

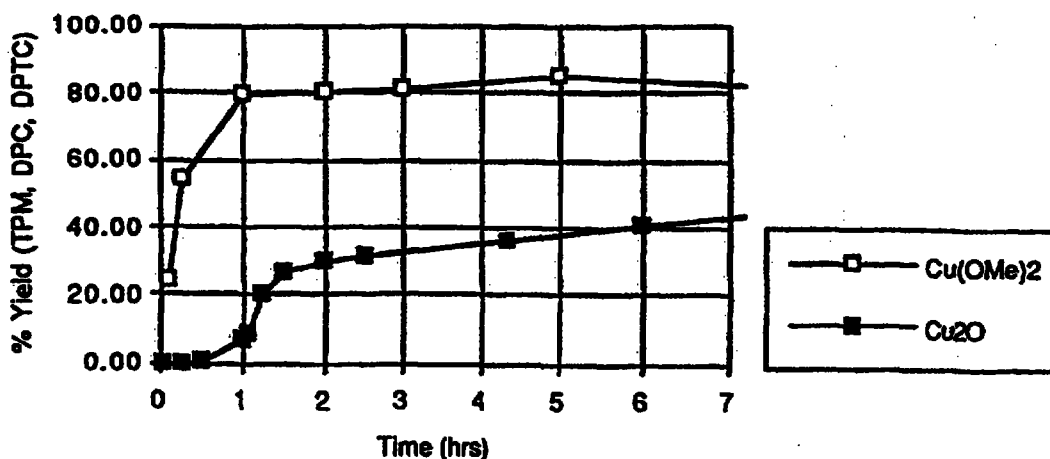


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**Copper(II) methoxide (730A) vs. Copper(I) oxide
control (116A) / NO ADDED WATER**



(57) Abstract

Carbonate ester is produced by acid hydrolysis of the reaction product of cupric alkoxide induced reaction between a hydroxy compound and a sulfur compound in a melt process. Diaryl carbonate is produced by hydrolysis of the resulting orthoester.