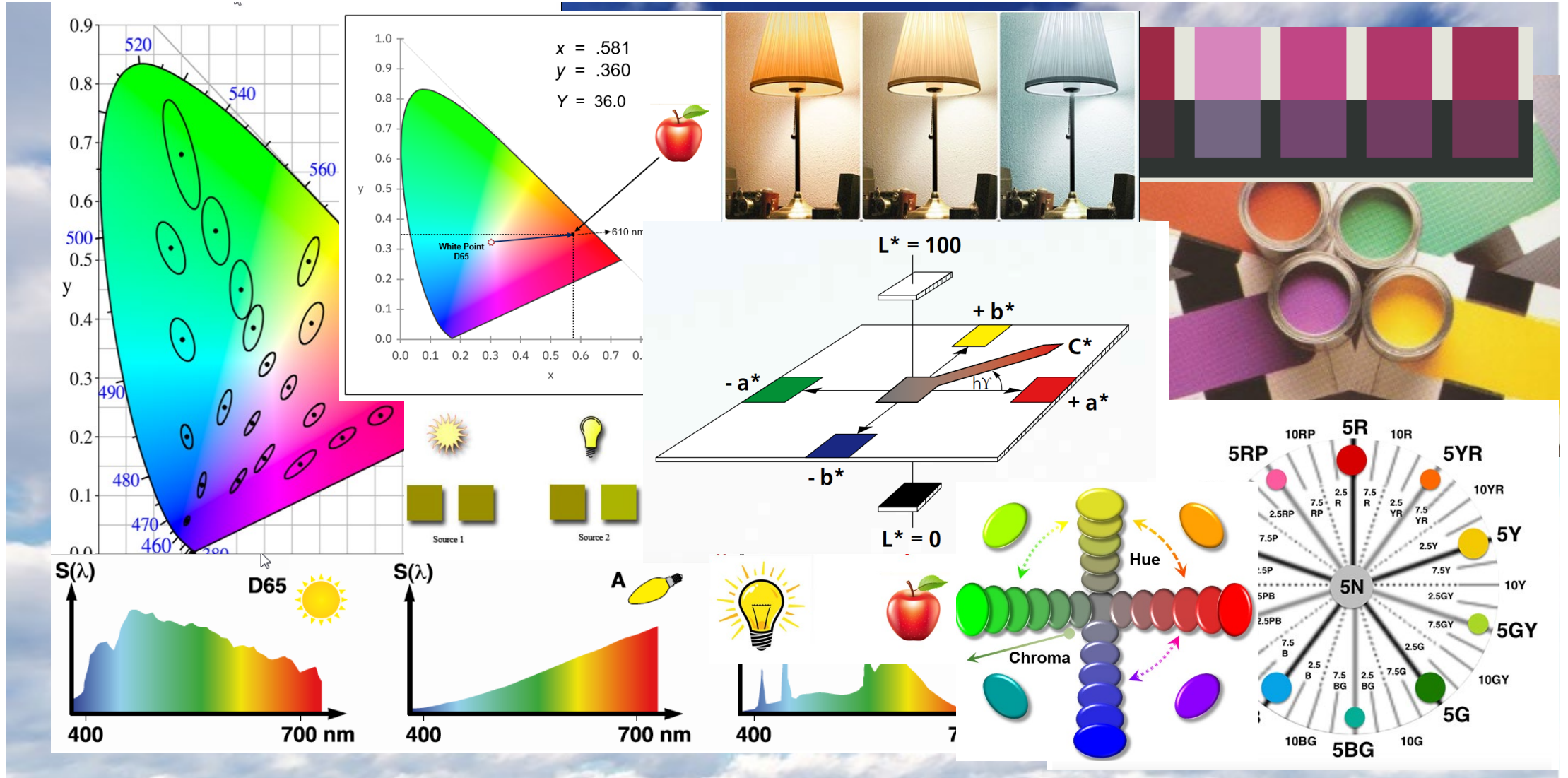


Color Theory – Part 3

Color Coordinates

Color Theory – Part 3

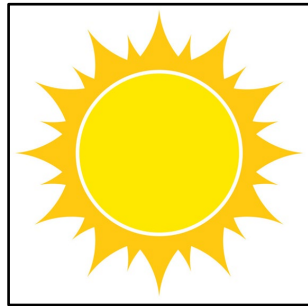
Color Coordinates



Review

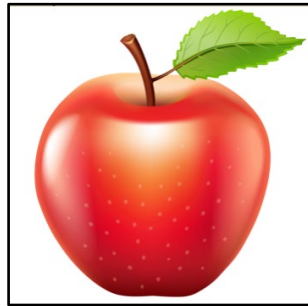
Color Perception versus Color Description

We have described the visual color perception process by showing how the light source, object and observer are together responsible for color perception.



Light Source

X



Object

X

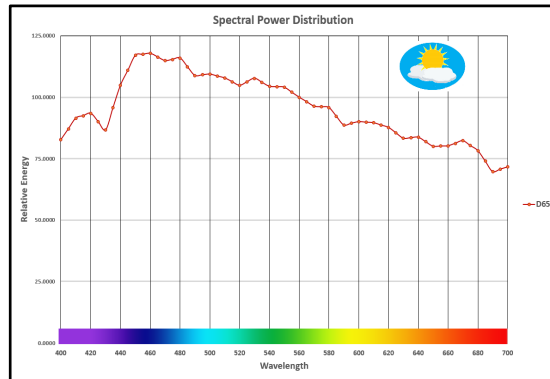


Observer

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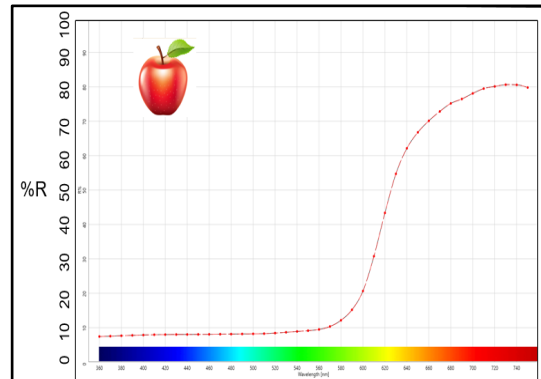
Color Perception

With the Standard Observer, we can now develop a numerical specification:



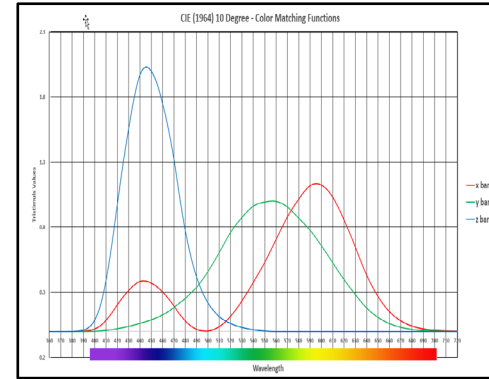
Daylight Illuminant
Numerical Data

X



Reflectance Curve
Numerical Data

X



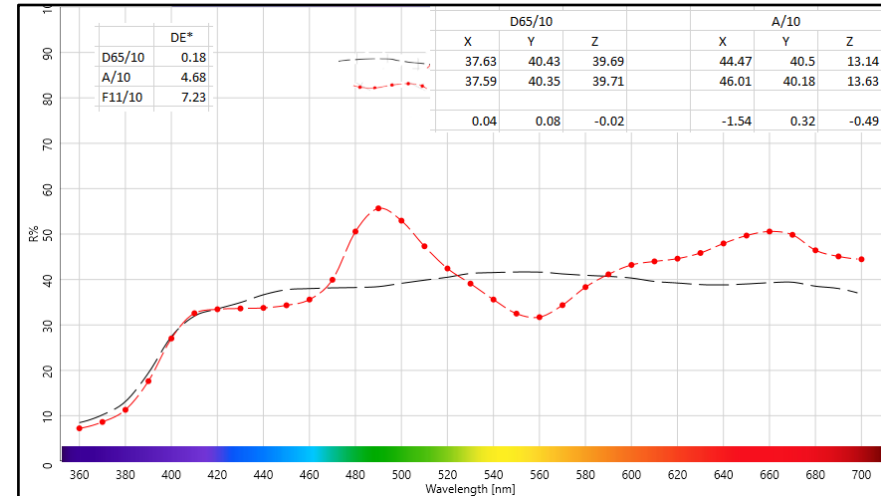
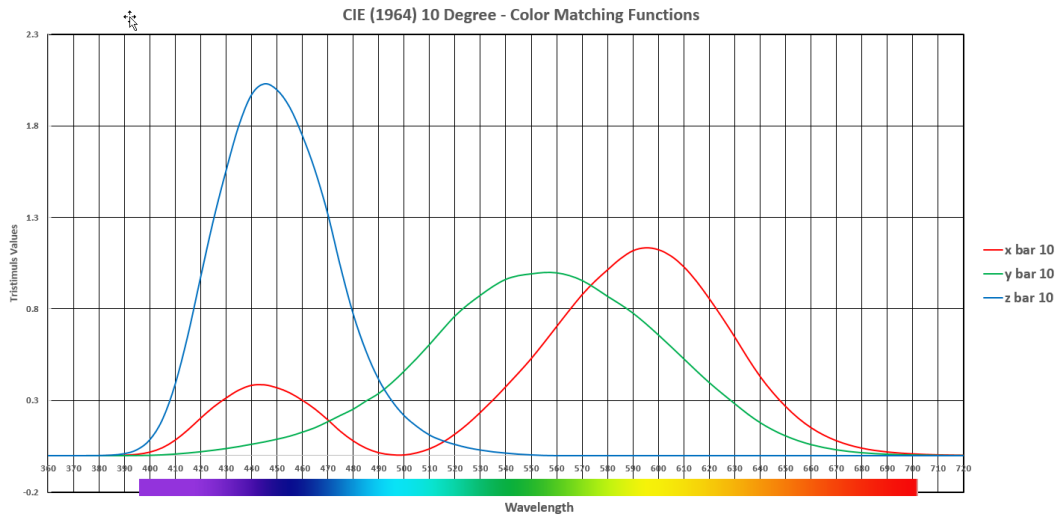
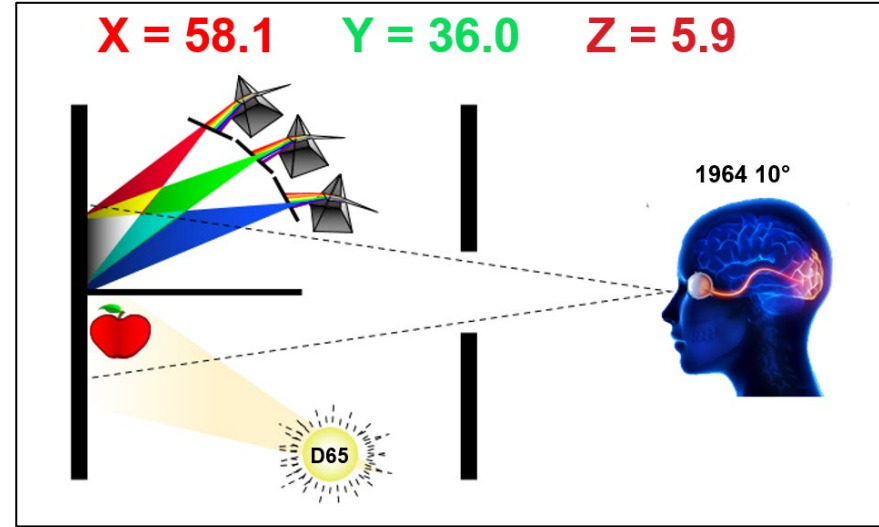
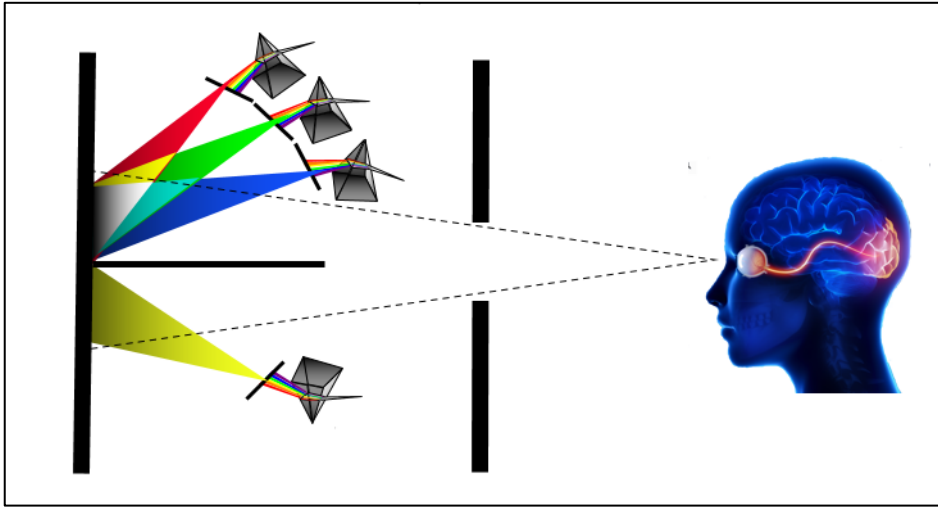
CIE Standard Observer
Numerical Data

