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**Data, methods and formula to bridge the gap for colour differences
between threshold differences, the formula CIE DE2000
and large CIELAB colour differences**

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Background to work on colour threshold metric

At the CIE Division 1 meeting in Veszprem (Hungary) in 2002 the CIE decided the following Reportership (Text of the CIE chairman):

CIE R1-31:

Smooth change of color difference metric between large CIELAB color differences and threshold color differences

Terms of reference:

To bridge the gap for color differences between large CIELAB color differences, e.g. $DE^*_{ab}=20$, and threshold differences for office conditions

Reporter:

Klaus Richter (DE)

This Reporter is to investigate the relation between a large color difference and a small one at the threshold level with a possible method to develop a continuous metric to connect them, and to report Division 1 how we work on this issue in the future

The Reporter of CIE R1-31 proposed at the CIE Division 1 meeting 2003 in San Diego (USA) to form a new TC on this topic.

Based on the CIE recommendations of:

CIE DE2000 is for the range between 0 to 5 CIELAB

CIELAB is for large colour differences > 5 CIELAB

there is the question: Can we use CIEDE2000 for the full range?

The CIE Division 1 decided to form the following TC:

CIE TC 1-63: Validity of the range of CIE DE2000

Terms of Reference:

To investigate the application of the CIE DE2000 equation at threshold up to CIELAB colour differences greater than 5

Chairman: K. Richter (DE)

Members: D. Rich (US), M.R. Luo (GB), J. Nobbs (GB), C. Oleari (IT), H. Yaguchi (JP), M. Pointer (GB), ...?

Some application conditions:

Colour sample illumination by the illuminance 500 to 1000 lux

equal to the luminance of 150 to 300 cd/m² for white paper / monitor

Illuminant CIE daylight D65

CIE 45/0 viewing and measurement geometry

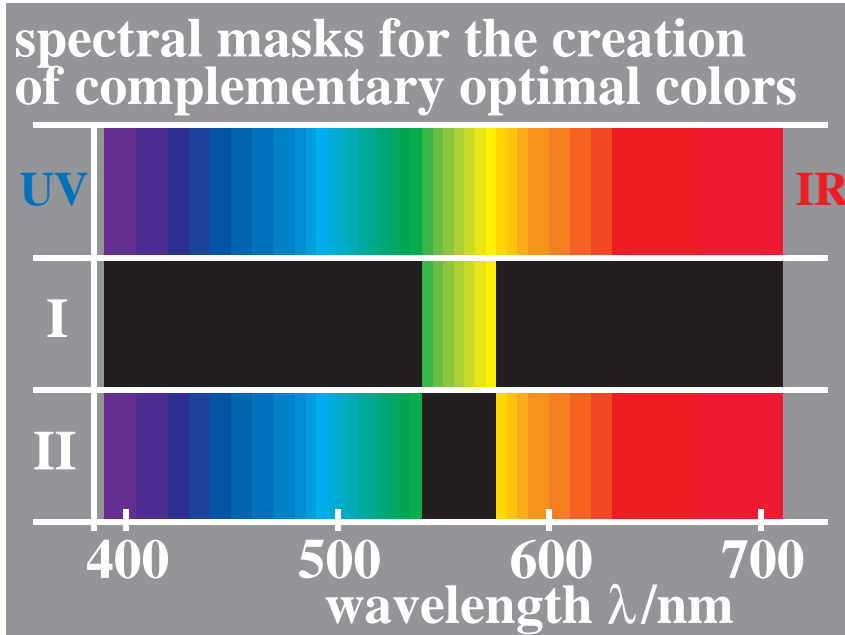
CIE 2 degree observer

normalized CIE data X/X_n , Y/Y_n , Z/Z_n in the range 0 to 1 instead of the range 0 to 100 for applications in image technology

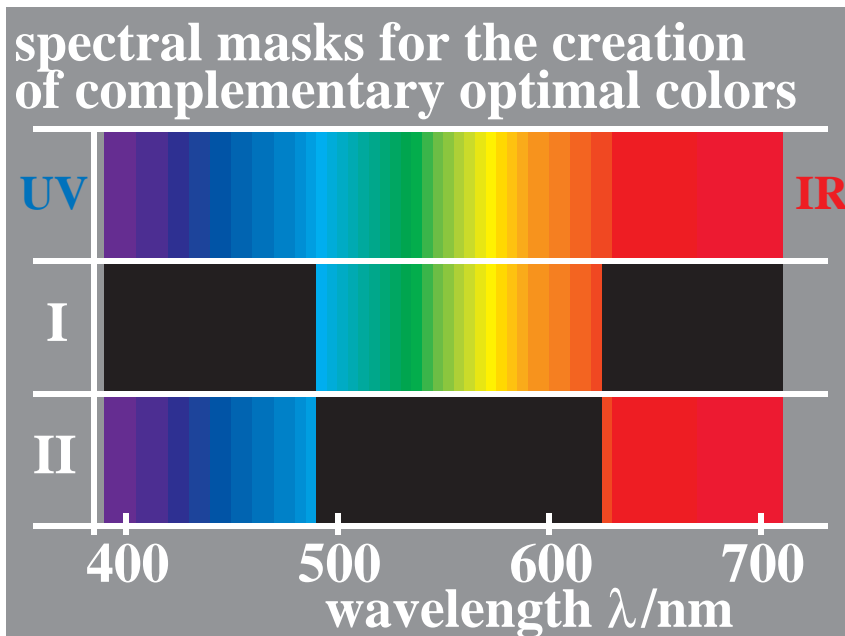
Many experimental data on colour differences may be used to test CIE DE2000 in the full range

- 1. Threshold data: MacAdam, Richter, Holtsmark-Valberg, Yaguchi e. al.**
- 2. CIE DE2000 and similar data: Luo, Witt, Nobs and Hirschler data sets**
- 3. Large colour difference data: Munsell, OSA, Indow, Richter, e. al.**

