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# Image understanding, attention and human early visual cortex

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**Keywords** image understanding, attention, human early visual cortex, computer vision, human-computer interaction.

## 1 Introduction

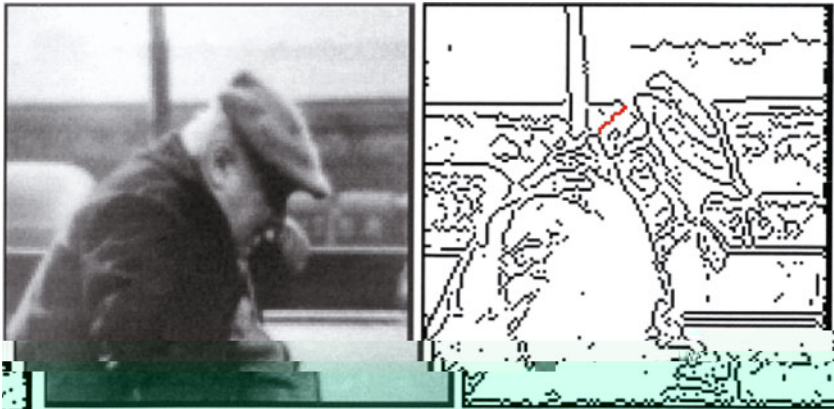
Image understanding is a key problem in computer vision. It is the process of extracting meaningful information from an image. Attention is a cognitive process that allows us to focus on a specific part of the image. Human early visual cortex is the part of the brain that processes visual information. This paper discusses the relationship between image understanding, attention and human early visual cortex. It is divided into three parts: 1) the relationship between image understanding and attention; 2) the relationship between image understanding and human early visual cortex; 3) the relationship between attention and human early visual cortex. The paper shows that image understanding, attention and human early visual cortex are closely related. Image understanding is the basis of attention, and attention is the key to image understanding. Human early visual cortex is the neural basis of image understanding and attention. The paper also discusses the application of image understanding, attention and human early visual cortex in computer vision and human-computer interaction.

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3 Border ownership representation in V2



**Fig. 3** An image of an old man and the edge signals generated by applying the Canny edge detector to the image (adapted from Ref. [7]). It illustrates that edge signals are inherently difficult to interpret because of the ambiguity of the edge (border) ownership.













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