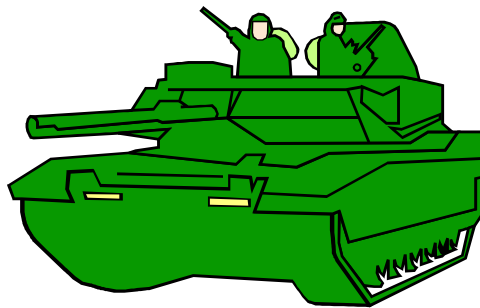




CAN COMMERCIALY AVAILABLE BIO-BASED HYDRAULIC FLUIDS MAKE THE GRADE FOR THE ARMY?

Part II



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Who's Involved?

- Concurrent Technologies Corporation (CTC)
- Fuels and Lubricants Technology Team (FLTT)
- Southwest Research Institute (SwRI)



Environmental Mission

- To determine if commercially available, **biodegradable, bio-based** hydraulic fluids can achieve or exceed current military specifications, MIL-PRF-6083 or MIL-PRF-46170



Military Specif



Properties	MIL-PRF-6083	MIL-PRF-46170
Base Material	Petroleum-based fluid	Synthetic Hydrocarbon-based fluid (PAO)
Low temp properties	Excellent low temperature properties	Fair low temperature properties
Biodegradability	Not readily biodegradable	Class II biodegradable
Flash point	Low Flash Point (82°C)	High flash point (218°C)
Flammability	Flammable	Fire resistant
Corrosion protection	Rust Inhibited	Rust inhibited



How Can Bio-Based Fluids Inf

- Uses renewable sources
- Biodegradable
- Provides domestic market for agricultural products



What are the Benefits Drawbacks to Bio-Based Hydraulic Fluids?

- Benefits
 - Biodegradable
 - Good lubricity
 - Uses renewable sources
- Drawbacks
 - Poor low temperature properties / stability
 - Less than ideal thermal stability (oxidation)
 - Poor fire resistance properties
 - Poor Rust Protection



Project Overview

- Phase I – Market Survey / Initial Screening
- Phase II – In-Depth Laboratory Evaluation
- Phase III – Field Demonstration



Phase I

- 16 samples submitted by 11 companies
- Screening performed by FLTT and SwRI
- Tests performed:
 - Viscosity
 - Pour Point
 - Flash Point
 - Fire Point
 - TAN and TBN
 - Lubricity (4 Ball Wear)
- None of the candidate fluids met all requirements



Phase I Data



	Visc -40 ?C (cSt)	Visc 40 ?C (cSt)	Visc 100 ?C (cSt)		Pour Point (?C)		Flash Point (?C)	Fire Point (?C)	Lubricity (mm)	TAN (mgKOH /g)	TBN (mgKOH /g)	Water Content (%)
	SwRI	FLTT	FLTT	SwRI	FLTT	SwRI	SwRI	SwRI	SwRI	SwRI	SwRI	FLTT
A	4212	19.35	5.075	5.07	-58.5	-43	233	238	0.43	0.75	0.69	0.038
B	15107	41.92	5.32	5.27	-55.5	-47	252	288	0.45	0.49	0.15	>0.1
C	35009	24.6	8.292	8.1	-66	-44	269	302	0.43	0.38	0.12	0.094
D	3039	19.11	4.513	4.55	-66	-44	202	222	0.43	0.73	0.26	0.054
E	TVTM	45.06	7.898	7.87	-43.5	-21	291	324	0.44	0.51	0.26	0.038
F	1687	16.78	4.464	4.47	-69	>-50	158	161	0.43	0.55	0.26	0.068
G	4075	17.33	4.089	4.11	-66	-45	252	263	0.48	1.09	no TBN	0.08
H	7060	20.42	4.47	4.43	-63	>-50	272	294	0.5	1.09	no TBN	0.098
I	8529	26.46	5.474	5.55	-60	>-50	227	274	0.65	0.34	0.04	>0.079
J	TVTM	46.17	9.755	9.82	-33	-21	321	349	0.4	1.34	0.5	0.038
K	TVTM	65.2	13.36	13.6	-29	-23	263	283	0.42	0.91	0.37	0.044
L	TVTM	26.94	5.693	5.65	-48	-39	240	257	0.47	1.83	0.28	0.035
M	TVTM	17.19	4.122	4.14	-63	-40	224	255	0.89	0.38	no TBN	0.092
N	3811	17.42	4.186	4.15	-63	-43	230	258	0.93	0.25	no TBN	0.07
O	TVTM	31.75	7.395	7.46	-43.5	-35	205	230	0.4	0.53	no TBN	0.04
P	720	9.37	2.839	2.85	-68	-43	166	180	0.35	0.22	no TBN	0.01

