

A Physico-geometric Approach to Solid-State Reactions by Thermal Analysis



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Theme:

How to characterize the overall kinetics of the solid-state reactions from physico-geometric points of view?

Contents:

- (1) Physico-Geometry of Solid-State Reactions
- (2) Kinetic Model Functions
- (3) Kinetic Equations
- (4) Application of Thermoanalytical Method
- (5) Sample Controlled Thermal Analysis
- (6) Concluding Remarks

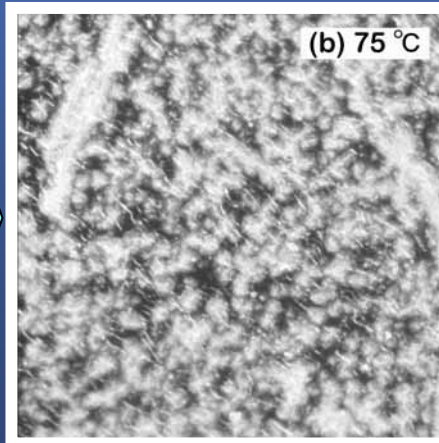
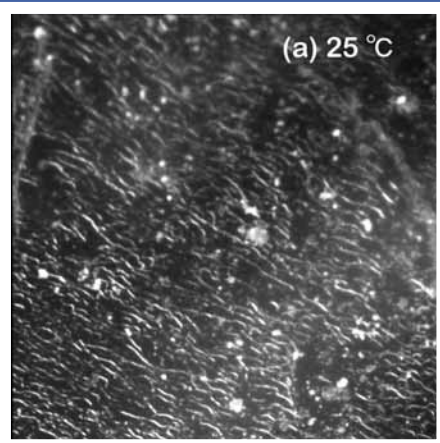
ex. Thermal Decomposition of Solids

Reactant Surface

← one of the most reactive sites

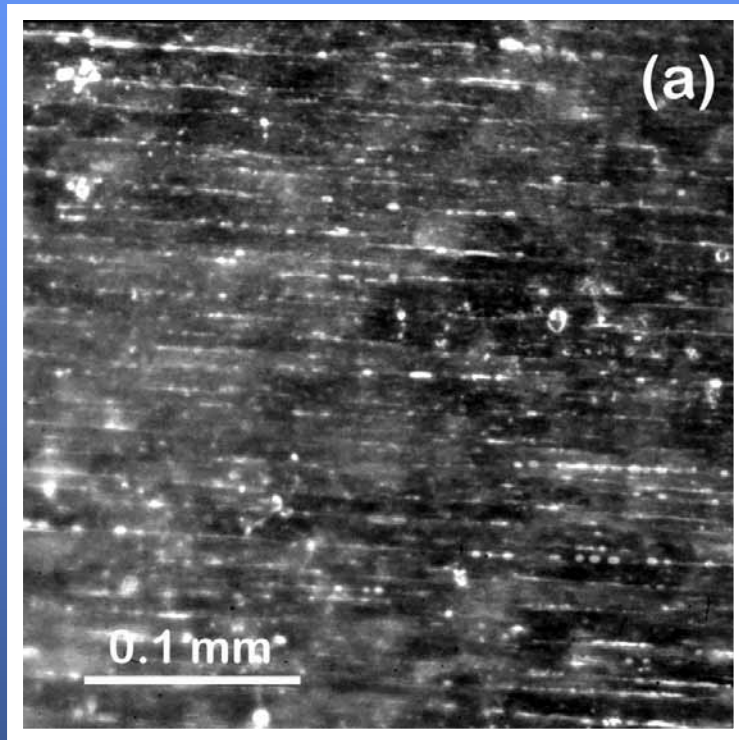
Reaction initiates by nucleation and growth

- ❑ Surface defects and dislocations
- ❑ Crystallographic direction
- ❑ Reaction atmosphere
- ❑ Others



Nonisothermal dehydration of α - $\text{NiSO}_4 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ to tetrahydrates under flowing N_2 .

□ Relation to Crystallographic Direction



Isothermal dehydration of zinc acetate dihydrate to anhydride under flowing N_2 .

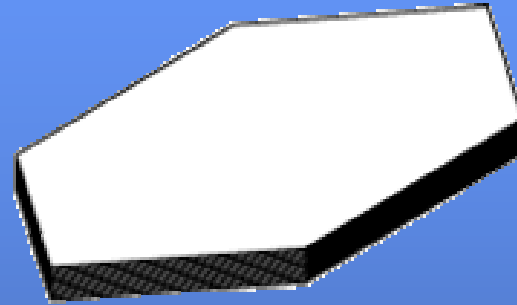
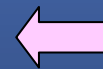


plate-like single crystals with stacking layer structure

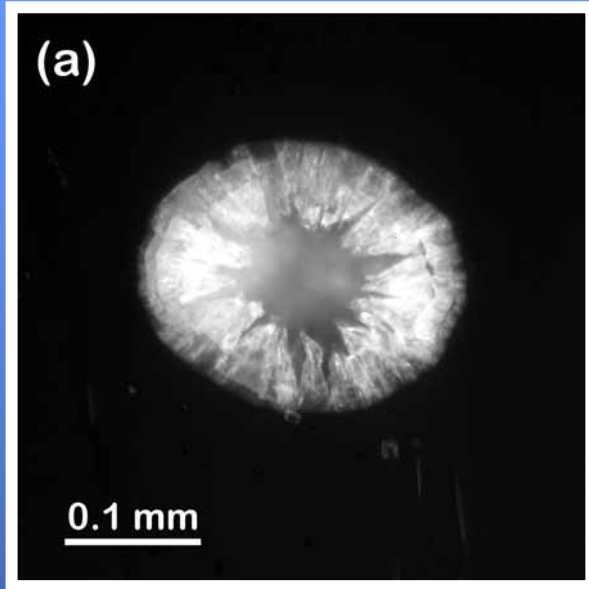
Edge surface



The most reactive sites

Product nuclei appear parallel to the most developed surface (010)

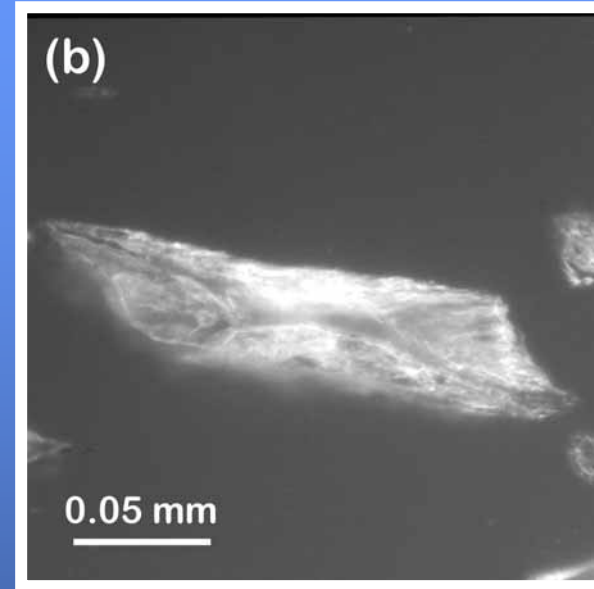
□ Influence of Reaction Atmosphere



Under flowing N_2



Formation of
trihydrate nuclei



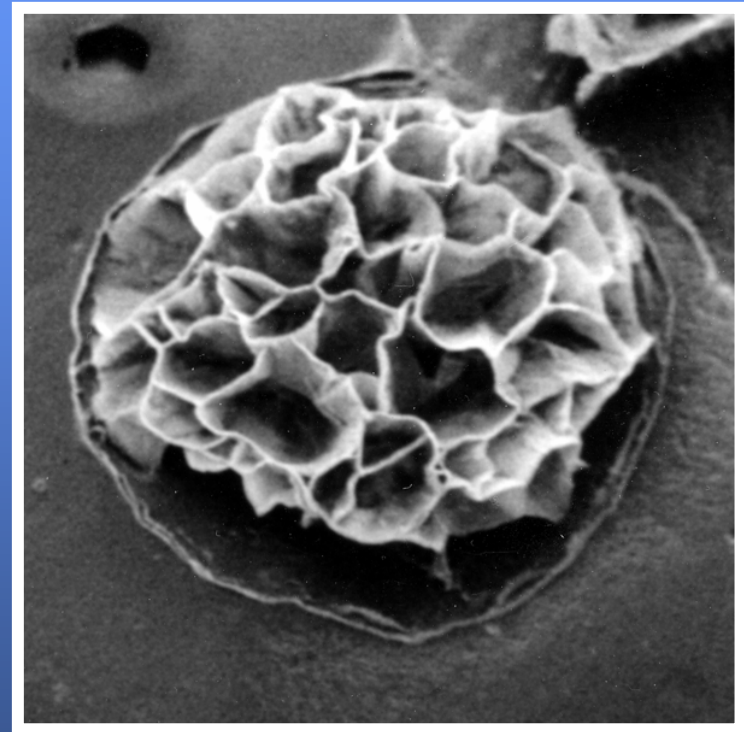
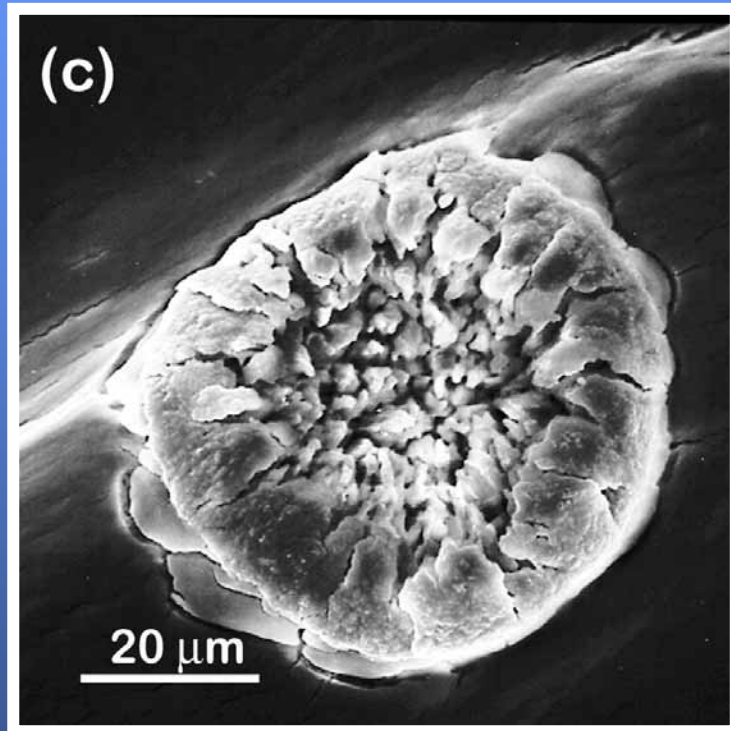
At a reduced
pressure of 1.5 hPa



Formation of
monohydrate nuclei

Isothermal dehydration of copper(II) sulfate pentahydrate

□ Structure of Product Nuclei



Isothermal dehydration of copper(II) sulfate pentahydrate to trihydrate.

Classification of Product Nuclei

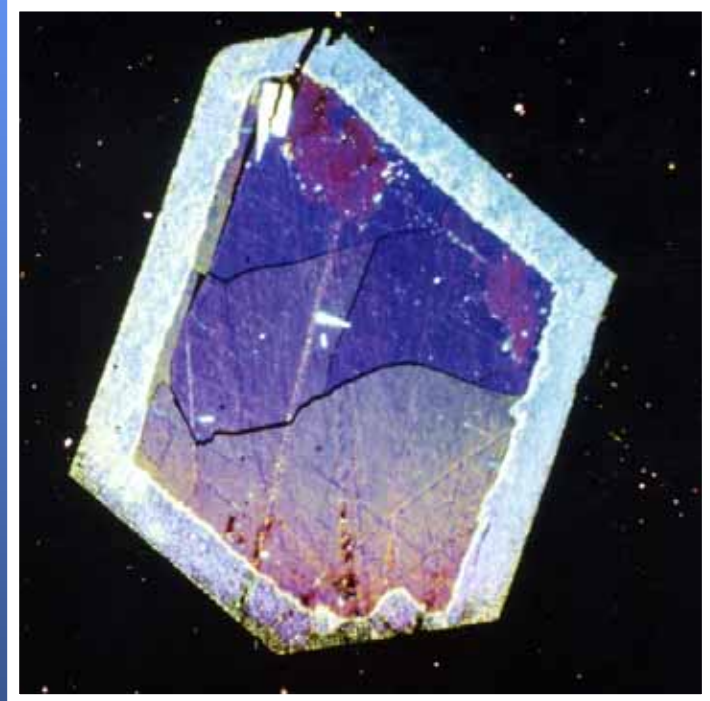
Classification	Characteristics	Example
Fluid-flux	Retention of a volatile product at interface condensed as liquid	Dehydration of alum $\text{KBr} + \text{Cl}_2 \rightarrow \text{KCl} + \text{BrCl}$
Fusion	Product melting facilitates reaction	Decomposition of ammonium dichromate and copper(II) malonate
Functional	Strain and/or heterogeneous catalytic breakdown of intermediate at reaction interface	Decomposition of copper(II) formate, nickel formate, nickel aquarate and silver malonate
Flux-filigree	Two-zone structure of reaction interface	Dehydration of $\text{Li}_2\text{SO}_4 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$

Reaction Interface

A zone of locally enhanced reactivity located at reactant/product contact

Reaction proceeds by advancement of reaction interface towards the center of reactant crystal

