

**Lab 2**

**Energy efficient image  
processing**

# Objective and organization

- Demonstrates how manipulation of an image can be used to tradeoff image quality to save power in emissive displays
  - 1 report – 2 days
  - Matlab
- Organize all implemented methods in functions and scripts to **automatically** test and evaluate all images and all techniques

# OLED vs LED

- OLED TVs
  - Do not require external lighting
    - Better black levels

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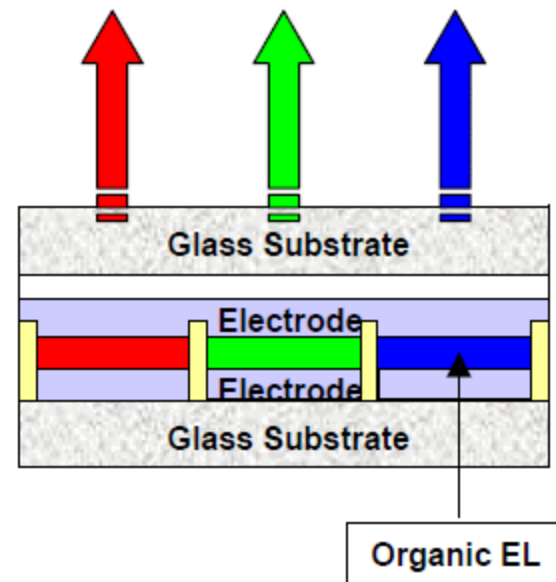
# OLED vs LED

- OLED TVs
  - Pixels are independent from each other
    - More sense of depth
    - Higher contrast makes images more realistic



# OLED

- Interesting case study from our perspective...
  - Organic light-emitting diode (OLED)
    - Do not require external lighting
    - Pixels are emissive
      - Emissive layer is a film of organic compound which *emits light in response to an electric current*
- Each pixel is made of three devices corresponding to red, green and blue components



# OLED

- In LCDs, backlight dominates power consumption and color has only negligible power impact
- With OLED displays, the color of a pixel impacts on power consumption
  - E.g., hungry blue
  - Different luminance efficacies
  - Different images imply different power consumption



# OLED

- Power consumption depends on color components of a pixel...
  - So we can save power by changing the spectrum of the image!
  - First class of power saving methods:
    - Change pixel color
    - Given a certain tolerance level on color distortion



Compute power consumption

Apply image transformation



Evaluate distortion allows us to determine QUANTITATIVELY

Compute distortion

Compute power consumption

Evaluate the power consumption / image distortion tradeoff



# **Assignment 1**



Compute power  
consumption

Apply RGB-base  
distortions



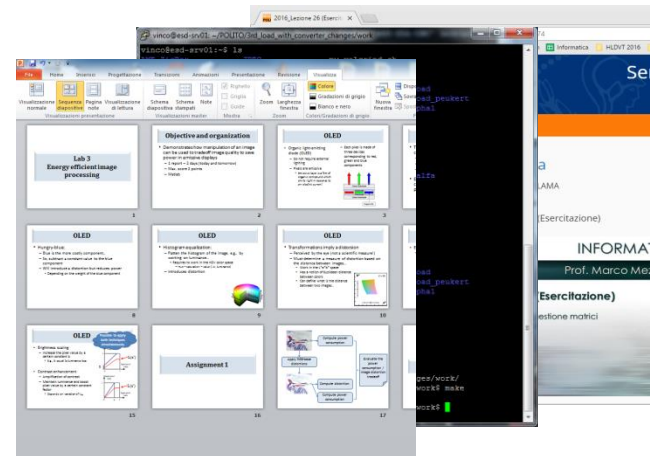
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# 1. Identification of images

- Test images will be:
  - 10 color images from the USC SIPI database
    - <http://sipi.usc.edu/database/database.php?volume=misc>
  - 5 images representing different screenshots of your computer
- Different colors and characteristics...



