

Critical appraisal of kinetic calculation methods applied to overlapping multistep reactions

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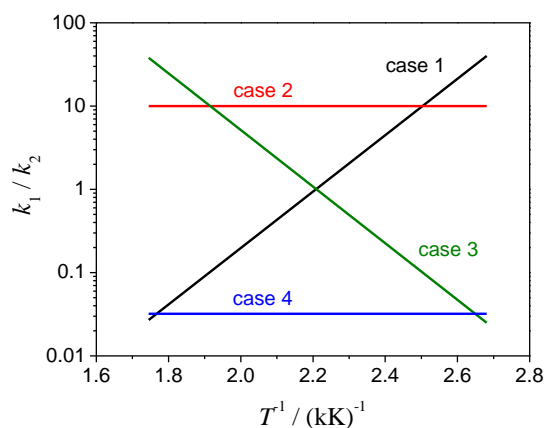


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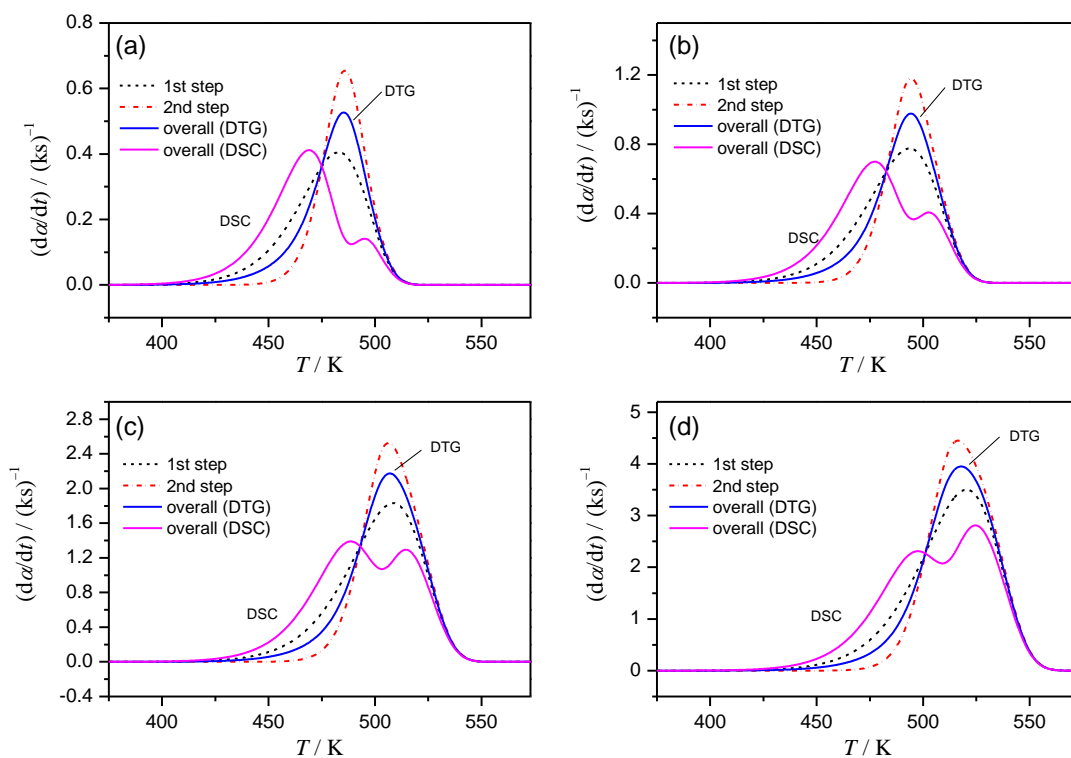


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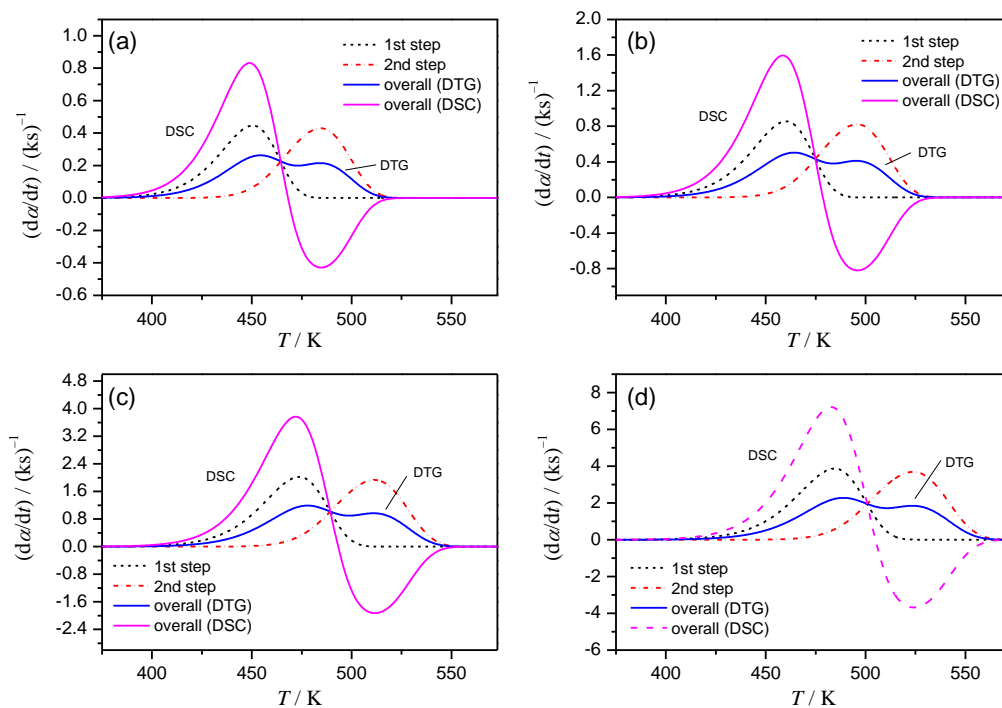


