



COVALENT
METROLOGY

Welcome

OPTIMIZING
MATERIALS WITH
THERMOGRAVIMETRIC
ANALYSIS (TGA) AND
DIFFERENTIAL
SCANNING
CALORIMETRY (DSC)

SPEAKER:

Parth N. Vakil, PhD

Applications Scientist,
TA Instruments

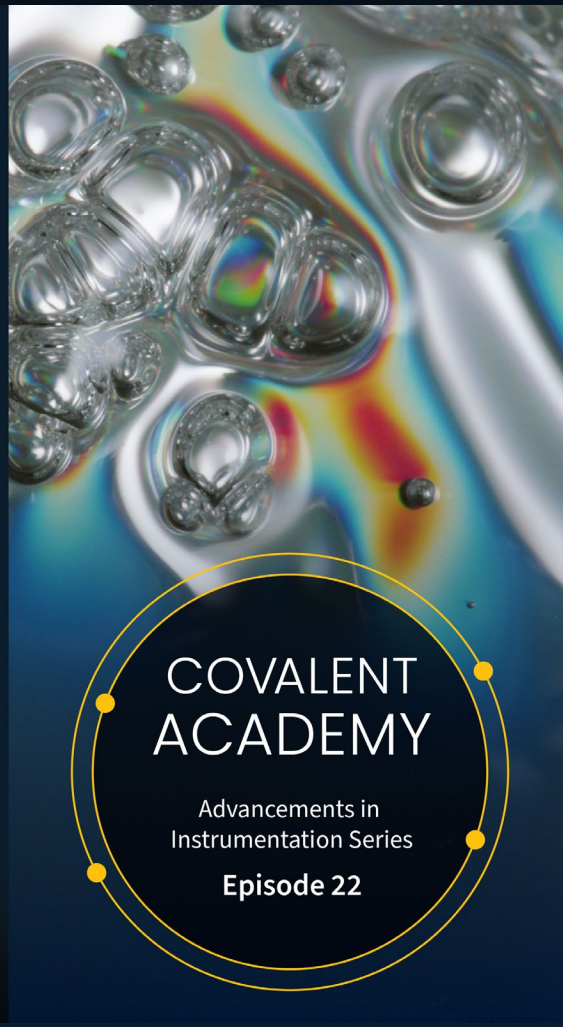
May 6, 2021 | 11AM PT



COVALENT
ACADEMY

Advancements in
Instrumentation Series

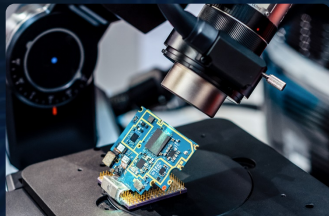
Episode 22





COVALENT METROLOGY

**Silicon Valley-based analytical labs and platform delivering quality data
and expert analysis for advanced materials and device innovation**



Comprehensive Solutions Stack

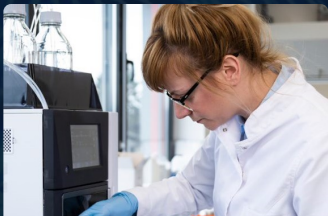
*40+ cutting-edge
instruments, offering
100+ Techniques*

Analytical Services

Advanced Modeling

Method Development

Temp. Staffing Solutions



Affordable and Fast

*Fast Turnaround Times,
No Expedite Fees*

Volume Savings

*Instant Access to Data
and Reports in Secure
Portal*



Flexible Business Model

*Custom Consulting
Solutions and Certified
Onsite Support*

*Training and Certification
on Instrumentation*

*Co-op and Tool-Share
Opportunities*

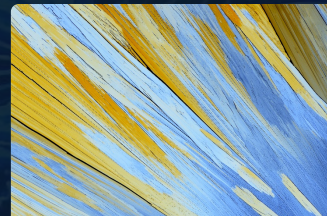
Laboratory Audits



Rich Network of Partnerships & Collaborations

*Partner to World's
Leading Instrument
Manufacturers and Labs*

*Expanding
Instrumentation, Lab
Connections and
Learning*



Who We Are, Who We Serve

*500 Clients + 40-60 New
Clients/ Quarter*

40 People, 13 PhDs

*Cutting-edge Analytical
Capabilities*

*Lab Locations:
Sunnyvale, Santa Clara*

PCBA, Semiconductor, and Electronic Device Metrology & Failure Analysis

- DPA / Mechanical Cross-section
- Dye & Pry Test
- Hot Spot Detection
- IR Imaging / Emission Microscopy
- Root-Cause Failure Analysis
- EBIC / OBIC failure analysis

+ many more advanced methods!

Electron / Scanning Probe Imaging & Microscopy

- SEM (+EDS)
- FIB-SEM (+EDS)
- S/TEM (+EDS / +EELS)
- AFM & Advanced AFM Modes
- Scanning Acoustic Microscopy (SAM)

Optical Microscopy & Spectroscopy

- Laser Scanning Confocal
- White Light Interferometry
- Chromatic Aberration
- Digital Optical Microscopy
- Spectral Ellipsometry
- UV-Vis-NIR Spectroscopy

X-Ray Characterization

- X-Ray Diffraction
- X-Ray Reflectometry
- Micron-spot ED-XRF
- WDXRF
- Micro-CT
- 2D X-ray Inspection & X-ray Radiography

Chemical Analysis

- ICP-MS & LA-ICP-MS
- GC-MS
- FTIR
- Raman
- NMR (1D or 2D; solid-state and solution-state)
- EPMA

Nanoparticle Analysis

- Dynamic Light Scattering (DLS)
- Laser Diffraction Particle Size Analysis (PSA)
- Particle Zeta Potential

Material Property Characterization

- DSC
- TGA
- DMA & TMA
- Rheometry
- Surface Zeta Potential
- Nanomechanical Analysis
- Tensile-Test
- Taber Test

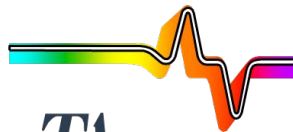
Surface Analysis

- X-ray Photoelectron Spectroscopy (XPS)
- Ion Scattering Spectroscopy (ISS)
- Ultraviolet Photoelectron Spectroscopy (UPS)
- ToF-SIMS (Static-SIMS)
- Dynamic-SIMS

Who is TA Instruments?



1960's to 1990



TA Instruments
1990

Waters

1996



1992



2008



2006



2003

CALORIMETRY
SCIENCES CORPORATION

2007



2011

SCARABAEUS

2013

- Global market leader in thermal analysis, thermophysical properties, microcalorimetry and rheology
- Headquarters in Delaware (DE)

Characterization Solutions Offered by TA Instruments

- Differential Scanning Calorimetry (DSC)
 - Modulated DSC®
- Thermogravimetric Analysis (TGA)
- Dynamic Mechanical Analysis (DMA)
- High Force Mechanical Analysis/ High Force DMA or Load Frames
- Rheology (including Rubber)
- Thermomechanical Analysis (TMA)
- Vapor Sorption Analysis (SA)
- Microcalorimetry (NanoDSC and Isothermal Titration Calorimetry (ITC))
- Flash Diffusivity
- Thermal Conductivity
- Dilatometry

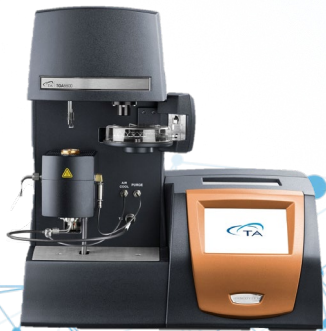


Parth N. Vakil, PhD

Applications Support Engineer II,
TA Instruments

- Applications Engineer / Applications Scientist with TA Instruments
- Engineering bachelor's degree from the University of Toronto (Canada) with a focus in Nano-engineering
- During his undergraduate studies, interned with Sanofi Pasteur's Analytical R&D Unit and participated in summer research positions at the University of Toronto and McGill University
- Materials Chemistry PhD degree from Florida State University in the Strouse Lab
- Work at TA supports the sales teams and current TA customers, assisting them with multiple material analysis instrumentation/methods including DSC, TGA, TMA, SDT (simultaneous DSC and TGA), Sorption Analysis, DMA, and Rheology





Optimizing Polymers and Adhesive Materials with Thermogravimetric Analysis and Differential Scanning Calorimetry

Presenter: Dr. Parth N. Vakil (TA Instruments – Waters LLC)

Date: 6 May 2021



Differential Scanning Calorimetry (DSC)



**COVALENT
METROLOGY**

A DSC measures the **difference** in Heat Flow Rate between a **sample** and inert **reference** as a function of time and temperature; typically associated with a phase change in a material.

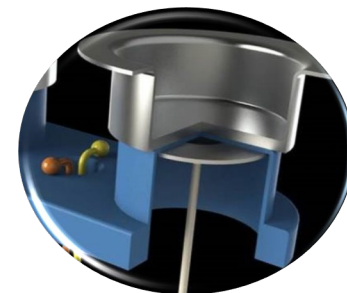
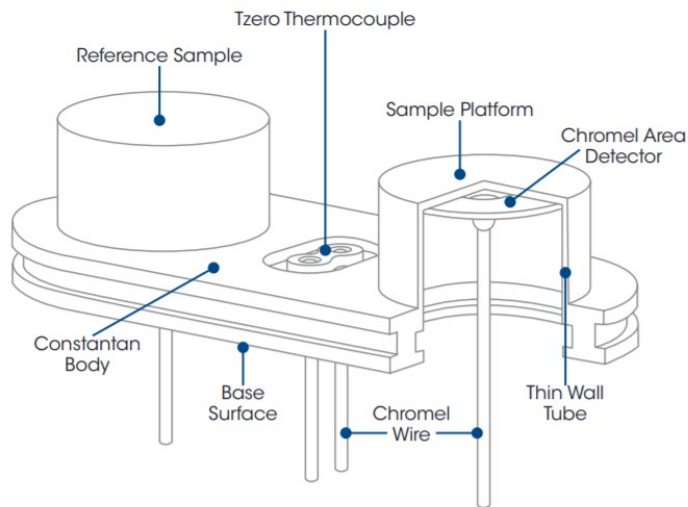
$$\frac{dH}{dt} = C_p \frac{dT}{dt} + f(T, t)$$

