

Colour Vision and relative colour coordinates used in Image Technology and Colorimetry

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Overview

- **ISO/IEC-test charts with 16 step colour series**
- **Colour circle, colour double cone and hexagon**
- **Relative colorimetric Image Technology (RCIT)**
- **Spectrum and CIE tristimulus values**
- **JB- and RG-response functions of Hurvich/Jameson**
- **Colour metric for scaling and threshold data**
- **Definition of relative colorimetric data lab^***
- **$lab^*olv = olv^*$ and $lab^*rgb = rgb^*$ data**
- **Relation of olv^* and rgb^* to CIELAB**
- **olv^* input and output of device dependent hues**
- **rgb^* input and output of device independent hues**
- **16 step equal spacing on monitors and printers**

Figure 1: ISO/IEC-test chart for the test of monitor or printer output

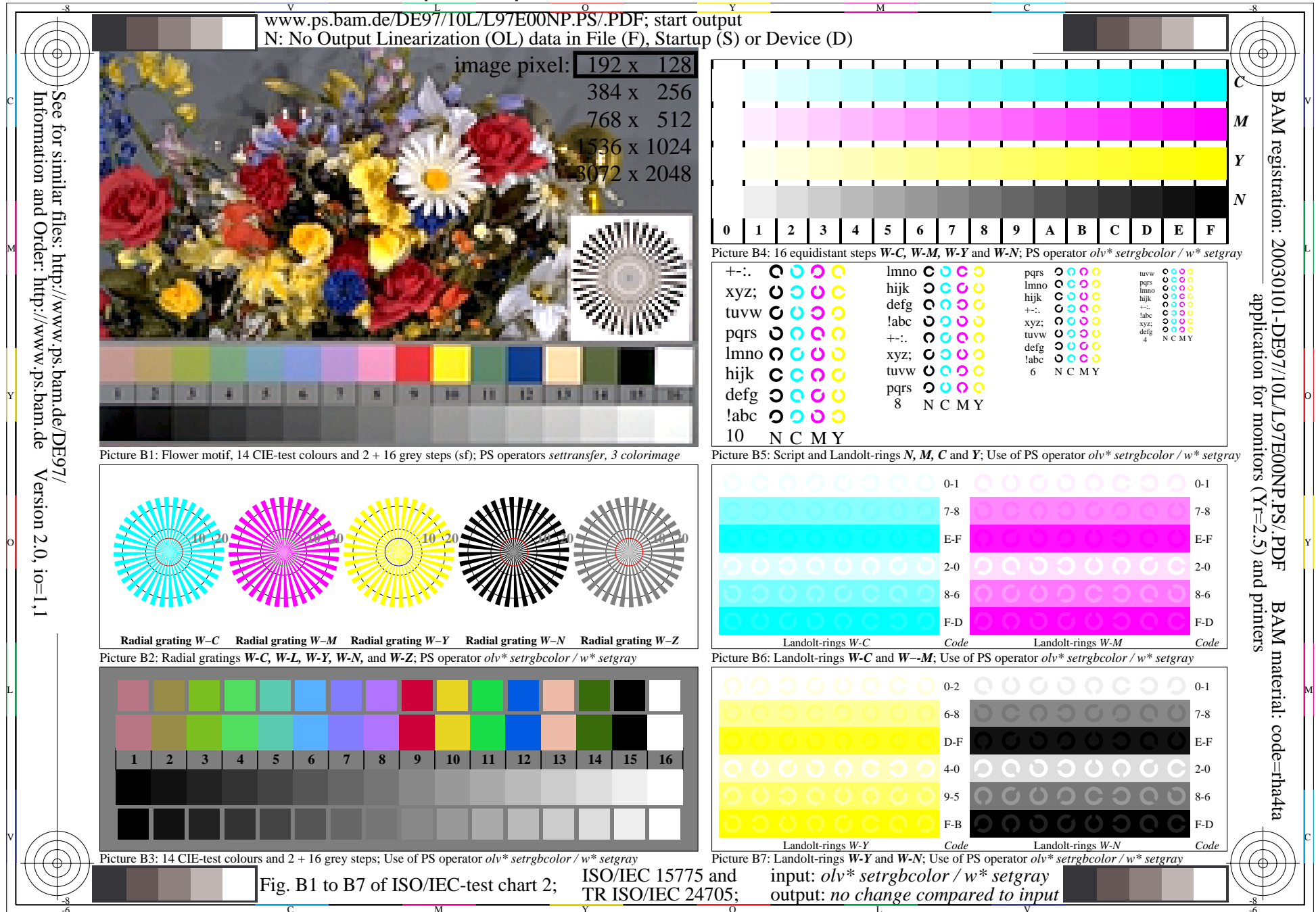
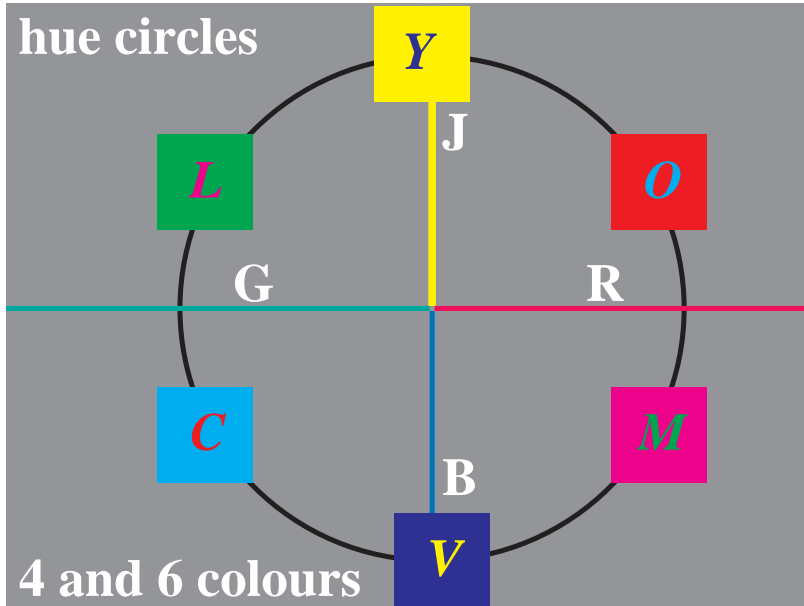
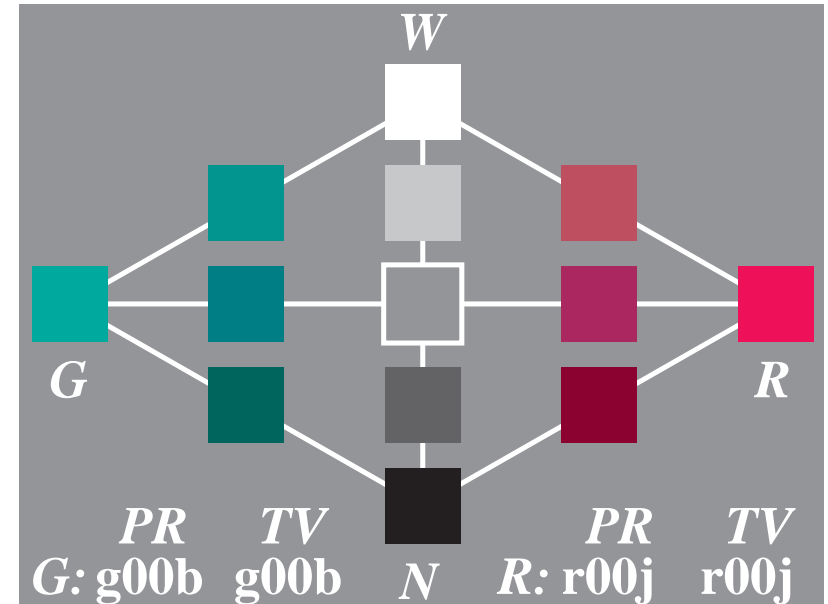


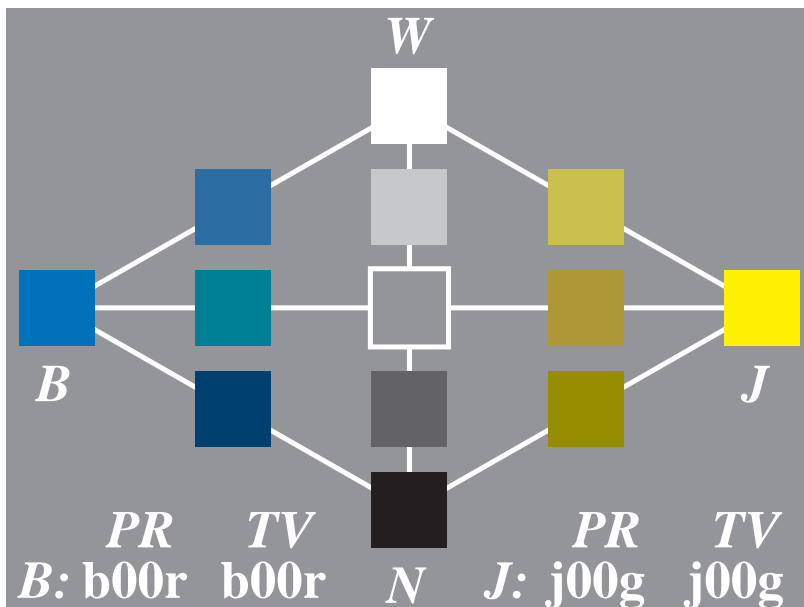
Figure 2: Colour Circle, Colour Double Cone and Colour Hexagon



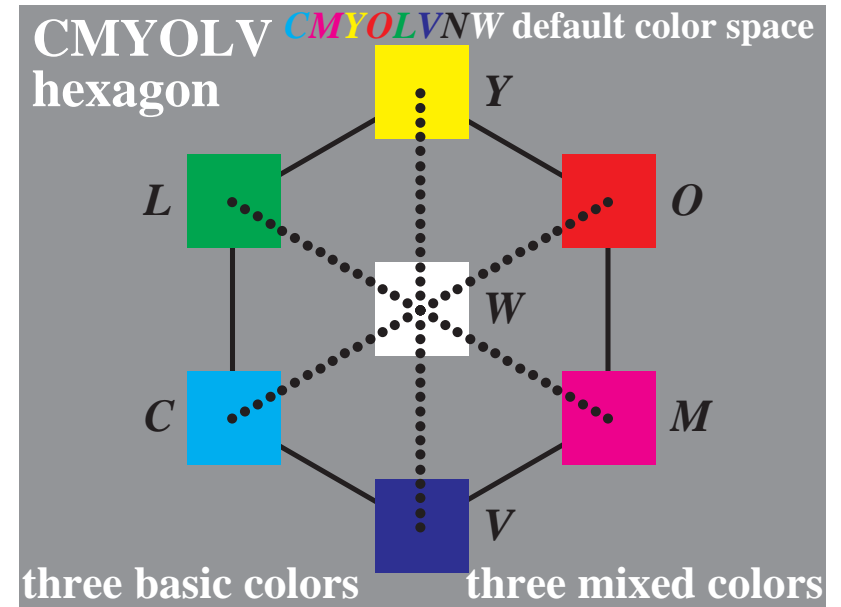
LE410-3, 4 and 6 colours in hue circle



LE410-7, Double cone: Hue planes R and G



LE410-8, Double cone: Hue planes J and B



LE410-1, 16 step colours in regular hexagon

Figure 3: Colour order Systems and Colorimetric Image Technology (CIT)

Application of colour in daily life or in Information Technology (IT):

Design, architecture, art, industrial products
Measured for CIE standard illuminant D65
colour order system: name and coordinates

RAL Design System (CIELAB):
*LCH**, lightness, chroma, hue

Munsell Colour System:
*VCH**, lightness (Value), Chroma, Hue

Natural Colour System (NCS):
*nce**: blackness, chromaticness, elementary hue

Information technology of printers
Measured for CIE illuminant D65 or D50
Device system name and coordinates:

Printer system (illuminant D65 or D50):
cmY, content of "cyan", "magenta", "yellow"

Display system (standard illuminant D65):
rgb/sRGB, content of "red", "green", "blue"

IT colour coordinates confuse the users!
Nearly no connection to colour order systems!

New: Application connection by coordinates *olv, *cmY**, *tce**, ... und linear relation to *LAB****

CIELAB: *LAB** : lightness, red-green and yellow-blue chroma; *LCH** : lightness, chroma, hue

Definition of *relative* device coordinates similar to coordinates of colour order systems

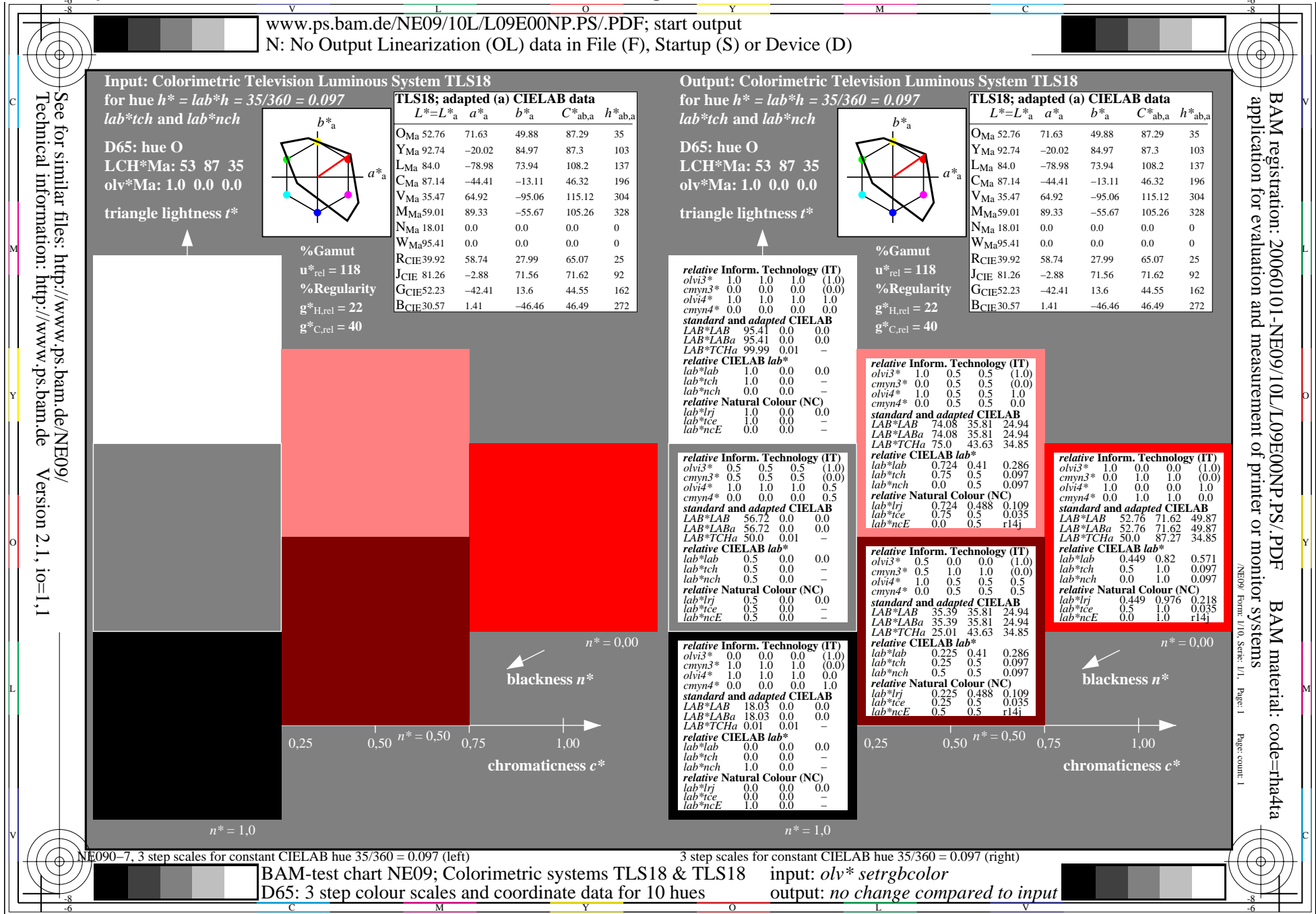
*lab*lch*: relative lightness *l**, chromaticness, Bunttheit *c**, hue *h**

*lab*lch*, *lab*tce*: triangle lightness *t**, chromaticness, Bunttheit *c**, hue or elementary hue *h**, *e**

*lab*nce*: blackness *n**, chromaticness *c**, elementary hue *e**

*lab*olv₃ = rgb**: orange-red *o₃**, leaf-green *l₃**, violet-blue *v₃**

Figure 4: 3 step colour scales and colorimetric coordinates for device hue Orange Red O



blackness $n^* = 0.00$

chromaticness c^*

$n^* = 0.50$

$n^* = 1.0$

blackness $n^* = 0.00$

chromaticness c^*

$n^* = 0.50$

$n^* = 1.0$

Figure 5: 3 step colour scales and colorimetric coordinates for elementary hue Green G

