

Glass Surface Treatments: Commercial Processes Used in Glass Manufacture



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Outline

- Applications > Glass Containers and Float Glass
 - Purpose of Surface Treatments
 - > weathering and corrosion resistance/ scratch resistance
 - Process Technologies
 - Testing and Evaluation
 - > surface and in-depth analysis
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- **Other Surface Treatments (often secondary processing)**
 - **functional coatings > 2/26, 3/03**
 - **polishing > 3/5**
 - **silanization and sizing of fiberglass > 3/17**
 - **ion exchange strengthening > 4/30**
 - acid etching, acid polishing, fire polishing



Float Glass > soda-lime-silicate

Application

- top and bottom surfaces
- annealing lehr rollers

- treatment for stacked float glass sheets

Purposes

- weathering/corrosion resistance
- optical properties
- electrical properties
- resistance to roller damage

- weathering resistance in storage and transport



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- weathering/corrosion resistance
- minimize leaching and contamination of the product
- strengthening?
- scratch resistance
- lubricity

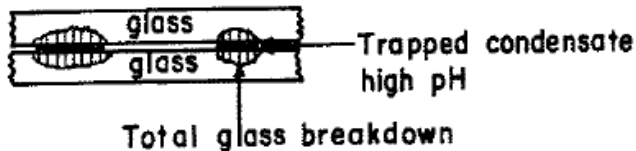


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Treatments

- 'sulfur' ; SO_2 ; sulfur dioxide
- >> **de-alkalization**
- > lower surface reflectivity
- > lower surface conductivity
- acidic liquid or powdered coating
- inert polymer bead spacers
- >> acidify and minimize condensed water on and between stacked glass sheets



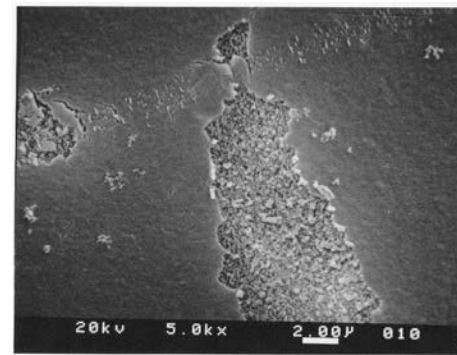
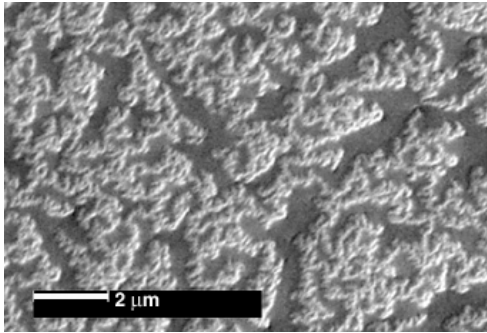
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- hot-end coating
 - cold-end coating
- >> strength retention**



Effects of Glass Corrosion

- dissolution/etching/weight loss
- leaching/ion-exchange/surface layer formation
- hazing/ dimming/ pitting, staining/ VISUAL EFFECTS
- roughening/microporosity/ REACTIVITY
- increased susceptibility to soiling/difficulty cleaning
- STRENGTH and FATIGUE

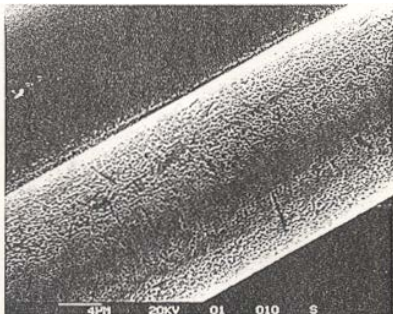
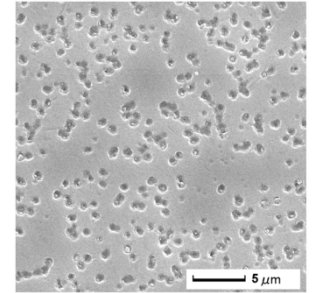
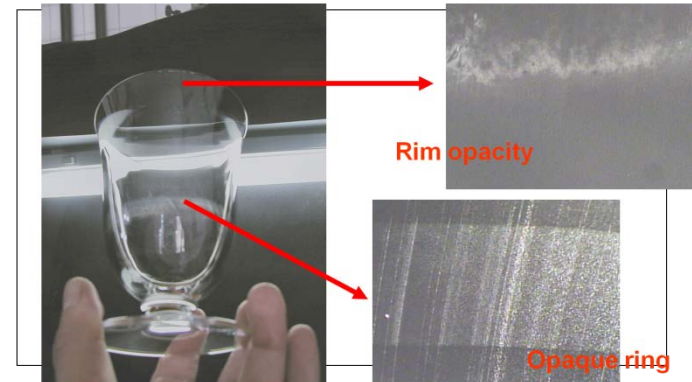
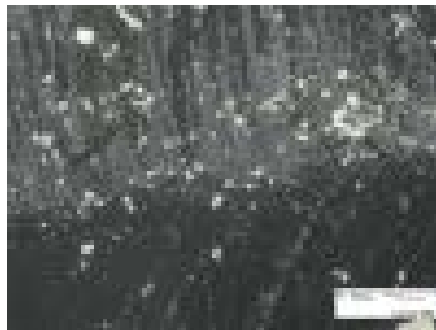
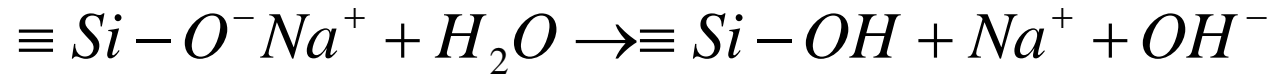


Fig. 3 - Fiber No. 10 after 28 days corrosion.



water reaction

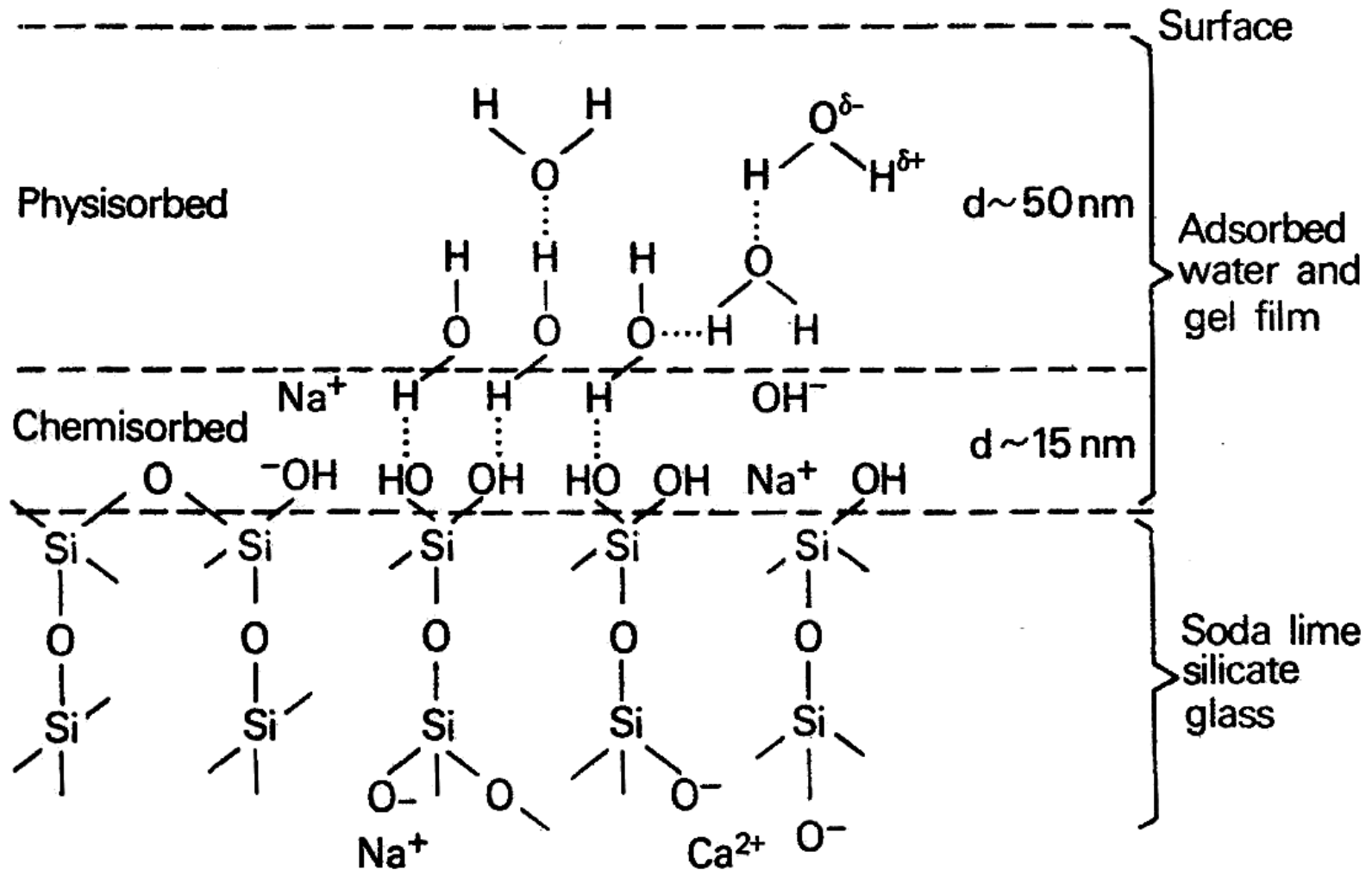


initially, neutral pH \emptyset later



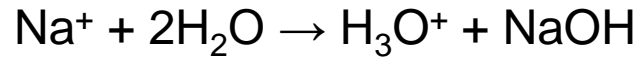
- in general, a two-stage attach (sometimes three-stage)
- kinetics = f (interdiffusion, solubility, local pH, solution volume.....)

Interaction glass-water vapor

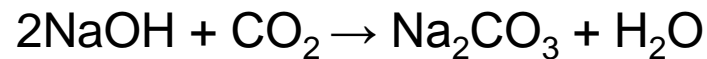


Schematic representation of the formation of a water film on glass by adsorption of water vapour.

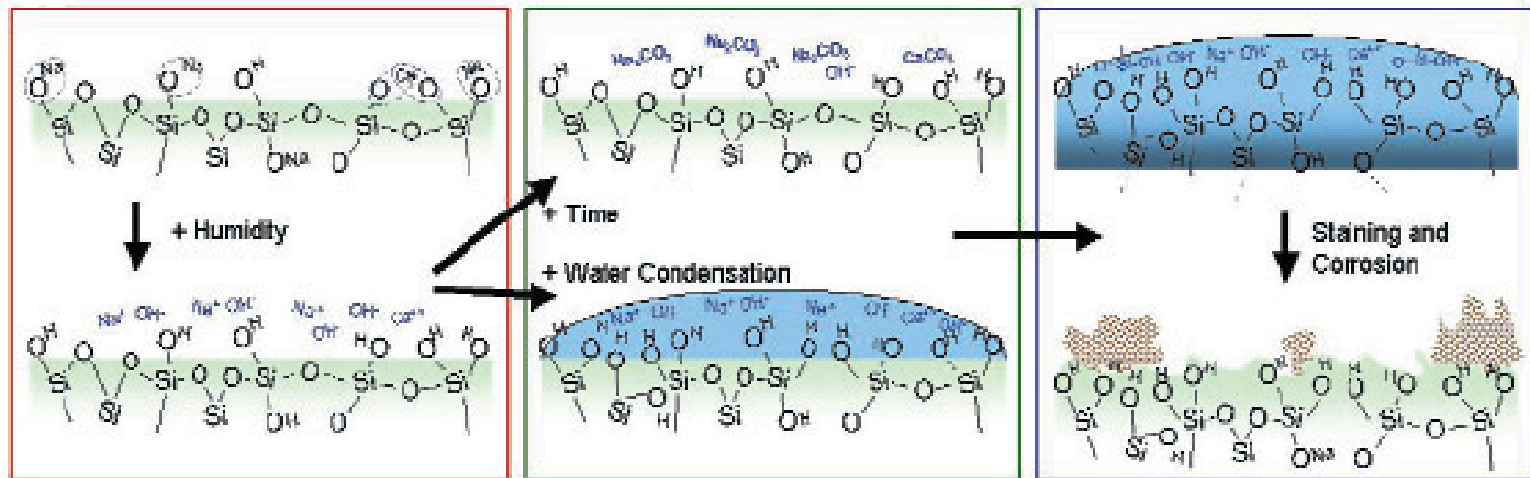
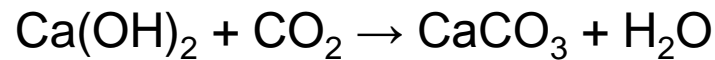
Weathering (leaching and corrosion by HUMIDITY)



These hydroxides then react with carbon dioxide from the atmosphere to form carbonates, as in the reaction



and the reaction



Surface Layer Formation by Humidity

- water adsorption and condensation on the surface
- hydroxylation and leaching ion exchange and water reaction
- accumulation of reaction products on the surface
eg, Na and Ca hydroxides and carbonates

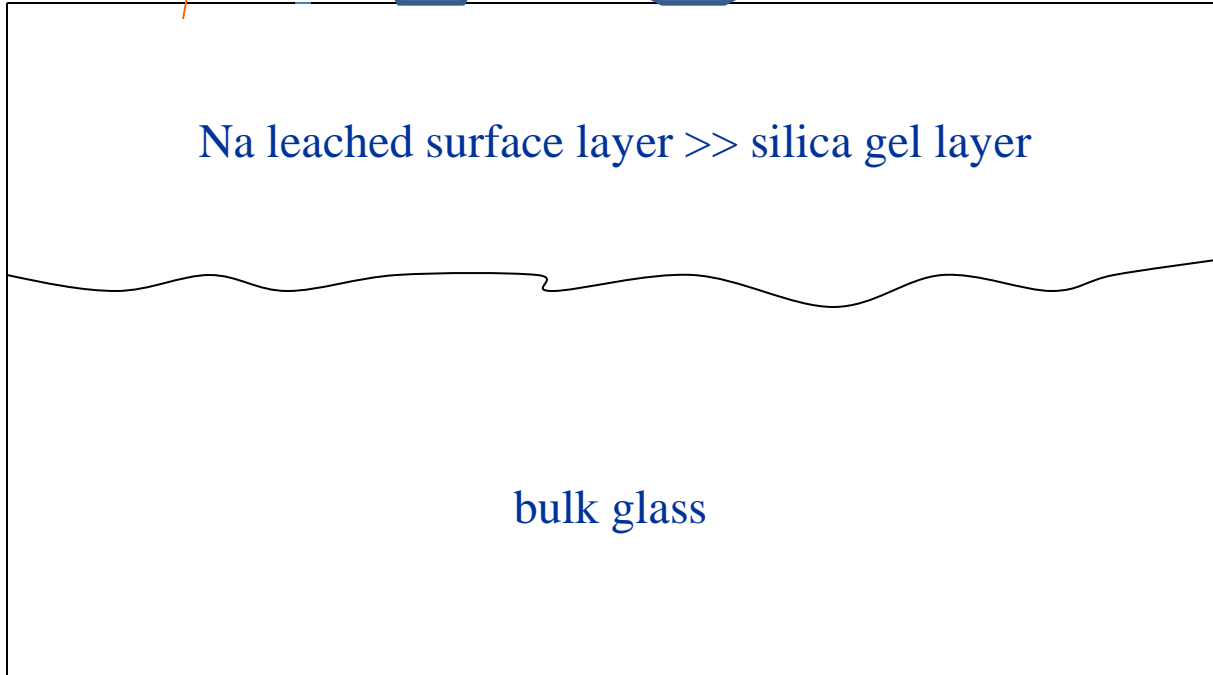
Na⁺, Ca⁺⁺,

Na leached surface layer >> silica gel layer

bulk glass

<< hazy surface

<< delamination of the
gel layer



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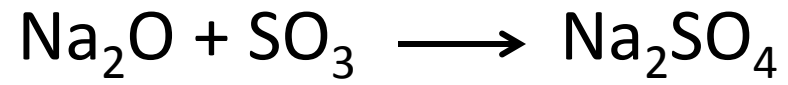
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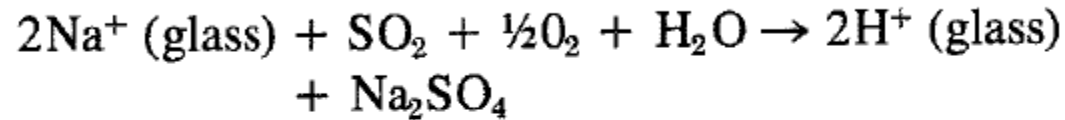
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SO₂ surface treatment

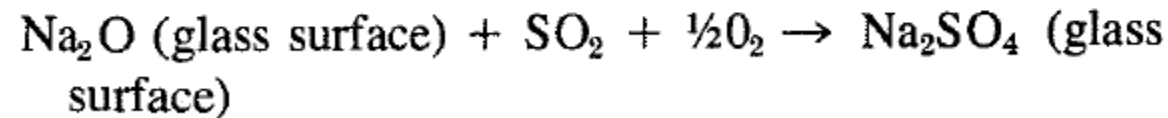


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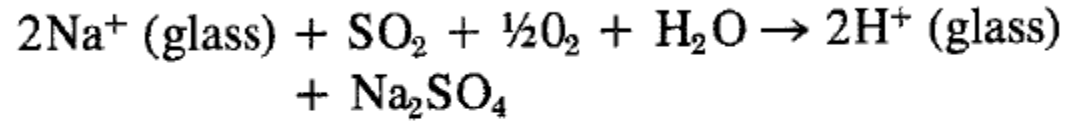


