

Dental microscope light improves visibility during light-curing composite application

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Objectives:

Operating microscopes use bright light sources with a wide visible spectrum decreasing working time of light-curing restorative materials. Orange filters prevent unintended polymerization with less visibility of tooth structures and restorations. Therefore, it was the aim of the study (i) to assess the prolongation of working time of light-curing composites by different experimental LED light-sources and (ii) to improve operating visibility with white light compared with traditional orange light.

Material and Methods:

Three experimental light modes (5500 K, Orange, Experimental), used by a experimental Zeiss OPMI microscope, were calibrated to similar intensity of 15 klx. Four composite materials with different photoinitiators were tested (Charisma/shade A2, Venus Diamond/A2: Heraeus, Hanau, Germany; GrandioSo/A2: Voco, Cuxhaven, Germany; Tetric EvoCeram Bulk Fill/IV B: Ivoclar Vivadent, Liechtenstein).

Polymerisation over time was assessed second by second with a vertically oscillating rheometer for each composite, each cycle was repeated 7 times (n=7) and statistically analyzed using t-test. Photometrical analysis was provided for color temperature and Color-Rendering-Index. 3D-color differentiation (Vita 3D-Master, Bad Säckingen, Germany) was performed by two observers. The microscopic differentiation was tested by two observers in 7 teeth with carious lesions, 7 teeth with periodontitis, 7 teeth with visible root transparency (old teeth) and 7 healthy teeth without visible root transparency (young healthy teeth).

Results:

Experimental light mode extended the working time significantly (p<0.001). The means of working time varied between tested composite materials: 5500 K= 72-148 s; Experimental= 168-323 s; Orange= 939-1690 s, depending on different composite formulations.

Effect on color differentiation was excellent for Experimental and 5500 K mode. With Orange mode color differentiation was inadequate. Photometric analysis: CRI values were 88 in 5500 K mode, 79 in Experimental mode and 65 in Orange mode. The Color temperature was 5555 K in 5500 K mode, 3740 K in Experimental mode and 2242 K in Orange mode.

Conclusions:

In contrast to the Orange mode the Experimental mode inhibits the premature polymerization of light curing composite restorative dental materials with contemporary photoinitiators. The resulting clinical application time of restorations allows, in contrast to the standard 5500 K light settings, complex restoration techniques including incremental application, individual color matching and forming of age-dependent smooth and masticatory tooth surfaces at incisors, canines, premolars and molars. In contrast to Orange mode the Experimental mode fulfills the most important clinical requirements of optimal color differentiation of dental hard tissues in health and disease.

Therefore, the optimally adapted LED light source contributes to the precise discrimination of residual caries, dentin infractions and morphological irregularities.