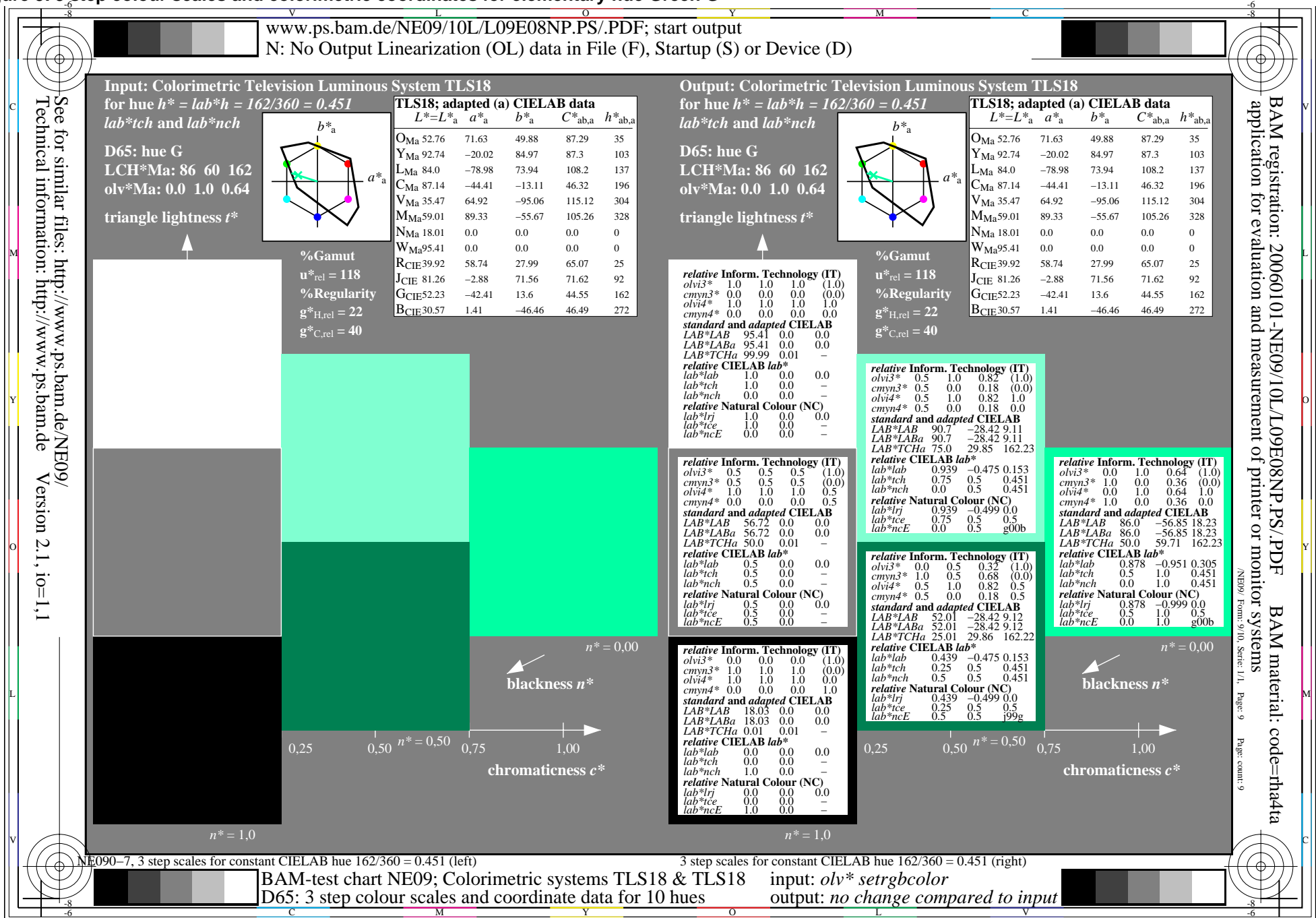
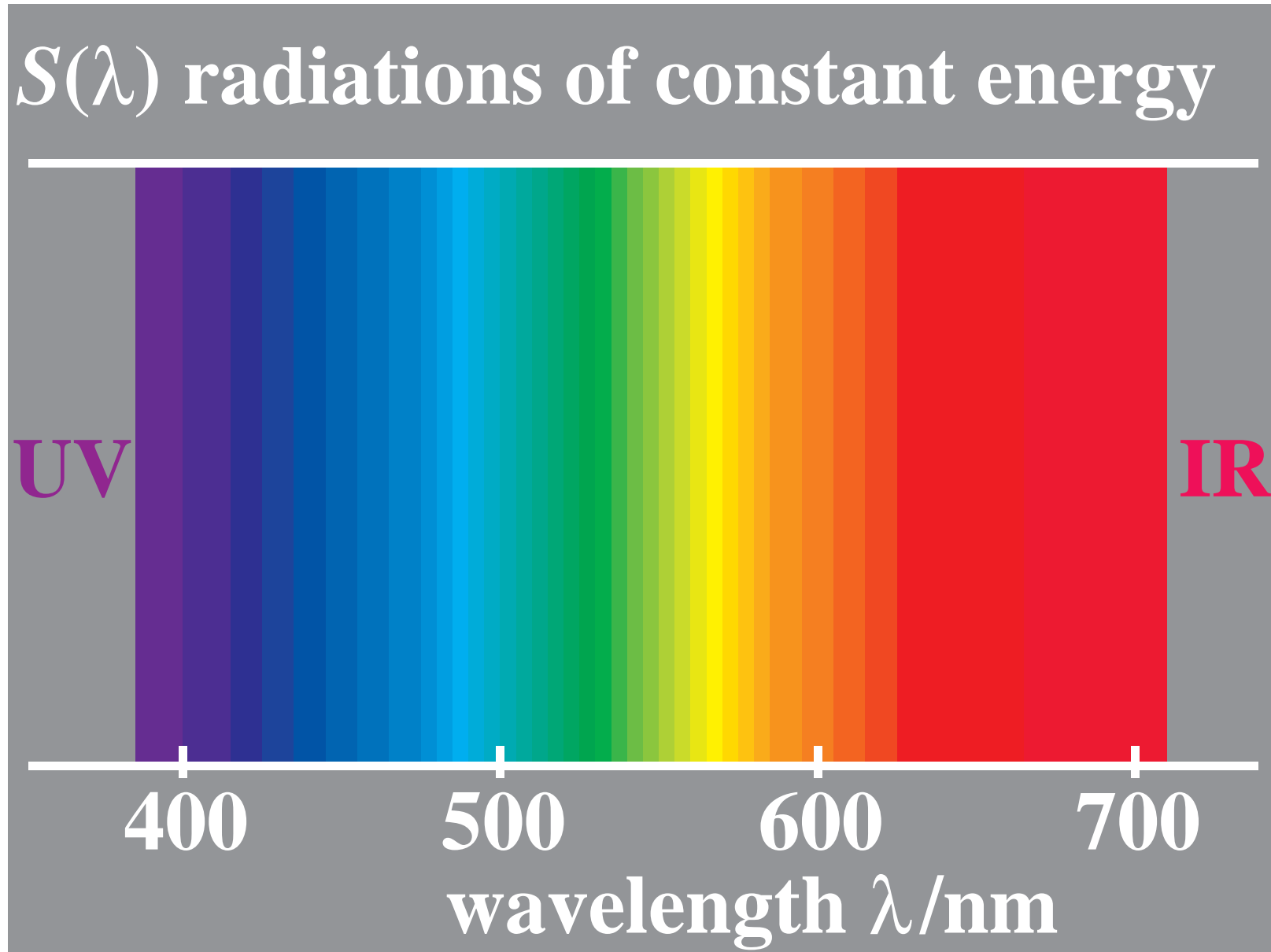
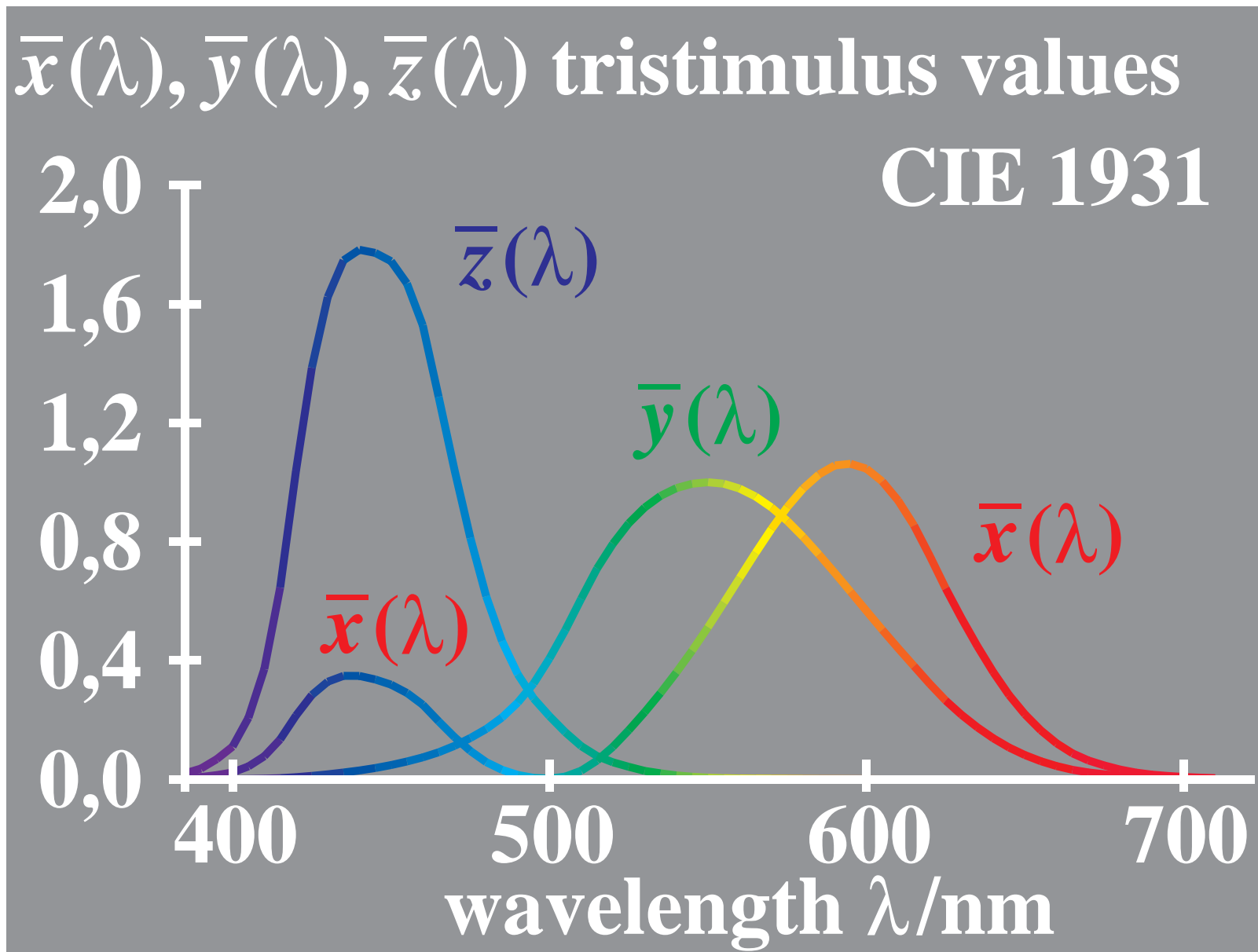


Figure 6: Visible radiation between 400nm and 700nm

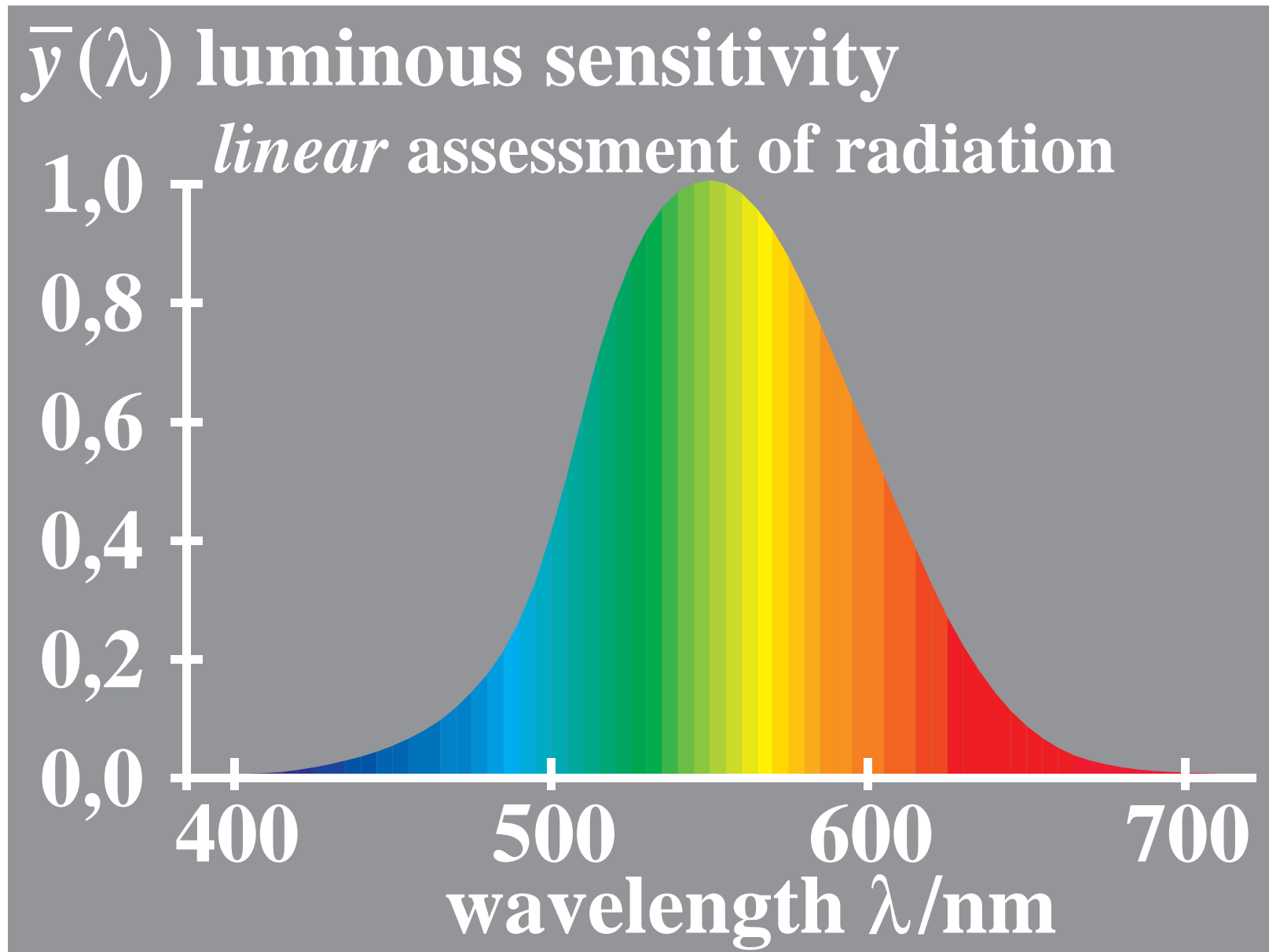


B8521_7, E8140-5, B2_20, N=2_20

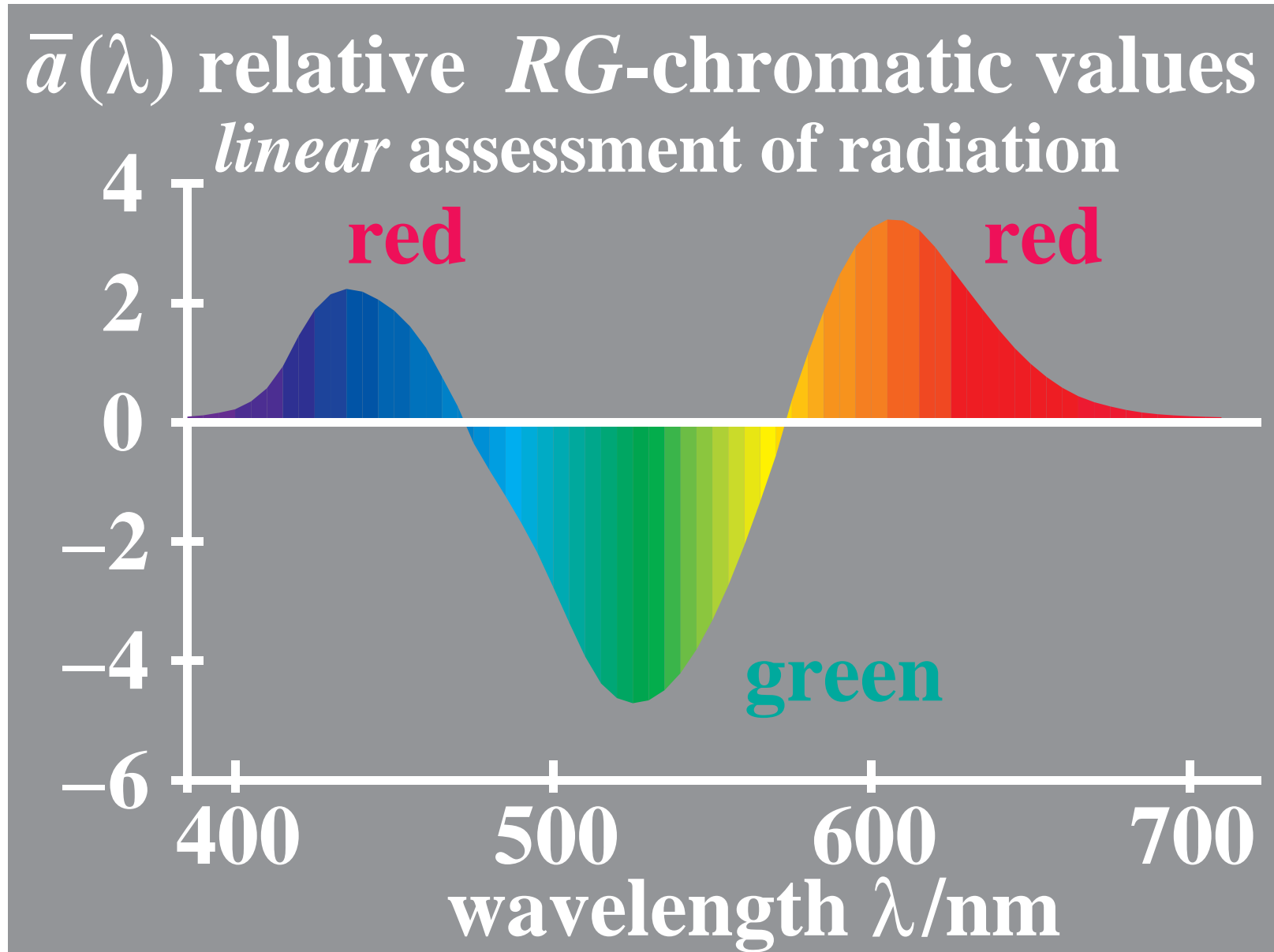
Figure 7: CIE tristimulus values for colours of equal spectral radiation



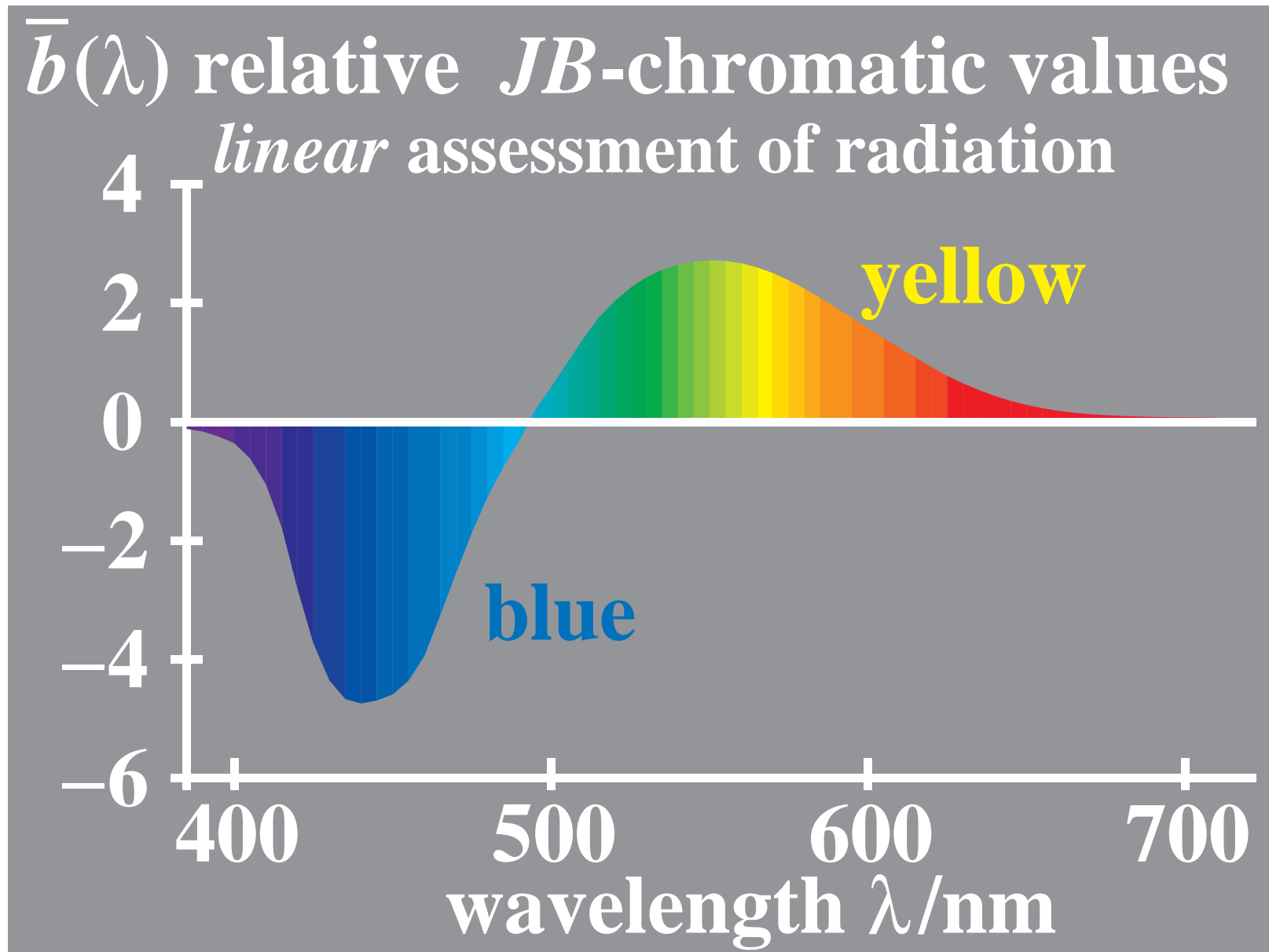
B8540_5, E8150-8, B2_37, N=2_37

Figure 8: CIE tristimulus values $\bar{y}(\lambda)$ for colours of constant radiation

B8530_1, E8140-6, B2_21, N=2_21

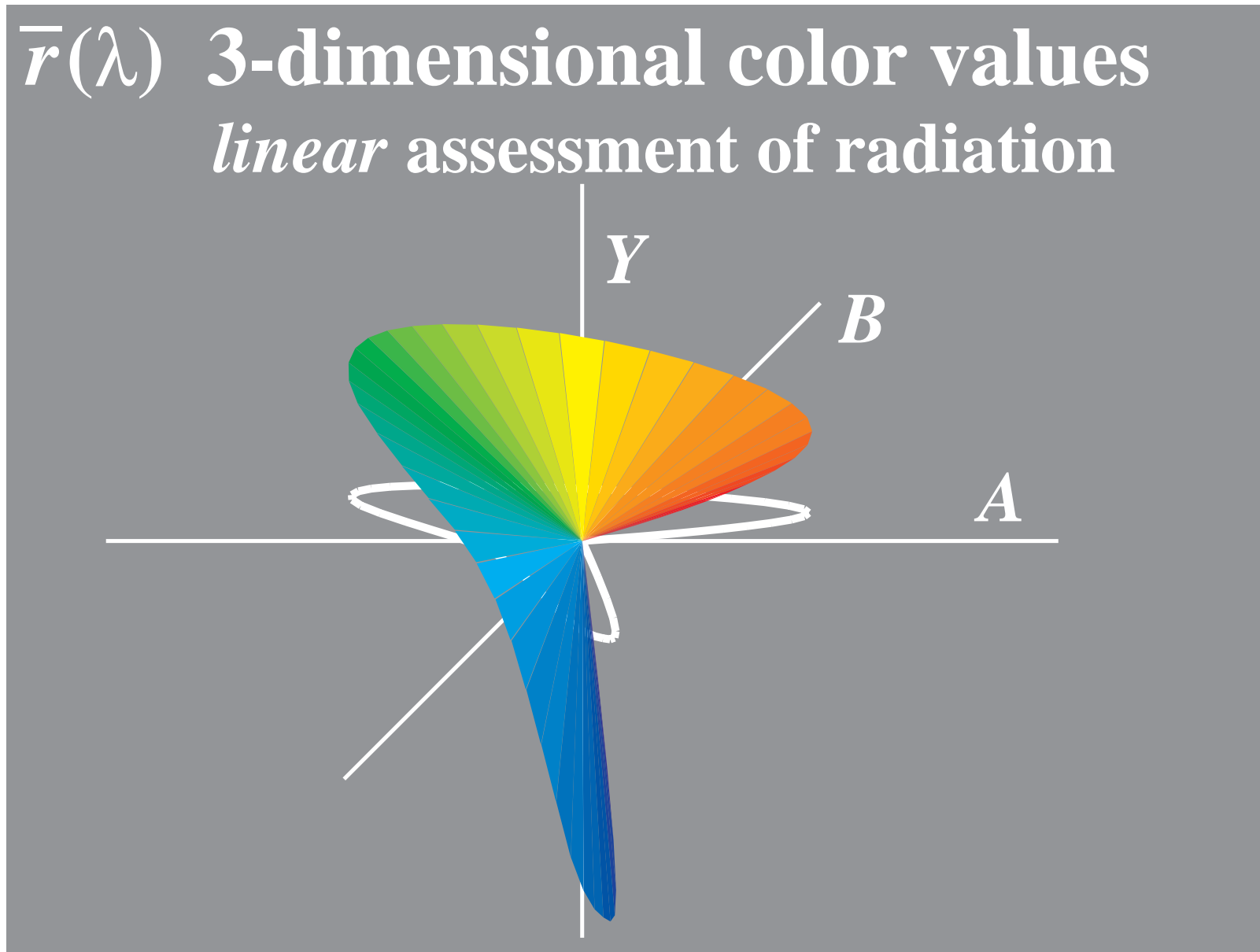
Figure 9: RG-values $\bar{x}(\lambda) - \bar{y}(\lambda)$ used by Hurvich and Jameson (1955)

B8530_5, E8140-8, B2_23, N=2_23

Figure 10: JB-values $\bar{y}(\lambda) - \bar{z}(\lambda)$ used by Hurvich and Jameson (1955)

B8530_6, E8141-1, B2_24, N=2_24

Figure 11: 3 -dimensional colour values (linear colour metric)

