Thermochemical Approaches for the Characterization of Materials

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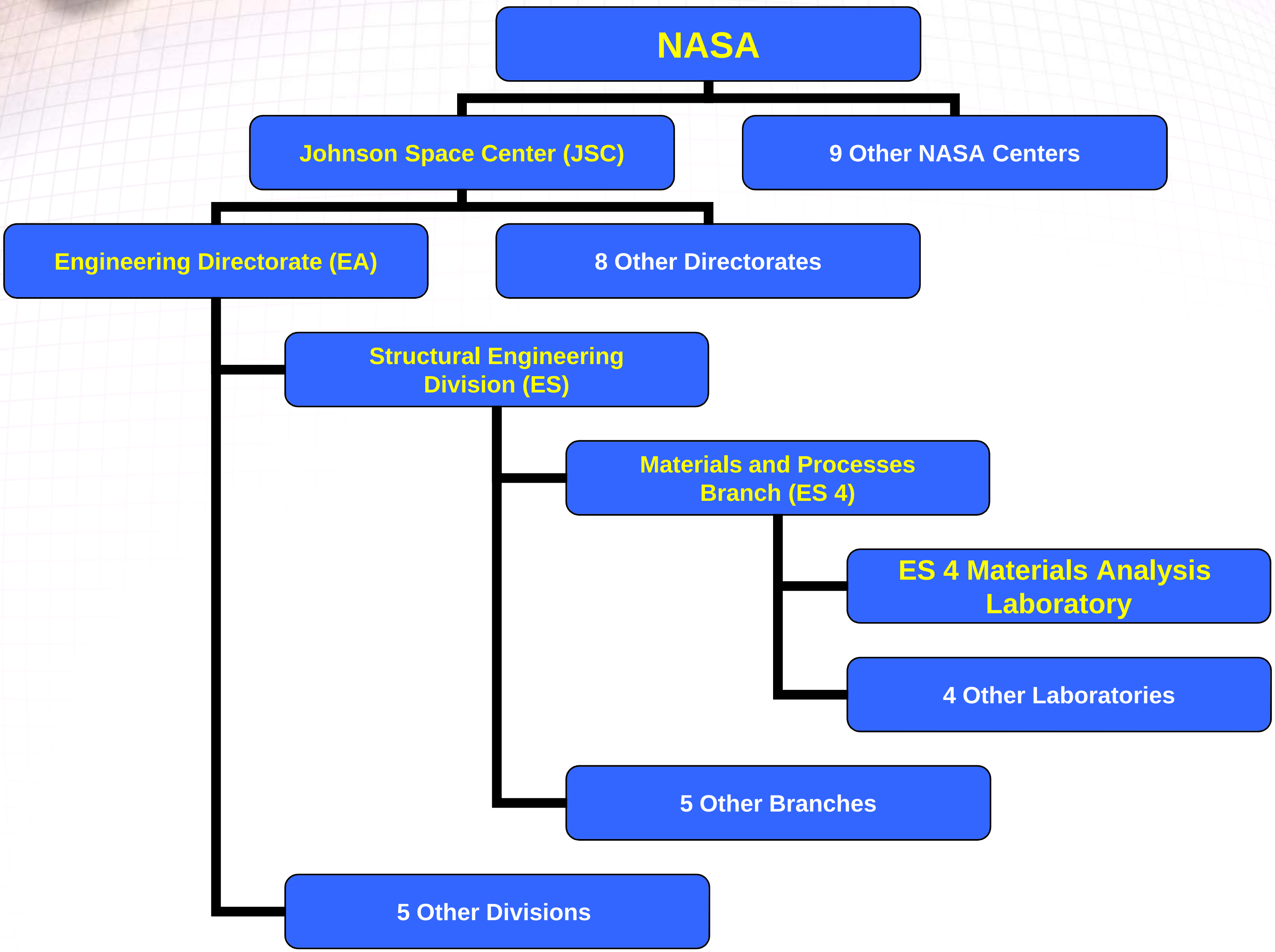
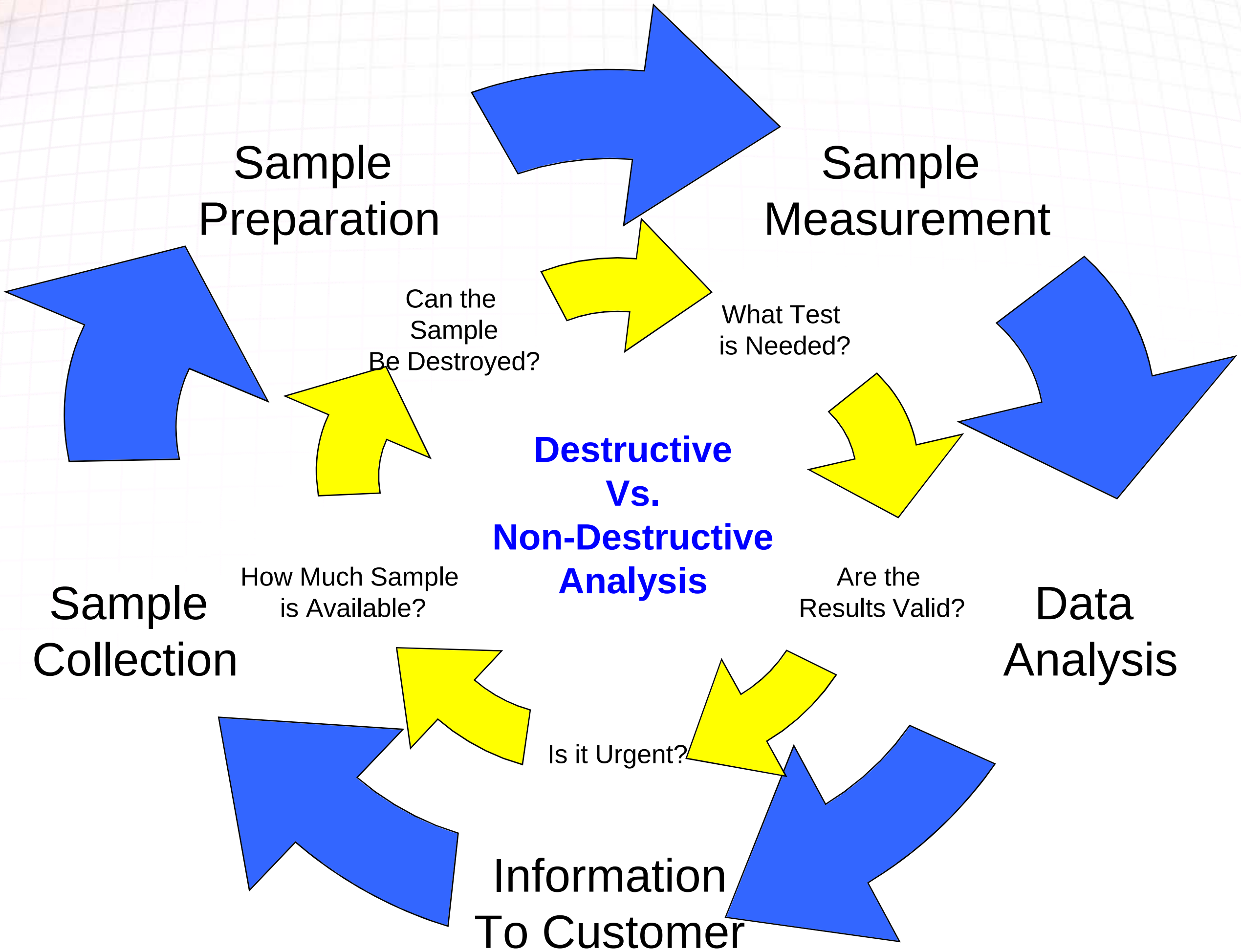


Analytical Chemistry Laboratory Equipment

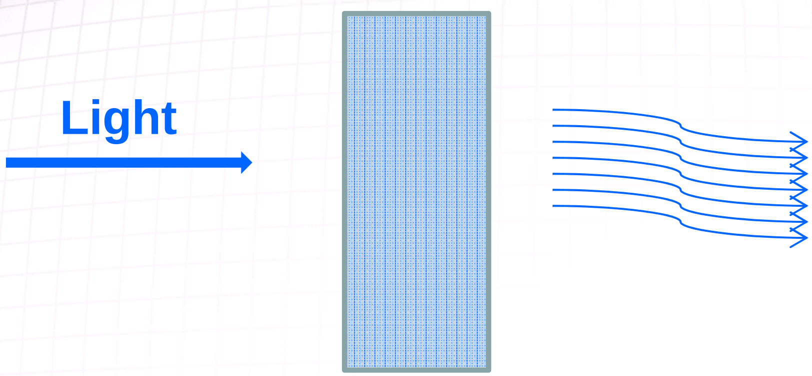
Key Laboratory Equipment

- Optical Instrumentation
  - UV-Vis, Fluorimeter, Solar Reflectance, Infrared Emittance, Raman
- Thermal Analysis Instrumentation
  - DSC, DMA, TGA, TMA, LFA, Rheometer
- Chemical Analysis Instrumentation
  - FT-IR, Ion trap GC-MS, Py-GC-MS, TGA-MS, TGA-IR

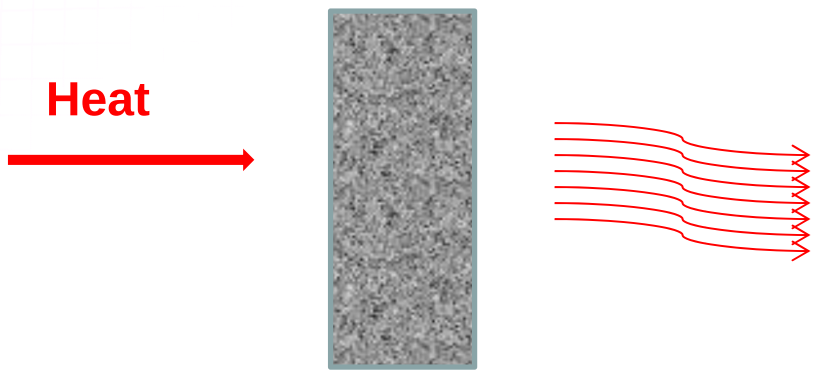
The Analytical Chemistry Cycle



Optical Vs. Thermal Techniques



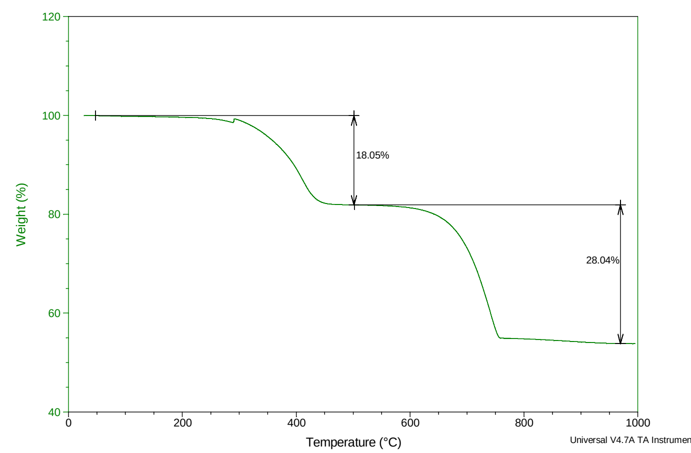
Reflectance
Emittance
Absorbance/Transmission
Fluorescence
UV-Vis Absorbance
FT-IR Analysis
Raman Analysis