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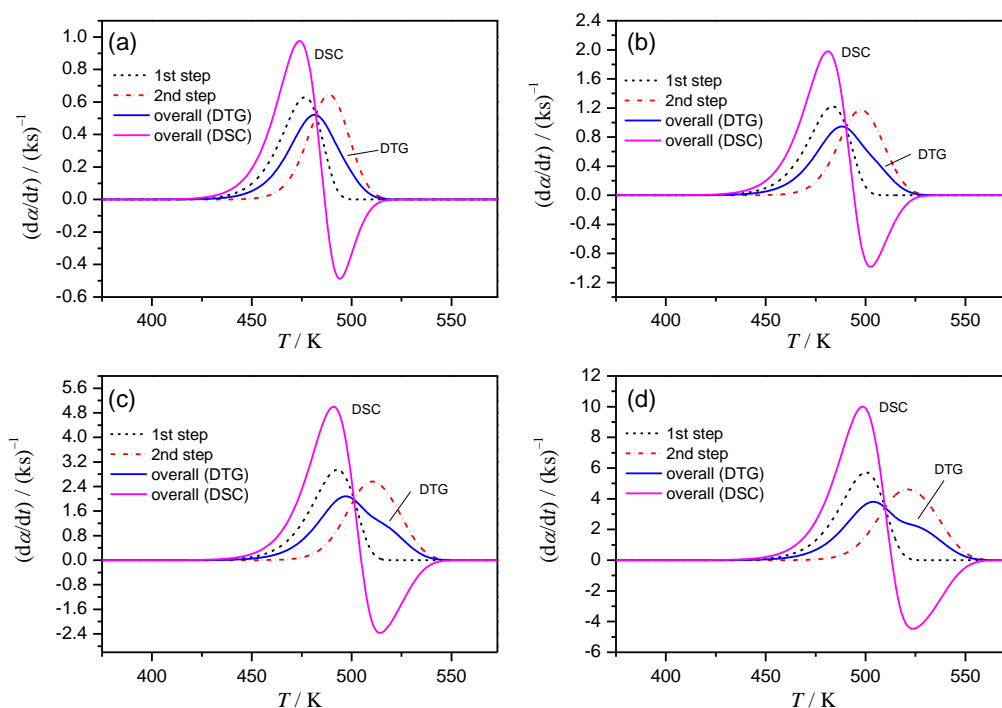


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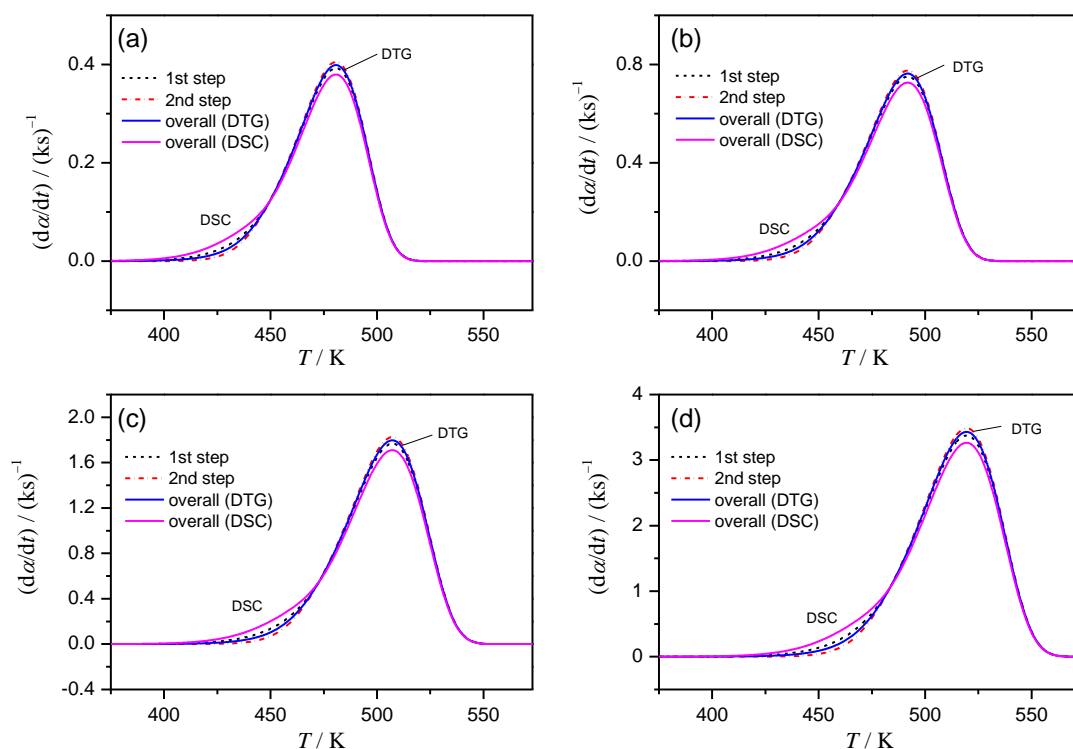


