

# Stretching Polychloroprene Supplies in Solvent Borne Adhesives

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# Overview

- Phenolic resins are an important and necessary component of high performance polychloroprene solvent-borne adhesives.
- Global supply of polychloroprene has diminished due to growing demand and plant closures.
- A study was done where resin loads were increased or combined to make up to 1/3 more adhesive with standard loads of polychloroprene without sacrificing performance.
- Standard test methods were used for evaluation of the compounded adhesives, and test results are discussed.

# Variable 1 – Phenolic Resin

- Reactive vs. Non-reactive
- Different reactive resins
  - Molecular Weight
  - Degree of reactivity
  - Monomer
    - PTBP, PTOP
- Different non-reactive resins
  - Terpene phenolic
  - Alkylphenolic
    - Different monomers
      - PTBP, PTOP, Blended alkyl phenols

# Variable 2 – Resin Load

- Reactive resin
  - 45 parts resin
  - 75 parts resin
  - 100 part resin blends
- Resin blends reactive and non-reactive
  - Combined loads to 100 parts total resin

# Variable 3 - MgO

- MgO Loads
  - 2.25 – 7.5 parts
- Pre-reacted with resin
  - Multiple resins reacted together
  - Resins reacted separately
- Non pre-reacted
  - Added as solutions to adhesive

# Reactive Resins

- Reactive Resin made from Butylphenol
  - Low MW with high reactivity (RBLH)
    - Commercial Name HRJ-1367
  - Low MW with low reactivity (RBLL)
    - Commercial Name SP-103
  - High MW with High Reactivity (RBHH)
    - Commercial Name Rezilite® 888<sup>1</sup>
- Reactive Resin made from Octylphenol (RO)
  - Commercial Name SP-1045

<sup>1</sup>Rezilite is a registered trademark of SI Group, Inc., Schenectady NY

# Non-reactive Resins

## Terpene Phenolic Resins

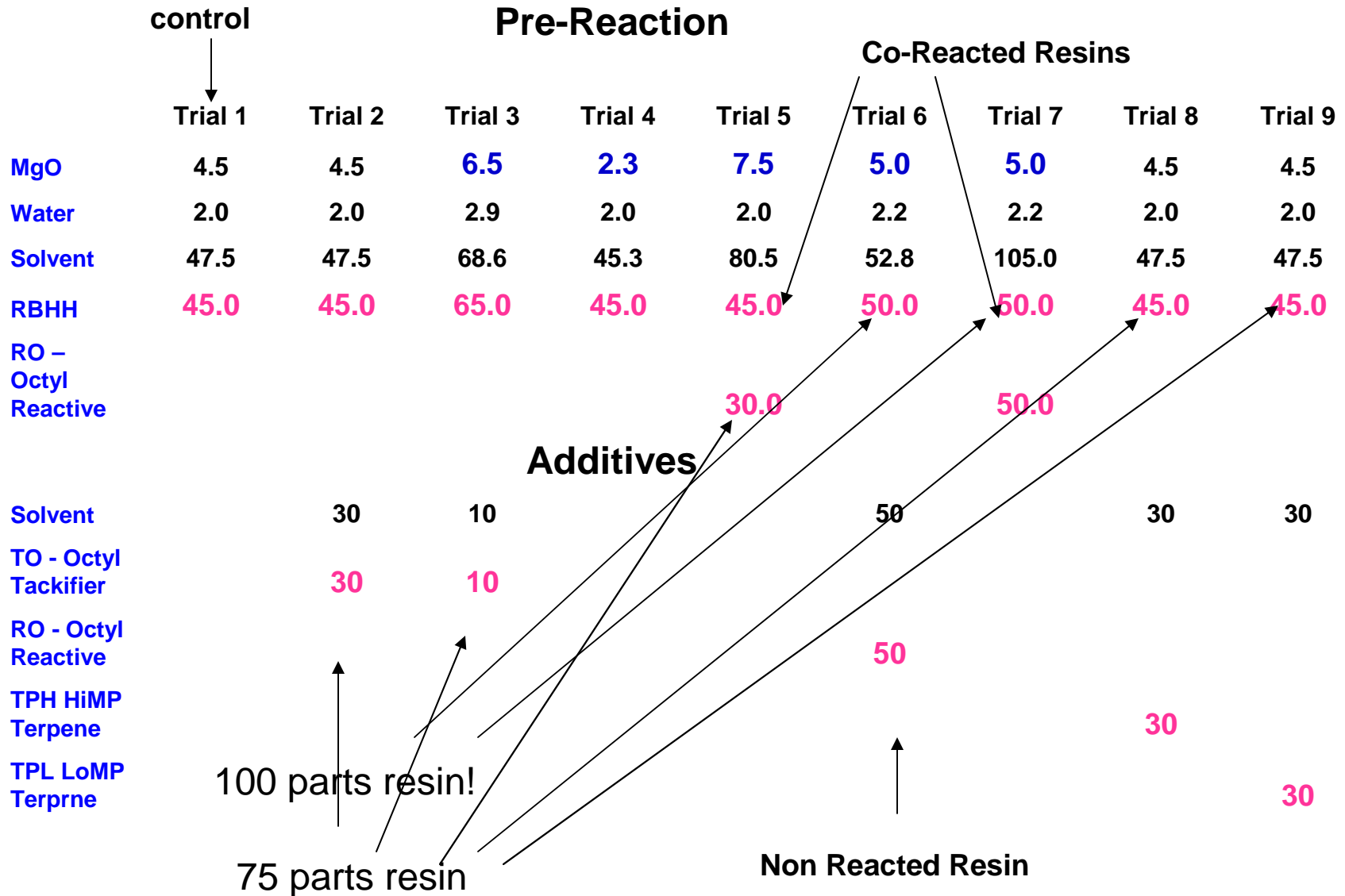
- High Melting Point (TPH)
  - Commercial Name SP-560
  