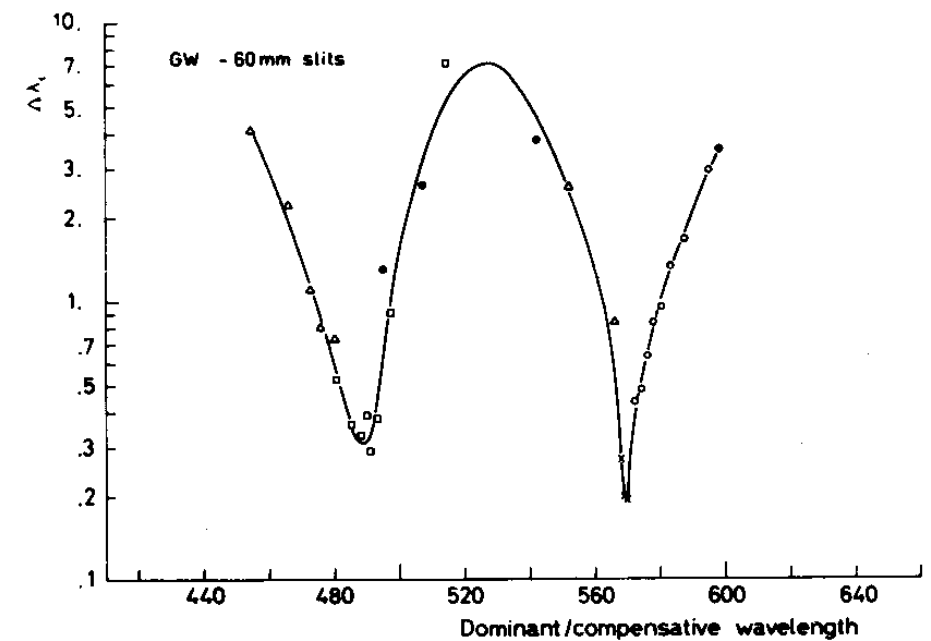
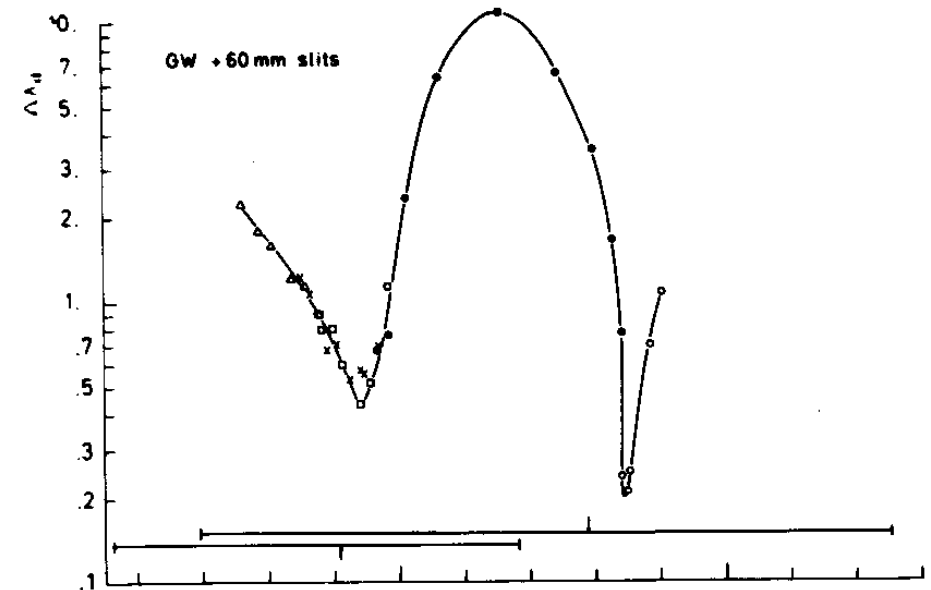
Complementary optimal colours and threshold



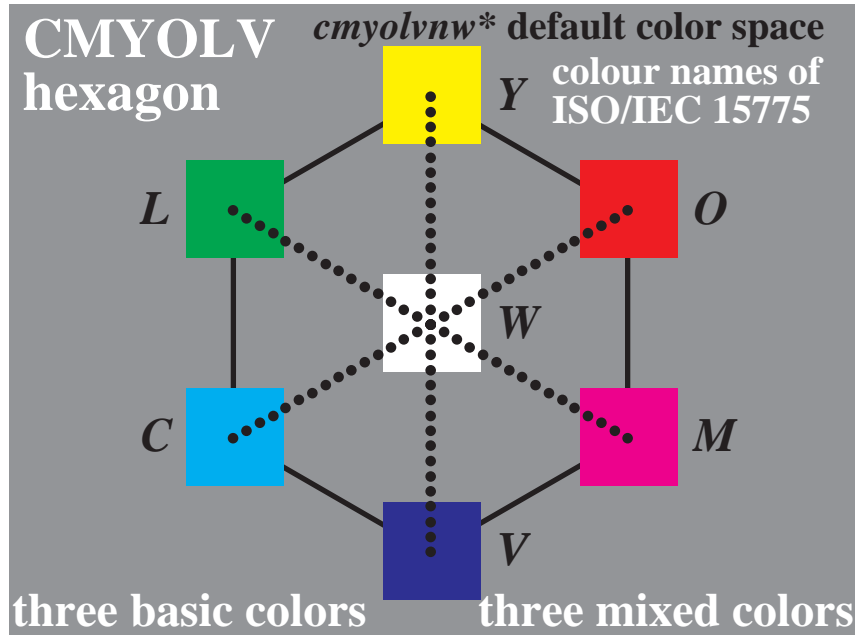
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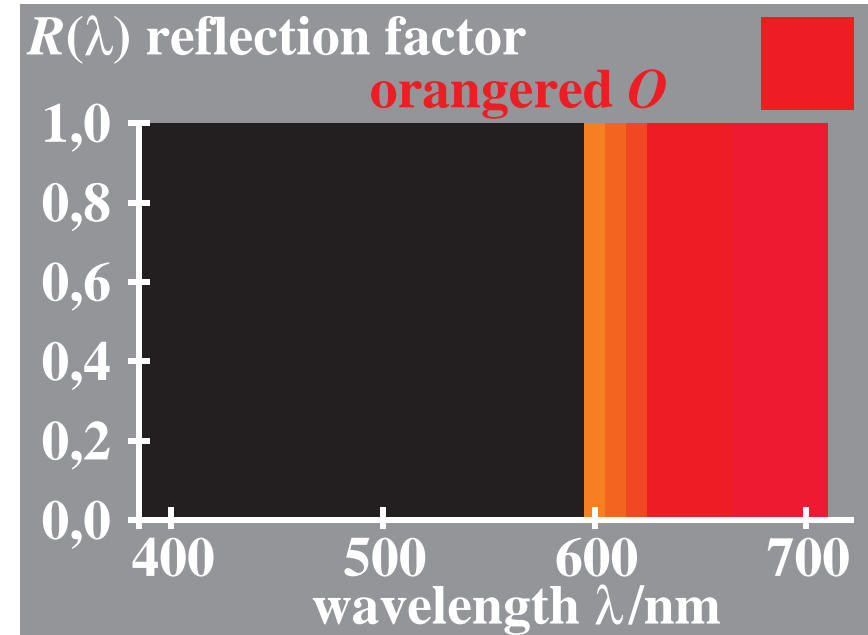
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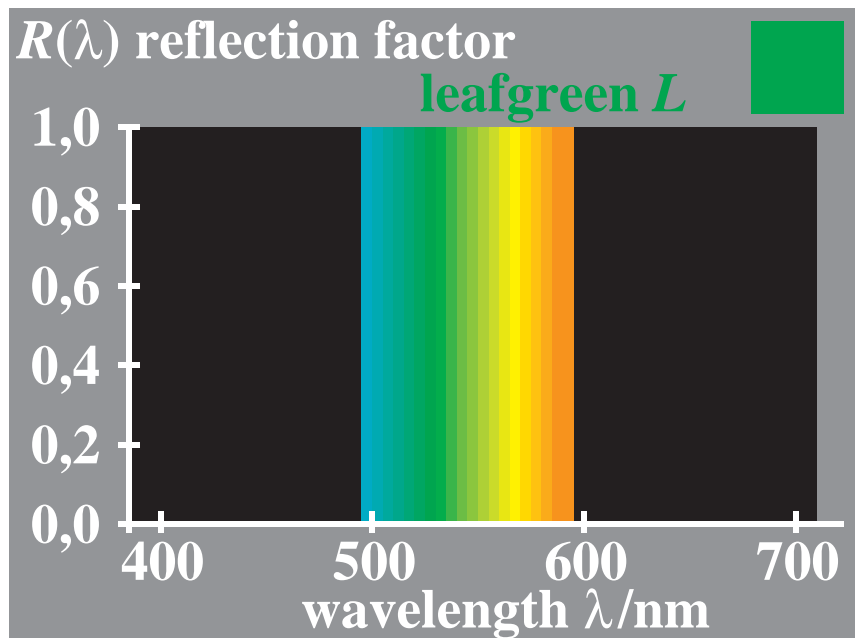
Optimal colours in image technology



