

# Assessing Material Consistency Using MCC



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# By the Numbers

In 2014 –

- Nearly 22 billion marks were applied to products



Standards



Research



Education

- 97,237 product evaluations



Environment



Life & Health



Workplace  
Health & Safety

- > 900,000 components



Consumer Electronics



Data Security &  
Payments



Transit



Textiles, Apparel  
& Footwear



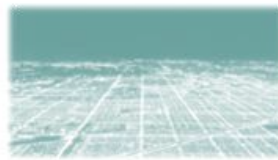
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Appliances, HVAC/R,  
Lighting



Building & Life Safety  
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Performance  
Materials



Wire & Cable



# UL Yellow Card

Component - Plastics

E45329

SABIC INNOVATIVE PLASTICS B V

EUROPE - RESIN, PLASTICSLAAN 1, BERGEN OP ZOOM 4612 PX NL

123R(f1)

Polycarbonate (PC), "Lexan", furnished as pellets

Color	Min Thk (mm)	Flame Class	HWI	HAI	RTI Elec	RTI Imp	RTI Str
ALL	0.75	HB	-	-	120	120	120
	1.0	HB	-	-	120	120	120
	1.5	HB	4	2	130	125	125
	2.0	HB					
	3.0	HB					

Comparative Tracking Index (CTI): 2

Dielectric Strength (kV/mm): -

High-Voltage Arc Tracking Rate (HVTR): 2

Dimensional Stability (%): 0

(f1) - Suitable for outdoor use with respect to exposure to UV radiation in accordance with IEC 60924-2, Class 1.

NOTE - Material designation may be followed by a color nomenclature combination.

ANSI/UL 94 small-scale test data does not pertain to building materials, furnishings or other end-products. The flammability of plastic materials used in the components and parts of end-products should be determined by testing in accordance with the appropriate UL 94 test method.

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IEC and ISO Test Methods

Test Name	Test Method
Flammability	IEC 60695-11-10
Glow-Wire Flammability (GWFI)	IEC 60695-2-12
Glow-Wire Ignition (GWIT)	IEC 60695-2-13

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## IEC and ISO Test Methods

Test Name	Test Method	Units	Thickness Tested (mm)	Value
Flammability	IEC 60695-11-10	Class (color)	0.75	HB75 (ALL)
			1.0	HB75 (ALL)
			1.5	HB75 (ALL)
			2.0	HB75 (ALL)
			3.0	HB40 (ALL)
Glow-Wire Flammability (GWFI)	IEC 60695-2-12	C	1.0	850
			2.0	850
			3.0	900
			3.0	900
Glow-Wire Ignition (GWIT)	IEC 60695-2-13	C	1.0	875
			2.0	850
			3.0	850
IEC Comparative Tracking Index	IEC 60112	Volts (Max)	-	-
IEC Ball Pressure	IEC 60695-10-2	C	-	-
ISO Heat Deflection (1.80 MPa)	ISO 75-2	C	-	-
ISO Tensile Strength	ISO 527-2	MPa	-	-
ISO Flexural Strength	ISO 178	MPa	-	-
ISO Tensile Impact	ISO 8256	kJ/m <sup>2</sup>	-	-
ISO Izod Impact	ISO 180	kJ/m <sup>2</sup>	-	-
ISO Charpy Impact	ISO 179-2	kJ/m <sup>2</sup>	-	-

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# UL's Compliance and Surveillance Program

Compliance

Follow-Up Service (FUS)

Certification

Surveillance

Surveillance

Surveillance



Component - Passes

SABIC INNOVATIVE PLASTICS B.V.  
POLYCARBONATE (PC), LEXAN® 1, SERIES DP 220W 4012 P/NAL

**123R(F)**  
Polycarbonate (PC), "Lexan", furnished as pellets

Color	Min. Tsk (mm)	Flame Class	HOT	HAZ	RTI Elec	RTI Imp	RTI ST
Yellow	0.1	H0	4	1	120	120	120
	3.0	H0	4	1	120	120	120

Cooperative Tracking Index (CTI): 2  
Dielectric Strength (kV/mm): -  
High-Voltage Arc Tracking Rate (PV/VT): 2  
Dimensional Stability (%): 0

NOTE: - Material designation may be followed by a color nomenclature consisting of either an alphanumeric or a nomenclature combination.

