

Phenomenology of Neapolitan pizza baking in a traditional wood-fired oven

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Table S1 – Effect of baking time (t_B) on the average value and standard deviation of the instantaneous height (h) of the rim of different pizza samples (see types A-D in Table 1) during their baking in a pilot-scale wood-fired oven.

Rim height (h) of pizza sample [cm] t_B [s]	A	B	C	D
0	0.68±0.11 ^a	0.85±0.14 ^b	0.74±0.20 ^a	0.87±0.17 ^b
2	0.78±0.14 ^a	0.94±0.16 ^b	0.82±0.18 ^a	0.96±0.16 ^b
4	0.84±0.18 ^a	1.01±0.19 ^b	0.88±0.17 ^a	1.01±0.16 ^b
6	0.91±0.18 ^a	1.07±0.20 ^b	0.93±0.19 ^a	1.08±0.20 ^b
8	0.98±0.21 ^a	1.12±0.21 ^b	0.99±0.20 ^a	1.19±0.23 ^b
10	1.04±0.21 ^a	1.18±0.22 ^{a,b}	1.09±0.22 ^a	1.23±0.24 ^b
12	1.11±0.22 ^a	1.37±0.22 ^b	1.20±0.25 ^a	1.34±0.23 ^b
14	1.21±0.26 ^a	1.47±0.22 ^b	1.31±0.22 ^a	1.51±0.28 ^b
16	1.34±0.23 ^a	1.55±0.25 ^b	1.48±0.21 ^a	1.68±0.35 ^b
18	1.40±0.28 ^a	1.72±0.33 ^b	1.57±0.22 ^a	1.87±0.42 ^b
20	1.47±0.33 ^a	1.82±0.37 ^b	1.62±0.21 ^a	1.98±0.43 ^b
24	1.54±0.34 ^a	1.92±0.41 ^b	1.71±0.24 ^a	2.11±0.47 ^b
28	1.59±0.37 ^a	2.10±0.47 ^b	1.83±0.28 ^a	2.17±0.47 ^b
32	1.63±0.39 ^a	2.21±0.45 ^b	1.88±0.29 ^a	2.24±0.47 ^b
36	1.69±0.42 ^a	2.26±0.42 ^b	1.92±0.31 ^a	2.32±0.49 ^b
40	1.75±0.45 ^a	2.32±0.42 ^b	1.97±0.33 ^a	2.40±0.50 ^b
50	1.81±0.49 ^a	2.39±0.38 ^b	2.04±0.35 ^a	2.47±0.50 ^b
60	1.88±0.52 ^a	2.47±0.36 ^b	2.08±0.36 ^a	2.53±0.50 ^b
70	1.93±0.50 ^a	2.58±0.34 ^b	2.12±0.35 ^a	2.58±0.45 ^b
80	1.96±0.50 ^a	2.61±0.33 ^b	2.14±0.35 ^a	2.63±0.45 ^b

In each row, values with the same letter have no significant difference at $p < 0.05$.

Table S2: Main results (mean \pm sd) of 12 repeated baking tests performed in a wood-fired pizza oven fed with 3 kg/h of oak logs using five pizza types A- E (see Table 1): effect of baking time (tb) on the instantaneous temperature of the oven floor exposed to fire (T_{FL}) or shielded by the pizza sample (T_{FLbp}), temperatures of the pizza rim (T_{SR}), upper (T_{SU}) and lower (T_{SL}) areas, overall mass of sample (ms), and estimated moisture fraction on oil-free basis (x_w). When 2 o 3 ingredients were added, T_{SU} was expressed by averaging the temperatures of the areas covered with tomato puree (TP), sunflower oil (SO) and/or mozzarella cheese (MC).

t _B [s]	T _{FL} [°C]	T _{FLbp} [°C]	T _{SR} [°C]	T _{SU} [°C]	T _{SL} [°C]	ms [g]	x _w [g/g]
<i>White pizza</i>							
0	442 \pm 9 ^a	442 \pm 9 ^a	21.0 \pm 0.1 ^a	21.0 \pm 0.1 ^a	21.0 \pm 0.1 ^a	250.0 \pm 1.0 ^a	0.450
20	441 \pm 7 ^a	363 \pm 10 ^b	80.0 \pm 3.0 ^b	103.0 \pm 2.0 ^b	84.0 \pm 2.0 ^b	248.2 \pm 0.2 ^b	0.446
40	436 \pm 11 ^a	348 \pm 5 ^b	116.0 \pm 3.0 ^c	138.0 \pm 7.0 ^c	97.0 \pm 2.0 ^c	245.9 \pm 0.6 ^c	0.440
60	435 \pm 7 ^a	332 \pm 7 ^c	130.0 \pm 6.0 ^d	157.0 \pm 6.0 ^d	102.0 \pm 2.0 ^d	243.0 \pm 1.0 ^d	0.434
80	432 \pm 10 ^a	325 \pm 5 ^c	148.0 \pm 9.0 ^e	182.0 \pm 9.0 ^e	106.0 \pm 3.0 ^d	240.6 \pm 0.7 ^e	0.428
<i>White pizza garnished with sunflower oil</i>							
0	446 \pm 5 ^a	448 \pm 7 ^a	21.0 \pm 0.1 ^a	21.0 \pm 0.1 ^a	21.0 \pm 0.1 ^a	280.0 \pm 2.0 ^a	0.450
20	443 \pm 6 ^a	351 \pm 11 ^b	86.0 \pm 3.0 ^b	100.0 \pm 3.0 ^b	81.0 \pm 2.0 ^b	278.4 \pm 0.2 ^a	0.446
40	441 \pm 7 ^a	342 \pm 9 ^b	116.0 \pm 7.0 ^c	128.0 \pm 6.0 ^c	93.0 \pm 5.0 ^c	276.7 \pm 0.6 ^b	0.442
60	439 \pm 11 ^a	327 \pm 7 ^c	149.0 \pm 7.0 ^d	148.0 \pm 5.0 ^d	101.0 \pm 3.0 ^d	272.4 \pm 1.3 ^c	0.432
80	434 \pm 8 ^a	314 \pm 7 ^{b,c}	169.0 \pm 9.0 ^e	156.0 \pm 4.0 ^d	105.0 \pm 2.0 ^d	267.7 \pm 1.6 ^d	0.421
<i>Tomato pizza</i>							
0	443 \pm 8 ^a	440 \pm 7 ^a	21.0 \pm 0.1 ^a	21.0 \pm 0.1 ^a	21.0 \pm 0.1 ^a	320.0 \pm 2.0 ^a	0.555
20	442 \pm 7 ^a	339 \pm 10 ^b	83.0 \pm 2.0 ^b	59.0 \pm 2.0 ^b	75.0 \pm 2.0 ^b	319.1 \pm 0.3 ^a	0.553
40	439 \pm 7 ^a	328 \pm 6 ^b	113.0 \pm 4.0 ^c	71.0 \pm 2.0 ^c	92.0 \pm 3.0 ^c	317.1 \pm 0.5 ^b	0.551
60	438 \pm 8 ^a	320 \pm 10 ^{b,c}	124.0 \pm 3.0 ^d	76.0 \pm 2.0 ^d	96.0 \pm 2.0 ^c	314.1 \pm 0.3 ^c	0.546
80	436 \pm 6 ^a	304 \pm 5 ^c	136.0 \pm 3.0 ^e	81.0 \pm 2.0 ^e	101.0 \pm 2.0 ^d	311.2 \pm 0.8 ^d	0.542
<i>Tomato pizza garnished with sunflower oil</i>							
				TP area	SO area		
0	440 \pm 7 ^a	438 \pm 10 ^a	21.0 \pm 0.1 ^a	21.0 \pm 0.1 ^a	21.0 \pm 0.1 ^a	350.0 \pm 3.0 ^a	0.555
20	438 \pm 5 ^a	332 \pm 12 ^b	88.0 \pm 3.0 ^b	61.0 \pm 3.0 ^b	89.0 \pm 5.0 ^b	349.4 \pm 0.1 ^a	0.554
40	437 \pm 7 ^a	318 \pm 5 ^{b,c}	115.0 \pm 5.0 ^c	73.0 \pm 2.0 ^c	100.0 \pm 4.0 ^c	347.2 \pm 0.5 ^b	0.551
60	437 \pm 6 ^a	313 \pm 7 ^{b,c}	128.0 \pm 5.0 ^d	79.0 \pm 2.0 ^d	103.0 \pm 2.0 ^c	344.7 \pm 0.3 ^c	0.547
80	436 \pm 6 ^a	309 \pm 7 ^c	141.0 \pm 2.0 ^e	84.0 \pm 2.0 ^e	106.0 \pm 2.0 ^c	341.0 \pm 1.9 ^d	0.542
<i>Tomato pizza garnished with sunflower oil and mozzarella cheese</i>							
				TP area	SO area	MC area	
0	442 \pm 9 ^a	437 \pm 12 ^a	21 \pm 0.1 ^a	21.0 \pm 0.1 ^a	21.0 \pm 0.1 ^a	15.0 \pm 0.1 ^a	430.0 \pm 4.0 ^a
40	439 \pm 4 ^a	336 \pm 10 ^b	98 \pm 3 ^b	63.0 \pm 2.0 ^b	92.0 \pm 4.0 ^b	51.6 \pm 1.8 ^b	428.0 \pm 0.6 ^a

