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Thermogravimetric 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
- Ideal first technique to characterize unknown or new materials



What TGA Can Tell You

- Moisture and Volatile Content
- Thermal Stability
- Oxidative Stability
- Composition of Multi-component system
- Decomposition Kinetics
 - Estimated Lifetime
- Effect of Reactive atmospheres
- Residue

} Extremely important
when running DSC

Mechanisms of Weight Change in TGA

- Weight Loss:
 - Decomposition: The breaking apart of chemical bonds.
 - Evaporation: The loss of volatiles with elevated temperature.
 - Reduction: Interaction of sample to a reducing atmosphere (hydrogen, ammonia, etc.).
 - Desorption.
- Weight Gain:
 - Oxidation: Interaction of the sample with an oxidizing atmosphere.
 - Absorption.

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

DSC-TGA (SDT): The Technique

Simultaneous DSC-TGA measures both heat flow and weight changes in a material as a function of temperature or time in a controlled atmosphere from room temperature to 1500 °C.

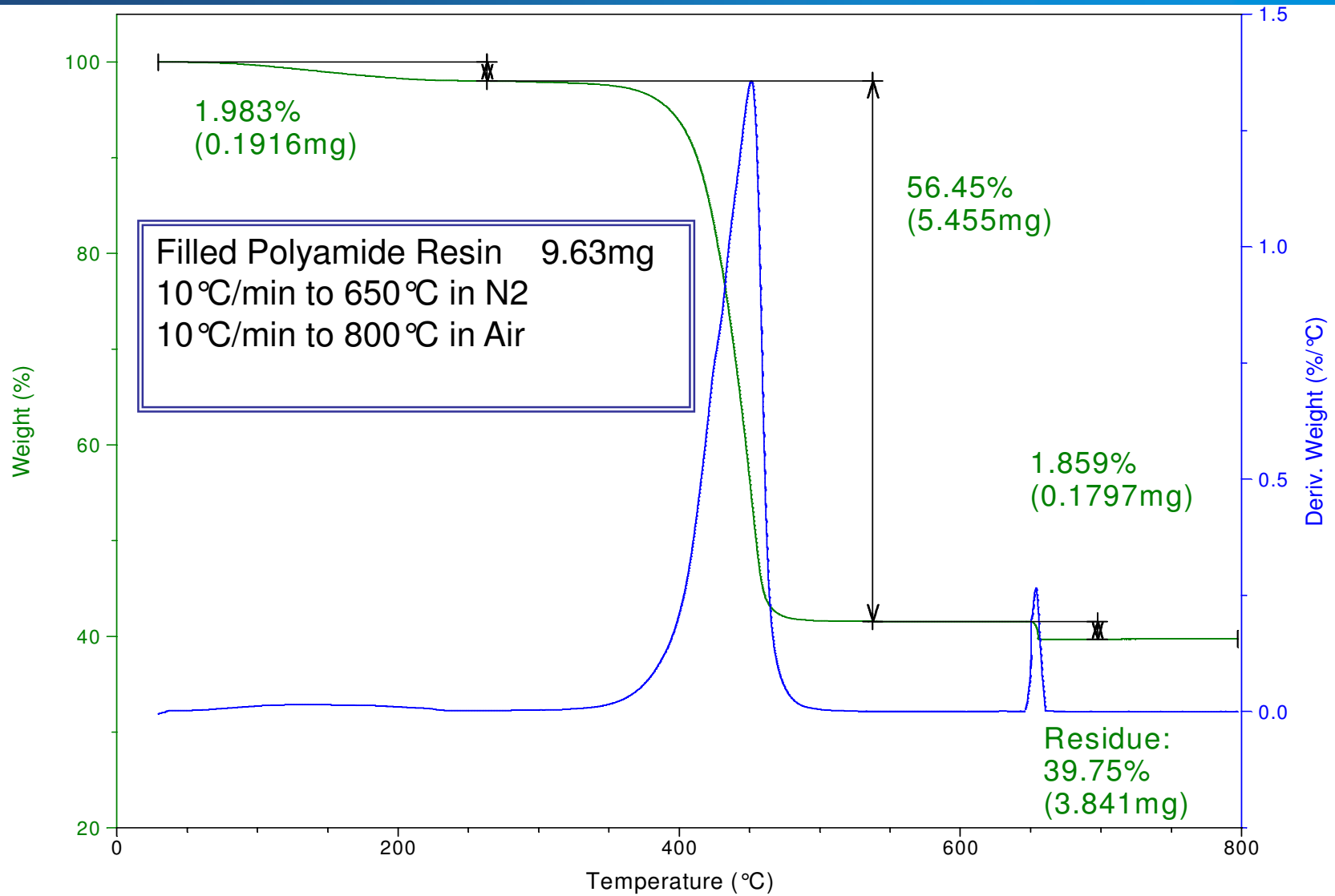
Information obtained allows differentiation between endothermic and exothermic events which have no associated weight loss (e.g., melting and crystallization), and those which involve a weight loss (e.g., degradation).



What Simultaneous DSC-TGA Can Tell You

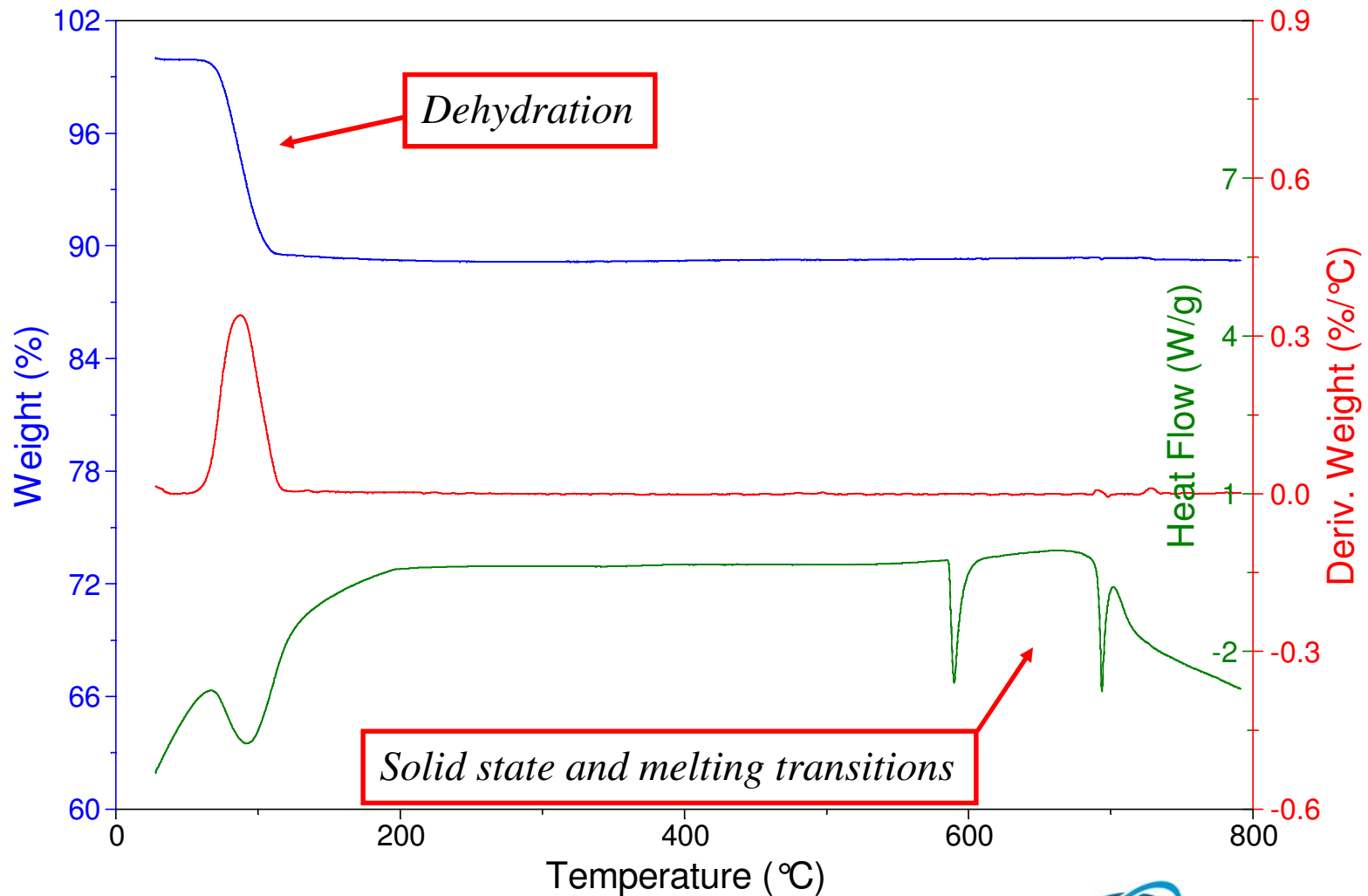
- Thermal Stability of Materials
- Oxidative Stability of Materials
- Composition of Multi-component Systems
- Estimated Lifetime of a Product
- Decomposition Kinetics of Materials
- The Effect of Reactive or Corrosive Atmospheres on Materials
- Moisture and Volatiles Content of Materials
- Residue
- Transition Temperatures
- Heats of Fusion and Reactions
- Melting and Boiling Points
- Heat capacity

A Typical TGA Result



DSC-TGA Sodium Tungstate

Small Sample Size (3mg) and 10 °C/min Heating Rate



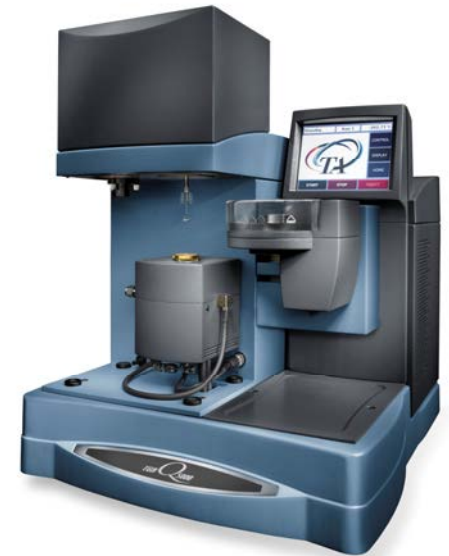
TA Instruments TGA/SDT Models



TGA 55
TGA 550
TGA 5500



Discovery TGA



Q5000 IR



SDT 650

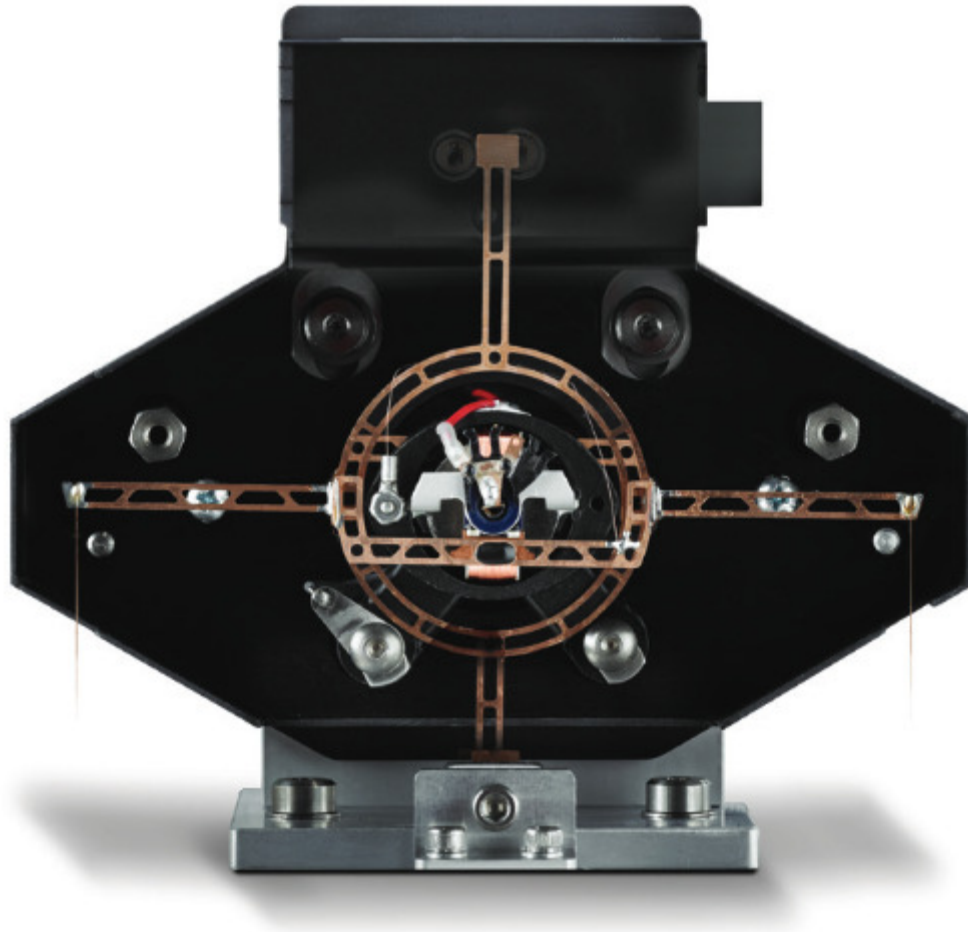


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TGA: Schematic Diagram



TGA Balance and Operation



- Null-balance principle operation.
- Current is applied to the meter movement.
- Amount of current applied is proportional to the weight change.

TGA Furnace: Wire Wound Furnace



Wire Wound (Pt/Rh) Furnace

Flow rate Balance/Sample :
40/60 ml/min

- Standard furnace for TGA 55 and 550
 - Similar to Q50/500
- Ambient to 1000 °C
- Linear controlled heating rates of 0.01 to 100 °C/min
- Ballistic heating rates >600 °C/min
- Exchangeable with EGA furnace

TGA Furnace Options: EGA Furnace



EGA Furnace

Flow rate Balance/Sample :
10/90 ml/min

- Optional for TGA55 and 550
 - Similar to Q50/500
- Ambient to 1000 °C
- Linear controlled heating rates of 0.01 to 50 °C/min
- Quartz liner makes furnace easy to clean
- Exchangeable with wire wound furnace

TGA Furnace: TGA 5500 Infra Red (IR) Furnace

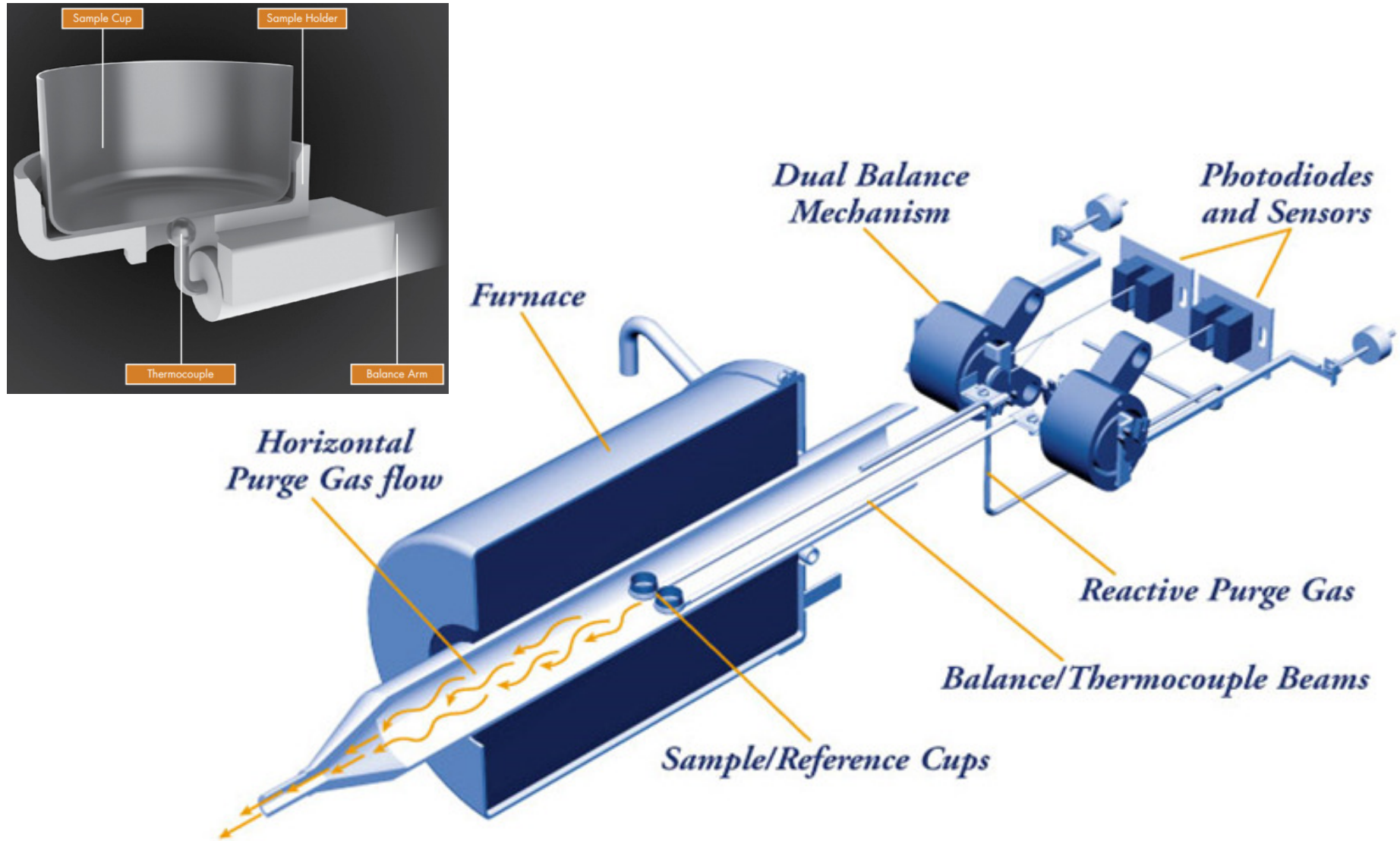


IR Furnace

Flow rate Balance/Sample :
25/25 ml/min

- Quartz halogen lamps as heating source
- Ambient to 1200 °C
- Linear controlled heating rates of 0.01 to 500 °C/min
- Ballistic heating rates >1500 °C/min
- Integrated electromagnet for Temperature calibration with Curie point standards
- Evolved Gas Analysis (EGA)

SDT: Schematic Diagram



Instrument Hardware and Gas Selection Considerations



Gas Delivery Module and Mass Flow Controllers

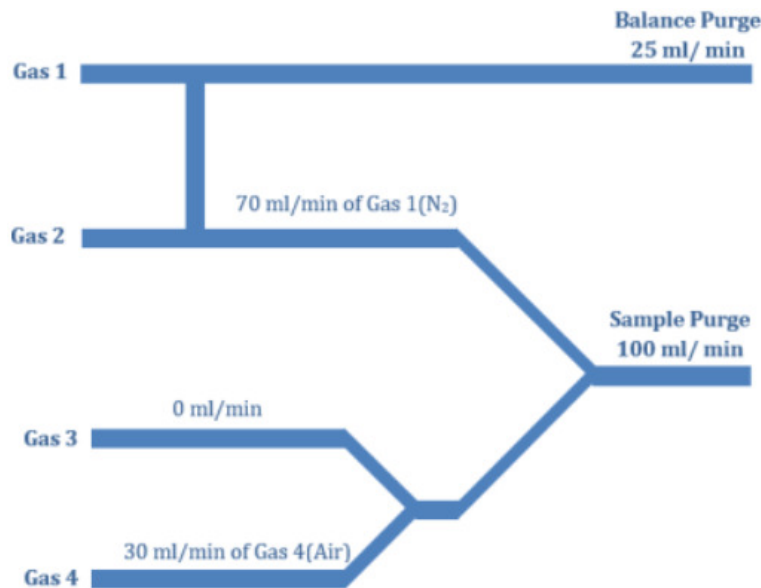
- The gas 1 port purges both sample and balance areas. Gas 1 should be an inert gas (N_2 , He, Ar)
- The gas 2 port is used when a different purge gas is required or gas switching is used. Typically this is air or O_2 .
- Gas type is assigned to Mass Flow Controller in the Instrument section of the control software and chosen before on the setup page.

Gases used on TGA/SDT

- Nitrogen - inert, inexpensive and readily available
- Helium - inert, commonly used on TGA-MS
- Air/Oxygen - used when studying oxidative stability of materials, can sometimes improve resolution of weight loss events
- Gas mixing for specific atmospheres – hydrogen, carbon dioxide and other gases.

Blending Gas Delivery Module

- For use with TGA 550, TGA 5500 and SDT 650
- Allows blending two gases as main sample purge for a test. Nitrogen, helium, argon, oxygen, air, carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide, and forming gas (a blend of 4% hydrogen with 96% nitrogen) may be blended.



Four gases can be used in a test

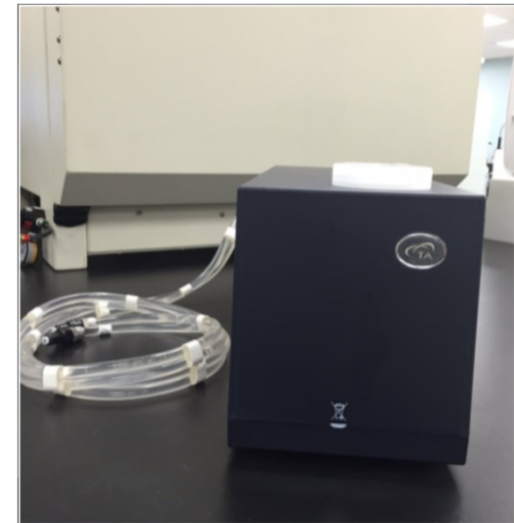


Heat Exchanger - TGA

The heat exchanger contains a liquid reservoir that supplies the instrument with coolant to dissipate heat from the furnace.

The coolant exits the heat exchanger through the supply line, circulates to the furnace, and returns to the reservoir via the return line.

- Check the level and condition of the heat exchanger coolant periodically (about 3 months)
- To clean: empty old water, fill with distilled water and add TA Instruments TGA Conditioner (P/N 952377.901) (algae growth suppressor)
- For Q series, after filling, in software choose “Control \ Prime Exchanger”



Calibration



TGA Calibration and Verification

Two types of calibration are needed:

- Weight
- Temperature

Temperature calibration can be affected by:

- Purge gas and flow rate

Thermal conductivity of helium \neq Thermal conductivity of nitrogen/air/oxygen \neq Thermal conductivity of argon

- Pan type
- Heating rates

General Calibration and Verification Guidelines

- Calibration

- Use Calibration Mode
- Calibrate upon installation
- Re-calibrate if does not pass verification or if instrument setup is modified (see previous slide)

- Verification

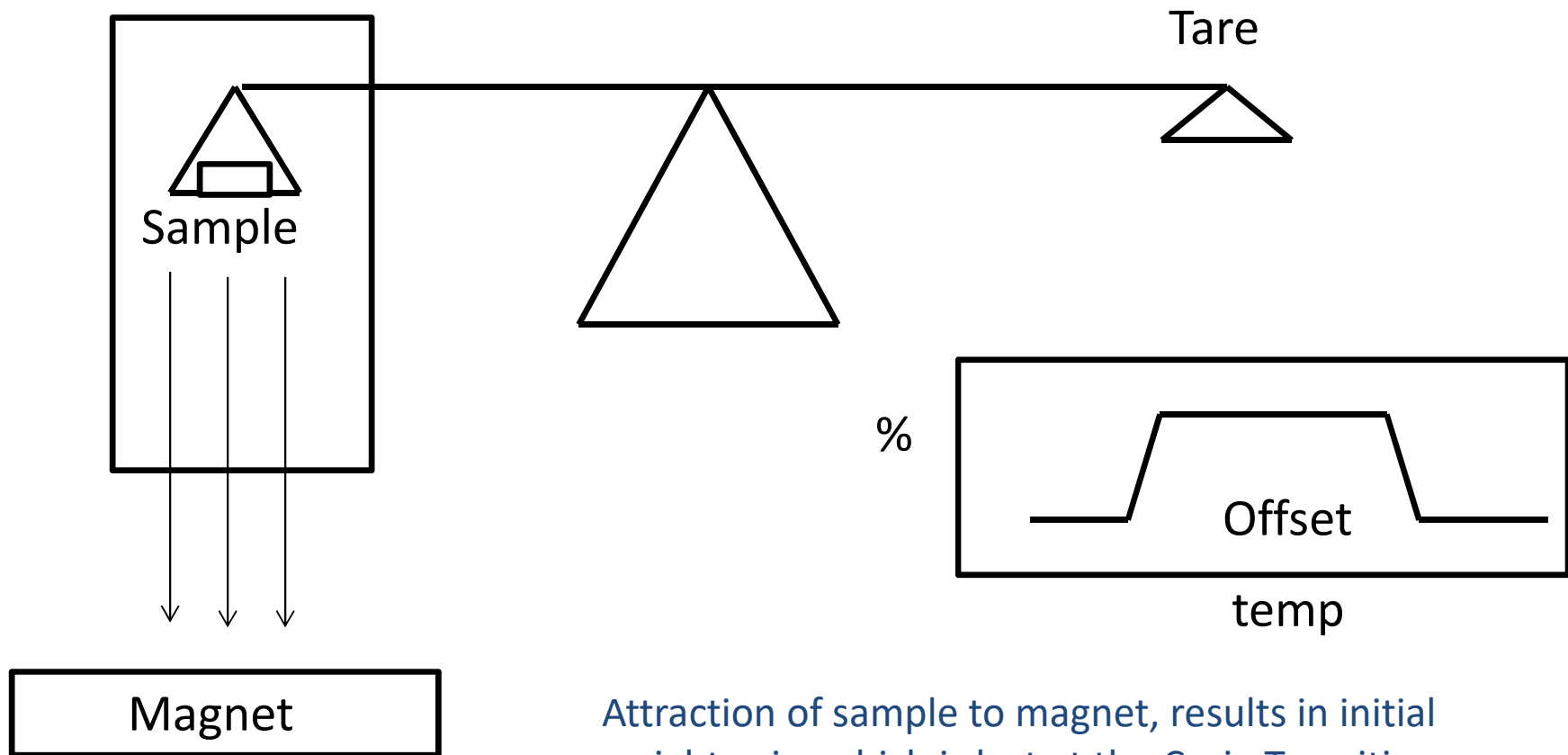
- Determine how often to verify data
- Run a reference material as a sample (in standard mode)
- Compare results vs literature values
- Re-calibrate if results are out of tolerance

ASTM E 1582 - Calibration of Temperature Scale for Thermogravimetry

- The standard describes two methods by which the TGA can be calibrated for temperature; by melting point or magnetic transition. The most common approach for a TGA would be the magnetic transition approach.
- Curie Point Temperature - that temperature where the material loses its magnetic susceptibility - defined as offset point.
- Paramagnetic - a material that is susceptible to attraction by a magnet
- Temperature Calibration points are determined by comparing the measured melting onset temperature to the literature value
- TA Instruments software allows for up to 5 temperature calibration points
 - Generally, these should bracket the temperature range of interest for subsequent samples

TGA: Temperature Calibration

Vertical Balance Configuration

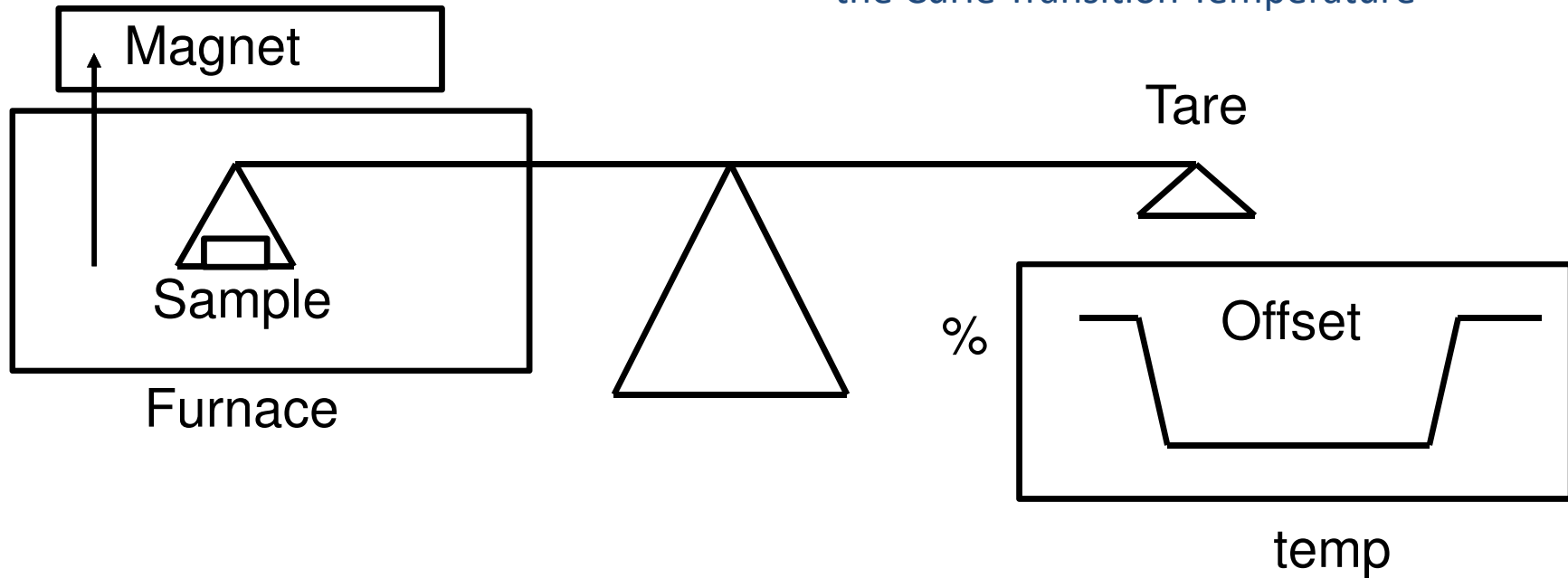


Attraction of sample to magnet, results in initial weight gain, which is lost at the Curie Transition Temperature

SDT: Temperature Calibration

Horizontal Balance Configuration

Attraction of sample to magnet, results in initial weight loss, which is lost at the Curie Transition Temperature

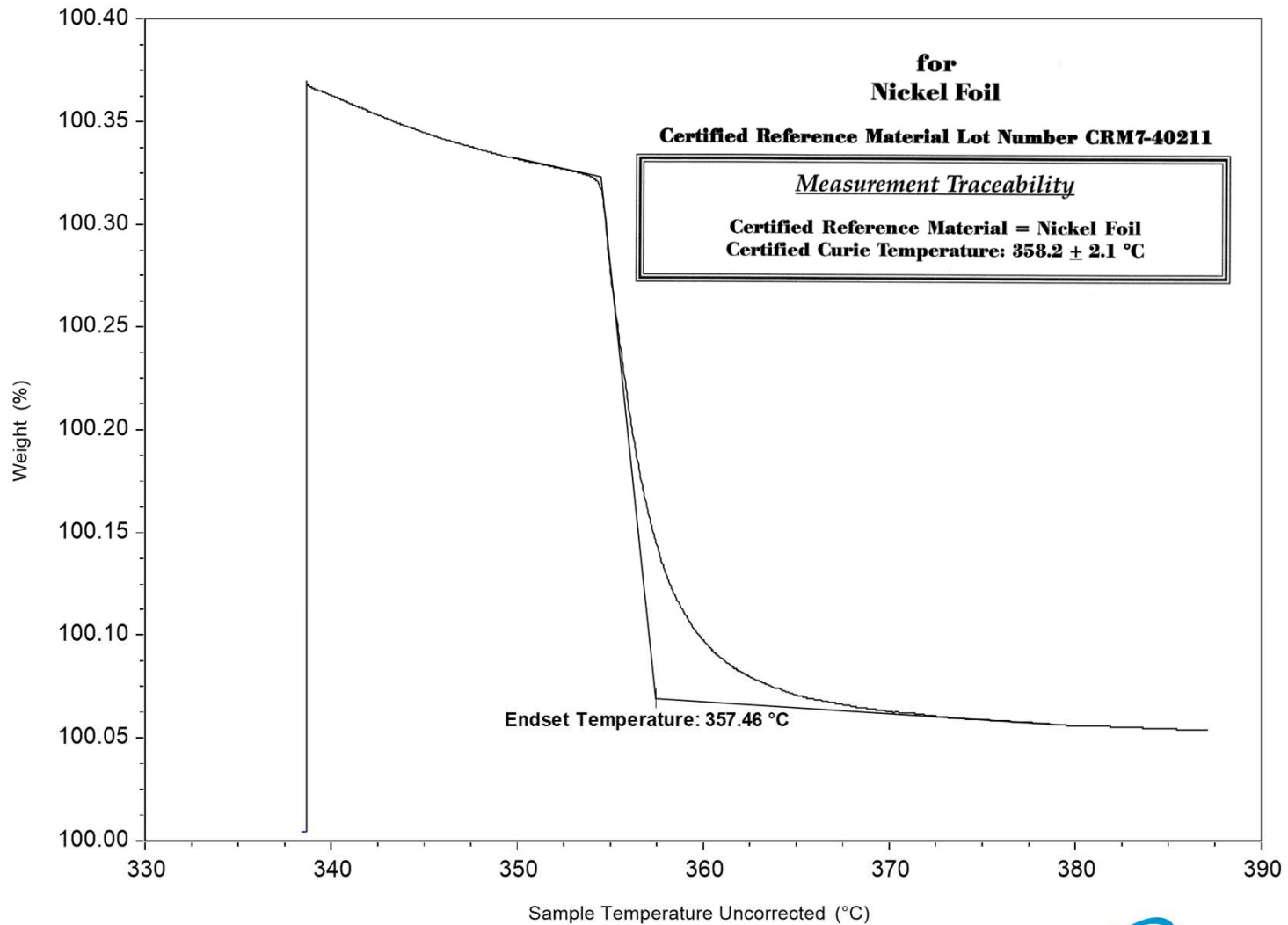


Curie Temperature Reference Materials

- International Confederation for Thermal Analysis and Calorimetry (ICTAC) developed a set of six certified and traceable Curie temperature reference materials for the calibration of TGA
 - Alumel 153 °C
 - Nickel 358C
 - Ni₈₃Co₁₇ 555 °C
 - Ni₆₃Co₃₇ 747 °C
 - Ni₃₇Co₆₃ 931 °C
 - Cobalt 1116.0 °C
- The materials permit temperature calibration in about 200 °C intervals over the range of 150 to 1120 °C.
- TA Instruments is the exclusive worldwide distributor for these Curie point materials.

TGA – Temperature Calibration

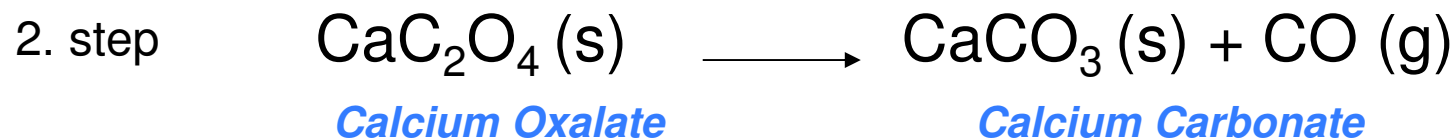
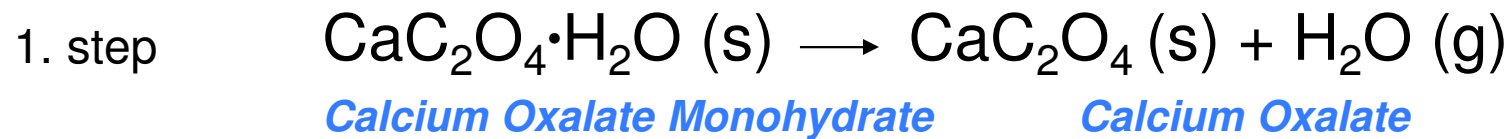
Nickel - Calibration



Calcium Oxalate “Standard” Analysis

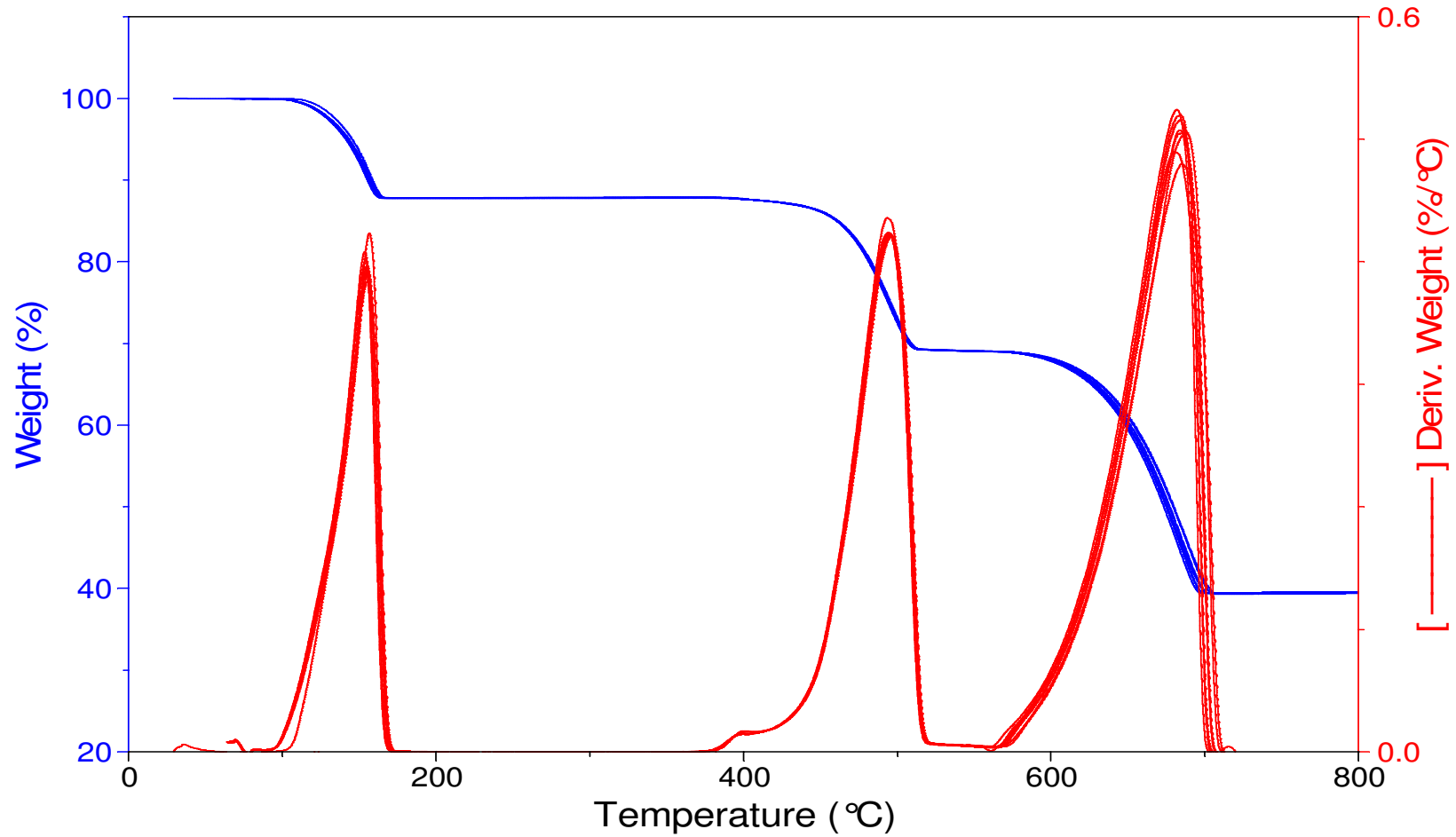
- Although Calcium Oxalate is not generally accepted as a “Standard Material,” it does have practical utility for INTRA-laboratory use.
- Carefully control the experimental conditions; i.e. pan type, purge gases/flow rates, heating rate.
- Particularly control the amount (~5mg) and the particle size of the sample and how you position it in the pan
- Perform multiple runs, enough to do a statistical analysis
- Analyze the weight changes and peak temperatures and establish the performance of YOU and YOUR instrument
- When performance issues come up, repeat the Calcium Oxalate analysis

Calcium Oxalate Decomposition



Calcium Oxalate Repeatability

Overlay of 8 runs, same conditions



Calcium Oxalate Repeatability

Run #	Transition 1		Transition 2		Transition 3	
	Wt Change %	Peak Temp °C	Wt Change %	Peak Temp °C	Wt Change %	Peak Temp °C
1	12.13	156.68	18.78	493.37	29.62	684.33
2	12.22	153.60	18.75	494.17	29.56	680.43
3	12.20	155.40	18.76	495.6	29.63	684.11
4	12.21	155.58	18.77	495.98	29.69	688.11
5	12.21	154.05	18.75	494.72	29.54	684.28
6	12.20	154.91	18.73	495.62	29.58	684.83
7	12.21	155.09	18.77	494.71	29.61	683.92
8	12.20	153.52	18.77	493.84	29.57	681.85
Ave	12.20	154.85	18.76	494.75	29.60	683.98
Std Dev	0.028	1.08	0.016	0.93	0.048	2.24
Theoretical	12.3		19.2		30.1	
Accuracy	0.8%		2.3%		1.7%	
Precision	0.2%		0.1%		0.2%	

SDT Calibration and Verification

Types of calibration available:

- Weight Calibration: (TGA weight signal)
- DTA Signal Setup: Analyzing the Delta T signal data
- Temperature (Melting point or curie point standards as in TGA. Commonly use melting point standards)
- DSC Heat Flow
- MDSC Reversing Heat Capacity (SDT 650)

SDT Calibration and Verification

- DTA signal:

- Not required when using the SDT as a DSC-TGA (*i.e.*, only required when saving the Delta T signal).
- This run usually utilizes the same baseline run obtained for TGA Weight Calibration.

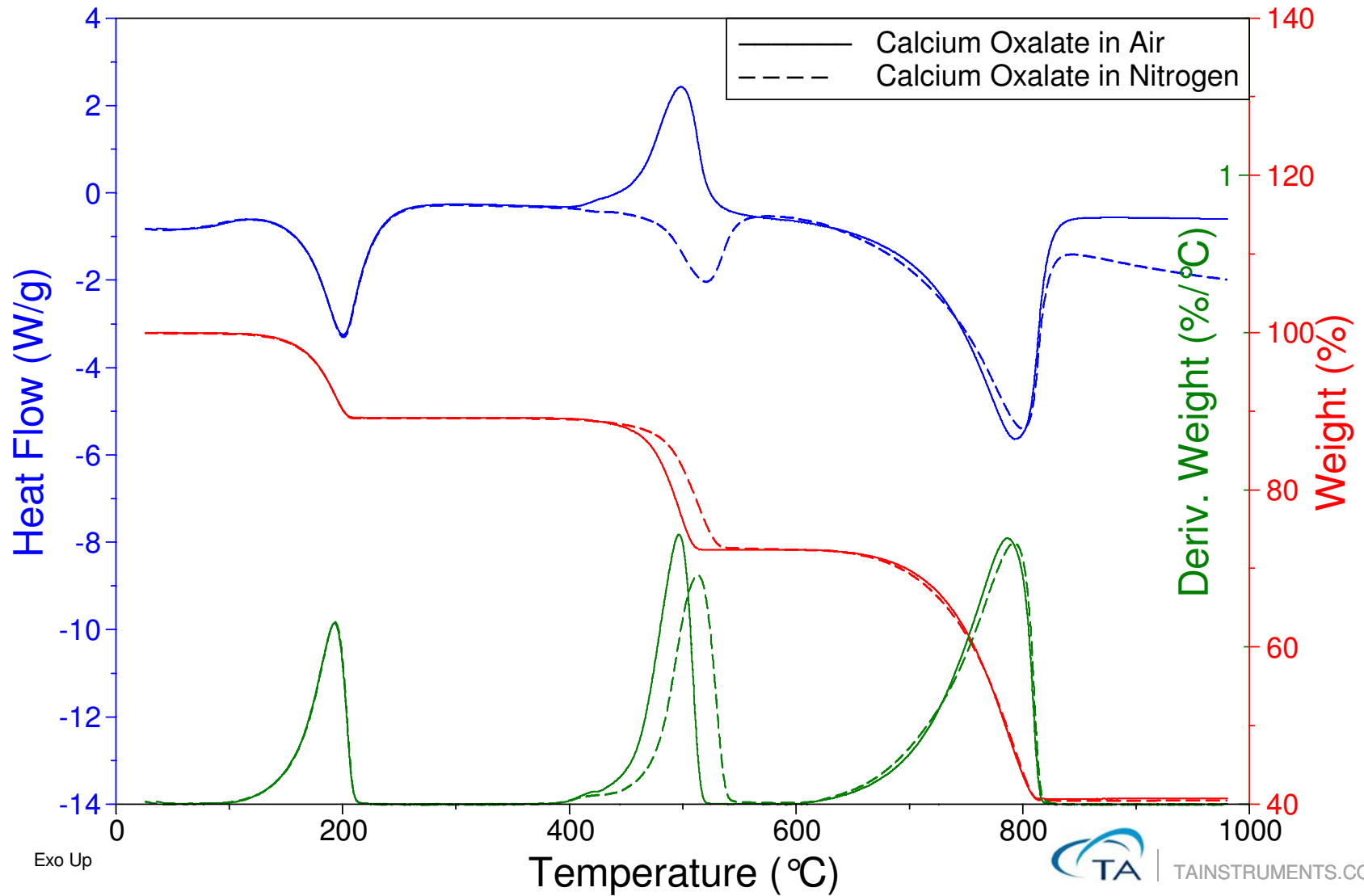
- Heat flow and cell constant:

- Based on analyzing the heat capacity curve for sapphire over the range 200 to 1500 °C. Three experimental runs are required: two runs to generate the heat flow curve and another run to refine that calibration through cell constant calibration using a known metal standard (zinc, for example).