UL 94V-0 flame-retardant test data does not pertain to building materials, furnishings and related contents. A94V-0 test data is intended only for determining the flammability of plastic materials used in the components and parts of electronic devices and assemblies, where the responsibility of the manufacturer is determined by UL.

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# Follow-Up Service

Periodic surveillance of marked products to ensure ongoing validity of the demonstration of fulfilment of product requirements

- Surveillance requirements are met
- Consistently applied for all certified clients
- Clients are satisfied with the value it brings

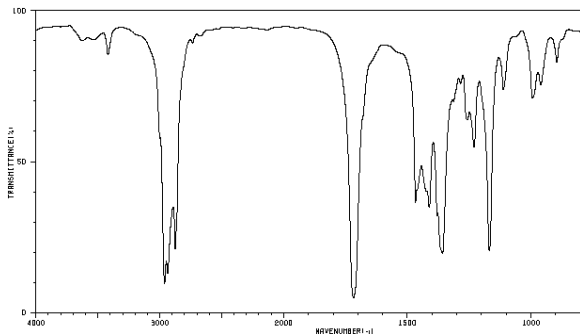
What type of surveillance shall be established?

- Plastics: Sample testing + inspection
- Molders: Inspection

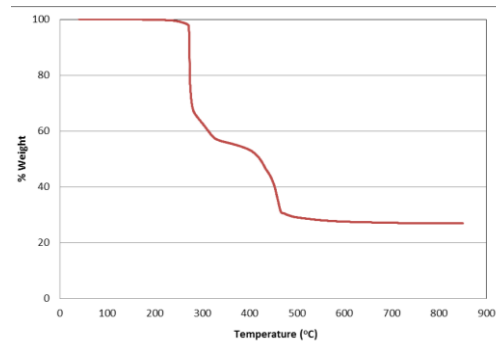


# Follow-Up Service – Plastics

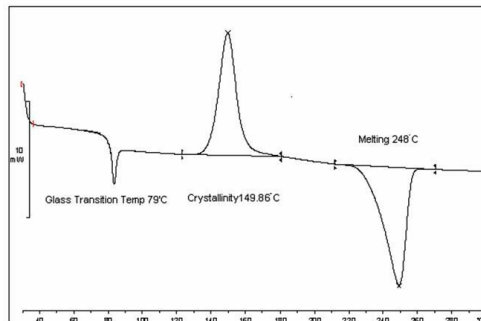
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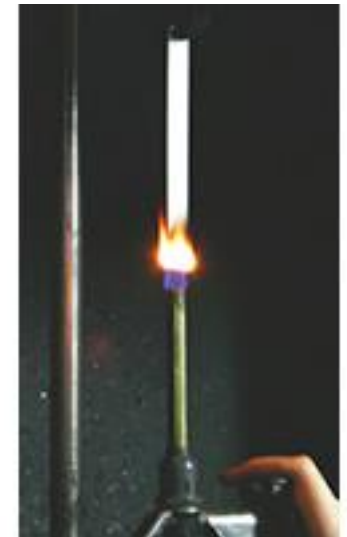
TGA (thermal degradation)



DSC (thermal transitions)



UL 94 Flame  
(flammability)



MCC (flammability)



# UL's MCC FUS Program

# Traditional Flow Path for UL 94 Materials

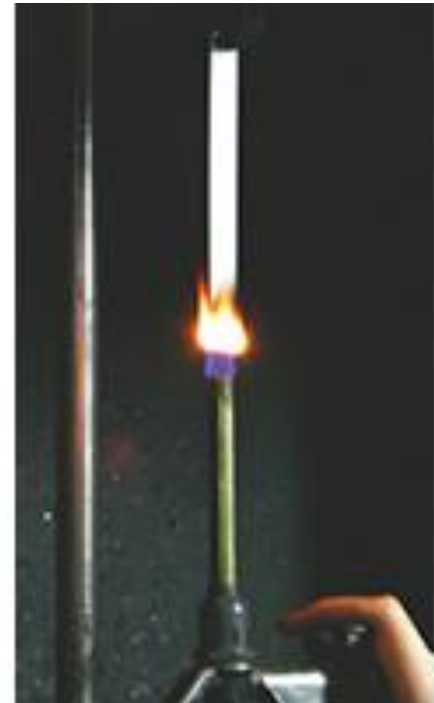
## Initial Certification

1. Mold flame bars
2. Ship flame bars to UL for Certification Testing
  - UL 94 flame testing
  - ID testing (FTIR, TGA, DSC)



