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# The Effect of Munsell Neutral Value Scale on the Color of Yellow Jadeite and Comparison between AP and K-Means Clustering Color Grading Schemes

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**Abstract:** Yellow jadeite is a kind of jadeite caused by secondary leaches. With a certain degree of transparency, its color is usually influenced by the objective conditions including light source and background. In this paper, 19 Munsell neutral value scales were selected to study the impact caused by background under the standard light source D65, where we found that the N9.5 Value Scale is suitable for color grading. All 33 yellow jadeites were tested by UV-VIS spectrophotometer and colorimetric analysis, and the colors were graded by the affinity propagation (AP) and K-means clustering methods. According to the result, the yellow jadeite color was classified into Fancy, Fancy Intense, Fancy Deep, and Fancy Light. It is also concluded that AP is more feasible to provide the color grading scheme, while K-means can be applied to the optimization of choosing clustering center.

Keywords: yellow jadeite; Munsell neutral value scale; clustering method; color grading



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# 1. Introduction

Jadeite is a beautiful polycrystalline jade, of which those of gem-quality are mostly produced in Burma and Guatemala [1–4]. It is loved by the Chinese for its versatile color. Jadeite is usually colorless, opaque to subtransparent in the absence of other impurities, and cracks, boundaries, and inclusions that scatter light and give it a white appearance. The color genesis of jadeite can be divided into two kinds, primary color and secondary color. The green color of jadeite belongs to the primary color, mainly due to the enrichment of Cr and Fe ions caused by metamorphic differentiation and ductile deformation [5,6]. The secondary color in jadeite is the color produced by exogenous geological activities that generally occur in the jadeite along the cracks and grain boundaries by leaching. Depending on the degree of weathering received, the secondary color of jadeite shows continuous changes. The least weathered part is grayish-green, and its color-causing mineral is thought to be chlorite, while yellow and red jadeite receive a higher degree of weathering, the main crack filler is limonite colloid (hematite, goethite), and the most intense weathering of the surface layer showing black [7,8].

The physical source and chemical analysis of the secondary color is not the only topic for investigation. The color itself can be affected by the objective circumstance, including the properties of the background [9,10], the illuminance [11,12], and the temperature of the light source [13–18]. The yellow jadeite can be a gradual series that is worthwhile in the study of colorimetry. According to the China national standard GB/T 23885-2009 "Jadeite Grading", jadeite should be graded on non-fluorescent, no obvious directional reflection, neutral white/light gray-color chips or board. The continuous change of lightness from black (N0.5) to white (N9.5) in the Munsell neutral value scale can help us to study the influence of background on the evaluation of jadeite color in a more precise way [19].

Color is a very important quality evaluation factor of jadeite that, to a large extent, determines the value of jadeite. The Chinese national standard GB/T23885-2009 "Jadeite Grading" uses the colorimetric method to classify jadeite in the standard environment,

which is a good improvement to the situation of using subjective vocabulary to describe the color of jadeite commonly used in the market. However, purple and red-yellow jadeites apply the same grading standards as green, without an exclusive standard.

With the proposal of a color classification method for colored diamonds and the application of the Munsell color chips by King et al., the Gemological Institute of America (GIA) Gem Trade Laboratory (GTL) color ring was created, and the description method was defined [20]. The standard D65 (Temperature: 6504 K) light source and a standard illumination box were applied for grading, which was accepted and has been widely used. In recent years, GIA introduced exclusive classification methods for blue [21], pink [22], yellow [23], and colorless diamonds [24]. To better ensure the accuracy of grading the colored gemstones, it is necessary to determine the objective grading environment. The CIE1931 color space system was first introduced to the color quantification study in gemology, however, to solve the problem that this system is inconsistent with the human visual perception [25], the CIE1976  $L^*a^*b^*$  uniform color space was born and applied to the quantitative characterization of gems which have been used extensively, such as sapphire [26], peridot [14], jadeite [13,27–29], tourmaline [30,31], alexandrite [32], amethyst [33], turquoise [34], chrysoprase [35], garnet [36], beryl [37], etc. Based on the CIE1976 color space, Tang et al. and Jiang et al. analyzed the influence of Munsell neutral grey backgrounds on peridot and chrysoprase, respectively, and concluded that the background with high lightness was highly applicable to help distinguish the color of gems [38,39].