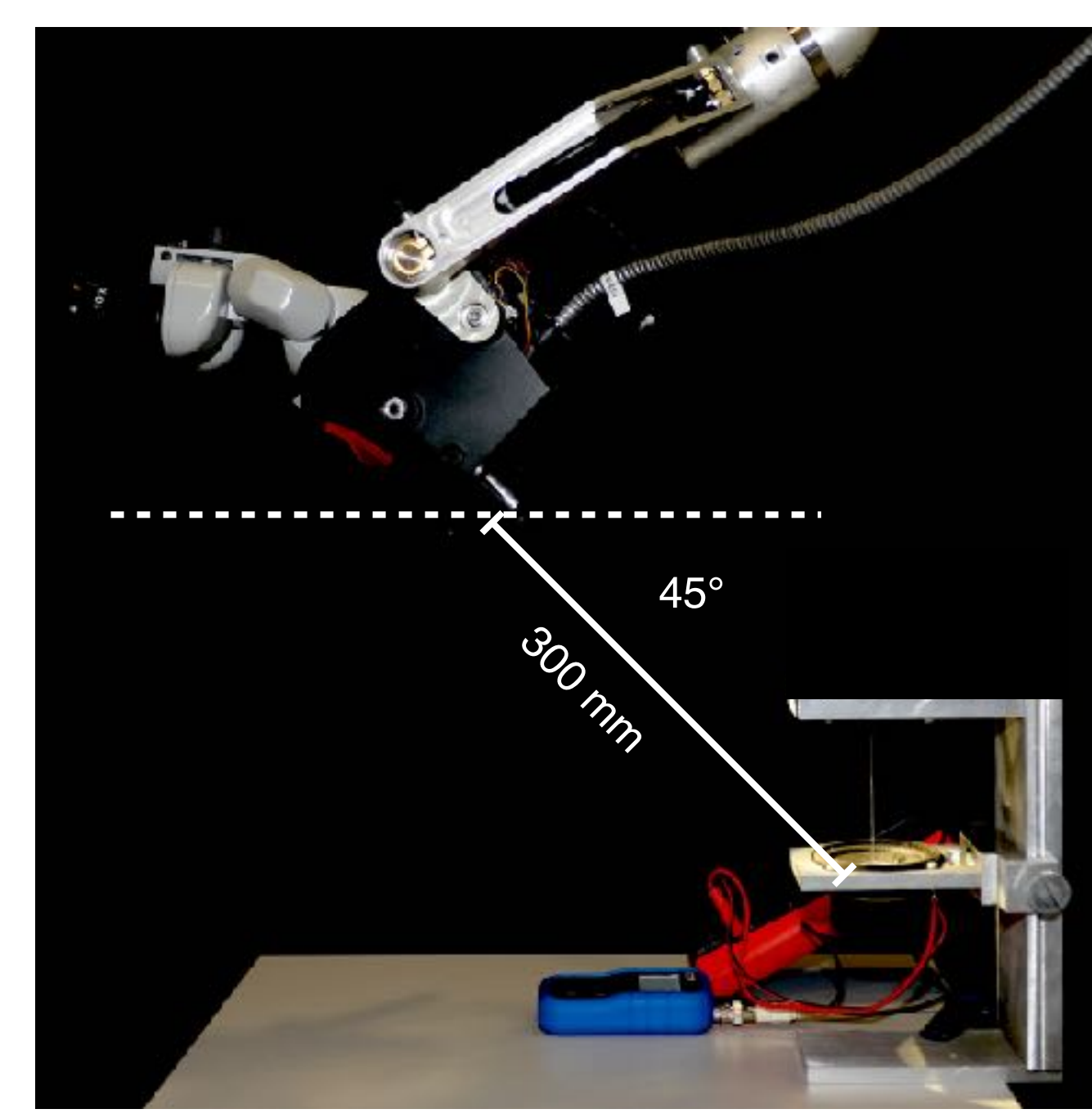


Fig. 0: Laboratory set up with Zeiss microscope prototype angulated to the oscillating rheometer.



Fig. 1: ZEISS EXTARO 300 featuring a LED light source optimally adapted for dental applications.

