

Leading Thermal Analysis ■

Polymer Crystallization Behavior – Easy to Understand by Means of the Kinetics Neo Software

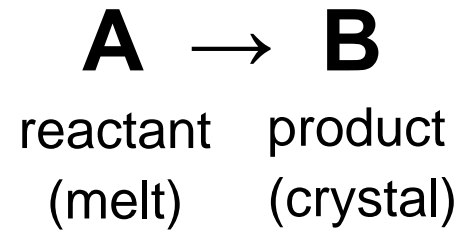
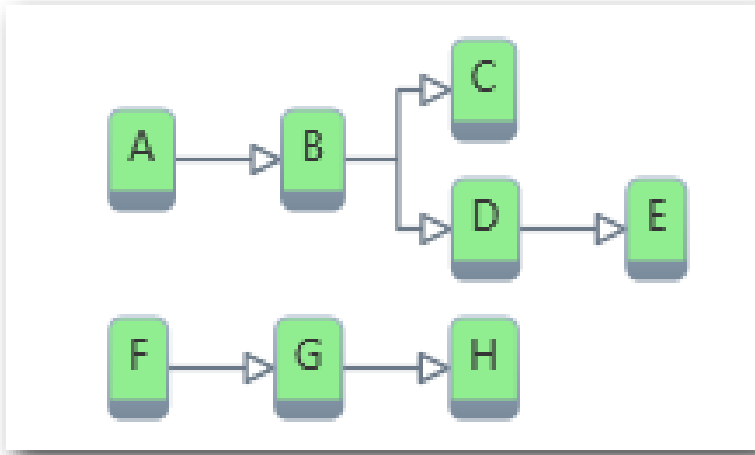
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1. Target of kinetic crystallization analysis
Brief overview of the problems solving by crystallization kinetics
 2. Isothermal crystallization
Measurements, Analysis methods, selection of analysis method
 3. Non-isothermal crystallization (cooling over melting range)
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 4. Advantages and Limitation of different models for simulations



1. Target of thermokinetic crystallization analysis

Brief overview of the problems solving by crystallization kinetics



Academic

Crystallization mechanism is the **subject** of study

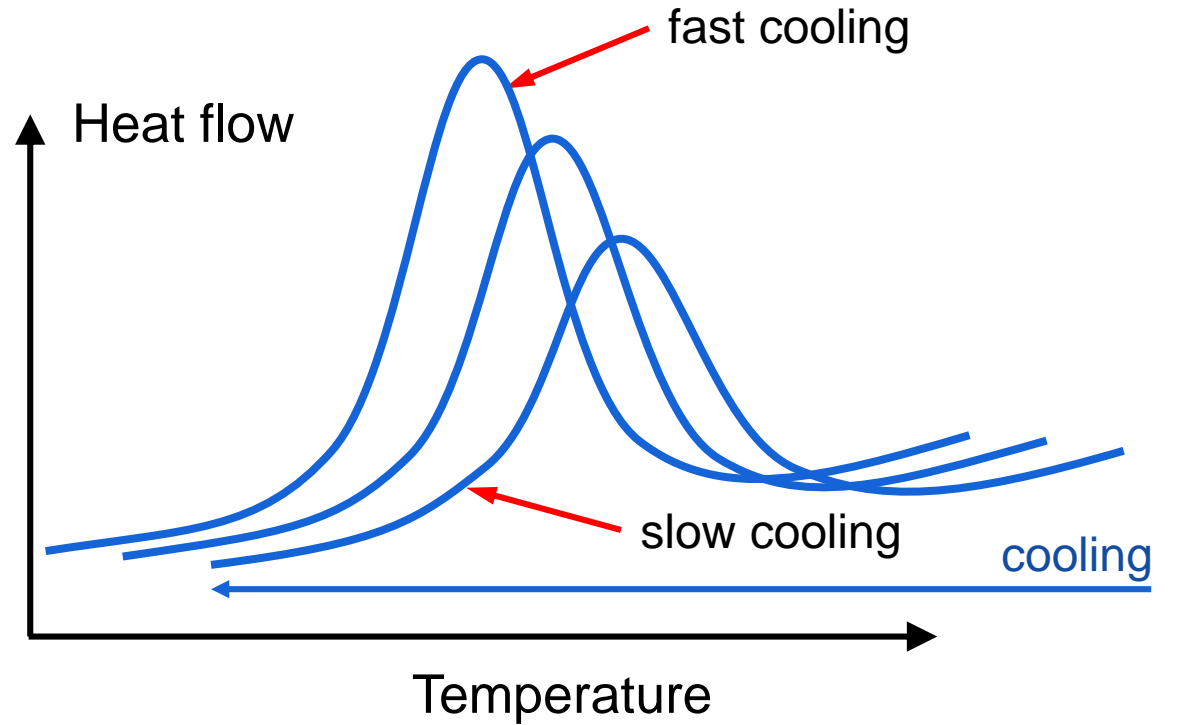
- **Find** and describe the kinetic mechanism of crystallization

Industrial

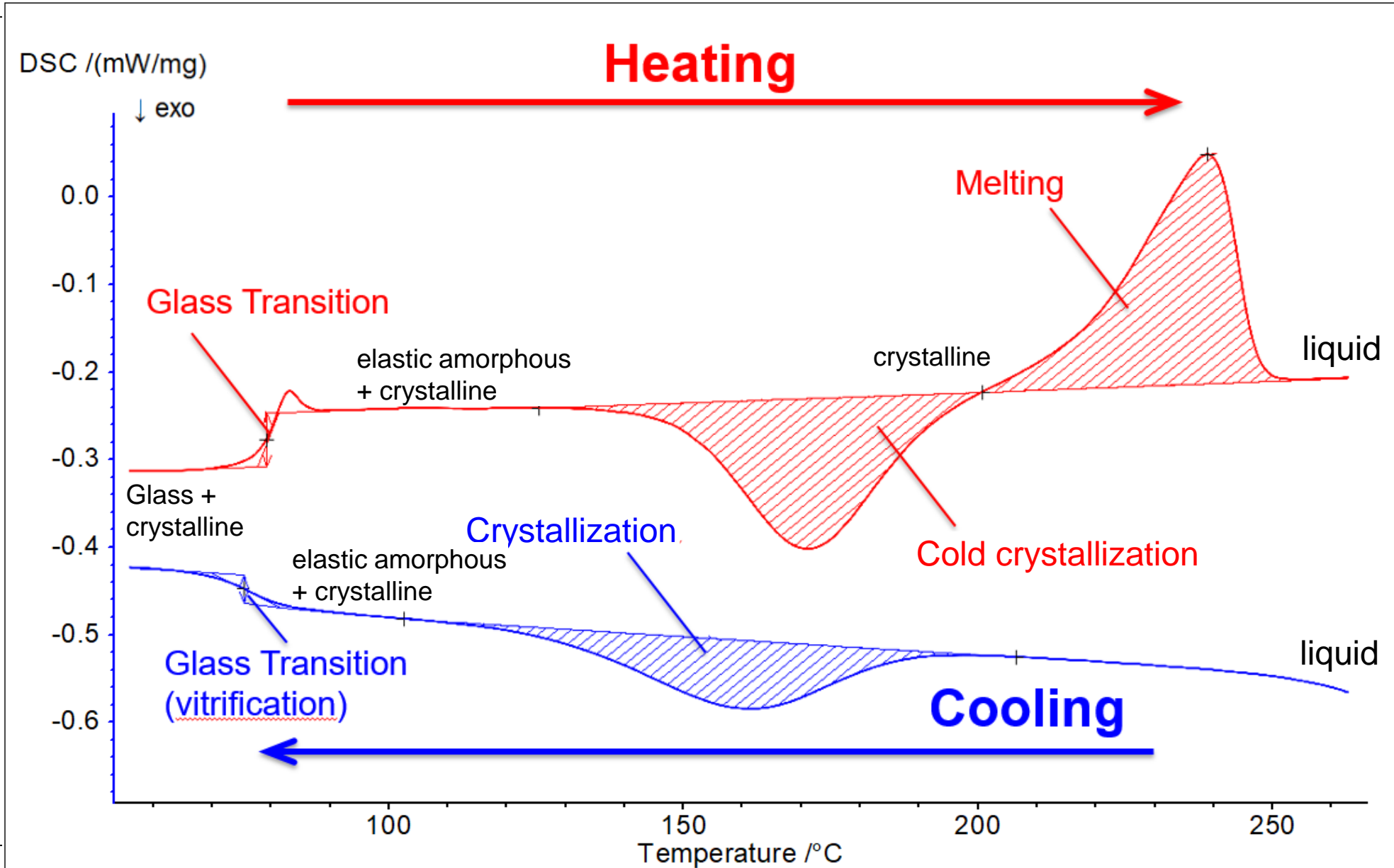
Crystallization mechanism is **unknown** or **not important**

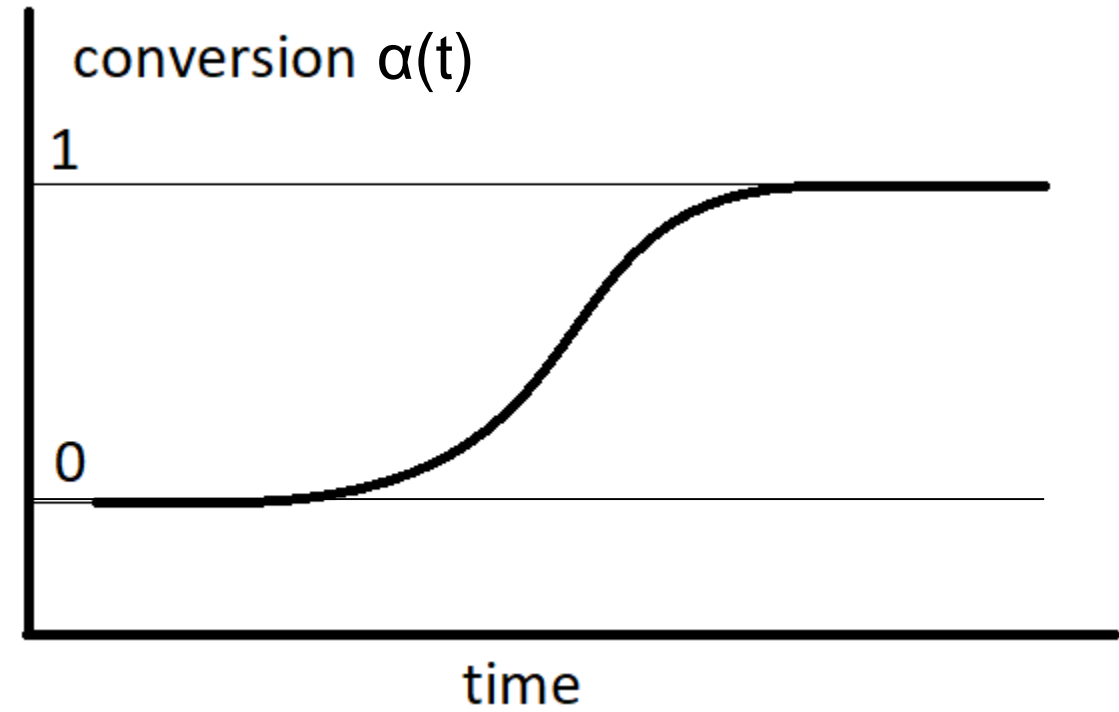
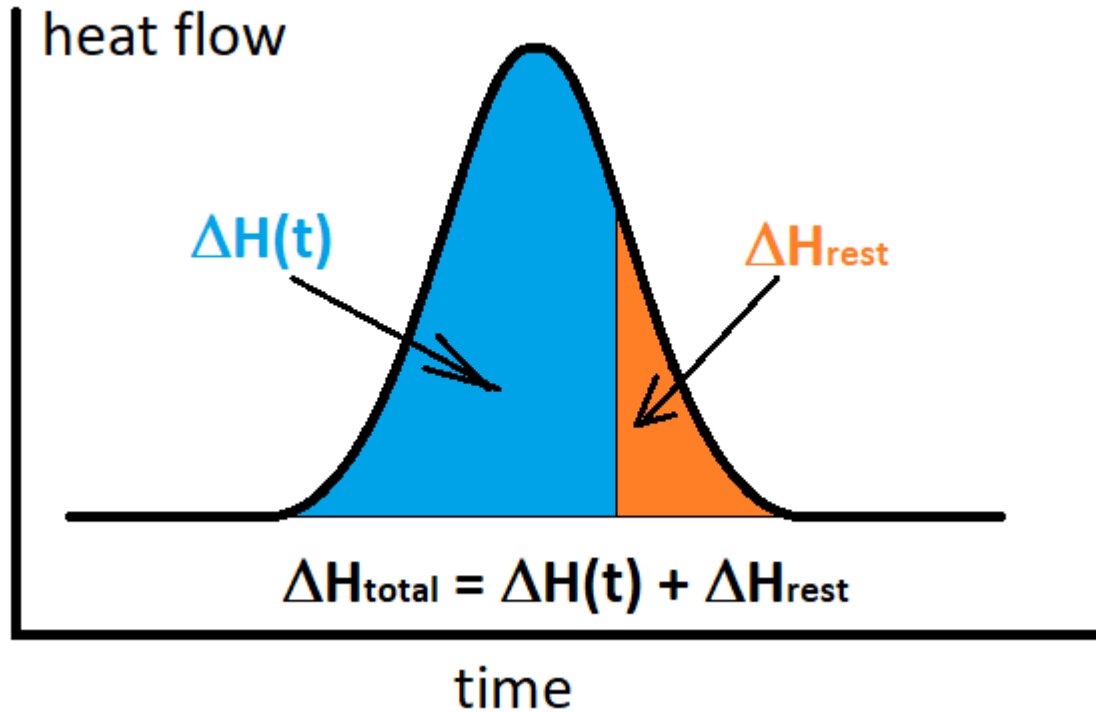
- **Predict** crystallization rate and degree of crystallization for given temperature program
- **Optimize** industrial processes: decrease production time and costs and improve the quality of product

Measurements for kinetic analysis: Differential scanning calorimetry



Differential scanning calorimetry: heat flow is measured during temperature change