The principle of clustering is to group the data within a collection and maximize the differentiation between groups and minimize the differentiation within groups [40], so a clustering algorithm is often used to objectively and precisely describe the gem color classification. In our previous study, the application of K-means clustering analysis in color grading was favored, but there are still some problems with it, one of which is that K-means requires a predetermined number of groupings. Jiang et al. and Tang et al. divided peridot and chrysoprase colors into three grades; Pan et al. divided red jadeite into five grades but did not explain why [38,39,41]. In addition, K-means is sensitive to the choice of initial clustering center. Once it changes, the classification result changes accordingly. Compared with that, the Affinity propagation (AP) clustering method does not need the initial number of groups. The rule of AP is to take every sample datum into consideration as potential exemplars, and the process continues to iterate until the best results are obtained [42].

In this paper, we use a UV-VIS spectrophotometer to investigate the color mechanism of yellow jadeite and an X-Rite SP62 spectrophotometer r (X-Rite, Grand Rapids, MI, USA) and CIE1976  $L^*a^*b^*$  uniform color space to study the influence of Munsell neutral grey backgrounds on the color to determine the best background for classification. The clustering results of AP and K-means are compared to recommend a more suitable clustering method to be applied to gems.

#### 2. Materials and Methods

#### 2.1. Samples

A total of 33 natural yellow jadeite samples from Burma were tested in this study, with colors ranging from orange-yellow to yellow. All the samples were cut into oval shapes and well-polished with the size from 4 mm  $\times$  4 mm  $\times$  2 mm to 7 mm  $\times$  8 mm  $\times$  5 mm. Part of the samples are shown in Figure 1.



Figure 1. Part of the samples used in this study.

# 2.2. UV-VIS Spectrum

The absorption spectrum in the ultraviolet to visible (UV-Vis) range was tested with a Gem-3000 fiber optic spectrometer (Biaoqi Optoelectronics Technology Development Co., LTD., Guangzhou, China). The test conditions are as follows: Integral time, 220; Scans to average, 12; Boxcar width, 2; Range of wavelength, 220–1000 nm.

## 2.3. Backgrounds

The Munsell neutral value scale (glossy collection) was used as background for the research (Figure 2). A total of 19 color chips with different lightness from N0.5 to N9.5 (interval = 0.5) were selected. The color measurement of yellow jadeite on different neutral backgrounds was conducted in a standard illumination box with a fluorescent lamp (CCT 6504 K, Philips Master TL-D90 DeLuxe18W/965, Amsterdam, The Netherlands).



**Figure 2.** The colorimetric device of this experiment. The background was placed under the sample so that the spectrophotometer can collect the color signals.

## 2.4. Color Quantification

An X-Rite SP62 spectrophotometer (X-Rite, Grand Rapids, MI, USA) was used to collect reflective signals from the yellow jadeite surface via the integrating sphere (Figure 2). The test conditions can be summarized as follows: CIE standard illumination, D65; illuminance of the test height, 1500 lux (based on the China national standard GB/T 26189-2010 "Lighting of Indoor Workplaces" (It is also believed that high illuminance would help lower color cast of yellow [12], tested by Konica Minolta CL-200 Color Illuminometer)); reflection, Specular Excluded; observer view, 2°; measurement range, 400–700 nm; measurement time,

less than 2.5 s; voltage, 220 V; frequency, 50–60 Hz. The final color data were averaged three times for testing.

#### 2.5. Color Space

The CIE (International Commission de l'Éclairage) 1976  $L^*a^*b^*$  uniform color space is chosen in this study, which comprises color coordinates  $a^*$ ,  $b^*$  and Lightness  $L^*$ . Chroma  $C^*$  and Hue angle  $h^\circ$  can be calculated based on  $a^*$  and  $b^*$ :

$$C^* = \sqrt{a^{*2} + b^{*2}} \tag{1}$$

$$h^{\circ} = \arctan\left(\frac{b^*}{a^*}\right) \tag{2}$$

#### 2.6. Color Difference Formula

To compare the feasibility and reliability of the AP and K-means clustering methods, this paper chooses the CIE DE2000 formula to analyze the results of the measured samples. The DE2000 formula is experimentally obtained based on the color difference formulas such as CIE LAB and CIE 94 [43], which is more accurate and more computational:

$$\Delta E_{00} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\Delta L'}{K_L S_L}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\Delta C'}{K_C S_C}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\Delta H'}{K_H S_H}\right)^2 + R_T \left(\frac{\Delta C'}{K_C S_C}\right) \left(\frac{\Delta H'}{K_H S_H}\right)}$$
(3)

where  $\Delta L'$ ,  $\Delta C'$ ,  $\Delta H'$  represent the difference in lightness, chroma, and hue angle, respectively. The weight functions  $S_L$ ,  $S_C$ , and  $S_H$  are used to calibrate the uniformity of the color space, and the function  $R_T$  is used to correct the deflection of the color tolerance ellipse in the blue area; the parameters  $K_L$ ,  $K_C$ ,  $K_H$  are to correct the experimental conditions in gemology, where the parameter combination is usually set as (1:1:1) to provide better perceptibility [44].