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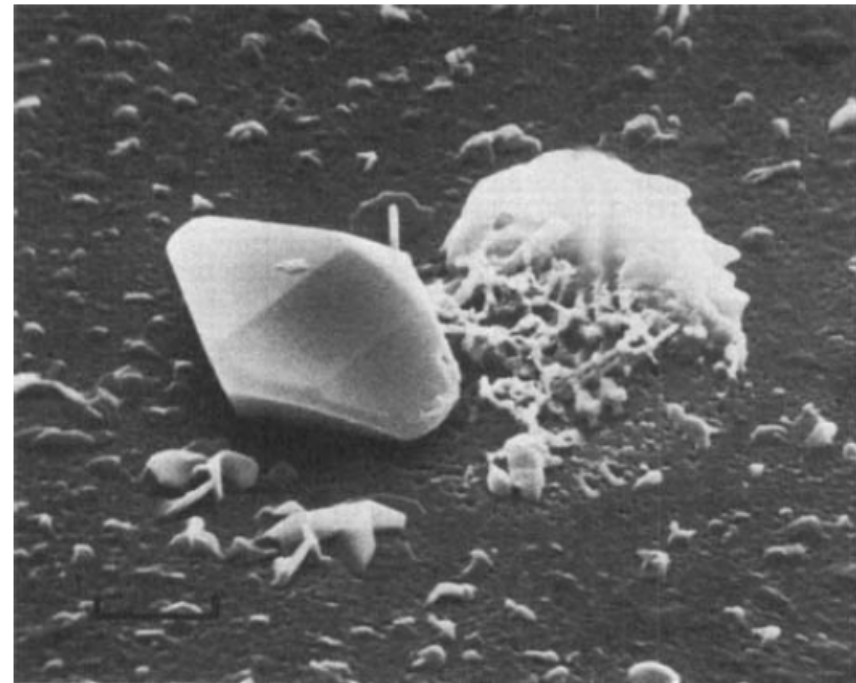
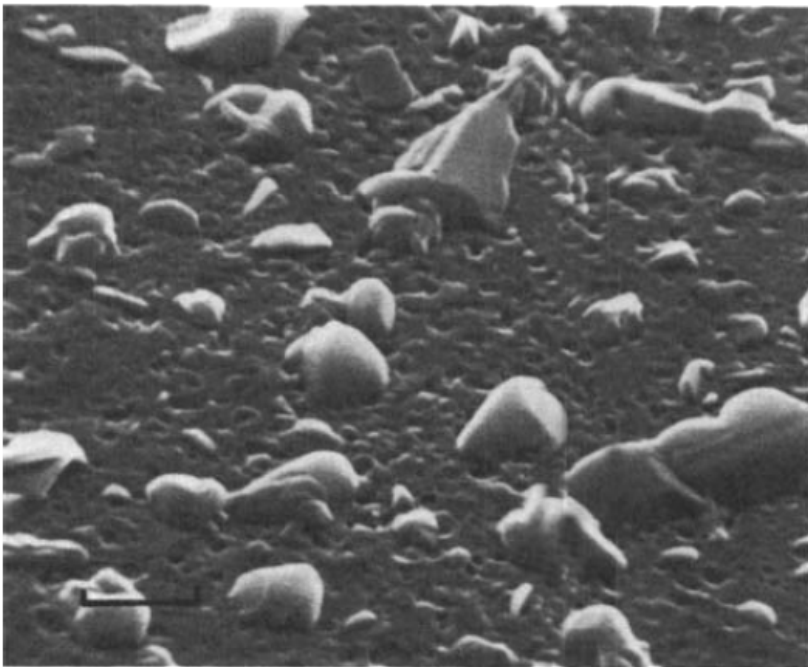
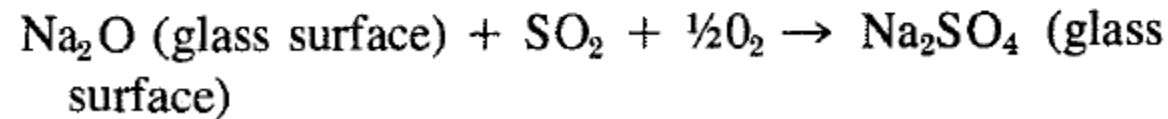


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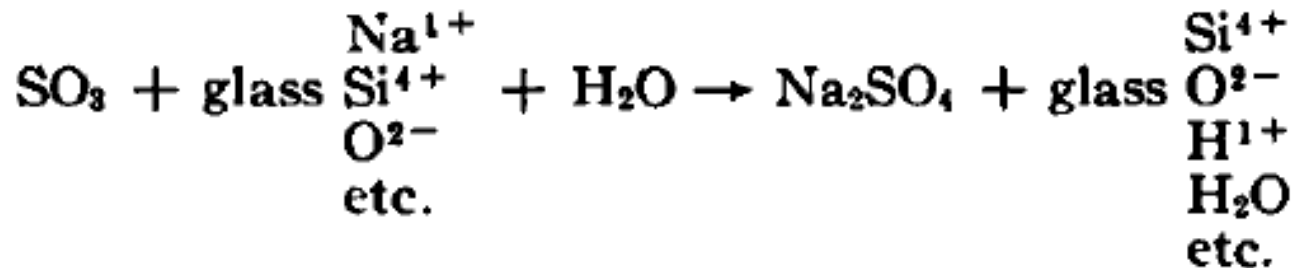
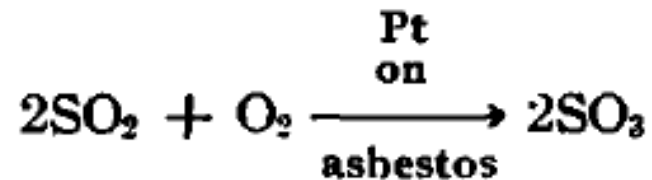
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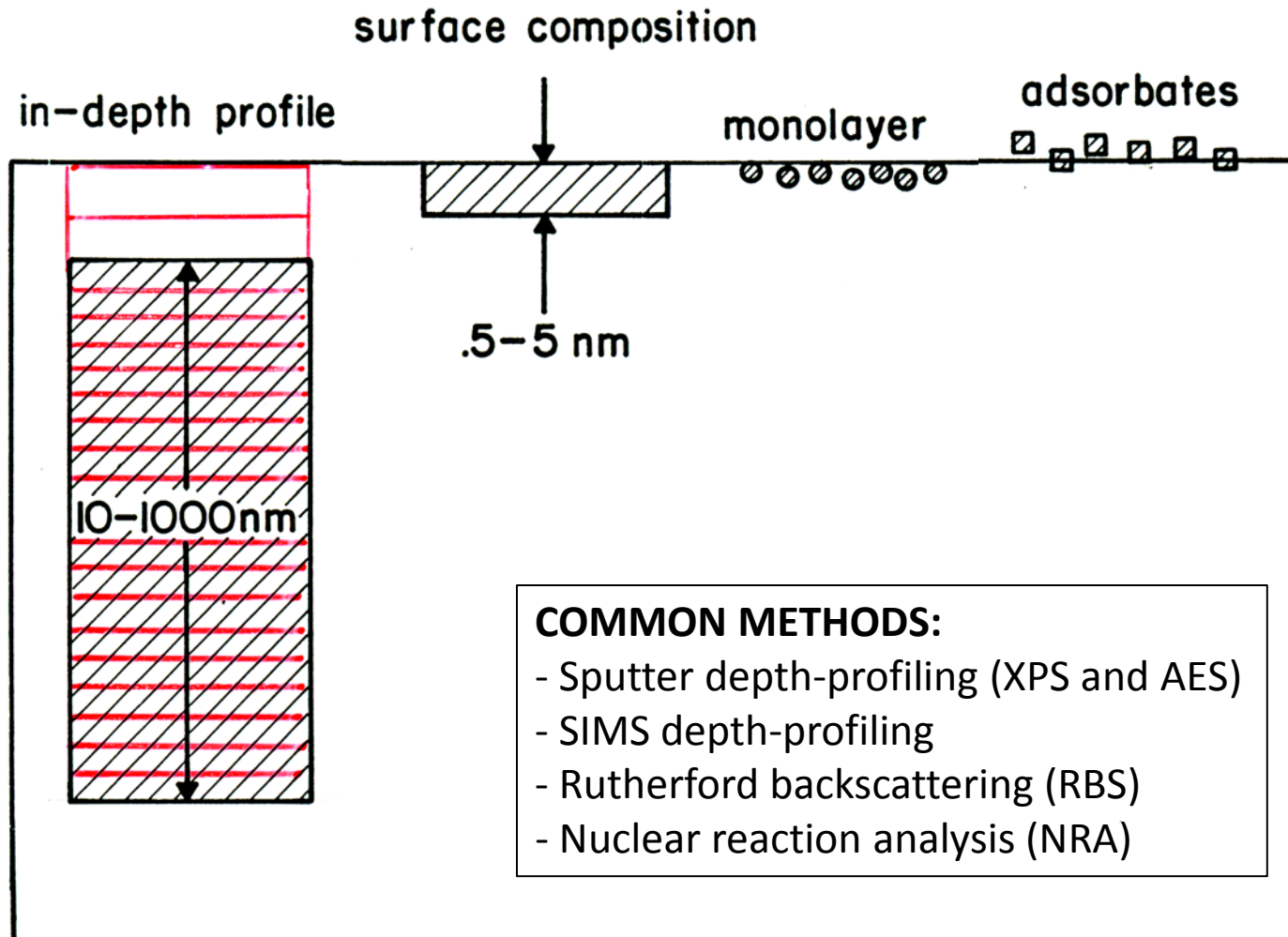
For dry SO₂ gas:



SO₃ is more reactive than SO₂ and increases the reaction kinetics



SURFACE AND IN-DEPTH ANALYSIS



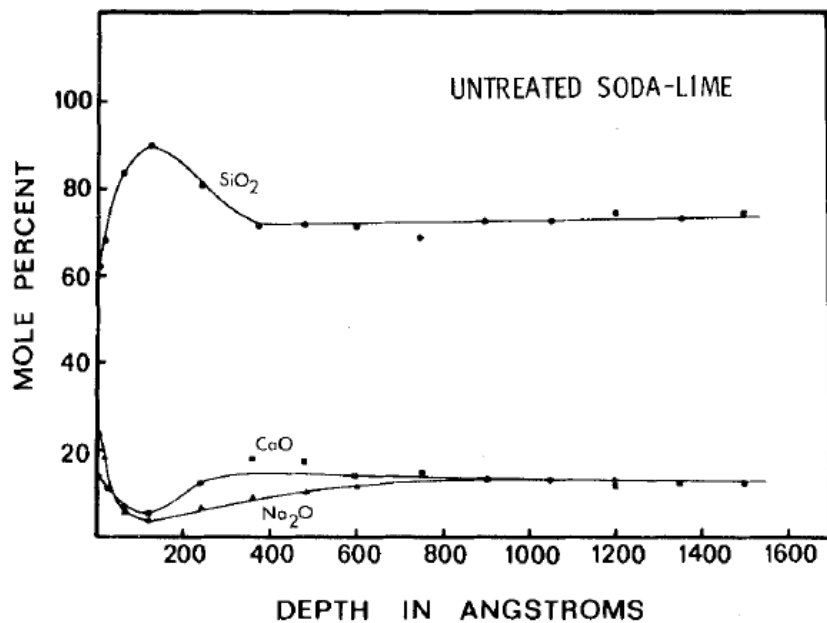


Figure 1
Concentration Depth Profiles of Untreated Soda-Lime Glass.

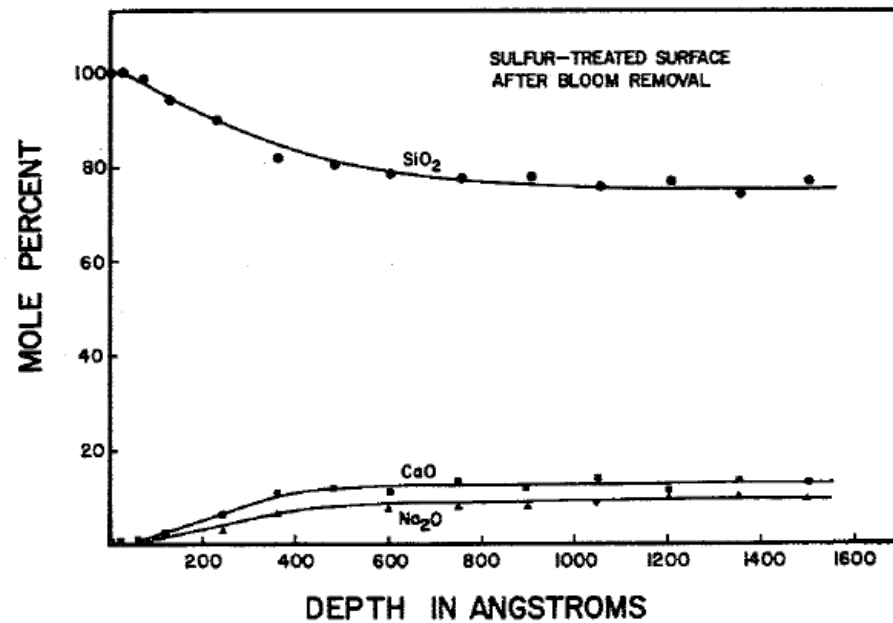
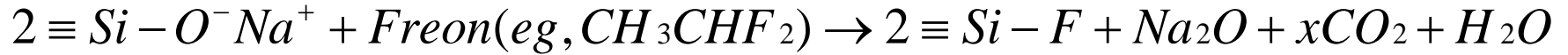


Figure 73. Depth compositional profile of sulfur-treated surface after rinsing in water

Fluorocarbon Surface Treatment



Analysis does not support

(US Patent 3,314,772)

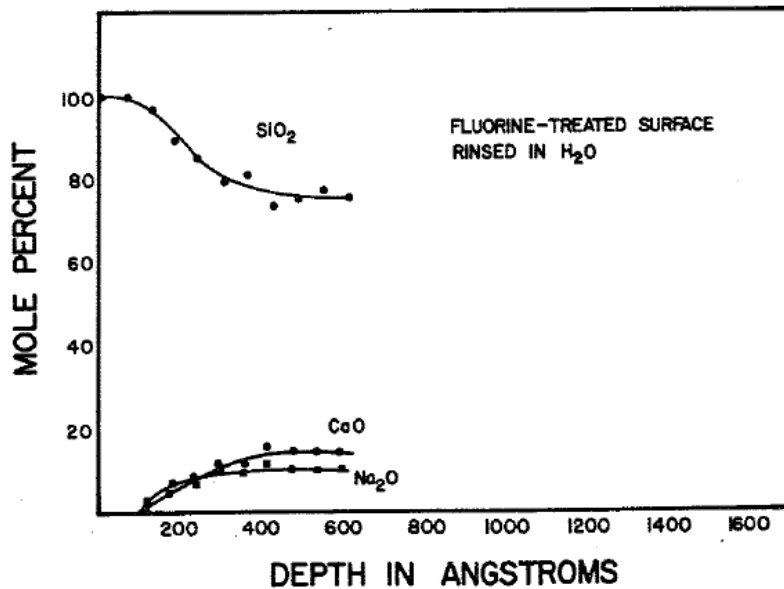


Figure 76. Depth compositional profile for a fluorine-treated surface after rinsing in water

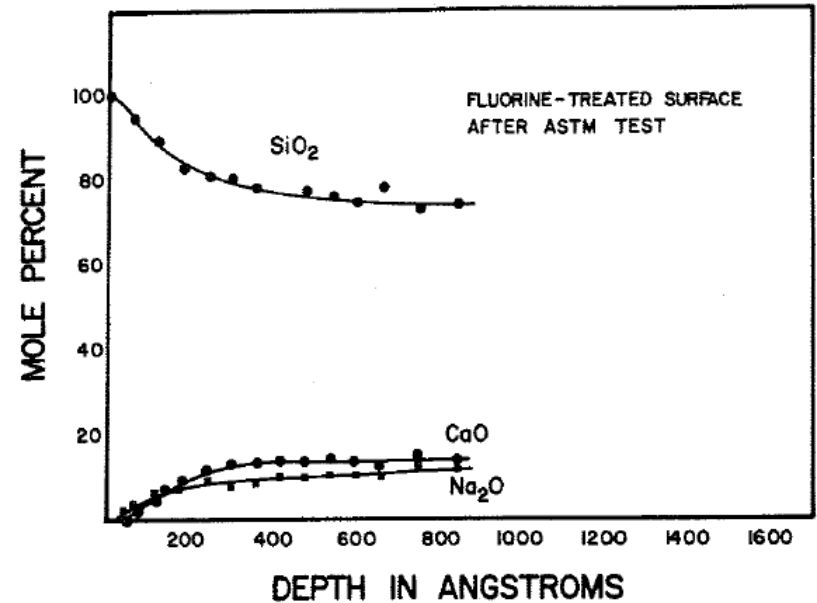


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Fluorocarbon Surface Treatment



↑ alternate mechanism ↑
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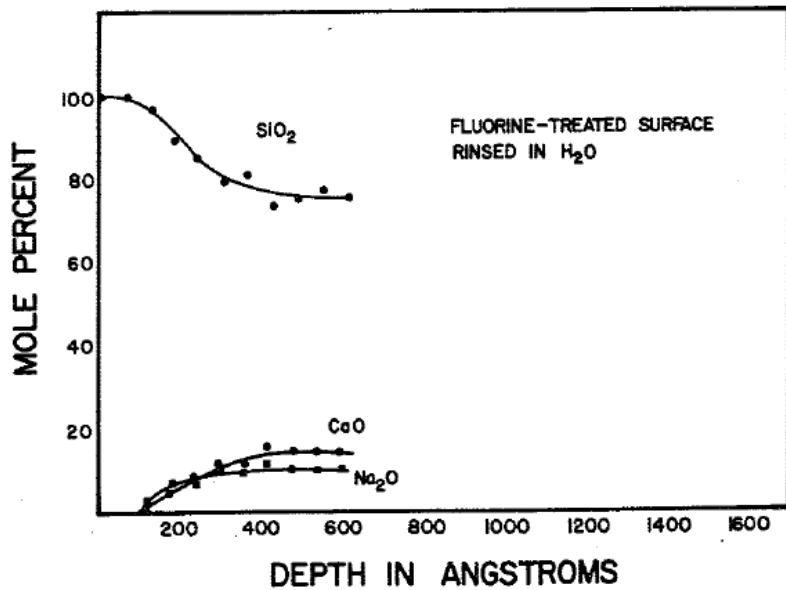