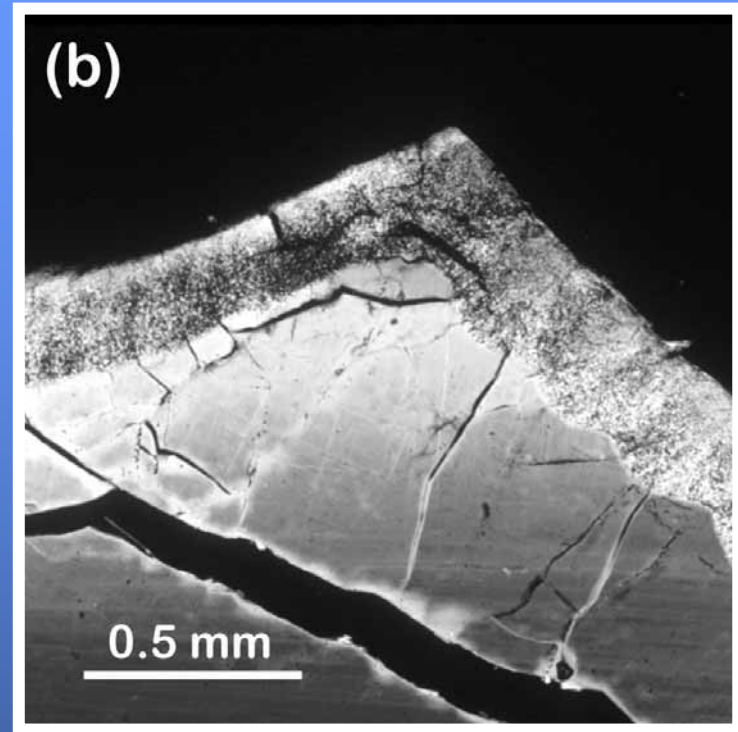
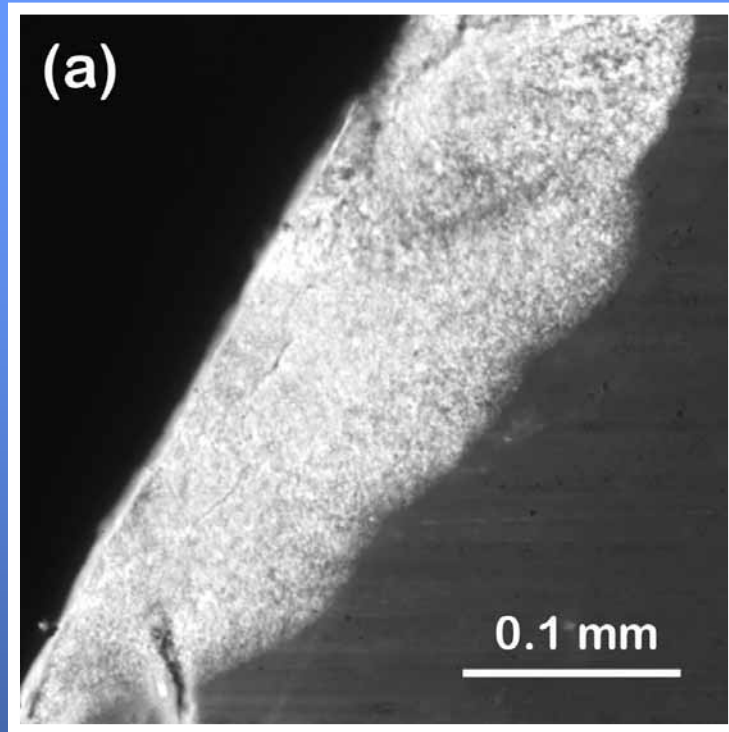
- ❑ Crystallographic direction
- ❑ Shape of reaction front
- ❑ Structure of reaction interface



Isothermal dehydration of copper(II) acetate monohydrate

Example (1)

Reaction Interface (2)

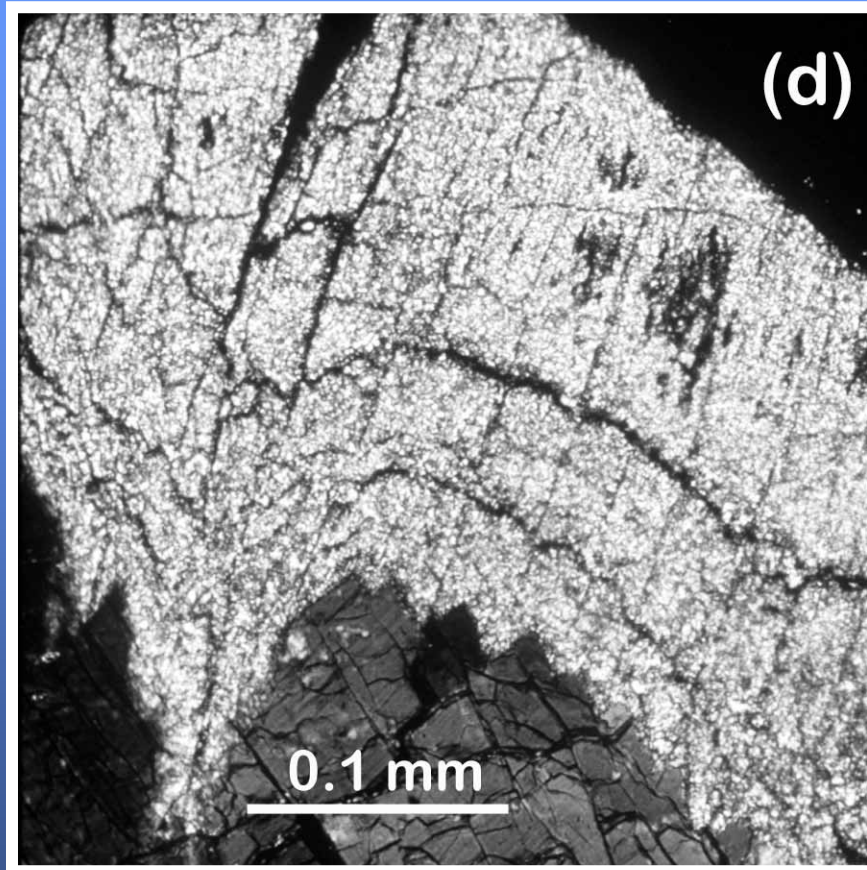


Surface nuclei → Growing hemispherically → Wavy front
overlap

Isothermal dehydration of lithium sulfate monohydrate to anhydride

Example (2)

Reaction Interface (3)



Reaction front



A saw-like shape

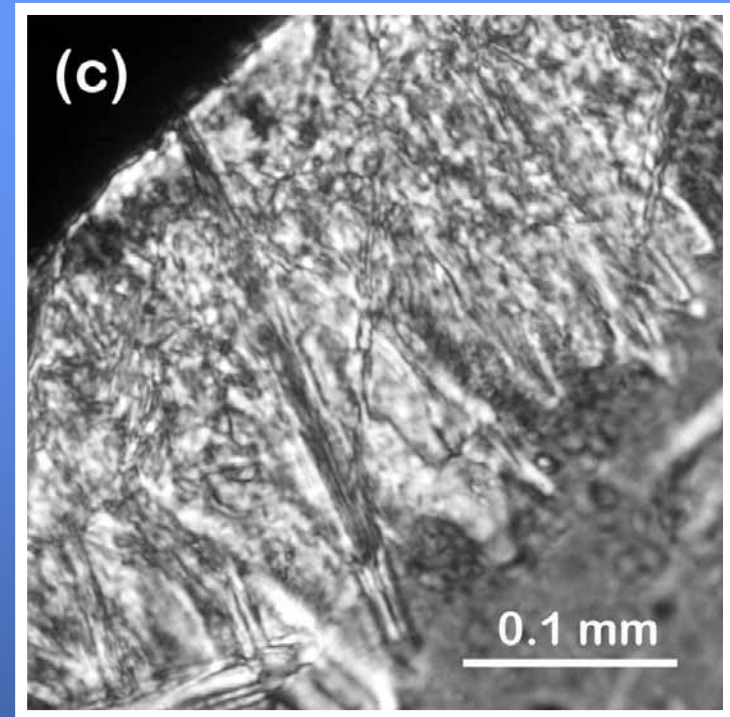
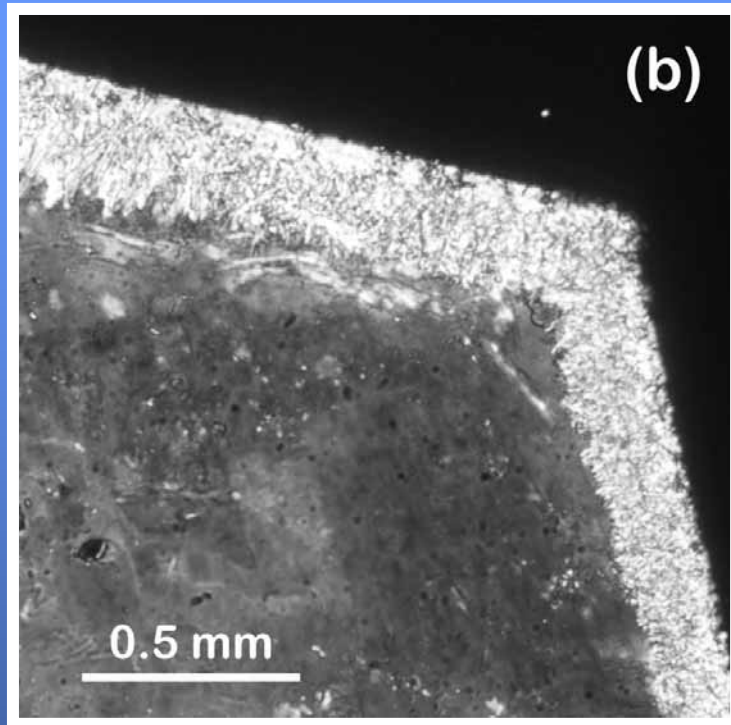
Product layer



A repeated
stacking of dense
and coarse
aggregates of the
product crystallites

Isothermal dehydration of copper(II) sulfate pentahydrate to trihydrate

Example (3)



Surface nucleation
at edge surface of
plate-like crystal



Reaction front

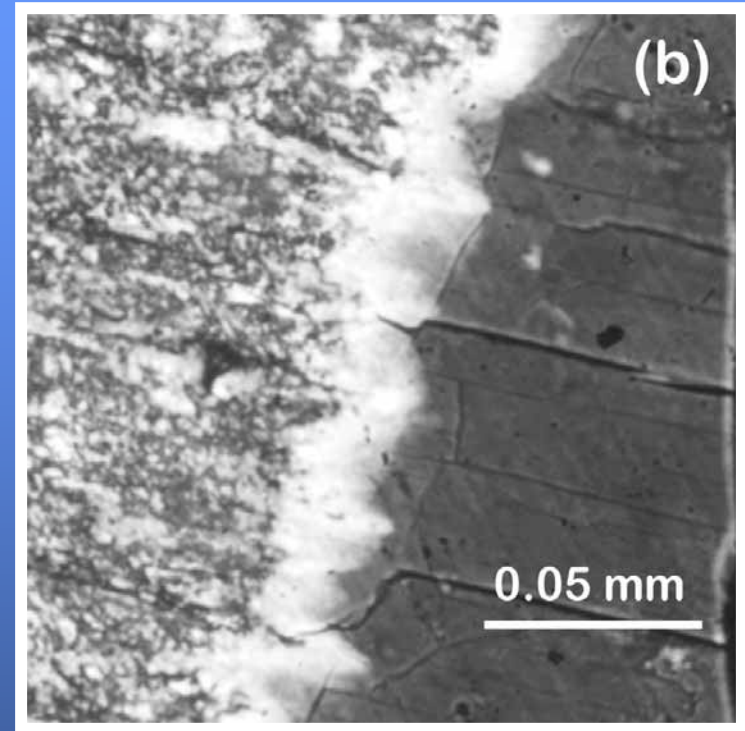
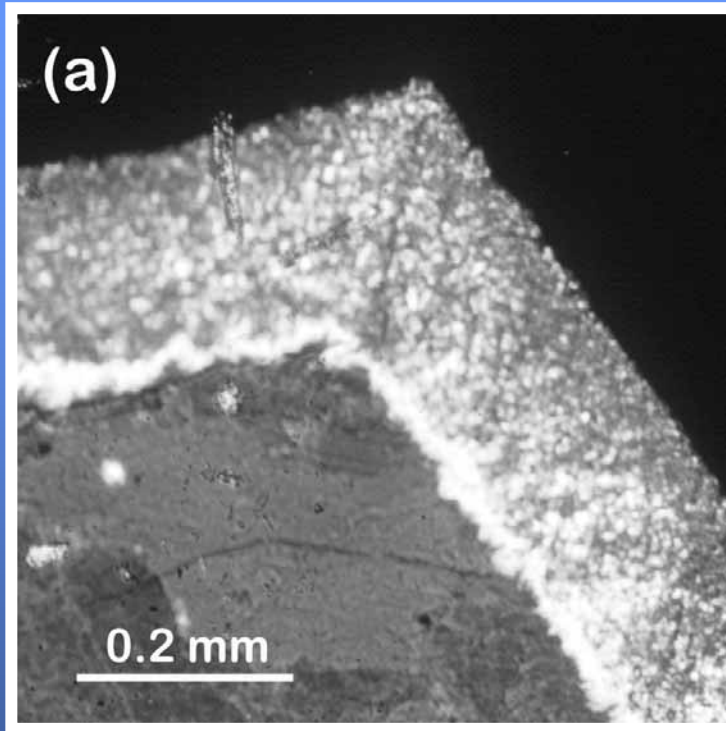
2D-shrinkage

- Needle-like product crystallites
- Penetration to reactant crystal

Isothermal dehydration of zinc acetate dihydrate

Example (4)

Reaction Interface (5)



