Instrumental whiteness assessment

The Polaris System

- is a System specially developed to measure and assess whiteness
- operates with modified instruments of the CM-3600 Series of Minolta Corp.
- separates fluorescence from substrate reflection
- generates information about the different contributions of whiteness



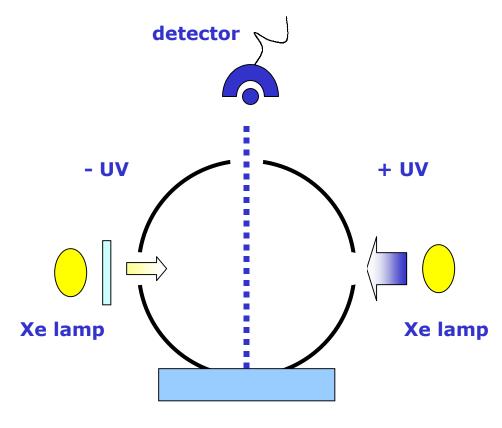
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Measuring principles: instrument configuration



optically whitened sample

Sample is illuminated with two flashes, each containing different amounts of UV



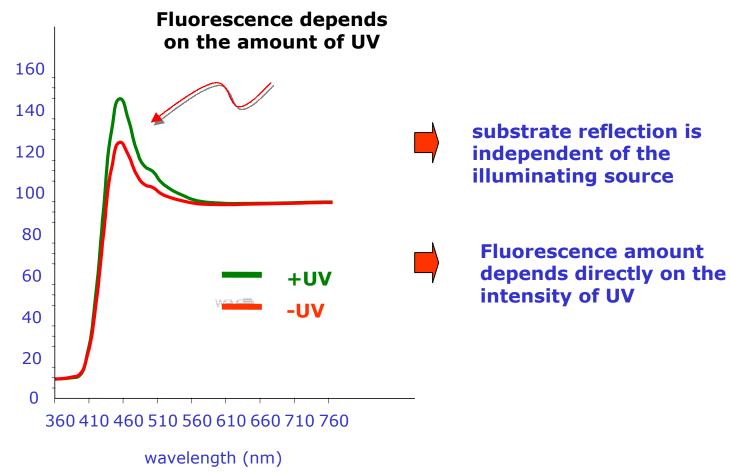
FWA is excited by the two flashes to different extents



FWA leads to proportionally different amounts of fluorescence



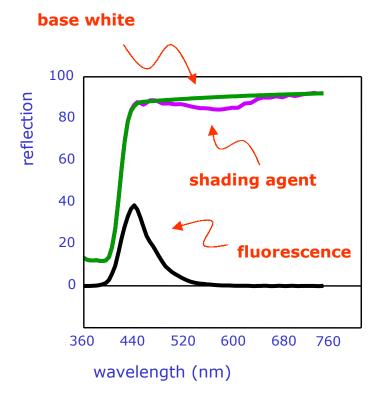
Measuring principles: measured spectra

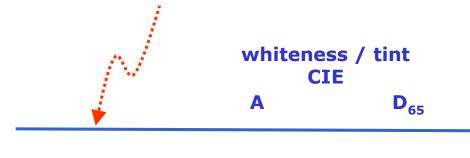




Measuring principles : textile sample

whiteness components are calculated





Substrate (65,+1.3) (80,-1.7)

Substrate with shading (73,+1.6) (82,-0.5)

Total (89,+1.4) (121,+3.8)



results for different illuminants provide information about metameric effects