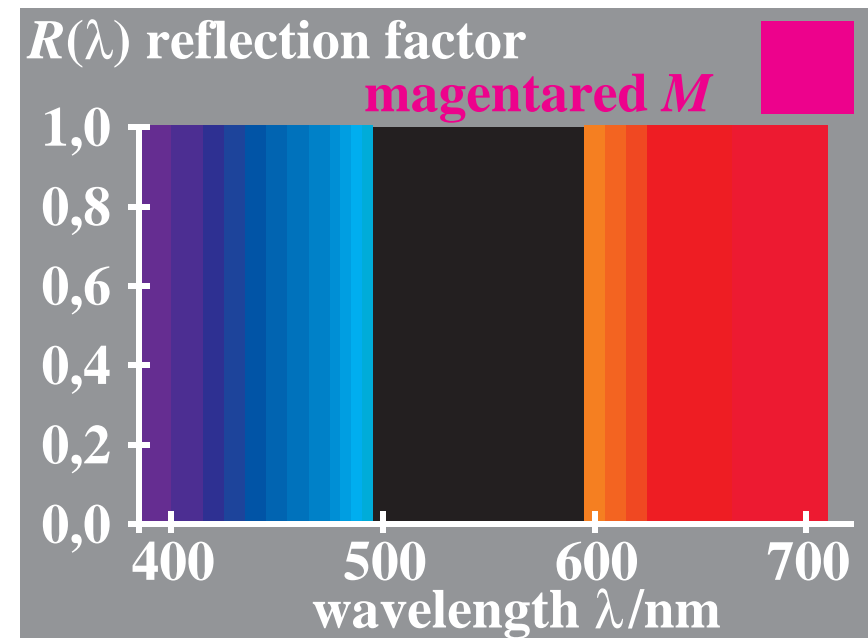
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T03/E8160-4N



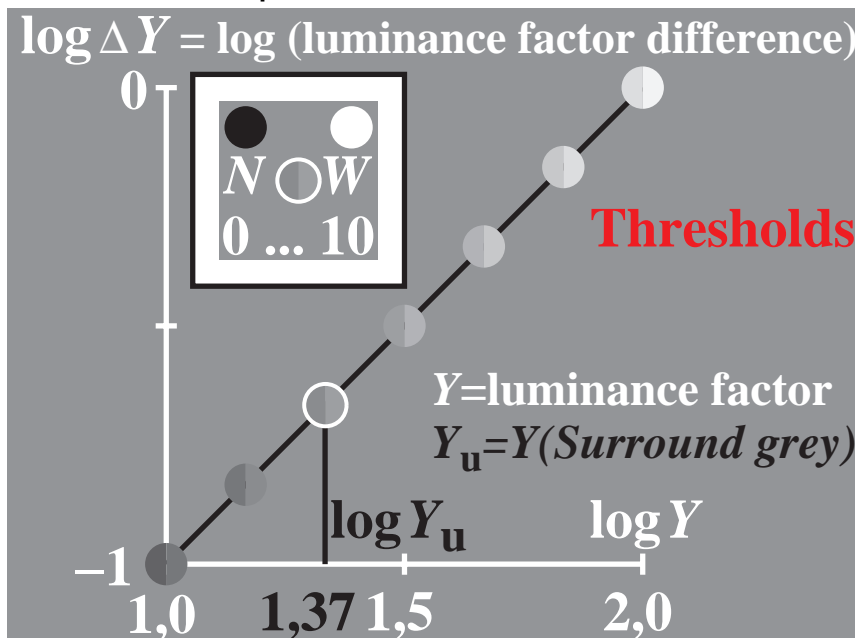
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| basic and mixed additive optimal colors for illuminant D65 | | | | | |
|---|----------------------------------|----------|---------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| basic color or mixed color and name | CIE standard chromaticity | | CIE standard tristimulus value | | |
| | <i>x</i> | <i>y</i> | <i>X</i> | <i>Y</i> | <i>Z</i> |
| <i>three additive basic optimal colors:</i> | | | | | |
| <i>O</i> orangered | 0,6695 | 0,3302 | 42,65 | 21,04 | 0,02 |
| <i>L</i> leafgreen | 0,2991 | 0,6351 | 34,87 | 74,04 | 7,67 |
| <i>V</i> violetblue | 0,1445 | 0,0393 | 18,06 | 4,90 | 102,02 |
| <i>three additive mixed optimal colors:</i> | | | | | |
| <i>C</i> cyanblue | 0,2191 | 0,3268 | 52,94 | 78,96 | 109,70 |
| <i>M</i> magentared | 0,3218 | 0,1375 | 60,73 | 25,95 | 102,04 |
| <i>Y</i> yellow | 0,4300 | 0,5274 | 77,53 | 95,09 | 7,69 |
| <i>D65</i> (white) | 0,3131 | 0,3275 | 95,60 | 100,00 | 109,71 |

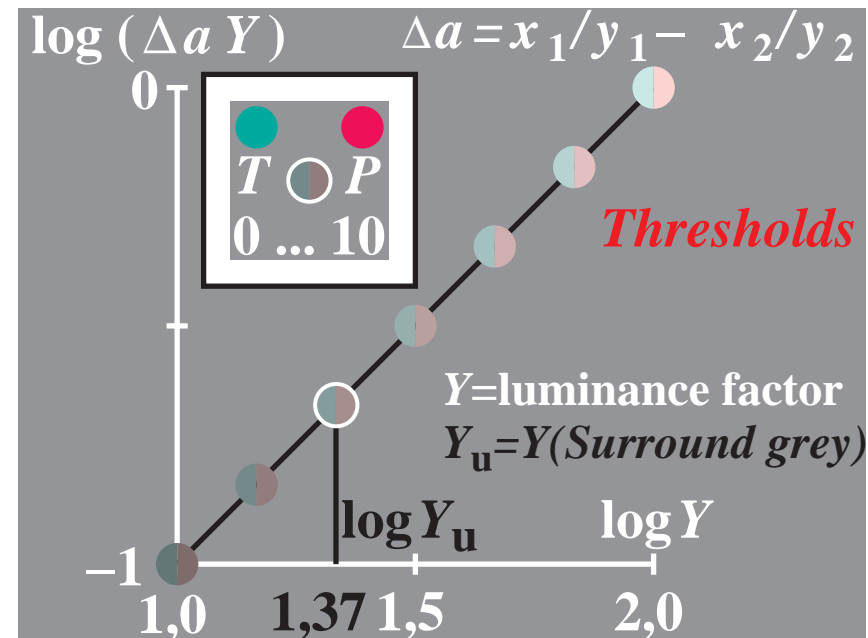
Range 01 normalized CIE tristimulus values in Image Technology

| basic and mixed additive optimal colors 01 normalized for illuminant D65 | | | | | |
|---|---|----------|--|----------------|----------------|
| basic color or mixed color and name | Range 01 normalized chromaticity | | Range 01 normalized tristimulus value | | |
| | x_{01} | y_{01} | $X_{01}=X/X_n$ | $Y_{01}=Y/Y_n$ | $Z_{01}=Z/Z_n$ |
| <i>three additive basic optimal colors:</i> | | | | | |
| <i>O</i> orangered | 0,6792 | 0,3304 | 0,4461 | 0,2105 | 0,0002 |
| <i>L</i> leafgreen | 0,3102 | 0,6295 | 0,3649 | 0,7405 | 0,0709 |
| <i>V</i> violetblue | 0,1620 | 0,0420 | 0,1890 | 0,0490 | 0,9289 |
| <i>three additive mixed optimal colors:</i> | | | | | |
| <i>C</i> cyanblue | 0,2364 | 0,3369 | 0,5539 | 0,7895 | 0,9998 |
| <i>M</i> magentared | 0,3479 | 0,1423 | 0,6351 | 0,2595 | 0,9291 |
| <i>Y</i> yellow | 0,4424 | 0,5188 | 0,8110 | 0,9510 | 0,0711 |
| <i>D65</i> (white) | 0,3333 | 0,3333 | 1,0000 | 1,0000 | 1,0000 |