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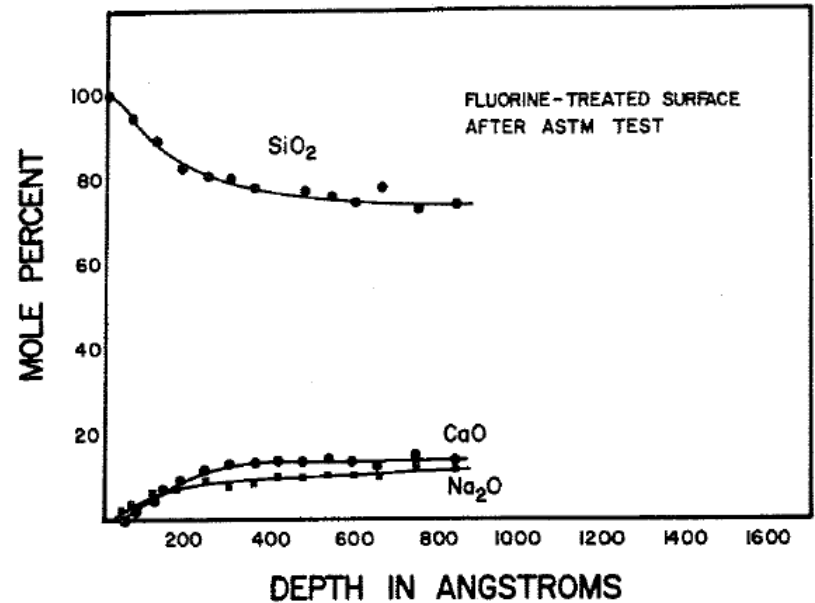
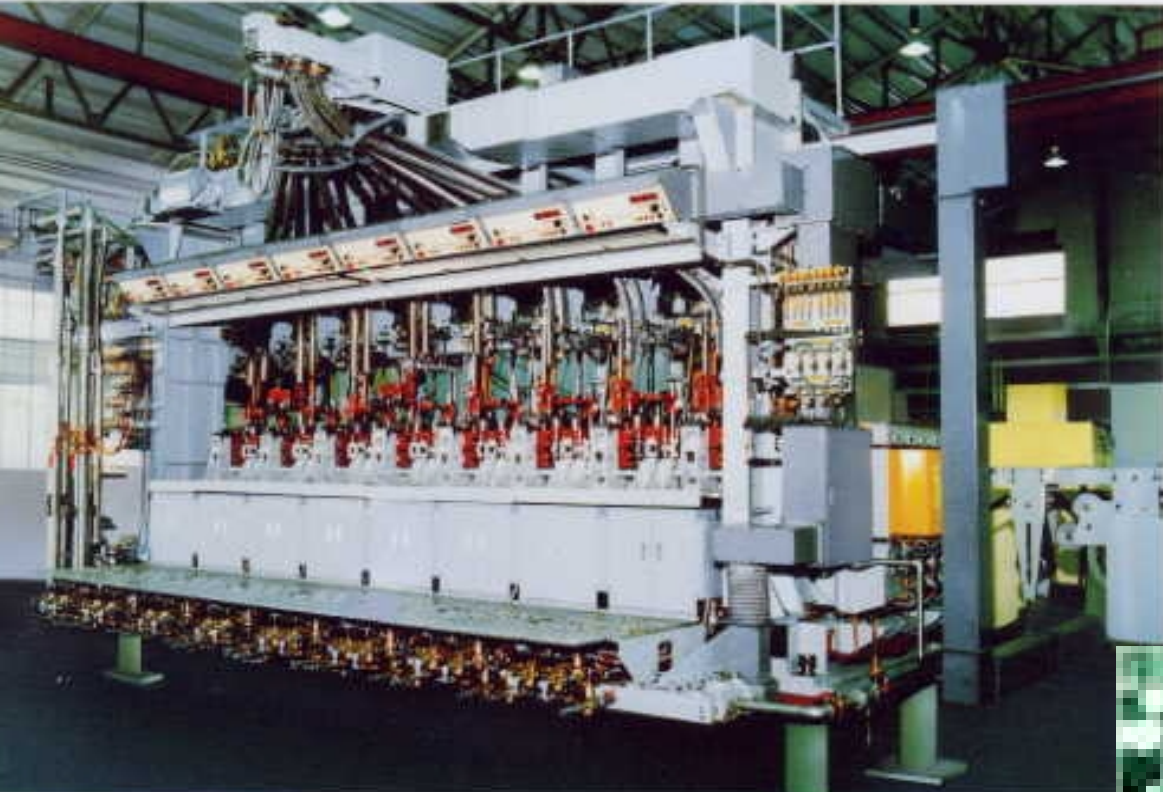


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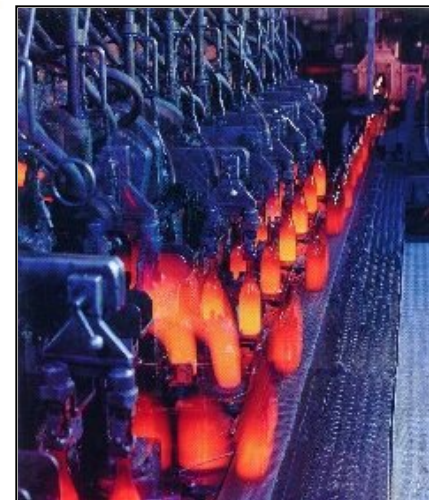
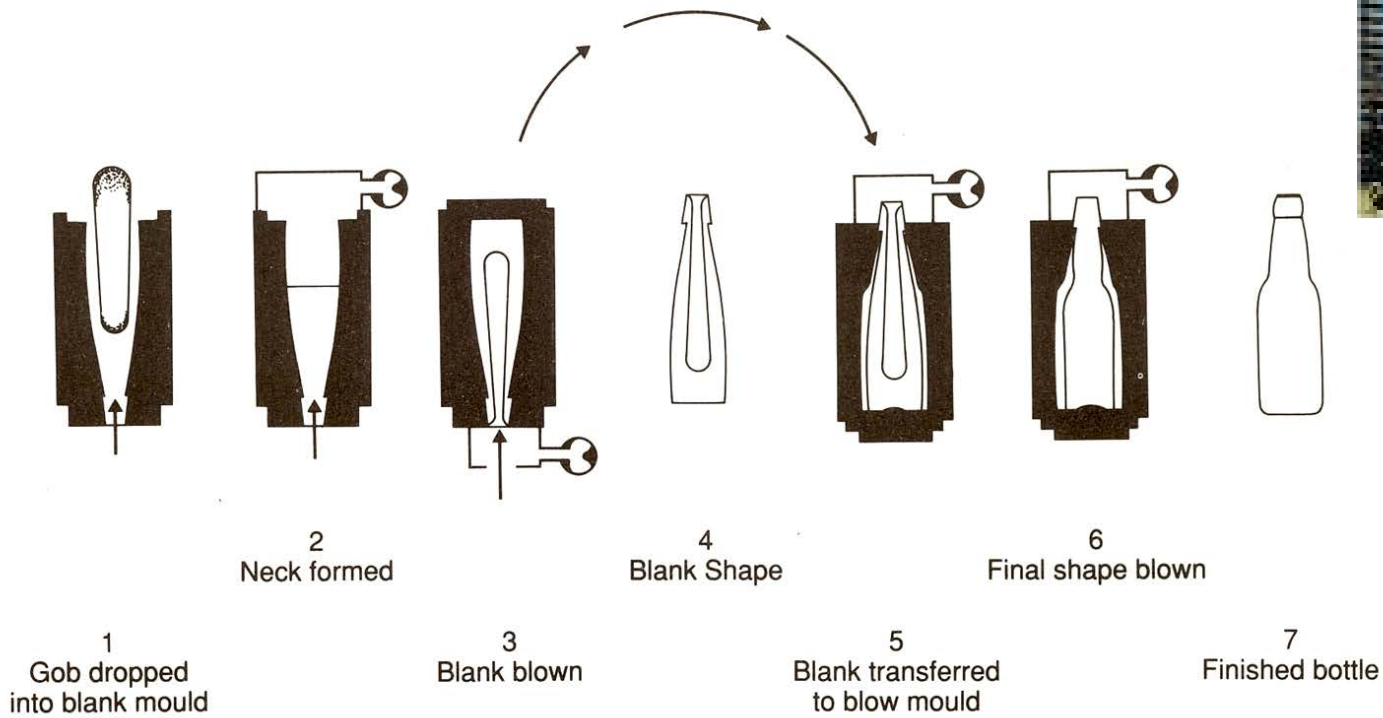


Figure 60. The blow-blow process (Moody 1977)

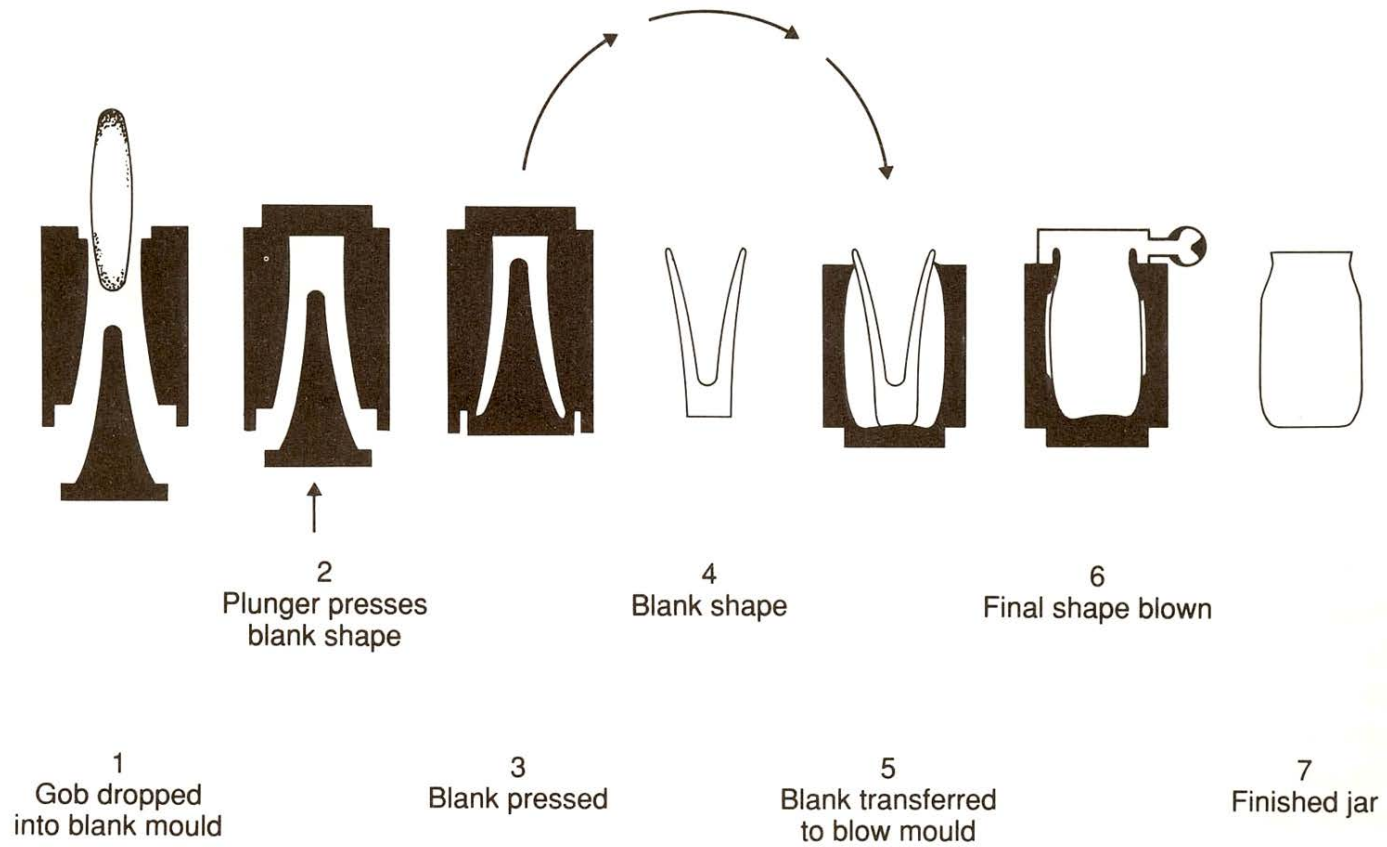


Figure 59. The press-blow process (Moody 1977).

ASTM C225-73 Chemical Durability Test

1 HOUR at 121.5C

-water (or relevant test solutions*)

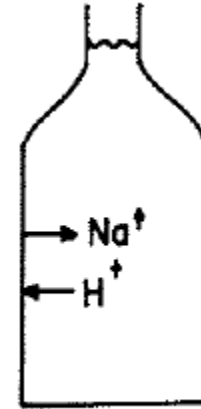


Table 1

Water extraction (C225-73, method B-W) titration results. The alkaline material having an influence in the titration includes CaO, MgO, Na₂O and K₂O.

Bottle	ml 0.02 N H ₂ SO ₄ /100 ml	Equivalent ppm Na ₂ O
UNTREATED	1.32, 1.34, 1.42	8.2, 8.3, 8.8
FLUORINE	0.14, 0.28, 0.18	0.9, 1.7, 1.1
SULFUR	0.02, 0.02, 0.02	0.1, 0.1, 0.1

* for example, protein based drugs which are stabilized in high pH solutions

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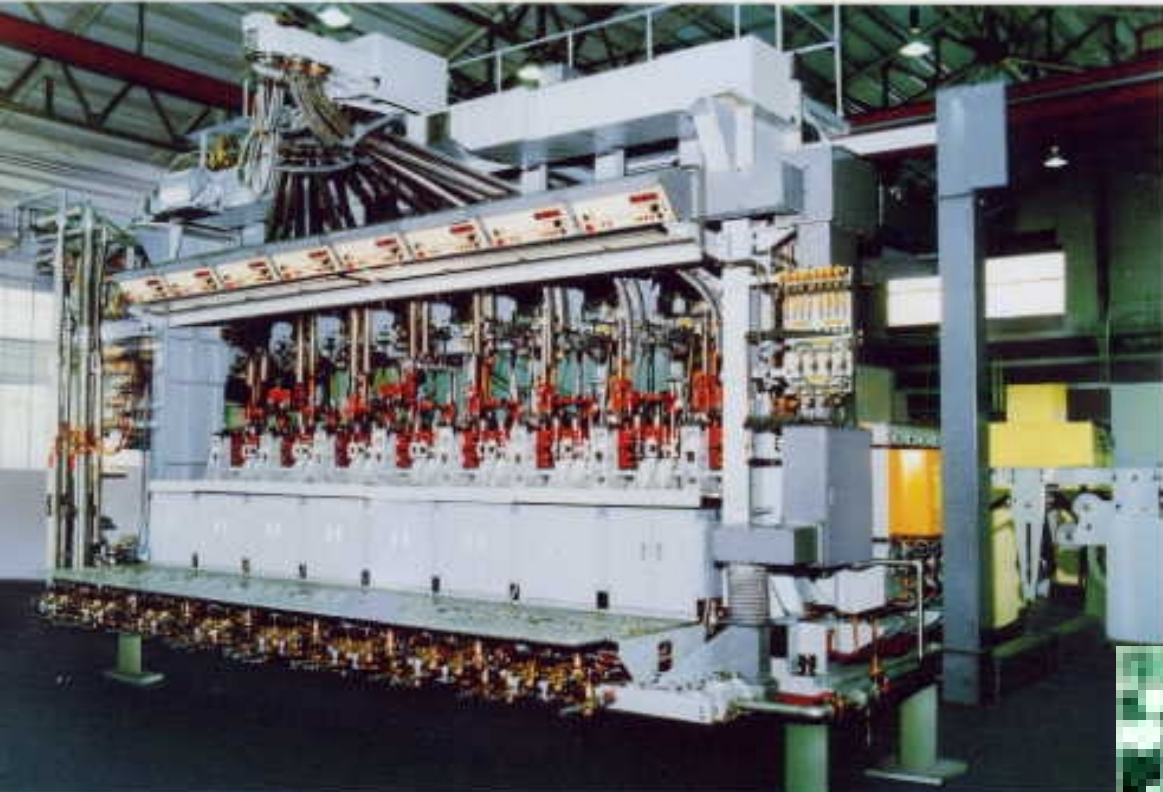
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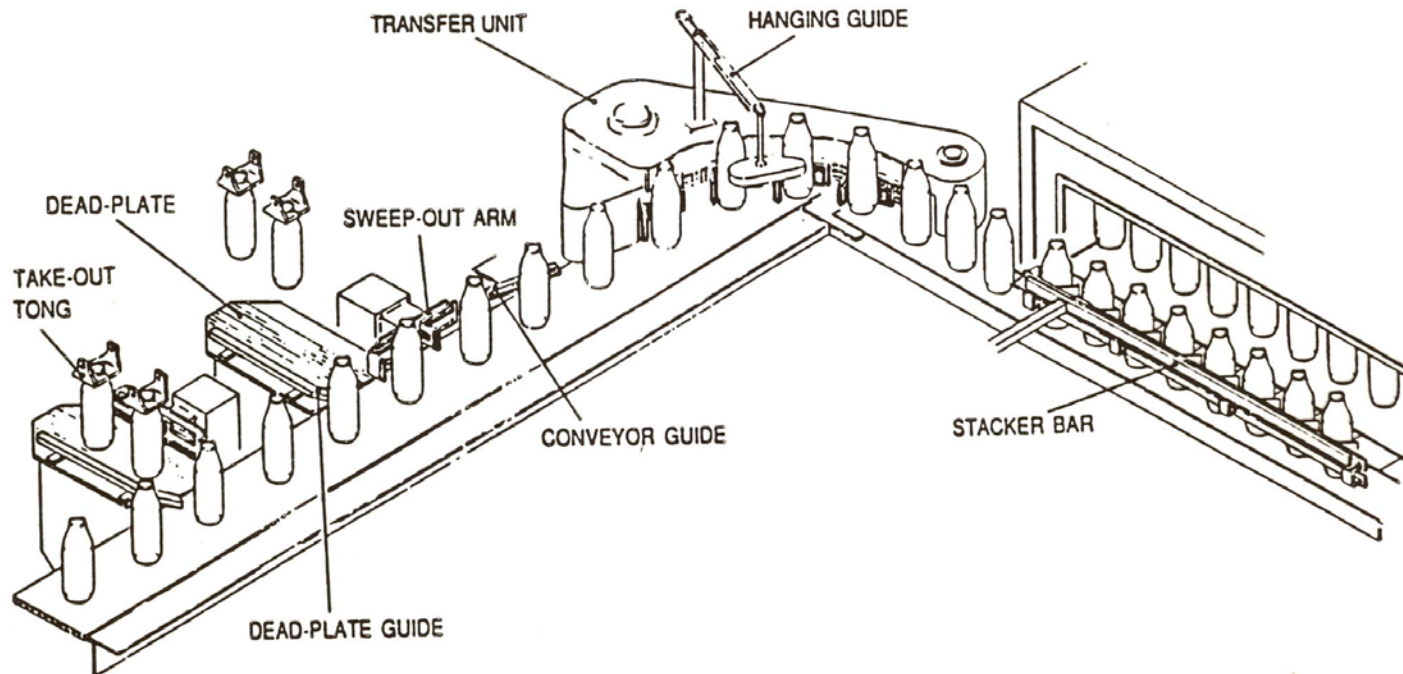
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Hot End and Cold End Coatings to Provide Damage Resistance

- Tin oxide at the hot end
- Lubricious polyethylene at the cold end

* the surface of clean, dry, freshly-made glass exhibits high friction*



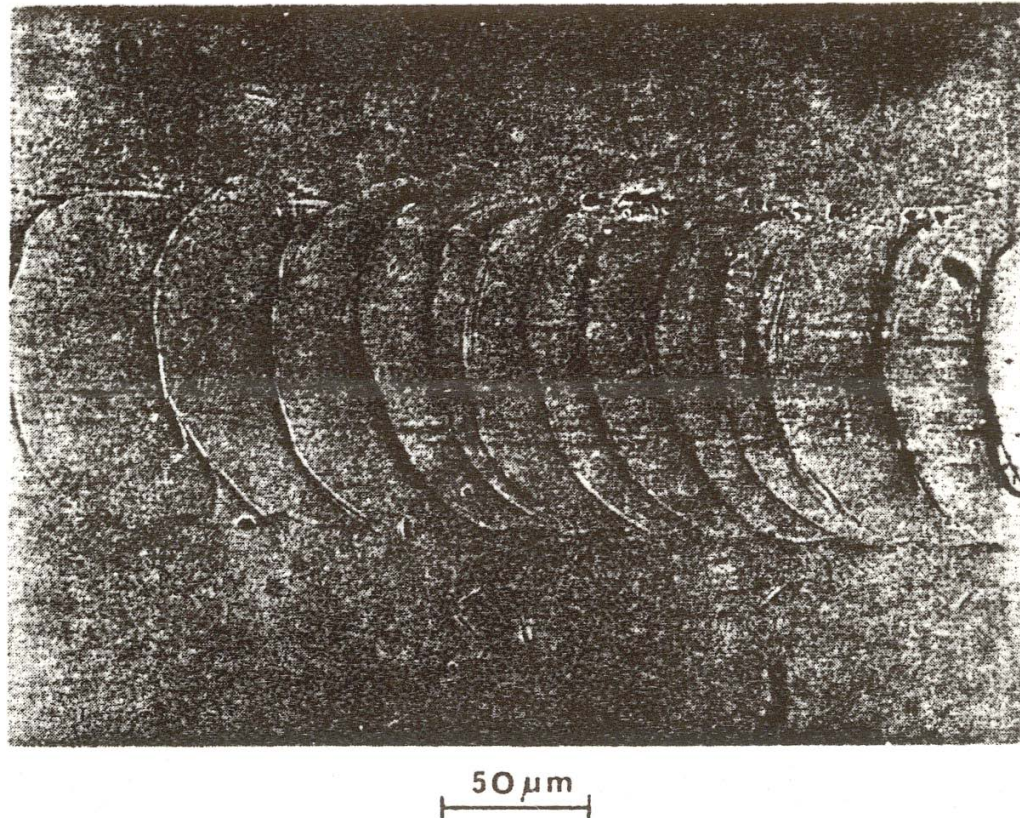


Figure 5.15. Horse-shoe shaped cracks in the surface of glass produced by a small ball, sliding from left to right.

