



# New Developments in Rheology Modification for Waterborne Epoxy Systems

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# Outline

**Rheology: Brief definition and overview**

**Viscosity Measurements**

**Rheology Modifier Classes**

**Issues seen in WB epoxy systems**

**Recent Developments**

**Results**

**Summary**

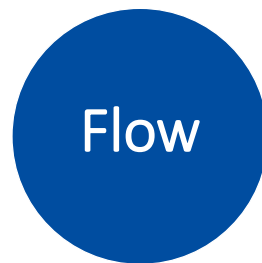


# What is Rheology?

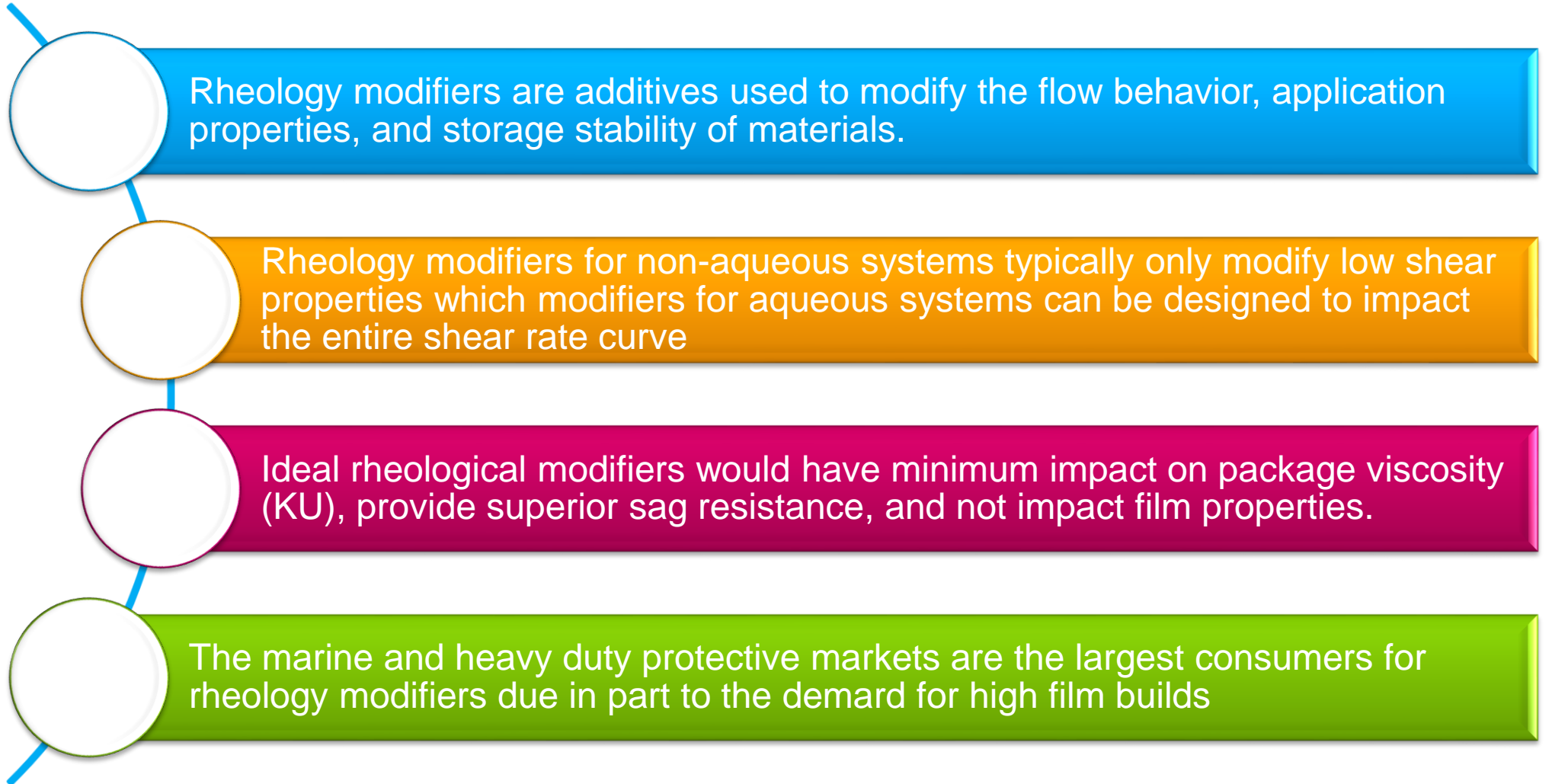
The science of the deformation and flow of matter

Complex fluids do not follow Newton's Law

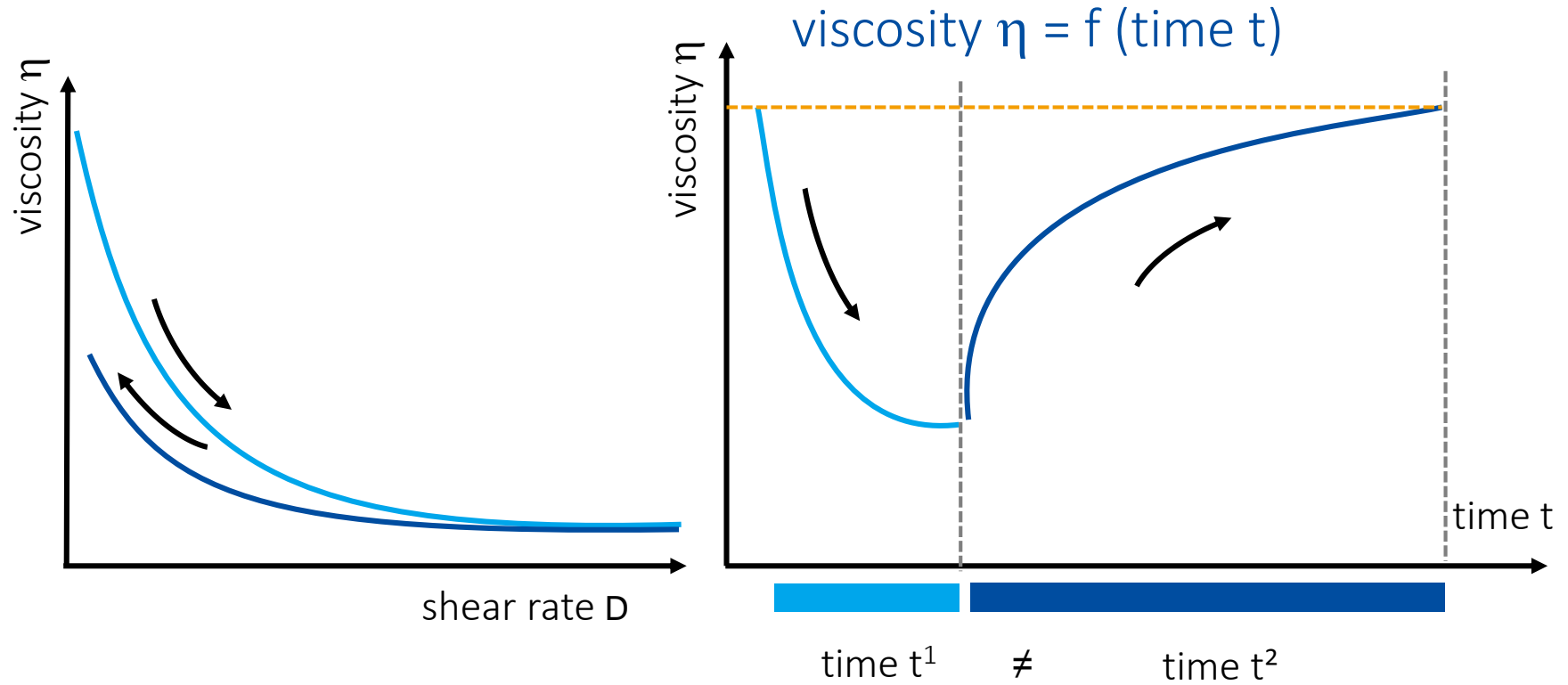
Practical:  
How a material moves and flows under stress