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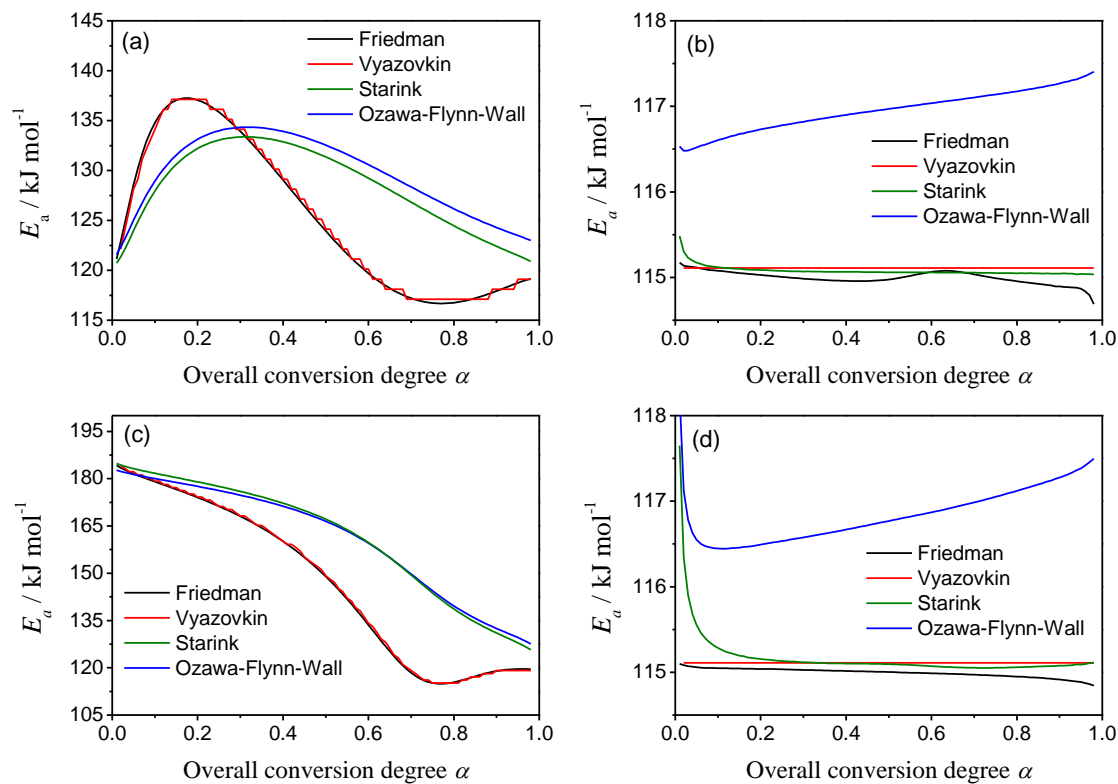


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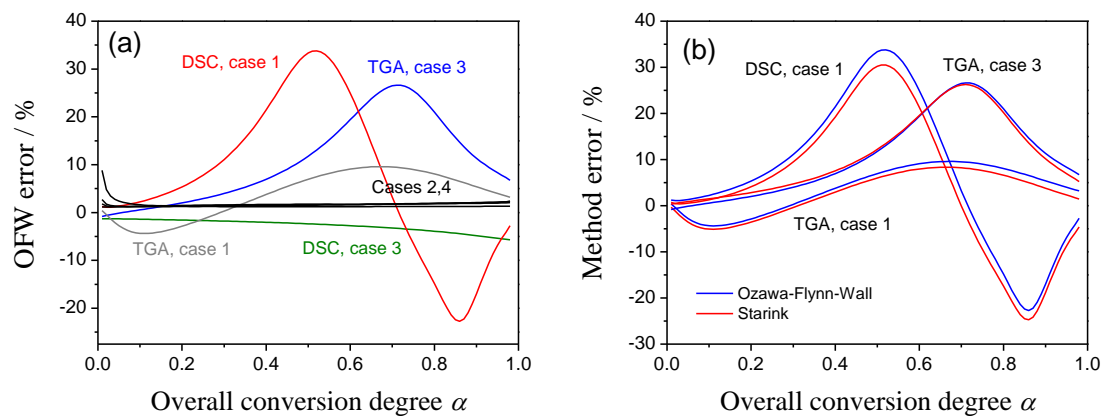


