IES TM-30-15: A Robust Characterization of Color Rendering

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"Effect of an illuminant on the color appearance of objects by conscious or subconscious comparison with their color appearance under a reference illuminant." (CIE)

The effect of **Light** on **Objects'** appearance, as judged by a **Human** observer based on their expectations.

Color Rendering Metrics Help Us To...

Understand. Communicate. Engineer. Compare. Predict.



Which do you prefer?



Which do you prefer?



$$R_{a} (CRI) = 78$$

 $R_{9} = -11$



 $R_{\rm a} ({\rm CRI}) = 68$ $R_{\rm 9} = -37$

Outline

- 1. Color Science Fundamentals
- 2. Quantifying Color Distortions, the CRI
- 3. TM-30

TM-30 Outputs [Questions] TM-30 Technical Details

- 4. Demonstration and Research Results
- 5. Case Studies

[Questions]

Part 1: Color Science Fundamentals

Object colors

The colors we see come from light reflected by objects



Object colors

These spectra are reduced to "three numbers" by the three cone sensors in our eyes (similar to an RGB digital camera)

 \rightarrow Each object is assigned three values which make up its color



Color space

A color space is a 3-dimensional space which corresponds to visual stimuli

- \rightarrow Mathematical model attempting to describe our visual system...
- "Source color space" characterizes the color of a light source

"Object color space" – characterizes the color of objects under a light source





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2-dimensional plot ("seen from above")



Colors and light sources



For the same object: different light sources create different stimuli

Colors and light sources

Different light sources can change the way we see colors...



Color rendition = quantify this effect

Basics on color rendition - Summary

- The perceived colors of objects are "coded" by three values in our visual system
- There are a variety of color spaces which attempt to approximate our visual system
- Colors can be characterized by hue + chroma + lightness
- Different light sources can render the color of an object differently

Part 2: Quantifying color distortions - the CRI

Colors shifts (e.g. color distortions)



Color shifts

What does "reference color" mean?

It is the color of an object illuminated by a reference light source.

Ok then... what does a "reference light source" mean?

By convention, here is what we call reference light sources:

- sunlight (for CCT > 5000K)
- incandescent/halogen lamps (for CCT < 5000K)

In all color rendering calculations, we pick a reference light source and compare it to the source we want to test.

In the case of warm white, the reference is incandescent / halogen.

"Reference colors"?

Incandescent bulbs and sunlight have very different spectra!

But – an object seen under either source usually has nearly the same color Our brains compensate for the change in source spectrum: "chromatic adaptation"



Without chromatic adaptation, color vision would not be very useful! "Reference color" is a reasonable concept

Colors shifts

Gray points: reference colors for a series of objects Pink points: colors under a low-CRI LED source







De-saturating for red objects

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Let's put a number on these shifts!

Steps of the CRI calculation:

Determine the CCT of the test source. Calculate a reference source at the same CCT Calculate the color of test samples under the test and reference sources

Determine the average difference in color for the two sets.









Each "color error" lowers the CRI score. The longer the arrow, the lower the CRI score.

The CRI tells us whether a light source renders colors "naturally" [eg like the reference], on average.

$$R_i = 100 - 4.6DE_i$$

 $R_a = \frac{1}{8} \sum_{i=1}^{8} R_i$

Longer arrows \rightarrow lower score

What does the CRI tell us?

CRI only measures the average color error (**the average length of the arrows**) Any error is counted the same, whether it is saturating, de-saturating or hue shift...

CRI is a fidelity metric:

A CRI close to 100 tells us that colors look like the reference colors (high fidelity) A CRI lower than 100 tells us that colors are distorted, but now *how* they are distorted



Same CRI, very different color distortions! The CRI gives us limited information.

What does CRI tell us?

CRI = average color error

A given score can correspond to dulllooking or saturated-looking colors!



These scenarios are not equally acceptable. People dislike de-saturated colors, but often are ok with oversaturated colors.





