



# **Wann und warum klebt Gummi**

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  - What can we learn from Nature?
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  - Examples
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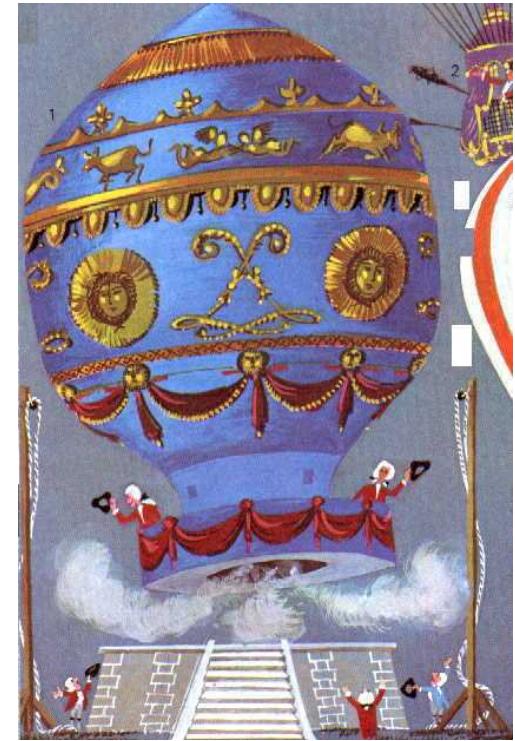
# Introduction: Adhesives History

Adhesives for broken pottery	~6000 years ago
Tar like glue (for ivory)	~6000 years ago
Animal glue (tombs – Aegypt)	~3500 – 3000 years ago
First reference in literature for making animal glue	~ 2200 years back
Animal glue for wood marquetry, fish glues, egg white to glue gold leaf, Natural ingredients for glues developed like: blood, bones, hide, milk, cheese, vegetables and grains	~2000-1500
Bows (Genghis Khan) from laminated lemon wood and bullhorn, but formula ist lost!!	~ 1000 years ago
First factory for animal glue in NL	~ 1000 years ago
First Glue Patent GB – Fish Glue)	1750
Adhesives industrialized from NR, fish, bones, starch, milk protein	After 1750
Phenolic Resin (after invention of Bakelite)	~1910

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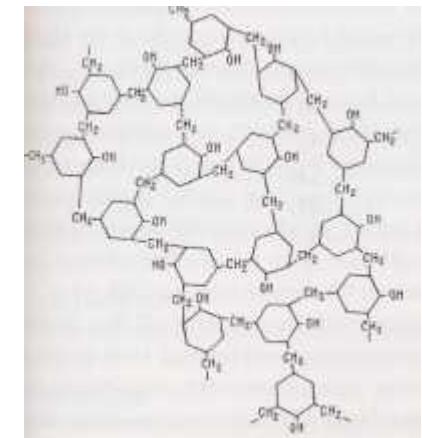
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- **1763 P.I. Macquer and L.A.M. Herissaut discovered the solubility of caoutchuc in ether and benzene. After evaporation of the solvent, the rubber hold its properties as before.  
Macquer spread rubber solutions on wax mold and made rubber hoses and shoes (1765)**
- **1783 The British physicist J.A.C. Charles impregnated textiles with this solution, which was used to manufacture the first Hot Air Balloon of the brothers Montgolfiere.**



# Introduction: Adhesives History

- Vulcanization (Goodyear, Hankok) 1840
- Rubber – Fabric (Macintosh) 1823
- Ebonite - Compound (Rollers) Late 1800
- Brass plating (Tire Steel Cord) Since 1900
- Phenolic Resin (C.H. Meyer) 1902
- Phenol-Formaldehyde (Textil) 1930
- Isocyanate Adhesive 1945
- Chemlok 220/205 (Hughson/Lord) 1956



Structure of Phenolic Resin  
Source ChiUZ. 3/2010



# Principles of Adhesion

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## → The three principles of adhesion

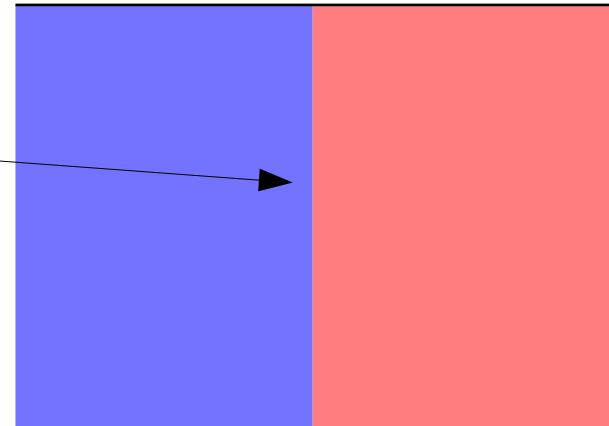
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Adhesion on the  
boundary surface in contact

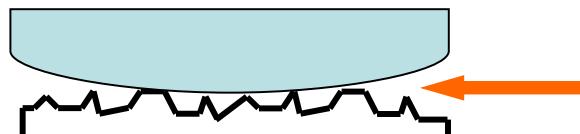
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# Principles of Adhesion

## → Criteria for intimate wetting

- Surface must be free of foreign particles. Weak layer or contaminants ( $H_2O$ , organic vapor, nitrates, ketones, alcohols, amines) has to be removed.
  - A large interfacial area of intimate contact
  - Thermodynamically, a high surface-energy surface is the most conductive to good wetting, particularly if adhesive contains polar functional group.
  - **Surface energy of the adherent (reinforcement substrate) should be greater than surface energy of the adhesive (matrix top coat).**
  - Creation or addition of chemical groups in the adhesive
  - Variation in surface topography (mechanical interlocking)

### Influencing parameters



Surface chemistry  
Surface topography  
Mechanical properties

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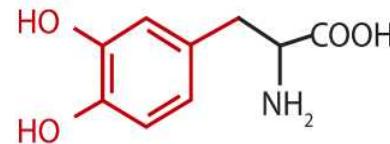
## What can we learn from nature?