Heat Capacity

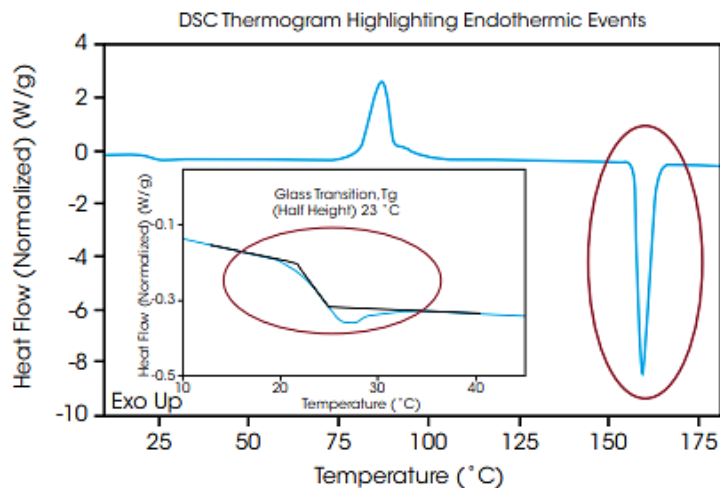
Glass Transition

Kinetic

Crystallization
Cure reactions
Volatilization
Decomposition
Denaturation

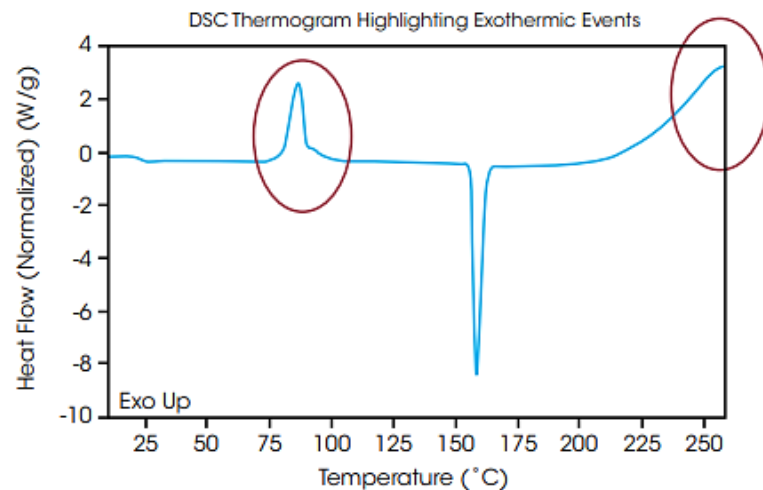


Exchange of Heat Due to Phase Changes



Endothermic Events

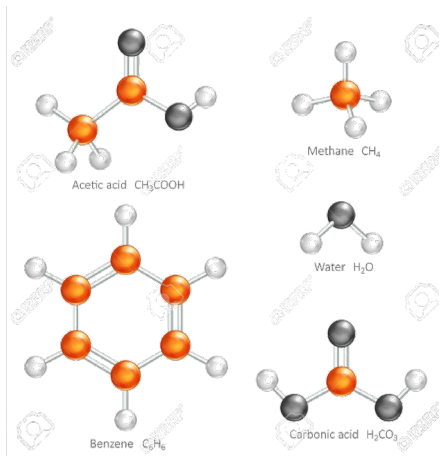
- Glass Transition
- Melting
- Evaporation/Volatilization
- Enthalpic Recovery
- Polymorphic Transitions
- Some Decompositions



Exothermic Events

- Crystallization
- Cure Reactions
- Polymorphic Transitions
- Oxidation
- Decomposition
- Freezing

DSC: Structure-Property-Function Relationship

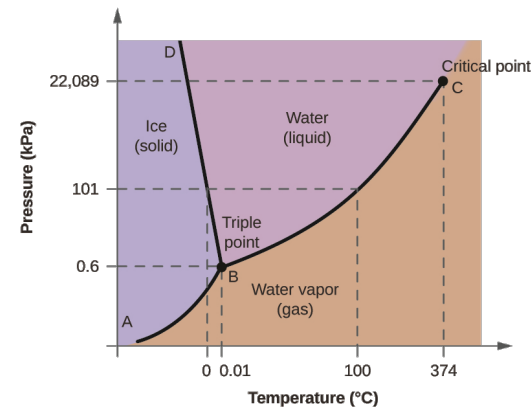


Measure Heat Flow

- Transition Temperatures
- Specific Heat Capacity
- Heats of Reactions and Transitions (Enthalpy)
- Endothermic and Exothermic Events

Caused by

- Formulation
- Molecular Weight & Distribution
- Molecular Structure
- Presence of Crosslinks



Understand & Predict

- Phase diagrams
- Cure reaction profiles
- Formulation Impacts on Performance
- Stability and Compatibility

Temperature Range Dependent On The Cooling System

- RCS90: -90°C to 550°C

Purge Gas Selection

- **Nitrogen**
 - inert, inexpensive and readily available
 - flow rate of 50ml/min
- **Helium**
 - a high thermal conductivity gas which improves response time and cooling capabilities
 - the recommended purge gas when using the LN2 accessory at temperatures below -100°C
 - flow rates of 10-25ml/min are typically used; cell constant affected by flow rate
- **Air/Oxygen**
 - used when studying oxidative stability of materials

Sample Press and Pan Selection

- Aluminum: max. temperature of 600°C
- Gold
- Copper
- Graphite, Alumina
- Platinum
- Stainless Steel



Tzero™ Heat Flow Equation

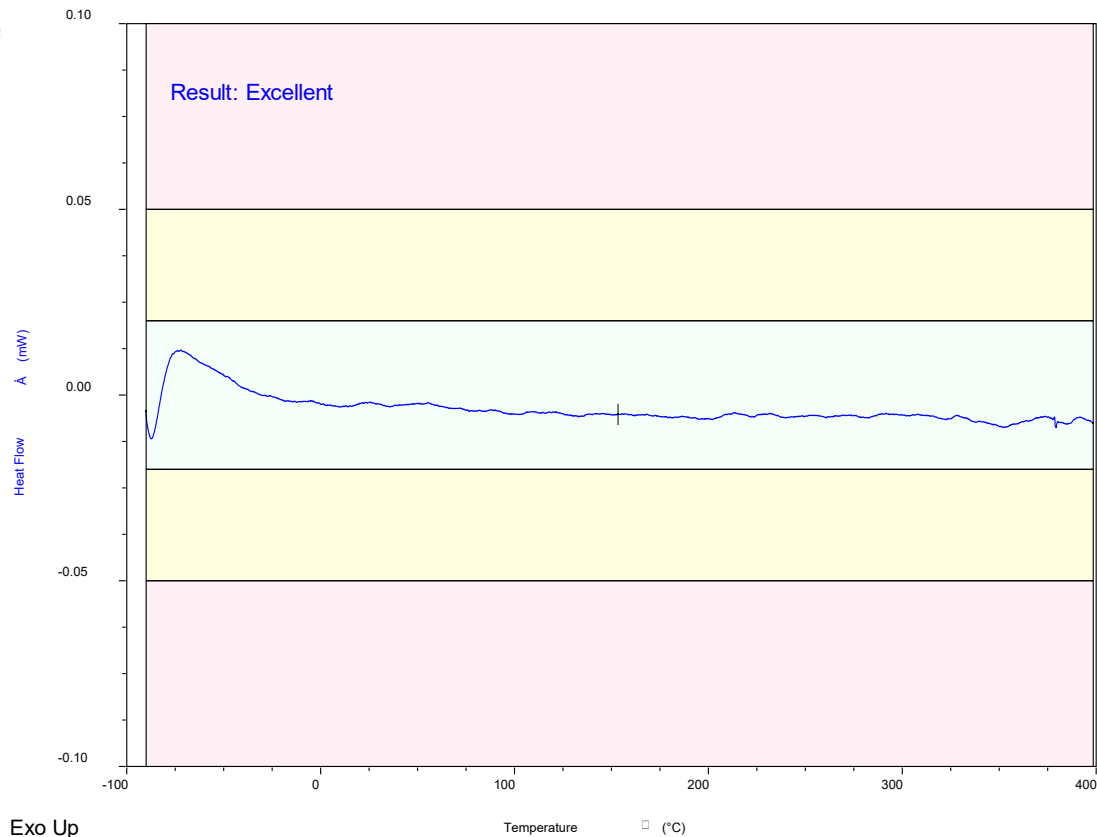
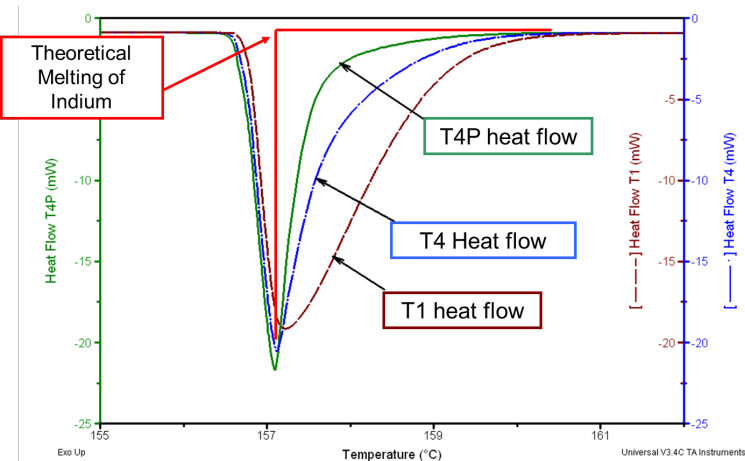
$$q_{T4} = -\frac{\Delta T}{R_r} + \Delta T_0 \left(\frac{1}{R_s} - \frac{1}{R_r} \right) + (C_r - C_s) \frac{dT_s}{d\tau} - C_r \frac{d\Delta T}{d\tau}$$