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Samples lack color variety – no deep red…

CRI - Summary

- Light sources can induce various color shifts: Hue (either direction) Saturation Desaturation
- Color shifts are usually evaluated with respect to "reference colors" (colors under a *reference illuminant*)
- **Color fidelity** = how much total color distortion is there, on average?
- CRI is a color fidelity measure: it gives limited information.
- CRI suffers from technical deficiencies
 Outdated color science
 Few pastel test samples which can be "tricked"

Part 3: TM-30
Timeline of Color Rendering Metric Committees

- **1965** CIE E1.3.2 recommends the CIE General Color Rendering Index (R_a). Research dates to 1937.
- **1974** Major revision of CRI (CIE 13.2-1974). Some limitations addressed.
- **1995** Last revision of CRI (CIE 13.3-1995). No major changes.
- **1991** CIE TC1-33: *Color Rendering* [No Agreement Reached; Closed 1999]

"This committee was not successful in its purposes mainly due to the disagreement between those who advocated including the advances of science and those who recommended that industry did not want change."¹

2002 CIE TC1-62: Color Rendering of White LED Light Sources [Published CIE 177:2007, recommends a new metric be developed]

> "The Committee recommends the development of a new colour rendering index...This index...shall not replace the current CIE colour rendering index immediately. The usage of the new index or indices should provide information supplementary to the current CIE CRI, and replacement of CRI will be considered after successful integration of the new index."²

Timeline of Color Rendering Metric Committees

- 2006 CIE TC1-69: Color Rendition by White Light Sources Goal of developing single number replacement for CRI, with a focus on psychophysical research. [No Agreement Reached]
 2012 CIE TC1-90: Color Fidelity Index
- [Ongoing]
- 2012 CIE TC1-91: New Methods for Evaluating the Colour Quality of White-Light Sources [Ongoing]
- **2013** IES Color Metrics Task Group [Developed TM-30-15]

IES Color Metrics Task Group (Formed June 2013)



IES Balloting Process



- At least 2/3 majority approval required at each step.
- Any non-editorial revision require recirculation ballot.
- Must attempt to resolve any disapproval vote.

TM-30 Method for Color Rendition

Color Fidelity

The accurate rendition of color so that they appear as they would under familiar (reference) illuminants

Fidelity Index (*R***_f)** (0-100) The average level of saturation relative to familiar (reference) illuminants.

Color Gamut

Gamut Index (R_g) ~60-140 when $R_f > 60$

Gamut Shape

Changes over different hues

Color Vector Graphic Hue Bin Chroma Shift



CIE CRI (1965/1974)

Fidelity Metric Only

CIE 1964 U*V*W*

8 color samples Medium chroma/lightness

Spectral sensitivity varies Munsell samples only

Ref Illuminant Step Function

No lower limit for scores and inconsistent scales





Fidelity, Gamut, Graphical, Detailed/Hues

CAM02-UCS (CIE CAM02)

99 color samples Uniform color space coverage Spectral sensitivity neutral Variety of real objects



Ref Illuminant Continuous (Uses same reference sources, but blended between 4500 K and 5500 K)



0 to 100 scale (fidelity)



TM-30 is a method that includes several related measures. TM-30 is not a required standard, and does not provide design guidance or criteria.

Reference Illuminants



TM-30 Color Evaluation Samples (CES)



CHROMATICITY COMPARISON (3500 K Planckian)



TM-30 Color Evaluation Samples (CES)



Hierarchy of Information Gamut Index



Color Difference in 16 Hue Bins



Hue Bin Indices Average fidelity or chroma per bin



Color Difference for 99 CES

Fidelity Index (*R*_f) Average Color Difference for 99 CES

Color Difference



[Flattened to 2D]

- 1. Calculate chromaticity of 99 CES with test source and reference illuminant using CAM02-UCS
- 2. Calculate color difference for each pair of color coordinates

$$\Delta E_{Jab,i} = \sqrt{\left(J'_{t,i} - J'_{r,i}\right)^2 + (a'_{t,i} - a'_{r,i})^2 + (b'_{t,i} - b'_{r,i})^2}$$

Hierarchy of Information Gamut Index

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Calculation

Engine

Relative area enclosed by 16 coordinates

> Color Difference in 16 Hue

Bins

Color Vector Graphic Normalized depiction of 16 difference vectors

Hue Bin Indices Average fidelity or chroma per bin

Fidelity Index $(R_{\rm f})$ Average Color **Difference for** 99 CES

Color

Difference

for 99 CES

TM-30 Fidelity (Each CES)



Color Evaluation Sample

$$R'_{\text{fces},i} = 100 - 7.54 \times \Delta E_{Jab,i}$$



TM-30 Fidelity (Average)



TM-30 Fidelity (Skin)



Is TM-30 R_f Different from CRI (R_a)?

