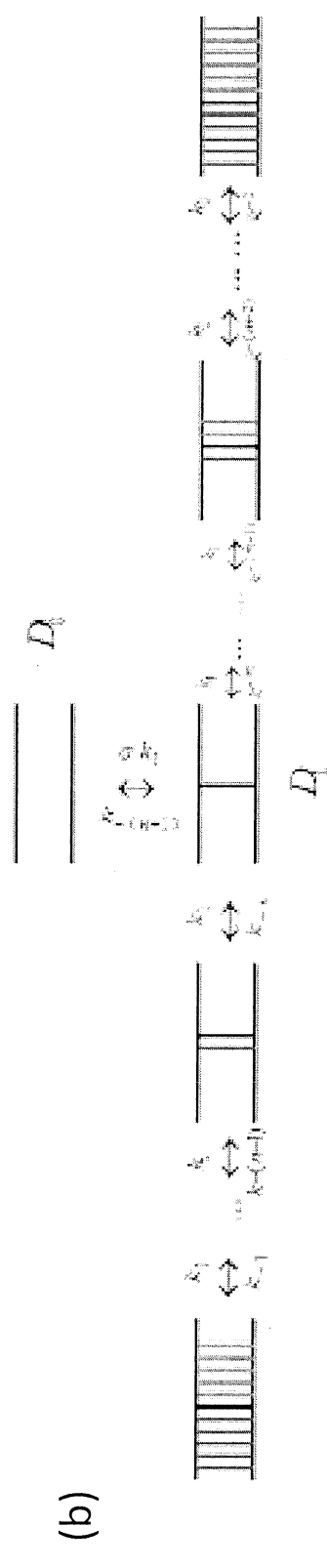
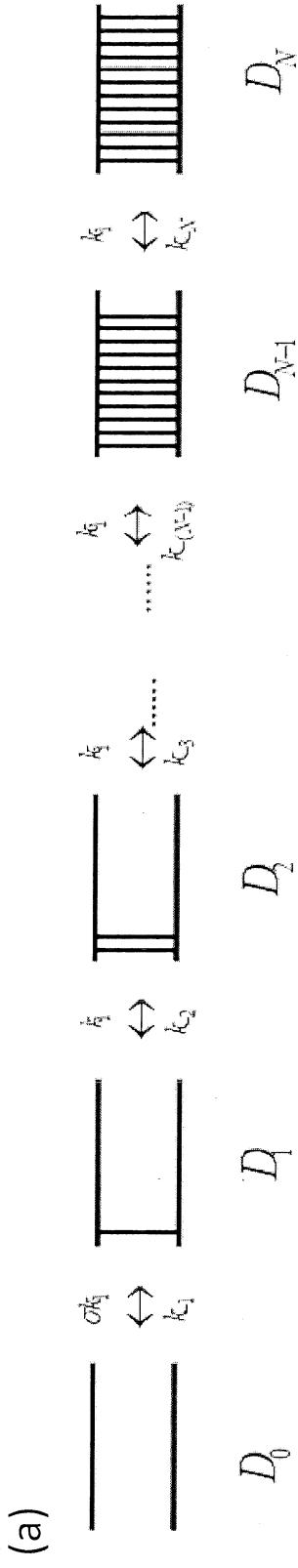


FIGURE 1



Base pairs that are melted in from the left to right direction \longleftrightarrow Base pairs that are melted in from the right to left direction

$$m + n \leq N, 1 \leq m \leq N \text{ \& } 1 \leq n \leq N$$

FIGURE 2

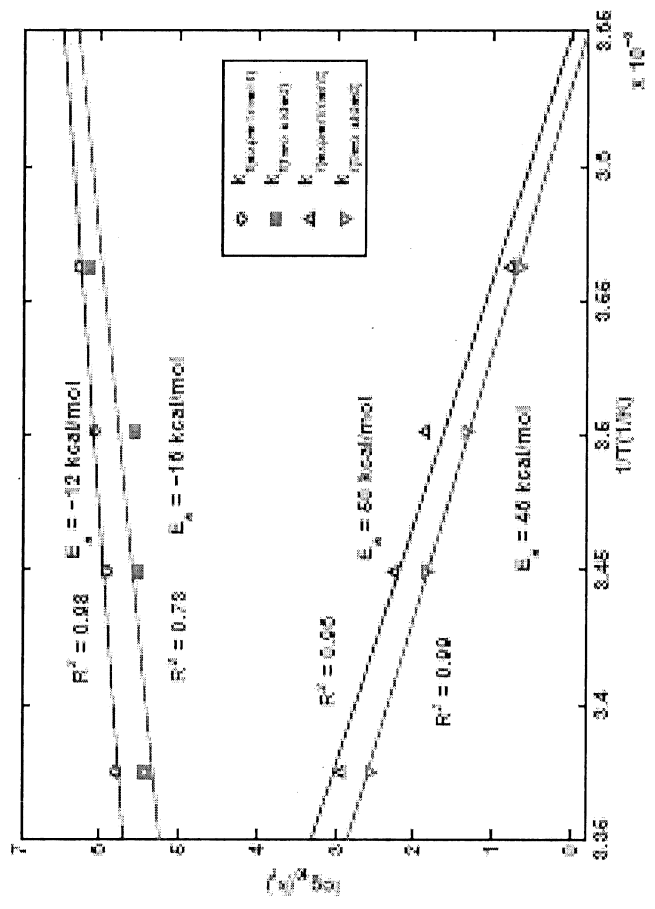


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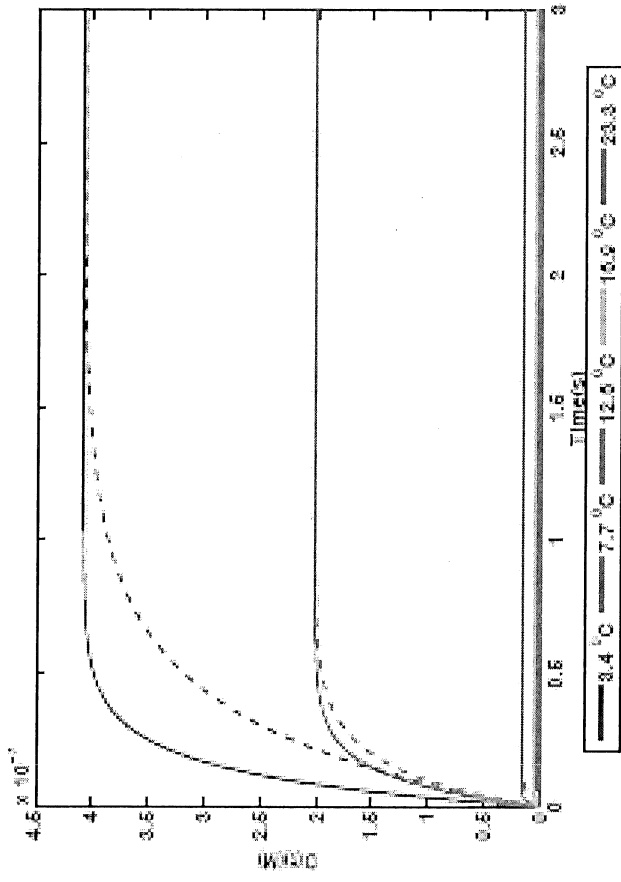