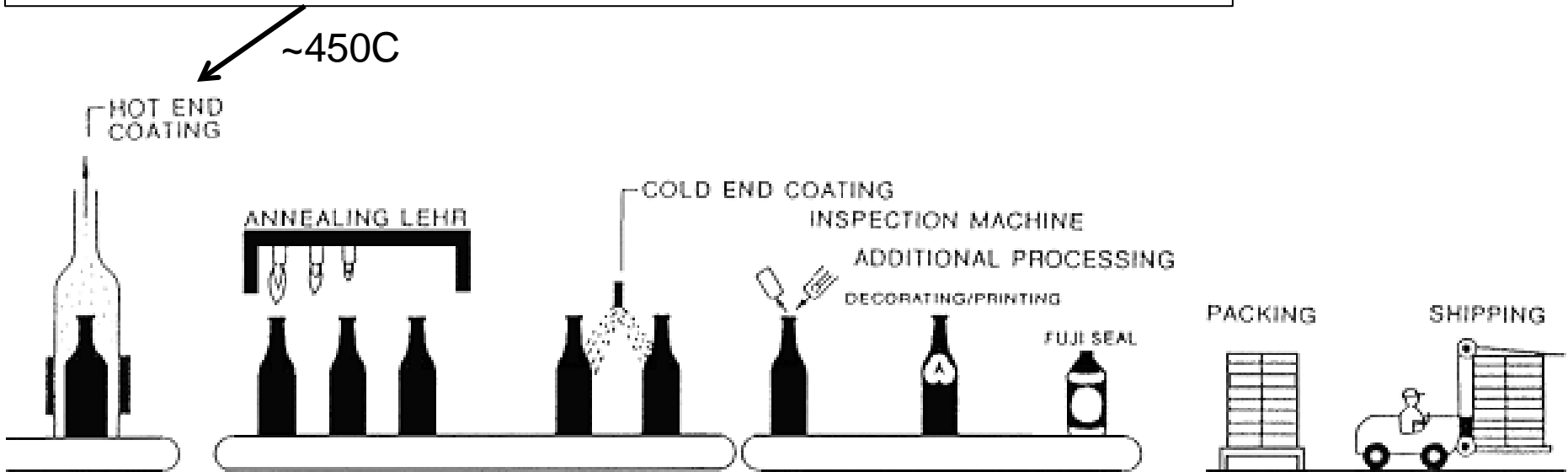


Figure 6.7. (a) Surface damage produced by light abrasion of one glass rod on another

Coatings for Glass Containers

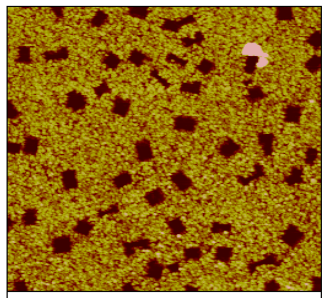
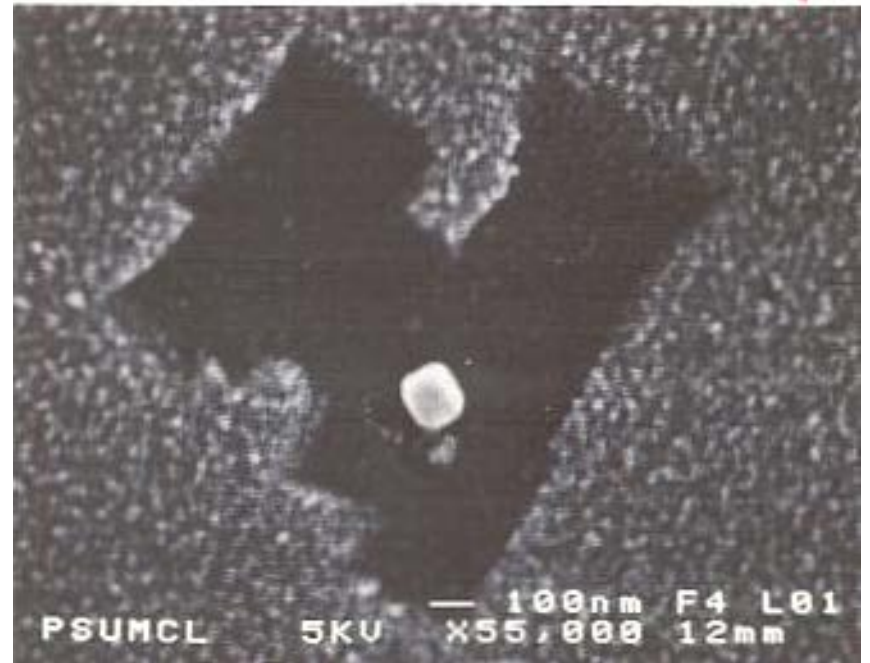
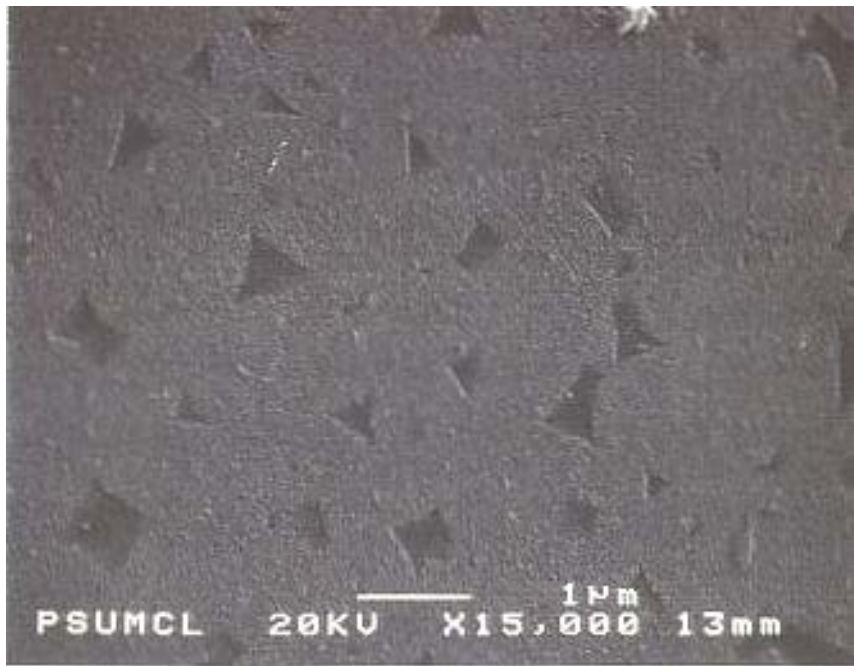
THREE COMMON PRECURSORS for the SnO_2 Hot-End Coating

- anhydrous stannic chloride $\gg \text{SnO}_2 + x \text{HCl}$
- dimethyl tin dichloride $\gg \text{SnO}_2 + x \text{HCl} + y \text{CO}_2 + z \text{H}_2\text{O}$
- butyl tin chloride $\gg \text{SnO}_2 + x \text{HCl} + y \text{CO}_2 + z \text{H}_2\text{O}$



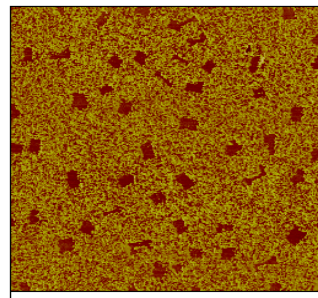
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Property	Soda Lime Silica Glass	Tin Oxide
Hardness (GPa)	6.3	10–14 (Ref. ²⁴)
Young's Modulus (GPa)	72	263 (Ref. ²⁵)†
Poisson's ratio	0.23	0.294 (Ref. ²⁵)
Thermal Expansion Coefficient (/°C)	8.3	4.13* (Ref. ²⁷)
Density (Mg/m ³)	2.53	6.990



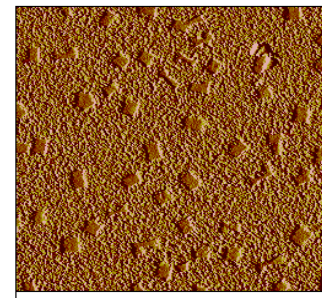
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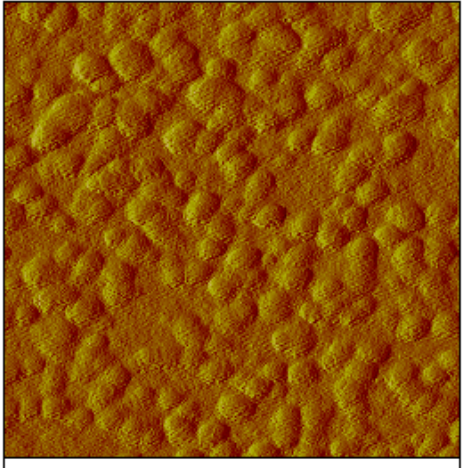


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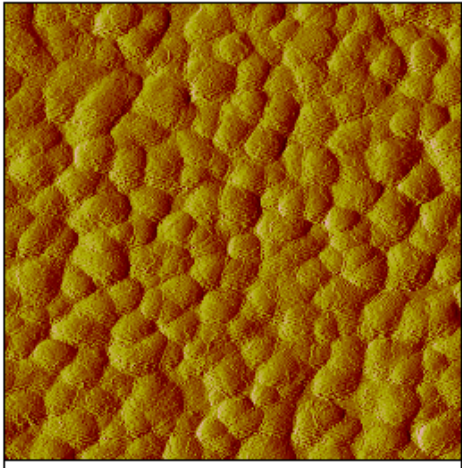
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tin-oxide (pyrolytic) coatings on glass containers

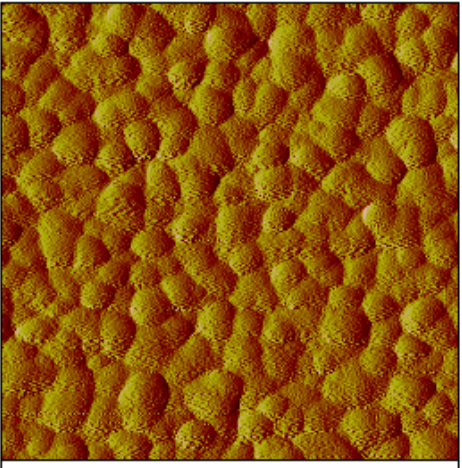
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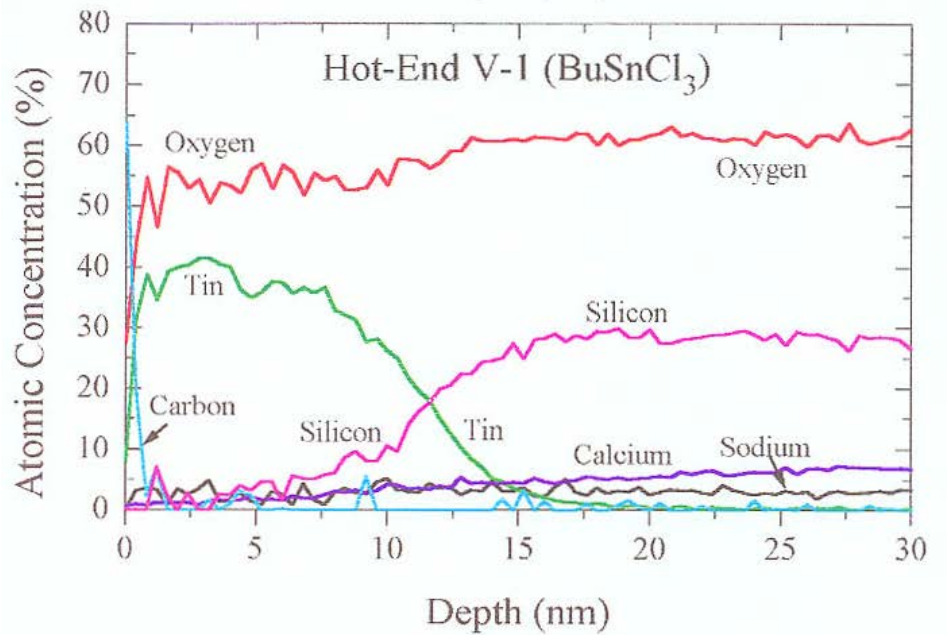
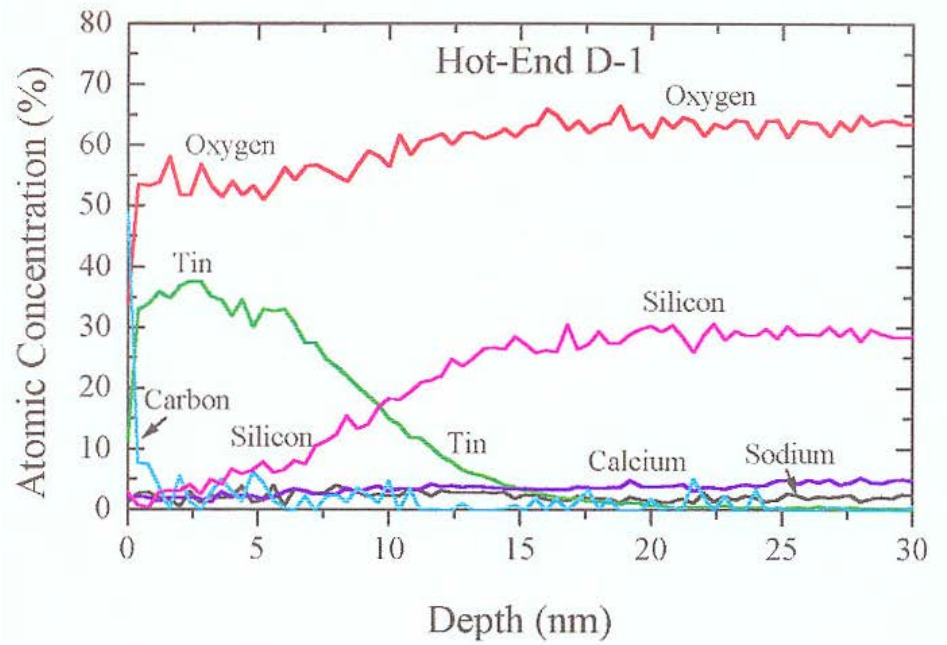
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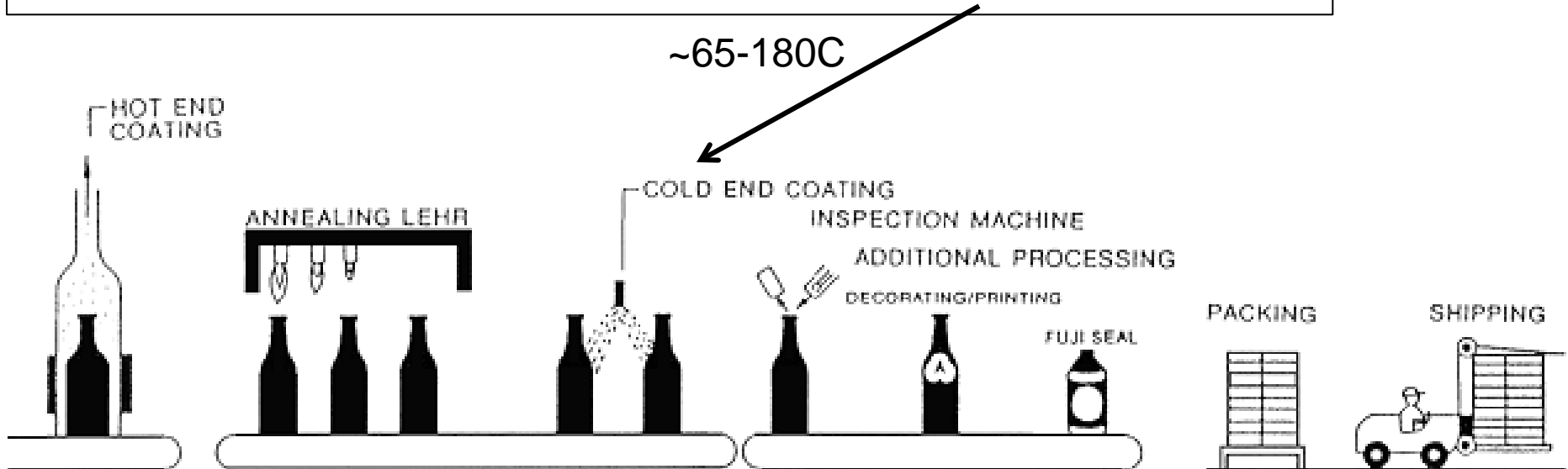
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Coatings for Glass Containers

COMMON Materials for Cold-End Coatings

- stearates, silicones, glycerides, **oleic acid**, **polyethylene emulsions**
- thickness $\sim 100 \text{ nm} \pm 50\%$
- $\sim 12.5 \text{ ug/cm}_2$



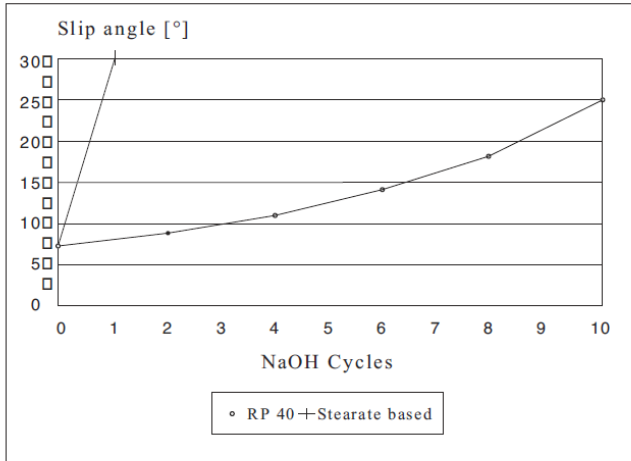


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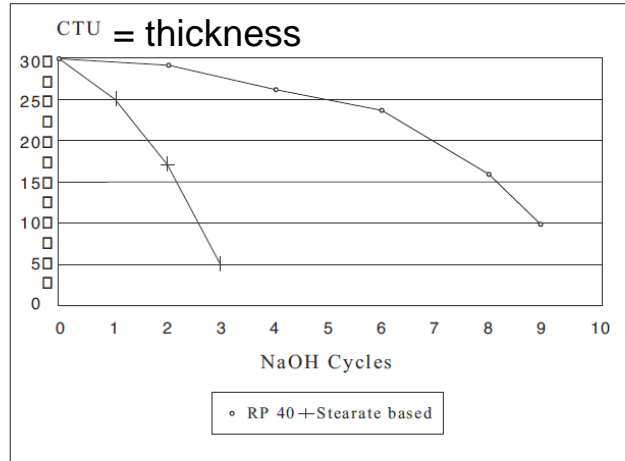


Figure 3. hot-end coating protection by cold-end coating.