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

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

Crystallization rate

Avrami nucleation Sestak-Berggren

Model based

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

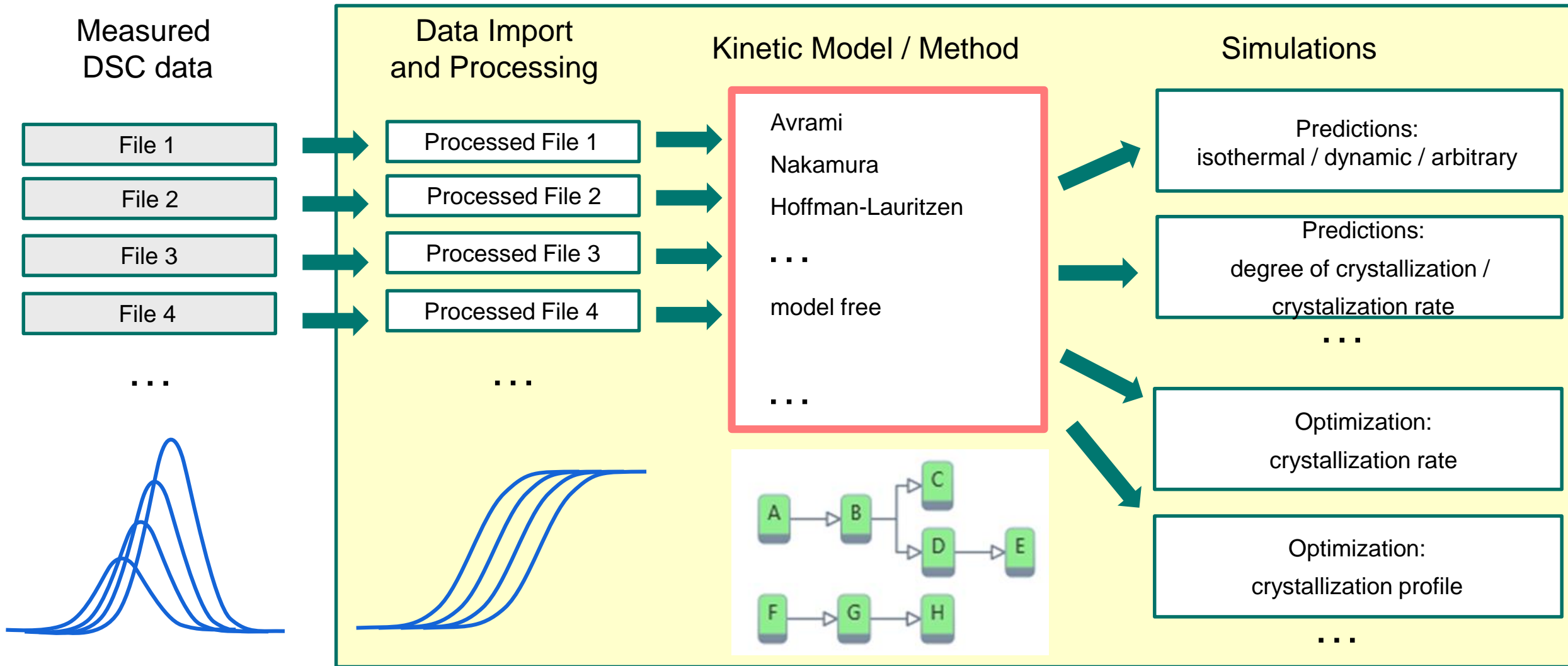
Arrhenius

Non-Arrhenius
Hoffman-Lauritzen Theory

Model free

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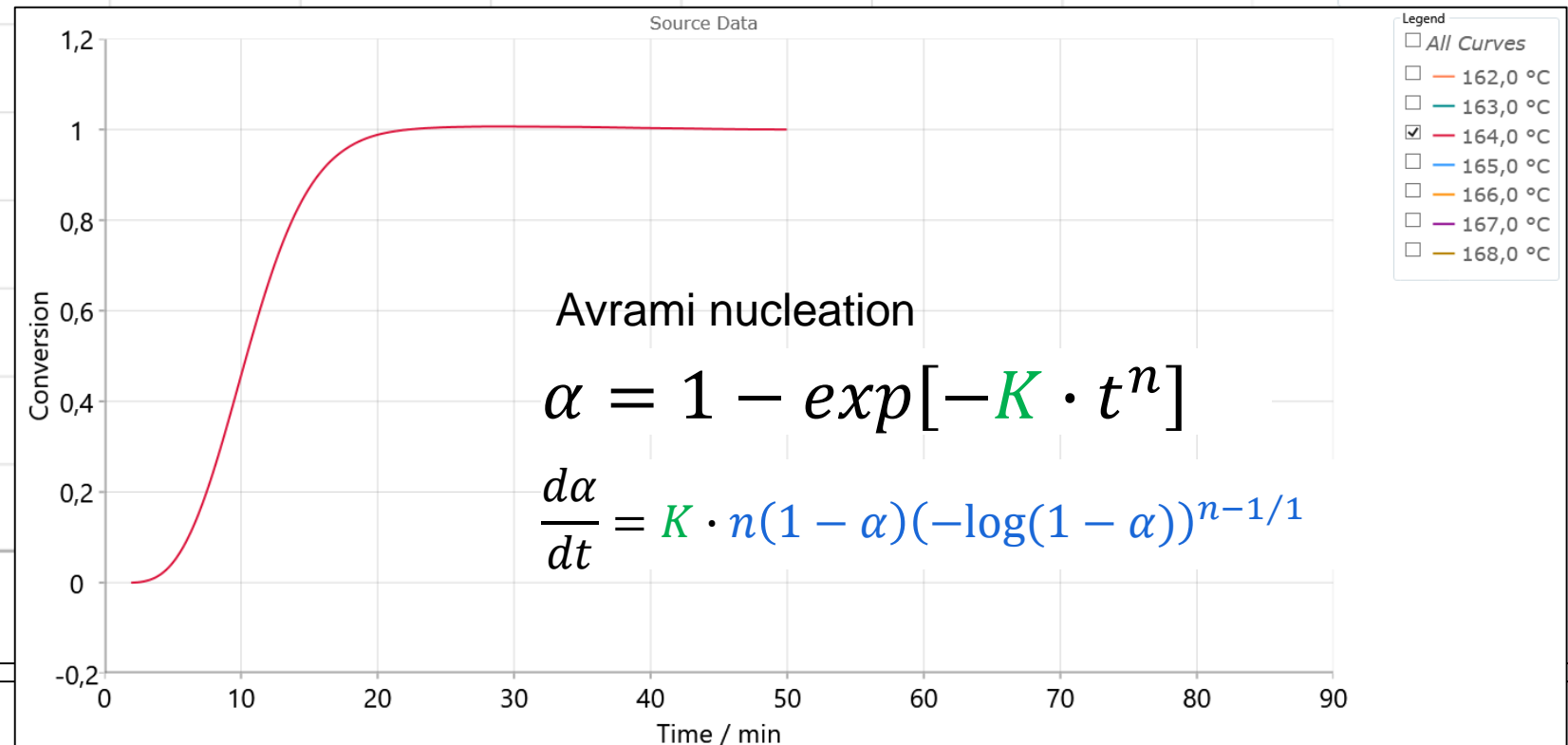
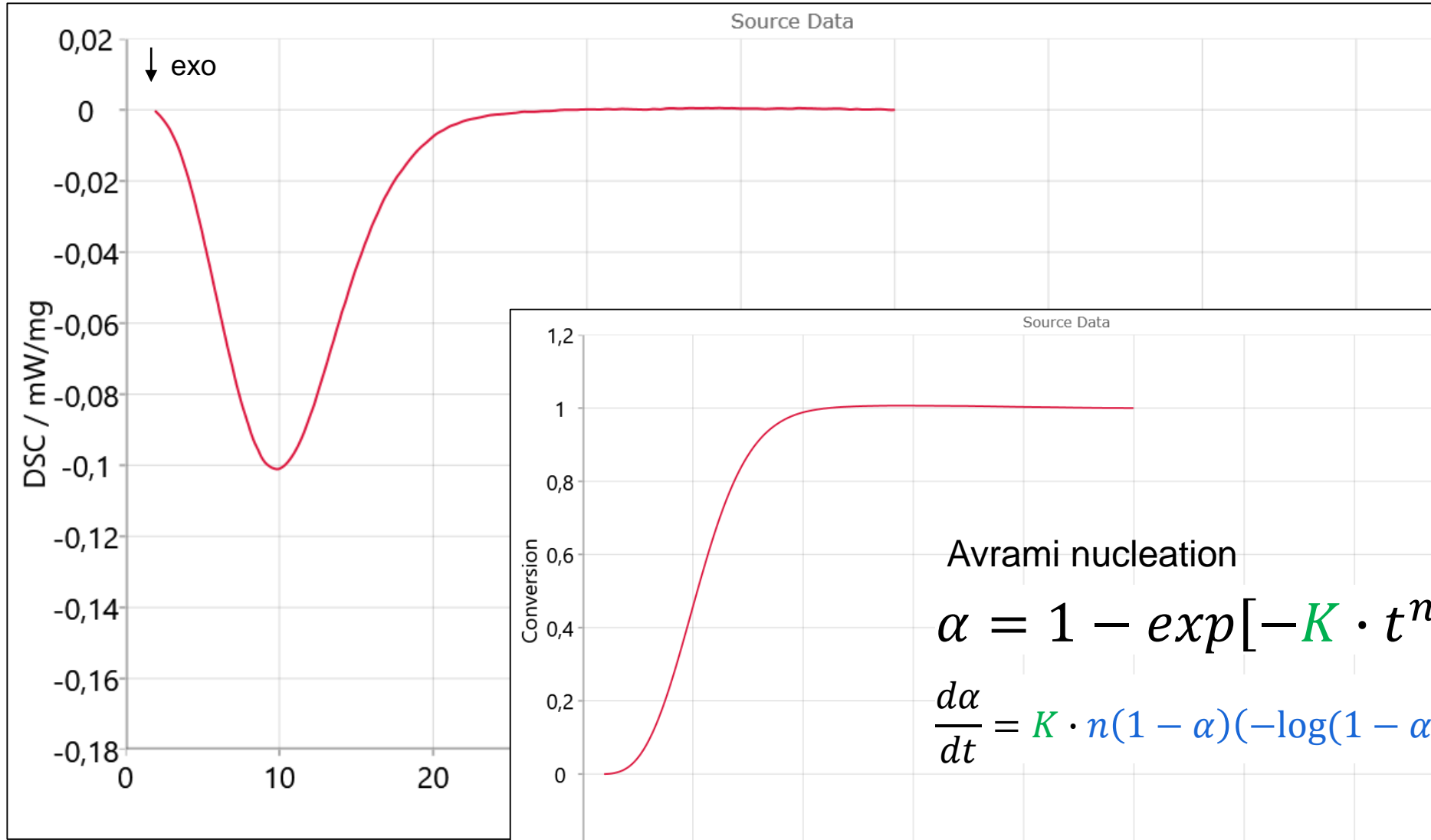
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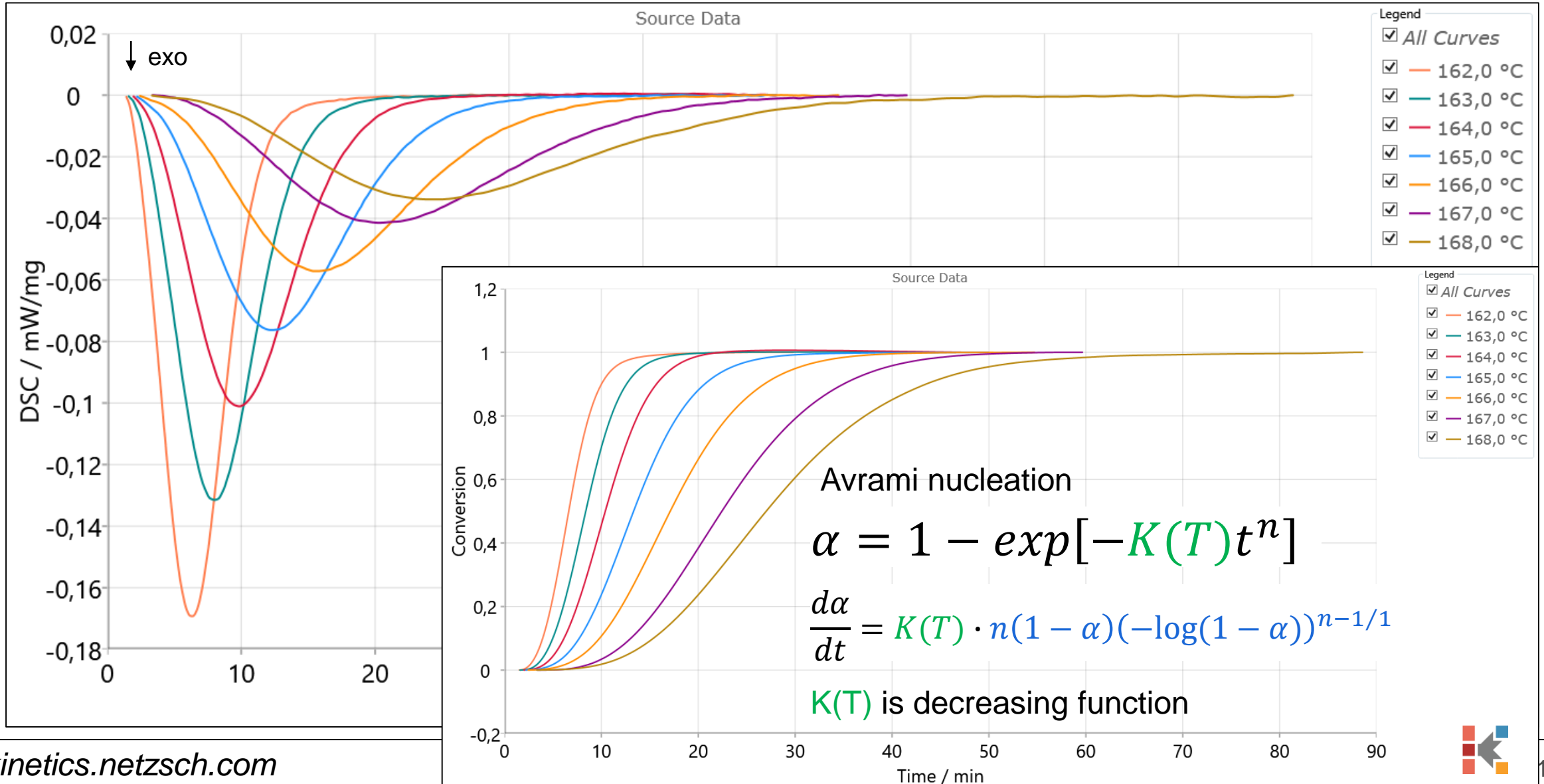




2. Isothermal crystallization

Measurements, Analysis methods





Crystallization rate

Avrami nucleation

$$f(\alpha) = n \cdot (1-\alpha) \cdot [-\ln((1-\alpha))]^{(n-1)/n}$$

Sestak-Berggren

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

Model based

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

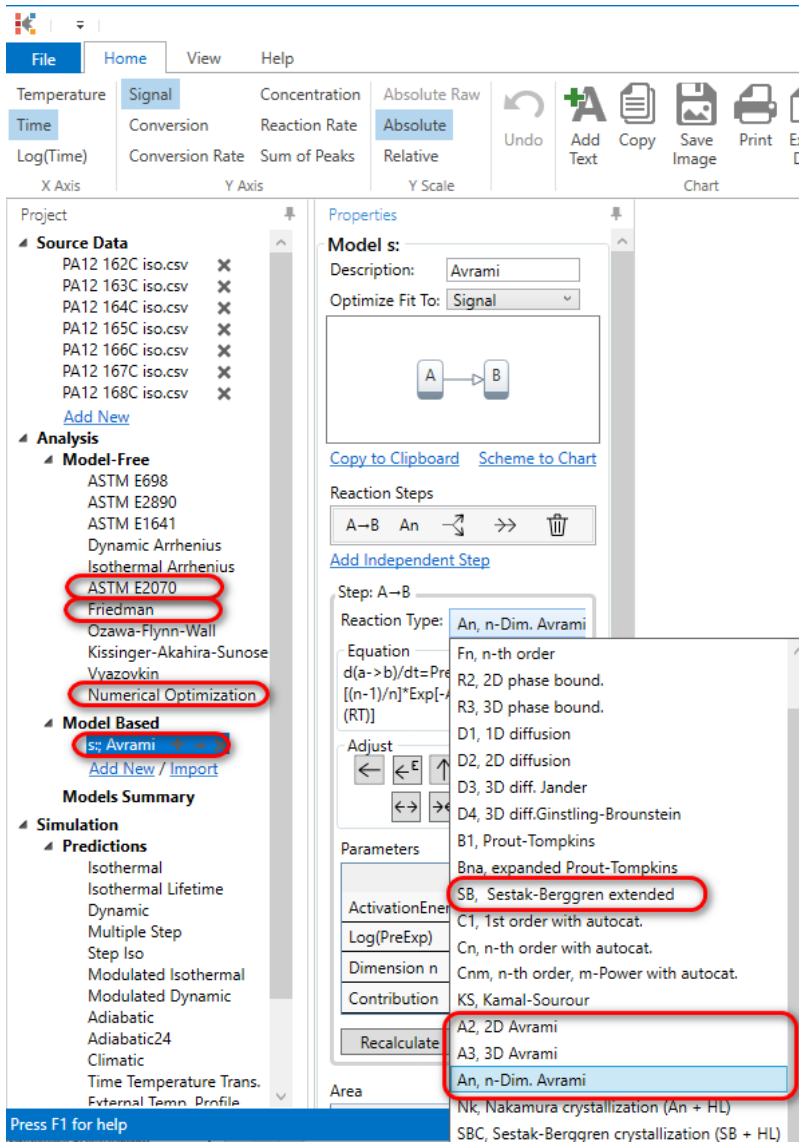
Arrhenius: $K(T) = \exp\left[\frac{-E}{RT}\right]$

Non-Arrhenius
Hoffman-Lauritzen Theory

Model free

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Kinetics Neo: kinetic methods for isothermal crystallization (Arrhenius approach)



