



# Synthesis and Characterization of Polyhydroxyamide/Polymethoxyamides

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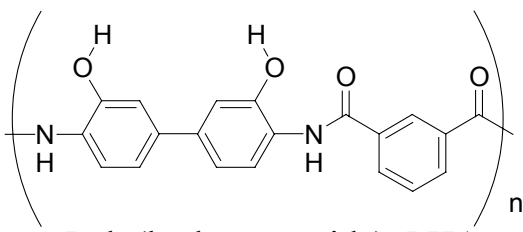
# Outline



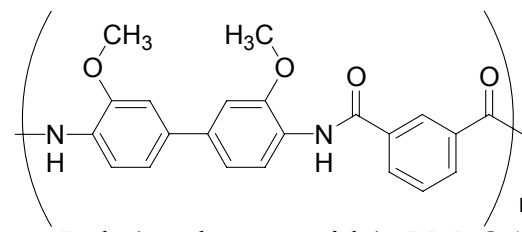
- Synthesis of PHA/PMeOA “smart” copolymers

- Thermal characterization of the copolymers

- Analysis of their potential to be thermally processed

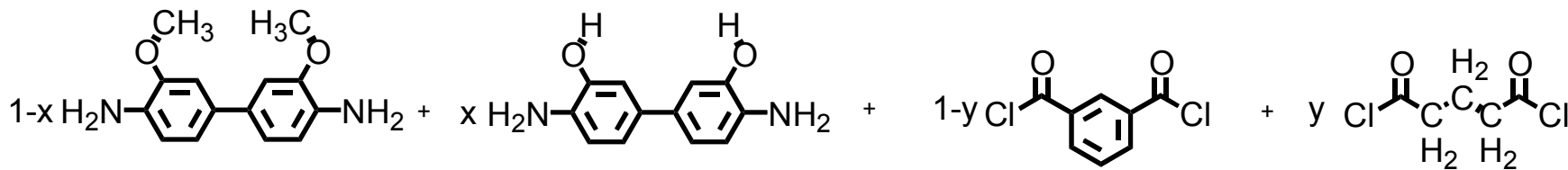


Poly(hydroxy-amide): PHA



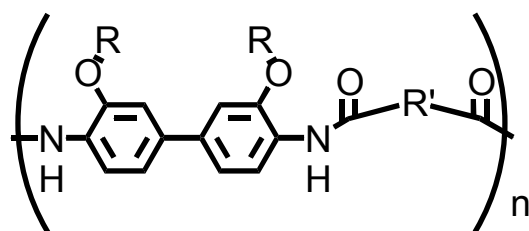
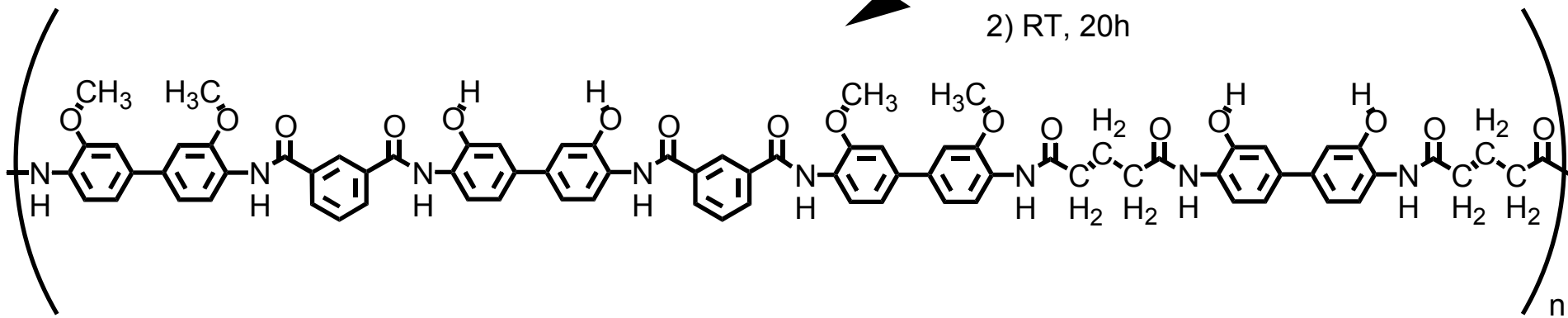
Poly(methoxy-amide): PMeOA

