

Advances in Characterizing Color Rendition of Light Sources

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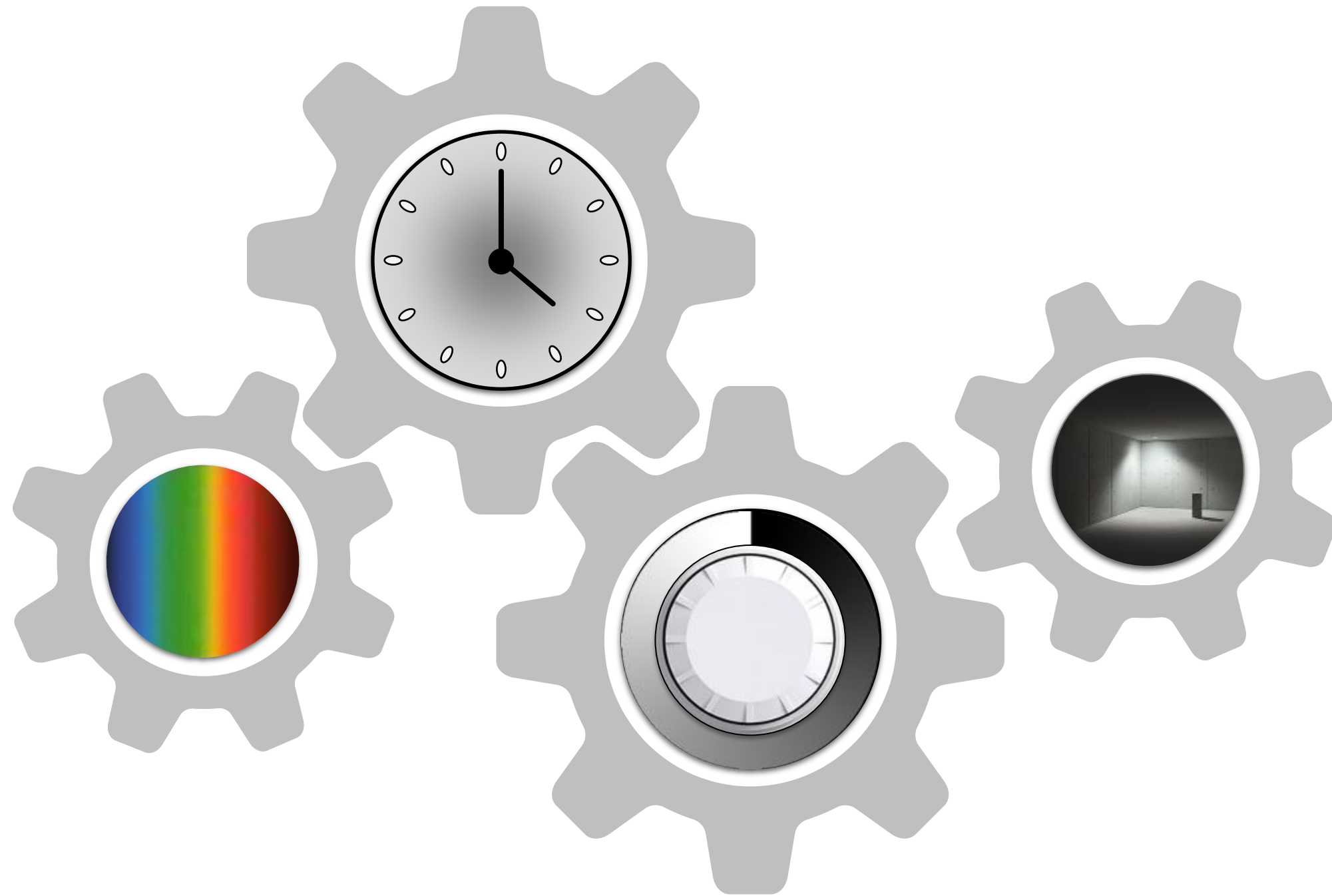
Michael Royer



Color rendering is important because color gives us so much.



Lighting variables are time, intensity, spatial distribution, and spectrum.



Color rendition encompasses a collection of concepts that are all related to how light sources render color in objects.

Salient aspects of Color Rendition

- Fidelity
- Naturalness
- Preference
- Vividness
- Discrimination
- Memory
- Metamerism

Understanding Color Rendition is knowing how to ...



Venture Capital Office Building | Menlo Park, CA, USA
Lighting Design: Sean O'Connor Lighting Inc
Architecture: Paul Murdoch Architects
2014 IALD International Lighting Design Award of Excellence

... predict it.

... communicate it.

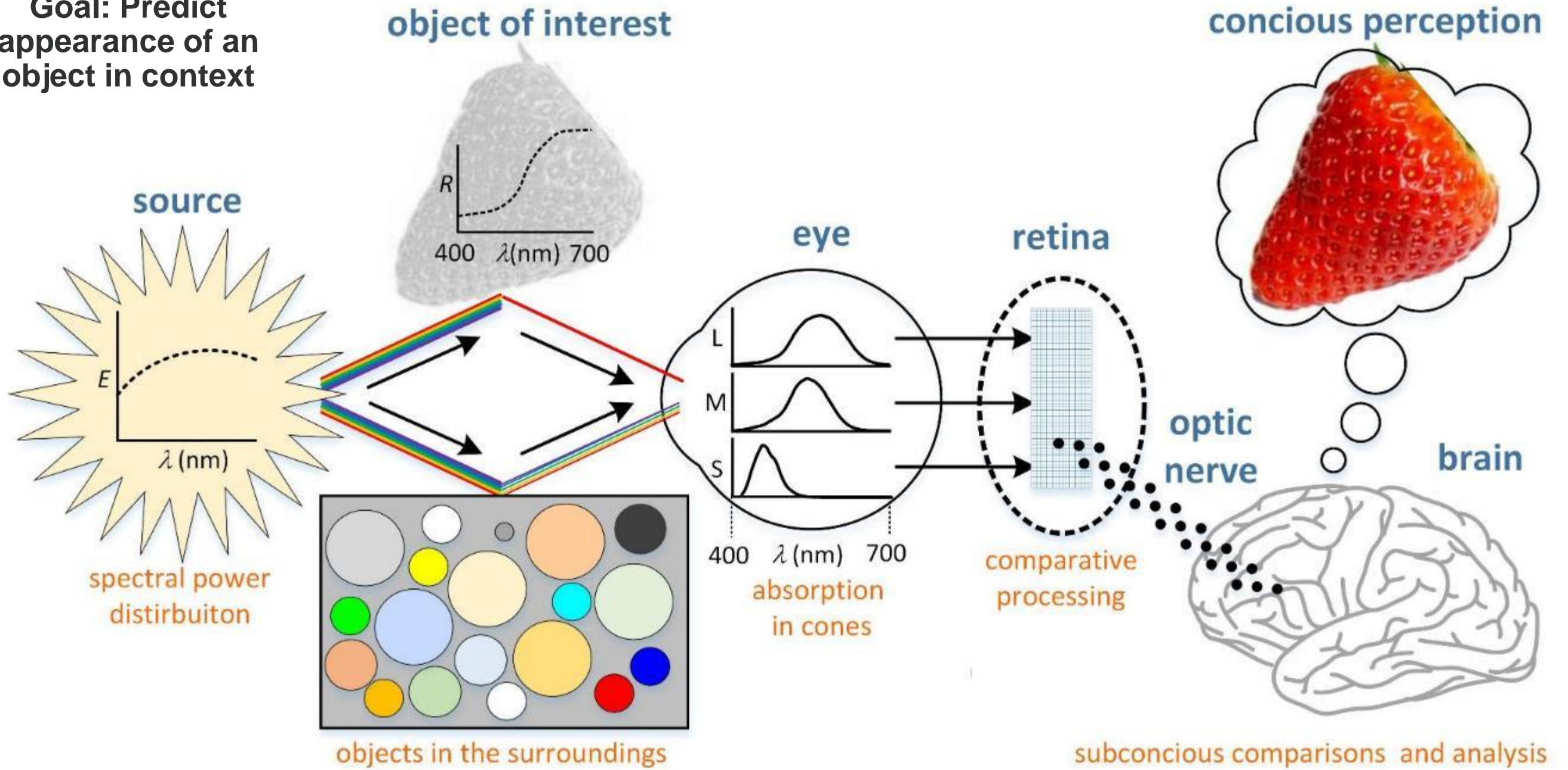
... realize it.



171 Collins Street | Melbourne, Australia
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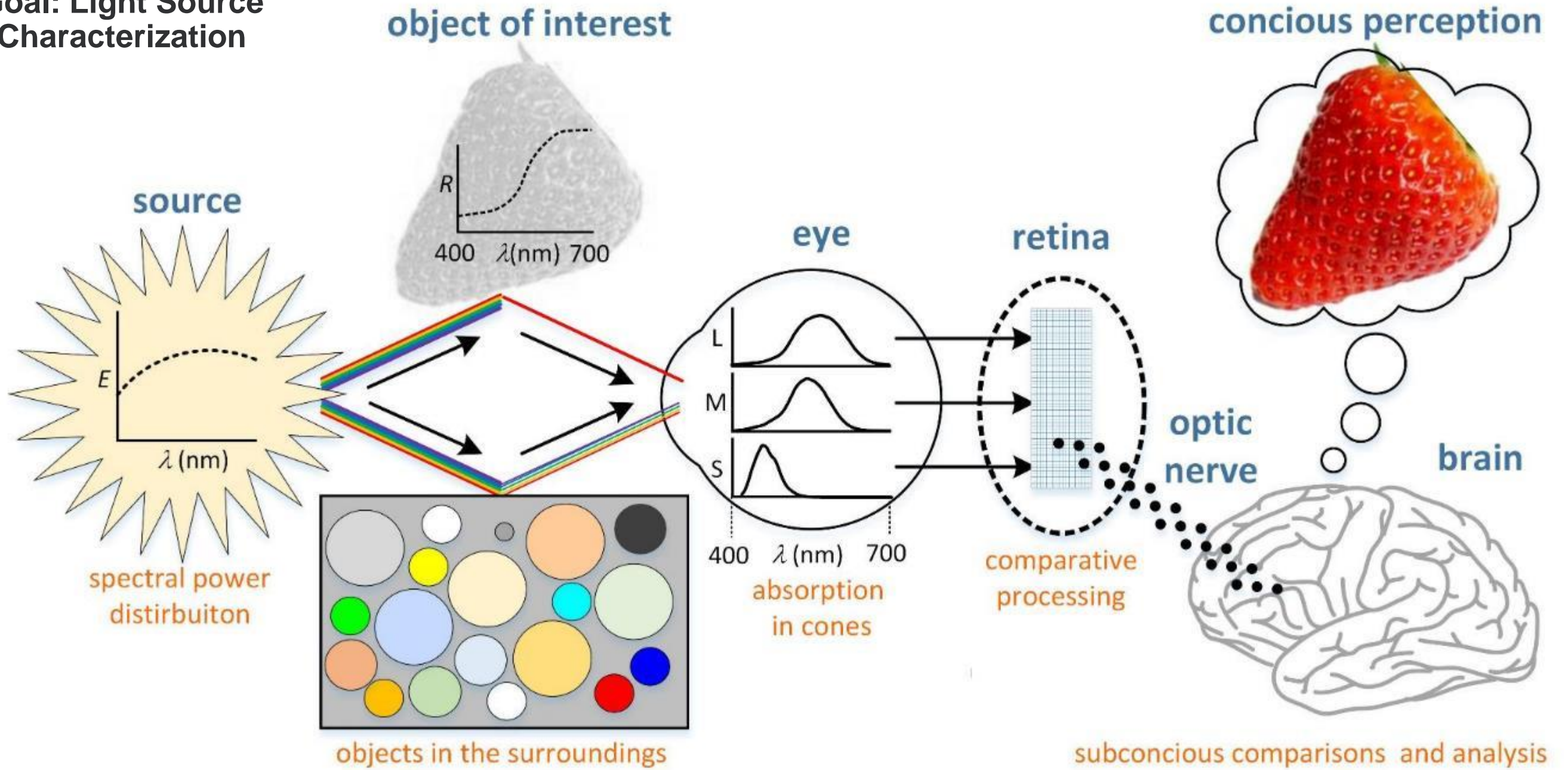
Color Appearance

Goal: Predict appearance of an object in context



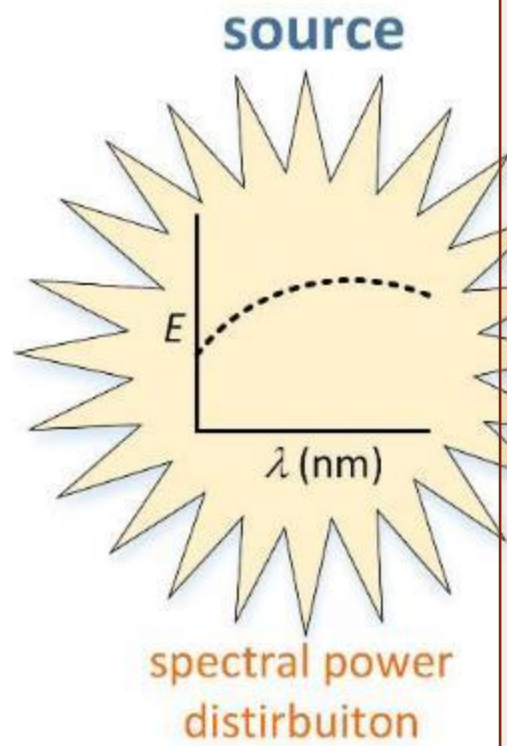
Color Rendition

Goal: Light Source Characterization

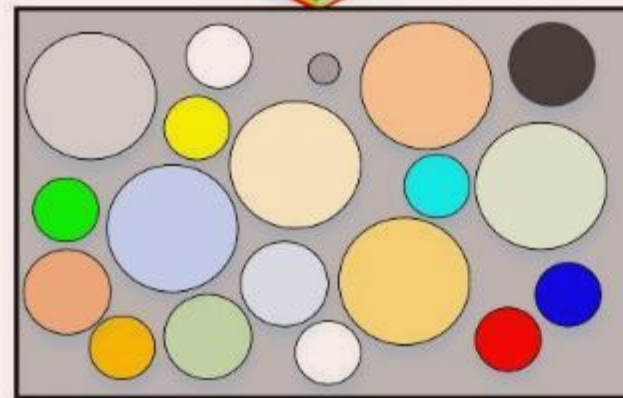
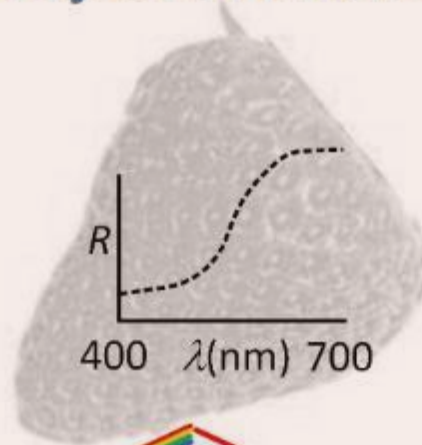


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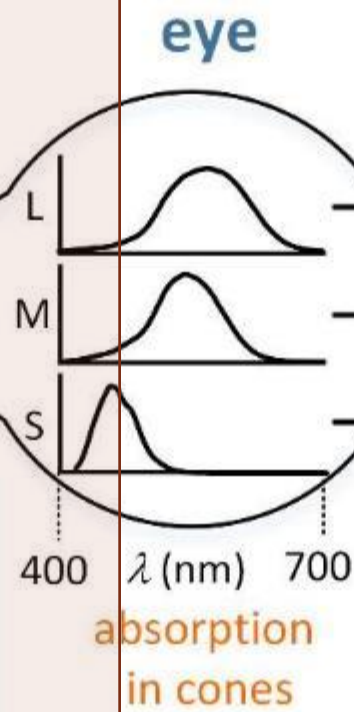


object of interest



objects in the surroundings

Sample Colors
(in isolation)



eye

retina

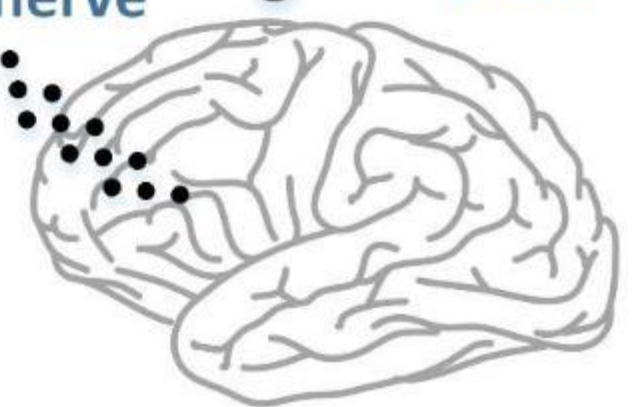
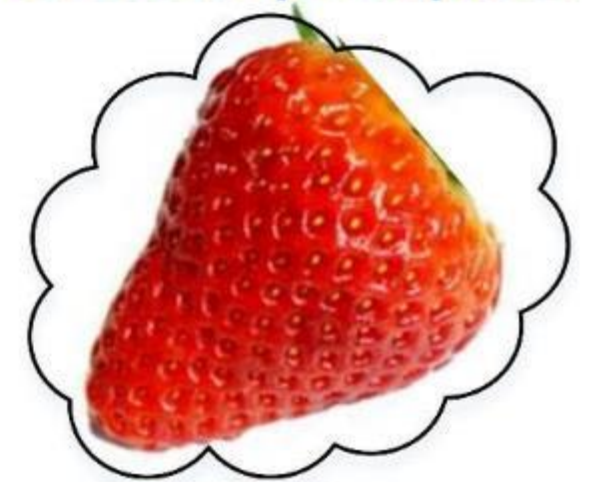
comparative processing

optic nerve

brain

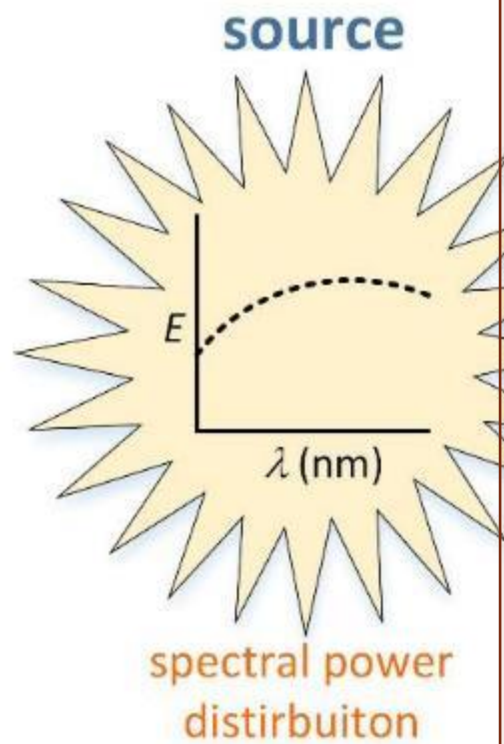
subconscious comparisons and analysis

conscious perception

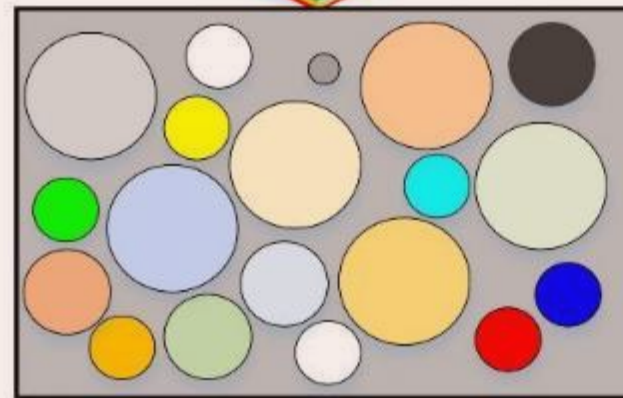
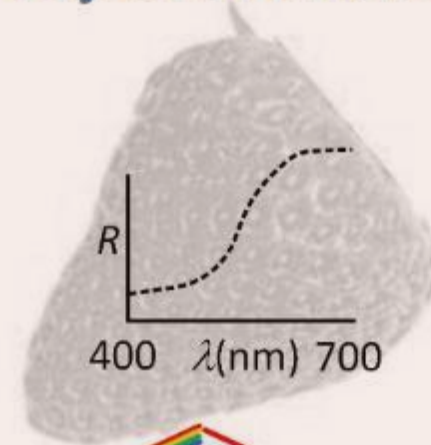