- MDSC Reversing heat capacity:

A heat capacity calibration curve is generated by running a sapphire sample over a desired temperature range using appropriate modulated conditions. The collected Reversing Heat Capacity curve is calibrated against the true value of the heat capacity of sapphire over the experimental temperature range

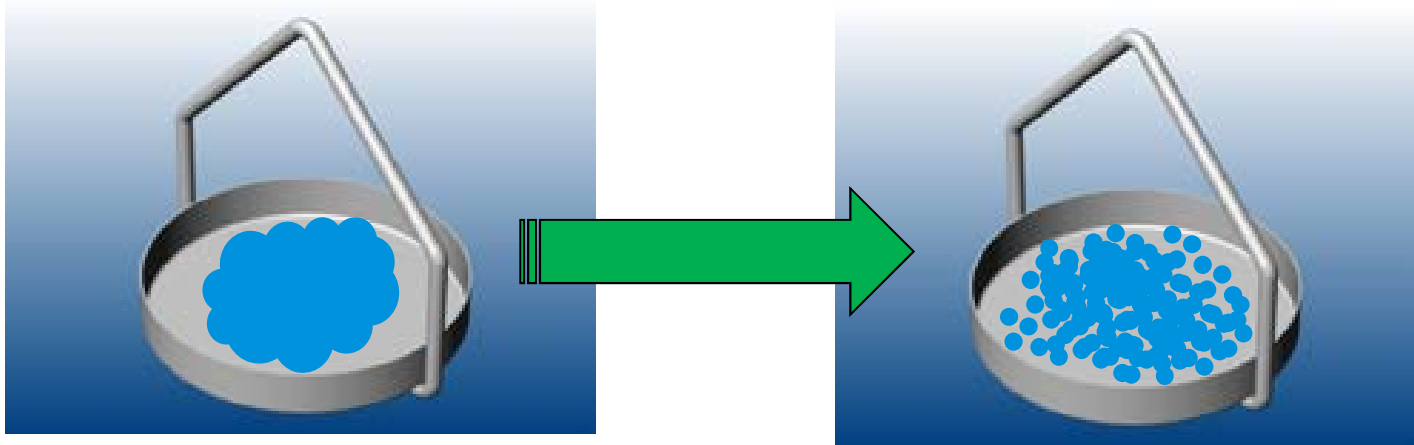
Calcium Oxalate in SDT



Sample prep & method Development

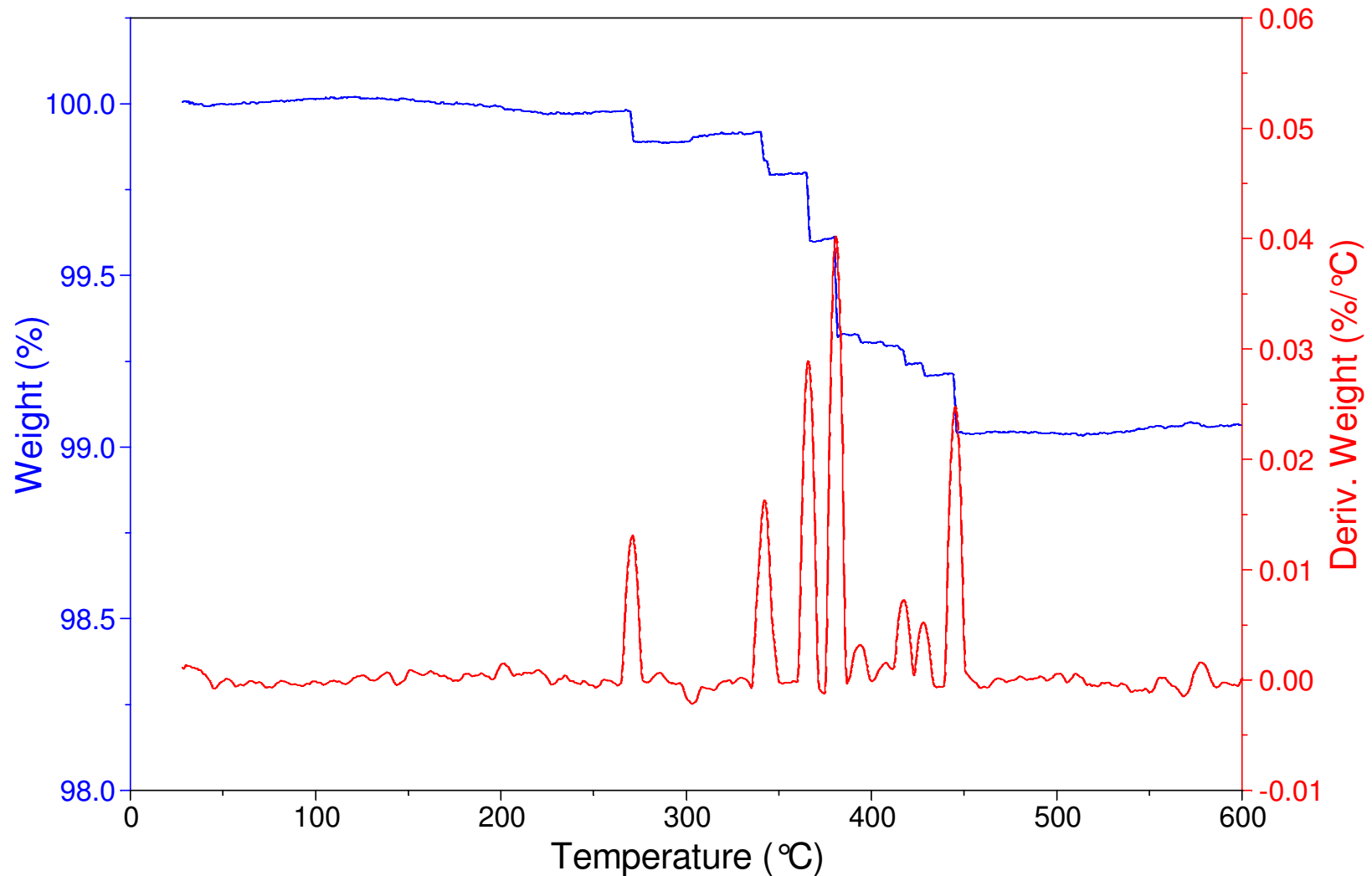


TGA: Sample Preparation

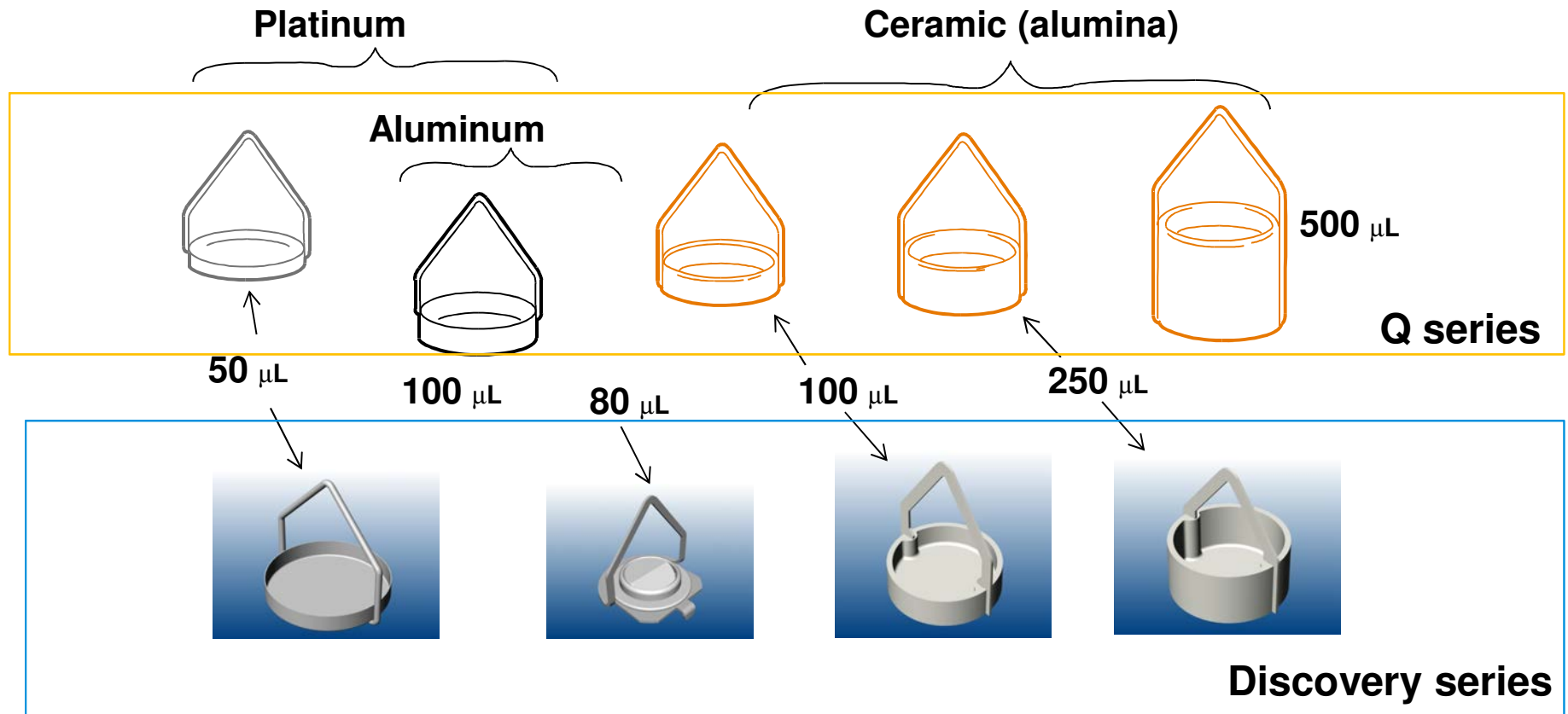


- Sample mass
 - 10-20mg for most applications
 - 50-100mg for measuring volatiles or residues
- If a TGA has a baseline drift of $\pm 25\mu\text{g}$ then this is 0.25% of a 10mg sample
- Use brass tweezers to eliminate static effects
- Tare a clean sample pan before every run
- Distribute sample evenly over bottom of pan
- Liquid samples - use hermetic pan with a pin-hole lid

TGA particle size matters, NaCl decrepitation



TGA: Sample Pans - Types/Sizes



Deep-walled pans are good for larger mass and low-density materials

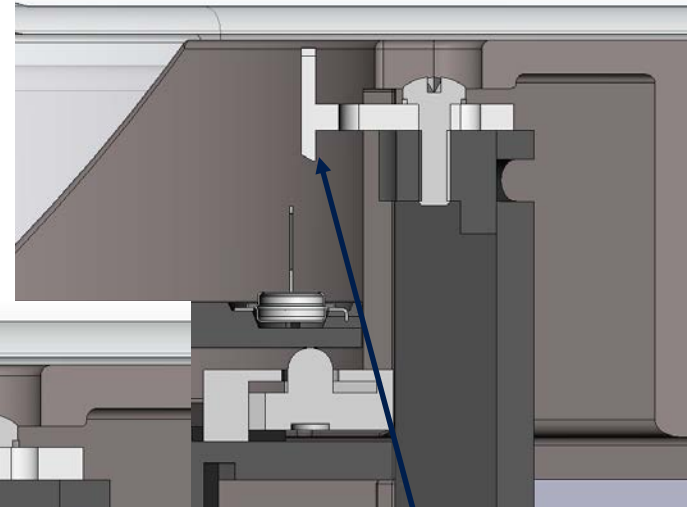
TGA: Sample Pan Selection

- Platinum (useful for most materials)
 - Easy to clean
 - Nonporous
 - Can alloy with most metals
 - Up to 1000°C
- Alumina (Ceramic)
 - Corrosives/Inorganics
 - Large samples
 - Porous, can be easily contaminated
- Aluminum (TGA) (designed for one-time use)
 - Lower cost, disposable
 - Lower temperature limit (≤ 600 °C)

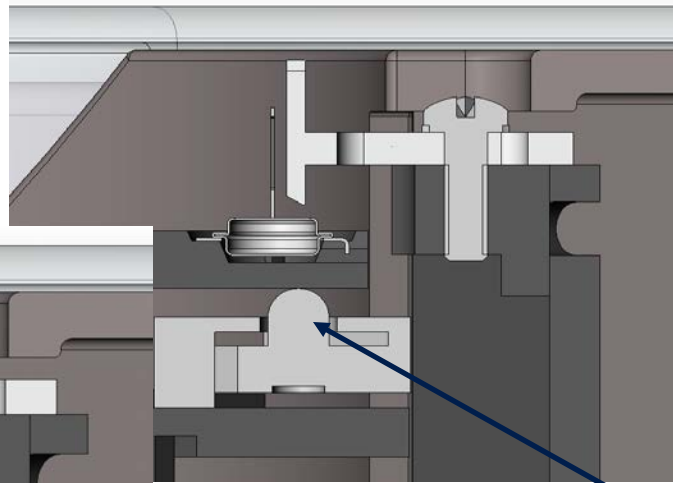
Sealed Aluminum Pans and Punching



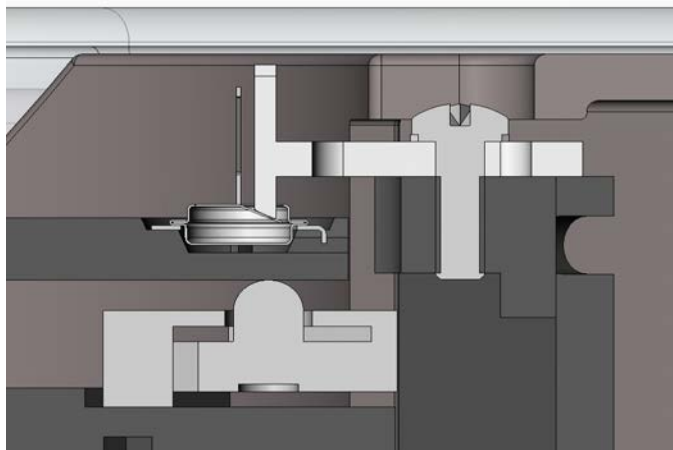
1. Home Position



2. Pre-Punching



3. Punching



Punch

**Force
Sensor**




















TGA: Sample Pan Cleaning

- All sample pans are reusable (except Aluminum)
- If using platinum or alumina pans, a flame torch can be used to burn off organic residue. (do not flame Aluminum pans)
- Scrape off remaining ash (DSC fiberglass brush)
- Swab out with an organic solvent such as acetone or alcohol. Let it dry out before using it



Method Segments

Select Method Segments

 Jump	 Repeat
 Equilibrate	 Repeat Until
 Initial Temperature	 Abort
 Ramp	 Sample Interval
 Isothermal	 Data
 Step	 Mark End
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 Heater PID	
 Hi Resolution Ramp	
 Hi Resolution Sensitivity	
 ElectroMagnet	
 Event1	
 Event2	

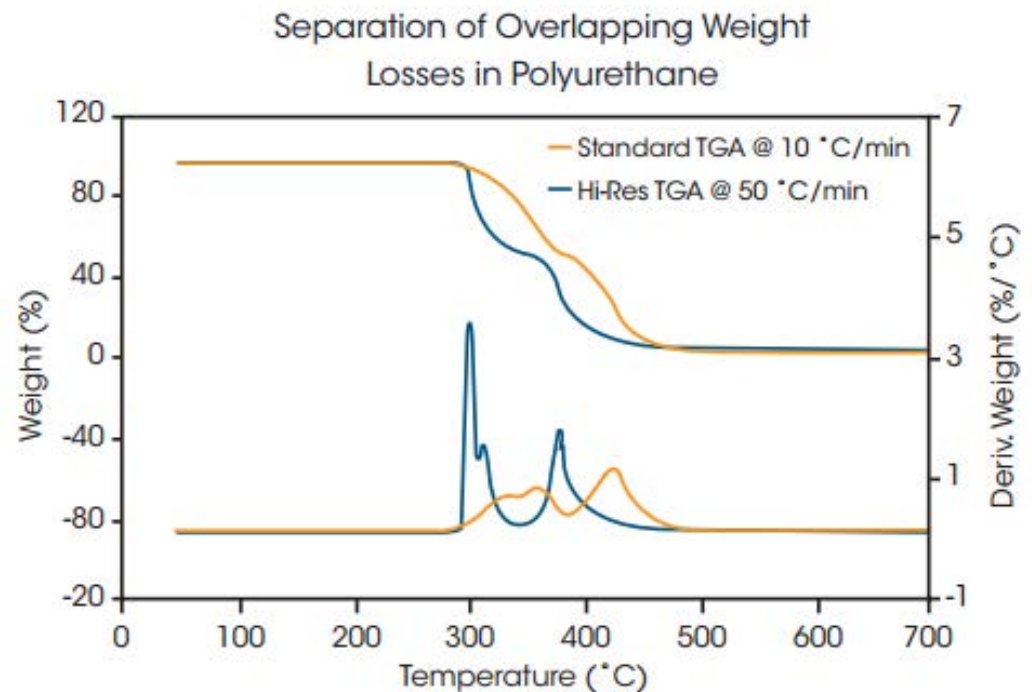
Typical Methods

- Ramp (heating) experiment:
 - Ramp 20 °C/min. to 800 °C
- Ramp and switch gas (carbon black content, residue)
 - Ramp 20 °C/min. to 650 °C
 - Select gas: 2
 - Ramp 20 °C/min. to 1000 °C

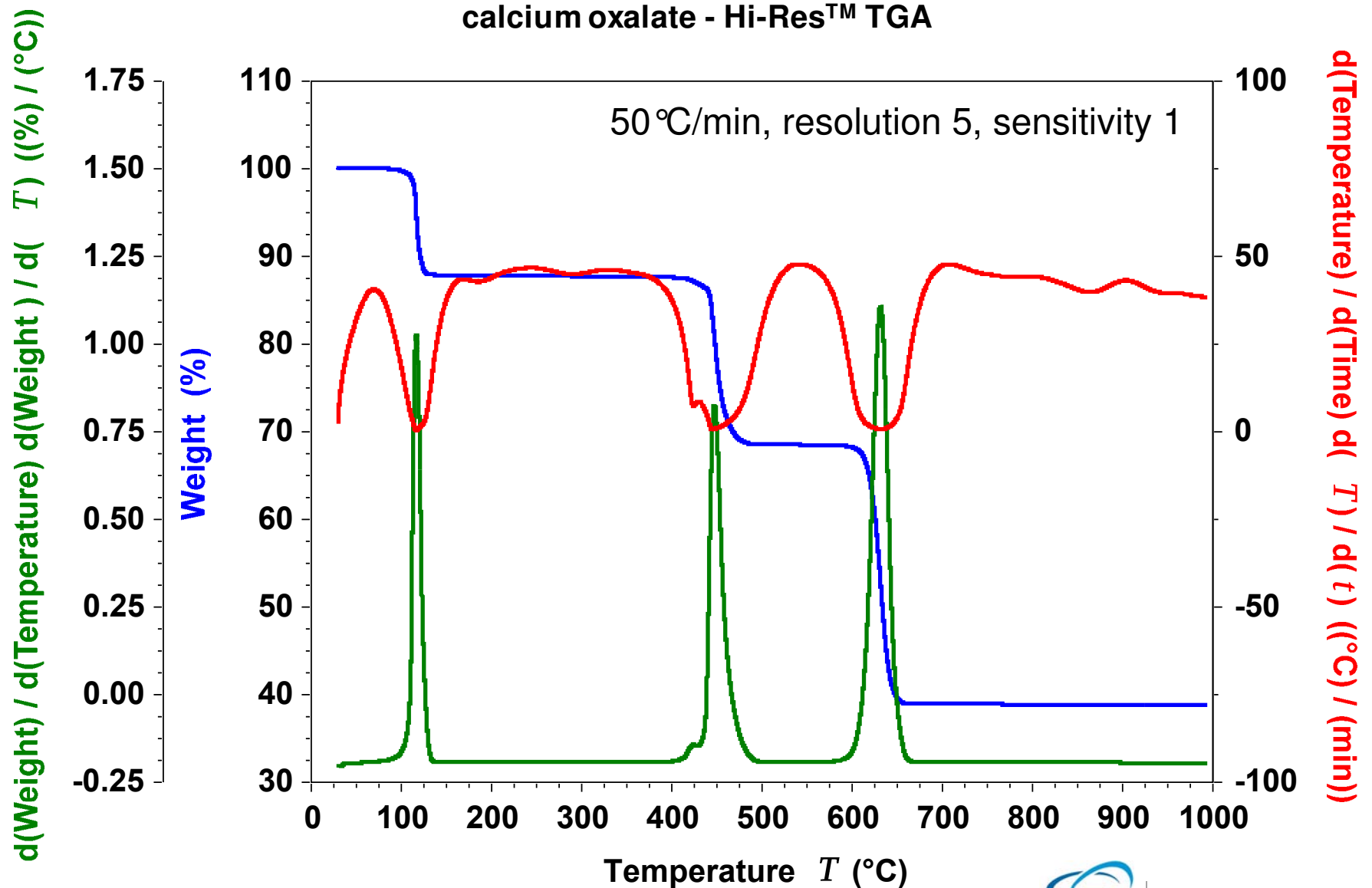
The screenshot shows a software interface for configuring a heating ramp experiment. At the top, there is a 'Mode' dropdown menu set to 'Standard' and a 'Test' dropdown menu set to 'Ramp'. Below these is a 'Name' input field. The main configuration area is titled 'Template' and 'Segments'. It contains three input fields: 'Heating rate' set to '20.00' °C/min, 'Final temperature' set to '800' °C, and a checkbox labeled 'Switch to gas 2 at' followed by an input field set to '600' °C.

Hi-Res™ TGA

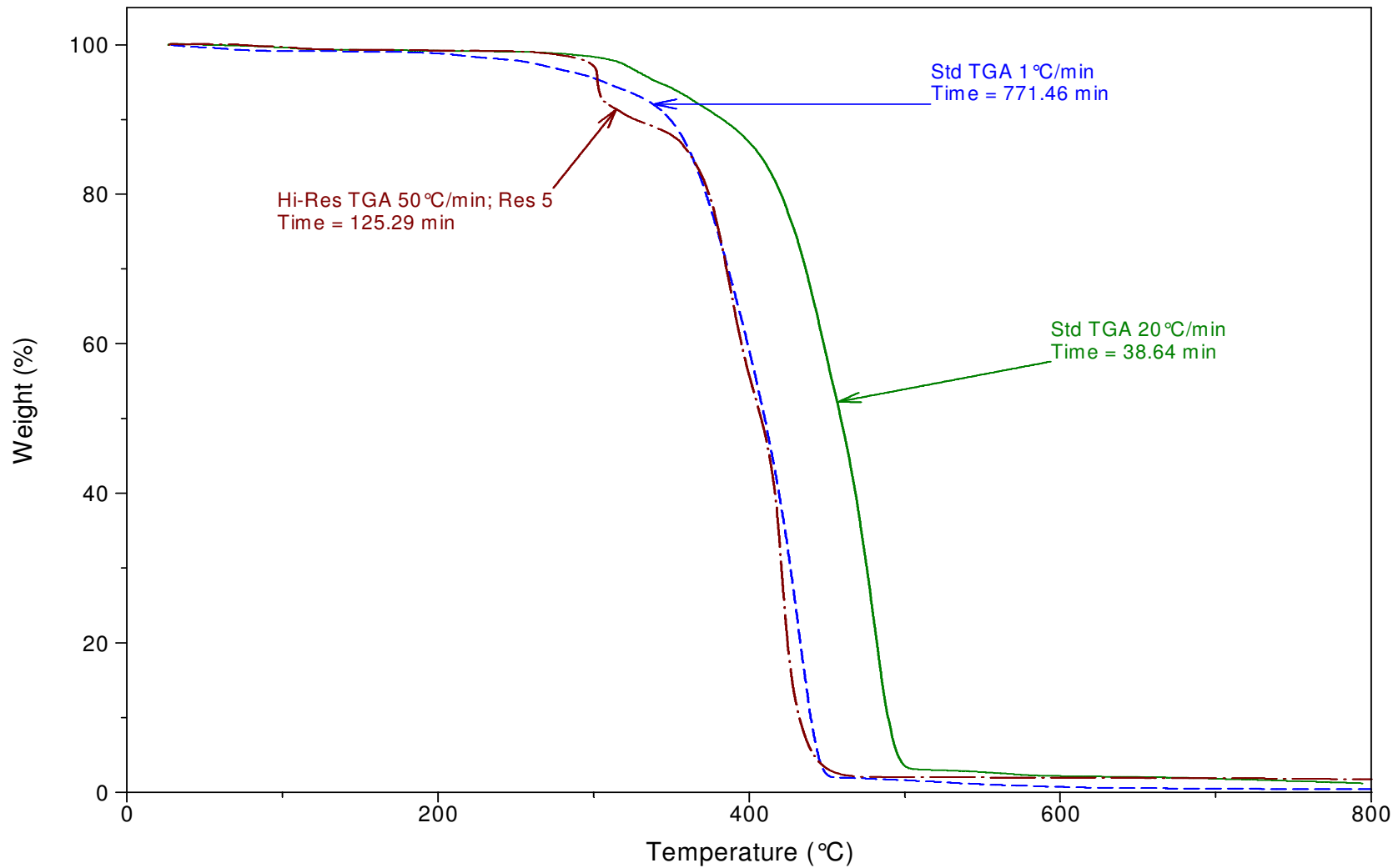
- In a Hi-Res™ TGA experiment the heating rate is controlled by the rate of decomposition.
- Faster heating rates during periods of no weight loss, and slowing down the heating rate during a weight loss – therefore not sacrificing as much time
- Hi-Res™ TGA can give better resolution or faster run times,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



Hi-Res™ TGA of Calcium oxalate



Hi-Res™ TGA vs. Std TGA of Nylon/PE Blend



Programming a Hi-Res™ TGA experiment – Sensitivity Number

1. Sensitivity 1.0
2. Ramp 50°C/min, Res. 4.0 to 1000°C

Sensitivity: typically varies from 0 to 8.0

- Controls the response of the Hi-Res system to changes in decomposition rates (Δ wt%/min)
- Determines the increase in decomposition rate that warrants a reduction in the heating rate (or vice-versa)
- Higher sensitivity values make the Hi-Res system more responsive to small changes in the rate of reaction

Programming a Hi-Res™ TGA experiment – Resolution Number

1. Sensitivity 1.0
2. Ramp 50°C/min, Res. 4.0 to 1000°C

Resolution : typically varies from -8.0 to 8.0

- Adjusts the heating rate based on the sample decomposition rate (wt%/min)
- As the decomposition rate increases, the heating rate is further decreased (and vice-versa).
- Higher resolution number (absolute value) results in a greater reduction in heating rate at smaller values of wt%/min

Programming a Hi-Res™ TGA experiment – Heating Rate

1. Sensitivity 1.0
 2. Ramp 50°C/min, Res. 4.0 to 1000°C
- TGA – Start @ 50°C/min unless volatiles then start @ 10-20°C/min
 - SDT – Start @ 20°C/min unless volatiles then start @ 5-10°C/min

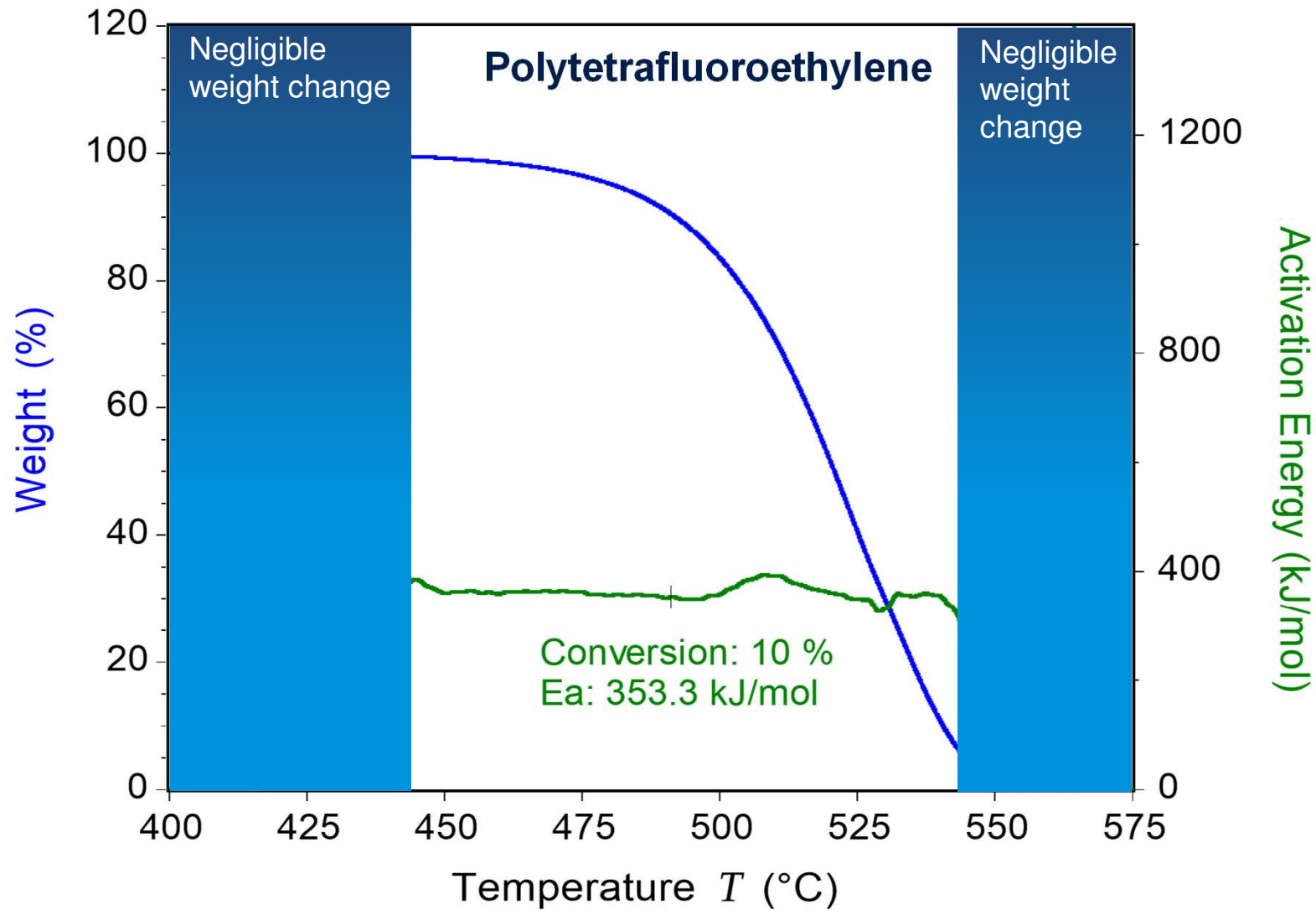
Advantages of MTGA™

- One run needed to obtain activation energy. (ASTM E2958)
- Activation energy is a signal in the data file.
- Comparable with Flynn-Wall method for calculated E_a with the benefit of the reduced time.
- Method works under quasi-isothermal or ramping conditions.
- Activation energy is obtained as a continuous curve and so can be manipulated numerous ways. For example, it can be plotted as a function of conversion.
- Can be combined with Hi-Res™ to speed up experiments and more accurately handle multiple weight loss events.

Setting Up MTGA™ Experiment - General Guidelines

- A scouting run at 10 °C/min is useful to determine width of transitions.
- Range of consistent results:
 - Period = 300 s (practical range: 100 – 500s)
 - Amplitude = 3 °C (practical range: 1 – 10 °C)
 - Ramp Rate = 1 °C/min (practical range: 0.5 – 2 °C/min)

PTFE: Modulated Ramping Experiment



Hi-Res™ TGA & MTGA™ Instruments

- Standard on:
 - Discovery TGA 5500 & Discovery SDT 650
 - Discovery TGA (Gen 1), Q5000IR TGA
- Optional on:
 - Discovery TGA 550
 - Q500 TGA
- Not available on:
 - Discovery TGA 55
 - Q50 TGA
 - Q600 SDT

Summary for TGA

- Typical starting sample mass = 10mg \pm 1mg
- Typical starting ramp rate = 10°C/min
- Change above as needed
- Use Hi-Res™ and MTGA™ as needed

Applications: Thermal Stability



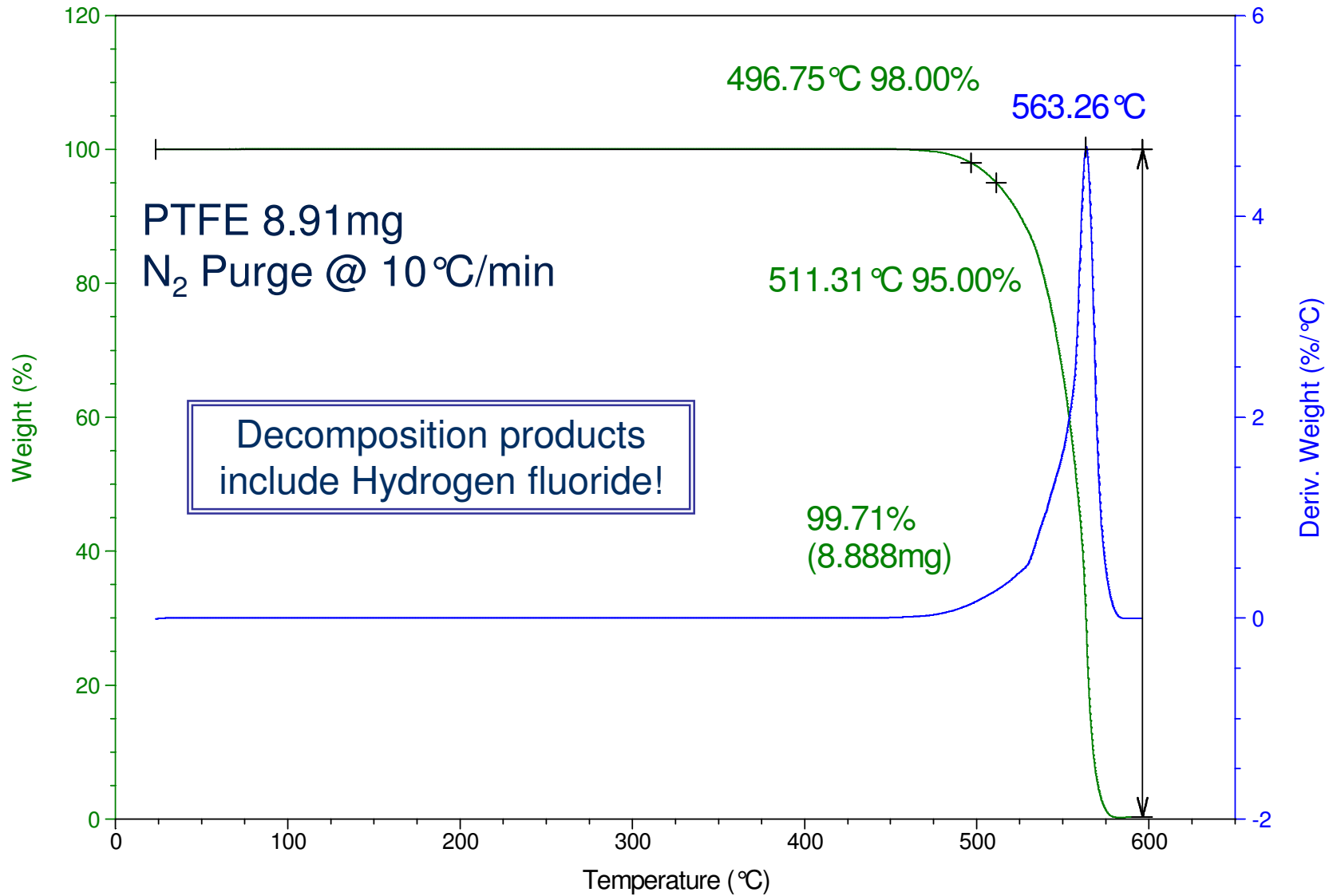
Thermal Stability

- Can be studied by multiple techniques
- May be studied w/ inert or oxidizing atmospheres
- TGA – Typically Best choice
 - Weight loss
- DSC
 - Change in heat flow (typically exothermic)

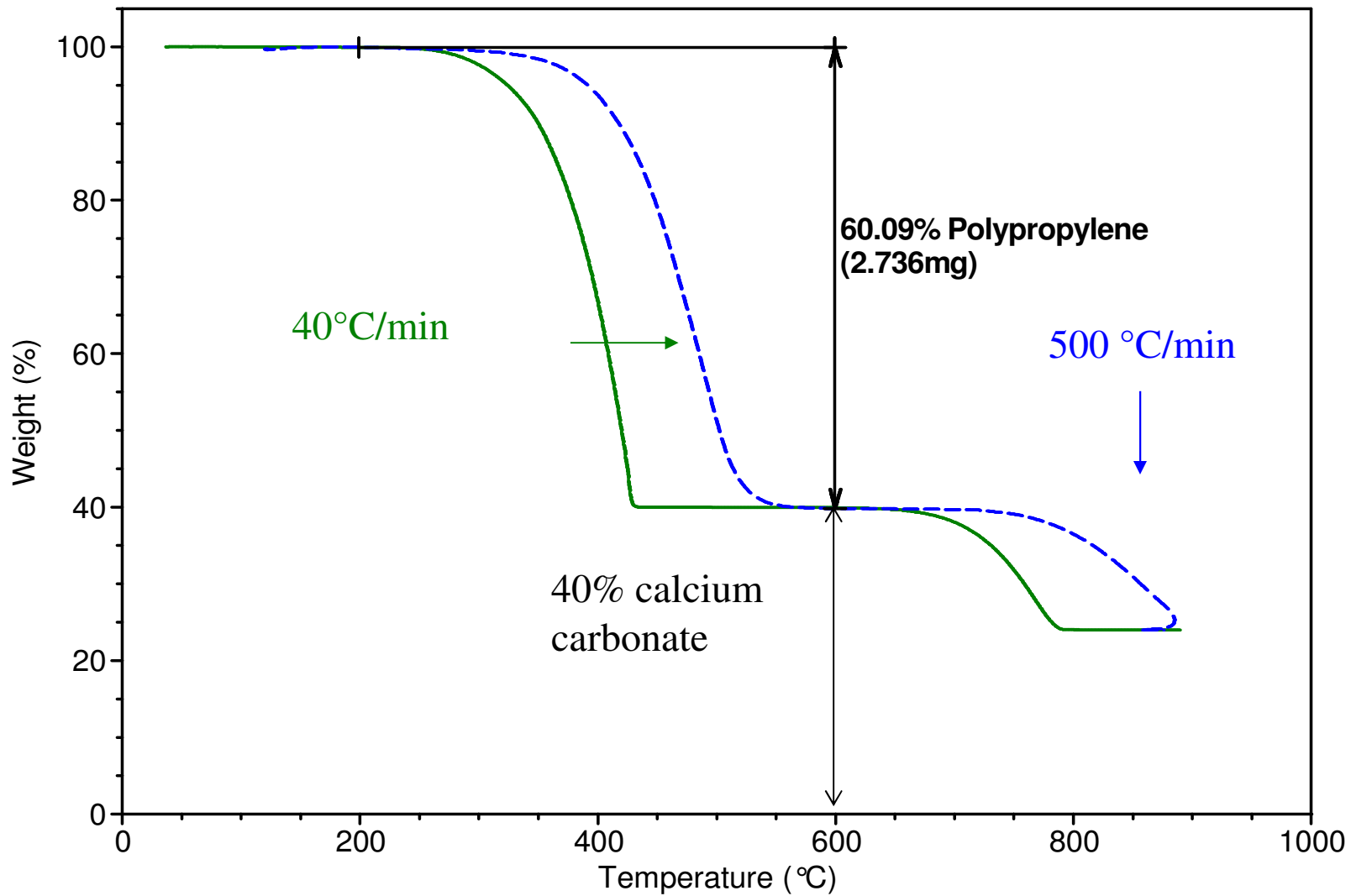
TGA Profile In Nitrogen and Air

- First Step in Materials Characterization
- Look for:
 - Thermal Stability
 - ◆ Volatilization/Decomposition Temperature
 - Weight Loss Profile
 - ◆ Number of Steps
 - Residue
 - ◆ Char/Ash/Filler Presence

