

Practical Use of ARC Analysis for Thermal Stability Evaluation in Corteva

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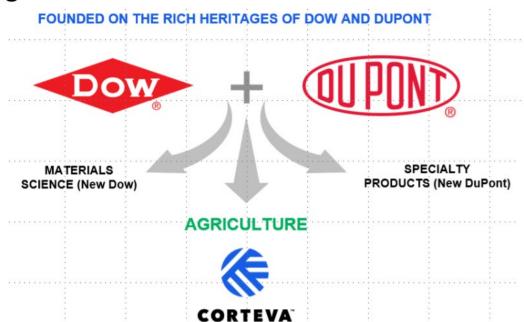
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Default ARC testing parameter in Corteva Reactive Chemical (RC) group

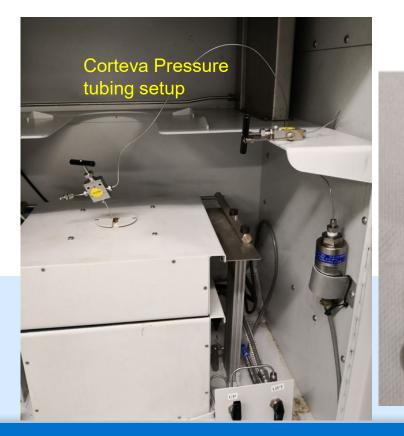
Container Material:	Hastalloy-C (bottom clip)
Container Weight (Mb):	~20.8 g
Sample Weight (Ms):	4 g
Total System Volume (Vb):	9.66 ml
Head Space Atmosphere:	N2
Container Specific Heat (Cb):	0.42 J/g/ °C
Starting Temperature:	25 °C
End Temperature:	350.0 °C
Heat Step:	5 °C
Wait Time:	20 min
Calorimetric Rate Threshold:	0.02 °C/min
Stirring Rate:	No

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1/16" pressure through tube;

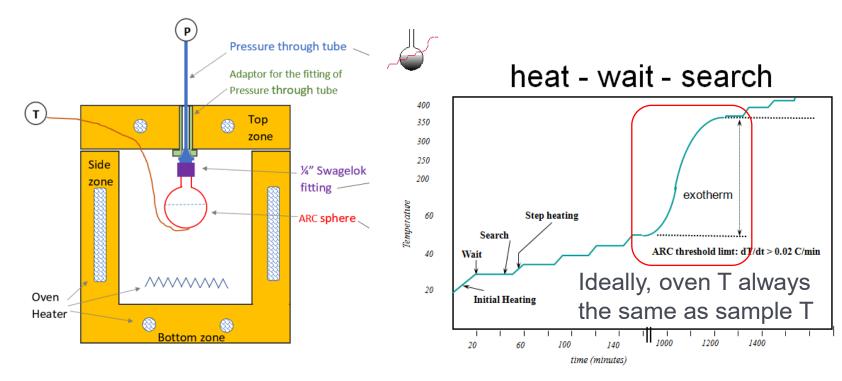
HC ARC bomb, 1" ID with 1/4" OD x 1" stems, bottom clip

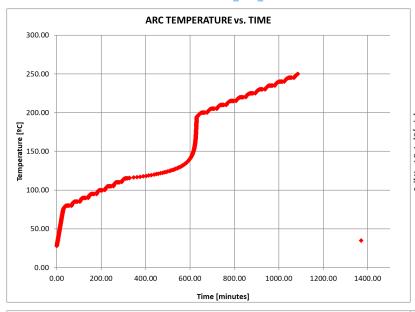
1000 psi N2 for leaking test prior to each run

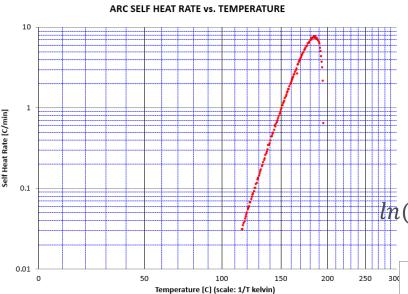


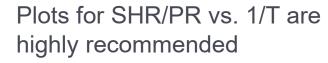
 ARC: Detect an exotherm (>0.02°C/min) and then maintain an adiabatic condition to track it.





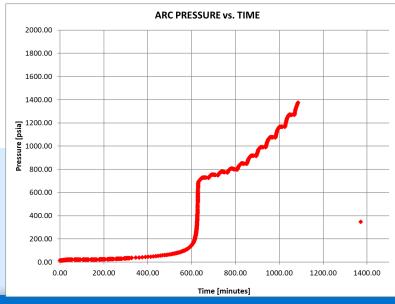


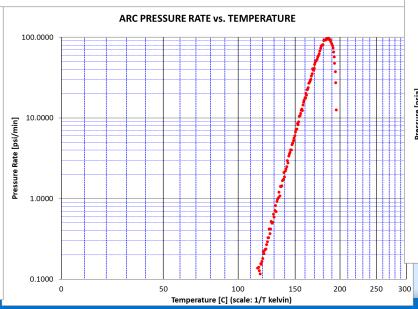


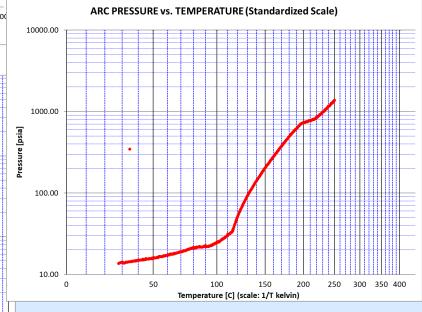


$$\frac{dT}{dt} = Ae^{-\frac{E}{RT}} \cdot \left(\frac{T_f - T}{\Delta T_{AB}}\right)^n \Delta T_{AB} \rho_0^{n-1}$$

$$ln(\frac{dT}{dt}) = ln[A \cdot \left(\frac{T_f - T}{\Delta T_{AB}}\right)^n \Delta T_{AB} \rho_0^{n-1}] - \frac{E}{R} \cdot \frac{1}{T}$$

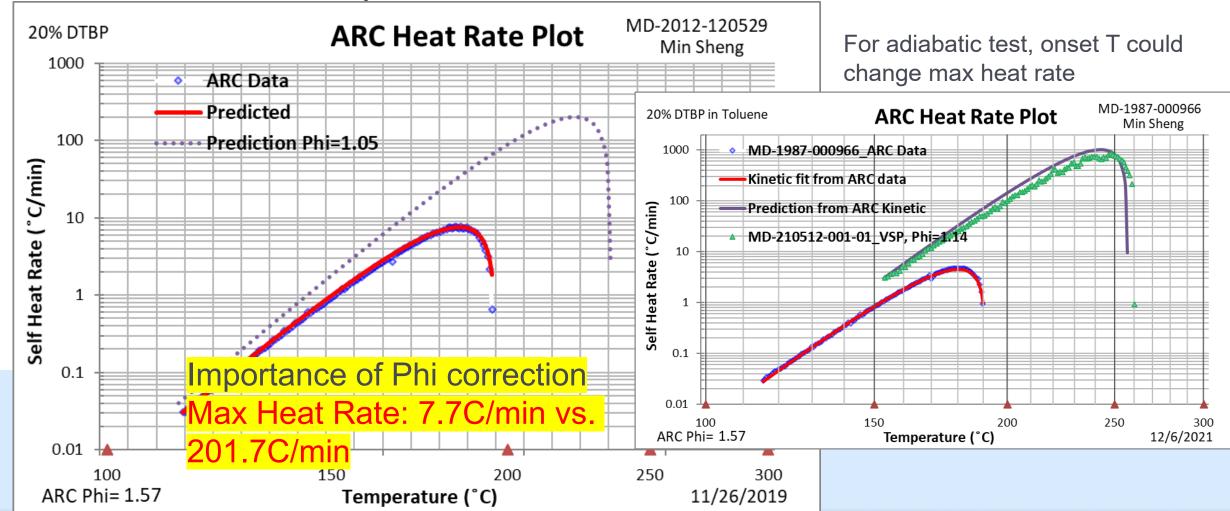








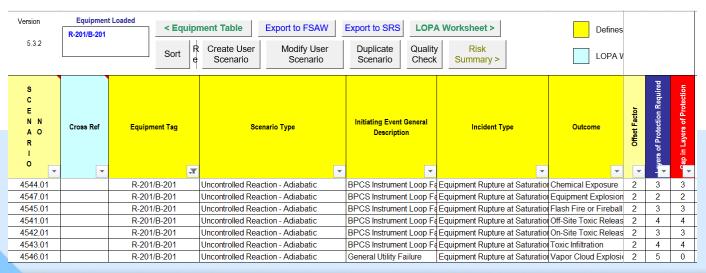
Phi correction is important





 Application 1: Hazard Scenario Identification and Validation (e.g., RAST/LOPA)

