

# **Colorimetric Image Technology (CIT)**

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## Overview

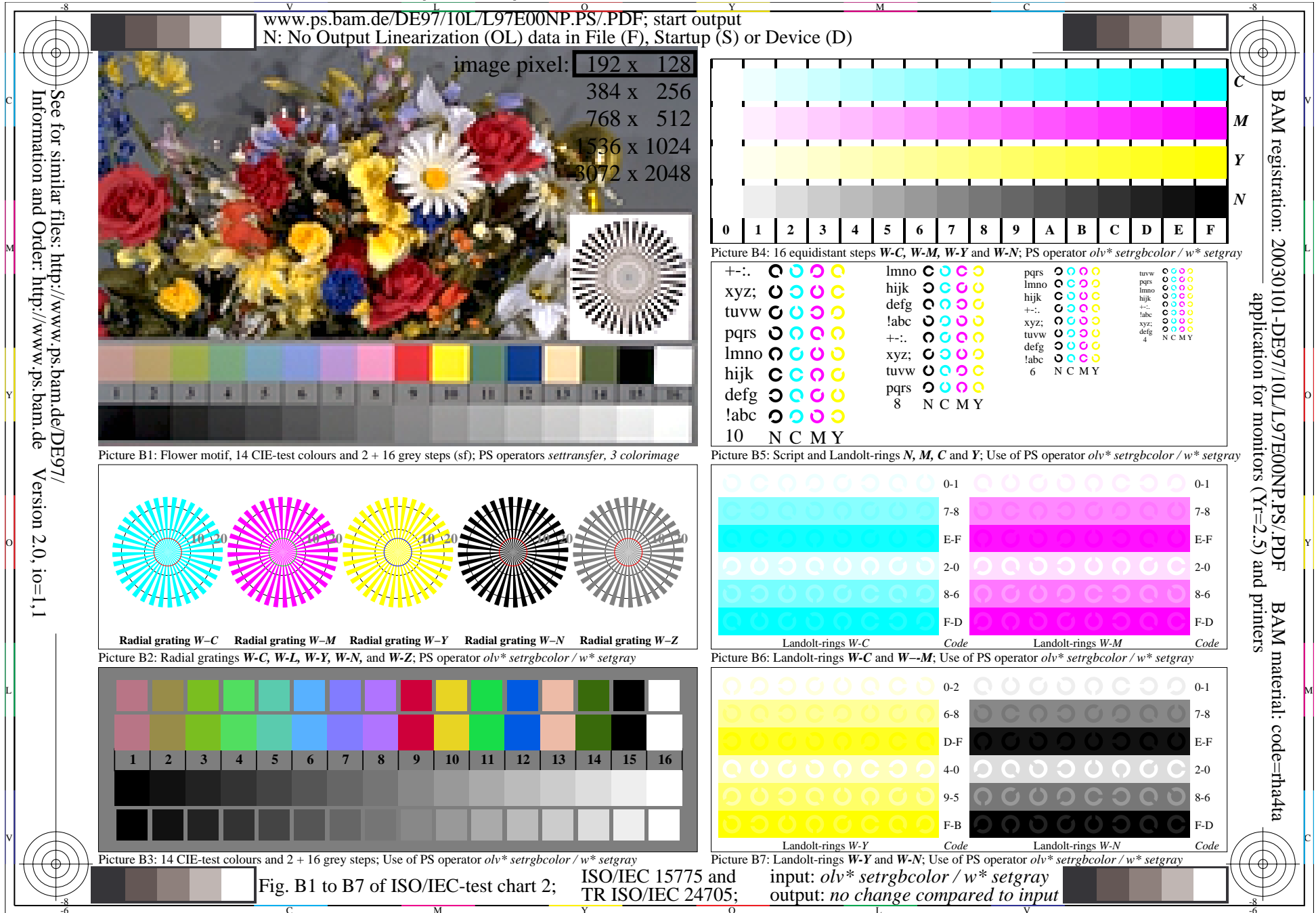
### Introduction

- **ISO/IEC-test charts with 16 step colour series**
- **Colour circle, colour double cone and hexagon**
- **Basis and Goal: Colorimetric Image Technology (CIT)**
- **Equivalent colorimetric coordinates and CIELAB**
- **Colour management by CIT and ISO/DIS 15076 (ICC)**
- **absolute and relative CIELAB coordinates**
- **linear relationship to device coordinates  $o/v^*$ ,  $cmy^*$**
- **Colour triangle for chromatic and black generation**
- **Example for 12 equivalent coordinates of CIT**
- **Material and visual efficiency of colour device output**

## **Introduction**

- Different ISO/IEC standards and technical reports define analog and digital ISO/IEC-test charts for the different applications colour copiers, printers, scanners, monitors and projection screens.**
- The ISO/IEC-test charts include 16 step colour scales which are visually equally spaced and show equal distances in the CIELAB colour space (therefore CIELAB spacing equals visual spacing)**
- Many users require equal 16 step spacing on any output device**
- On any colour output device high visual efficiency is reached if the 16 steps appear equally spaced.**
- Then the ISO/IEC-Landolt-rings are recognized in the shadow, the mean and the high light areas.**

Figure 1: ISO/IES-test chart for the test of monitor or printer output



## **Introduction continued**

**looking at ergonomical, economical and environmental issues**

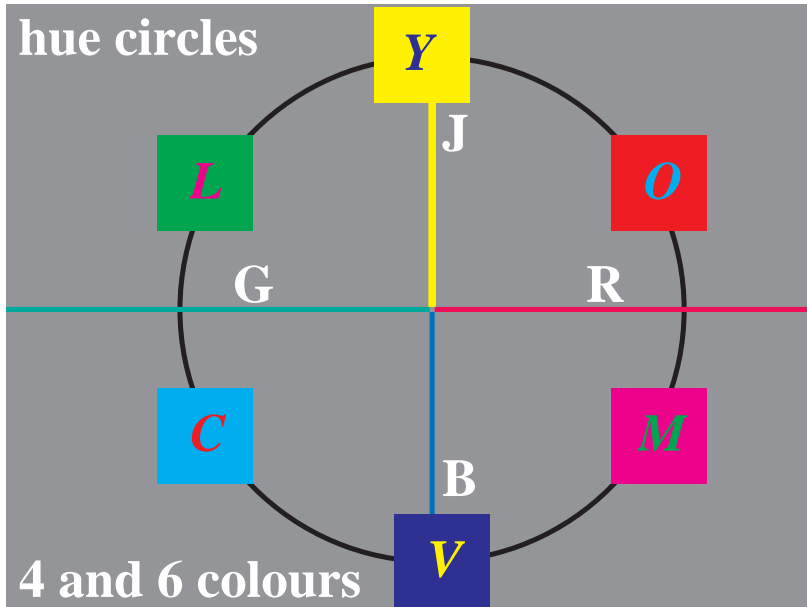
**– The colour printer output reaches high efficiency if the 16 steps are recognized and equally spaced.**

**NOTE Use for output as much as possible and less expensive black ink and do not print grey colours by three chromatic colours on top of each other. Goal: Calculate the ink amounts by CIT**

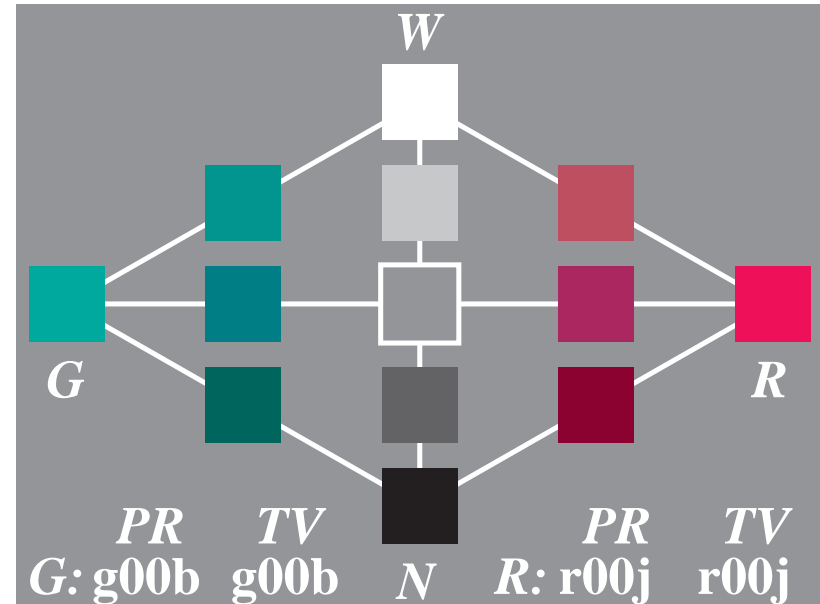
**– The colour monitor output reaches high efficiency if the 16 steps are recognized and equally spaced.**

**NOTE Equal 16 step spacing in a dark room is destroyed by the illumination at the office work place. Users require software and hardware solutions for recognition of the 16 steps at work places.**

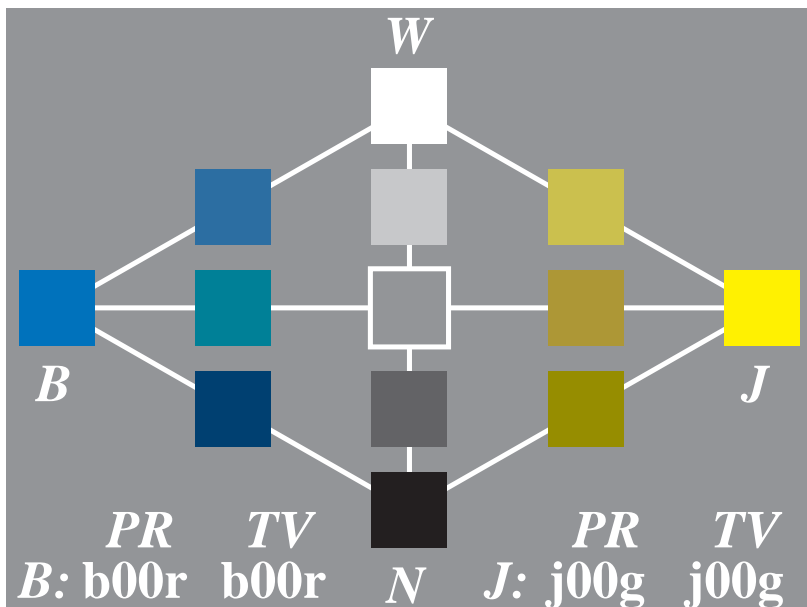
Figure 2: Colour Circle, Colour Double Cone and Colour Hexagon



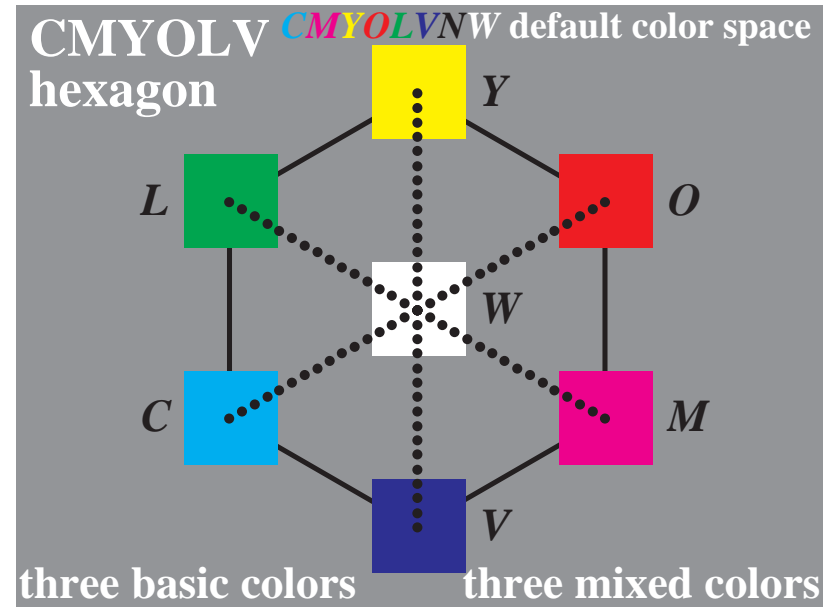
LE410-3, 4 and 6 colours in hue circle



LE410-7, Double cone: Hue planes R and G



LE410-8, Double cone: Hue planes J and B



LE410-1, 16 step colours in regular hexagon

Figure 3: Colour order Systems and Colorimetric Image Technology (CIT)

**Application of colour in daily life or in Information Technology (IT):**

**Design, architecture, art, industrial products**  
**Measured for CIE standard illuminant D65**  
**colour order system: name and coordinates**

**RAL Design System (CIELAB):**  
*LCH\**, lightness, chroma, hue

**Munsell Colour System:**  
*VCH\**, lightness (Value), Chroma, Hue

**Natural Colour System (NCS):**  
*nce\**: blackness, chromaticness, elementary hue

**New: Application connection by coordinates *olv\**, *cmy\**, *tce\**, ... und linear relation to *LAB\****

CIELAB: *LAB\** : lightness, red-green and yellow-blue chroma; *LCH\** : lightness, chroma, hue

