

# EcoPaXX the green performer

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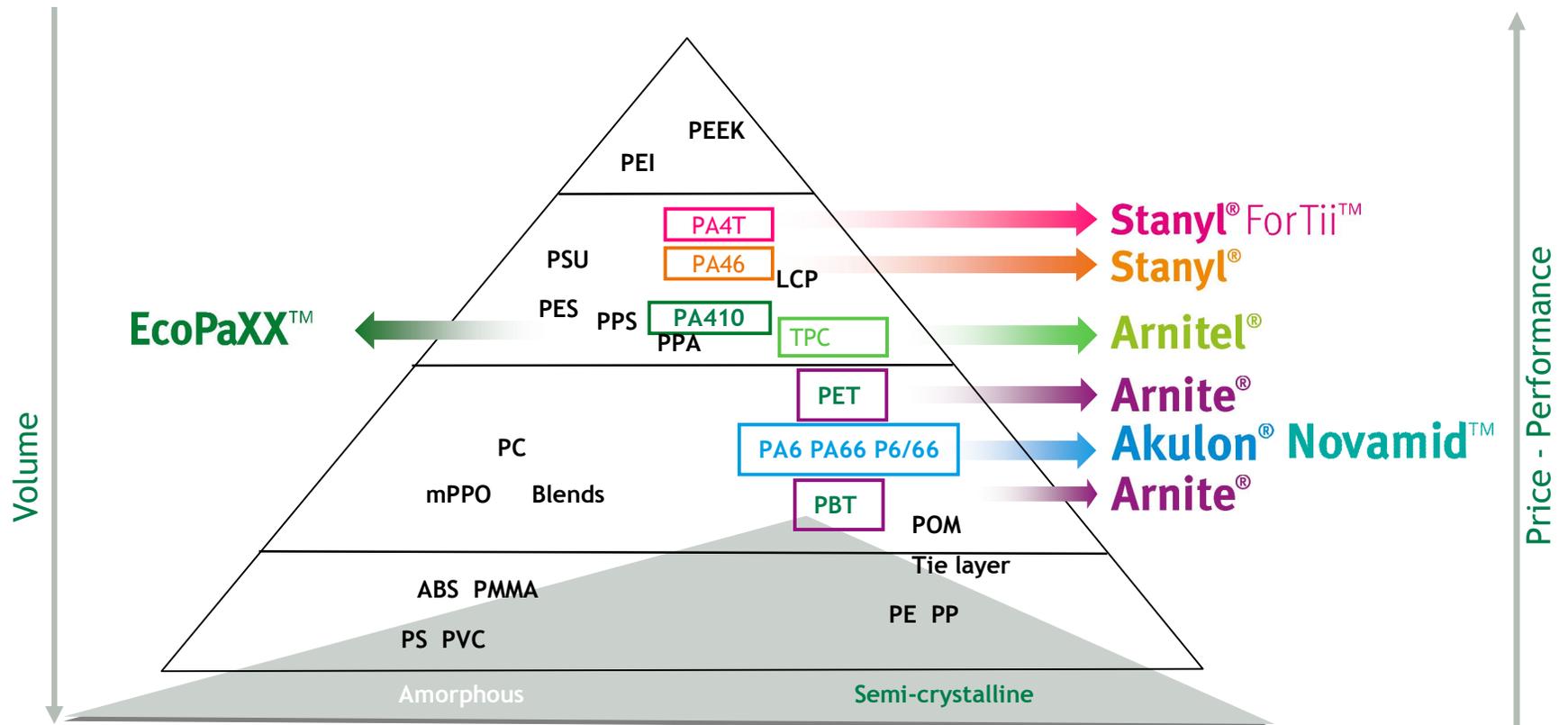
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## DSM Engineering Plastics

- Leading global supplier of quality engineering thermoplastics
- Located in Jiangyin, Pune, Seoul, Singapore, Taipei, Genk, Emmen, Geleen, Sittard, Shanghai, Tokyo, Kuala Lumpur, Shenzhen, Jiangsu, Evansville, Beijing, Detroit, Augusta
- Sales in 2010 € 1,045 million and about 1600 employees worldwide
- DSM Engineering Plastics is ISO 9001, ISO/TS 16949 and ISO 14001 certified

Akulon® Novamid™ Stanyl® Stanyl® ForTii™ EcoPaXX™ Arnitel® Arnite®

# Leadership in core product lines



## Sustainability our core value

### External recognition

- Clear sustainability targets in Vision 2010
- Top position in Dow Jones Sustainability Index
- A+ rating for Triple P report
- Continuous improvement of eco-footprint
- Global partner of UN World Food Program



## Sustainability strategy

The quest for sustainable development will be the main trend for the future.

