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Digital Image Processing (DIP)

ImProc website:

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Introduction to Colorimetry

Nov. 13, 2018

We can confirm [#TheDress](#) is blue and black!
We should know! <http://bit.ly/1arLYRe>

#THE DRESS NOW BACK IN STOCK

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The Internet lost its collective mind Thursday over the [color of a dress](#) originally posted by a [Tumblr](#) user.

ORIGINAL
(Blue and Gold)
+0% brightness, +0% contrast

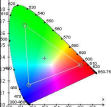
BRIGHTER
(White and Gold)
+40% brightness, +40% contrast

DARKER
(Blue and Black)
-30% brightness, +40% contrast

[swiked](#): guys please help me - is this dress white and gold (about 72%), or blue and black? Me and my friends can't agree and ...

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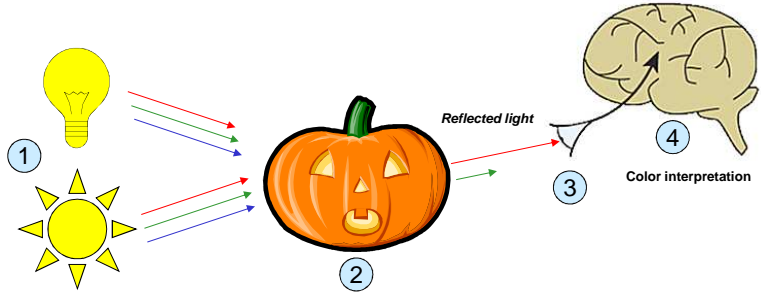
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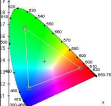
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Color perception of an object depends on:

- 1) Illumination source (ex: sunlight, incandescent bulb, fluorescent bulb, etc.)
- 2) The characteristic that an object absorbs light from certain wavelengths and reflects light from others
- 3) Characteristics of the human eyes
- 4) Human brain → Color interpretation



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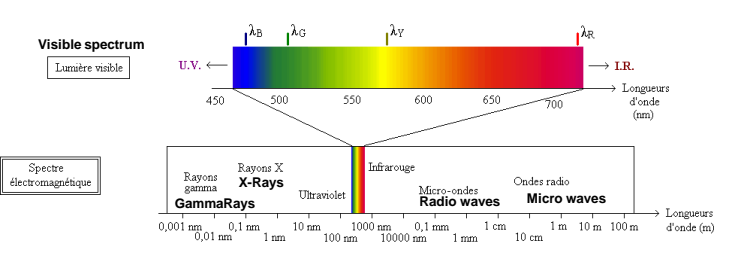
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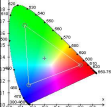
Light is **electromagnetic (EM) radiation**.

The human eye is only sensitive to EM radiation at wavelengths that range roughly between **780 nanometers** and **380 nanometers** (less than 1% of the total EM radiation emitted by the sun).

The visible spectrum contains numerous colors that are distinguished by **wavelength** and **amplitude**; wavelength determines color and amplitude determines brightness.



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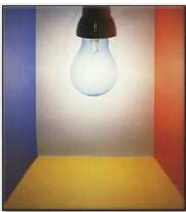
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Light sources


Light comes from a **variety of sources**. Because color depends on the reflection of light from an object, the nature of the light source is of the utmost importance.

The most common means to produce light are:

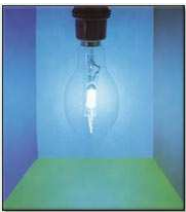
- **Incandescence** (sun, candle, filament light bulb)
- **Gas discharge** (sodium, mercury, and xenon lamps)
- **Photoluminescence** (fluorescent lighting tube)
- **Chemical reactions** (producing light but no heat)




Daylight bulb



Sodium lamp (low pressure)



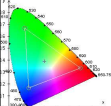
Mercury lamp



Sodium lamp (high pressure)

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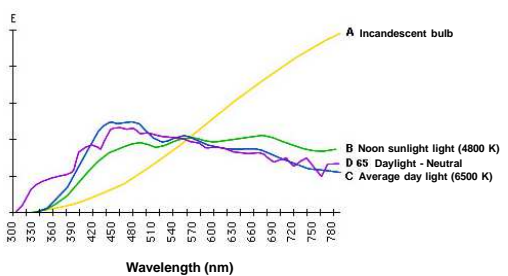
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Illuminants

Light sources (physical emitter of radiation), or **illuminants** (specification for a potential light source), are primarily characterized by their **color temperature** and **spectral power distribution**



A Incandescent bulb

B Noon sunlight light (4800 K)

D 65 Daylight - Neutral

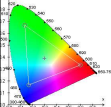
C Average day light (6500 K)

Color temperature of a light source can be defined as the temperature of a black body in degrees Kelvin having the same color appearance.

Outdoor Source	Indoor Source
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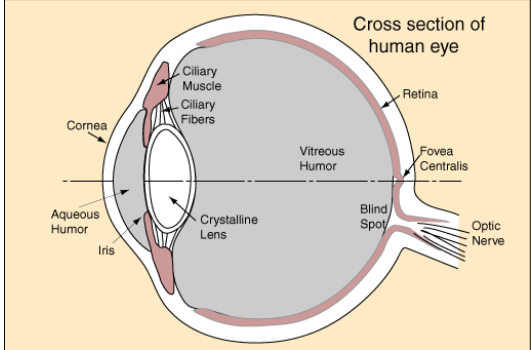
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Human eye

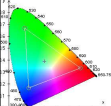


Cross section of human eye

Retina: the membrane on the inner wall of the eyeball which receives the image from the lens and converts it into nerve impulses.

Fovea: the center of the retina and the region of highest visual acuity and cone cell density.

