



*Specialist for Pumping Technology*

**Session 16 –  
Introduction to Positive  
Displacement (Plunger)  
Pumps**

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# Session 16 – “Introduction to Positive Displacement (Plunger) Pumps”

*Aimed at Process and Mechanical Engineers, and Consultant Engineers who specify pumping equipment as well as Applications & Sales Engineers selecting and quoting them.*

*Pump engineers are generally knowledgeable about centrifugal pumps, but are less familiar with positive displacement pumps. This session will look at PD pumps in general but with particular focus on reciprocating plunger pumps.*

## SECTION 1

- 1- POSITIVE DISPLACEMENT VS CENTRIFUGAL
- 2- WHAT IS A RECIPROCATING PUMP?

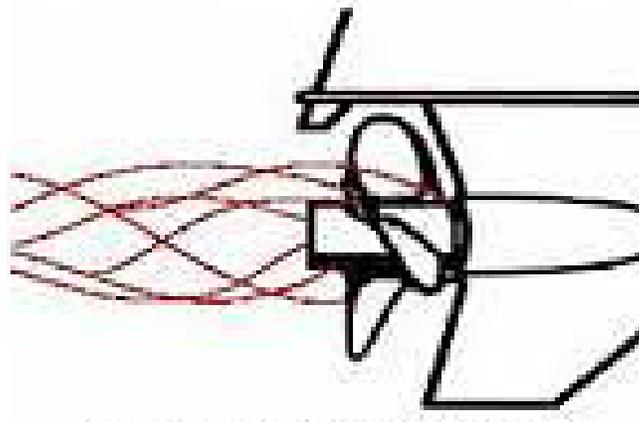
## SECTION 2

- 3- RUHRPUMPEN RDP PUMP
- 4- TESTING
- 5- PACKAGE OPTIONS



# **Section 1 Part 1- POSITIVE DISPLACEMENT VS CENTRIFUGAL**

## How is flow generated? (Different thermodynamic process)

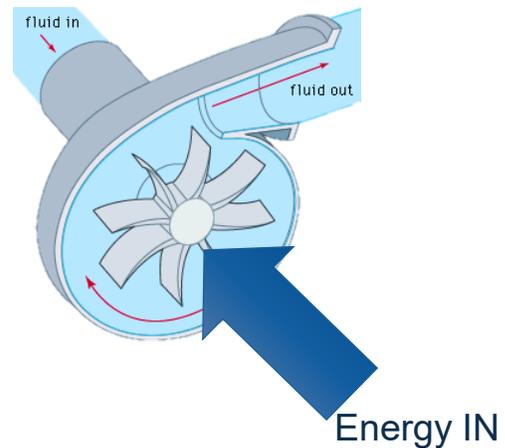


Inputs energy directly to  
liquid ( $\dot{W}_{in}$ )

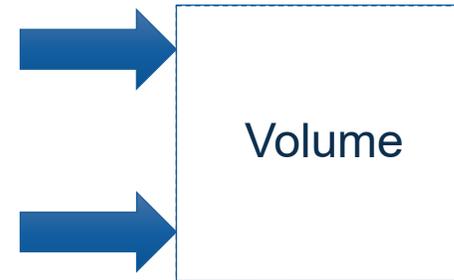


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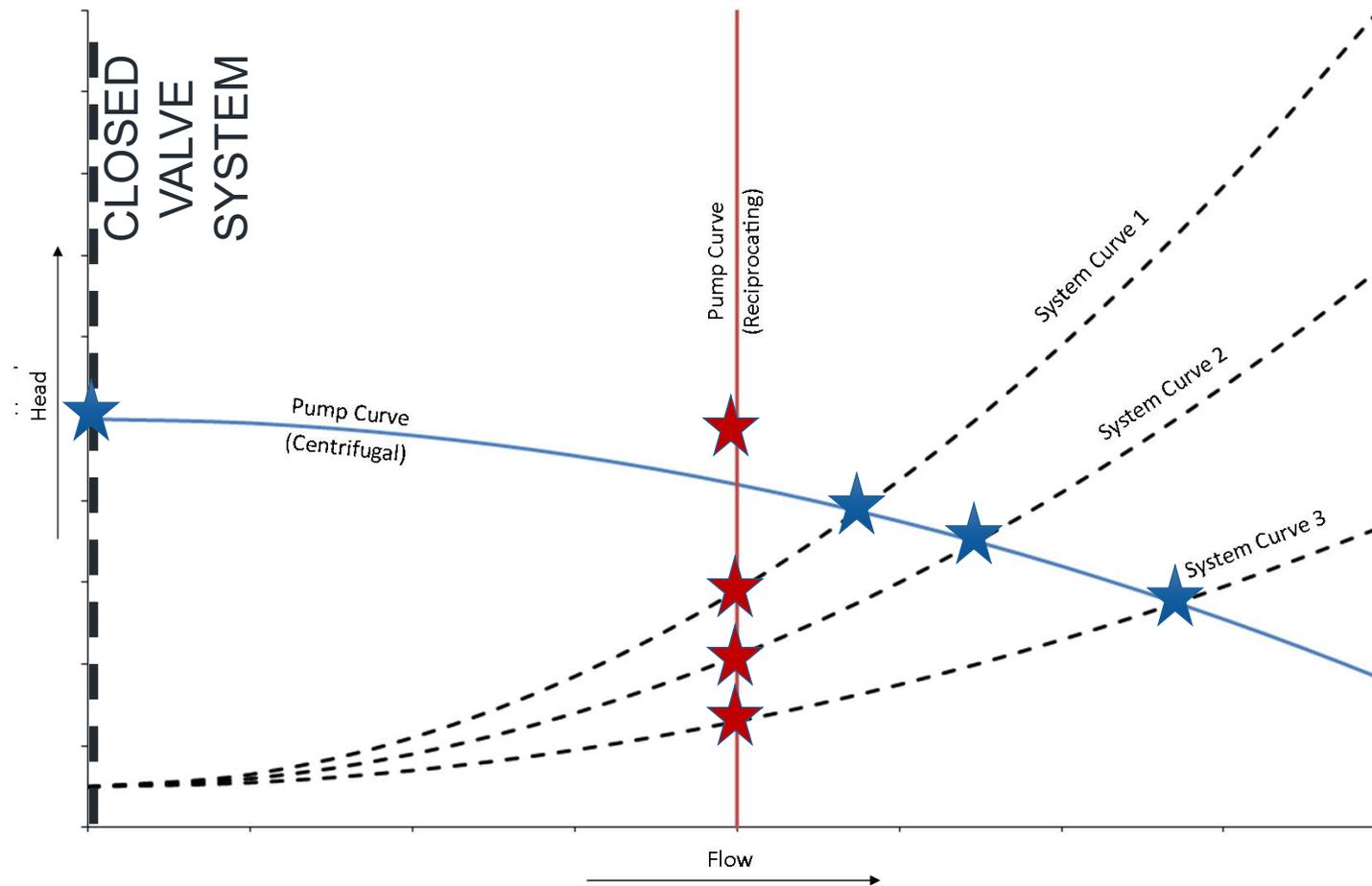
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Moves the boundary of  
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Flow = swept volume of  
cylinder x number of  
plungers

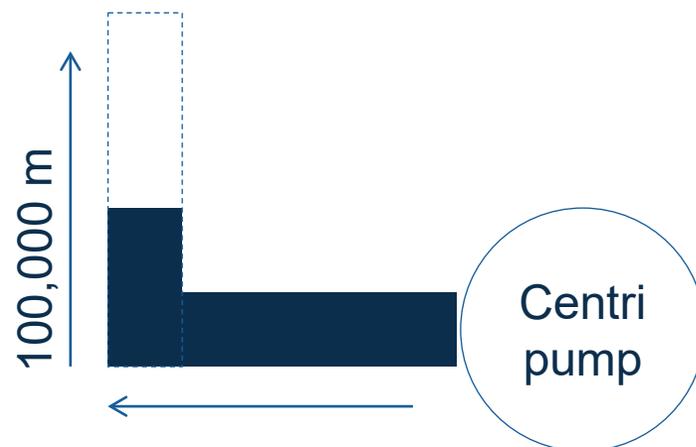
- Flow is constant for a fixed speed pump



## Centrifugal Pump

Discharge head determined by pump hydraulics

Maximum head is limited

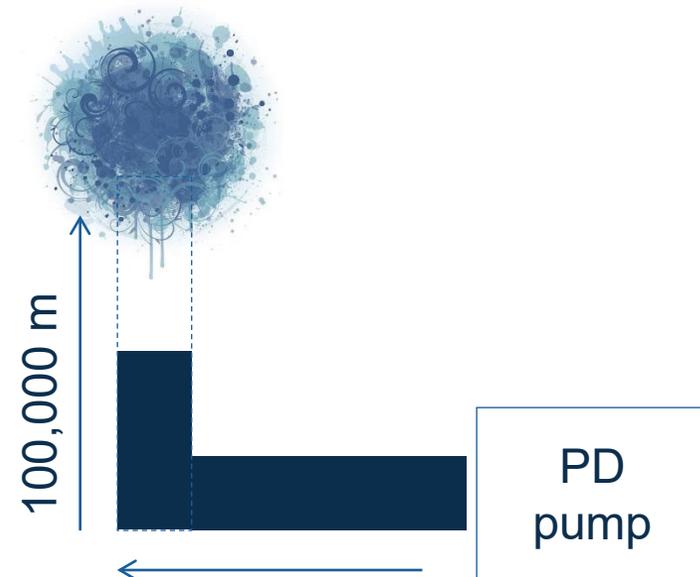


## Reciprocating Pump

Discharge head determined by system back pressure

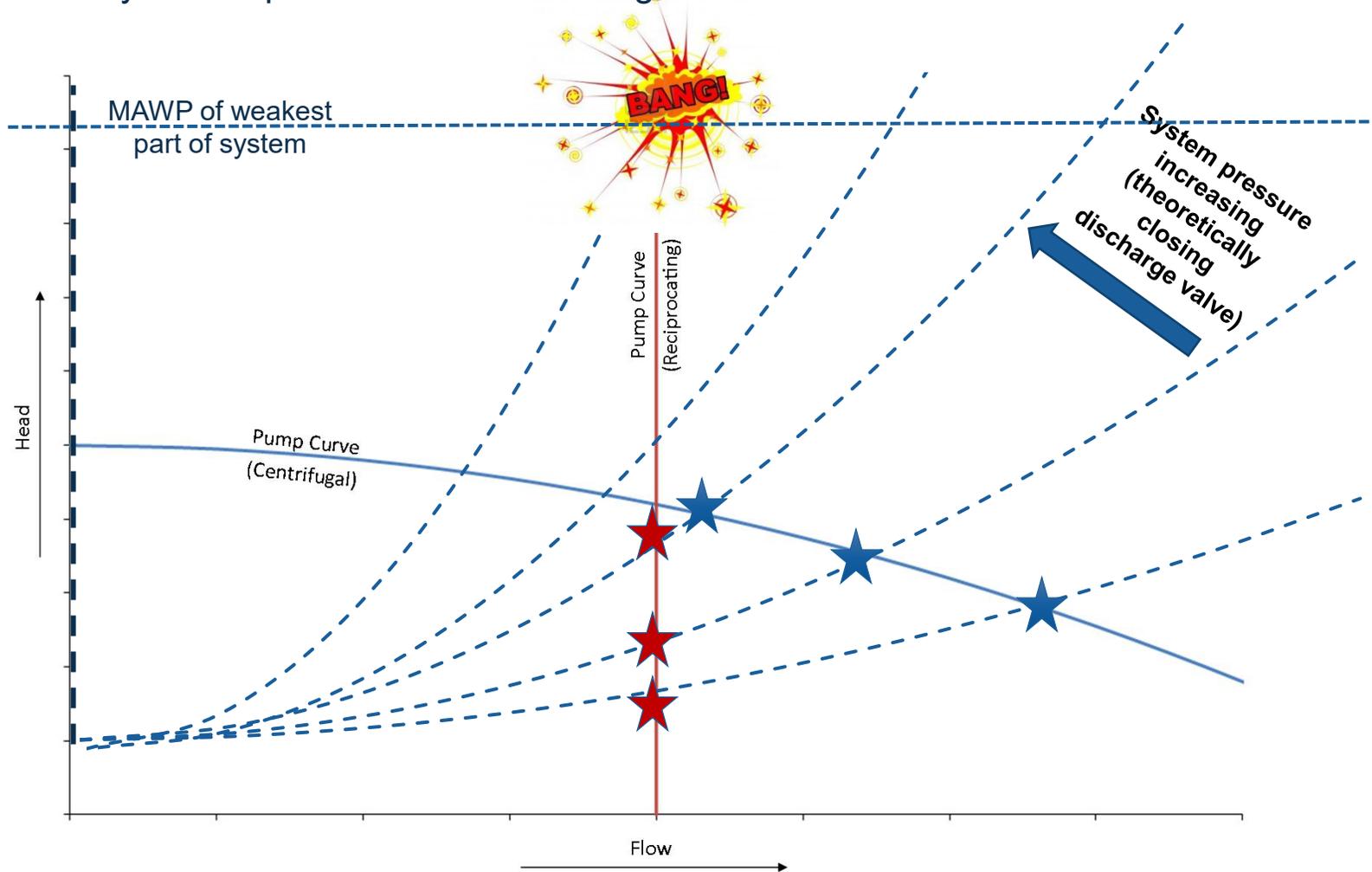
Head increase unlimited – theoretically infinite head at closed valve

