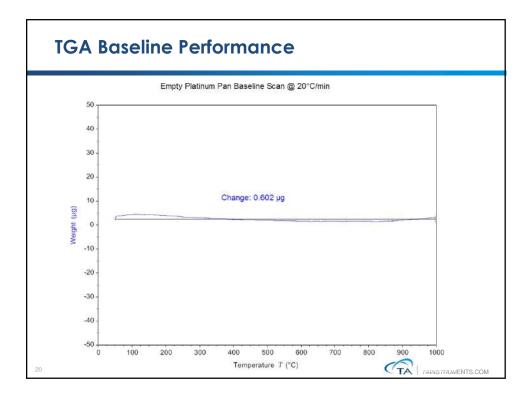




- The mass signal generated by a TGA is compared to the mass of a reference material traceable to a national reference laboratory. A linear correlation using two calibration points is used to relate the mass (or weight) signal generated by the TGA and that of the reference material.
- This test method calibrates or demonstrates conformity of thermogravimetric apparatus at ambient conditions. Most thermogravimetry analysis experiments are carried out under temperature ramp conditions or at isothermal temperatures distant from ambient conditions. This test method does not address the temperature effects on mass calibration.
- TA Instruments uses a zero tare, then a 100mg and 1000mg mass standard to calibrate the TGA.

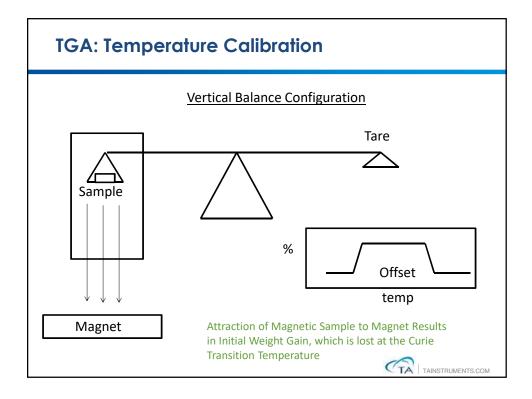
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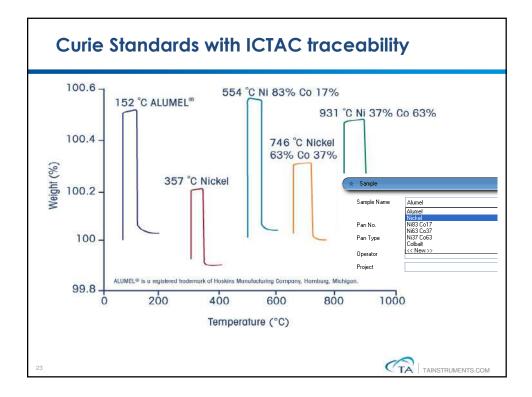


