

Online stress calculation in tempering process based on measured process data Antti Aronen Glaston Finland



# Modelling/calculation of stresses in glass

- Modelling of stresses in glass tempering has been used for years
  - To develop new products
  - To design processes for different products.
- Now same model is used with measured data from process to calculate the stress level in glasses after heat treatment process



It is able to get value for stress level straight after tempering.



Problem with glass quality

# The stress level after tempering depends on...

#### Material

- Glass thickness
- Material properties of the glass
  - Thermal properties
  - Mechanical properties

#### **Glass temperature**

- Glass temperature after heating/before cooling
  - Thermal scanner/camera needed

#### **Cooling effect**

- Dimensions of cooling system
- Cooling air pressure
- Cooling air temperature



# **Glass tempering process**





## **Online glass stress calculation**

Glass



## **Calculation model**



## **Calculation of stresses**



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# How about accuracy?

# Which factors affect the accuracy of the results?

- Accuracy of thermal scanner measurement
- Uniformity of the glass temperature
- Pressure measurement
- Accuracy of the heat transfer coefficient calculation model
- Accuracy of the thermal and mechanical calculation model
- Material property values



# Accuracy of stresses when comparing to SCALP



Stress calculation × SCALP measurement

- □ Stress calculation × SCALP measurement
- Test set with 3 6 mm glasses with tempered and heat strengthened, and clear and Low-E coated glasses
- For most of glasses the difference in this test set has been +/- 5% comparing stress calculation and SCALP measurements. All results within +/- 10 %.
- Stress calculation gives only one value for each glass, when SCALP is usually used in several position.



# What to do with stress results?

- Stress level in tempering production for each glass can be monitored.
- Stress levels can be compared to fragmentation results to find stress limits based on fragmentation
  The fragmentation level can be followed
- Stress level can be used to follow the result for tempered and heat strengthened glass.





This is the only way to get value for stress for each glass straight after tempering and heat strengthing with good accuracy without manual measurements.