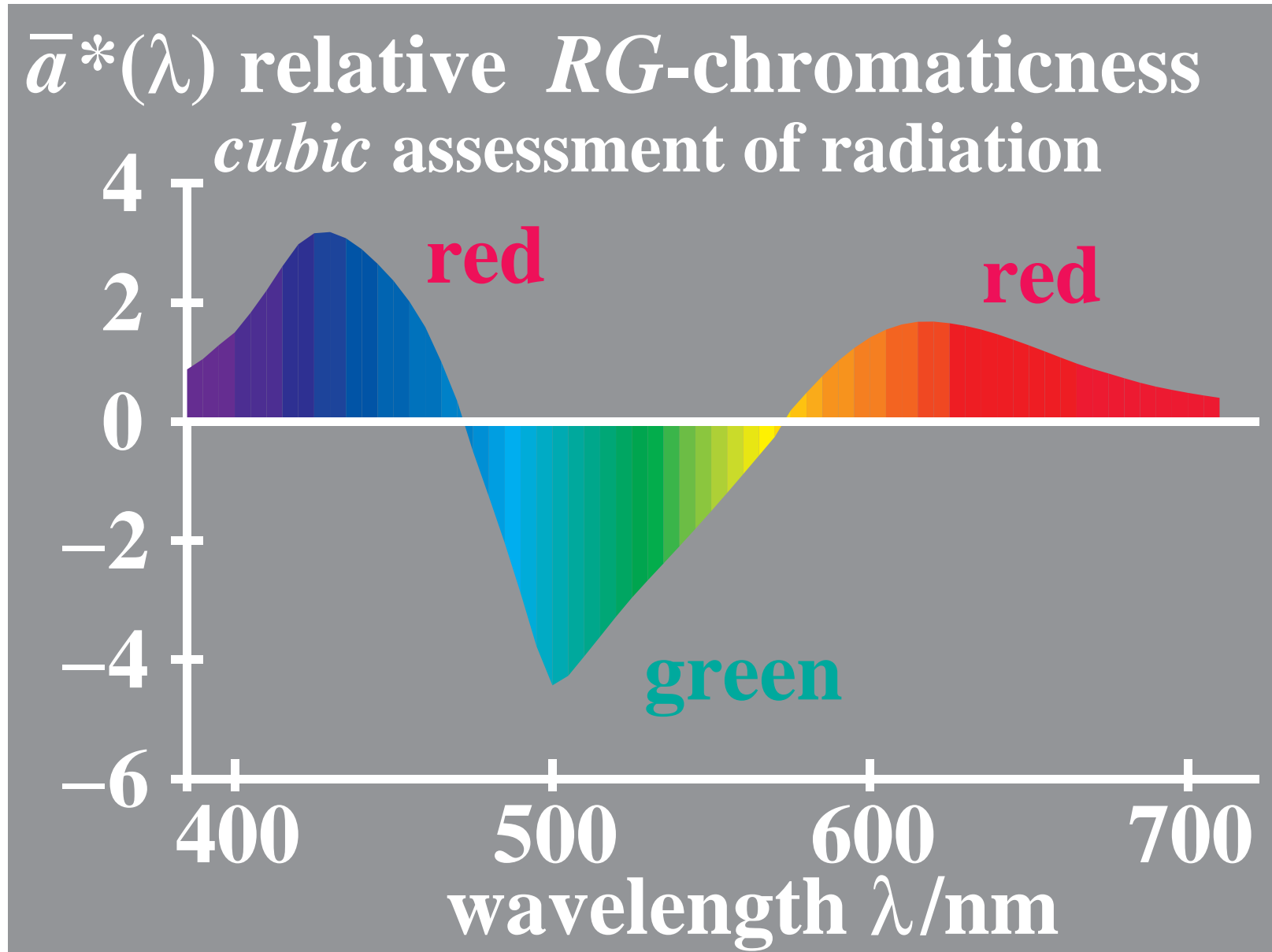


B8530_3, E8141-2, B2_25, N=2_25

Figure 12: 3 -dimensional colour values (linear colour metric)

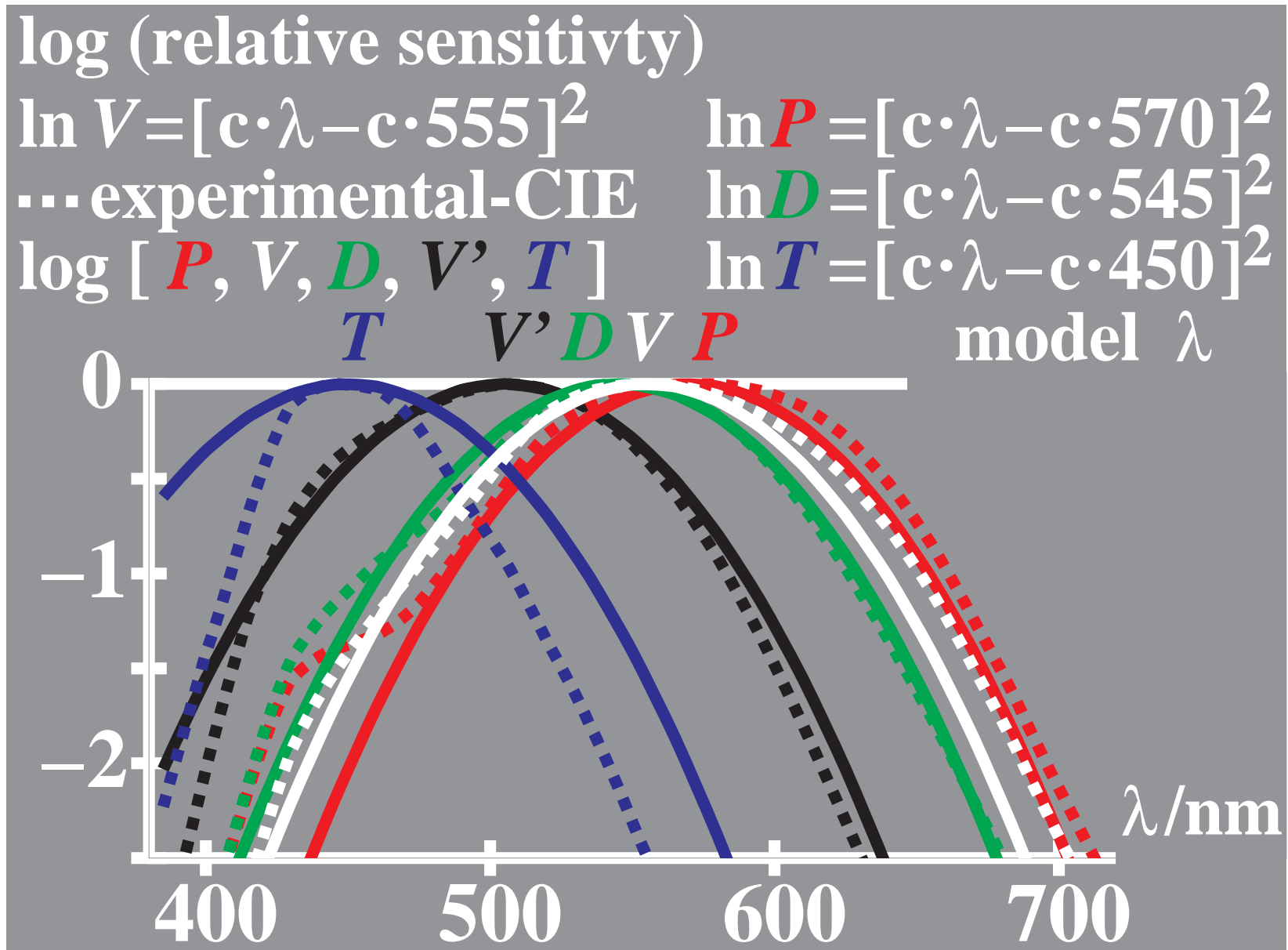
color valence metric (color data: linear relation to CIE 1931 data)		
linear color terms	name and relationship to CIE tristimulues or chromaticity values	notes:
luminous value	$Y = y (X + Y + Z)$	
chromatic value	<i>for linear chromatic value diagram (A, B)</i>	
red–green	$A = [X / Y - X_n / Y_n] Y = [a - a_n] Y$	$n=D65$ (backgr.)
	$= [x / y - x_n / y_n] Y$	
yellow–blue	$B = - 0,4 [Z / Y - Z_n / Y_n] Y = [b - b_n] Y$	
	$= - 0,4 [z / y - z_n / y_n] Y$	
radial	$C_{ab} = [A^2 + B^2]^{1/2}$	
chromaticity	<i>for (linear) chromaticity diagram (a, b) compare to linear cone excitation</i>	
red–green	$a = X / Y = x / y$	
yellow–blue	$b = - 0,4 [Z / Y] = - 0,4 [z / y]$	$L / (L+M)$
radial	$c_{ab} = [(a - a_n)^2 + (b - b_n)^2]^{1/2}$	$S / (L+M)$

Figure 13: RG-chromaticness and linear relation in the range 470 to 600nm



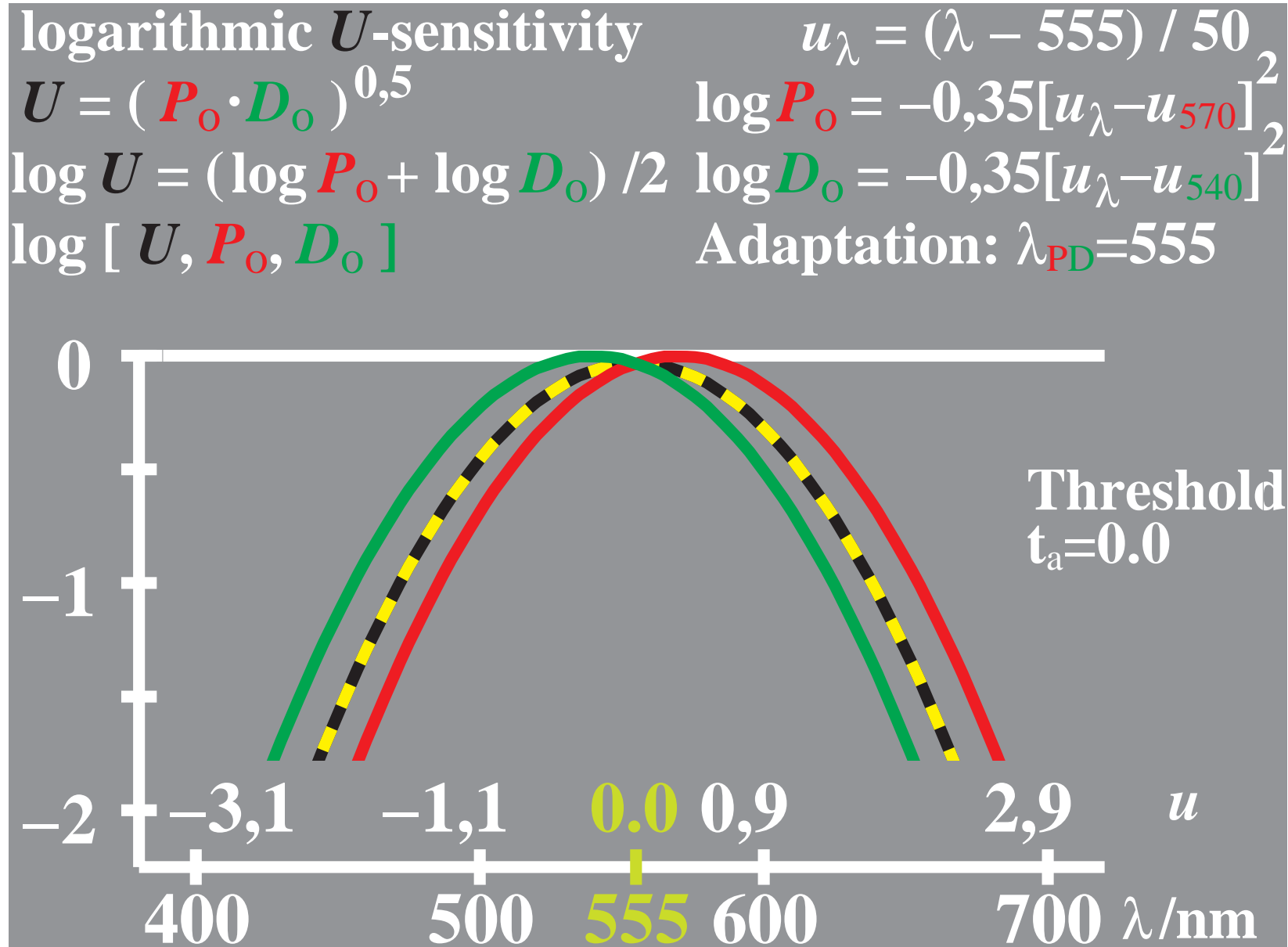
B8530_7, E8141-3, B2_26, N=2_26

Figure 14: log P, D, T cone sensitivities and sensitivities V and V'; parable curve approximation