Definition of device coordinates similar to coordinates of colour order systems

*lch\**: relative lightness, chromaticness, hue

*tch\**, *tce\**: triangle lightness, chromaticness, hue or elementary hue

*nce\**: blackness, chromaticness, elementary hue

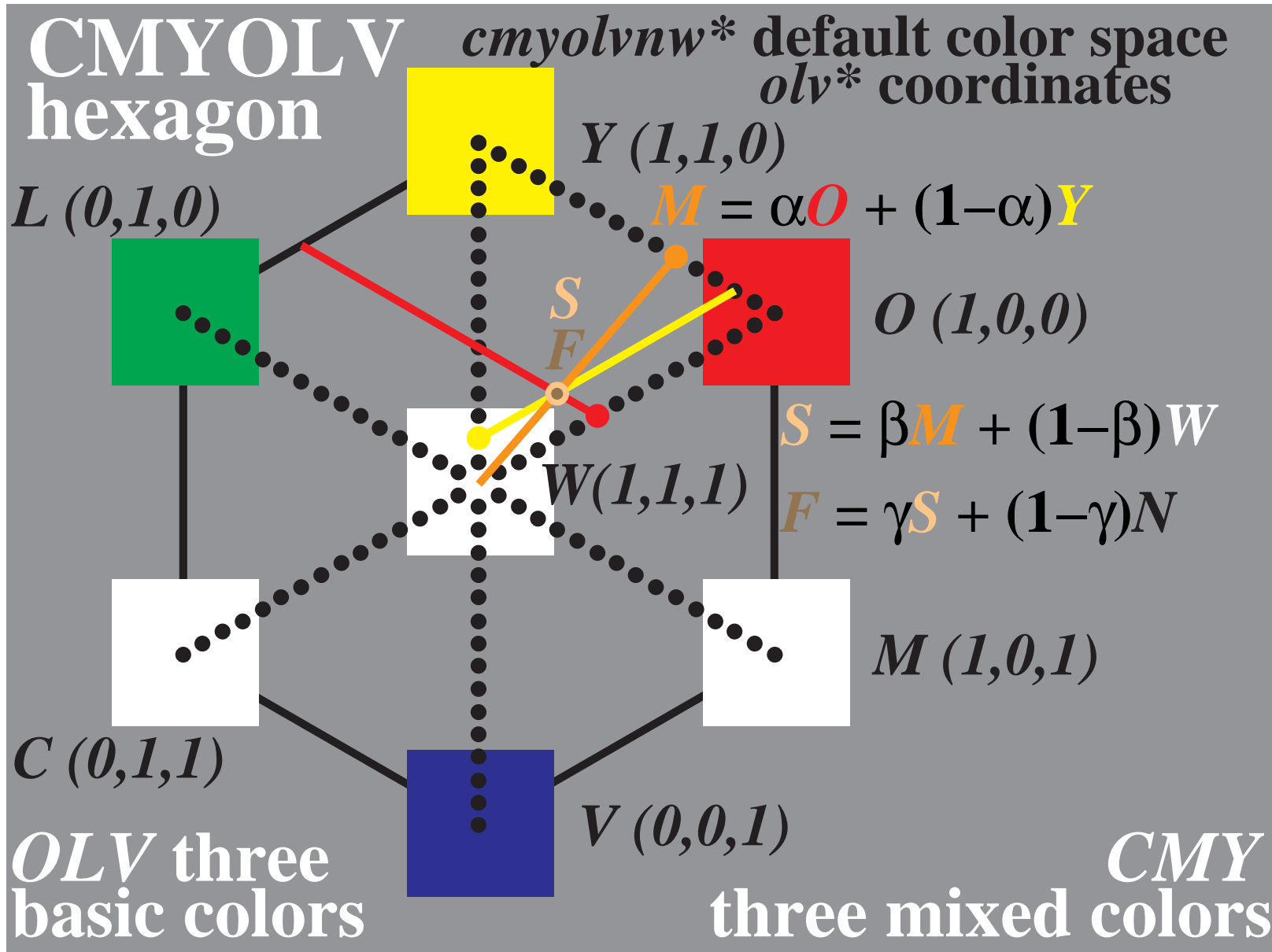
**Information technology of printers**  
**Measured for CIE "other" illuminant D50**  
**Device system name and coordinates:**

**Printer system (illuminant D50):**  
*cmy*, content of "cyan", "magenta", "yellow"

**Display system (standard illuminant D65):**  
*rgb/sRGB*, content of "red", "green", "blue"

*IT colour coordinates confuse the users!*  
*Nearly no connection to colour order systems!*

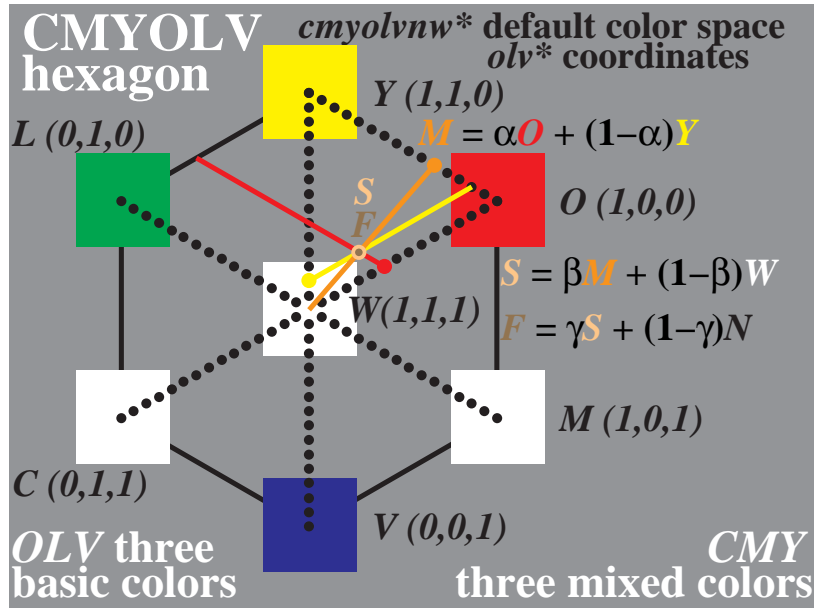
Figure 4: Components  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  of colour F mixed by 4 colours O,Y,N,W in sector O-Y



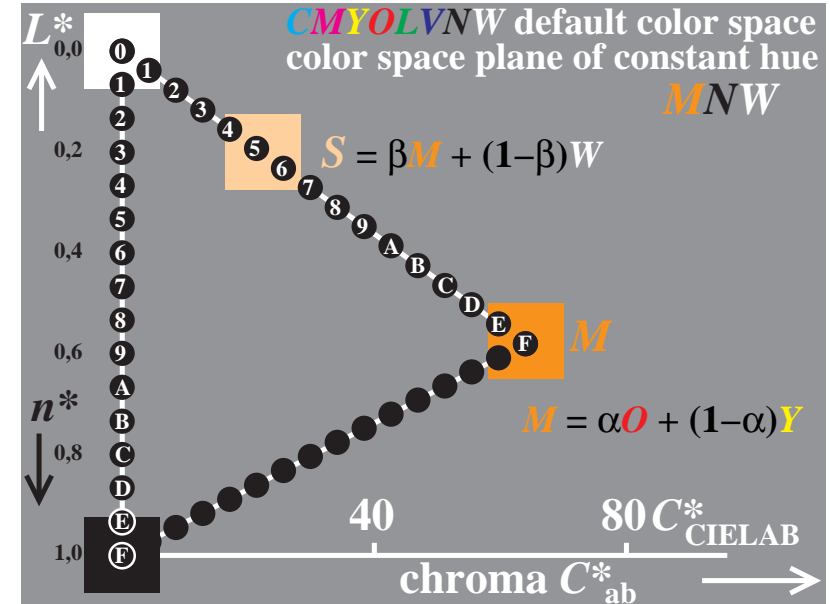
ME310-1, Colorimetric linear hexagon mixture  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$



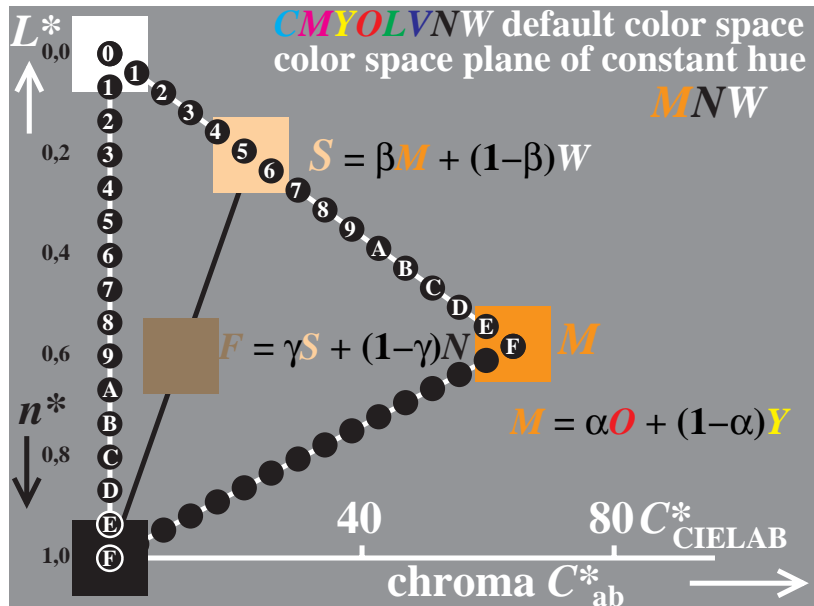
Figure 5: Colour hexagon and constant hue plane mixture



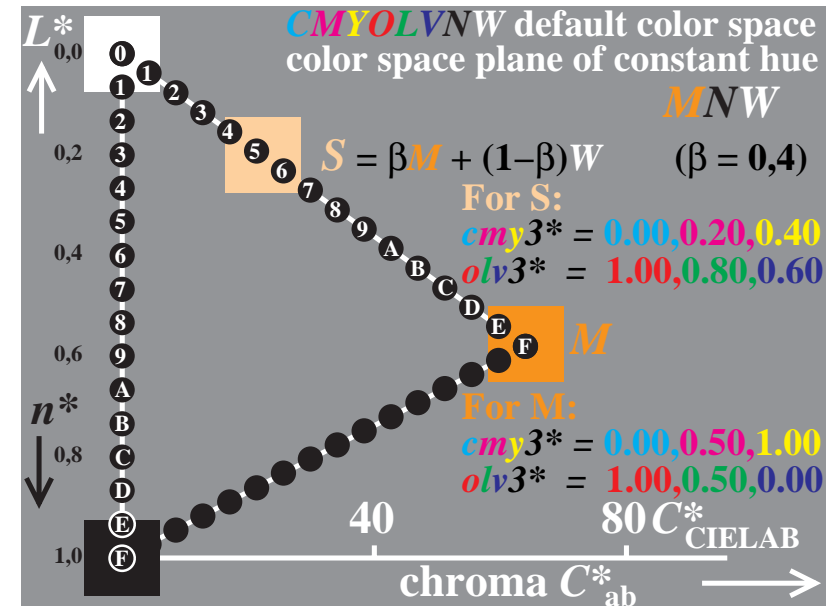
ME310-1, Colorimetric linear hexagon mixture  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$



ME310-2, Hue constant mixture  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  of  $O$ - $Y$ ,  $W$ - $M$

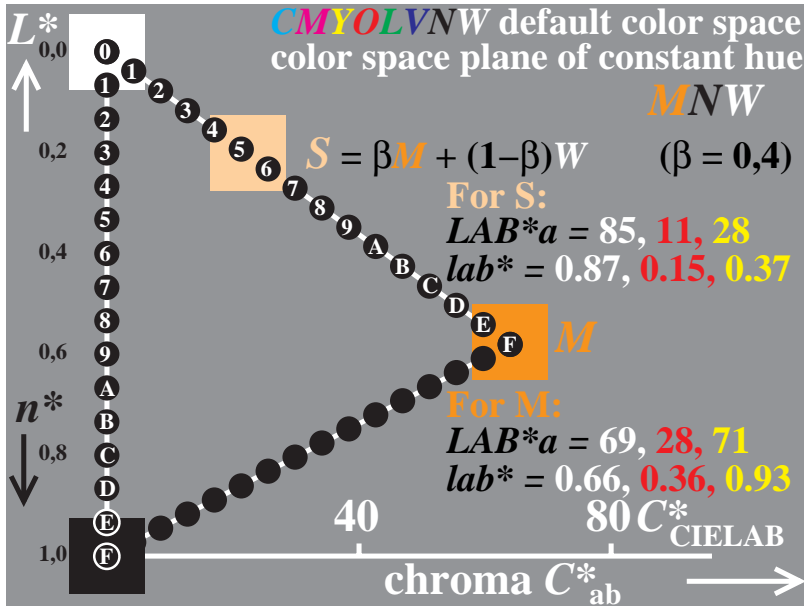


ME310-3, Hue constant mixture  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  of  $O$ - $Y$ ,  $W$ - $M$ ,  $S$ - $N$

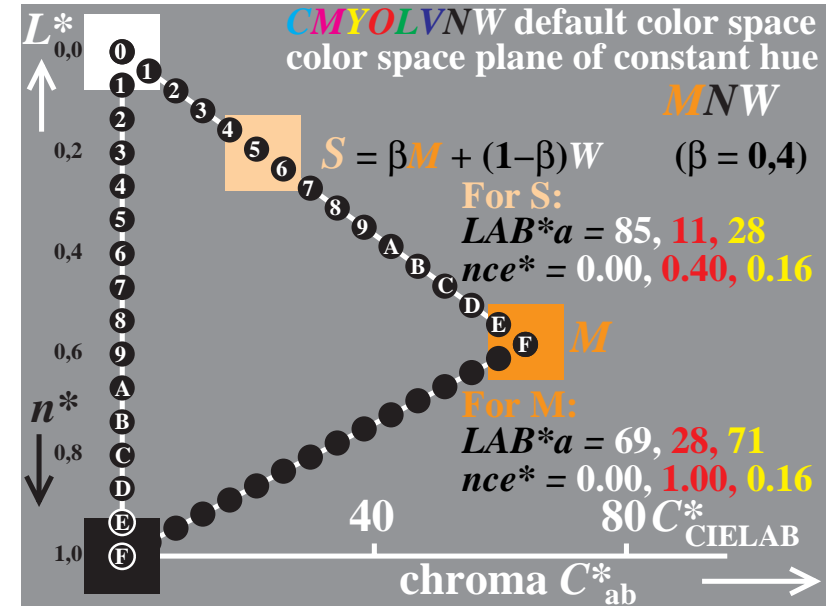


ME310-4, Hue constant mixture  $\beta$  of  $W$ - $M$

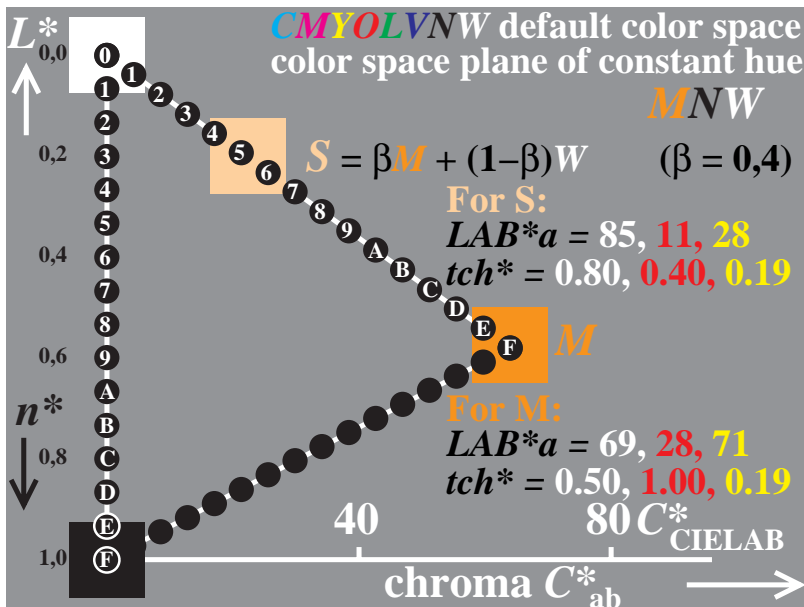
Figure 6: Relative CIELAB coordinates  $lab^*$ ,  $tch^*$ ,  $nce^*$   $ncE^*$  in constant hue plane