# Synthetic Scheme for PHA/PMeOA "Smart" Fire-Safe Copolymers

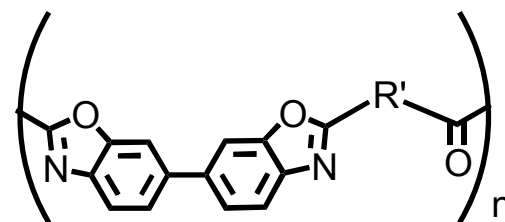


$\text{N}_2$ , pyridine  
DMAC

1)  $0^\circ\text{C}$ , 1h  
2) RT, 20h



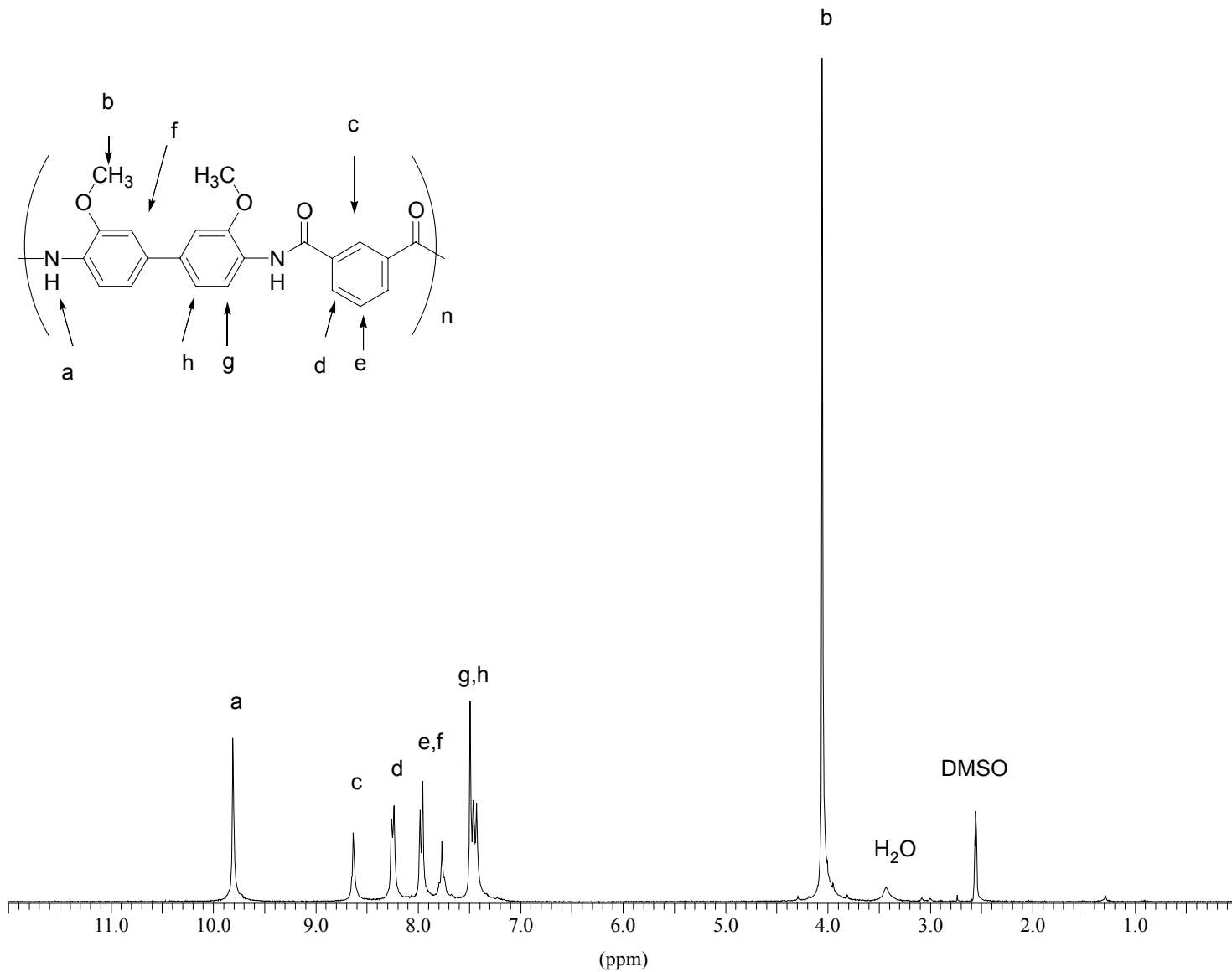
heat



+ 2n ROH

PolyBenzoxazole (PBO)