## Follow-Up Service

1. Mold flame bars
2. Ship bars to UL for FUS Testing
  - ID testing (FTIR, TGA, DSC)
  - UL 94 flame testing (if V-rated)





# Alternate Flow Path for UL 94 Materials

## Initial Certification

1. Mold flame bars
2. Ship flame bars and pellets to UL for Certification Testing
  - UL 94 flame testing
  - ID testing on pellets
  - MCC testing on pellets (if V-rated)



## Follow-Up Service

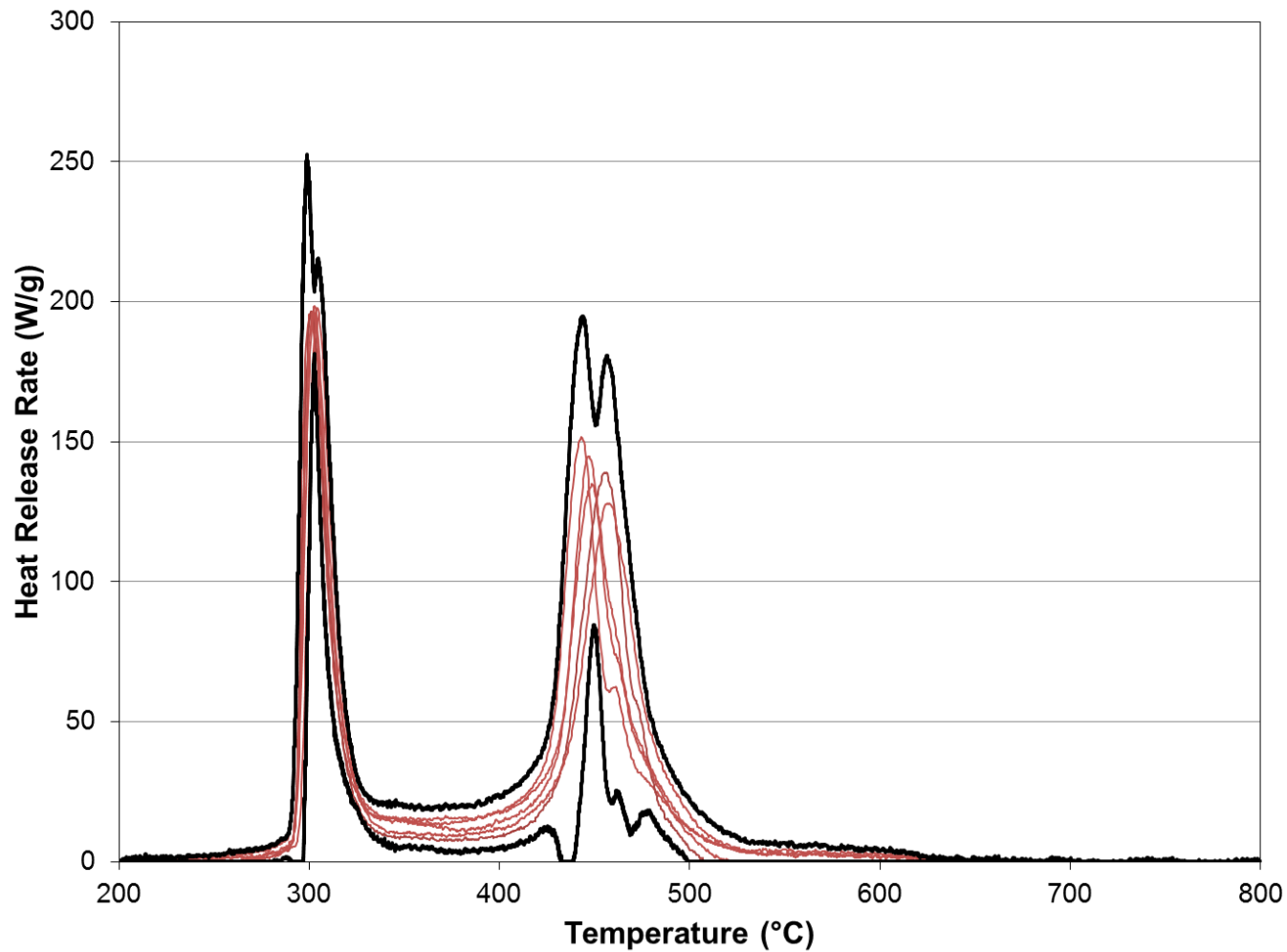
- ~~1. Mold flame bars~~
2. Ship pellets to UL for FUS Testing
  - ID testing
  - MCC testing (if V-rated)