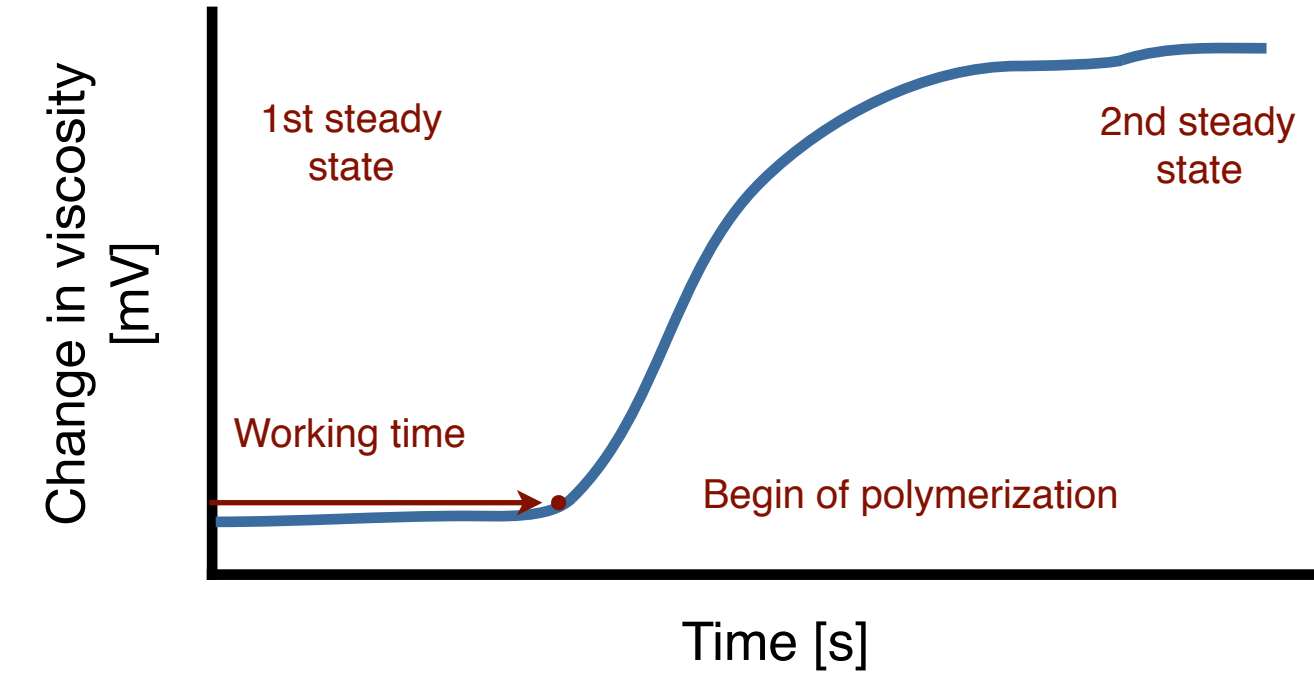


Fig. 2: Viscosity change over time and definition of working time.

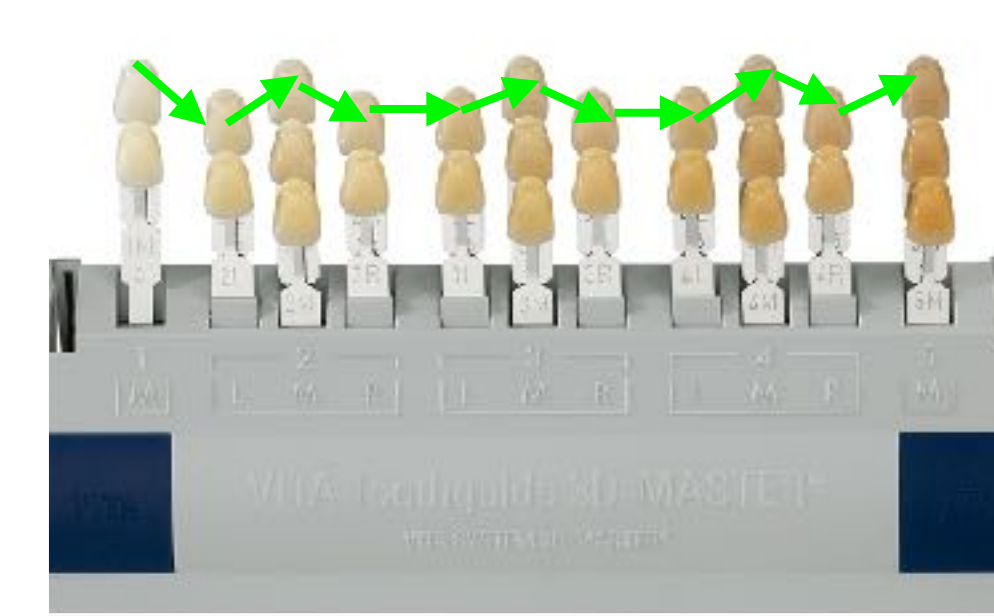


Fig. 3: Vita 3D Master shade guide; green arrow: horizontal color comparison. 1- 5: Tooth color groups; L, M, R: Tooth color subgroups.