ARC data for reactivity evaluation RAST outcome: TMR, TNR, uncontrolled reaction scenarios

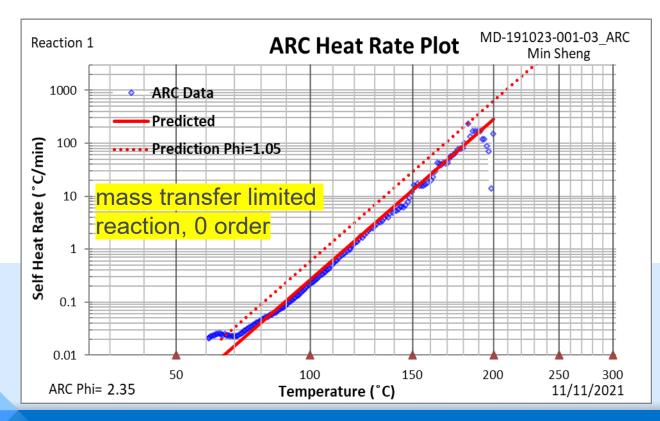


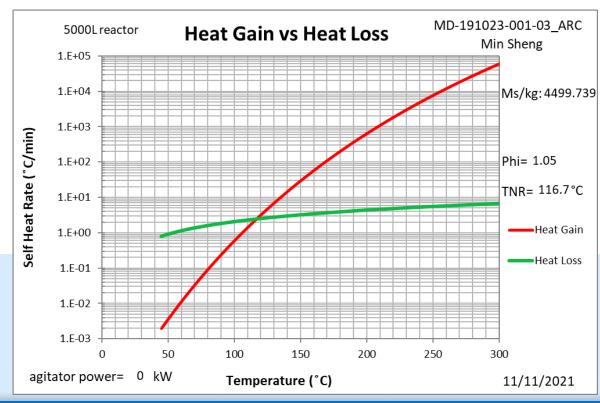


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Application 2: Temperature of No Return (TNR) estimation
 Kinetics from ARC, then build heat gain curve. Compare heat gain and heat loss to determine the TNR of a vessel.

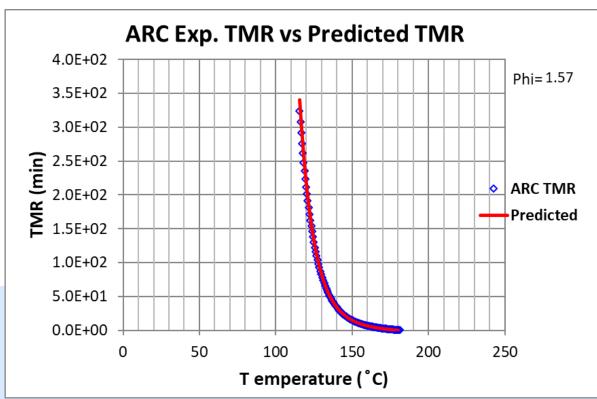


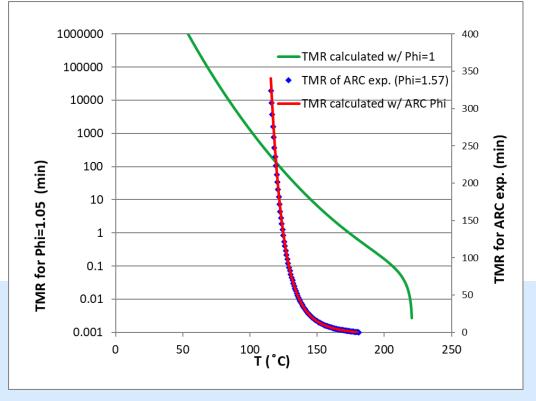




• Application 3: adiabatic Time to Max Rate (TMR) estimation (including Td24, Td8) $TMR = \int_{-T_{max}}^{T_{max}} \frac{dT}{T} = \int_{-T_{max}}^{T_{$

 $TMR = \int_{T}^{Tm} \frac{dT}{Ae^{-\frac{E}{RT}} \cdot \left(\frac{T_f - T}{\Delta T_{AB}}\right)^n \Delta T_{AB} C_0^n} \qquad \text{Numerical Method for ODE}$

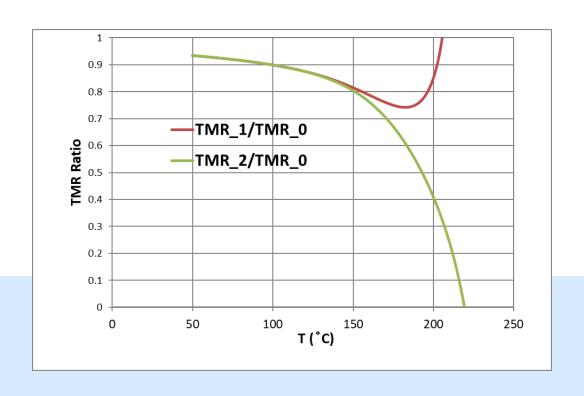


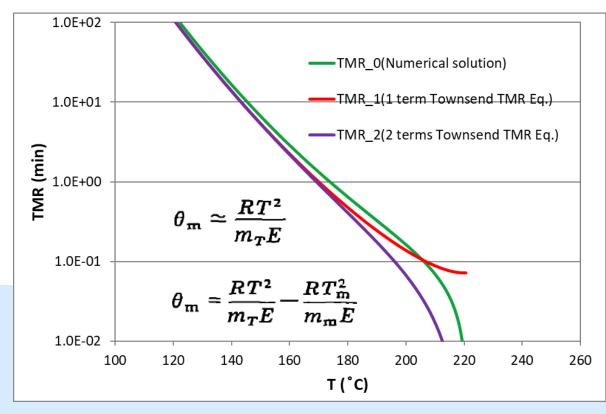


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 Adiabatic Time to Max Rate (TMR) estimation (including Td24, Td8): Numerical solution vs. Townsend equations





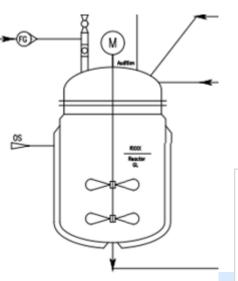
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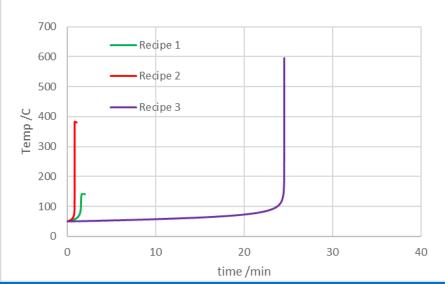
Application 4: normal process simulation

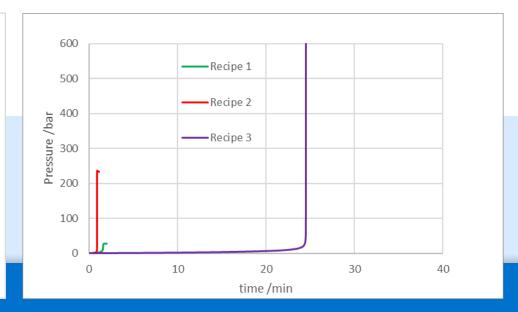
Reaction planned to run at 50C

evaluation based on following values for a pilot reactor (500L): cooling jacket 1.58 m² (Ø0.9m by 0.7m, 80% wet area); jacket fluid stays at 50C; overall heat transfer coefficient U=200 W/m²-K, close system.