60	$438 \pm 7^{\text{a}}$	$325 \pm 6^{\text{b,c}}$	$113 \pm 3^{\text{c}}$	$73.0 \pm 2.0^{\text{c}}$	$98.0 \pm 3.0^{\text{c}}$	$55.0 \pm 2.0^{\text{c}}$	$86.7 \pm 2.0^{\text{c}}$	$427.0 \pm 0.6^{\text{b}}$	0.540
80	$436 \pm 6^{\text{a}}$	$314 \pm 7^{\text{b,c}}$	$130 \pm 5^{\text{d}}$	$77.0 \pm 3.0^{\text{c}}$	$101.0 \pm 2.0^{\text{c}}$	$59.9 \pm 1.6^{\text{d}}$	$92.8 \pm 2.1^{\text{d}}$	$425.1 \pm 0.6^{\text{c}}$	0.538
100	$436 \pm 5^{\text{a}}$	$307 \pm 6^{\text{c}}$	$155 \pm 5^{\text{e}}$	$87.0 \pm 2.0^{\text{c}}$	$110.6 \pm 3.4^{\text{d}}$	$67.2 \pm 2.4^{\text{e}}$	$106.1 \pm 3.7^{\text{e}}$	$423.0 \pm 0.3^{\text{d}}$	0.536

Mean values within the same parameter at different baking times followed by different superscript letters significantly differ by the Tukey test ($p < 0.05$).

Table S3 Mean value and standard deviation of the empirical coefficients **a** and **b** of Eq. (1) and corresponding coefficient of determinations (r^2) for the water heating and pizza baking tests carried out in this work.

Sample	a	b	r^2
Water	-2.99±0.26	0.084±0.004	0.987
A) Pizza as such	-1.65±0.34	0.022±0.002	0.979
B) Pizza topped with SO	-3.13±0.52	0.035±0.004	0.977
C) Pizza topped with TP	-6.22±0.48	0.104±0.007	0.992
D) Pizza topped with TS and SO	-5.96±0.31	0.097±0.004	0.996
E) Pizza topped with TS, SO, and MC	-2.16±0.27	0.047±0.004	0.980

Table S4

Effect of baking time (t_B) on the percentage degree of browned (Y_{Br}) and blackened (Y_{Bl}) areas of the upper and lower area of different pizza samples A-E (cf. Table 1) during baking in a wood-fired oven. Each percentage is expressed as mean \pm sd ($n = 3$).



Pizza sample	A	B	C	D	E	A	B	C	D	E
t_B (s)	Browned area percentage Y_{Br} [%]					Blackened area percentage Y_{Bl} [%] (%)				
<i>Upper pizza side</i>										
20	0.01 \pm 0.0	0.00 \pm 0.0	2.5 \pm 1.0			0.00 \pm 0.0	0.00 \pm 0.0	0.13 \pm 0.2		
40	0.3 \pm 0.2	0.07 \pm 0.1	3.1 \pm 1.2	1.9 \pm 0.3	0.08 \pm 0.1	0.03 \pm 0.1	0.00 \pm 0.0	0.5 \pm 0.3	0.00 \pm 0.0	0.00 \pm 0.0
60	4.7 \pm 1.0	2.1 \pm 1.5	8.2 \pm 2.0	4.3 \pm 0.5	0.3 \pm 0.1	0.38 \pm 0.1	0.8 \pm 1.7	1.7 \pm 0.8	0.09 \pm 0.1	0.17 \pm 0.0
80	26 \pm 5 ^a	8.6 \pm 1.6 ^{c,b}	11 \pm 2 ^b	10.7 \pm 5 ^b	2.3 \pm 0.1	7.9 \pm 6 ^a	1.4 \pm 1.1 ^a	2.9 \pm 0.1 ^a	3.2 \pm 2.0 ^a	0.6 \pm 0.1
100					7.3 \pm 0.3 ^c					3.95 \pm 0.3 ^a
<i>Lower pizza side</i>										
20	0.00 \pm 0.0	0.09 \pm 0.1	0.32 \pm 0.3			0.00 \pm 0.0	0.00 \pm 0.0	0.04 \pm 0.0		
40	0.03 \pm 0.0	0.2 \pm 0.3	1.0 \pm 0.4	1.3 \pm 0.9	0.13 \pm 0.0	0.00 \pm 0.0	0.00 \pm 0.0	0.13 \pm 0.1	0.05 \pm 0.0	0.04 \pm 0.0
60	0.06 \pm 0.1	0.11 \pm 0.5	4.7 \pm 1.7	1.4 \pm 1.4	0.40 \pm 0.0	0.00 \pm 0.0	0.00 \pm 0.0	0.56 \pm 0.1	0.07 \pm 0.0	0.14 \pm 0.0
80	1.4 \pm 1.2 ^b	0.3 \pm 0.2 ^a	7.6 \pm 1.2 ^c	5.9 \pm 1.0 ^c	1.7 \pm 0.1	0.01 \pm 0.0 ^c	0.00 \pm 0.0 ^c	0.87 \pm 0.4 ^{a,b}	0.37 \pm 0.2 ^b	0.80 \pm 0.1
100					2.8 \pm 0.1 ^b					0.94 \pm 0.1 ^a

