

In-Situ Differential Scanning Calorimetry in the Studies of Oxide Catalysts and Mechanisms in Oxidative Heterogeneous Catalysis

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- energy factor in chemical processes
- Chemical Thermodynamics vs. Thermochemistry
- particularity of 'reaction independence' principle in heterogeneous catalysis

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experimental methods for measuring thermal effects (heat evolution and consumption) accompanying the processes of various types (chemical, physical, biological) and based on different physical principles

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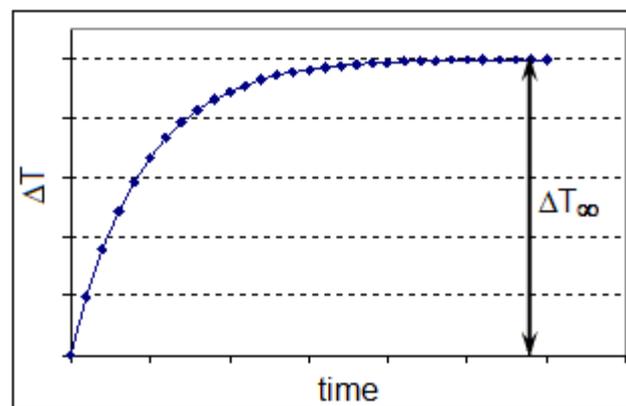
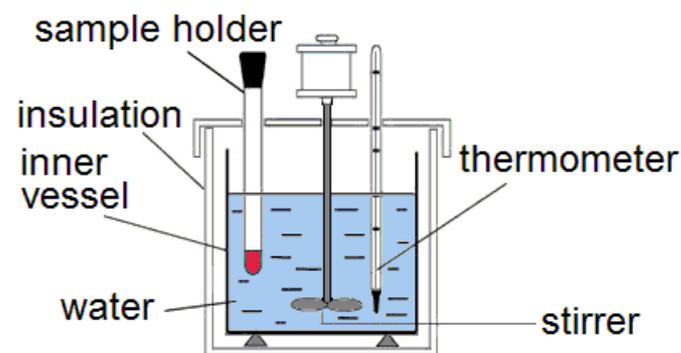
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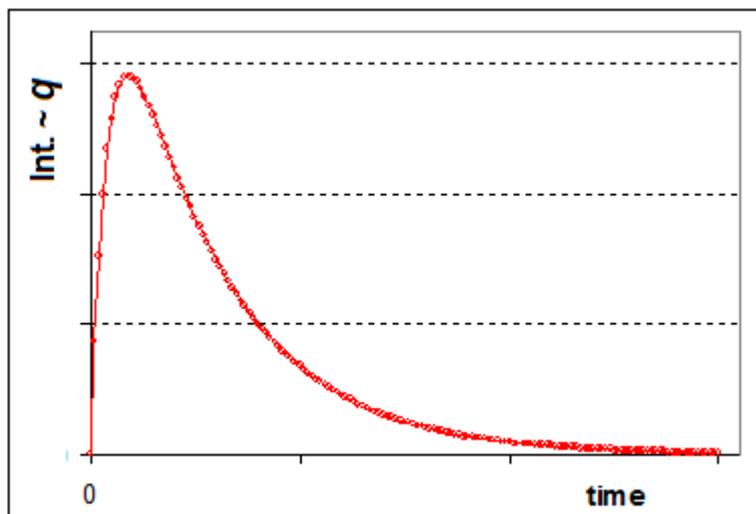
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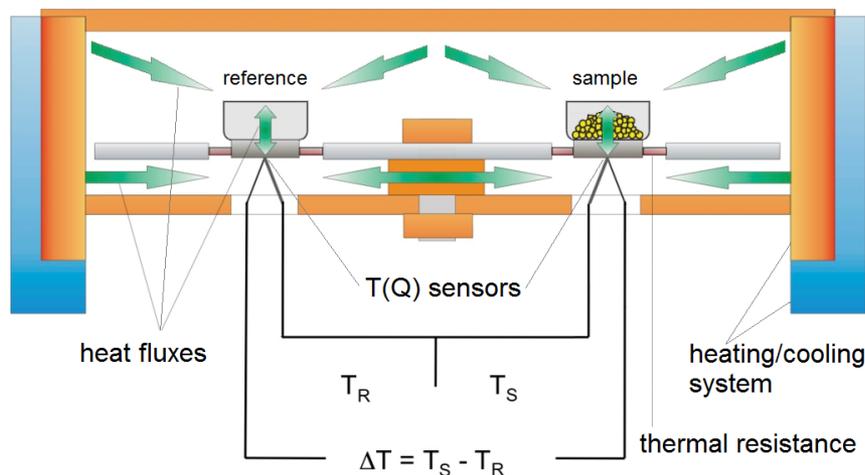
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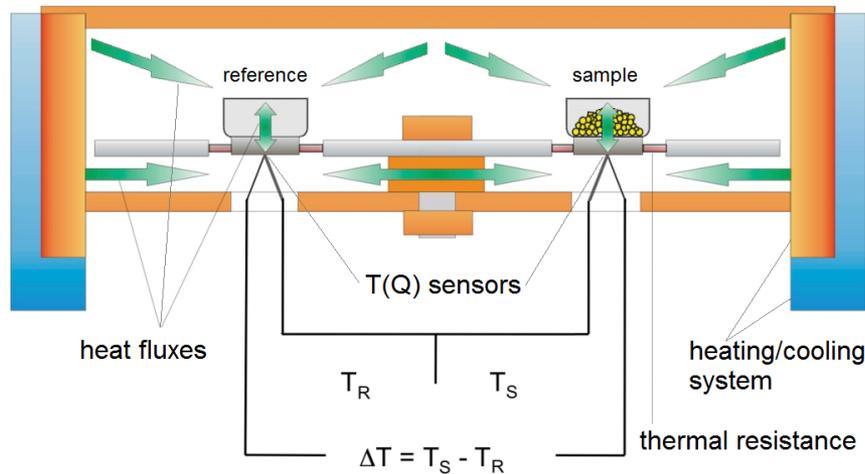


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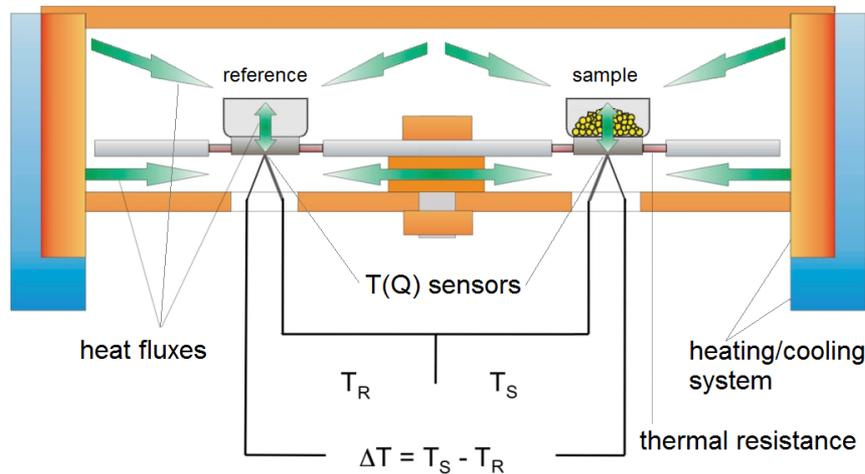


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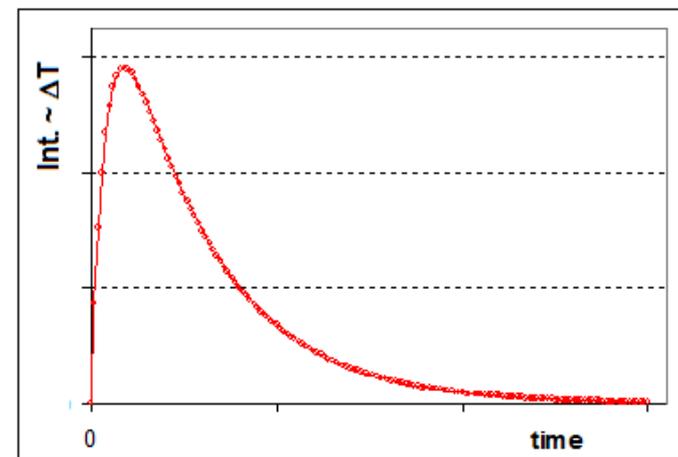
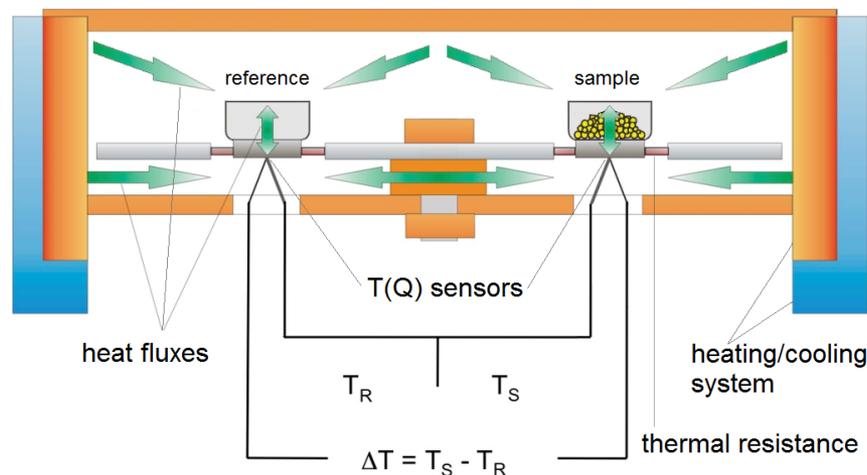
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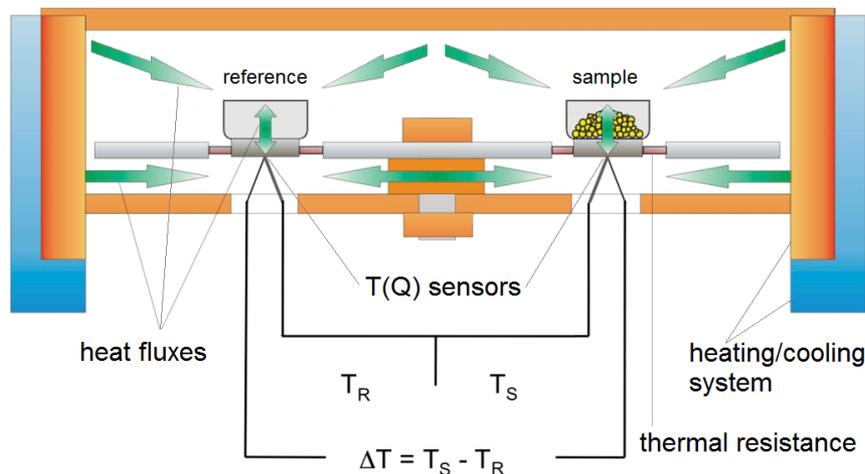
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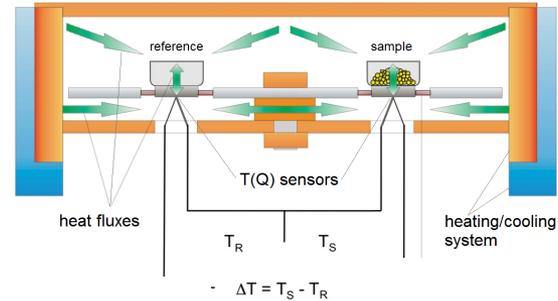


- relatively simple design;
- wide range of T's;
- compatible with other methods (e.g. TG)
- calibration is critical and can vary from sample to sample;
- gas-solid diffusion

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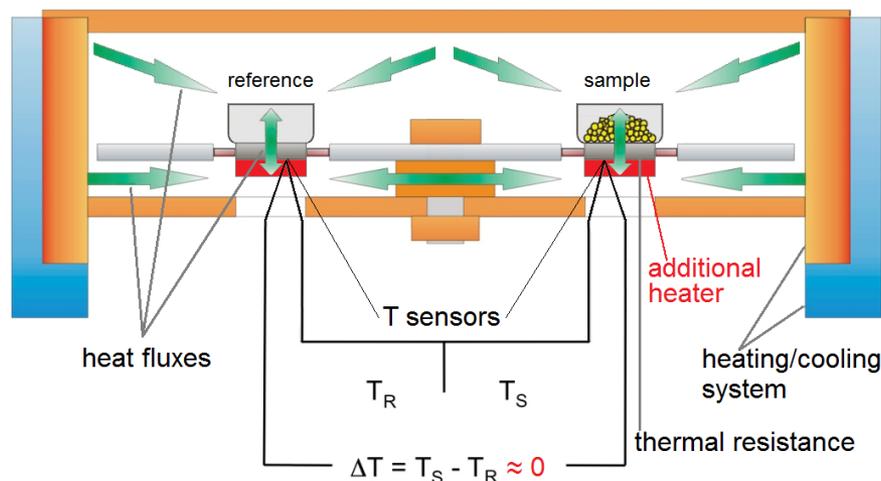
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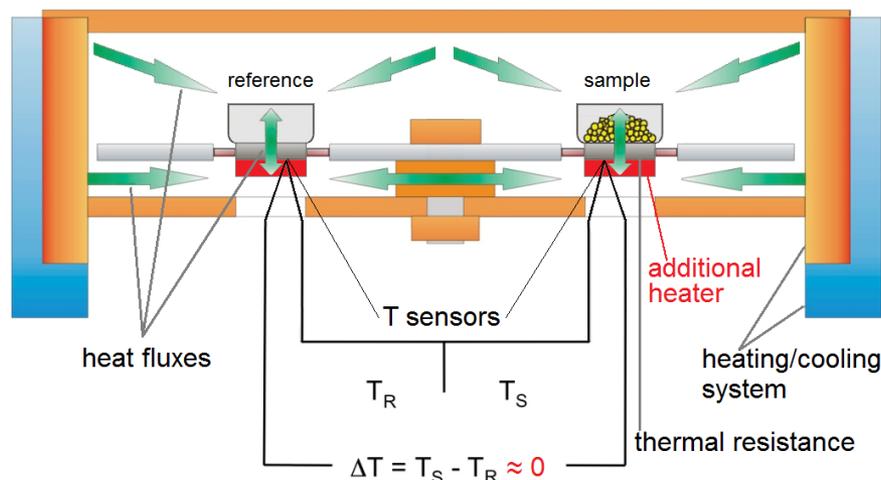


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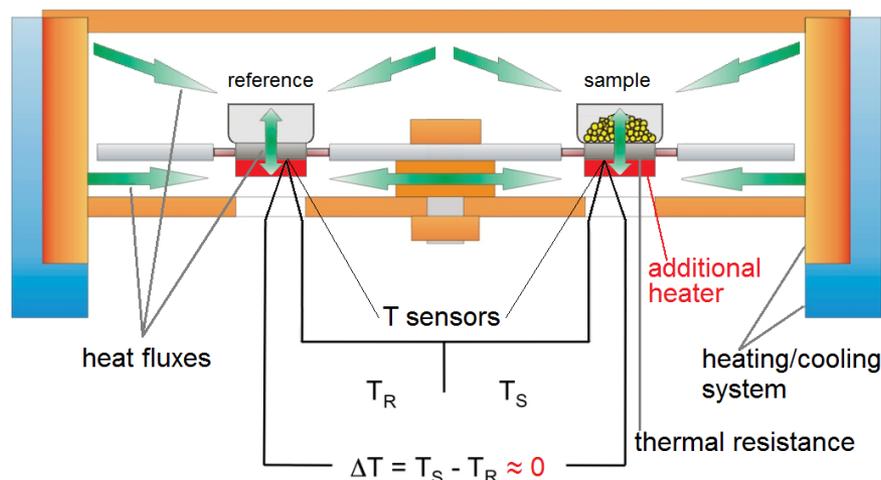
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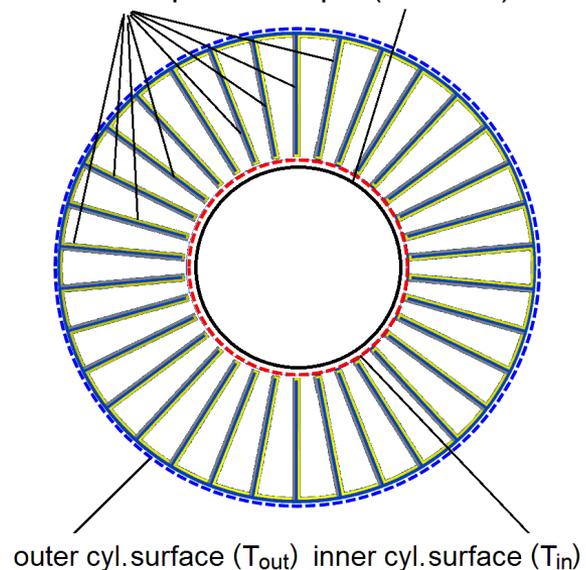
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Calvet sensor (top view)

thermocouple sample (reaction) tube



$$q \sim (T_{in} - T_{out})$$

Calvet calorimetry (incl. DSC):

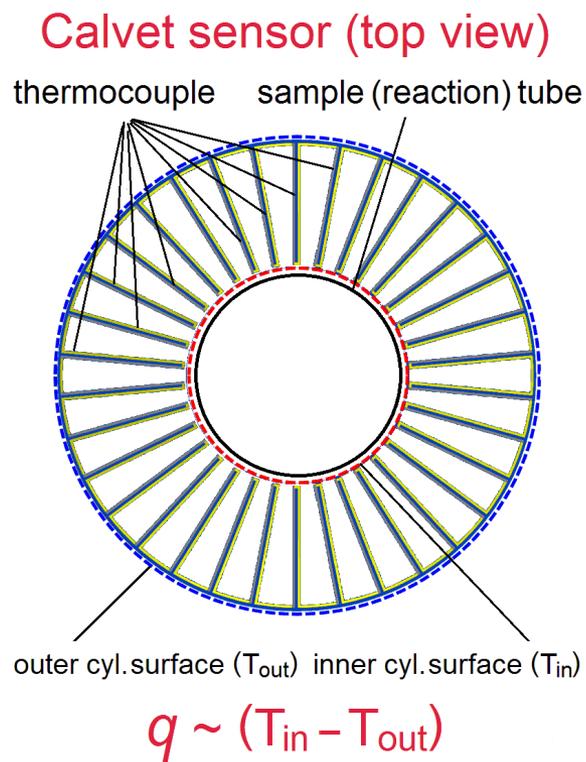
- none of the TC's measures the temperature of the sample (!!!);
- the DSC signal is formed as ΔT between two cylindrical surfaces (inner and outer) on different distances from the sample

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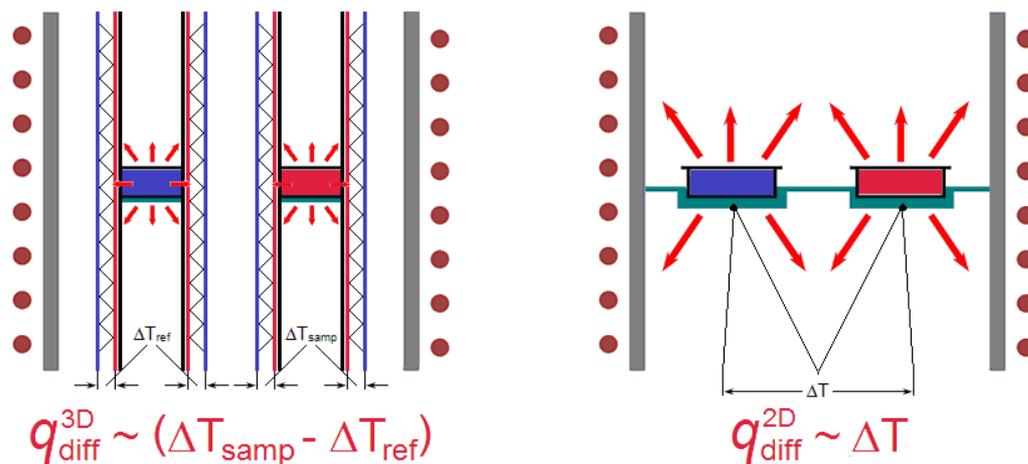
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Side view: Calvet (3D) vs. TA (2D) sensing



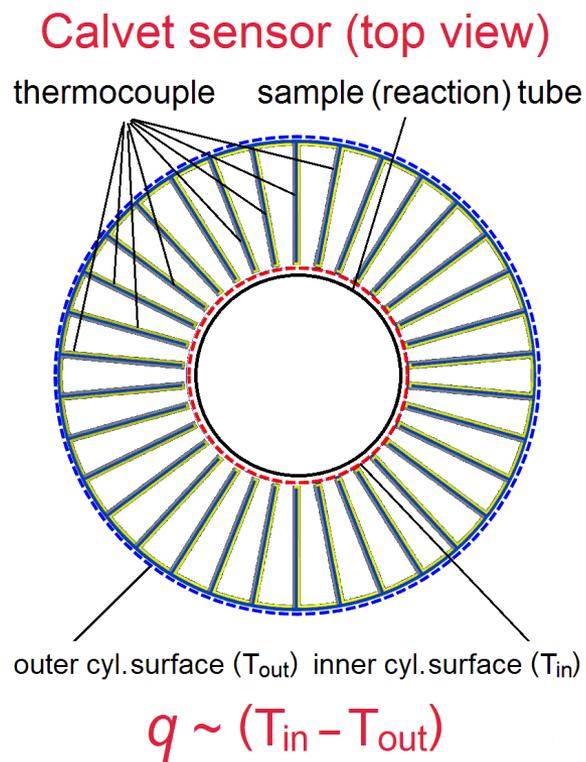
3D vs. 2D sensing: more efficient (complete) capturing of heat fluxes from/to the sample – lower sensitivity to the sample properties !!!

