



**BESTMANN-OHIRA REAGENT
CASE STUDY: ENSURING
STORAGE AND
TRANSPORTATION SAFETY FOR
DIAZO CONTAINING MATERIALS**

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QUICK FACTS



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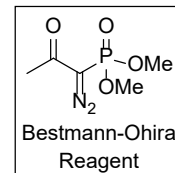
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Employees worldwide
(~3,800 in the U.S.)



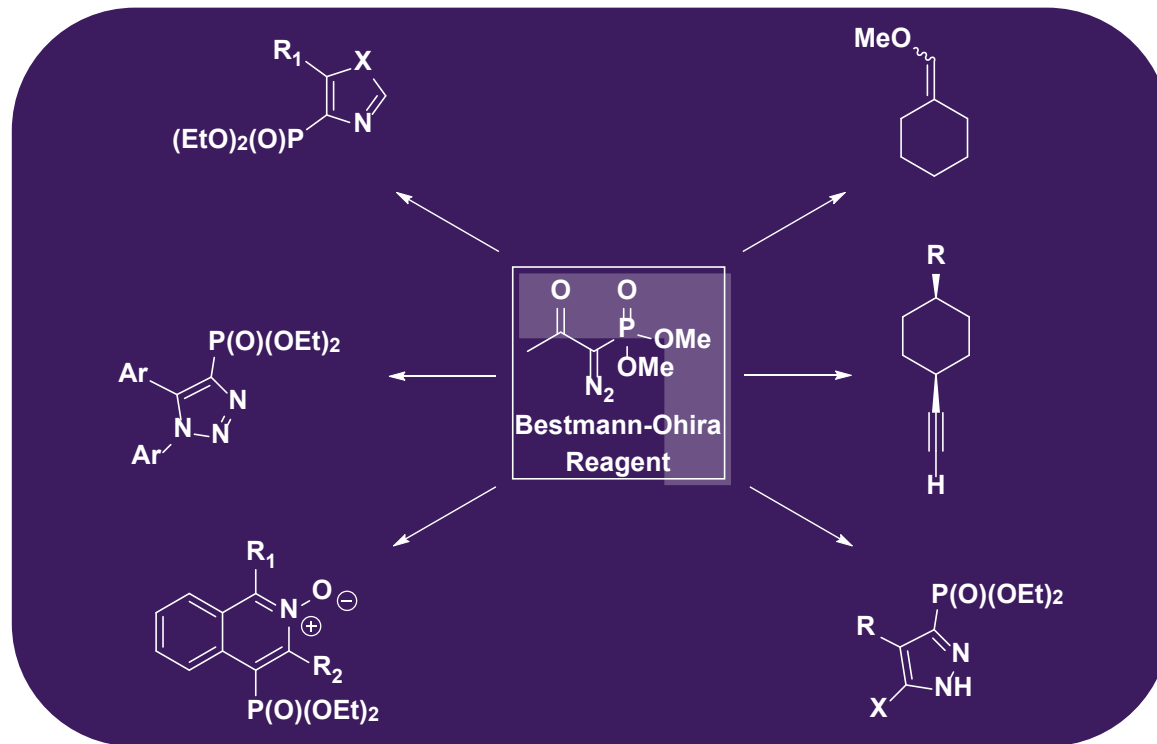
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Market Cap 2022
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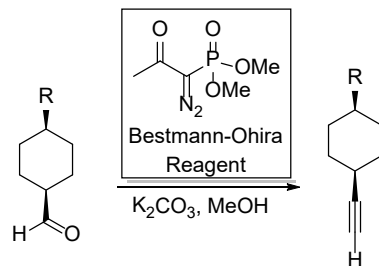
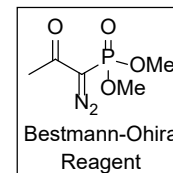




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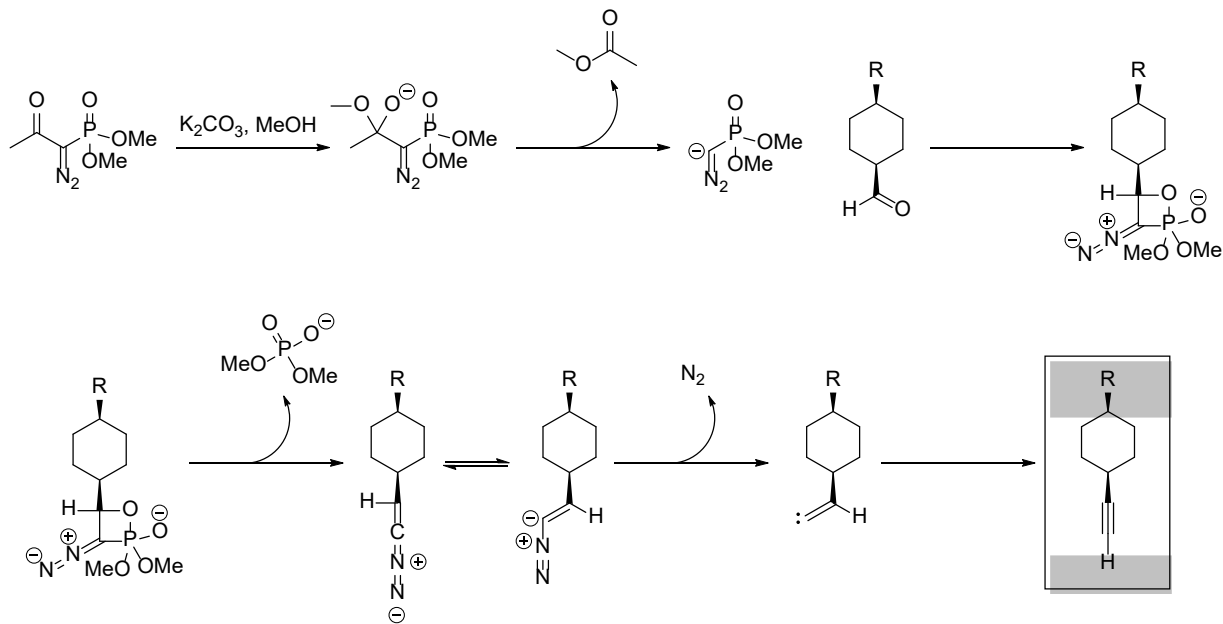
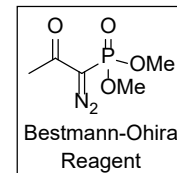
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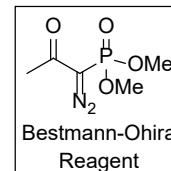
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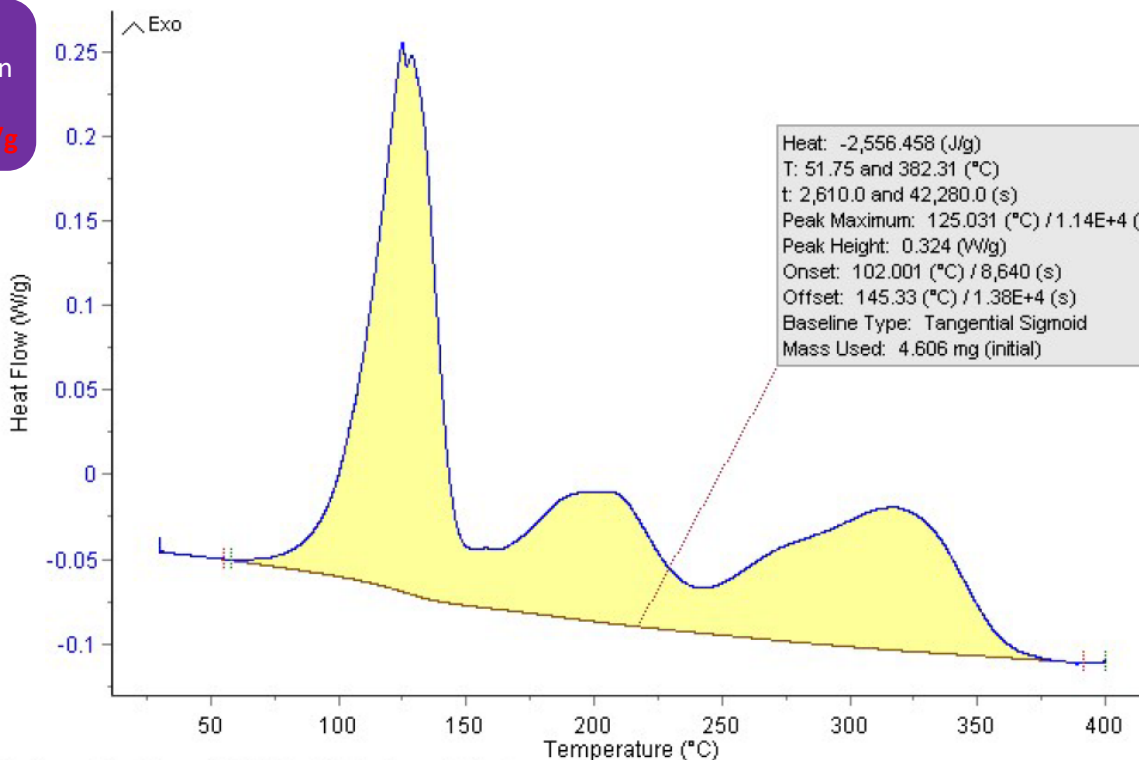


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BESTMANN-OHIRA REAGENT – DSC

DSC in air
 Heating Rate = 0.5 °C/min
 Left Limit = 51 °C
 Heat Released = **-2,556 J/g**



