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Colour analysis and verification of CCTV images under different lighting conditions

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Introduction

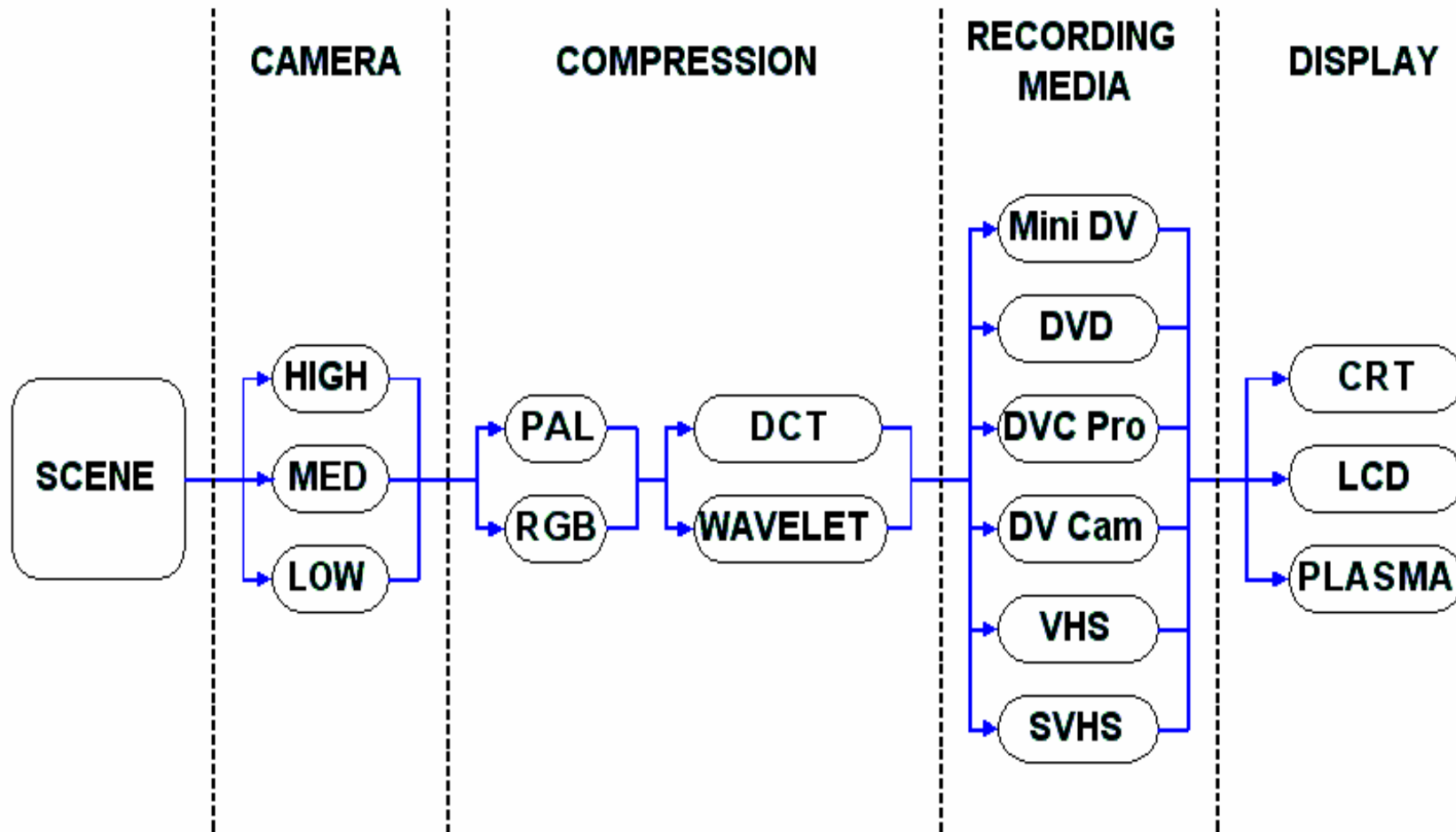


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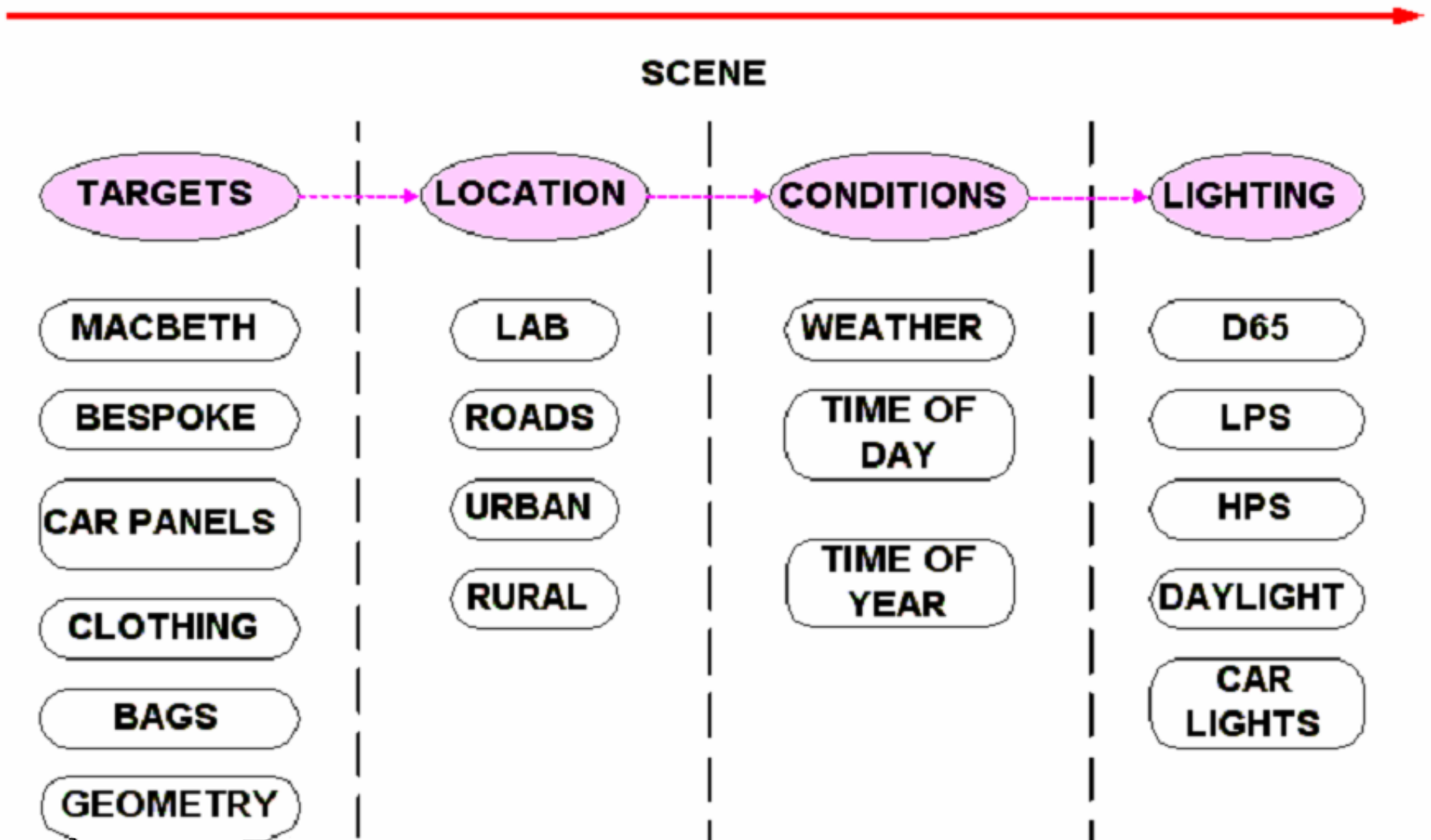
CCTV Imaging Chain

