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Principles and Applications of Thermal Analysis is written by manufacturers and experienced users of thermal techniques. It provides sound practical instruction on using the techniques and gives an up-to-date account of the principle industrial applications. By covering basic thermogravimetric analysis (TGA), differential scanning calorimetry (DSC) including Fast Scanning DSC, together with dynamic mechanical analysis (DMA /TMA) methods, then discussing industrial applications, the book serves as an ideal introduction to the technology for new users. With a strong focus on practical issues, th