

# Lecture 2, Part 2 Color 2/2

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**What is color?**

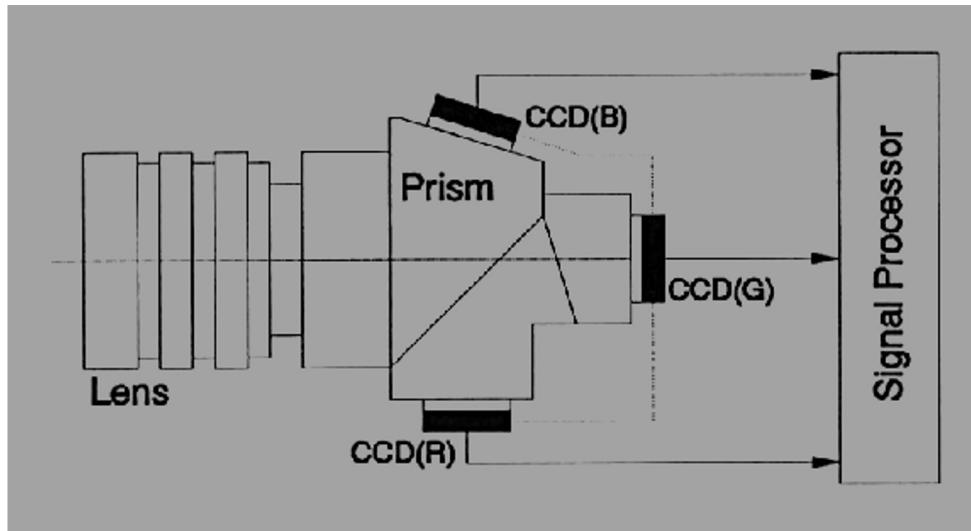
**Why do we even care about  
human vision in this class?**

# Why do we care about Human Vision?

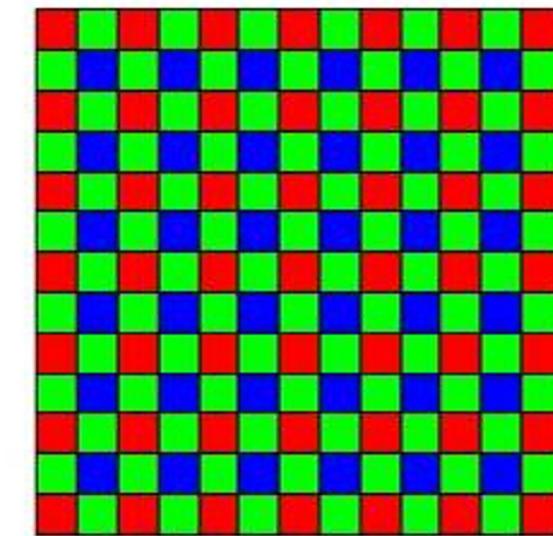
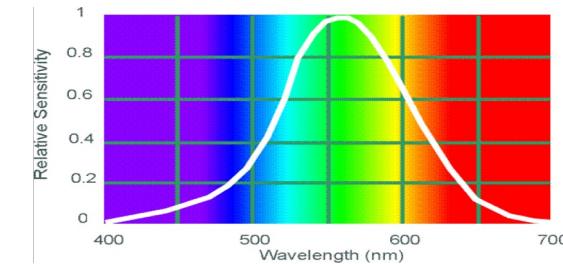
- We don't, necessarily.
- But biological vision shows that it is possible to make important judgements from images.
- It's a human world -> cameras imitate the frequency response of the human eye to try to see as we see.

# Color Sensing in Camera (RGB)

- 3-chip vs. 1-chip: quality vs. cost
- Why more green?



Why 3 colors?



