

MATERIAL SCREENING SERVICE LIFE SOLUTIONS OUTDOOR WEATHERING TESTING

Ultra- Accelerated Weathering II: Considerations for Accelerated Data Based Weathering Service Life Predictions

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ACCELERATING YOUR EXPERTISE







A New Approach to Characterizing Reciprocity, Hardcastle

(Presented at 3rd International Symposium on Service Life Prediction, National Institute for Standards and Technology, February 1-6, 2004, Sedona, Arizona)







308 MJ/m^2 295-385nm

2004 Sedona SLP Symposium



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- In That Paper We Described:
- Had to Invent the Apparatus to Test:

PS, 4 Intensities, Base Temperature



2004 Sedona SLP Symposium



- At that time NIST, Atlas and NREL were proposing very high UV irradiance exposures
- The last slide I showed a hypothesis to test: Had to develop more apparatus



PS, 4 Intensities, Base Temperature Extrapolated to about 100X (10*10)

EOL in MJ/M^2 UV





A Characterization of the Relationship Between Light Intensity and Degradation Rate for Weathering Durability, Hardcastle (Presented at 2nd European Weathering Symposium EWS, Confederation of European Environmental Engineering Societies, June 16 and 17, 2005)

950 Predictive Model With 3 Intermittent Terms Ln (Life Estimate in KJ/m^2 at 340nm) = $-4.655 + 3704(1/BPT \circ K) + 0.843$ (UV in W/m² at 340nm) +0.002(RH%) 750 Time Temperature UV Light Intensity Moisture Contribution 21.574 0 98.1915 6:00 а 6:30 21.425 98.515 b 0 21.816 7:00 0 98.7785 С 7:30 22.135 0.00012 98.5315 d 8:00 22.528 0.001355 97.6765 е 8:30 23.026 0.003765 97.353 f 550 **Total Degradation** 9:00 26.884 0.0229 94.377 g 06:00 to 12:30 = 9:30 28.903 0.028795 90.502 h 10:00 21.18 0.03157 87.3715 Sum (a through n) 10:30 25.255 0.040735 85.947 25.5415 0.046265

k

1

m

n

83.278

78.535

76.21

81.2

0.051115

0.04712

0.05621

11:00

11:30

12:00

12:30

31.692

30.569

33.651



NIST SLP Symposium Key Largo



A New Approach to Characterizing Weathering Reciprocity in Xenon Arc Weathering Devices, Scott, Hardcastle

(Presented at The 4th International Symposium on Service Life Prediction, National Institute for Standards and Technology, December 3-8, 2006, Key Largo, FL)



Reciprocity Function of Polycarbonate in Xenon Arc

(failure defined as Delta b* of 2)







- Background for UAWS
- UA Weathering Definition



$$\alpha Q = 2h_{conv} [T_{samp} - T_{amb}] - \varepsilon \sigma [T_{sky}^4 - T_{samp}^4] - \varepsilon \sigma [T_{back}^4 - T_{samp}^4]$$

$$h_{cond} = k(\Delta T/\Delta x)$$

 $Q = 1000 \text{ W/m}^2(\text{X}) \text{ vs. } Q = 201 \text{W/m}^2(\text{X})$



MEASUREMENT & CALIBRATION TECHNOLOGIES





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NREL/Jorgensen



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A New Class of Weathering Methodology



- 1. "Real Time" or "Un-accelerated"
- 2. Moderately Accelerated
- 3. Ultra-Accelerated

Ultra-Accelerated (UA)

- The trick is <u>not</u> that we can expose the specimens to ultra high irradiance...anyone can do that! Inverse Square Law Artificial Methods, High Intensity Artificial Light Sources, Natural Solar Concentrators
- <u>The trick is that we can expose specimens;</u>
 - 1)Under ultra high irradiance
 - 2)With ultra high fidelity to natural sunlight SPD
 - 3) Without the specimens melting or burning (thermal oxidation).



EWS Budapest



Ultra-Accelerated Weathering System I: Design and Functional Considerations, Hardcastle, Jorgensen, Bingham

(Presented at the 4th European Weathering Symposium, September 2009, Budapest, Hungary, Gesellschaft für Umweltsimulation, CEEES)



Fig. 7. Absolute reflectance plot for the facets Nos. 8/1 - 8/4.



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- ORWET SRM
- Polystyrene SRM

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Comparison of FL, AZ, EMMA and UA Exposures of ORWHET By Days

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Comparison of FL, AZ, EMMA and UA Exposures of ORWET BY UV Radiant Exposure

Testing The Sedona Hypothesis

• Additional testing along the graph line shown at Sedona

EOL in MJ/M^2 UV

PS, 4 Intensities, Base Temperature Extrapolated to about 100X (10*10)

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Comparison of FL, AZ, EMMA and UA Exposures of Polystyrene By Days

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Comparison of FL, AZ, EMMA and UA Exposures of Polystyrene By UV Radiant Exposure

Implications

- Take Home Implications for SLP:
- Still very accelerated
- Very significant implications for accelerated SLP
- Timing of exposures based on MJ UV may not be a valid assumption
- Assumption of equivalence of effect of different intensities of UV may be erroneous for some materials
- So testing results at one intensity to a specific radiant exposure may differ significantly from testing results at a different intensity
- 308 MJ TUVR at 0.35 W/m² may yield different results than 308 MJ TUVR at 0.55 W/m²

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Comparison of FL, AZ, EMMA and UA Exposures of Polystyrene By UV Radiant Exposure

Testing The Sedona Hypothesis: Part II

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Ultra-Accelerated EMMA

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INTRODUCTION TO NEW DEVICE

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TECHNOLOGIES

• Existing EMMA

- Equatorial Mount with Mirrors for Acceleration
- ASTM G90

Temperature Constraint: Black Panel Temperature

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- Energy Balance and EB prediction for EMMA
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Ultra-Accelerated EMMA (UA EMMA)

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- New Device Description
- Triple Constraints
- Parabolic Trough in
- 3 Dimensions
- Flat Mirrors

Fig. 7. Absolute reflectance plot for the facets Nos. 8/1 - 8/4.

Ultra-Accelerated EMMA

-UA BA

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UA EMMA PS EXPOSURES

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- February 2013
- Same Days, Side-by-Side
- 8 Mirrors on Standard EMMA
- 20 Facets on UA EMMA
- PS Exposure Temperature on UA EMMA Biased Higher by Approximately 5 Degrees C

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Comparison of Standard EMMA and UA EMMA By UV Radiant Exposure

Take Home Implications II

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Low v. High Intensity

- Diurnal Cycle
- Steady State Lab Methods

Take Home Implications II

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- Graph of Diurnal Cycle
- Intensity variation during day
- Intensity variation during clouds

Comparison of Xenocal and DSET WX Station - 5° So. Irradiance Solstice 2006

Hypothesis for Next time

- Exposure to edited cycle parts
- Exact duplication of cycles measured outdoors
- Proper understanding and applications of stressor intensity may be critical for SLP for some materials
- Material dependency
- Skeletons along the SLP path

Testing The Sedona Hypothesis: Part III

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