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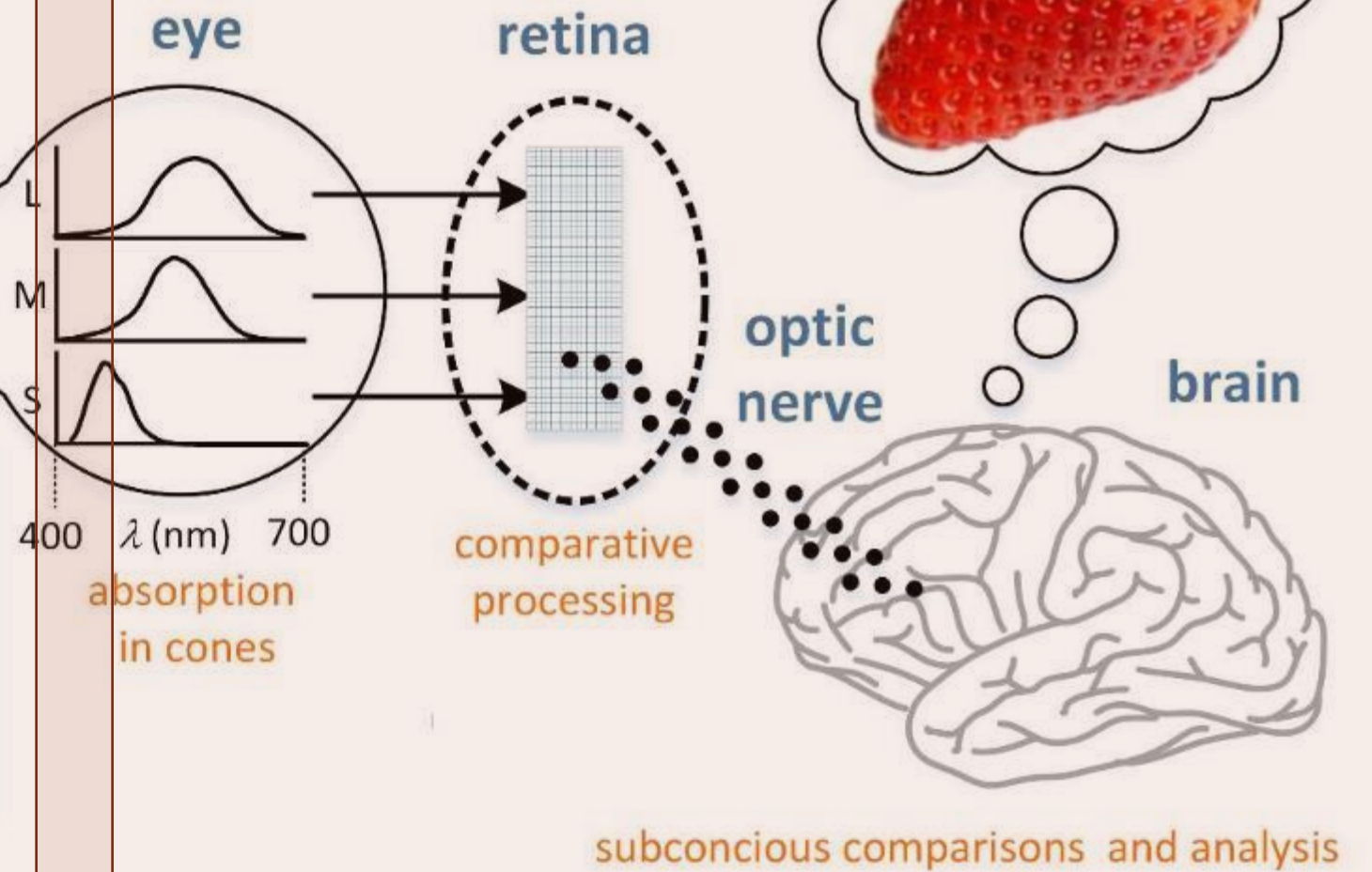
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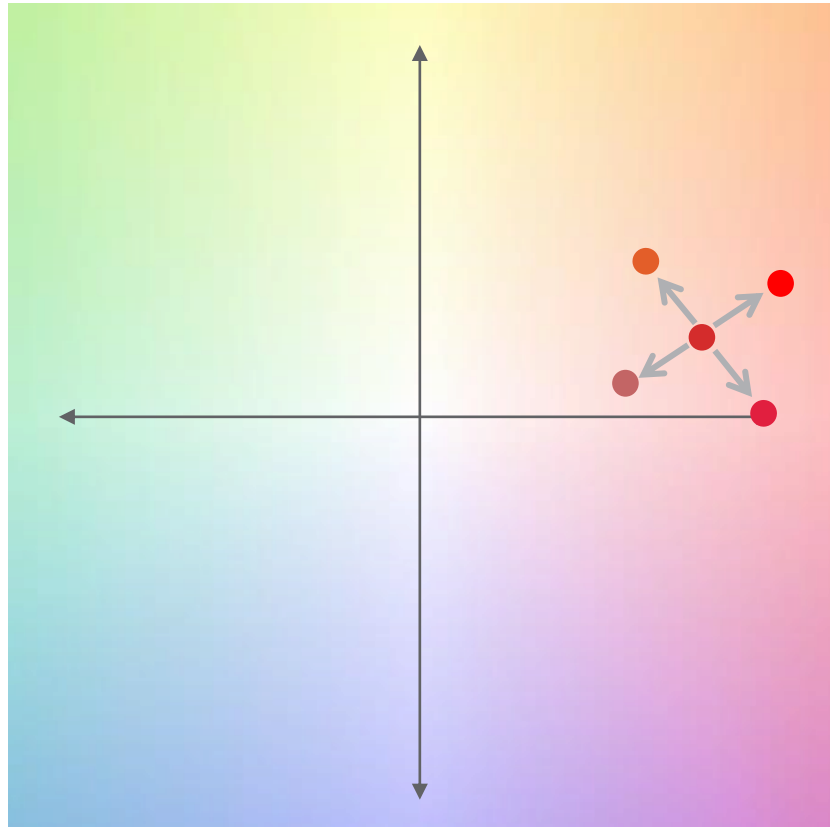


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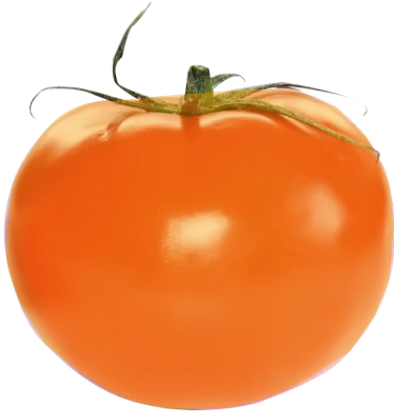
Sample Colors
(in isolation)

Color Vision Model (assumed viewing conditions)





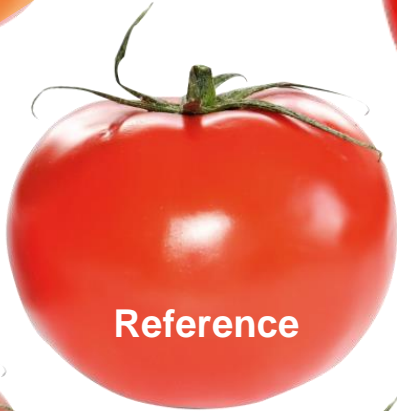
Hue shift
(more orange)



Saturating
(more vivid)



Reference

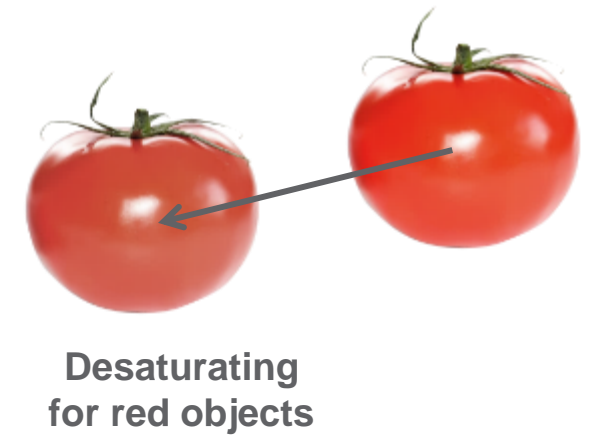
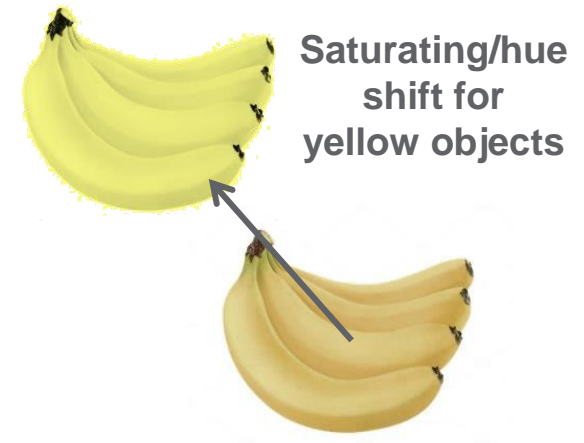
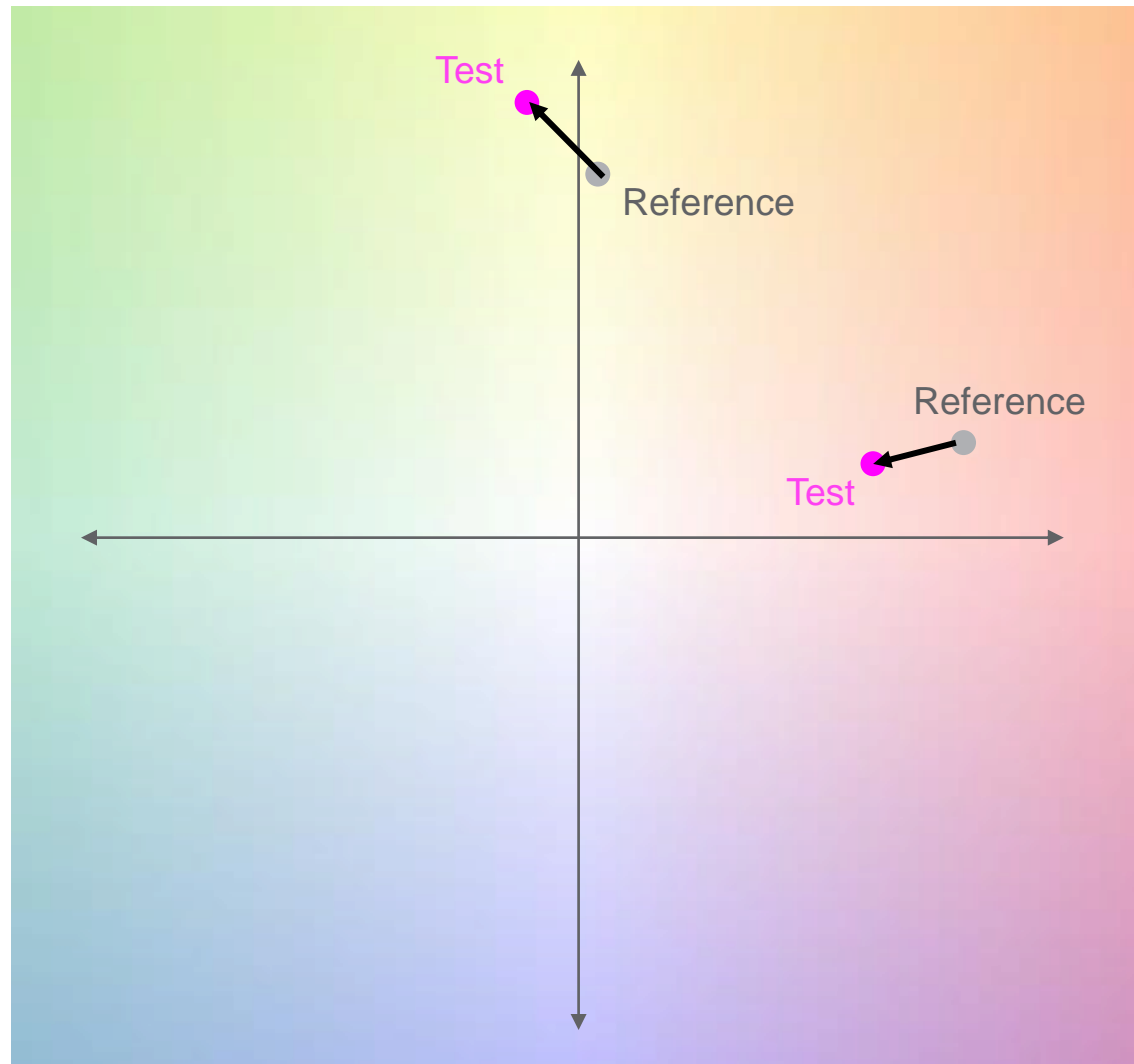


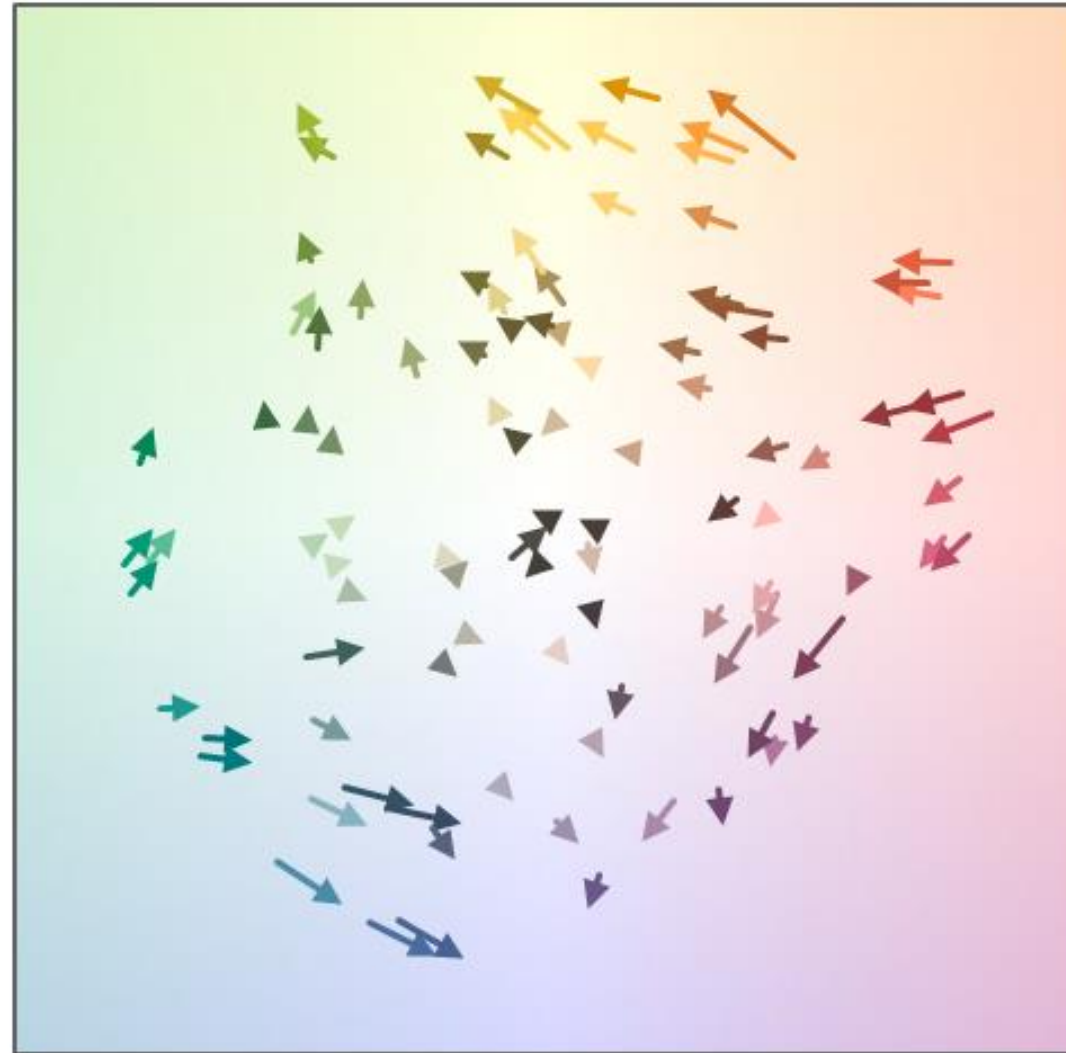
Desaturating
(more dull)



Hue shift
(more pink)







Challenge: Summarize complex information about colors shifts for the purpose of light source characterization and specification.

IES TM-30-15
ANSI/IES TM-30-18
Annex E/F
ANSI/IES TM-30-20

Solution 1:
Updated models of color & color vision

TM-30 Calculation Framework

1. Model of Human Color Vision (CAM02-UCS)
2. Model of Colors (99 CES)
3. Established Baseline (Reference)

Solution 2:
Provide more information

Global Average Values

Fidelity Index (R_f)

Gamut Index (R_g)

Metameric Uncertainty Index (R_t)

Proposed Addition

Graphical Representations

Color Vector Graphic (CVG)

Local Average Values (Hue-Angle Groups)

16 Local Chroma Shift ($R_{cs,hj}$)

16 Local Hue Shift ($R_{hs,hj}$)

16 Local Color Fidelity ($R_{f,hj}$)

Sample Specific Values

99 Color Sample Fidelity ($R_{f,CESi}$)

**Gamut
Shape**

June 2018 webinar covering calculation details:

<https://www.ies.org/standards-webinars/tm-30-in-2018-and-beyond-guidance-for-improving-color-quality/>

Fidelity Index

R_f

~60 to 100

IES R_f = CIE R_f



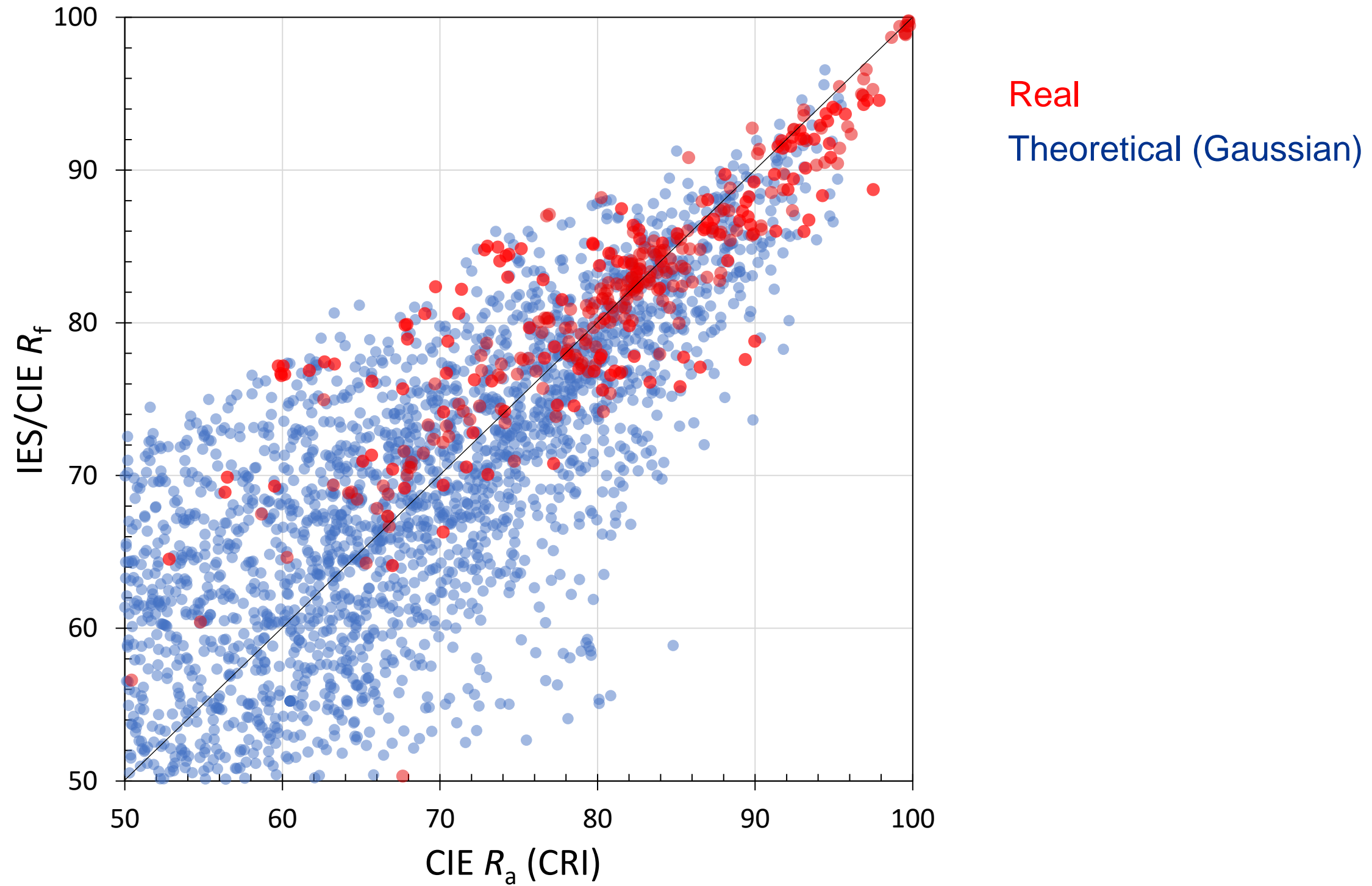
Equal R_f



Similar Past Measures

1965	CIE 13 (CRI) R_a
1974	CIE 13.2 (CRI) R_a
1974	Absolute Color Rendering
1985	Rb
1985	R'13
1990	Categorical Color Rendering
1995	CIE 13.3 (CRI) R_a
1999	R96a
2005	CQS Q_f
2006	Visual Color Rendering
2009	CR100
2010	Rank Order Color Rendering Index
2011	CRI-CAM02UCS
2012	CRI2012 (nCRI)

Conceptual equivalents don't perform the same.