- Uniform color space: 1-3 Points Typical, Up to ~6 Points
- Spectrally neutral samples: 1-3 Points Typical, Up to ~6 Points
- Increased number of samples: 1 unit vs. 6 unit precision
- Full coverage of color space: 5+ Points









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TM-30 Hue Bins





Average (*a*', *b*') chromaticity coordinates in each bin (binned by <u>reference</u> condition).



TM-30-15

Calculation

Engine

 (R_g) **Relative area** enclosed by 16 coordinates

Color Difference in 16 Hue Bins

Color Difference for 99 CES

Fidelity Index $(R_{\rm f})$ Average Color **Difference for** 99 CES

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TM-30-15 Relative (Average) Gamut

$$R_{\rm g} = 100 \times \frac{A_{\rm t}}{A_{\rm r}}$$

 $R_{\rm g}$ > 100: Average increase in saturation $R_{\rm g}$ < 100: Average decrease in saturation



A Cohesive Two-Axis System

- Evaluate tradeoffs between fidelity and saturation.
- When disparate fidelity and gamut measures are used together, the tradeoffs are less apparent.
- But average values don't tell the whole story...



(Theoretical)



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TM-30-15 Calculation Engine

> **Fidelity Index** $(R_{\rm f})$ Average Color Difference for 99 CES

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TM-30 Vector Graphics

COLOR VECTOR GRAPHIC





TM-30 Vector Graphics



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COLOR VECTOR GRAPHIC





TM-30-15 Vector Graphics







Original



Desaturated



Red-Enhanced



TM-30-15 Vector Graphics vs. Fidelity



COLOR VECTOR GRAPHIC

Fidelity is approximately the average length of the arrows.

Gamut is the ratio of the area of the black circle and red shape.

Each arrow corresponds to a hue bin change. We can look at the length of the arrow (fidelity), or the isolate the amount of chroma change by calculating how much the arrow is pointing inward/outward.

TM-30 Hue Bin Indices


What about Red?

TM-30 Hue Bin Indices



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What do we want to know?

- What is more representative of a red we will encounter in an unknown space? One sample or several samples?
- Fidelity measures tell us how similar the reds look to the reference. Differences could be due to hue shift, oversaturation, or under saturation.
- Are saturation changes or hue shifts more important?
- Are the reference sources ideal in all contexts (i.e., do we want perfect red fidelity?)

CRI R₉ versus TM-30



One sample of TM-30 is very well correlated to R9...

What about *R*₉?



One sample of TM-30 is very well correlated to R9...

...except for a few narrowband sources



Is R₉ Special?



TM30 offers a lot more samples for characterizing red / warm tones.





(Set of 26 Experimental SPDs)



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Changes in Red Rendering



Changes in Red Rendering



TM-30 Interpretation Summary

- Fidelity Index (*R*_f): How similar is a source to the reference, on average.
- **Gamut Index (***R*_g**):** Is saturation/chroma being increased or decreased, on average.
- **Color Vector Graphic:** Visual of magnitude and direction of shift for all hues.
- Hue Bin Fidelity: Average fidelity for reds, yellows, greens, blues, etc.
- Hue Bin Chroma Shift: Average chroma change for reds, yellows, greens, blues, etc.

Which Source is Best?

Questions?

Halogen MR16, 3000 K (Source No. 80)





Neodymium Incandescent (Source No. 88)



High Pressure Sodium (Source No. 56)





F32T8 835 (Source No. 37)



Ceramic Metal Halide, 3000 K (Source No. 62)











TM-30 "under the hood"

A lot of technical improvements are included in TM-30

Some of these are crucial to make the calculations *accurate*!

- Slight change in reference illuminant
- Better color science
 - Uniform color space
 - Good chromatic adaptation
- Optimized set of test samples

CRI: CCT ≥ 5000 K CCT < 5000 K**CIE D Series** Planckian Radiation (Model of Daylight) (Think Incandescent) Daylight locus 5000K 5500K Blackbody locus 4500K 6000K 5000K 4000K **TM-30**: CCT ≥ 5500 K 5500 K > CCT > 4500 K CCT ≤ 4500 K

> CIE D Series (Model of Daylight)

Proportional blend of D Series and Planckian Planckian Radiation (Think Incandescent)

Color Space: CAM02-UCS

CAM02-UCS is a state-of-the art color space

Color volume



"slices" in the color volume



Color Space: CAM02-UCS

Color uniformity:



Color-error ellipses are nearly circular and of even size \rightarrow color distortions for different colors can be compared

Test samples: color space uniformity

TM-30: select a gamut of "common colors" in color space and span it uniformly.