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Figure S1

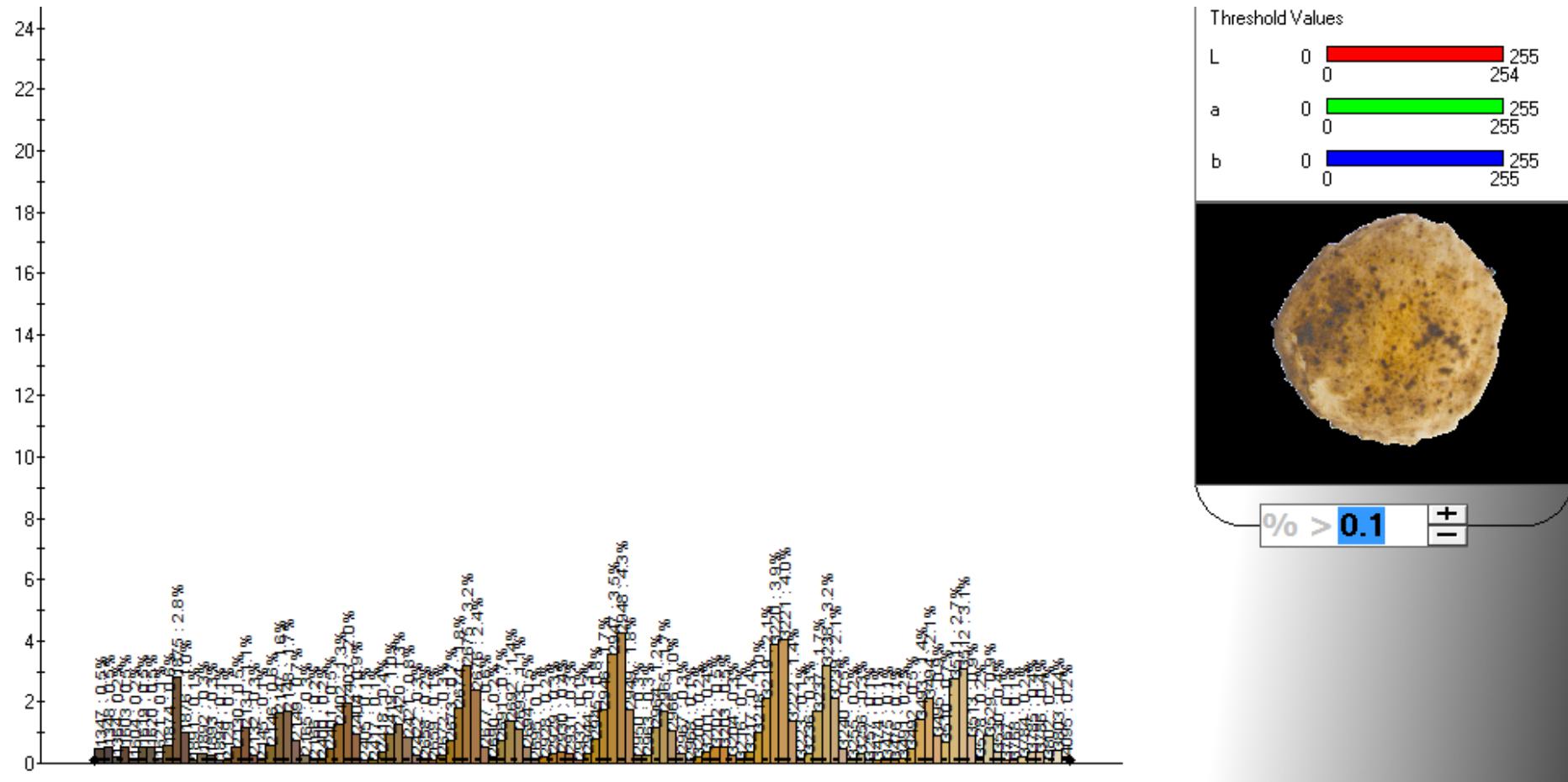
Front picture of the wood-fired pizza oven used in this work.



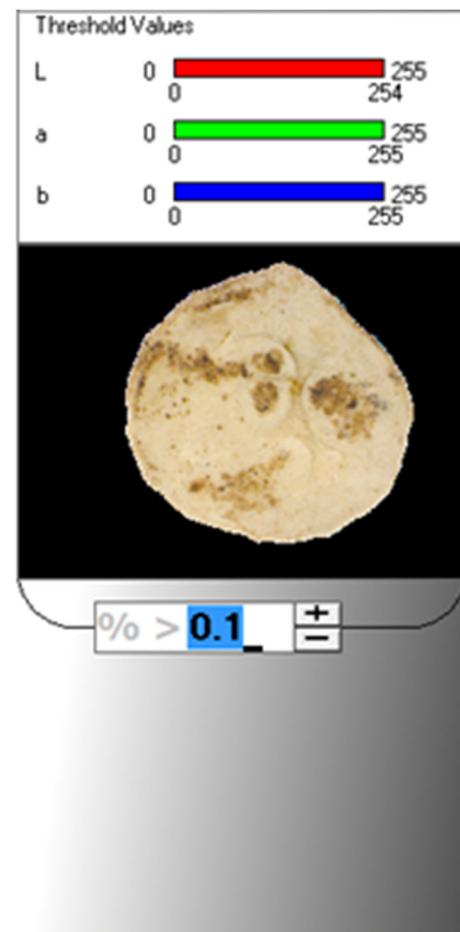
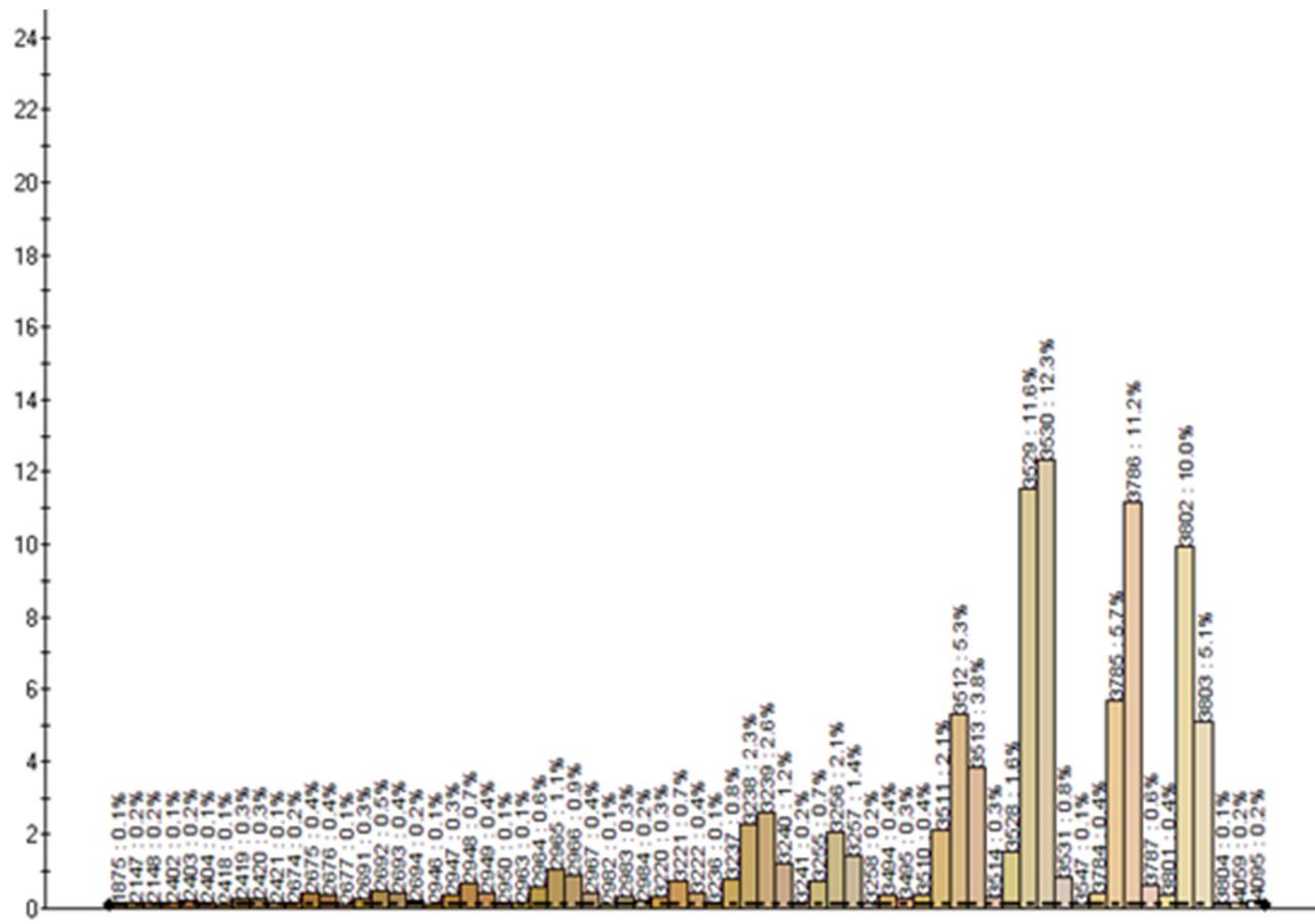
Figure S2

