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Kinetics for Polymers –
Decomposition, Curing and Crystallization by Kinetics Neo

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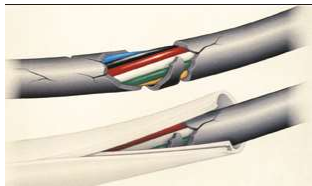
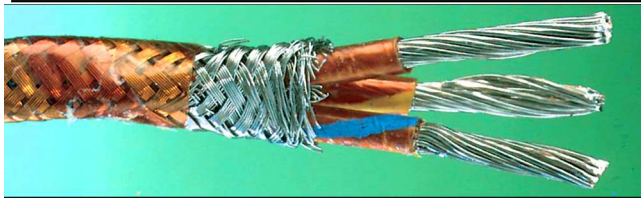
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1. Introduction into kinetic analysis

- 1.1 Problems solving by thermokinetics
- 1.2 Idea of kinetic solution
- 1.3 Theoretical background

Problems solving by Polymer Kinetics: chemical or physical processes



Life time predictions
Recycling, pyrolysis
Thermal stability



Curing, cross-linking



Crystallization

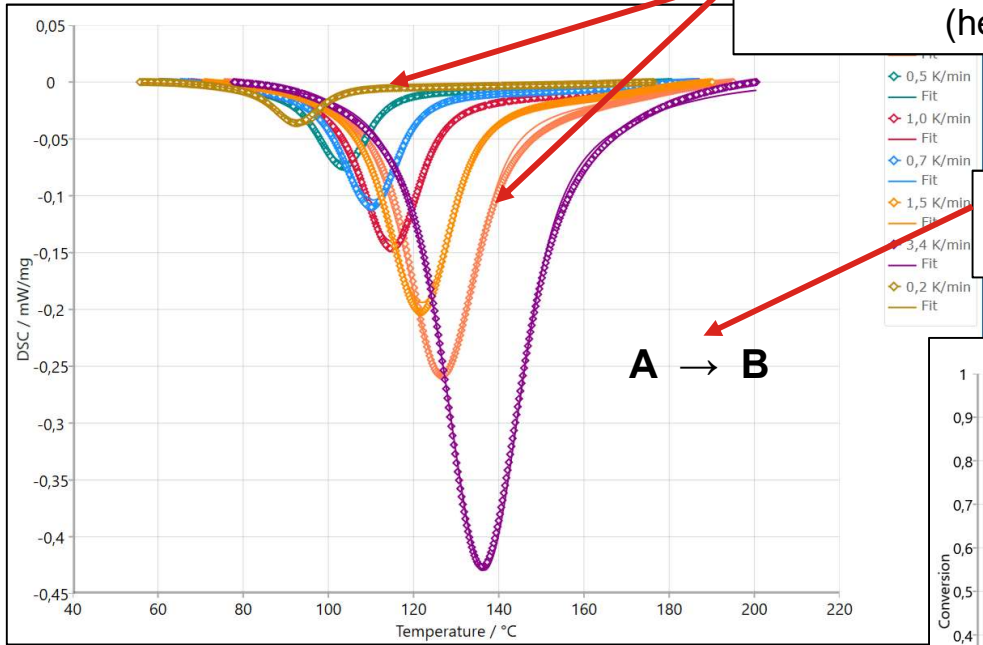


Firing ceramics

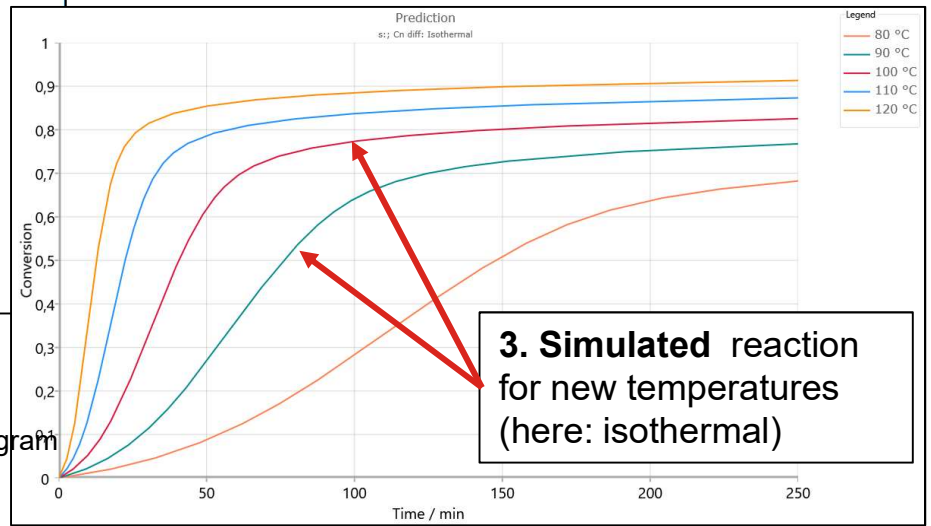
Problem: Find reaction mechanism and predict material behavior at the conditions where it is impossible /very hard /expensive to measure

Idea: How to solve the problems

1. Measured data for the process at different temperature conditions (here: heating for epoxy resin)



2. Kinetic Model for the chemical reaction
Simulated curves must fit experimental data



3. Simulated reaction for new temperatures (here: isothermal)

A → B

Kinetic analysis helps to

- **Find** and describe the kinetic **mechanism of chemical reaction**
- **Predict** degree of conversion and reaction rate for given temperature program
- **Optimize** industrial processes: decrease production time and costs and improve the quality of product



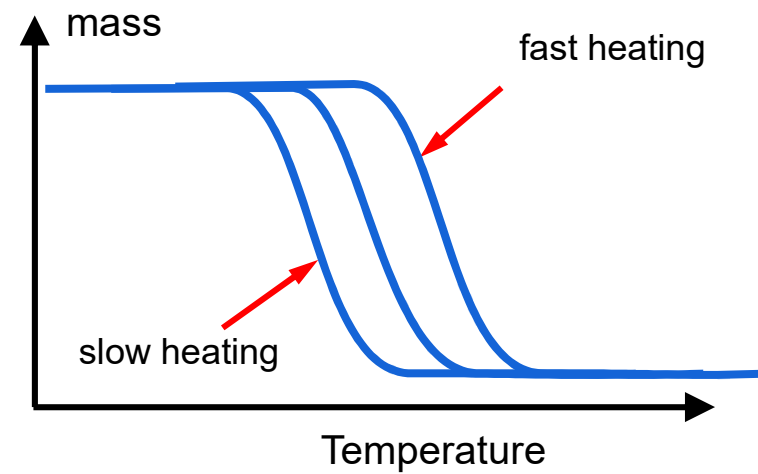
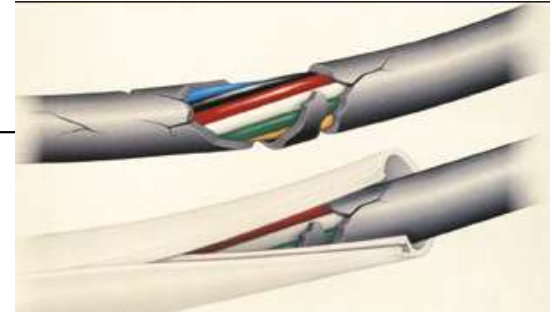
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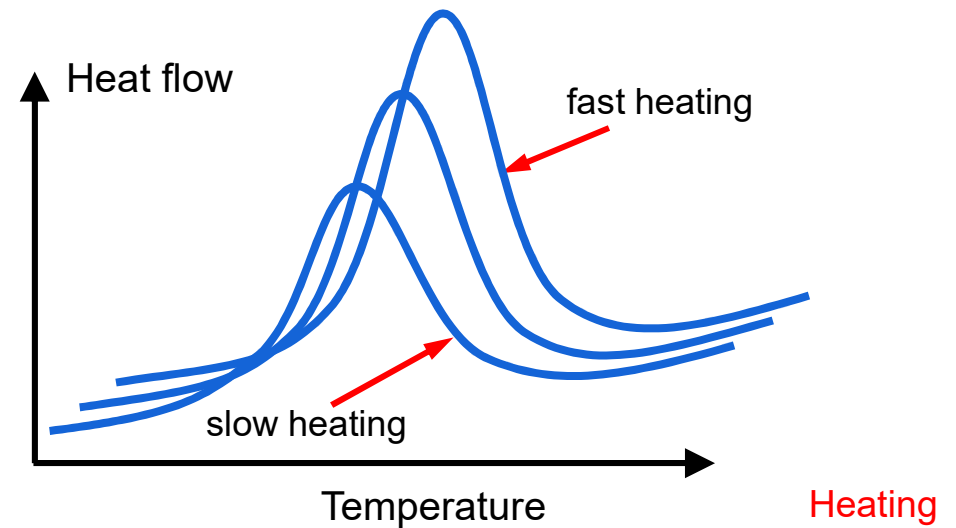
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Measurements for kinetic analysis: Thermogravimetry



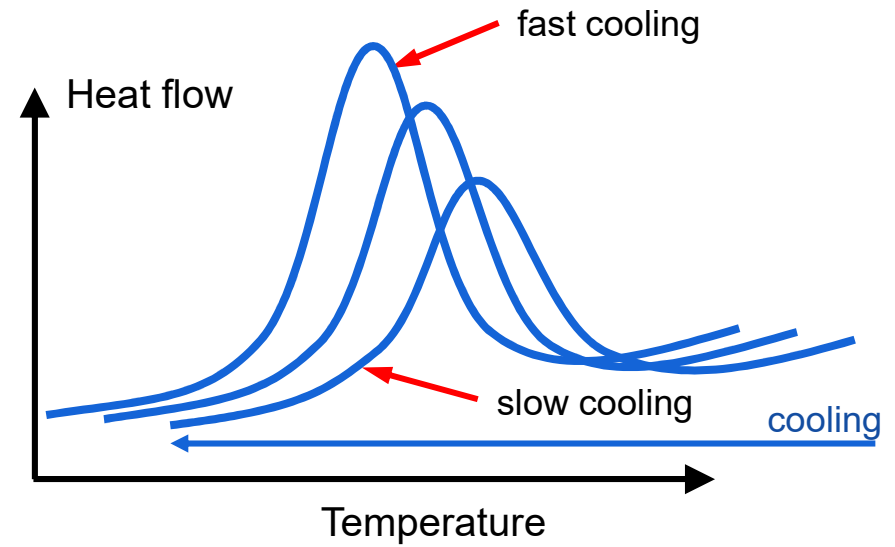
Thermogravimetry: mass change is measured during heating

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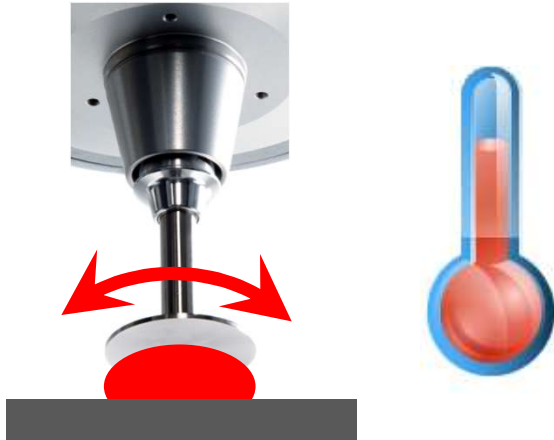
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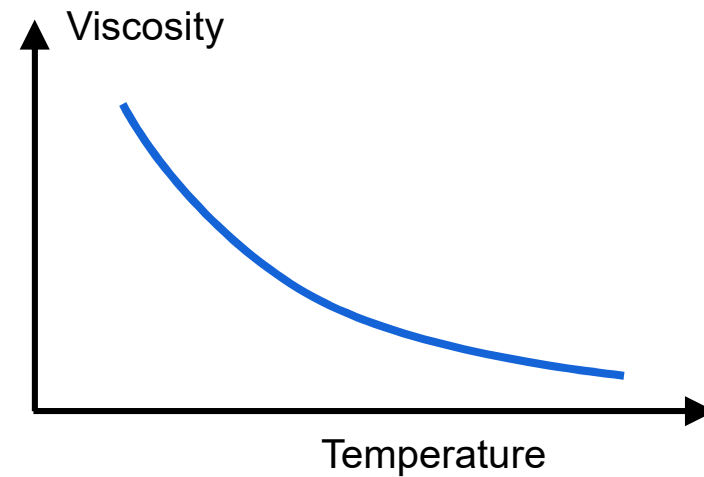


Differential scanning calorimetry: heat flow is measured during temperature change

Rheometry: viscosity vs temperature for liquids

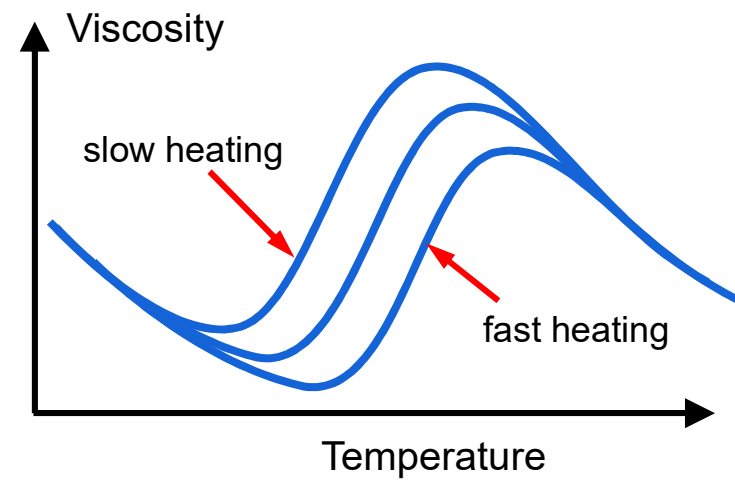
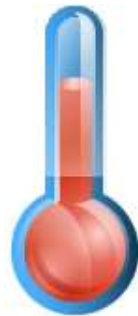
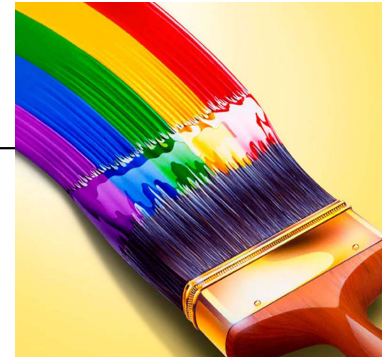


Rheometry: viscosity(t) is measured during heating



$$\eta = A \cdot \exp(B / T)$$

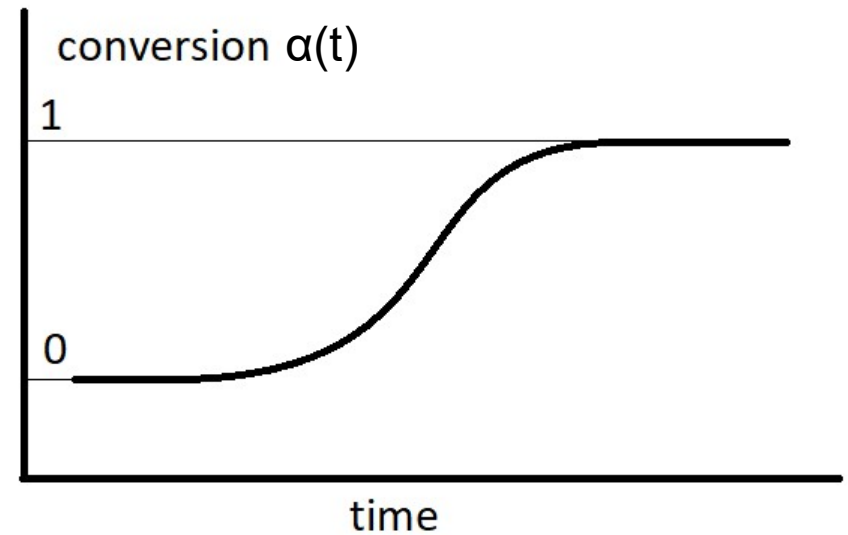
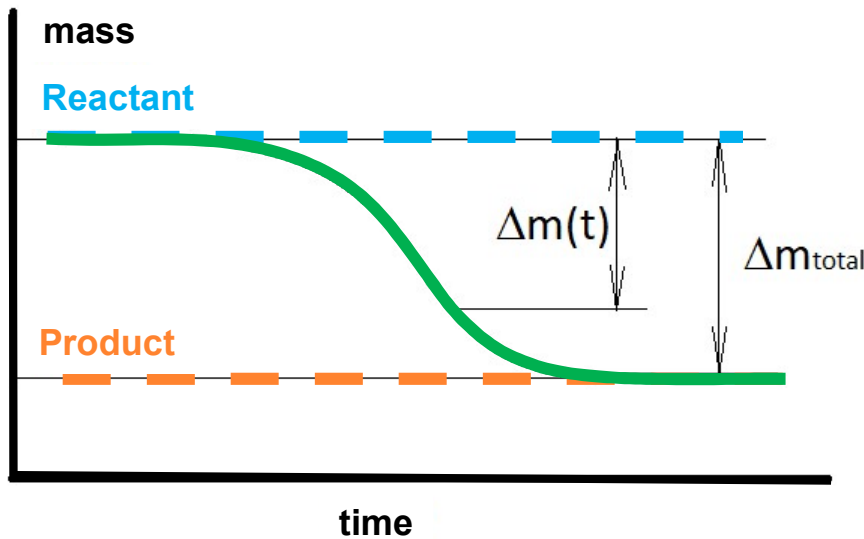
Measurements for kinetic analysis: Rheometry



Rheometry: viscosity is measured during temperature

Degree of conversion $\alpha(t)$ for TGA data (extent of conversion, conversion, extent of reaction)

Commonly denoted by α and defined as the ratio of the partial to total change of a physical property.