Arrhenius approach
Like for chemical reactions

$$\text{Arrhenius: } K(T) = \exp\left[\frac{-E}{RT}\right]$$

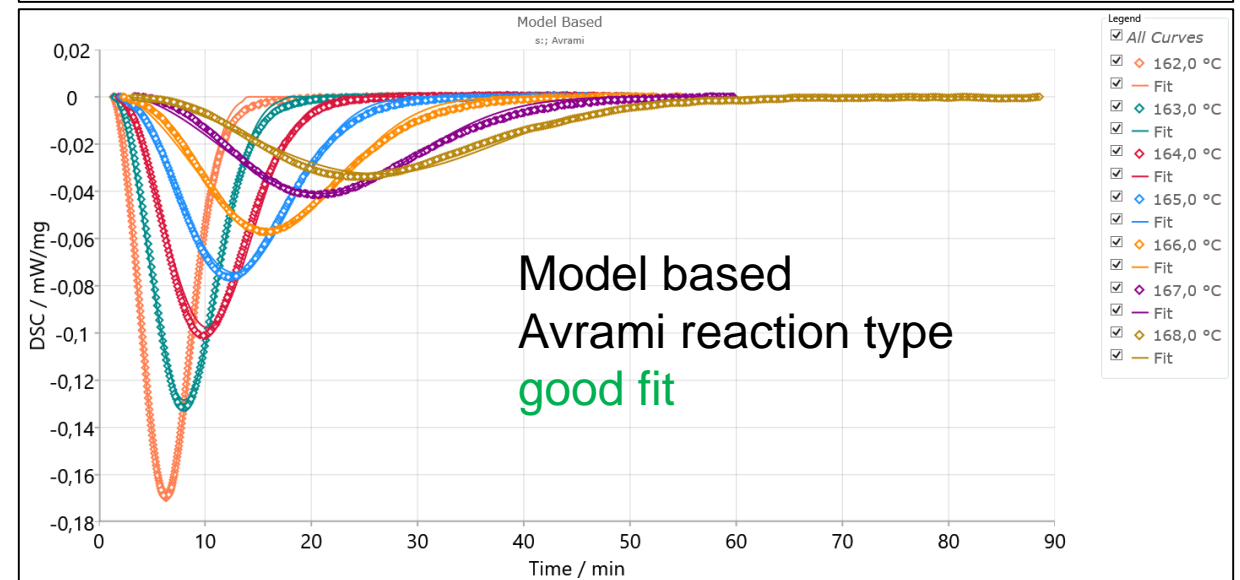
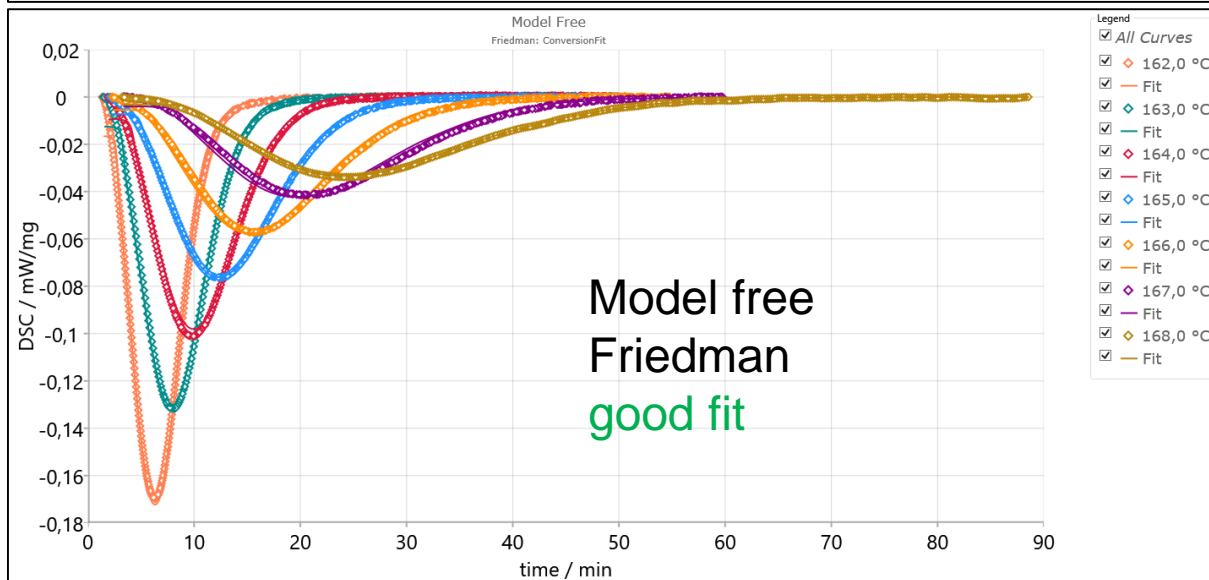
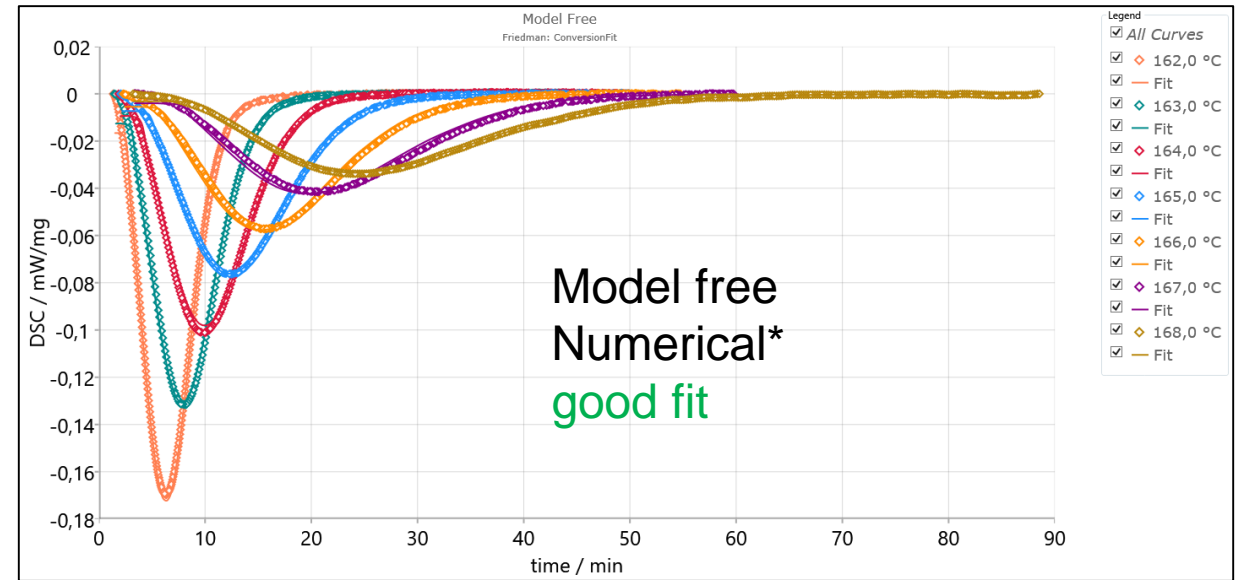
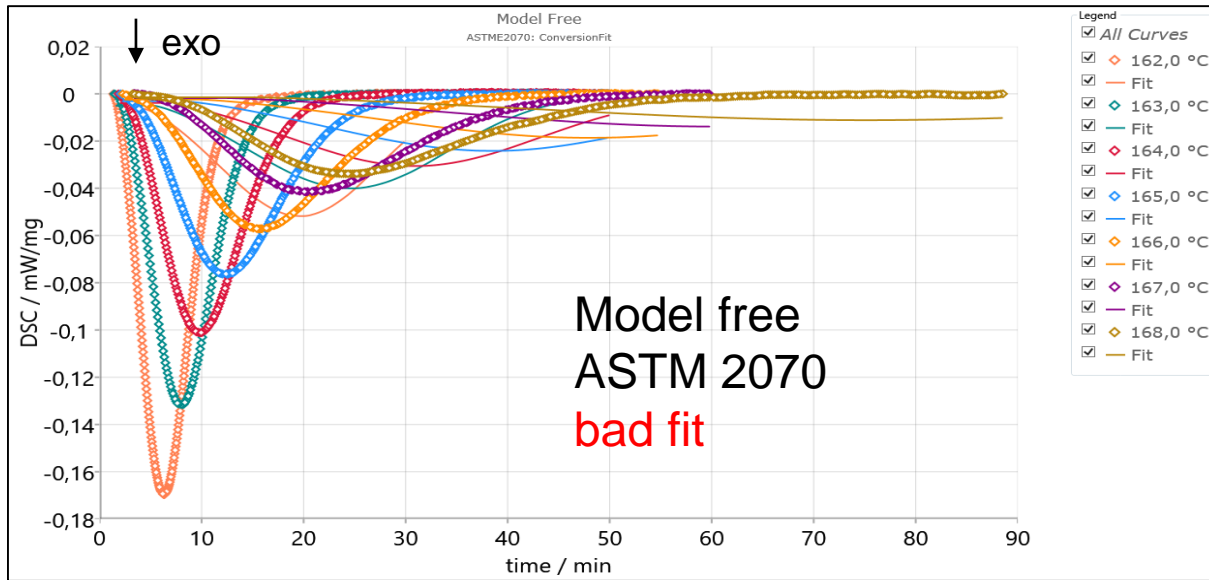
Positive activation energy: chemical reactions **go faster** with increasing of the temperature

Negative activation energy (apparent value): crystallization **goes slower** with temperature increase

This approach may be applied only at the temperatures close to **melting temperature T_m** and below it



Isothermal crystallization: Arrhenius approach



Apparent activation energy is negative. Here $E \approx -400\text{kJ/mol}$

Comparison of different results and selection the appropriate one

Project

- Source Data
 - Add New
- Analysis
 - Model-Free
 - ASTM E698
 - ASTM E2890
 - ASTM E1641
 - Dynamic Arrhenius
 - Isothermal Arrhenius
 - ASTM E2070
 - Friedman
 - Ozawa-Flynn-Wall
 - Kissinger-Akahira-Sunose
 - Vyazovkin
 - Numerical Optimization
 - Model Based
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 - s; Sestak-Beggren + → ×

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Models Summary

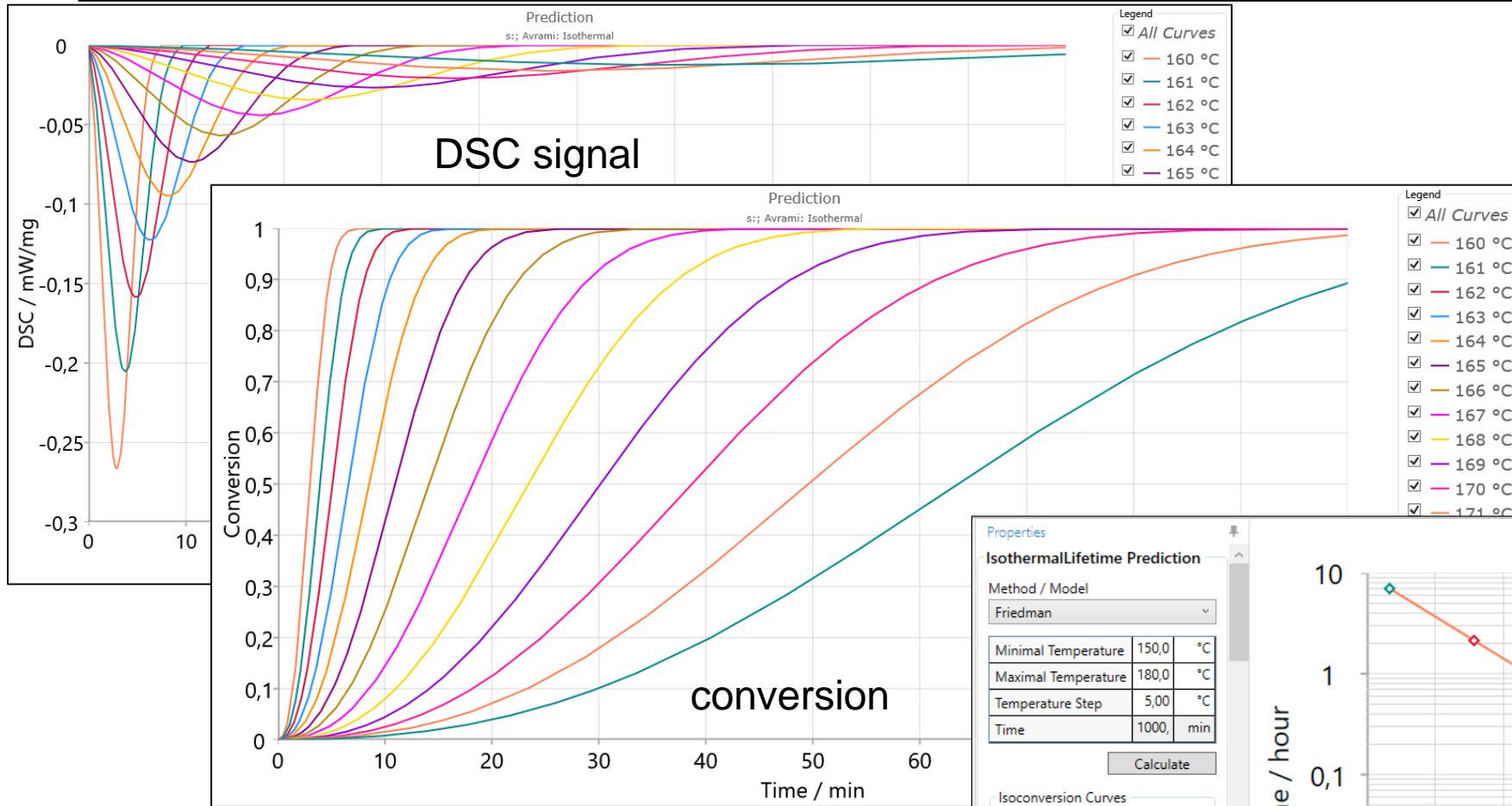
Simulation

Method/Model	Fit To	R ²	Sum of dev. squares	Mean Residual	Students coef. 95%	F-Test
s; Sestak-Berggren	Signal	0,99937	0,004	0,001	1,960	1,000
Numerical	Signal	0,99839	0,011	0,001	1,961	2,695
Friedman	Signal	0,99838	0,011	0,001	1,961	2,717
s; Avrami	Signal	0,99818	0,013	0,001	1,960	2,870
ASTME2070	Signal	-0,66195	4,995	0,028	1,961	1207,794

Arrhenius approach
Like for chemical reactions

Works well by using of model free (Friedman and Numerical)
And for model based (Avrami and Sestak-Berggren)

We recommend to use model based Avrami method



Limitations:
Predictions with Arrhenius approach work only for isothermal conditions in the **small temperature range** just below melting temperature T_m