- In nature bonding is the most dominant joining technology
- Adhesives found in nature
  - More powerful than any known synthetic glue – especially in the presence of water.

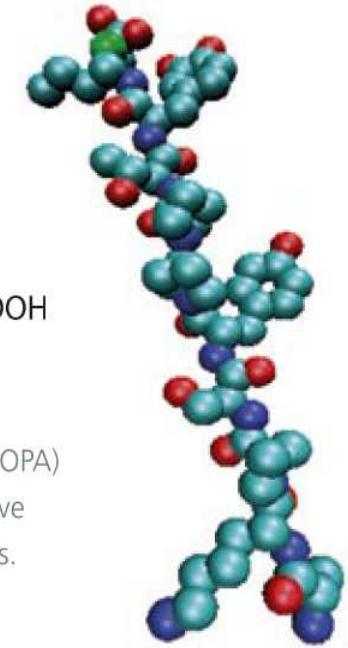


Source: CEN

Peptide unit belonging to the adhesive substance found in mussels.



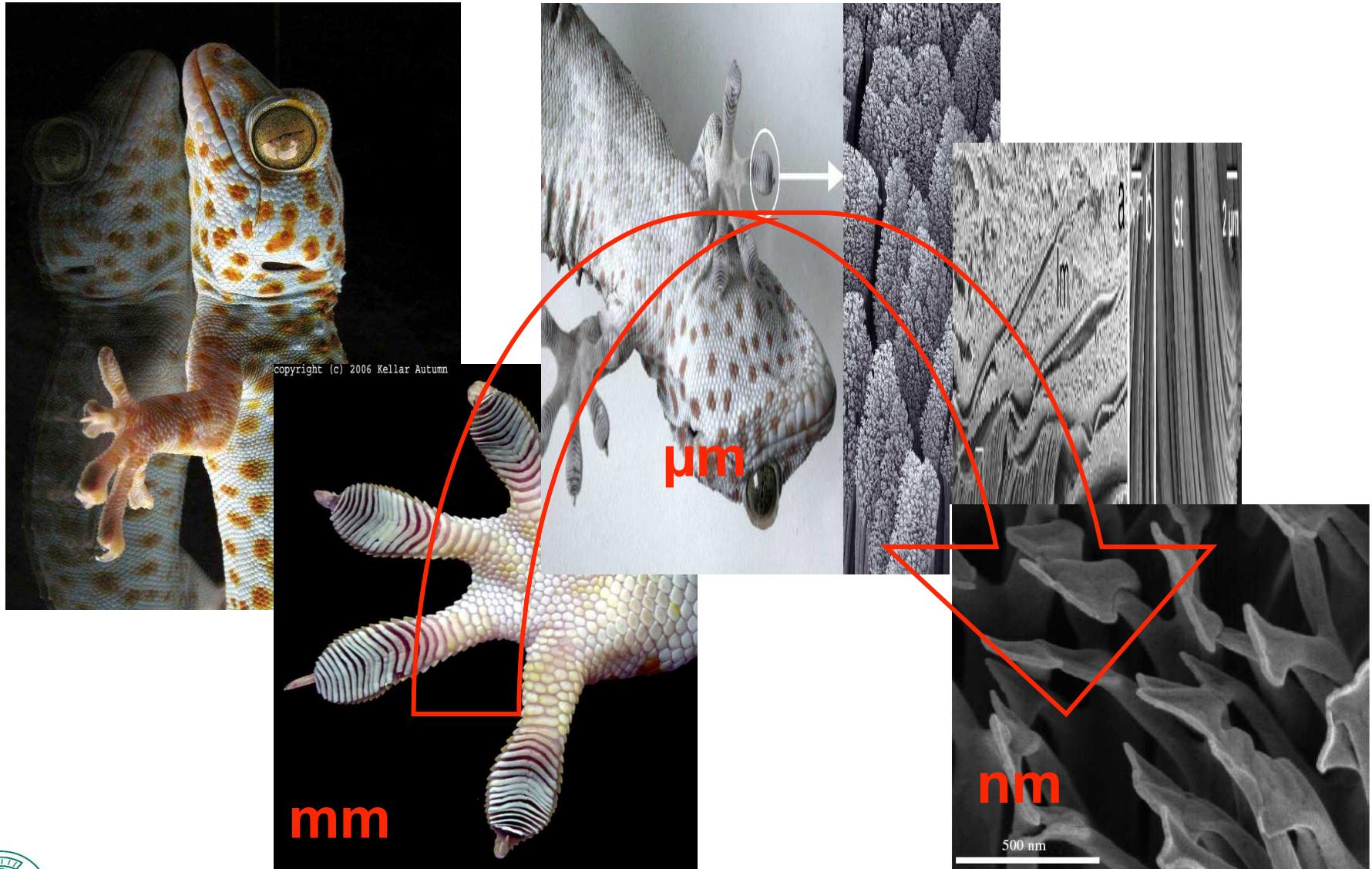
Dihydroxyphenylalanine (DOPA)  
Functional group in adhesive substance found in mussels.