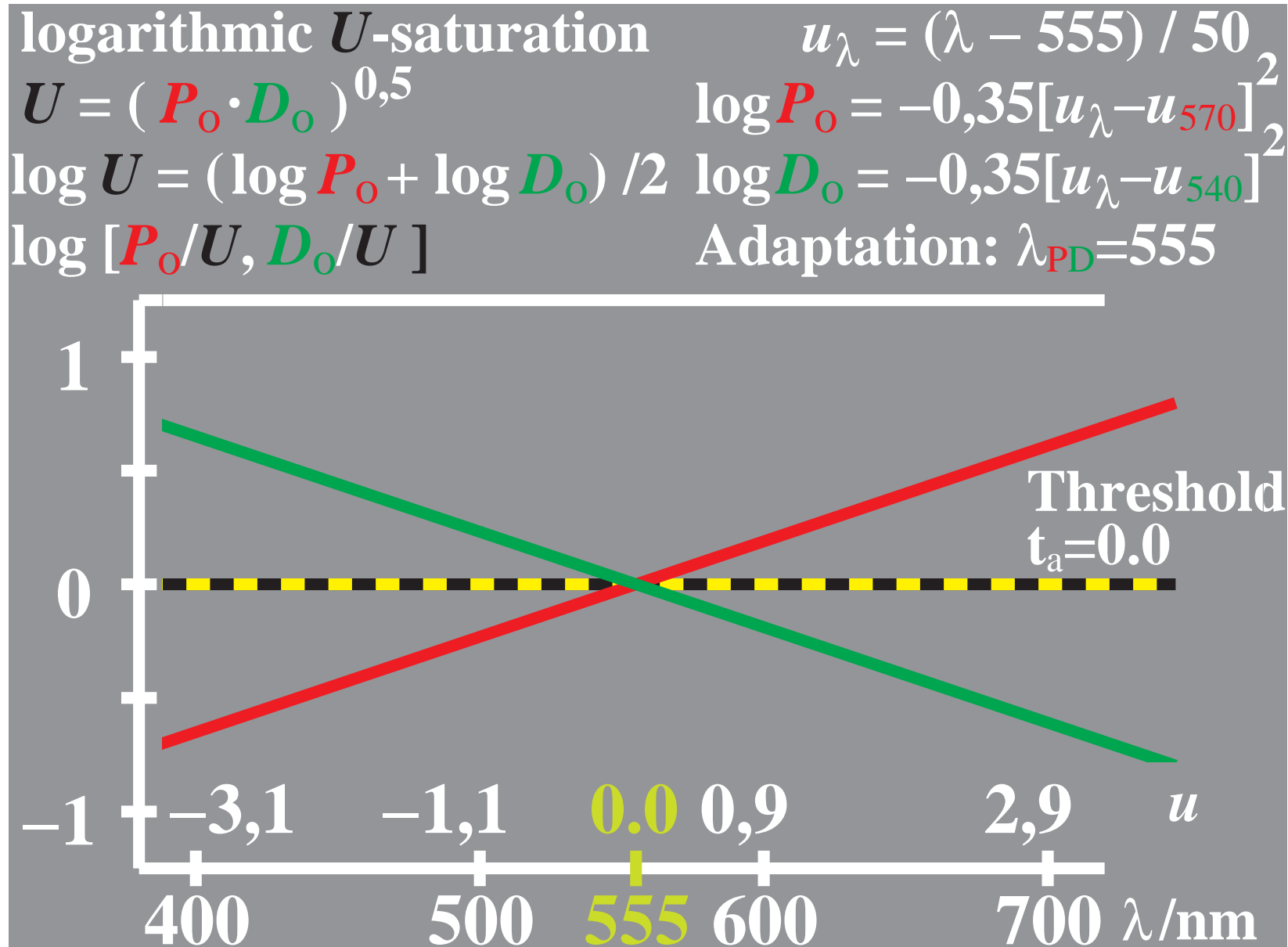
B8620_8, E8220-6, B4_33_2, N=4_33_2

Figure 15: log sensitivities of cones P and T sensitivities; threshold $t_a=0.0$



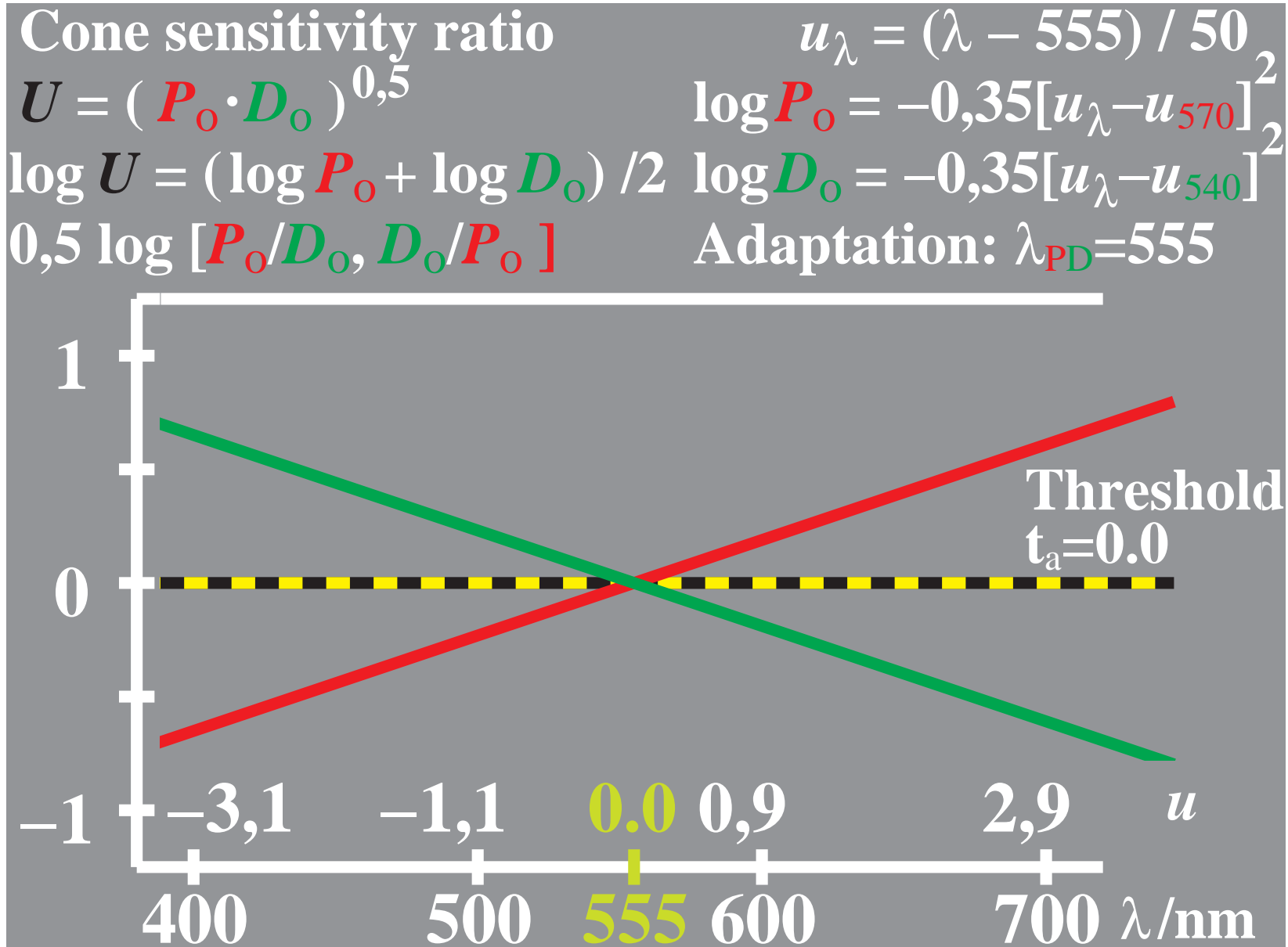
WE350-1, change of PDT in colour vision

Figure 16: log saturation of cones P and D; threshold $t_a=0.0$

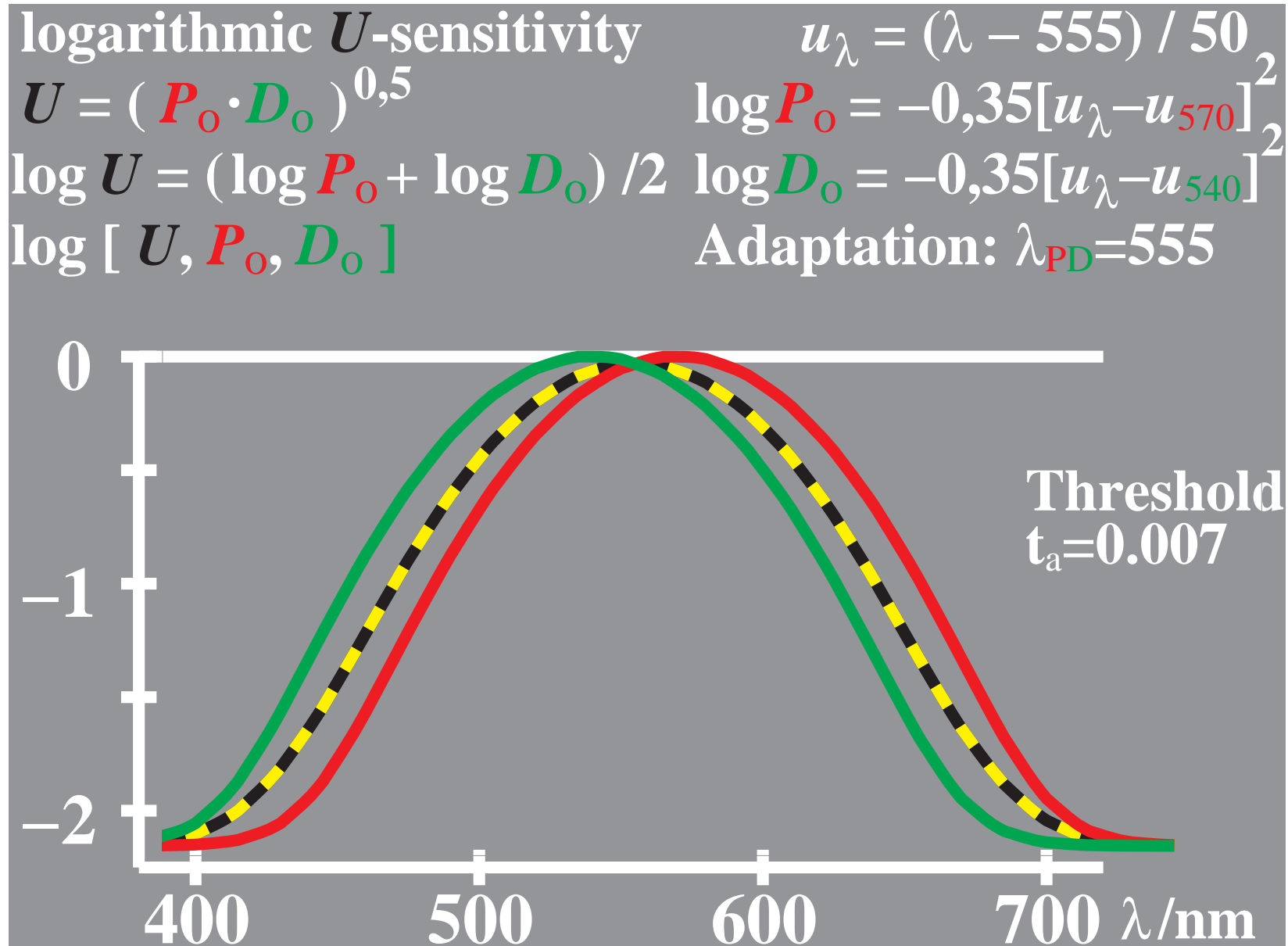


WE350-2, change of PDT in colour vision

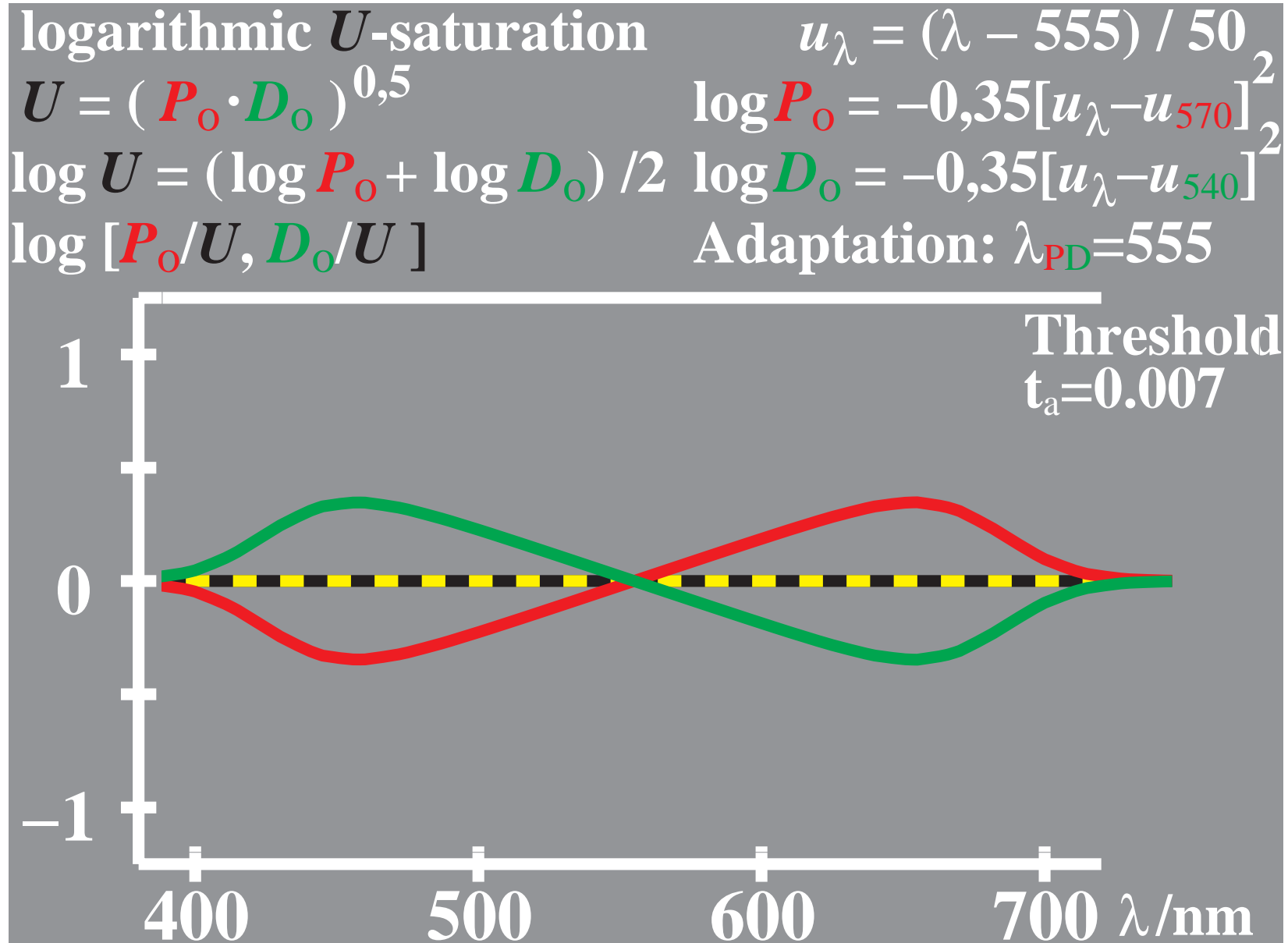
Figure 17: 0.5 log differences of cones P and D; threshold $t_a=0.0$



WE360-2, change of PDT in colour vision

Figure 18: log sensitivities of cones P and T sensitivities; threshold $t_a=0.007$


WE351-1, change of PDT in volour vision

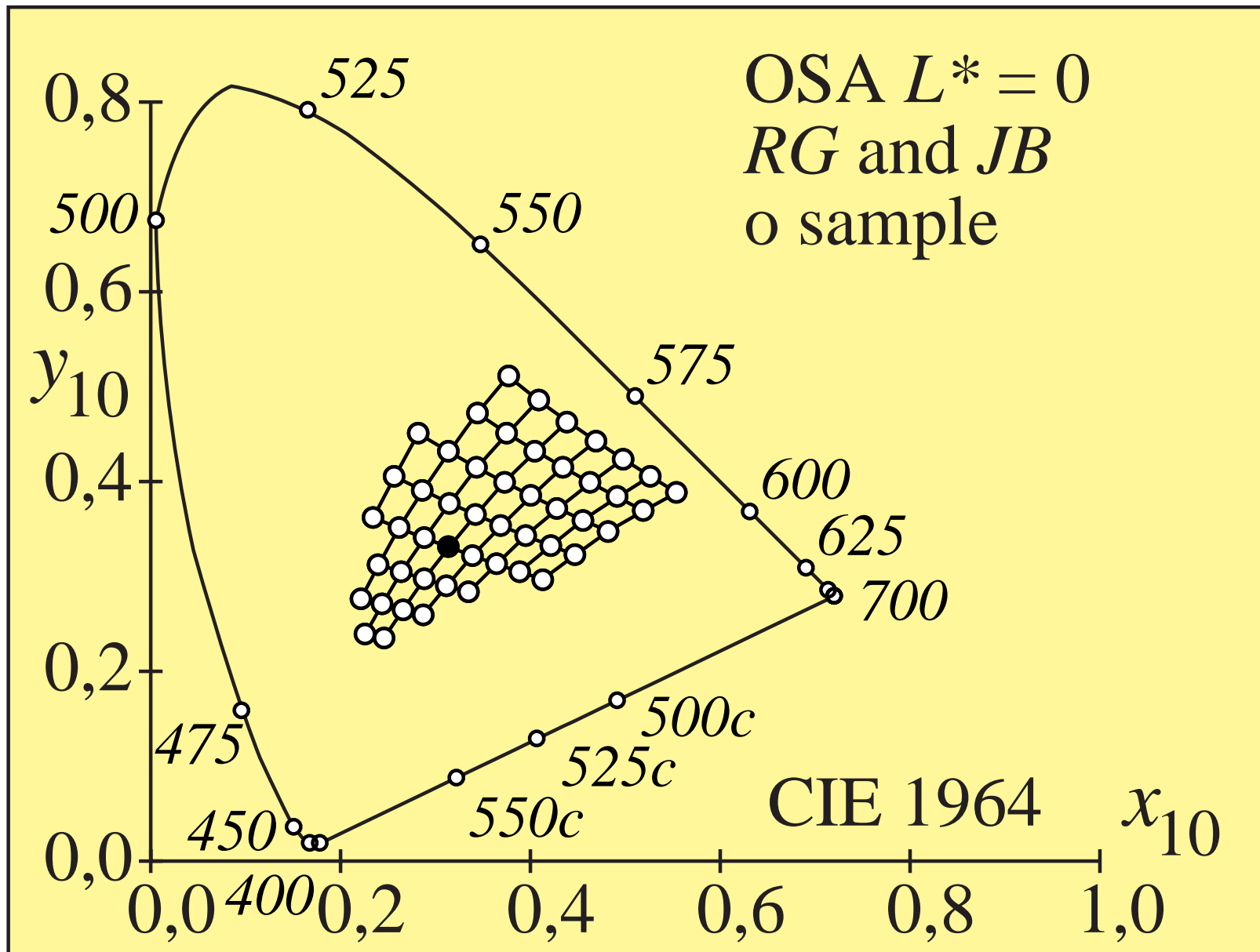
Figure 19: log saturation of cones P and D; threshold $t_a=0.007$


WE351-2, change of PDT in colour vision

Figure 20: CIELAB colour space and definition of colour diagrams (a', b')

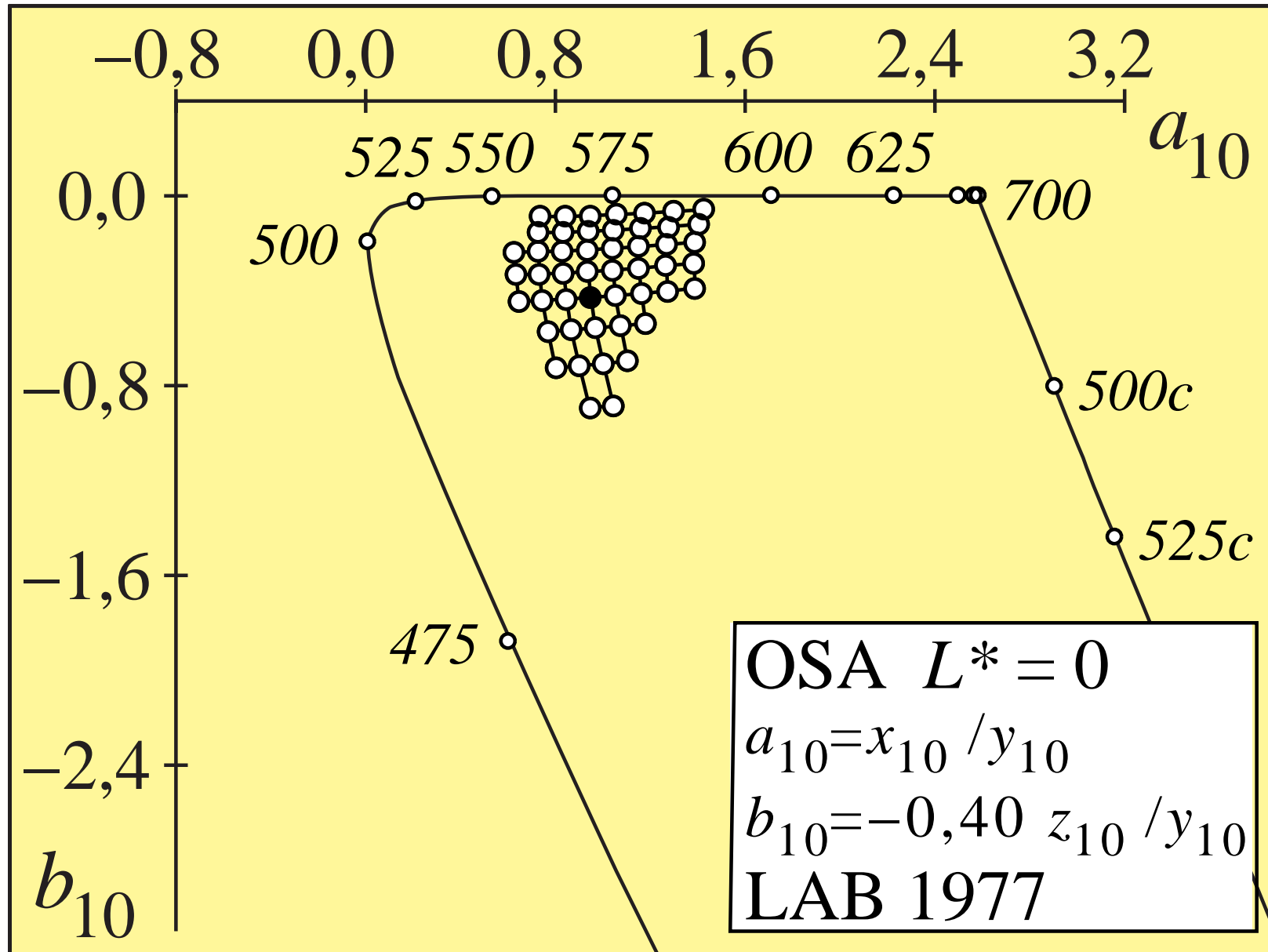
Higher colormetric (color data: nonlinear relation to CIE 1931 data)		
non linear color terms	name and relationship with tristimulues or chromaticity values	notes:
lightness	$L^* = 116 (Y / 100)^{1/3} - 16 \quad (Y > 0,8)$	<i>CIELAB 1976</i>
	Approximation: $L^* = 100 (Y / 100)^{1/2,4}$	
chroma	<i>non linear transform of chromatic values A and B</i>	
red–green	$a^* = 500 [(X / X_n)^{1/3} - (Y / Y_n)^{1/3}]$ $= 500 (a' - a'_n) Y^{1/3}$	<i>CIELAB 1976</i> <i>n=D65 (backgr.)</i>
yellow–blue	$b^* = 200 [(Y / Y_n)^{1/3} - (Z / Z_n)^{1/3}]$ $= 500 (b' - b'_n) Y^{1/3}$	<i>CIELAB 1976]</i>
radial	$C^*_{ab} = [a^{*2} + b^{*2}]^{1/2}$	
exitation ?	<i>nonlinear transform of chromaticities a=x/y and b=z/y</i>	
red–green	$a' = (1 / X_n)^{1/3} (x / y)^{1/3}$ $= 0,2191 (x / y)^{1/3} \quad \text{for } D65$	<i>compare to log cone exitation</i>
yellow–blue	$b' = - 0,4 (1 / Z_n)^{1/3} (z / y)^{1/3}$ $= - 0,08376 (z / y)^{1/3} \quad \text{for } D65$	<i>log[L/(L+M)]</i> <i>log[S/(L+M)]</i>
radial	$c'_{ab} = [(a' - a'_n)^2 + (b' - b'_n)^2]^{1/2}$	

Figure 21: OSA colours in CIE (x, y) chromaticity diagram



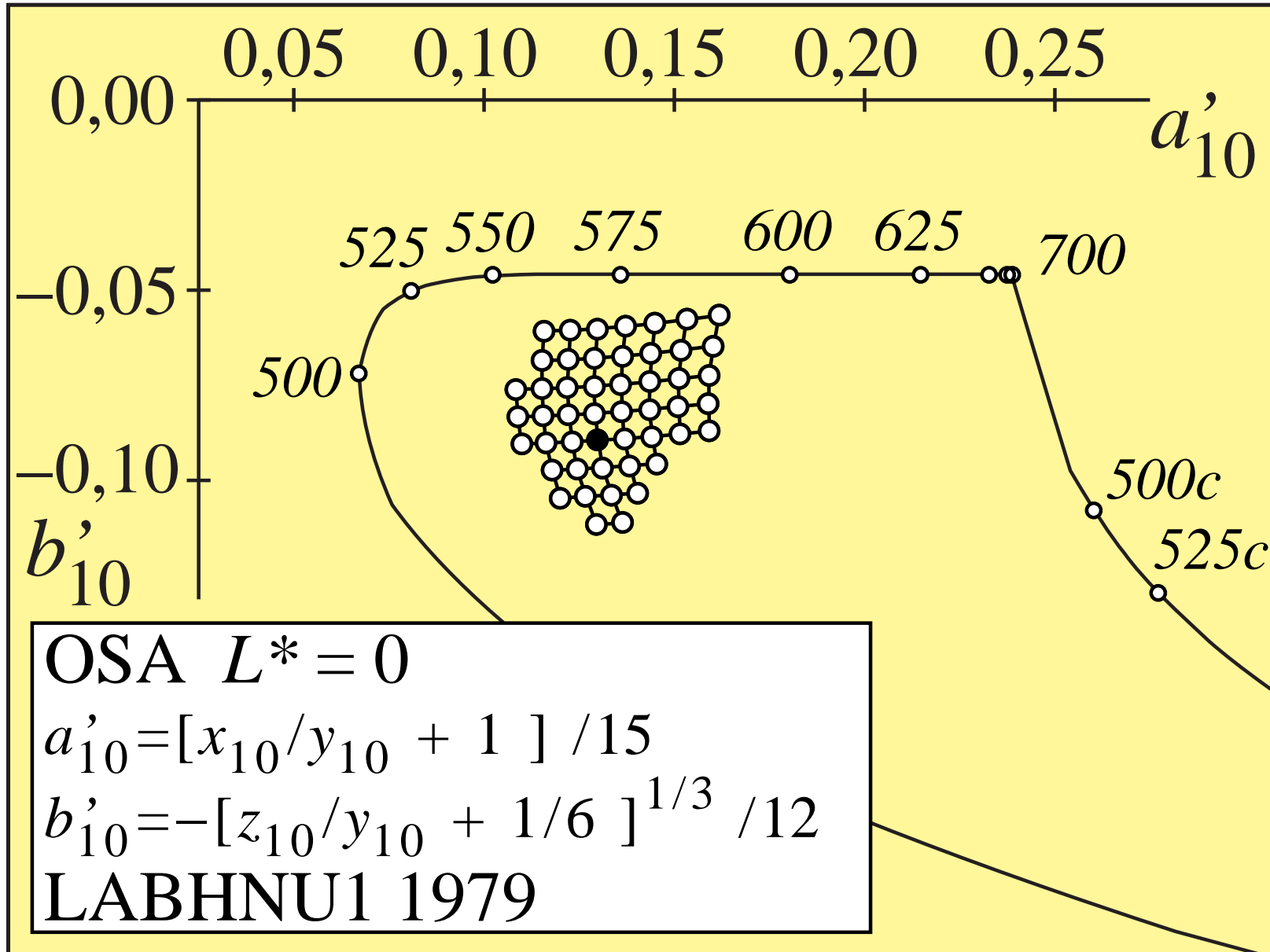
B8220_1, E8270-5, B4_13, N=4_13

Figure 22: OSA colours in (a, b) chromaticity diagram



B8220_2, E8270-6, B4_14_1, N=4_14_1

Figure 23: OSA colours in (a', b') colour diagram (nonlinear chromaticity b')