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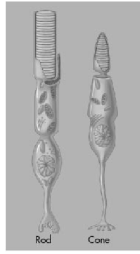
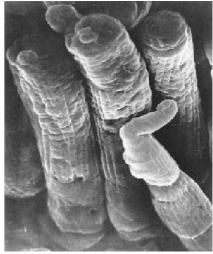


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Photosensitive cells

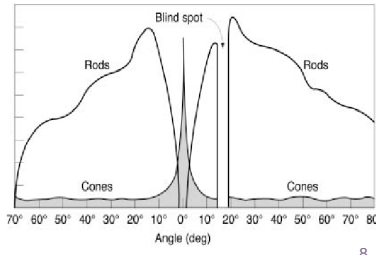
2 photosensitive cell types in retina

- **RODS:** sensitive to brightness / luminance (scotopic vision)
~ 120 million rods
- **CONES:** sensitive to color / frequency (photopic vision)
~ 5 million cones

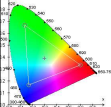



Cellular distribution not uniform

- Cones predominate at the fovea
- Rods dominate at periphery of vision



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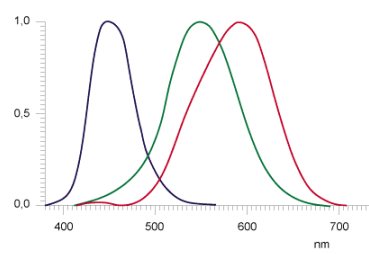
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Cone facts

Overall sensitivity peaks in the green

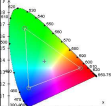
Color vision is provided by 3 types of cone with different colored light absorptions, loosely called red (L) 64%, green (M) 32% and blue cones (S) 4% (no blue cones in the center of the retina)

Sensation of whole spectrum of colors provided by exciting differently the 3 cone types




Metamers: different light spectrum that produce the same color perception.

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Color illusions



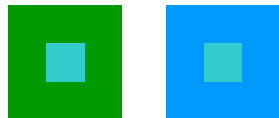
Lightness contrast

If the surrounding color is darker, the central square appears lighter; if the surrounding color is lighter, the central square appears darker.



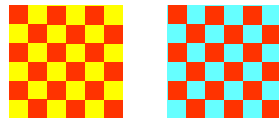
Saturation contrast

The central square appears bright and strong against the gray; it looks dull against saturated colors.



Hue contrast

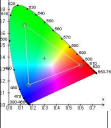
The central square appears blue on the left because the surrounding color is green; and green on the right because the surrounding color is blue.



Complementary contrast

The red checker appears brighter on the right (on the cyan, its complementary color), than on the left.

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Protanope (L-Cone def.)



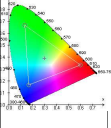
Deuteranope (M-Cone def.)



Tritanope (S-Cone def.)

Classification	Incidence (%)	
	Males	Females
Anomalous Trichromacy	6.3	0.37
Protanomaly (L-cone defect)	1.3	0.02
Deuteranomaly (M-cone defect)	5.0	0.35
Tritanomaly (S-cone defect)	0.0001	0.0001
Dichromacy	2.4	0.03
Protanopia (L-cone absent)	1.3	0.02
Deuteranopia (M-cone absent)	1.2	0.01
Tritanopia (S-cone absent)	0.001	0.03
Red Monochromacy (no cones)	0.00001	0.00001

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Ishihara test for color blindness

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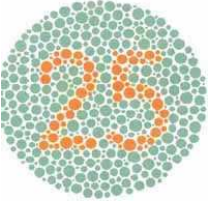
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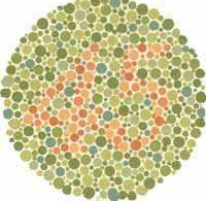
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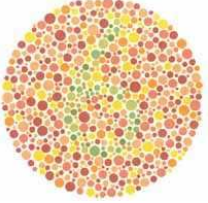
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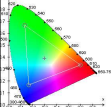


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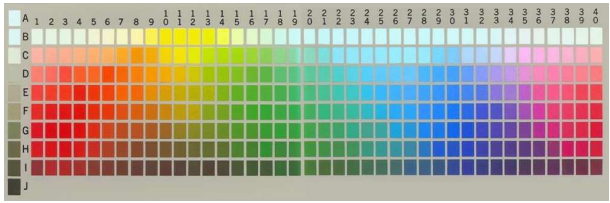
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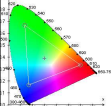
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- **Color Naming:** attaching labels to color. Perceptual categories are constructed through language
- Name the following colors:



- 11 **culture colors** (Berlin & Kay, 1969) : black, white, red, green , yellow, blue, brown, purple, pink, orange, gray

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Additive color mixing

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Primary colors: red, green, and blue

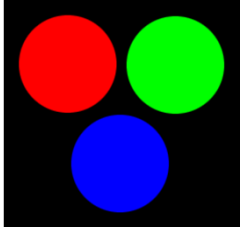
Secondary colors: yellow, cyan, magenta

Starting with a black background and adding lights to create color (other colors can be created by varying the intensities of red, blue, and green).

Used in television, cameras, computer graphics, etc.

Grassman's laws:

- Law 1: Any color C can be matched by a linear combination of three other colors (e.g. primary colors)
$$C = r_c(\mathbf{R}) + g_c(\mathbf{G}) + b_c(\mathbf{B})$$
- Law 2: A mixture of two colors (C_1 and C_2) can be matched by linearly adding their components
$$C_3 = C_1 + C_2 = [r_1+r_2](\mathbf{R}) + [g_1+g_2](\mathbf{G}) + [b_1+b_2](\mathbf{B})$$
- Law 3: Proportionality
$$k.C = k.r_c(\mathbf{R}) + k.g_c(\mathbf{G}) + k.b_c(\mathbf{B})$$



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Subtractive color mixing

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Primary colors: yellow, cyan, magenta

Secondary colors: red, green, and blue

Starting with white and subtracting cyan, magenta, and yellow pigments to create black.

Used in printing and photography.
Printers often include the fourth component, black ink, to improve the color gamut (by increasing the density range), improving blacks and saving money

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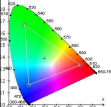
A white object will have equal value of reflectivity for each primary color, i.e. $R = G = B$

$$G' = R' = B'$$

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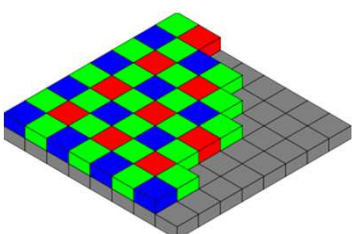
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Its particular arrangement of color filters is used in most single-chip digital image sensors used in digital cameras, camcorders, and scanners to create a color image.

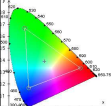


R and B values are interpolated from the (2 or 4) nearest neighbors of the same color.



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Color models are used to classify colors and to qualify them according to such attributes as hue, saturation, chroma, lightness, or brightness.