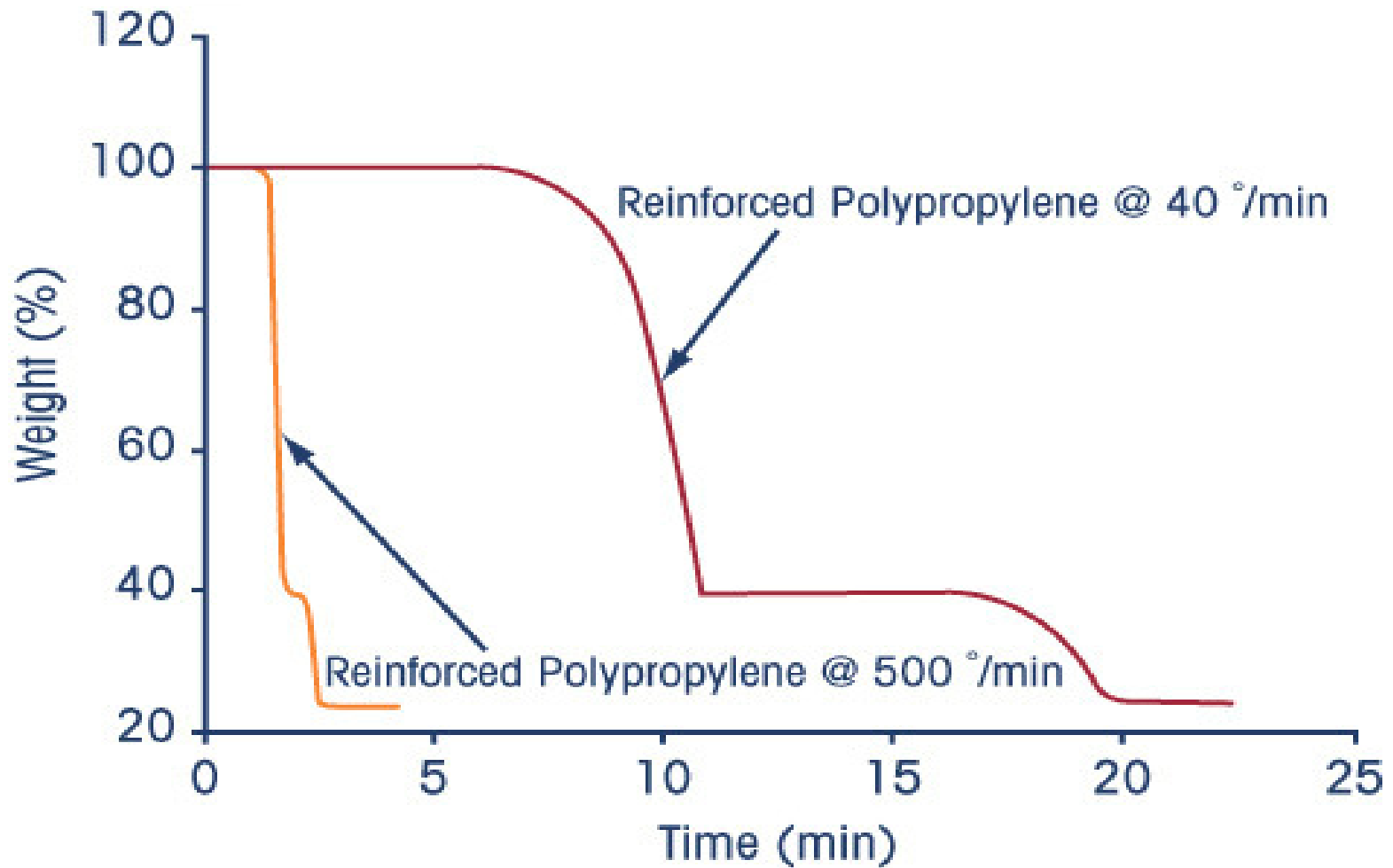
TGA Gives Upper Limit for DSC



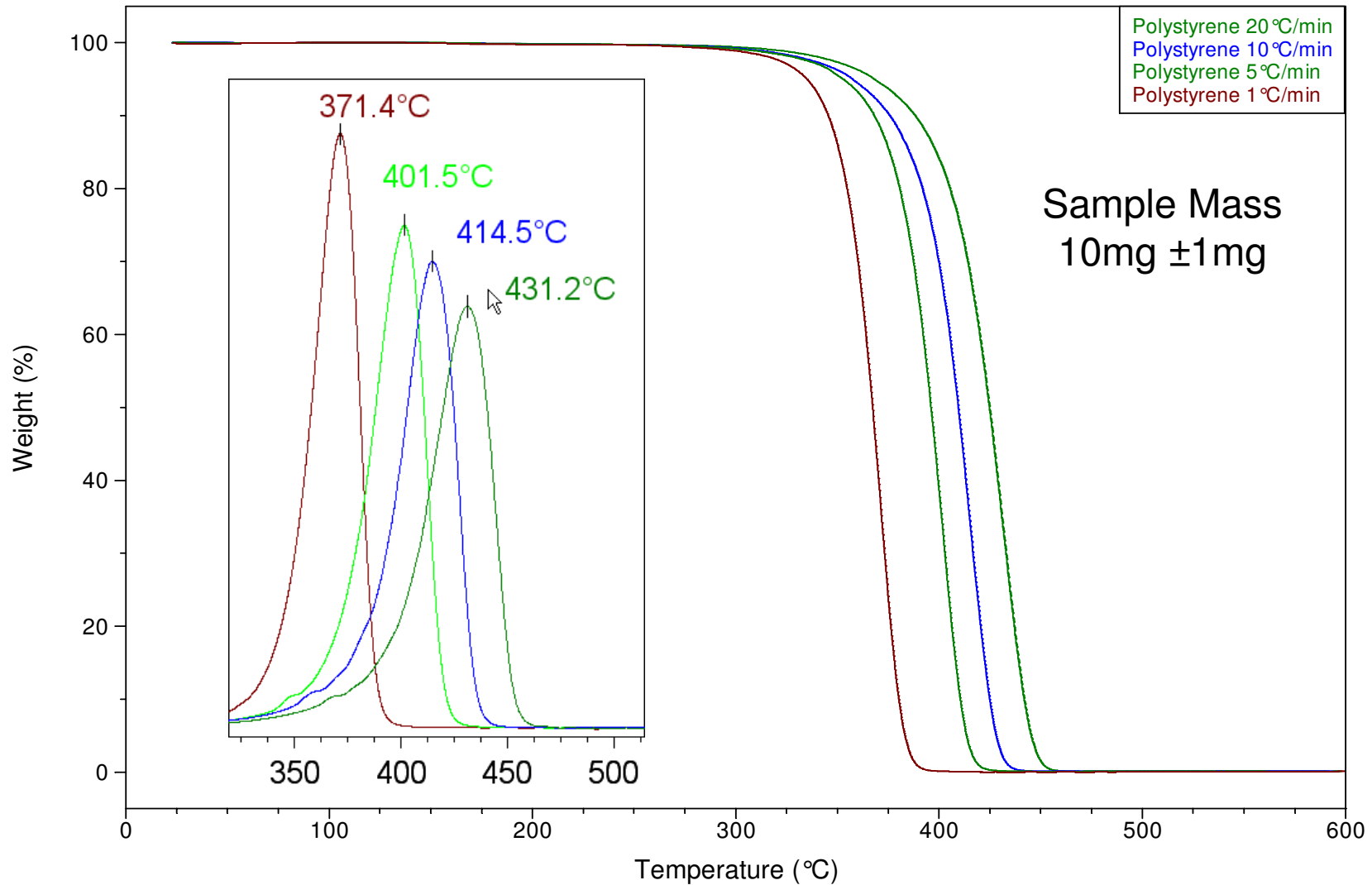
High-Heating Rate TGA Analysis



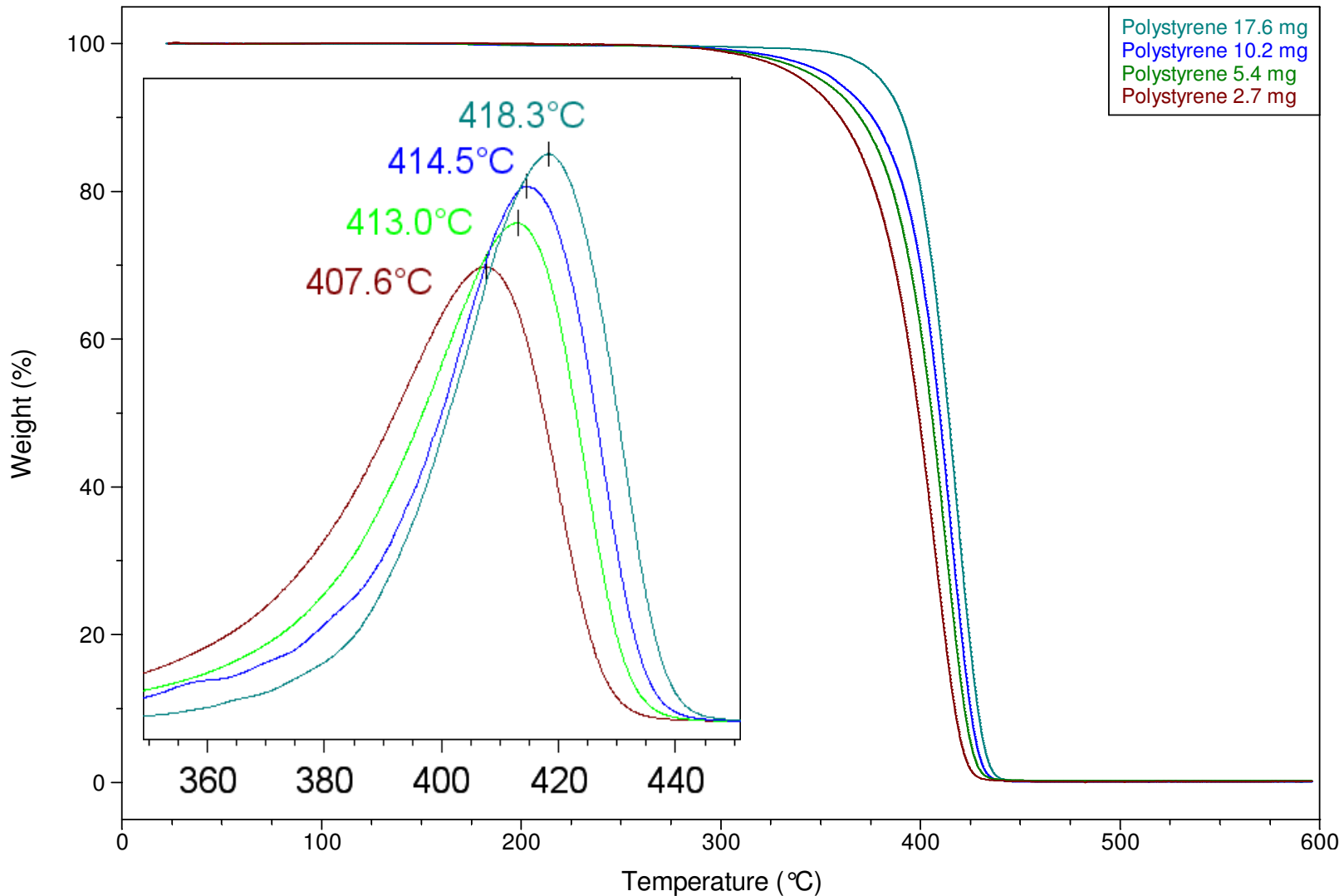
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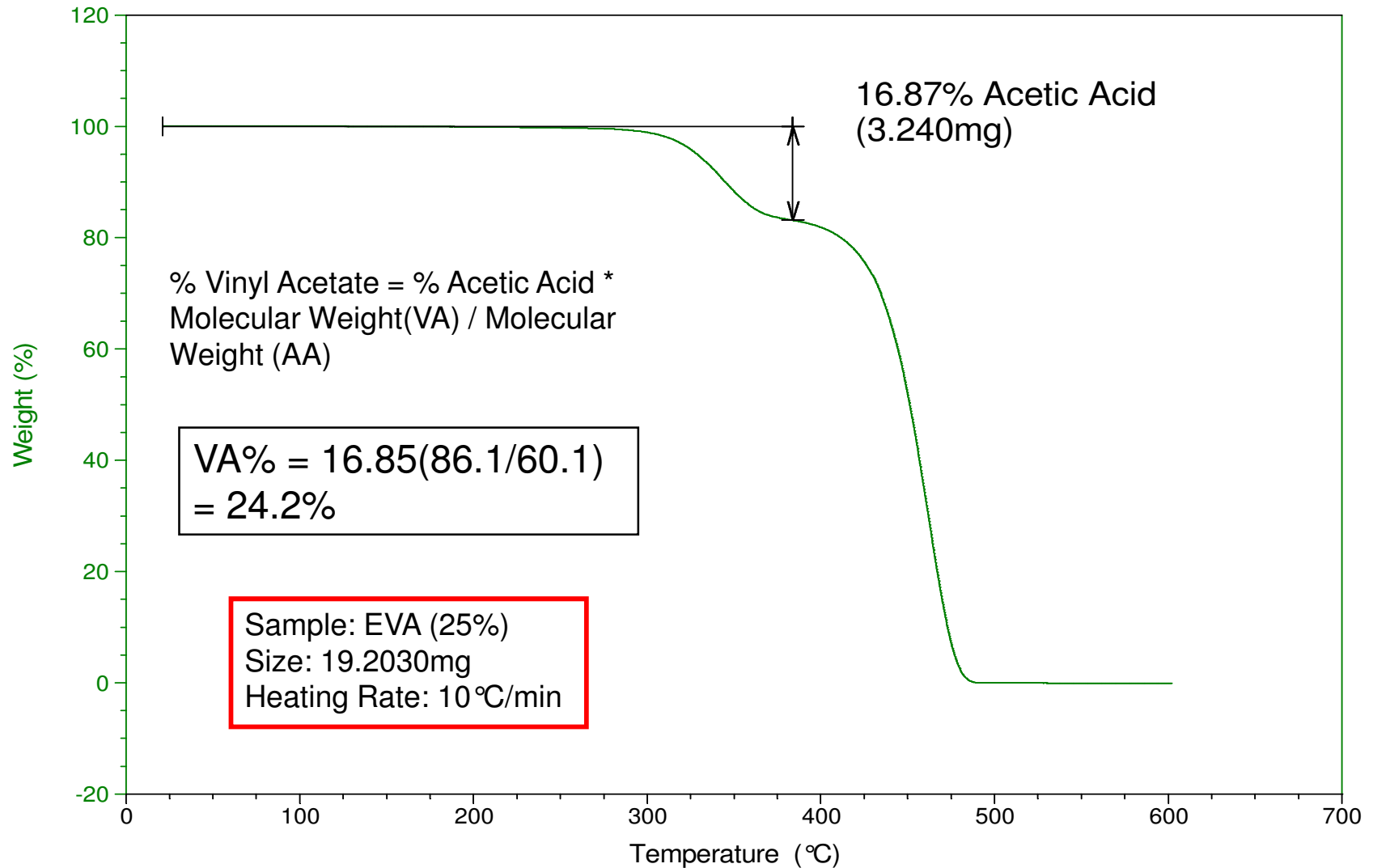
Higher heating rates increase the observed decomposition temperature



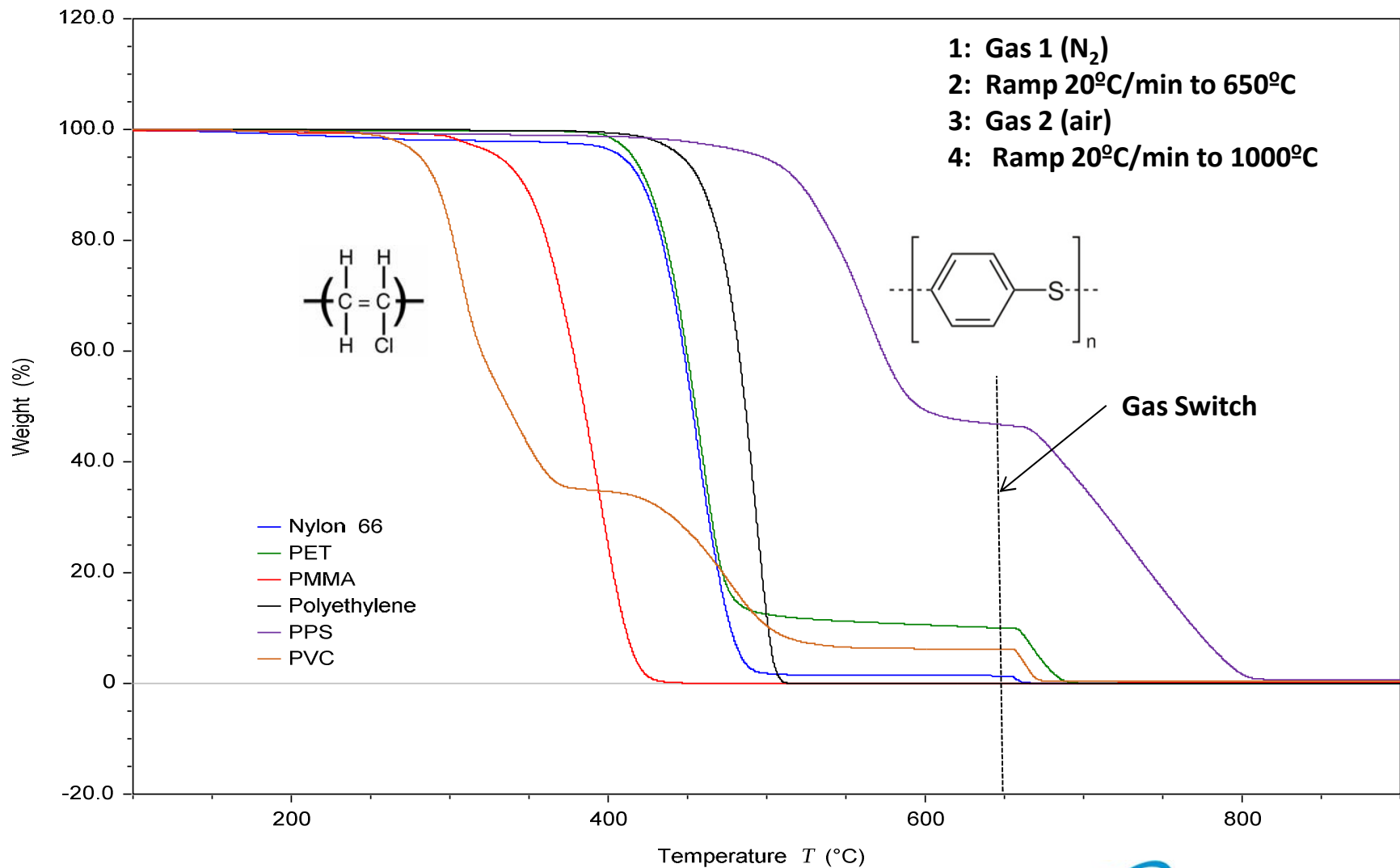
Larger sample mass increases the observed decomposition temperature



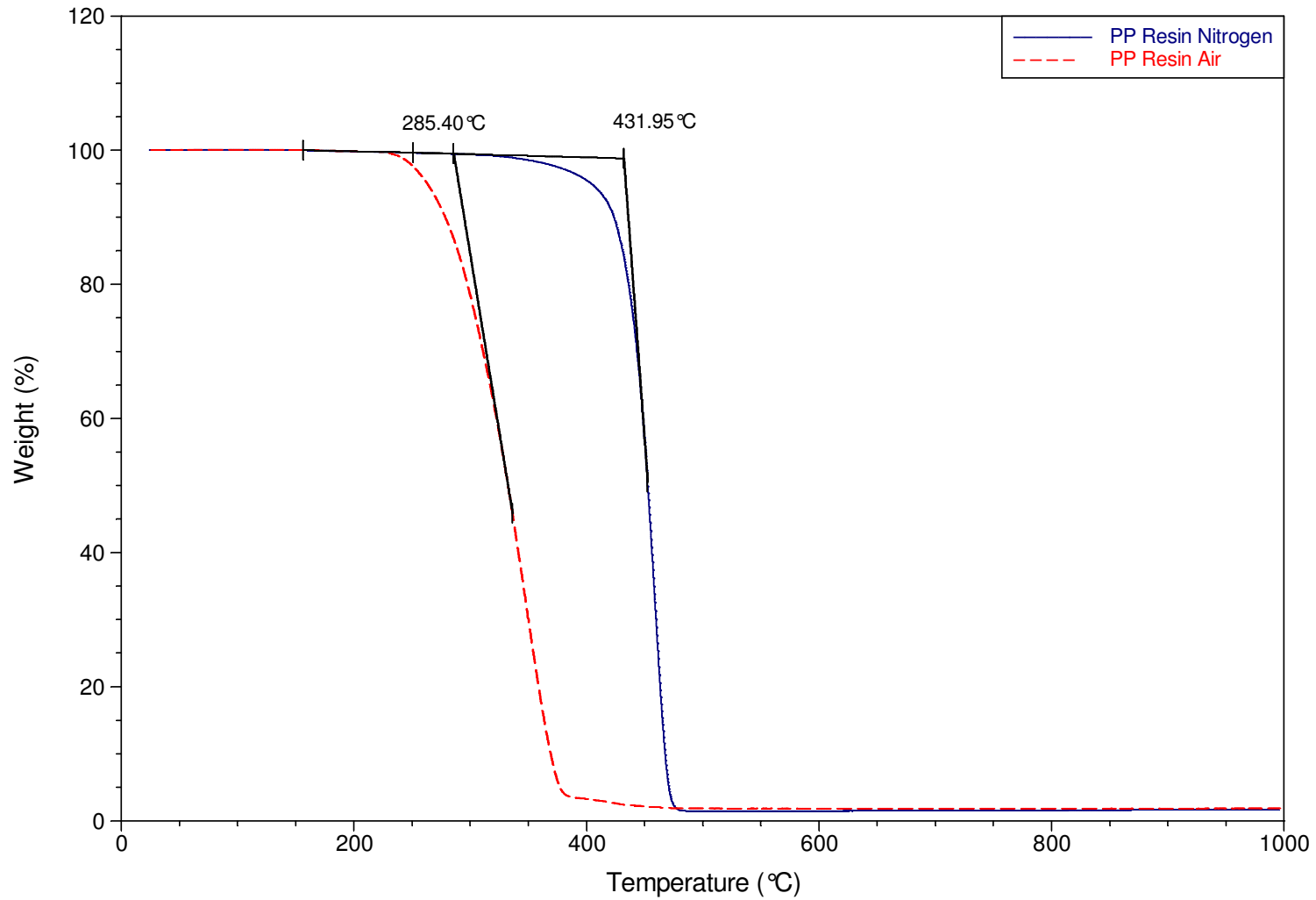
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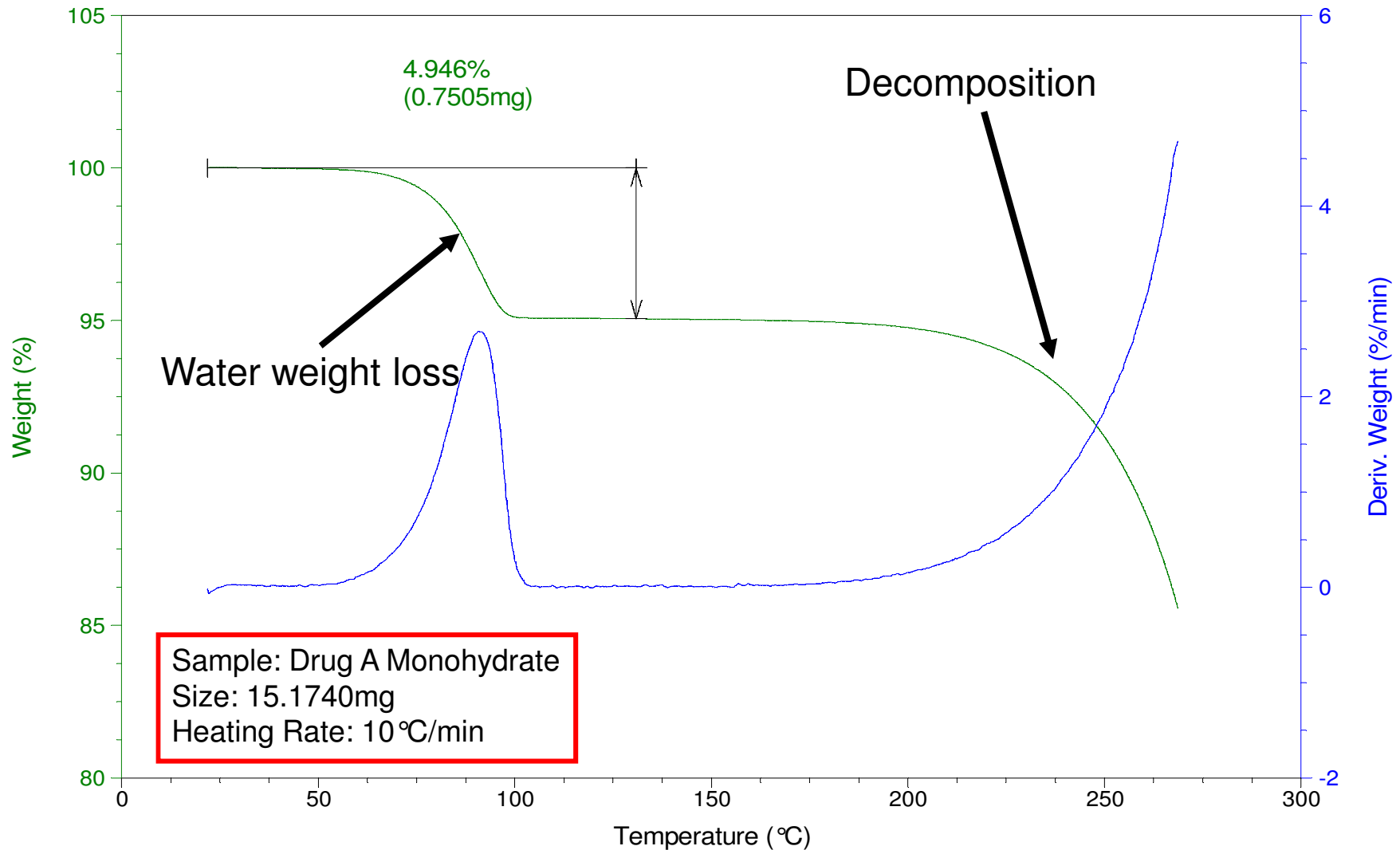
Thermal Stability of Polymers



Oxidative Stability (Polypropylene)



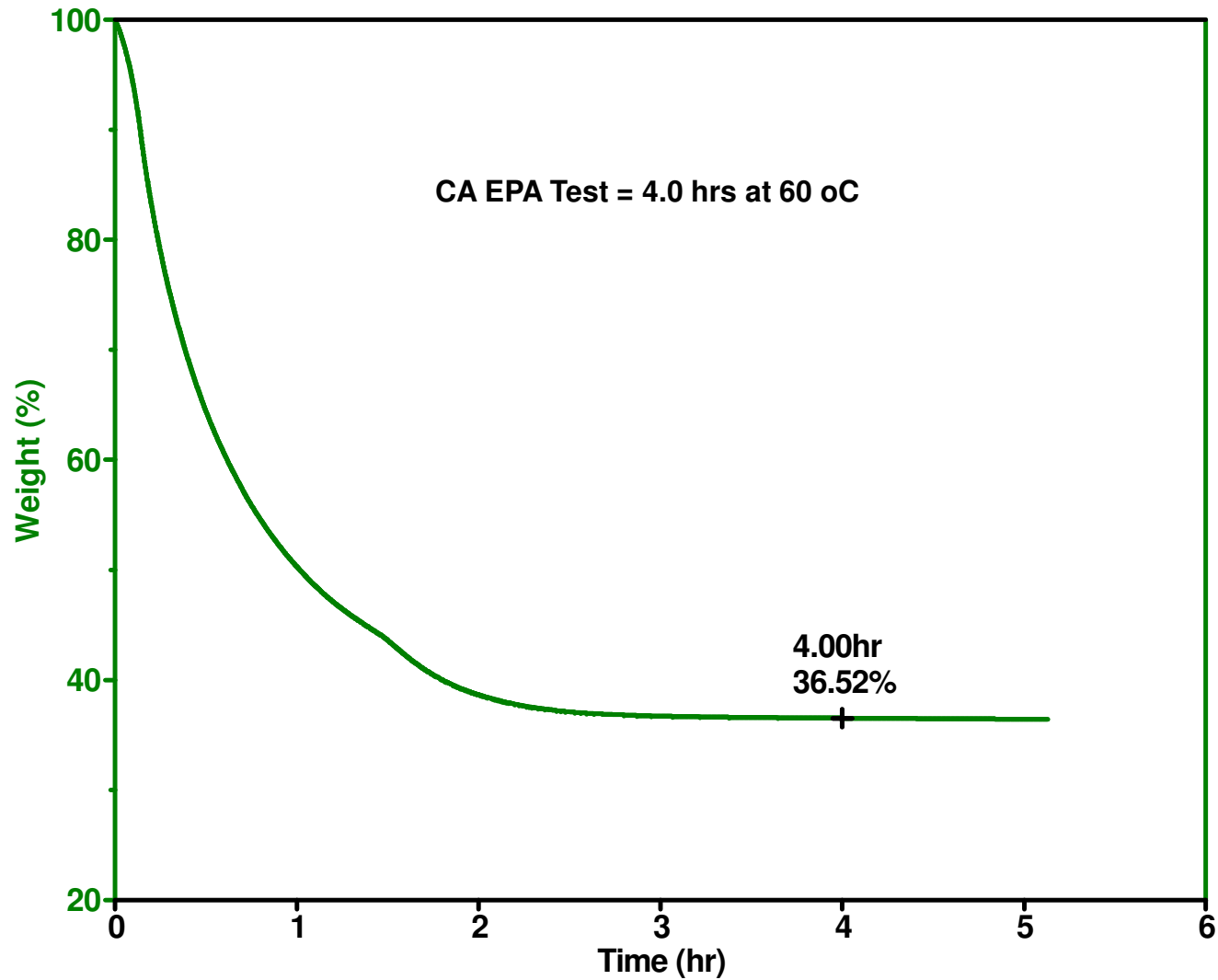
TGA of Drug A Monohydrate



Loss-on-drying

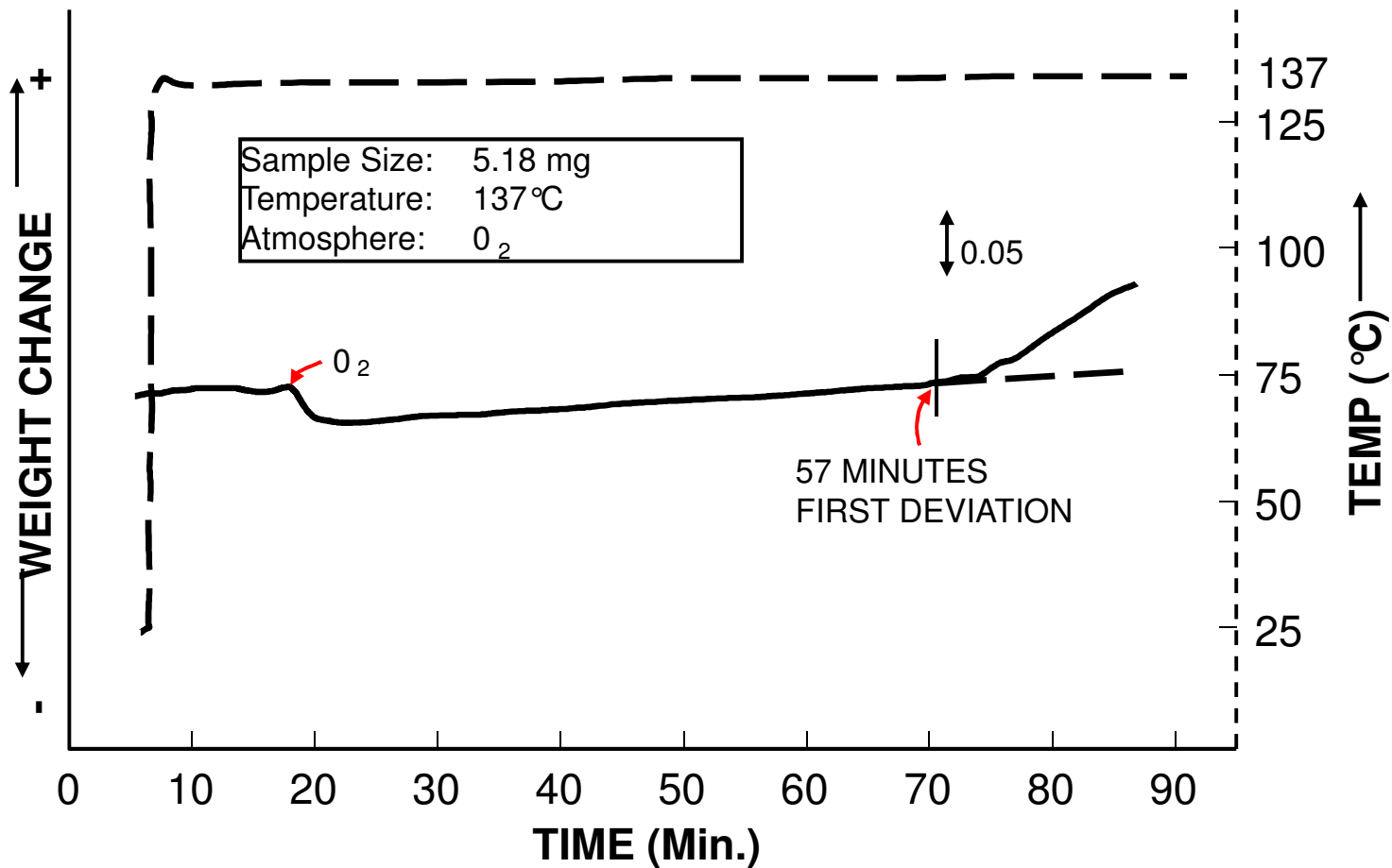
- Pharmaceuticals
 - Lower Moisture Increases Shelf Life
- Chemicals
 - Don't Want to Pay for Water
- Environmental Organic Burden
 - California EPA Test for Volatiles

Agricultural Chemical Loss-on-drying



Vegetable Oil Oxidative Stability

Similar principle to OIT experiment done by DSC

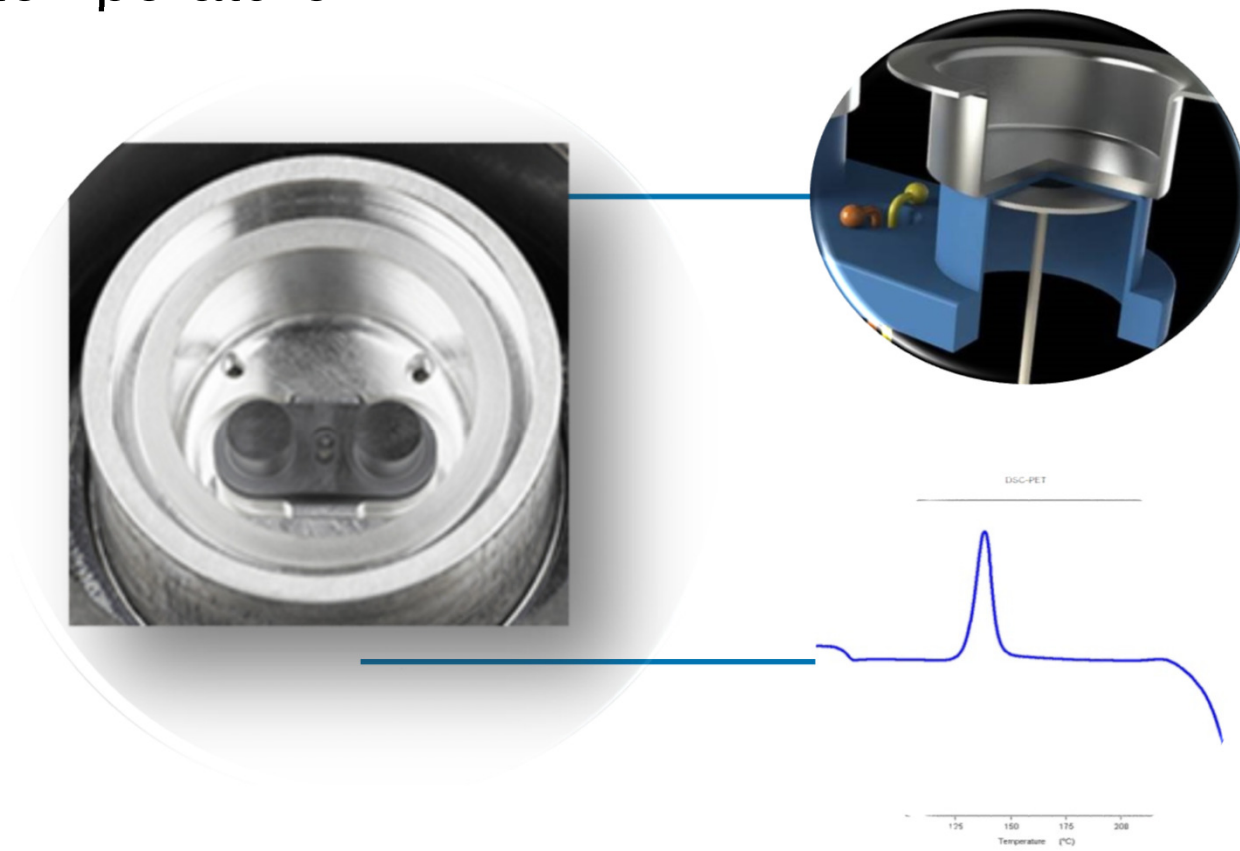


Differential Scanning Calorimetry (DSC)

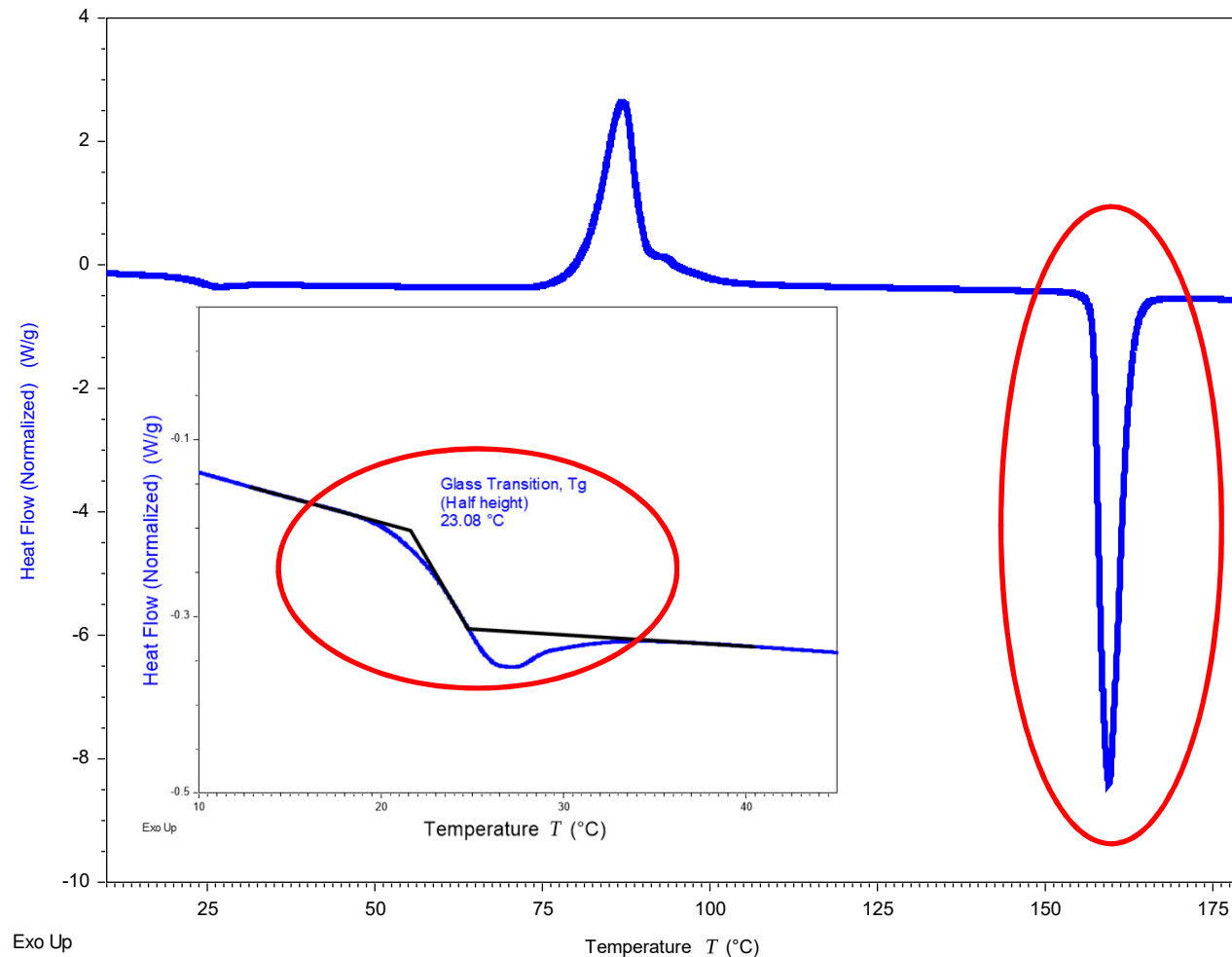


What is a Differential Scanning Calorimetry

- A DSC measures the difference in Heat Flow Rate between a sample and inert reference as a function of time and temperature

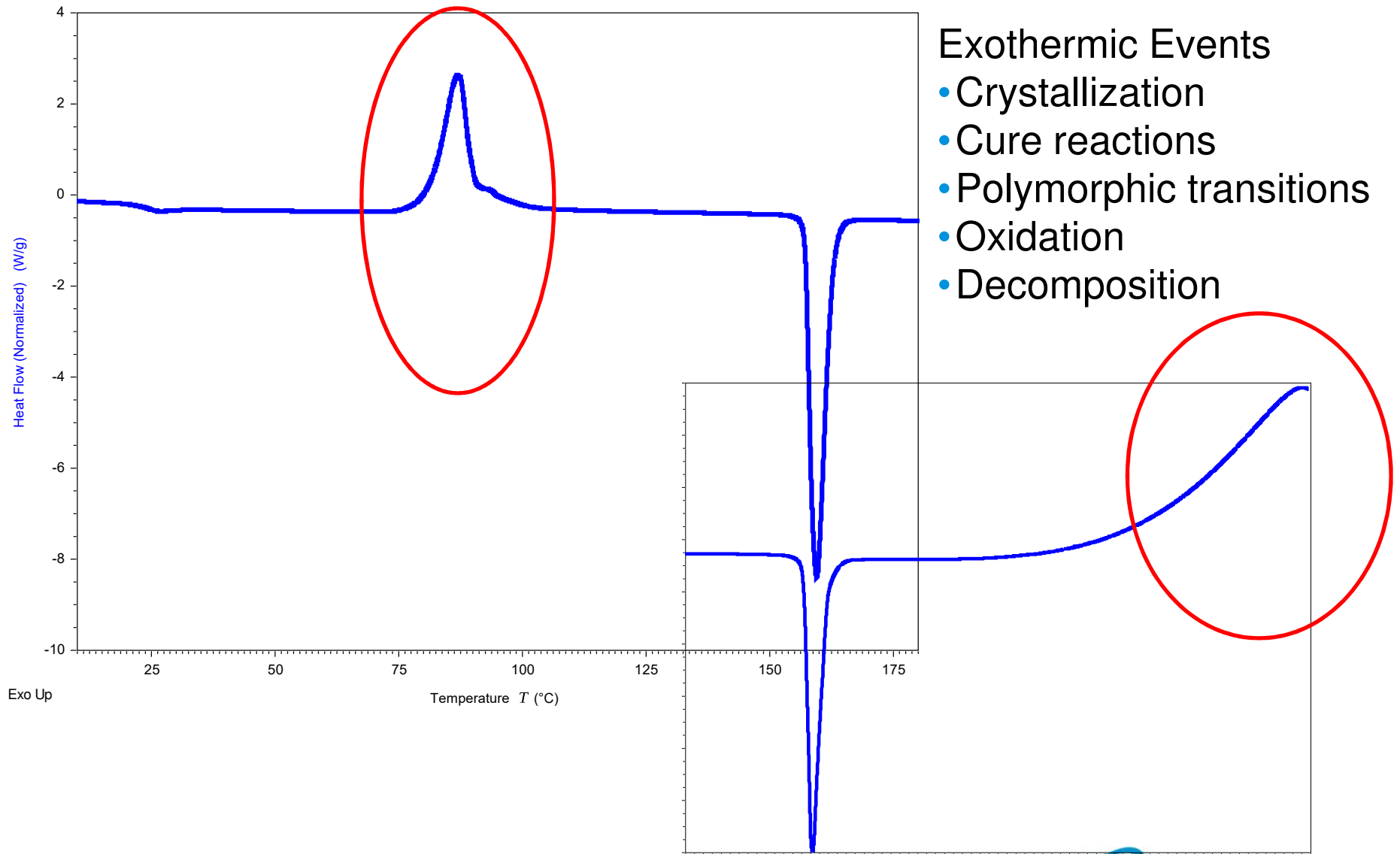


Endothermic Heat Flow – Heat Absorbed by Sample



- ### Endothermic Events
- Glass transition
 - Melting
 - Evaporation/volatilization
 - Enthalpic recovery
 - Polymorphic transitions
 - Some decompositions

Exothermic Heat Flow – Heat Released by Sample



DSC Heat Flow Equation

$$\frac{dH}{dt} = \text{DSC heat flow signal}$$

(mW or $\frac{\text{mJ}}{\text{s}}$)

$$C_p = \text{Sample Heat Capacity}$$
$$= \text{Sample Specific Heat} \times \text{Sample Weight}$$

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

$$\frac{dT}{dt} = \text{Heating Rate } (^\circ\text{C}/\text{min})$$

$$f(T, t) = \text{Heat flow that is function of time}$$

at an absolute temperature (kinetic)

DSC Heat Flow

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

Heat
Capacity

Glass Transition
Some Melting

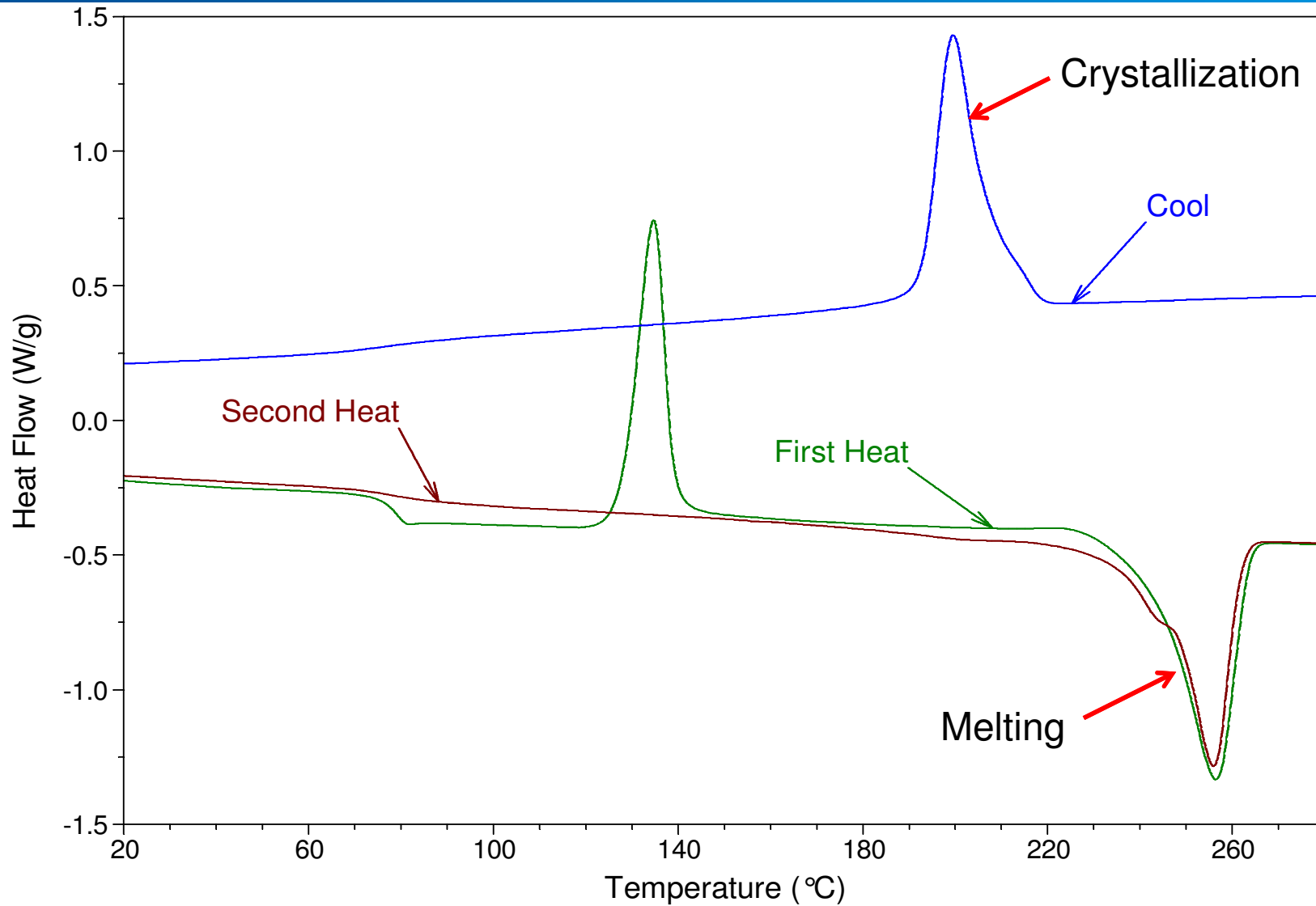
Kinetic

Crystallization
Some melting
Cure reactions
Volatilization
Decomposition
Denaturation

What DSC Can Tell You

- Identification of amorphous & crystalline material
- Identification of phase transitions and changes of state
- Specific Heat Capacity – measure of molecular mobility
- Heats of fusion & reactions
- Oxidative/Thermal Stability
- Reaction Kinetics

A typical Heat/Cool/Heat thermogram



TA Instruments DSC Models



DSC 25
DSC 250
DSC 2500



AutoQ20



Discovery DSC



Q200 & Q2000

Instrument Hardware and Gas Selection Considerations



Temperature Range Dependent On The Cooling System

- Finned Air Cooling System (FACS): Ambient to 725°C
- Quench Cooling Accessory (QCA): -180°C to 400°C
- Liquid Nitrogen Cooling System (LN2P): -180°C to 550°C
- RCS120: -120°C to 400°C
- RCS90: -90°C to 550°C
- RCS40: -40°C to 400°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

Modulated DSC®

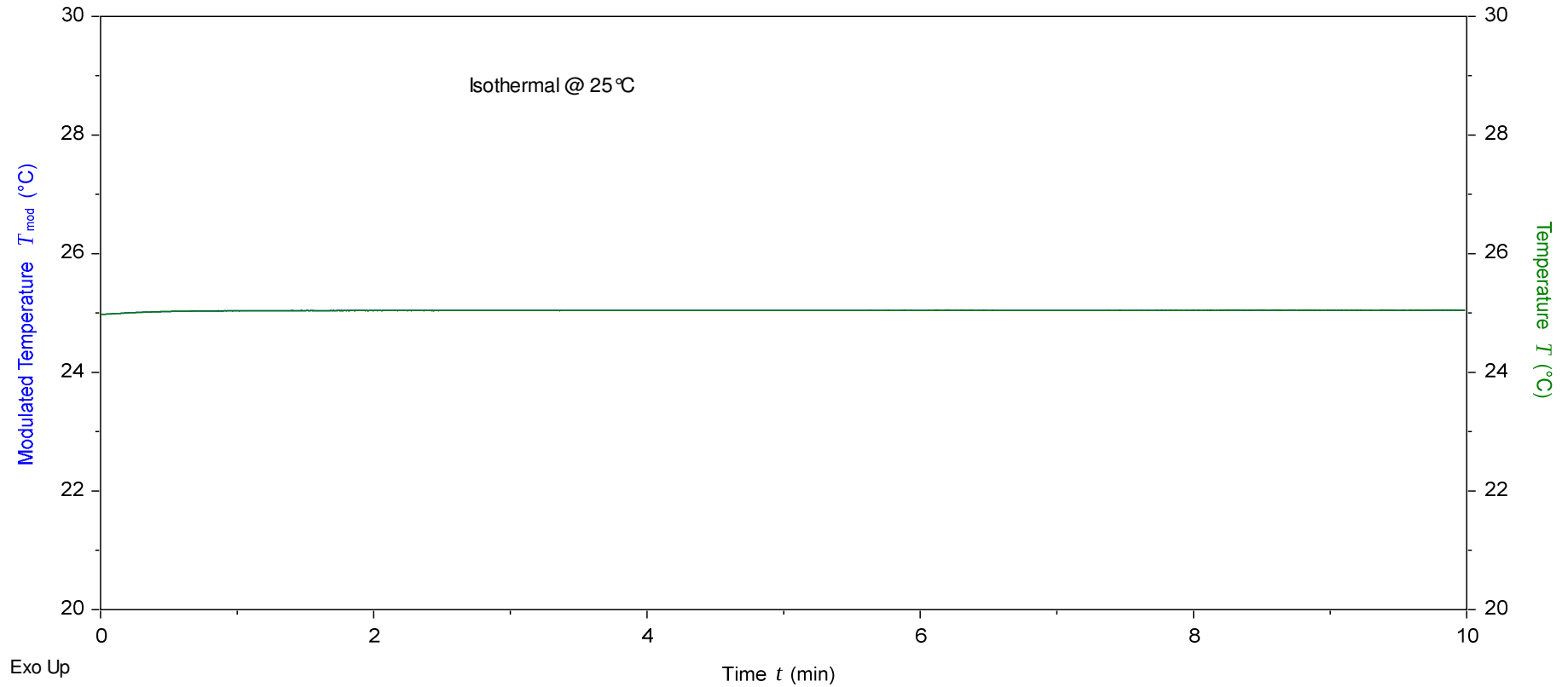
- MDSC®
 - Uses sinusoidal temperature ramp overlaid upon linear ramp
 - Separates Heat Capacity and Kinetic transitions
 - Increases sensitivity to Heat Capacity changes (e.g. T_g)
 - Best available measurement of Heat Capacity

What is MDSC?