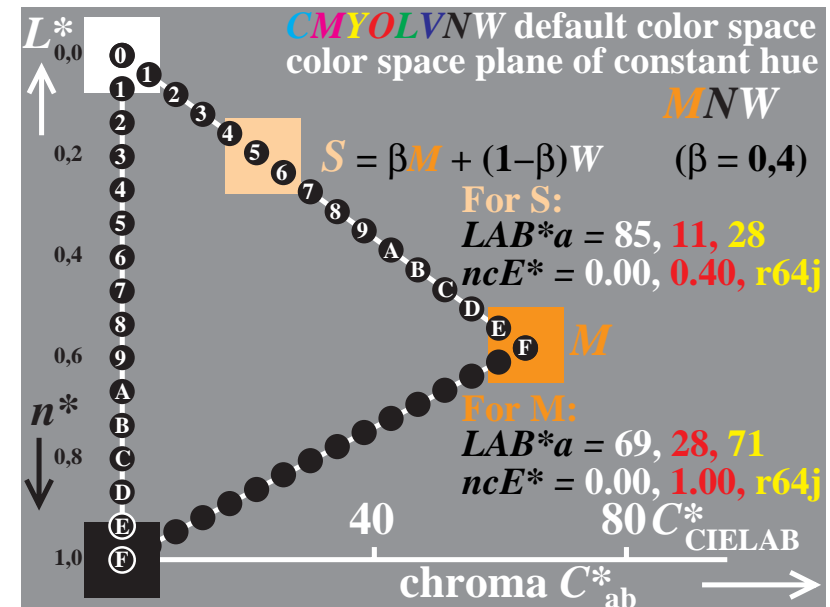
ME310-5, Hue constant mixture  $\beta$  of W-M,  $LAB^*a$  &  $lab^*lab$



ME310-7, Hue constant mixture  $\beta$  of W-M,  $LAB^*a$  &  $lab^*nce$

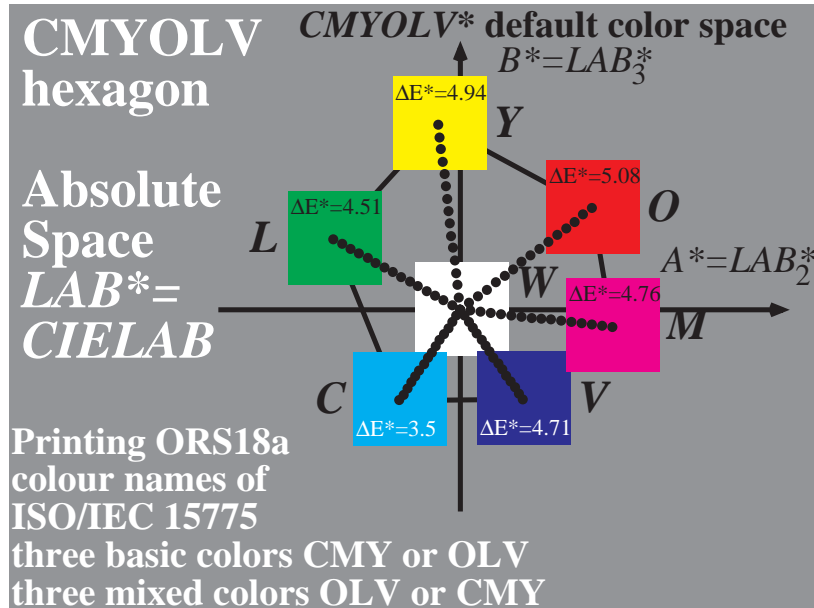


ME310-6, Hue constant mixture  $\beta$  of W-M,  $LAB^*a$  &  $lab^*tch$

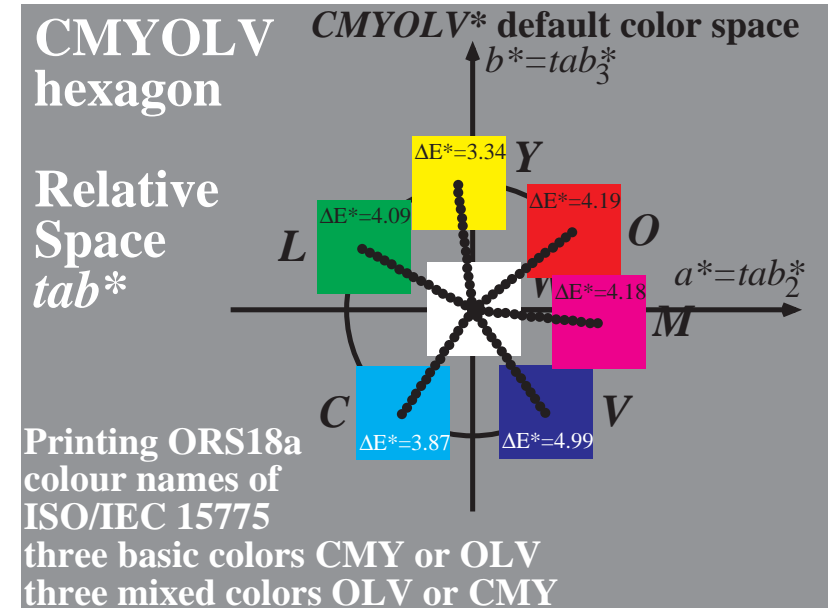


ME310-8, Hue constant mixture  $\beta$  of W-M,  $LAB^*a$  &  $lab^*nce$

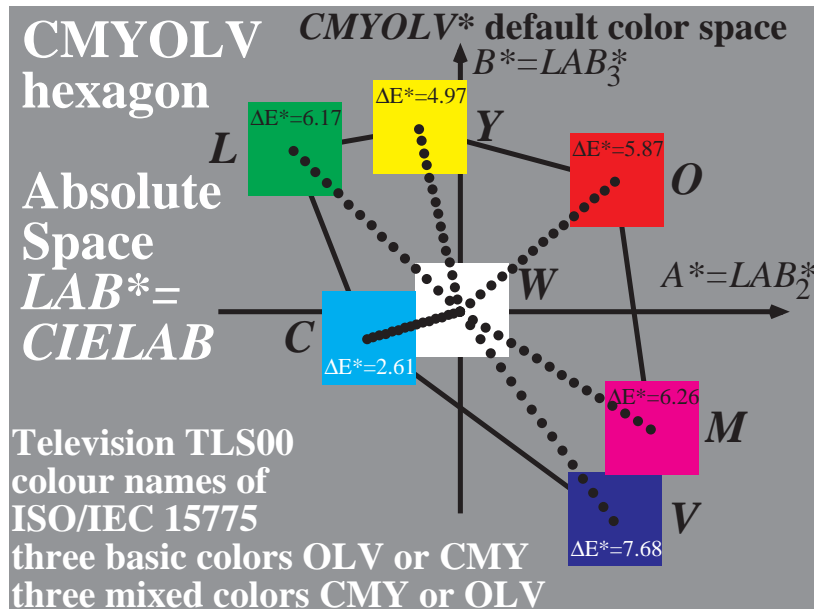
Figure 7: Colour coordinates  $LAB^*$  and  $lab^*$  of printing ORS18a and television TLS00



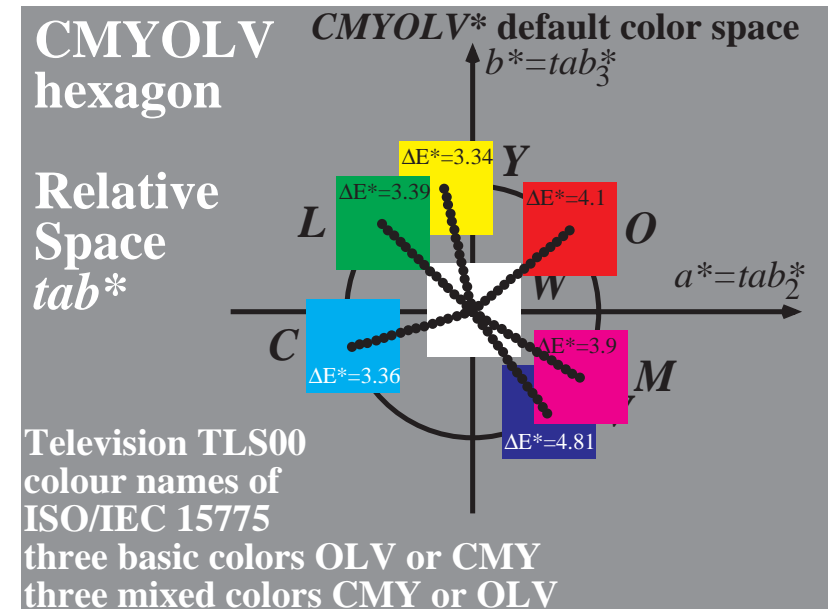
BE370–4, ORS18a in hue plane  $AB^*$  of  $LAB^*$



BE380–4, ORS18a in hue plane  $ab^*$  of  $tab^*$

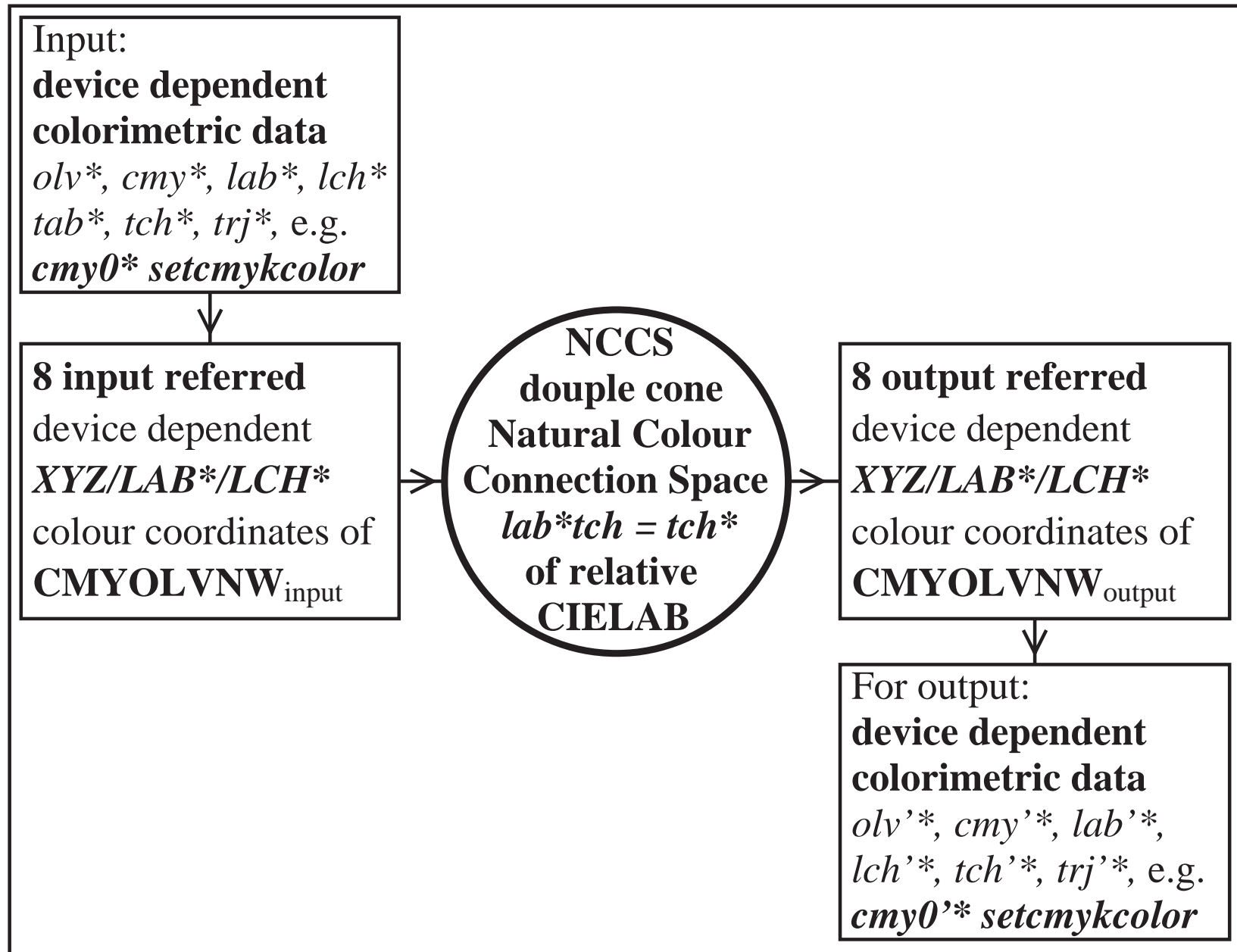


BE390–1, TLS00 in plane  $AB^*$  of  $LAB^*$



BE381–1, TLS00 in hue plane  $ab^*$  of  $tab^*$

Figure 8: Colour Management via the Natural Colour Connection Space (NCCS)



LE450-7, Transfer from device dependent  $cmy0^*$  data; output via NCCS with new  $cmy0'^*$  data

Figure 9: Calculation of device dependent relative CIELAB colour coordinates

## Connection equations between the NCCS and the CIELAB space

For the calculations lightness  $L^*$ , chroma  $C^*_{ab}$  and hue  $H^*$  of CIELAB are used.