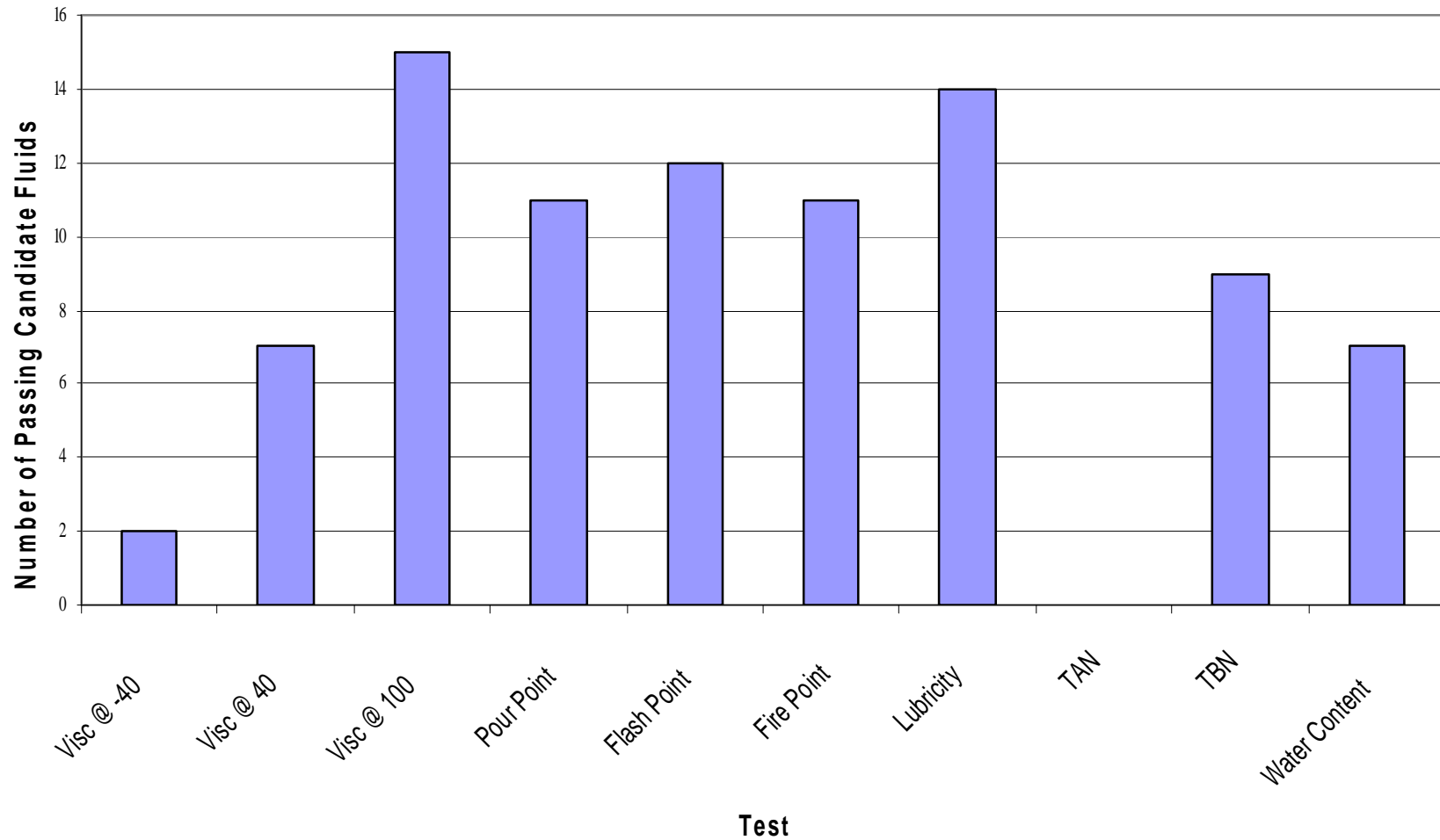
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Orange = Fails to meet specification for MIL-PRF-6083