Principal DSC Heat Flow

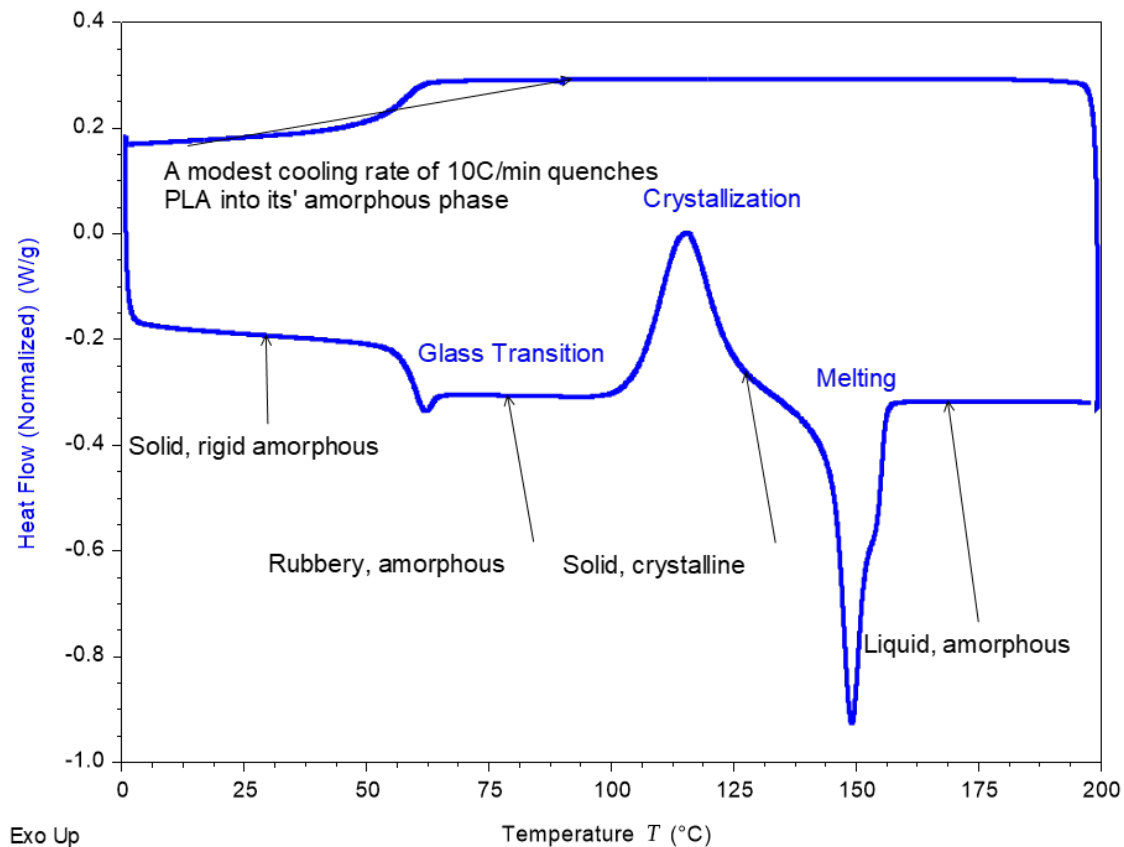
Thermal Resistance Imbalance

Heating Rate Difference

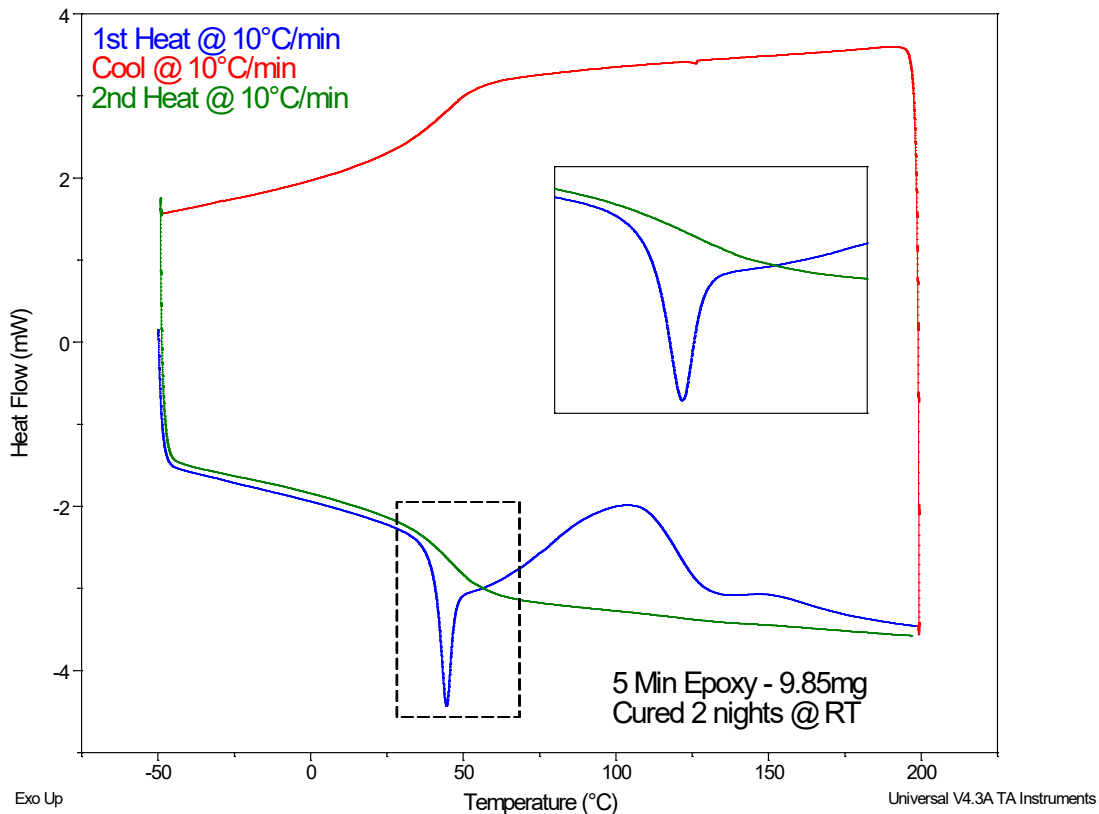
Heat Capacity Imbalance



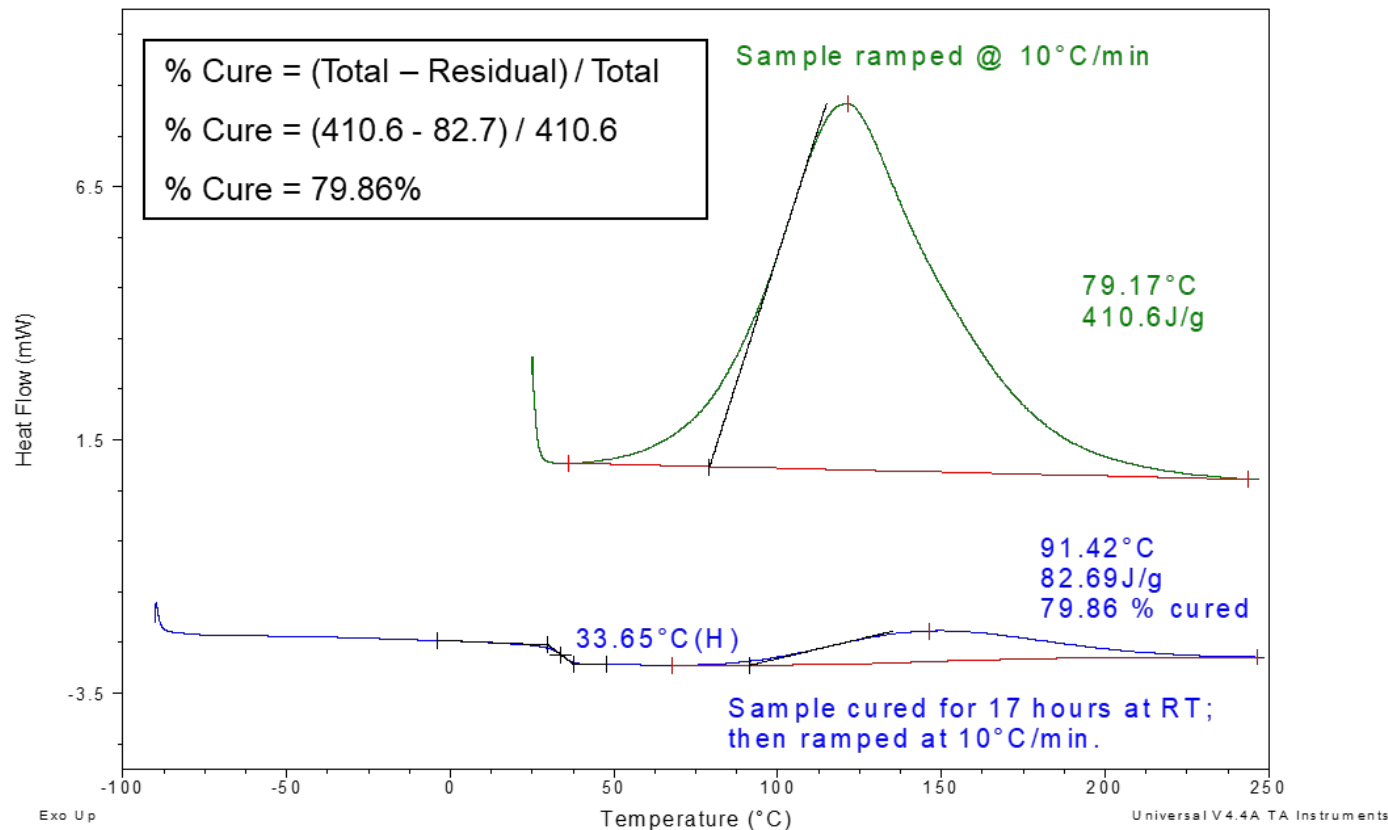
DSC Analysis of Polylactic Acid (PLA)