“Firmly Stuck” Barnacles



# Gecko-like adhesives



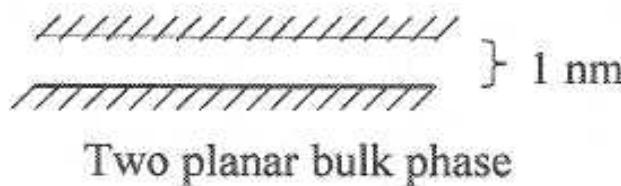
Pictures by K. Autumn, Lewis & Clark College (Portland Oregon, USA)  
and S. Gorb, MPI für Metallforschung, Stuttgart, Germany



# Forces create Adhesion

## → Adsorption theory

- Ordinary Van der Waals forces can be responsible for adhesive strength, if sufficiently intimate contact is achieved
- Hydrogen bonding can enhance adhesion



The attraction only due to dispersion forces:

Theoretical: 100 MPa !!

Experimental: Strength of most joints much smaller

## Why

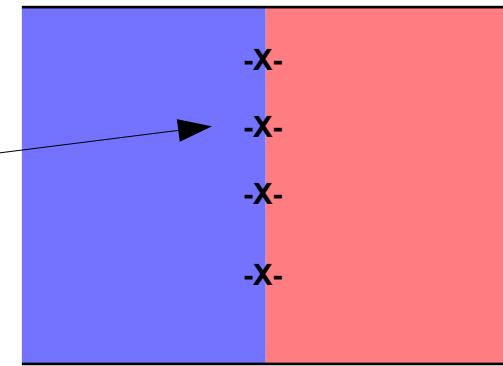
- Air voids, cracks, geometric defects acting as stress raisers, when the joint is loaded.
- Impurities like water, organic vapor, nitrates, ketones, alcohol, and amines can weaken adhesion.

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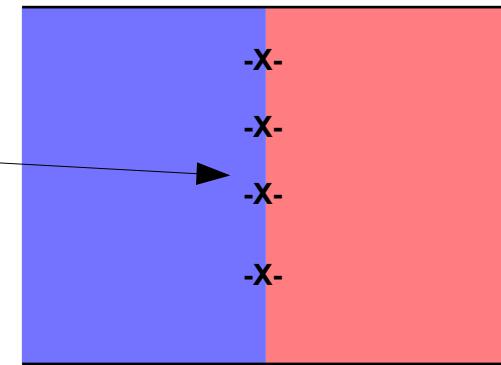
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Metallic	0,3 - 0,4	100 – 400
Ionic	0,2 – 0,3	400 – 800



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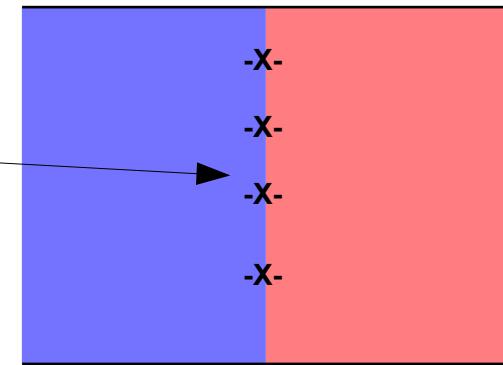
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## → Precondition for Reactions in between the surfaces:

- Intimate contact
- Cleanliness!!
  - No foreign material
  - Functional groups
  - Weak hydrogen (in case of peroxide)
    - Absence of radical chain transfer / deactivation groups



# Principles of Adhesion

Source: Schuster, DIK

- Chain segments get in Interaction with a solid surface

Rubber - metal

Rubber, crystalline synthetic material

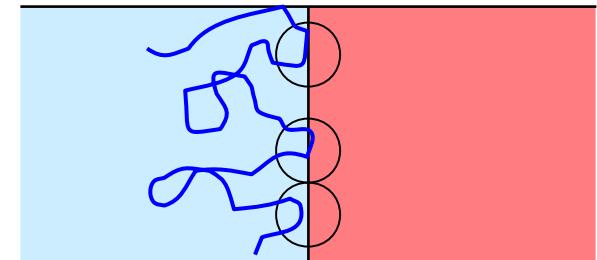
- Side valency strengths determine the adsorption enthalpy (warmth)

- Dipoles and induced dipoles
- Hydrogen bridge relationships (Polarizability)

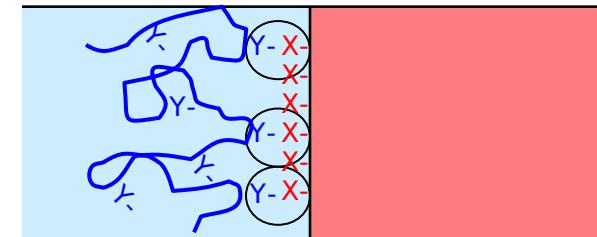
- Introduction of functional groups

- Chemical or physical
- Pretreatment of the solid area
- Chemical modification of the polymer