Properties

IsothermalLifetime Prediction

Method / Model
Friedman

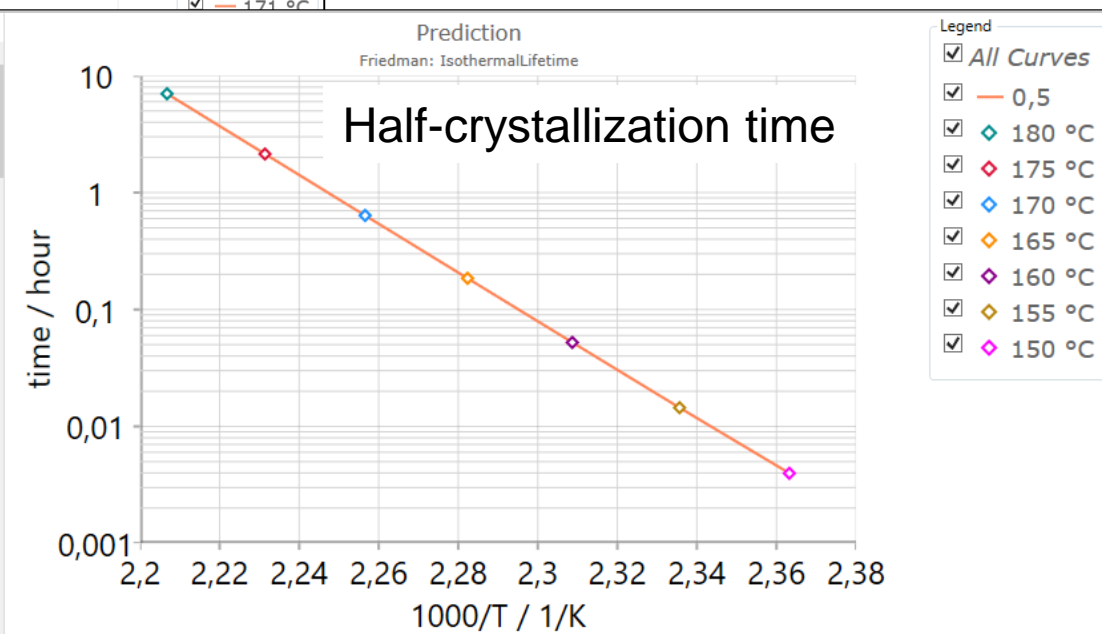
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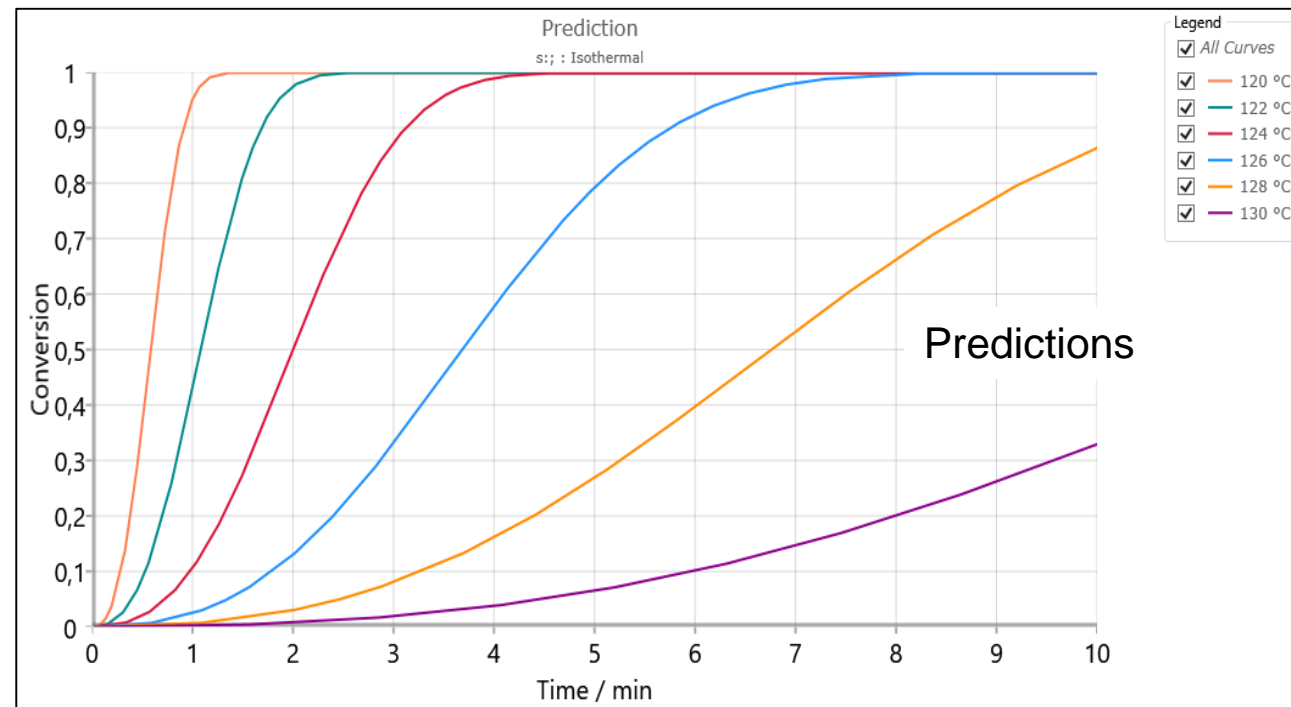
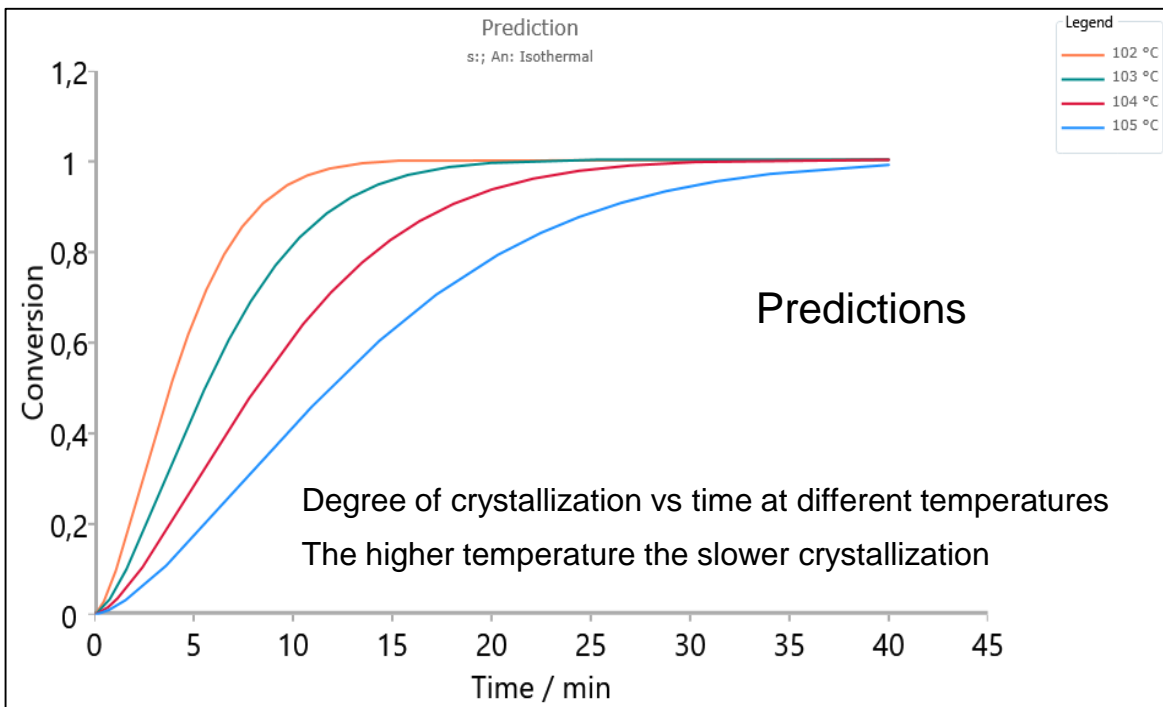
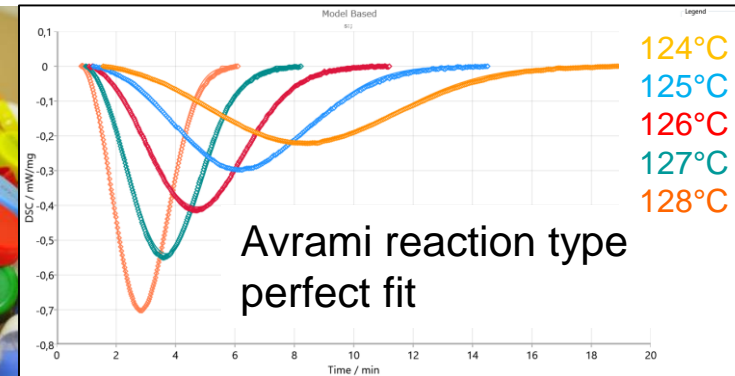
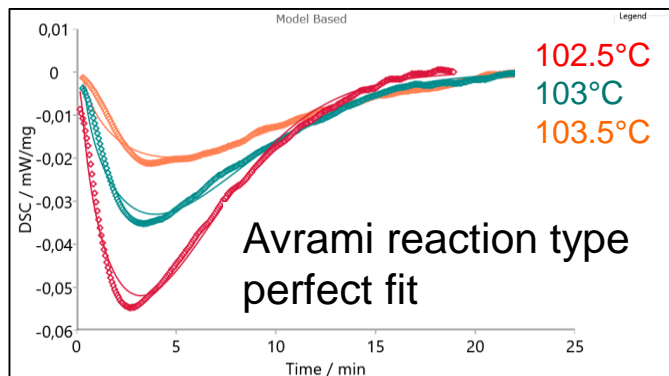
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Advantage:

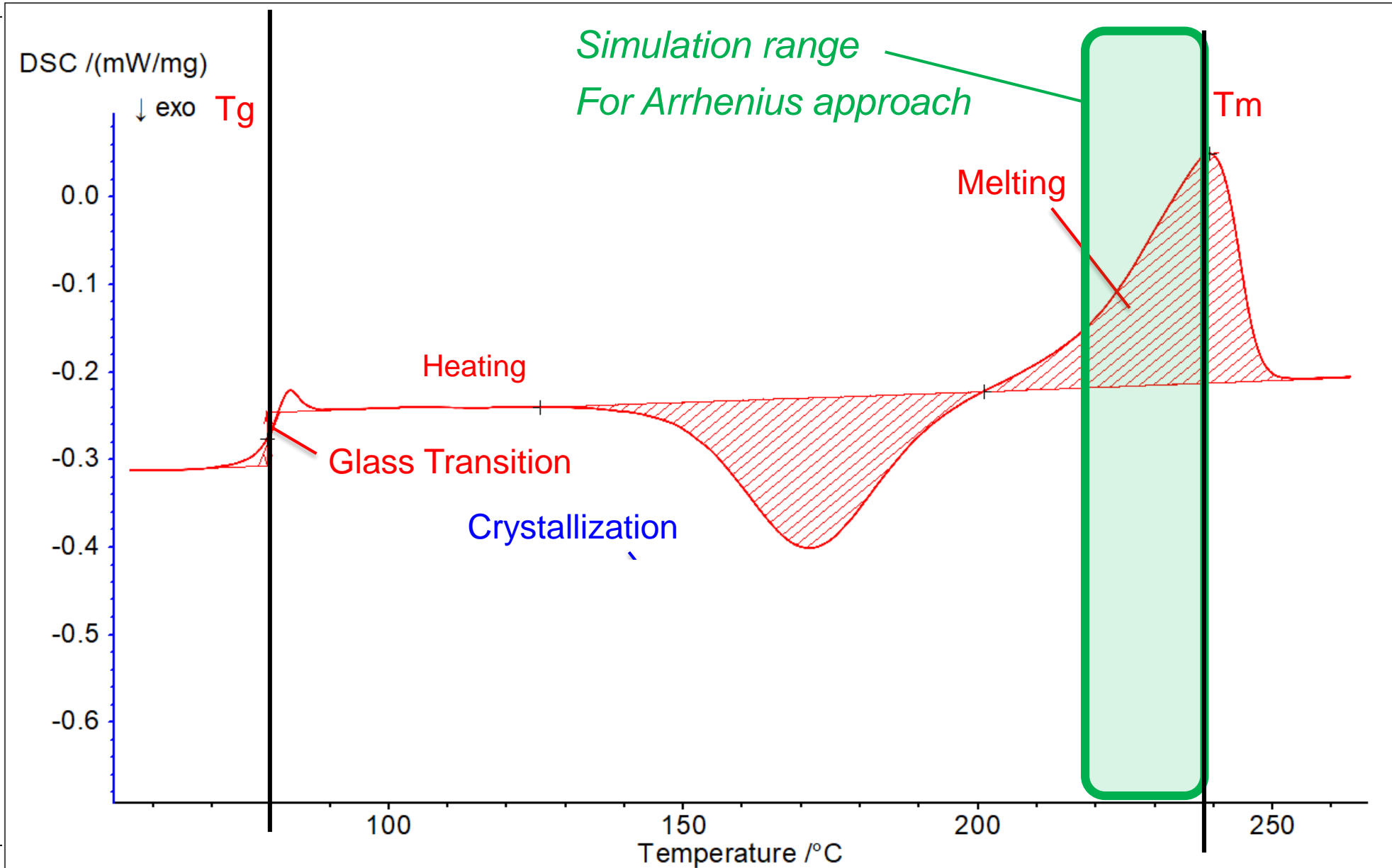
very simple and fast, mathematics of chemical kinetics can be used.

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

Isothermal Crystallization: Arrhenius approach



3. Non-Isothermal crystallization (cooling over melting range)

Measurements; Analysis methods

Nakamura equation,

Hoffman-Lauritzen theory

Sestak-Berggren crystallization





PET

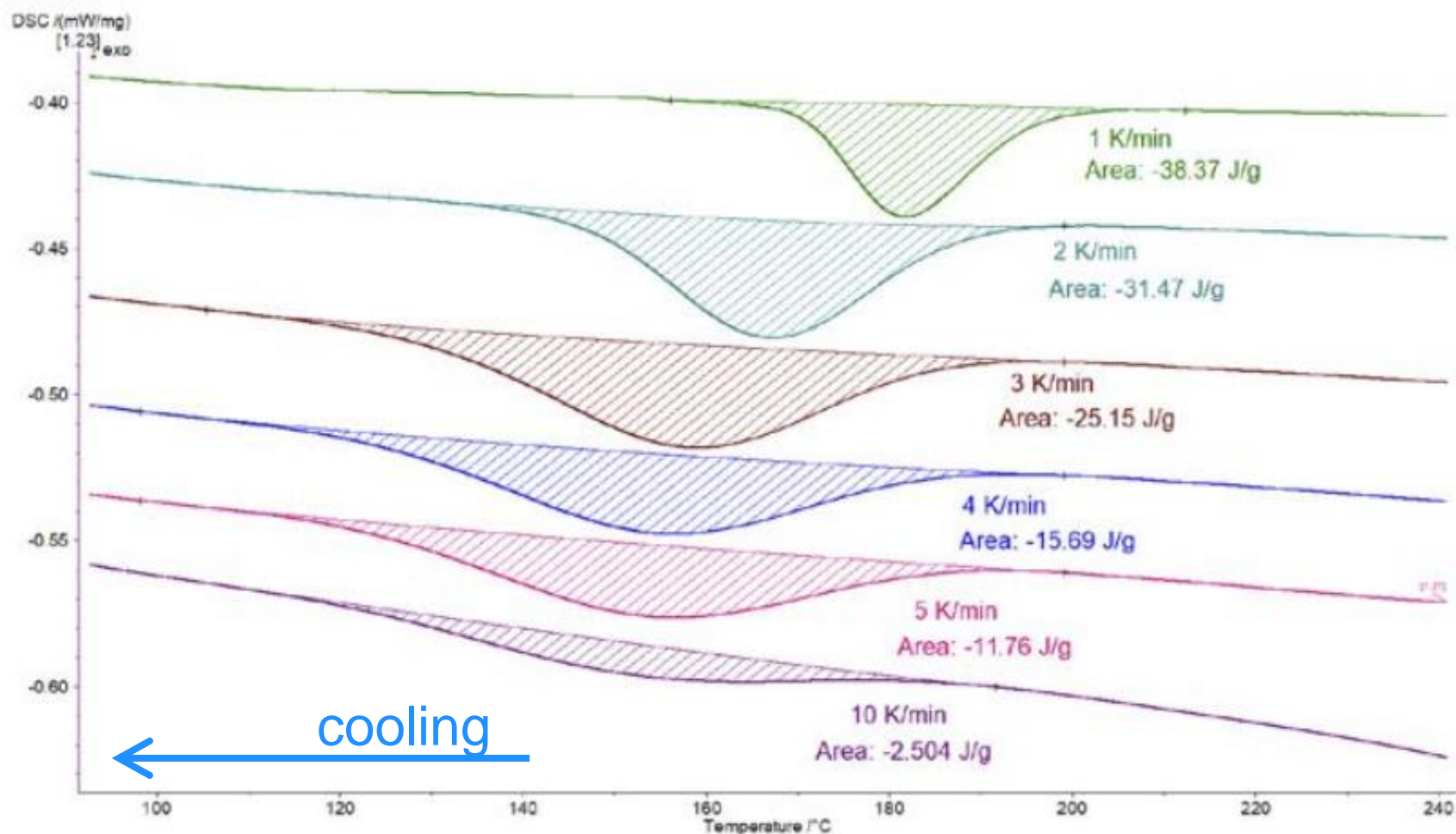


Fig. 1. Crystallization curves for polyethylene terephthalate (PET) measured at cooling rates from 1 to 10 K/min