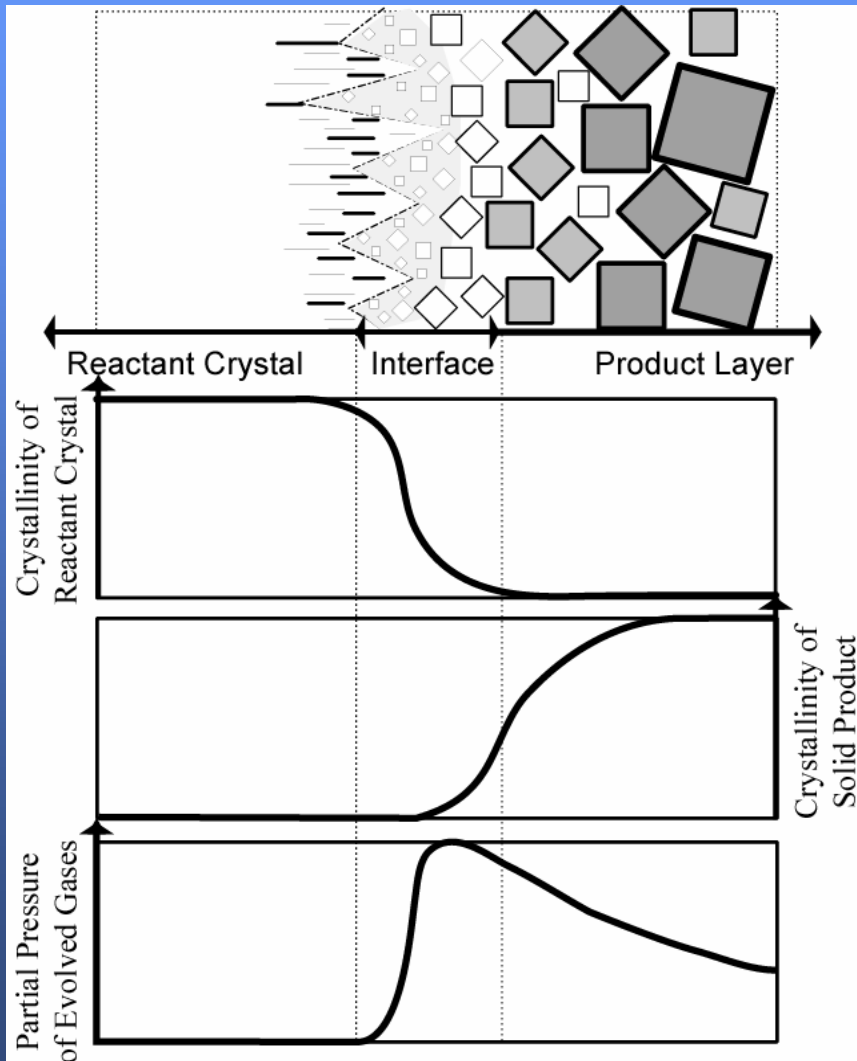
Reaction Interface



An optically different layer of
20~50mm thickness

Isothermal dehydration of copper(II) acetate monohydrate

A Model of Reaction Interface

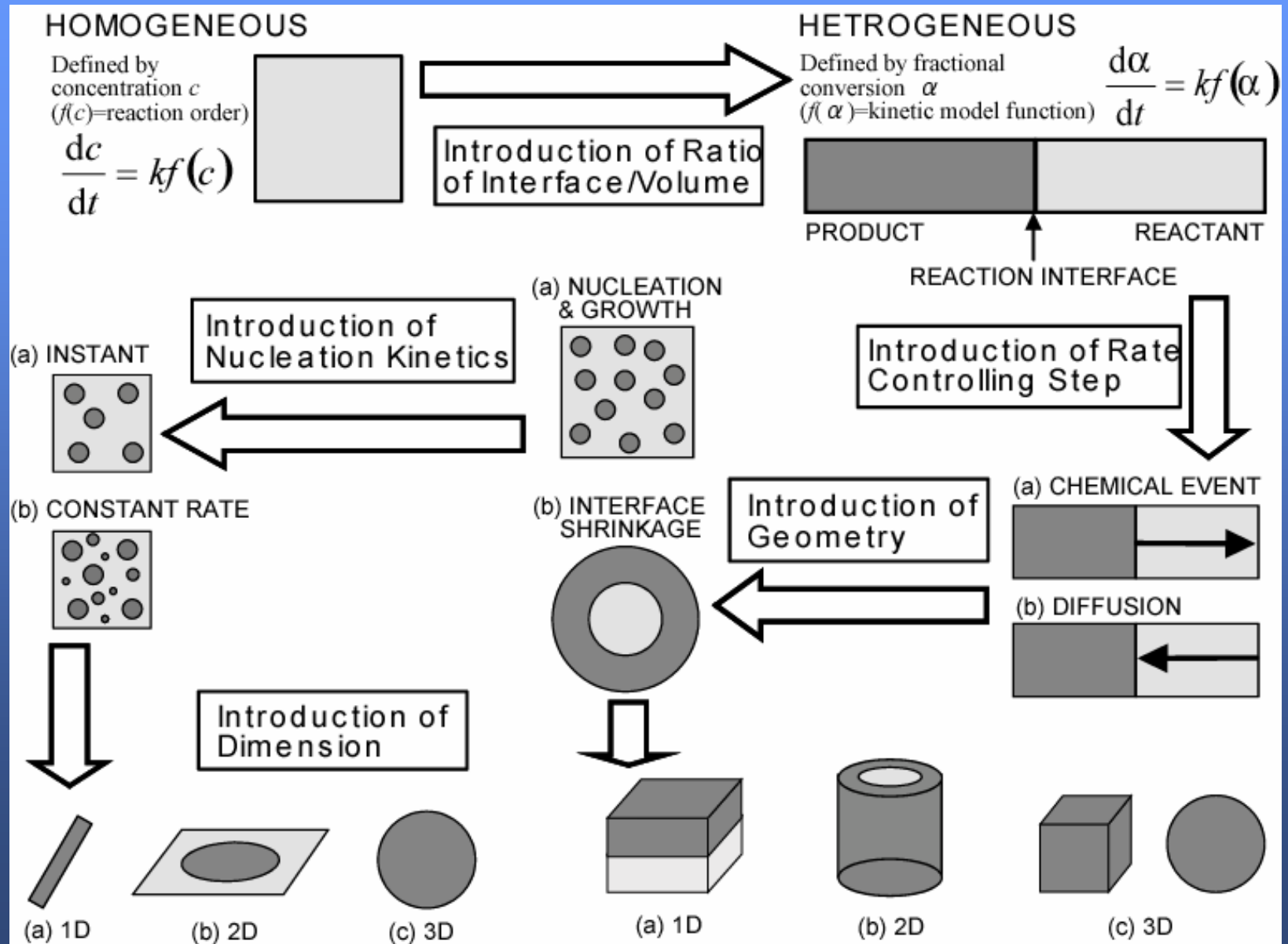


What is taking place?

ex. Thermal dehydration

- Water mobility within the crystalline reactant.
- Diffusive migration of water to crystal edge or interface.
- Water volatilization at the crystal edge of interface.
- Chemical reaction, if any.
- Recrystallization of solid reactant to product structure.
- Water vapor adsorption/desorption on product solid.
- Intranuclear diffusive escape of water and loss beyond crystal.

A hypothetical transfer from homogeneous to heterogeneous model



Kinetic Model Function(2)

Typical kinetic model functions for solid-state reaction

Model	Symbol	$f(\alpha) = \frac{1}{k} \frac{d\alpha}{dt}$	$g(\alpha) = \int_0^\alpha \frac{d\alpha}{f(\alpha)} = kt$
Nucleation & Growth	A_m ($0.5 \leq m \leq 4$)	$m(1-\alpha)[- \ln(1-\alpha)]^{1-1/m}$	$[- \ln(1-\alpha)]^{1/m}$
Phase Boundary Controlled	R_n ($1 \leq n \leq 3$)	$n(1-\alpha)^{1-1/n}$	$1 - (1-\alpha)^{1/n}$
Diffusion Controlled	D_1 (one D)	$\frac{1}{2\alpha}$	α^2
	D_2 (two D)	$-\frac{1}{\ln(1-\alpha)}$	$\alpha + (1-\alpha) \ln(1-\alpha)$
	D_3 (three D)	$\frac{3(1-\alpha)^{2/3}}{2[1 - (1-\alpha)^{1/3}]}$	$[1 - (1-\alpha)^{1/3}]^2$
	D_4 (three D)	$\frac{3}{2[(1-\alpha)^{-1/3} - 1]}$	$1 - \frac{2\alpha}{3} - (1-\alpha)^{2/3}$

General Kinetic Equation

- Physico-geometric Kinetic Model Function
- Temperature Dependence of rate constant
- Other functional dependence of reaction rate

$$\frac{d\alpha}{dt} = kf(\alpha)$$

$$k = A\exp\left(-\frac{E}{RT}\right)$$

$$\frac{d\alpha}{dt} \propto a(\alpha, T, P, \dots)$$



$$\frac{d\alpha}{dt} = A\exp\left(-\frac{E}{RT}\right)f(\alpha)a(\alpha, T, P, \dots)$$



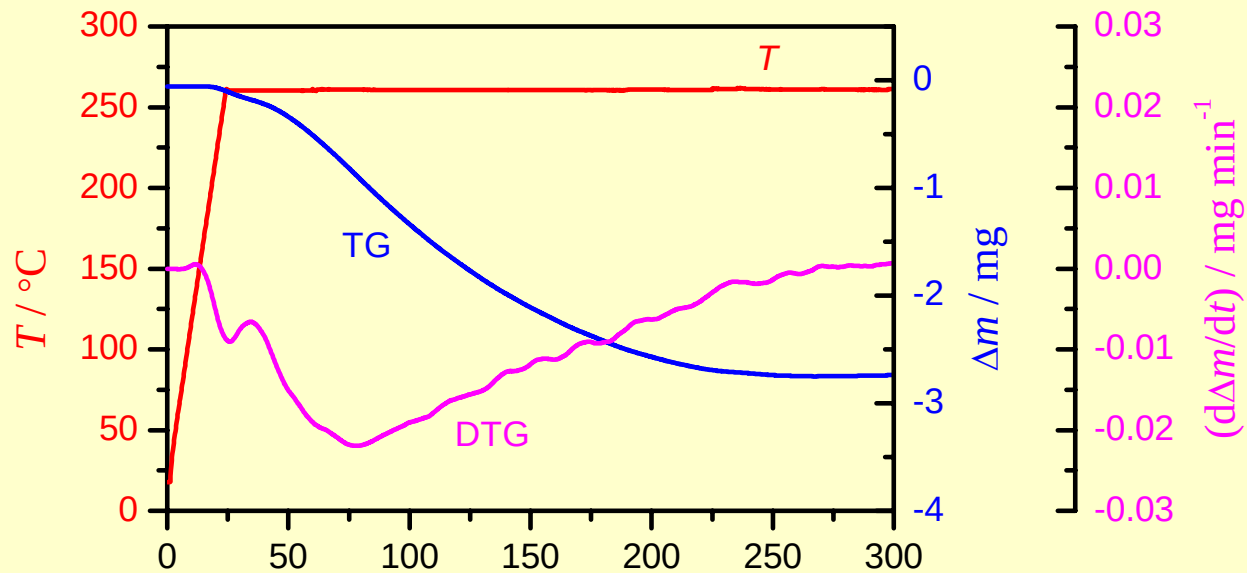
Idealized Kinetic Equation

$$a(\alpha, T, P, \dots) = 1$$

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

Technique	Measuring Property	Kinetic Rate Data
DTA	Temperature difference	(T_p, α_p)
TG	Mass change	$(d\alpha/dt, \alpha, T, t)$
DSC	Heat flow rate	$(d\alpha/dt, \alpha, T, t)$
EGA	Evolved gas	$(d\alpha/dt, \alpha, T, t)$

