

ProFoss™ for in-line process analysis of flour



ProFoss™ flour milling analyser system is based on NIR high resolution diode array technology, providing non destructive analysis, directly in the process line without bypass. The analyser is housed in a robust cabinet to be installed after the final steps in the milling process, to validate and adjust the final flour quality. A specially designed sample interface, connected directly to the pipe, feeds a continuous stream of analysis data back to a computer in your control room using FOSS ISIsScan™ software. Precise instrument matching enhances method development, minimises implementation efforts and ensures calibration model transferability between analysers.

Sample	Parameters
Flour in the process	Ash, Protein, Moisture



Streamline your production with High Resolution in-line analysis

Achieve complete control of your flour milling production with ProFoss™ in-line sensor. ProFoss™ for flour is an inline process analysis solution, employing High Resolution technology that measures ash, protein and moisture in the final stages of the milling process for accurate monitoring of your flour quality. The ProFoss solution provides you with constant and continuous information, enabling you to make timely adjustments and keep production targets on spec, reducing the risk of variations in the final product.

Improve your business with accurate control

Profit opportunities are waiting to be found in your flour milling production process. For instance, yield can be improved through more accurate control of the expensive wheat qualities and the ash and moisture in the flour. At the same time, improved consistency of product could give you new pricing options.

Users of such solutions report a rapid return on investment with a typical payback time of less than twelve months. Advantages of flour milling process control include improved yield and profit based on:

- Savings on raw materials
- Consistent product quality
- Higher value products for your customers
- Increased energy efficiency
- Reduced rework

Anyone can use it

With its user-friendly and low maintenance features, ProFoss™ gives your production staff the perfect tool to maintain process control for increased yield and improved consistency. Near infrared, high resolution technology ensures a high level of accuracy that you can rely on day in day out.

Anyone in the plant can contribute to process control. Easy-

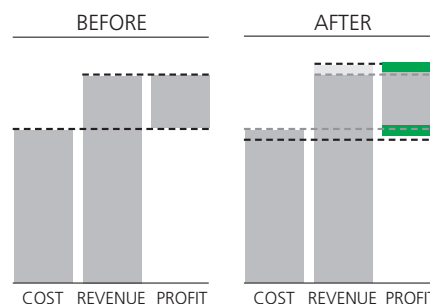
to-use calibration software options such as ISical™ allow non-experts to develop or expand existing calibration with automatic sample synchronization. Once calibrations have been made, there is no need for further adjustments.

Quick and simple to implement

The High Resolution technology behind the accuracy of the ProFoss system also has benefits when implementing the system. Because measurements can be relied on to be the same across individual instruments and are highly stable over time, you can reduce the time and money spent on installation of individual analysers. The standardisation and stability of the solution, as well as the intelligent FOSS calibration tool ISical™, makes it fast and easy for non-experts to develop or expand calibrations and transfer them across units.

Profit improvement

Ash is one of the most important quality factors in flour production because it relates directly to yield and maximising yield without exceeding ash limits is critical for profitable production. A flour mill producing 500 tonnes of flour per day could save as much as €50.000 per year simply by controlling ash levels in their output and pushing ash levels just 0,01% closer to the critical specification.



Stretch your profit zone: Production costs can be decreased and the higher product consistency will increase your competitiveness.

How to improve your flour milling production

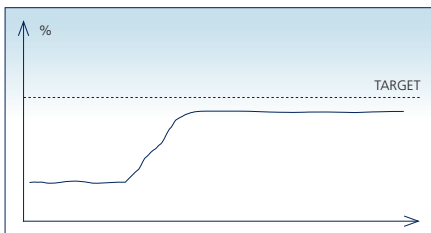
Process analysis advantages

- Production close to target specifications
- Increased yield
- Less rework and start up variation
- Optimized mass-balance

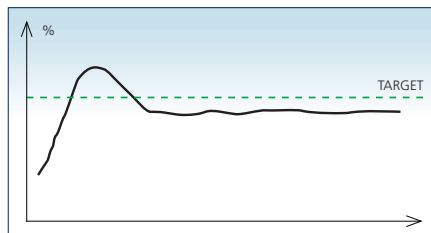
ProFoss™ – the optimal analyser for flour milling process analysis

