

# Unlocking Hydraulic Efficiency with Durability

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# Hydraulic equipment trends

#### **Sustainability**

- Increased efficiency and productivity
- Reducing emissions and noise
- Hybridization and electrification

# Higher power density

- High efficiency pumps
- Higher pressures
- Smaller size



#### Reliability

- Digital automation
- Connectivity and smart systems
- Data analytics and condition monitoring







# Changes in the Hydraulic Equipment Market

#### **Equipment Sophistication**

- Higher power densities
- System complexity
- Downsizing
- Running hotter and at higher pressures for longer



#### **Fluid Performance Needs**

- Increased wear protection
- Wider operating temperature range
- Lower energy consumption
- Need for extended oil life



Hydraulic fluid performance must meet the needs modern systems demand



# Hydraulic efficiency and end user needs



purchase + maintaining + running

#### Durability

There are many industry standard tests for hydraulic durability.

#### Efficiency

There are no industry standard tests to measure hydraulic efficiency.

How to describe efficiency?

- Productivity or cycle time
- Energy consumption per unit time
- Work done per amount of fuel
- Temperature reduction

Value and definition of efficiency vary by end user



# **Energy Efficiency in Today's Market**

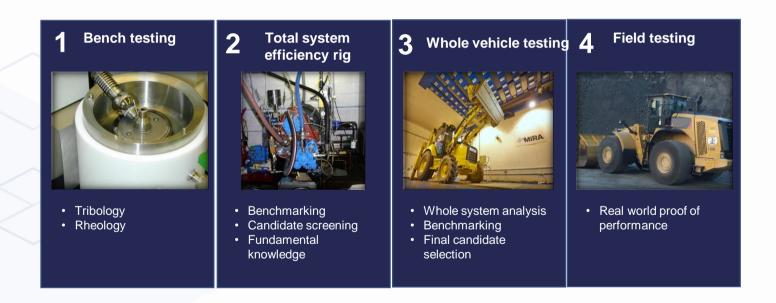
- Understanding total system efficiency is critical
  - Pump efficiency is only one element of hydraulic system efficiency
  - Energy losses occur in pumps, motors, hoses, filters, valves and coolers
- Thorough understanding of both hardware and fluid is key to delivering real efficiency
- Total lubricant formulation works together enable real efficiency without compromising durability.

Delivering real world efficiency is a valuable proposition to industrial end users



## **Designing Durable Efficient Fluids**

## **Lubricant performance validation**



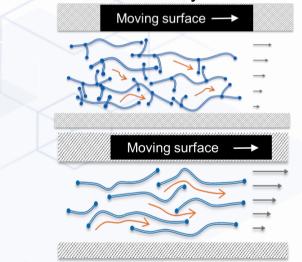
Stage 1
Bench Testing

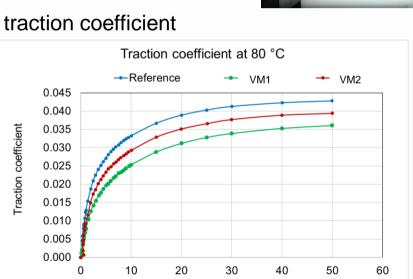


# **Bench Testing**

#### Polymer choice affects fluid traction

- Fluid traction is the internal friction of the squeezed lubricant film
- Low fluid traction contributes to efficiency
- Different viscosity modifiers can affect traction coefficient





Slide to roll ratio



# Stage 2

Lubrizol Total Hydraulic System Efficiency Rig



# Hydraulic Efficiency – Pump vs Total System

#### Hydraulic pump efficiency

- Volumetric efficiency (η<sub>v</sub>)
- Mechanical efficiency (η<sub>m</sub>)
- Volumetric efficiency
  - Internal leakage
- Mechanical efficiency
  - Friction
  - Pumping
- Overall efficiency

$$\eta_{o} = \eta_{v} \times \eta_{m}$$





#### **Total hydraulic system efficiency**

- Volumetric efficiency (η<sub>v</sub>)
- Mechanical efficiency (η<sub>m</sub>)
- System losses
- Volumetric efficiency
  - Leakage in different components
    - o Pump, motor, valve, seal fitting
- Mechanical efficiency
  - Friction
  - Pumping
  - Pressure/ line ΔP
  - Circuit design
    - Excess flow
    - Excess pressure
- Overall efficiency is more complex