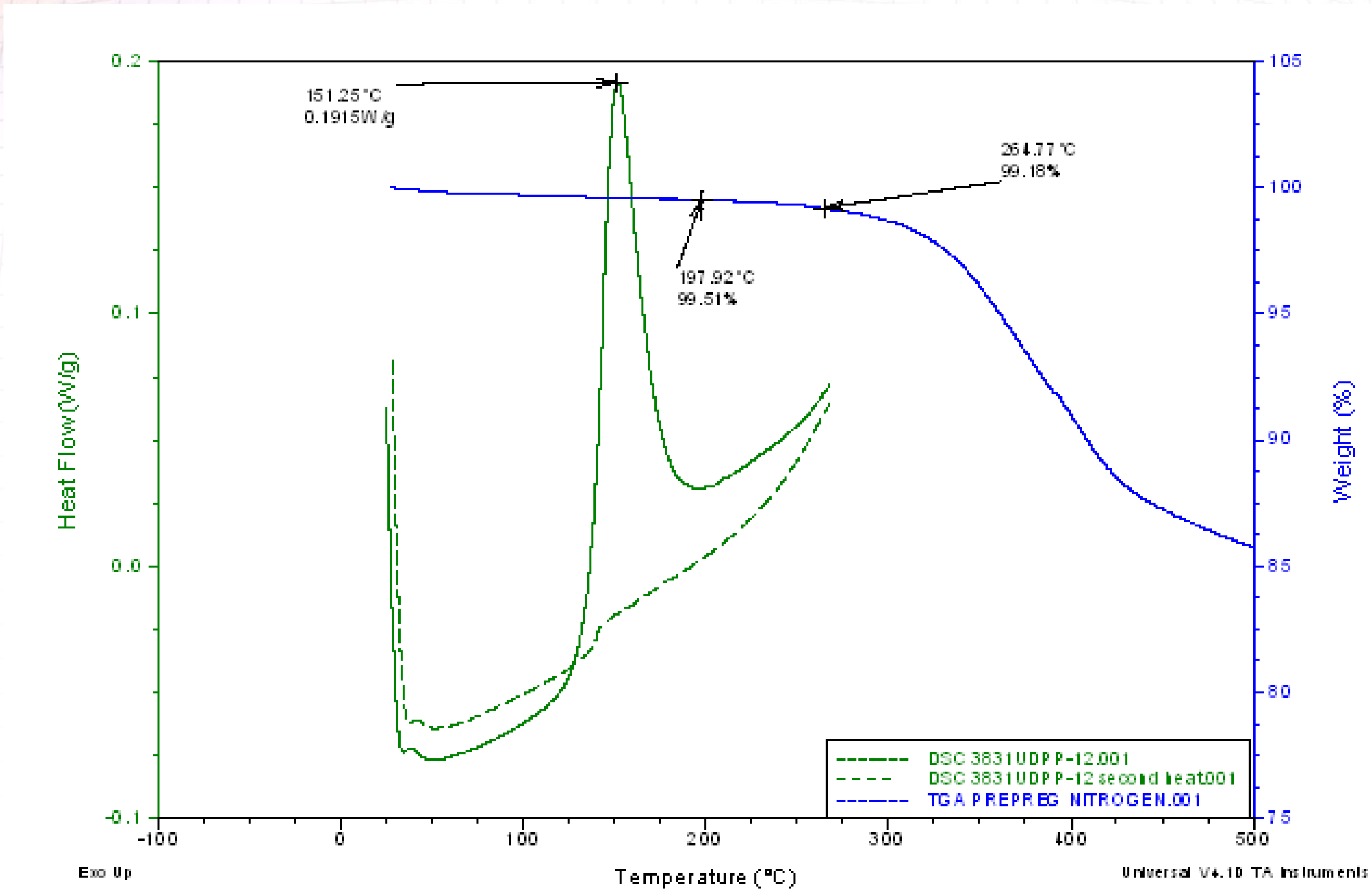
Material Curing
Thermal Transition-Tg
Melting Point/ Boiling Point
Residual Solvent
Identification of additives
Material Decomposition
Elimination of labile functional groups
Identification of Material Components
Identification of Inorganic Components

Thermogravimetric Analysis (TGA)

- A TGA instrument consists of an analytical balance and a furnace.
- A small sample of material is heated and its change in mass is measured as a function of temperature.
- Experiments can be conducted under inert or oxidizing atmospheres.
- Information gained from TGA includes:
  - Thermal stability for conducting additional thermal analysis
  - Identification of the number of components in the sample if the decomposition temperatures are different
  - Residual mass for assessing the extent of inorganic additives

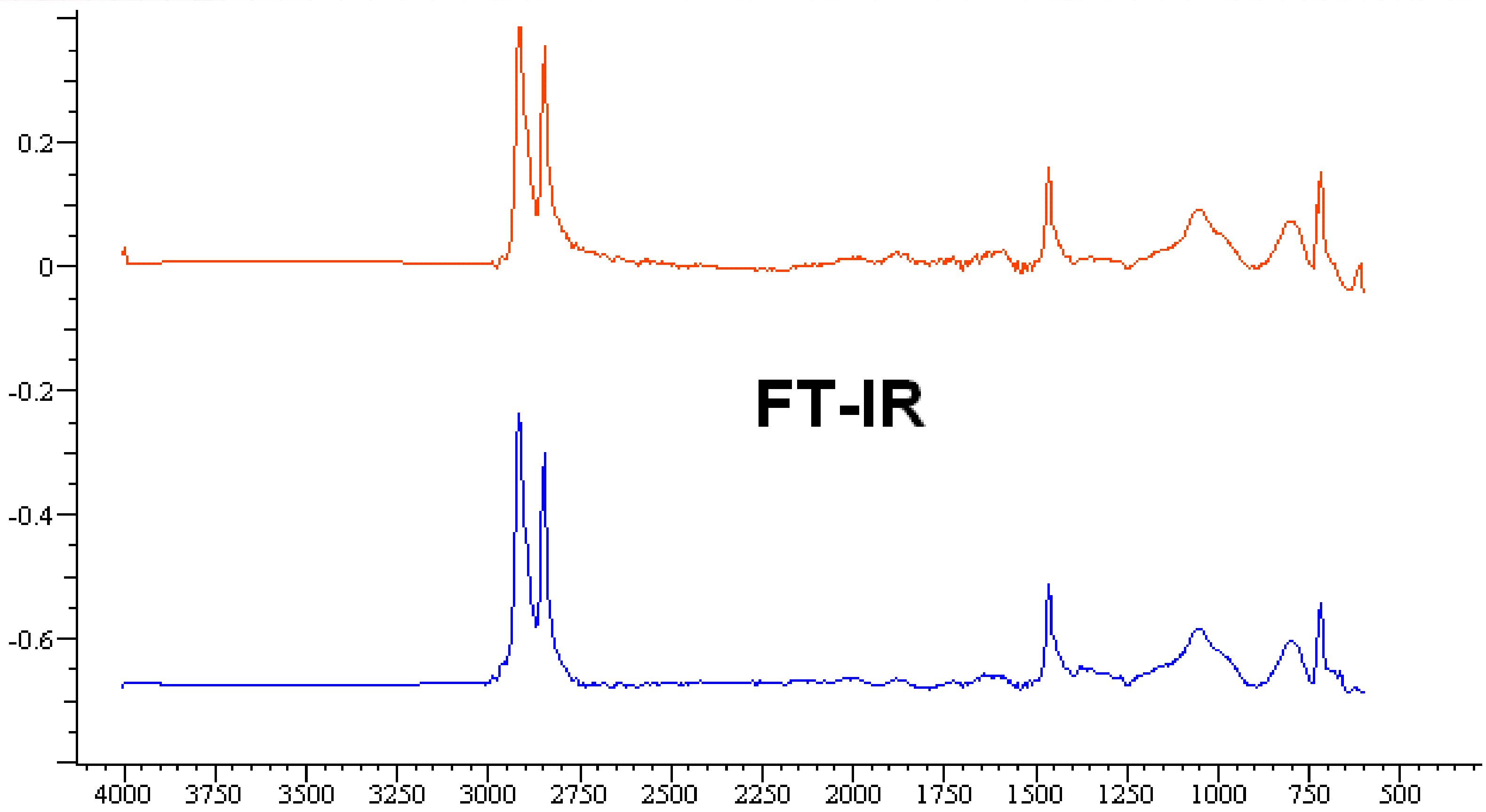


Thermal Analysis of Composite



Traditional thermal analysis of materials is performed by DSC (Differential Scanning Calorimetry) and by TGA (Thermogravimetric Analysis) instrumentation. Most Thermal Analysis is performed at temperatures below the onset of decomposition. Thermochemical Techniques for Material Characterization will utilize elevated temperatures until the material is fully degradated.

Spectral Analysis of HDPE and LDPE



Many industrial laboratories have only one technique available for characterization of the manufactured product. In many situations, one type of analytical technique is not adequate for assessing the product.

Pyrolysis for GC-MS of Solids

- Sample size is relatively small:

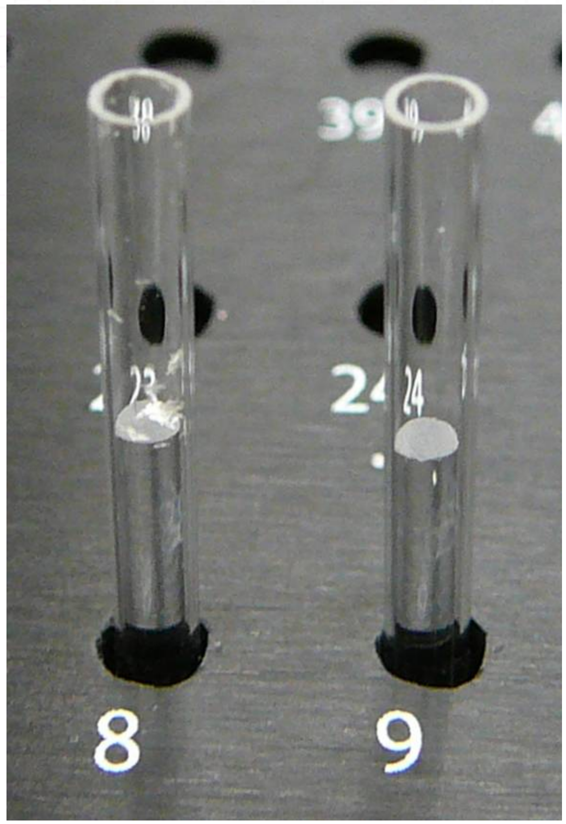
  50 to 200 μg is sufficient for solids
  50 to 200 nL is sufficient for liquids

- Sample preparation is easy: Place sample inside 1.5 inch quartz tube containing filler tube and plug with glass wool.

- Samples can be solids, gels, viscous liquids, greases, crystalline, emulsions, foams, fabrics

- Pyrolysis temperatures are almost instantaneous

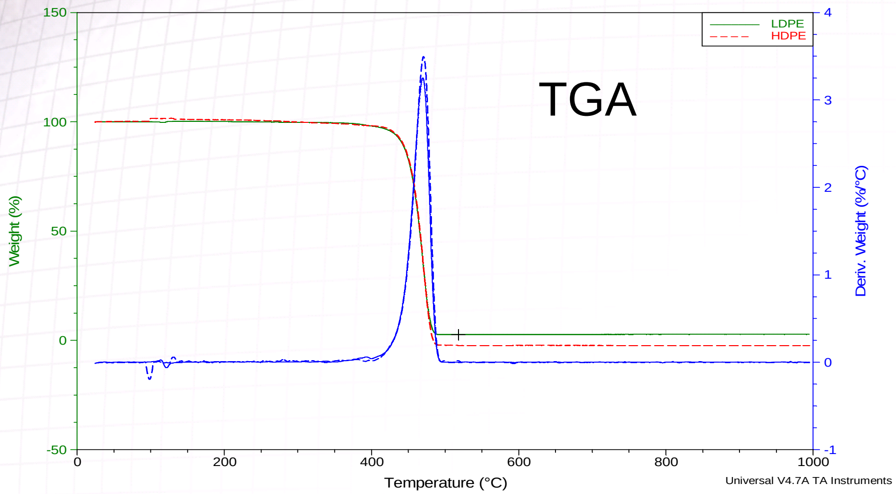
- Sample components can be quantified with the use of software

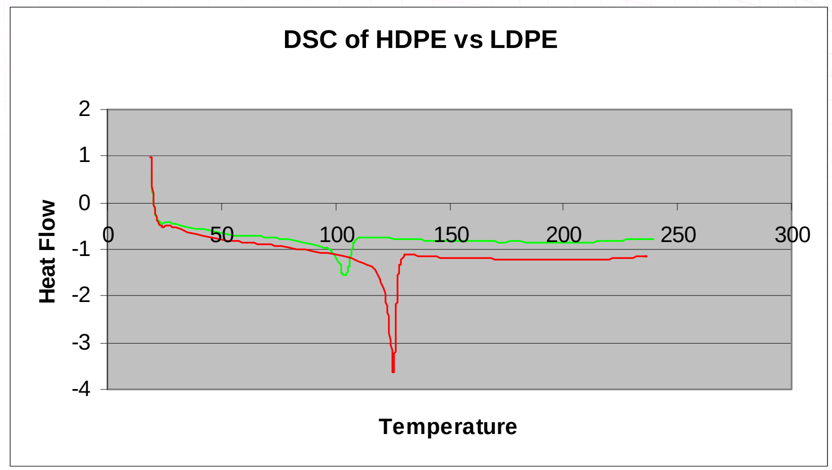


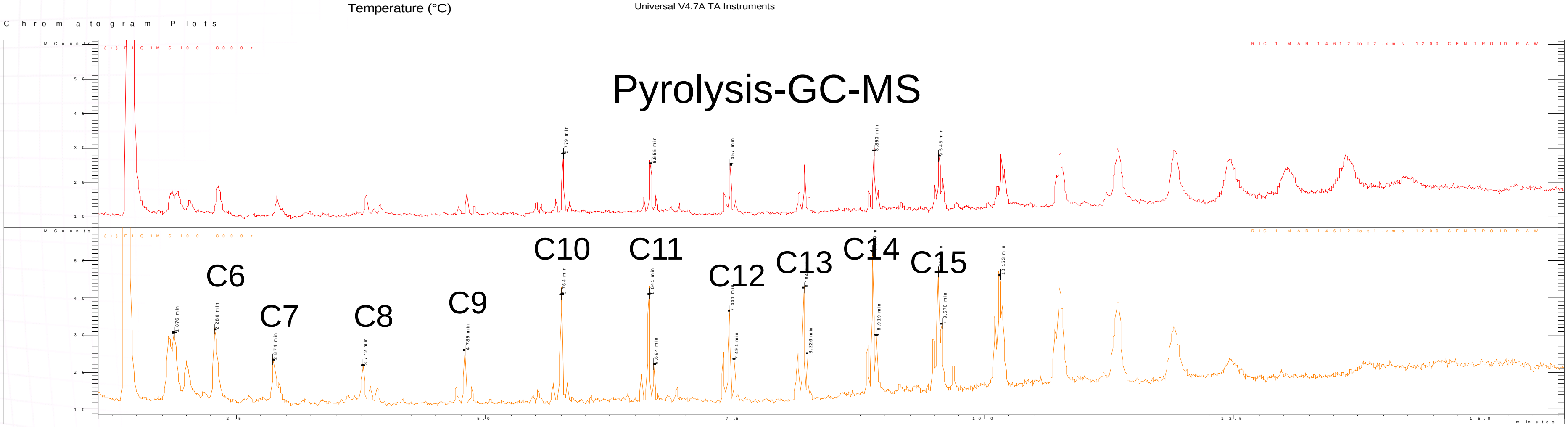
Pyrolysis is the thermal degradation of any substance through the fast application of heat.