- Reliable and low maintenance – keeps on running for maximum up-time
- Results can be presented on a screen in the production area for rapid adjustments of your process and/or be fed into your production system

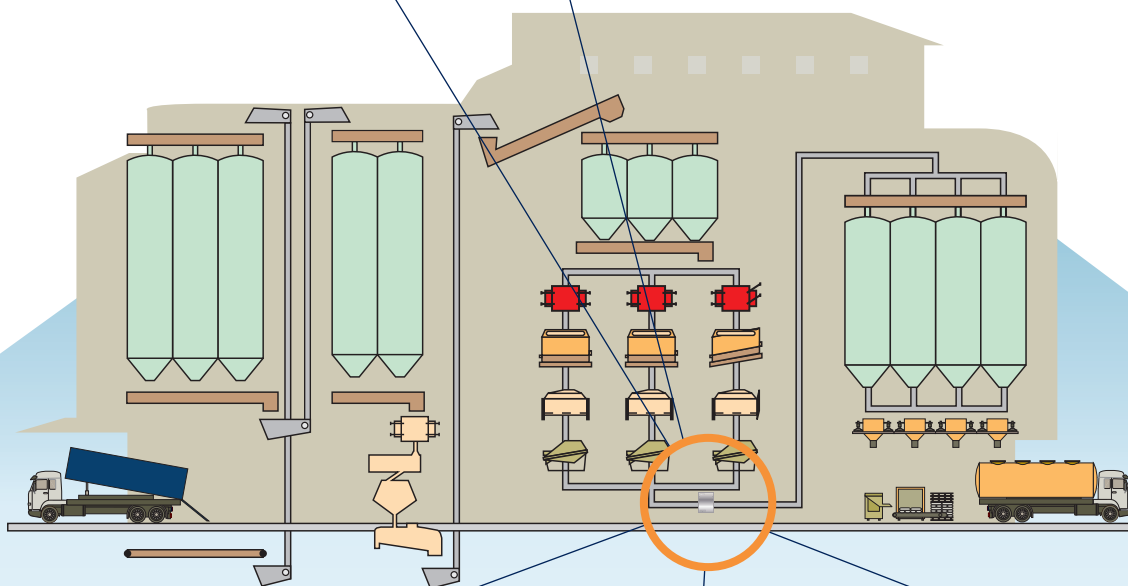
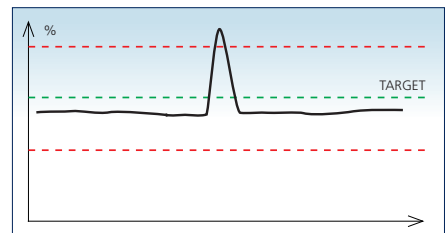
Production closer to target



Reduce start up variation



Alarms you when production is out of spec



Parameters

- Ash
- Protein
- Moisture

Primary profit drivers in flour milling are optimised use of costly wheat varieties and optimisation of yields through accurate control of moisture and ash levels in the final flour.

Typical analyzer Installation point

- Installation after the final steps in the milling process to validate and adjust the final flour quality
- Explosion certified according to IEC-EX (ATEX)
- Hygiene certified according to USDA

Dedicated sample interface

- Window interface connected directly to the pipe
- True in-line – no bypass – reduces waste and sampling errors
- No moving parts
- No carry over effects between analyses



ProFoss™ – High Resolution NIR technology

ProFoss™ is unique in employing a near infrared-based analysis technology known as High Resolution diode array analysis. The High Resolution technology ensures accuracy and reliability with measurements based on a high density of data points.