Differentiators today will become qualifiers in all major EP markets;

- Low or neutral carbon footprint of materials and applications
- Elimination of hazardous substances
- Recycling with the ultimate goal to reach cradle to cradle solutions
- Bio-based polymers able to perform in critical technical components

**Our aim is to create sustainable growth via our ECO+ solutions;**  
products and services that create more value with less environmental impact.



## Why EcoPaXX ?

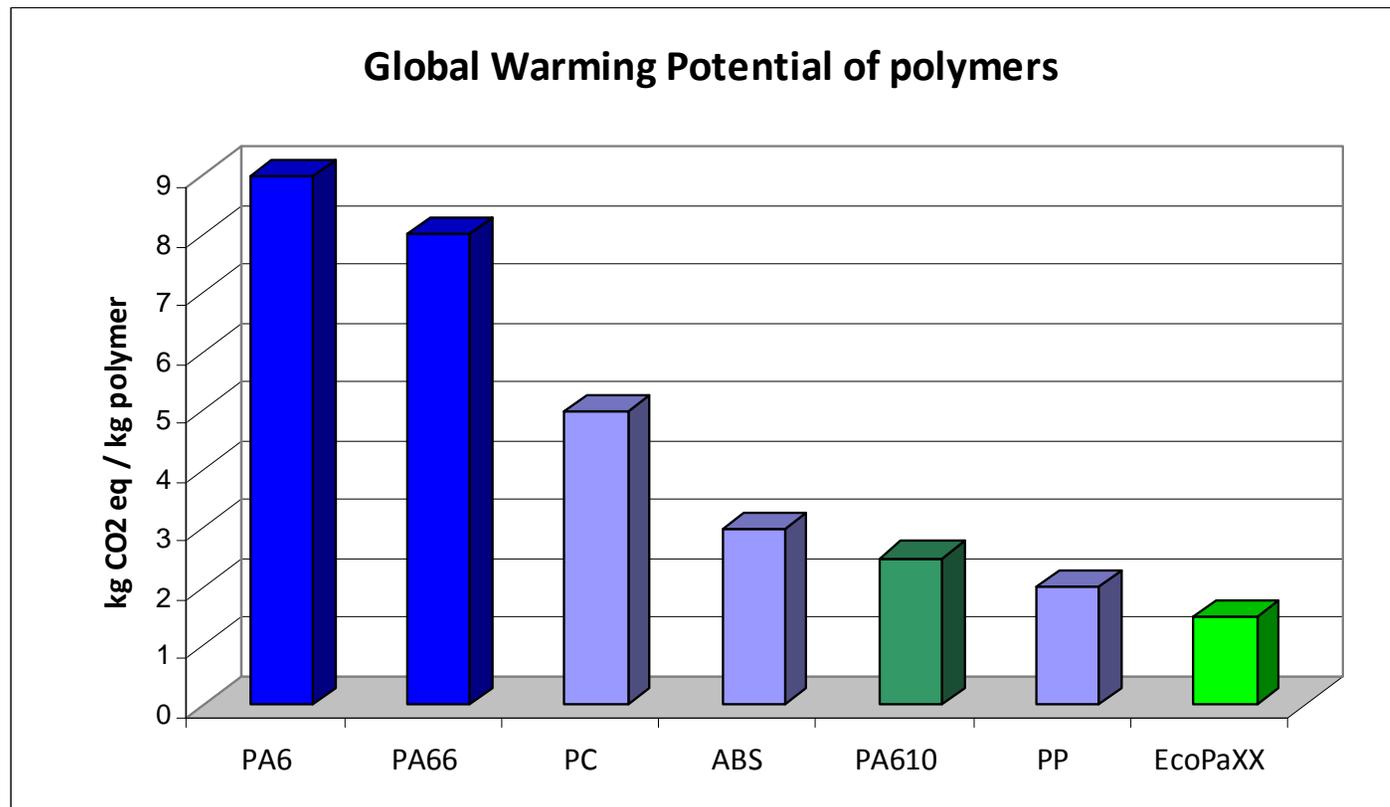
- Because we believe in sustainable materials that are durable and have a low impact on our environment
- Because EcoPaXX has excellent properties: it combines the best of high melting and hydrophobic polyamides:
  - Excellent mechanical properties
  - High melting point of 248 °C → high heat stability
  - Excellent thermal stability → broad processing window
  - Low moisture absorption
  - High stiffness retention after conditioning
  - Good hydrolytic and chemical resistance
  - Relatively low density → weight reduction

