

***Ultra Low-Friction  
Underwater Coating System***

**A-LF-Sea**

**April 2014**



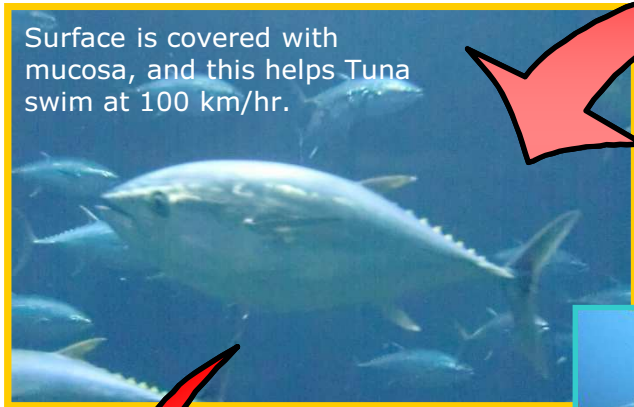
Basic & New

**NIPPON PAINT MARINE**



# Biomimetics

## Tuna



Surface is covered with mucosa, and this helps Tuna swim at 100 km/hr.

Wisdom of Evolution



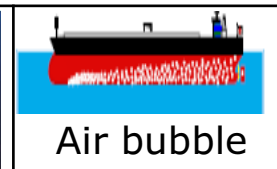
## Dolphin

Smooth & flexible surface help Dolphin swim fast.

## Other directions



## Penguin



Air bubble



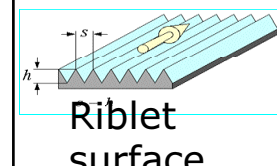
## Lotus



Water-shedding



## Shark



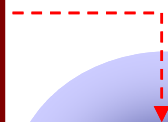
Riblet surface

Pseudo-hydration surface

Friction between solid and liquid surface

Hydro-gel Technology

Friction between pseudo-liquid and liquid surface





# History



**-4%**  
**Fuel saving type**

Version currently in use **LF-Sea**

Co-development with  
Osaka University and  
Kobe University


 OSAKA UNIVERSITY  KOBE UNIVERSITY




**-10%**  
**Fuel saving type**

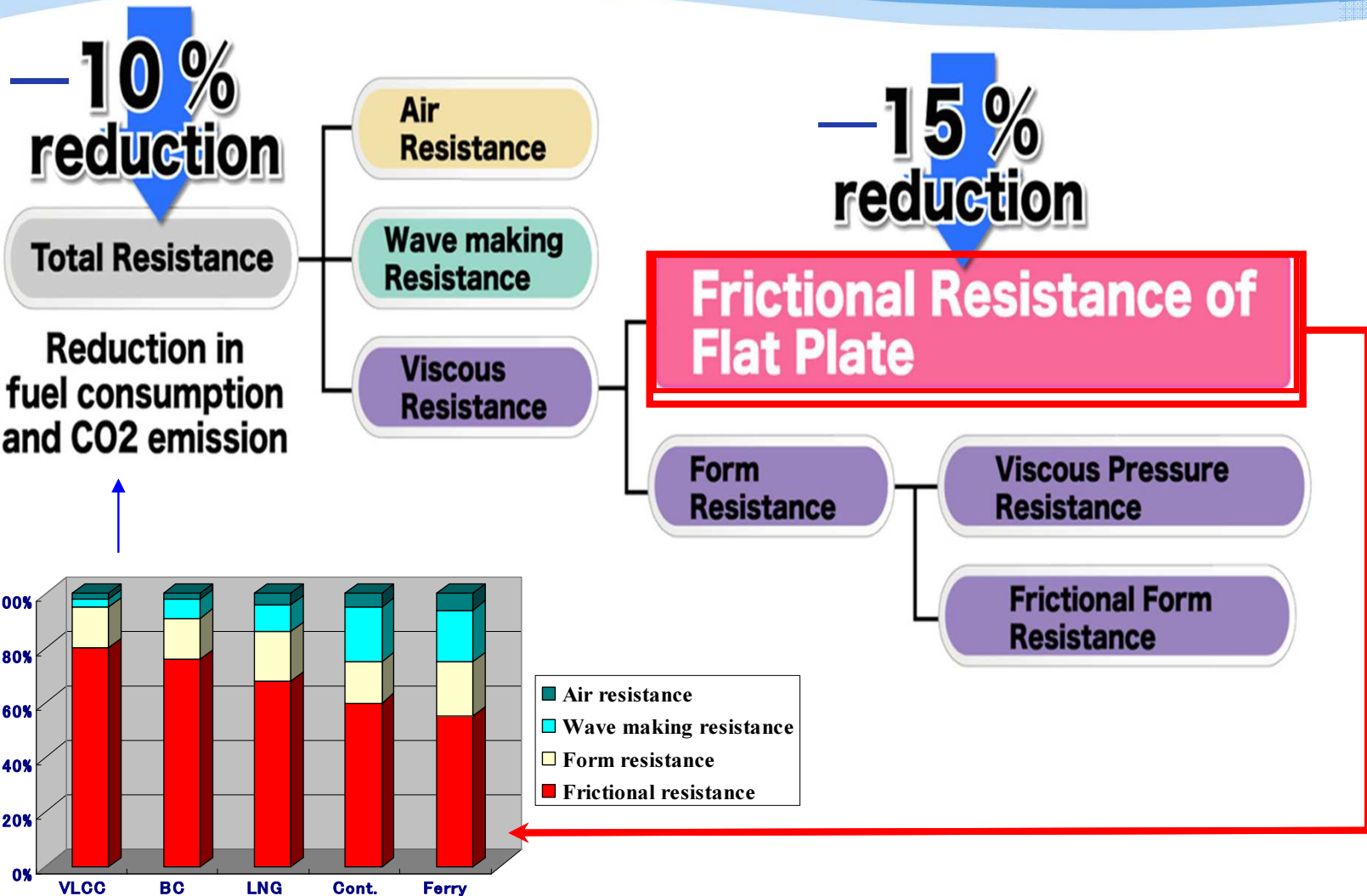
Advanced version **A-LF-Sea**

Support project by Japanese Government (MLIT)  
Co-study with ClassNK  
Co-monitoring with MOL