Color spectra of the upper and lower sides of pizza samples A-E (cf. Table 1) as baked in the pilot-scale wood-fired oven for 80 s showing the proportion (percentage of surface) of each unique color measured in a 4096-color space if greater than 0.1%.

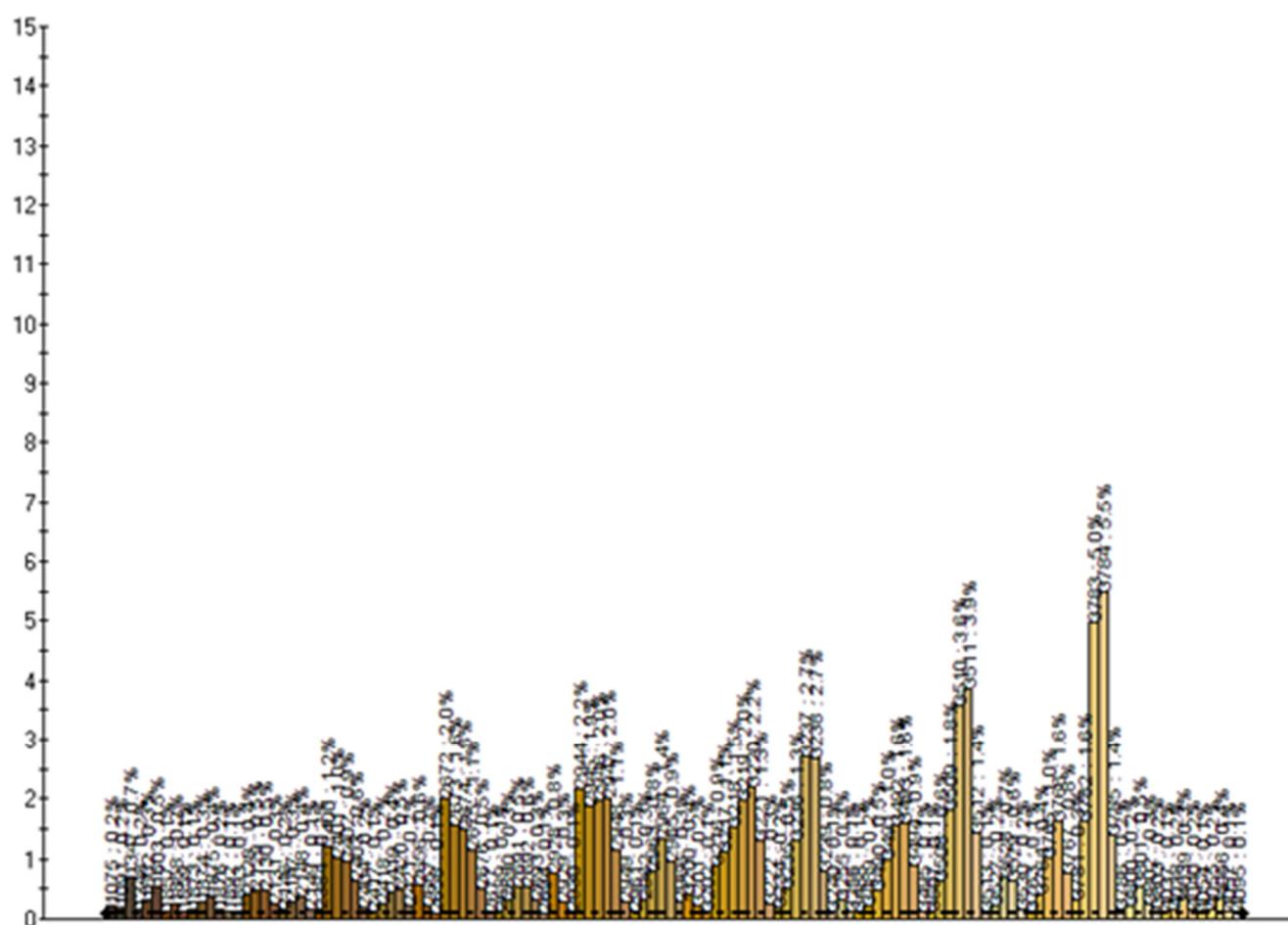
a) Upper side of pizza sample A



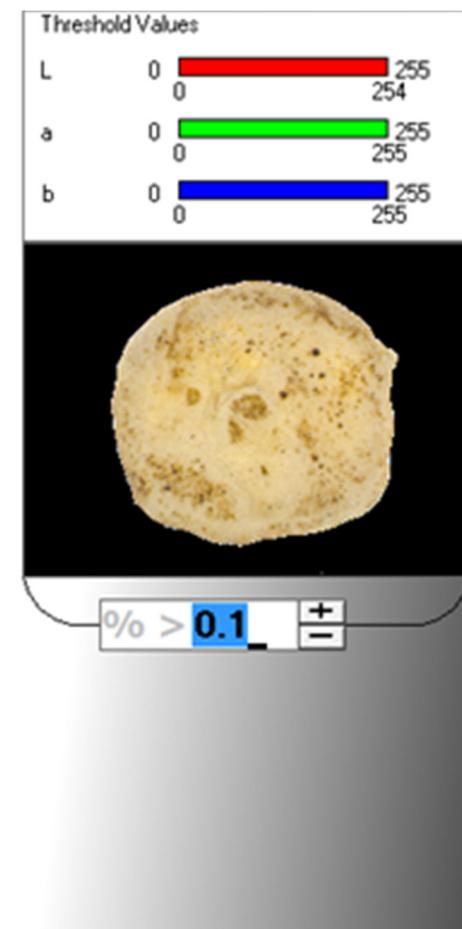
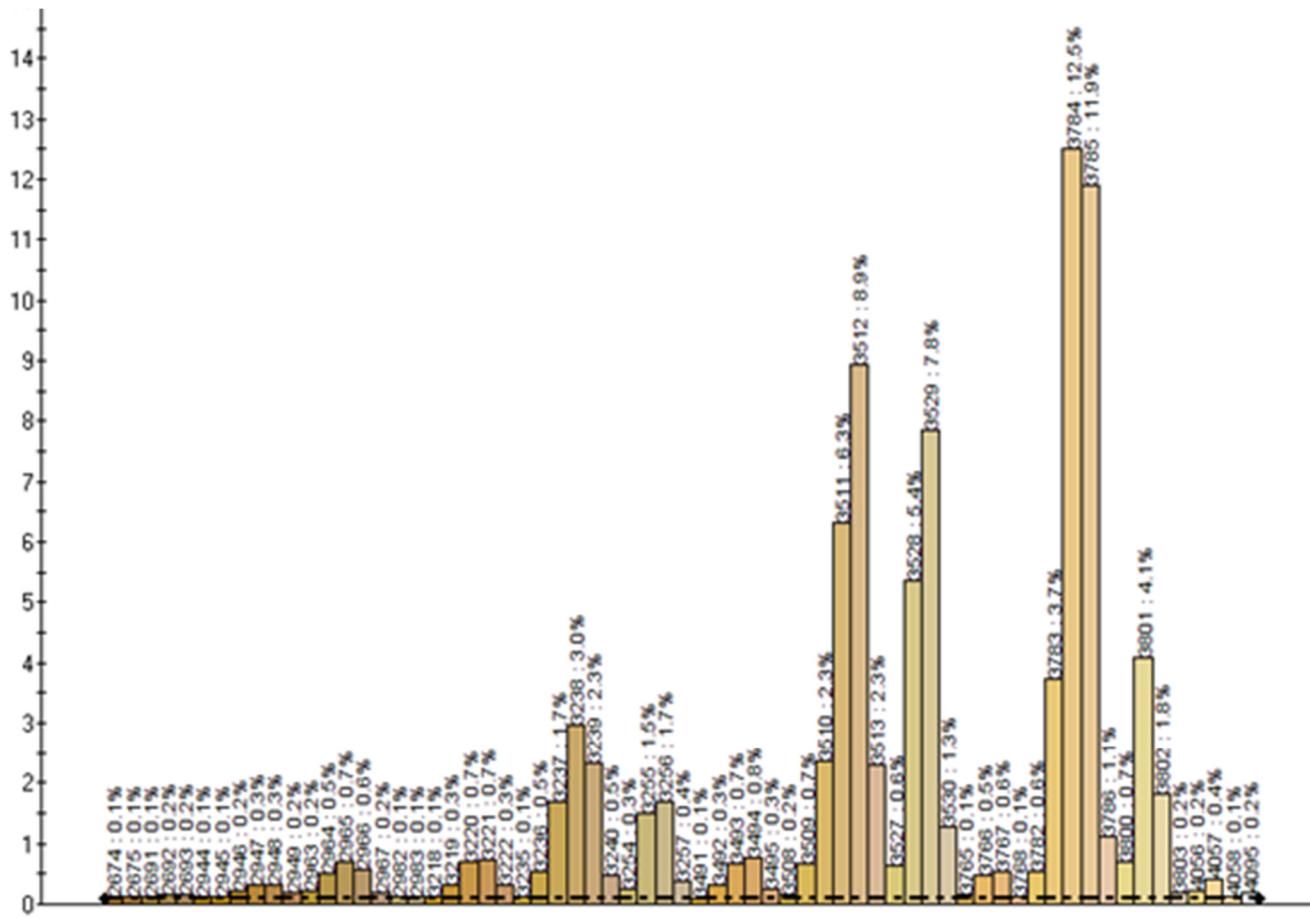
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