*“Combining unique DSM knowledge with the skills of Mother Nature allows our Customers to benefit from a new step towards a more sustainable world” says Roelof Westerbeek, President of DSM Engineering Plastics*

## EcoPaXX: carbon neutral

CO<sub>2</sub> generated in production process is compensated by absorption in growth process of the renewable resource

Method: IPCC 2001 GWP 100a V1.02 / characterization

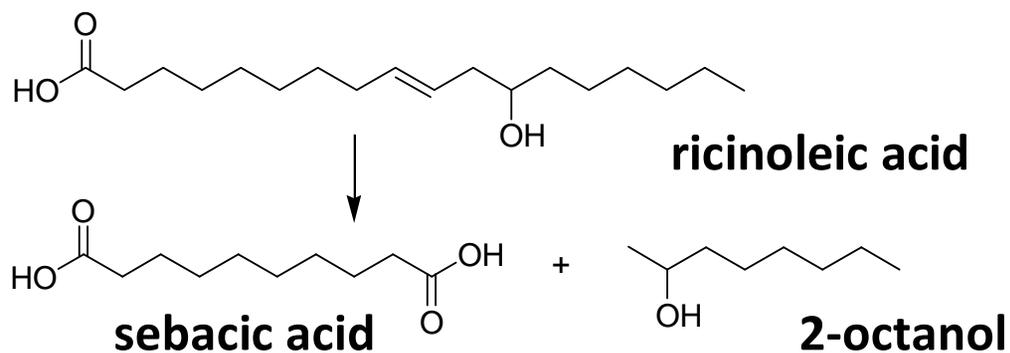


External validations done for EcoPaXX™ by PE Int. and EPEA:

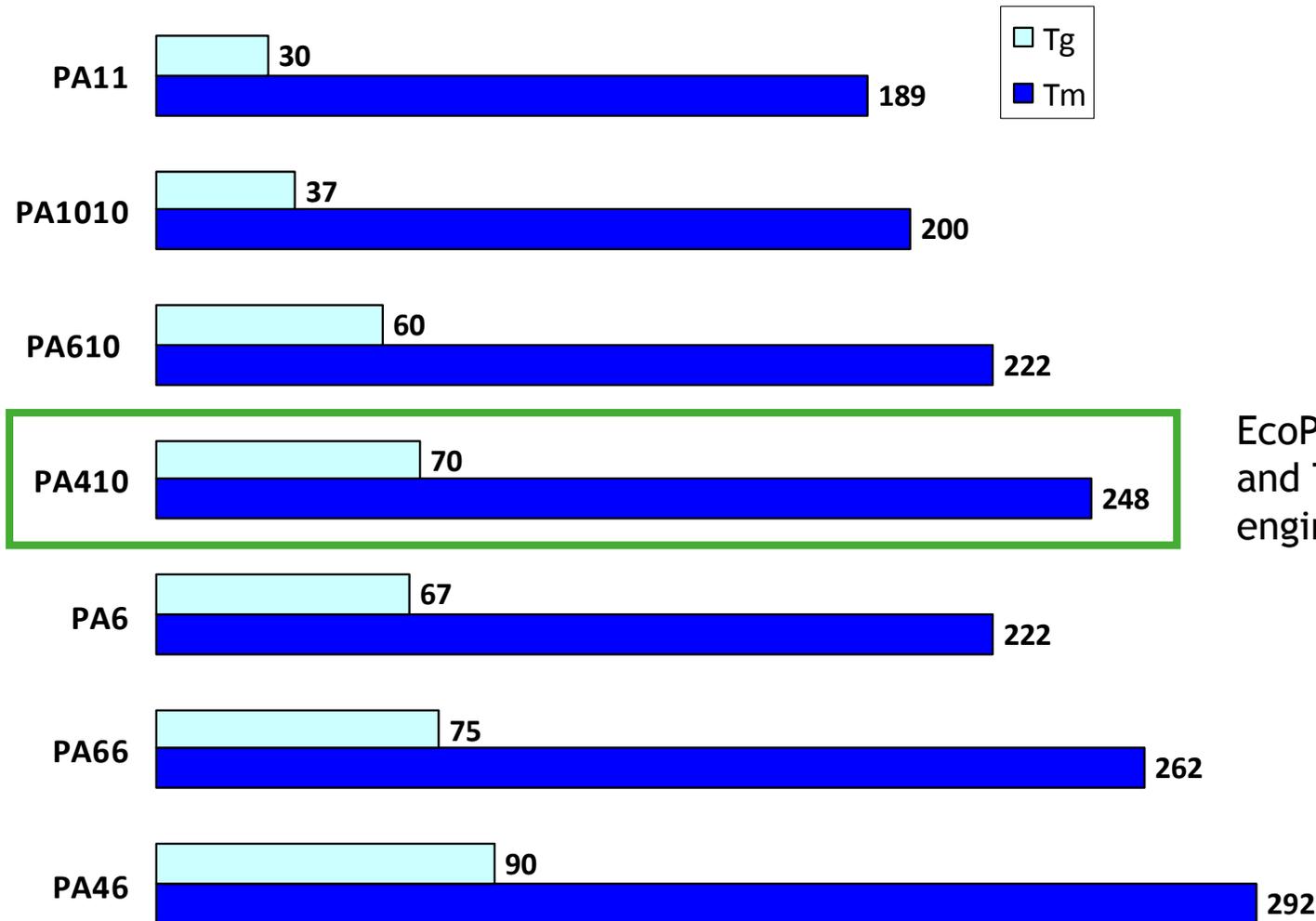
LCA: ISO14044, C-footprint: PAS2050, Cradle-to-Cradle (Silver cert.), EPD introduction

