



USING THE O.R.E.O.S. TOOL FOR EXPLOSIVE HAZARD IDENTIFICATION

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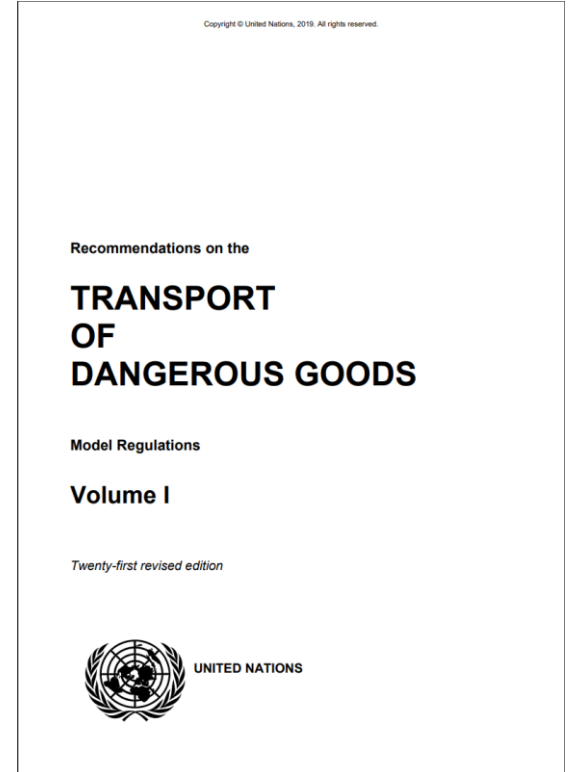
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DEFINITION OF EXPLOSIVE SUBSTANCE

“Explosive substance” is defined in 2.1.1.3 (a) of U.N. Model Regulations:

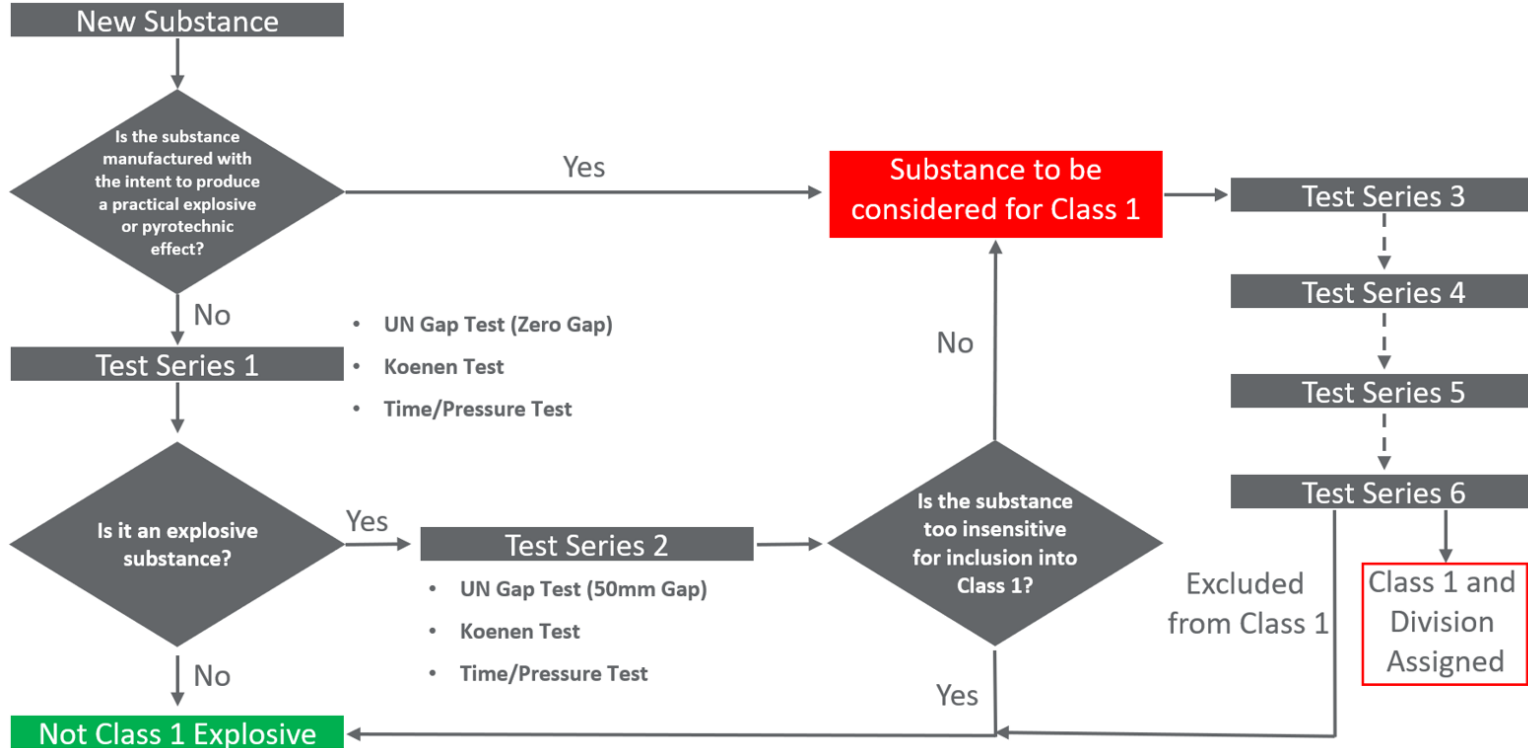
“Explosive substance is a solid or liquid substance (or a mixture of substances) which is in itself capable by chemical reaction of producing gas at such a temperature and pressure and at such a speed as to cause damage to the surroundings. Pyrotechnic substances are included even when they do not evolve gases”