Data	TMR (min)	T_max (C)	P_max (bar)	Note
Recipe 1	1.74	141.2	22.6	Reactor MAWP ~10 bar
Recipe 2	0.88	384	236	
Recipe 3	24.5	637	802	

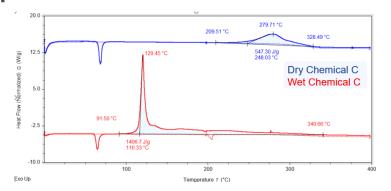


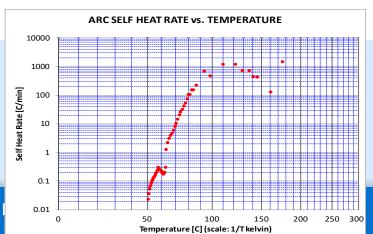


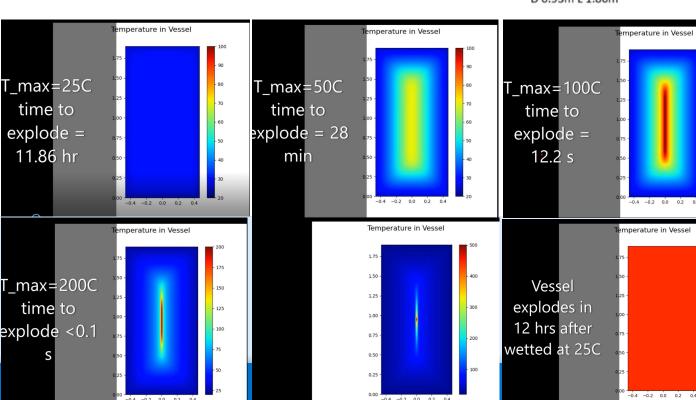


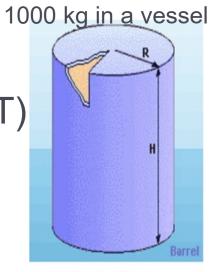
Application 5: abnormal process simulation (e.g., SADT)

1000kg chemical C solid in a vessel, Water leaked in. At ambient condition, the reaction starts and ends as an explosion in about 12 hr.









D 0.93m L 1.86m

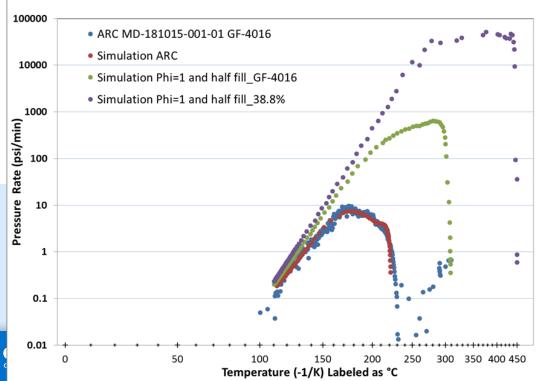


Application 6: reactive pressure relief sizing

Heat rate and pressure rate from ARC data, then apply various

DiERS methods for vent sizing

	HR_max (C/min)	PR_max (psi/min)
TSS Simulation Phi=1 and half fill_GF-4016	44.3	637.6
TSS Simulation Phi=1 and half fill 38.8%	853	60428



Ga	as	sy sys	stem, Homogeneous v	ventin	g mo	odel		
		,	Data from the VSP Report					
	8	Vc'	VSP containment vessel volume (3.95 L)	L	0.0052			
	9	Vn	VSP can volume (131 ml)	L	0.0052			
	10		VSP test type (specify open or closed)		closed			
	11	Mm	Sample mass	g	4.495			
				lb	0.010			
	12	Tm	Temperature at maximum pressure rise rate	°C	370			
				*K	643			
	13	dP/dt	Maximum pressure rise rate	psi/min	60428			
			psi/sec 1007.13					
	14	Tc	Containment temperature (open test only)	*K				
	15	Dfo	Liquid density at set pressure	lb/ft3	62.4			
	16	Mo	Mass of liquid in vessel	lb	42000			
	17	Vc	VSP headspace volume	L	0.005			

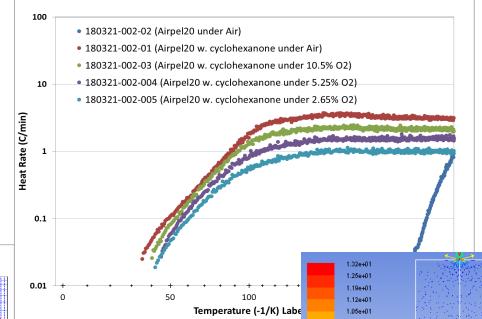
		<u>Ideal Vent Area / Diameter</u>		
32	Ai	Ideal area	ft2	14.5242
33	Di	Ideal diameter	in	51.60

		Relief System		
34	Ft	Relief device factor		0.9
35	Das	Assumed relief diameter	in	5.75
36	L	Relief system piping length	ft	100
37	L/D' Relief system fittings equivalent length			148.67
38 L/D Total equivalent L/D			357	
39	N	Line losses - 4fL/D		7.6
40	LF	Line factor (From figure VI-A9)		0.5

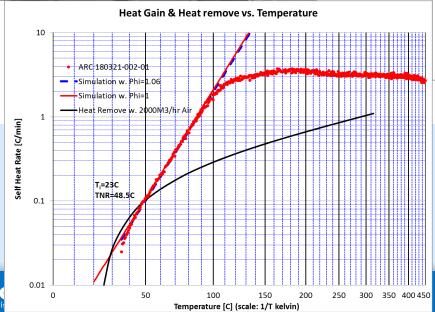
		Actual Vent Area / Diameter		
41	Aa	Actual area	ft2	32.2759
42	Da	Actual diameter	in	76.93
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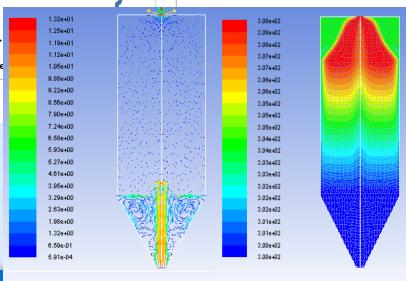
Application 7: Open cup ARC for oxidation reaction











Contours of Static Temperature (k)

Velocity Vectors Colored By Velocity Magnitude (m/s)

- The outcome of all applications may impact the production process and initiate process changes, which means "cost". Ensuring data accuracy is important to avoid incident, as well as reduce cost.
- → General guidance
- Avoid to rely on a single data point to tell the reactivity hazard
- Make sure your instruments give you reliable data
- Always investigate the cause of data inconsistency
- If possible, try to get consistent data from different instruments
 e.g., ARC + DSC:
 - o total heat from ARC is ~80% of that from DSC_Org. Process Res. Dev. 2021, 25, 1, 108-119
 - Onset Temperature?

