

## AVT-371 Research Workshop on

“Materials and technologies for electro-optical camouflage”

# Adaptive camouflage using innovative display technology and algorithms

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# Adaptive camouflage

- Principle

# Adaptive camouflage

- Key problems

# Adaptive camouflage

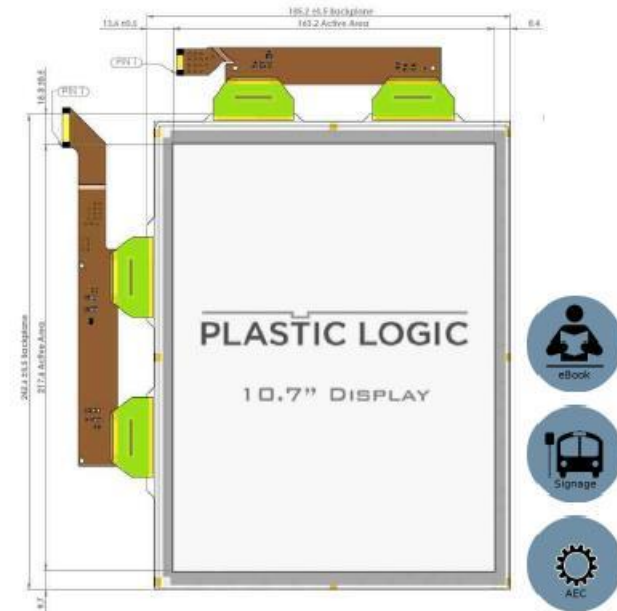
- **Technologies**
- **Algorithms**
- **Demonstration**

# Passive display technologies

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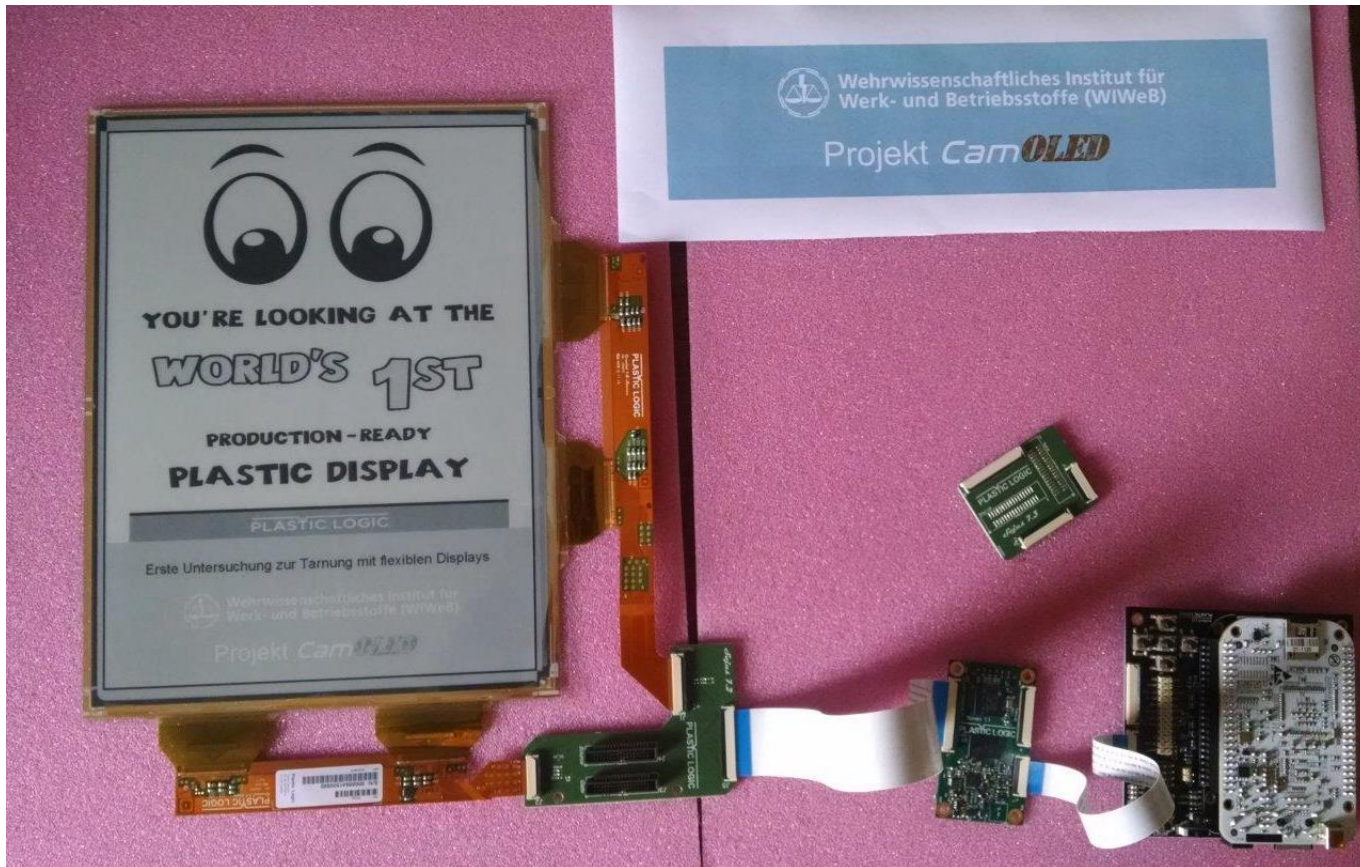


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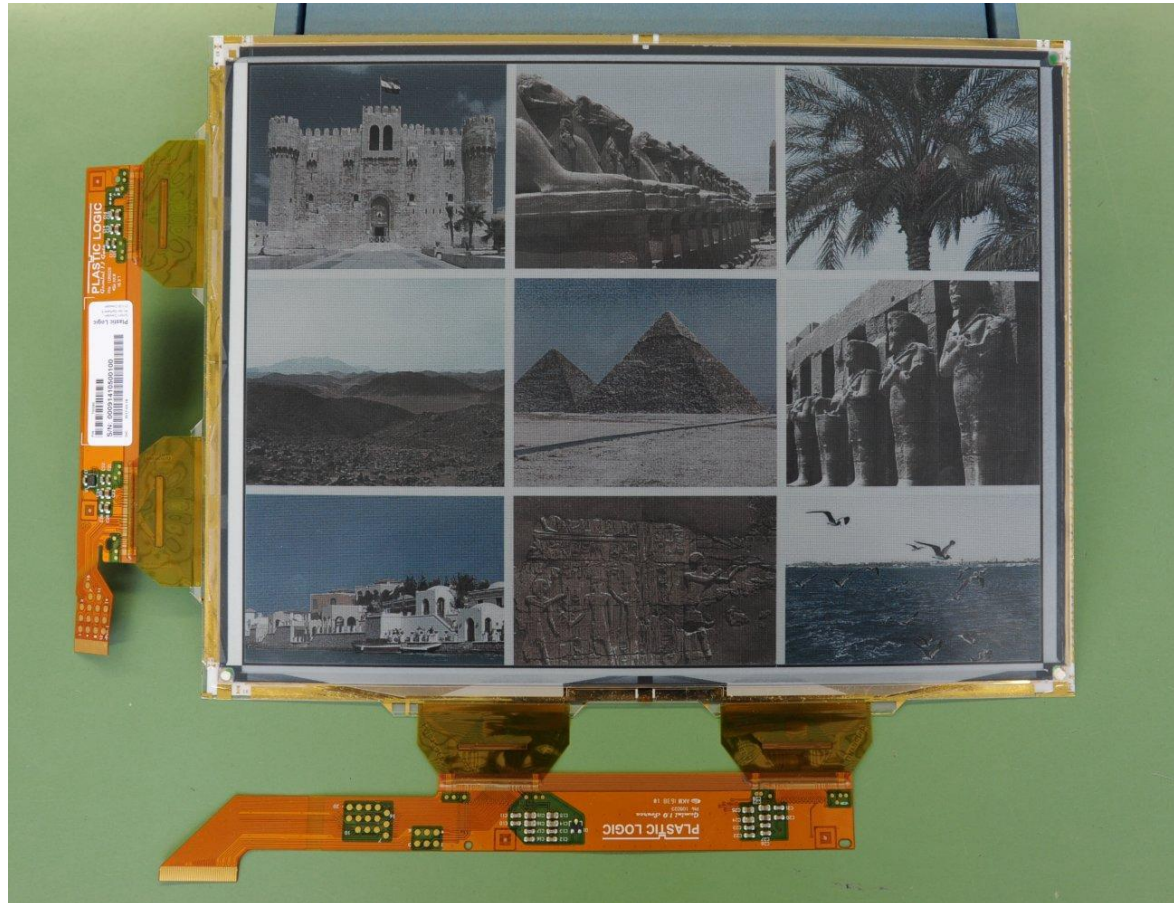
Passive flexible display from company Plastic Logic on plastic base