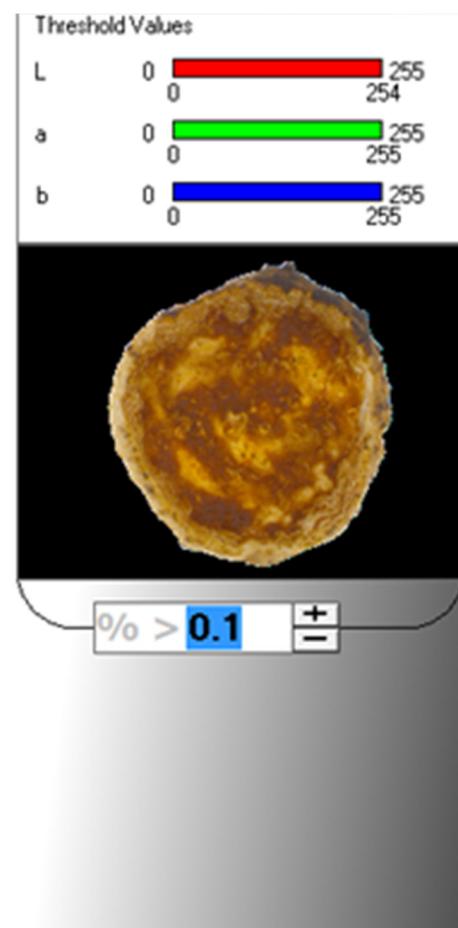
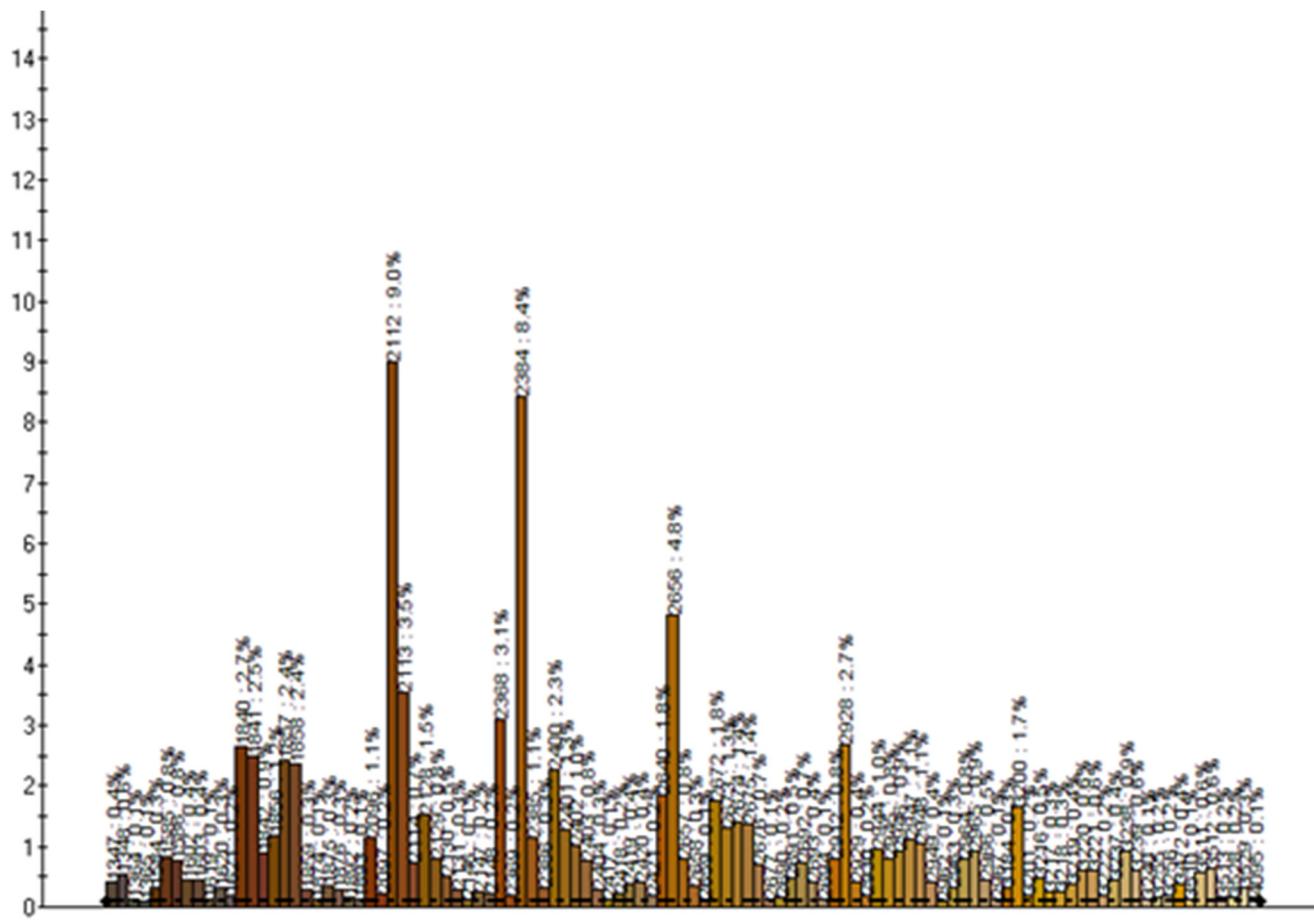
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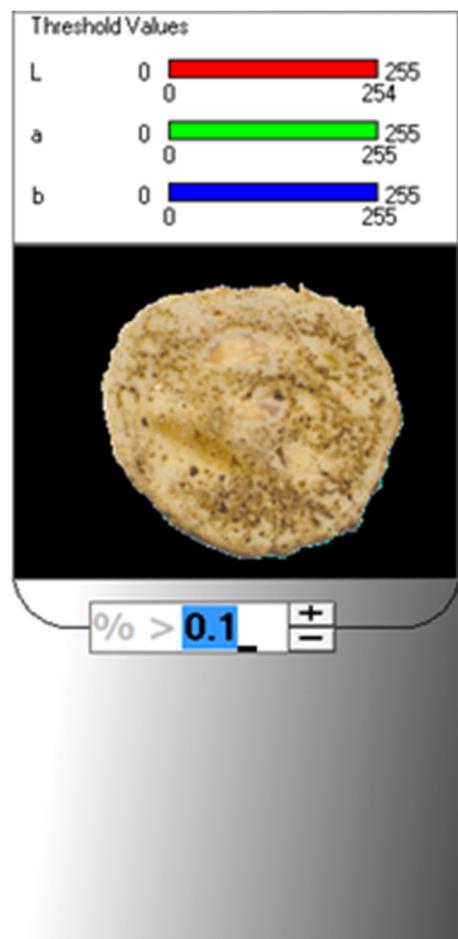
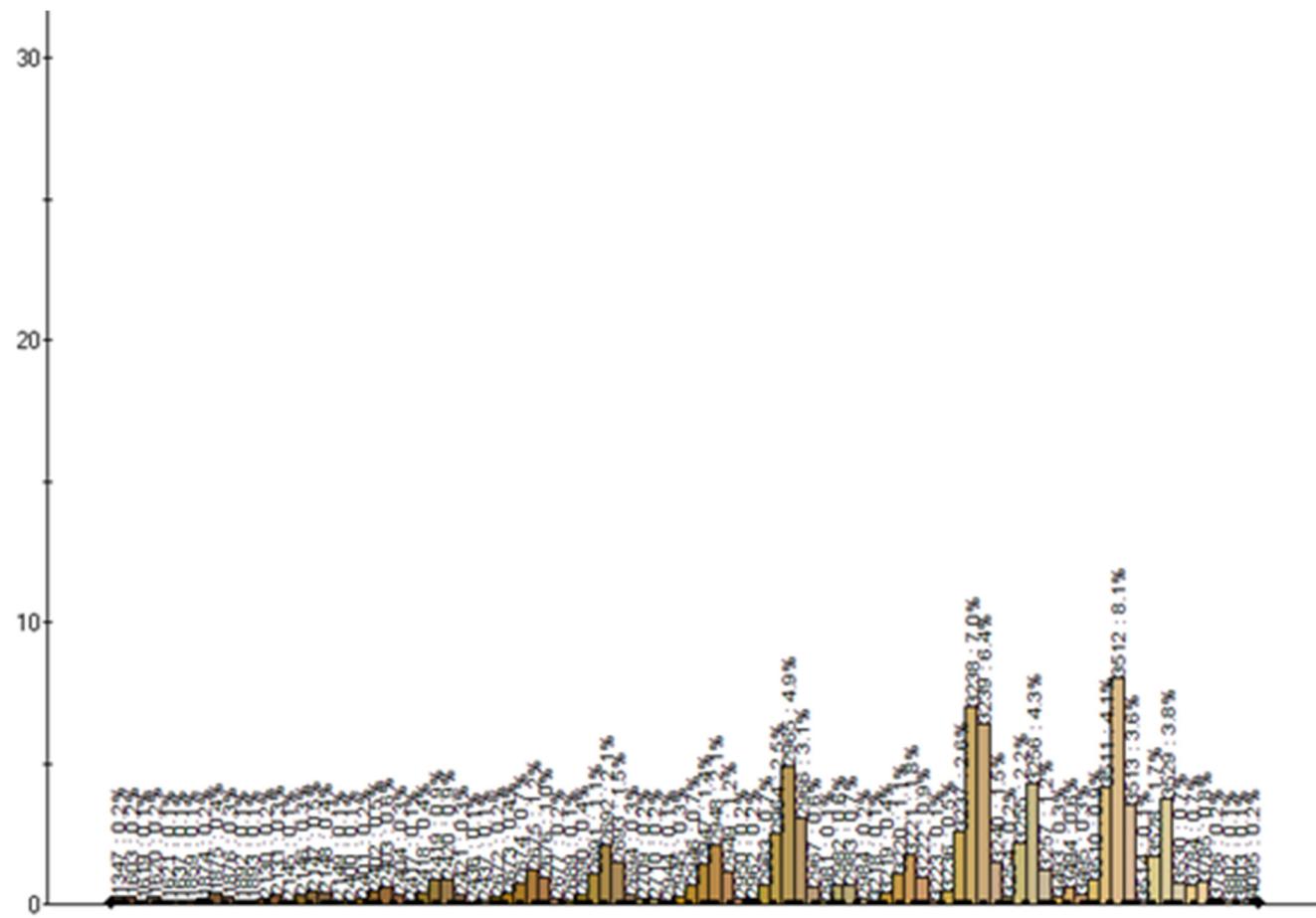