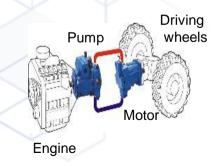


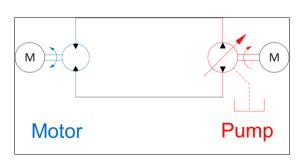




# Lubrizol Total Hydraulic System Efficiency Rig

- Lubrizol's laboratory based hydrostatic transmission rig
  - Representative of real world mobile equipment
  - Uses a hydraulic motor for the working load
  - Instrumented to measure efficiency across multiple parts of the hydraulic system
  - Flow, temperature, pressure sensors installed around motor, lines, pump, filter, cooler
  - Most other studies have focused only on pump efficiency





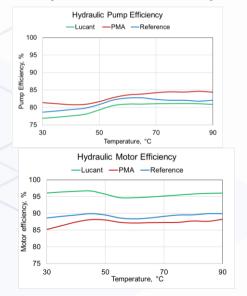


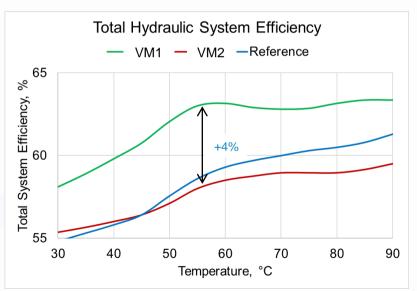


# Lubrizol fixed hydraulic efficiency rig

#### **Total hydraulic system efficiency**

- Small difference in pump efficiency, large difference in motor efficiency
- Total system efficiency shows VM1 to be more efficient





# Stage 3 Whole Vehicle Testing



Controlled Whole Vehicle Testing

#### **Proof of performance**

- Total system field trial
  - Extensive instrumentation
  - Robust structured testing protocol
  - Big data approach millions of data points
  - Statistical analysis
- Quantification of efficiency by duty cycle
  - Loaded and unloaded front lifts
  - Loaded and unloaded rear lifts





#### Measured fuel consumption of two candidates



# Whole Vehicle Testing – Test Method



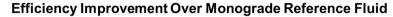
Rear boom lift course

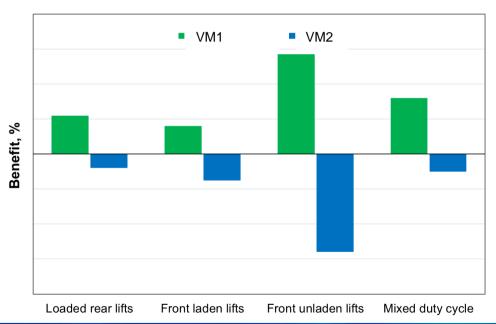


Front lift laden



## **Controlled Whole Vehicle Test Results**





VM1 offers superior improvements in hydraulic energy efficiency

Stage 4
Field Testing



## **Field Trial**

#### **Local Excavating Company**

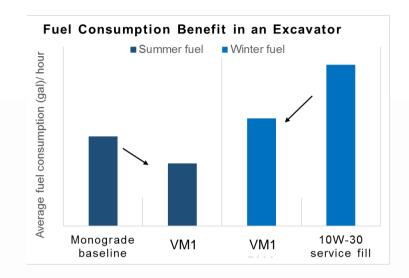
- 2015 980M Caterpillar Wheel Loader
- Trial over 3 months
  - Data logged for 120 hours

#### Fluids on test

Factory fill: Monograde (Baseline) ISO VG 46

Test Fluid: VM1 ISO VG 46

Shop Oil: Service Fill SAE 10W-30



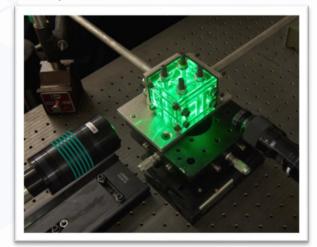


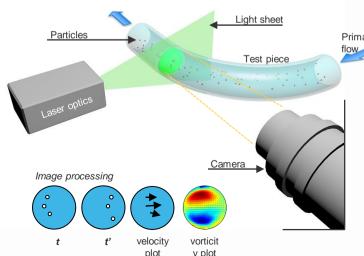
How VM1 improves efficiency?