Bestmann-Ohira Reagent (DSCs in air) / Bestmann-Ohira Reagent DSC 0.5cpm

YOSHIDA CORRELATIONS

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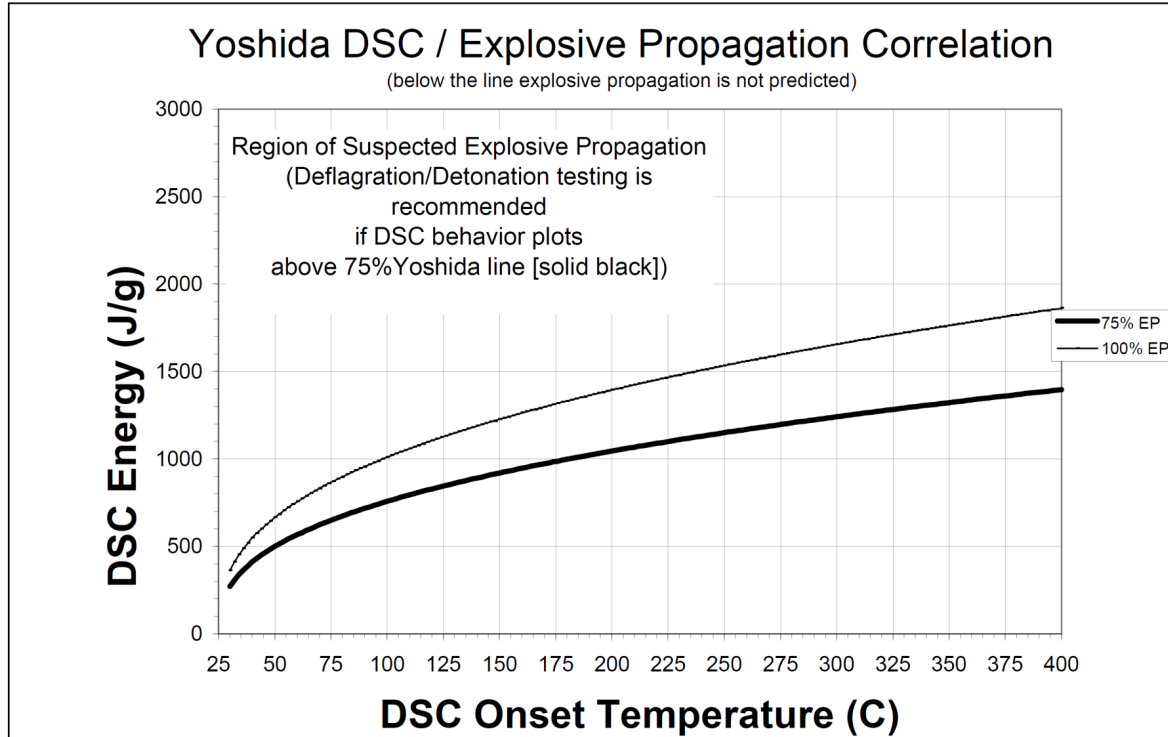
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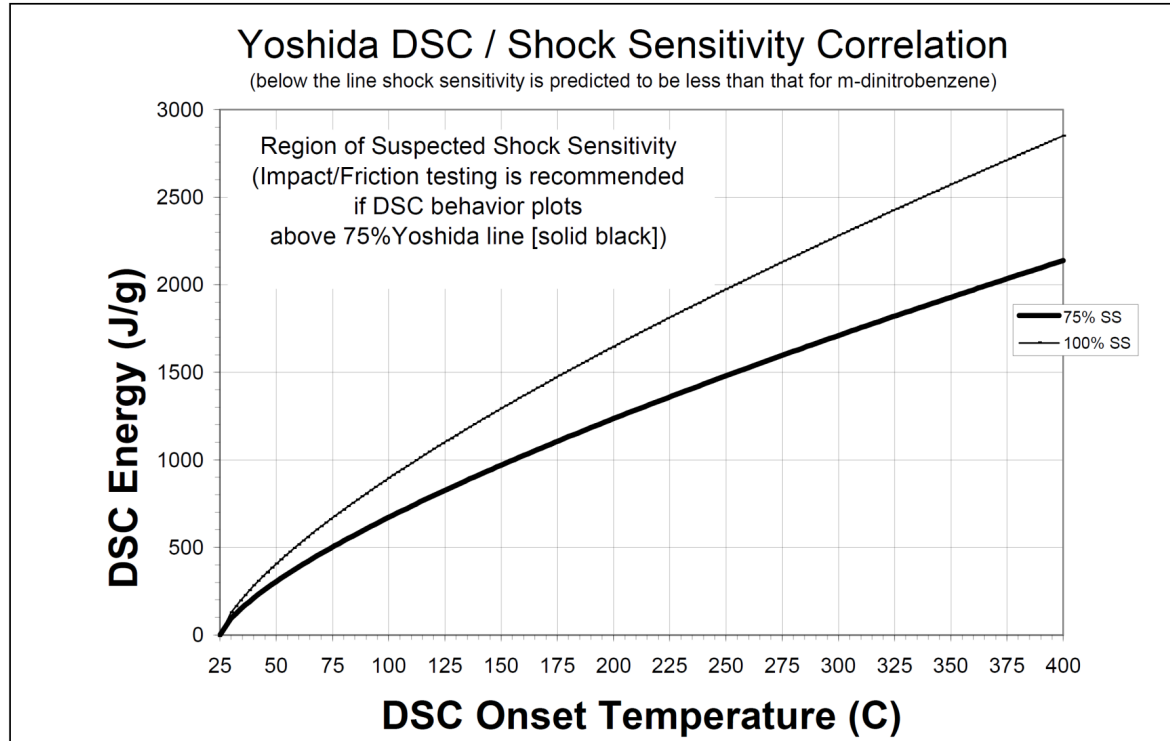
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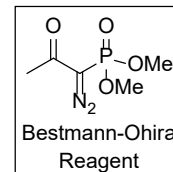
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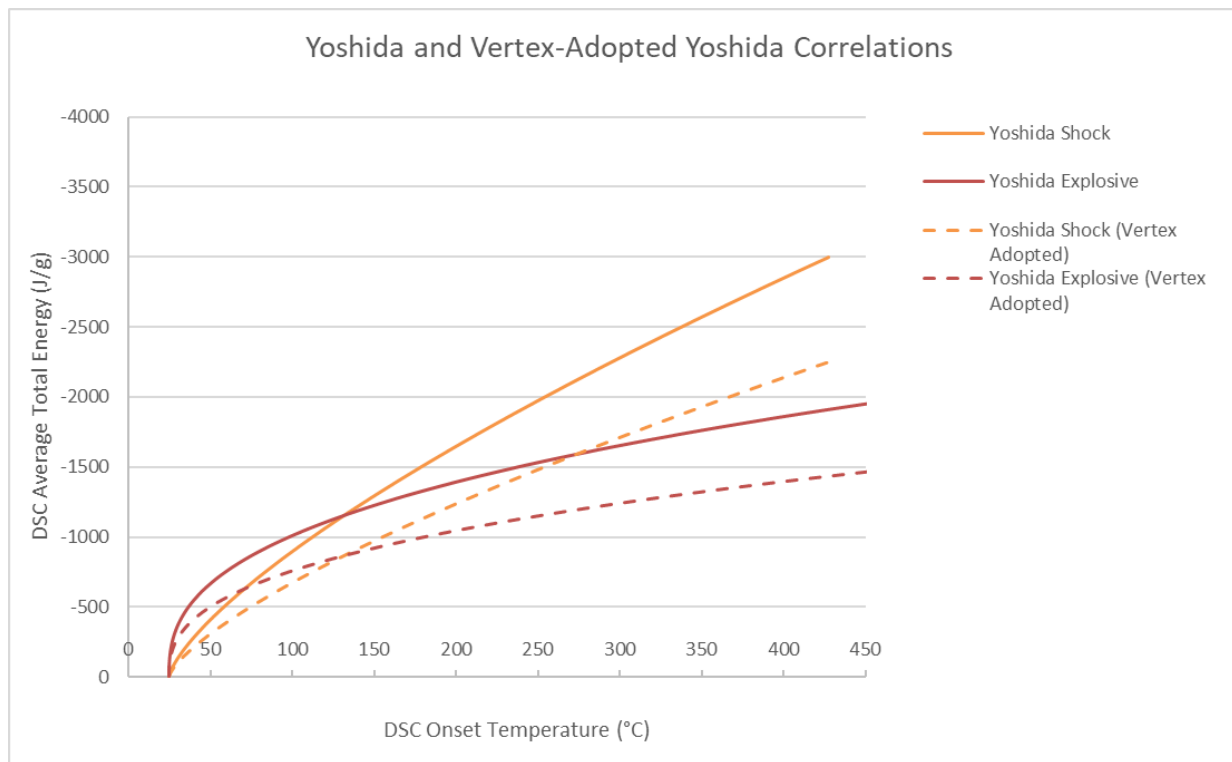
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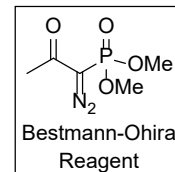
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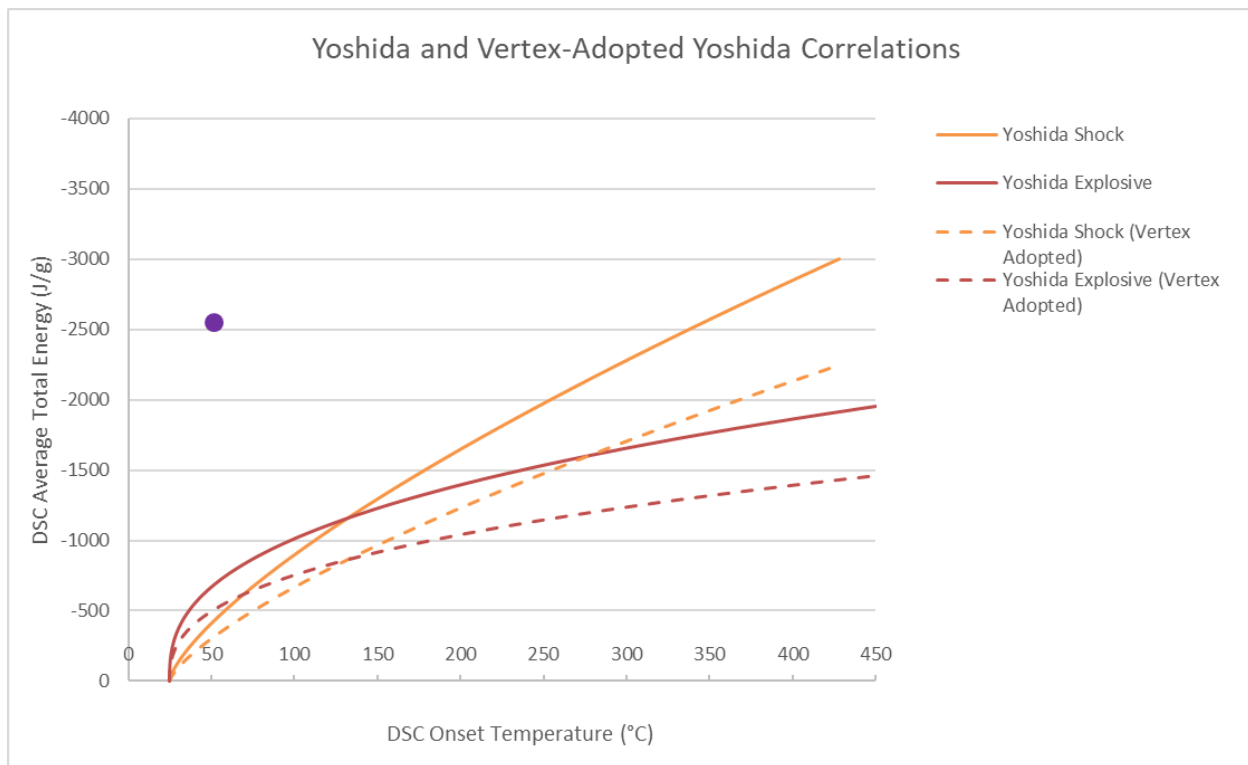


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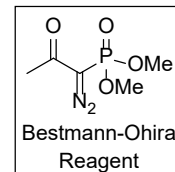




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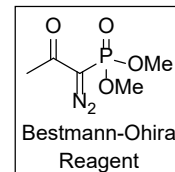
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BESTMANN-OHIRA REAGENT – IMPACT TESTING



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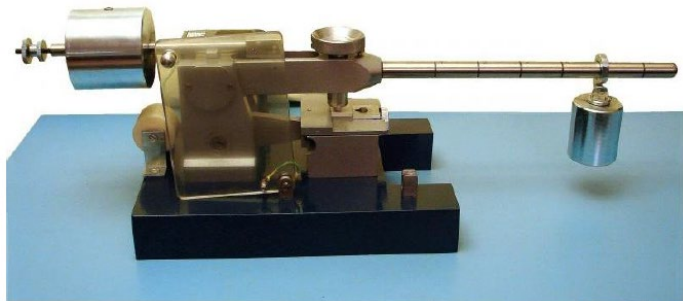
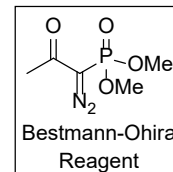
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10	100	100	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	No reaction

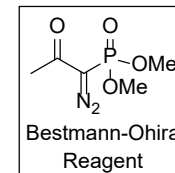
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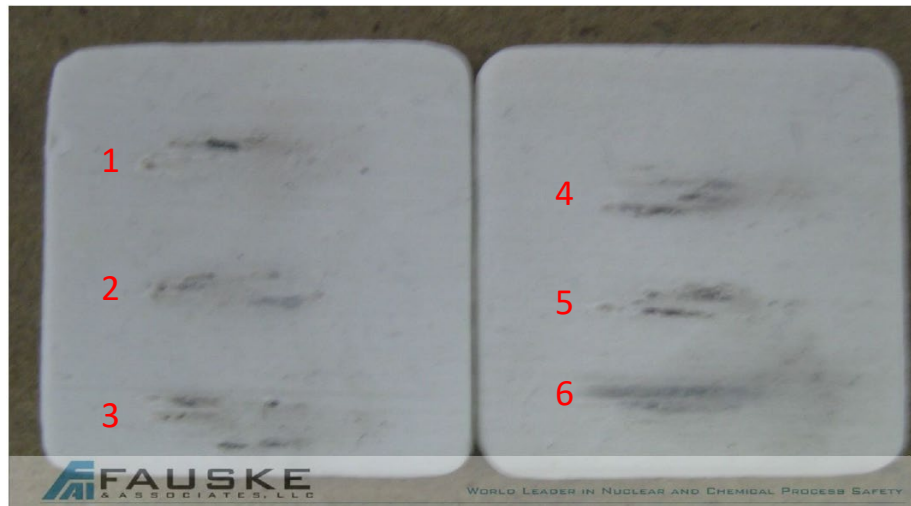
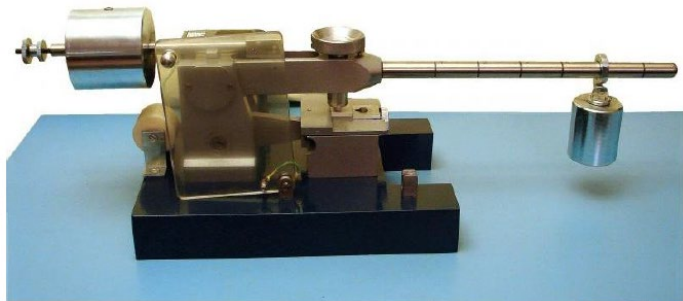


BAM Friction Load (N)						
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	1	2	3	4	5	6
B1 (0.28)	5	6	7	8	9	10
B2 (0.56)	10	12	14	16	18	20
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B4 (1.68)	30	36	42	48	54	60
B5 (2.24)	40	48	56	64	72	80
B6 (3.36)	60	72	84	96	108	120
B7 (4.48)	80	96	112	128	144	160
B8 (6.72)	120	144	168	192	216	240
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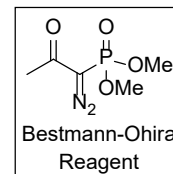