(1) Measurement of Isothermal mass-loss data



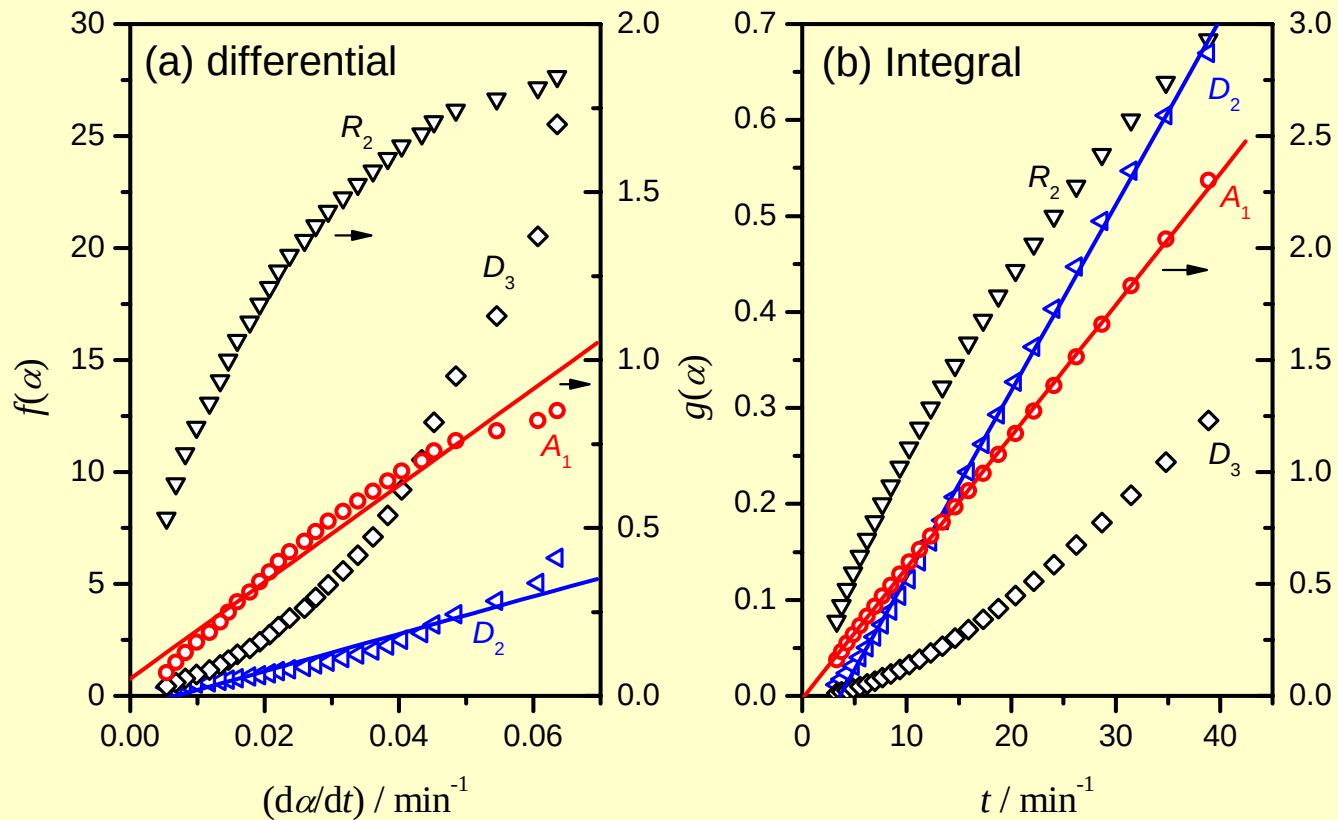
(2) Determination of rate constant k

(a) Differential

$$\frac{d\alpha}{dt} = kf(\alpha)$$

(b) Integral

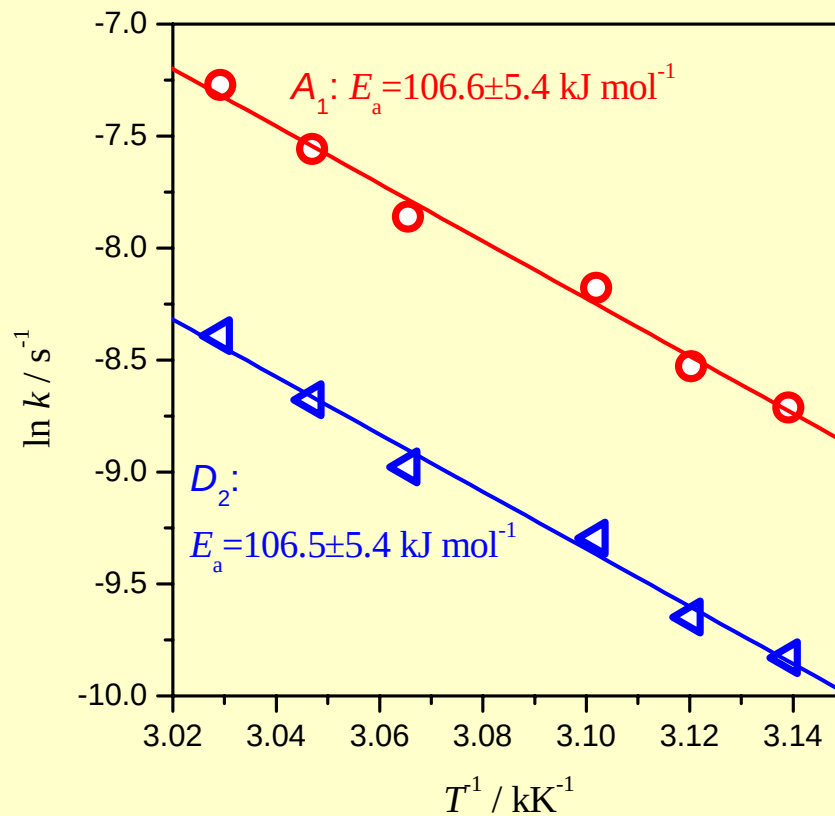
$$g(\alpha) = kt$$



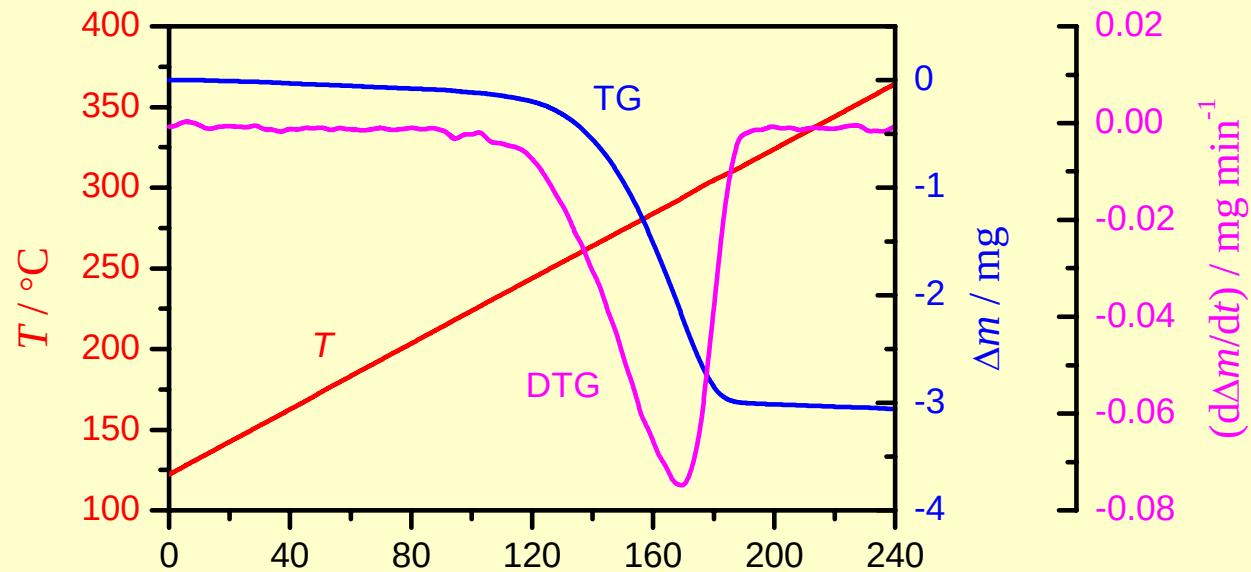
(3) Determination of E & A

Arrhenius plot

$$\ln k = \ln A - \frac{E}{RT}$$



(1) Measurement of Nonisothermal rate data



At $\phi = \text{const.}$

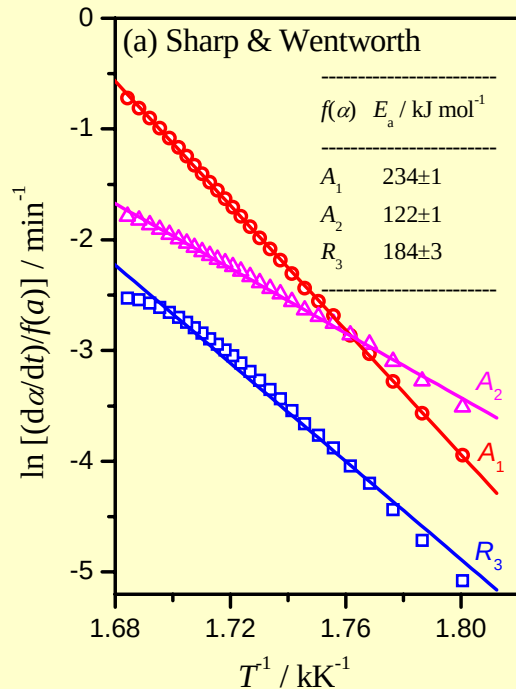


$$\begin{cases} T = T_0 + \phi t \\ \frac{d\alpha}{dt} = \frac{d\alpha}{dT} \phi \end{cases}$$

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

1) Differential

$$\ln\left[\left(\frac{d\alpha}{dT}\right) \frac{\phi}{f(\alpha)}\right] = \ln A - \frac{E}{RT}$$



2) Integral

$$g(\alpha) = \int_0^\alpha \frac{d\alpha}{f(\alpha)} = \frac{A}{\phi} \int_{T_0}^T \exp\left(-\frac{E}{RT}\right) dT = \frac{AE}{\phi R} p(x)$$

with $x = \frac{E}{RT}$

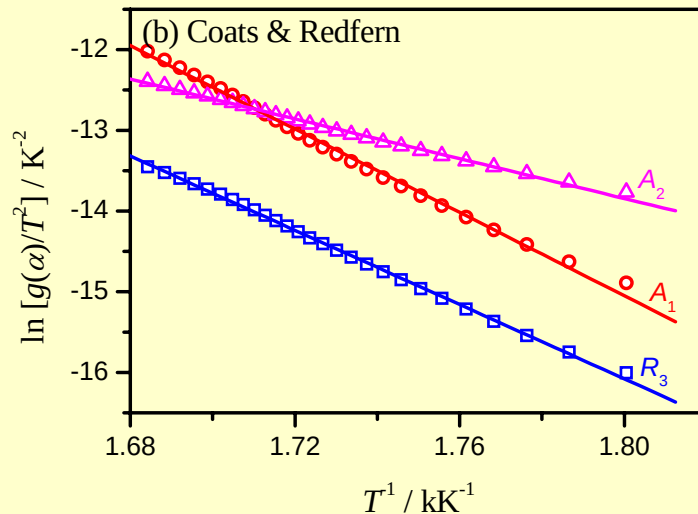
$$p(x) = \frac{\exp(-x)}{x} - \int_x^\infty \frac{\exp(-x)}{x} \cong \frac{\exp(-x)}{x} \pi(x)$$

For example

Coats & Redfern method

$$\pi(x) = \frac{x - 2/x}{x}$$

$$\ln \frac{g(\alpha)}{T^2} = \left[\ln \frac{AE}{\phi R} \left(1 - \frac{2RT}{E}\right) \right] - \frac{E}{RT}$$



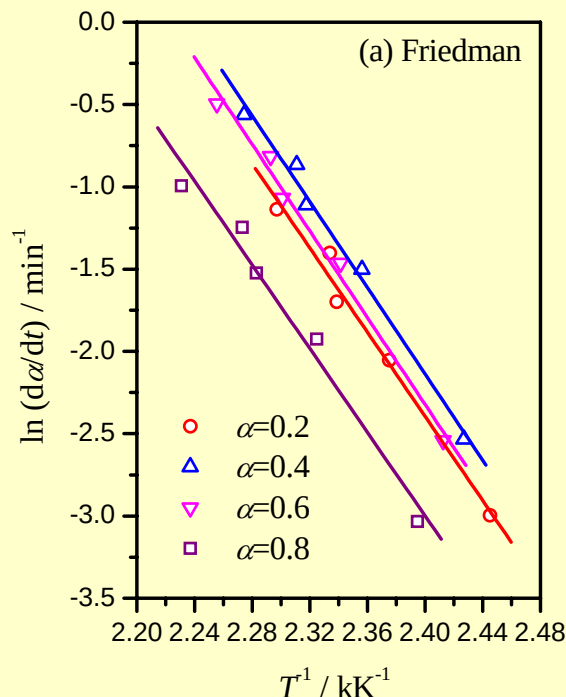
Isoconversional method

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

1) Differential

⇒ Friedman method

$$\ln\left(\frac{d\alpha}{dt}\right) = \ln[Af(\alpha)] - \frac{E}{RT}$$



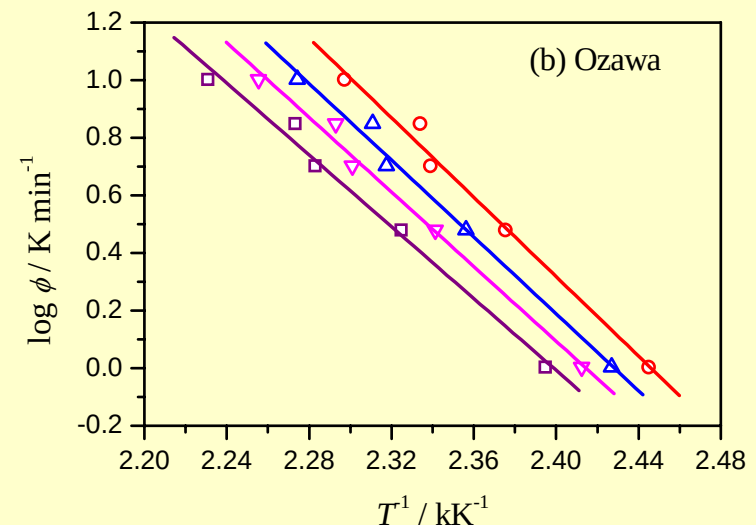
2) Integral

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with $x = \frac{E}{RT}$

⇒ Ozawa method $\log p(x) = -2.315 - 0.4567 \frac{E}{RT}$

$$\log \phi = \log \frac{AE}{g(\alpha)R} - 2.315 - 0.4567 \frac{E}{RT}$$



From a series of TA runs

Peak method



Kissinger method

Nonisothermal Analysis(4)

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

First derivative with respect to t

$$\frac{d^2\alpha}{dt^2} = A \exp\left(-\frac{E}{RT}\right) f(\alpha) \left[\frac{df(\alpha)}{d\alpha} A \exp\left(-\frac{E}{RT}\right) + \frac{\phi E}{RT^2} \right]$$

At peak maximum

$$\left(\frac{d^2\alpha}{dt^2} \right)_p = 0$$

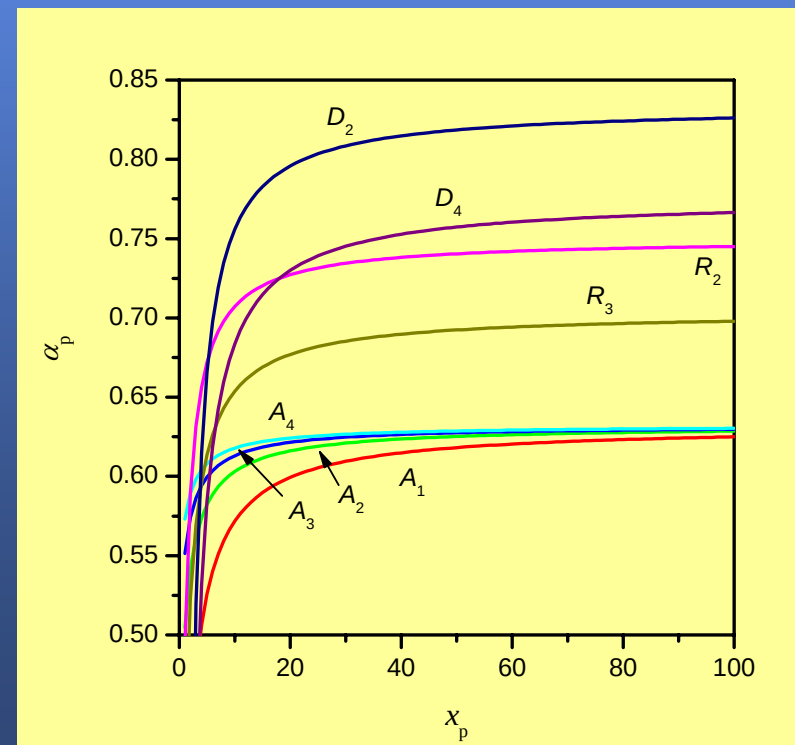
$$\ln \frac{\phi}{T_p^2} = \ln \left[\frac{f'(\alpha_p) A R}{E} \right] - \frac{E}{RT_p}$$

with $f'(\alpha) = \frac{df(\alpha)}{d\alpha}$

○ First order equation

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

△ For other kinetic models



Kinetic Master Plot

Nonisothermal Analysis(5)

Isothermal

1) Differential

$$\frac{d\alpha}{dt} = kf(\alpha) \Rightarrow \frac{f(\alpha)}{f(0.5)} = \frac{(d\alpha/dt)}{(d\alpha/dt)_{\alpha=0.5}}$$

2) Integral

$$g(\alpha) = kt \Rightarrow \frac{g(\alpha)}{g(0.5)} = \frac{t}{t_{\alpha=0.5}}$$

Nonisothermal

Introduction of generalized time θ

$$\theta = \int_0^t \exp\left(-\frac{E_a}{RT}\right) dt$$

1) Differential

$$\frac{d\alpha}{d\theta} = Af(\alpha) \Rightarrow \frac{f(\alpha)}{f(0.5)} = \frac{(d\alpha/d\theta)}{(d\alpha/d\theta)_{\alpha=0.5}}$$

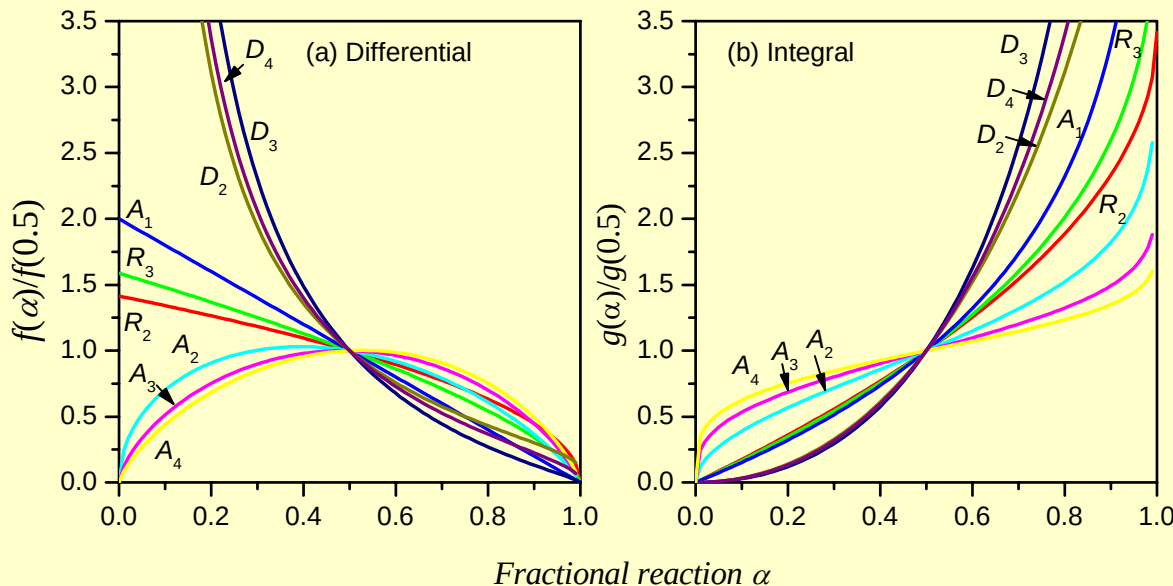
$$\frac{d\alpha}{d\theta} = \frac{d\alpha}{dt} \exp\left(\frac{E_a}{RT}\right)$$

2) Integral

$$g(\alpha) = \int_0^\alpha \frac{d\alpha}{f(\alpha)} = A \int_0^\theta d\theta = A\theta$$

$$\frac{g(\alpha)}{g(0.5)} = \frac{\theta}{\theta_{\alpha=0.5}}$$

$$\theta = \frac{E_a}{\beta R} p(x)$$



Ambiguities of TA Kinetics(1)

☐ Practical usefulness of the kinetic parameters?



