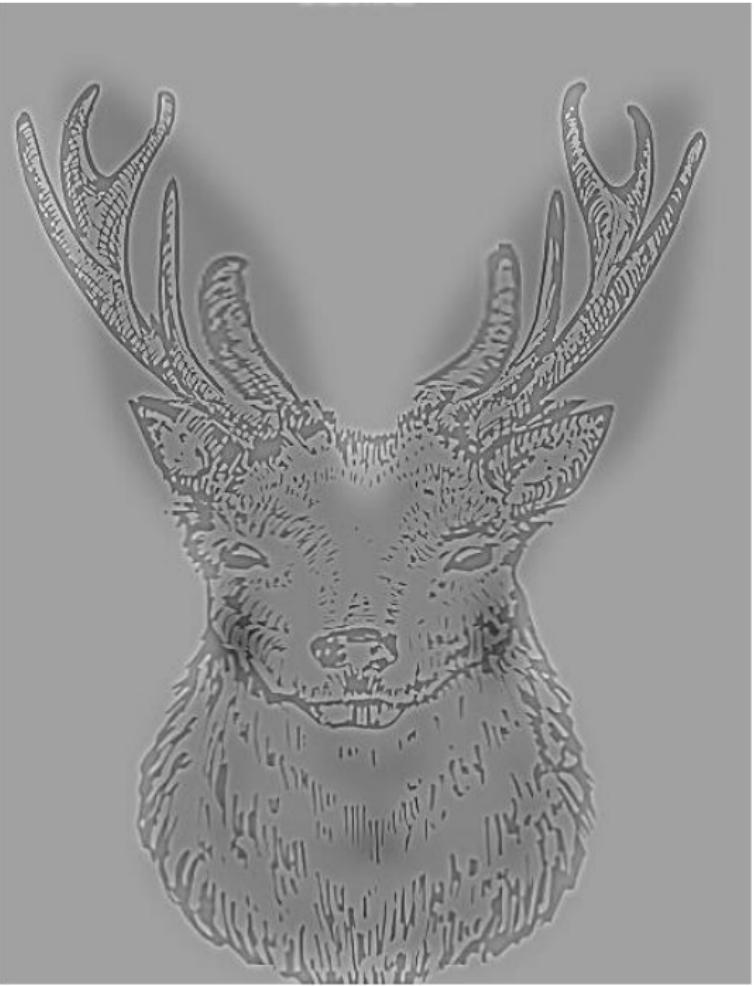
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frequency gap



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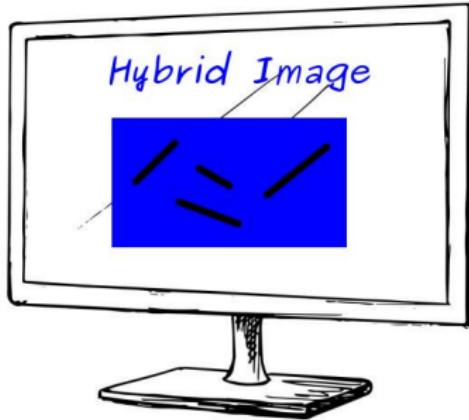