- Roughness of the solid surface



Solid



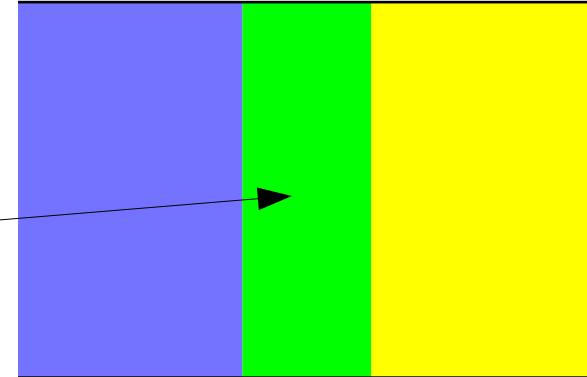
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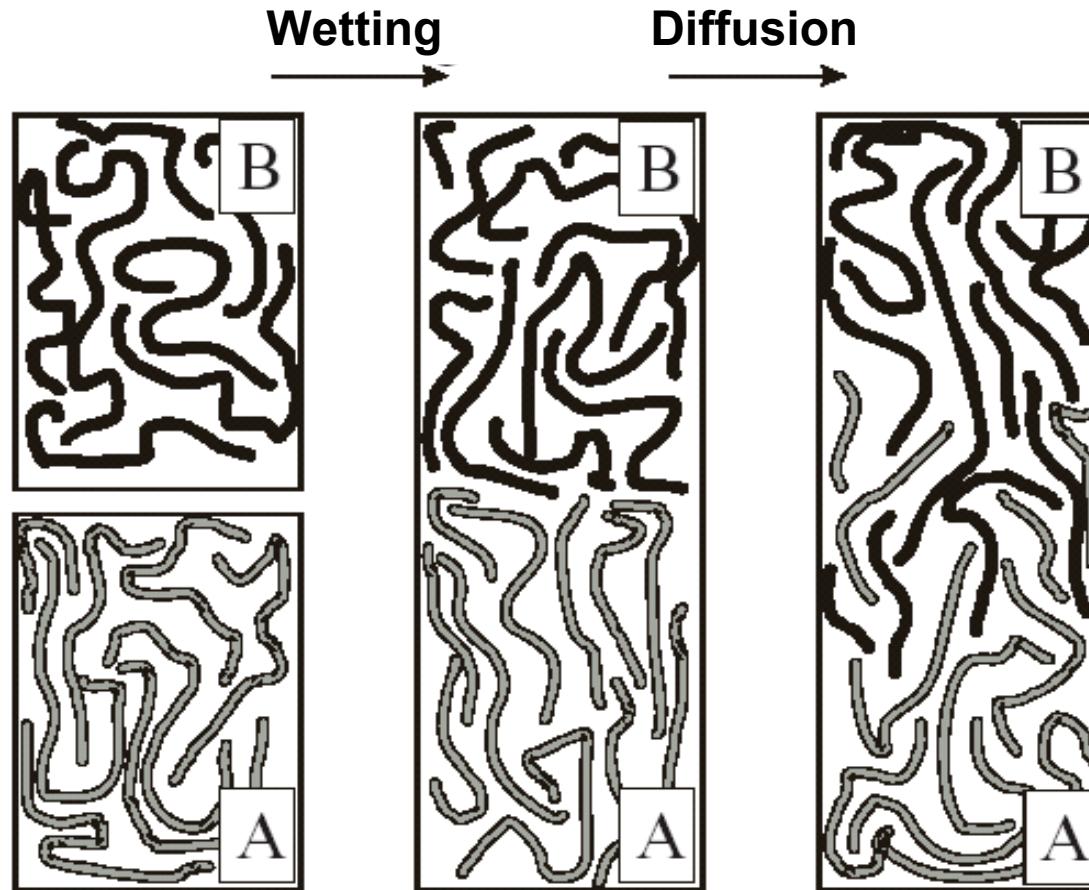
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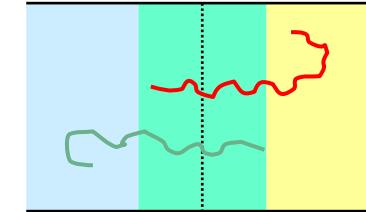
Source: Metten; Thesis 2002



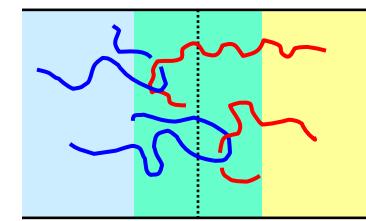
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→ **Inter diffusion of different polymeric chains**



→ **Entanglement of chains in the Boundary layer  
(mechanical adhesion)**



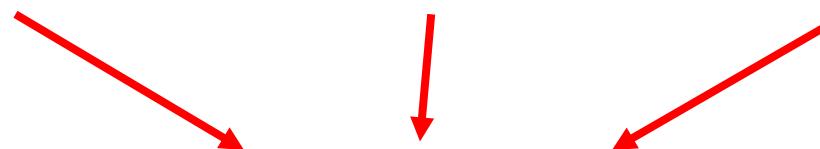
→ **Influence of parameters on diffusion**

Thermodynamic  
Compatibility

Process parameter

P, T

Molecular dynamics,  
Chain mobility



**Bond strength**

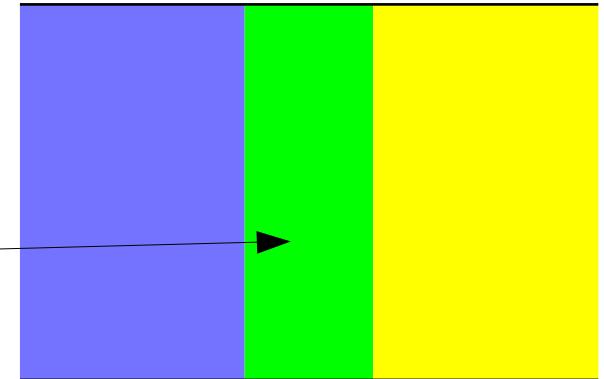
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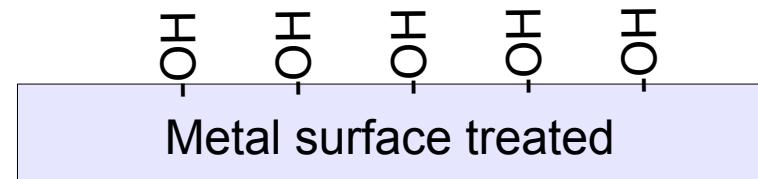
- A little bit of everything!
- But in a broader layer!