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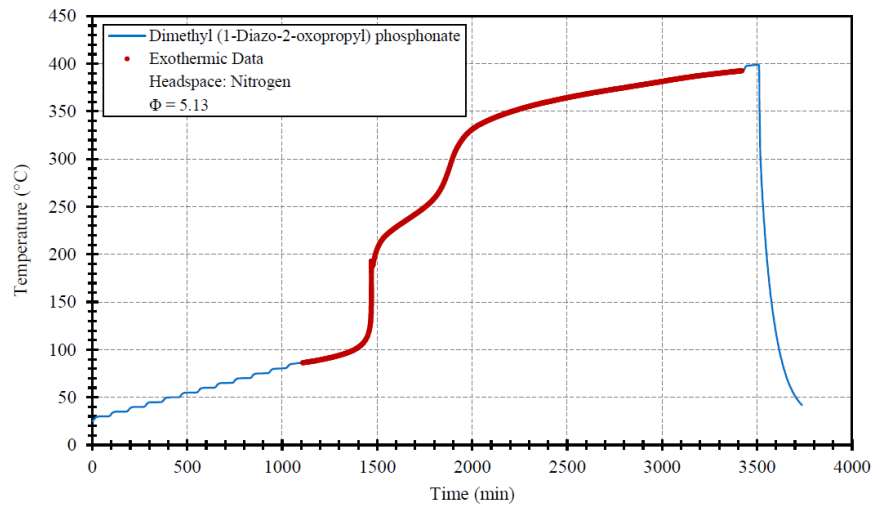
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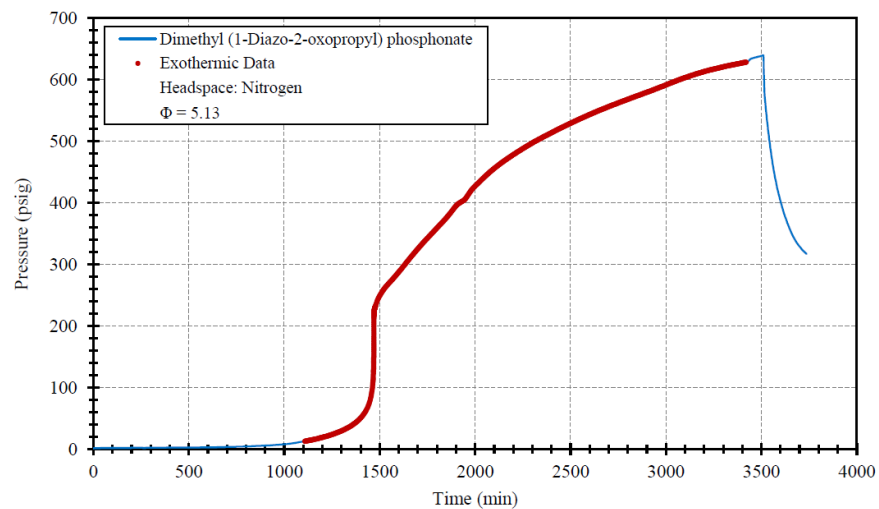
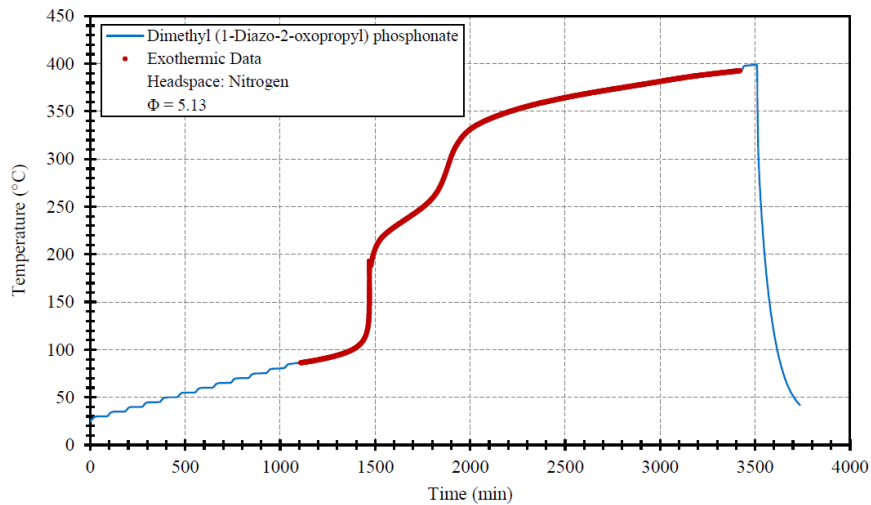
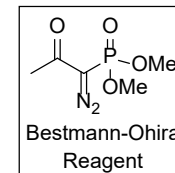
ACCELERATING RATE CALORIMETRY (ARC)



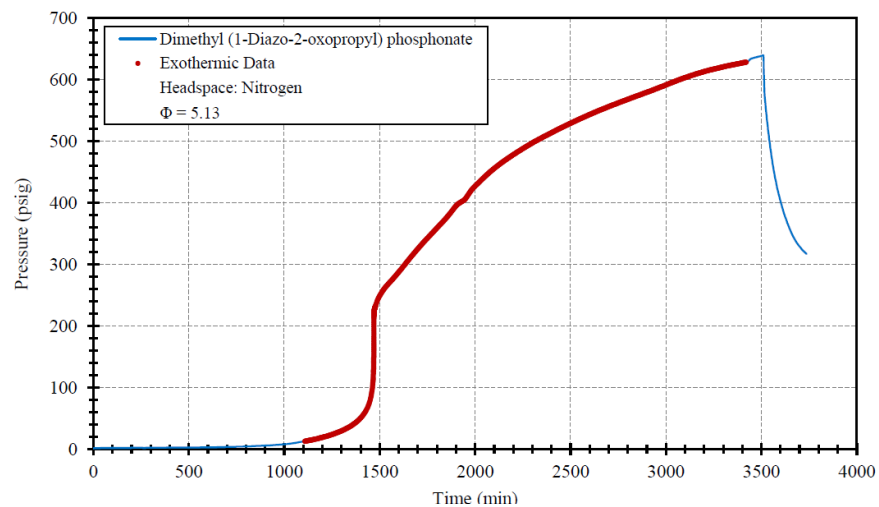
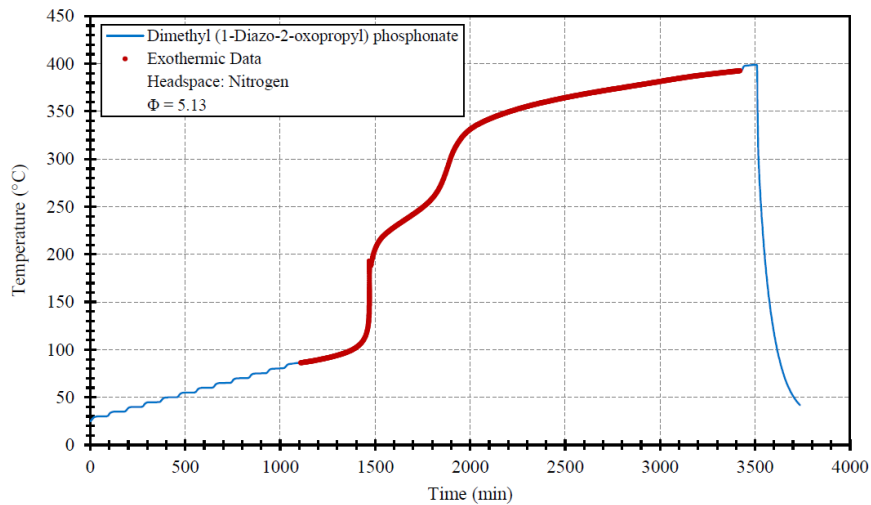
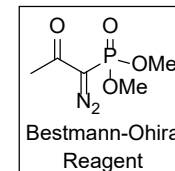
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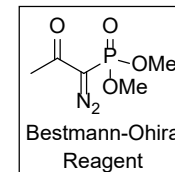


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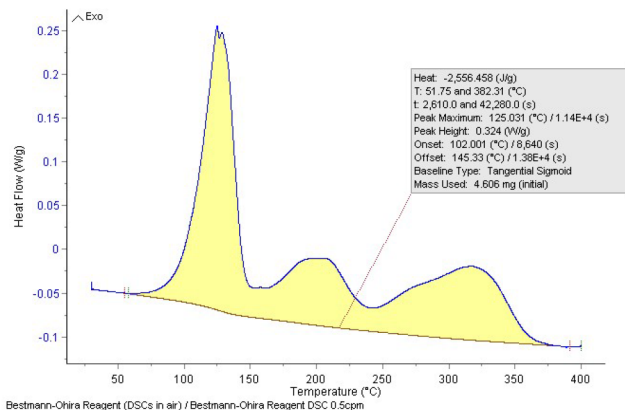


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Dimethyl (1-Diazo-2-Oxopropyl) Phosphonate	5.13 ¹	85.19	>392.76	>307.57	>1578	>2383

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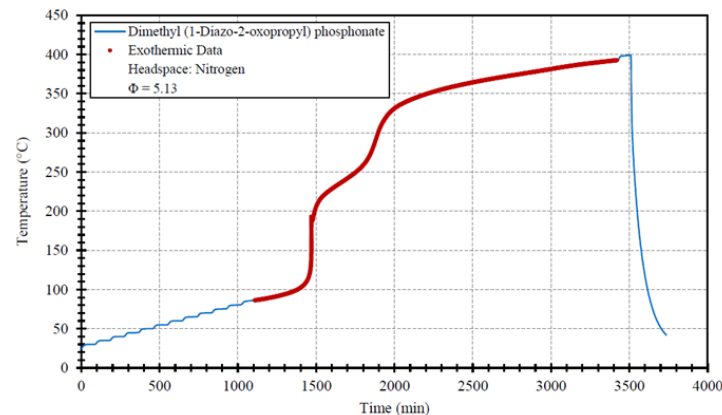


BESTMANN-OHIRA REAGENT – DSC VERSUS ARC COMPARISON



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ARC under nitrogen

Onset T = 85 °C
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TMR AND SADT DETERMINATION

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Time to Maximum Rate (TMR): The time between the start of a thermal runaway reaction and the maximum reaction rate (maximum self-heating rate).

Self-Accelerating Decomposition Temperature (SADT): The lowest temperature that a mass of material, capable of an exothermic decomposition reaction, must be held such that the heat of decomposition exceeds the amount of energy lost to the surroundings. This will result in an increase in the mass temperature and acceleration of the decomposition reaction rate. SADT is package dependent.

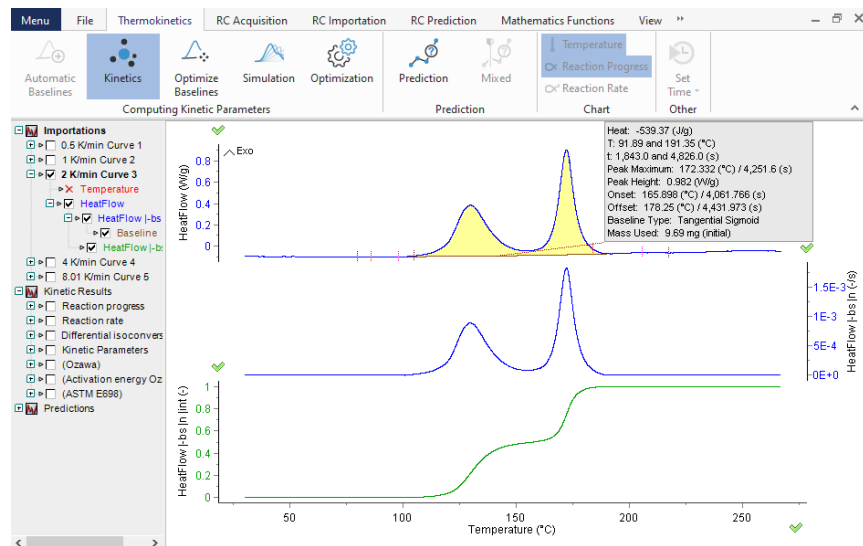


AKTS TK AND TS SOFTWARE

Advanced Kinetics and Technology Solutions (AKTS)

Thermokinetics (TK) and Thermal Safety (TS) software:

- Determination of the reaction rate $d\alpha/dt$ and reaction extent α evaluated from heat-flow signals
- Differential isoconversional analysis based on heat-flow signals
- Prediction of the influence of the atmospheric temperature profiles on the reaction course
- Prediction of the reaction course at customized temperatures
- Evaluation of Safety Parameters TMR and Safety Diagrams
- Simulation of ARC and Runaway Reactions, Determination of SADT



