# **Thermal analysis**

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### **TGA/DSC**

Characterize samples by measuring change in mass as a function of temperature Provides information:

Composition

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Moisture content

Decomposition

# The principles

Burning Match decreases in mass Leaving ashes



- 1. Loss of volatile components
- 2. Decomposition
- 3. Atmosphere is switched from  $N_2$  to  $O_2$
- 4. Combustion of the carbon
- 5. Ashes



#### **TGA/DSC curves**



### **TGA/DSC sensors**

- Equipped with 3 different sensors
- Measures sample and reference temperatures below ceramic support

Measures sample and reference temperatures

Measures sample temperatures \*



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### **TGA/DSC** balance

# Automatic internal weigh/ external weigh measurements

Analyse up to 50 million compounds



### **TGA/DSC crucibles**

Materials used as crucibles are important for achieving good results



### **TGA/DSC measurement possibilities**

- Temperature ramp (used for loss of moisture)
- Isothermal measurements (oxidation induction time)
- Measurement under vacuum (separation of vaporization)
- Measurement atmosphere (determines the ash content)

### **Temperature ramp**

2. Decomposition

1. Loss of Water

3. Decomposition reaction



## **Applications**

- Pharmaceutical industries: Quality control
- Food industries: Quality assurance
- Science/research: Stability, quantitative analysis
- Paints : drying









TGA/DSC Manual and automated operation

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**Quality assurance** 

**Q**Research and development

#### Thank you for listening