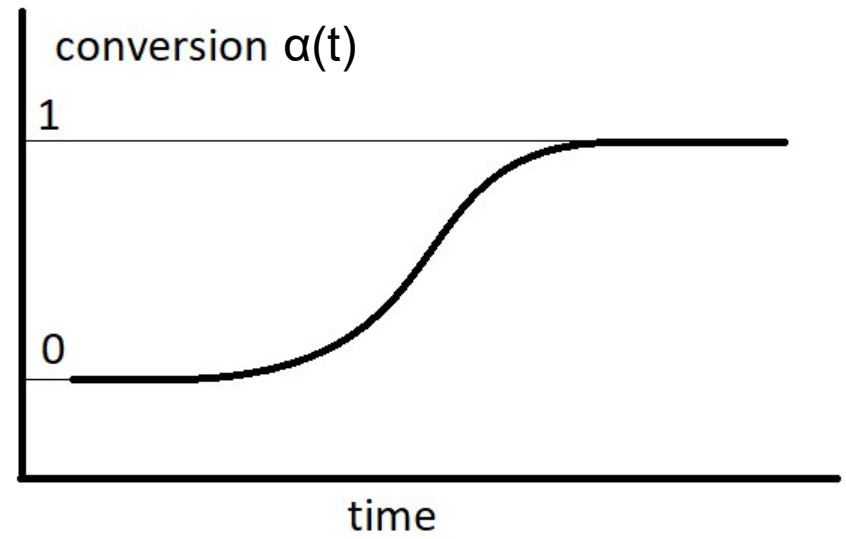
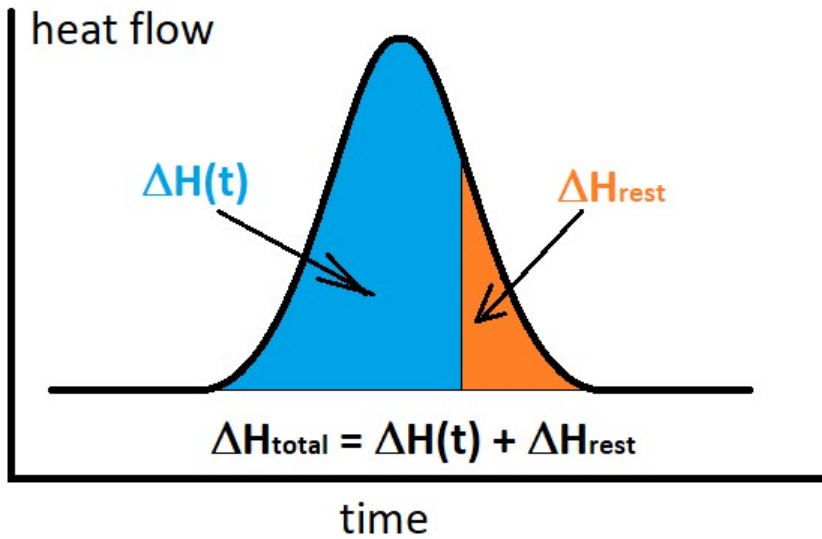


$$\alpha(t) = \frac{\Delta m(t)}{\Delta m_{total}}$$

$\alpha=0$ before reaction start
 $\alpha=1$ after reaction end

TGA: Conversion is the **ratio of the partial mass loss** at given time point **to the total mass loss** at the final time point

Conversion $\alpha(t)$ for DSC data

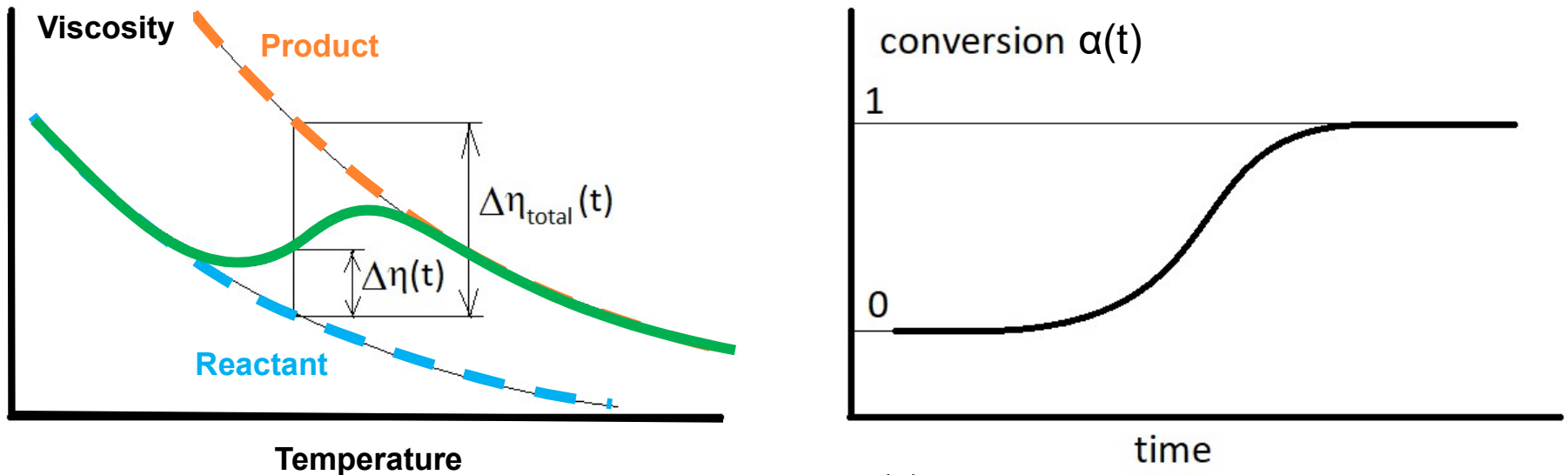


$$\alpha(t) = \frac{\Delta H(t)}{\Delta H_{total}}$$

DSC: Conversion is the ratio of the partial enthalpy change at given time point to the total enthalpy change at the final time point

Viscosity measurement for curing

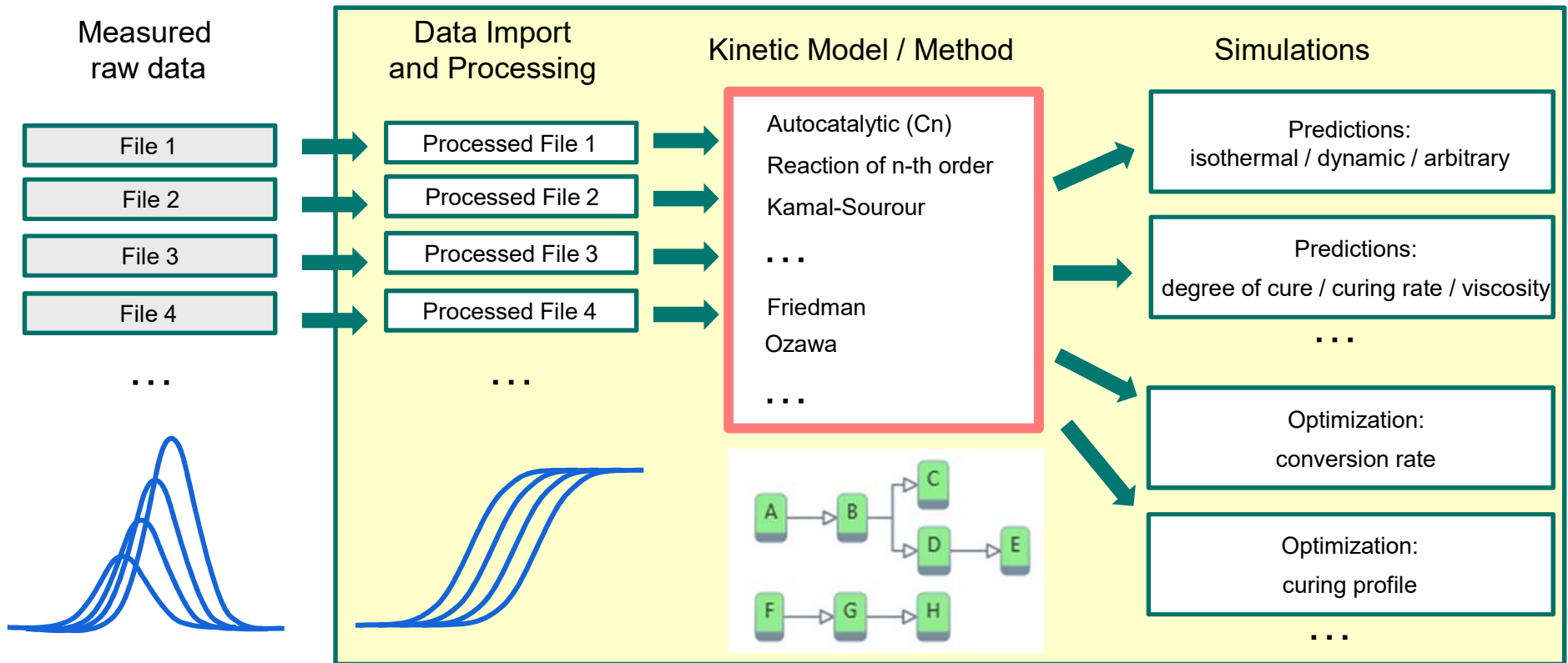
Conversion $\alpha(t)$ for viscosity data



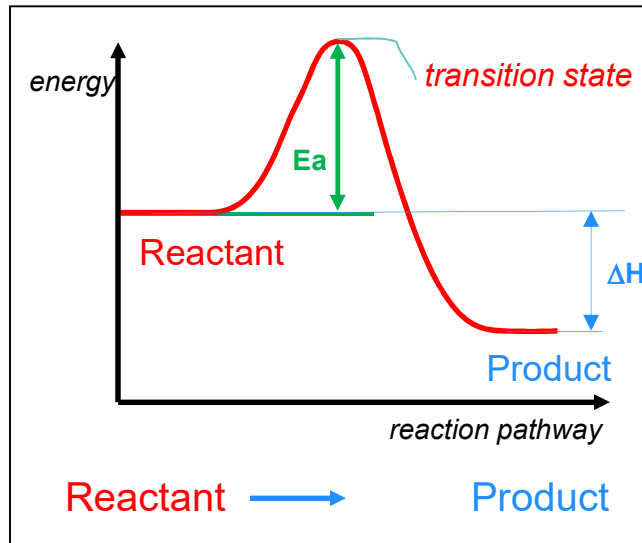
$$\alpha(t) = \frac{\Delta\eta(t)}{\Delta\eta_{total}(t)}$$

Viscosity: Conversion is the ratio of the partial viscosity change at given time point to the total viscosity change between extrapolated baselines at the this point

Steps to solve Kinetic Tasks in Kinetics Neo



Arrhenius equation. Activation energy. Kinetic triplet



Arrhenius equation (1889) for reaction rate:

$$\frac{d\alpha}{dt} = A \exp\left(\frac{-E_A}{RT}\right) f(\alpha)$$

Conversion α : degree of conversion, changing from 0 to 1

Pre-exponent A : collision frequency [1/s]

Activation energy E_a [kJ/mol]

$f(\alpha)$ Reaction type (nth order, autocatalysis, nucleation ...)

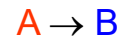
R: gas constant 8.31 [J/(mol K)]

T: absolute temperature [K]

T[K]=T[°C]+273.15

Approaches: model free (isoconversional) and model based

Model free



α – degree of conversion

$$\frac{d\alpha}{dt} = A(\alpha) \cdot f(\alpha) \cdot \exp\left(\frac{-E_A(\alpha)}{RT}\right)$$

Unknown: $E_A(\alpha)$ and $A(\alpha)$

$A(\alpha)$ can be found only with assumption of $f(\alpha)$

Assumptions:

1. Only **one** kinetic equation
2. E_a and A **depend on α**
3. Reaction rate at the same conversion is only a function of temperature
4. Total effect (total mass loss or total peak area) must be the **same for all curves**
5. **Changes** of mechanism should be at the **same conversion** value

Model based



a – concentration of **A**

b – concentration of **B**

c – concentration of **C**

$$\frac{d(a \rightarrow b)}{dt} = A_1 \cdot f_1(a, b) \cdot \exp\left(\frac{-E_{A1}}{RT}\right)$$

$$\frac{d(b \rightarrow c)}{dt} = A_2 \cdot f_2(b, c) \cdot \exp\left(\frac{-E_{A2}}{RT}\right)$$

The number of unknown kinetic triplets equals the number of the steps

Assumptions:

1. Reaction consists of **several individual reaction steps** with own equations.
2. All kinetic parameters which are the **constant values**
3. The **total signal** is the **sum** of the signals of the single reaction steps having **own weight**

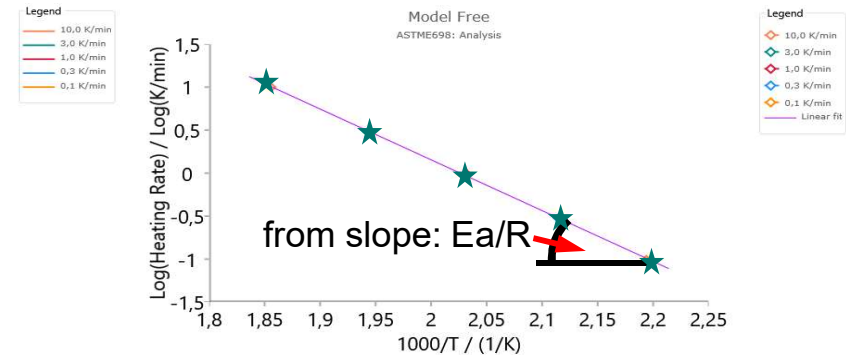
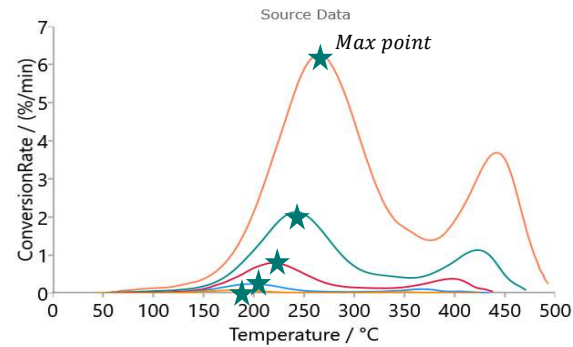
Model free methods

Created in last century before the modern possibilities of personal computers

One-point model free methods

- ASTM E698
- ASTM E2890
- ASTM E1641
- ASTM E2070

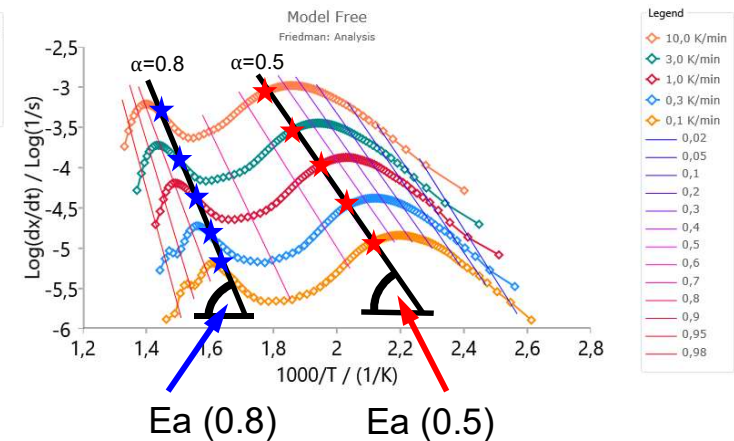
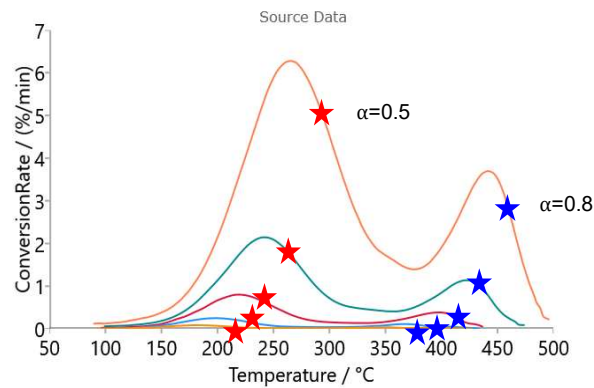
Result: **Value Ea**



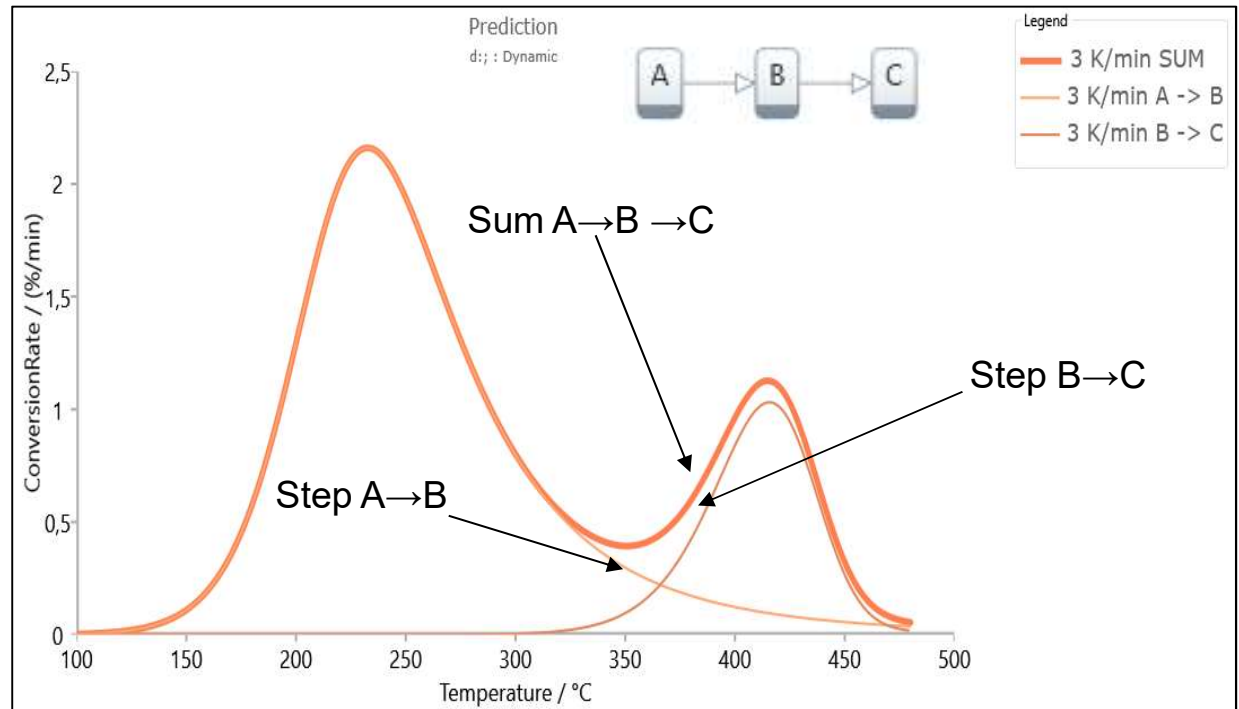
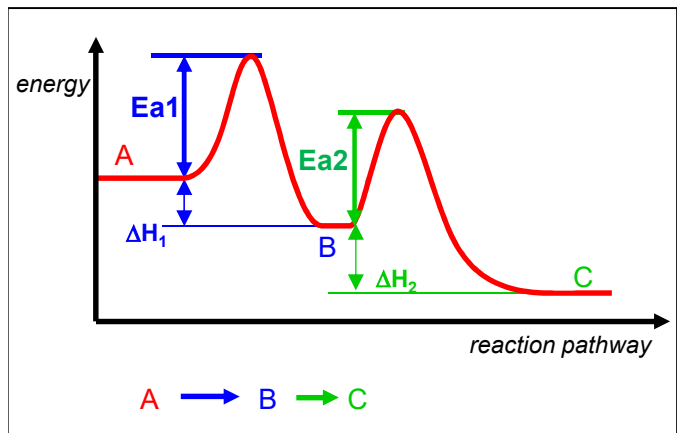
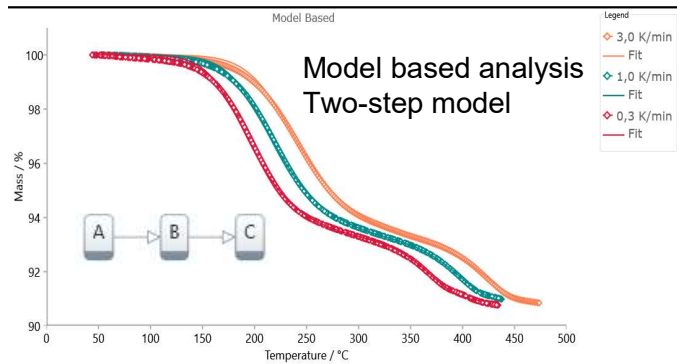
Multi-points model free methods