- MDSC separates the Total heat flow of DSC into two parts based on the response of the system to a changing heating rate. The changing heating rate is effected by 'superimposing' a sinusoidal heating rate on a linear heating rate.
- In general, only heat capacity and melting respond to the changing heating rate resulting in an increase in signal. Kinetic events tend to occur at different temperatures as a function of heating rate. For example, increasing the heating rate can shift decomposition to a higher temperature.
- The Reversing and Nonreversing signals of MDSC are not necessarily a measure of reversible and nonreversible properties.

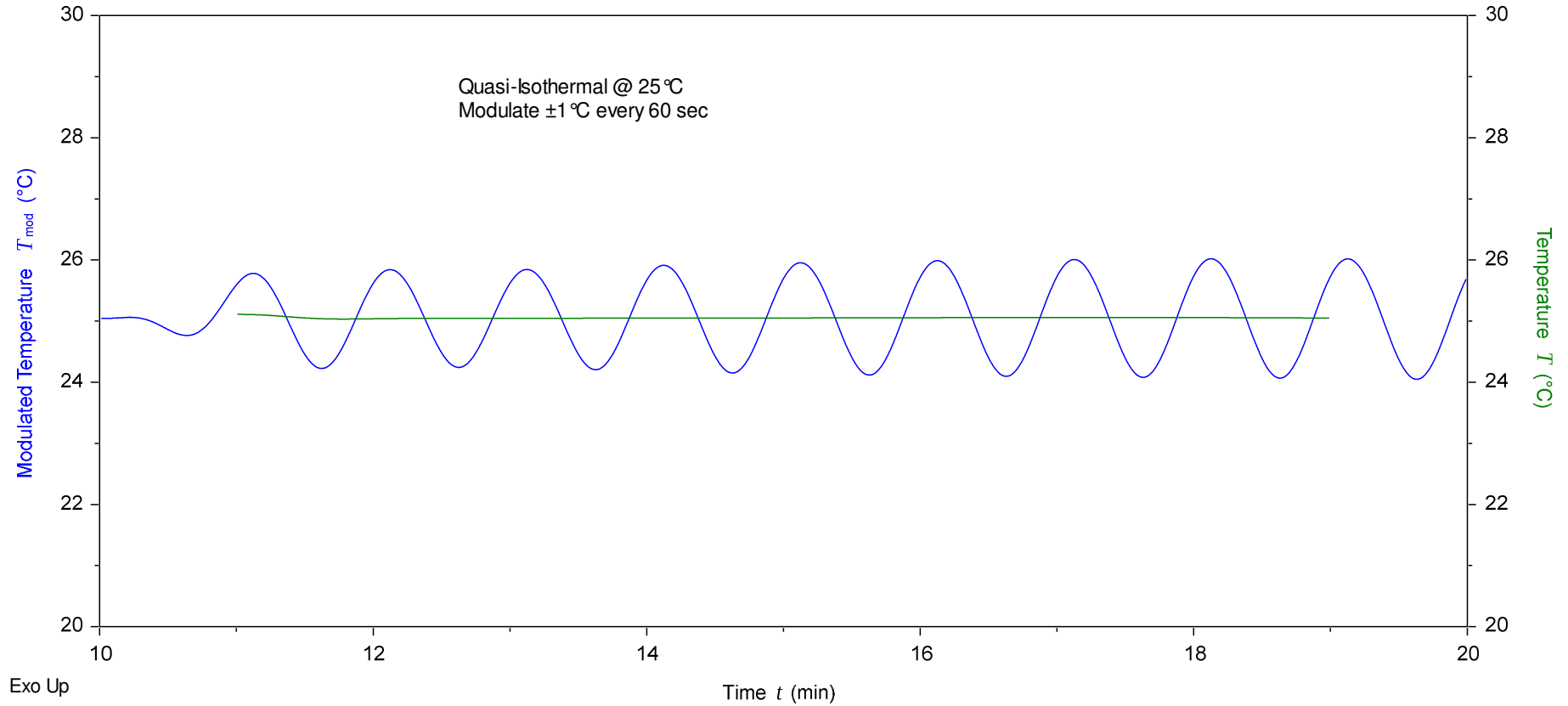
Isothermal @ 25°C

MT Pan 10122018



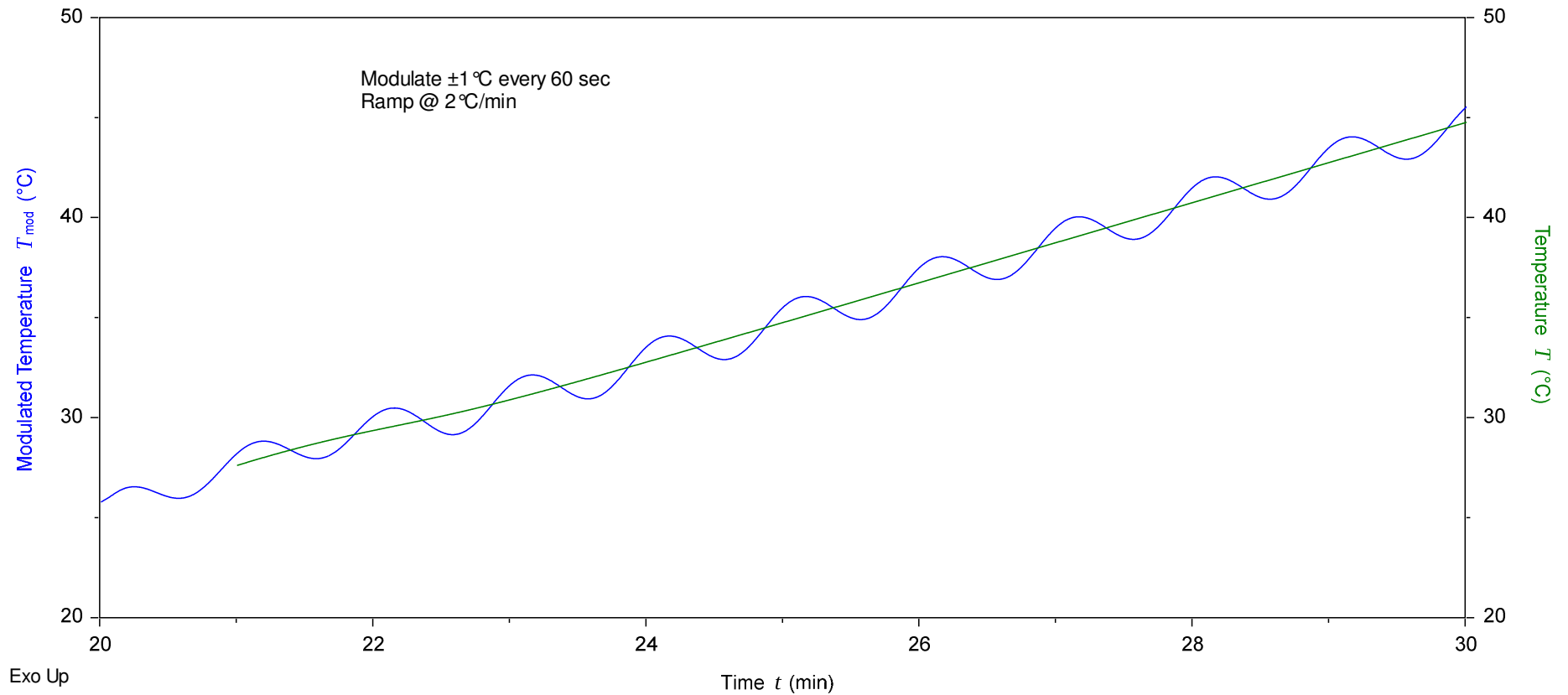
MDSC - Quasi-Isothermal @ 25°C

MT Pan 10122018



MDSC – 1°C amplitude, every 60 sec, @ 2°C/min

MT Pan 10122018



DSC Heat Flow – What the DSC Measures

$$\frac{dQ}{dt} = \text{DSC heat flow signal}$$

$$C_p = \text{Sample Heat Capacity} \\ = \text{Sample Specific Heat} \times \text{Sample Weight}$$

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

$$\frac{dT}{dt} = \text{Heating Rate}$$

$f(T, t)$ = Heat flow that is function of time and temperature (kinetic)

MDSC[®] Theory: Heat Flow Signals

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

Total
Heat
Flow

- All Transitions

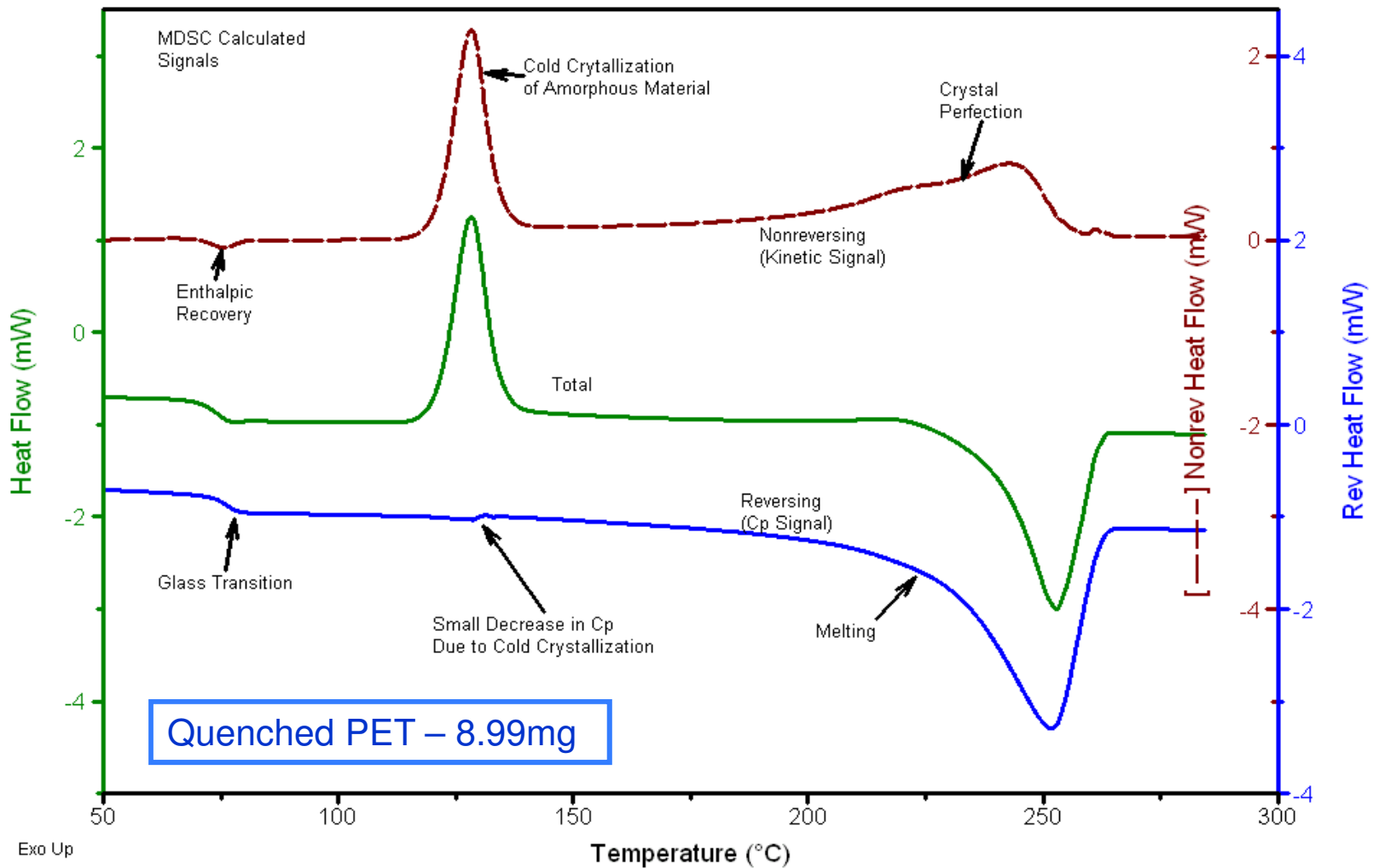
Reversing
Heat Flow

- Heat Capacity
- Glass Transition
- Melting

Non-Reversing
Heat Flow

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

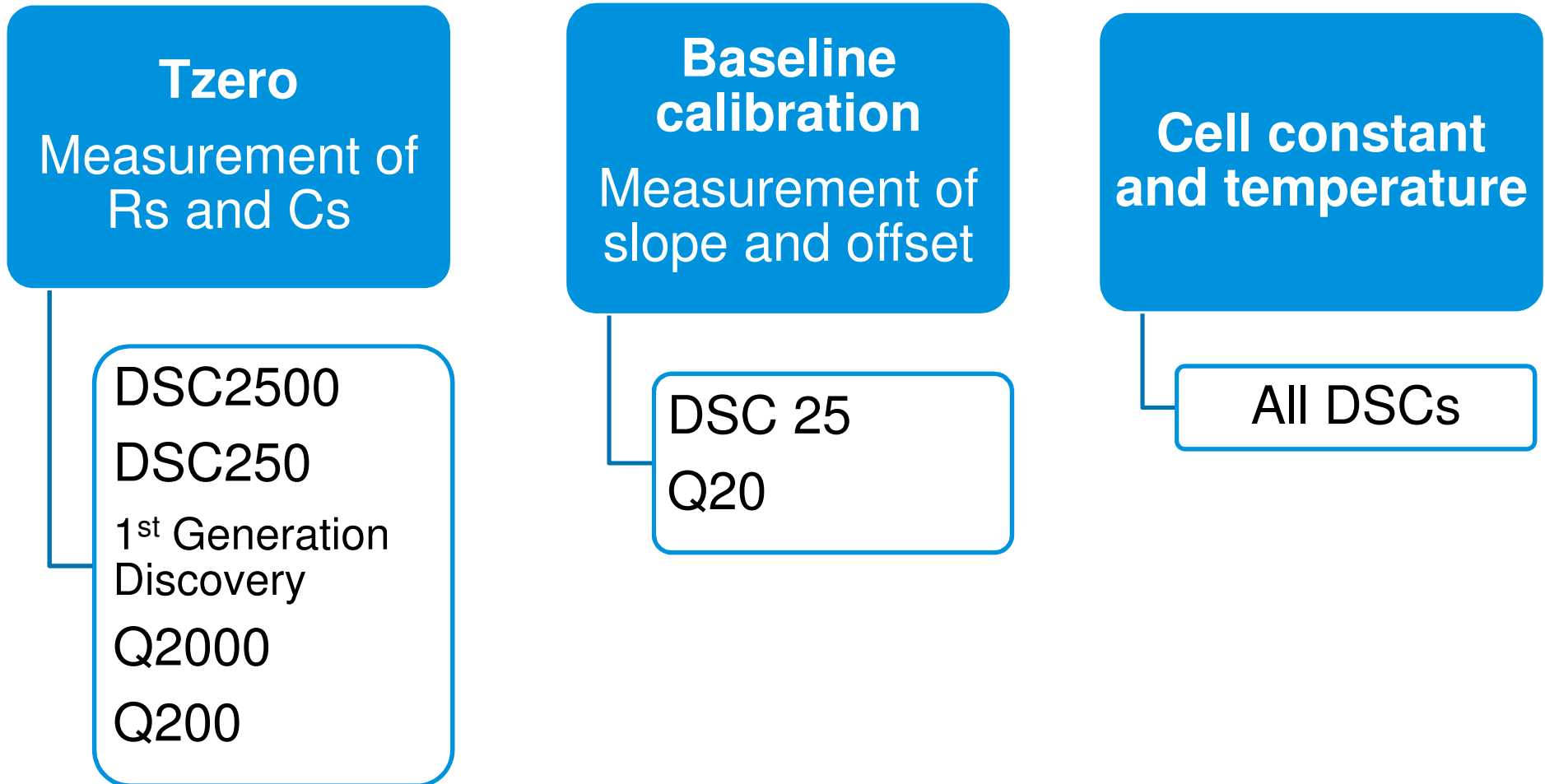
Calculated MDSC Heat Flow Signals



MDSC® Instruments

- Standard on:
 - All Discovery DSC's (2500, 250, 25 & Gen 1)
 - Discovery SDT 650 (for Cp only)
 - Q2000 DSC*
- Optional on:
 - Q200 & Q20 DSC, & some Q2000*
- Not available on:
 - Q600 SDT

Calibration of Specific Instrument Models



General Calibration and Verification Guidelines

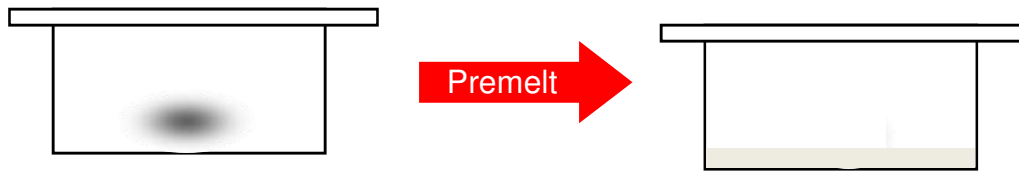
- Calibration
 - Use Calibration Mode
 - Calibrate upon installation
 - Re-calibrate if does not pass verification or if instrument setup is modified (see previous slide)
- Verification
 - Determine how often to verify data
 - Run a reference material as a sample (in standard mode)
 - Compare results vs literature values
 - If results are within your tolerance – system checks out and does not need re-calibration
 - If results are out of tolerance, then re-calibrate

Requirements Prior to Calibration

- DSC cell must be free of contaminants
- An inert purge gas, such as nitrogen, where the flow rate is controlled to 10-50 ml/min +/- 5 ml/min
- A balance to weigh specimens and containers to at least +/- 0.1 mg. The balance should have a capacity greater than 20 mg.
- High purity reference materials (>99.99%) for calibration

Temperature and Cell Constant Calibration

- Prepare a 3-5 mg sample of indium and “pre-melt” prior to first use

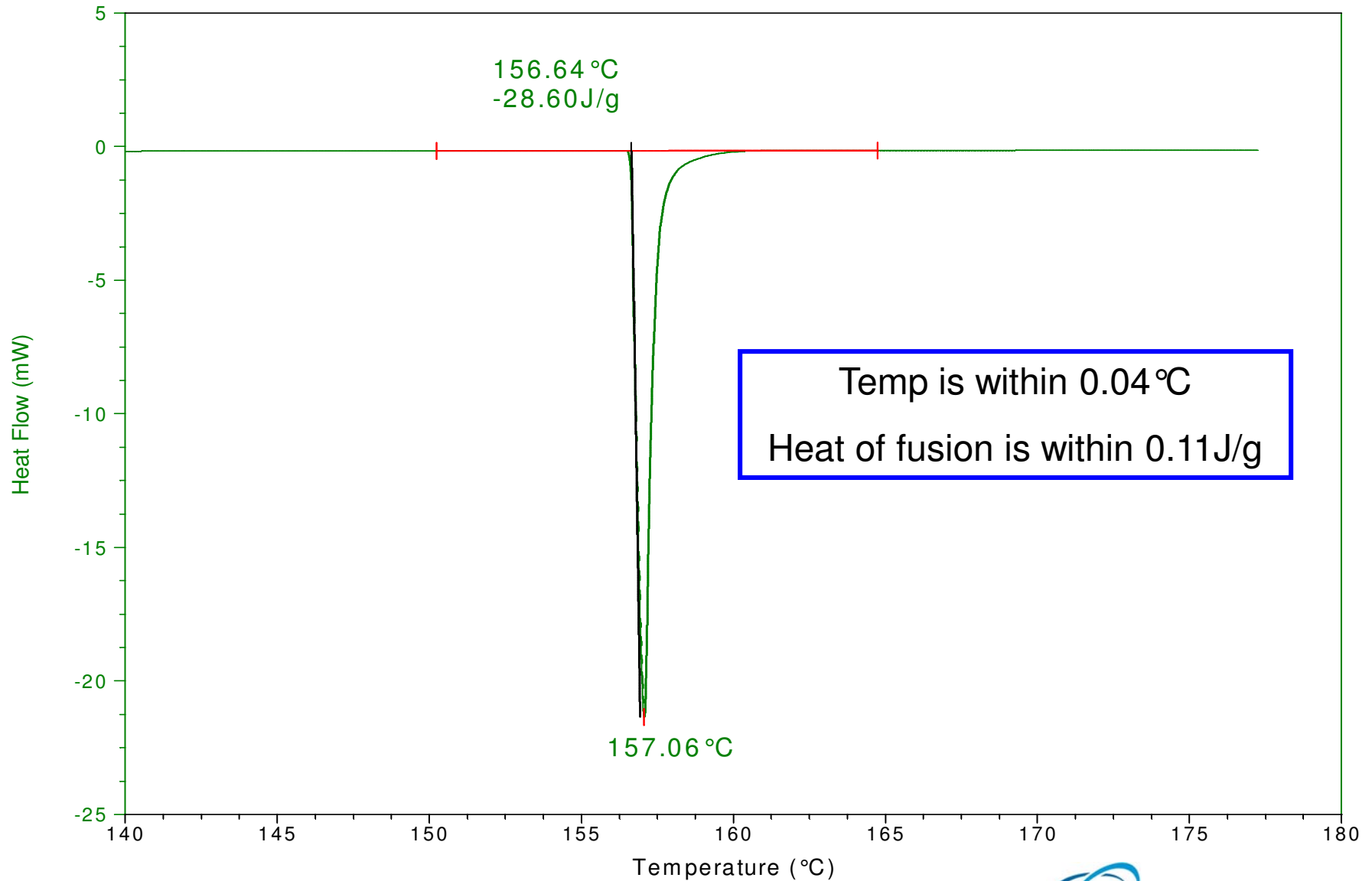


- Verify at least once a month
- Typical values for cell constant:
 - 0.9 to 1.2 (in N₂)
 - Helium will typically give higher values for the cell constant

Verifying Cell Constant & Temperature

- Run Indium as a sample (i.e. in standard mode not calibration mode)
- Analyze melt and record melt onset & heat of fusion
- Compare to known values
 - Melting of In **156.6°C**
 - Heat of Fusion **28.71J/g**

Verifying Cell Constant & Temperature



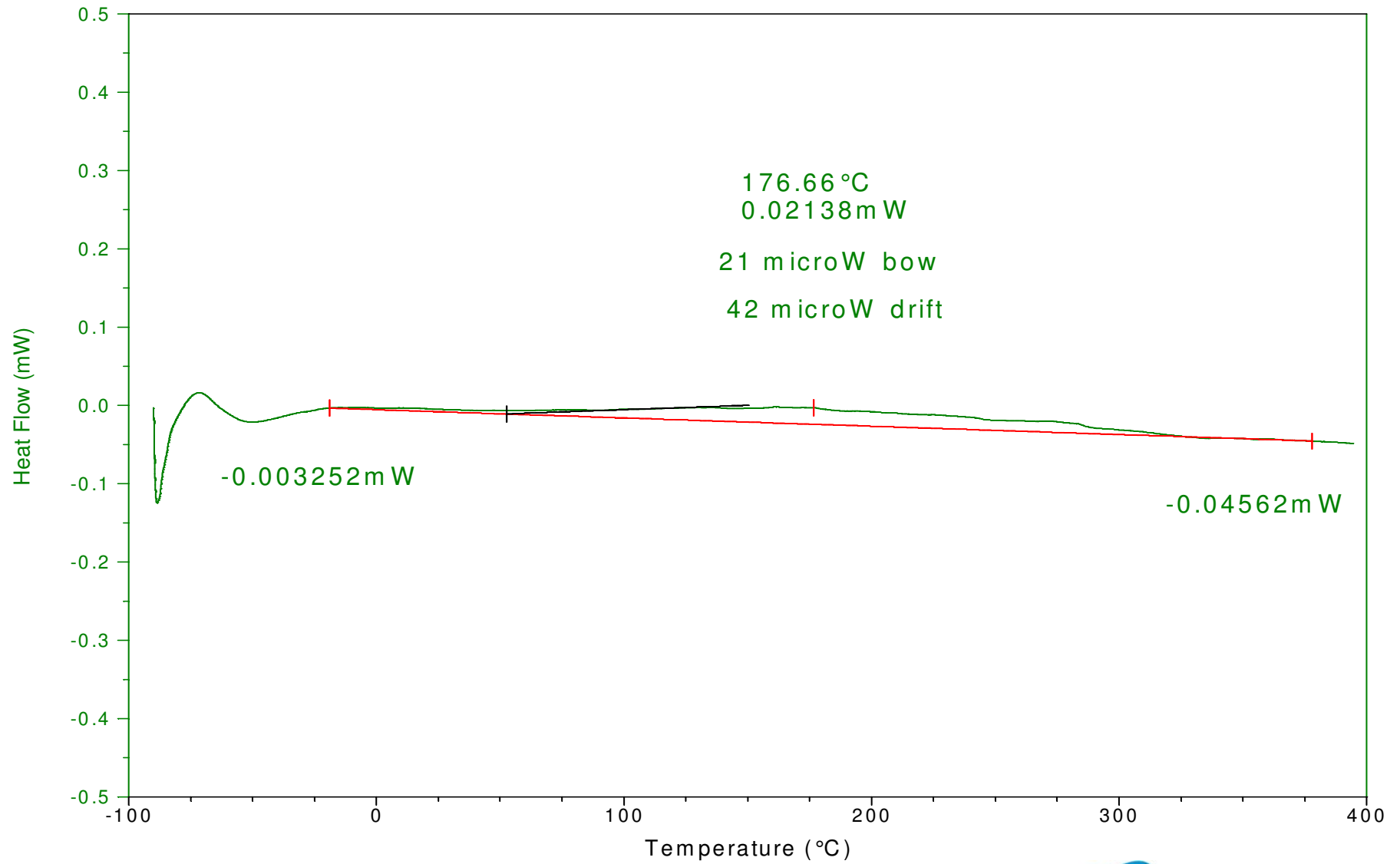
Verifying Baseline

- Run Empty cell (no pans), -90 °C to 400 °C (w/ RCS) at 20 °C/min
 - Experiment is run in the standard mode
 - Plot mW vs. temperature on a 1 mW scale
 - ◆ Should look fairly flat on this scale
 - ◆ Should be around zero heat flow
 - Measure drift and compare to instrument specifications.
 - Verify performance periodically

Verifying Baseline

- Importance of a flat baseline:
 - Detecting very weak transitions
 - Accurate integration of enthalpy
 - Kinetics, partial area analysis, extent of reactions
 - Initial crystallinity

Verifying Baseline



MDSC Calibration – Q Series

- Calibrate your DSC as normal
 - Tzero™
 - Cell Constant
 - Temperature
- Cp Calibration is Optional
 - If you are **not** measuring absolute quantitative Cp
 - Use kCp value of 1.0 if using
- If measuring absolute quantitative Cp then...
- Need to calculate MDSC Cp Constant (Reversing)
- Leave the MDSC Cp Constant (Total) @ 1.0
- Set existing constant to 1.0
 - Run Sapphire sample

Update K_{Cp} (reversing) in cell/temperature table

Multi-Calibration Sets

Calibration Set: 0) Std Pans N2, 10°C/min

Cell Constant (Thursday, October 16, 2014. 16:06:10)

Cell Constant: 1.0403 Onset Slope: -169.158 mW/°C

Temperature Table

	Observed Temperature °C	Correct Temperature °C
1	158.70	156.60
2		
3		
4		
5		

MDSC Cp Constant (Total) 1.000

MDSC Cp Constant (Reversing) 1.0124

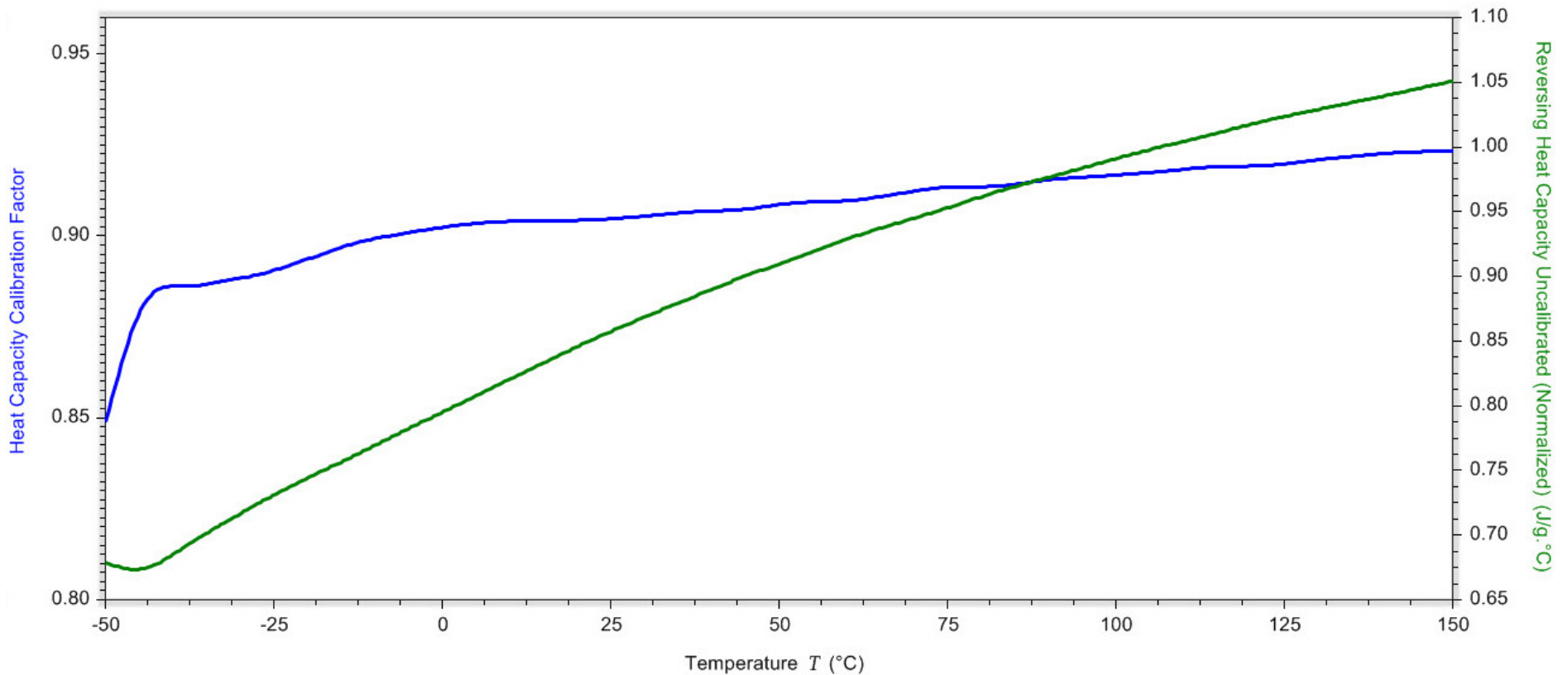
Standard Cp Constant (Direct) 1.000

MDSC reversing heat capacity constant

Reset this Set Reset All OK Close Help

Input K(C_p) Reversing Value into Cell Calibration table

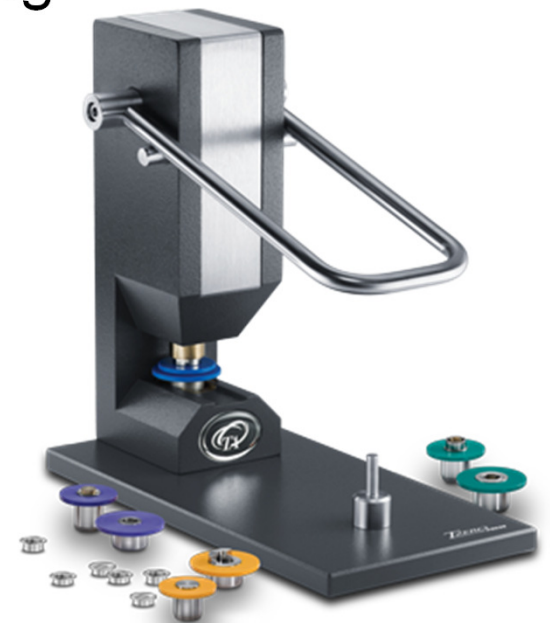
MDSC Cp calibration using TRIOS



KCp is determined as a continuous function of temperature in the Discovery DSC.

DSC Pan Selection

- High thermal conductivity – aluminum, gold, copper, platinum
- Inert - alodined aluminum, ceramic, graphite
- Flatness of the pan for optimal thermal contact
- Standard, non-hermetic vs. hermetic sealing
- Capacity/sample volume
- Temperature range

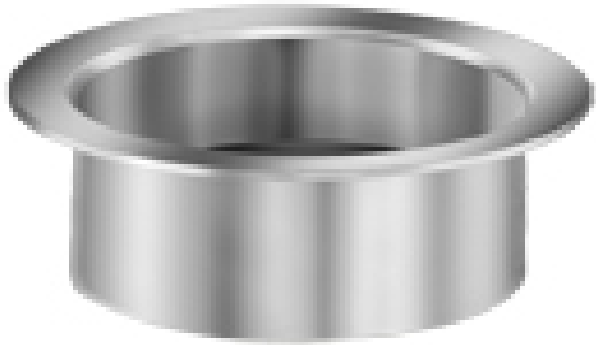


Sample Pans

- Type of pan depends on:
 - Sample form
 - Volatilization
 - Temperature range
- Use lightest, flattest pan possible
- Always use reference pan of the same type as sample pan

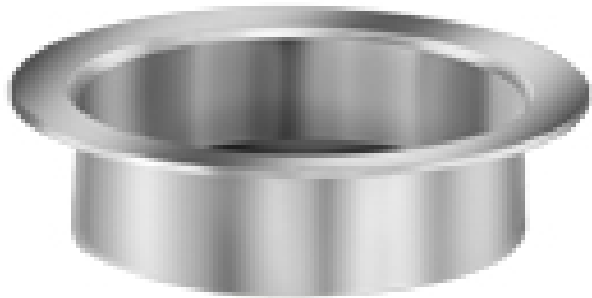
TA Instruments Tzero Pans (Aluminum)

Tzero Pan



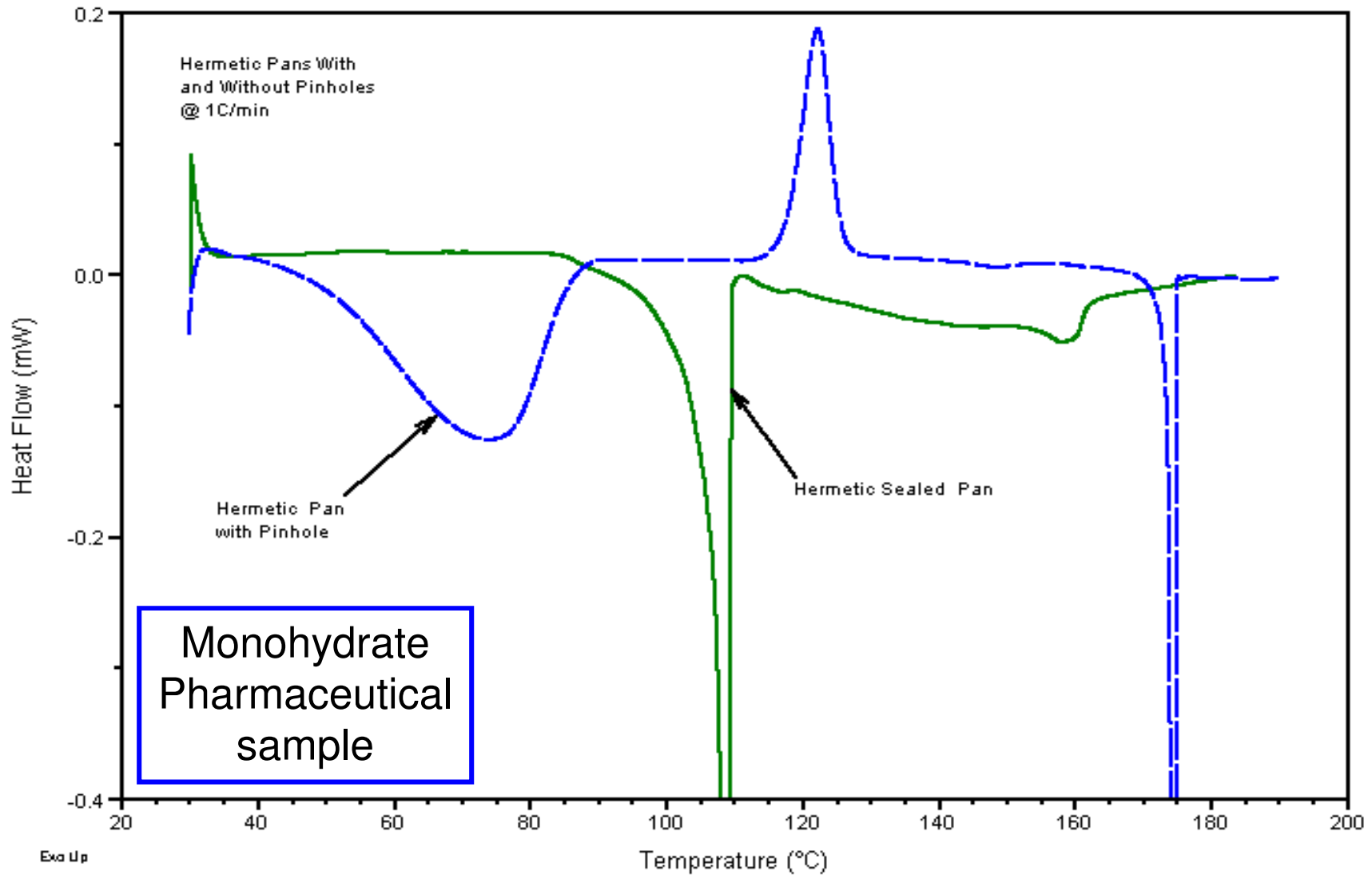
- The Tzero pan has been engineered to have a perfectly flat bottom and not to deform during crimping. This ensures the optimal contact between pan and sensor, minimizing the contact resistance and improving resolution.

Tzero Low-Mass Pan



- The Tzero Pan can be configured for non-hermetic or hermetic use. P/N 901683.901 Tzero Pans (pkg. of 100)
- The Tzero Low-Mass Pan is designed for the highest sensitivity when sample mass is limited. P/N 901670.901 Tzero Low-Mass Pans (pkg. of 100). Can only be used with the non-hermetic Tzero lid.

It Can Matter What Pan You Use



What if Sample Spills out of the Pan? Keeping the DSC Cell Clean

- One of the first steps to ensuring good data is to keep the DSC cell clean
- How do DSC cells get dirty?
 - Decomposing samples during DSC runs
 - Samples spilling out of the pan
 - Transfer from bottom of pan to sensor

Cleaning the Cell

- Use solvent – slightly damp swab with an appropriate solvent
 - Heat cell to 200 °C for 10 min to drive off any remaining solvent
- If the cell is still dirty
 - Clean w/ brush
 - Be careful with the Tzero™ thermocouple
 - Fibers in cell from cleaning brush need to be removed



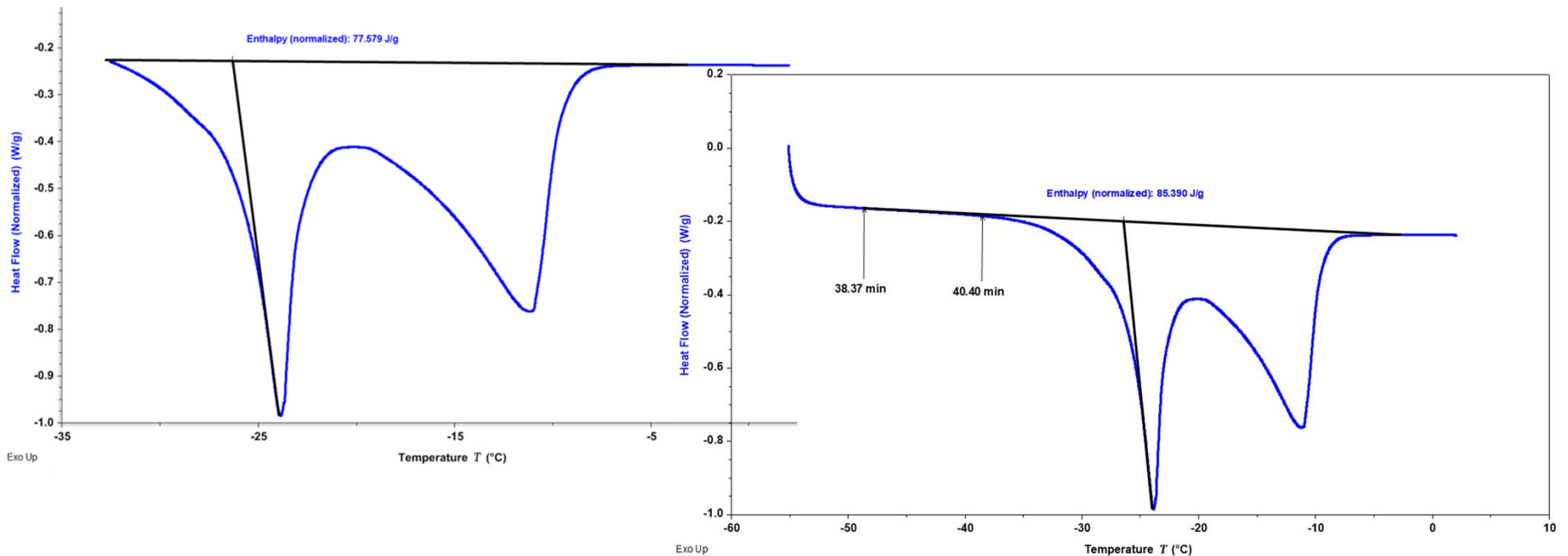
Cleaning Cell: Bake Out Procedure

- Bake out
 - Should be used as a last resort if none of the previous steps are effective
 - Involves Air purge and/or an open lid
 - Heat at 20 °C/min to appropriate temp (max of 550 °C on Q series, max. 400 °C in Discovery)
 - Do NOT hold Isothermal at the upper temperature
 - Cool back to room temp & brush cell again
- Irrespective of the cleaning method used, always verify the baseline at the end of the cleaning procedure, and recalibrate the DSC if required
- Check out the TA Tech tip video on cleaning the DSC cell:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cclJXrbUICA>

DSC General Method Recommendations

- Run a Heat-Cool-Heat at 10-20 °C/min
- Use specific segments as needed, i.e. gas switch, abort, etc.
- Ensure that the starting temperature of the experiment is chosen to encompass the entire transition (see next slide)
- Modify heating rate based on what you're looking for

Have 2 Minutes of Baseline



- Start Temperature
 - Generally, the baseline should have two (2) minutes to completely stabilize prior to the transition of interest. Therefore, at 10°C/min., start at least 20°C below the transition onset temperature
- End Temperature
 - Allow a two (2) minute baseline after the transition of interest in order to correctly select integration or analysis limits

Method Development

A Heat Cool Ramp Method

- 1) Ramp 10 °C/min to -90 °C or Equilibrate to -90 °C
- 2) Ramp 10 °C/min to 200 °C
- 3) Ramp 10 °C/min to -90 °C
- 4) Ramp 10 °C/min to 200 °C

How to Program MDSC?

