

# Application & Adoption of **Lubrizol** Rigorous Mixing Discipline into a Pilot Plant Environment

Cliff Kowall, Senior Process Development Engineer **Lubrizol Corporation** July 15, 2011



Updated copyright to 2011 Catherine Kopanski, 16/06/2011 CMK1



# Presentation Outline CMK7

- Mixing is important to The Lubrizol Corporation
- Recognized need for and benefit of better mixing
   CMK14 knowledge
  - Determined potential tools to meet the need
  - Selected tools & developed knowledge base
  - Determined potential for creating value
  - Searched for applications & successes
  - Adoption & general introduction
  - Lessons learned

CMK2

Capitalized The Catherine Kopanski, 16/06/2011

СМКЗ Added "for"

Catherine Kopanski, 16/06/2011

Deleted underlines on title throughout presentation and standardized on 28 points. Catherine Kopanski, 16/06/2011CMK7

Added some wording to make bullet points more parallel. Catherine Kopanski, 16/06/2011 **CMK14** 





### **The Lubrizol Corporation**

The Lubrizol Corporation was founded in 1928.

- CMK4
- We are an innovative specialty chemical company with consolidated revenue of \$5.4 billion for the year ended December 31, 2010.
- We supply technologies and produce additives, ingredients, resins and compounds for the global transportation, industrial and consumer markets
  - Lubrizol's industry-leading technologies in additives, ingredients and compounds enhance the quality, performance and value of customers' products, while reducing their environmental impact.
  - Our products are used in a broad range of applications
    - Relatively stable markets such as those for engine oils, specialty driveline lubricants and metalworking fluid
    - Higher-growth markets such as those for personal care and over-the-counter pharmaceutical products, performance coatings, medical products and compressor lubricants.
  - We are organized into two operating and reportable segments
    - Lubrizol Additives
    - Lubrizol Advanced Materials

Reference: Lubrizol Corporation SEC 10-K filed 2/25/2011

CMK4 Added "We are" to beginning of sentence

Changed revenue to \$5.4 billion Catherine Kopanski, 16/06/2011

I broke the second bullet point into two separate bullets. Catherine Kopanski, 16/06/2011 CMK5

CMK8 Added "The" in front of Lubrizol Corporation

Catherine Kopanski, 16/06/2011

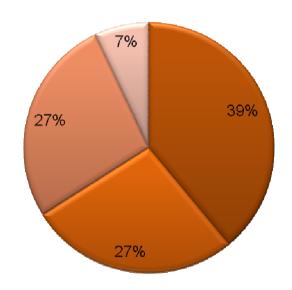


### **Lubrizol 2010 Performance**

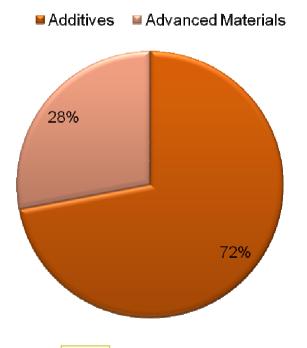
#### 2010 Global Sales Volume %

### ■ North America ■ Europe

■ Asia-Pacific/Middle East ■ Latin America



#### 2010 Revenues



\$5.4 Billion in Revenue 2010

Reference: Lubrizol Corporation SEC 10-K filed 2/25/2011

Changed this to 5.4 billion Catherine Kopanski, 16/06/2011 СМК6



### **Lubrizol Additives Principal Manufacturing Locations**





### **Blending of a Fully Functional Oil**

Other variables:

•Relative concentration

Specific application

Packaging

Specification

pour point depressants that control low temperature fluid thickening

polymer-based viscosity modifiers that allow lubricants

antioxidants that retard oil thickening

anti-wear agents that prevent metal-to-metal contact of surfaces

to operate over broad temperature ranges

corrosion inhibitors that prevent rust

detergents that prevent deposit build-up

dispersants that protect equipment by suspending contaminant particles

friction modifiers that control friction at surfaces

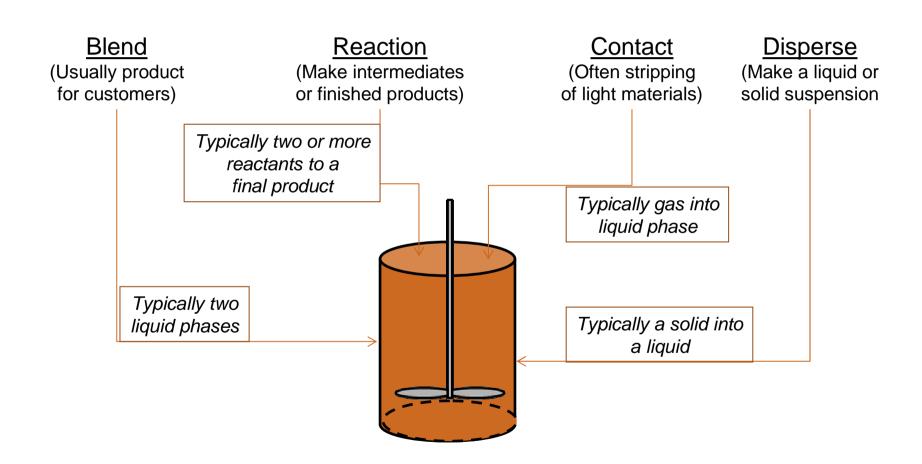
Oil from refinery

Performance Additives

Reference: Lubrizol 2009 Annual Report page 2 of part 1

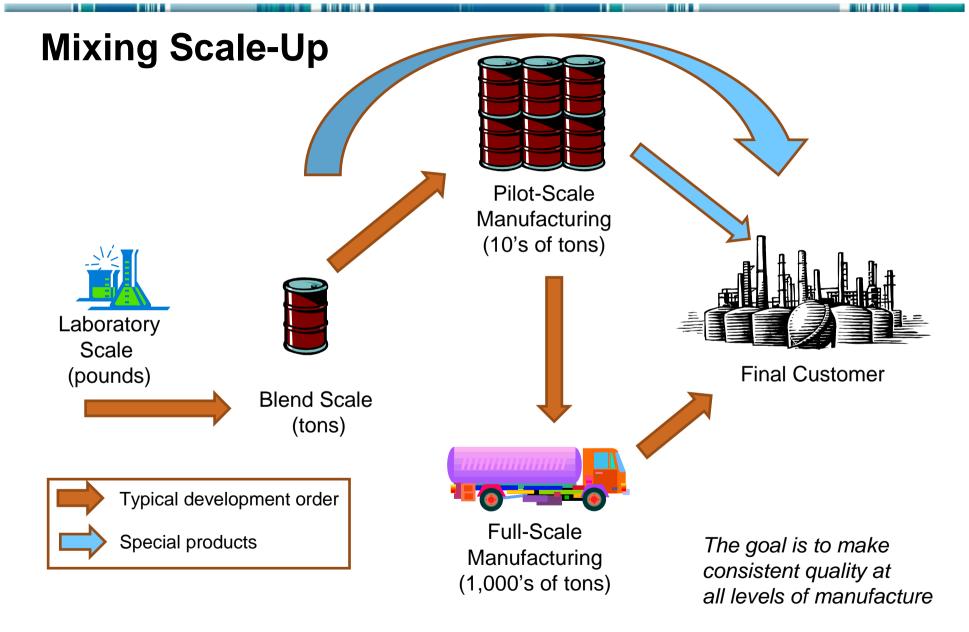


### Summary of Typical Mixing Situations CMK9



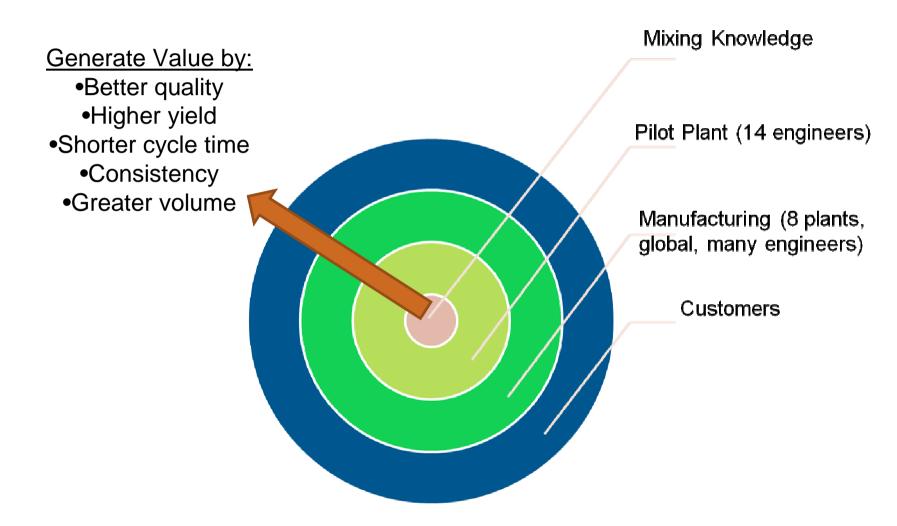
#### Adjusted capitalization for consistency. Catherine Kopanski, 16/06/2011 СМК9