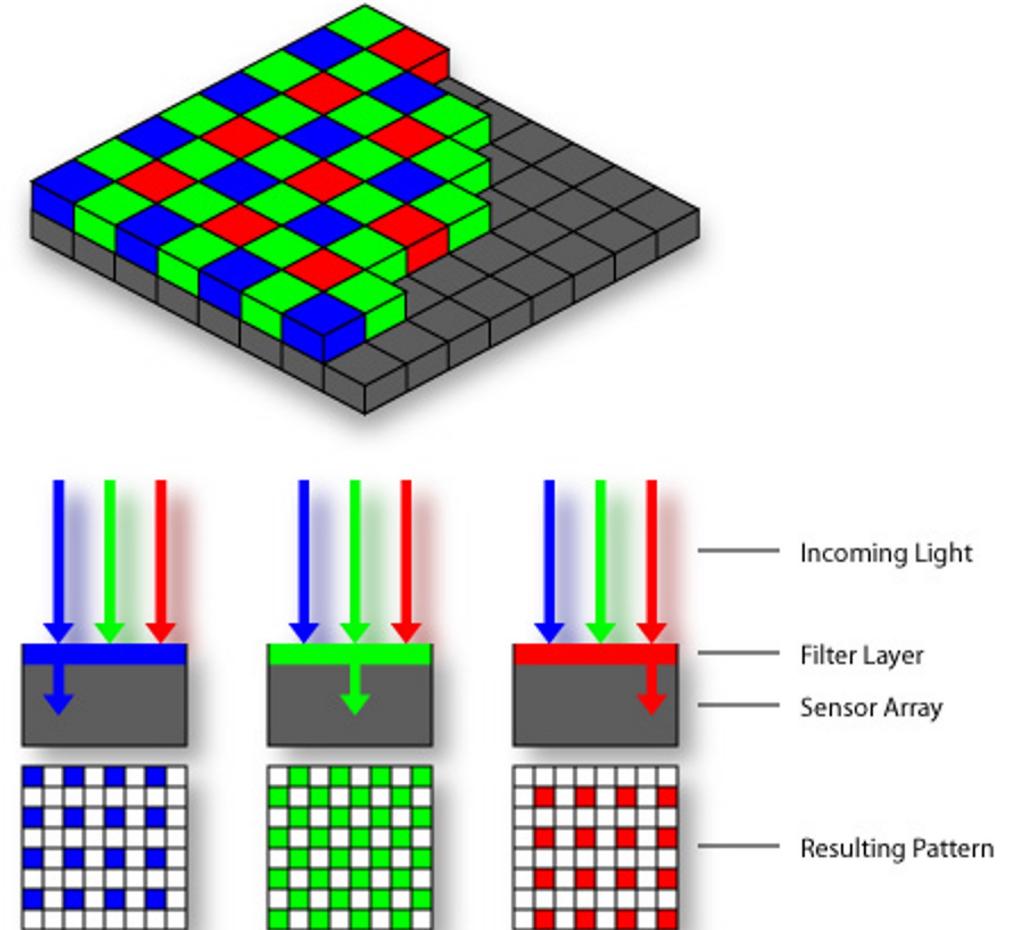
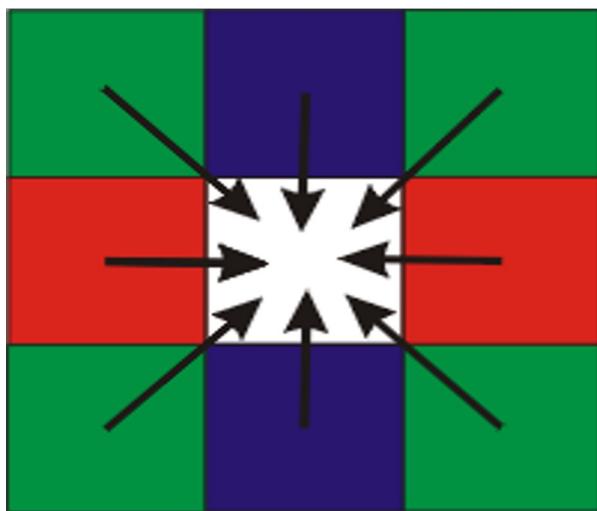
**Bayer filter**