# Why is Rheology Important

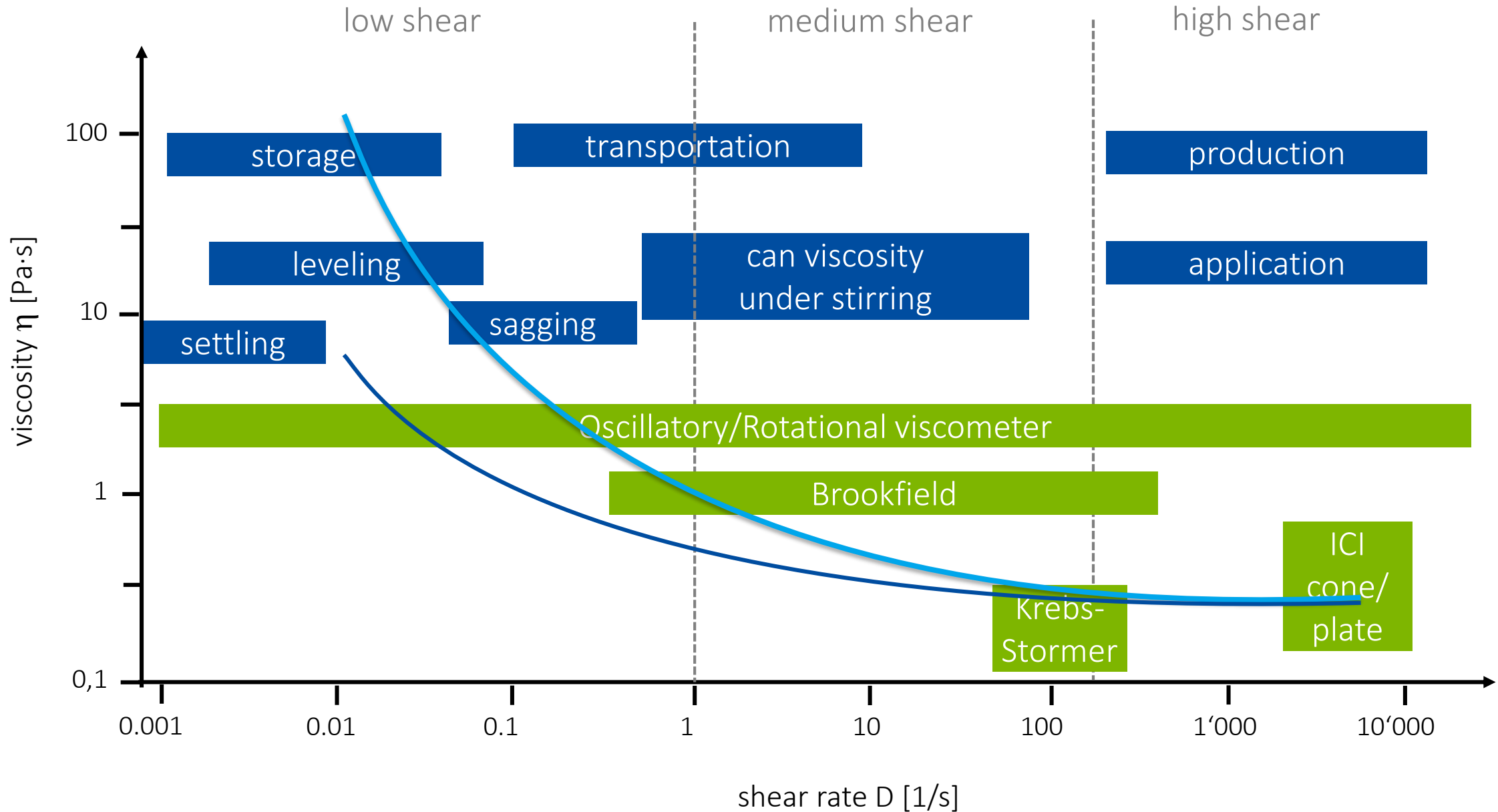


# Rheology Thixotropic Flow



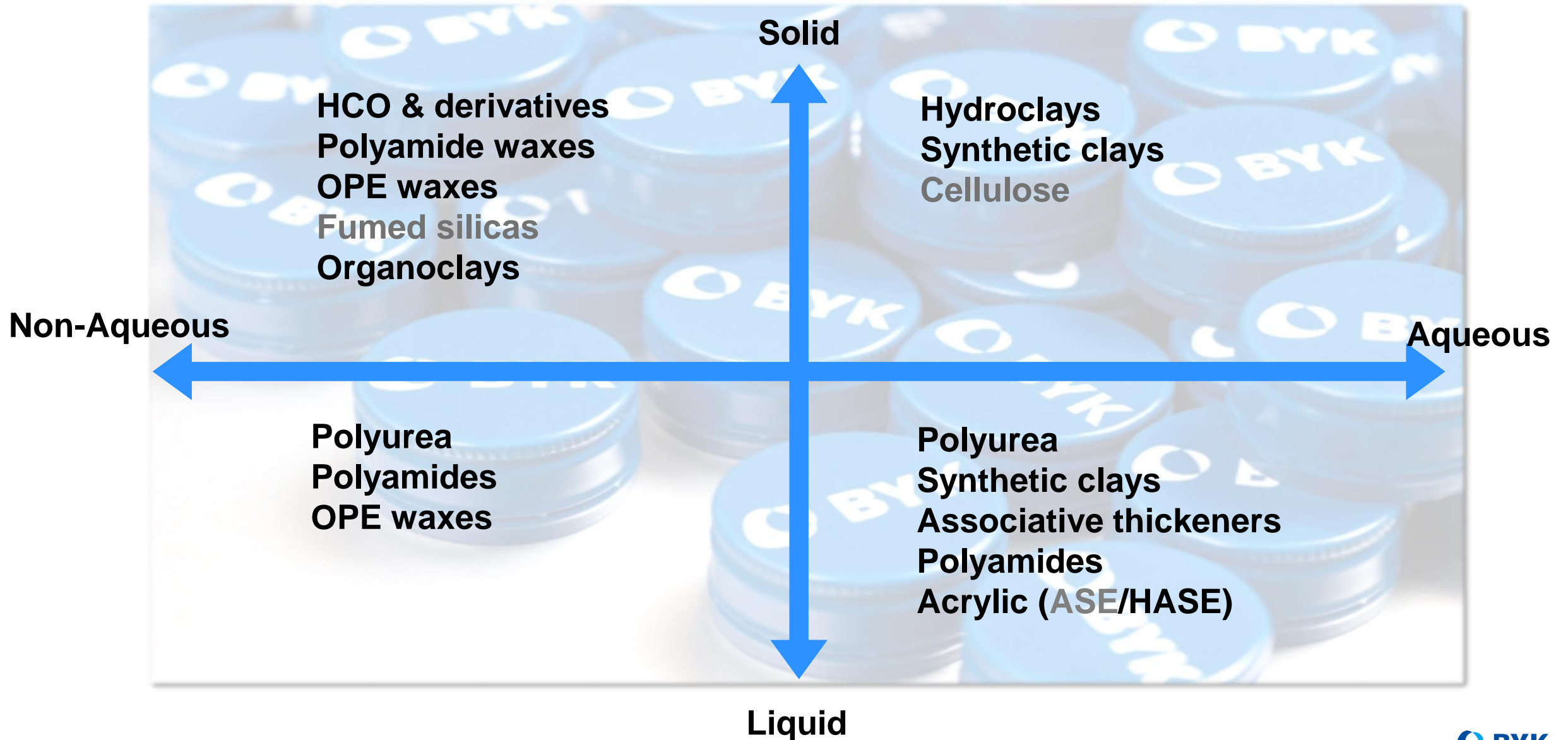
Thixotropic liquids show a **shear thinning effect** and a **time dependent recovery effect**

# Shear Regions Impacted by Rheology Modifiers





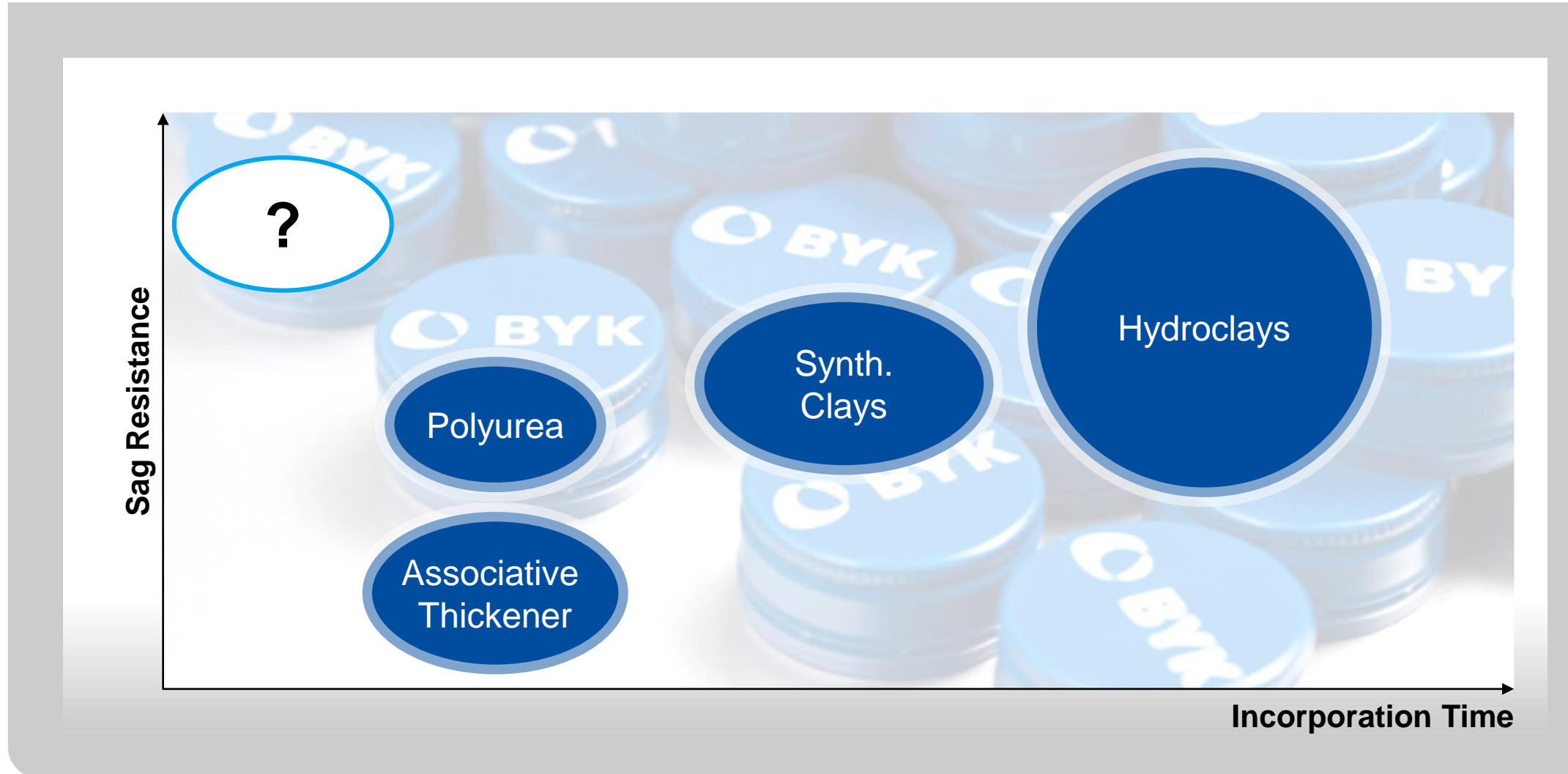
# BYK Rheology Additives Portfolio





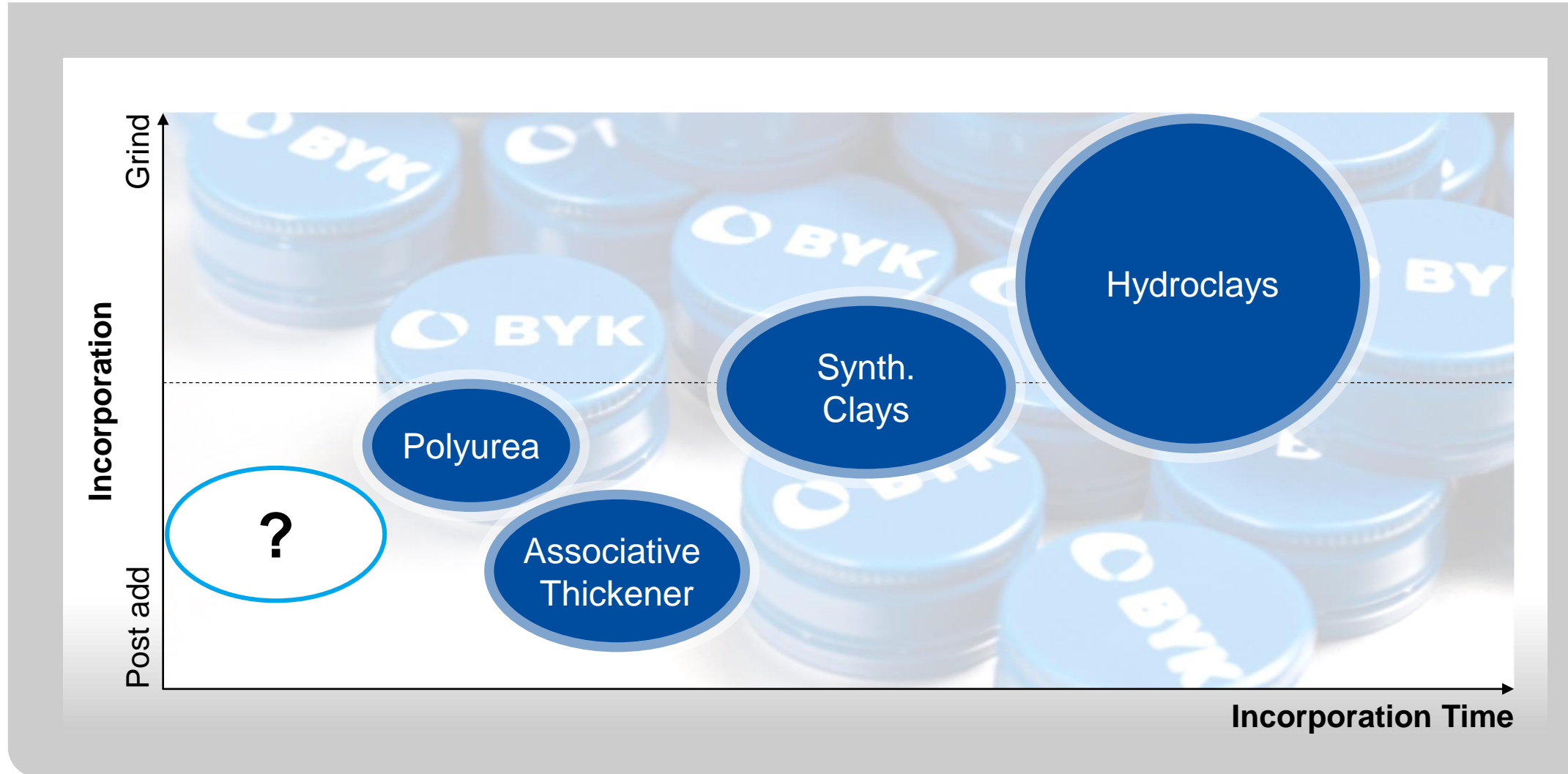
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# Rheology Additives in Waterborne Epoxies

