DEVELOPMENT OF COOL COLORED ROOFING MATERIALS

Project Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting
A Collaborative R&D Between Industry

LBNL and ORNL

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(Project Manager: Chris Scruton)

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Project Goals

• Bring cool colored roofing materials to market
• Measure and document laboratory and *in-situ* performances of roofing products
• Accelerate market penetration of cool metal, clay & concrete tile, wood shake, and shingle products
• Measure and document improvements in the durability of roofing expected to arise from lower operating temperatures
Project Advisory Committee (PAC) Members

1. Asphalt Roofing Manufacturers Association
2. Bay Area Air Quality Management District
3. California Institute for Energy Efficiency
4. Cedar Shake and Shingle Bureau
5. Cool Roof Rating Council
6. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
7. EPA San Francisco Office
8. Mike Evans Construction (replacing Habitat for Humanity)
9. National Roofing Contractors Association
10. Roof Tile Institute
11. DuPont Titanium Technologies
12. Cool Metal Roofing Coalition
Industrial Partners

- 3M
- American Roof Tile Coating
- BASF
- Custom-Bilt Metals
- Elk Manufacturing
- Ferro
- GAF
- Hanson Roof Tile
- ISP Minerals
- MCA Tile
- Monier Lifetile
- Shepherd Color Company
- Certainteed
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Technical Tasks

• 2.4 Development of cool colored coatings
• 2.5 Development of prototype cool-colored roofing materials
• 2.6 Field-testing and product useful life testing
• 2.7 Technology transfer and market plan
2.4 Development of Cool Colored Coatings

- Objectives
  - Maximize solar reflectance of a color-matched pigmented coating
  - Compare performance of a coated roofing product (e.g., a shingle) to that of a simple smooth coating

- Subtasks
  - Identify and characterize pigments with high solar reflectance
  - Develop software for optimal design of cool coatings
  - Develop database of cool-colored pigments
2.4.1 Identify & Characterize Pigments w/High Solar Reflectance

- Objective: Identify and characterize pigments with high solar reflectance that can be used to develop cool-colored roofing materials

- Deliverables:
  - Pigment Characterization Data Report (a draft paper is completed)

- Schedule: 6/1/02 – 12/1/04

- Funds Expended 50 %
Pigment Characterization Activities

- Paint preparation
- Paint film deposition
- Film property measurement
- Adaptation of Kubelka-Munk (K-M) theory
- Software development
- Pigment classification
Recent Film Preparation and Measurements

• Prepared 26 paints from cool-pigment dispersions provided by Ferro, Shepherd
• Created 1:4 and 1:9 tints of 58 paints
• Measured 26 masststones and 116 tints
• Cumulative total: 83 masststones, 116 tints

ultramarine blue

masstone 1:4 tint 1:9 tint
Paints Over White & Black

- 83 masststones over black, white
- Color distribution:
  - 3 white
  - 19 black/brown
  - 14 blue/purple
  - 11 green
  - 9 red/orange
  - 13 yellow
  - 14 pearlescent
Adaptation of Kubelka-Munk Theory

• Kubelka-Munk (K-M) theory relates *paint film* properties to *pigment* properties

**PAINT FILM PROPERTIES**
- reflectance
- transmittance
- thickness

**PIGMENT PROPERTIES**
- scattering coefficient
- absorption coefficient

• K-M theory adapted by LBNL to better characterize pigments that weakly scatter light, especially in near-infrared spectrum

• **LBNL model has been completed**
Sample Pigment Characterization: Chromium Iron Oxide IR Black

- Chromium Green-Black Hematite Modified
- 7% pigment volume concentration
NIR Properties of Thin Paint Films

- White
- Black and Brown
- Blue and Purple
- Green
- Red and Orange
- Yellow
- Pearlescent
NIR Reflectances of Coolest Pigments With Opaque White Background