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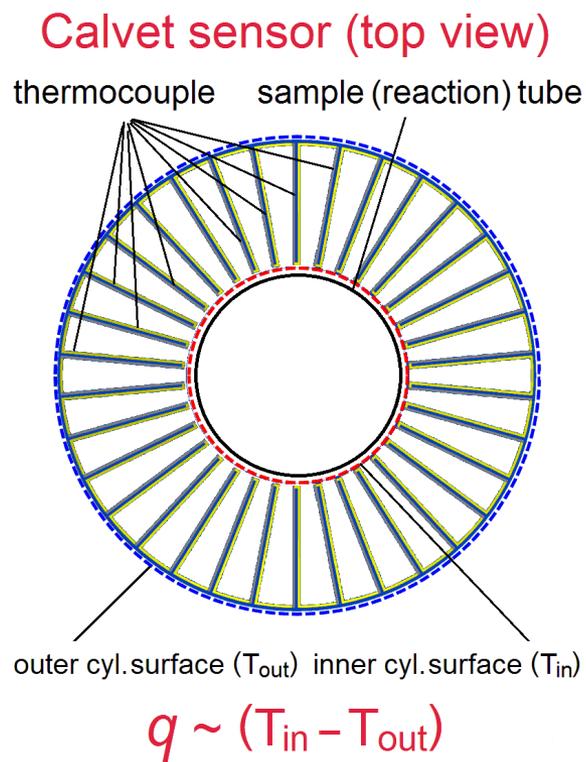
- full realization of the potential of *Newton-Richmann law* and *Tian equation*;
- the sample does not play the role of 'thermal resistance';
- no tight contact between sample (and reference) holder(s) and the sensor is required;
- 3D heat sensing;
- good gas-solid mass-transfer conditions;
- high compatibility (e.g. with TGA)
- relatively low temporal resolution

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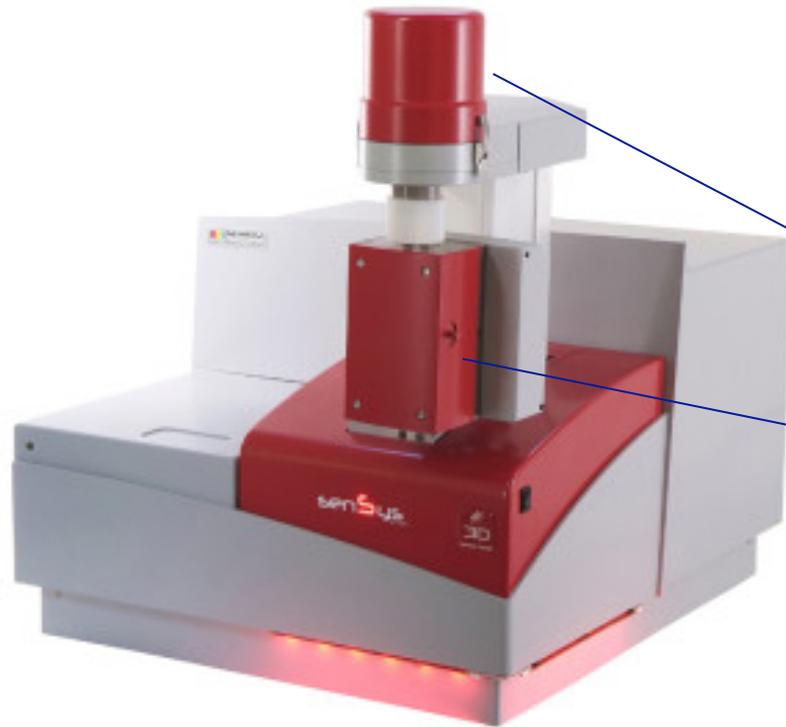


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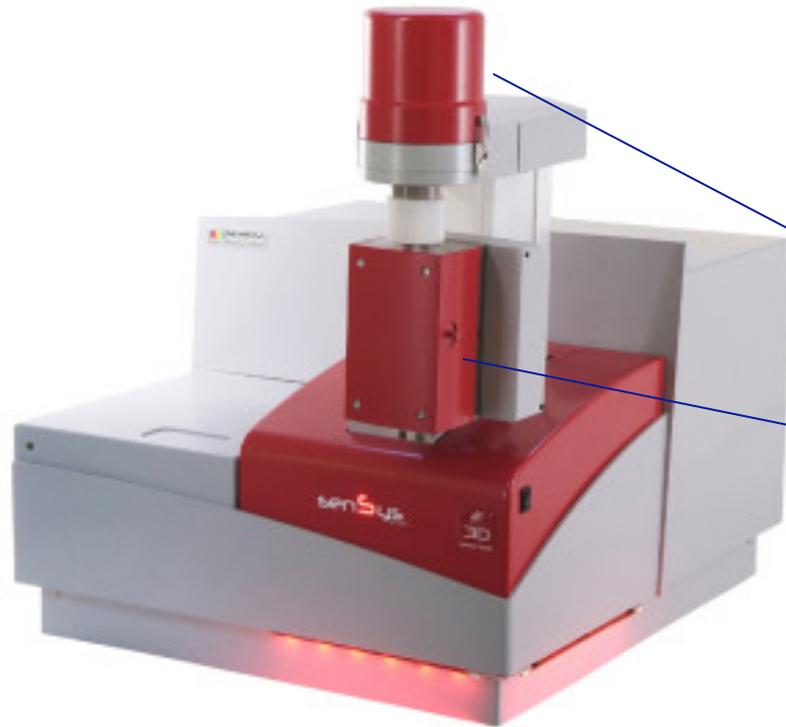
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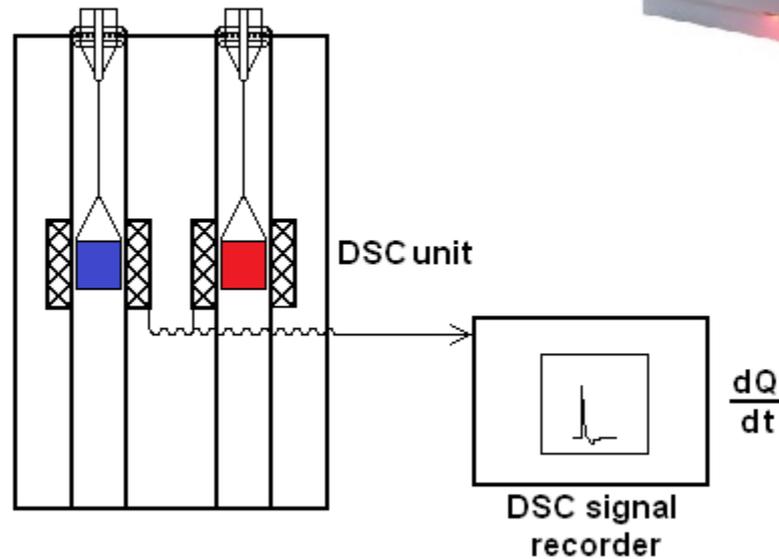
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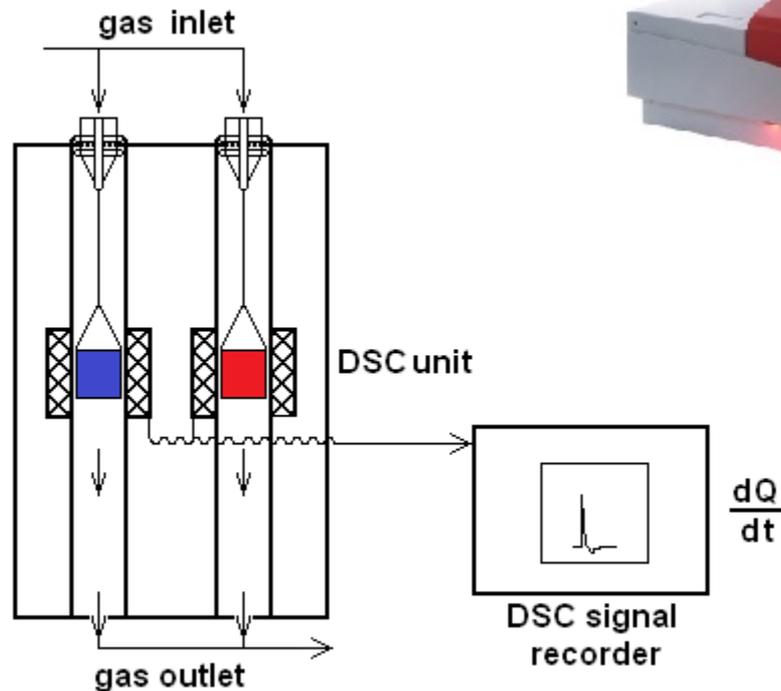
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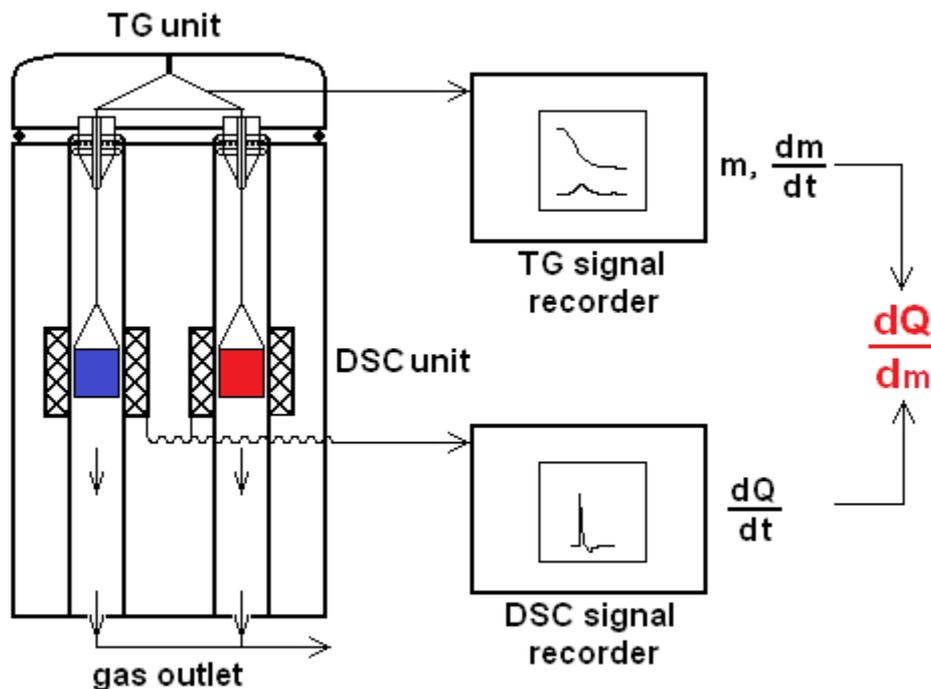
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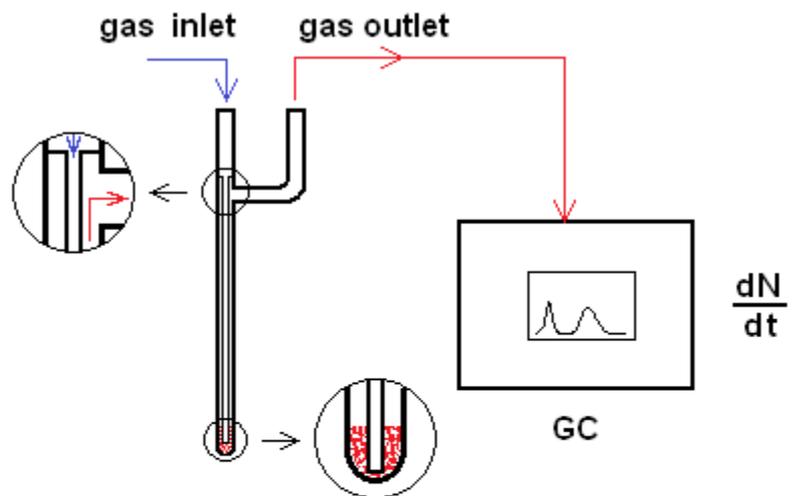


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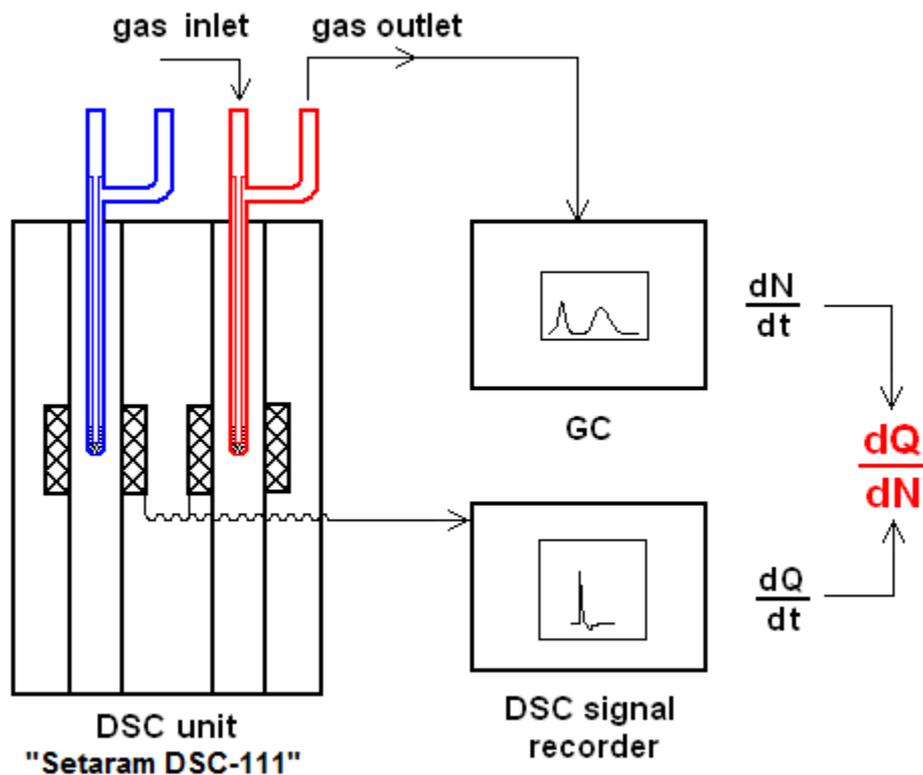
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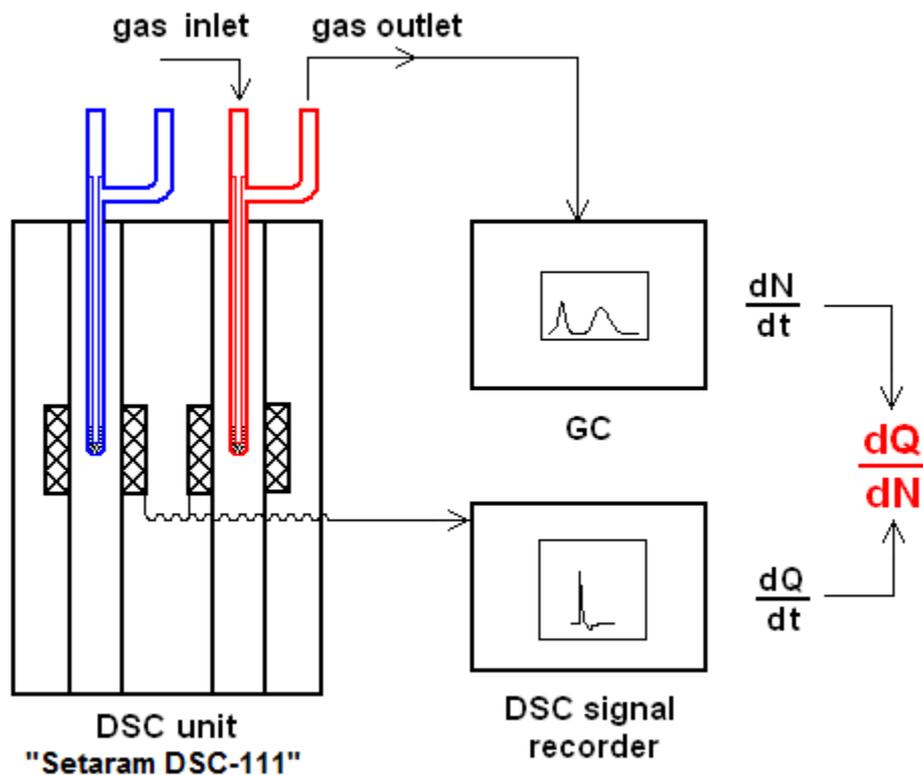
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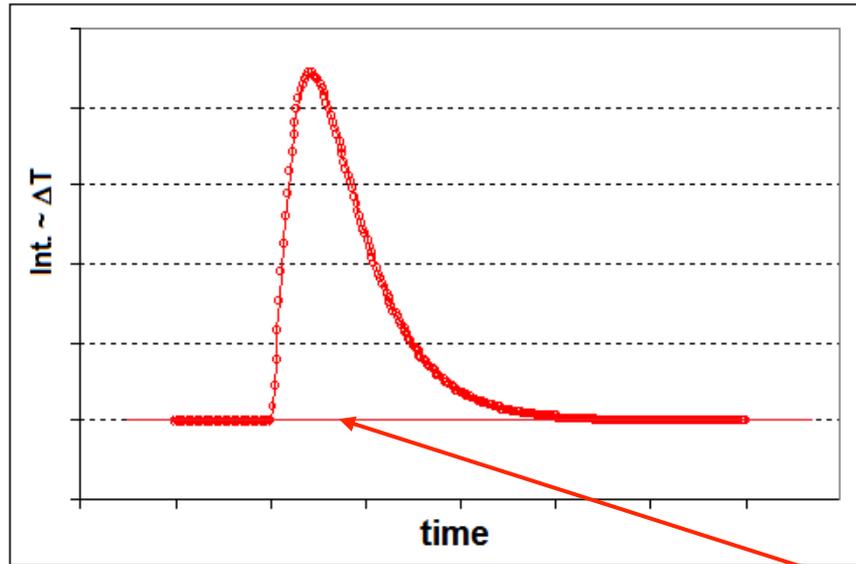
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Temperature range: R.T - 1100 K; heating rates: 0-20 K/min.;
'chemical resolution' - 10^{15} - 10^{16} at. (~0.01 ML @ ~1 m²/g & m = 25 mg)