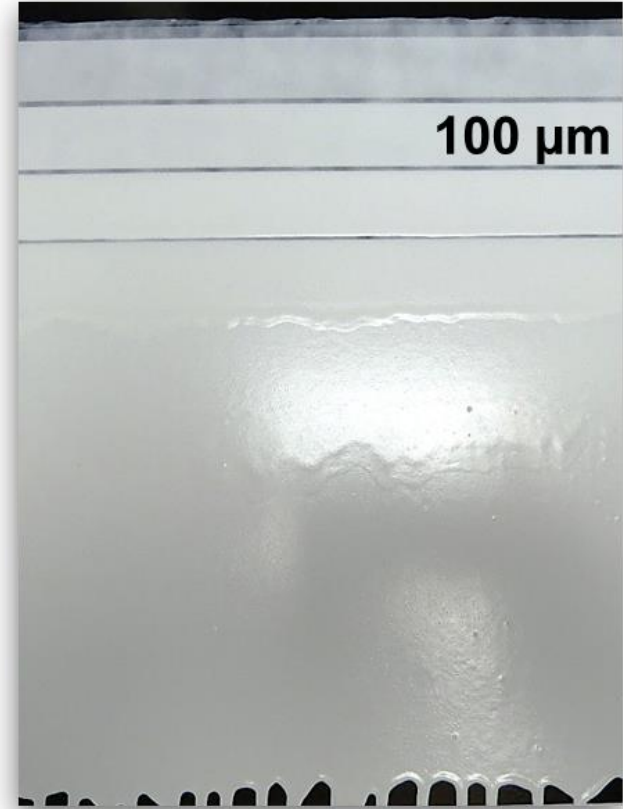
Technologies so far... Undesirable Phenomena



Incompatible

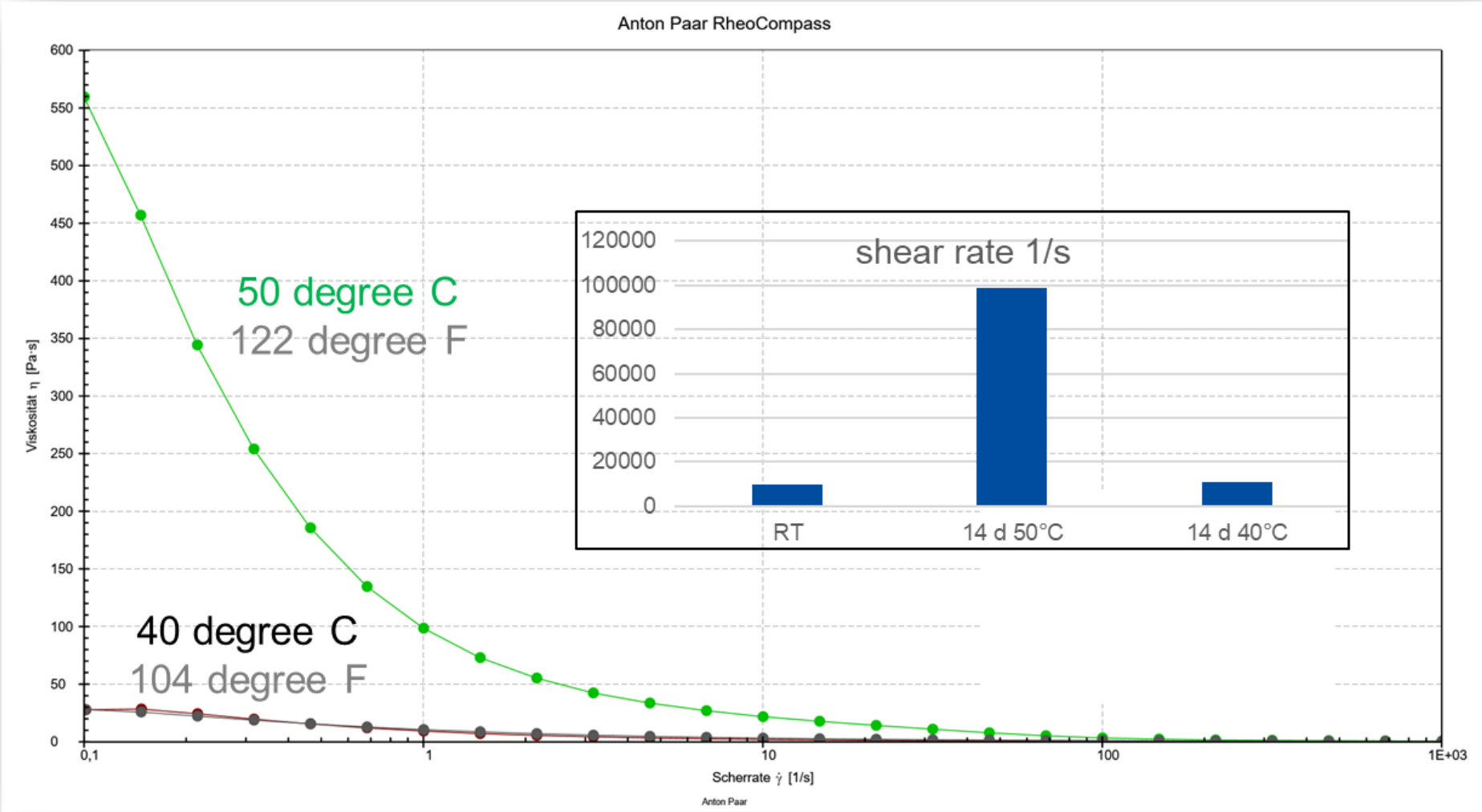
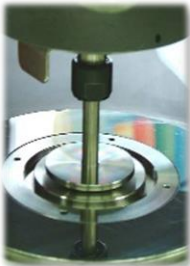


Increase in viscosity  
over storage time



High KU-viscosity,  
but low sag resistance

# Screening Resin & Storage Stability vs. Temperature

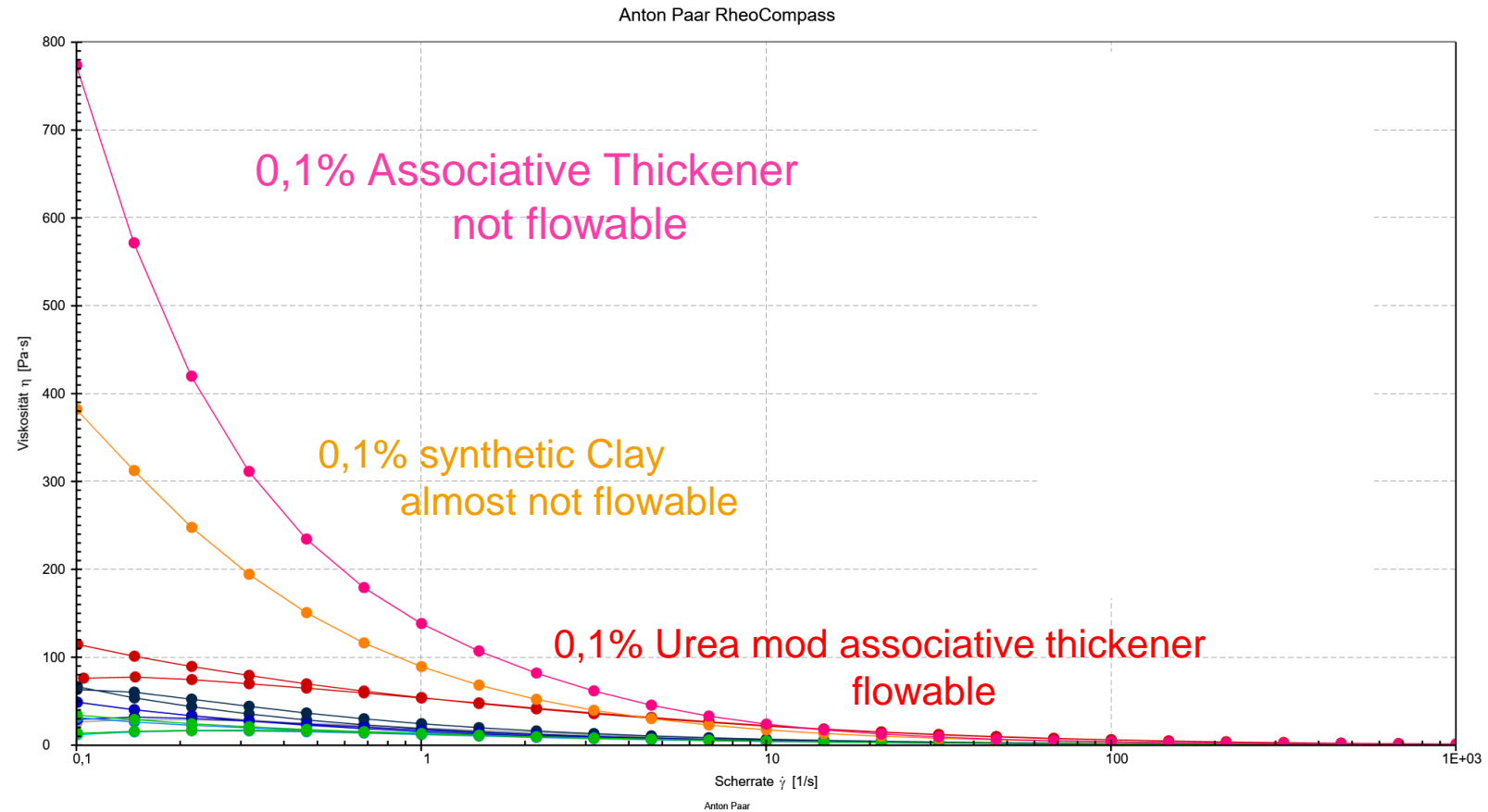
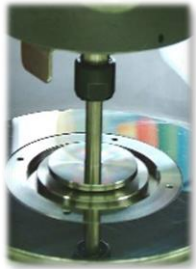


