

SYSTEMATIZATION OF HYDRAULIC SYSTEMS DESIGN FOR USE WITH BIODEGRADABLE FLUIDS





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1. Introduction



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1.1 Contextualization

European studies have identified the leak of hydraulic fluid as a major source of groundwater contamination (EICHENBERGER, 1991).

A very conservative estimate is that more than 600 to 900 million gallons of fluid from hydraulic systems enter the environment every year (HAMID, 2008).

- HPP Sayano accident: Oil spill of 30,000
 litres into The Yenisei river (2009).
- The São Martinho sugar mill in 2003, 108,622 litres of hydraulic oil were wasted from harvesters, as a result of failures of hydraulic systems (Tomazela (2007).







1.1 Contextualization





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1.1 Contextualization

 In order to avoid or mitigate the issue of environmental risk, is identified in Brazil and the world, a way of incentives in search of systems development and/or environmentally friendly products.





Some of these industrial applications and research activities have broken the paradigm to use mineral oil for hydraulic systems, providing solutions with biodegradable hydraulic fluids.



1.2 Problem

The focus of the problem identified for this work is the deficiency of design processes for hydraulic systems that fit for use with biodegradable fluids.





1.3 Justification

In the context of development of Brazil, it is important to encourage the use and development of biodegradable fluids.

There are not works found in the industrial and research scope that combine the design of hydraulic system together with biodegradable fluids.

The value added to the use of biodegradable fluids is related to:

- The fluid life

- Reducing taxes for environmentally friendly policies, obtaining carbon credits

- Prevent fines due to accidents related to **oil spills** in water or soil.











2. Biodegradable fluids





2.1 Timeline

• Before 19th century, lubricating oils were natural, based mainly on rapeseed, soybean and castor oils or based on animal fat such as whale oil. (WILSON, 1998)

1800



1900

Incentive of the EU for the use of biodegradable fluids.
Requirement of the German government in specific applications.



2000 2013



 Rudolf Diesel is credited as the inventor of the first diesel engine which was originally designed to run on fuel derived from peanut oil.



Different

 applications
 with
 biodegradable
 fluids in
 hydraulic
 systems

 Eco-labels



2.2 Classification



- HEPG Hydraulic Oil Environmental PolyGlycol.
- HEES Hydraulic Oil Environmental Ester Synthetic.
- HEPR Hydraulic Oil Environmental Polyalphaolefine and Related Products
- HETG Hydraulic Oil Environmental TriGlyceride.



2.3 Definition

- High biodegradability
- Low toxicity
- High viscosity index
- High lubricity
- High flash point
- Thermal problems
- Low hydrolytic stability
- Low oxidation stability

Cost



Ester, Polyglycol, Triglyceride (vegetable), Polyolefin



3. Systematization of Hydraulic System Design with Biodegradable Fluids -SHBIO





3.1 SHBIO - Proposal

The inclusion of a new variable (biodegradable fluids) show the need for new methods of design support.

New or modified requirements require the support of various fields of <u>knowledge</u>.

This new systematization must allow the effective integration of project teams, establish common information and provide assurance to the designer in making decisions.

Systematization of procedures

SHBIO

Specifying and analyzing requirements of hydraulic systems
Adapt and optimize the performance and component life, as well as the fluid itself.

Selection of fluids → Selection of components → Guidelines for monitoring



3.1 SHBIO - Proposal





3.2 1st phase - Biodegradable fluid selection





Activity 1.1 Application field of the hydraulic system:

A series of applications where biodegradable hydraulic fluid can be used are listed.

Industrial application:

- Testing and simulation equipment
- Textile industry,
- Plastic industry
- Metal working
- Assembly system,
- Robotic
- Hydroelectric power plants
- Marine

Mobile application:

- Mining
- Lumber industry
- Agricultural machines
- Civil construction machinery

For these applications, the biodegradable fluids recommended are HEES, HETG and HEPR

For most industrial applications, **HETG** fluid is not recommended because in practice, the operating requirements are often not satisfied.



