



Leading Thermal Analysis -

KINETIC MODELLING AND OPTIMIZATION OF SINTERING PROCESS

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Problem: Find optimal temperature program to get the best quality





Measurements

- Shrinkage
- Phase transitions
- Mass loss

Dilatometry

Differential scanning calorimetry Thermogravimetry

- Analysis *Kinetics Neo software* how effects depend on the sintering conditions
- Kinetics modelling

Kinetics Neo software

- Create the model to describe the sintering
- Predictions of sintering

Kinetics Neo software

- Using kinetic model from kinetic modelling
- Optimizations of sintering processes Kinetics Neo software
 - Using kinetic model from kinetic modelling



Dilatometry – length change during sintering measurement



DIL 402 Expedis Classic

specifically dedicated to ceramic measurements

up to 1600 - 2800 °C

Porcelain green body: DILatometry

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DIL measurement on a porcelain green body, 10.01 mm, 10 K/min, air atmosphere

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STA 449 F1 Jupiter





Differential scanning calorimetry – phase transitions and reactions Thermogravimetry: mass loss

STA 44 F1 Jupiter

dedicated to high-temperature measurements

up to 1650-2000 °C

Measured effects: DSC and TG





- 123°C loss of surface water
- 273°C Binder combustion
- 533°C loss of chemically bound water from kaolinite
- 577°C quartz transition
- 996°C structural collapse of the metakaolinite and the formation of a γ-Al₂O₃ type spinel phase
- 1150°C -1200°C SiO₂ to the primary (2:1) mullite at about the formation of the secondary (3:2) mullite

Comparison between DIL and STA results during heating to 1230°C;10 K/min, air atmosphere

DIL Measurement: Porcelain sintering process



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DIL Measurement: Porcelain sintering process









Main task:

- 1. Create one kinetic model which can describe the experimental data for different temperature conditions
- 2. Use this kinetic model for prediction of reaction progress at the different temperature program.

3. Use this kinetic model for the process optimization

Porcelain sintering process DIL Measurement and kinetic model





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Porcelain sintering process Conversion rate and kinetic model





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Example: Prediction of length for user's temperature program

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Example: Temperature optimization for constant sintering rate



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- Based on the latest technologies, contains improved fast and easy user interface.
- All model-free and model-based methods are included. The results from all of these methods can be statistically compared with one another.
- The powerful new numerical model-free method ensures fast determination of the best model-free solution.
- A visual kinetic model can be created quickly and easily using the model-based method.
- The kinetic model can contain any number of individual reaction steps in any combination. Reaction steps can be easily added, removed or changed by the user.
- The software provides the formal concentration of each reactant and reaction rate for each reaction step as a function of time or temperature.
- Predictions and optimizations can be achieved by means of both model-free and model-based methods.