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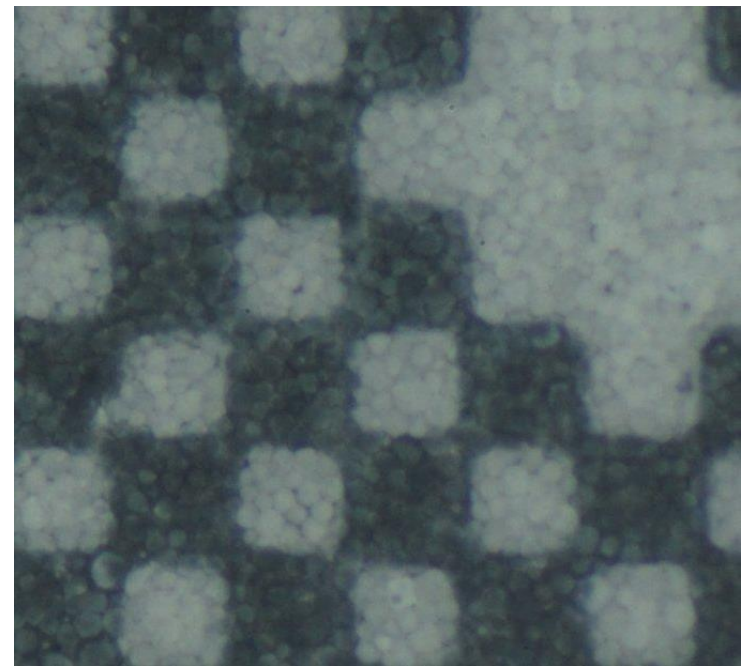
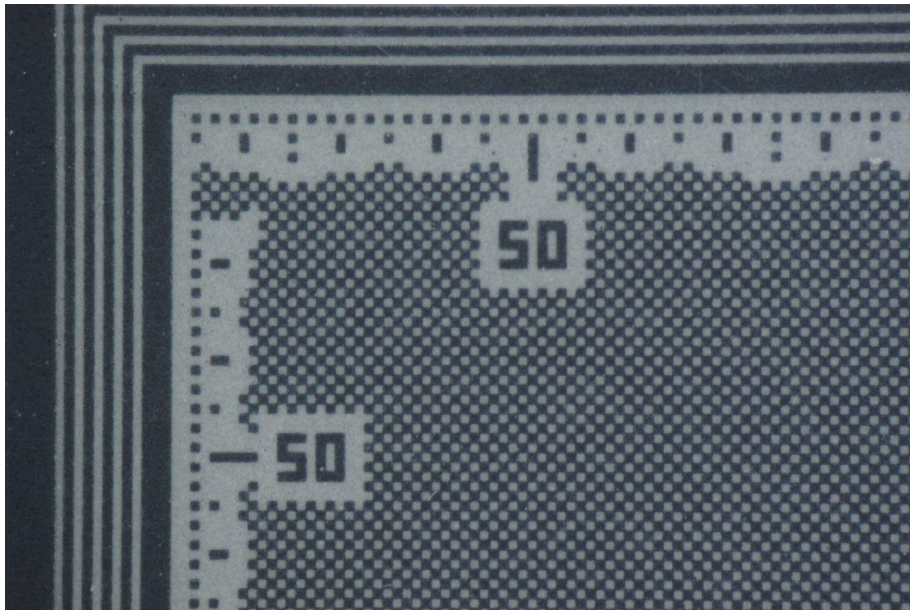
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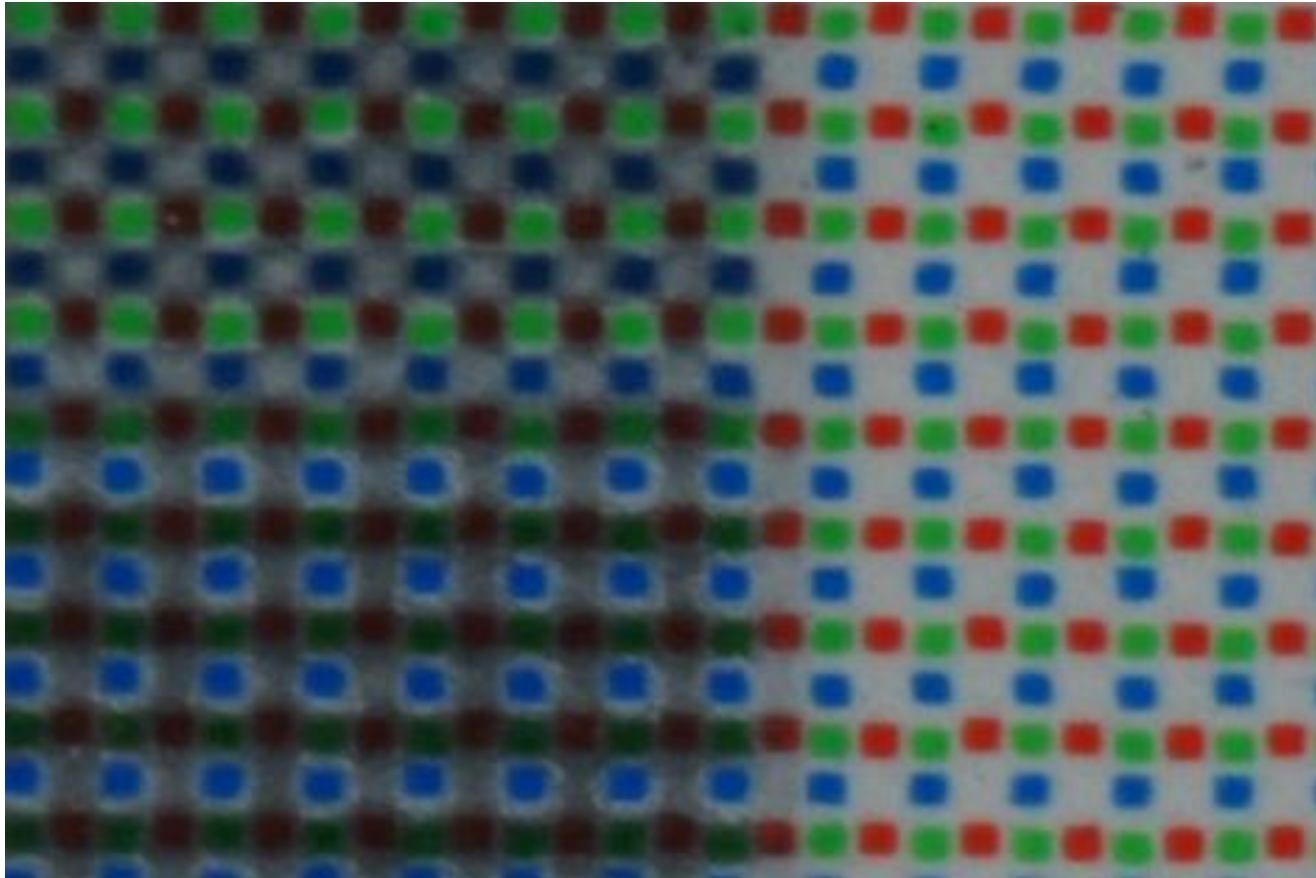