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Colorimetric Description

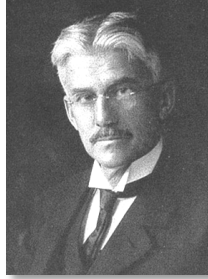
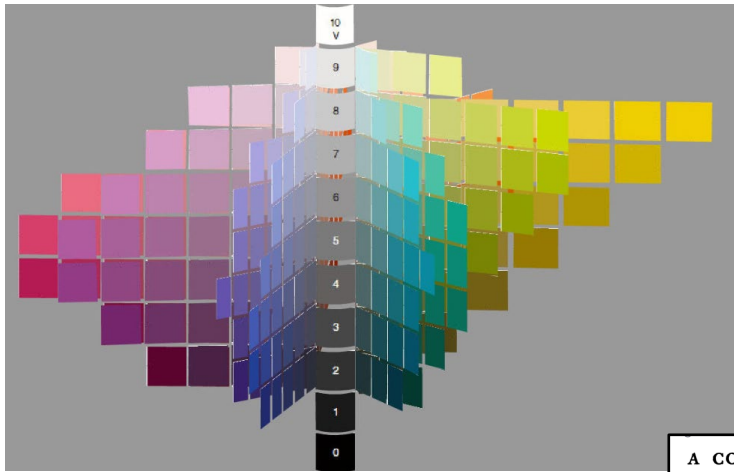
Review

Standard Observer / Metamerism

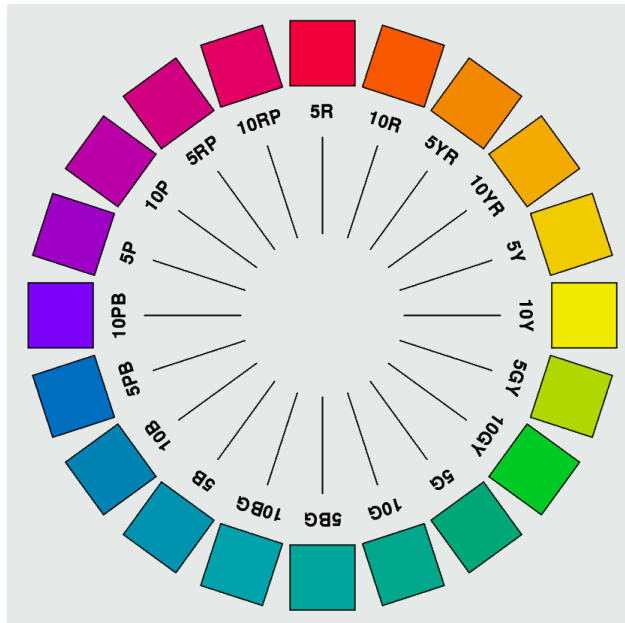
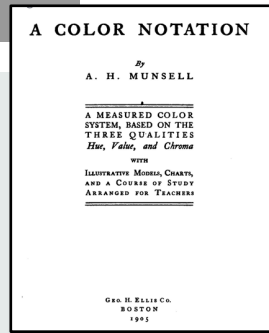
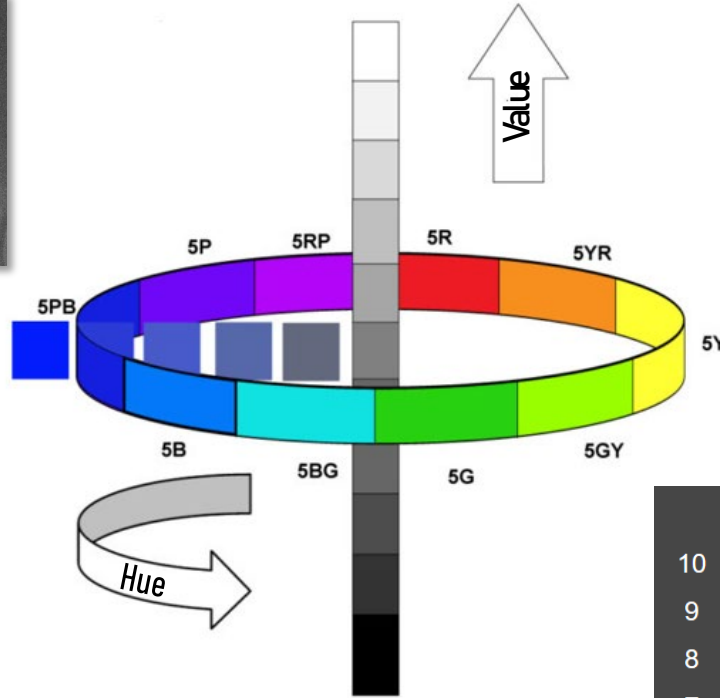


Color Order Systems

Munsell - A Visual System



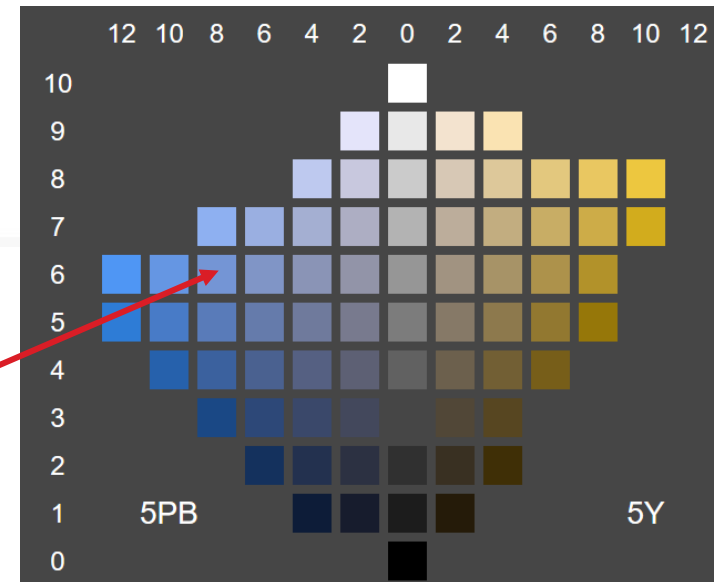
← Chroma



Munsell Notation:

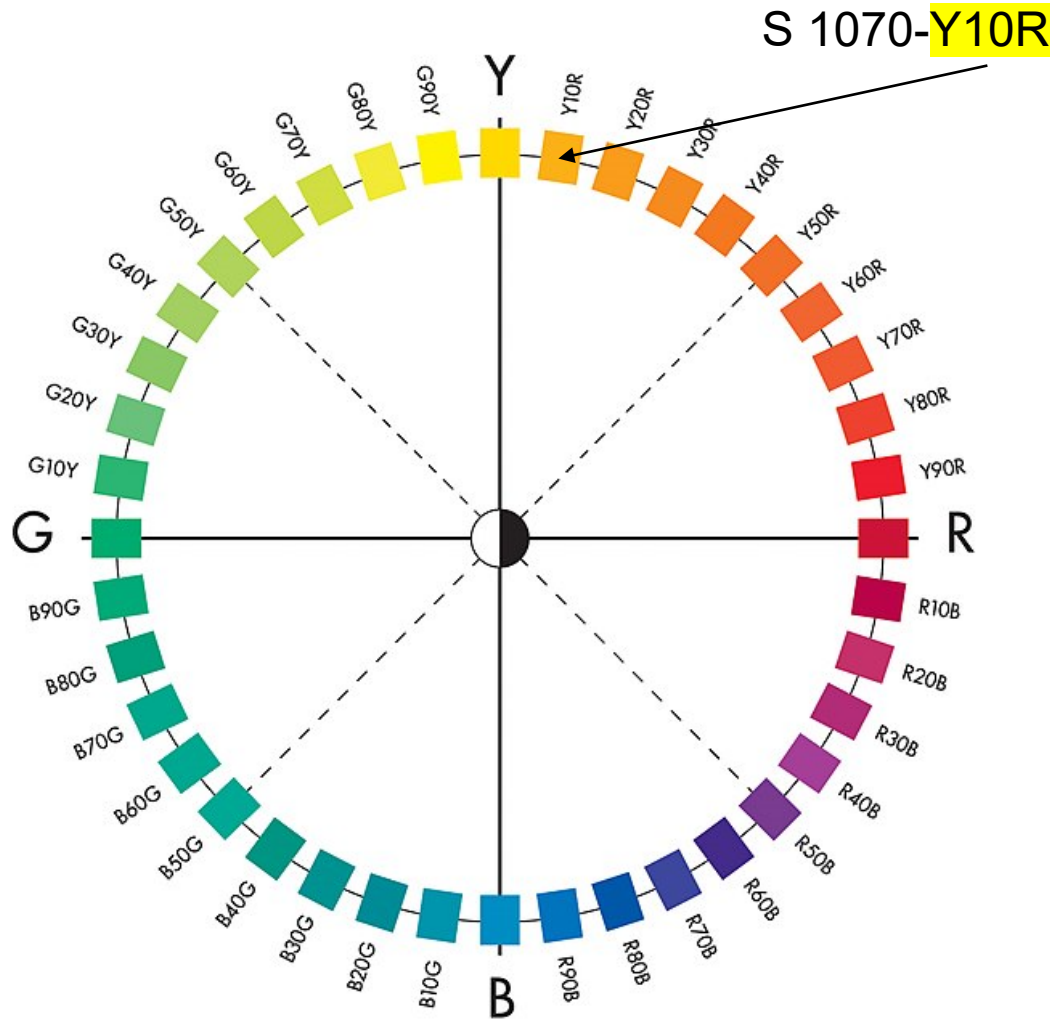
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Hue Value/Chroma