Epoxy Cured 48 Hours: Heat Cool Heat



Calculation of % Cure: An Epoxy



$$\frac{dQ}{dt} = C_p \frac{dT}{dt} + f(T, t)$$

Total
Heat
Flow

- All Transitions

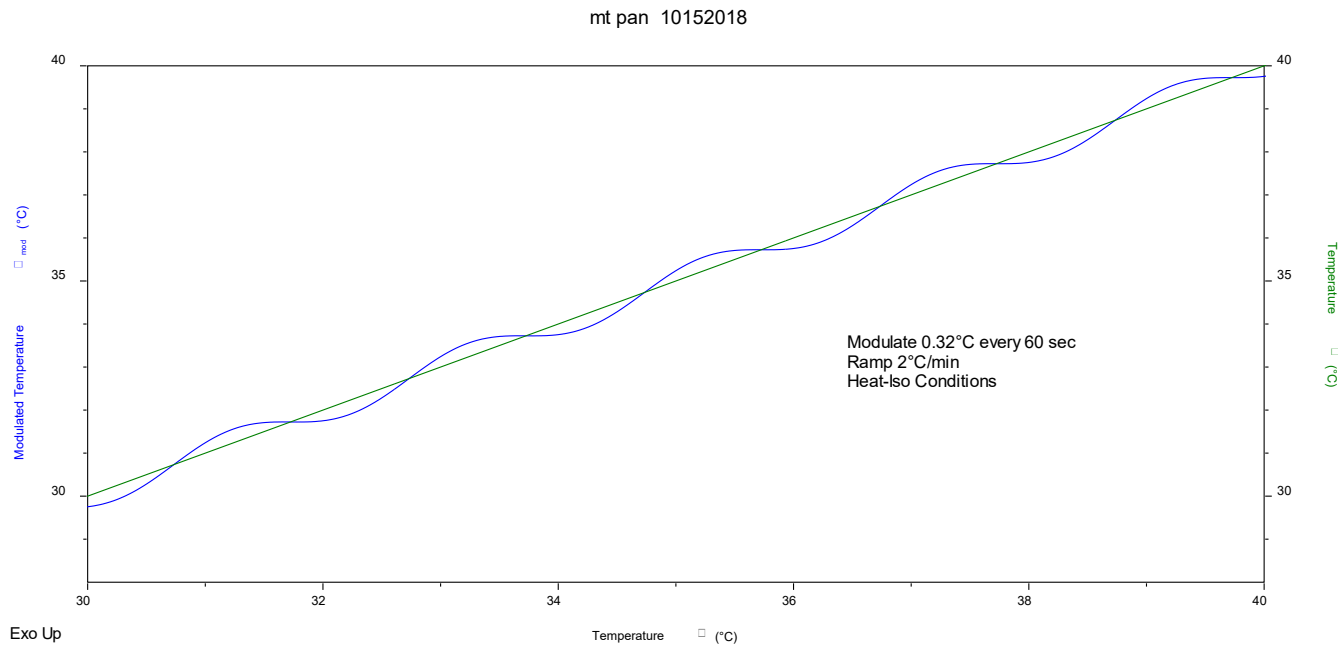
Reversing
Heat Flow

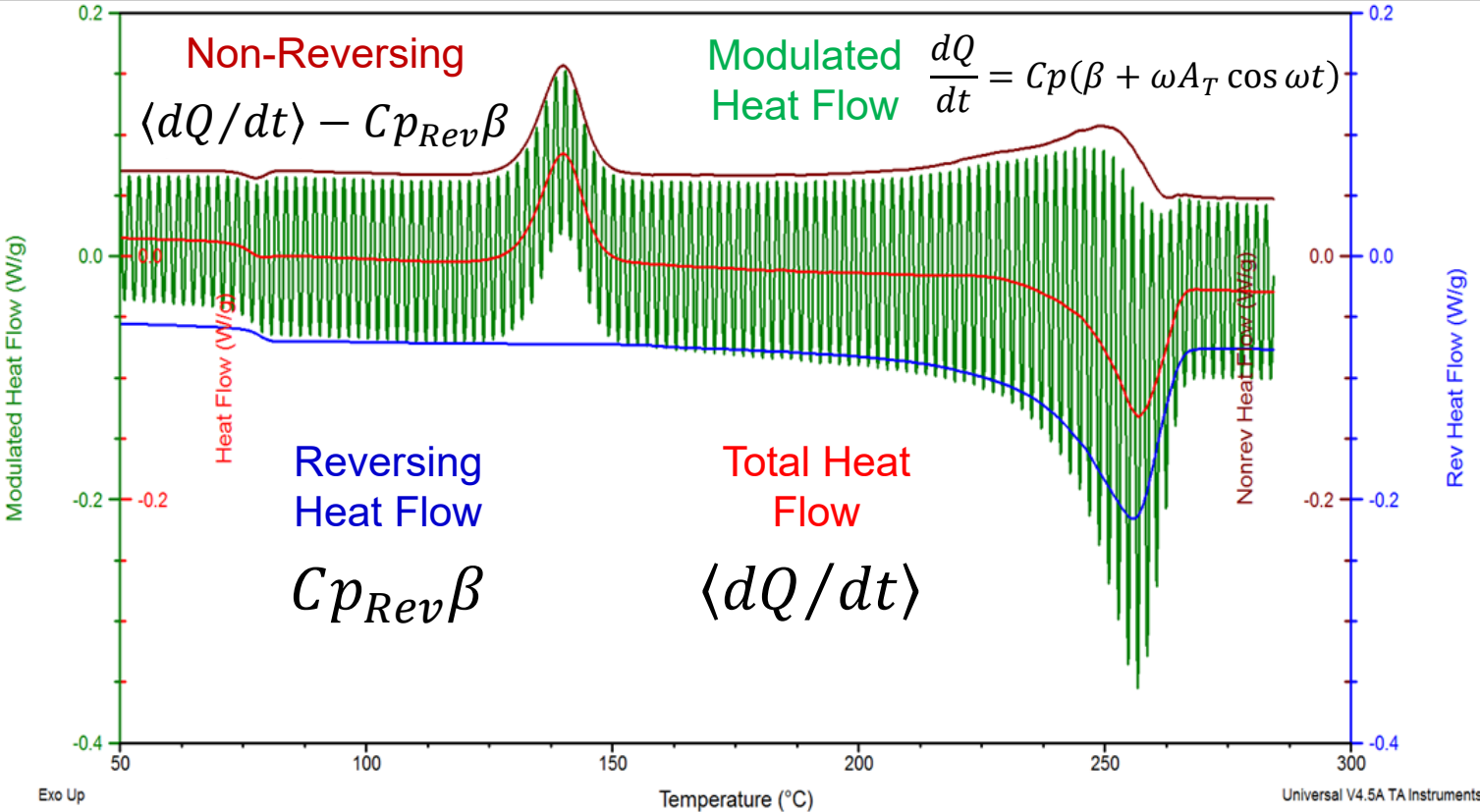
- Heat Capacity
- Glass Transition
- Melting

Non-Reversing
Heat Flow

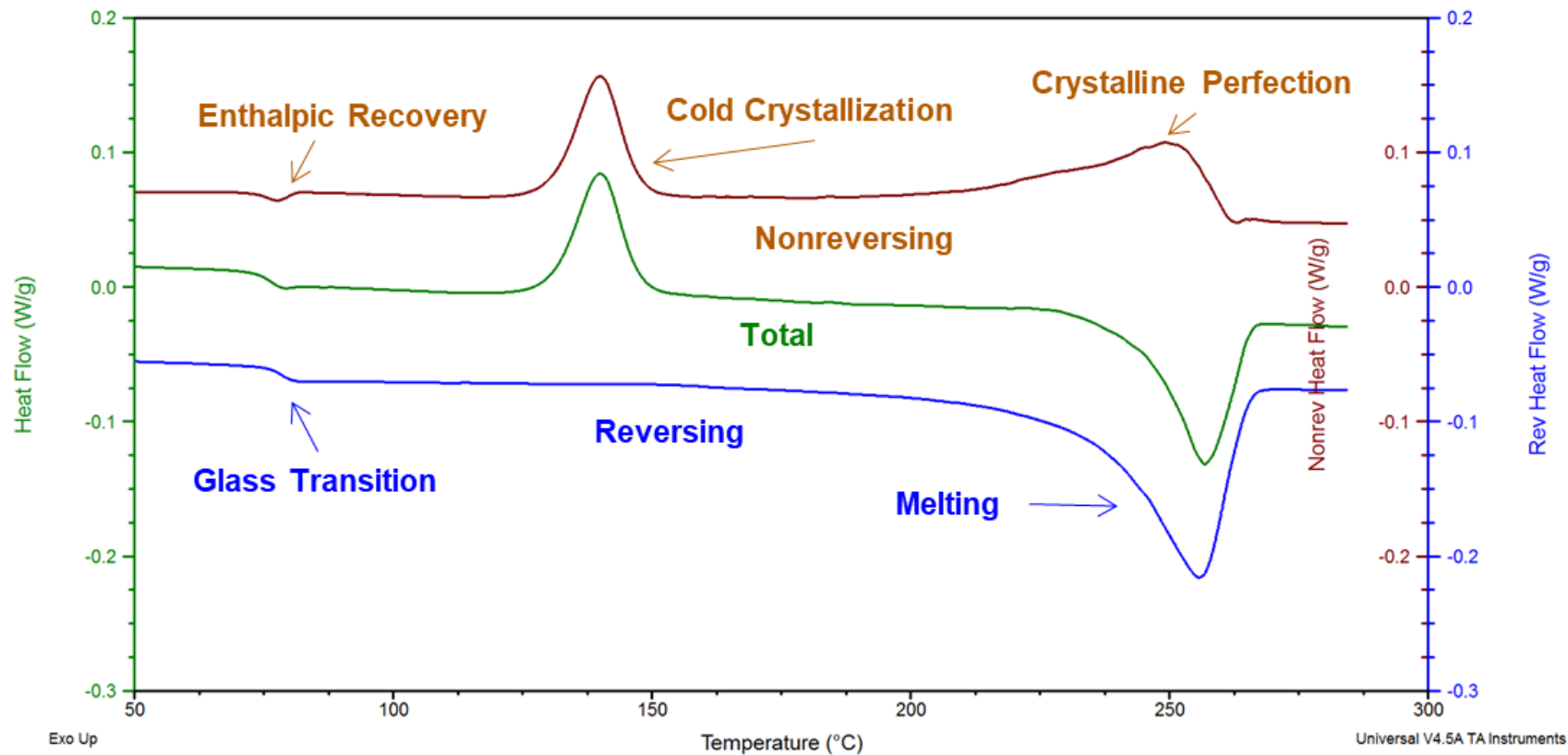
- Enthalpic Recovery
- Evaporation
- Crystallization
- Thermoset Cure
- Denaturation
- Decomposition
- Some Melting
- Chemical Reactions