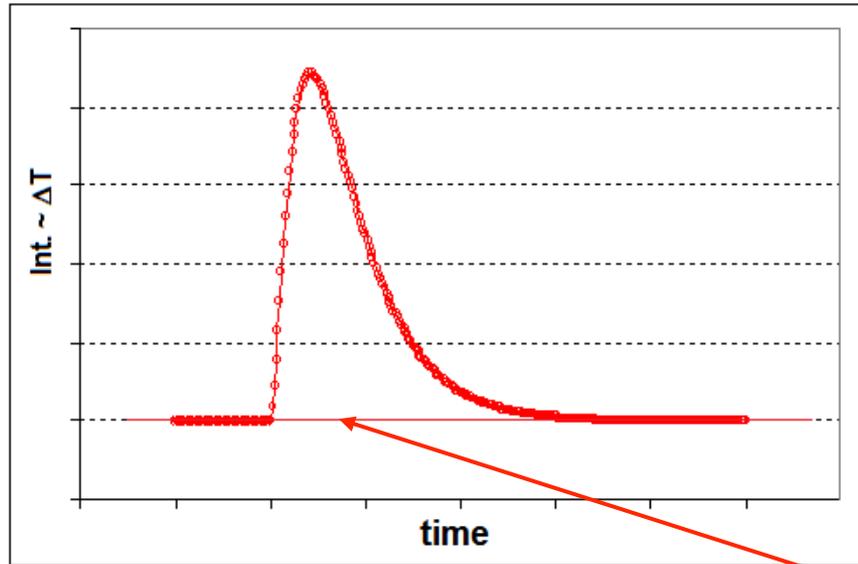
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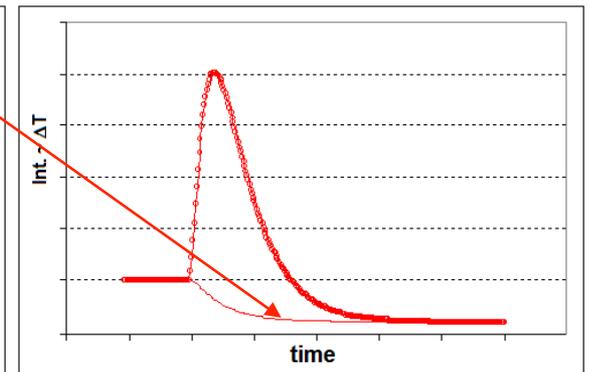
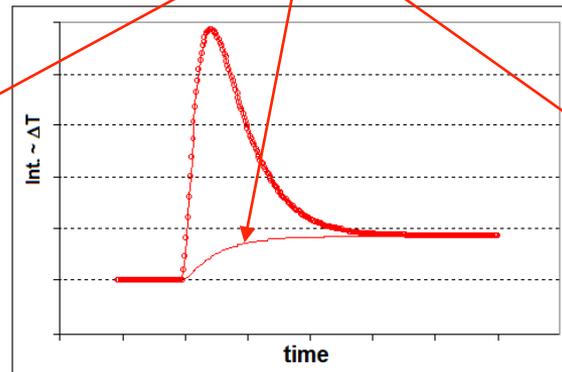
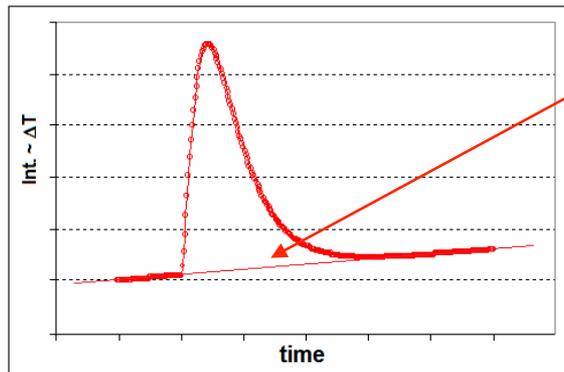
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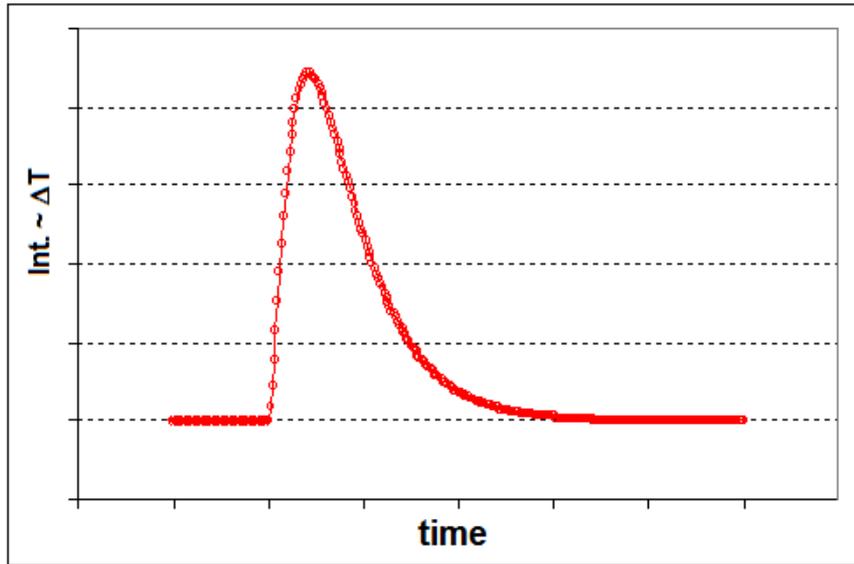


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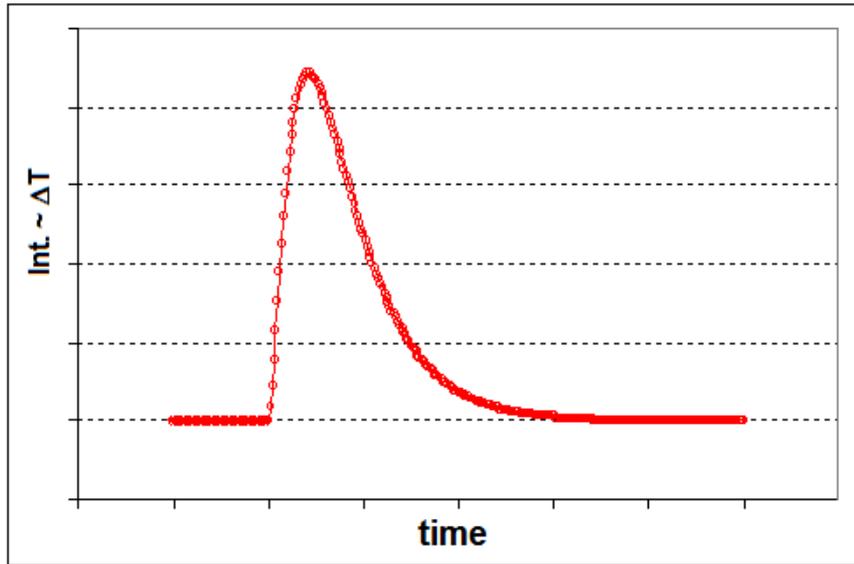
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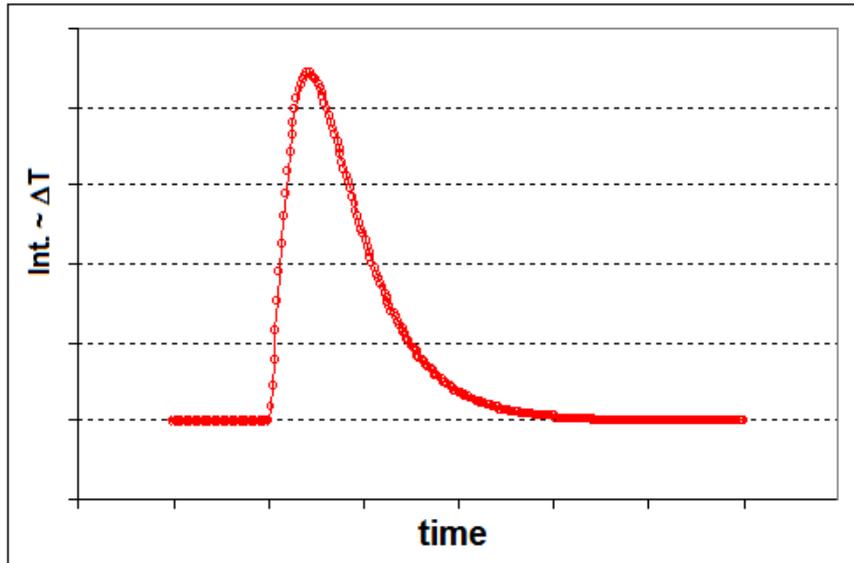


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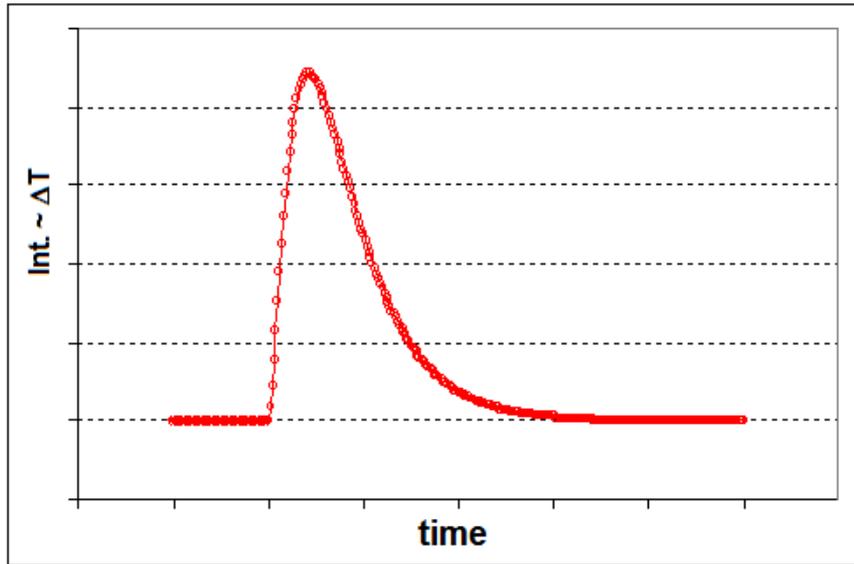


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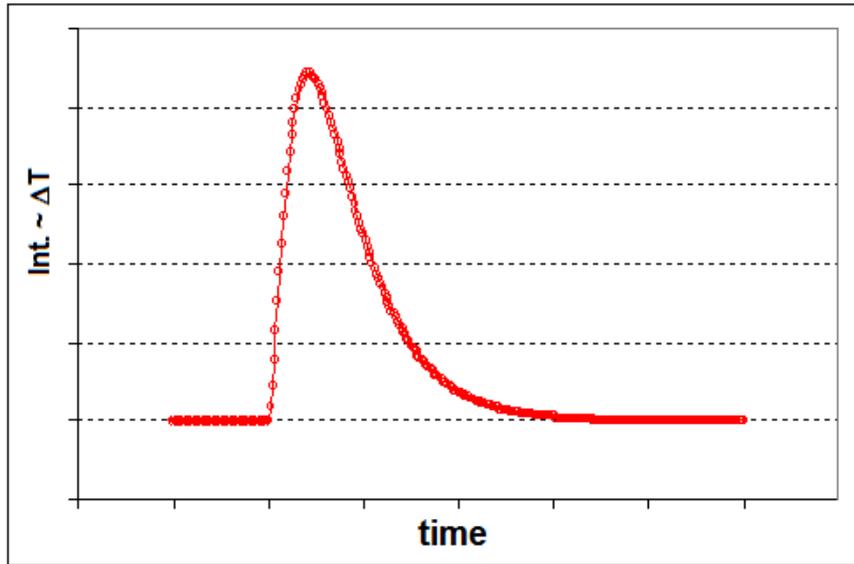
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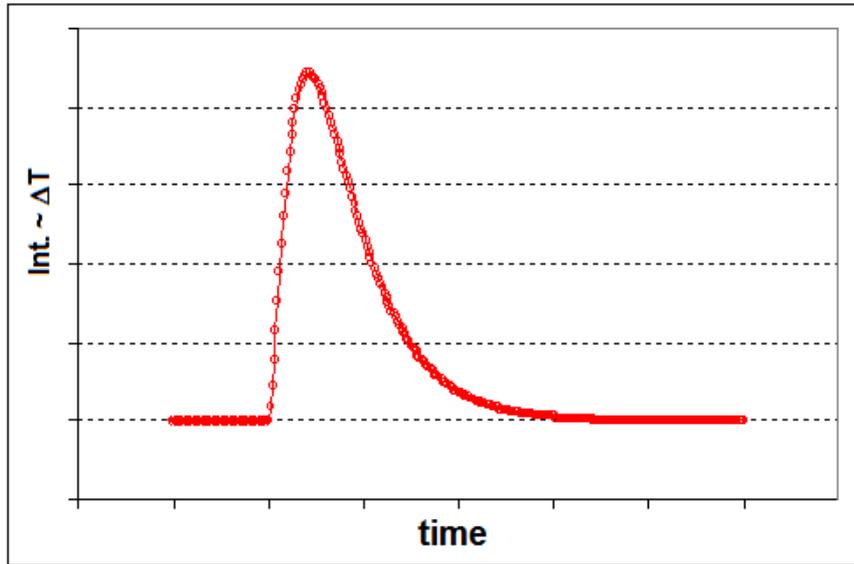
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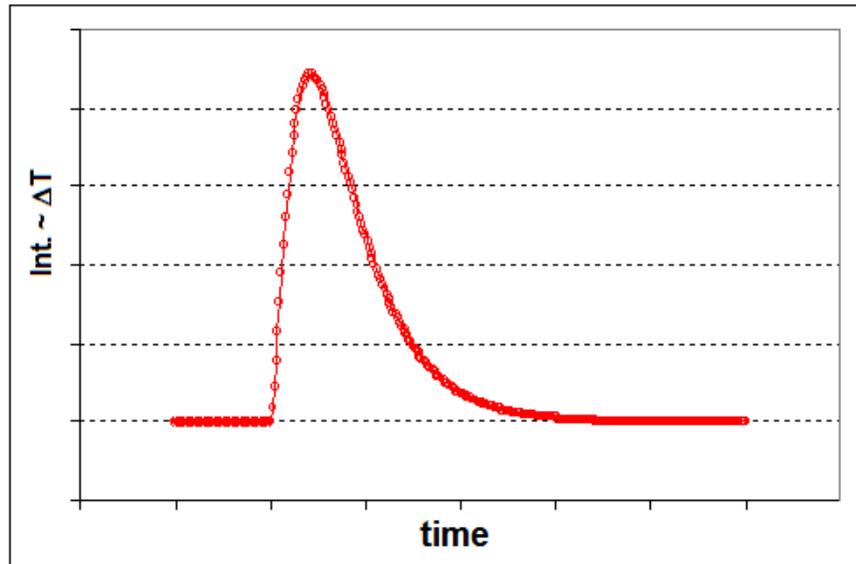


