

# XVII Convegno di Tribologia

“Attrito, Usura e Lubrificazione in Campo Marino  
Applicazioni e Sfide Tecnologiche”



## Conditions' Monitoring in Ambito Navale Mediante le Analisi del Lubrificante in Esercizio

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# 50 Anni di Tribologia

Circa 50 anni fa nasceva la “**Tribologia**” una scienza in cui sono confluite diverse tecniche derivate dallo studio di tutti i fenomeni legati all’usura.

Tra i sistemi preposti al controllo dell’usura, le procedure di lubrificazione svolgono un ruolo primario. Di seguito la notizia ricavata dal comunicato della **Società di Tribologia**:  
The 9 March 2016 sees the 50th anniversary of the publication of the ground breaking report “Lubrication (Tribology) Education and Research”.

***This report, commonly referred to as the “Jost Report”, described the findings of a committee, chaired by Prof H Peter Jost and organized on behalf of the UK government. It also coined the word “tribology” for the first time and outlined dramatic financial savings that could be gained through the correct application of tribological principles, leading to global development and integration of inter-disciplinary studies in friction, wear and lubrication to form the subject of tribology as it is known and understood in 2016.***



# COMPANY'S GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

Mecoil has been giving full support to predictive maintenance strategies since 1990.



**Oil analysis for machines' health assessment became vital part of any Predictive/Proactive Maintenance Program**

# DIAGNOSTIC POWER OF OIL ANALYSIS

An industrial plant is like an organism, so take care for its good health!



IN SERVICE OIL ANALISYS

LUBE OIL QUALITY



EFFICIENT MANAGEMENT  
OF MAINTENANCE

PLANTS' LIFE  
OPTIMIZATION



IMPROVING THE ENTIRE COMPANY PRODUCTION  
PROCESS

# MECOIL SERVICE: la risposta per ogni applicazione!

Mecoil assists customers with tailored chemical & physical oil test packages recommending the most appropriate analysis



**Engine**  
for diesel and  
gasoline engine



**Standard**  
for industrial  
and vehicle  
gear box



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**Clean**  
for  
hydraulic  
system



**Gas**  
for gas  
engine



**Simple**  
for  
aviation



**Plus**  
for compressor  
system



**Deep**  
for compressor  
system,  
centrifugal  
compressor



**Fuel**  
for  
gasoline  
sample



**Diatermico**  
for  
diathermic oil



# UCVD: OUR PATENTED SYSTEM FOR OIL SAMPLING

**UCVD** = Ultra Clean Vacuum Device

Il campionamento di olio non mai stato così semplice, pulito e veloce!

**QUICK**

- draws any practical viscosity in seconds

**EASY**

- hands-free sampling, no other device is required

**CLEAN**

- pre-charged vacuum allows a high cleanliness level

**SURE**

- no possible cross-contamination

**SAFE**

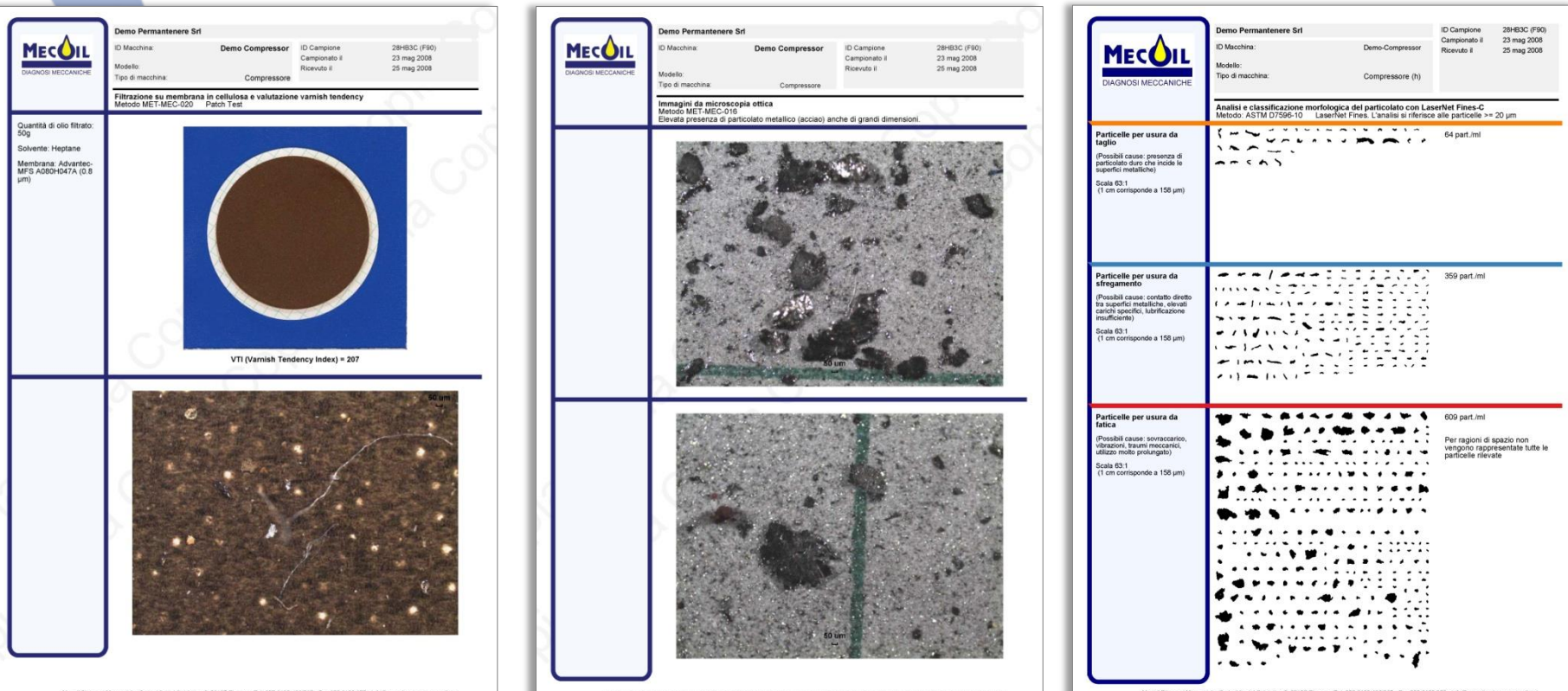
- no oil spills, keeps oil away from the user and the environment



UCVD Ultra Clean Sampling Device.... Sampling has never been so easy!