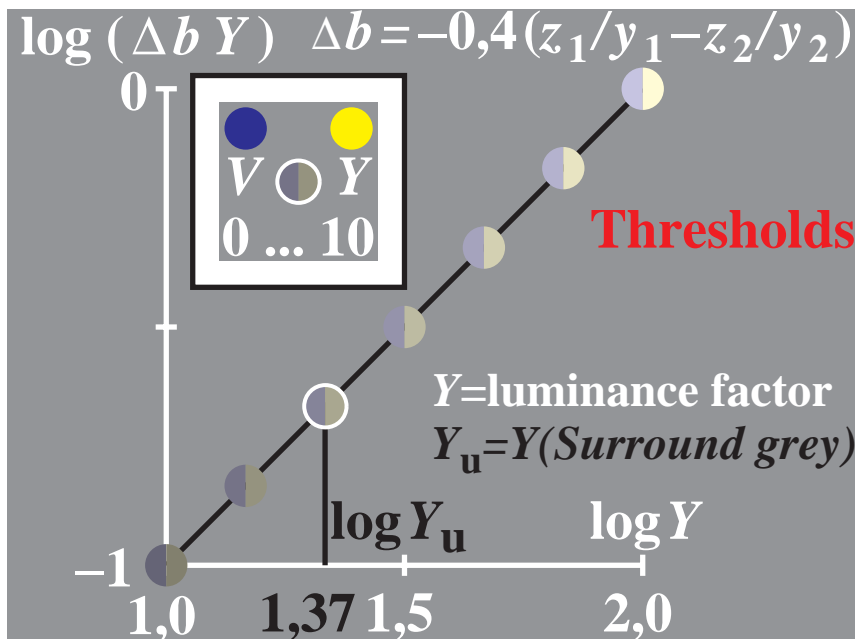
Colour threshold experiments



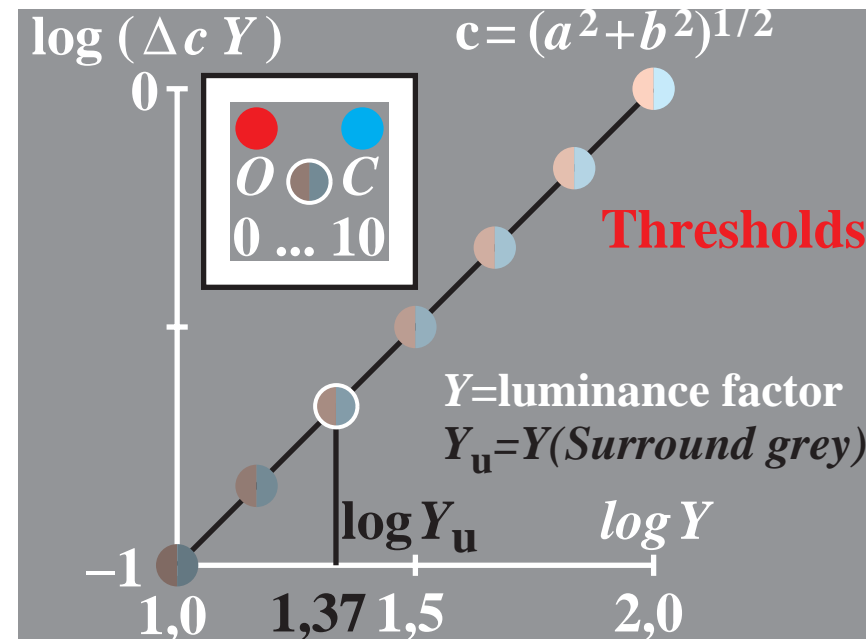
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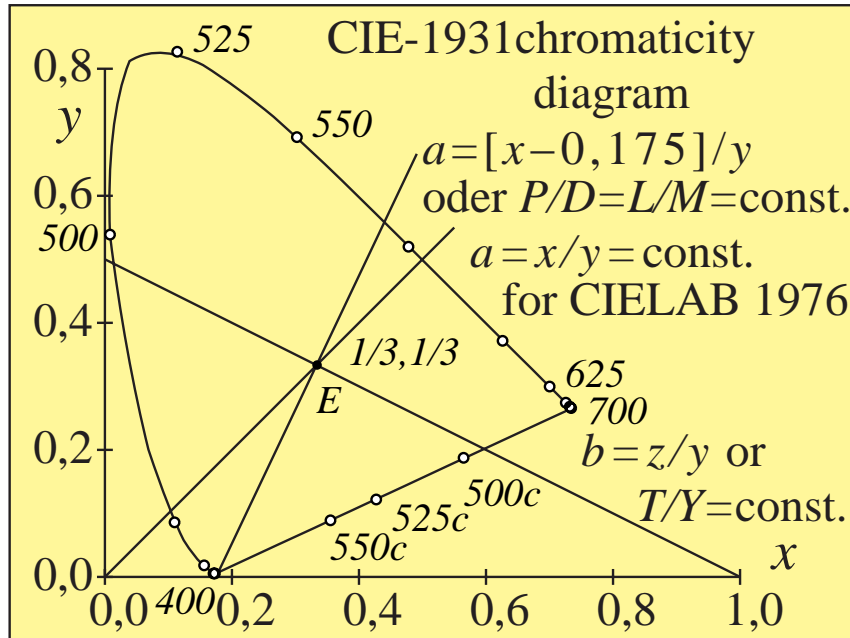


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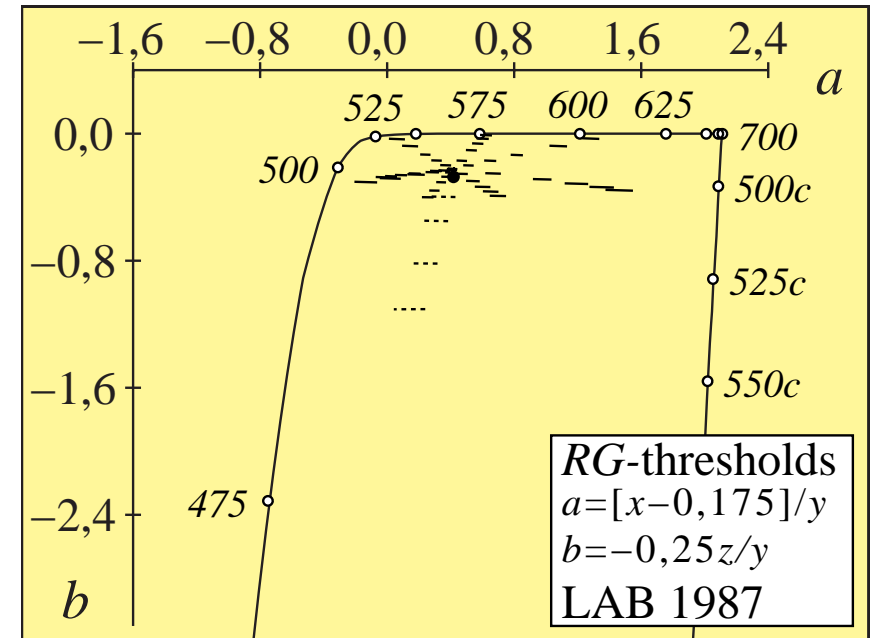