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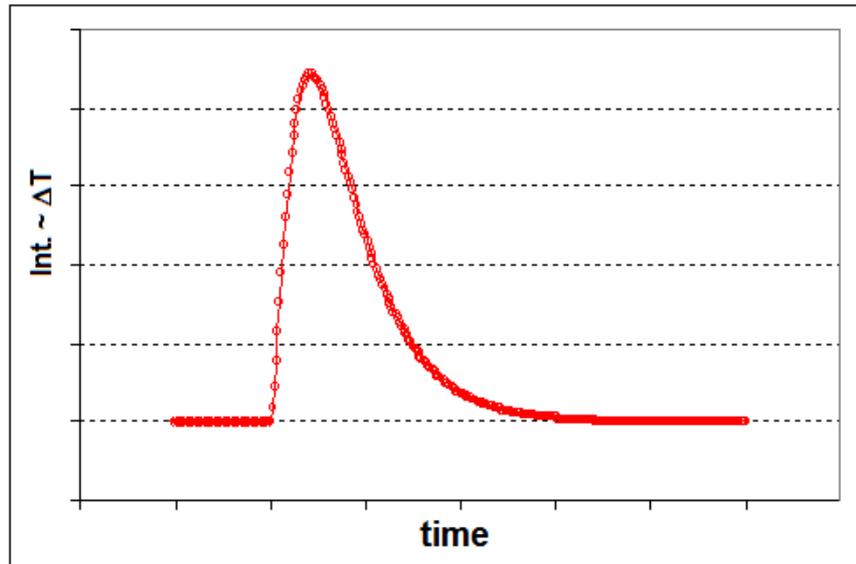
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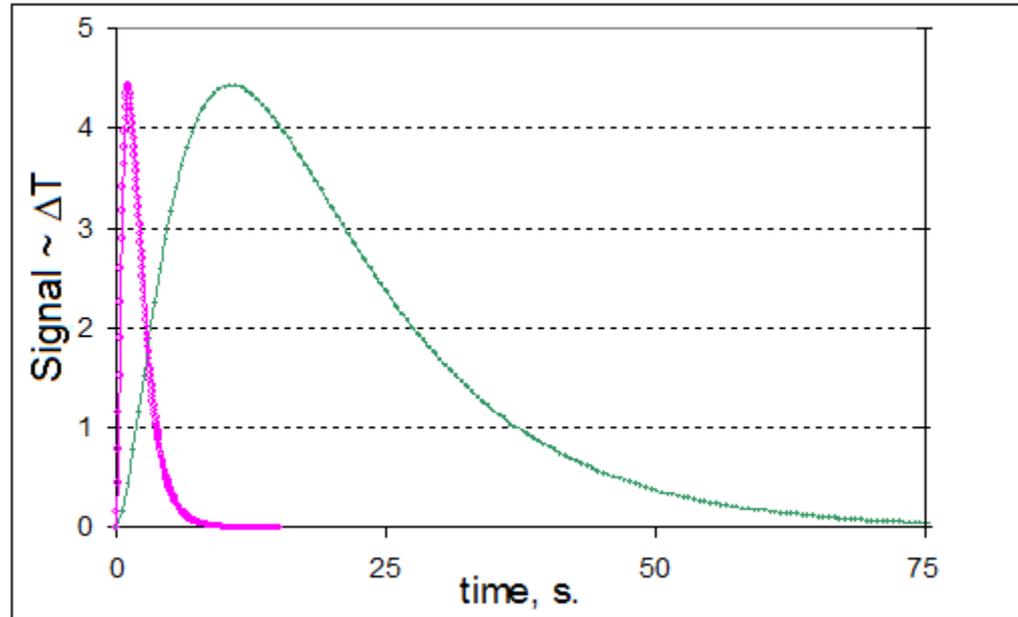
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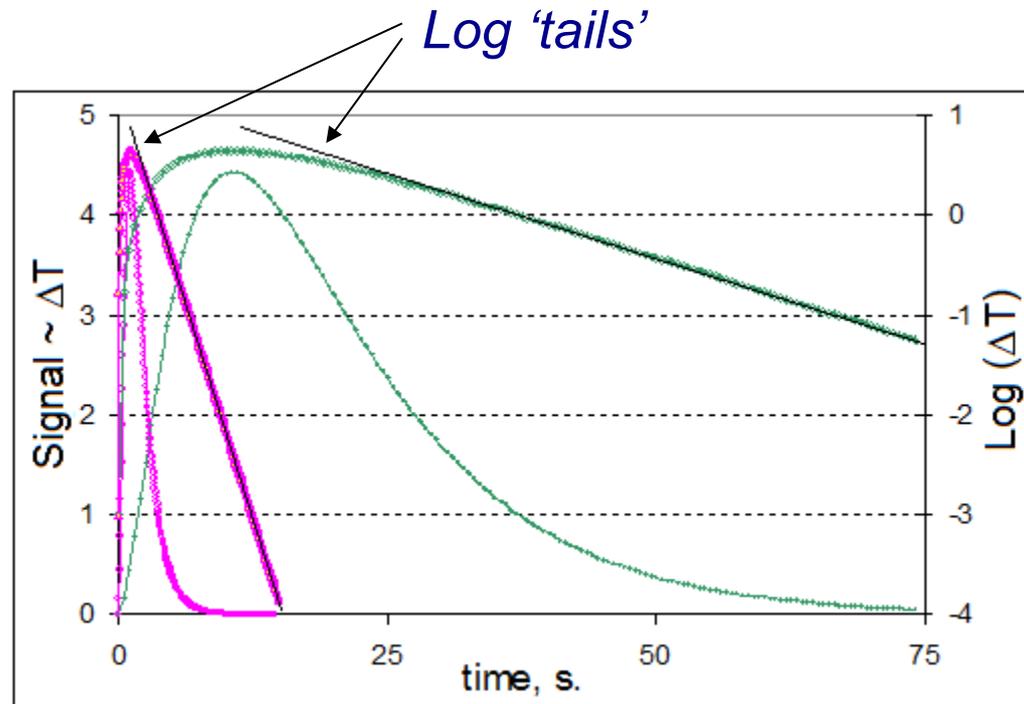
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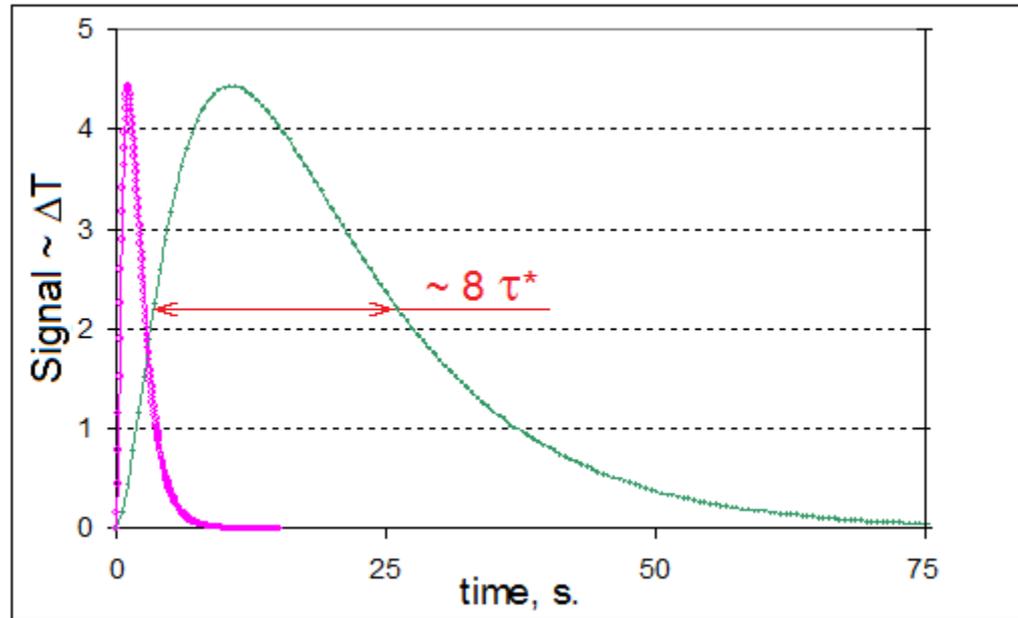
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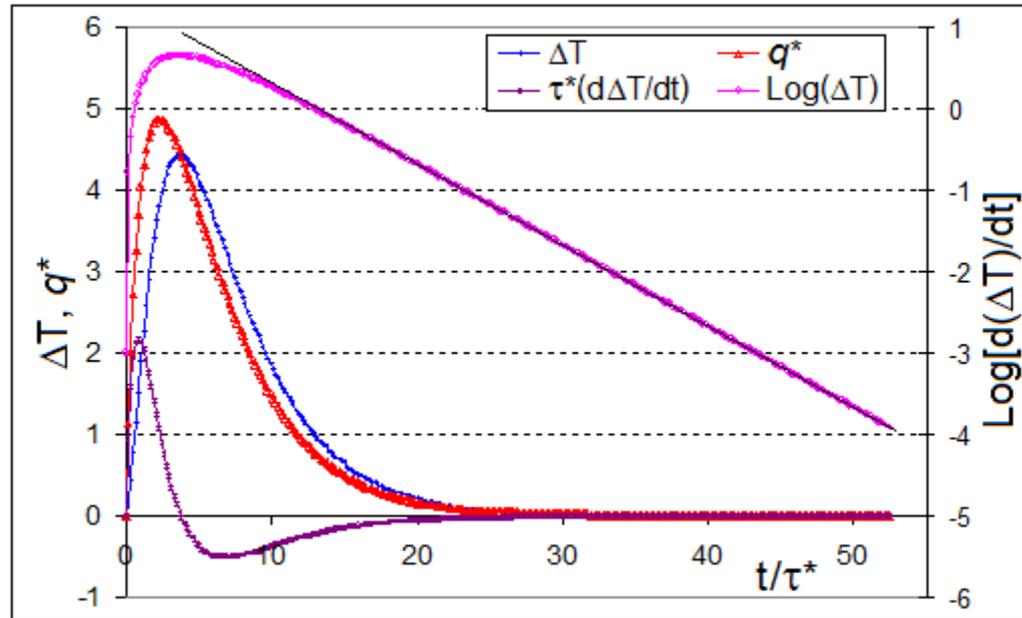
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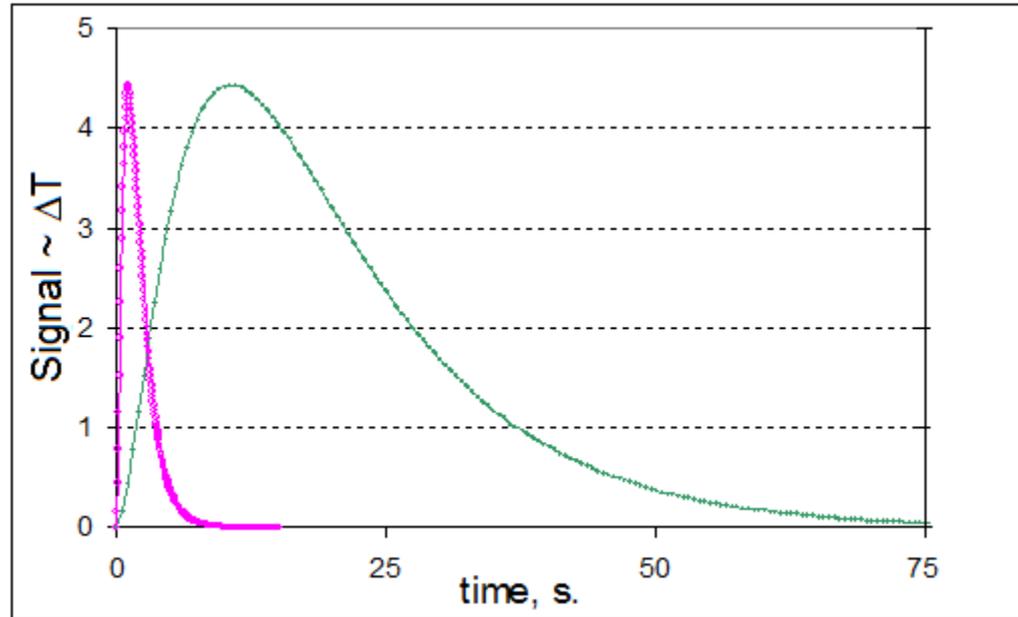
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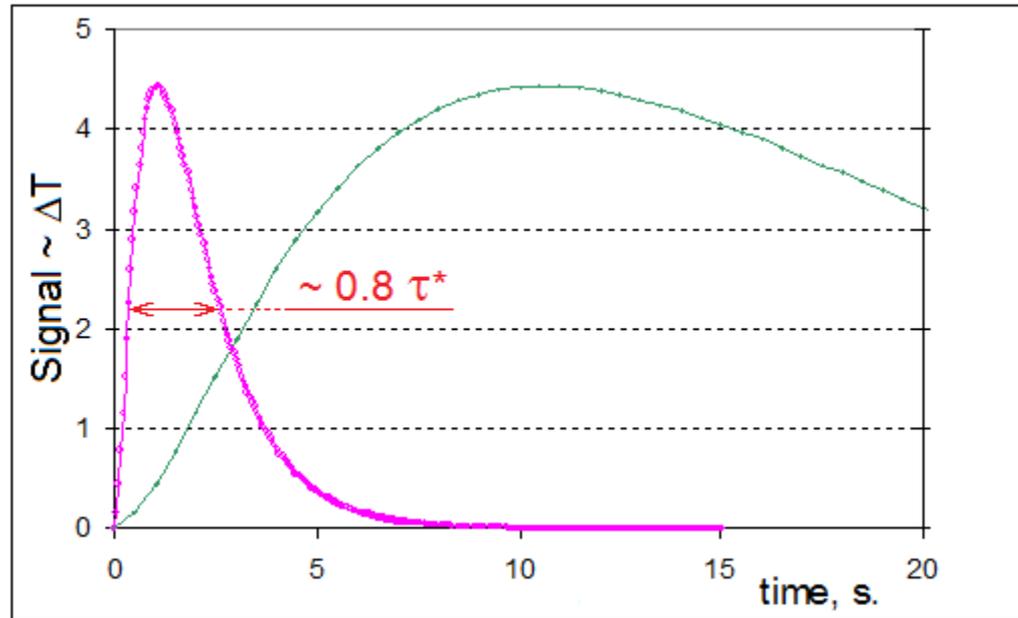
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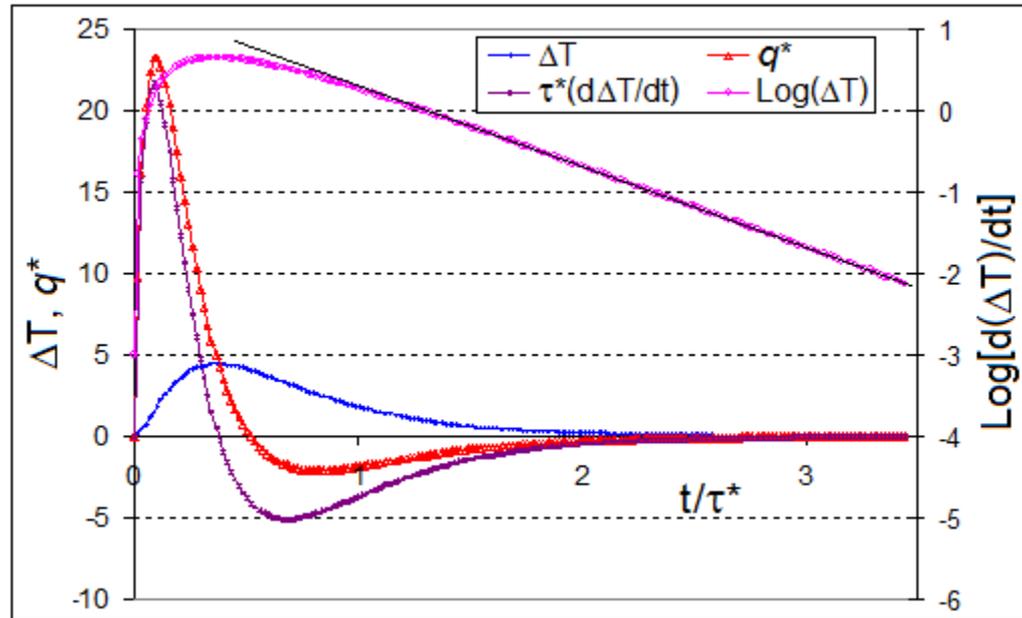
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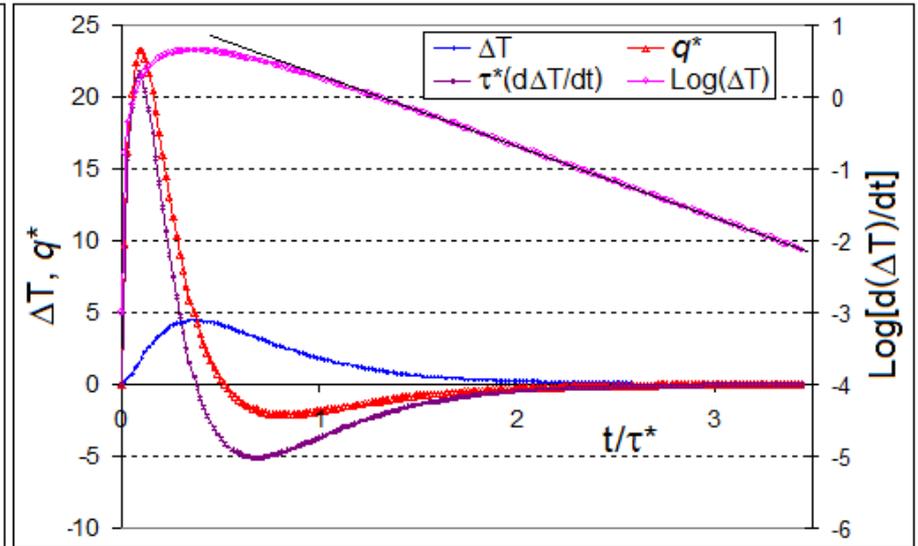
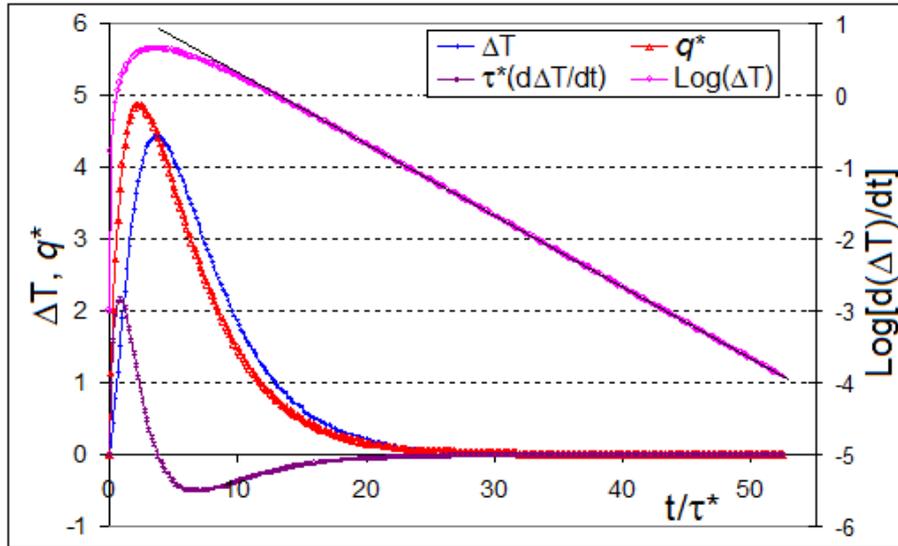
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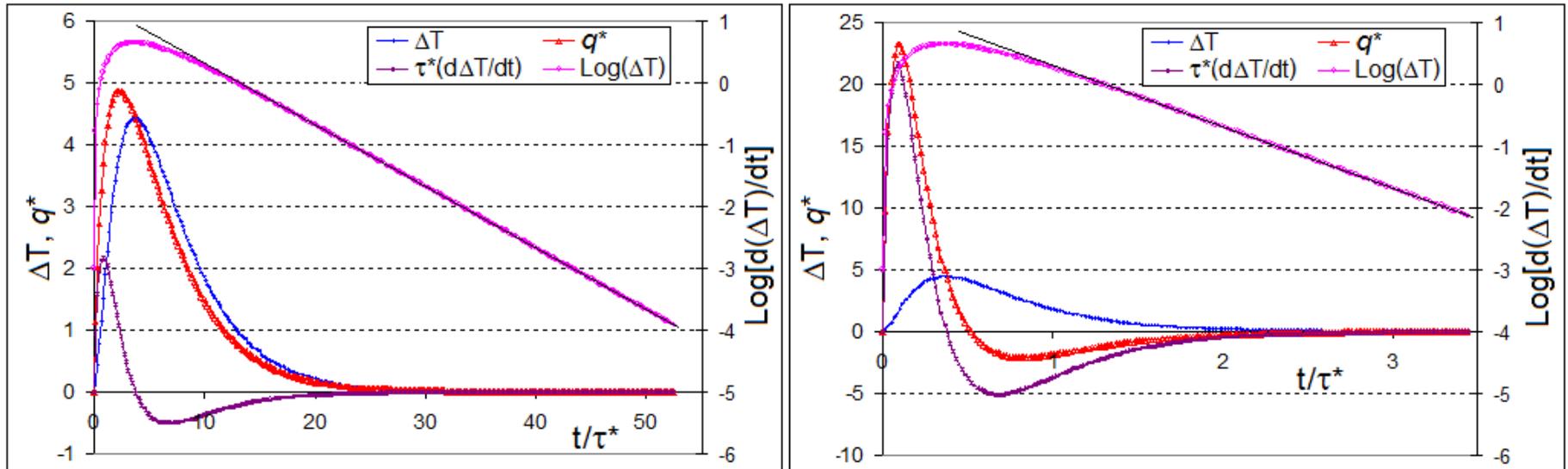


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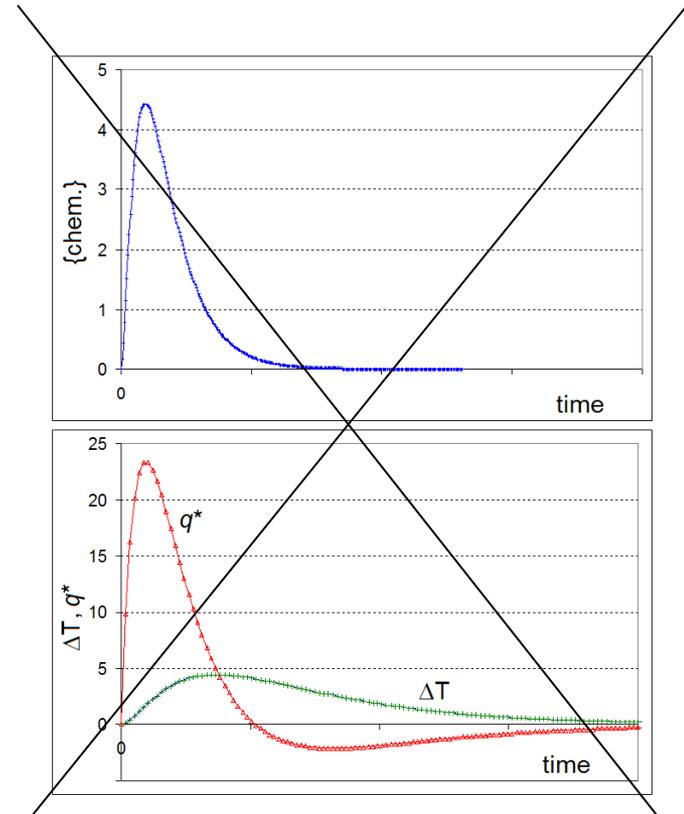
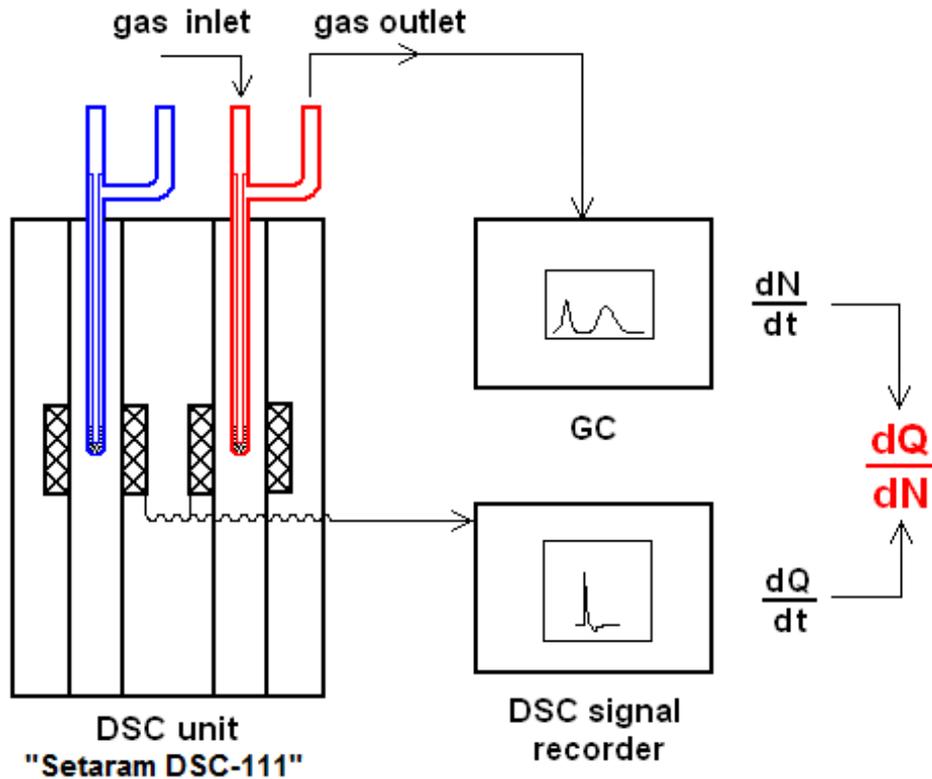
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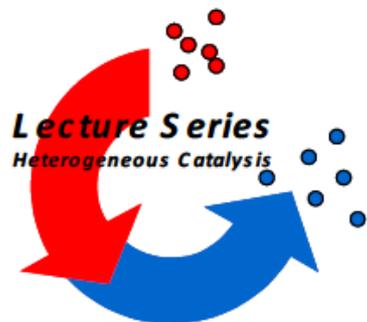
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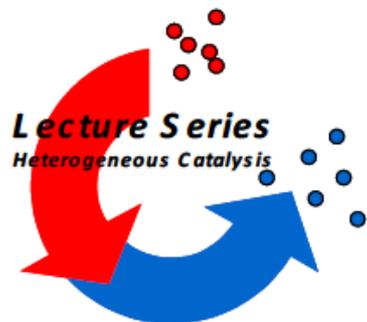


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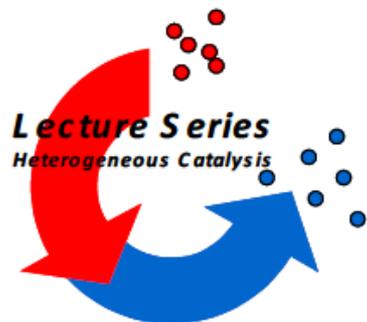