- Low Melting Point (TPL)
  - Commercial Name SP-553

# Non-Reactive Resins

## Alkylphenolic Resins

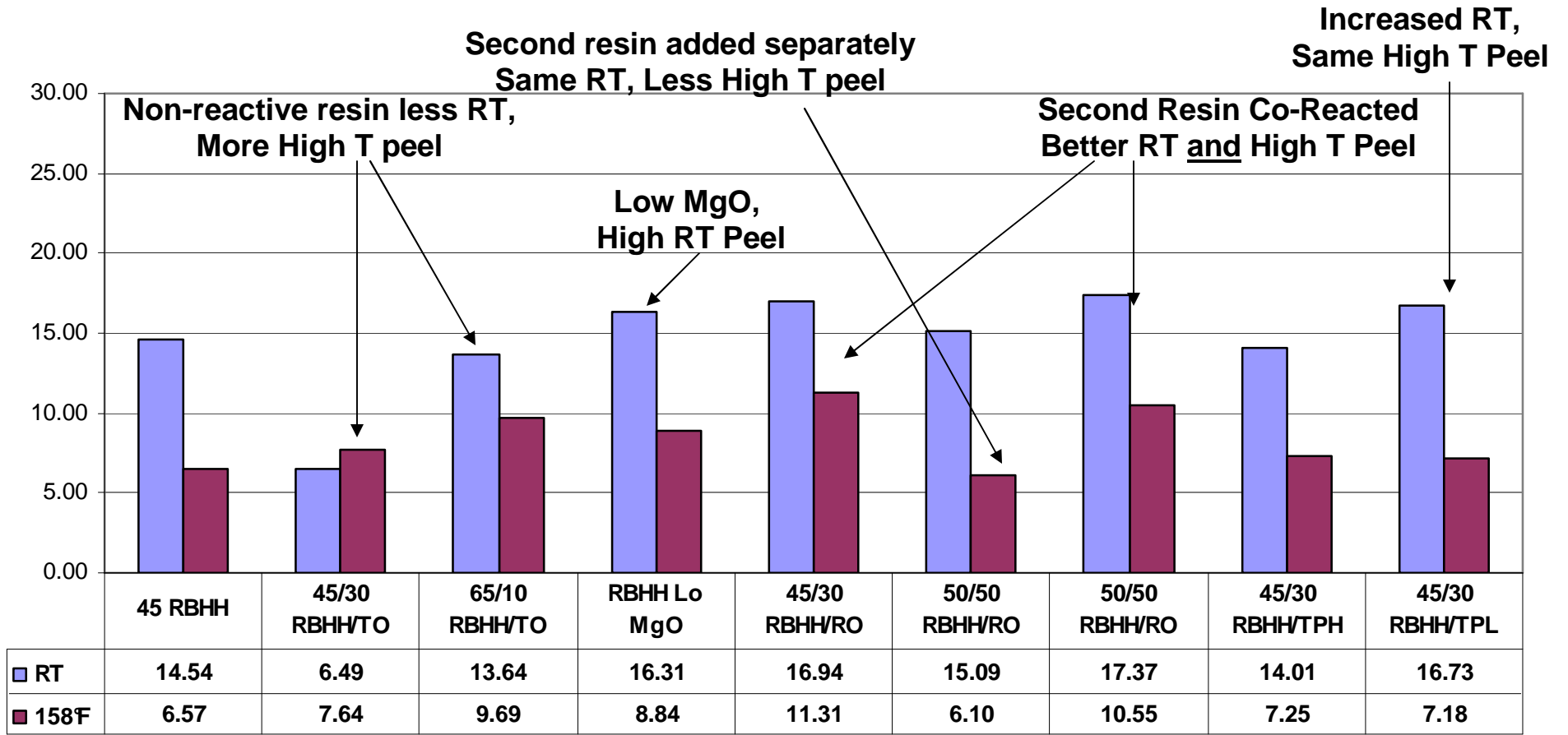
- Octylphenol Based Resin (TO)
  - Commercial Name SP-1068
- Butylphenol Based Resin (TB)
  - Commercial Name HRJ-2355
- Mixed alkylphenol Resin (TM)
  - Commercial Name SP-25