Red = Fails to meet either specification, 46170 or 6083



Number of Passing Candidate Fluids for Each Test





Phase II

- All Phase I manufacturers were given the opportunity to reformulate their fluids
- 10 new candidate fluids were submitted by 7 manufacturers (one of the samples was only submitted to SwRI)
- Repeated Phase I laboratory tests plus 3 additional tests



Phase II Data



	Visc -40°C (cSt)		Visc 40°C (cSt)	Visc 100°C (cSt)		Pour Point (°C)		Flash Point (°C)	Fire Point (°C)	Lubricity	TAN		TBN	Water Content (%)	Bimetallic Couple	Rust Protection	Low Temp Stability	
	FLTT	SwRI	FLTT	FLTT	SwRI	FLTT	SwRI	SwRI	SwRI	FLTT	FLTT	SwRI	SwRI	FLTT	FLTT	FLTT	FLTT	
A	2407.9	2425.7	17.77	4.780	4.78	Pass	-54	204	234	0.389	1.67	1.44	0.1	0.0611	Pass	Fail	Pass	Fail
B	6116.5	6478.9	24.84	4.85	4.76	Pass	-63	186	262	0.529	0.249	0.28	no TBN	0.1521	Pass	Fail	Pass	Fail
C	TVTM	7574.7	22.65	6.33	6.32	Fail	-45	237	252	0.356	0.222	0.39	no TBN	0.0116	Pass	Pass	Fail	Fail
D	1980.8	2876.7	13.23	3.57	3.57	Pass	-63	216	238	0.359	0.379	0.5	no TBN	0.0675	Pass	Fail	Fail	Fail
E	2705.6	4084.9	14.61	3.81	3.82	Fail	-60	222	243	0.431	0.413	0.57	no TBN	0.1148	Pass	Fail	Fail	Fail
F	2362.8	2298.6	14.24	3.63	3.63	Pass	-66	226	245	0.392	0.399	0.55	no TBN	0.0972	Pass	Fail	Fail	Fail
G	2311.1	2268.8	13.69	3.49	3.50	Pass	-66	177	191	0.403	0.172	0.39	no TBN	0.0447	Pass	Fail	Pass	Fail
H	3511.0	3227.4	15.78	3.89	3.85	Pass	-63	226	252	0.427	0.166	0.11	no TBN	0.0600	Pass	Fail	Fail	Fail
I	2765.0	2586.4	13.55	3.58	3.53	Pass	-72	229	239	0.297	0.602	0.6	0.03	0.0737	Pass	Pass	Fail	Fail
J	not tested	2902.0	not tested	not tested	2.94	not tested	-66	193	212	not tested	not tested	0.36	0.03	not tested	not tested	not tested	not tested	