Ituff Works

<http://www.cooldictionary.com/words/Bayer-filter.wikipedia>

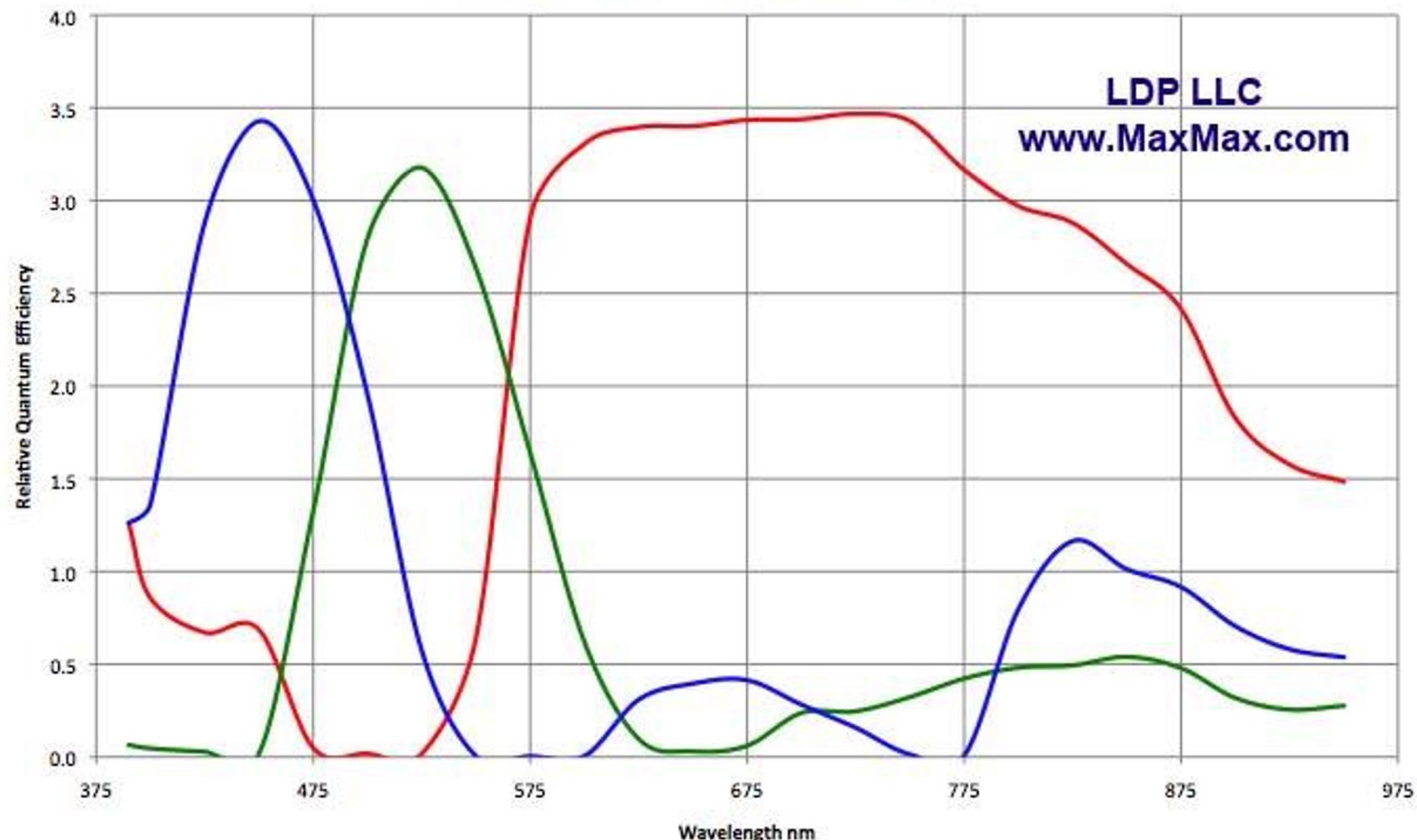
# Practical Color Sensing: Bayer Grid

- Estimate RGB  
at 'G' cells from neighboring values