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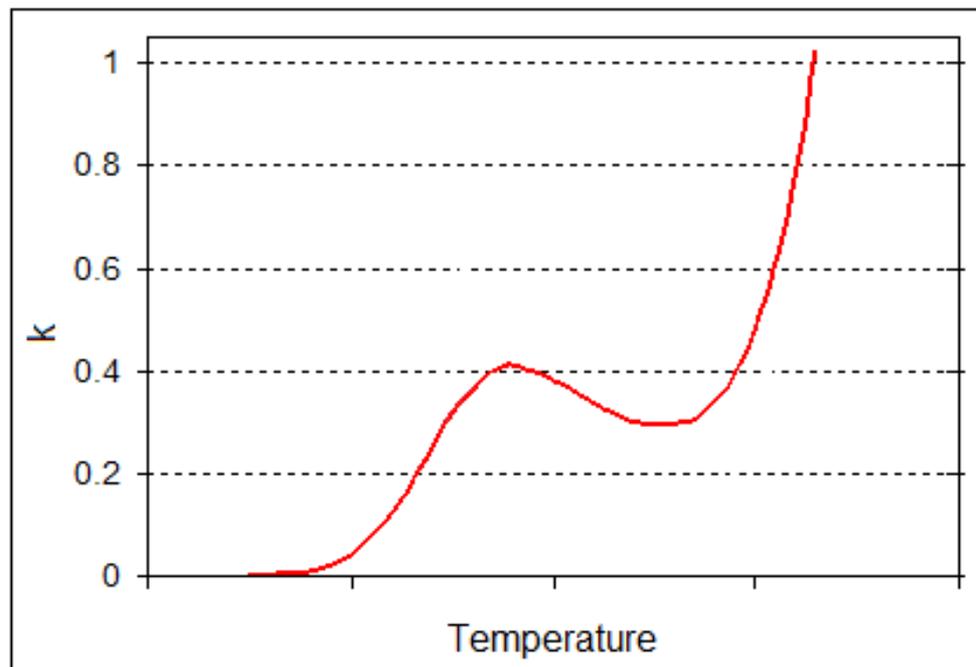
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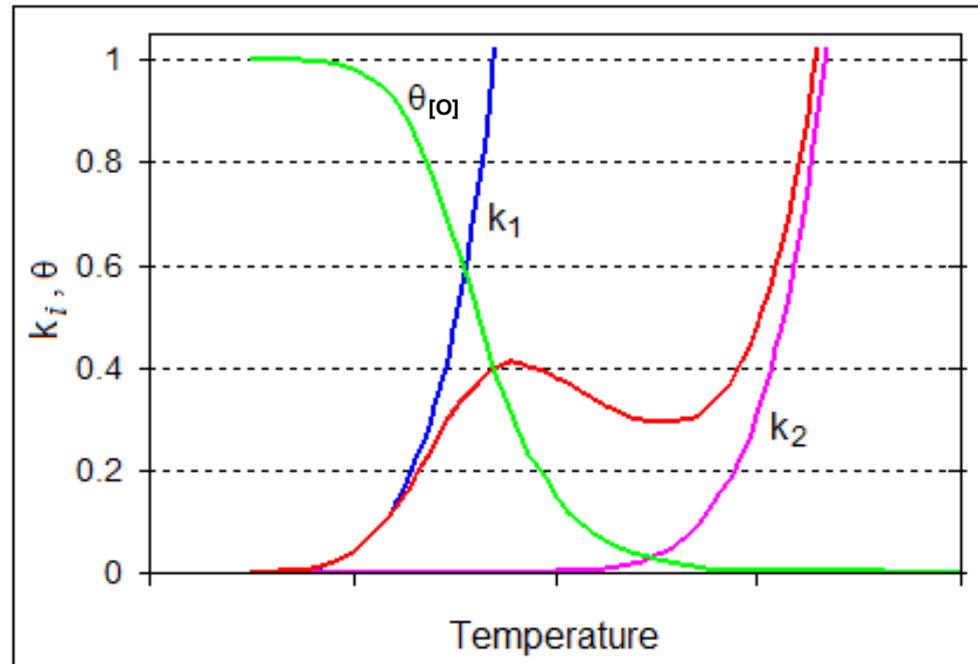
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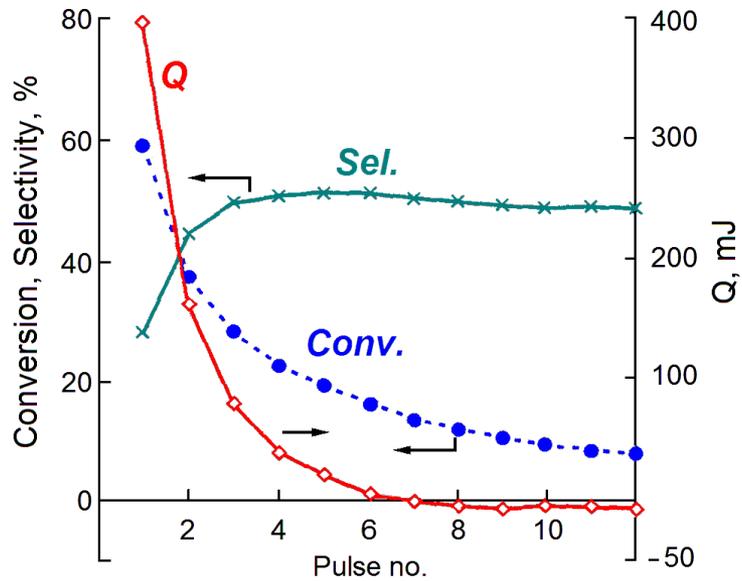
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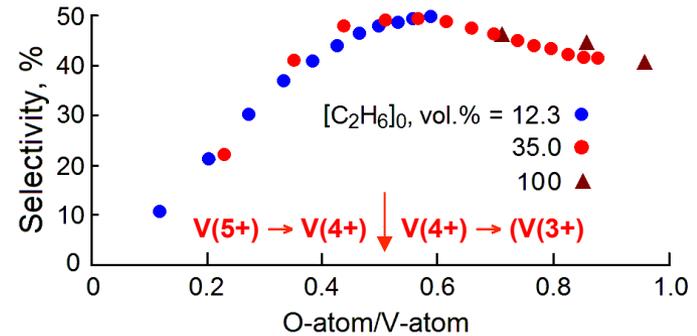
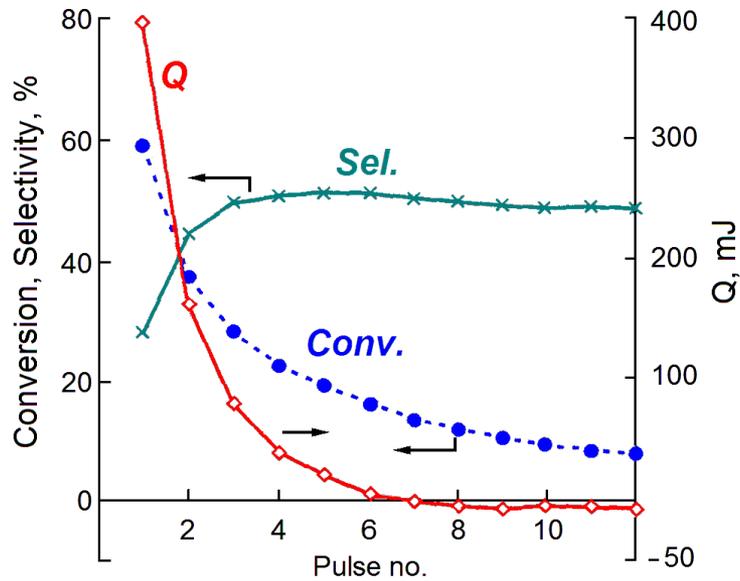
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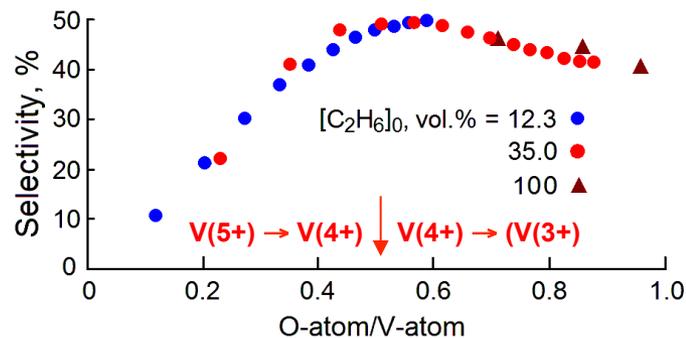
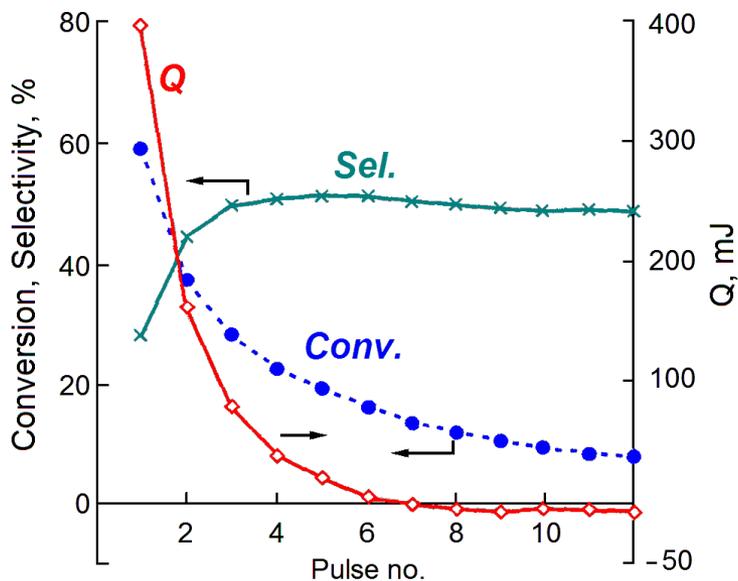
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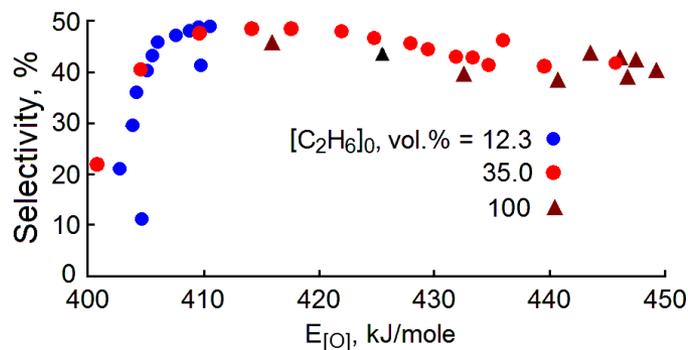
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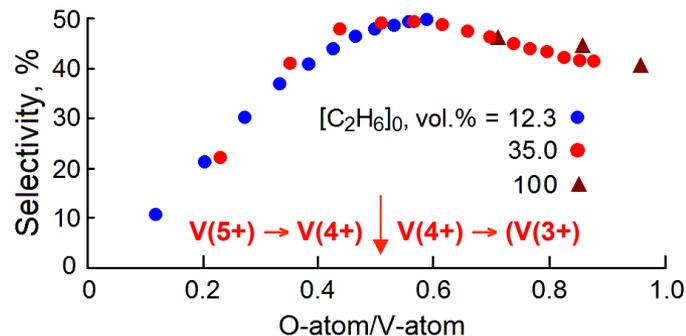
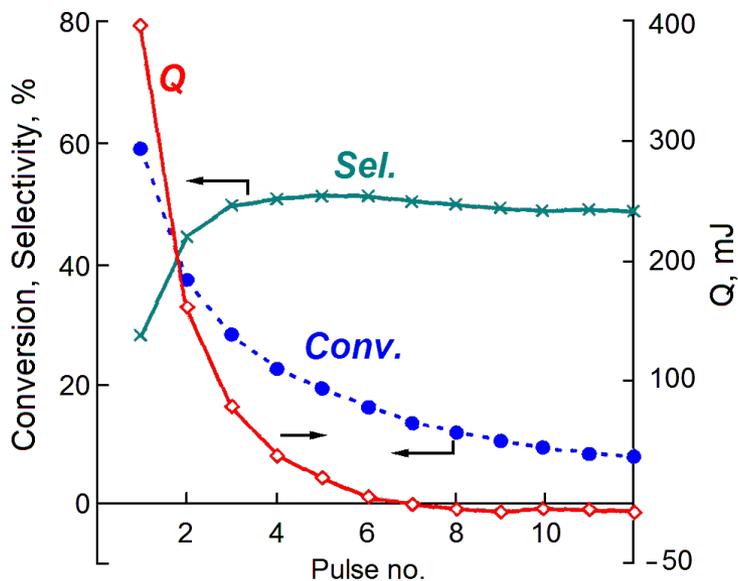