# Example 1: Rubber to metal



Source: DOW

Surface Energy  $\sim > 72$  dyne/cm

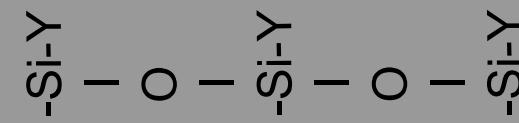
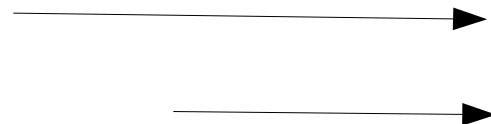


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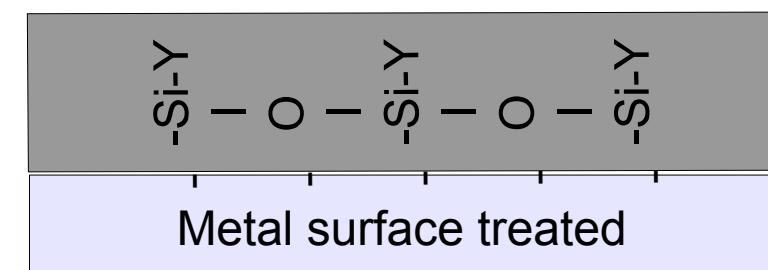


Source: DOW

Primer



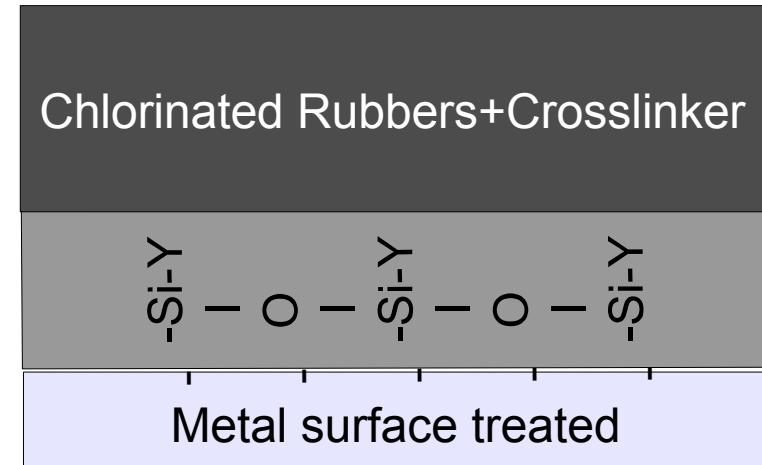
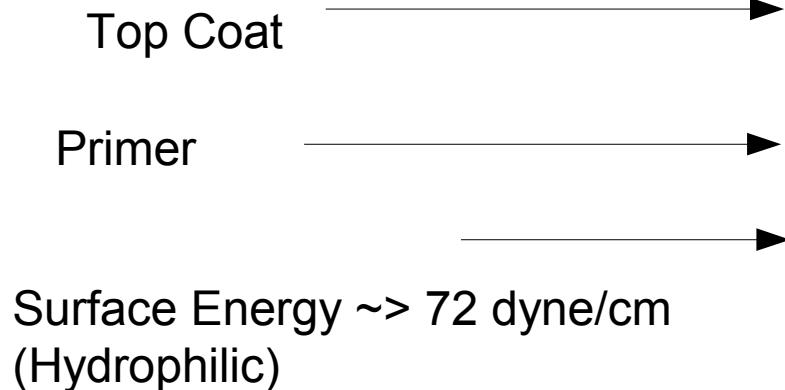
Surface Energy  $\sim 72$  dyne/cm  
(Hydrophilic)



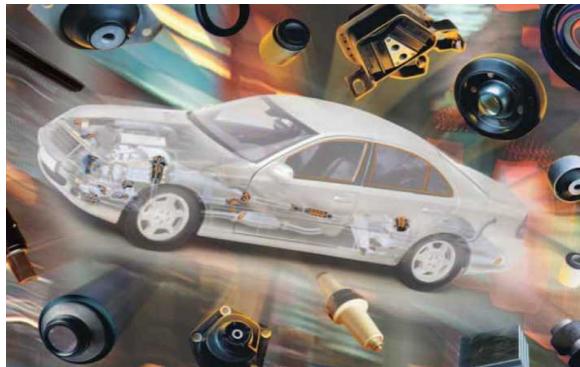
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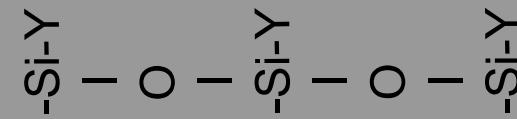
Rubber →