#### 2.7. Clustering Methods

The core idea of K-means cluster analysis (processed by IBM SPSS Statistics 25) is to divide a given sample set into K clusters according to the distance between the samples. The samples are as tight as possible within the clusters, and the distance between the clusters is as large as possible.

The process of K-means is as follows: (1) Select the initial number K (2 as example here) of centers for the clusters; (2) For every data point, to calculate its distance to the center of 2 clusters, categorize the sample point into the cluster with the smallest distance to the center; (3) Update the center of each cluster during each iteration by using methods such as the mean method; (4) For 2 clustering centers, after repeating the iteration of steps 2 and 3, if the center changes very little, it is considered to reach a stable state.

The AP clustering method (processed by Pycharm 2021.2.3) is to take all data points as potential exemplars. Messages are exchanged between the data points until a high-quality set of exemplars and corresponding clusters gradually emerge.

The similarity s(i, k) indicates how well the data point k is suited to be the exemplar for data point *i*, where *k* and *i* indicate the different data point indices. The similarity is calculated by Equation (4):

$$s(i,k) = -d_{ij} = - ||x_i - x_j||^2$$
(4)

The messages sent between the points contribute to two kinds of categories: The first is responsibility r(i,k), which is assigned to decide whether the sample k should be the exemplar for sample i; the second is the availability a(i,k), which is the evidence pf whether the sample k should be an exemplar for sample i and all other samples, two of them can be calculated by:

$$r(i,k) = s(i,k) - \max_{k \neq k'} \left( a(i,k') + s(i,k') \right)$$
(5)

$$a(i,k) = \begin{cases} \min(0, r(k,k) + \sum \max(0, r(i,k'))) \\ \sum \max(0, r(i',k)), i = k \end{cases}$$
(6)

During the iteration, the r(i, k) and a(i, k) can be updated by:

$$r_{t+1}(i,k) = \lambda \times r_t(i,k) + (1-\lambda) \times r_t(i,k)$$
(7)

$$a_{t+1}(i,k) = \lambda \times a_t(i,k) + (1-\lambda) \times a_t(i,k)$$
(8)

where *t* is the number of iteration times. The damping factor  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$  is set in the AP algorithm for updating in the case of numerical oscillations.

The decision matrix *E* is used to decide whether point *k* is selected as the exemplar of point *i*. It can be calculated by:

$$E(k) = \arg\max_k(a(i,k) + r(i,k))$$
(9)

after every update process.

The clustering process will continue to iterate until the results are stable several times.

## 3. Results

## 3.1. UV-Vis Spectra

As shown in Figure 3, Y-JADE-31 and 21 show characteristic shoulder peaks near 430 nm that is attributed to  ${}^{6}A_{1} - {}^{4}E_{1}$ ,  ${}^{4}A_{1}$  ligand field transition of Fe<sup>3+</sup> ion. The strong peak at 380 nm of Y-JADE-21 is assigned to the transition mode  ${}^{6}A_{1} - {}^{4}E$  of Fe<sup>3+</sup> in hematite. The weak bands near 500 nm of all three shown samples are assigned to the  ${}^{6}A_{1} + {}^{6}A_{1} - {}^{4}T_{1}({}^{4}G)$  double exciton process [7,45,46]. In addition, the results agree that Fe<sup>3+</sup> oxides and hydroxides are responsible for the color appearance in previous literature [47], the strong absorption in the blue-violet region within the visible light area makes the jadeites appear yellow.



Figure 3. The UV-Vis spectrum conforms to the absorption of Fe<sup>3+</sup> oxides and hydroxides.