- Ozawa-Flynn-Wall (1965)
- Kissinger-Akahira-Sunose (1956)
- Friedman method (1966)
- Vyazovkin for heating (1996)
- Numerical optimization

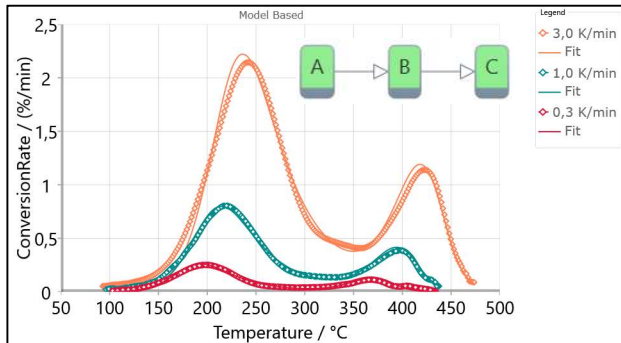
Result: **Function Ea(α)**



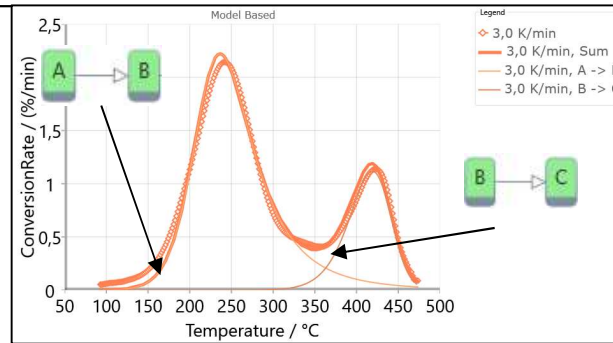
Model based: sum of individual reactions



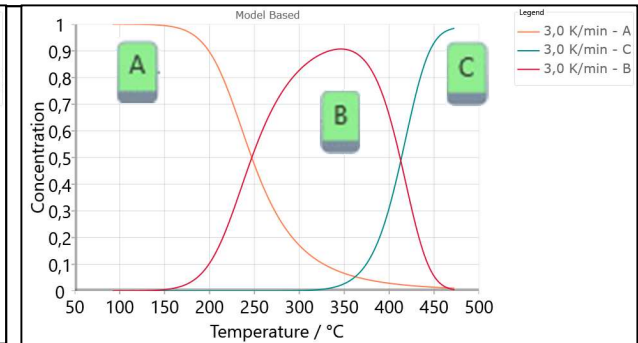
Model based method with reaction steps and concentrations



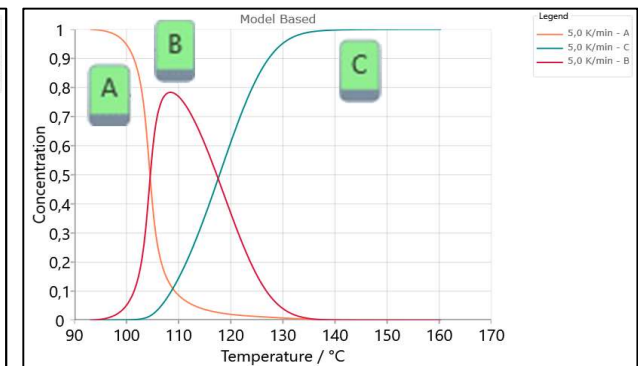
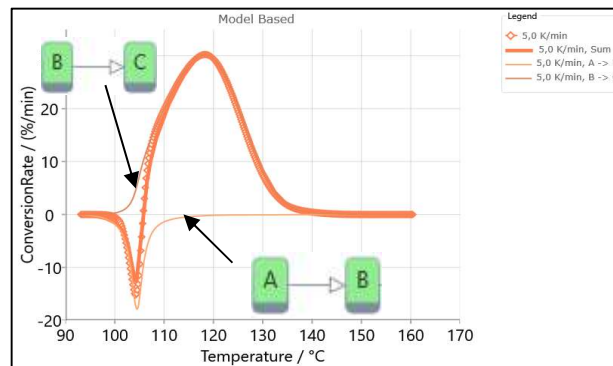
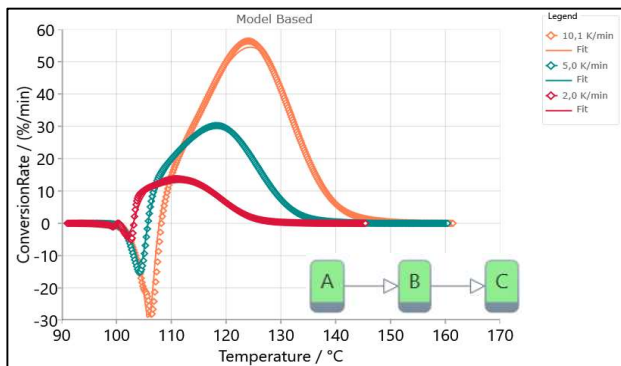
Kinetic model



Individual reaction steps



Concentration of reactants



Advantages and disadvantages

Model free

Advantages:

1. Very fast, one click
2. Easy analytical methods, mostly can be done in Excel

Disadvantages:

1. Does not work for **mixtures** (independent parallel steps)
2. Does not work for **competitive steps**
3. Does not work for **curing with Kamal Sourour** reaction
4. Does not work for **curing with diffusion control**
5. Does not work for **crystallization**
6. Does not work for **the steps of different directions**
7. Does not work for **highly overlapping steps**
8. Does not work if **reaction mechanism changes with heating rate**
9. Has **no** any information about **intermediate steps** and reactants

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Disadvantages:

1. Requires elementary chemical knowledge about the process
2. Number of steps usually should not exceed the number of visible peaks

It is necessary to use ICTAC kinetic recommendations

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.tca.2020.178597>



2. Applications

2.1 Decomposition

2.2 Curing and cross-linking

2.3 Crystallization



2.1 Decomposition

2.1.1 Life time predictions, storage and transportation

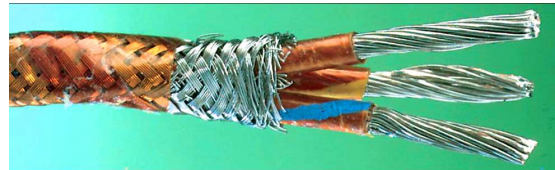
2.1.2 Debinding optimization in sintering processes

Thermal degradation, life time predictions

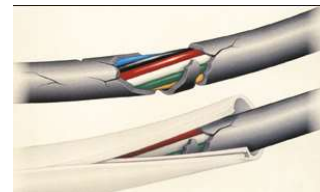


How long hold the paint until degradation?

We can not have the measurement during of several years



How long the cable is flexible in air?



Pipeline coating has different lifetime at different temperatures
How long does it work in different climate?

Photos
<https://www.heraldnet.com/business/alaska-pipeline-faces-midlife-crisis-as-flow-of-crude-slows/>
<https://www.paint.org/article/new-coating-could-prevent-gas-and-oil-pipeline-clogging/>

Arrhenius equation

$$\frac{d\alpha}{dt} = A \cdot f(\alpha) \cdot \exp\left(\frac{-E_A}{RT}\right)$$

Reaction of n-th order is typical for decomposition

$$F_n \quad \frac{d\alpha}{dt} = A \cdot (1 - \alpha)^n \cdot \exp\left(\frac{-E_{a1}}{RT}\right)$$

Phase-boundary reactions are the partial case of n-th order reaction

2-dimensional phase-boundary reaction R2: $n=1/2$

3-Dimensional phase boundary reaction R3: $n=2/3$

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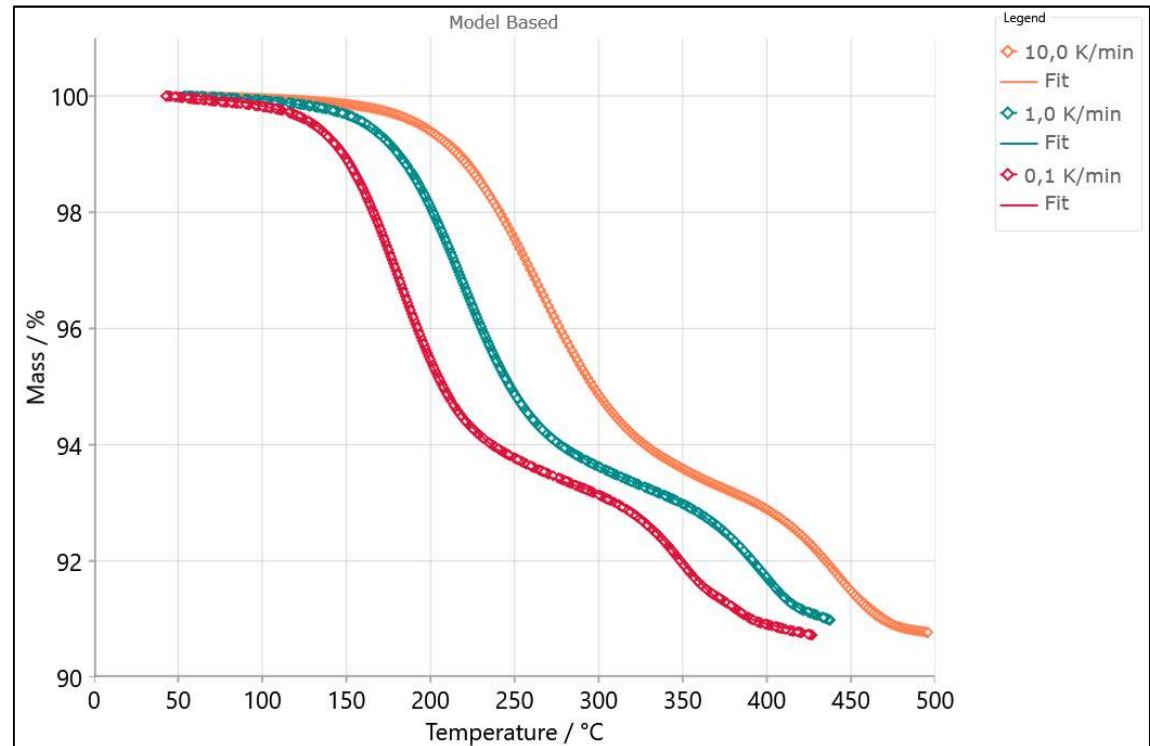
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Laboratory Measurements for defined temperature program



TG 209 Libra:
Measurement at given
temperature program

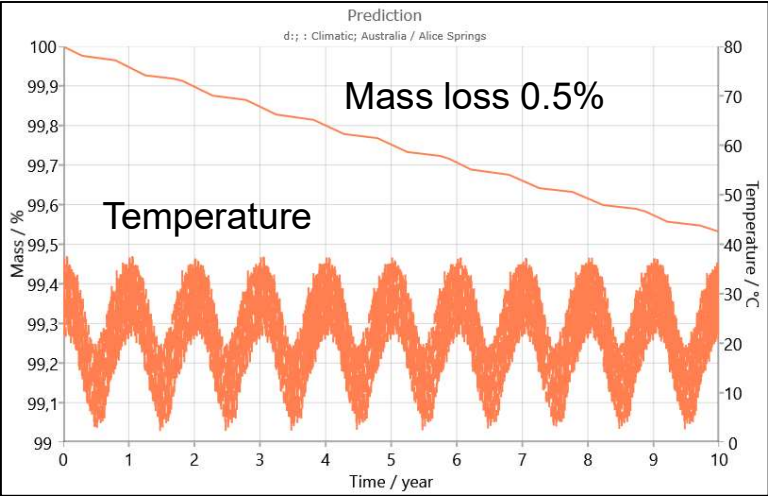


Measurement duration is about 100 hours

Prediction under different climatic conditions:

Australia, 10 years

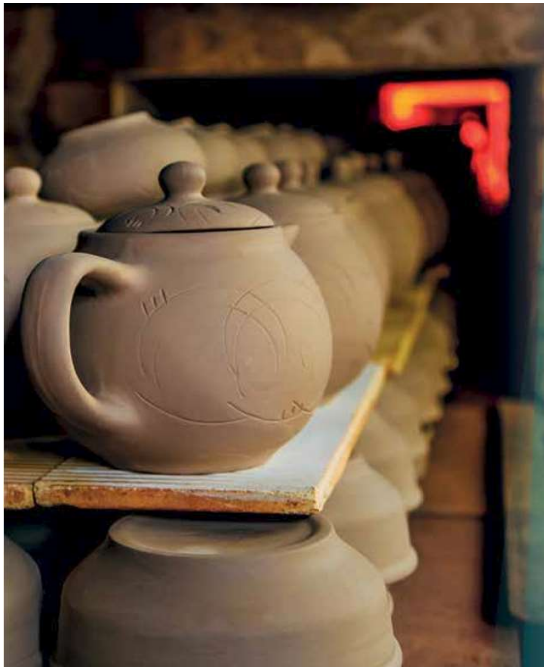
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More than 100 weather stations with historical data over last 30 years (including temperature for day and night at each day of the year)

Production: sintering of ceramics

Quality of ceramics depends on the firing temperatures and time
How to improve the quality of product and reduce the production time?



Desired result at unknown production temperature

Photo <https://precision-ceramics.com/products/custom-ceramic-parts-components-2/>

Two processes during firing: debinding and sintering

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Below 700°C:
Debinding

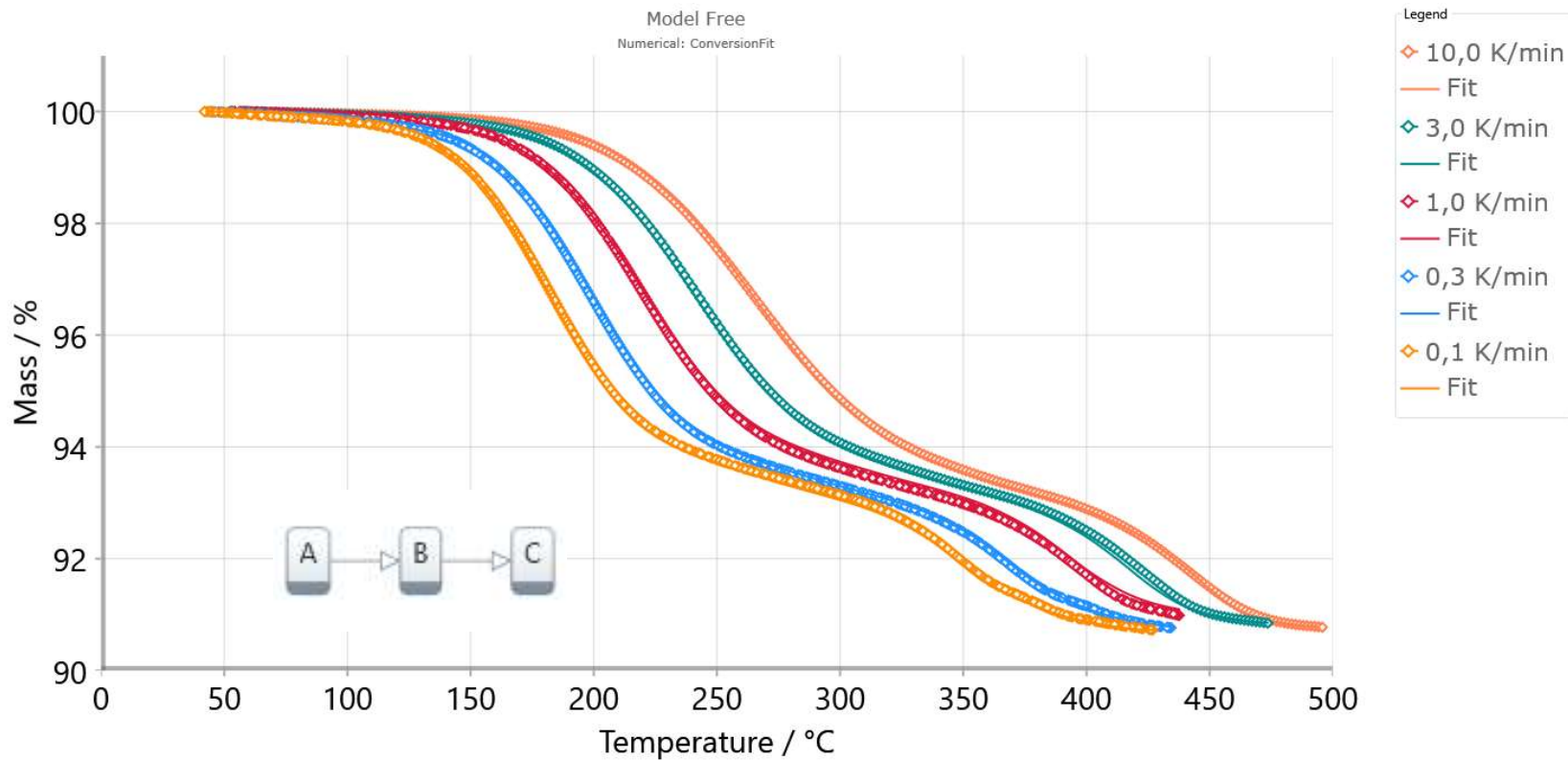
A Thermobalance gives you information about the binder burnout!