# Resin Loads Trials 1-9



# Dynamic Peel Test Results

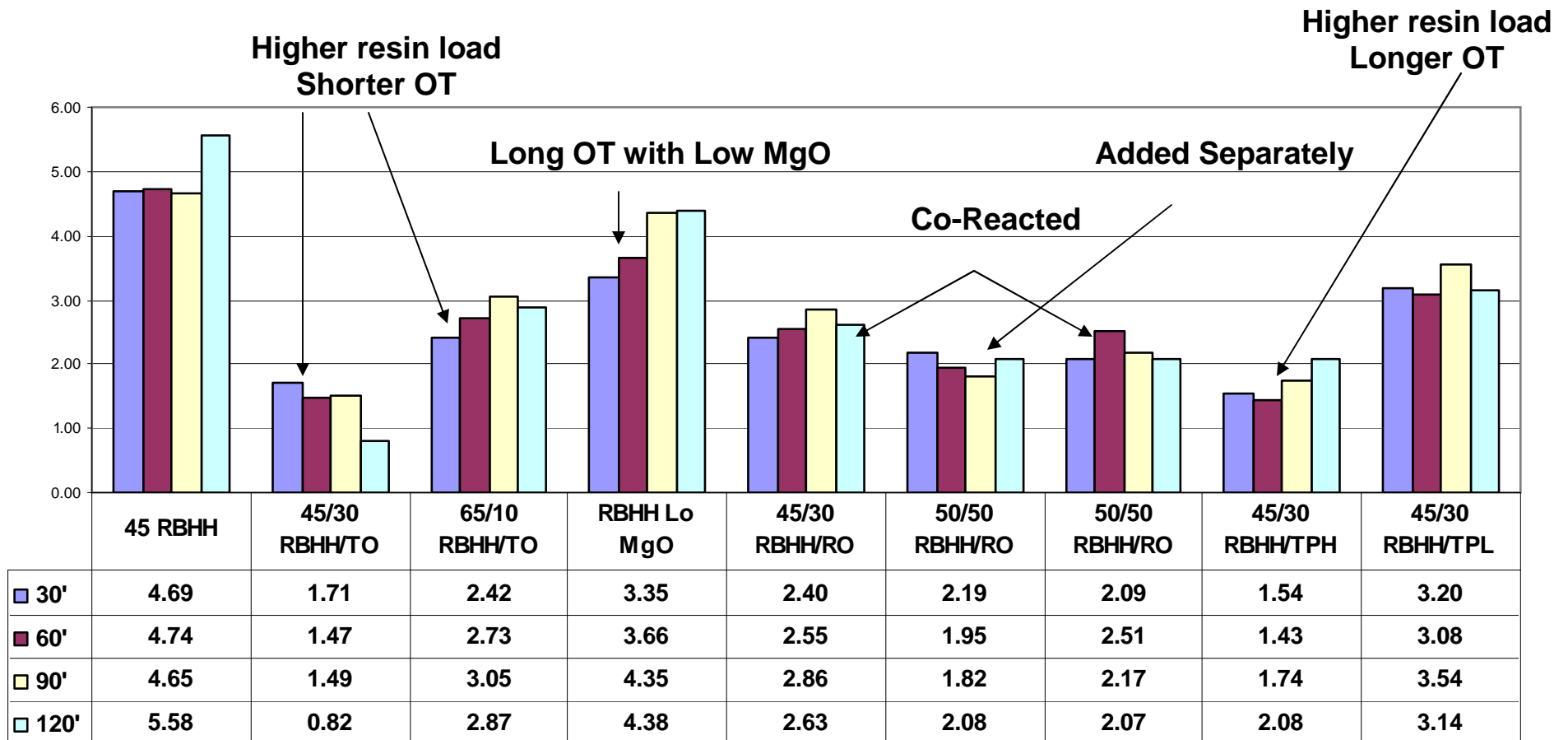
## Trials 1-9



Control

Alkylphenol Tackifiers less effective at RT than terpene phenolic tackifiers

