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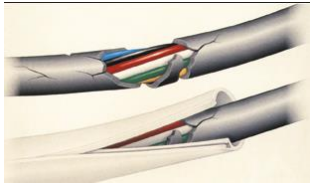
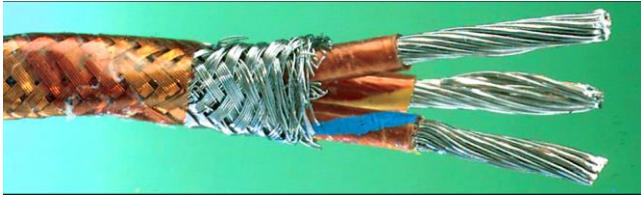
Selection of the Suitable Kinetic Method and Models by means of Kinetics Neo

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1. Data and degree of conversion for kinetic analysis



Life time predictions
Recycling, pyrolysis
Thermal stability



Curing, cross-linking

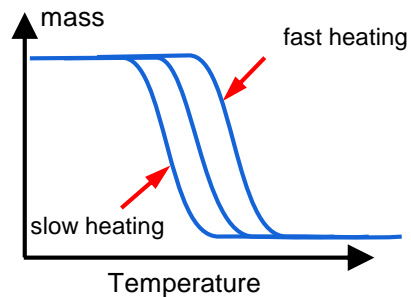


Crystallization

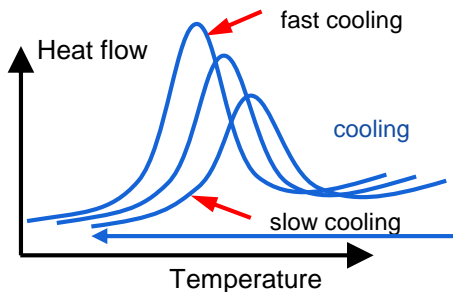
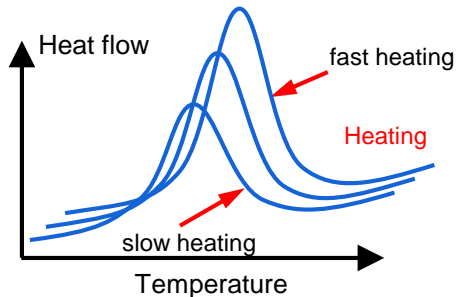


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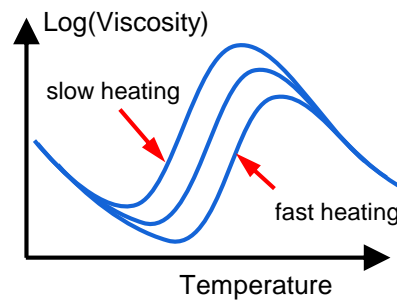
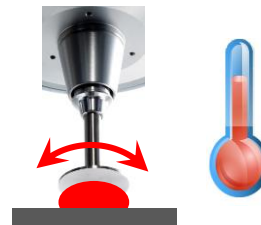
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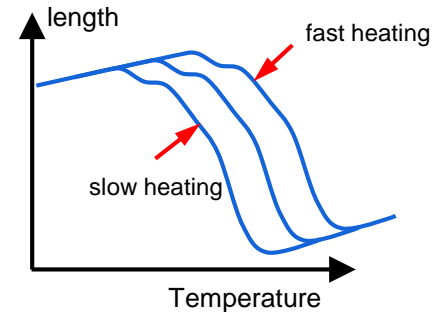
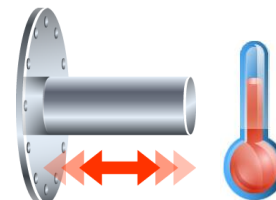
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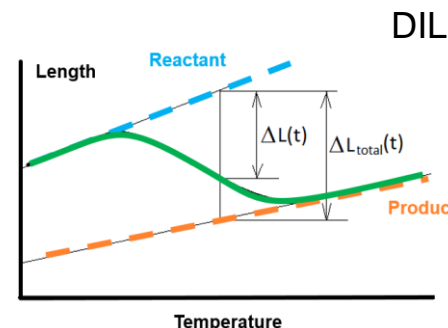
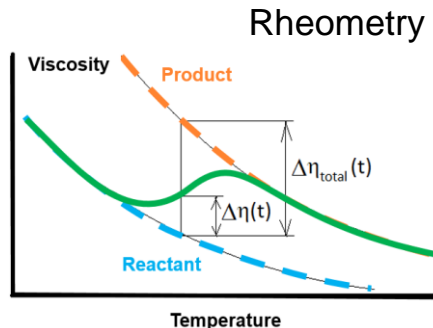
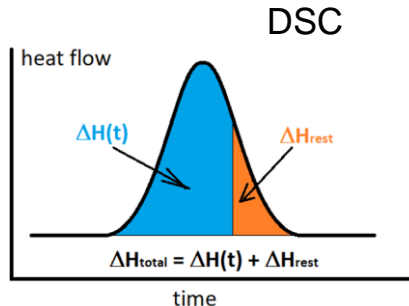
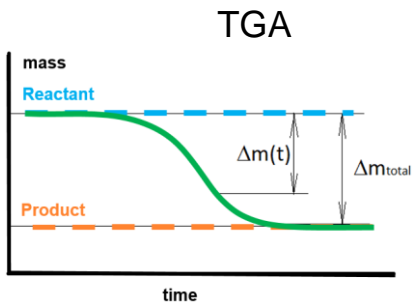


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Degree of conversion $\alpha(t)$

(extent of conversion, conversion, extent of reaction)



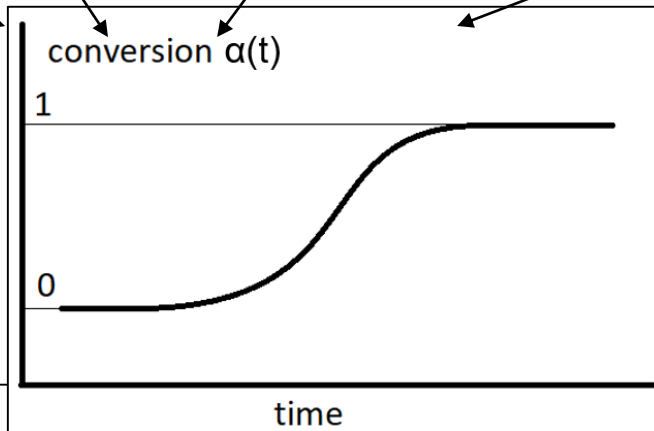
$$\alpha(t) = \frac{\Delta m(t)}{\Delta m_{total}}$$

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

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

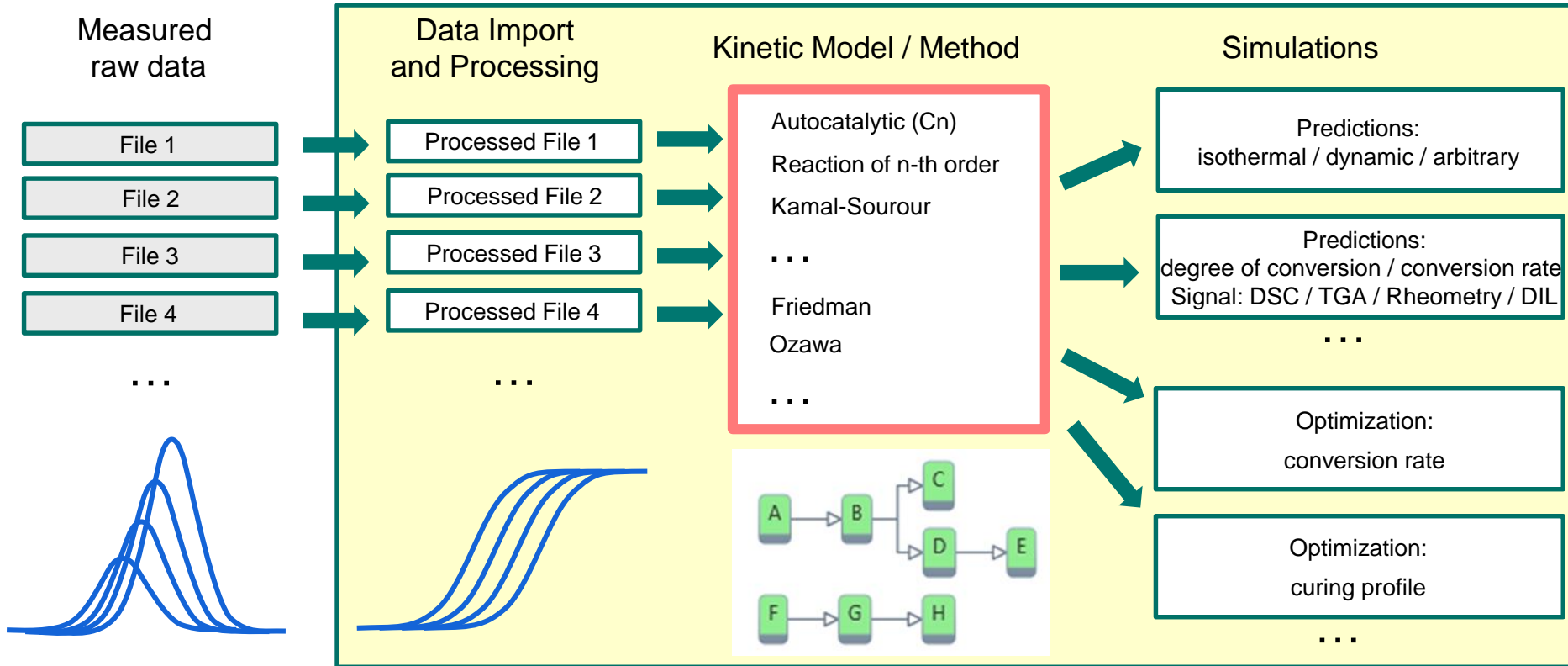
$$\alpha(t) = \frac{\Delta L(t)}{\Delta L_{total}(t)}$$

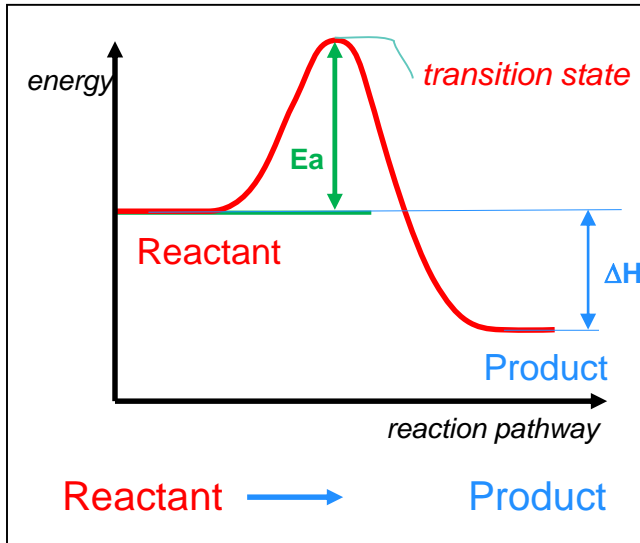
Conversion is commonly denoted by α and defined as the ratio of the partial to total change of a physical property.



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

Steps to Solve Kinetic Tasks in Kinetics Neo





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

Arrhenius equation (1889) for reaction rate:

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

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

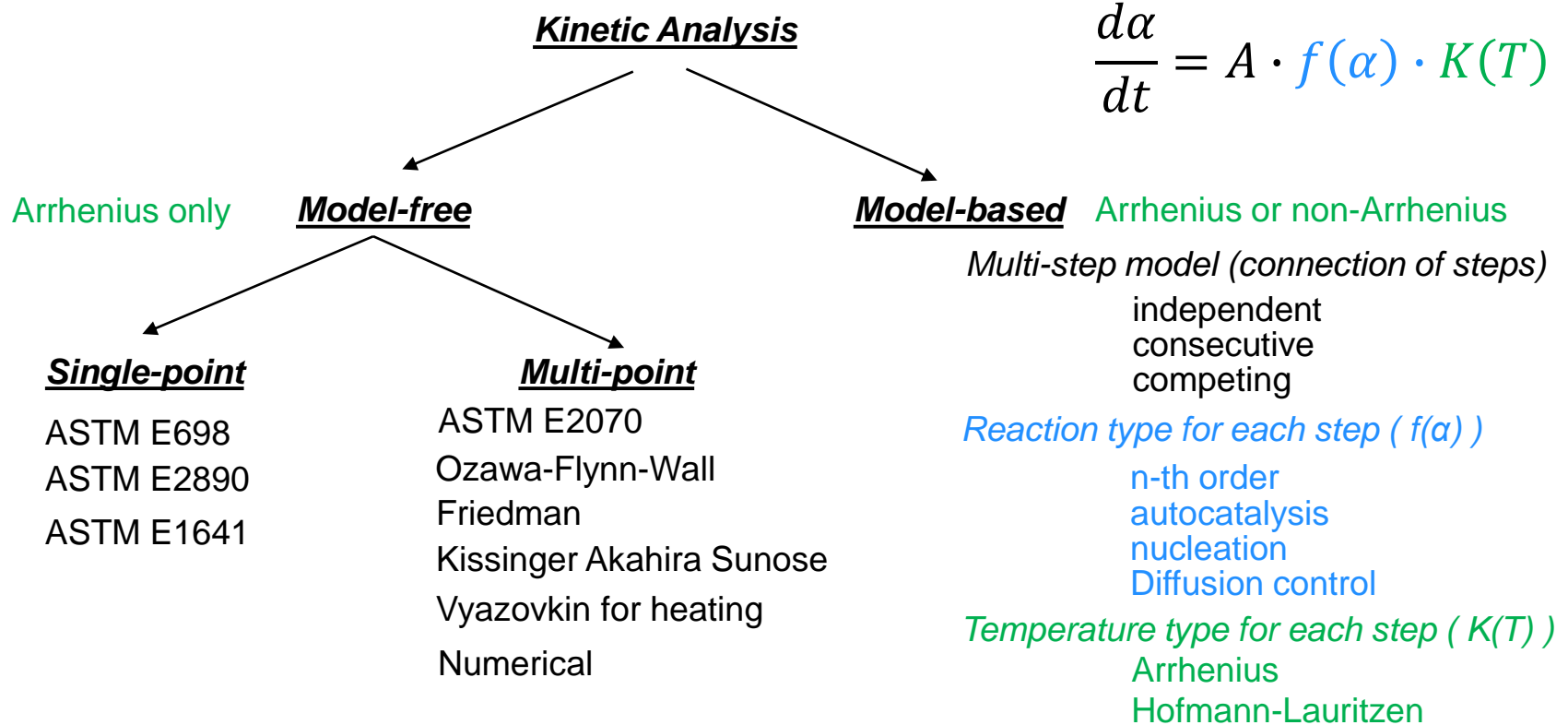
Pre-exponent A : collision frequency [1/s]

Activation energy E_a [kJ/mol]

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



2. Kinetic Methods: Model free or model based?



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

Kinetic Analysis

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

Arrhenius only

Model-free

Model-based

Arrhenius or non-Arrhenius

Single-point

Multi-point

OIT,
OOT,
DMA Rupture

~~Mixtures~~
~~Competing steps~~
~~Curing with diffusion control~~
~~Non-isothermal crystallization~~
~~Intermediate reactants~~
~~Individual reaction steps~~

The same effect for all curves
Mechanism changes
at the same conversion



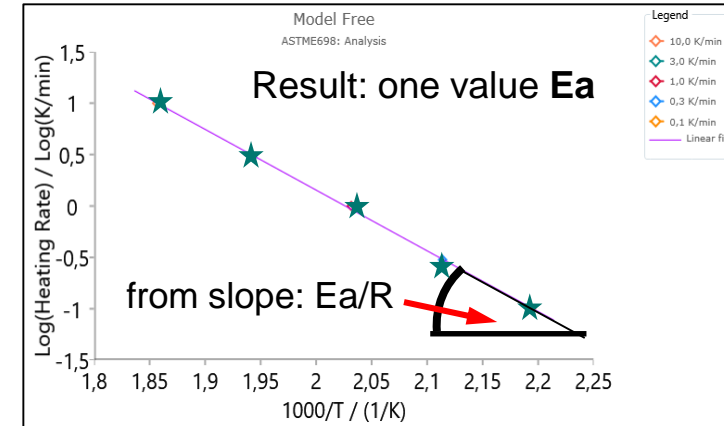
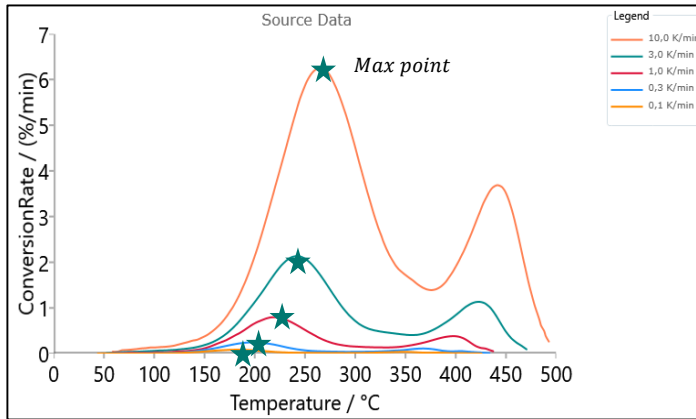
2.1. Model-free Kinetic Methods

Created in last century before the modern possibilities of personal computers

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

Single-point model free methods

- ASTM E698
- ASTM E2890
- ASTM E1641



Only one point is analyzed,

All information about other data are lost.

May be used correct **for single-step reactions** where activation energy is constant

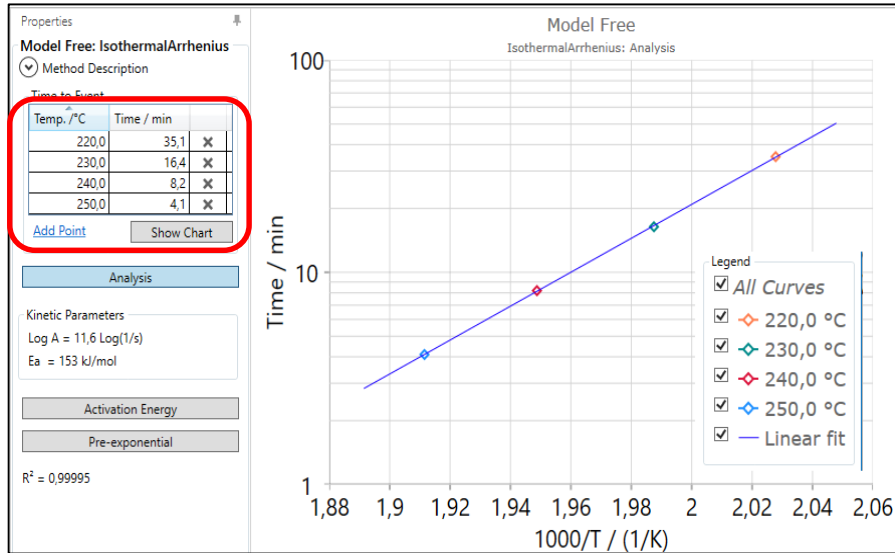
May be used **for single-point analysis** like OIT(oxidation induction time) or OOT(oxidation onset temperature)

For multi-step reactions result is enable only at one point.