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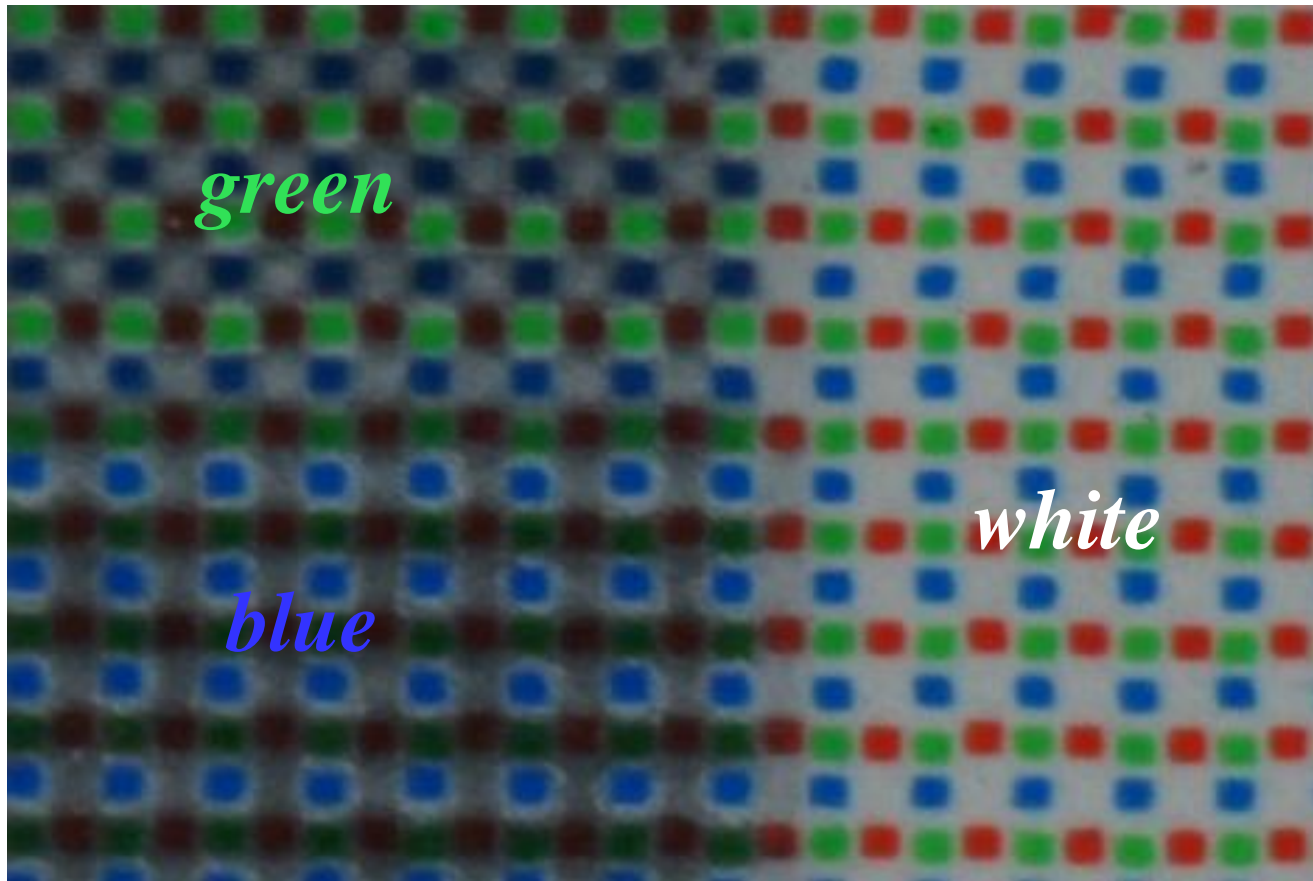
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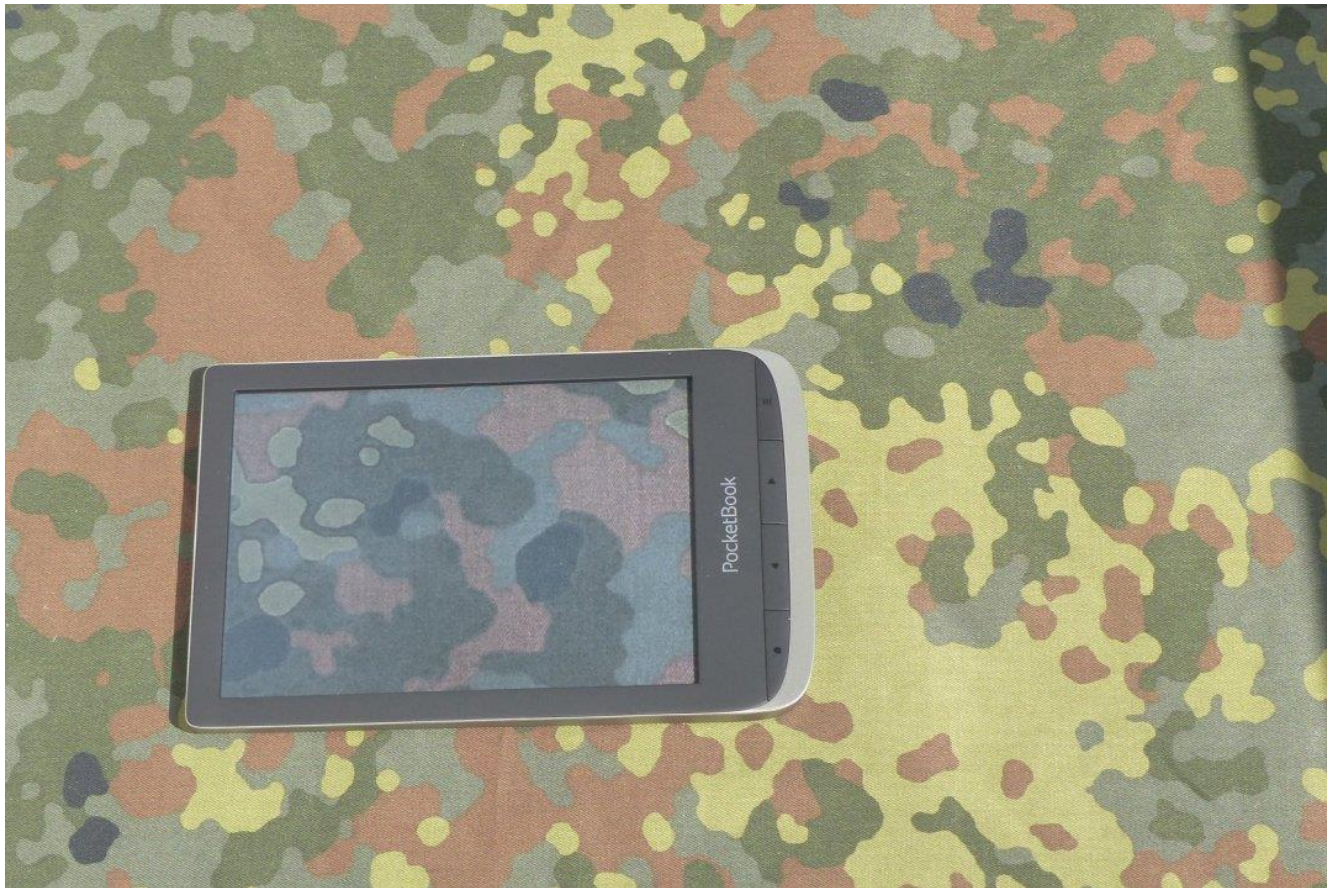
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Passive display: E-Reader in direct sunlight

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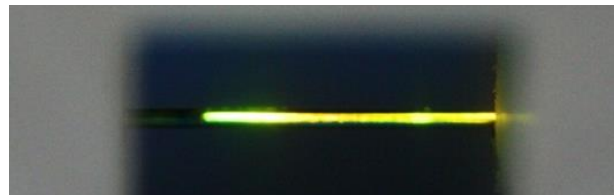
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OLED on glass carrier within signal jacket  
[Janietz 2016]



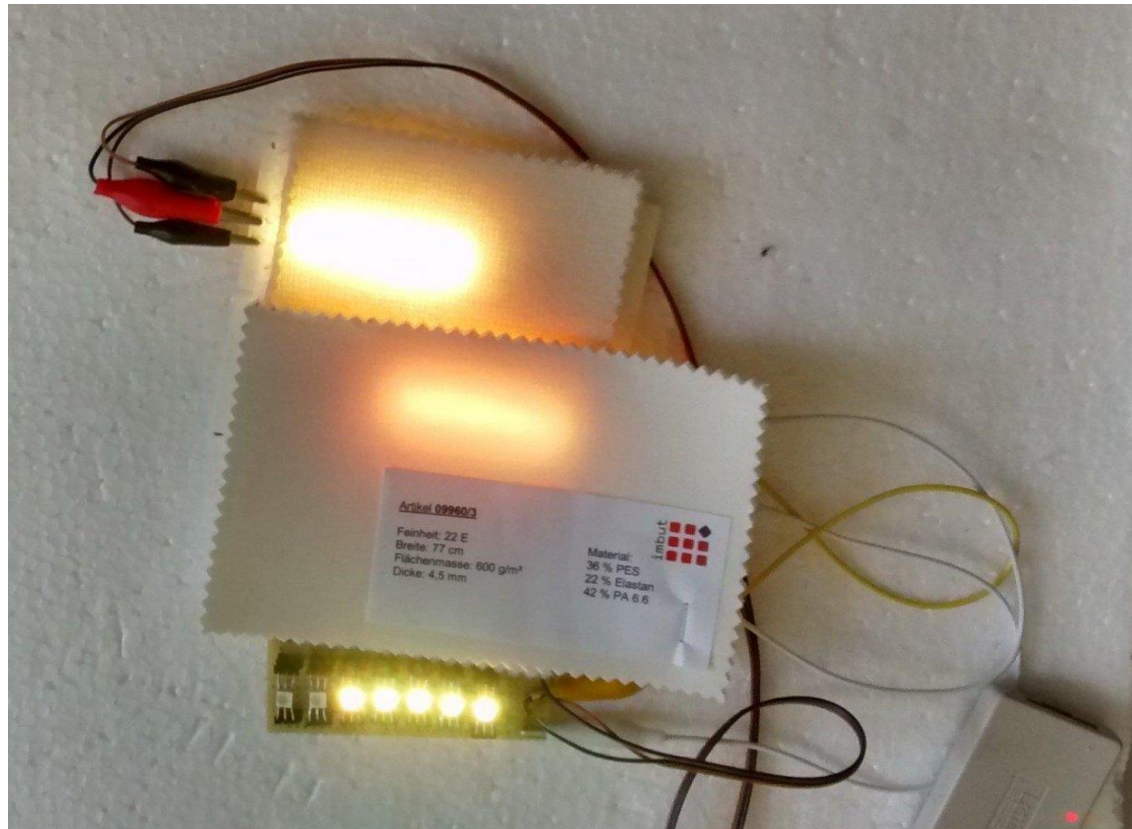
Flexible OLED-strip woven into  
Elitex yarn [Janietz 2016]