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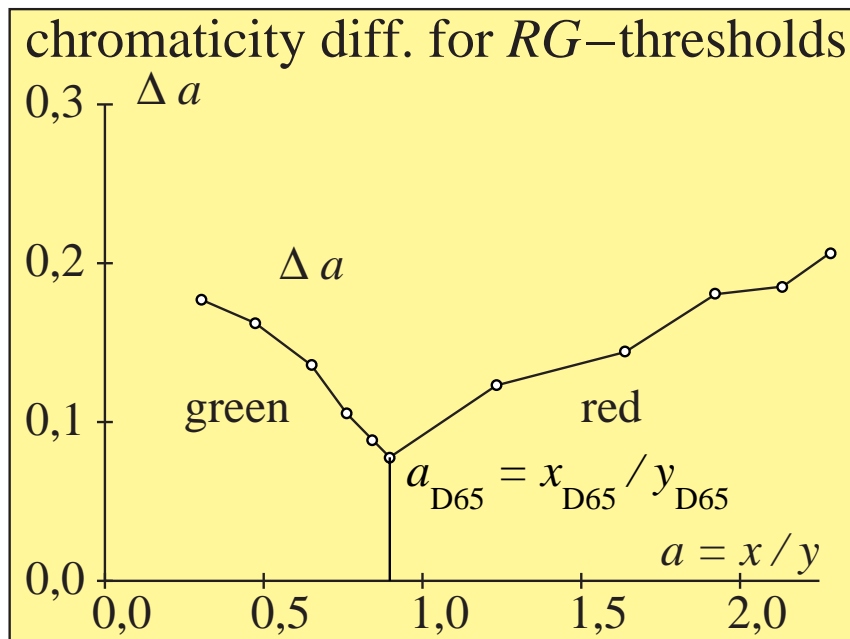
Optimal Colours in Image Technology (IT)



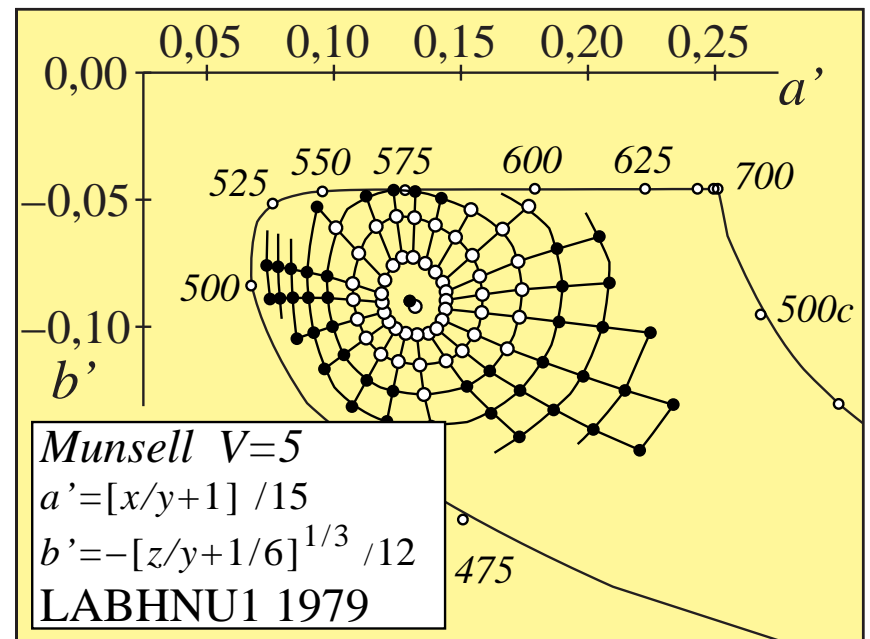
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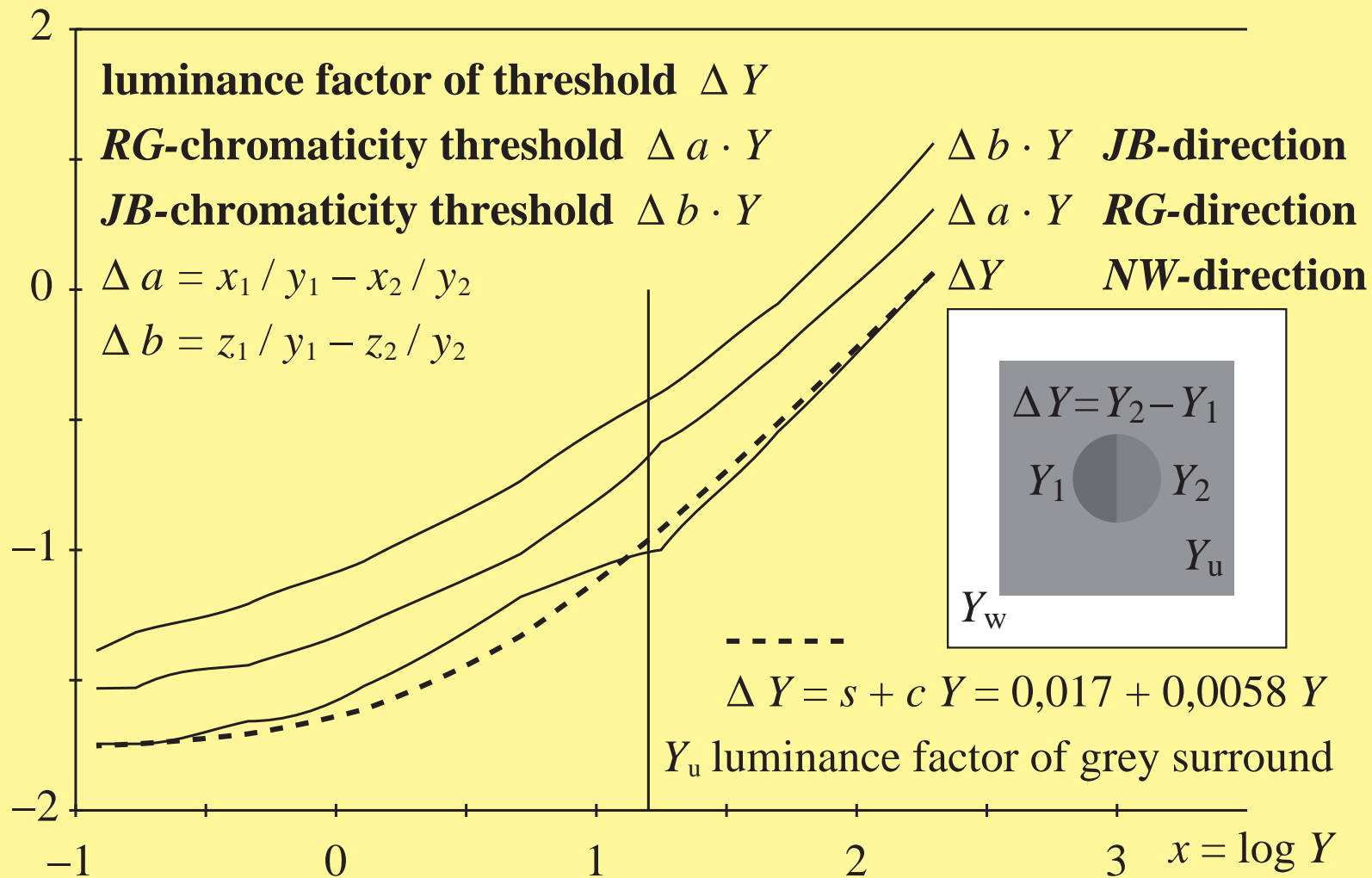
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Plot of colour threshold experiments

