

Technical Bulletin

Therban AT

Case Study: Standard Cable Sheet Recipe



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Comparing Therban AT with standard HNBR in a cable recipe

Extrusion test results: Garvey profiles

HNBR 1*

HNBR 2**

Therban AT***

Extrusion test	1	2	3
Mass output [g/min]	245	266	294
Volume output [ml/min]	2,74	2,98	3,29
Torque [Nm]	99	97	90
Mass pressure [bar]	119	109	89
Axial power [MPa]	2,4	2,4	1,9
Die swell [%]	27	22	18
Extrudate temp. [°C]	90	90	91
Energy consumption [kW]	5,7	5,1	4,3

Extrusion tests were performed on a Troester GLS 45k extruder

Screw diameter: 45 mm
 Screw length: 465 mm, 10D
 Screw pitch code: 1 1 2 3 4 1
 Motor power: 10,6 kW
 Cylinder temp.: 60 °C
 Mouth peace temp.: 85 °C
 Screw temp.: 30 °C
 screw turns 1/min: 25
 die / diameter: Garvey profile, 7,59 mm

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Scope of Study

Therban AT* is tested in a typical cable sheet recipe (flame resistant).

Focus of this study is the extrusion behaviour of the resulting compounds.

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Conclusion

Significant improvements in extrusion speed as well as extrudate surface quality can be achieved using Therban AT*.

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Mixing

Using Therban AT* the filler distribution is observed to be excellent and of a high degree of uniformity within the compound.

In comparison to the use of Standard HNBR grades the mixing process can be shortened and temperatures can be decreased. Hence also the energy consumption is reduced.**

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Rheology

- ✓ **Compound Mooney viscosity using Therban AT* decreases by 30 / 20 ME compared to HNBR standard grades ****
- ✓ **RPA results: Parallel shift of properties at all frequencies and amplitudes towards lower viscosity indicates better processability and flow properties for all typical rubber processes**
- ✓ **Increased scorch resistance can be observed with AT content due to lower initial Mooney viscosity.**

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Vulcanizate Properties

A slightly lower crosslinking density of the vulcanizate is explained by the lower molecular weight of the Therban AT polymer structure which statistically results in more loose ends that can not take part in physical crosslinks by entanglement. Properties can be adjusted by slightly higher peroxide dosage.

Therban AT - Case Study Standard Cable Sheet Recipe Extrusion

- ✓ **20% higher volume output**
- ✓ **25% less mass pressure**
- ✓ **10% less torque (energy consumption)**
- ✓ **33% less die swell**
- ✓ **excellent profile edges**

results all observed at one given extruder parameter set up!!

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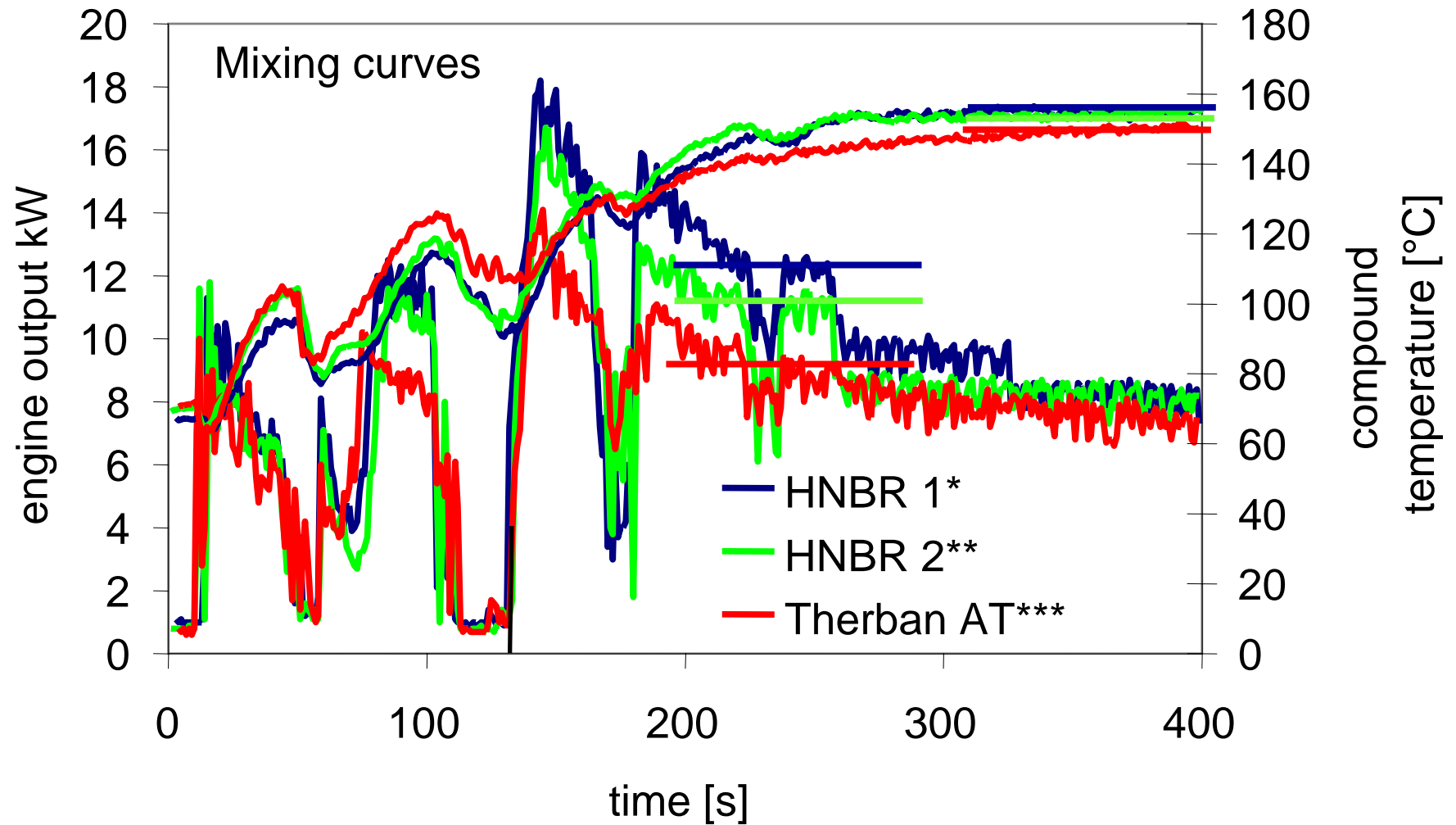
Cable recipe	1	2	3	Compound tests	1	2	3	Vulcanizate tests	1	2	3
HNBR1*	100			Scorch MS-t5/140°C	7,4	8,4	10,8	Tensile test			
HNBR 2**		100		Mooney ML1+4, 100°C	86	79	59	Tensile strength	12,9	11,9	11,1
Therban AT***			100	Rel. 30	8,7	8,7	5,6	Elongation at break	240	262	260
Apyral 120 E (Al(OH) ₃)	160	160	160	MSR	0,49	0,48	0,57	M 50	3,8	3,3	3,2
Zinc-Borate	10	10	10	MDR 180°C				M100	7,9	7	6,5
Stabaxol P	3	3	3	ts 01	0,4	0,4	0,5	M150	10,8	9,7	9
Zinc-stearate	1	1	1	t 10	0,63	0,68	0,77	M200	12,5	11,4	10,5
EDENOL 888 (DOS)	6	6	6	t 50	1,7	1,84	2,11	M250	12,5	11,4	10,5
Rhenofit DDA-70	1,4	1,4	1,4	t 90	4,85	5,16	5,57	Hardness 23°C	78	77	75
Silane Si 208	4	4	4	t 95	6,24	6,58	7,04	DIN 53516 abrasion	165	201	214
Silquest RC-1 Silane	4	4	4	S' min	1,89	1,8	0,93				
Rhenofit TRIM/S	0,7	0,7	0,7	S' max	27,57	23,46	19,37				
PERKADOX 14-40 B-GR	6	6	6								