# Camera Color Response

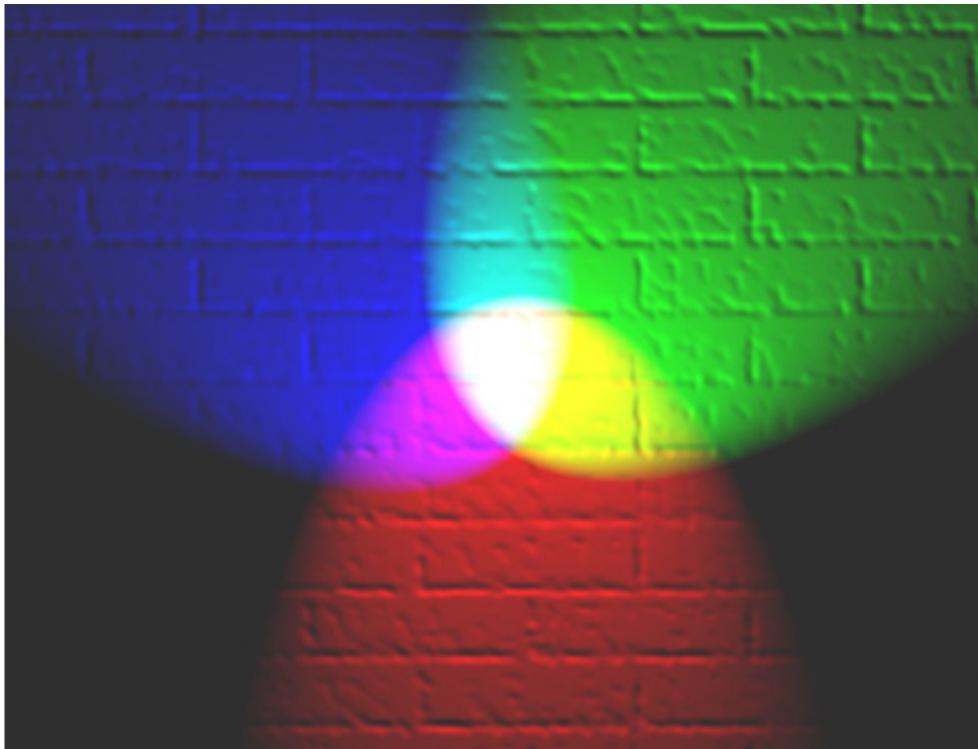
**Canon 450D Quantum Efficiency**



LDP LLC  
[www.MaxMax.com](http://www.MaxMax.com)

# Color spaces

- How can we represent color?