Gamut Index

$$R_g$$

~80 to 120



Similar Past Measures

1972 Color Discrimination Index

1984 Color Rendering Capacity

1993 Feelings of Contrast Index

1997 Cone Surface Area

2005 CQS Q_g

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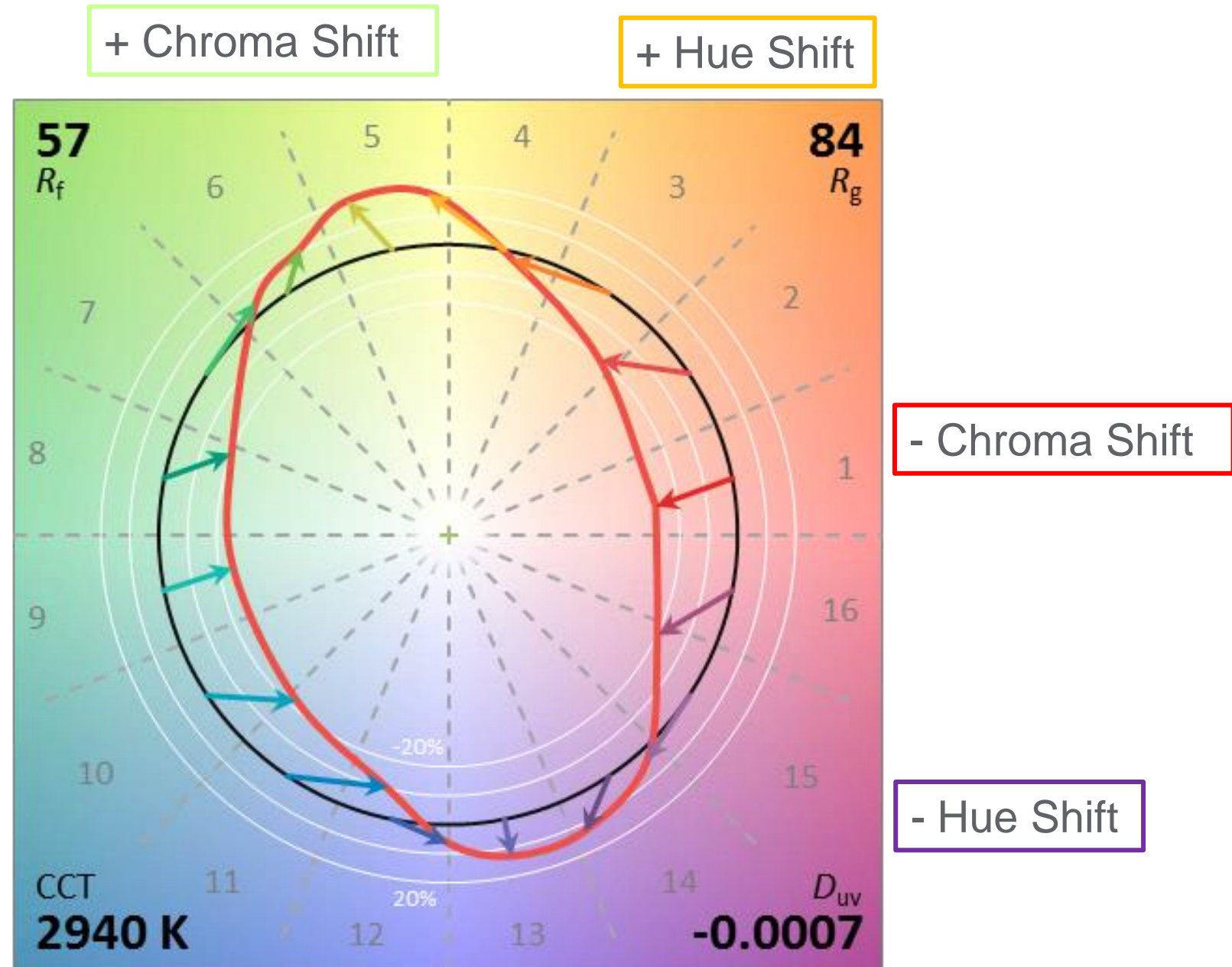
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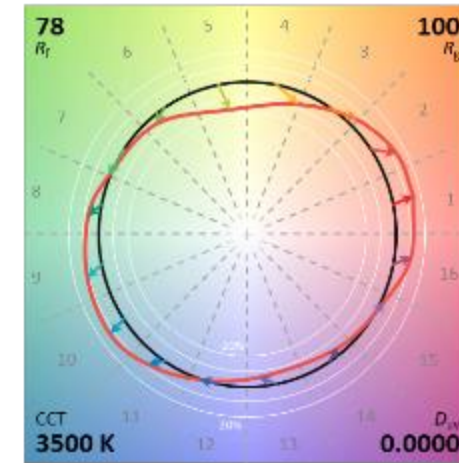
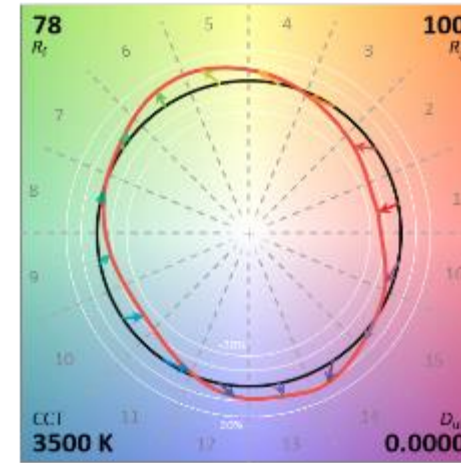
Color Vector Graphic CVG



Similar Past Concepts

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2005 CQS

Gamut Shape

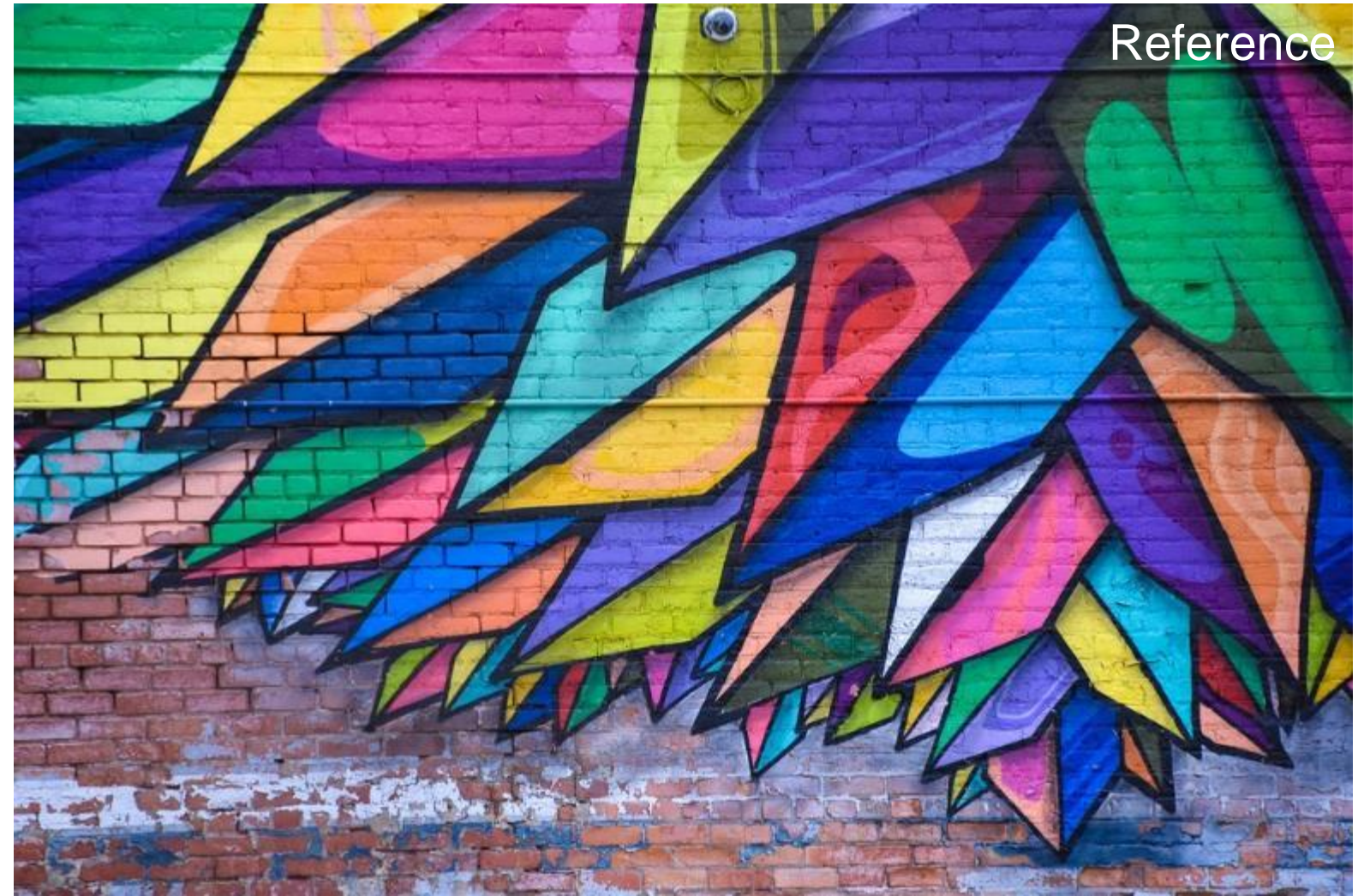


$R_g = 100$
 $R_f = 78$

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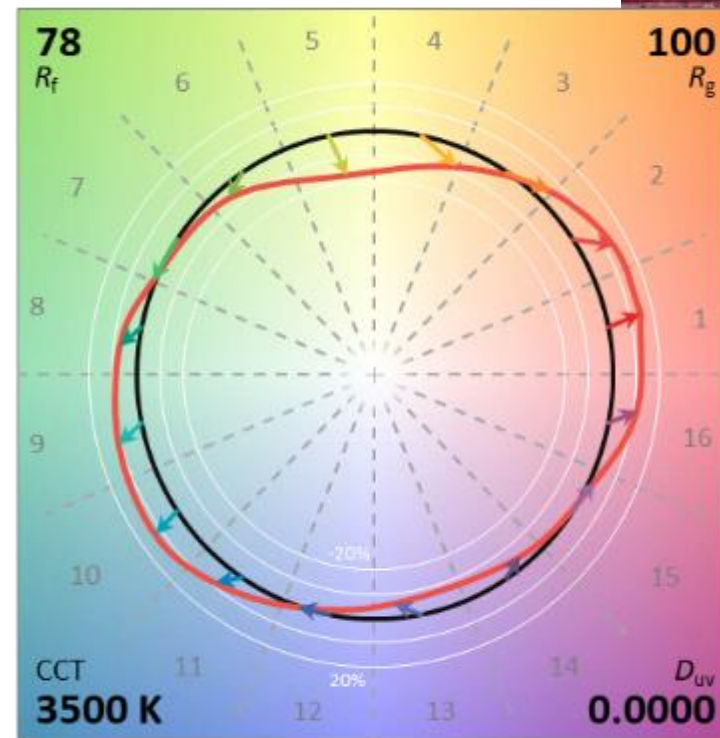
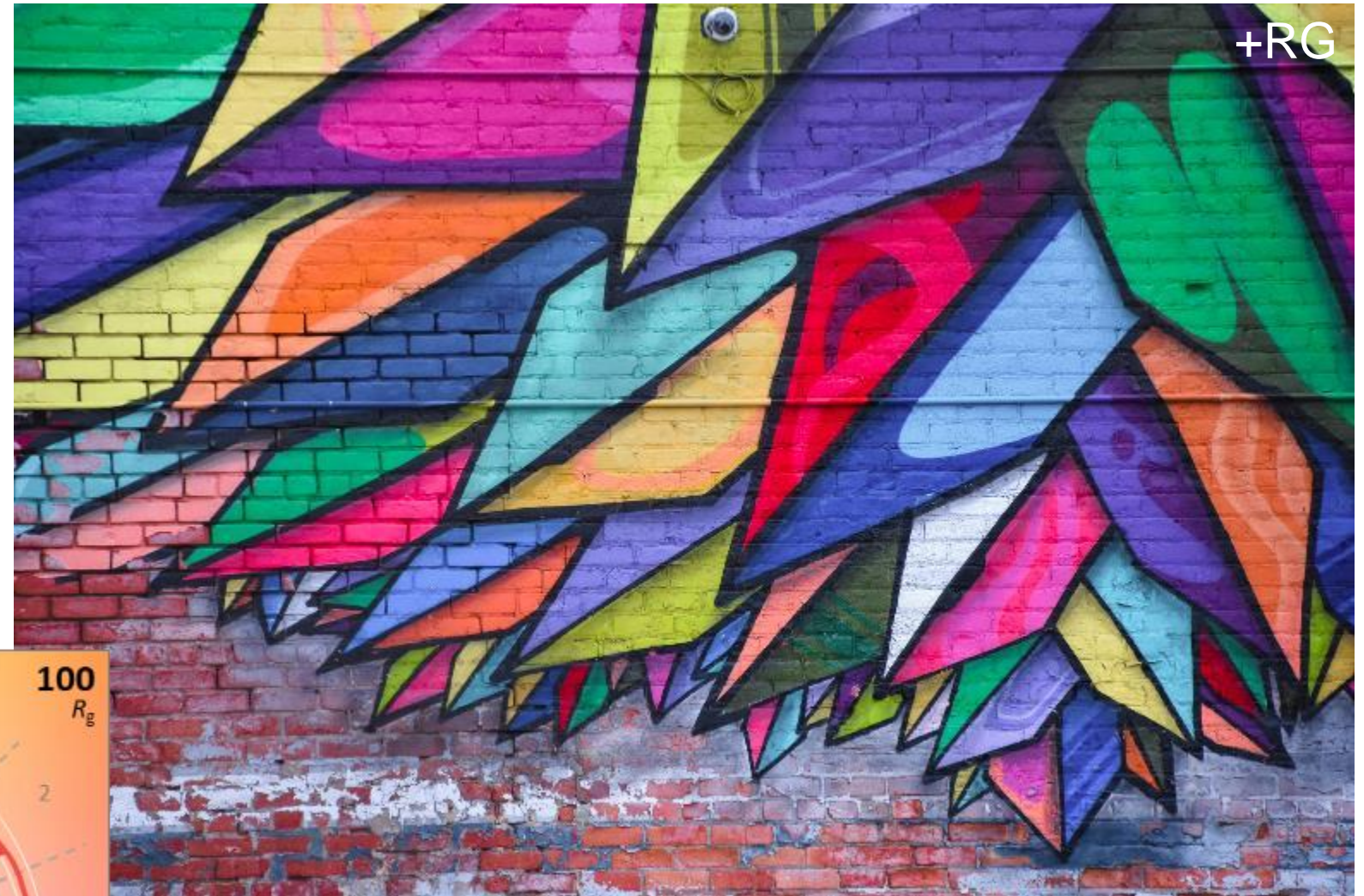


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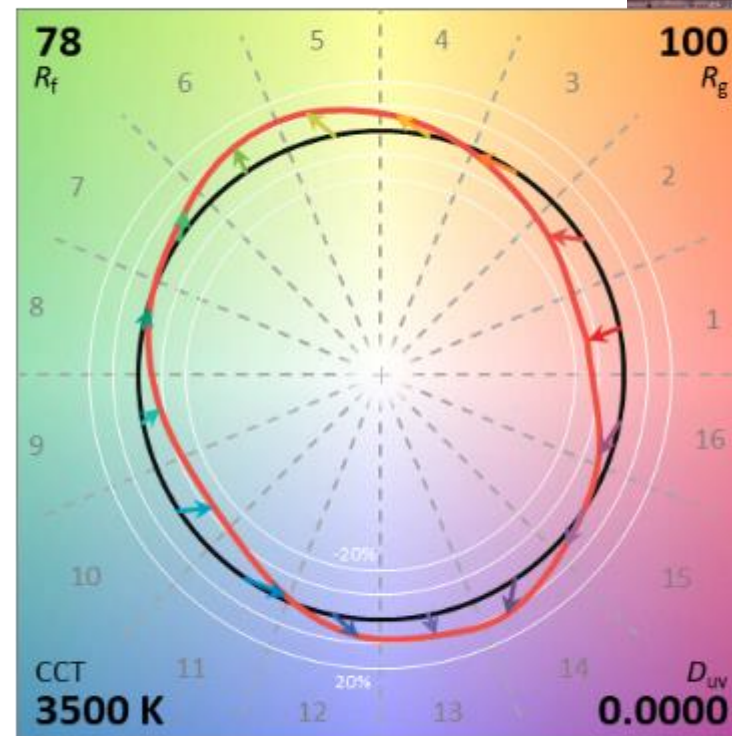
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- 15
- 16

Local Chroma Shift

$$R_{cs,hj}$$

$j = 1$ to 16

~-25% to 25%



- 1
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Local Hue Shift

$$R_{hs,hj}$$

$j = 1 \text{ to } 16$

$\sim -0.25 \text{ to } 0.25$



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Local Color Fidelity

$$R_{f,hj}$$

$j = 1 \text{ to } 16$

~60 to 100



Equal $R_{f,h1}$

Similar Past Concepts

1974 CIE 13 R_i
2005 CQS

To have a preference is to like something more than something else.



In lighting, color preference refers to the preferred rendition of object colors. It is a property we attribute to light sources.



There is a well-developed body of knowledge with some robust findings.

- Narendran and Deng 2002
- Jost-Boissard and others 2009
- Smet and others 2010
- Islam and others 2013
- Jost-Boissard and others 2014
- Wei and others 2014
- Wei and others 2014a
- Ohno and others 2015
- Teunissen and others 2016
- Wei and Houser 2016
- Royer and others 2017
- Zhang and others 2017
- Kawashima and Ohno 2017
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- Esposito and Houser 2019
- Royer and others 2020

These studies have found
preference for an increase in saturation.

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Some suggest the importance of the rendering of *red* and *red-orange hues*.

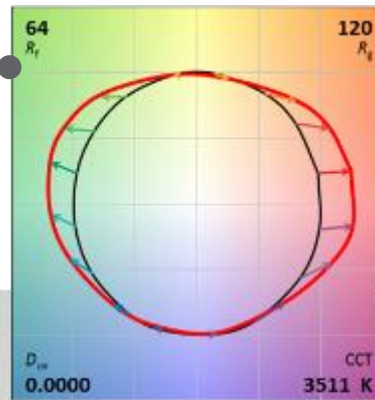
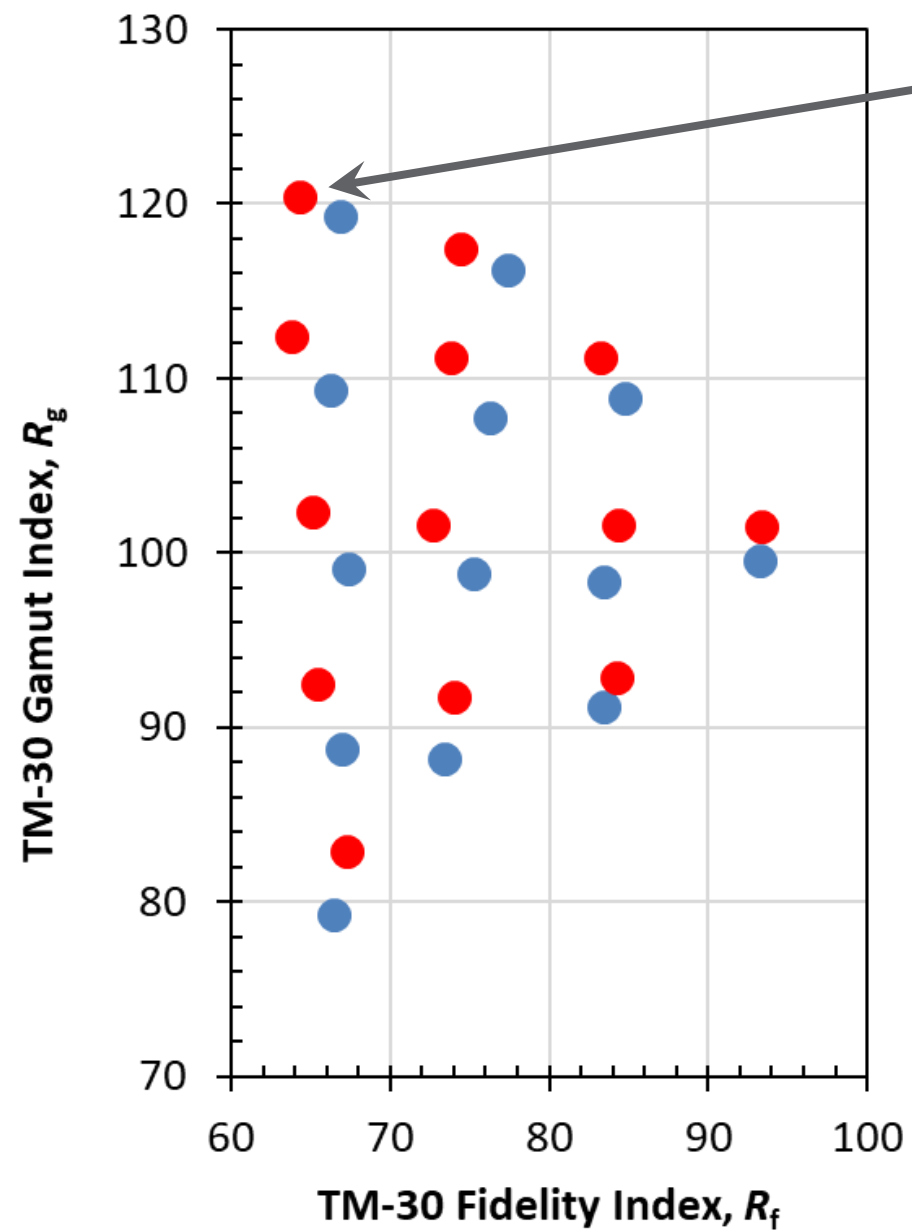
← Example 4

← Example 1

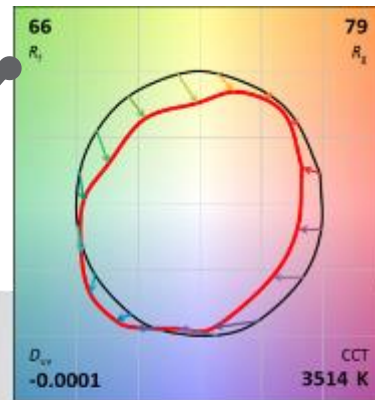
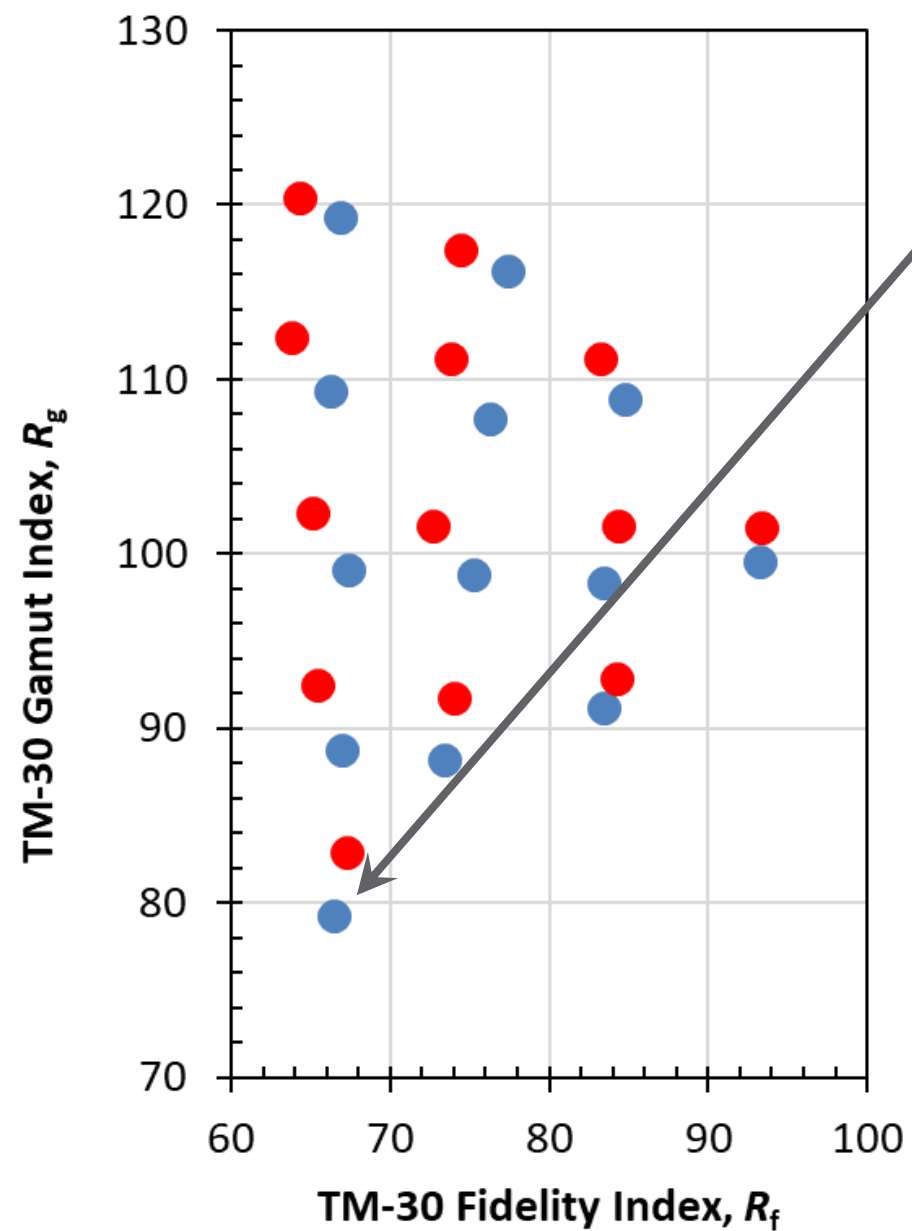
← Example 2