Until failure of weakest part of the system

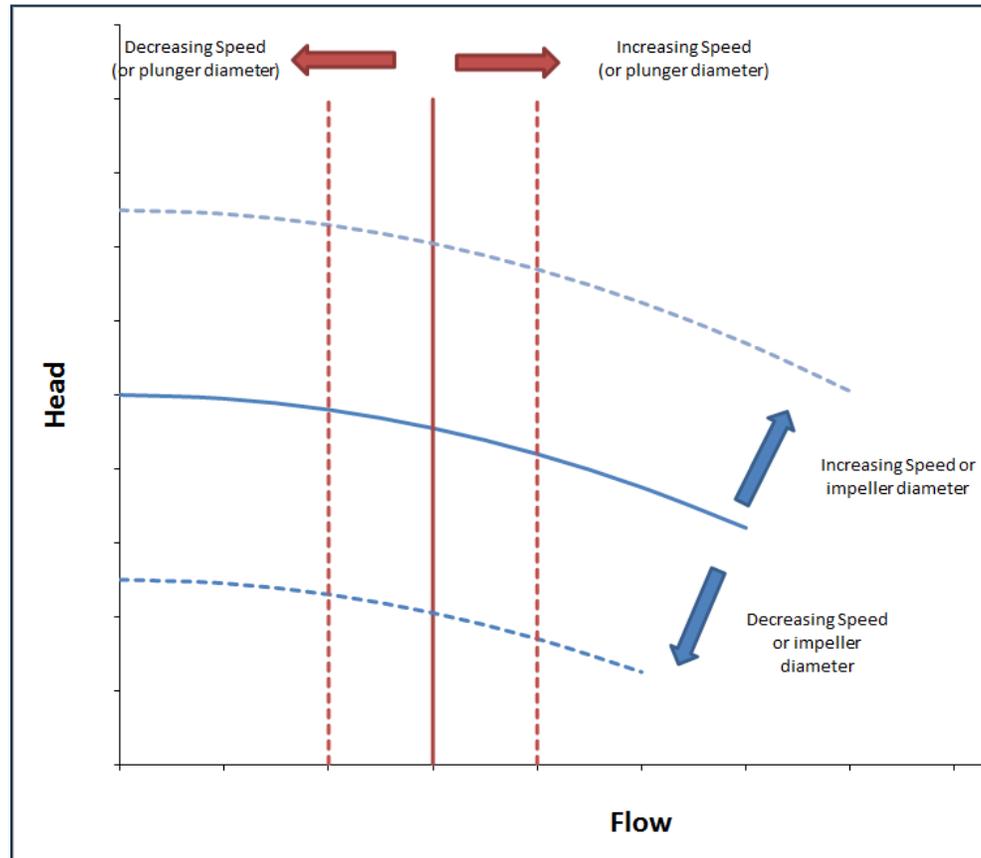


# HEAD

- Theoretically infinite pressure when discharge valve is closed



# SPEED EFFECT



PD pump flow is fixed for fixed speed

Flow varies directly with speed

Maximum Speed as defined by API 674

| Stroke mm | 50  | 70  | 100 | 150 | 200 |
|-----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| RPM       | 450 | 400 | 350 | 270 | 210 |

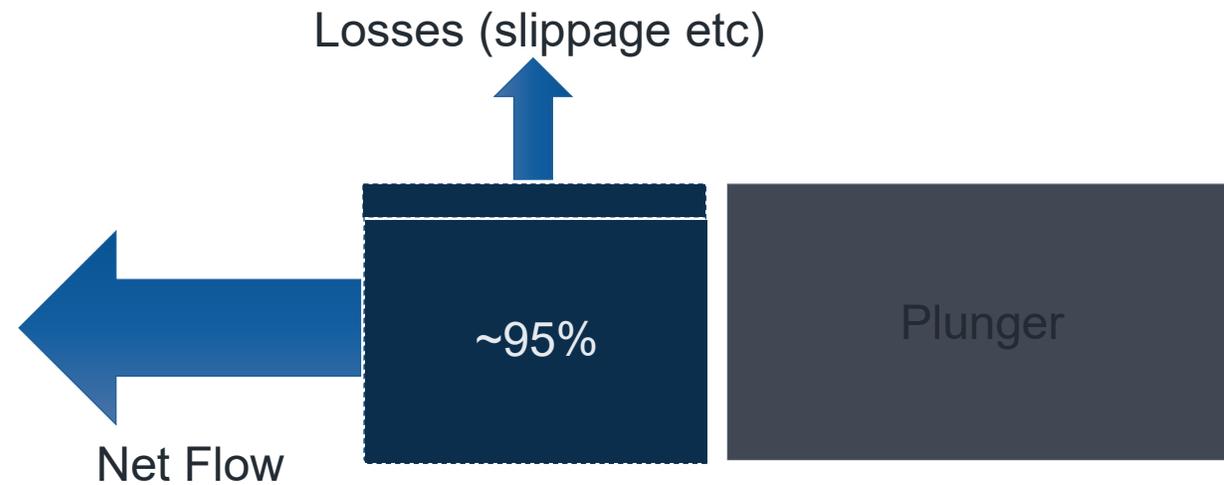
(RPD design allows us to run faster for non-API applications = smaller pump)

## EFFICIENCY AND POWER

Efficiency for PD pump is fixed and does not change for changing flow/head.

RDP efficiency is approximately 98%.

API 674 states that we cannot use more than 95% for power calculation

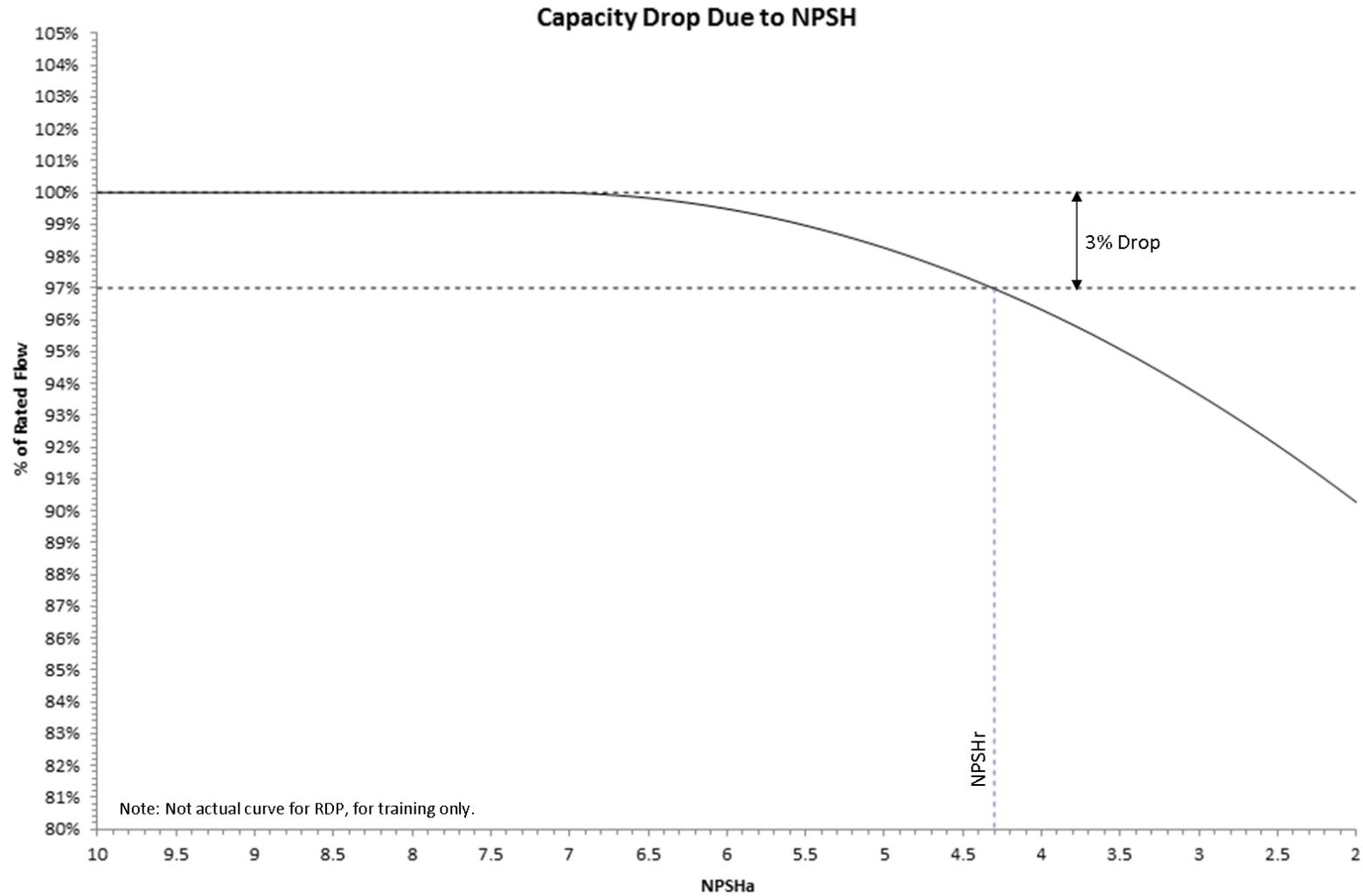


Estimate ....  $\text{Power (kW)} = \text{Pressure (bar)} \times \text{Flow (l/m)} / 540$

- NPSHA = **NET POSITIVE SUCTION HEAD AVAILABLE**
- NPIP = **NET POSITIVE INLET PRESSURE**
- NPIP and NPSHA are the same thing. NPIP is in terms of pressure and NPSHA is in terms of head. Either can be seen on API674 datasheet.
- Same principle as NPSHA and NPSHR in a centrifugal pump
  - High enough pressure when liquid is accelerated to avoid cavitation
- Also specifically for reciprocating pump ...
  - NPHSA has to provide force needed to open valves and adequately fill the cylinders
  - Criteria is 3% FLOW drop (compared to 3% HEAD drop in centrifugal pump)
  - Note API 674 states that NPSHa should have a minimum of 1m margin to NPSHr
- Results of low NPSH margin
  - Erratic and unreliable performance
  - Reduced flow (in extreme cases!)
  - Erosion of plungers and valves due to cavitation
  - Noise



# NPSHr (required)



Centrifugal pump power IS affected by SG (lifting something heavier uses more muscle!!)

$$\text{Power} = \frac{\text{Head} \times \text{Flow} \times \text{SG}}{\text{Efficiency} \times C}$$