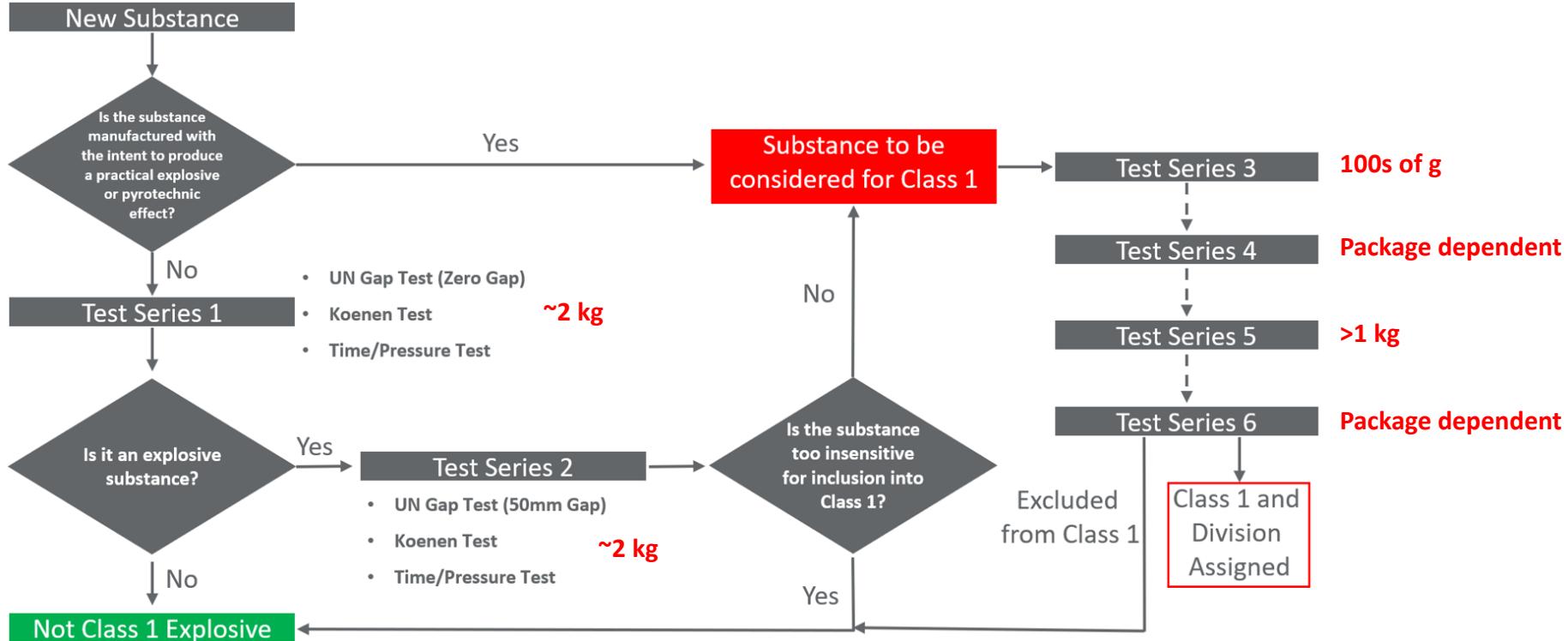
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CLASSIFYING EXPLOSIVE SUBSTANCES PER U.N. MODEL REGULATIONS (UNMR)