<https://www.akts.com/tk/thermokinetics-software-thermal-analysis-isoconversional-model-fitting-DSC-TG-short-description/>

<https://engineering.purdue.edu/P2SAC/research/documents/TemperatureMaximumRate.pdf>

TMR AND SADT ESTIMATION

TMR and SADT can be predicted by extracting kinetic parameters from DSC, ARC, and TAM (thermal activity monitor) experiments (Reaction rate, activation energy, preexponential factor)



DSC



ARC



TAM

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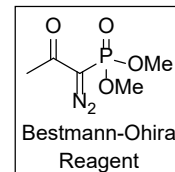
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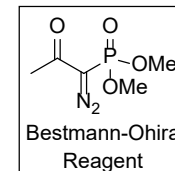
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Nitrogen	0.5	73.4	109.9	131.9	2,248
Nitrogen	1.0	79.2	115.8	138.7	2,144
Nitrogen	2.0	85.2	122.0	145.8	2,190
Air	0.5	51.8	102.0	125.0	2,556
Air	1.0	55.2	117.0	136.9	2,407
Air	2.0	58.3	121.0	144.1	2,447

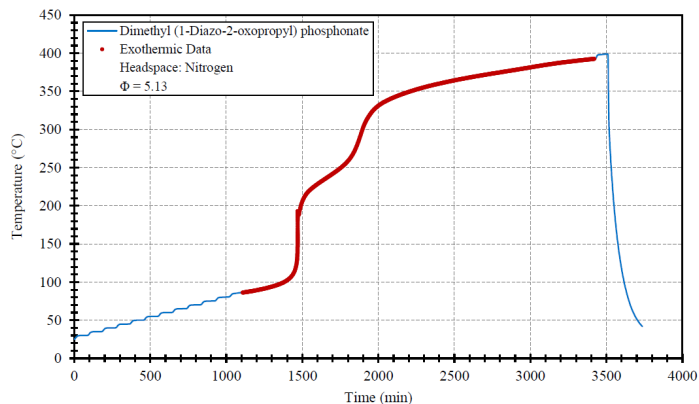


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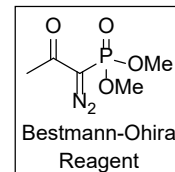
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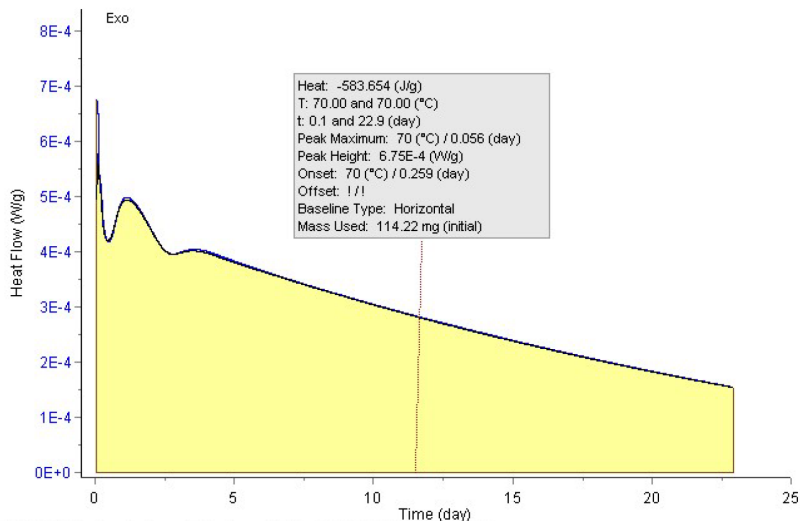


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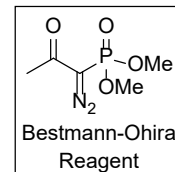
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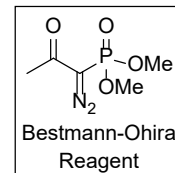


TAM Experiment:

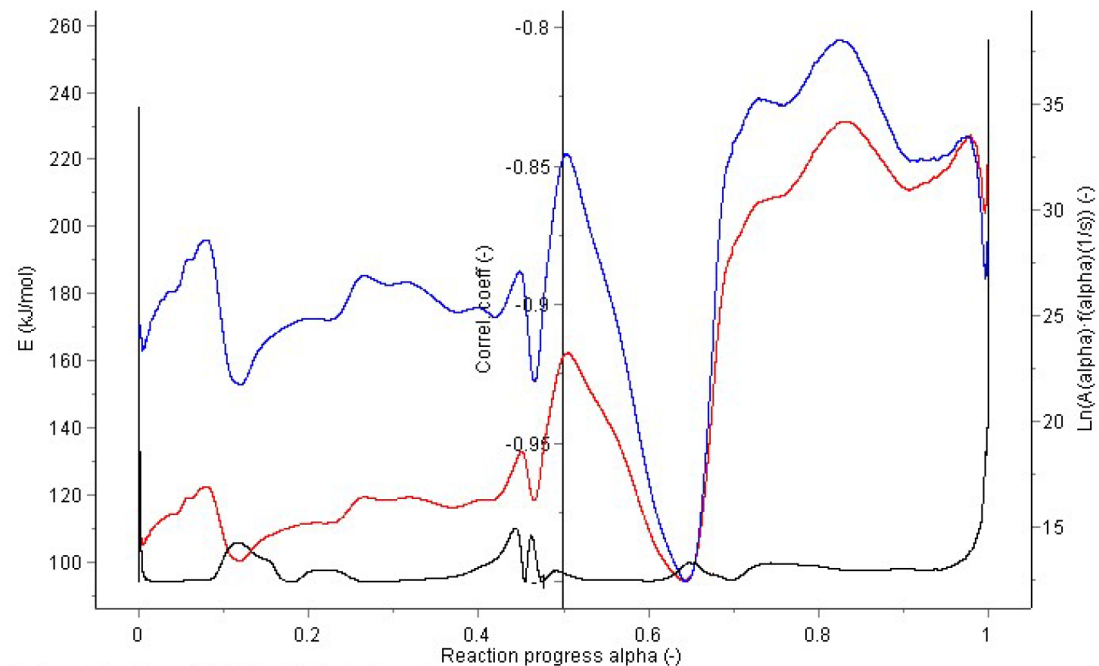
- Isothermal hold at 70 °C for 23 days
- Peak Heat Flow = 6.75E-4 W/g
- Measured $\Delta H_R = -584$ J/g (~27% of total energy)

KINETIC PARAMETERS EXTRACTED FROM DSC IN AIR

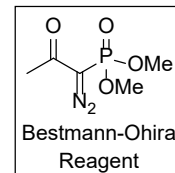




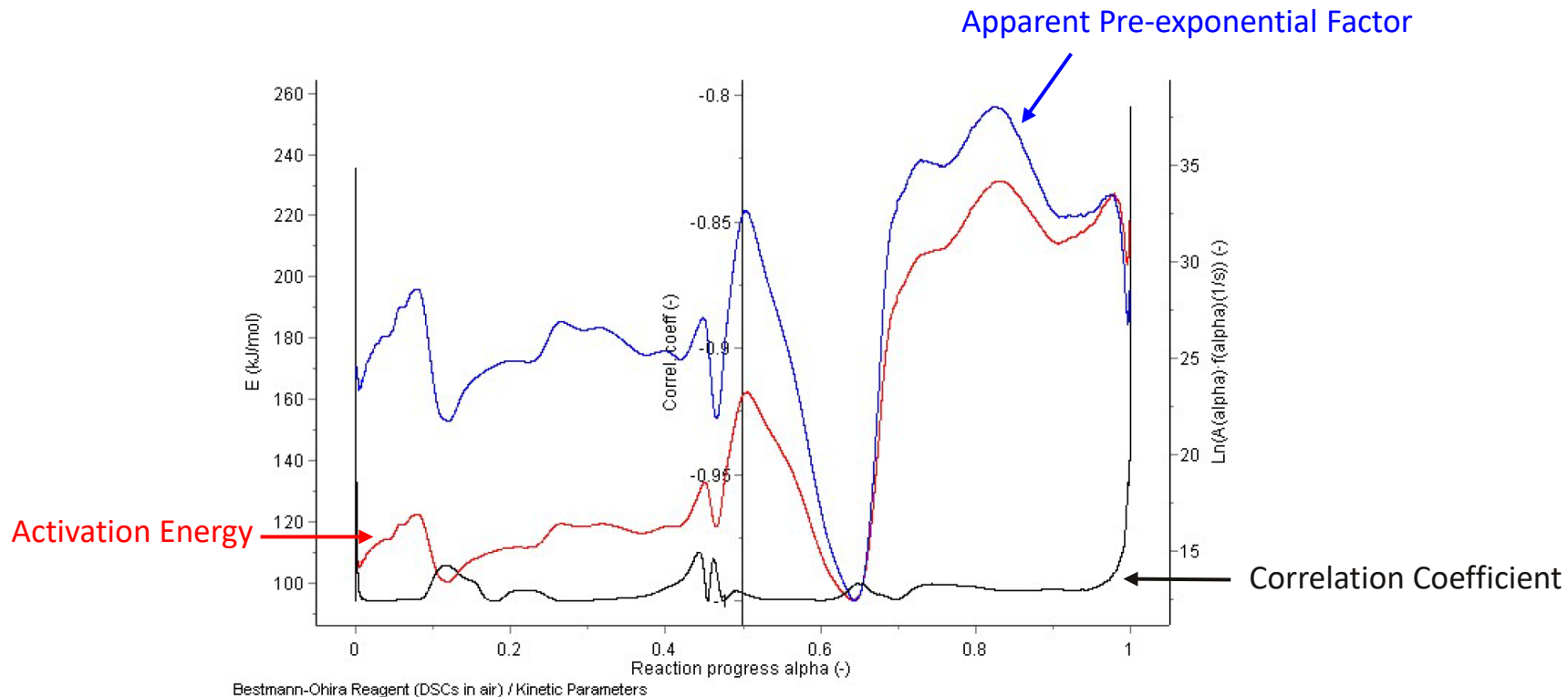
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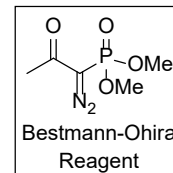


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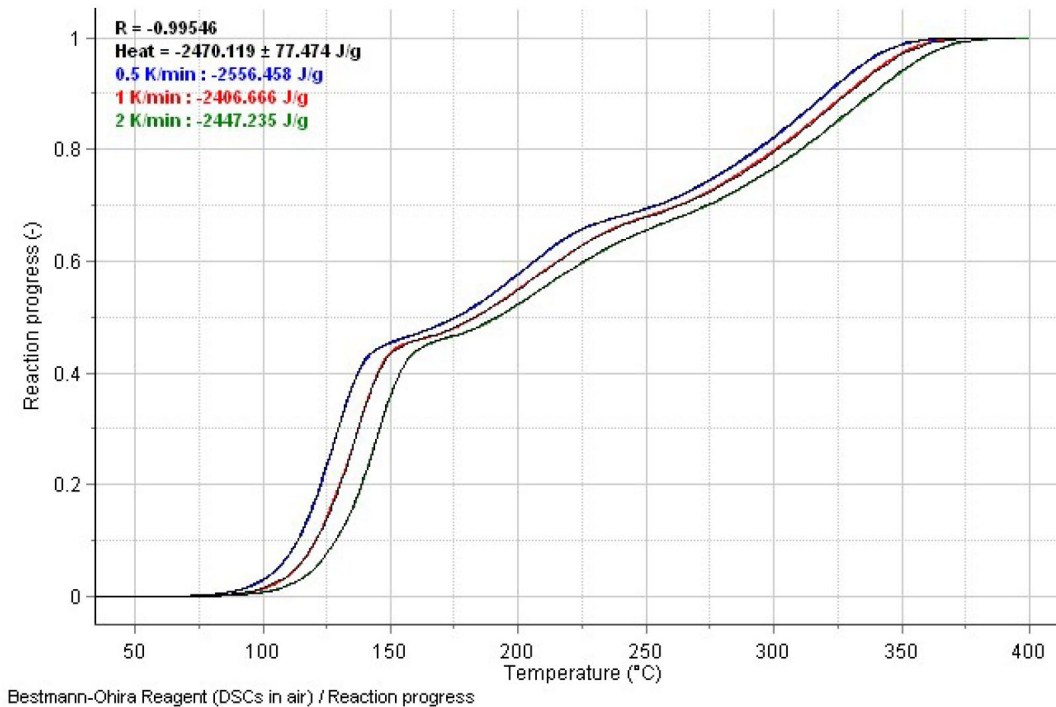