Within a hue triangle (CIELAB hue angle  $H^* = \text{const.}$ ) there is the classical Ostwald equation: relative blackness + relative chromaticness + relative whiteness equals 1

$$\text{or } \mathbf{n^*} + \mathbf{c^*} + \mathbf{w^*} = 1 \quad (0 \leq \mathbf{n^*}, \mathbf{c^*}, \mathbf{w^*} \leq 1) \quad (1)$$

A hue triangle in the CIELAB space is defined by the CIELAB coordinates of the given colour (F), the colours Black (N), White (W) and the colour of maximum chroma (M). For the colour F the **relative** coordinates chromaticness  $\mathbf{c^*}$ , lightness  $\mathbf{l^*}$ , triangle lightness  $\mathbf{t^*}$ , whiteness  $\mathbf{w^*}$  and blackness  $\mathbf{n^*}$  may be calculated in the following sequence of the equations (2) to (6).

$$\mathbf{c^*} (F) = C^*_{ab} (F) / C^*_{ab} (M) \quad (2)$$

$$\mathbf{l^*} (F) = [ L^* (F) - L^* (N) ] / [ L^* (W) - L^* (N) ] \quad (3)$$

$$\mathbf{t^*} (F) = \mathbf{l^*} (F) - \mathbf{c^*} \{ [ L^* (M) - L^* (N) ] / [ L^* (W) - L^* (N) ] - 0.5 \} \quad (4)$$

$$\mathbf{w^*} (F) = \mathbf{t^*} (F) - 0.5 \mathbf{c^*} (F) \quad (5)$$

$$\mathbf{n^*} (F) = 1 - \mathbf{c^*} (F) - \mathbf{w^*} (F) \quad (6)$$

The coordinates of the new relative device dependent space NCCS (small letters) are given in **bold** and *italics* and the CIELAB coordinates (capital letters) are given only in *italics* for easy identification. The coordinates are completed by the relative hue ( $0 \leq \mathbf{h^*} \leq 1$ ) and two cartesian components  $-1 \leq \mathbf{a^*}, \mathbf{b^*} \leq 1$

$$\mathbf{h^*} (F) = H^* (F) / 360 \quad (7)$$

$$\mathbf{a^*} (F) = \mathbf{c^*} (F) \cos (H^* (F)) \quad (8)$$

$$\mathbf{b^*} (F) = \mathbf{c^*} (F) \sin (H^* (F)) \quad (9)$$

Figure 10: 16 steps from Input to output via NCCS

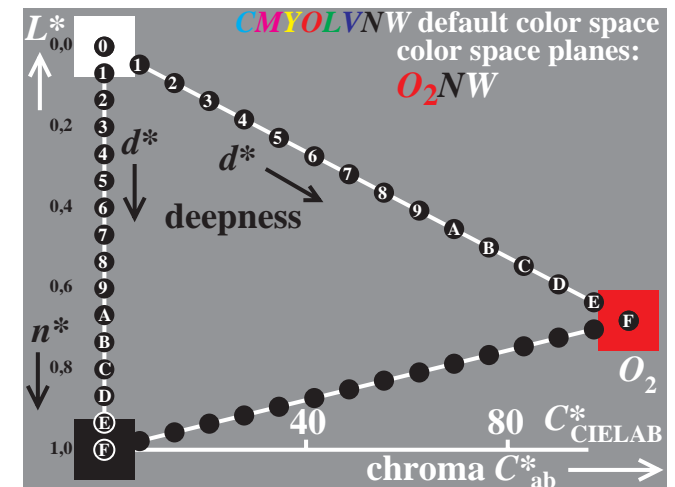
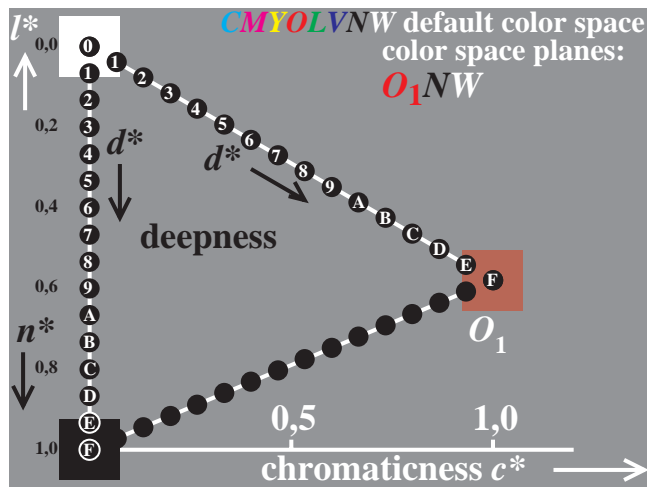
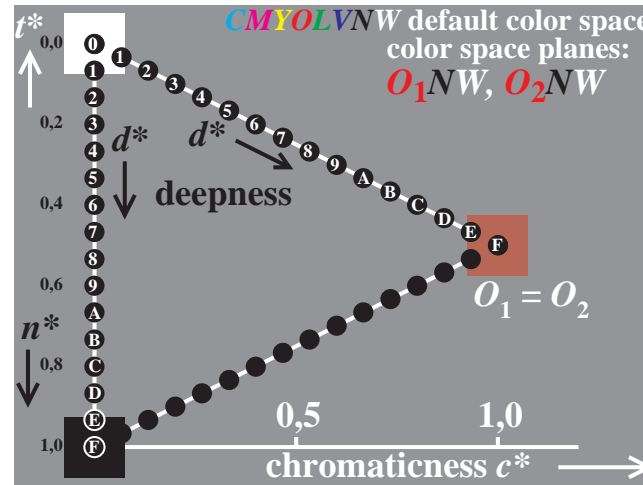
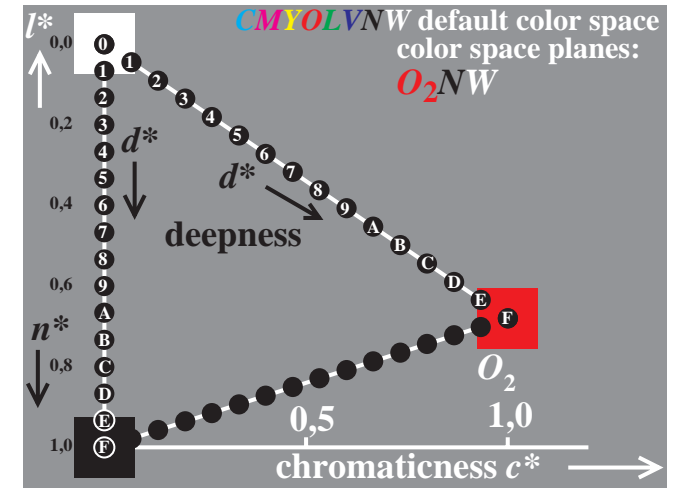
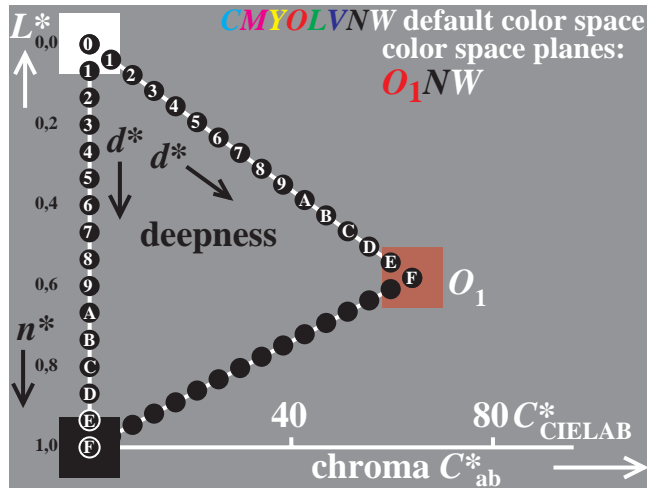
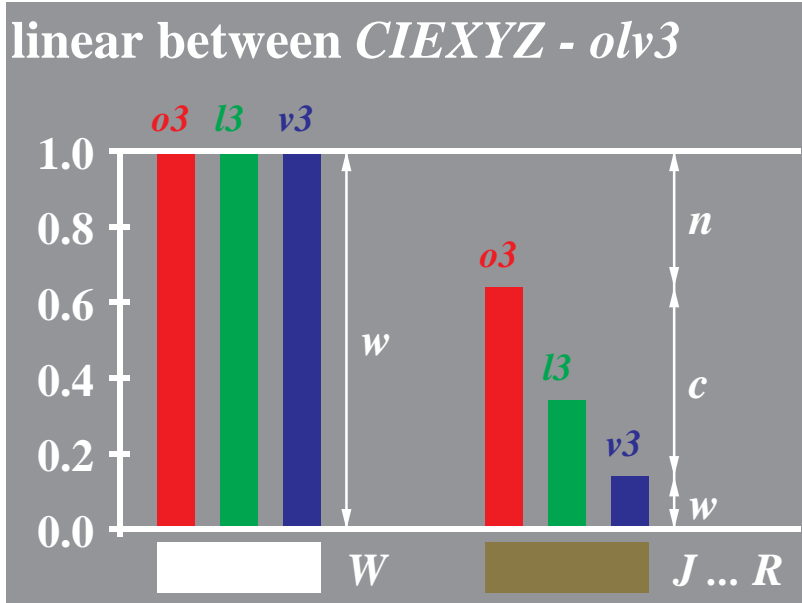
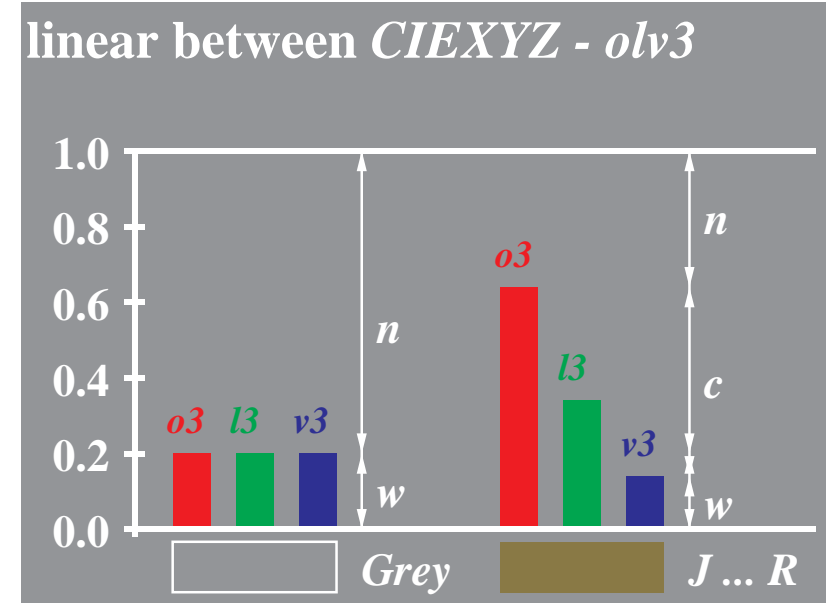


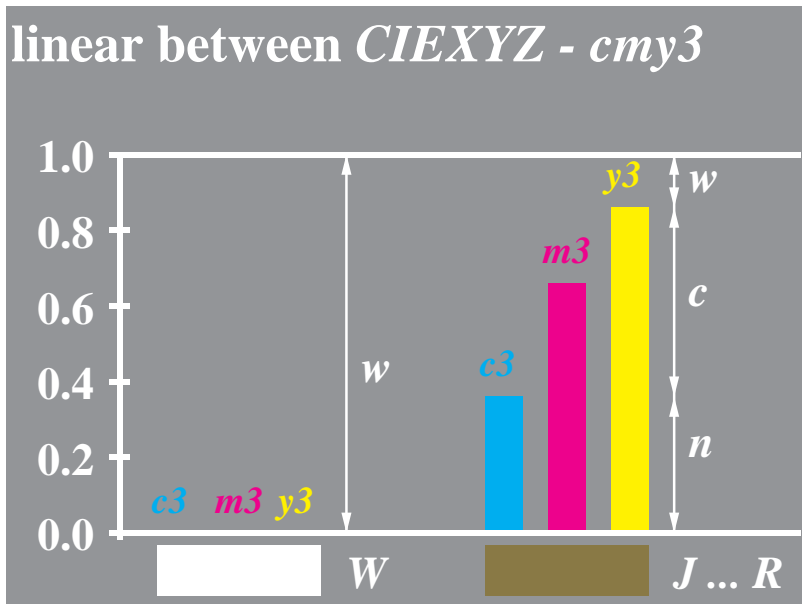
Figure 11: Linear relationship *olv3* – CIEXYZ and *cmy3* – CIEXYZ



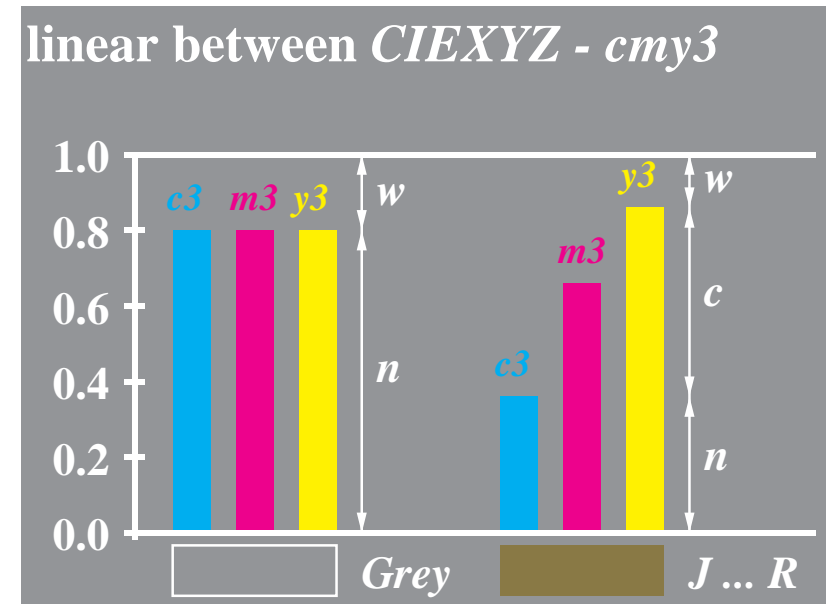
ME311-1, *olv3*: linear between *olv3* and XYZ