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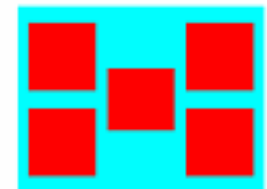
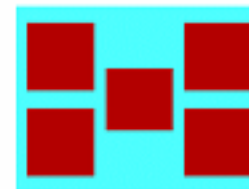
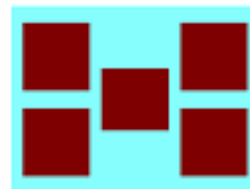
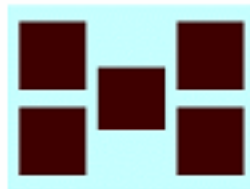
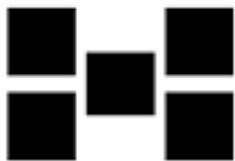
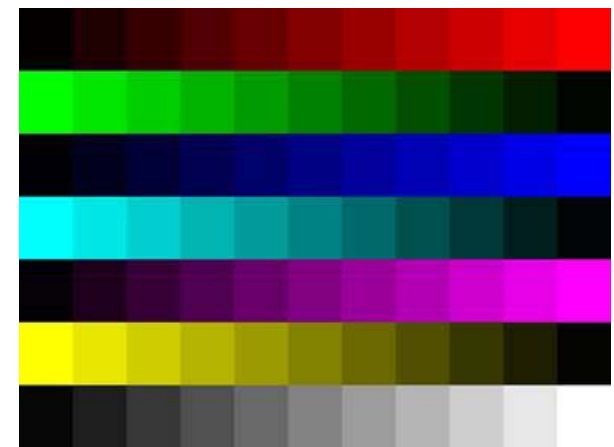
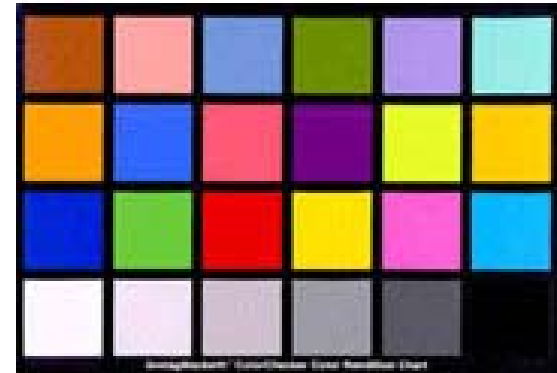
Scene

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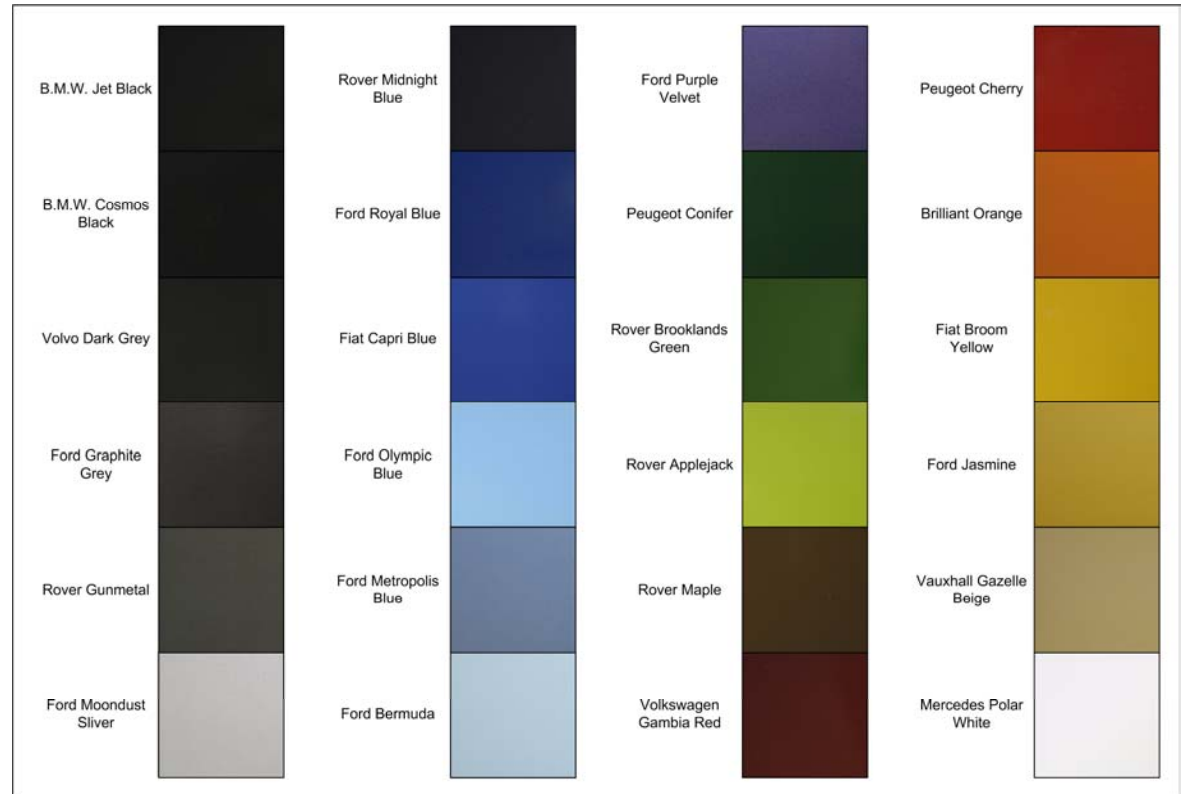
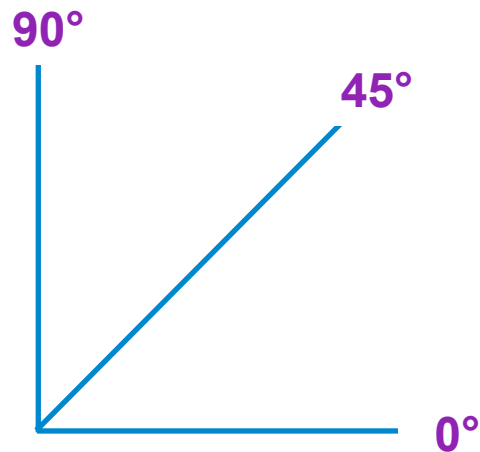
Targets