First OLED application on glass fibre substrate,  
luminescent area approx. 5 mm<sup>2</sup> [Janietz 2016]

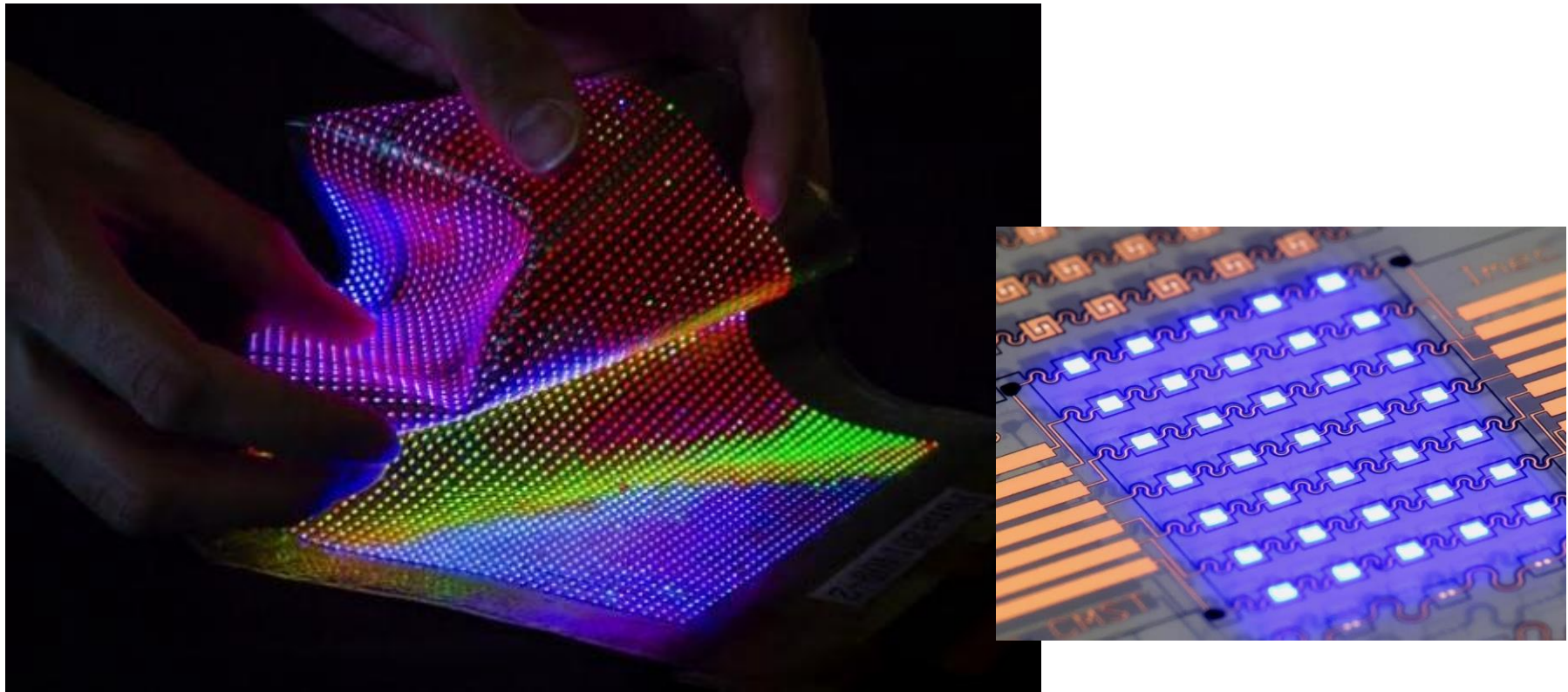
OLED technology developed by Fraunhofer IAP

# Active display technologies



LED-Study with diffusor fabric, TITV Greiz

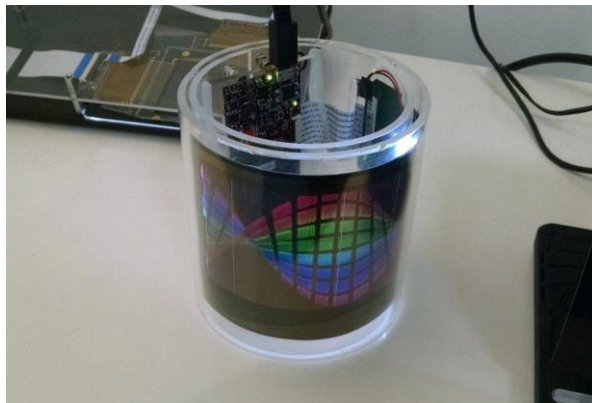
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LEDs on polyamide-carrier (Nylon)  
Spacing of LEDs 1 mm, © Holst Center [Happich 2015]



# Active display technologies



OLCD company FlexEnable Cambridge 4,7" / 12,1"

# Active display technologies



OLED display, company LG 55" / 65"

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Flexible OLED display, company Royole, 140 x 190 mm<sup>2</sup>

