

# INNOVATIVE REMOVABLE COATINGS



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# ChemStream

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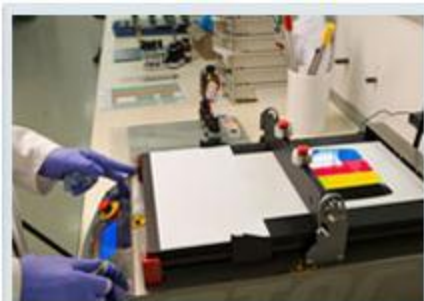
**Staff:** 5 PhD's in Chemistry – Material sciences

## Core activities:

- Customized product development
- Innovative contract research
- Designing, formulating, prototyping
- Organic synthesis, analytical techniques, modelling, D.O.E., ...



DISPERSIONS



COATINGS

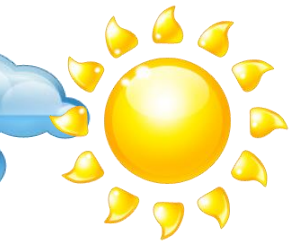


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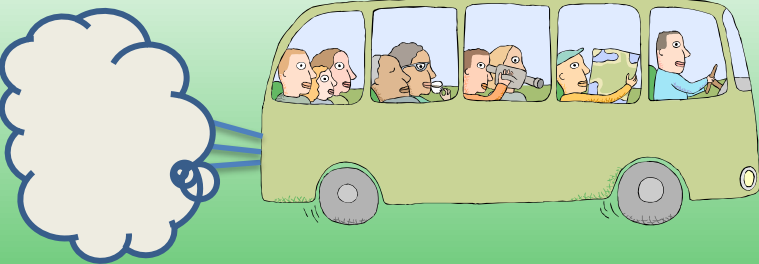


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# Surface protection



**Air pollution**

# Surface protection

Environmental conditions

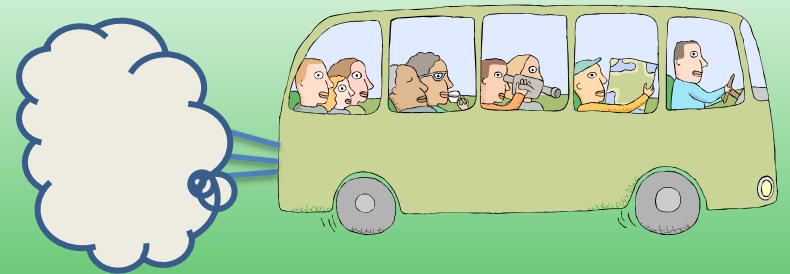


Vandalism

Biological factors



Air pollution



# Coating

- Major culprit in deterioration is **water**
- Water carries pollutants into the interior of the artefact
- Freeze-thaw cycles may cause cracks
- Salt dissolve in water to produce acidic solutions which can corrode metal artefacts



Coatings can offer protection



# Coatings

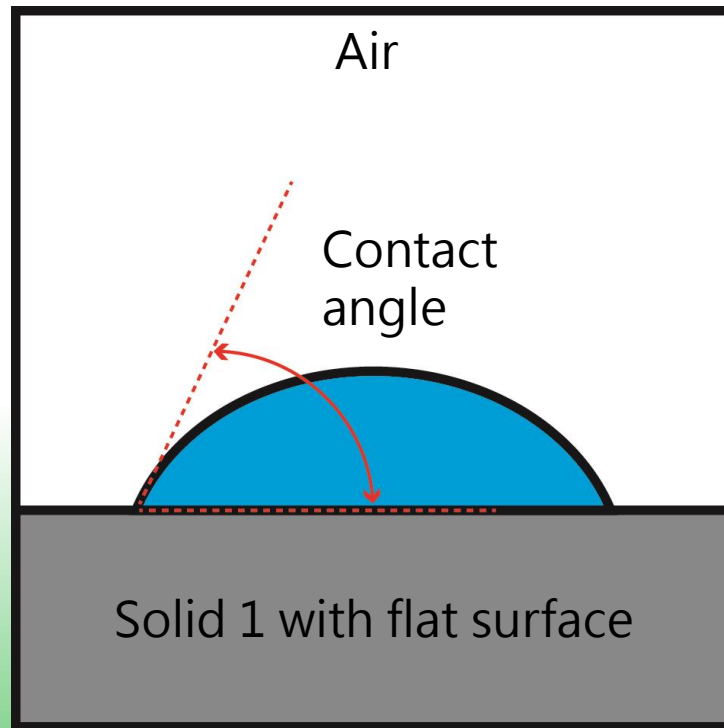
- **Criteria**

- Reduction of water in and on the artefact
- Good adhesion to substrate
- Durability against mechanical stress
- Durability against environmental conditions
- Transparency
- Colour stability
- Removability