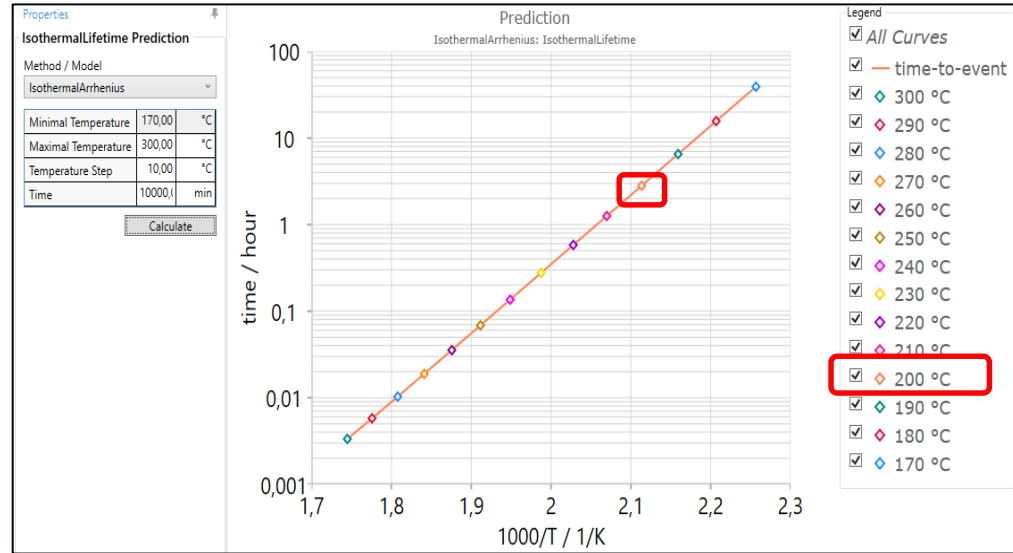
Result may be used for single-point predictions

OIT (Oxidation induction time)

Analysis



What is OIT at 200°C? Predictions



OIT at 200°C is 3 hours

Model-Free $A \rightarrow B$

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:

$$f(\alpha) = 1$$

$$f(\alpha) = 1 - \alpha$$

Assumptions of this method (all must be fulfilled)

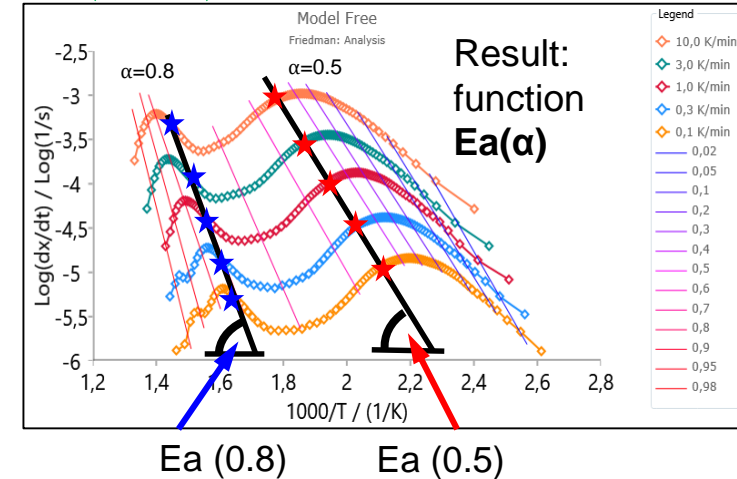
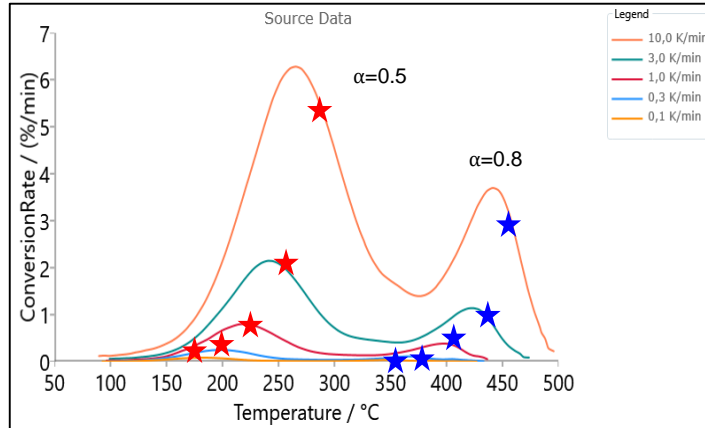
1. Only **one** kinetic equation
2. E_a and A **depend on α**
3. Reaction rate at the same conversion is only a function of temperature
4. Total effect (total mass loss or total peak area) must be the **same for all curves**
5. **Changes** of mechanism should be at the **same conversion** value

**Created in last century before the modern possibilities of personal computers*

Multi-points model free methods

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

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



All data are analyzed,

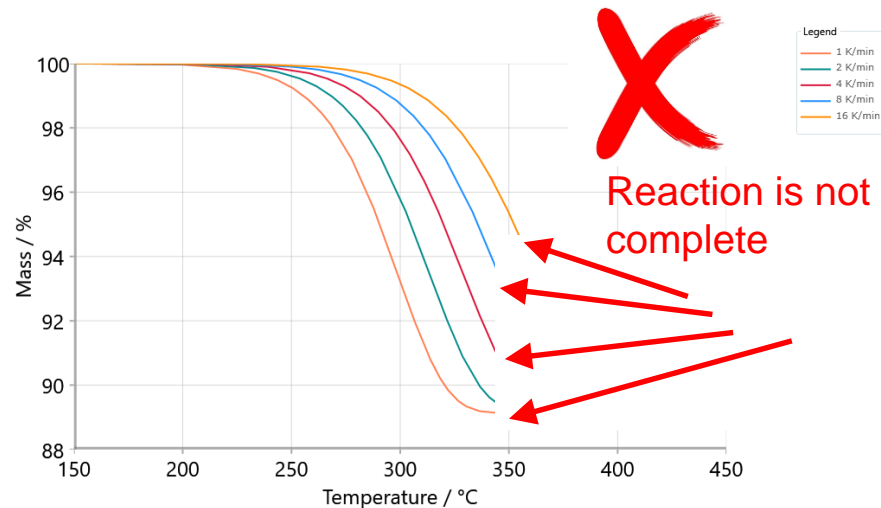
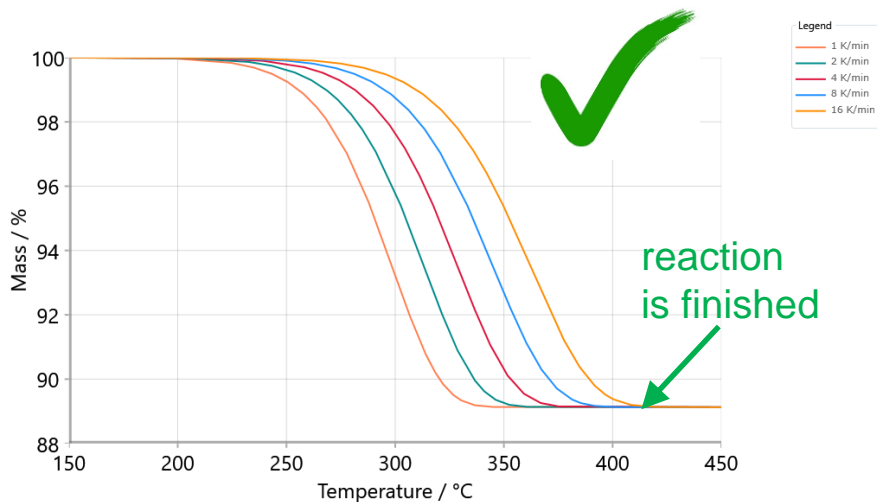
May be used correctly **for single-step reactions** where activation energy is constant

May be used correctly **for multi-reactions** where **activation energy changes very slow**

For multi-step reactions result is enable only under some conditions

Result may be used for predictions inside of the ranges of temperature and heating rates using for experimental data

Reaction must be measured completely until its end



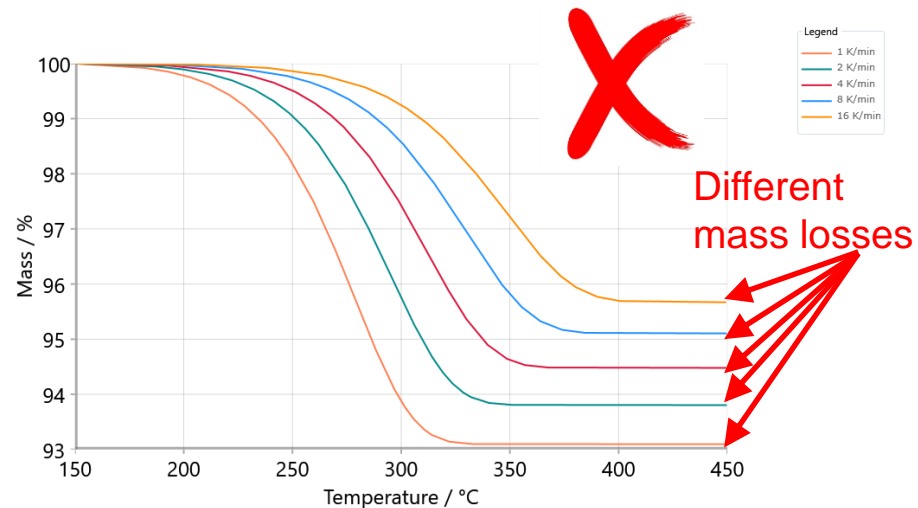
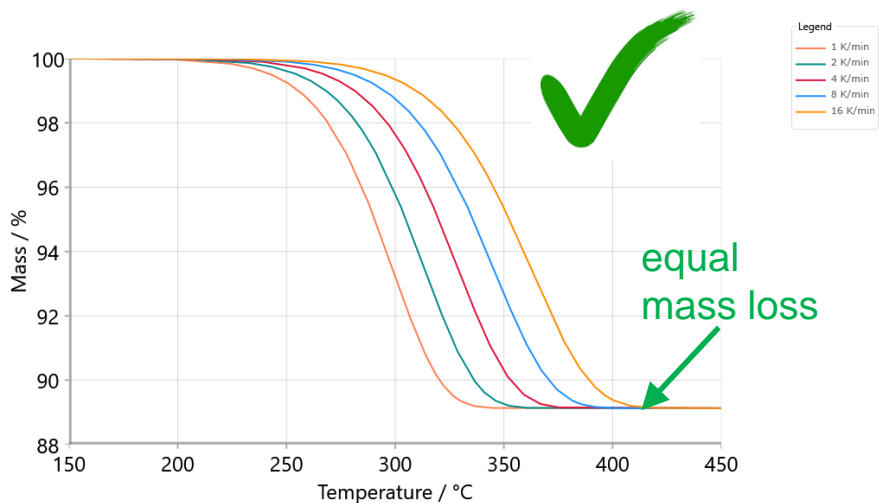
Model-free is applicable

Model-free is **not** applicable

Solution: Model-based method
where total effect is unknown

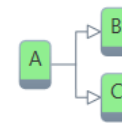
When Model-Free Method is Applicable?

Total effect (total mass loss or total peak area) must be **the same** for all curves

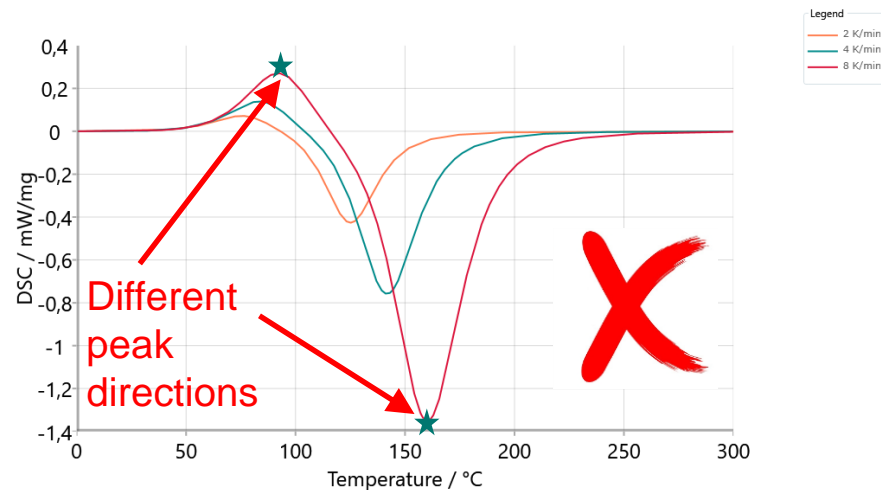
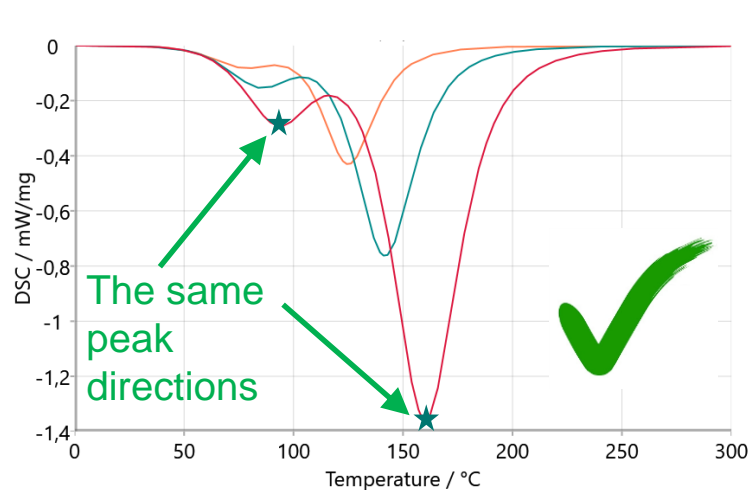


Model-free is applicable

Model-free is **not** applicable
Solution: Model-based method
with competitive steps



There is no reaction steps of **different directions**
(e.g. exothermic and endothermic, mass loss and mass gain)

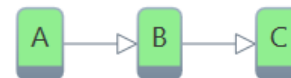


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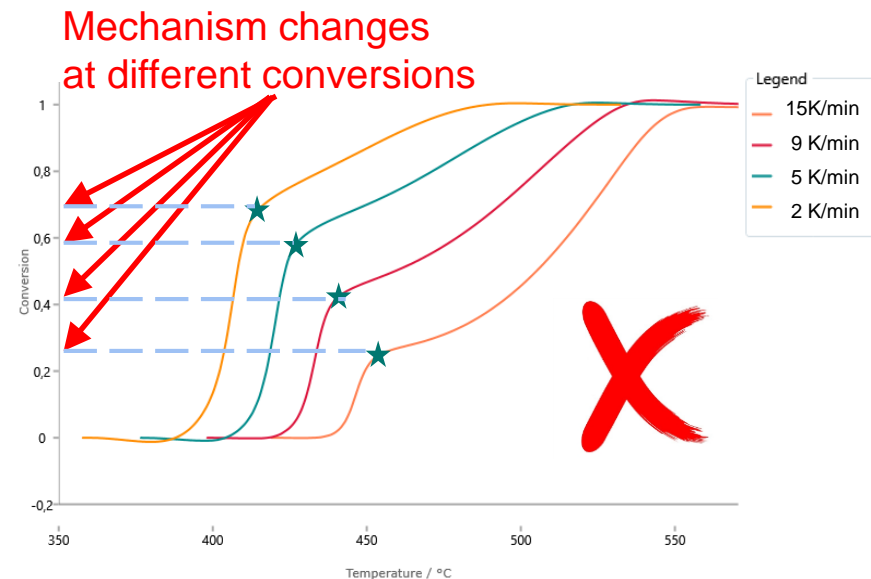
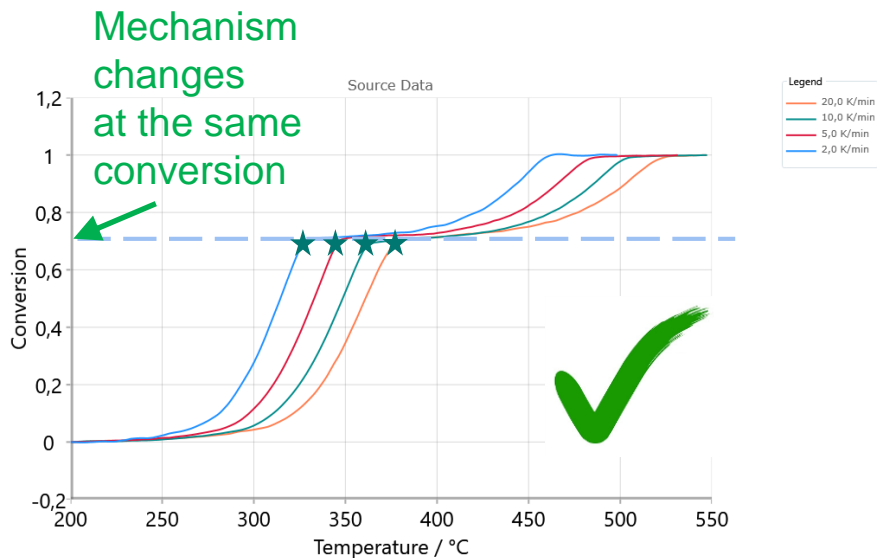
Model-free is **not** applicable

Solution: Model based method

with steps contributions of different signs



Changes of mechanism should be at **the same conversion value**

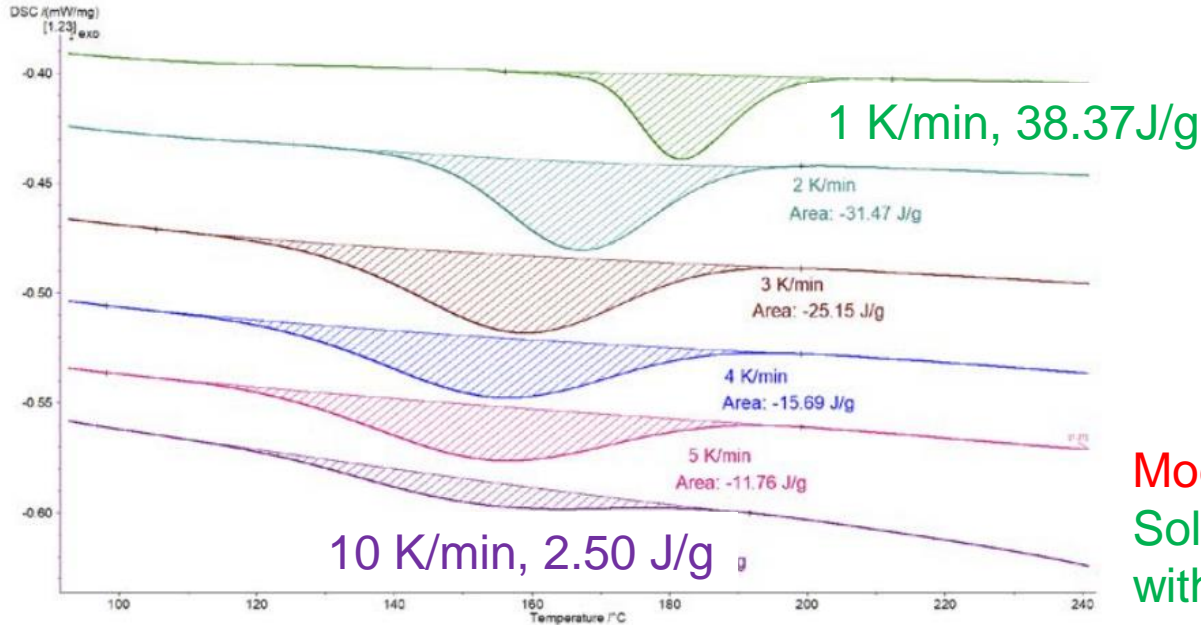


Model-free is applicable

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Solution: Model-based method
with competitive steps

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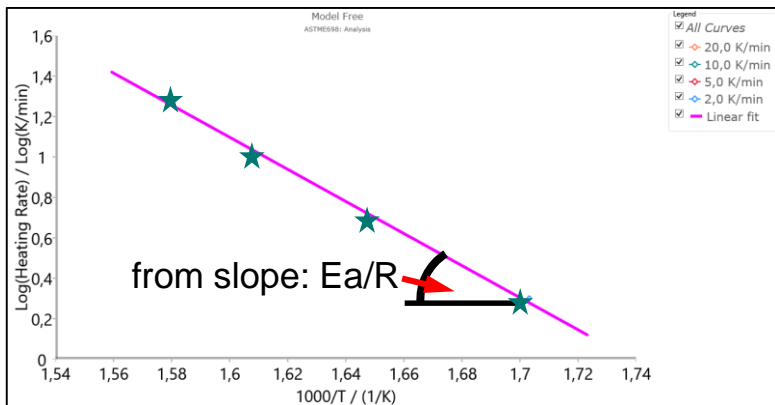
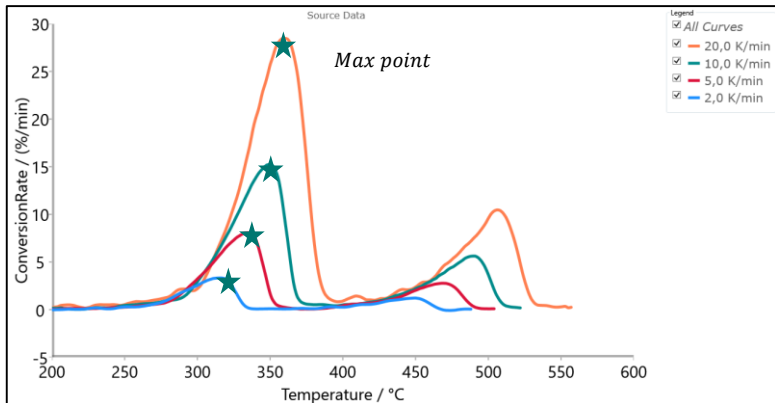