- Macbeth Colour Checker Chart
- Test Target 1
- Test Target 2



Targets

- Geometry
- Car Panels



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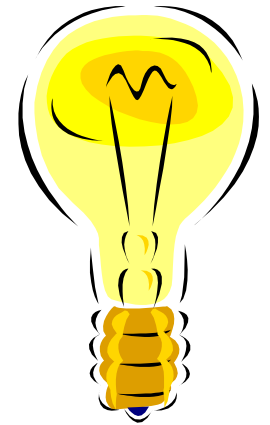
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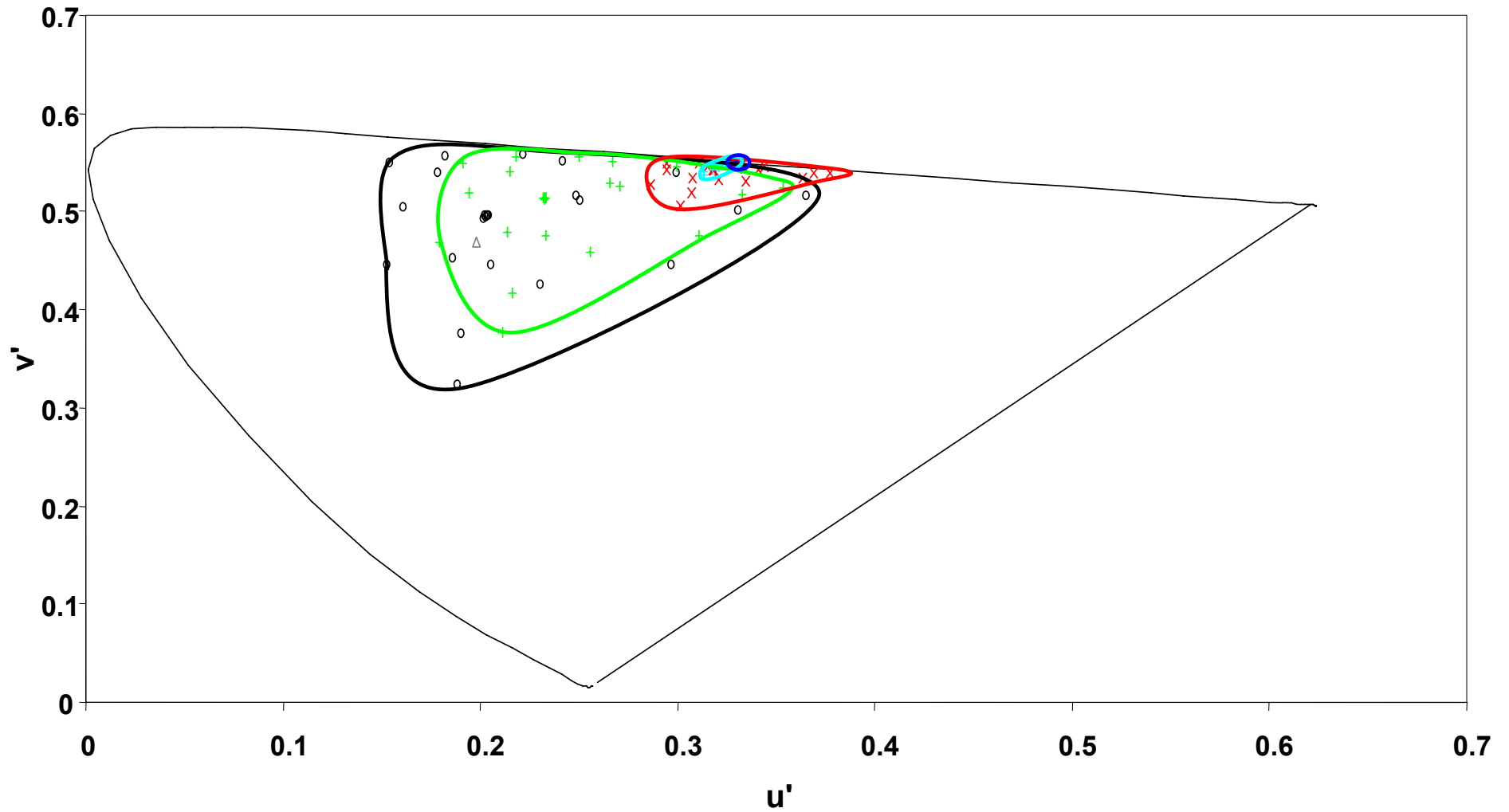
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Lighting

- Laboratory based
 - D65
 - Low-pressure sodium
 - Pure bench source
 - Street Lamp
 - High-pressure sodium
 - Fluorescent
- Car Headlights
 - Standard
 - Super Brilliance
 - Laser Blue
- Street Lighting
 - Low-pressure sodium
 - High-pressure sodium

