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Ceramics Sintering: Kinetics, Simulation and Process Optimization using Kinetics Neo and Termica Neo

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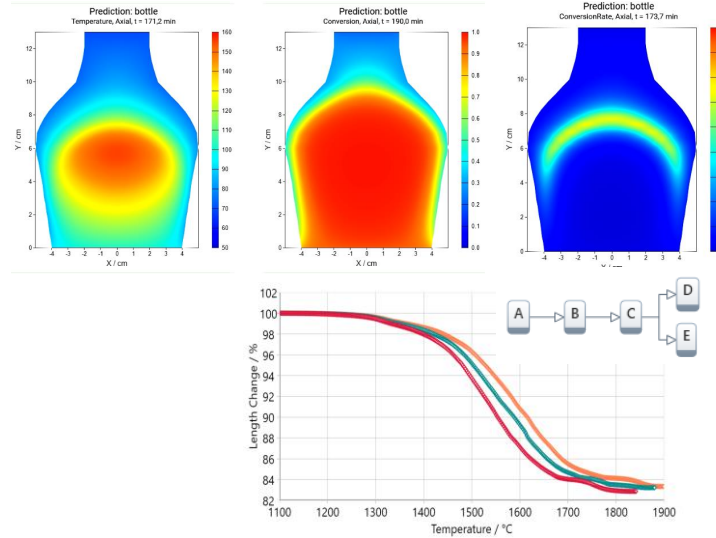
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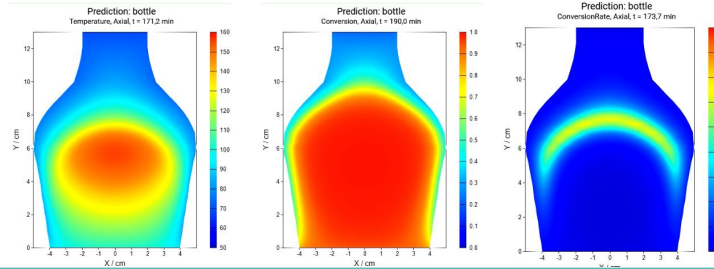
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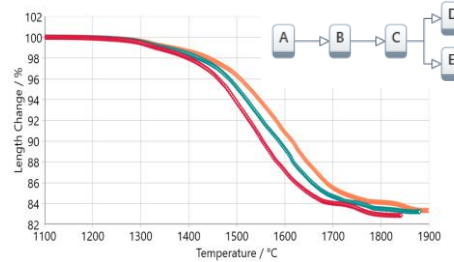
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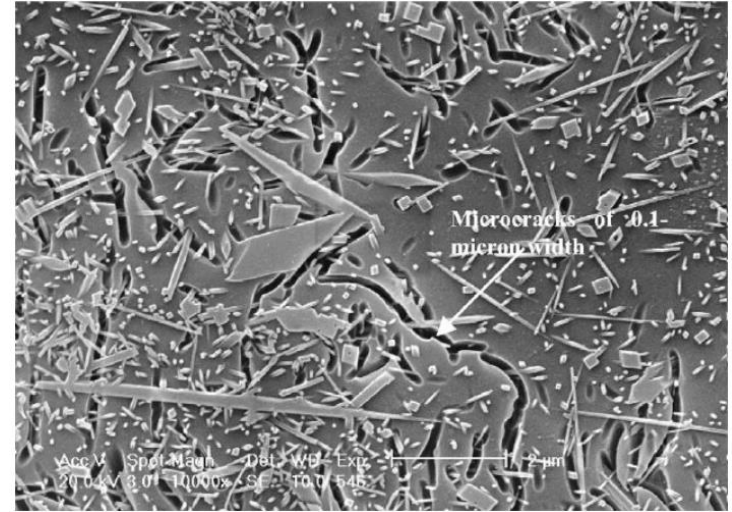
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SEM image with microcracks [1]

Quality of ceramics depends on production temperature

Slow heating and cooling enhanced the quality of ceramics, but makes it more expensive

[1] Rashed Adnan Islam Y. C. Chan, January 2004 Materials Science and Engineering B 106(2):132-140 , Structure–property relationship in high-tension ceramic insulator fired at high temperature

DOI: 10.1016/j.mseb.2003.09.005

Pictures are from internet: gelenk-klinik.de, www.avonvalleydental.com.au

How to get the **best quality** in the **shortest time**?



Below 700°C:
Debinding

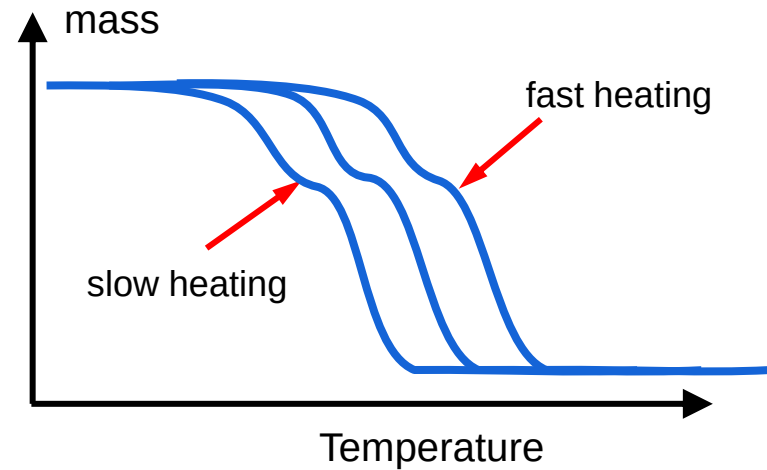
A Thermobalance gives you information about the binder burnout!



Above 700°C:
Densification

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

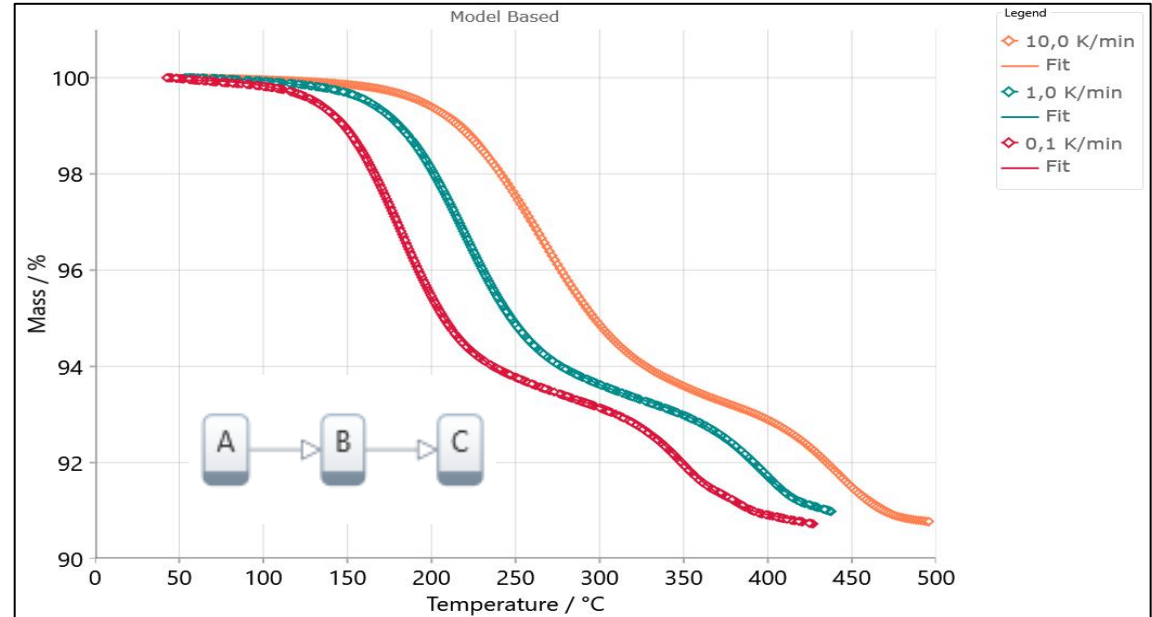
Measurements for kinetic analysis below 700°C: Thermogravimetry method detects the mass loss



Thermogravimetry: mass change is measured during heating



STA 49 F5:
Measurement at three given
temperature programs



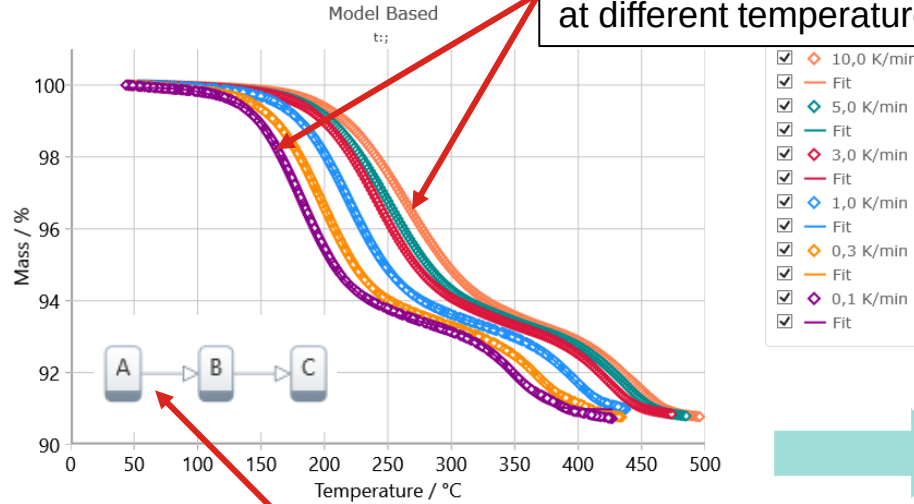
One kinetic model with two steps can fit all measurements

This model will be used for process optimization

Theory: one Kinetic Model is used for predictions at any temperature

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1. Measured data for the process at different temperature conditions