**NBR / NR / EPDM Compound**

Top Coat →

Chlorinated Rubbers+Crosslinker

Primer →



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Metal surface treated

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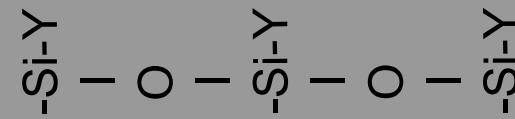
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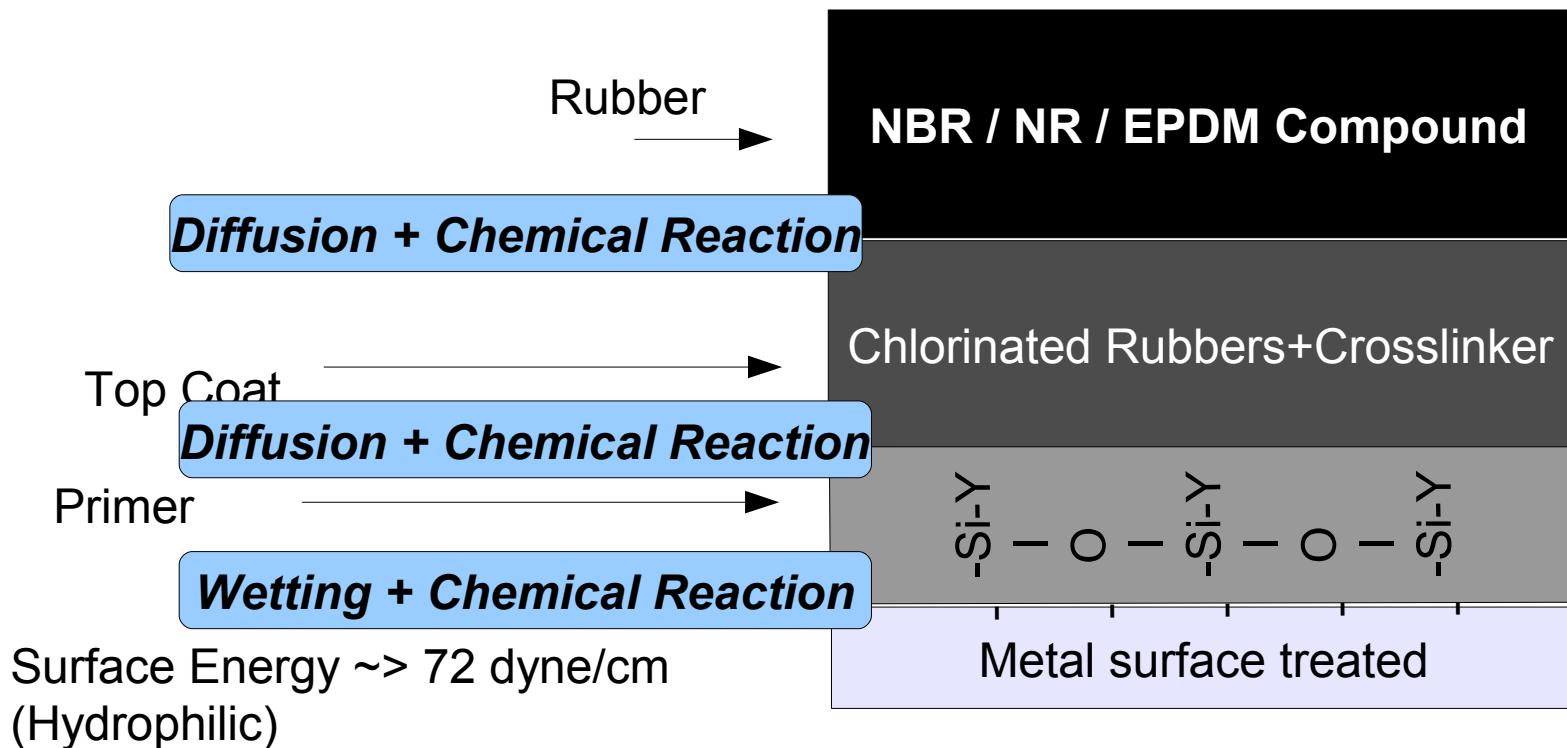


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# Example 1: Rubber to metal

What is the game?



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Source: G.Polaski, et all, Lord Corp

Fig. 11: Pergut application: Rubber-to-metal bonding  
Rubber rollers, engine bearings, shock absorbers, clutches etc.