← Example 3

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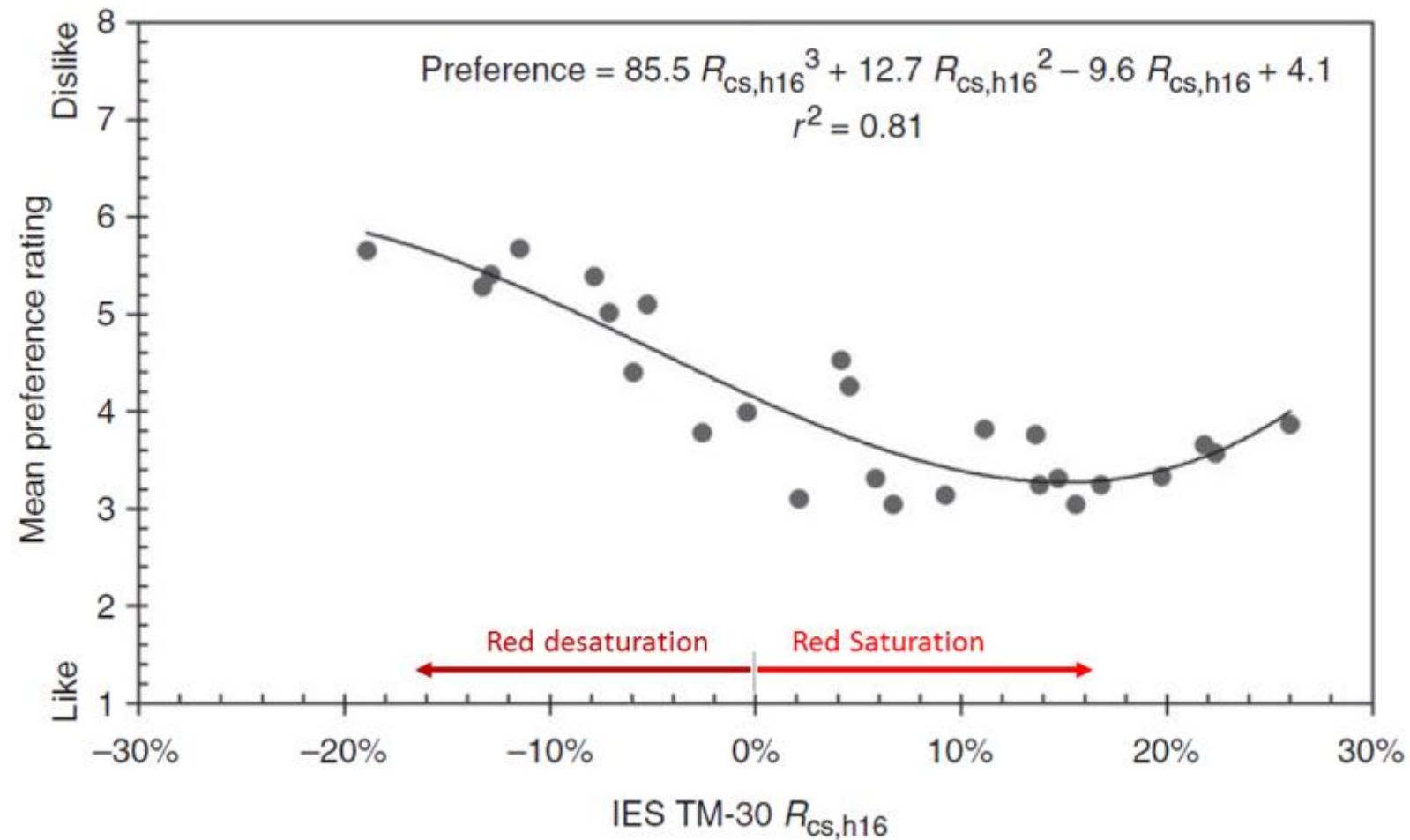


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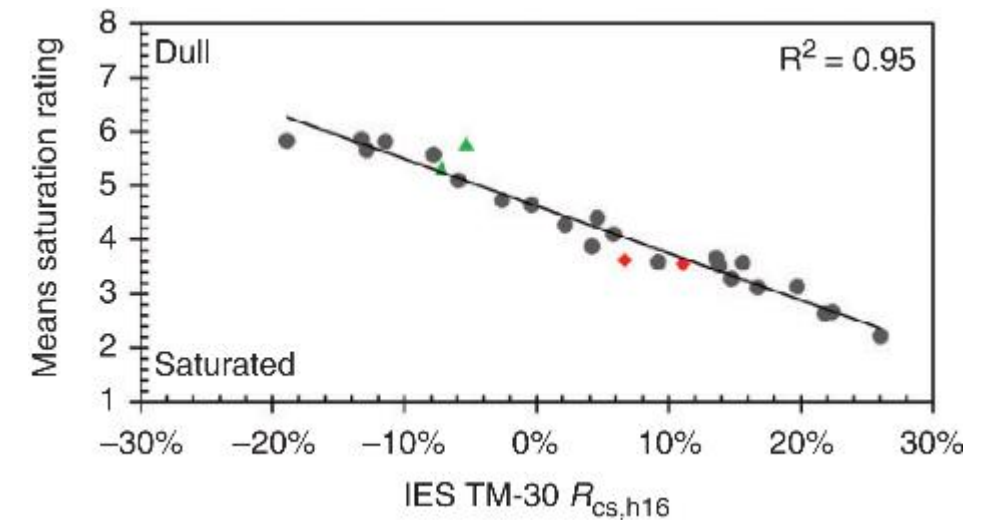


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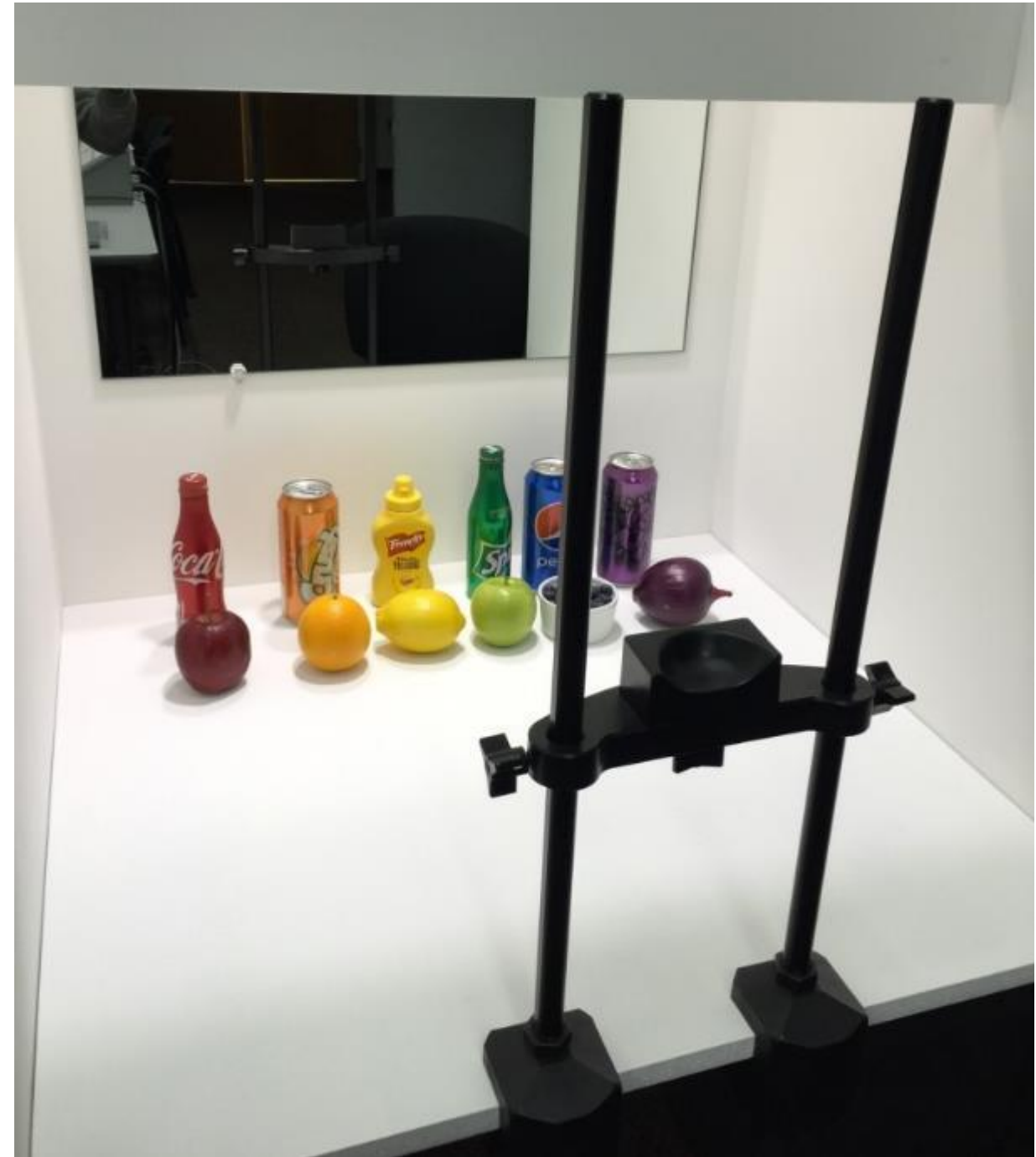
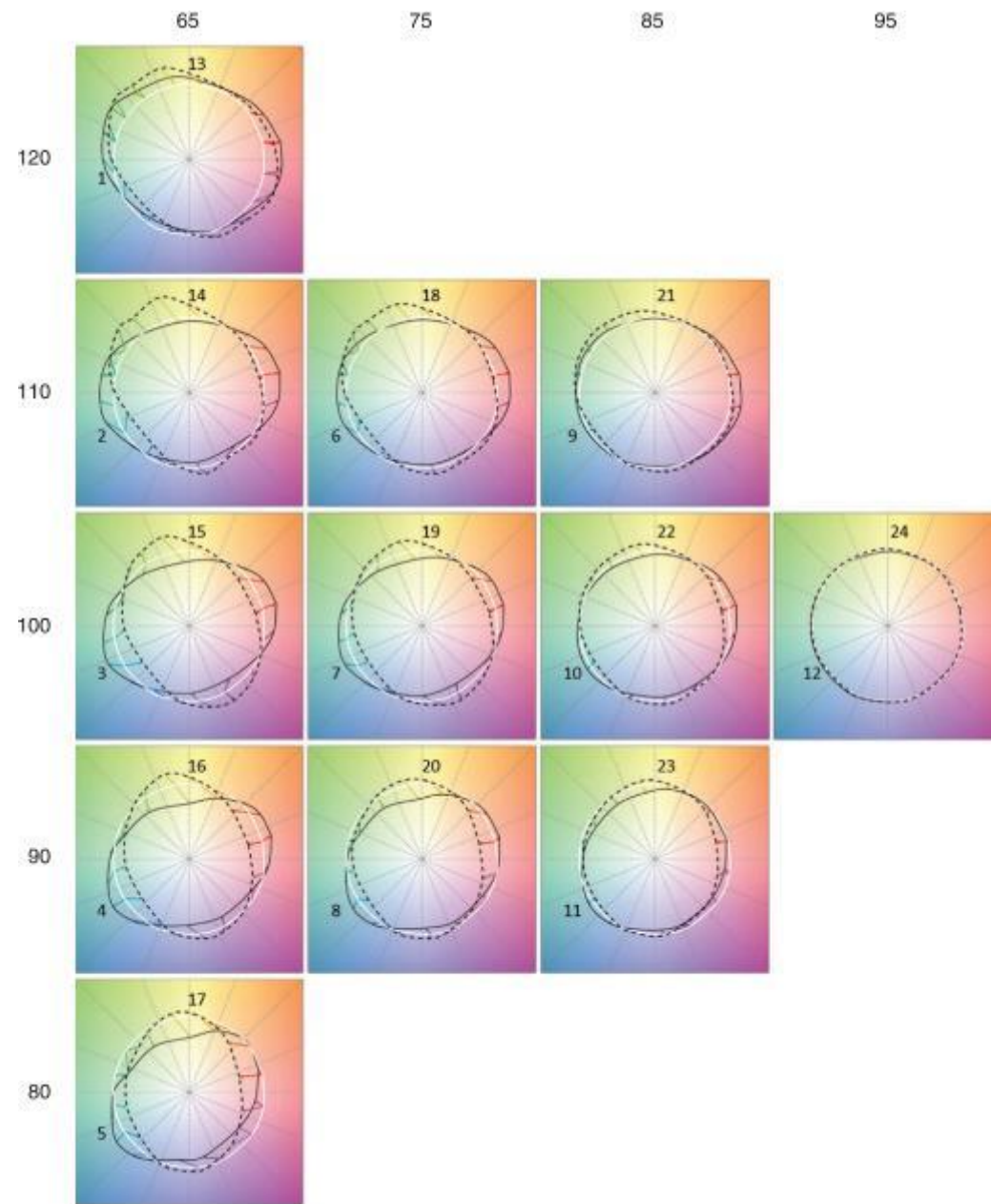
Preference ratings increased with red saturation, up to a point.



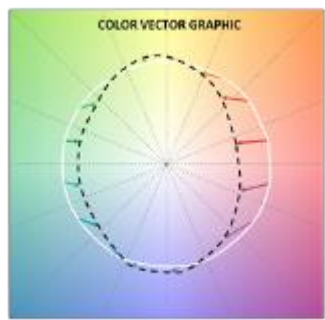
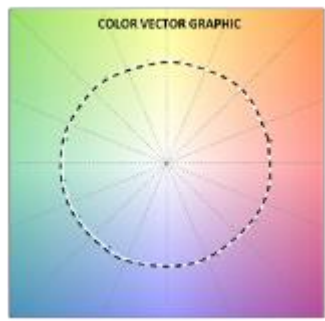
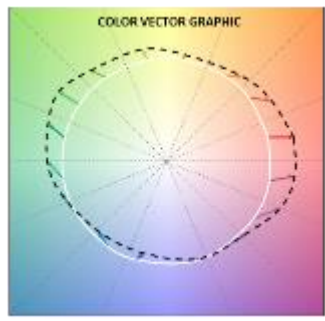
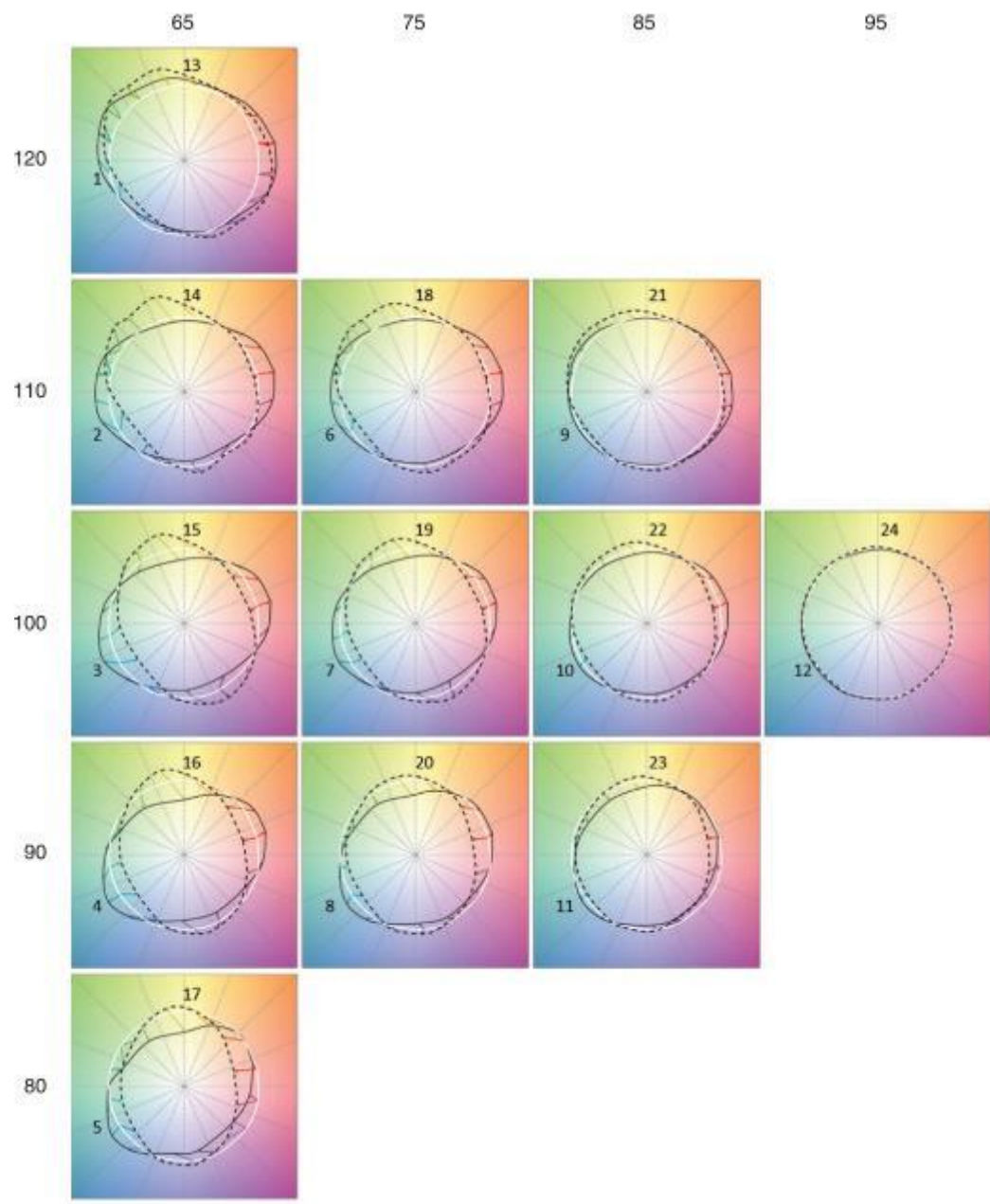
$R_{cs,h16}$ (red) highly correlated with perception of saturation



Example 2. Experimental Conditions

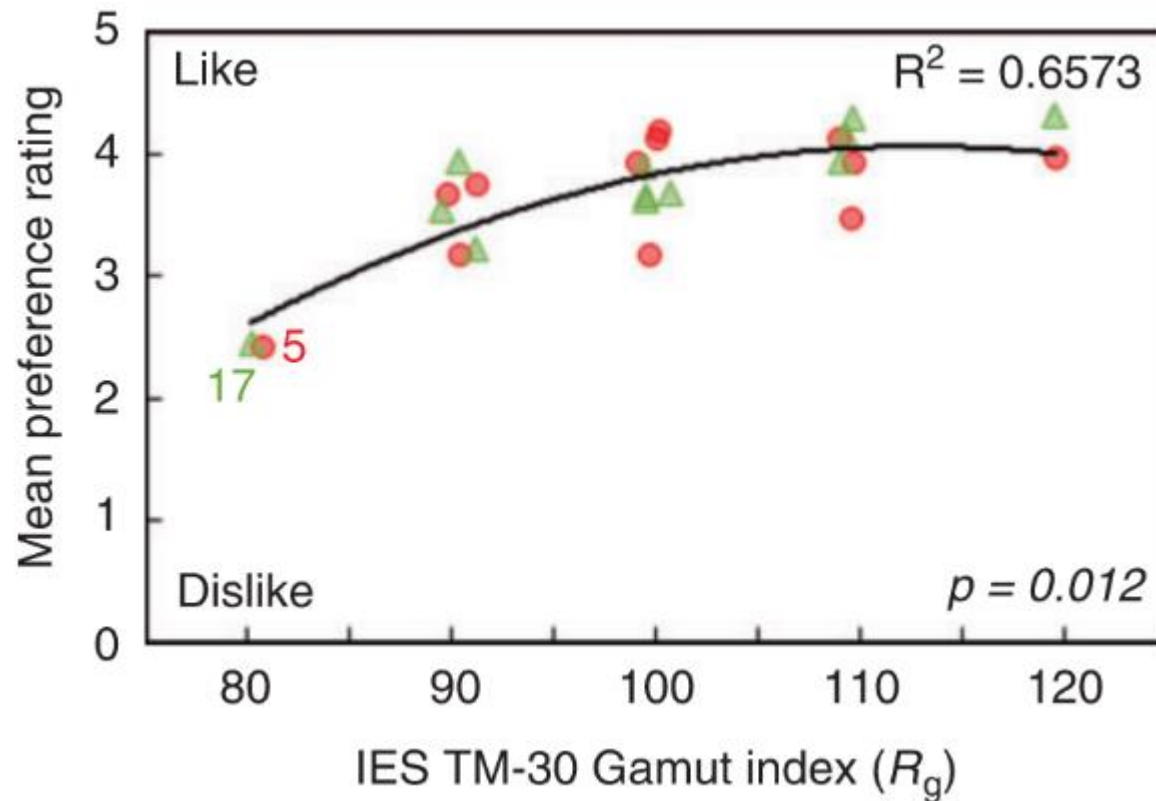


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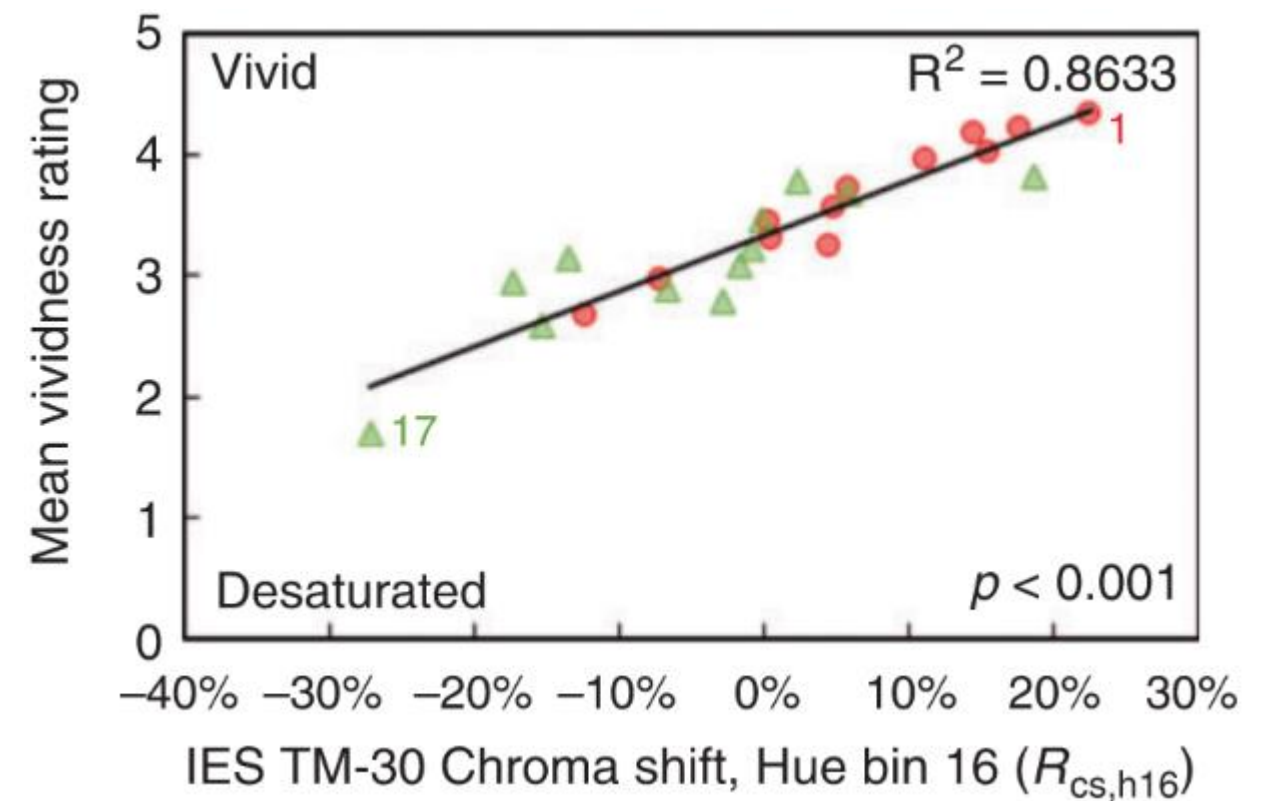


