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"PHYSICAL AGING OF GLASSY POLYMERS"

Dr. S. E. B. PETRIE Speaker:

Eastman Kodak Company

November 13, 1979 Date:

Place: Duke University

Durham, North Carolina

5:30 Happy Hour Time:

Old Trinity Room Union Building

Dinner * 6:30 Old Trinity Room (\$7,00 full members; student

members half price)

8:00 Lecture Room 103 Gross Chemical Laboratories

*Please make reservations by Friday, November 9, 1979. Call Suc Hester at 966-1566 in Chapel Hill. Terry Laing at 684-2414 in Durham or Linda Archer at 737-2548 in Raleigh.

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Much insight into the origin of the variability in physical properties and of various aging phenomena of glassy or partially glassy polymers [e.g. poly(ethylene terephthalate), bisphenol A polycarbonate, polystyrene] can be gained from consideration of the non-equilibrium nature of the glassy state. Because of the kinetic aspect associated with the transformation of a melt to a glass in the glass transition temperature interval, the glassy states of materials prepared under normal cooling conditions have excess enthalpy and volume relative to those of the corresponding equilibrium states that can be achieved through slow cooling or annealing regimes. For glasses with excess thermodynamic properties, there is a thermodynamic

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potential for the properties to approach those of the equilibrium state, i.e., to decrease with time, the rate of decrease being commensurate with the level of molecular or segmental molecular mobility in the glassy state. To the extent that changes in the physical properties of glassy materials parallel the changes in the excess thermodynamic properties, these property changes are attributed to alterations in the thermodynamic state, and not to structure formation other than the normal liquidlike packing of molecules or chain segments. Preliminary studies suggest that the rather substantial changes observed in some of the physical properties, particularly the flexural properties, of glassy or partially glassy polymers subjected to various annealing regimes at temperatures below their respective glass transition temperatures are associated with the loss of excess thermodynamic properties that take place as a result of the annealing processes.

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The nominating committee has met and formulated a slate of candidates who will be presented for nomination at the November meeting. Nominations will be accepted from the floor, but the person making a nomination must have: 1) the approval of the nominee and 2) a biography of the nominee at this meeting. The ballots must be delivered to the printer on Wednesday, November 14th, which is one day after the November meeting.

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- Nov 12 Or. RICHARD PALMER, Duke University, "Recent Developments in Photoacoustic Spectroscopy," 3:30 p.m., Room 124 Dahney Hall, NCSU.
 - Or. S. E. B. PEIRIE, Eastman Kodak Company, ACS Lecture, 8:00 p.m., Room 103 Gross Chemical Laboratory, Duke,
 - 0r. ALBERT I. MEYERS, Colorado State University, "Asymetric Carbon-Carbon Forming Reactions," 11:00 a.m., Room 308 Venable Hall, UNC-CH.
 - 16 Dr. S. L. HOLT, University of Georgia, "Detergentless Microemulsions: Unique Media for Chemical Reactions," 3:30 p.m., Room 130 Gross Chemical Laboratory, Duke.
 - 19 Dr. CARL KRESPAN, E. I. DuPont, Title to be announced, 3:30 p.m., Room 124 Dabney Hall, NCSU.
 - 29 Dr. JACK M. UILLIAMS, Argonne National Laboratory, "Synthesis, Structure, and Electrical Conductivity Studies of One-Dimensional Metals: An Emerging Underlying Unity," 11:00 a.m., Room 308 Venable Hall, UNC-CH.
 - 30 Dr. J. CARDENAS, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, "Isoenzymea: Relatives, Friends, and Neighbors," 3:30 p.m., Room 130 Gross Chemical Laboratory, Duke.
- Dec 3 Dr. HEHRY BLOUNT, University of Delaware, "Spin Trapping in Electrochemistry," 3:30 p.m., Room 124 Dabney Hall, NCSU.

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