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DSC WORKFLOW AT VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS

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Identify HEFGs

High Energy Functional Groups (HEFG)

All Substances Containing:	
	Acetylenic; metal acetylides; haloacetylene derivatives; alkenes, etc.
	O-N. Oxetanes and acetaloxides
	Hydrazines; hydrazones, etc.
	O-O bonds, i.e. peroxides, peroxyacids and their salts, hydroperoxides, peroxyperoxides, etc.
	Alkyl perchlorates, ammonium perchlorates, chlorate salts, halogen oxides, hypohalites, perchlorate compounds, etc. including bromates and iodates.
	Metal nitrides, amides, hydrazides, oxides, cyanamides. Main concern is the pyrophoric nature of the pure solid material. Dilute solutions of metal amides and substituted amides (i.e. LDA, LHMDS) are generally acceptable depending on use and fate of excess quantities.
	X: C, O, N. Carbonyl compounds, epoxides, and aziridines X: C, N. 1,1,3-triazoles and pyridazines N: double or triple bonds, i.e. pyridines, enes, diazonium salts, azides, diazoes and other high nitrogen containing compounds like triazoles, tetrazoles, etc. Halogen oxides, N halogen compounds, N halamides, etc. R-O bonds, such as isocyanides, nitro, nitroso, hydrazones, nitrite, nitrate, fulminates, azides, azoates, etc. Non-catalytic use of haloaromatics, haloaromatical pi-complexes. Note: Only fragments of concern are halo-phenyl fragments containing trifluoromethyl moieties.

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	N-H double or triple bonds, i.e. pyridines, azo, diazonium salts, azides, diazo and other high nitrogen containing compounds like triazoles, tetrazoles, etc.
	Halogen oxides, N-halogen compounds, N-halamides, etc.
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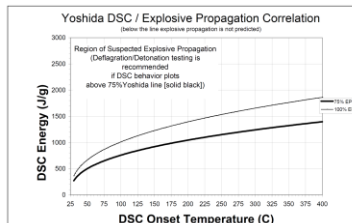
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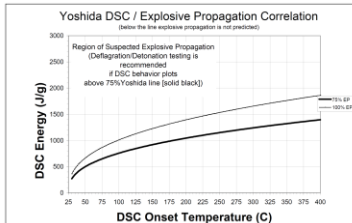
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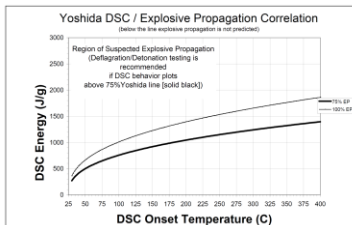
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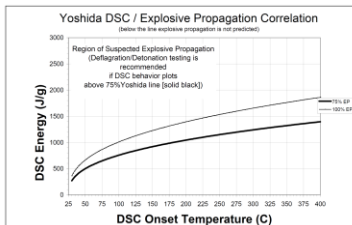
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EXPLOSIVITY SCREENING METHODOLOGIES

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- HEFG List
- Yoshida Correlation (Explosive Propagation)
- Oxygen Balance calculation
- “Rule of Six”
- Explosive Functional Group (ExFG) list

HEFG LIST






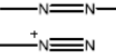

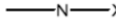

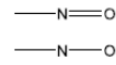

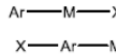
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THE YOSHIDA CORRELATIONS

