

## LITERATURE STATUS ON TEMPERATURE-MODULATED DIFFERENTIAL SCANNING CALORIMETRY

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### Introduction

In this paper we made an attempt to organize the articles published on temperature-modulated differential scanning calorimetry (TMDSC) or publications where TMDSC was used. The purpose of this paper is simply to present a literature summary on TMDSC papers published so far. The literature search was performed through the use of chemical abstracts or found in publications known for TMDSC articles, although other publications may exist which are not noted in our search. These references are subdivided into several different categories, so that the reader can easily locate articles of interest. In addition, the titles of the papers are also given to better help the reader to select the right article. The categories selected are general theory, glass transition analysis, phase transitions, heat capacity, special topics, instrumentation, thermosets, review papers, pharmaceuticals and food science, inorganic and organic chemistry, and degradation or decomposition. The special topics category covers a variety of subjects which include, for example, polymerization, thermal conductivity, and interpenetrating polymer networks. There is some overlap between the categories, for example, some food science papers which dealt with glass transitions were assigned to the glass transition analysis section.

The number of published TMDSC related papers has increased rapidly, from less than 20 articles in 1993 to over 100 written in 1997. More than 300 papers (including lectures and seminars) have been published so far with the use of this new technique. The major application appears to be in the area of thermosets, although interest in its use is growing fast for thermoplastics, food science and pharmaceuticals. Applications for inorganic chemistry and degradation studies can also be found. An international symposium on pharmaceutical and food science application is planned for 1998. A special session is devoted lately to the use of TMDSC at the NATAS and ICTAC conferences.

The most prolific authors, especially in the area of theory, are Reading and Wunderlich although Schawe has also a significant number of theoretical publications. Others are also active in the area of theory, including Hatta, Blaine and Marcus from TA Instruments, Scherrenberg, Mathot, Buehler, Seferis, Ozawa and Kanari, as can be seen in this special issue. Not surprisingly, the journals with the largest number of TMDSC articles are the *Journal of Thermal Analysis* and *Calorimetry and Thermochimica Acta*.

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