

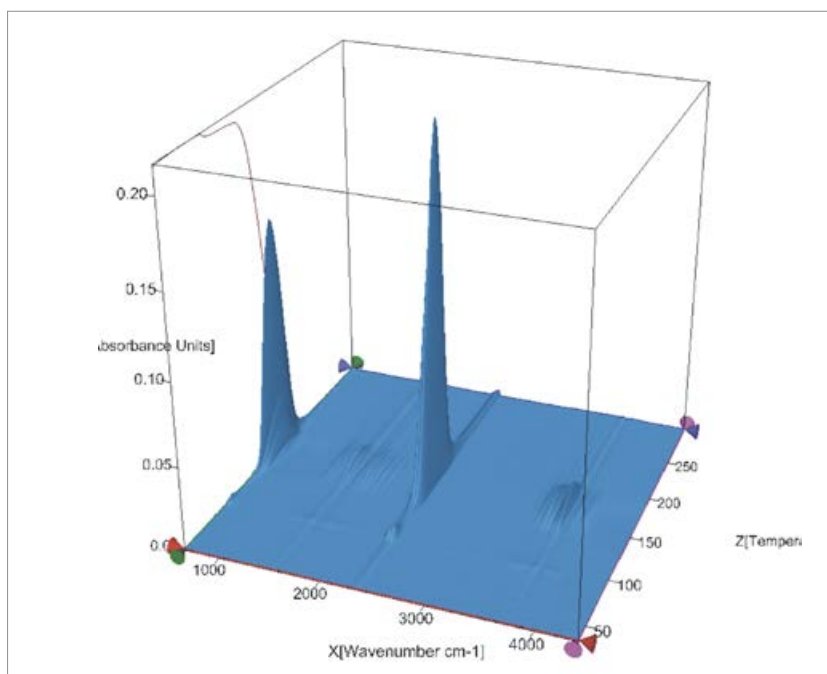
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NaHCO₃

NaHCO₃ has long been known and is widely used. The salt has many names including sodium bicarbonate, sodium hydrogen carbonate, sodium bicarb, baking soda, bread soda, cooking soda, bicarb soda, saleratus

or bicarbonate of soda. There are countless applications of NaHCO₃ in cooking (baking), neutralization of acids, deodorizers, pest control, medical uses, cosmetics or cleaning agents.



Instrument

TG 209 **F1 Iris**® – FTIR

Test Conditions

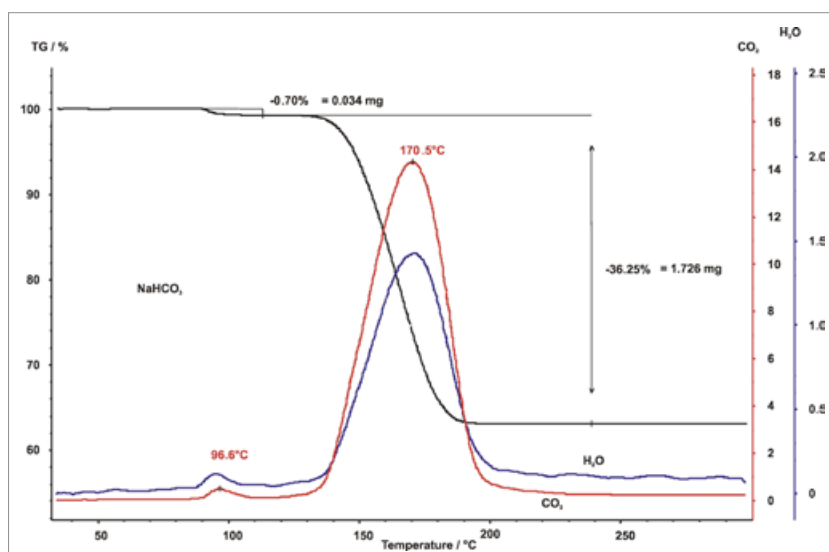
Temperature range	RT ... 300°C
Heating/cooling rates	10 K/min
Atmosphere	Nitrogen at 40 ml/min
Sample mass	4.76 mg
Crucible	Alumina
Sensor	Platinel

Results

A 3-dimensional plot of the FTIR spectra with the TG curve of NaHCO₃ is depicted in figure 1. Figure 2 shows the TG curve and traces of H₂O and CO₂. NaHCO₃ shows a small TG step at approximately 97°C with a mass loss of 0.7%. The main decomposition started at approximately 135°C with maximum water and CO₂ release at approximately 171°C. Even such small amounts of 34 microgram of water and CO₂ in total can be detected with the FTIR coupling. The total mass loss of 36.95% fits very well with the theoretical value of 36.92%, this proves the high purity of the sample.

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