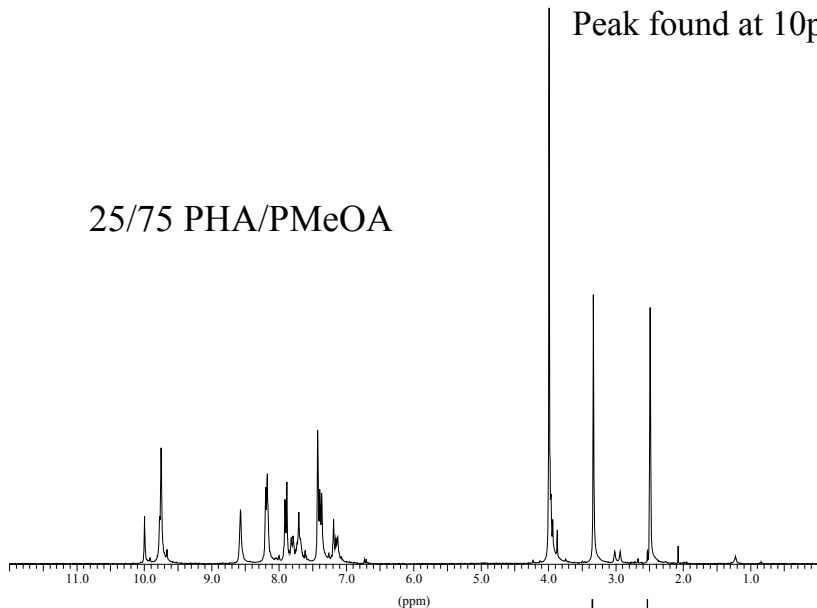
# $^1\text{H}$ NMR of PMeOA



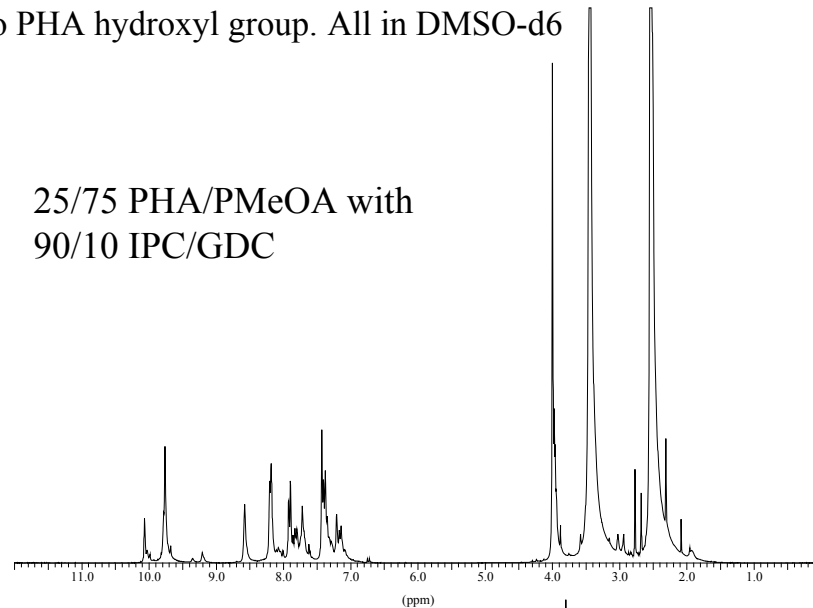
# $^1\text{H}$ NMR of PHA/PMeOA Copolymers