Kinetics Neo: kinetic methods for non-isothermal crystallization

Arrhenius approach does not work

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 - Modulated Dynamic
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 - Adiabatic24
 - Climatic

Properties

Model s:

Description: An

Optimize Fit To: Signal

Reaction Steps

Step: A-B

Reaction Type: An, n-Dim. Avrami

Equation

Adjust

Parameters

Recalculate

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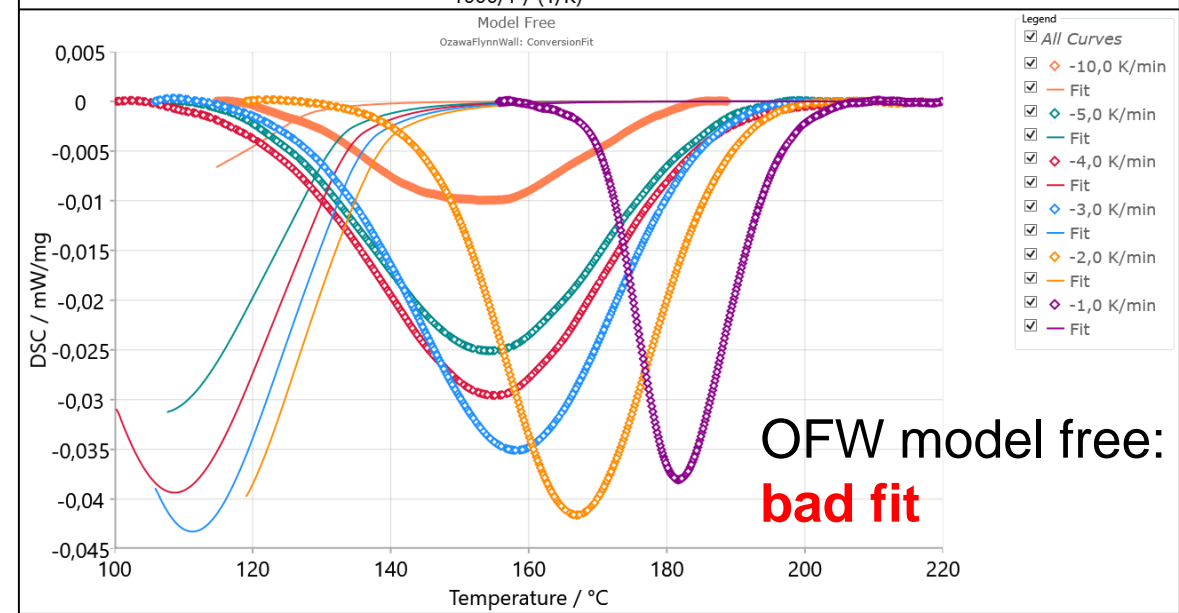
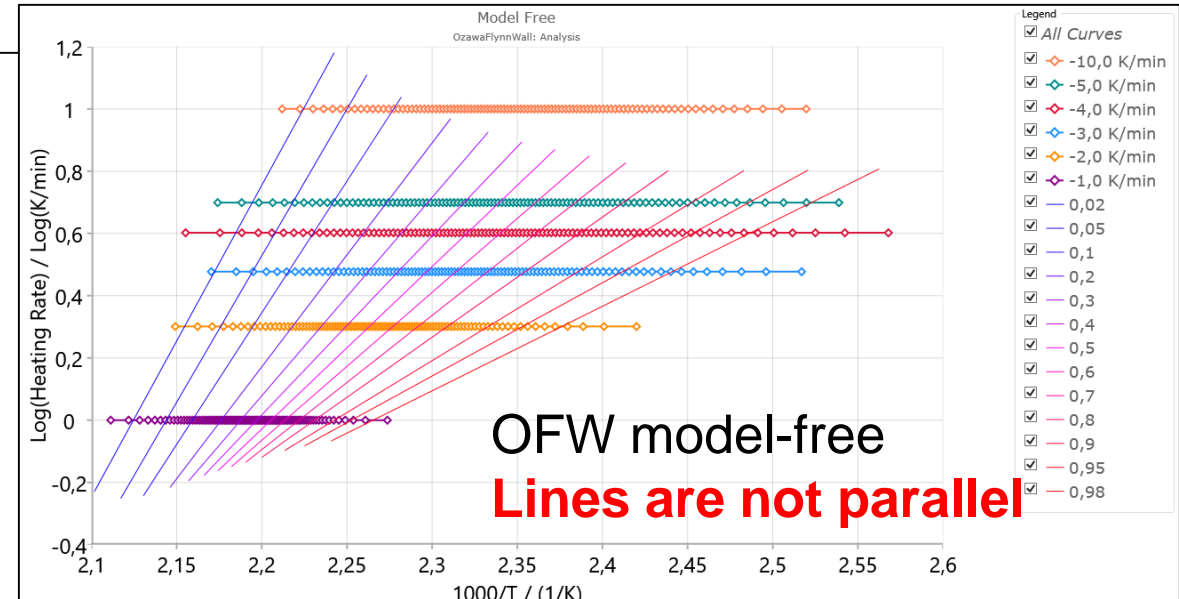
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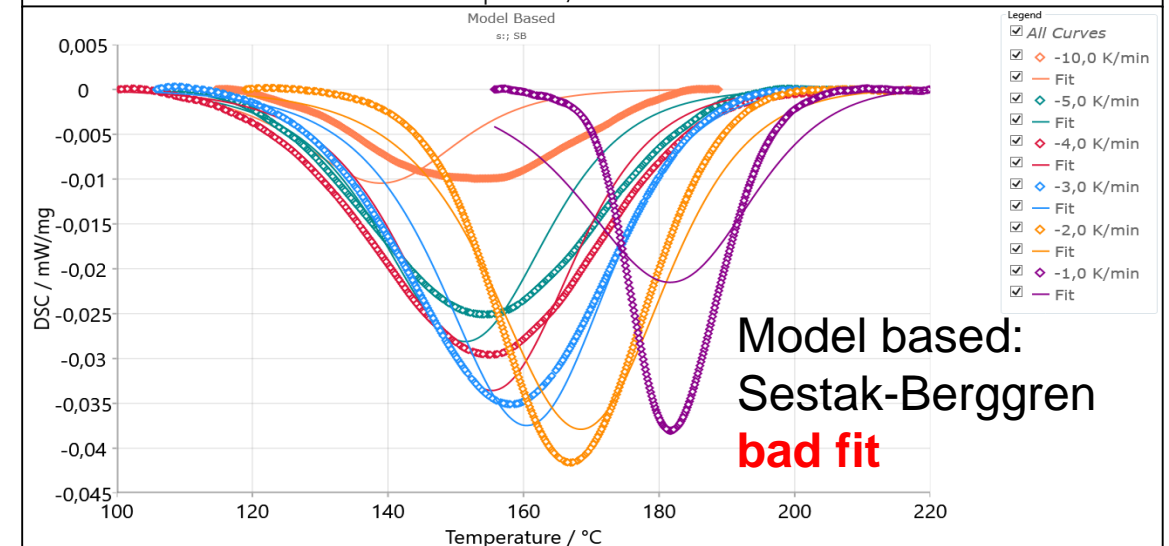
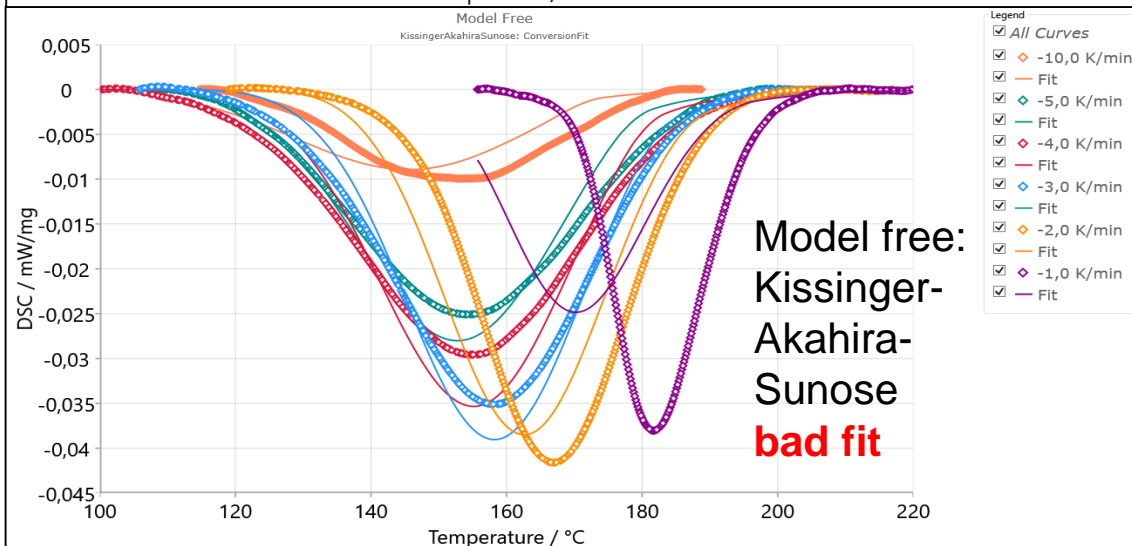
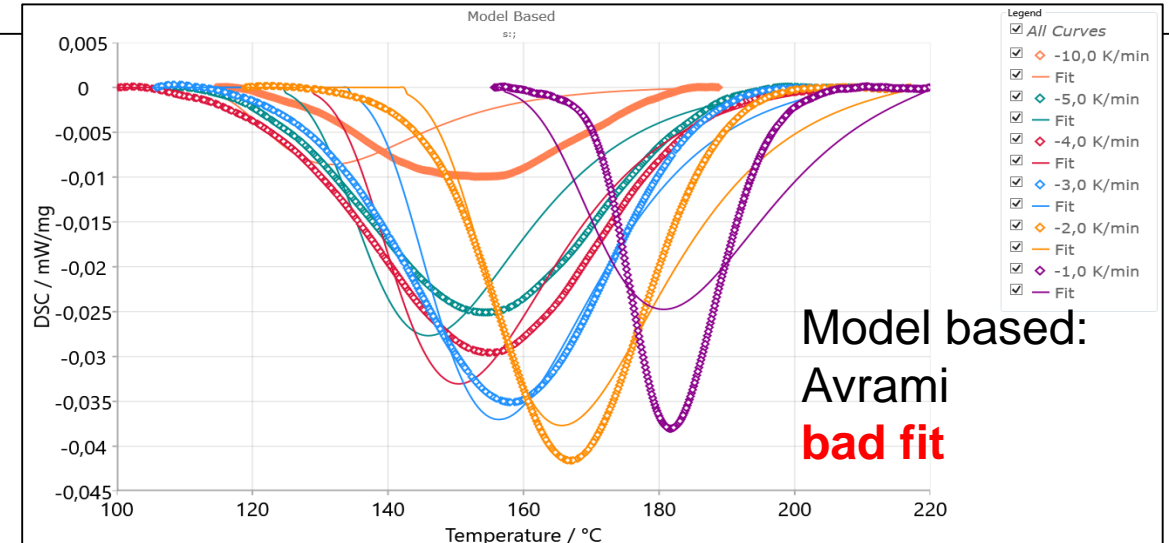
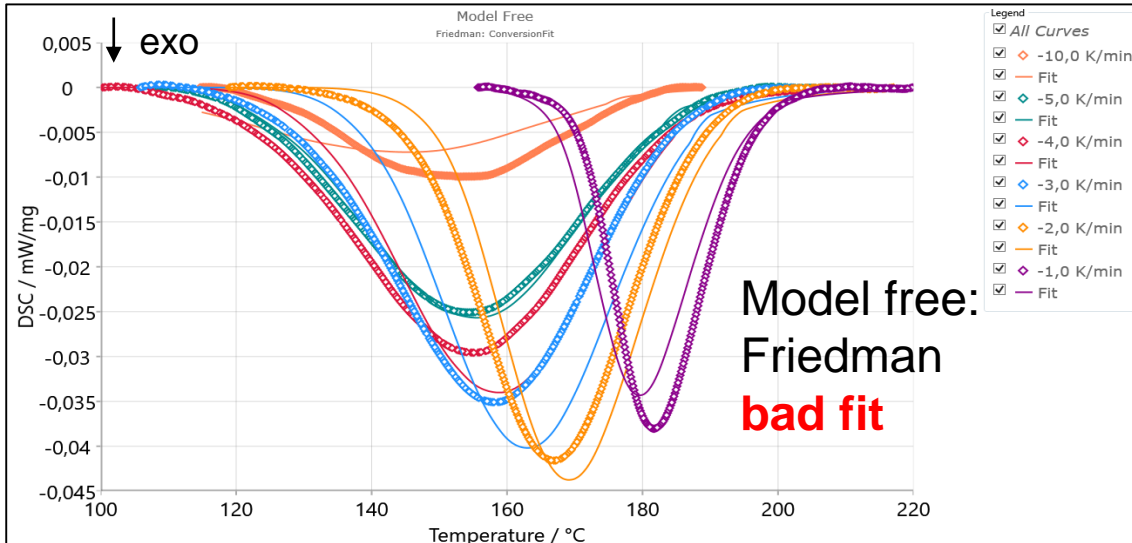
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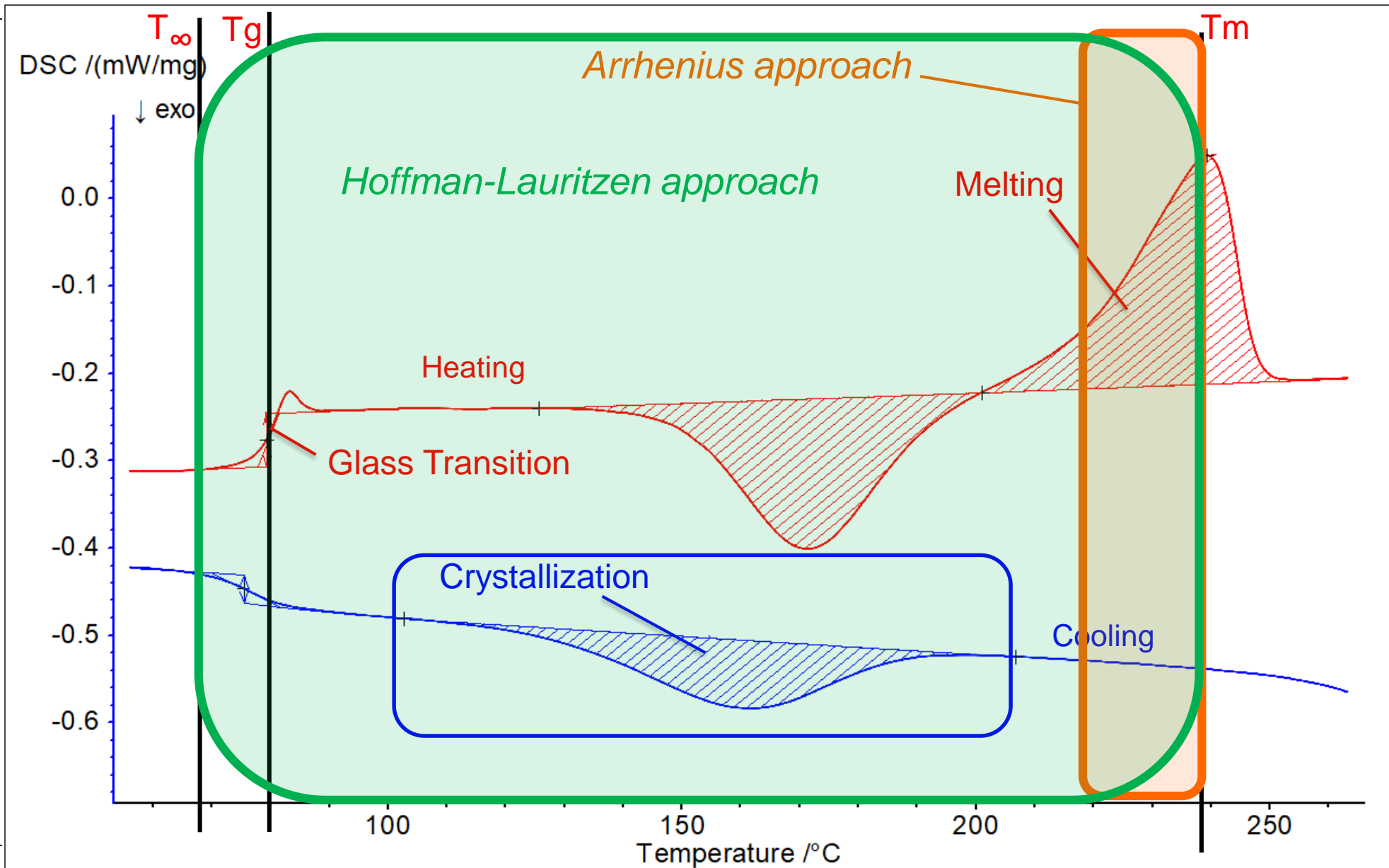