~450-500N force

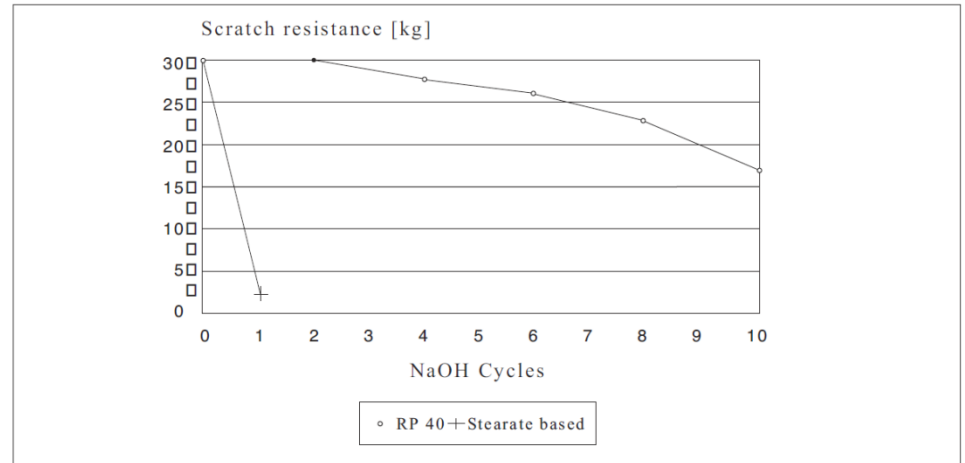


Figure 1. Scratch resistance comparison.

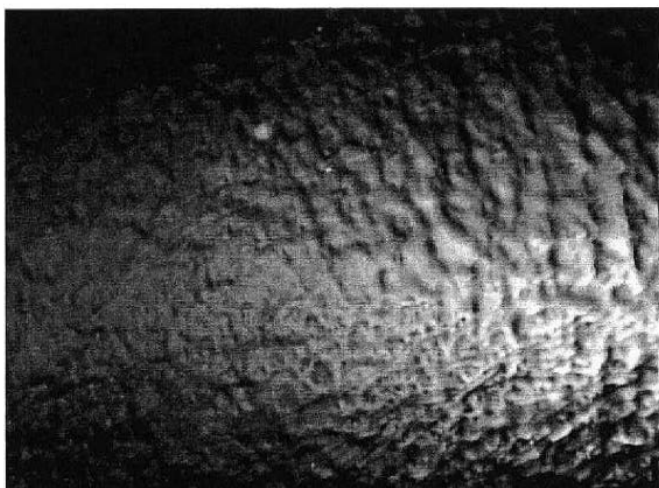


Figure 1. Optical micrograph (24×). Surface roughness of container glass

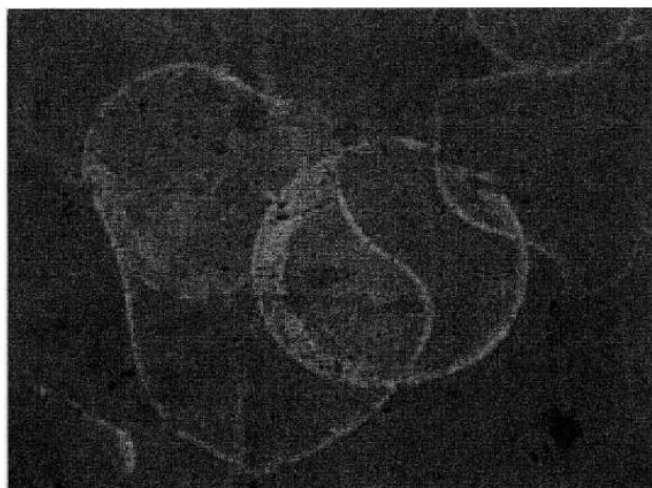


Figure 2. Optical micrograph (385×). Section of the surface of a container cold end coated with RP 40 LT showing roughly circular deposits

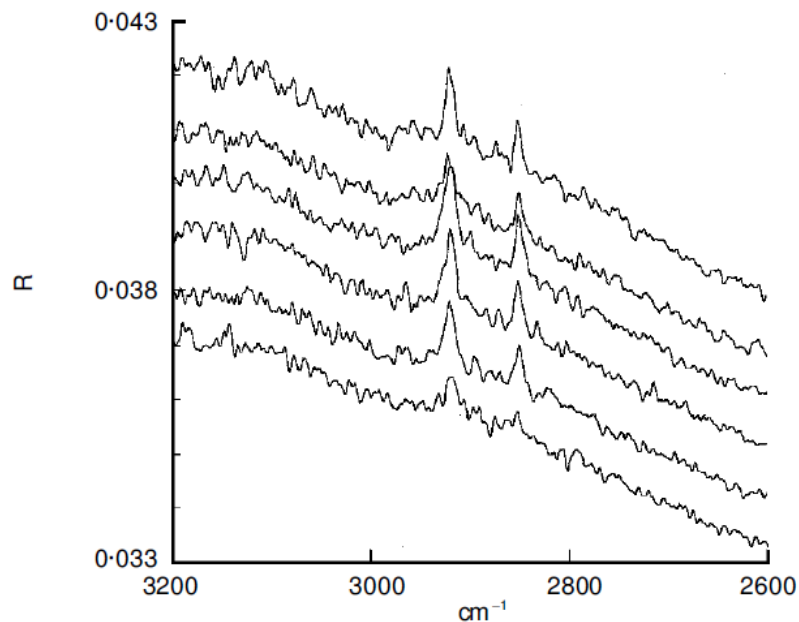


Figure 5. Micro infrared reflectance spectra obtained at regular 0.1 mm intervals, scanning a selected area of the sidewall of a liqueur bottle cold end coated with RP 40 LT. The microscope image of the scanned area features a ring shaped deposit similar to those shown in Figure 2. As the ring area is scanned (from top to bottom curve), the C–H band intensity (ranging between 0.0006 and 0.0016) goes through a maximum

High Speed Filling-Line Simulator

... subject container surfaces to abrasive contact



Pressure Tester
...puts the outside surface in tension.



Table 12
Strength of coated containers after abrasion

	Relative Bursting Pressure
Uncoated	1.0
Heavy hot end coating only	2.44
Cold end coating only	2.88
Heavy hot end and cold end coating	2.53
Medium hot end and cold end coating	3.00

Strength retention >>> NOT strengthening
.... light-weighting the container is an outcome.

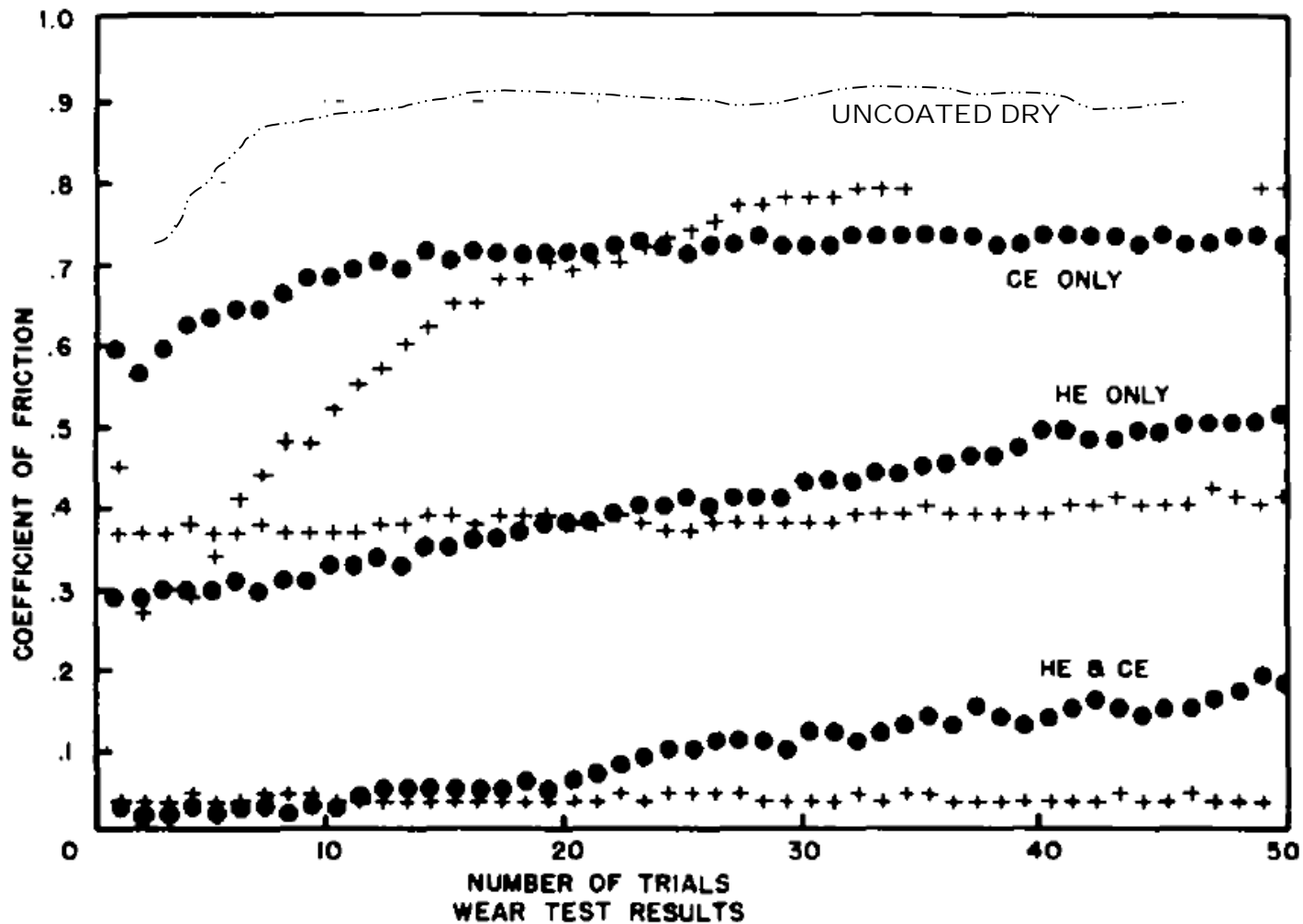


Fig. 6. Coefficient of friction wear data obtained on bottle friction analyzer: +, tested dry; ●, tested wet. The broken lines indicate the range of μ values for uncoated glass tested dry.

Damage resistance of dual-end coated glass containers

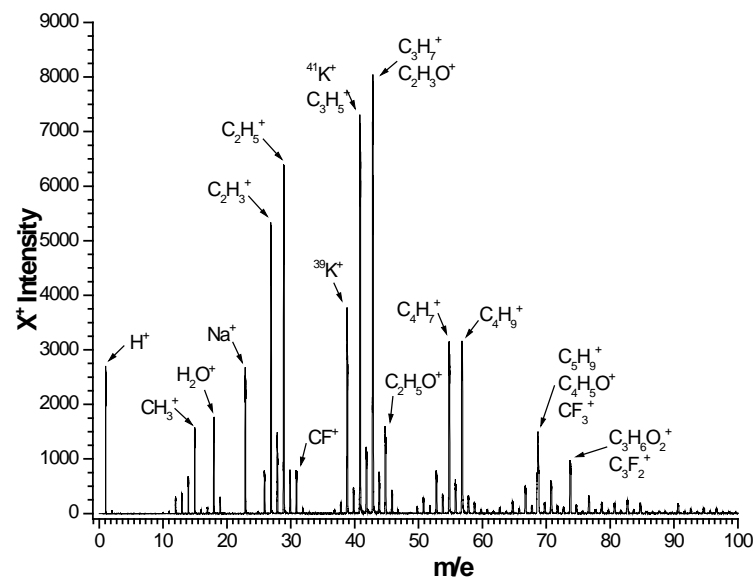
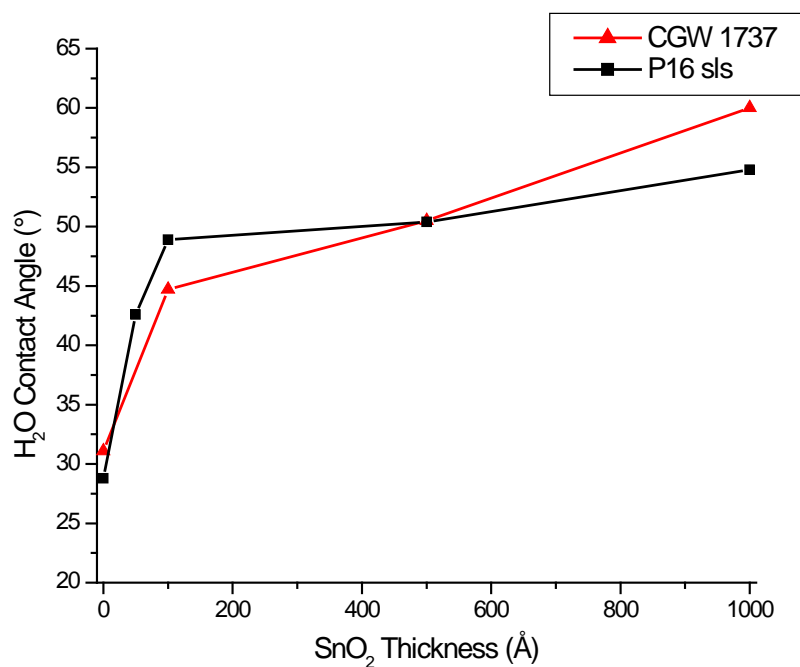
•Mechanical effects

- abrasion/sliding → friction = f (roughness, chemistry)
- contact/Hertzian → E_{film} vs $E_{\text{substrate}}$, thickness
- impact → E, H, thickness

•Chemical effects

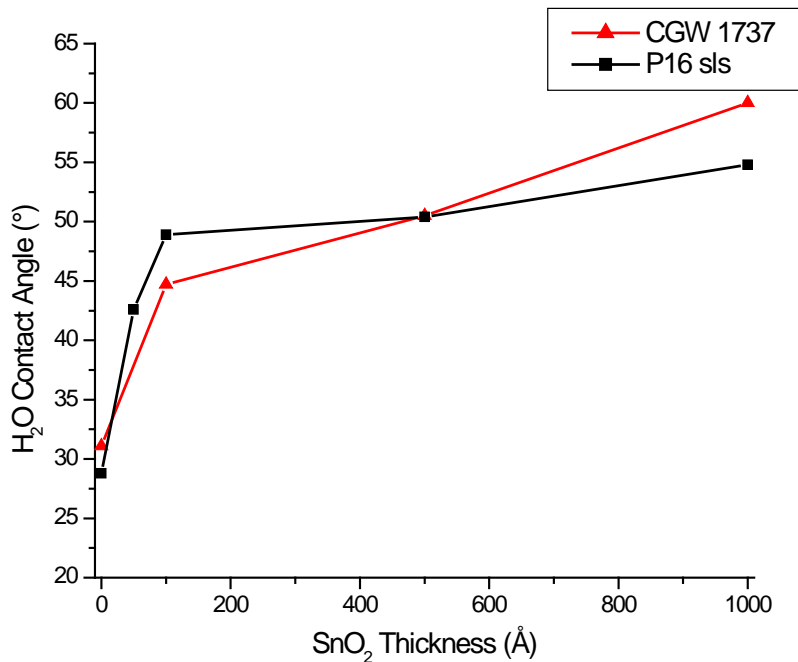
- tin oxide is an adhesion promoter for the CE-coating
- aqueous attack of the glass is reduced (diffusion barriers)
- Sn diffusion modifies the glass properties (Si-O-Sn) ?

H₂O Contact Angle vs SnO₂

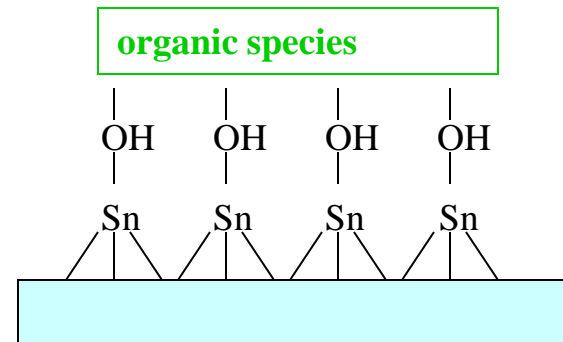


TOF-SIMS spectra shows corresponding hydrocarbon adsorption

H₂O Contact Angle vs SnO₂



..... suggests that the SnO₂ surface is more hydrophobic than the glass, and thereby provides strong adhesion of the organic (cold-end) coating.