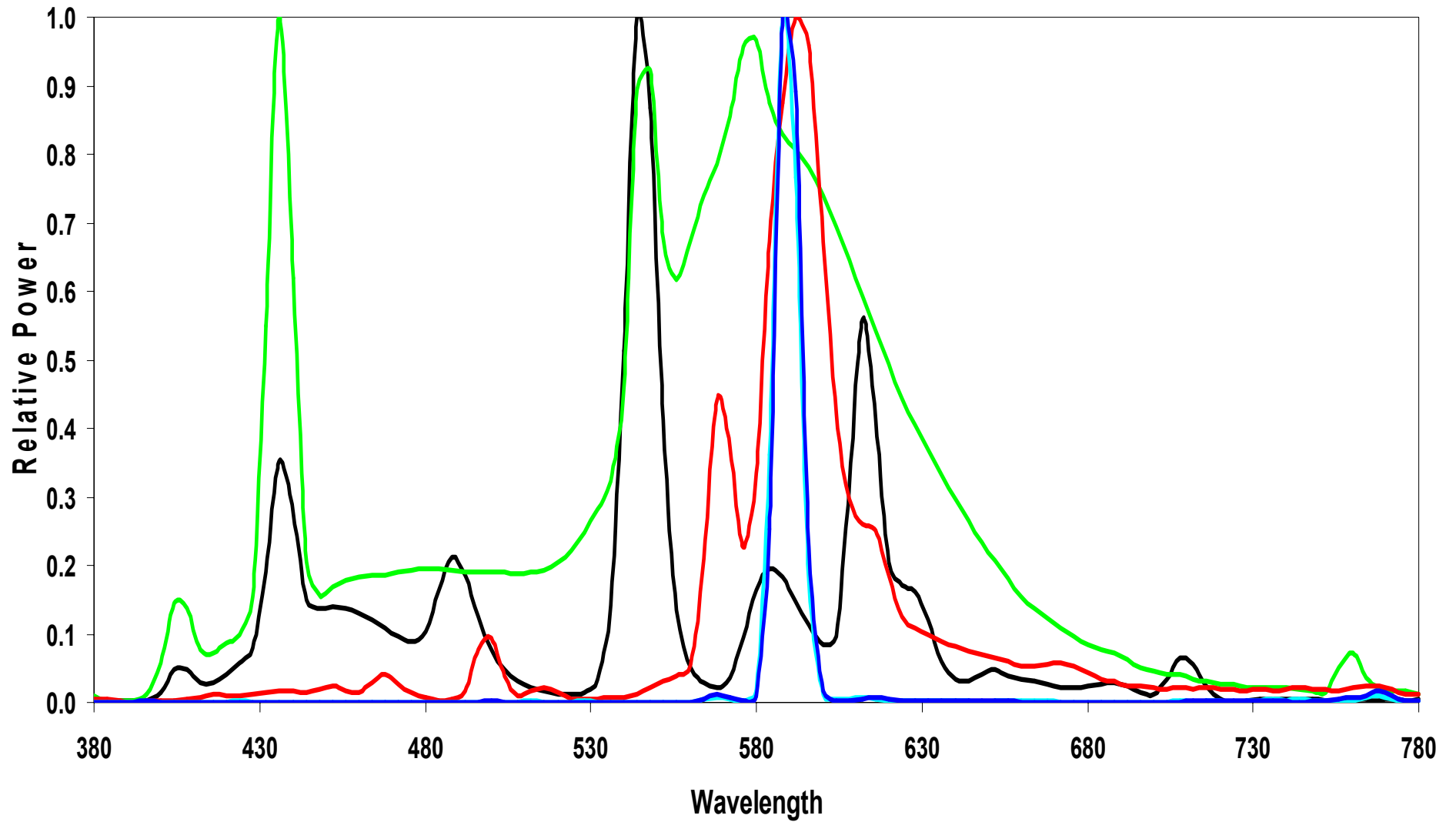


Macbeth Colour Checker Chart under all laboratory lighting conditions



○ D65 △ D65 WP + F × HPS + LPS - Street × LPS - Pure — Locus

Spectral responses of the white patch of Macbeth Chart



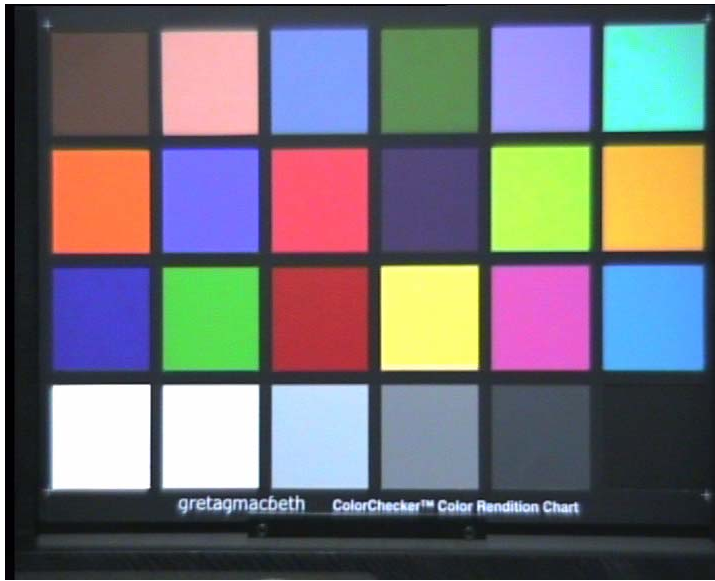
— D65 — F — HPS — LPS - Street — LPS - Pure

Camera

- Four different Colour CCTV cameras
 - Range in price and image quality
- Macbeth Colour Checker Chart
- Recorded on DV CAM
- Stills taken from footage
- Measurements of Target
- Analysis