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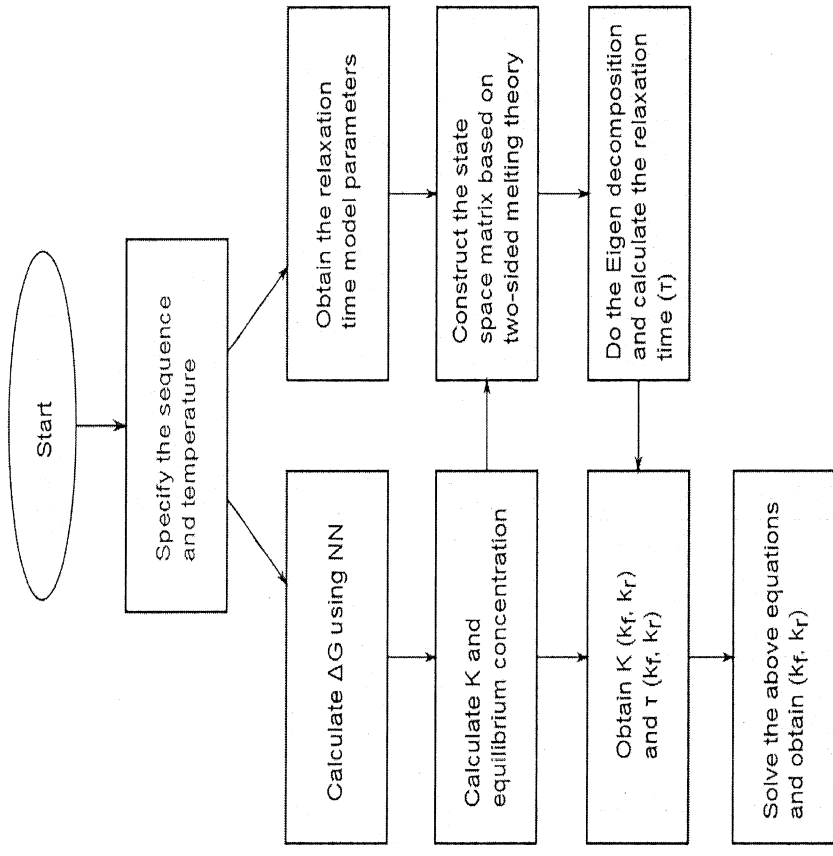


FIGURE 5. Flowchart for calculation of annealing rate constants

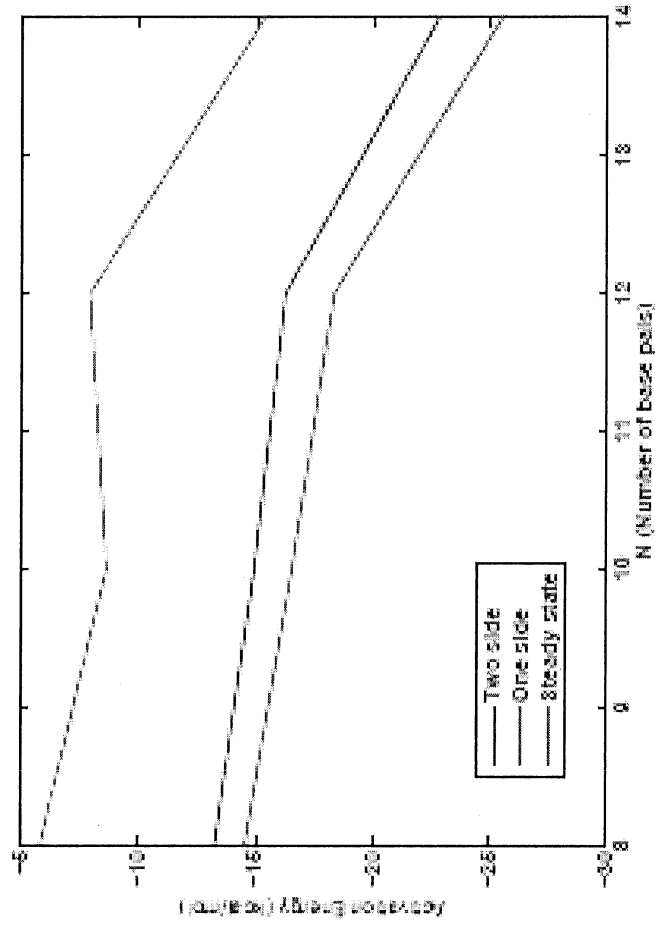


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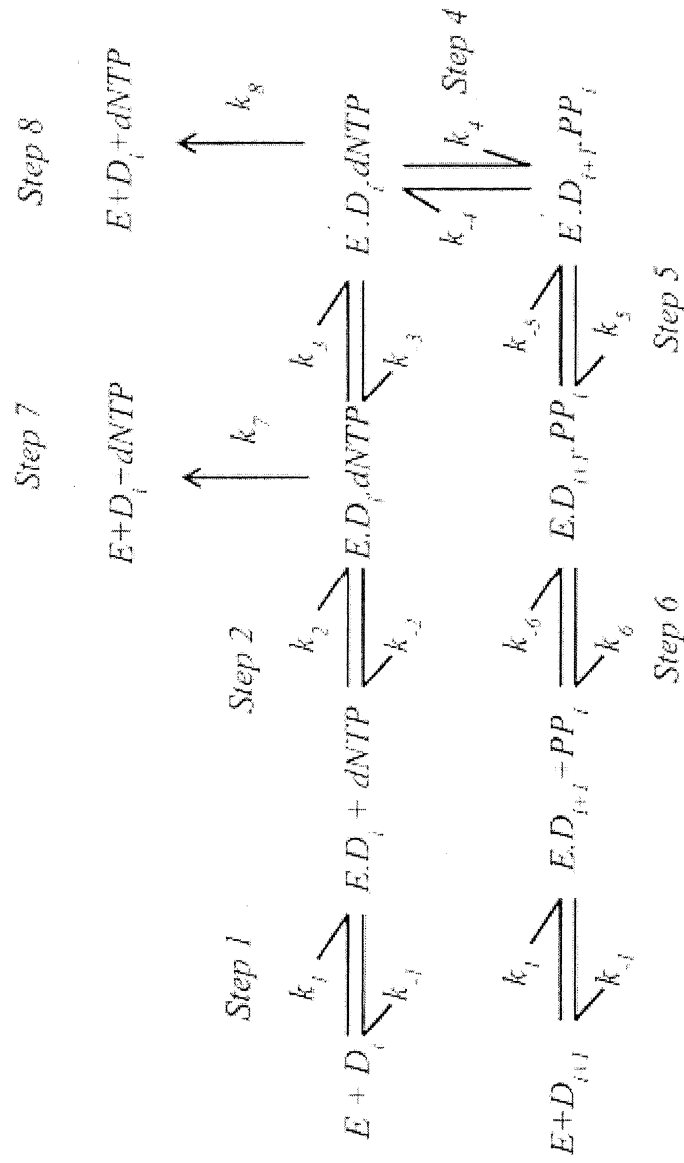


FIGURE 7. Reaction scheme for polymerase-mediated DNA extension. (k_1, k_{-1} in this scheme are denoted k_e, k_{-e} in the text.)

