

## A Simple Tool To Quantify Complex Dough Behaviors

The physical properties of final baked products, such as volume and color, are critical quality control parameters in a baking plant. These properties depend to a large extent on the quantity and functionality of proteins, starch, fibers and enzymes that make up a majority of the flours. Mixolab 2 has a unique capability to assess the combined effect of these components during the kneading process. Mixolab 2 automatically characterizes dough rheological properties and predicts dough behavior during the production process in a cycle of heating and cooling.

In a single test, Mixolab 2 provides a comprehensive picture of dough behavior during the baking process.



### MIXOLAB 2 FEATURES

- **Water absorption capacity** – a key production parameter
  - **Mixing stability** – Indication of behavior during kneading, influenced by the quantity and quality of proteins
  - **Initial resistance to heating** – Indication of volume increase during baking, influenced by the resistance of the gluten network to heat
  - **Viscosity increase during heating** – indication of crumb structure, impacted by starch gelatinization
  - **Viscosity at high temperature** – indication of product color, impacted by amylase activity
  - **Viscosity during cooling** – indication of shelf life, impacted by starch retrogradation
- Complete dough rheology in a mixing, heating, and cooling cycle
  - Test all types of sample flours
    - wheat
    - rice
    - corn
    - beans, and more
  - Multiple built-in test protocols
  - Customizable protocols for various dough compositions and baking processes
  - Test on just 50g of flour
  - Easy to use and clean
  - Fully automated testing
  - Compliant with international standards: ISO 17718:2013, AACC 54-60-01, ICC 173-1, GOST R 54498-2011 and GOST R ISO 17718 – 2015

### APPLICATIONS

Mixolab 2 can be used by bakers and millers for a wide range of use cases, including:

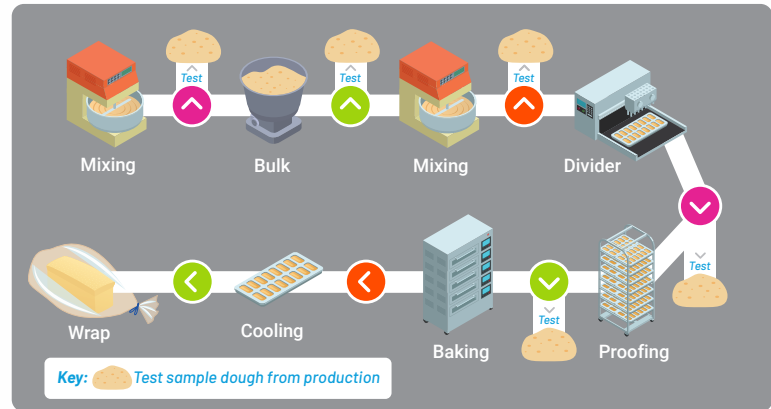
- Evaluate quality and regularity of flours for specific baking recipes and processes
- Assess the impact of enzymes
- Development and test of new recipes and formulations, such as whole grain and gluten-free products
- Quantify dough properties for better quality control
- Optimize baking processes for throughput, cost, and quality



## BETTER CONTROL FOR PRODUCTION

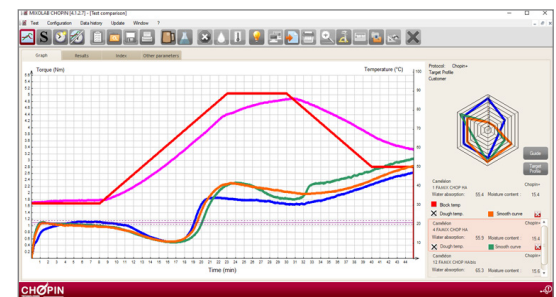
Dough properties change throughout the production process, and measurements taken at critical steps provide objective data about behavior and quality. This information allows you to set-up control limits and better control processes, and improve quality at every step.

- Complete characterization of dough behavior at every step of the production process
- Better visibility of the process variables, allowing you to adjust the process accordingly
- Anticipate and correct an atypical behavior
- Correct the water hydration according to the stiffness (consistency) of the dough



## EASY TO USE SOFTWARE

- Available in 15 languages
- Instructional tutorial videos
- EASILY customizable testing protocol – vary temperatures and mixing speeds to adapt to new products and align with specific baking processes
- Automatic creation of control charts for improved tracking of method accuracy
- Blending law tool to predict the results from different flour blends
- Built-in formulas to calculate bread volume and other parameters