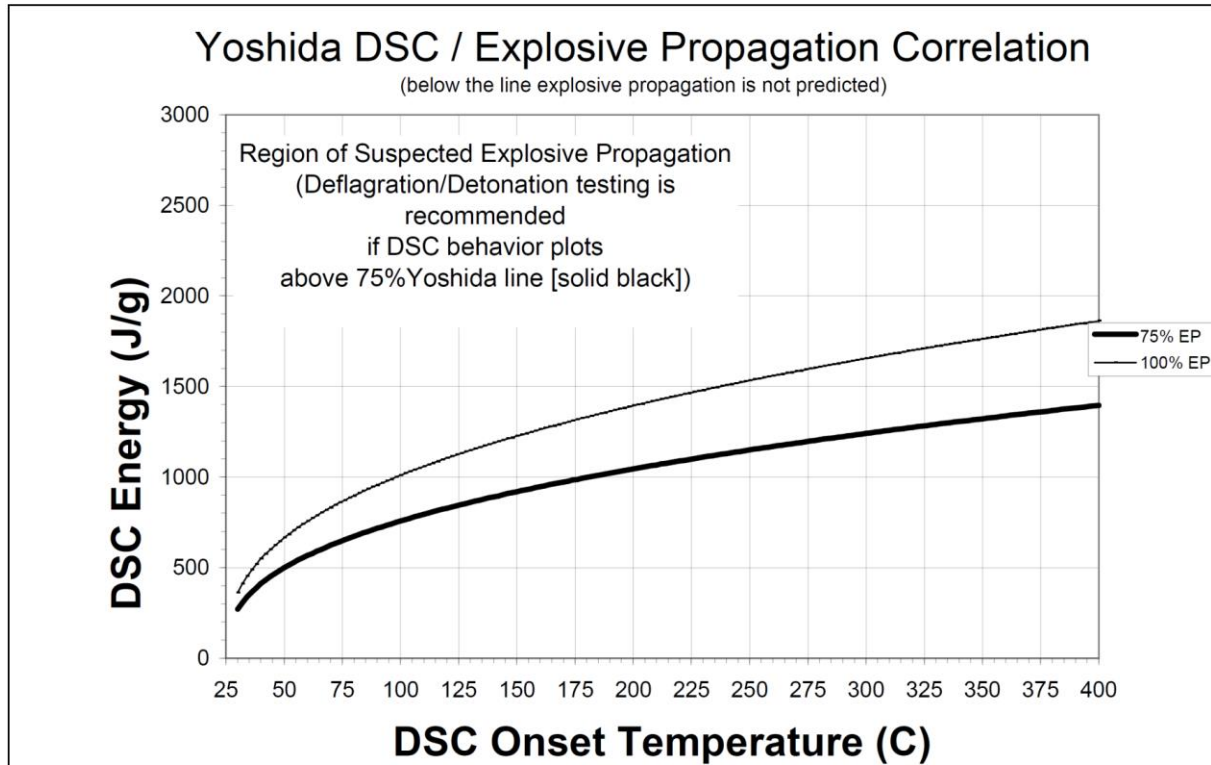
YOSHIDA CORRELATION FOR EXPLOSIVE PROPAGATION

- Mathematical equation used to predict explosive properties as a function of DSC onset temperature and the energy associated with any exothermic decompositions