ME311-2, *olv3*: linear between *olv3* and XYZ

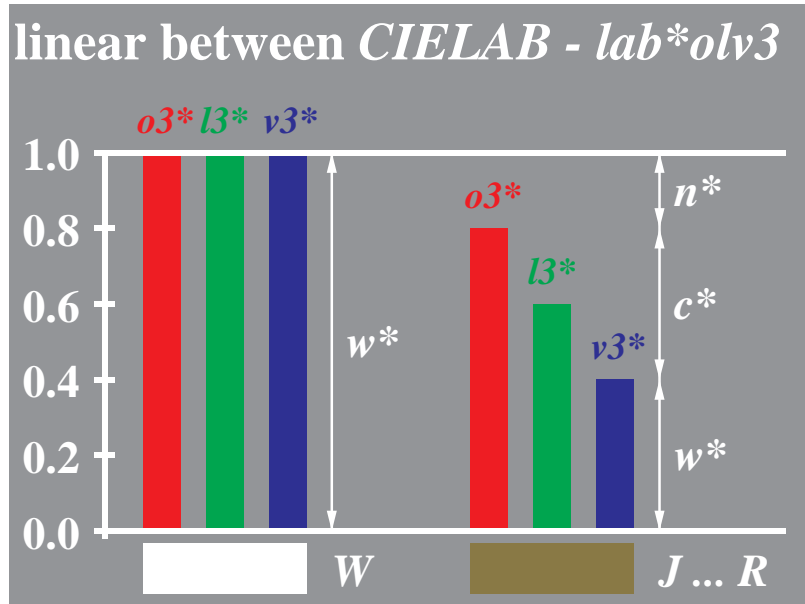


ME311-5, *cmy3*: linear between *cmy3* and XYZ

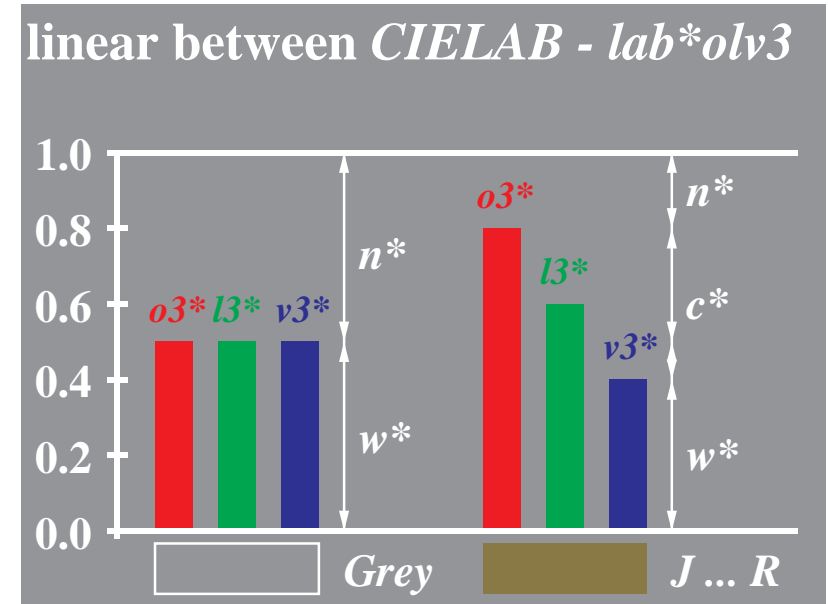


ME311-6, *cmy3*: linear between *cmy3* and XYZ

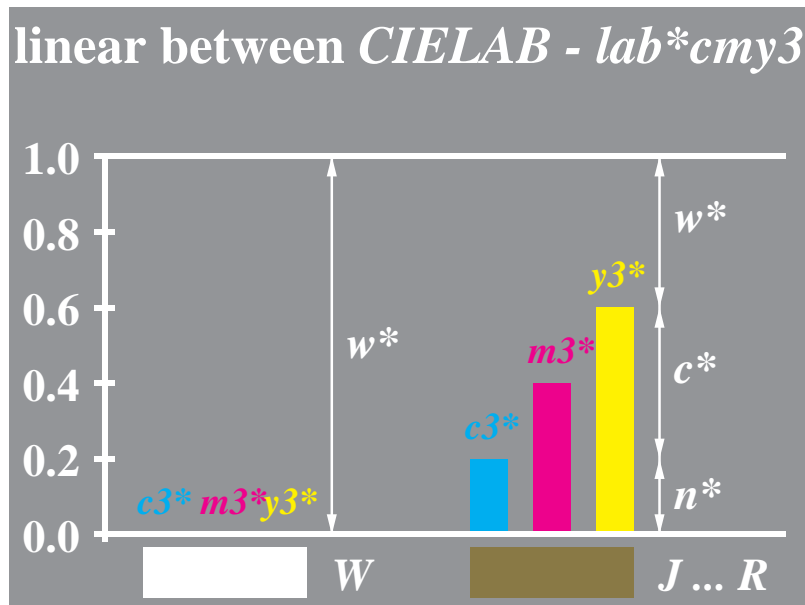
Figure 12: Linear relationship  $olv3^*$  – CIELAB and  $cmy3^*$  – CIELABReference offset colours and change of monitor colours by room light



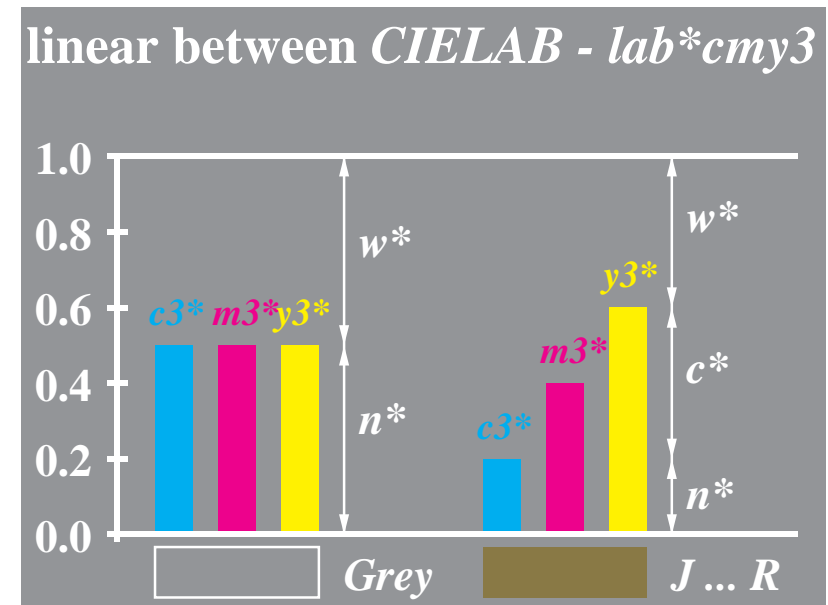
ME311-3,  $lab^*olv3$ : linear between  $olv3^*$  and LAB\*



ME311-4,  $lab^*olv3$ : linear between  $olv3^*$  and LAB\*

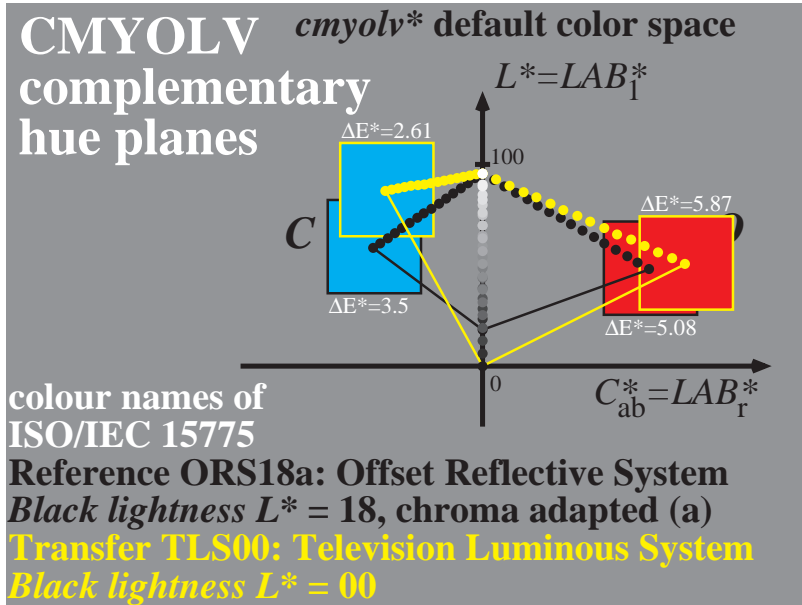


ME311-7,  $lab^*cmy3$ : linear between  $cmy3^*$  and LAB\*

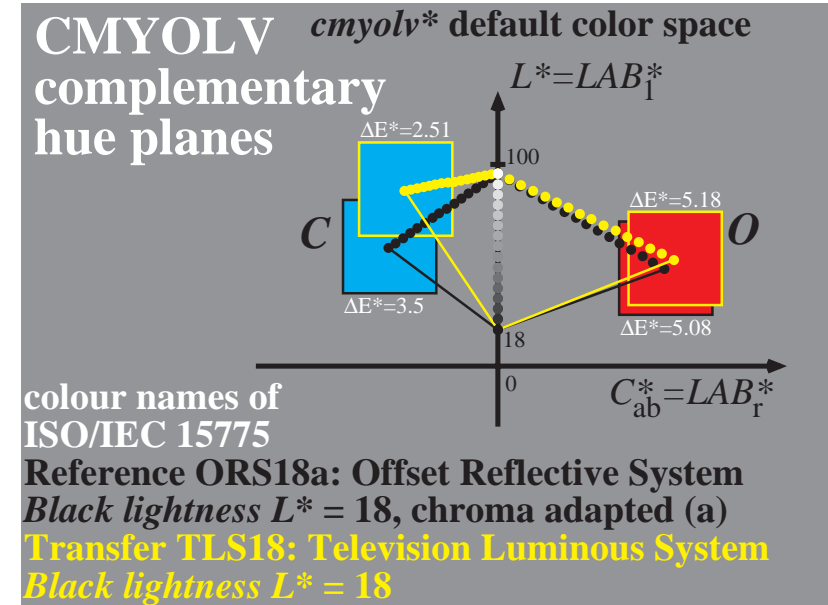


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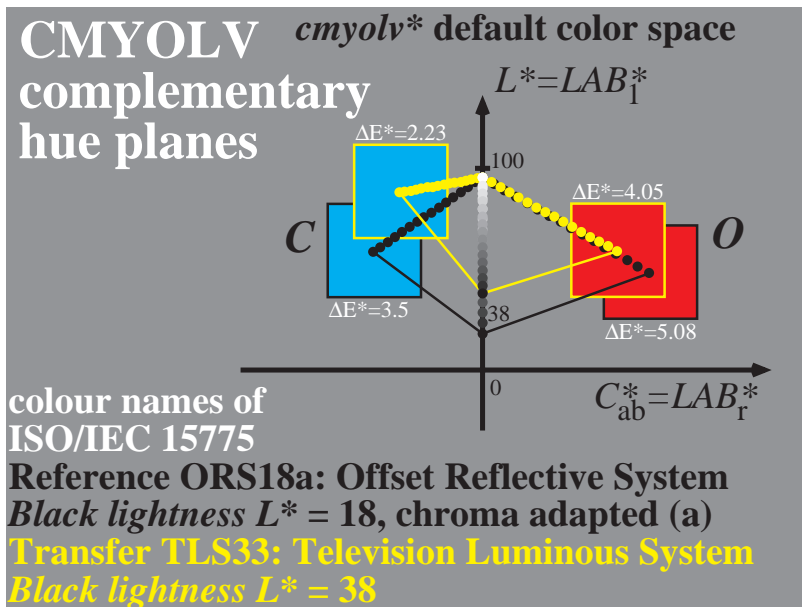




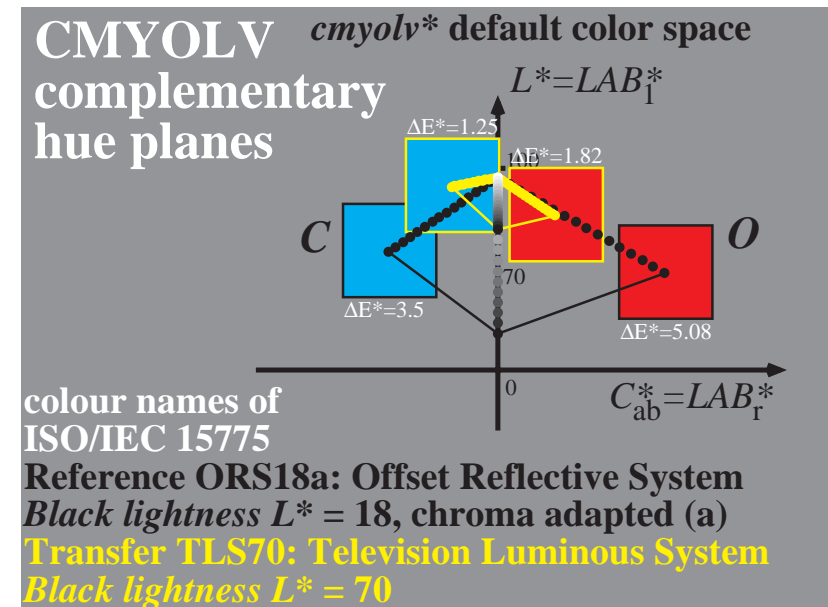
BE340-1, ORS18a – TLS00 in hue plane O–C



BE340-2, ORS18a – TLS18 in hue plane O–C



BE340-3, ORS18a – TLS33 in hue plane O–C



BE340-4, ORS18a – TLS70 in hue plane O–C

Figure 13: ISO/IEC TR 24705 linearized output steps and NCCS color management method