BYK Additives in water borne EP formulation w/o hardener



# Screening Rheology Additives

Dosage/Activity - Screening diff. Technologies (KU Viscosity)



BYK Additives in water borne EP Resin w/o hardener

# Project Starting Point

## What is the Problem?

KU Viscosity






Sag resistance



# Liquid Polyamide Technology

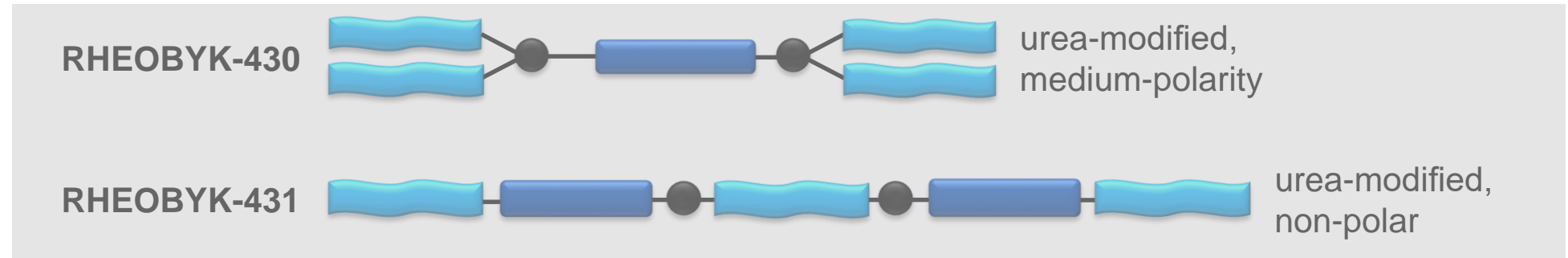
Liquid, polyamide-based rheology additive for water-borne systems




	Polyamide backbone → Hydrogen bonds for rheological effect
	Compatibility providing unit (EO, PO, Alkyl-chains)
	Rheology enhancing group


# Completing the Family of Liquid Polyamides


## RHEOBYK-430, -431, LPR-23396



 Polyamide backbone → Hydrogen bonds for rheological effect

 Compatibility providing units

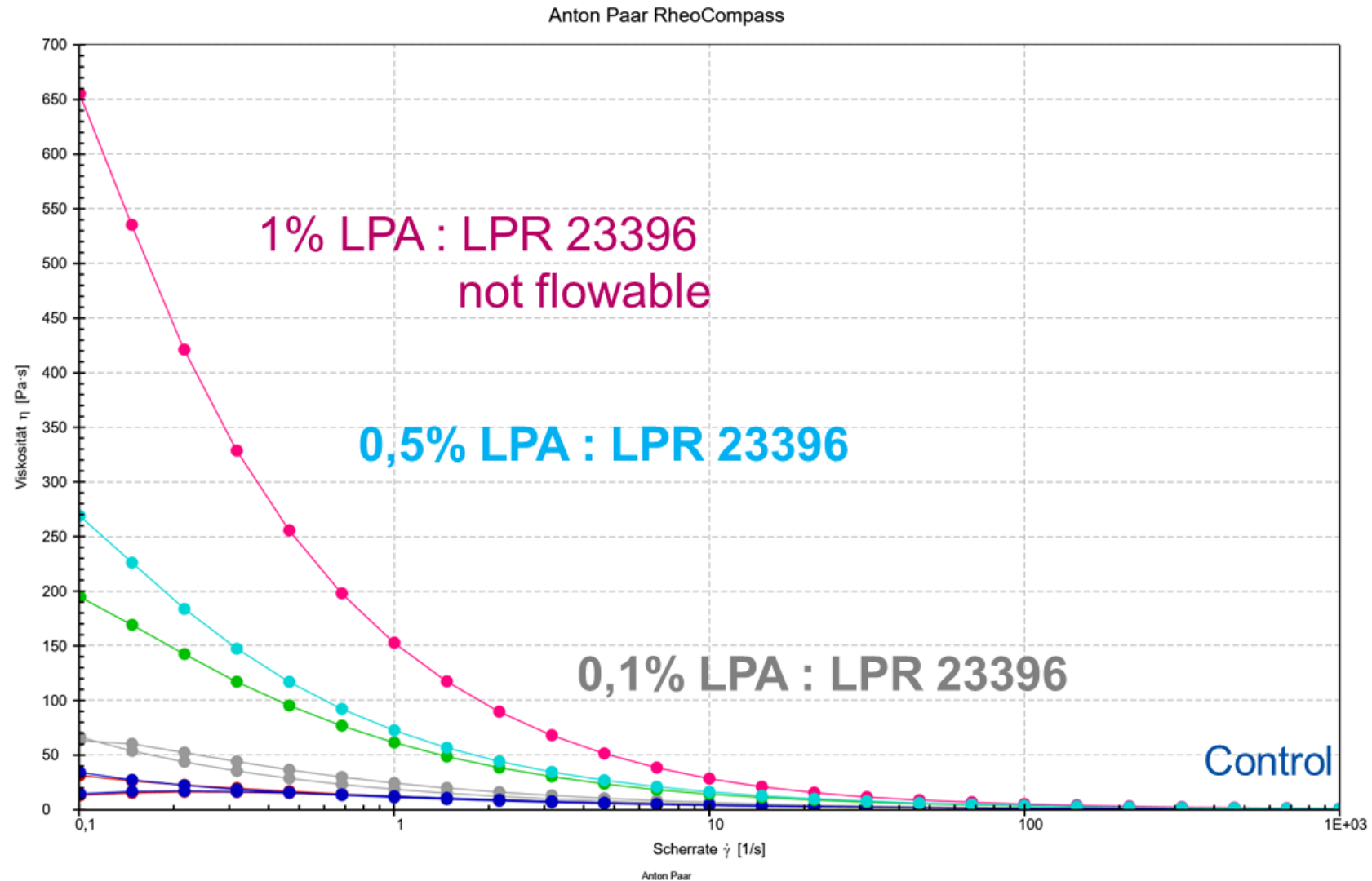
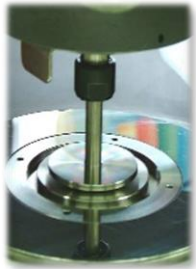
 Rheology enhancing group

 Urea unit



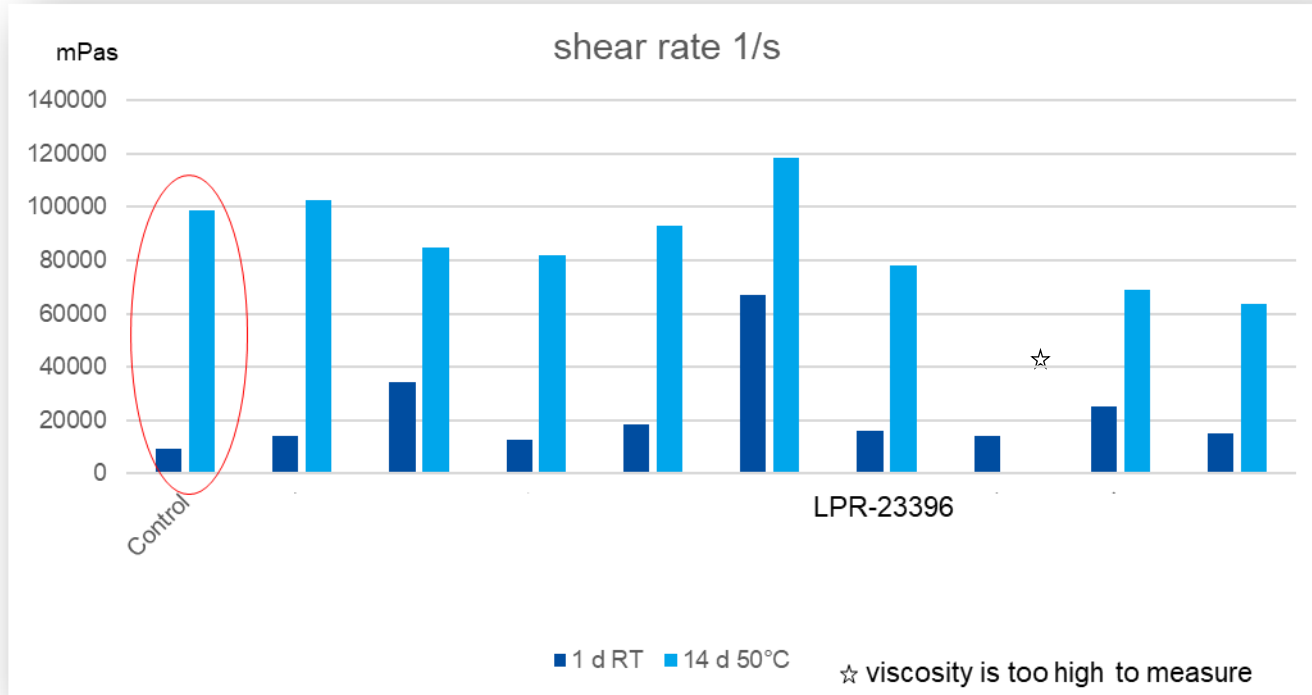
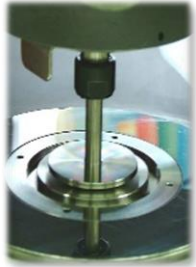
# Screening BYK Rheology Additives