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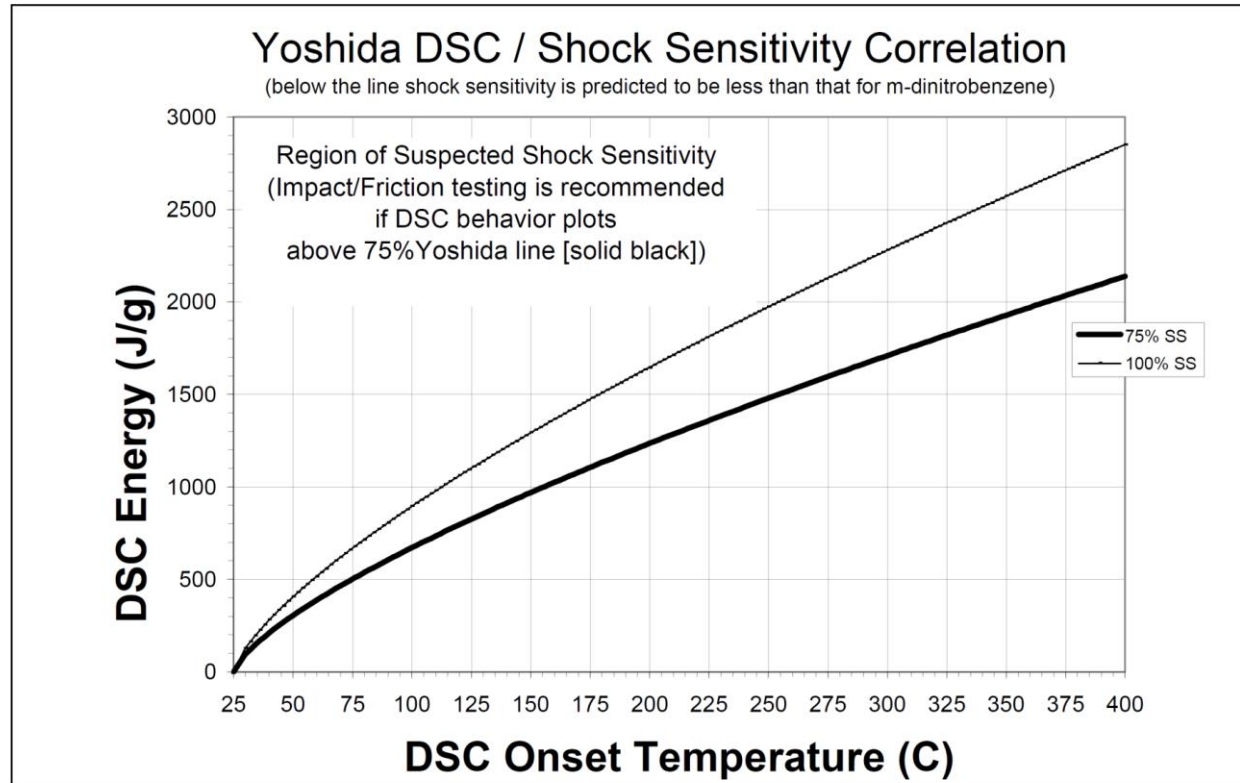
YOSHIDA CORRELATION FOR SHOCK SENSITIVITY

- Mathematical equation used to predict explosive properties as a function of DSC onset temperature and the energy associated with any exothermic decompositions

$$EP = \log(Q_{DSC}) - 0.72[\log(T_{DSC} - 25)] - 0.98$$

Q_{DSC} is the energy of the exotherm in cal/g, and T_{DSC} is the onset temperature of the exotherm in °C

YOSHIDA CORRELATION FOR SHOCK SENSITIVITY



EXPLOSIVE FUNCTIONAL GROUPS

EXFG LIST

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Structural Feature	Examples
C – C Unsaturation	Acetylene, acetylides, 1,2-dienes (allenes)
C-Metal, N-Metal	Grignard reagents, organo-lithium species
Contiguous nitrogen atoms	Azides, aliphatic azo compounds, diazonium salts, hydrazines, sulfonyl hydrazides
Contiguous oxygen atoms	Peroxides, ozonides
N-O	Nitro, nitroso, nitrates, hydroxylamines, N-oxides, 1,2-oxazoles
N-halogen, O-halogen	Chloramines, fluoroamines, chlorates, perchlorates, iodosyl compounds

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- Introduced by Peer in 1998
- Originally applied to azides but has since been applied to other materials containing explosive functional groups
- The “Rule of Six” states: **If a substance presents at least six atoms of carbon (or other atoms of approximately the same size) per energetic functionality (ExFG), this should render the molecule relatively safe to handle**

Peer, M. *Spec. Chem.* **1998**, 18, 256 - 263.

IDENTIFYING CHEMICAL HAZARDS – RULE OF SIX

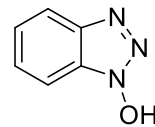
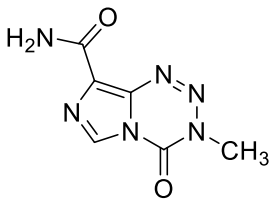
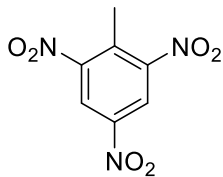
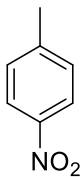
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Rule of Six:

Pass

Fail

Pass

Explosive?