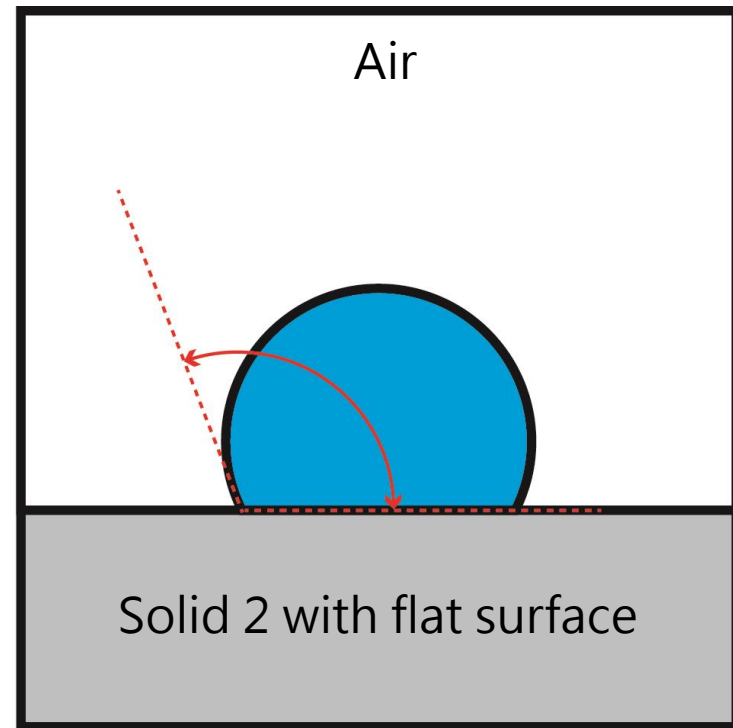


# Water repellence

To prevent deterioration is to prevent water penetration  
Coating must repel water from the surface



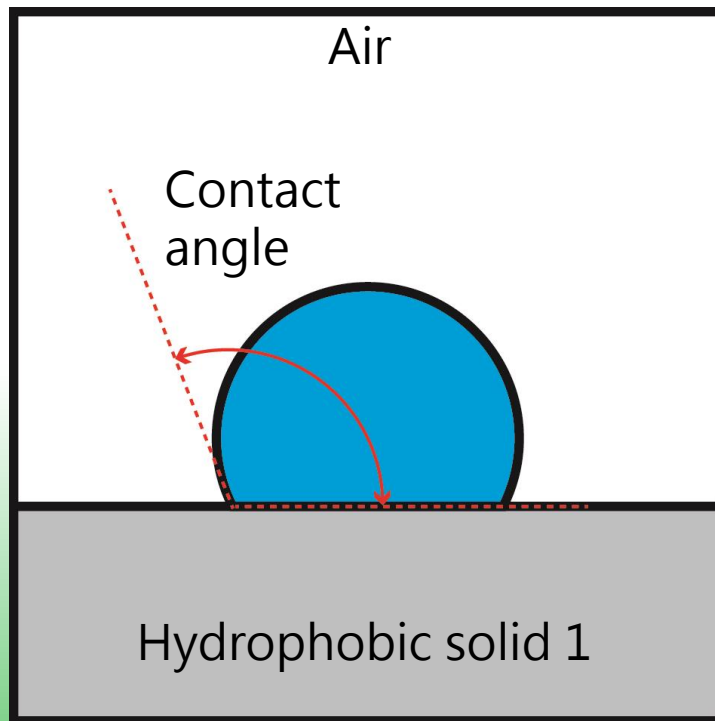
Hydrophilic surface  
if contact angle  $< 90^\circ$