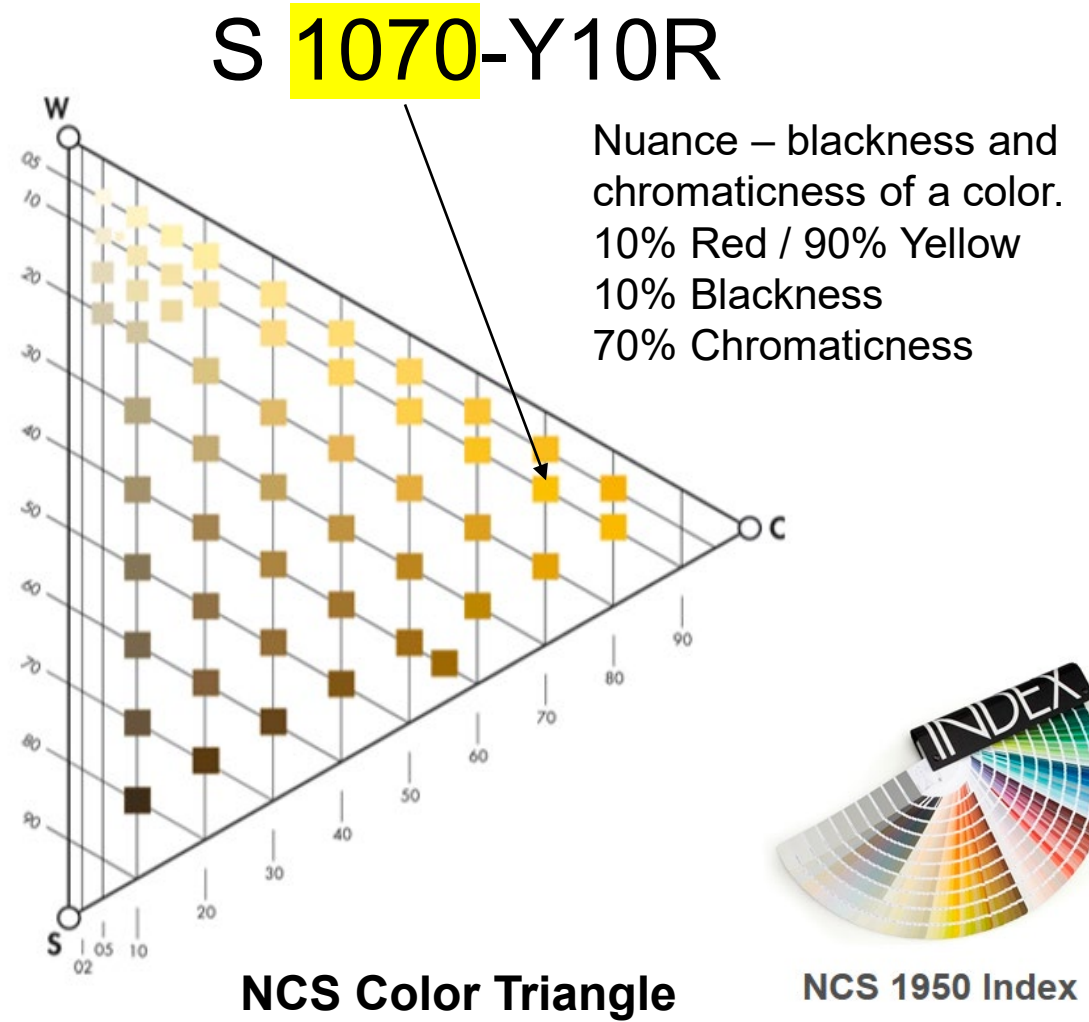


NCS

Natural Color System - Opponent Color Model



NCS Hue Circle



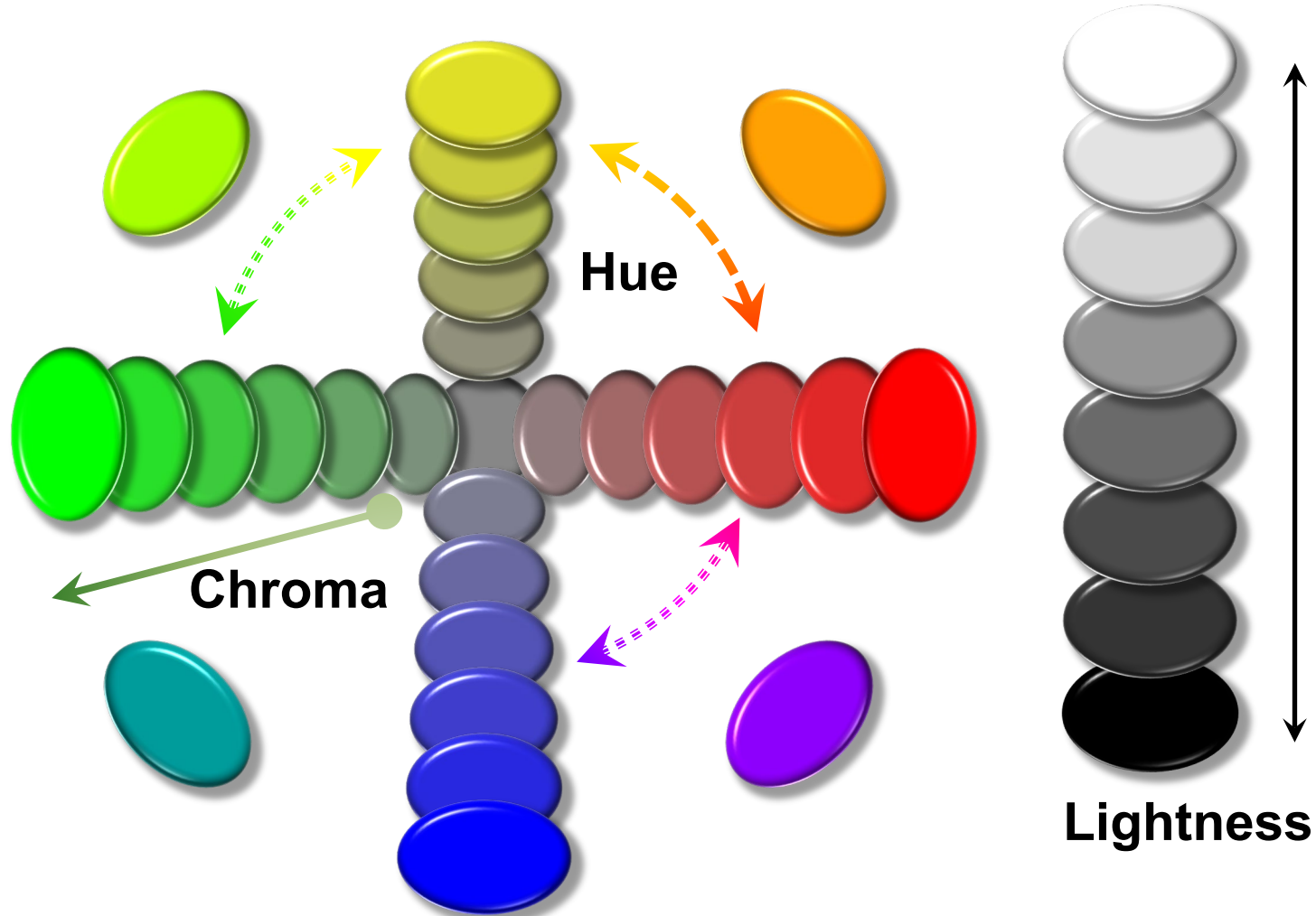
NCS Color Triangle



NCS 1950 Index

3 Dimensions of Color

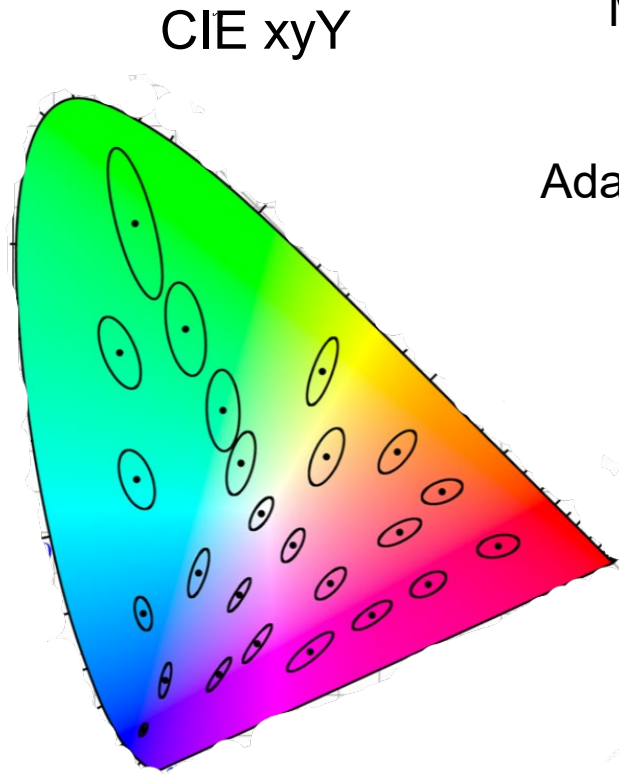
Hue, Chroma, Lightness



Hue is the term we use to describe a specific color like yellow, red, blue, green, violet.

Chroma is the amount or intensity of a specific hue. The saturation or difference from gray.

Lightness is the total amount of light coming from a sample independent of hue and chroma.



Munsell System

Adams Chromatic Value
1942

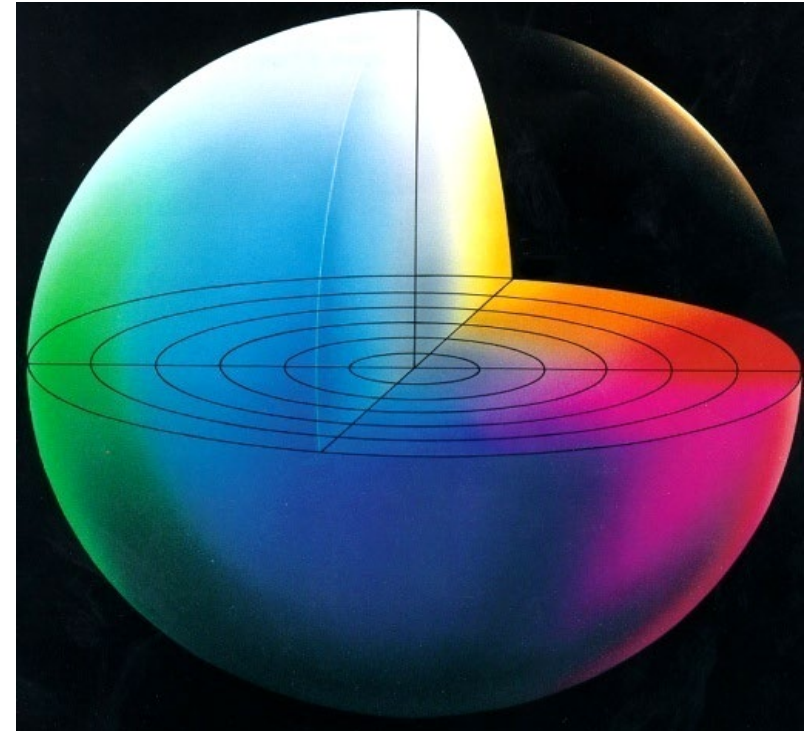


Adams-Nickerson
ANLab
1944, 1950

Glasser –Reilly
Cube Root
1958

CIE 1976

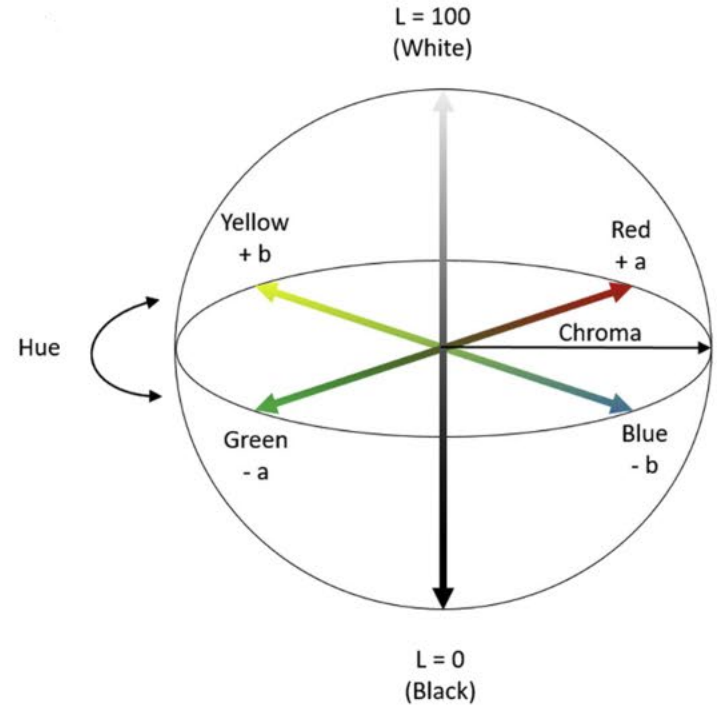
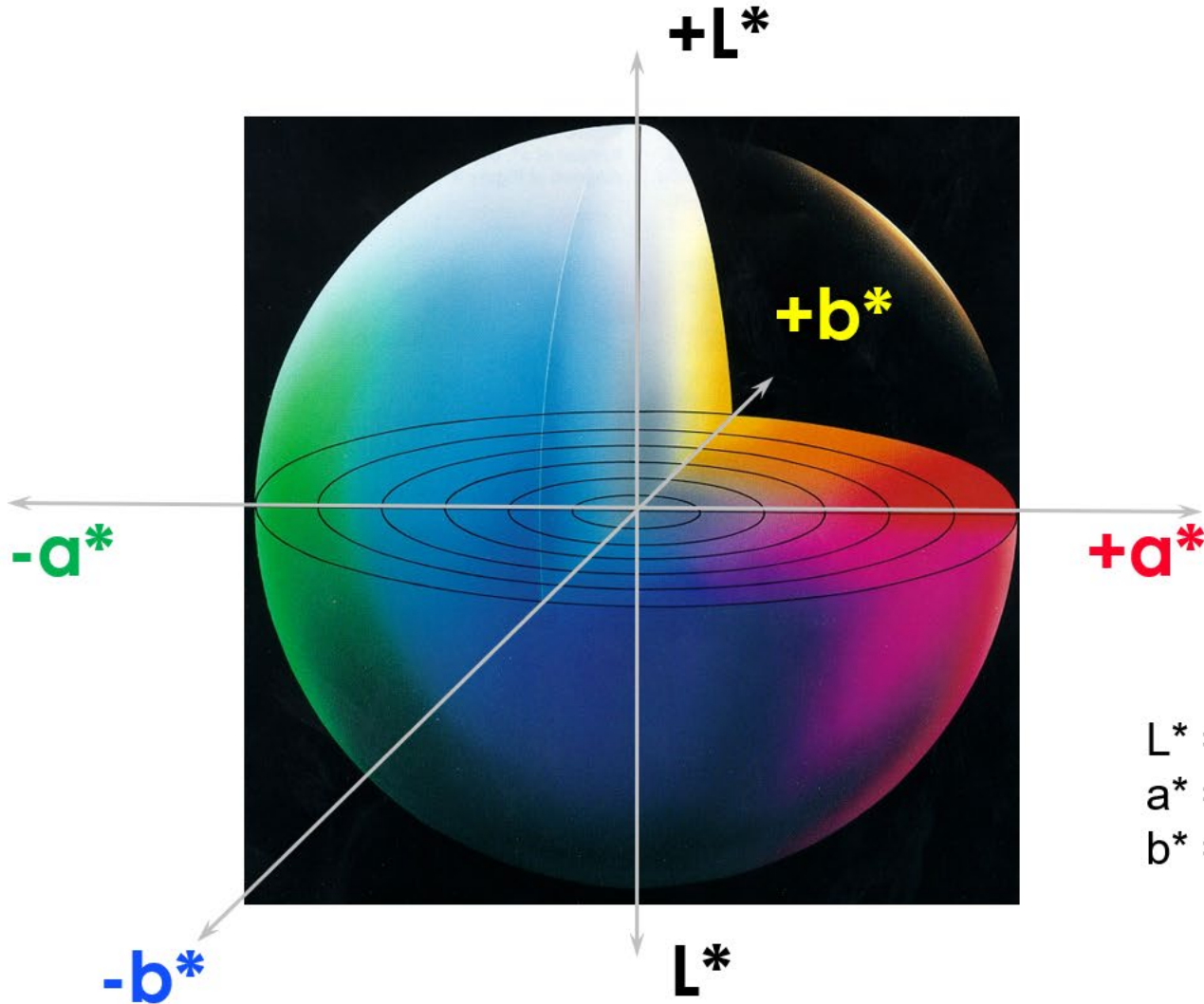
CIE L*a*b*