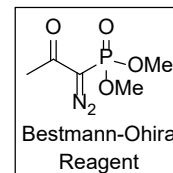
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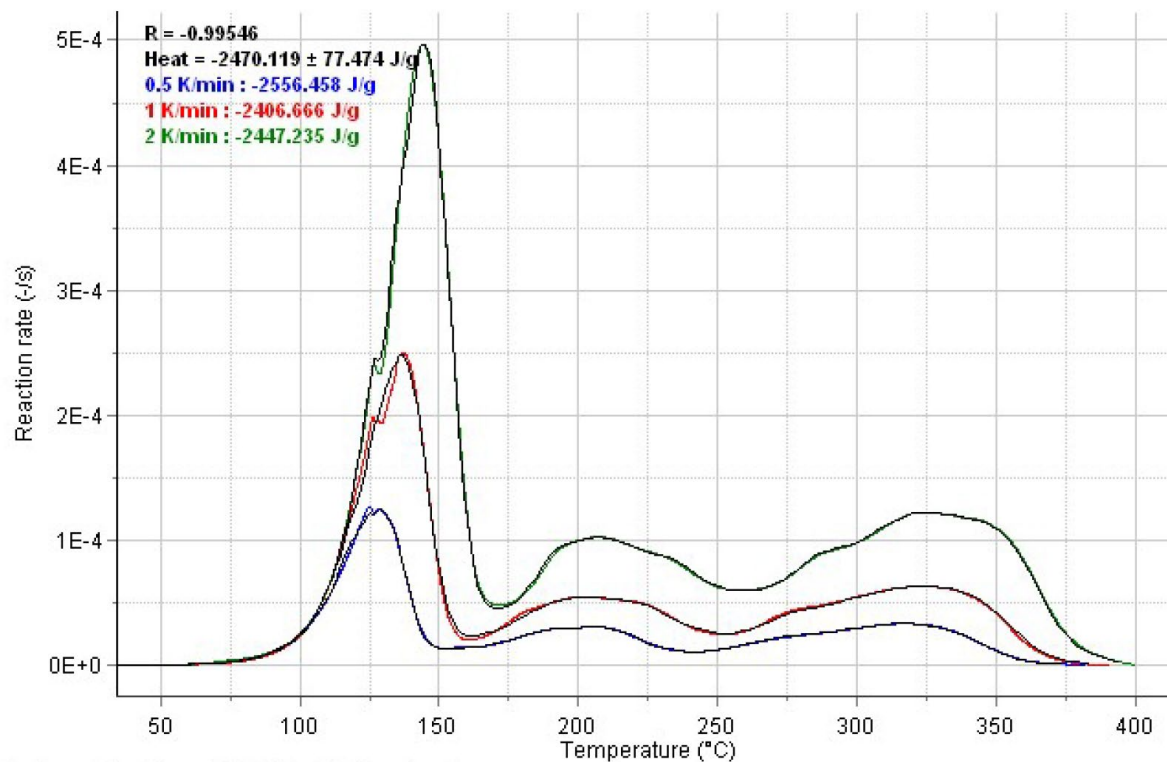


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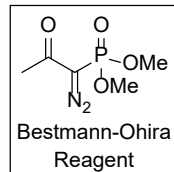




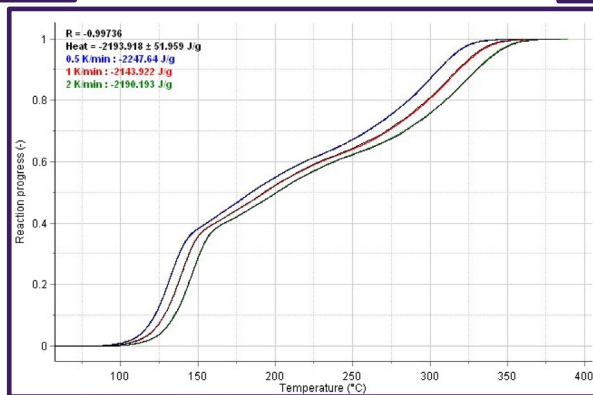
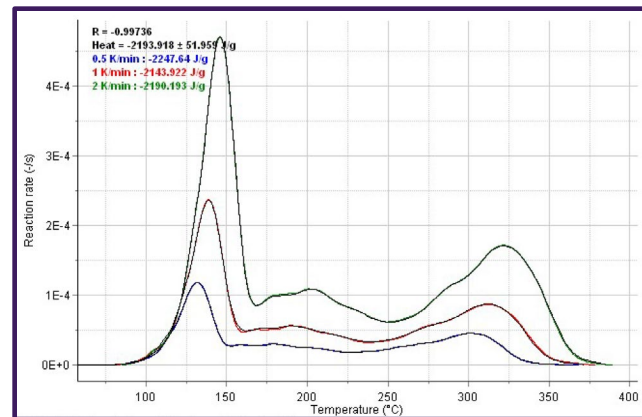
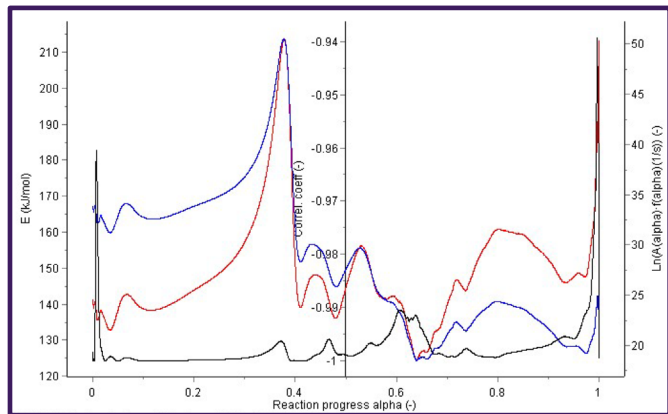
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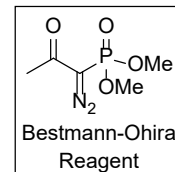
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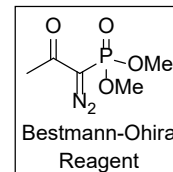


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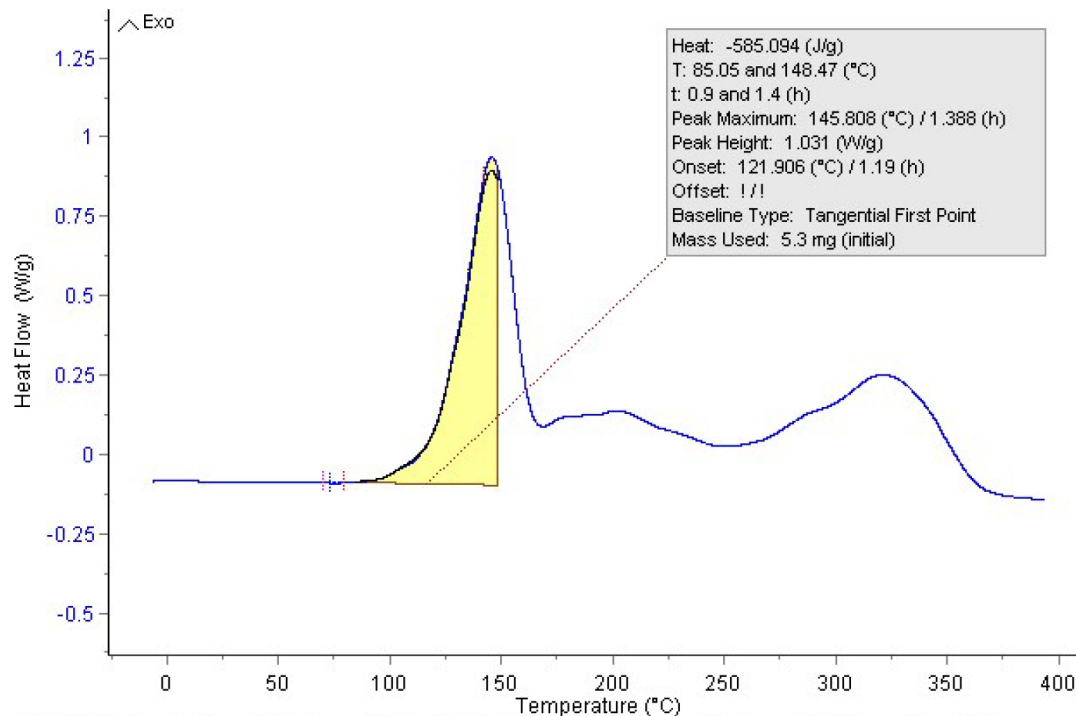


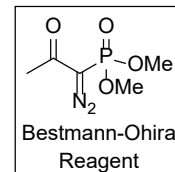
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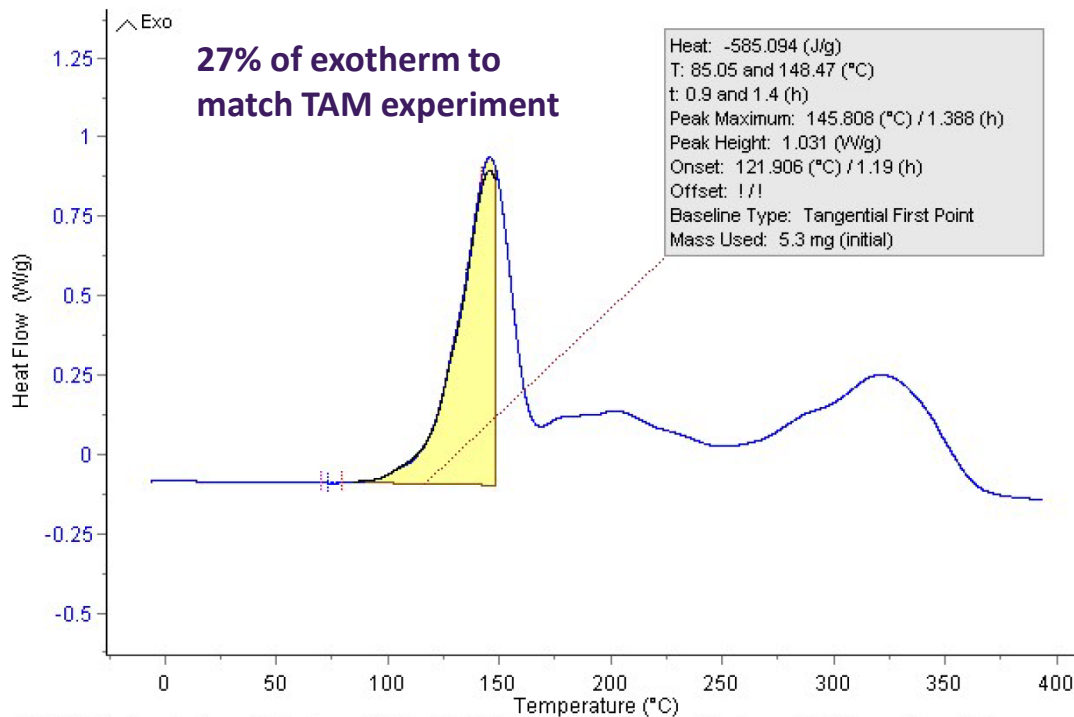


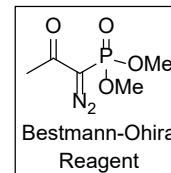
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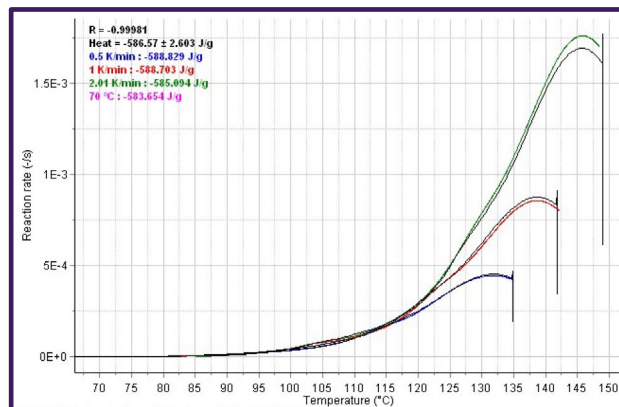
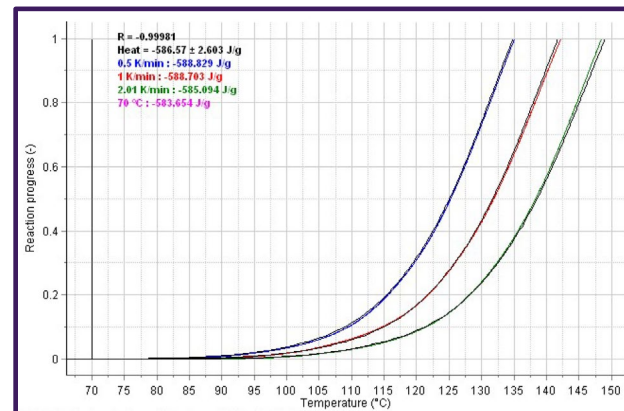
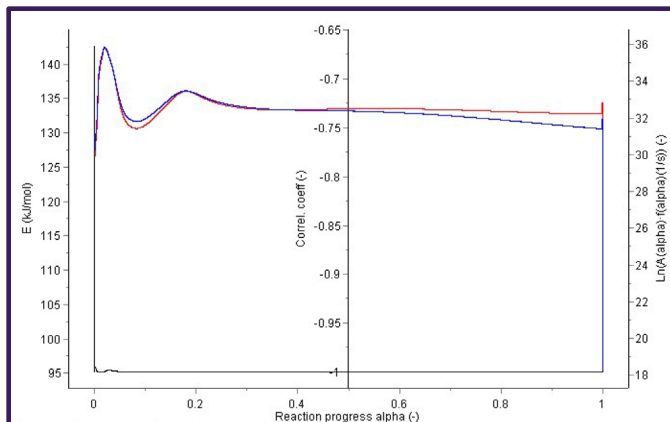