- mica coated w/titanium dioxide (0.88-0.90)
- titanium dioxide white (0.88)
- cadmium yellow, orange (0.87)
- Hansa yellow (0.87)
- diarylide yellow (0.87)
- organic red (0.82-0.87)
- dioxazine purple (0.81)
- chrome titanate yellow (0.80-0.86)
- nickel titanate yellow (0.77-0.85)
- iron oxide yellow (0.70)
- cobalt aluminum blue (0.61-0.70)
- cobalt chromite blue (0.54-0.70)
- phthalo blue (0.54-0.63)
- cobalt chromite green (0.58-0.64)
- ultramarine blue (0.52)
- chromium oxide green (0.50-0.57)
- other brown (0.50-0.74)
NIR Reflectances of Coolest Pigments Over Black Background

- titanium dioxide white (0.43-0.64)
- nickel titanate yellow (0.42-0.64)
- mica coated w/titanium dioxide (0.31-0.54)
- chromium oxide green (0.33-0.40).
Next Steps

• Develop theory of mixtures
  – analyze tint measurements
  – prepare and measure nonwhite mixtures
• Share detailed pigment characterizations with industrial partners
• Establish measurement protocols
• Characterization task feeds into the coating design task
2.4.2 Develop a Computer Program For Optimal Design of Cool Coating

- Objective: Develop software for optimal design of cool coatings used in colored roofing materials
- Deliverables:
  - Computer Program
- Schedule: 11/1/03 – 12/1/04
- Funds Expended 8 %
Coating Design Software

- Estimate coating reflectance from pigment properties (absorption, scattering), film geometry (mixing, layering)
- Recommend pigments & geometry to match color, maximize solar reflectance
2.4.4 Cool Colored Material Database (Preliminary)

• Describes 83 single-pigment paints
• Fields include
  – spectral solar transmittance and reflectances (300 - 2500 nm @ 5 nm)
  – pigment chemistry, pigment name, film thickness
  – computed absorption and backscattering coefficients
  – many ancillary values
• Format
  – one tab-delimited text file per paint (easy to read/write)
  – files packed in ZIP archive
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2.5 Development of Prototype Cool-Colored Roofing Materials

• Objective: Work with manufacturers to design innovative methods for application of cool coatings on roofing materials

• Subtasks:
  – Review of roofing materials manufacturing methods
  – Design innovative engineering methods for application of cool coatings to roofing materials
  – Accelerated weathering testing
2.5.1 Review of Roofing Materials Manufacturing Methods

- **Objective:** Compile information on roofing materials manufacturing methods
- **Deliverables:**
  - Methods of Fabrication and Coloring Report (prepared on July 1, 2003)
- **Schedule:** 6/1/02 – 6/1/03
- **Funds Expended** 95 %
Focus: Application of Cool Colors to Roofing Products

- Asphalt shingles (granules)
- Clay roof tiles
- Concrete roof tiles
- Metal roofing
- Wood shakes
Manufacturing Shingles:
ISP Mineral Products in Ione, CA

• On March 12, we visited the ISP Mineral Products roofing granule plant in Ione, CA
Schematic of a Granule Production Plant
Production of Cool Shingles

• Cool granules = cool shingles
• Two principal methods
  – manufacturing granules from reflective rocks
    (limited by local availability of suitable inert rocks)
  – coating the granules with reflective pigments
• Two-layered approach
  – the granule is pre-coated with a relatively inexpensive NIR-reflective pigment
  – the cool color pigment is applied to the pre-coated granules
• The industry has designed its quality-control laboratories to test the visible color of products; additional instruments is needed to test the solar reflectance and NIR optical properties of products
On April 30, we visited the Steelscape metal coil coating plant in Rancho Cucamonga, CA.