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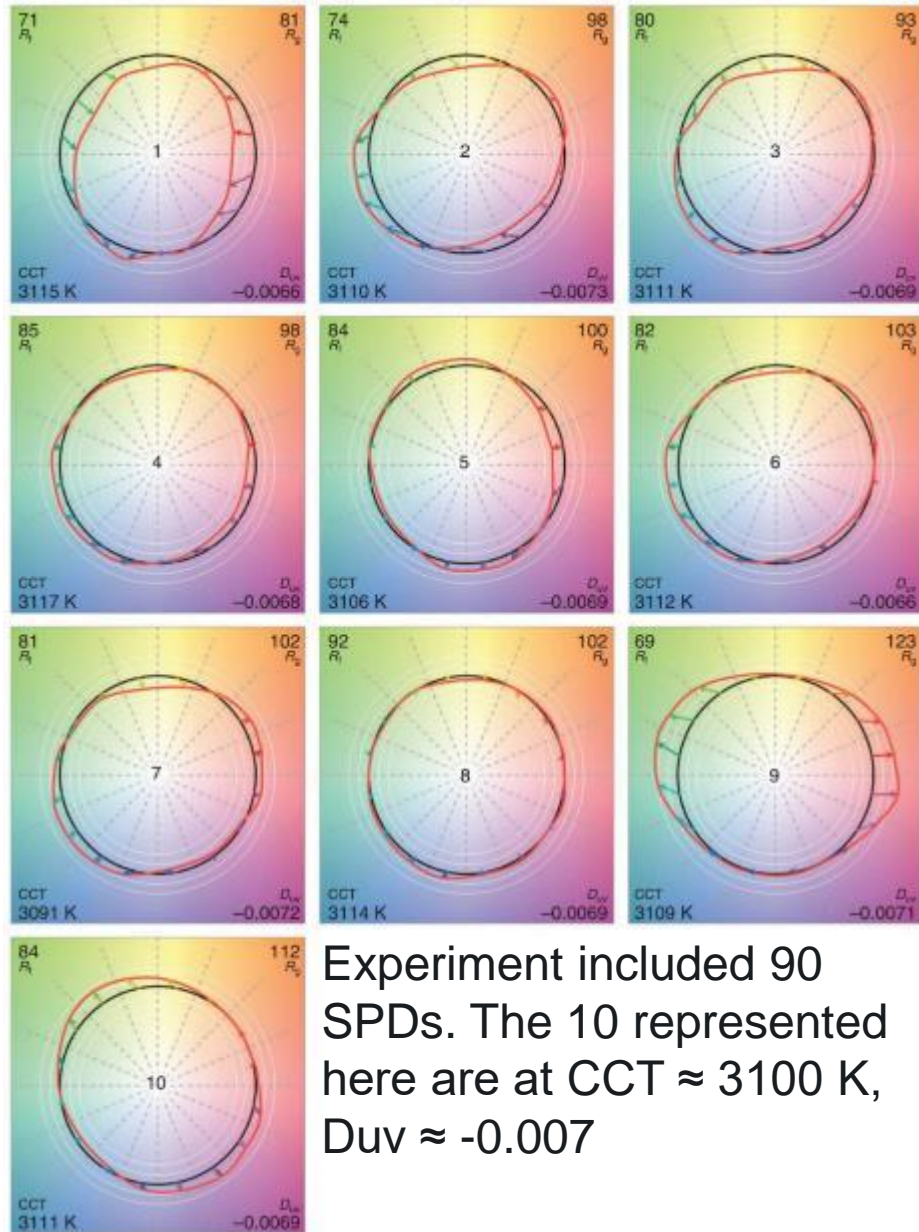
Preference was correlated with increase in gamut, with a plateau.



Perceived vividness was highly correlated with red saturation.

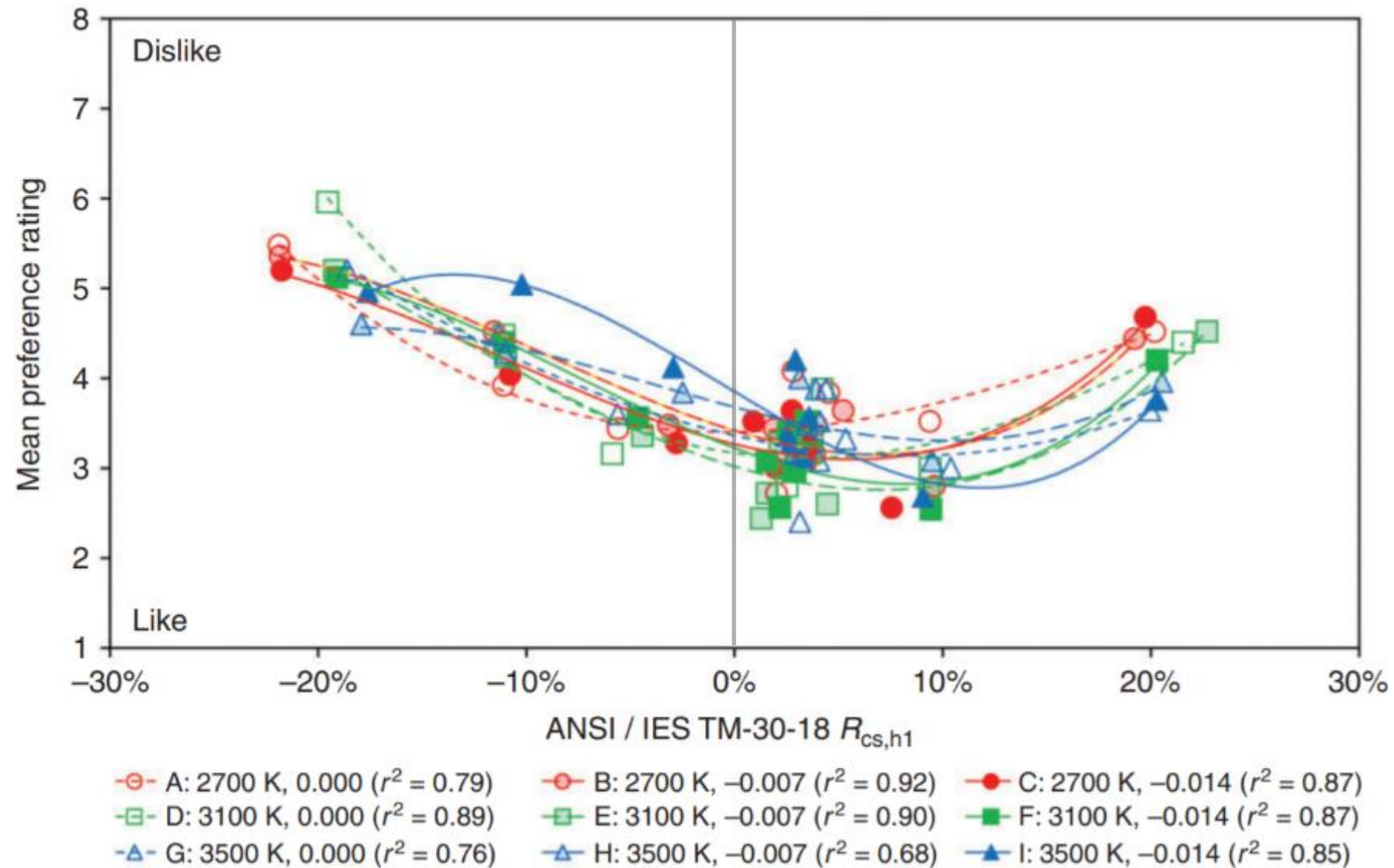


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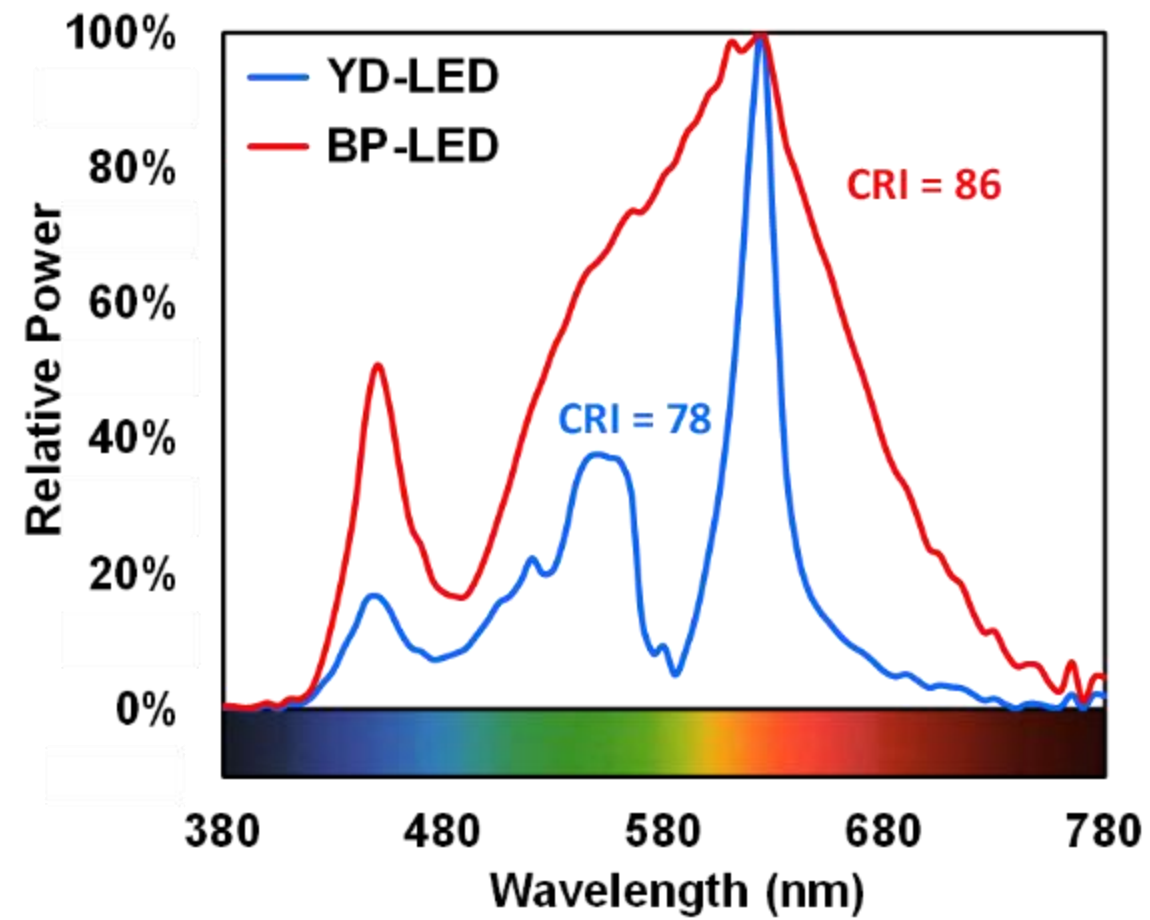


Example 3. Sample Results

Preference was correlated with positive red saturation (to a point), with similar trends at various (CCT, Duv) combinations.

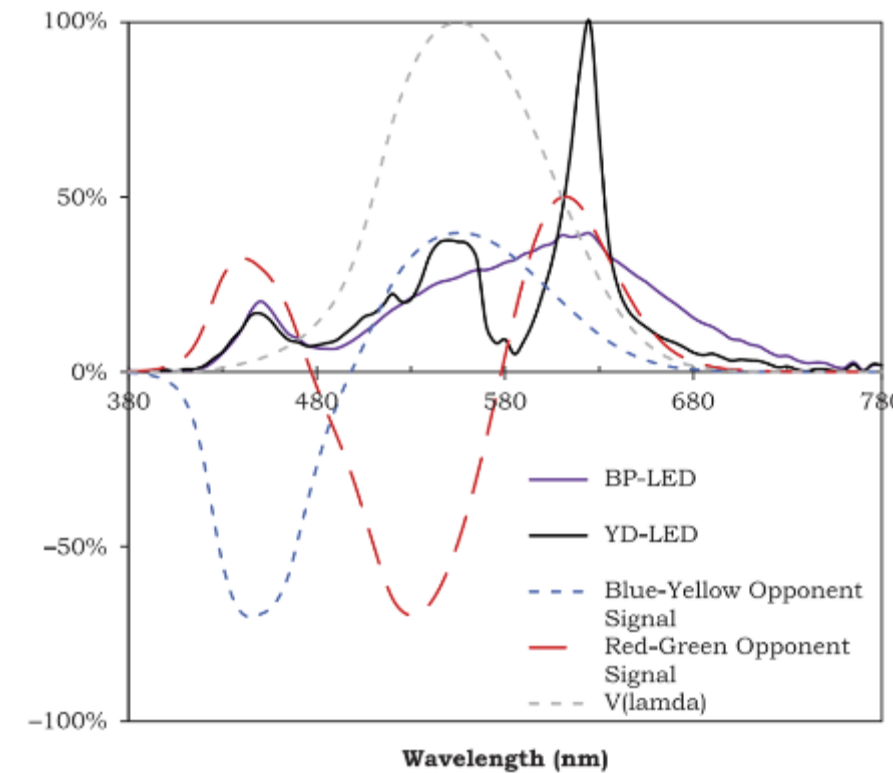
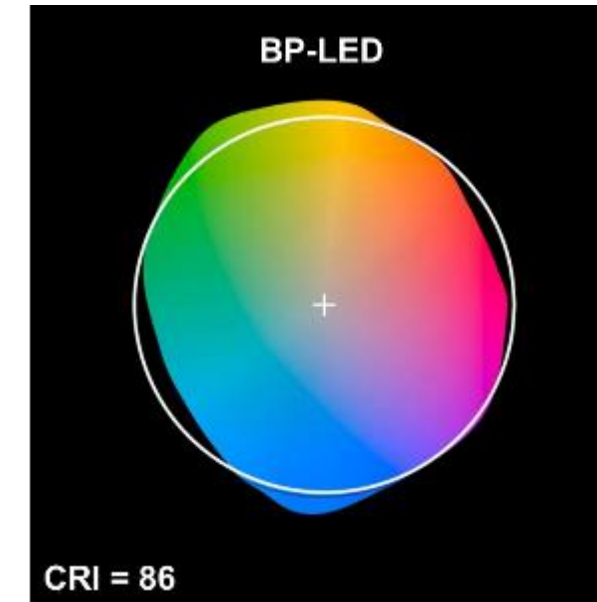
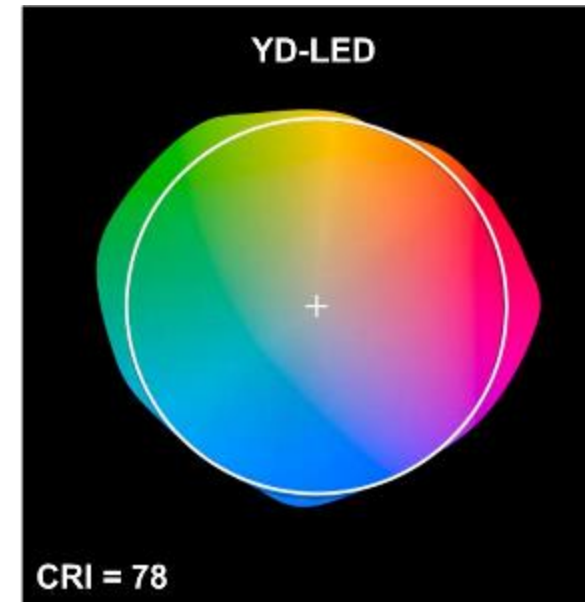
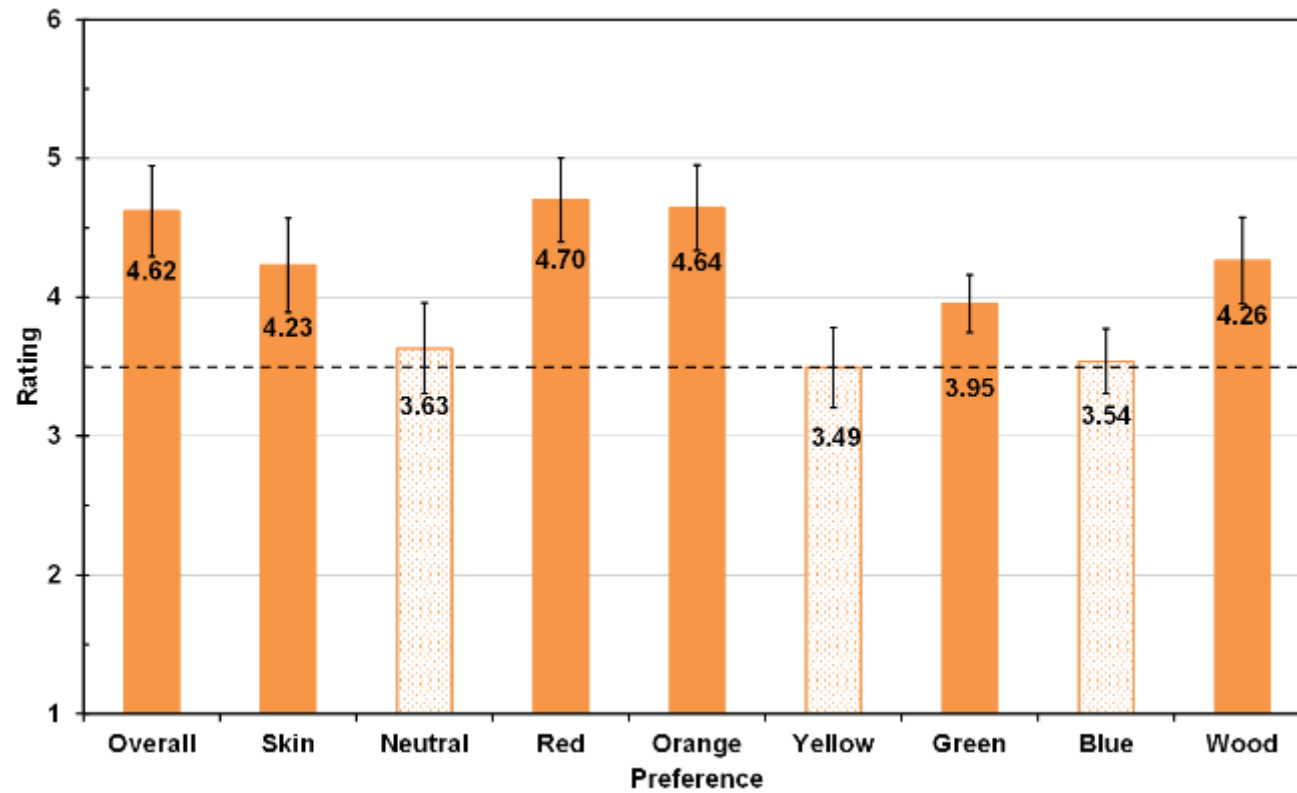


Example 4. Experimental Conditions




Example 4. Sample Results

YD-LED was preferred.



YD-LED to BP-LED
opponent channel
signals at equal
brightness:

$R/G = 1.22$
 $B/Y = 1.01$



CRI: 80 is good. Higher is “better.”

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TM-30: What are you trying to accomplish?

Primary Factors

1. Objects/scene being illuminated
2. Desired appearance effect
3. Illuminance level
4. Balance with competing needs

Secondary Factors

1. Culture
2. Age
3. Hue stability
4. Uncertainty tolerance
5. Viewing condition



Annex E
Annex F
(2019)

What combination of measures and values will meet the goals?



Priority Level The balance between allowing tradeoffs and increasing the likelihood of meeting the design intent.	1
	2
	3

Design Intent
The desired effect of color rendition on the illuminated environment.