NW-achromatic- as well as *RG*- and *JB*-chrom. thresholds as function of *Y*
 experiments and data: BAM-research report no. 115 (1985), page 72



Example threshold metric for complementary optimal colours

$$\Delta E^*_{ABY,th} = \text{const} \{ [(\Delta A_{01}) / A_{01}]^2 + [(\Delta B_{01}) / B_{01}]^2 + [(\Delta Y_{01}) / Y_{01}]^2 \}^{1/2}$$

We have to show that the threshold difference is equal for complementary optimal colours. For the **complementary** colours it is always valid $X_{01c} = 1 - X_{01}$, $Y_{01c} = 1 - Y_{01}$, $Z_{01c} = 1 - Z_{01}$.

Therefore

$$A_{01c} = X_{01c} - Y_{01c} = 1 - X_{01} - (1 - Y_{01}) = Y_{01} - X_{01} = -A_{01}$$

and similar for $B_{01c} = -B_{01}$

According to the **Weber-Fechner law** it is valid at threshold for the luminance factor Y_{01}

$$(\Delta Y_{01}) / Y_{01} = \text{const} \quad \text{different to CIELAB / CIEDE2000: } (\Delta Y_{01}) / [Y_{01}]^{2/3} = \text{const}$$

If the basic colour is dark then the complementary is light and vice versa. The Weber-Fechner law leads to the same constant for complementary optimal colours. Therefore

$$(\Delta Y_{01}) / Y_{01} = (\Delta Y_{01c}) / Y_{01c}$$

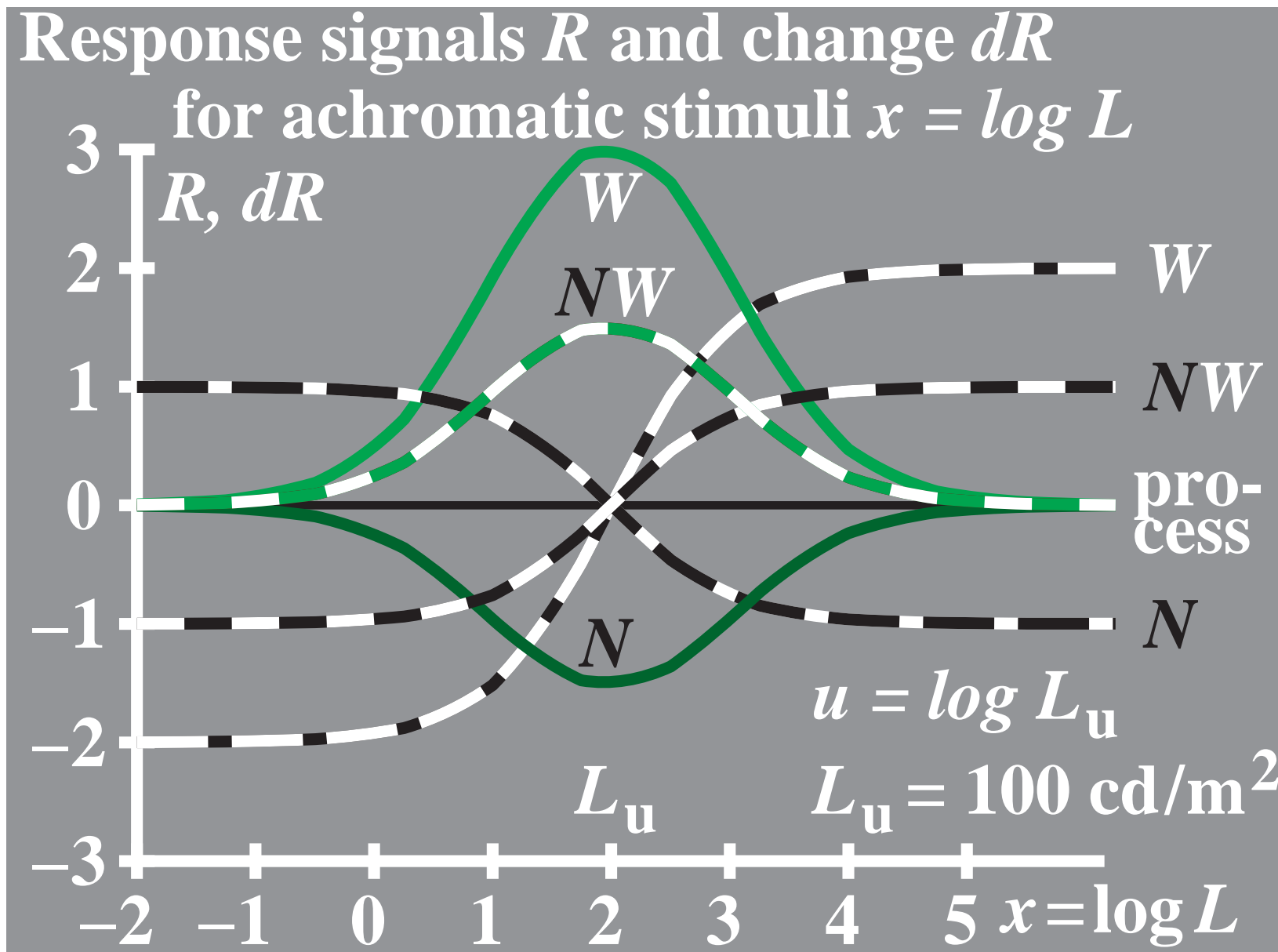
Therefore the three components of the first equation are equal for complementary colours or

$$\Delta E^*_{ABY,th,basic\ colour} = \Delta E^*_{ABY,th,complementary\ colour}$$

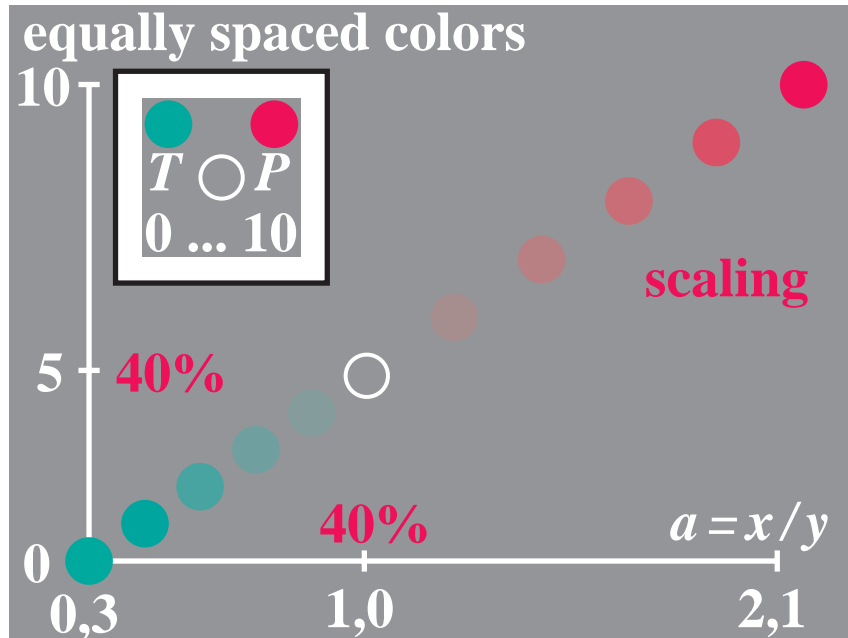
Experimental and equation result for the above formula:

The threshold is equal for complementary optimal colours and also equal for all other complementary colours which mix to “white”, e. g. the complementary colours “red” and “cyan” on the monitor.