Thermal Analysis of HDPE and LDPE

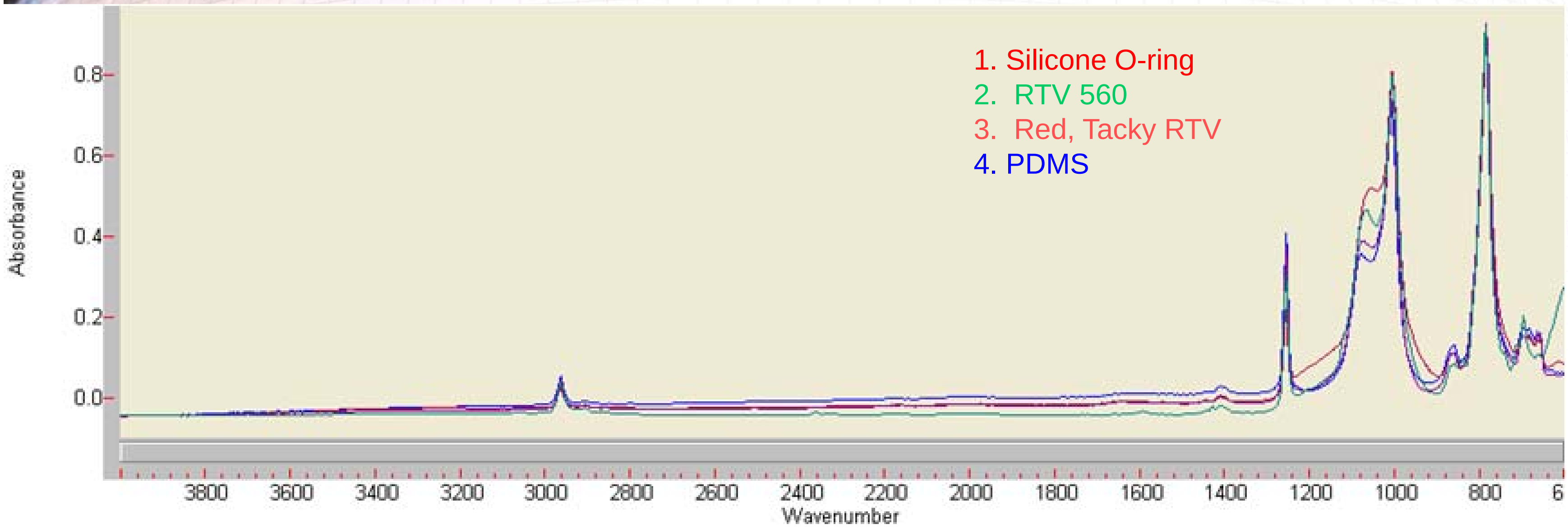
Polyethylene: $-CH_2-CH_2-CH_2-CH_2-CH_2-CH_2-CH_2-CH_2-CH_2-$



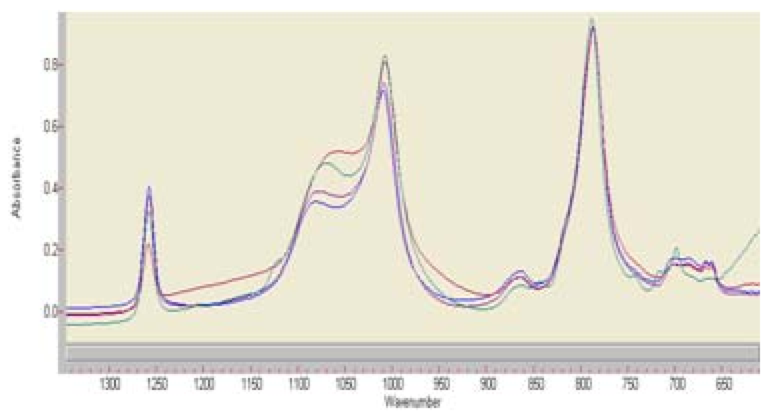




FT-IR Analysis of Silicone Materials



FT-IR is a non-destructive technique that is very diagnostic. However, if infrared light cannot penetrate the sample, any signal obtained through reflectance is only valid for the external surface of a sample.



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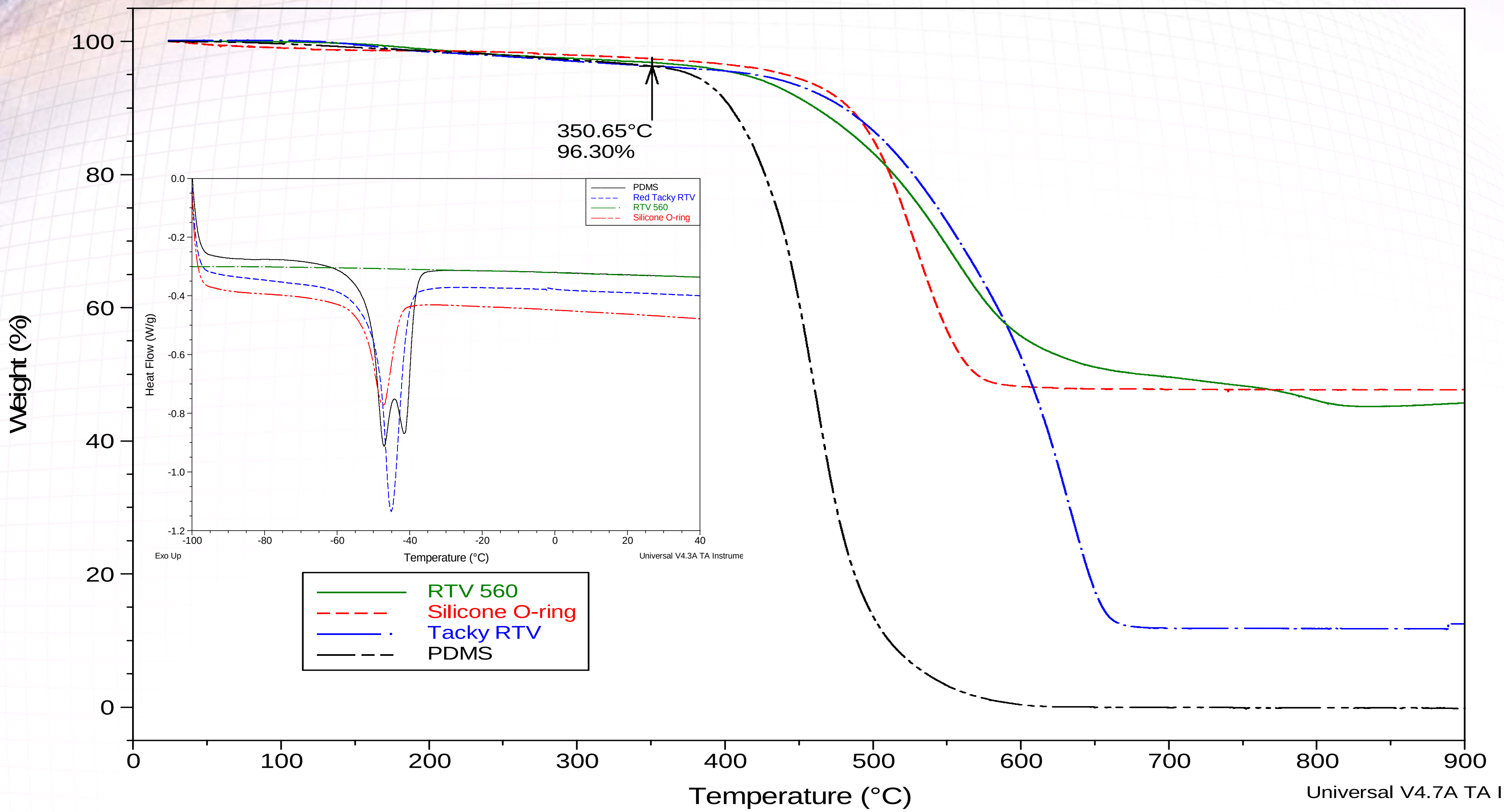
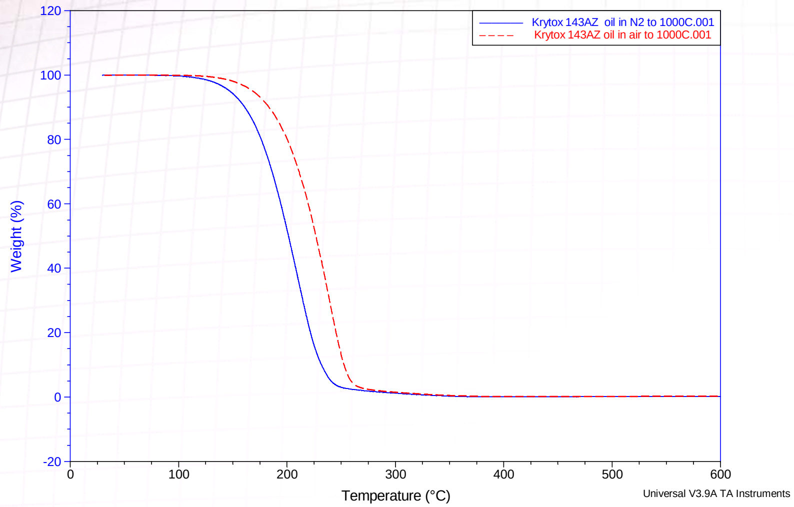


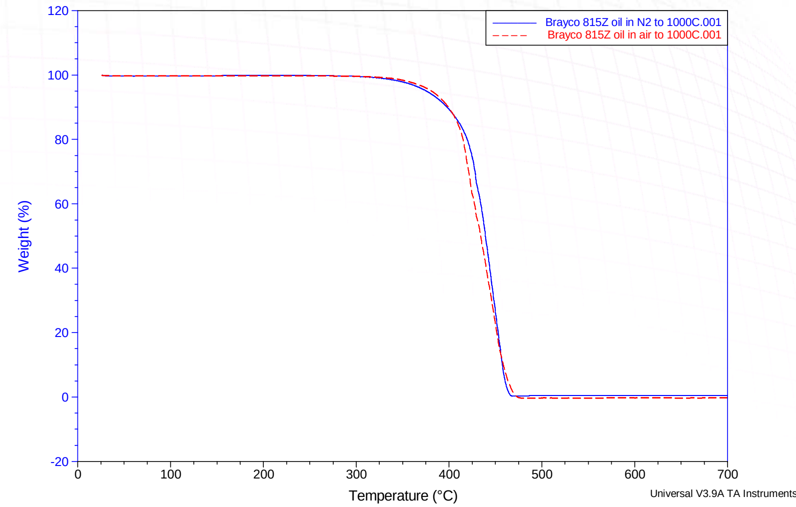
The Silicone samples that were nearly identical by FT-IR displayed very different properties by thermal analysis.