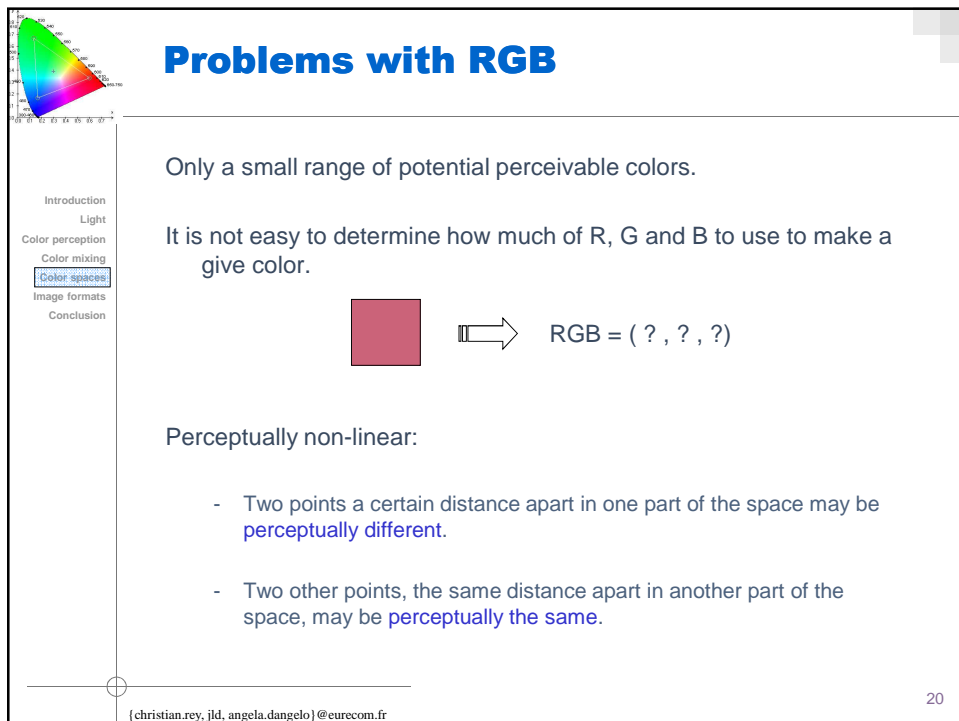
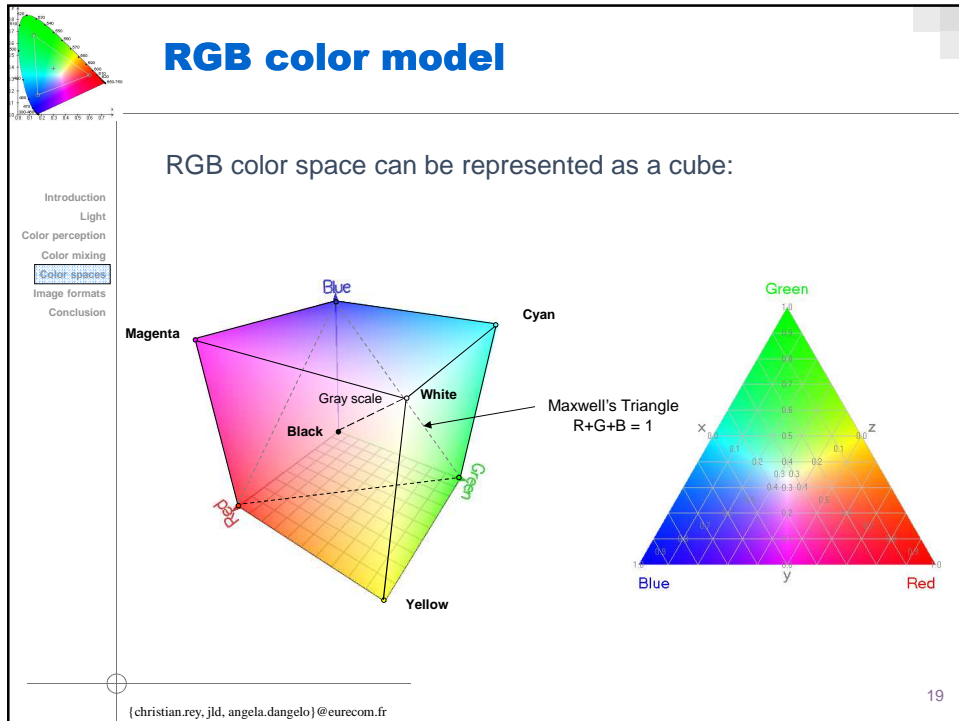
There are three manners to classify the colors:

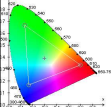
- According to a visual approach: Munsell, Chevreul, Ostwald
- According to a physical approach: **RGB**, HSV, CIE XYZ, etc.
- According to a physical and psychometrical approach: CIE Lab, CIE Luv, etc.



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Colormaking attributes

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Color scientists around the middle of the 19th century had discovered that three colormaking attributes, **hue**, **lightness** and **chroma**, provide the best description of conscious color judgments.


Hue corresponds to the common definition of colour, e.g. "red", "orange", "violet" etc.



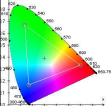
Lightness or value is determined by the total quantity of light reaching the eye. It is the perceptual response (nonlinear) to luminance.



Chroma or saturation is the intensity or purity of hue. An intense or highly chromatic color looks very luminous, while a color with low chroma looks dull.



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Munsell color system (1/2)

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Henry Munsell, an artist, wanted to create a "**rational way to describe color**" that would use decimal notation instead of color names.

Munsell modeled his system as an orb around whose equator runs a band of colors:

- The central column represents the color **value** (dark to light from bottom to top, represented by the notation 1/ to 9/).
- Each arm radiating out from the central column represents the color **hue** (five basic colors: red (R), yellow (Y), green (G), blue (B), and purple (P), with a second dimension between each color).
- Along each arm from the central column to its outer limit, the intensity of color saturation is expressed as the color **chroma** (dull to bright, represented by the notation /1 to /26).

NB: chroma is **not uniform** for every hue at every value.