# MECOIL REPORT and TREND ANALYSIS



## Mecoil report for in-depth analysis

- Evaluation of hidden problems such as varnish tendency
- Representative images of most important contaminations
- Automatic recognition of main wear and contamination modes

# STRENGTH OF OIL ANALYSIS

## Operative advantages

- Elimination of machine unplanned downtime
- Better machinery utilization
- Oil life extension
- Better control of contamination cause
- Increase of plant useful life



## Economic advantages

- Reduction of the plant costs:
  - spare parts
  - repairs
  - labor
- provides more than 25% cost advantage compared to direct reactive maintenance costs
- Most cost-effective policy for asset conservation

**Supportiamo il cliente nelle scelte strategiche per una maggior efficienza gestionale**

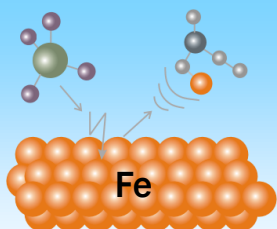


# Come invecchia l'olio lubrificante?

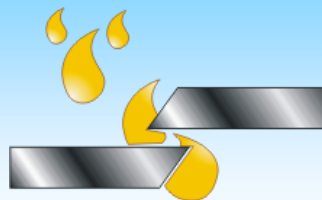
## Causes of Oil Aging



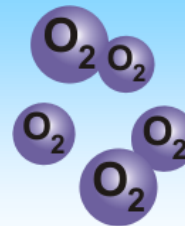
Temperature Stress



Catalysts (Metal Particles)



Shear Stress

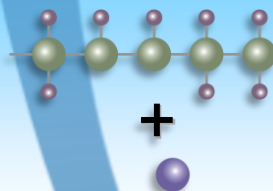


Aeration

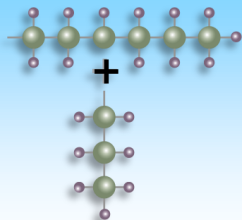


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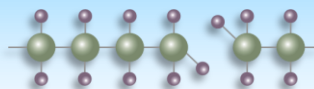
## Aging Mechanisms



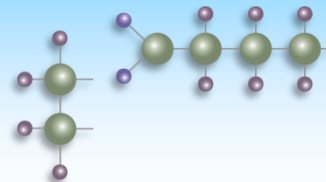
Oxidation



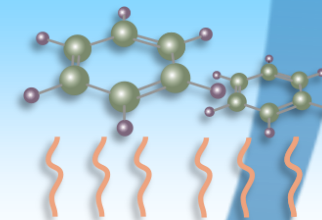
Polymerization



Cracking



Hydrolysis



Evaporation

## Which Alter Fluid Properties

Physical

Density  
Viscosity

Chemical

Acid Content  
Sludge

## And Decrease Useful Life



Sludge

Corrosion and Wear

# Cause prime dell'ossidazione

These root causes when occurring together will have a marked effect on the lubricant aging process. Two of these root causes are detectable by routine oil analysis.

## Heat



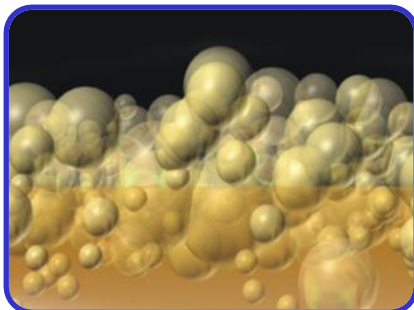
Temperature		Relative No. of Oil Changes
°C	°F	
80	180	16
70	160	8
60	140	4
50	125	2
40	105	1

## Water



Water in oil can increase oil degradation rate by more than 10 times

## Air



%AIR	Acid Number
0	0.1
3	0.15
6	0.25
9	0.5
12	0.6

## Metal Particles



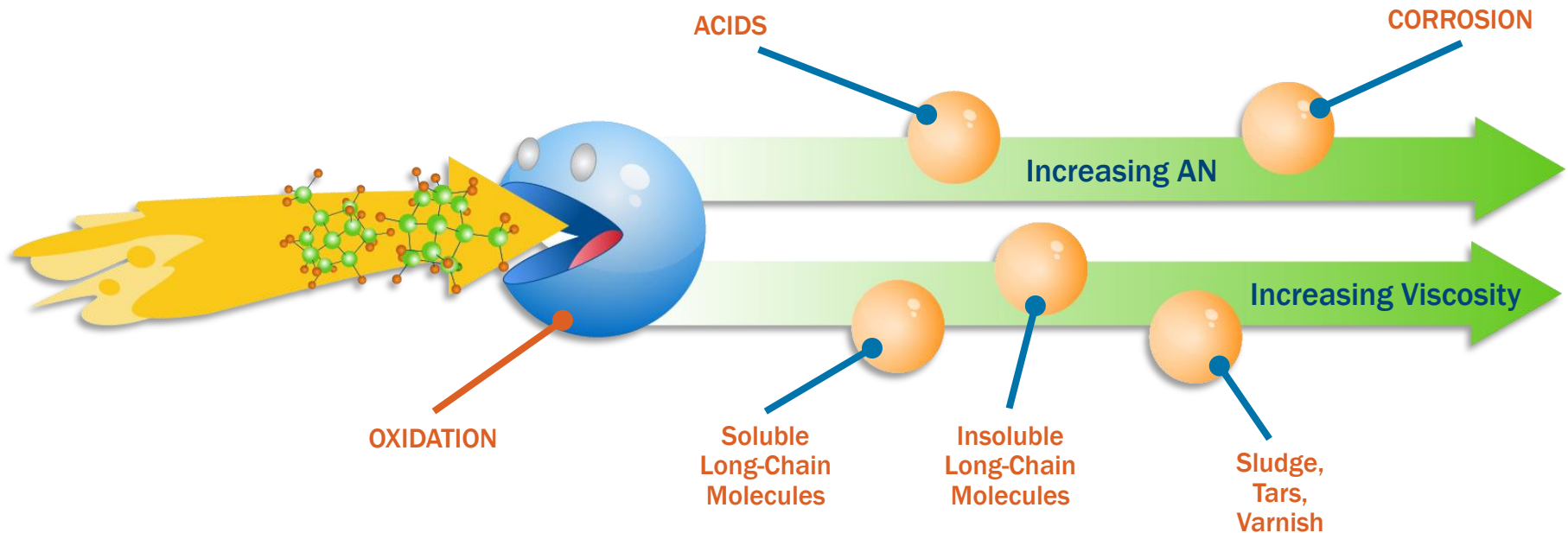
Metal Catalyst	Acid Level (AN)
None	0.17
Iron	0.65
Copper	0.89
Copper and Water	11.2