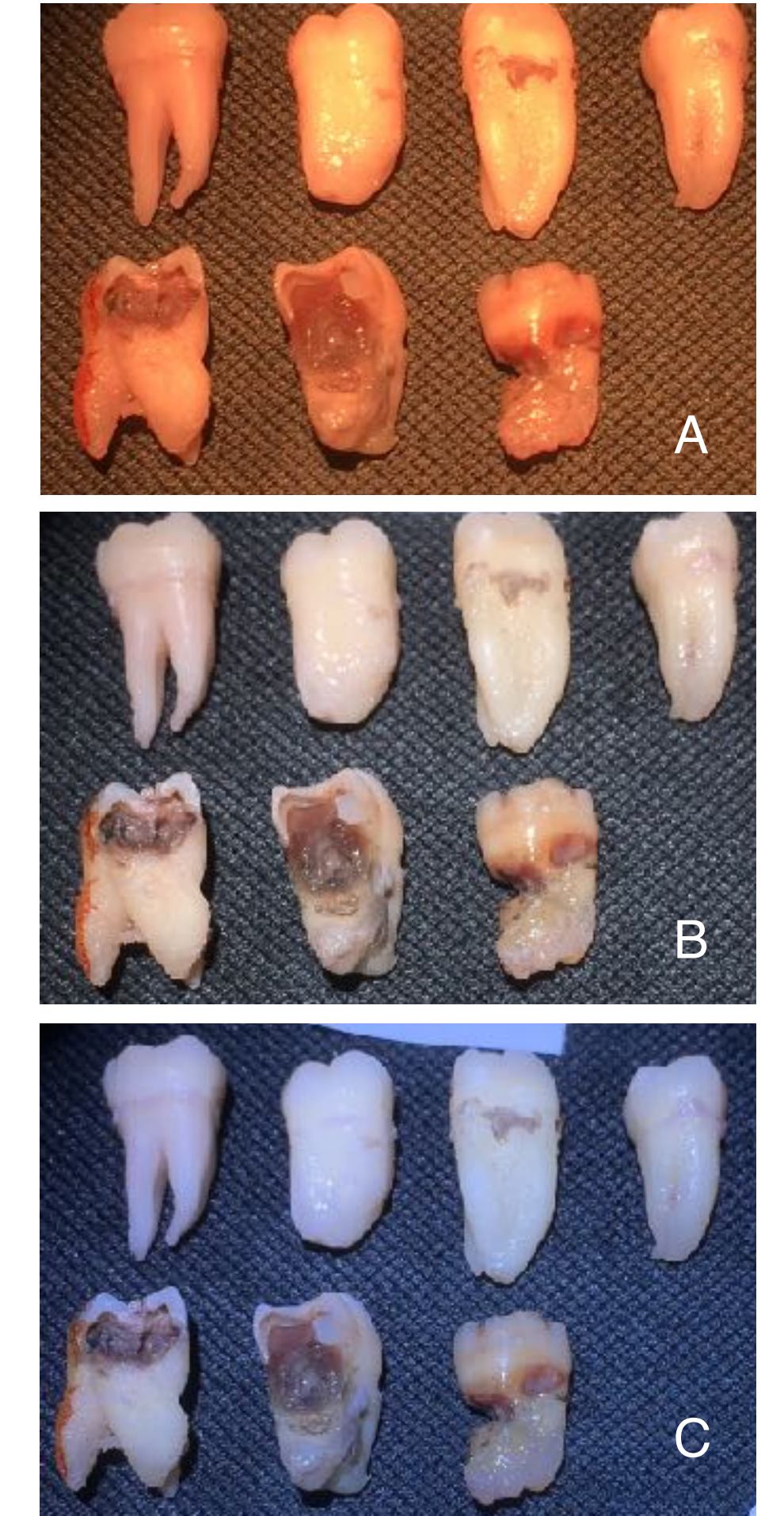


Fig. 4: Example for tested carious teeth: A: Orange mode; B: Experimental mode; C: 5500K mode.

Name	Charisma	GrandioSo	Tetric EvoCeram Bulk Fill	Venus Diamond
Type	Ultra-fine particle hybrid	Nanohybrid	Nanohybrid	Nanohybrid
Colour	A2	A2	IVB	A2
Organic Matrix	BisGMA TEGDMA	BisGMA BisEMA	BisGMA BisEMA	TCO-di-HEA UDMA
Filler Content	61 Vol.-%	73 Vol.-%	61 Vol.-%	64 Vol.-%
Photoinitiator-System	CQ/Amin Irgacure 819	CQ/Amin	CQ/Amin Lucirin TPO	CQ/Amin Lucirin TPO

Fig. 5: Differences in the composition of the tested composite materials.