Camera

Camera
1



Camera
2



Camera
3

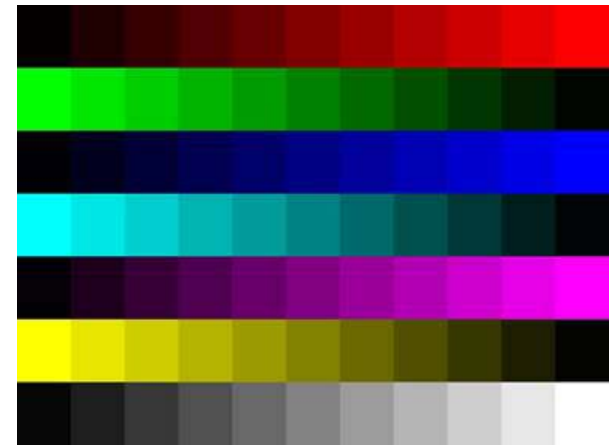


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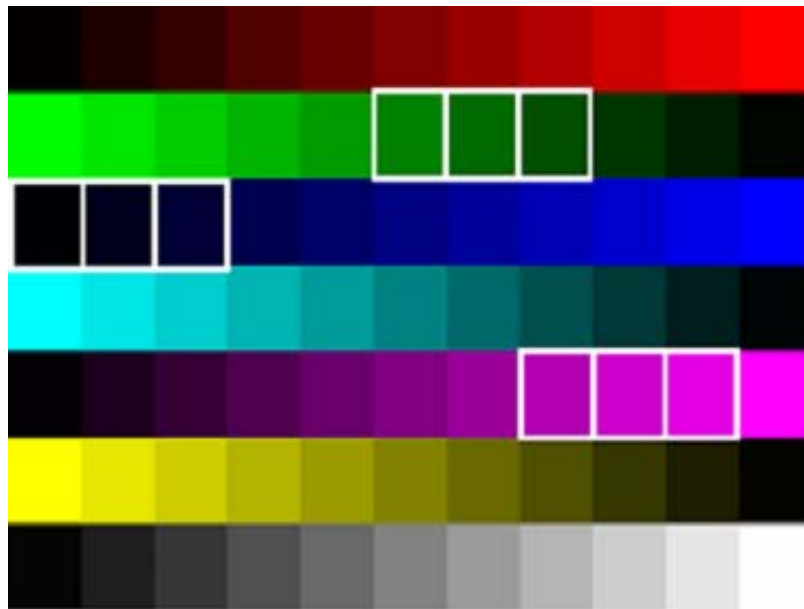


Compression

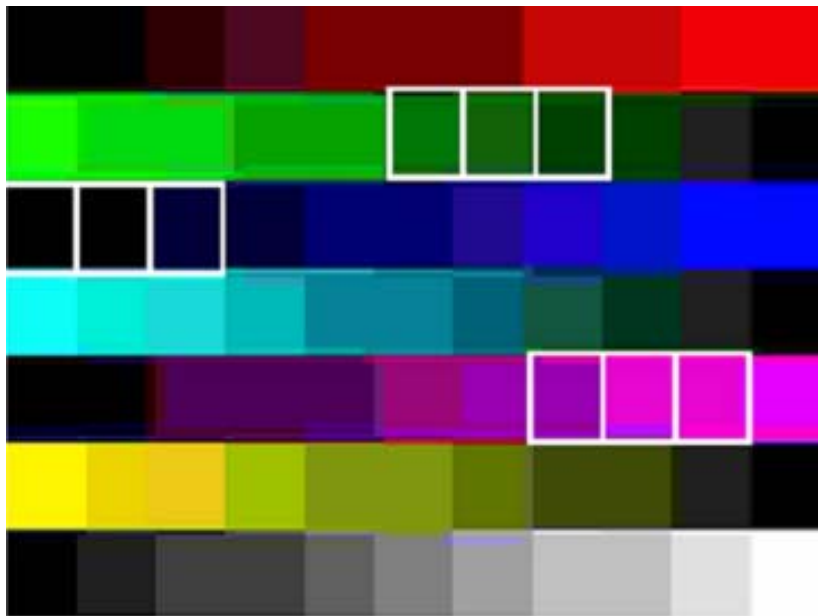
- Test Target 1
- DCT – JPEG
 - Matlab JPEG
- Wavelet – JPEG2000
 - Photoshop plug-in
 - Compressed then converted to bitmap
- Compressed at 5 quality levels
 - Maximum, High, Medium, Low and Minimum
- Analysis in Matlab



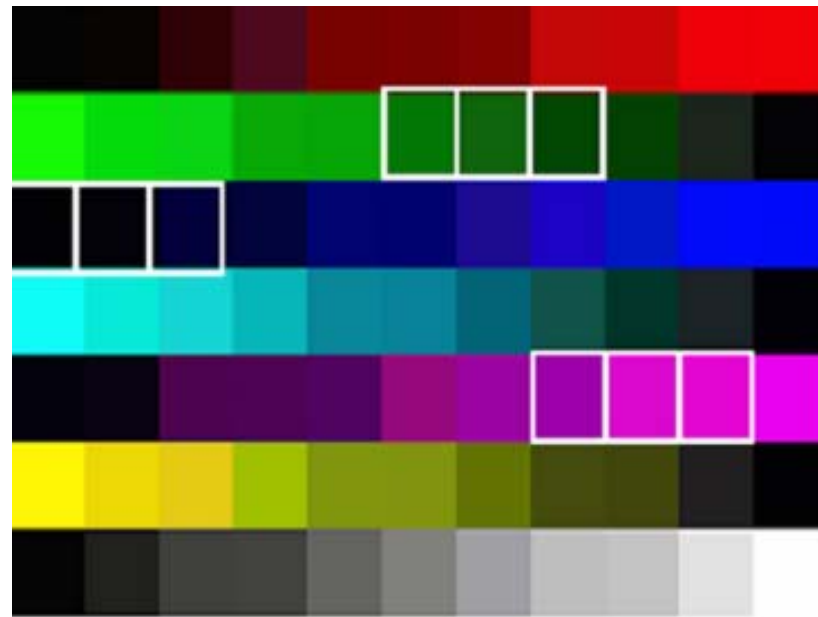
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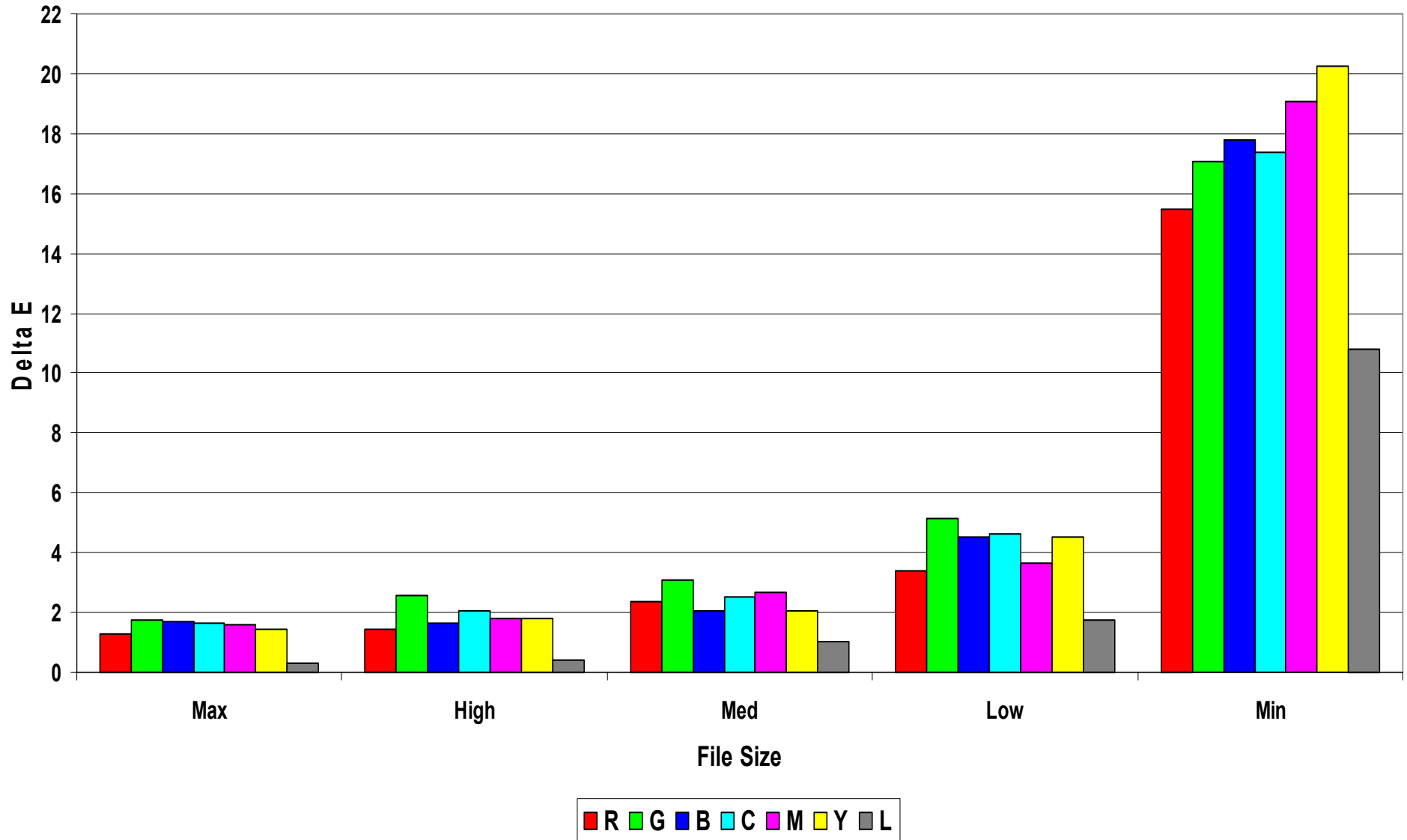
Compressed Image