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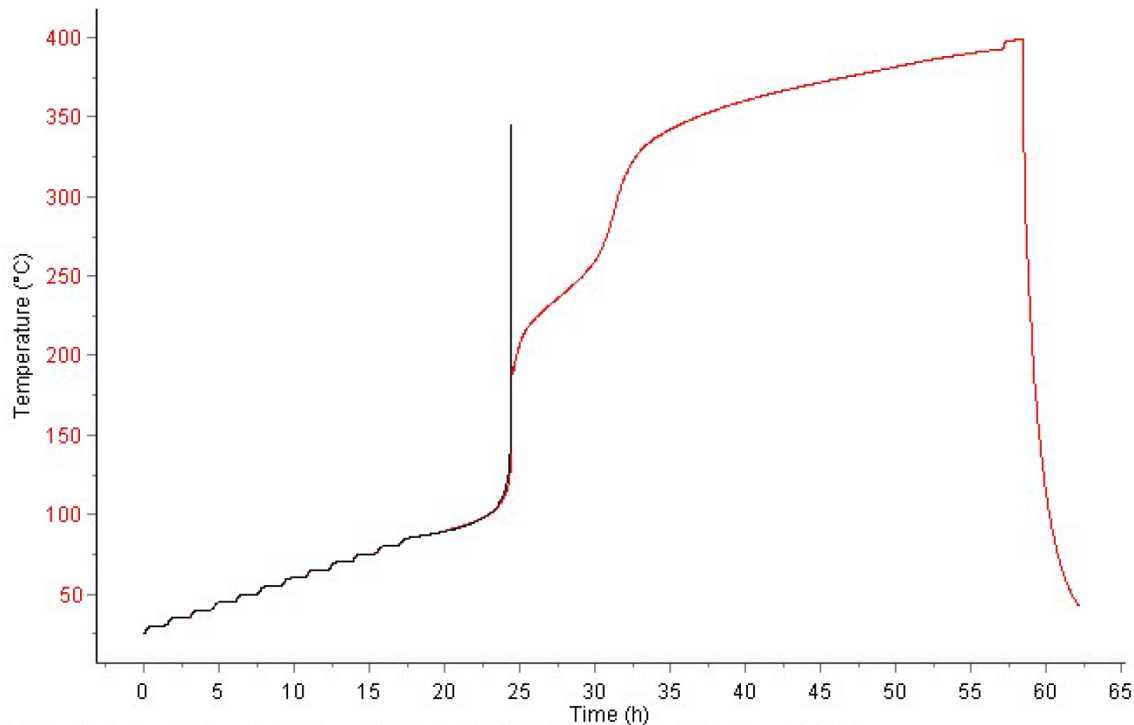
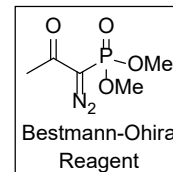




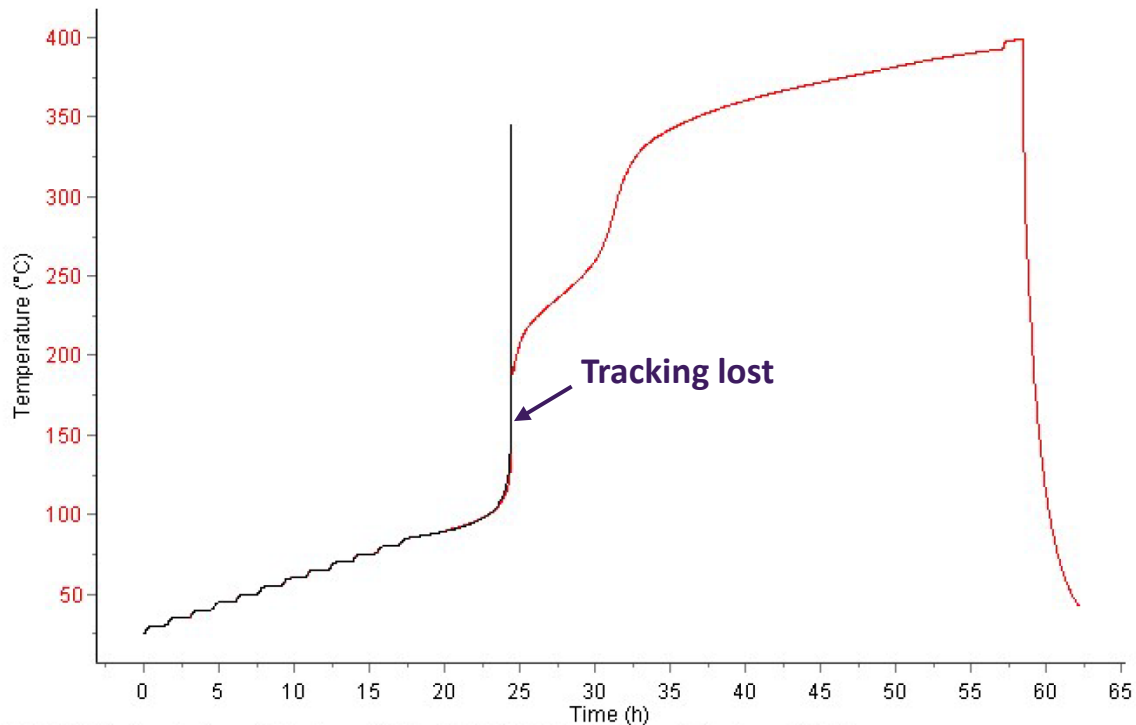
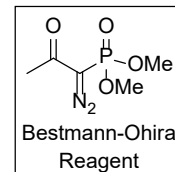
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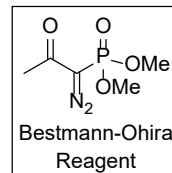


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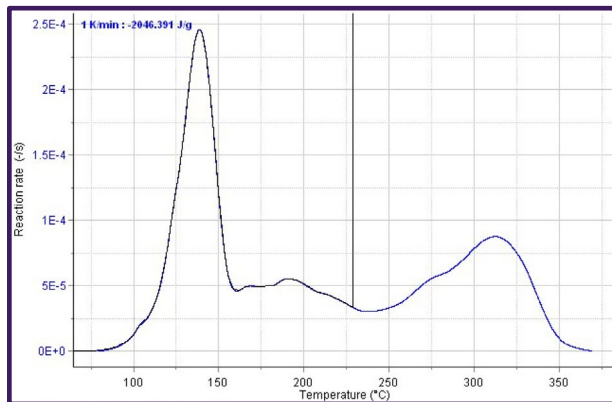
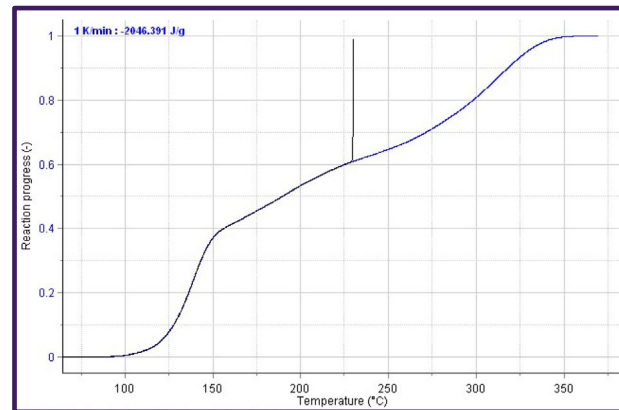
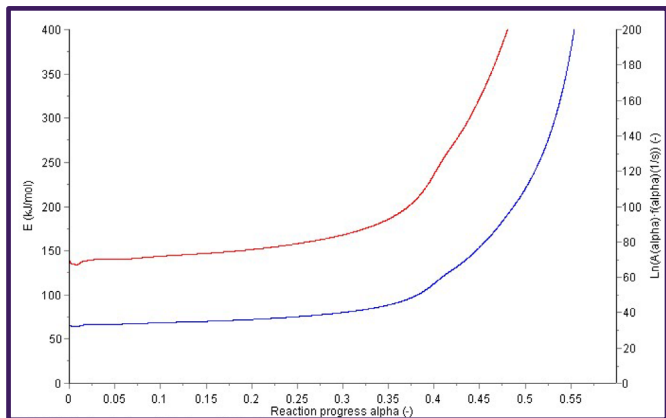


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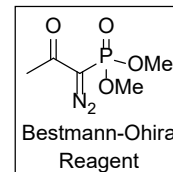




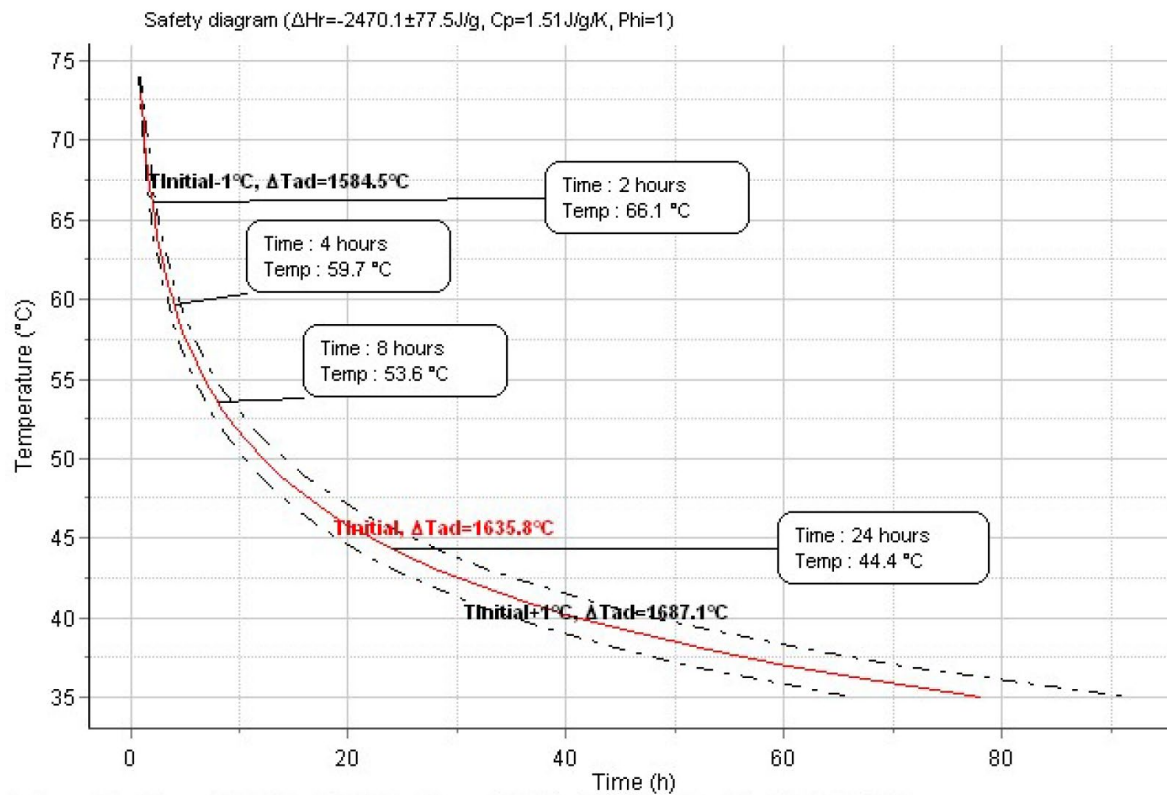
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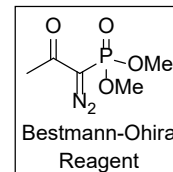