# Dual Course of Oxidation

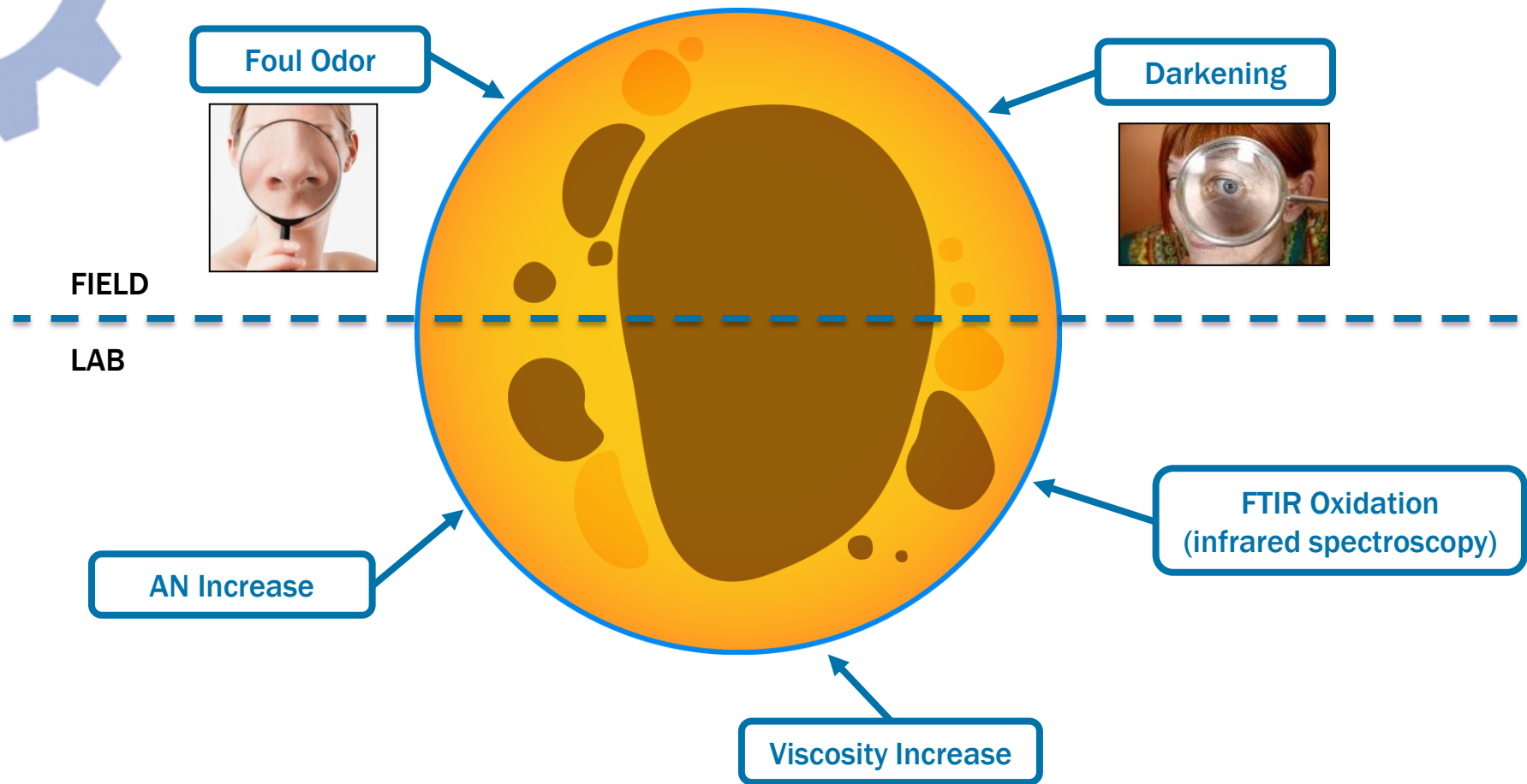
La degradazione ossidativa è un fenomeno irreversibile, autocatalitico, in cui sono coinvolti prodotti lubrificanti in ambiente ricco di ossigeno.

## As Oxidation Progresses...

- Long-chain molecules are produced, which leads to sludge, tars and varnish.
- Acids are produced, which leads to corrosion.