- Period
 - Typically 60 seconds for transitions
 - Typically 120 seconds for Cp
- Heating rate
 - Typically 2-3 °C/min
- Amplitude
 - Typically ± 1 °C for amorphous transitions and Cp
 - Use Heat-Iso amplitude for crystalline transitions

Starting Guidelines for Determining the Tg in Amorphous Materials – Conventional MDSC®

- Conventional MDSC conditions
 - Period: 60 second
 - ◆ Minimum period depends on pan type and pan mass
 - Can use 40 sec for low-mass Tzero pans
 - Use 200 sec for Hi-volume pans
 - Amplitude: ± 1 °C
 - ◆ Increase for added sensitivity
 - Heating Rate 3 °C/min
 - ◆ Slow down heating rate for sharper transitions or large enthalpic recovery peaks

Starting Guidelines for crystallinity/melting studies: MDSC® Heat Only Conditions

- MDSC Heat-Only Conditions
 - Period: 60 second
 - ◆ Minimum period depends on pan type and pan mass
 - Can use 40 sec for low-mass Tzero pans
 - ◆ Heating Rate 2-3°C/min
 - Ensure 4-5 cycles through peak @ half-height of melt
 - ◆ Amplitude Heat-only (Heat-Only/Heat-Iso)

Parameters for Heat Capacity (Cp)

- Conventional MDSC conditions
 - Period 120 seconds
 - ◆ Can use 100 seconds with low-mass Tzero pans
 - Amplitude ± 1 °C
 - Heating Rate 3 °C/min
 - ◆ Can also do Quasi-isothermal for specific temperatures

MDSC Conditions for Discovery SDT 650

- Used to measure Heat Capacity
- Amplitude = $\pm 3^{\circ}\text{C}$
- Period = 200 seconds
- Heating Rate = $5^{\circ}\text{C}/\text{min}$

- Best above 300 or 400°C

Summary for DSC

- Typical starting sample mass – depends on the size of the transition
 - 5-10mg for most polymers
 - 3-5 for chemical melting
 - <1 for explosives
- Typical starting ramp rate = 10 °C/min (Heat-Cool-Heat)
 - Faster for better sensitivity
 - Slower for better resolution
- Change above as needed
- MDSC® as needed

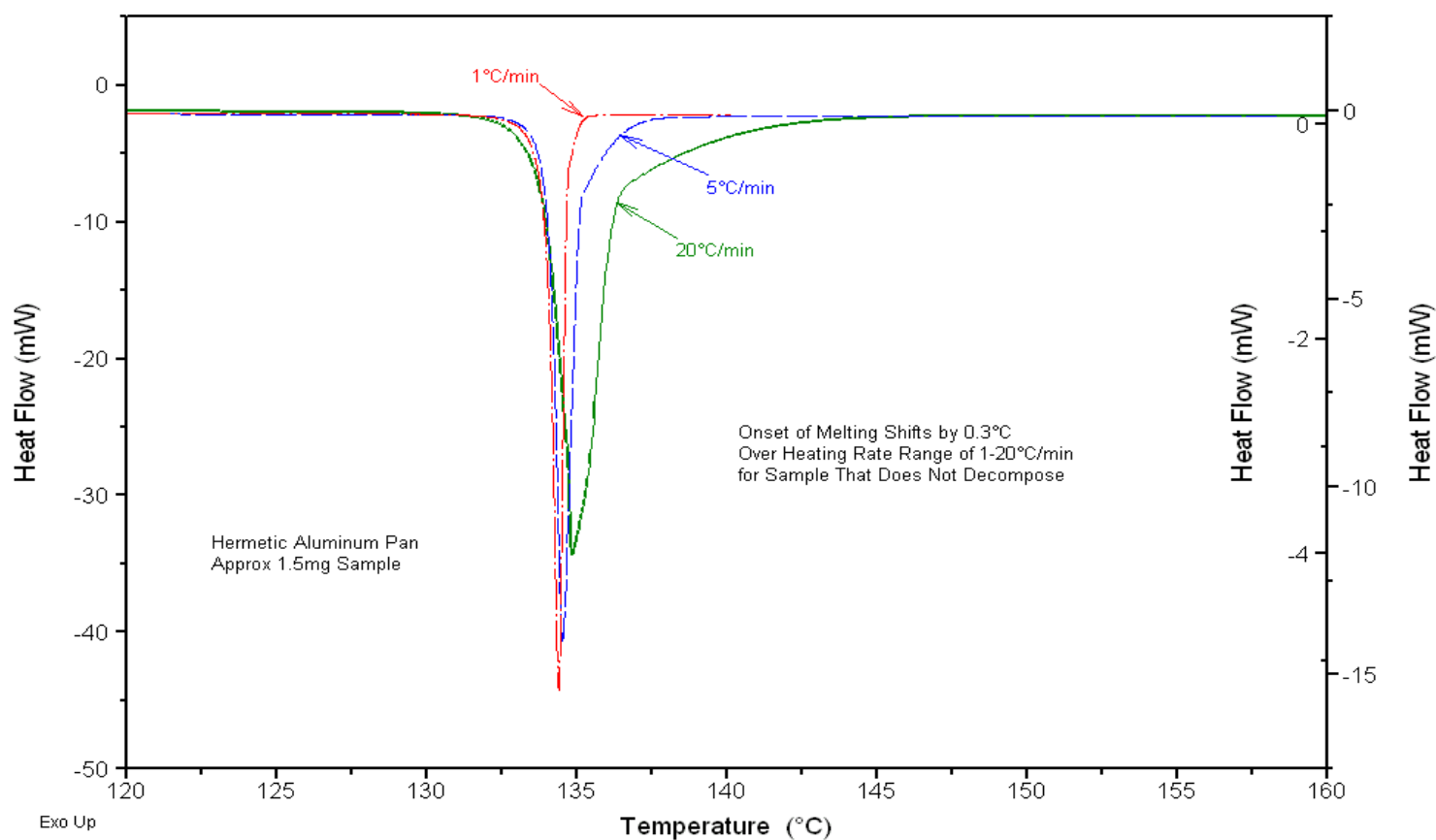
Applications:



No Shift in Melt Temp with Heating Rate

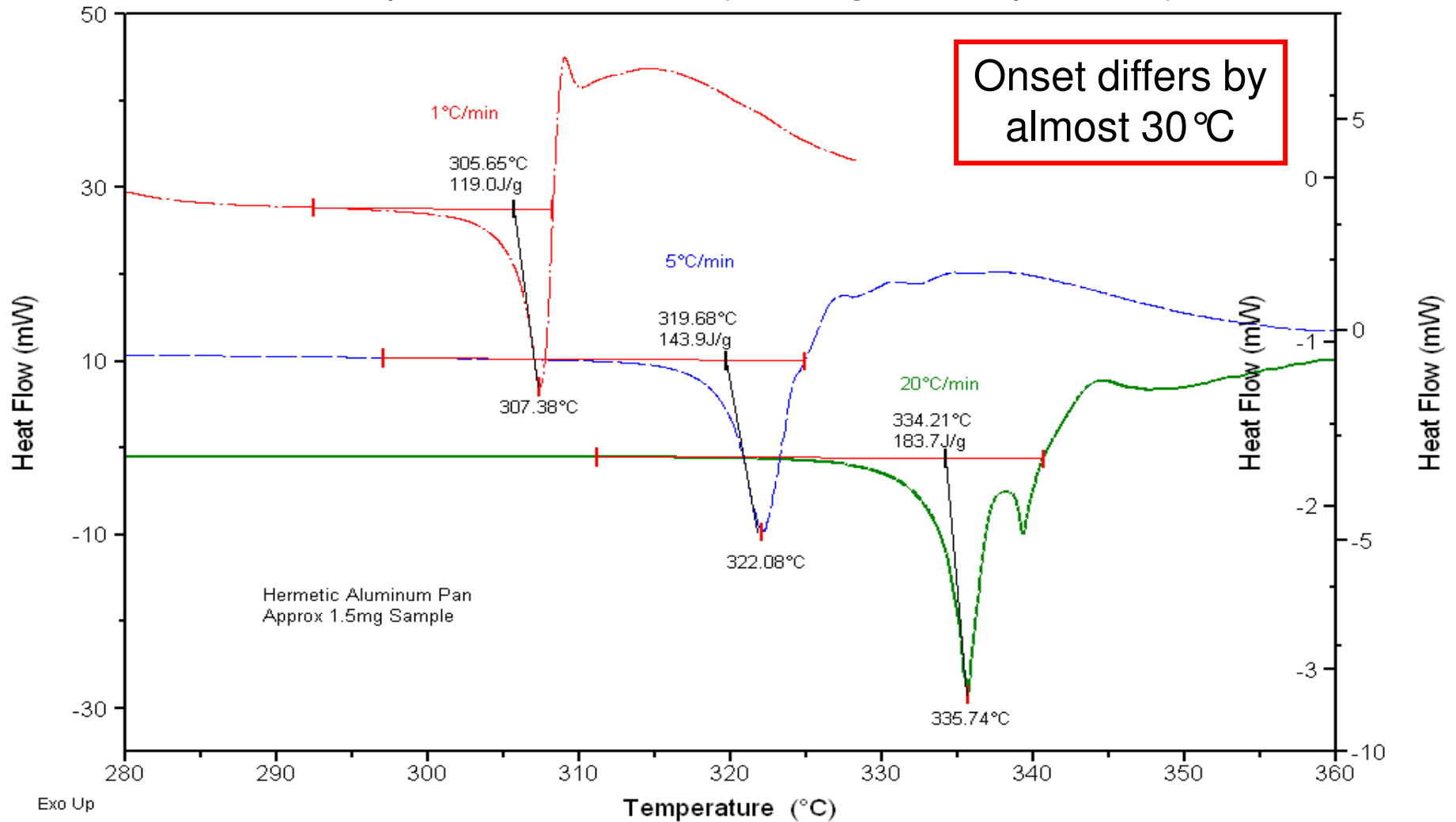
Melt

Effect of Heating Rate on
the Melting Point of Phenacetin
(No Decomposition)

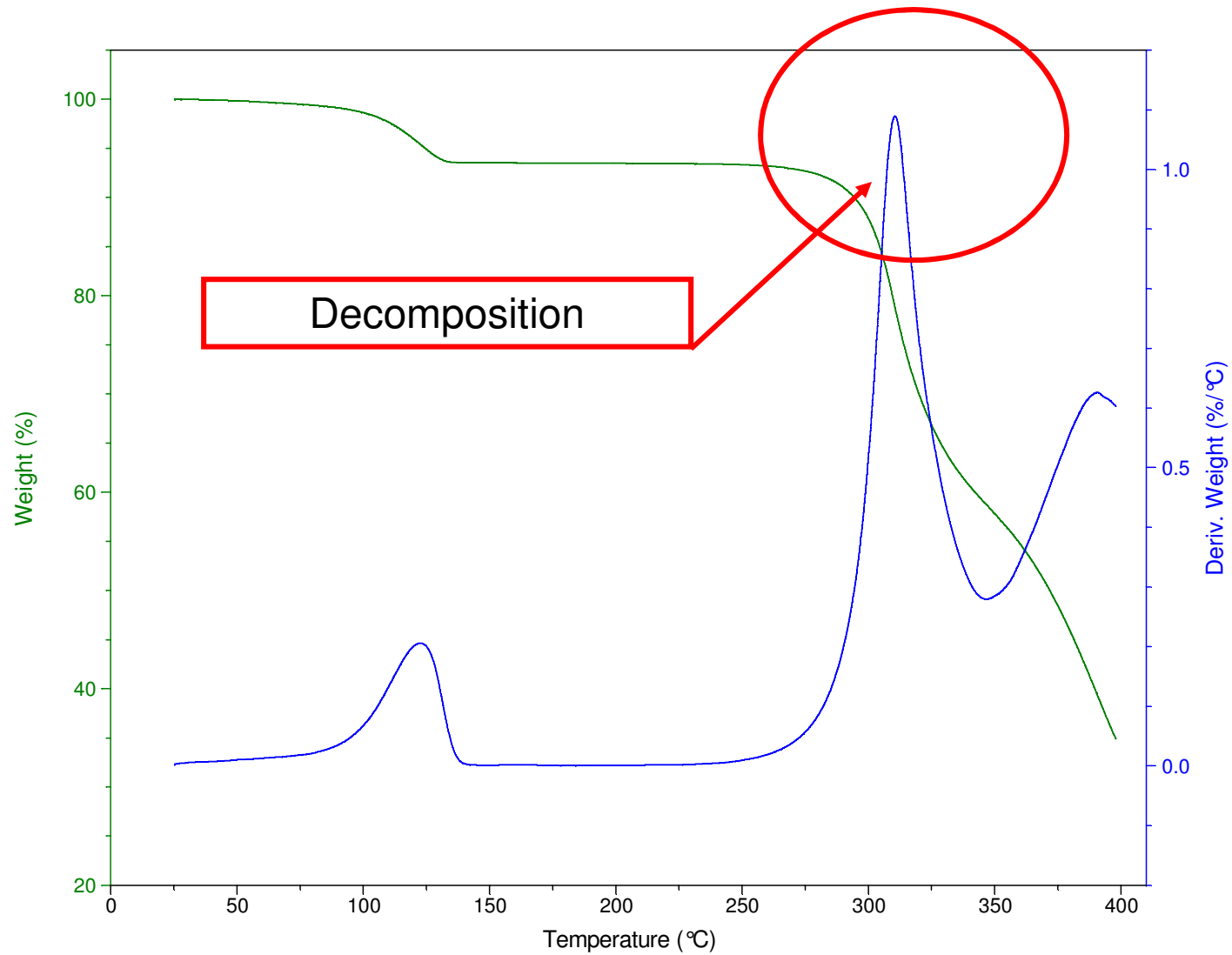


Ciprofloxacin Hydrochloride Decomposes

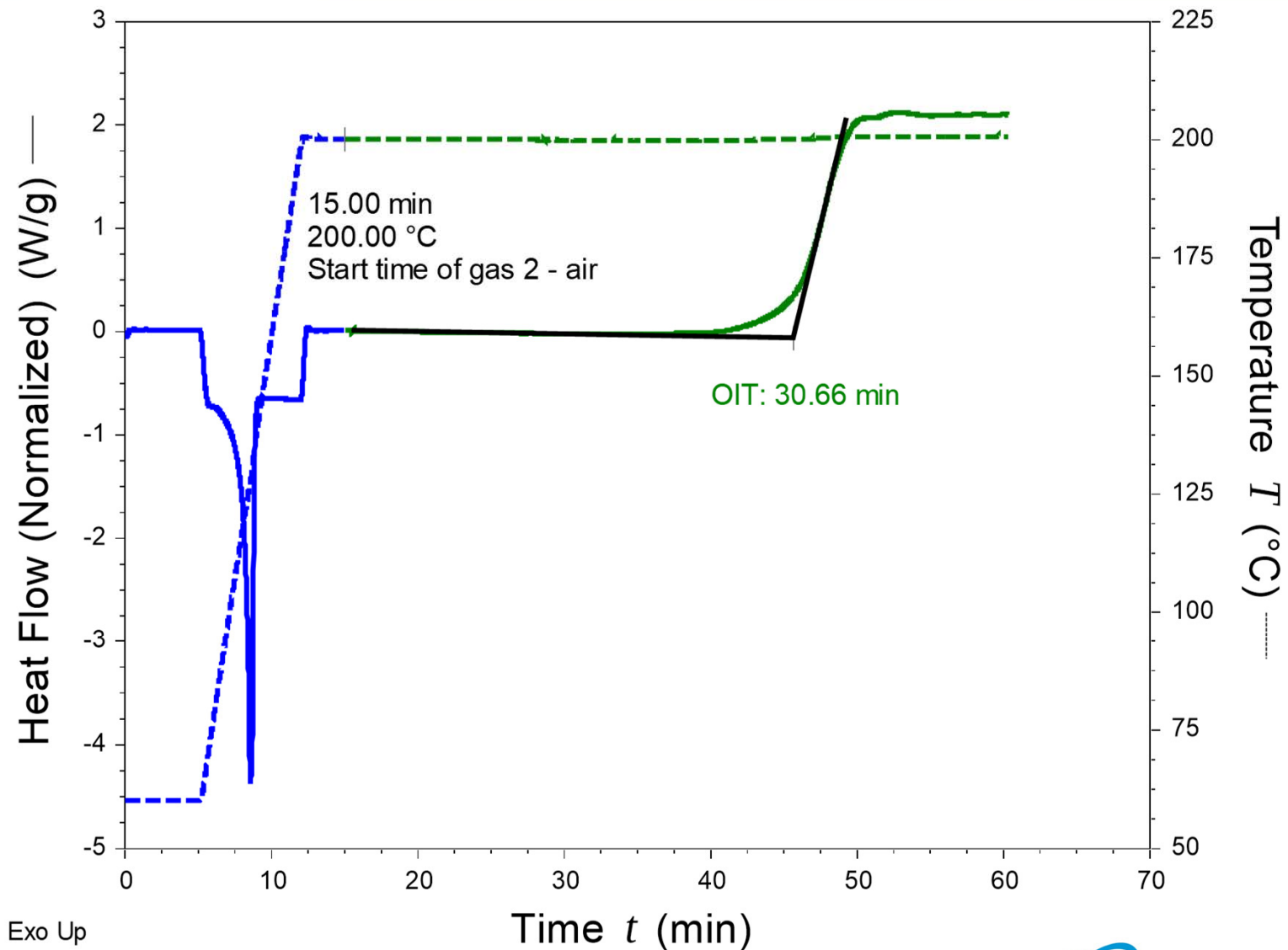
Decomposition is kinetic (heating rate dependent)



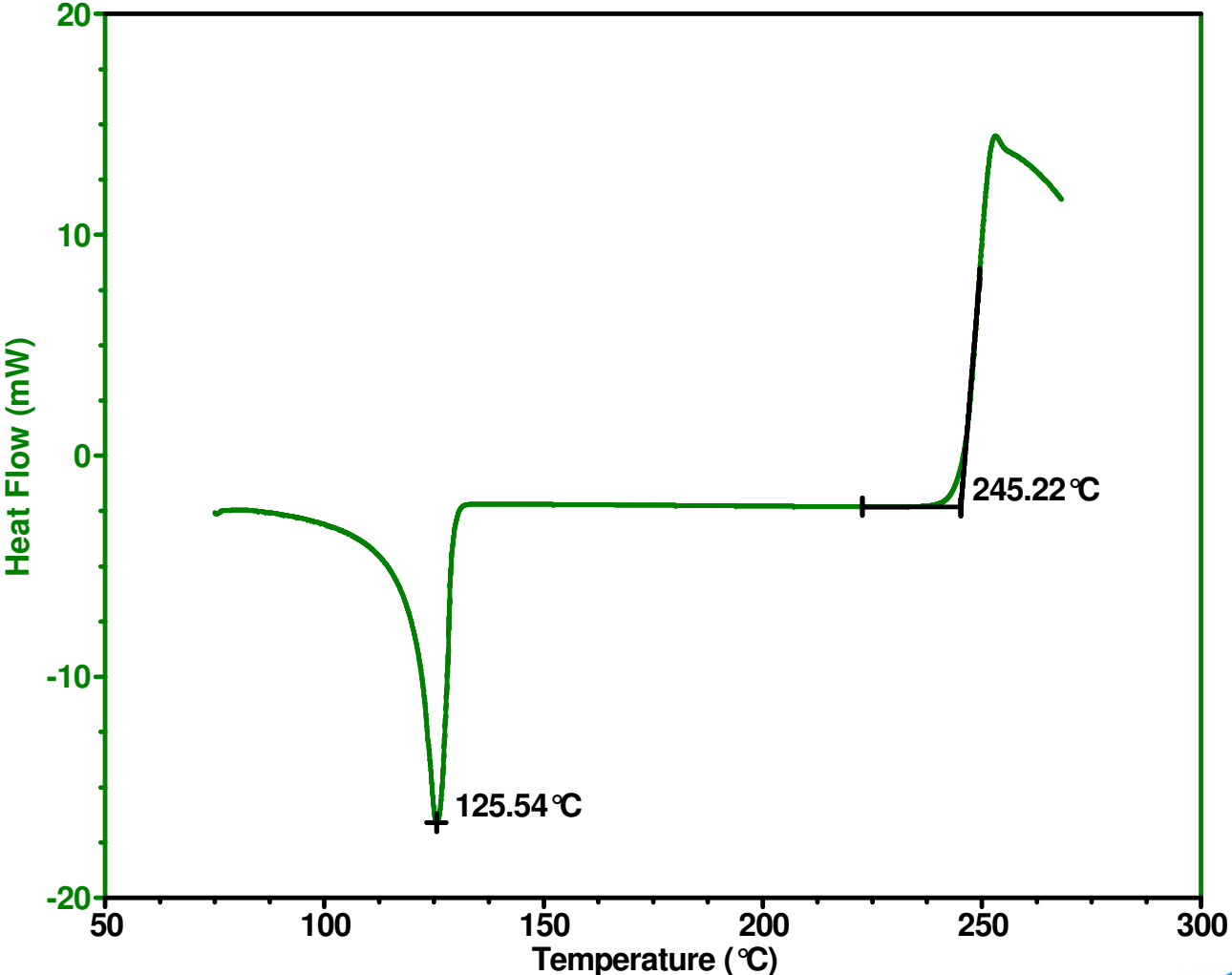
TGA of Ciprofloxacin Hydrochloride



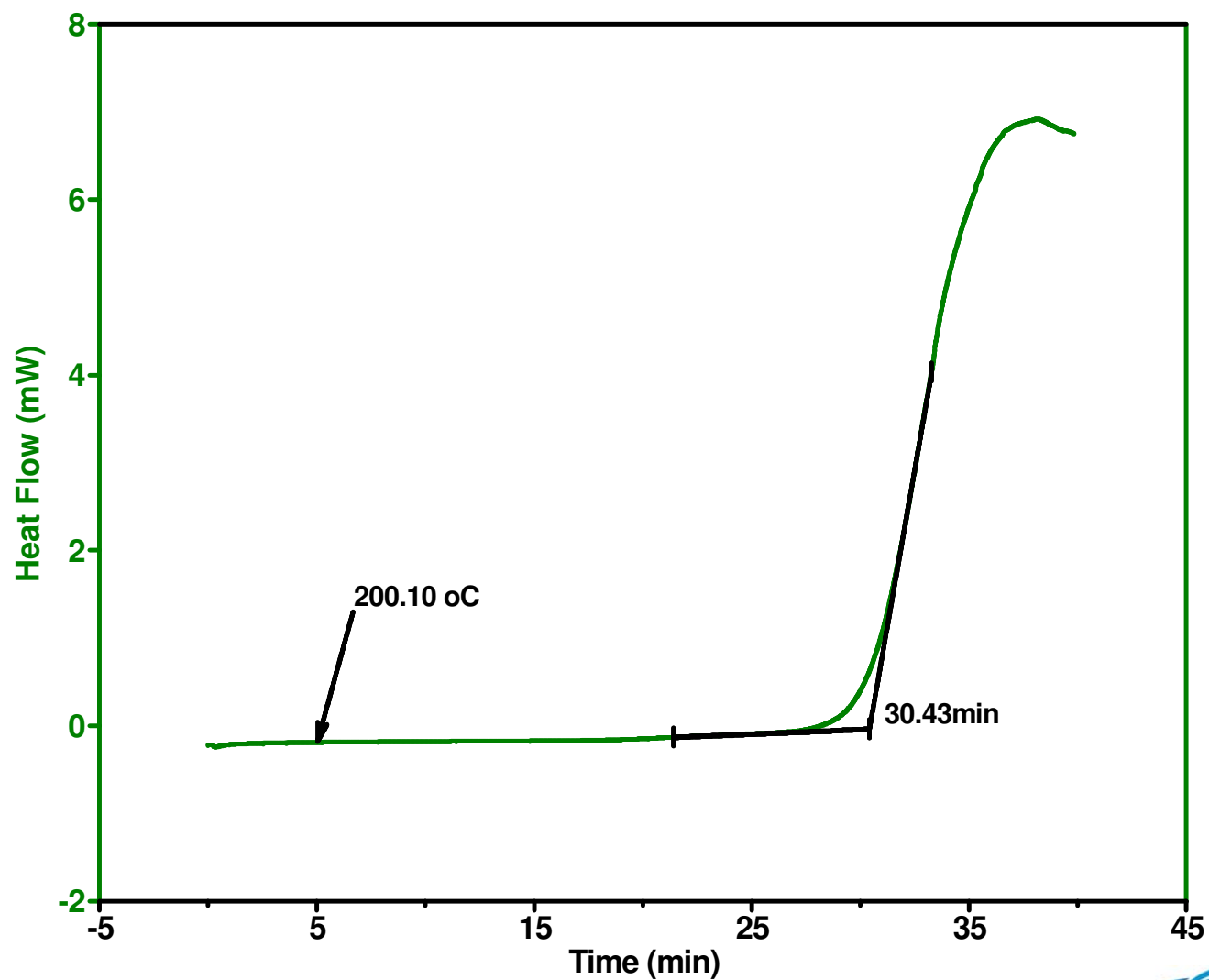
Oxidative Induction Time of Polyolefin Film



Polyethylene Oxidation Onset Temperature



Polyethylene Oxidation Induction Time



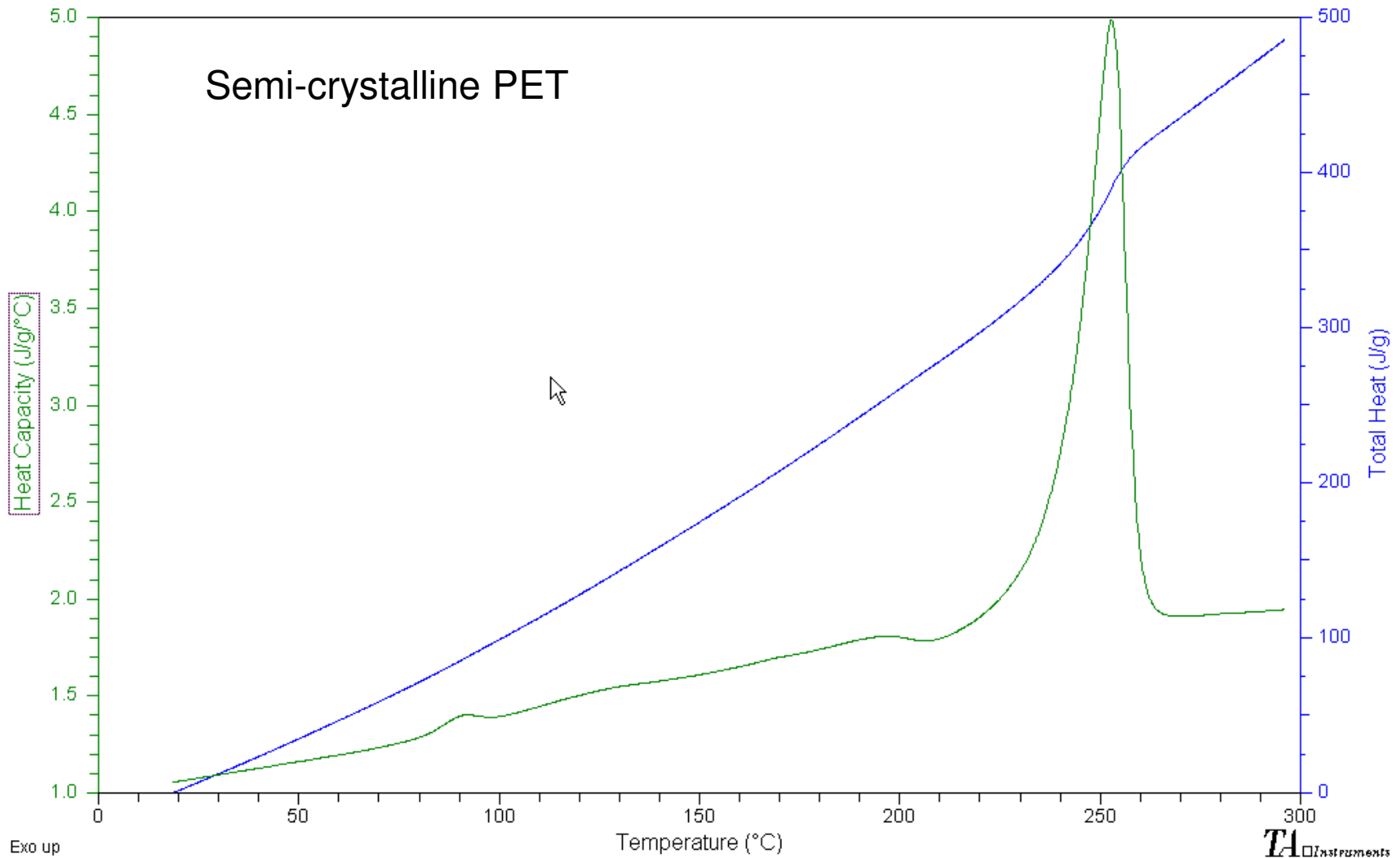
Applications: Heat Capacity (C_p)



What is Heat Capacity?

- Heat capacity(C_p) is the amount of heat required to change the temperature of a material from T_1 to T_2
- Absolute thermodynamic property used by engineers in the design of processing equipment
- True Heat Capacity (no transition) is completely reversible; the material releases the same amount of heat as temperature is lowered from T_2 to T_1
- Specific Heat Capacity refers to a specific mass and temperature change for a material ($J/g\ ^\circ C$)
- Chemist's/Chemical Engineer's Definition

Heat Capacity and Total Heat of PET

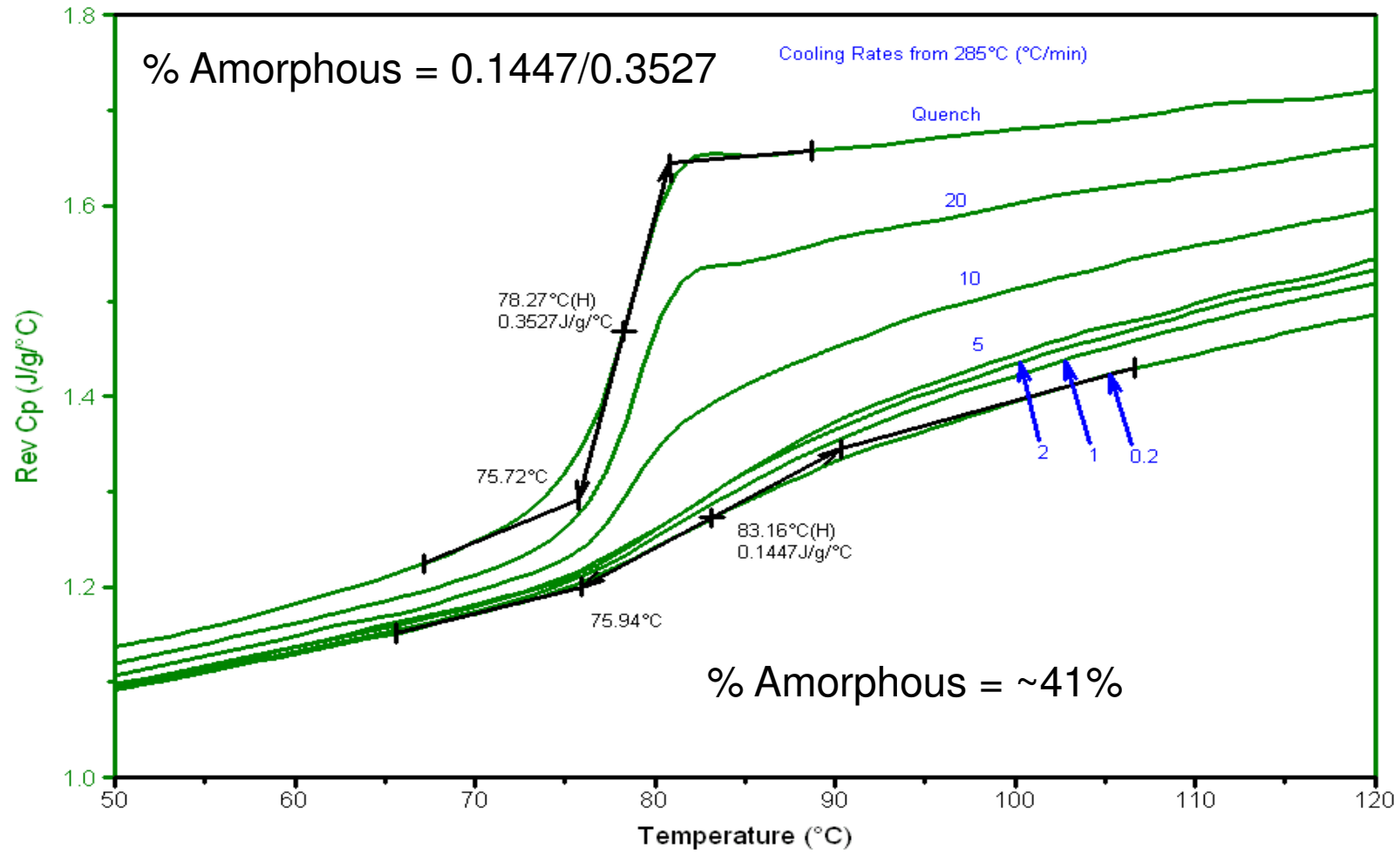


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Material Scientist's Definition of Heat Capacity

- Heat capacity is directly related to molecular mobility
- C_p increases as molecular mobility increases
 - Higher C_p = More Mobility
 - Lower C_p = Less Mobility
 - Example: Amorphous structure is more mobile than crystalline structure
- Provides useful information about the physical properties of a material as a function of temperature
- Quantitative indicator of structure and stability

Change in Cp at Tg is a Measure of Amorphous Structure



Things to be Aware of

- DSC's do not measure heat capacity, but rather calculate it
 - From absolute value of the measured heat flow
- Most DSC's do not measure absolute heat flow
 - Has to be compensated for
 - For best accuracy requires stable and repeatable baseline
- DSC 2500 does measure absolute heat flow
 - Also, Discovery DSC & Q2000/1000 DSC

Things to be Aware of

- Heat Capacity calculated by a DSC is more appropriately called apparent heat capacity
 - Calculated signal contains the latent heat of phase change transitions
 - DSC calculated Cp signals also include all transitions because the heat flow signal is simply divided by heating rate to convert it to heat capacity units
 - A true value of Cp can only be obtained in temperature regions where there are no transitions (Heat Capacity Baseline)
 - Modulated DSC® (MDSC) Reversing Cp does not show kinetic events

Calculating Heat Capacity

- Depending on the DSC that you have there are three different ways to calculate C_p (Listed from least to most accurate)
 - ASTM E1269 (Three Run Method)
 - ◆ Applicable to all DSC's
 - Direct C_p – Single Run Method
 - ◆ Applicable to DSC 2500, Discovery DSC, Q2000/1000 only
 - ◆ Fastest determination
 - MDSC® - Single Run Method
 - ◆ Any DSC w/ MDSC option
 - ◆ Most accurate determination

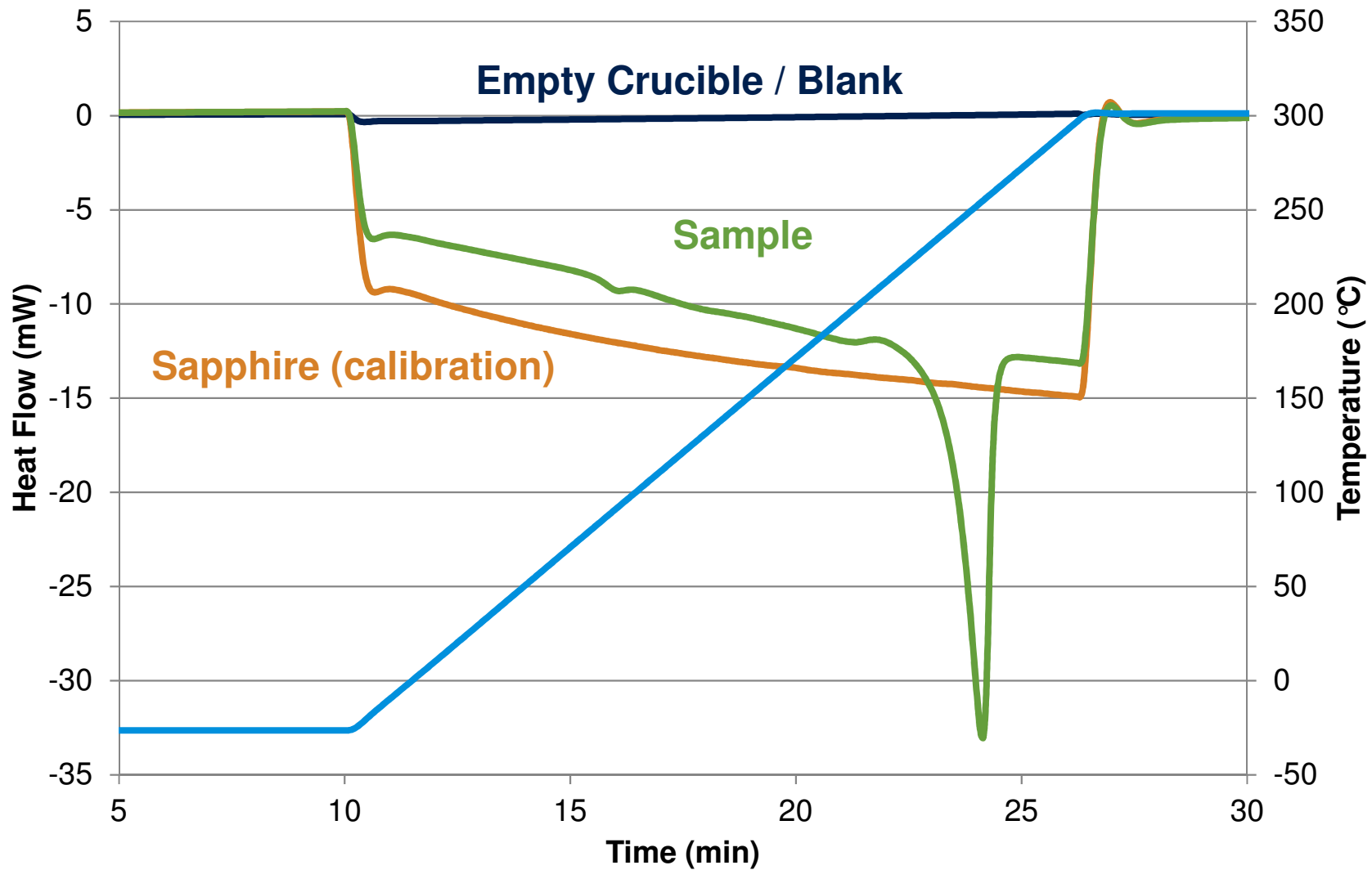
Calculating Heat Capacity

- ASTM Method E1269
 - Requires 3 runs
 - ◆ Run empty pans for baseline
 - Compensate for non-absolute measurement of heat flow)
 - ◆ Run standard (typically sapphire)
 - ◆ Run sample
- Typical Method
 - Starting temperature
 - Isothermal at starting temperature
 - Heat to final temperature
 - Isothermal at final temperature
- Generally considered to be repeatable to within 5%

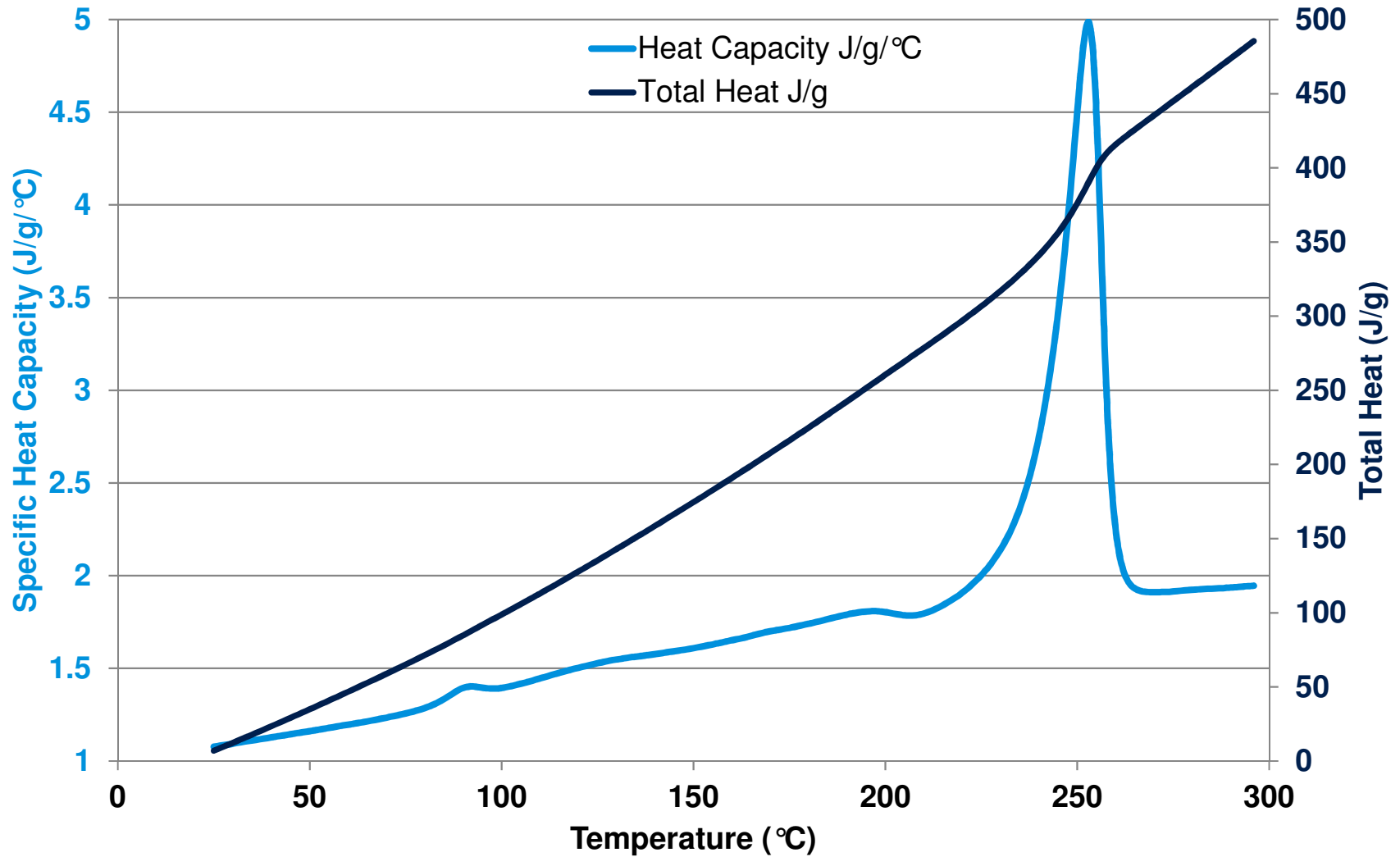
ASTM Method E1269 (Three-Run Method)

- Three experiments are run over a specific temperature range
 - Allow 10 minute isothermal at start and end
 - Use 10-20 °C/min heating rate
- 1. Empty pan run
 - Match pan/lid weights to ± 0.05 mg
 - Used to establish a reference baseline (absolute heat flow)
- 2. Sapphire run
 - Used to determine calibration constant
 - Use same weight of pan/lid as above ± 0.05 mg
 - Typical weight is 20 – 25 mg
- 3. Sample run
 - Typical weight is 10 – 15 mg
 - Use same weight of pan/lid as above ± 0.05 mg

ASTM E1269 "3-Run" Method for Determining C_p



Specific Heat Capacity (ASTM Method)



ASTM E1269 1990 Round-Robin Testing

- Heat capacity was measured over a 40 °C span
- Remember earlier I said that this was generally accepted to be repeatable to within 5%
- Repeatability by this Round-Robin Testing = $\pm 6.2\%$

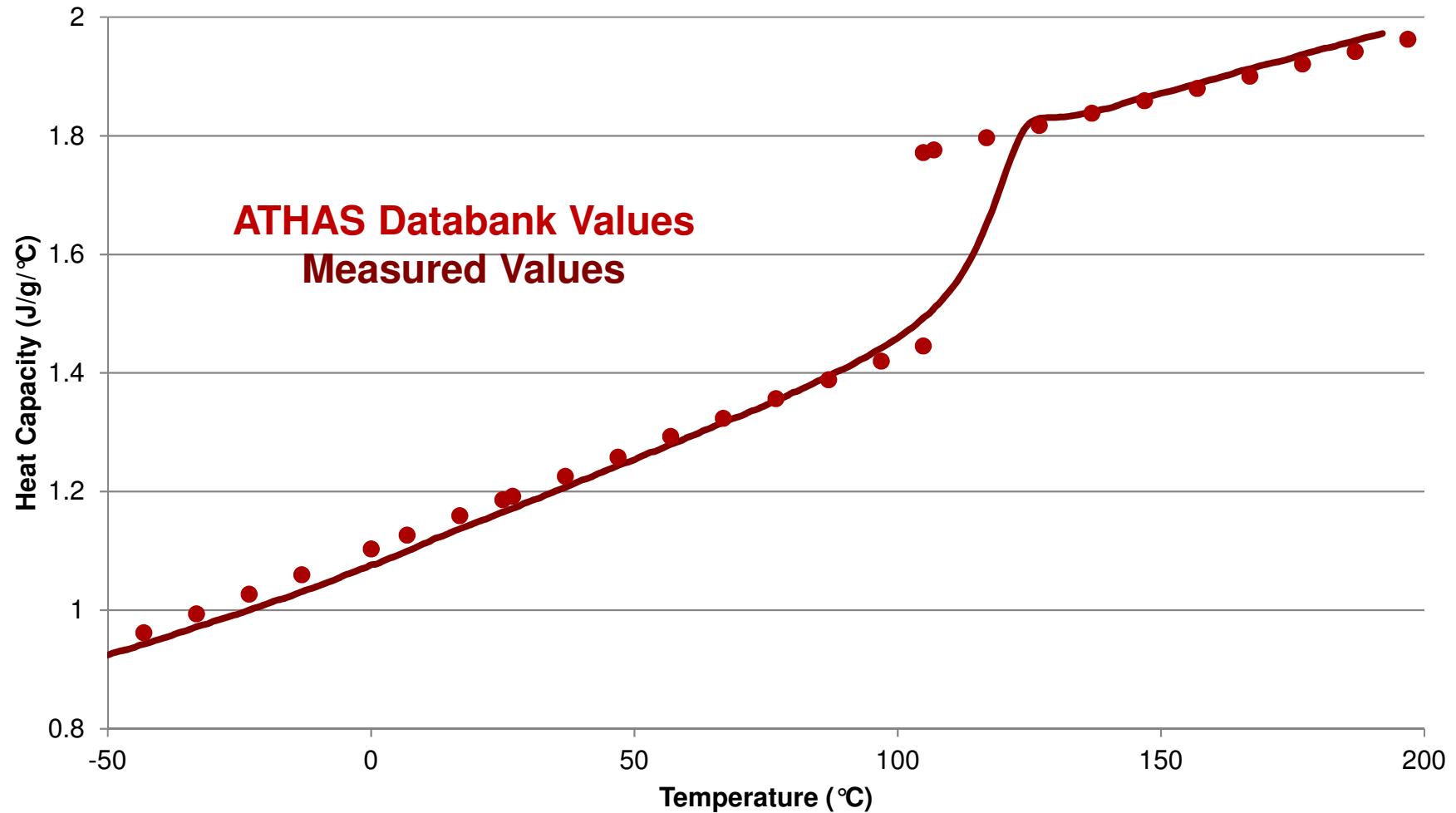
Direct Cp Measurement

- Unlike other DSC's, DSC's with advanced Tzero™ technology measure absolute heat flow:
 - Baseline is flat
 - Baseline is at 0 mW
- Example - DSC 2500
 - Also Discovery DSC, Q2000/1000
- By knowing absolute values of the heat flow and heating rate, heat capacity is calculated in real time and stored in data file
- $C_p = [(dH/dt)/(dT/dt)] \times K$ (K= calibration constant)
- Accuracy and precision is generally $\pm 2\%$ with just single run measurements

Direct Cp Measurement

- Sapphire used as a calibration standard
- Typical Method
 - Heat @ 10-20 °C/min
- Sample Size ~10mg
- For best results – use lowest mass pans possible