B8220_5, E8271-1, B4_14_4, N=4_14_4

Figure 24: Experimental threshold data for colours at the achromatic axis

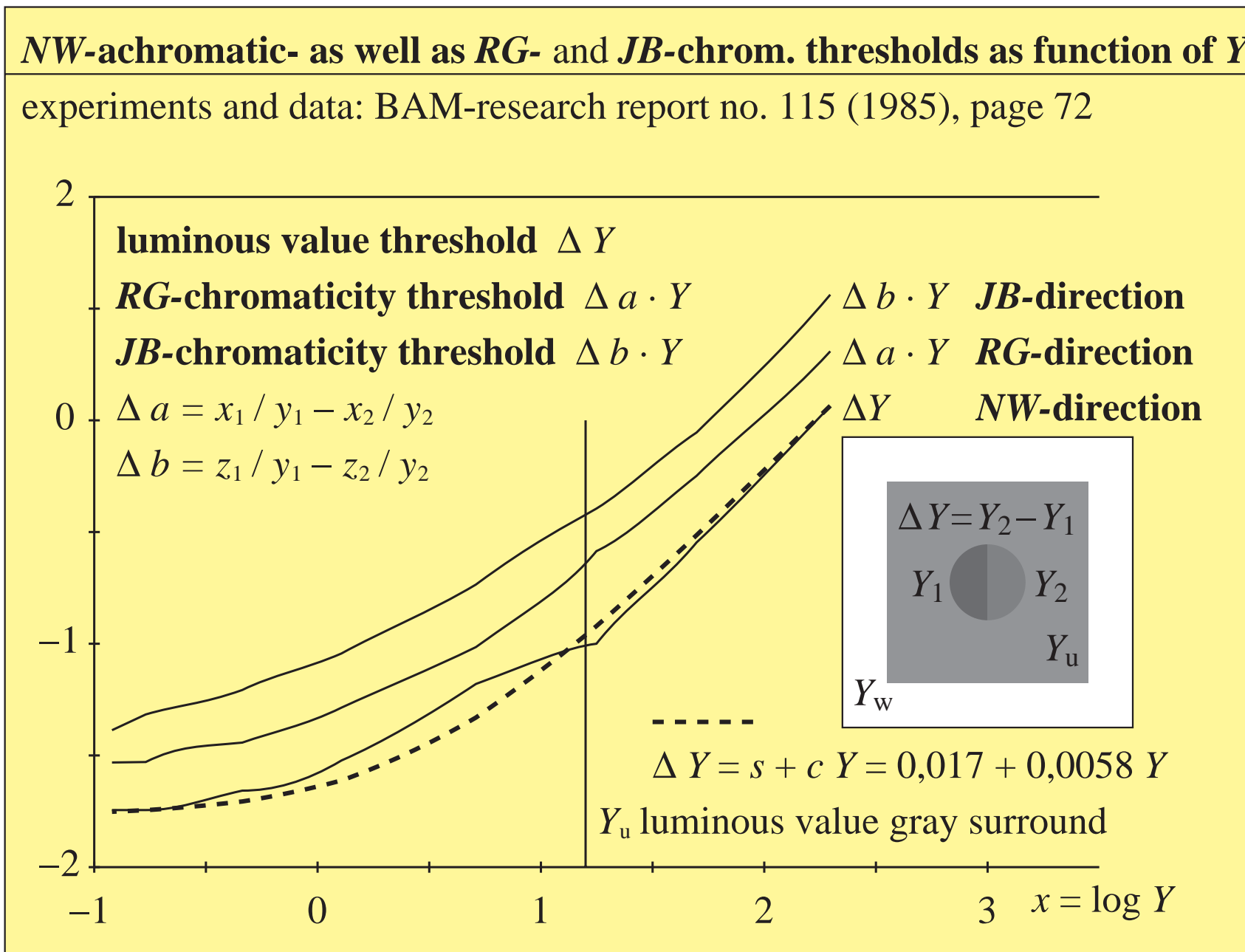
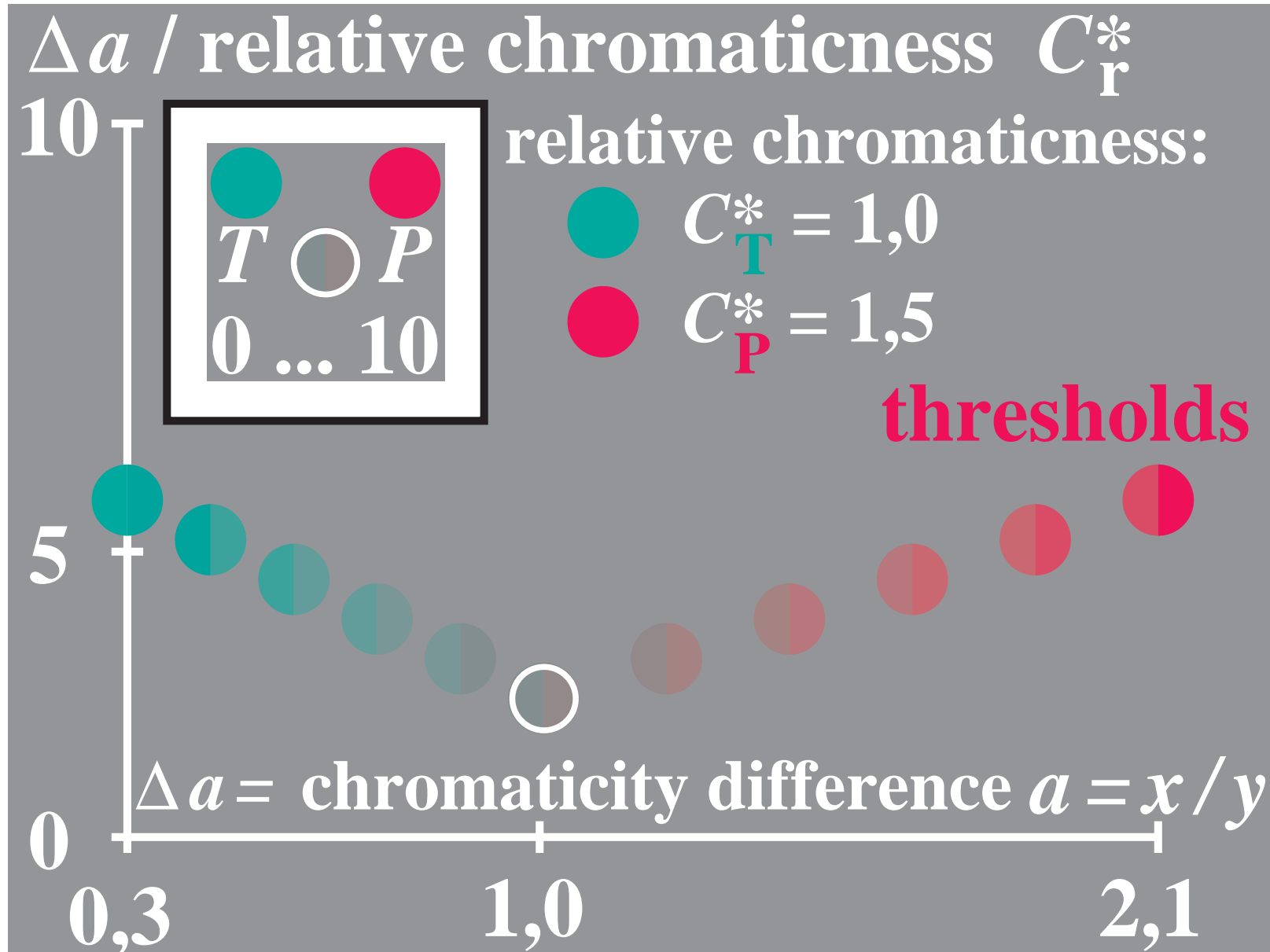
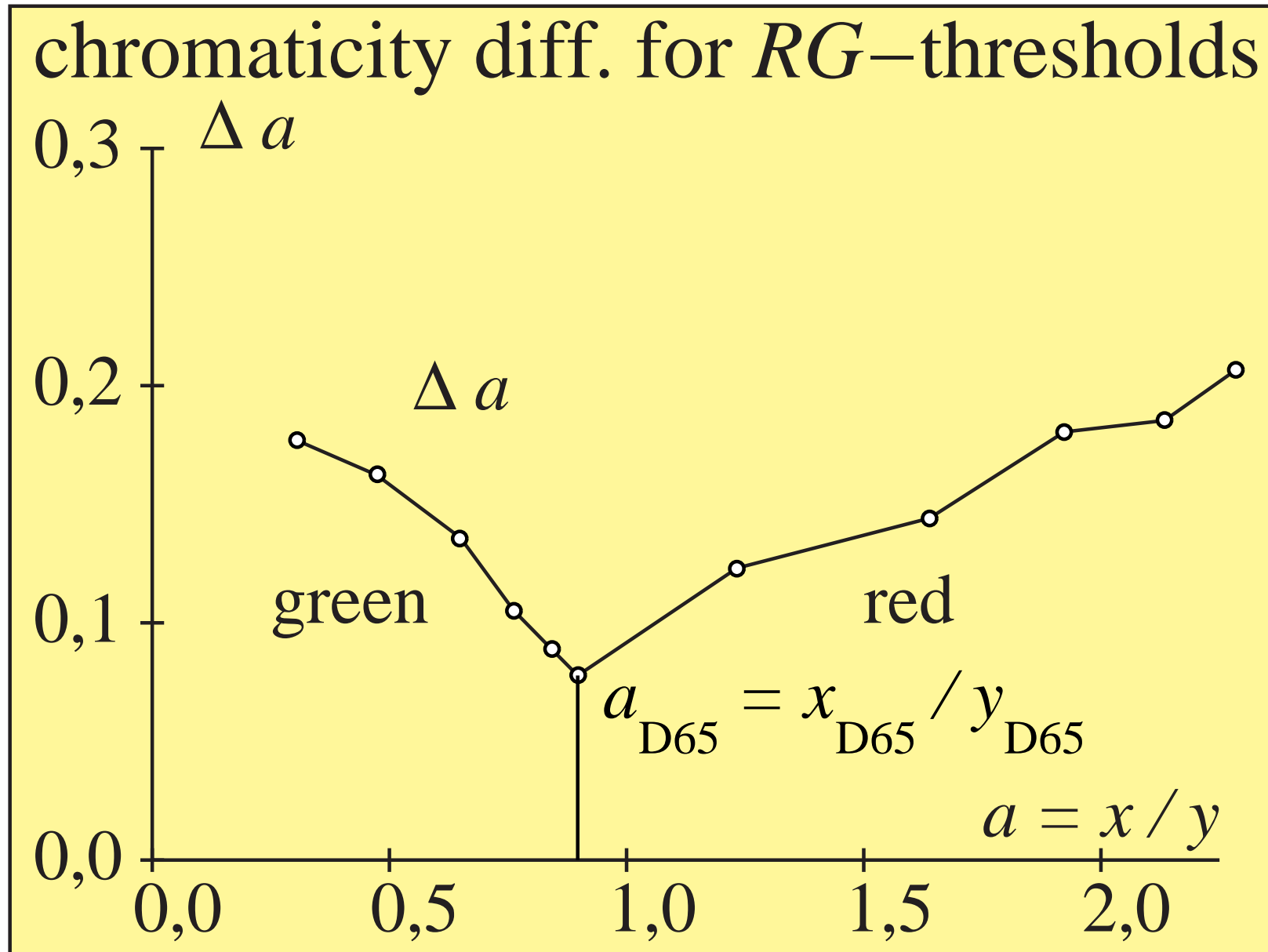


Figure 25: Threshold experiments for a T-P colour series of constant luminance



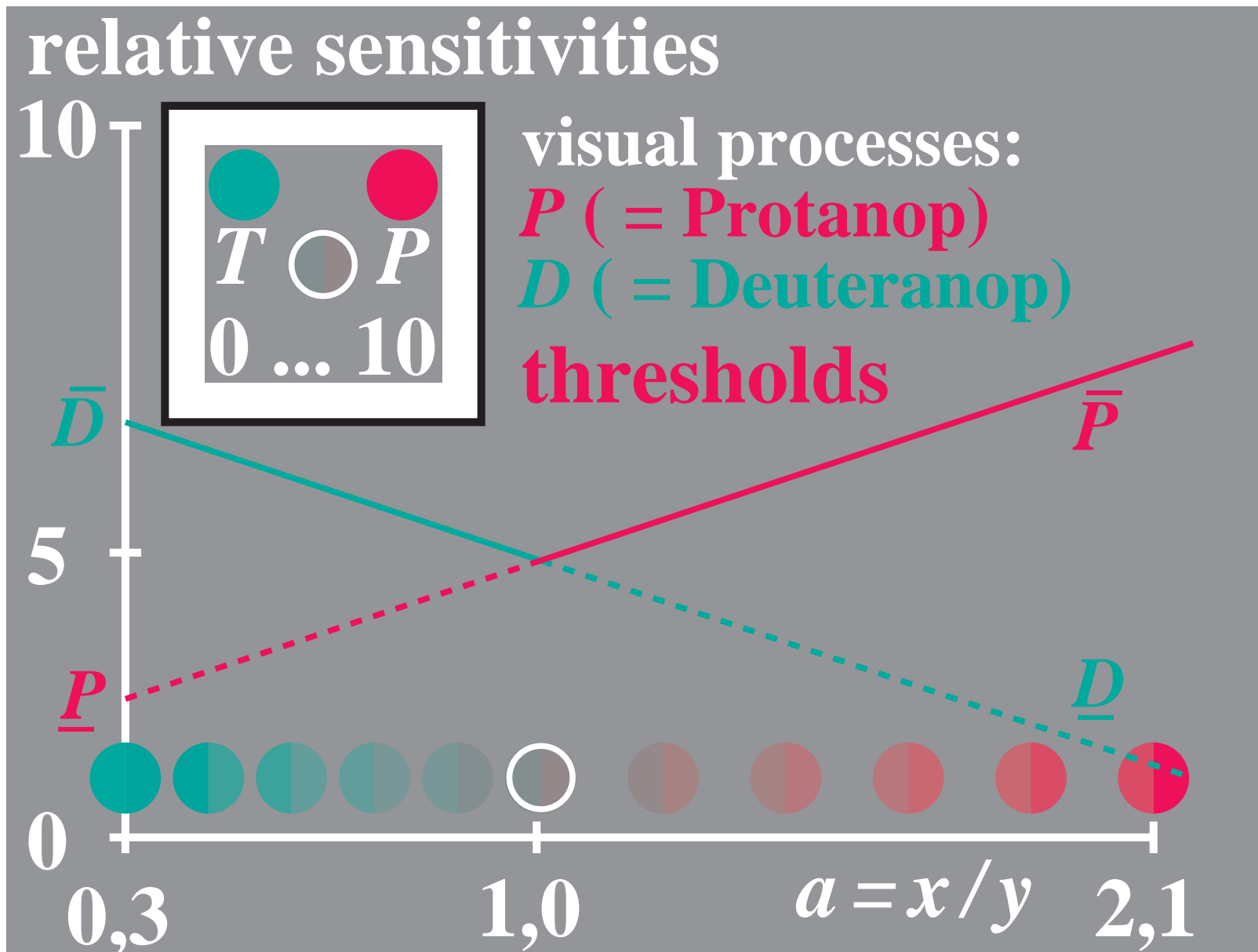
B8760_7, E8210-5, B4_05, N=4_5

Figure 26: Threshold results delta a for a T-P colour series of constant luminance