Peak found at 10ppm due to PHA hydroxyl group. All in DMSO-d6

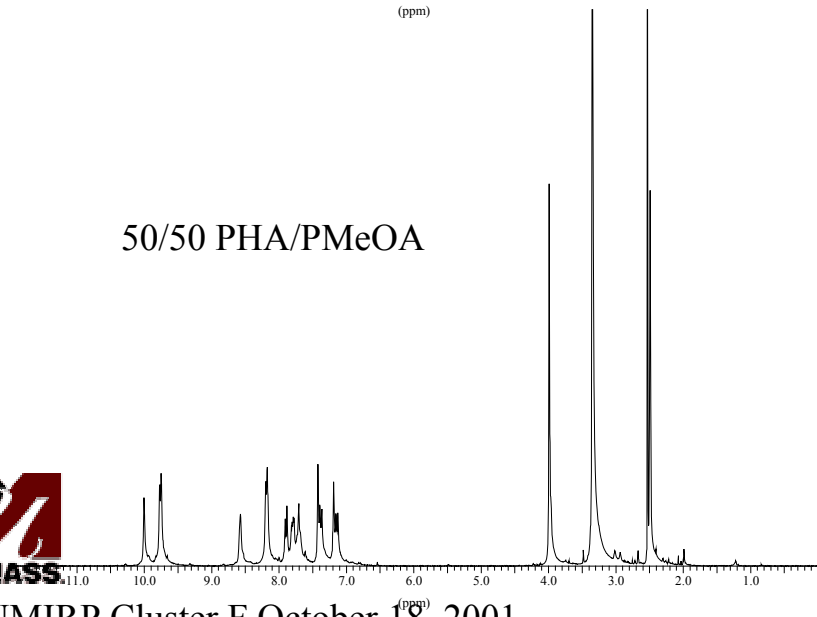
25/75 PHA/PMeOA



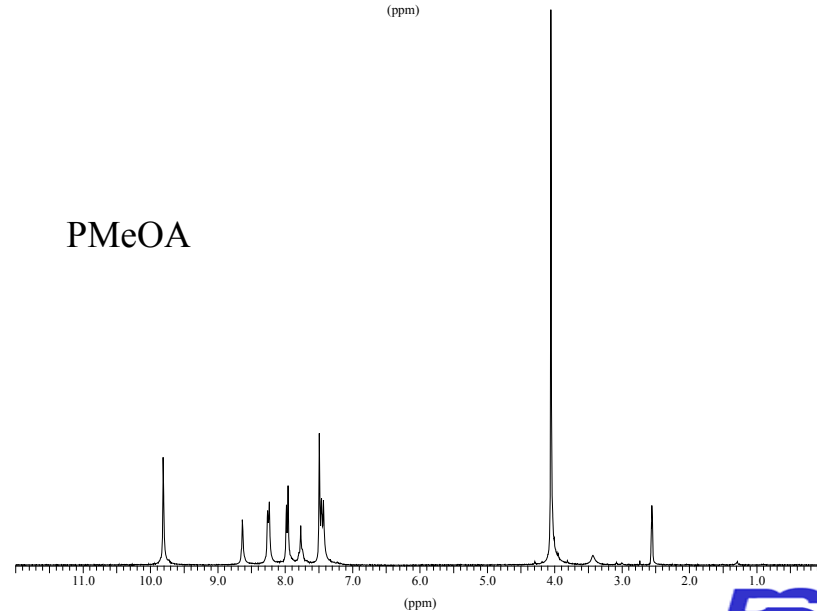
25/75 PHA/PMeOA with  
90/10 IPC/GDC



50/50 PHA/PMeOA



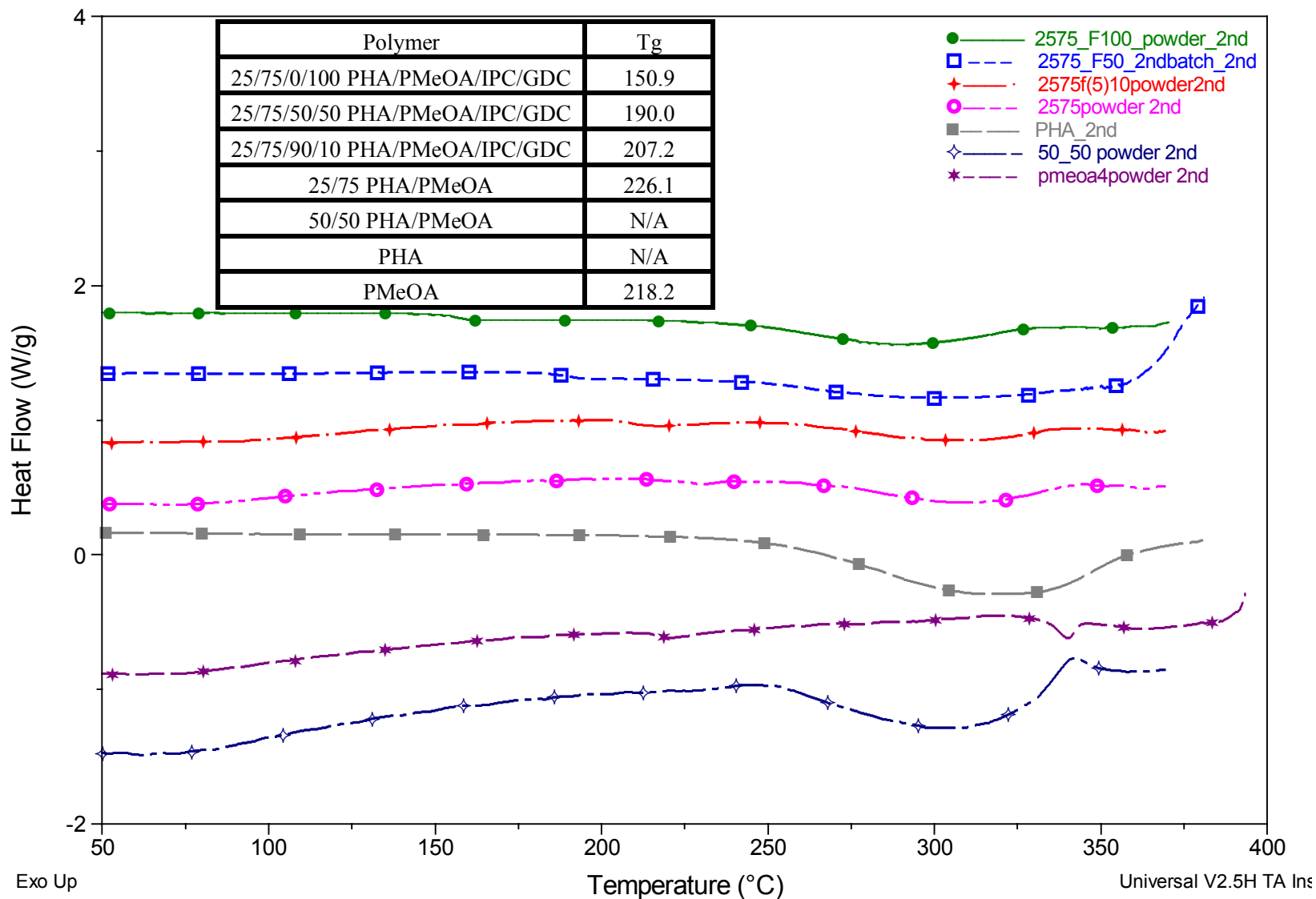
PMeOA



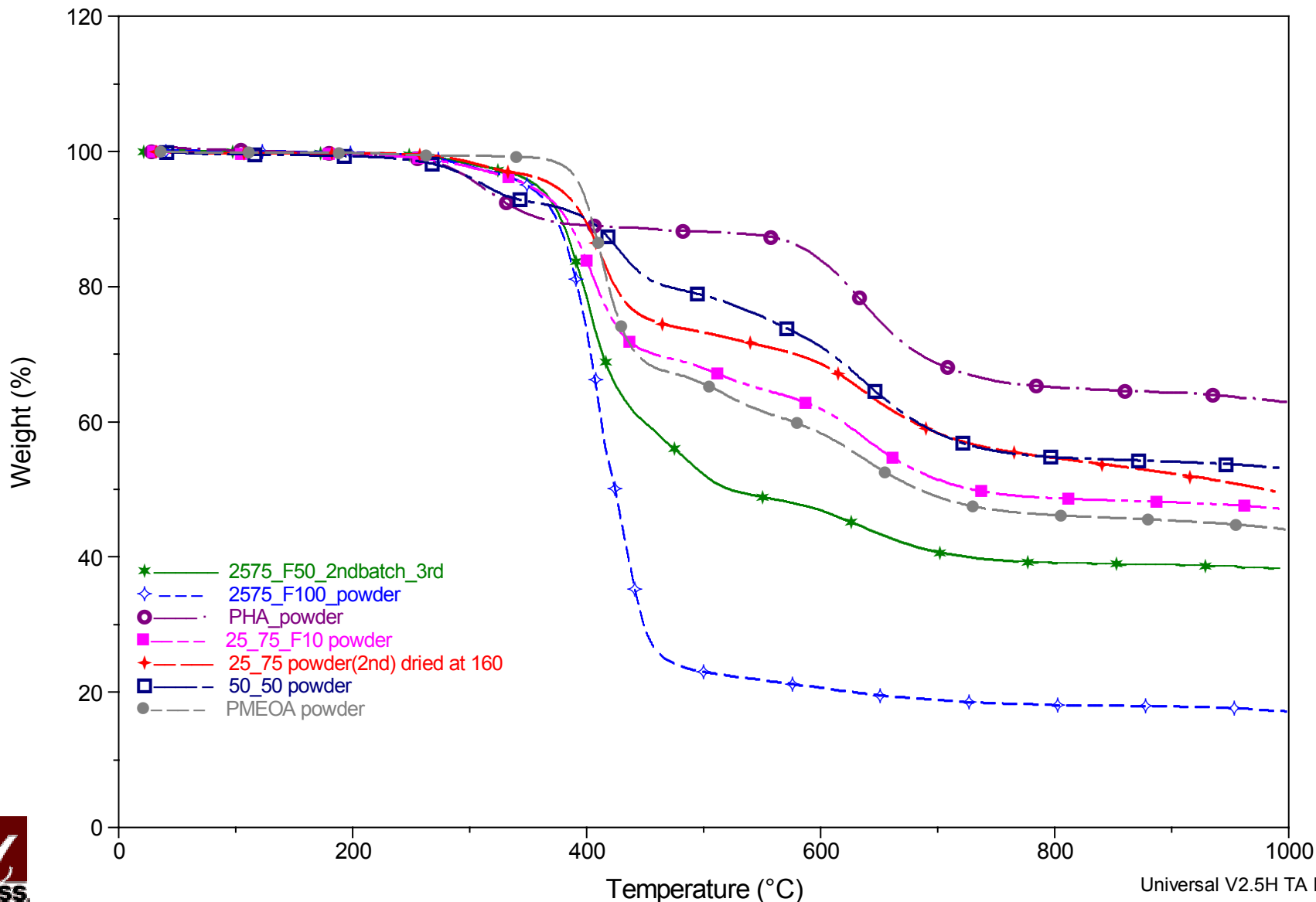
# Microcalorimetry Data for Various Polymers

Polymer	Heat Release Capacity (J/g ·K)	Total Heat Release (kJ/g)
PE	1558	40.4
PC	382	19.3
Kevlar	292	15.2
PHA	42	10
25/75/100/0 PHA/PMeOA/IPC/GDC	50	11
25/75/90/10 PHA/PMeOA/IPC/GDC	66	12
25/75/50/50 PHA/PMeOA/IPC/GDC	224	16.3
25/75/0/100 PHA/PMeOA	450	20.4
50/50 PHA/PMeOA	33	11
PMeOA	130	17