Arrhenius approach: **bad fit** for both model free and model based



Methods working well for isothermal conditions, can not work for cooling conditions for wide temperature range

Reason: $K(T)$ has non- Arrhenius dependence



non-Arrhenius approach: Nakamura und Hoffman-Lauritzen

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

Avrami nucleation

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

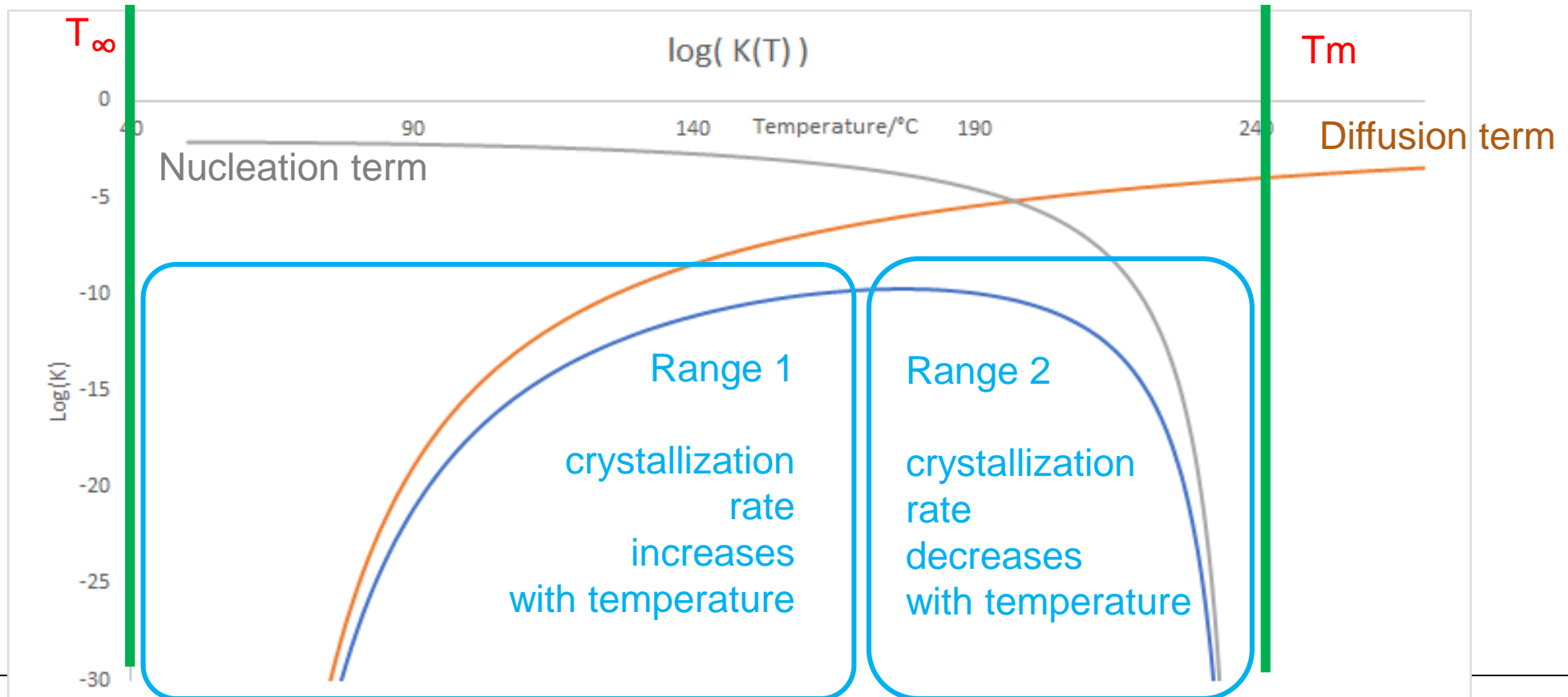
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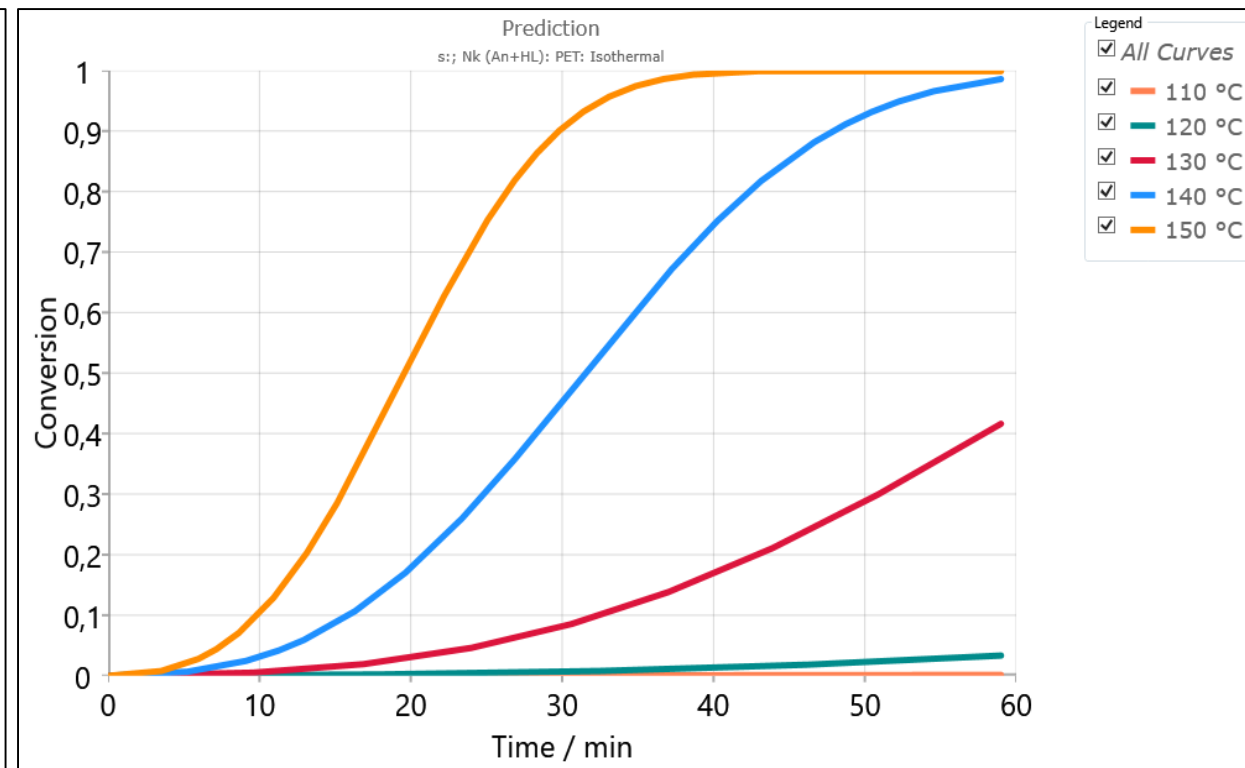
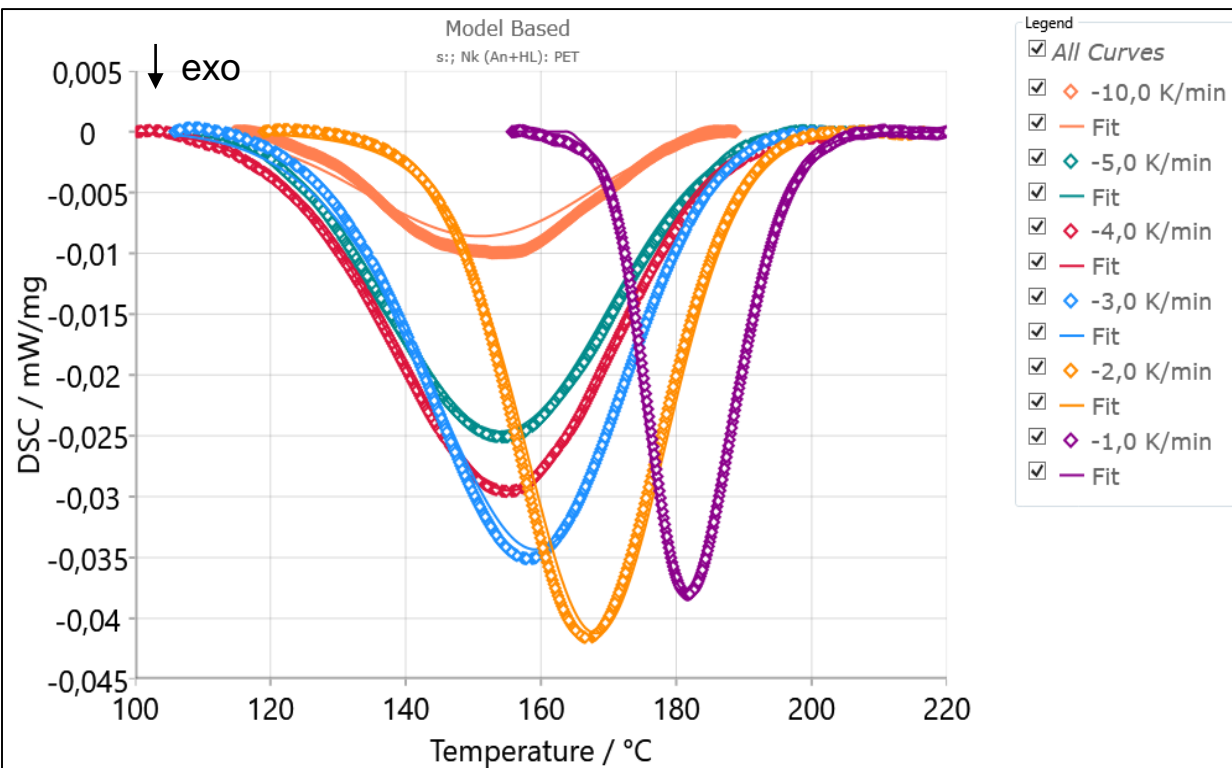
- U* activation energy of segmental jump in polymers,
this parameter has universal value 6.3kJ/mol
- K_G kinetic parameter for nucleation
- ΔT=T_m-T undercooling from the equilibrium melting point T_m
- T_∞=T_g-30 temperature at which crystallization transport is finished,
this temperature is 30K below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

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

$$K(T) = \underbrace{\exp\left(\frac{U^*}{R(T - T_\infty)}\right)}_{\text{Diffusion term}} \cdot \underbrace{\exp\left(\frac{-K_G}{T(T - T_m)f}\right)}_{\text{Nucleation term}}$$



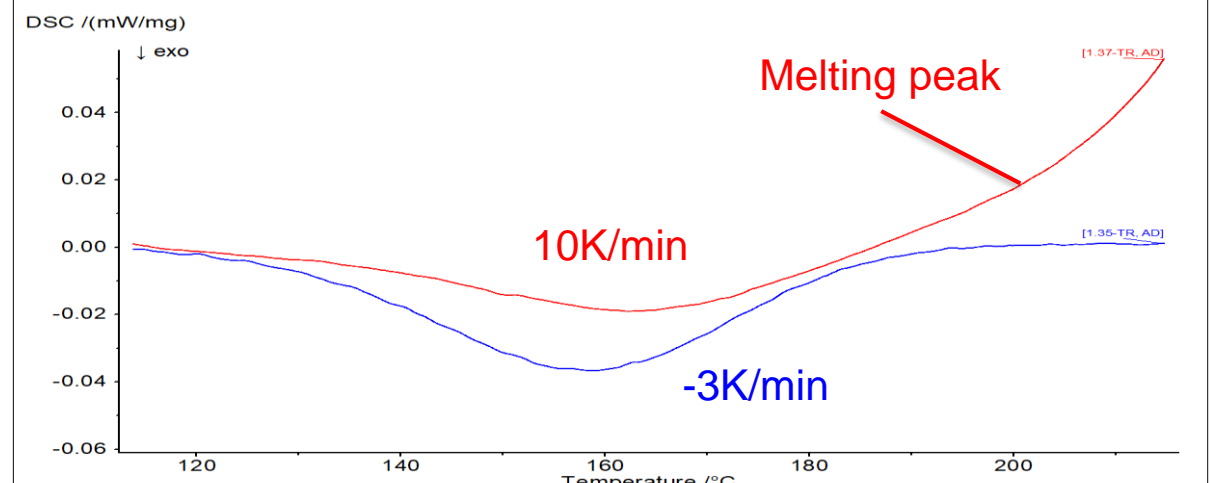
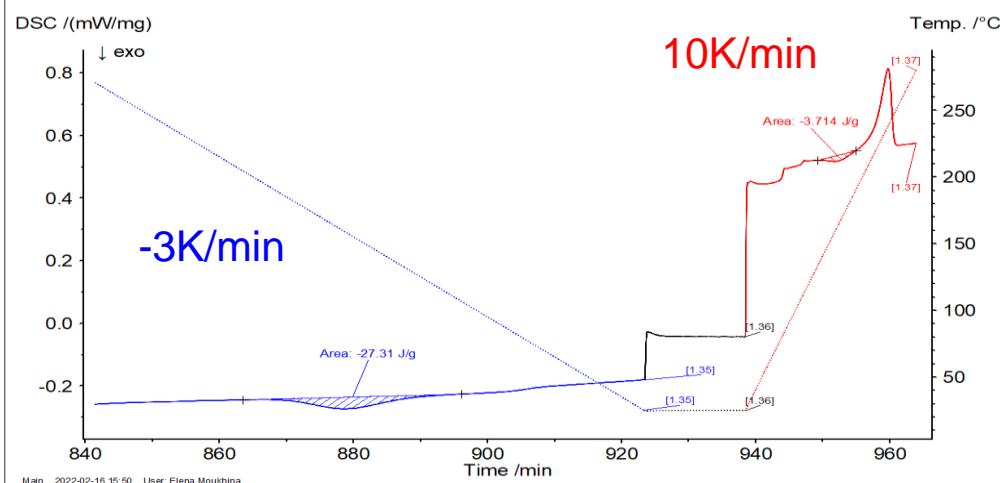
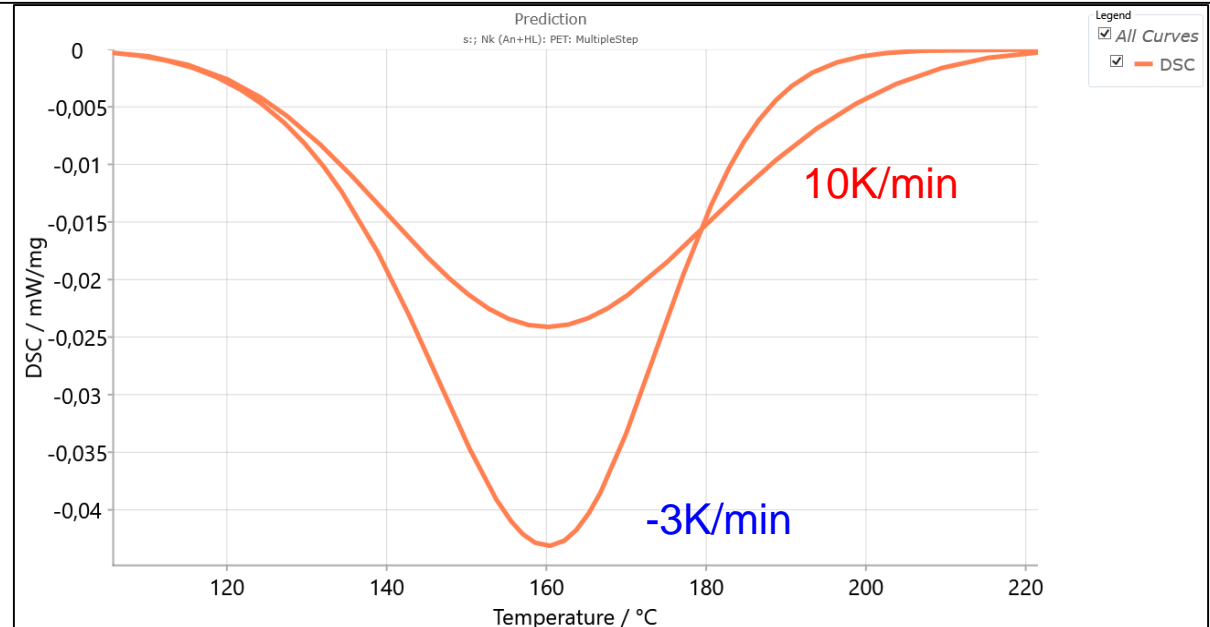
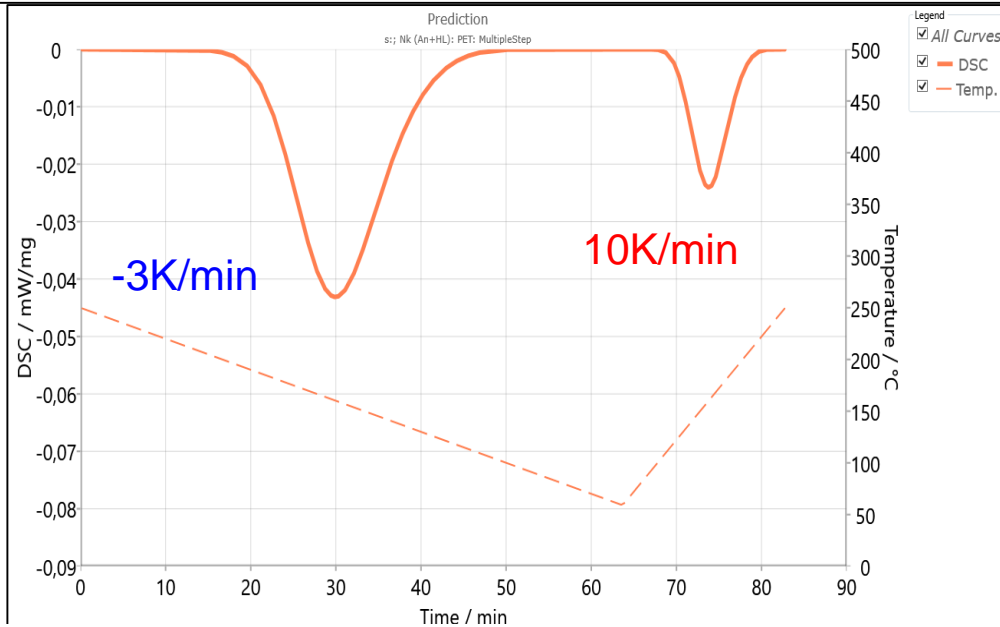