## EcoPaXX: bio-monomer

- Castor oil derived from Ricinus Communis
- Non-edible (no competition with food-chain)
- Easily grows on poor soils in: India, China, Brazil etc.
- beans contain ~ 45% castor oil
- ~85% of oil is ricinoleic acid
- Farm – trader – pressing – chemical plant
- overall yield from bean to sebacic acid ~ 30%

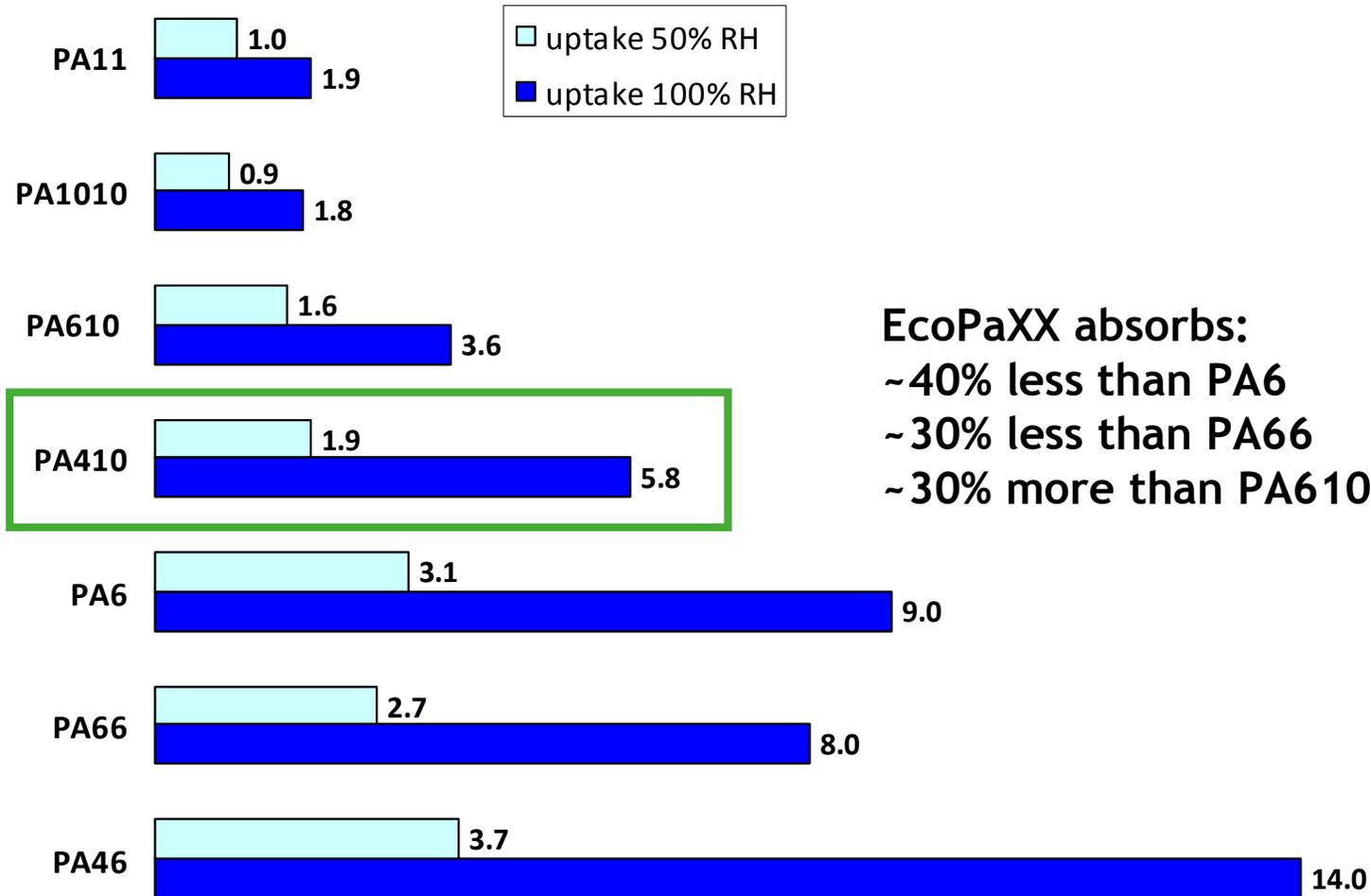