No

Yes

Yes

Yes

Safe to Handle?

Yes

No

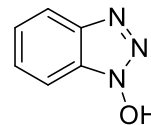
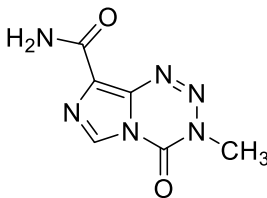
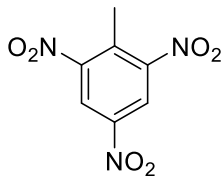
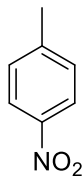
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Depends

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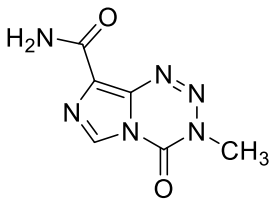
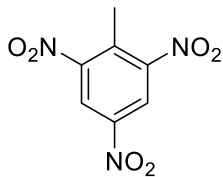
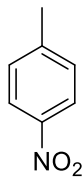
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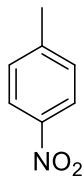
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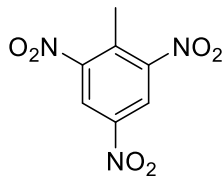
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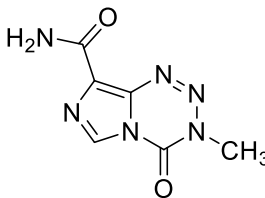
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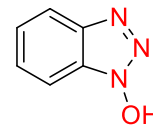
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Yes

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Depends 1 ExFG = **Pass**; 2 ExFG = **Fail**

Yes

No

OXYGEN BALANCE

OXYGEN BALANCE CALCULATION

Oxygen Balance: For an organic compound with a molecular formula of $C_xH_yO_z$ and molecular weight (MW), the OB can be obtained by the following equation:

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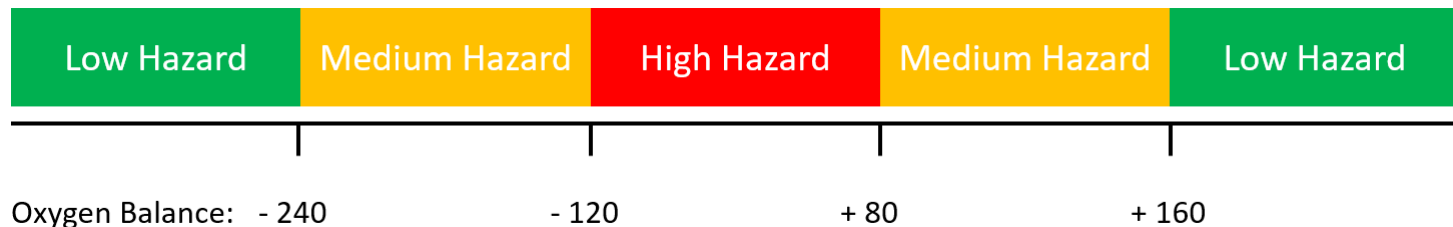
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OXYGEN BALANCE CALCULATION

Compound	Oxygen Balance	Oxygen Balance Hazard Rank	Observed Hazard Rank
Hydrogen Peroxide	47	High	Medium-High
Water	0	High	None
Oxalic Acid	-18	High	None
Hydrazoic acid	-19	High	High
Acetyl peroxide	-95	High	High
Diazomethane	-114	High	High
t-Butyl Peroxide	-252	Low	High
Ethylene	-286	Low	Medium
Acetylene	-308	Low	High

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Identify
HEFGs

Perform DSC
Testing

Apply Yoshida
Correlations

Explosive?

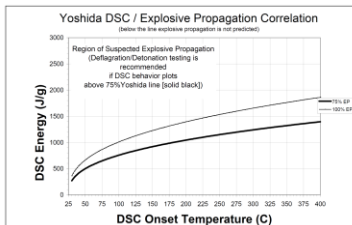
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Sensitive?