WEAR RESISTANCE OF TIN-OXIDE ON GLASS

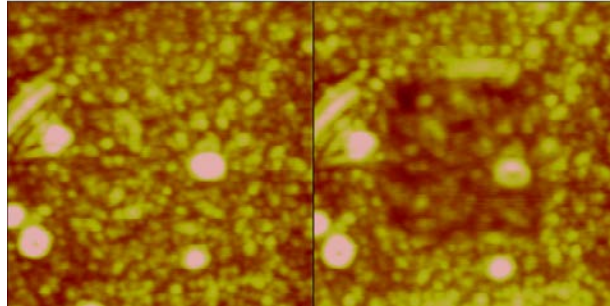


Figure 6. Wear test on SnO₂ films on P16 SLS before and after 2 passes at 20μN normal force

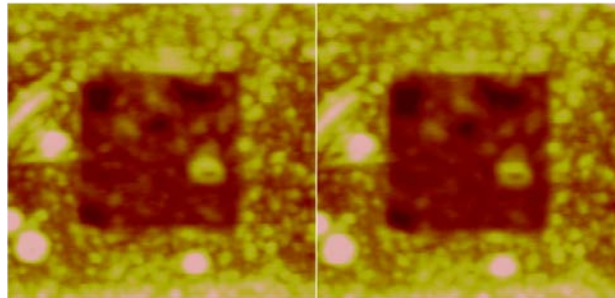
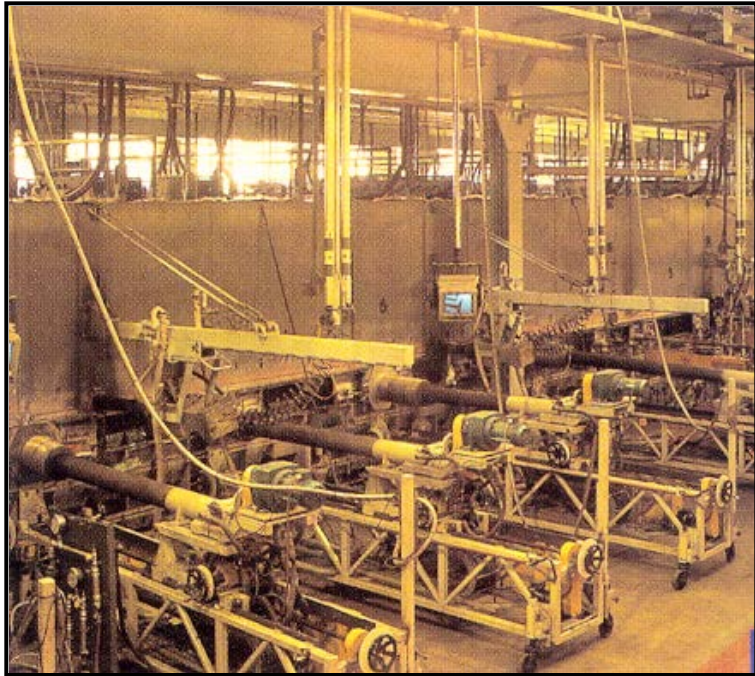
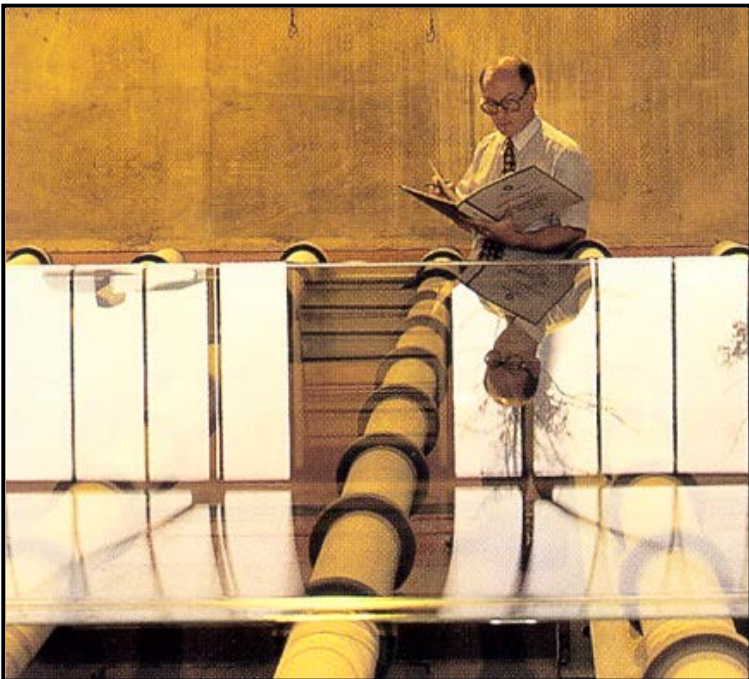
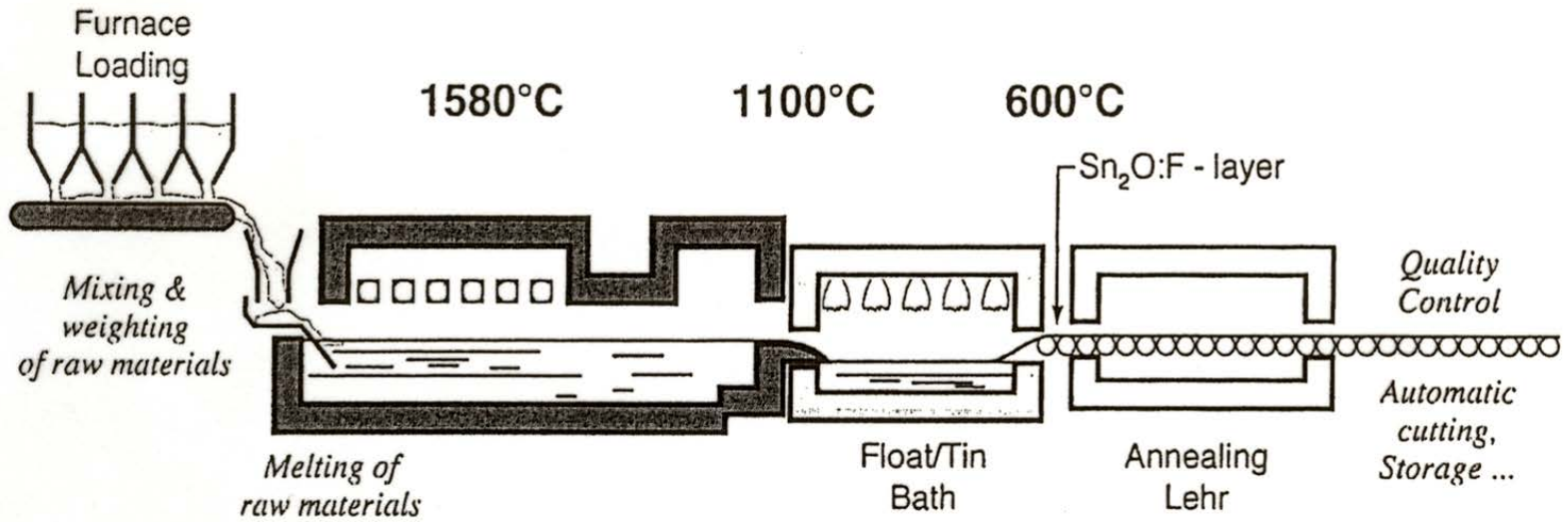


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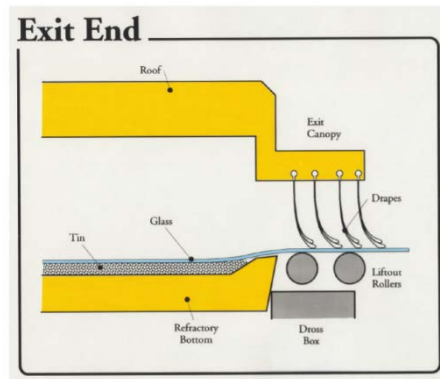


Float Glass

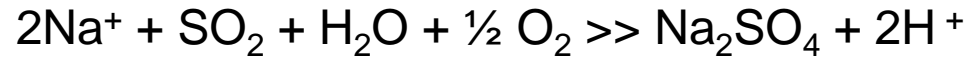




Ribbon Removal from Float Bath



'sulfur treatment for surface DEALKALIZATION'



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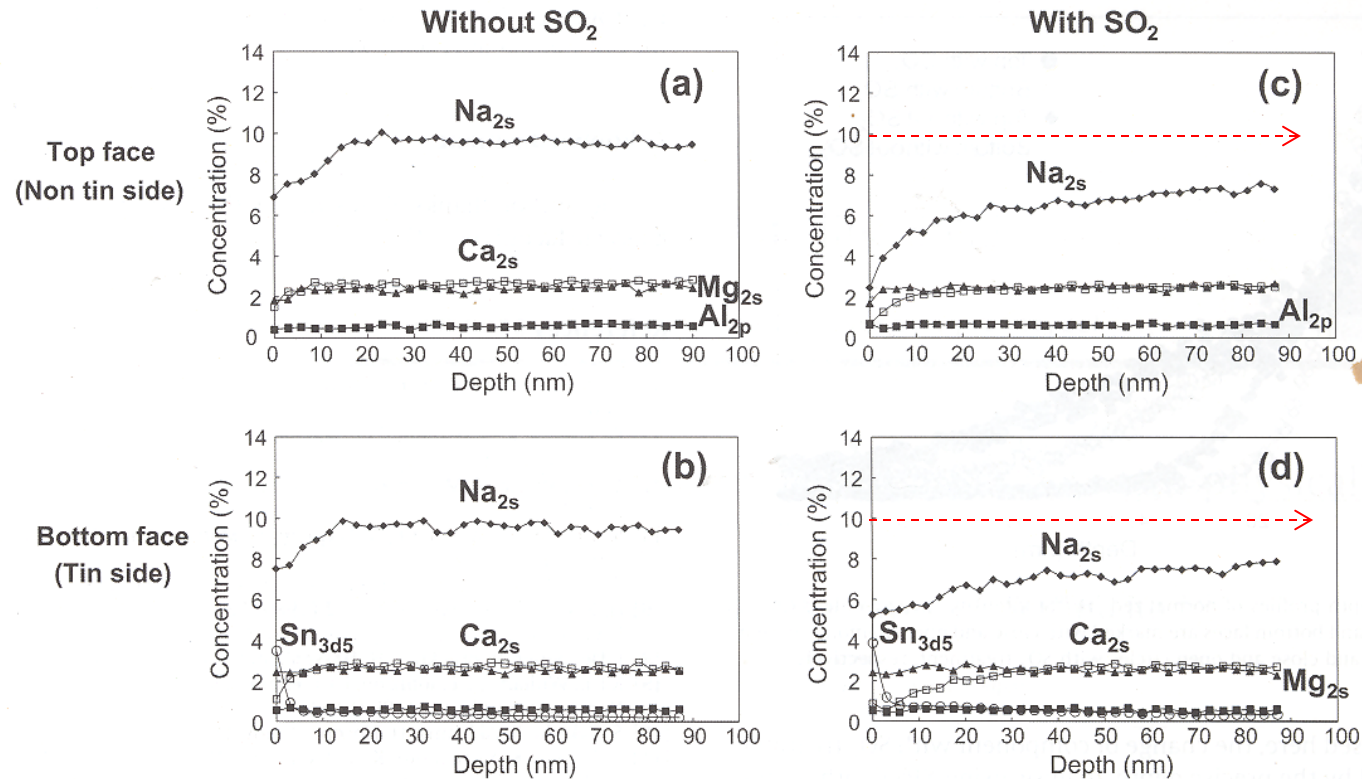


Fig. 2. XPS depth profiles using C₆₀ ion beam on (a, c) top and (b, d) bottom face on soda-lime-silica float glass (24.6Si, 0.6Al, 2.5 Mg, 2.7Ca, 9.5Na, 60.1O in mol%) (a, b) without and (c, d) with SO₂ treatment, respectively. The vertical scale is expanded for the comparison of mobile ions. The concentration of Na, Ca, Mg, Al, Sn are monitored with the signals of Na_{2s} (close diamonds), Ca_{2s} (open squares), Mg_{2s} (close triangles), Al_{2p} (close squares) and Sn_{3d5} (open circles). C_{1s} is eliminated from the calculation for the detailed comparison on the glass component.

Hydrogen in-depth profiles before and after SO₂ treatment

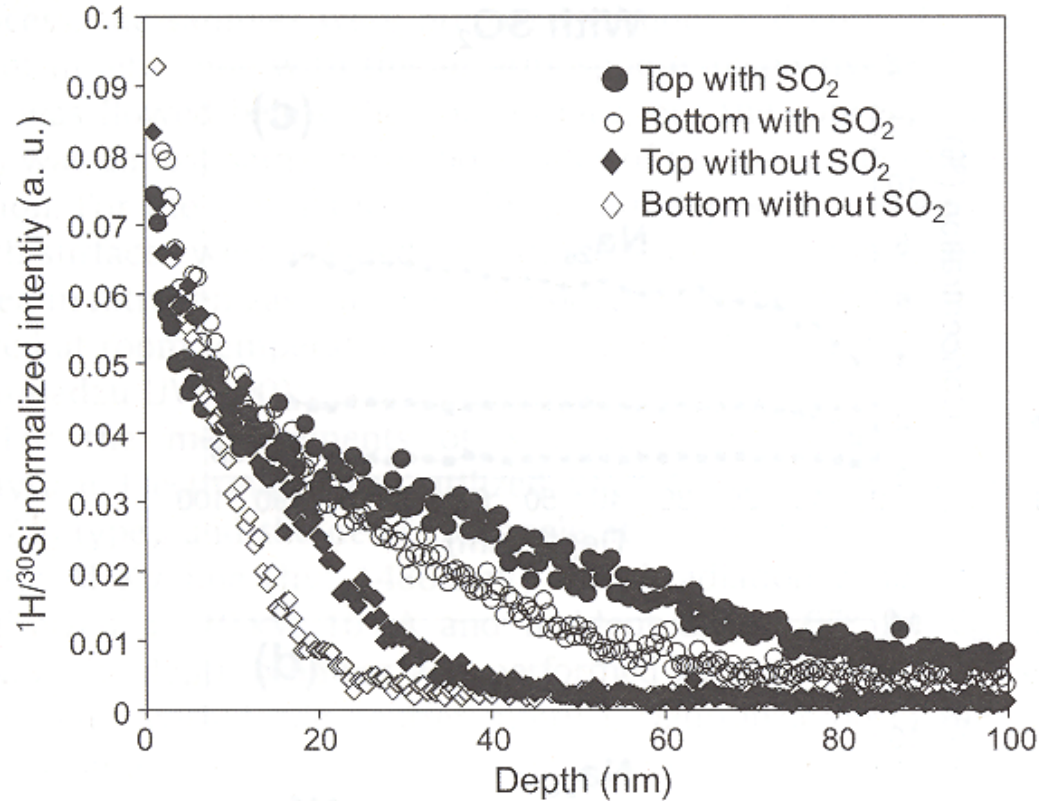
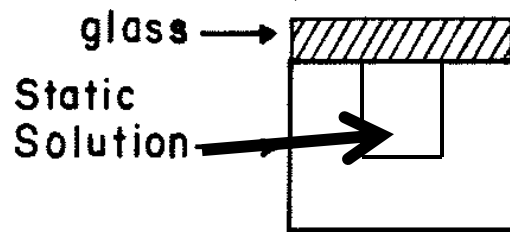
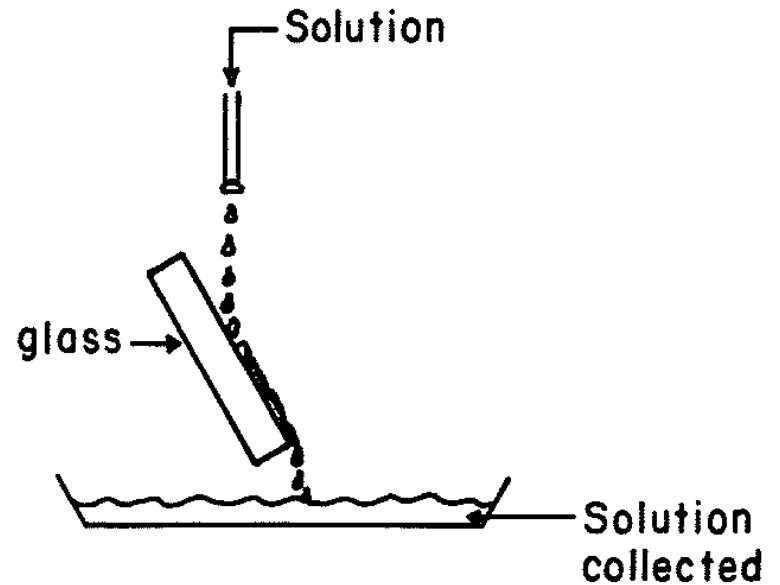


Fig. 4. SIMS depth profiles of normalized ¹H/³⁰Si intensity (negative detection) in float glass. Top and bottom faces are marked with close and open diamonds without SO₂ treatment, and close and open circles with SO₂ treatment, respectively.

Chemical Evaluation of Leachable Sodium



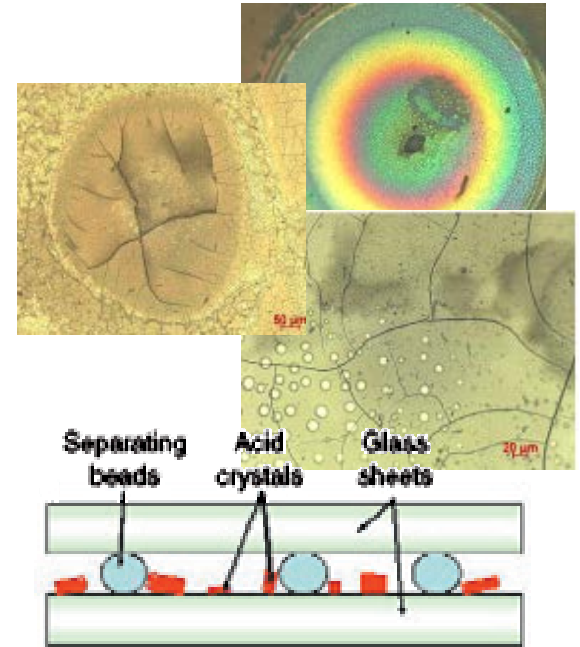
(c) Static corrosion of bulk glass



(d) Dynamic corrosion of bulk glass

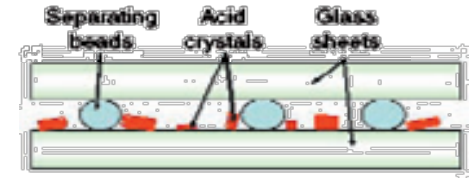
Acid Interleave Coatings

- Acid interleave coatings are widely used in float glass industry to separate sheets and protect from damage in transit & storage
 - *Physical damage*: glass-to-glass contact, trapped particulate
 - *Chemical damage*: corrosion, weathering, “stain”
- Applied to surfaces of fresh float glass after final inspection but before stacking
- Most common is a blend of powdered adipic acid and polymer beads; new products recently introduced

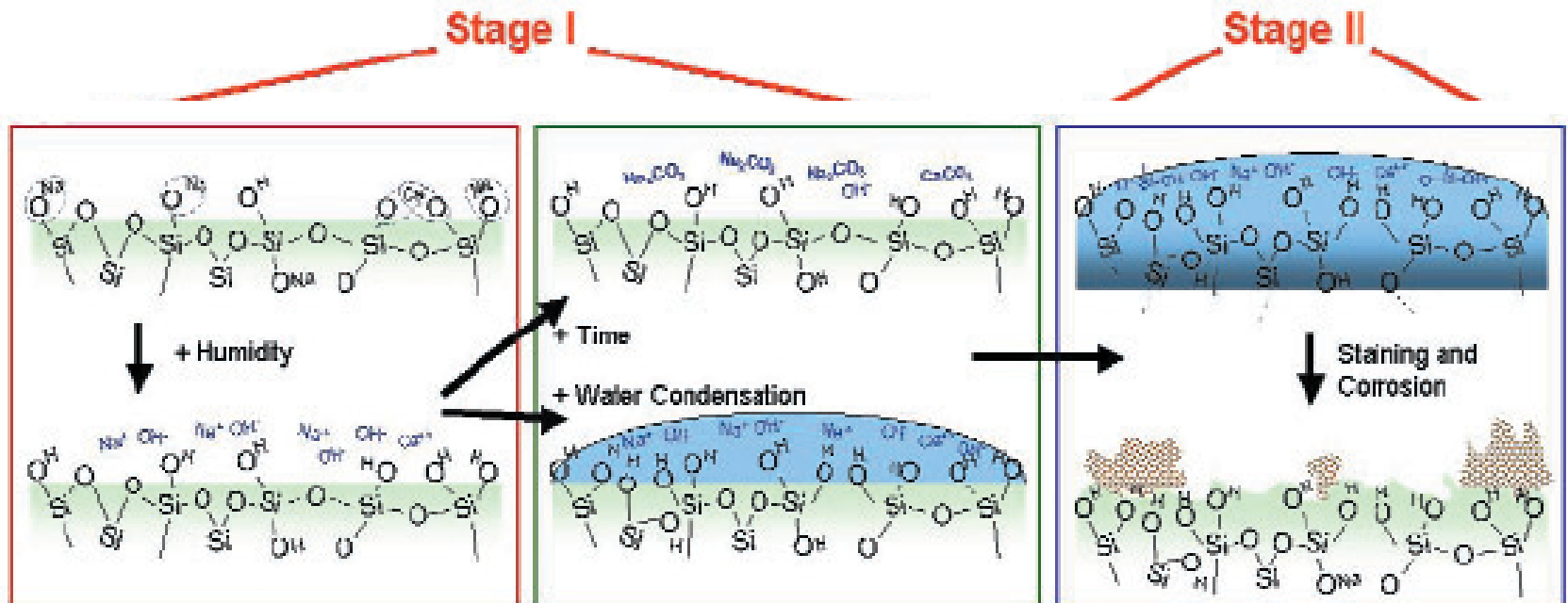


- ❖ New and emerging applications of glass require control of **glass surface properties at the nanoscale** for optical coating, display electronics and bio-substrates.