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Munsell color system (2/2)

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The Munsell color wheel is a circular diagram with 100 color patches. The outer ring represents hue, with labels 5P, 5PB, 5B, 5BG, 5G, 5GY, 5Y, 5R, 5RP, and 5P. The inner ring represents chroma, with labels 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10. The center represents value, with labels 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10. The wheel is divided into 10 segments, each representing a primary color and its complements.

Munsell color wheel

The sample pages of Munsell's book show a grid of color patches. The vertical axis is labeled 'value' and ranges from 1/1 (black) to 9/1 (white). The horizontal axis is labeled 'chroma' and ranges from 0 to 20. The patches are arranged in a grid, with labels 5Y, 5R, and 5PB at the top.

Sample pages of Munsell's book

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HSV / HLS color models

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HSV: Hue, Saturation, Value

Transformation of RGB space that can describe colors in terms more natural to an artist.

HLS: Hue, Lightness, Saturation

Analogous to HSV (double cone representation)

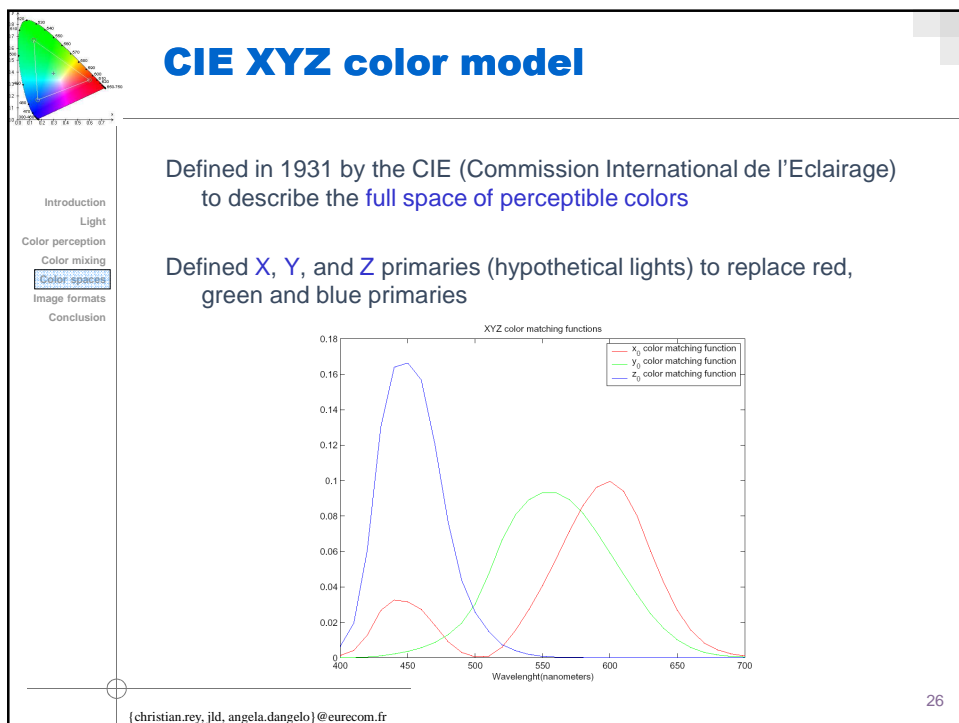
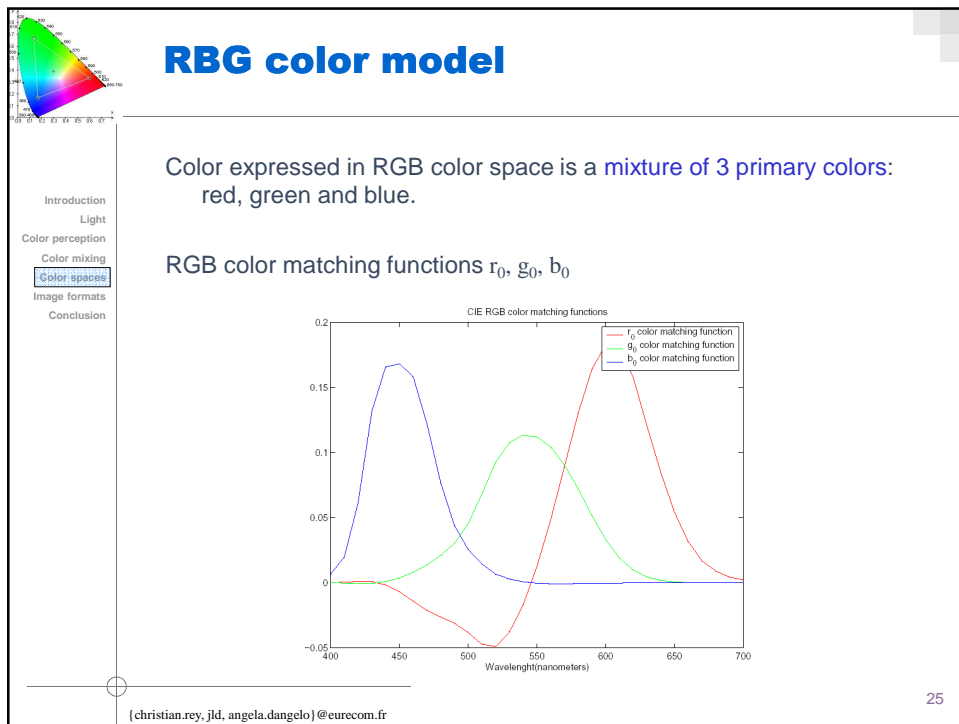
Value \neq Lightness
(equal to the square root of the luminance).

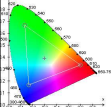
The diagram shows the HSV color space as a double cone. The top circular face represents the hue-saturation plane, with a radius of 1.0. The vertical axis represents value, ranging from 0.0 at the bottom to 1.0 at the top. The cone is divided into 10 segments, each representing a primary color and its complements.

HSV color space

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$$\begin{pmatrix} R \\ G \\ B \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3.24 & -1.54 & -0.50 \\ -0.97 & 1.88 & 0.04 \\ 0.06 & -0.20 & 1.06 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.41 & 0.36 & 0.18 \\ 0.21 & 0.72 & 0.07 \\ 0.02 & 0.12 & 0.95 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} R \\ G \\ B \end{pmatrix}$$

Many points in XYZ do not correspond to visible colors.