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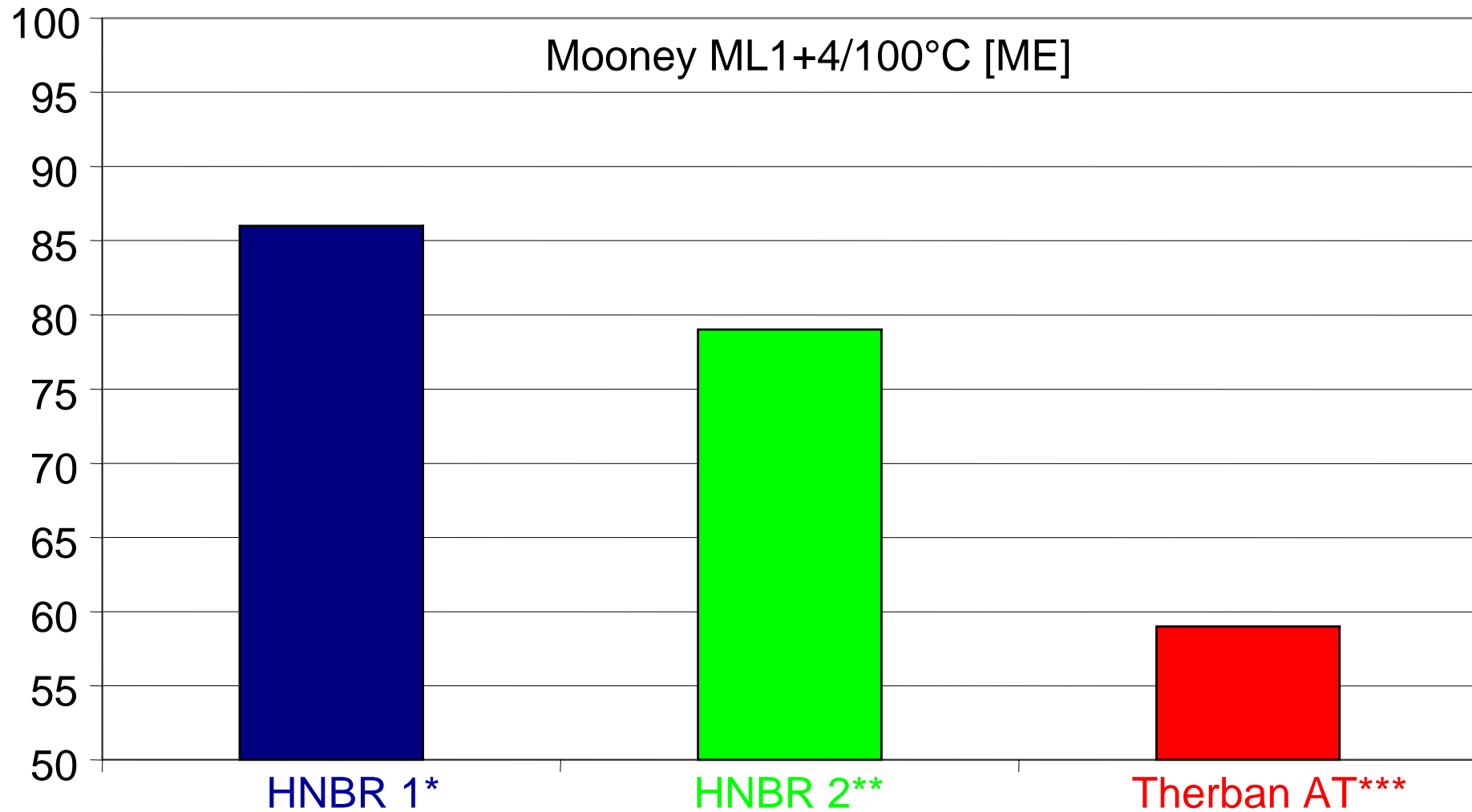
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Compound viscosity