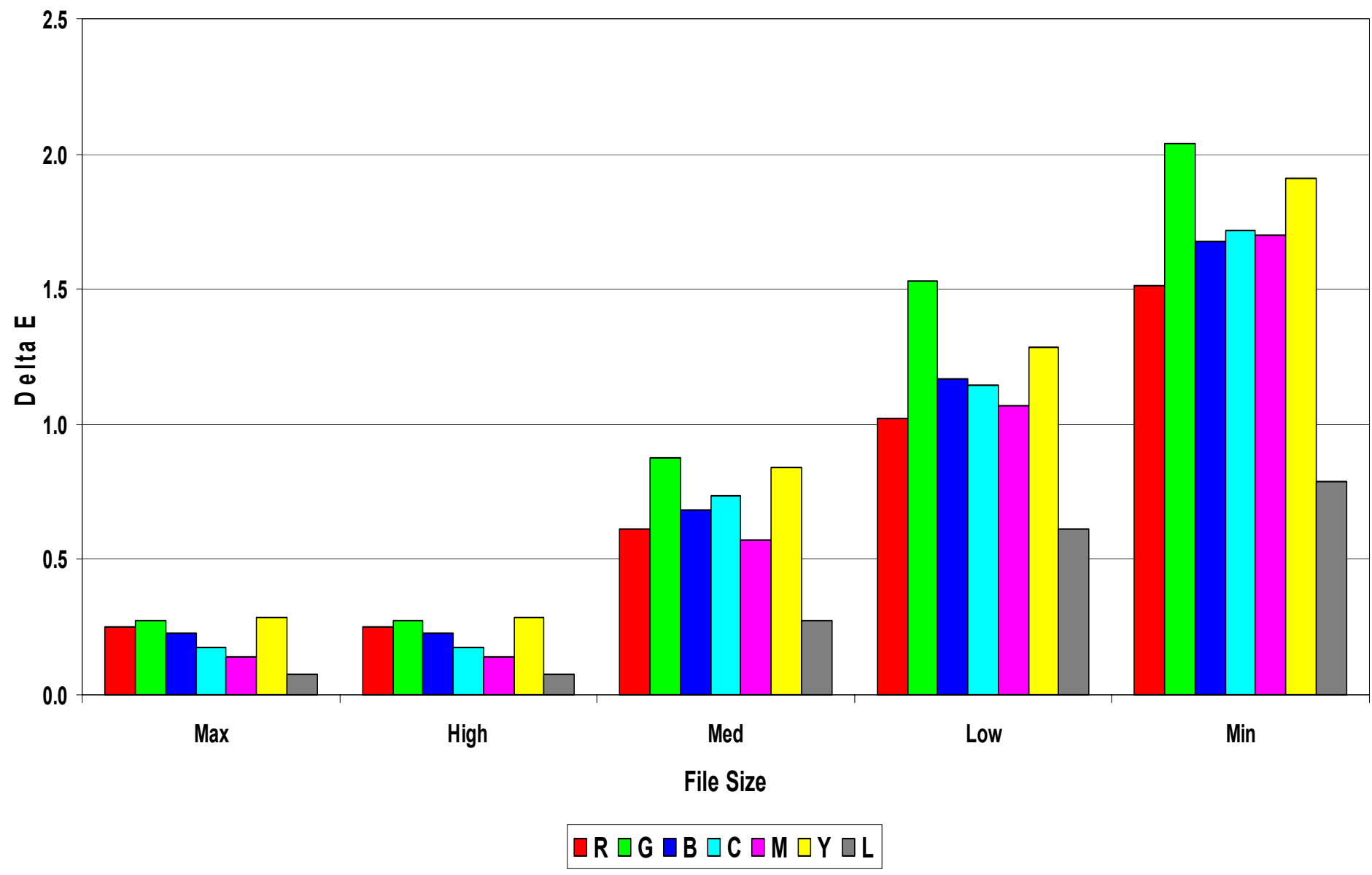
Average Compressed Image



Average of the ΔE for each colour row for JPEG compression

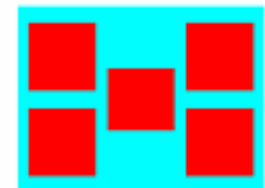
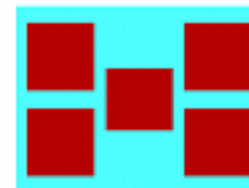
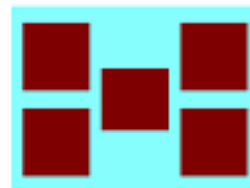
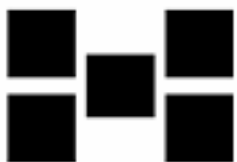