Model free is **not** applicable
Solution: Model based method
with non-Arrhenius approach

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

Crystallization of PET during cooling

ASTM E698 (refined Ozawa method for Maximum points)



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

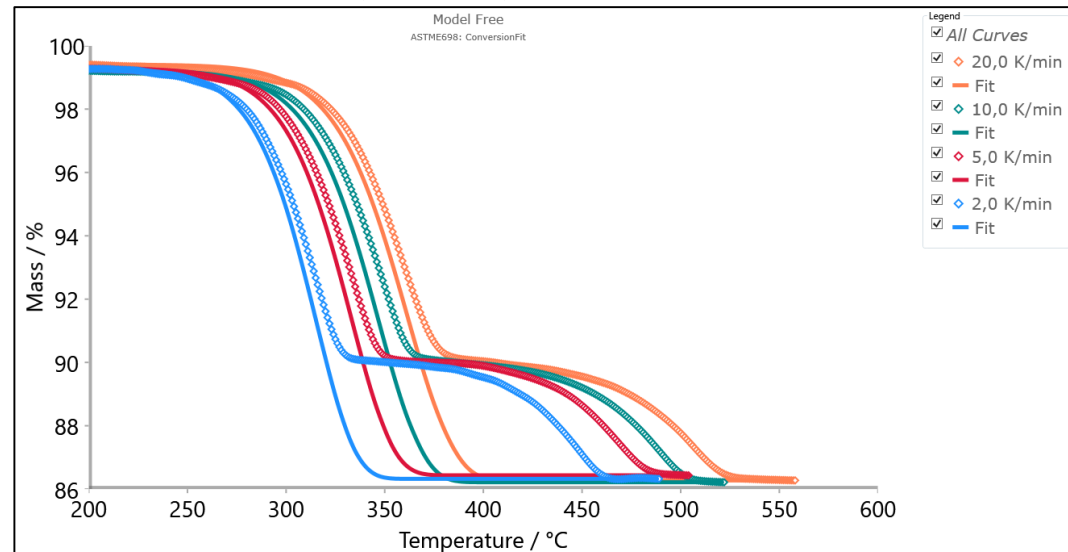
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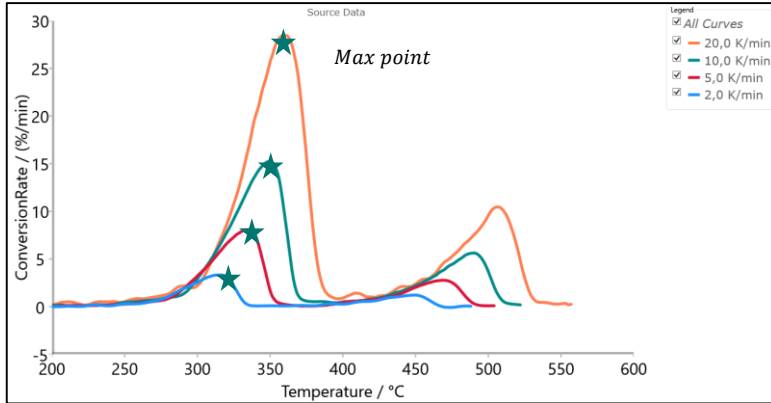
Take Integral,
logarithm
and approximate

$$\ln \beta = \ln\left(\frac{AE}{R}\right) - \ln G(x) - 5.3305 + \text{slope} \cdot \frac{E}{R} \cdot \frac{1}{T}$$

intersect

refine $E(\alpha) = -a \cdot R / \left(1 - \frac{1}{z} - \frac{1}{z+2}\right)$ where $z = \frac{-E(\alpha)}{RT}$



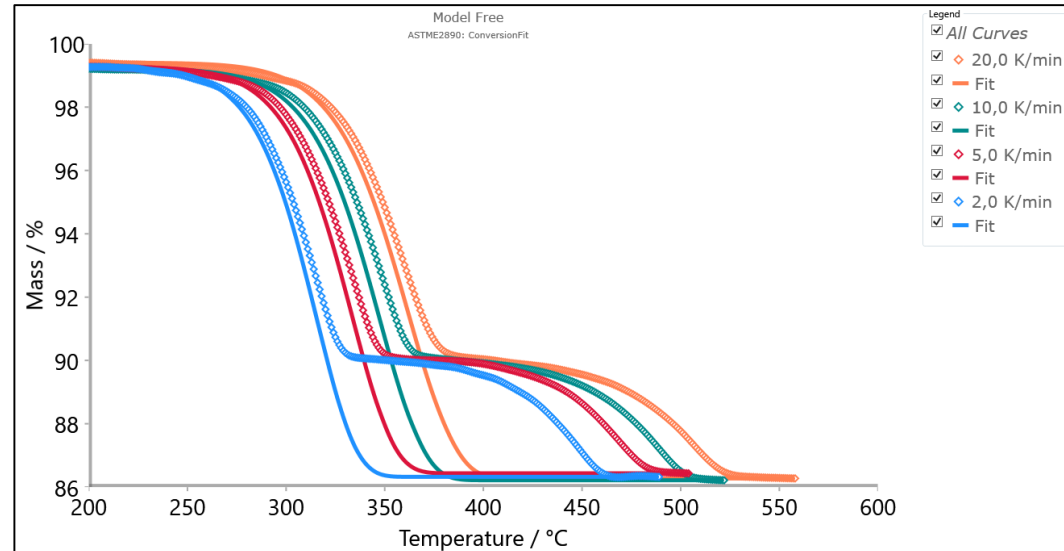
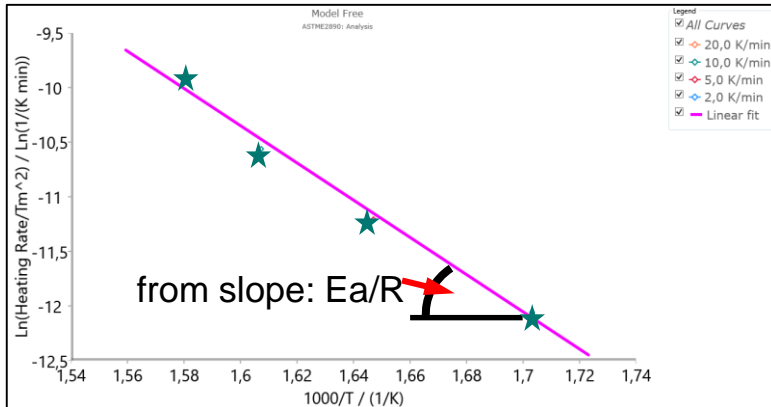


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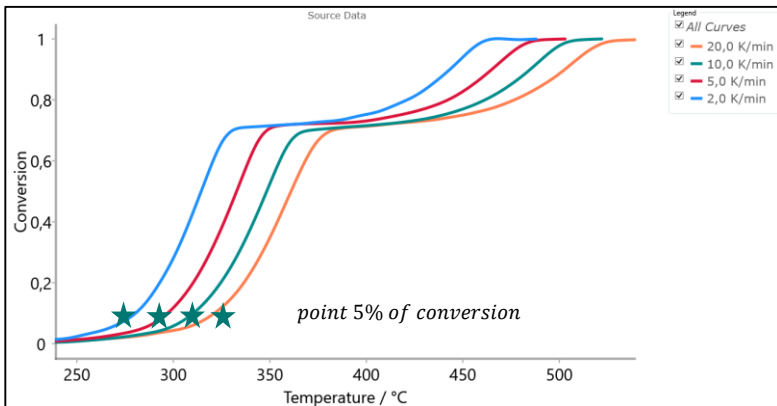
Derivative at maximum point=0

$$\ln \frac{\beta}{T^2} = \ln \frac{AR}{E} \frac{df(\alpha)}{d\alpha} - \frac{E(\alpha)}{RT}$$

intersect slope



ASTM E1641 (Ozawa method for 5% of conversion)



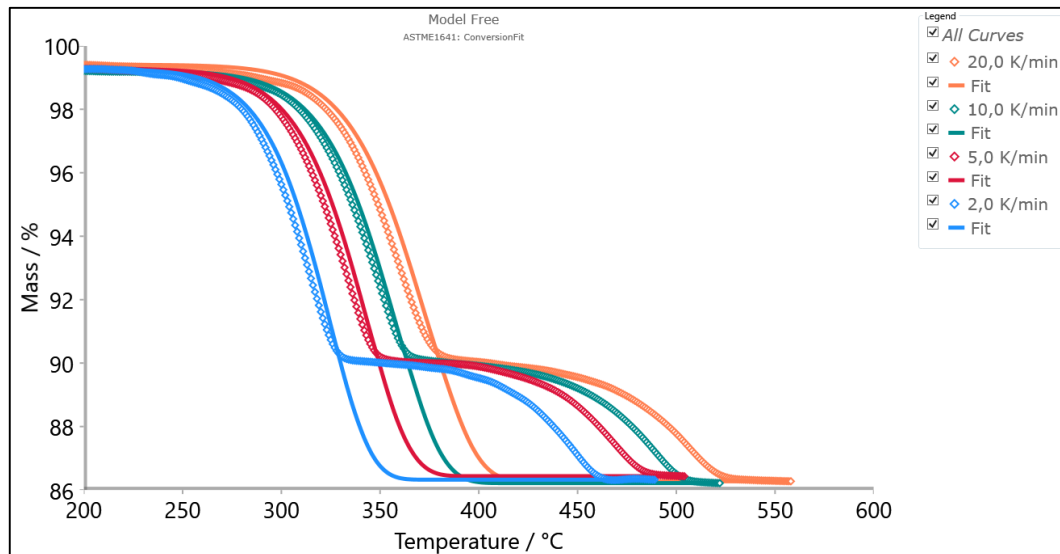
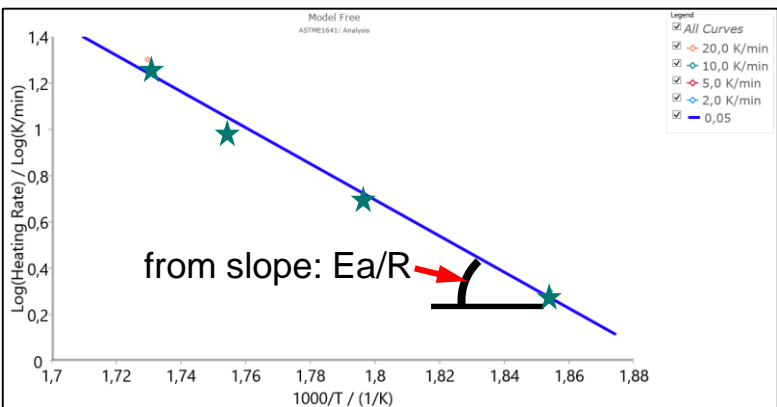
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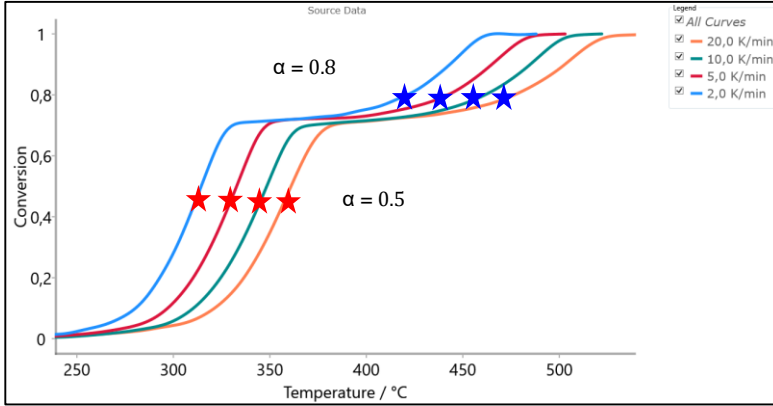
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$$\ln \beta = \ln\left(\frac{AE}{R}\right) - \ln G(x) - 5.3305 + 1.052 \frac{E}{RT}$$

intersect slope



Ozawa-Flynn-Wall (1965, 1966) with Doyle Approximation (1962)



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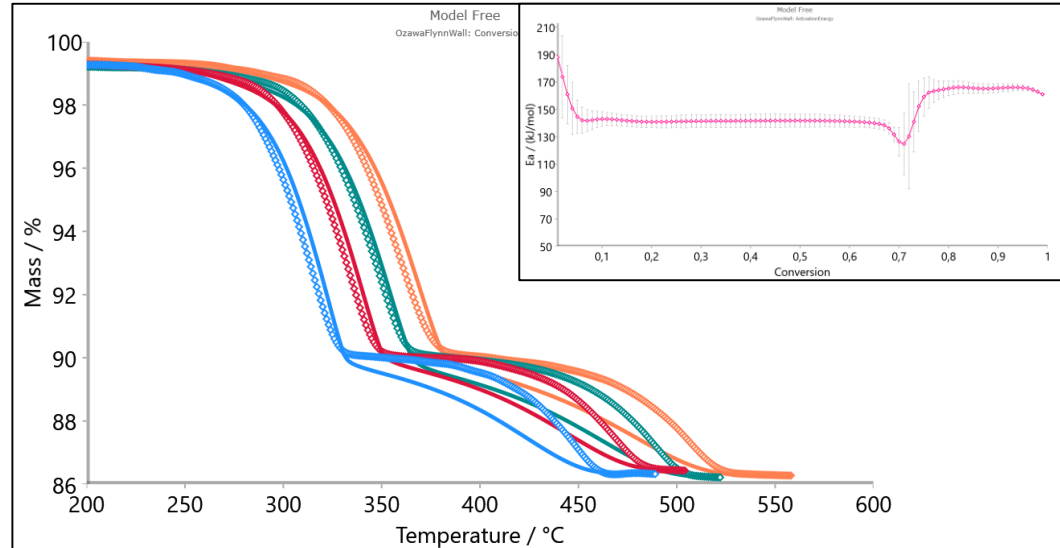
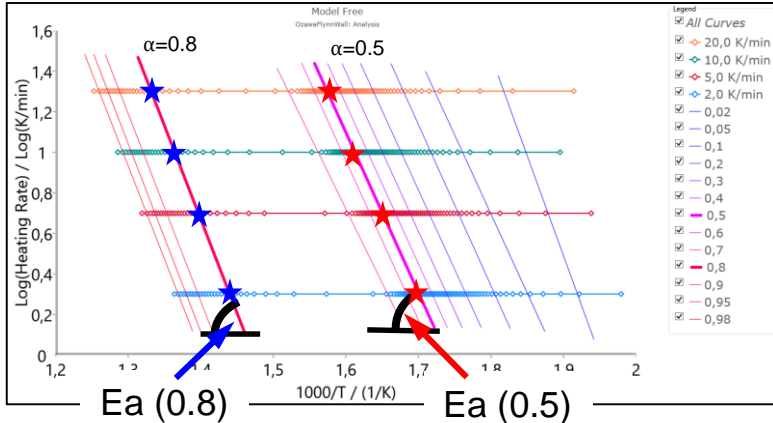
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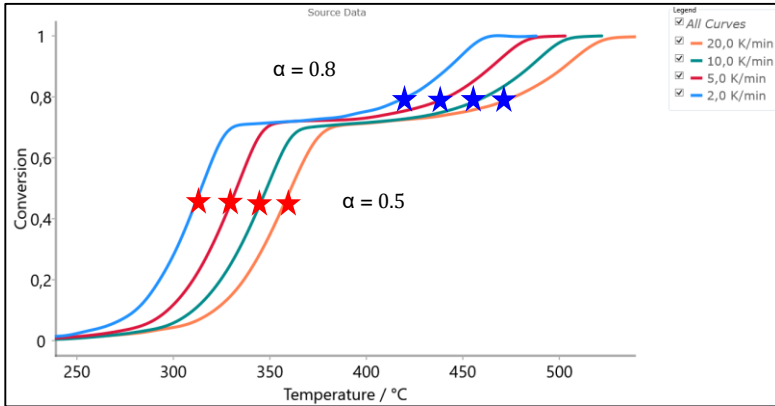
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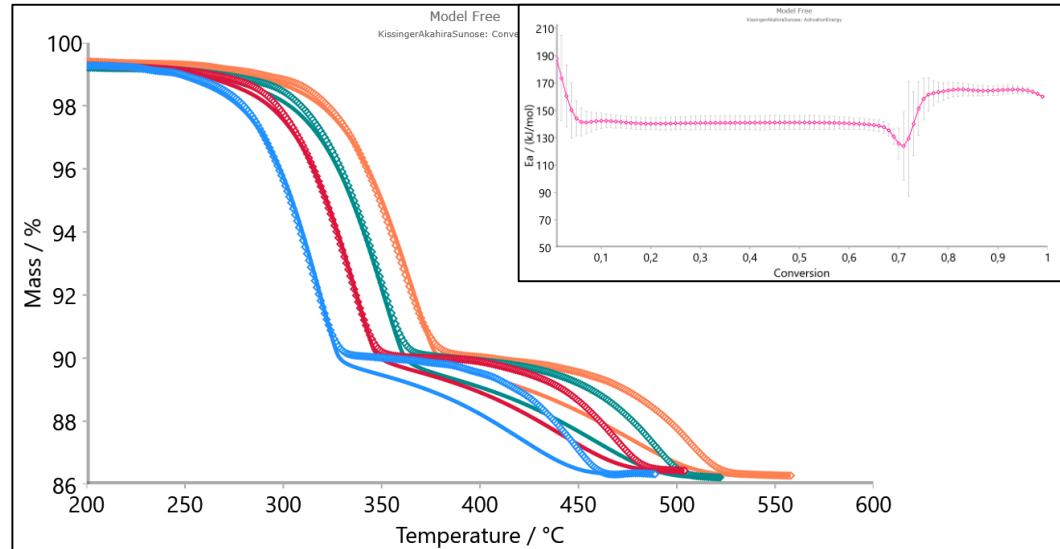
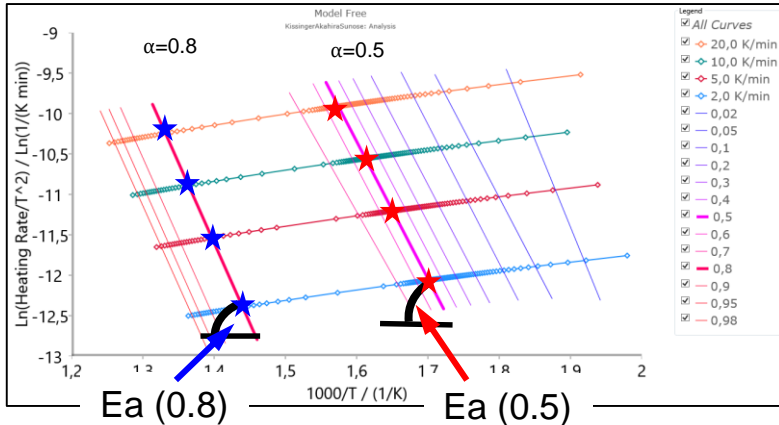
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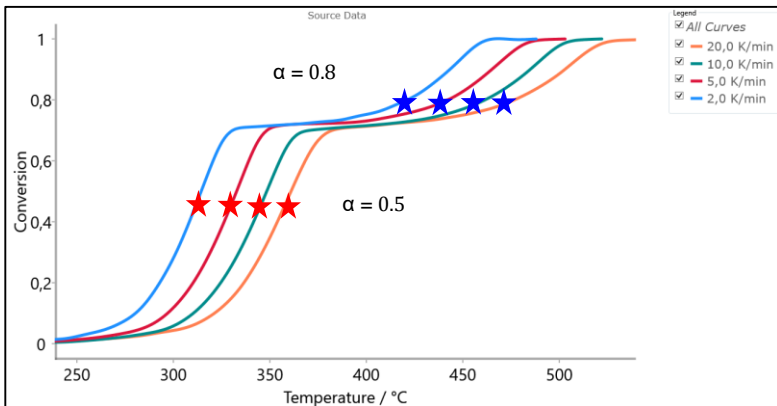
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Take Integral,
create series,
take logarithm