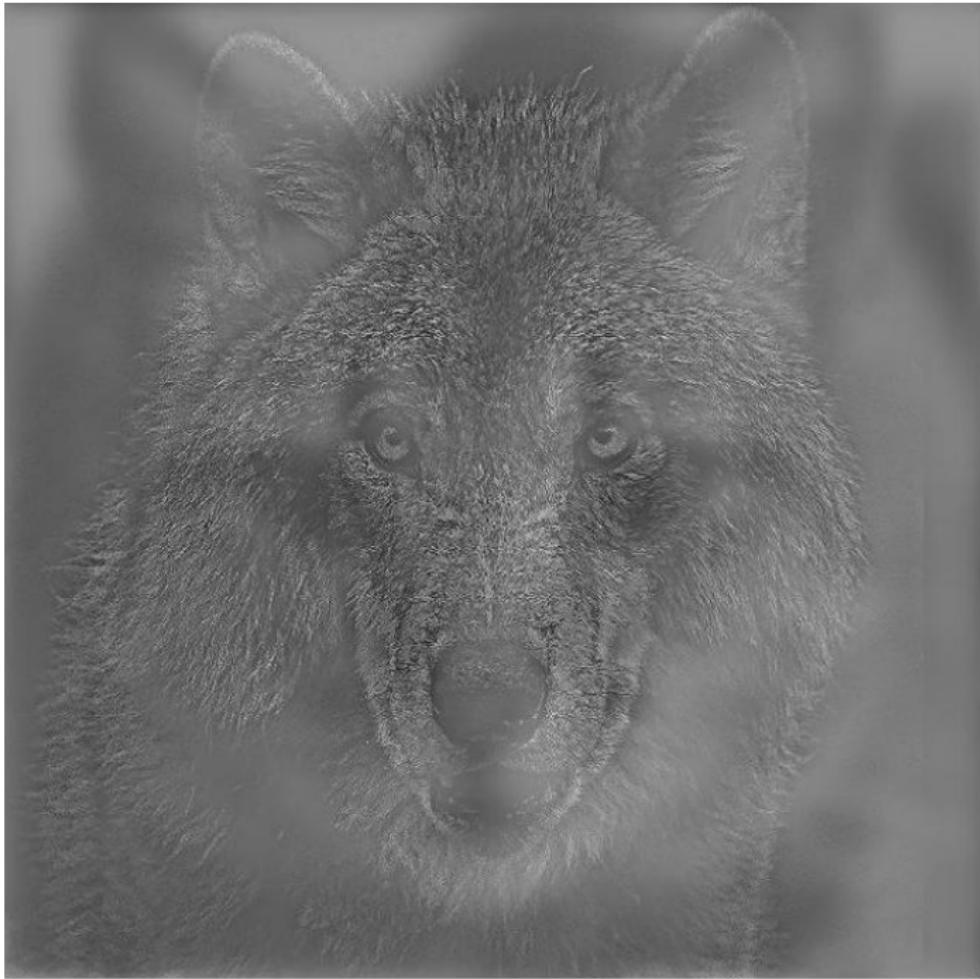




## Our proposed method

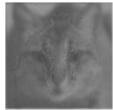
- Vision of hybrid image at a screen
- The child should be able to recognize the shape of a well known animal
- The High Frequency Image of the Hybrid Image should prevail in the vision