## EcoPaXX: base polymer, $T_g$ & $T_m$

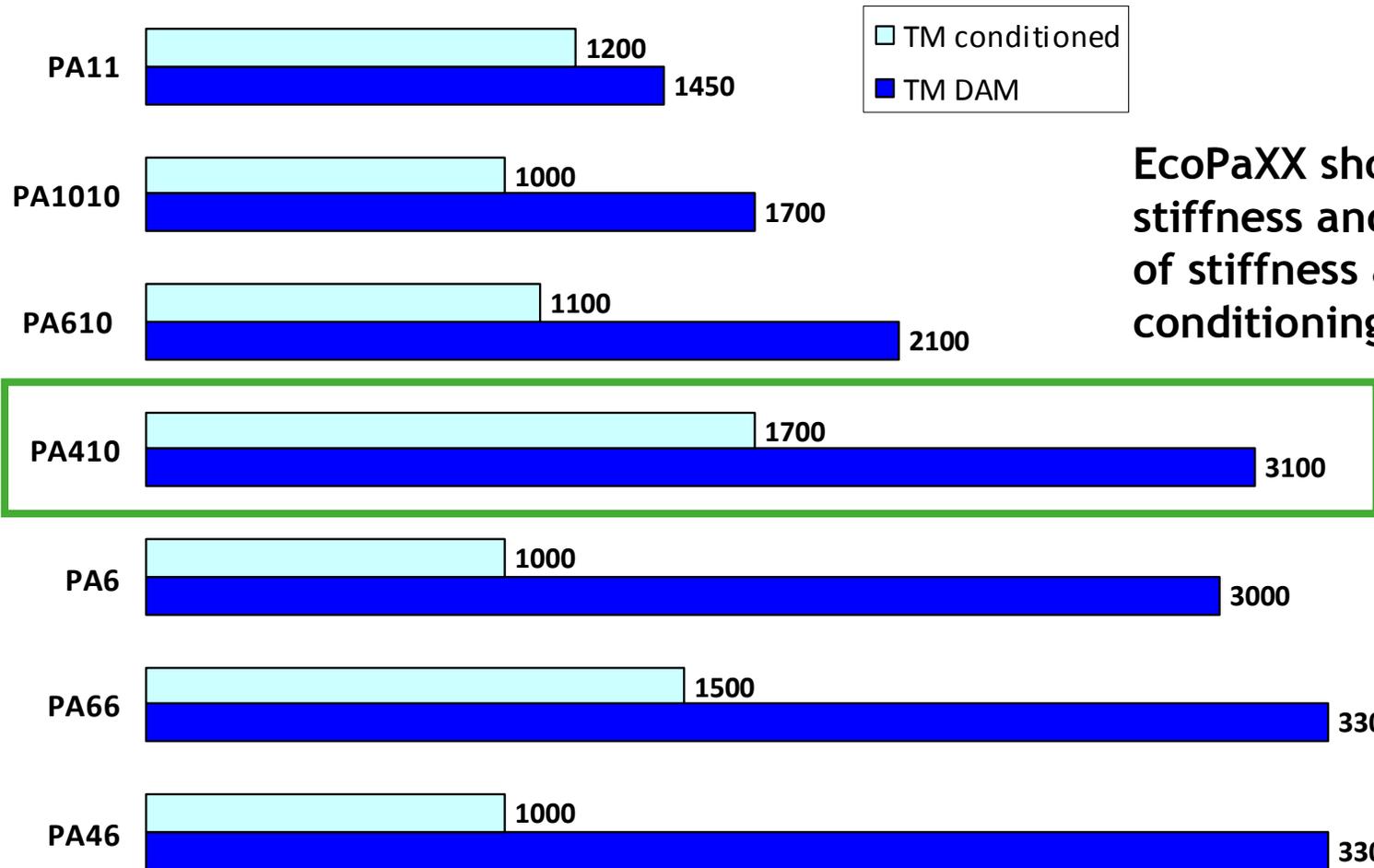


EcoPaXX has highest  $T_m$  and  $T_g$  of all bio-based engineering plastics!

## EcoPaXX: base polymer, water uptake



# EcoPaXX: base polymer, mechanical



EcoPaXX shows high stiffness and retention of stiffness after conditioning

## EcoPaXX: product portfolio

### Launch of 5 grades at K2010 Düsseldorf

- Q150-D: unfilled, nucleated