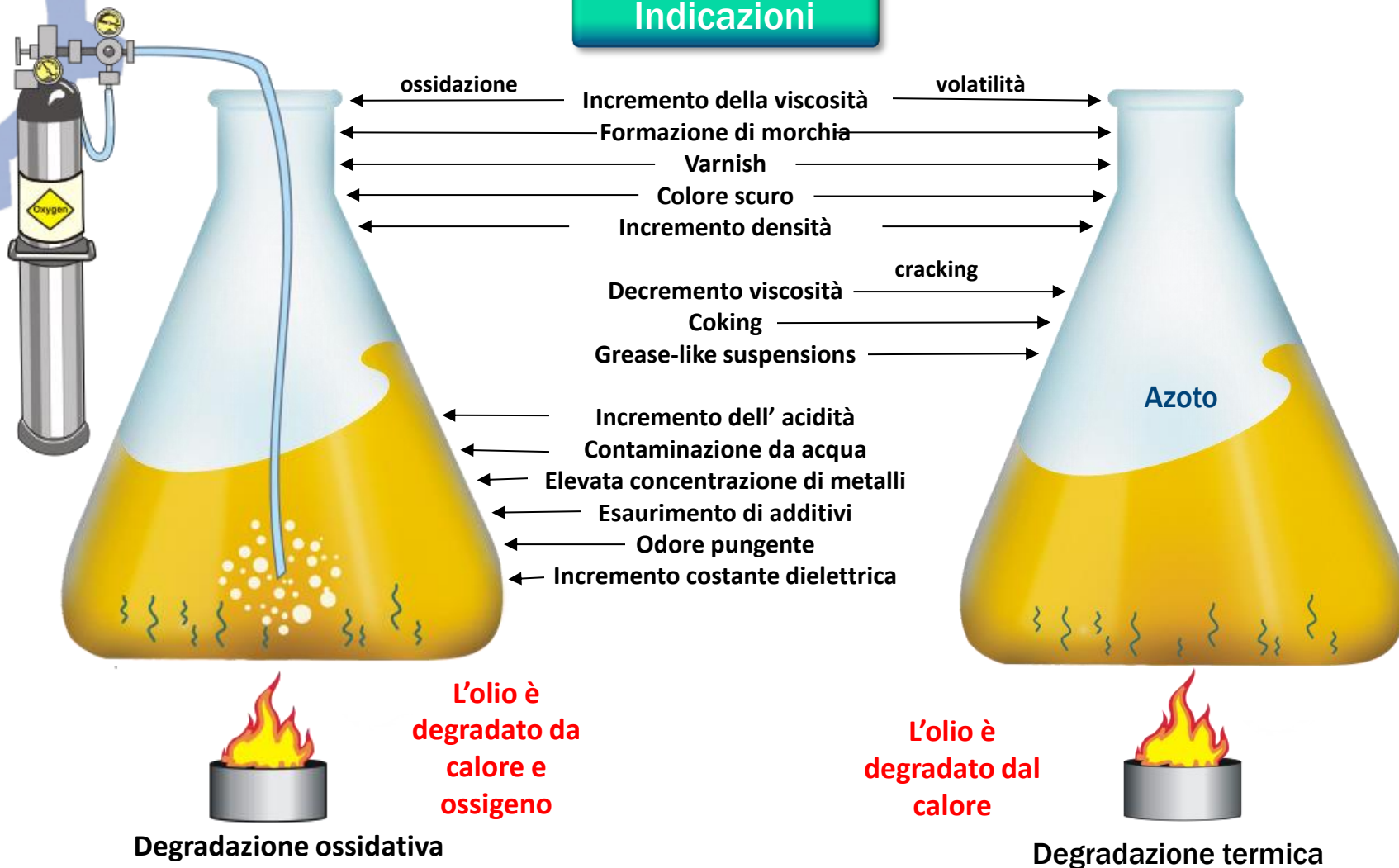


# La percezione dello stato di ossidazione dell'olio



# Differenze tra degradazione termica ed ossidativa

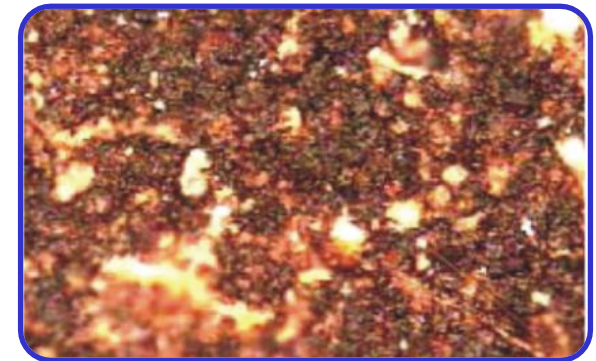
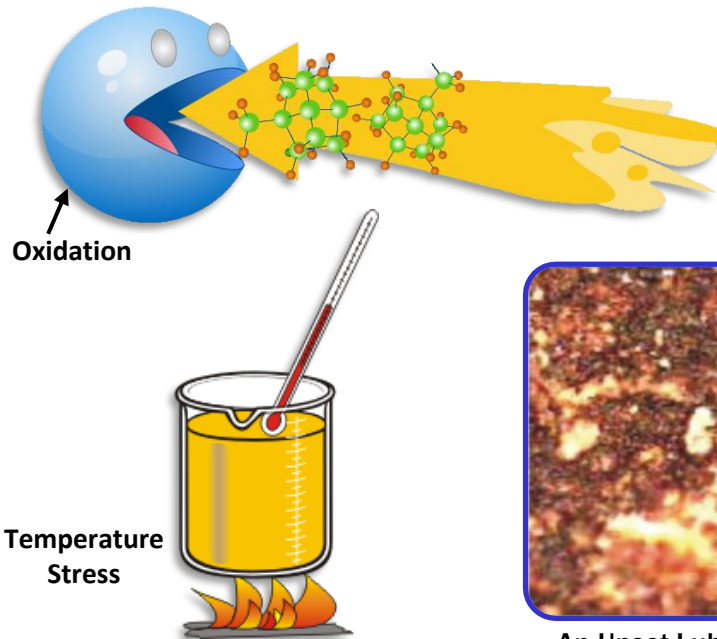
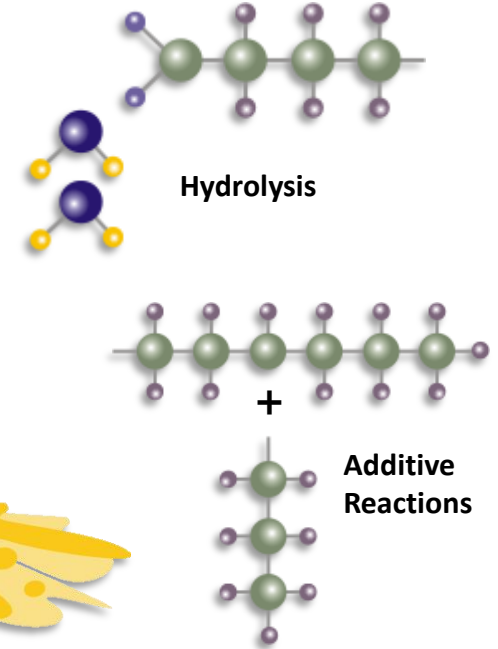
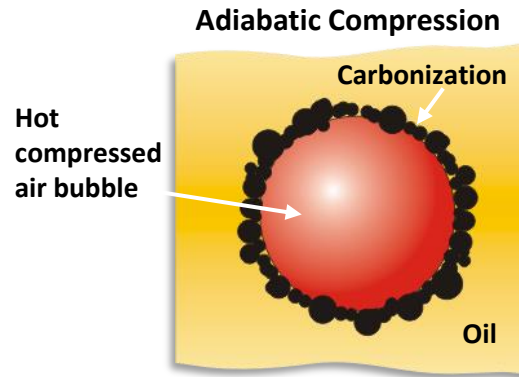
## Indicazioni





# Cause e caratteristiche di degradazione del lubrificante

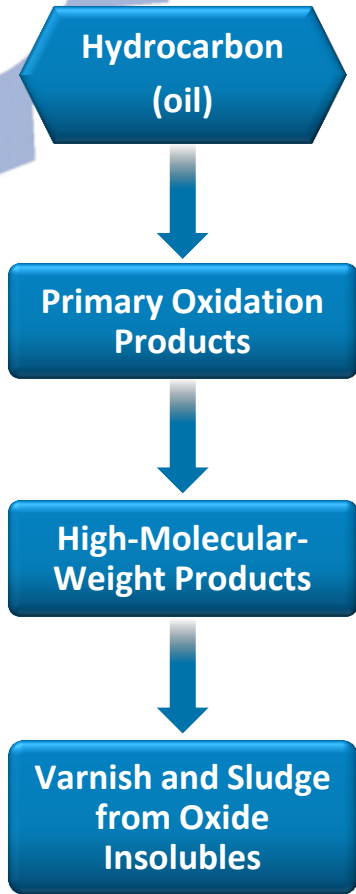
- Aerazione del lubrificante
- Scariche elettrostatiche
- Degradazione termica della base
- Contaminazione da antigelo
- Coagulazione del soot
- Degradazione ossidativa della base
- Idrolisi (esteri)
- Stoccaggio prolungato a basse T
- Nitrazione
- Contatto con superfici clade (coking)
- Perdite di efficienza della combustione e blowby
- Combustibili altamente aromatici
- Solfatazione (fuel, H<sub>2</sub>S, etc.)
- Incompatibilità tra additivi
- Incompatibilità tra basi olio





# Il fenomeno delle Varnish come conseguenza dell'invecchiamento dell'olio

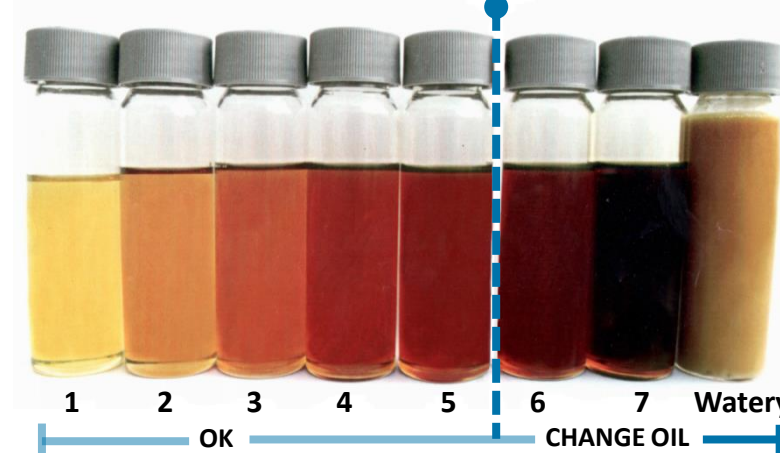
## Una nuova sfida diagnostica!