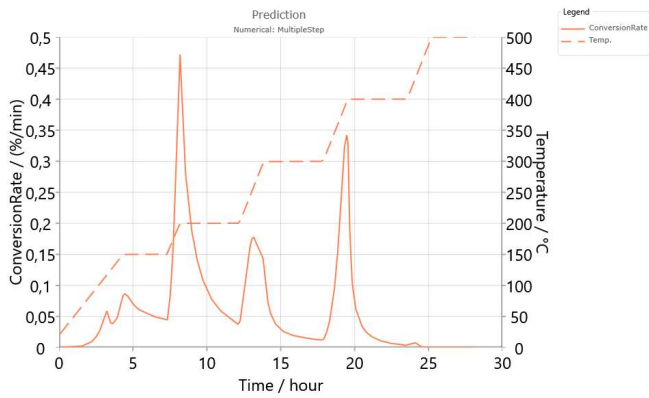
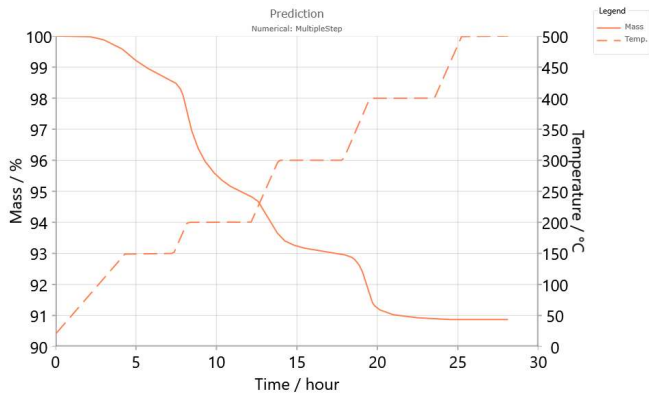
Above 700°C:
Densification

A Dilatometer gives you information about the sintering shrinkage and thermal expansion!

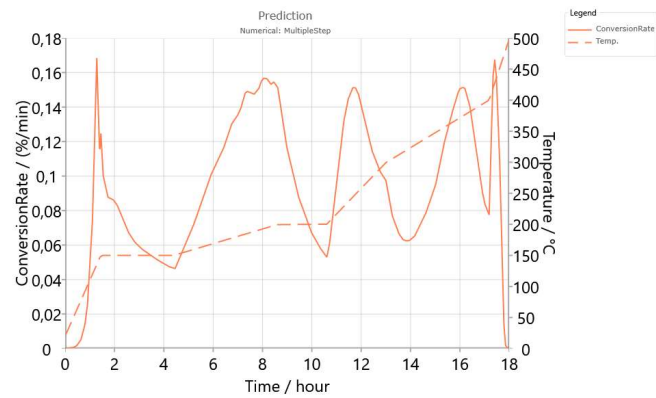
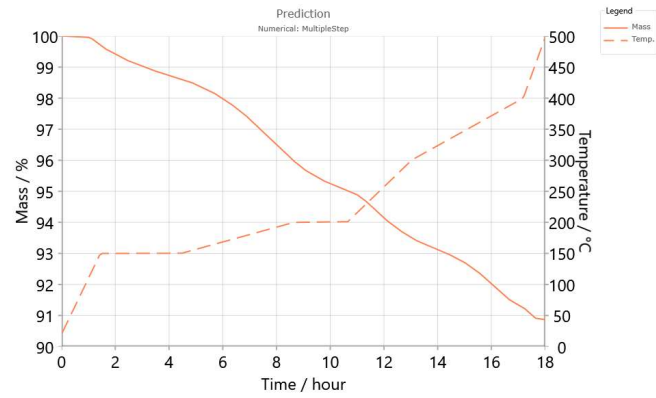
Debinding beow 700°C: Kinetic Analysis



Optimization of temperature below 700°C based on TG



Non-optimized **29 hrs**, max **0.5%/min**



Optimized **18 hrs**, max **0.16 %/min**

New material

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Production time was reduced more than by 50%
By applying of process optimization in kinetics



2.2 Curing and cross-linking

2.2.1 Kinetics of DSC data, UV curing,
Autocatalysis, Kamal-Sourour model

Production process: Curing, cross-linking

adhesives, resins, paints, from microchips and automotive to wind power stations

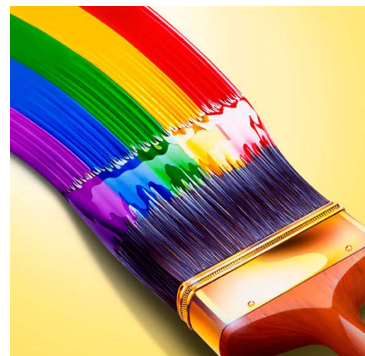
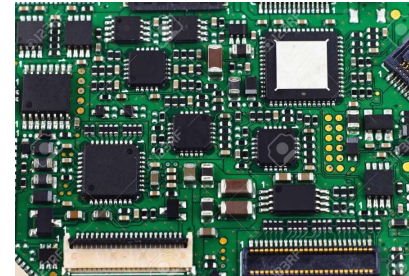
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How to make the best painting in shortest time?

What happens during curing process?

How to reduce costs during production?

What is the **final state** of the epoxy after given **time** at given **temperature**?



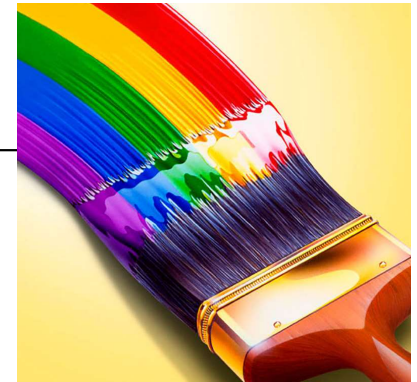
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Kinetic Modelling for Curing

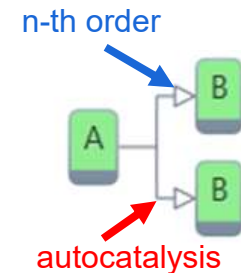


Chemical process is **generally** described by Arrhenius equation:

$$\frac{d\alpha}{dt} = A \cdot f(\alpha) \cdot \exp\left(\frac{-E_a}{RT}\right)$$

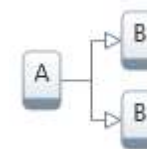
Curing can be described by the equation **Kamal-Sourour** for autocatalytic reaction:

$$\frac{d\alpha}{dt} = \underbrace{A \cdot (1 - \alpha)^n \cdot \exp\left(\frac{-E_{a1}}{RT}\right)}_{\text{n-th order}} + \underbrace{A \cdot K \cdot (1 - \alpha)^n \cdot \alpha^m \cdot \exp\left(\frac{-E_{a2}}{RT}\right)}_{\text{autocatalysis}}$$



C_{mn} – reaction of the n^{th} order with autocatalysis of m^{th} order by product

$$\frac{d\alpha}{dt} = A \cdot (1 - \alpha)^n \cdot \exp\left(\frac{-E_{a1}}{RT}\right) (1 + K \cdot \alpha^m)$$



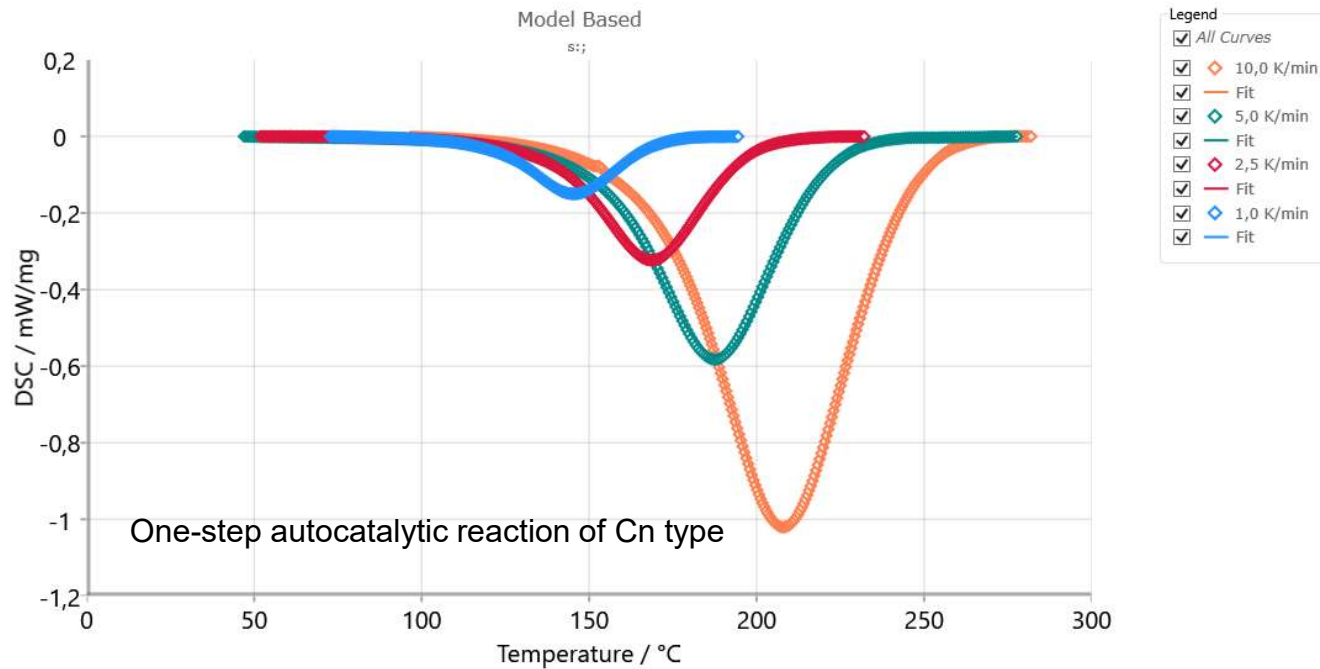
B_{na} – autocatalytical reaction of Prout-Tompkins

$$\frac{d\alpha}{dt} = A \cdot (1 - \alpha)^n \cdot \exp\left(\frac{-E_{a1}}{RT}\right) \cdot \alpha^m$$



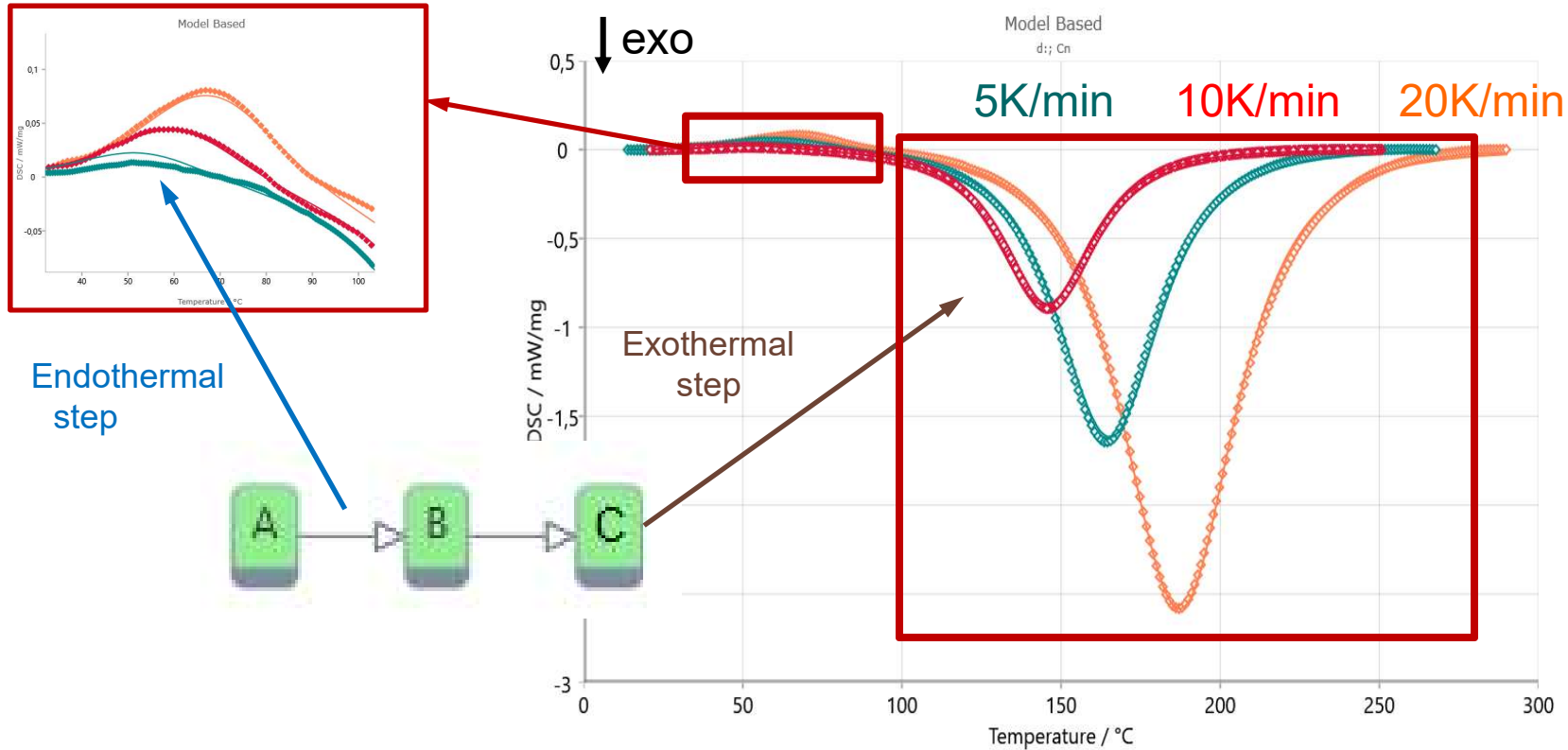
This **equation** with its parameters A , E_{a1} , n , E_{a2} , K , m , is the **kinetic model**.

Autocatalytic model for mono-functional epoxy (phenyl glycidyl ether with aniline)



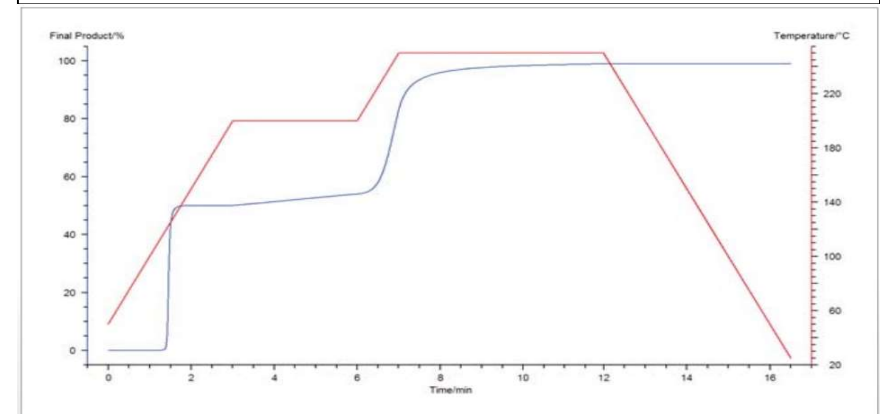
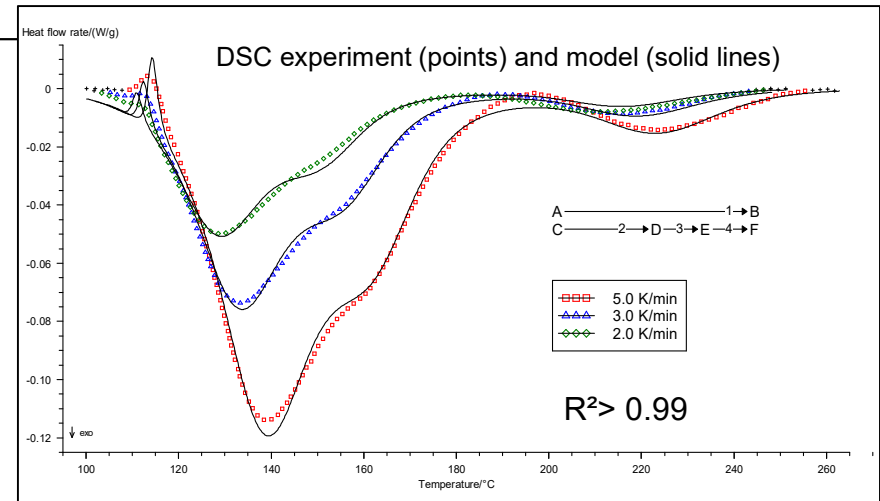
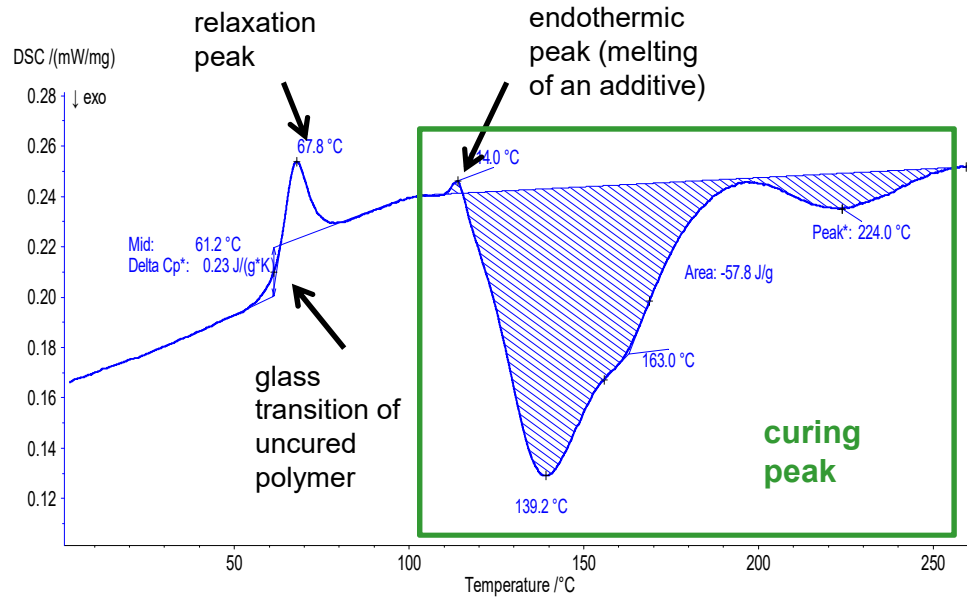
Hans-Jürgen Flammersheim, Johannes R. Opfermann, *Macromol. Mater. Eng.*, 2001, 286, 143-150
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Epoxy curing reaction with different direction of reaction steps



DSC Measurement of a Phenol Formaldehyd Resin

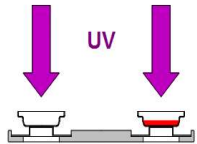
DSC 214 Polyma
 Sample: PF resin
 Crucible: high-pressure
 Sample mass: 20.24 mg
 Temperature program: RT... 280°C, 5 K/min



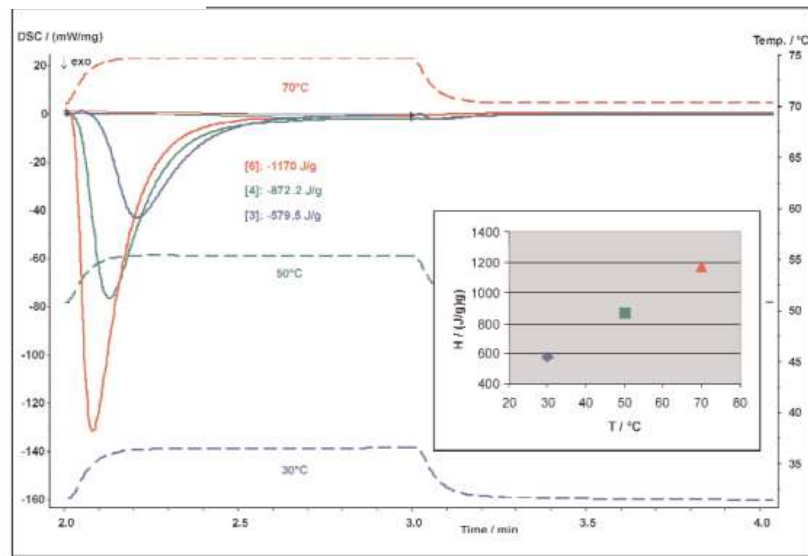
AN 056, Claire Straßer, Dr. Elena Moukhina and Dr. Stefan Schmöler

4 Prediction of degree of conversion for a user-defined temperature program. A degree of conversion of 98% is achieved during the second isothermal segment (250°C) after 9.5 minutes.