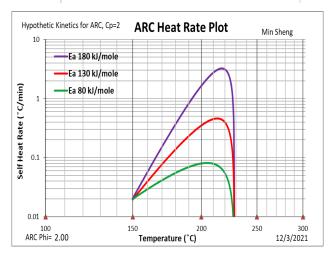


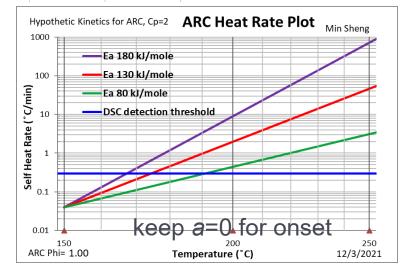
Onset Temperature of ARC vs. that of DSC

ARC: onset T at 150C with different Ea:

ARC: Cp=2, Phi=2, onset T @ 150C & 0.02C/min				
Heat of reaction (dH) /(cal/g)	75	75	75	
Activation energy (Ea) /(kJ/mole)	180	130	80	
Ln(A)	38.809	24.556	10.375	
Reaction order (n)	1	1	1	

DCC mun	Sensitivity	sample size	Detection t	hreshold
DSC run	10 uW	1mg	10 mW/g	0.3 C/min





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Ln(A)	38.809	24.556	10.375	
Reaction order (n)	1	1	1	
DSC onset /C	167	174	191	
Onset T difference /C	17	24	41	

Higher Ea, lower onset T difference; At onset, a→0, reaction order (n) has insignificant impact



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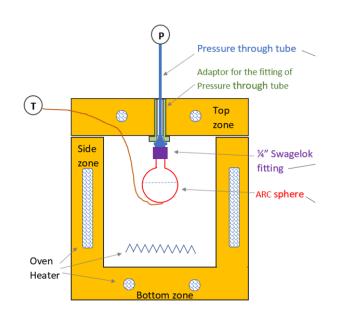
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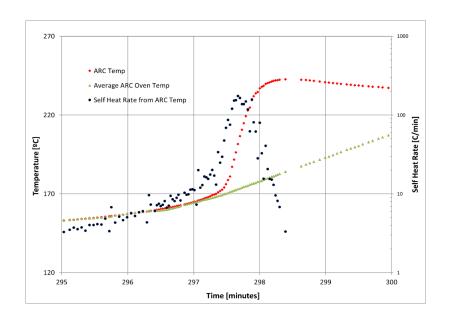


2. Adiabatic Limit of ARC

- Original Dow ARC could maintain adiabatic condition up to 20°C/min.
- Corteva THT esARC

ARC test for 50% DTBP in toluene; 4.03g in 21.114 g Hastelloy C ARC bomb Slope of oven T in 297.5~300min: 15.0 °C/min (hardware limit)





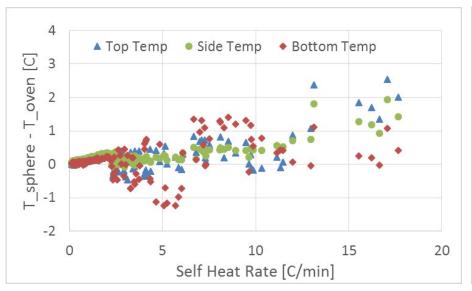
DTBP: di-tert-butyl-peroxide

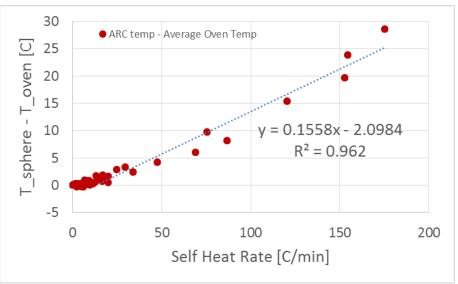


2. Adiabatic Limit of ARC

Difference between sample and oven

 $\triangle T < 1 \text{ C below } \sim 13 \text{ °C/min}$ $\triangle T = 0 \text{ °C at } \frac{13.5 \text{ °C/min}}{13.5 \text{ °C/min}}$





We believe delay from control system lowers such limit.

Be caution if you have ARC data with high self heat rates. Thermal lag is another big issue for such data, more detail in our paper: Org. Process Res. Dev. 2021, 25, 1, 108-119



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 Pressure tubing and transducer are all outside of ARC oven. The temperature of those parts will be much colder during a run.

THT esARC



P Transducer-

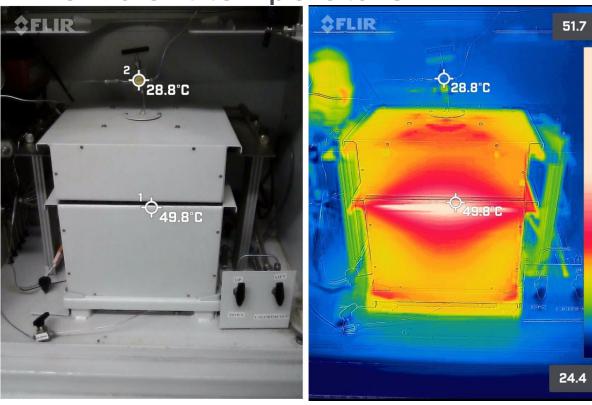


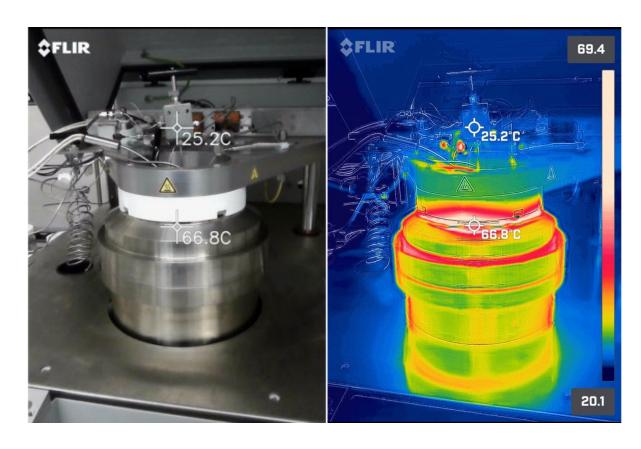
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When ARC is isotherm at 250°C, tubing and valve are around

ambient temperature







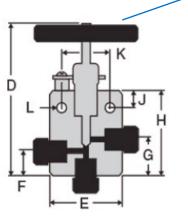
Corteva setup: to reduce sample headspace volume by using small tubing and moving P transducer closer, special valve and filling with silicone oil (Dow Corning 710).