3.2. The Effect of 19 Munsell Neutral Value Scales on Yellow Jadeite

Due to the transparency and characteristic absorption of the yellow jadeite, the testing backgrounds and light source would make a significant influence on the color. In our

previous study, we have discussed the impact of the different light sources on jadeite and concluded that the standard D65 light source is suitable for color grading compared with A and CWF [8]. So, in this paper, the Munsell neutral value scales (N0.5, N1, N1.5, N2, N2.5, N3, N3.5, N4, N4.5, N5, N5.5, N6, N6.5, N7, N7.5, N8, N8.5, N9, N9.5) were used as the backgrounds for 33 yellow jadeite color measurements. According to the Chinese national standard GB/T 20146-2006 CIE standard illuminants for colorimetry, the standard D65 light source, which represents the average sunlight of the northern hemisphere, can be used as the exclusive light source.

The lightness values of Munsell neutral value scales are graded into 19 levels from 0 to 100 (range from N0.5 to N9, with an interval = 0.5), as the luminance of the background has significant effects on yellow jadeite. In addition, the lightness of each scale  $(L_b^*)$  corresponds to its luminance factor  $(Y_b)$ . The relationship between  $L_b^*$  and  $Y_b$  is as follows:

$$L_b^* = 116Y_b^{\frac{1}{3}} - 16 \tag{10}$$

As shown in Figure 4a, the lightness of the background has a significant impact on the light of yellow jadeite. As the lightness of the background  $L_b^*$  increases, the lightness  $L^*$  increases. To fit the curves of yellow jadeites' color parameters with Munsell neutral value scales luminance factor  $Y_b$ , a highly positive correlation between them was obtained:

$$L^* = 8.83Y_b + 56.38 \left( R^2 = 0.989 \right) \tag{11}$$



**Figure 4.** The variation of color is caused by the luminance factor. (**a**) Relation between the lightness of sample  $L^*$  and background lightness  $L_b^*$ . Data are shown in Supplementary Materials Table S1. (**b**) Correlation between Y\_b and Hue h°, Chroma C\*. Data are shown in Supplementary Materials Tables S2 and S3. (**c**) The picture of Y-Jade-421 on different backgrounds, associated with the value of background and simulated color.

The Figure 4b shows the relationship between the luminance factor  $Y_b$  and the Hue  $h^\circ$  and Chroma  $C^*$ . The hue angle of yellow jadeite decreases as the background becomes lighter, which means the samples shift greenish-yellow to yellow. On the contrary, the chroma of the samples becomes higher with the increasing lightness of the background, which indicates that the samples show a more vivid color under the lighter background. The fitting curves are as follows:

$$h^{\circ} = -3.71Y_b + 86.406 \left(R^2 = 0.989\right) \tag{12}$$

$$C^* = 6.35Y_b + 23.44 \left( R^2 = 0.992 \right) \tag{13}$$

## 3.3. Effect of Transparency of the Yellow Jadeite on Different Backgrounds

The overall trend is that the Lightness  $L^*$  increases as the luminance of the Munsell neutral value scale increases; however, due to the different thicknesses and textures of the 33 samples, the transparency would make a significant difference to the result. Therefore, it is necessary to discuss the effect of transparency on the color measurement of jadeite.

It is a well-known fact that the human eye is sensitive to visible light at a wavelength of 555 nm under daylight conditions. Liu et al. and Chang et al. used the transmittance at a single wavelength to represent human perception [48,49], so it is feasible to quantify the transparency of jadeite by testing the transmission of the sample at 555 nm. According to the Chinese national standard GB/T 23885-2009 "Jadeite Grading", transparency refers to the ability of an object to transmit visible light. Different objects have different transmittance to visible light, and their transparency is not the same. The comparison of transparency differences between objects can only be made under the same thickness conditions. So, the transparency of jadeite samples can be quantified by calculating the unit transmittance (*t*) under 555 nm:

$$t_{555nm} = \frac{\sqrt[l]{AT}}{A} \tag{14}$$

$$A = 1/\left[1 - \left(\frac{RI - 1}{RI + 1}\right)^2\right]^2 \tag{15}$$

where *l* is the thickness of jadeite, *T* is the transmittance of light through jadeite of a thickness *l*, and the RI (refractive index) of jadeite is 1.66.

We calculated the color difference between N9.5 and N0.5 by the CIE DE2000 Equation (3). The correlation between unit transmittance and color difference  $\Delta E_{00}$  is shown in Figure 5, which illustrates that the higher the unit transmittance of a sample is, the greater changes are shown under different backgrounds of the sample. In addition, the unit transmittance can be used as a reference for studying the influence of the transparency of jadeite.