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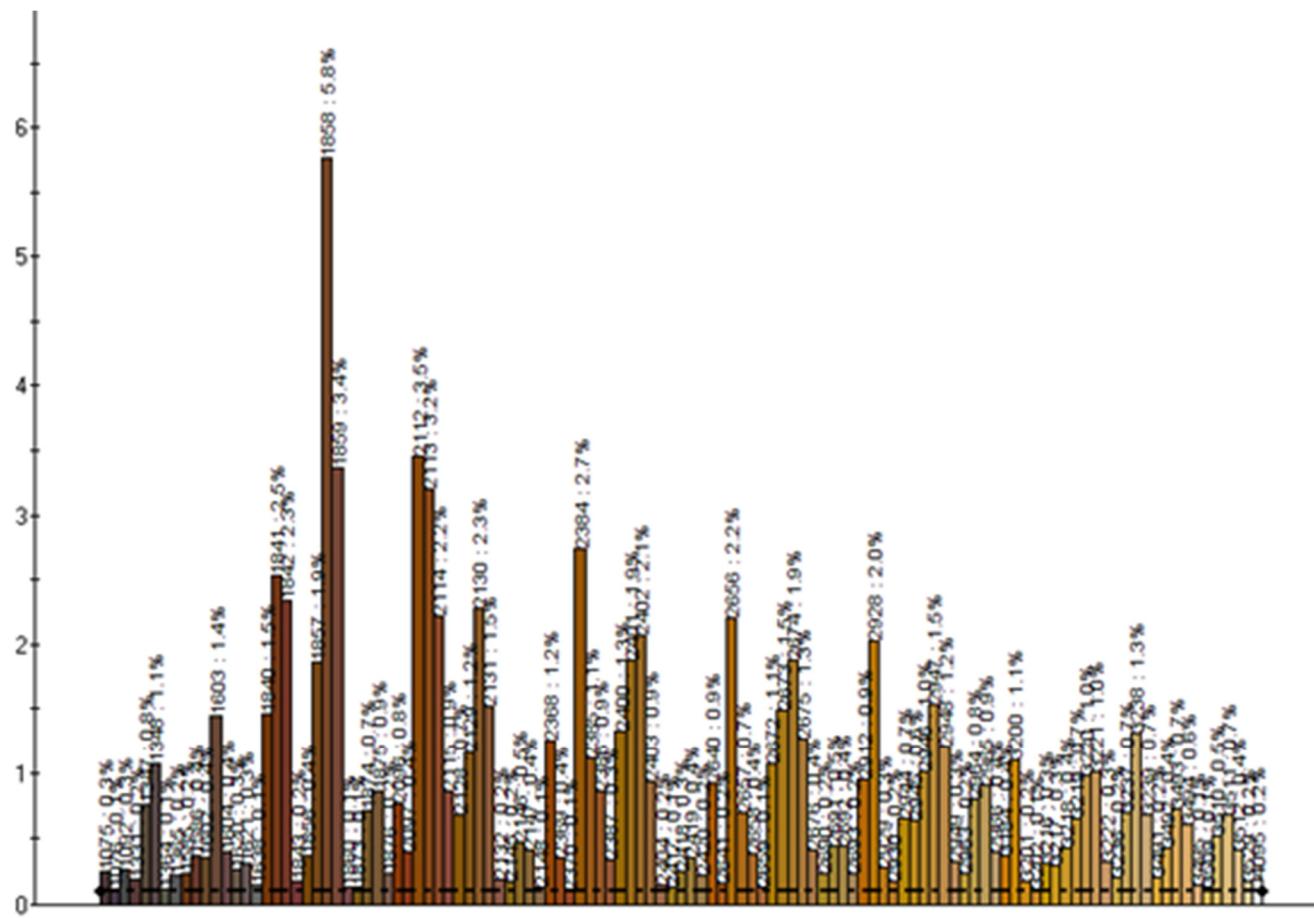
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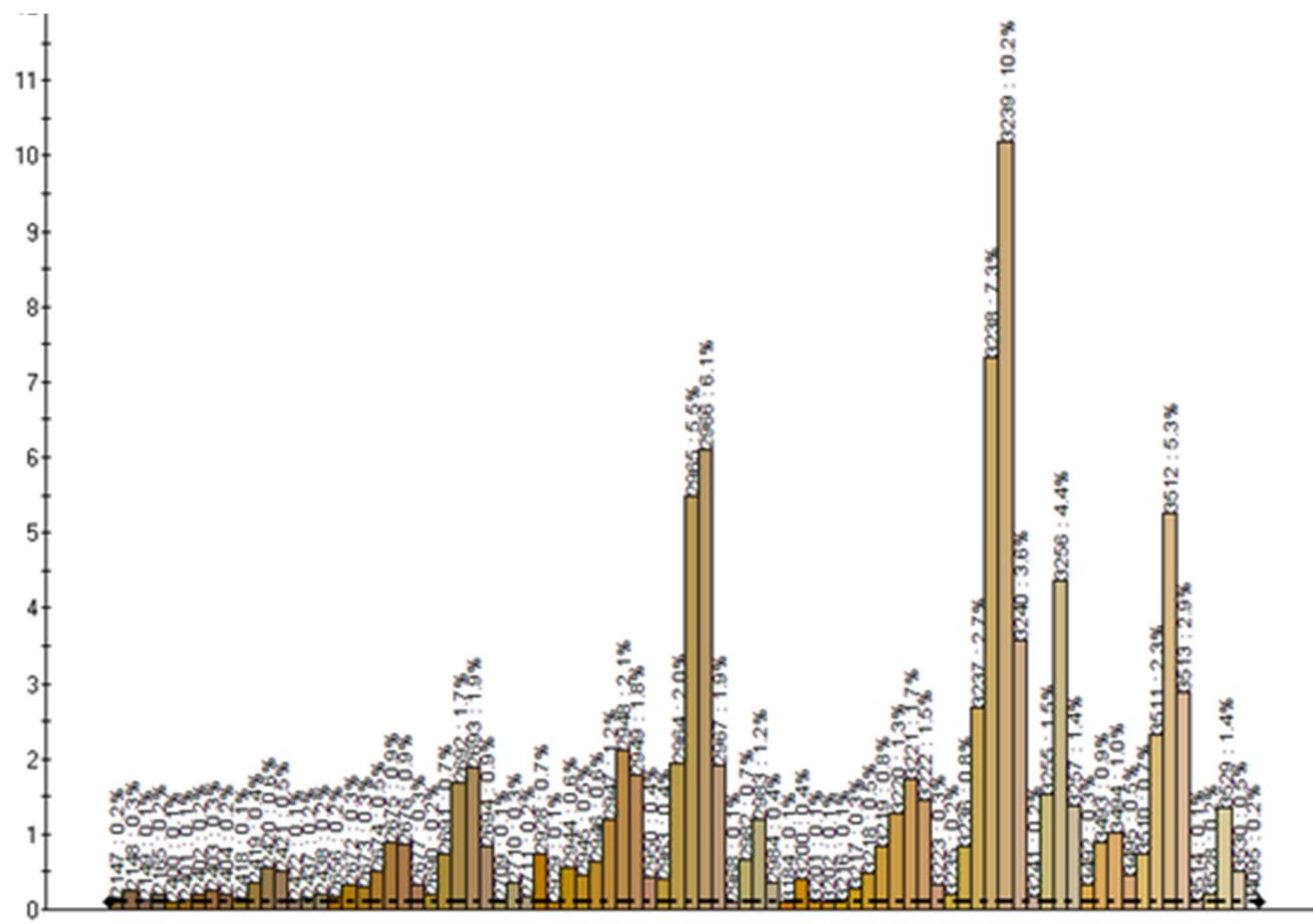
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