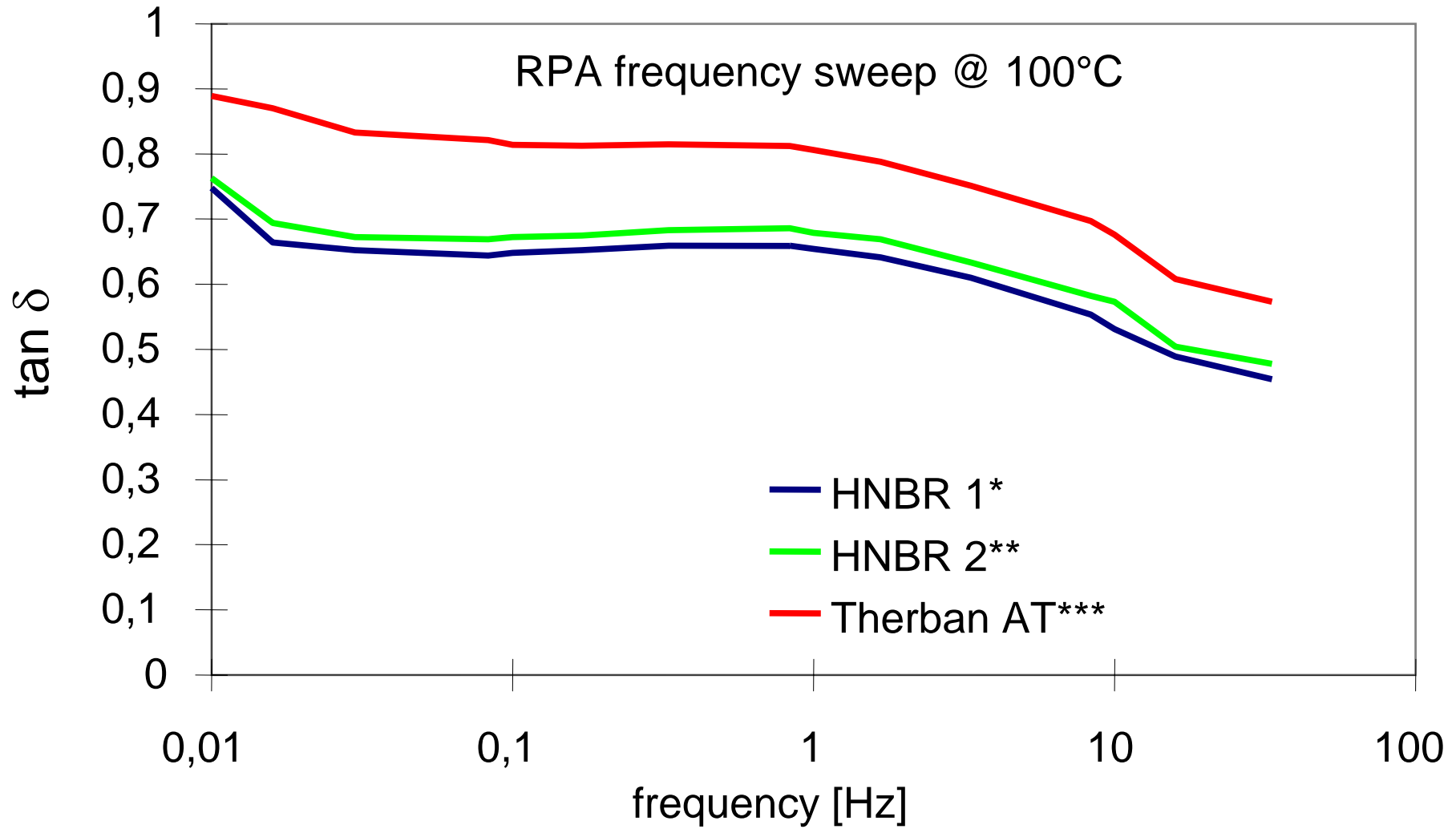


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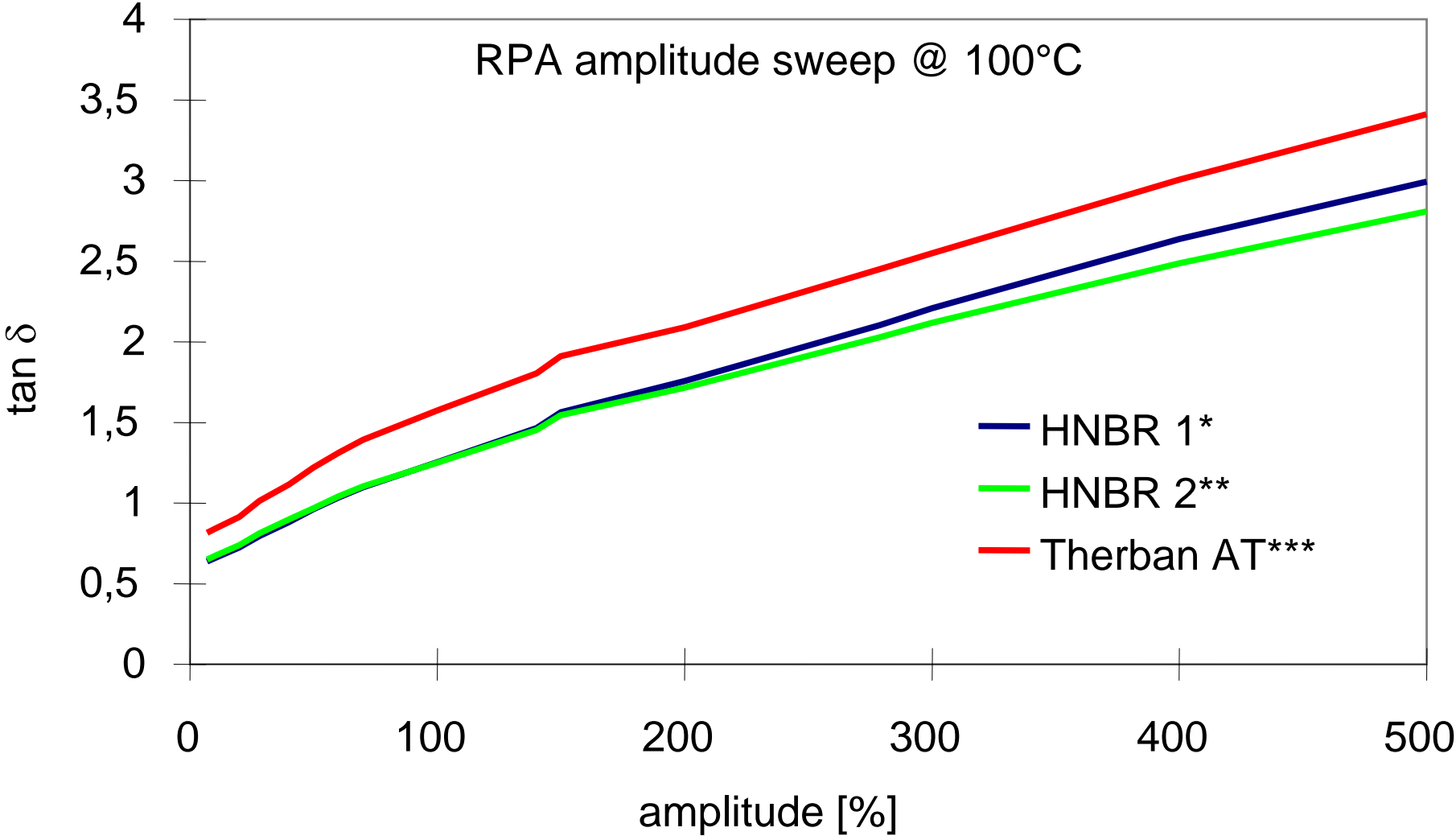
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RPA measurement of compound