We divided the samples into three groups according to the unit transmittance. The first group is t < 1.9, the second is 1.9 < t < 3, and the third is 3 < t, which were cast in a CIE1976 $L^*a^*b^*$  uniform color space. As shown in Figure 6a, the samples of the first group show a little sensitivity to the change of backgrounds, and with the increasing lightness of background (N0.5-N5.5-N9.5), the casting range has not become wider. In the second and third groups, the colorimetric coordinate  $a^*$  and  $b^*$  range was expanded as the background lightness increased, which means the higher the transparency of samples is, the greater the change caused by different backgrounds it shows. To compare the cast range of yellow jadeites with high transparency (Figure 6b,c) under different backgrounds, the dispersion of cast point would be the symbol to judge the size of color difference between each sample, which also illustrates that the lighter background would help us distinguish the color of yellow jadeite more easily.



**Figure 5.** The highly positive correlation between the unit transmittance of sample and the color difference on different backgrounds. Data are shown in Supplementary Materials Table S4.



**Figure 6.** The  $a^*b^*$  casting point diagrams of every sample within a group under different background. The color block represents the state of sample distribution in this background. (a) For sample with *t* less than 1.9, the range of  $a^*b^*$  does not expend. For samples within the groups (b) 1.9 < t < 3 and (c) 3 < t, the range of  $a^*b^*$  gets wilder as the lightness of background increases.

According to the conclusion above, the background has a significant effect on the color measurement, so it is crucial to select a neutral background during the measurement process. The Munsell N9.5 neutral value scale is a neutral background, while its high

brightness allows for greater differentiation when measuring different samples. So, in this paper, we choose the N9.5 Value Scale as the color grading background for higher accuracy.

## 3.4. The Color Grading Result of Yellow Jadeite on the N9.5 Background

The 33 yellow jadeites' quantification was obtained on the Munsell N9.5 Value Scale, and the grading result was analyzed by AP and K-means, which is shown in Figure 7 with Lightness  $L^*$  and Colorimetric Coordinate  $a^*b^*$ . The 33 samples were graded into 4 groups, and the cluster centers are shown in Table 1. Based on testing results, we imitated the GIA GTL grading description: Looking at two of the three attributes of color at one time, that is, tone (Lightness) and saturation (Chroma), there is a constant hue (Figure 8). The color of yellow jadeites was divided into Fancy, Fancy Intense, Fancy Deep, and Fancy Light.



**Figure 7.** The three-dimensional casting diagram (Lightness  $L^*$ , Colorimetric Coordinate  $a^*b^*$ ) of yellow jadeite based on the CIE1976 $L^*a^*b^*$  uniform color space by AP and K-means cluster methods.

Methods		Cluster Center			
		1	2	3	4
АР	Coincidence Rate	100%	100%	83.3%	100%
	Mean $\Delta E_{00}$ Within the group	3.79	3.47	3.01	3.12
	Sample/ $\Delta E_{00}$ Y-Jade-415	13.164	14.035	4.766 *	4.623 **
	Member	12	5	6	10
		1	2	3	4
			1.0.0.1		
K-means	Coincidence Rate	100.0%	100%	100%	75.0%
	Mean $\Delta E_{00}$ Within the group	3.39	2.41	3.12	4.34
	Sample/ $\Delta E_{00}$	4.941 **	24.579	15.38	7.28 *
	Y-Jade-447				
	Y-Jade-454	5.57 **	25.678	16.449	8.1 *
	OY-Jade-425	15.589	13.389	5.55 **	6.849 *
	Member	9	5	7	12

Table 1. The cluster results of AP and K-means.

\* is the grouping result given by clustering method while the color difference between sample and center is not the least; \*\* is the grouping result of smallest color difference between samples and cluster centers.



Figure 8. The four groups of yellow jadeite color: Fancy, Fancy Intense, Fancy Deep, and Fancy Light.