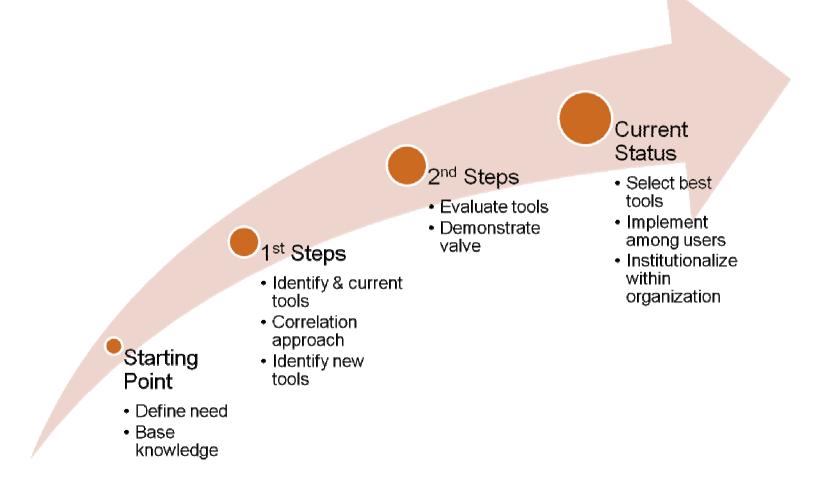


### **Objective of Mixing Knowledge Center**





### **Trajectory for Development of Mixing Activity**





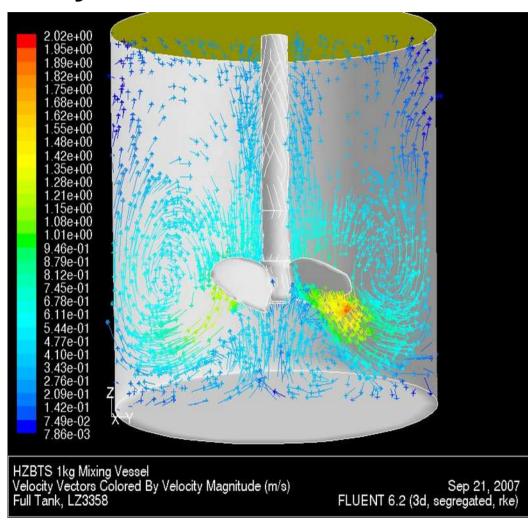
### 1<sup>st</sup> Step Results

- Value based on better consistency & optimized equipment use
- Resources need to be expanded
  - Usual modeling software does not handle mixing
  - CFD is good but impractical for current situation
  - University support is limited
    - Timeliness
    - · Academic vs industrial approach
    - Continuity of graduate students
    - Intellectual property and knowledge protection
  - External consultants
    - Expensive
    - Long company learning curve
    - Difficult to engage fully
    - Variable knowledge base
- Concluded that internal expertise is preferred



### **Computational Fluid Dynamics Tools**

- CFD is traditional tool
- Advantages:
  - Visually appealing
  - Multiple variables
  - Multiple visual feedback
- Disadvantages:
  - Expensive software
  - Special computers
  - Computationally intensive
  - Validation against data
  - Highly trained users
  - Not plant friendly
- Conclusion:
  - CFD may have niche applications but is not suitable for general use





### 2<sup>nd</sup> Step Results

es CMK10

- Developed knowledge of correlation-based approaches
- Searched for non-CFD based mixing programs
- Found VisiMix<sup>™</sup> software being used in other parts of company
- Established contact with VisiMix<sup>™</sup> company
  - Trial copy for evaluation
  - Validation
    - Tracer wcmk11
    - Compared with correlations
    - Visual work was useful for communication to uninitiated
  - Justified one license
- Applied to larger applications outside of the lab
- Realized the need for better archive data on mixing vessels