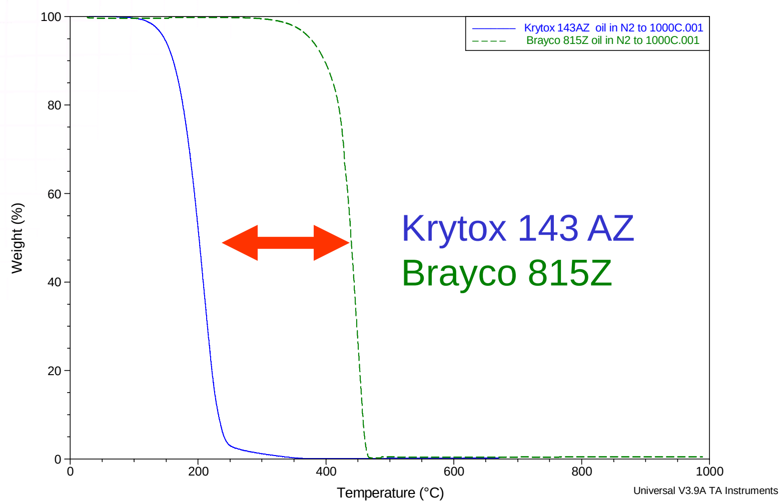
TGA Analysis of Fluorinated Materials

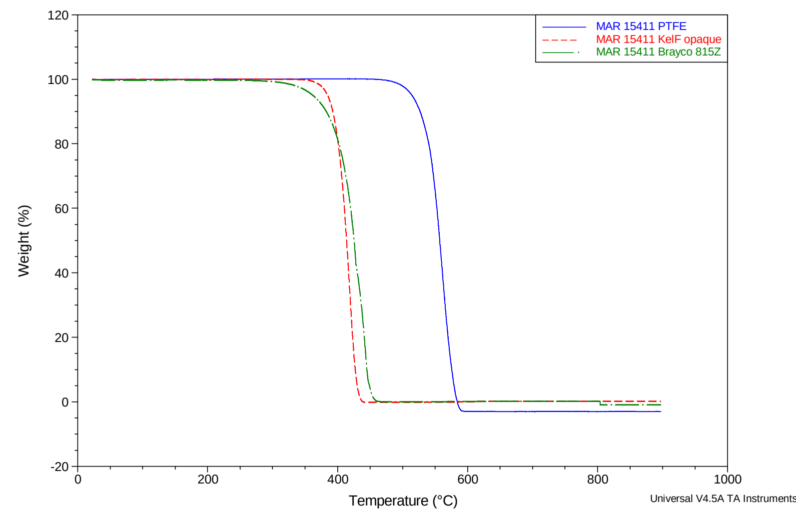
Krytox 143 AZ



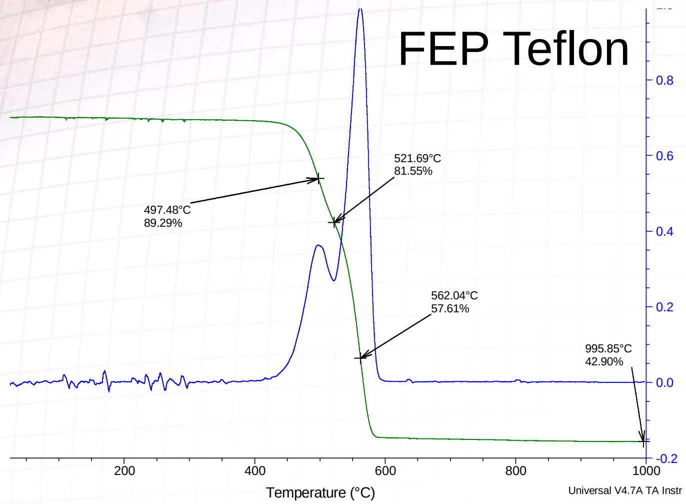
Brayco 815Z

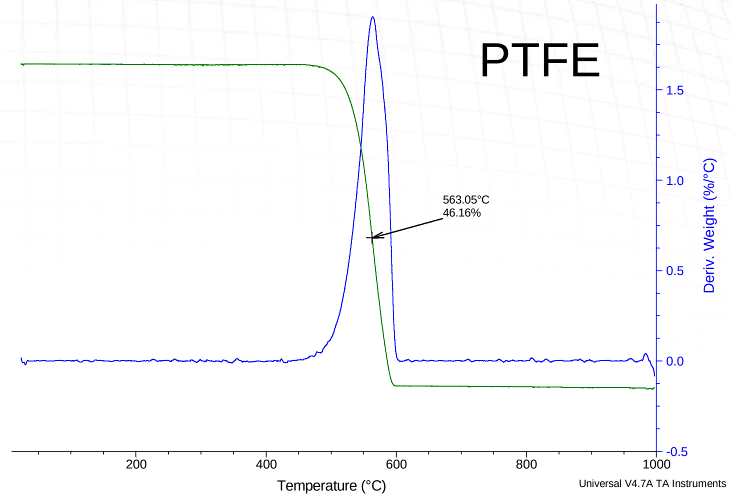


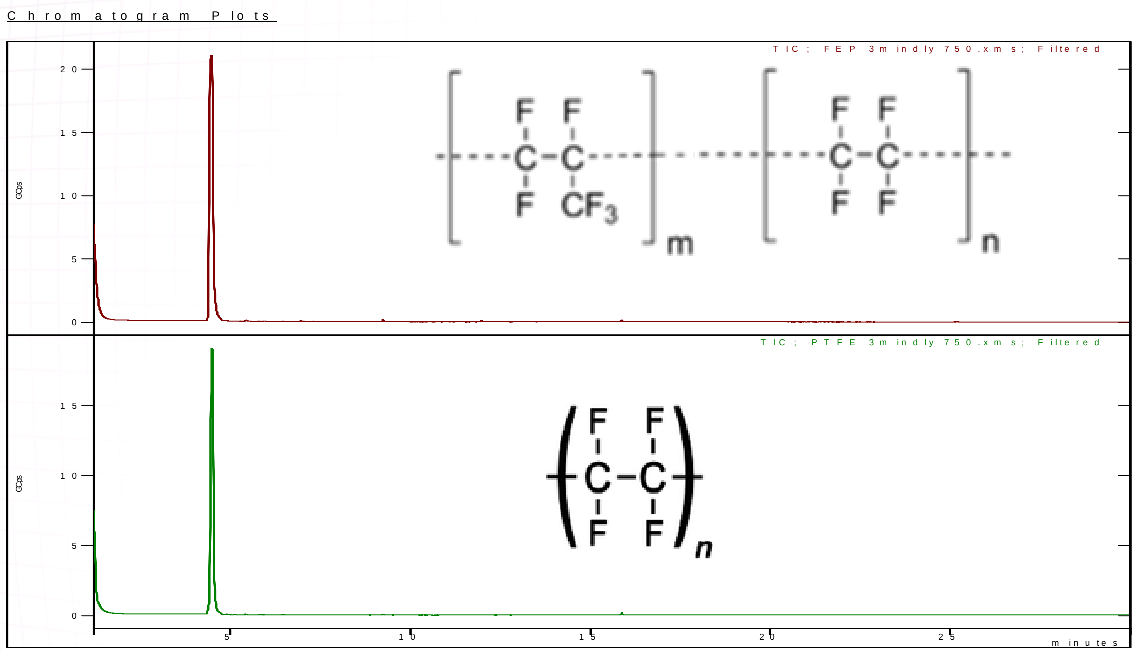


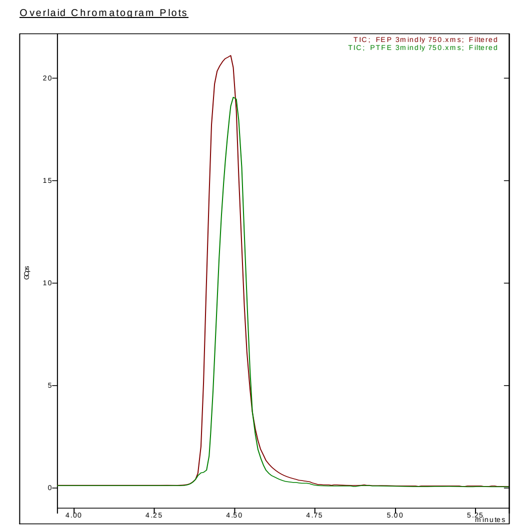


FEP Vs. PTFE Teflon



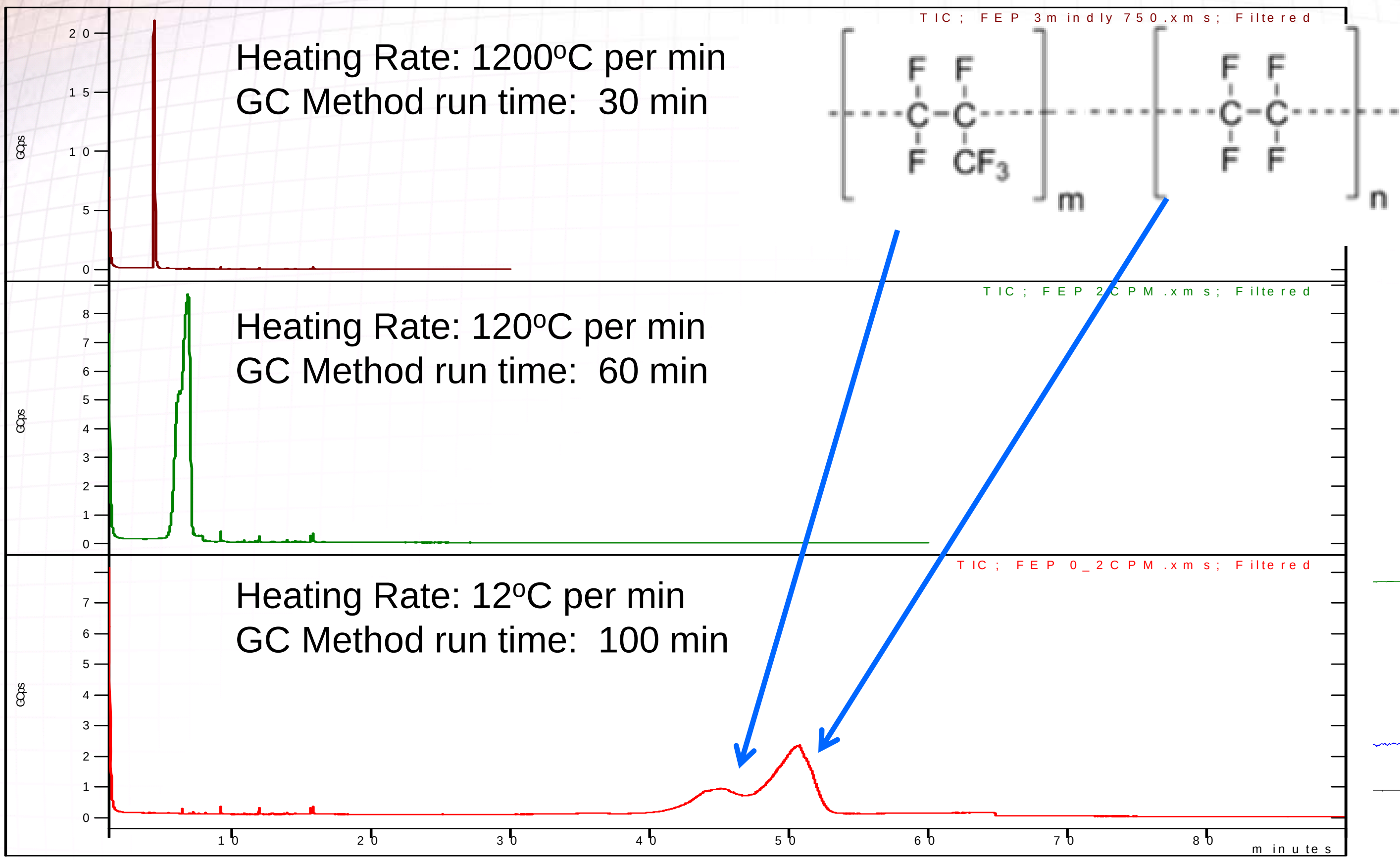




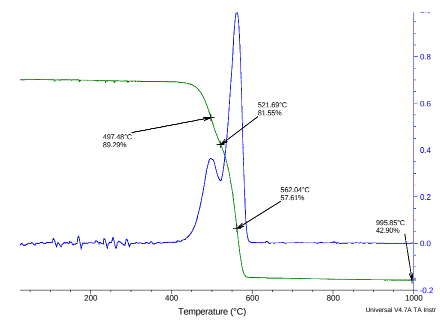


FEP Teflon Heated at Different Rates

Chromatogram Plots

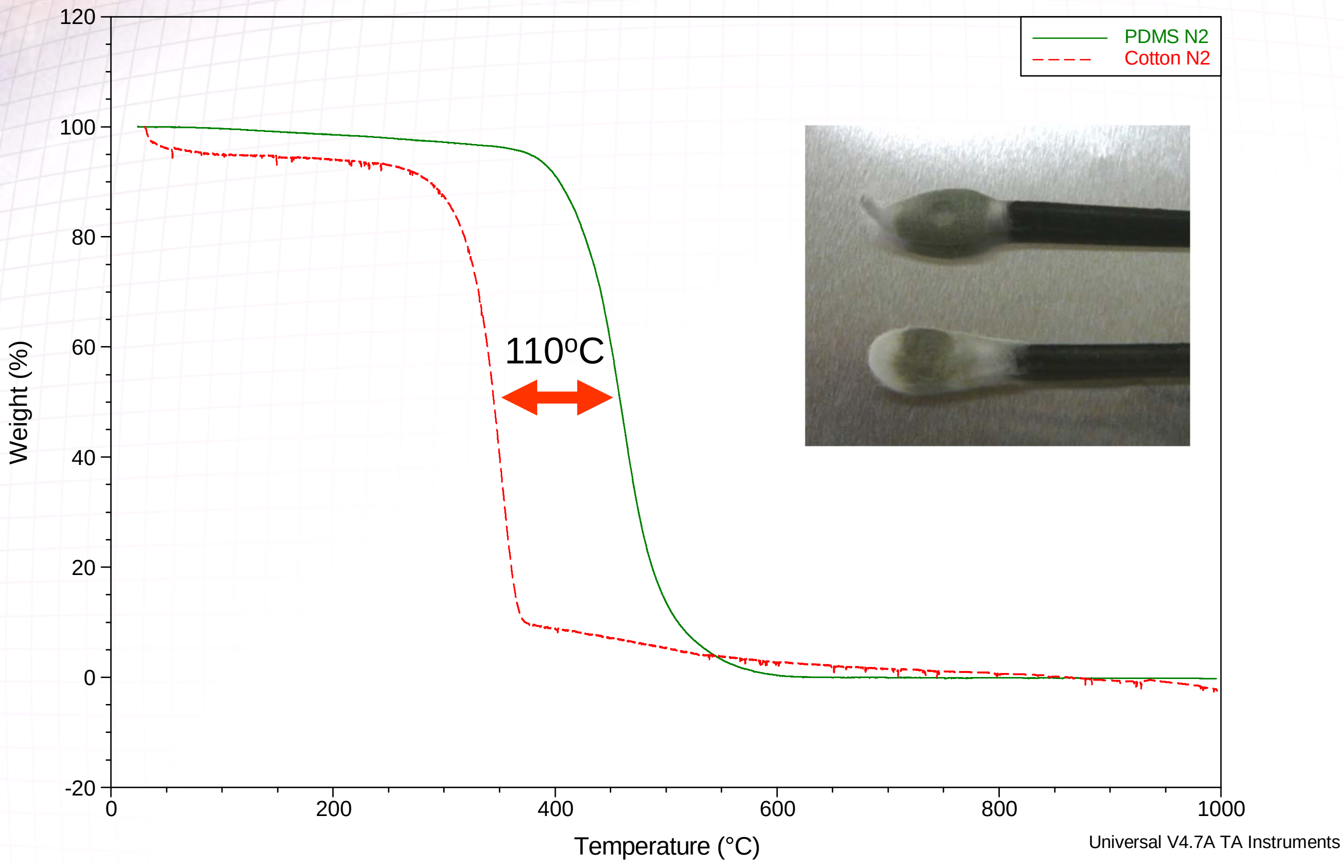


TGA



During pyrolysis, materials undergo thermal degradation via chemical pathways dictated by the thermal stability of the components. When pyrolysis is slowed to simulate