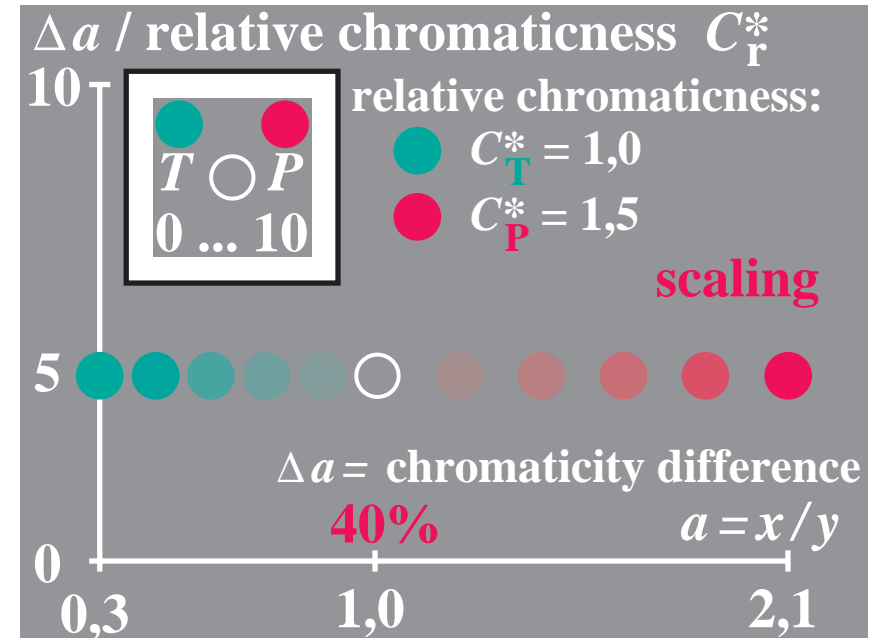
Change of Signals for two opponent threshold processes