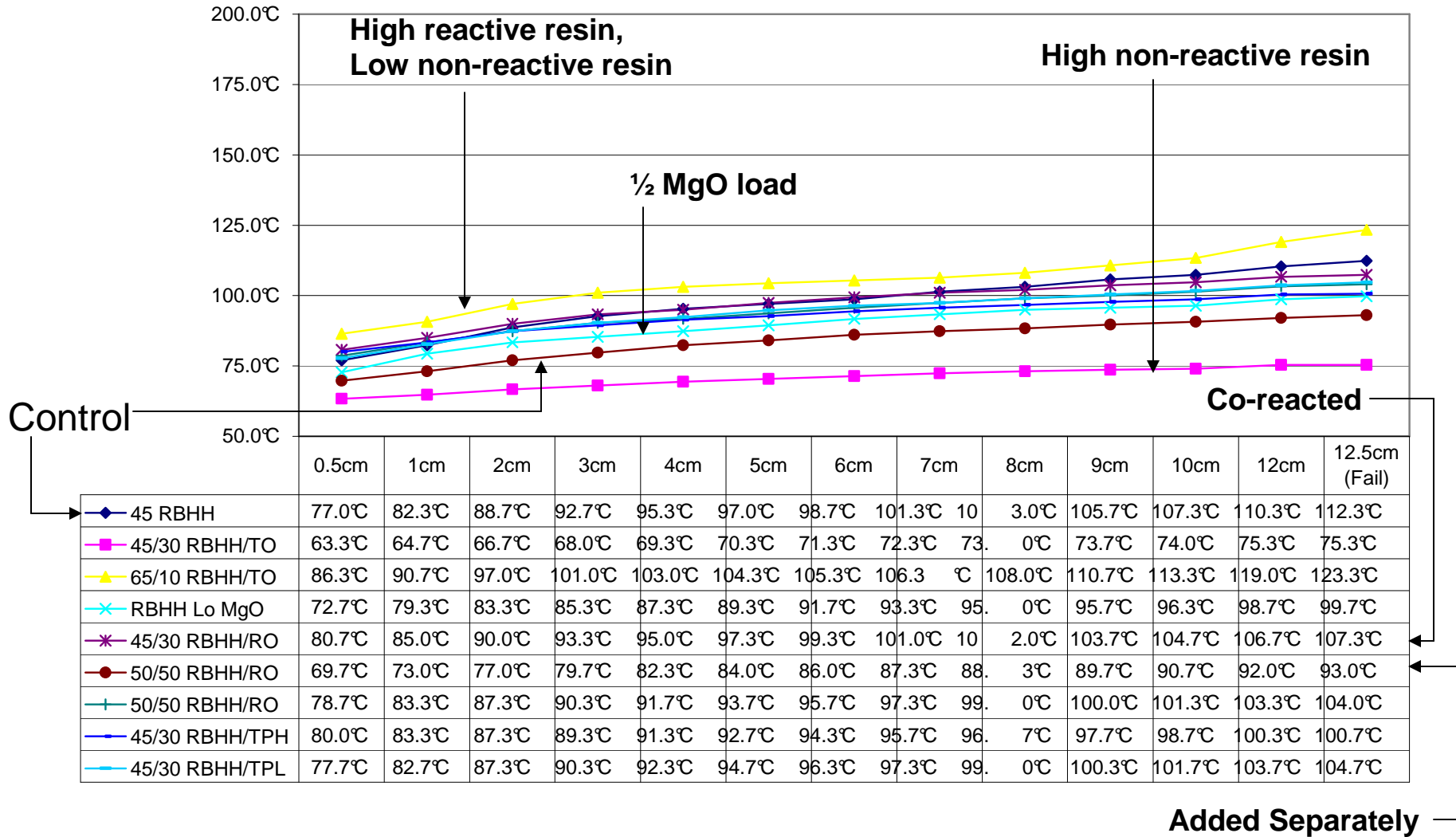
# Shear Adhesion – Open Time Trials 1-9



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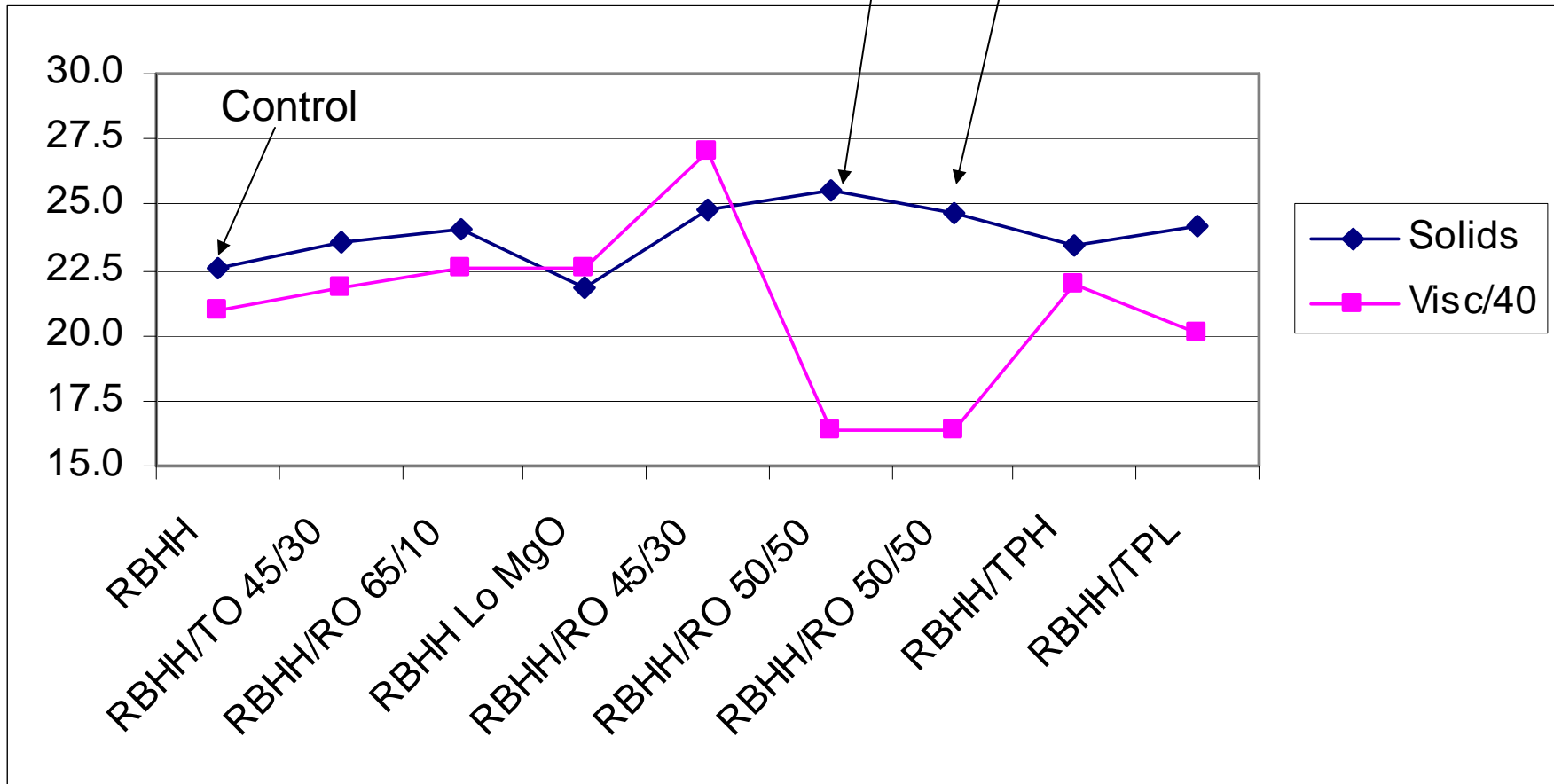
# CRT for Trials 1-9