TGA conditions, a thermal response pattern similar to what was observed with TGA first derivative plot.

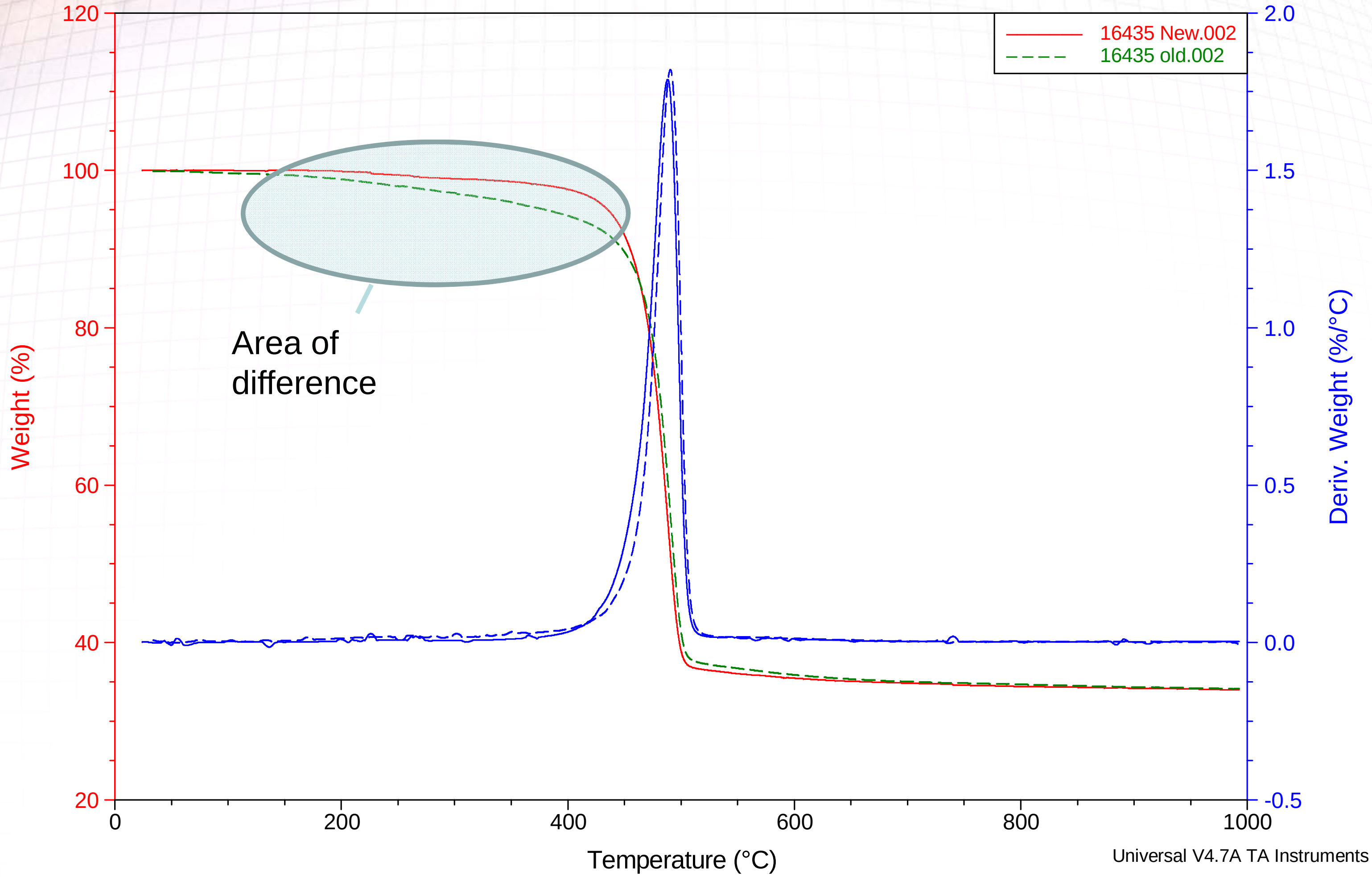
Cotton Vs. Silicone



The large difference in thermal stability between cotton and silicones can be used to easily characterize the silicone sample collected on a cotton swab.

The cotton may be completely decomposed by application of heat without adversely affecting the silicone.

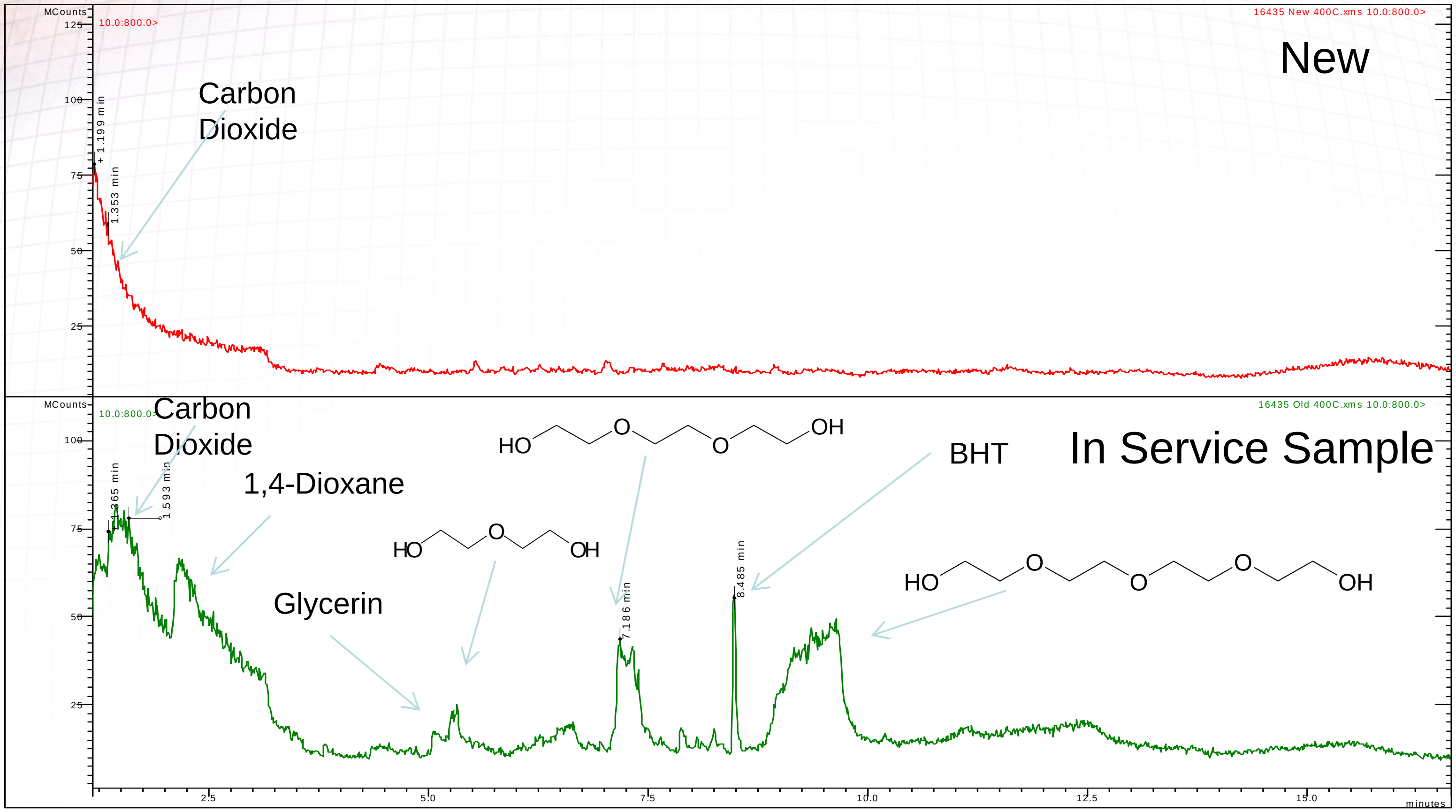
TGA Comparison of Gaskets



Under conditions of increasing temperature, the only difference between the two Viton Gaskets was found below 400ºC, where the old sample lost a larger percentage of its mass compared to the new sample.

