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Abstract:

“What is biological motion?”

Everyone in visual psychology seems to know what Biological Motion is. Yet it is not easy to come up with a definition that is specific enough to justify a distinct label, but is also general enough to include the many different experiments to which the term has been applied in the past. I will present a number of tasks, stimuli, and experiments, including some of my own work, to demonstrate the diversity and the appeal of the field of biological motion and to try to come up with a definition of the term. In conclusion, I will challenge the notion that biological motion can be granted the status of a well defined visual processing module which can be conceptually isolated from other forms of visual processing in terms of function, neuroanatomy, or methodology.