Progressive removal of oxide insolubles

Oxidized Oil  
New Oil

Oil Change Color Gauge      Increased Oxidation →



Use glass or PET plastic bottles



Aged but serviceable - spot and ring darker but uniform throughout



Mildly oxidized oil - dark in center with lighter color oil outward

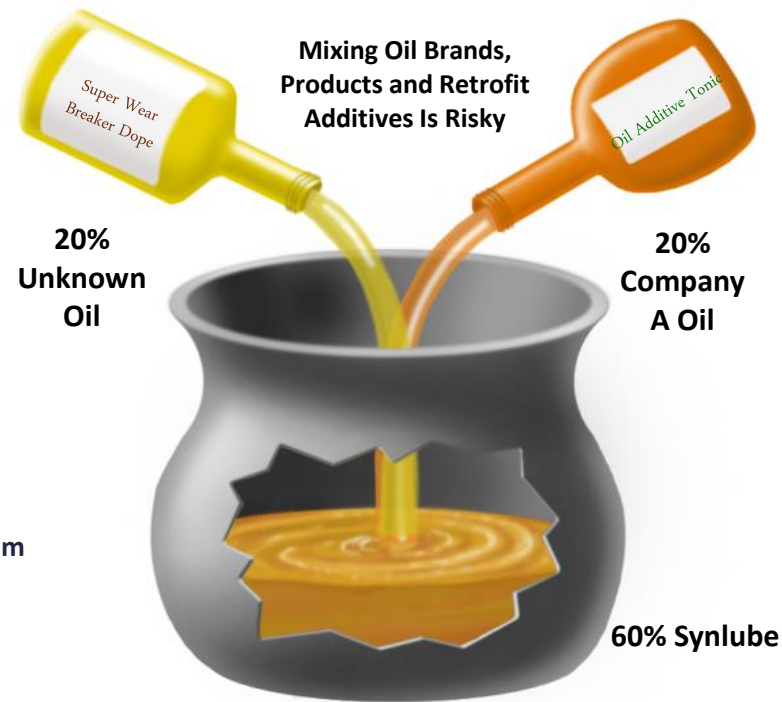


Severely oxidized oil - dark center (sludge) with distinct outer ring

# Lacche e Morchie in conseguenza della precipitazione degli additivi

Chemical Contamination				
	New Oil (ppm)	Used Oil (ppm)	Filter Residue (ppm)	Centrifuge Residue (ppm)
Calcium	1,490	991	105,500	>18,000
Phosphorus	714	817	3100	310
Zinc	882	691	45,100	6,422
Sodium	22	47	2,330	592

Additive Precipitant

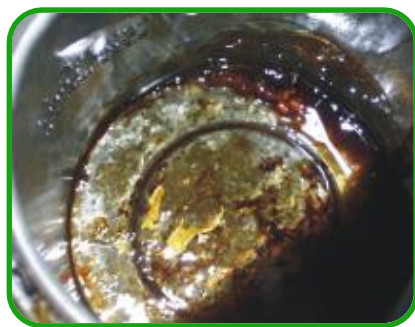


Caustic contaminant (sodium hydroxide) reacts with oil to form sodium carboxylate soaps

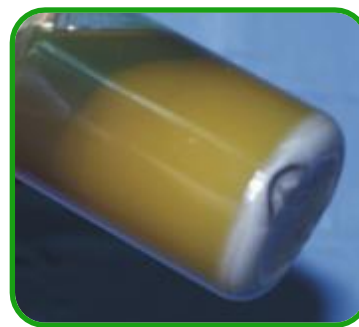
## Where Dead Additives Ended Up ...



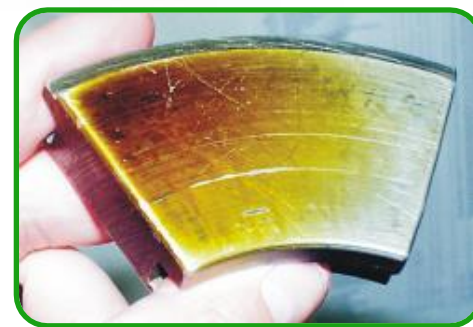
On Filters



Centrifuge Sediment



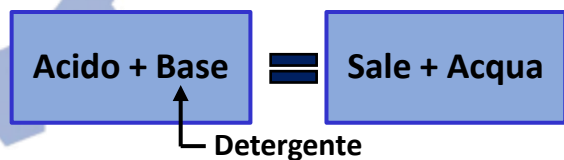
Bottom Sediment



On Bearing Surfaces

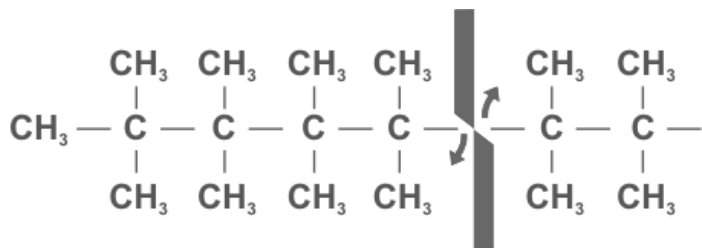
# Esaurimento degli additivi per Decomposizione