Average & Modulated Temperature

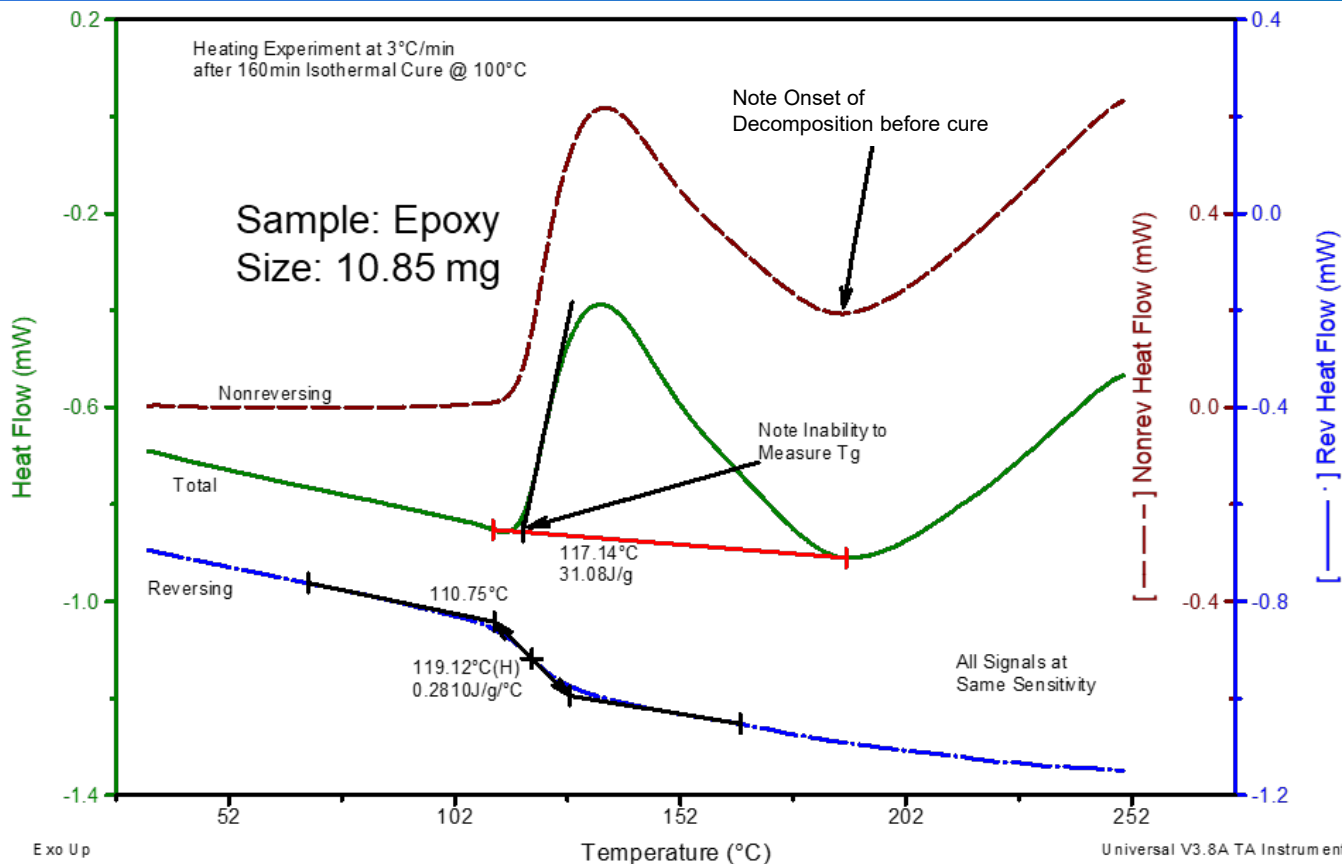




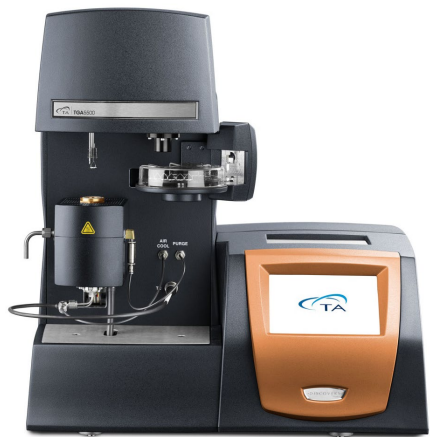
- Run a conventional DSC experiment @ 10°C/min first
 - It may provide all of the information you need.
- Reasons to run MDSC:
 1. Identify heat capacity and kinetic transitions
 2. Separate overlapping thermal transitions
 3. Detect weak glass transitions
 4. Most accurate determination of polymer crystallinity
 5. Accurate measurement of heat capacity in a single experiment
 6. Gain insight into structural change
 7. And many others...



Advantage of MDSC® for Post Cure Scan

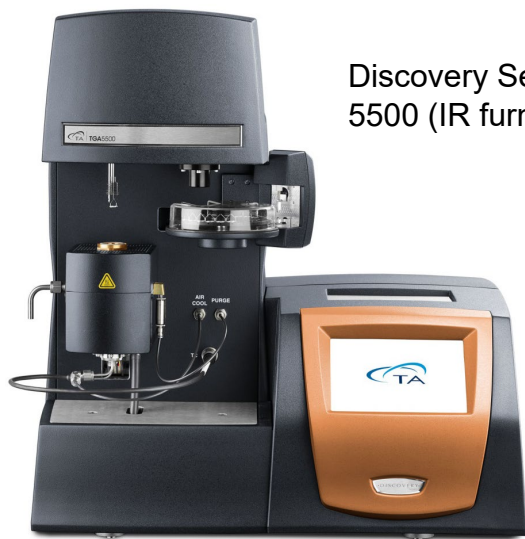


Thermogravimetry Analysis (TGA)

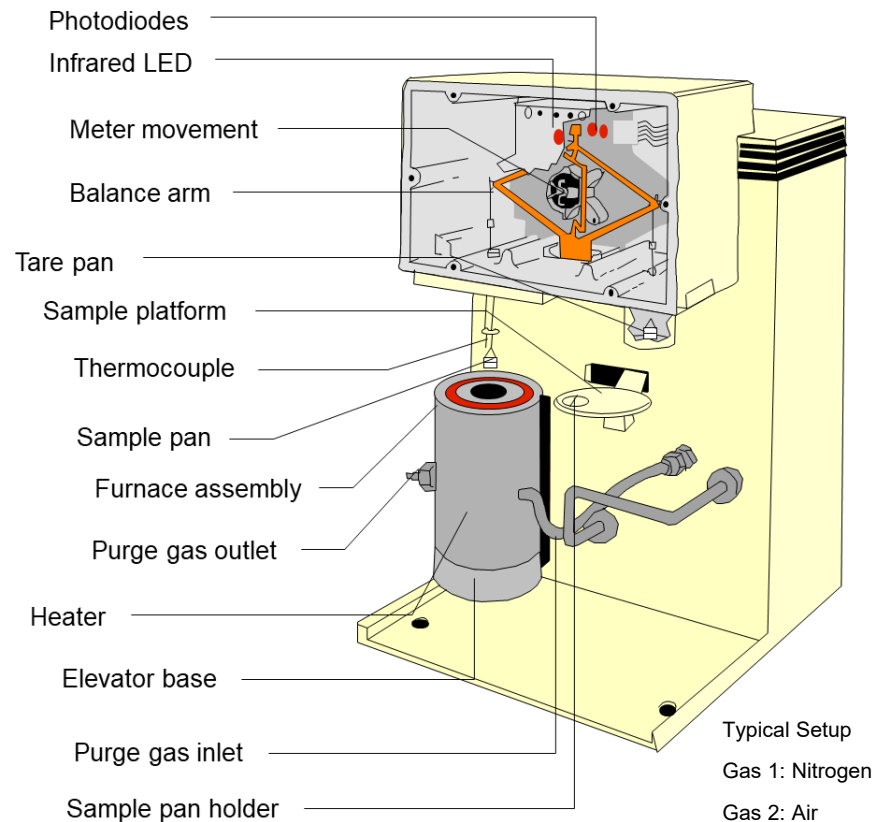


What is Thermogravimetric Analysis (TGA)?

- TGA measures weight / mass change (loss or gain) and the rate of weight change as a function of temperature, time and atmosphere.



Discovery Series TGA 5500 (IR furnace)



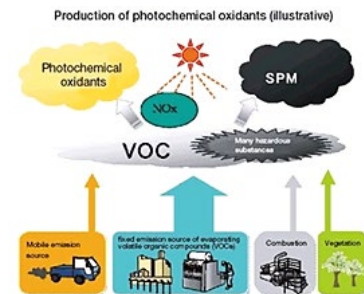


Measure Mass Change and Stability

- Thermal / Oxidative stability
- Composition information
- Decomposition kinetics / lifetime
- Effects of reactive and corrosive atmospheres
- Moisture and Volatile Content of Materials
- Residue

Caused by

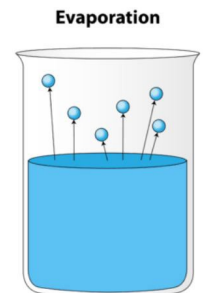
- Formulation
- Molecular Weight & Distribution
- Molecular Structure
- Concentration
- Atmosphere



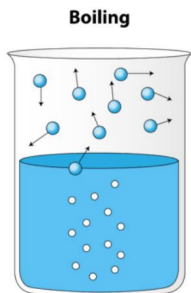
Understand & Predict

- Processing Limits
- Chemical Nature
- Product Performance
- Volatile Organic Content
- Storage Stability
- Useful Lifetime

- Upon heating, all materials will eventually at some temperature lose mass. It is also possible, though less common, to gain mass on heating. Mechanisms of weight change on heating include:



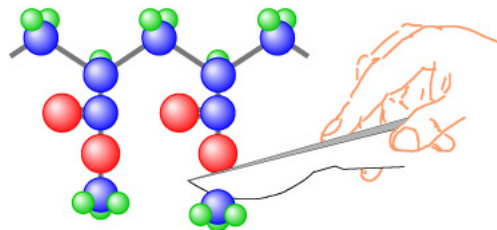
Vapor Pressure < Atmospheric Pressure
Bubbles cannot form



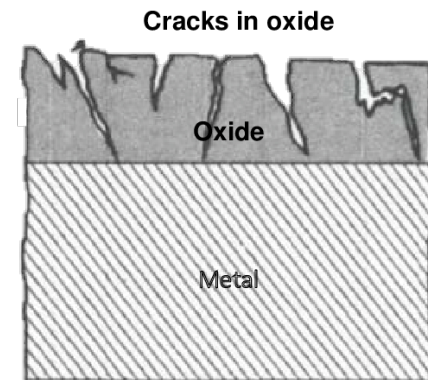
Vapor Pressure = Atmospheric Pressure
Bubbles can form and rise