Opponent Color Model

CIELAB

CIE $L^*a^*b^*$ Color Space

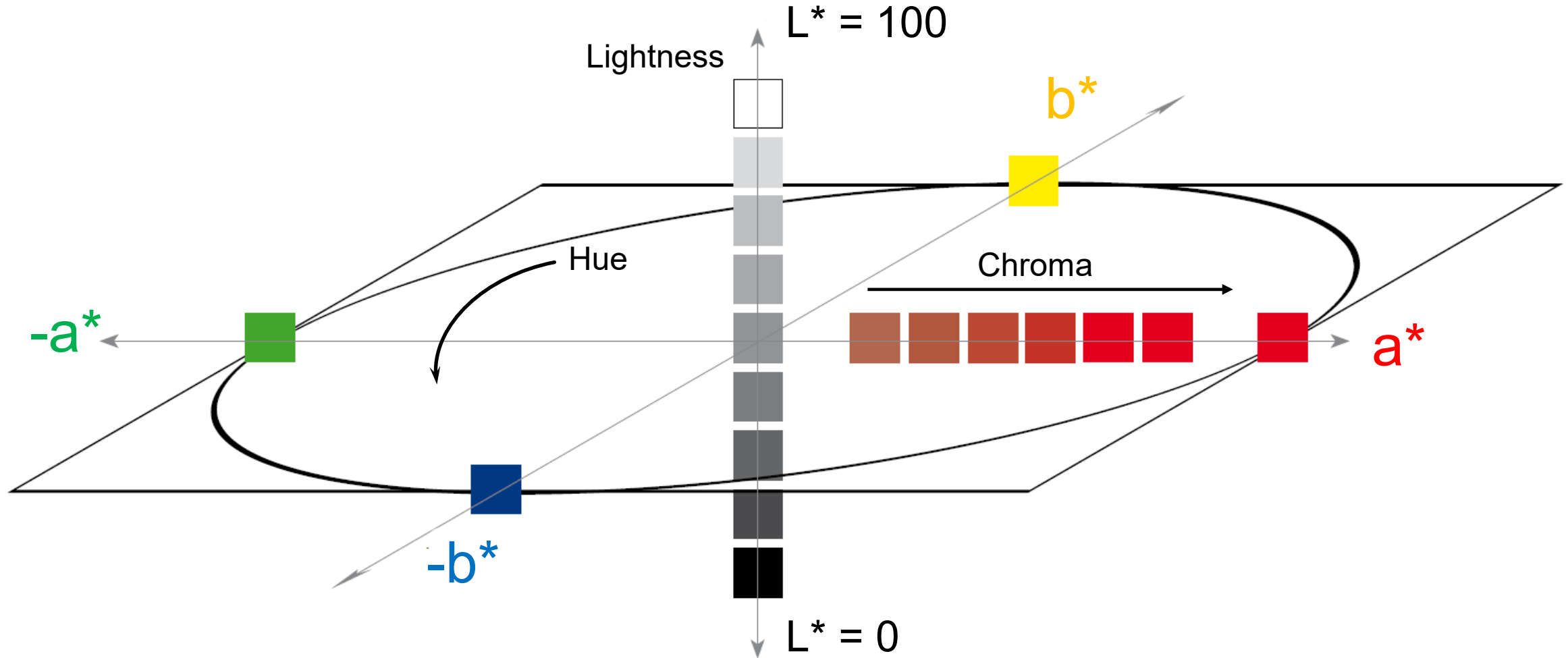


L^* = Lightness
 a^* = red-green axis $+a^*$ (red) $-a^*$ (green)
 b^* = yellow-blue axis $+b^*$ (yellow) $-b^*$ (blue)

Opponent Color Model

CIELAB

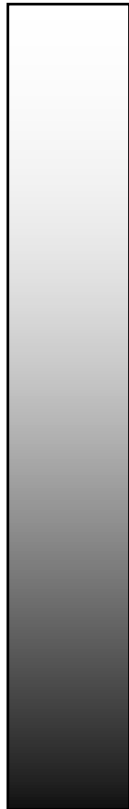
CIE $L^*a^*b^*$ Color Space



CIELAB Equations

L^* , Lightness - Darkness

$L^* = 100$ White

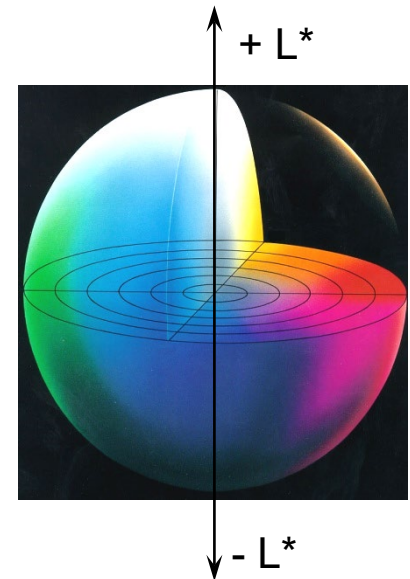


$L^* = 0$ Black

$$L^* = 116 (Y/Y_n)^{1/3} - 16$$

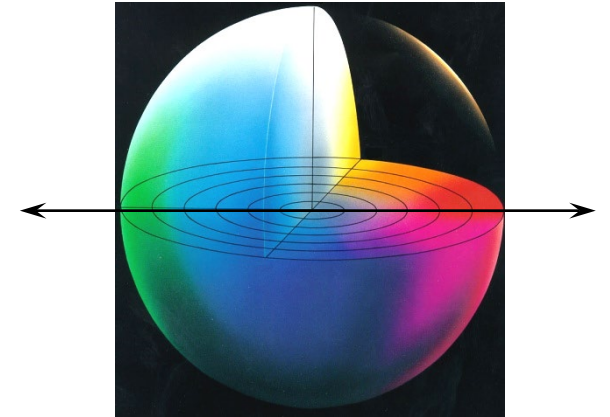
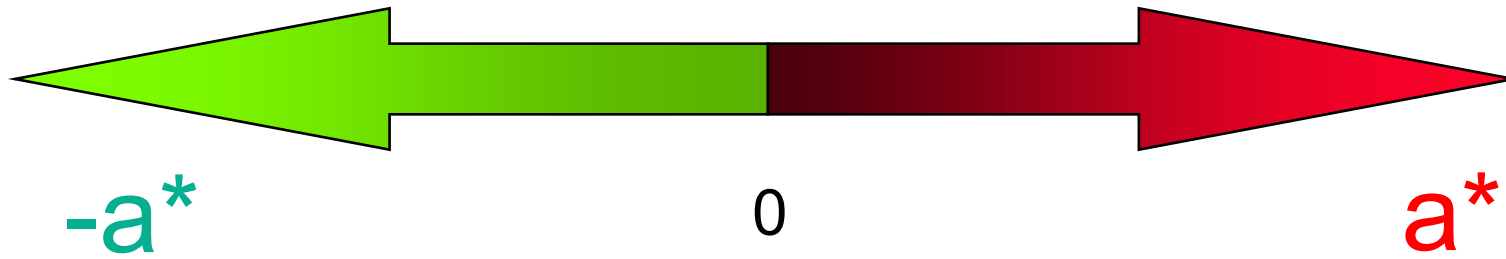
Y_n = Tristimulus Value of White
Valid for $Y/Y_n > \text{or} = 0.01$

$X_n = 94.81$; $Y_n = 100.0$; $Z_n = 107.3$ For D65/10



CIELAB Equations

a^* , red - green



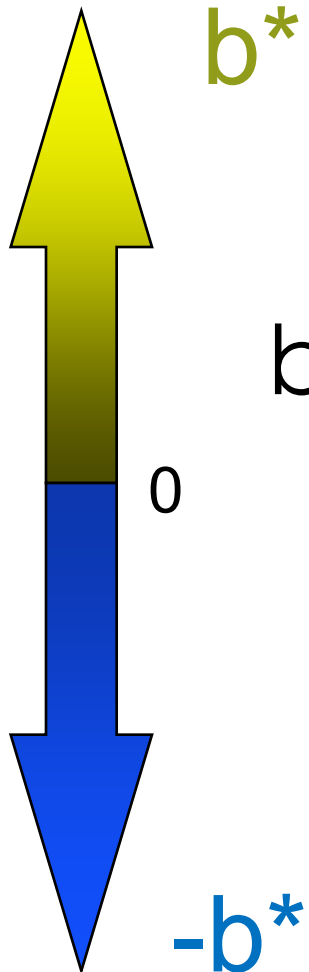
$$a^* = 500 \left(\frac{X}{X_n} \right)^{1/3} - 500 \left(\frac{Y}{Y_n} \right)^{1/3}$$