Direct Cp of PMMA – DSC 2500



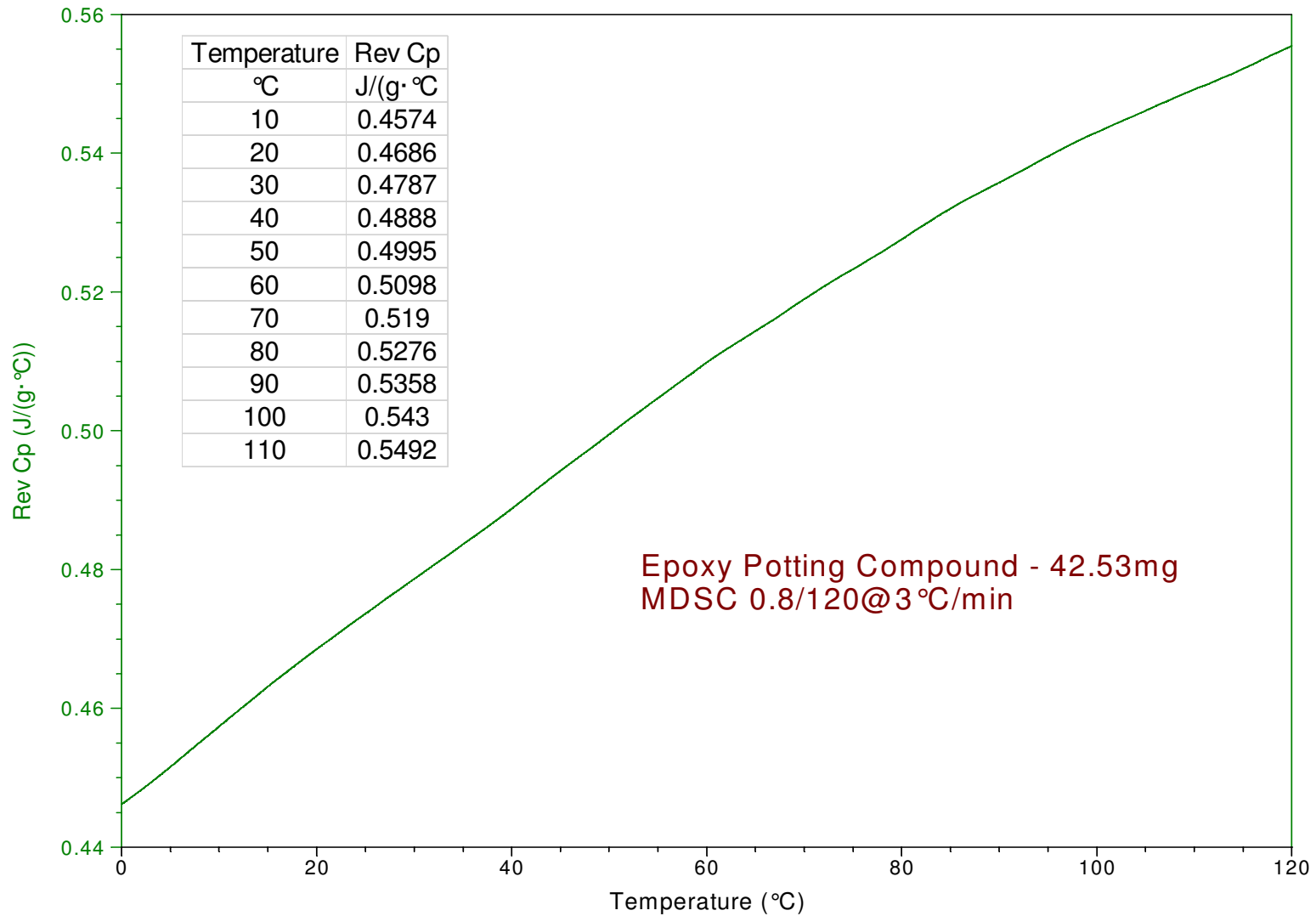
Modulated DSC®

- MDSC®
 - Uses sinusoidal temperature ramp overlaid upon linear ramp
 - Separates Heat Capacity and Kinetic transitions
 - Increases sensitivity to Heat Capacity changes (e.g. T_g)
 - Can determine C_p directly in a single run
 - Best available measurement of Heat Capacity
 - Accurate & repeatable to within 1-2% or better

Cp by MDSC

- Cp can be determined directly in a single run
- Multiple Cp signals
 - Reversing Heat Capacity (Rev Cp) is the quantitative Cp
- Rev Cp does not contain kinetic events
 - Will include non-Cp events like melting
- Rev Cp calibration constant should be calculated at the same period as experiments (uses Sapphire)
- Suggested Conditions:
 - Amplitude ± 1 °C
 - Period 120 sec
 - Heating Rate 3 °C/min
 - Sample weight 10-15 mg

Heat Capacity by MDSC

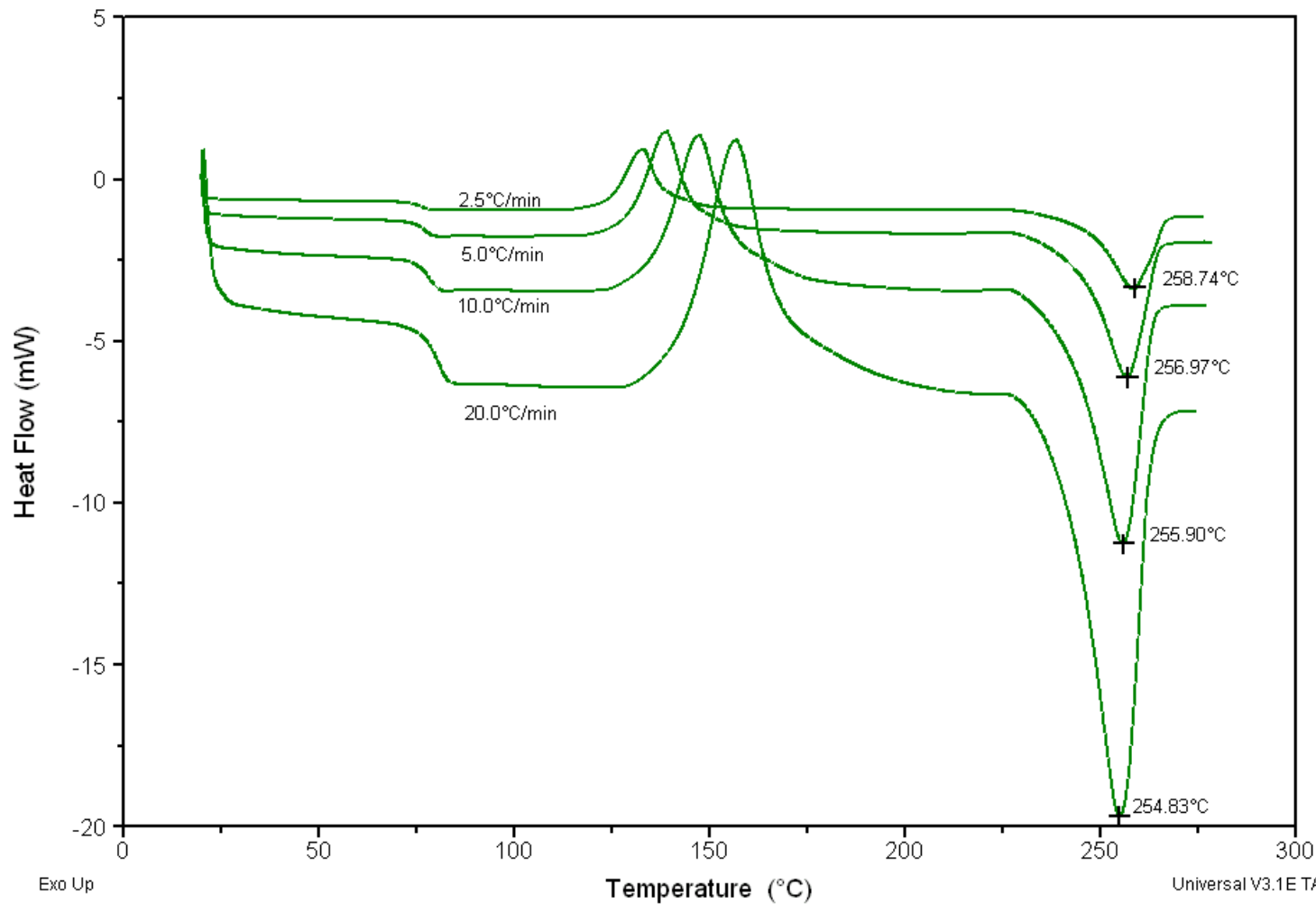


Run Time for Calculating Heat Capacity

- Assume 300 °C temperature range
- ASTM E1269 (Three Run Method) (**Slowest & least accurate**)
 - Typically ran @ 10 °C/min so 30 min/run + 20 min isothermal
 - 150 min run time plus sample prep time
- Direct Cp – Single Run Method (**Fastest**)
 - Typically ran @ 20 °C/min so 15 min/run, plus sample prep
 - If ran @ 10 °C/min then 30 min/run, plus sample prep
- MDSC® - Single Run Method (**Most Accurate**)
 - Typically ran @ 3 °C/min so 100 min/run, plus sample prep

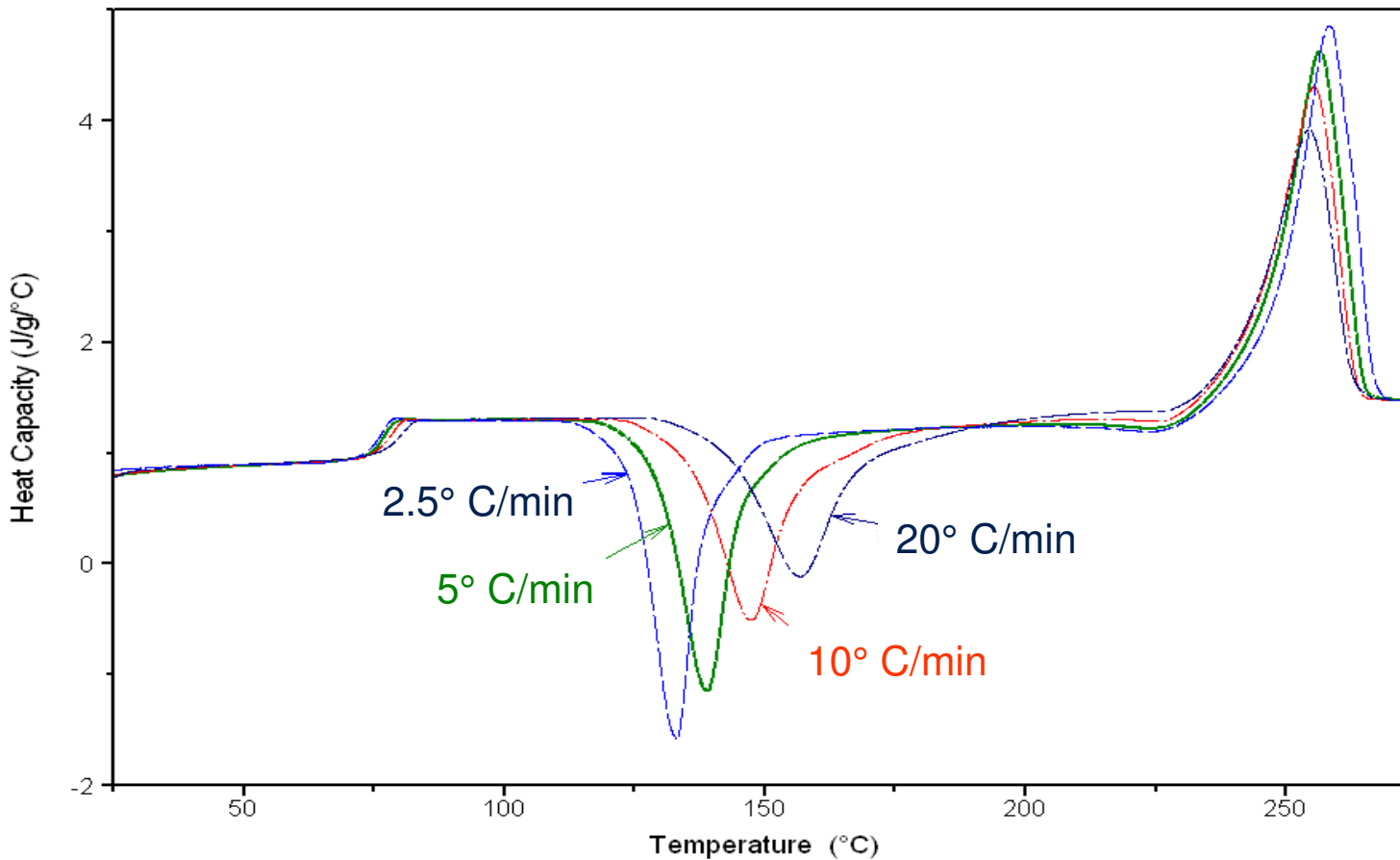
Traditional DSC

Heat Flow Signals Plotted at the Same Sensitivity for Four PET Experiments Performed at Different Heating Rates

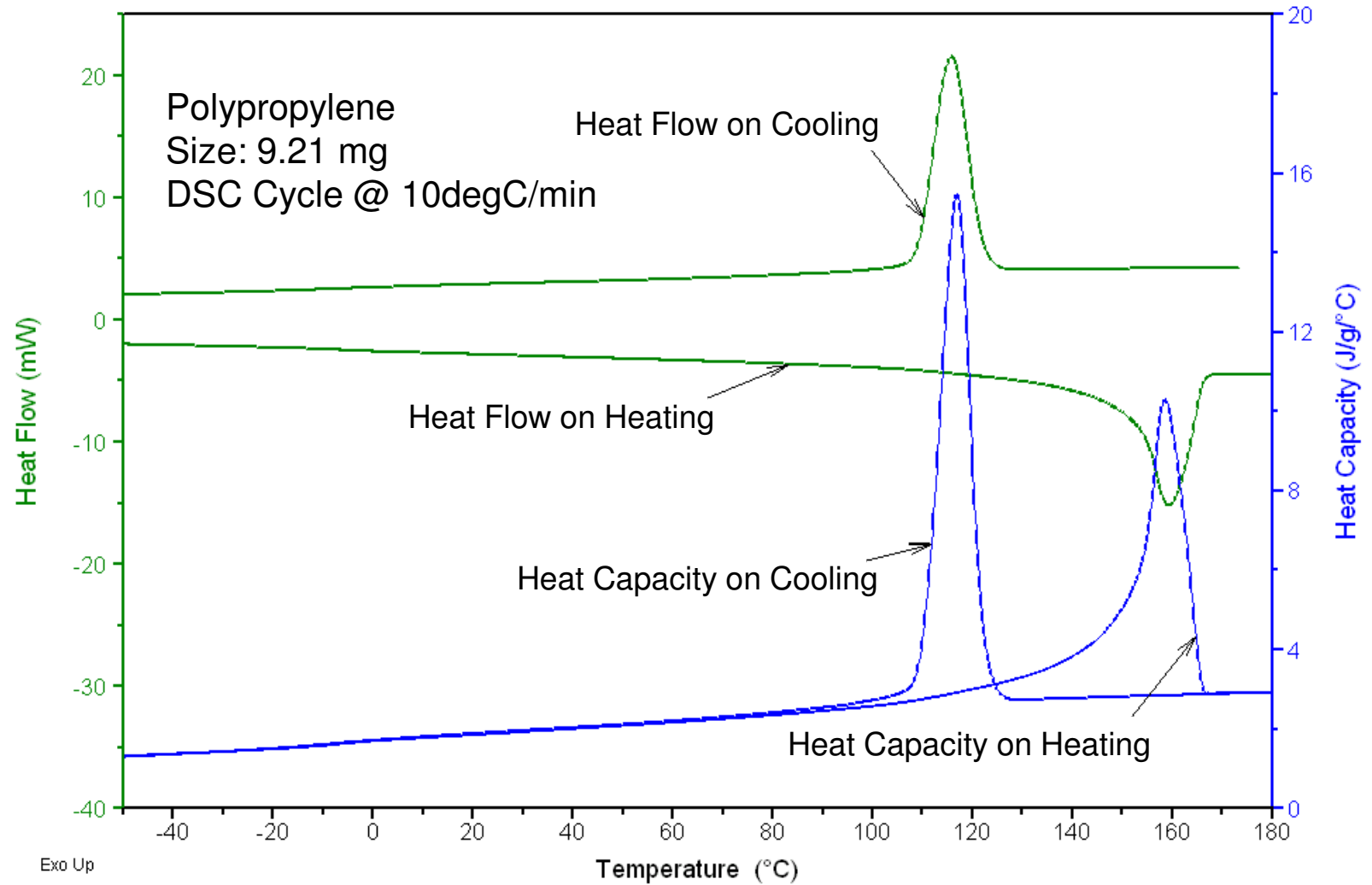


Benefit of Heat Capacity Signal

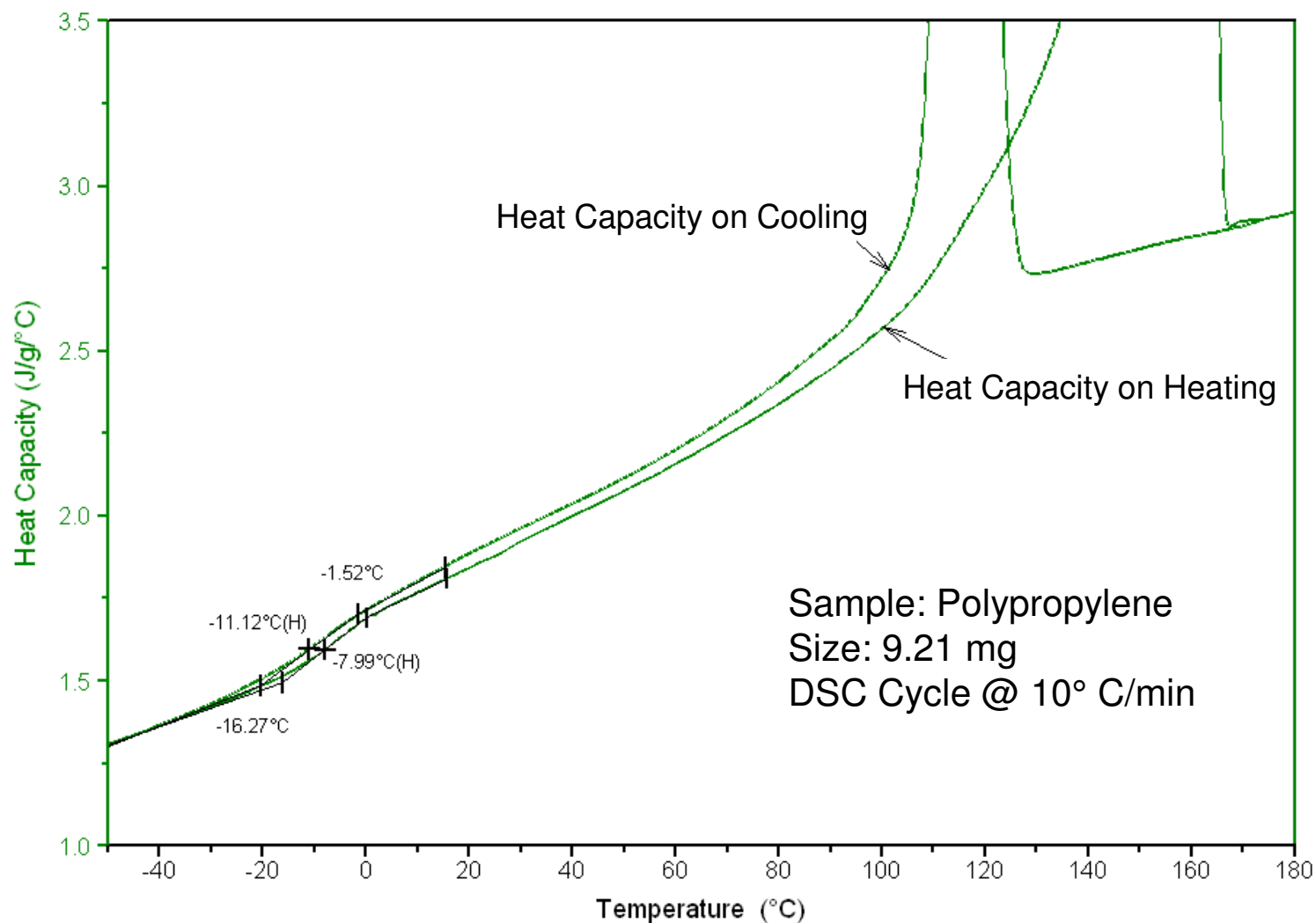
Utility of the Heat Capacity Signal for Illustrating the Effect Of Heating Rate on Kinetic Processes in Quench Cooled PET



Comparison of Heat Flow & Cp Signals



Weak Tg Visible in Tzero™ DSC Cp Signal



Applications: Amorphous Structure (Glass Transition)



Amorphous Materials

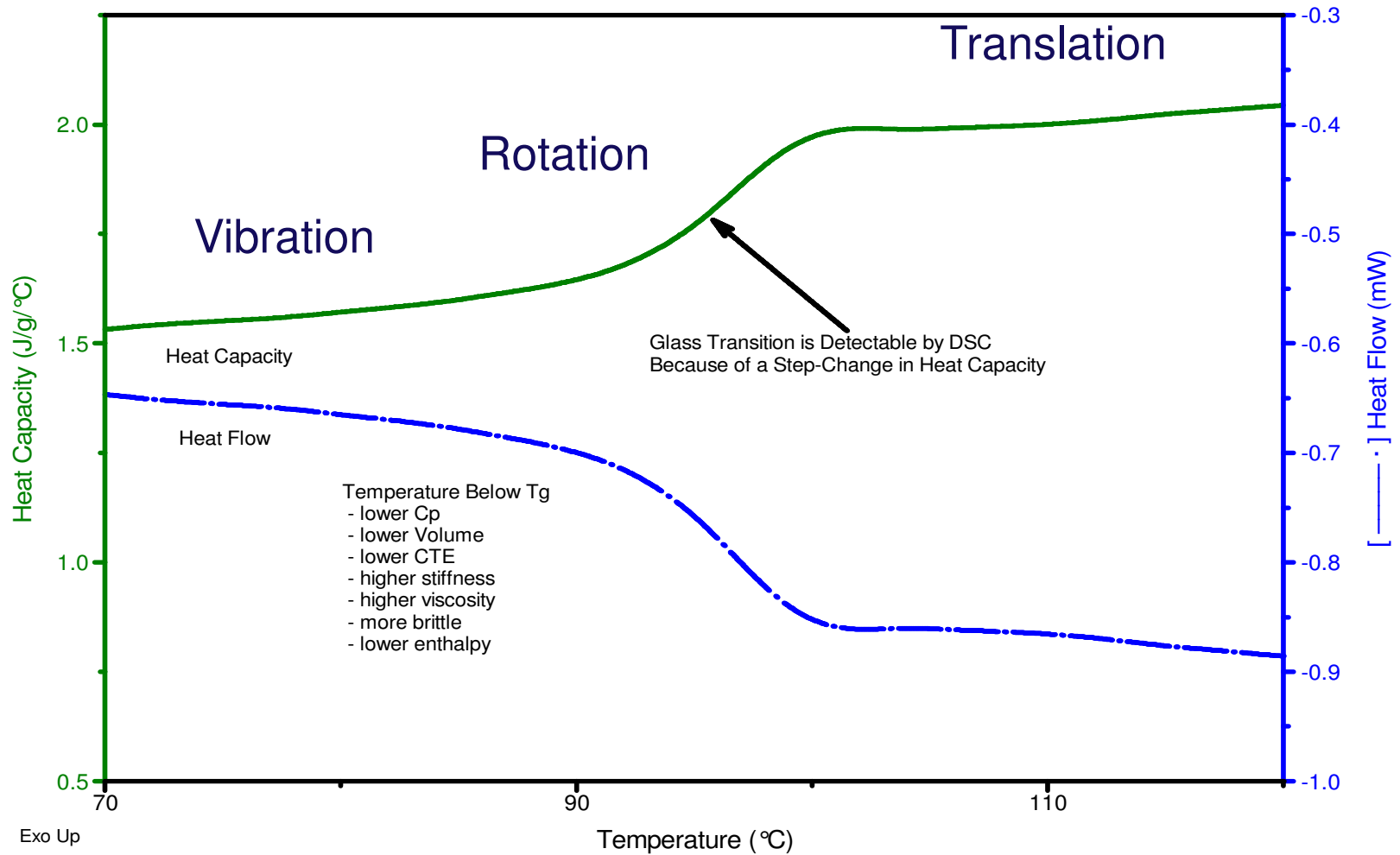
- Amorphous Structure –
 - Randomly oriented molecules
 - No long-range order
 - Liquids, glassy or rubbery solids
 - Most polymers are either amorphous or semi-crystalline

Characterization of Amorphous Structure

- Glass Transition (T_g)
 - Due to amorphous (non-crystalline) structure
 - Due to macro-molecular motion (translational); i.e., the entire molecule is free to move relative to adjacent molecules.
 - Extremely important transition because the significant change in molecular mobility at T_g causes significant changes in physical and reactive properties.

Changes at the Tg

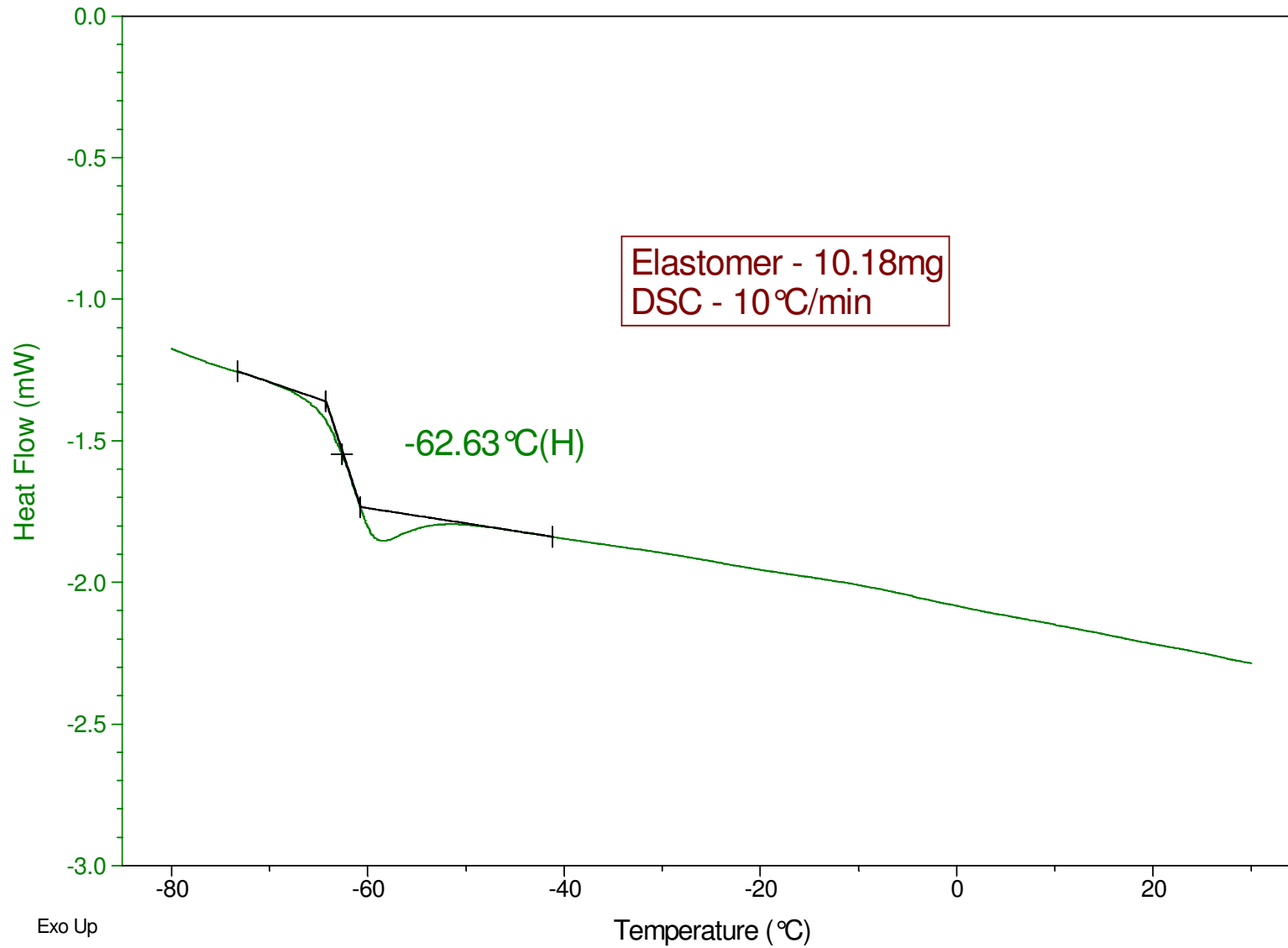
Polystyrene - Modes of Molecular Motion/Mobility



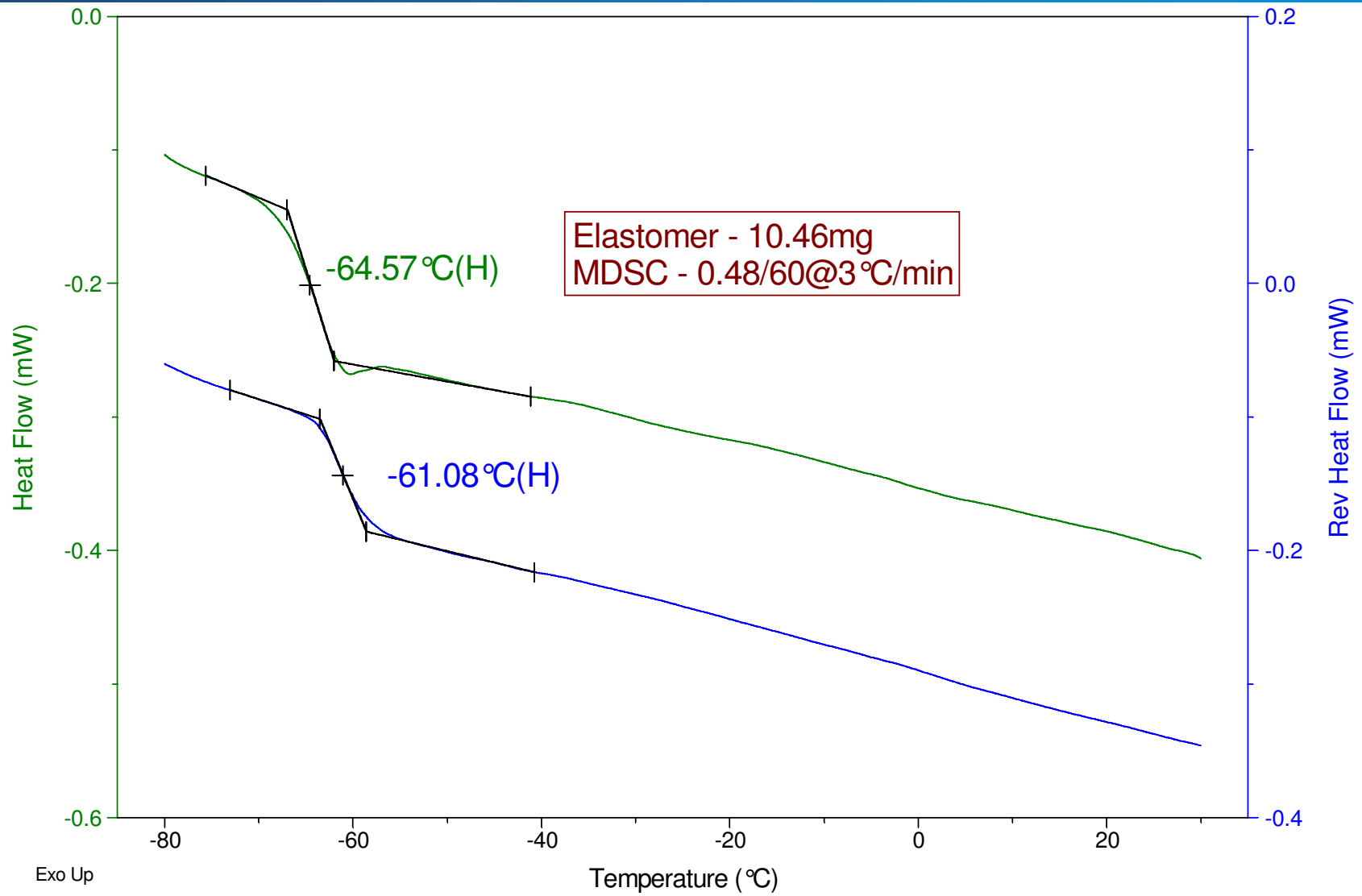
Glass Transition Analysis

- Reporting the Glass Transition (T_g) Temperature
 - T_g is always a temperature range and never a single temperature
 - When reporting a single temperature, it is necessary to state;
 - ◆ What point in the step change (onset, midpoint, end, etc.) is being measured
 - ◆ The experimental conditions used to measure T_g ; such as technique (DSC, DMA, TMA, etc.), heating rate, sample size or weight, modulation conditions, etc.

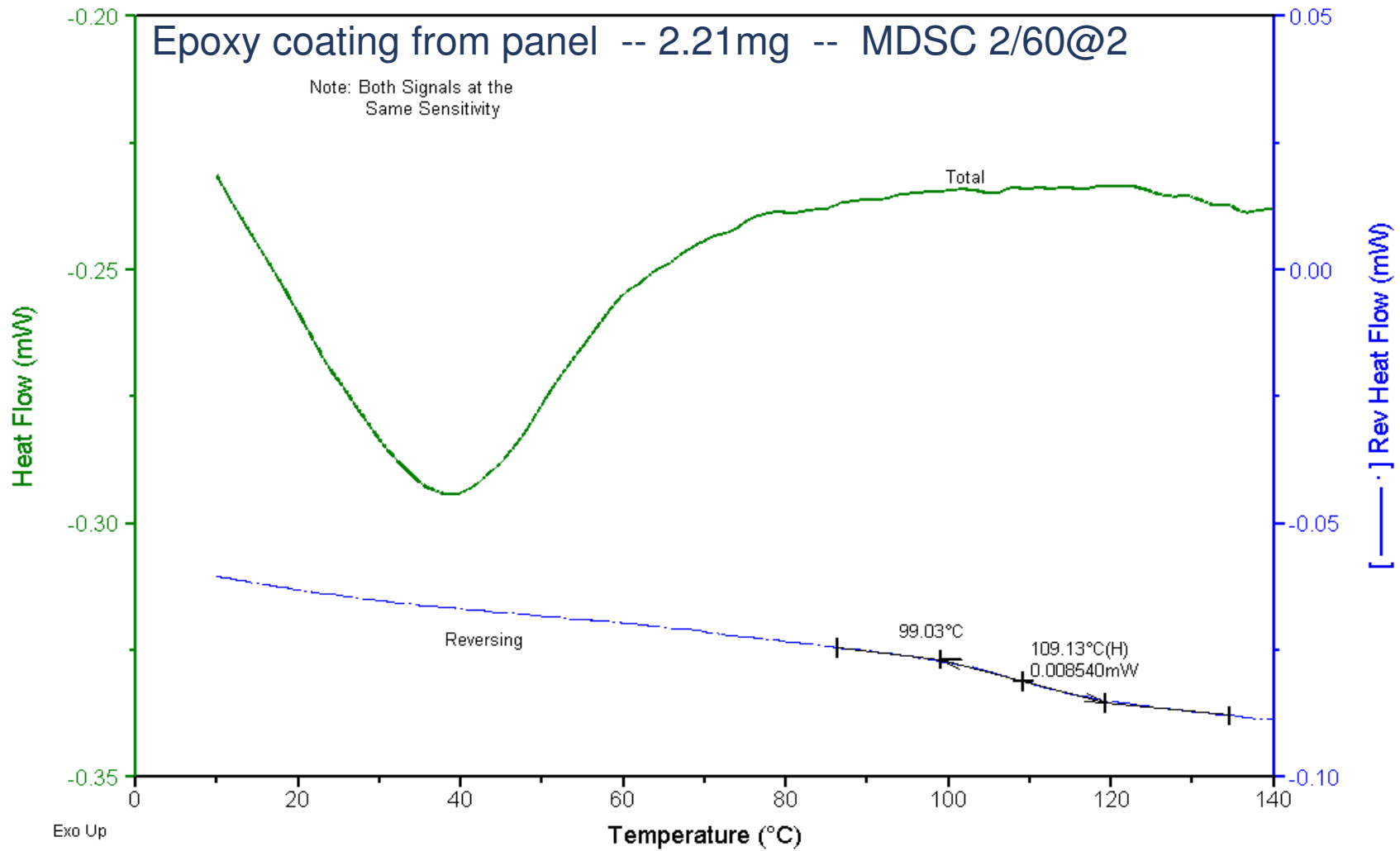
Elastomer Tg by DSC



Elastomer Tg by MDSC



MDSC® of Weak Tg



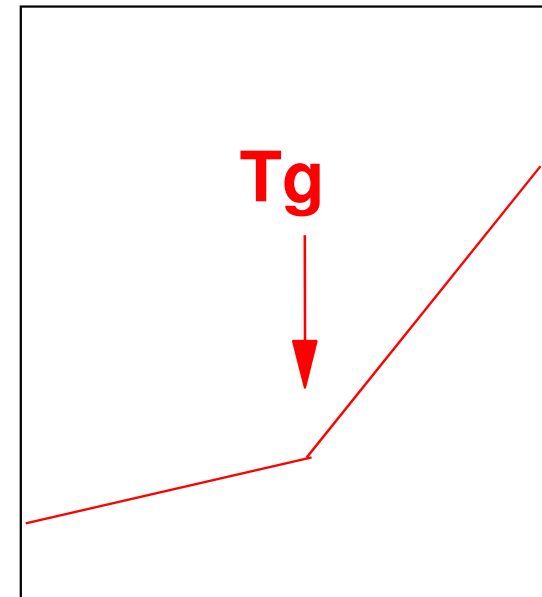
The Glass Transition (T_g)

- The glass transition is a step change in molecular mobility (in the amorphous phase of a sample) that results in the change of many physical properties
- The material is rigid below the glass transition temperature and rubbery above it. *Amorphous materials flow, they do not melt*
- The change in heat capacity at T_g is a measure of the amount of amorphous phase in the sample
- Enthalpic recovery at T_g is a measure of order in the amorphous phase. Annealing or storage at temperatures just below T_g permit development of order as the sample moves towards equilibrium

Effect of Tg on Physical Properties

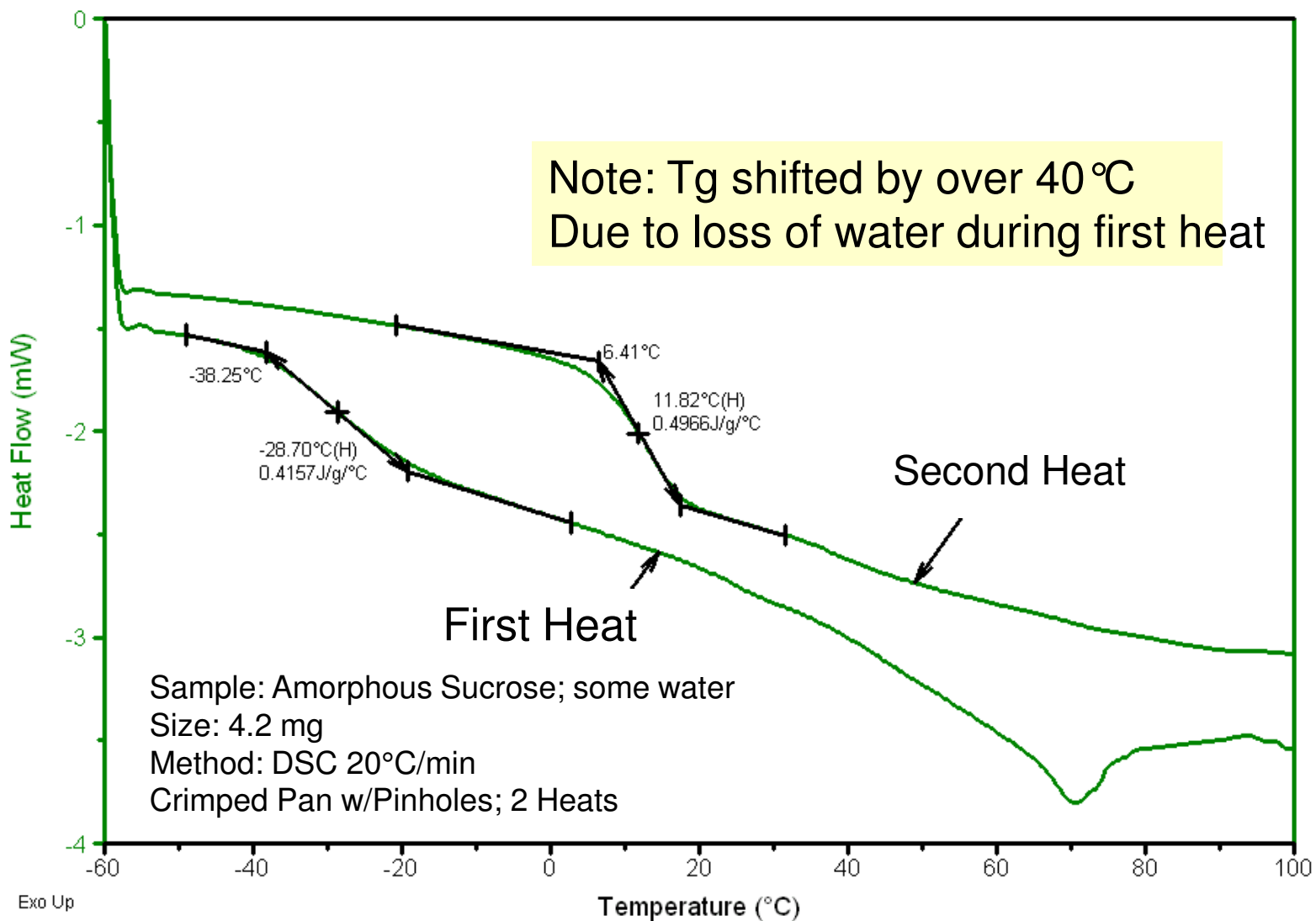
Physical property	Response on heating through Tg
Specific Volume	Increases
Modulus	Decreases
Coefficient of thermal expansion	Increases
Specific Heat	Increases
Enthalpy	Increases
Entropy	Increases

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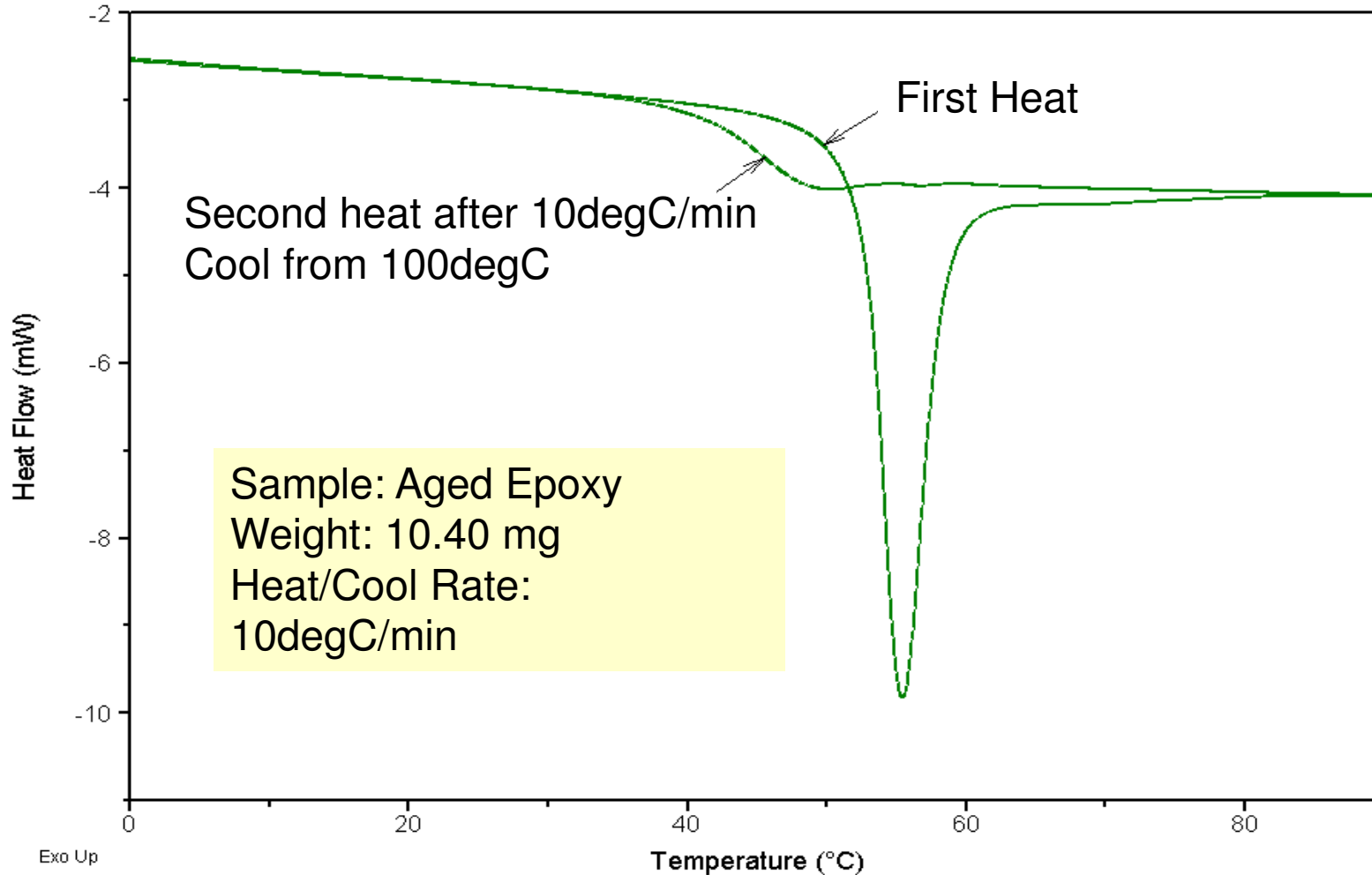
Temperature

Effect of Moisture on Tg by DSC



Tg of Aged Epoxy Sample by DSC

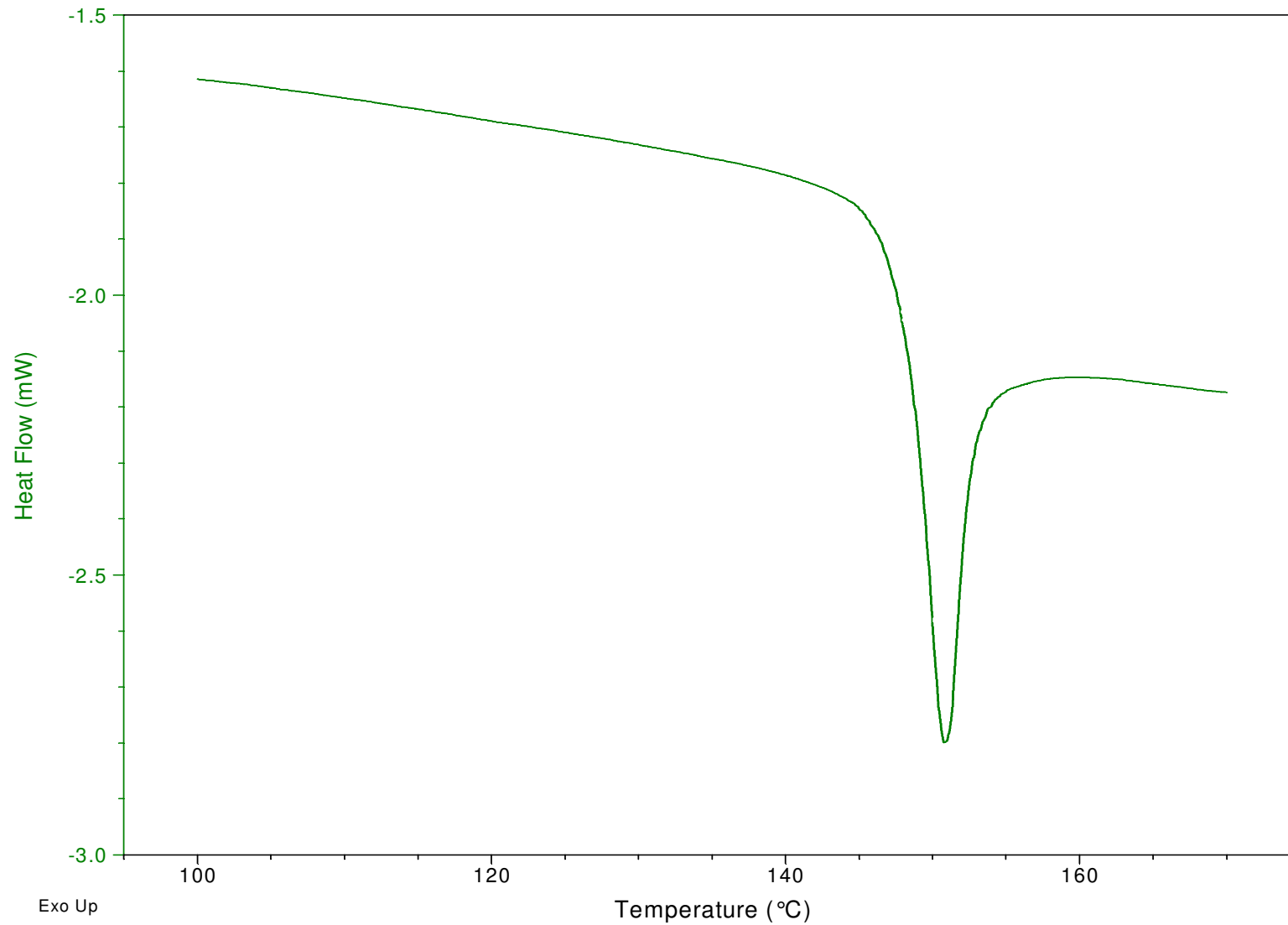
Aged Epoxy shows enthalpic recovery at glass transition during first heat



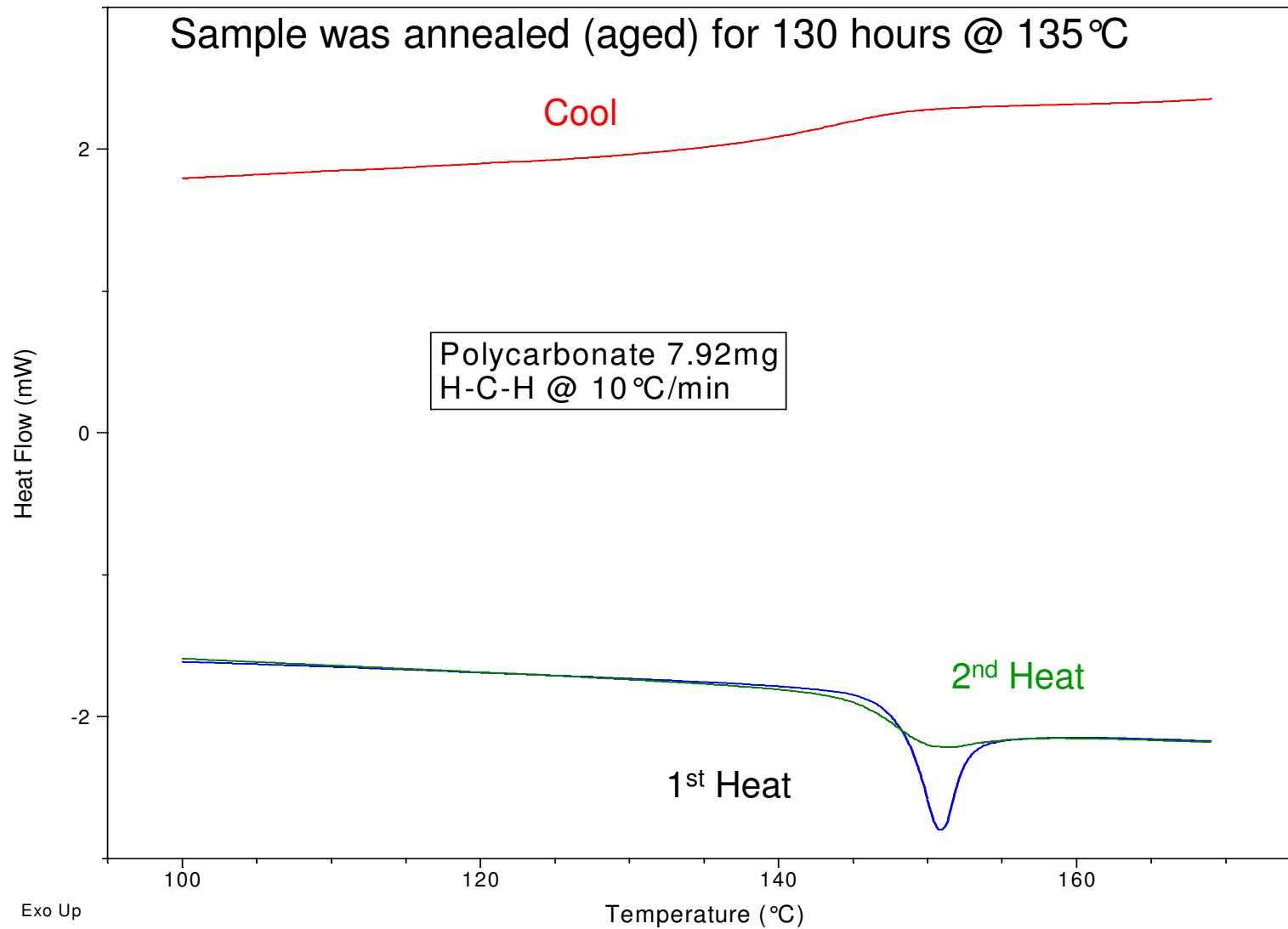
Is it a Tg?