## 2. Manipulation of images

- Experiments require to adopt different color spaces...
- **TASK:** Learn how to:
  - Import the image
    - `imread()` function
  - Extract the R, G, B channels
  - Convert between different color spaces
- Refer to:
  - <http://it.mathworks.com/help/images/index.html>

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## Image Processing Toolbox

R2014b

Perform image processing, analysis, and algorithm development

Getting Started

Examples

Release Notes

### ▶ Import, Export, and Conversion

Image data import and export, conversion of image types and classes

### ▶ Display and Exploration

Interactive tools for image display and exploration

### ▶ Geometric Transformation, Spatial Referencing, and Image Registration

Scale, rotate, perform other N-D transformations, provide spatial information, align images using automatic or control point registration

### ▶ Image Enhancement

Contrast adjustment, morphological filtering, deblurring, and other image enhancement tools

### ▶ Image Analysis

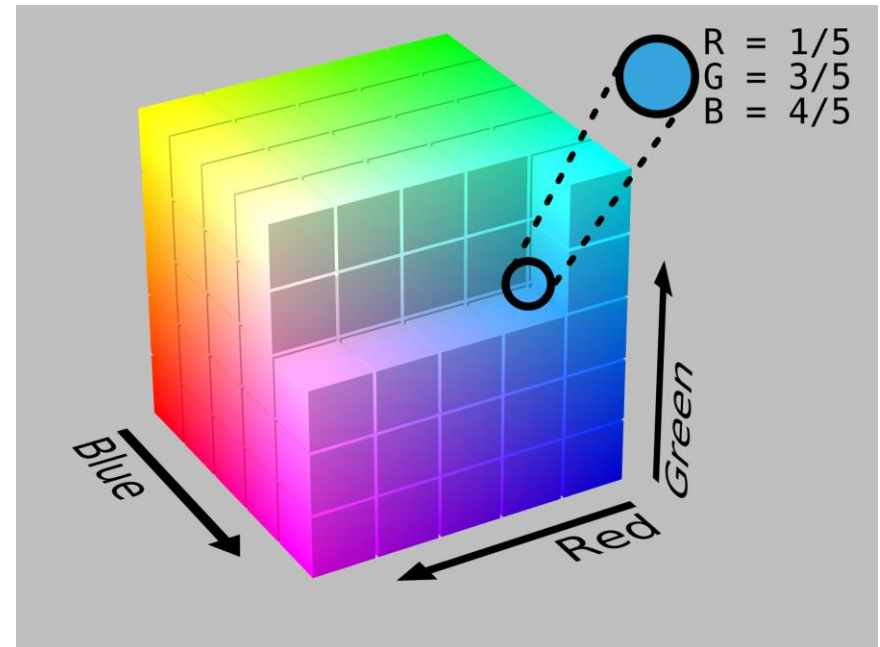
Region analysis, texture analysis, pixel and image statistics

### Color

Color space conversions, support for International Color Consortium (ICC) profiles

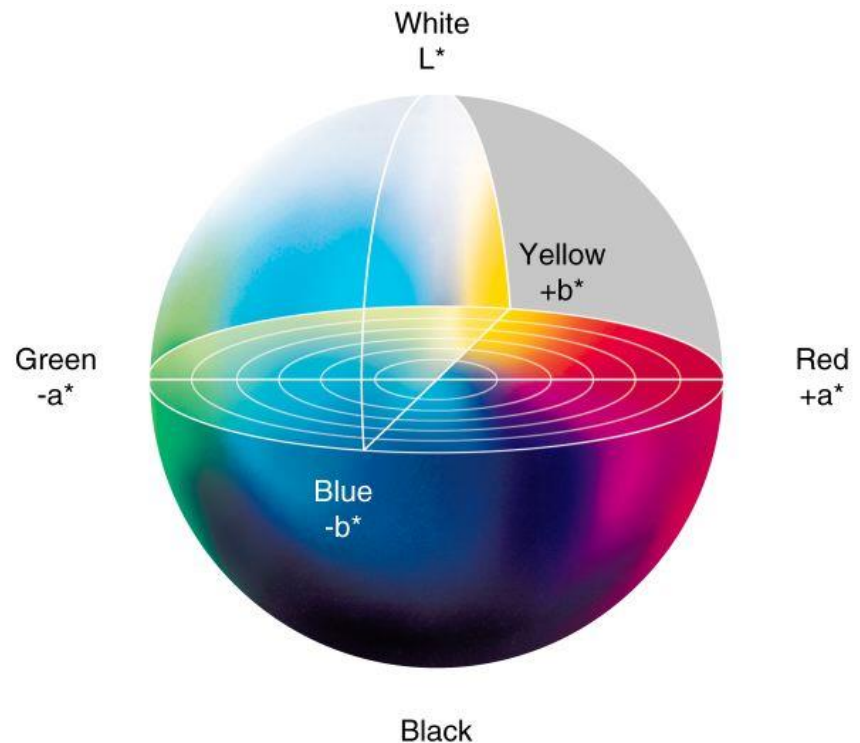
# 2. Manipulation of images

- RGB
  - Additive color space
    - All possible colors that can be made from three colorants for red, green and blue
  - Stores individual values for red, green and blue
  - Convenient color model for computer graphics as it is similar to the human visual system
    - Used in LCDs