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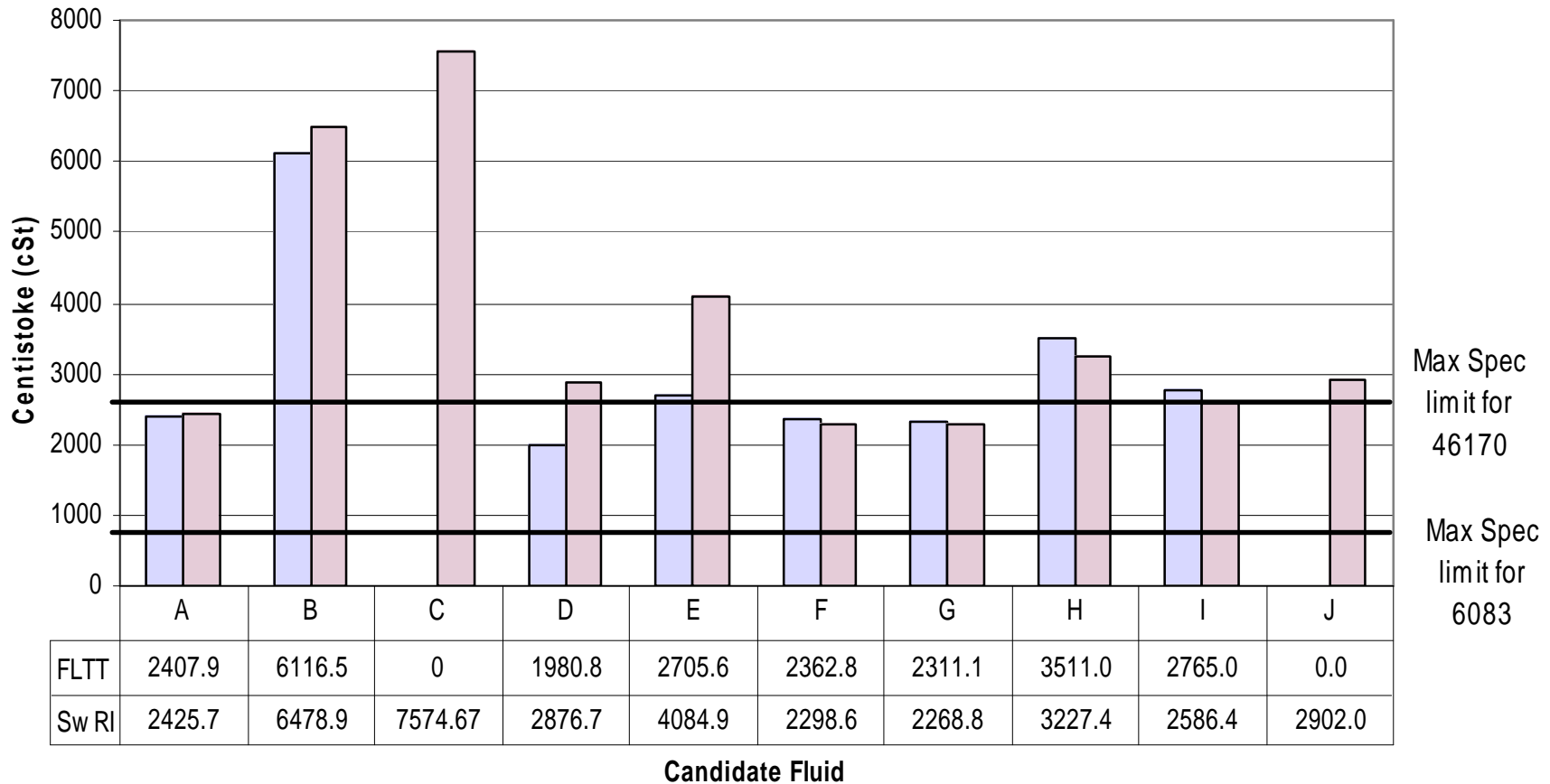


Phase II (cont)

- None of the candidate fluids met all of the requirements
- Trouble properties:
 - -40°C Viscosity
 - TAN
 - Water Content
 - Rust Protection
 - Low Temperature Stability