Valid for X/X_n & $Y/Y_n > \text{or} = 0.01$

$X_n = 94.81$; $Y_n = 100.0$; $Z_n = 107.3$ For D65/10

CIELAB Equations

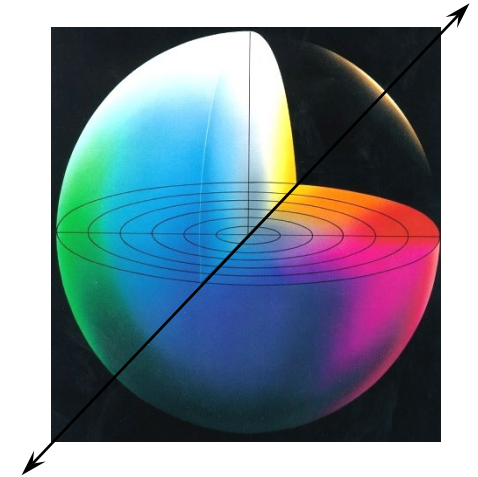
b^* , yellow - blue

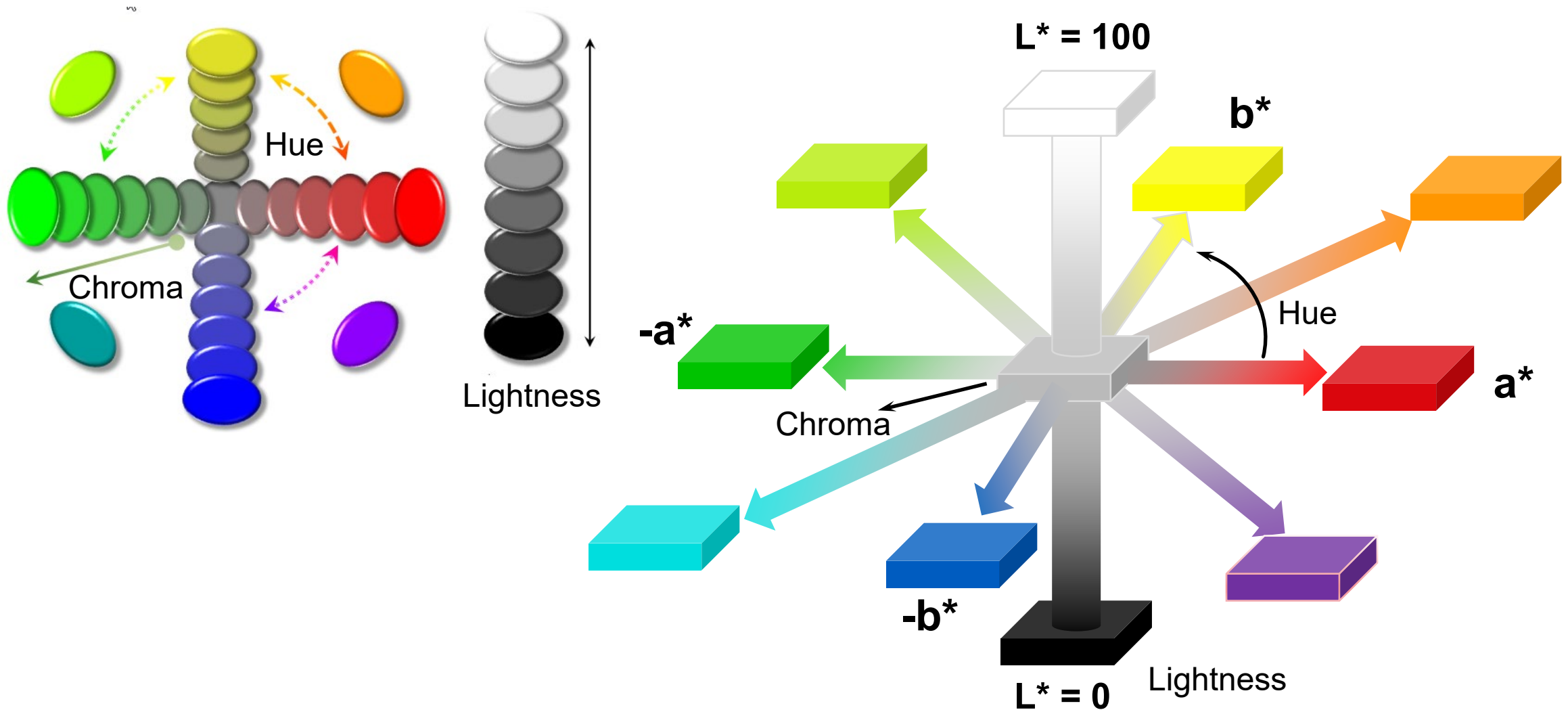


$$b^* = 200 (Y/Y_n)^{1/3} - 200 (Z/Z_n)^{1/3}$$

Valid for Z/Z_n & $Y/Y_n > \text{or} = 0.01$

$X_n = 94.81; Y_n = 100.0; Z_n = 107.3$ For D65/10





CIE L*a*b*

L*a*b* Coordinates

Color 1

$L^* = +65$

$a^* = +10$

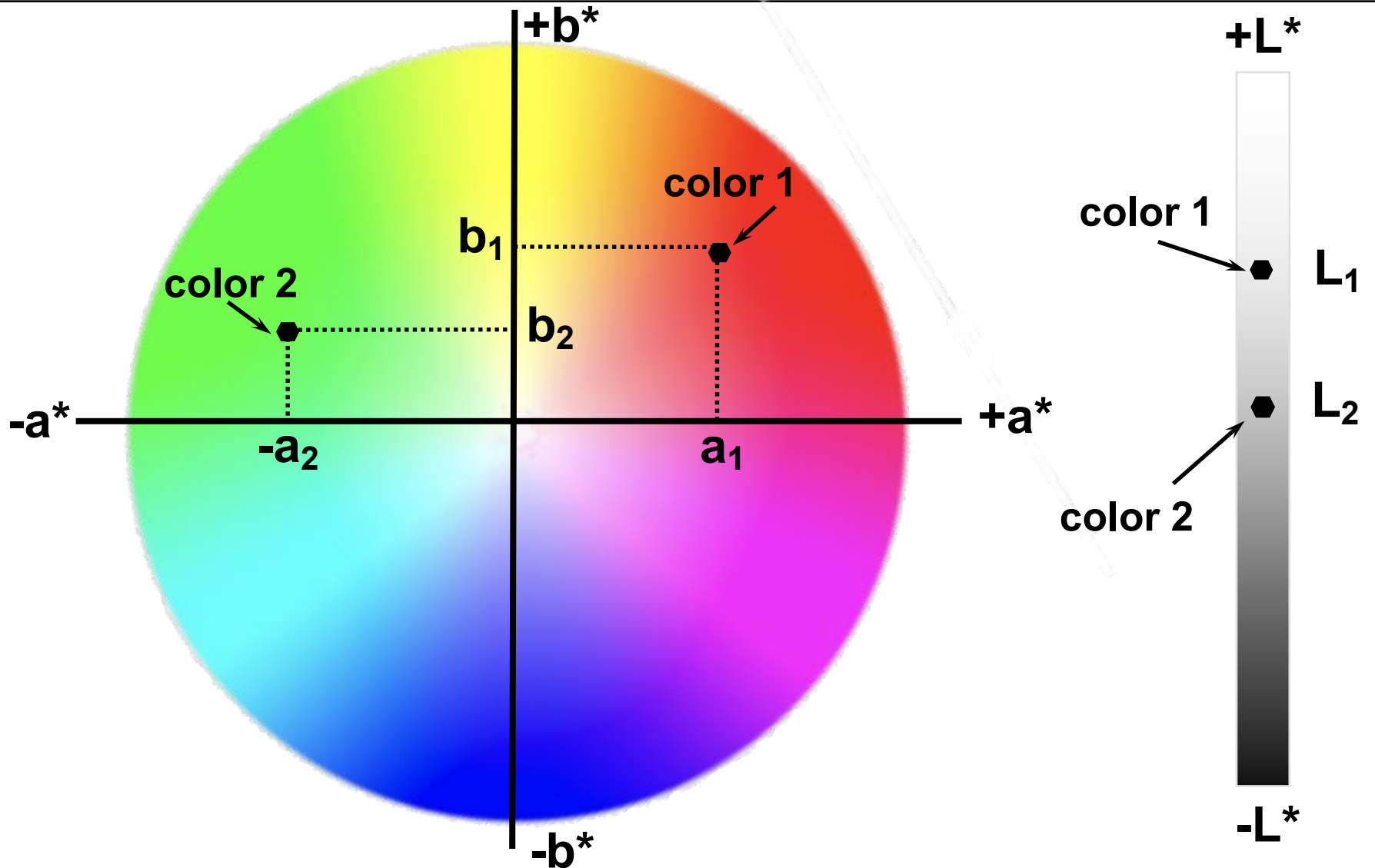
$b^* = +10$

Color 2

$L^* = +50$

$a^* = -10$

$b^* = +5$



C* / h

Metric Chroma – Metric Hue Angle

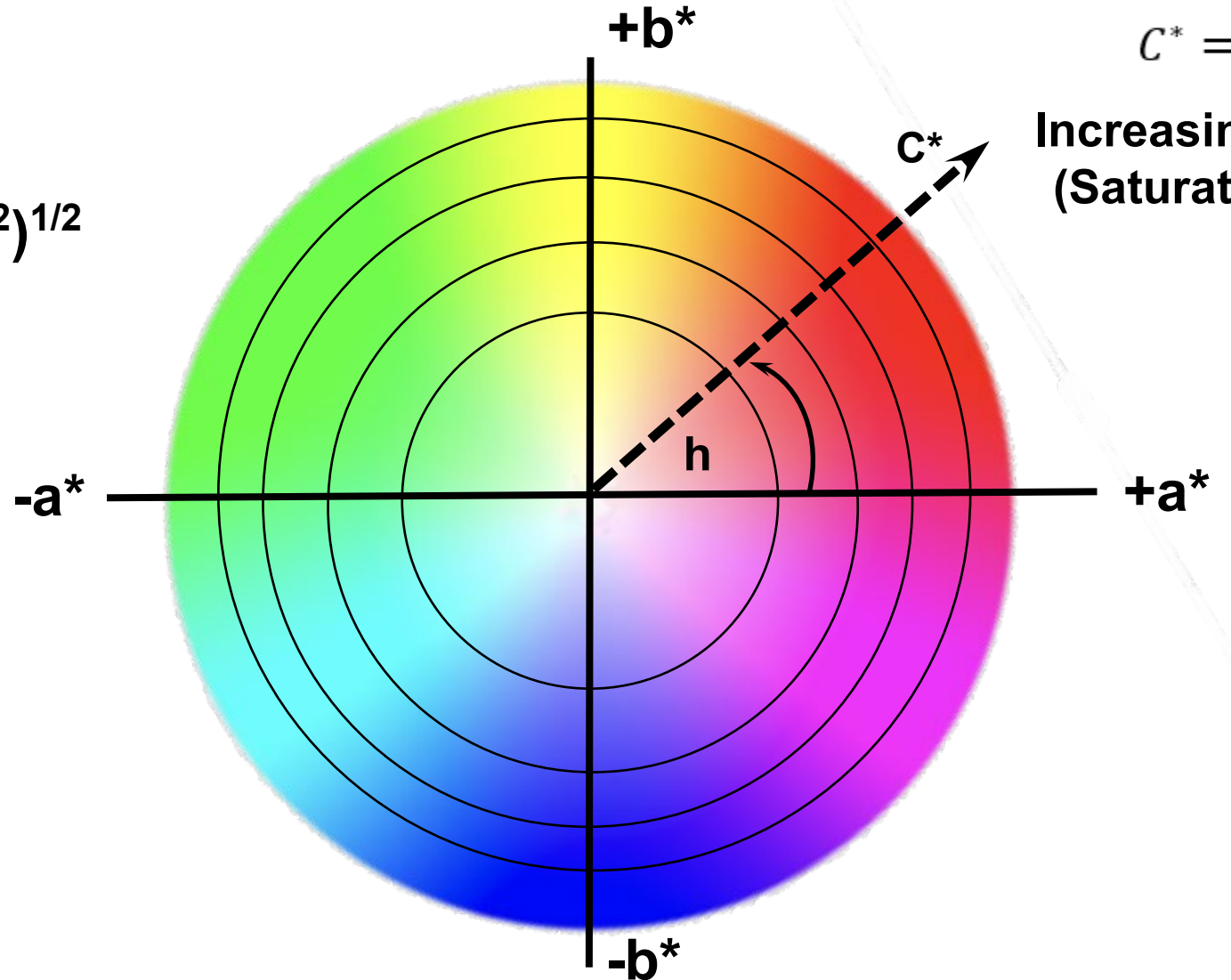
L*, C*, h

$$C^* = (a^{*2} + b^{*2})^{1/2}$$

$$h = \tan^{-1} (b^*/a^*)$$

$$C^* = \sqrt{a^{*2} + b^{*2}}$$

Increasing C*
(Saturation)



Color Difference

CIELAB Rectangular Coordinates – Da^* , Db^* , DL^*

$$DE^* = (DL^{*2} + da^{*2} + db^{*2})^{1/2}$$

$$dE^* = \sqrt{dL^2 + da^2 + db^2}$$

$$DL^* = L^*_{BAT} - L^*_{STD}$$

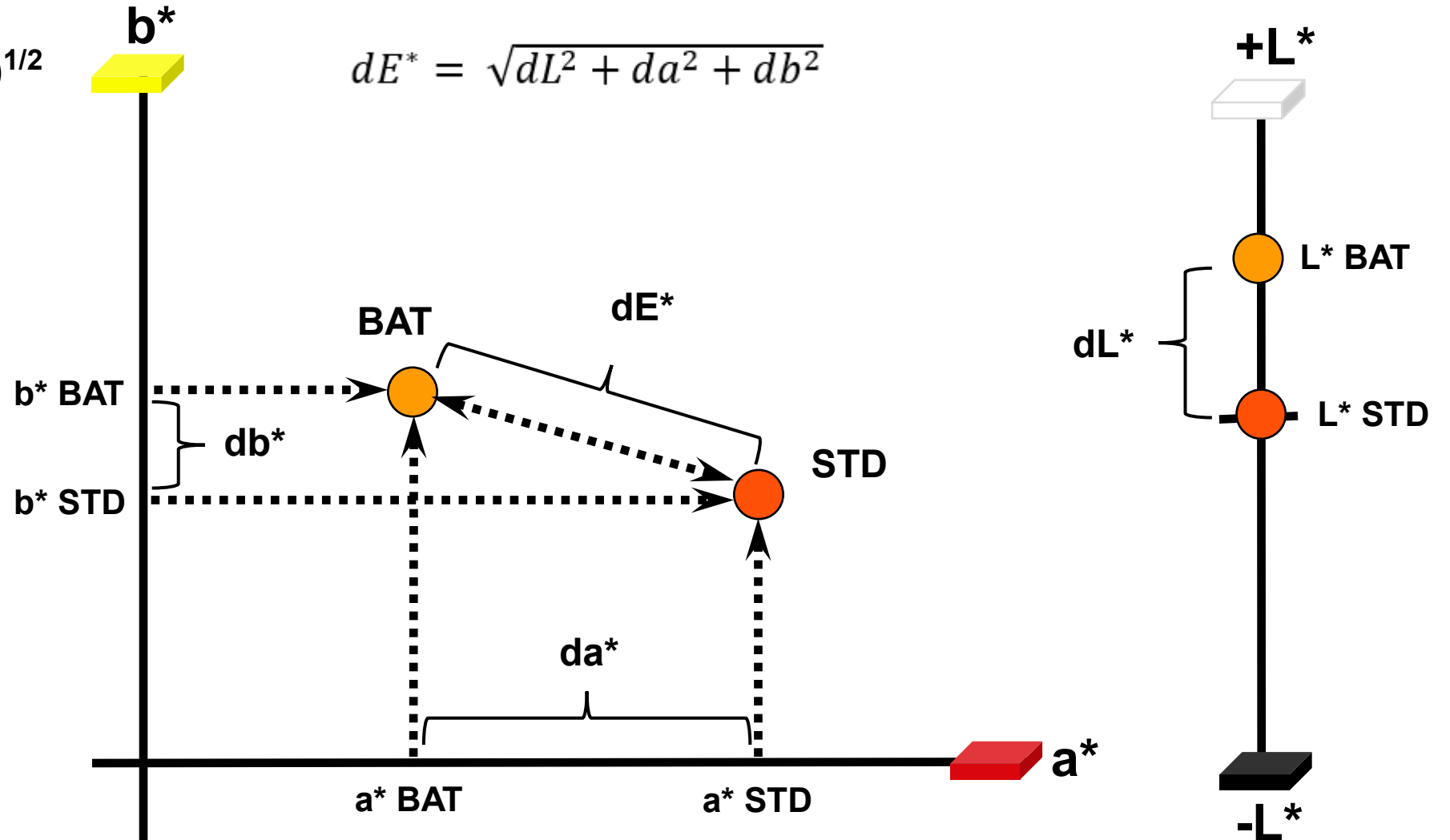
(+ is lighter)
(- is darker)

$$da^* = a^*_{BAT} - a^*_{STD}$$

(+ is redder, less green)
(- is greener, less red)

$$db^* = b^*_{BAT} - b^*_{STD}$$

(+ is yellower, less blue)
(- is bluer, less yellow)



Color Difference

CIELAB Polar Coordinates – DL^* , DC^* , DH^* Metric Hue Angle

$$C^* = (a^{*2} + b^{*2})^{1/2}$$

$$h = \tan^{-1} (b^*/a^*)$$

$$DL^* = L^*_{BAT} - L^*_{STD}$$

(+ is lighter)
(- is darker)