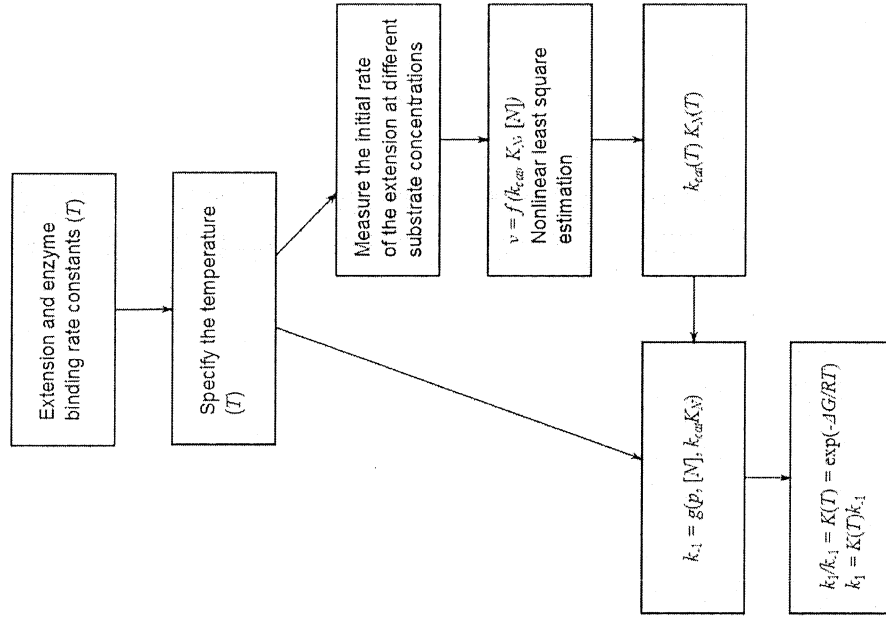


FIGURE 8. Flowchart for calculation of polymerase extension rate constants (k_1, k_{-1} in this scheme are denoted k_e, k_{-e} in the text.)

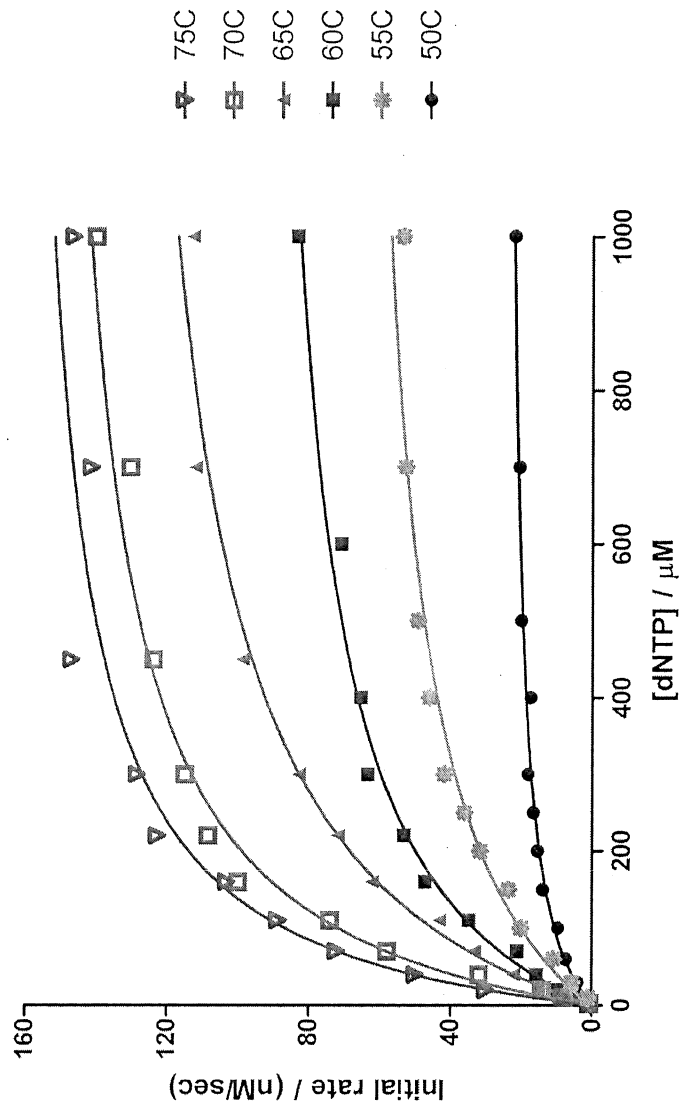


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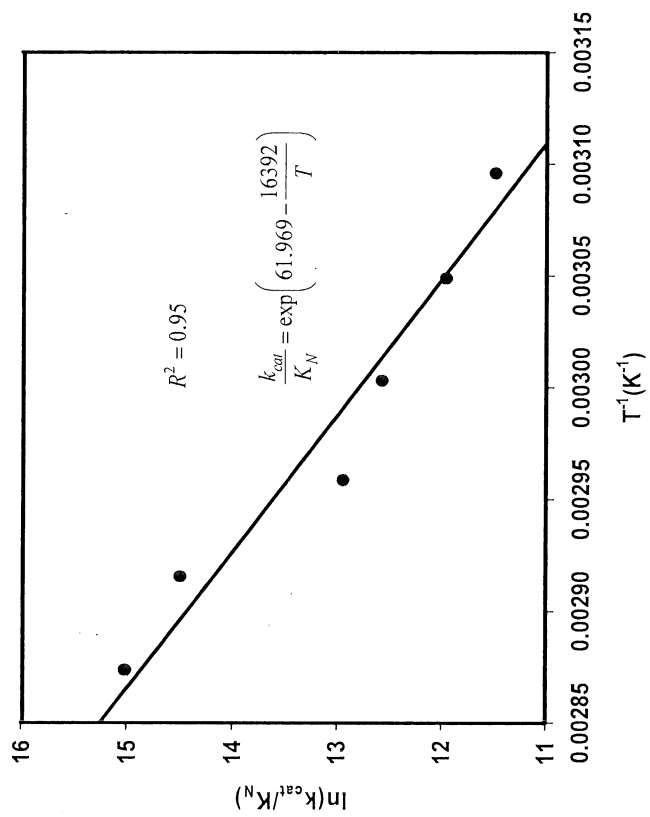