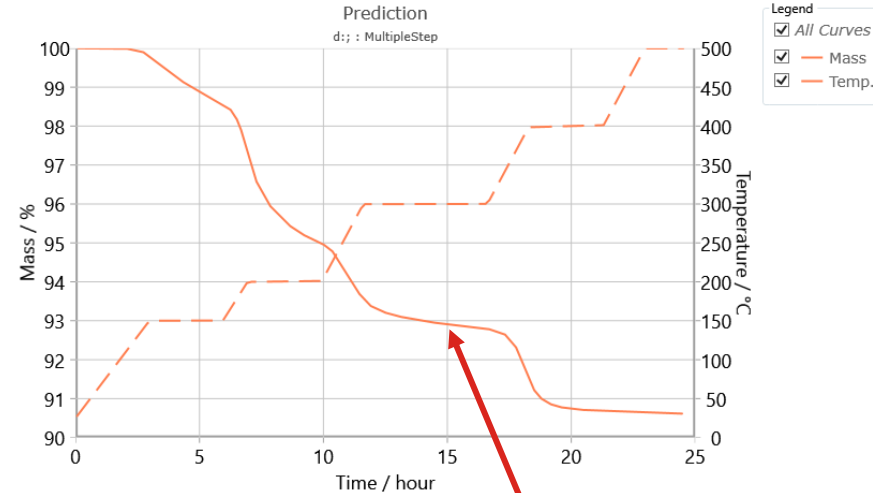


2. Kinetic Model for the process Simulated curves must fit experimental data

One kinetic model can fit all measurements a different temperature conditions

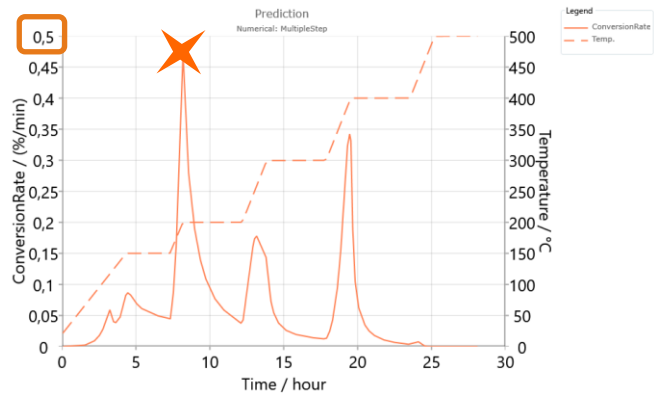
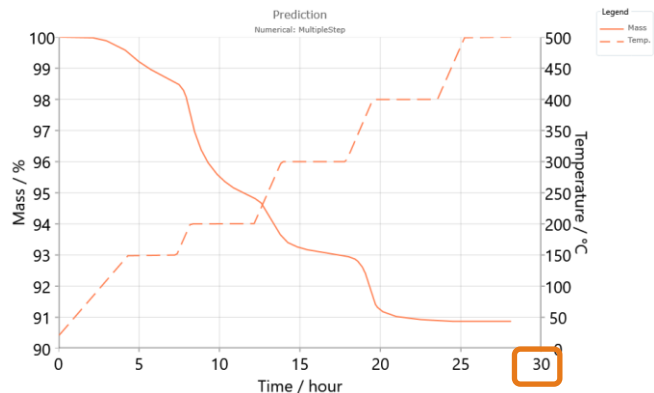
This model will be used for prediction at any temperature

For any temperature program the result is calculated immediately

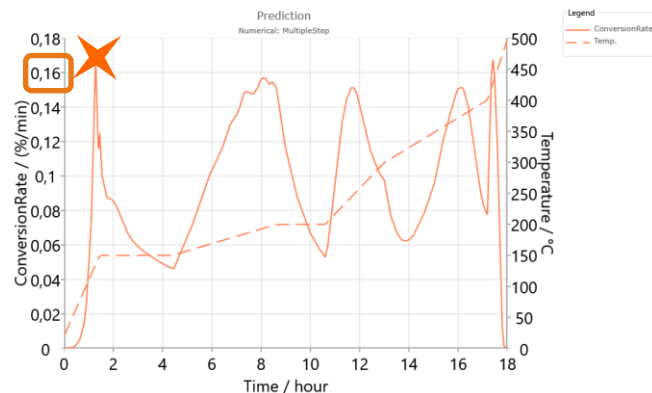
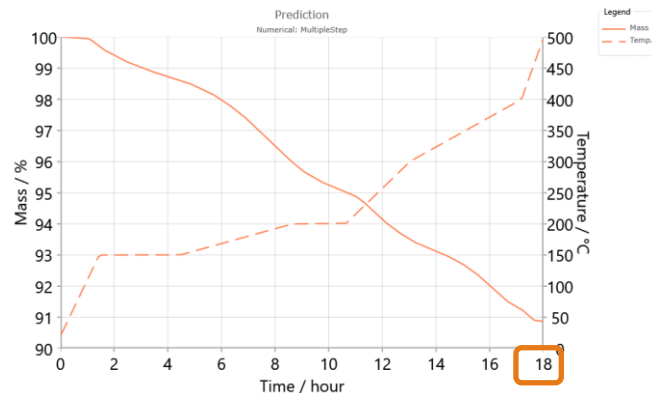


3. Simulated: reaction for new temperatures

Optimization of temperature below 700°C based on TG



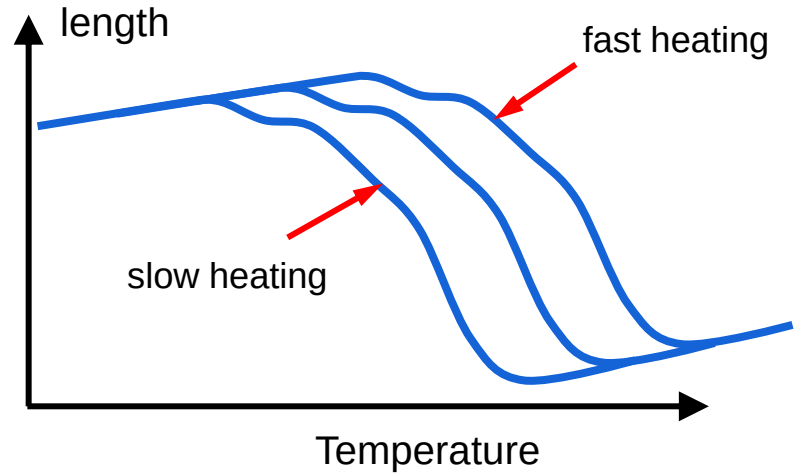
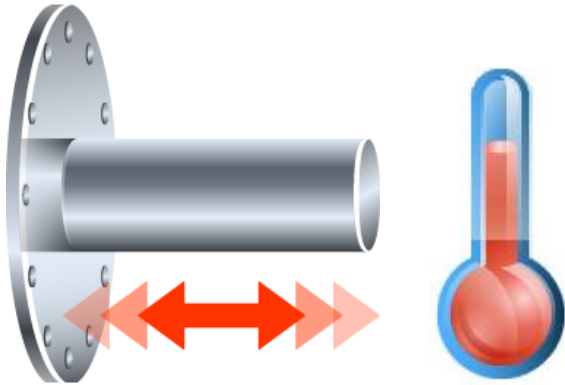
Non-optimized 29 hrs, max 0.5%/min



Optimized 18 hrs, max 0.16 %/min

Measurements for kinetic analysis:

Dilatometry method detects the length change

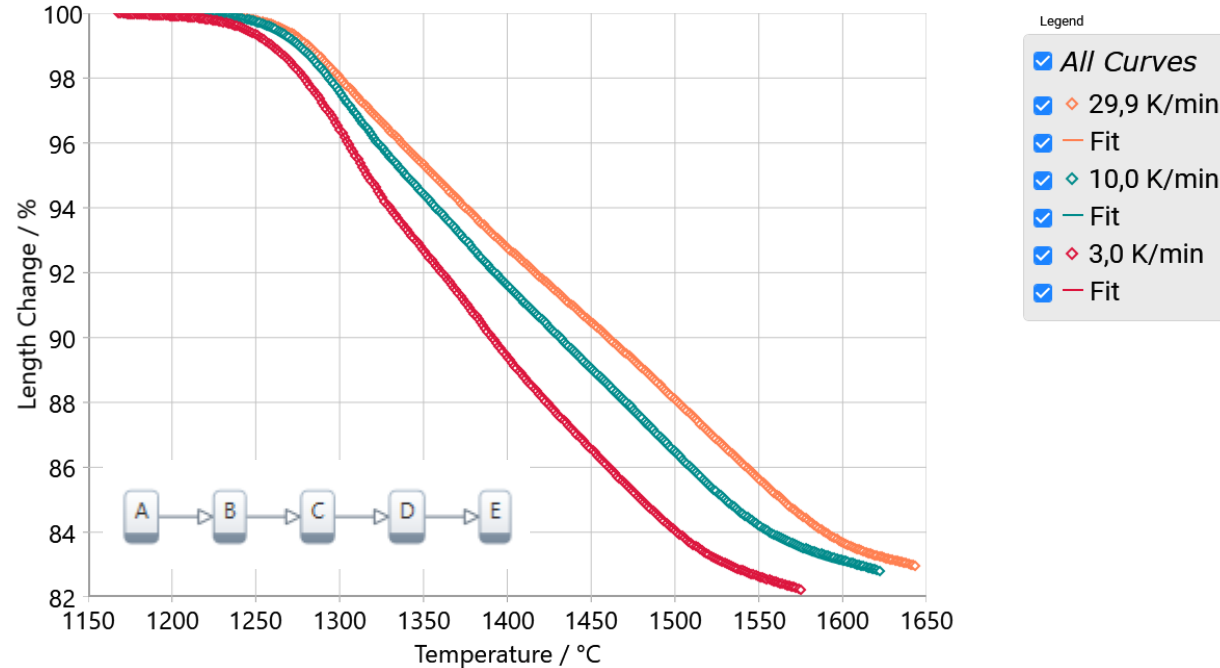


Dilatometry: length change is measured during heating

Densification above 700°C: Kinetic Analysis for DIL data



DIL 402:
Measurement of porcelain
at four given temperature
programs

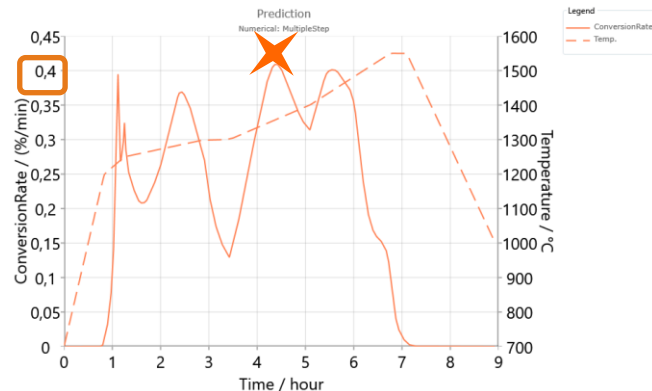
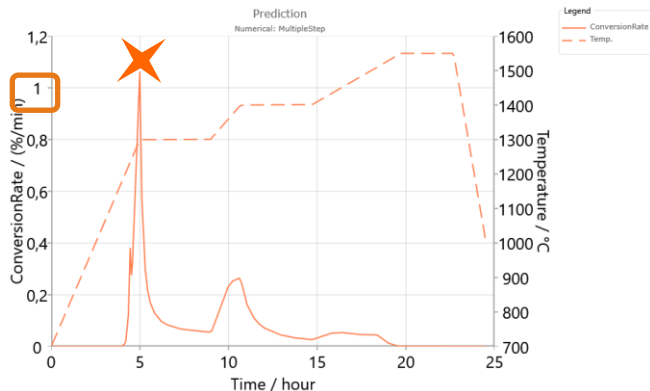
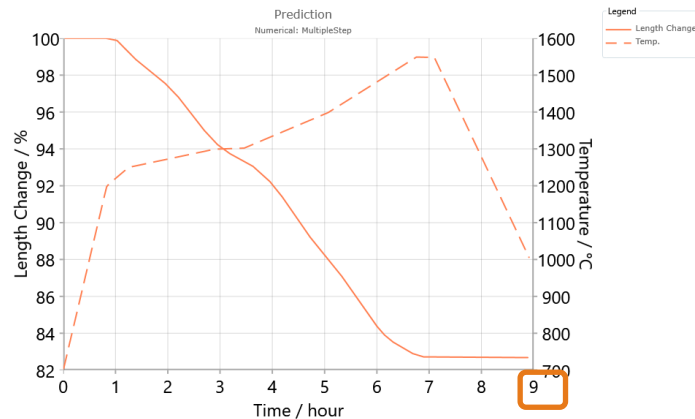
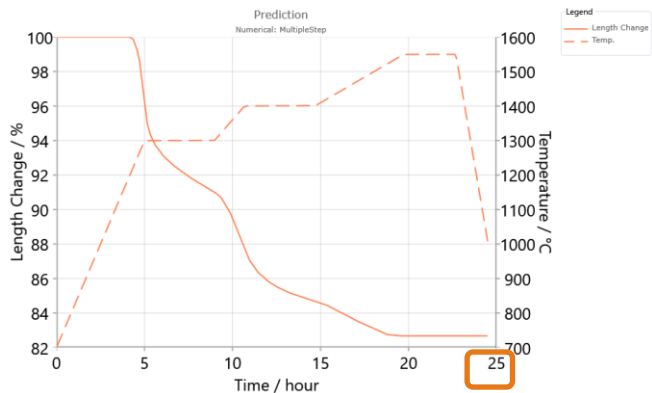


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Optimization of temperature above 700°C based on DIL

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Non-optimized 25 hrs, max 1%/min

Optimized 9 hrs, max 0.4%/min



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

Additive manufacturing of ceramic components

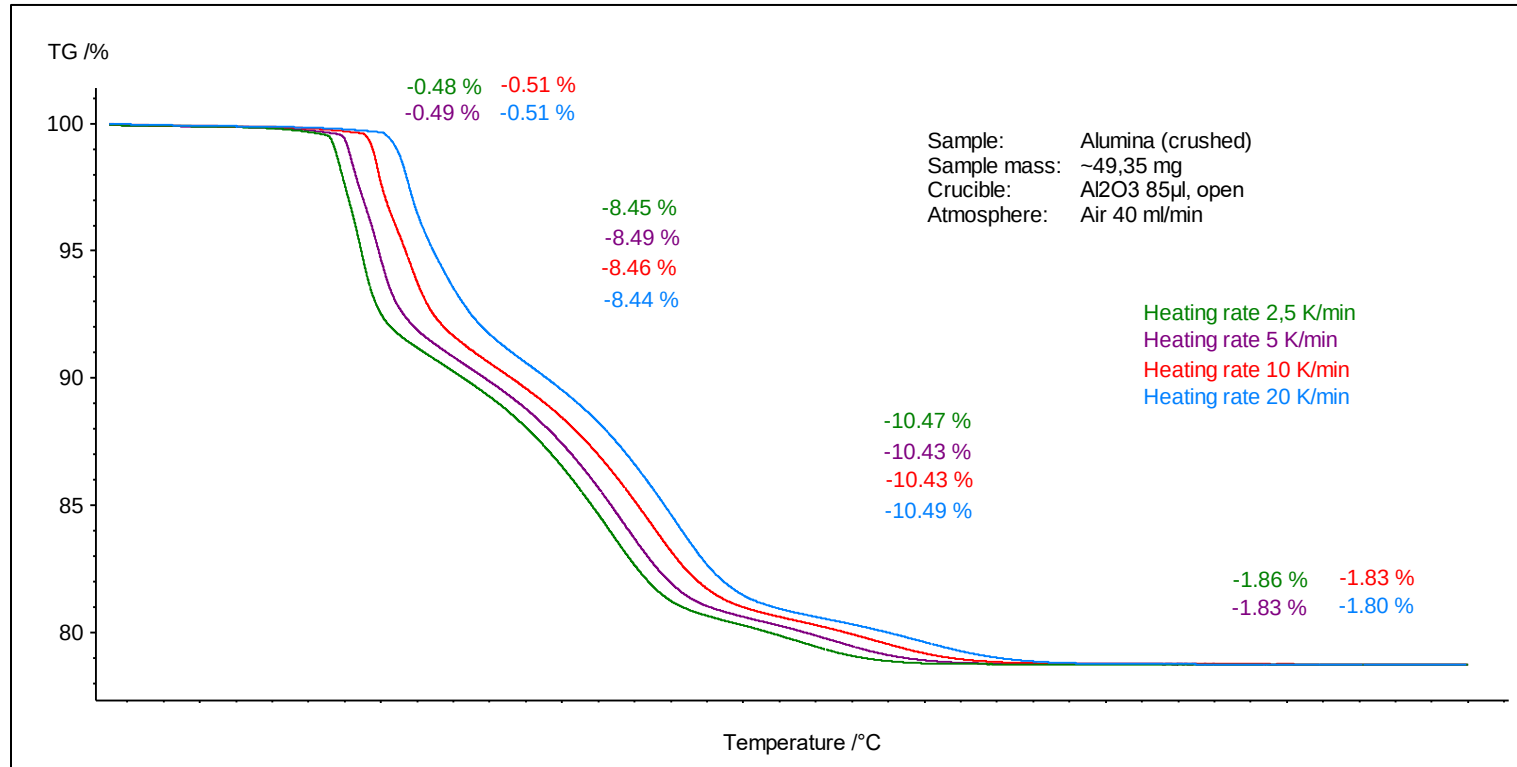
Lithography-based ceramic 3D manufacturing (LCM)



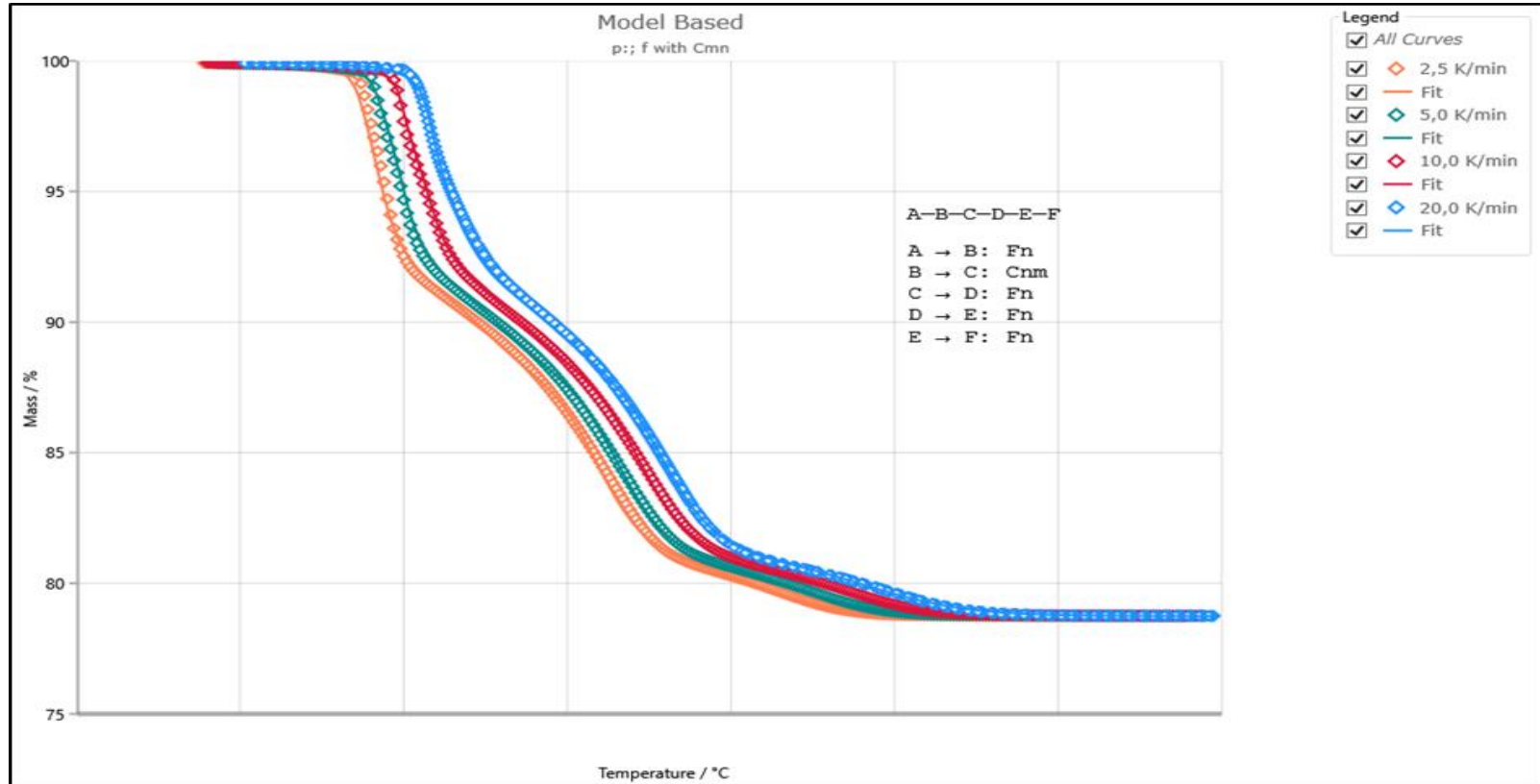
Source: Lithoz

Analysis and Optimization of the Binder Burnout of 3D-Printed Ceramic Components| C. Strunz,
Thermal conductivity conference ITCC, 2021