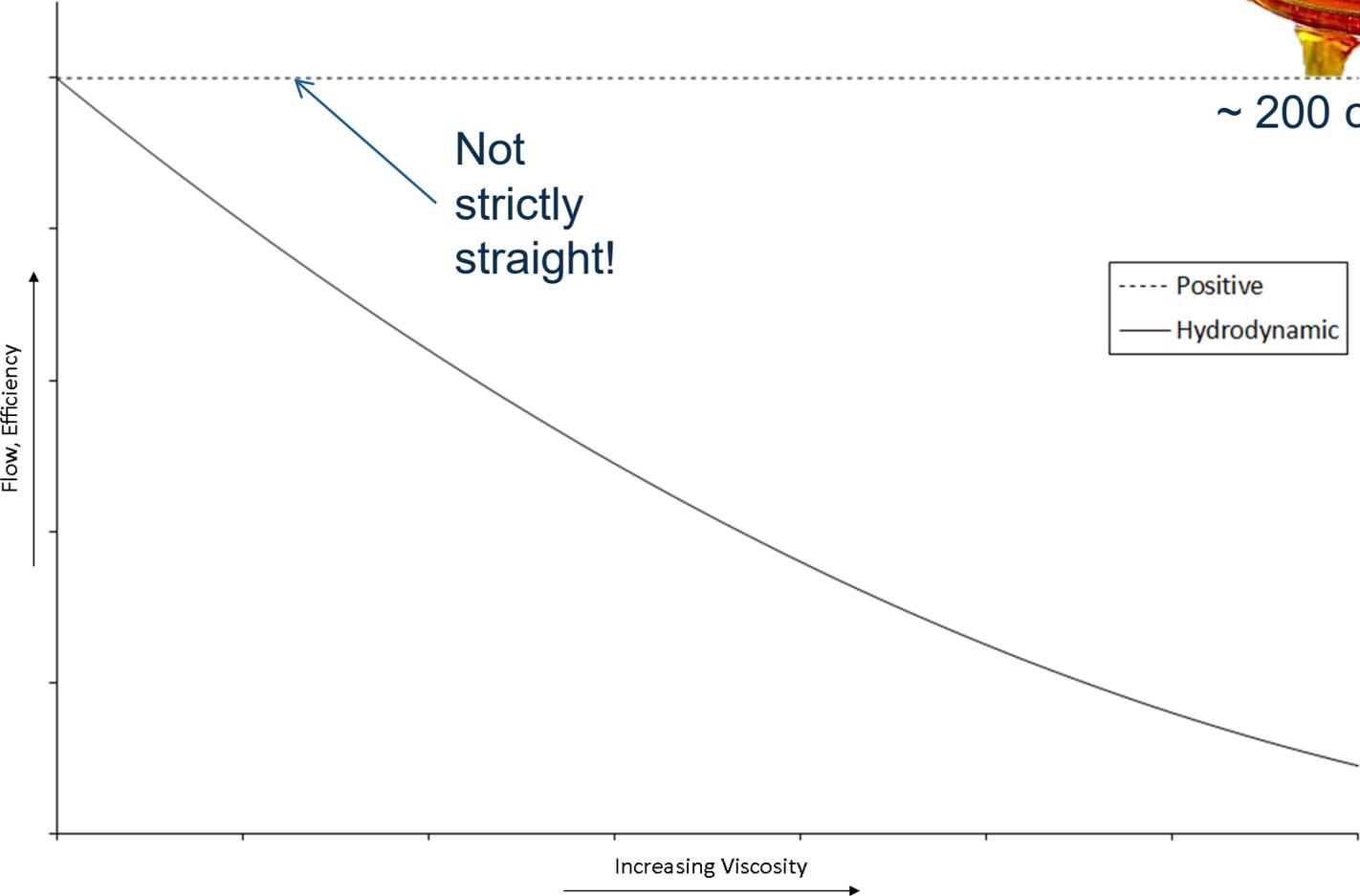


Reciprocating is NOT affected (pushing 1m<sup>3</sup> of feathers and 1m<sup>3</sup> of lead from 1 point to another on a frictionless surface uses same energy!)

Estimate ....

$$\text{Power (kW)} = \frac{\text{Pressure (bar)} \times \text{Flow (l/min)}}{540}$$

## Viscosity Effects





## Things to remember

- ✓ Flow rate  $\Rightarrow$  Determined by pump
- ✓ Suction/discharge pressure  $\Rightarrow$  Determined by system
- ✓ Discharge pressure is only limited by the power supplied to the pump and structural limits of the weakest component.
  - Fluid head
  - Power end
  - System
- ✓ A plunger pump does not create pressure
- ✓ The system generates the pressure
- ✓ The pump, pumps against this pressure





# **Section 1 Part 2- WHAT IS A RECIPROCATING PUMP?**

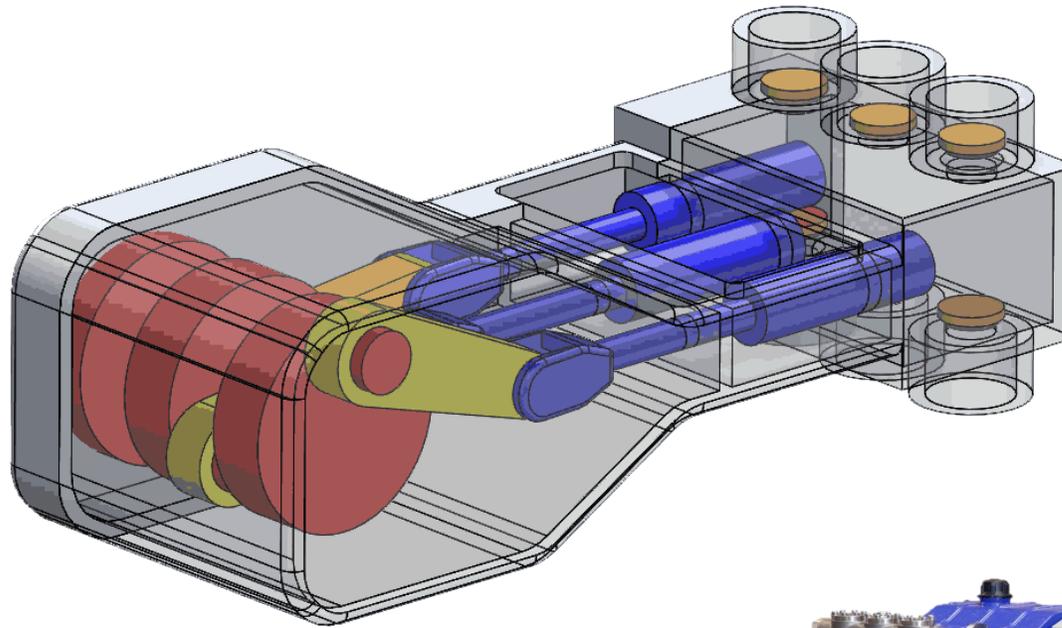
# What is a Reciprocating Pump?

A pump that moves a known quantity of liquid with each stroke of a plunger



# RDP OVERVIEW

## THE RDP IS....



✓ **Plunger Pump**

✓ **Power Pump**

✓ **Single Acting**

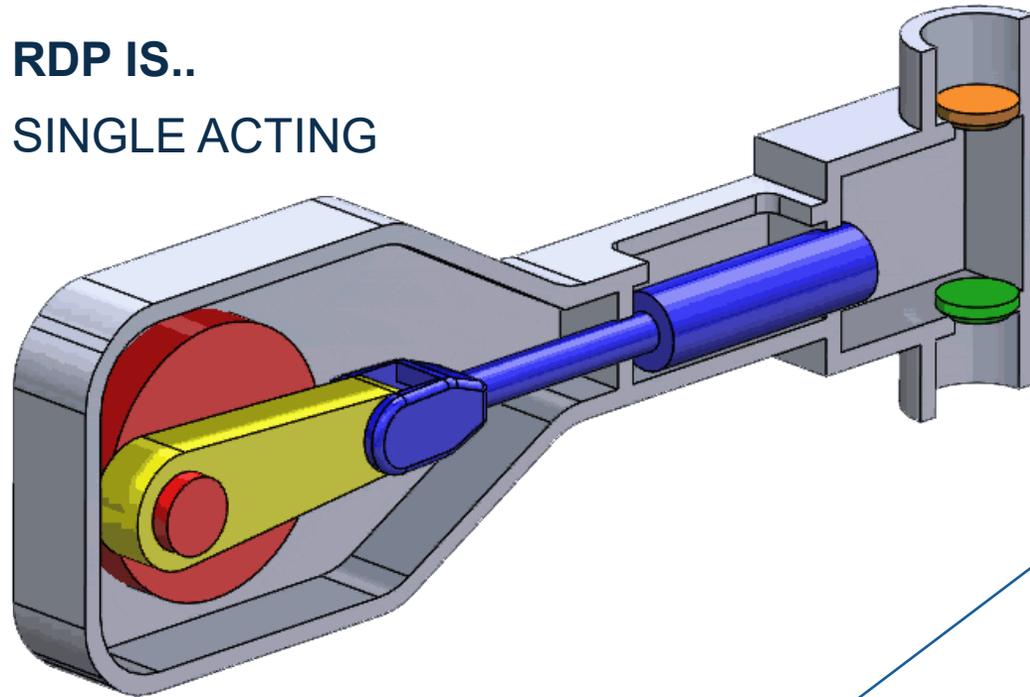
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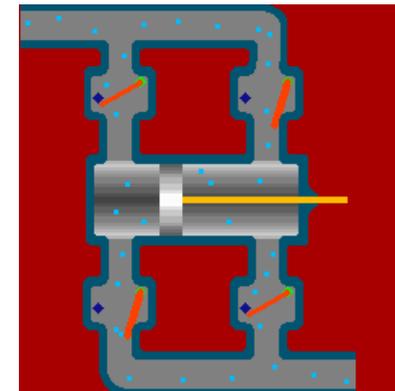


# RDP OVERVIEW

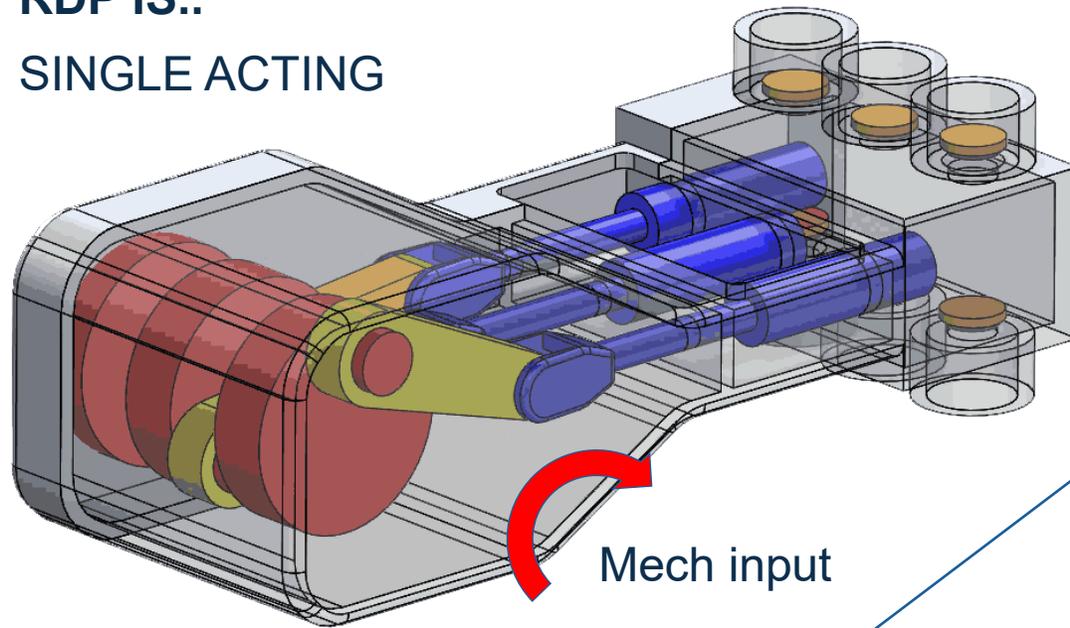
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**RDP is not..  
Double acting**



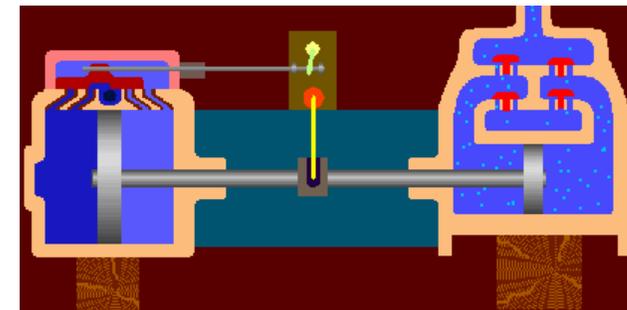
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Media

