

Figure 1: ARMSTRONG 4380 water pump

## Pump

With ARMSTRONG 4380 water pump the system pressure is kept  $70 \text{ kPa}$  where water consumption varies between  $(10 \dots 50) \text{ L/s}$ . [curved arrow in the figure is not included into the task]

Pump speed  $n = (0 - 1500) \text{ r/min}$  controlled by a linear frequency converter with control signal  $u = 0 \dots 100\%$ .

Determine the control signal  $u$  range and a block (frequency converter + pump) gain  $K$  value and its range.

## Comments

### 1 Industrial pumps

Most liquids are moved by industrial pumps. Pumping costs consist of

- 5% of capital expenditures,
- 10-15% of exploitation,
- 85% of the energy cost ( $\approx 100\times$  more than the price!)

Industrial pumps use 20% of the power generated (paper, chemical and petrochemical industries, up to 30 ... 50%).

Pumps with higher efficiency (with engines) is 60-80%, significantly affects the cost.

View:

<http://www.PumpLearning.org>

<http://www.pumps.org>

<http://www.pumpsystemsmatter.org>

<http://www.pump-zone.com>

<http://www.engineeringtoolbox.com>

Where the energy goes during the pumping?

#### 1. Potential energy

pressurized liquid  $P$ , rises on the height  $H$

work  $A_p = mg \cdot H = V\rho gH = VP$ , where  $V$  - volume,  $P$  - pressure,  $Q$ -consumption

Power  $N_p = A_p/t = QP = 4000 \text{ W}$

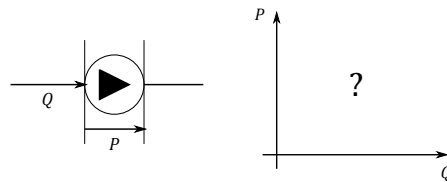
#### 2. Kinetic energy

Energy  $A_k = mv^2/2$ , where  $v$  - fluid velocity (2 m/s)

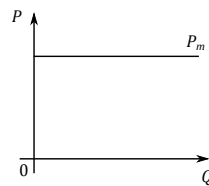
Power  $N_k = qv^2/2 = 20 \text{ W}$  during the pumping **pot.energy**  $\rightarrow$  **kin. energy!**

#### 3. Losses ( due to change in flow rate and direction) $\sim 10\%$ .

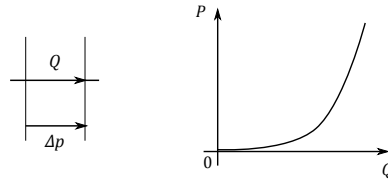
## 2 Pump characteristics



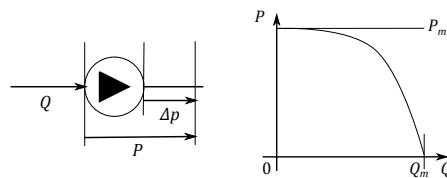
- Ideal pump  $P = P_m$



- fluid flow  $\Delta p \sim Q^2$ ,  $\Delta p = k \cdot Q^2$  turbulent



- real pump -centrifugal pump- internal resistance: Opening  $S(m^2)$  [IMPELLER](#)



$$P = P_m - \Delta p ; F(P, Q) = 0; \text{ analogy with an electric battery, but nonlinear}$$

$$P = P_m - k \cdot Q^2 \quad (1)$$

maximum flow  $Q_m$

$$P = P_m[1 - (Q/Q_m)^2] \quad (2)$$

When the pump develops maximum power?

power  $N = P \cdot Q = (P_m - k \cdot Q^2)Q \max N? \quad dN/dQ = 0 \rightarrow (P_z, Q_z)$

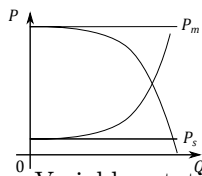
The maximum capacity of the pump at operating point  $P_z = 2/3 P_m$ ,  $Q_z = 1/\sqrt{3} \cdot Q_m$   
pump (engine!) has a limited capacity

$$P = 3/2 \cdot P_z[1 - 1/3(Q/Q_z)^2] \quad (3)$$

Is it a max performance too?

Pump curve  $F(P, Q) = 0$  is represented by two parameters

- real pump + external resistance (load)

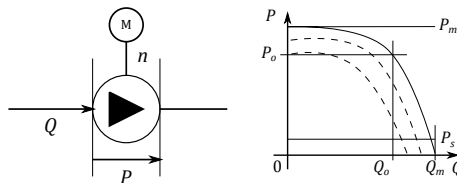


Operating point  $(P, Q)$ , the pump characteristic is designated by the load and changes due to the load change.

Variable rotational speed  $n$ ,  $P_m \sim n^2$  parameters:

$$F(P, Q, N) = 0, \quad P = k_1 \cdot n^2 - k_2 \cdot Q^2 \quad (k_1, k_2)$$

$$P = \dots (n/n_o)^2 \quad (\dots n_o) \quad (4)$$



### 3 Calculations

Calculate coefficients  $k_1$  and  $k_2$  from the equation  $P(Q, n) = k_1 \cdot n^2 - k_2 \cdot Q^2$  with rotation speed  $n = 1450 \text{ r/min}$

Do these parameters describe other pump speeds?

1. calculate in Excel the pump equation  $P(Q, n)$  values as a function of  $Q = 0, 10, 20, \dots, 70 \text{ L/s}$  (line), with the parameters  $n = 1450, 1394, \dots$  (Column)
2. provide data by figure; place one on the other: task's and Excel figures, assess the match, adjust the parameters  $k_1, k_2$ .

Pressure  $P$  control  $P = P_o$  by rotation speed  $n$  due to consumption  $Q$  changes.  $n = F_1(P_o, Q)$   
 $n\text{-range } n_{\max} \dots n_{\min}$   
gain  $K_p = dP/dn$