Accurate and continuous results

Measurement accuracy is in line with traditional laboratory analysis. However, results are presented continuously rather than a few times per day giving the opportunity for immediate adjustments to production. This together with the dedicated flour milling sample interface ensures you a total solution optimal for your process

ProFoss™ streamlines your manufacturing process with:

- High resolution diode array technology for accurate and continuous analysis
- Built-in instrument standardisation for quick and simple implementation
- Dedicated sample interfaces providing accuracy and rapid implementation
- Instant measurement of complete wavelength range for direct measurement of fast moving samples
- Quantitative and qualitative data for better in-line process control
- Consistent and uninterrupted analytical accuracy with Dual lamp backup technology
- Integrated intelligent FOSS calibration tool, ISlcal™ enables anyone to develop calibrations

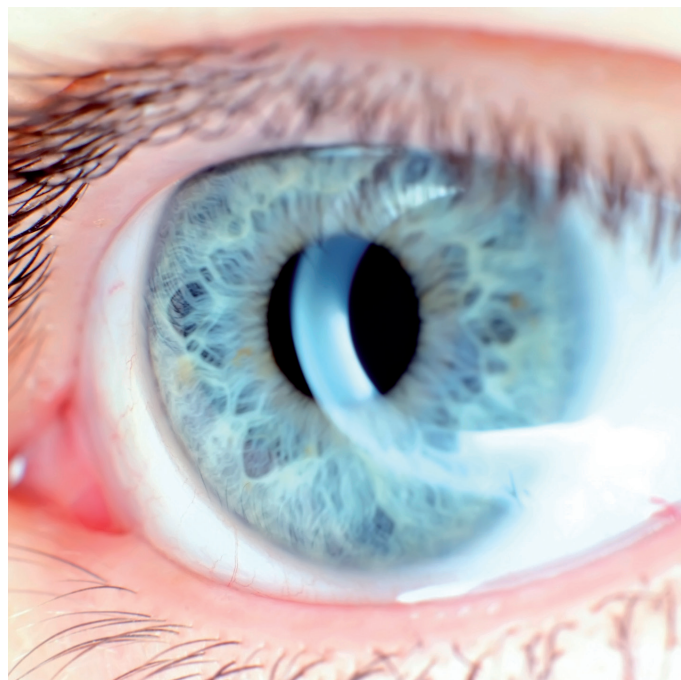
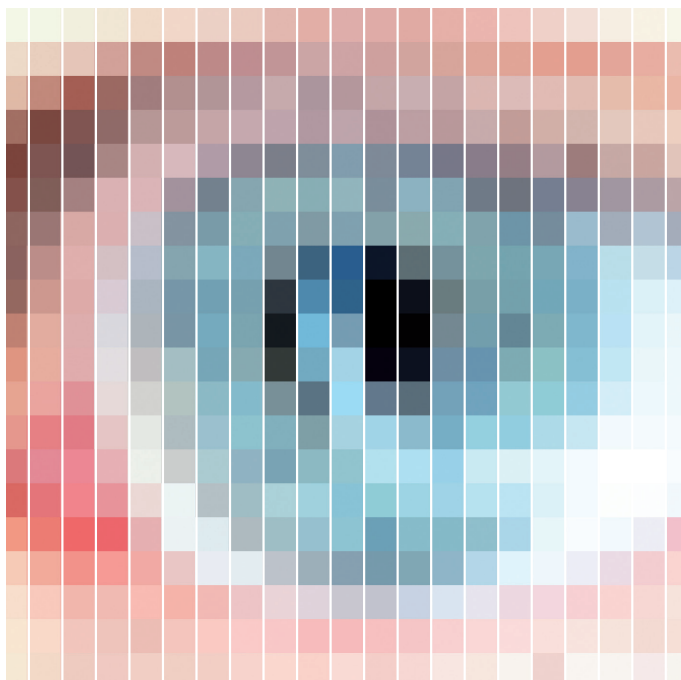
- Interface for integration to local control systems enables automatic regulation (OPC, 4-20mA, Profibus etc communication).

Robust and low maintenance operation

The ProFoss system keeps on running to ensure high uptime and minimal impact on daily production. Once calibrated, there is no need for constant adjustments caused by drift or other weaknesses. The high stability of the High Resolution technology ensures the same accuracy day in and day out without hidden operational costs.