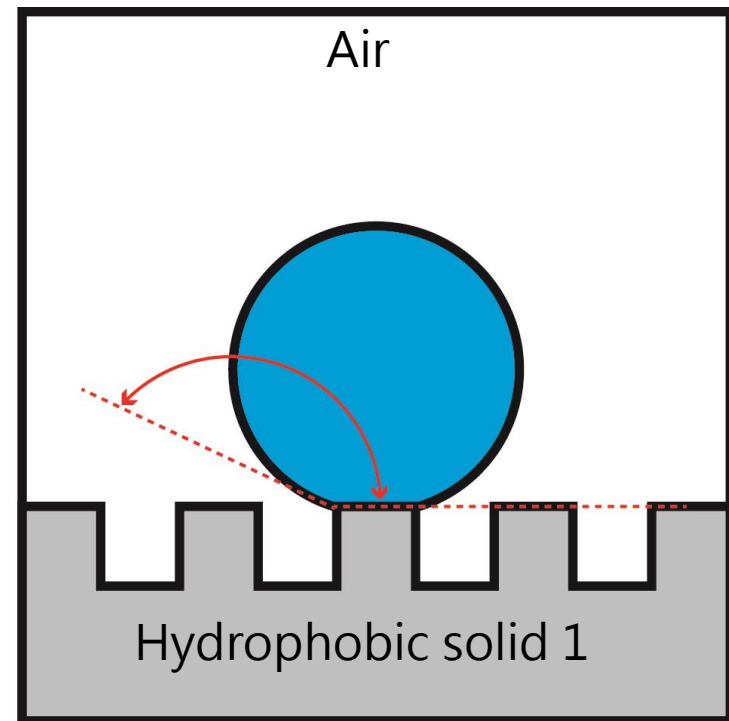
Hydrophobic surface  
contact angle  $> 105^\circ$

# Lotus effect

- **Hydrophilic surface:** enhanced surface roughness increases hydrophilic character
- **Hydrophobic surface:** enhanced surface roughness increases hydrophobic character



Smooth surface  
contact angle  $> 90^\circ$



Rough surface  
contact angle  $> 120^\circ$



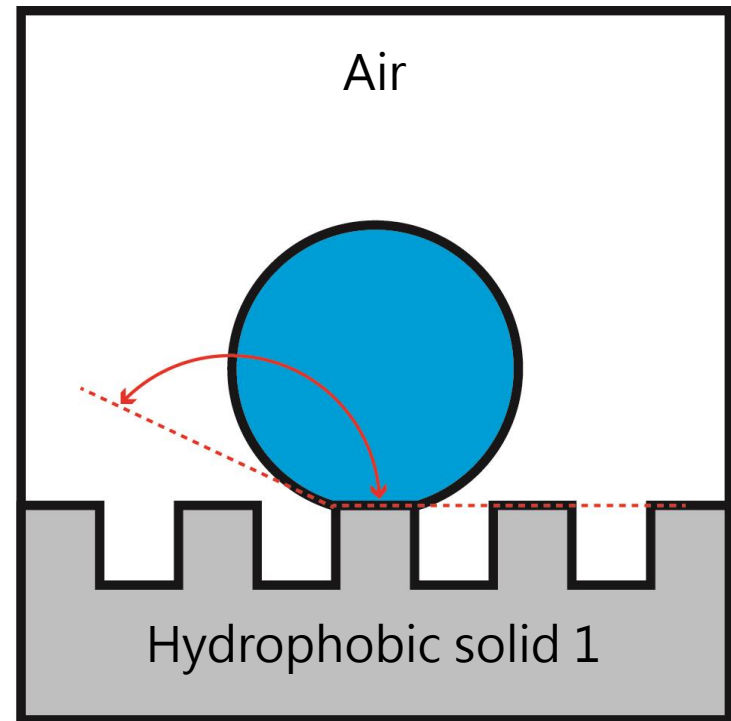
# Lotus effect

## Lotus effect:

- Pockets of air between water droplet and surface.
- Water droplet does not want to interact with the air pocket
- Droplet contracts to a perfect sphere in order to minimize its contact with the air.
- Contact area with solid is small and droplet rolls off the surface at the slightest tilt.

