

SAMPLING SYSTEM DESIGN

By Steve Watson Gabriel

23rd March 2017



Why Sampling

Determine the quality

- Density
- Water in oil
- Composition
- Vapour pressure
- H2S content

Buyer got what he paid for, the seller a fair price for his product "FAIR TRADE"



Sampling System Overview

- Sampling Automatic Flow proportional
- Provision for manual sampling
- Online Density
- Online Water in Oil (water cut)
- Others vapour pressure analysers





Sampling Standards

NPD regulations / NORSOK I-106

- Daily and monthly sampling
- Min. 10 000 samples per day/month/batch
- 1 mL grab min. 10 litres
- ISO 3171 Automatic Pipeline Sampling
 - Focus on homogenious mix of oil and water
- API MPMS Ch. 8.2 Automatic Sampling of Liquid Petroleum
 - Installation requirements



Mixing Requirements

C1 /C2 ratio > 0.9 indicates good mixing

C1 water concentration at the top

C2 water concentration at the bottom



Mixing Requirements

Turbulence can provide adequate mixing. The minimum turbulence for adequate mixing depends on flow rate, pipe diameter, viscosity, density and interfacial tension.

OIL / WATER MIXTURE



Principles of Representative Sampling

- Samples taken from the pipeline should have the same composition as the average composition of the pipeline cross section
- Representative sampling should persist throughout the period of transfer
- Sample should maintained in the same condition as at the point of extraction
- ✓ That subdivision of the sample and correct analysis is required



NFOGM Handbook

Handbook of water fraction metering (2004)

- Simplified ISO 3171 calculations.
- Determine the critical velocity (Vc) required when the fluid properties and the pipe diameter are known.
- Horizontal Vs Vertical pipe



HANDBOOK of Water Fraction Metering

Revision 2, December 2004



How we ensure mixing is maintained in fast loop

Keep the <u>fast loop velocity at critical velocity</u> or higher to create adequate turbulence.

Critical velocity can be determined from the expression

$$V_{c} = K_{1} \cdot G^{0.325} \cdot \sigma_{ow}^{0.39} \cdot \frac{(\rho_{w} - \rho_{o})^{0.325}}{\rho_{o}^{0.283}} \cdot \frac{D^{0.366}}{\mu_{o}^{0.431}}$$
$$\beta < 10 \cdot 15\%$$

Project:					
Parameters	Value	Unit			
C1/C2	0,9	-			
G	9,5	-			
Rho_w	1025	kg/m3			
Rho_hc (*)	840	kg/m3			
Sigma	2,50E-02	N/m			
D (*)	0,021	m			
μ (*)	4	сP			
K1	2,02	-			
(*) Process data must be entered!					
Results					
	Critical Velocity [m/s]	Critical Flow [m3/hr]			
	2,12	2,65			
Calculations are valid for watercuts below 10-15%					

Worst-case conditions expected to be considered

- Lowest density,
- Lowest viscosity
- Highest interfacial tension



Critical Velocity Vs Density



Critical Velocity Vs Viscosity



Pressure Drop On Fast Loop System

- Take off point & sampling cabinet.
 - Inlet piping, Probes, Valves, Other piping components
- Within the sampling cabinet.
 - Inline Instrument, Bends, Valves, Tee
- Sampling cabinet & return point.
 - Return Piping, Valves, Other piping components

Total pressure drop influence the sizing of the pump, eventually the cost.



Pressure Drop Fast Loop System



- Shortest length
- Min Bends, Elbows

Pressure Drop within the sampling Cabinet

Pressure Drop Calculation

Inlet Piping: 1", 5m long Outlet Piping: 1", 5m long 25mm tubing in the sampling cabinet Density: 840Kg/m3, Viscosity: 4cP Flow Rate: 2,65m3/h

	Inlet	Sampling	Outlet
	Piping	Cabinet	Piping
Pressure drop (bar)	0,3	3,7	0,15

PipeFlo Report



Pressure Drop Calculation

Inlet Piping: 1", 6m long Outlet Piping: 1", 5 m long 25mm tubing in the sampling cabinet Density: 840Kg/m3, Viscosity: 4cP Flow Rate: 2,65m3/h

	Inlet	Sampling	Outlet
	Piping	Cabinet	Piping
Pressure drop (bar)	0,15	3,7	0,15



PipeFlo Report

Role of Fast Loop Pumps

- Maintain critical velocity / flow in fast loop.
- Provide enough head to ensure positive flow
- Provide additional mixing





Other Challenges

- Size Envelope & Weight
- Material Selection
- Wax Temperature Vs ATEX compliance



Questions / Comments