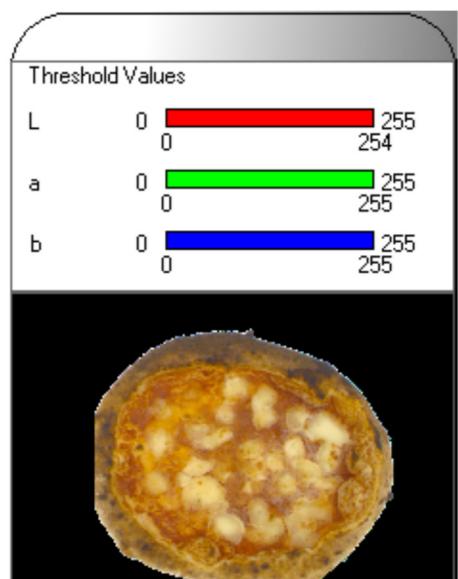
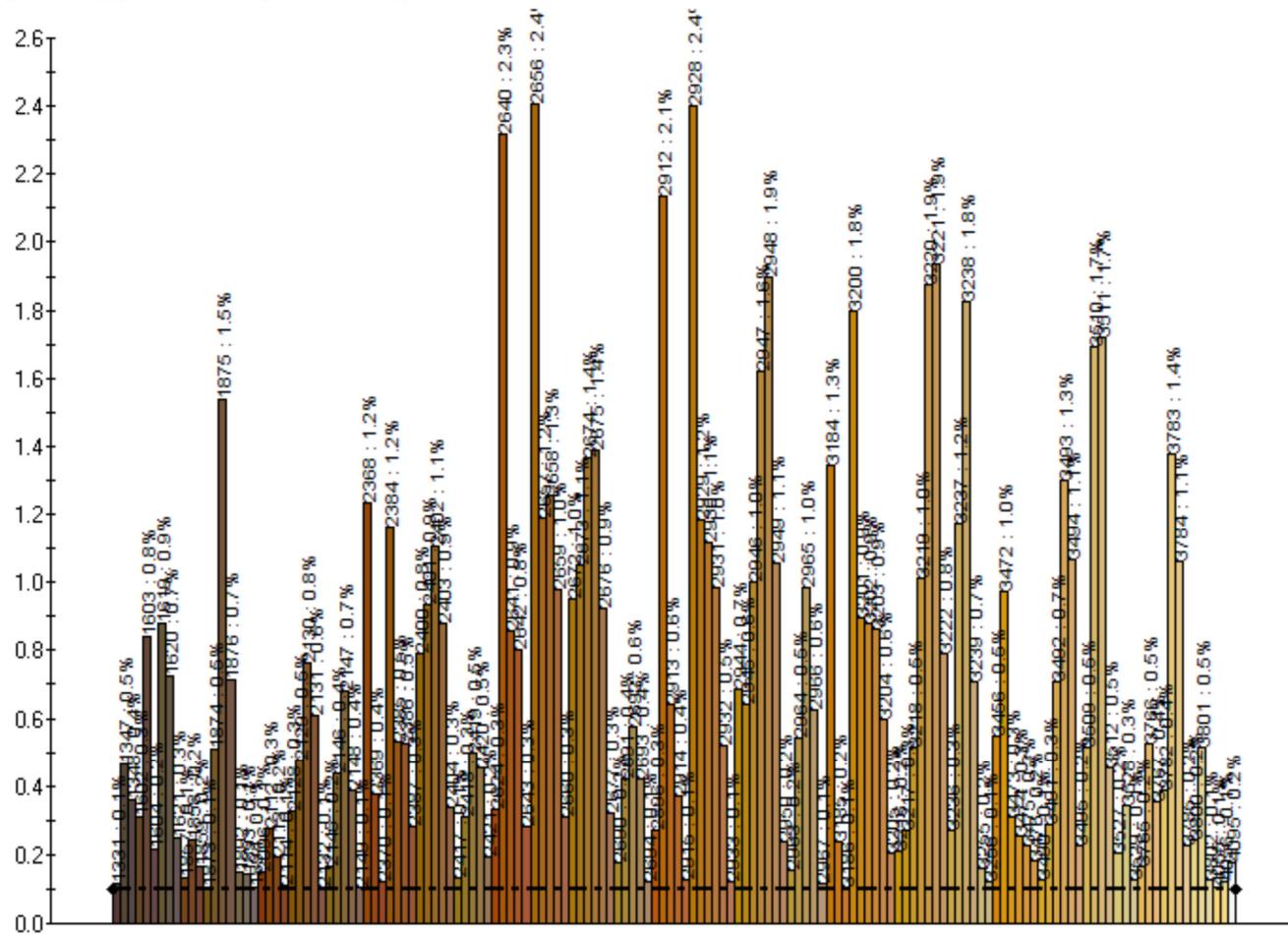
g) Upper side of pizza sample D



h) Lower side of pizza sample D



i) Upper side of pizza sample E



j) Lower side of pizza sample E