 MLIT  
Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism

 ClassNK  
R&D PROJECT

# Resistance



 2008 -

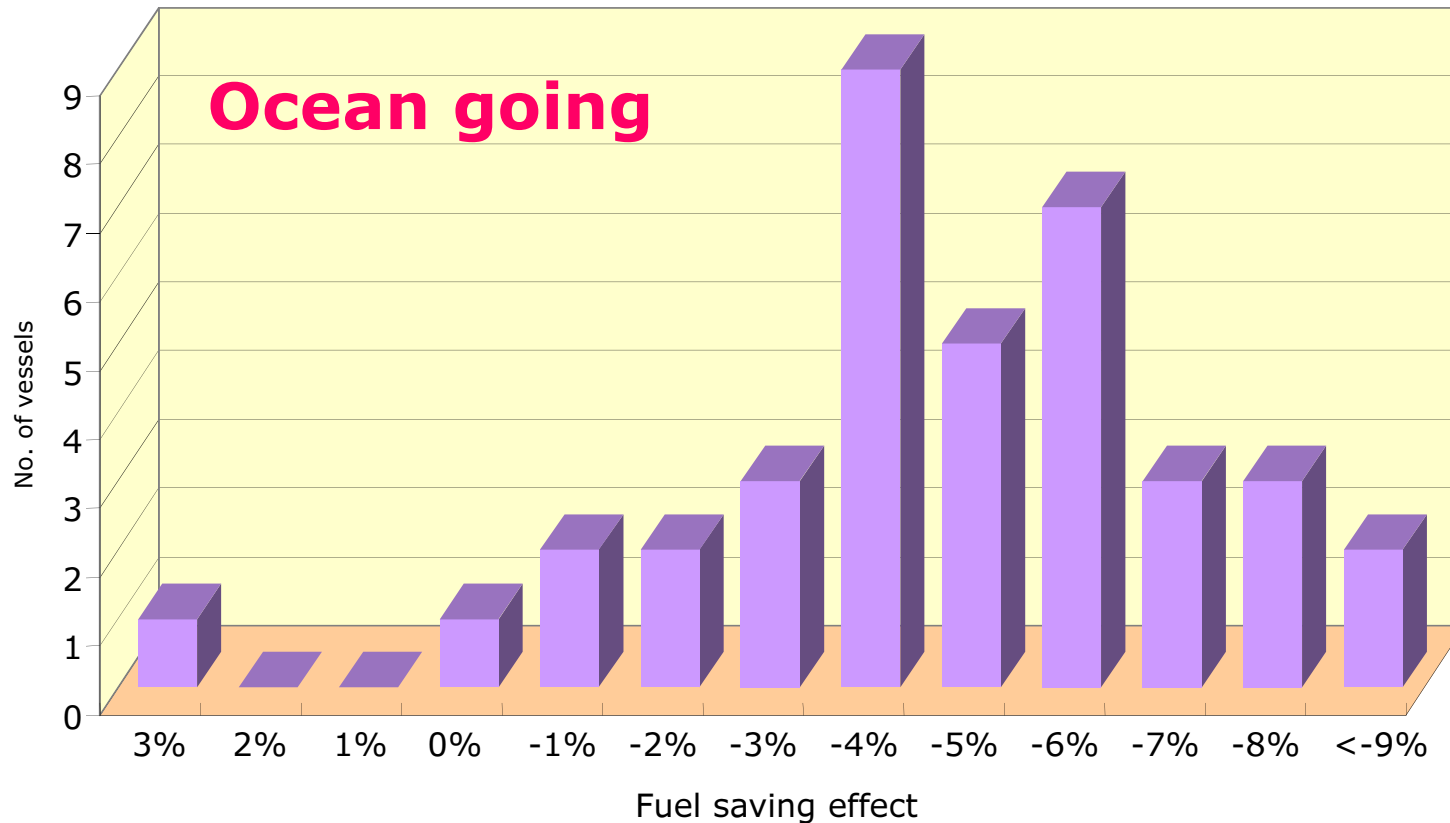
## LF-Sea (launched in 2008)

- Biomimetic technology
- Water-trapping function incorporated into Copper silyl acrylate antifouling coating
- Verified average -4% fuel saving \*
- Applied to **over 970 ships**
- Patented
- Easy application at New Build or in Dry-Dock



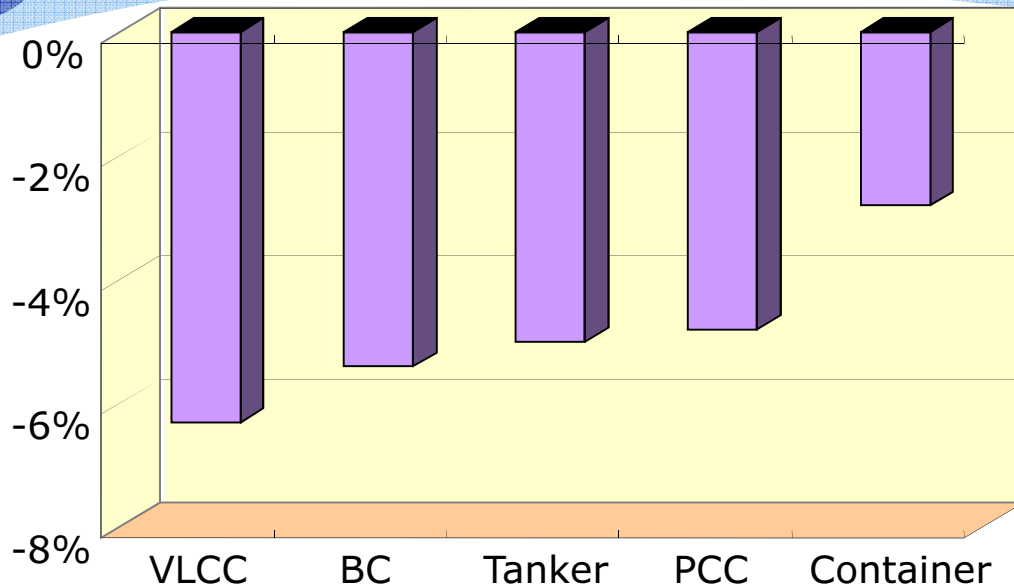
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# Fuel saving effect of LF-Sea