$$\ln\left(\frac{\beta}{T^2}\right) = \ln[A(\alpha)] - \ln \int_0^\alpha \frac{d\alpha}{f(\alpha)} + \ln\left(\frac{R}{E}\right) - \frac{E}{RT}$$

intercept slope





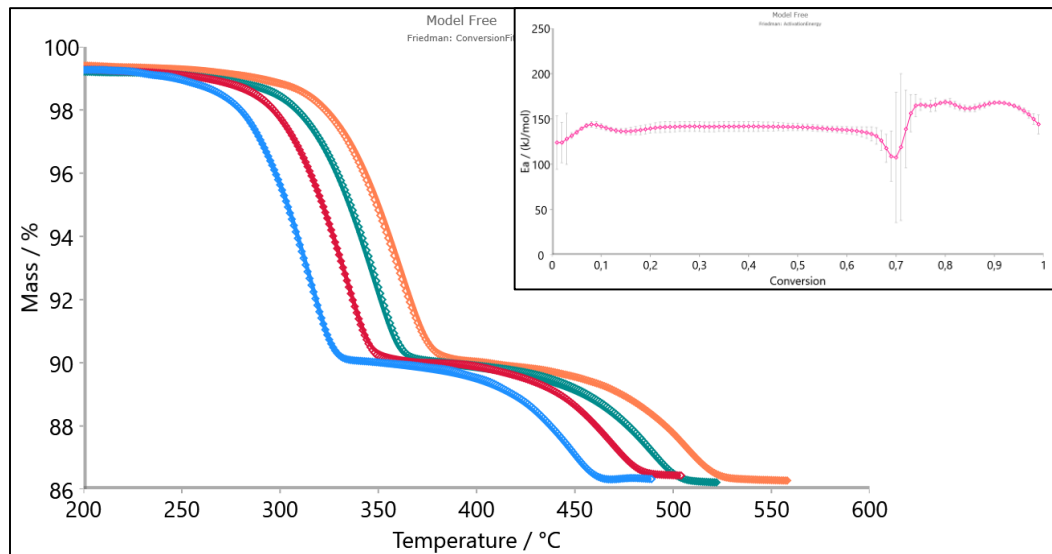
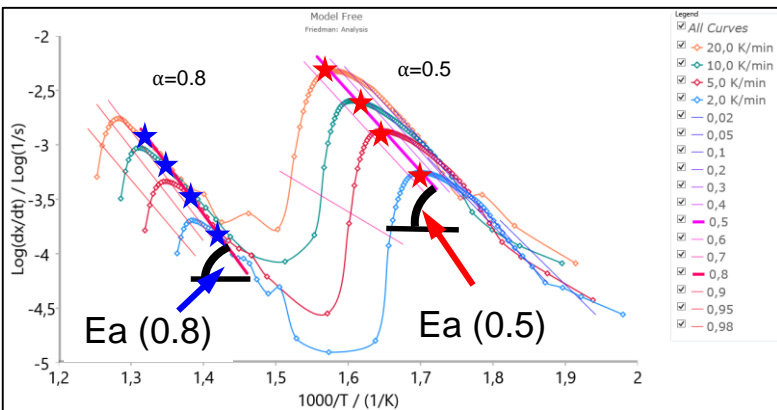
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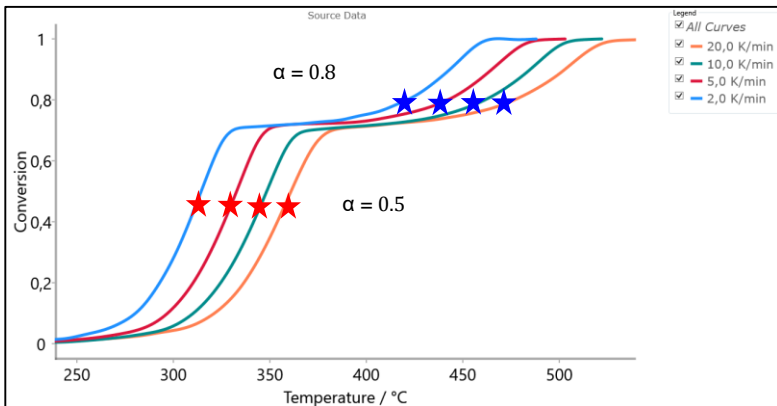
Take logarithm

$$\ln\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)_{x=\alpha_i} = \ln(A \cdot f(x)) + \frac{E}{R} \cdot \frac{1}{T}$$

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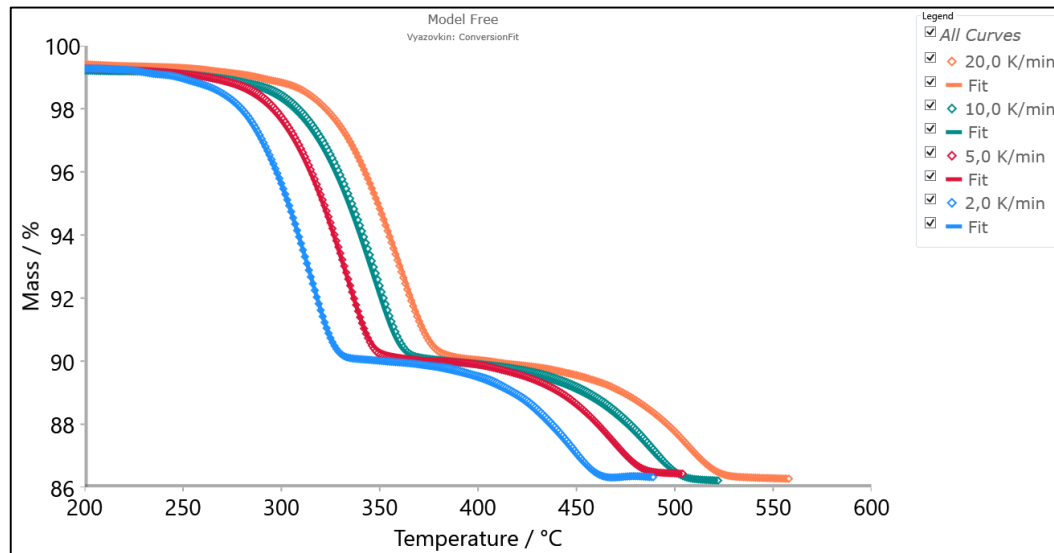
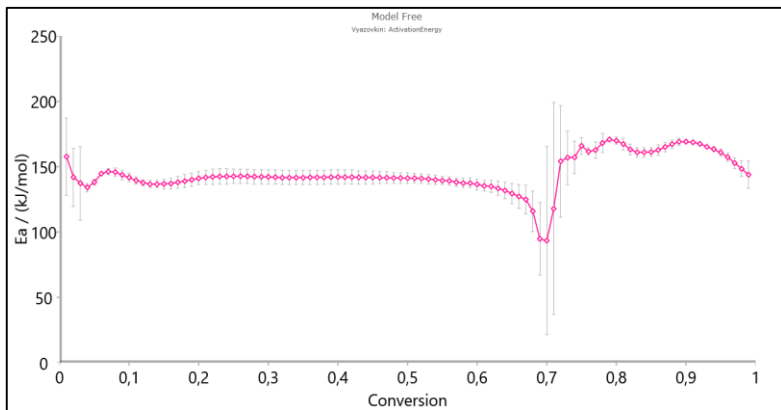


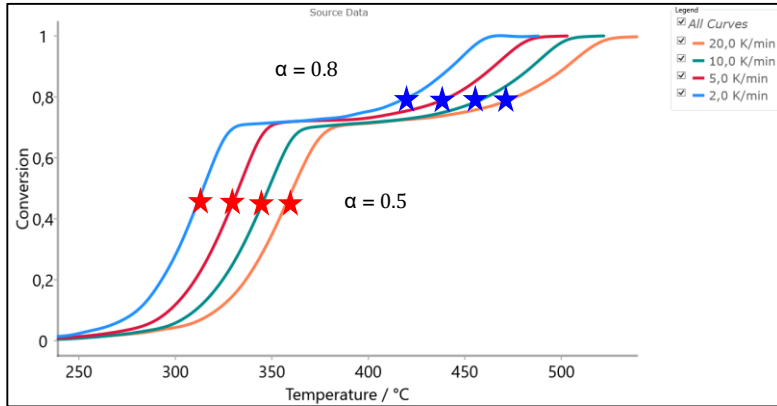


$$\frac{d\alpha}{dt} = A \cdot f(\alpha) \cdot \exp\left(\frac{-Ea}{RT}\right)$$

Find minimum of function

$$\psi(\alpha_k) = \frac{\sum_i \int_{T_0}^{T_{ki}} \exp\left(\frac{-E(\alpha)}{RT}\right) dT}{\sum_j \int_{T_0}^{T_{kj}} \exp\left(\frac{-E(\alpha)}{RT}\right) dT}$$

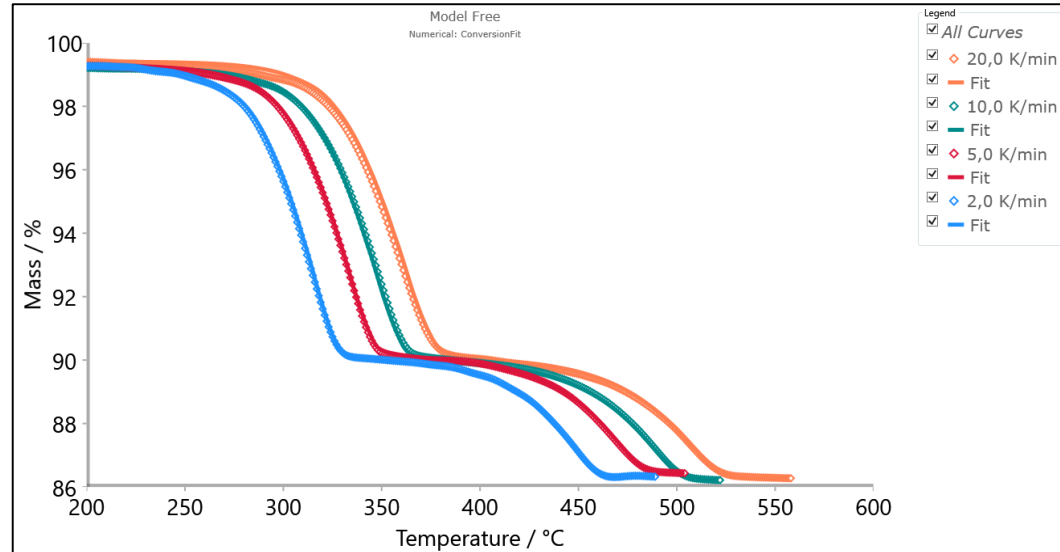
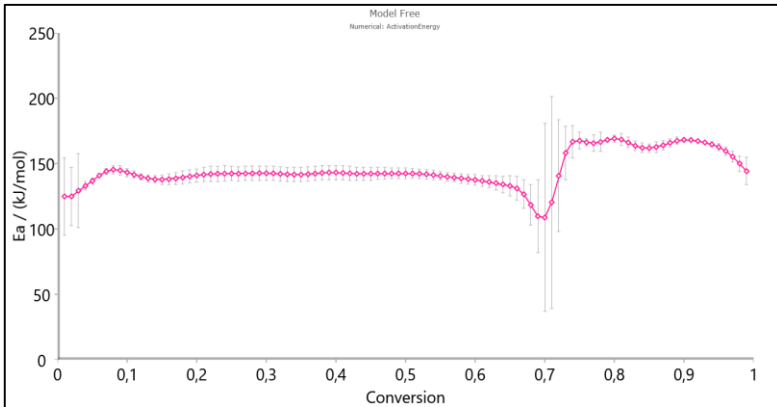




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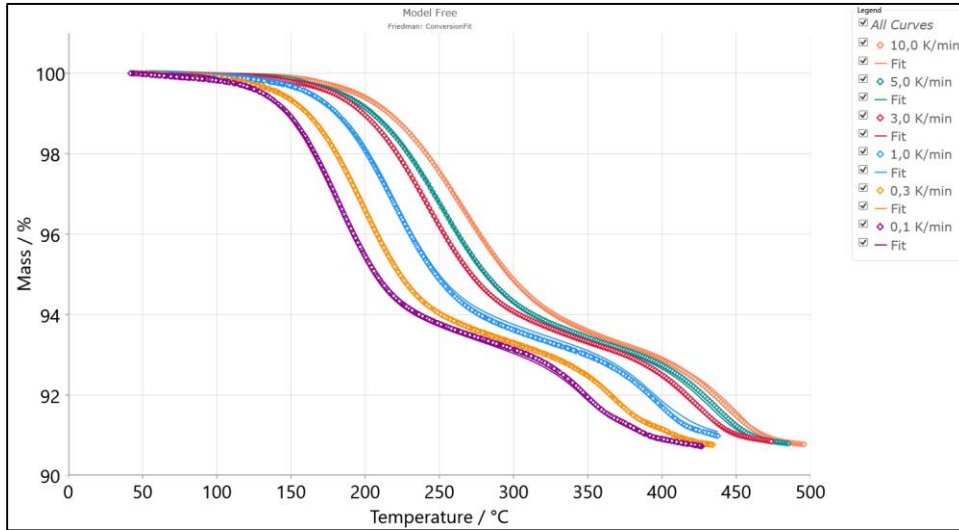
Find minimum of function

$$\psi = \sum_{\text{curves}} \sum_{\text{points}} (\alpha_i^{\text{calc}} - \alpha_i^{\text{exp}})^2$$



Method/Model	Fit To	R ²	Sum of dev. squares	Mean Residual	Students coef. 95%	F-Test	Degree of Freedom		
Numerical	Signal	0,99984	9,782	0,063	1,962	1,000	1075	×	
Vyazovkin	Signal	0,99980	11,957	0,073	1,962	1,222	1075	×	
Friedman	Signal	0,99977	14,122	0,083	1,962	1,444	1075	×	
OzawaFlynnWall	Signal	0,99081	552,587	0,471	1,962	56,488	1075	×	
KissingerAkahiraSunose	Signal	0,99006	596,912	0,467	1,962	61,019	1075	×	
ASTME1641	Signal	0,92794	4194,172	1,219	1,962	362,628	1271	×	
ASTME2890	Signal	0,91803	4746,057	1,294	1,962	410,344	1271	×	
ASTME698	Signal	0,91783	4757,105	1,297	1,962	411,300	1271	×	
ASTME2070	Signal	0,78944	11374,434	1,934	1,962	1162,740	1075	×	

Model-free method (Friedman analysis) is applicable *if conditions are met*



1. Measurements are done for the whole reaction until its end
2. Total effect (total mass loss or total peak area) is the same for all curves
3. There is no reaction steps of different directions
4. Changes of mechanism should be at the same conversion value

~~Mixtures~~

~~Competing steps~~

~~Curing with diffusion control~~

~~Non-isothermal crystallization~~

~~Information about intermediate reactants~~

~~Information about individual reaction steps~~

We recommend to use model-free methods:

1. Friedman
2. Vyazovkin
3. Numerical

The same effect for all curves

Mechanism changes at the same conversion



2.2. Model-based Kinetic Methods

Kinetic Analysis

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

Arrhenius only

Model-free

Model-based

Arrhenius or non-Arrhenius

Single-point

OIT,
OOT,
DMA Rupture

Multi-point

~~Mixtures~~
~~Competing steps~~
~~Curing with diffusion control~~
~~Non-isothermal crystallization~~
~~Intermediate reactants~~
~~Individual reaction steps~~

The same effect for all curves
Mechanism changes
at the same conversion

Mixtures
Competing steps
Curing with diffusion control
Non-isothermal crystallization

Different effect for different curves
Mechanism changes
at any conversion

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-based approach requires selection

Multi-step model (connection of steps)

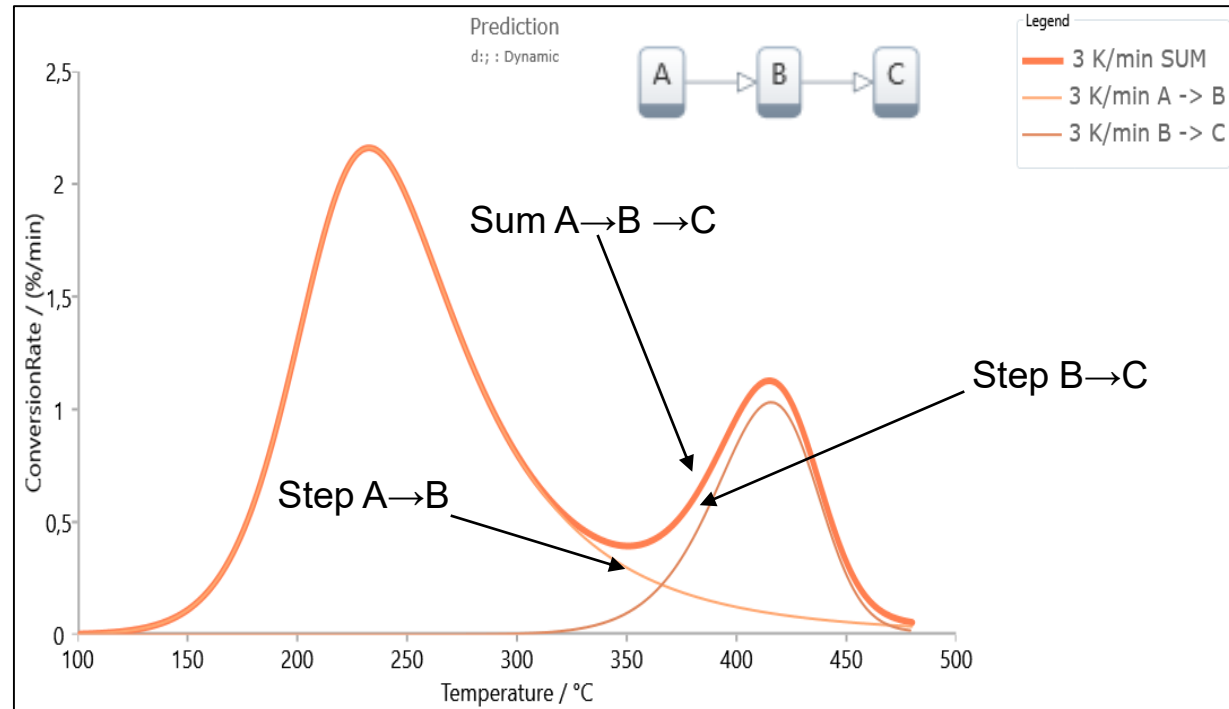
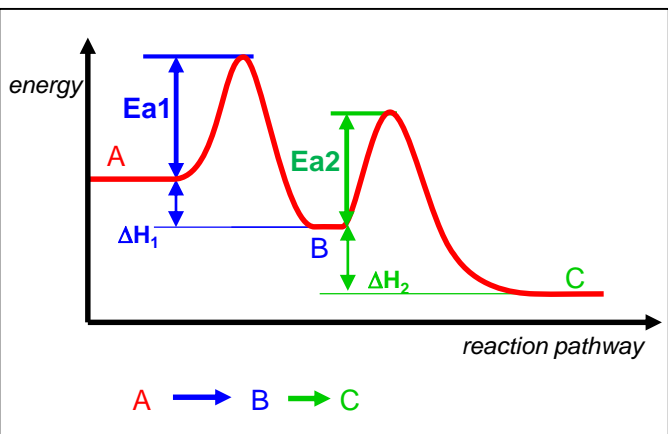
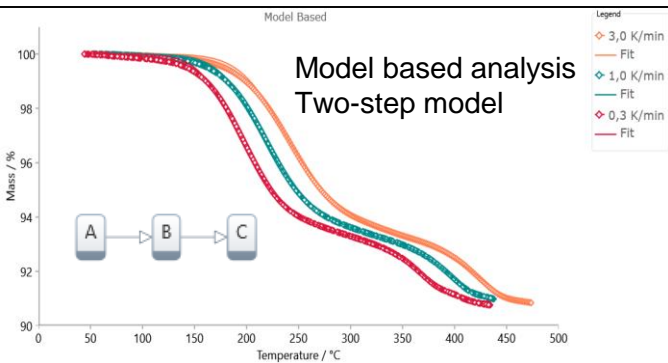
independent
consecutive
competing