#### 4. Discussion

# 4.1. The Reason for the Variations in the $L^*C^*h^\circ$ of the Yellow Jadeite on Different Backgrounds

As we conclude in Section 3.2, the change in background would have a significant influence on the color of jadeite. With the increasing luminance factor of the background, the Lightness and Chroma of the samples increased, and the Hue decreased. The effect of the background is transmitted through the sample to the human eye as well as to the instrument so that an increase in the brightness of the background enhances the lightness of the sample. To combine with the results from Section 3.3, the more transparent samples are more significantly affected by the background, so when testing the more transparent samples, the N9.5 color card is chosen to help us distinguish the differences between similar colors. As is shown in Figure 9a, the colorimetric  $a^*$  and  $b^*$  increase as  $Y_b$  increases (The increase in  $a^*$  here is not only an increase in absolute value, but some of the samples with larger Hues have their  $a^*$  value varying from the -a axis to +a axis), according to Equation (1), which can explain the variations of Chroma. Although the trends of  $a^*$  and  $b^*$  are the same, according to the fitting results, the increment in  $b^*(slope = 9.64)$  is much larger than that of  $a^*(slope = 2.34)$ . In conjunction with Equation (2), the Hue can be described as the angle between the line connecting the point to the origin of the  $a^*b^*$  diagram and the +a axis (Figure 9b). That is the reason for the decline of Hue.



**Figure 9.** (a) Changes in colorimetric coordinates  $a^*$  and  $b^*$  with different backgrounds. Data are shown in Supplementary Materials Tables S5 and S6. (b) The  $a^*$  and  $b^*$  cast-point that can explain the decreasing Hue.  $\alpha_1$  is the mean angle of all the sample on N0.5 while  $\alpha_2$  represents the N9.5.

## 4.2. The Comparison between AP and K-Means Cluster Methods

In data preprocessing, the K-means clustering method is extremely sensitive to the input order of sample parameters, and the random arrangement makes the results very unreasonable. However, the AP method can take all data points as potential exemplars; therefore, we first imported the samples for AP clustering and ranked the clustering results from high to low, based on which K-means clustering was performed.

In order to obtain the feasibility of the clustering method, the CIE DE2000 formula was used for the color difference calculation, i.e., the samples belong to the group with the cluster center that has the least difference from its color. As shown in Table 1, the coincidence rate of AP is higher than that of K-means, and AP only showed the minimum color difference not matching the grouping on sample Y-Jade-415, while K-means made it three times (Y-Jade-447, 454, OY-Jade-425). The sensitivity of K-means to ranking order makes it a hindrance to the addition of new samples, and the lower classification accuracy compared to AP does not provide better quality for grading. Therefore, we believe that the AP clustering analysis method will provide a better pretreatment for the sample incorporation of the original system and the construction of the new classification system. However, given the difference between the K-means and AP clustering center selection methods, AP takes a point within the group as the center, while K-means selects the point with the smallest sum of the distance from each point in the group. So, we think that under the condition that the number of samples is large and concentrated, the K-means would better help to select the center that is more representative of the whole group.

#### 5. Conclusions

In the visible range, the strong blue-violet absorption is the main reason for the yellow color of jadeite, with characteristic peaks at 380 nm, a shoulder peak at 400 nm, and a weak absorption band at 500 nm. Under the standard D65 light source, the background has a significant impact on the color of yellow jadeite. As the luminance factor of the Munsell neutral value scale increased, the Lightness  $L^*$  and colorimetric coordinate  $a^*b^*$  increased, which can explain the increase in Chroma  $C^*$  and the decrease in Hue  $h^\circ$ .

For those yellow jadeite with unit transparency >1.9, the background with different lightness will produce a great color difference in the gems. The N9.5 Munsell Value Scale expands the range of distribution, which can better help improve the accuracy of color grading.

By comparing the results of AP and K-means clustering methods for yellow jadeite grading on the Munsell N9.5 Value Scale, AP shows better inclusiveness as well as accuracy, which can serve the renewal or construction of a color grading system of gems, and the K-means method can be used for the optimization of clustering center selection. According to the results of clustering, the grading of yellow jadeite can be divided into four categories: Fancy, Fancy Intense, Fancy Deep, and Fancy Light.

Jadeite, as one of the most important components of precious gemstones loved by the Chinese, the green color of jadeite has been studied in depth, so studying the color of yellow jadeite can complete the whole system. However, because the number of samples used in this paper is limited and the effect of its cutting shape on color is not discussed, in the future, we will select more yellow jadeites with different cutting shapes to improve the generalizability of the study.

**Supplementary Materials:** The following supporting information can be downloaded at: https:// www.mdpi.com/article/10.3390/cryst12020241/s1, Table S1: Relation between Yb and Lightness *L*\*; Table S2: Relation between Yb and Chroma *C*\*; Table S3: Relation between Yb and Hue  $h^{\circ}$ ; Table S4: Relation between unit transmittance t and color differences  $\Delta E_{00}$ ; Table S5: Relation between Yb and Color Coordinate *a*\*; Table S6: Relation between Yb and Color Coordinate *b*\*.

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