## Neutralizzazione

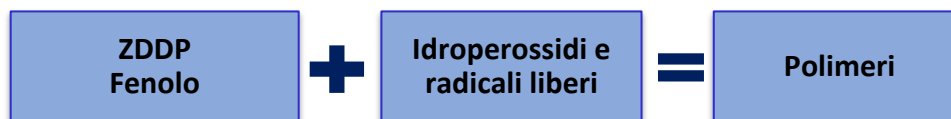


Modificazione irreversibile degli additivi

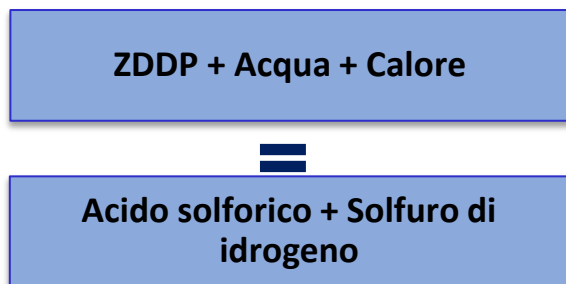
## Rottura



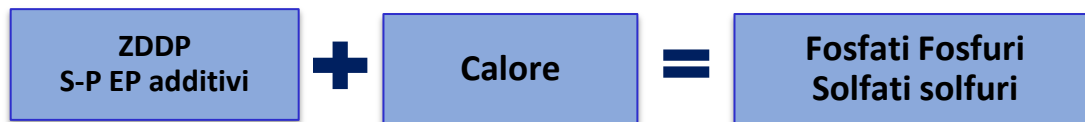
## Ossidazione



## Idrolisi



## Degradazione termica

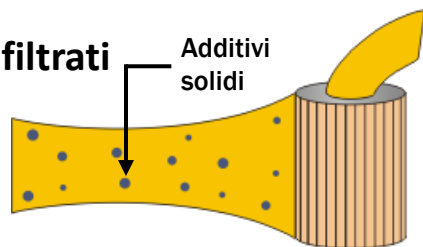


# Esaurimento degli additivi per “separazione” massiva

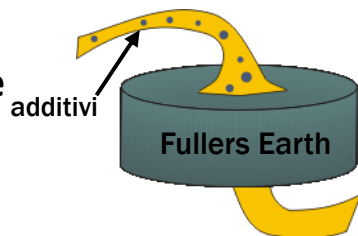
**Condensazione e decantazione –**  
Gli additivi diventano insolubili e decantano



**Filtrazione –**  
Gli additivi solidi o condensati vengono filtrati

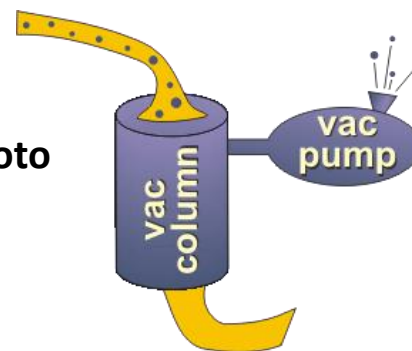


**Adsorbimento di aggregati–**  
La separazione per adsorbimento rimuove le molecole polari

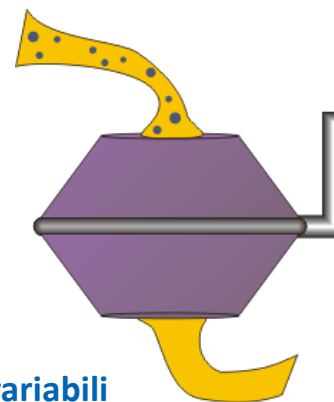


**Gli additivi possono separarsi o venire separati dall’olio, come fenomeno massivo.**

**Evaporazione –**  
Deidratatori sottovuoto possono rimuovere additivi volatili\*



**Centrifugazione –**  
Gli additivi più pesanti possono separarsi per centrifugazione\*

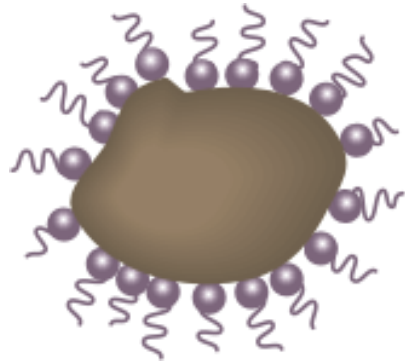


**\*In funzione di condizioni variabili come tipo di olio e temperatura.**

# Esaurimento degli additivi per Adsorbimento

## Intrappolamento

Le particelle intrappolano gli additivi e li portano ai filtri o li trascinano sul fondo



## Contatto per Sfregamento

Gli additivi EP e AW polari formano un film d'olio sulla superficie metallica e di conseguenza sono soggetti ad un progressivo esaurimento



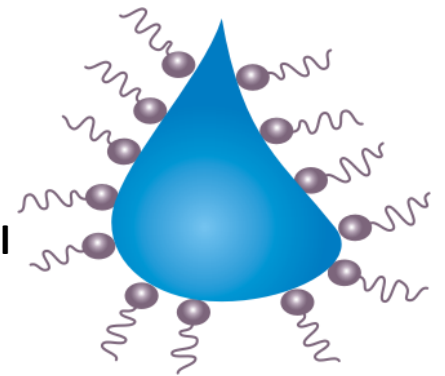
## Adsorbimento superficiale

Gli additivi polari aderiscono alle superfici della macchina



## Dilavamento

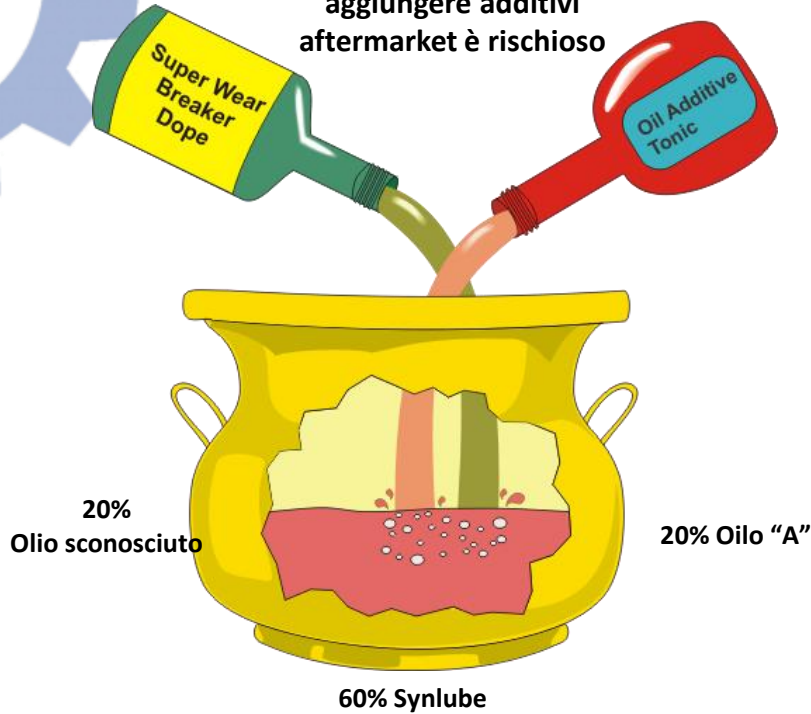
L'acqua, essendo polare, trascina gli additivi sul fondo del serbatoio





# Lubrificanti fatti in casa?

Mescolare diverse marche o tipi di olio e aggiungere additivi aftermarket è rischioso



## Alcune associazioni di additivi sono:

### Sinergiche

- Ammine e fenoli antiossidanti
- Alcune combinazioni AW/EP

### Neutre

### Antagoniste

- Disperdenti e additivi EP/AW
- Inibitori della corrosione e EP/AW
- Modificatori d'attrito ed EP

## • Potenziali rischi del lubrificante "fatto in casa"

- Precipitazione degli additivi
- Perdita di proprietà antiusura
- Perdita della proprietà demulsiva
- Riduzione della stabilità all'ossidazione
- Instabilità allo stoccaggio

## Come analizzare il lubrificante "fatto in casa"

- Normalizzare le baselines dopo il blending
- Ripetere il test ad alta frequenza per tre campioni consecutivi