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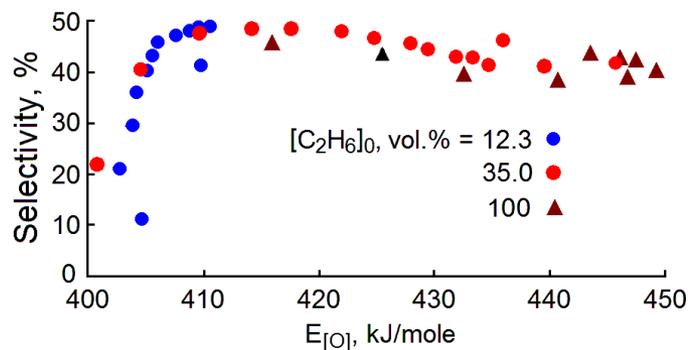
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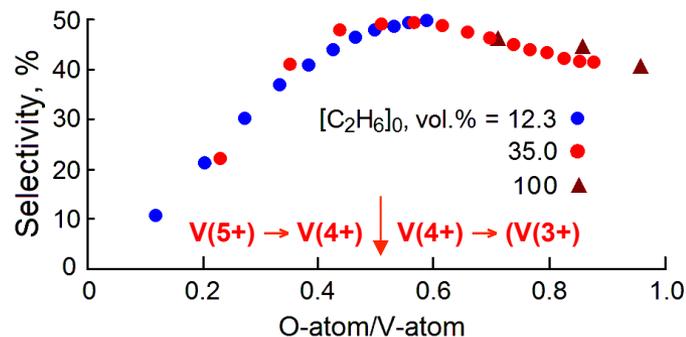
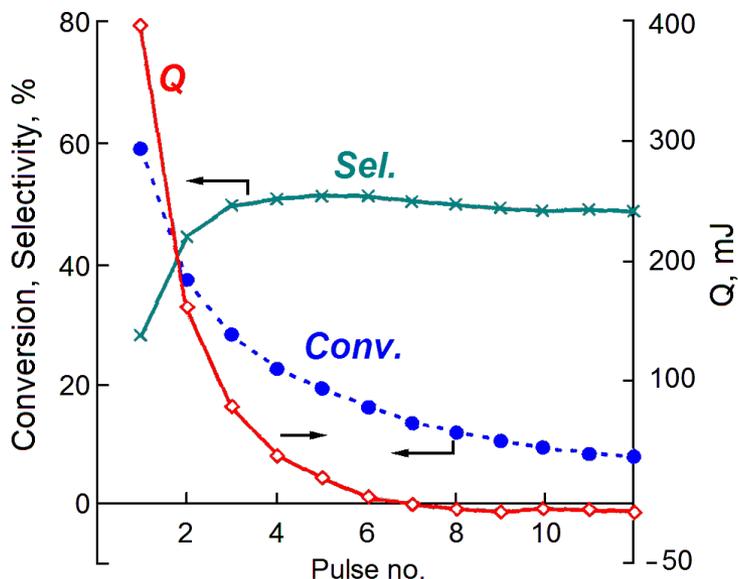
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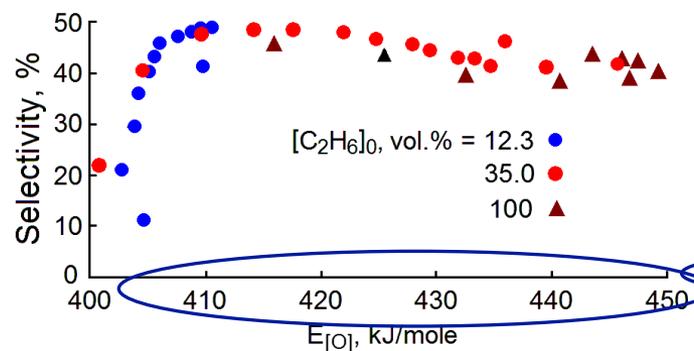
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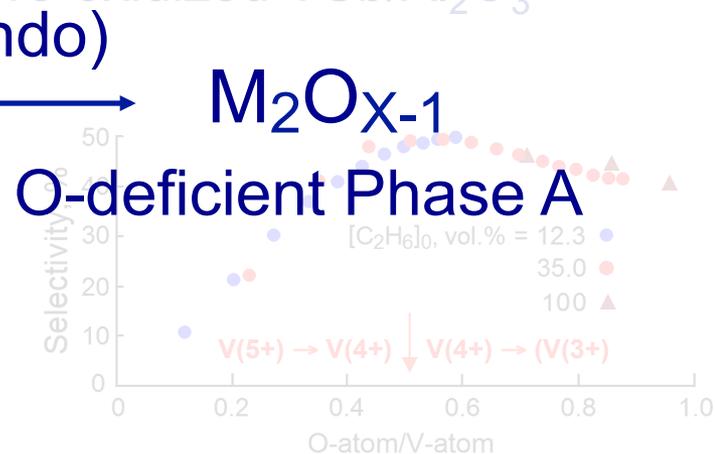
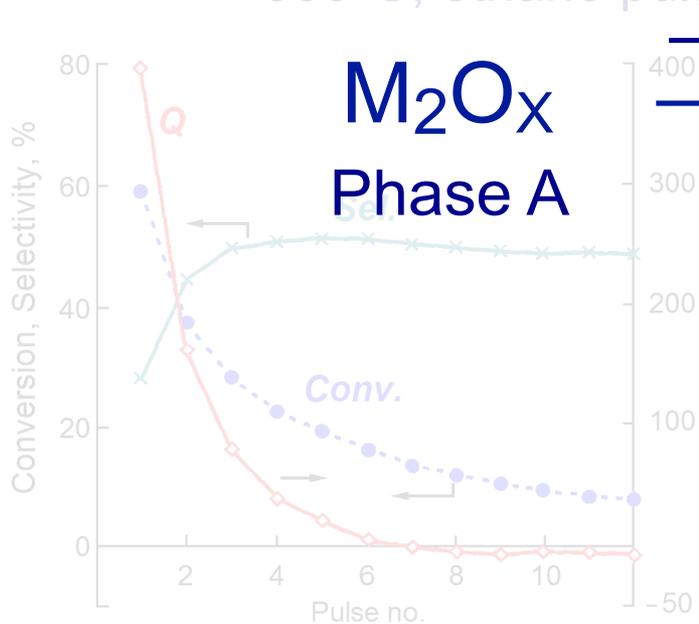
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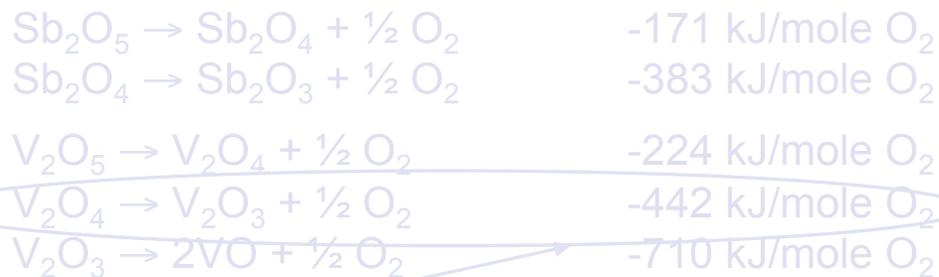
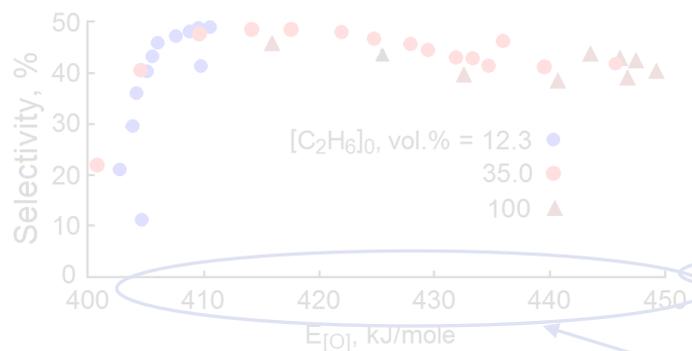
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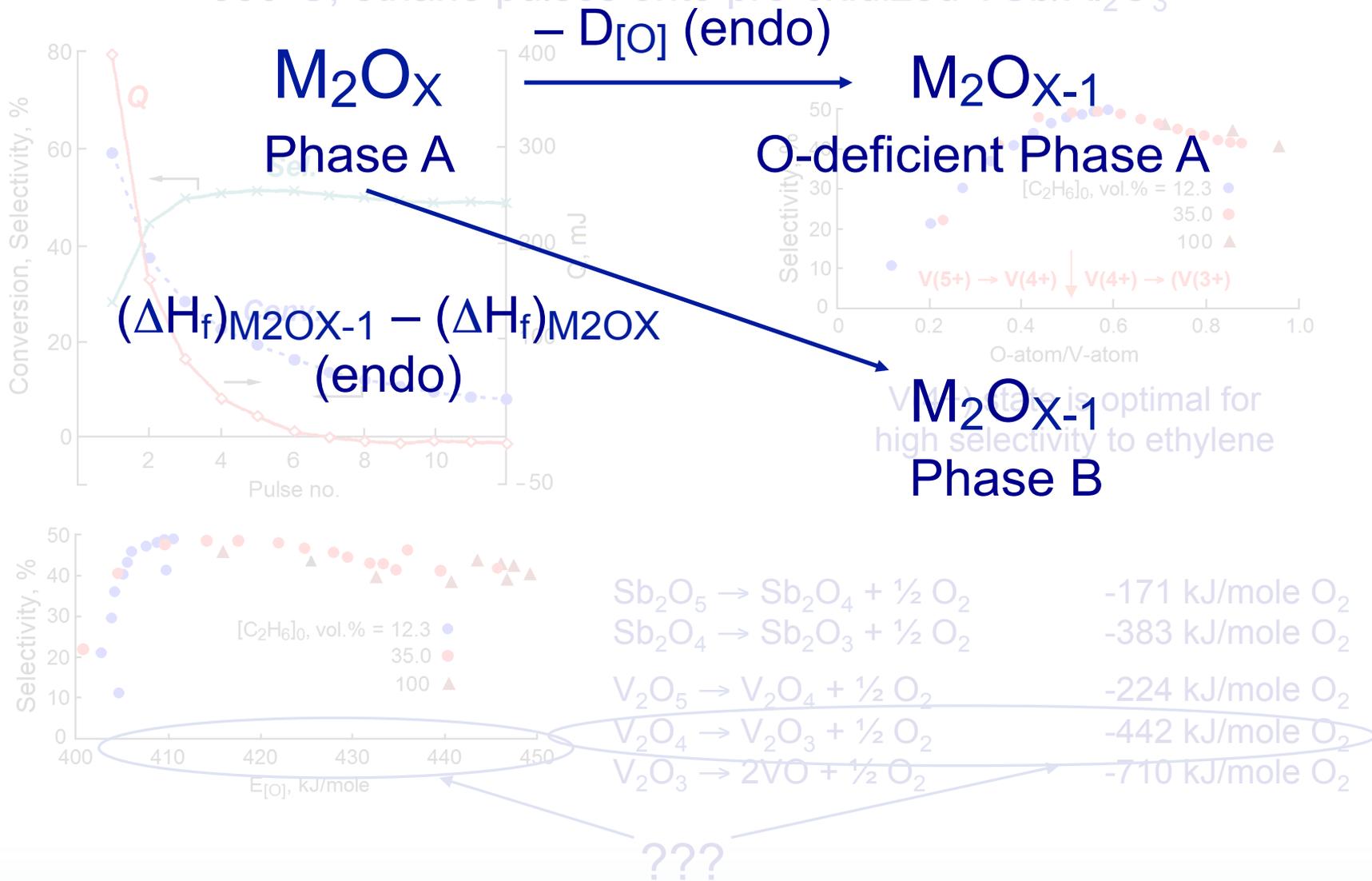
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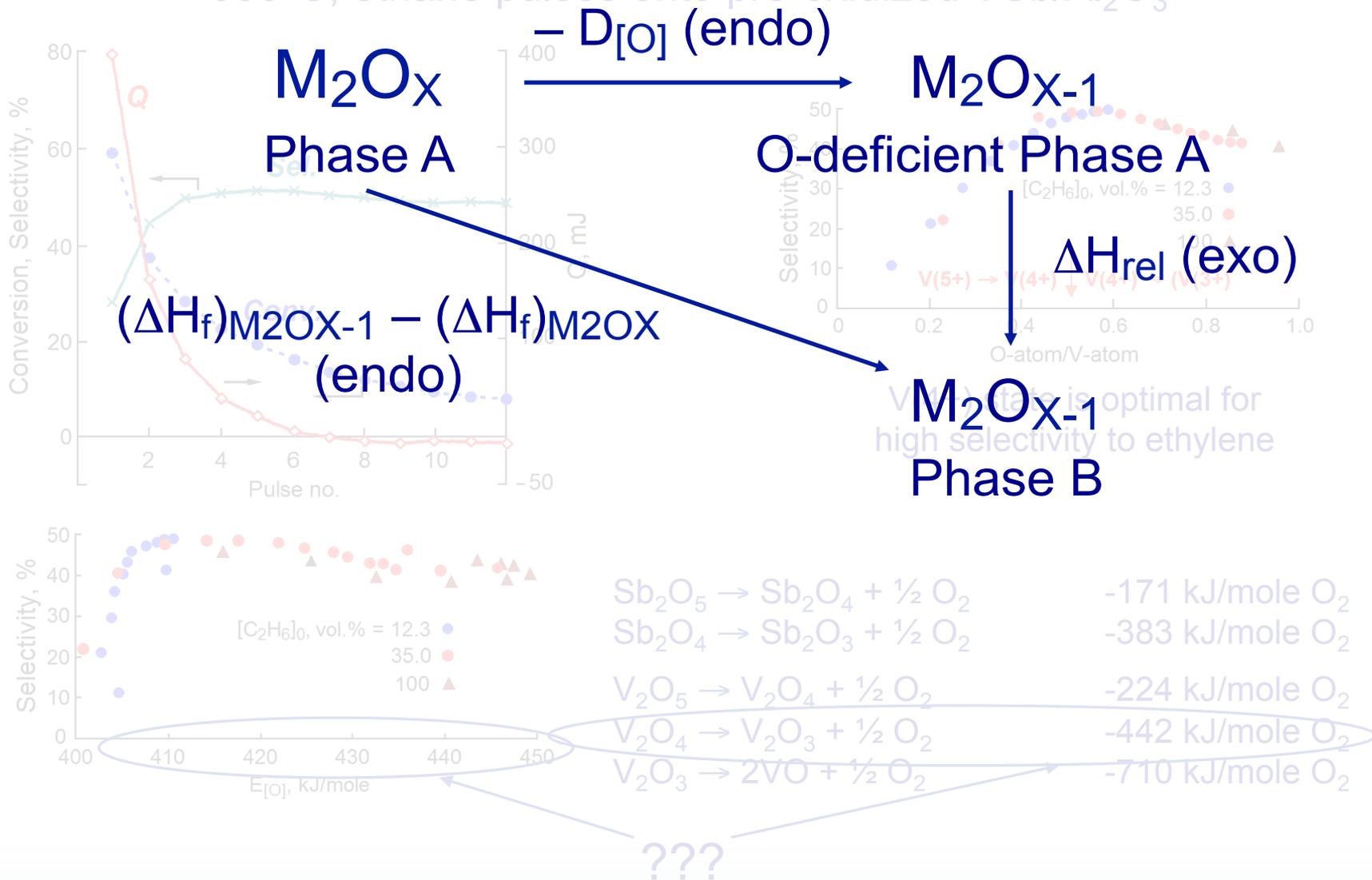
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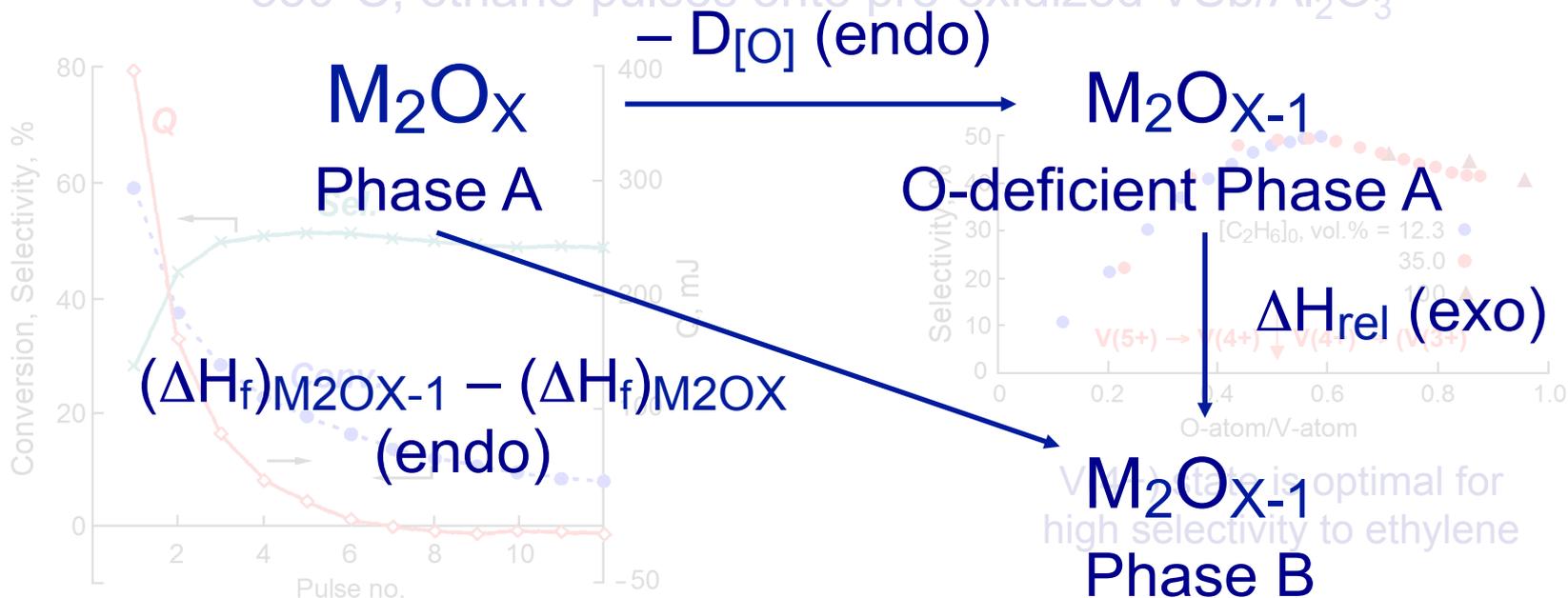
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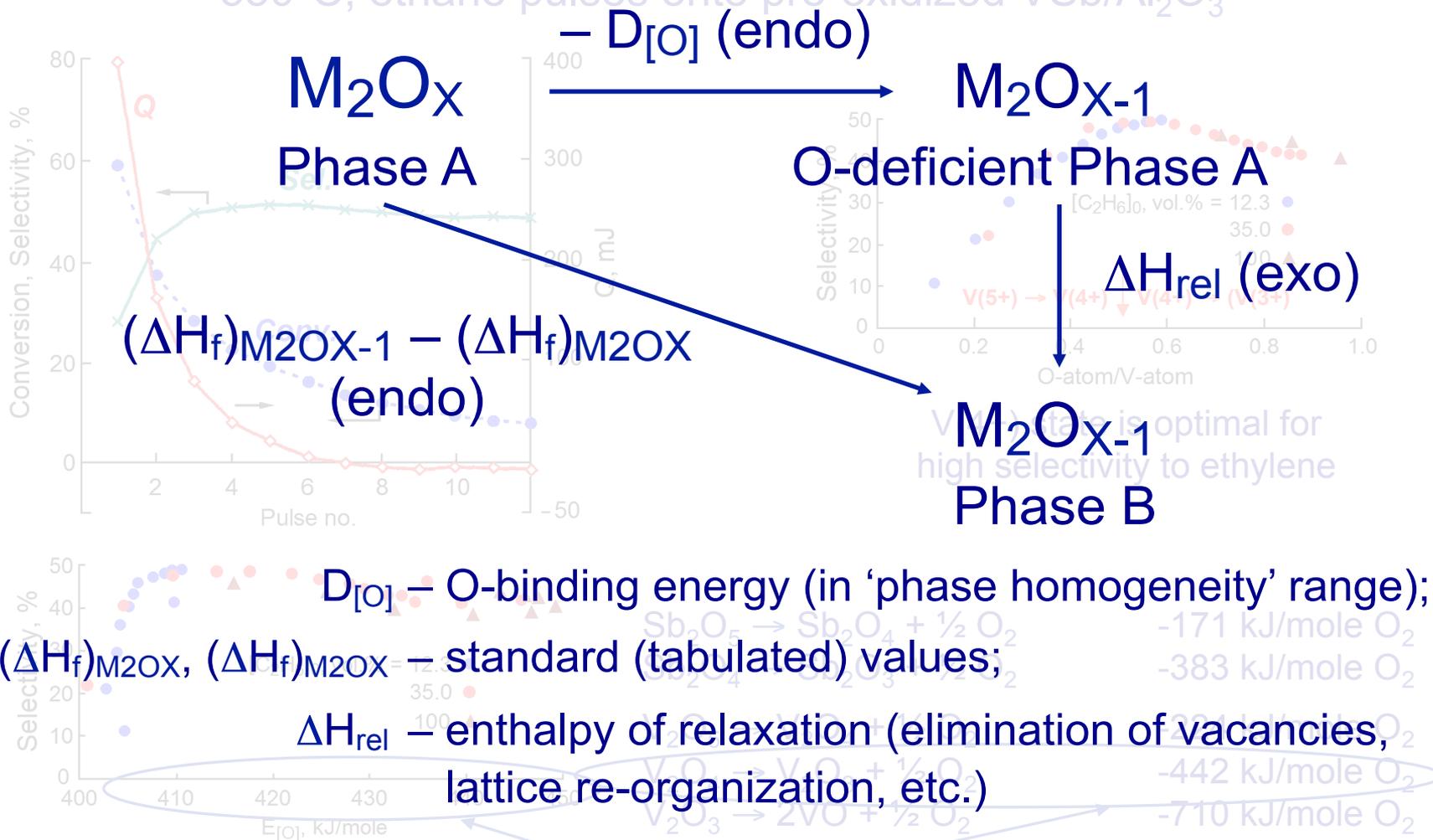
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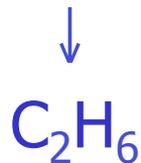


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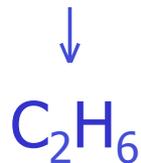


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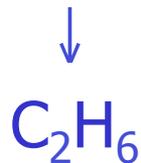
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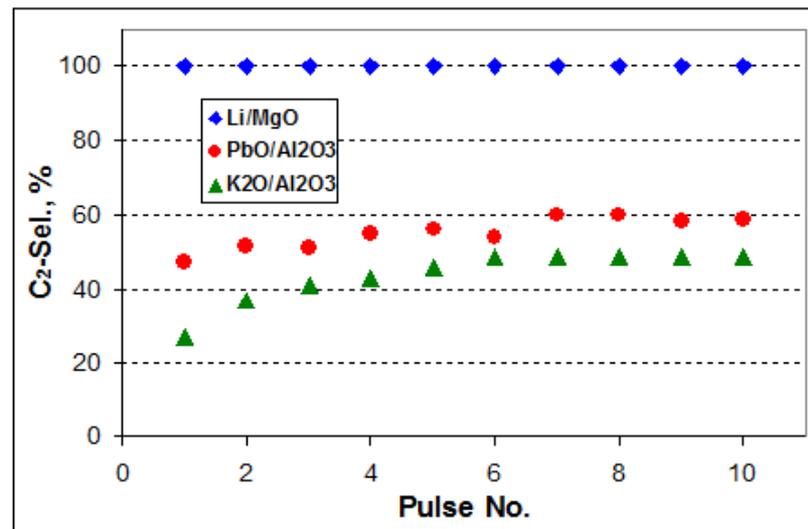
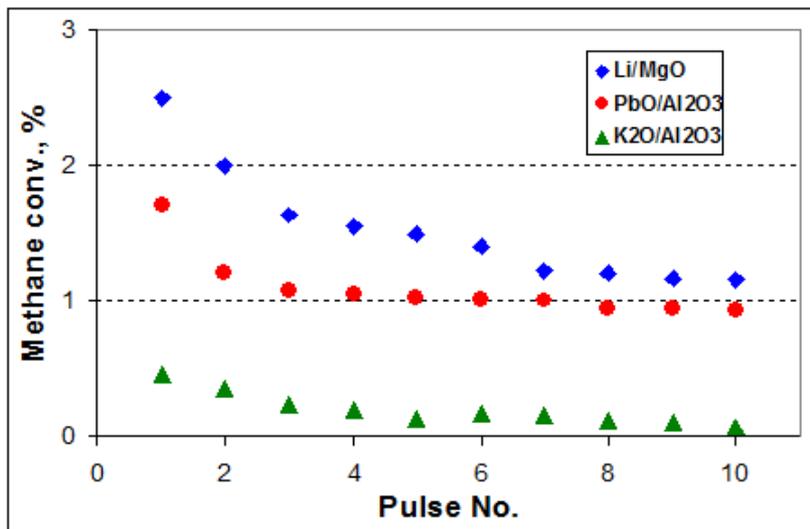
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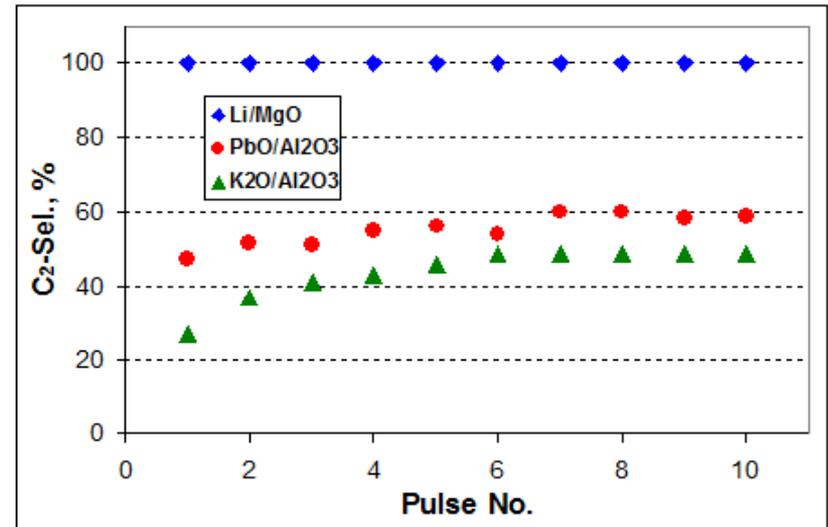
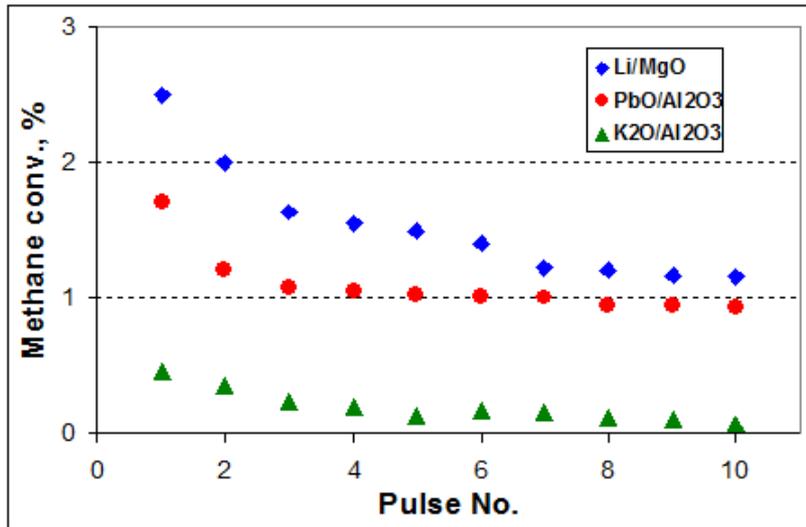
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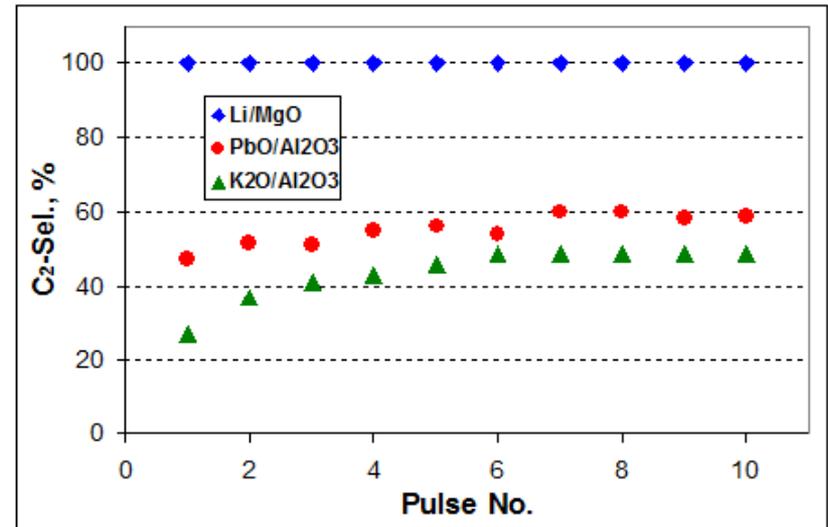
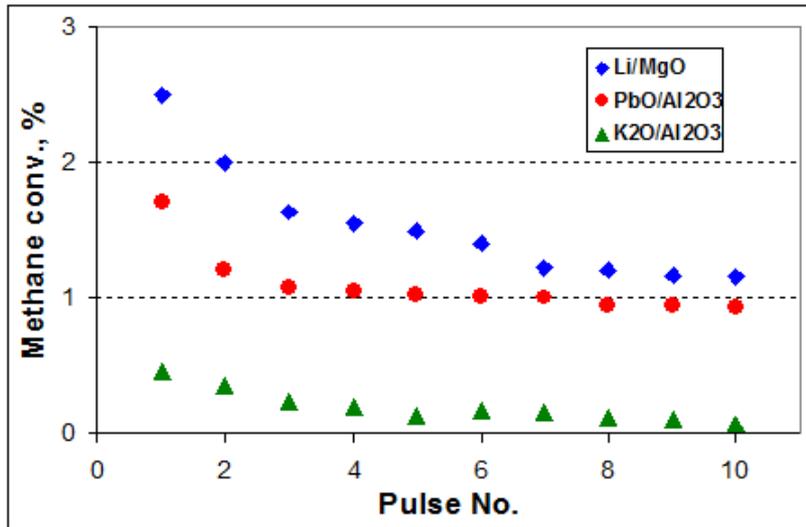
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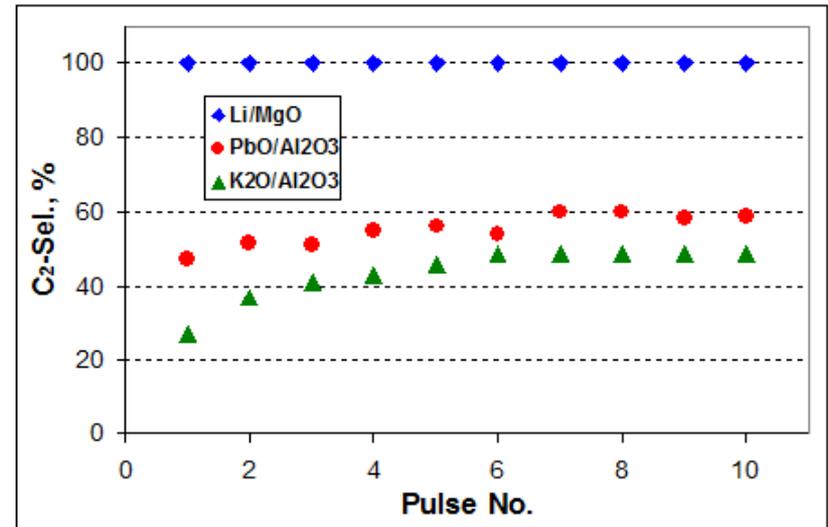
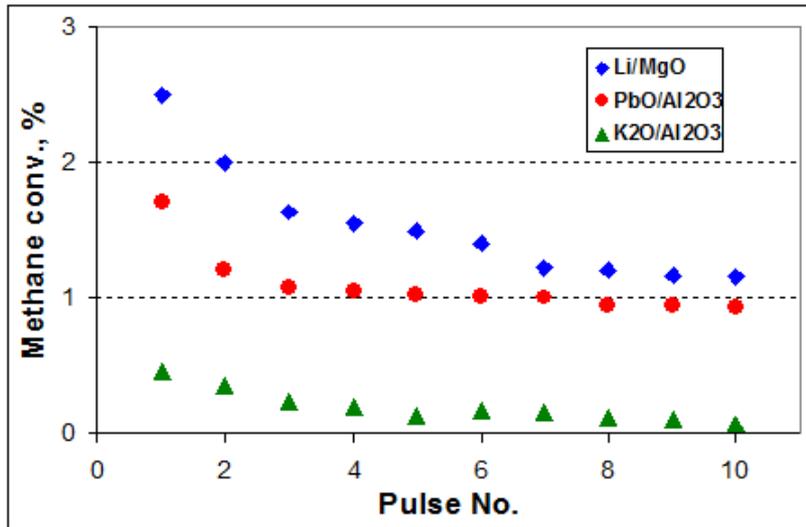