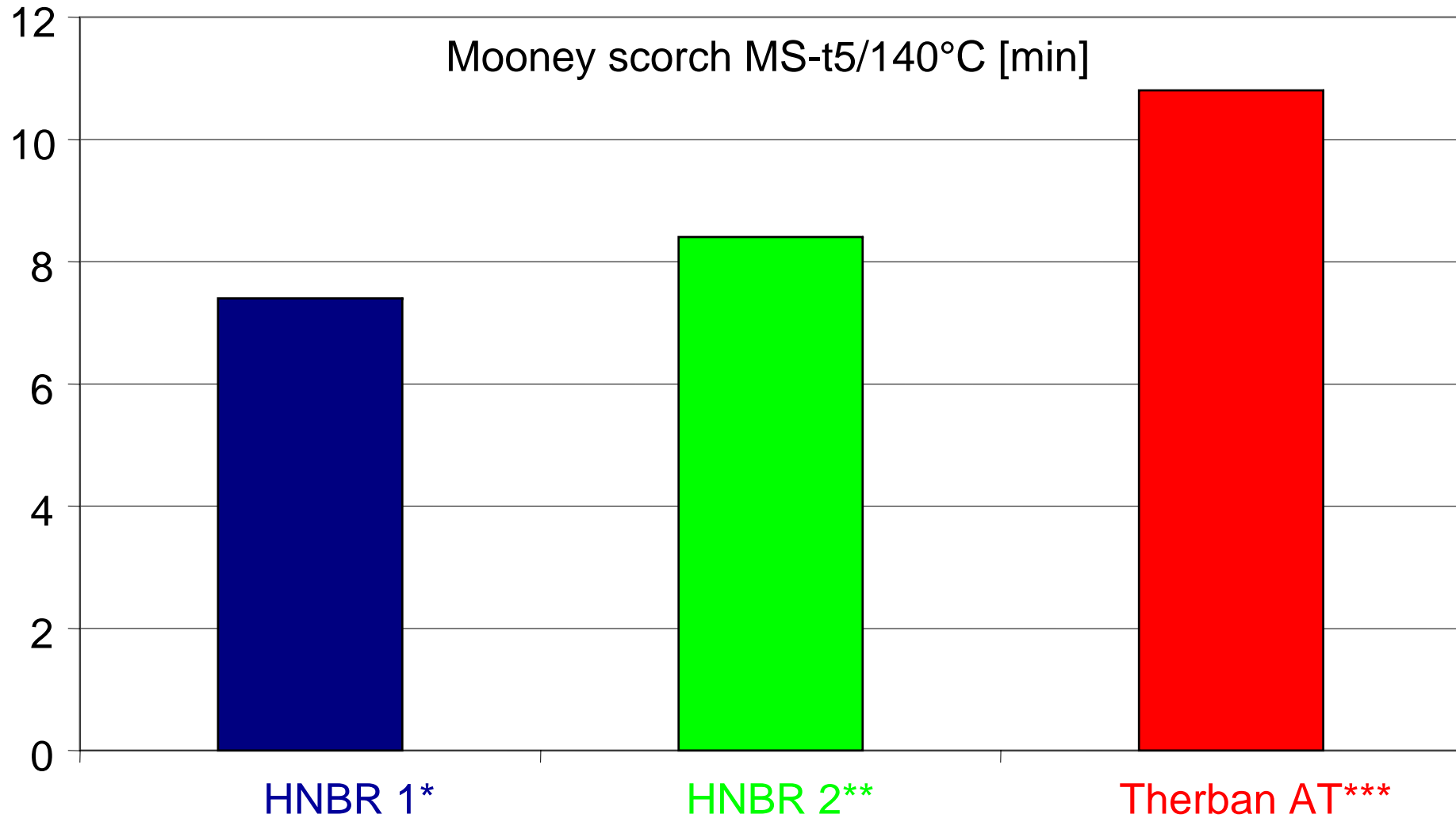
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Scorch resistance