One can observe that at temperatures of 110°C to 120°C, no crystallization occurs and the bottles remain in the glassy state and transparent. If the production temperature is too high – e.g., 140°C – then crystallization starts earlier, and the bottles get turbid.

PET:
stretch
blow
molding



PET: Comparison with experiment for complex temperature program



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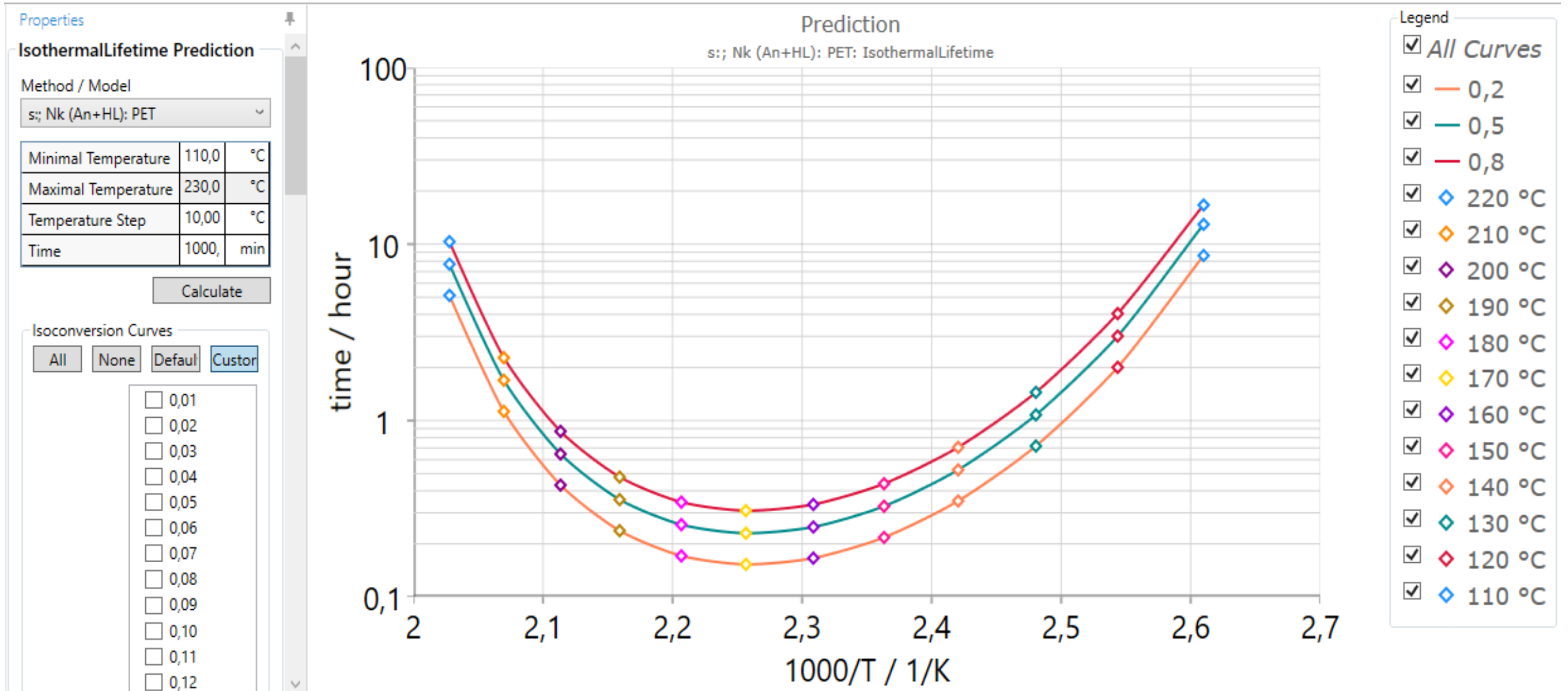
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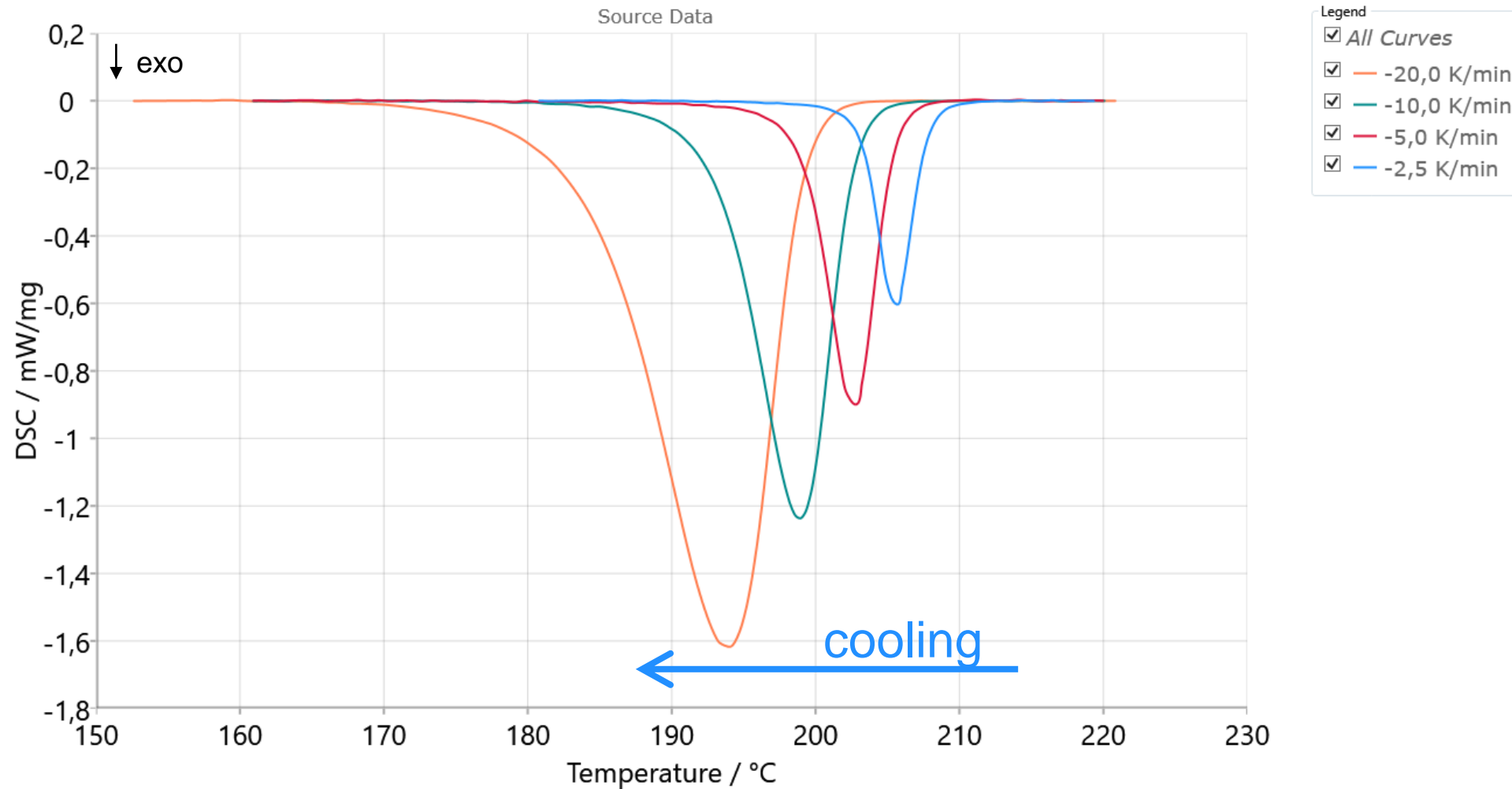


Crystallisation of PBT during cooling



PBT

$T_g = 40-60^\circ\text{C}$, $T_m = 220-230^\circ\text{C}$





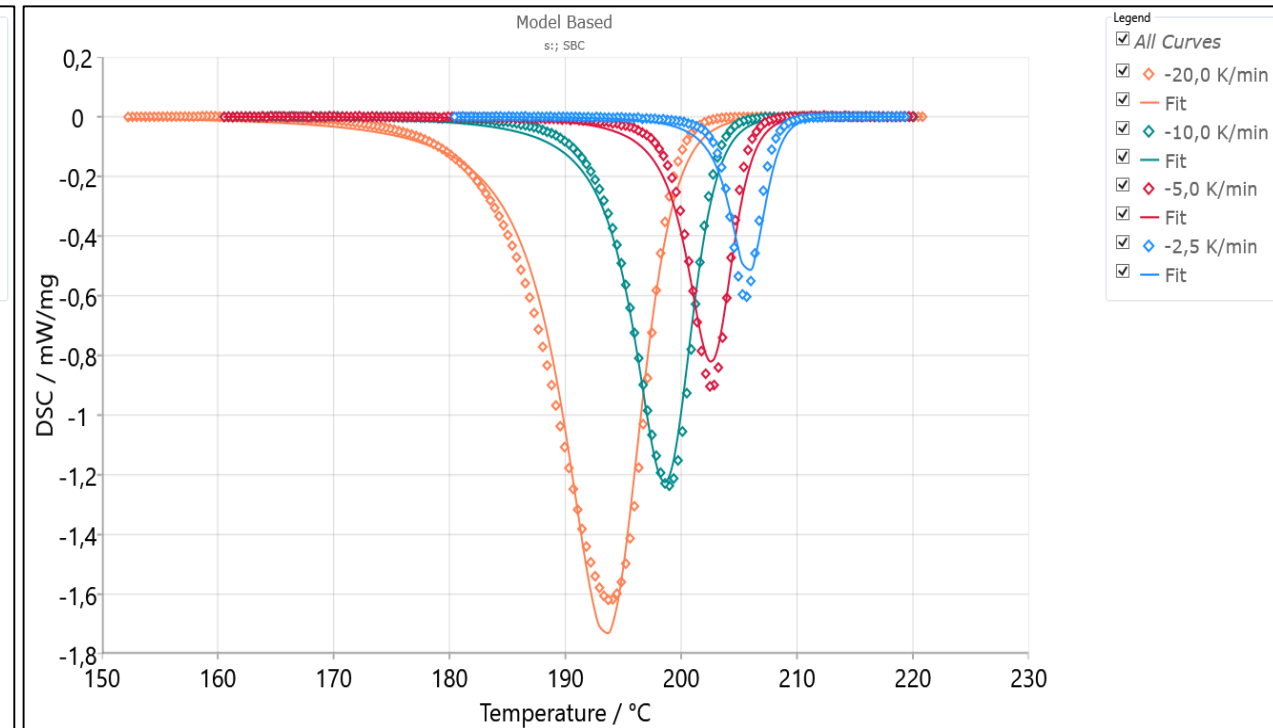
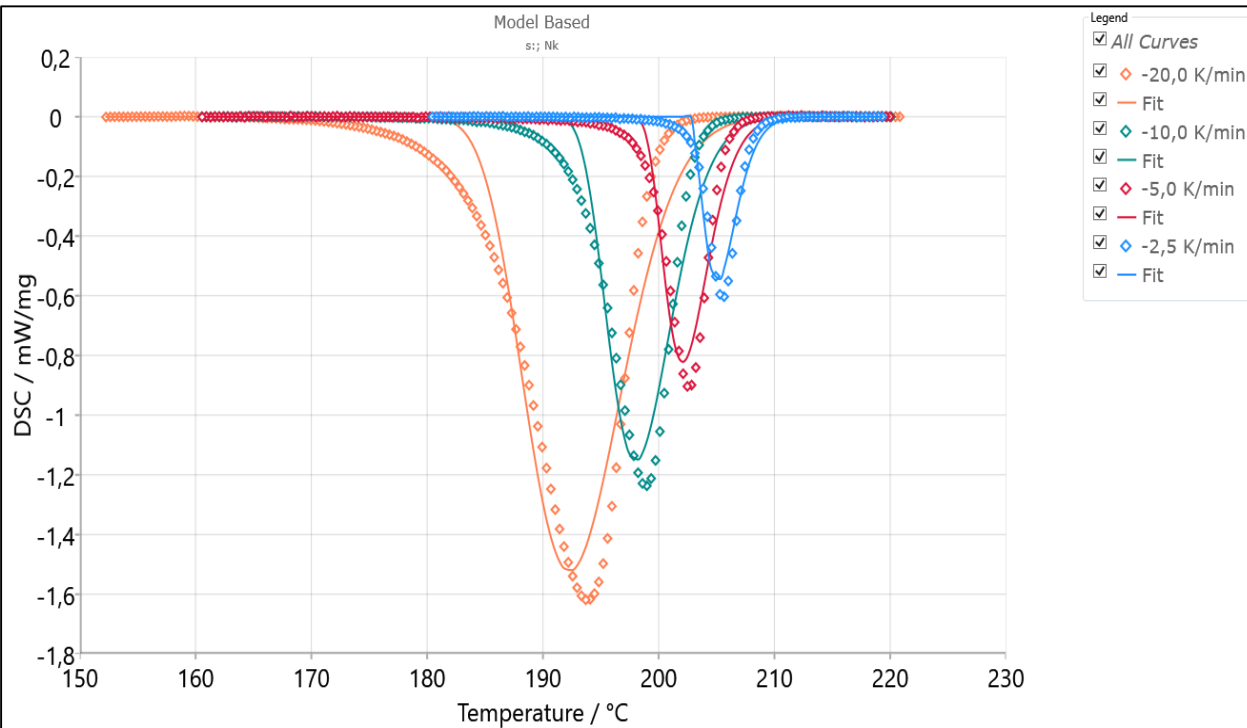
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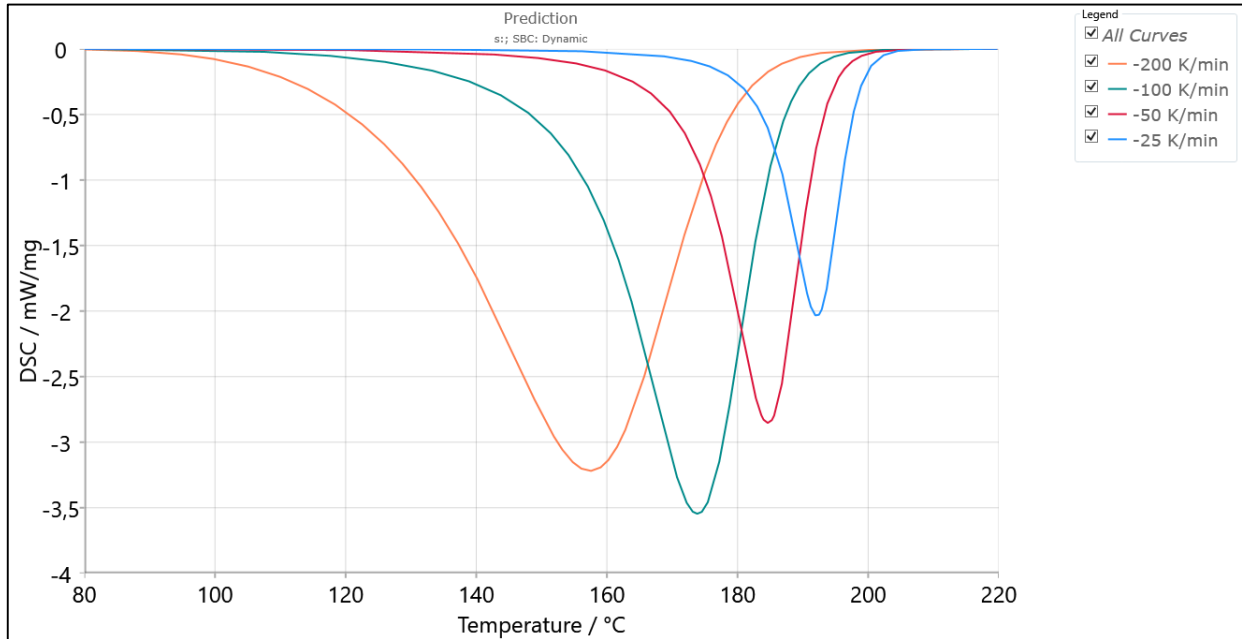
Sestak-Berggren Crystallization