# DSC of PHA/PMeOA Copolymers



# TGA of PHA/PMeOA Copolymers

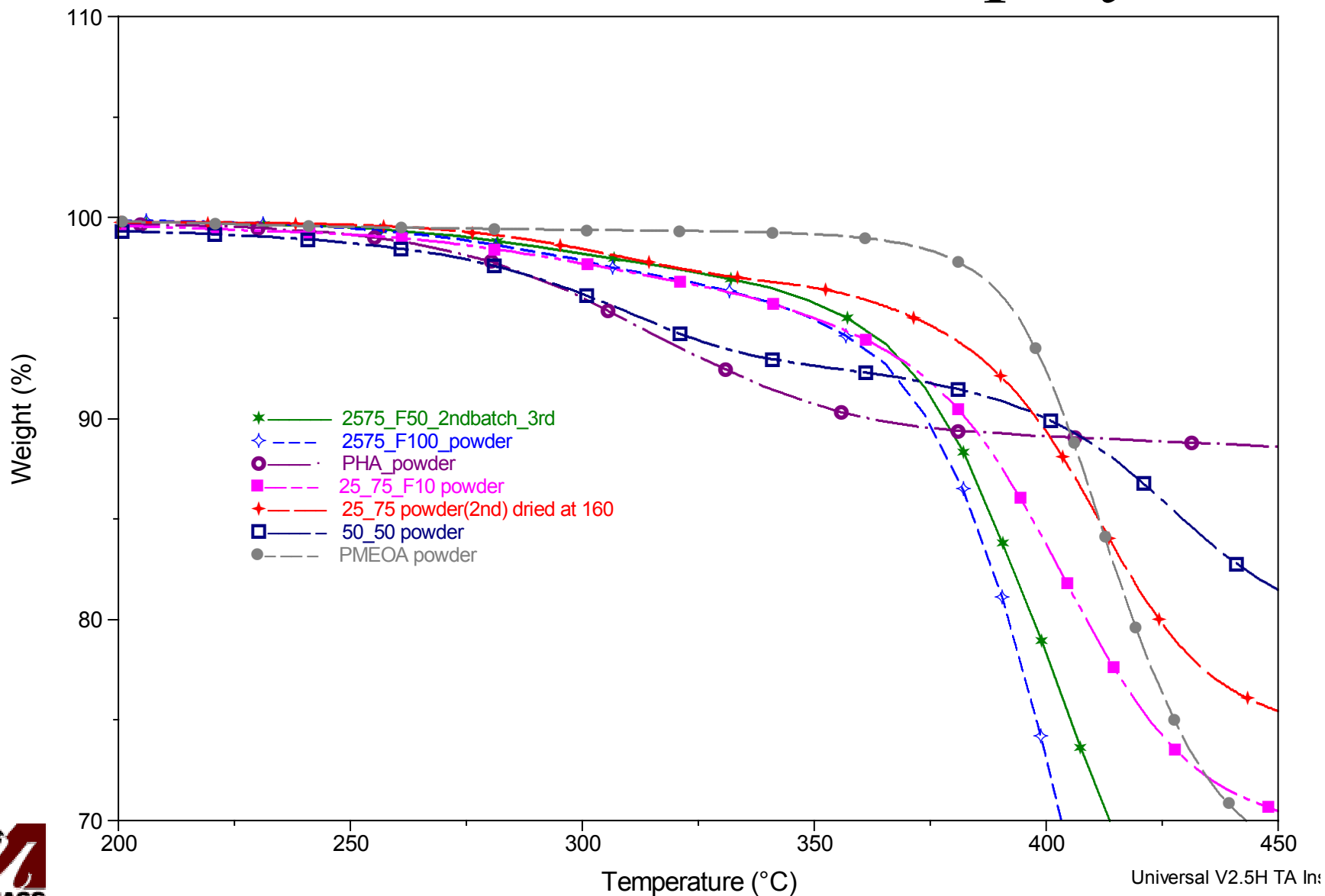


Universal V2.5H TA In:



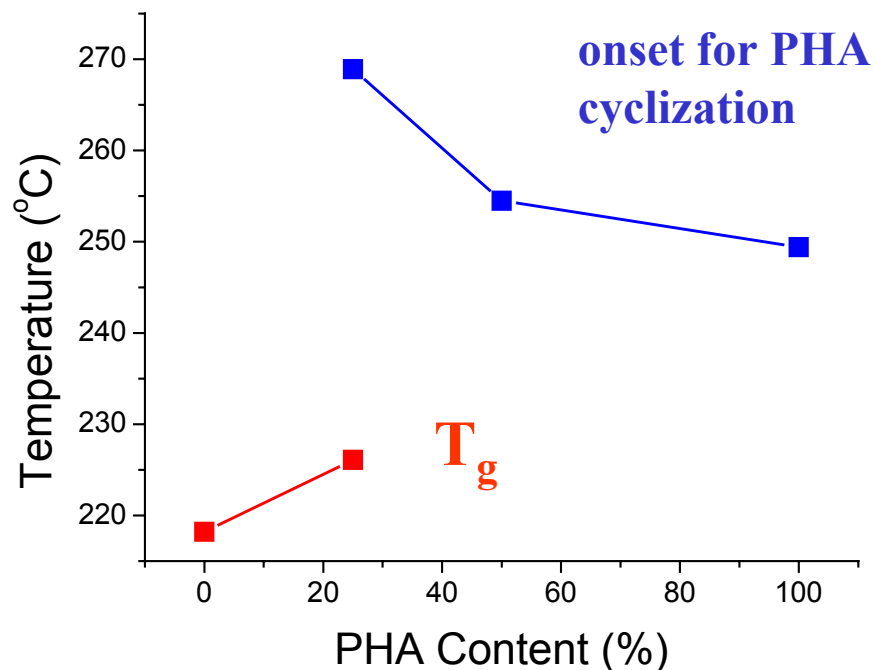


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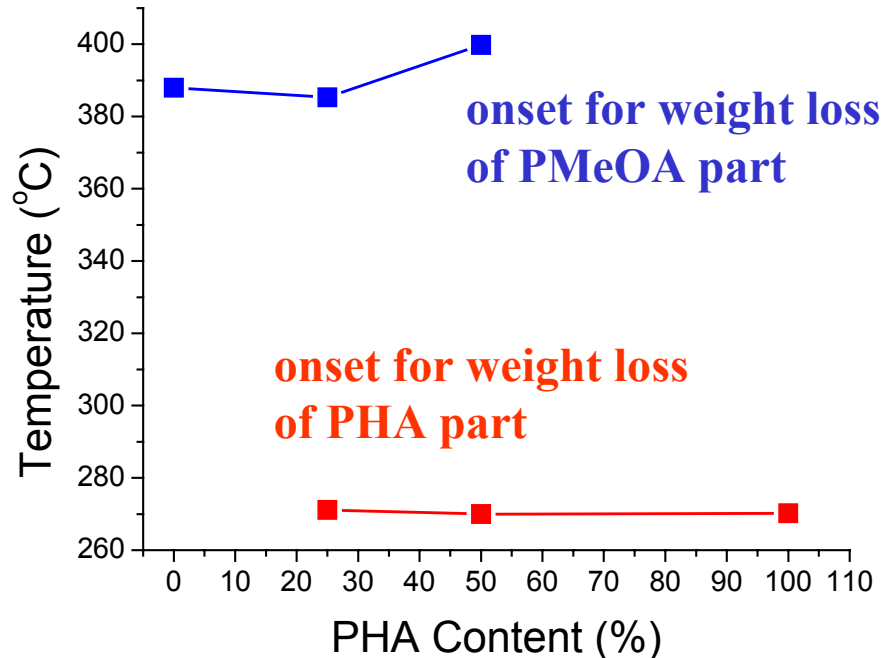