Intelligent calibration tool - ISlcal™

Calibration is done either through WinISI™ or by using the intelligent calibration tool, ISlcal™. ISlcal requires a minimum of user experience. Each time a reference sample is collected from the process, a button is pressed on the analyzer to synchronize the scan with the collected sample. Reference data is added and a calibration is automatically developed (or an existing calibration expanded with the new data). The ISlcal tool automatically optimizes the calibration algorithms by selecting the most reliable model for future use.



High Resolution near infrared technology gives you a clearer picture of your process. A high number of pixels (diode sensors) in the spectrum secures a more detailed (accurate) and uniform (repeatable) analysis result.

High Resolution also enables manufacturing of "identical" (standardized) analyzers which stay the same over time (no drift).

Dedicated interfaces based on reflectance technology

The ProFoss™ analyser for flour is available with dedicated interfaces based on reflectance technology. Measurements are done directly on the moving sample in the process system. A high-intensity dual-lamp light source illuminates the sample directly. The light interacts with the sample and the reflected light is measured by the diode array sensor. The backup lamp in the dual lamp system secures uptime and analytical precision is unchanged even after switching to a new lamp.

The complete wavelength range is measured instantaneously enabling measurements to be accurately carried out even on fast moving samples. Calibrations are transferable between units ensuring easy expansion to other measurement points. Integration to process regulations systems can be done through interfacing via OPC, 4-20mA, Profibus etc. communication.

A standardised High Resolution analyser

A standardised analyser with transferable calibrations significantly reduces the implementation and maintenance costs. Transferability is the solid foundation required for rapid implementation of an analyser into a complex process environment. Furthermore, once a calibration has been developed, it can be reused on other analysers. The key to achieving this is the resolution of the analysers wavelength scale. The FOSS High Resolution technology has one sensor for each nm measured, securing 100% stability of the wavelength scale. In contrast, with lower wavelength resolution, shifts of up to 7 – 8 nm in the wavelength scale can occur, which will require major updates of existing calibrations for each new analyser installed.



RINA takes your NIR support to the next level

RINA is a software suite for networking of the following ISIs-can™ based instruments such as InfraXact, XDS, NIRSystem II (Feed and Forage Analysers), ProFoss and Foodscan. The software allows you to centralize or outsource your NIR support, which will lead to considerable cost savings and performance improvements. Technically it consists of three parts, a server, a network manager with access to internet and one or several clients (NIR instruments).

Investing in a process analysis solution

With any process analysis solution you are effectively putting your production in the hands of technology. FOSS is the right partner to provide a reliable solution that will run day in, day out and year after year.

ProFoss™ is simple to install directly in the production line and comes with a total service solution to help protect your investment. FossCare™ support plans offer the option of preventative maintenance for maximum uptime and minimized repair costs

FOSS solutions offer:

- Proven technology for precision and trouble-free operations
- User-friendly interfaces allowing anyone in the plant to contribute to process control
- Service programs offering a range of options to suit your business.
- Get your service in a timely manner by fully trained local staff onsite and/or remotely through internet

FOSS support plans

FossCare™ is a partnership, where FOSS helps customers with preventive maintenance, remote instrument monitoring, consultancy, training programs and downtime support. FOSS technicians work directly with the customer to solve any problem that they encounter, leading to maximum uptime and increased yield.

By participating in a Preventive Maintenance program, focus is moved from “fix it when it breaks” to a predictable and proactive approach, reducing the cost of unplanned downtime and emergency repairs and increasing the equipment reliability and availability of the solution.

Remote Monitoring and diagnostics

RINA is a remote instrument monitoring and diagnostics software that makes it easy for an internal or external expert to precisely configure, monitor and diagnose FOSS instruments from a remote location. Calibration updates and bias corrections are easily handled through the network and the system can be monitored on a daily basis, allowing you to focus on optimizing your production.