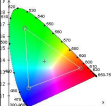
XYZ is more standardized

XYZ can reproduce all colors with positive values

XYZ is not realizable physically

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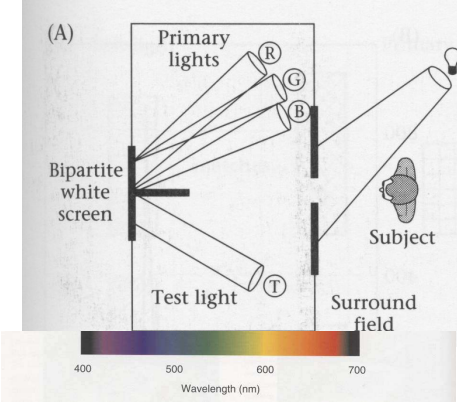
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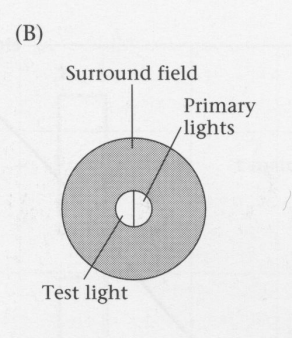
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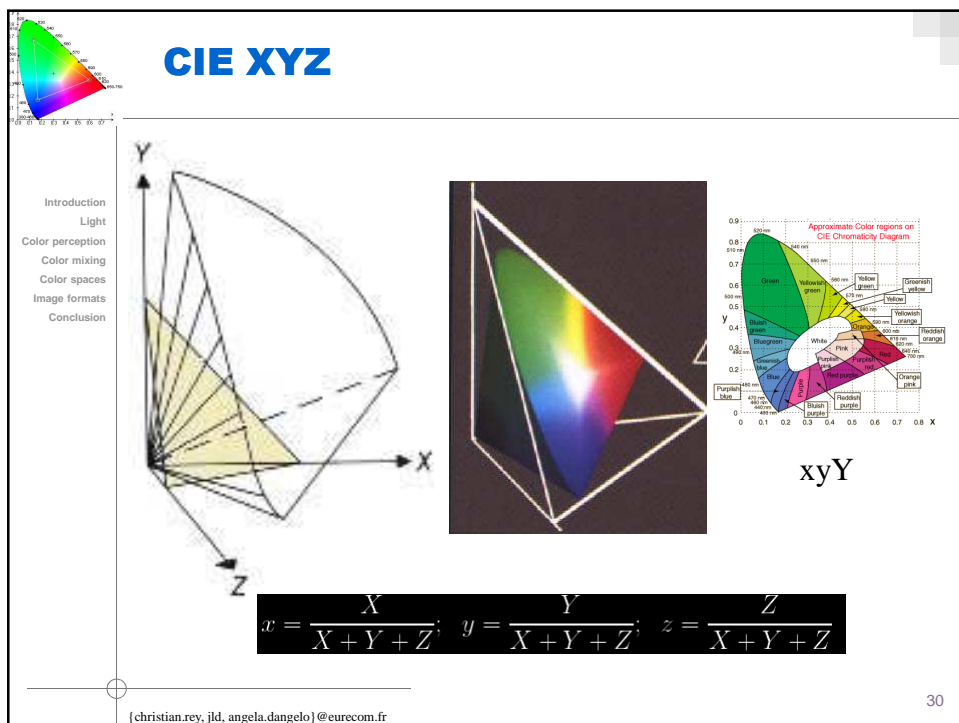
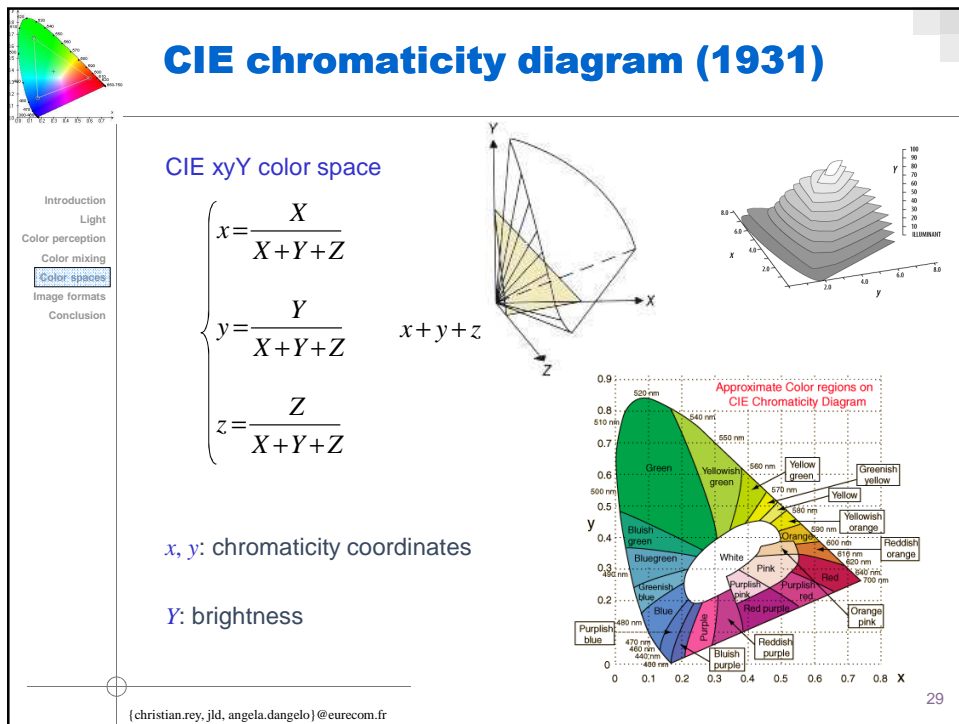