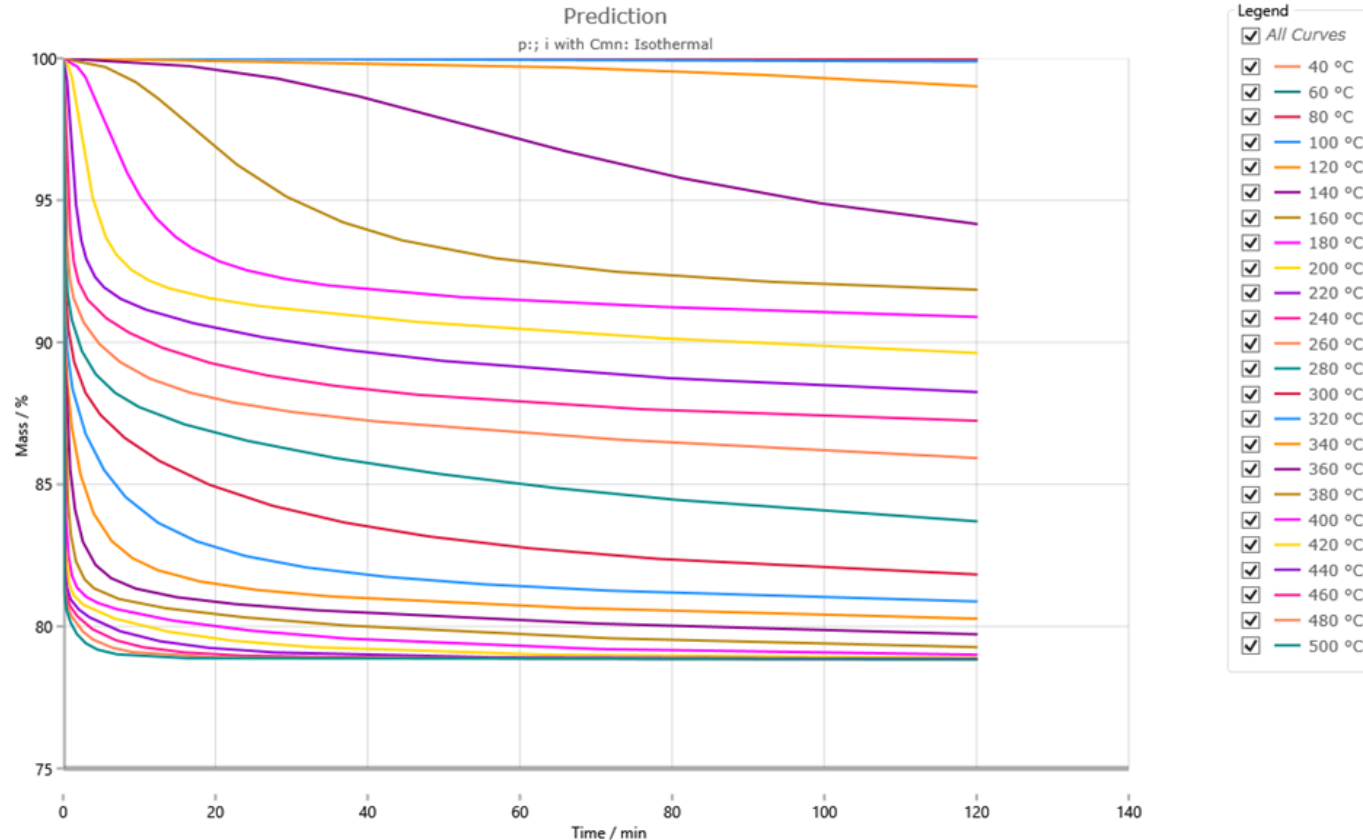
TG on crushed Alumina sample at different heating rates



Binder burnout –TGA Results (kinetic analysis)



Binder burnout –TGA Results (kinetic predictions, isothermal)



Cracks because of temperature gradients in big volume



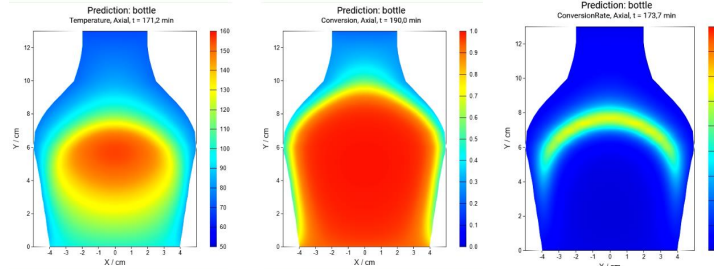
Simulation for big volume is necessary

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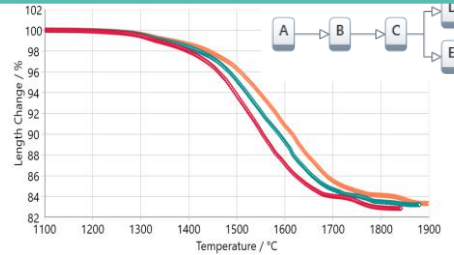
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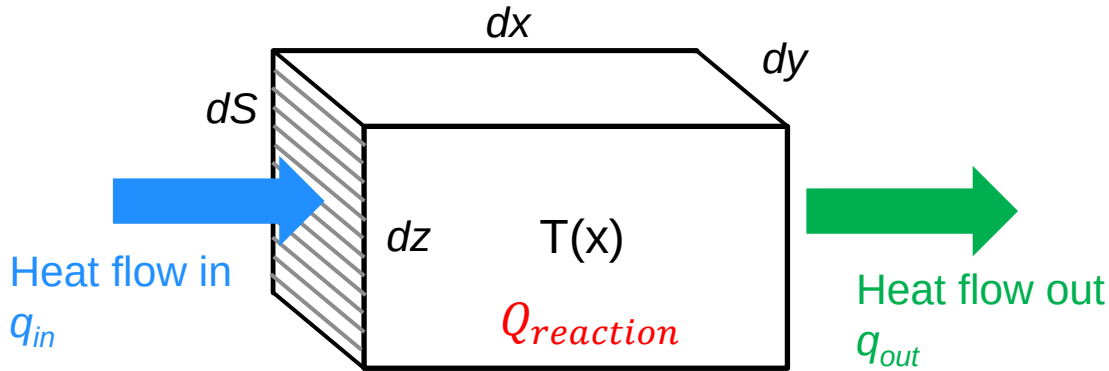
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Heat balance for small element with reaction heat as the heat source



$$\begin{aligned} dS &= dy \, dz \\ dV &= dx \, dy \, dz \\ dm &= \rho \, dV \end{aligned}$$

Area
Volume
Mass

$$q_{in} = dS \, \lambda \left. \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \right|_{x-\frac{dx}{2}}$$

Heat flow *in*
at point $x-dx/2$

$$q_{out} = dS \, \lambda \left. \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \right|_{x+\frac{dx}{2}}$$

Heat flow *out*
at point $x+dx/2$

$$Cp \cdot dm \cdot \frac{dT}{dt} = q_{in} - q_{out} + Q_{reaction}$$

$$Q_{reaction} = \Delta H \cdot dm \cdot \frac{d\alpha}{dt}$$

Reaction Heat

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = a \left[\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial^2 x} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial^2 y} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial^2 z} \right] + \Delta T_{ad} \frac{d\alpha}{dt}$$

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

Self-heating

Reaction rate

$$q_{in} - q_{out} = dS \, \lambda \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial^2 x}$$