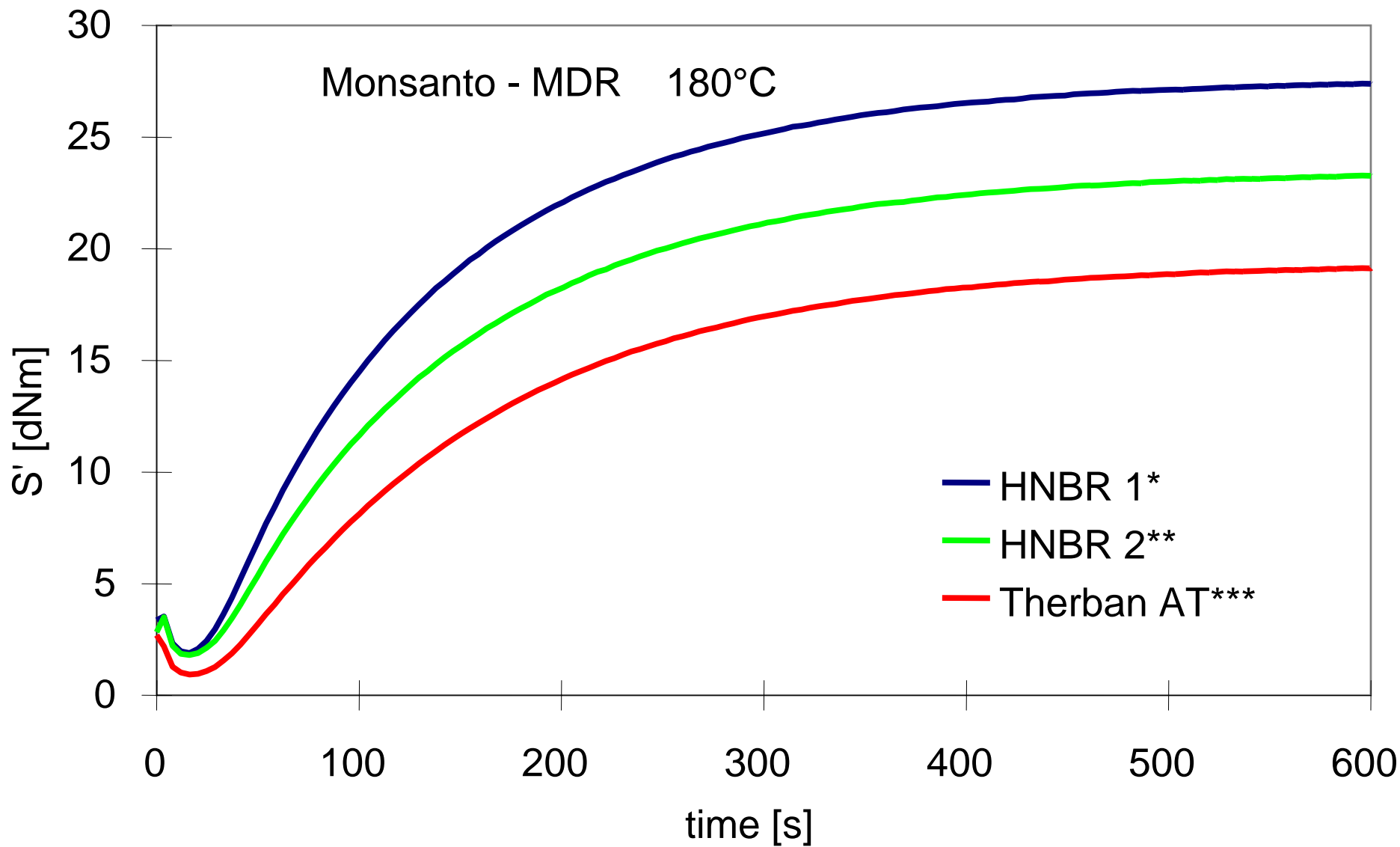


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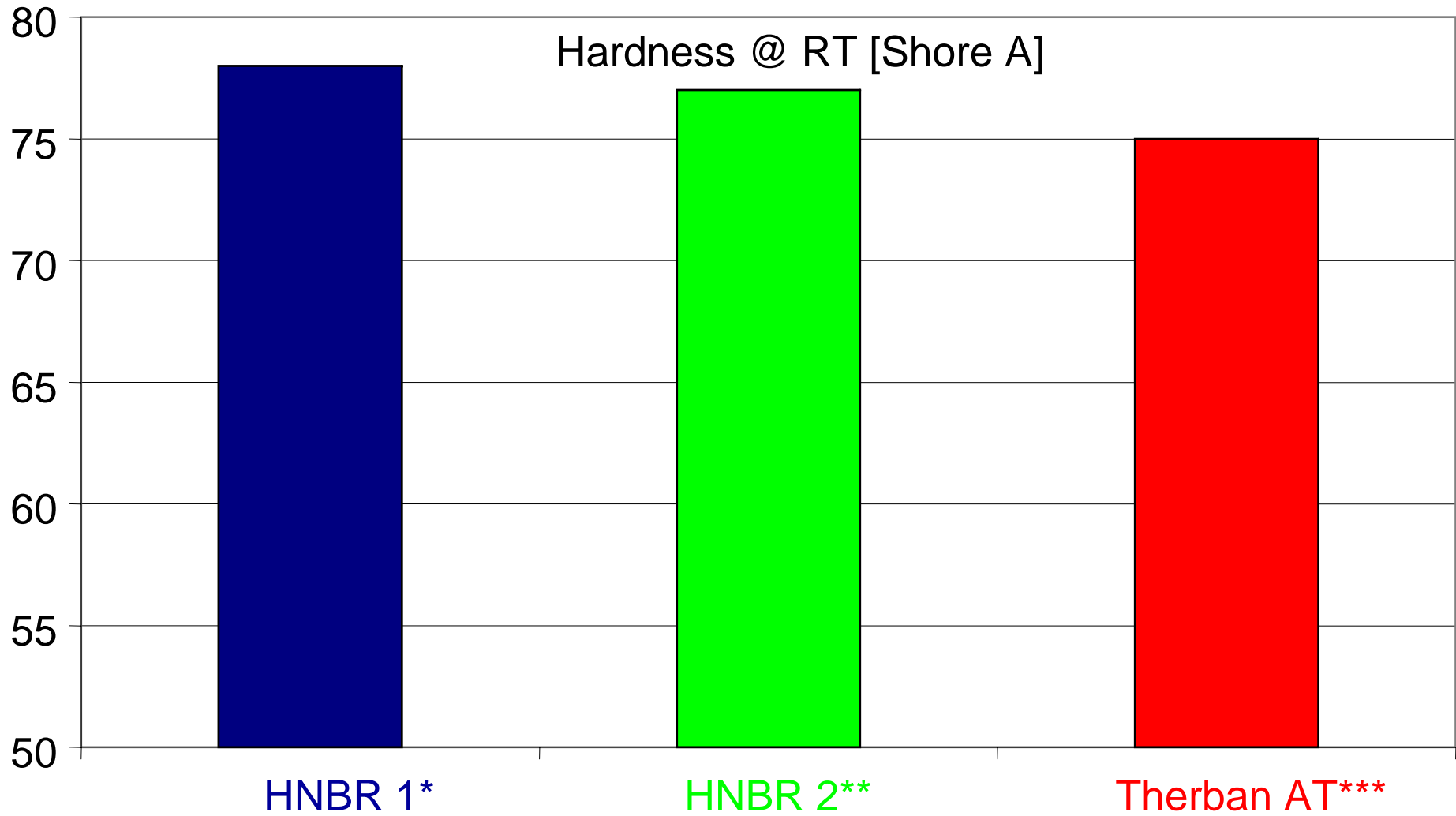
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Vulcanization