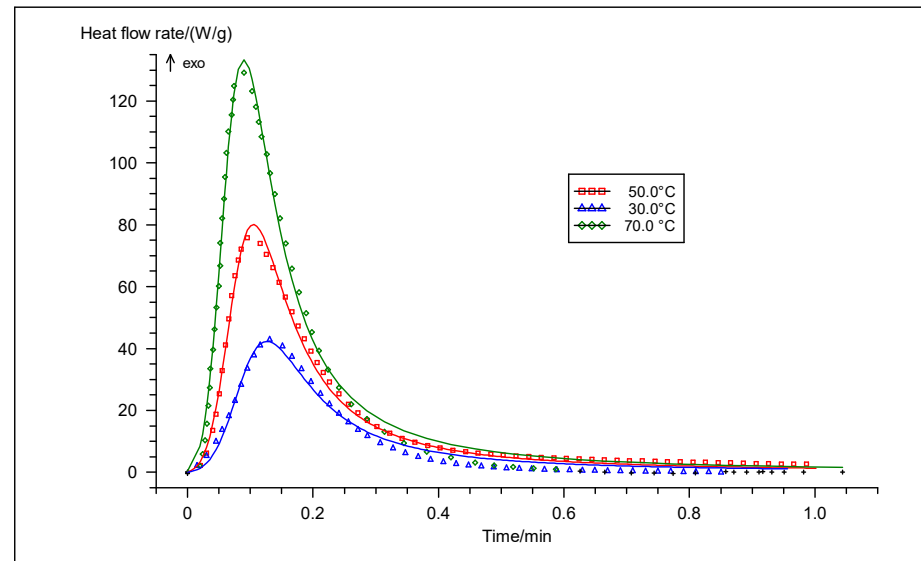
UV curing: 1-Component Epoxy Resin Delo-Katiobond KB 554



- Cationic UV-curing mechanism,
- Free radical UV-curing system



Temperature range: 30°C/50°C/70°C
Heating/cooling rates: 0 K/min
Atmosphere: Nitrogen 50 ml/min
Sample mass: approx. 8.5 mg
Crucible: open Al
UV device: Delolux 04
Radiation time: 60 s



1. E. Füglein, AS-106-2006, Cationic UV-curing mechanism
 2. 39th NATAS conference, August, 7-10, 2011, Des Moines, Elena Moukhina, Stefan Schmoelzer, free-radical System



2.2 Curing and cross-linking

2.2.2 Diffusion control, vitrification and TTT diagram

Amorphous material (Polymer)

Reaction finished

Cold



Glassy state



Warm



Rubbery or liquid state

T_g

Slow curing
 $T < T_g$

Fast curing
 $T > T_g$

Glass transition

Glass transition temperature vs Conversion

Properties

Glass Transition Temperature

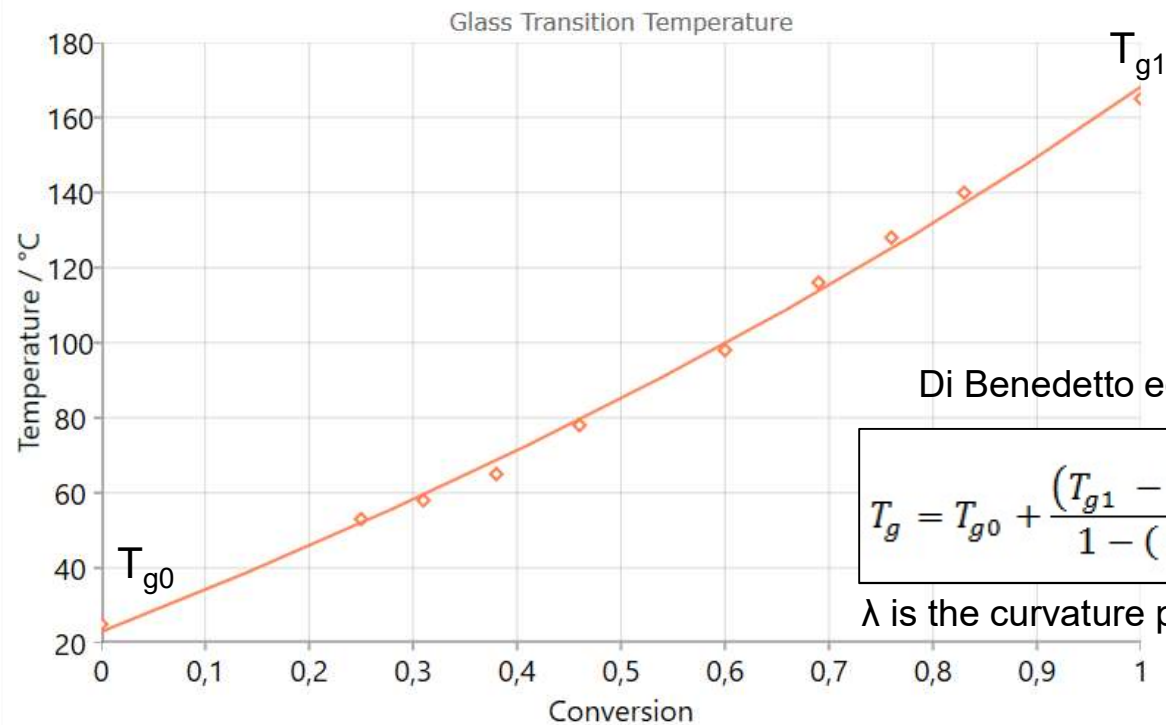
Conversion	Tg / °C	
0,000	25,0	x
0,250	53,0	x
0,310	58,0	x
0,380	65,0	x
0,460	78,0	x
0,600	98,0	x
0,690	116,0	x
0,760	128,0	x
0,830	140,0	x
1,000	165,0	x

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Interpolation

Parameters:

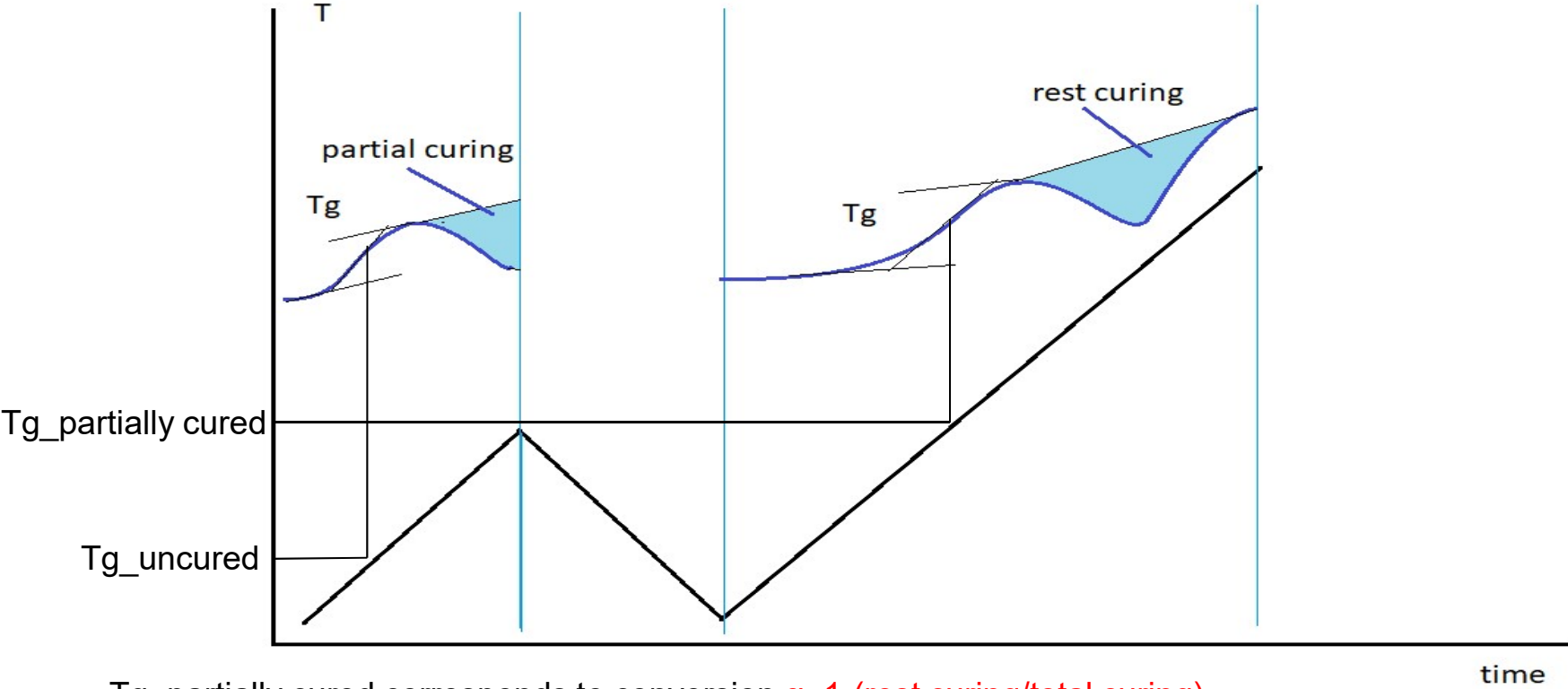
Tg0	22,97
Tg1	168,16
Lambda	0,75



epoxid/5 % Zn(OCN)2(Melmid)2

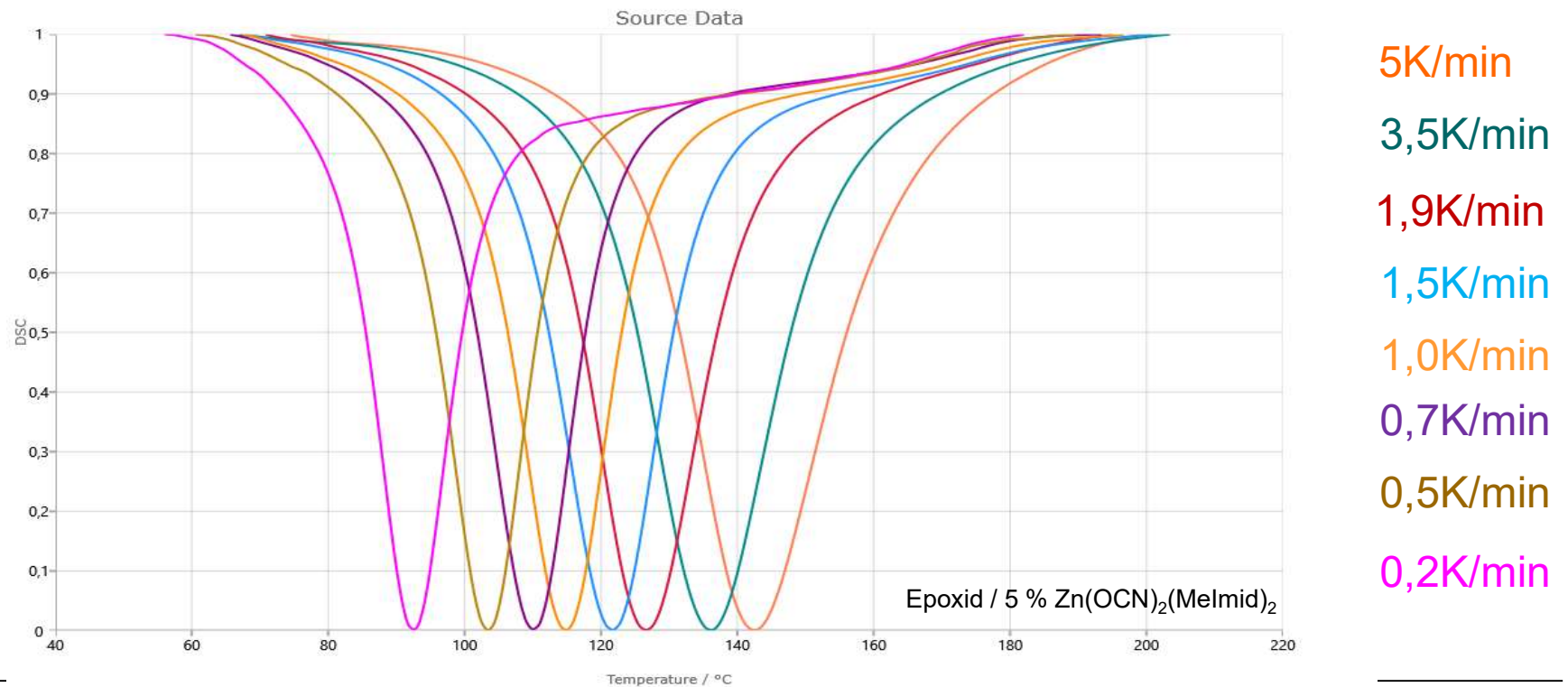
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Determination of the points for glass transition Temperature

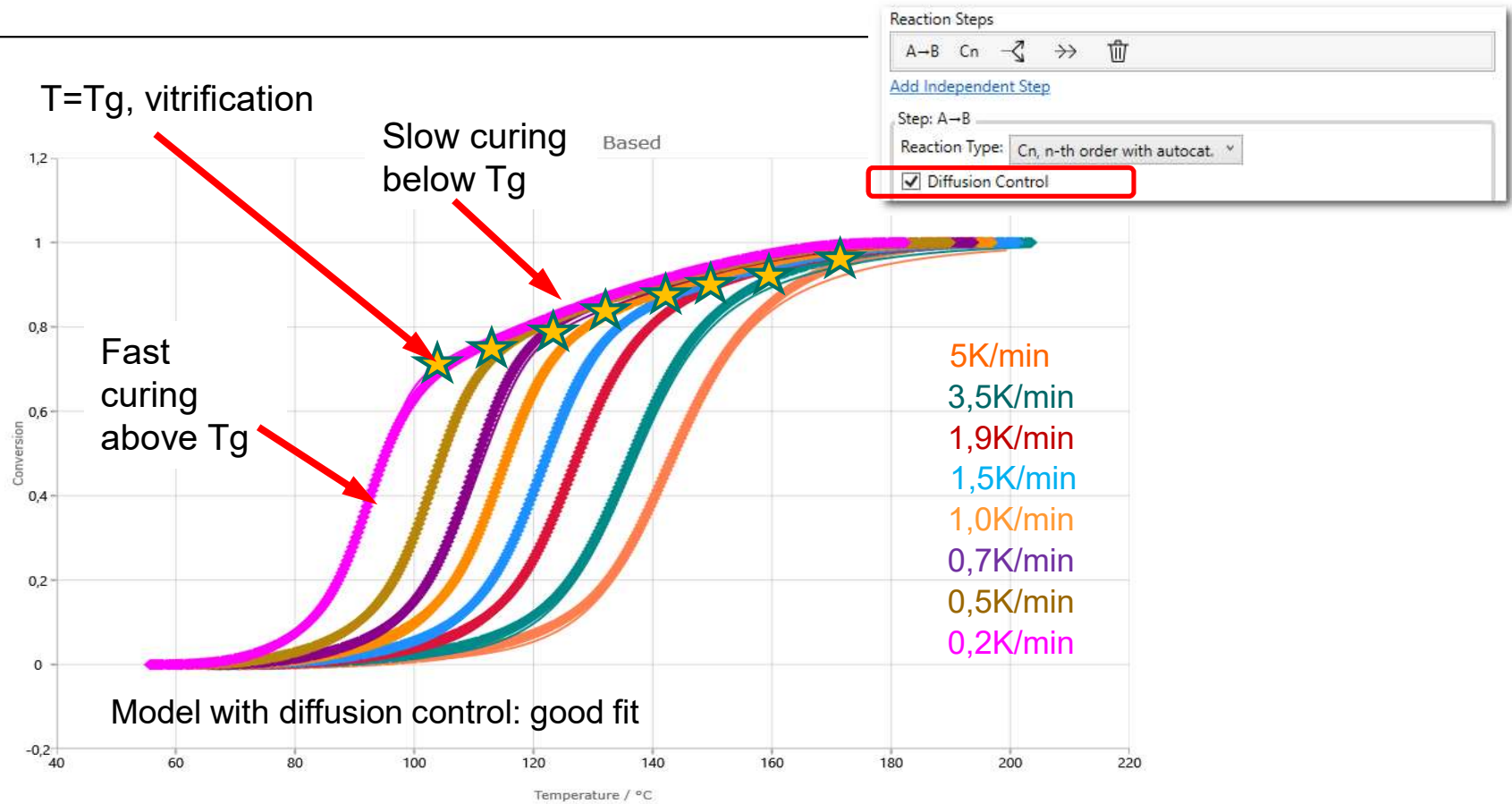


Tg_partially cured corresponds to conversion $\alpha=1-(\text{rest curing}/\text{total curing})$