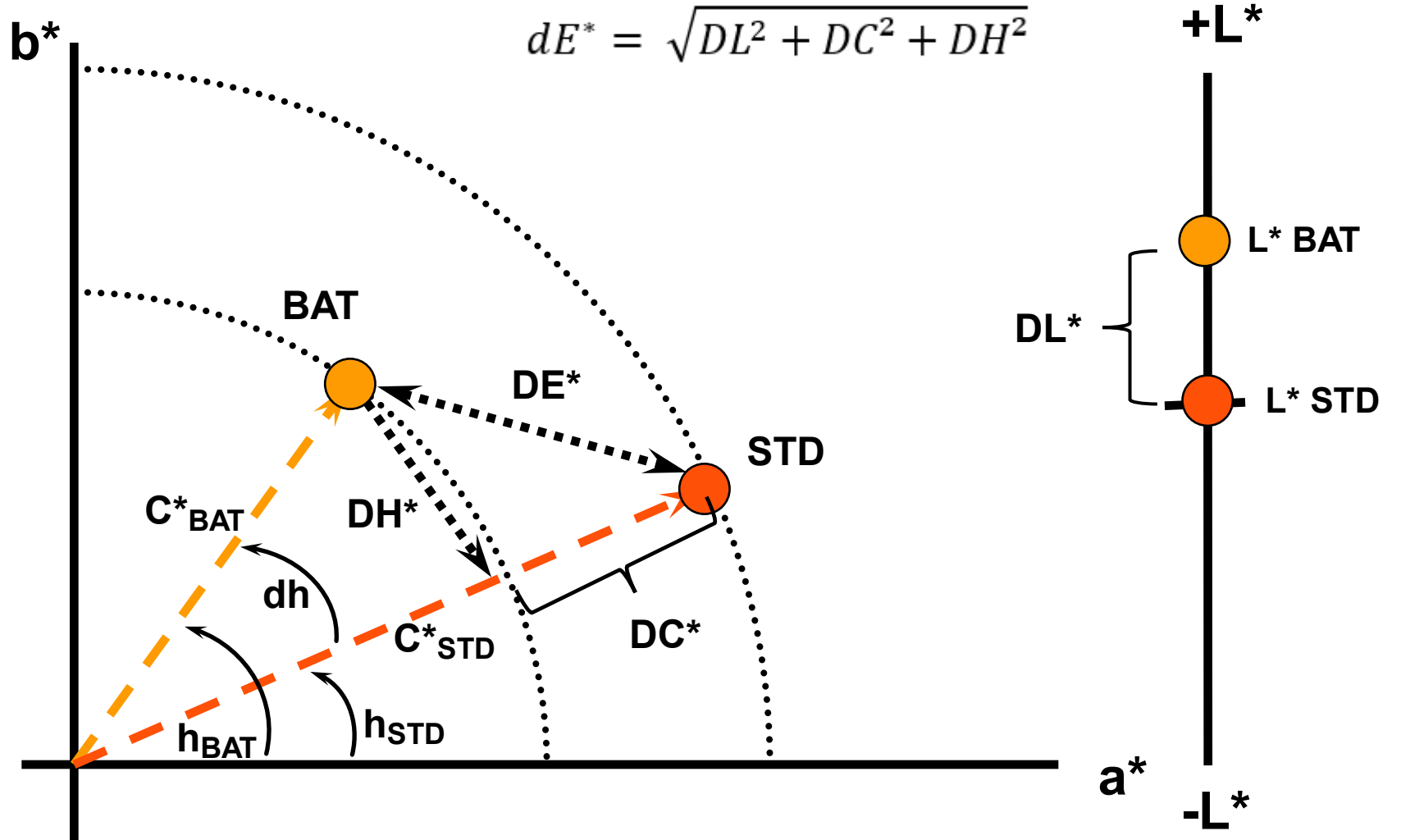
$$DC^* = C^*_{BAT} - C^*_{STD}$$

(+ is more chroma)
(- is less chroma)

$$DH^* = 2(C^*_{STD} * C^*_{BAT})^{1/2} \sin (dh/2)$$

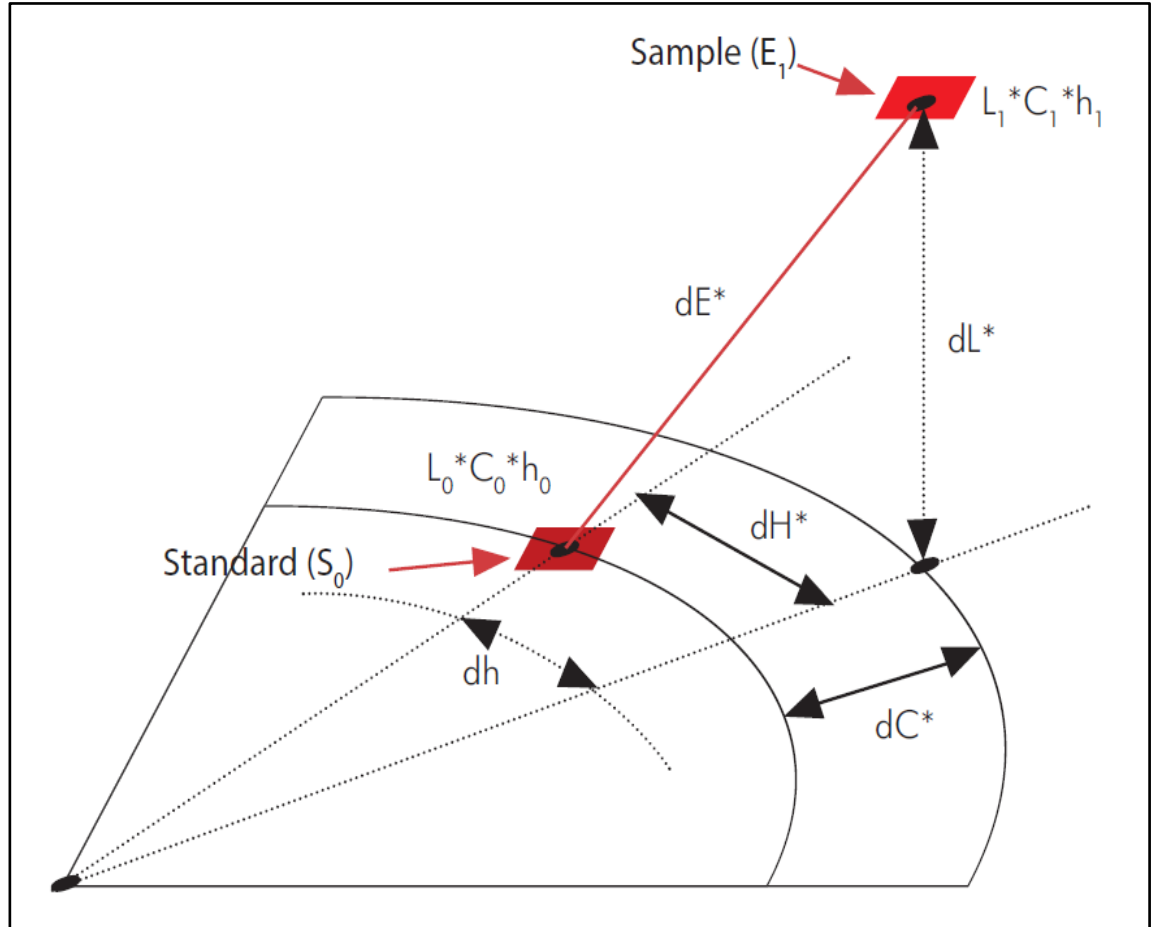
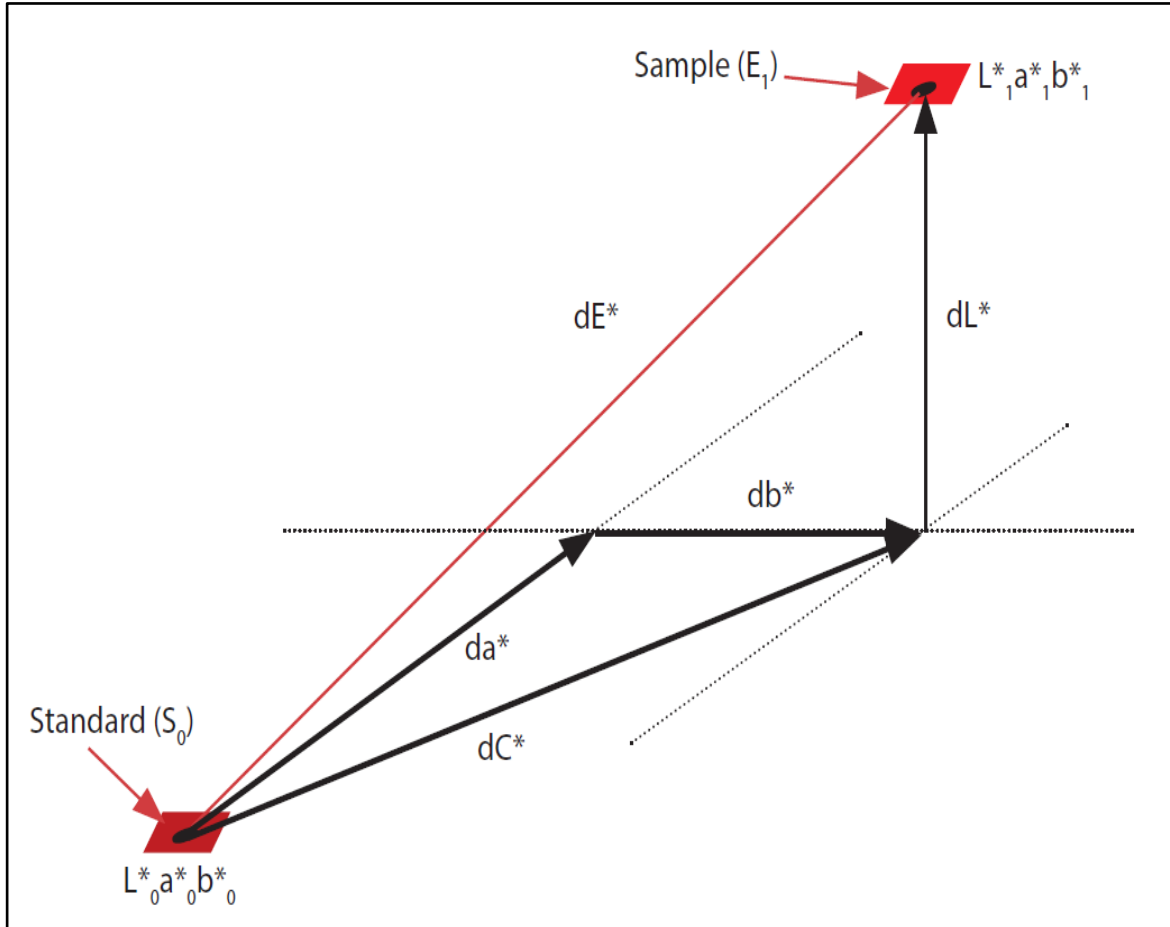
(+ is counter-clockwise)