## 2. Manipulation of images

- Lab
  - One channel for luminance (L) and two color channels (a and b)
  - Includes all perceivable colors
    - Super-set of RGB
  - The space is a three-dimensional Real number space
    - Allows the definition of Euclidean distance



# 2. Manipulation of images

- HSV

- Hue

- Perceived color

- Saturation

- Colorfulness, amount of white component

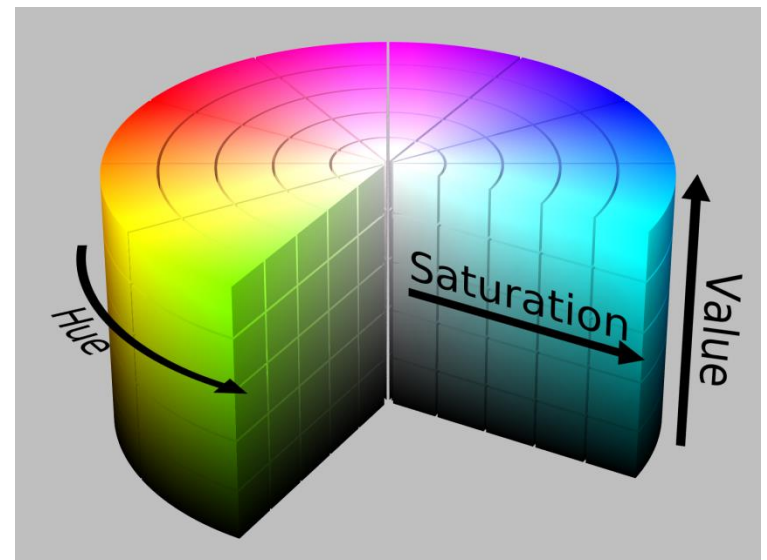
- Value

- Brightness

- Cylindrical-coordinate representations of points in an RGB color model

- Widely used in computer graphics

There are functions in matlab used to move from







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# 3. Evaluation of power consumption

- Power model

Compute the power for a given image.

- $P_{pixel} = f(R) + h(G) + k(B)$

- Depends on pixel color in terms of **RGB components**
    - $f$ ,  $h$  and  $k$  determined experimentally by:
      - Setting black screen to estimate  $C$
      - For  $f$ , set  $G$  and  $B$  components to 0 and vary  $R$  component
      - Similar for  $h$  and  $k$

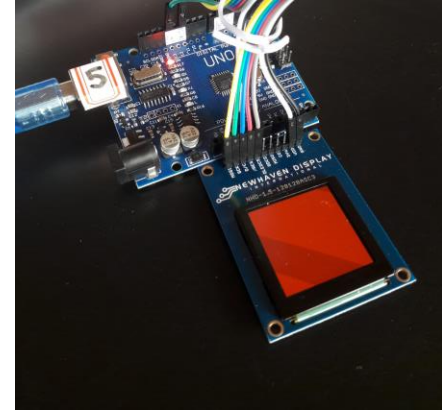
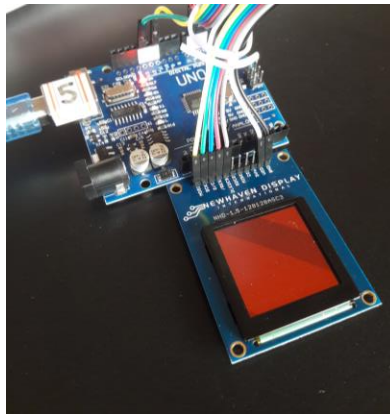
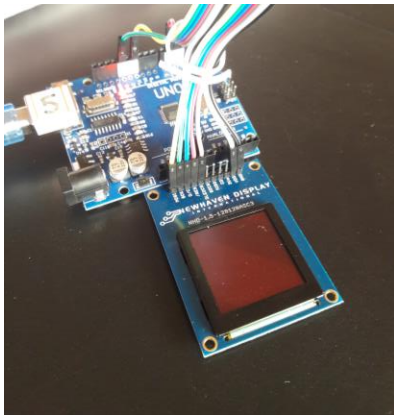
Total power = sum power for all the pixels

- $P_{image} = C + \sum_{i=1}^n \{f(R_i) + h(G_i) + k(B_i)\}$

- Sums up power contributions of single pixels
    - $C$  static power independent of pixel values

# 1. Evaluation of power consumption

- Experimental Setup:
  - Show monochromatic images with different RGB values on the OLED, e.g.:



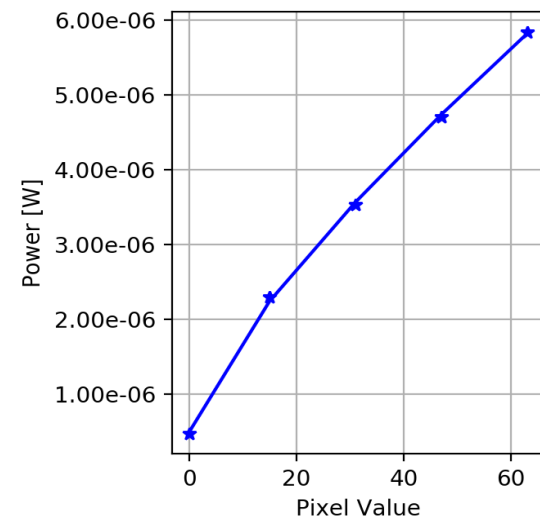
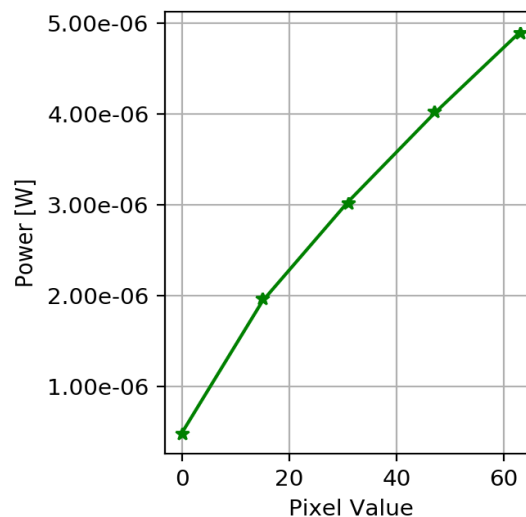
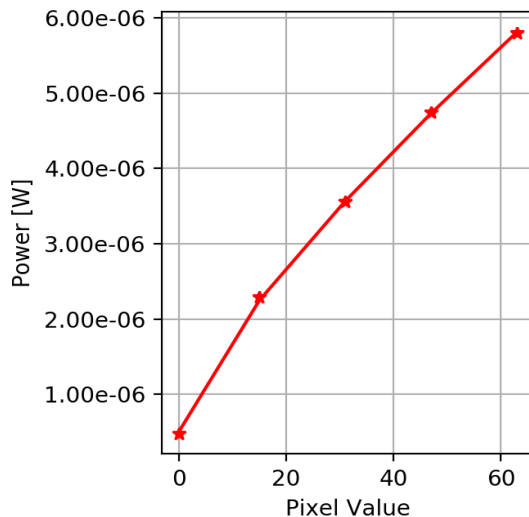
- Measure power supply current (and convert to power)

# 1. Power model for the provided OLED (cont'd)

- Interpolation:

- Find regression model type that fits best the data and determine the corresponding parameters

6 bits per channel (RGB565?), so that's why the pixel value



- For this Lab, we used a model format from literature (see next slide)

### 3. Evaluation of power consumption

- **TASK:** Define a MATLAB function that estimates power consumed to display an image

$$- P_{pixel} = w_R * R^\gamma + w_G * G^\gamma + w_B * B^\gamma$$

$$- P_{image} = w_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n \{P_i(R, G, B)\}$$

- R, G, B are pixel values between 0 and 255

$\gamma$	$w_0$	$w_R$	$w_G$	$w_B$
0.7755	$1.48169521 \cdot 10^{-6}$	$2.13636845 \cdot 10^{-7}$	$1.77746705 \cdot 10^{-7}$	$2.14348309 \cdot 10^{-7}$



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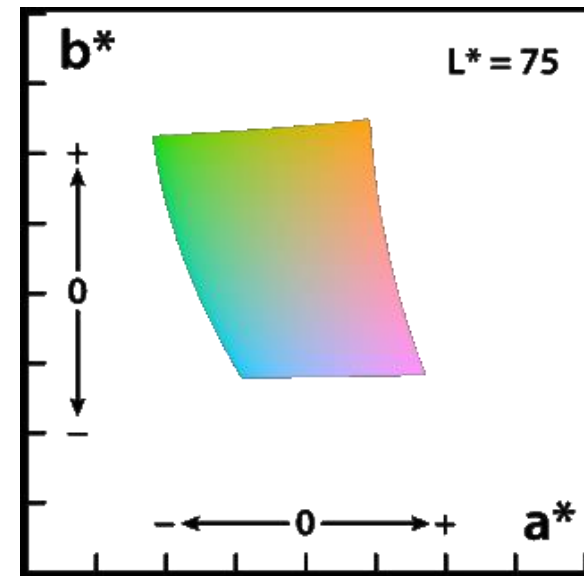
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# 4. Evaluation of image distortion

- Transformations imply a distortion
  - Perceived by the eye (not a scientific measure!)
  - Must determine a measure of distortion based on the *distance* between images...
    - Work in the  $L^*a^*b^*$  space
    - Has a notion of Euclidean distance between colors
    - Can define what is the distance between two images..