- Q-HG6: 30% glass-fiber, multi-purpose
- Q-HG10: 50% glass-fiber, high stiffness
- Q-HGM24: hybrid (glass-fiber & mineral), automotive
- Q-KGS6: 30% glass-fiber, halogen-free flame-retarded, E&E
  
- Q-P4: unfilled, impact-modified
- Q-PG6: 30% glass-fiber, impact-modified
- Q-PG8: 40% glass-fiber, impact-modified

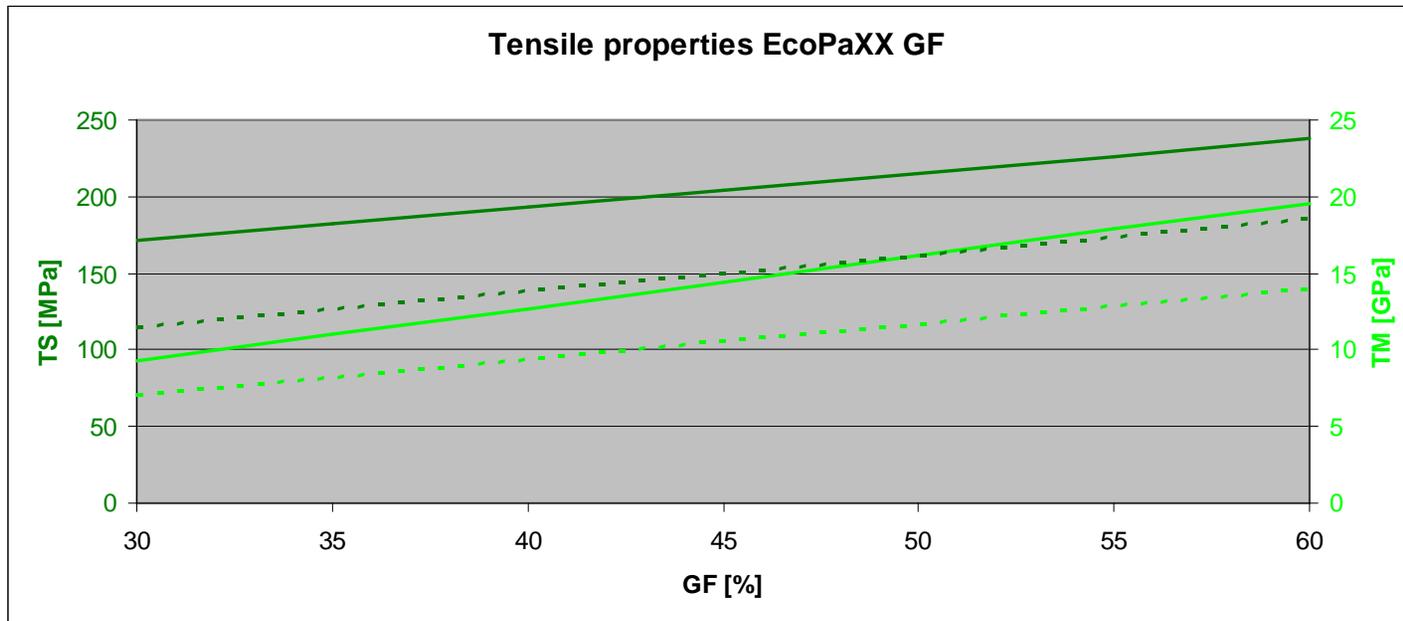
Q-HG6, Q-HG10, Q-HGM24 available on > 1000 kg scale