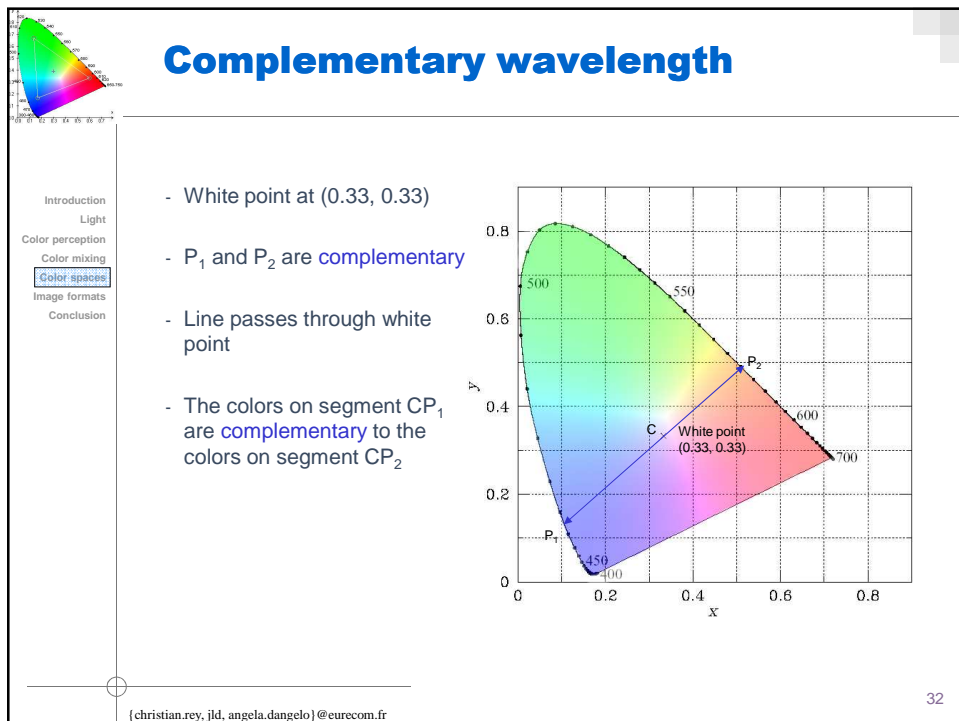
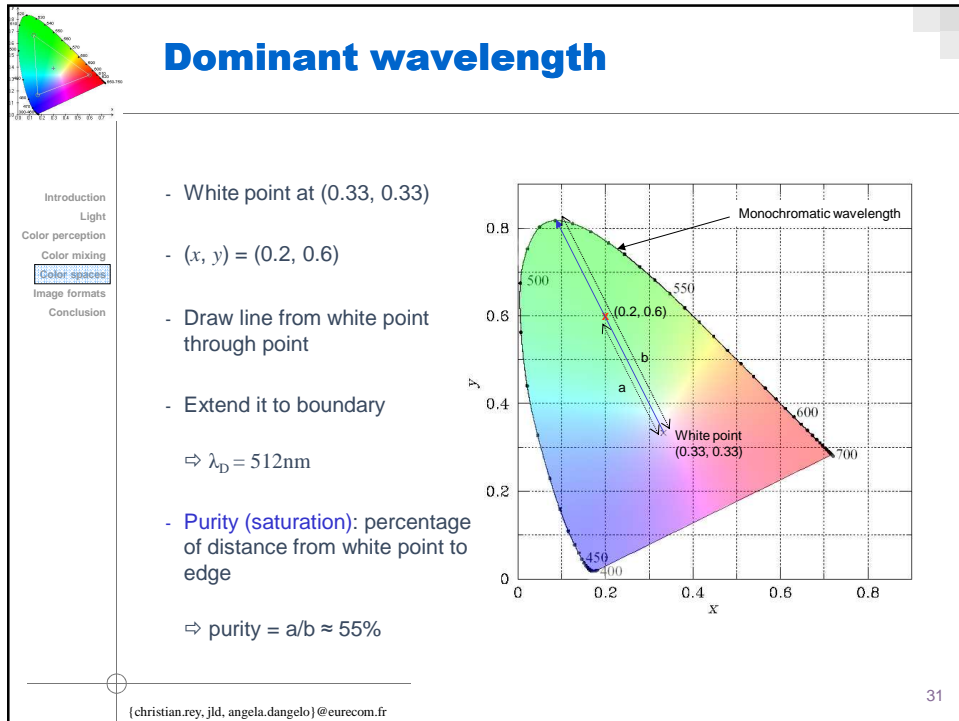
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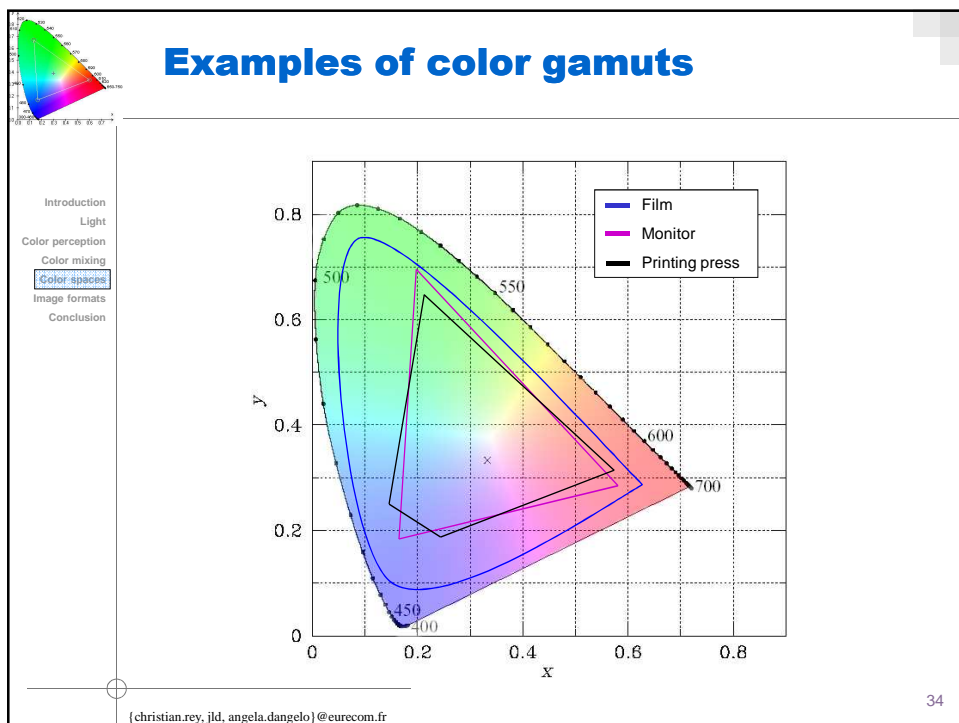
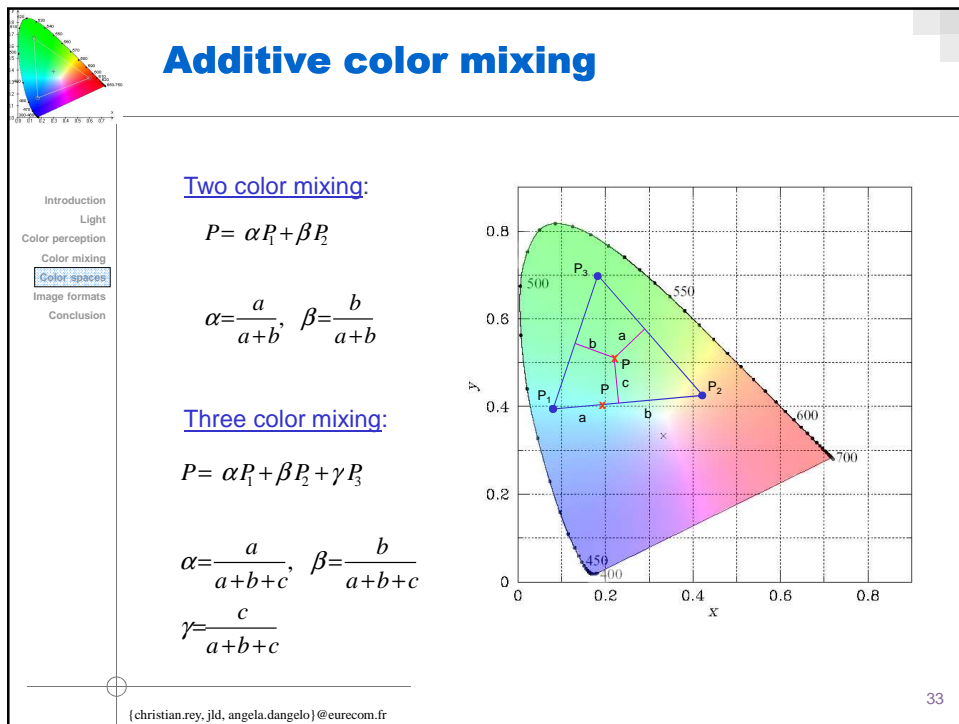