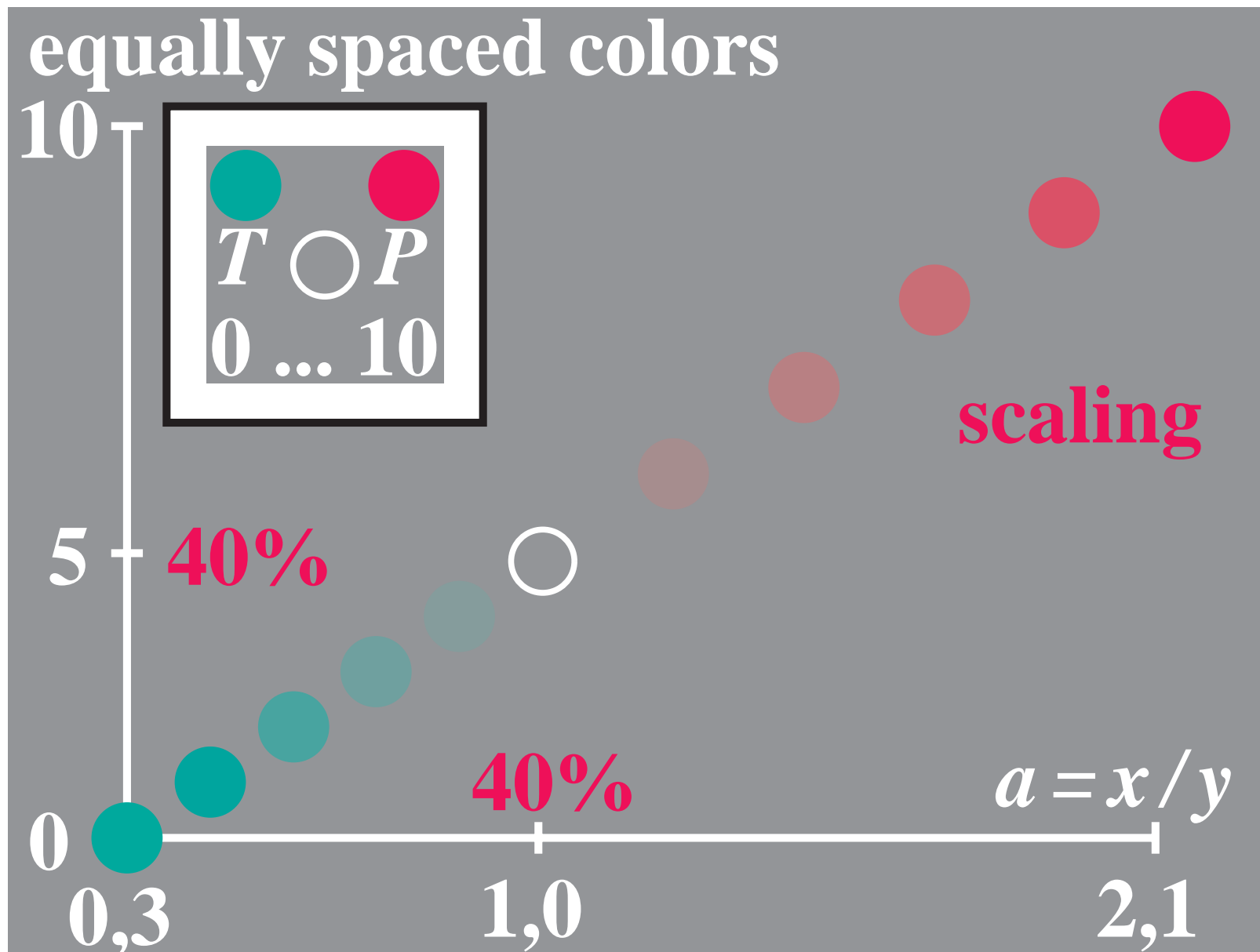
B8240_1, E8311-4, B4_71, N=4_71

Figure 27: Sensitivity model for threshold of a T-P colour series



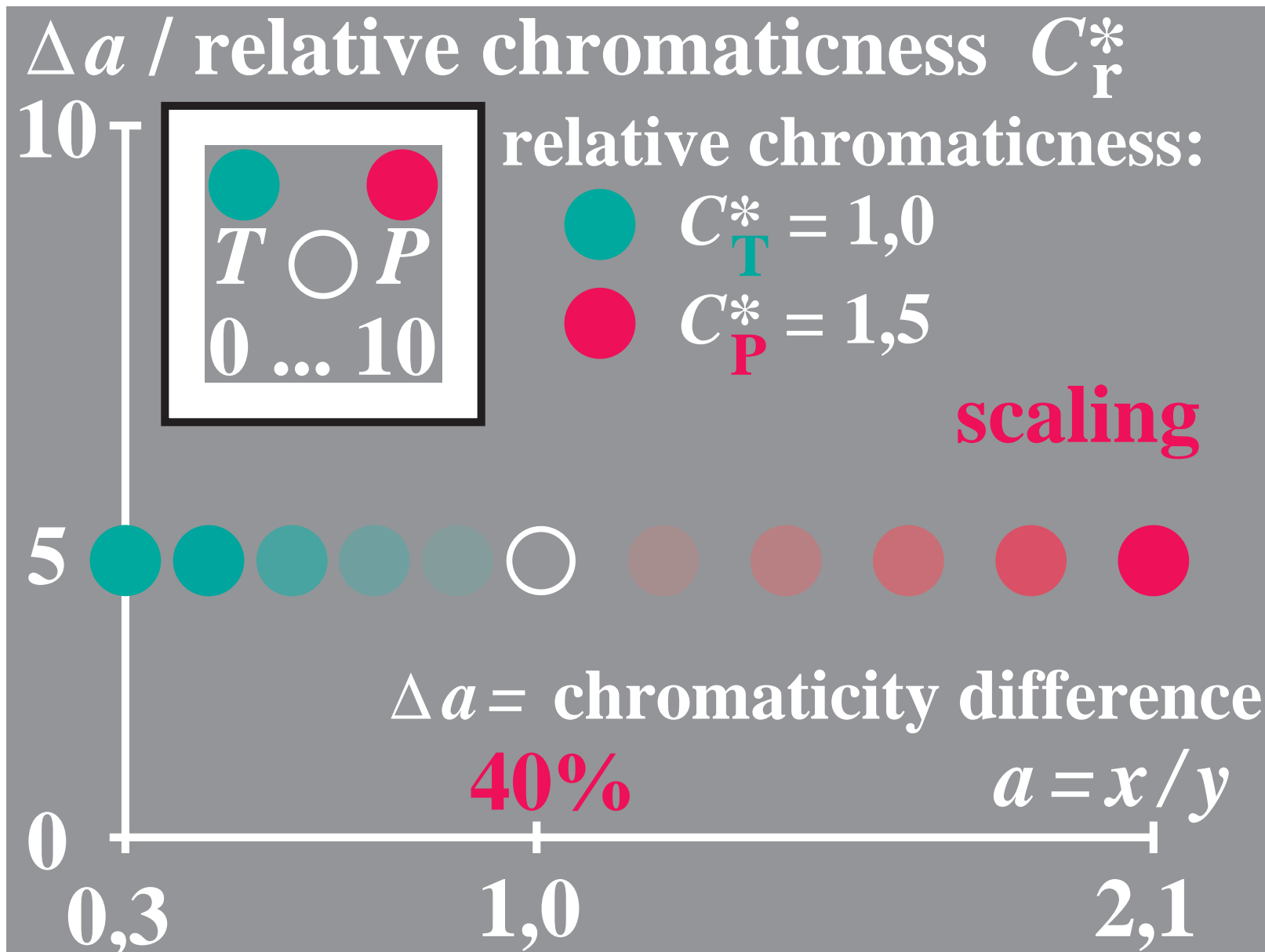
B8760_8, E8210-6, B4_06, N=4_6

Figure 28: Scaling experiment for a T-P colour series of constant luminance



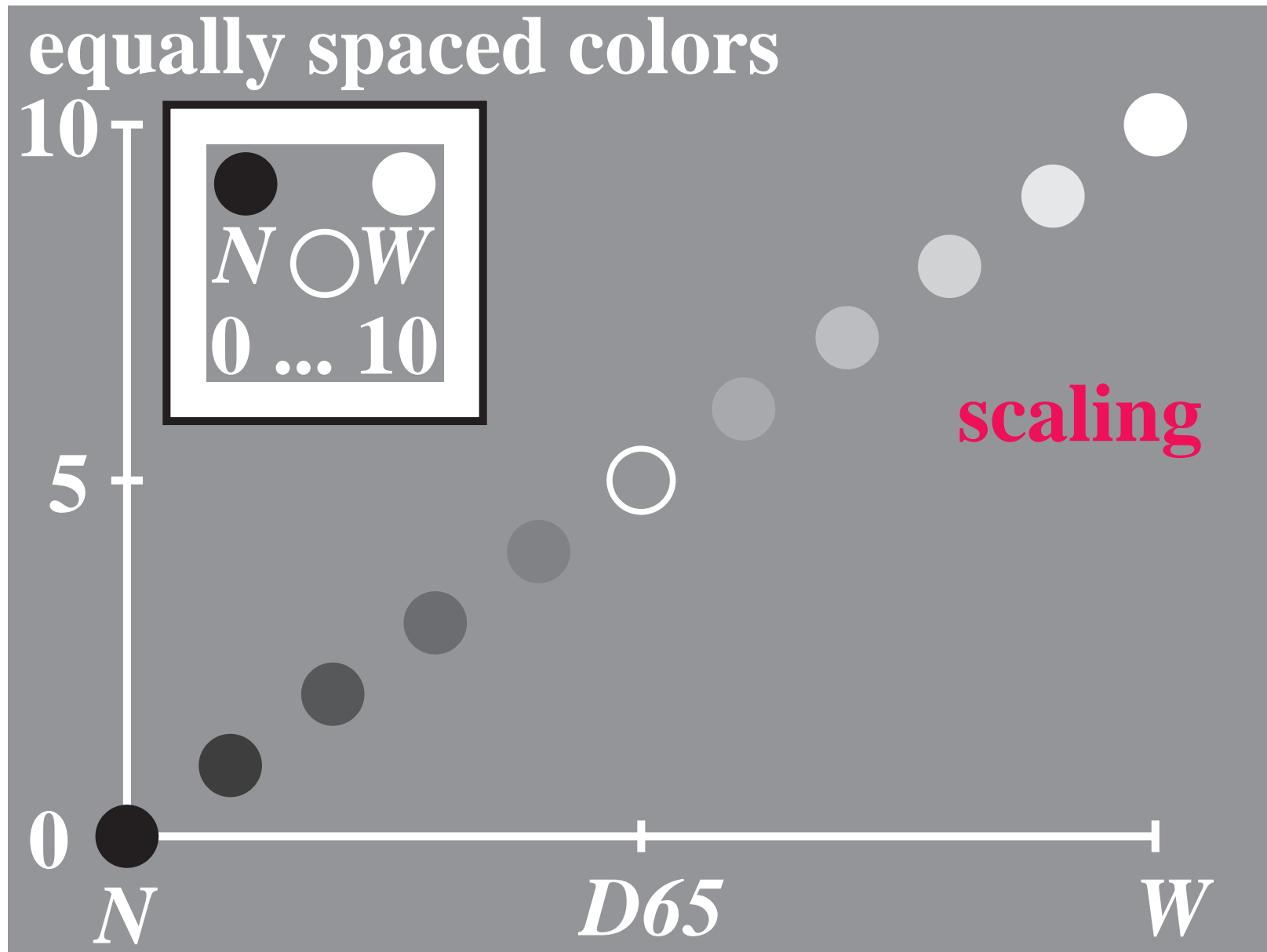
B8760_5, E8210-3, B4_03, N=4_3

Figure 29: Scaling results delta a for a T-P colour series of constant luminance



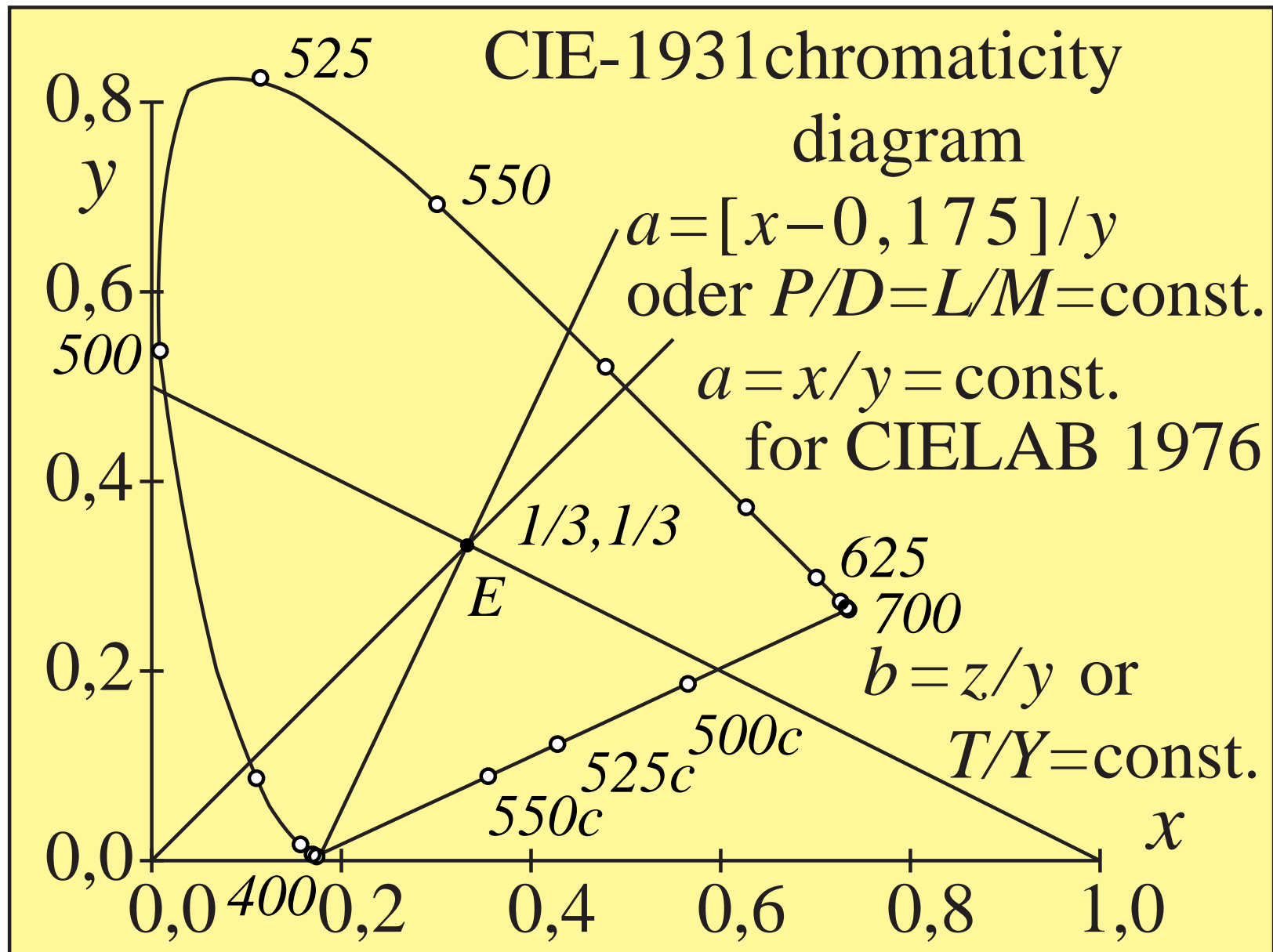
B8760_6, E8210-4, B4_04, N=4_4

Figure 30: Scaling experiment for a N-W colour series at the achromatic axis



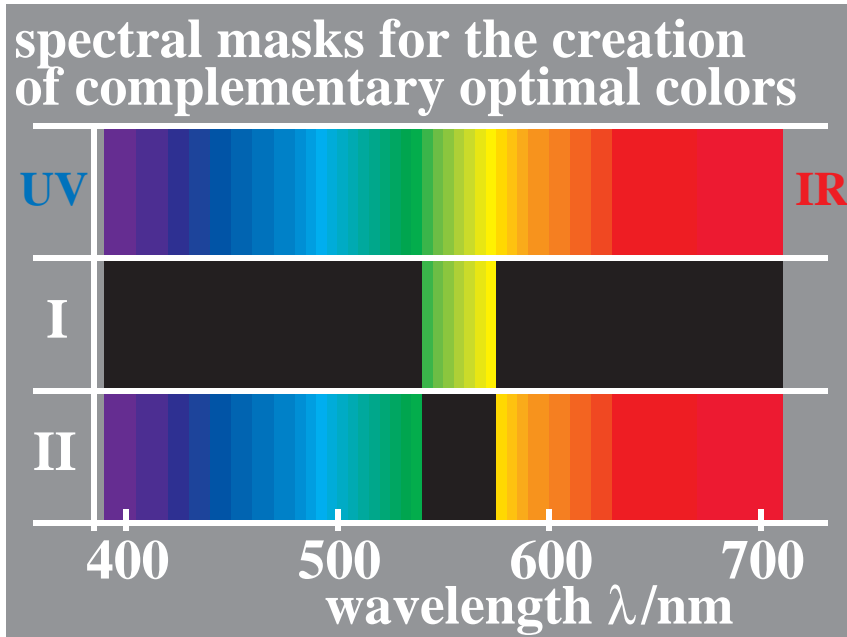
B8761_1, E8210-7, B4_07, N=4_7

Figure 31: Cone vision axis in CIE (x, y) chromaticity diagram

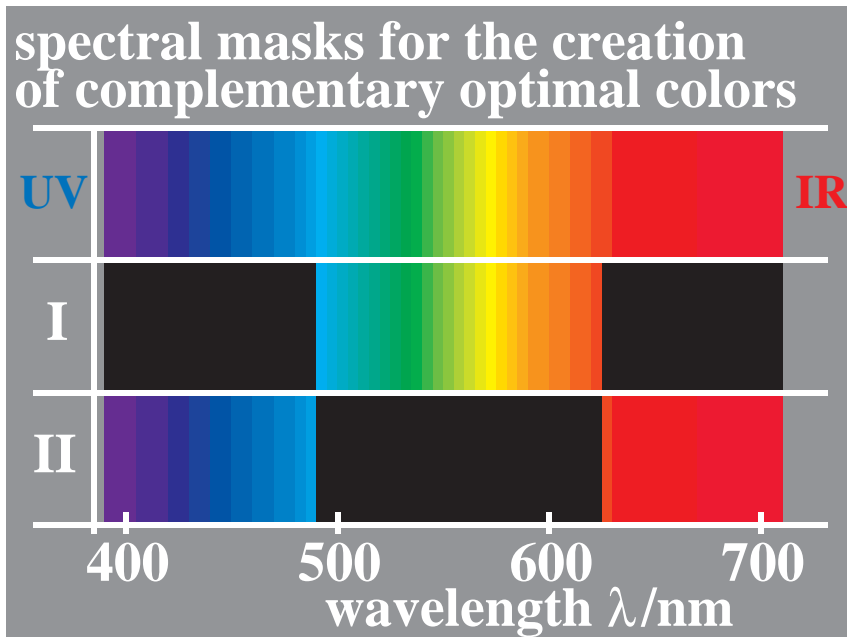


B8271_1, E8281-1, B4_21_1, N=4_21_1

Figure 32: Definition of complementary optimal colours and threshold discrimination



M8250-1N



M8250-2N

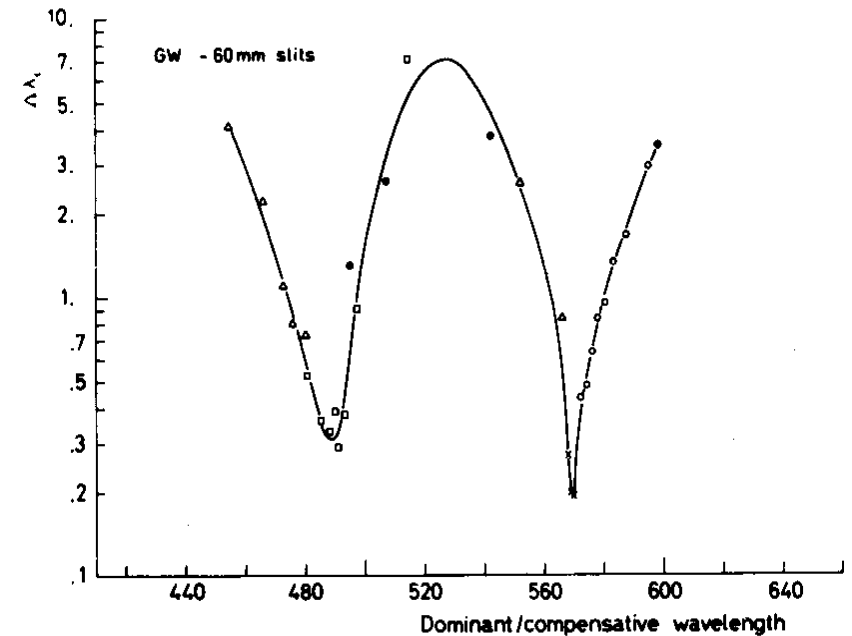
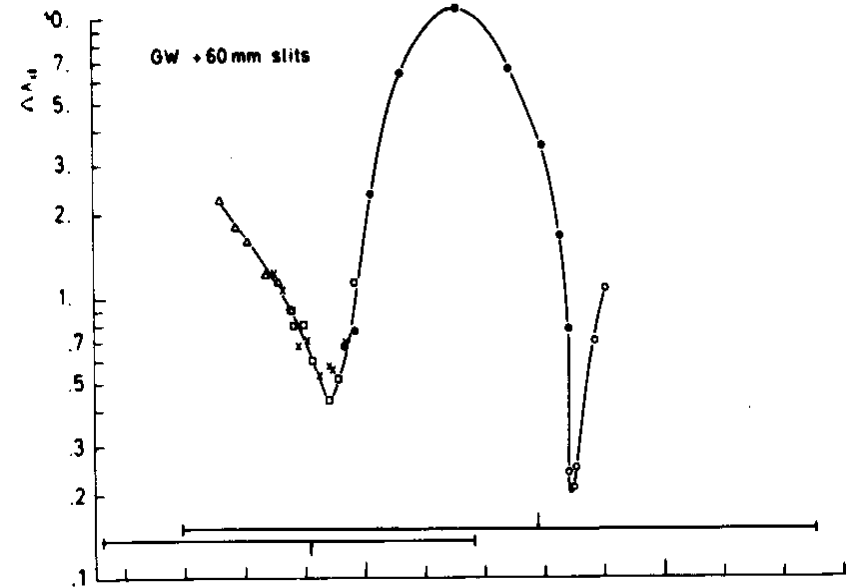


Figure 33: logarithmic sensitivity and JB- and RG-sensitivity differences

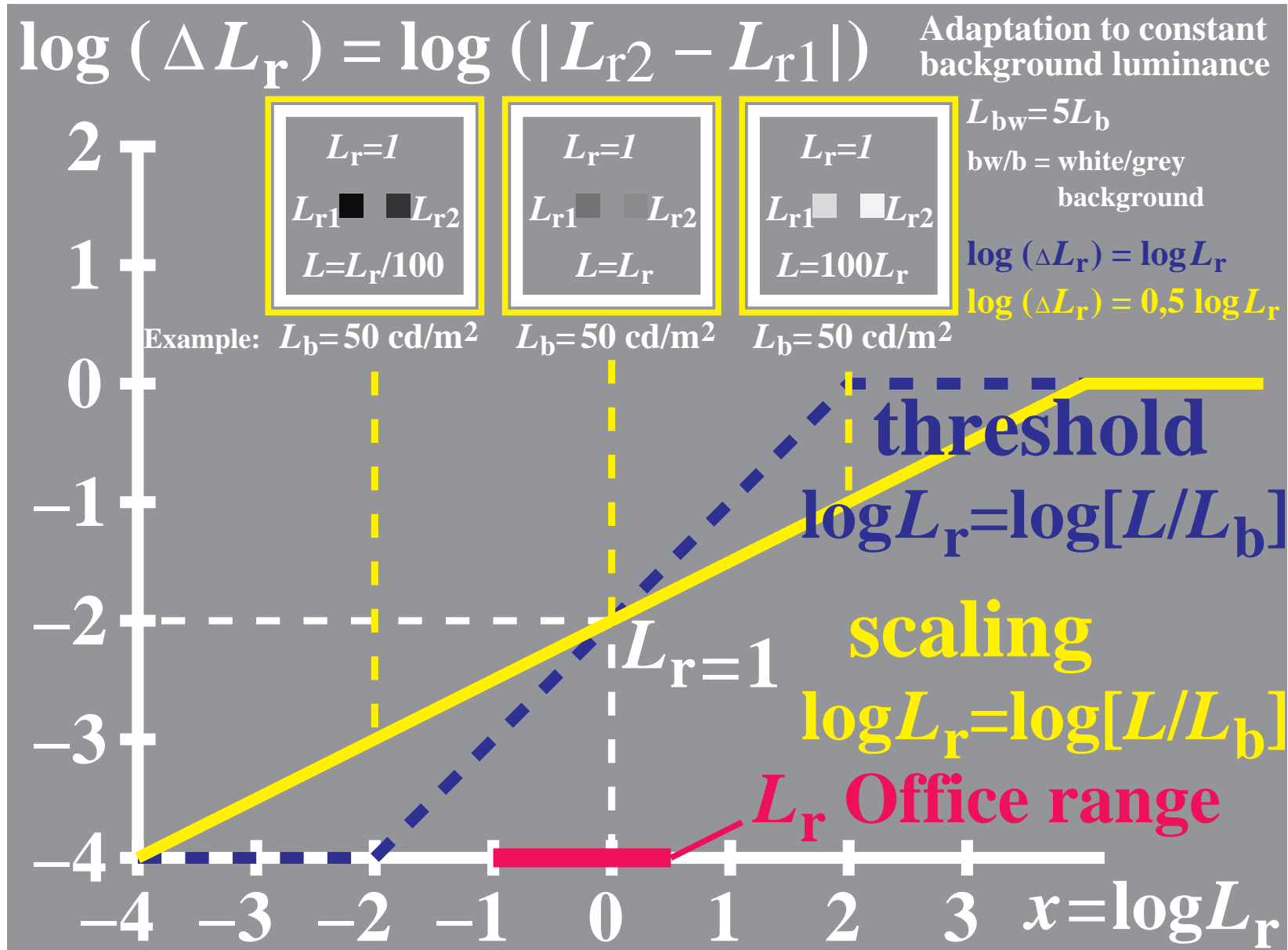


Figure 34: logarithmic sensitivity and JB- and RG-sensitivity differences

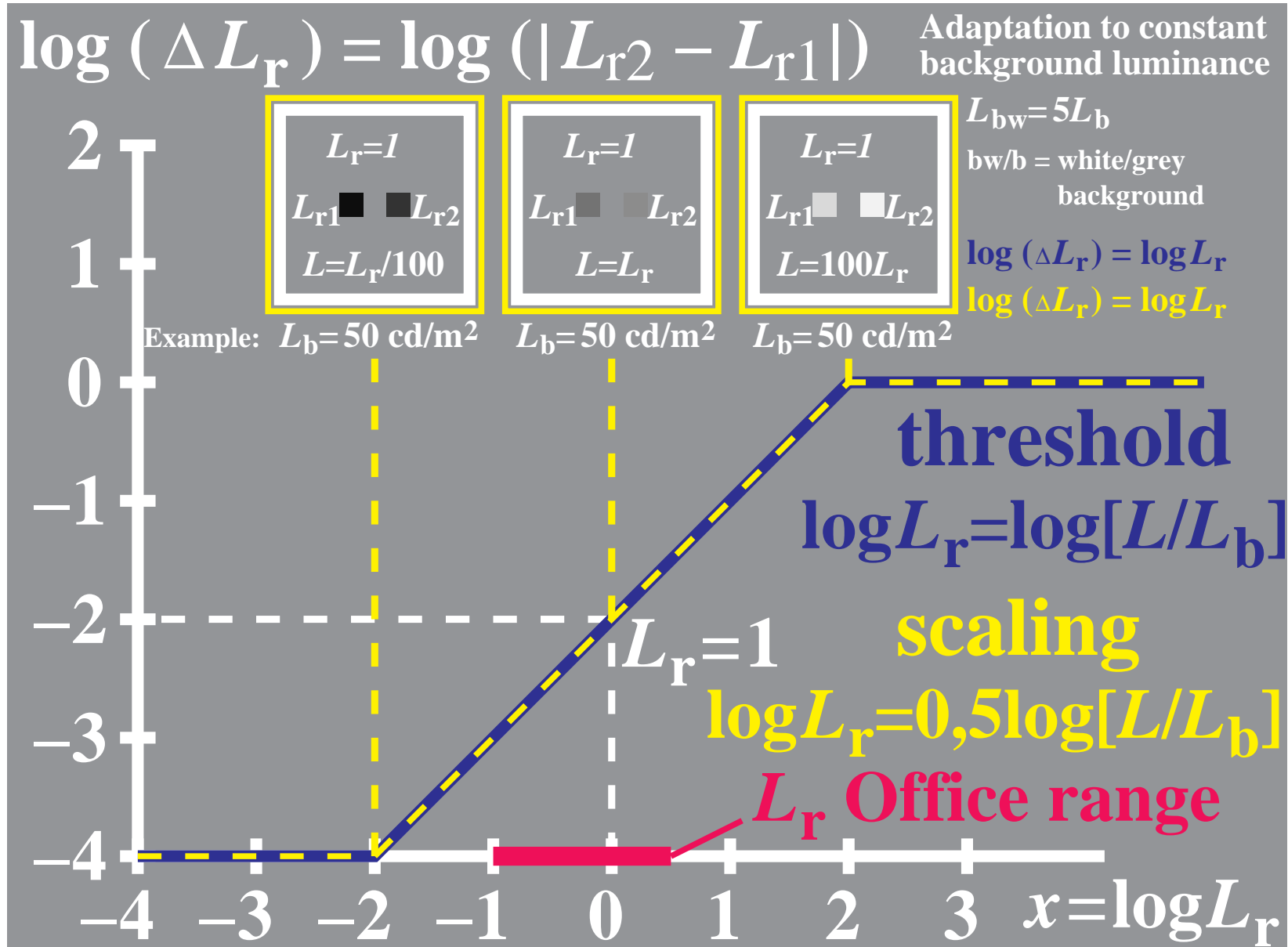
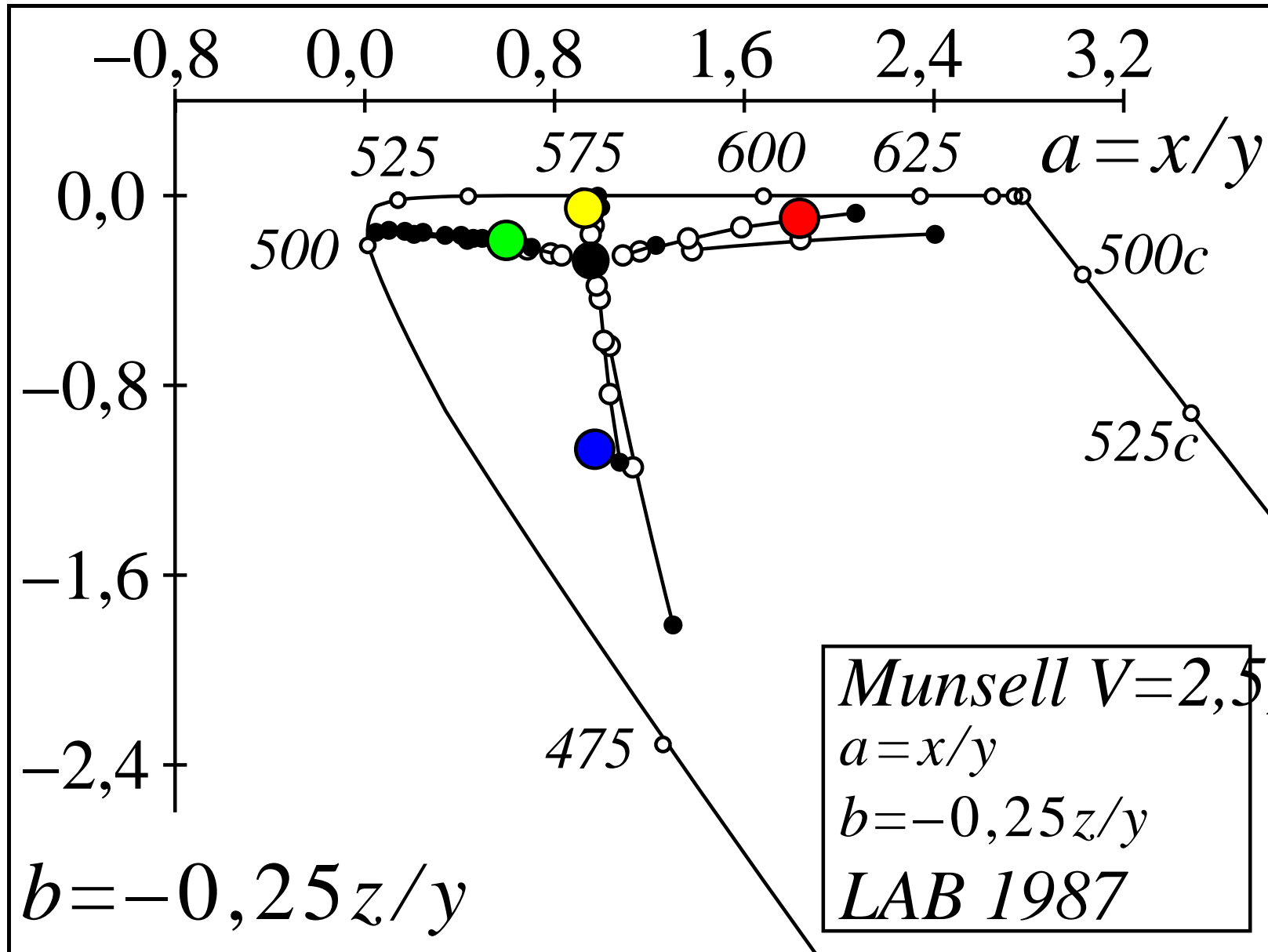
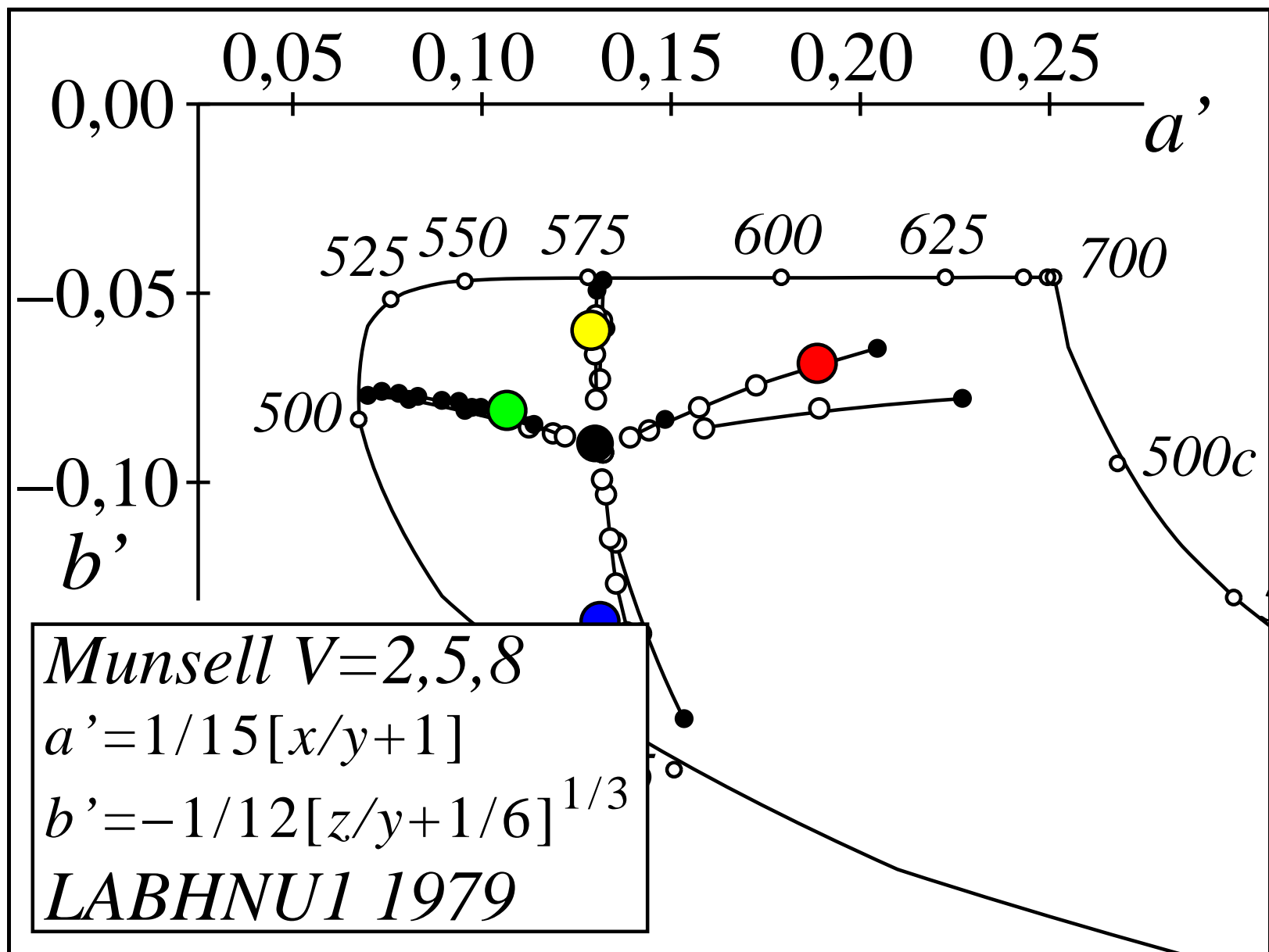