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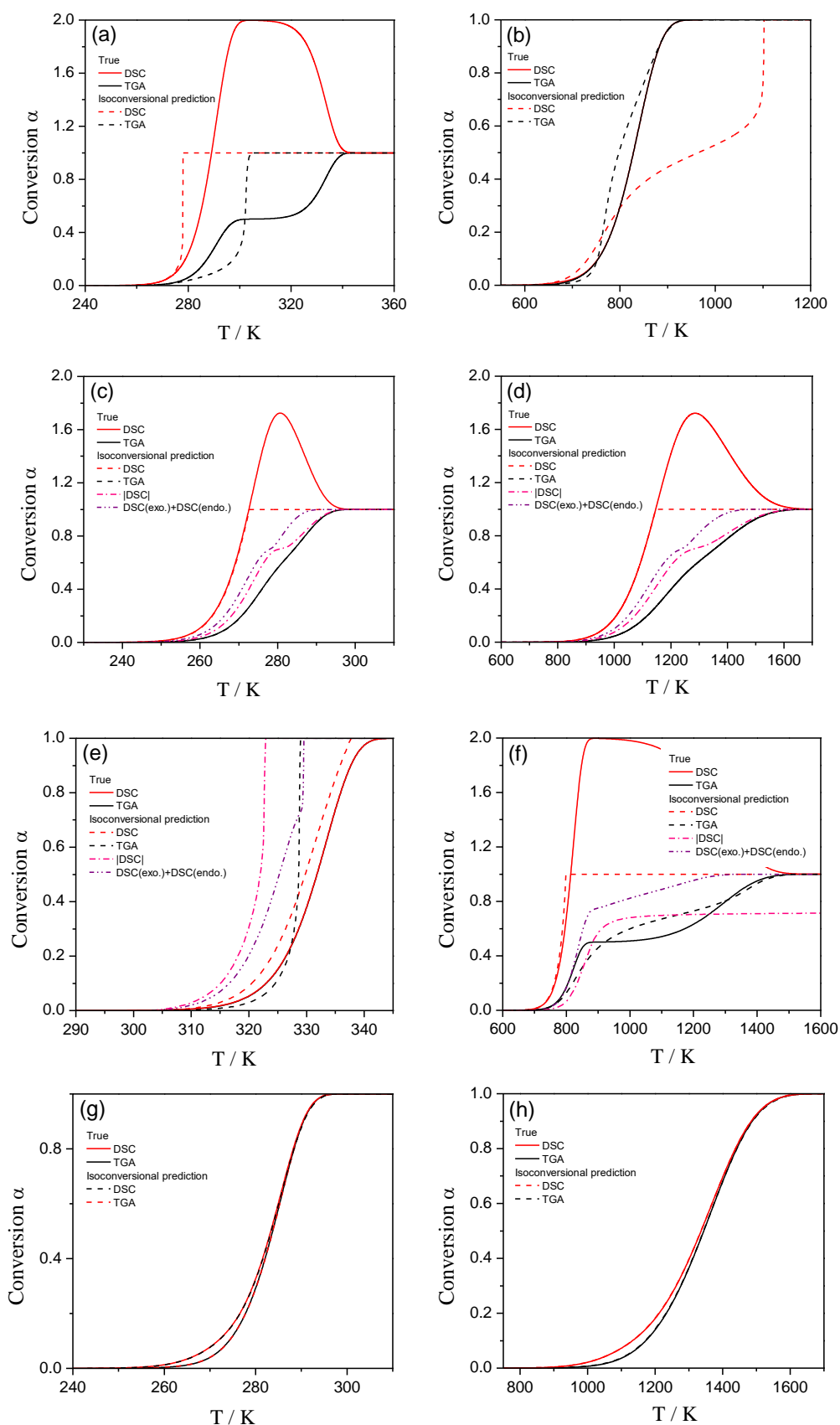


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Table S1. Comparison of the conversion rate peak temperatures for the assumed model and the isoconversional calculations

Case	signal	Peak Temperature [K] at rate [K min ⁻¹]					
		1E-09	1E-06	0.001	1000	1E+06	1E+09
1	Exact model, DSC	291	336	395	615	839	*
	Isoconversional prediction, DSC	278	320	379	667	1102	2763
	Exact model, DTG	333	371	417	614	839	*
	Isoconversional prediction, DTG	303	346	405	591	766	1106
2	Exact model, DTG	276	318	374	576	781	1185
	Isoconversional prediction, DTG	276	318	374	576	781	1185
	Exact model, DSC	274	315	371	568	766	1154
	Isoconversional prediction, DSC	273	314	369	564	760	1144
	Isoconversional prediction, DSC-separate	272	313	367	560	752	1127
	Isoconversional prediction, DSC-absolute	274	315	371	568	765	1151
3	Exact model, DTG	334	371	418	556	663	822
	Isoconversional prediction, DTG	329	368	417	558	668	831
	Exact model, DSC	334	371	415	554	663	822
	Isoconversional prediction, DSC	332	368	415	549	651	797
	Isoconversional prediction, DSC-separate	329	369	419	552	666	835
	Isoconversional prediction, DSC-absolute	323	362	412	638	674	854
4	Exact model, DSC	286	331	392	618	859	1364
	Isoconversional prediction, DSC	286	331	393	618	857	1365
	Exact model, DTG	286	331	392	618	859	1364
	Isoconversional prediction, DTG	285	331	392	618	857	1362