Heat flow
difference

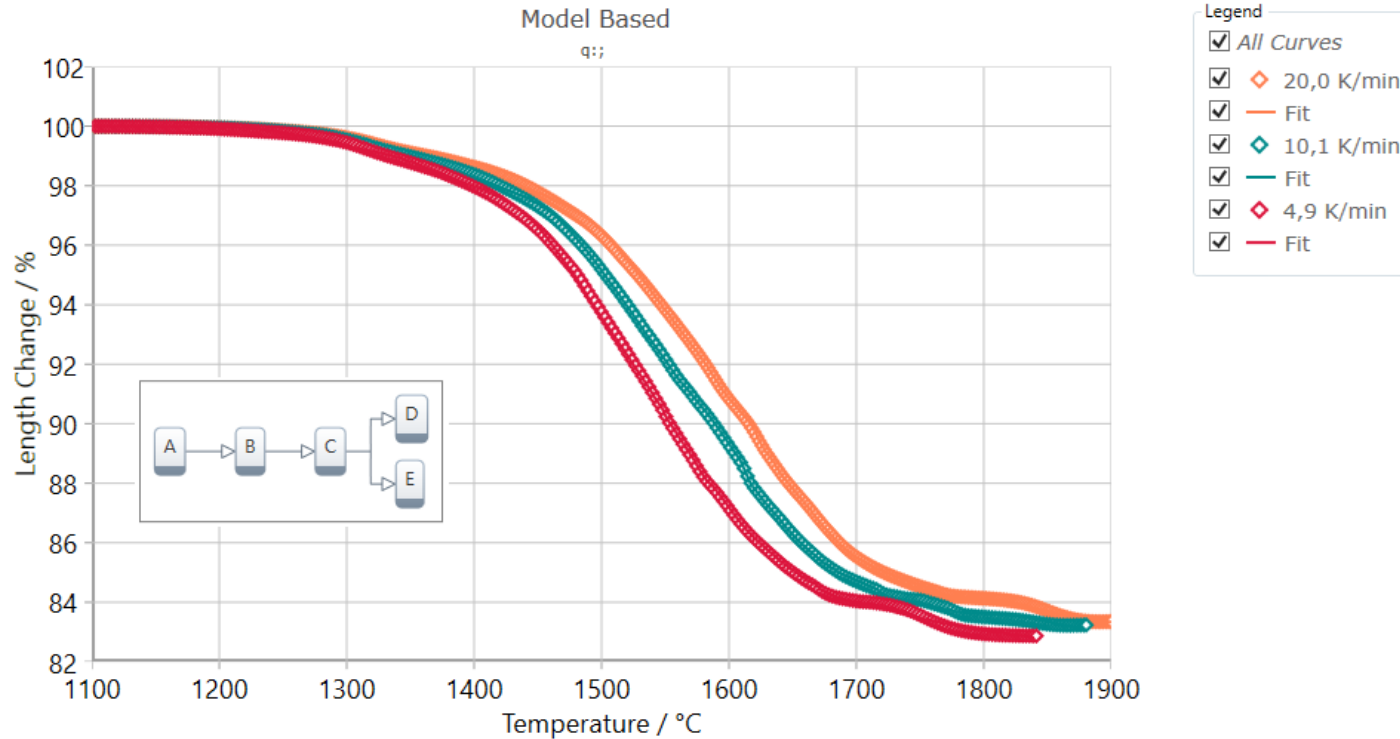
$$a = \lambda / (Cp \cdot \rho)$$

Thermal diffusivity

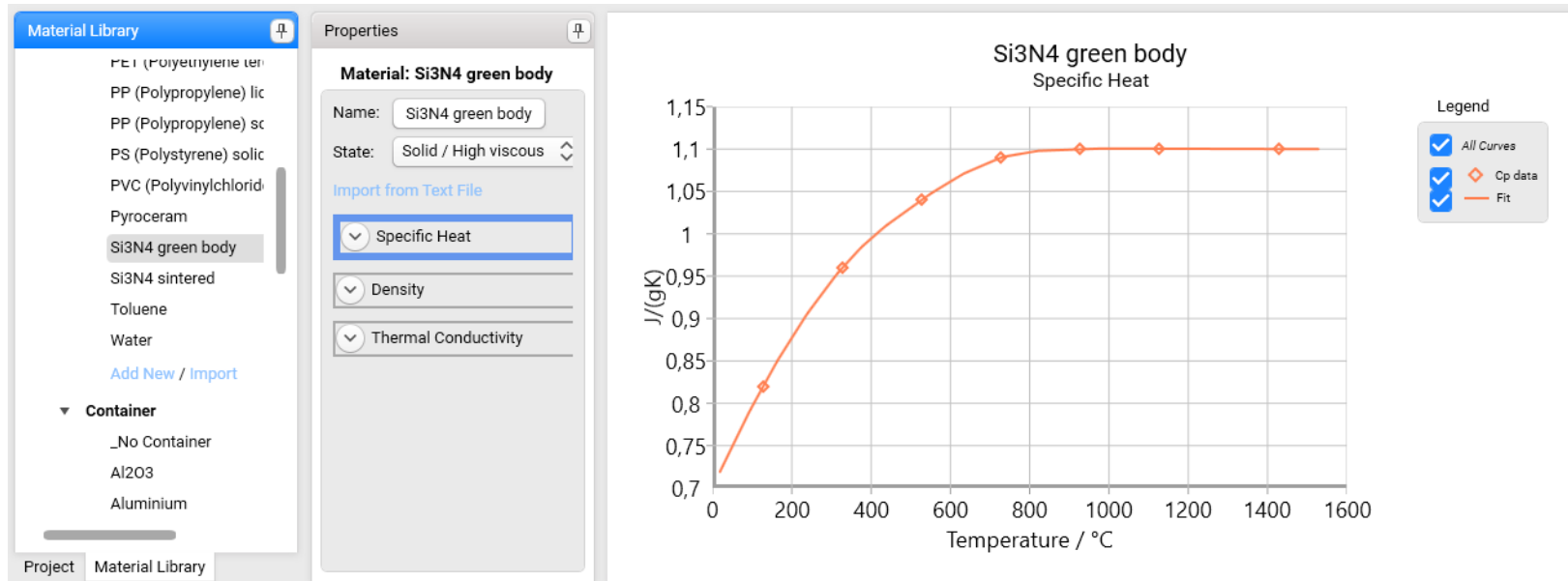
$$\Delta T_{ad} = \Delta H / Cp$$

Adiabatic
Temperature increase

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = a \left[\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial^2 x} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial^2 y} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial^2 z} \right] + \Delta T_{ad} \frac{d\alpha}{dt}$$

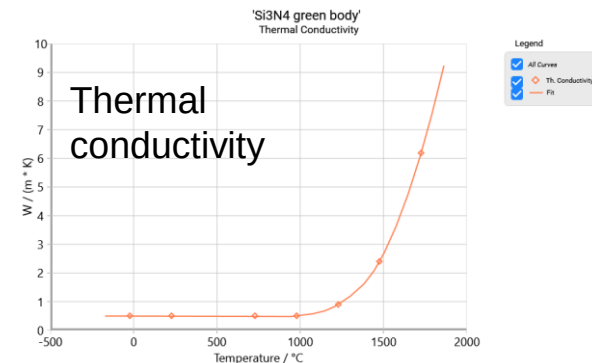
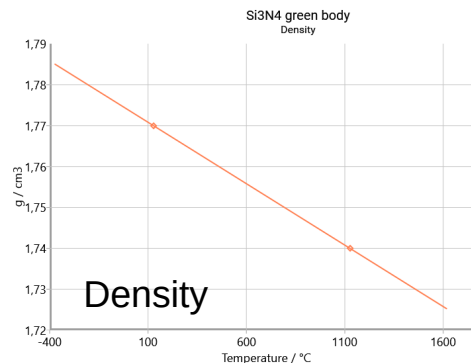
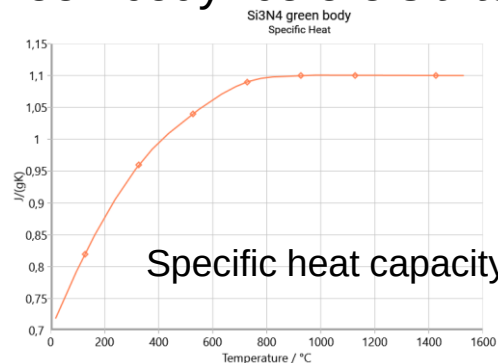


Kinetic model contains 4 individual reaction steps, two last of them are competing

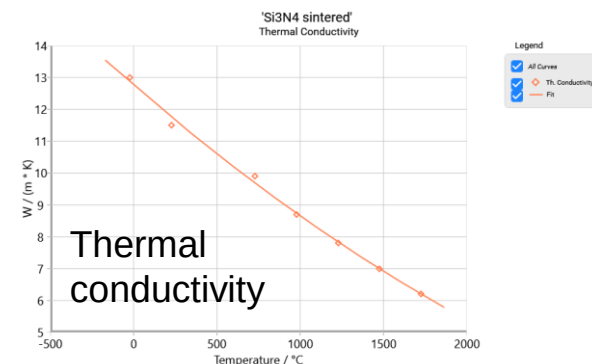
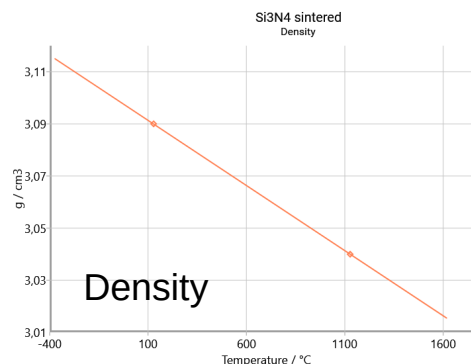
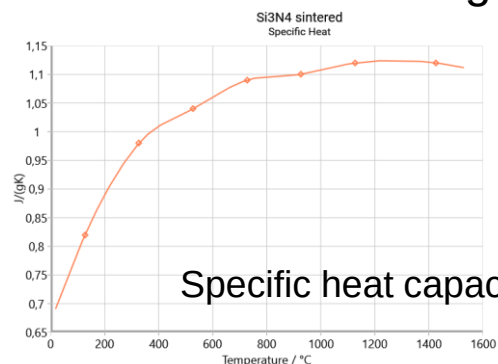


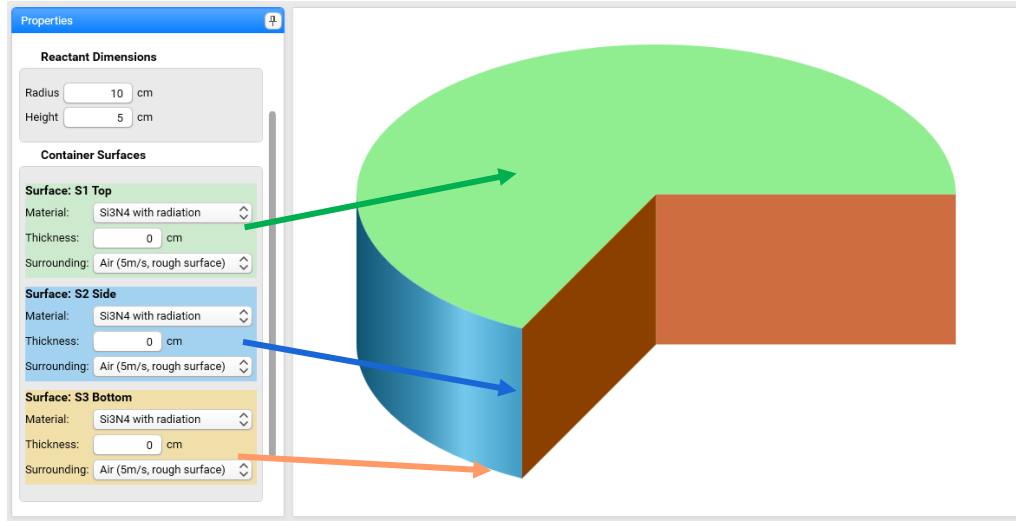
Physical properties of mostly used materials are in the material library

Green body: before sintering



Ceramics: after sintering





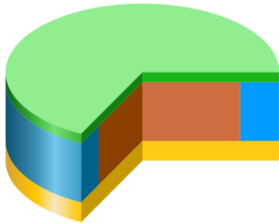
Surface properties:

Heat transfer coefficient
and emissivity

All physical properties are
temperature-dependent

Material library

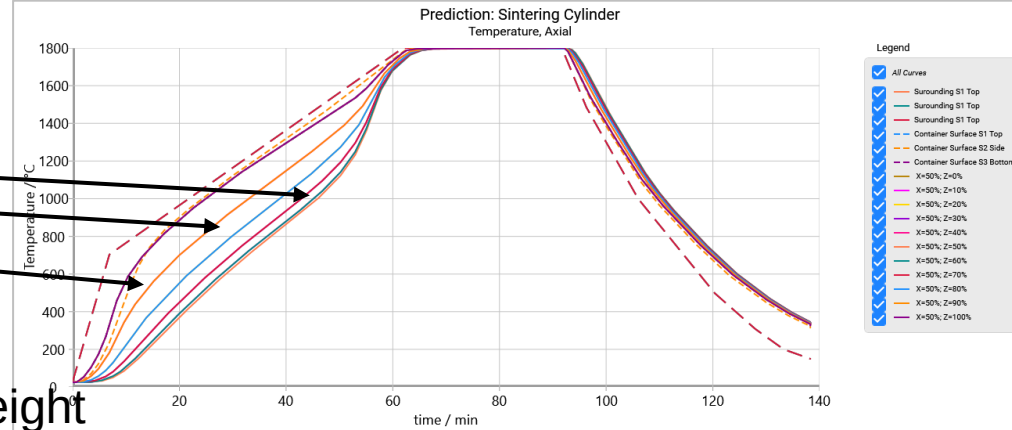
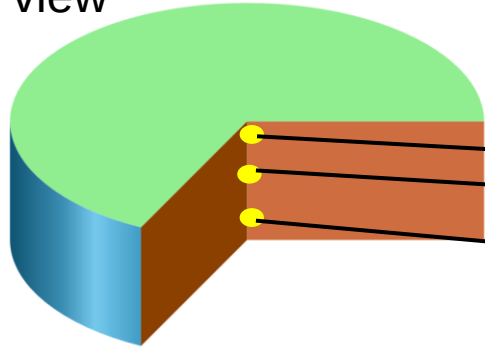
contains mostly used
materials like polymers,
metals, alloys