Constant Rising Temperature, (CRT)  
2°C/minute



# Solids/Viscosity Relationship Trials 1-9

Low Viscosity and High Solids with High resin loads



# Key to Trials 10-16

		Pre-Reaction						control
MgO	4.5	7.5	5.0	5.0	7.5	4.5	4.5	4.5
Water	2.0	3.3	3.3	2.2	3.3	2.0	2.0	2.0
Solvent	47.5	79.2	79.2	105.0	79.2	47.5	47.5	47.5
RBLH	45	75		50	75	45	45.0	
RBLL			75	50				
RBHH								45.0
Solvent					25	30	30	
TO		100 parts resin!			25			
TB						30		
TM		75 parts resin					30	

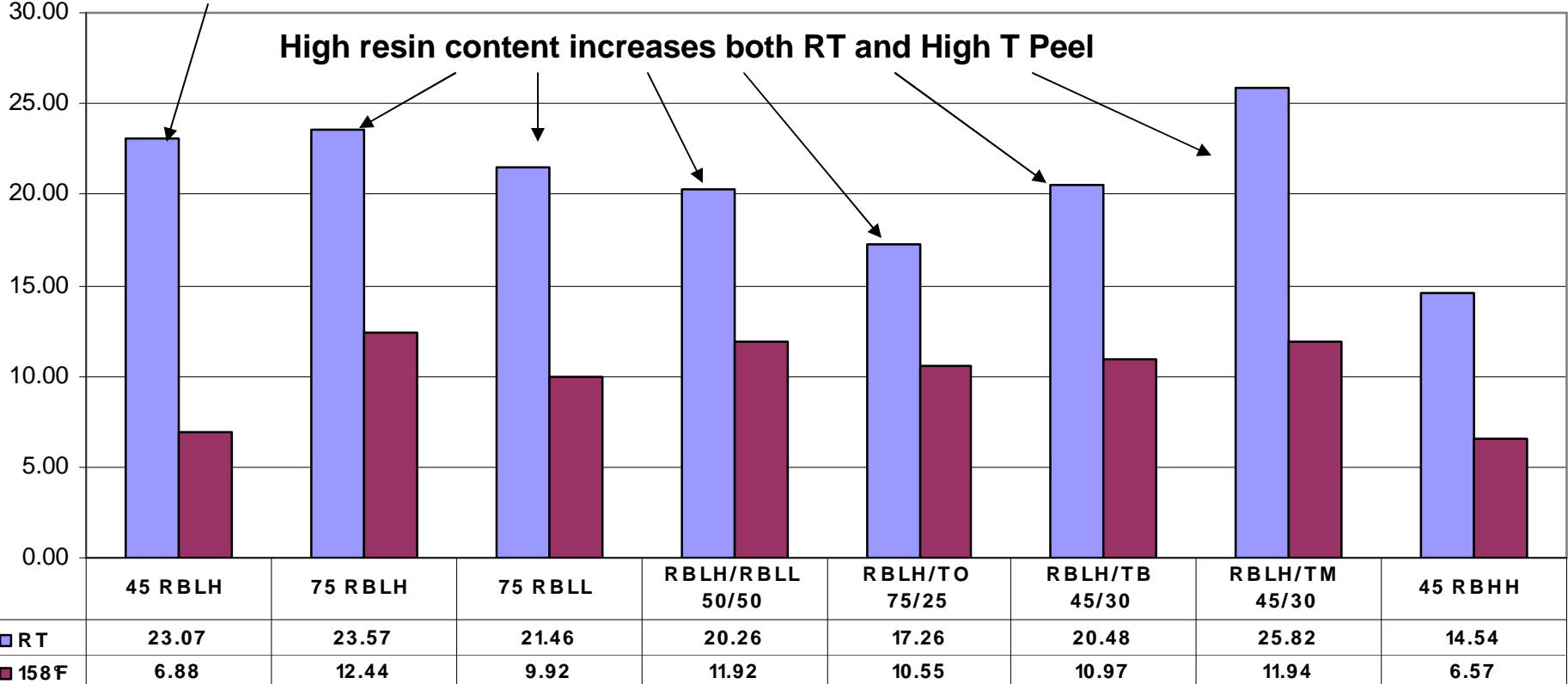