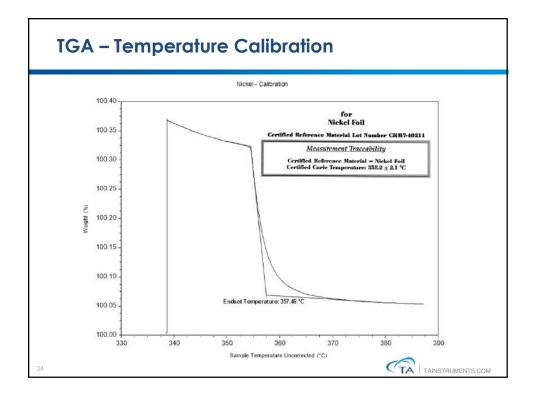


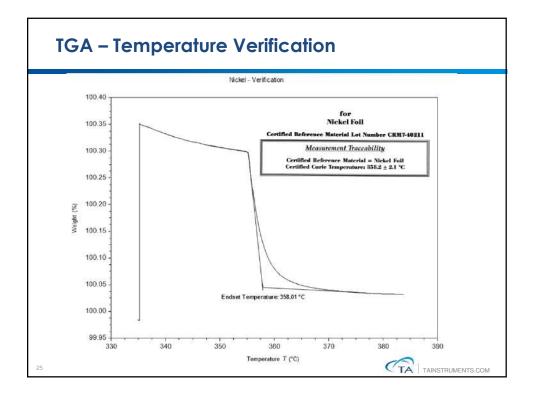
- The standard describes two methods by which the TGA can be calibrated for temperature; by melting point or magnetic transition. The most common approach for a TGA would be the magnetic transition approach.
- Curie Point Temperature that temperature where the material loses
   its magnetic susceptibility defined as offset point
- Temperature Calibration points are determined by comparing the measured melting onset temperature to the literature value
- TA Instruments software allows for up to 5 temperature calibration points
  - Generally, these should bracket the temperature range of interest for subsequent samples

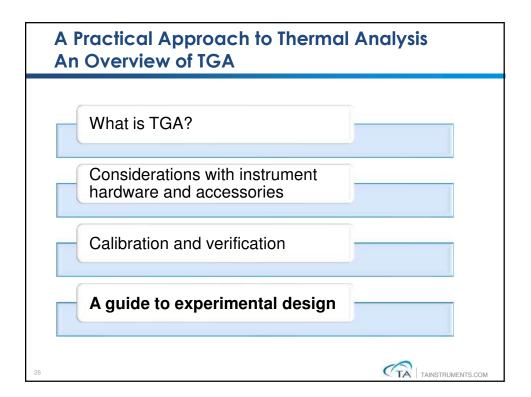
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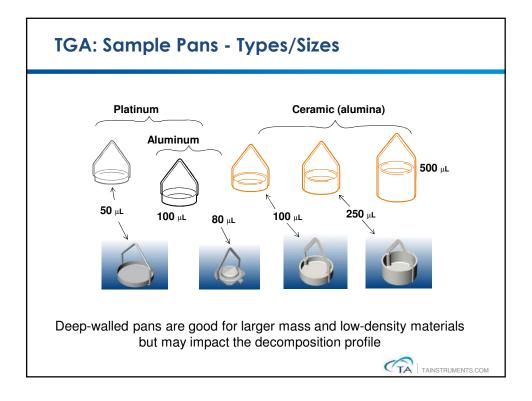