Figure 35: Elementary hues 5R, 5Y, 5G and 5PB of Munsell System (V=2,5,8) in (a, b) chromaticity diagram



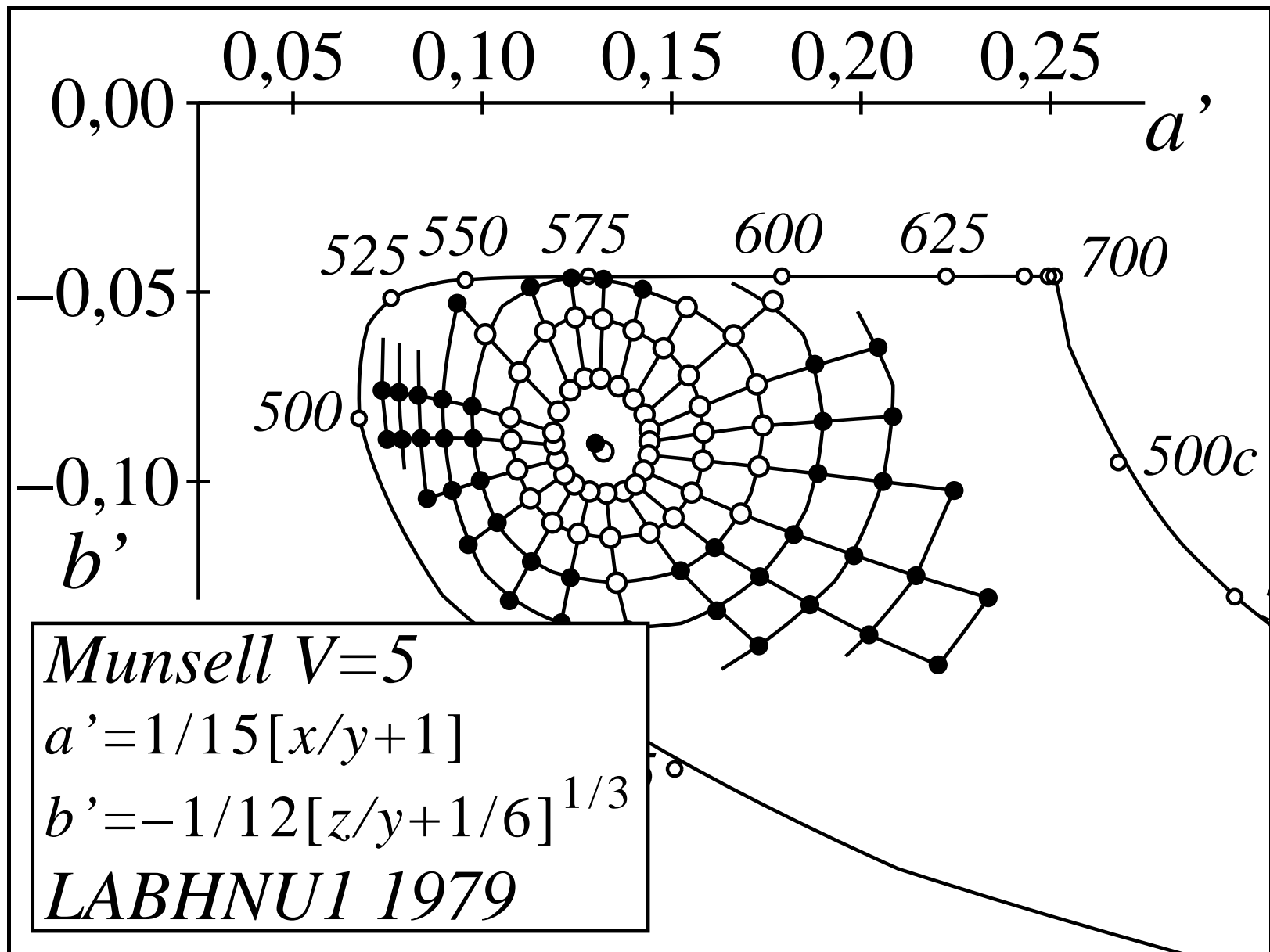
WE591-3, Colours in (a,b) chromaticity diagram

Figure 36: Elementary hues 5R, 5Y, 5G and 5PB of Munsell System (V=2,5,8) in (a', b') colour diagram



WE590-5, Colours in (a', b') colour diagram

Figure 37: Munsell colours of Value 5 in (a' , b') colour diagram



WE520-5, Colours in (a' , b') colour diagram

Figure 38: CIELAB (a*, b*) diagram for TLS00 and CNS18

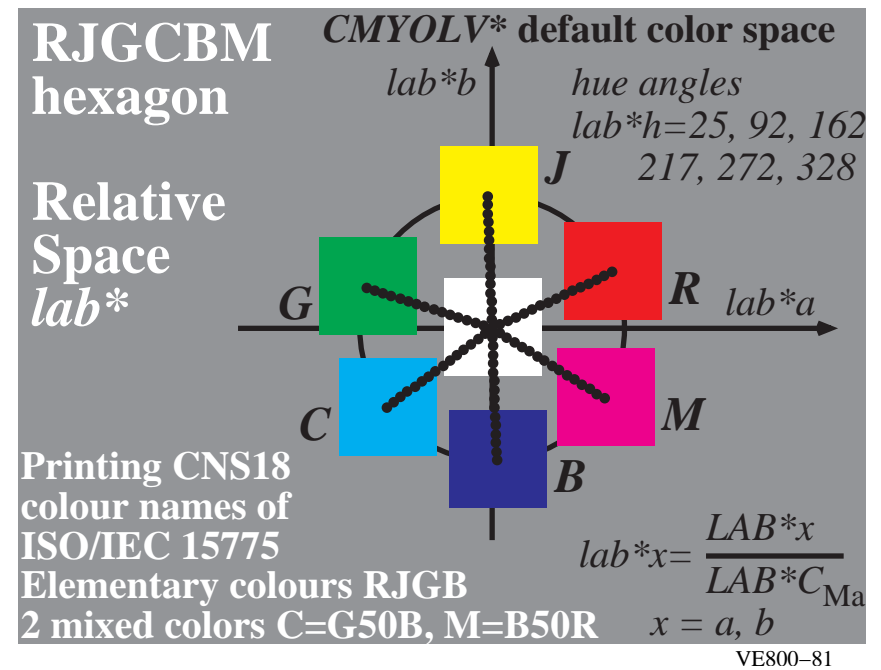
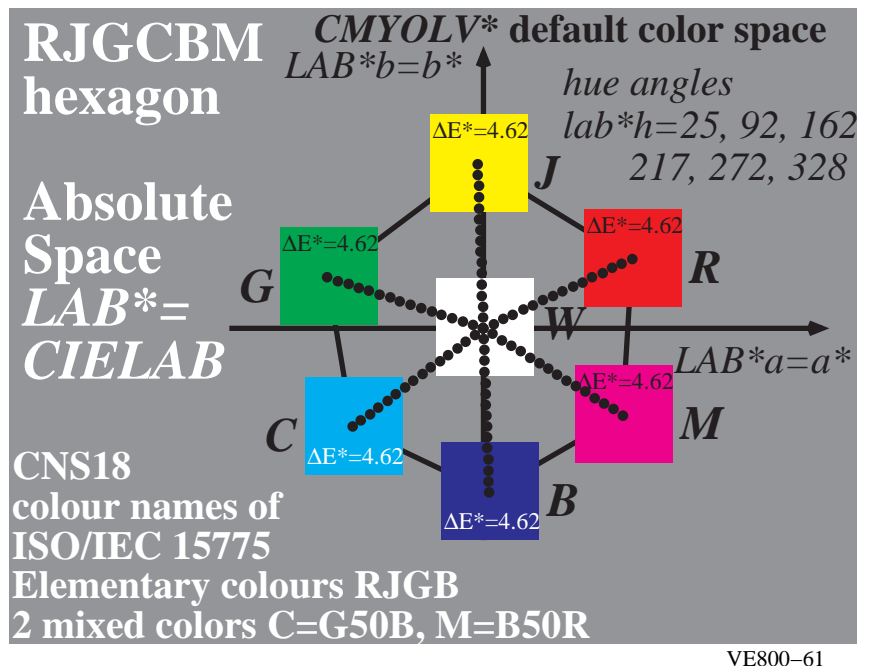
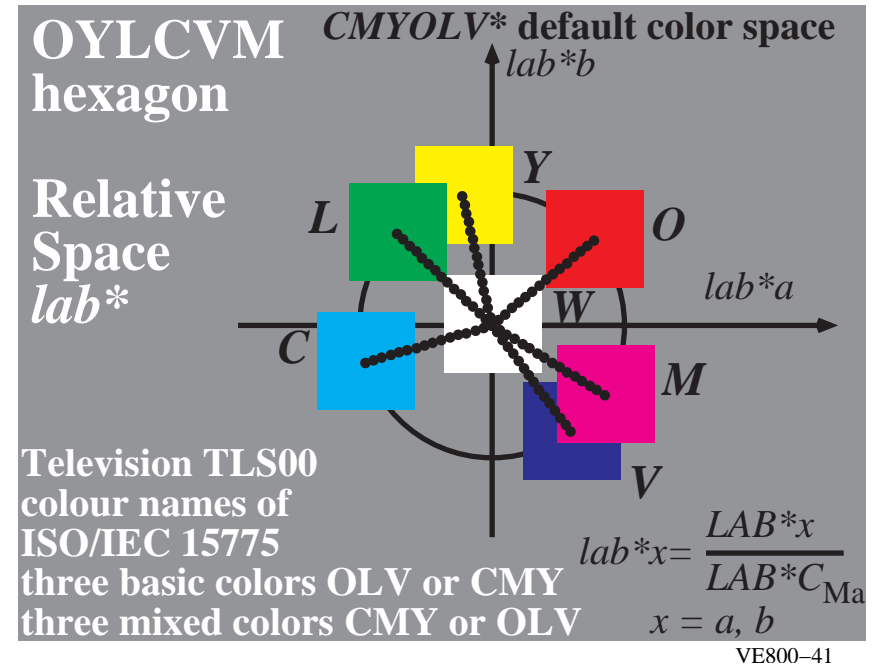
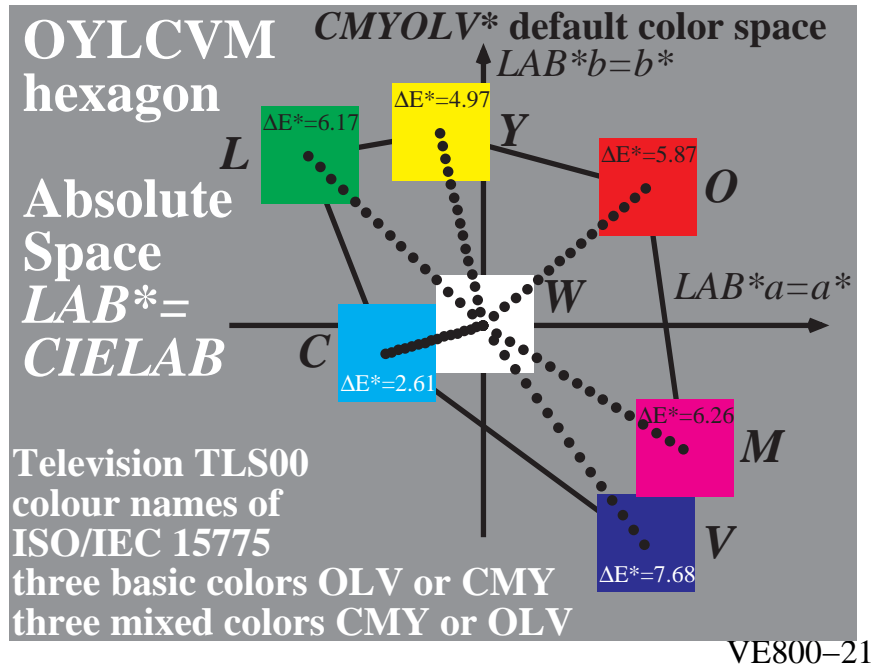
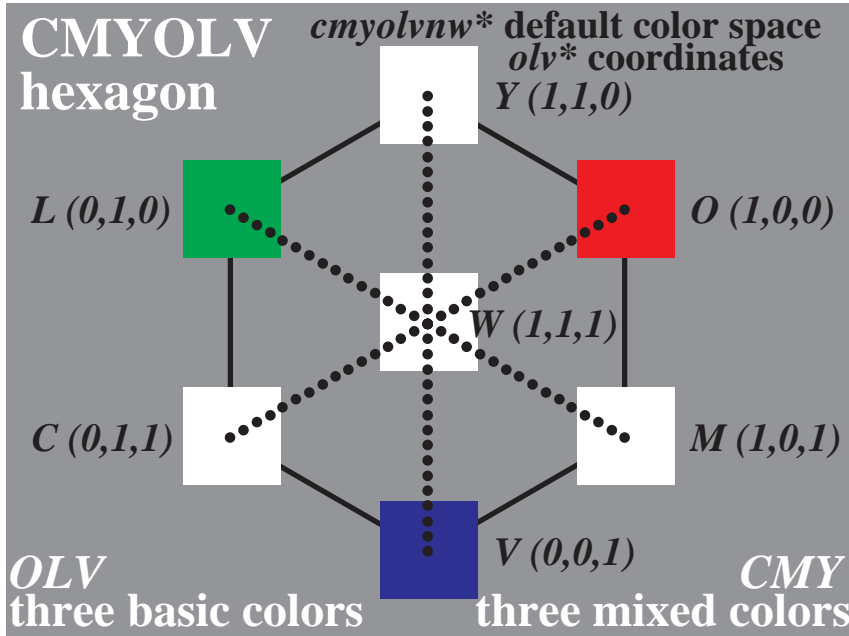
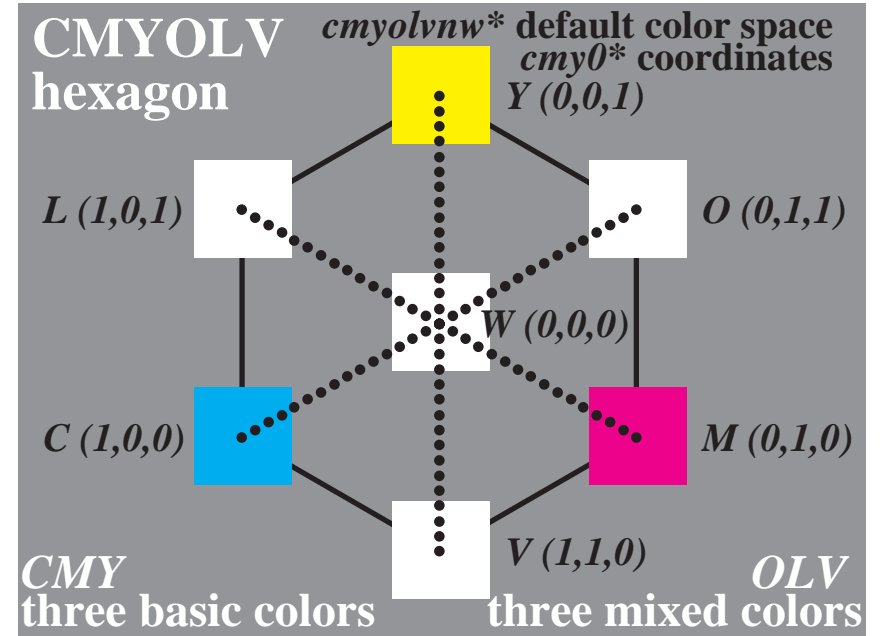


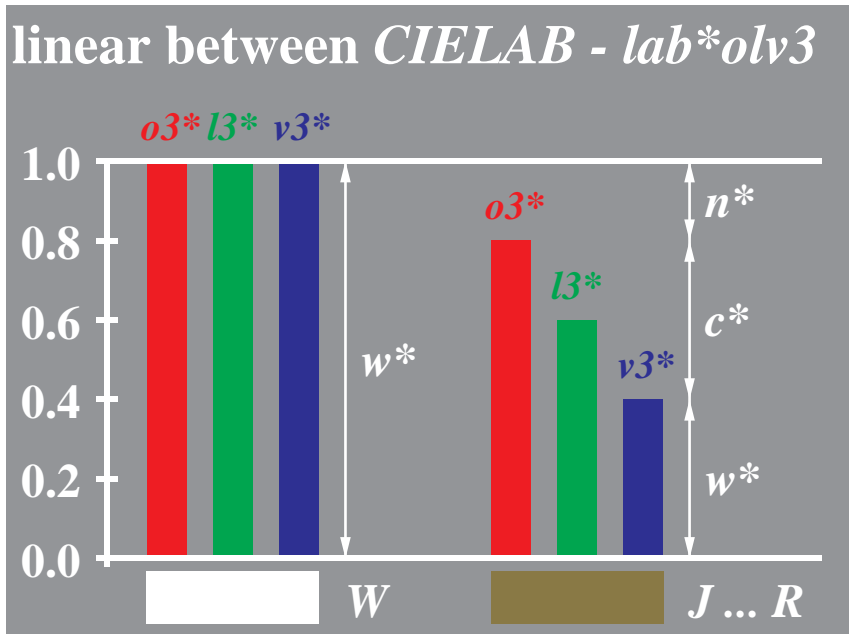
Figure 39: 1-minus relation of olv* and cmy* coordinates and examples