## Dosage/Actives –



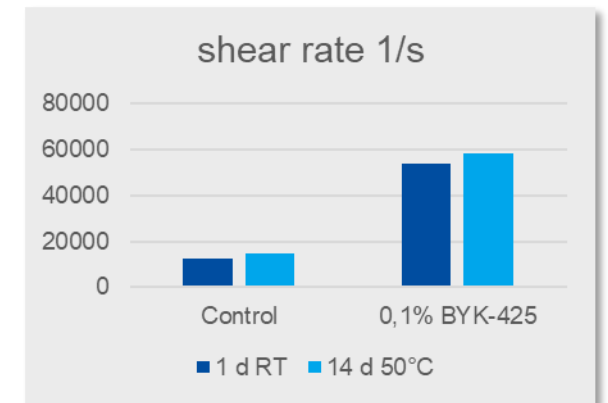
# Additives & Storage Stability

## Heat Aged Stability at 50°C 14 days



After Storage 14 days 50 degree C

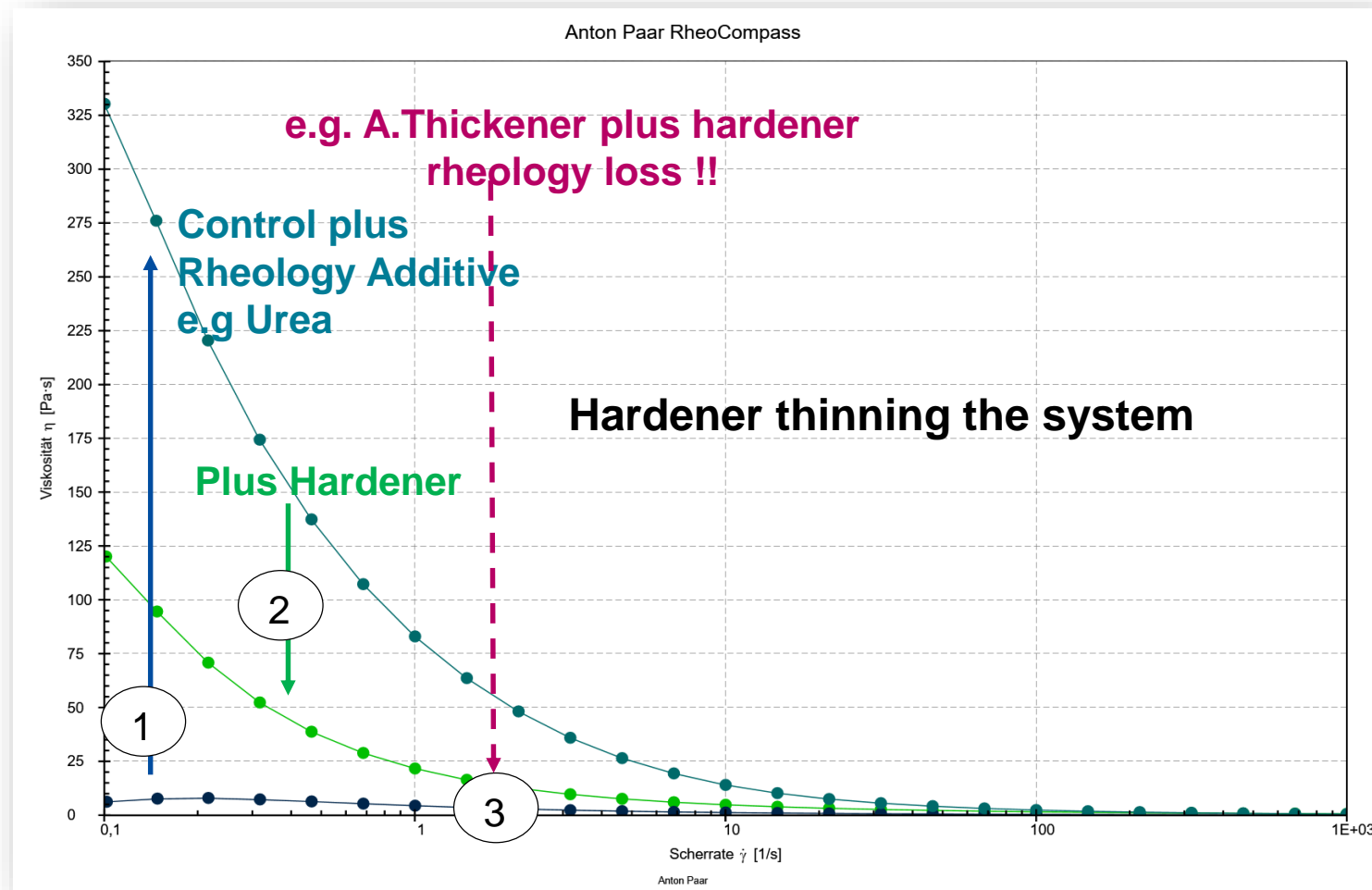
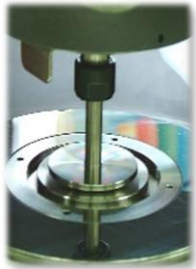
BYK Additives in water borne EP formulation w/o hardener



Only resin plus additive

# Rheology Additives

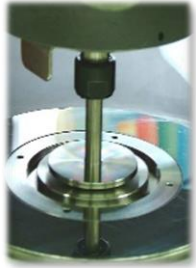
## Impact of Hardener Phenomena



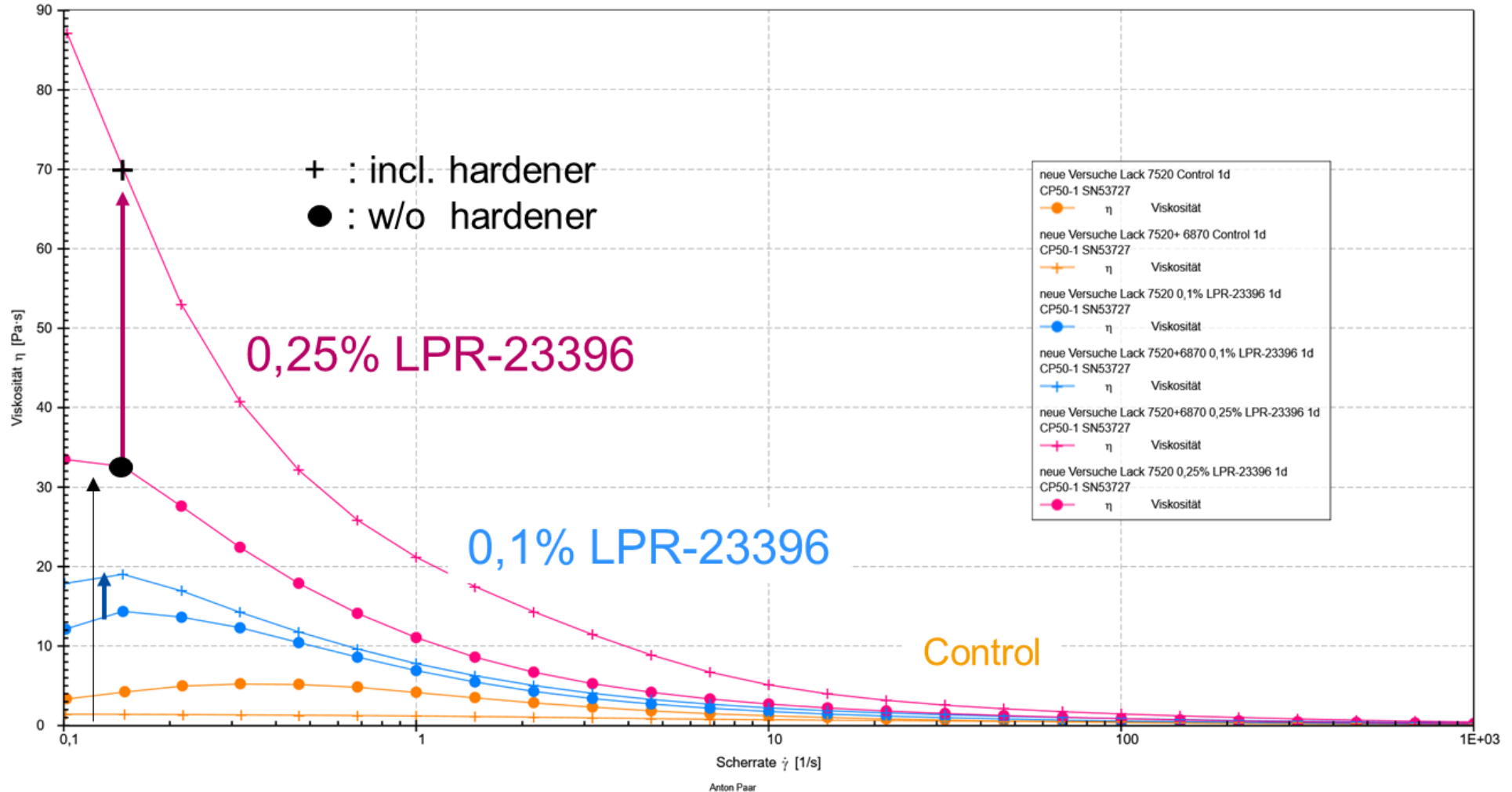
BYK Additives in waterborne EP Resin plus hardener

# LPR-23396 - Liquid Polyamide

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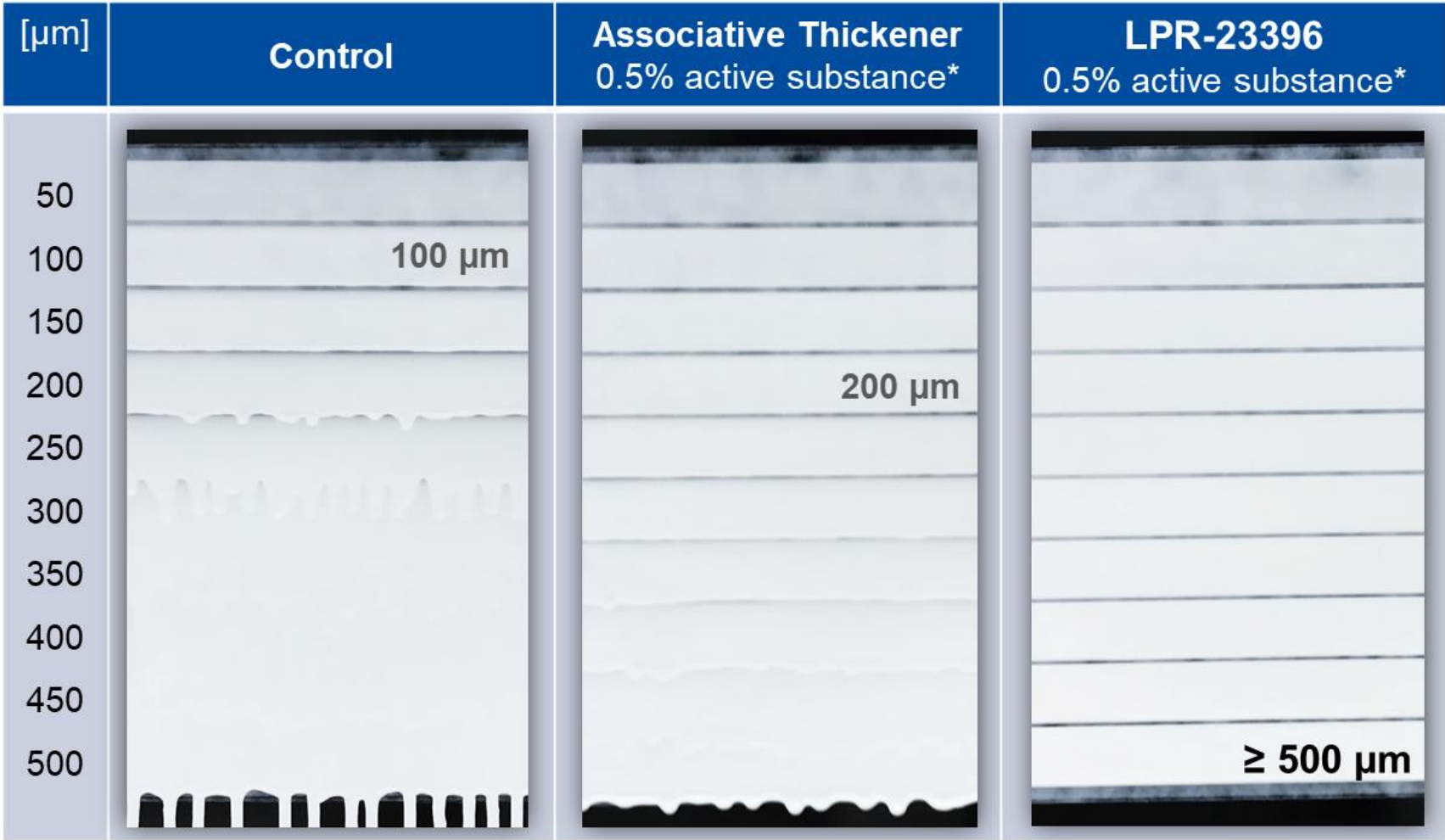
Anton Paar RheoCompass