Heat Flow: relative scaling



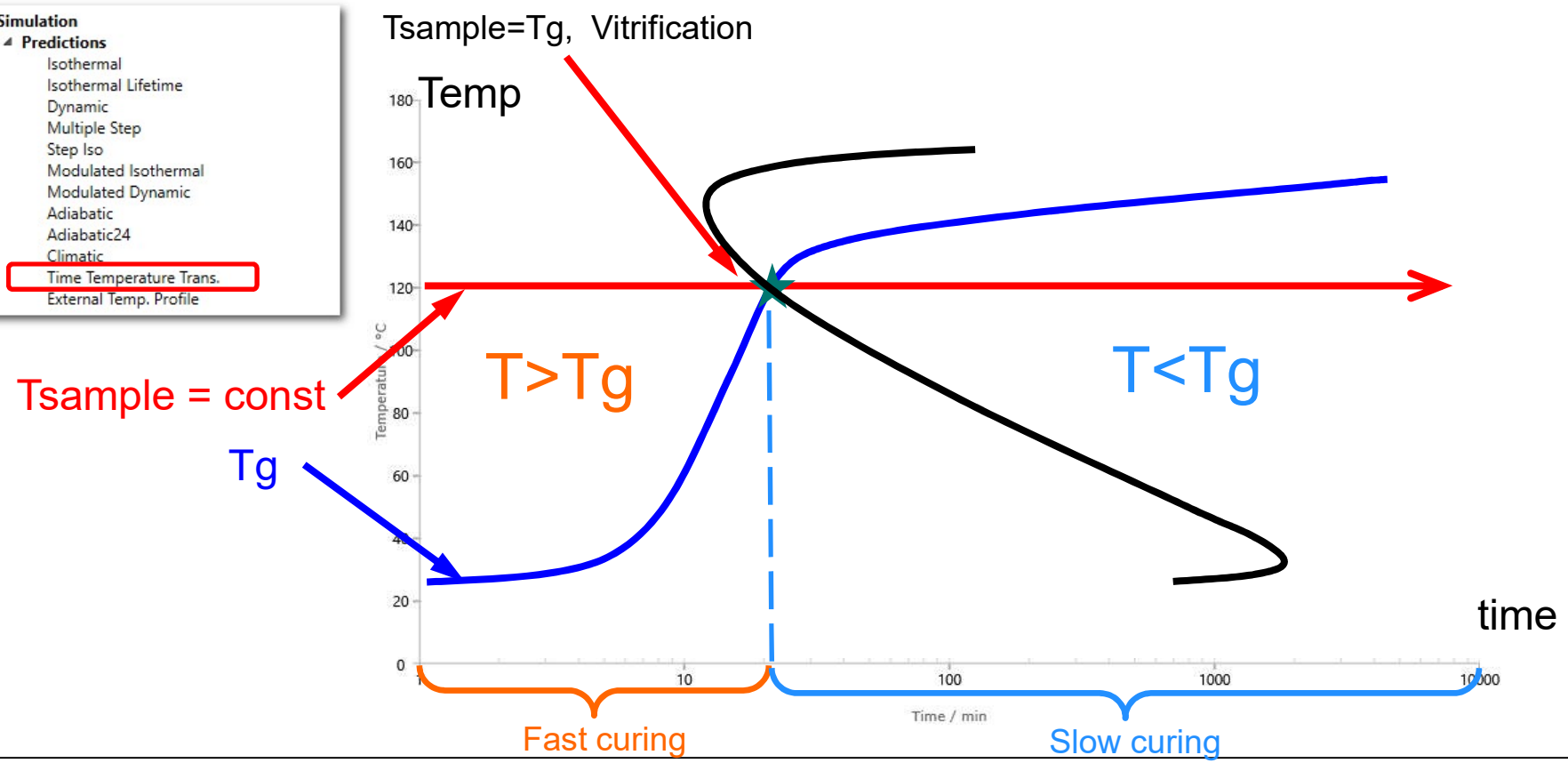
Experiment and Model Fit for diffusion control



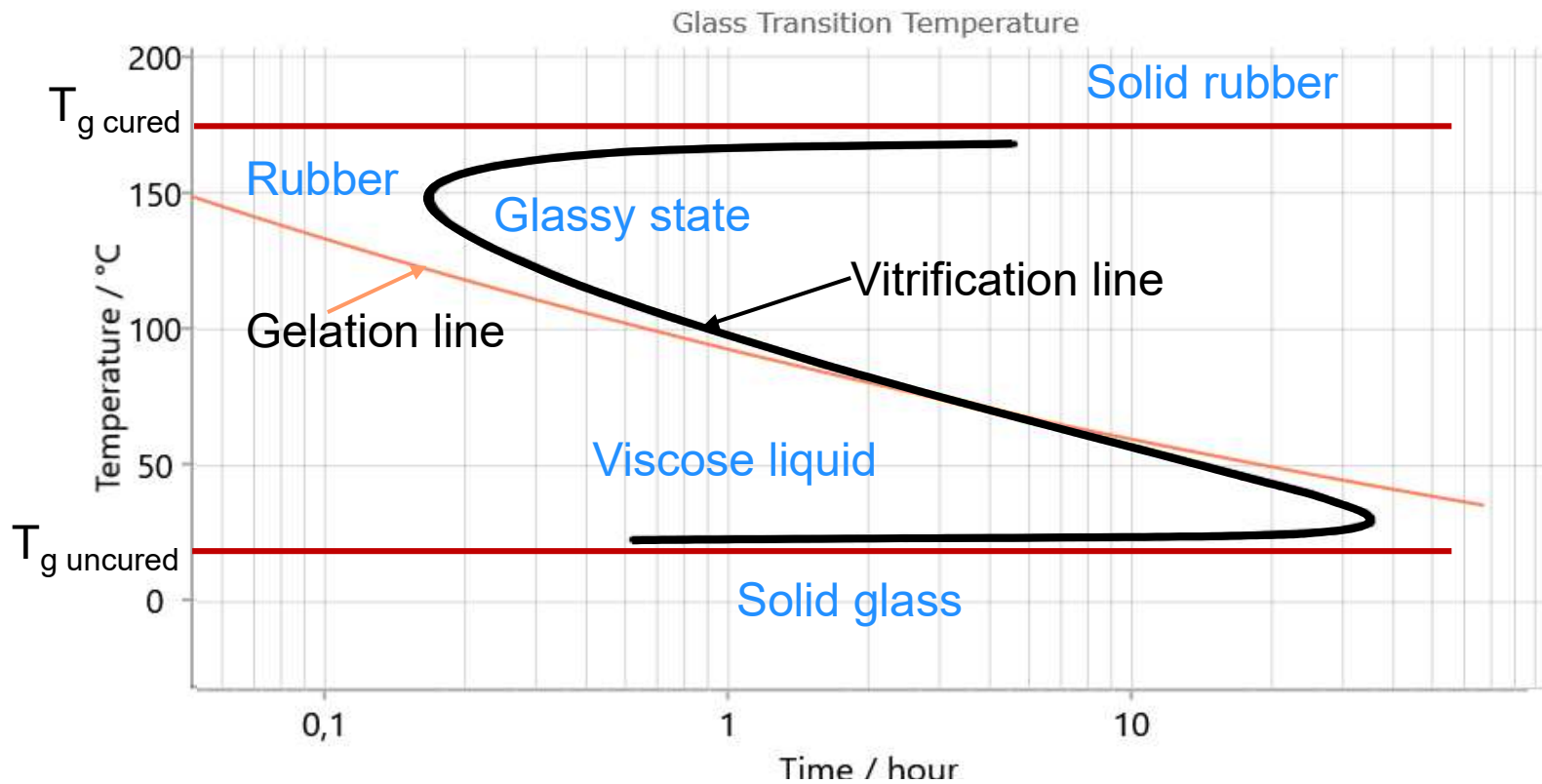
See Theory of diffusion control in
S.Vyazovkin, A.K.Burnham, L.Favergeon, N.Koga, E.Moukhina, L.A.Perez-Maqueda, N. Sbirrazuoli.
Thermochimica Acta 689 (2020) 1785977, ICTAC Kinetics Committee recommendations for analysis of multi-step kinetics

Isothermal Predictions of glass transition for Time-Temperature-Transition diagram

- Simulation
 - Predictions
 - Isothermal
 - Isothermal Lifetime
 - Dynamic
 - Multiple Step
 - Step Iso
 - Modulated Isothermal
 - Modulated Dynamic
 - Adiabatic
 - Adiabatic24
 - Climatic
 - Time Temperature Trans.**
 - External Temp. Profile



Time-Temperature-Transition diagram for curing



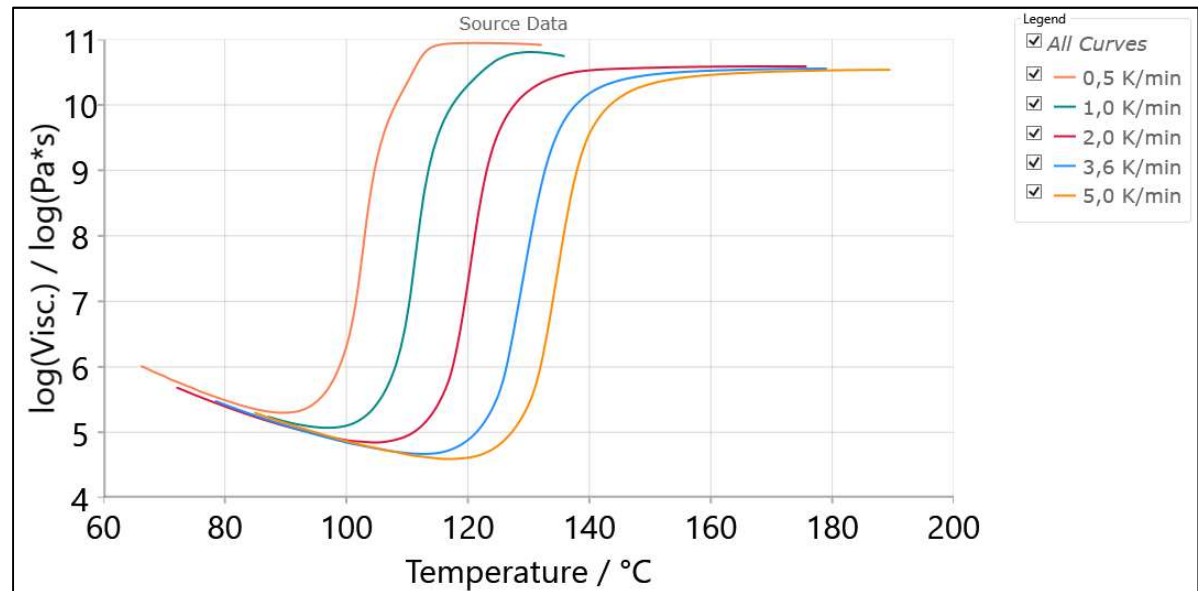
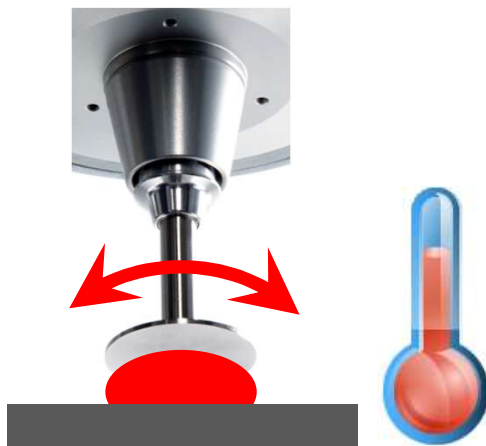
TTT Diagram shows the state of the material (glass, liquid, rubber) for isothermal conditions with known temperature and time
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2.2 Curing and cross-linking

2.2.3 Kinetics of rheological data for dynamic viscosity

Kinetic analysis of rheological data and prediction of dynamic viscosity



SPMKOMPOZIT: epoxy system

Properties

Data Preparation

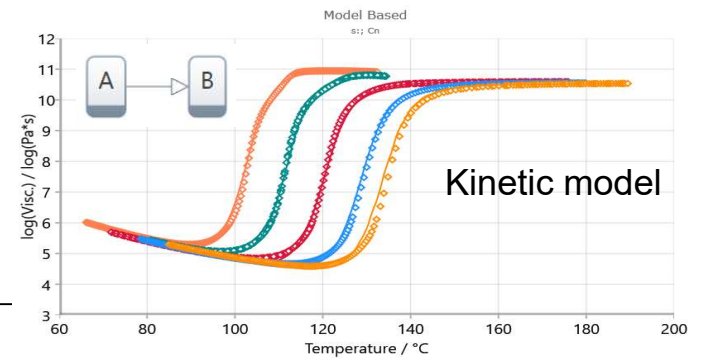
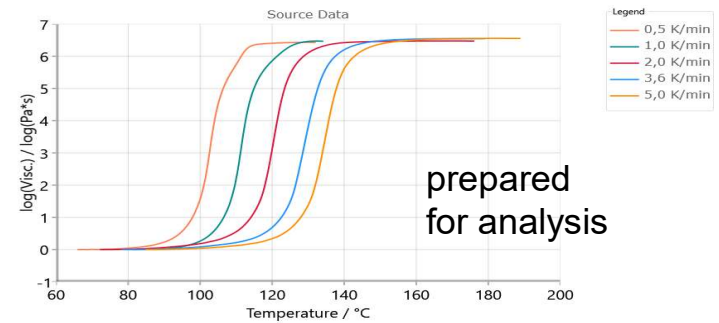
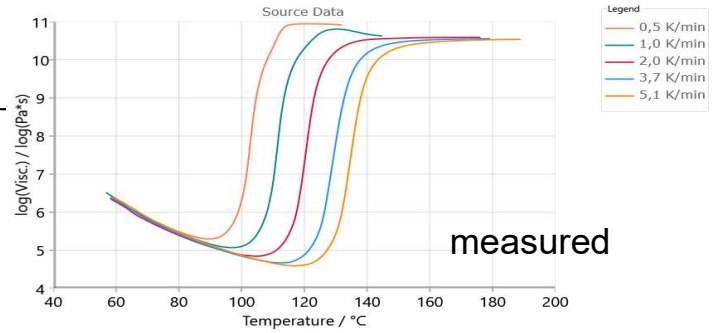
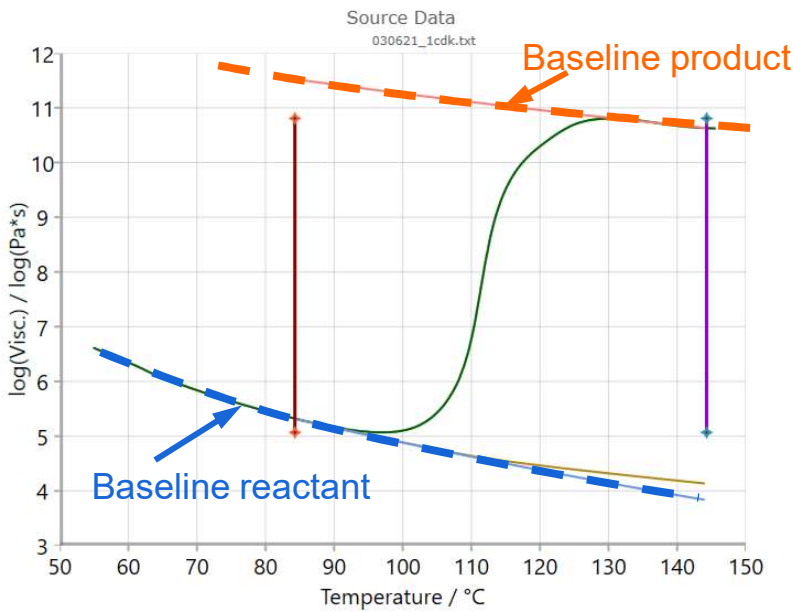
Range
Left: 84,28 Right: 144,30

Smoothing
None 1 2 3 4 5 6

Baseline

Show Additional Curve
 Temperature

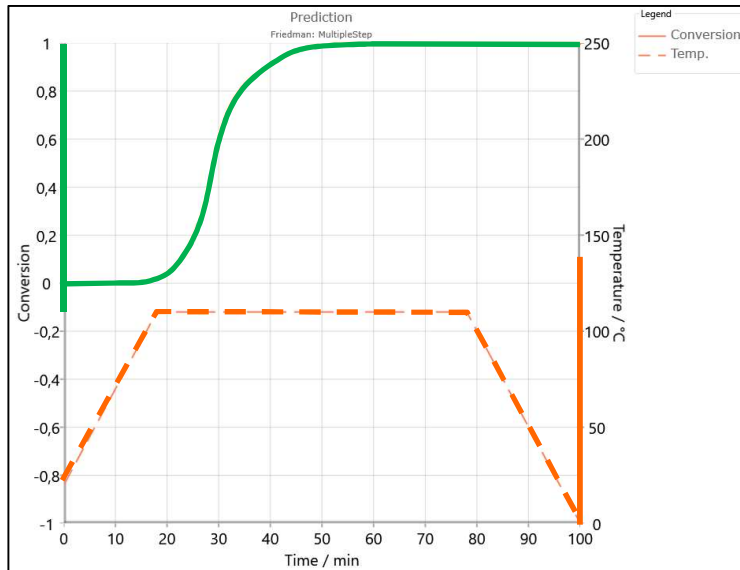
Change of log(Visc.): 6,497 log(Pa*s)
Heating Rate: 1,0 K/min