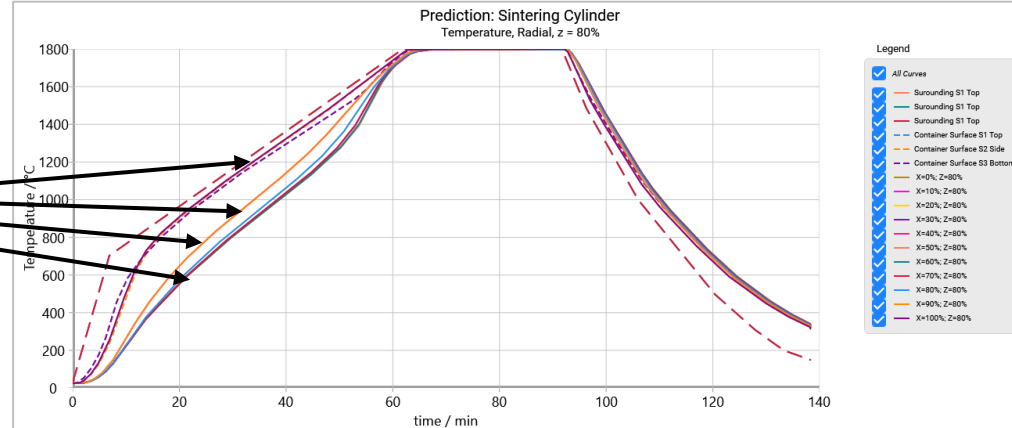
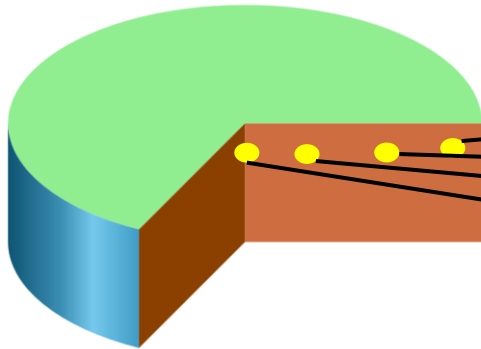
If necessary, then containers of different materials can be added

Results: Temperature vs time at any point of the reacting volume: Vertical or horizontal

Axial view

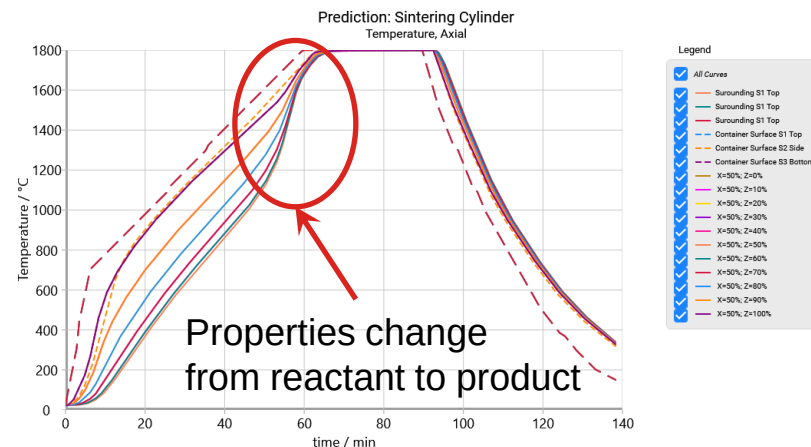
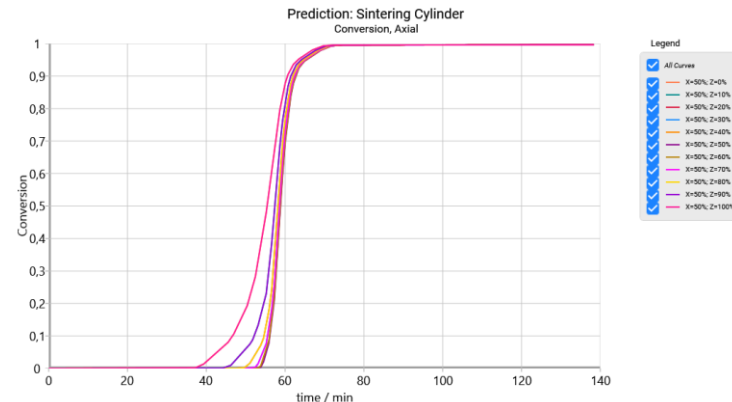
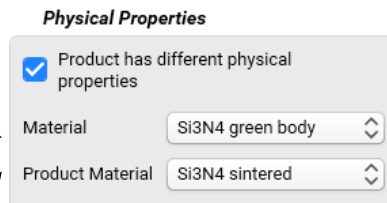
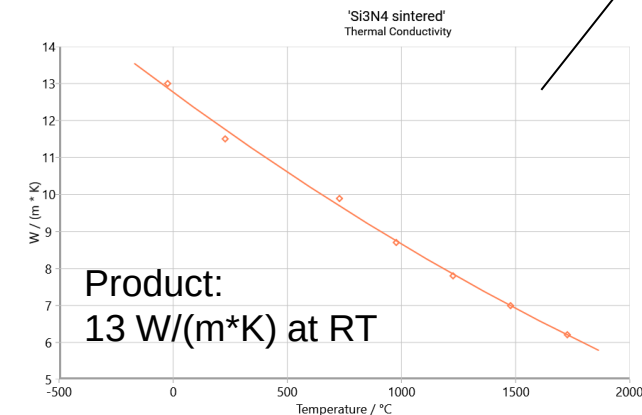
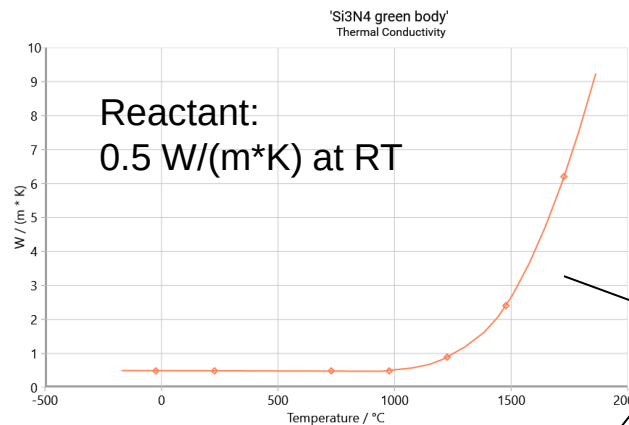


Radial view at the selected height



Possible to show: Temperature, conversion, conversion rate, concentrations vs time

Different thermal conductivity before and after reaction



Changing of density during sintering

Reactant

Name

Physical Properties

☒ Product has different physical properties

Material

Product Material

before sintering

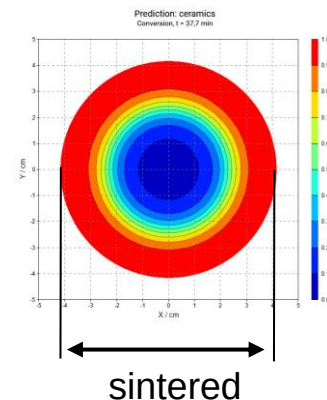
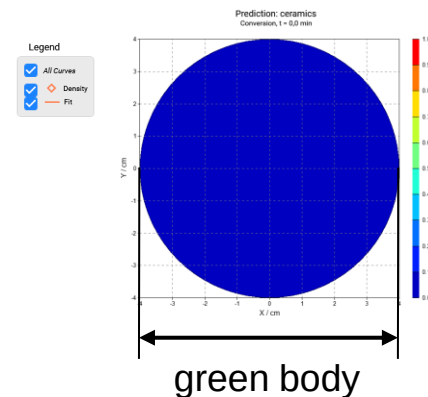
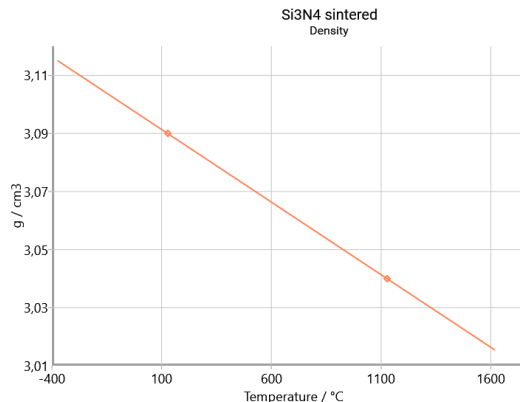
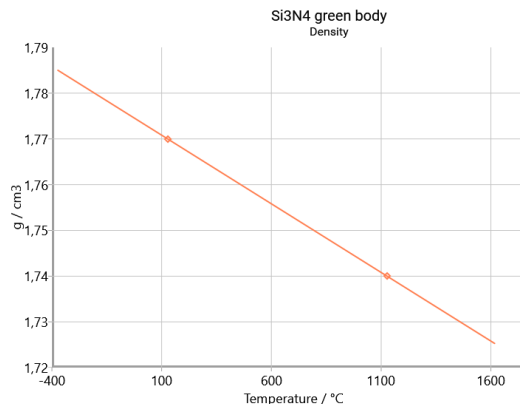
$$\rho(20^{\circ}\text{C}) = 1.77 \text{ g/cm}^3$$