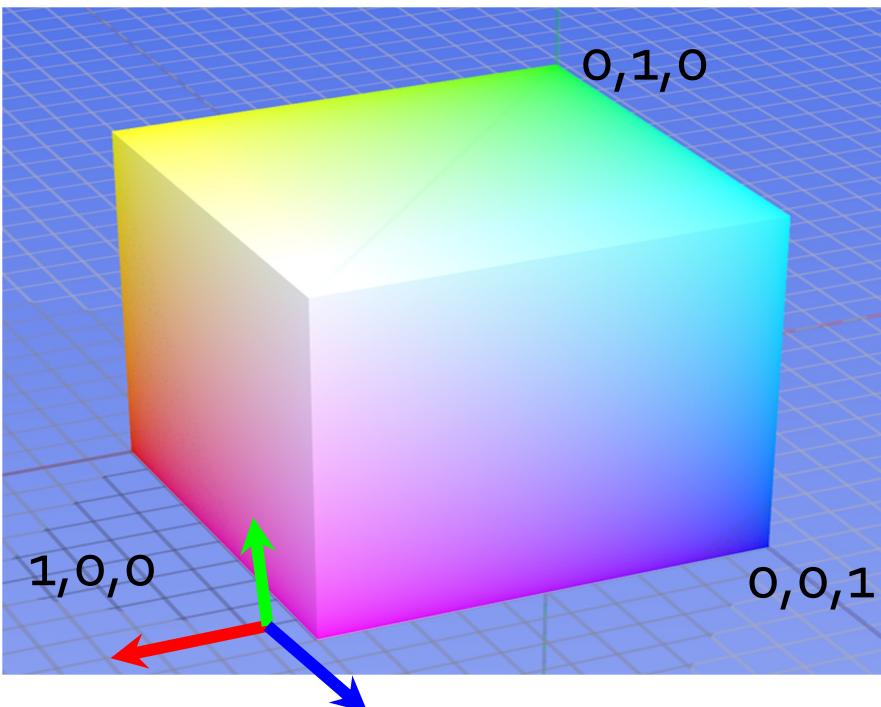


# Default color space – RGB



Any color =  $r*R + g*G + b*B$

- Strongly correlated channels
- Non-perceptual



**R = 1**  
(G=0, B=0)



**G = 1**  
(R=0, B=0)



**B = 1**  
(R=0, G=0)

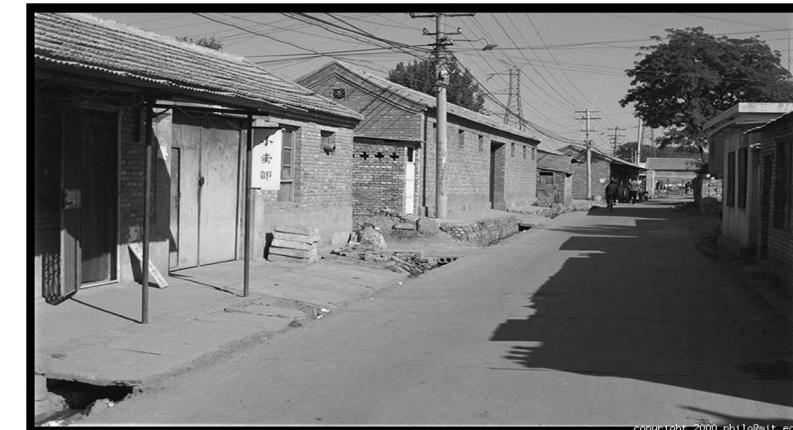
# Most information in intensity



Original image



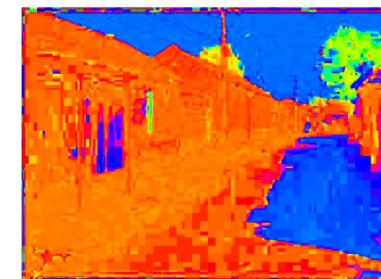
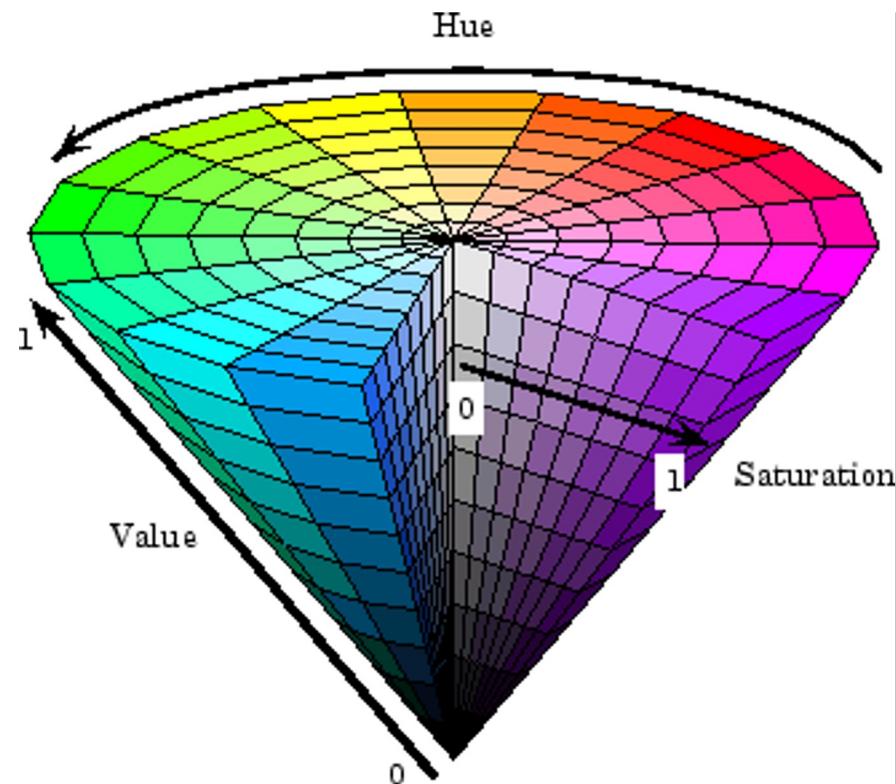
Only color shown – constant  
intensity



Only intensity shown –  
constant color

# Color spaces: HSV

Intuitive color space



H  
( $S=1, V=1$ )