Four manufacturing lines:
- pickle line
- cold mill line
- metal coating line
- paint line
1. Entry reels
2. Cleaning unit
3. Chemical coater, applies an initial coating on the steel
4. Finish coater, coats the steel with the finish paint
5. Water quench, painted steel is cooled down to room temperature
6. Excess water remover
7. Exit accumulator
8. Exit reel
Metal Forming
Production of Cool Metal Roofs

• Of all the colored roofing materials, metal roofs are most suitable for the application of cool colored coatings

• The substrate (bare metal) has high initial reflectance, and is typically coated with two layers (primer + finish)

• If the substrate does not have high initial reflectance, use of a high-reflectance primer could reduce the cool-pigment loading required in the finish
• On April 30, we visited the MCA clay roofing tile plant in Corona, CA
Manufacturing Clay Roof Tiles
• Three ways to improve solar reflectance of colored tiles
  – use raw clay with a low concentration of light-absorbing iron and iron oxides.
  – use cool color pigments in the glaze to provide choice of high-reflectance color
  – use cool pigments over a highly reflective undercoat
Next Steps

- Visit a concrete tile manufacturing plant
- Update the manufacturing report
- Help needed to arrange plant visits
2.5.2 Design Innovative Engineering Methods for Application of Cool Coatings To Roofing Materials

- Objective: Work with manufacturers to design innovative methods for application of cool coatings on roofing materials
- Deliverables:
  - Summary Coating Report
  - Prototype Performance Report
- Schedule: 6/1/02 – 12/1/04
- Funds Expended 7 %
Engineering Methods: NIR-Reflective Undercoating

- All cool pigments must have low NIR absorption
- NIR-reflective undercoats (e.g., white, aluminum) improve performance of cool pigments, especially those with high NIR transparency
Achieving NIR Reflectance > 0.8

- Best NIR reflectance in a 1 mil (25 µm) film with ~10% TiO₂ is about 0.6
- Roughly 3 mils (75 µm) required for NIR reflectance > 0.8
- A thin layer of TiO₂-coated mica flakes, (Fe,Cr)₂O₃, certain titanates are nearly as good as a thick layer of TiO₂
- Pigments with better NIR scattering power?
- Very thin (e.g., 10 nm) continuous metal films/foils/flakes can have NIR reflectance > 0.8 (corrosion an issue, though)
Flake Al Film
with NIR Reflectance = 0.8

Reflectance, Transmittance, Absorptance

Reflectance
sol=0.80
uv=0.83
vis=0.80
nir=0.80

Absorptance

Transmittance (~0)
Absorption $K$ and Scattering $S$ For Ultramarine Blue

- Strong visible absorption
- Weak IR absorption
Ultramarine blue over white

Wavelength (nm)

Spectral Reflectance

thin ultramarine blue coating, $R = 0.51$

substrate, $R = 0.86$
Bluish Gray Color: Ni-Sb-Ti-O Plus Ultramarine Blue

Other mixtures of ultramarine blue with yellow and orange pigments can produce dark green and brown shades.
Next Steps

• Collaboration with industrial partners
  – pigments: identify/develop suitable undercoats with high NIR reflectance
  – review IR-reflective window technology for ideas
  – propose further recipes for high NIR-reflectance colors
  – investigate methods for factory measurement of shingle NIR reflectance
2.6 Field-testing and Product Useful Life Testing

Objective: Demonstrate, measure and document the building energy savings, improved durability and sustainability of Cool Roof Color Materials

Subtasks:
- Building energy-use measurements at California demonstration sites
- Materials testing at weathering sites in California
- Steep-slope assembly testing at ORNL
- Product useful life testing
2.6.1 Building Energy-Use Measurements at California Demonstration Sites

Objective: Setup residential demonstration sites, measure and document the energy savings of Cool Roof Color Materials

• Deliverables:
  √ Site Selection: Cavalli Hills, Sacramento, CA
  √ Site Test Plan
    – Test Site Report
• Schedule: 10/1/02 – 10/1/05
• Funds Expended 26 %
Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) and ORNL will monitoring homes

- Signed Memorandum of Understanding
- Cool Roof Color Materials (CRCM)
- Insulated Concrete Form (ICF) walls
Architectural Plans for Cavalli Hills

Plan A

Plan B

Plan C
Mike Evans Construction is building Cavalli Hills
Roof Instrumentation

OSB Sandwich test panels received by Evans Construction
Implementation Stage for 2.6.1
OUR Next Steps