Q150-D, Q-KGS6, Q-P4, Q-PG6 & Q-PG8 available as samples

# EcoPaXX: GF-reinforced

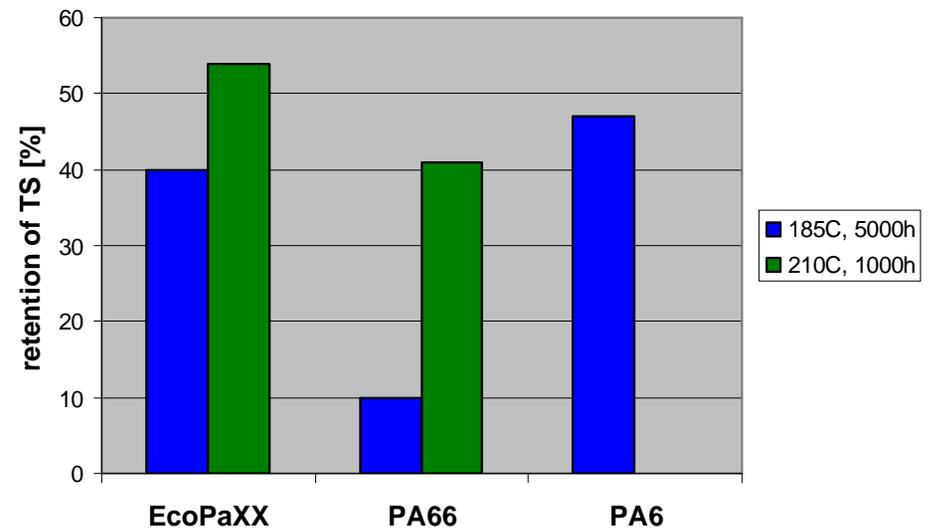
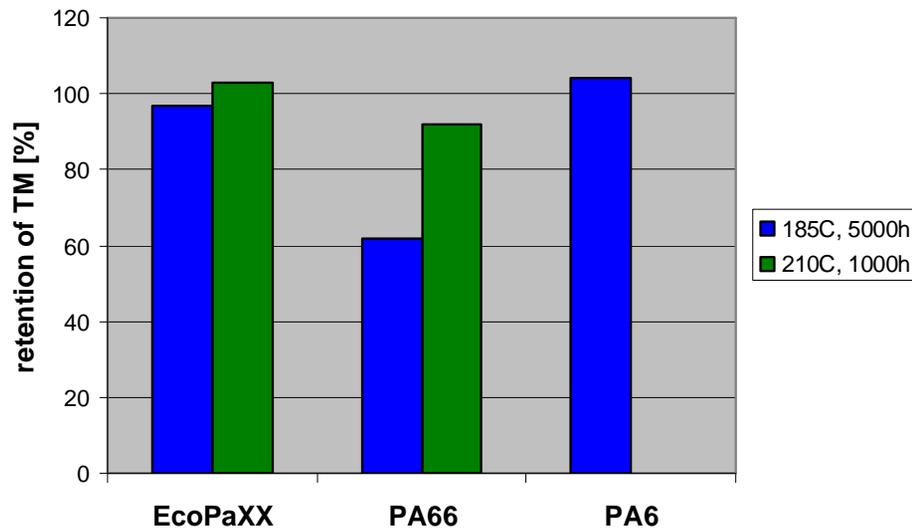
## Why EcoPaXX GF grade?