### Options

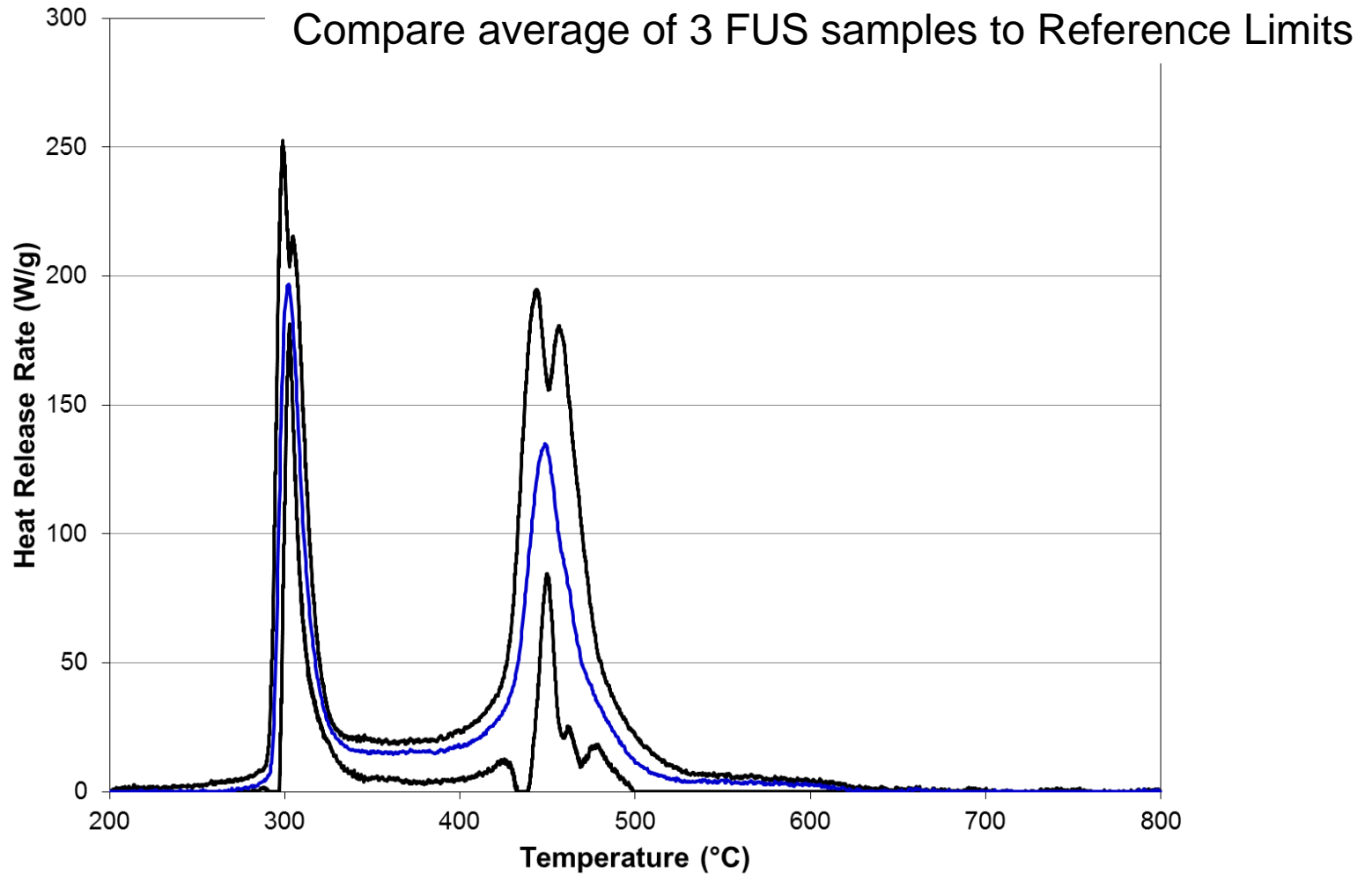
1. ID and MCC testing can still be done on molded flame bars
2. Using multiple lots to establish references