Preference (P)

Vividness (V)

Fidelity (F)

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Fidelity (F)

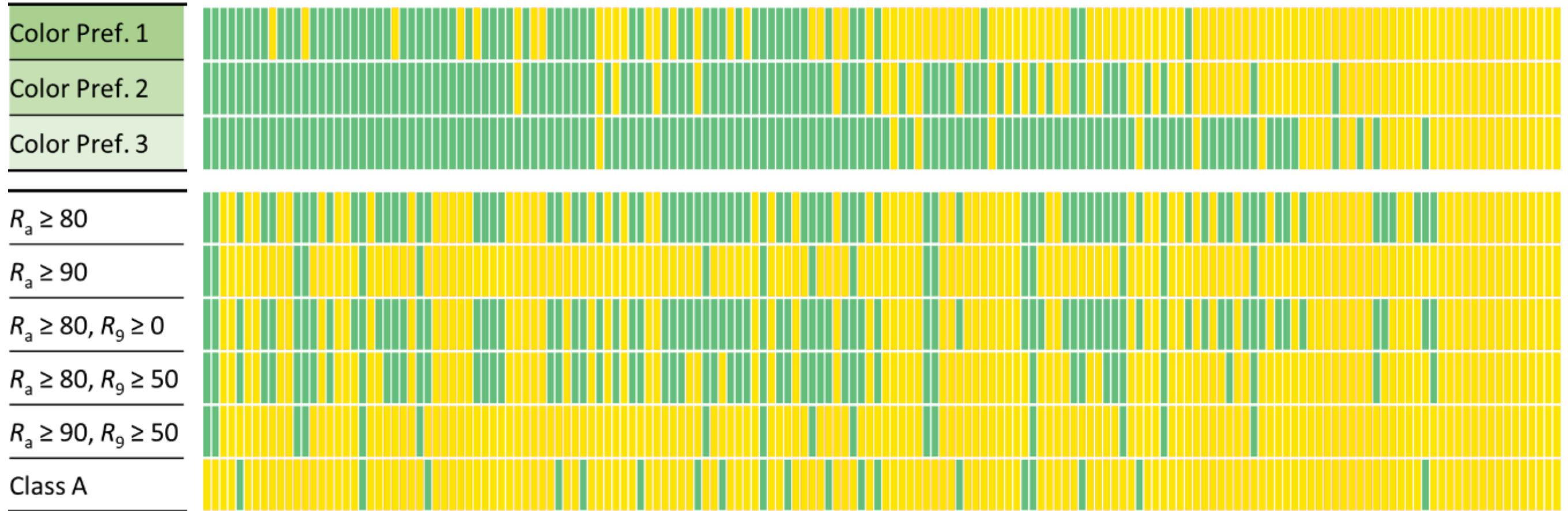
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Royer and others 2017, 2018, 2020



Most Preferred

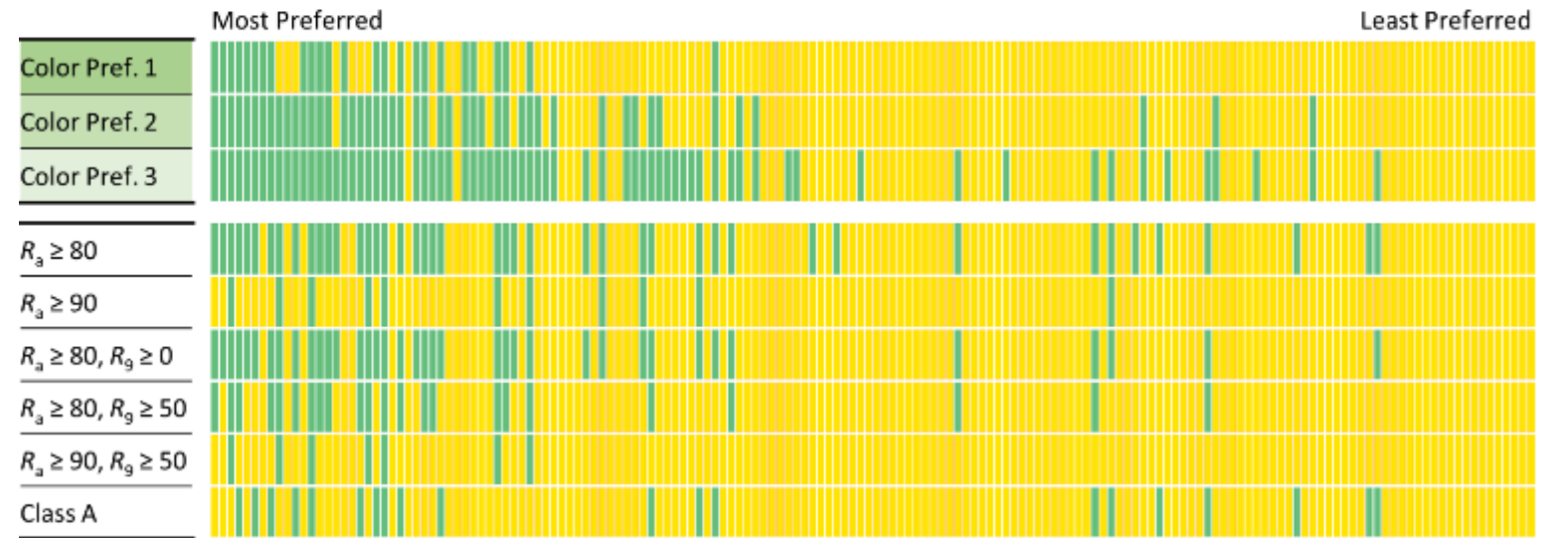
Least Preferred



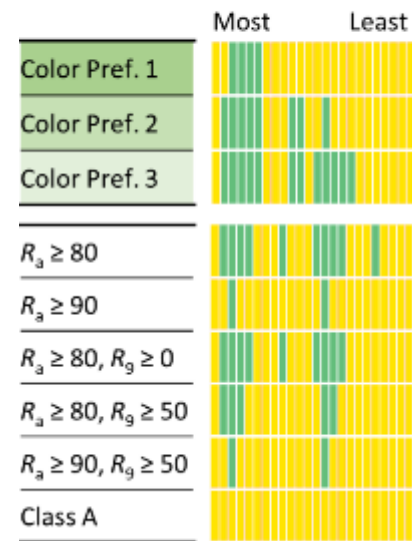
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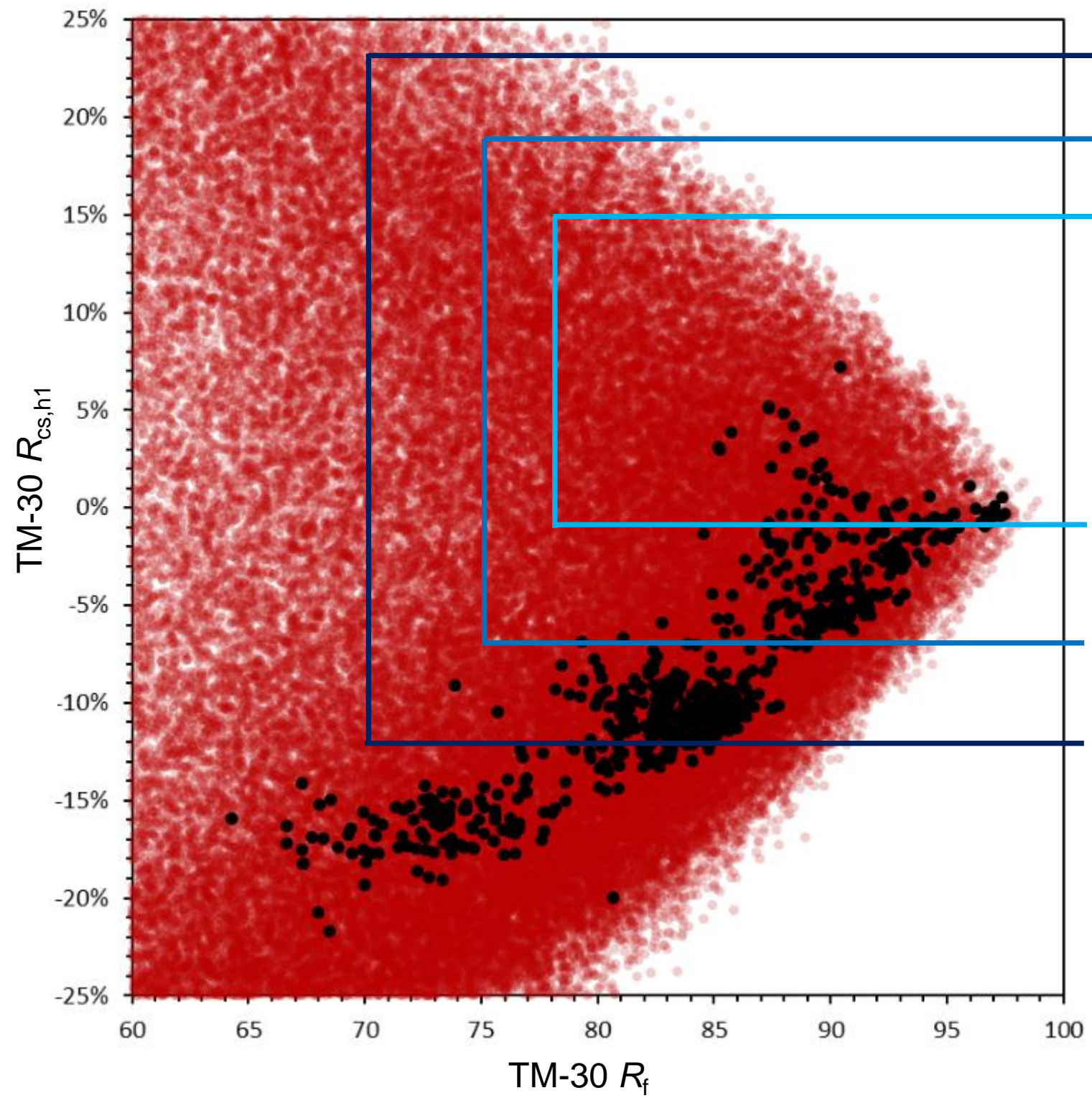


Zhang and others 2017



Esposito and Houser 2019





- Theoretical Possibilities
- Commercial Products



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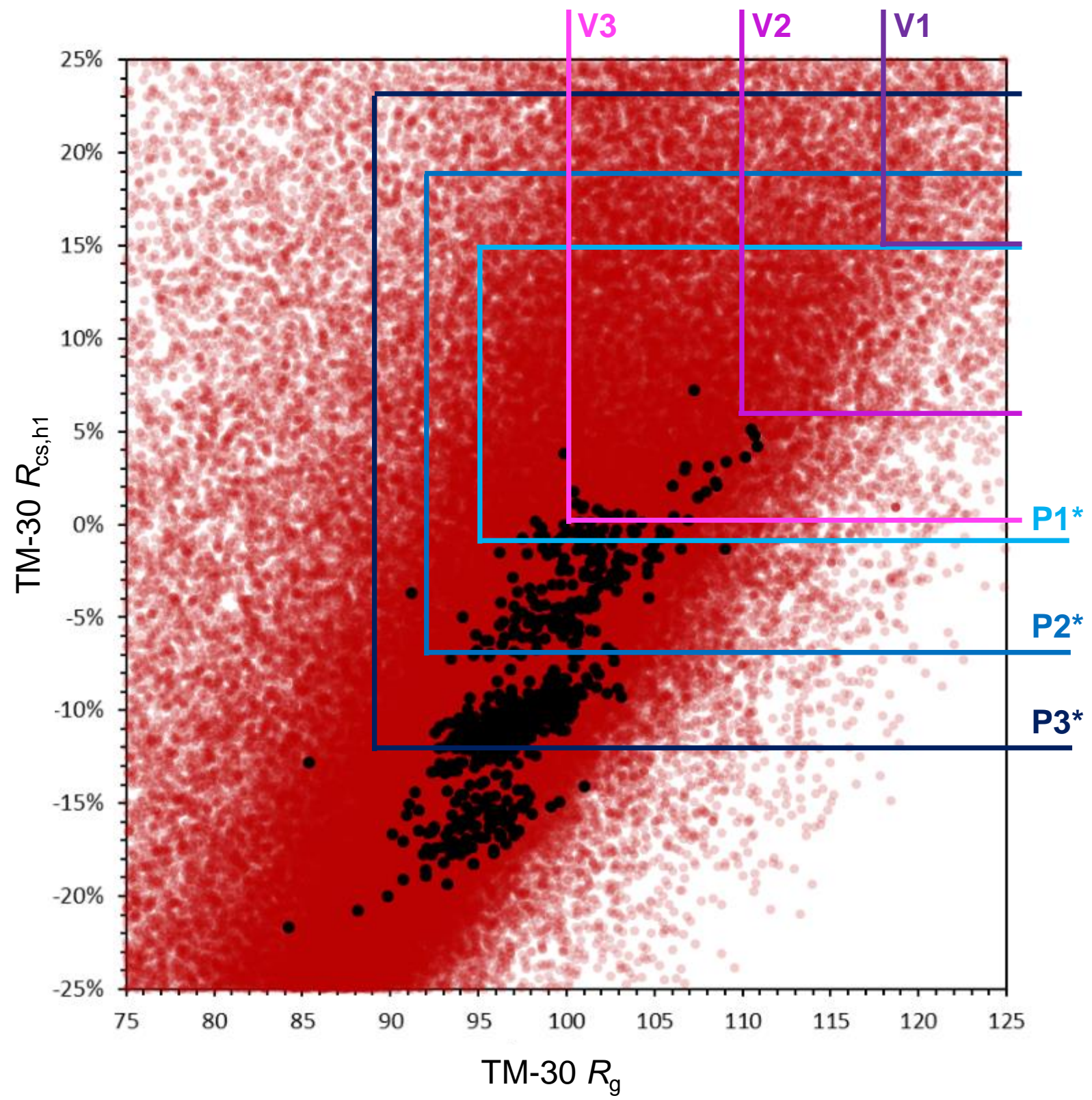
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V2	$R_g \geq 110$ $R_{cs,h1} \geq 6\%$
V3	$R_g \geq 100$ $R_{cs,h1} \geq 0\%$

Fidelity (F)

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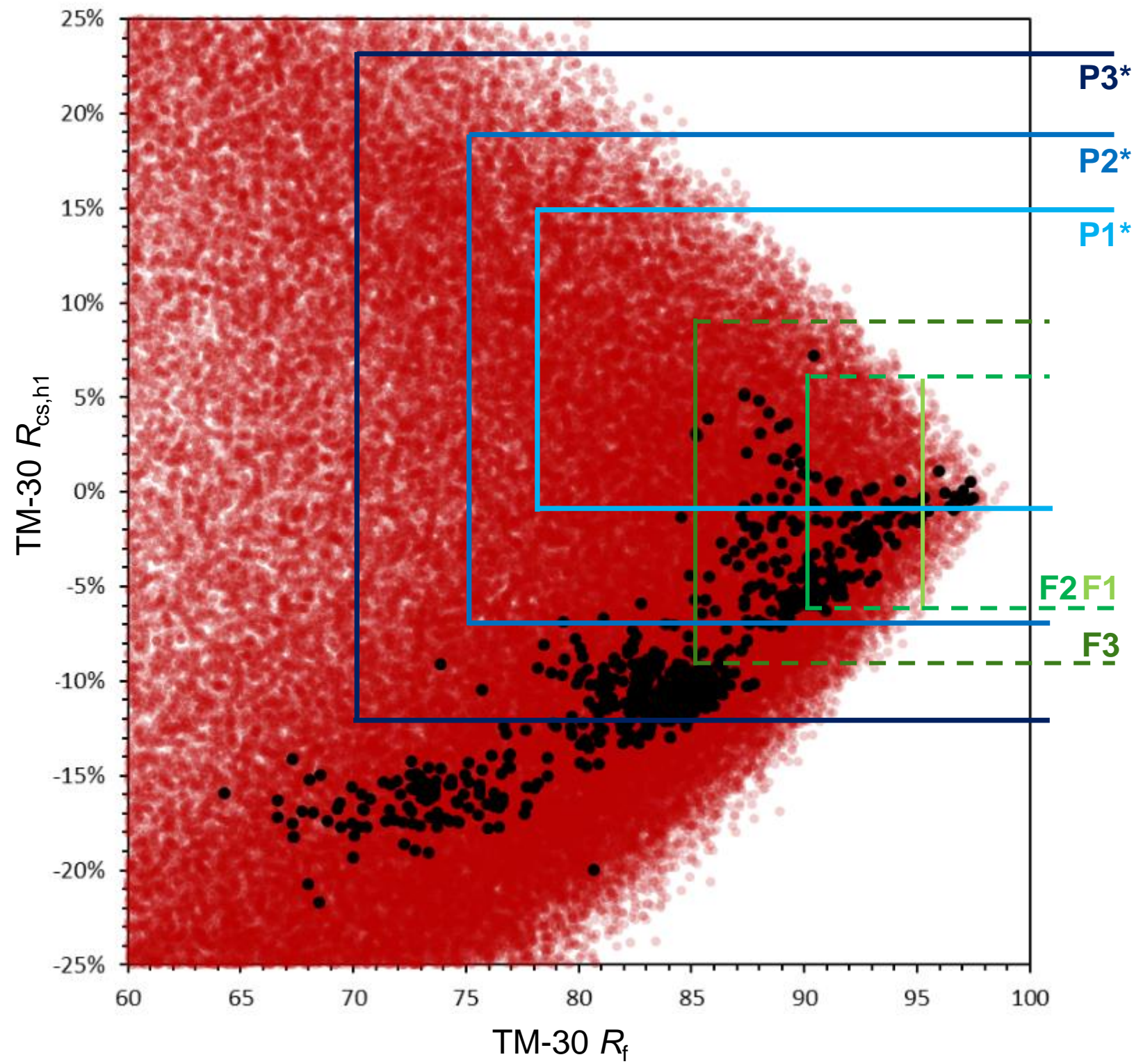
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Fidelity (F)	
F1	$R_f \geq 95$
F2	$R_f \geq 90$ $R_{f,h1} \geq 90$
F3	$R_f \geq 85$ $R_{f,h1} \geq 85$

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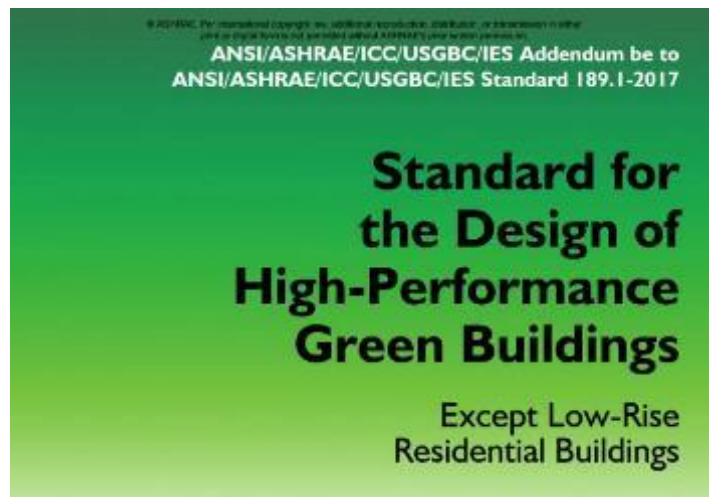
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Technical Requirements V5.1



$$R_f \geq 80$$

$$97 \leq \text{IES } R_g \leq 110$$

$$\text{IES } R_{f,h1} \geq 78$$

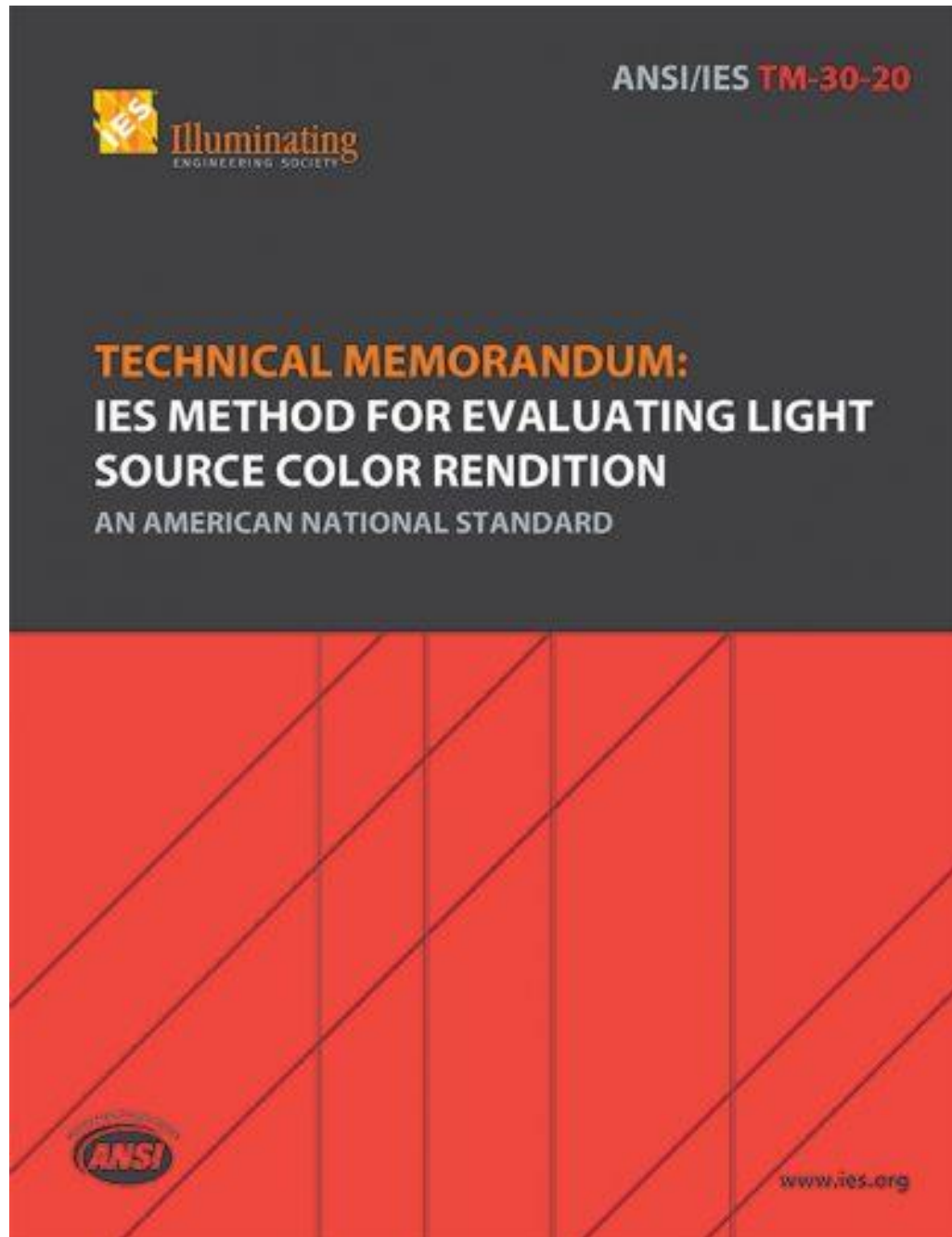
$$-9\% \leq \text{IES } R_{cs,h1} \leq +9\%$$