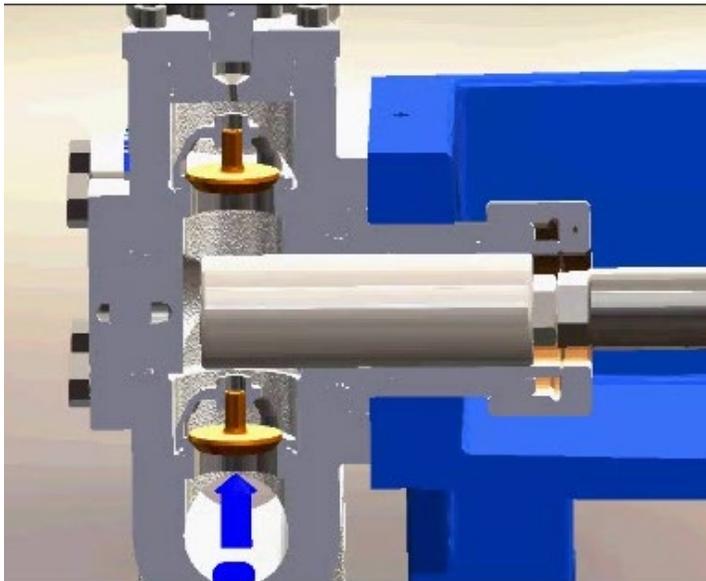
Steam



## PLUNGER PUMP (RDP)

Sealing elements **FIXED** in a stuffing box, plunger moves through packings

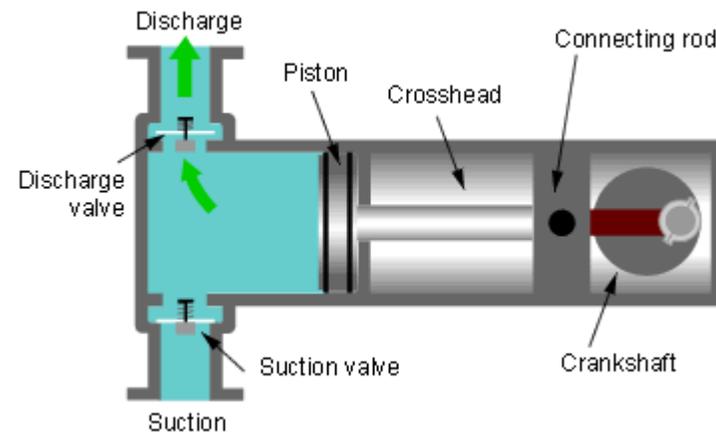
- Higher pressure/lower volume



## PISTON PUMP

Sealing elements **MOVE** with a piston

- Higher volume/lower pressure

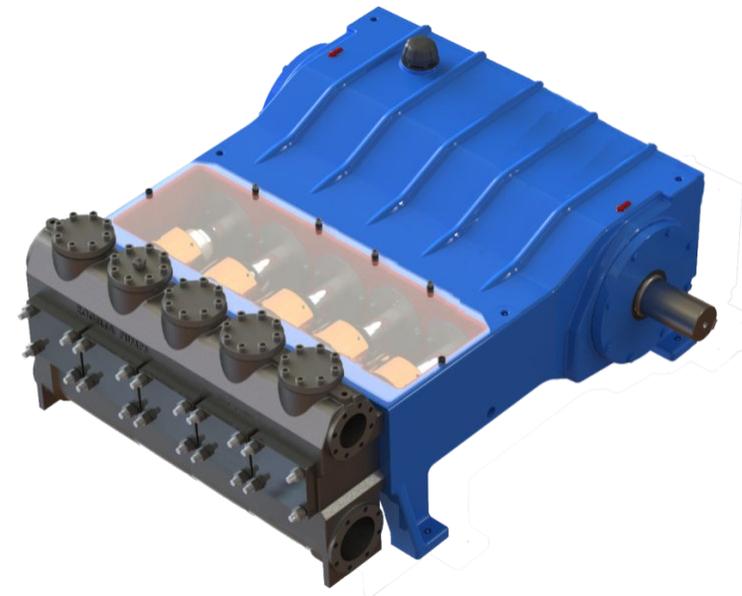
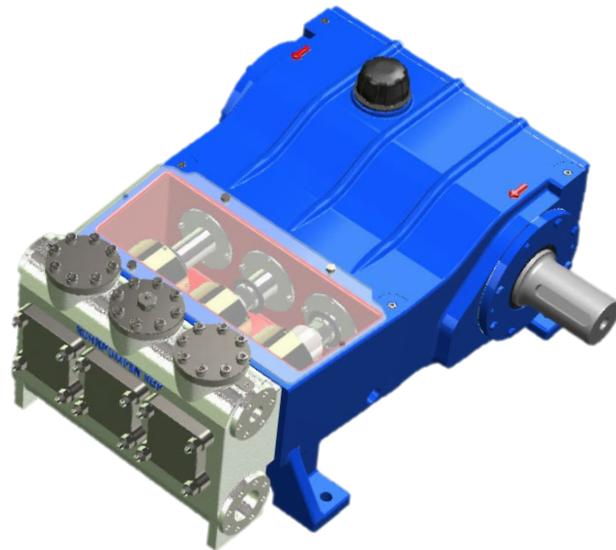


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Both types of pumps are covered by API 674

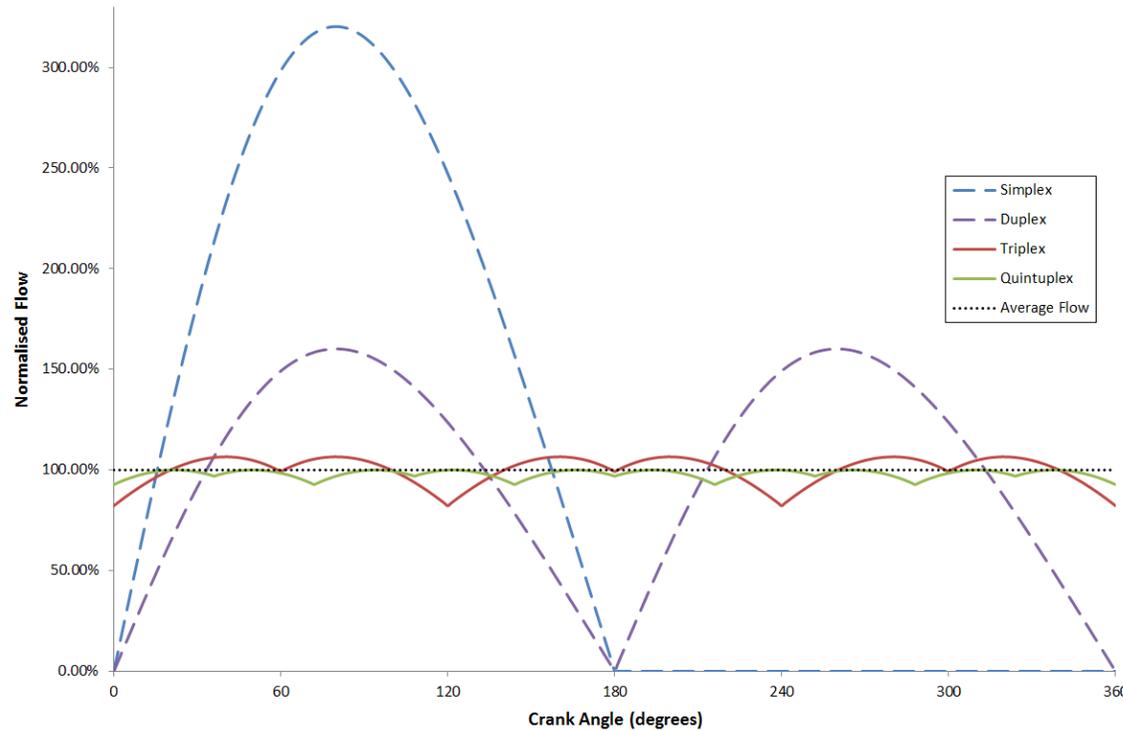
# Reciprocating Pump Characteristics

| Name                | No of Plungers |
|---------------------|----------------|
| • Simplex           | 1              |
| • Duplex            | 2              |
| • <b>Triplex</b>    | <b>3</b>       |
| • <b>Quintuplex</b> | <b>5</b>       |
| • Septuplex         | 7              |



# Reciprocating Pump Characteristics

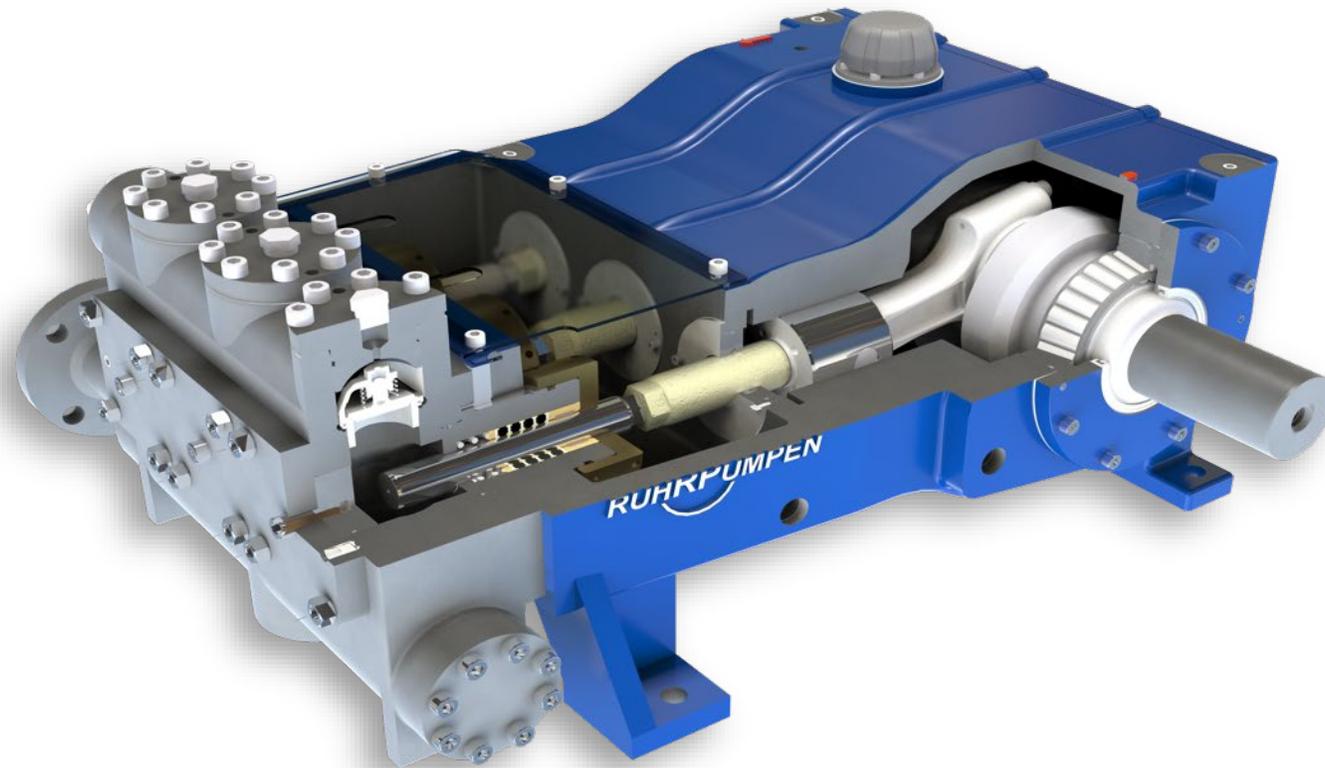
- Due to the nature of reciprocating pump action, flow pulses (unlike a centrifugal pump)
- The result is pulsations which are of different forms depending on number of plungers