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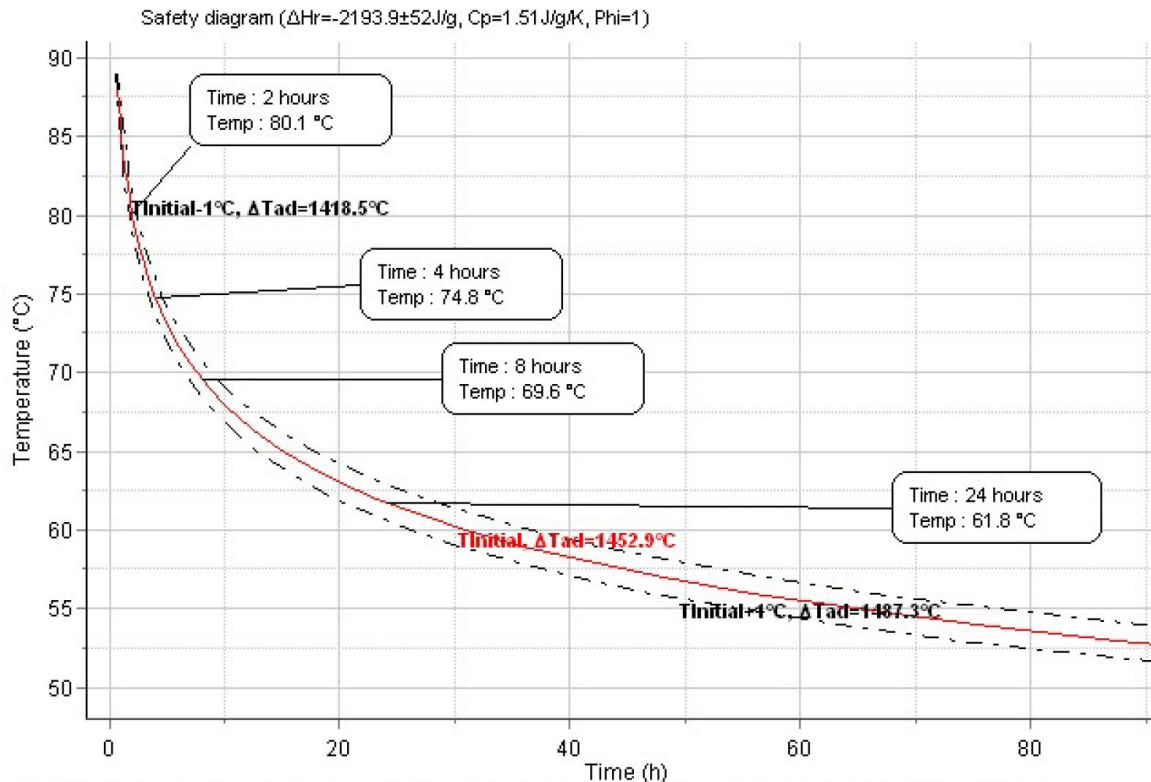


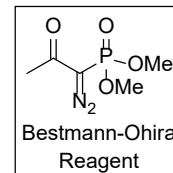
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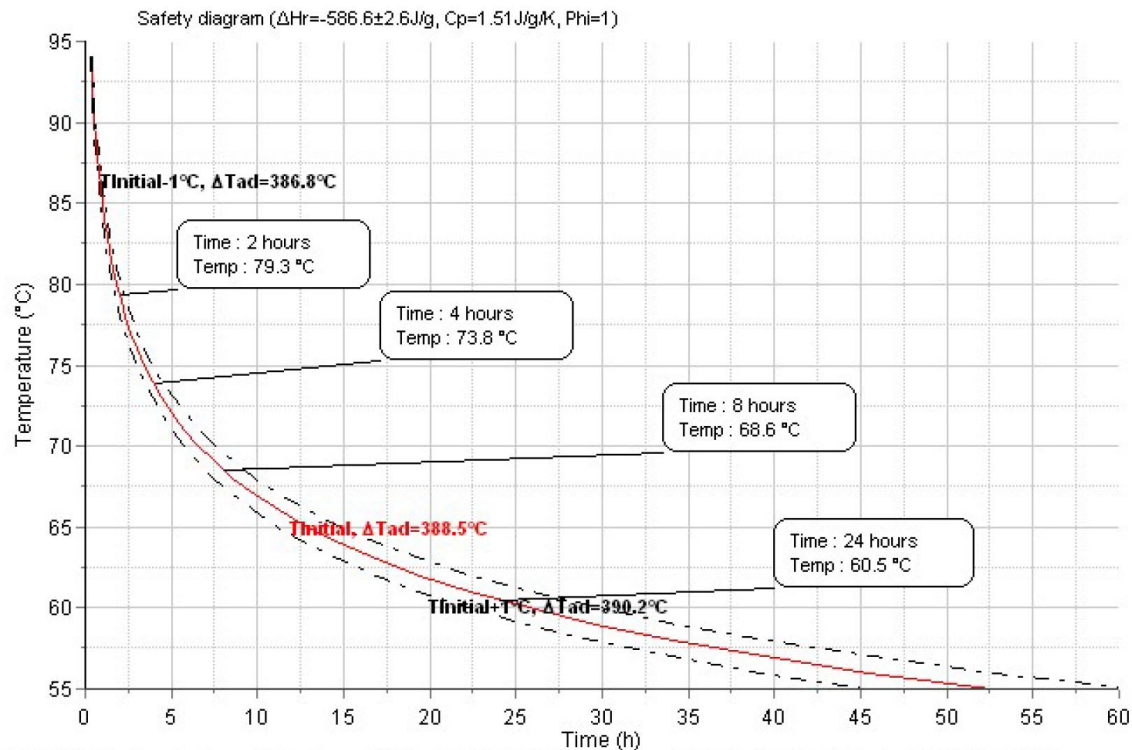


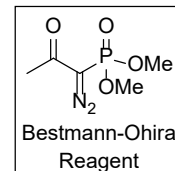
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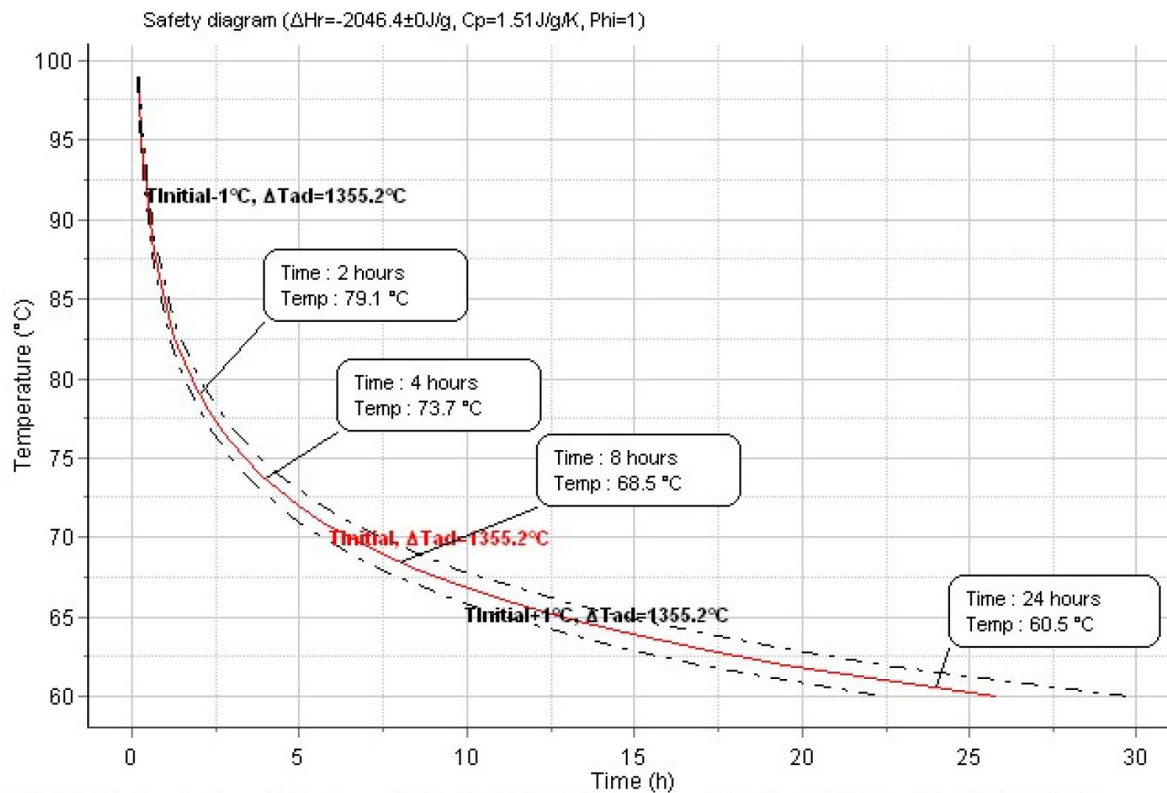


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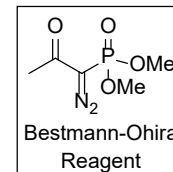




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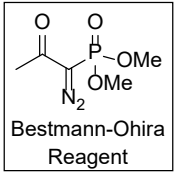


TMR DATA



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2	66.1	80.1	79.3	79.1
4	59.7	74.8	73.8	73.7
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24	44.4	61.8	60.5	60.5

SADT DETERMINATION



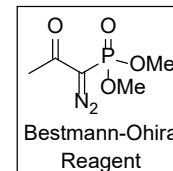
SADT CALCULATION

- The SADT, as defined by Test H.1 United States SADT test, is the lowest ambient temperature at which the center of the material within the package heats to a temperature 6°C greater than the environmental temperature after a lapse of a seven-day period or less
- This period is measured from the time when the temperature in the center of the packaging reaches 2°C below the ambient temperature
- The SADT is a measure of the combined effects of the ambient temperature, decomposition kinetics, package size, and the heat transfer properties of the substance and its packaging
- AKTS uses finite element analysis to solve heat balance equations and predict the temperature at any location within a package at any given time
- The sample is a liquid, and it is assumed to be well mixed
- Kinetic parameters from DSC and TAM experiments in nitrogen were used for this evaluation

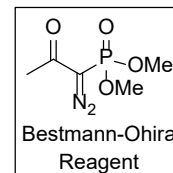
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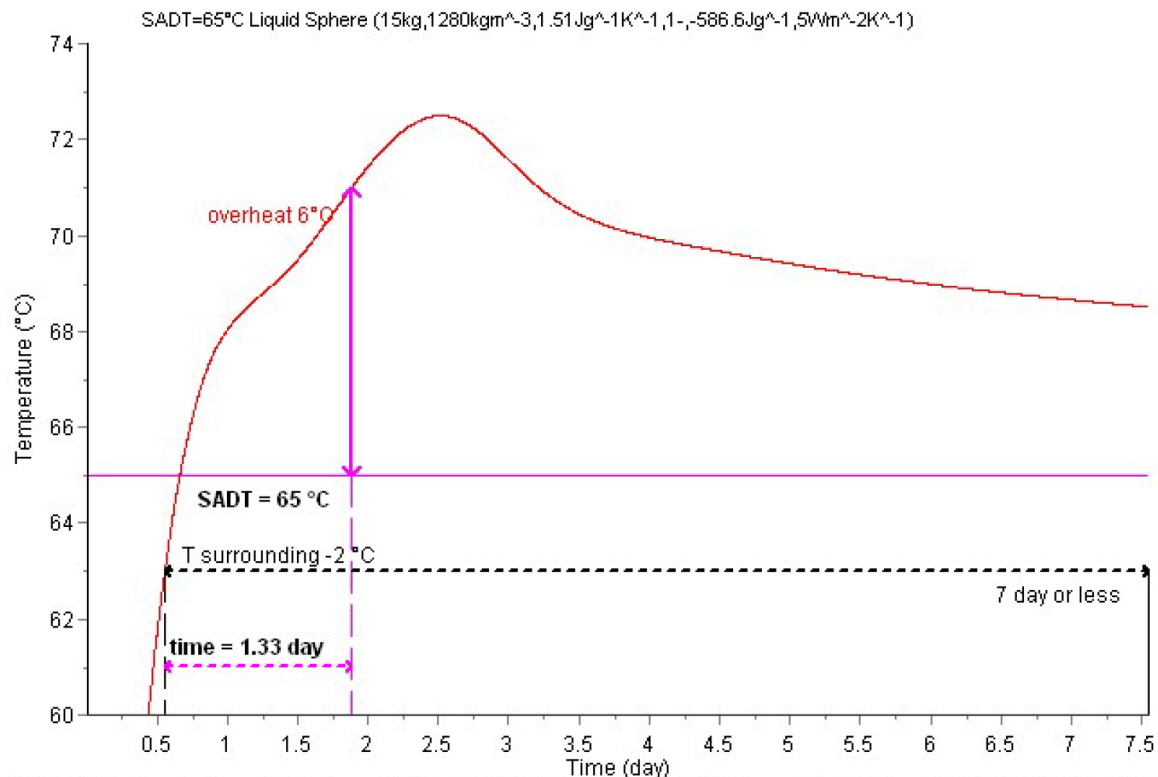
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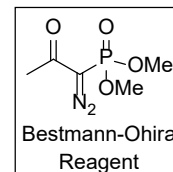