Loss of Adsorbed or
Absorbed Water or
Solvent

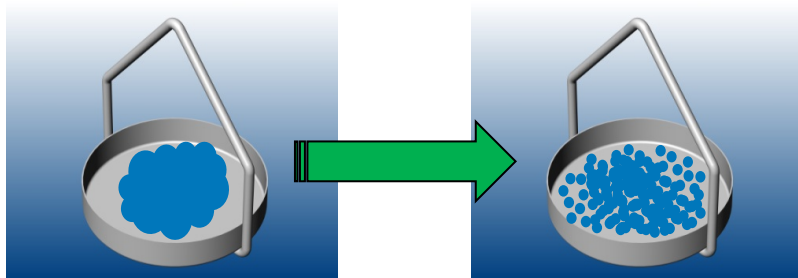


Bond Breaking =
Decomposition



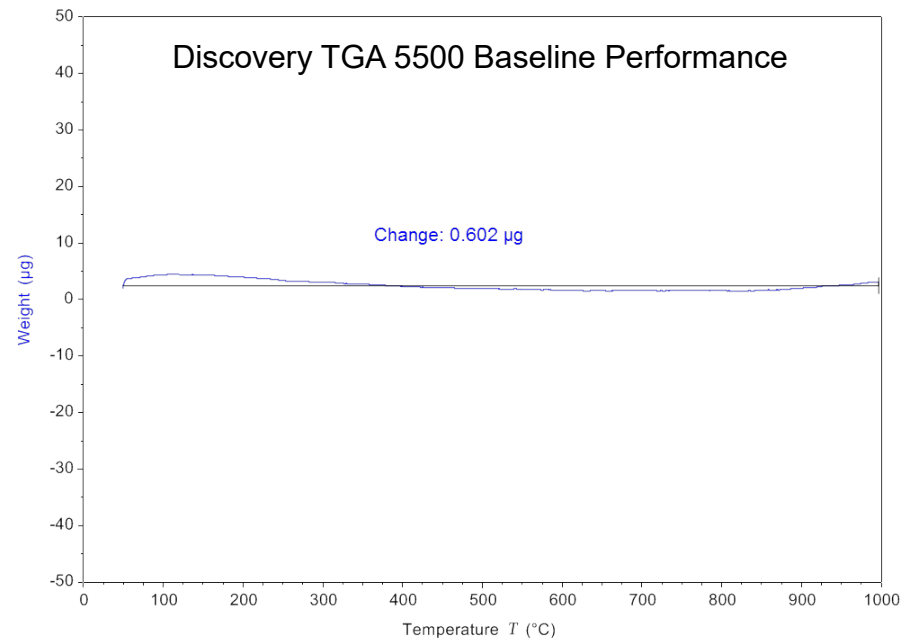
Oxidation/Corrosion/
Surface Reactions

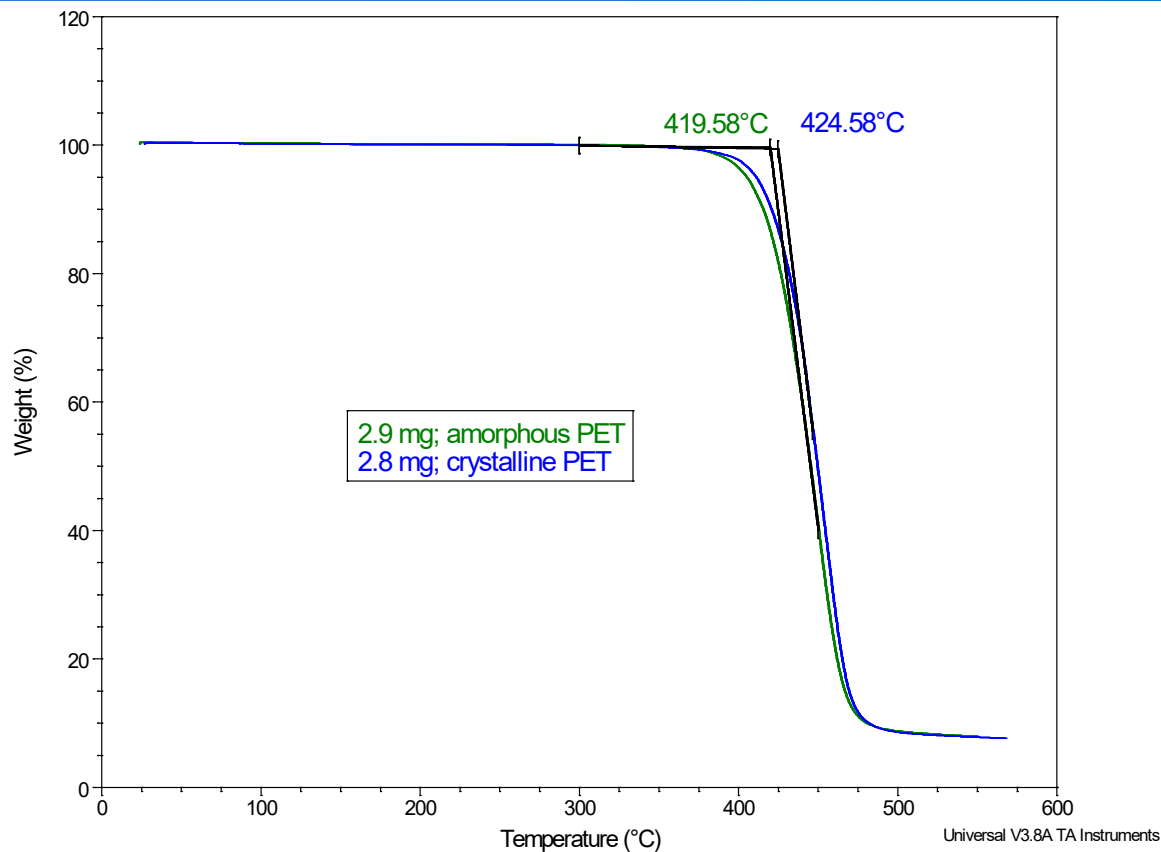
All of these are kinetic processes (i.e. there is a rate at which they occur).

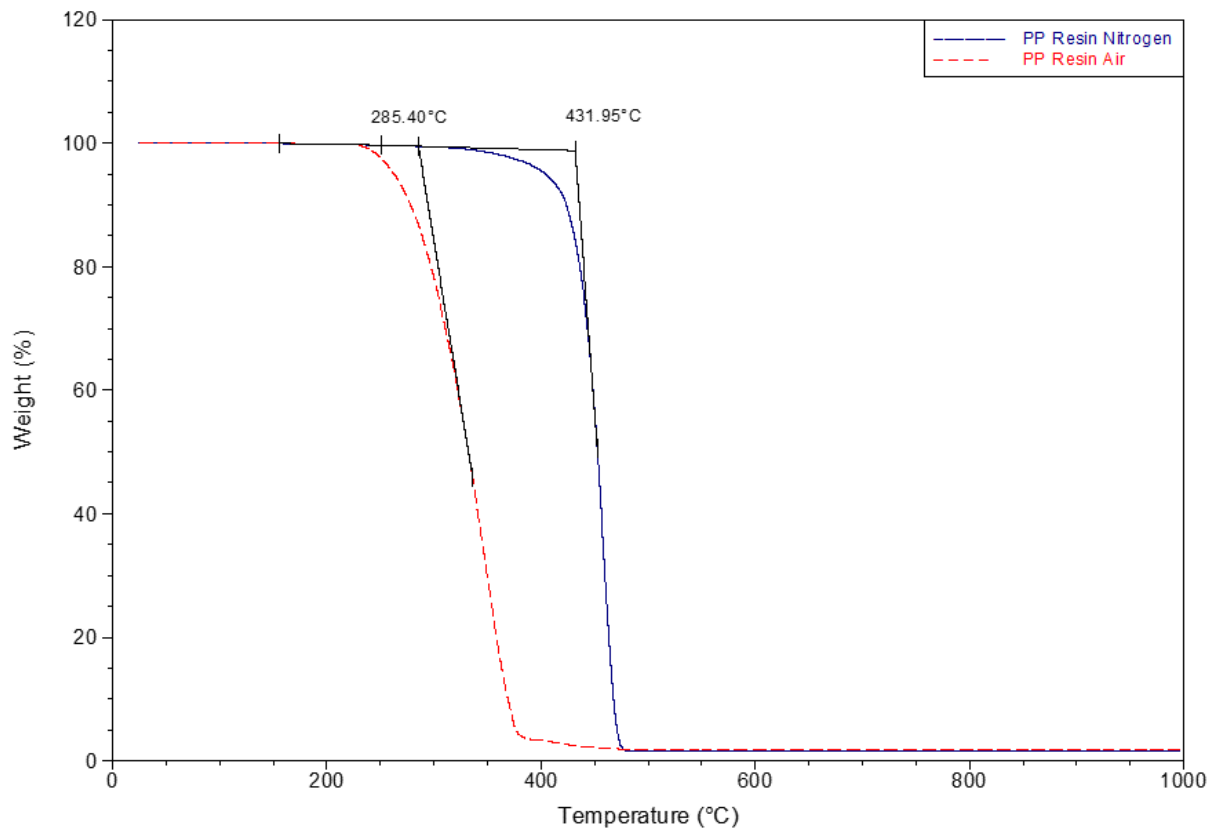


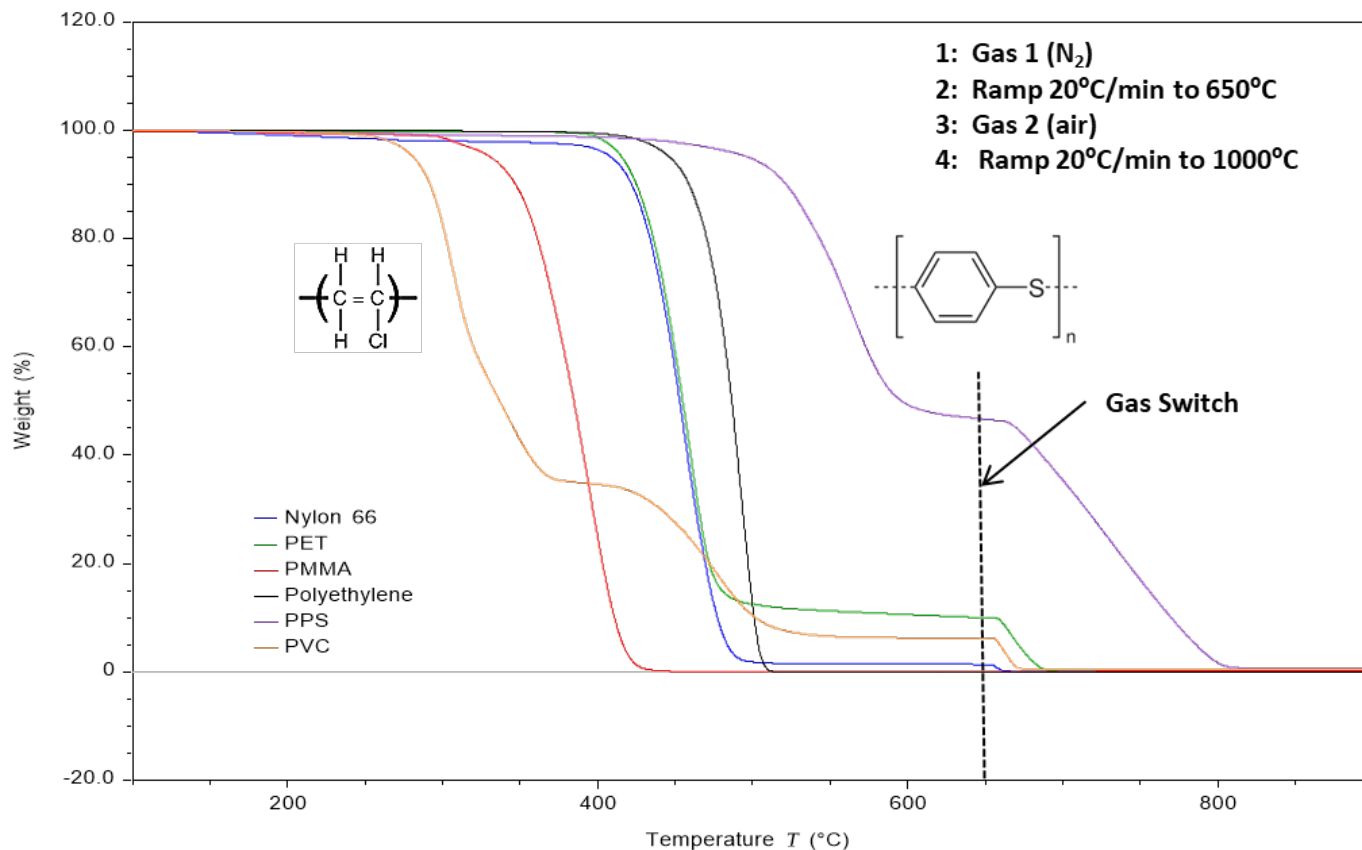
- Pan type
 - Platinum pan
 - Ceramic Pan
- Sample mass
 - 10-20mg for most applications
 - 50-100mg for measuring volatiles or residues
- If a TGA has a baseline drift of +/- 10ug then this is 0.1% of a 10mg sample