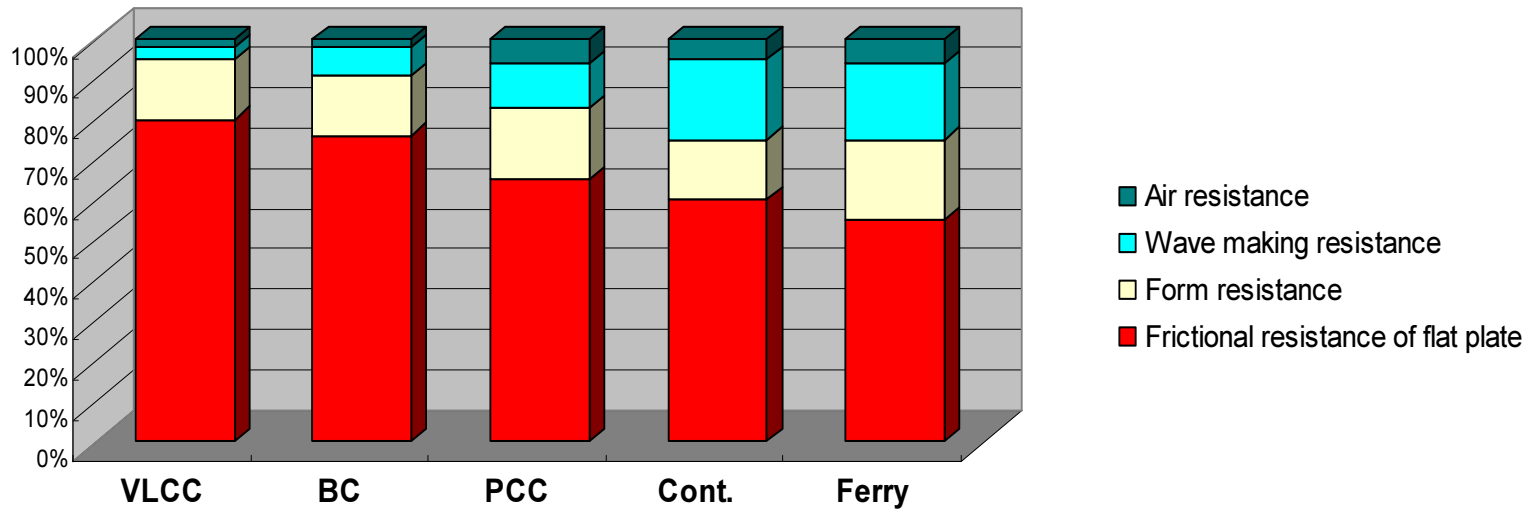


Fuel saving effect	Vessel	Content (%)
Less effect (3 ~ - 1%)	4	10.5%
Proper effect ( <-2%)	34	89.5%

# Fuel saving effect of LF-Sea



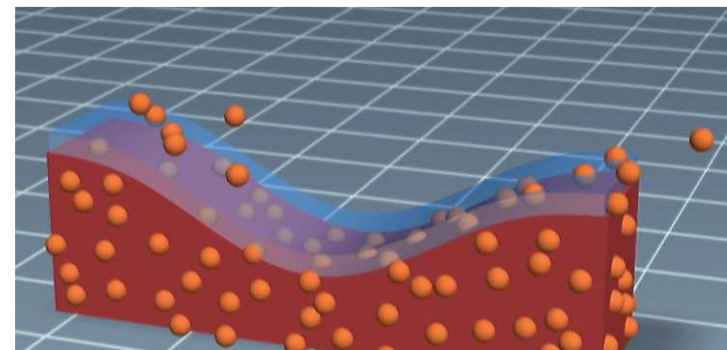
The larger ship, the greater "Frictional resistance of flat plate" and the greater fuel saving effect



2013 -

## A-LF-Sea (2013-)

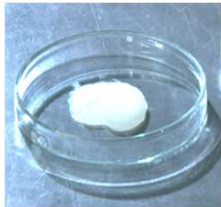
- Improved Biomimetic technology
  - (1) Enhanced water-trapping function incorporated into Copper silyl acrylate antifouling property
  - (2) Rheology Control for anti- corrosives (New Feature)
- Expected -10% fuel saving \*
- Applied to **over 140 ships**
- Patented
- Easy application at New Build or in Dry-Dock



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# Advanced Type of Hydro-Gel