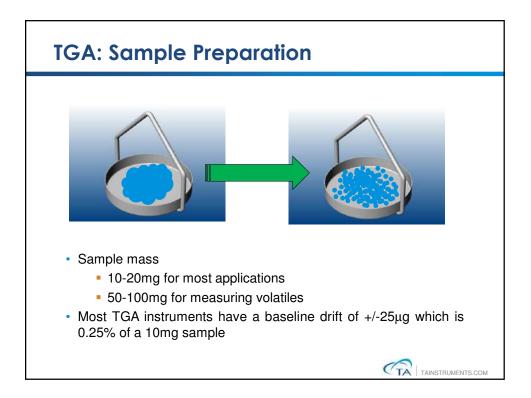


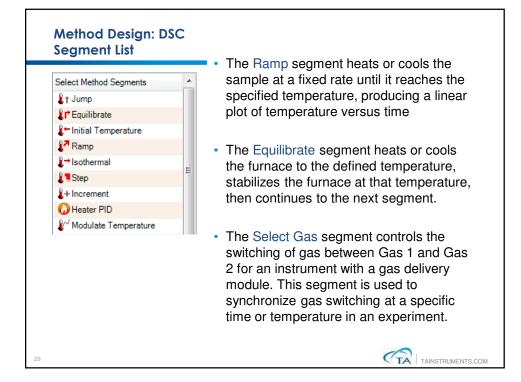


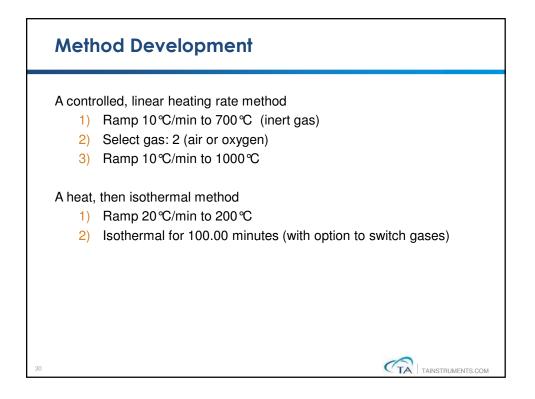


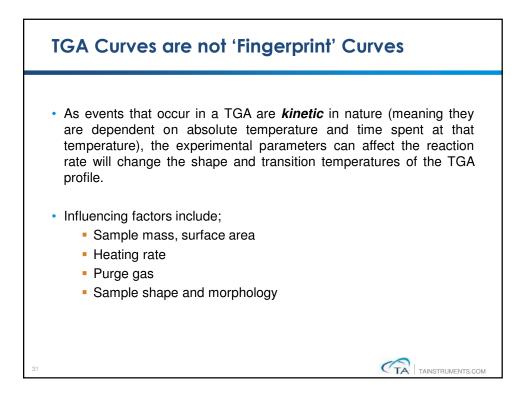


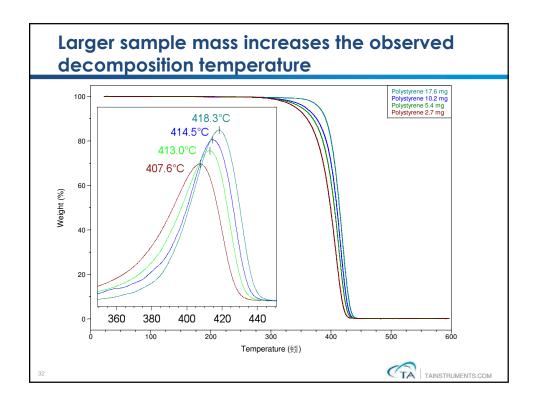


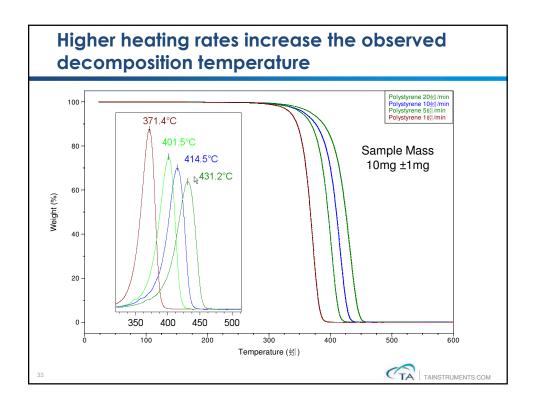


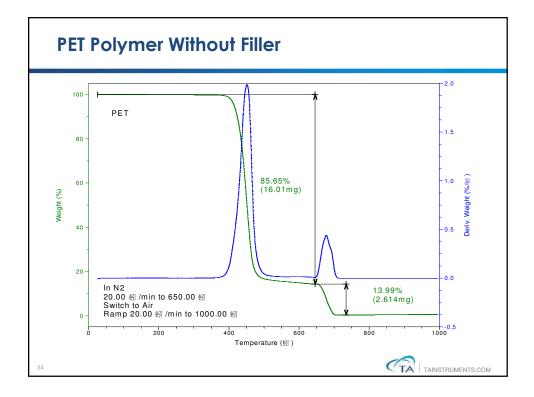


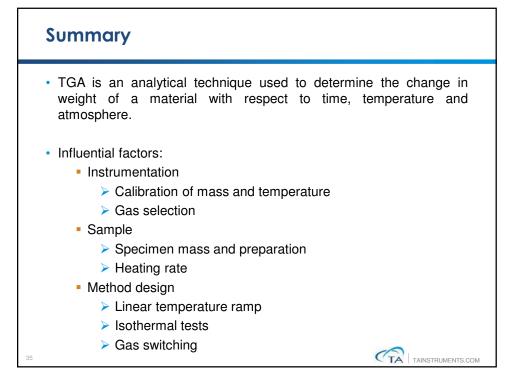