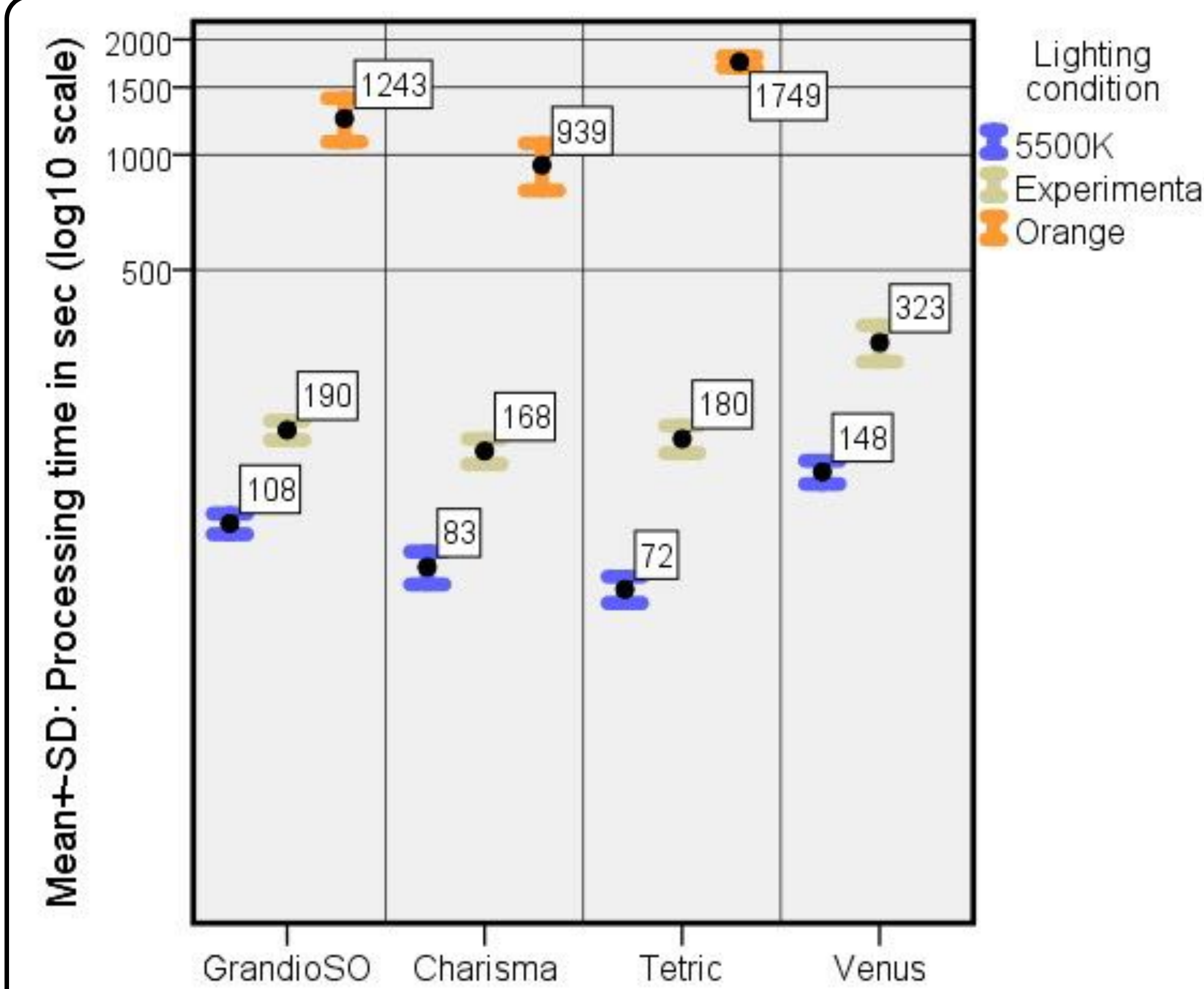


Fig. 6: Error bars of processing time for lighting conditions and different Composite materials.