Conventional Hydro-gel

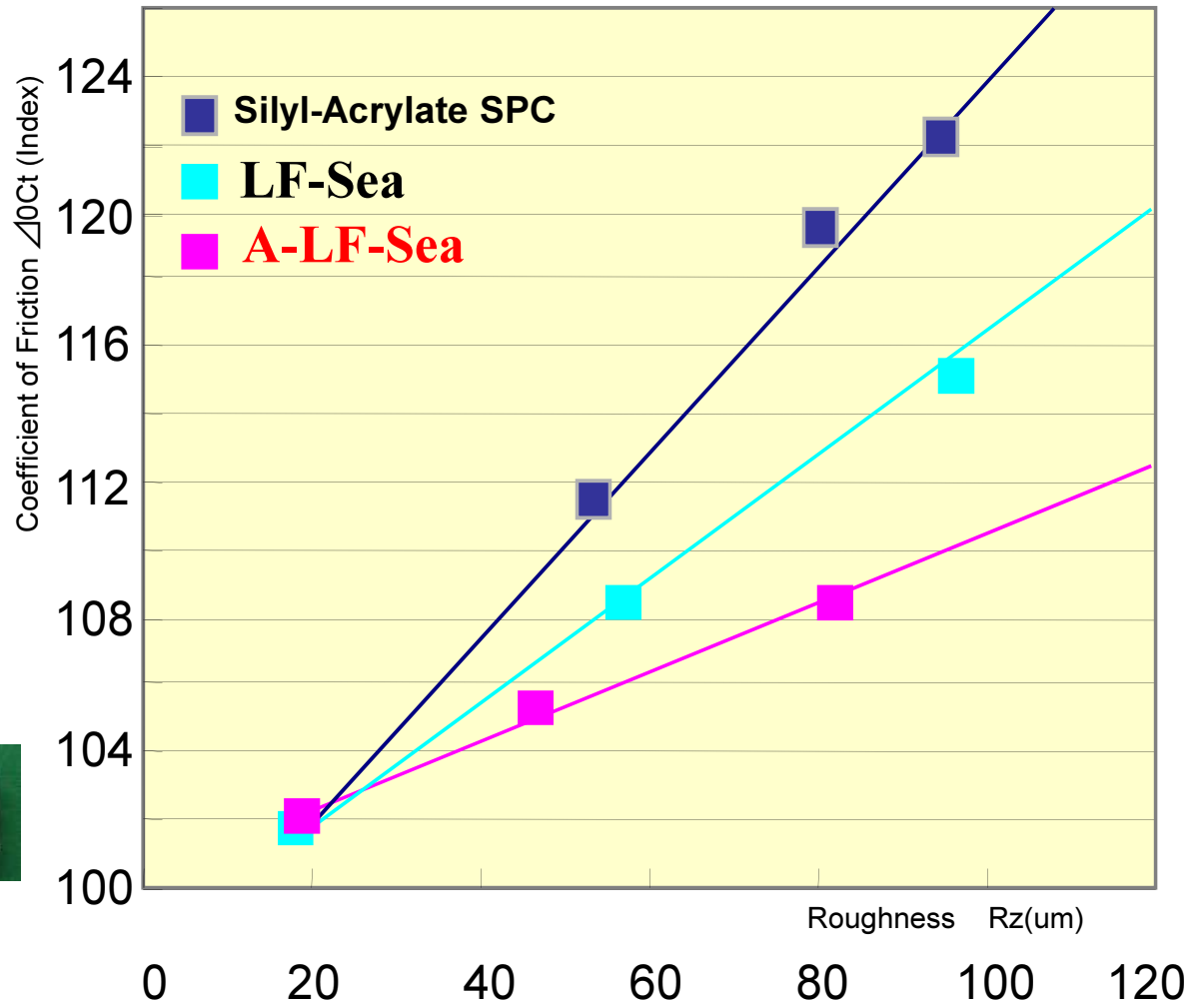


Specially Designed Hydro-gel

Device for Measurement of Frictional Resistance



Std. (Smoothed surface)



# Training Ship Test

Year	A/F Paint	n	Test period	AV.Speed (Annual)	FOC between fixed points		FOC reduction
				Knt	L	Speed Corrected L	%
2010	SPC AF	24	2010.2-2011.1	12.41	242.0	242.0	Std.
2011	LF-Sea	19	2011.2-2012.1	12.51	235.2	231.5	-4.4%
2012	<b>A-LF-Sea</b>	19	2012.2-2013.1	12.49	226.7	223.8	<b>-7.5%</b>

*Reported by Kobe University*

- Controllable pitch propeller (CPP) : 305 rpm
- Propeller angle of forward swept wing 18.0°



Training ship (Fukae-maru)