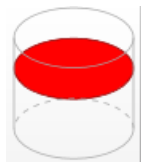
after sintering

$$\rho(20^{\circ}\text{C}) = 3.10 \text{ g/cm}^3$$

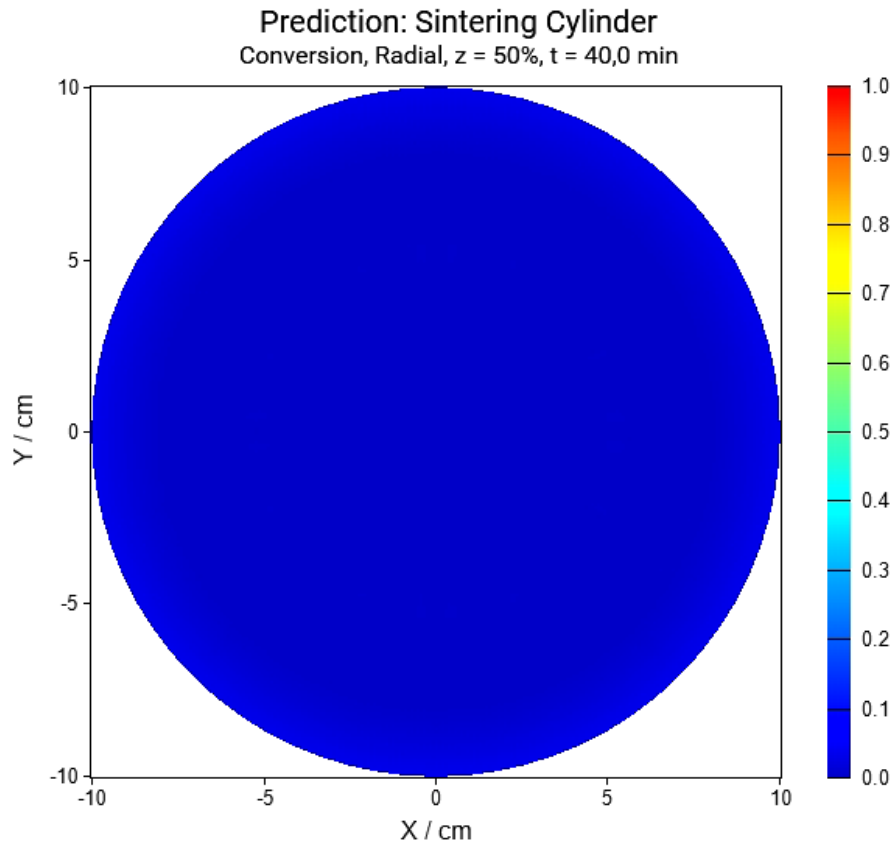
Reasons for linear changes:

1. thermal expansion
2. different density properties for reactant and final product (here)



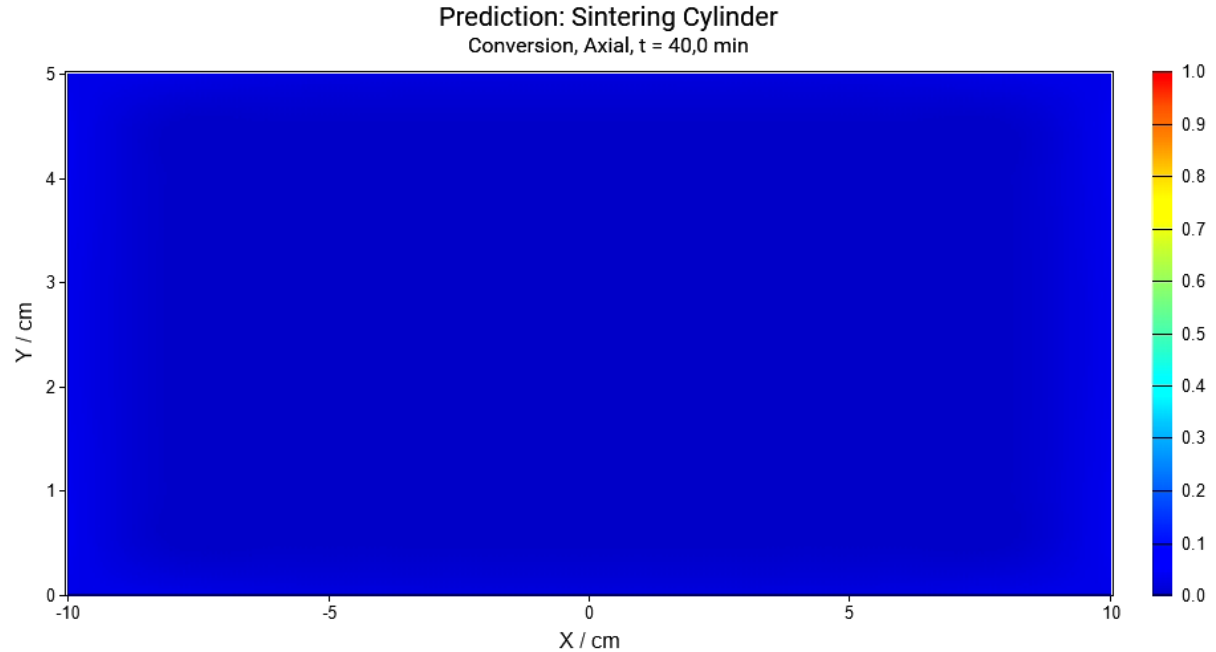


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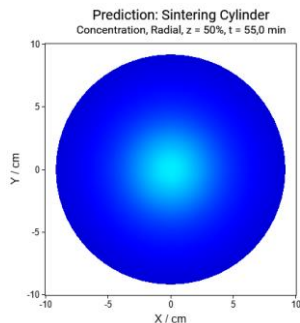
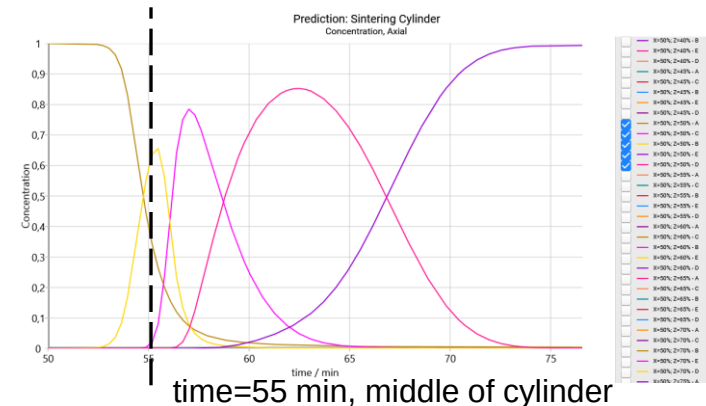
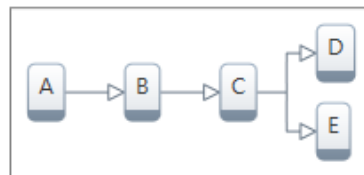
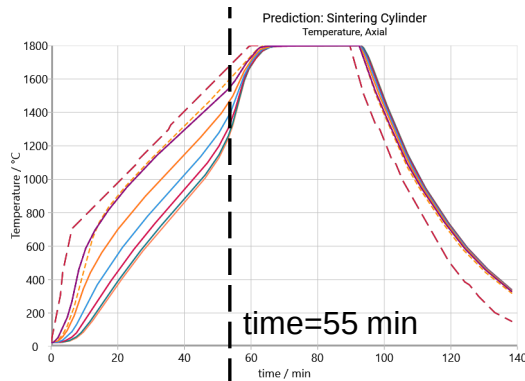




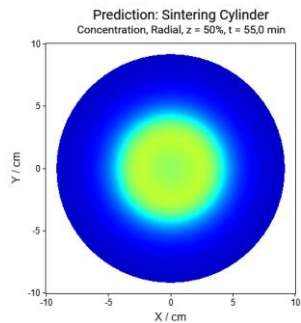
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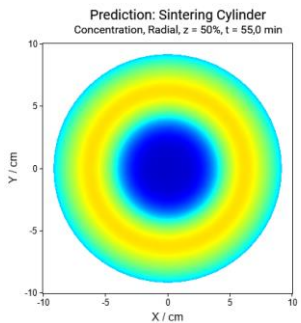
Concentration of each component during sintering



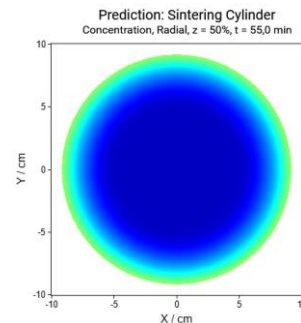
Concentration A



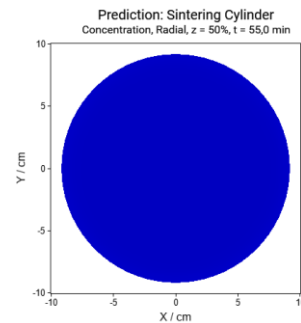
Concentration B



Concentration C



Concentration D



Concentration E

Properties

Container

Name: bottle

Shape: Rotation

Rotational Dimension

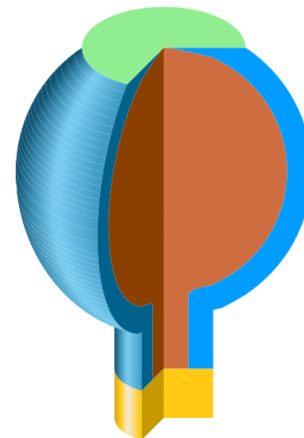
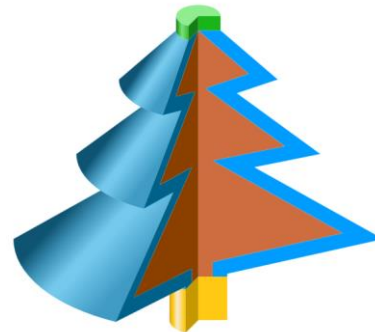
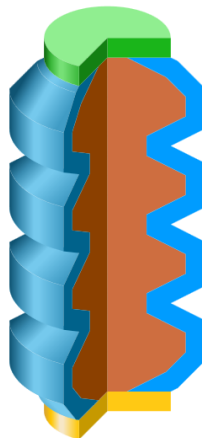
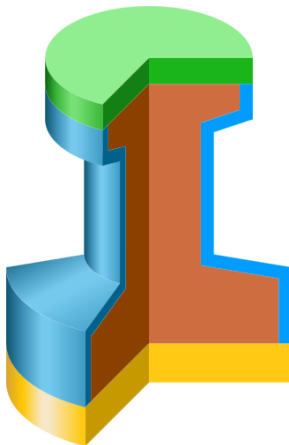
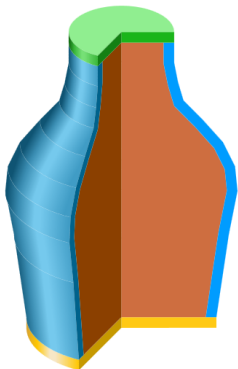
Vertical Profile