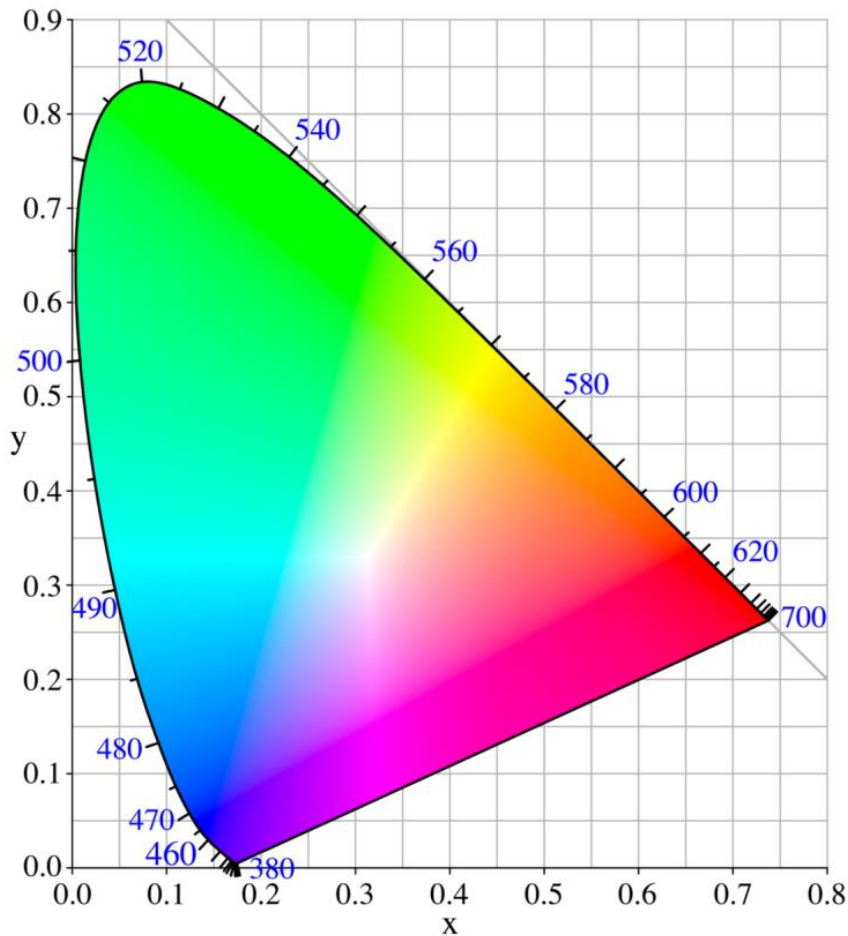
# Algorithms

# Algorithms: Colour / Brightness

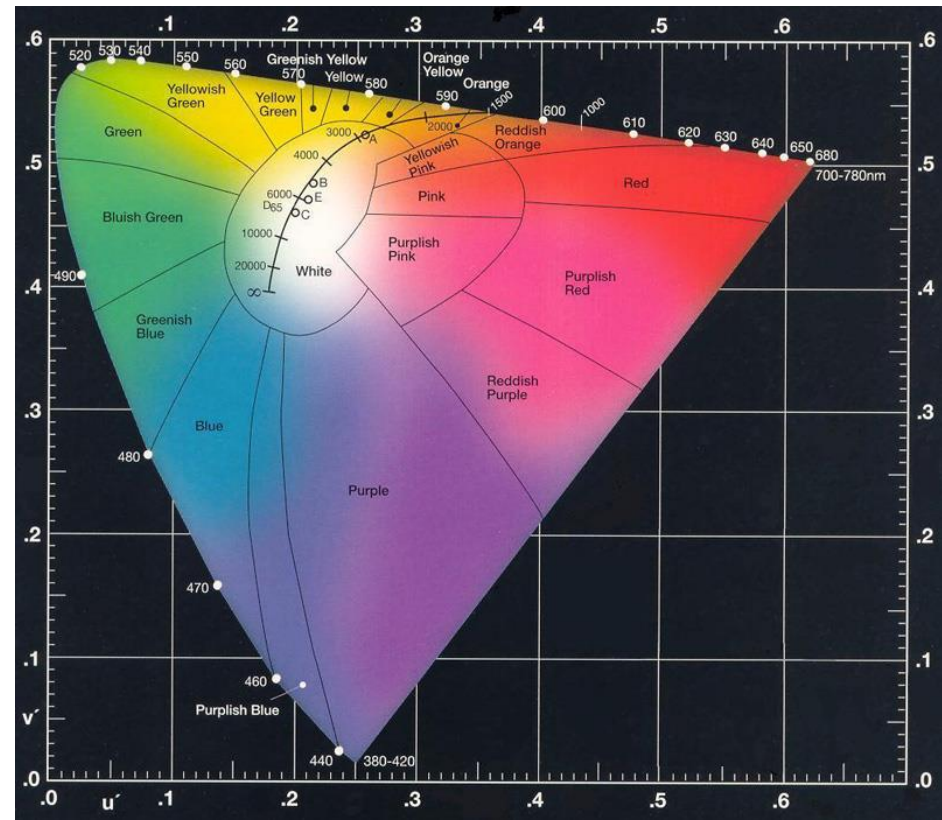


Colour matching by colour reference chart

# Algorithms: Colour / Brightness



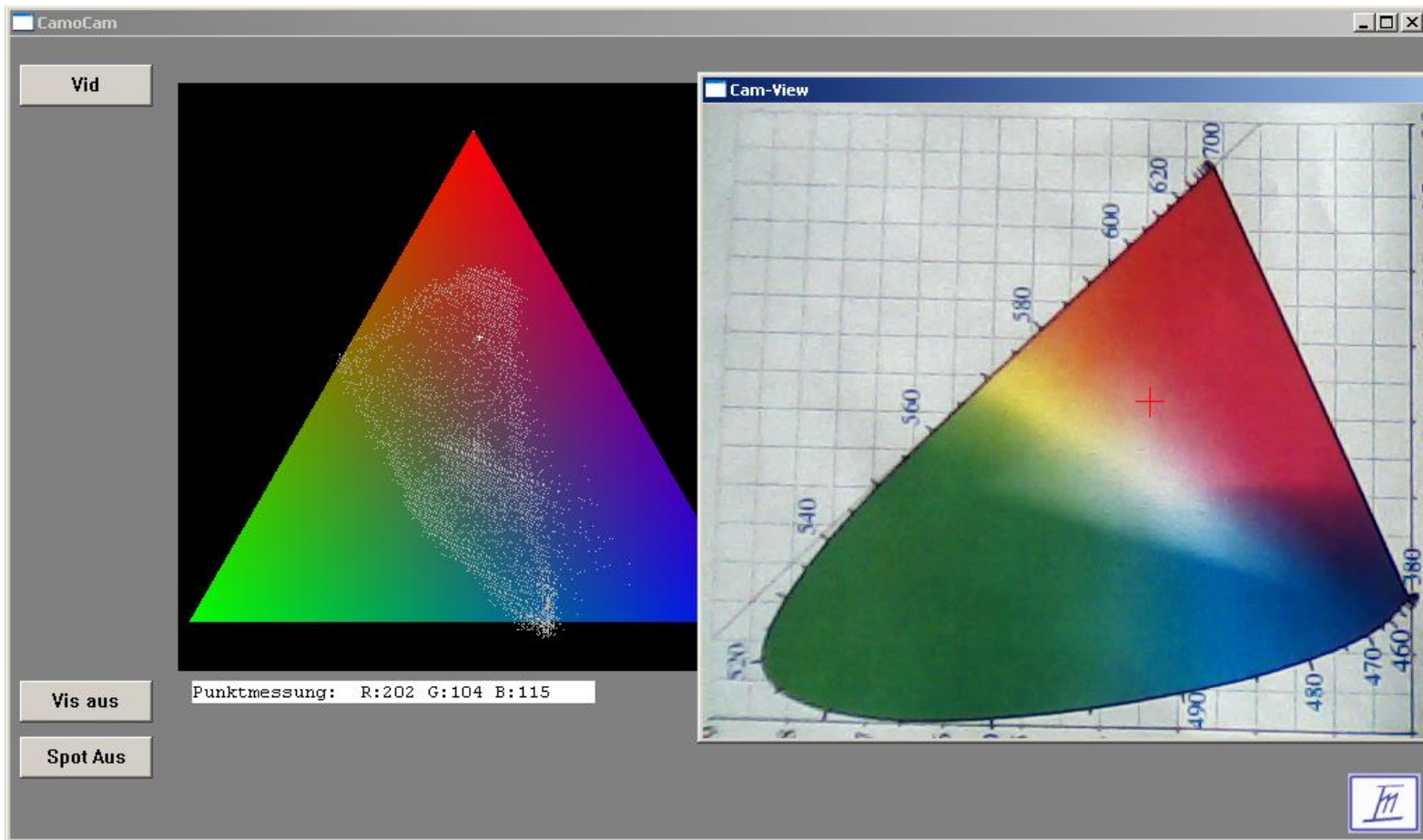
CIE 1931 colour space chromaticity diagram