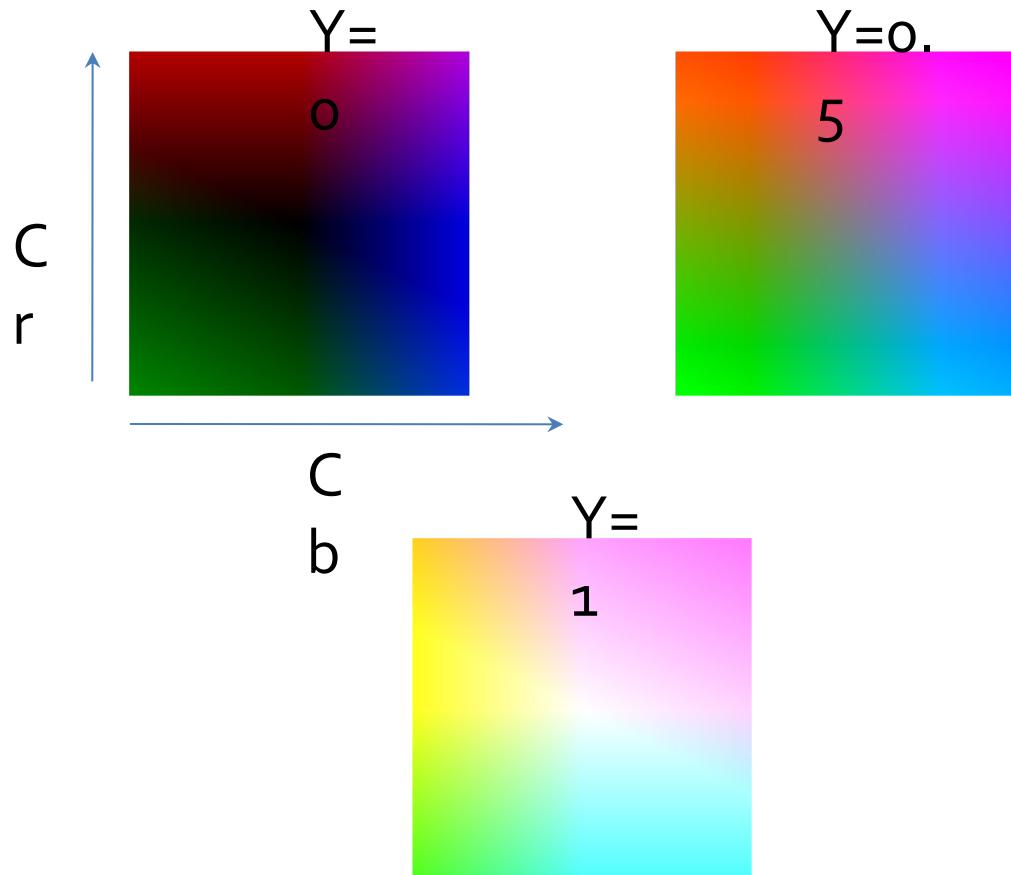
S  
( $H=1, V=1$ )



V  
( $H=1, S=0$ )

# Color spaces: YCbCr

Fast to compute, good for compression, used by TV



$Y$   
( $C_b=0.5, Cr=0.5$ )



$Cb$   
( $Y=0.5, Cr=0.5$ )



$Cr$   
( $Y=0.5, Cb=0.5$ )

# Most JPEG images & videos subsample chroma

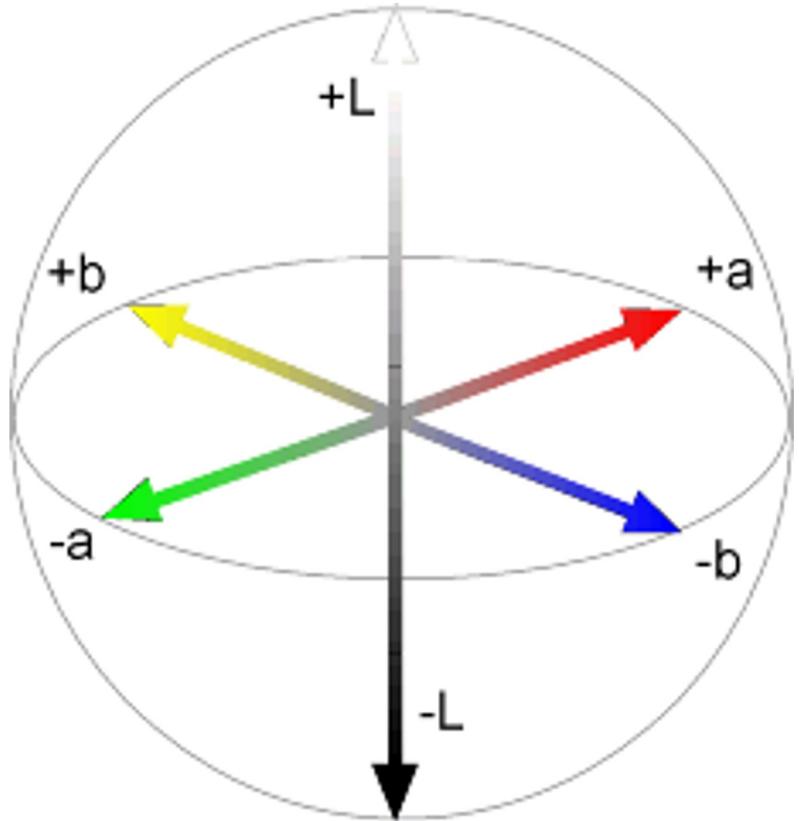


PSP Comp 3  
2x2 Chroma subsampling  
285K

Original  
1,261K lossless  
968K PNG

# Color spaces: L\*a\*b\*

“Perceptually uniform”\* color space



L  
( $a=0, b=0$ )



a  
( $L=65, b=0$ )



b  
( $L=65, a=0$ )