Surface roughness increases hydrophilic

Surface roughness increases



Smooth surface  
contact angle  $> 90^\circ$

Rough surface  
contact angle  $> 120^\circ$

# Water repellence

Uncoated Sandstone



CHEM 1 on Sandstone



Porous surface  
Water is absorbed



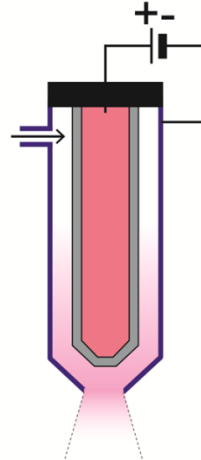
Contact angle: 150°

# Plasma removability

Uncoated Sandstone



CHEM 1 on Sandstone



CHEM 1 plasma cleaned



# PANNA Coatings

Product	Description	Contact angle (°)
<b>CHEM 1</b>	Acrylic polymer with hydrophobing agents and particles (large)	150
<b>CHEM 2</b>	Acrylic polymer with hydrophobing agents and particles (small)	113
<b>CHEM 3</b>	Acrylic polymer matrix with hydrophobing agents	113
<b>CHEM 4</b>	Acrylic polymer matrix with hydrophobing agents and particles (medium)	130
<b>UV-1</b>	UV-curable coating with different acrylate monomers	105
<b>UV-2</b>		110

# Coatings on stone

Substrate	Coating	DE*	Contact angle (°)	Water absorption by capillary raise	Water vapour diffusion resistance coefficient	Plasma removable
Marmo cotto	Silres BS 280	0,2	100	Slight inhibition	45	No
	CHEM 1	0,3	140	Slight inhibition	36	Yes
	CHEM 3	0,4	94	High	101	Yes
Istra limestone	Fluoline	1,2	94	High	363	No
	CHEM 1	1,47	127	High	140	Yes
Serena sandstone	SILO111	1	116	Slight inhibition	21	No
Serena sanstone	CHEM 1	1,88	139	High	25	Yes

% in relation to  
uncoated  
substrate

# Coatings on metal

Substrate	Coating	Colour	Contact angle	Corrosion resistance	Removable
Ag (925)	No coating		80	No	
	Paraloid B72	1,8	75	Improved	Yes
	CHEM 2	1,5	112	Improved	Yes
	CHEM 3	2	112	Improved	Yes

Polished Bronze	No coating			96	
	Paraloid B72	1,9	81	313	Yes
	CHEM 2	3,5	90	142	Yes
	CHEM 3	3	90	142	Yes
	UV-1	2	103	193	Yes
	UV-2	1,5	107	313	Yes

Patinated Bronze	No coating	-	78	96	
	Cosmoloid H80	5,5	90	313	Yes
	CHEM 1	3	150	142	Yes
	CHEM 4	6	97	313	Yes
	CHEM 4 + wax	4	90	313	Yes

#hours needed for  
3% of surface to be  
corroded



# Coatings on wall paintings and icons

## Wall paintings

Comparison between Paraloid B72 and CHEM 3

**Similar performance** between both coatings in terms of water resistance, colour preservation and reversibility.  
Hydrophobic properties are **maintained after ageing**.

## Icon

Comparison between Varnish Crystal (Pebeo) and CHEM 3

Similar performance on aesthetic quality  
CHEM 3 **less permeable** to liquid water  
CHEM 3 **better reversibility** by plasma.

# Conclusions

	New coatings, developed in WP2			
Substrate	CHEM coatings (solvent based)	UV-curable coatings	Water based coatings	Commercial product
Carrara marble	CHEM 1	/	/	Silres, Wacker
	CHEM 3			
Istria limestone	CHEM 1	/	Water 2	FluolinePE, CTS
Serena sandstone	CHEM 1	/	/	Silo 111, CTS
Sterling silver	CHEM 2		/	Paraloid B72, Rohm and Haas
	CHEM 3			
Brass and Bronze	CHEM 1	UV-1	/	Paraloid B72, Rohm and Haas
	CHEM 2			
	CHEM 3	UV-2		
	CHEM 4			
Wall paintings	CHEM 3	/	Water 1WP	Paraloid B72, Rohm and Haas
			Water 2	
Icons	CHEM 3	/	/	Varnish crystal Pebeo

# Thanks for listening...