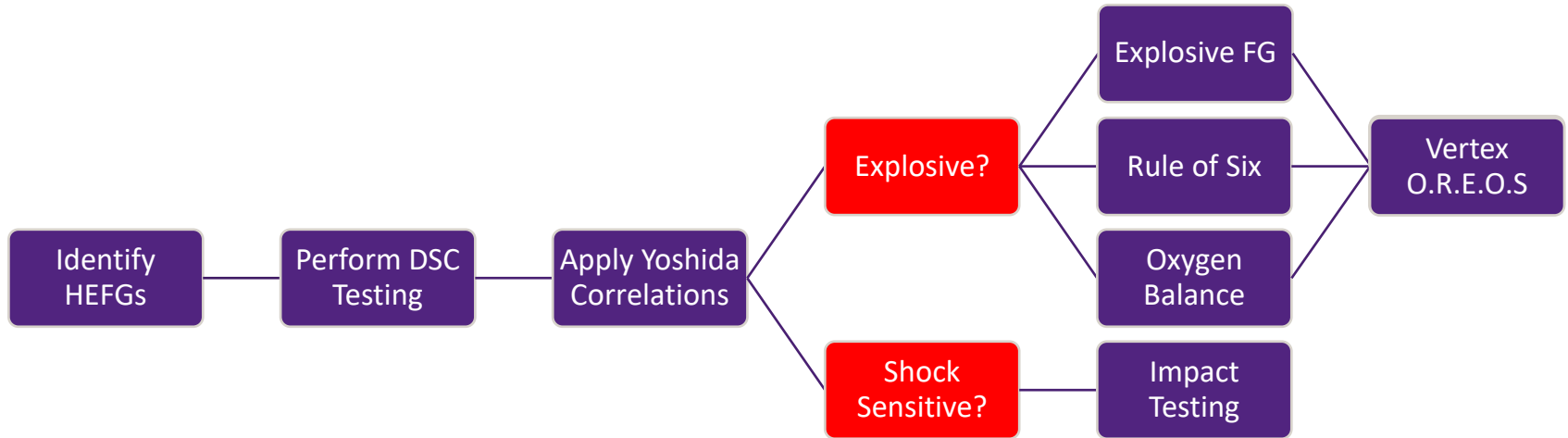
Impact
Testing

High Energy Functional Groups (HEFG)

All Substances Containing:	
	Acetylenic, metal acetylides, haloacetylene derivatives, alkenes, etc.
	X: O.N. Oxetanes and acetylides
	Hydrazines, hydrazones, etc.
	O-O bonds, i.e. peroxides, peroxyacids and their salts, hydroperoxides, peroxyureas, etc.
	Alkyl perchlorates, ammonium perchlorates, alkyl nitrates, halogen oxides, hypohalites, perchloric compounds, etc. including bromates and iodates.
	Metal nitrides, amides, hydrazides, oxides, cyanamides. Main concern is the pyrophoric nature of the pure solid material. Dilute solutions of metal amides and substituted amides (i.e. LDA, LHMDS) are generally acceptable depending on use and fate of excess quantities.
	X: C.O.N. Cyclopropanes, epoxides, and aziridines
	X: C.N. 1,3,5-triazines and pyrimidines
	N-N double or triple bonds, i.e. pyrazines, azo, diazonium salts, azides, diazo and other high nitrogen containing compounds like triazoles, triazines, tetrazoles, etc.
	Halogen oxides, N-halogen compounds, N-halosulfonamides, etc.
	N-O bonds, such as isocyanides, nitro, nitroso, hydroxylamines, nitrite, nitrate, fulminates, azides, azoimides, etc.
	Non-catalytic use of haloarenes/metals, haloarene-metal pi-complexes.
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OUR WORKFLOW