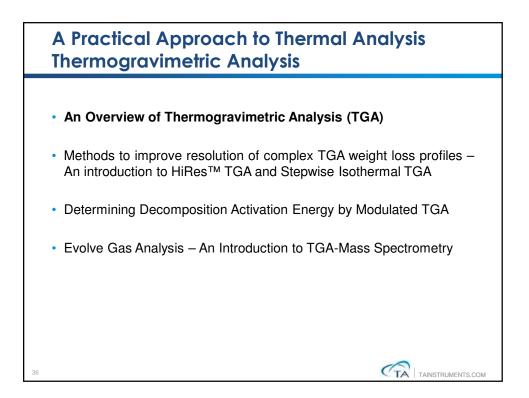


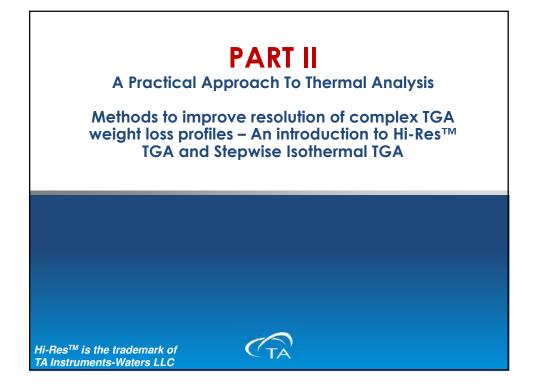


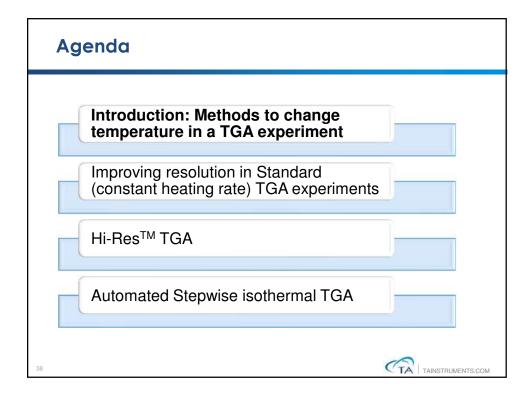


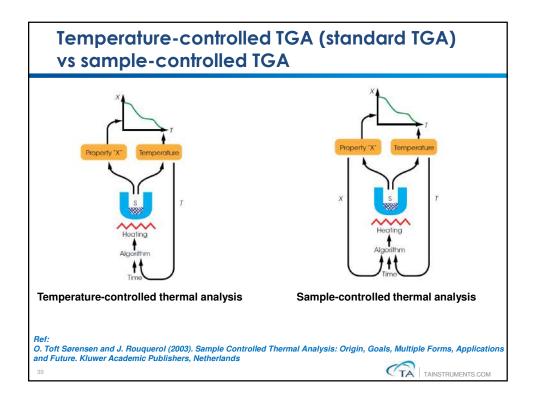


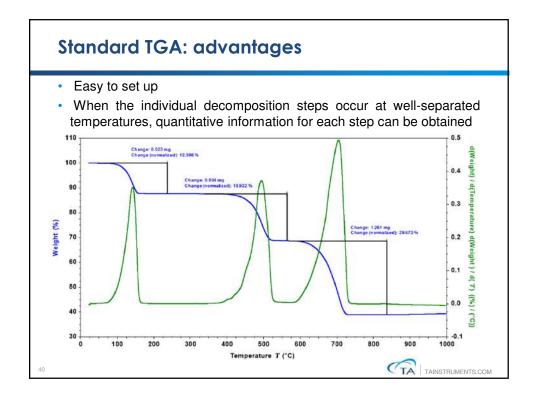


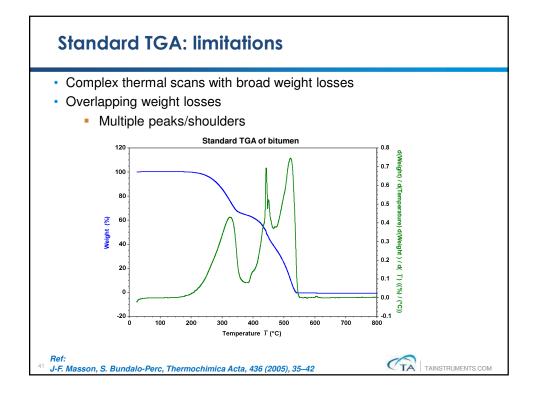


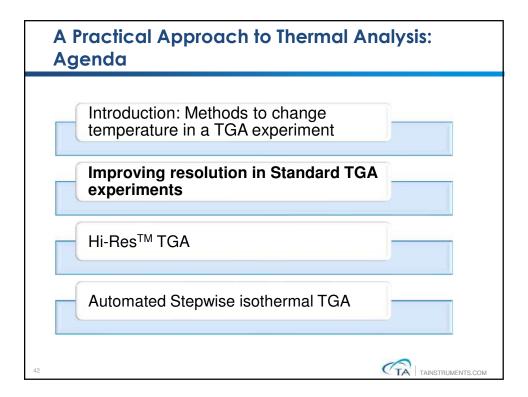


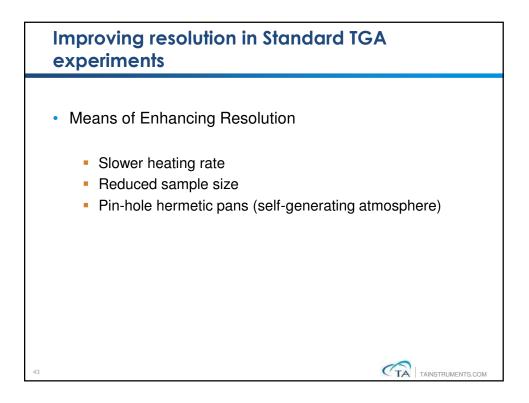