P1* P2* (Circulation)

P3 Custom (Outdoor)

P2 F3

*Higher R_g value. (Pre Annex E)



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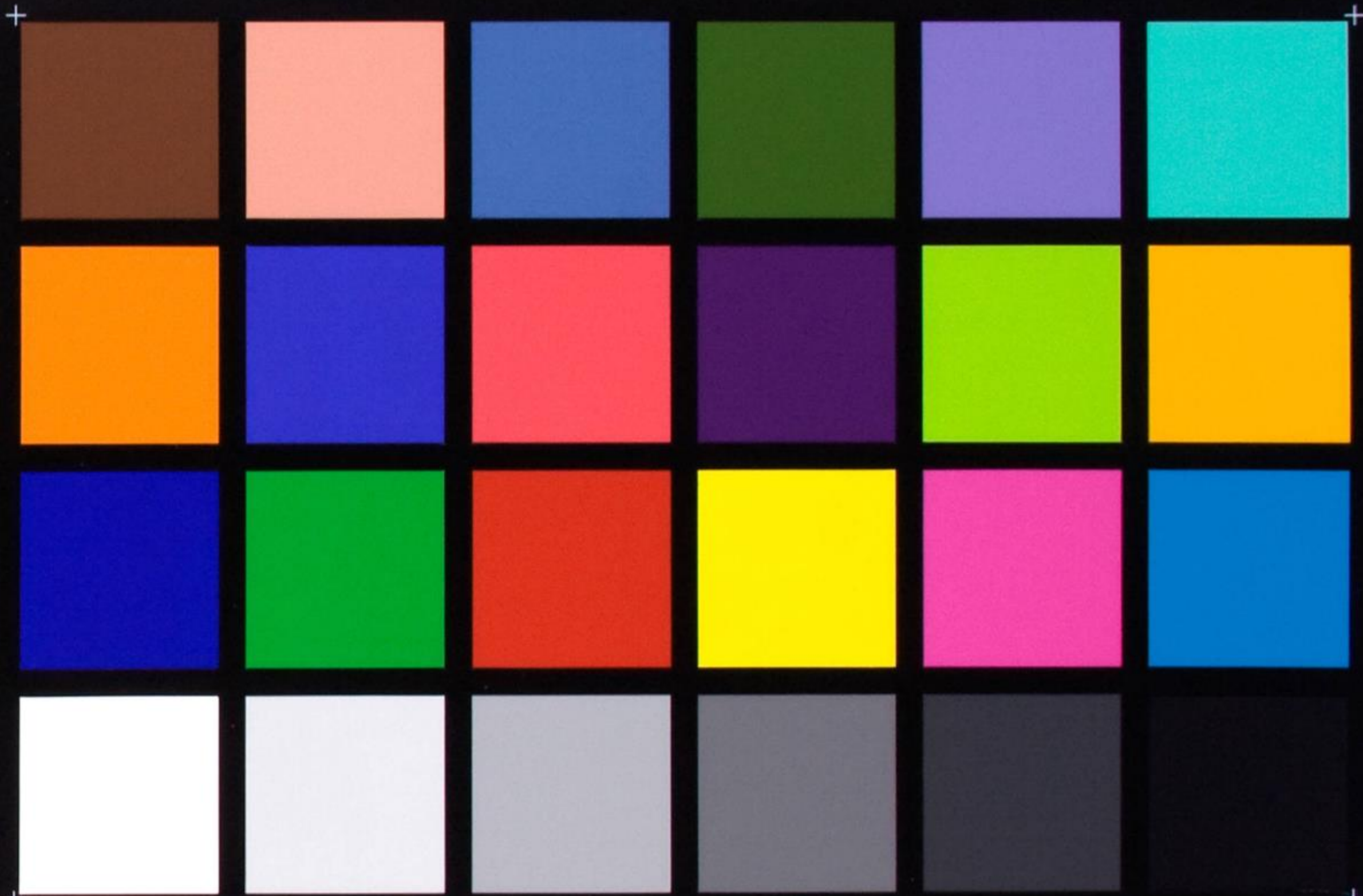
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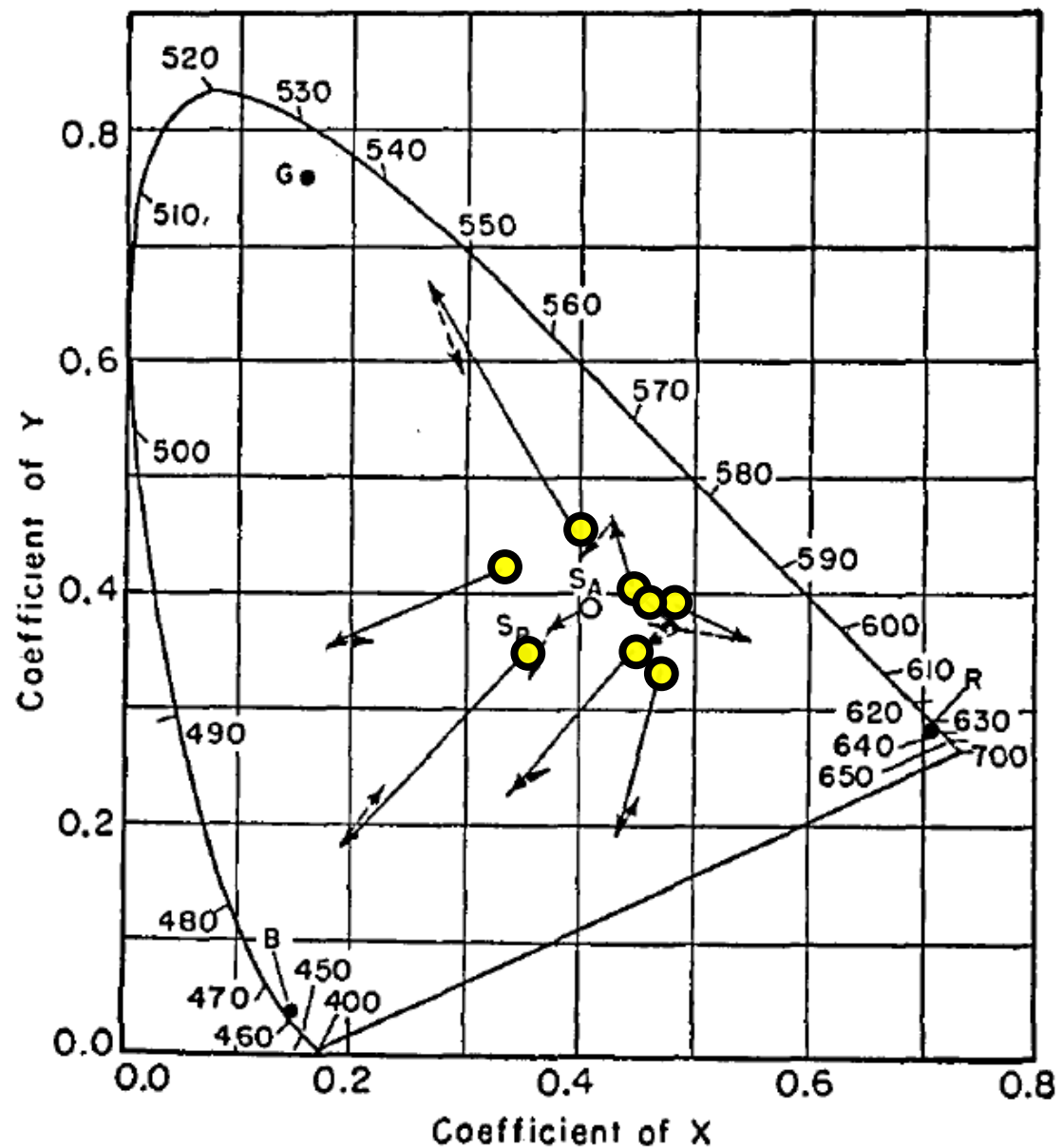
Emerging color rendition work that may one day be standardized.

- Light level
- Color discrimination
- Metamerism
- Adaptation

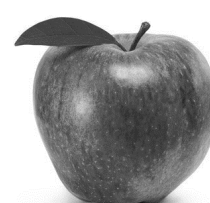


x-rite ColorChecker® Color Rendition Chart

Hunt was the first to systematically document that colors appear duller under low light



Hunt RWG. 1950. The effects of daylight and tungsten light-adaptation on color perception. J. Opt. Soc. Am. 40(6):362-371.



Kawashima and Ohno verified the Hunt Effect using everyday objects and naturalistic viewing.

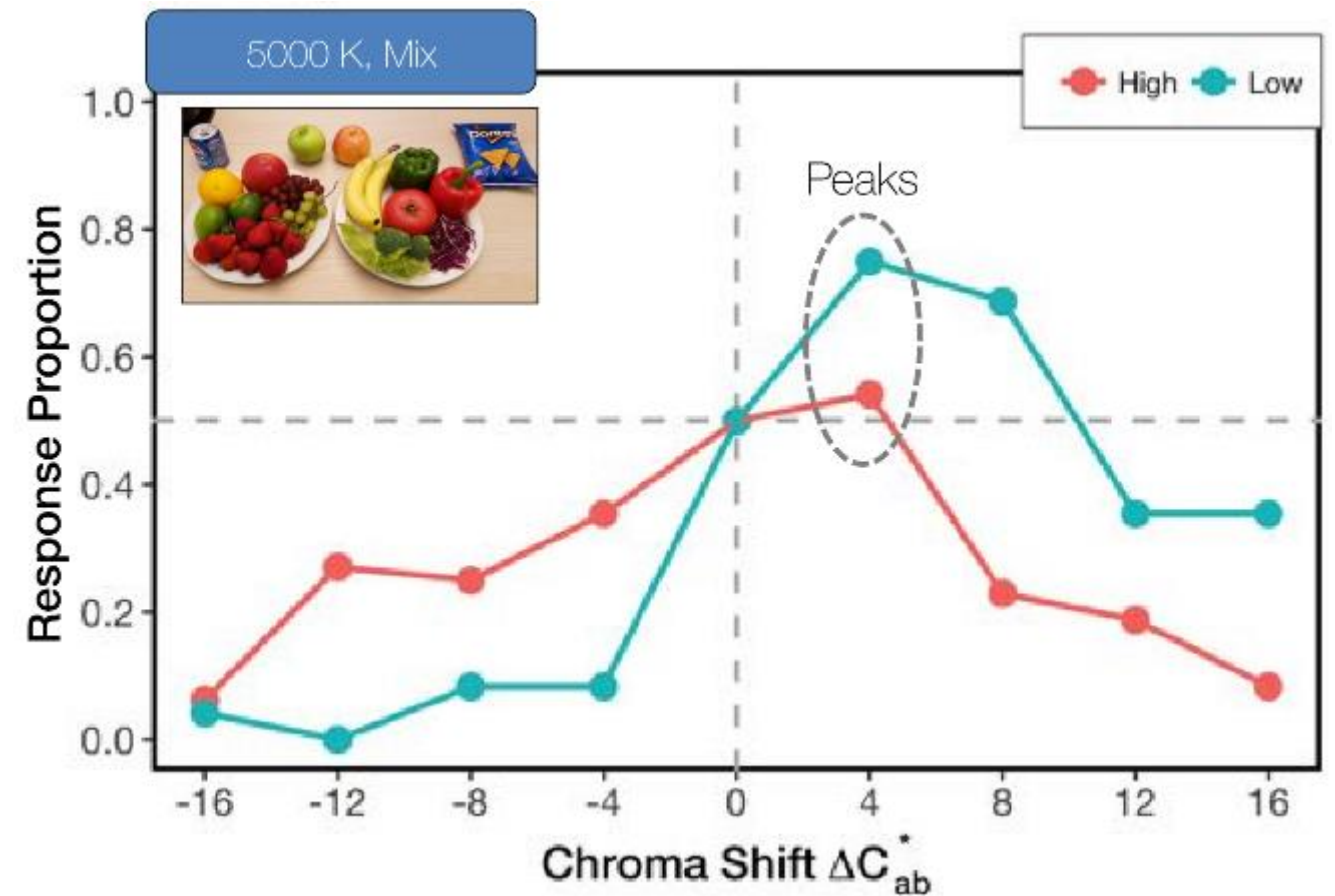
Independent variables

- Visual Scene (shown)
- Illuminance (100, 1000 lx)
- CCT (3000, 5000 K)



Example results

- Mixed scene, 5000 K, 100 and 1000 lx
- Kawashima and Ohno concluded that the Hunt Effect is active at typical indoor lighting conditions.



Bao and Wei found that TM-30 measures can be related to preferred color appearance of a piece of artwork from 20 to 15,000 lux



Fig 1. Photograph of the artwork taken at the observer's viewing position in Experiment 1, with the SRD measurement locations labelled.

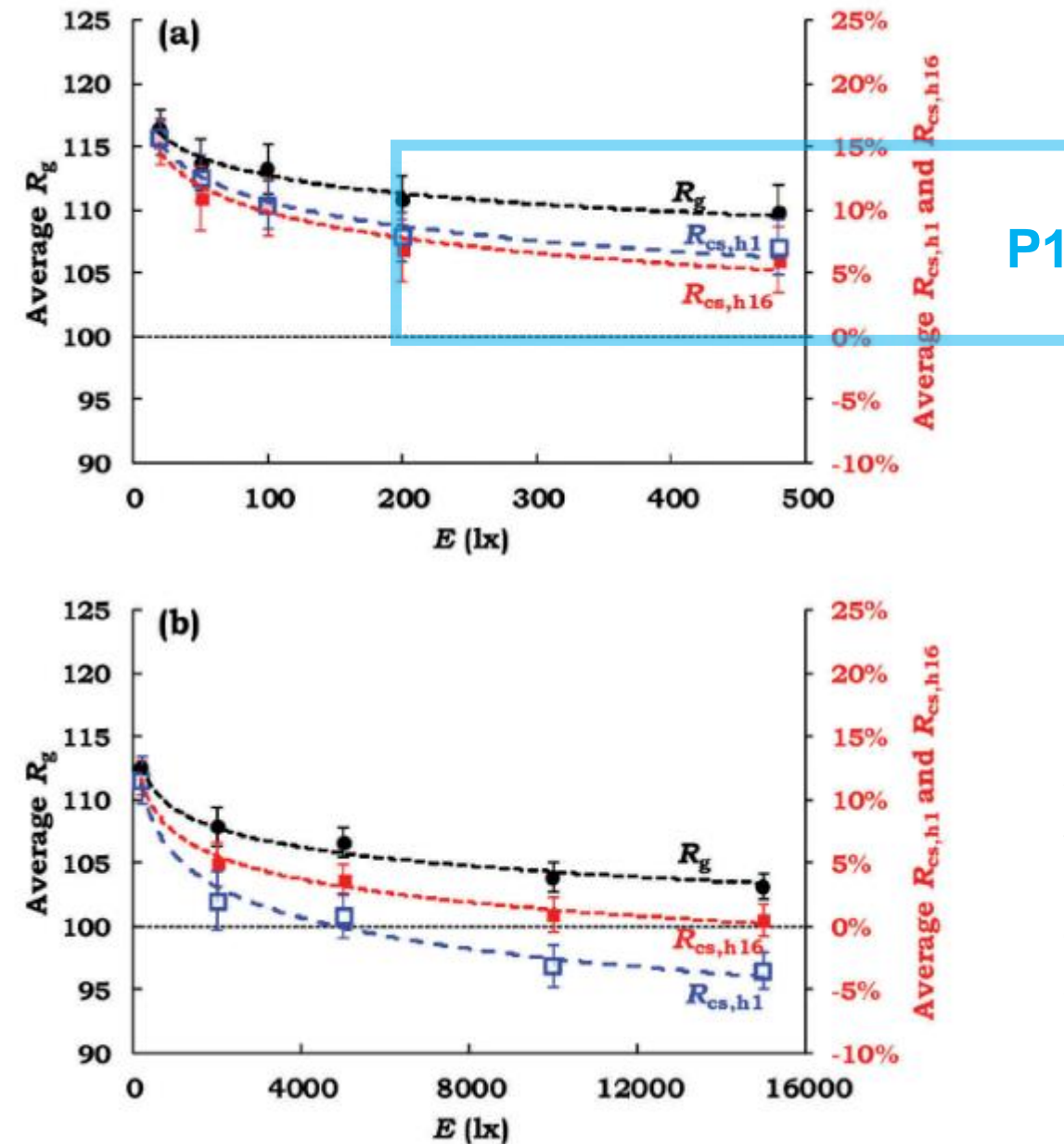
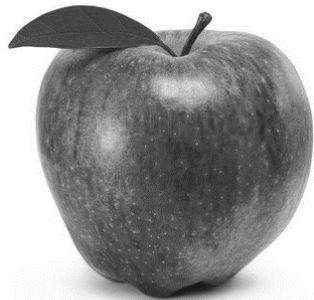
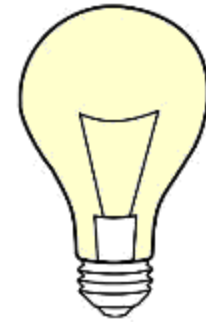
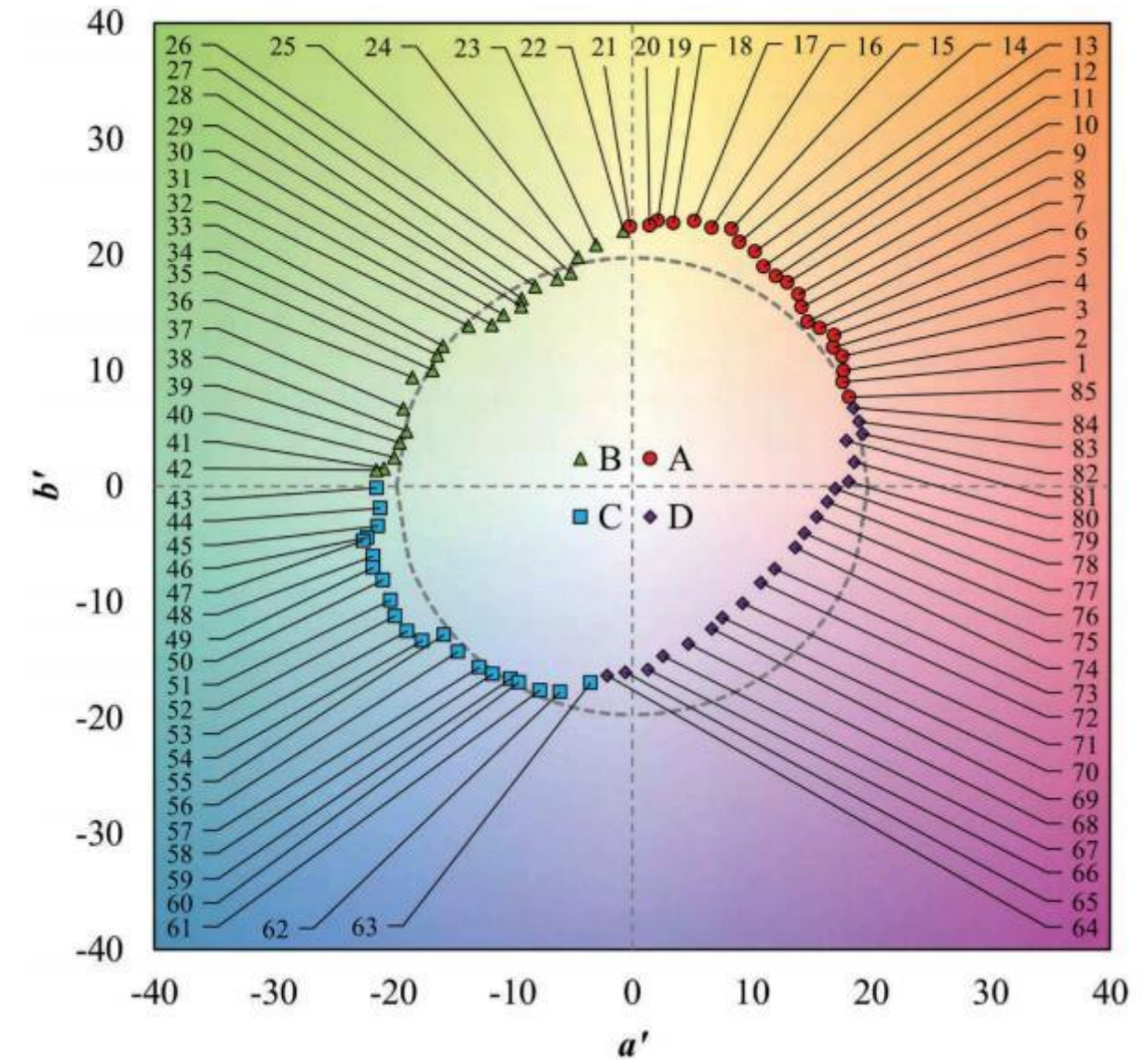


Fig 11. Relationship between the average R_g , $R_{cs,h1}$, and $R_{cs,h16}$ of the stimuli that were selected to produce the most preferred color appearance of the artwork and illuminance levels. (a) Experiment 1; (b) Experiment 2.