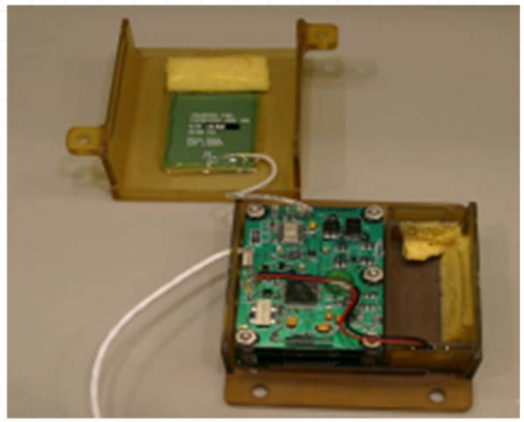
Thermal Extraction of Samples

Chromatogram Plots

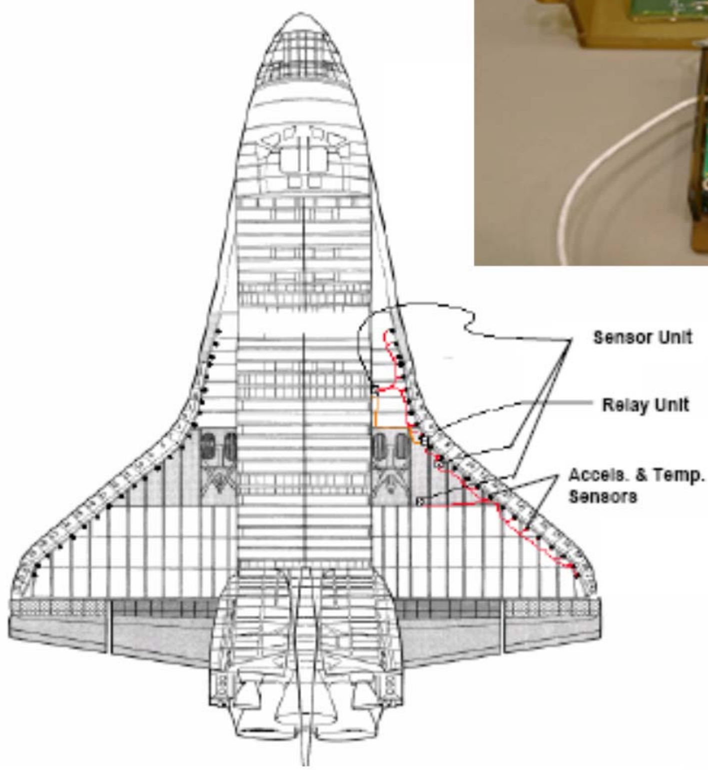


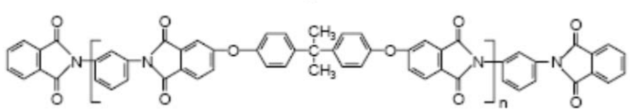
Thermal extraction of the two samples was performed to account for the difference observed in the TGA experiments at temperatures below 400ºC. Such an experiment indicated the Old sample contained various fragments that are attributed to polyethylene oxide. Other substances found included Glycerin and Butylated hydroxy toluene (BHT).

Pyrolysis-GC-MS of Ultem 1000

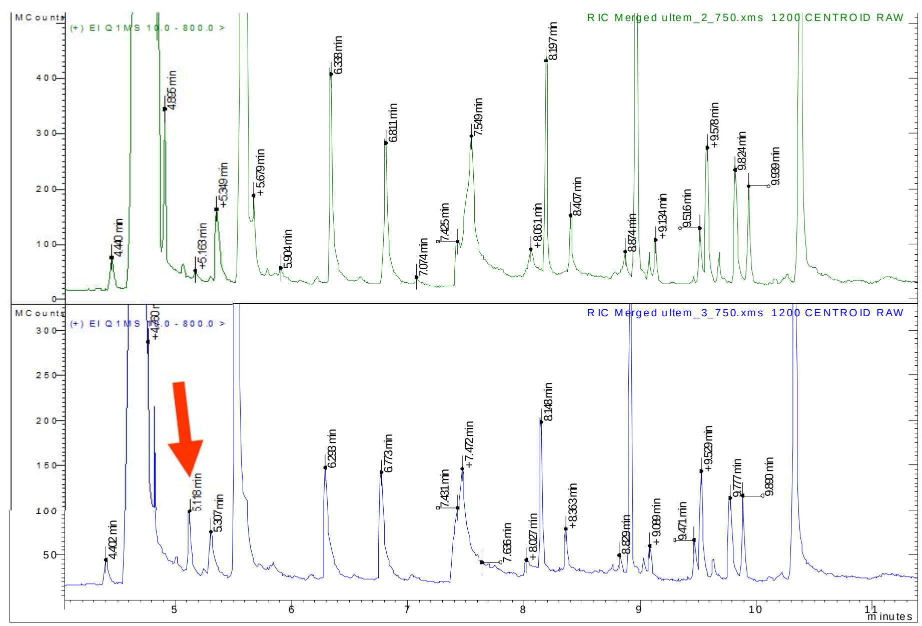


- Relay sensor boxes along the shuttle's wing leading edge were composed of Ultem 1000.
- One lot used to make these relay sensor boxes had failed
- Various manufacture lots of sensor boxes were analyzed by Py-GC-MS and an extra peak was noted in one of those lots. The extra peak was due to dichlorobenzene, a solvent used during manufacture of Ultem 1000.