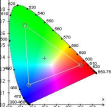
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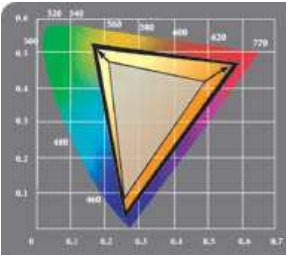






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Gamut Coverage




92%

72%

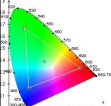
High Color Gamut Coverage

Regular Color Gamut Coverage



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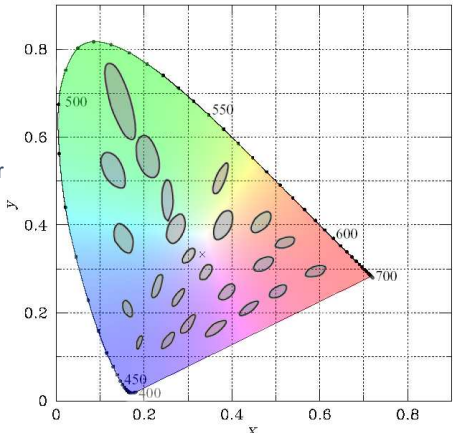
Mac Adam's ellipses

Ellipse = minimum perceivable color differences.

Color lying just outside the ellipse is **just noticeably different** (JND) from the center of the ellipse.

The scales of the chromaticity diagram are **not uniform**.

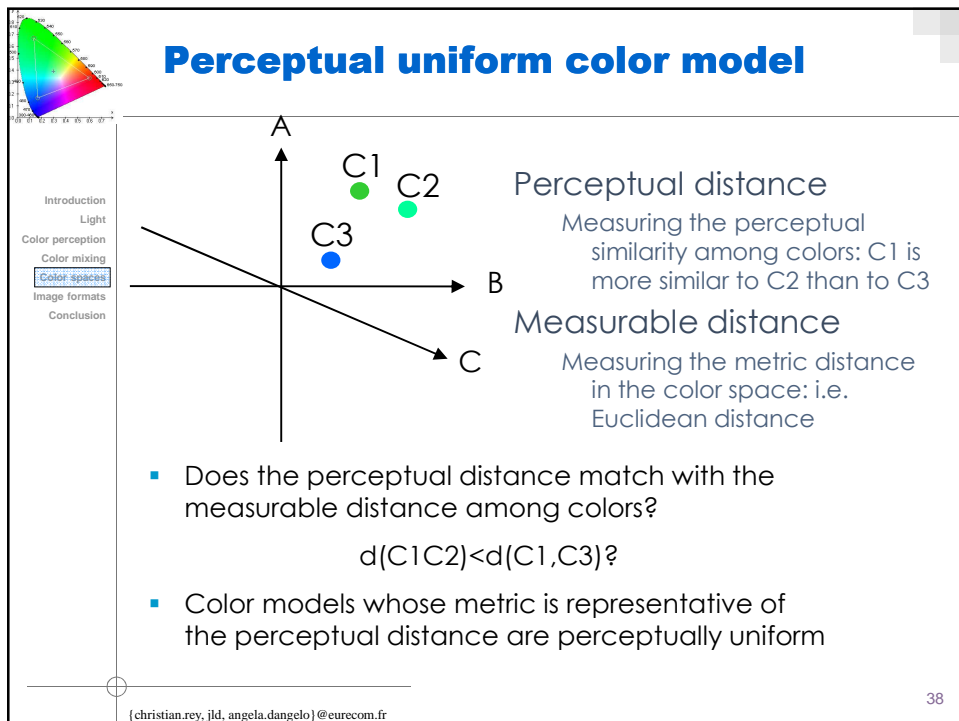
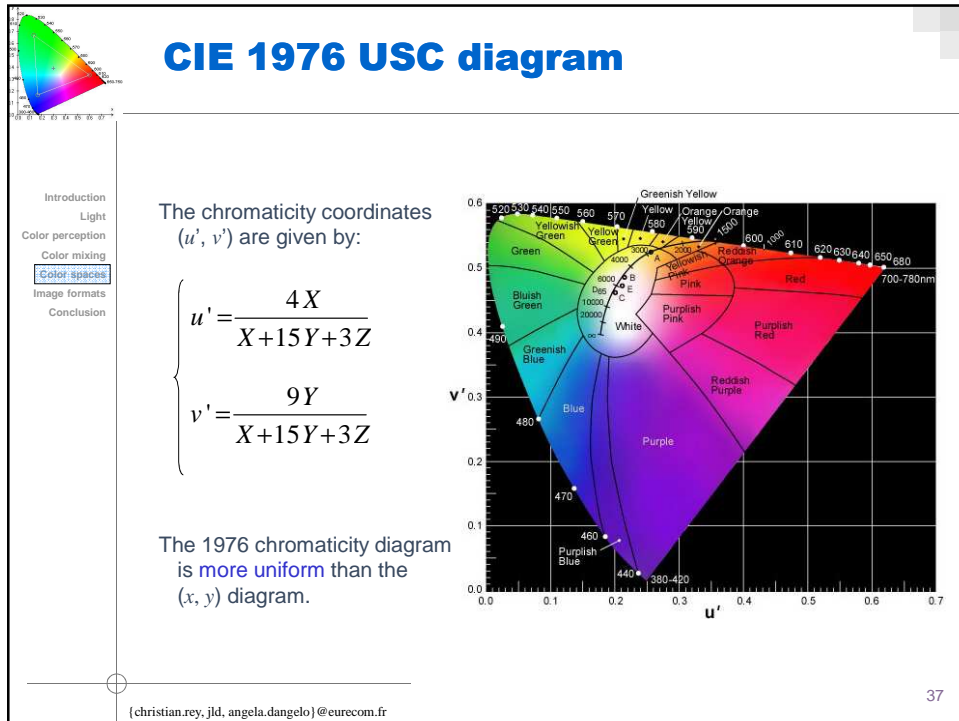
CIE 1976 uniform chromaticity scale (UCS) diagram