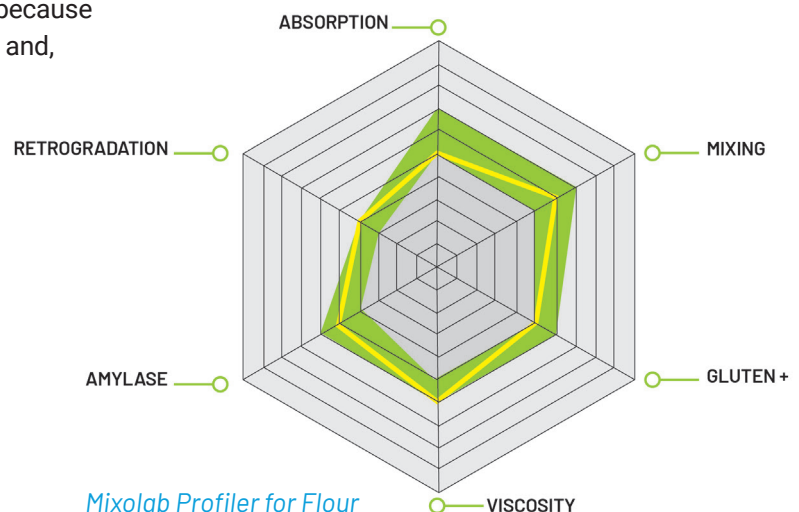
Test Comparison with the Mixolab Software

## INNOVATIVE PRODUCT PROFILER FOR WHITE FLOURS

Developed with years of testing with a large database for white flours, the Mixolab 2 Profiler allows products to be classified based on six quality criteria: water absorption, mixing, gluten+, viscosity, amylase, and retrogradation.

It is a perfect tool for quality control of raw materials because you can create specific target profiles to better detect and, if necessary, correct under-performing flours.

| INDEX TYPE            | DESCRIPTION (VALUES FROM 0-9)                                                   |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>ABSORPTION</b>     | Ability of flour to absorb water                                                |
| <b>MIXING</b>         | Stability of flour during kneading                                              |
| <b>GLUTEN+</b>        | Resistance of gluten to heat                                                    |
| <b>VISCOSITY</b>      | Dough viscosity during heating                                                  |
| <b>AMYLASE</b>        | Starch gel stability at high temperature, strongly impacted by amylase activity |
| <b>RETROGRADATION</b> | Cooked product shelf life                                                       |



Mixolab Profiler for Flour

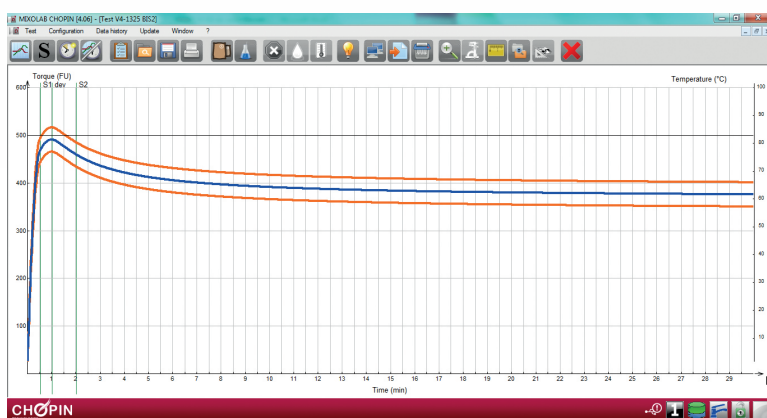
## FARINOGRAPH® TEST PROTOCOL

The Mixolab 2 is equipped with a test protocol that provides equivalent Farinograph® data (values and units). Data is comparable with those from existing Farinograph® equipment with a much smaller sample size.

In 30 minutes using a specific test protocol and prediction models, the Farino protocol produces the following Farinograph® parameters:

- Absorption (in %)
- Weakening (in FU)
- Stability (in min)
- Development time (in min)
- MTI

If needed, fine adjustments can be made to further optimize the correlation between Mixolab 2 results and those from an existing Farinograph® instrument. Results from Mixolab 2 Farino protocol have been used in interlaboratory studies with other Farinograph® instruments.