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

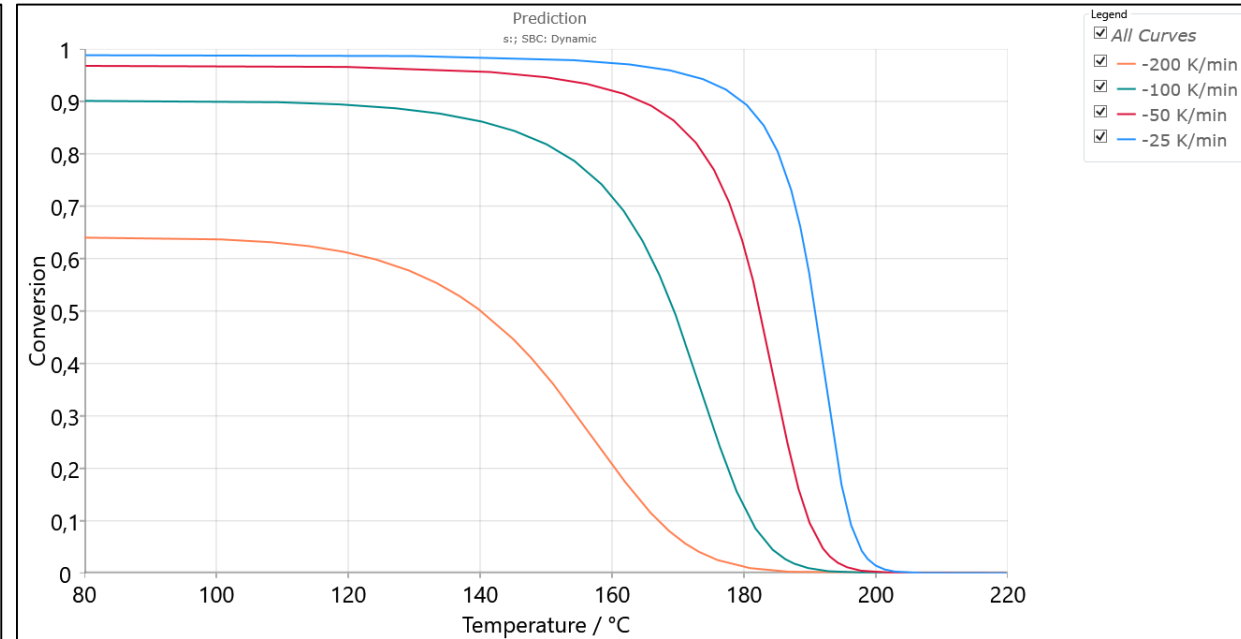




Predictions: Signal



Predictions: Conversion



←
cooling

Crystallization is **not complete** for fast cooling
because of diffusion near **glass transition**
Polymer is partially **amorphous**



4. Predictions, Simulations,

Advantages and Limitation of different models
for simulations

Avrami nucleation

Sestak-Berggren Crystallization

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

1. Arrhenius approach
(model free and model based)

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

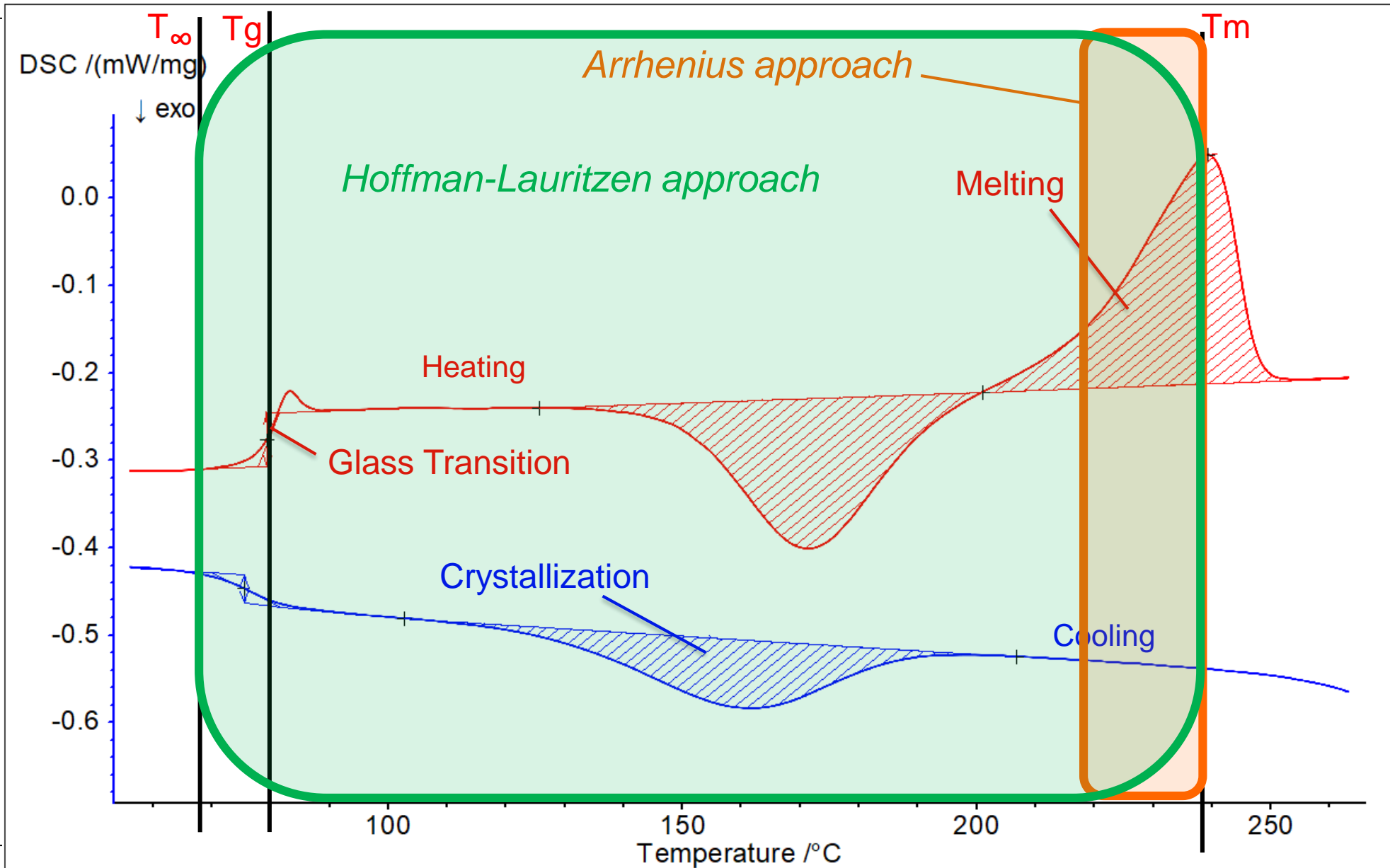
Partial solution only for isothermal crystallization
Works in small range below melting temperature

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





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

SBC: Sestak-Berggren+ Hoffman-Lauritzen

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

Model free:

ASTM2070

Friedman

Numerical Optimization

Valid: isothermal crystallization,
small temperature range

Some Aspects of Nonisothermal Crystallization of Polymers. I. Relationship Between Crystallization Temperature, Crystallinity, and Cooling Conditions

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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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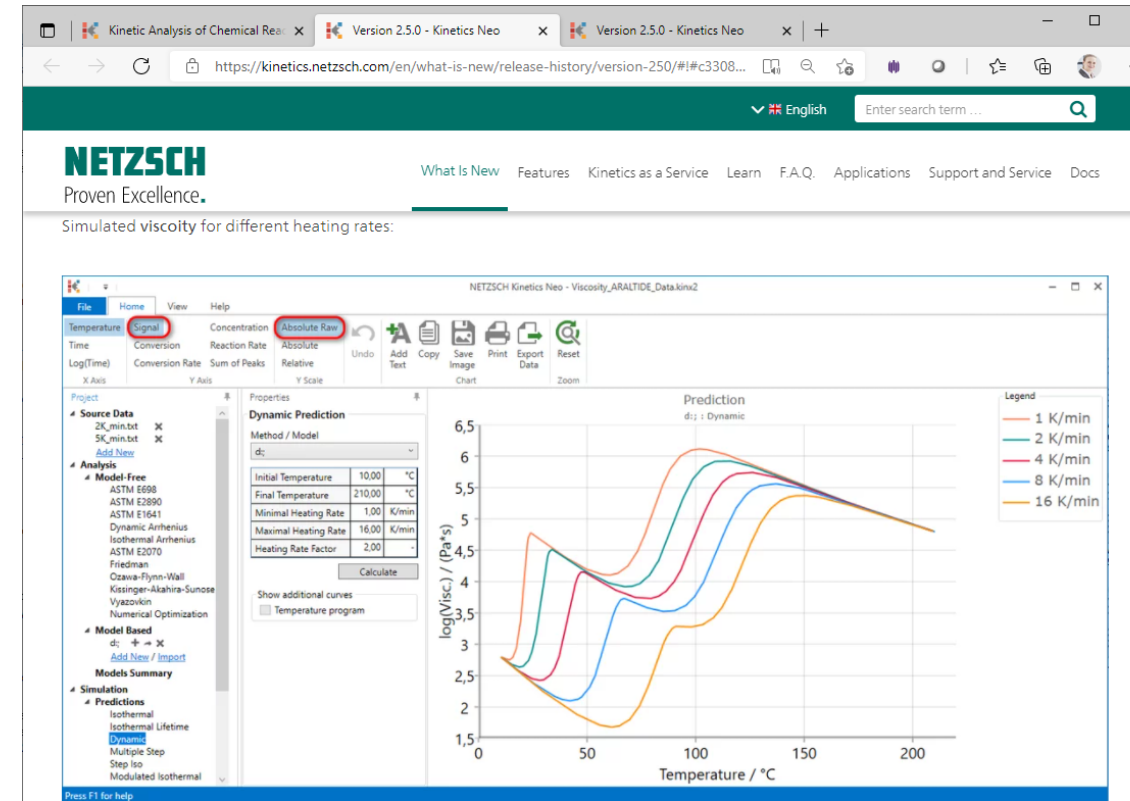
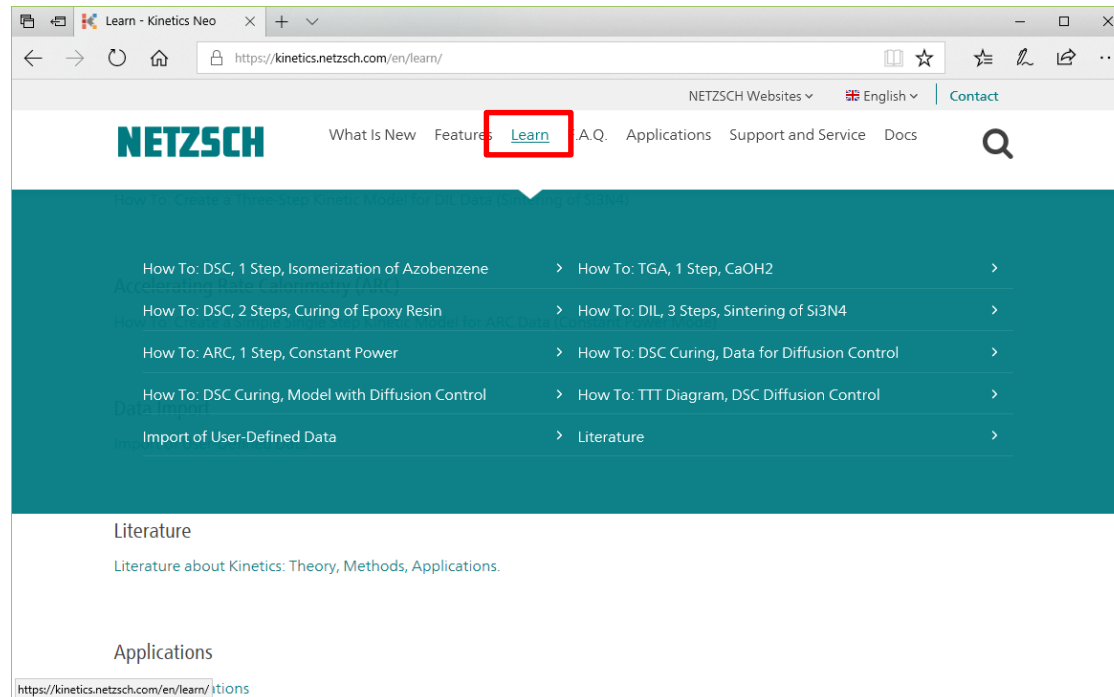
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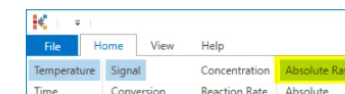
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- one mathematical kinetic description for several measurements
- different approaches: model free (11 methods) and model based (unlimited number of models)
- model based: individual reaction steps, concentrations, kinetic triplet for each step, reaction 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, T_g, 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