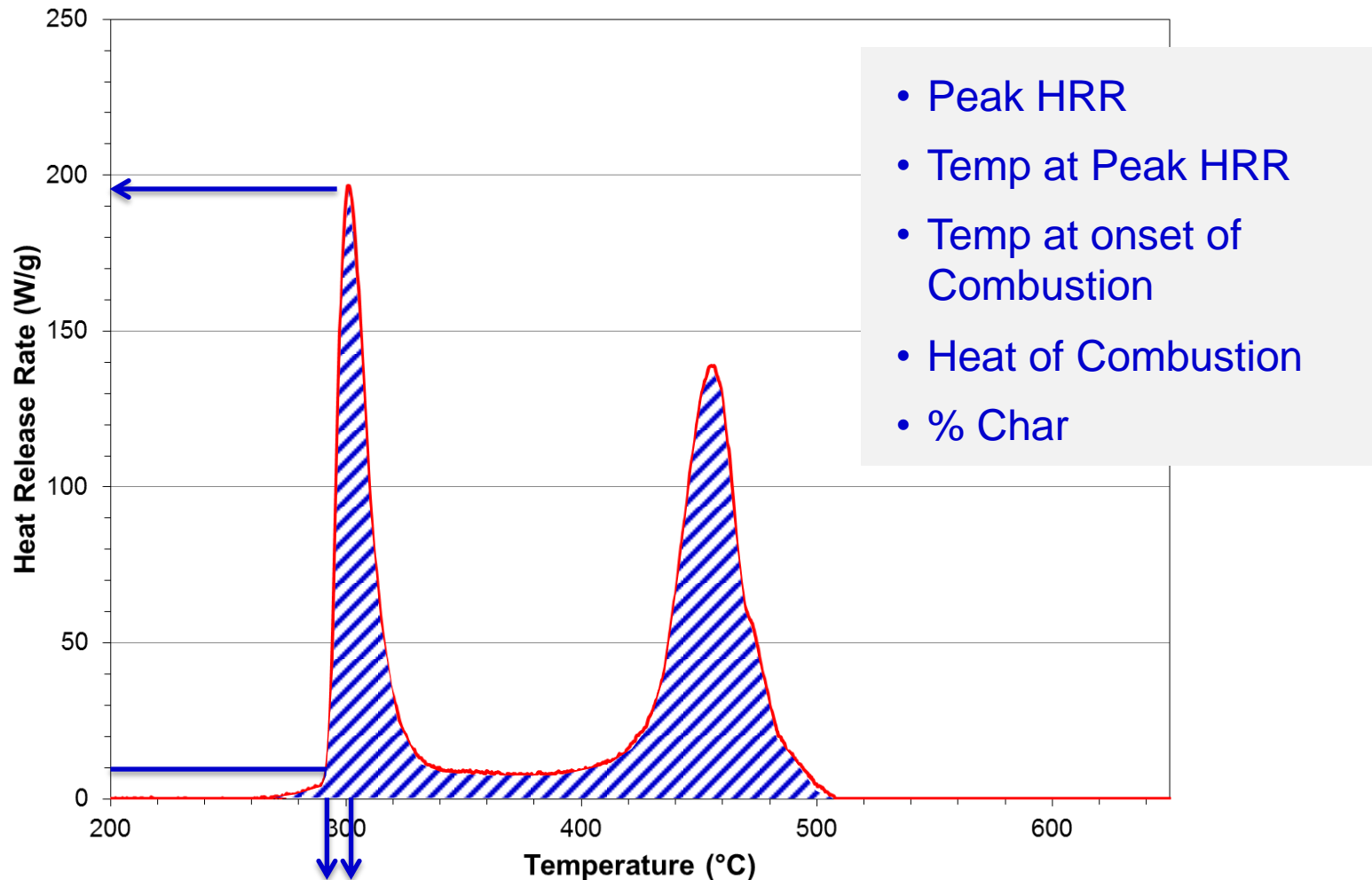
# 1. Establish Reference Limits



## 2. Confirm FUS Sample



### 3. Key MCC Characteristics



# Determining Conformance

- MCC ← Combustion fingerprint

Statistical tolerance

- (UL 94) ← Flammability
- DSC ← Thermal transition fingerprint