Yes!!

- (1) For simulating the reaction process
- (2) For estimating life-time
- (3) Others

☐ Physico-chemical meaning of the kinetic parameters?

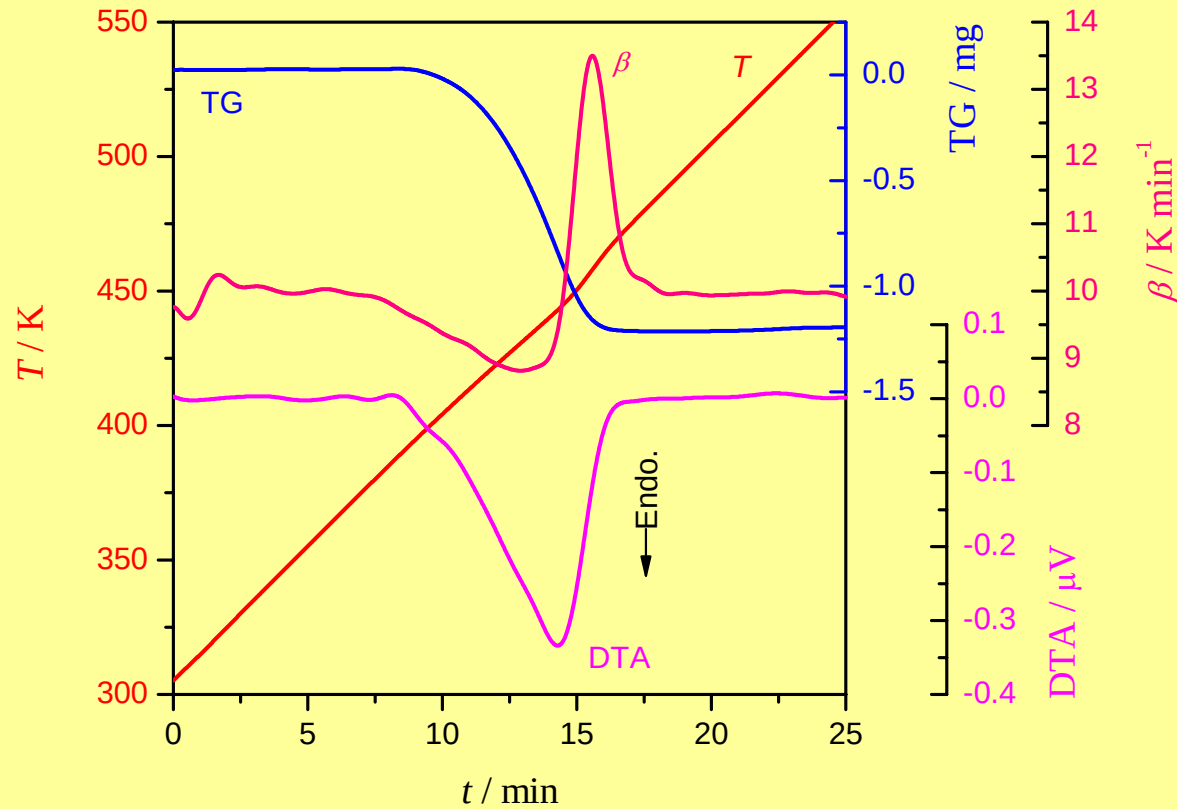


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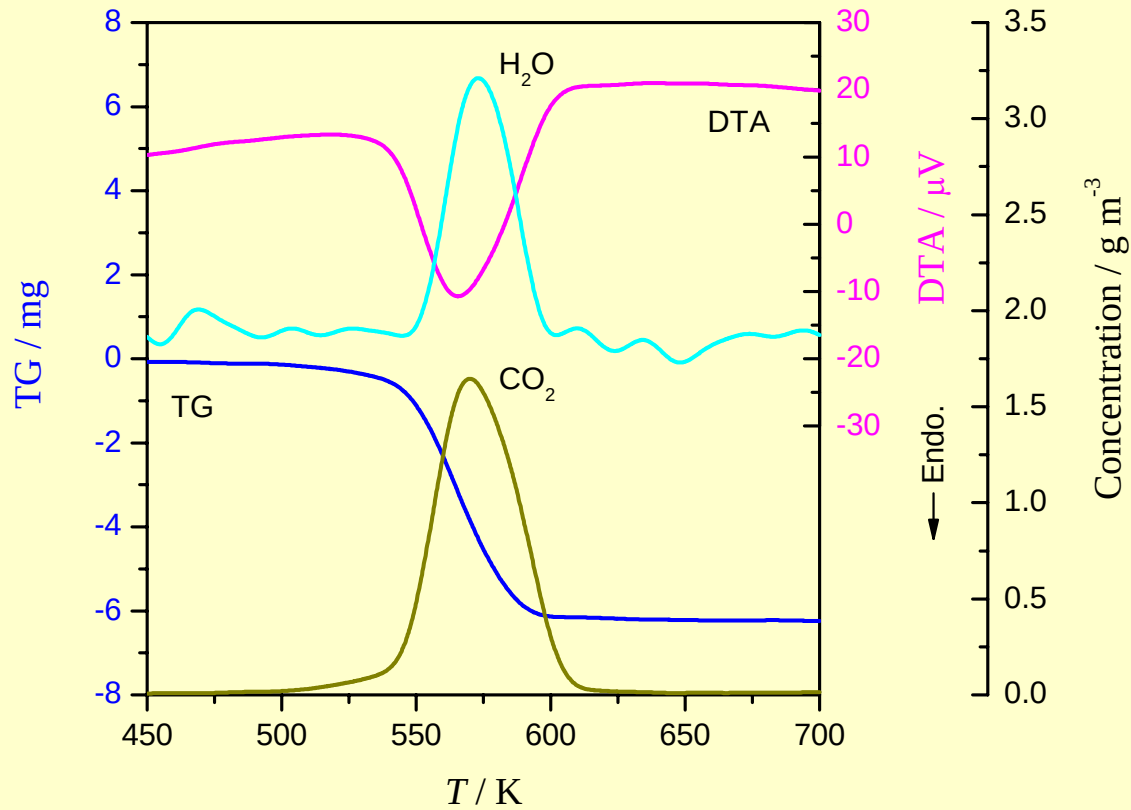
Problems

- (1) Further detailed characterization of reaction mechanism
- (2) Missing functional dependence in the idealized kinetic equation
- (3) Reliability of the kinetic rate data measured by TA
 - 1) Self-cooling or self-heating effects
 - 2) Self-generated reaction atmosphere
 - 3) Mass-transfer and heat-transfer phenomena
 - 4) Others

Self-cooling effect



Self-generated atmosphere

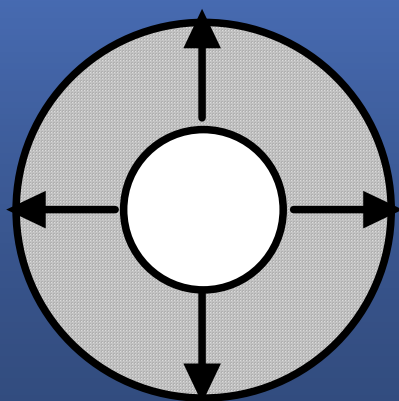


Increase of Sample Mass



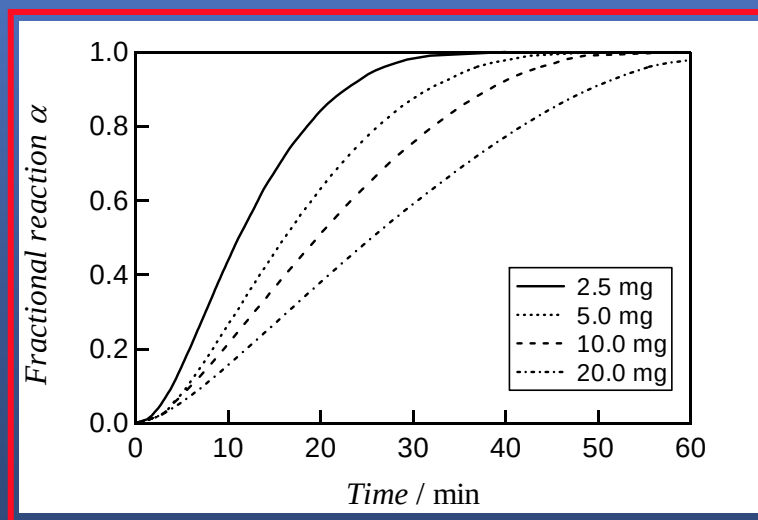
Balk or Pellet

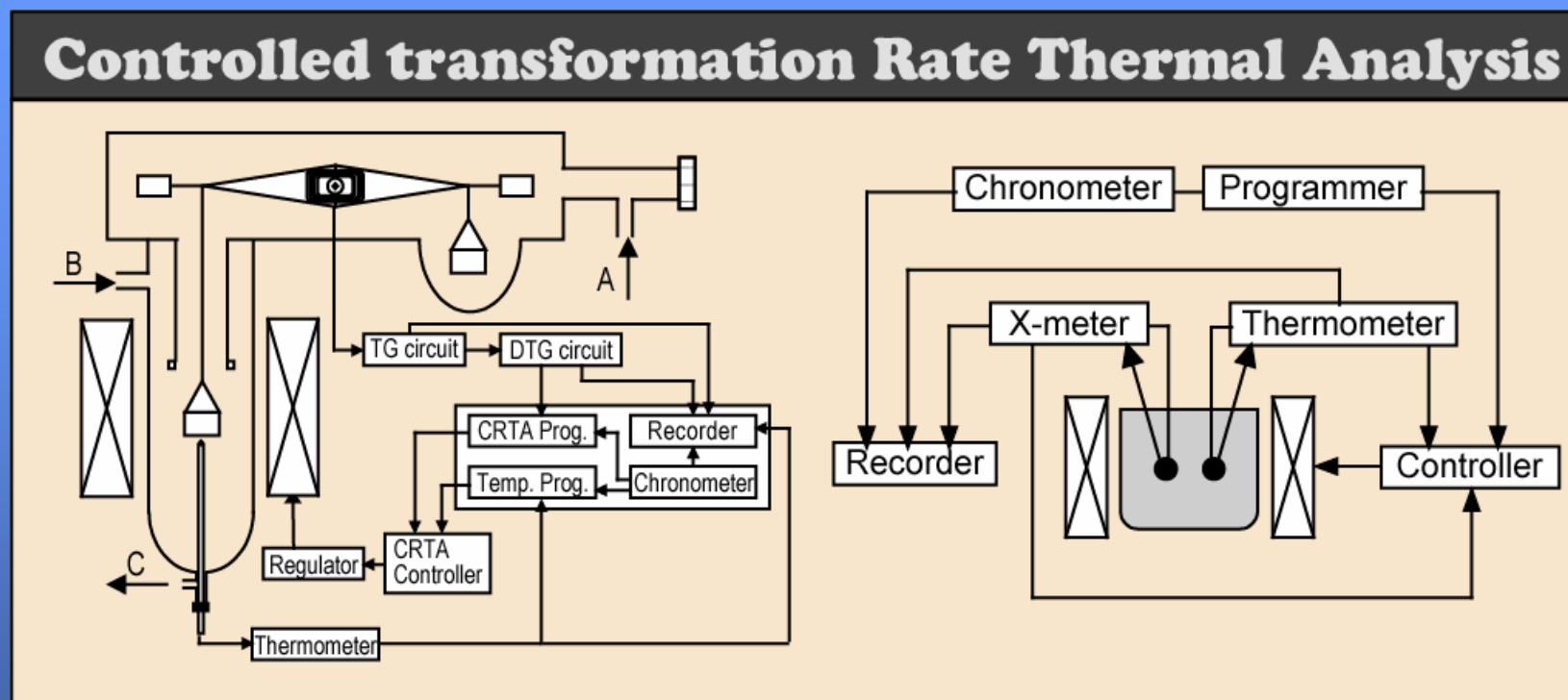
Difficulty of internal diffusive escape of product gas through solid product layer



Powder

Difficulty of gross diffusion of product gas through sample power matrix



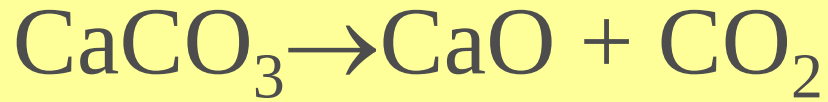


Practical Usefulness of CRTA Techniques

- (1) Separation of overlapped reaction steps
- (2) Measurement of kinetic rate data
- (3) Process control and product control