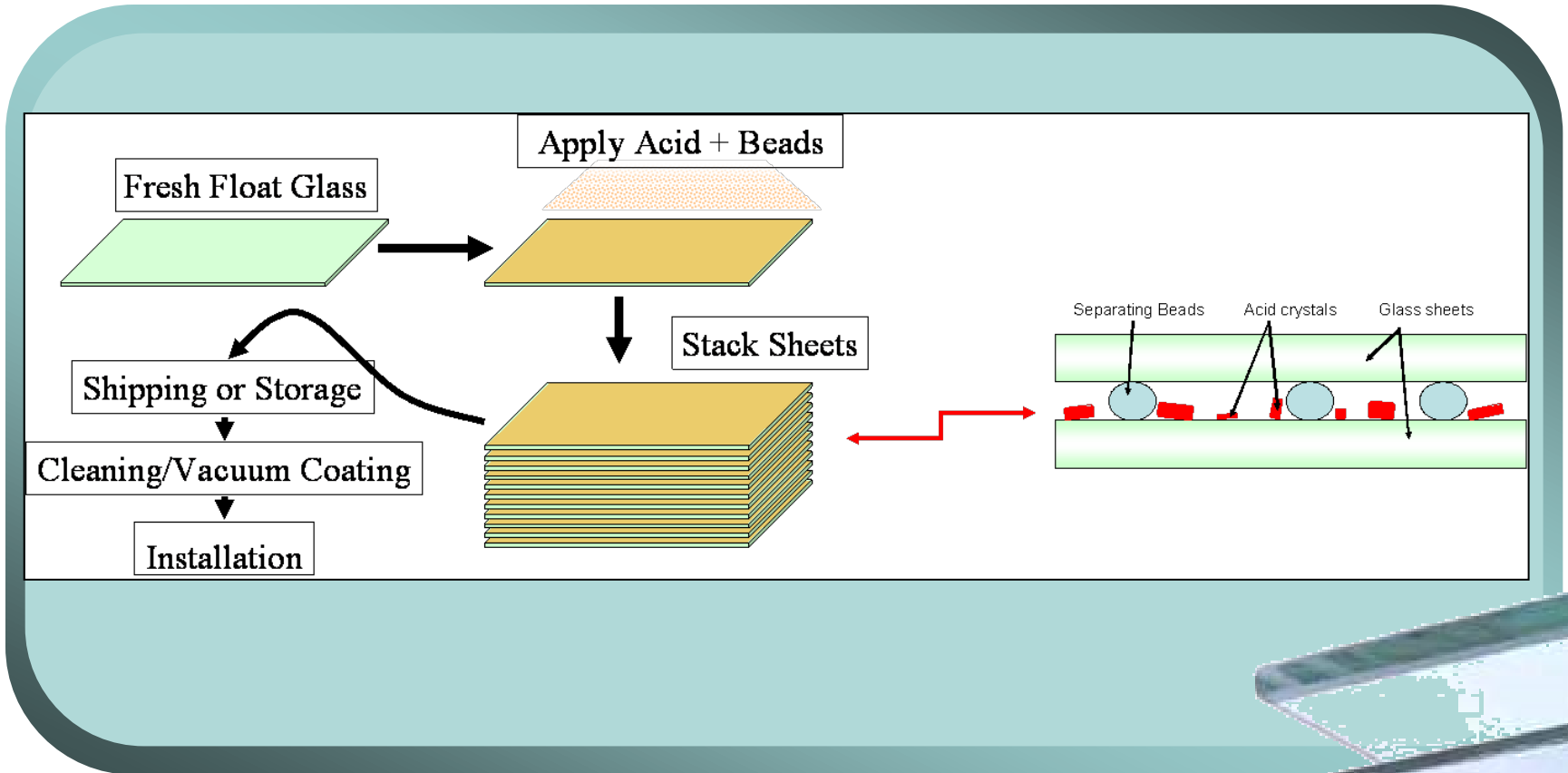
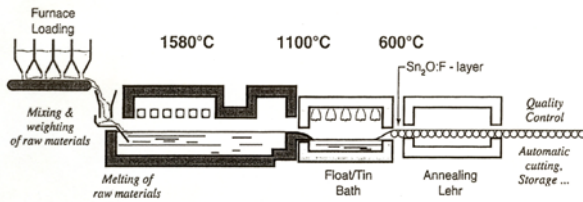
Weathering



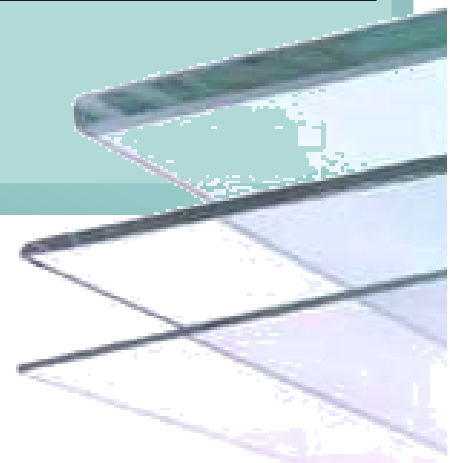
- glass corrosion often described by two primary stages:
 - “Stage I”: Ion-exchange (leaching) of mobile alkali with H^+/H_3O^+ , forming SiO_2 -rich layer (with potential for static pH rise)
 - “Stage II”: Dissolution of silica network at $pH > 9$ with degradation of surface, formation of insoluble precipitates



Application Process



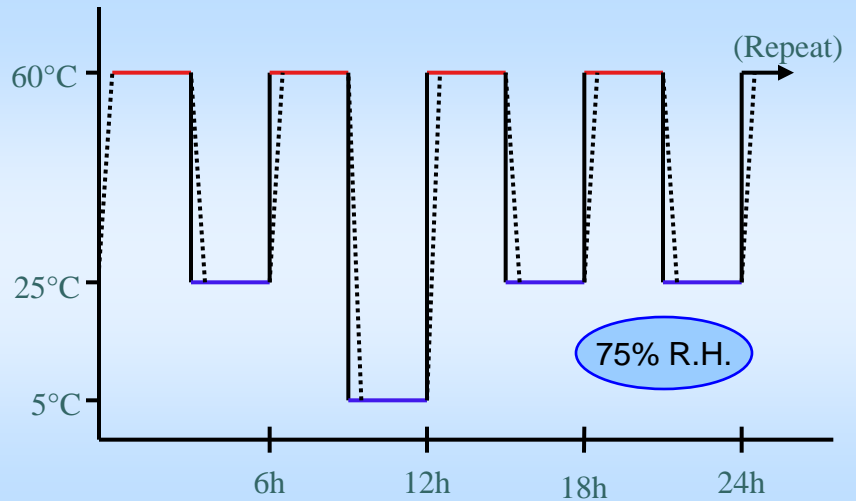
- PMMA beads
- typically, 200 mg/m² of acid powder



Testing and Evaluation -Laboratory and Field-

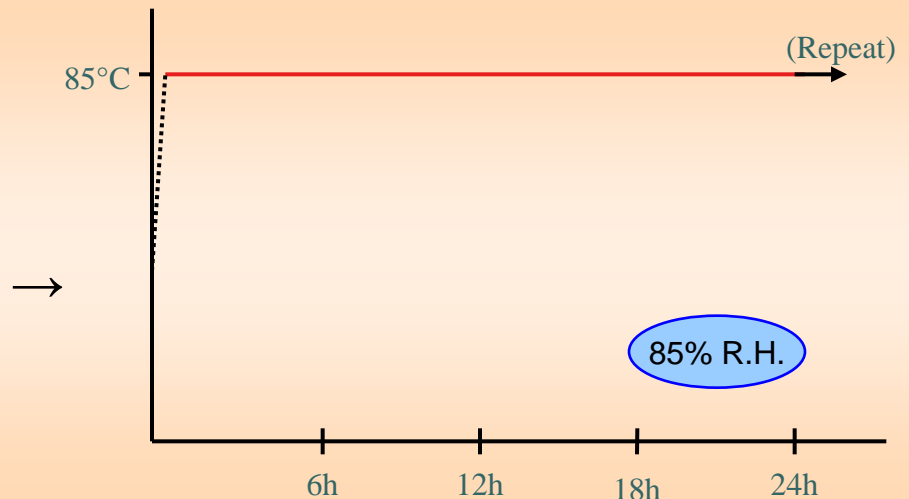
CYCLIC weathering conditions:

- 60°C/25°C/5°C cycles
 - 75% R.H. constant
 - 0, 4, 12, 30, 60, 90 day samples
- ❖ Based on conditions experienced during overseas transport
- ❖ Visible periods of condensation

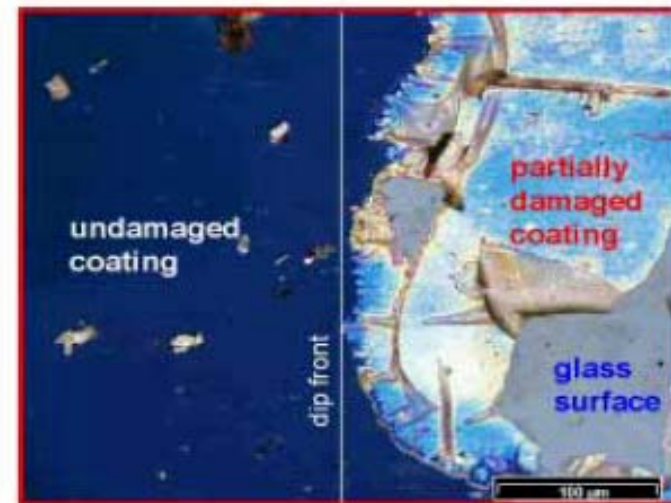
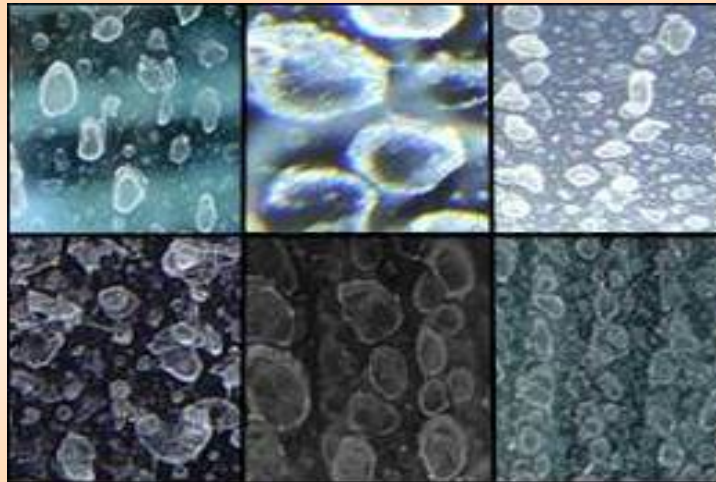
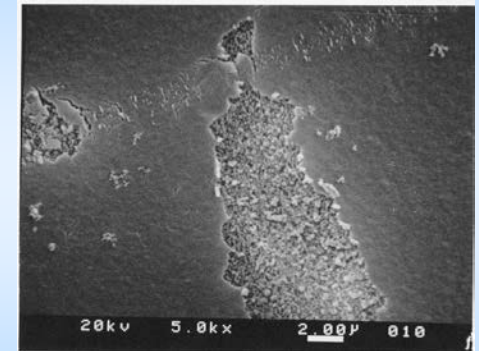
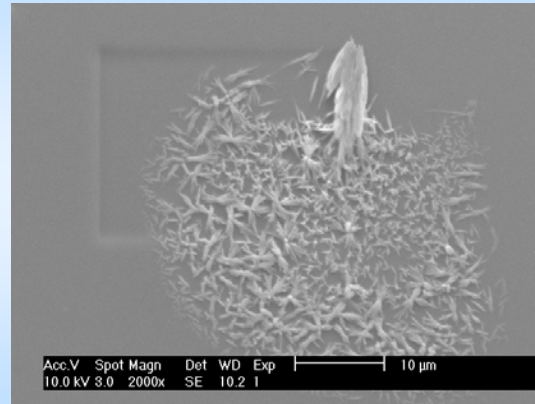
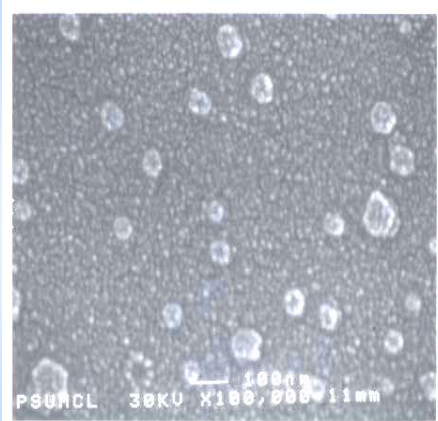


STATIC weathering conditions:

- Constant 85°C, 85% R.H.
 - 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 day samples
- ❖ Higher T, humidity more aggressive
- ❖ Condensation-runoff unlikely