# Rheology Control

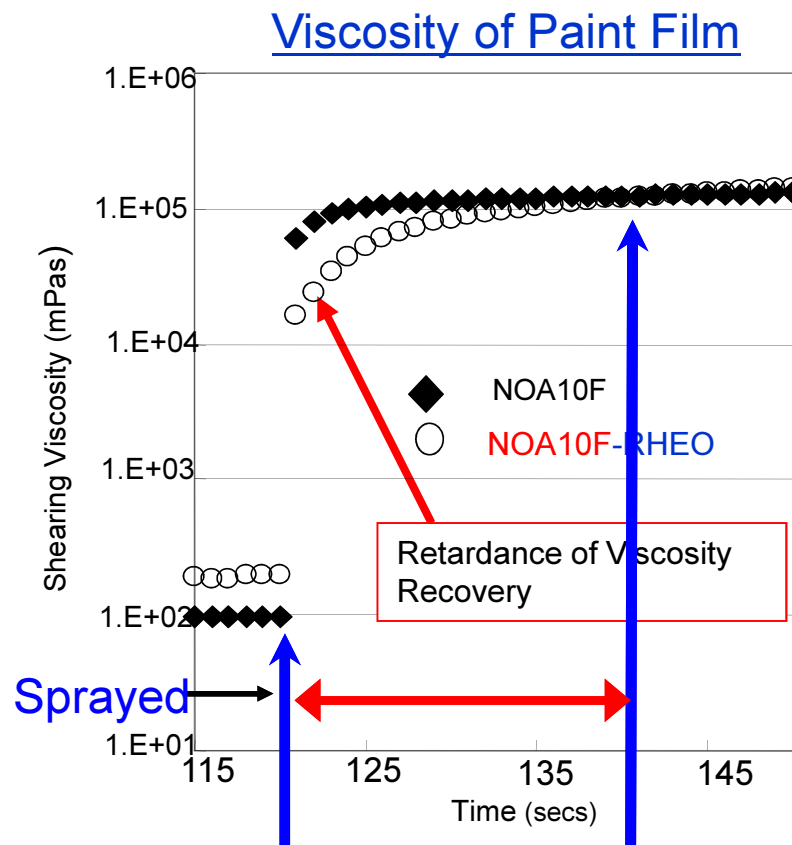
## **Rheology Control**

Derived from Know-How in Automotive Coatings

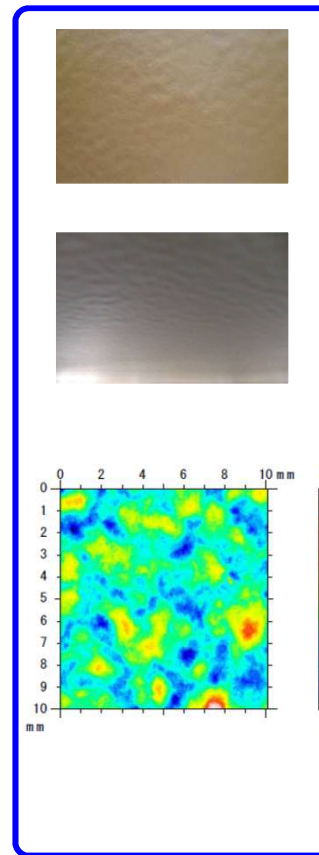


# Rheology Control of A/C

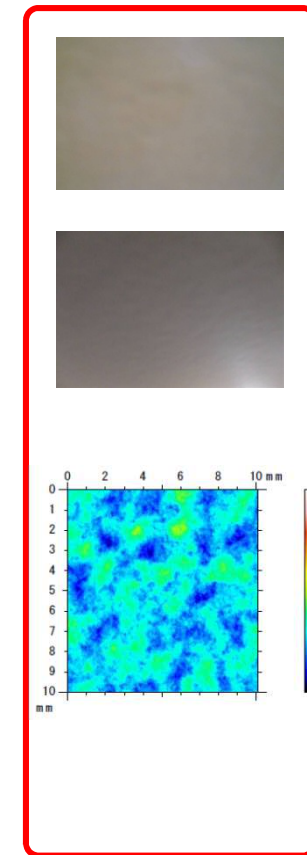
By retarding the viscosity recovery of the paint film immediately after application → this will deliver a coating significantly Lower Surface Roughness



Current A/C



Rheo A/C

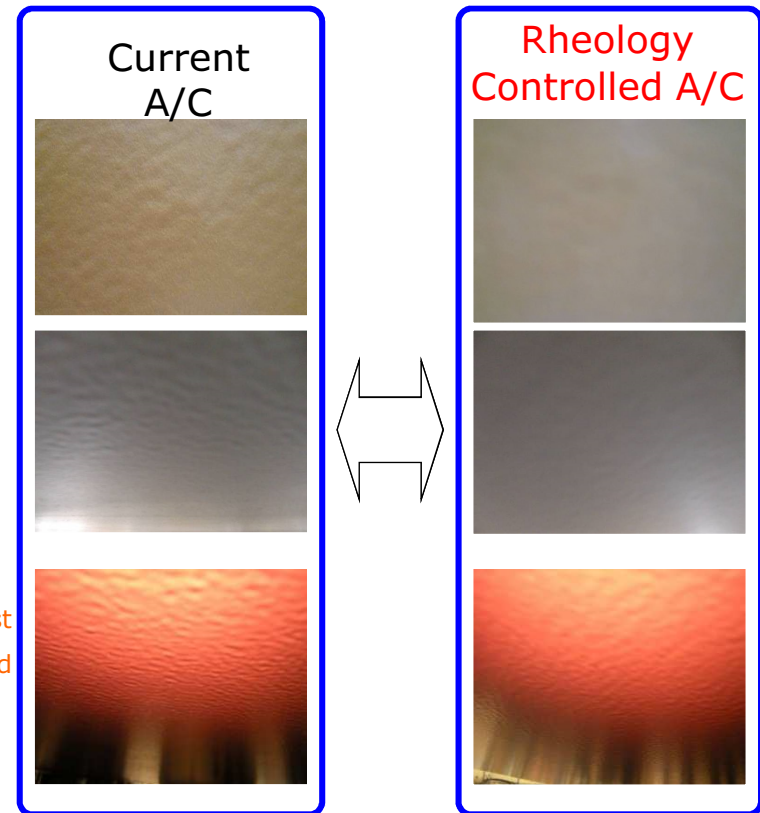
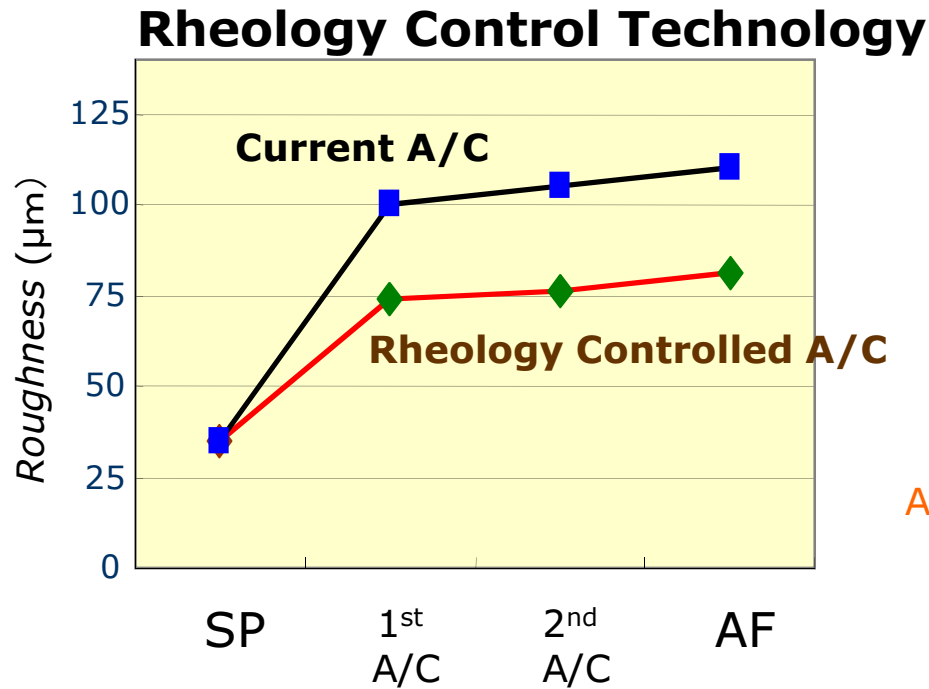