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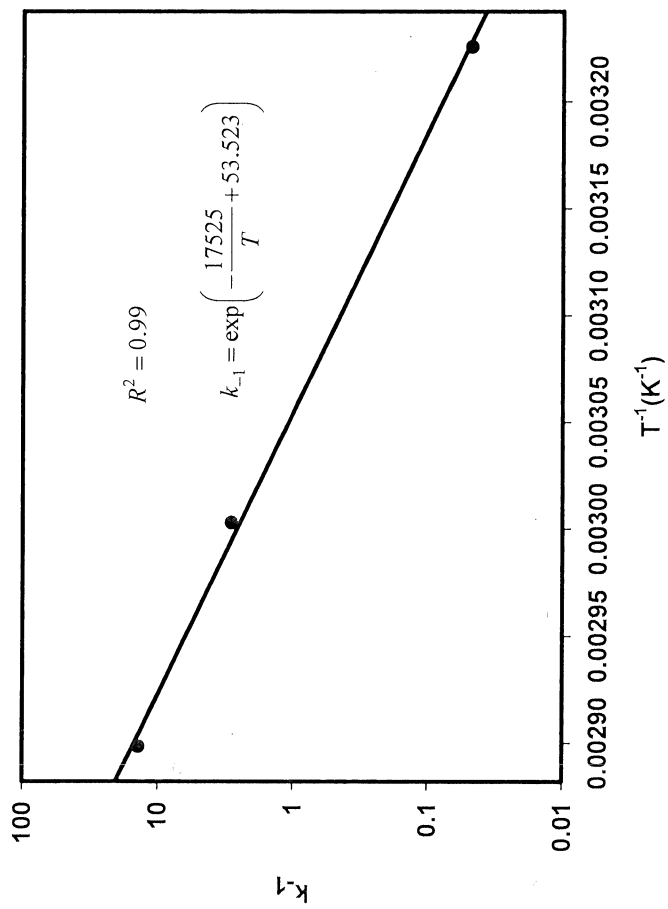


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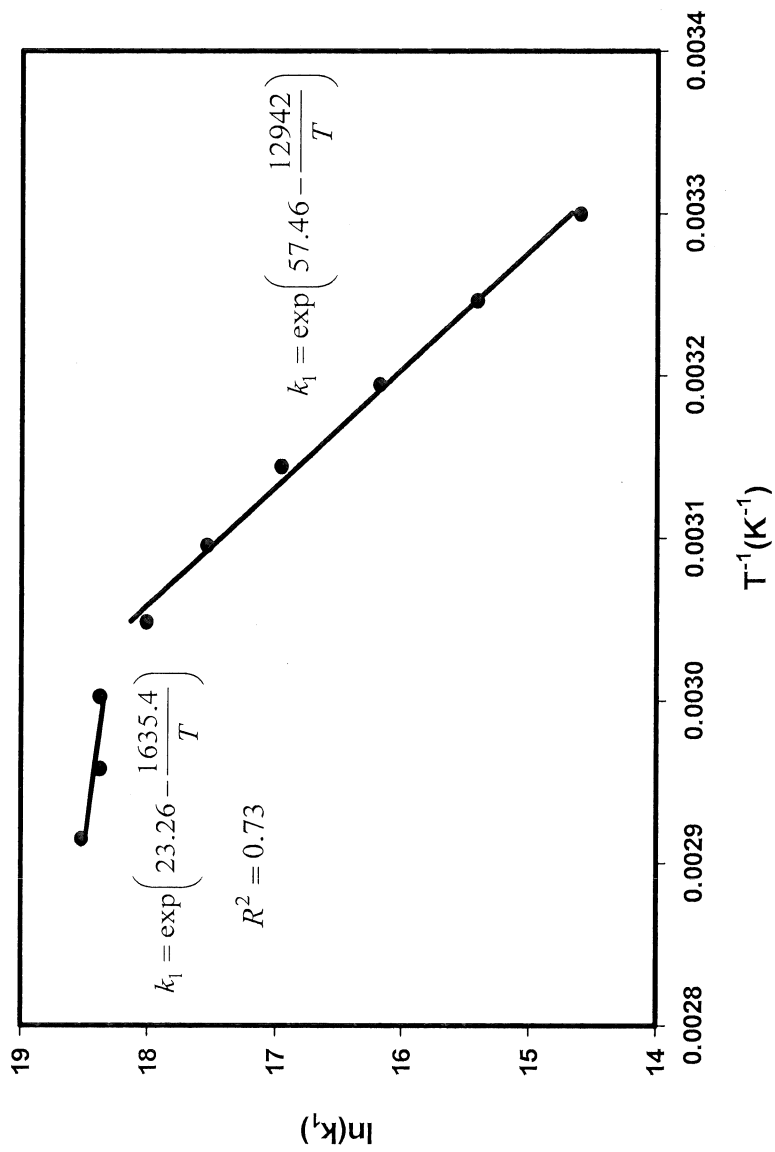


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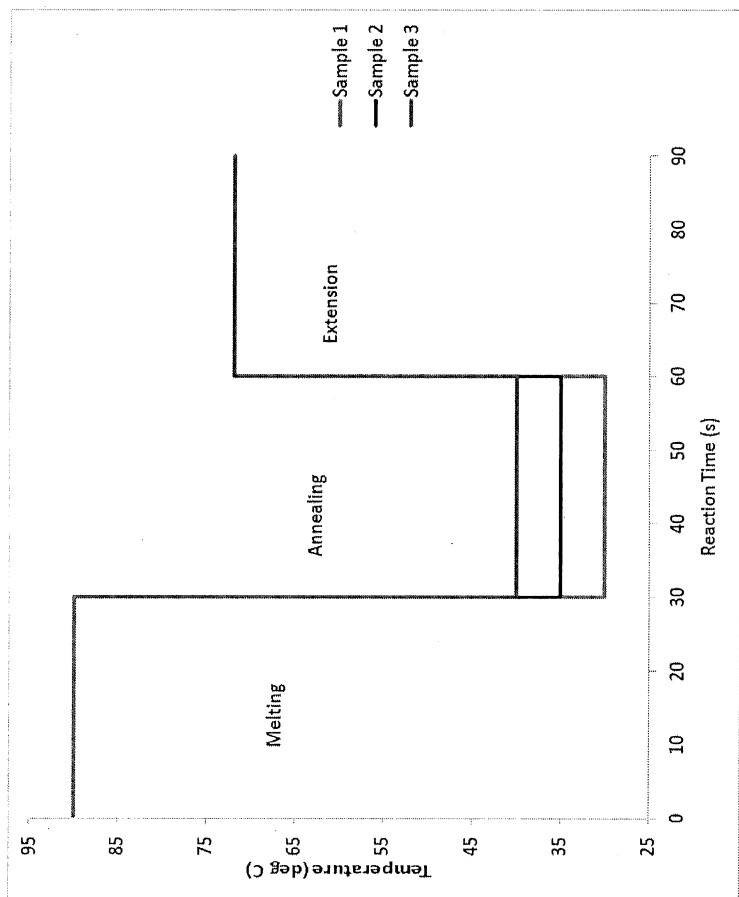


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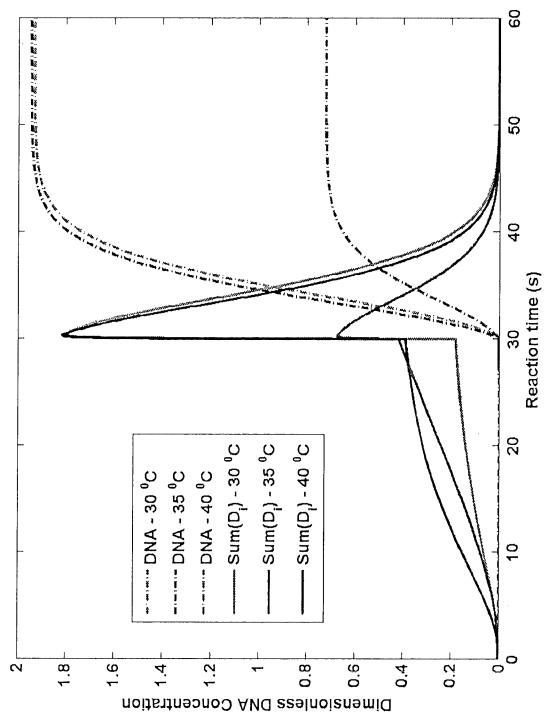