# LPR-23396 in Waterborne Epoxies

## High Sag Resistance



\* = 3% as supplied on total formulation

\* = 2% as supplied on total formulation

### BYK Additives in waterborne 2K EP Formulation (2)

# LPR-23396 in water-borne epoxies

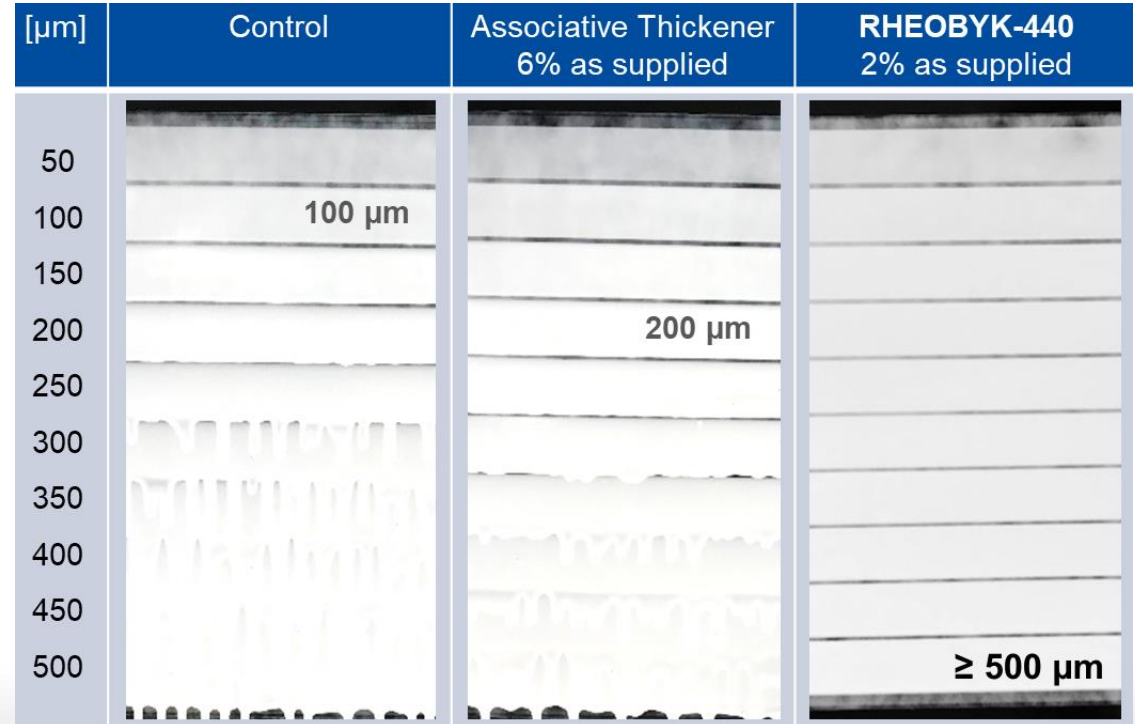
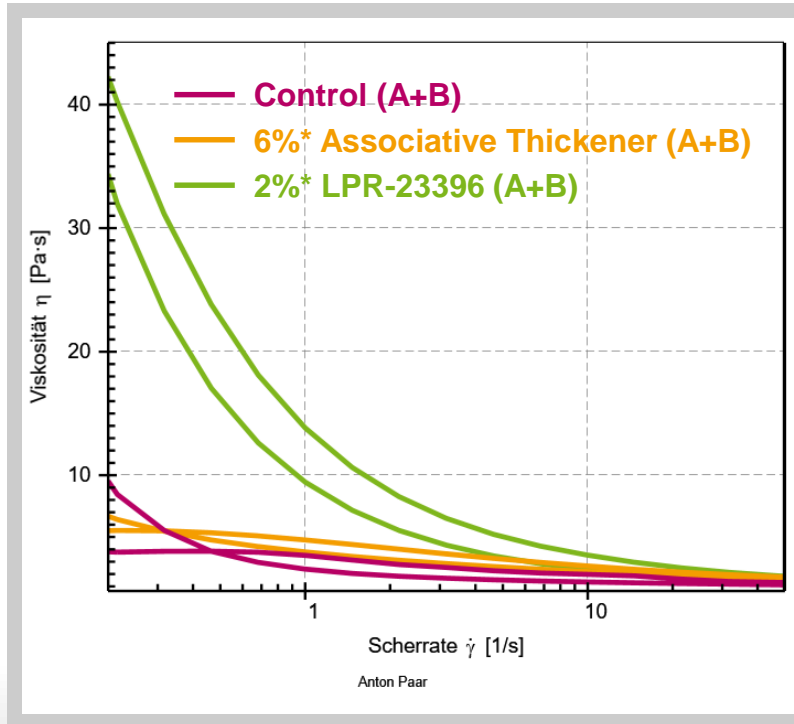
## Post Added in Amine Formulation

**Test method:**  
WB 2-pack Epoxy

**CSR measurement:**  
Anton Paar Rheometer MCR 302

**Sag resistance:**  
directly after mixing  
A and B

\* as supplied on total formulation



Unique Rheology Additives  
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2P epoxy coatings  
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→ **LPR-23396 – Post added in amine grind formulation**

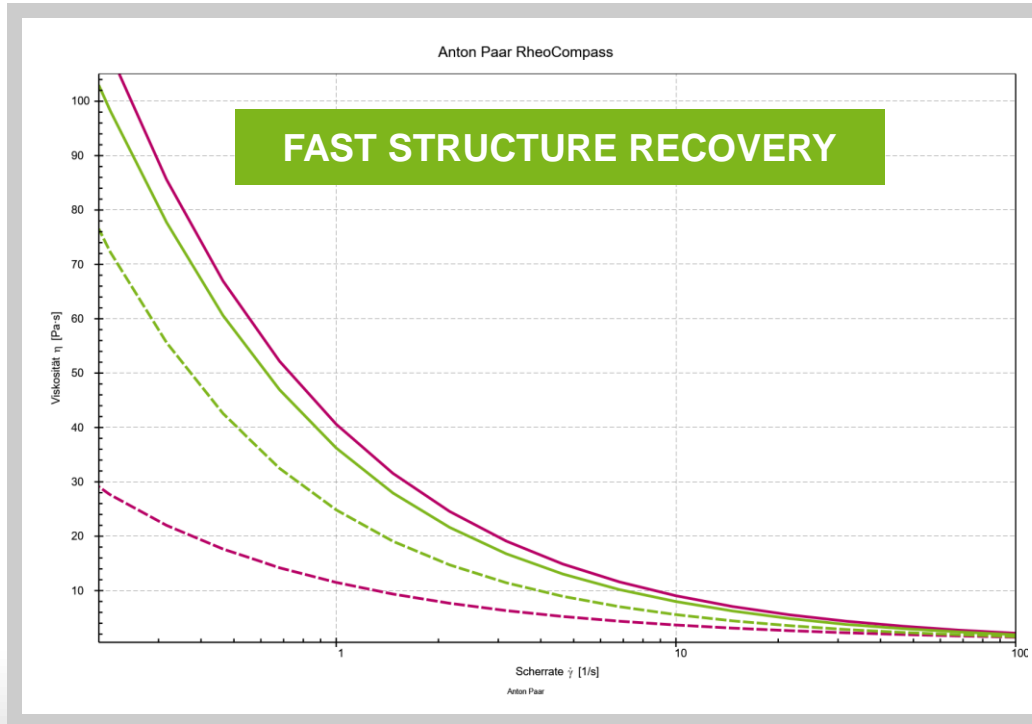


# LPR-23396 in Water-borne Epoxies

## Excellent anti-sag & anti-settling

**Test method:**  
WB 2-pack Epoxy

**Viscosity:**  
measurement with  
amine hardener



Thixotropic Additive\*

LPR-23396

— Up-curve

--- Down-curve

\* No storage stability 40o C - 14 days

→ **LPR-23396 – Fast structure recovery – more pseudoplastic behaviour**

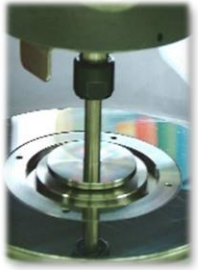
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# LPR-23396 in Waterborne Epoxies

## 3-Interval Thixotropy Test (Osc.Rot.Osc.)

Test System  
WB 2-pack Epoxy :

Additive Dosage  
0.5% active substance or  
component A



Anton Paar Rheometer MCR 301

Viscosity measurement

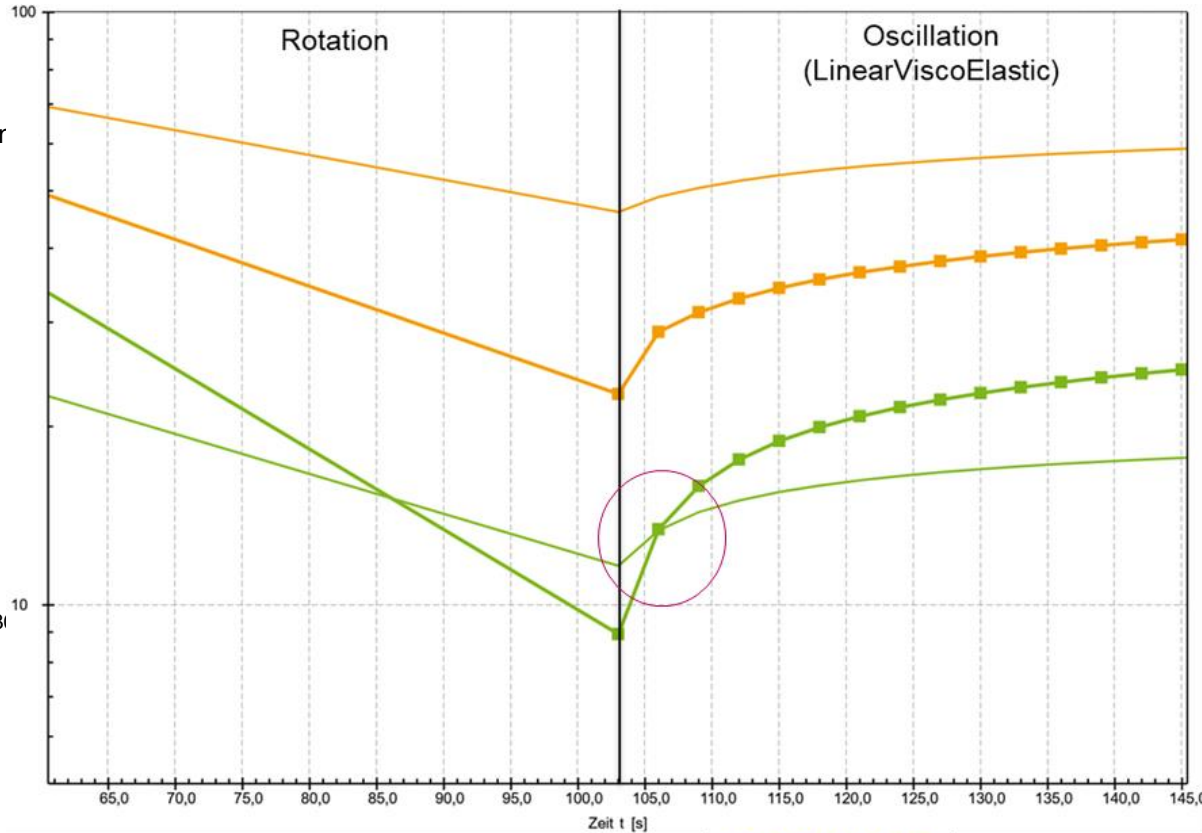
Oscillation:

$\gamma = 1\%$

$f = 1\text{ Hz}$

Rotation:

$\dot{\gamma} = 1000\text{ 1/s}$



Associative Thickener (A+B)

■ ■ ■ ■ Storage modulus

— — — — Loss modulus

LPR-23396 (A+B)

■ ■ ■ ■ Storage modulus

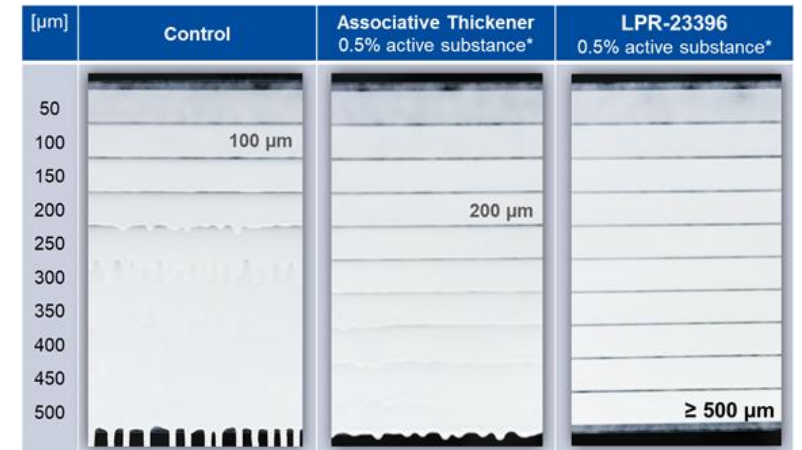
— — — — Loss modulus

Higher viscosity, but...

→ More viscous than elastic parts  
= **Less sag resistance**

Storage modulus higher than loss modulus after deformation, means...

→ More elastic than viscous parts  
= **High sag resistance**



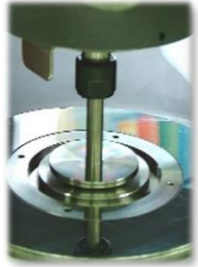
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# Application Results: Dip Application

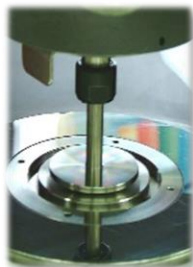
## Smooth Al and Metal



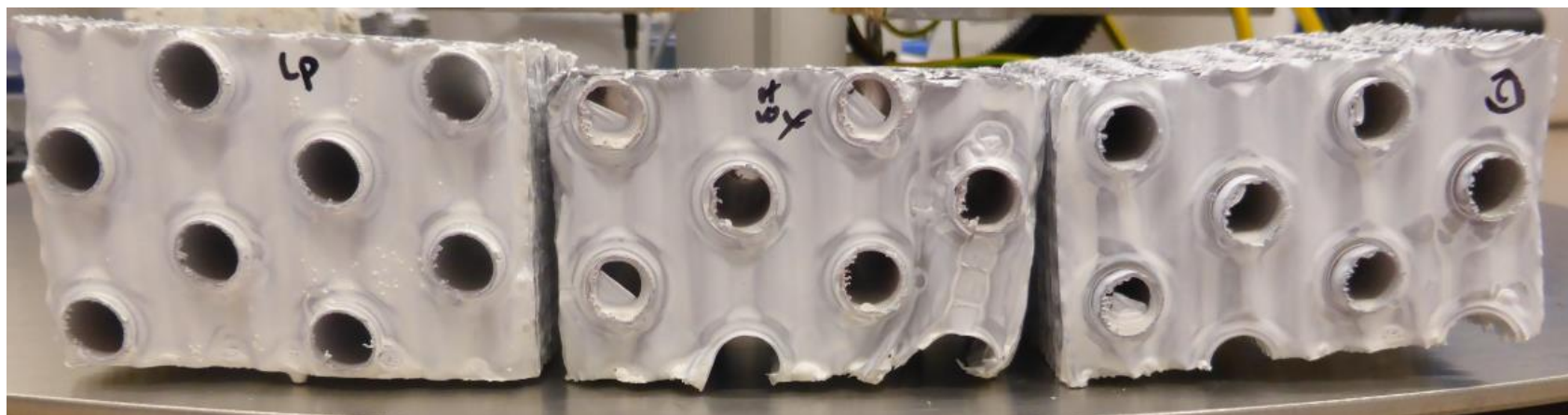
Samples	Zahn cup #2 (viscosity right before application)	DFT(mils)	
		Aluminum	metal
Blank	32	0.60	0.53
0.5% Hydroclay + 0.5% HEUR	60	0.92	0.93
0.5% LPR-23396	56	1.26	1.16



# RHEOBYK 440 Application Results: One Pack Phenolic Epoxy Baking System



Sample ID:	Weight before dip (g)	Weight after dip (g)	Weight difference (g)
Control	62.72	67.30	4.58
0.5% Hydroclay+0.5% HEUR	75.23	80.40	5.17
0.5% LPR-23396	75.34	85.13	9.79



0.5% LPR-23396  
Actives

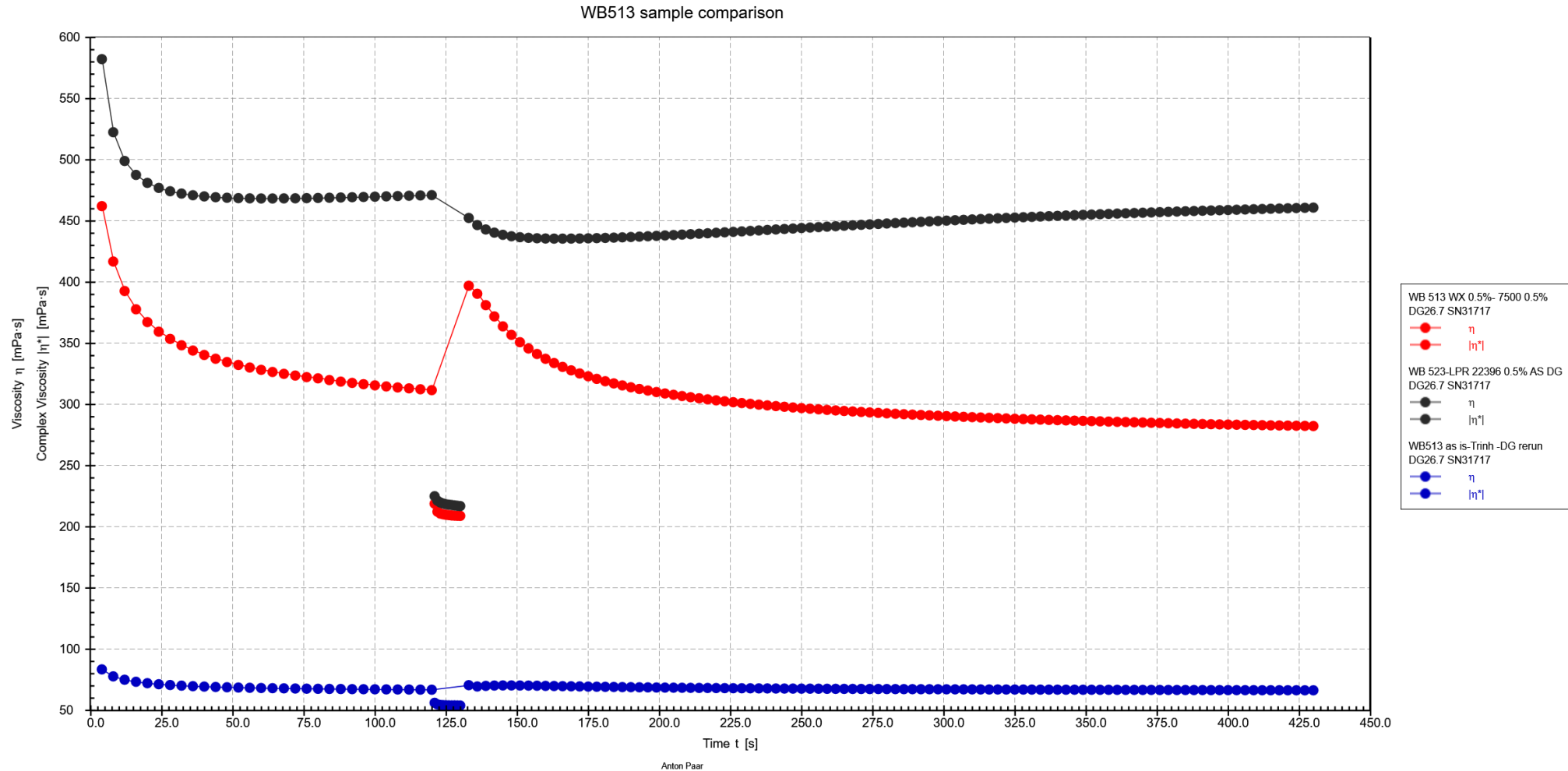
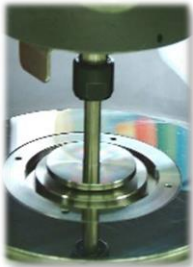
0.5% Hydroclay,  
0.5% HEUR