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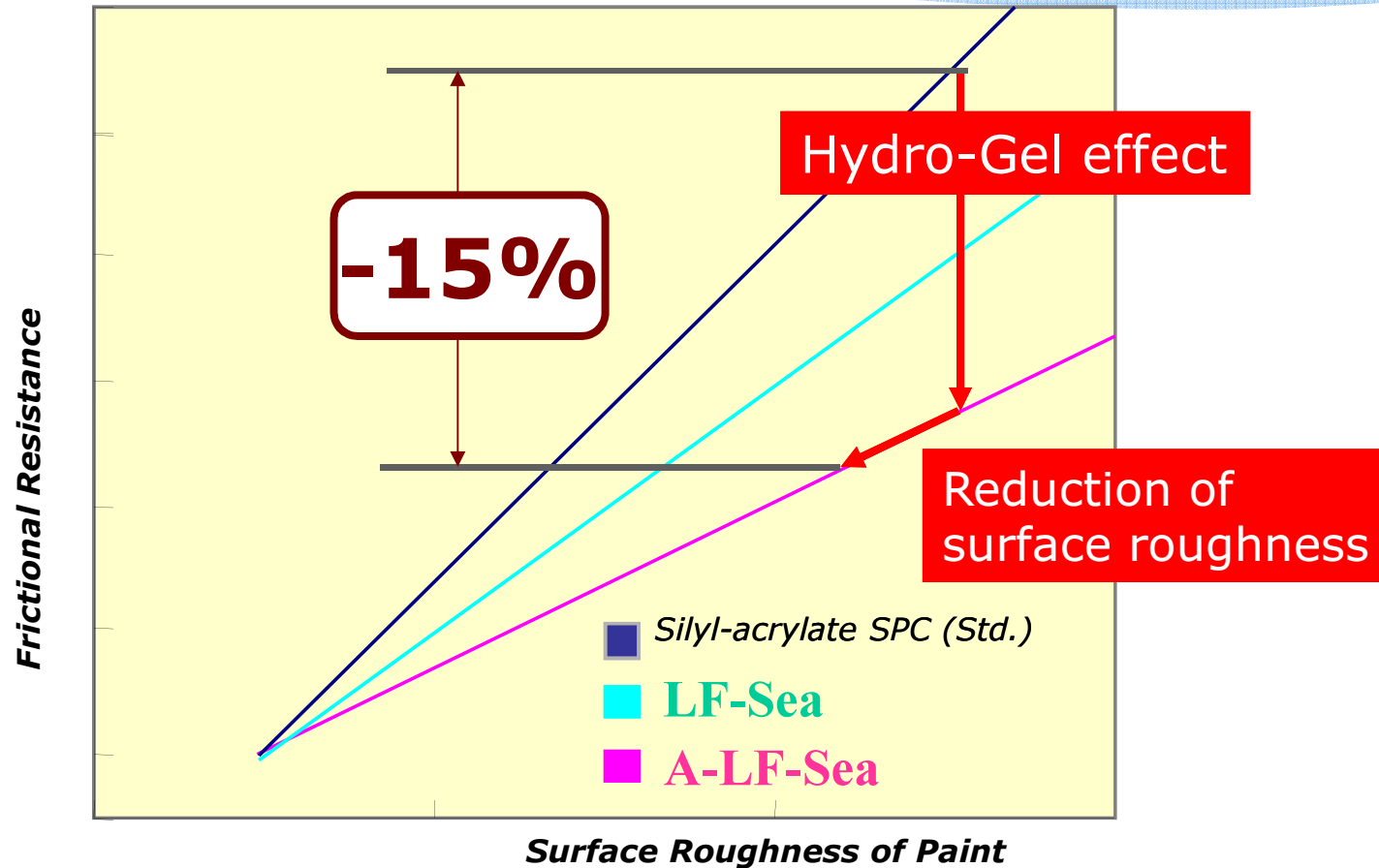


