

Application Note AN-NIR-118

Quantification of cotton content in textiles by near-infrared spectroscopy

Fast, non-destructive cotton content analysis with NIRS

Cotton and polyester are two of the most popular fabrics for creating garments. Polyester is a synthetic material produced from petrochemical products, and cotton is a natural and sustainable fiber harvested from cottonseeds. Of these textile materials, polyester is the best choice of for water-resistant, durable apparel, while cotton is better suited for breathable, cool summer clothing.

Textile products must be labeled according to their fiber composition. The procedures for the determination of fiber composition include mechanical, chemical, and microscopic methods—all of which are time consuming. In contrast, near-infrared spectroscopy (NIRS) is a fast and chemical-free alternative. This Application Note shows how NIR spectroscopy can be used to determine the cotton content in textile products within 30 seconds.

EXPERIMENTAL EQUIPMENT

In this study, 10 textile samples of varying cotton and polyester composition were analyzed with NIR spectroscopy to create a prediction model for quantification of cotton content. Samples were analyzed on a NIR spectrometer (OMNIS NIR Analyzer Solid, Figure 1) in reflection mode (1000–2250 nm) using a large lid and no holder to ensure that the textile samples were evenly pressed against the measurement window. Multi-point measurement was selected as the measuring mode. Data acquisition and prediction model development were performed with OMNIS software.



Figure 1. The OMNIS NIR Analyzer Solid from Metrohm.

Table 1. Hardware and software equipment overview.

Equipment	Article number
OMNIS NIR Analyzer Solid	2.1071.0010
Large lid OMNIS NIR, black, 100 mm	6.07402.110
OMNIS Stand-Alone license	6.06003.010
Quant Development software license	6.06008.002

RESULT

The 10 measured NIR spectra (Figure 2) were used to create a quantification prediction model for the percentage of cotton in different blends of natural and synthetic textiles. The quality of the prediction model was evaluated using a correlation diagram which displays a very high correlation between the NIR prediction and the reference values. The respective figures of merit (FOM) display the expected precision and confirm the feasibility during routine analysis (Figure 3).

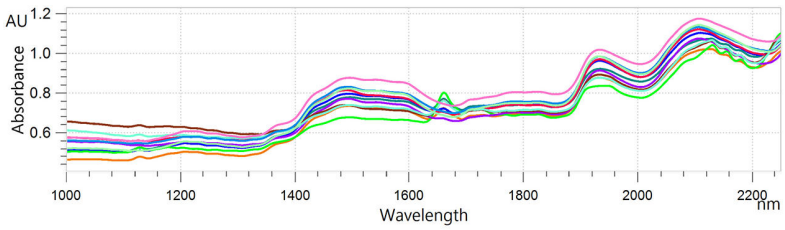


Figure 2. Overlaid NIR spectra of 10 textile samples analyzed on an OMNIS NIR Analyzer Solid.

RESULT COTTON CONTENT IN TEXTILE

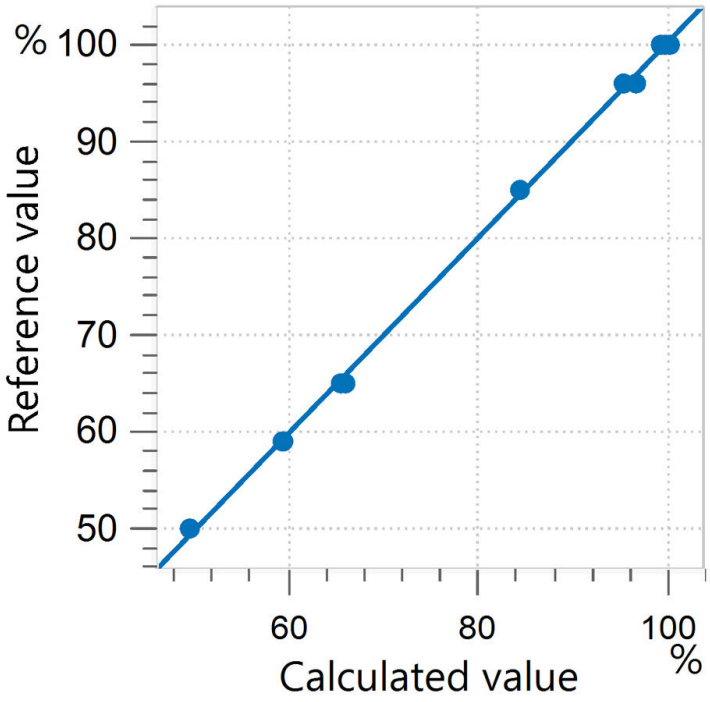


Figure 3. Correlation diagram and the respective figures of merit for the prediction of cotton content in textile using an OMNIS NIR Analyzer Solid.

R^2	SEC (%)	SECV (%)
0.999	0.50	0.59

CONCLUSION

This Application Note demonstrates the feasibility to determine the cotton percentage in textile blends quickly and easily. NIR spectroscopy offers users a fast, cost-effective, and highly accurate alternative to other standard testing methods when identifying textiles. Additionally, NIRS analysis is non-destructive, completely reagent-free, and gives results in only 30 seconds.

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CONFIGURATION



OMNIS NIR Analyzer Solid

Spectromètre proche infrarouge pour échantillons solides et visqueux.

L'OMNIS NIR Analyzer est la solution de spectroscopie proche infrarouge (NIRS) développée et produite selon les normes de qualité suisses pour les analyses de routine tout au long de la chaine de fabrication. L'application des technologies les plus récentes et l'intégration dans le logiciel OMNIS moderne se reflètent dans la vitesse, la facilité du maniement et la flexibilité d'utilisation de ce spectromètre NIR.

Apercu des avantages de l'OMNIS NIR Analyzer Solid :

- Mesures d'échantillons solides et visqueux en moins de 10 secondes
- Mesures multi-positions automatisées pour des résultats reproductibles, même avec des échantillons non homogènes
- Intégration simple dans un système d'automatisation ou liaison avec d'autres technologies d'analyse (titrage)
- Prise en charge de nombreux récipients d'échantillon



Grande coupelle OMNIS NIR, 100 mm

Grand récipient d'échantillon pour l'enregistrement de spectres par réflexion de poudres et de granulés en différents points de l'échantillon.
Le fond en verre est en Gorilla® Glass résistant.
Compatible avec:

- Grand support OMNIS NIR, 100 mm (6.07402.100)

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Licence OMNIS autonome

Elle permet l'exploitation autonome du logiciel OMNIS sur un ordinateur WindowsTM.

Caractéristiques :

- La licence comprend déjà une licence pour appareils OMNIS.
- Elle doit être activée via le portail d'octroi de licences Metrohm.

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Licence logicielle Quant Development

Licence logicielle pour la création et l'édition de modèles de quantification dans une installation du logiciel OMNIS Stand-Alone.