X → (+right), Y ↓ (+down)

Height cm	Radius cm	
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2.0	2.2	x
3.0	2.5	x
4.0	3.5	x
5.0	4.4	x
6.0	4.9	x
7.0	5.0	x
9.0	4.6	x
13.0	4.0	x

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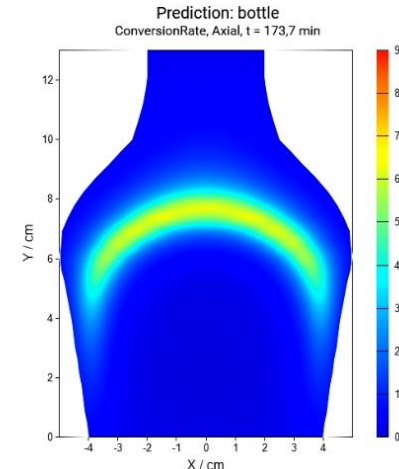
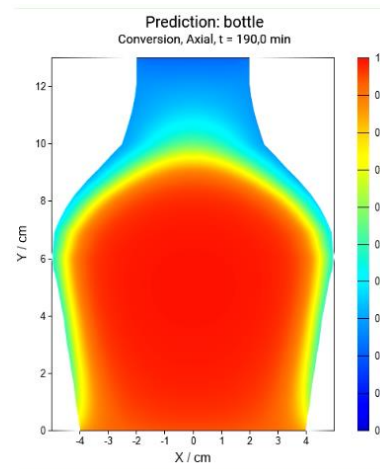
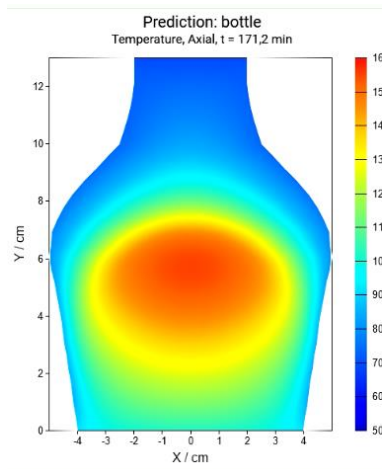
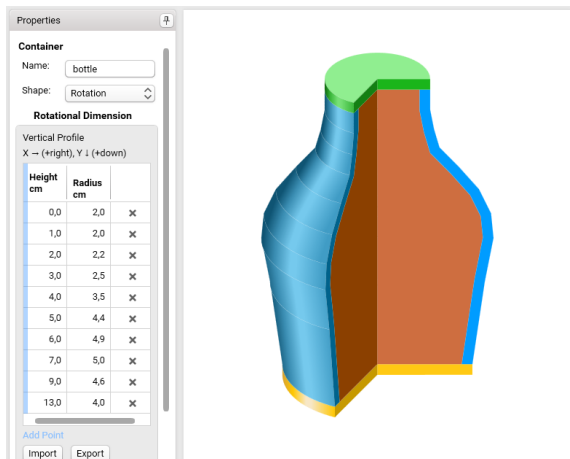
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Temperature

Conversion

Conversion rate



Surface: S1 Top

Isothermal

Temperature	60,00	°C
Time	250,00	min

Surface: S2 Side

Isothermal

Temperature	60,00	°C
Time	250,00	min

Surface: S3 Bottom

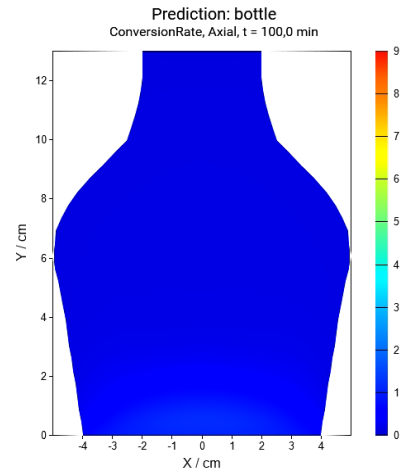
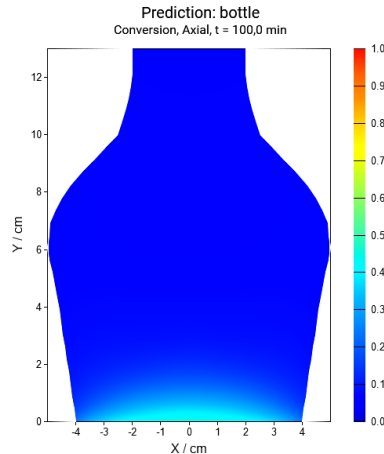
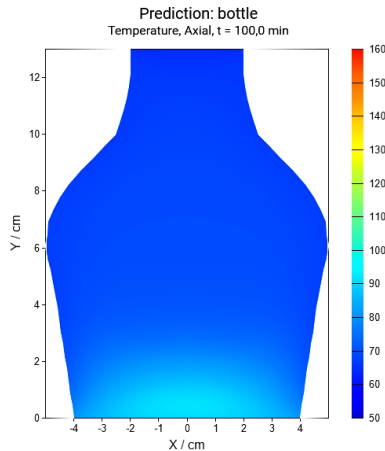
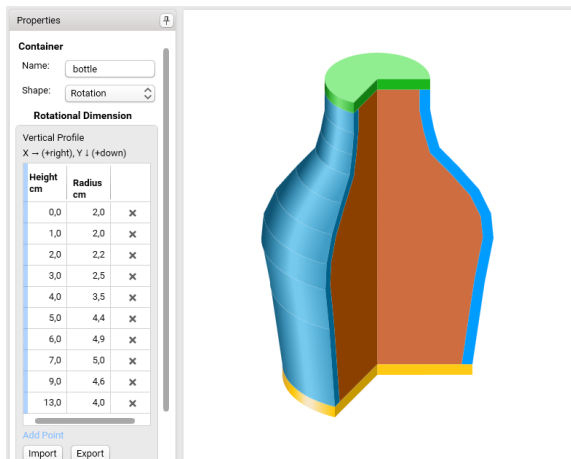
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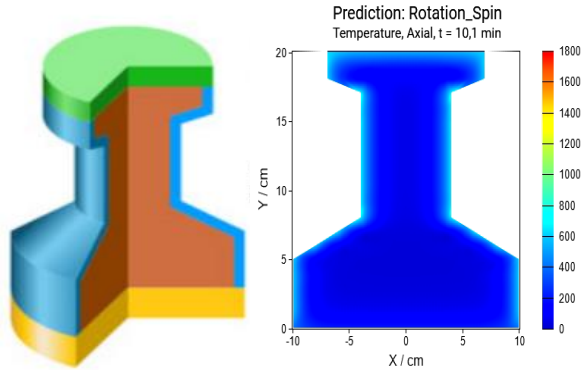
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Temperature

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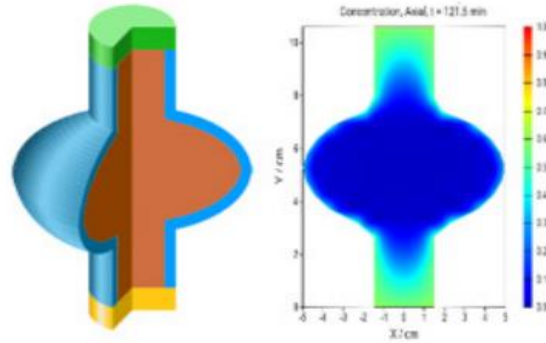
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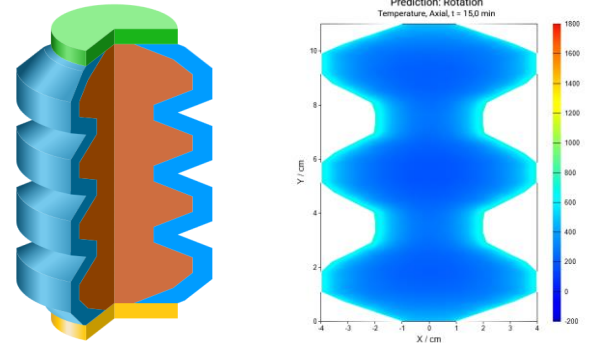
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Concentrations



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1. Simulation of the chemical reactions in big volumes
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 1. Temperature
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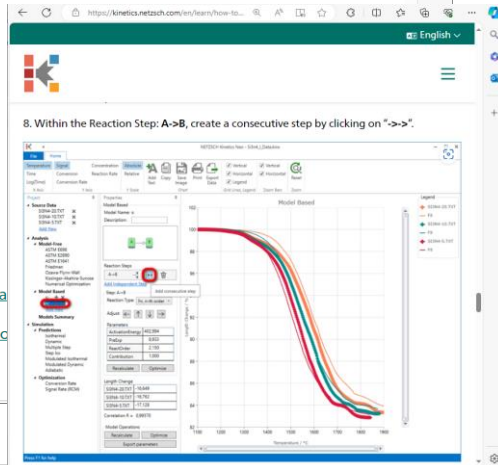
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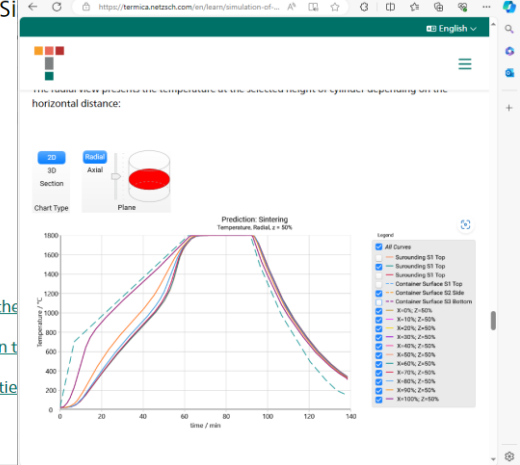
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Sintering of high-tech ceramics Si

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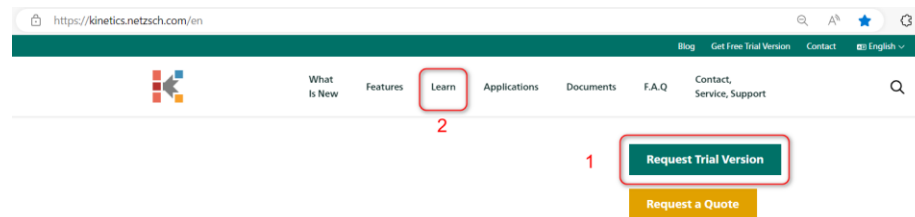
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