• 1/16" tubing, 1/16" pressure through tube

Three way taper seal needle valve (15-12AF1)

• Fill oil from transducer to valve V1 (clean & replace oil

between V1 and V2 for each test)



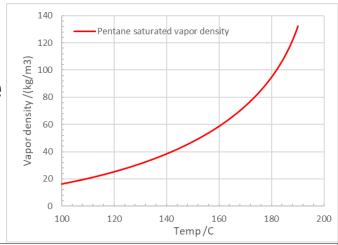


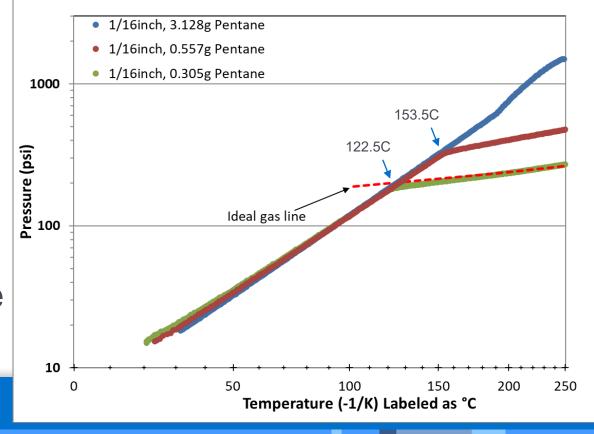
Corteva setup: still a small empty space where sample can condense? N-Pentane in a HC bomb with an internal volume of 9.66cc

Pentane, boiling @ 36°C, Critical @ 196.5 °C

- 3.128g: vapor pressure up to Tc
- 0.557g: vapor pressure to 153.5C, then ideal gas
- →9.66cc vapor, 0.063g condensed outside
- 0.305g: vapor pressure to 122.5C, then ideal gas
- →9.66cc vapor, 0.046g condensed outside

Corteva setup has about 0.09cc of potential empty tubing space for sample condensation during the ARC test

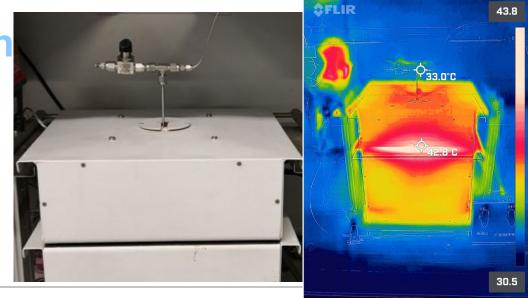


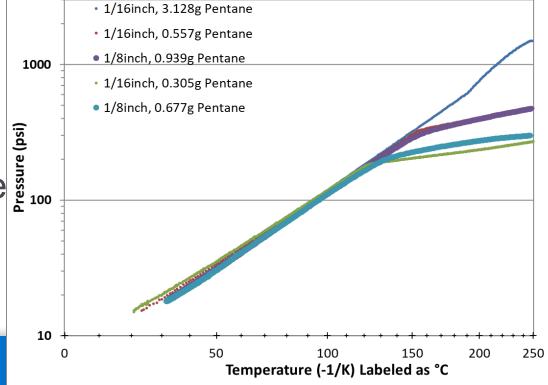




- Typical setup we saw in other labs: 1/8" Tee + ball valve, 1/8" pressure through tubing, oil from PT to Tee (1/16"tubing)
- 0.94g: vapor pressure to 150.8C, then ideal gas
- →9.66cc vapor, 0.473g condensed outside
- 0.68g: vapor pressure to 130.2C, then ideal gas
- →9.66cc vapor, 0.375g condensed outside

This tubing setup has about 0.68cc of potential empty tubing space for sample condensation during the ARC test

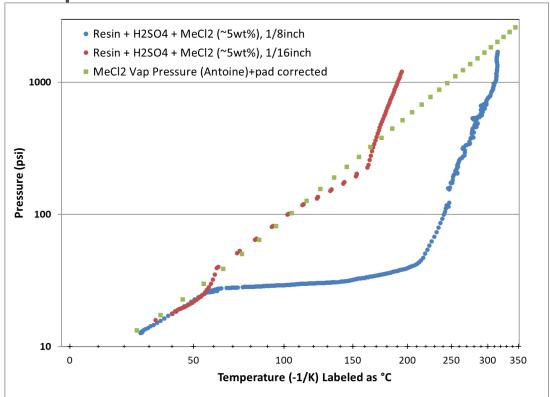






Why it matters?

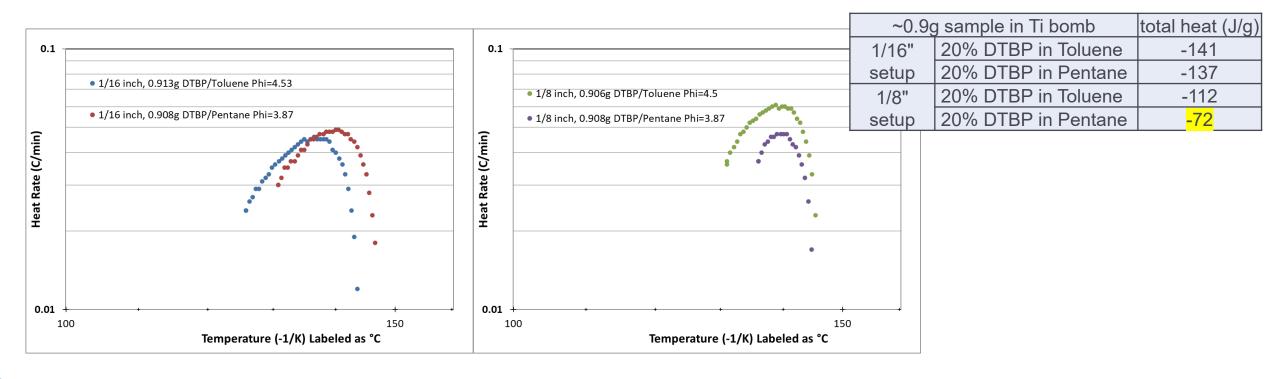
1. Volatile components could be removed from the tested sample



Sulfuration reaction, MeCl2 is used to swell polymer



- Why it matters?
- 2. Data consistence with volatile solvent or exotherm at high temperature (e.g., 100°C higher than boiling point).





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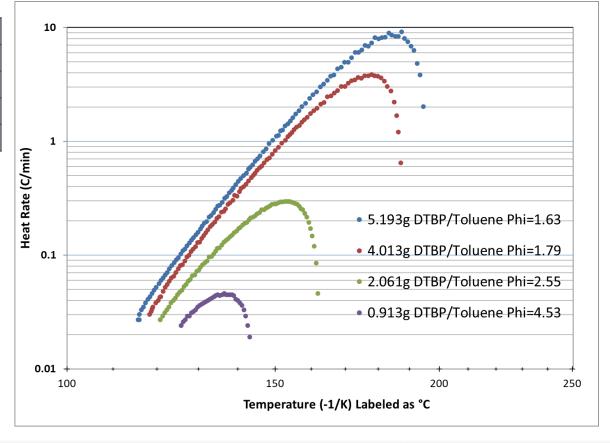
4, Sample size

• 20% DTBP in Toluene (Cp 1.746J/g/°C), Ti ARC bomb (~10.5g, Cp 0.54J/g/ °C, 9.66cc), Corteva tubing setup

#	Sample size (g)	Onset T (°C)	Total heat (J/g)	
1	5.193	115.9	-227.7	100%
2	4.013	118.3	-214.8	94%
3	2.061	120.8	-183	80%
4	0.913	125.8	<mark>-141</mark>	<mark>62%</mark>

Total heat is after Phi correction. In an ideal world, it should be the same for all tests.

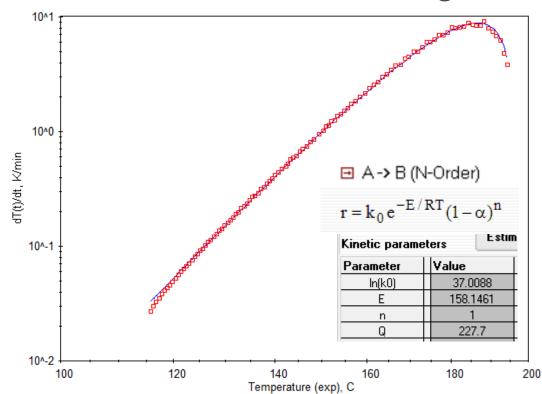
For the same sample, why #4 (0.913g) is lower by 38% than #1 (5.193g)???