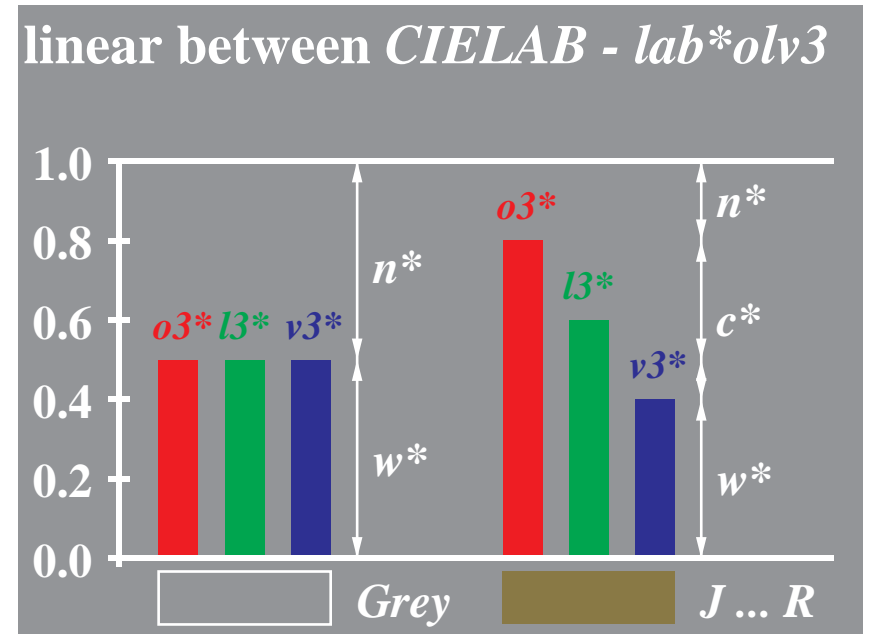
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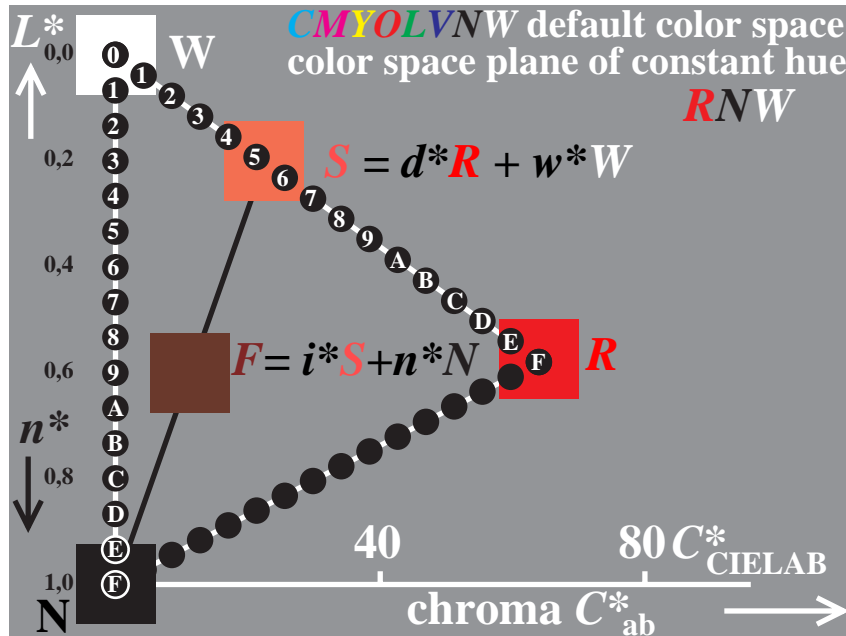


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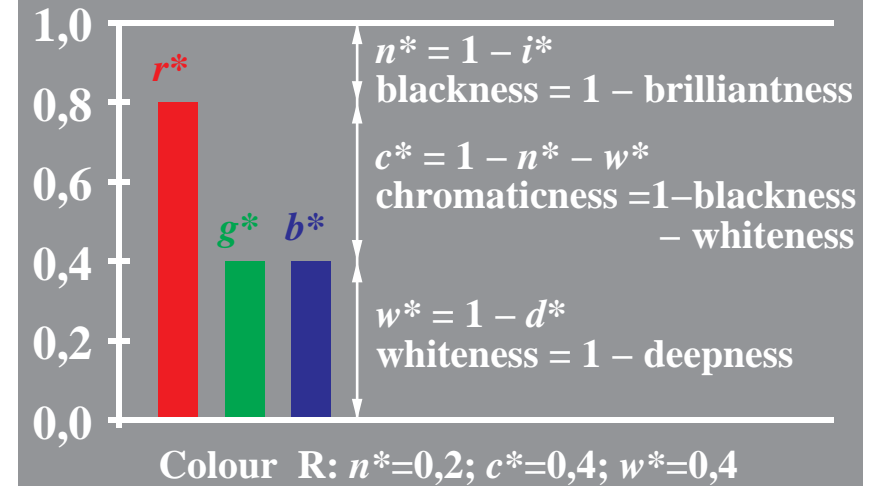
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Figure 40: Mixture of Red R with White W and Black N; rgb^* coordinates)



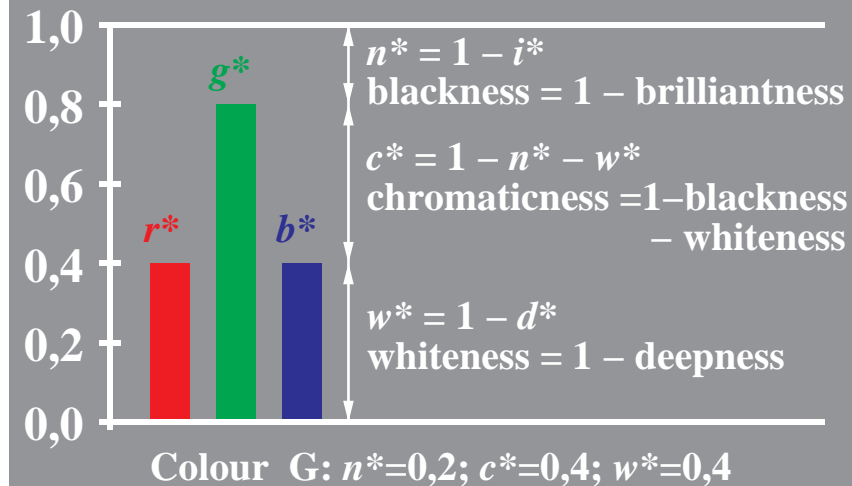
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Elementary (unique) hue Red R:
linear relation of n^* , i^* , c^* , w^* , d^*



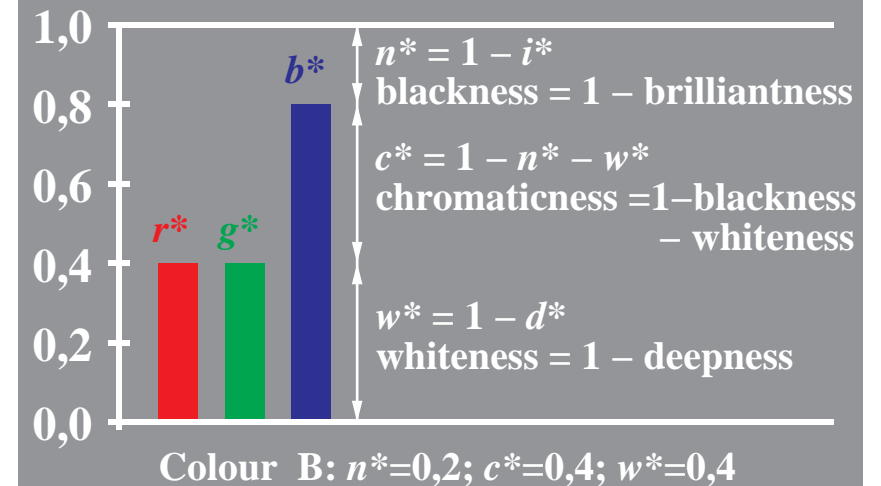
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Elementary (unique) hue Green G:
linear relation of n^* , i^* , c^* , w^* , d^*



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Elementary (unique) hue Blue B:
linear relation of n^* , i^* , c^* , w^* , d^*



VE801-41

Figure 41: Relation olv* and CIELAB data

<i>relative Inform. Technology (IT)</i>				
<i>olvi3*</i>	0.0	1.0	0.0	(1.0)
<i>cmyn3*</i>	1.0	0.0	1.0	(0.0)
<i>olvi4*</i>	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
<i>cmyn4*</i>	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0
<i>standard and adapted CIELAB</i>				
<i>LAB*LAB</i>	56.7	-73.59	23.91	
<i>LAB*LABa</i>	56.7	-73.59	23.91	
<i>LAB*TCHa</i>	50.0	77.38	162.0	
<i>relative CIELAB lab*</i>				
<i>lab*lab</i>	0.5	-0.95	0.309	
<i>lab*tch</i>	0.5	1.0	0.45	
<i>lab*nch</i>	0.0	1.0	0.45	
<i>relative Natural Colour (NC)</i>				
<i>lab*lrj</i>	0.5	-0.999	0.005	
<i>lab*tce</i>	0.5	1.0	0.499	
<i>lab*ncE</i>	0.0	1.0	j99g	

Figure 42: Change of device olv^* coordinates to produce intended rgb^* colours)

<i>relative Inform. Technology (IT)</i>			
<i>olvi3*</i>	0.0	1.0	0.375 (1.0)
<i>cmyn3*</i>	1.0	0.0	0.625 (0.0)
<i>olvi3*'</i>	0.135	0.724	0.305 (1.0)
<i>cmyn3*'</i>	0.865	0.276	0.695 (0.0)
<i>standard and adapted CIELAB</i>			
<i>LAB*LAB</i>	42.59	-49.68	12.65
<i>LAB*LAB_a</i>	42.59	-48.66	15.82
<i>LAB*TCH_a</i>	50.0	51.18	162.0
<i>relative CIELAB lab*</i>			
<i>lab*lab</i>	0.424	-0.95	0.309
<i>lab*tch</i>	0.5	1.0	0.45
<i>lab*nch</i>	0.0	1.0	0.45
<i>relative Natural Colour (NC)</i>			
<i>lab*lrj</i>	0.424	-0.997	-0.059
<i>lab*tce</i>	0.5	1.0	0.51
<i>lab*ncE</i>	0.0	1.0	g03b

Figure 43: Device hue V and Elementary hue B output

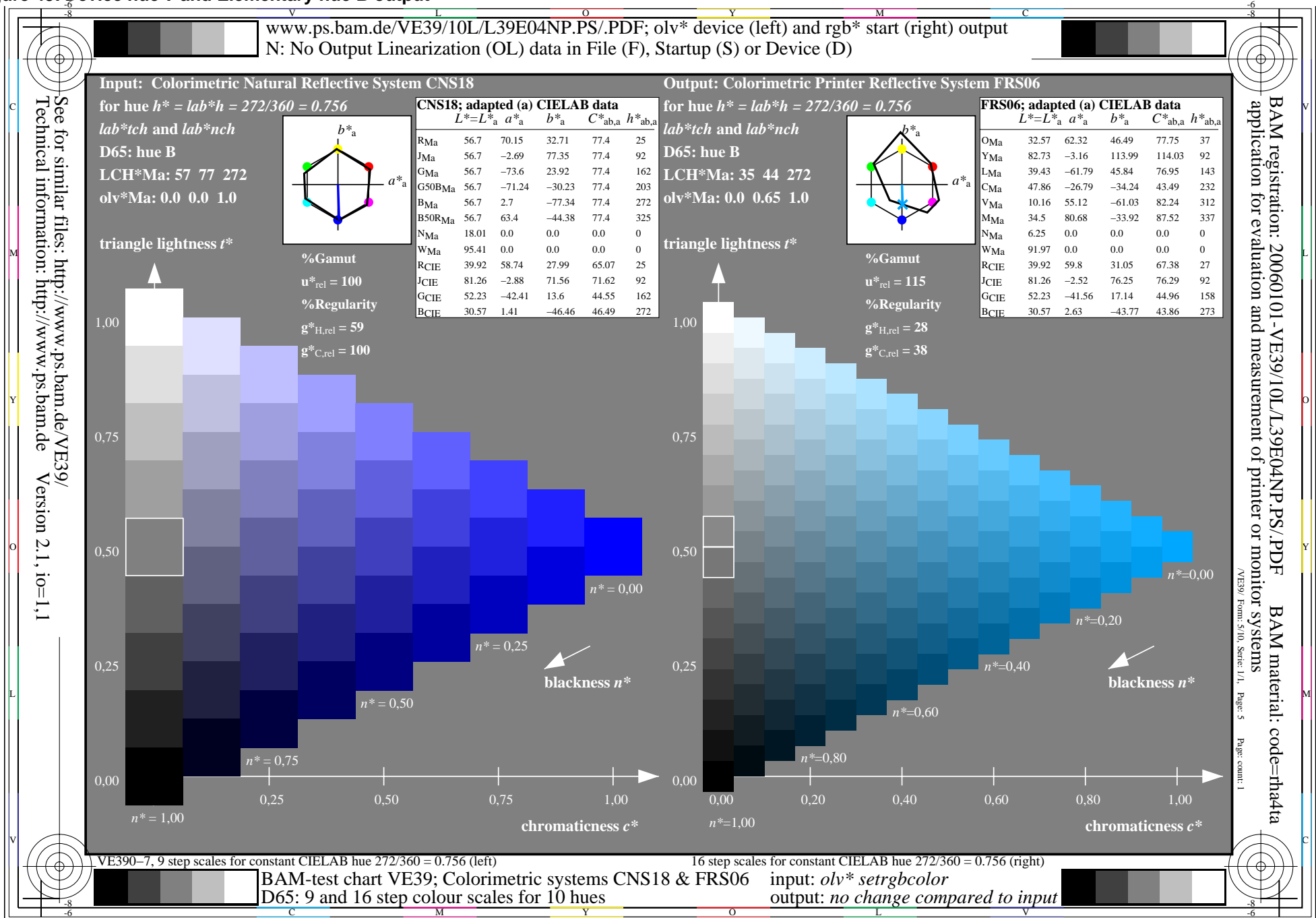
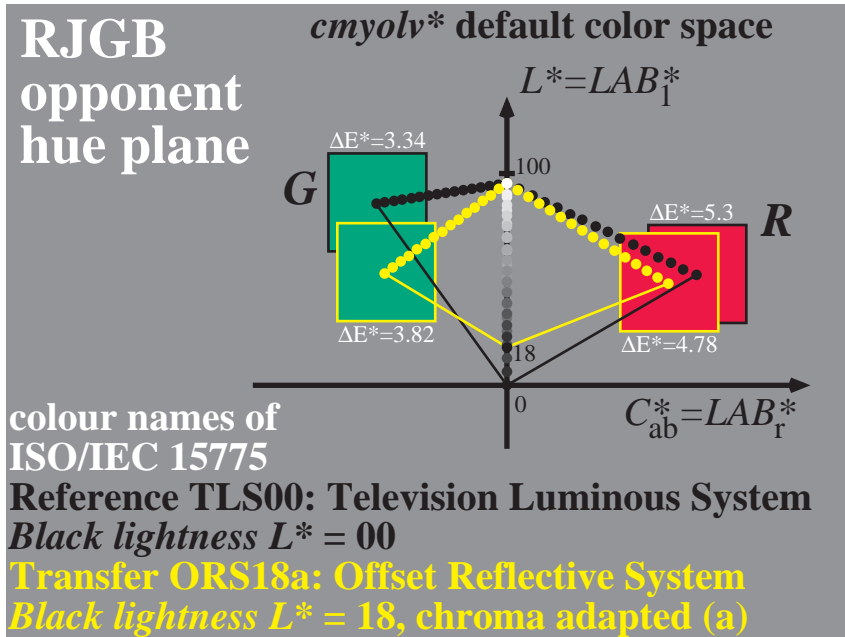
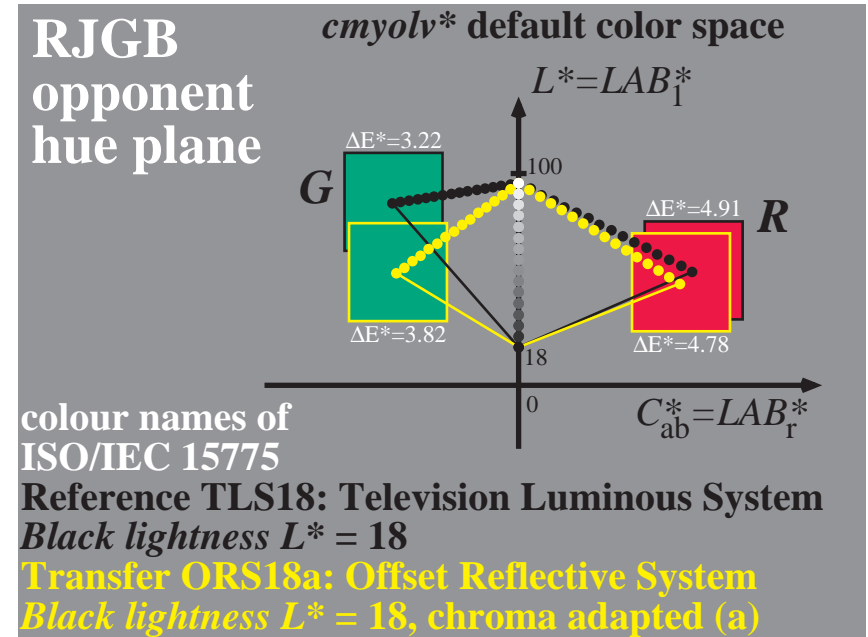


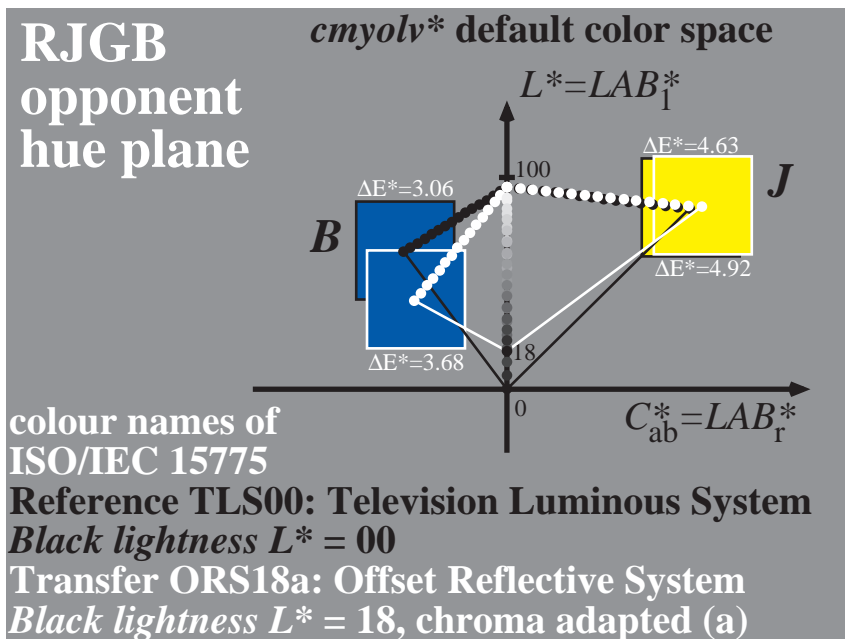
Figure 44: C*-L* diagram for output on monitors and printers)



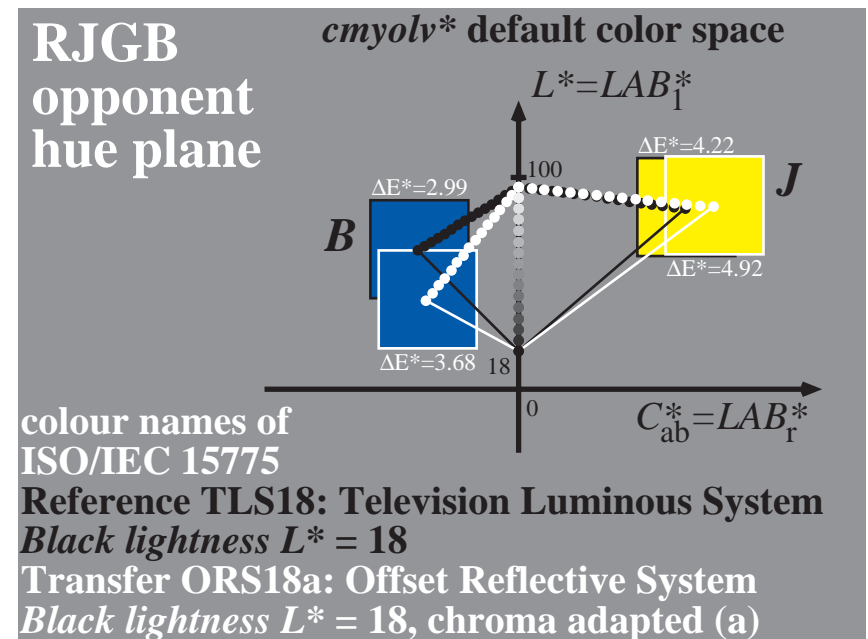
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Summary

- A Colorimetric Image Technology (CIT) is needed
- Relative colorimetric data and relation to CIELAB
- Model for cone sensitivities and adaptation change
- Colour metric for scaling and threshold data
- Definition of relative colorimetric data lab^*
- $lab^*olv = olv^*$ and $lab^*rgb = rgb^*$ data
- Relation of olv^* and rgb^* to CIELAB
- olv^* input and output of device dependent hues
- rgb^* input and output of device independent hues
- 16 step equal spacing in CIELAB of device output
- 16 step equal spacing on monitors and printers

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[2] **DIN 33871-1:2003**: Requirements for remanufacturing of used inkjet heads and inkjet tanks of inkjet printers (Aufbereitung von gebrauchten Tintendruckköpfen und Tintentanks für Tintenstrahldrucker)

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