# Thermal Characteristics of PHA/PMeOA Hybrid at different composition

## Results from DSC

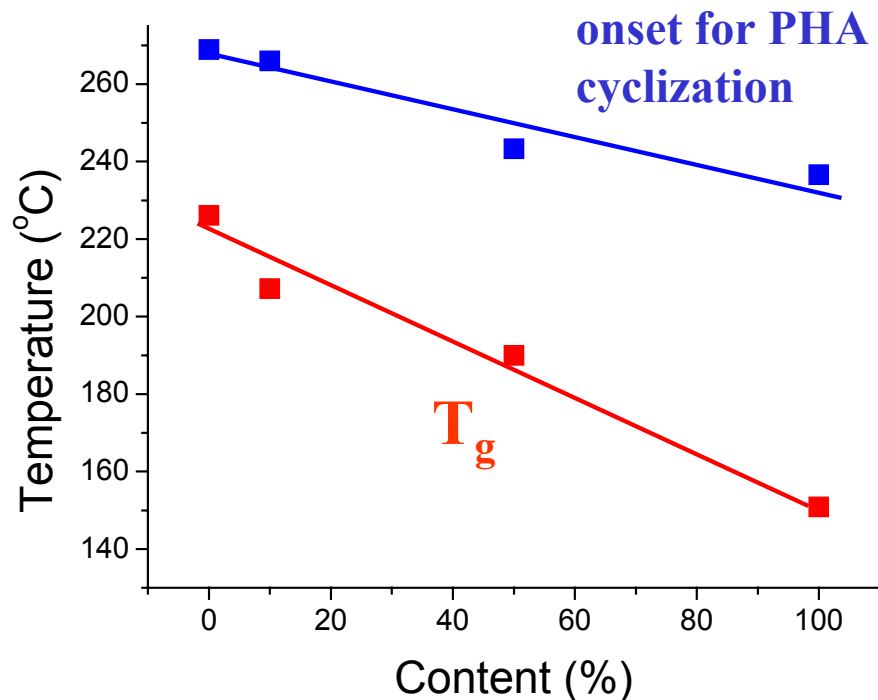


## Results from TGA

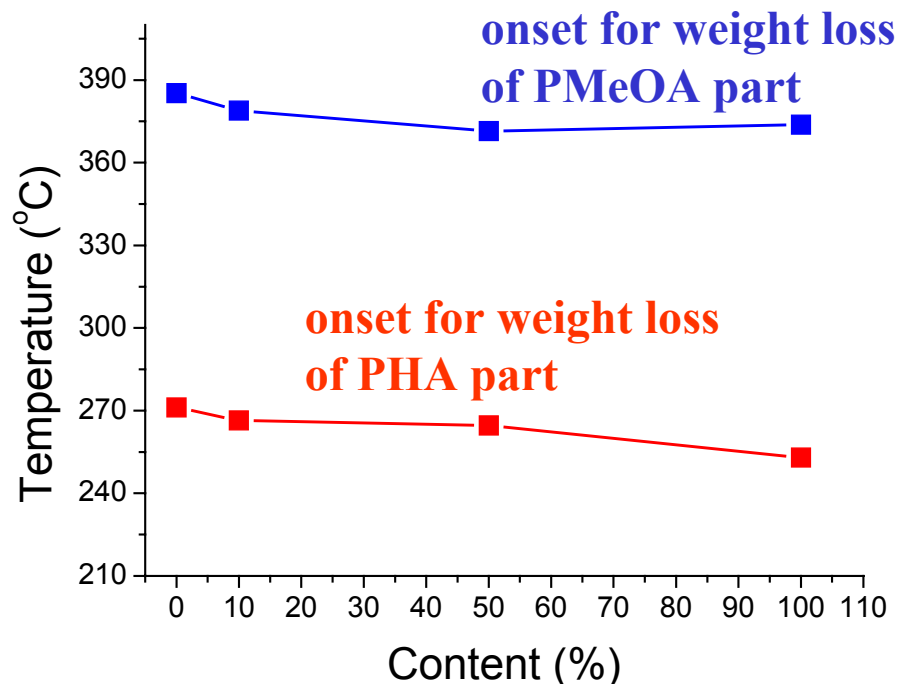


# Thermal Characteristics of PHA/PMeOA/Flexible Hybrids with different Flexible part contents

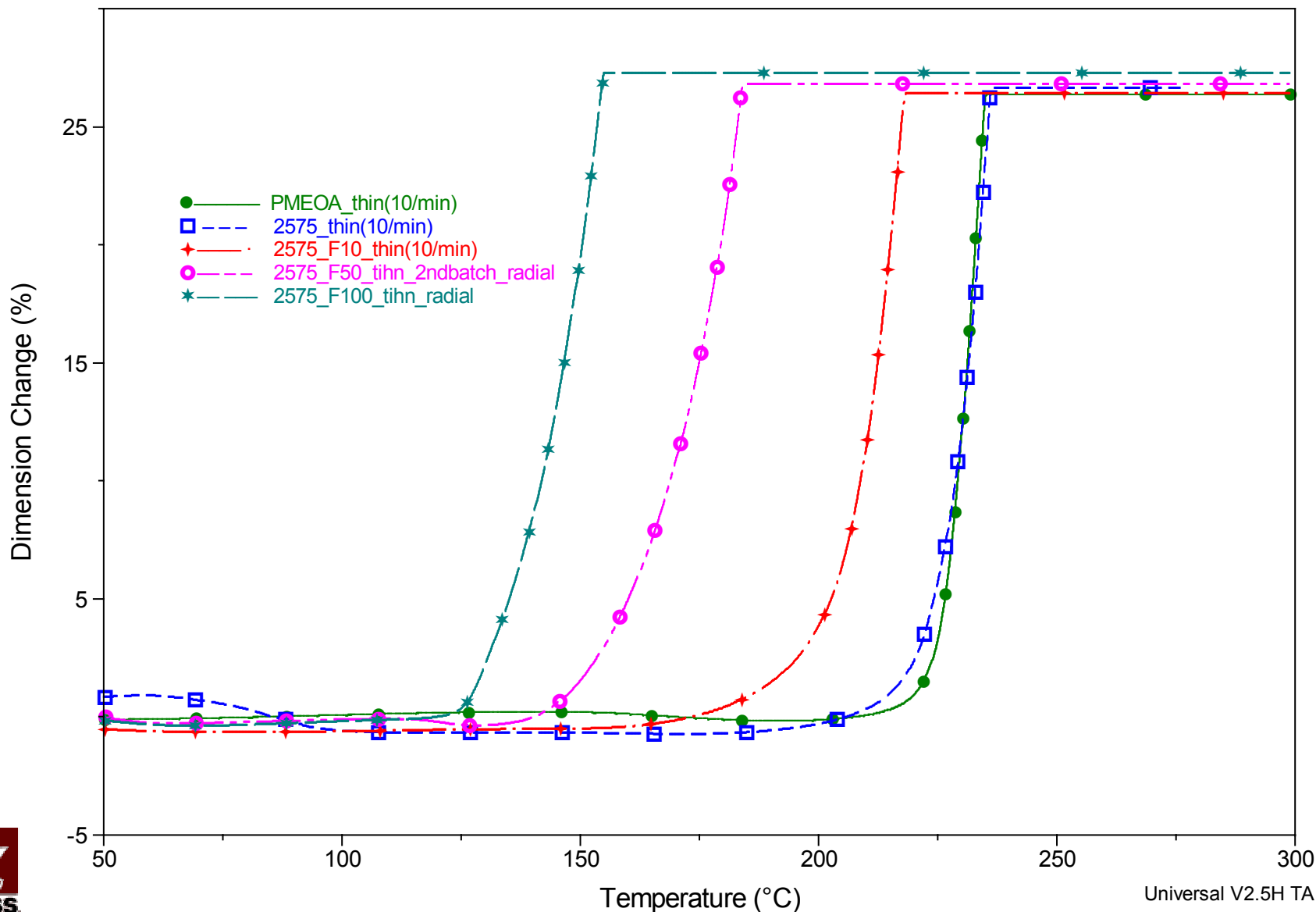
## Results from DSC



## Results from TGA



# TMA of PHA/PMeOA Copolymers

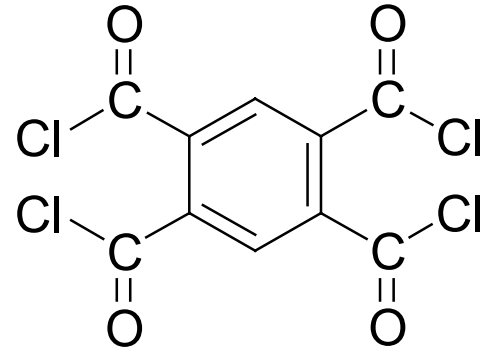
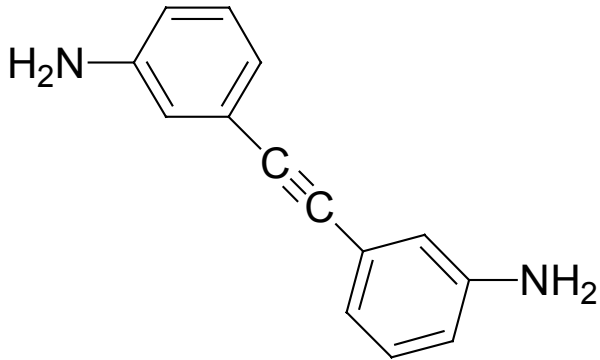


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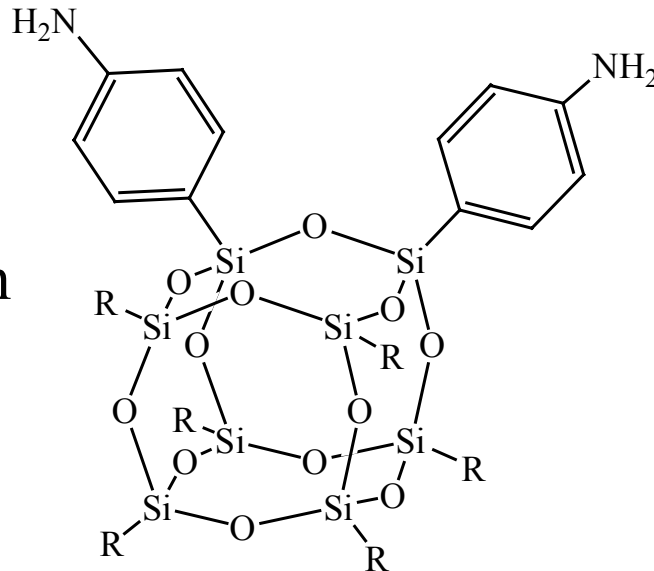


# Other Possible Avenues

- Crosslinkers
  - Thermally Induced
  - Chemically Incorporated



Protective Surface Formation



# Future Work and Acknowledgments

- Synthesize more flexible copolymers to optimize processability while retaining low heat release properties
- Optimize synthesis to obtain maximum molecular weight
- Conduct heat treatment studies to determine the effects of solvent and percent cyclization on the physical properties
- Melt spin fibers and examine their physical properties

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