*unstable solution

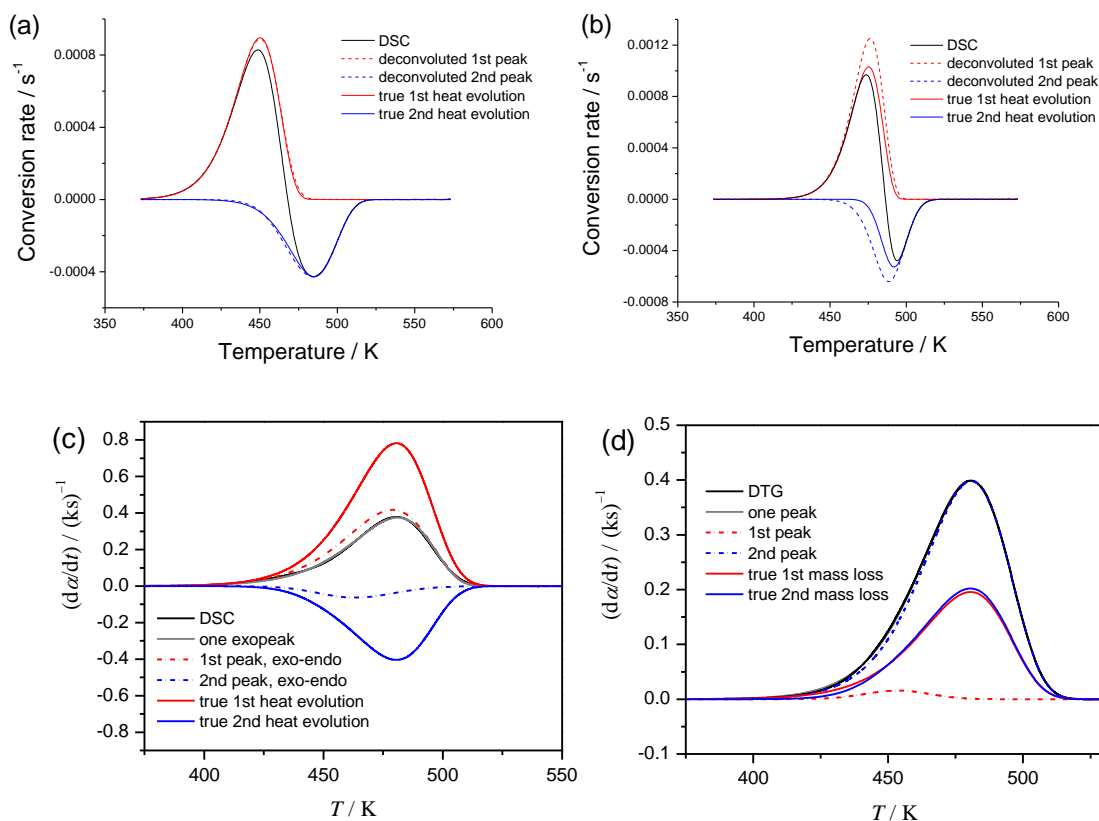


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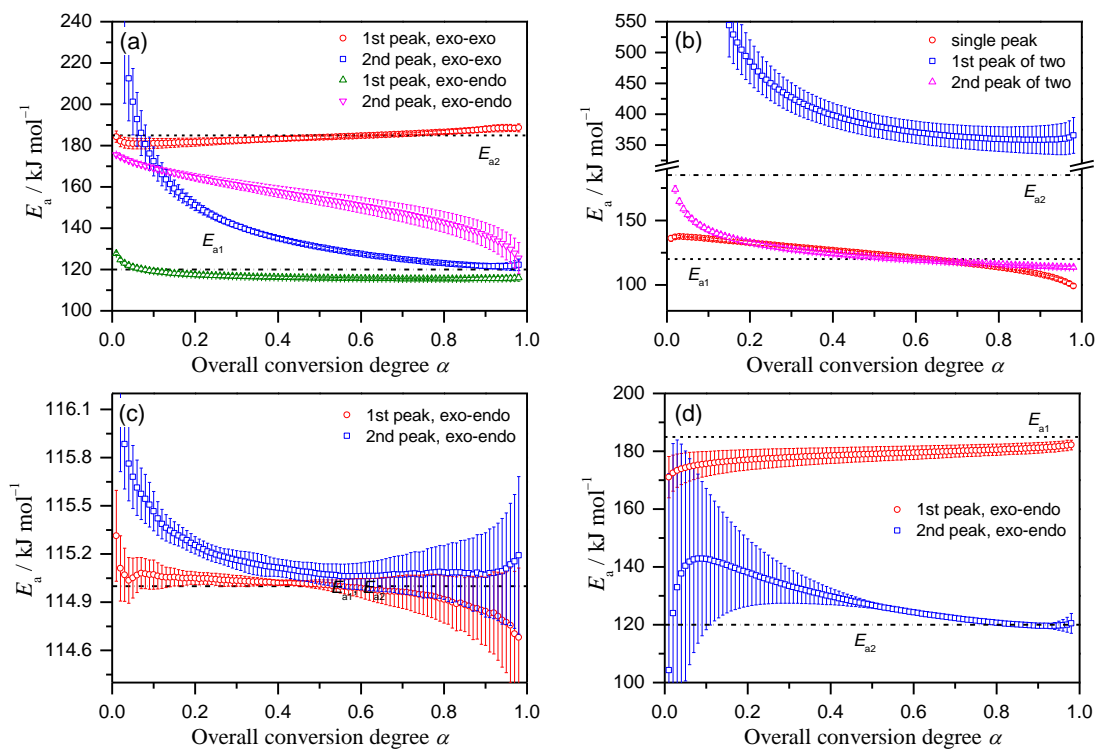


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Table S2. Results of the kinetic analysis on the deconvoluted peaks