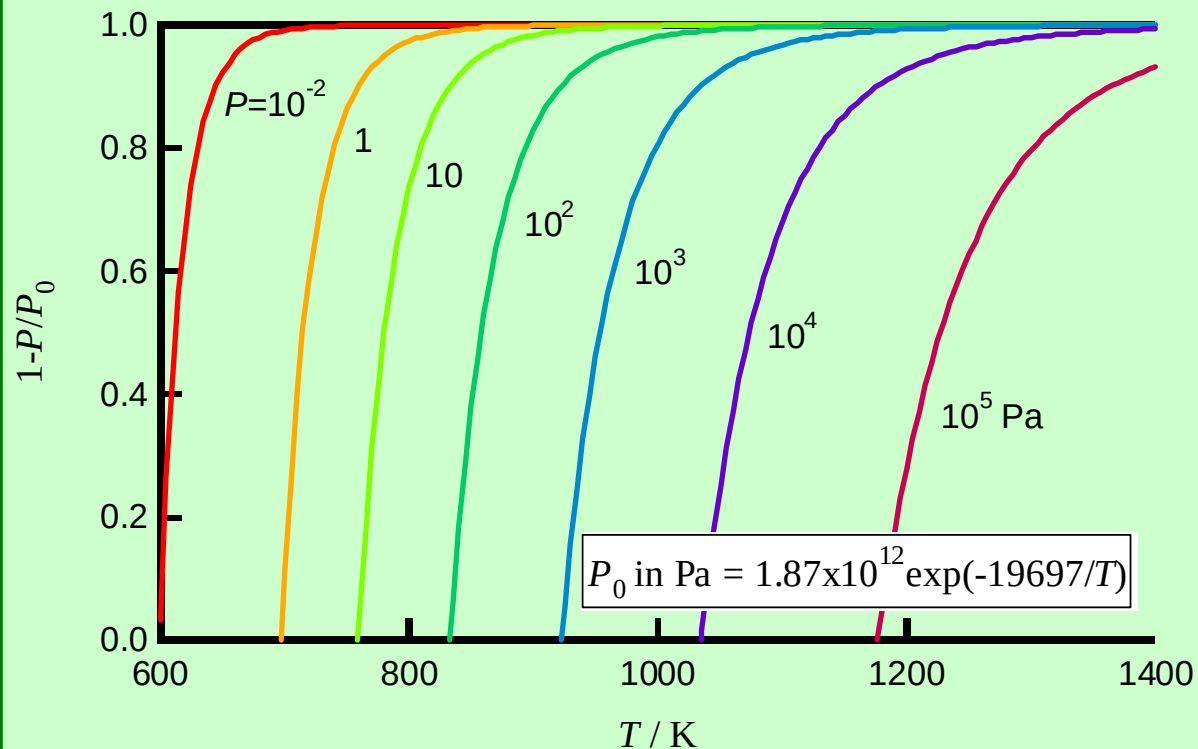
Technique	Feedback parameter
CRTG	Rate of mass change
CRDL	Rate of length change
CREGD	Rate of total gas evolution
CREGA	Rate of specific gas evolution

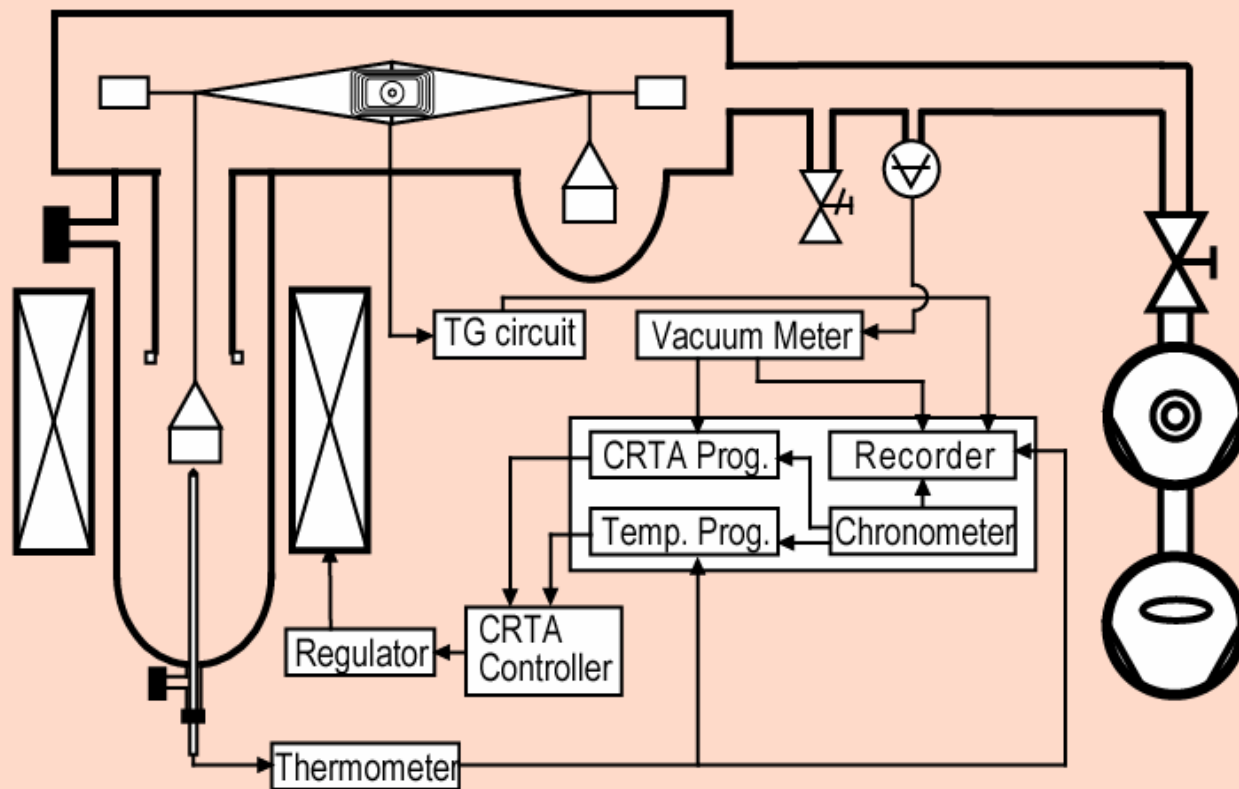
Thermal Decomposition of Calcite



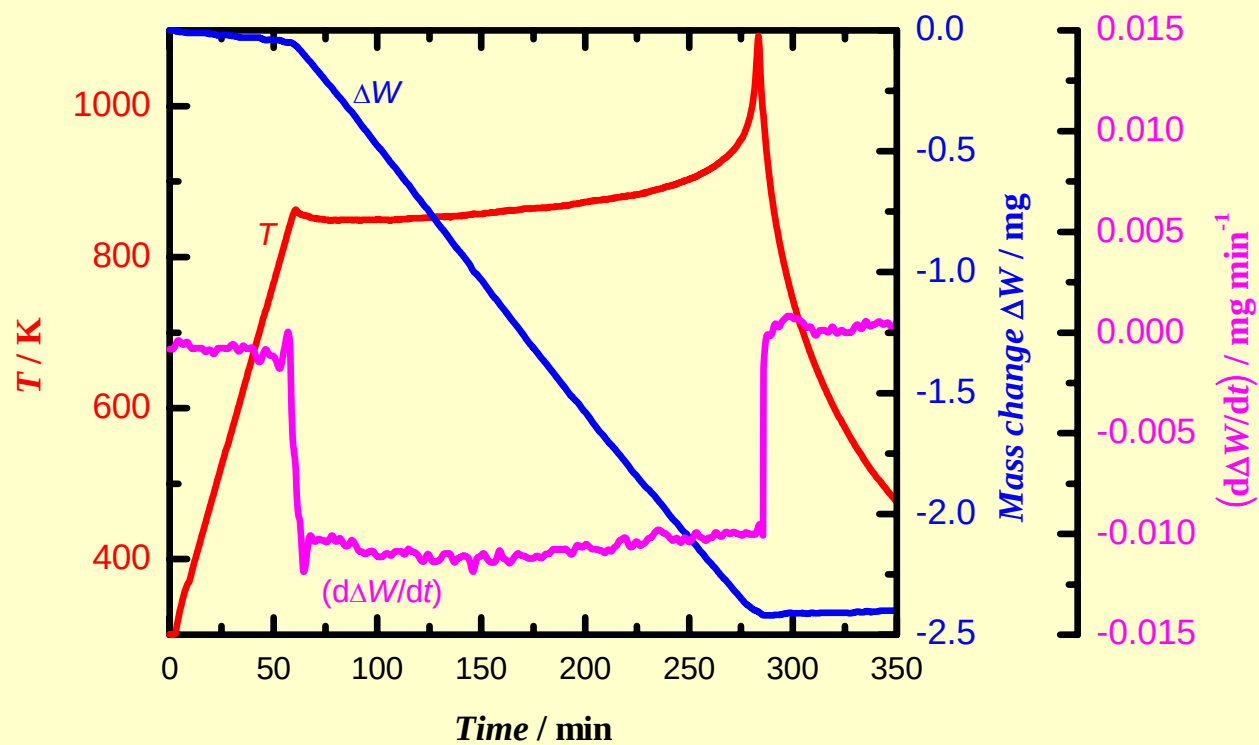
$$\frac{d\alpha}{dt} = A \exp\left(-\frac{E}{RT}\right) f(\alpha) \left(1 - \frac{P}{P_0}\right)$$

Temperature Dependence of $1-P/P_0$



CREGD-TG

Typical CREGD-TG Record



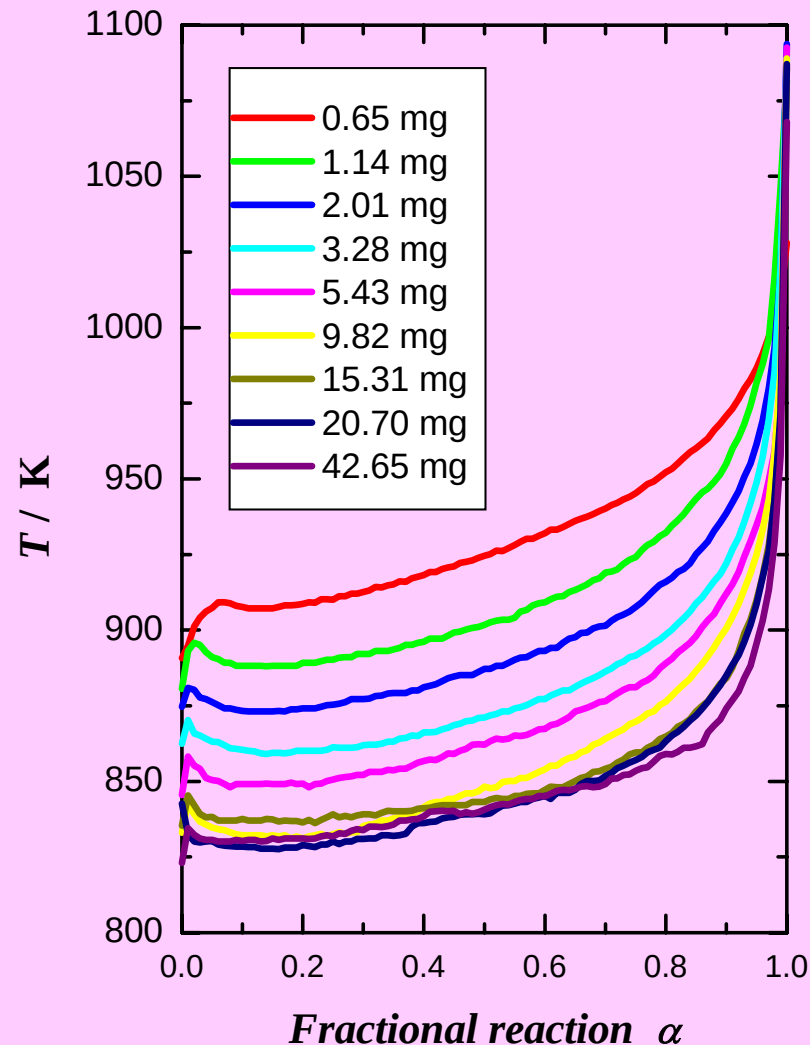
How to change
decomposition
rate for kinetic
calculation?