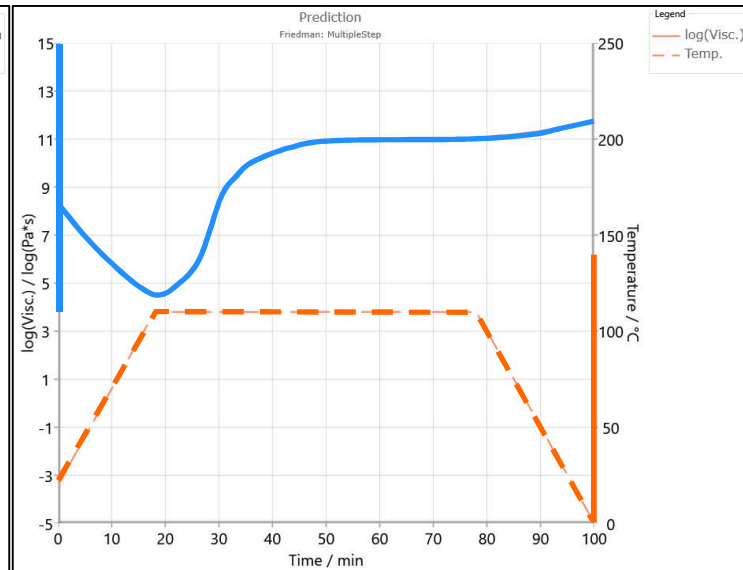
Tangential baseline for heating

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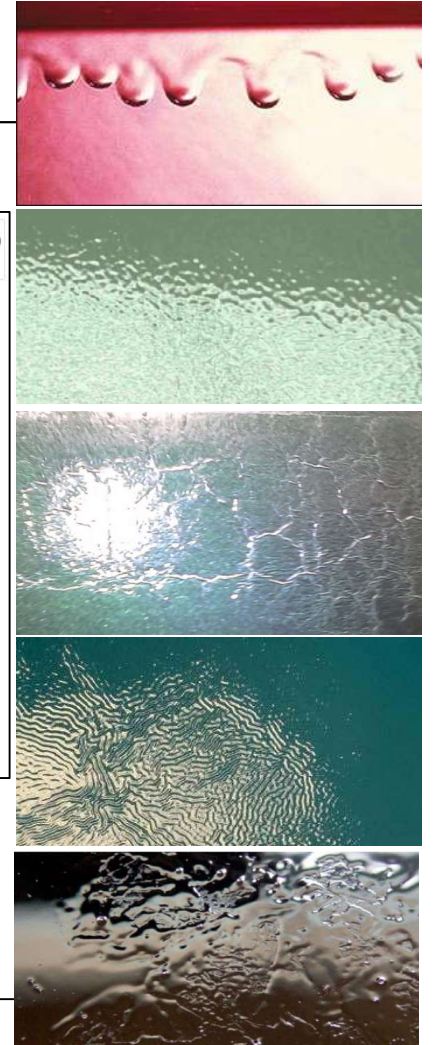
Predictions of viscosity and conversion



Prediction of Conversion



Prediction of Viscosity

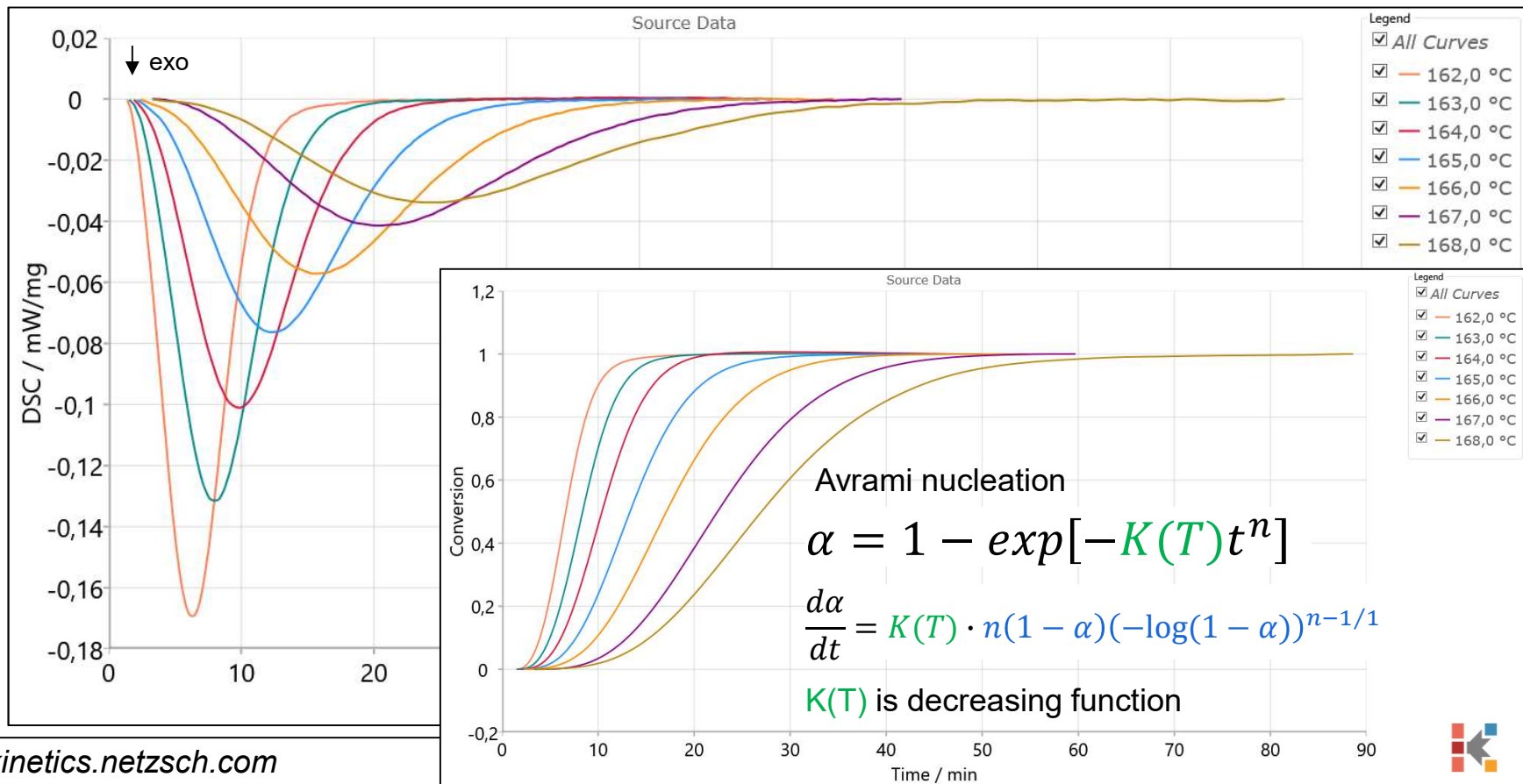




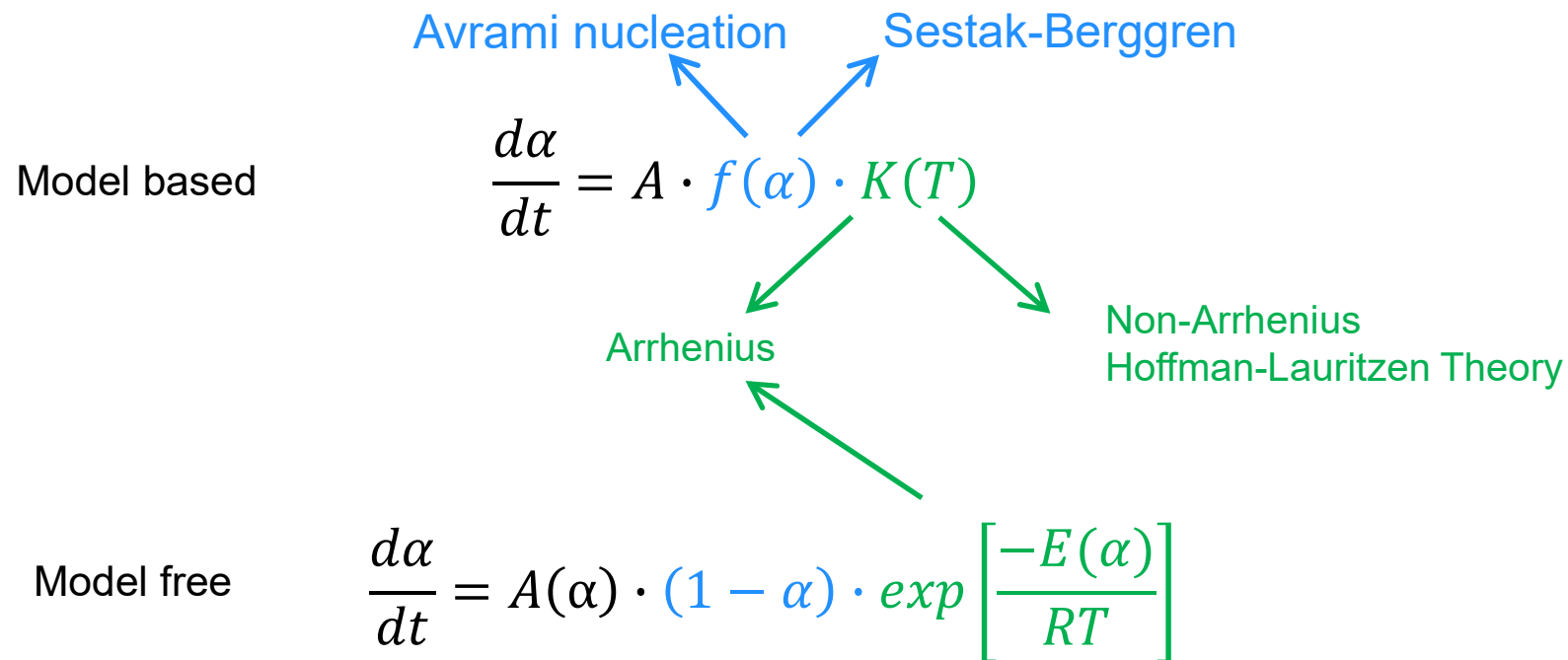
2.3 Crystallization

2.3.1 Isothermal crystallization, Avrami nucleation

2.4.2 Non-isothermal crystallization,
Hoffman-Lauritzen theory,
Nakamura crystallization,
Sbirrazzuoli crystallization



Crystallization rate





Avrami nucleation Sestak-Berggren

$$\frac{d\alpha}{dt} = A \cdot f(\alpha) \cdot K(T)$$

Arrhenius

Non-Arrhenius
Hoffman-Lauritzen Theory

$$\frac{d\alpha}{dt} = A(\alpha) \cdot (1 - \alpha) \cdot \exp\left[\frac{-E(\alpha)}{RT}\right]$$

Model based reaction type:

An: Avrami+ Arrhenius

SB: Sestak Berggren + Arrhenius

Valid: isothermal crystallization,
small temperature range

Nakamura: Avrami+ Hoffman-Lauritzen

Sbirrazzuoli: Sestak-Berggren+ Hoffman-Lauritzen

Valid: both isothermal and cooling crystallization
complete temperature range between T_∞ and T_m

Model free:

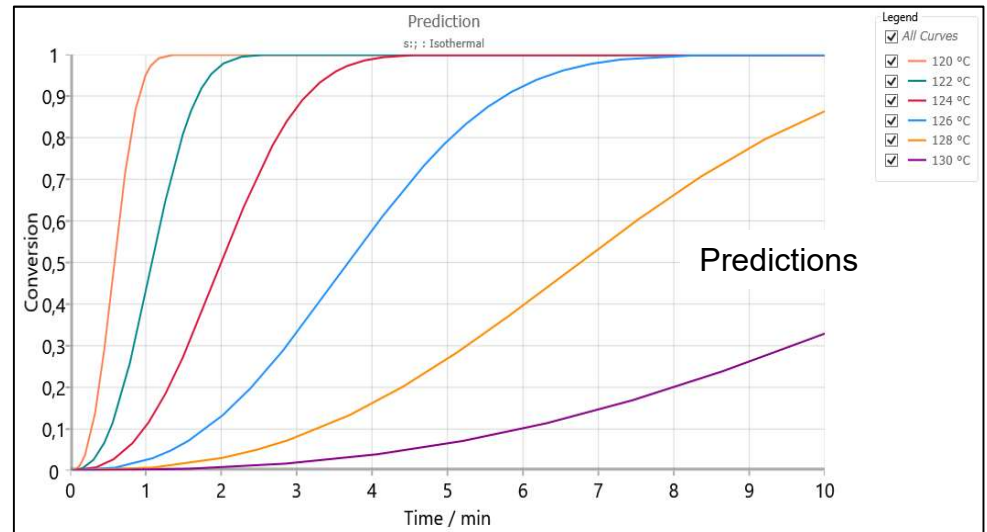
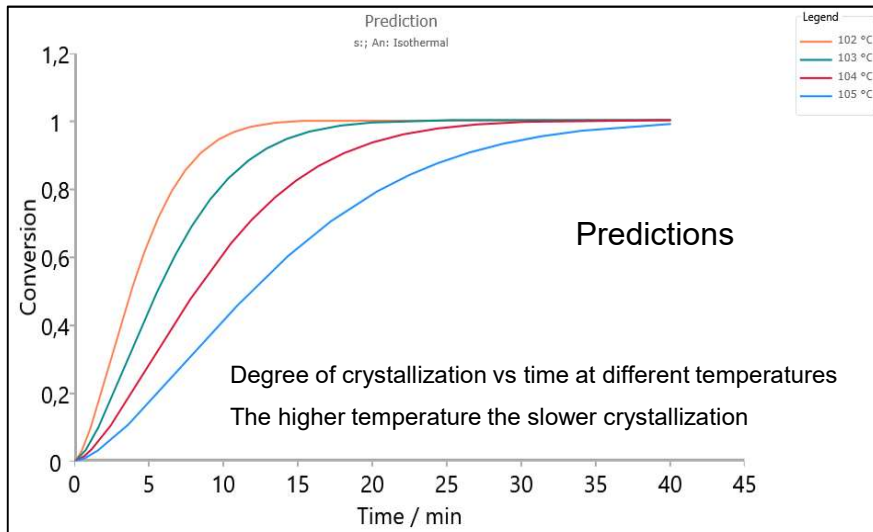
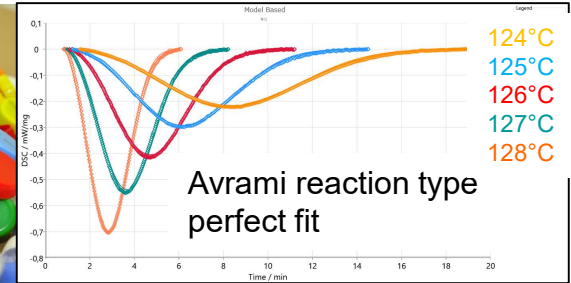
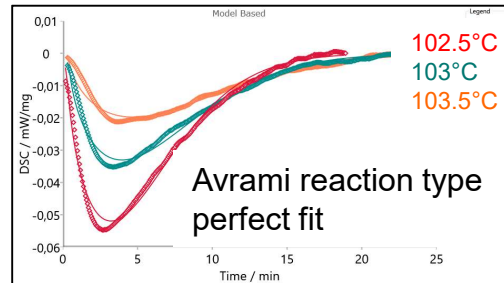
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Friedman

Numerical Optimization

Valid: isothermal crystallization,
small temperature range

Arrhenius: Isothermal crystallization: LDPE and PP



Isothermal Crystallization: Arrhenius approach

Advantage:

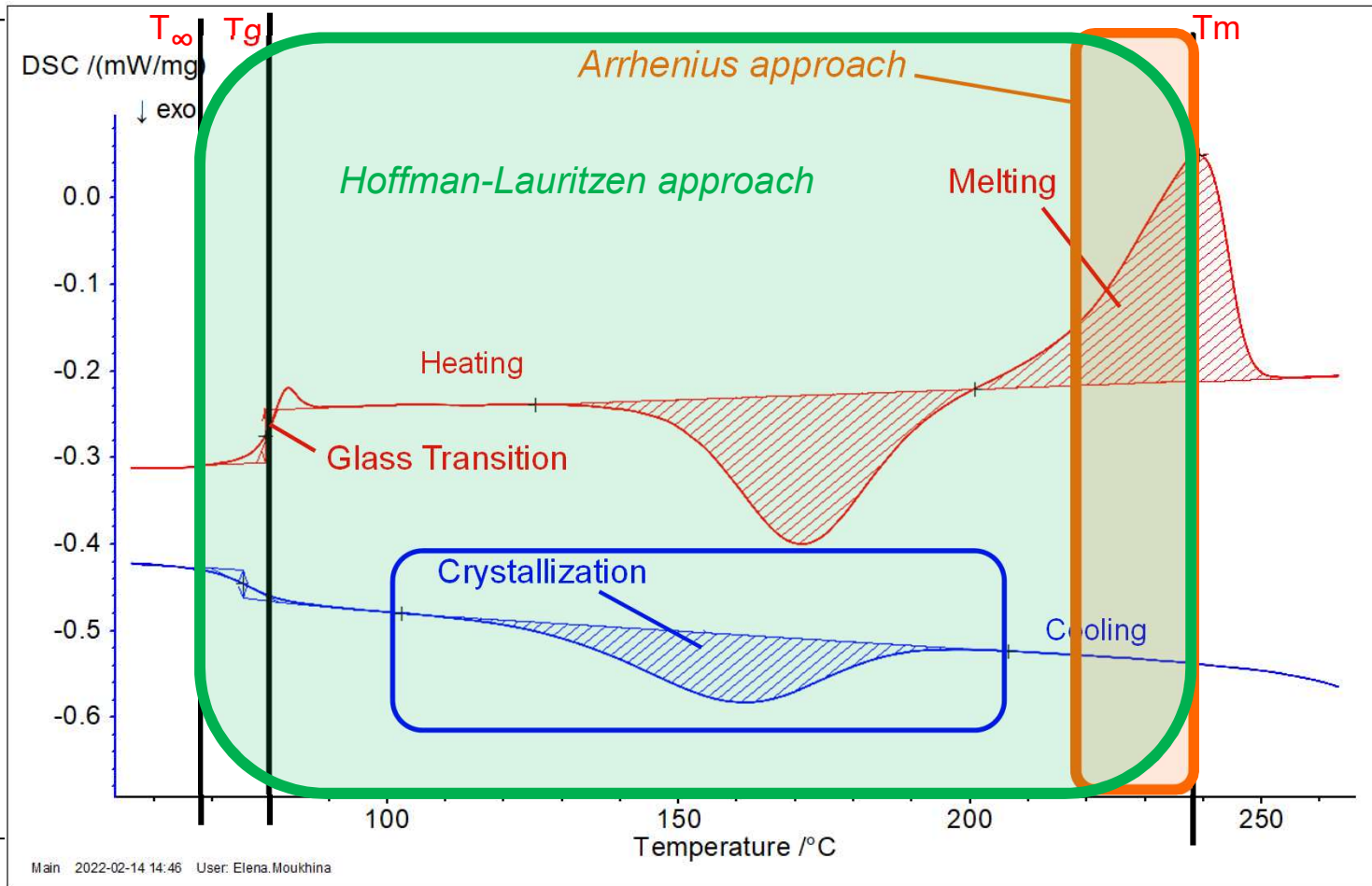
very simple and fast, mathematics of chemical kinetics can be used.

Disadvantages:

1. Arrhenius approach has no physical background. Activation energy is just the apparent value.
2. Does not take into account diffusion near glass transition temperature
3. Enables only for very small temperature range near melting point. Produces incorrect predictions outside of this range.