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Hardness

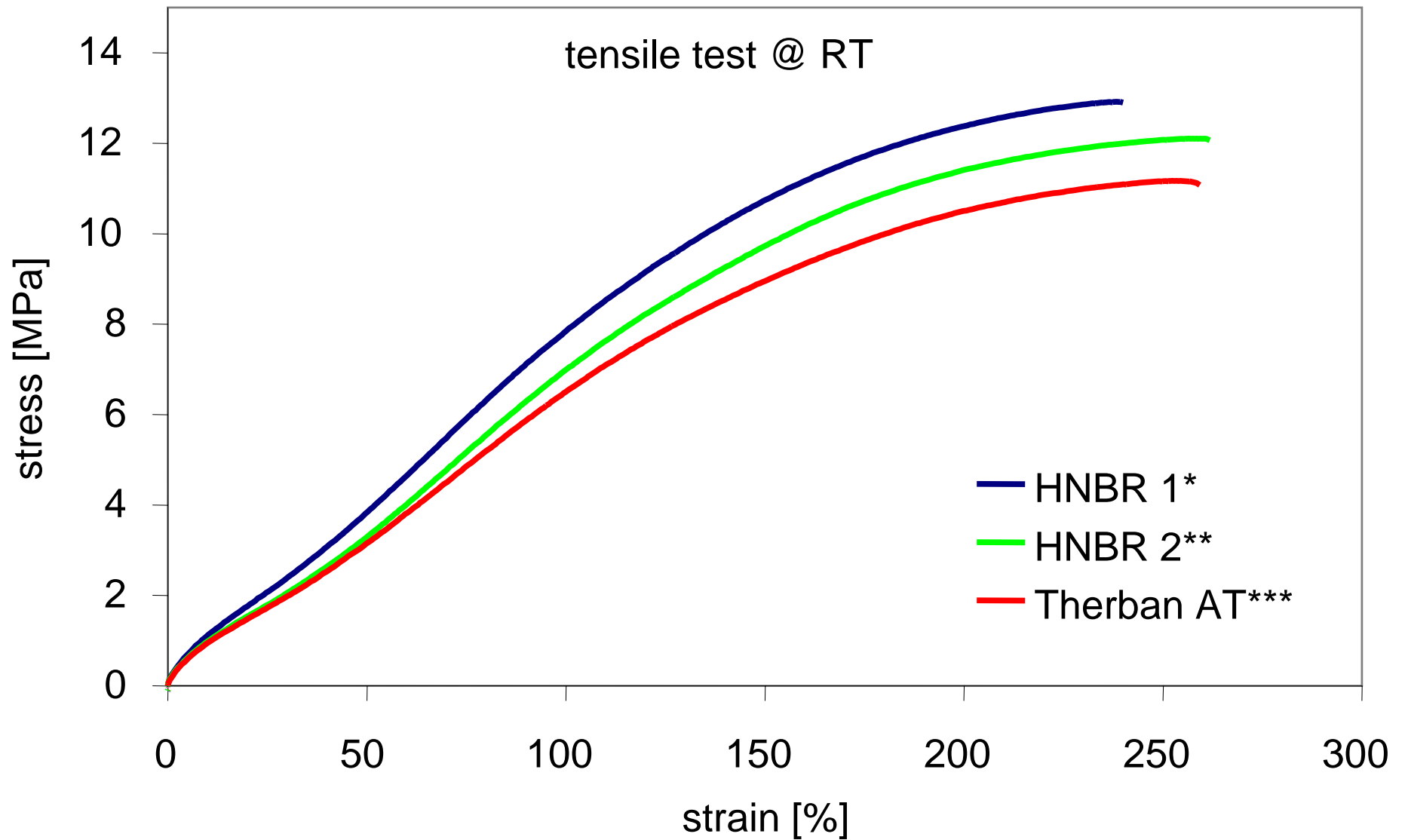


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Tensile test

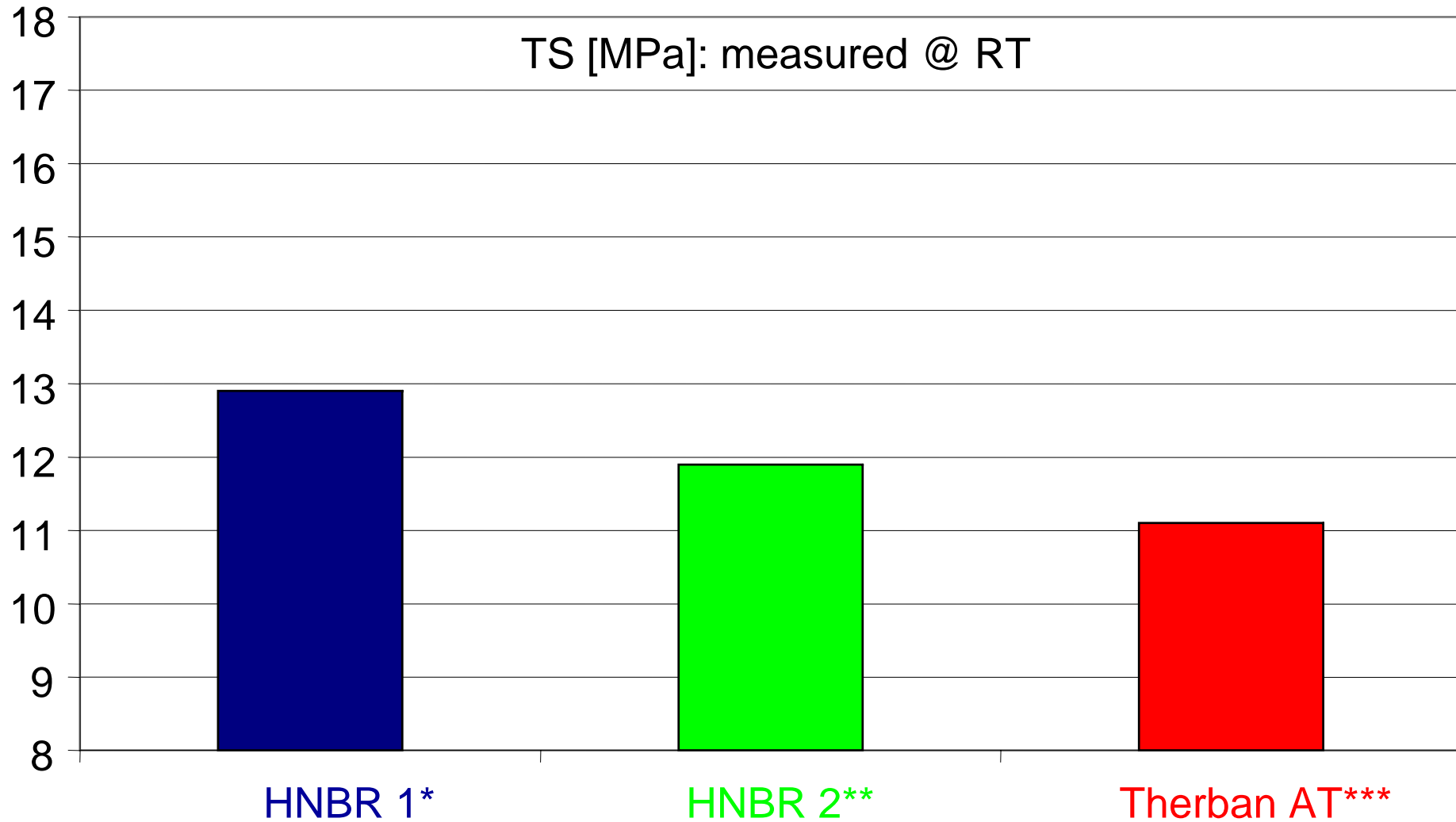