Reaction type for each step (f(α))

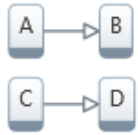
n-th order
autocatalysis
nucleation
Diffusion control

Temperature type for each step (K(T))

Arrhenius
Hofmann-Lauritzen



Multi-step model-fitting: connection between steps



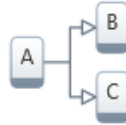
Independent

Mixture of non-interacting components



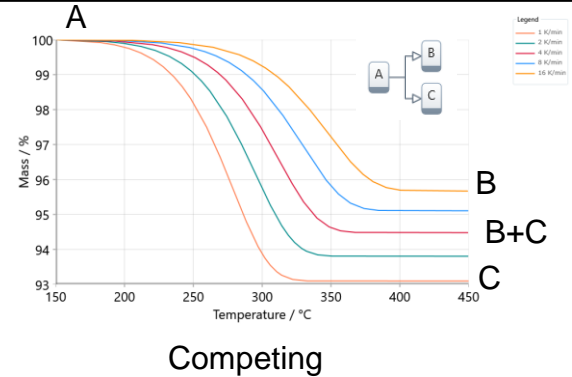
Consecutive

Reaction in the single component



Competing

Product depends on heating rate



Independent: reactant and product are not involved in other steps

Consecutive: product of one step is a reactant of another step

Competing: involve the same reactant



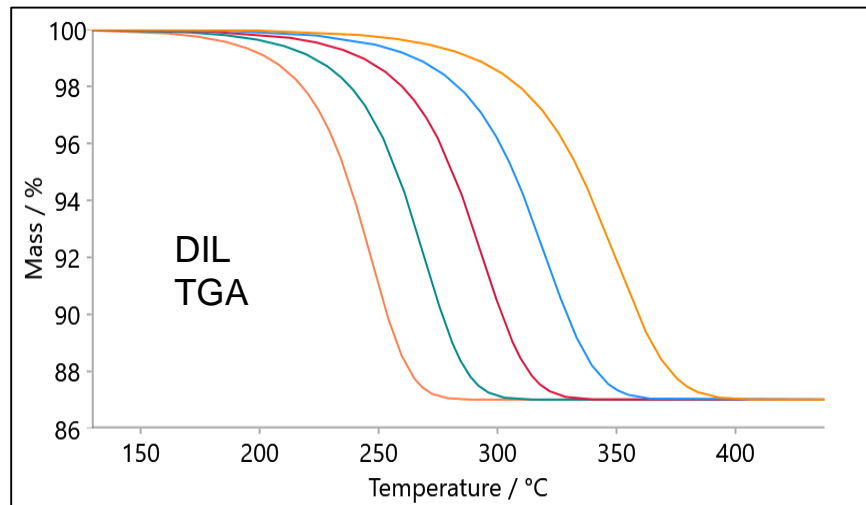
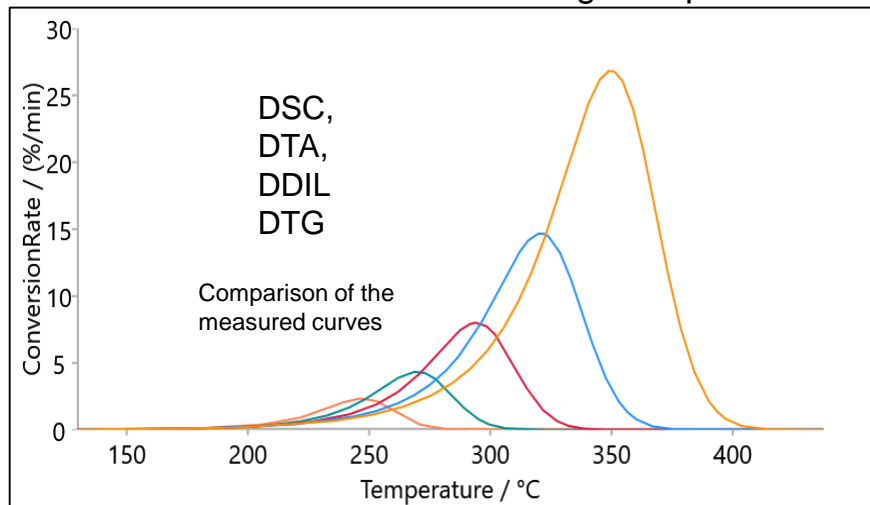
2.2. Model-based Kinetic Methods

2.2.1 Selection number of steps

2.2.2 Are there competing steps?

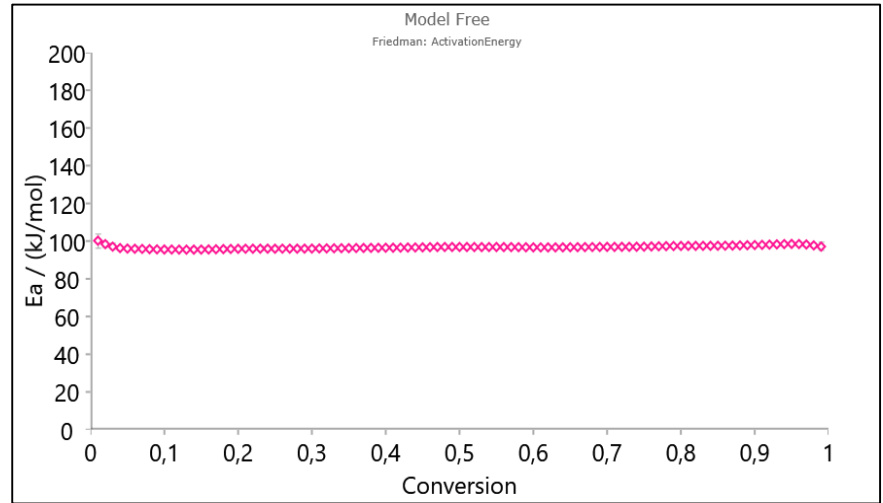
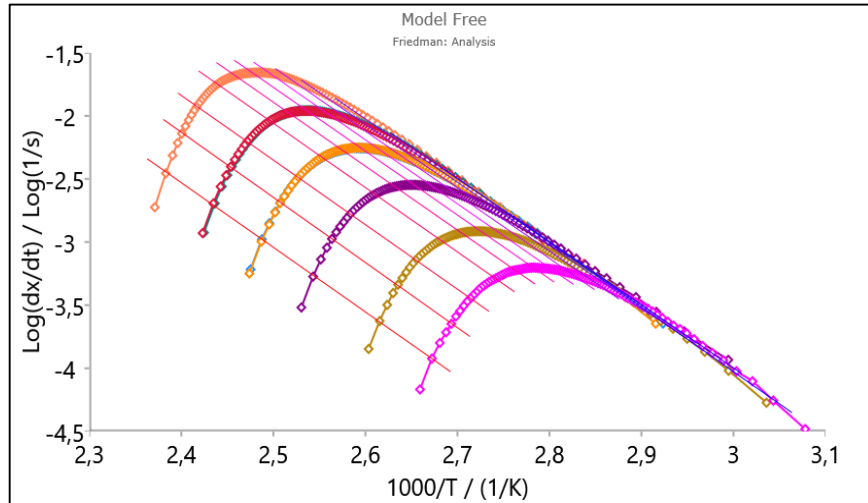
2.2.3 Reaction type for individual steps

Characteristic for single-step reactions:



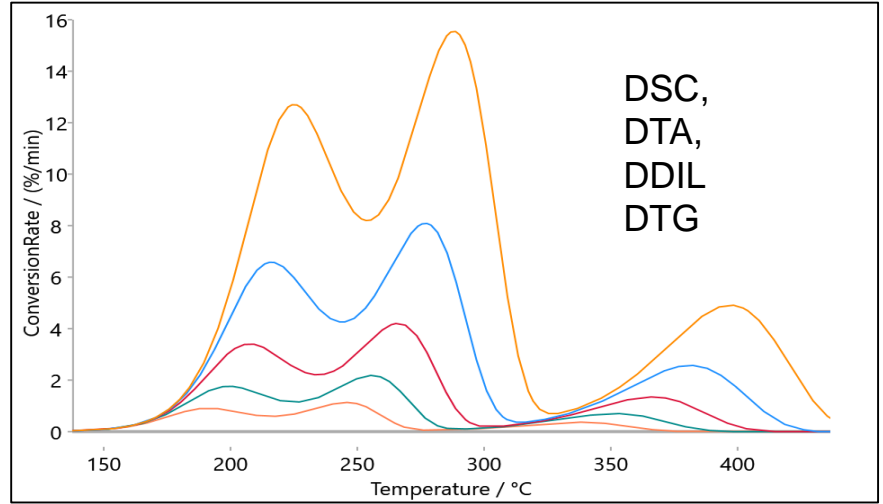
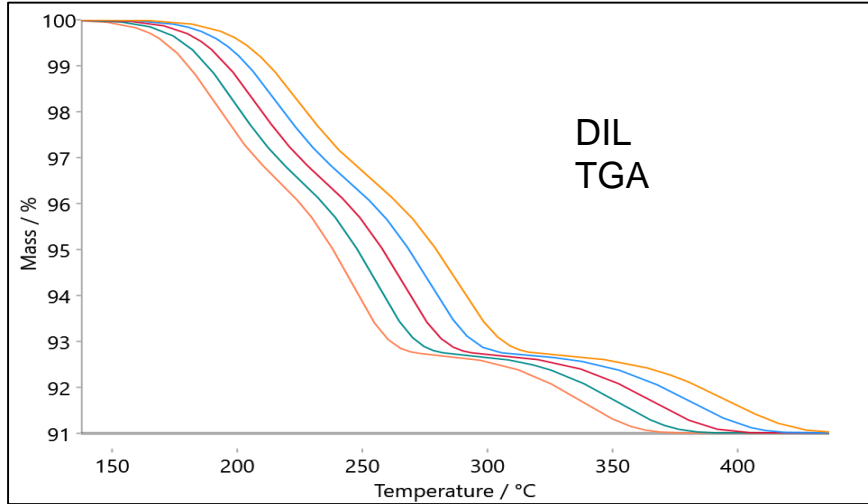
One effect (peak, step, etc.) per measurement and/or the peak area, the mass loss or the length change (DIL) is independent from the heating rate.

Characteristic for single-step reactions:

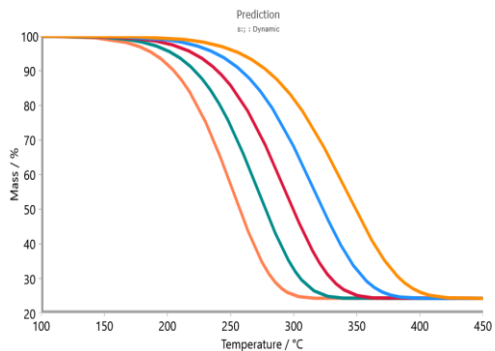


In the Friedman-Energy plot, the activation energy is constant

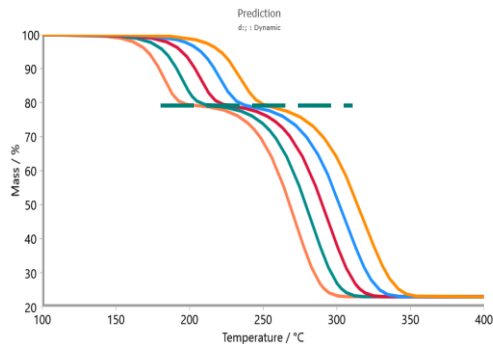
Characteristic for multi-step reactions (1):



Several effects per measurement



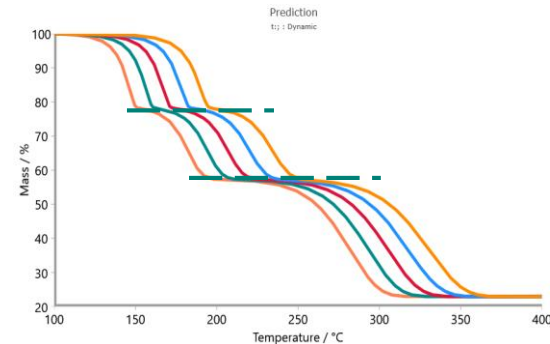
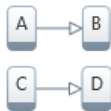
Single-step reaction



Decomposition of one component



Decomposition of mixture of two independent components



One component



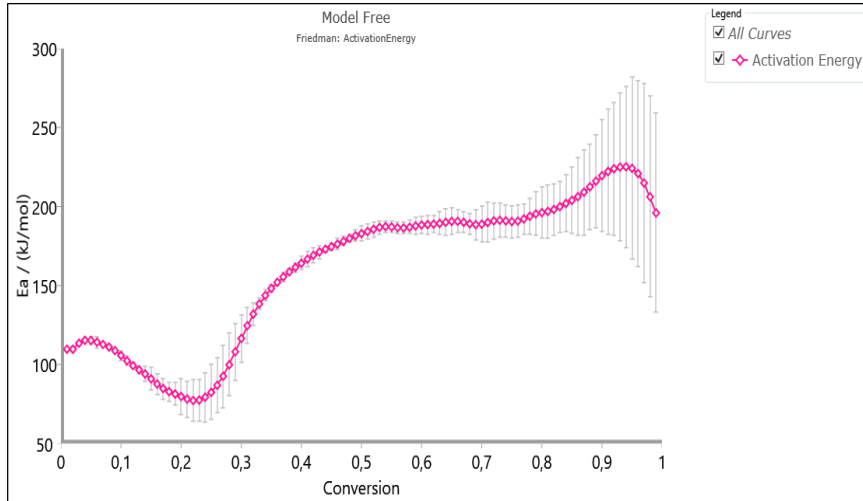
Mixture of two independent components



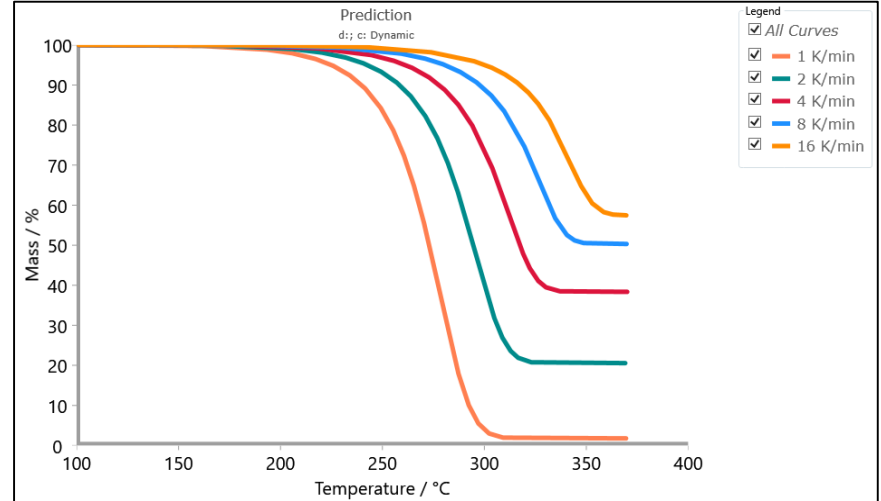
Mixture of three components



Characteristic for multi-step reactions (2):

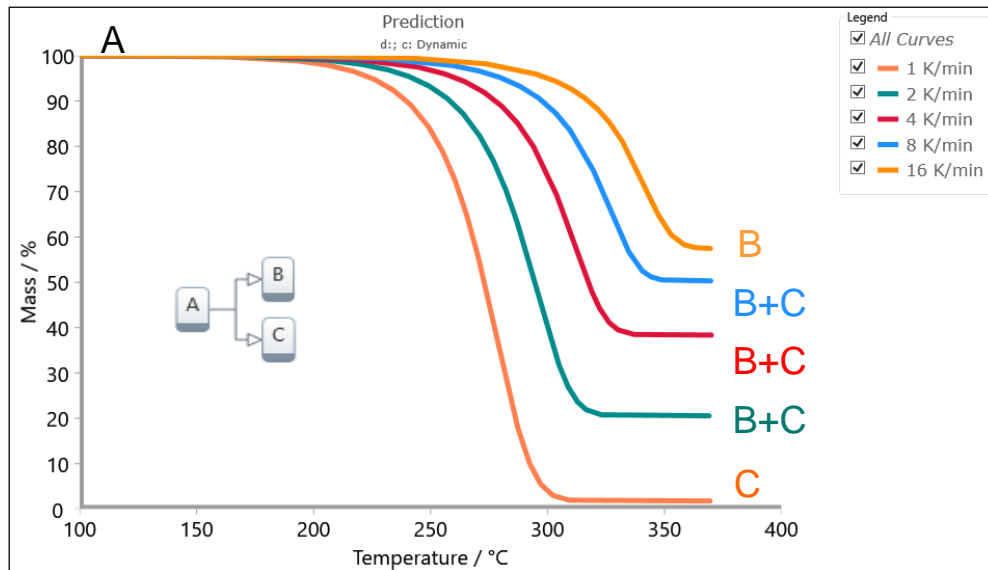


The activation energy in the Friedman-Energy plot is not constant (difference more than 20%)

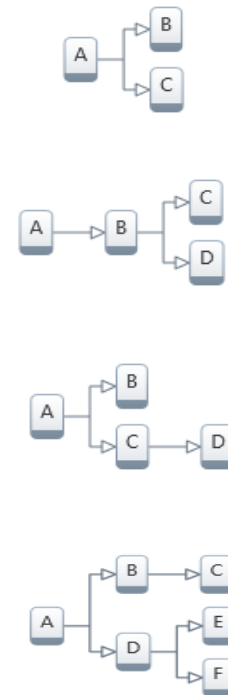


The peak area, mass loss or length change are dependent on the heating rate

Are Competing Reactions Involved?

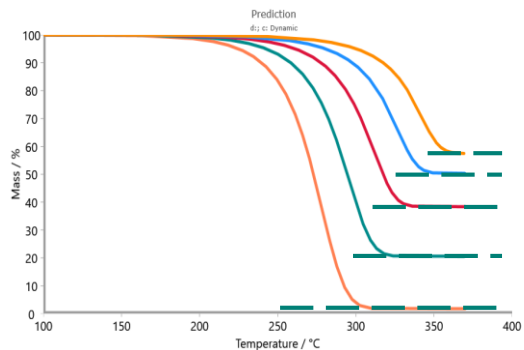


Competing reactions

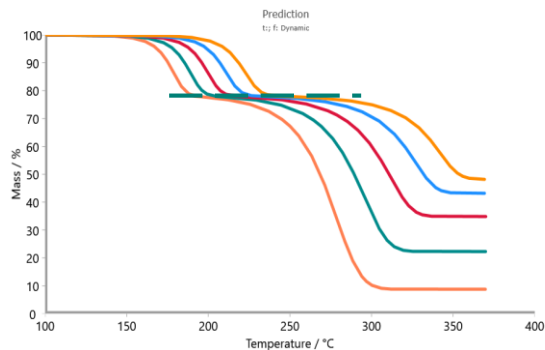
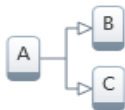


If the peak area, the mass loss or the length change are dependent on the heating rate, a reaction branching occurs.

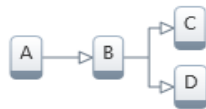
Each branching shows only one peak in the corresponding DSC (DTA, DDIL, DTGA) curve.