# Section 2 Part 3- RUHRPUMPEN RDP PUMP FEATURES

# RUHRPUMPEN RDP PUMP



# RDP Product Range & Nomenclature

## Nomenclature :

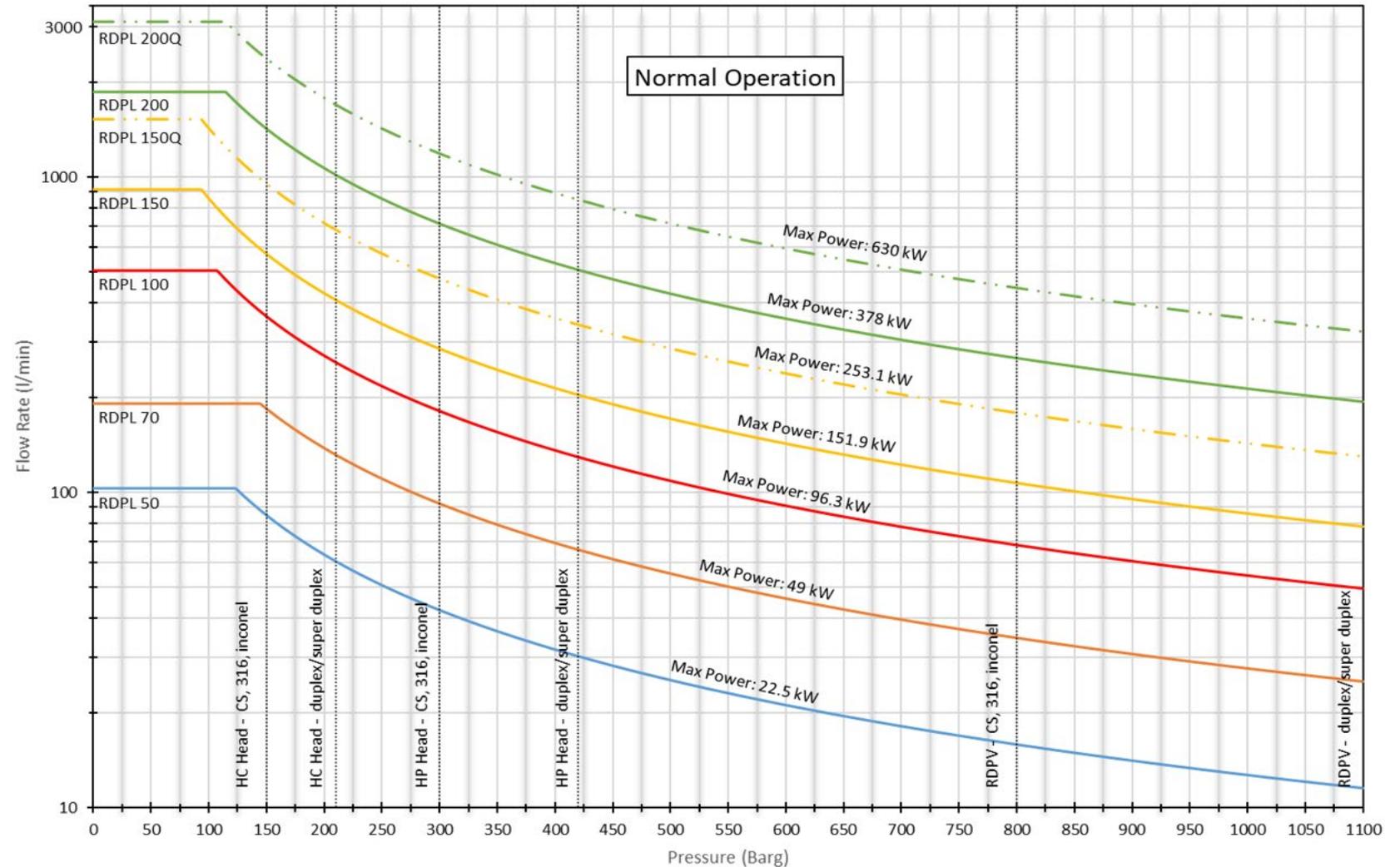
- Product name: RDP
- Suffix number: Stroke length
- Second number: plunger diameter
- Number of plungers: 3 (triplex) unless otherwise indicated by "Q" (quintuplex – 5 plungers)

## Example:

**RDP 100/55**

Stroke length = 100 mm

Plunger diameter = 55 mm





# The Balancing Act

Rod Load



Speed  
RPM

Plunger  $\emptyset$

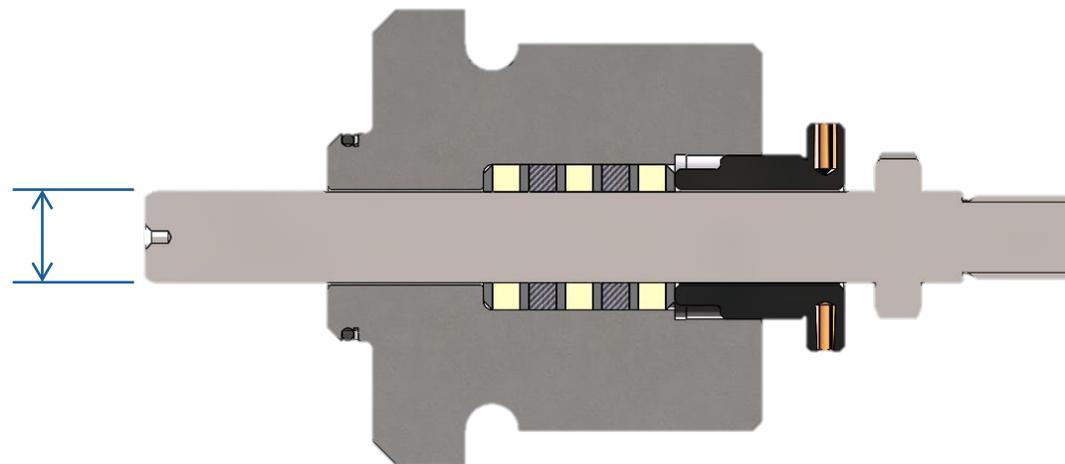
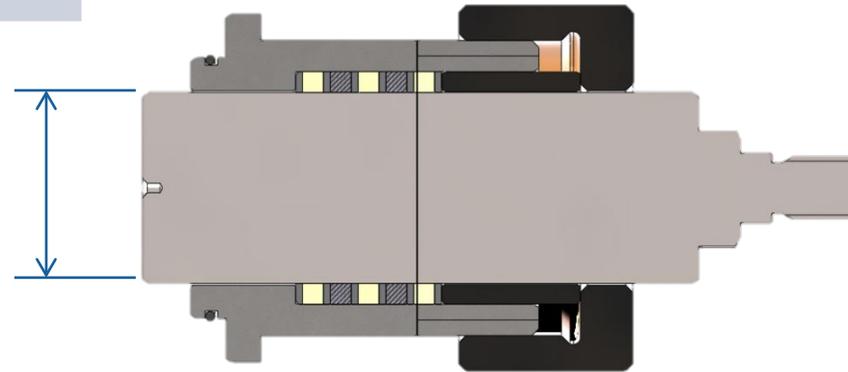
# The Balancing Act

| Pump Model      | 50   | 70   | 100  | 150  | 200   |
|-----------------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| Max Rod Load Kg | 3300 | 3500 | 5500 | 7500 | 15000 |