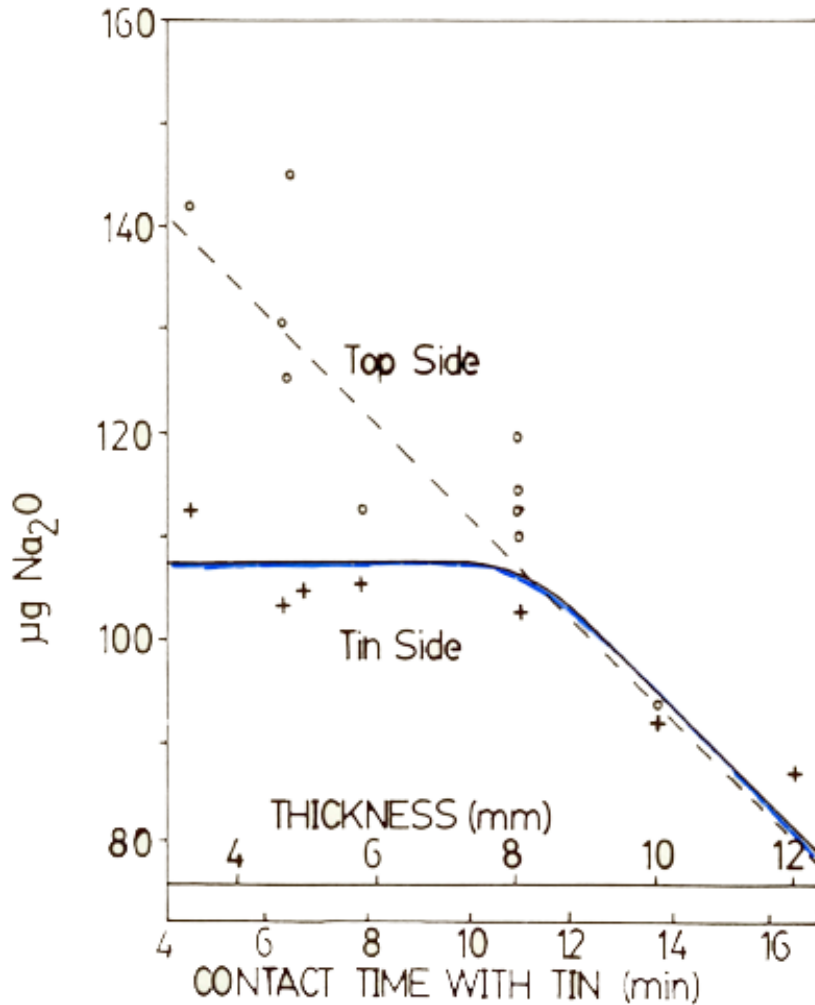


Testing and Evaluation – visual

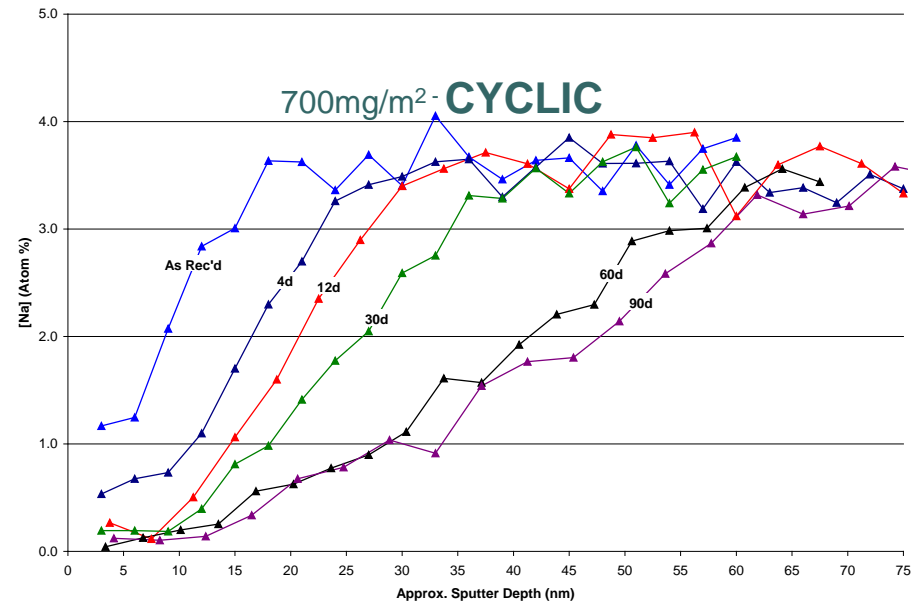


Commercial Float Glass

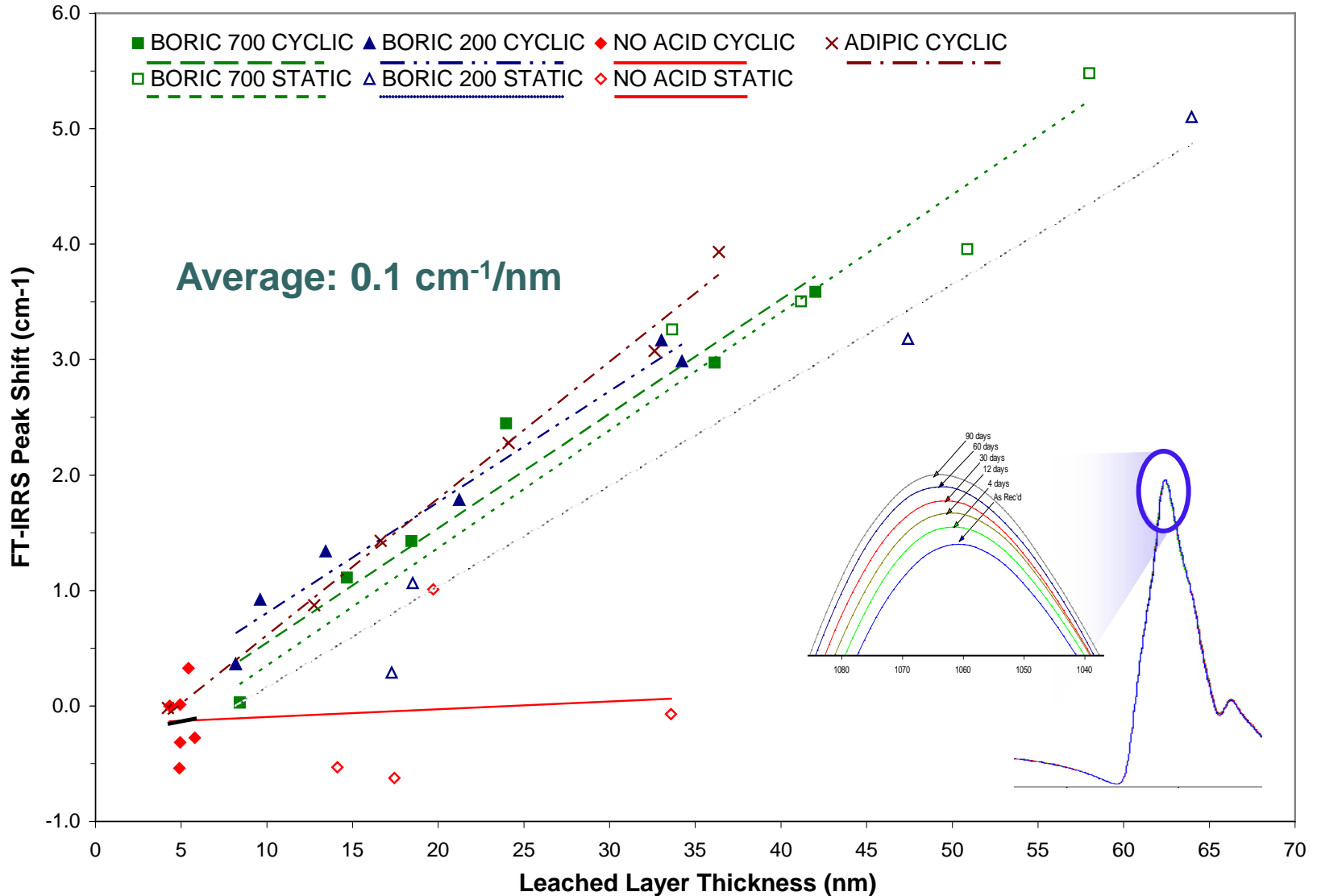
Leached for one hour at 96°C into 30mL of DI – H₂O



Coating coverage required can depend on the product and its application.

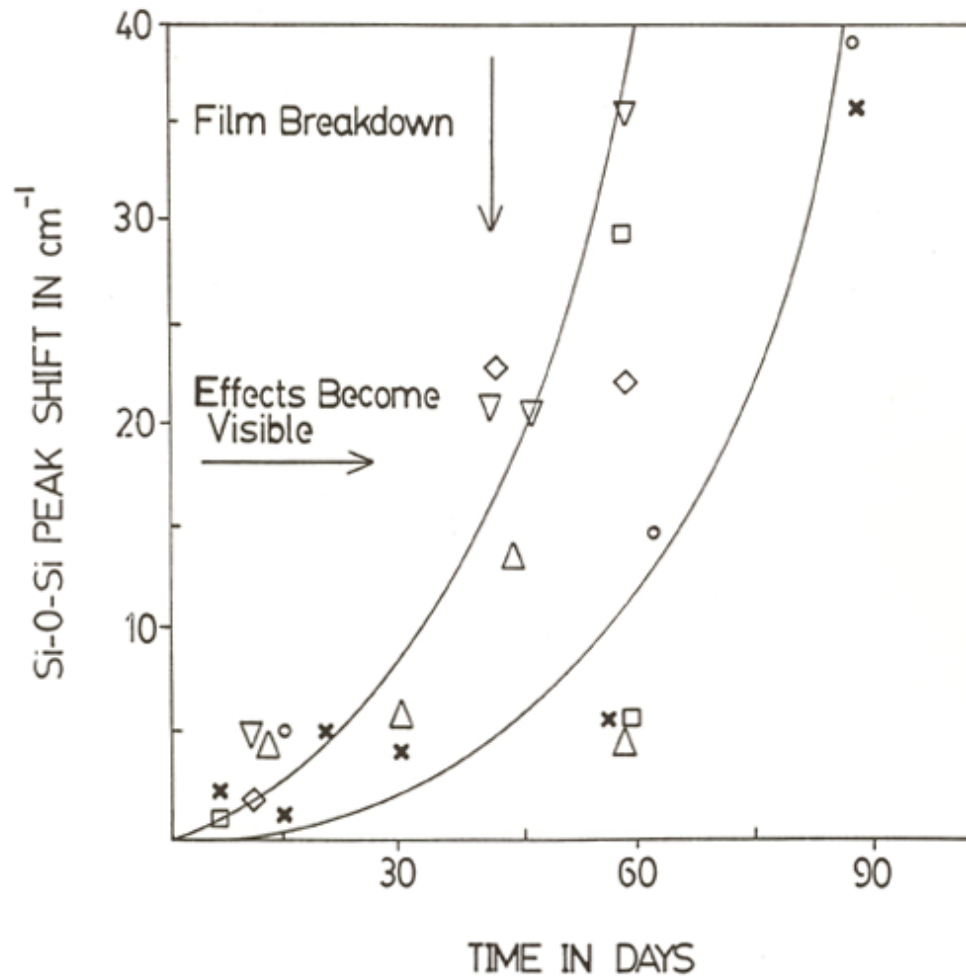


FT-IRRS of Treated Surfaces



Commercial Float Glass

Exposed to 98% RH at 60°C – Top Side

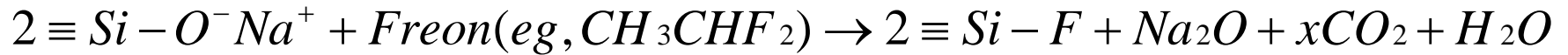




SUMMARY

- SO₂ and fluorine treatment for the internal surface of glass containers is widely practiced; but it costs the customer extra.
- The visible effects of the 'SO₂ treatment' (ie, before washing off the Na-sulfate crystals can be a plus.
- New drugs are creating renewed interest in SO₂ treatments because some drugs can attack the glass.
- The non-uniformity of the SO₂ dealcalization, especially for float glass, is a factor for some applications.
- The inherent non-uniformity of 'acid interleave coatings' is also a factor for some applications.
- Dual-end coatings on glass containers (ie, hot-end and cold-end) are also widely applied; most products require at least the cold-end coating.

Fluorocarbon Surface Treatment



(US Patent 3,314,772)

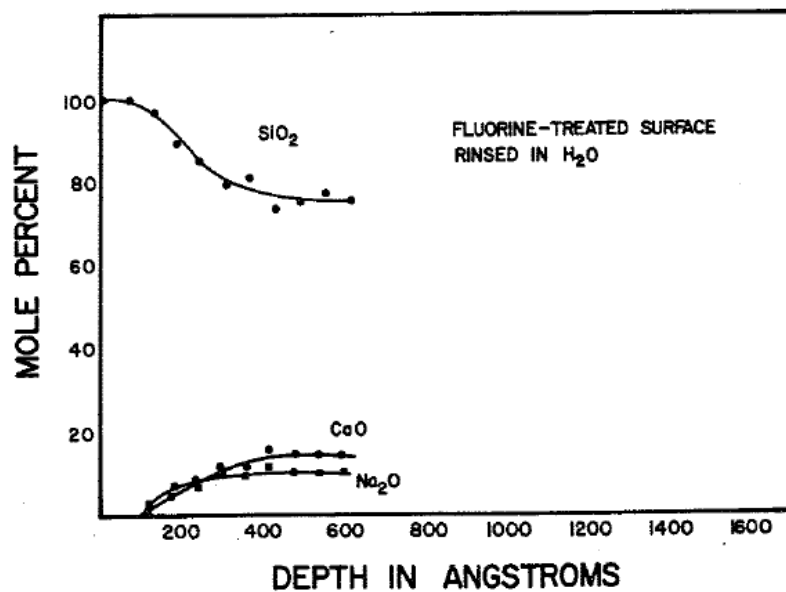


Figure 76. Depth compositional profile for a fluorine-treated surface after rinsing in water

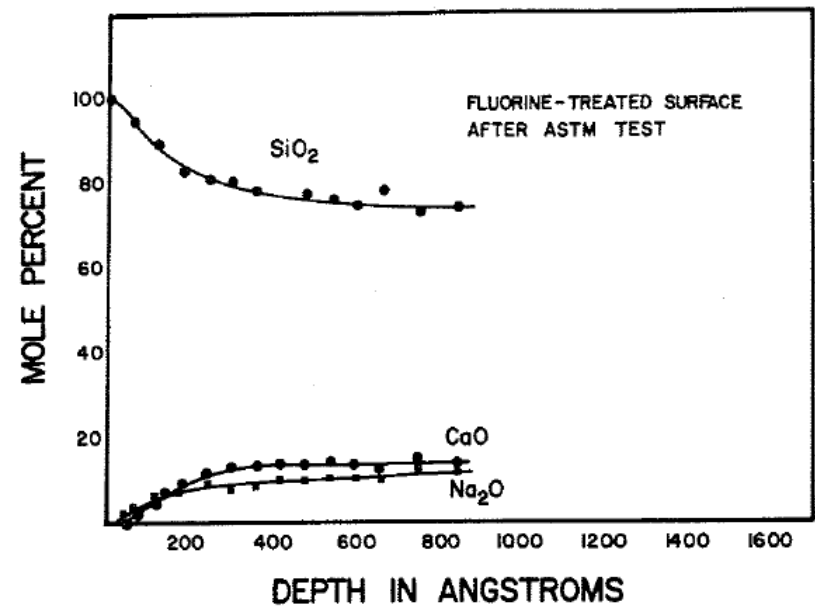


Figure 77. Depth compositional profile for a fluorine-treated surface after the ASTM durability test

High temperature fluorocarbon treatments of glass containers

TABLE I

	$S_o \frac{MN}{(M^2)}$	C	n
internal surface untreated	307	.13	17
internal surface treated	440	.06	35

S_o = instantaneous failure stress

C and n = stress corrosion factors

Glass Surfaces, Coatings and Interfaces

A substrate for biomolecules and cell growth

A substrate for electronics... including flexible electronics



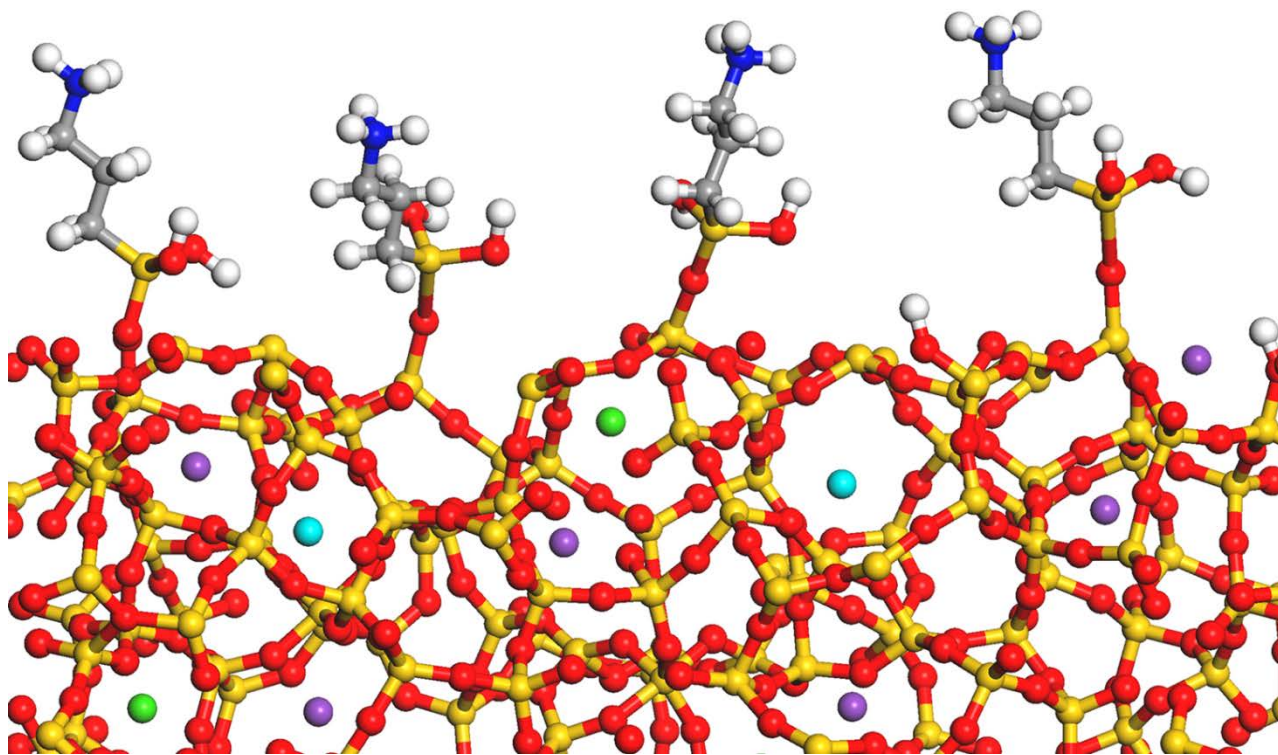
A substrate for optical coatings...low-E, reflective and anti-reflective

Strength determining

Integrated and Interfaced with other materials

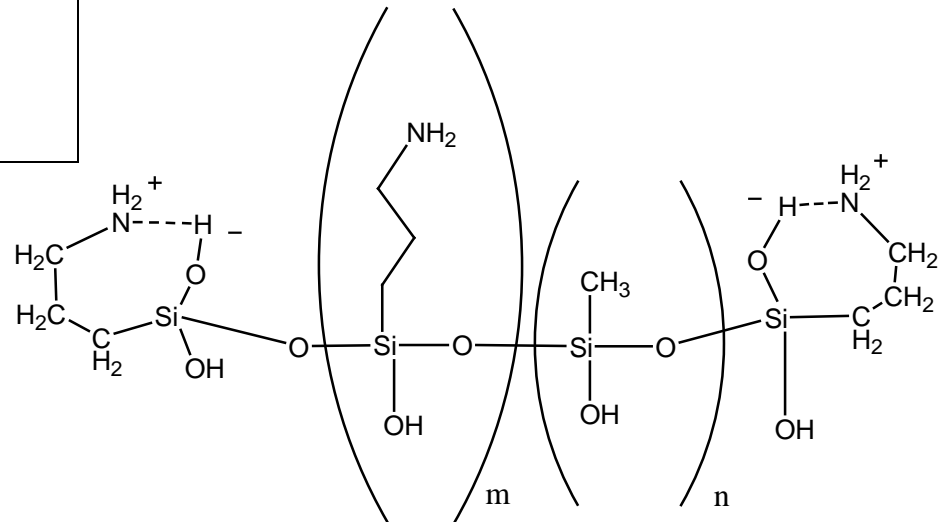
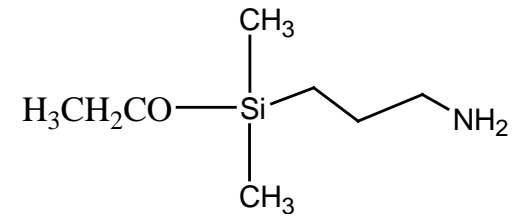
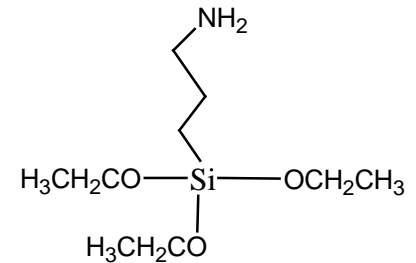
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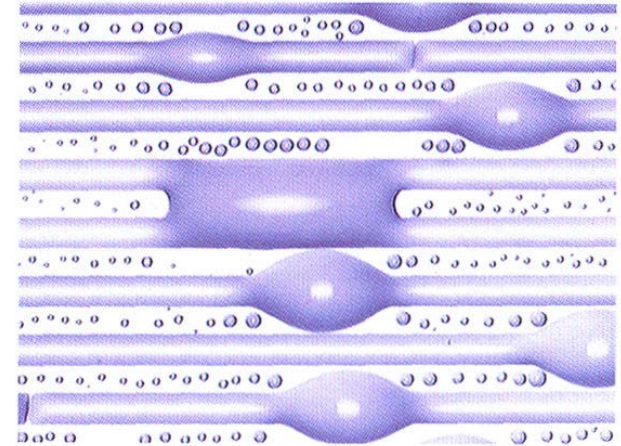
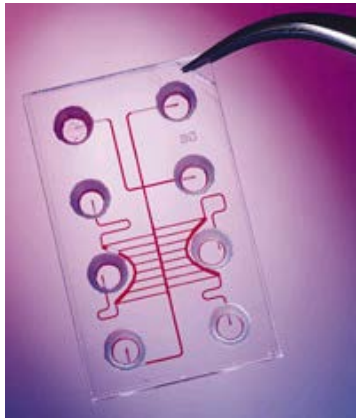
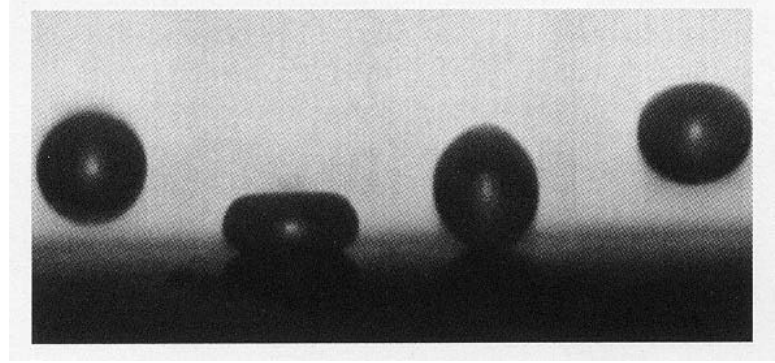
Silanes

- γ -aminopropyltriethoxysilane
- 3-aminopropyldimethylethoxysilane
- Aminoalkylsilsesquioxane



organic polymer coatings

- hydrophobic/hydrophilic
- patternable for microfluidics
- anti-bacterial/anti-fouling
- substrates for biotechnology (ELISA, super-aldehyde, GAPS, etc.)
- molecular electronics (OLEDs, conductors, transistors)
- fiberglass sizing/ coupling layers
- 'precursors for inorganic coating



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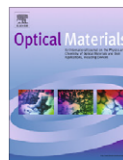
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