Everytime we transform an image we are applying a distortion: 3 measurements: \* Euclidean distance



## 4. Evaluation of image distortion

- Evaluation of image distortion
  - Difference between two images

- $\varepsilon(image_i, image_j) =$

Total distortion between t

$$\sum_{k=1}^N \left( \sqrt{\left( (L_{i,k} - L_{j,k})^2 \right) + ((a_{i,k} - a_{j,k})^2) + ((b_{i,k} - b_{j,k})^2)} \right)$$

- N = number of pixels
    - k = k<sup>th</sup> bit
    - Bit per bit, compute the difference of L, a and b components between the two images



## 4. Evaluation of image distortion

- **TASK:** Define a MATLAB function that estimated the distortion w.r.t. the original image
  - $\varepsilon(image_i, image_j) = \sum_{k=1}^N \left( \sqrt{\left( (L_{i,k} - L_{j,k})^2 \right) + \left( (a_{i,k} - a_{j,k})^2 \right) + \left( (b_{i,k} - b_{j,k})^2 \right)} \right)$
  - Work in the L\*a\*b\* space and compute the Euclidian distance pixel per pixel
  - Convert by using MATLAB's *rgb2lab()* and *lab2rgb()* functions

## 4. Evaluation of image distortion

- Think also in terms of percentage distortion

- E.g., distortion of new image w.r.t. distortion between a black and a white image

- $dist = \frac{\varepsilon(image_{new}, image_{orig})}{\varepsilon(white\ image, black\ image)} \cdot 100 \quad (\%)$

$$W * H * (100^2 + 255^2 + 255^2)$$

We normalize our value obtained of the distortion to make

## 4. Evaluation of image distortion (cont'd)

- Alternative: Mean Structural Similarity Index (MSSIM).
  - More complex metric involving measures of brightness, contrast and structural distortion
  - Implementation provided by MATLAB: **ssim(A, B)**
  - Score between 0 and 1 (1 = identical images).
    - Convert to % simply by multiplying \* 100
- **TASK:** Compare the two distortion metrics and determine which one correlates better with visual differences

For every transformation we do, compare the distortion with the two metrics and compare the two methods: which is the one that re



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# 5. Evaluation of various strategies on image modification

- **TASK:** Experiment image manipulation strategies to reduce power consumption:
  - Pixel-wise transformations
    - Work on colors
  - Histogram equalization
    - Work on luminance
  - Other types of brightness/contrast modifications
- Apply to all images

Polynomial transformation between the input pixel and the output pixel (cubic p

# 5. Evaluation of various strategies on image modification

- **Hungry-blue:**
  - Blue is the more costly component..
  - So, subtract a constant value to the blue component
  - Will introduce a distortion but reduces power
    - Depending on the weight of the blue component
- **Histogram equalization:**
  - Flatten the histogram of the image, e.g., by working on luminance...
  - Requires to work in the HSV color space
    - Hue – saturation – value (i.e., luminance)
  - Introduces distortion
- **Other types of brightness/contrast transformations:**
  - E.g. Convert to HSV and scale the value component ( $V \rightarrow k*V$  with  $k < 1$ ) or do some more complex transformation
  - use your imagination



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# 6. Analysis

- Analyse power/distortion tradeoff
  - Do different images behave differently?
  - What changes in terms of power consumption with different manipulation strategies?
  - How can I save more power with lower distortions?
  - ...
- **TASK:** Compare the transformations you applied and find the solution that **minimizes** power consumption under a **maximum average distortion** constraint (1%, 5%, 10%)
  - Use both distortion metrics

Differences between images ar

Implement a script



# 6. Analysis

- Example:
  - Blue reduction
    - Power saving  
29.11%
    - Distortion  
30.99%
  - Histogram equalization
    - Power saving  
11.99%
    - Distortion  
8.46%



Original image



After blue reduction



After histogram equalization

# How to:

1. Learn how to load an image in MATLAB
  - And how to convert it to RGB
2. Write the function to estimate power consumption
3. Write the function to estimate distortion