# Measuring Secondary Flow: Data Acquisition Particle image velocimetry (PIV)

- Tracer particles with sizes (~5-20µm) are added to the fluid
- The light scattered by the particles is recorded at ~ 30,000 frames per second by high speed camera
- The displacement of the particle images between the successive frames allows the measurement of the planar 2 dimensional velocity field

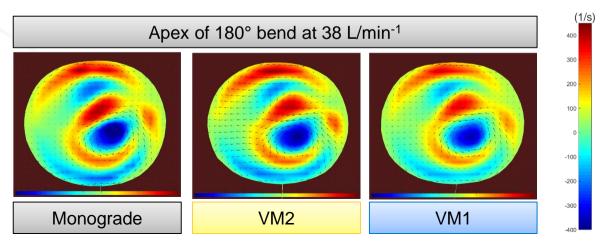






# Particle Image Velocimetry Data

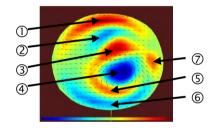
- Vorticity at the apex of the 180° channel was similarly examined
- For the degree of curvature in the test piece the maximum vorticity was anticipated at the apex
- Profile at high flow rates becomes increasingly distorted, maximum vorticity shifting to inner wall

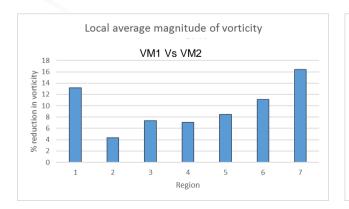


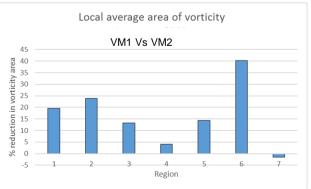


# Particle Image Velocimetry Data

- Quantification of magnitude and area of vorticity can be done for each vertical region
- VM1 fluid was compared to VM2 fluid and shows noticeable differences
- VM1 reduces the magnitude of vorticity by ~10%
- VM1 reduces the area of vorticity by ~18%





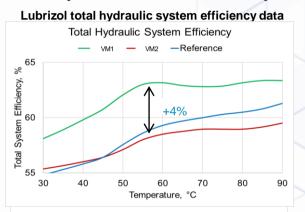




# Summary

- VM1 substantially reduces secondary flows under hydraulic operating conditions
- Multigrade fluid containing VM2 does not significantly reduce secondary flows

	In comparison to monograde fluid	
	Reduction in magnitude of vorticity	Reduction in area of vorticity
VM 1	11%	20%
VM 2	1%	4%



 These results support all of our hydraulic efficiency testing where VM2 and monograde fluids appear to perform similarly whilst VM1 containing fluids are overwhelmingly the most energy efficient

VM1 flow characteristics provide energy efficiency to hydraulics

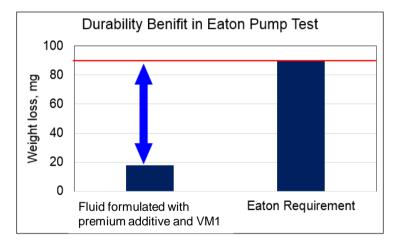




# No Compromise on Durability

Strong pump performance ensure fluid durability and equipment protection for a

longer time



Eaton E-FDGN-TB002-E and Parker Denison HF-0 approved

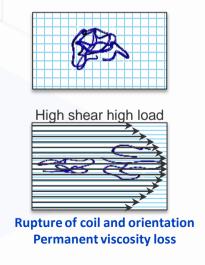
Efficiency benefits with durability confidence

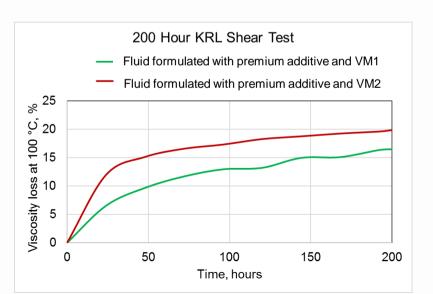


# **Bench testing**

#### **Extended shear stability**

- Commercially relevant formulations.
- Comparison to shear stable Bosch Rexroth capable VM1 fluid and competitor example.
- VM1 <u>substantially</u> more shear stable out to 200 hours by KRL.









## Conclusion

- Fluid flow behaviour is a key variable in understanding hydraulic energy efficiency that does not correlate to viscosity index.
- Careful selection of viscosity modifier can deliver real world efficiency improvements.
- A balanced hydraulic oil formula can give both durability and efficiency.



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