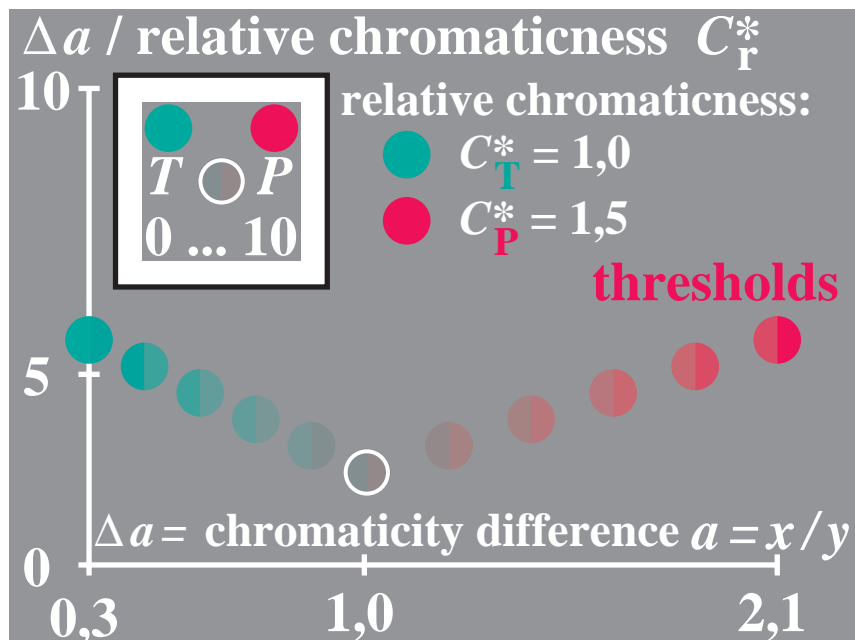
Scaling and threshold experiments



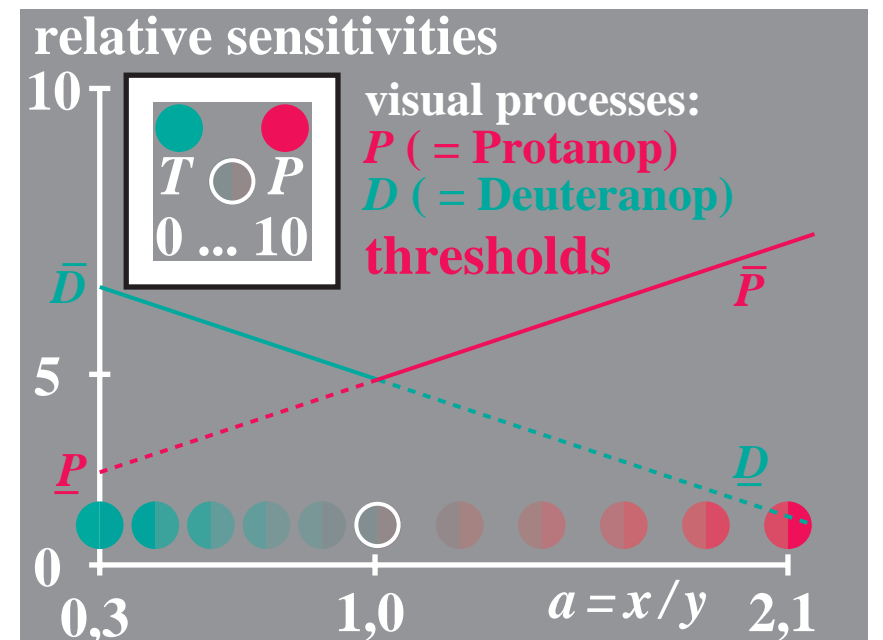
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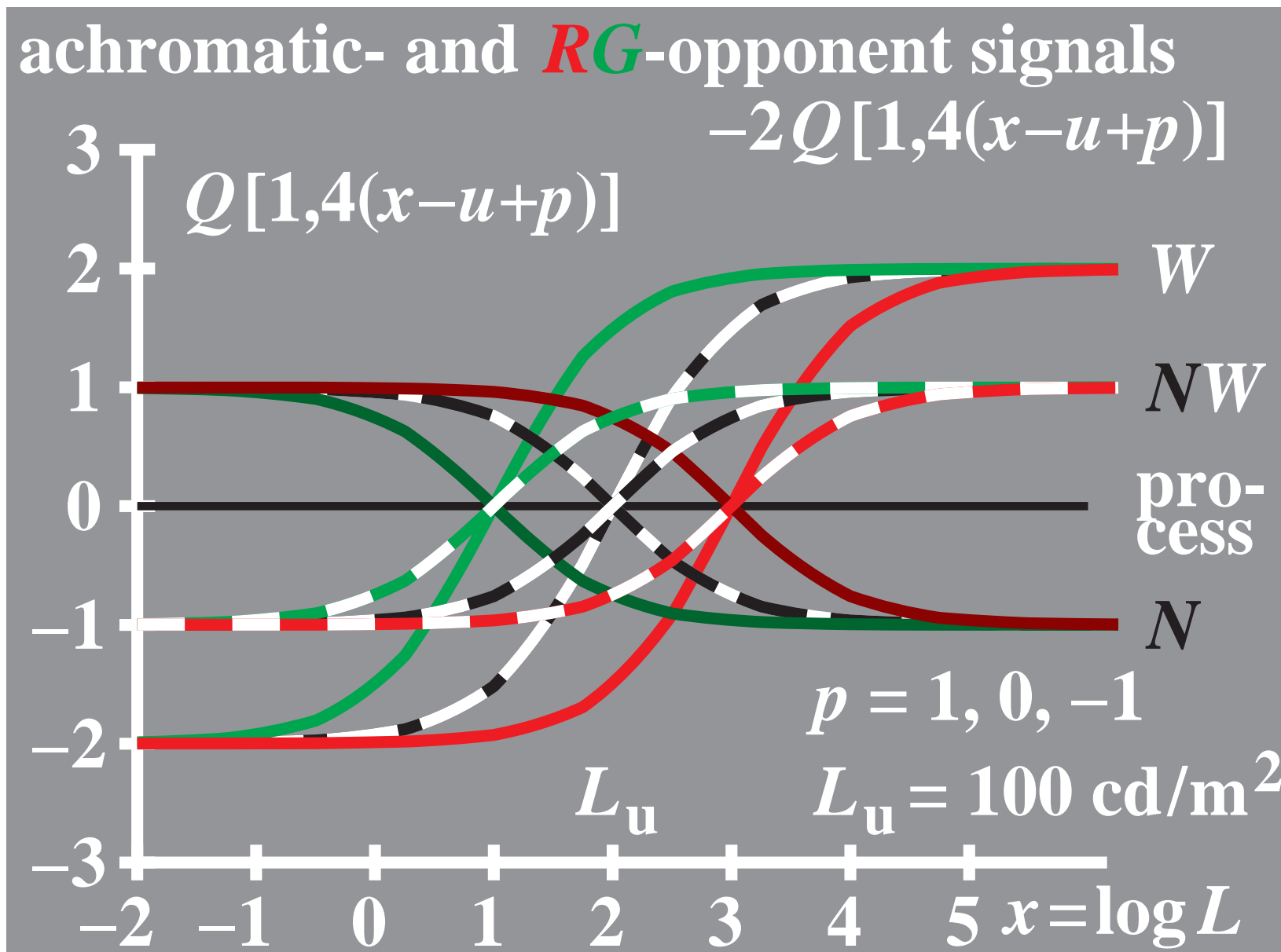


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Signals for two opponent threshold processes and the sum



Summary

- **Threshold equations describe the threshold as function of chromaticity $a=x/y$ in RG direction for equal luminance factor Y by**

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta E_a^* &\sim \Delta a / [1 + \text{const } |a-a_n|] \\ &\sim \Delta C_a^* / [1 + \text{const } C_a^*]\end{aligned}$$

- **Scaling equations describe the scaling of CIELAB as function of chromaticity $a=x/y$ in RG direction for equal luminance factor Y by**

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta E_a^* &\sim \Delta a \\ &\sim \Delta C_a^*\end{aligned}$$

- **A threshold equation describes the equal threshold for complementary optimal colours (Holtsmark-Valberg experiments)**

Application conditions:

CIE daylight D65, 45/0 geometry, 2° observer, 300 cd/m² for white

color threshold formula LABJNDS 1985 (JND=just noticeable difference)

$$\Delta E_{\text{JND}}^* = Y_0 [(\Delta Y)^2 + (a_0 \Delta a'' \cdot Y)^2 + (b_0 \Delta b'' \cdot Y)^2]^{1/2} / (s + d Y^e)$$

$$a = x / y \quad a_n = x_n / y_n \quad b = -0,4 z / y \quad b_n = -0,4 z_n / y_n$$

$$a'' = a_n + (a - a_n) / (1 + 0,5 |a - a_n|) \quad n = D65 \text{ or } A \text{ (surround)}$$

$$b'' = b_n + (b - b_n) / (1 + 0,5 |b - b_n|)$$

$$Y = (Y_1 + Y_2) / 2 \quad \Delta Y = Y_1 - Y_2 \quad \Delta a'' = a_1'' - a_2'' \quad \Delta b'' = b_1'' - b_2''$$

$$s = 0,0170 \quad d = 0,0058 \quad e = 1,0$$

$$a_0 = 1,0 \quad b_0 = 1,8 \quad Y_0 = 1,5 \quad \text{surround } D65$$

$$a_0 = 1,0 \quad b_0 = 1,7 \quad Y_0 = 1,0 \quad \text{surround } A$$

color space CIELAB 1976, color values, -attributes, -coordinates (a' , b')

tristimulus values $X, Y, Z \rightarrow$ color coordinates L^*, a^*, b^*

lightness $L^* = 116 (Y/Y_n)^{1/3} - 16$
 RG-chromaticness $a^* = 500 [(X/X_n)^{1/3} - (Y/Y_n)^{1/3}] = 500 [a' - a'_n] Y^{1/3}$
 JB-chromaticness $b^* = 200 [(Y/Y_n)^{1/3} - (Z/Z_n)^{1/3}] = 500 [b' - b'_n] Y^{1/3}$

color coordinates $L^*, a^*, b^* \rightarrow$ tristimulus values X, Y, Z

tristimulus values $X = X_n [(L^* + 16) / 116 + a^*/500]^3$
 $Y = Y_n [(L^* + 16) / 116]^3$
 $Z = Z_n [(L^* + 16) / 116 - b^*/200]^3$

coordinates (a', b') for CIELAB 1976, LABHNU 1977, LABHNU_x 1979

| | | |
|-----------------------------|---|--|
| CIELAB 1976, 2° | $a' = 0,2191 (x/y)^{1/3}$ | $b' = - 0,08376 (z/y)^{1/3}$ |
| LABHNU 1977 | $a' = (x/y + 1/6)^{1/3} / 4$ | $b' = - (z/y + 1/6)^{1/3} / 12$ |
| LABHNU1 1979 | $a' = (x/y + 1) / 15$ <i>linear!</i> | $b' = - (z/y + 1/6)^{1/3} / 12$ |
| LABHNU2 1979 | $a' = (x/y + 1/6)^{2/3} / 15$ | $b' = - (z/y + 1/6)^{1/3} / 12$ |
| CIELAB 1976, 10° | $a' = 0,2193 (x_{10} / y_{10})^{1/3}$ | $b' = - 0,08417 (z_{10} / y_{10})^{1/3}$ |
| constants for | $a_2 = 500 (1/X_n)^{1/3} = 0,2191$ | $b_2 = - 200 (1/Z_n)^{1/3} = - 0,08376$ |
| CIELAB, $2^\circ, 10^\circ$ | $a_{10} = 500 (1/X_{n10})^{1/3} = 0,2193$ | $b_{10} = - 200 (1/Z_{n10})^{1/3} = - 0,08417$ |