Additives

The diagram shows two arrows originating from the bottom. One arrow points from '100 parts resin!' to the value 75 in the RBLH row, column 2. The other arrow points from '75 parts resin' to the value 75 in the RBLL row, column 3. There are also arrows pointing from the 50 values in the RBLL and RBHH rows to the 75 values in the RBLH row, columns 5 and 6 respectively.

# Dynamic Peel Results

## Trials 10 – 16

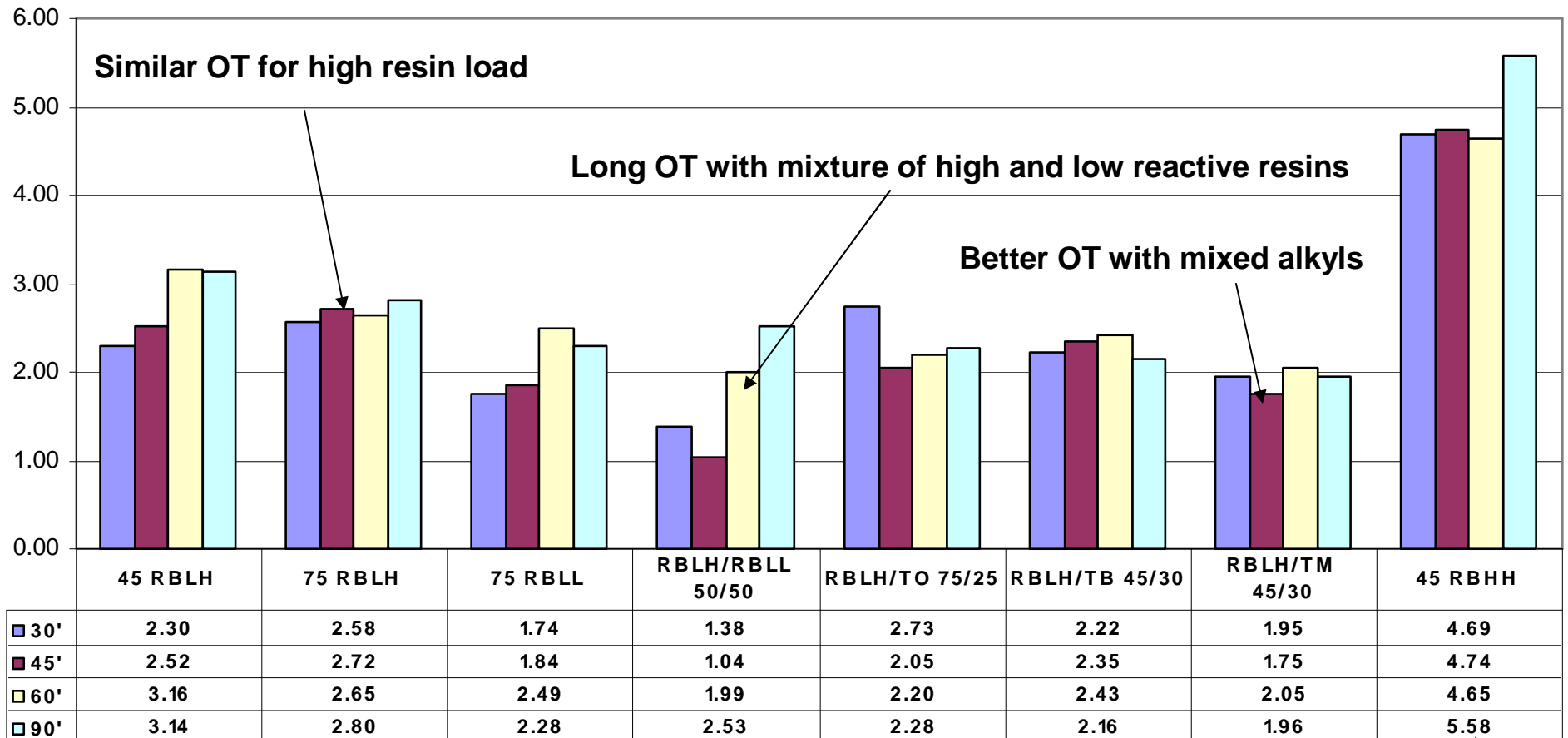
Low MP Hi Reactive Resin  
Better RT, same High T peel