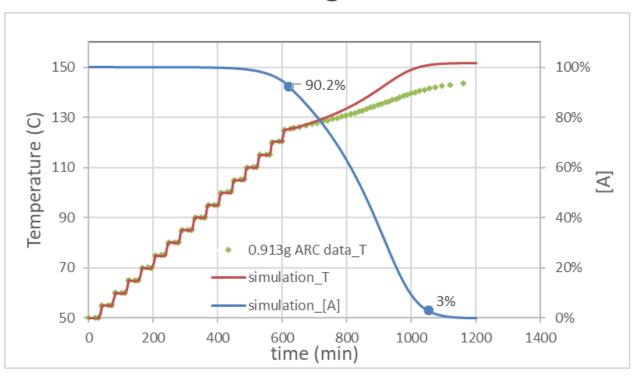




4, Sample size

Kinetic from data of 5.193g ARC, then simulate 0.913g ARC run





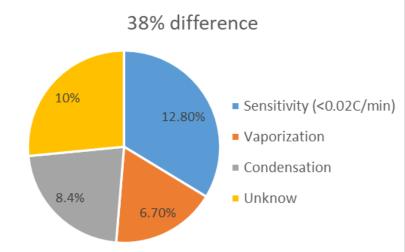
At onset T (125.8C) of the 0.913g ARC, [A] conversion is already 9.8% at HR≥0.02C/min, at the end of Exo, 3% left when HR<0.02C/min. → 12.8% was missed by the Exo track due to instrument sensitivity (<0.02C/min)



4, Sample size

- DTBP vaporized into headspace (vapor phase)
 In 0.913g ARC, exo between 125.8 °C and 143.6 °C, Vapor density at 134.7 °C: 6.06 mg/cc, From ASPEN, vapor contains 23.7wt% DTBP → 0.0122g (6.7%)
- DTBP condensed into cold tubing
 0.09cc of potential empty tubing space, density at 25C: 0.8538g/cc, assume 20wt% DTBP → 0.0154g (8.4%)
- → Generally, avoid <1gm liquid sample size for ARC test

Larger sample size is better for data quality, our default sample size is 4 gm for unknow sample, but watch for bomb rupture.



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5, ARC Bomb Rupture

• Rupture:

1~2-week instrument down time (recertify ARC)
Put personal under chemical exposure risk
Potentially instrument damage









5, Bomb rupture

Typical ARC bomb used in Corteva RC group

ARC Bomb Type	Average Burst Pressure (psi)	Approximate Weight (gm)
FT-2 (Ti) 0.035"	7000	10.1
FS-2 316SS 0.035"	15,000	17.6
FH-2 (HC) 0.035"	14,500	20.8

From 2005, total of 21 ruptured ARC documented in our RC database

total	Cause of rupture
9	hydraulic overfill
8	high energy materials
3	Bomb compatibility







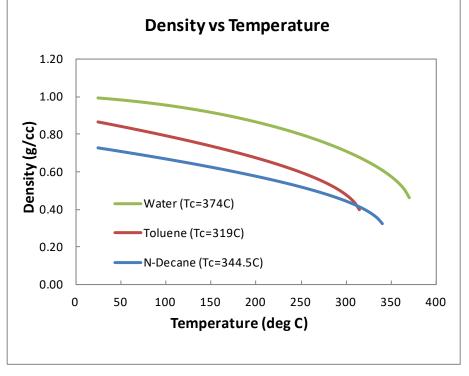
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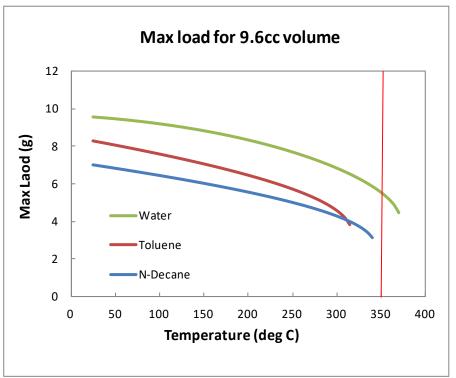
Liquid thermal expansion:

4 gm of N-Decane is 12.3cc liquid at 340°C, while ARC has 9.66cc and

heated up to 350C

Max load for 9.6cc ARC test (g)				
Water	5.52			
Toluene	3.84			
N-Decane	3.13			





Below the critical temperature, pressure of overfill liquid is infinitely large

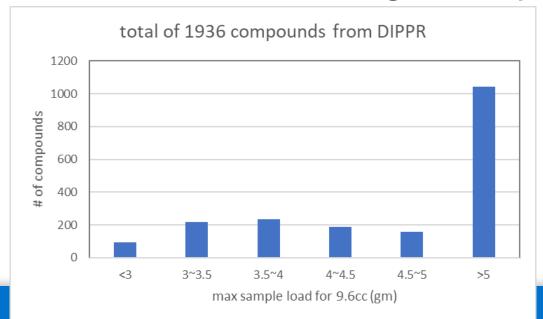


5, Bomb rupture: hydraulic overfill

 How to prevent ARC rupture from hydraulic overfill? Need liquid density at the highest tested temperature

If critical T (Tc) > 350C, use density at 350C; if critical T \leq 350C, use density at Tc-5C.

1936 compounds offer such data in DIPPR, 28% of them will have a hydraulic overfill ARC bomb with 4gm sample load.





5, Bomb rupture: high energy materials

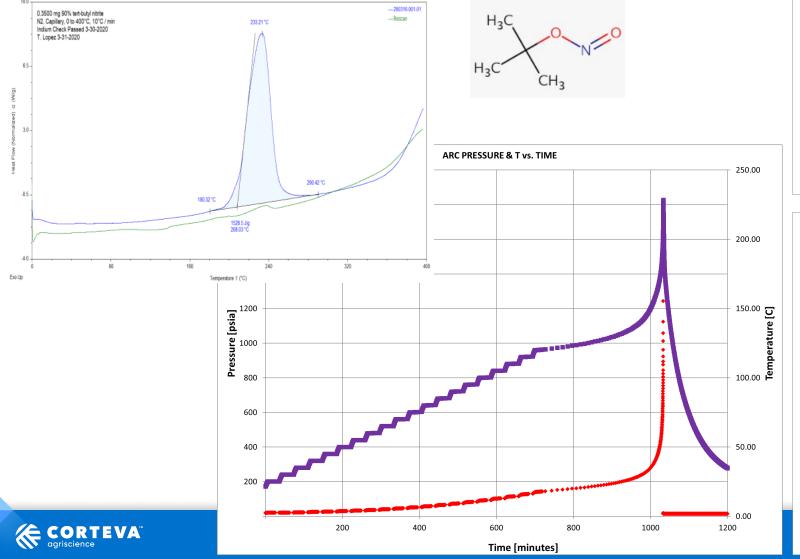
- High energy materials: contains high energy function groups or has exotherm (e.g., by DSC) over 800J/g.
- In Corteva, always perform DSC test prior to ARC. If exotherm(s) exceed 800 J/g, the sample size should not exceed 1.5-2 g for ARC test.