Paint Surface Condition during each phase of the painting process

Block DB9-C for Flat Bottom

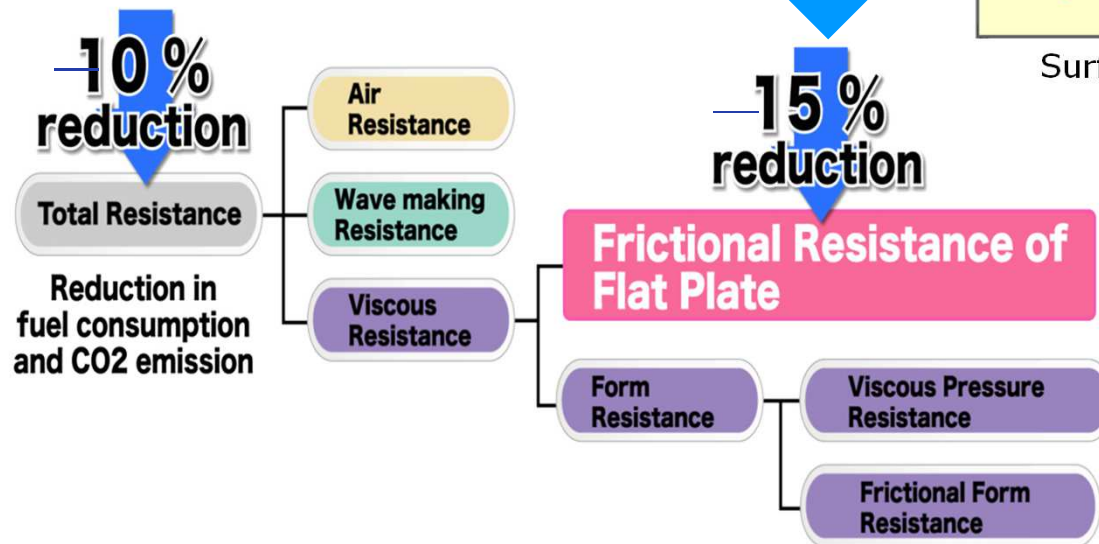
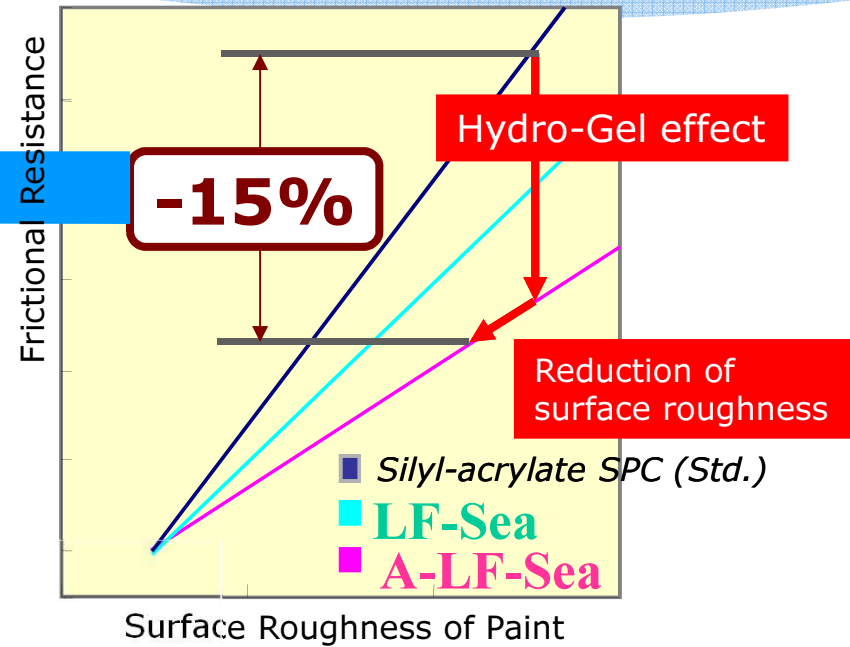
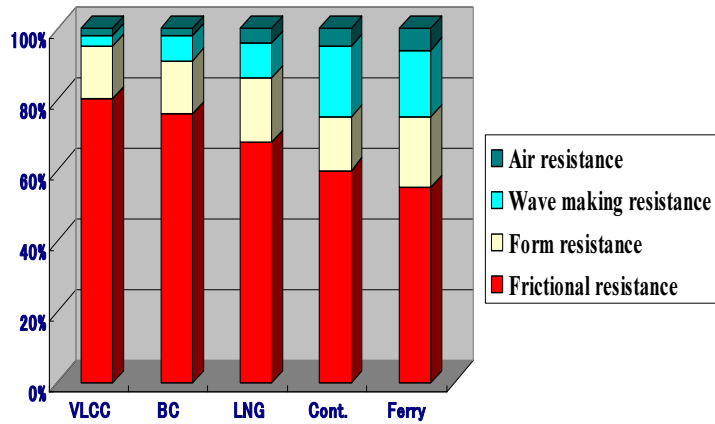