(1)Control pressure

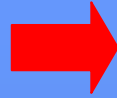
(2)Sample mass

(3)Basal pressure

Effect of Sample Mass

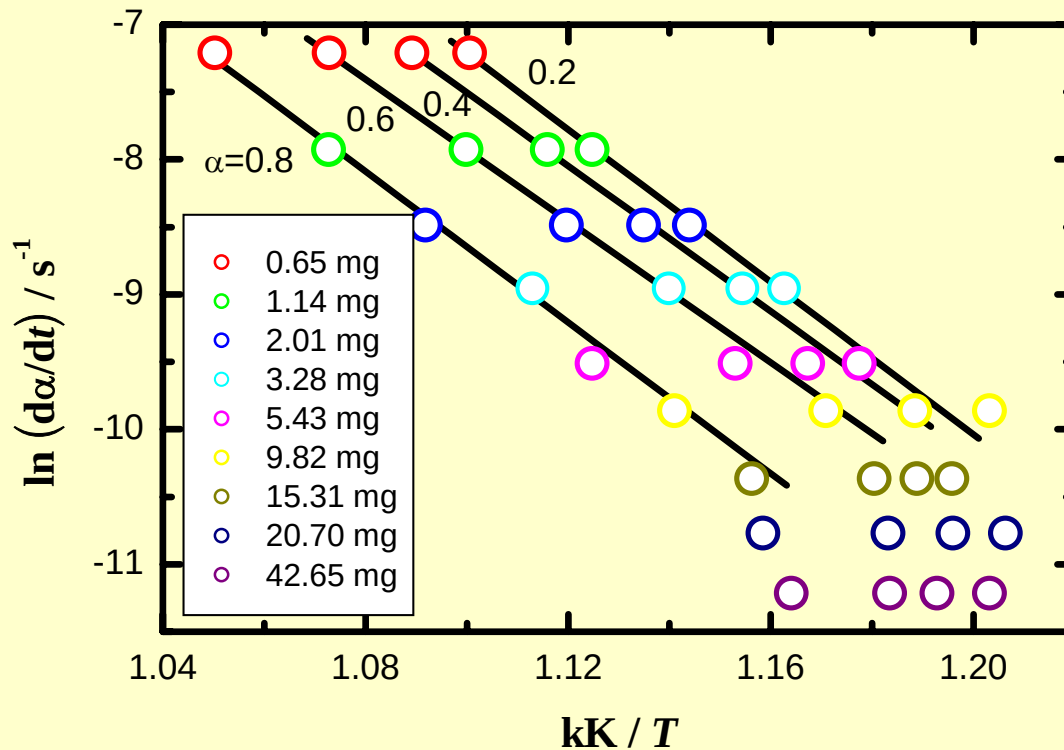


$$\left(1 - \frac{P}{P_0}\right) \approx \text{const.}$$

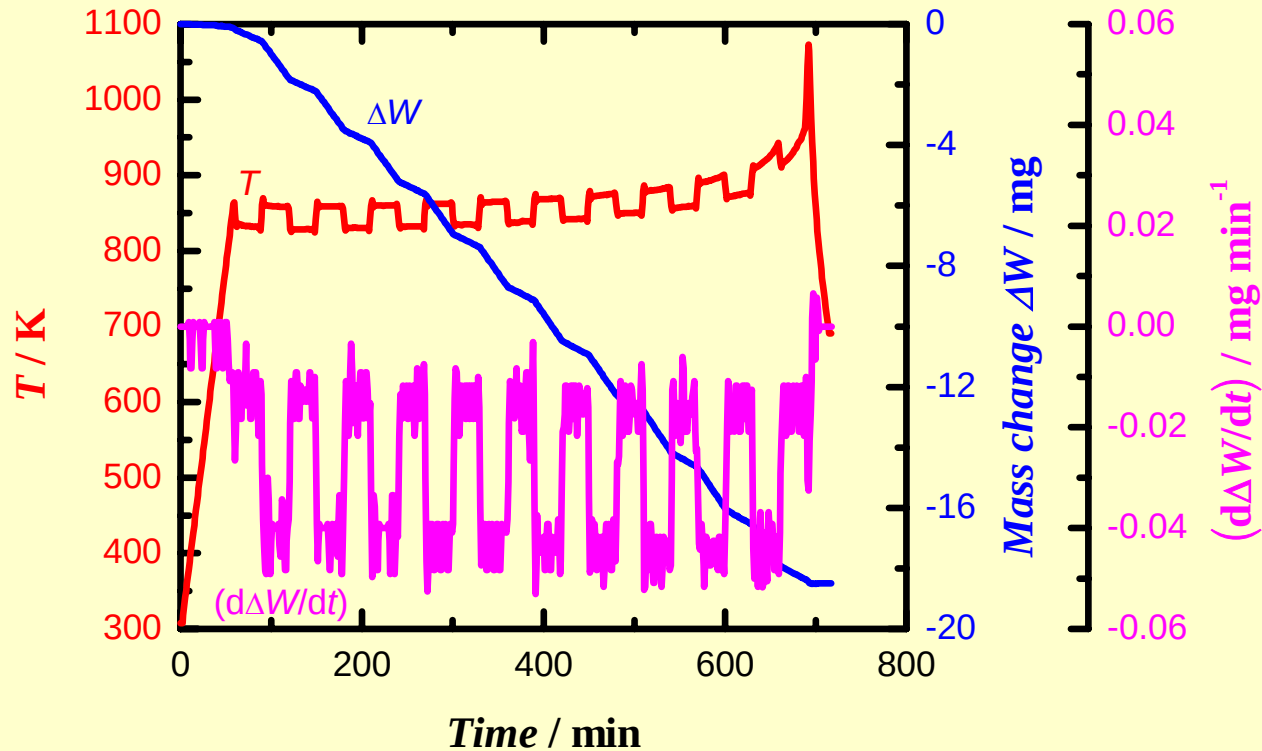


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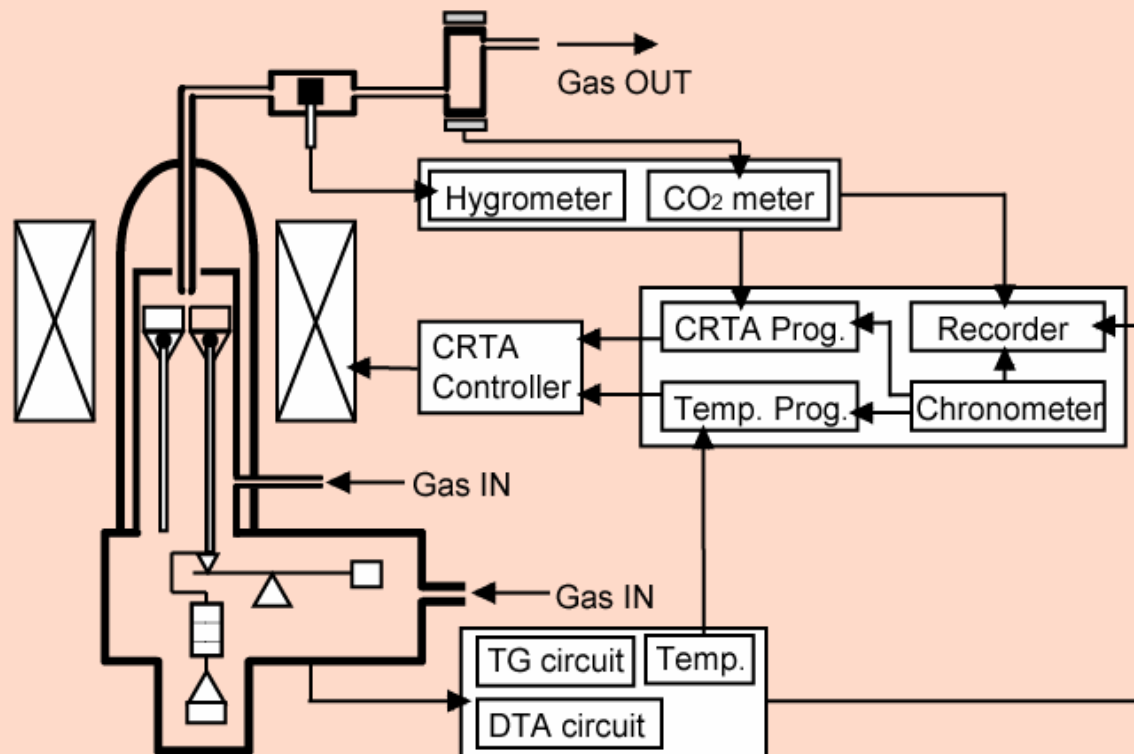
Friedman Plot



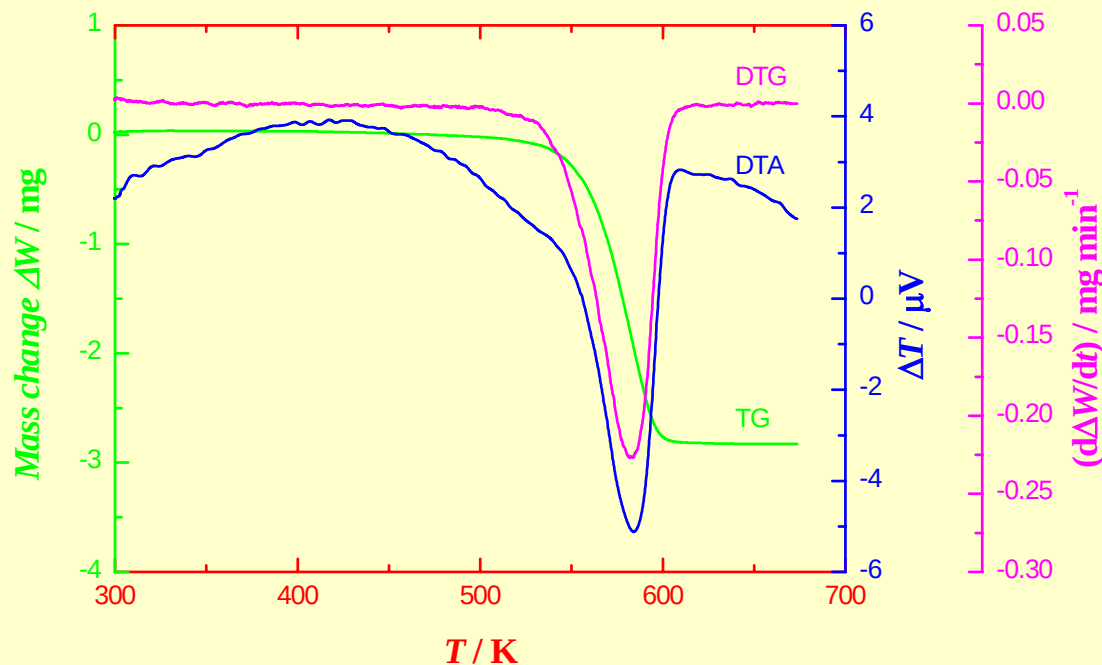
Typical Rate-jump CREGD-TG Record



$$E = R \frac{T_1 T_2}{T_1 - T_2} \ln \frac{(d\alpha / dt)_1}{(d\alpha / dt)_2}$$

CREGA-TG

Thermal decomposition of synthetic malachite



TG-DTA

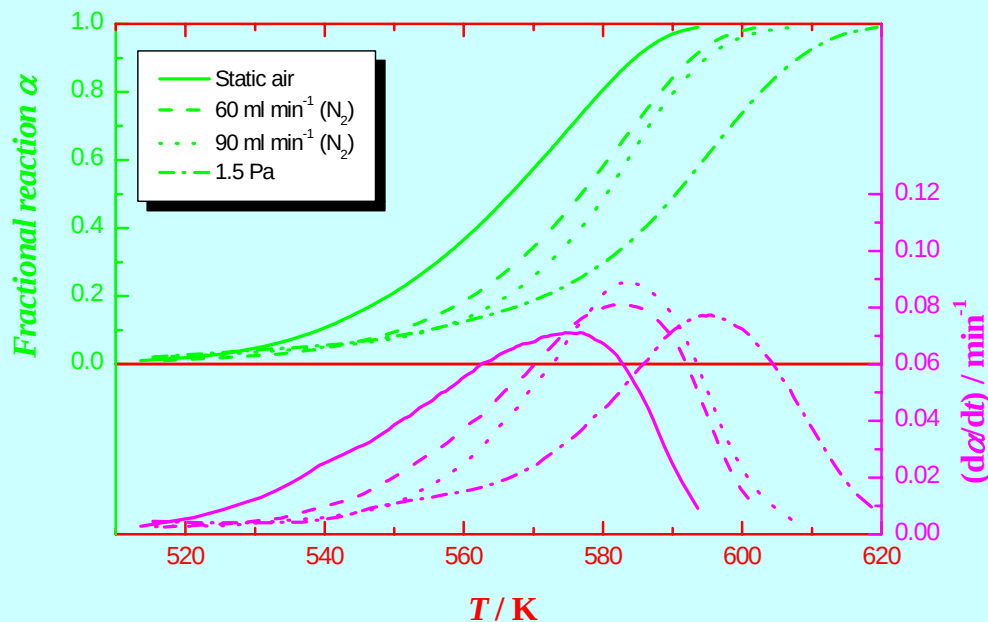
☒ Smooth
☒ Single Step
 mass-lose process