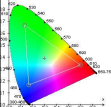


The ellipses are plotted 10 times their actual size

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Non perceptually uniform color models

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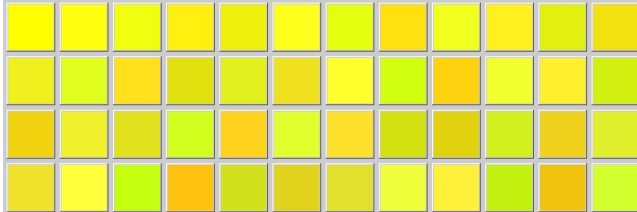
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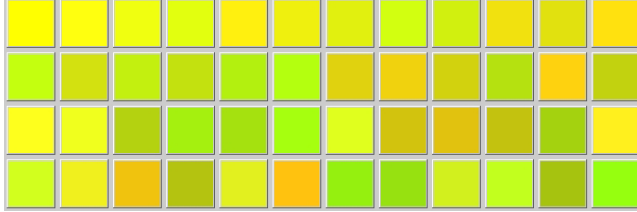
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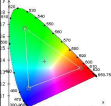
Euclidean distance applied to RGB space.



Euclidean distance applied to L*a*b* space.



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Lab color space

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CIE Lab was introduced un 1976

- L^* is luminosity
- a^* is red/green axis
- b^* is yellow/blue axis

Mathematically described space and a perceptually **uniform** color space.

Given white = (X_n, Y_n, Z_n)

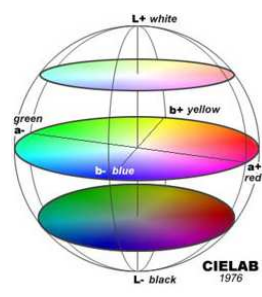
$$L^* = 116 (Y/Y_n)^{1/3} - 16 \text{ when } Y/Y_n > 0.008856$$

$$L^* = 903.292 (Y/Y_n) \text{ when } Y/Y_n \leq 0.008856$$

$$a^* = 500 (f(X/X_n) - f(Z/Z_n))$$

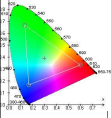
$$b^* = 200 (f(X/X_n) - f(Z/Z_n))$$

where $f(t) = t^{1/3}$ when $Y/Y_n > 0.008856$
else $f(t) = 7.87t + 16/116$



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YIQ color model

Used by US commercial color TV broadcasting (used by NTSC standard).

Y: encodes luminance
I, Q: encode color (chromaticity)

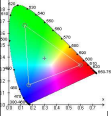
For black and white TV, **only the Y channel is used** (we do not need to broadcast separate signals for B/W TV).

People are **more sensitive to the illuminance** difference, so we can use more bits (bandwidth) to encode Y and less bits to encode I and Q.

$$\begin{pmatrix} Y \\ I \\ Q \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.299 & 0.587 & 0.114 \\ 0.596 & -0.273 & -0.322 \\ 0.212 & -0.522 & 0.315 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} R \\ G \\ B \end{pmatrix}$$

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YCrCb color model (or YUV)

Initially, for PAL analog video, it is now also used in CCIR 601 standard for digital video.

$Y = 0.299R + 0.587G + 0.114B$
 $Cr = R - Y$
 $Cb = B - Y$

Scaled and filtered versions of the B-Y and R-Y color difference signals are used to modulate the PAL subcarrier in the U and V axes respectively.

$U = 0.492 (B - Y)$
 $V = 0.877 (R - Y)$

$$\begin{pmatrix} Y \\ U \\ V \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.299 & 0.587 & 0.114 \\ -0.169 & -0.331 & 0.500 \\ 0.500 & -0.419 & -0.081 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} R \\ G \\ B \end{pmatrix}$$

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24 bits color image

Red channel

Green channel

Blue channel

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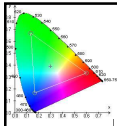
Pixel value
= index

Color map / Look-up table

Each pixel value is an index to the look-up table (or color map).

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Applets of interest

[The Chromaticity Diagram and Gamut Applet](#)

[The Color Spaces Conversion Applet](#)

[The Color Matching Game Applet](#)

Main page: Color spaces: <http://www.cs.rit.edu/~ncs/color/>

Color blindness:

[you can test your color vision on-line.](#)

[How does the world look to someone who is color deficient.](#)

[\(Why are you colorblind\)](#)

<http://vischeck.com/runVischeck.php3> (simulateur)



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