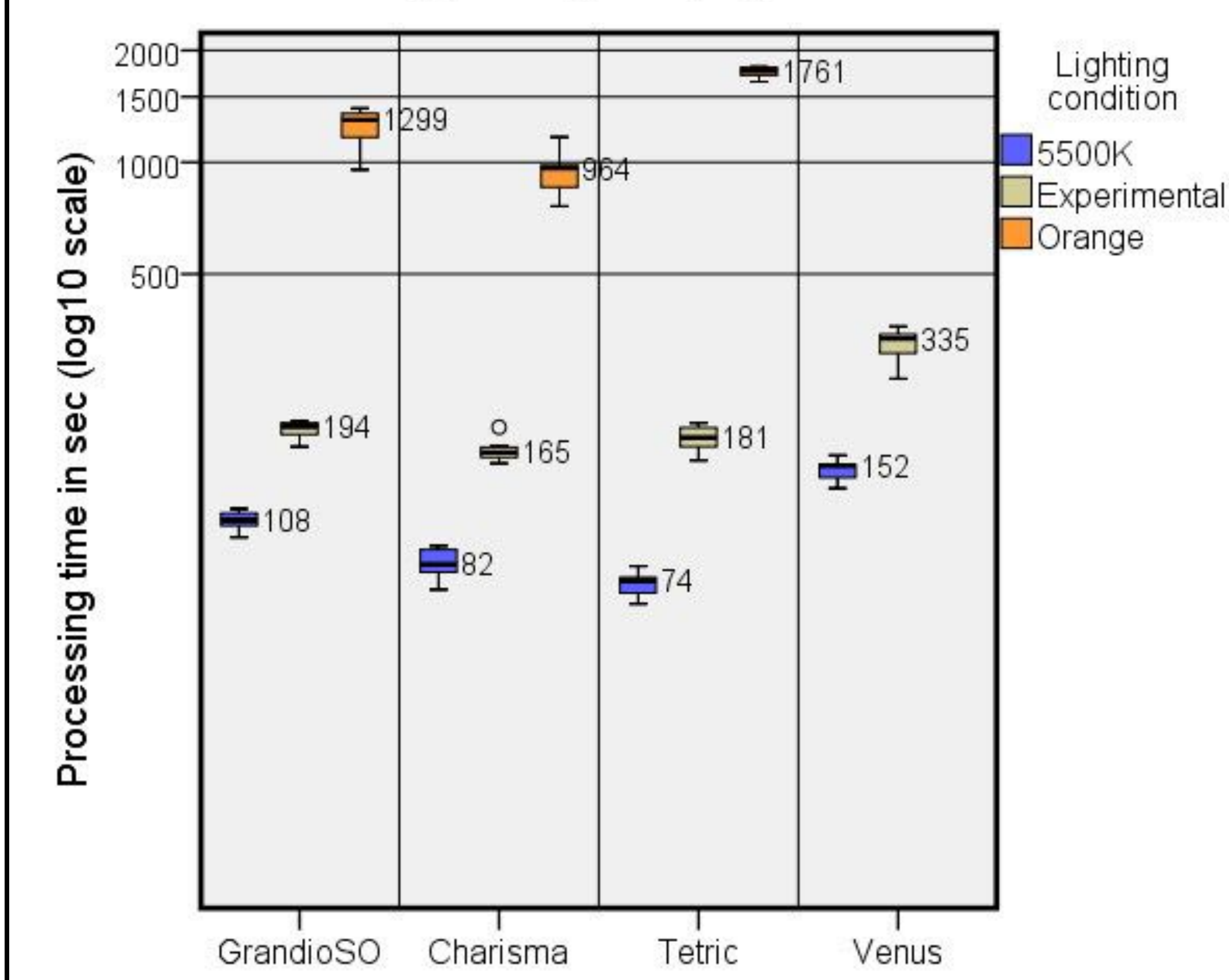


Fig. 7: Box Plots of processing time for lighting conditions and different composite materials.