Kinetics

$E \approx 190 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$

First Order Reaction

Influence of Reaction Atmosphere

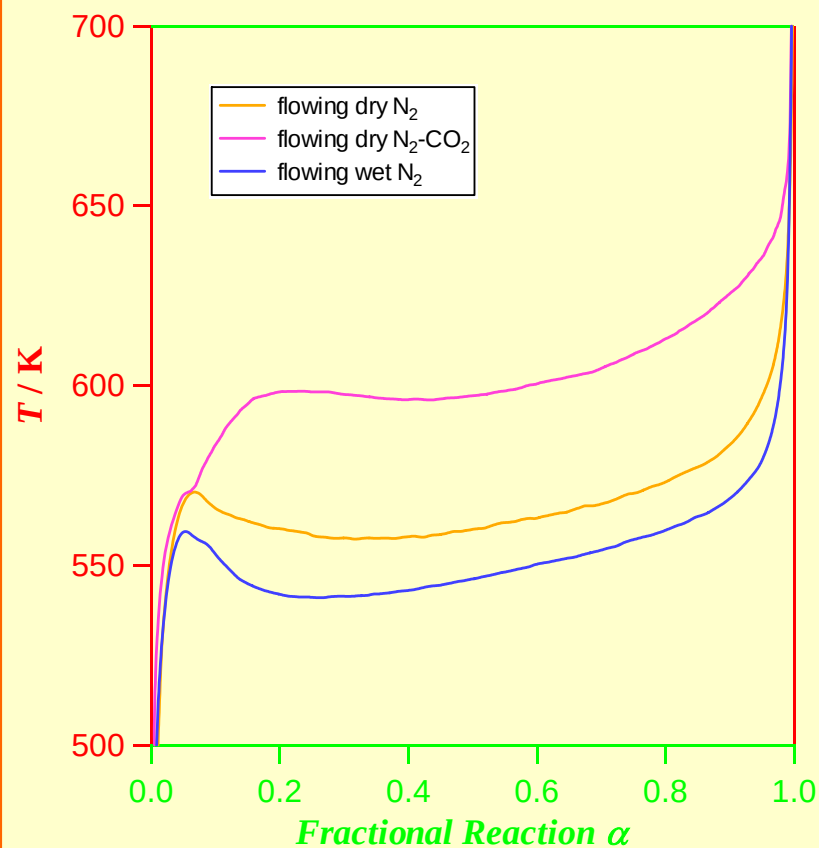


With increasing the influence of self-generated atmospheric condition



Reaction temperature shifts systematically to lower temperature region

Influence of atmospheric CO_2 and H_2O



Dry $\text{N}_2\text{-CO}_2$



Normal

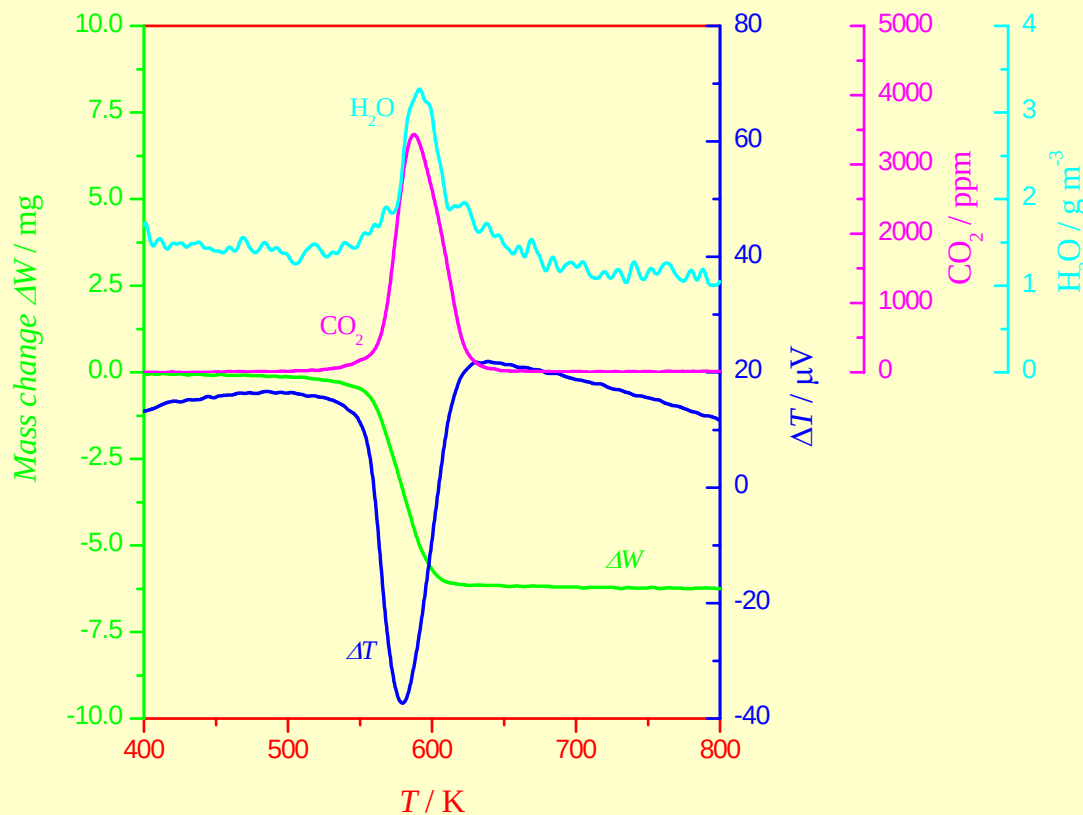
Dry N_2



Inverse

Wet N_2

A Typical TG-DTA-EGA Curves



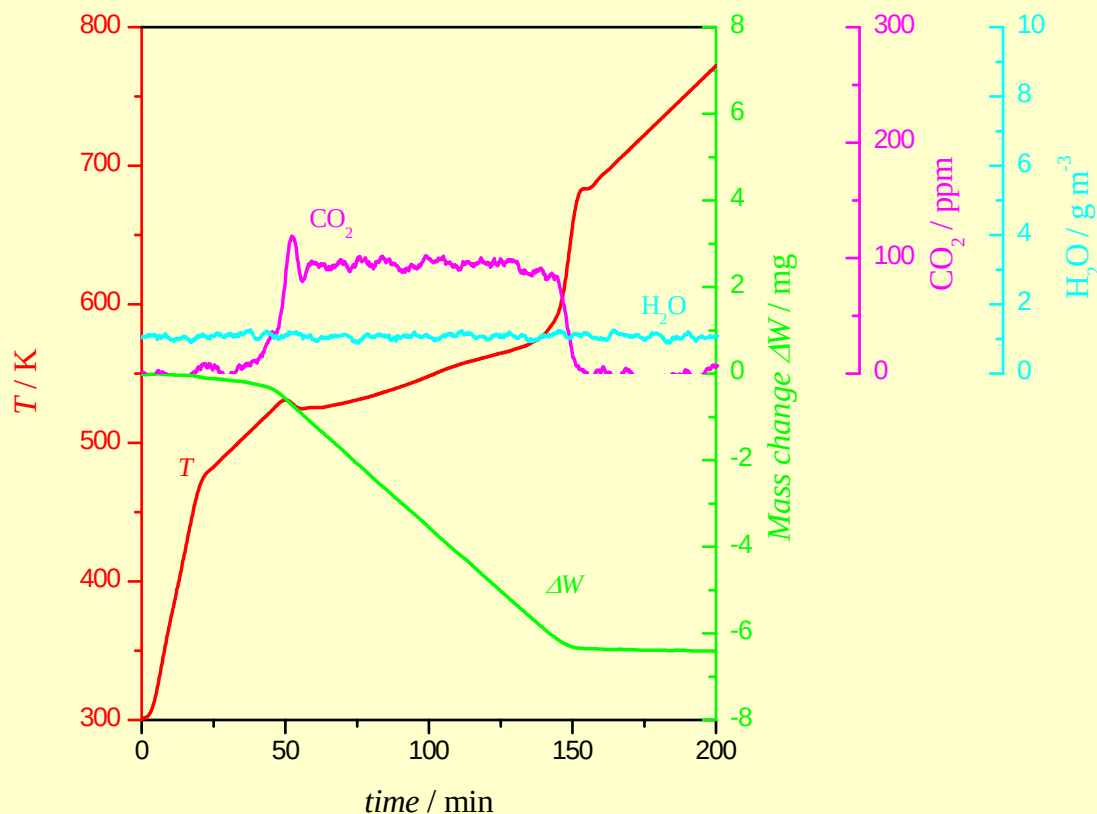
Sample mass:
20.08 mg

Carrier Gas:
dry N_2

Flow Rate:
200 ml min^{-1}

H.R.:
10.0 K min^{-1}

Typical CREGA(CO₂)-TG Curves



Sample mass:

20.55 mg

Carrier Gas:

dry N₂

Flow Rate:

200 ml min⁻¹

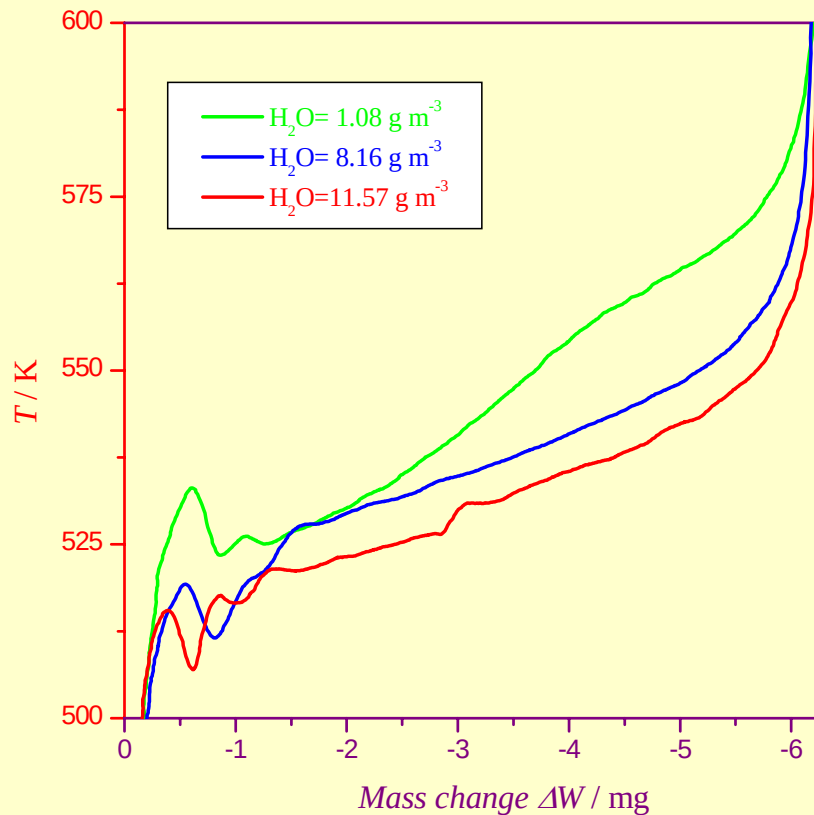
H.R.:

2.0 K min⁻¹

Controlled Gas:

CO₂ (100ppm)

Influence of Water Vapor



Sample mass: 20.55 mg

Carrier Gas: N_2

with H_2O : 1.98 g m^{-3}

8.14 g m^{-3}

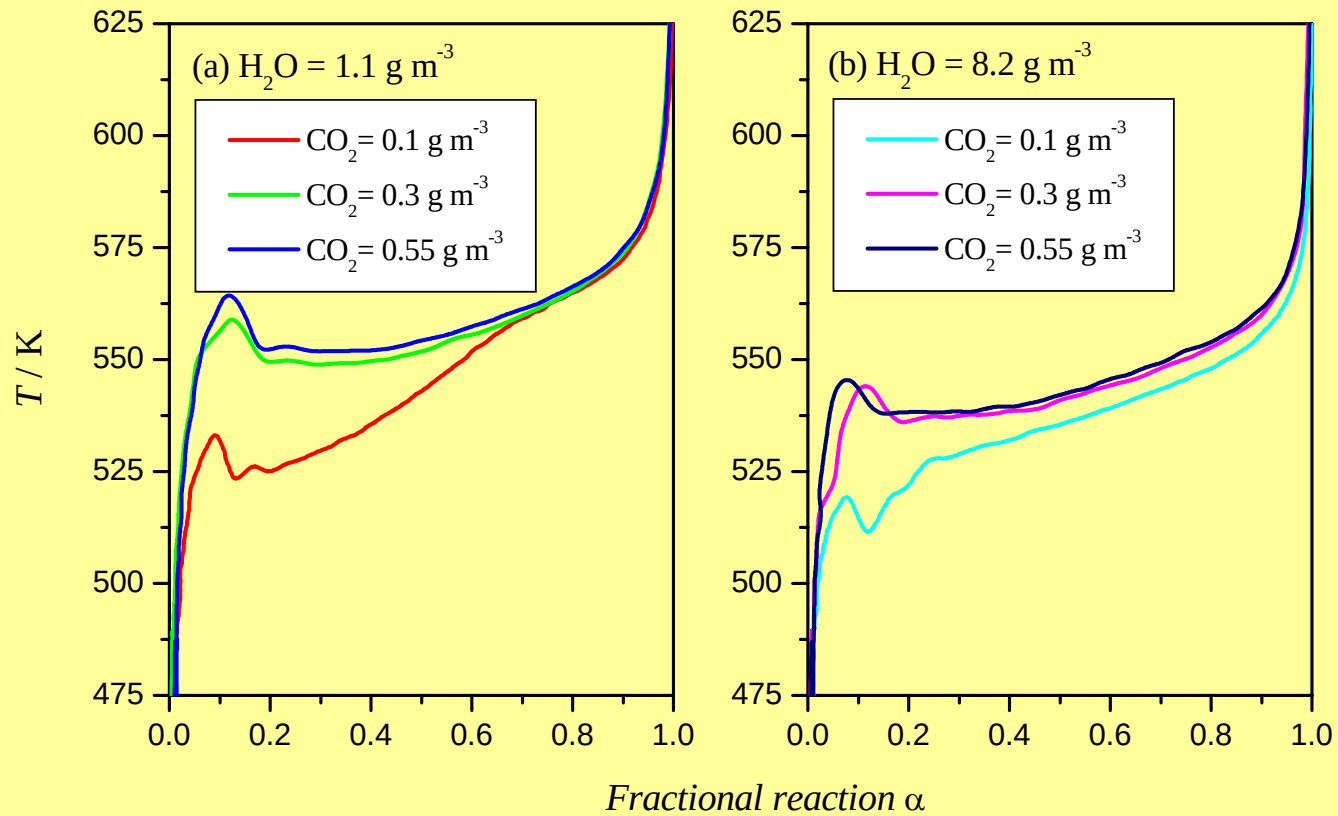
11.57 g m^{-3}

Flow Rate: 200 ml min^{-1}

H.R.: 2.0 K min^{-1}

Controlled Gas: CO_2

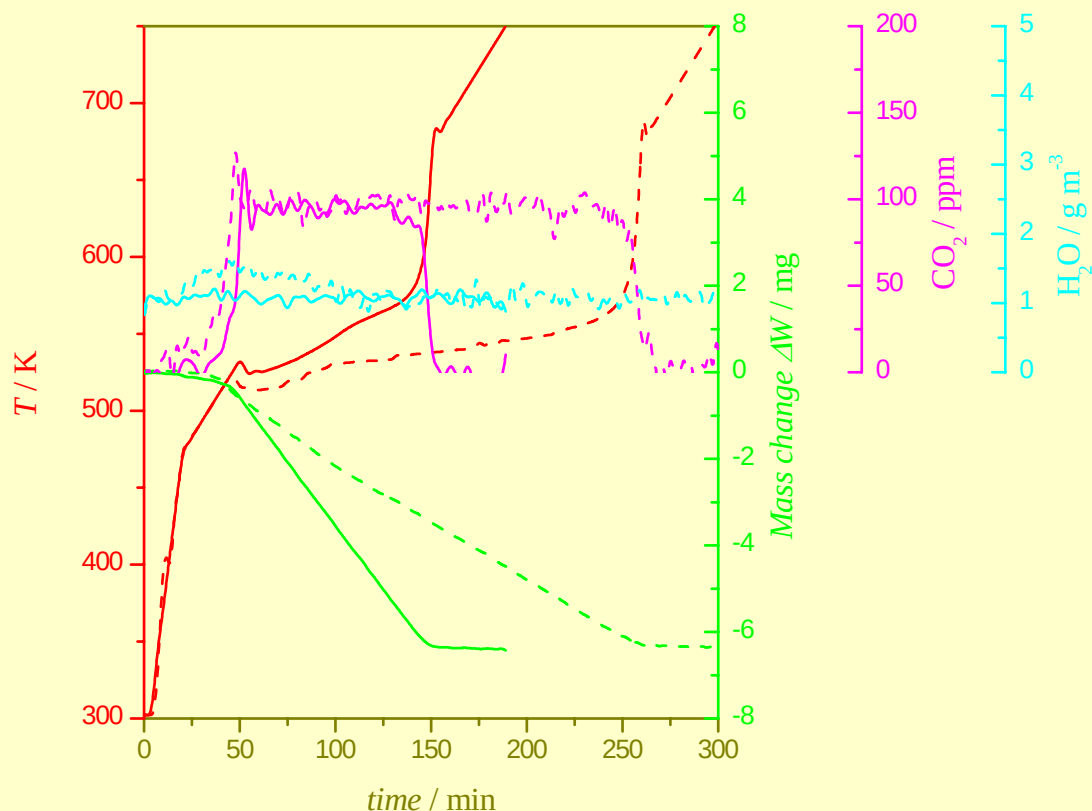
Controlled Value: 100ppm

Influence of CO₂

How to change decomposition rate for kinetic calculation?

Parameter	Problem
Control Value	Change in the partial pressure of evolved gas
Sample Mass	Change in the mass-transfer phenomena in the sample matrix
Flow Rate	Change in the suction effect

Two Different CREGA(CO₂)-TG Curves for Kinetic Calculation



Sample Mass:
20.22 mg

Ref. Mass:
20.20 mg

Carrier Gas:
dry N₂

Flow Rate:
200 ml min⁻¹

H.R.:
2.0 K min⁻¹

Controlled Gas:
CO₂ (100ppm)

Thermal Decomposition of Solids



Application of Dynamic Temperature
Change in the Type of Feedback Control

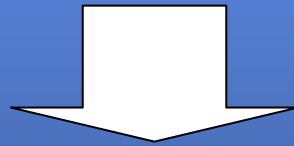


Possibility of Quantitative Control of the
Relationship between **Reaction Kinetics**
and Self-generated Reaction Atmosphere

Near-equilibrium $\longleftrightarrow$ Far-equilibrium

Logical Consideration on Kinetic Characteristics

➡ Appropriate Control of Reaction
Atmosphere and Reaction Rate



Practical Usefulness of CRTA Techniques

- (1) Separation of overlapped reaction steps
- (2) Measurement of kinetic rate data
- (3) Process control and product control



The End