- TGA ← Thermal degradation fingerprint
- FTIR ← Chemical fingerprint

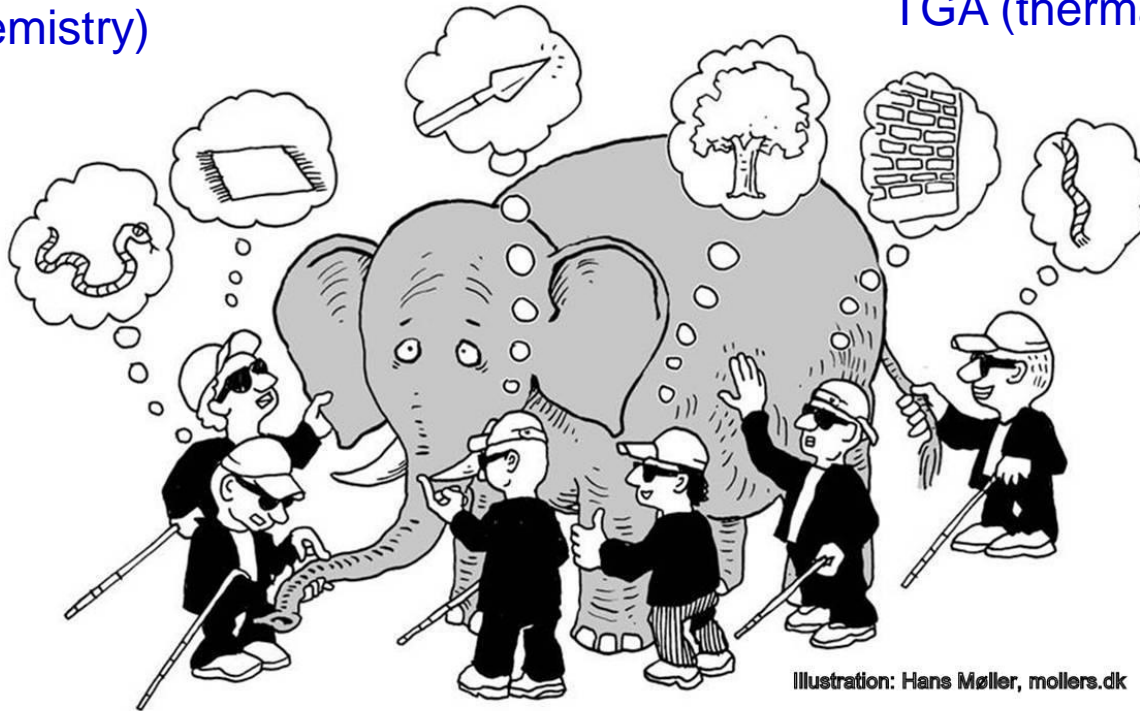
Fixed or relative tolerances



# Judging Nonconformance

FTIR (chemistry)

TGA (thermal degradation)



DSC (thermal transitions)

UL 94 Flame (flammability)

MCC (flammability)



**THANK YOU.**



Questions?