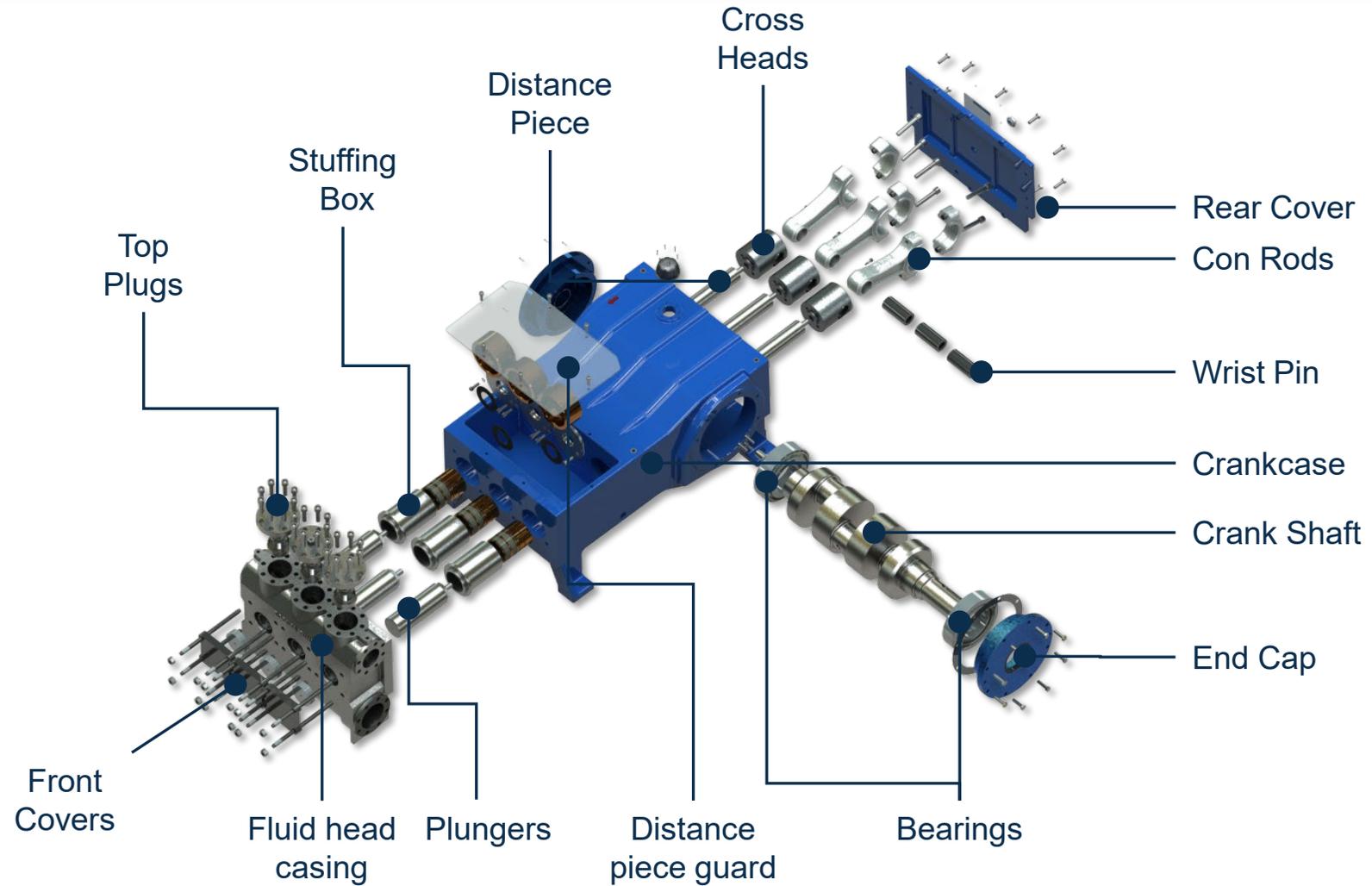
Ø 200mm  
@ 47 bar  
**=1500 Kg**

Force = Pressure x Area

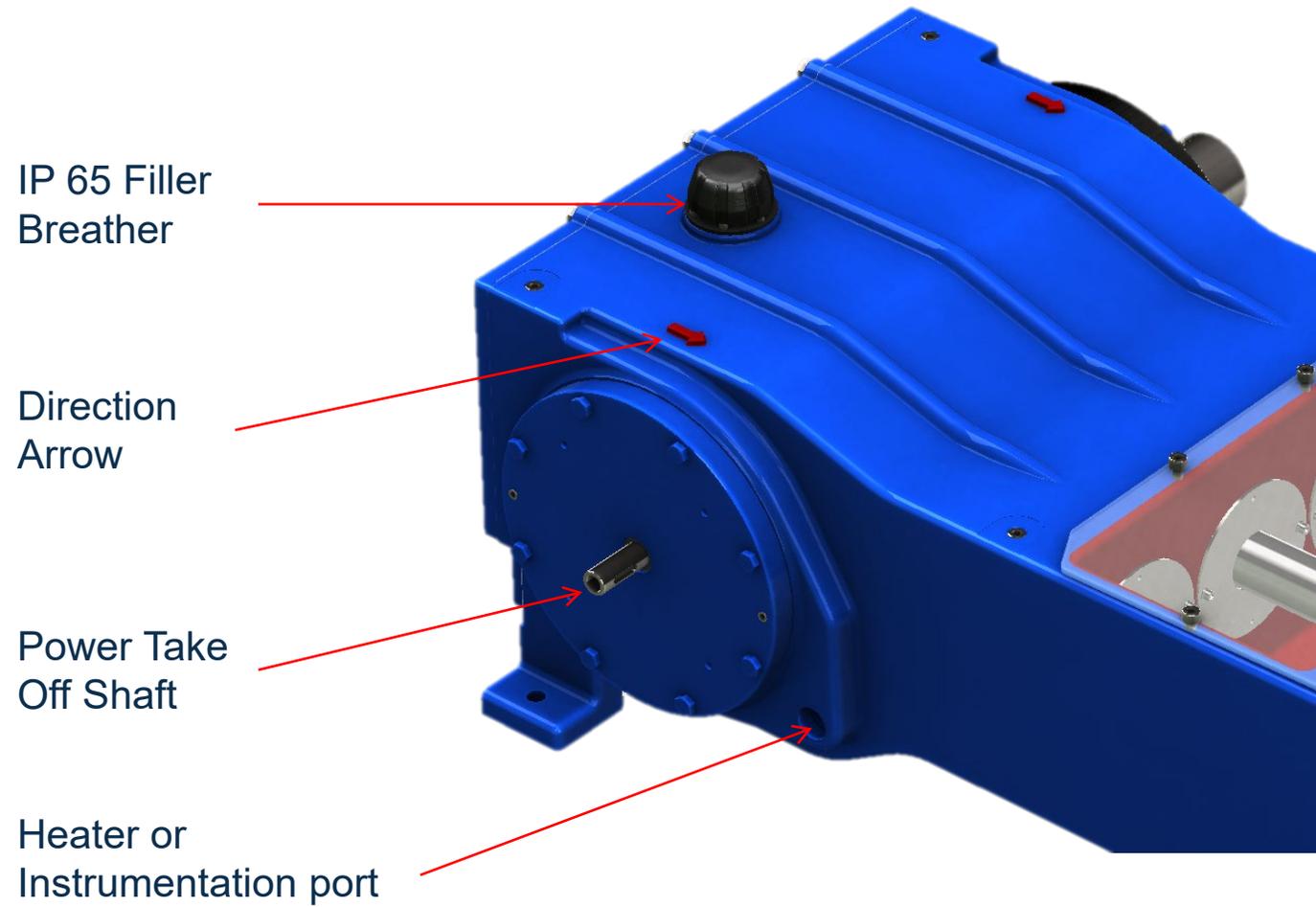
Ø 43mm  
@ 1000 bar  
**=1500 Kg**

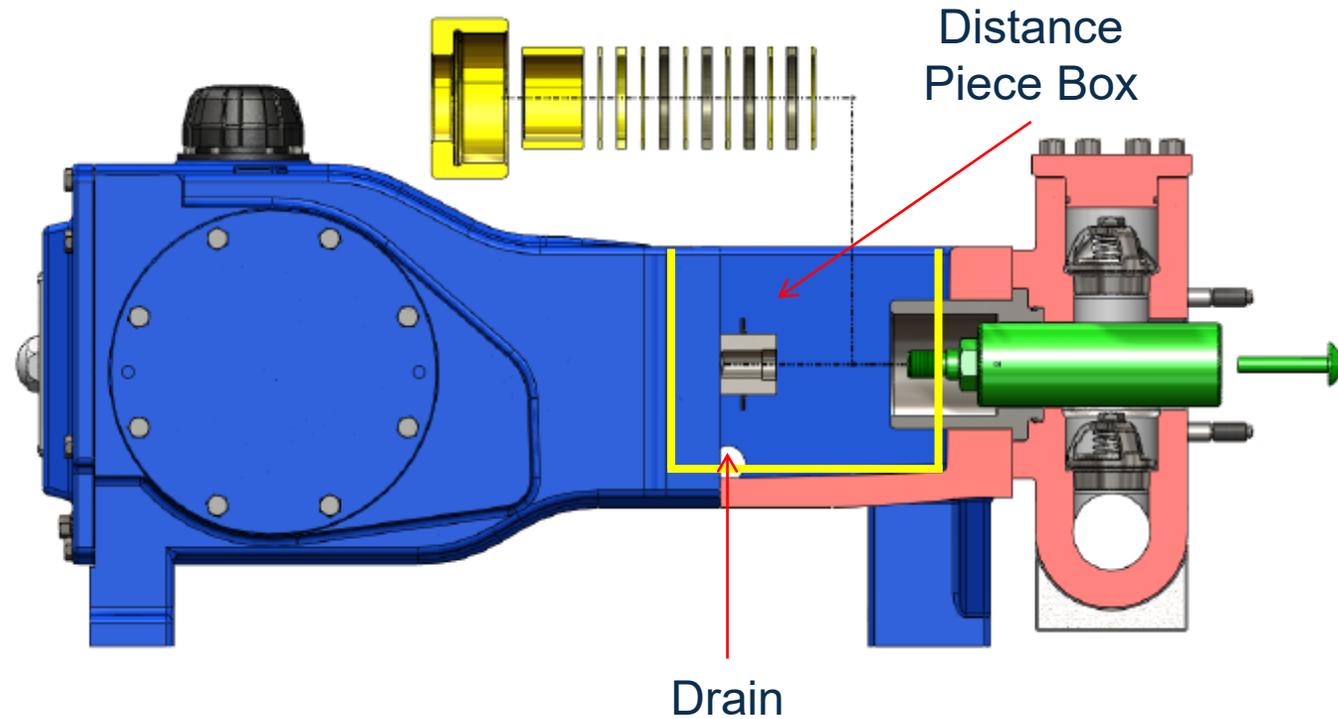


# Pump Assembly



## Power End





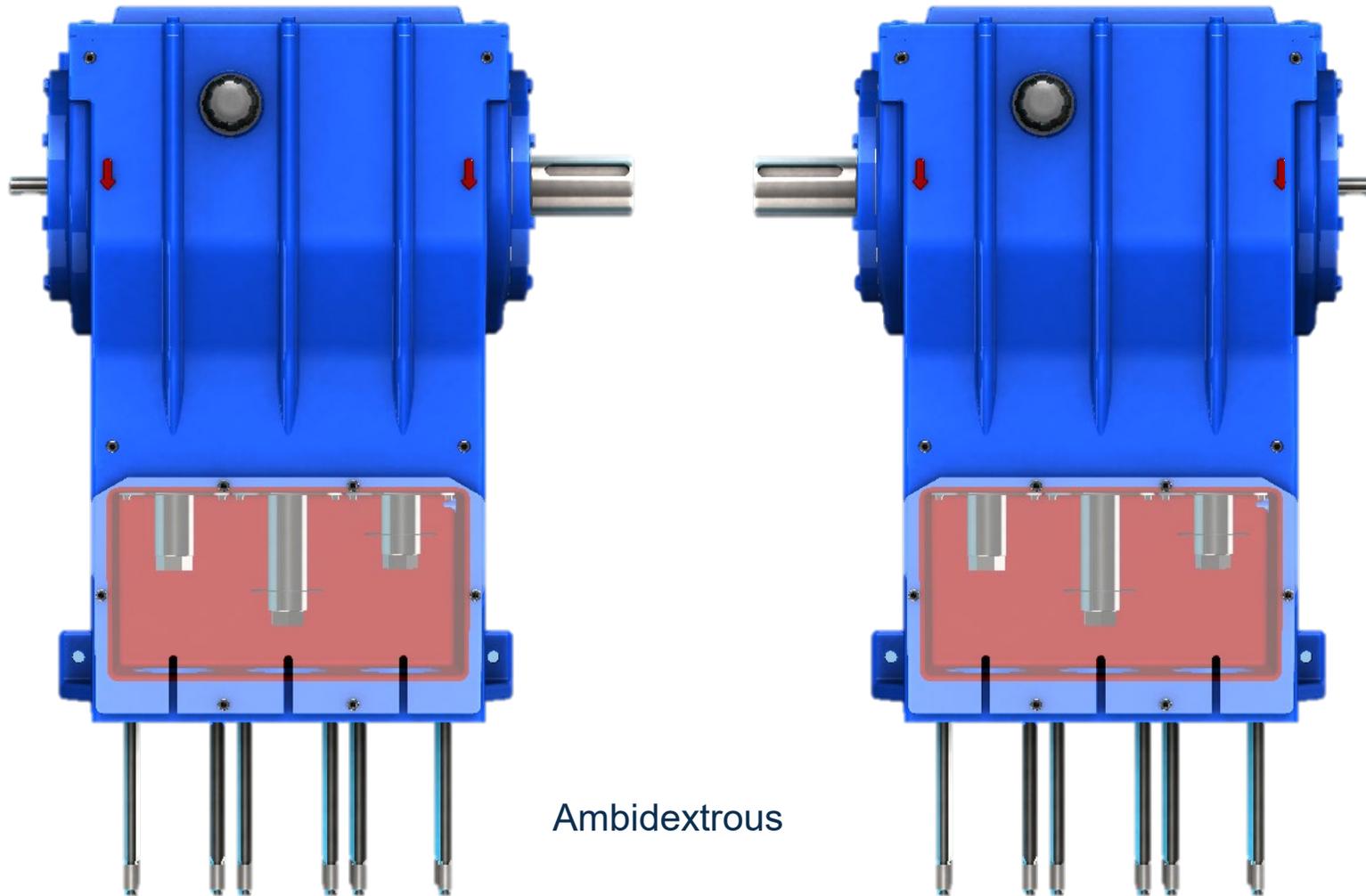
**Distance Piece Box** - an important maintenance feature – not all competitors have it

Permits piston and packing exchange without power end dis-assembly and other maintenance tasks (eg change oil lip seal) without disturbing fluid head end