3.2 1st phase - Biodegradable fluid selection

Activity 1.2 Real contact or interaction with water or mineral base residual oil: Probability of real contact or interaction with water or mineral base residual oil according to practices level of maintenance and design parameters are defined in this activity.

WATER



MINERAL OIL

- New design: usual commercial components
- New design: Components tested to operate with biodegradable fluids
- Redesign: fluid change = HEPR, HEES





3.2 1st phase - Biodegradable fluid selection

Activity 1.3 International certificates (eco-label): In this activity, the user's preference is requested to use biodegradable fluids with or without international certificates (eco-label).



Activity 1.4 Biodegradability and toxicity

In this activity the desired levels are appointed to the fluid for these characteristics according to OECD standards

 Biodegradability high level: > 70% (OECD 301B), all major product components tested separately

 Biodegradability medium level: > 60% (OECD 301B), product may be tested in one test

Activity 1.5 Ageing properties

This activity has the objective of defining the aging stability level of the fluids due to the oxidation stability, hydrolysis stability and anti-wear properties.



Activity 1.6 Viscosity grade

Viscosity grades ISO VG available for each biodegradable hydraulic fluid selected are recommended.

Operating temperature <20 °C = Viscosity ISO VG 22 Operating temperature 20 °C $\leq t_{op} \leq$ 70 °C = Viscosity ISO VG 32 e 46. Operating temperature >70 °C = Viscosity ISO VG 68.

Seals compatibility with biodegradable fluids

	Viscosity grades ISO VG				
Fluid type	22	32	46	68	
HEES	NBR FPM AU HNBR	NBR FPM AU HNBR	NBR FPM AU HNBR	FPM HNBR	
HETG	NBR FPM AU HNBR	NBR FPM AU HNBR	NBR FPM AU HNBR	NBR FPM AU HNBR	
HEPG	NBR FPM HNBR	NBR FPM HNBR	NBR FPM HNBR	FPM HNBR	
HEPR	NBR FPM NBR H HNBR HNB		NBR FPM HNBR	NBR FPM HNBR	

NBR: Nitrile Rubber or Buna-N FPM (FKM): Fluorocarbon - Vitón AU: Polyurethane HNBR (HSN): Hydrogenated Nitrile



3.2 1st phase - Biodegradable fluid selection

Activity 1.7 A partial report with the biodegradable fluids selected



- Fluid type:
- Fluid name:
- Manufacturer:
- ISO viscosity grade available:
- Seal compatibility:
- Temperature limits:
- Environmental certification
- (ecolabel):







Activity 2.1 Application circuit:

This activity defines the hydraulic circuit which brings an inherent list of components that will be selected in the following activities. The list of components related to this circuit are:

Reservoir

- Filters
- Heat exchanger
- Accumulator

- Hydraulic pump/motor
- Actuation system

Activity 2.2 Reservoir:

The main requirements of the reservoir are defined according to the rules and recommendations, which are presented in eight tasks.

Baffles

Diffusers

Desiccant silica gel breathers.

- Manufacturing material
- Reservoir size
- Reservoir/pump layout
- Reservoir form
- Pump inlet line and outlet line



Activity 2.2 Reservoir – Manufacturing material

Fluid	Materials manufacturing of hydraulic components						
	CS	SS	GS	AA	NAA	PLA	
HEES	\odot	\odot	\odot	\odot	\odot	\odot	
HEPG	\odot	\odot	\odot	\odot	•	ं	
HETG	\odot	\odot	\odot	\odot	\odot	ं	
HEPR	\odot	\odot	\odot	\odot	\odot	ं	

CS: Carbon steel

SS: Stainless steel

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- GS: Galvanized steel
- AA: Anodized aluminum
- NAA: Non-anodized aluminum
- PLA: Plstics and composites

- © Compatible
- Non-compatible
- o Compatible, but not recommended







Activity 2.2 Reservoir - Form







Rectangular reservoir (vertical

Cylindrical reservoir (vertical)

Cylindrical reservoir (horizontal)

Activity 2.2 Reservoir- Piping design



Various vertical baffles

Vertical baffle (cross)

Activity 2.2 Reservoir- Diffuser





Activity 2.3 Heating and cooling devices

The rules which recommend using heating and cooling devices in the hydraulic system with biodegradable fluids are presented according to the **operating temperature expected in the hydraulic system** which was defined in the 1st phase.