 \rightarrow "one sample per color"



An extreme example of a sample set with wavelength bias...

It is possible to generate many colors with only 3 "pigments"!



But the corresponding samples are mostly sensitive to a few wavelengths





In general, sample sets suffer from some wavelength bias...

They "care more" about some wavelengths than others

This is because reflectance variations happen preferentially at some wavelengths



In TM30 test samples, reflectance variations are evenly distributed across wavelengths



The result: test samples which can not easily be "tricked" by moving SPD peaks around


Part 4: Demonstration and Latest Research Results









680 730 780

120 _{Rg}

CCT

3511 K

















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Experimental Room



Experimental Room: Context

Illuminance: ~20 fc CCT: 3500 K Objects: Generic Consumer, balanced hues Application: Undefined Participants: 18-65, 16 females 12 males























We're going to look at averages (means)....

...but the person to person differences are substantial!

Almost every source received ratings across the full range for each question. (Normalness, Saturation, Like)

If you're a specifier, you get to decide what you like for the given space!

Most Influential Colors



Most Influential Colors



Normalness vs. Fidelity



Normalness vs. Fidelity



Normalness vs. Red Rendering



Rated Most Normal



 $R_{\rm cs,h16} = 7\%$

 $R_{\rm cs,h16} = 2\%$

 $R_{cs,h16} = 6\%$









Shifted

Normalness Model for this Experiment

Need to look at more than one measure!



Normal-Shifted = $8.877 - 0.06354(R_f) - 4.068(R_{cs,h1}) + 6.04(R_{cs,h1}^2)$
Saturation vs. Gamut



Saturation



Saturation vs. Red Chroma Shift



Preference vs. Fidelity



Preference vs. Fidelity



Rated Most Preferred



(These aren't necessarily the most preferred sources possible, just the most preferred sources from this experiment).

Preference vs. Fidelity/Gamut



Gamut Shape/Red Rendering



Same Fidelity, Same Gamut, Significantly Different Rating.

Preference for Increased Red Saturation...with limits.



Preference Correlated with Red Saturation



Preference Model for this Experiment



Best Model for Preference: Like-Dislike = $7.396 - 0.0408(R_f) + 103.4(R_{cs,h16}^3) - 9.949(R_{cs,h16})$

Summary

Context =



Normalness = Fidelity + Red Fidelity/Saturation $R_{f} > 80$ $R_{f,h1} > 80$ $0\% < R_{cs,h1} < 8\%$ Saturation = Red Saturation Maximize $R_{cs,h16}$, $R_{cs,h1}$ Preference = Fidelity + Red Saturation $R_{f} > 74$ $0\% < R_{cs,h16} < 15\%$ $(R_{g} > 100)$ $0\% < R_{cs,h1} < 15\%$

A Look at Existing Sources



- Phosphor LED
- Color Mixed LED
- Hybrid LED
- Standard Halogen
- Filtered Halogen
- ▲ Triphosphor Fluorescent, 7XX
- ▲ Triphosphor Fluorescent, 8XX
- ▲ Triphosphor Fluorescent, 9XX
- Metal Halide

A Look at Existing Sources



- 212 Commercially-Available Sources in TM-30 Library
- 157 Have *R*_f > 74
- 63 Have $R_{\rm f} > 74$, $R_{\rm q} > 100$
- 24 Have $R_{\rm f} > 74$, $R_{\rm g} > 100$, $R_{\rm cs,h16} > 0\%$
 - Some Fluorescent
 - Some LED
 - Neodymium Incandescent

1. Penalization by CRI



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2. Efficiency Considerations



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Common Commercially Available Sources

(Developed for CRI R_a):



Enhanced Sources

(Developed for CRI R_a and/or Gamut Area)



(Might be perfect for a different application!)

A commercial color-enhancing source designed with TM30:

Rf=78 Rg=110, red-enhancing CCT=3000K Duv~0



Using a different color metric leads to a different product!

Here: no chromaticity bias, no "blue-rich" bias

Efficiency versus Fidelity

300+ TM-30 Library Sources



Efficiency versus Preference

300+ TM-30 Library Sources



Part 5: TM-30 Use and Case Studies

Getting Started With TM-30

- 1. Read up and learn what the new metrics mean and how they are calculated. {Links at end of presentation}
- 2. Download and use the calculator tool.
 - a) Examine sources in the library. How do they match your experience?
 - i. If you liked a source before, new numbers won't change anything.
 - b) Enter your own data.
- 3. Get access to a tunable source. Play with it to understand how changing different color rendering attributes makes things look.

