Environmental conditions affects wheat grain texture: consequences on grain fractionation and flour properties ?

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Texture : composition, consistency, constitution, structure, ...





Fate of the different wheat grain tissues along milling has a main effect on yield and biochemical composition of the recovered products



Main involvement of the **grain tissue mechanical properties** (breaking resistance/hardness)



Wheat Hardness can be controlled through genes located in CH5D encoding puroindolines A et B

involved in the adhesion between starch granules and the protein network



T. durum AABB genome Mechanical Resistance +++



Soft

Translocation in durum cv. Svevo of both wild type alleles *Pina-D1a* et *Pinb-D1a* (*Morris et al., 2011*)

Durum(Svevo)-Pin (expected soft phenotype)



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T. aestivum
AABBDD genome
2 hardness class Hard
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in locus Ha/CH5Ds
(Law et al., 1978)
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Near-isogenic lines for hardness

wild type allele *Pina-D1a,* **mutated** *Pinb-D1* allele (**b** or **d**)

wild type alleles Pina-D1a et Pinb-D1a



To evaluate the respective effect of genetic or environmental factors on grain characteristics & milling behavior...



common wheatnear-isogenic lines (≠<1.6%)</td>for hardnesswildor mutated allelePinb-D1aPinb-D1 (b or d)



durum wheat Svevo or Svevo + Pina-D1a/Pinb-D1a

+ cultivars whose
puroindoline alleles were identified: *Pinb-D1a* (wild) or mutated (b, c or d)

+ durum wheat cultivars (no puroindolines)

grown in different environments (locations, years, N supply)





Examine grain characteristics (« hardness/vitreousness » reported) & milling behavior including tissue distribution



Grain characteristics

Hardness

Indirect measurement

(linked to particle size)



75 µm

% fine particles

= **PSI value** or through IR measurement

= NIRS value

NIRS

90> Extra hard <10 Extra soft

Direct mechanical resistance measurement (SKCS)





Vitreousness



Estimated through Pohl grain cutter



Quantified through measurement of light transmission (*Beer Lambert* law) *Chichti et al., 2018*

I_T Reflects **porosity** level

Effect of environmental conditions on grain texture

common wheat near-isogenic lines + ct cultivar, 3 years, 7 sites, $2 \neq N$ supply (n=304 samples)

ANOVA study revealed the high significance on vitreousness

Oury et al. TAG (2015)

Marked effect (p value <0.001) of :



Effects on Pinb-D1 alleles on grain characteristics

Independent study on comparison between NILs

* with wild type *Pinb-D1a* (or mutated *Pinb-D1b* allele)
* with (*Pinb-D1b* or *Pinb-D1d*)

ANOVA study revealed no significant differences between NIL pairs for TGW, TW or protein mean values

| | NIRS mean value | SKCS mean value | Vitreousness mean value (%) | |
|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Pinb-D1a | 20.2 | 18.9 | 29.2 | X1.5 Pinb-D1 allele impacts |
| Pinb-D1b | 61.6 | 52.3 | 41.5 | |
| Significance | *** | (3 *** | *** | |
| Pinb-D1b | 73.3 | 51.1 | 44.9 | |
| Pinb-D1d | 67.1 | 46.9 | 42.1 | vitreousness |
| Significance | *** b>d | (*) b>d | ns | |

*** *p* value < 0,001 ; (*) *p* value < 0,1 ; ns non significant

Oury et al. TAG (2015)



Relationship between NIRS hardness, SKCS Hi & vitreousness depending on *Pinb-D1* allele



Vitreousness increases the E to break whatever the Pin allele

A threshold of vitreousness and SKCS value was observed if Pinb-D1a allele is present

Grains carrying *Pinb-D1b*/or *d* + low vitreousness can be mixed with those carrying *Pinb-D1a* + high vitreousness



SKCS Hi values depends on *Pinb-D1* allele but possible overlap due to environmental conditions



Oury et al. TAG (2015) Joubert et al. Ind Cereales (2016) Heinze et al. JCS (2016)

How distinct vitreousness will affect the milling behaviour (samples carrying *PinbD1b/d*)?



Vitreousness leads to :

- Lower the ability to produce flour
- Increase the amount of E to break
- Increase starch damaged in flour

Mayer et al, IFSET (2018) Oury et al, TAG 2017 Chichti PhD 2013 Lasme et al. Cereal Chem 2012 Greffeuille et al. TAG 2006

How distinct vitreousness will affect the milling behaviour (*PinbD1a* versus *PinbD1b/d*)?



Different behaviour depending both on Pinb-D1 allele & environment

- * Favorable effect of vitreousness if *PinbD1a* is present
- * Unfavorable effect of vitreousness if *PinbD1b/d* is present

Oury et al, TAG 2017 Greffeuille et al. TAG 2006

Combining vitreousness and *Pin B-D1* allele leads to an optimum for total flour yield



Optimum total flour amount corresponds to either grains carrying *Pinb-D1b/c/d* with low vitreousness or carrying *Pinb-D1a* + high vitreousness (**SKCS values ~ 30-40**)

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Oury et al. TAG (2017)

CONCLUSIONS



Grain texture affects its mechanical properties & depends on :

- Genetics: puroindoline allele
- Environmental conditions: vitreousness (=1/porosity)

(Year, Sites, N supply) impacts Vitreousness

- whose level depends on *Pinb-D1* presence a<<d<b
- which is related linearly with SKCS values but with specific equation depending on puroindoline alleles
- which affects grain milling behaviour: increase the breaking E, starch damage, modify the ability to produce & reduce semolina
 (>0 for grains carrying *Pinb-D1a*, <0 for those carrying *Pinb-D1b/c/d*)

Optimum total flour production for SKCS values ~ 30-40 (vitreous grains with *Pinb-D1a* or porous grains with *Pinb-D1b/c/d*)

Numerical modelling of the starchy endosperm was developed to mimic & describe breakage behaviour

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