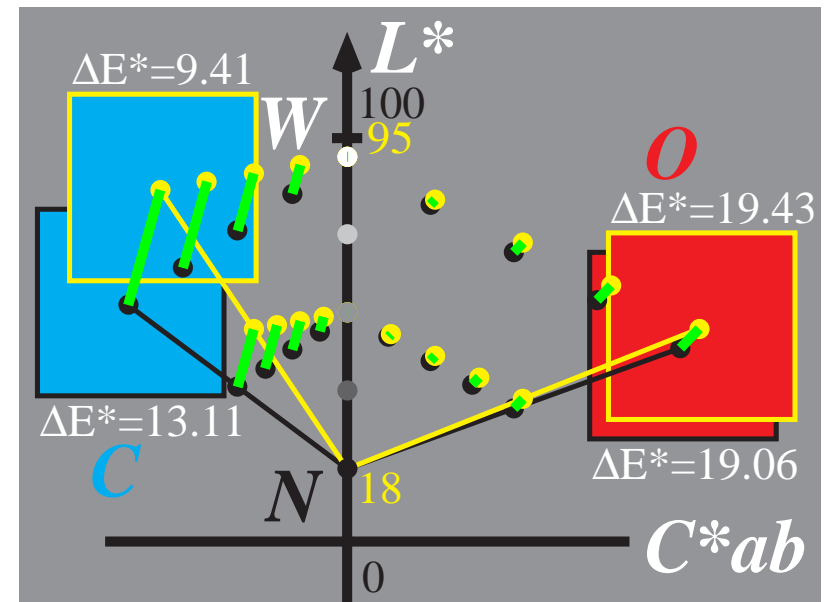
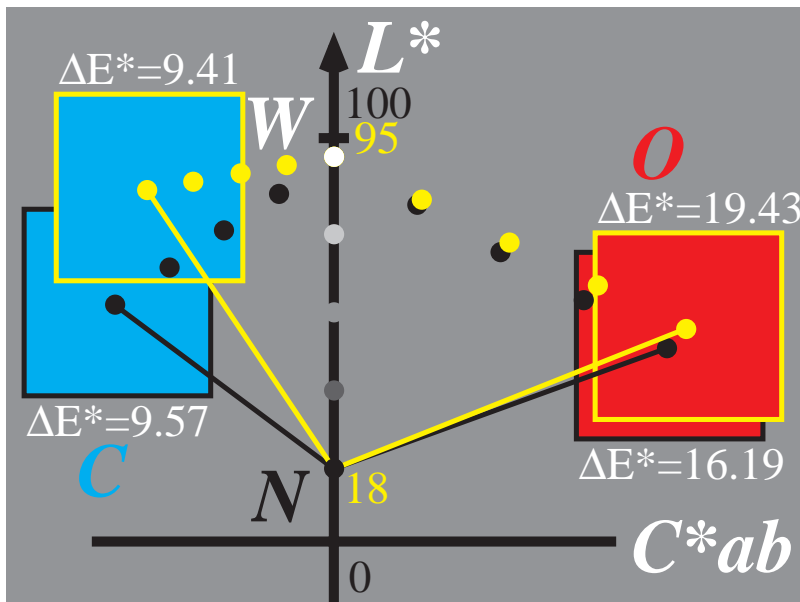
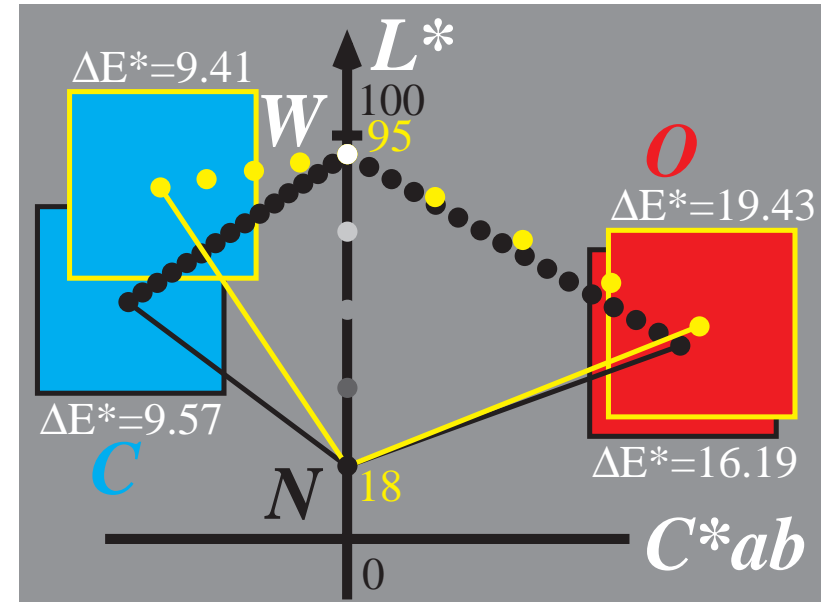
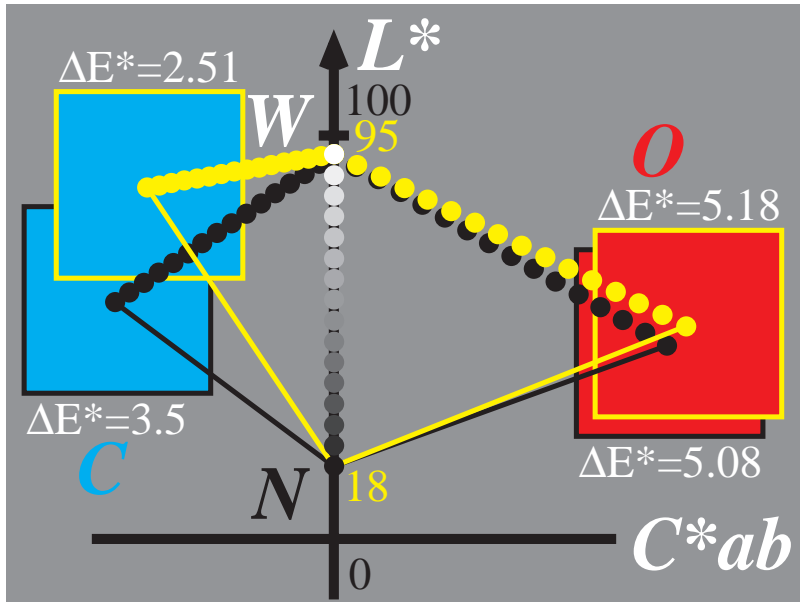
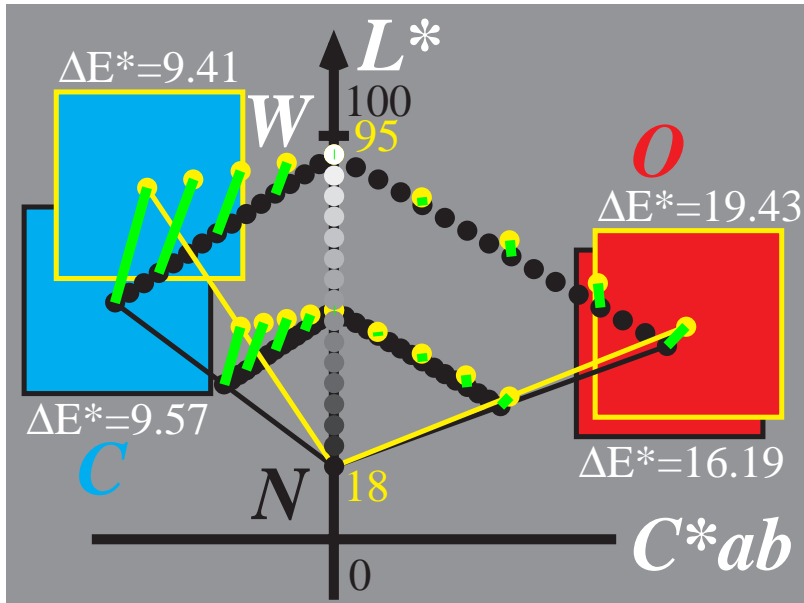
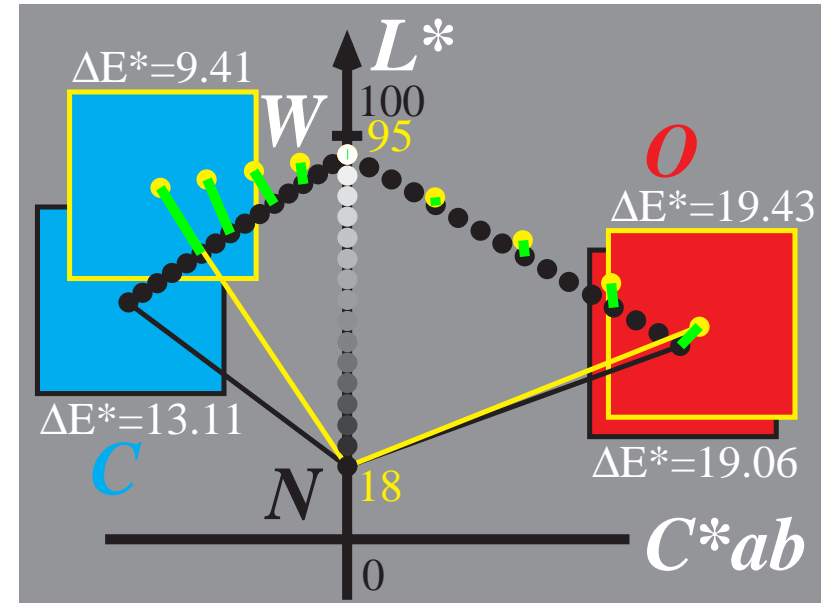


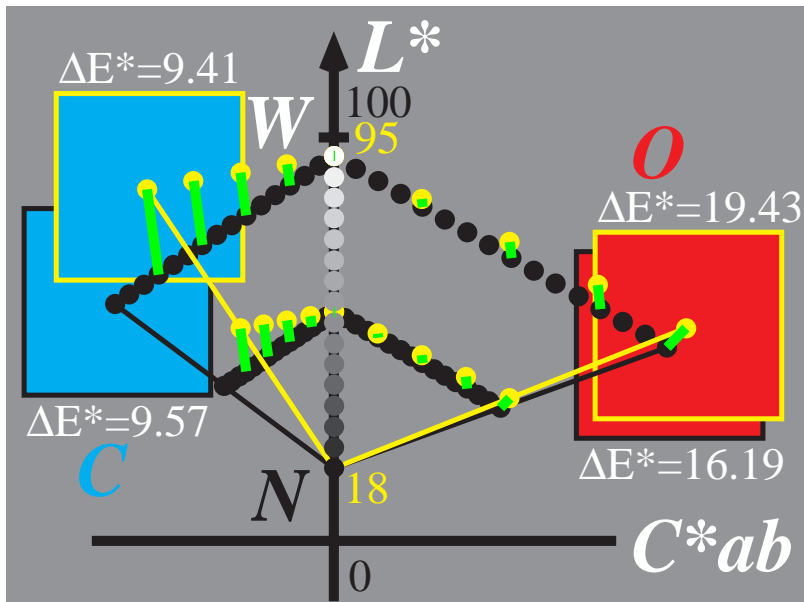
Figure 14: ISO/DIS 15076-1 options for ICC colour management method TV to PR



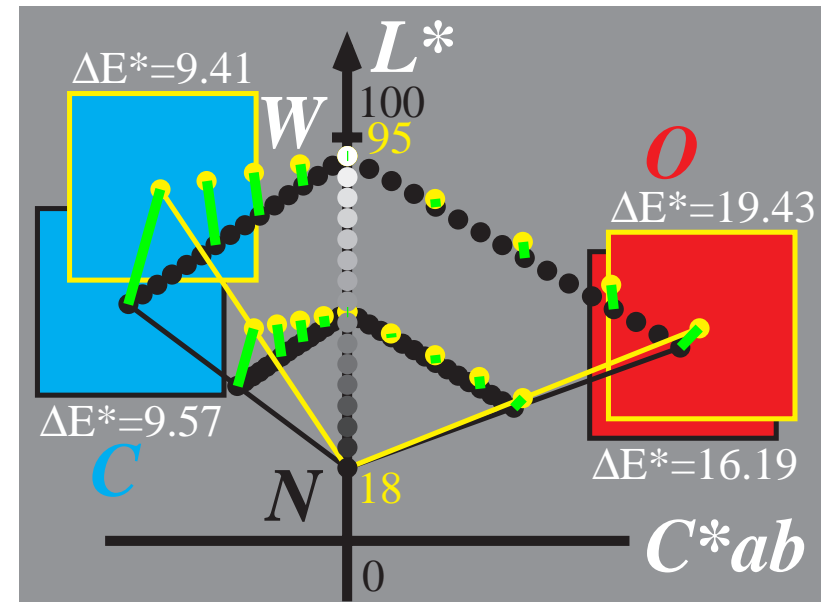
ME321-5, Colour management of hues O-C; TV18 -> PR18