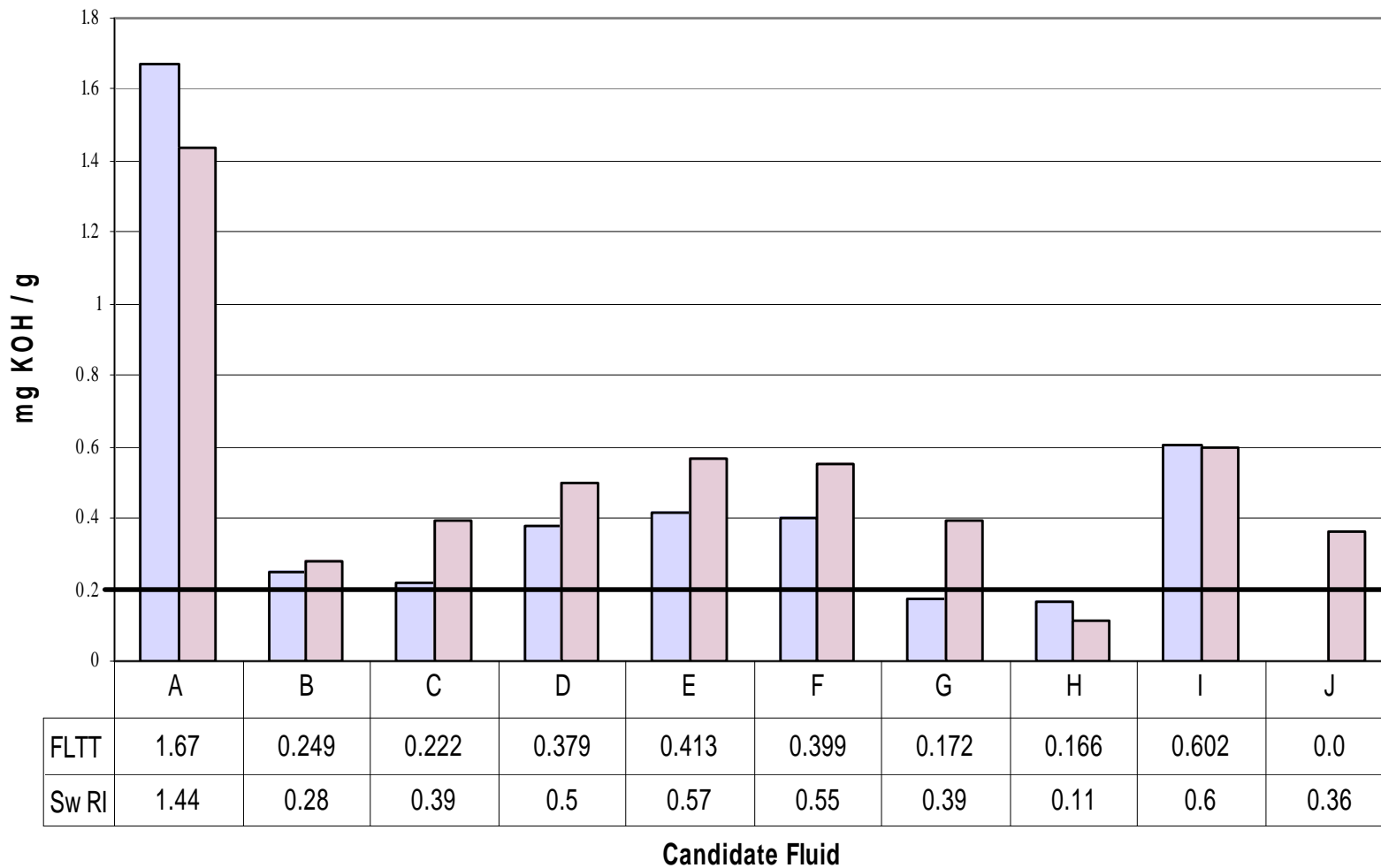


Viscosity @ -40 deg Celsius





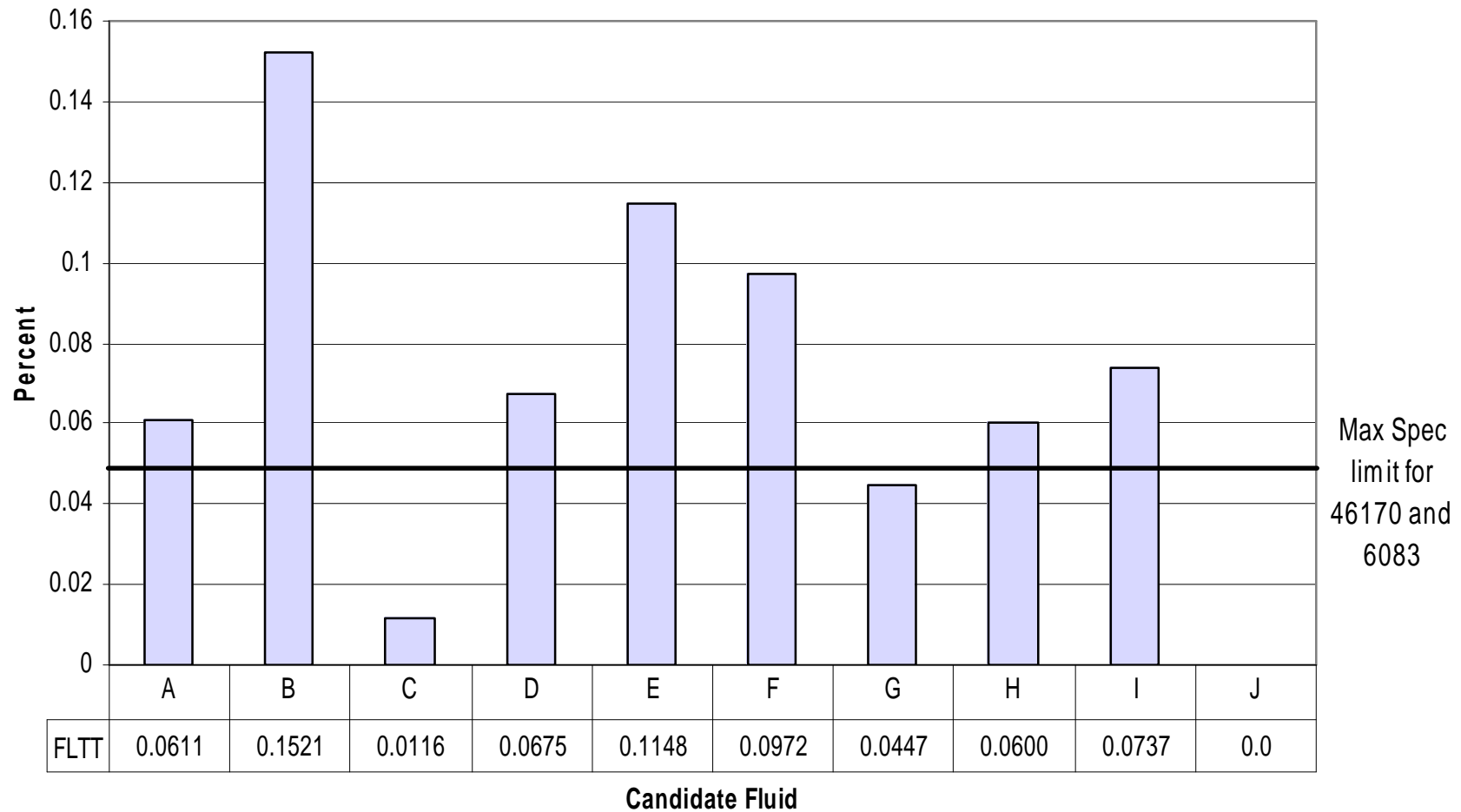
Total Acid Number



Max Spec
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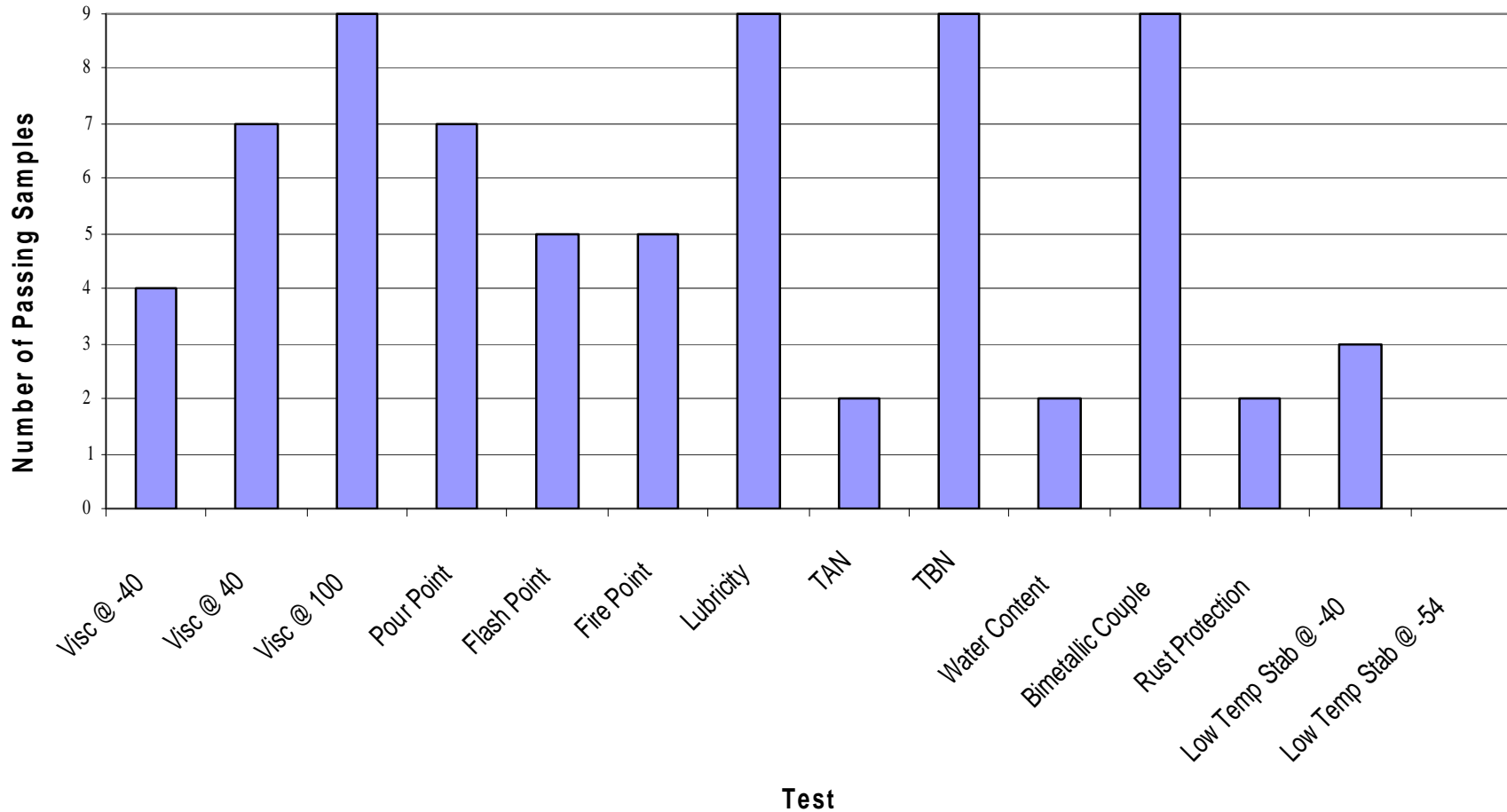


Water Content





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Phase III

- Originally, candidate fluids were to be placed into selected tactical and combat vehicles of a selected organization for use during normal missions.
- However, since none of the candidate fluids could meet or exceed the specifications, Phase III has been postponed.



Interim Conclusions

- None of the candidate fluids have been down-selected to Phase III
- Low temperature properties and Total Acid Numbers are a problem for bio-based hydraulic fluids



QUESTIONS?