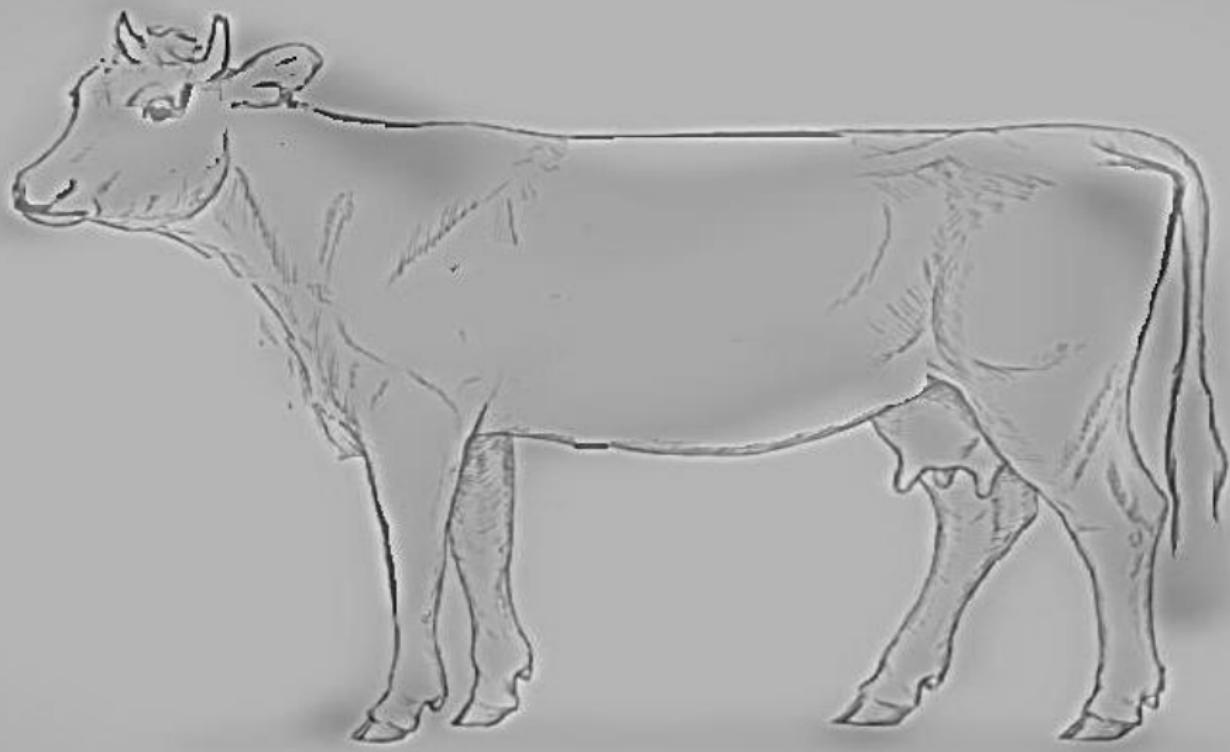


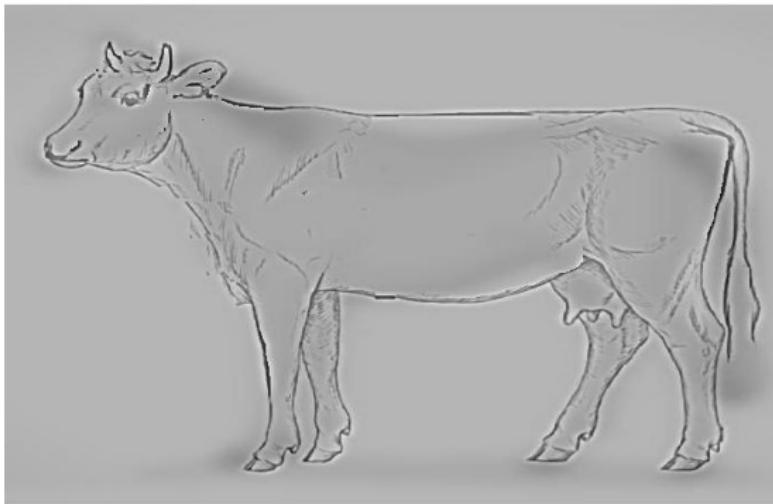


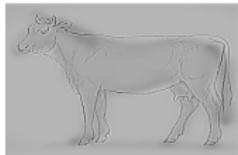












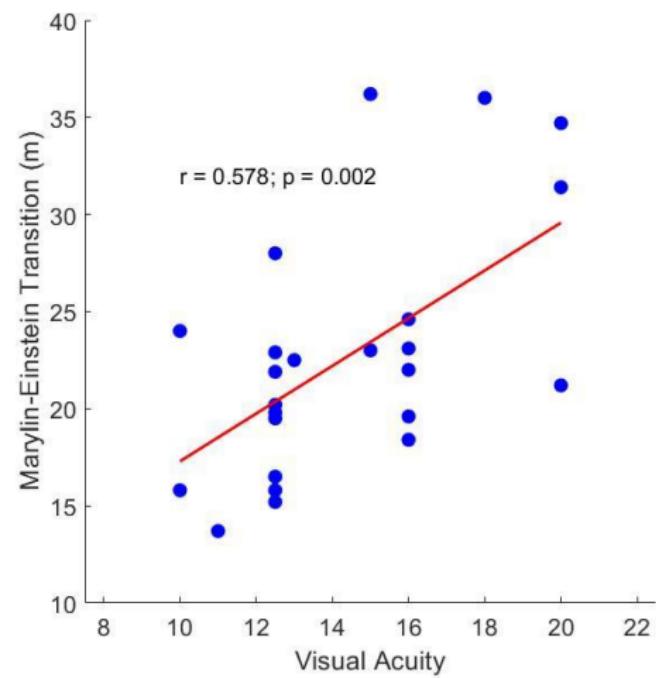






# Preliminary Results

## A. Einstein / M. Monroe: Correlation Transition - Visual Acuity



## Wolf/Cat: Correction for the Transition

- Induced 10/10 visual acuity with a correction
- Fixed distance of the Hybrid Picture (A4)
- Additional correction for the transition

### Subject 1:

- Wolf at 1.2 m
- Cat: correction  
+1.00 OD, +1.00 OS

### Subject 2:

- Wolf at 1.3 m
- Cat: correction  
+0.75 OD, +0.50 OS

Thanks for your attention