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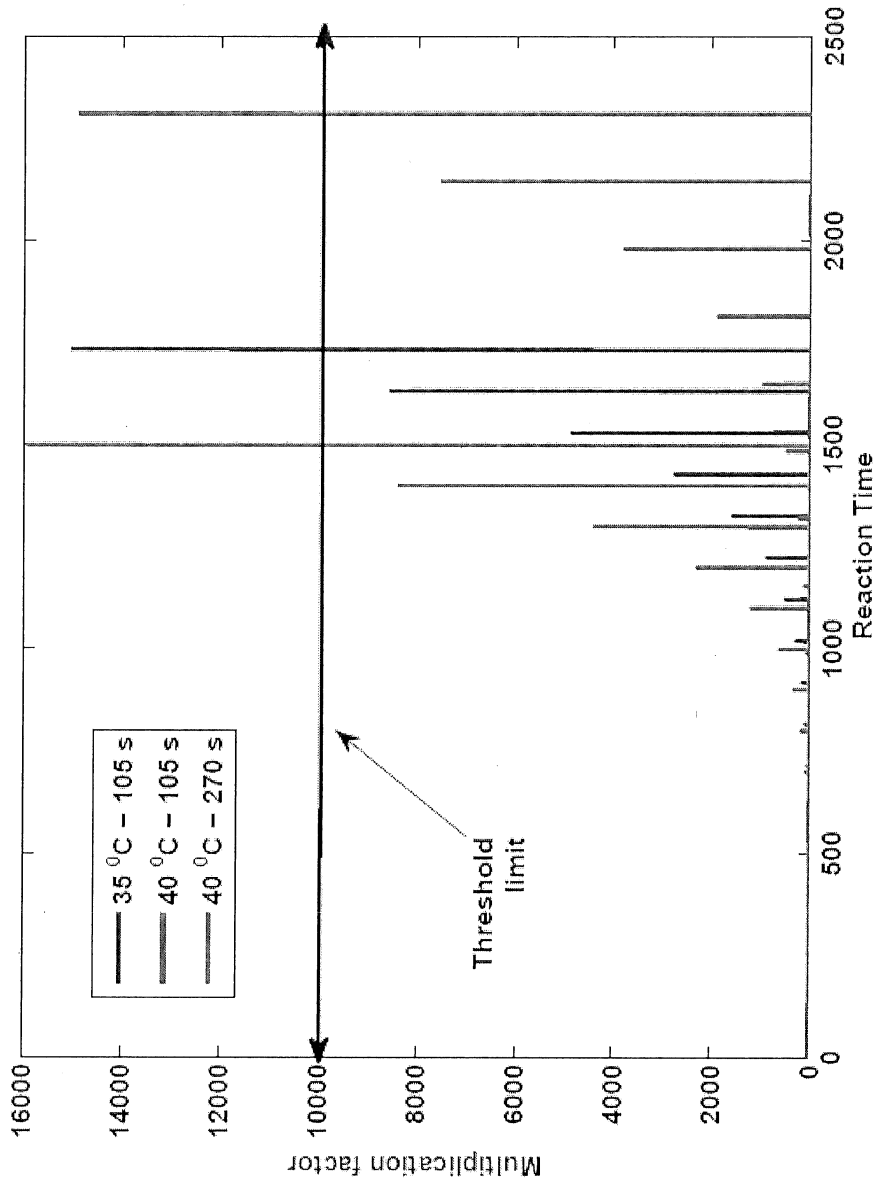


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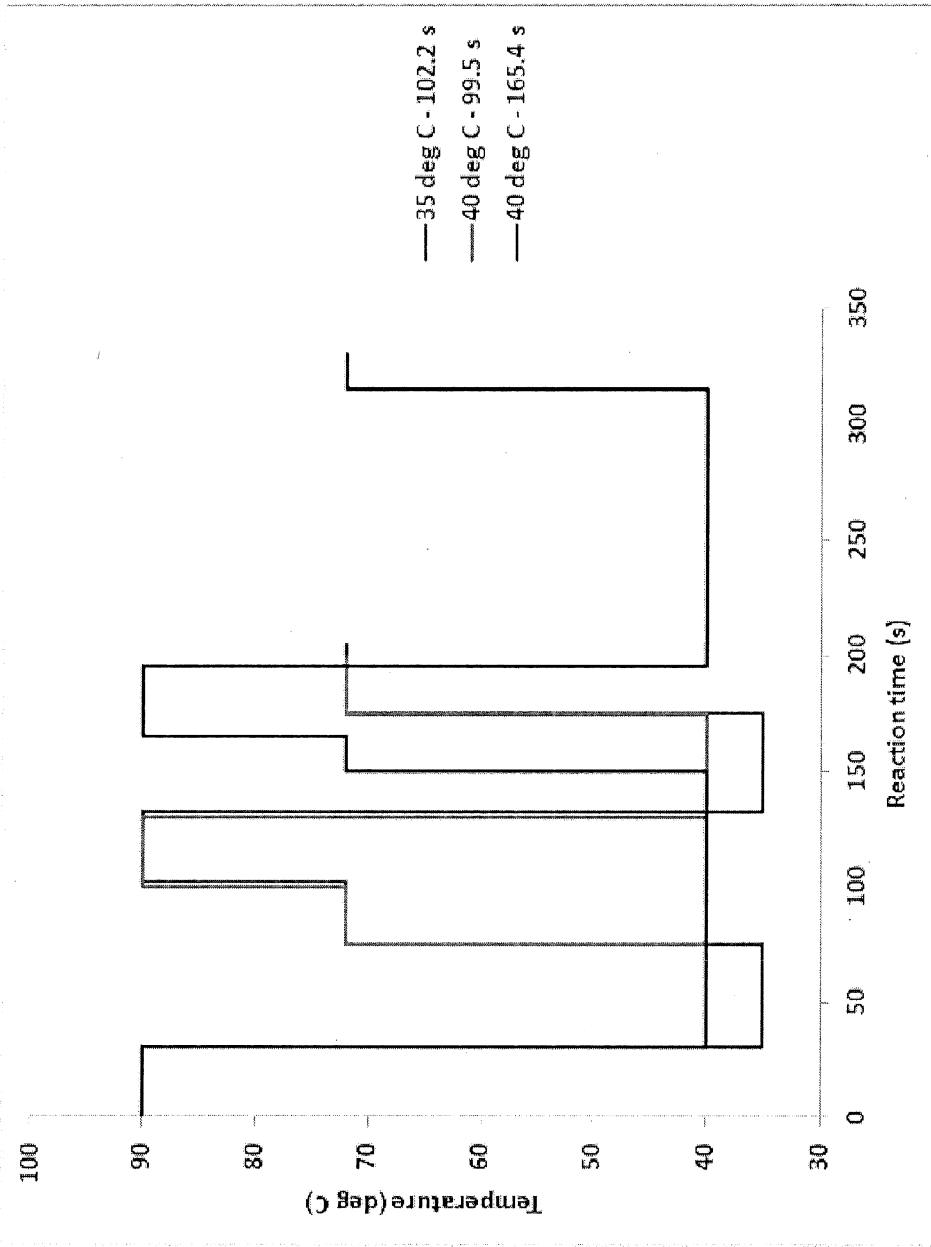