FOSS Total Service Solutions

- FOSS is committed to providing complete and fully integrated solutions to our customers
- Our relationship with you is a continuous partnership, not a time-limited occurrence
- FossCare™ Total Service Solutions are available at multiple levels according to your needs

Technical Specifications

ProFoss Reflection:	
Analysis time:	5 – 50 ms / integration time; Average time per result 3 – 15 seconds
Measurement mode:	Reflection
Wavelength range:	1100 – 1650 nm
Detector:	InGaAs Diode array
Spectral dispersion:	1.1 nm / pixel

General:	
Light source lifetime:	Dual lamp system = 17500 h
Software package:	ISlscan™ for instrument control; ISlcal™ for calibration development
Wavelength accuracy:	0.5 nm
Wavelength precision:	< 0.02 nm
Wavelength stability:	< 0.01 nm/°C
Noise:	< 60 micro AU
Random Vibrations:	0.4 grms at 10 – 150 Hz according to IEC 60068-2-64 0.4 grms at 10 – 1250 Hz according to FOSS internal standard (more information available on request)
Temperature:	-5 – 40°C (23 – 104°F). With purge -5 – 65°C (23 – 149°F)
Installation in ATEX zone:	0 – 40°C (32 – 104°F). With purge 0 – 65°C (32 – 149°F)
Purge air:	Flow rate minimum 5 l/min, > 99.9% water free, > 99.9% free of oil and fine particles down to 0.3µm
Ambient humidity:	10 – 90 % relative
Dimensions:	(w × h × d): 42 × 42 × 13.5 cm (16.5 × 16.5 × 5.3 inches) + brackets to hold the unit
Weight:	25 kg / 55 lbs
Cabinet:	1.5 mm (lid 2.5mm) Stainless Steel EN 1.4301 (SS2333)
Protection:	IP69K 1) according to IEC 60529 and DIN 40050 part 9, NT ELEC 023
Communication:	Ethernet, OPC "4 - 20 mA, Profibus, RINA
Power supply:	Recommended isolated or conditioned line power 100 – 240 VAC, 50 – 60 Hz, 2.0 A, 150W

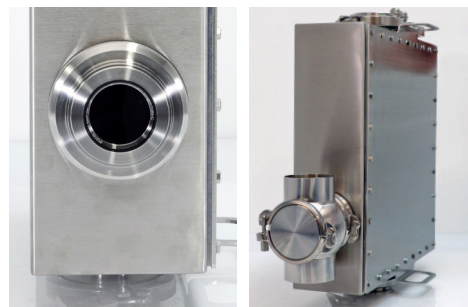
1) IP6x is the highest protection for dust entering the unit. IPx9K means protected against the effect of high-pressure water and/or steam cleaning at high temperature.

Dedicated sample interface

Window reflectance:

In-line analysis of paste, granulates, powdered products etc in pipes or transport systems without bypass can be performed. The products pass over the interface window. The window reflection interface can easily be installed into the production line using standard GEA Tuchenhausen flowcells or welding an interface flange into the wall of the pipe/transport system.

Temperature:	150°C (302°F)
Pressure:	Production pressure < 21 bar (< 305 PSI) Shock pressure < 50 bar (< 725 PSI)
Lens:	Sapphire; Diameter 45 mm, thickness 12 mm, w. food grade EPDM O-ring seal
Hygiene:	USDA
Pipe flowcells:	Fits directly into GEA Tuchenhausen Varinline Access units Type N (DN40 to DN150) with 68 mm opening
Transport system:	Stainless steel welding flange



Standards and approvals

ProFoss™ is CE labeled and complies with the following directives:

- EMC Directive (2004/108/EC)
- Low Voltage Directive (LVD) (2006/95/EC)
- RoHS Directive (2002/95/EC)
- Packaging and packing and waste Directive (94/62/EC)
- WEEE Directive (2002/96/EC)
- EN 60079-0:2009 - Explosive atmospheres - Part 0: Equipment - General requirements
- EN 60079-31:2009 - Explosive atmospheres - Part 31: Equipment dust ignition protection by enclosure 't'
- REACH Directive (1907/2006/EC)
- Developed and produced according to FOSS ISO approval ISO 9001

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