Blank



# LPR-23396 in Waterborne Phenolic Epoxy Baking System

## Fast structure recovery – good anti-sag/drip properties





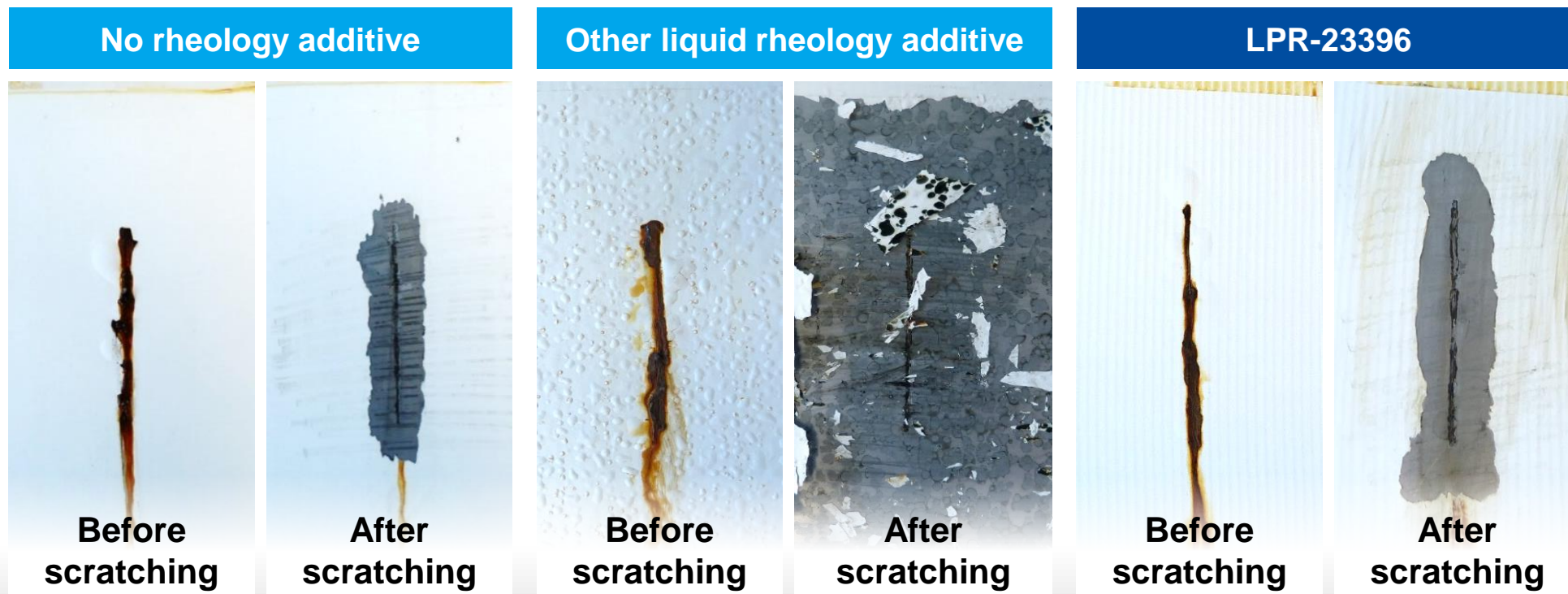
# LPR-23396 in Water-borne Epoxies

## No Negative Influence on Salt Spray Resistance and Adhesion

Corrosion tests in artificial atmospheres – Salt spray tests (ISO 9227:2006)

Test formulation:  
WB 2-pack Epoxy

Substrate: smooth steel  
DFT: 80 µm  
Drying: 7 d ambient  
Duration: 360 h



→ **LPR-23396** – No negative impact on corrosion

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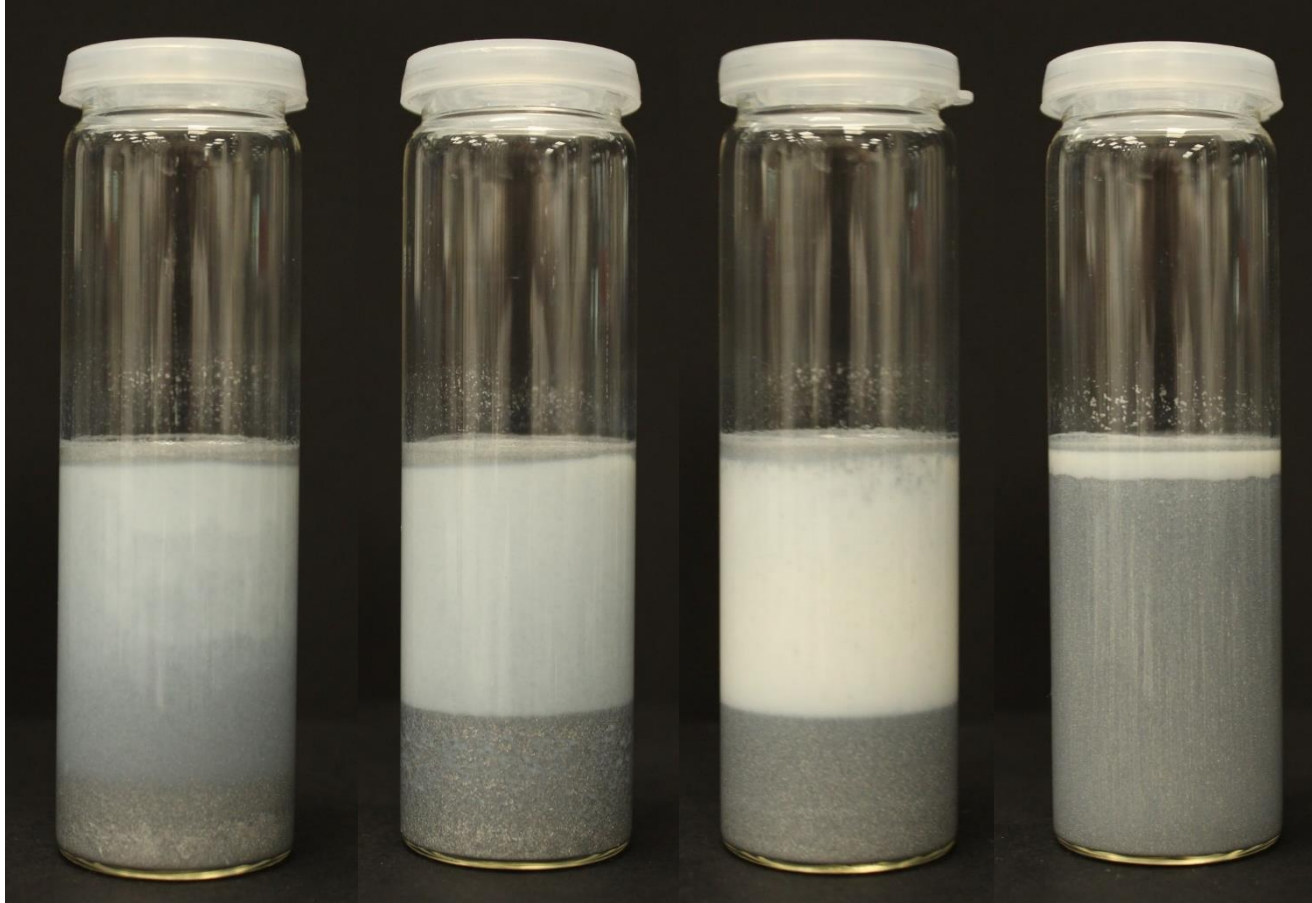


# LPR-23396 in 2-pack Acrylic Excellent Anti-Settling Properties

Test System  
2-pack Acrylic  
Metallic Topcoat  
STAPA® IL HYDROLAN 2154

Additive Dosage  
0.1% active substance on  
total formulation

Storage  
7 days at room temperature



Control

LAPONITE-RDS

RHEOBYK-D 420

LPR-23396



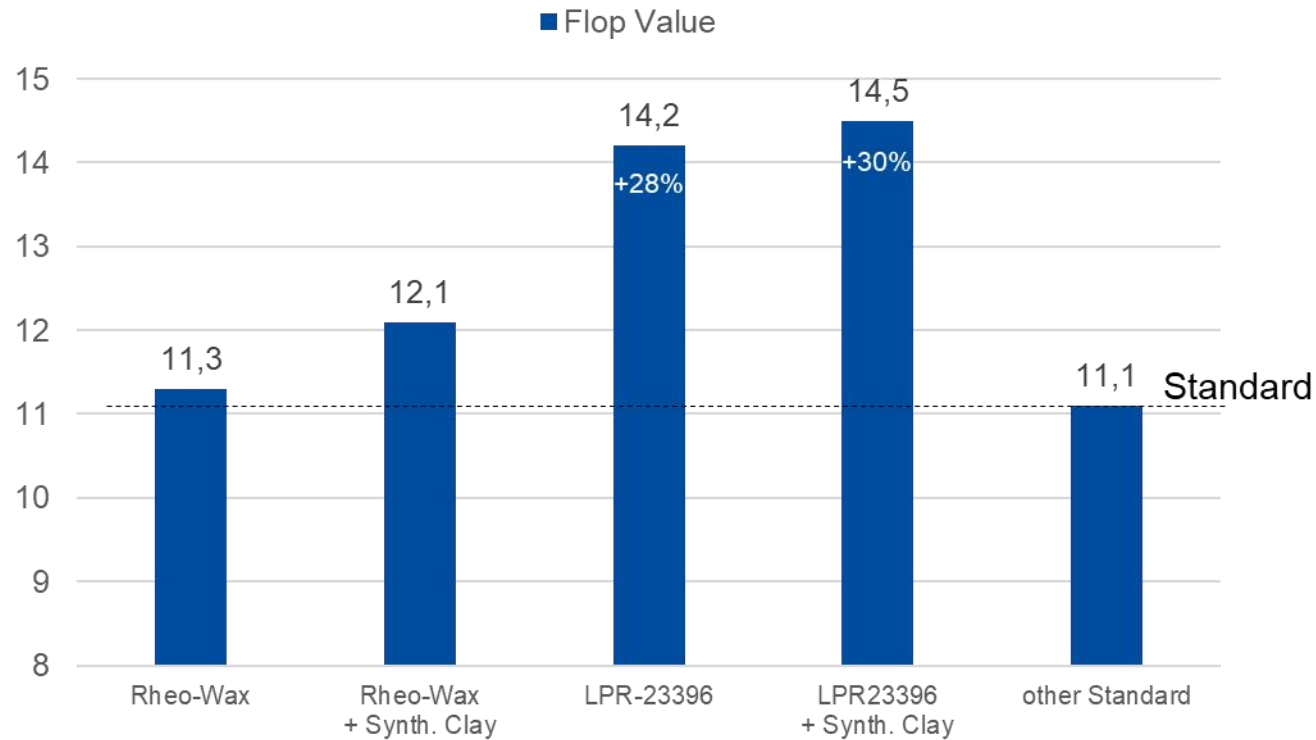


# LPR-23396 – Water Borne Metallic Base Coats

## Metallic Orientation

System:  
Acrylic Copo. Disp.  
Plus met. pigment

Film thickness  
10 µm



BYK-Gardner – cloud-runner

Flop Value Results- OEM Basecoat - ESTA Spray Application



# LPR-23396 (RHEOBYK-440)

Special – Extraordinary – Unique

## Especially designed for the latest water-borne epoxy systems

- ✓ Improves anti-sagging and anti-settling properties.
- ✓ Provides fast structure recovery. Highly shear thinning.
- ✓ Stable rheology when mixed when hardener.
- ✓ No gelling or viscosity increase over storage.

## Easy to handle and to incorporate

- ✓ Pre-activated, liquid product
- ✓ Post-addition recommended
- ✓ pH independent rheology

**Final coating properties are not affected** (e.g. corrosion resistance, adhesion, ...)



# Rheobyk 440 Liquid Polyamide Technology

## Not only for 2K Water Borne Epoxy Coatings



Marine & Protective



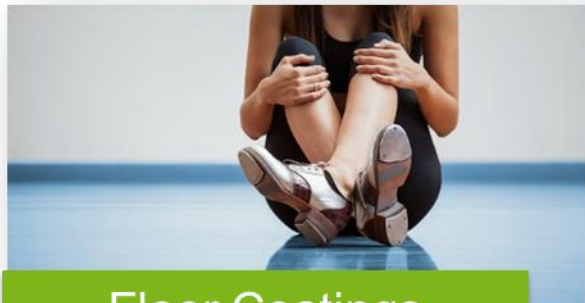
Transportation



General Industrial



Architectural



Floor Coatings



Wood & Furniture

Suitable Water-borne  
Systems e.g.

- 2-pack Epoxy
- 2-pack PUR
- Acrylate /  
Melamine
- 1-pack Acrylics
- 1-pack PUR



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