- Hanson Roof Tile of *Roof Tile Institute*
  Supplying “Hacienda” Concrete Tile

- **FERRO Corporation**
  Blending cool roof color materials into Hanson’s concrete mix

- **Custom-Bilt Metals**
  **Classic Products**
  *Cool Metal Roofing Coalition*
  Supplying *Country Manor Shake*

- **ORNl Contracts Evans Construction**
  ORNL and SMUD commission
  Data Acquisition Systems October 2003
2.6.2 Materials Testing at Weathering Sites in California

Objective: Document the change in reflectance and emittance for roof products having Cool Roof Color Materials

• Deliverables:
  – Weathering Studies Report
• Schedule: 10/1/02 – 10/1/05
• Funds Expended 27 %
Exposure Racks were installed August 03

**CA Topographic Map**

**Field Exposure Sites**

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Shuttle Radar Topography Mission (SRTM)
Space Shuttle Endeavor
National Imagery and Mapping Agency (NIMA)
Sites at McArthur Farms, Elk Corp, Custom-Bilt Metals and Steelscape

McArthur

Sacramento

Richmond

Shafter
Sites at MCA, BASF and Meloland

Corona

Colton

Meloland
CIMIS and EPA’s Aeorometric Information Retrieval System data
Implementation Stage for 2.6.2
OUR Next Steps

• Monier Lifetile making concrete tile samples
  Shepherd Color Co. blending “cool” colors into Monier’s concrete mix

• Space available for additional roof samples

• Reflectance and emittance measurements collected biannually
2.6.3 Steep-slope Assembly Testing at ORNL

Objective: Field test Cool Roof Color Materials on the Envelope Systems Research Apparatus (ESRA) to document the effect of reflectance and emittance weathering on thermal performance

• Deliverables:
  – Whole-Building Energy Model Validation
  – Presentation at the Pacific Coast Builders Conference
  – Steep Slope Assembly Test Report

• Schedule: 10/1/02 – 10/1/05
• Funds Expended 10 %
Roof Tile Institute to install five different tile assemblies on ESRA
Naturally induced flow observed at low roof slopes and low $\Delta T$s

(B) 5° inclination 1°C $\Delta T$

(A) 0° inclination 15°C $\Delta T$
Natural convection effects prevalent in counter-batten roof systems

Parker, Sonne and Sherwin (ACEEE 2002)

Roof surface-to-deck $\Delta T$’s $\approx 14^\circ F$ (8°C)
Airflow patterns between roof deck and concrete tile

\[
\frac{dT_B}{dx} = \frac{h_R}{mC_p} (T_{Roof} - T_B) + \frac{h_D}{mC_p} (T_{Deck} - T_B) - \frac{kA}{mC_p} \left( \frac{d^2T_B}{dx^2} \right)
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Implementation Stage for 2.6.3: Next Steps

• **Tennessee Roofing**
  Remove existing steep-slope metal roofs from ESRA
  Remove existing thermoplastic membranes

• **Roof Tile Institute installs concrete tile systems**
  1. MCA “S-Mission” Clay tile (Terra Cotta Glaze “cool” color)
  2. Hanson “Regal” Concrete Medium “cool” color same as at Cavalli Hills
  3. Monier Lifetile “Villa 2000” Concrete Medium (Slurry Terra Cotta color)
  4. Monier Lifetile “Sentry Slate” Concrete Flat (Brown)
  5. Eagle “Capistrano” Low Profile Concrete (Slurry Terra Cotta color)

• **Custom-Bilt Metals/Classic Products of Cool Metal Roofing Coalition**
  7. Painted metal shake “cool” color same as at Cavalli Hills
  8. Painted metal shake “standard” color same as at Cavalli Hills
March 2004 Meeting

- March 4, 2004
- At CEC, Sacramento
Cool Colors Project Website

- Project information (including copies of this presentation) available online at

http://CoolColors.LBL.gov