- If not sure if a transition is a Tg
 - Run Heat-Cool-Heat (H-C-H)
 - ◆ If transition is a Tg then it should be present on cooling curve and 2nd heat
 - Run MDSC
 - ◆ A Tg will always show up in the Reversing Curve of a MDSC experiment
 - Run TMA or DMA

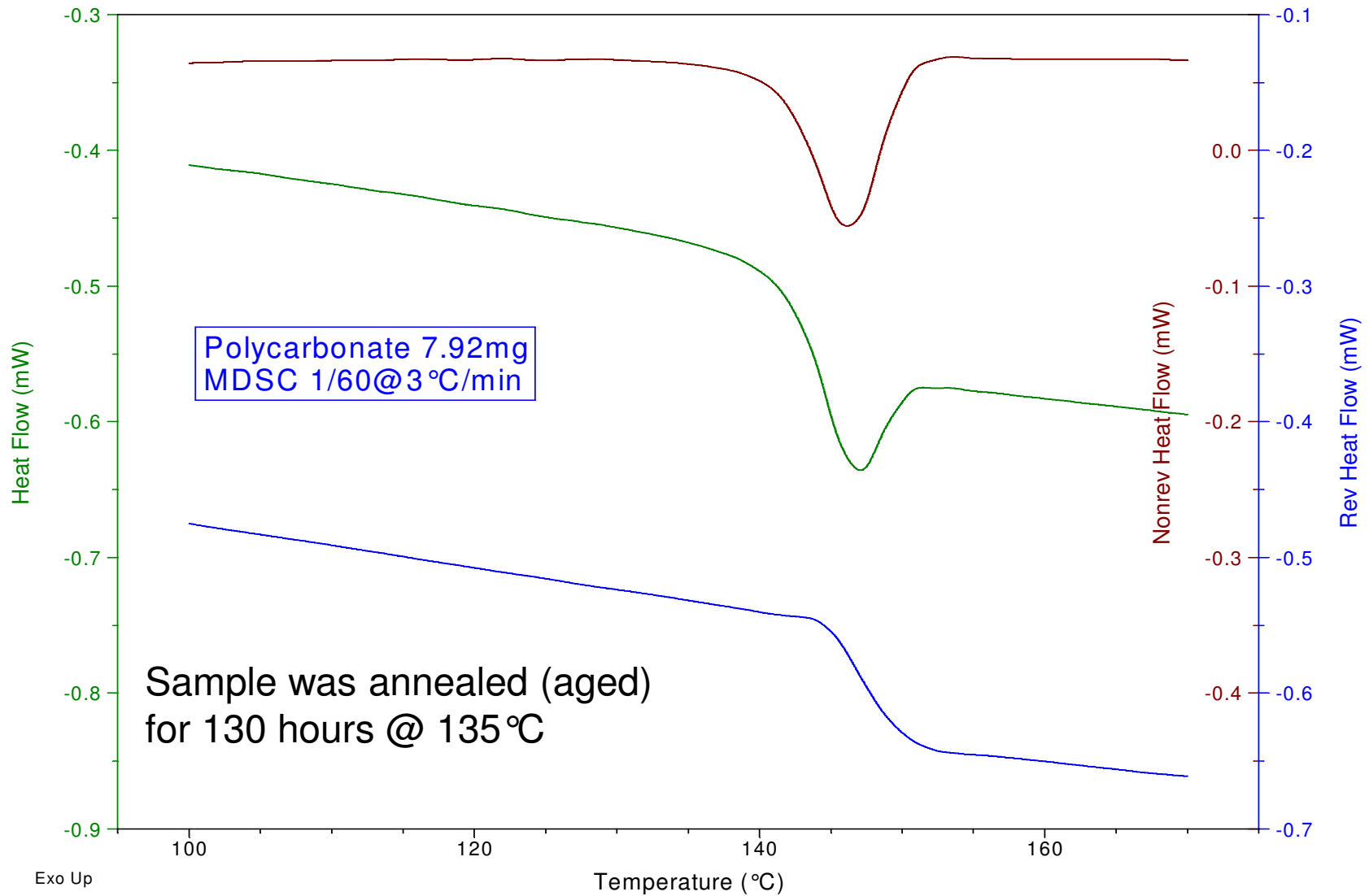
Is this a Tg or a Melt?



Now – Is this a Tg or a Melt?



MDSC of Aged Polycarbonate



Applications: Crystalline Structure (Melting and Crystallization)



Semi-Crystalline Polymers

- Crystalline Structure –
 - Molecules arranged in well defined structures
 - Consists of repeating units
 - Polymers can have crystalline phases
 - ◆ Length of molecules prevents complete crystallization
- Semi-crystalline Polymers –
 - Both amorphous & crystalline solid phases
 - Examples are most common thermoplastics
 - ◆ Polyethylene, Polypropylene, etc

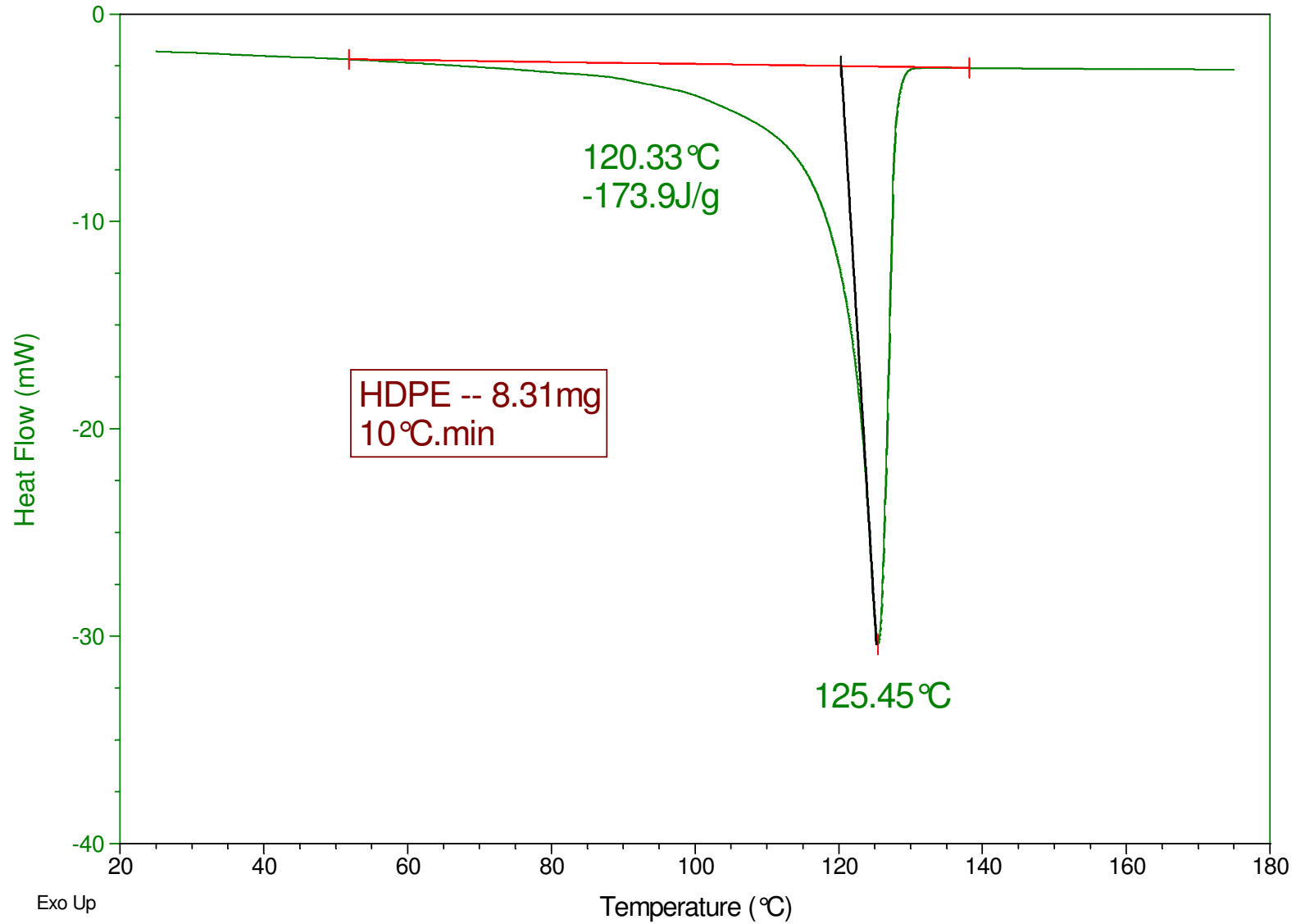
Melting

- Melting – The process of converting solid crystalline structure to liquid amorphous structure
 - Melting shows up as an endothermic peak in a DSC scan
 - The energy required to melt the crystalline phase is proportional to the amount of crystalline phase
- In most cases sensitivity isn't an issue with melting transitions
- Heating rate doesn't effect the onset of melting (much), but will effect resolution

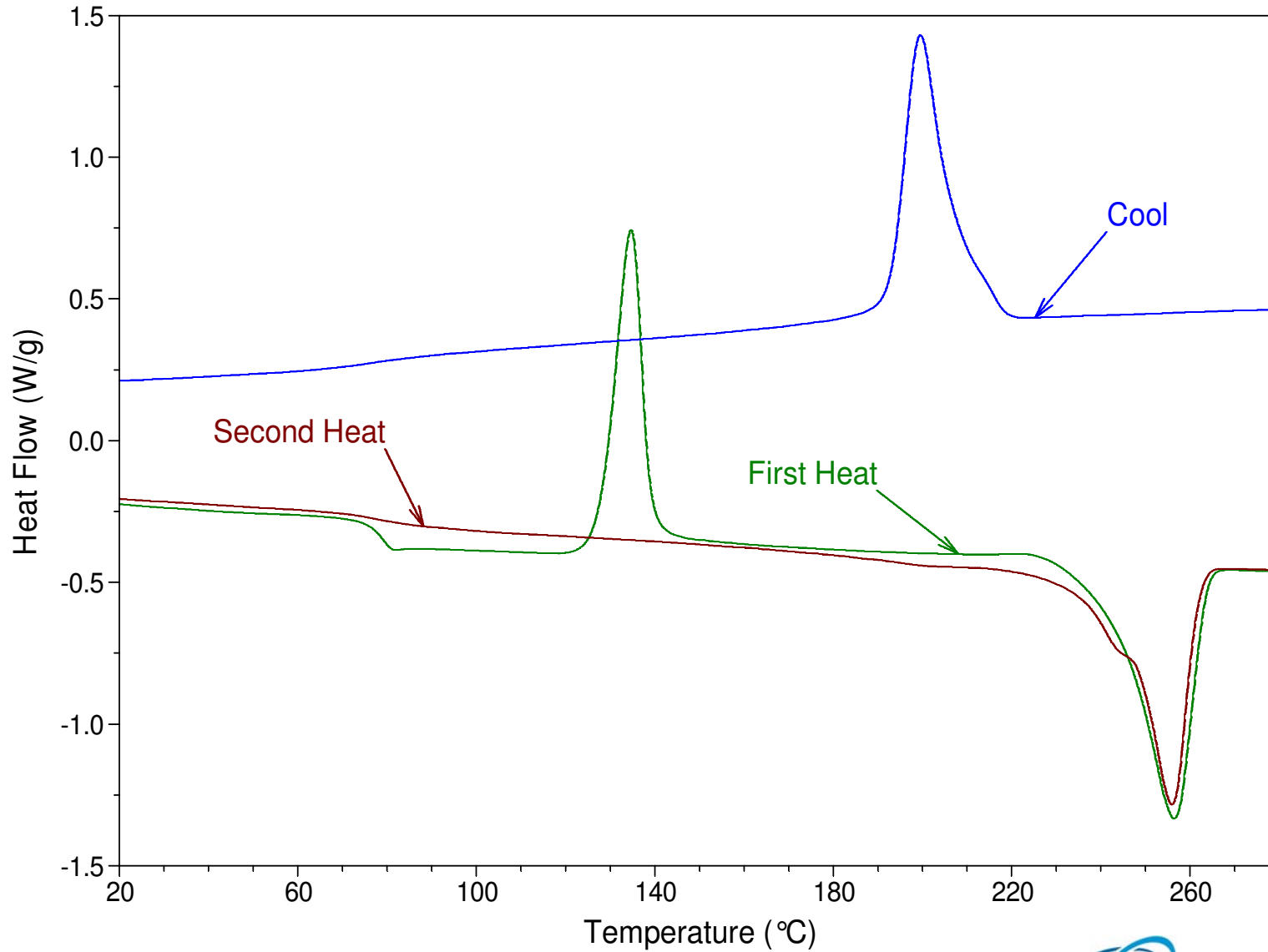
Definitions

- Thermodynamic Melting Temperature – The temperature where a perfect crystal would melt
- Metastable Crystals – Crystals that melt at lower temperature due to imperfections
- Crystal Perfection – The process of metastable crystals melting at a temperature below their thermodynamic melting point and then (re) crystallizing into larger, more perfect crystals that will melt again at a higher temperature

Measurement of a Melt by DSC



Heat-Cool-Heat of PET

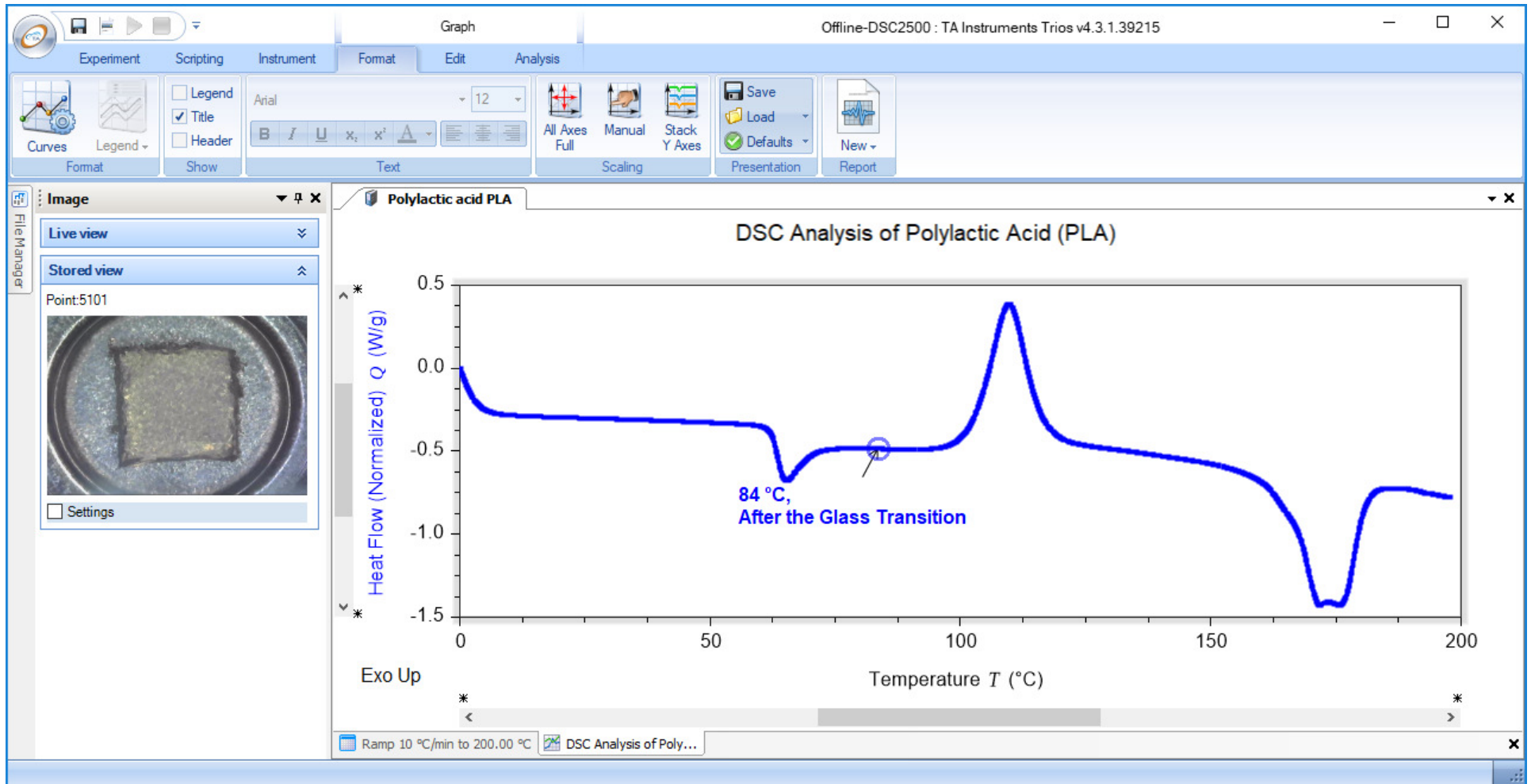


Discovery DSC Microscope Accessory

- Provides imaging and video capabilities during a DSC measurement on the Discovery DSC 2500, 250 and 25
- Includes a high resolution (1.3 MP vivid color) digital microscope camera with a long range working distance and magnification range of 10x-90x; with a typical magnification of 50-60x when focused on a sample pan in the DSC cell
- Collects individual images of up to 1 fps (frames per second) and video at 15 fps
- Illumination provided by several white light LEDs and an adjustable polarizer is included for viewing highly reflective materials and minimizing the amount of glare



DSC Analysis of Polylactic Acid (PLA): Post-Tg



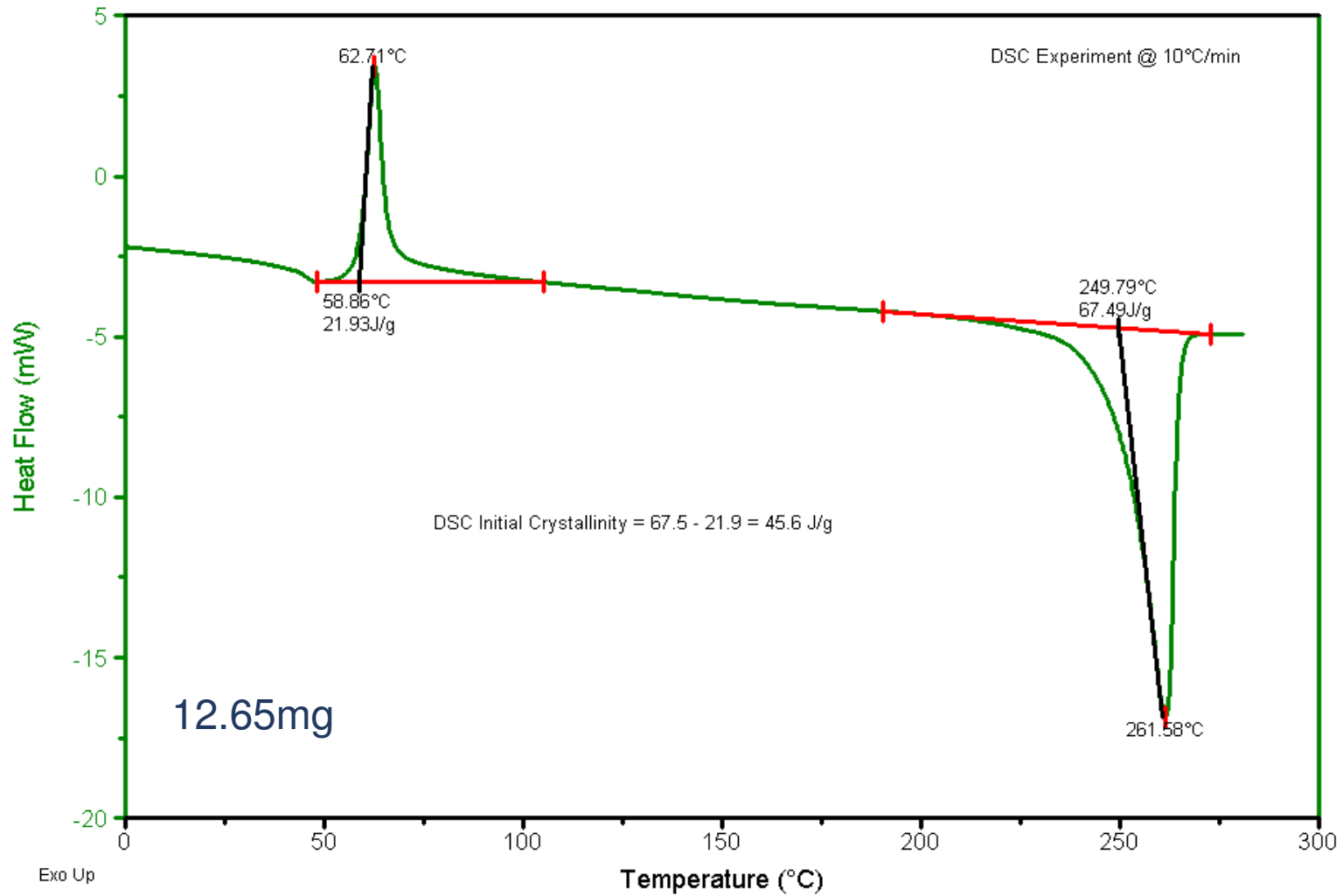
Crystallinity

- Because crystalline structure can form as the sample is heated, the actual crystallinity of the sample is usually less than measured
- Determining actual crystallinity is difficult with many semi-crystalline polymers.
- MDSC® measurements provide quantitative information about how crystallinity is changing during the heating experiment.

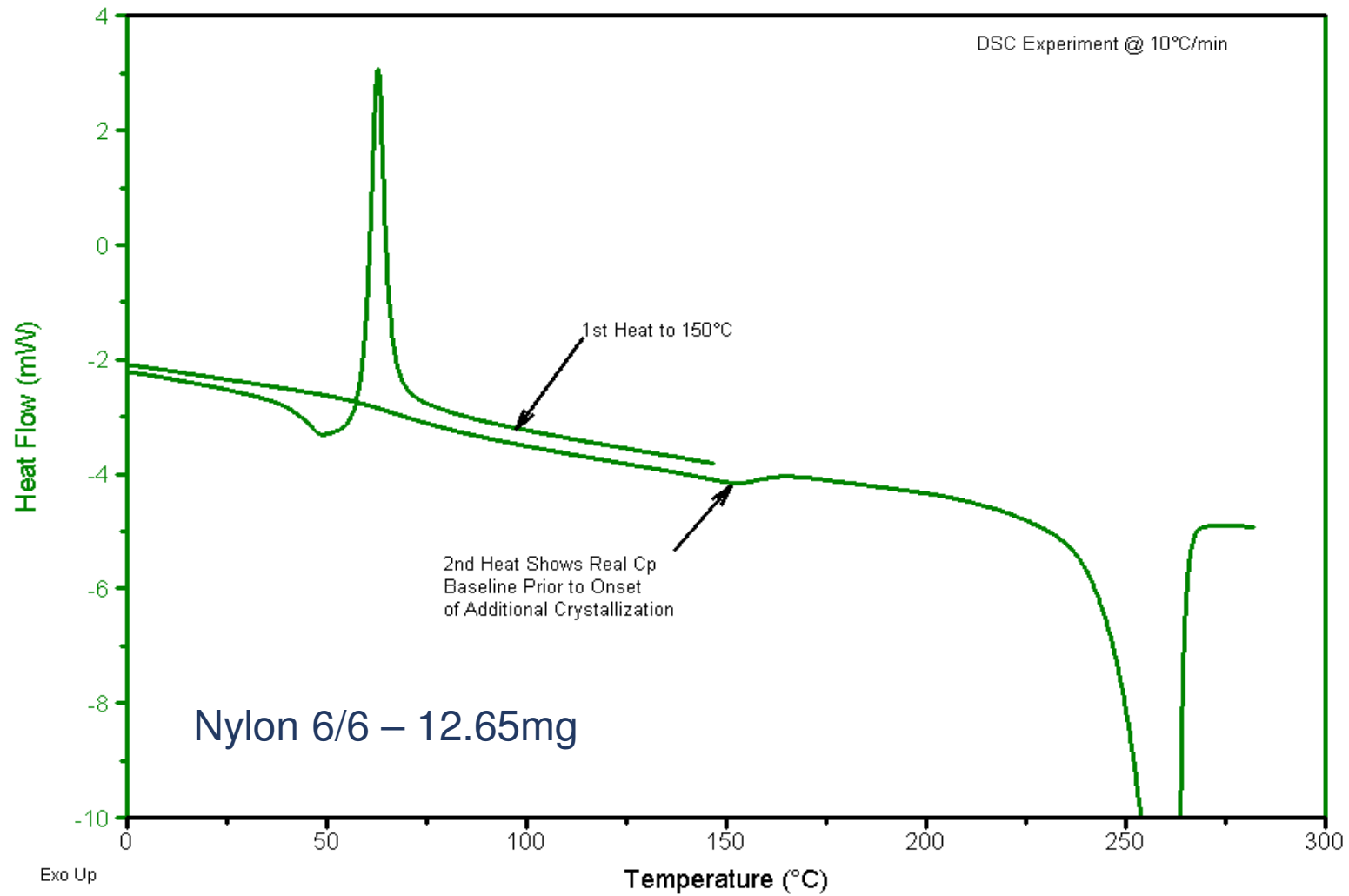
MDSC Approach for Melting

- MDSC “Initial Crystallinity” is always calculated from the sum of all crystallization exotherms and melting endotherms
 - Integrate the Nonreversing signal from the start of crystallization to the end of melting
 - Integrate the Reversing signal from the start of melting to the end of melting
- To illustrate this let’s look at Nylon 6/6

Nylon 6/6 with DSC @ 10°C/min

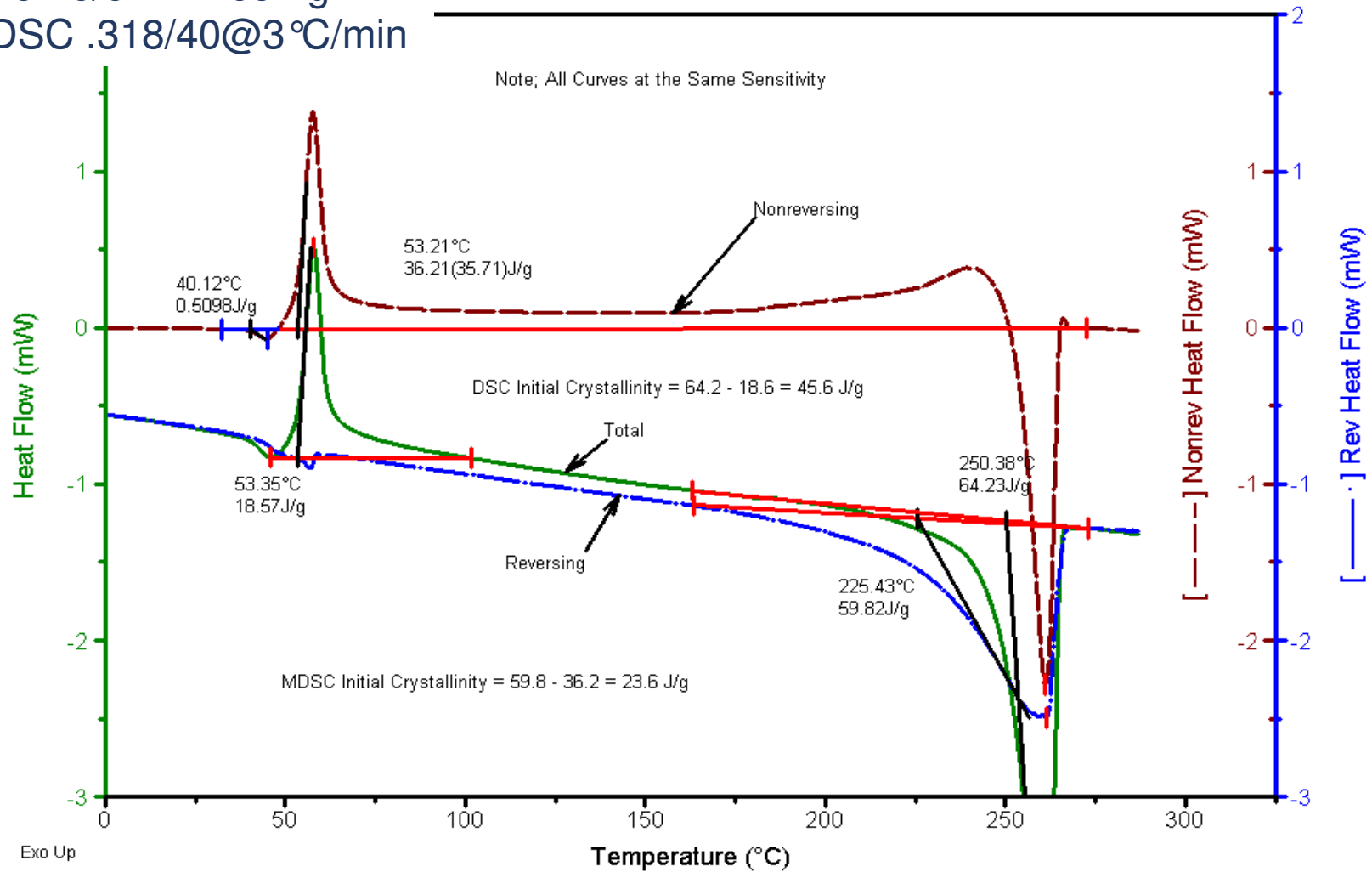


Partial Annealing in the DSC



MDSC® of Nylon 6/6

Nylon 6/6 – 12.65mg
MDSC .318/40@3°C/min



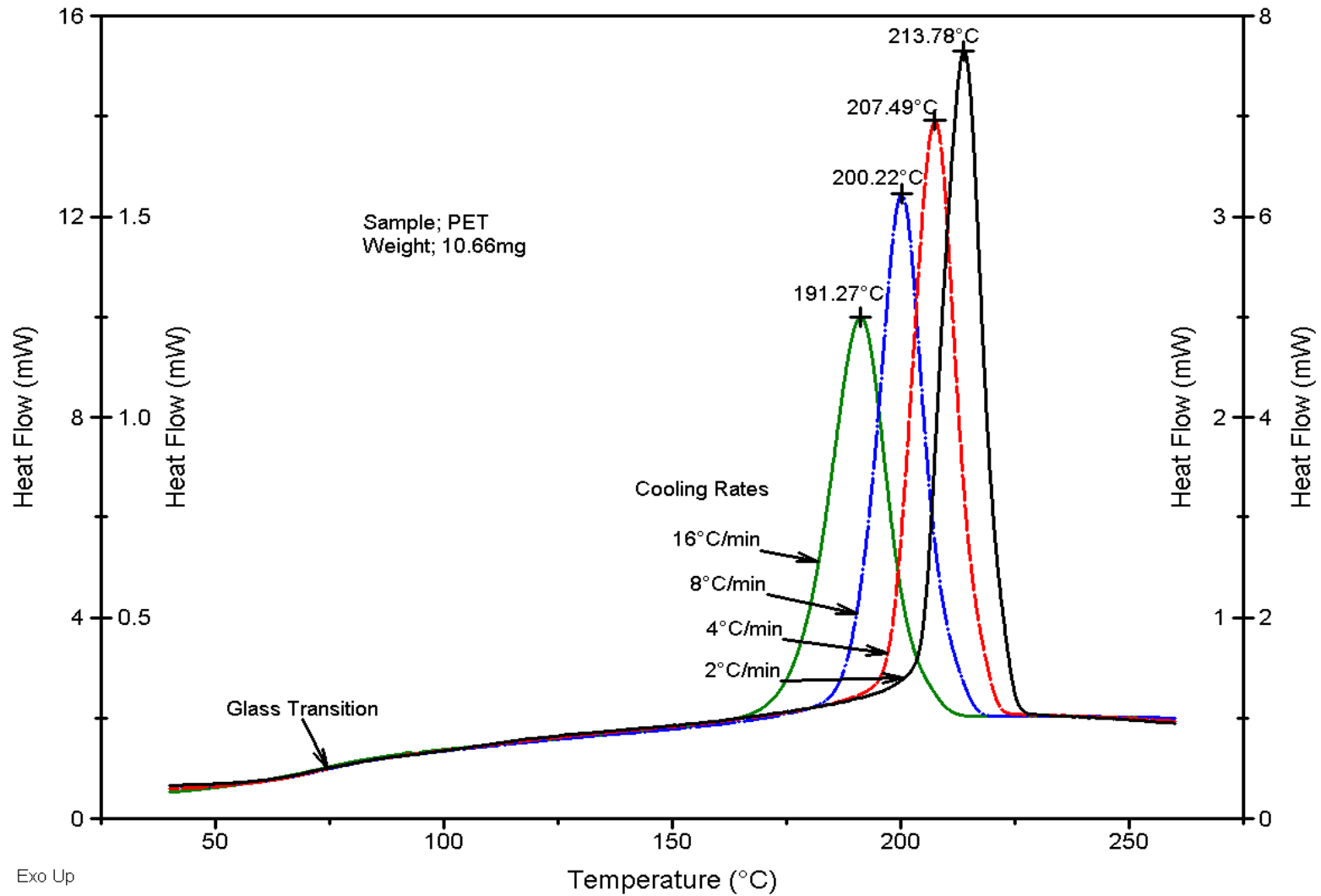
Crystallization

- Crystallization shows up as an exothermic peak in a DSC scan
- Crystallization is molten amorphous material changing to crystalline material upon cooling
- Cold-Crystallization is solid amorphous material changing to crystalline material upon heating
- Since crystallization is a kinetic transition, heating/cooling rate does effect the onset of crystallization, and will also effect resolution

Crystallization

- Crystallization is a kinetic process which is typically studied either while cooling or isothermally, but can also be studied during heating (Cold-Crystallization)
- Differences in crystallization temperature or time (at a specific temperature) between samples can affect end-use properties as well as processing conditions
- Isothermal crystallization is the most sensitive way to identify differences in crystallization rates

Effect of Cooling Rate on Crystallization



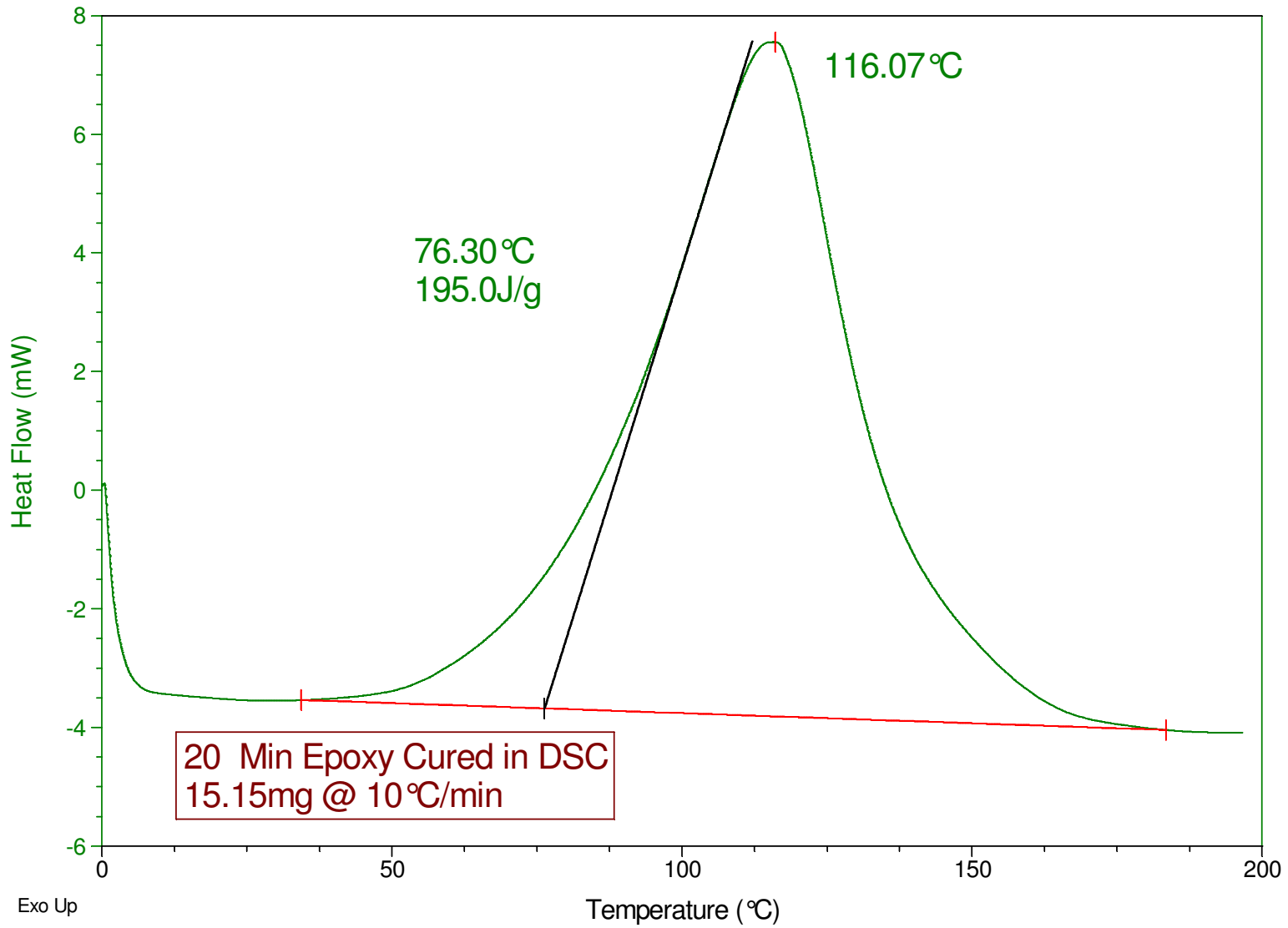
Applications: Thermosets



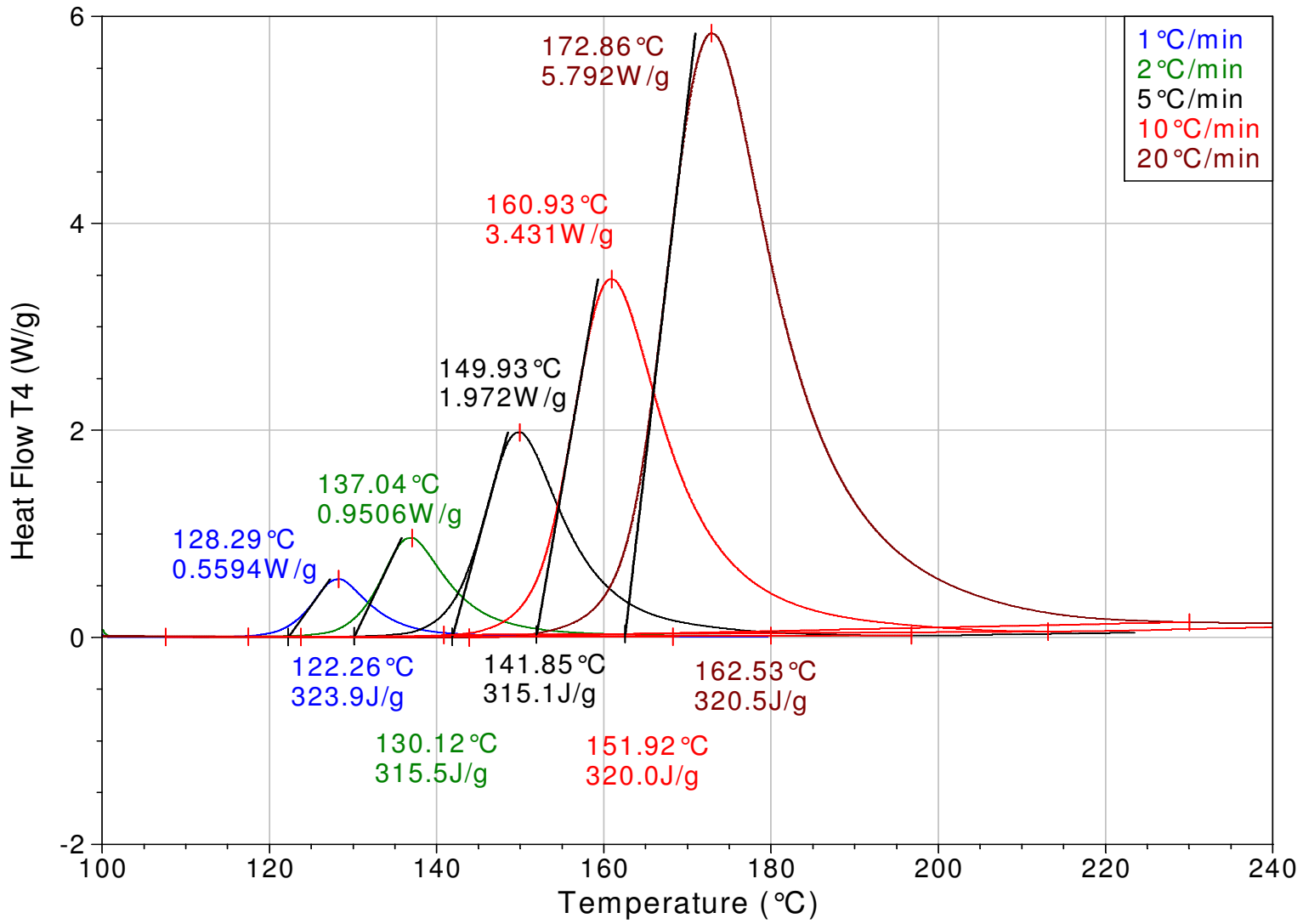
Thermoset Materials

- A “thermoset” is a cross-linked polymer formed by an irreversible exothermic chemical reaction
 - A common example is a 2 part epoxy adhesive
- With a DSC we can look at the curing of these materials, and the Tg of full or partially cured samples