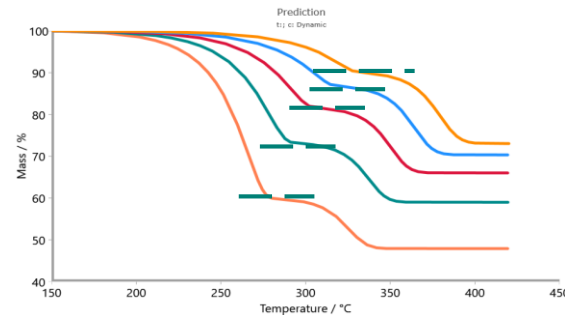
Final material is the mixture of two products



Decomposition of one component



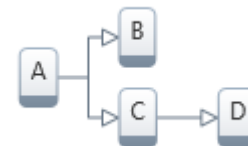
Decomposition of mixture of two independent components



Decomposition of one component

The first step is competing with two products

Then one of products decomposes again

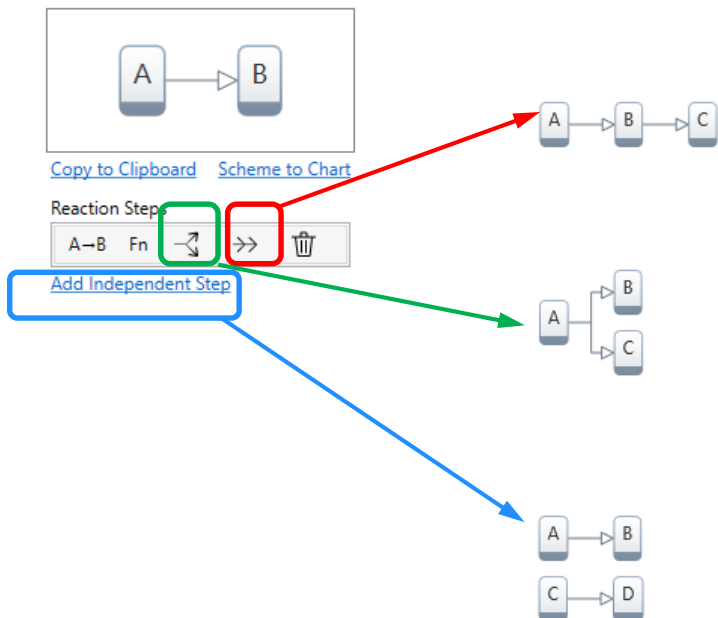


How many steps do we really need in the model?

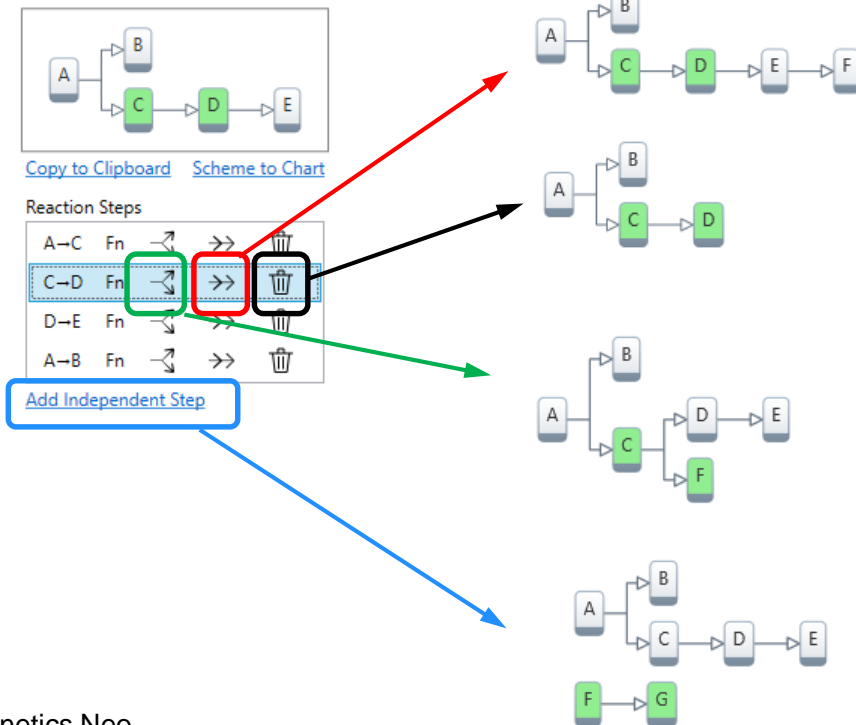
1. The number of steps must correspond to the number of visible peaks/shoulders
2. The additional competing steps may be inserted if the total effect depends on heating rate
3. The model with n+1 steps must be compared with the model with n steps according to F-Test

Method/Model	Fit To	R ²	Sum of dev. squares	Mean Residual	Students coef. 95%	F-Test	Degree of Freedom	
Numerical	Signal	0,99960	2,035	0,035	1,964	1,000	541	×
s;	Signal	0,99955	2,325	0,044	1,963	0,842	734	×
Friedman	Signal	0,99923	3,921	0,052	1,964	1,927	541	×
KissingerAkahiraSunose	Signal	0,98024	100,227	0,217	1,964	49,259	541	×
OzawaFlynnWall	Signal	0,97675	117,695	0,242	1,964	57,844	541	×
ASTME1641	Signal	0,97151	143,843	0,263	1,963	51,895	737	×
ASTME2890	Signal	0,95555	222,630	0,443	1,963	80,319	737	×
ASTME698	Signal	0,94781	260,361	0,453	1,963	93,931	737	×

1. Current single step model:



2. Current multi-step model with selected step C-D



There is no limitations in number of steps or their connections in Kinetics Neo



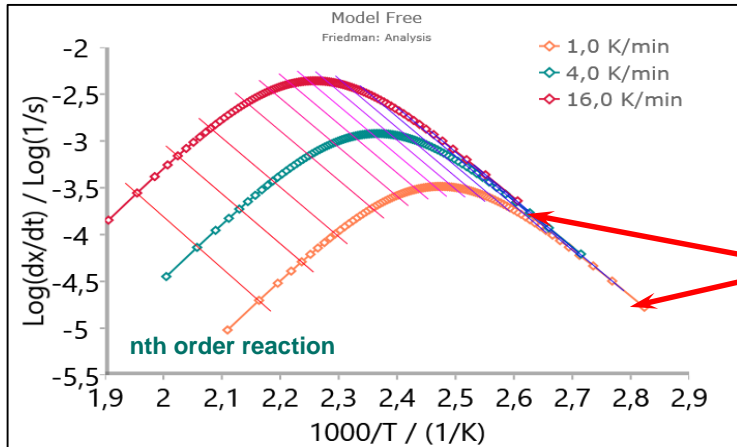
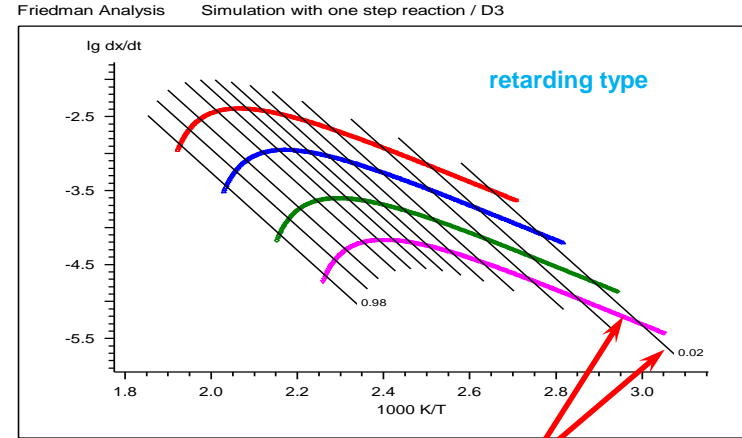
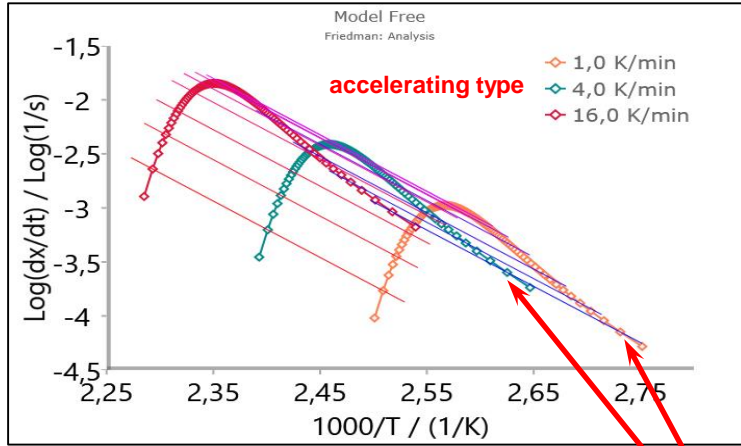
2.2. Model-based Kinetic Methods

2.2.1 Selection number of steps

2.2.2 Are there competing steps?

2.2.3 Reaction type for individual steps

Beginning of reaction from Friedman analysis



The slope of measured values at the start of the reaction is less than the iso conversion lines

The slope of measured values at the start of the reaction is steeper than the iso conversion lines

The slope of the measured values is the same as the slope of iso conversion lines

$$\ln \left(\frac{dx}{dt} \right)_{x=\alpha_i} = \ln A + \ln f(x) - \frac{E}{R} \cdot \frac{1}{T}$$

Reaction types: Decomposition

Arrhenius equation

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

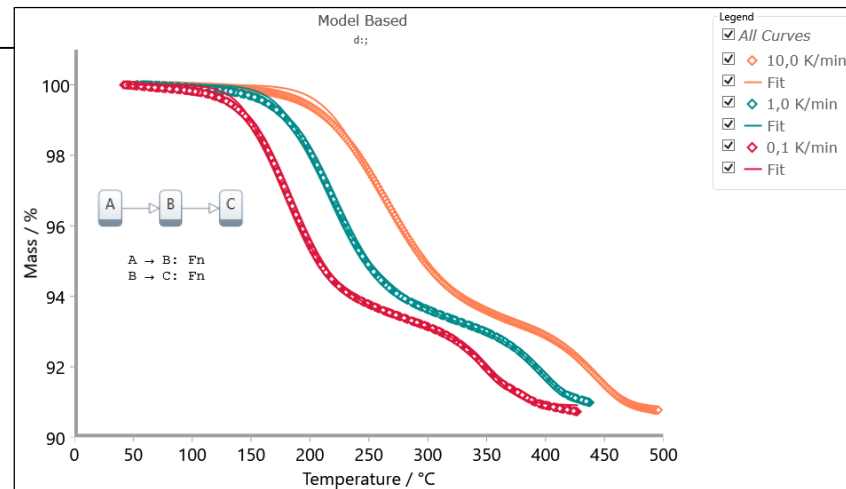
Reaction of **n-th order** is typical for decomposition

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

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: $n=2/3$



*Example: decomposition of polymer binder:
Two consecutive steps of n-th order reactions*

Recommended reaction types:

F_n: n-th order reaction

F1: first order

F2: Second order

R2: 2-dimensional phase-boundary

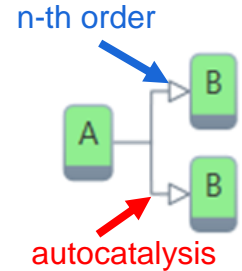
R3: 3-dimensional phase-boundary

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

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

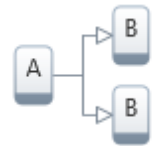
Curing can be described by the equation **Kamal-Sourour** for autocatalytic reaction:

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



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

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



C_n – reaction of the n^{th} order with autocatalysis of 1st order by product

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

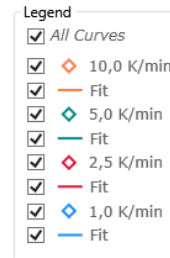
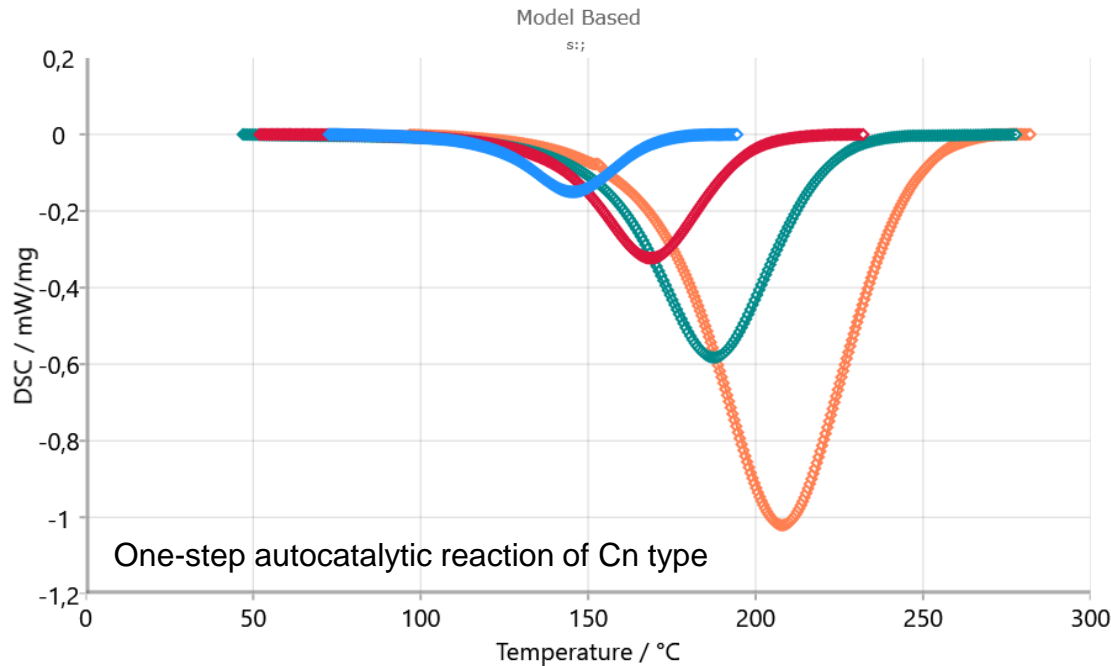
B_{na} – autocatalytical reacton of Prout-Tompkins

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



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)



Recommended autocatalytic
reaction types for curing:

- C1: 1st order reaction
with 1st order Autocatalysis
- Cn: nth order reaction
with 1st order Autocatalysis
- Cmn: nth order reaction
with mth order Autocatalysis
- KS: Kamal-Sourour

Rheology data: curing of epoxy system



Baseline

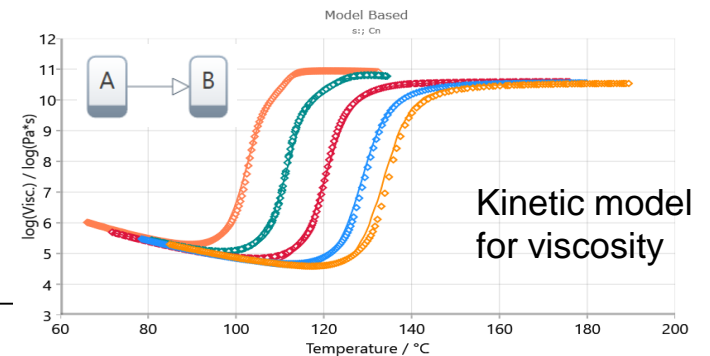
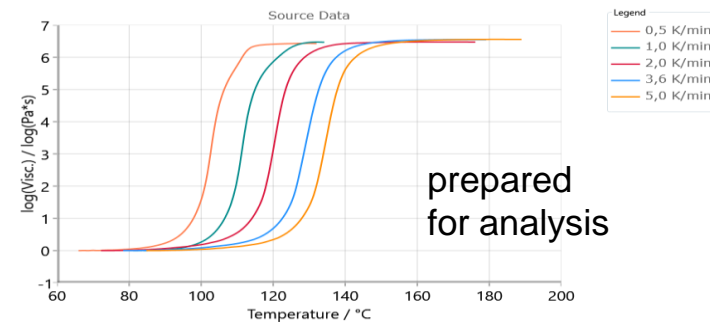
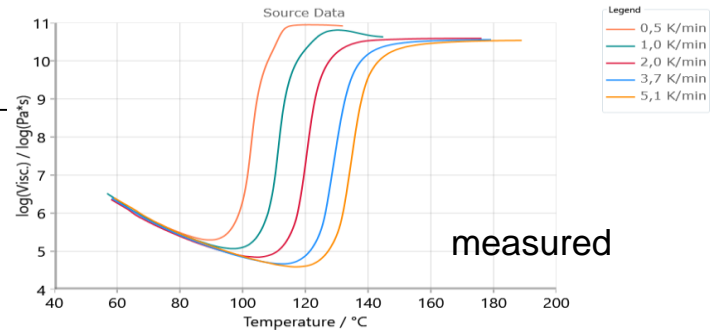
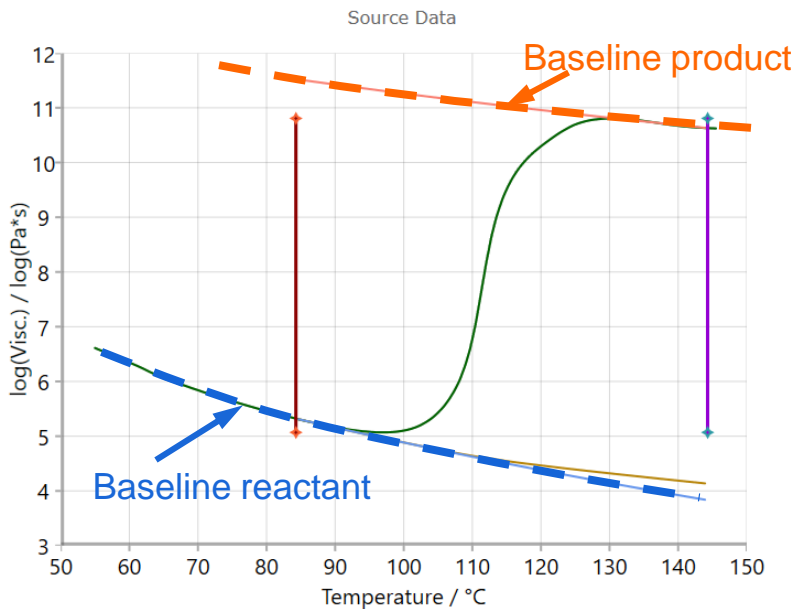
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- Left Tangential (Viscosity/Rheo)
- Right Tangential (Viscosity/Rheo)
- Tangential (Viscosity/Rheo)**

Show Additional Curve

- Temperature

Change of $\log(\text{Visc.})$: 6,497 $\log(\text{Pa}^*\text{s})$
Heating Rate: 1,0 K/min

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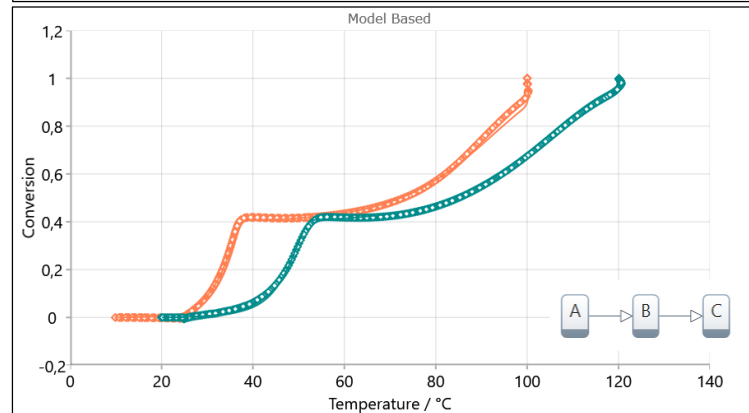
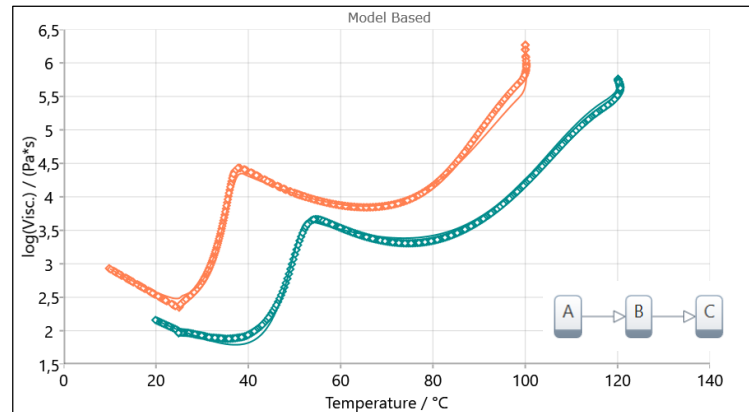
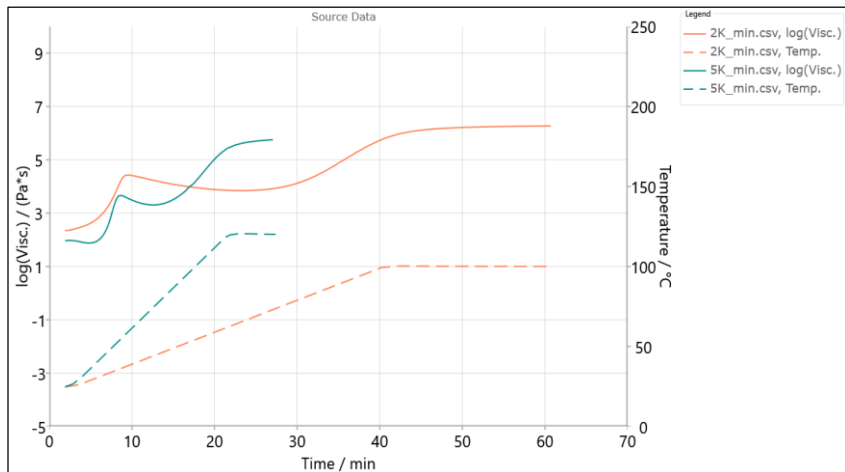
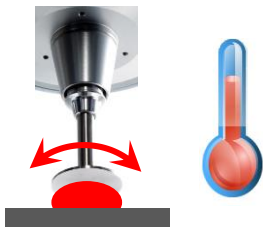