CIE-LUV colour space from 1976

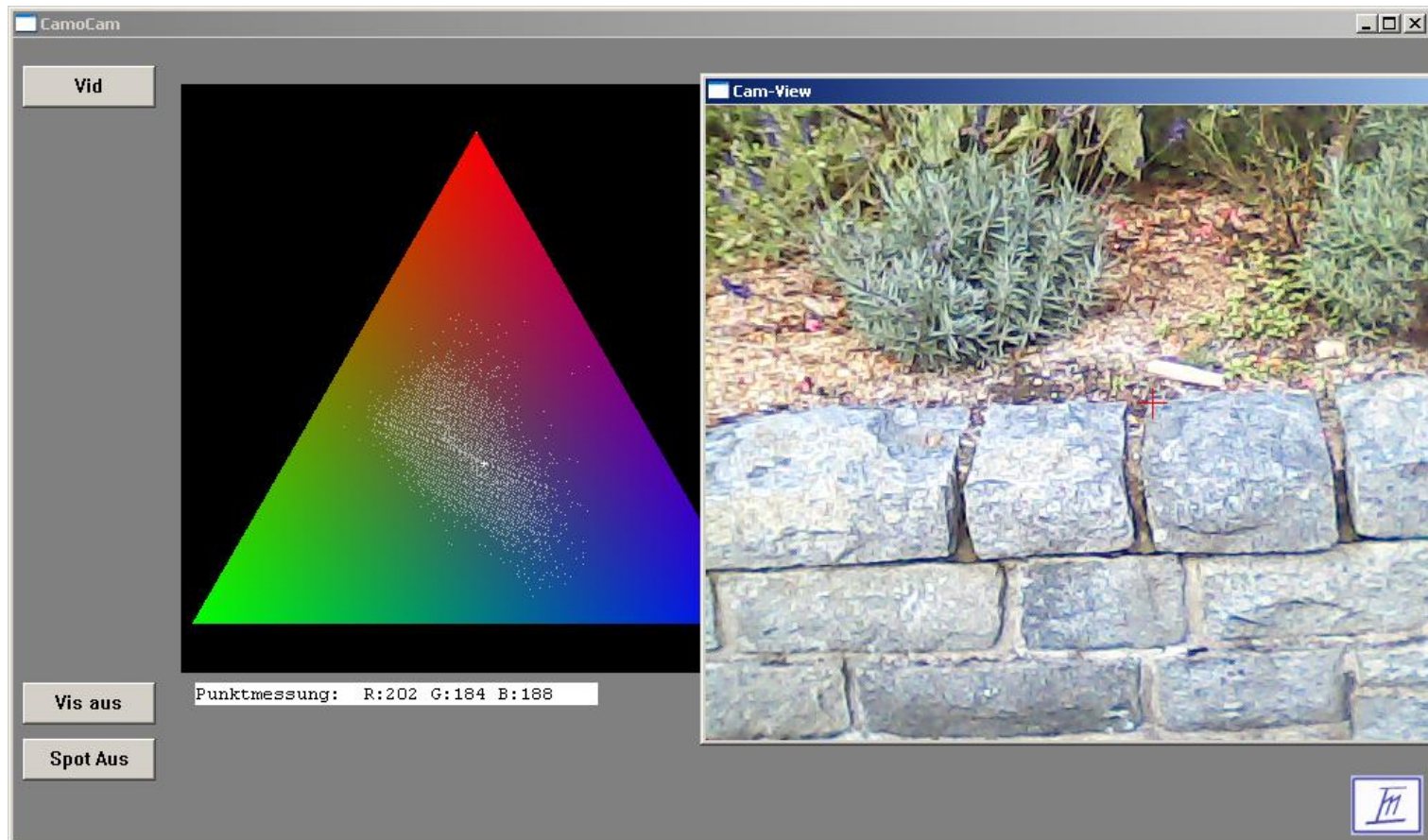


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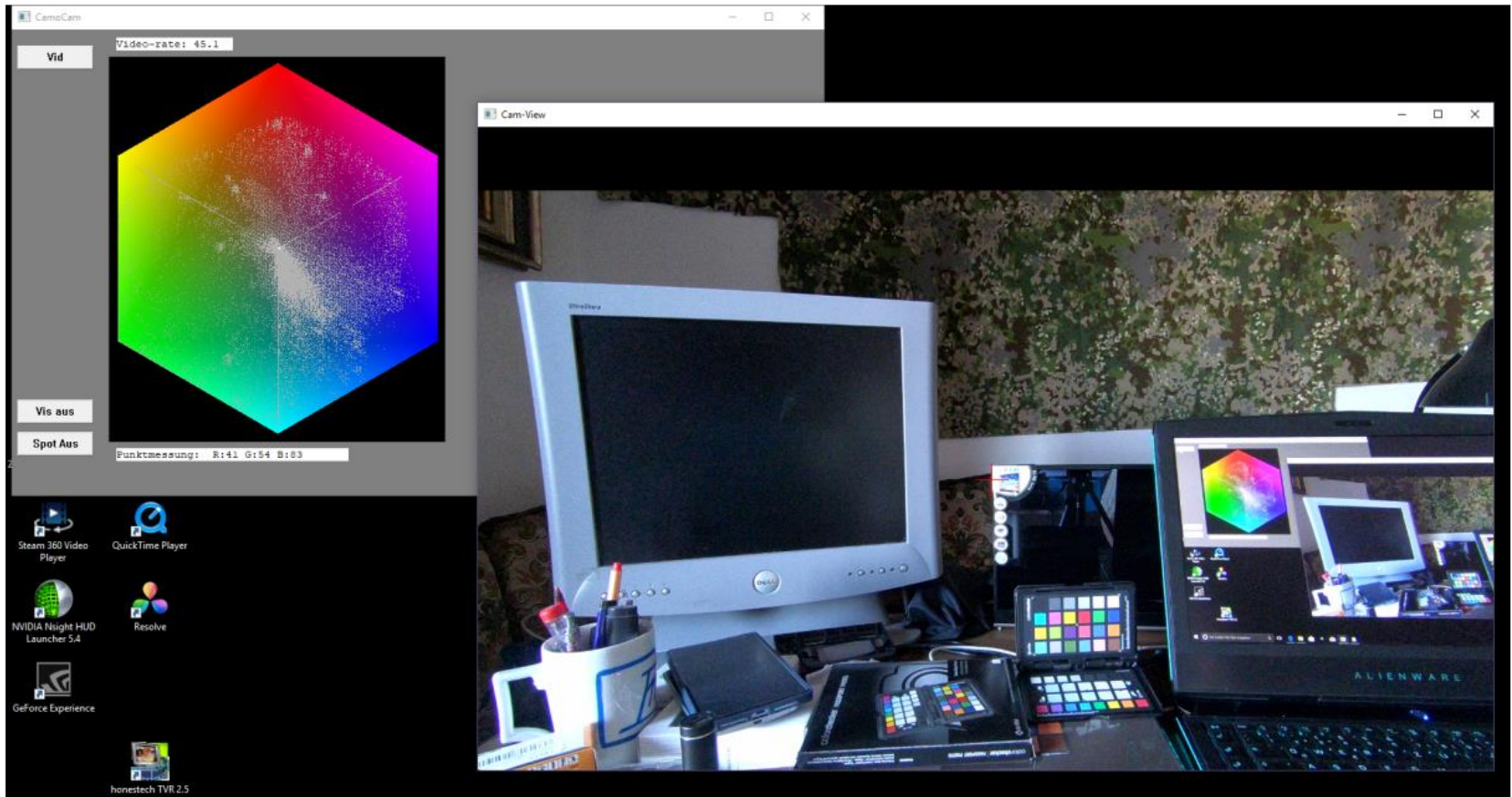
Colorimetry with digital camera

# Algorithms: Colour / Brightness



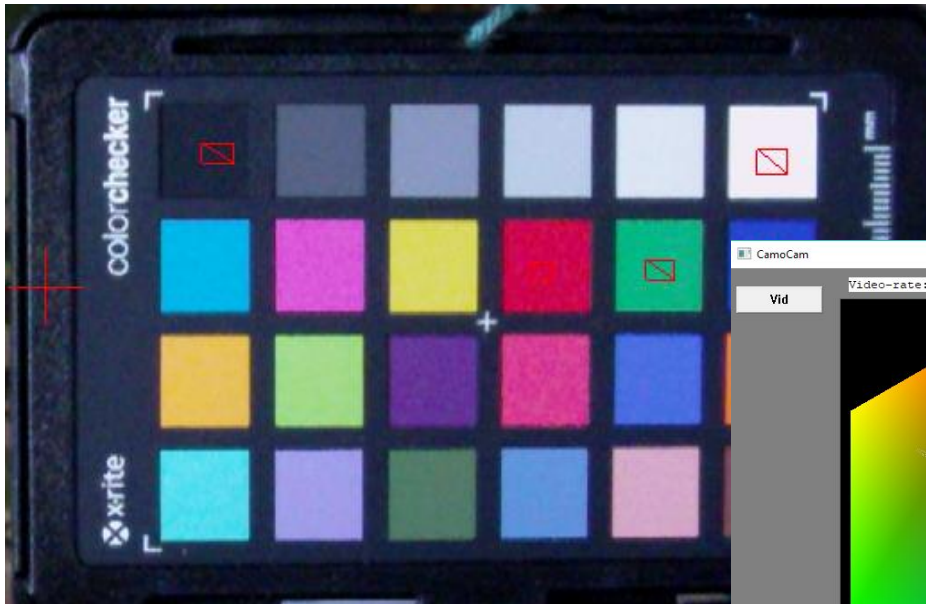
Colorimetry with digital camera, granite with vegetation

# Algorithms: Colour / Brightness



Colorimetry with digital camera, rgb colour space, colour reference chart

# Algorithms: Colour / Brightness



CamoCam

Video-rate: 29.3 x1=923, y1=356, x2=910, y2=346

Ref. Feld R: 204:004:076  
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Ref. Feld G: 003:174:125  
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Ref. Feld S: 026:033:052  
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Feldfarben gespeichert    Schwarz-Weiß-Abgleich    Schwarz-Farb-Abgleich

Adaptiv Korrektur    Adaptiv Farb Korrektur    Mark. aus    Reset

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Vis aus  
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Speichern    Laden

AVR y ref: 0.0 AVR y cor: 0.0 Differenz: 0.0  
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Colour matching by colour reference chart

# Algorithms: Colour / Brightness



Colour matching by colour reference chart



Colour reference chart in 0th, 1st and 2nd order after colour matching

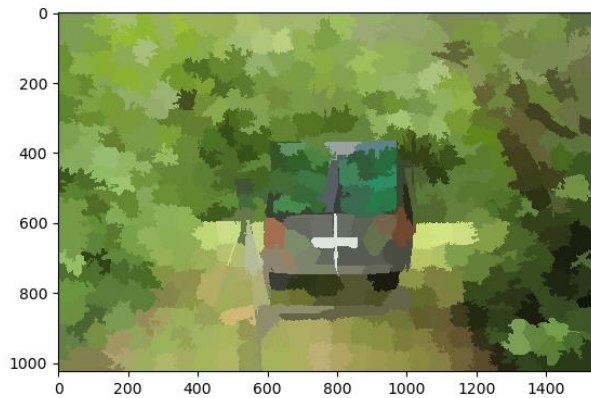
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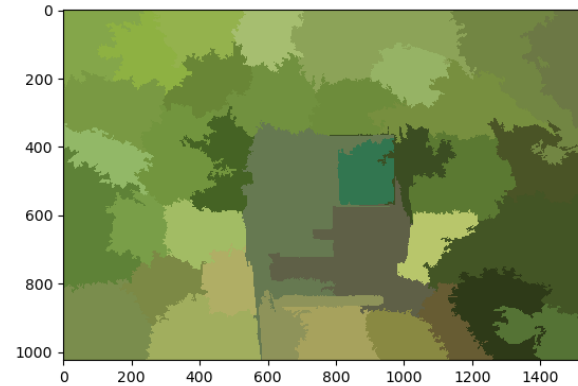
Colour matching without colour reference chart