Source: Bayer, Pergut brochure

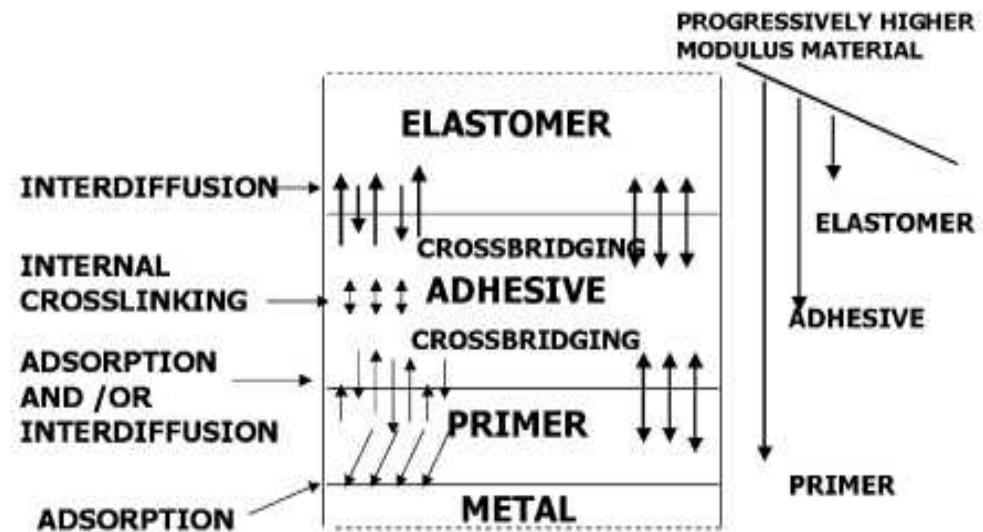
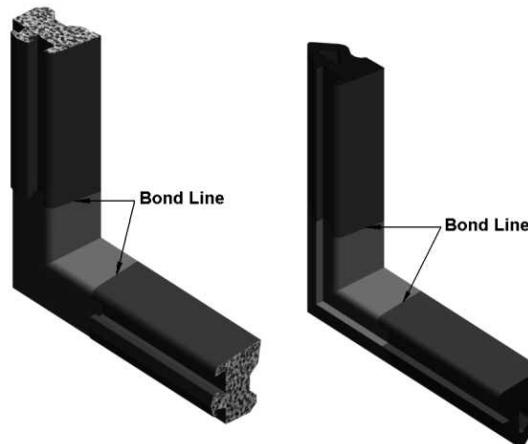
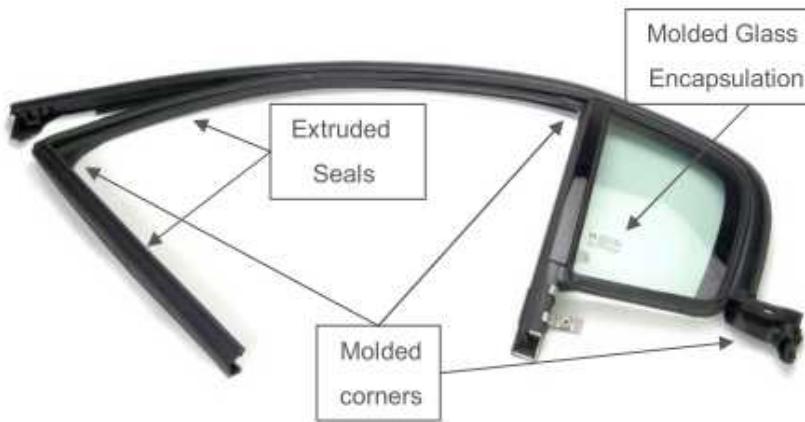


Figure 2

Interfacial dynamics of a rubber-to-metal bond

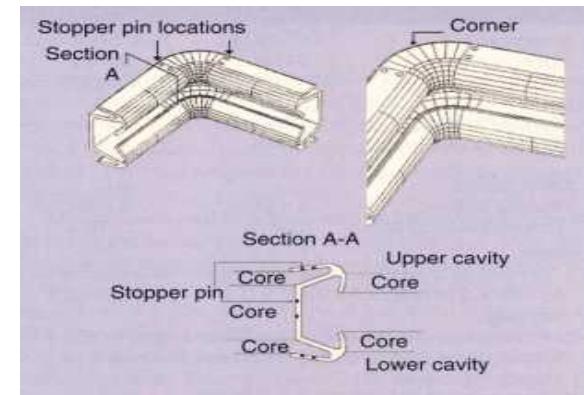
## Example 2: Corner Moulding



Source: Toyoda Gosei

→ **Profiles made of compounds based on EPDM**

- EPDM Compounds bound with EPDM compounds
- TPV proven to bond on EPDM compounds
  - TPV: PP/EPDM base

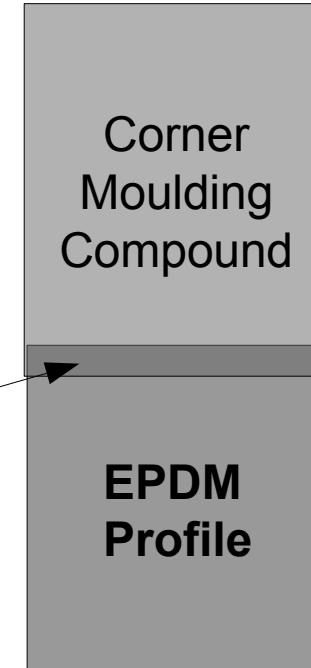


# Example: Corner Moulding

## → Injection of Corner Moulding Compound based on EPDM

- **Injection conditions**
  - Compound has ~ 100°C
  - Mold Temperature ~ 170°C
  - Thermal expansion result pressure
- **Vulcanization time**
- **Diffusion**
  - Reaction eventually possible

Hot – low viscosity



Flow direction

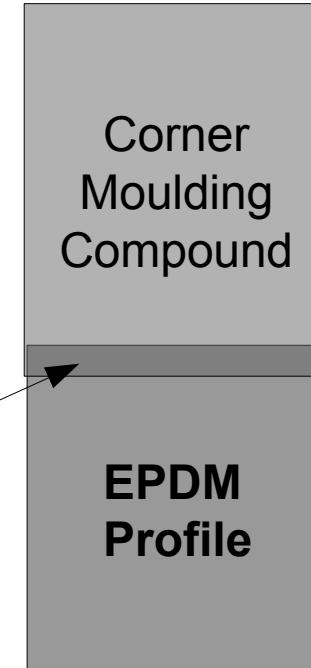
Cold + crosslinked solid

## Example 2: Corner Moulding

### → Injection of Corner Moulding Compound based on TPE-V

- Injection conditions
  - Compound has ~ 200°C
  - Mold Temperature ~ 50°C
  - Thermal shrinkage result pressure, compensated with after pressure
- Allow time to cool