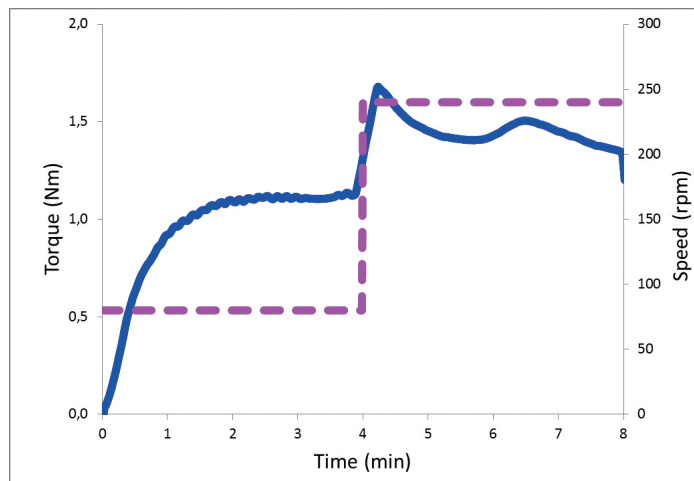


Farinograph Curve from Mixolab

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| <b>ABSORPTION</b>                   | 63.4%    |
| <b>DEVELOPMENT TIME</b>             | 3.8 min  |
| <b>STABILITY</b>                    | 11.1 min |
| <b>SOFTENING (FU)</b>               | 45 FU    |
| <b>MTI (MIXING TOLERANCE INDEX)</b> | 51 FU    |

## RAPID ESTIMATION OF ALVEOGRAPH AT GRAIN RECEPTION

In 8 minutes, with only 50 grams of ground wheat flour, Mixolab 2 users can get a rapid and accurate estimation of Alveograph results of wheat at the grain reception using the Wixo protocol. The results were developed with a model using more than 350 wheat samples, produced over three harvest years, all analyzed using the Alveograph reference method (ISO 27971-2023) along with the Wixo protocol. The graph shows a typical curve obtained with the Wixo protocol.



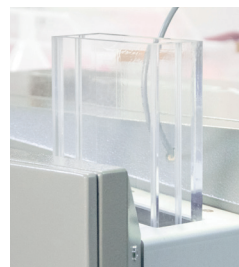
Example of a Curve Obtained with the Wixo Protocol

## ORDERING INFORMATION

The Mixolab 2 comes complete with a kneading machine, an integrated water tank and one mixing bowl with two mixing blades. It is also furnished with a dedicated Mini PC (not furnished: keyboard, monitor, monitor connector cable, mouse). Necessary hydraulic hoses to connect the Mixolab to the cold water supply are included, as well as a cleaning brush, a filling hopper and an additional nozzle. The cooling system is not furnished.

## ACCESSORIES

| Part Number  | Description                                                     |
|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| MIX-315      | Additional mixing bowl for improved throughput                  |
| MIX-320      | Dough sampling kit for analyzing dough taken at production line |
| MIX-191      | Flour reference sample for calibration control                  |
| MIX-1005     | Mixolab 2 spare part kits                                       |
| CHILLER      | 250W recirculating chiller for Mixolab or Alveograph series     |
| CHILLER-F500 | 500W recirculating chiller for Mixolab or Alveograph series     |



Dough sampling kit



Cooler F250



Cooler F500



Mixing Bowl



Reference Flour

## SPECIFICATIONS

|                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Size                         | 505mm L x 460mm W x 270mm H (20" x 18" x 11")                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Weight                       | 33 kg (73 lbs)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Power                        | 220/240 V 50- 60 Hz 1000 W                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Fuse                         | 5x20 T 10 A 250 V                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Noise level                  | <70 dB                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| MiniPC specifications        | Windows 10 IOT<br>Mixolab 2 software already installed                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Cooling system               | Chiller (recommended / not supplied) or water supply system                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Data export to USB           | Is available                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Software languages           | Chinese, Croatian, Czech, English, French, German, Greek, Italian, Magyar, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Romanian, Spanish, Turkish                                                                                                                                    |
| Print results                | By connecting an external printer to the MiniPC                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Environmental considerations | Indoor use<br>Storage temperature: -25°C to +55°C (-13°F to +131°F)<br>Operating temperature: 10°C to 30°C (50°F to 86°F)<br>Humidity: usage RH ≤ 85%<br>Cooling circuit water : Water temperature 15°C and 20°C. (59°F to 68°F)<br>Power voltage variations: < ± 10% |
| Regulatory compliances       | Degree of pollution as per EN 61010: 2<br>Installation category as per EN 61010: II (surge category)                                                                                                                                                                  |

## COMPANION PRODUCTS

The TheiaVu® E-Series Offline Vision System is a great companion to Mixolab 2. It measures physical properties such as size, volume, and color, as well as the internal fine crumb structure of a baked product. When paired with Mixolab 2, bakers now have a complete way to help them understand the impact of flour quality and process variations on the final product quality, usually inspected with an inline vision inspection system.



TheiaVu® E-Series  
Offline Vision System

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