Distance piece box can be used for containment of packing or oil leakage



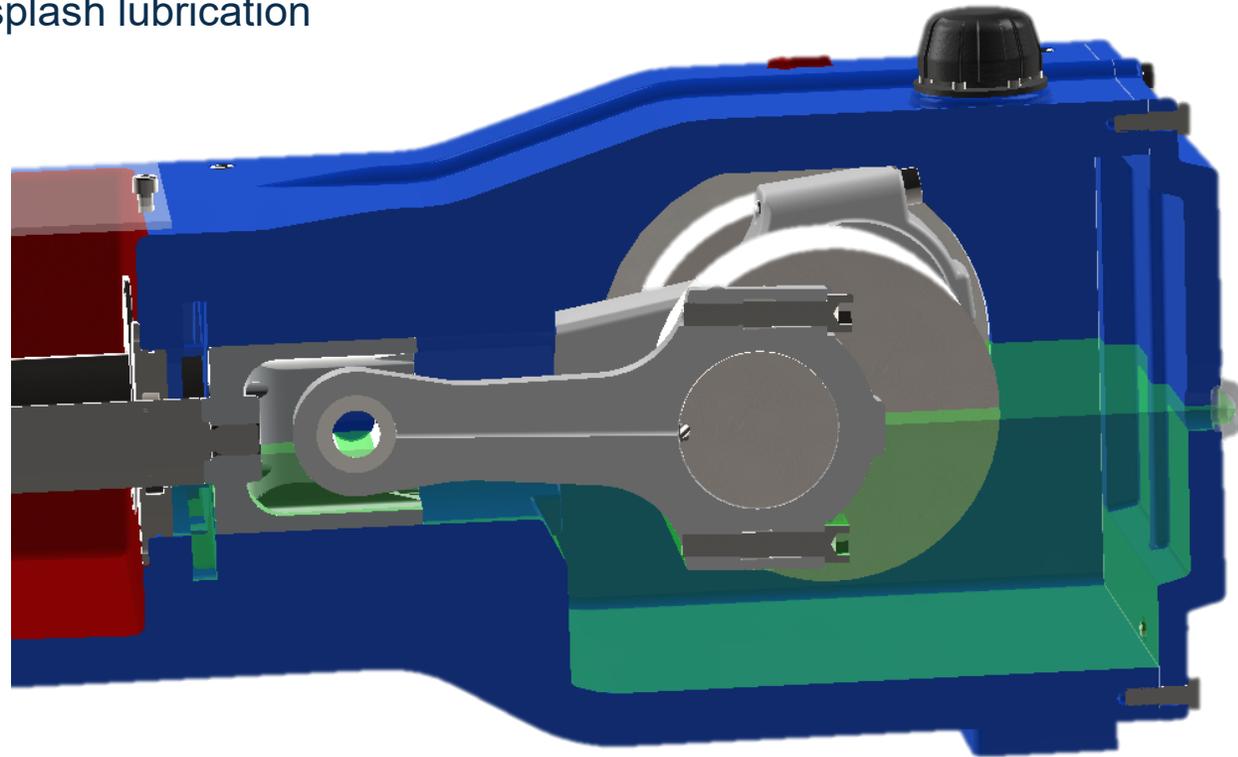
# Power End



Ambidextrous

# Power End Lubrication Splash

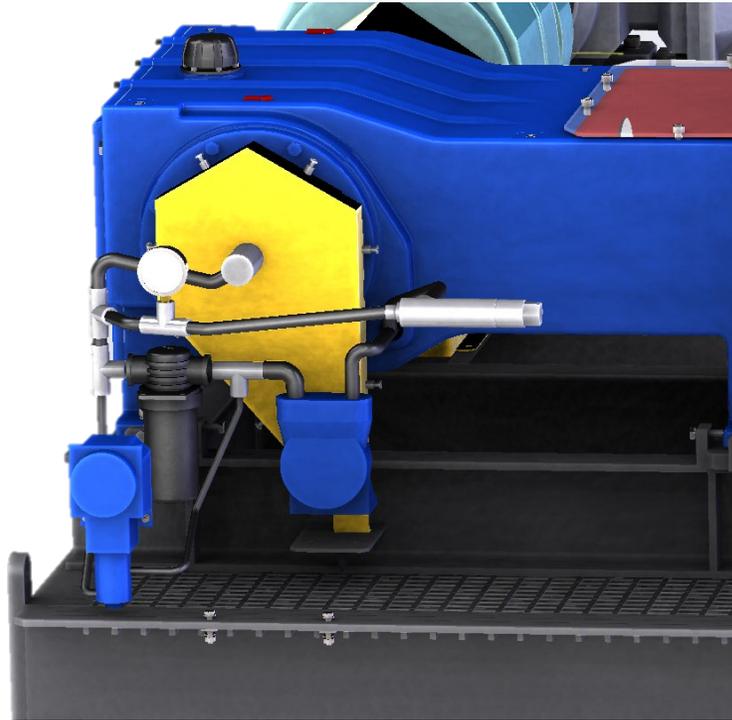
Flooded/splash lubrication



# Power End Lubrication Forced

Optional forced feed lube system

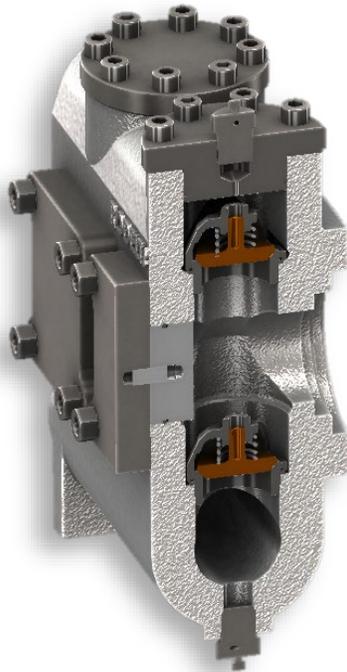
Criteria based on inlet pressure and speed





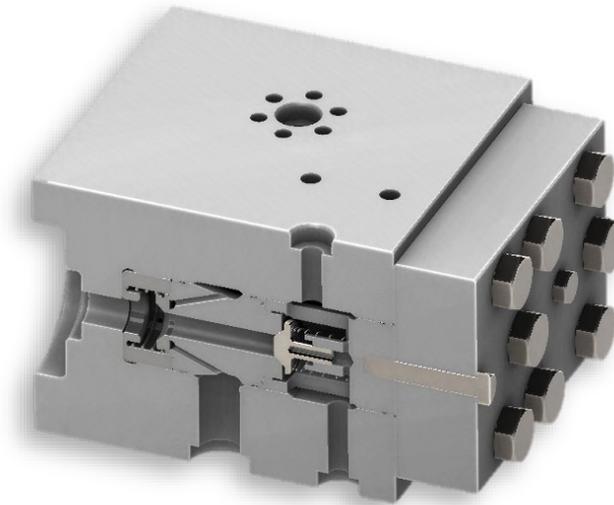
# Fluid Head Types

Three types of head designations - Selection depends on material and pressure



HC High capacity  
HP High pressure

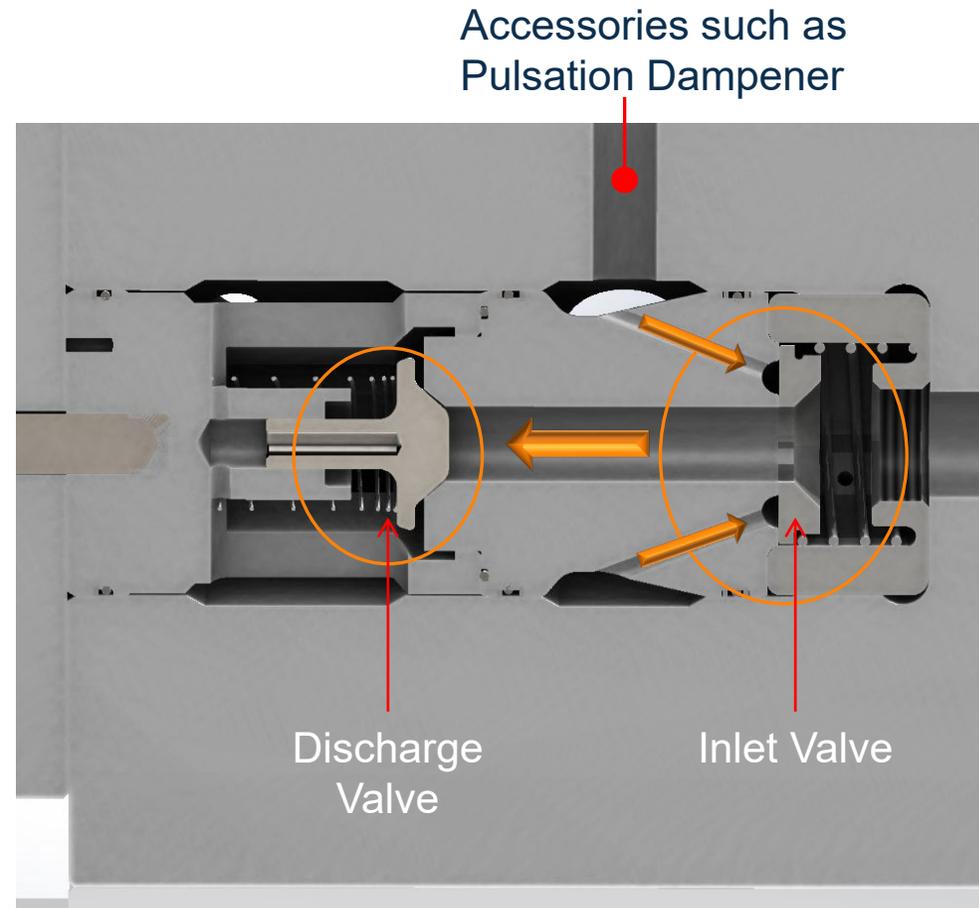
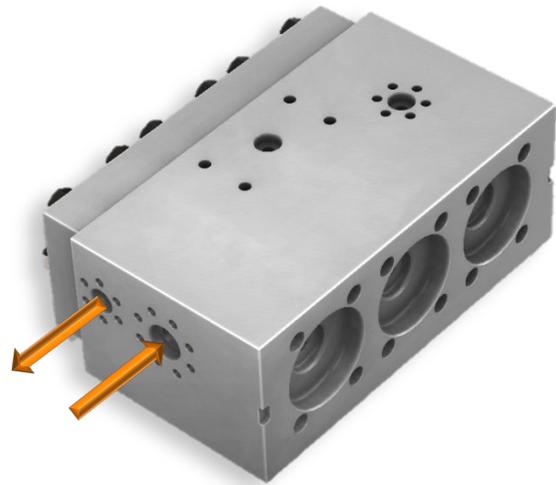
|                  | HC                 | HP  | VHP  |
|------------------|--------------------|-----|------|
| Head Material    | Max Pressure Bar g |     |      |
| Carbon           | 150                | 300 | 950  |
| 316L             | 150                | 300 | 950  |
| Duplex F53       | 250                | 500 | 1100 |
| Super Duplex F55 | 250                | 500 | 1100 |
| Inconel 625      | 250                | 500 | 1100 |



VHP Very high pressure

# WHY IS VHP DIFFERENT?

## Forged design



## Valve Technology

### Top Guided Bevel

- High stability for greater efficiency and lower noise

### Tapered seats

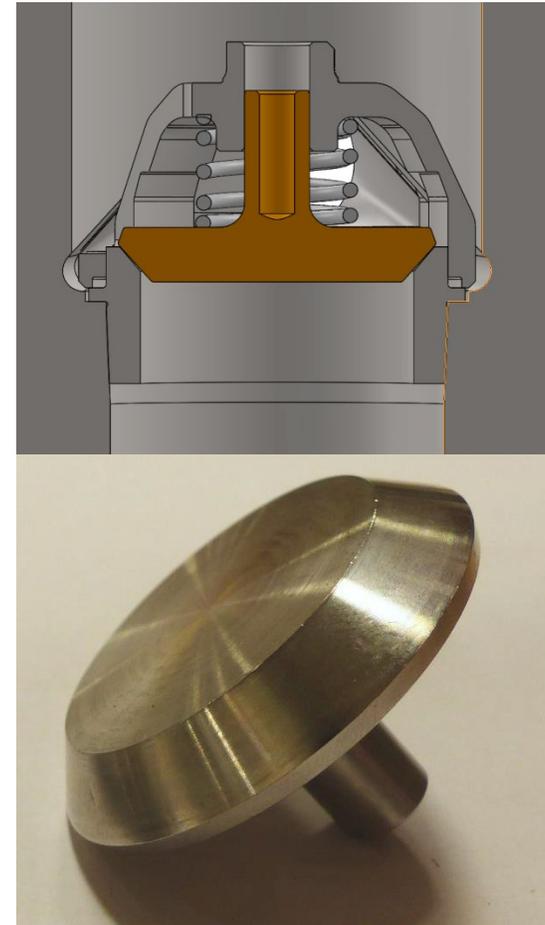
- For corrosion and erosion resistance

Ruhrpumpen proprietary valve gives us maximum flexibility from design and manufacturing standpoint