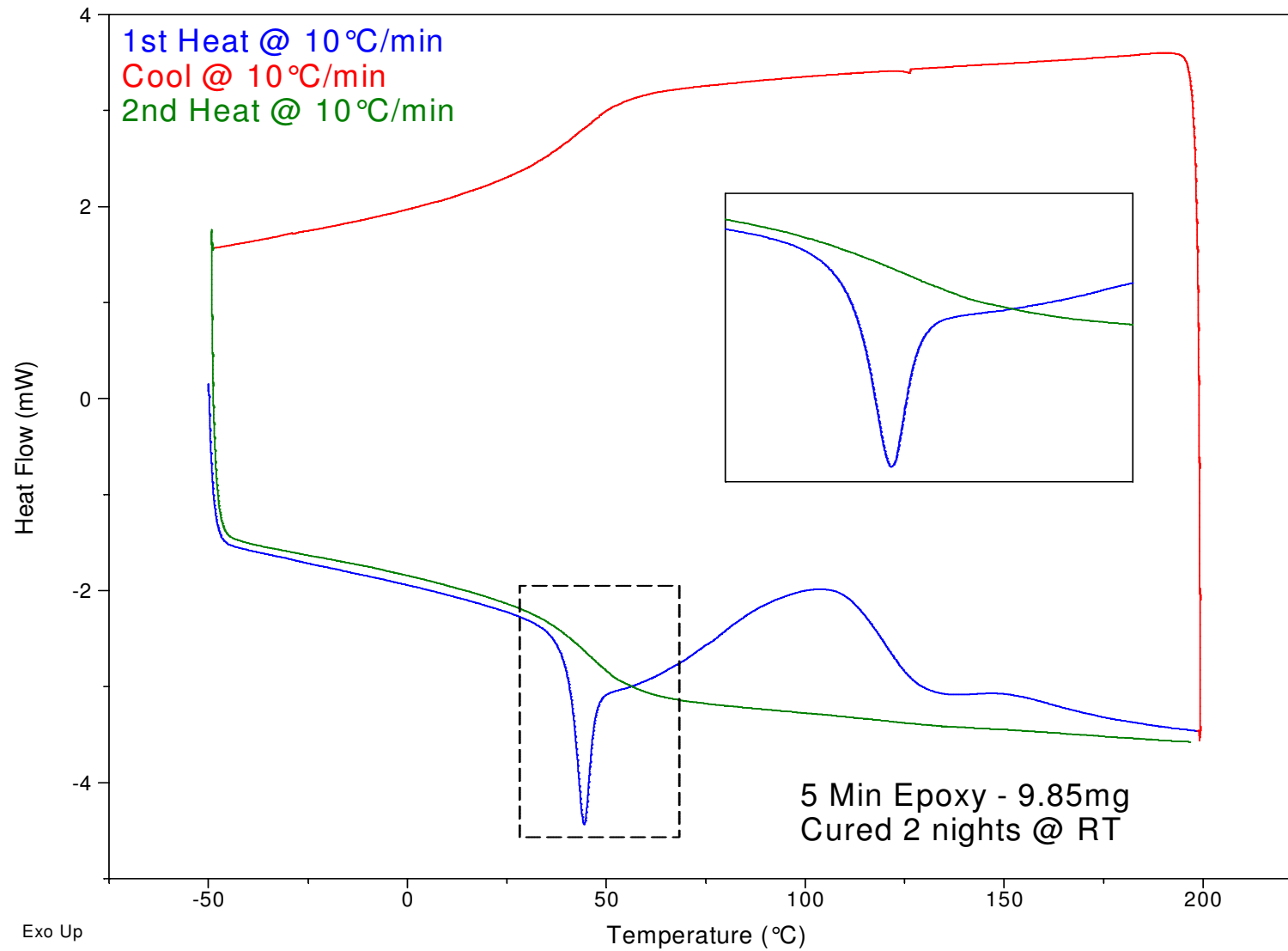
Curing of a Thermosetting Material



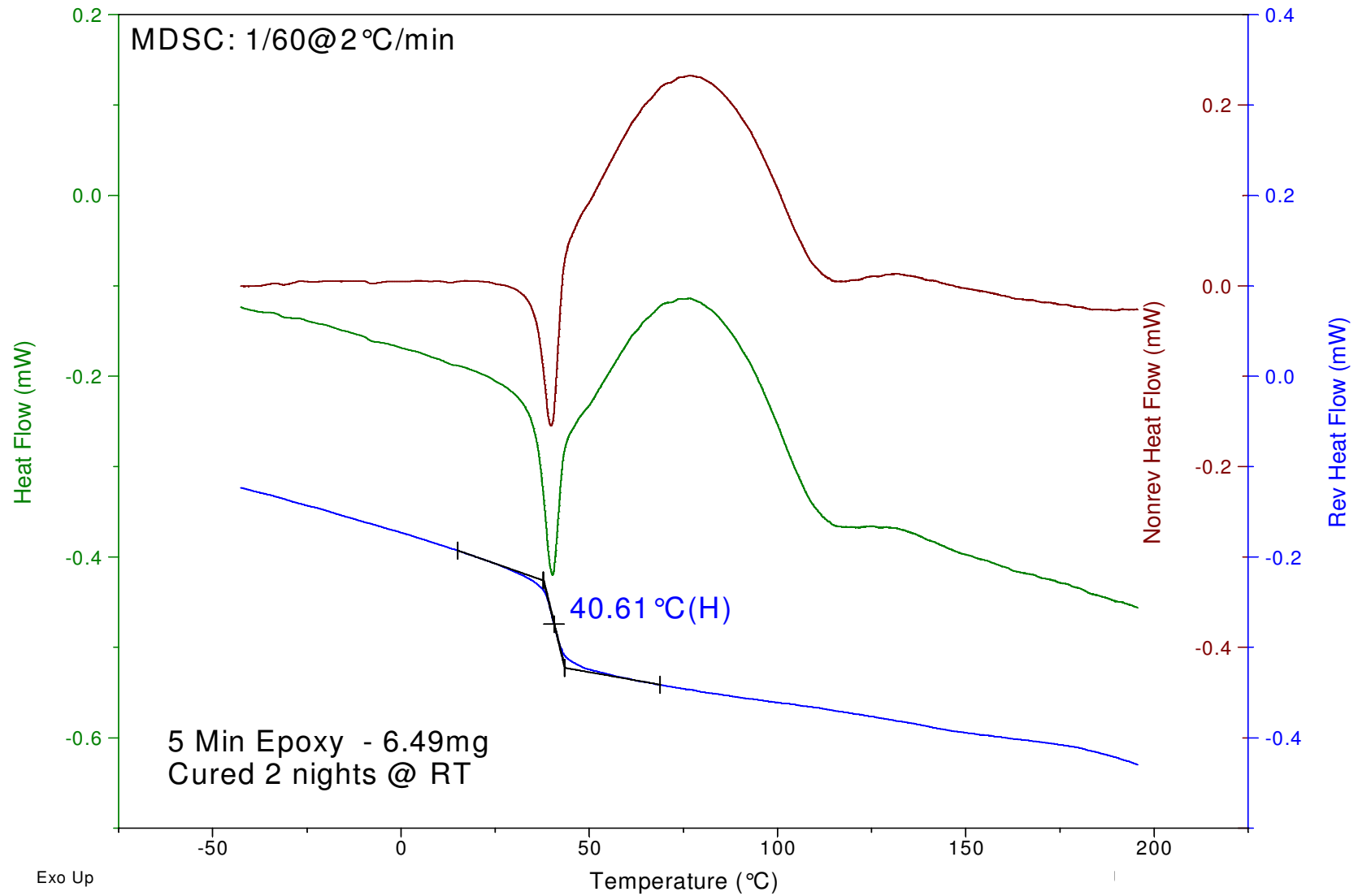
Effect of Heating Rate



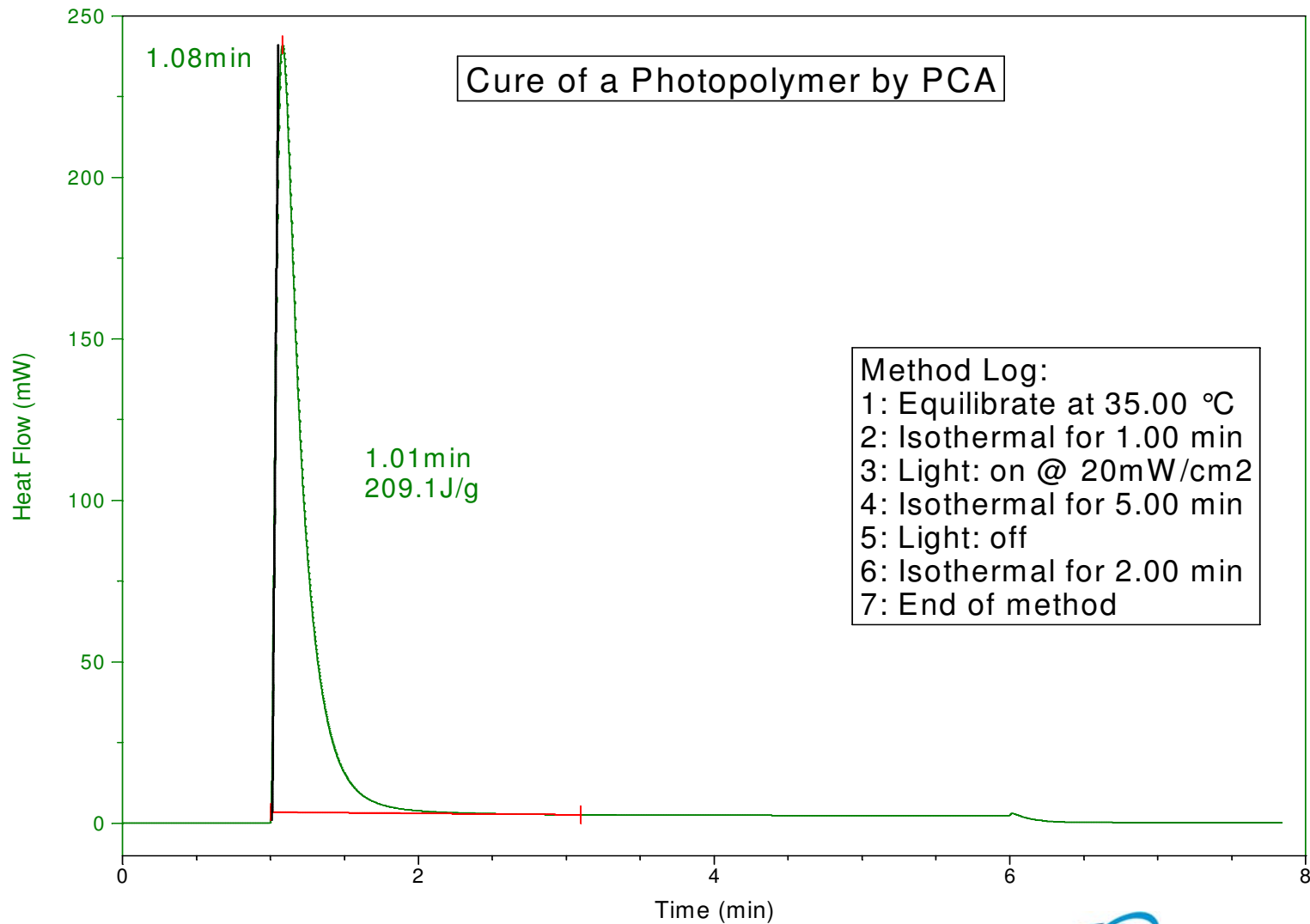
Epoxy Cured 48 Hours – Standard DSC



Epoxy Cured 48 Hours – MDSC®



Photopolymer Cure by PCA



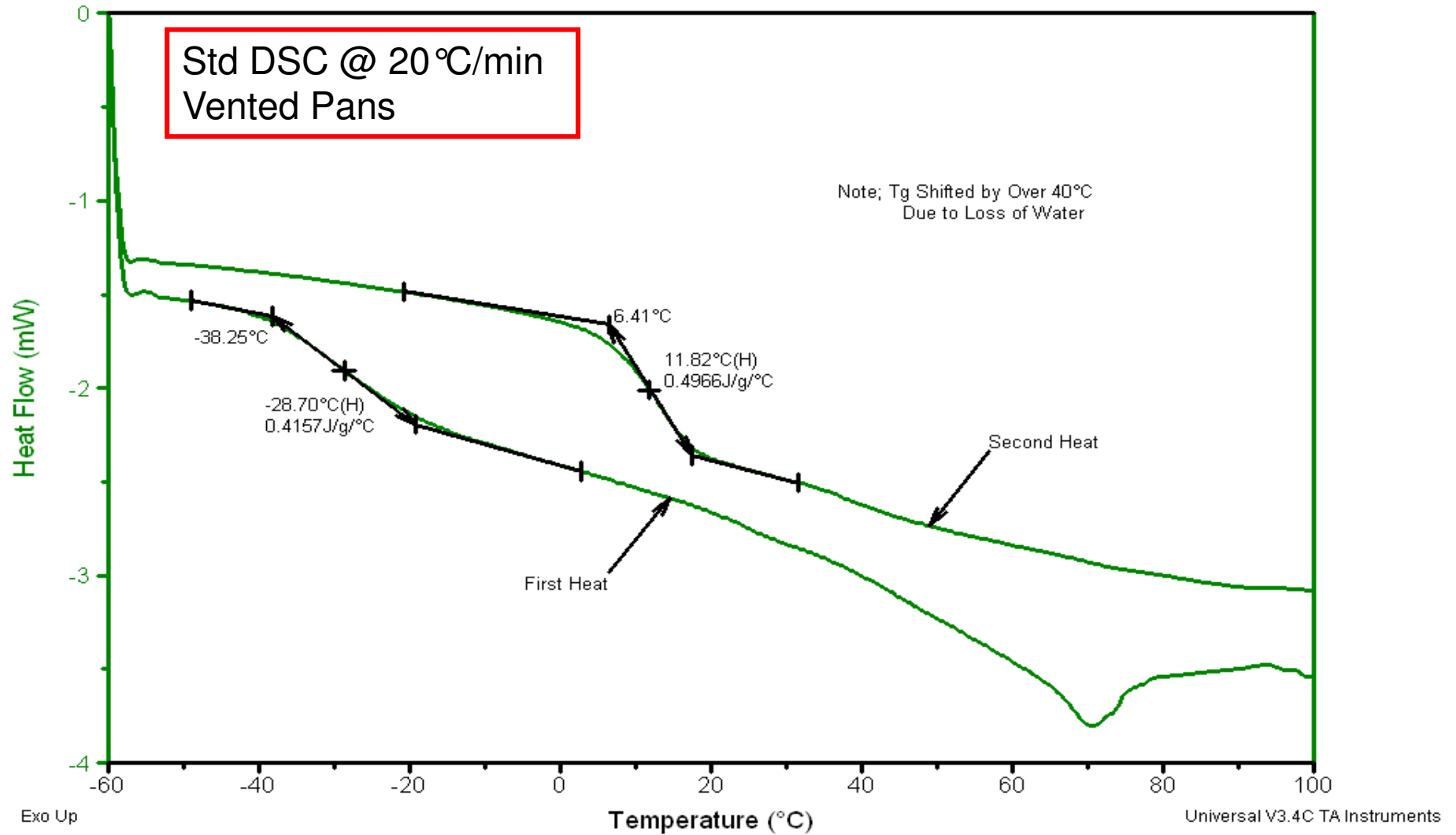
Pharmaceuticals



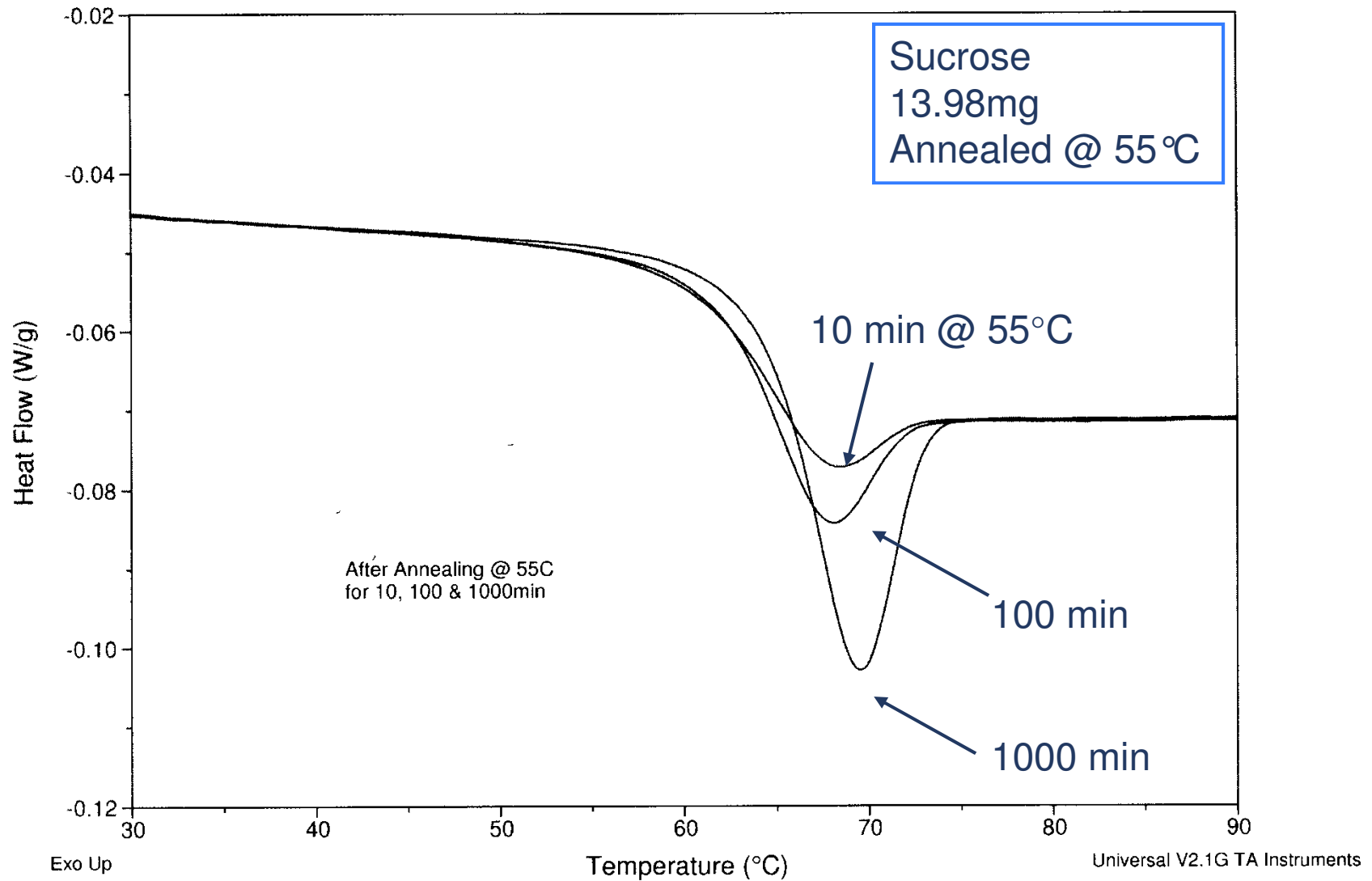
Pharmaceuticals

- Tg
- Melting
 - Purity
- Polymorphs
- General Recommendations
 - Use TGA to determine pan type
 - Use 1-5 mg samples (use 1 mg for purity)
 - Initial H-C-H @ 10 °C/min (1 °C/min for purity)
 - If polymorphs present, heat faster to inhibit polymorphic transformations

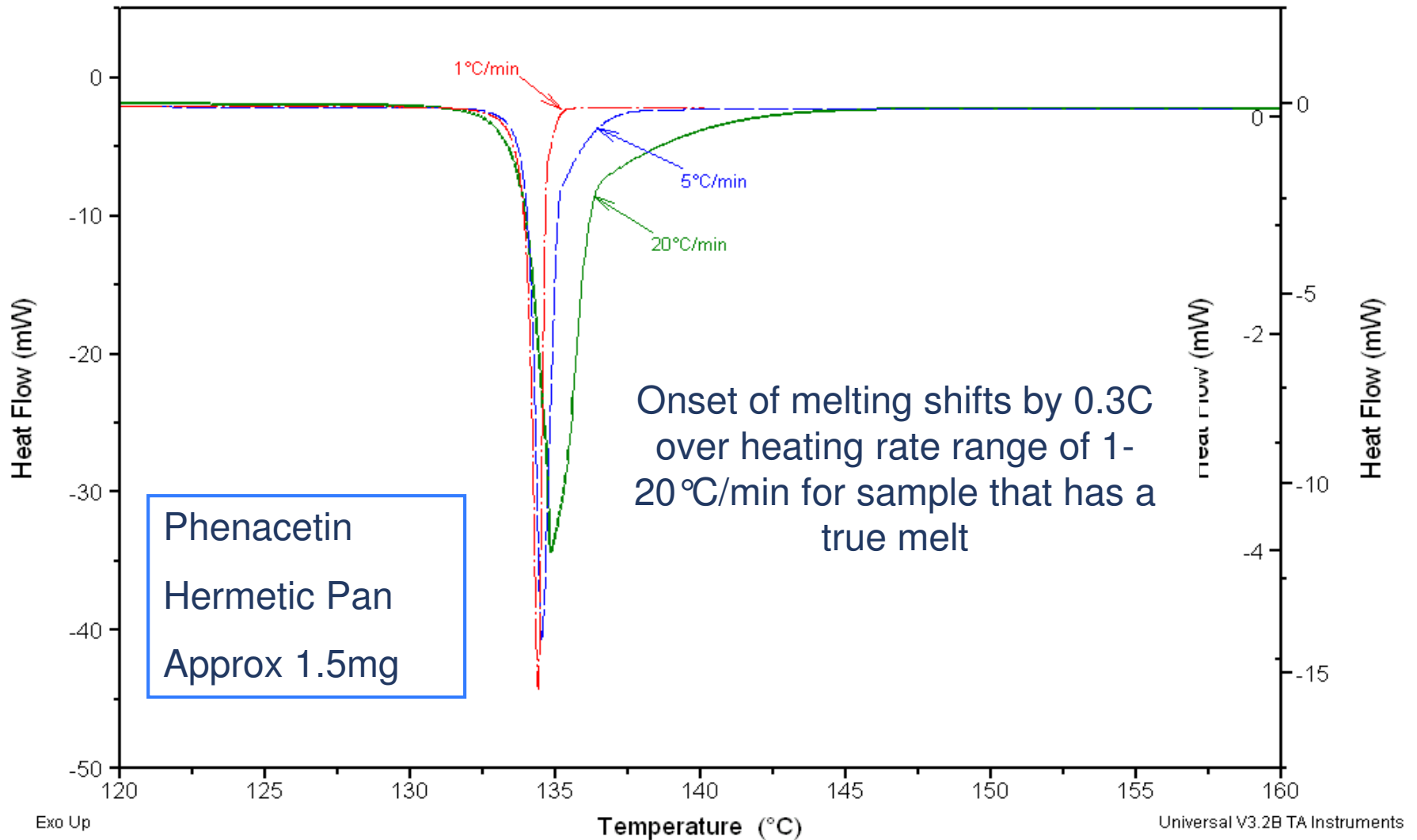
Tg of Sucrose Varies with Moisture Content



Structure Changes With Time

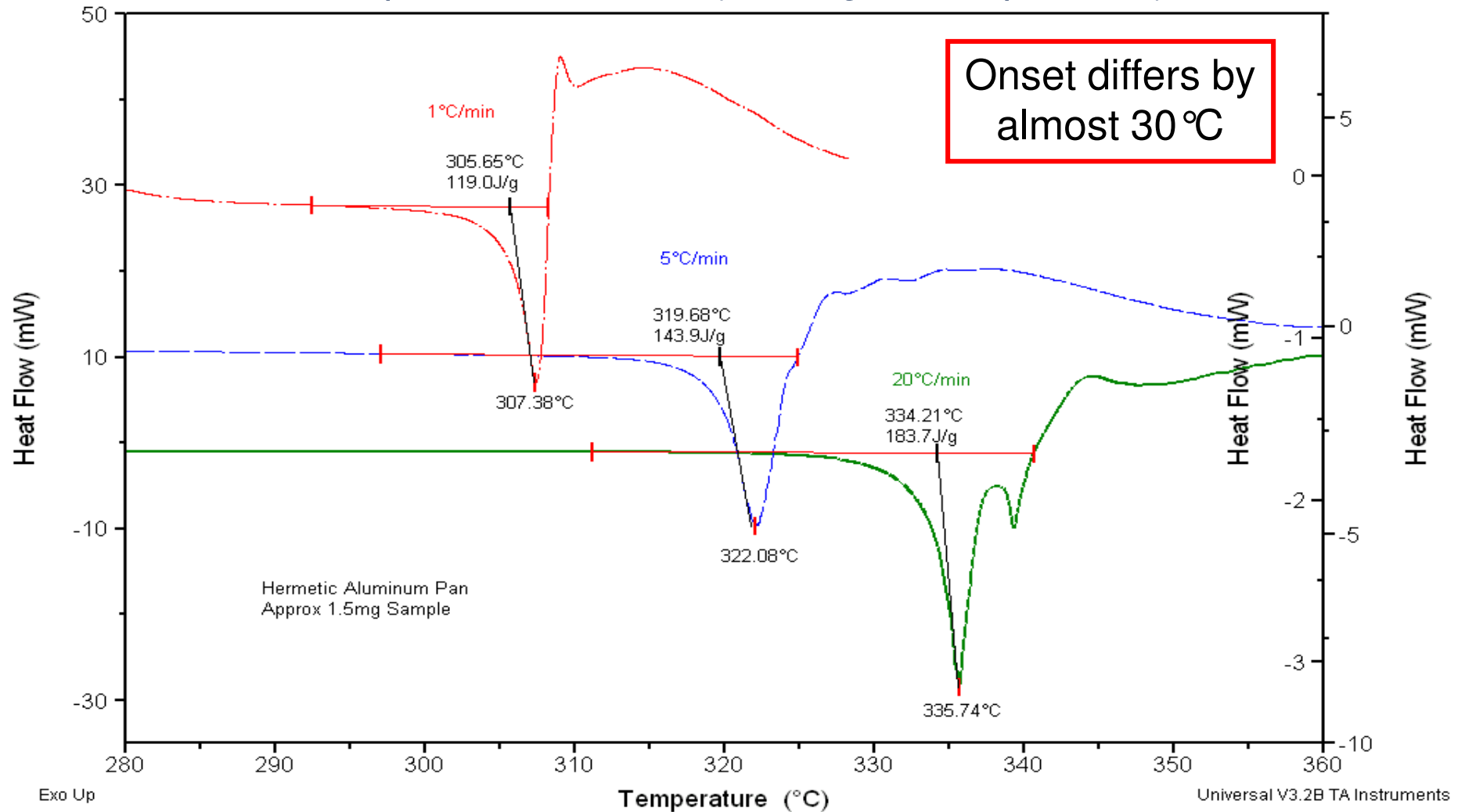


Melting is Not Heating Rate Dependent

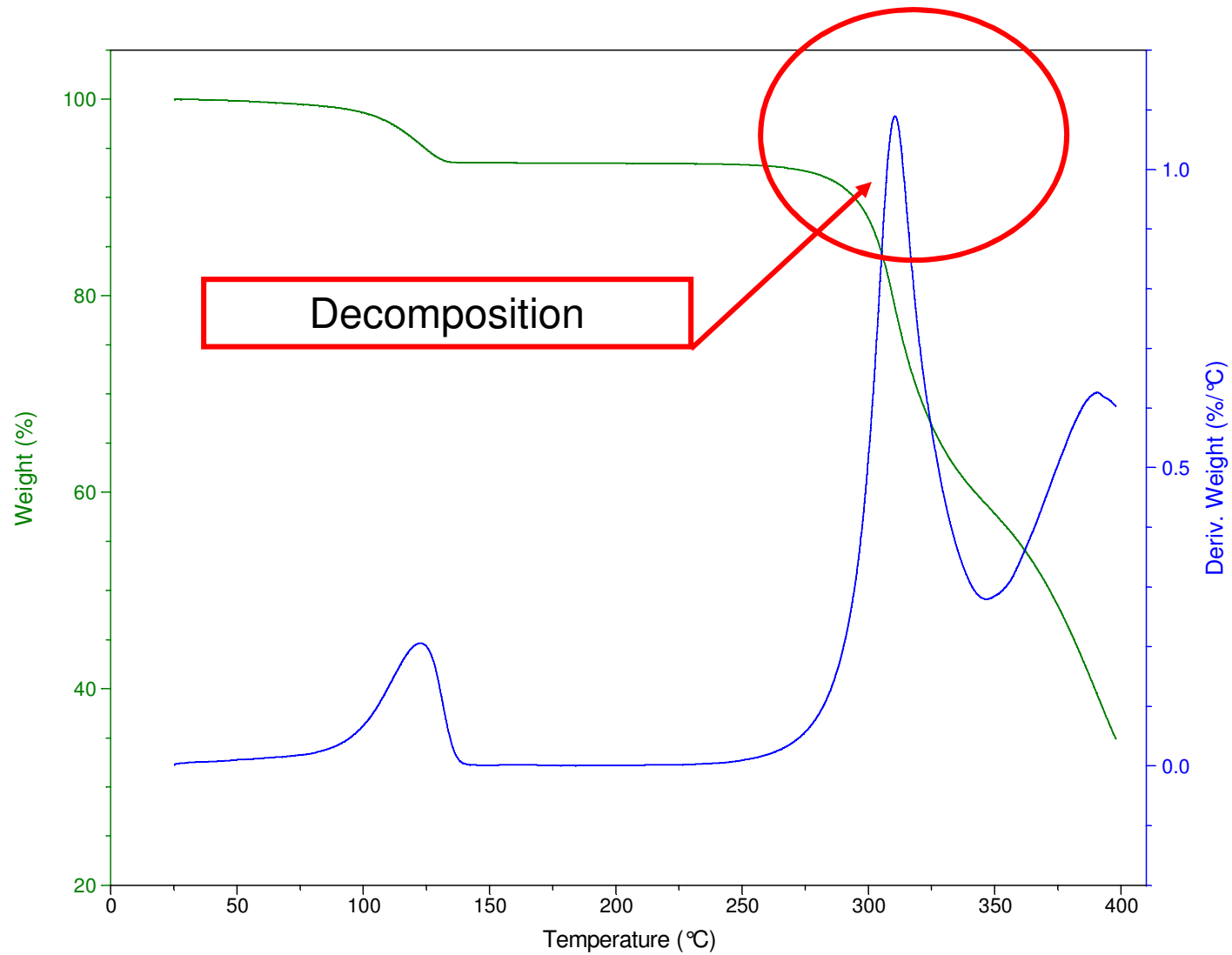


Ciprofloxacin Hydrochloride Decomposes

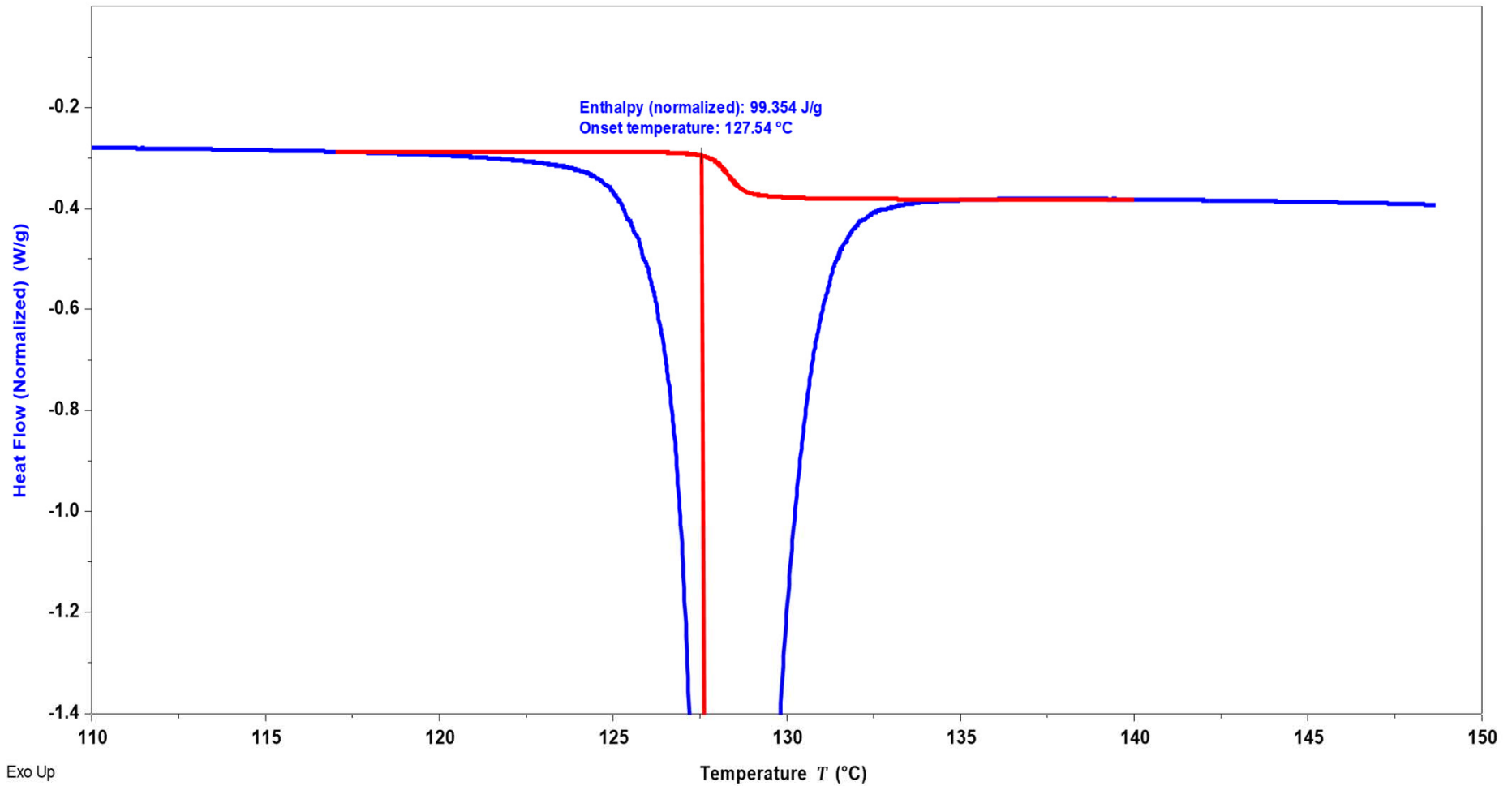
Decomposition is kinetic (heating rate dependent)



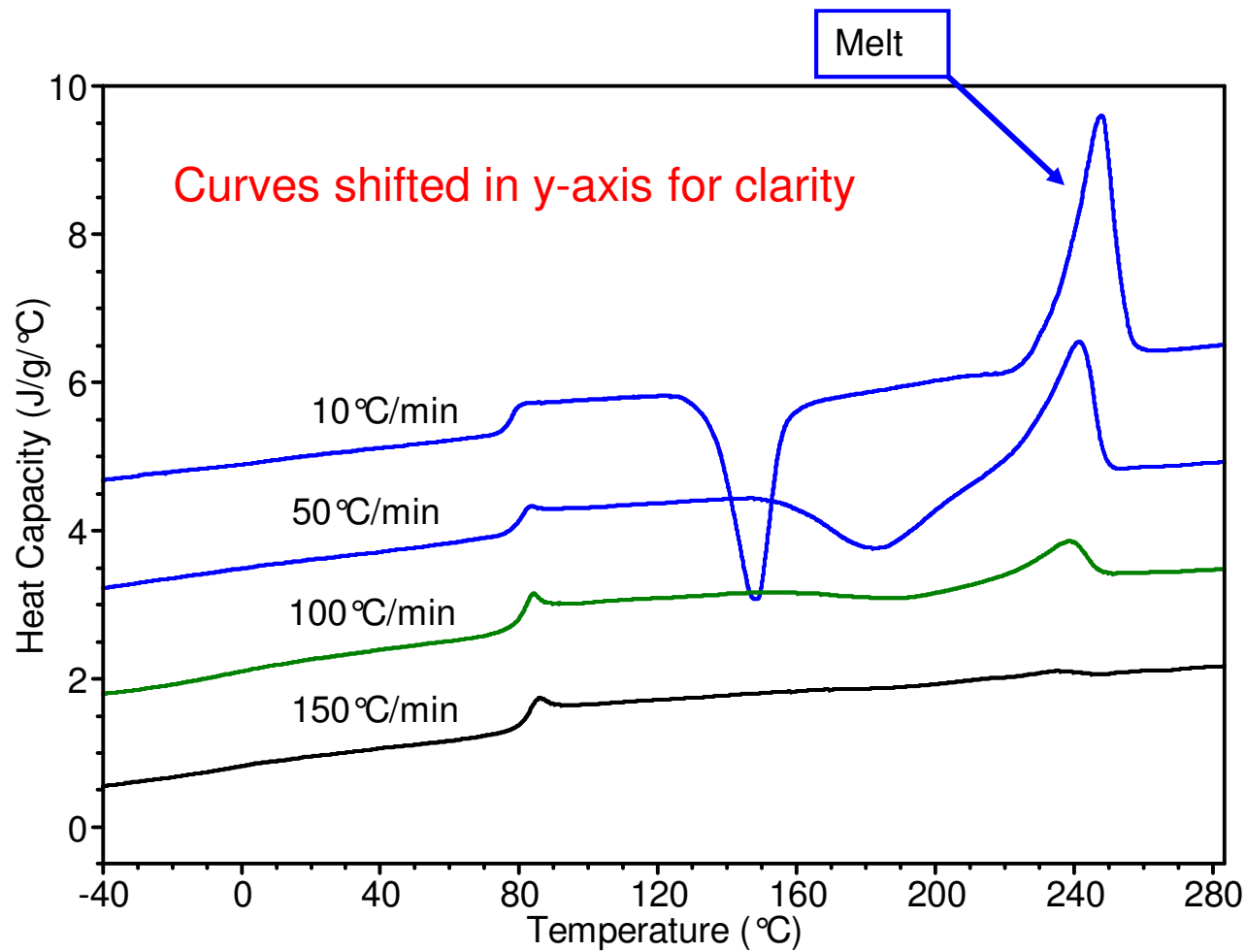
TGA of Ciprofloxacin Hydrochloride



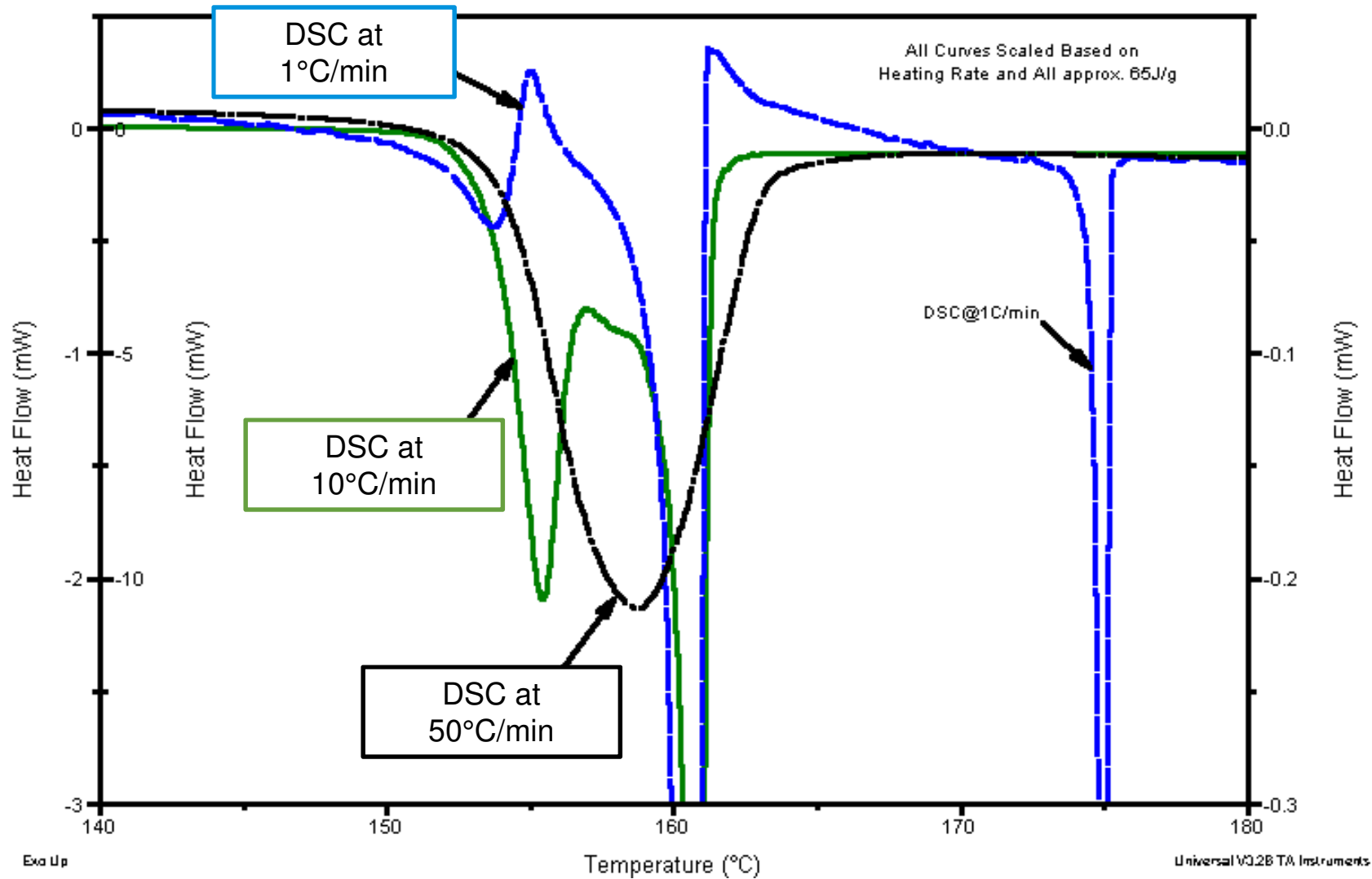
Integrating a melt peak using a sigmoidal baseline



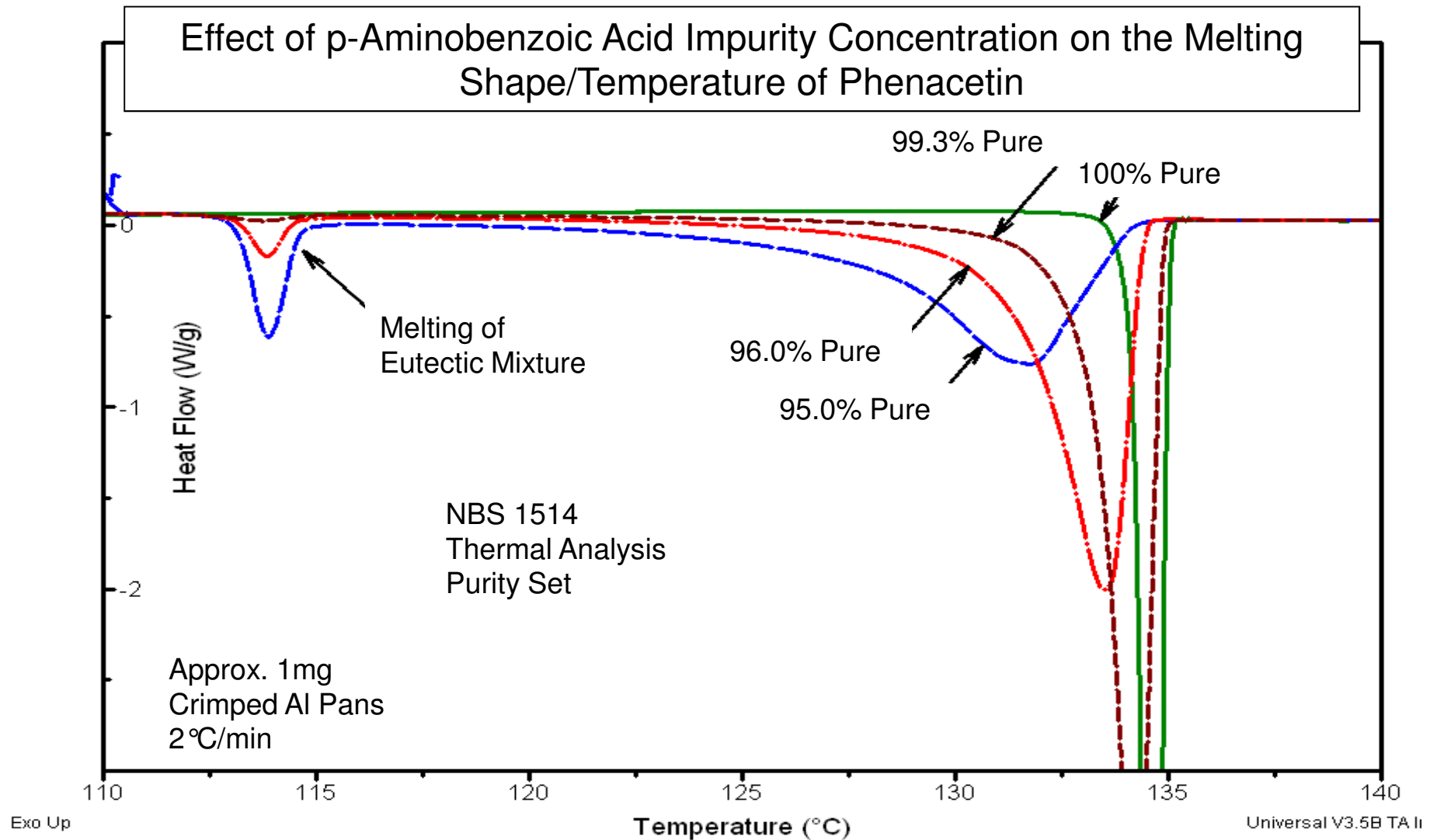
Effect of Heating Rate on Melting



Effect of Heating Rate on Polymorph



Effect of Impurities on Melting



This Just Touched the Surface

- There is a lot more than can be done
- Crystallization studies
 - Isothermal & non-isothermal
- Kinetics
 - Crystallization
 - Crosslinking and curing
 - Decomposition
- Oxidative times
- ---- and more

Thank you for attending!

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