Control

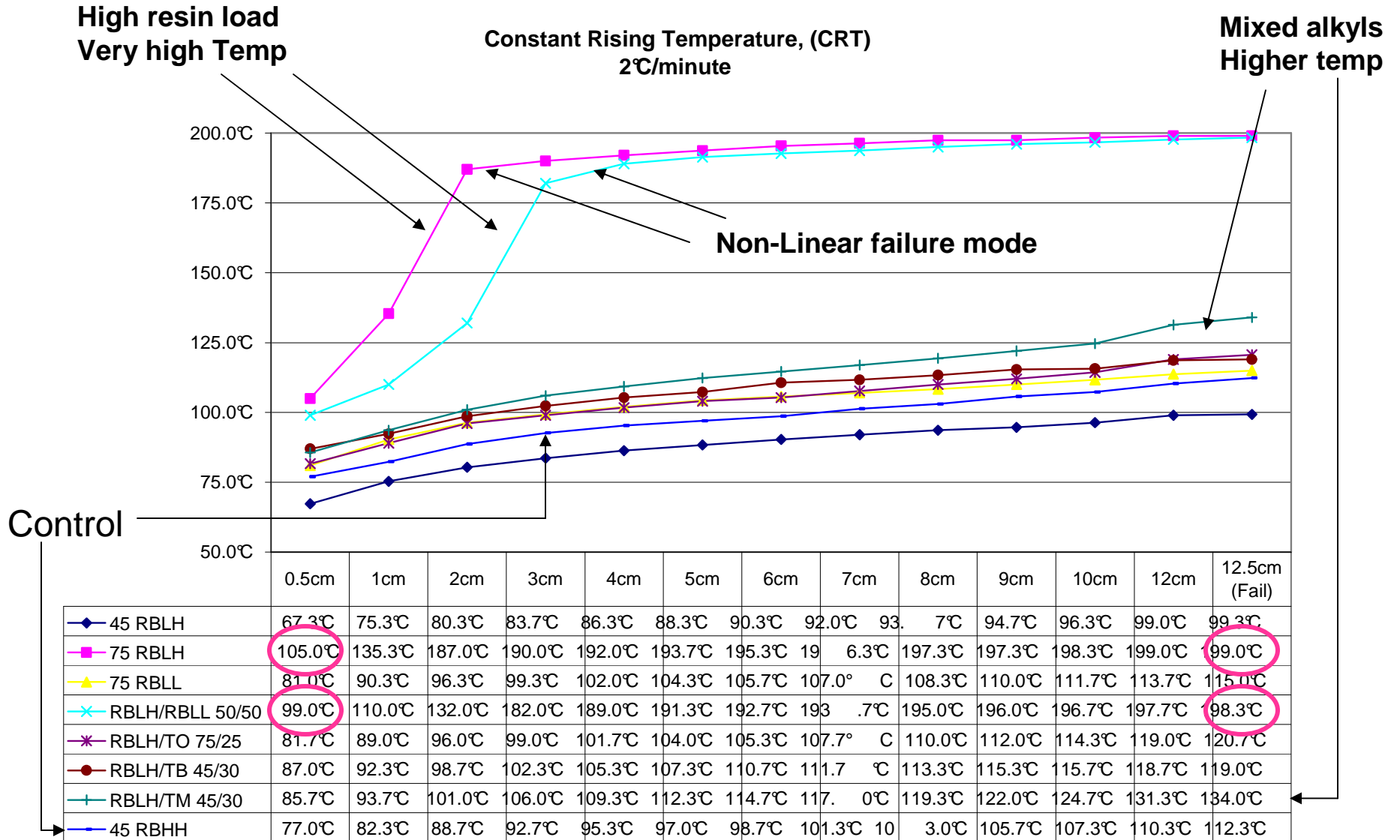
RT Peel trend Octyl < Butyl < Mixed alkyls