THE VERTEX O.R.E.O.S. TOOL

O.R.E.O.S. TOOL

- Combine oxygen balance calculation, the “Rule of 6” and the explosive functional group list together and combined with a material’s onset temperature of decomposition and the proposed scale
- O.R.E.O.S. is effective at combining the five variables into a single hazard category
- This tool aims to identify materials early in Discovery that could pose additional risk (rapid pressure events), before any large-scale chemistry is planned
- This tool is also fully customizable for any organization to align with the internal Environmental Health and Safety and/or Laboratory Safety guidance for handling energetic materials since both the “Onset Temperature” and “Scale” variables can be modified
- Only requires a 3-5mg sample for DSC analysis

O.R.E.O.S. TOOL

	Points			
	1	2	4	8
Oxygen Balance Hazard		Low	Med	High
Rule of 6 calculation		Pass		Fail
Explosive Functional Group?	No			Yes
Onset temperature	>300	200-300	125-200	<125
Scale	1mg to 5g	5g to 100g	101g to 500g	>500g
O.R.E.O.S. Total:				
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APPLYING O.R.E.O.S. TOOL

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Low Hazard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proceed using internal guidance on handling energetic compounds.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ARC testing <i>recommended</i>. <p style="text-align: center;">-or-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quantitative small-scale explosivity screening is <i>recommended</i>

Quantitative small-scale explosivity screening: mini-autoclave or ARC with high-speed pressure transducer

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Medium Hazard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proceed using internal guidance on handling energetic compounds.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ARC testing is <i>required</i>.
	<p><i>-or-</i></p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Select Test Series 1 is <i>recommended</i> based on ARC testing, likely failure modes and available material (Koenen Test, Time/Pressure Test, and/or U.N. Gap)

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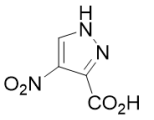
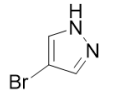

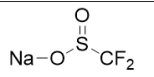
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High Hazard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider alternative methods.
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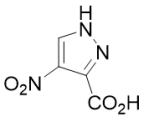
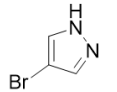
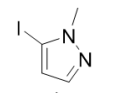
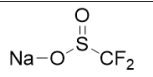
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2	 4-bromopyrazole	High (8)	Fail (8)	Yes (8)	>300 (1)	Medium Hazard	Medium Hazard	High Hazard	High Hazard
3	 5-iodo-1-methylpyrazole	High (8)	Fail (8)	Yes (8)	200-300 (2)	Medium Hazard	High Hazard	High Hazard	High Hazard
4	 sodium difluoromethanesulfinate	High (8)	Pass (2)	No (1)	125-200 (4)	Low Hazard	Low Hazard	Medium Hazard	Medium Hazard

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Allows for prioritization of testing

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Incorporate into eLN!

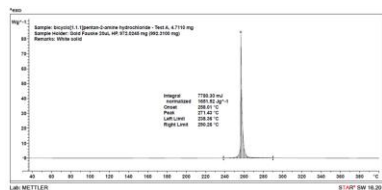


T(onset) Threshold (°C)	105.1
Max Energy (J/g)	-1257
Thermal Risk	Very High (>1000 J/g)
Potentially Shock Sensitive	Yes
Potentially Explosive	Yes

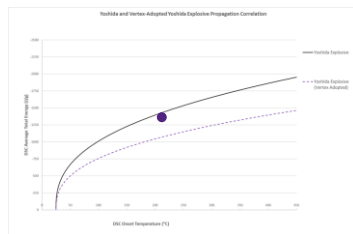
Chemical	OB	Rule of 6	ExFG	Onset (°C)	Scale			
					<5g	5g to 100g	>100g to 500g	>500g
Azobisisobutyronitrile (AIBN)	Med (4)	Pass (2)	Yes (8)	<125 (8)	Medium Hazard	Medium Hazard	Medium Hazard	High Hazard

CONCLUSIONS

- U.N. methods for classification of explosives are complex and material intensive
- Screening methods are convenient, but path forward is unclear when potential risk identified
- Vertex has developed a tool that combines the oxygen balance calculation, “rule of six”, the ExFG list, the onset of decomposition by DSC, and the proposed scale into the O.R.E.O.S. assessment
- O.R.E.O.S. tool provides consistency when evaluating compounds that may possess explosive properties and provides recommendations for process safety testing
- O.R.E.O.S. is fully customizable to meet companies' internal guidance for handling energetic compounds



DSC data



Yoshida Correlation



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