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Tensile strength

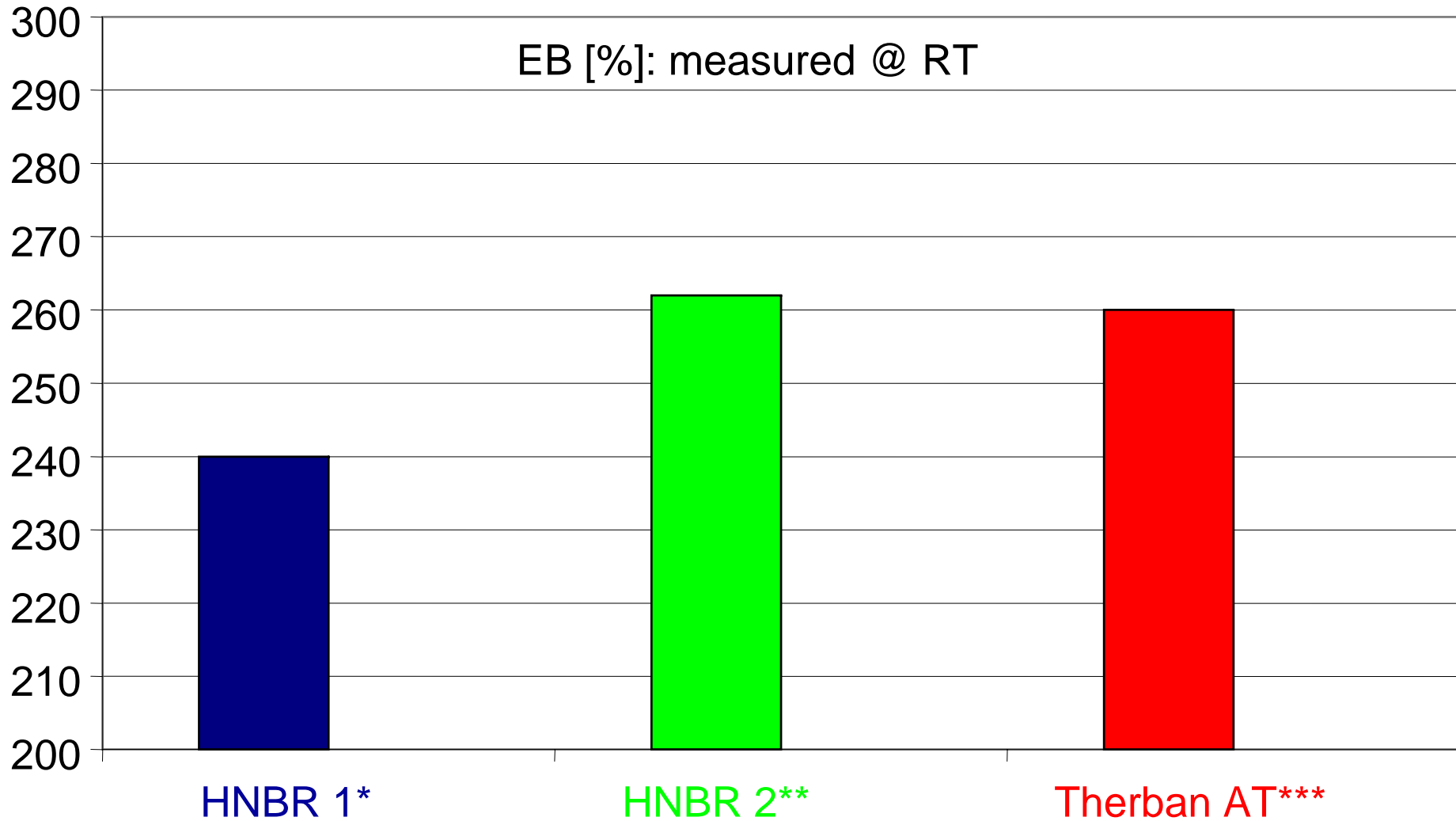


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Elongation at break

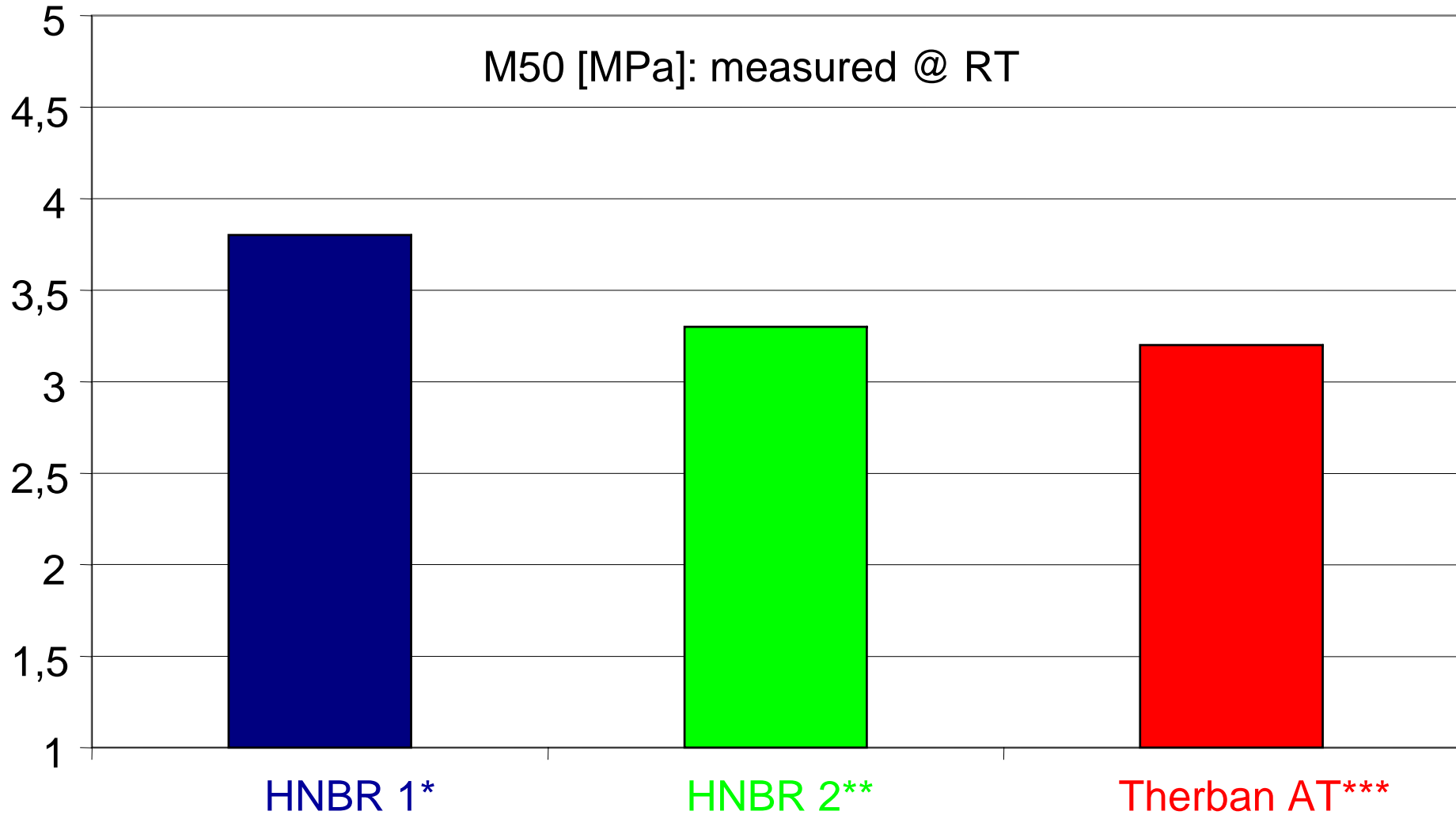