Parameter	15 kg Package	50 kg Package	1000 kg Package
Package Material of Construction	Plastic	Plastic	Metal
Mass of Reactant, kg	15	50	1000
Density of Reactant, kg/m ³	1280		
Specific Heat of Reactant, J/kg/K	1510		
Heat Transfer Coefficient from Container, W/m ² /K	5	5	10



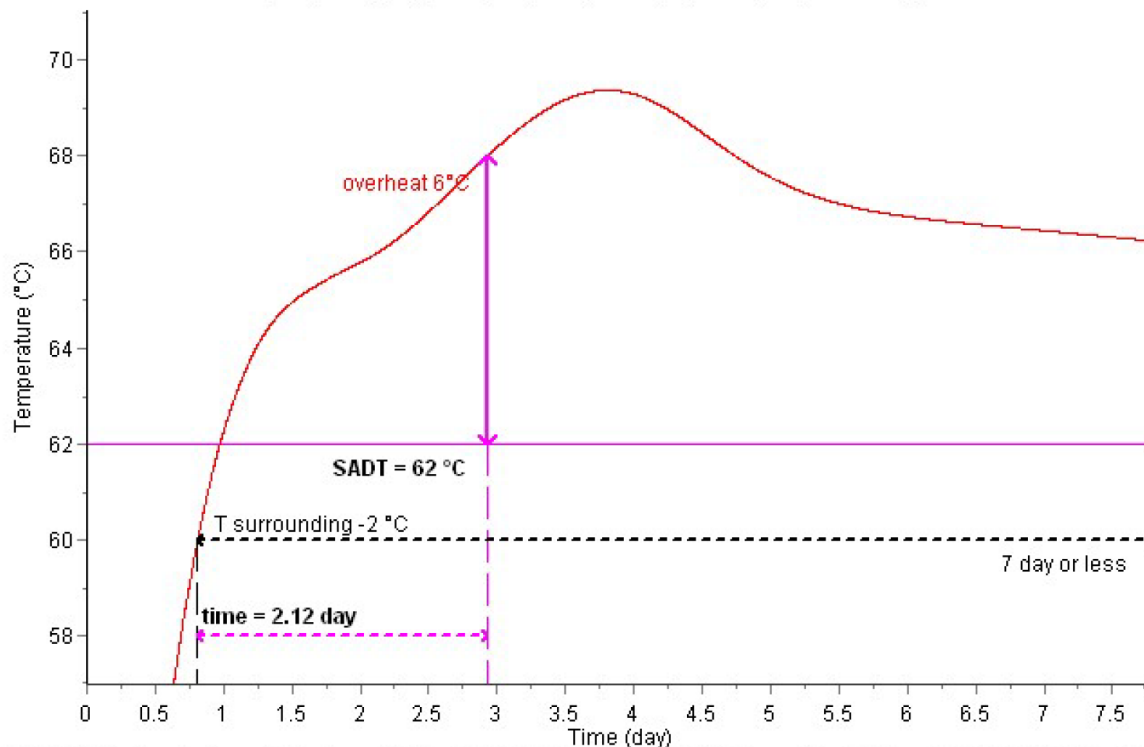
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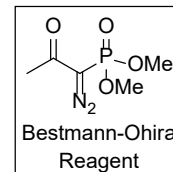




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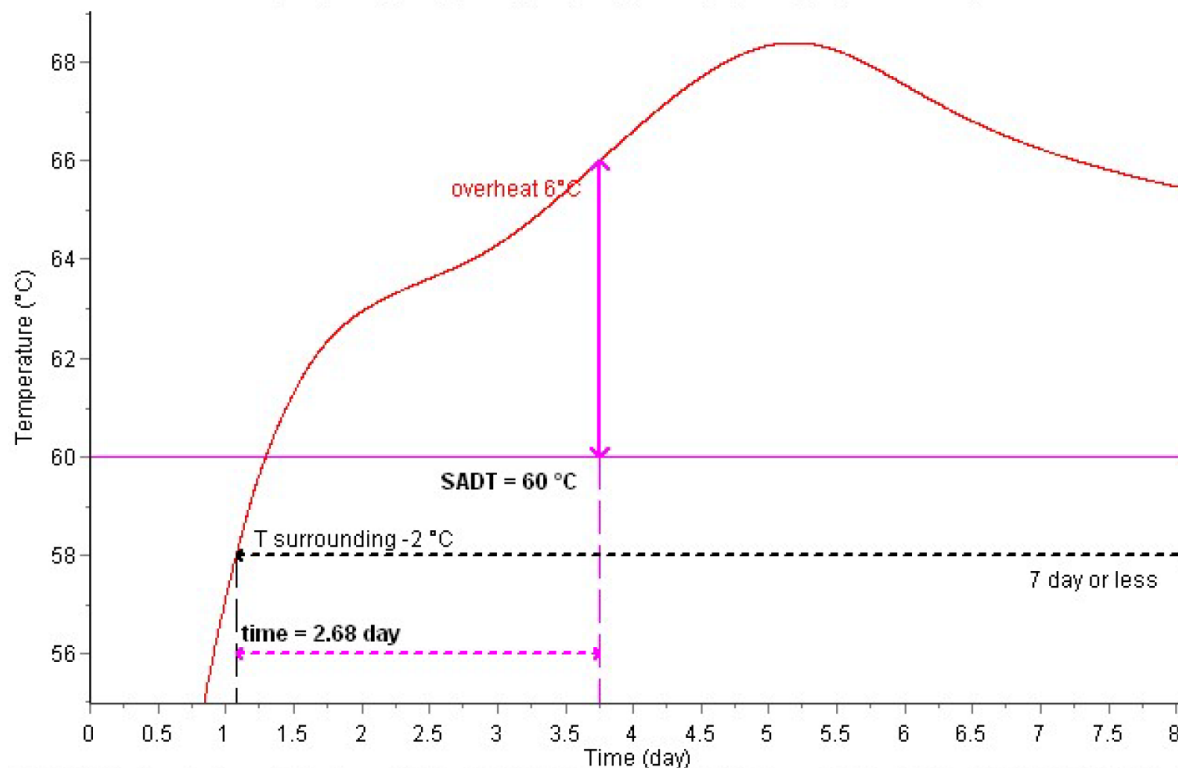
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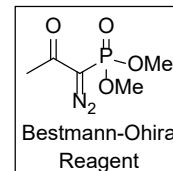




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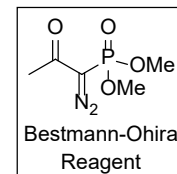




SADT CALCULATION – RESULTS FOR BESTMANN-OHIRA REAGENT

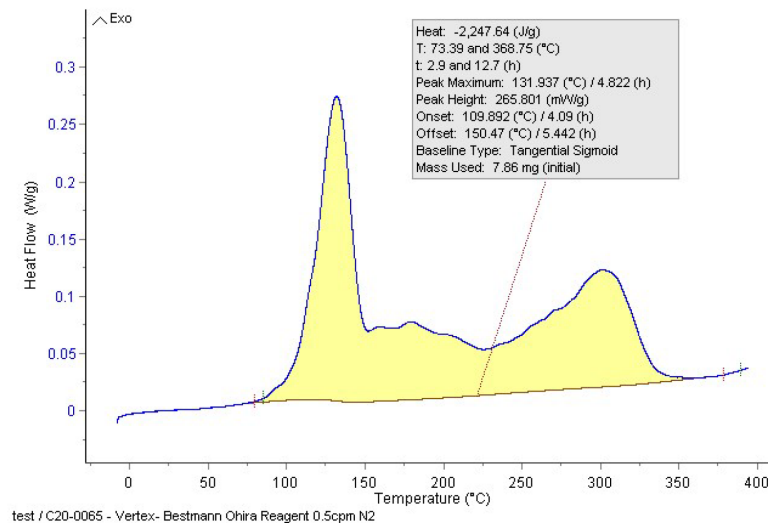
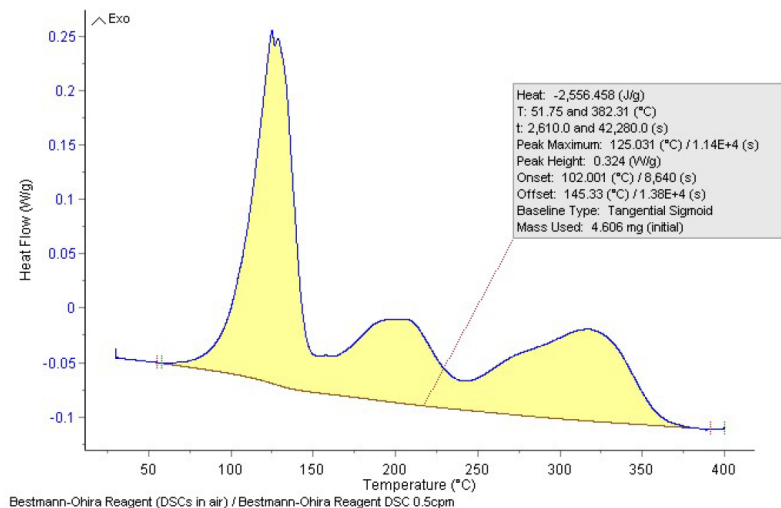
Container Size (kg)	Self-Accelerating Decomposition Temperature (°C)
15	65
50	62
1000	60

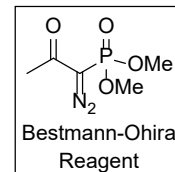
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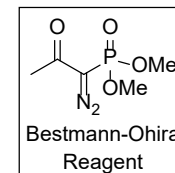
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Drop Weight (kg)	Drop Height (cm)	Approximate Impact Energy (J)	Trial Results						Comments
			1	2	3	4	5	6	
10	100	100	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	No reaction

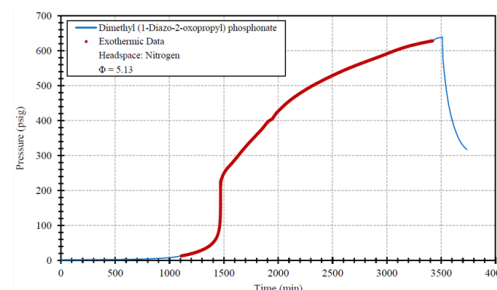
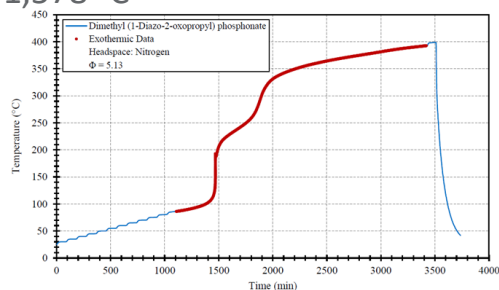


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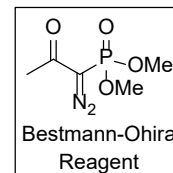
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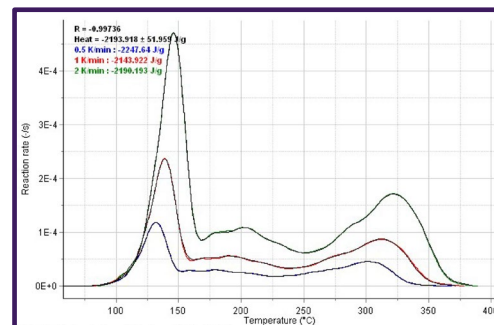
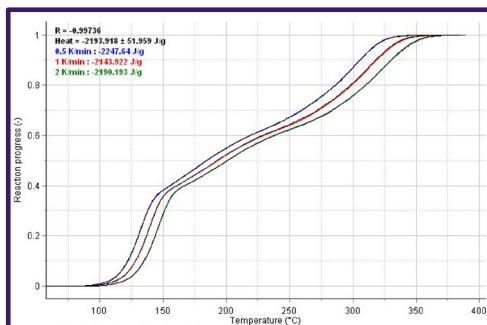
Sample Name	Thermal Inertia, Φ (-)	Onset Temperature, T_o (°C)	Final Reaction Temperature, T_f (°C)	Observed Temperature Rise, ΔT_{obs} (°C)	Adiabatic Temperature Rise, ΔT_{ad} (°C)	Specific Heat of Reaction, $-\Delta H_R^1$ (J/g)
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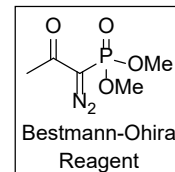
¹: A specific heat capacity of 1.51 J/g/K was estimated using DIPPR [1]



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