Case	Signal	Peaks	First peak			Second peak			η	γ
			$E_{a1} / \text{kJ mol}^{-1}$	$\lg(A_1 / \text{s}^{-1})$	$f(\alpha)$	$E_{a2} / \text{kJ mol}^{-1}$	$\lg(A_2 / \text{s}^{-1})$	$f(\alpha)$		
1	DTG	2	350 ± 18	37.2 ± 2.0	<i>F3</i>	134 ± 4	11.5 ± 0.5	<i>F1</i>	0.07 ± 0.06	-
	DTG	1	135 ± 3	11.6 ± 0.4	<i>F1</i>	-		-	-	-
	DSC	2 (+, -) ^a	116 ± 2	9.7 ± 0.2	<i>F1</i>	169 ± 2	15.4 ± 0.2	<i>L2</i>	-	1.32 ± 0.03
	DSC	2 (+, +)	182 ± 4	17.5 ± 0.4	<i>D4</i>	162 ± 12	14 ± 1.3	<i>A3</i>	-	0.6 ± 0.2
2	DTG	2	115 ± 0.01	10.4 ± 0.001	<i>F1</i>	115 ± 0.03	9.4 ± 0.003	<i>F1</i>	0.45	-
	DSC	2 (+, -)	115 ± 0.07	10.4 ± 0.008	<i>F1</i>	115 ± 0.07	9.4 ± 0.008	<i>R3</i>	-	1.99
3	DTG	2	177 ± 6	16.6 ± 0.7	<i>F1</i>	148 ± 25	12.9 ± 2.7	<i>F1</i>	0.43 ± 0.08	-
	DTG	1	188 ± 2	17.5 ± 0.3	<i>F2</i>	-		-	-	-
	DSC	2 (+, -)	178 ± 6	16.7 ± 0.7	<i>F1</i>	147 ± 13	12.7 ± 1.4	<i>R3</i>	-	2.0 ± 0.2
4	DTG	2	115 ± 1.0	9.5 ± 0.1	<i>L2</i>	115 ± 0.1	10.3 ± 0.01	<i>F1</i>	0.03	-
	DTG	1	115 ± 0.03	9.5 ± 0.004	<i>F1</i>	-		-	-	-
	DSC	2 (+, -)	115 ± 0.1	9.5 ± 0.01	<i>F1</i>	115 ± 0.6	10 ± 0.07	<i>F1</i>	-	1.15
	DSC	1	115 ± 0.01	9.5 ± 0.001	<i>F1</i>	-		-	-	-

^a Supposed exothermic peaks denoted as “+”, endothermic as “-”.

Table S3. Summary of the results of the kinetic deconvolution analysis

Input data: DSC								
Parameter	Case 1		Case 2		Case 3		Case 4	
	Value	± Error	Value	± Error	Value	± Error	Value	± Error
$\lg(A_1 / s^{-1})$	10.7	0.2	10.4	0.0	16.8	0.1	9.4	0.1
$E_{a1} / kJ mol^{-1}$	124.0	1.5	115	0.0	177.9	0.4	115.0	0.7
n_1	1.21	0.01	1.03	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.96	0.01
m_1	0.06	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	-0.12	0.01
$\lg(A_2 / s^{-1})$	13.4	0.2	9.4	0.0	11.3	0.1	10.0	0.7
$E_{a2} / kJ mol^{-1}$	148.8	2.0	115	0.1	132.6	0.5	115.8	6.4
n_2	1.22	0.02	1.02	0.00	1.10	0.01	2.00*	0.52
m_2	0.27	0.02	-0.01	0.00	0.14	0.02	0.86	0.07
γ	1.88	0.1	2.12	0.00	2.08	0.02	1.02*	0.01
Input data: DTG								
Parameter	Case 1		Case 2		Case 3		Case 4	
	Value	± Error	Value	± Error	Value	± Error	Value	± Error
$\lg(A_1 / s^{-1})$	16.2	0.3	10.4	0.0	18.9	0.1	22.0	3.7
$E_{a1} / kJ mol^{-1}$	174.4	3.0	114.8	0.1	198.3	1.1	236	36
n_1	1.48	0.09	1.02	0.00	1.17	0.00	0.85	0.08
m_1	0.42	0.01	0.00	0.00	-0.03	0.00	-1.0	0.5
$\lg(A_2 / s^{-1})$	10.0	0.1	9.4	0.0	11.0	0.0	9.5	0.2
$E_{a2} / kJ mol^{-1}$	119.6	0.8	114.7	0.1	129.7	0.4	114.5	1.5
n_2	1.03	0.01	1.02	0.00	1.09	0.00	1.03	0.02
m_2	0.15	0.01	-0.01	0.00	0.20	0.01	0.05	0.03
η	0.15	0.02	0.44	0.00	0.50	0.01	0.10*	0.02
Input data: DSC+DTG								
Parameter	Case 1		Case 2		Case 3		Case 4	
	Value	± Error	Value	± Error	Value	± Error	Value	± Error
$\lg(A_1 / s^{-1})$	12.4	0.5	10.4	0.0	16.9	0.1	9.4	0.1
$E_{a1} / kJ mol^{-1}$	141.4	4.6	114.7	0.0	179.0	0.7	114.0	0.8
n_1	1.41	0.07	1.02	0.00	1.03	0.01	1.00	0.00
m_1	0.07	0.04	-0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.01
$\lg(A_2 / s^{-1})$	15.0	0.7	9.4	0.0	11.6	0.1	17.7	4.1
$E_{a2} / kJ mol^{-1}$	164.9	6.9	114.7	0.0	134.7	1.0	193.6	38.5
n_2	2*	0.14	1.02	0.00	1.22	0.02	2*	0.49
m_2	0.33	0.05	-0.00	0.00	0.22	0.02	-1*	0.34
γ	2.77	0.68	2.11	0.00	2.09	0.02	0.86	0.04
η	0.99*	0.13	0.44	0.00	0.45	0.01	0.99*	0.02

*limit during optimization

Table S4. Summary of the results of the formal kinetic analysis with the kinetic scheme as two consecutive first-order reactions

