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## Industrial Applications of Fluidized Beds and Fluidization of Fine Particles (Invited Talk)

All AFM images were collected using the tapping mode with a silicon nitride probe and a scanning area of  $2 \times 2 \mu\text{m}$ . Many mixed products contain cohesive ingredients. Also, these blenders are less likely to experience blend segregation during discharge because the impellers typically operate during this process.

## Mixing and homogenization

In some cases, the mixing process is designed to make use of this temperature rise. The cohesion and adhesive forces increase with silanization reaction duration.

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The results obtained by those three devices, the particle size effect and cohesion indexes, bring us to the conclusion that static mixers could be used for mixing of powders, but their shape, number of mixing elements and the mixer length should be adapted for each mixture separately, experimentally and mathematically, through modelling of the system. The developed state diagrams can be extended to other size ratios, and may serve as a useful tool for controlling particle mixing in other devices or processes e.

## Unit Operations in Food Processing

Within the food industry, relationships established between the quality of mixed products and the operating parameters of mixing are often empirical, and consequently, the design of mixing systems are frequently not based upon well-established scientific principles. Liquid foods that obey this simple rheological relationship include sugar solutions, milk, beer, fruit juices without pulp, vegetable oils, molten fats, and some honeys among others. Cite this chapter as: Weinekötter R.

## Cohesion

Air incorporation and foaming The challenge: One of the main challenges in mixing powders with liquids is how to prevent unwanted air and foaming.

## **Mixing & Blending**

Agitation of the powder especially powders with different bulk densities may result in migration of smaller particles downwards and of larger ones upwards. The purpose of this brief article is to discuss the basic mixing and blending technology, factors driving technology improvements, blend sampling, and segregation.

### **Flow and Mixing of Cohesive Particles in a Vertical Bladed Mixer**

A general rule of thumb is that every time a transfer step is added to a process, the powder blend can segregate.

### **Cohesive effects in powder mixing in a tumbling blender**

When the same experiment is performed with cohesive particles, the results are different.

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