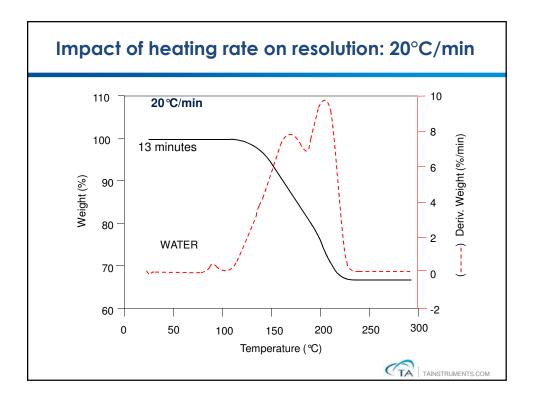


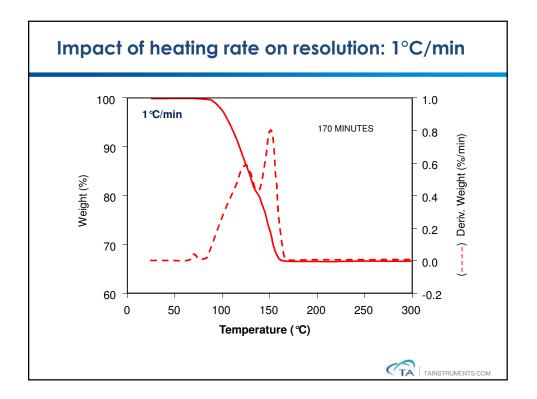


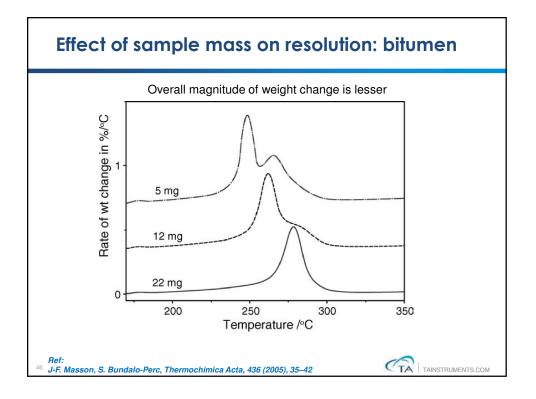


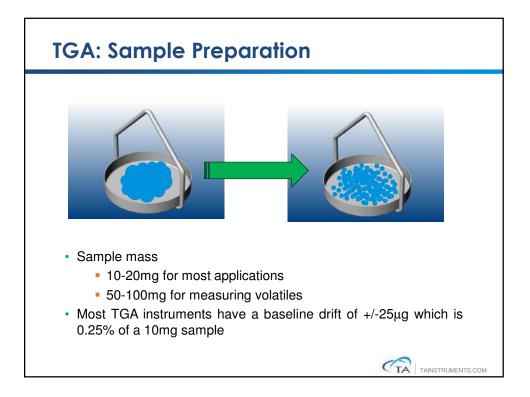
















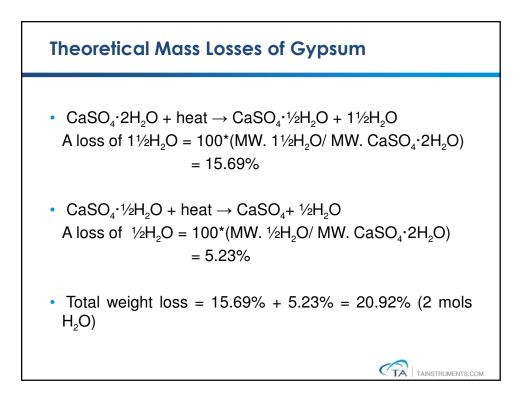
- Heating gypsum between 100 °C and 150 °C (302 °F) partially dehydrates the mineral by driving off exactly one and a half moles of the water contained in its chemical structure.
- The partially dehydrated mineral is called calcium sulfate hemihydrate or calcined gypsum (CaSO<sub>4</sub>·1/2H<sub>2</sub>O).

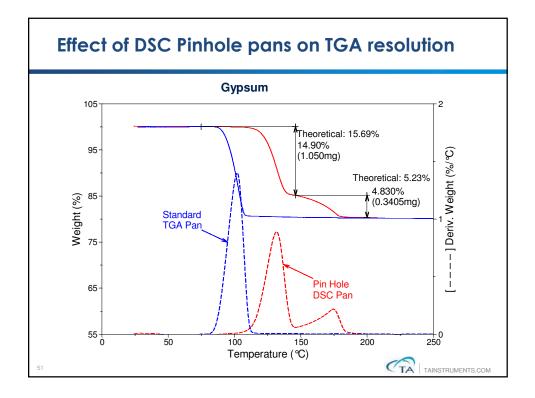
 $CaSO_4 \cdot 2H_2O + heat \rightarrow CaSO_4 \cdot \frac{1}{2}H_2O + \frac{1}{2}H_2O$  (steam)