# Shear Adhesion – Open Time Trials 10 - 16

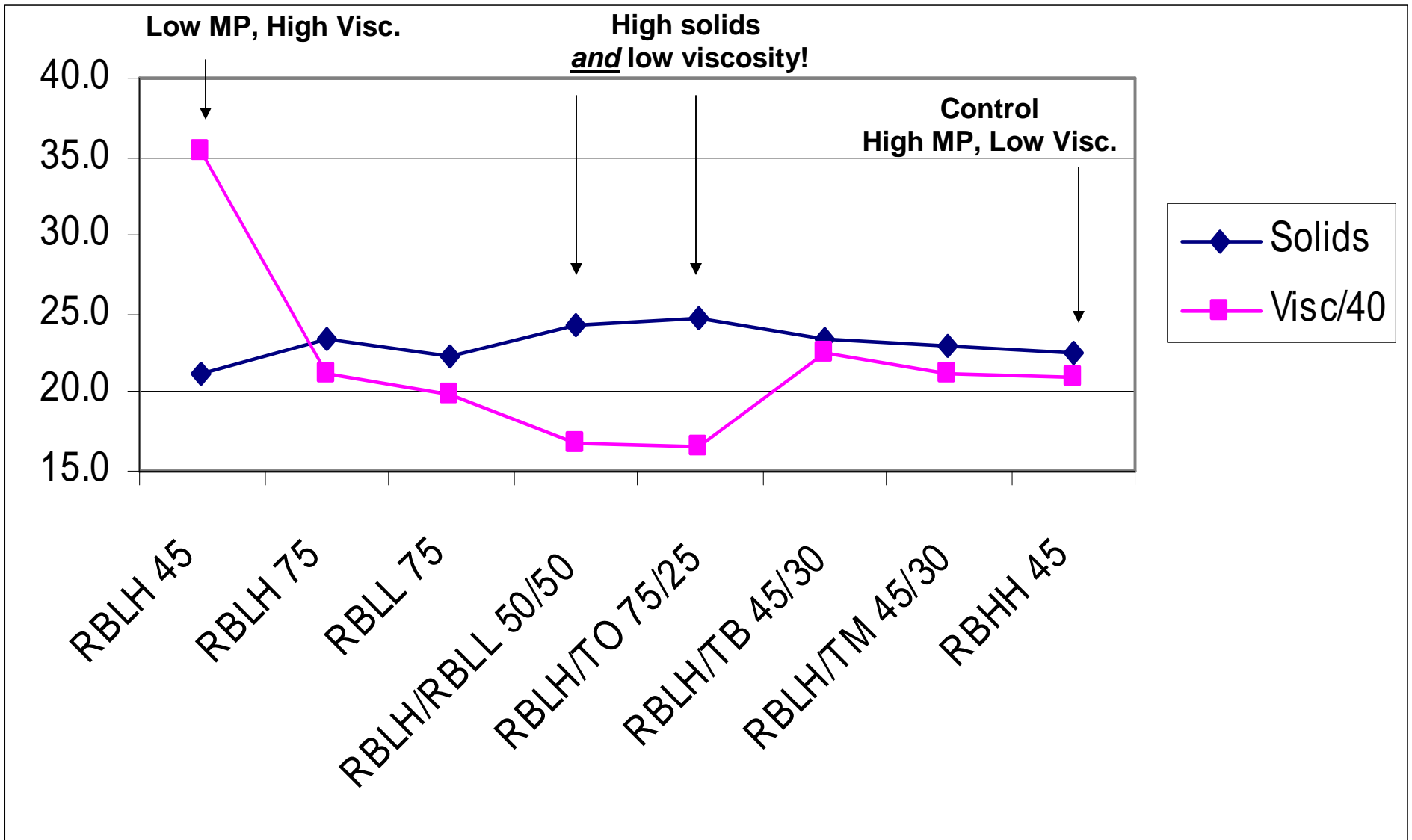


Control

# CRT for Trials 10 - 16



# Solids/Viscosity Relationship Trials 10-16



# Conclusions

- Higher than typical resin loads can be used to extend the available supply of PCR to make 1/3 more adhesive without sacrificing performance
- High solids content adhesives can be prepared at acceptable viscosity by increasing resin load
- Low viscosity adhesives can be prepared for spray applications at constant solids content by replacing polychloroprene with phenolic resin
- Properties of adhesives can be enhanced by choice and load of resin

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# Rubber Base Solution

- Neoprene®<sup>1</sup> AD-20 100
- Elastomag®<sup>2</sup> 170S 4
- Zinc Oxide 5
- Antioxidant 2246 2
- Solvent System 593

<sup>1</sup>Neoprene is a registered trademark of DuPont Performance Elastomers, Wilmington DE

<sup>2</sup>Elastomag is a registered trademark of Rohm & Haas Company, Philadelphia PA

# Standard Pre-Reaction Formulation

- Phenolic Resin 45.0 grams
- Elastomag®<sup>1</sup> 170S 4.5 grams
- Water 2.0 grams
- Solvent System 47.5 grams

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# Standard Solvent System

- Toluene            33.3            Parts by Weight
- Hexane            33.3            Parts by Weight
- MEK                33.3            Parts by Weight

# Test 1

## Peel strength

- Substrates are canvas to canvas
- 3 coats air dried at RT for 30 minutes
- 1 coat air dried at RT for 2 minutes
- Assembled and press with 3 passes of 4.5 pound roller
- Aged 7 days at RT after assembly
- Tested at RT
- Tested at 158°F with 5 minute heat soak
- Tests were run in triplicate and averaged
- Reported values in pounds per 1 inch width

# Test 2

## Shear Adhesion – Open Time

- Substrates are Canvas and Steel
- Base coat on canvas air dried 30 minutes
- Second coat and steel coated
- Assembly made at 30, 60, 90, 120 minutes
- 2.5 pound Weighted roller used 3 times
- Assembled specimens are aged 7 days
- Specimens heat soaked 5 minutes
- Testing conducted at 250 °F
- Tests done in triplicate and averaged

# Test 3

## CRT (Dead Weight Test)

- Same coating and assembly as peel test
- Test specimens marked from 1 – 12.5 cm
- Dead weight of 1250 grams attached
- Temperature increase 2°C per minute
- Onset is when 1 cm separation occurs
- Failure is when 12.5 cm separation occurs

# Test 4

## Solids and Viscosity

### Solids

- 1.5 grams of adhesive in aluminum dish
- Forced air oven at 135°C
- Held for 1 hour
- Samples tested in triplicate and averaged

### Viscosity

- Brookfield Cone & Plate Viscometer
- Cone #41
- Test run at 25 °C