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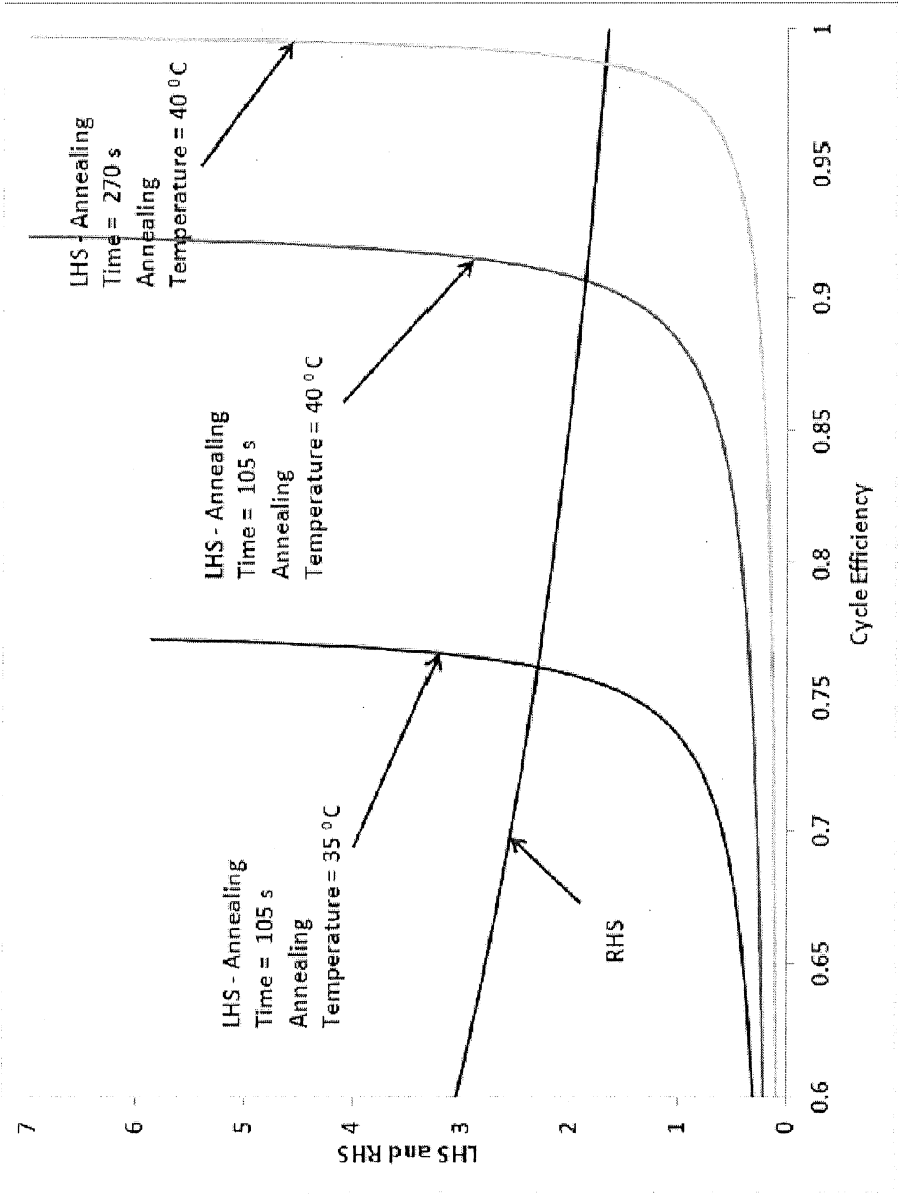


FIGURE 17

$$\begin{aligned}
g_1(x) &= [x_{15} \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ x_{15} \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ -x_{15} \ 0 \ 0]^T && \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \\ \\ \end{array} \right\} \text{sequence-dependent melting} \\
g_2(x) &= [-x_1 x_8 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ -x_1 x_8 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ x_1 x_8 \ 0 \ 0]^T && \\
g_3(x) &= [-x_1 x_2 \ -x_1 x_2 \ x_1 x_2 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0]^T && \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \\ \\ \end{array} \right\} \text{sequence-dependent annealing} \\
g_4(x) &= [x_3 \ x_3 \ -x_3 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0]^T && \\
g_5(x) &= [0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ -x_8 x_9 \ -x_8 x_9 \ x_8 x_9 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0]^T && \\
g_6(x) &= [0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ x_{10} \ x_{10} \ -x_{10} \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0]^T && \\
g_7(x) &= x_{17} [0 \ 0 \ -x_3 \ x_3 \ -x_5 \ x_5 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ -x_{12} \ x_{12} \ 0 \ 0 \ -(x_3 + x_5 + x_{10} + x_{12})]^T && \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \\ \end{array} \right\} \text{sequence-dependent enzyme binding} \\
g_8(x) &= [0 \ 0 \ x_4 \ -x_4 \ x_6 \ -x_6 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ x_{11} \ -x_{11} \ x_{13} \ -x_{13} \ 0 \ 0 \ (x_4 + x_6 + x_{11} + x_{13})]^T && \\
g_9(x) &= x_{16} [0 \ 0 \ 0 \ -x_4 \ 0 \ x_4 \ -x_6 \ x_6 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ -x_{11} \ x_{11} \ -x_{13} \ x_{13} \ 0 \ (x_4 + x_6 + x_{11} + x_{13}) \ 0]^T && \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \end{array} \right\} \text{extension} \\
g_{10}(x) &= [0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ -x_7 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ -x_{14} \ 0 \ 0 \ x_7 + x_{14}]^T &&
\end{aligned}$$