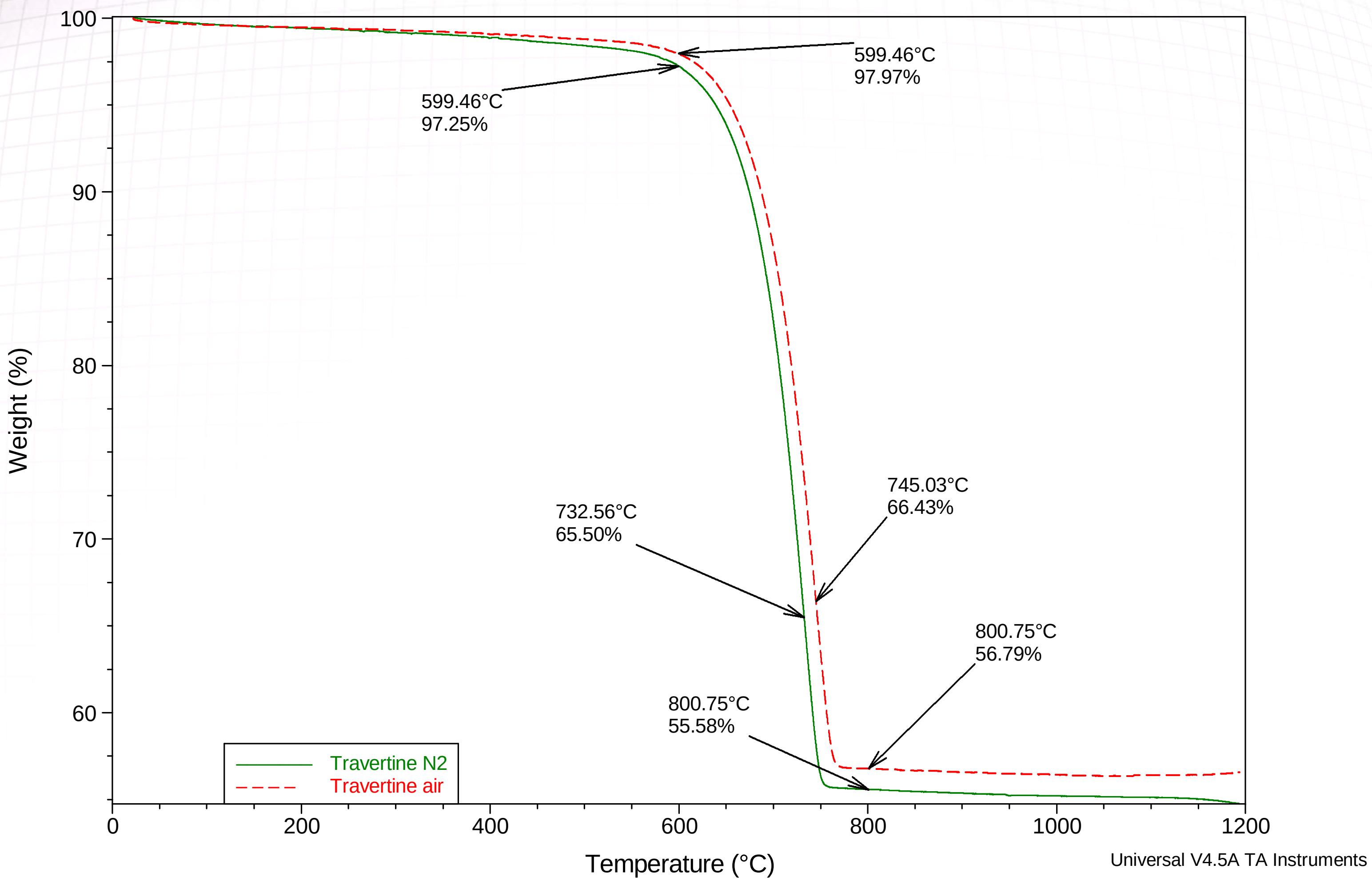




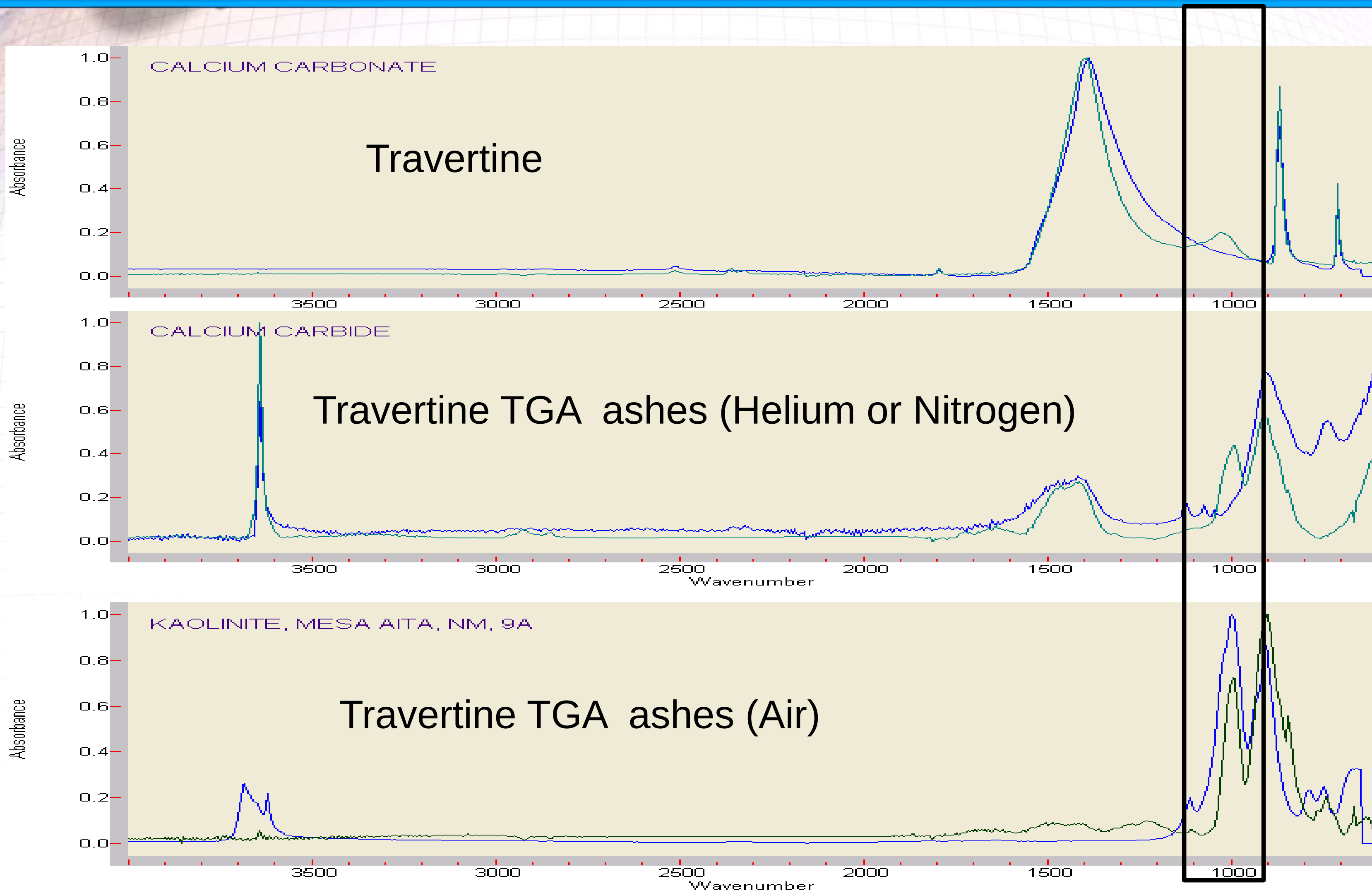
Ultem 1000®



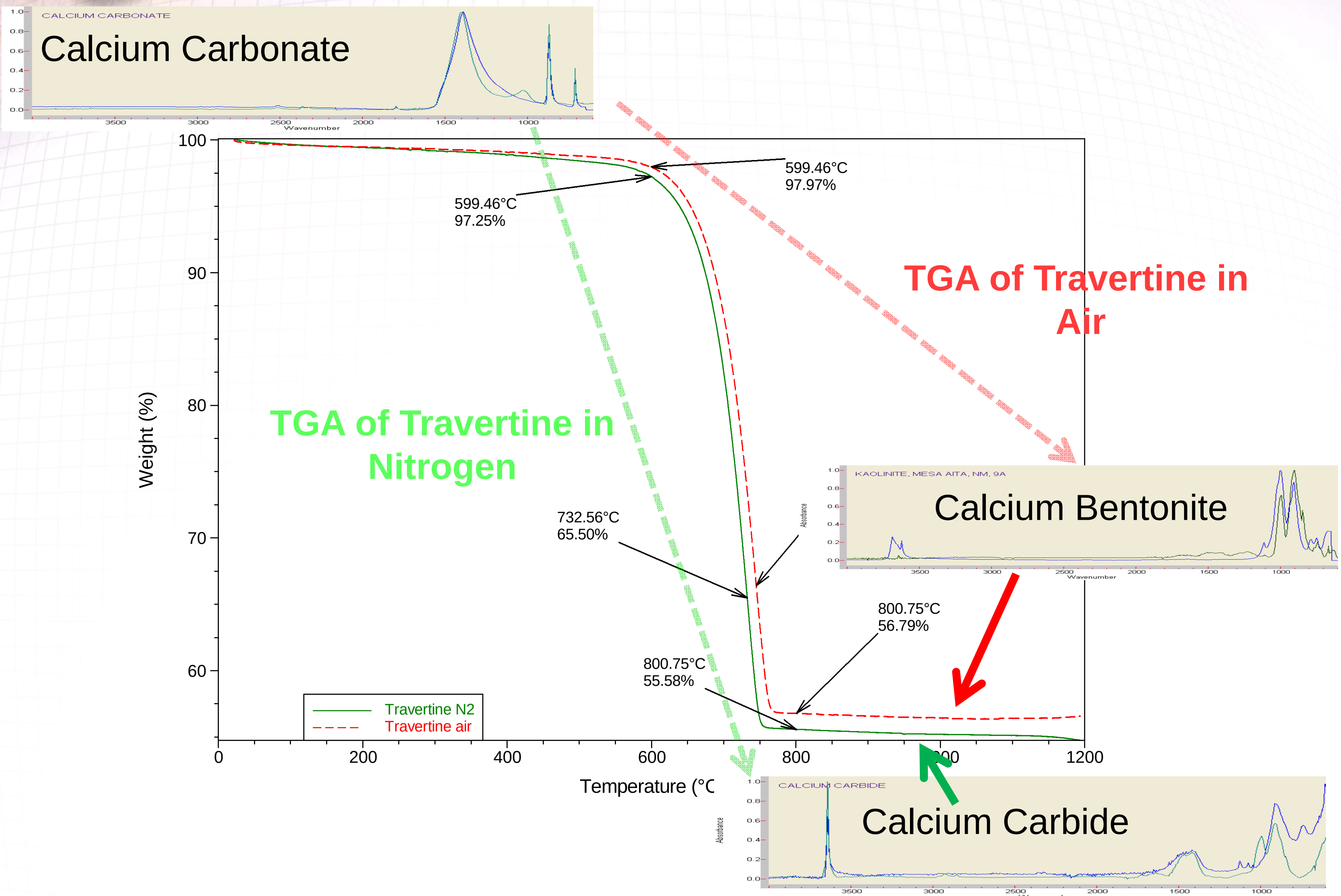
Thermal Response of Travertine in Different Atmospheres