Conclusion: this approach is very simplified, and has very limited working temperature range

Polymer: Heating and Cooling



Crystallization rate $\frac{d\alpha}{dt} = A \cdot f(\alpha) \cdot K(T)$

1. Arrhenius approach

(model free and model based)

$$K(T) = \exp\left(\frac{-E_a}{RT}\right) \quad E_a < 0$$

Partial solution only for isothermal crystallization
Works in small range below melting temperature

2. Non-Arrhenius approach

(model based only)

- Hoffman-Lauritzen Theory

$$K(T) = \exp\left(\frac{U^*}{R(T - T_\infty)}\right) \cdot \exp\left(\frac{-K_G}{T\Delta T f}\right)$$

Solution for both isothermal and cooling crystallization
Works for complete crystallization range

Crystallization kinetics:
non-Arrhenius approach: Nakamura und Hoffman-Lauritzen

$$\frac{d\alpha}{dt} = A \cdot f(\alpha) \cdot K(T)$$

↙
Diffusion term
Nucleation term

$$K(T) = \exp\left(\frac{-U^*}{R(T - T_\infty)}\right) \cdot \exp\left(\frac{-K_G}{T \cdot \Delta T \cdot f}\right)$$

No viscose flow below T_g
Supercooling

- U* activation energy of segmental jump in polymers,
 this parameter has universal value 6.3kJ/mol
- K_G kinetic parameter for nucleation
- ΔT=T_m-T undercooling from the equilibrium **melting point T_m**
- T_∞=T_g-30 temperature at which crystallization transport is finished,
 this temperature is 30K below the **glass transition temperature T_g**.
- f=2T/(T+T_m) correction factor

This method defined for total temperature range between T_∞ and T_{melting}



Sbirrazzuoli* crystallization model SbC with Sestak-Berggren reaction type

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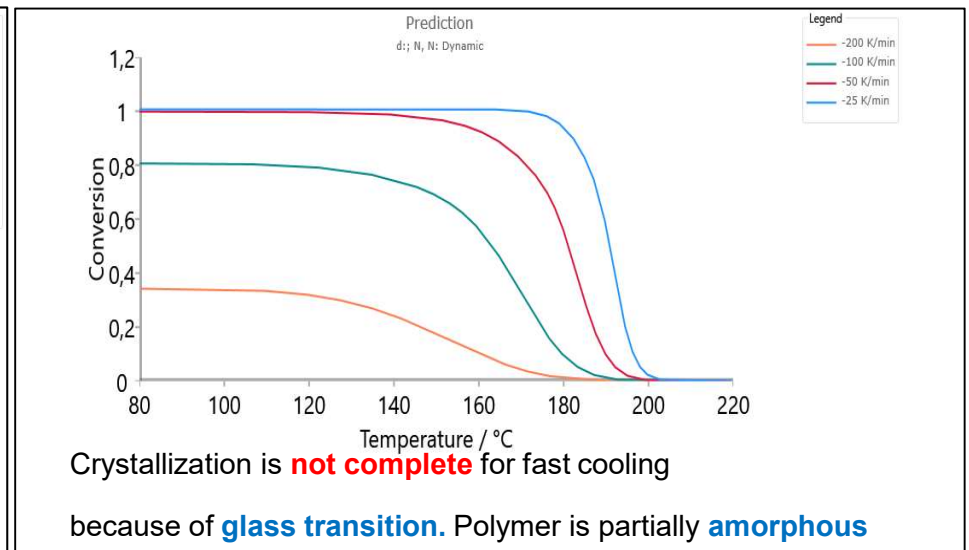
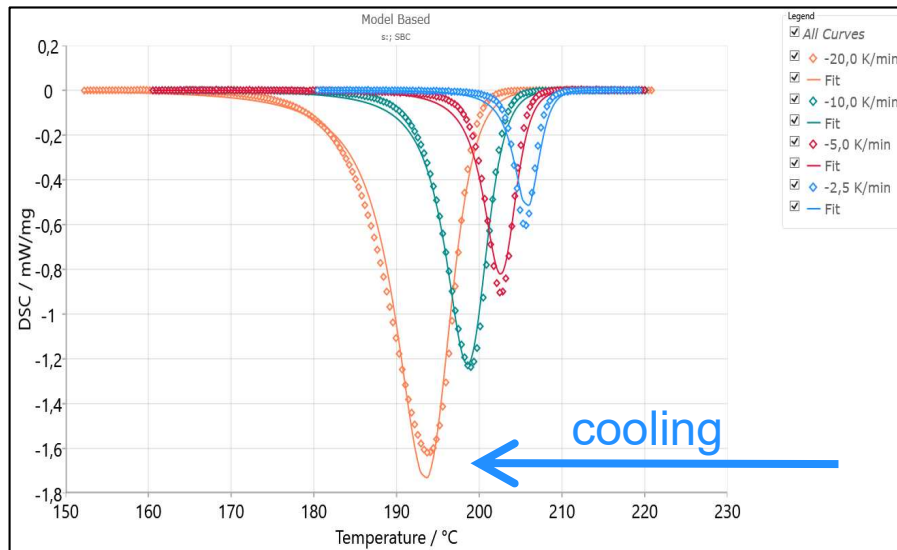
T_g= 40-60°C, T_m=220-230°C

$$\frac{d\alpha}{dt} = A \cdot f(\alpha) \cdot K(T)$$

Hoffman-Lauritzen Theory

Sestak-Berggren Crystallization

$$f(\alpha) = (1-\alpha)^n \cdot \alpha^m \cdot [-\ln((1-\alpha))]^q$$



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Crystallization for Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET)



PET

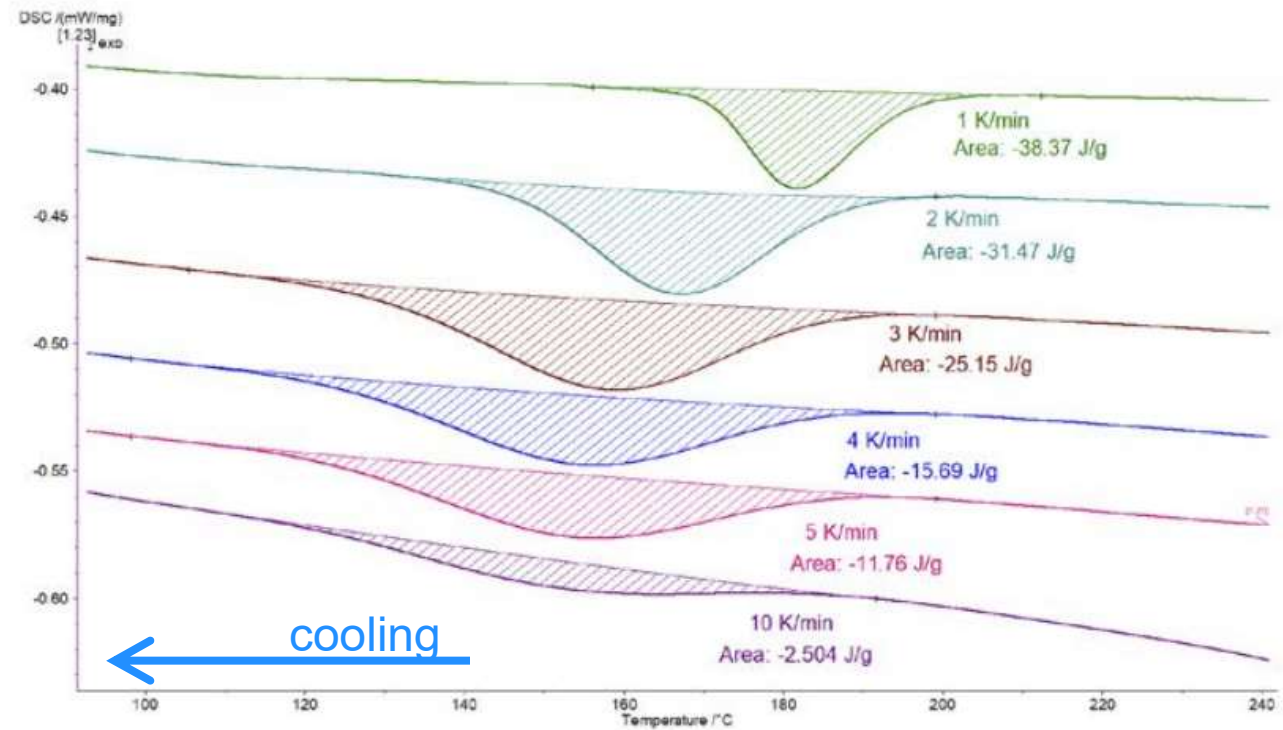
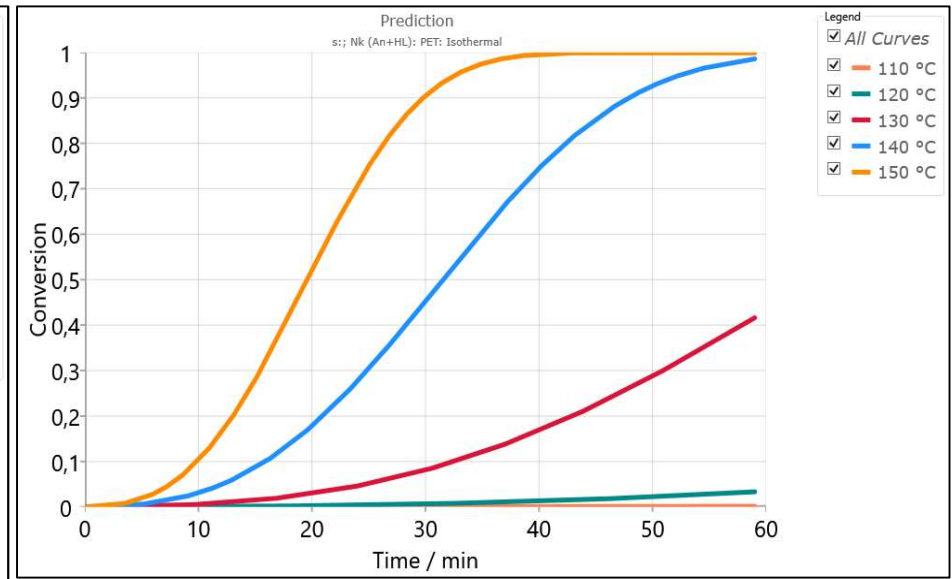
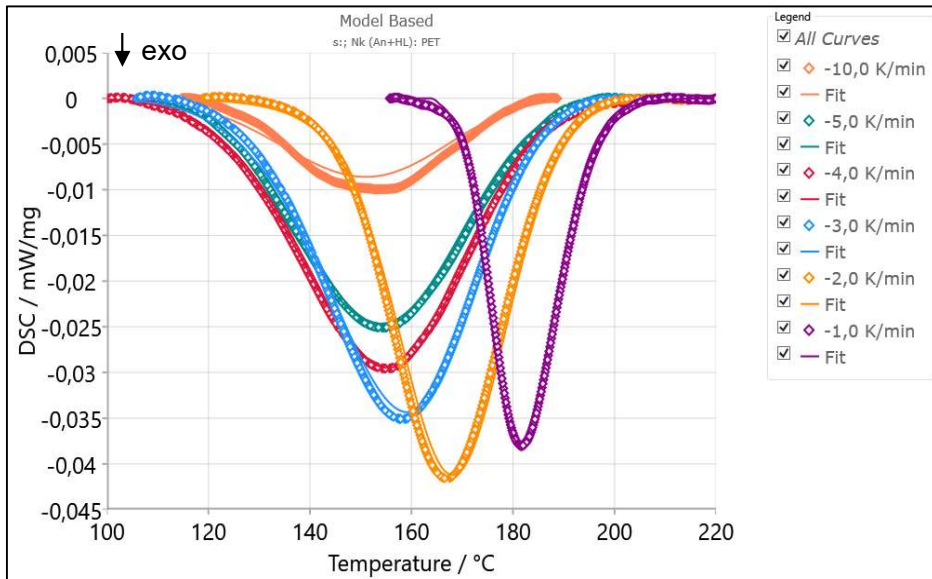


Fig. 1. Crystallization curves for polyethylene terephthalate (PET) measured at cooling rates from 1 to 10 K/min



Crystallization Prediction for Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET)



One can observe that at temperatures of 110°C to 120°C, no crystallization occurs and the bottles remain in the glassy state and transparent. If the production temperature is too high – e.g., 140°C – then crystallization starts earlier, and the bottles get turbid.

PET:
stretch
blow
molding



Unique: Kinetics Analysis must fulfil ICTAC kinetics recommendations

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ABSTRACT

The present recommendations have been developed by the Kinetics Committee of the International Confederation for Thermal Analysis and Calorimetry (ICTAC). The recommendations provide guidance on kinetic analysis of multi-step processes as measured by thermal analysis methods such as thermogravimetry (TGA) and differential scanning calorimetry (DSC). Ways of detecting the multi-step kinetics are discussed first. Then, four different approaches to evaluation of kinetic parameters (the activation energy, the pre-exponential factor, and the reaction model) for individual steps are considered. The approaches considered include multi-step model-fitting as well as distributed reactivity, isoconversional, and deconvolution analyses. For each approach practical advice is offered on its effective usage. Due attention is also paid to the typical problems encountered and to the ways of resolving them. The objective of these recommendations is to help a non-expert with efficiently performing multi-step kinetic analysis and interpreting its results.

- Model free analysis
- Multi-step model-fitting (model based)
- Diffusion control for curing
- Crystallization kinetics
- Kamal model for curing
- Deconvolution analysis (sum of peaks)



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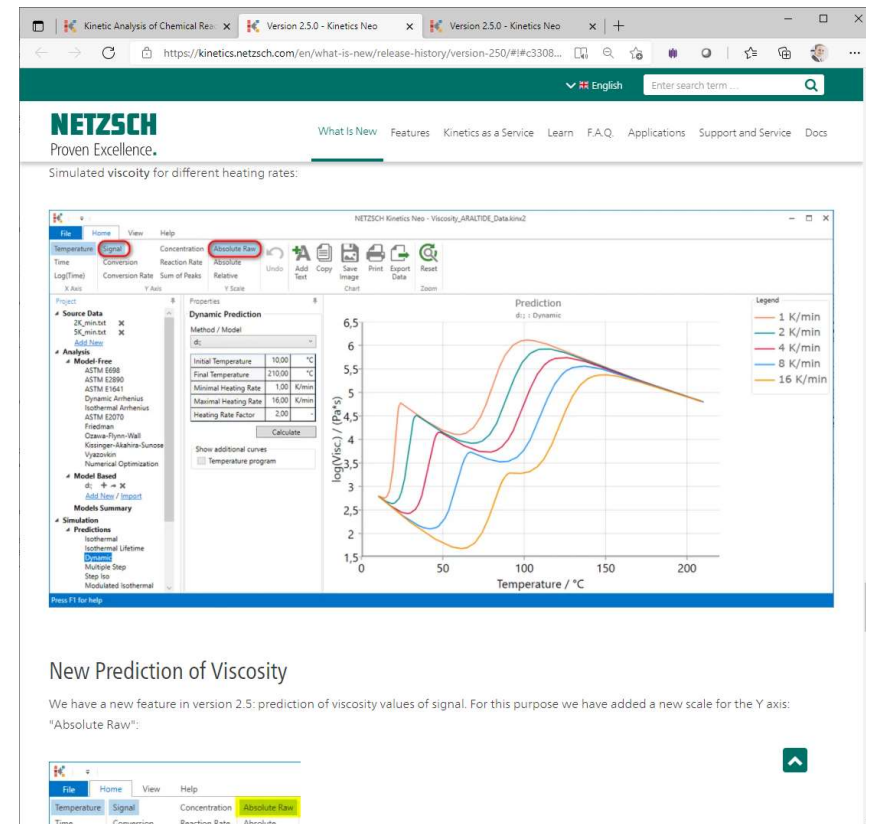
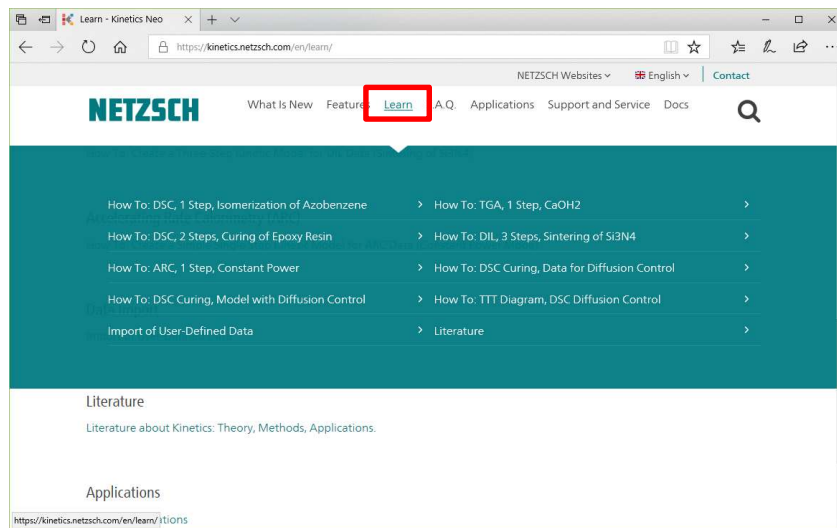


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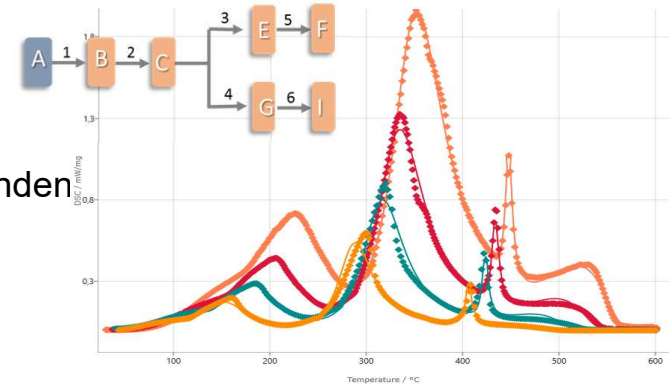
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Conclusion



is used to analyze kinetics of temperature dependent chemical processes.



Analysis

- one mathematical kinetic description for several measurements
- different approaches: model free (11 methods) and model based (unlimited number of models)
- model based: individual reaction steps, concentrations, kinetic triplet for each step, reaction mechanism
- standard reaction types (n-th order, Autocatalysis, diffusion, Avrami nucleation)
- unique reaction types (Kamal-Sourour, diffusion control, Nakamura nucleation, Hoffman-Lauritzen theory)
- Standard data types like TG or DSC
- Unique data types (Dilatometry, Rheometry, DEA)

Predictions and optimizations

- optimization of industrial chemical processes like debinding, curing, sintering
- standard predictions (isothermal, heating, multi-step, user-defined, TD24, climatic for 100 weather stations)
- unique predictions of individual peaks, concentrations, Tg, TTT diagram, temperature presets like fire presets)
- prediction of viscosity or ion viscosity for new temperature profile
- Optimization of temperature profile for constant or predefined conversion rate

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