ME320-6, Colour management of hues O-C; TV18 -> PR18



ME321-7, Colour management of hues O-C; TV18 -> PR18



ME321-8, Colour management of hues O-C; TV18 -> PR18

Figure 15: Colour triangle for chromatic and black generation

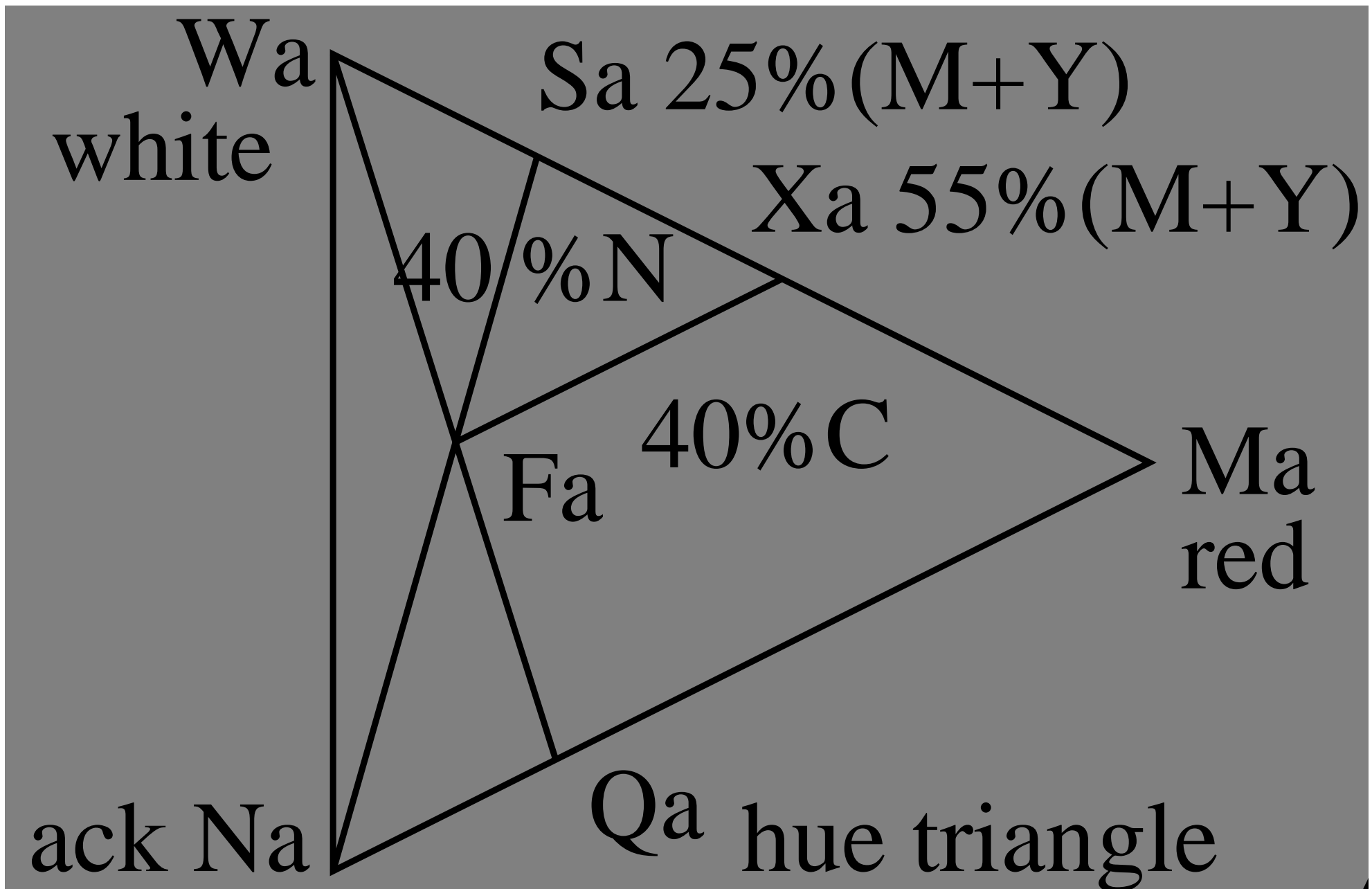
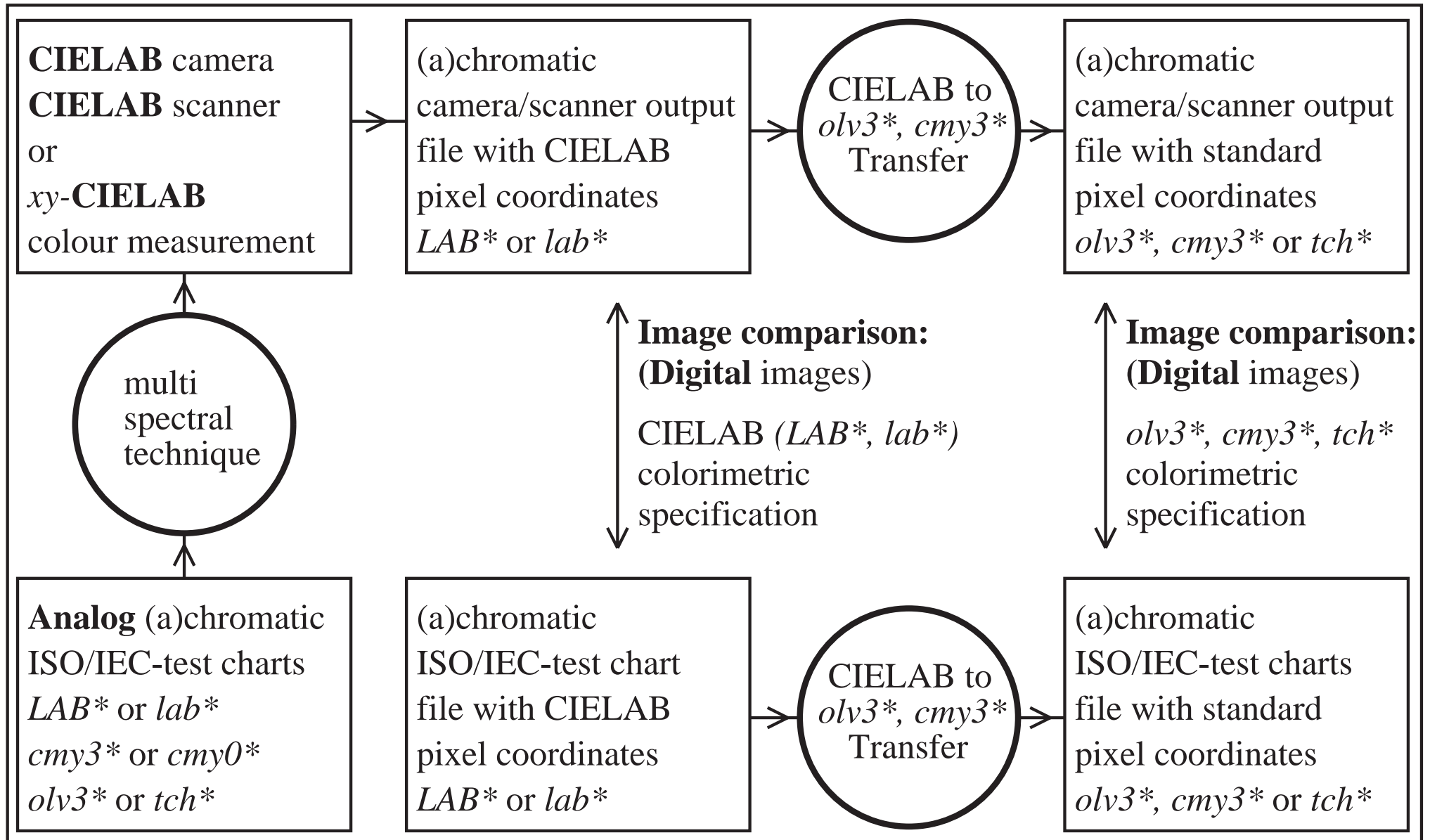


Figure 16: Calculation of equivalent colorimetric coordinates

<b>R50J'</b>				
<b>Inform. Techn. (IT) relative:</b>				
<i>olvi3*</i>	0.6	0.525	0.45	(1.0)
<i>cmyn3*</i>	0.4	0.475	0.55	(0.0)
<i>olvi4*</i>	1.0	0.875	0.75	0.6
<i>cmyn4*</i>	0.0	0.125	0.25	0.4
<b>CIELAB absolute:</b>				
<i>LAB*LAB</i>	60.51	3.82	13.07	
<i>LAB*LAB<sub>a</sub></i>	60.51	4.13	10.67	
<i>LAB*TCH<sub>a</sub></i>	52.5	11.44	68.82	
<b>CIELAB relative:</b>				
<i>lab*lab</i>	0.549	0.054	0.14	
<i>lab*tch</i>	0.525	0.15	0.191	
<i>lab*nch</i>	0.4	0.15	0.191	
<b>Natural Colour (NC) relative:</b>				
<i>lab*lrj</i>	0.549	0.079	0.128	
<i>lab*tce</i>	0.525	0.15	0.162	
<i>lab*ncE</i>	0.4	0.15	r64j	

Figure 17: CIELAB camera image and transfer of  $LAB^*$  to colorimetric coordinates



LE430-7, Transfer from device independent data  $LAB^*$  to device dependent data  $olv3^*$ ,  $cmy3^*$  and  $tch^*$

Figure 18: Equivalent colorimetric coordinates of five step grey scale N - W

5 steps of grey series black - white (N - W)	Colour space, colour space coordinates and PostScript operator calculations according to ISO/IEC 15775:1999-12			
Linear mixture between black and white in CIELAB colour space	$L^*$ CIE $w^* = l^*$ <i>setgray</i>	CMYN (CMYK) $000n^*$ <i>setcmykcolor</i>	CMYN (CMYK) $cmy0^*$ <i>setcmykcolor</i>	OLV (RGB) $www^*$ <i>setrgbcolor</i>
1,00 N + 0,00 W (black N)	0,00	0,00 0,00 0,00 1,00	1,00 1,00 1,00 0,00	0,00 0,00 0,00
0,75 N + 0,25 W	0,25	0,00 0,00 0,00 0,75	0,75 0,75 0,75 0,00	0,25 0,25 0,25
0,50 N + 0,50 W	0,50	0,00 0,00 0,00 0,50	0,50 0,50 0,50 0,00	0,50 0,50 0,50
0,25 N + 0,75 W	0,75	0,00 0,00 0,00 0,25	0,25 0,25 0,25 0,00	0,75 0,75 0,75
0,00 N + 1,00 W (white W)	1,00	0,00 0,00 0,00 0,00	0,00 0,00 0,00 0,00	1,00 1,00 1,00

LE420-1, colorimetric relationship of  $w^*$ ,  $000n^*$ ,  $cmy0^*$ ,  $www^*$  for a 5 step grey scale: black – white

5 steps of colour series black - white (N - W)	Colour space, colour space coordinates and PostScript operator calculations according to ISO/IEC 15775:1999-12			
Linear mixture between black and white in CIELAB colour space	CIELAB adapted $LAB^*a$ (adapted) $LAB^*a$ <i>setcolor</i>	CIELAB relative $lab^*tch = tch^*$ $tch^*$ <i>setcolor</i>	CIELAB relative $lab^*ncE = ncE^*$ $ncE^*$ <i>setcolor</i>	
1,00 N + 0,00 W (black N)	18.01 0.00 0.00	0,00 0,00 –	1,00 0,00 –	
0,75 N + 0,25 W	37.35 0.00 0.00	0,25 0,00 –	0,75 0,00 –	
0,50 N + 0,50 W	56.70 0.00 0.00	0,50 0,00 –	0,50 0,00 –	
0,25 N + 0,75 W	76.05 0.00 0.00	0,75 0,00 –	0,25 0,00 –	
0,00 N + 1,00 W (white W)	95.41 0.00 0.00	1,00 0,00 –	0,00 0,00 –	

LE420-7, colorimetric relationship of  $LAB^*a$ ,  $tch^*$ ,  $ncE^*$  for a 5 step grey scale: black – white

Figure 19: Specification of compatibility class for output of equivalent colorimetric coordinates

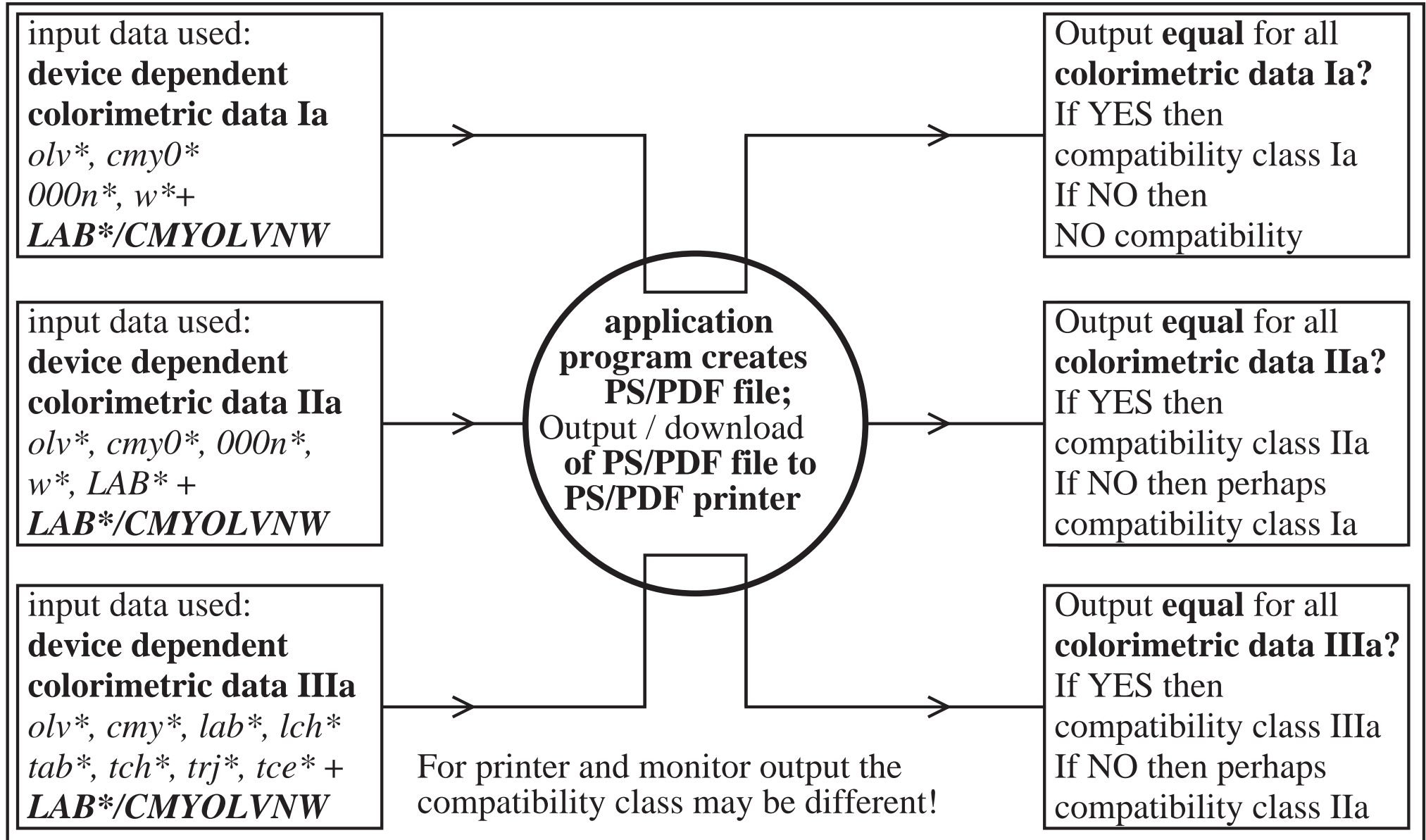




Figure 20: Equivalent colorimetric coordinates of five step colour scale C - W

5 steps of colour series cyan blue - white (C - W)	Colour space, colour space coordinates and PostScript operator calculations according to ISO/IEC 15775:1999-12		
Linear mixture between cyan blue and white in CIELAB colour space	CIELAB absolute $LAB^*LAB = LAB^*$ $LAB^* setcolor$	CIELAB relative $lab^*cmy0 = cmy0^*$ $cmy0^* setcmykcolor$	CIELAB relative $lab^*olv = olv^*$ $olv^* setrgbcolor$
1,00 C + 0,00 W (cyan blue C)	58.62 -30.62 -42.74	1,00 0,00 0,00 0,00	0,00 1,00 1,00
0,75 C + 0,25 W	67.82 -23.21 -30.86	0,75 0,00 0,00 0,00	0,25 1,00 1,00
0,50 C + 0,50 W	77.02 -15.80 -18.98	0,50 0,00 0,00 0,00	0,50 1,00 1,00
0,25 C + 0,75 W	86.21 -8.39 -7.11	0,25 0,00 0,00 0,00	0,75 1,00 1,00
0,00 C + 1,00 W (white W)	95.41 -0.98 4.76	0,00 0,00 0,00 0,00	1,00 1,00 1,00