Changed Develop to Developed Catherine Kopanski, 16/06/2011 CMK10

CMK11 Change compared to compared Catherine Kopanski, 16/06/2011

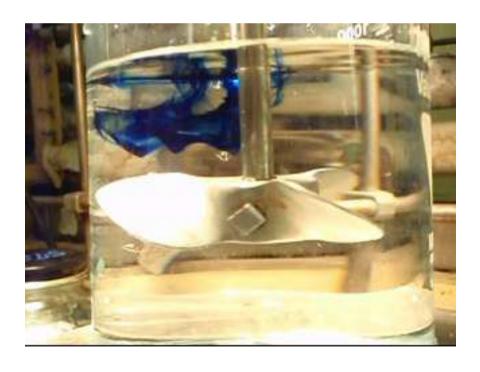


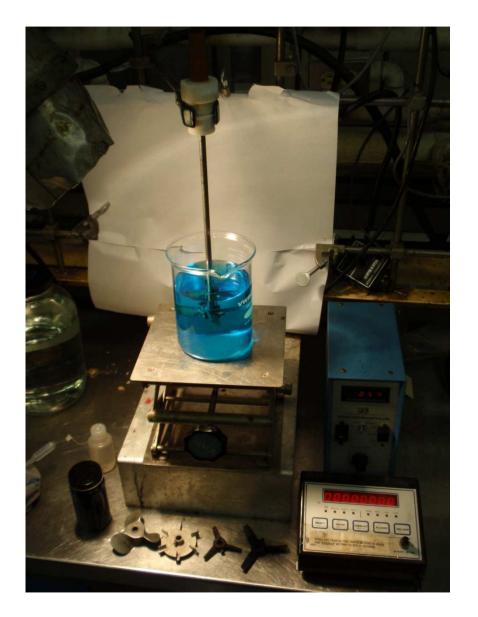
### **Simple Correlation Computation Tools**

- Based on flow number and power number
- Easy to use for approximate results
- Power number:  $N_P = 1.37 (\frac{W_b}{0.2D})^{0.8} (\frac{N_b}{4})^{0.6} (\frac{\sin \theta_b}{\sin 45})^3$  for a axial impeller
- Computed power:  $P = N_P \rho N^3 D^5$
- Flow number:  $N_O = 0.77 N_P^{0.33}$
- Pumping rate:  $Q = N_Q N D^3$
- Blend time:  $t = \frac{4.605}{0.641N(\frac{D}{T})^{2.19}(\frac{T}{Z})^{0.5}}$



# **Laboratory Work** to Validate Tools







### **Comparative Results on Lab Bench**

Method Employed	Mixing Time	Comments	
Observed	44 sec	Still some trace of dye near agitator	
Correlative	28 sec	Observably too short	
VisiMix™	60 sec		

Based on laboratory observations in glass vessel using water, dye tracer and an axial impeller

#### Conclusions:



- Given observational variation the VisiMix<sup>™</sup> results were generally considered more reasonable
- A standardized program is preferred over the correlative approach for use beyond pilot plant and for knowledge transfer

#### Deleted periods in bullet points. Catherine Kopanski, 16/06/2011 CMK12

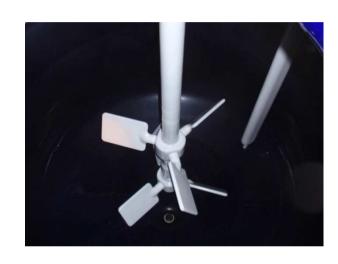


#### **Current Status**

- Wide adoption of VisiMix<sup>™</sup> software
  - Network licenses
  - Training for all engineers
  - Identified both an operational and a computational focus person
  - Communicated need for better data
  - Began more formal archiving of key design information
    - Vessel characteristics
    - Internals
    - Materials of construction
- Use as a daily tool for operational work as well as design of new equipment



### **Example: Placement of Dual Agitators in Reactor**



# Application to position agitator in reactor

- •Key was to maximize pumping to surface
- Existing reactor but adjustable impeller
- •Quick study showed:
  - Height from bottom had minimal effect
  - Distance between impellors has minimal effect
  - Pitch of the blades had significant effect

#### •Net result:

- Adjusted impellers before start-up
- Increase in circulation flow by 18%
- Cost was power increase of 27%
- Benefit was better contacting & higher conversion



### **Goals & Progression of Mixing Knowledge**

#### CMK13

Empirical Understanding	Technical Understanding	Technical Tools	Adoption & Implementation
-based on standard 'recipes' -variable use of equipment -knowledge resides with experienced personnel -variation based on location	-more thorough recipe definitions -include specification on equipment and conditions -more instrumentation -facilitate knowledge transfer	-better process documentation -more reliable scale-up -facilitate communication between engineers -more efficient use of capital now and future -extend to new products & equipment	-demonstrate successes -provide tools -train engineers in use of tools -standard methods of analysis

#### Capitalization is inconsistent Catherine Kopanski, 16/06/2011 **CMK13**



### **Lessons Learned & Conclusions**

- Mixing had been a neglected area of technical attention within our company
- Value can best be generated by actual application in plants
- Value will be maximized by distributed knowledge among the plants and technical areas
- Outside resources are useful but internal expertise is more timely for actual applications
- Central expertise should be available for interpretation and deeper study
- VisiMix<sup>™</sup> software is a simple & effective tool which is easily used by all engineers