## Test di compatibilità:

- Olio: 50/50, 90/10, 10/90, filtrabilità, sedimentazione, colore, RPVOT, stoccaggio, forza-film, demulsività.  
Vedi ASTM D7155
- Grasso: 75:25, 25:75, consistenza, punto di goccia, resistenza allo stress, ASTM D6185

1 Litro di olio motore ha abbastanza disperdenti per annullare la demulsività di 6000 Litri di olio turbina



# Incompatibility of Lubricant Mixing

Class A Oils Containing Acidic Additives	Class B Oils Containing Alkaline Additives	Class C Oils Not Containing Either
Aviation Hydraulic Fluids Clarity Paper Machine Oils Cylinder Oils W Gear Compounds EP Lubricating Oils FM Machine Oils R&O Symbol Machine Oils R&O <b>Marine Oils E</b> Paper Machine Oil N RPM Universal Gear Lubricants Synthetic Compressor Oils Tegra Synthetic Gear Lubricants Tegra Turbine Oil Symbol 2190 TEP Turbine Oils GST	Automatic Transmission Fluid Delo 400 Cyloils Delo Cyloils Delo 400 Multigrade Delo 100 Motor Oils Diesel Engine Oils Delo 6170 Drive Train Fluids HD Hydraulic Oils AW Industrial Oils EP Journal Bearing Oil Machine Oils AW Paper Machine Oils D RPM Gear Oils Supreme Motor Oils	Aero Engine Oils Aviation Engine Oils Uncompounded Cylinder Oils Delo Gear Lubricants Quenching Oil 70 Refrigeration Oils WF Ultra Gear Lubricants Utility Oils LVI Utility Oils HVI

- Mixing within class: May be chemically compatible although there is risk of diluted performance
- Mixing between classes:
  1. Don't mix A with B
  2. Oils from C can be mixed with A or B but with risk of diluted performance
- Flushing
  1. Flush when switching between A and B
  2. No flushing required when switching from A or B to C
- When in doubt perform compatibility testing such as ASTM D7155 or D6185

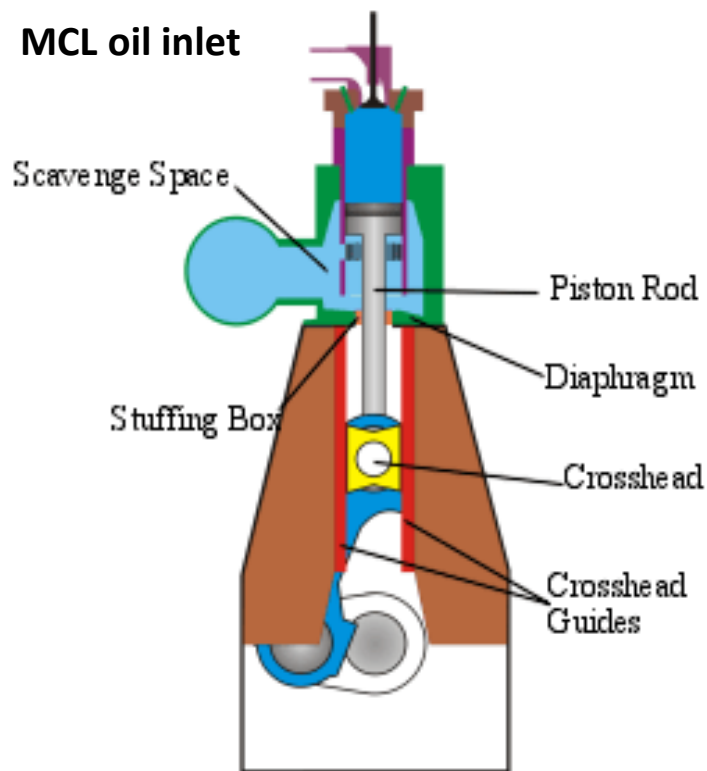
All Oils Chevron Brand

# How lubricant Properties Change (Irreparably)

	Mixed Lubricants	Contamination	Mechanical Shear	Storage (Static Conditions)	In-service Environment
<b>Base Oil</b>	Incompatibility: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sludge</li> <li>• Varnish</li> <li>• Viscosity change</li> <li>• Oxidation stability</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oxidation</li> <li>• Physical properties</li> <li>• Hydrolysis</li> <li>• Thermal degradation</li> <li>• Radiation</li> <li>• Process gases</li> </ul>	Oxidation (continuous agitation of pro-oxidants; water, metal particles and air)	Minimal risk under normal storage conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oxidation</li> <li>• Thermal degradation</li> <li>• Chemically reactive machine surfaces</li> </ul>
<b>Additives</b>	Incompatibility: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Neutralization</li> <li>• Impaired performance</li> <li>• Sludge and varnish</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oxidation</li> <li>• Stripping and washing</li> <li>• Accelerated normal depletion</li> <li>• Miscellaneous chemical reaction</li> </ul>	VI Improver and pour point depressant shear down	Gravitational separation of organometallic and insoluble additives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Filtration (separation)</li> <li>• Surface activity</li> <li>• Evaporation</li> <li>• Separation</li> </ul>
<b>Thickener (Grease)</b>	Incompatibility: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Change in consistency</li> <li>• Separation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Change in consistency</li> <li>• Separation</li> <li>• Wash out</li> </ul>	Change in consistency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Separation</li> <li>• Thixotropy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Centrifugal separation</li> <li>• Thermal separation</li> </ul>

# Application: TWO-STROKE MARINE DIESEL ENGINES

## Two-stroke marine diesel engines cylinder lubrication



- Marine Cylinder Lubricating (MCL) oil is injected between cylinder lining and piston.
  - Flows through the cylinders once, then discharged as waste oil
- System Oil
  - Recirculated to lubricate all other moving parts.

Over 95% of these vessels are powered by two-stroke engines made by:

- Wärtsilä
- MAN Diesel

# Problems on marine vessel

## ■ “Slow steaming”

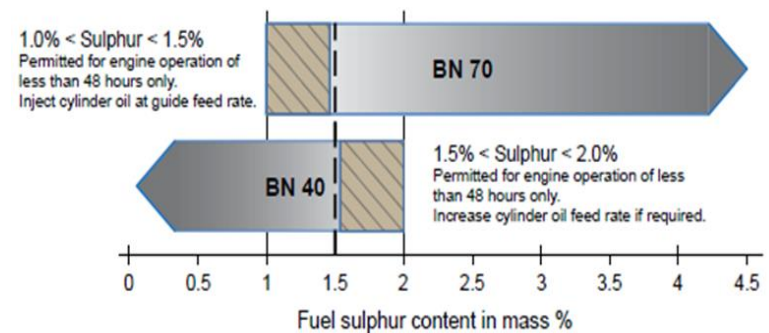
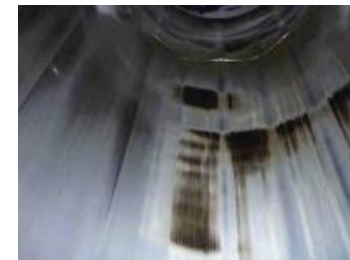
This results in “cold corrosion” if engine cylinder lubrication is not managed well