$$DE^* = (DL^2 + DC^2 + DH^2)^{1/2}$$



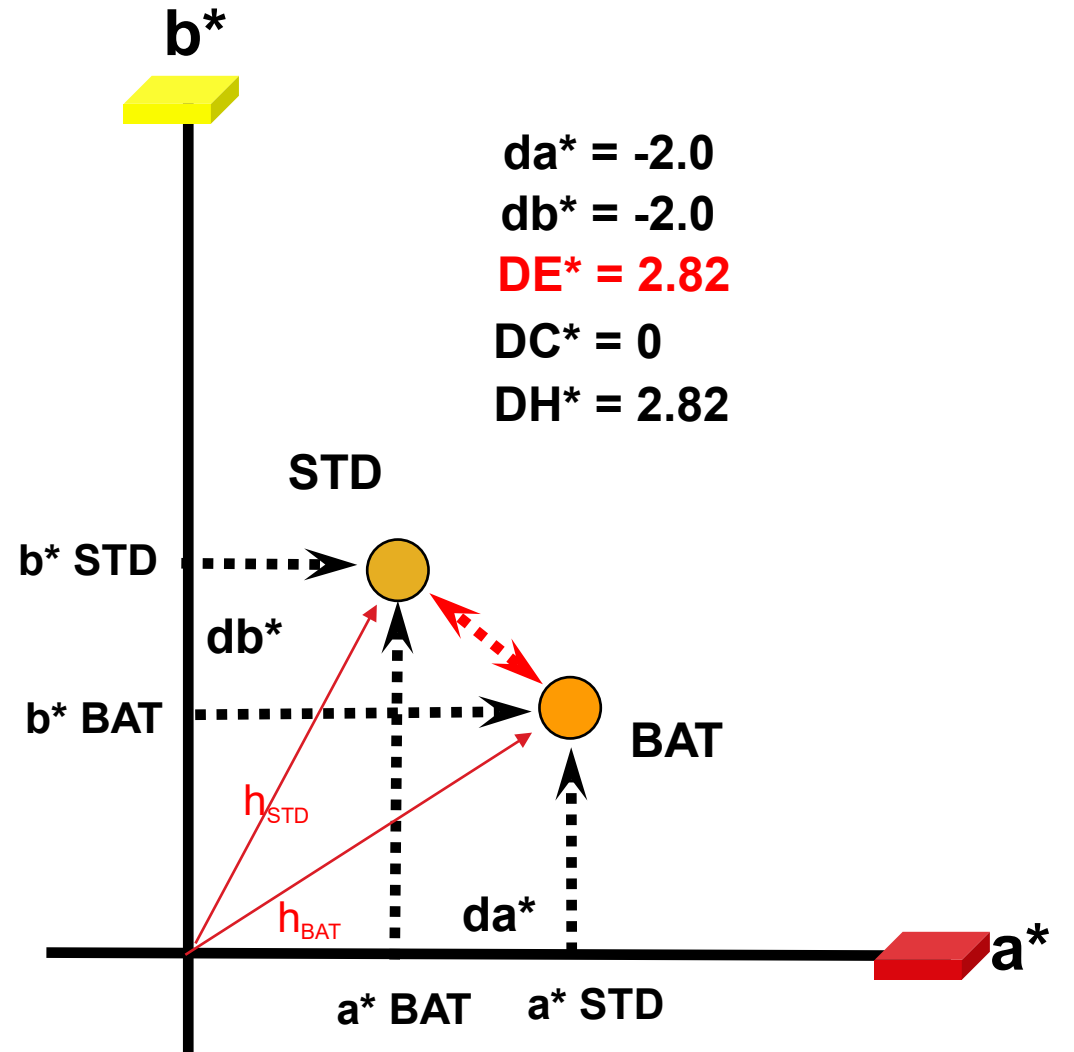
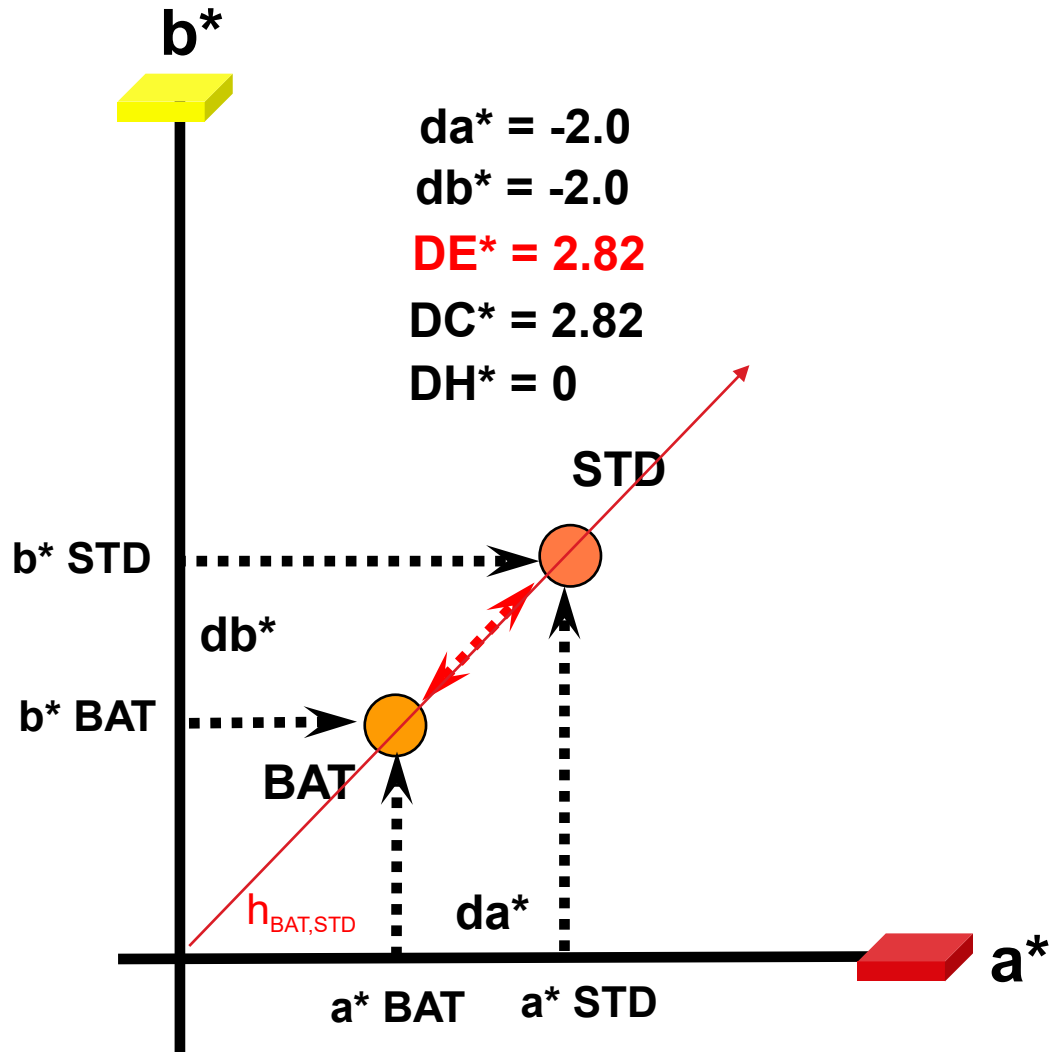
$$dE^* = \sqrt{dL^2 + da^2 + db^2}$$

$$dE^* = \sqrt{DL^2 + DC^2 + DH^2}$$



Color Difference

CIELAB $L^*a^*b^*$ vs $L^*C^*H^*$

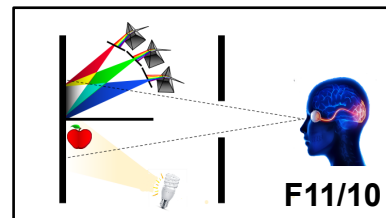
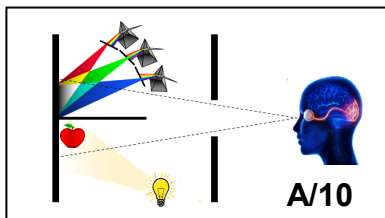
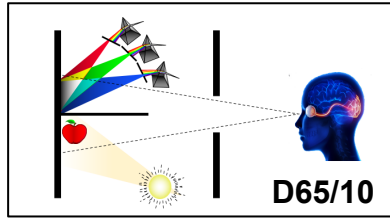


CIELAB Color Difference

Red Apple 1 and Red Apple 2



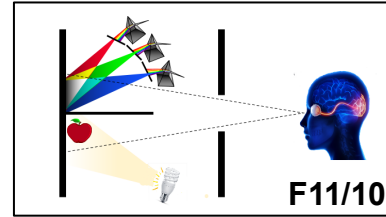
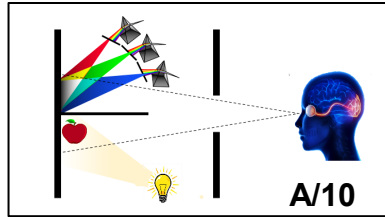
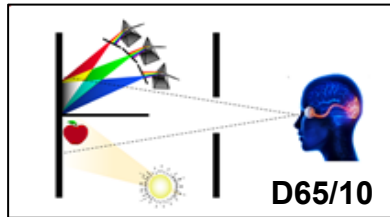
Red Apple 1



Current Illumi	Std. Name	Std. CIE X	Std. CIE Y	Std. CIE Z	Std. CIE L	Std. CIE a	Std. CIE b	Std. CIE C	Std. CIE h
D65 10 Deg	Red Apple 1	21.65	13.60	9.29	43.65	48.50	14.38	50.58	16.51
A 10 Deg		34.21	18.83	3.06	50.49	51.01	26.02	57.26	27.03
F11 10 Deg		26.83	15.91	5.58	46.86	47.48	20.42	51.68	23.27



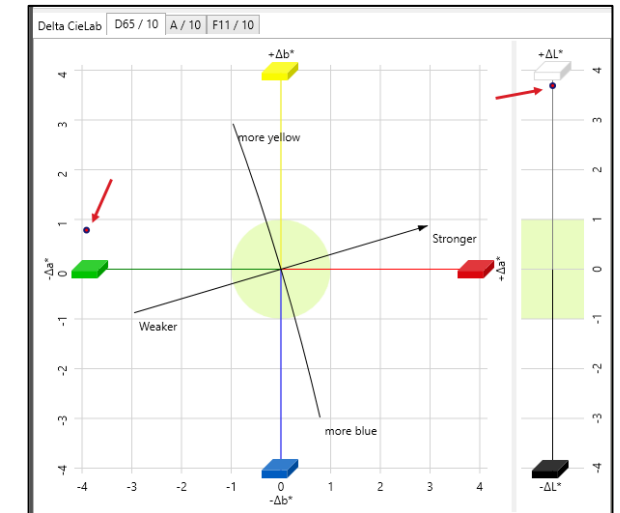
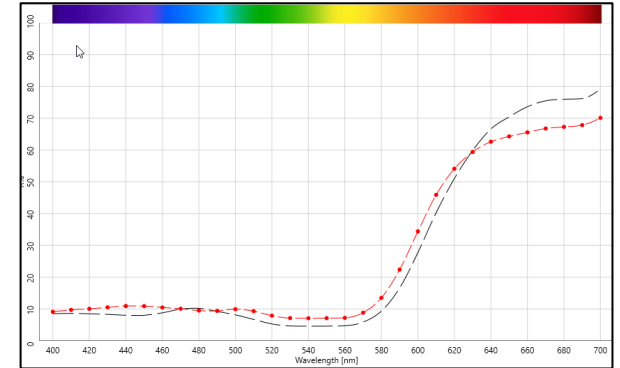
Red Apple 2



Current Illumi	Batch Name	Batch CIE X	Batch CIE Y	Batch CIE Z	Batch CIE L	Batch CIE a	Batch CIE b	Batch CIE C	Batch CIE h
D65 10 Deg	Red Apple 2	24.30	16.28	11.16	47.34	44.58	15.16	47.09	18.78
A 10 Deg		37.04	21.62	3.62	53.62	46.57	26.30	53.49	29.45
F11 10 Deg		30.77	19.11	6.90	50.82	45.29	20.79	49.84	24.66

CIELAB Color Difference – DL*, Da*, Db*, DC*, DH*, DE*

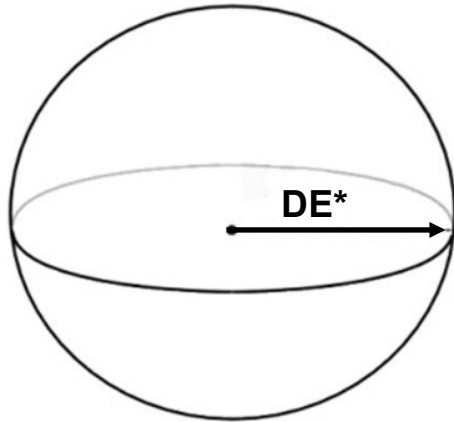
Current Illumi	Batch Name	CIE DL	CIE Da	CIE Db	CIE DC	CIE DH	CIE DE
D65 10 Deg	Red Apple 2	3.69	-3.92	0.78	-3.50	1.93	5.44
A 10 Deg		3.13	-4.44	0.28	-3.78	2.34	5.44
F11 10 Deg		3.96	-2.19	0.37	-1.85	1.23	4.54



CMC Color Difference Equation

Ellipsoidal Tolerancing

DE*



$$\Delta E_{CMC(l:c)}^* = \left[\left(\frac{\Delta L^*}{l S_L} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\Delta C_{ab}^*}{c S_C} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\Delta H_{ab}^*}{S_H} \right)^2 \right]^{1/2}$$

S_L = Lightness Tolerance

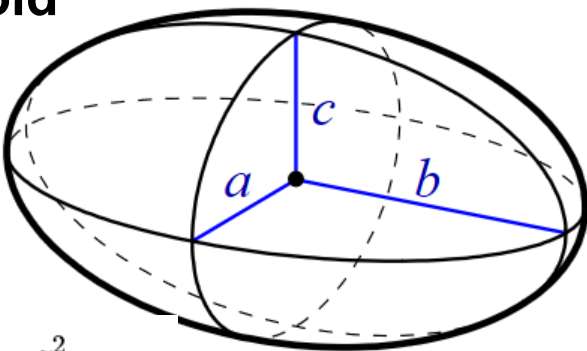
S_C = Chroma Tolerance

S_H = Hue Tolerance

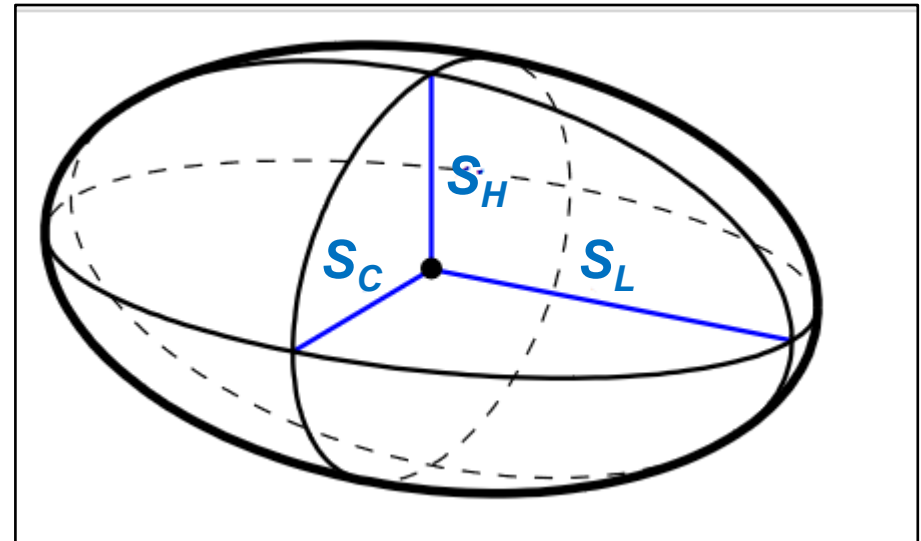
l = Lightness Adjustment Factor

c = Chroma Adjustment Factor

Ellipsoid

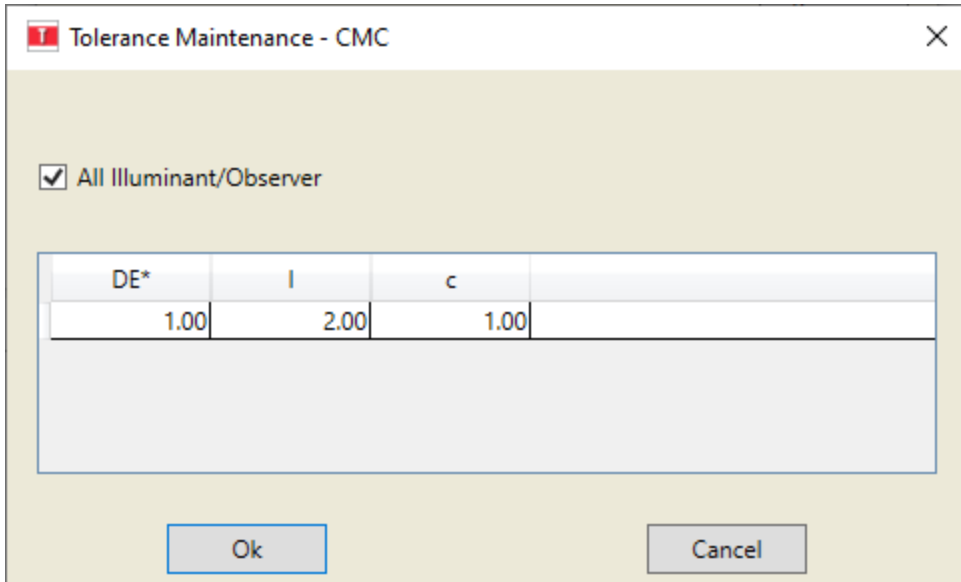


$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$$



CMC Color Difference Equation

Meaning of the Value of the CMC DE



$$\Delta E_{CMC(l:c)}^* = \left[\left(\frac{\Delta L^*}{l S_L} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\Delta C_{ab}^*}{c S_C} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\Delta H_{ab}^*}{S_H} \right)^2 \right]^{1/2}$$

$$\Delta E_{CMC}^* = 1.0$$

Batch is on surface of ellipsoid.