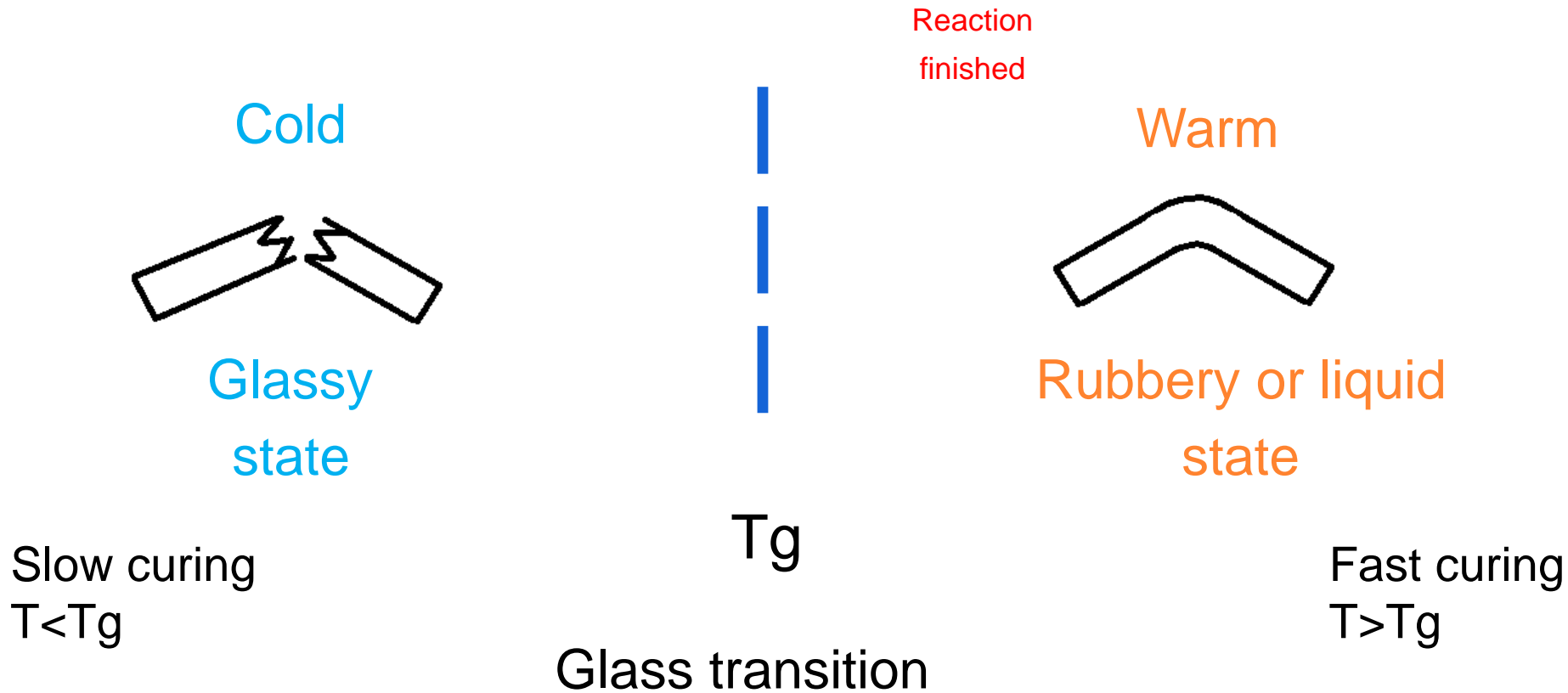
Tangential baseline for heating

ARALDITE, Rheometry measurements and kinetic model



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Glass Transition Temperature vs Conversion

Properties

Glass Transition Temperature

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

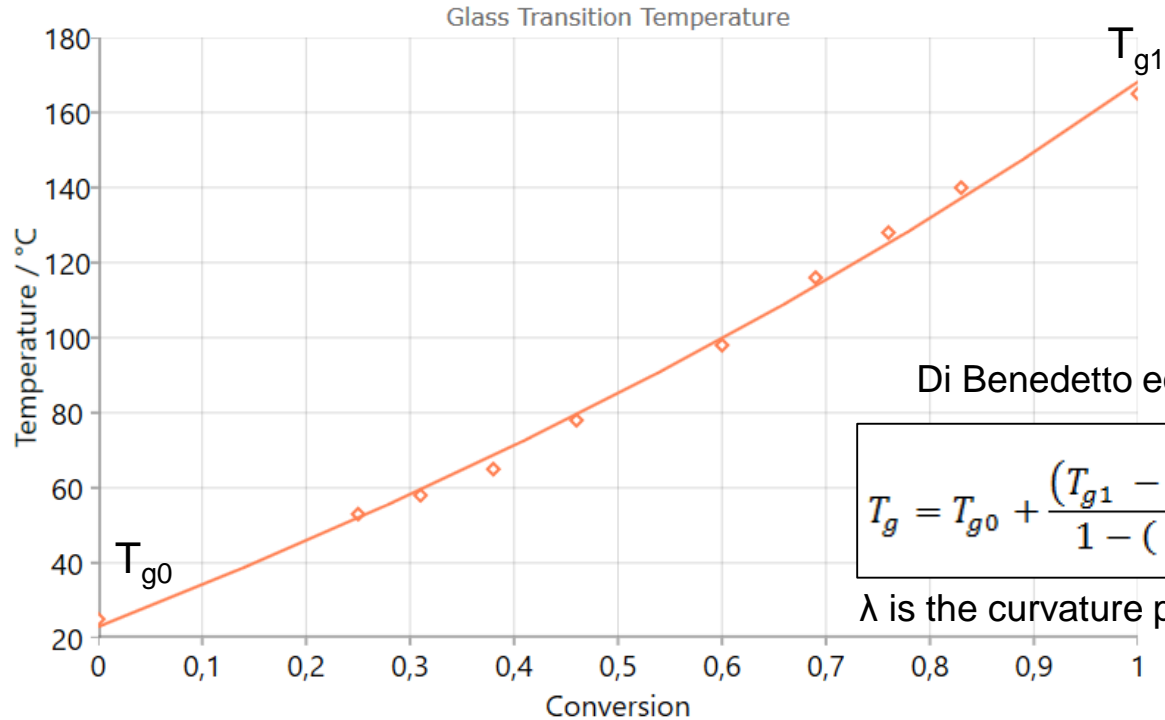
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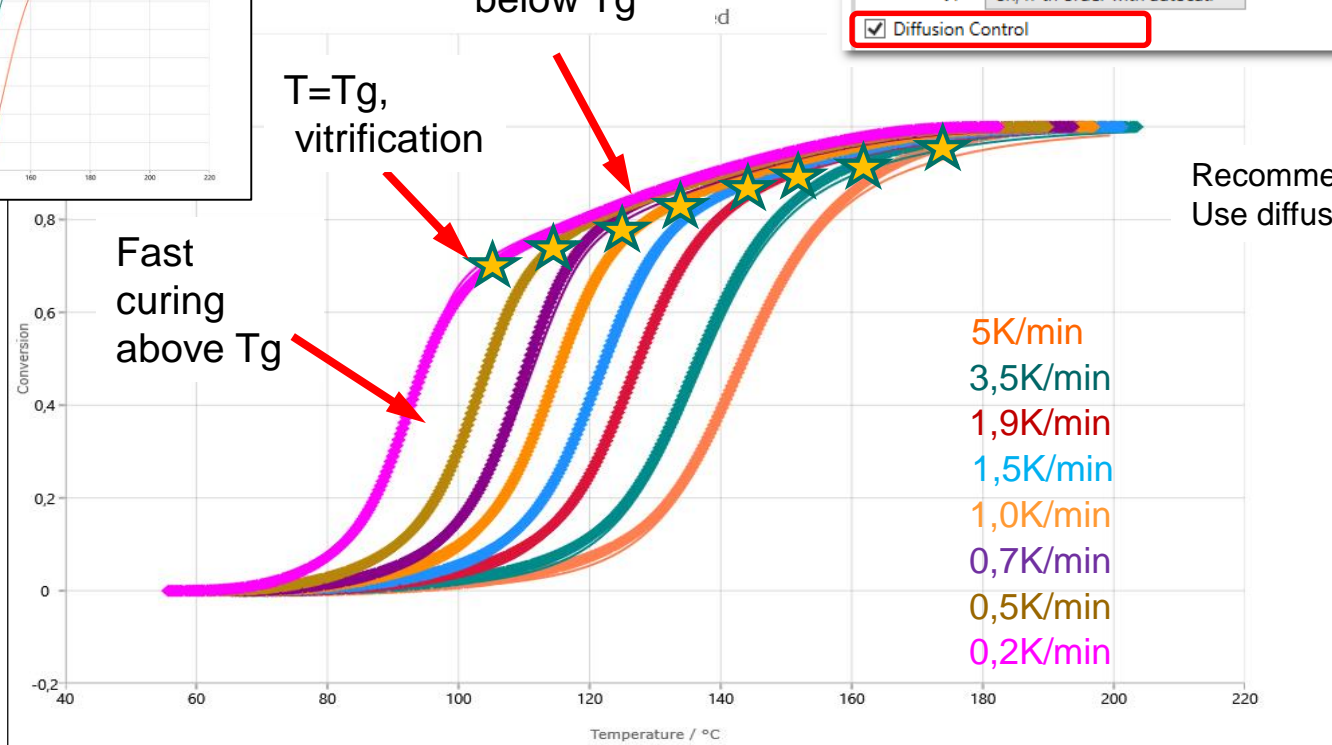
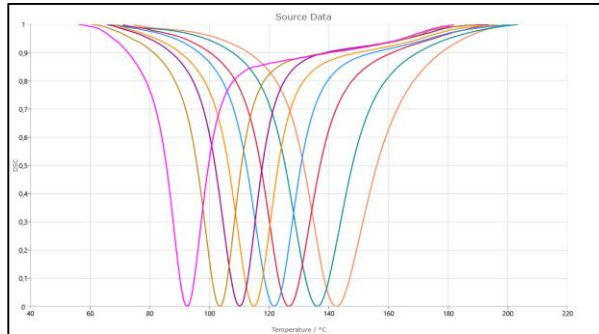
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Parameters:

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



Experiment and Model Fit for diffusion control



Reaction Steps

A-B Cn

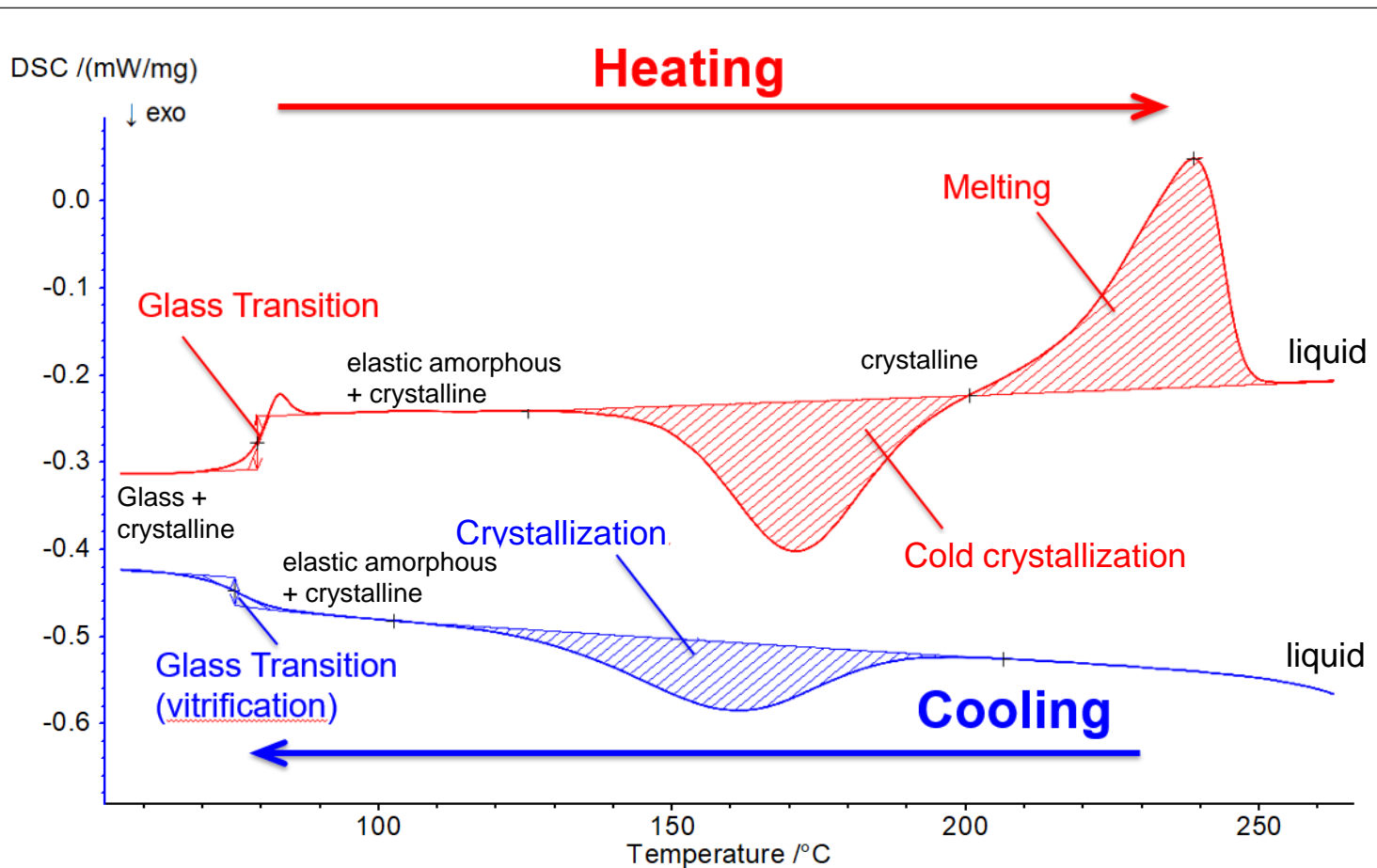
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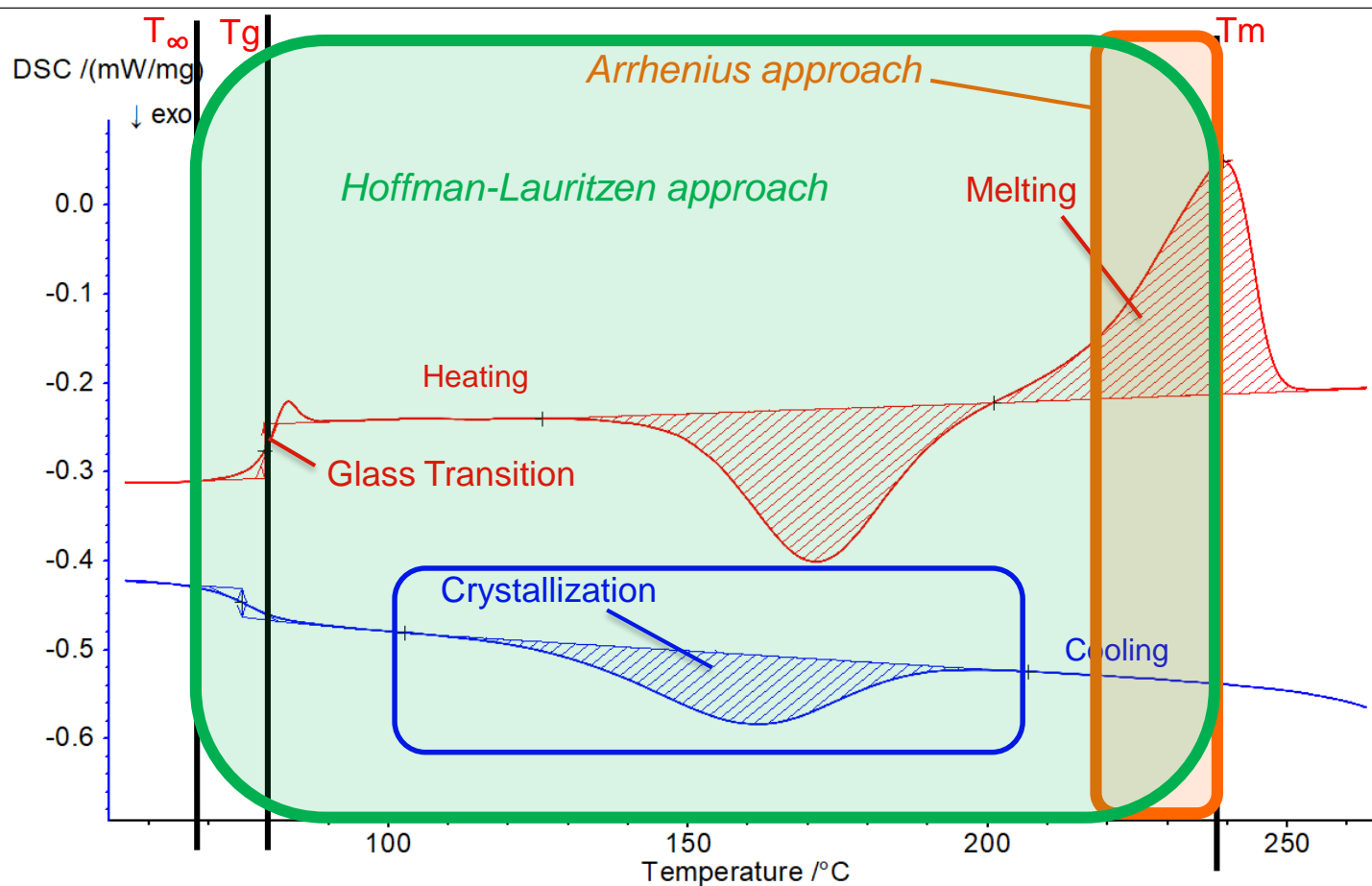
Step: A-B

Reaction Type: Cn, n-th order with autocat. ▾

Diffusion Control

Crystallization kinetics: Polymer for Heating and Cooling





Crystallization rate

Model based

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

Avrami nucleation

Sestak-Berggren

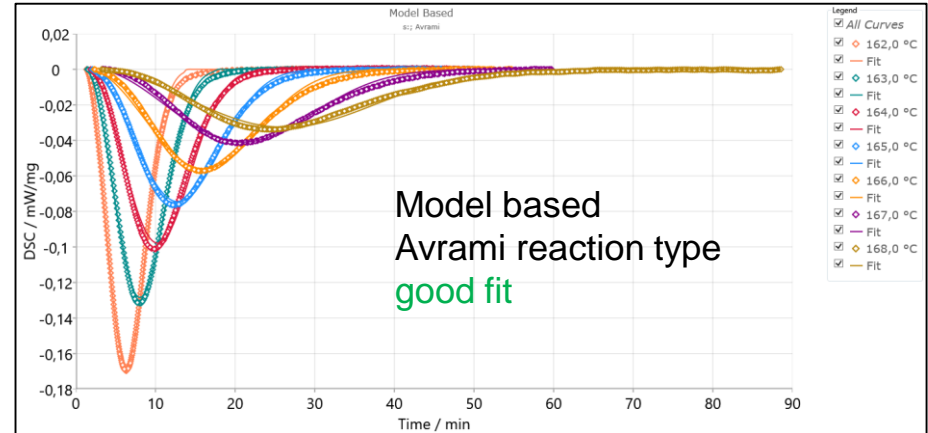
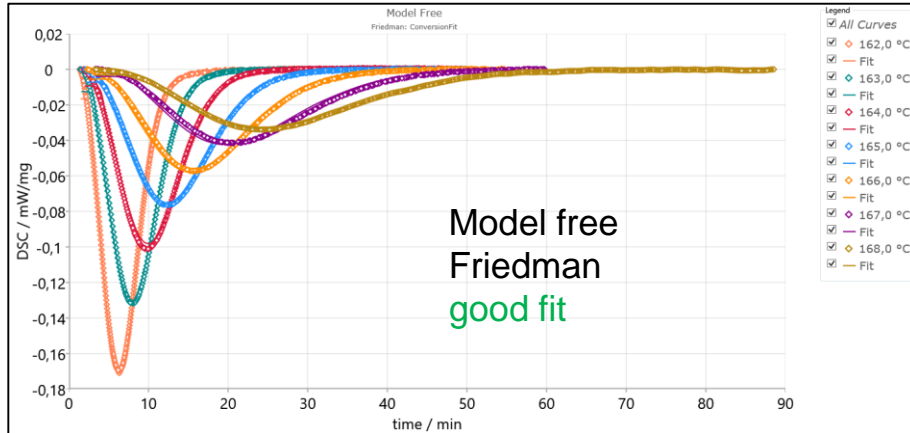
Arrhenius