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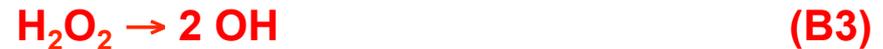
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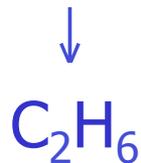
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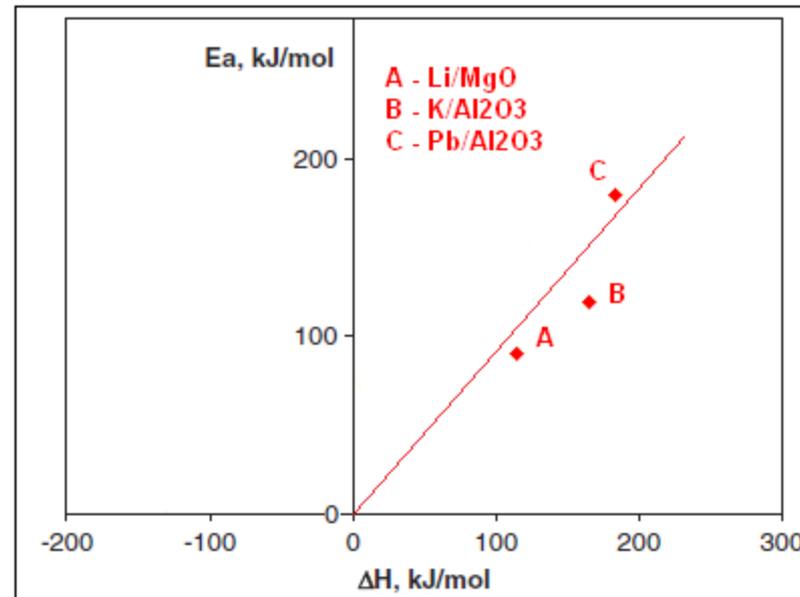
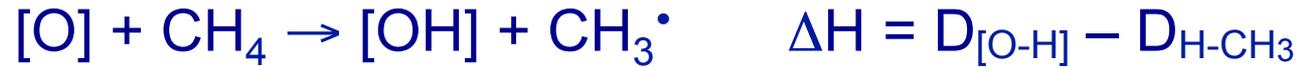
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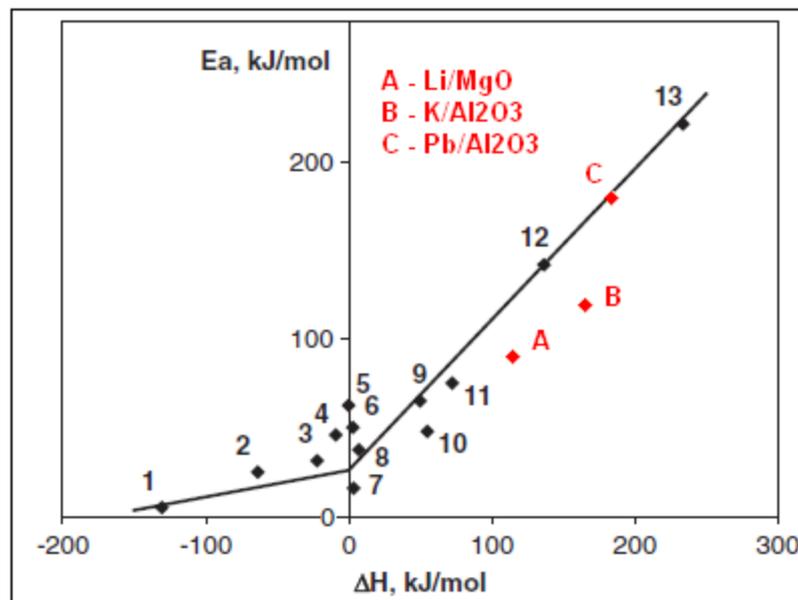
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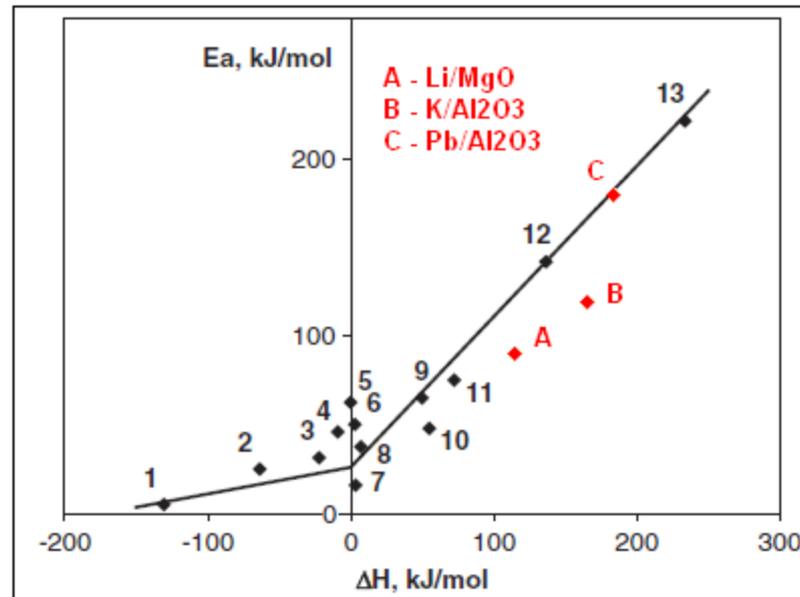


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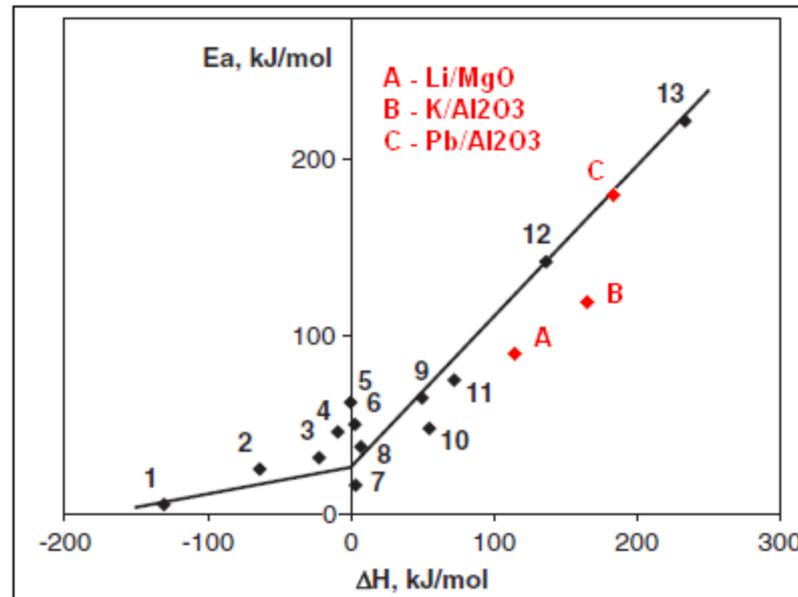
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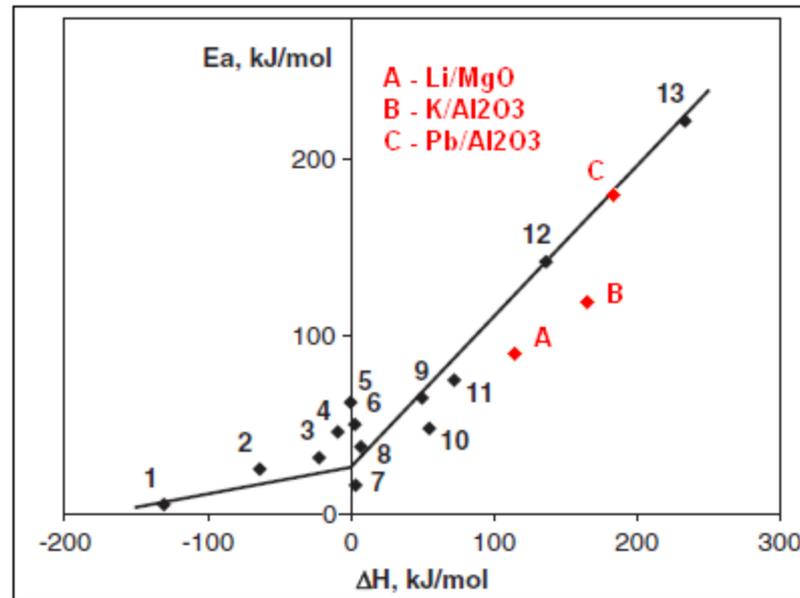
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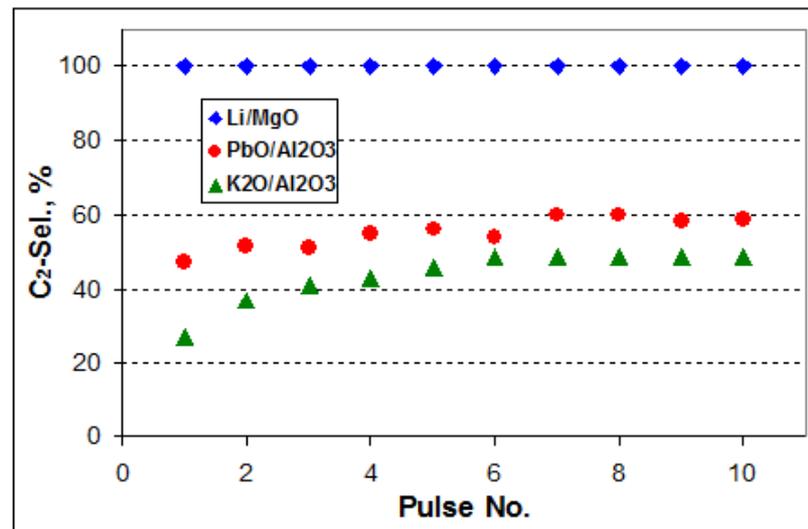
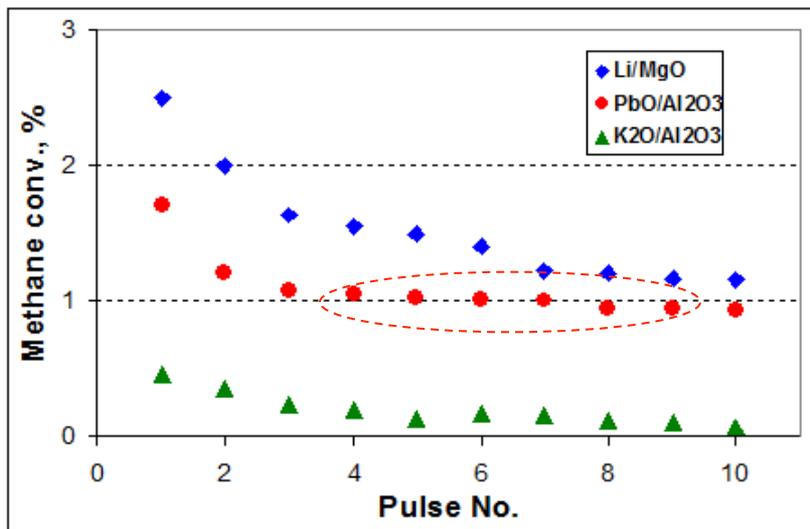
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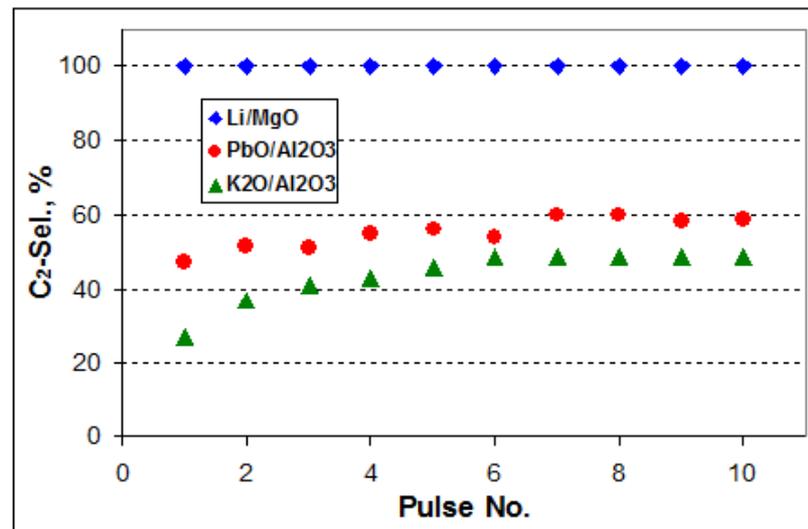
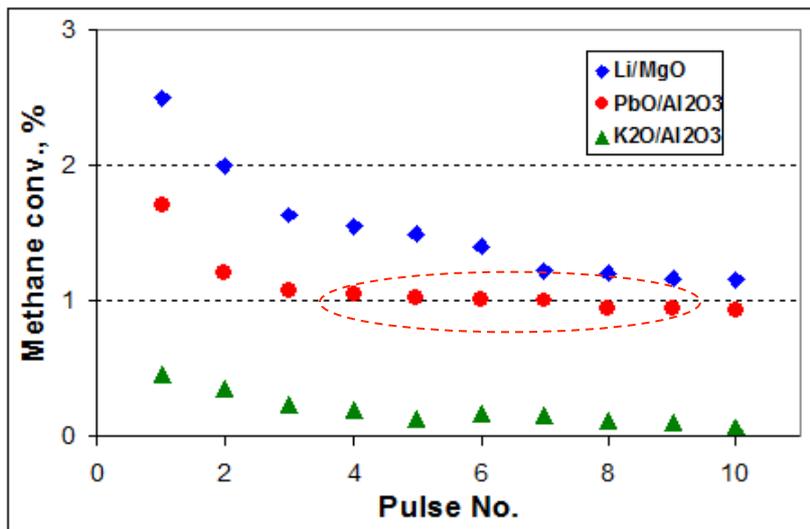
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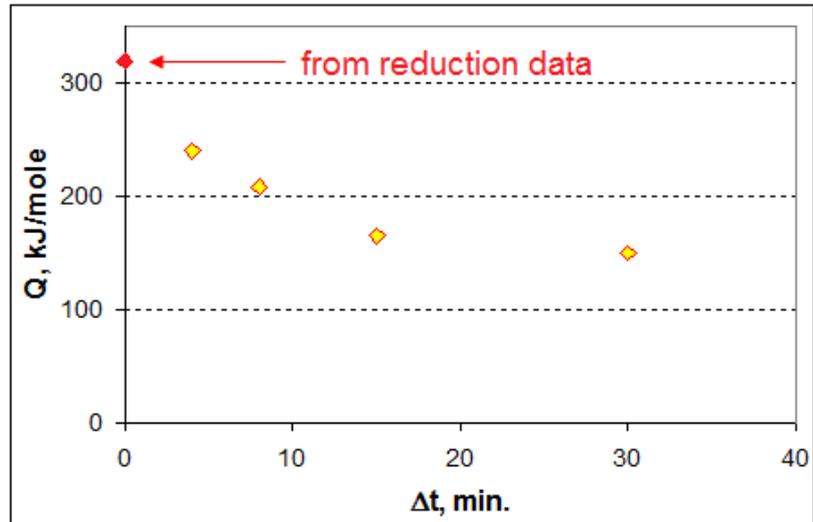
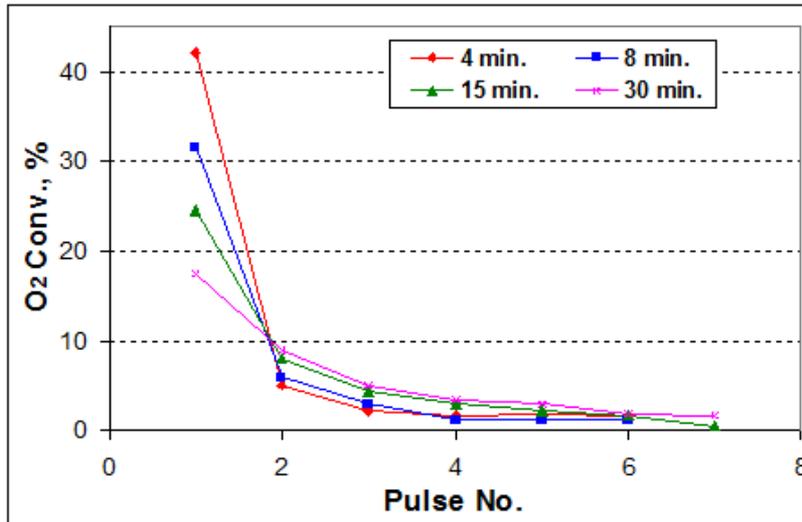
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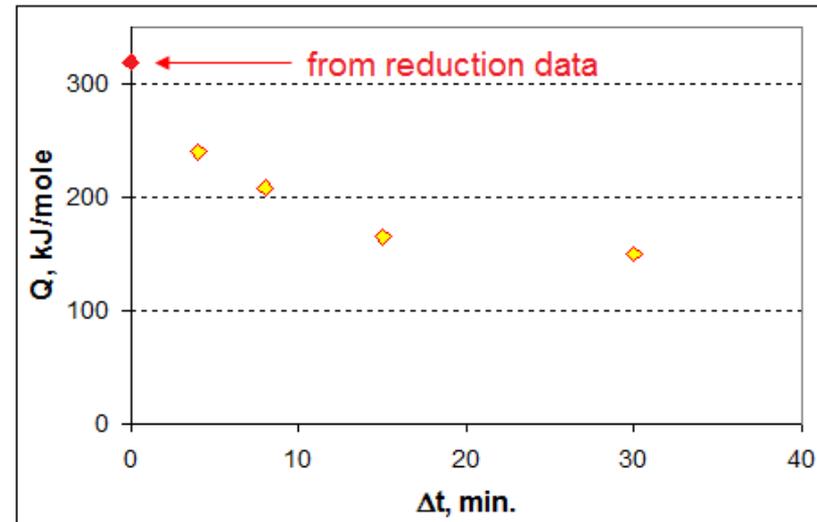
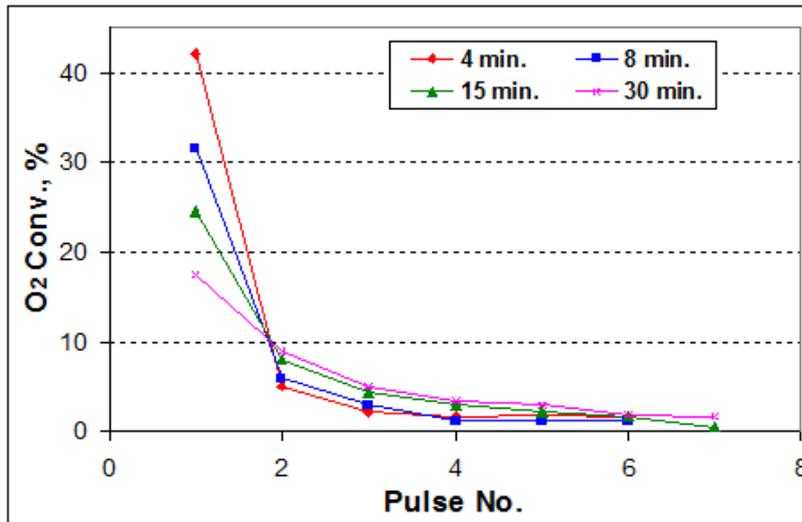
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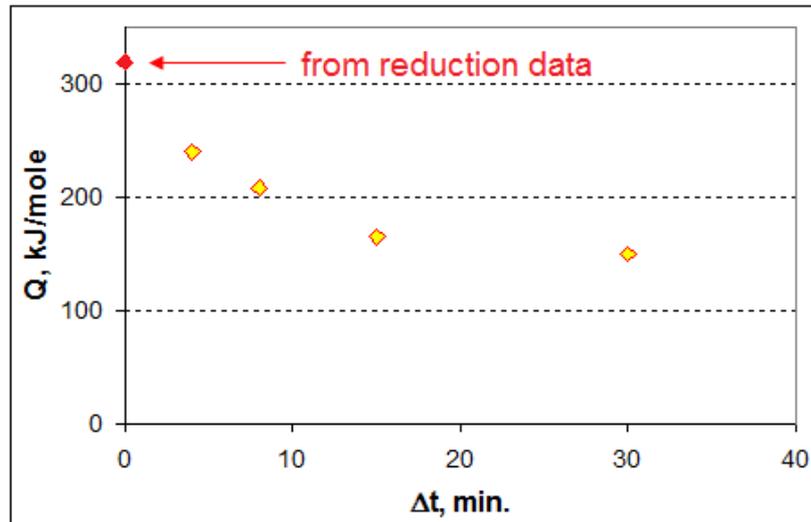
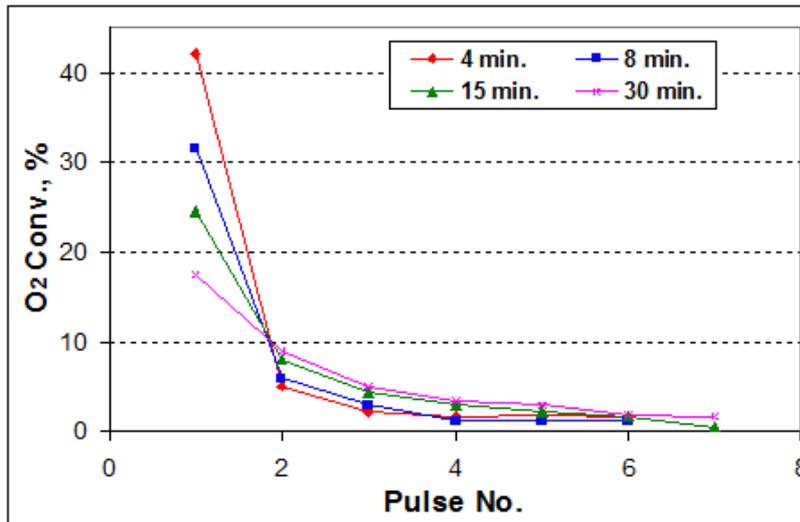
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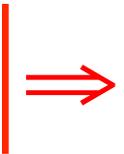
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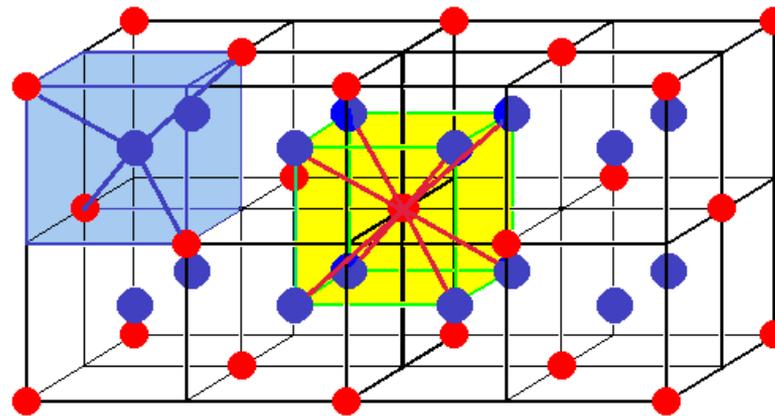
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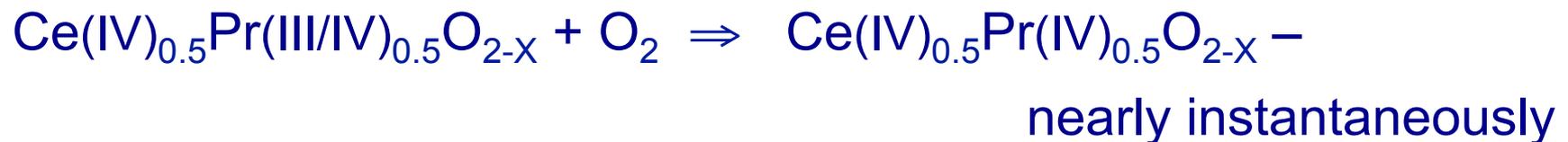
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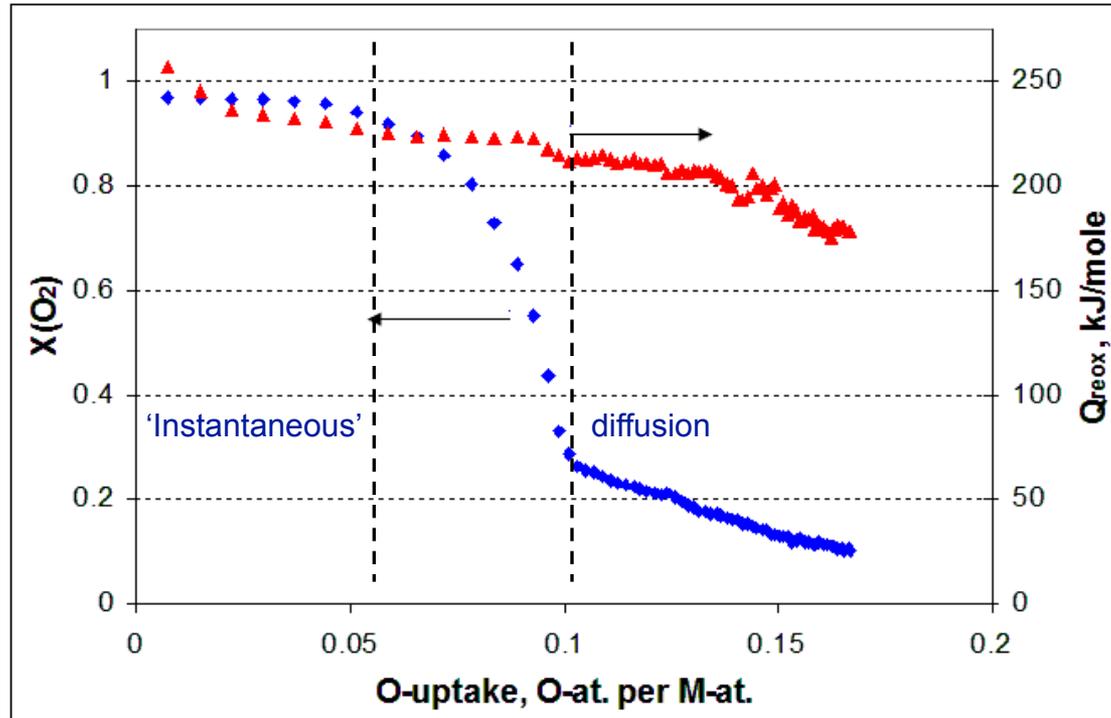