$$\Delta E_{CMC}^* < 1.0$$

Batch is inside ellipsoid (Pass)

$$\Delta E_{CMC}^* > 1.0$$

Batch is outside ellipsoid (Fail)

l = Lightness Factor

Allows adjustment of ΔL^* Semi-axis

c = Chroma Factor

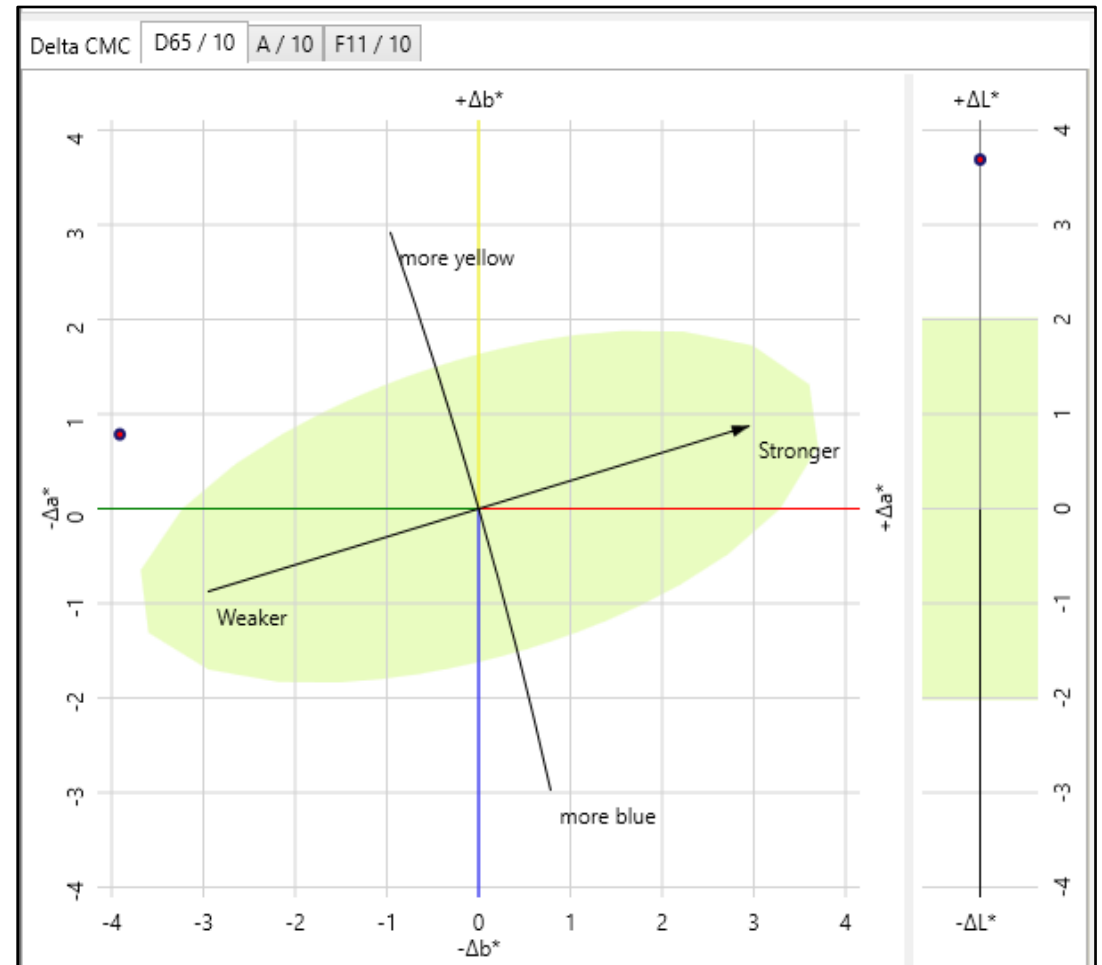
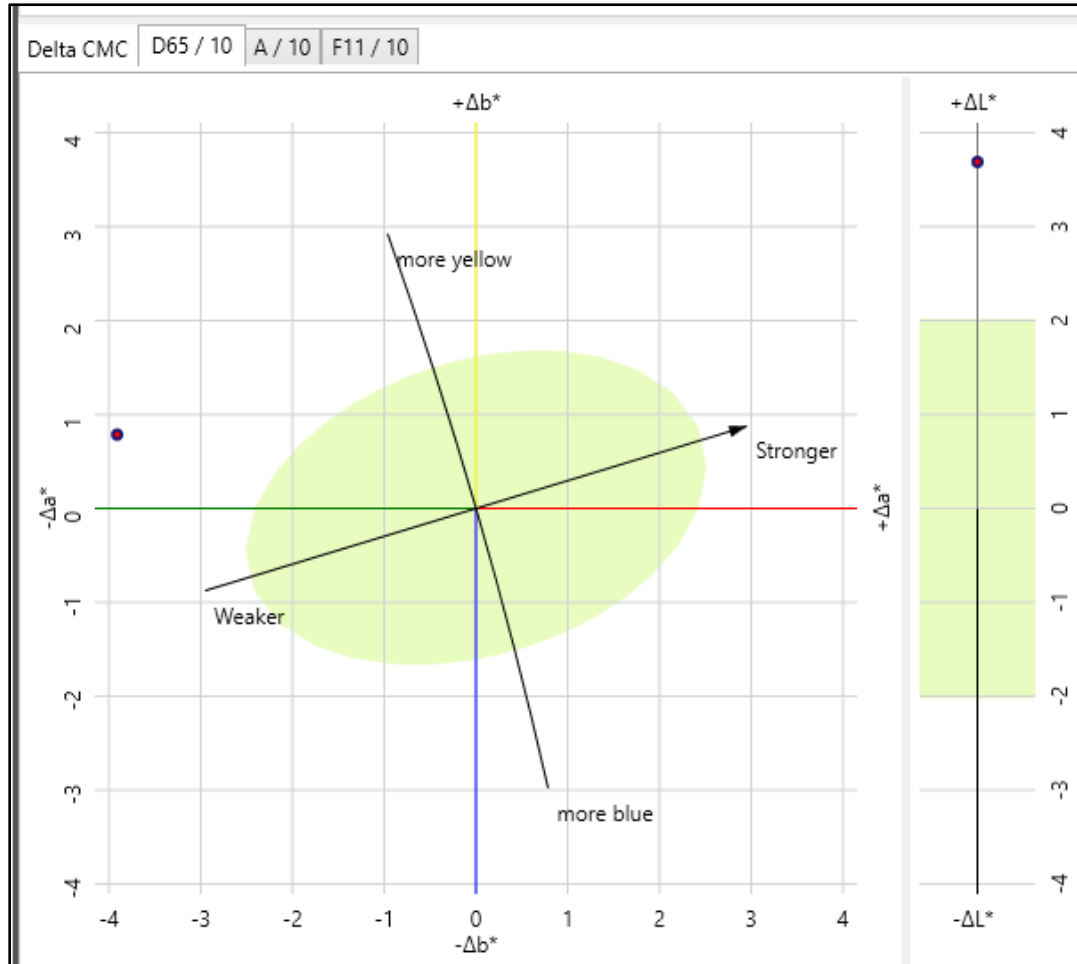
Allows adjustment of ΔC^* Semi-axis

CMC Color Difference Equation

Changing the Value of the CMC Adjustment Factor

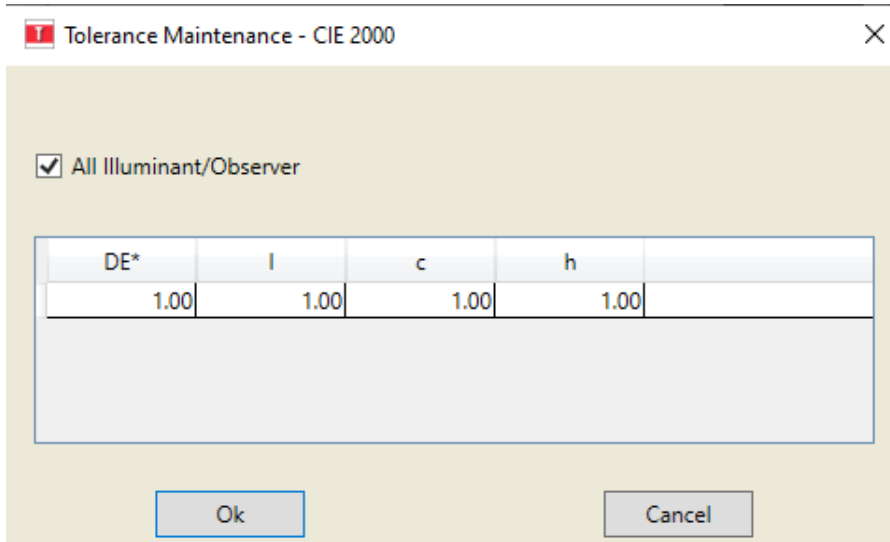
$l = 2$ $c = 1$

$l = 2$ $c = 1.5$



CIE 2000 Color Difference Equation

Meaning of the Value of the CIE 2000 DE



$$\Delta E_{00}^* = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\Delta L'}{k_L S_L}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\Delta C'}{k_C S_C}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\Delta H'}{k_H S_H}\right)^2 + R_T \frac{\Delta C'}{k_C S_C} \frac{\Delta H'}{k_H S_H}}$$

Includes lightness, chroma and hue weighting factors
Improved gray colors
Improved performance for blue colors using rotational factor

K_L = Lightness Factor
Allows adjustment of DL^* Semi-axis

K_C = Chroma Factor
Allows adjustment of DC^* Semi-axis

K_H = Hue Factor
Allows adjustment of DH^* Semi-axis

S_L = Lightness Tolerance

S_C = Chroma Tolerance

S_H = Hue Tolerance

$DE_{00}^* = 1.0$
Batch is on surface of ellipsoid.

$DE_{00}^* < 1.0$
Batch is inside ellipsoid (Pass)

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Batch is outside ellipsoid (Fail)

Webinar – Final Comments

Questions

Next session:

We will talk about color tolerances

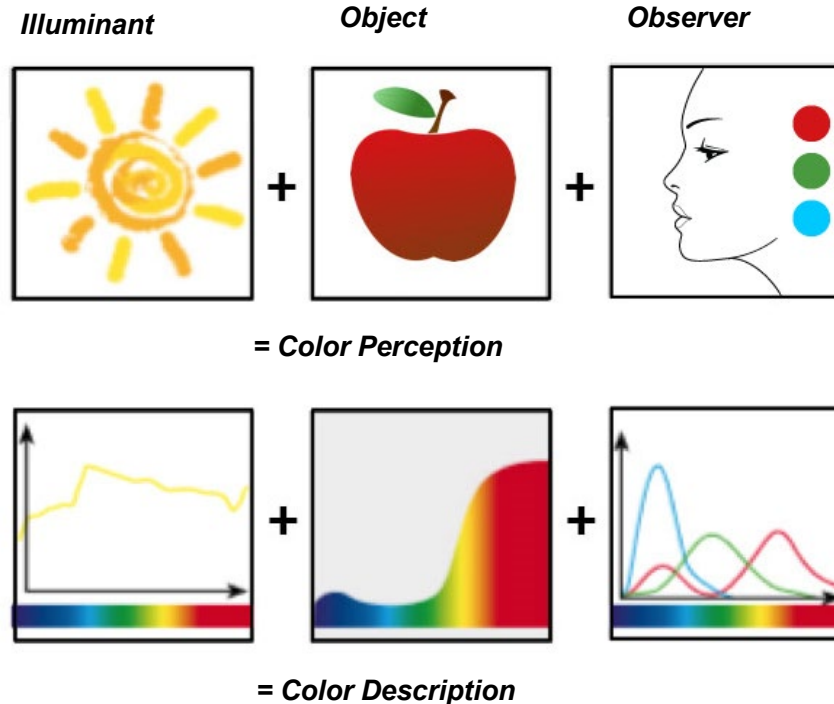
Color Tolerances

DE

Rectangular

Ellipsoidal

AI Tolerancing



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