- higher mechanical properties than unfilled grades
- high performance at very low carbon footprint
- good combination of chemical resistance and mechanical properties
- excellent flow



- Stiffness up to 20 GPa, strength up to 240 MPa while elongation still 2.5% !
- After conditioning: stiffness up to 14 GPa, strength 190 MPa and elongation 3.2%

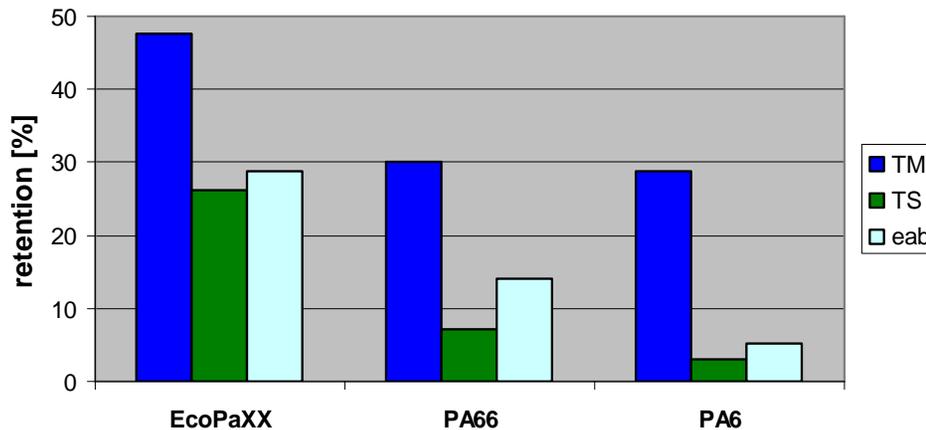
## EcoPaXX: GF-reinforced, heat resistance



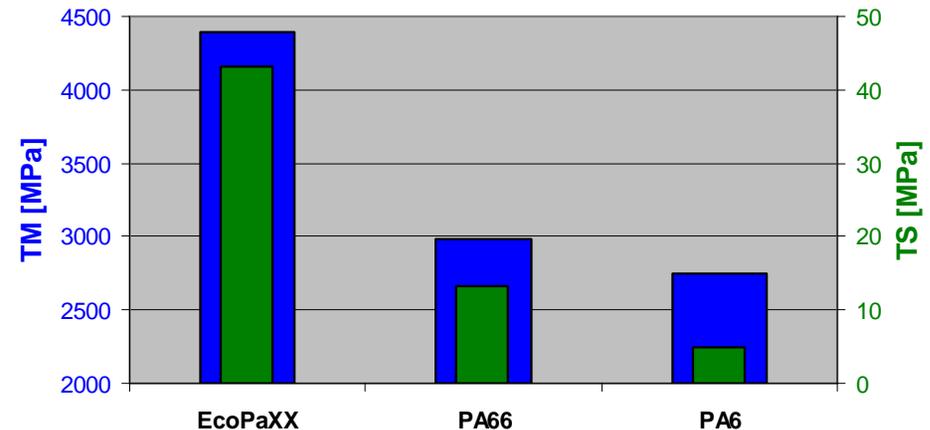
- EcoPaXX shows similar heat ageing as PA6
- EcoPaXX shows excellent retention of stiffness and strength compared to PA66 upon heat ageing up to 210!

# EcoPaXX: GF-reinforced, hydrol. resistance

Retention of Tensile properties after 1000 hrs  
water/glycol 135C



Tensile properties after 1000 hrs  
water/glycol 135C



- due to low water uptake and high resistance to hydrolysis, EcoPaXX displays superior retention of all tensile properties
- while PA66 and PA6 display tensile properties of unfilled material, EcoPaXX still shows glass-filled level properties
- Overall, hydrolytic resistance of EcoPaXX significantly better than PA6 and PA66: low water uptake and low degree of hydrolysis ensure high level of relative AND absolute mechanical properties after 1000 hrs of exposure to 135 C water/glycol mixture

## EcoPaXX: technical conclusions

### Compared to PA6, EcoPaXX offers:

- an ECO<sup>++</sup> solution
- comparable or better mechanical properties
- superior chemical resistance

### Compared to PA66, EcoPaXX offers:

- an ECO<sup>++</sup> solution
- comparable mechanical properties
- higher heat ageing stability
- higher chemical resistance

### Compared to PA610, EcoPaXX offers:

- an ECO<sup>+</sup> solution
- Better (thermo)mechanical properties
- comparable chemical resistance



## EcoPaXX: conclusions

### Bio-based Polymer EcoPaXX

**Trends:** Need for bio-based polymers for high performance solutions with better footprint and reduced fossil fuel dependency

**Application:** Consumer electronics  
Sports & leisure  
Automotive UTB

**Features:** Bio-based  
High dimensional stability  
Hydrolytic resistance

**Eco+:** Chemical resistance against oil, grease, salts  
100% carbon neutral from cradle-to-gate





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