Input data: DSC								
Parameter	Case 1		Case 2		Case 3		Case 4	
	Value	\pm Error	Value	\pm Error	Value	\pm Error	Value	\pm Error
$\lg(A_1 / s^{-1})$	9.9	0.0	10.3	0.0	17.2	0.0	9.4	0.0
$E_{a1} / kJ mol^{-1}$	118.7	0.3	113.7	0.1	182.0	0.1	114.0	0.2
$\lg(A_2 / s^{-1})$	17.0	0.1	9.4	0.0	10.2	0.1	9.6	0.1
$E_{a2} / kJ mol^{-1}$	180.2	0.6	115.1	0.2	121.6	0.5	103.5	1.4
γ	1.99	0.02	1.98	0.00	1.96	0.00	1.73	0.03
Input data: DTG								
Parameter	Case 1		Case 2		Case 3		Case 4	
	Value	\pm Error	Value	\pm Error	Value	\pm Error	Value	\pm Error
$\lg(A_1 / s^{-1})$	9.8	0.0	10.2	0.0	17.2	0.0	10.9	0.2
$E_{a1} / kJ mol^{-1}$	118.1	0.3	113.4	0.1	181.8	0.2	114.7	2.0
$\lg(A_2 / s^{-1})$	17.6	0.2	9.2	0.0	9.8	0.0	9.3	0.0
$E_{a2} / kJ mol^{-1}$	185.4	1.5	112.5	0.1	118.0	0.3	113.2	0.1
η	0.51	0.01	0.50	0.00	0.50	0.00	0.02	0.00
Input data: DSC+DTG								
Parameter	Case 1		Case 2		Case 3		Case 4	
	Value	\pm Error	Value	\pm Error	Value	\pm Error	Value	\pm Error
$\lg(A_1 / s^{-1})$	10.0	0.0	10.3	0.0	17.4	0.0	11.2	0.1
$E_{a1} / kJ mol^{-1}$	119.8	0.1	114.3	0.0	183.7	0.1	117.0	0.5
$\lg(A_2 / s^{-1})$	17.2	0.0	9.3	0.0	9.8	0.0	9.4	0.0
$E_{a2} / kJ mol^{-1}$	182.4	0.3	114.5	0.1	118.4	0.2	114.3	0.0
γ	2.05	0.01	1.98	0.00	1.97	0.00	0.07	0.00
η	0.52	0.00	0.50	0.00	0.50	0.00	0.02	0.00

Table S5. Bayes information criteria for the formal kinetic fit of case 3 data with several reaction schemes

Kinetic scheme	DSC data	DTG data	DSC+DTG data
Single-step reaction	-8757	-12626	-18090
Two parallel reactions	-8689	-12606	-17920
Two consecutive reactions	-18399	-19326	-36714
Two independent reactions (KDA)	-15326	-16331	-28324