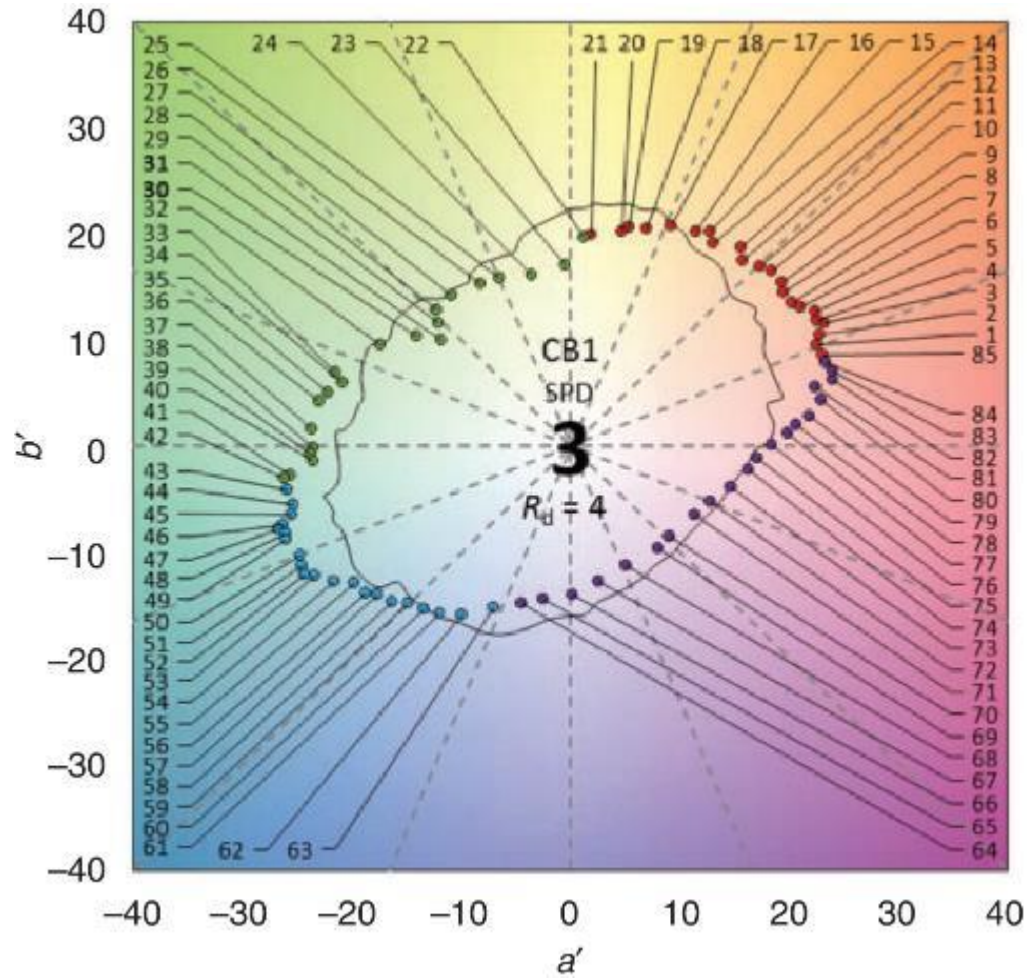
The Hunt Effect is present in typical working and living environments and is especially pronounced under low light.



Color discrimination can be conceptualized as light-source-induced hue transpositions (shown here using FM-100 Hue Test).

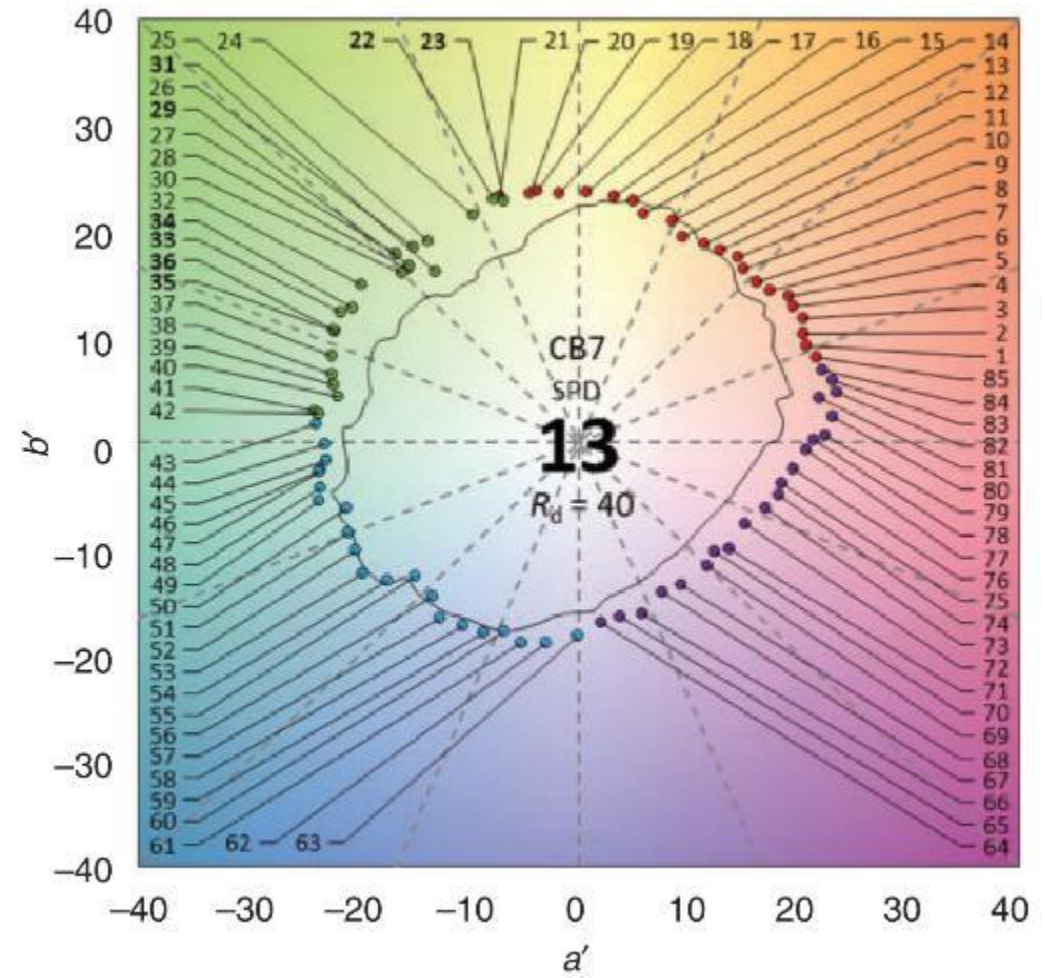


Color discrimination is not related to measures associated with gamut area!



$R_f = 65$
 $R_g = 100$

Two caps transposed
 $R_d = 4$
(Interpretation: “Average Color Discrimination”)



$R_f = 65$
 $R_g = 120$

Eight caps transposed
 $R_d = 40$
(Interpretation: “Poor Color Discrimination”)

Metameric Uncertainty Index, R_t

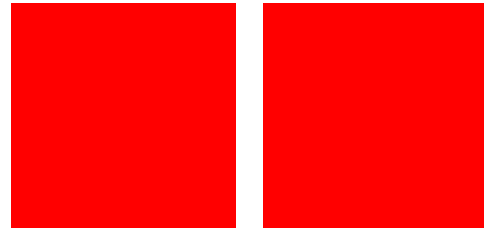
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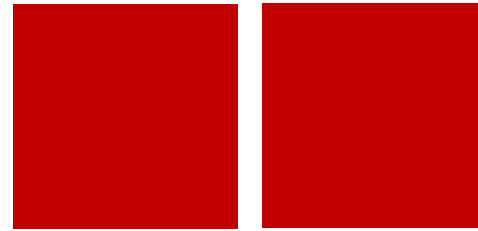
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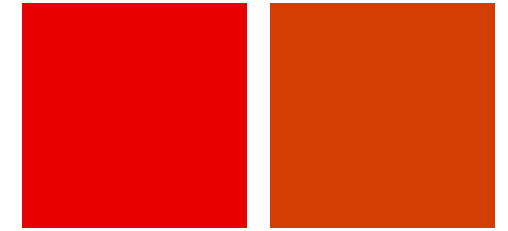
Light Source 1



$$R_f = 80$$

$$R_t = 95$$

Light Source 2

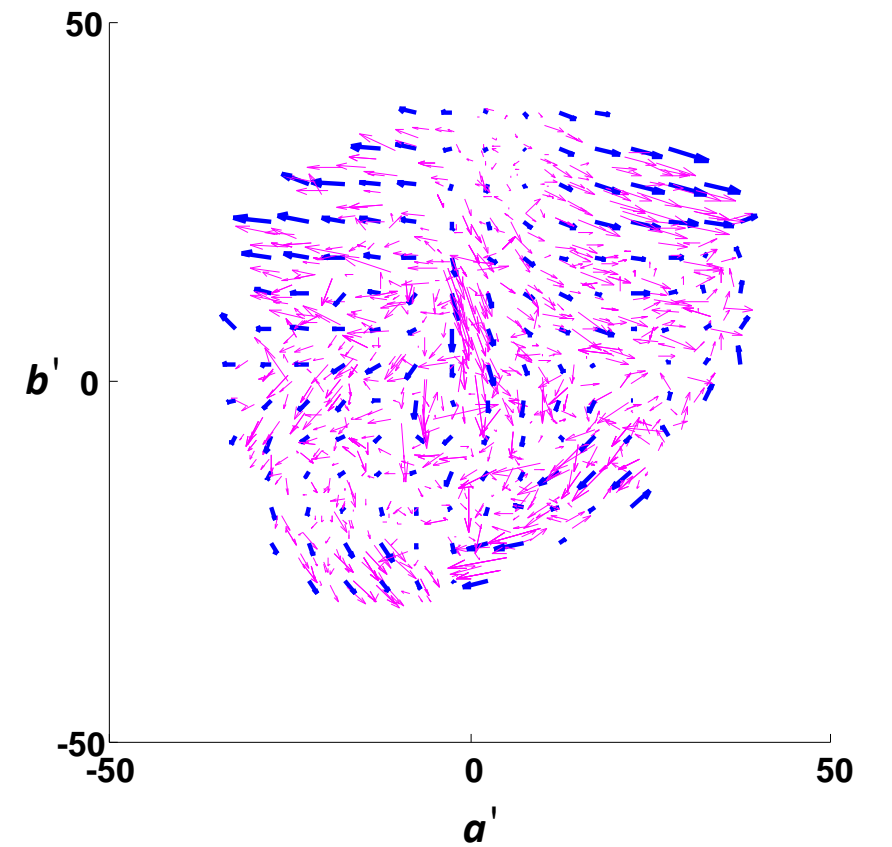
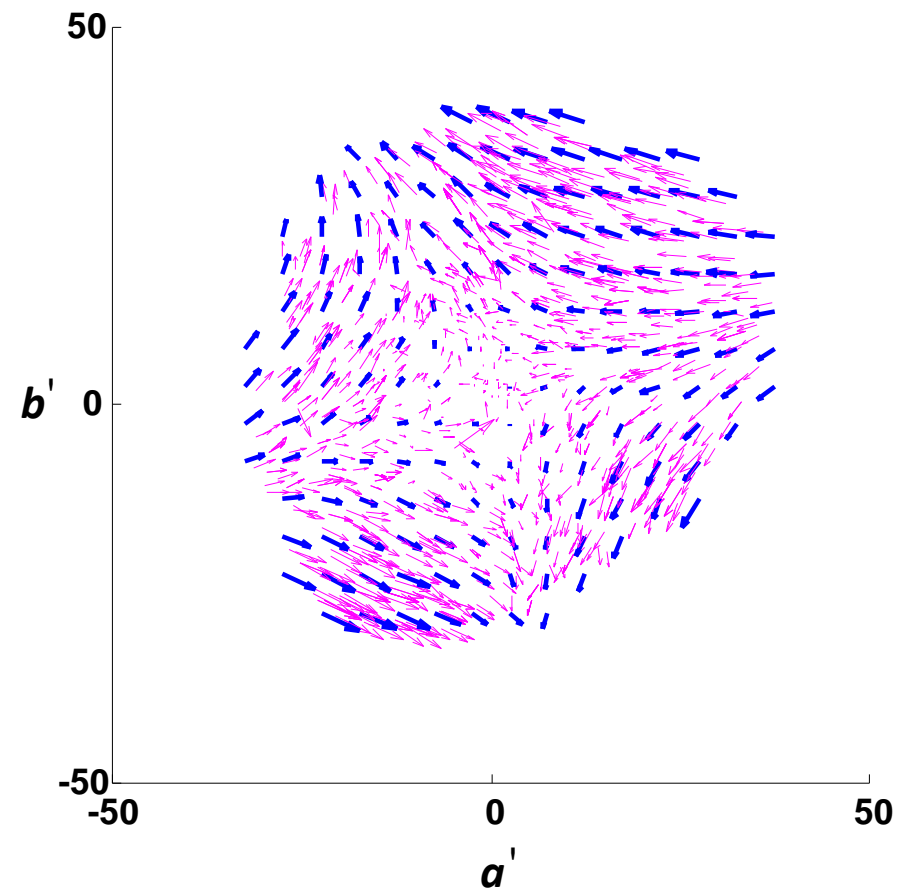


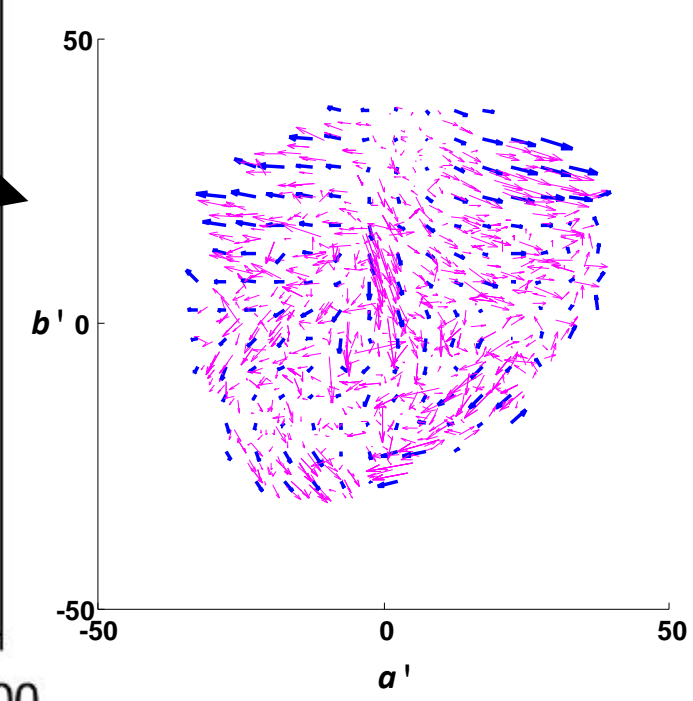
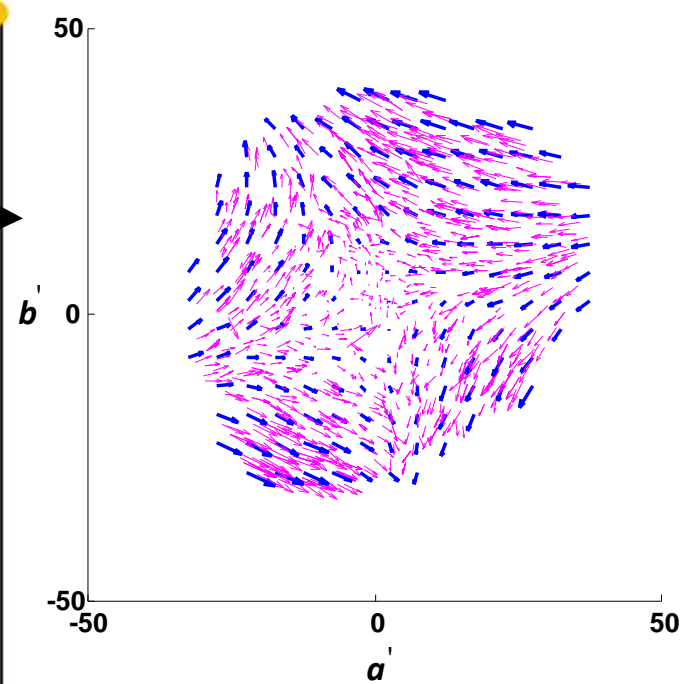
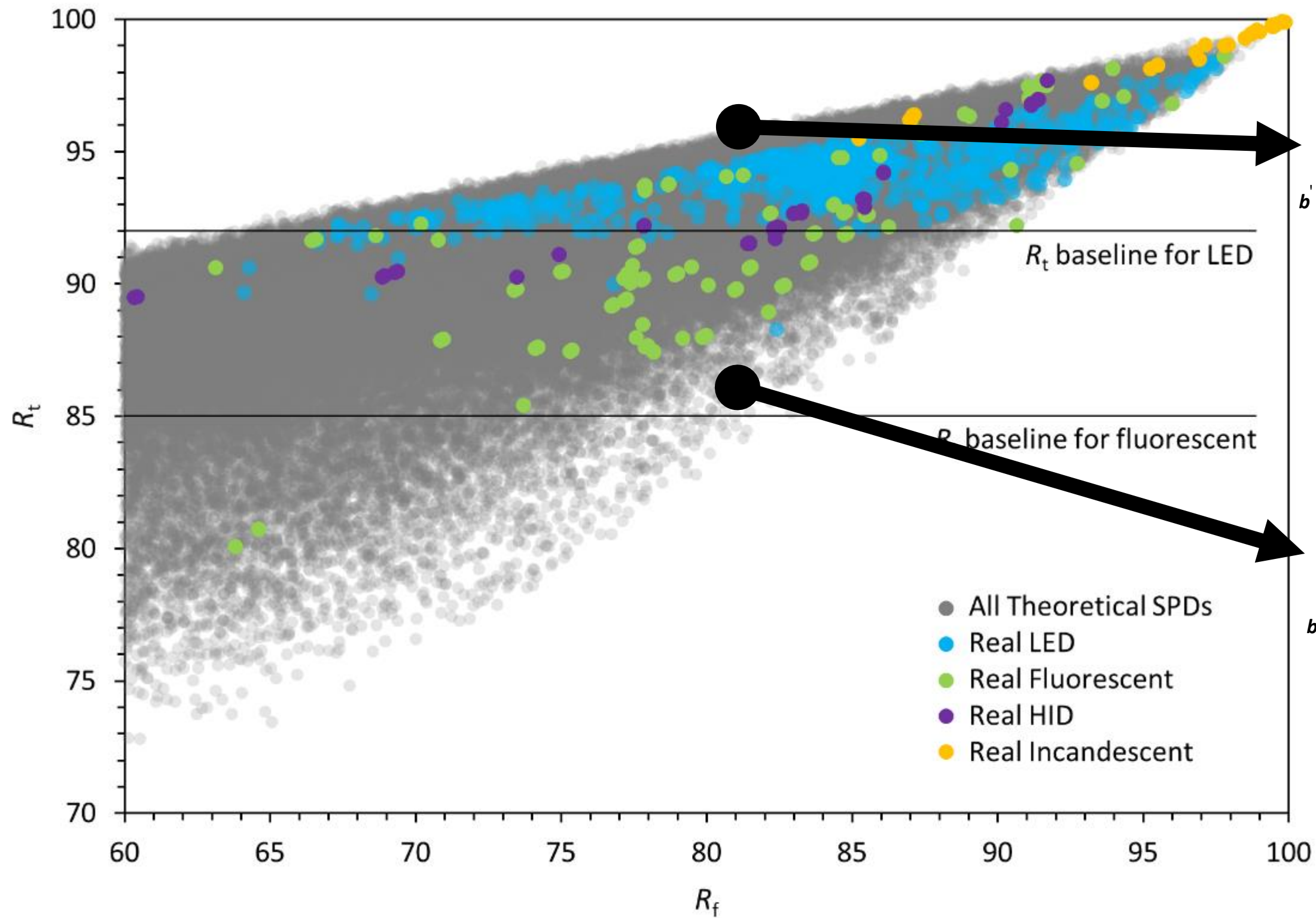
$$R_f = 80$$

$$R_t = 87$$

Color Shifts Predicted
by Vector Field Model
(Least Squares Fit)

Actual Color Shifts





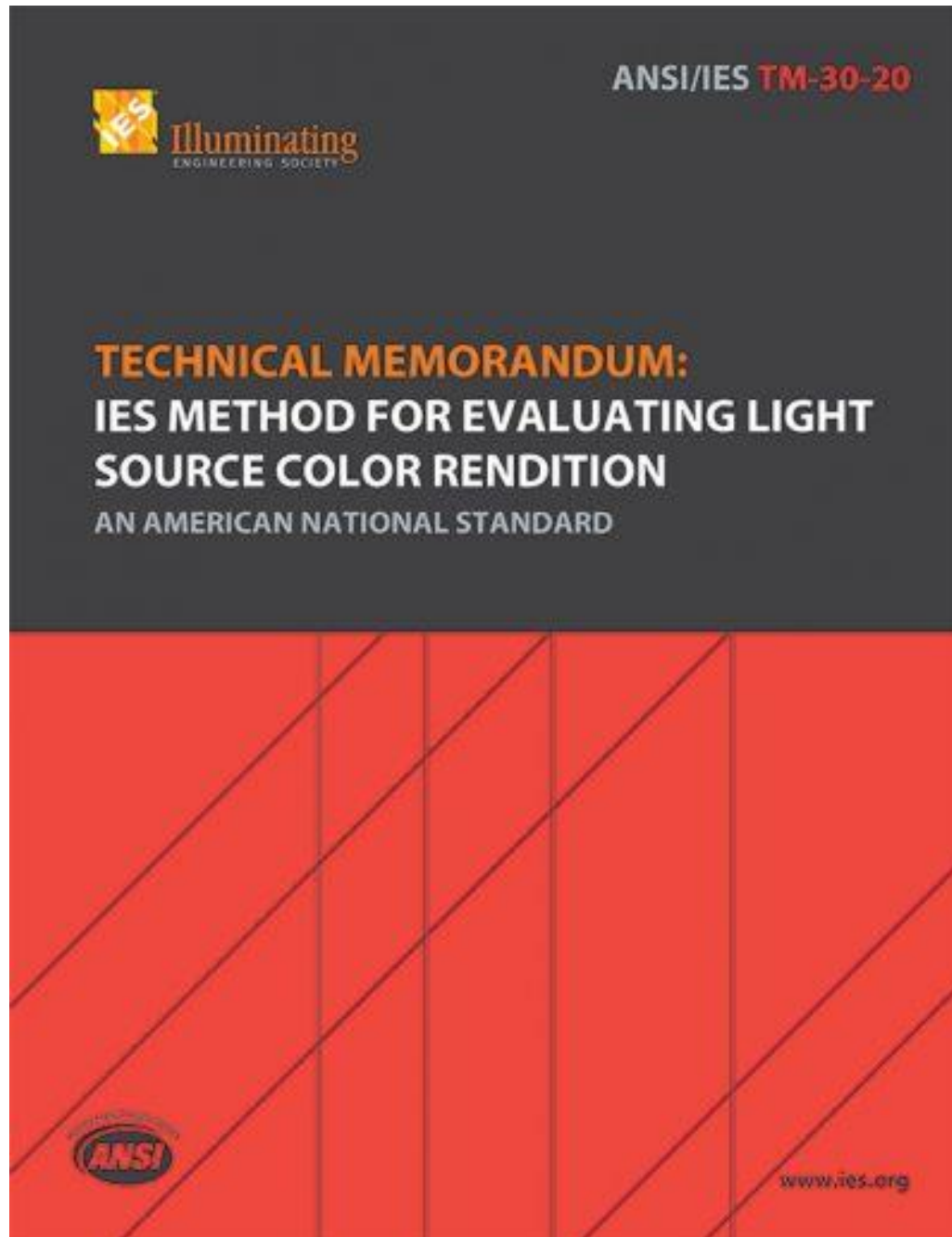


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