Non-Arrhenius
Hoffman-Lauritzen Theory

Model free

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

Isothermal crystallization of PA12



Arrhenius approach works well for isothermal crystallization by using of model free (Friedman and Numerical) and for model based (Avrami and Sestak-Berggren)

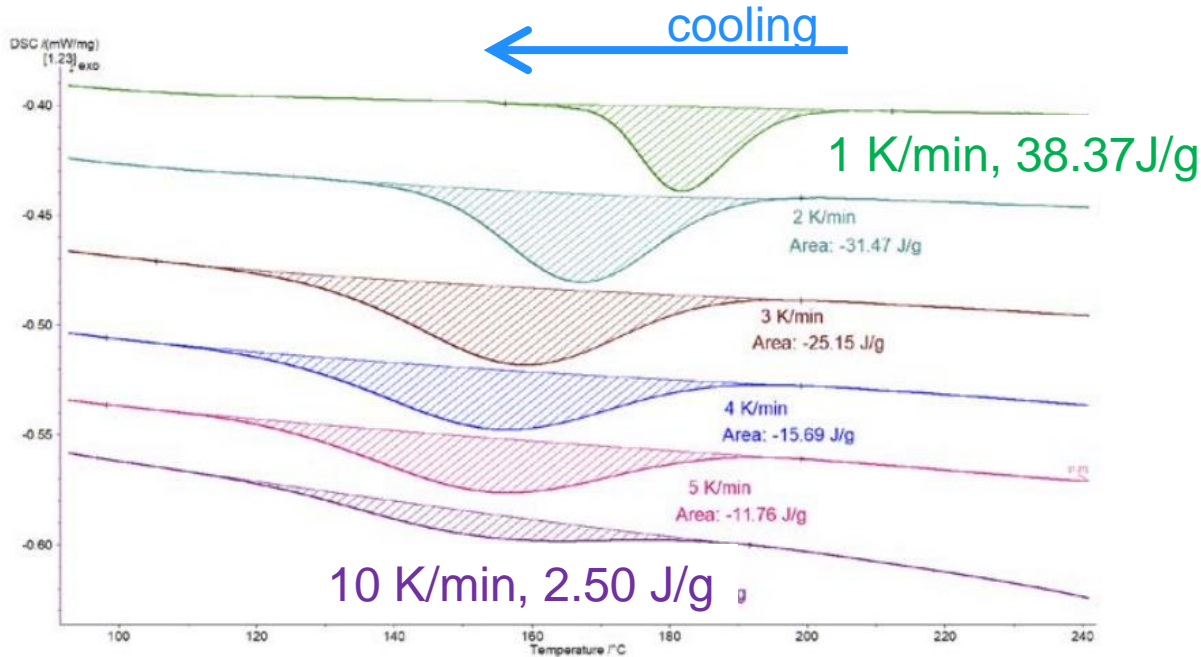
Apparent activation energy is negative. Here $E \approx -400\text{kJ/mol}$

Recommended reaction types for isothermal crystallization:

- An: Avrami crystallization
- SB: Sestak-Berggren reaction
- Nk: Nakamura crystallization
- SbC: Sbirrazzuoli crystallization

When model-free method is applicable?

Total effect (total mass loss or total peak area) must be the same for all curves



PET

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

Crystallization of PET during cooling

non-Arrhenius approach: Nakamura und Hoffman-Lauritzen

Avrami nucleation

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

Diffusion term

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

No viscose flow below Tg

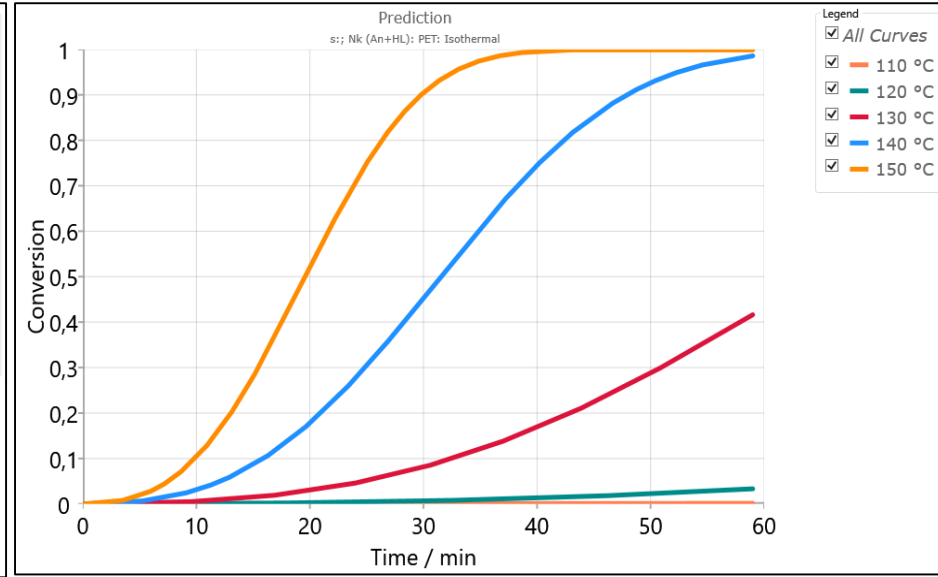
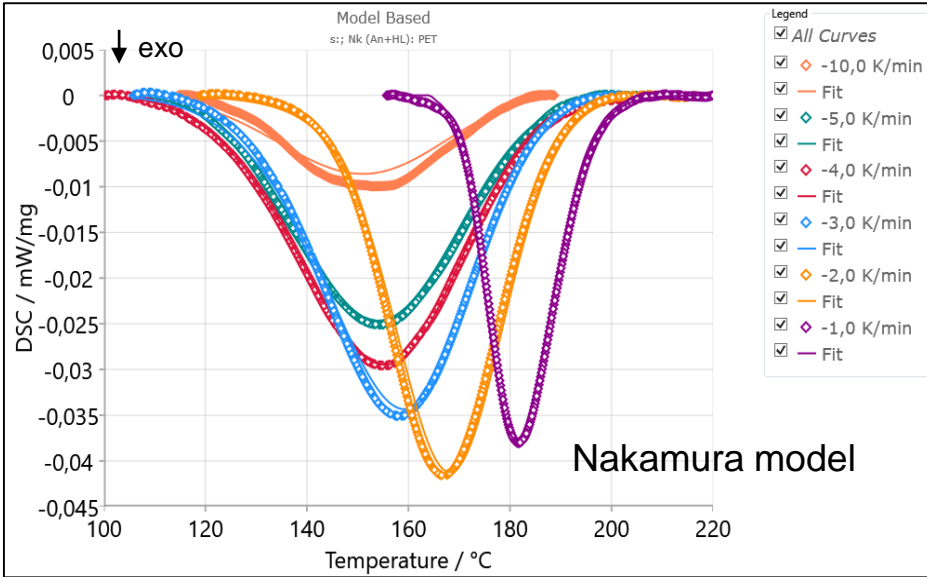
Nucleation term

$$\exp\left(\frac{-K_G}{T \cdot \Delta T \cdot f}\right)$$

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

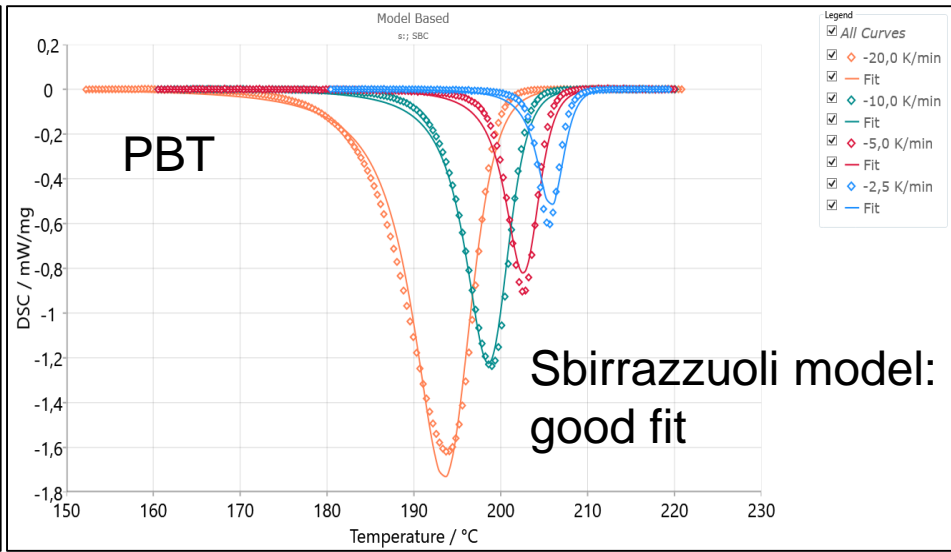
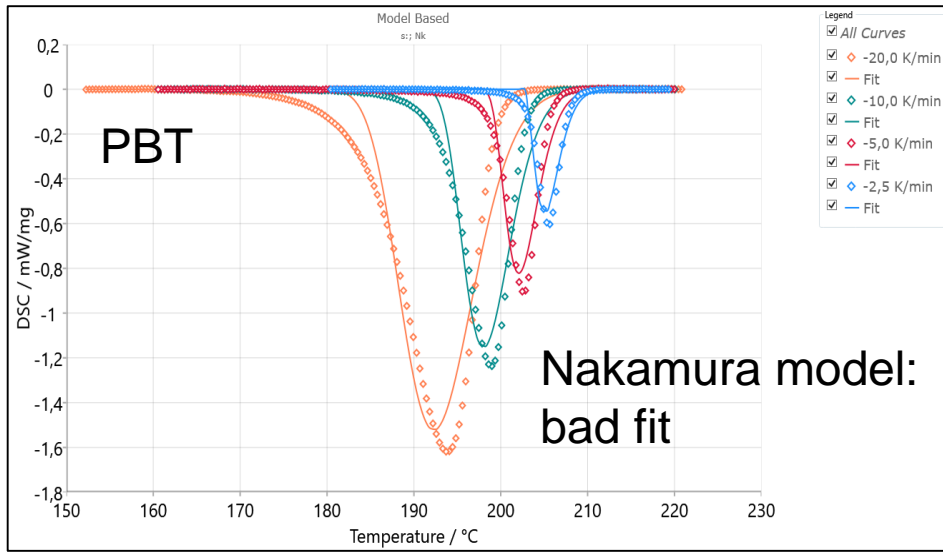
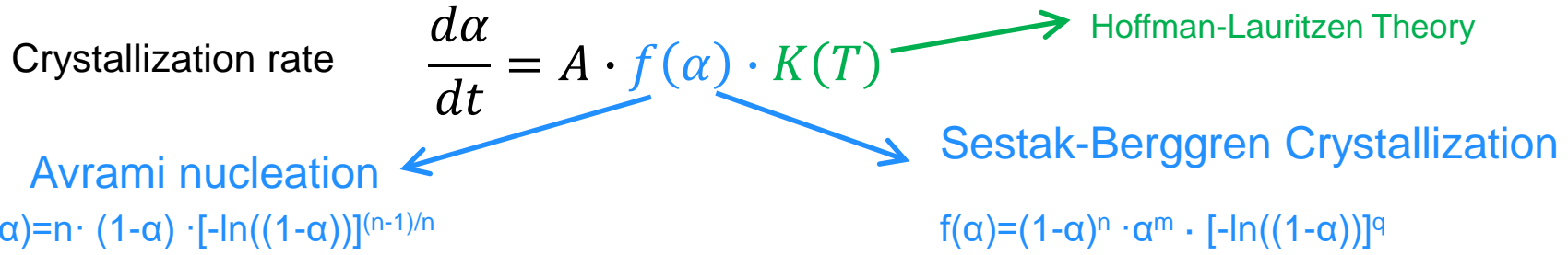
This method defined for total temperature range between T_∞ and T_{melting}

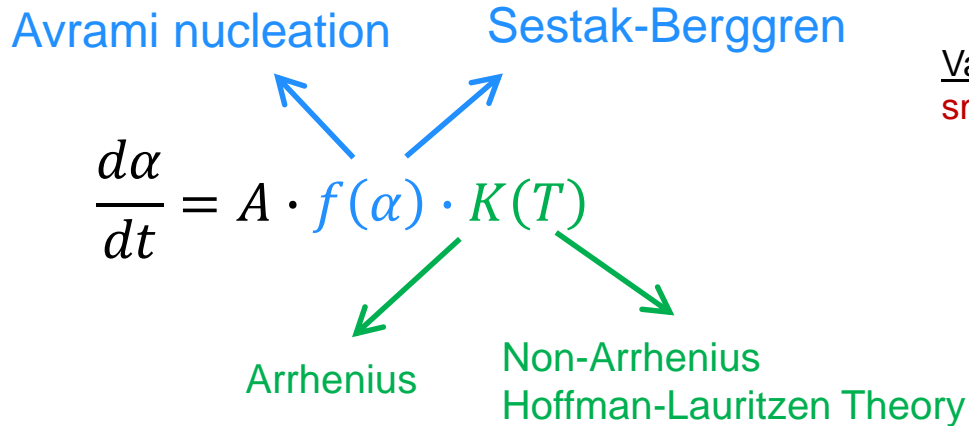


One can observe that at temperatures of 110°C to 120°C, no crystallization occurs and the bottles remain in the glassy state and transparent. If the production temperature is too high – e.g., 140°C – then crystallization starts earlier, and the bottles get turbid.

Model based analysis with Hofmann-Lauritzen dependence on temperature

Crystallization model SBC with Sestak-Berggren reaction type





Model based reaction type:

An: Avrami+ Arrhenius

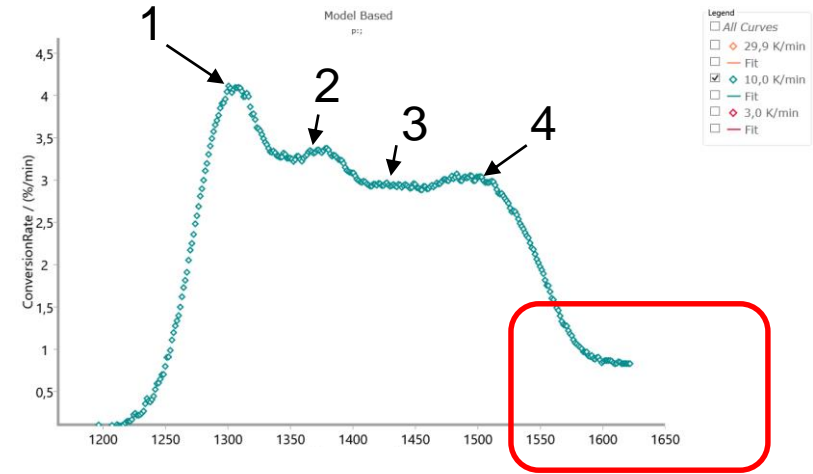
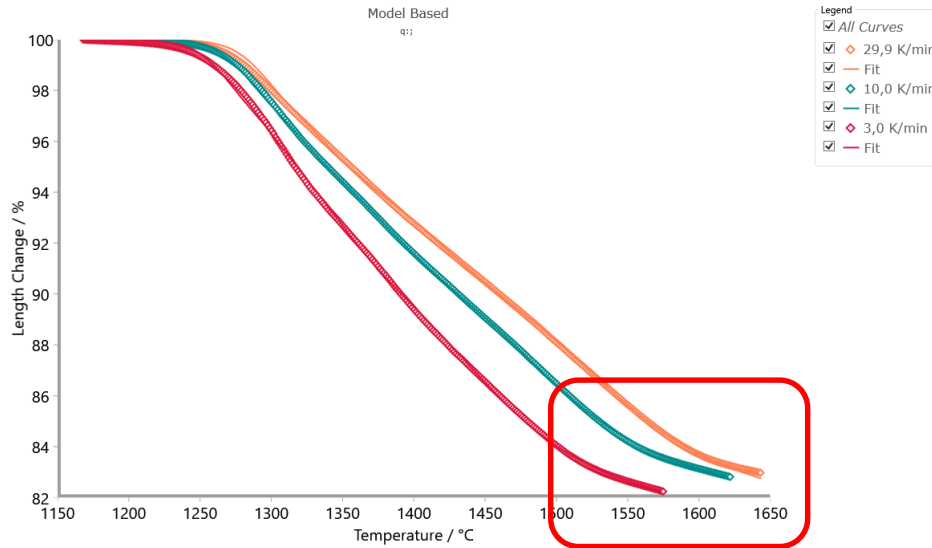
SB: Sestak Berggren + Arrhenius

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



Reason for model-based analysis:
Final part of sintering is not measured

Export equations and parameters

The screenshot displays the NETZSCH Kinetics Neo software interface. The main window shows a graph of Mass % versus Temperature / °C. The graph contains four data series, each represented by a different color (blue, red, green, orange) and marked with 'x' symbols. The curves show a decrease in mass percentage as temperature increases, with a sharp drop between 300 and 400 °C. The y-axis ranges from 86 to 100, and the x-axis ranges from 200 to 600.

On the right side, a Notepad window displays the model equations and parameters for the selected model (LaOH2 two steps):

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La(OH)2.txt - Notepad
File Edit Format View Help
Project: LaOH3_Analysis.kinx2
Model: d;, LaOH2 two steps

Model Scheme:
A-B-C

Model Reaction Steps:
A -> B
B -> C

Concentration Equations:
da/dt=-d(a->b)/dt
db/dt=d(a->b)/dt-d(b->c)/dt
dc/dt=d(b->c)/dt

Balance Equation:
Mass=InitialMass-TotalMassChange*[Contribution(a->b)*Integral[d(a->b)/dt]dt + Contribution(b->c)*Integral[d(b->c)/dt]dt

Step: A -> B
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Reaction Type: R2
Equation: d(a->b)/dt=PreExp*2(a^0.5)*Exp[-ActivationEnergy/(RT)]
ActivationEnergy: 137,236 kJ/mol
Log(PreExp): 9,113 Log(1/s)
Contribution: 0,712
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Step: B -> C
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Reaction Type: R2
Equation: d(b->c)/dt=PreExp*2(b^0.5)*Exp[-ActivationEnergy/(RT)]
ActivationEnergy: 160,255 kJ/mol
Log(PreExp): 8,466 Log(1/s)
Contribution: 0,288
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Mass
001-3-06-07.txt: -13,182 %
001-3-06-09.txt: -12,913 %
001-3-06-11.txt: -12,870 %
001-3-06-13.txt: -12,902 %
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The software interface includes a menu bar (File, Home, View, Help) and a toolbar with various icons. The left sidebar shows the project structure, including source data, analysis methods (Model-Free and Model Based), and simulation options. The bottom status bar indicates the current position in the document (Ln 27, Col 1) and the encoding (UTF-8).

Kinetic Analysis

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

Arrhenius only

Model-free

Model-based

Arrhenius or non-Arrhenius

Single-point

OIT,
OOT,
DMA Rupture

Multi-point

~~Mixtures~~
~~Competing steps~~
~~Curing with diffusion control~~
~~Non-isothermal crystallization~~
~~Intermediate reactants~~
~~Individual reaction steps~~

The same effect for all curves
Mechanism changes
at the same conversion

Mixtures
Competing steps
Curing with diffusion control
Non-isothermal crystallization

Different effect for different curves
Mechanism changes
at any conversion

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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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