SPECIFIERS	Evaluate Sources Philosophical Changes Help Develop Criteria "Pull"	Provide Data Engineer New Sources Marketing Advantages "Push"	MANUFACTURERS
RESEARCHERS	Help Develop Criteria Continue Improving Science	Implement New Criteria	CODES AND PROGRAMS

Specifiers

- TM-30-15 is an approved method: USE IT!
- Choosing a "better" light source may be more challenging, but also more rewarding.

Specifiers

- 1. What is the context?
 - a) What kind of space?
 - b) What objects are important?
 - c) Illuminance level?
 - d) Culture/expectations of occupants?
 - e) Color temperature?
- 2. Understand your goals.
 - a) Energy efficiency or color rendering?
 - b) Matching other sources?
 - c) Cost?
- 3. Develop a plan.
 - a) Think about the mood/impression/theme, not about the numbers.

"Original" Baseline





a.

Image courtesy of Randy Burkett Lighting Design

"CRI = 80" + Hue Shift





"CRI = 80" - Hue Shift











"CRI = 80" Desaturated





Manufacturers have explored tradeoffs between fidelity and gamut in the past.


Manufacturers

- 1. Understand your goals.
 - a) Energy efficiency or color rendering?
 - b) Color enhancement?
 - c) Matching other sources?
 - d) Cost?
- 2. Respond to customers or develop original research?

Manufacturers

Data Availability.



Research



Research

Other Contexts?

Application/Objects Observers/Culture/Age/Gender Chromaticity Illuminance Level Gamut Shapes

Efficiency and Incentive Programs

1. Keep using CRI?

- Uses an inaccurate metric, higher values not always better
- + No disruption to existing system

2. Replace CRI R_a with R_f , do not specify other limits?

- Higher R_f not always better
- + Relatively easy implementation, but not a direct change Mandatory reporting of R_g? Color Graphics?
 What about R₉?

3. Replace CRI R_a with both R_f and R_g limits (& specifics)?

- May start to regulate quality/preference
- + More thorough specification. Limits for R_g could only preclude extreme sources (e.g., ≤70, ≥130)

4. Include nothing on color rendition?

- Will most likely lead to reduce color quality, given inherent relationships
- + Avoids any decisions

Case Studies



































- IES TM-30-15 offers substantial improvement over CRI, both in terms of technical accuracy and in providing a more complete representation of color rendering.
- TM-30 is available and ready for use. Try it out an provide feedback. With time, industry consensus and standardization can happen.
- TM-30 can be as simple or as complicated as you want it to be; it's more than just two average measures.
- TM-30 provides benefits for manufacturers, specifiers, researchers, and energy efficiency programs.
- TM-30 is a tool, not an answer. You must understand it to be able to use it effectively.
- Color quality is more than just TM-30: keep an eye on other metrics.

Additional Resources

IES Technical Memorandum (TM) 30-15 (Includes Excel Calculators): **IES Method for Evaluating Light Source Color Rendition** <u>http://bit.ly/1IWZxVu</u>

Optics Express journal article that provides overview of the IES method: **Development of the IES method for evaluating the color rendition of light sources** <u>http://bit.ly/1J32ftZ</u>

Application webinar co-sponsored by US Department of Energy and Illuminating Engineering Society: Understanding and Applying TM-30-15: *IES Method for Evaluating Light Source Color Rendition* <u>http://1.usa.gov/1YEkbBZ</u>

Technical webinar co-sponsored by US Department of Energy and Illuminating Engineering Society: **A Technical Discussion of TM-30-15: Why and How it Advances Color Rendition Metrics** <u>http://1.usa.gov/1Mn15LG</u>

LEUKOS journal article supporting TM-30's technical foundations: Smet KAG, David A, Whitehead L. 2015. Why Color Space and Spectral Uniformity Are Essential for Color Rendering Measures. LEUKOS. 12(1,2):39-50. http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/15502724.2015.1091356

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Lighting Research and Technology, Open Letter: Correspondence: In support of the IES method of evaluating light source colour rendition (More than 30 authors) http://dx.doi.org/10.1177/1477153515617392

DOE Fact Sheet on TM-30 http://energy.gov/eere/ssl/downloads/evaluating-color-rendition-using-ies-tm-30-15

DOE TM-30 FAQs Page:

http://energy.gov/eere/ssl/tm-30-frequently-asked-questions

Questions?