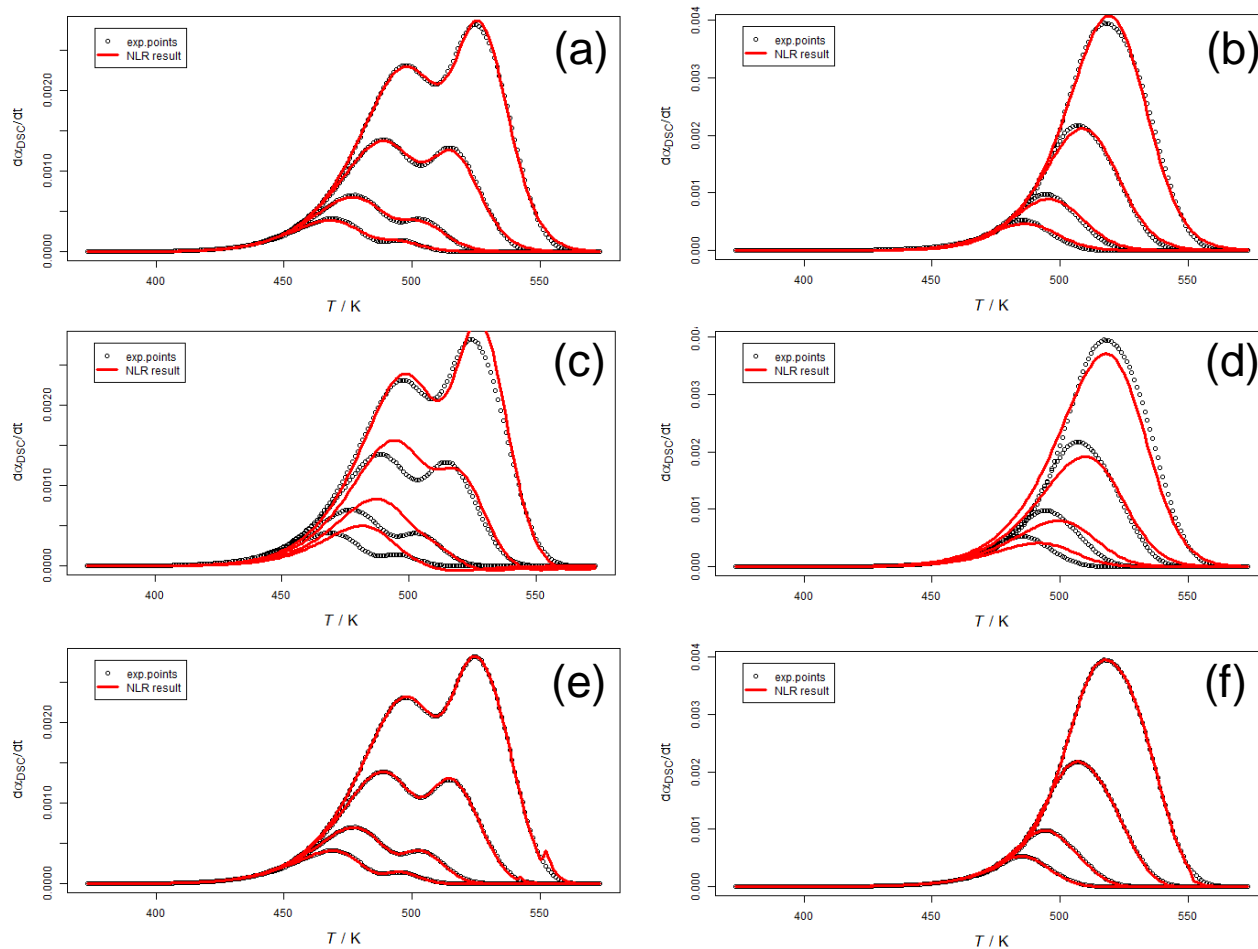


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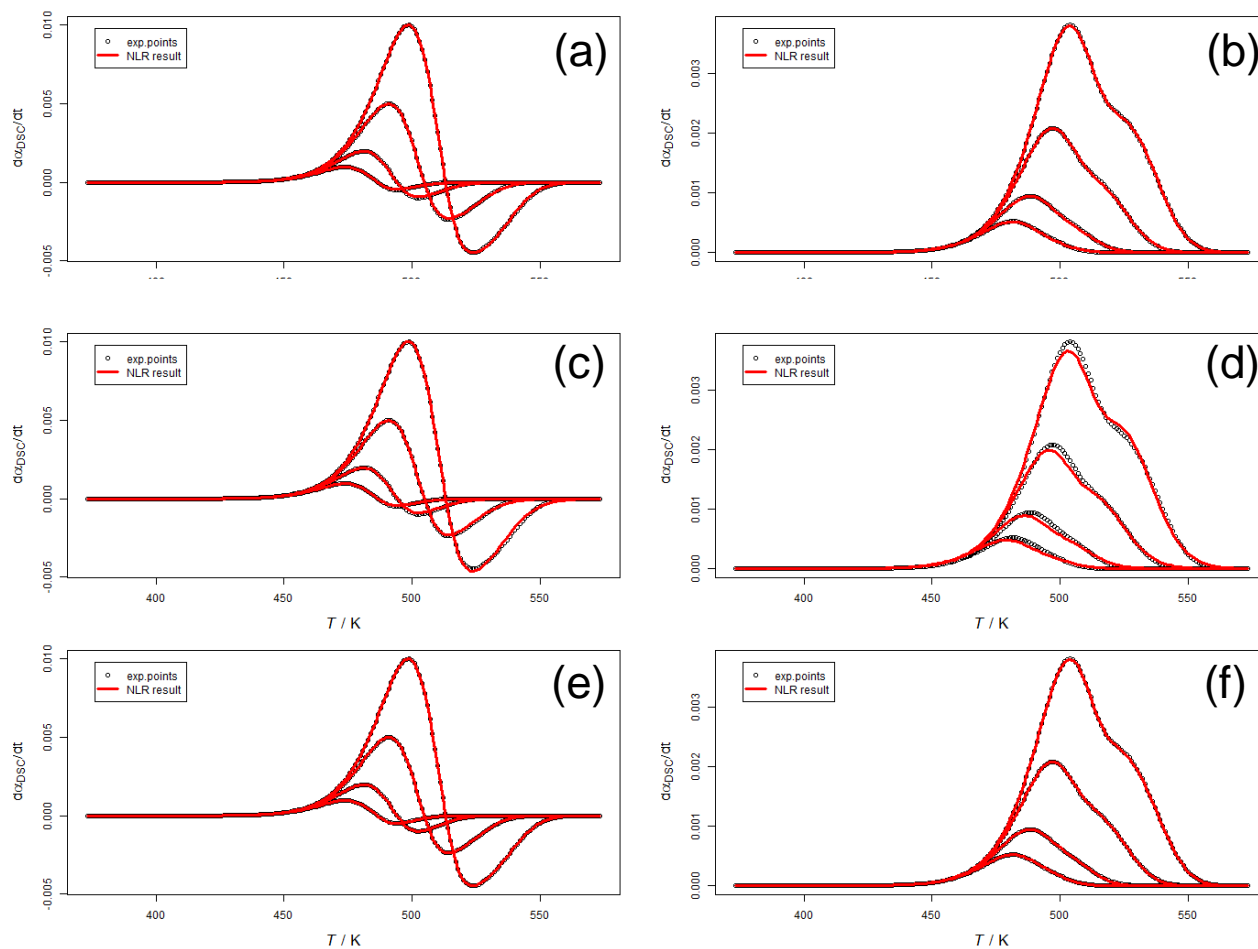


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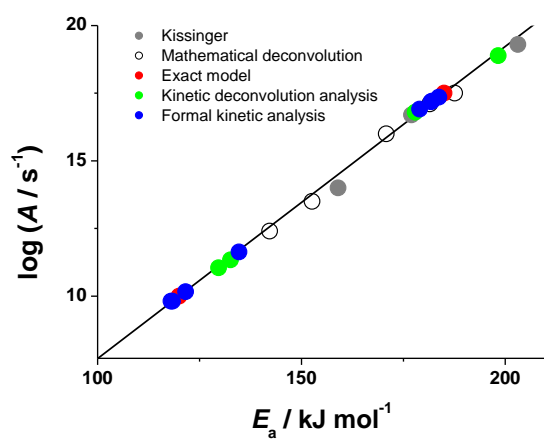


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