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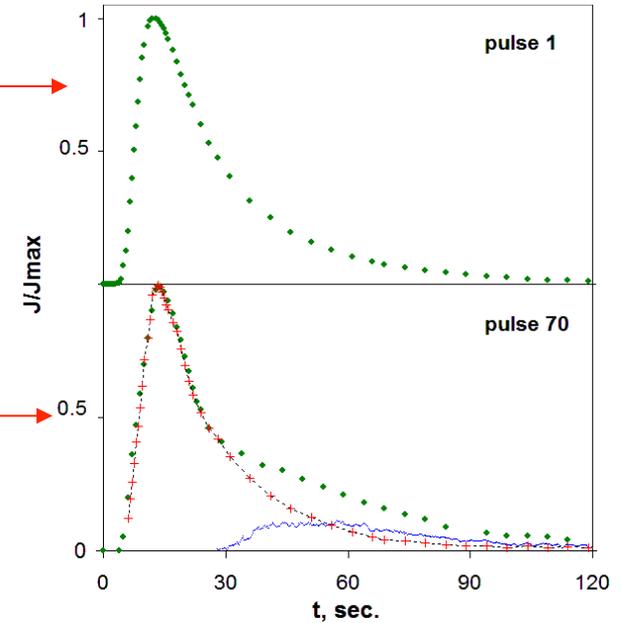
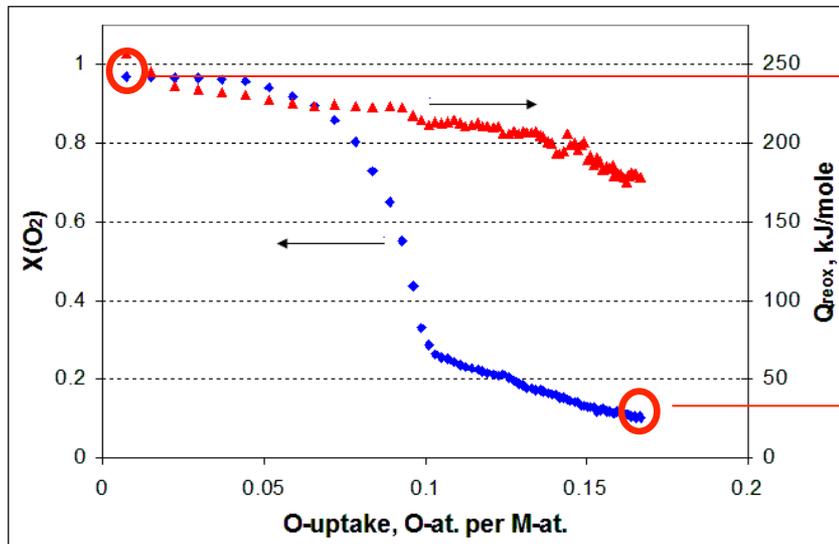
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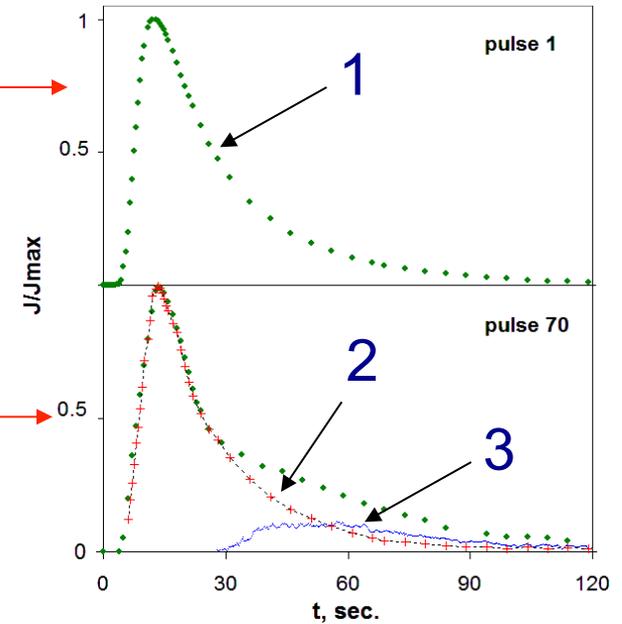
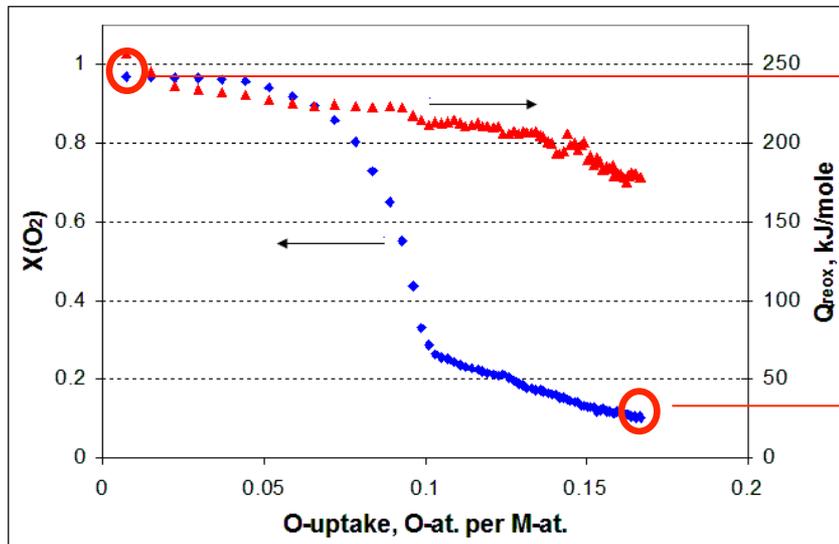
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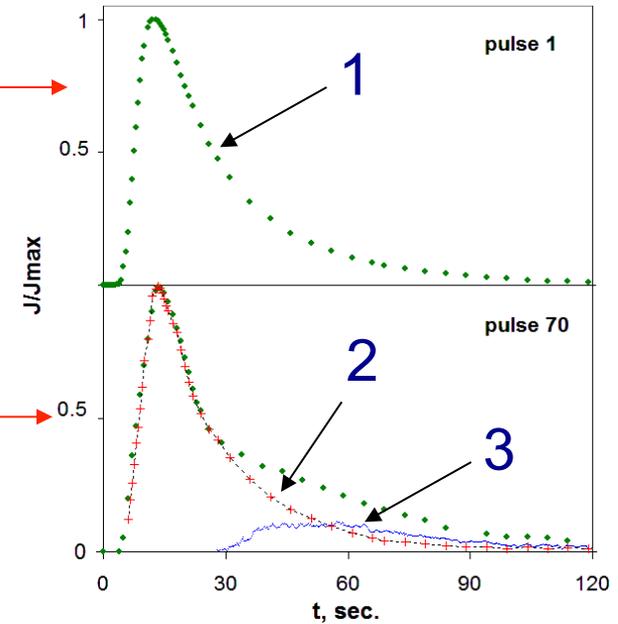
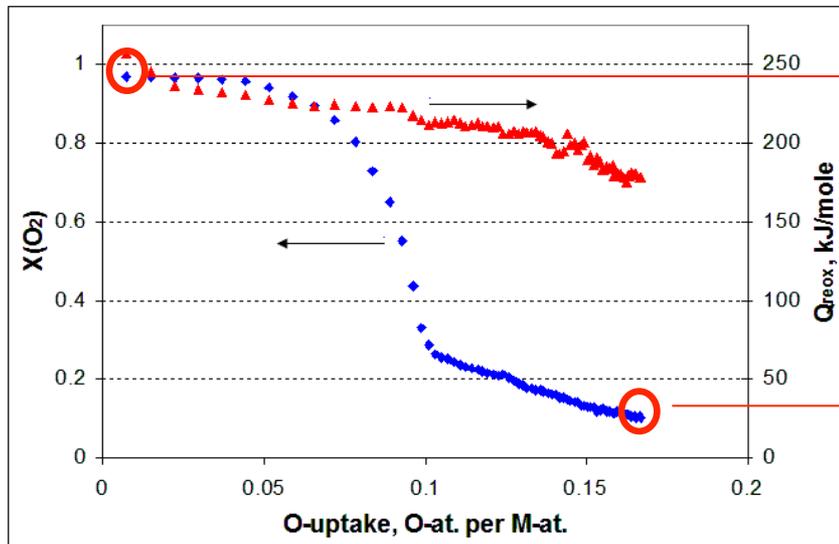
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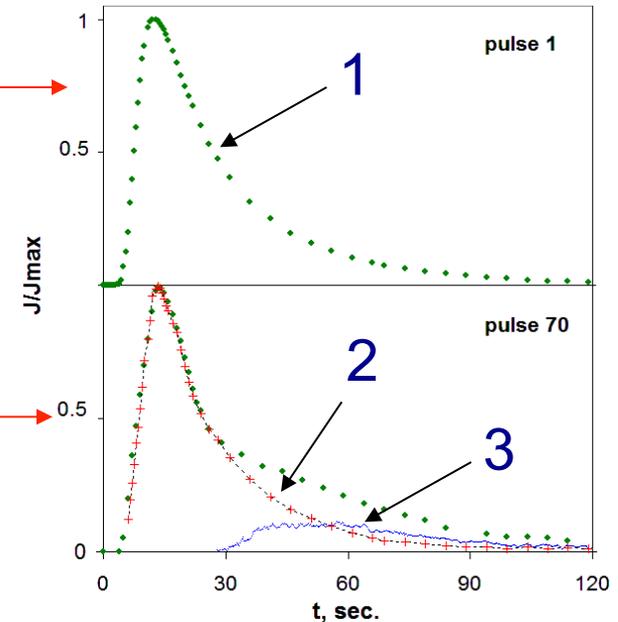
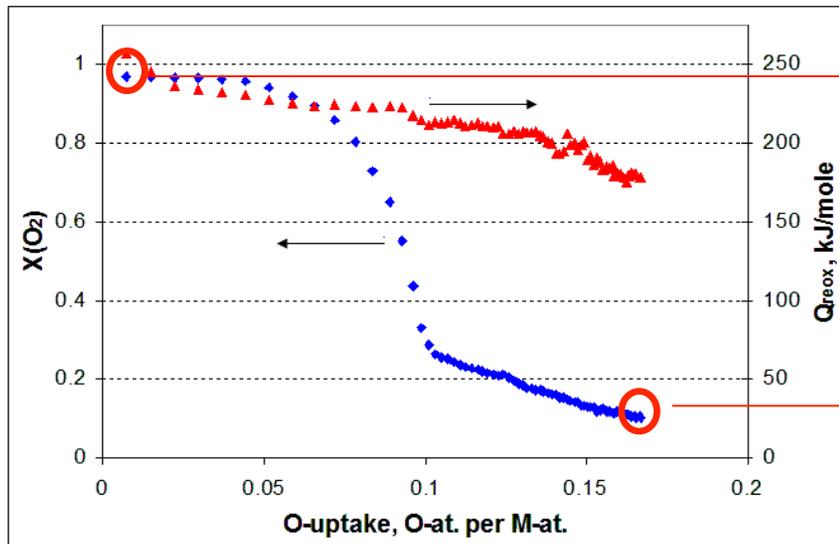
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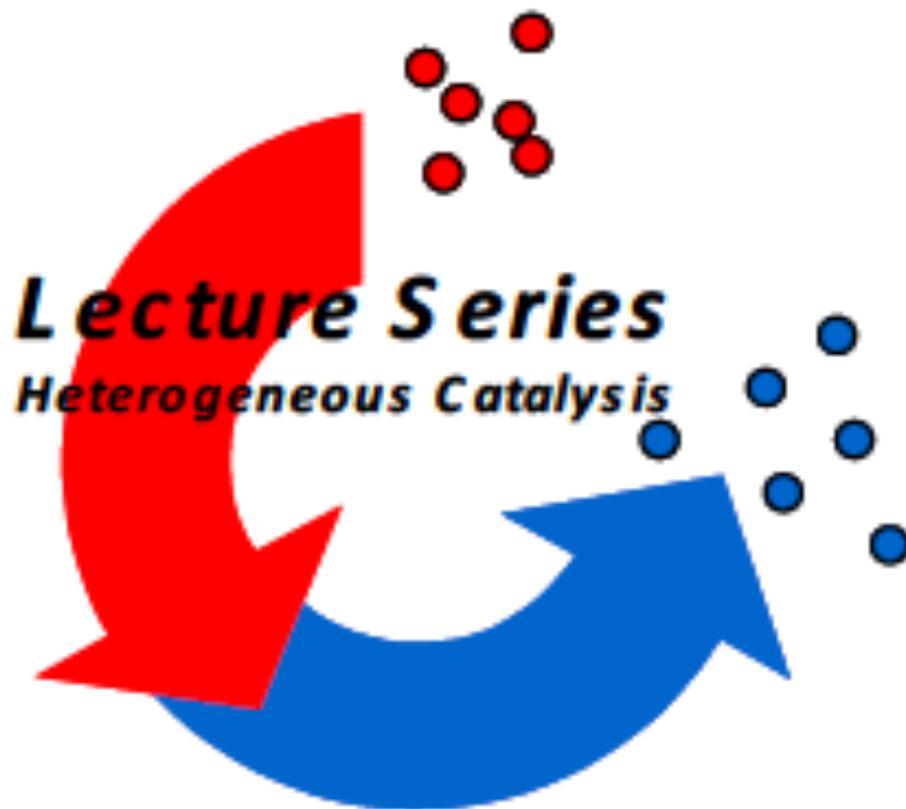
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