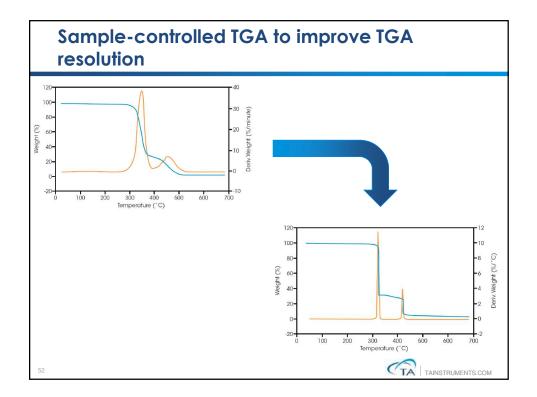
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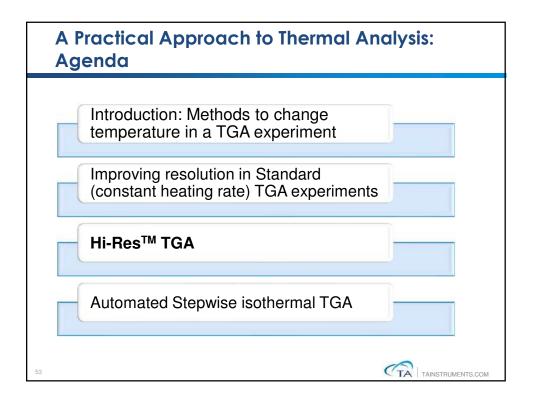
• As heating continues, the anhydrite, CaSO<sub>4</sub>, is then formed.

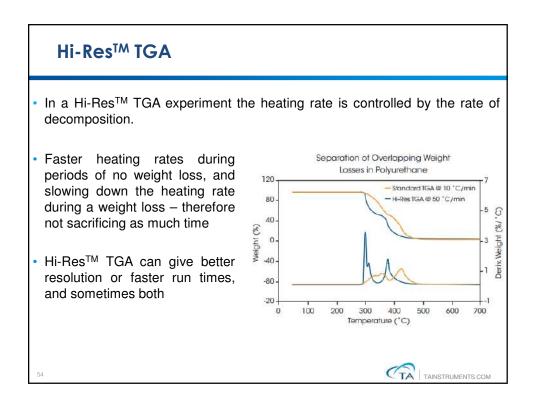
$$CaSO_4 \cdot \frac{1}{2}H_2O + heat \rightarrow CaSO_4 + \frac{1}{2}H_2O$$

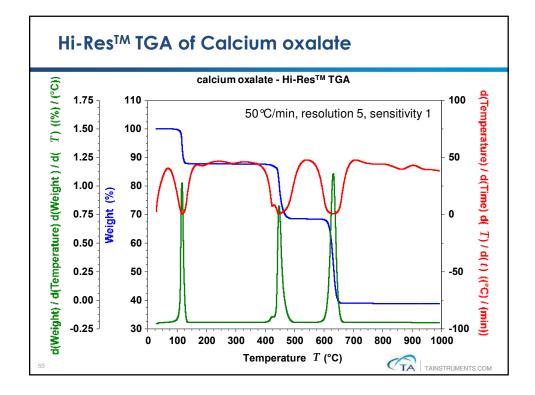


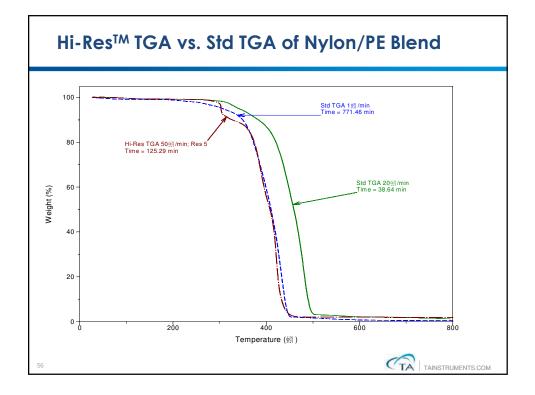












Programming a Hi-Res™ TGA experiment – sensitivity number
<ol> <li>Sensitivity 1.0</li> <li>Ramp 50 ℃/min, Res. 4.0 to 1000 ℃</li> </ol>
Sensitivity : typically varies from 0 to 8.0
Controls the response of the Hi-Res system to changes in decomposition rates (\(\Delta\) wt\(\Delta\)/min)
Determines the <u>increase</u> in decomposition rate that warrants a reduction in the heating rate (or vice-versa)
<ul> <li>Higher sensitivity values make the Hi-Res system more responsive to small changes in the rate of reaction</li> </ul>