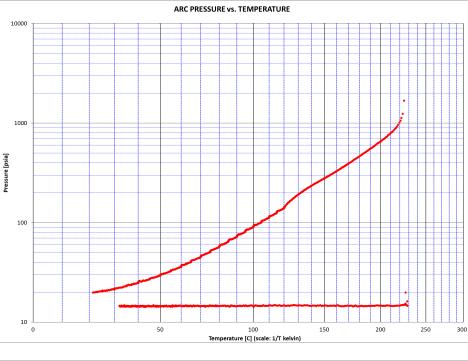
Ruptured ARC test ID	High energy materials	Heat by DSC (J/g)
TX-2007-001694.001	contains Triperoxide group	-1415
TX-110822-000016-04	contains Nitro group	-1765
MD-120605-000010-02	contains Nitro group	-2335
MD-120605-000010-03	contains Nitro group	-2335
190117-001-02	DMSO + NaH	-1230
200316-001-01	90% tert-butyl nitrite	-1529

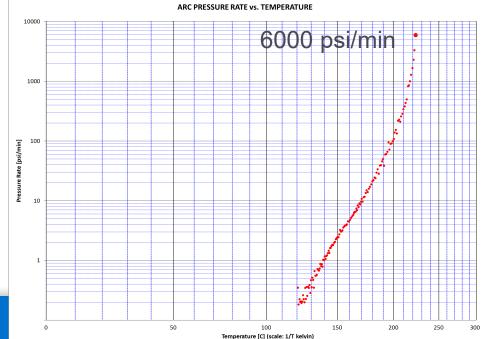


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• 200316-001-01: 90% tert-butyl nitrite







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High energy function group

Function groups	structures	Range of decomposition energies (kJ/mol)
Alkenes, Dienes, Vinyl esters, Acrylates	-C=C-	50~90
Alkynes, Acetylenes, Metal acetylides, Haloacetylene derivatives	-C≣C-	120~170
Epoxides, Aziridine, Diazirines	Δ	70~150
Peroxides, Hydroperoxides, Peracides	-C-OO-R	230~360
Organic sulfoxides	R2-S=O	40~70
Organic sulfonyl chlorides	-SO2Cl	50~70
Hydrazines	-NHNH-	70~90
Diazo, diazonium	-N=N-, -N≡N ⁺	100~180
Azides	-N3	200~240
Oxime	-C=NOH	110~140
N-oxides	R2N:O	100~130
Nitroso	R-N=O,	150~290
Cyanates, Isocyanates, Thiocyanates	-O-C≡N, -N=C=O, -S-C≡N	50~75
Nitro, N-nitro	R-NO2, R2-N-NO2	310~430
Acyl nitrates, Acyl nitrites	-C-O-NO2, -C-O-N=O	400~480
N-halogen compounds, Hypohalites,	-N-X, -O-X	-
N-metal derivatives, Metal peroxides, Metal fulminates, Hydrides, Metal organics	-N-M, -O-O-M, MC≡N→O, MH, MR,	-

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- Corteva DSC sample container: glass capillary or gold-plated crucible
- Typical ARC bombs are made of metals/alloys, which could react with chemicals. Sometimes it corrodes badly enough to fail.

Ruptured ARC test ID		ARC bomb material
TX-080722-000019.001	Sample contains 6%HCl and 10.5%water	Ti
TX-080804-000017.004	Sample contains 6.69 wt% HCl and 45.06 wt% H2O	Ti
210325-001-01	Sample contains HCl	S.S

Reaction of titanium with acids

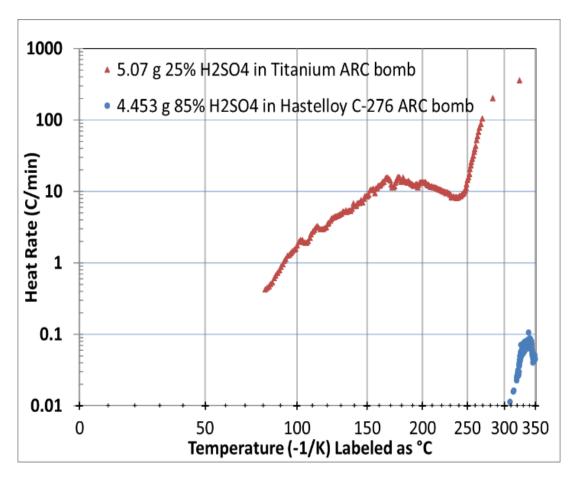
Titanium does not react with most acids, under normal conditions. It will react with hot hydrochloric acid, and it reacts with HF, forming Ti(III) complexes and hydrogen gas, H₂.

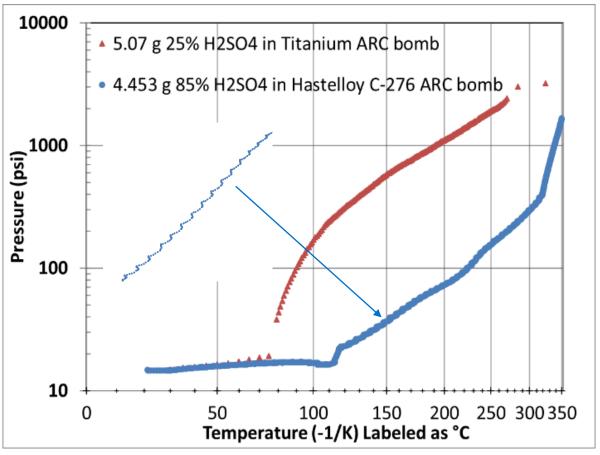
2 Ti(s) + 12 HCl(aq)
$$\stackrel{\triangle}{\longrightarrow}$$
 2 Ti[Cl₆]³⁻(aq) + 3 H₂(g) + 6 H⁺(aq)
2 Ti(s) + 12 HF(aq) $\stackrel{\triangle}{\longrightarrow}$ 2 [TiF₆]³⁻(aq) + 3 H₂(g) + 6 H⁺(aq)

https://pilgaardelements.com/Titanium/Reactions.htm



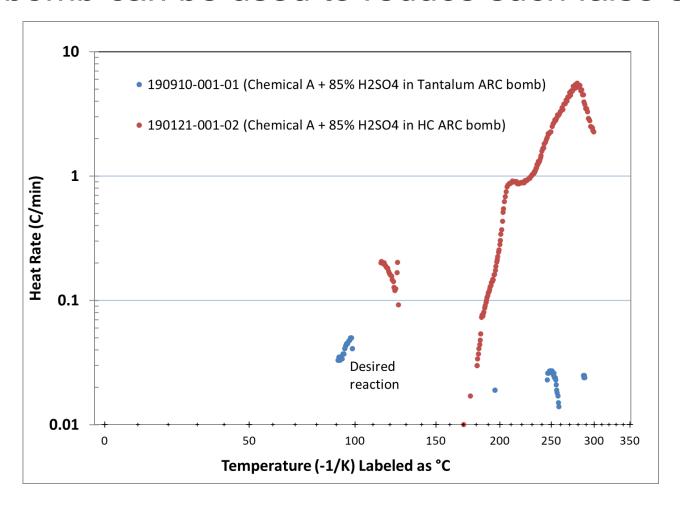
It can also result in a FALSE Exotherm or False gas generation







Tantalum bomb can be used to reduce such false exotherm



Chemical A: a chlorinated compound, which likely accelerates the HC+H2SO4 reaction above 170C



Corteva ARC bomb compatibility chart:

N: Incompatible (Do NOT use);

1: highly recommended;

5: not recommended.