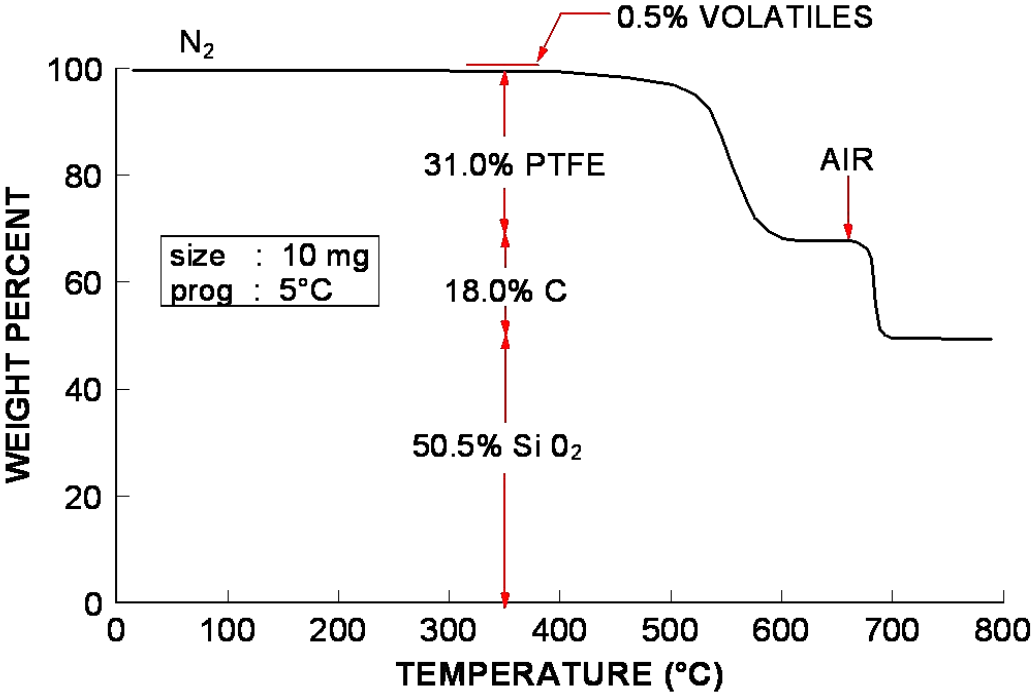
Empty Platinum Pan Baseline Scan @ 20°C/min



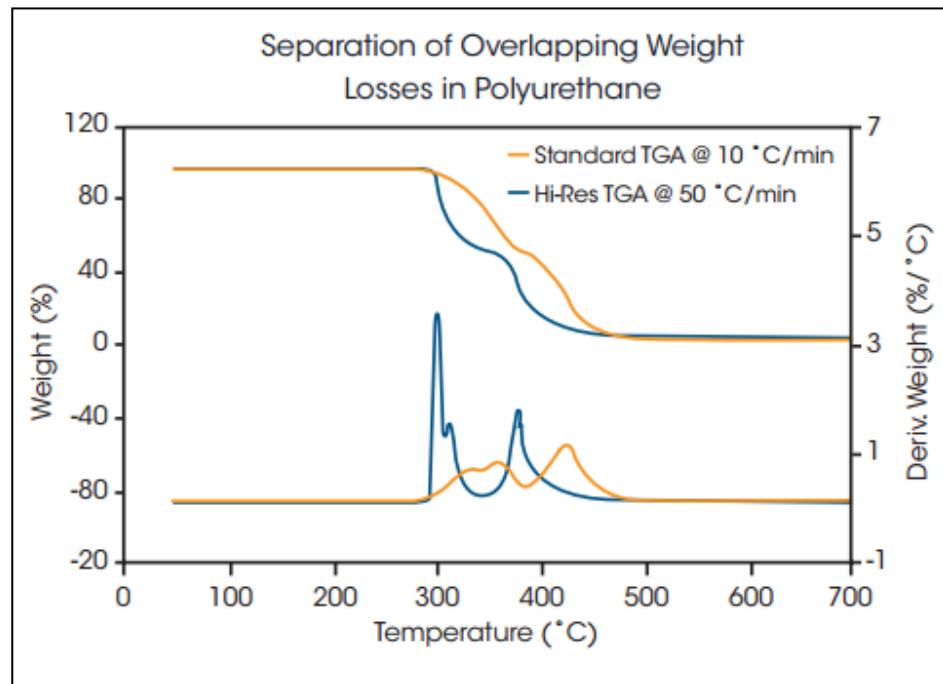


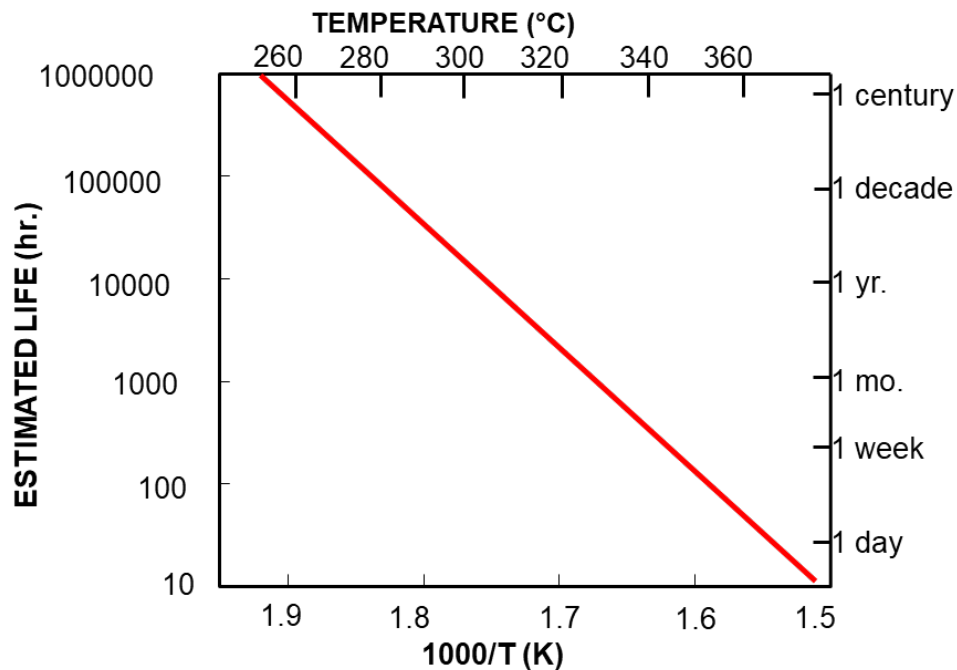






- In a Hi-Res™ TGA experiment the heating rate is controlled by the rate of decomposition.
- Faster heating rates during periods of no weight loss, and slowing down the heating rate during a weight loss – therefore not sacrificing as much time
- Hi-Res™ TGA can give better resolution or faster run times, and sometimes both



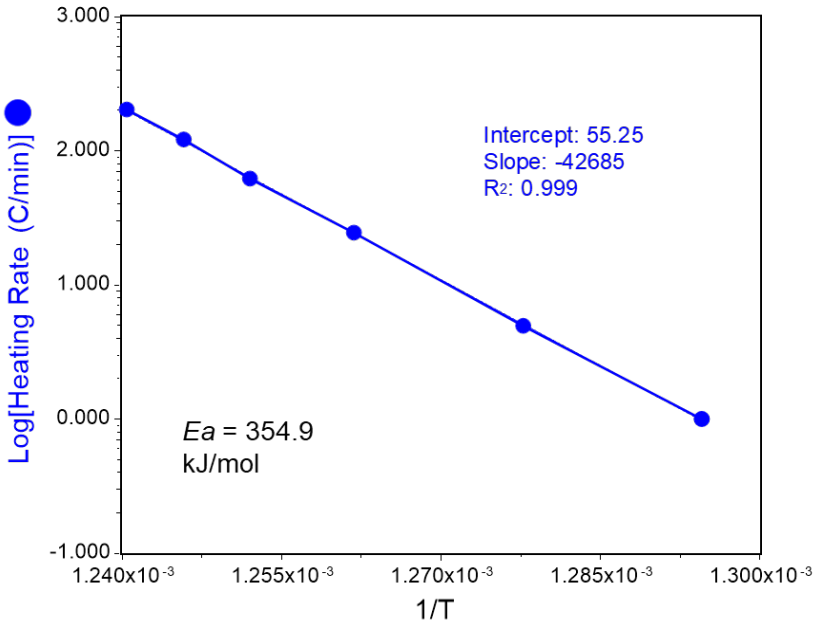
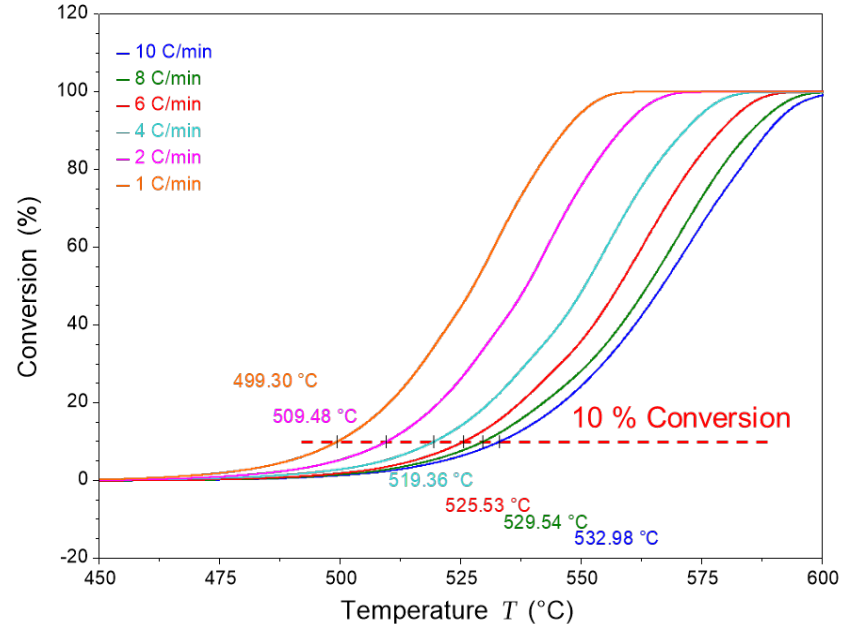