# Algorithms: Adaptive camouflage patterns

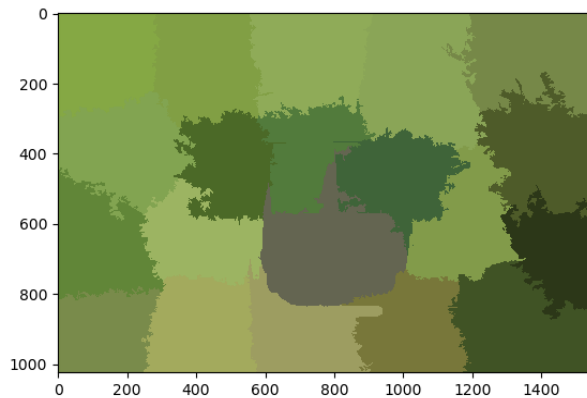
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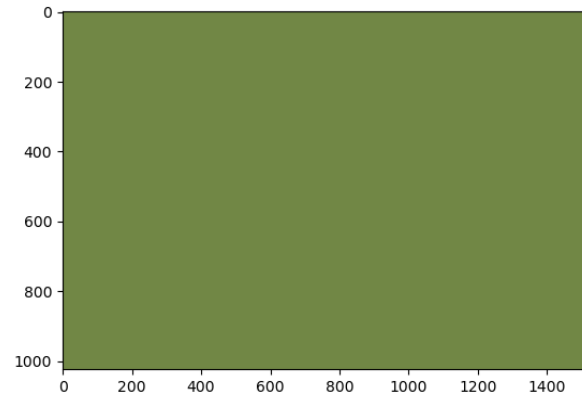
S=500



S=50



S=20

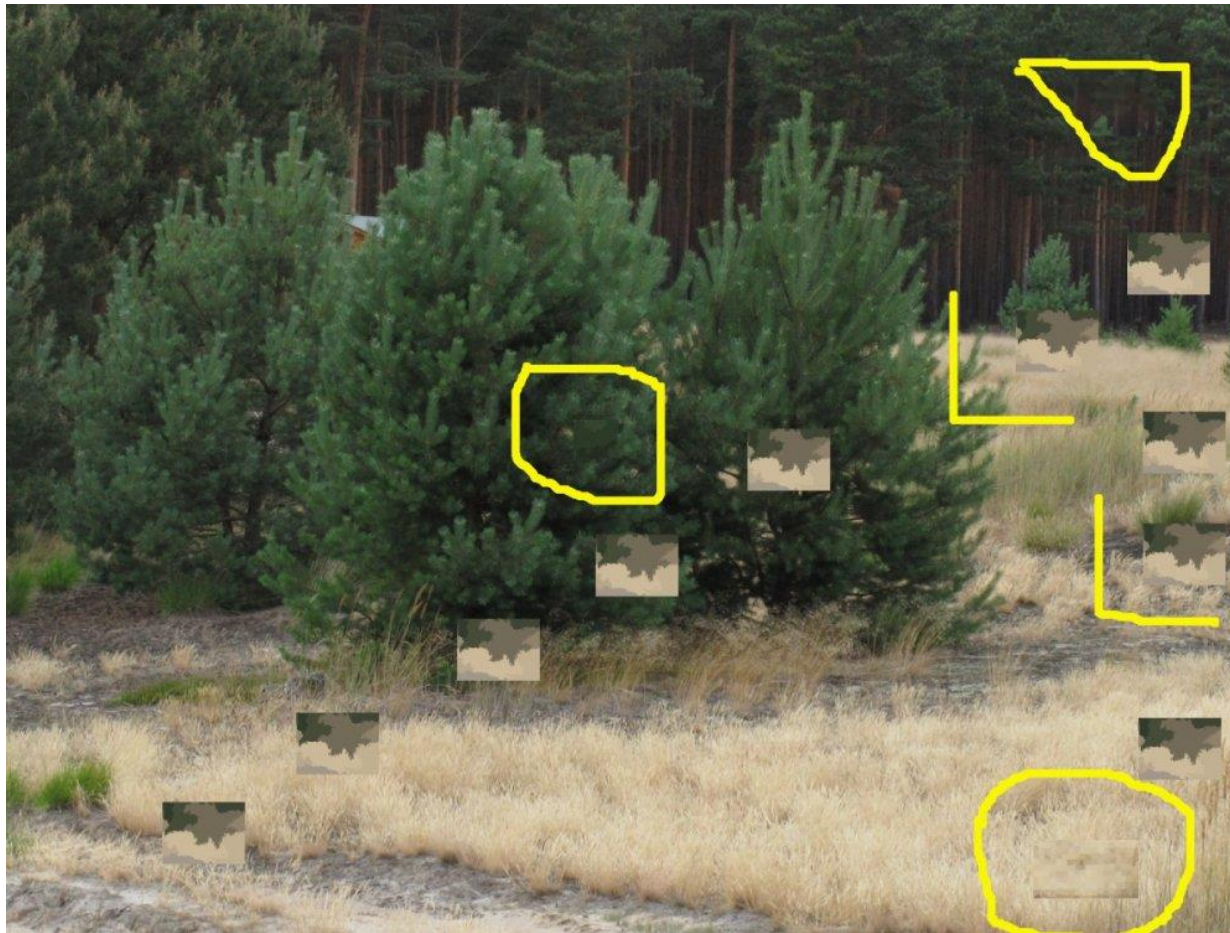


S=5

SLIC Algorithm



# Algorithms: Adaptive camouflage patterns



Scenario Storkow 01

# Algorithms: Adaptive camouflage patterns



Scenario Storkow 04

# Algorithms: Adaptive camouflage patterns



Scenario Pangsy 12

# Investigation under daylight conditions

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OLED Display, Company LG 55", 500 cd/m<sup>2</sup>

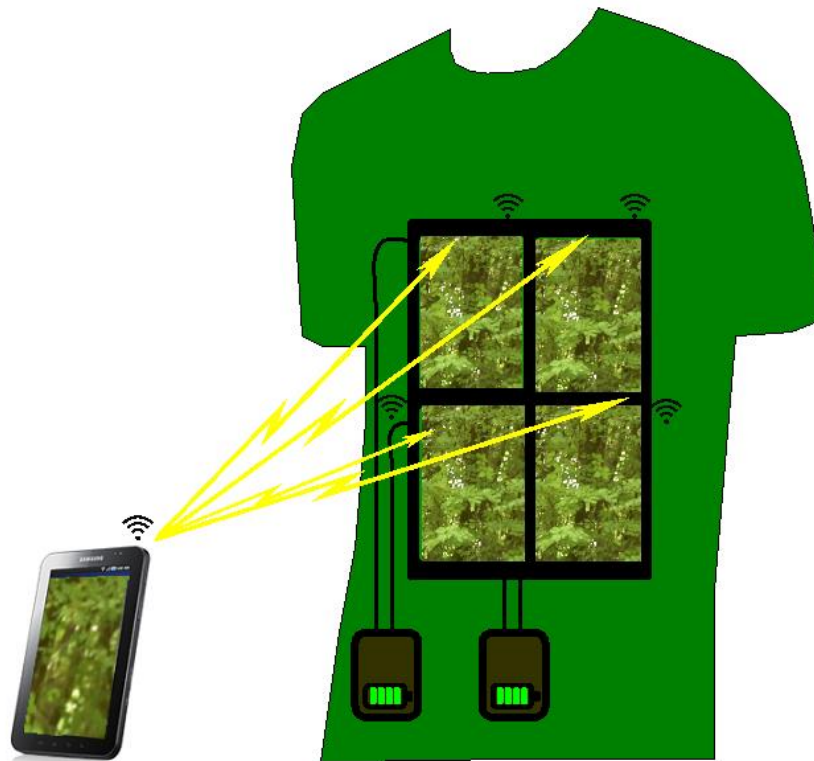
# Investigation Under daylight conditions



OLED Display LG 65", Configuration for colour matching

# Demonstrator with flexible OLED displays

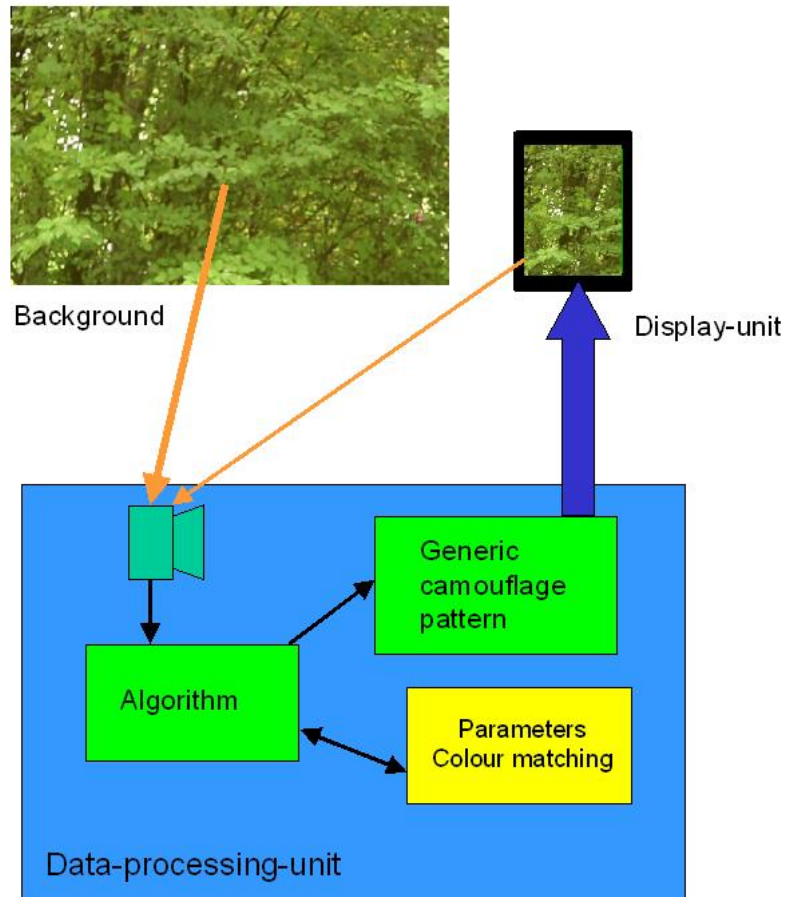
# Demonstrator with flexible OLED displays