Factor	Group contrast	t-Test			
		t	df	p	Difference of means
Lighting condition	5500K vs. Experimental	-8,117***	37,817	0,000	-112,43
	5500K vs. Orange	-15,581***	20,230	0,000	-1187,58
	Experimental vs. Orange	-13,956***	21,102	0,000	-1075,15
Composite material	GrandioSO vs. Charisma	,912	49,998	0,366	102,11
	GrandioSO vs. Tetric	-,771	48,658	0,444	-119,64
	GrandioSO vs. Venus	1,458	33,300	0,154	138,51
	Charisma vs. Tetric	-1,548	41,052	0,129	-221,75
	Charisma vs. Venus	,492	37,620	0,626	36,40
	Tetric vs. Venus	1,980 ^a	30,246	0,057	258,15

Fig. 8: Mean equality test/ t-Test of processing time: Multiple group contrasts for lighting condition and composite material. All lighting conditions demonstrate highly significant differences of increased working time compared to the Orange mode and to the 5500 K mode. However, there are no statistical differences between the composite restorative materials.

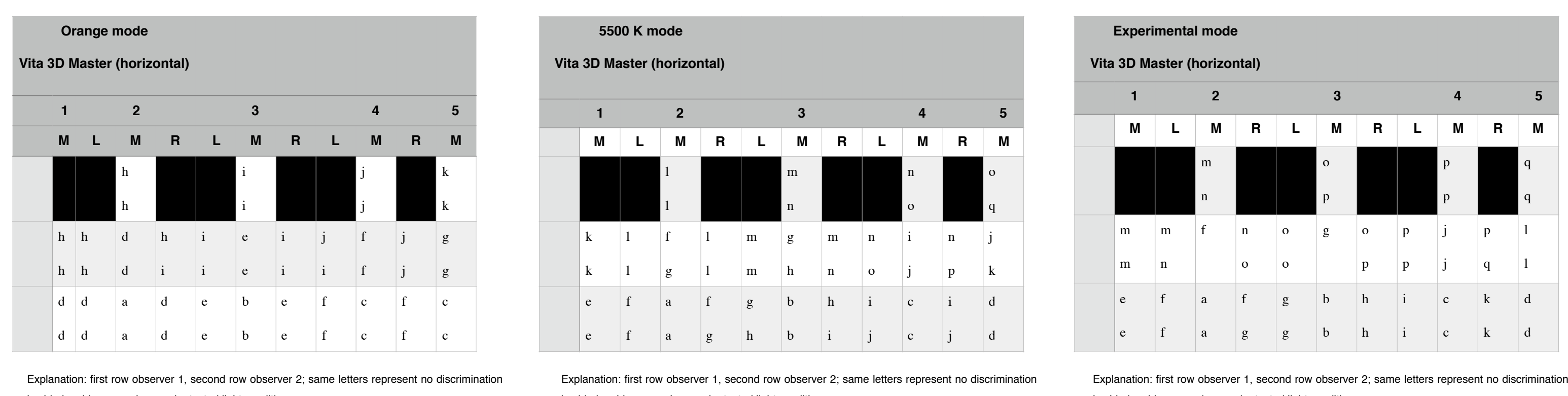


Fig. 9: Vita 3D Master horizontal color observation under Orange mode, 5500 K mode and Experimental mode. The Orange mode does not discriminate sufficiently the color groups and subgroups (see Fig. 3 - 4). The best discrimination of tooth areas by different letters was executed under Experimental mode.

Morpholog. Structures	Experimental mode (caries teeth)							Clinical diagnoses	Orange mode (caries teeth)							Clinical diagnoses
	Tooth 1	Tooth 2	Tooth 3	Tooth 4	Tooth 5	Tooth 6	Tooth 7		Tooth 1	Tooth 2	Tooth 3	Tooth 4	Tooth 5	Tooth 6	Tooth 7	
Enamel (opague)	+++	+++	+++	+++	+++	+++	+++	no detection - Caries initials, Hypoplasia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	no detection - Caries initials, Hypoplasia, Dysplasia (n. +, +, +)
Dentin (normal, tubular)	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	Differentiation of carious dentin (n. +, +, +)	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	Differentiation of carious dentin (n. +, +, +)
Dentin (softened)	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	Degree of softened dentin (n. +, +, +)	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	Degree of softened dentin (n. +, +, +)

Fig. 10: Microscopic differentiation of morphological features in carious teeth, first row observer 1, second row observer 2; Experimental mode versus Orange mode (- no detection; + detectable, but difficult differentiation; ++ well detectable; +++ well detectable, very clear differentiation).