ESTIMATED LIFE

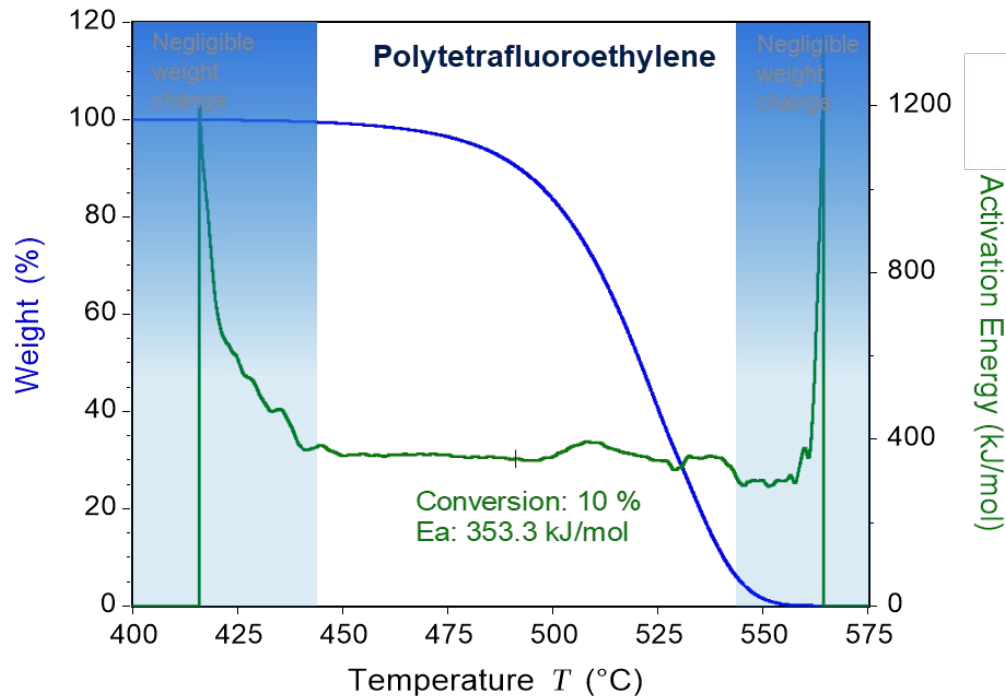
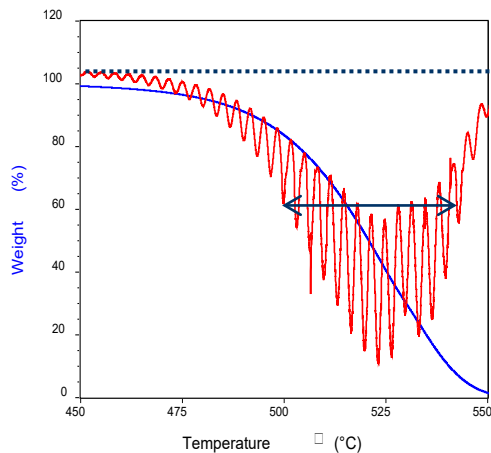
$$\ln t_f = \frac{E}{RT_f} + \ln \left[\frac{E}{\beta R} \cdot P(X_f) \right]$$

TA Instruments Application Note TA125
Estimation of Polymer Lifetime by TGA Decomposition Kinetics

PTFE Decomposition by ASTM E1641

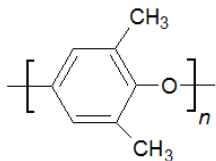


- Modulation period – 200 seconds
- Amplitude – 4-5°C.
- Heating rate – 1 to 2 °C/min.
- Plot **derivative of weight loss** and calculate the width at half height of the derivative weight loss peak.
 - Need at least 5 modulation cycles across this region.

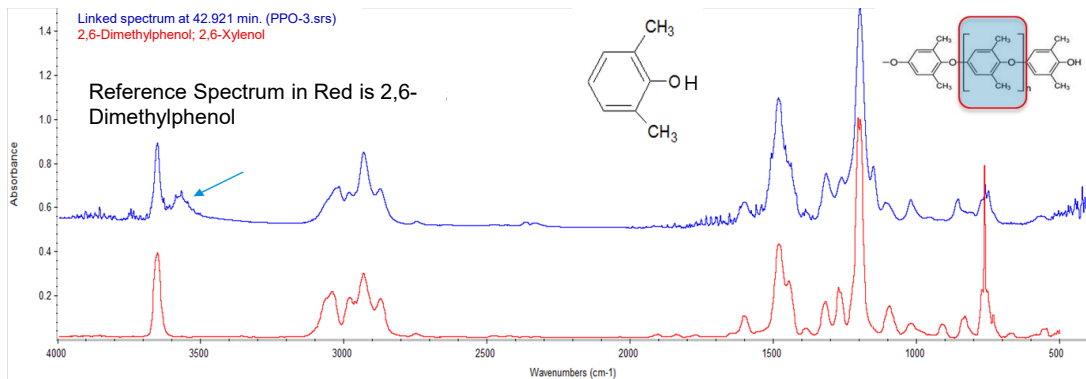
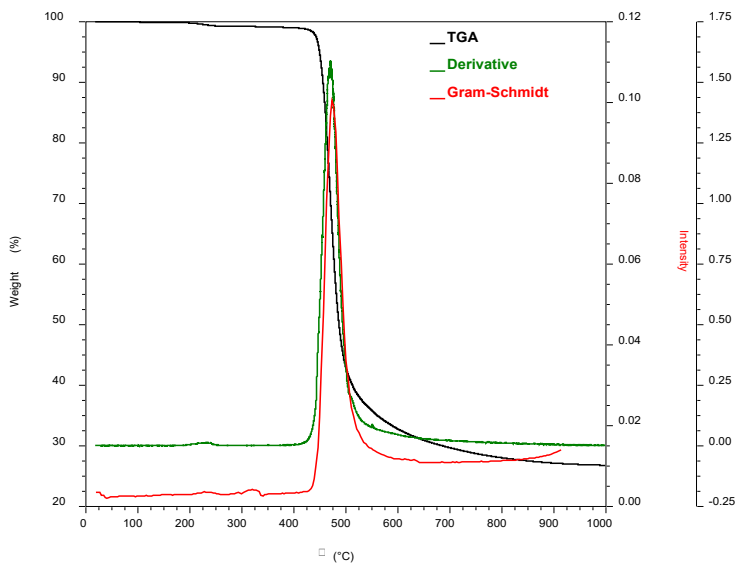
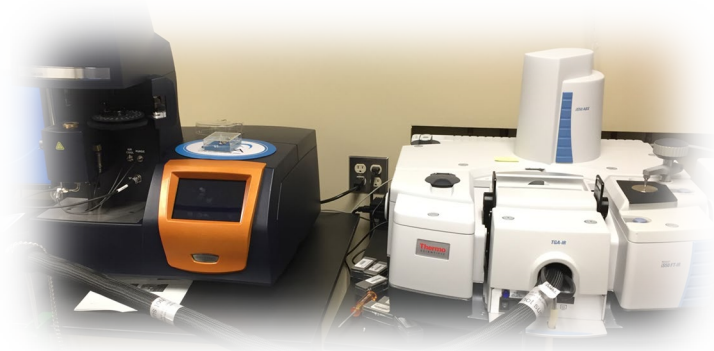


TGA – FTIR for Evolved Gas Analysis

Polyphenylene Oxide



Engineering polymer
-Heat resistant
-Good tensile properties



Thank You



The World Leader in Thermal Analysis, Rheology, and
Microcalorimetry



Stay Tuned! The next webinar event will explore

Nanoindentation with the new STeP 6 Platform

Details coming soon at www.covalentmetrology.com

And on LinkedIn: www.linkedin.com/company/covalentmetrology

Want to learn more about Covalent's
Thermal Characterization services?

Talk with a Covalent Expert!

Schedule your appointment now with Calendly

- link is in the chat -



408-498-4611



hello@covalentmetrology.com



Schedule Pickup

TECHNIQUES

SERVICES

PRICING

COMMUNITY

BLOG

LOGIN



Science Forward.

Covalent delivers quality data
and expert analysis for advanced
materials and device innovation.

Type technique or measurement to find metrology solutions

All Analytical Services ▾

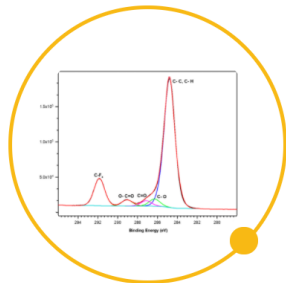


 Learn more about Advanced Search Beta

Contact Us

Access Covalent Portals

Customer Access to Data & Community Content



The DATA PORTAL is used by Customers and Lab Partners for uploading and downloading data. It requires two-factor authentication and advanced password protection. Data Portal users have complete access through their home page on the portal to all Community content, and do not require a separate Community account.

[LOGIN TO DATA PORTAL](#)

Community Content Access for **All Other Users**



The COVALENT COMMUNITY PORTAL requires password entry. It contains webinar and other metrology and characterization-related content that we believe would be useful and educational for the materials science innovation community. It does not provide access to any customer data and should only be used by individuals that are not Covalent customers or lab partners.

[LOGIN TO COMMUNITY PORTAL](#)



Q & A Session



COVALENT
METROLOGY

Thank you