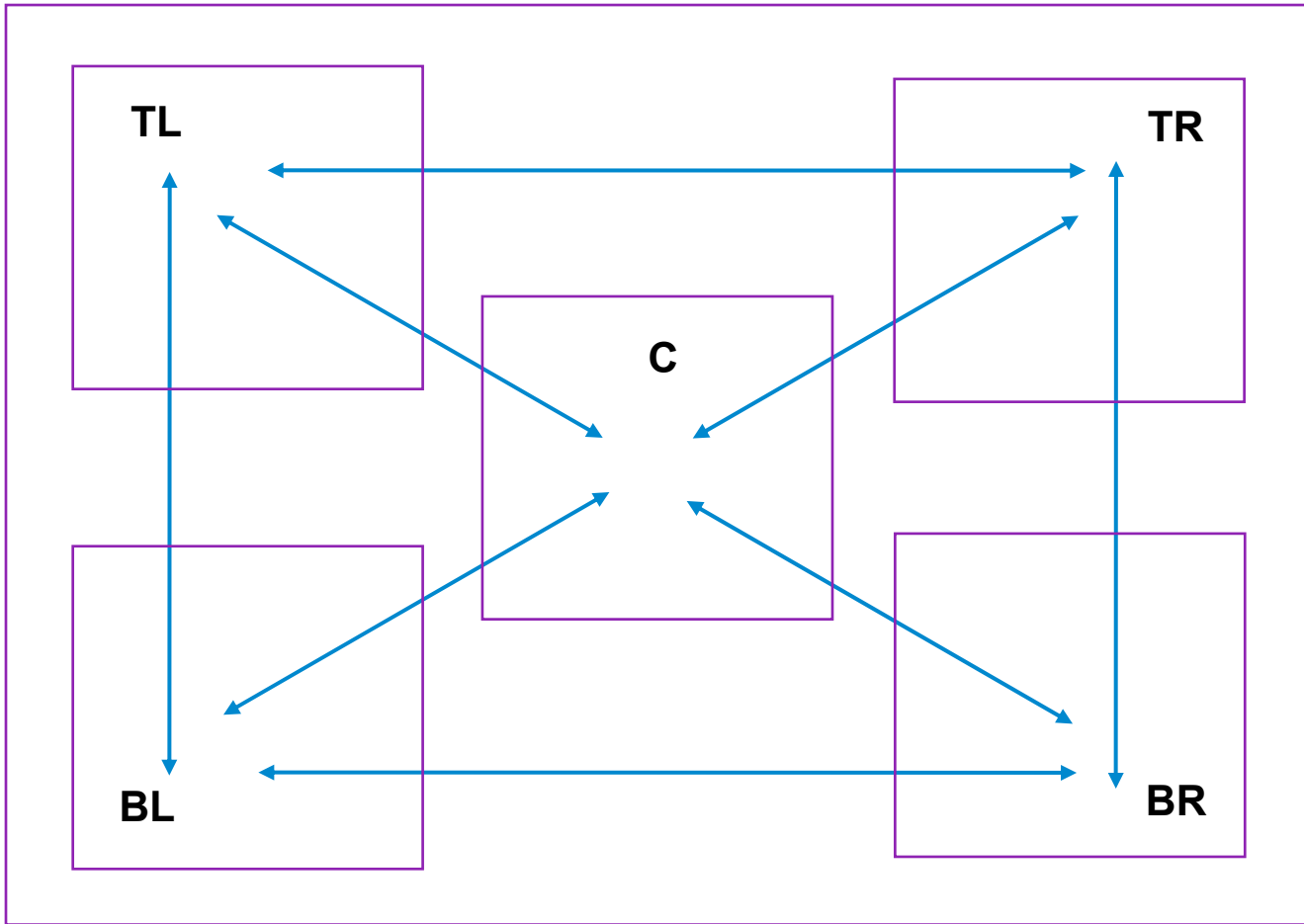
Average of the ΔE for each colour row for JPEG2000 compression



Display

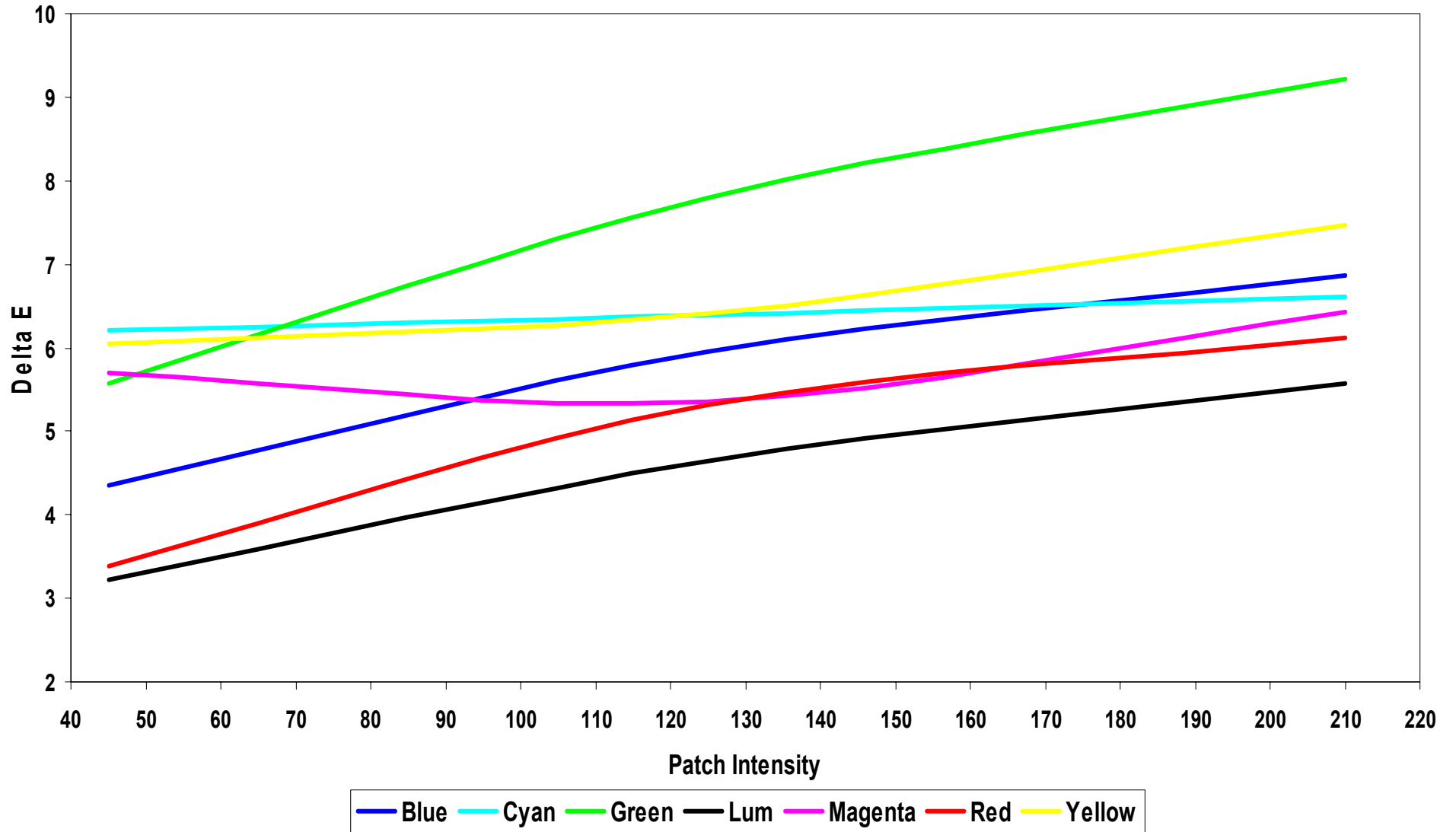
- Two displays
 - LCD
 - CRT
- Test Target 2
- CRT
 - Measurements taken using the spectrophotometer
- LCD
 - Measurements taken using the spectroradiometer
- Analysis of data in excel
 - Delta E
 - Response curve