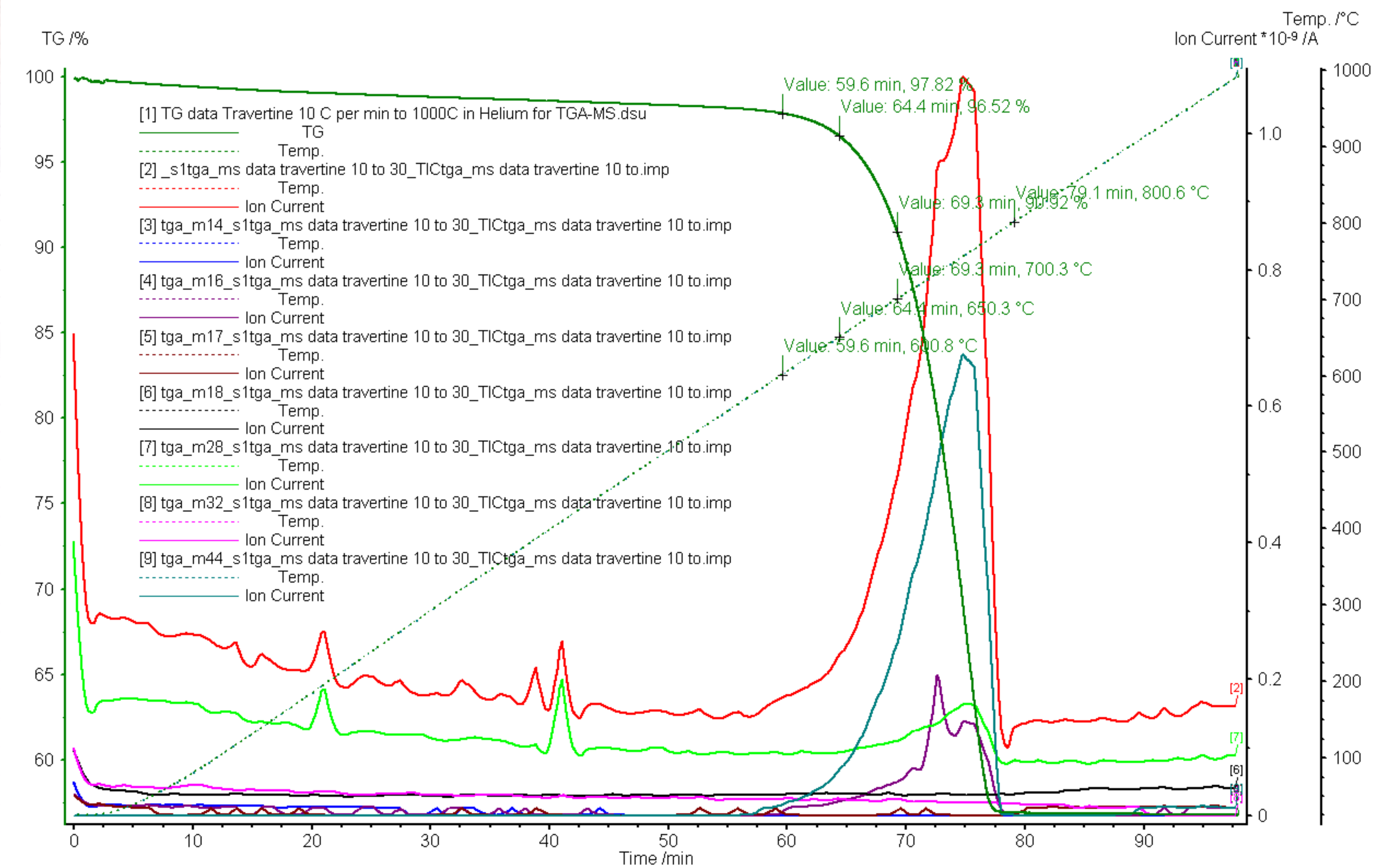
$CaCO_3$ ⟶ CaC_2 or Calcium Bentonite



The Role of Gaseous Atmosphere During Thermal Decomposition of Travertine

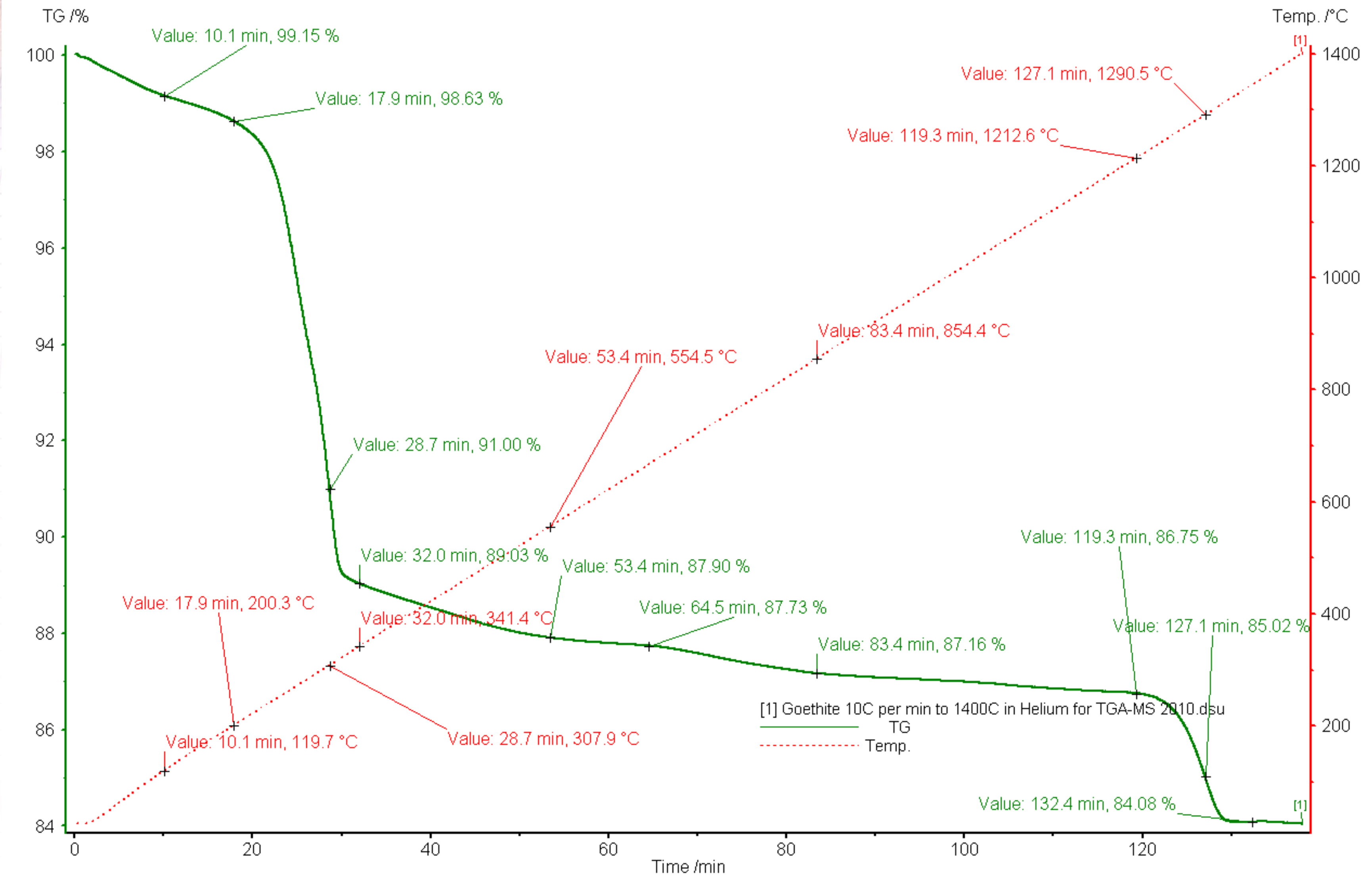


TGA-MS Analysis of Travertine

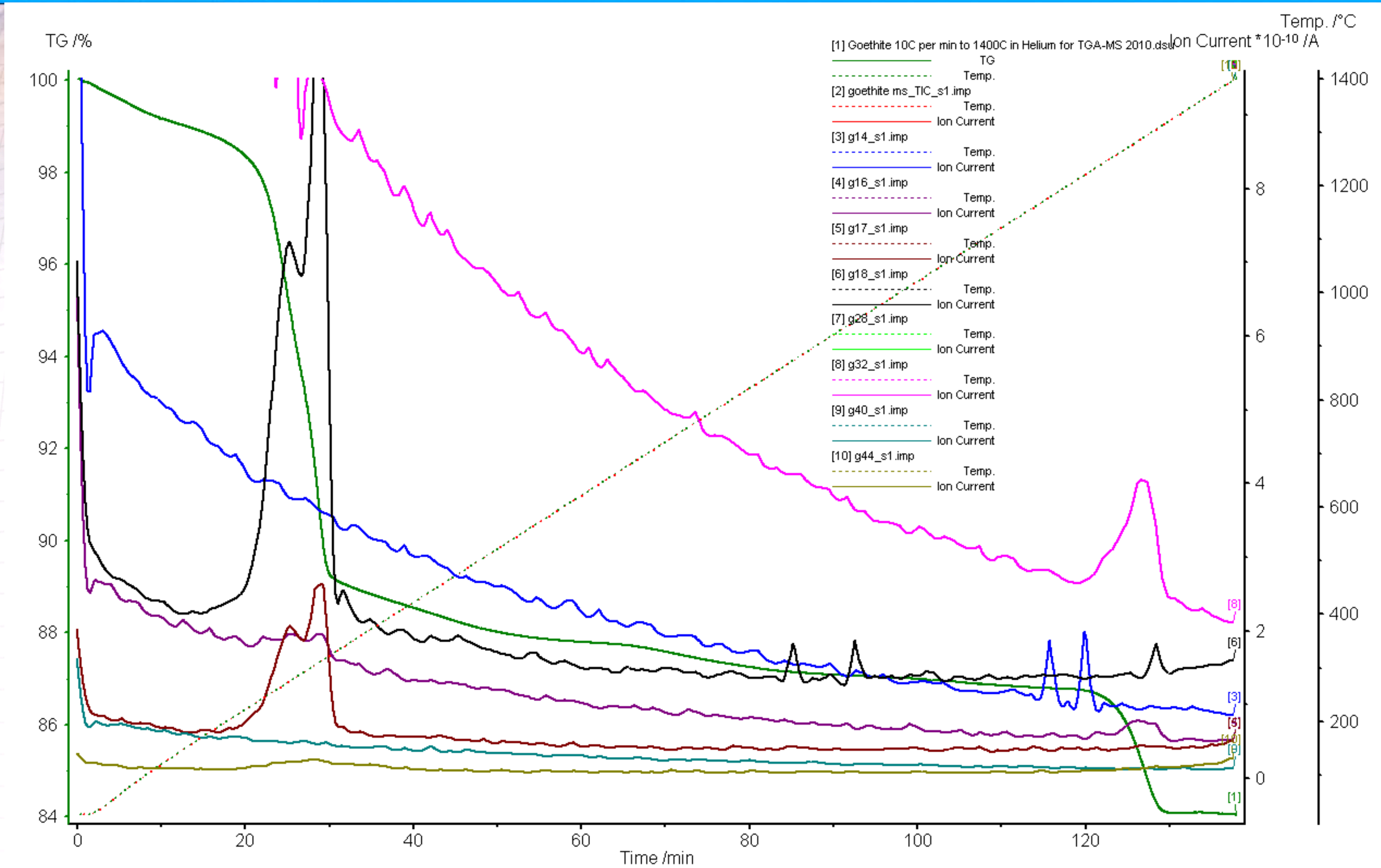


Substances being measured during mass loss near 700ºC include CO_2, CO, and O·

TGA Analysis of Geothite in Helium



Detected Mass Losses of Goethite



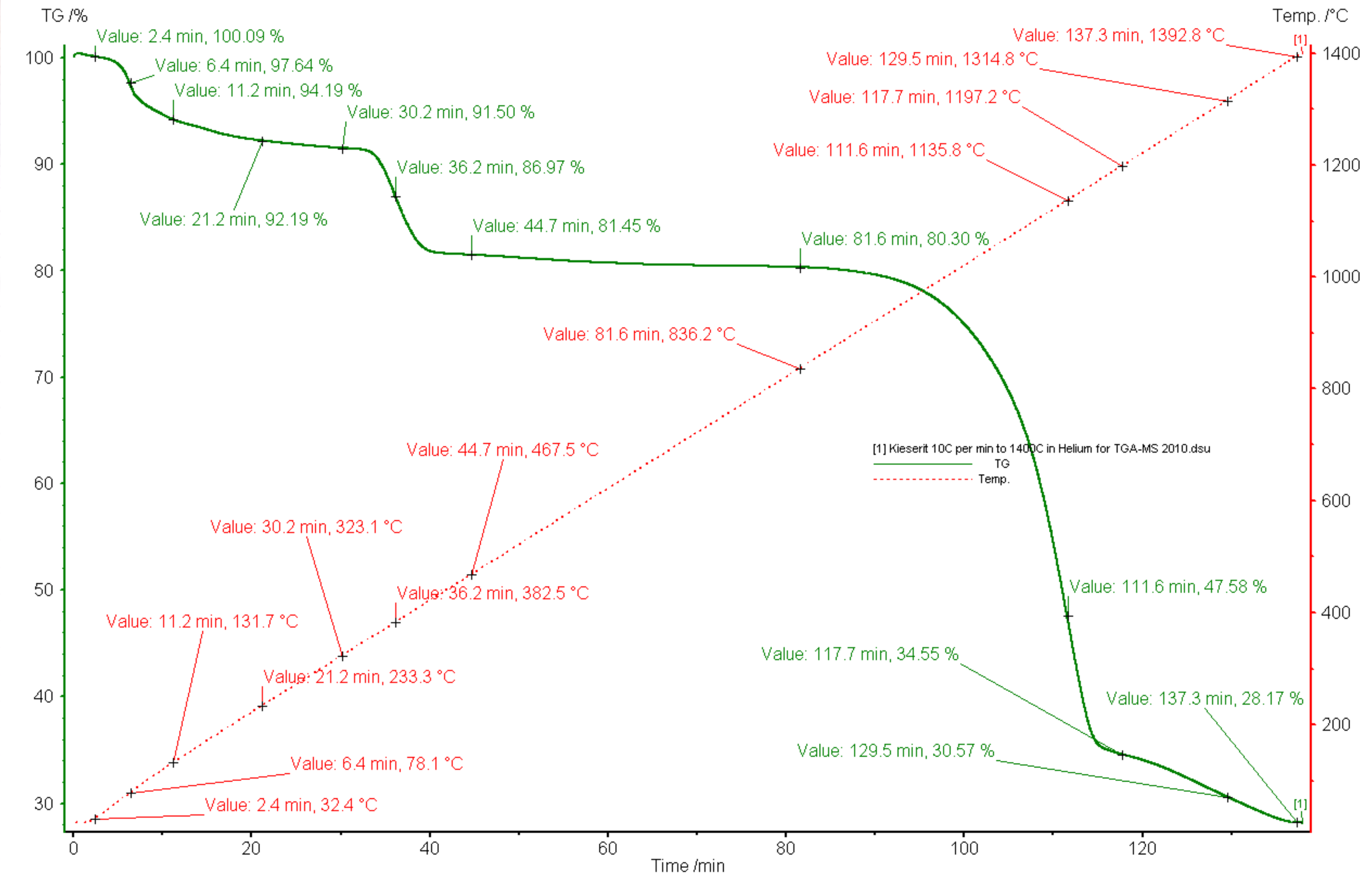
Goethite
α-FeO(OH)

At 120ºC, Mass losses include: *m/z* 14 (CH_2), 16 (O), 32 (O_2)

At 308ºC, Mass losses include: *m/z* 17 (OH), 18 (H_2O), 32 (O_2)

At 1290ºC, Mass losses include: *m/z* 16 (O), 18 (H_2O), 32 (O_2)

TGA Analysis of Kieserite



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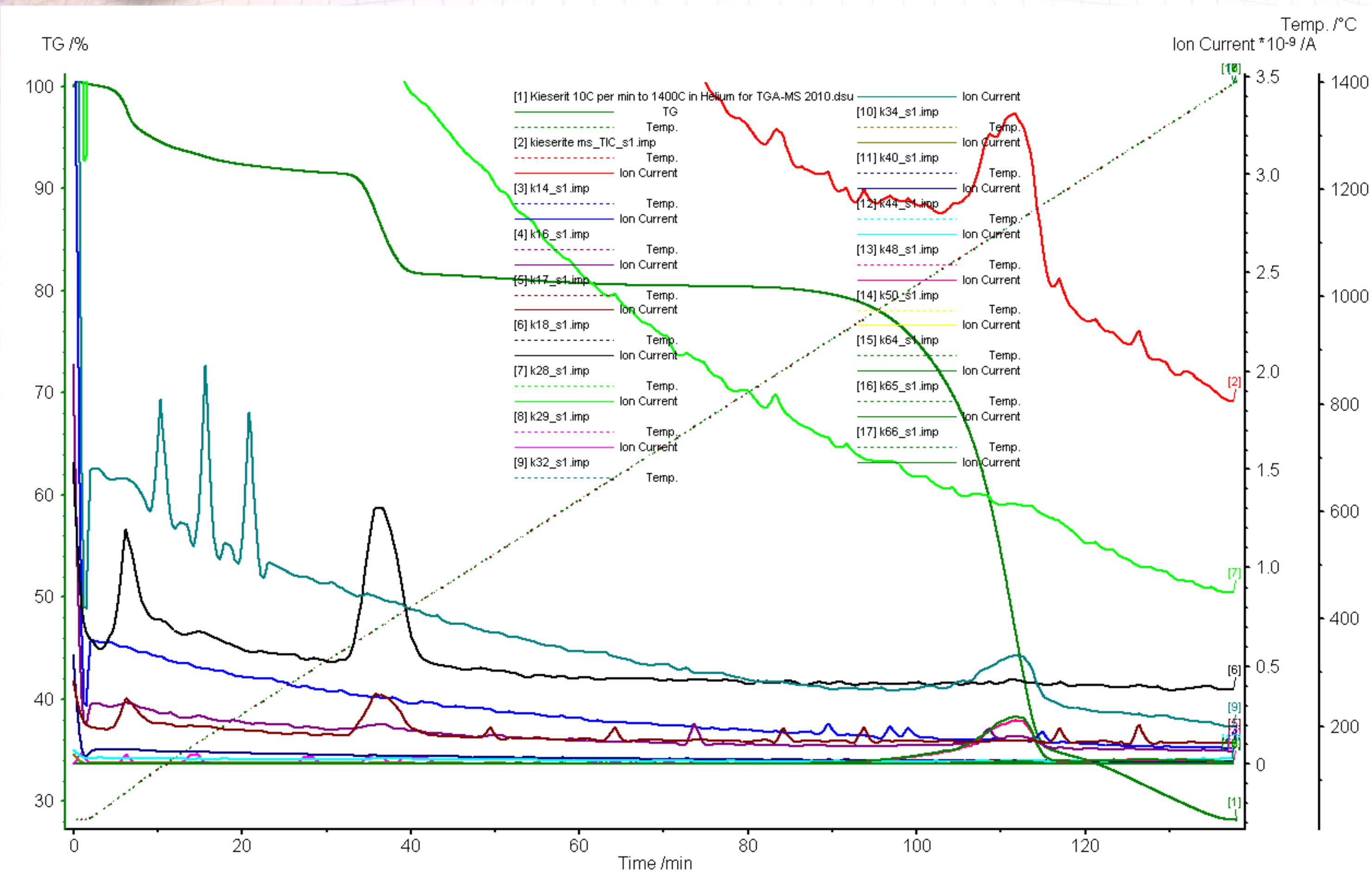


Kieserite

$MgSO_4 \cdot H_2O$

At 78ºC, Mass losses include: *m/z* 17 (OH), 18 (H_2O), 28 (CO)

At 382ºC, Mass losses include: *m/z* 16 (O), 17 (OH), 18 (H_2O), 28 (CO)

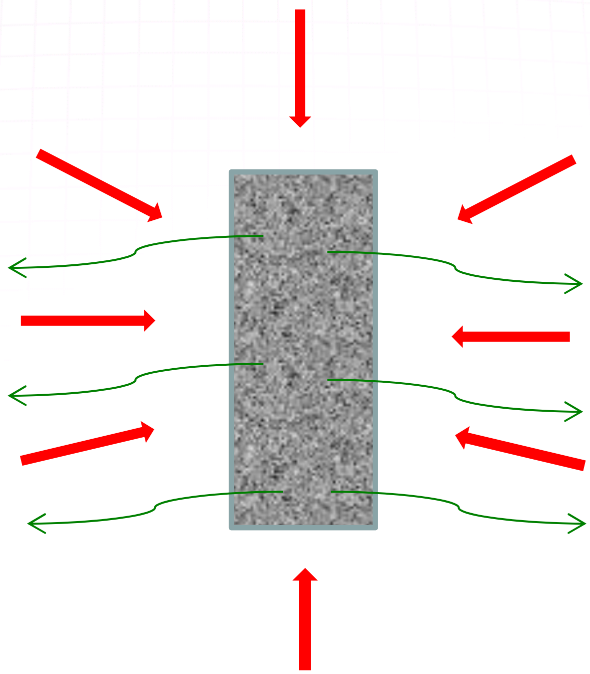
At 1136ºC, Mass losses include: *m/z* 16 (O), 28 (CO), 32 (O_2), 48 (SO), and 64 (SO_2)

At 1315ºC, Mass losses include: *m/z* 17 (OH), 48 (SO), and 64 (SO_2)

Applying Thermal Energy to Extract Chemical Information

Using Thermal Energy:

- **How much Thermal Energy do we add**
- **How fast do we add the Thermal Energy**
- **What atmosphere do we use**
- **How much sample do we use**



Chemical Information

- Trapped solvent
- Organic additives
- Labile Functional Groups
- Monomer identification
- Off-gassing information
- Inorganic additives

TGA **Pyrolysis-GC-MS** **TGA-MS-IR**