Hot – low viscosity



### → Some times called “Fusion Bonding”

- Diffusion
- Reaction eventually possible

Cold + crosslinked solid

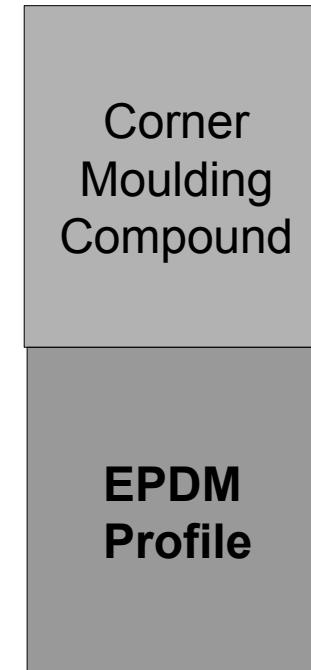
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### → Injection of Corner Moulding Compound

- And then no bond!
- Condition: profile stored in plant for a couple of days
- No Diffusion

### → What might hint the bonding?

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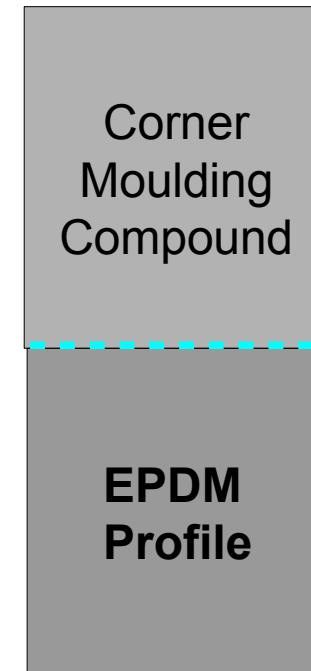
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### → What might hint the bonding?

- Water layer on surface
- Water absorption change polarity
  - Drying with heat result oxidation!?
  - Plasma to remove water?

Hot – low viscosity



Cold + crosslinked solid

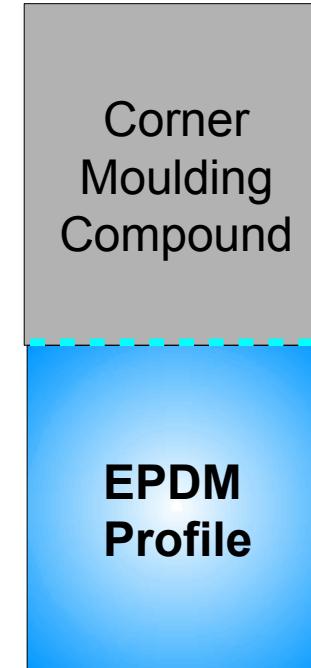
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- Little change in surface energy prevents diffusion
- Effect is large, due to pressure and time constraints
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• No Diffusion

Hot – low viscosity



Cold + crosslinked solid

## Example 3: Coating

### → System:

- EPDM Adherent
- PUR / VMQ Coating
  
- Wetting with Plasma
  - Introducing of OH groups in the surface
  - Important: Must be the „right“ amount.
- Reaction with OH groups
  - Well known PUR chemistry



Source: Acheson/Henkel

In der Aufstellung fehlen die Coulomb-Kräfte

# Example 4: TP - Rubber

Source: Graf, DESMA

- ➡ **Injection Molding of a thermoplast "Vestoran" and Rubber**
  - Project TP-Rubber Part for the K '86 Fair in Düsseldorf (Jadamus, Richter)
  
- ➡ **U.S. 4835063 and subsequent patents**
  - Vestoran – SBR rubber manufactured with moving platen technology
    - Investigation of Diffusion
    - Worked, as long Rubber was compounded with SBR / SBR Blend



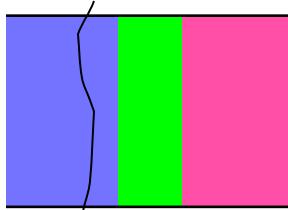
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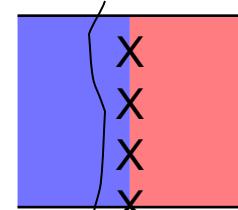
**PPE-PS**

**Thermodynamically compatible blend**  
**Interactions:**  
 1 ) between aromatic rings  
 2 ) Styrene ether groups

H, W combine	Processing-compatibility	Creation boundary layer	Self adhesion	Crosslinking layer
1 PPE - SBR	+	+	+	-
2 PPE - SBR/NR	+	+	+	-
3 PPE - SBR/NBR	+	+	+	-
4 PPE - SBR/EPDM	+	+	+	-
5 PPE - EPDM	no-one	very low	no-one	Peroxide



**Cohesive rips through physical or chemical phase connection**



# What help we get from this knowledge?

## → Rubber to metal

- Cleaning
- Contamination
- Surface structure
- Selection of Primer / Cement
- Layer Thickness
  
- Temperature-Time during loading
- Cavity Pressure
- Forces during unloading

## → Rubber - Rubber

### TP - Rubber

- Compatibility
- Production with no delay time
- Temperature - Time
- Cavity pressure
  
- Environmental influences
- Bleaching / Blooming of Ingredients
- Incompatibility
- Contamination

# Summary / Conclusion

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→ **Rubber adheres with cohesive failure and high forces, if at least we have**

- Contact + reaction
- Contact + diffusion
- Contact + diffusion + reaction
  
- It can have adhesion, if there is only contact, but the forces remain low