FIGURE 18

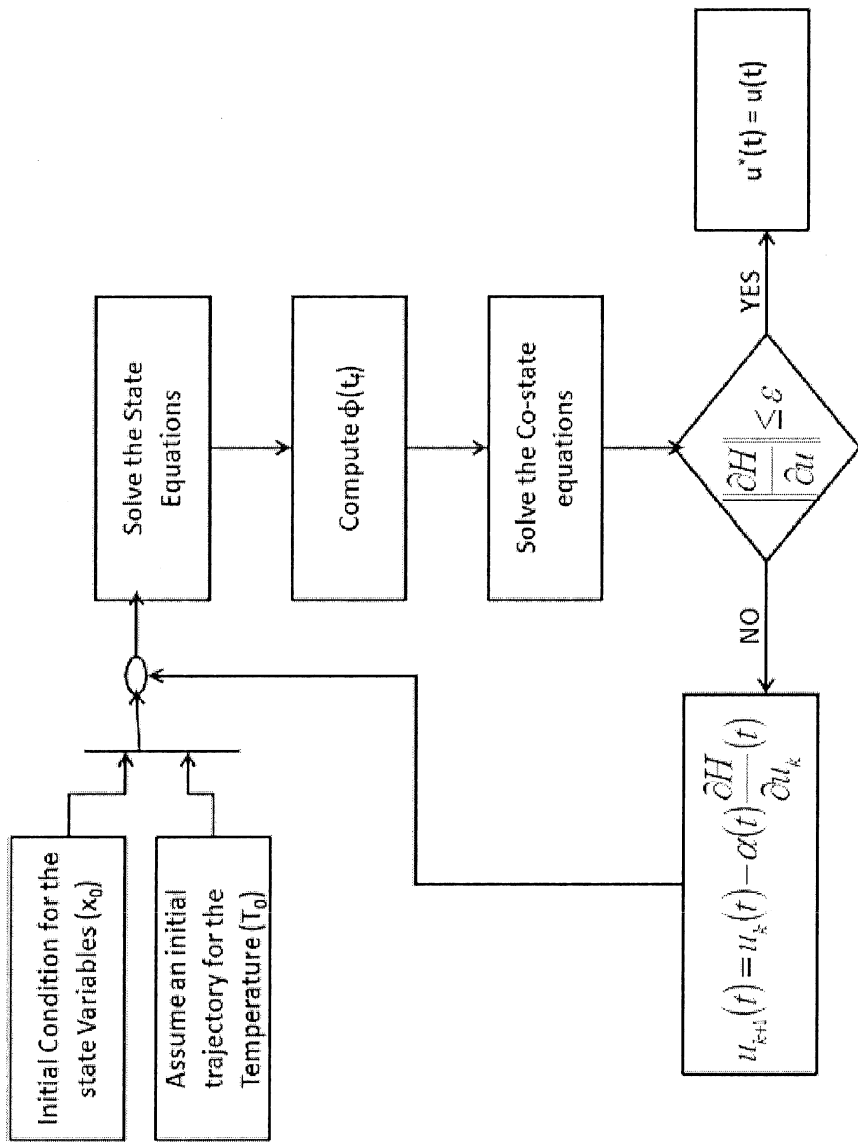


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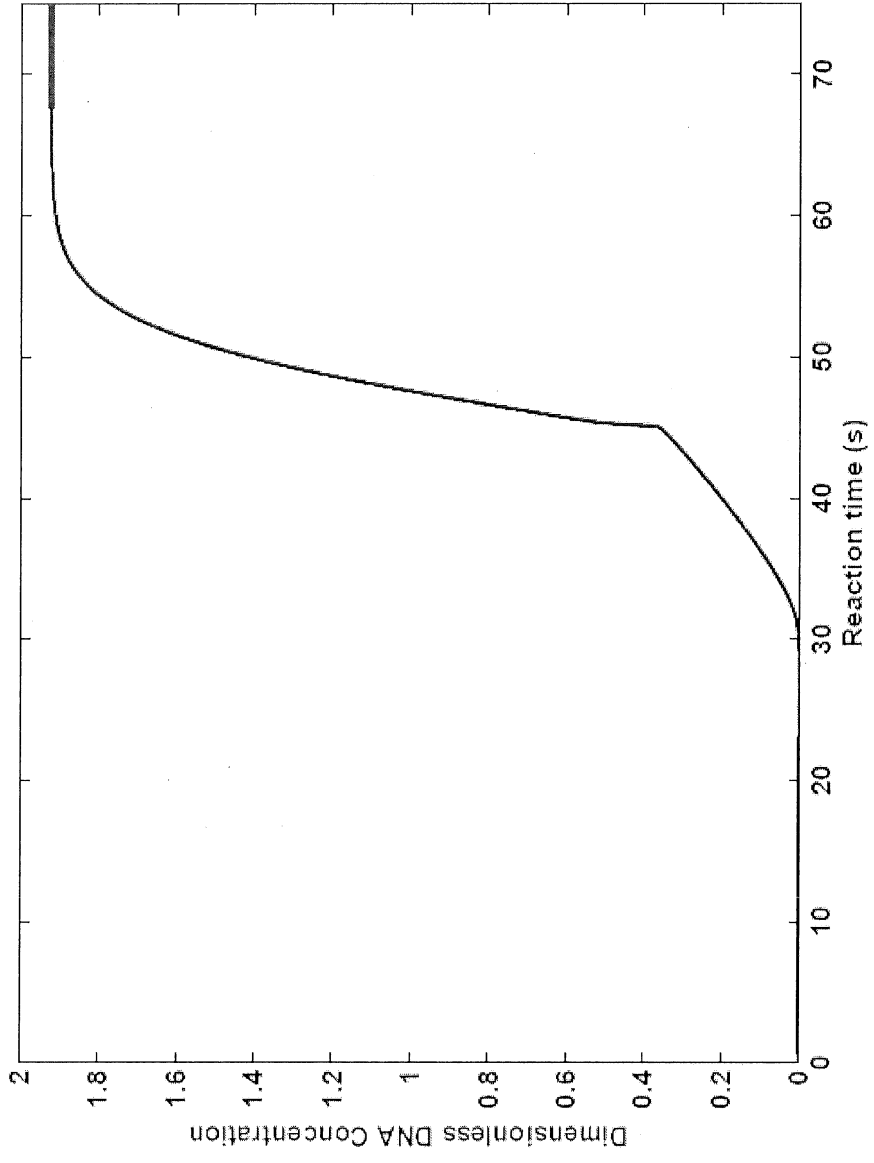