Activity 2.4 Accumulator

For applications of hydraulic systems using biodegradable fluids, it is recommended to use accumulators with separation between the air (Nitrogen) and the fluid,

It is recommended to use with the gas-loaded accumulator with separation for the bladder.









Activity 2.5 Filters

These criteria have to do with: types of filters (location), types of hydraulic filter media, ISO cleanliness recommendations from component manufacturers and filter efficiency.



Activity 2.5 Filters – Filter media type

According to the compatibility between manufacturing materials and the biodegradable fluids defined in the 1st phase, the filter medias recommended are:

- Fiberglass
- Wire mesh

Activity 2.5 Filters – ISO cleanliness recommendations

Levels of cleanliness according to ISO 4406





Activity 2.6 Hydraulic pump/motor





3.4 3rd phase - Monitoring of hydraulic system

Activity 3.1 Oil condition monitoring method

	Monitoring method	BASIC	ADVANCED	
	Level of reliability	Acceptable	High	
Measurement parameters (sensors)	Pressure	DNLINE	ONLINE	
	Temperature	ONLINE	ONLIKE	
	Viscosity	M	ONLINE	
	Solid particles counter	ONLINE	ONLINE	
	Water content / relative humidity	×	ONLINE	
	Dielectric constant	×	ONLINE	
	Total number acid (TAN) / pH	Ä	Ä	
	ICP Spectrometric Analysis	Ä	<u> </u>	

Basic: This method keeps the use of biodegradable fluids and guarantees an acceptable level of reliability of the hydraulic system.

Advanced: The use of online oil condition sensors together with appropriate knowledge of physicochemical changes in oil allows the user to have constant overview of the oil quality and its properties.

Online monitoring

🛓 Laboratory oil analysis



3.4 3rd phase - Monitoring of hydraulic system



- Online monitoring point
- Online monitoring point and/or sampling point for oil analysis laboratory
- Sampling point for oil analysis laboratory

Possible points of fluid condition monitoring and sampling point to oil analysis in the laboratory



5.5 4th phase - Solutions





4. Expert System Prototype









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4.1 Expert System Prototype - Fluids

Fluid type: Hydraulic Oil Environmental Ester Synthetic - HEES Fluid name: HLP Synth Manufacturer: Panolin For more information click here ISO viscosity grade available: (22 32 46) Seal compatibility: (NBR FPM AU HNBR) Temperature limits: -30°C to 90°C (reservoir), < 100°C locally in the system Environmental certification (ecolabel): - Blue Angel: Alemanha - Korea Eco-label: Corea do sul

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4.1 Expert System Prototype - Components

2nd Phase: Selection of hydraulic components



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4.1 Expert System Prototype - Reservoir

RESERVOIR





5. Conclusions





5.1 Conclusions

> State-of-the-art biodegradable fluids \rightarrow Lack of scientific and industrial information related to biodegradable fluids \rightarrow This work is a starting point in this country, in identifying new research and development of systems and/or environmentally friendly products.

➤ The introduction of a new line of research in the Brazilian scientific community, which is directed to the study and application of biodegradable fluids to be used in hydraulic systems.

> A list of new or modified design requirements of hydraulic systems were identified.

 \succ Rules and recommendations for the selection of fluids and components were established \rightarrow heuristics knowledge acquired from experts, standards, literature and technical information.

➤ SHBIO's proposed focus on the systematization of procedures for specifying and analyzing the requirements of hydraulic systems in order to adapt and optimize the performance and component life, as well as the fluid itself → Selection of fluids – Selection of components - Guidelines for monitoring



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