LE421-1, colorimetric relationship of  $LAB^*a$ ,  $cmy0^*$ ,  $olv^*$  for a 5 step scale: cyan blue – white

5 steps of colour series cyan blue - white (C - W)	Colour space, colour space coordinates and PostScript operator calculations according to ISO/IEC 15775:1999-12		
Linear mixture between cyan blue and white in CIELAB colour space	CIELAB absolute $LAB^*LCHa = LCH^*a$ $LCH^*a setcolor$	CIELAB relative $lab^*tch = tch^*$ $tch^* setcolor$	CIELAB relative $lab^*ncE = ncE^*$ $ncE^* setcolor$
1,00 C + 0,00 W (cyan blue C)	58.62 54.29 236.0	0.500 1.000 0.656	0.000 1.000 g21b
0,75 C + 0,25 W	67.82 40.51 236.0	0.625 0.750 0.656	0.000 0.750 g21b
0,50 C + 0,50 W	77.02 27.14 236.0	0.750 0.500 0.656	0.000 0.500 g21b
0,25 C + 0,75 W	86.21 13.57 236.0	0.875 0.250 0.656	0.000 0.250 g21b
0,00 C + 1,00 W (white W)	95.41 0.01 –	1.000 0.001 –	0.000 0.001 –

LE421-7, colorimetric relationship of  $LCH^*a$ ,  $tch^*$ ,  $ncE^*$  for a 5 step scale: cyan blue – white

Figure 21: Work place assessment of 5 step grey scales for visual output linearization

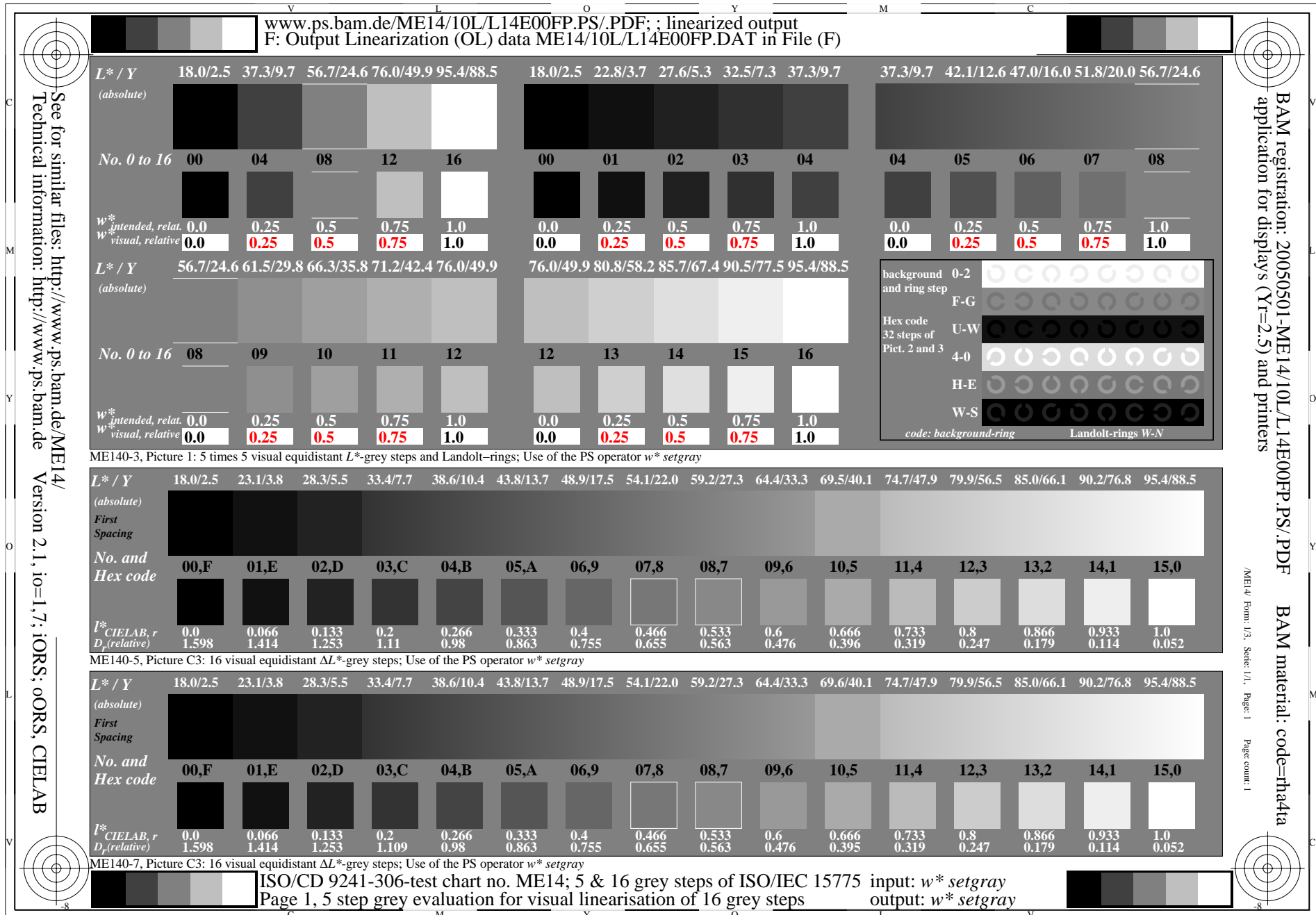


Figure 22: Linearized output based on visual 5 step work place assessment

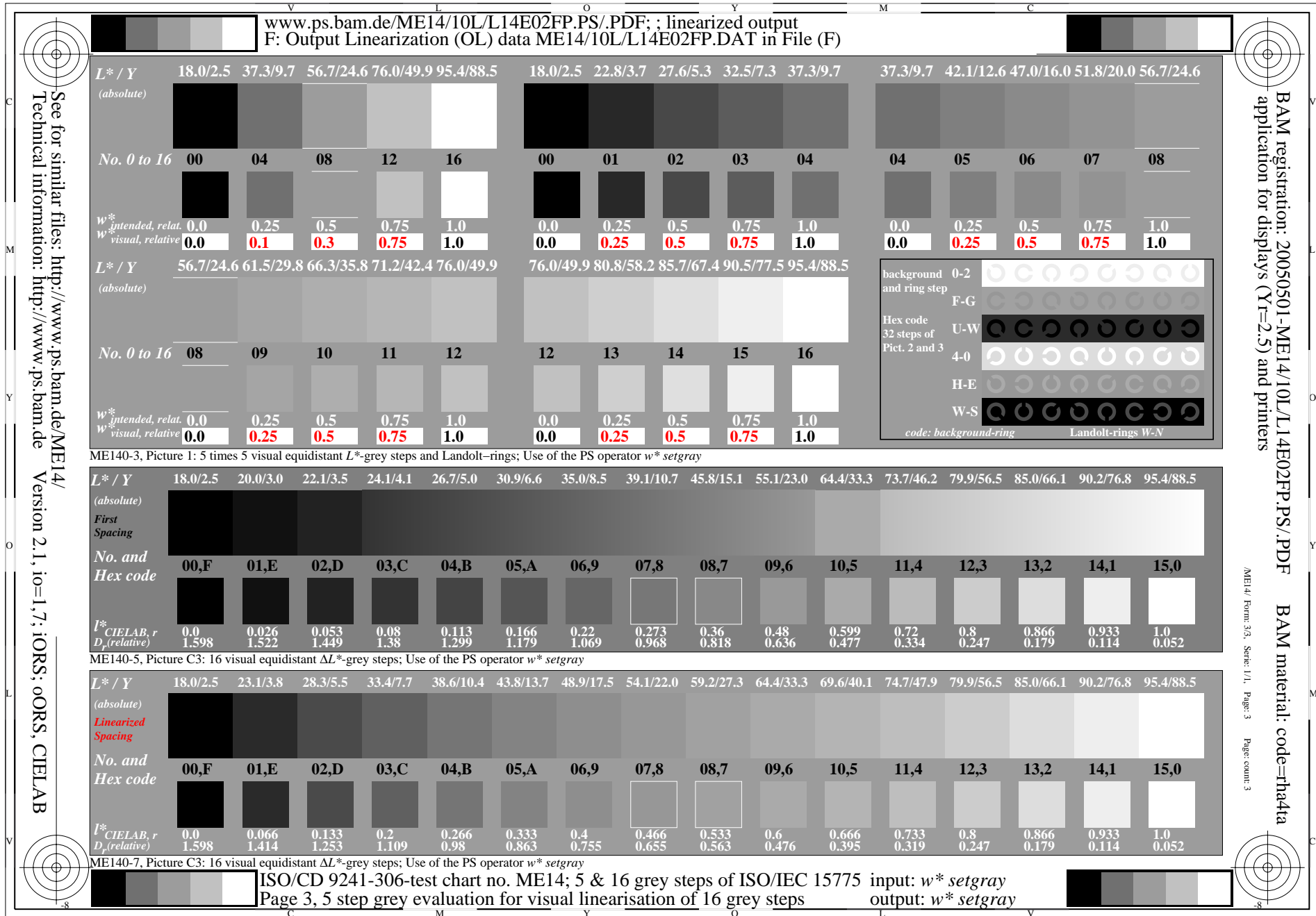
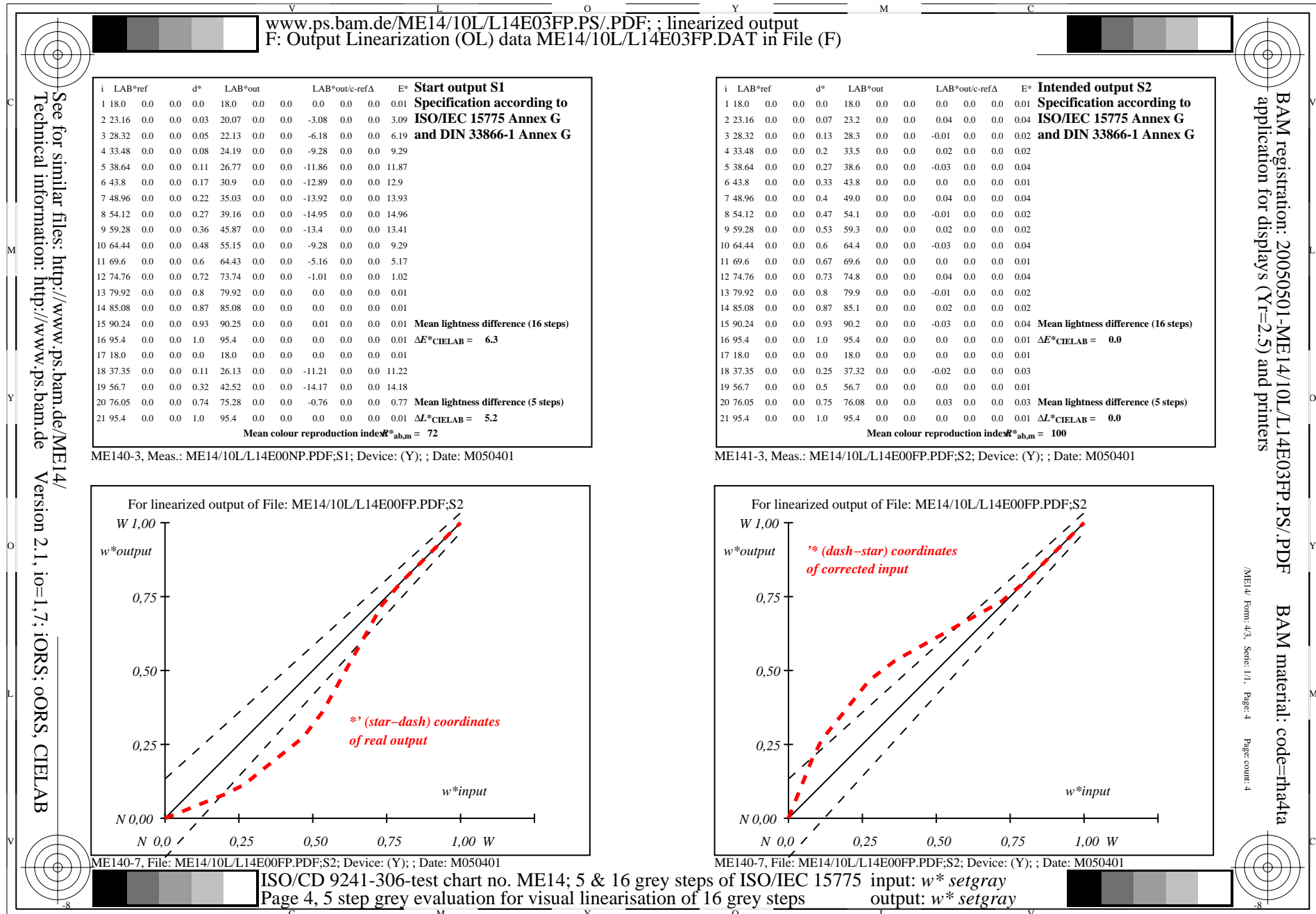


Figure 23: input - output relationship and inverse relation for output linearisation



## Summary

- **Colorimetric Image Technology (CIT) is the basis for International Standards and Reports**
- **The ranking and preference is open for discussion**
- **The linearization of the monitor or printer system is a basis for high efficiency**
- **Linearization maintains the details, for example the recognition of Landolt-rings on any device**
- **Visual efficiency of monitor output is improved if colorimetric methods consider the room light**
- **CIT is the basis for the scan, the storage, the encoding and decoding of colorimetric coordinates**

## **Standards, Technical Reports and References**

The author was active as a leader for the standards [1] to [3] and was editor of the International documents [4] to [7].

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[2] **DIN 33871-1:2003**: Requirements for remanufacturing of used inkjet heads and inkjet tanks of inkjet printers (Aufbereitung von gebrauchten Tintendruckköpfen und Tintentanks für Tintenstrahldrucker)

[3] **DIN 33866-1 bis 5:2000**: Information technology – Office machines – Machines for colour image reproduction: Method for specifying image reproduction of colour devices by digital and analog test charts, This standard includes analog DIN-test charts no. 1 to 4.

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[5] **ISO/IEC 15775:1999**; Information technology – Office machines – Machines for colour image reproduction - Method of specifying image reproduction of colour copying machines by analog test charts – Realisation and application

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<http://www.ps.bam.de/NWIP>

Remark: For further publications and analog and digital BAM-, DIN-, CEN- and ISO/IEC-test charts, see (> 1 Million connections/per year since 2002):

<http://www.ps.bam.de>