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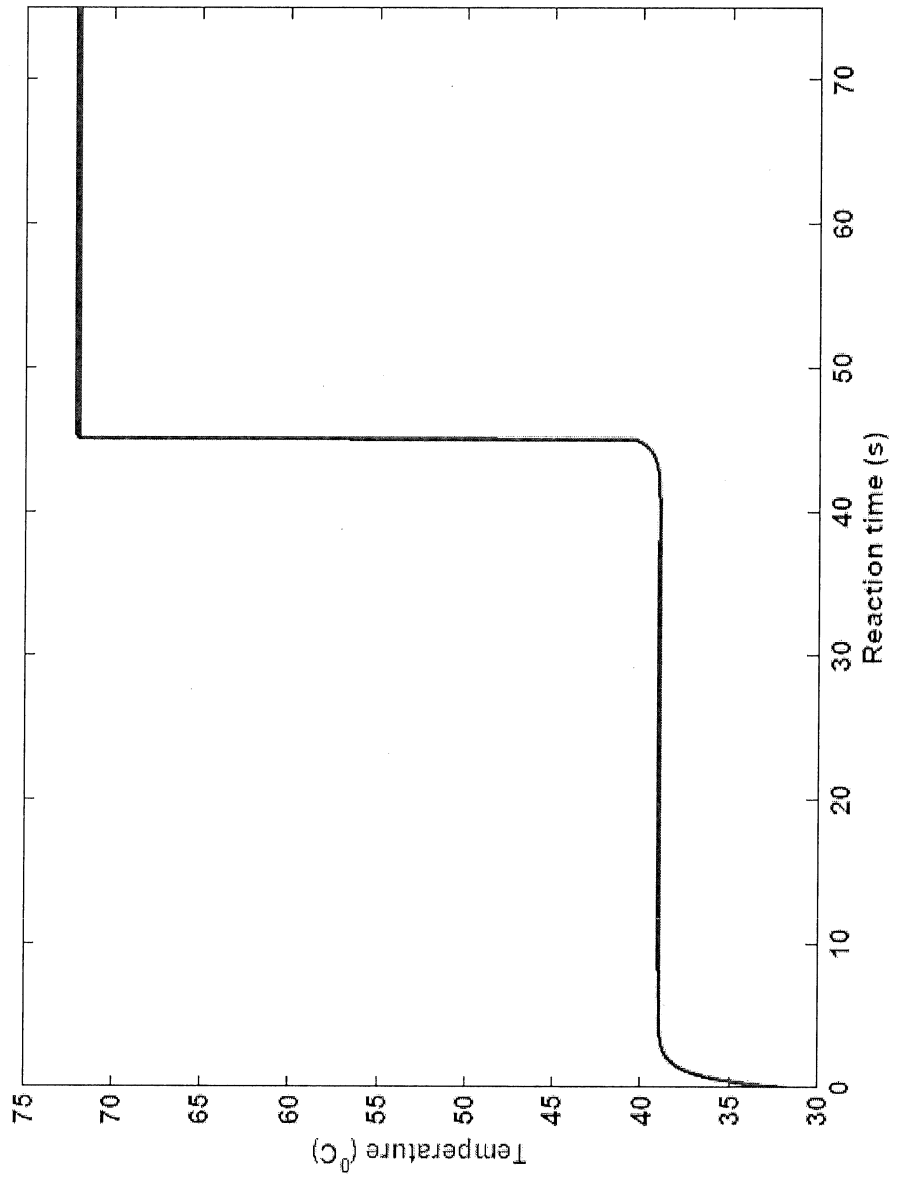
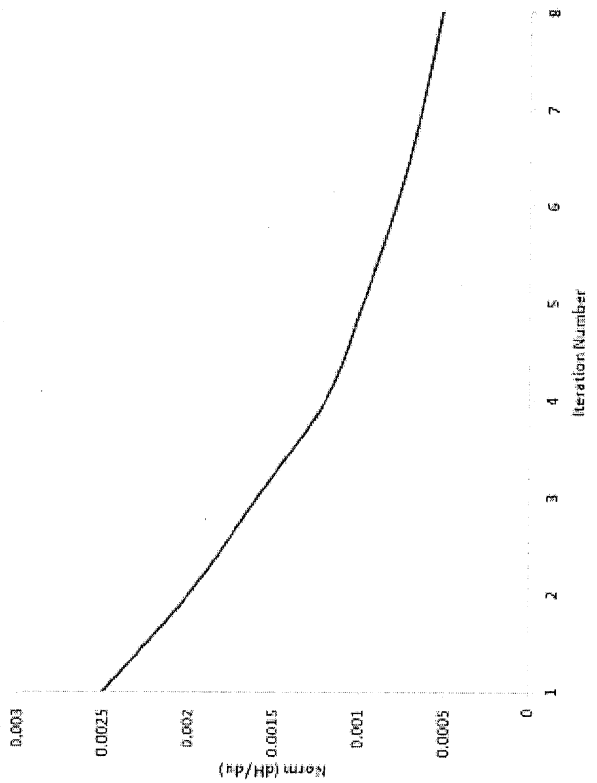
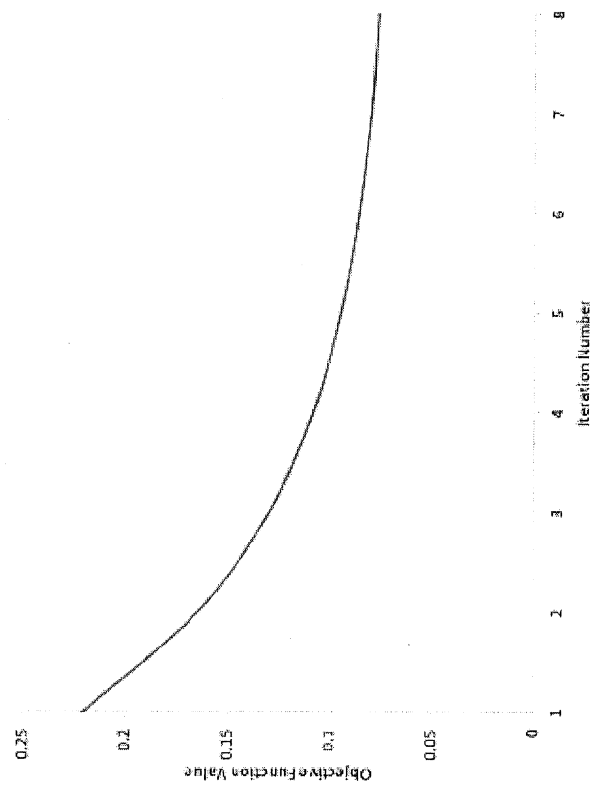


FIGURE 21



(a)



(b)

FIGURE 22

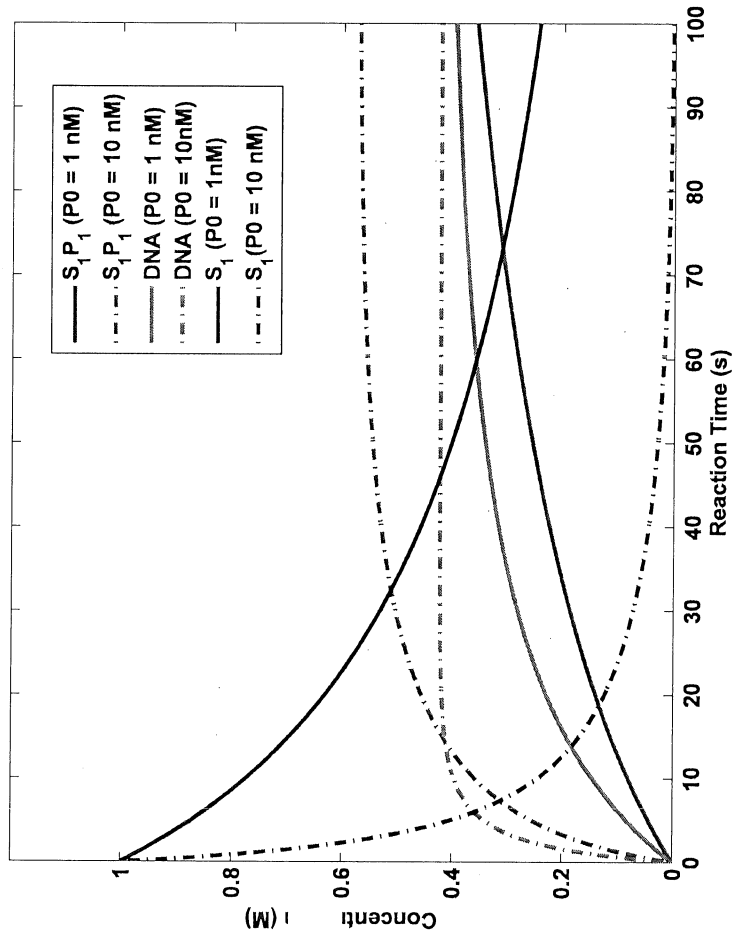


FIGURE 23. Predicted evolution of reaction species during a typical primer annealing reaction