# Mechanism to reduce Frictional Resistance



Enhanced Hydro-Gel + Rheology effect → 15% reduction of Frictional Resistance

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## Ships in Service

### **A-LF-Sea – Test on actual vessels** **Pure Car Carrier (PCC)**

#### M&R (Dry-dock )

M&R-1 : Nov 2011 applied with **A-LF-Sea**

M&R-2 : April 2012 applied with **A-LF-Sea**

#### New Builds

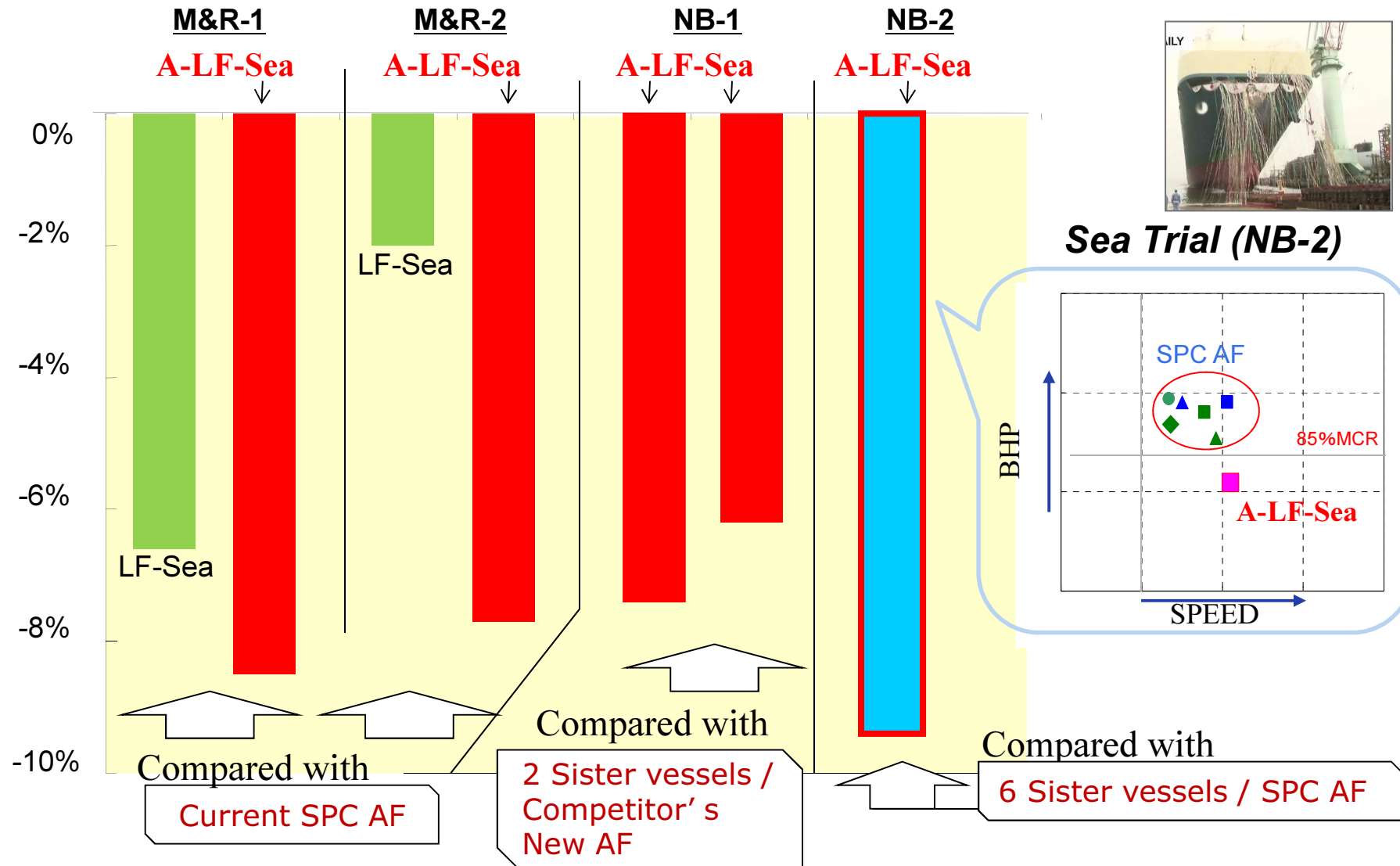
NB -1: applied with **A-LF-Sea** at pre-delivery dock  
& delivered in August 2012

NB-2: applied with **A-LF-Sea system**  
& delivered in June 2012





# Ships in Service / Fuel Saving Effect



■ **-7 to -8%** fuel saving effect is confirmed by above 3 PCCs without Rheo A/C.  
■ **About -10%** effect is confirmed by above PCC (NB-2) with Rheo A/C.

# Comparison : LF-Sea & A-LF-Sea system

		LF-Sea	A-LF-Sea system
Scheme for fuel saving		Only AF	AC + AF
Fuel Saving Effect	(1) NB	-4 % *	-10 % *
	(2) M&R Full Blasting (not including effect of full blasting)	-4 % *	-10 % *
	(3) M&R Spot Repair	-4 % *	-7 ~ -8 % * (Only AF)
Surface Preparation & Application apparatus		Normal ( No additional cost )	
Maximum Service Life		60 months (up to 90 months depend on type of ship)	
Product Range		Ocean-going, Coastal vessels	

\* Percentages quoted compare the power saving benefit of the system to a clean SPC AF in good condition at the same point in the vessel's docking cycle

## Reference / Summary / Award

### **Research & Development of the Ultimate Fuel Saving AF paint**

~ *Super Efficient Ship Development Program* ~

- Fuel-Saving Target -10% ← Based on evidence of Current LF-Sea **technology** (4%)
- Subsidized by Japanese Government (MLIT)
- Monitoring / Analyzing with MOL
- Supported by Osaka University & Kobe University
- Period for Development : 2009 – March 2013
- Start of Sales : April 2013



This technology was developed with the support of ClassNK as part of the ClassNK Joint R&D for Industry Program.



**LF-Sea** : Eco Product Award 2010



# Seatrade ASIA Awards 2014



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## The Technical Innovative Award

### Finalist

GAC Environ Hull Ltd  
Incheon Port Authority  
**Nippon Paint Marine Coatings Co Ltd**  
SingTel

April 7, 2014  
InterContinental  
SINGAPORE



Mr. N. Yamamori (NPMC),  
Developer of A-LF-Sea

**Awarded Winners**

@ InterContinental SINGAPORE (April 7, 2014)

Nippon Paint Marine Coatings was AWARDED  
at Seatrade ASIA 2014 in Singapore (April 7)



# *Advance Notice*



# Evolution of Technology



**Over 1,100  
Track Records**



**3<sup>rd</sup> Generation  
MAXIM**

- Under development
- Biocide-Free

**2<sup>nd</sup> Generation**

**2013 ~**

**A-LF-Sea**

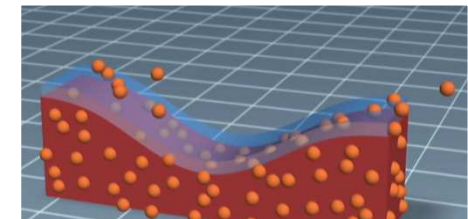
- Copper Silyl Acrylate + Cuprous Oxide
- Hydro-gel → Enhanced Water Trapping function
- Rheology Controlled A/C
- 10% Fuel saving effect ( for NB, full blasting M&R)
- 7~8% ( for M&R )

**1<sup>st</sup> Generation**

**2008 ~**

**LF-Sea**

- Copper Silyl Acrylate + Cuprous Oxide
- Hydro-gel → Water Trapping function
- 4% Fuel saving effect





# A-LF-Sea

**Advanced Low Friction Coating**