Premature failure of cylinder liners and piston rings due to cylinder scuffing (under lubrication) and cylinder scaling (over lubrication)

## ■ New sulfur emissions requirements drive vessels to carry two fuel types

Each fuel needs a different lubricant with different Base Number (BN) to compensate for the different Sulfur levels in the fuel

“Cold Corrosion” is a very aggressive corrosive attack on the engine cylinder linings running high sulfur fuels at low load



# LUBRICANT MAINTENANCE ON BOARD

## Shore-based Offices



### Fleet Manager/Marine Superintendent

- Concern with vessel operating costs
- Compliance with Insurance requirements
- Must adhere to OEM recommendations



Shipboard



### Chief Engineer

- Follows OEM recommendations
- Knowledgeable about oil analysis
- Will ask about iron corrosion

### Mechanic/Ship's mate

- Ease of use for crew
- Fast measurement, data logging
- < 30 crew members maintain all shipboard systems

# LIMITATION OF EXISTING MONITORING APPROACHES



## Shore based Labs

- Transit delay
- Results come after the damage is done

Existing approaches do not provide accurate, economical or fast BN measurement



## On-board Shaker kits

- Products are time consuming to use, 10 minutes per test
- Wet chemistry require HAZMAT reagents
- Results obtained are operator sensitive
- High consumables cost



# CONDITION MONITORING ON-SITE&ON-LINE

On-site, off-line  
(manual detection of temperature,  
pressure, vibration)

On-site, intranet  
(signal digitization and  
automation of its transfer)

Dedicated tool - expensive

Off-site, off-line  
(traditional oil analysis)

Off-site analysis,  
on-line reports

No real time service  
(delay in delivery)

On-site On-line Real-Time

- Engine real-time monitoring
- Simultaneously control of several systems
- Trend of the health machine
- Rapid and punctual maintenance service

# FLUIDSCAN® Q1200 SERIES

a partnership of Spectro Scientific and Wärtsilä Services



## New approach

- innovative approach to a critical test that must be performed onboard

## Specific

- Daily test for BN (Base Number) in Marine Cylinder Lubricant

## Database

- The software can store up to 5000 measurement results export these results by .csv file

Measuring corrosive iron is UNNECESSARY if you properly control residual cylinder oil BN and never let it fall below 15 (Wärtsilä recommended limit).

# FLUIDSCAN® Q1200 SERIES

## Easy to use!

- Uses just one drop of oil to test
- Results in less than 1 minute
- After test, just wipe clean, no solvents required
- Provides immediate, actionable data
- Pre-defined labels simplifies record keeping
- Minimal training required



Application	Q1210: Marine Cylinder Oil (MCL) BN (Base Number) Q1220: MCL Oil BN and Engine (System) oil parameters Q1230: MCL BN, Engine (System) and Machinery oil parameters			
Output	UNITS	Q1210	Q1220	Q1230
<i>Cylinder Lube Oil BN</i>	mg KOH/g	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>Base Number (System and Engine oil)</i>			Yes	Yes
<i>Oxidation</i>	Abs/0.1 mm		Yes	Yes
<i>Nitration</i>	Abs/cm		Yes	Yes
<i>Sulfation</i>	Abs/0.1 mm		Yes	Yes
<i>Soot</i>	Abs/cm		Yes	Yes
<i>Glycol</i>	% wt		Yes	Yes
<i>Water, ppm (dissolved and Free + Dissolved with Comprehensive water option)</i>	ppm		Yes	Yes

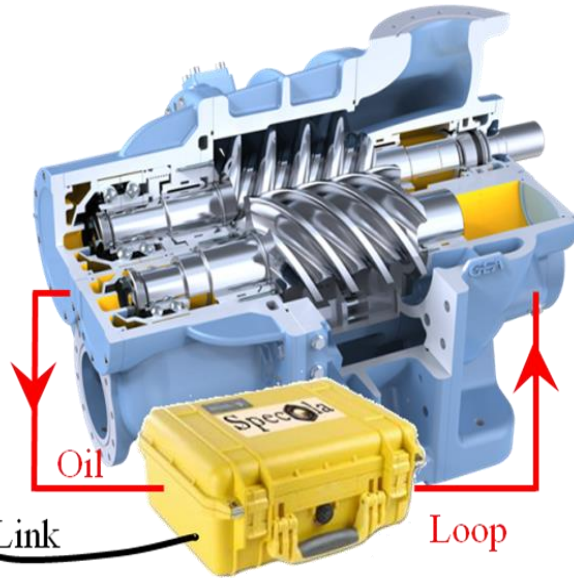
# Sailing toward on-line monitoring

Through Ethernet to the Web



Wifi for quick and immediate vision

Link

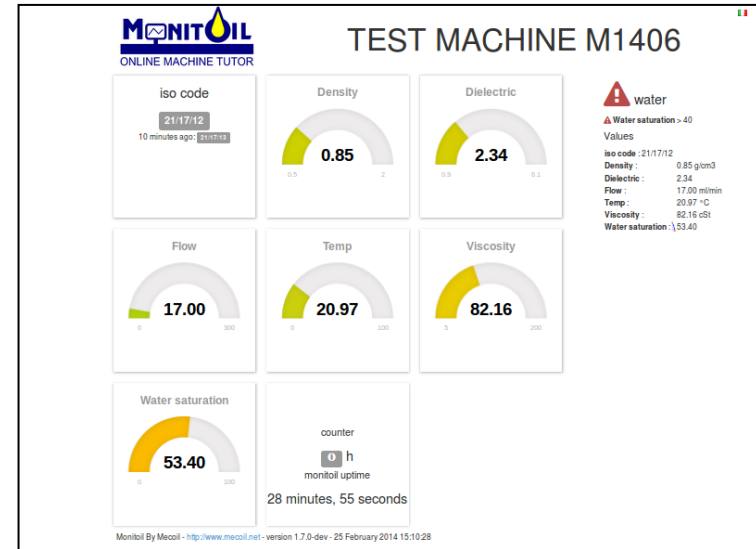


Oil

Loop

Virtual Spy-Glass to "see through" the running fluid

- **Power Requirements** Power consumption: 12 Watts
- **System I / O** 8 connectors (CanBus, ModBus, RS485, RS232, analogic or output), 1 connector 5-pin version: to extend
- **Communication ports** 1 USB port, 1 Ethernet port



## Miscellaneous

CPU: ARM11 @ 800Mhz  
 Memory: 8 GB SD  
 Software web upgradeable  
 Set-up via web page  
 Case: Pelican I150  
 Protection Grade: IP65  
 Weight: 1.620 kg (3.6 lbs)  
 Dimensions: 232 x 192 x 111 mm  
 (9.1 x 7.6 x 4.4 in)

*Data is collected from each sensor every 2 minutes*

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