Conceptual design of the demonstrator for active optical camouflage



# Demonstrator with flexible OLED displays



Dataflow for active optical camouflage

# Demonstrator with flexible OLED displays



Test: 4-display-configuration with natural background

# Demonstrator with flexible OLED displays



Prototype OLED-Shirt with 6 displays

# Demonstrator: Operation



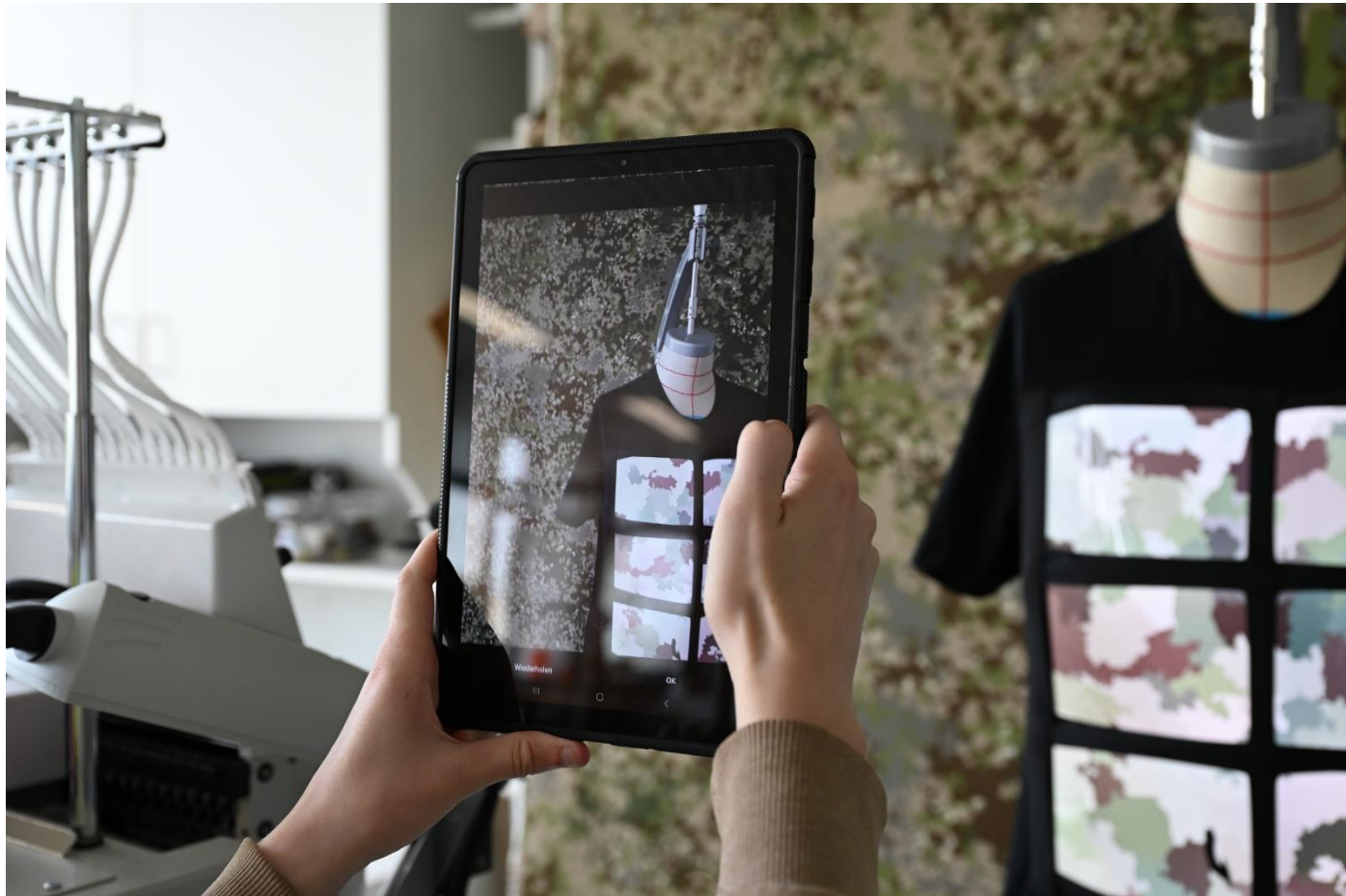
Capture of background

# Demonstrator: Operation



Processing / Pattern generation

# Demonstrator: Operation



Transmission to display-array

# Demonstrator: Operation



Vegetation / woodlandbackground

## Demonstrator: Operation



Urban background



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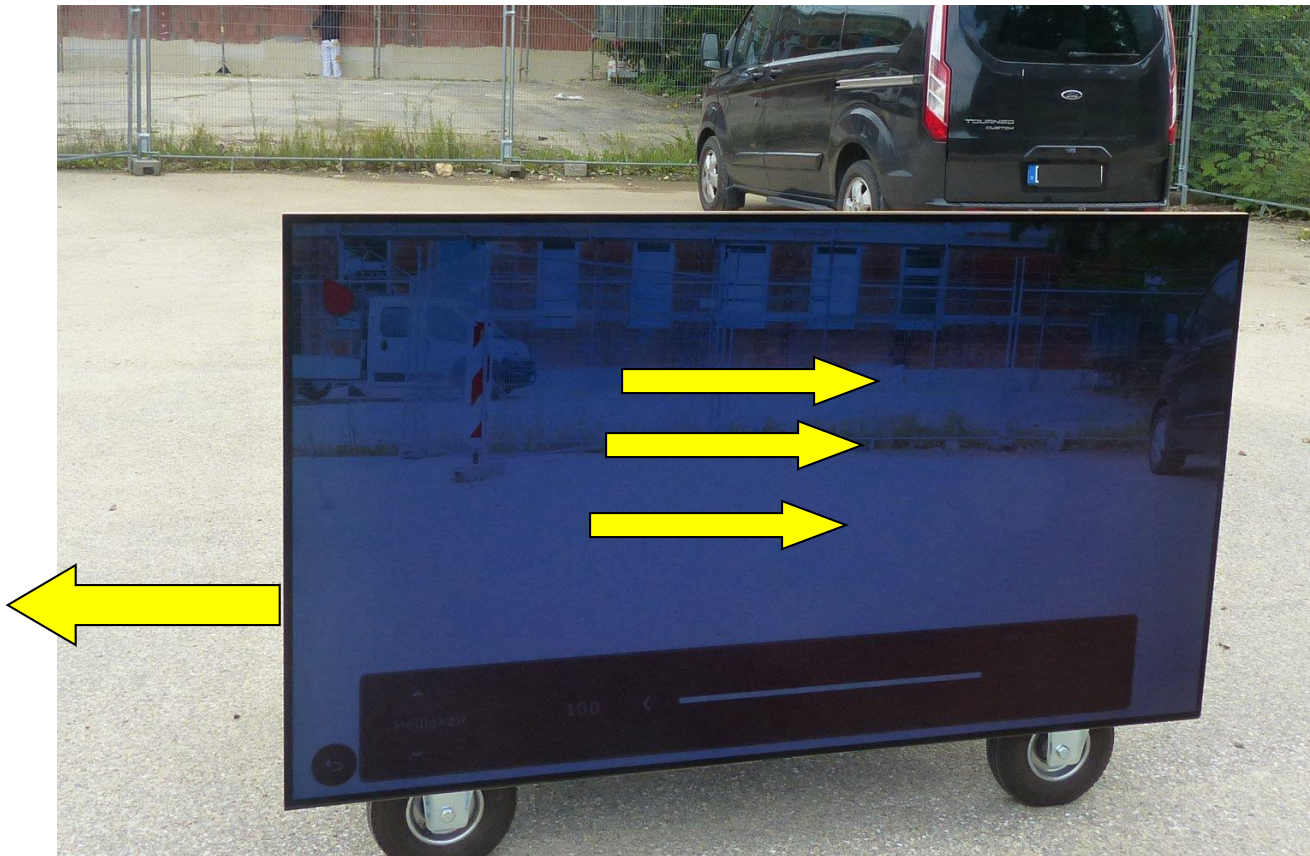
Test setup

# Elimination of movement



Test setup

# Elimination of movement: Principle



Test setup

# Elimination of movement: Principle



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# Elimination of movement: Principle





# Elimination of movement: Video



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