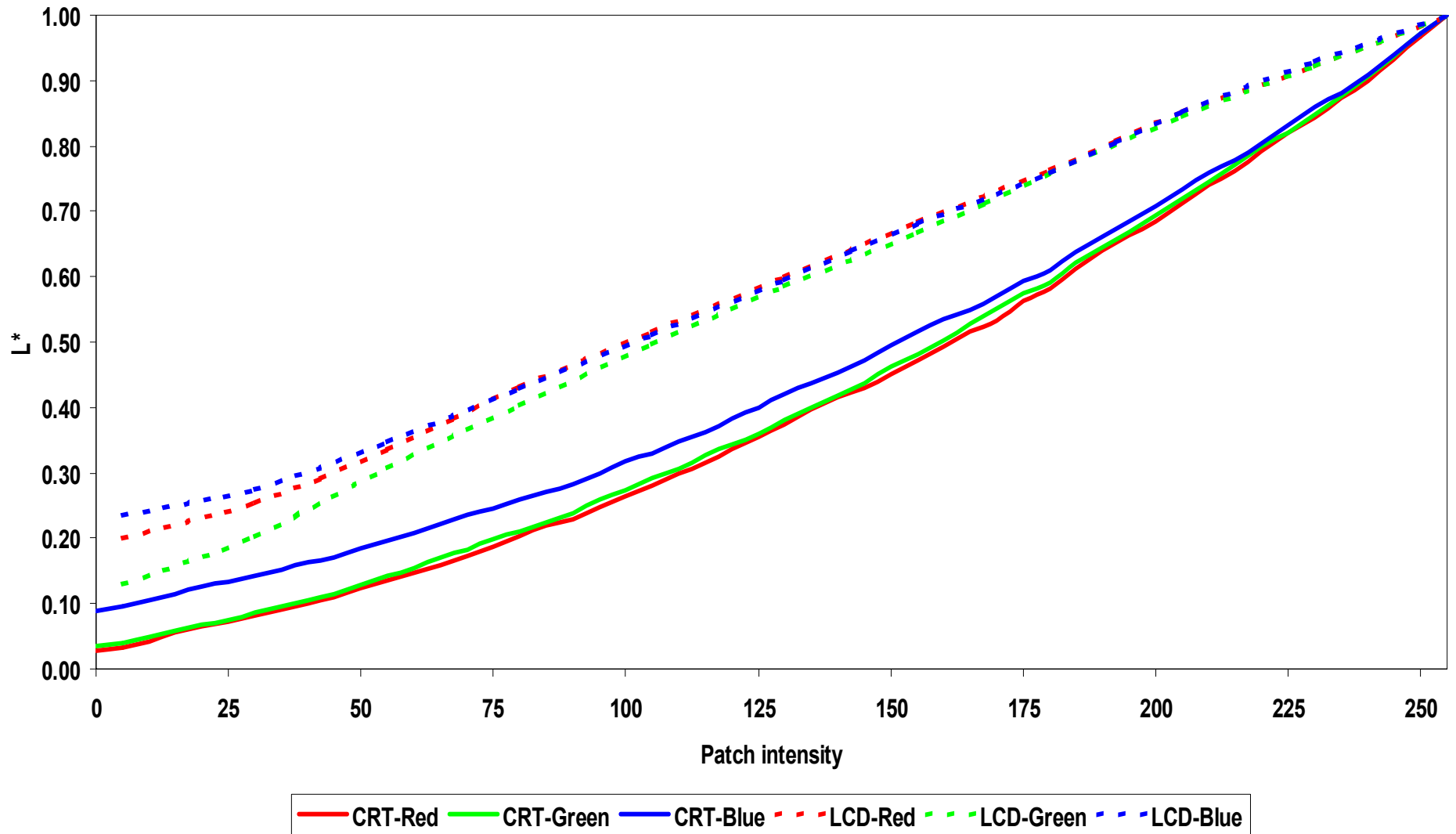


TL – Top Left, TR – Top Right
C – Centre
BL – Bottom Left, BR – Bottom Right

Comparison between the spectrophotometer and spectroradiometer



Response curves for both CRT and LCD Displays



Findings

- Lighting the scene
 - Importance of good and type of lighting in the original scene
- Capturing the scene
 - Good camera able to capture colour under different types of lighting
- Displaying the scene
 - Correctly calibrated display and good reproduction of colour
- Compression
 - At low levels is largely unaffected and is very scene dependant
- Storage
 - Majority of CCTV recorded digitally

Conclusions



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Any Questions?