

## **Accelerated Testing of Roofing Materials, Outline I**

Strategy: summarize industry knowledge for new hires

Intro – Accelerated testing is most useful when actual weathering processes are understood

Artificial exposure to UV, moisture, and cyclic heating; equipment used

Cite literature information on

Synthetic polymer coatings

- for metal roofing
- for roof membranes
- for clay tile
- for concrete tile

Asphalts

- asphalt shingles
- asphalt roof coatings
- built up roofing

Roofing granules

Inorganic pigments

- oxides
- chalcogenides

Organic pigments

Case study I: Ferro/BASF data on complex inorganic pigments in PVDF coatings

Further case studies . . .

## **Weathering of Roofing Materials, Outline II**

### **1. Introduction: list of main weathering stresses:**

UV

Heat

Thermal shock

Temperature cycling

Moisture

Freeze thaw cycles

Wind

Chemicals: SO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub>, soil

Biological growth

### **2. UV damage**

Photo-oxidation of polymers. Dependence on UV, moisture, temperature, oxygen diffusion

Photo-oxidation of asphalt

Photo-oxidation of organic pigments

### **3. Some Corrosion Chemistry**

How metal roofing is protected

Thermal oxidation of asphalt

Chemical aging of concrete

Efflorescence

### **4. Mechanical stresses**

Wind forces

Differential thermal expansion

Flexible materials less likely to crack

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