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Modulus

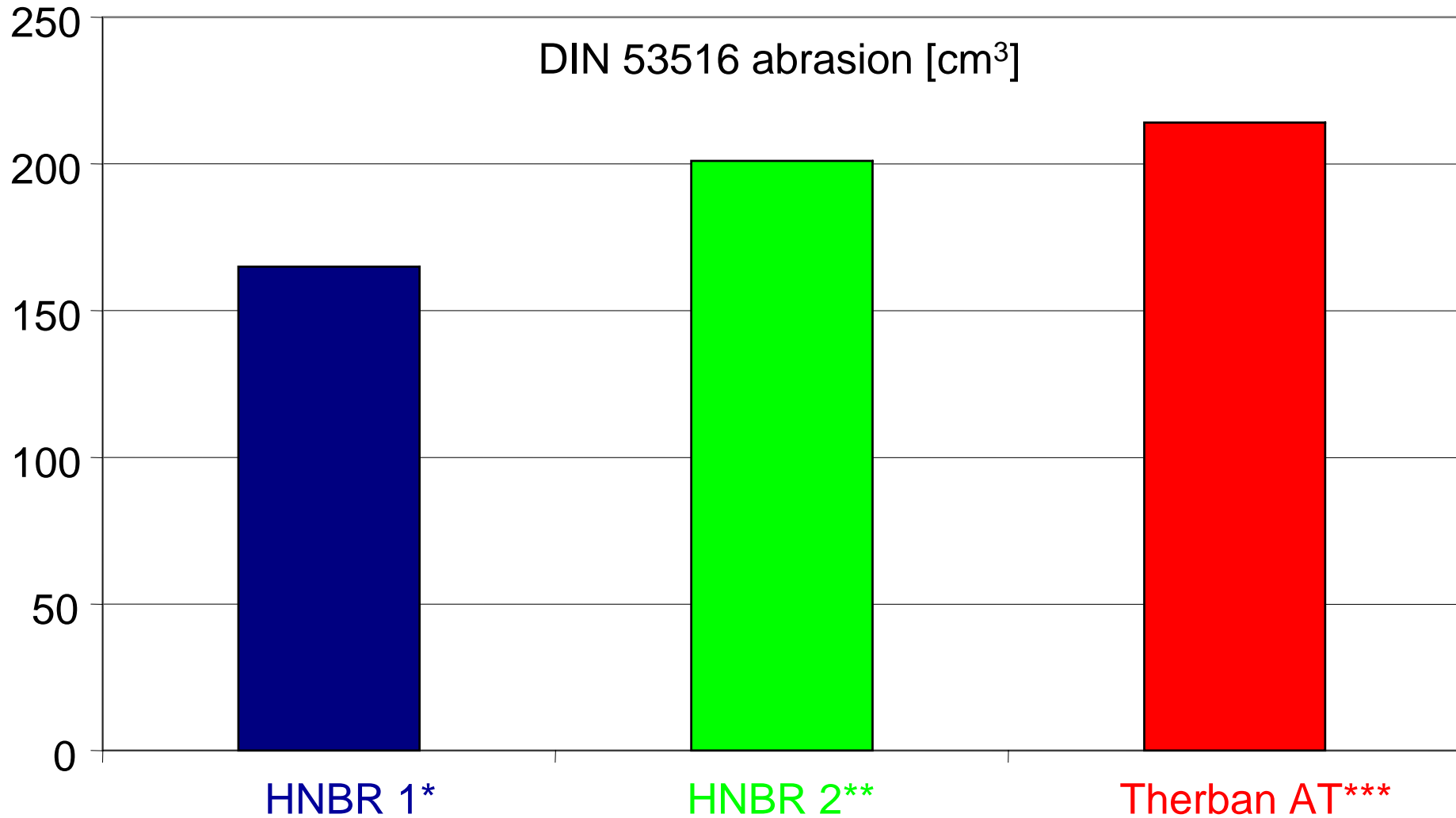


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Abrasion



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