• Default ARC bomb: Hastalloy-C (1" diameter sphere, 1/4" tube),

FH-2	14 500	20.0
(HC) 0.035"	14,500	20.8

Corteva ARC Bomb Chemical Compatibility Chart	304 Stainless Steel	316 Stainless Steel	Tantalum	Hastalloy-C	Titanium
Non-oxidizing Mineral Acids	N	N	2	2	5
Organic Acids	_	2	1	1	2
Caustics	_	3	N	2	2
Aliphatic Amines	_	1	3	2	5
Alkanol Amines	2	1	5	2	5
Aromatic Amines	2	1	3	2	5
Isocyanates	_	1	5	1	5
Acrylates		1	1	1	2
Acrylic and Methacrylic Acids	N	N	1	N	1
Epoxides (Alkylene Oxides)	2	1	3	2	4
Aldehyde, Ketones	3	1	1	1	2
Alcohols, Glycols	_	1		1	5
Phenols, Cresols	1	1	1	1	2
Aromatic Hydrocarbons	1			1	
Miscellaneous Hydrocarbon Mixtures	1			1	1
Esters	2	1		1	2
Halogenated Hydrocarbons	5	5		3	
Ethers	1		1	1	1
Nitro Compounds	_	1	3	2	5
Miscellaneous Water Solutions	_	2	1	1	1
Polymerizable Monomers & Olefins Notes: 1 - highly recommended: 5 - r	1	1	2	1	2

Notes: 1 - highly recommmended; 5 - not recommended: N - Incompatible

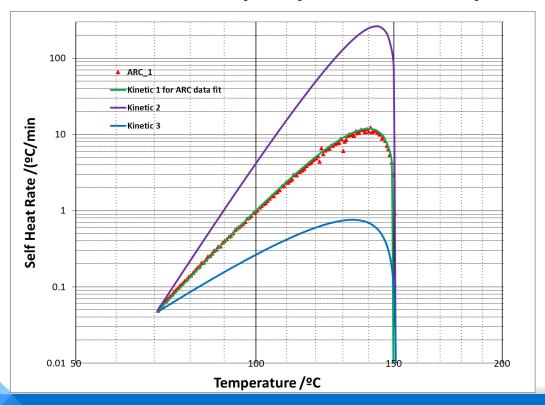


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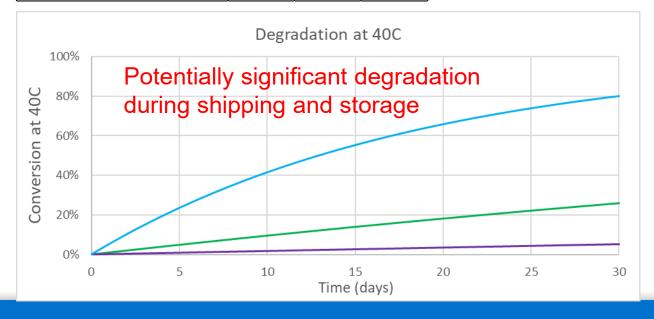
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A. If a sample has an exotherm detected by ARC with onset temperature below 100C (typically slow degrading sample), always watch the sample degradation during shipping and storage. Try to use a fresh prepared sample for ARC test.



	Kinetic 1	Kinetic 2	Kinetic 3
Heat of reaction (dH) /(J/g)	296.69	296.69	296.69
Activation energy (Ea) /(kJ/mole)	128.61	180	80
Ln(A)	33.434	51.434	16.434
Reaction order (n)	1	1	1

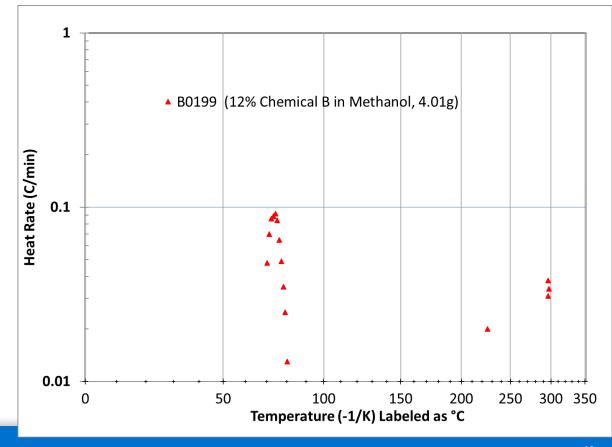




• Example: an ARC data from other testing lab. Only -46 J/g energy measured by their ARC (1/8" pressure tubing setup). Based on this data, it was believed the risk of reactivity hazard is low.

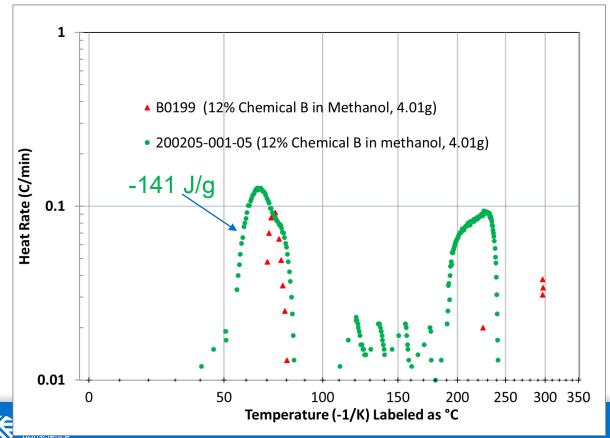
Exo	Onset	Peak T	End T	Heat
	T [°C]	[°C]	[°C]	[J/g]
#1	70.2	75.2	81.2	-46

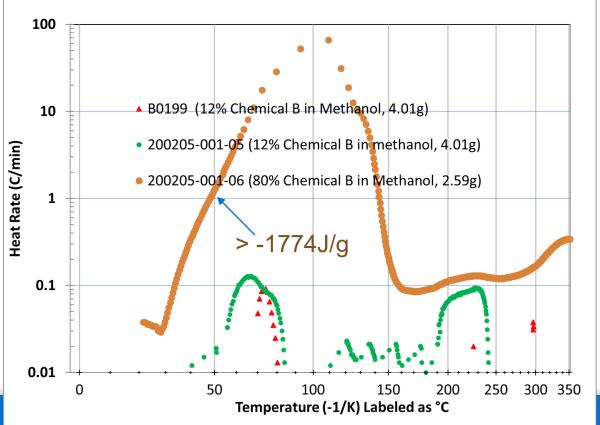
Corteva SME challenged them: onset T is so low, the sample is not freshly made, the tested sample could already degrade before the test.





- Retest with a fresh prepared sample in our lab.
- New data leads to the study of worst-case scenario (20% methanol). → we are glad that we didn't miss this ☺

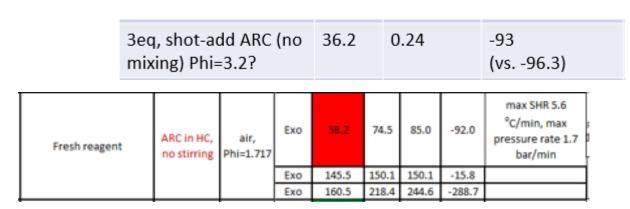


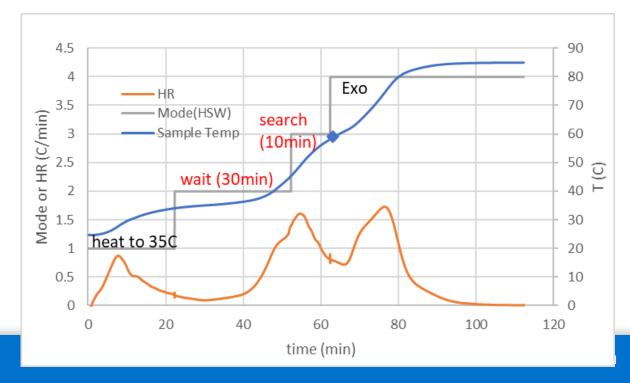


B. If a sample reacts at ambient temperature (typically reacting after combine), always try to run shot-add ARC with manually started EXO mode (manually force the ARC instrument into EXO mode, and then shot in to combine chemicals).

Example: for the same sample, Corteva ARC onset at 36C, 3-party

ARC onset at 58C.







Conclusion

General guidance

Make sure your instruments give you reliable data

Adiabatic limit;

Pressure tubing and condensation;

Sample loading size;

Bomb rupture;

Bomb compatibility;

Low onset exotherm

- Avoid to rely on a single data point to tell the reactivity hazard
- > Always investigate the cause of data inconsistency
- ➤ If possible, try to get consistent data from different instruments e.g., ARC + DSC:



Thank you for your time.

Happy to answer any question!!!

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