## API 674: 6.7.3 Valve Seats

Valve seats shall be replaceable

For corrosive service seats shall be pressed into tapers in the Head



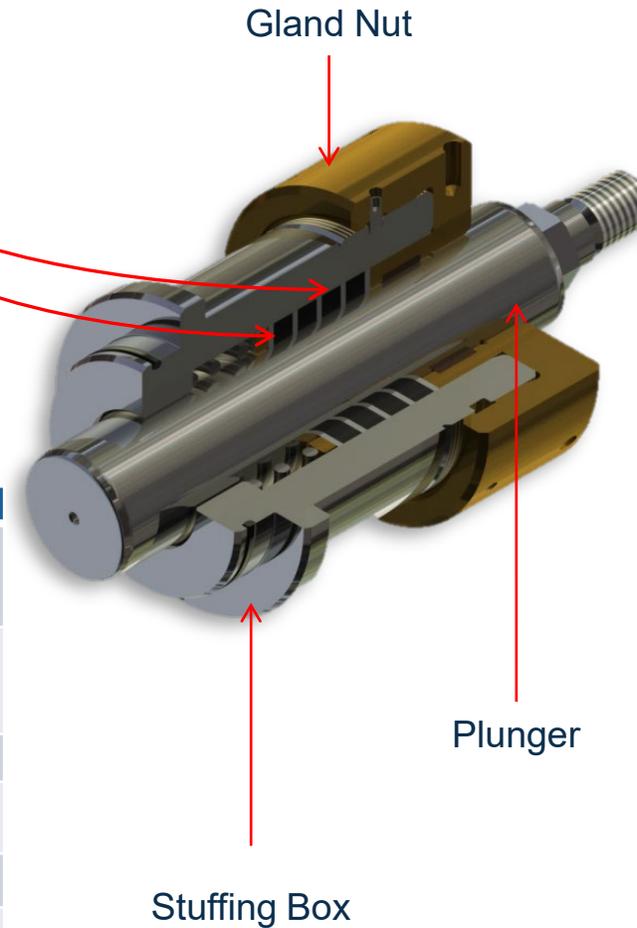
# Plunger Sealing Assembly

## Packing

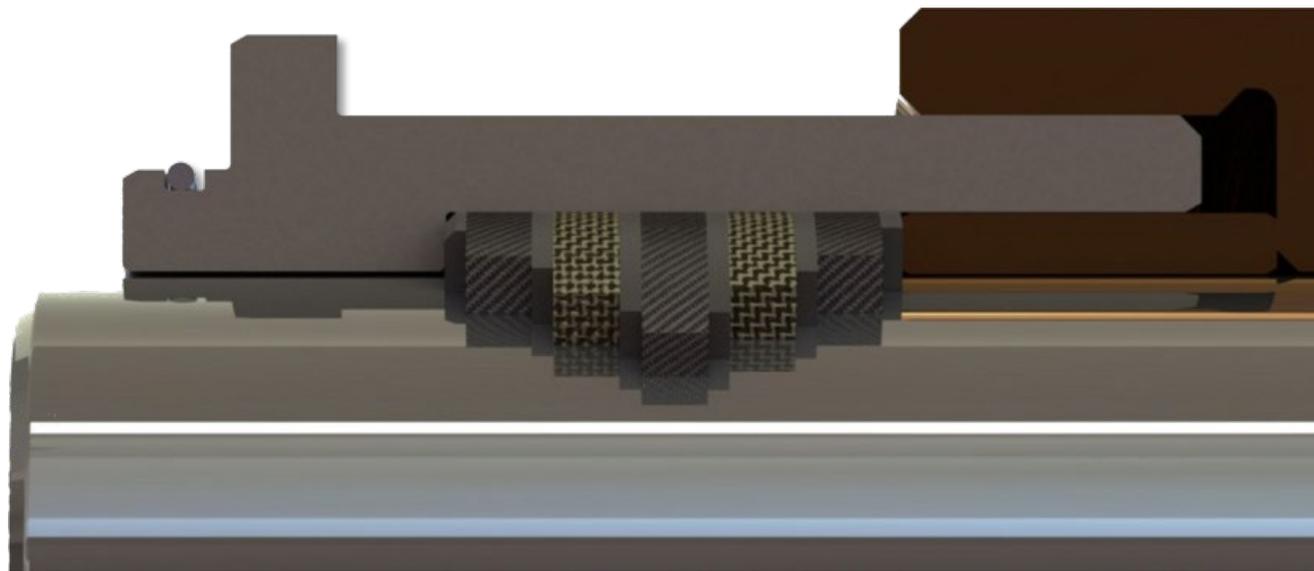
Type: Braided/Chevron  
Adjustment: Manual/Sprung  
Lubrication: Product or External

## Typical Packing Example

| Media                        | Seal System                              | Metallic parts | Packing          |
|------------------------------|--|----------------|------------------|
| Caustic solution             | Flushed Plan "62"                        | 316            | Braided          |
| Closed Drain/<br>H2s present | Force feed lube sprung<br>loaded Packing | Duplex         | Sprung Chevron   |
| Methanol                     | Force feed lube                          | 316            | Braided          |
| Sea Water (RO)               | Flushed Plan"13"                         | Super Duplex   | Chevron (Single) |
| Meg/TEG                      | Standard 5                               | 316            | Braided          |
| Hydrocarbons                 | Standard 5<br>OR Force feed lube         | 316            | Braided          |



# Stuffing Box Braided Compression Packing



## Standard 5 Layout

3 PTFE & graphite braided

2 PTFE & graphite & aramid braided

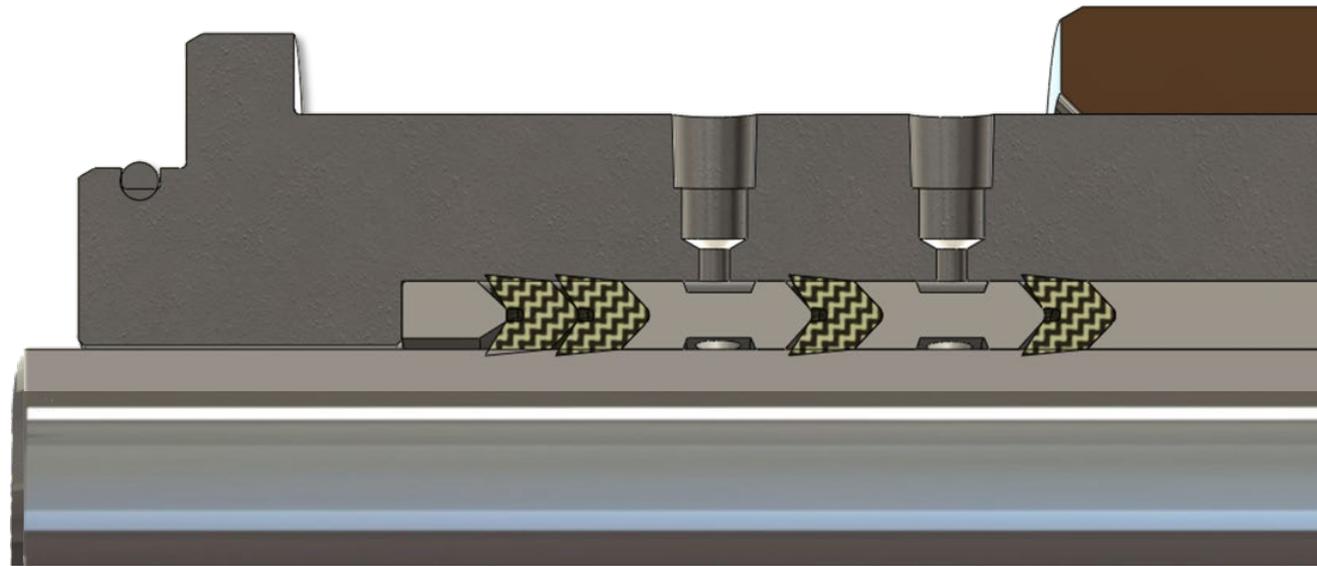
6 anti extrusion rings

Simple and effective

Requires regular manual adjustment



# Stuffing Box Chevron Ring



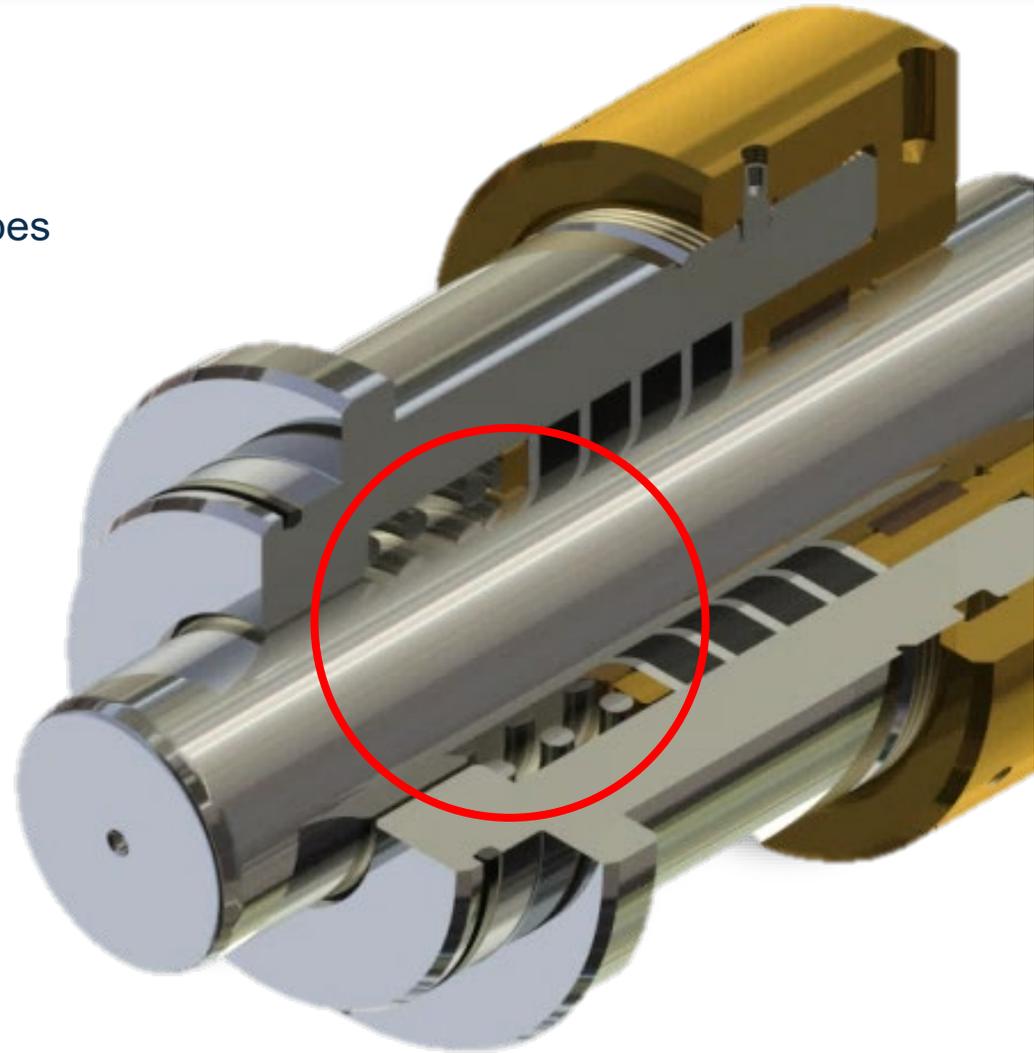
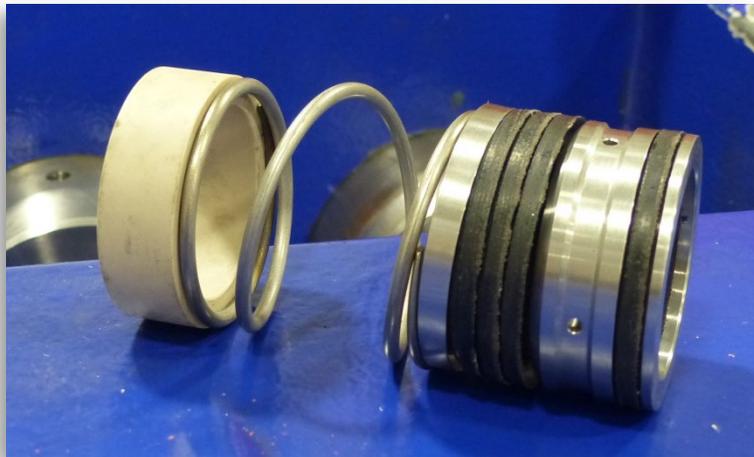
- Multiple packing rings
- Rings are one piece without a break
- No anti extrusion rings
- Little adjusting required
- Fewer parts
- Limited standard sizes



# Stuffing Box Spring Loading

Single spring to preload packing

Can be used with Braided or Chevron types



# Lubrication For Seal Life / For Emission Control

## Product Lubrication

Media migrates along packing providing cooling and lubrication between packing and plunger

## Flushing

Shop or grey water flushed, by mains pressure, auxiliary pump, gravity or suction line

Cools packing

Flushes particulates

Prevents crystallisation or coking (similar to Plan 62)

With Reverse Osmosis water is taken from the suction line to flush and cool the rear of the seal (Similar to Plan 13)

Only single feed

Used with braided or chevron packing

## Forced Feed for Lubrication/Cooling

Compatible fluid is pressure fed into the packing by an auxiliary pump driven via power take off shaft extending from the pump crankshaft

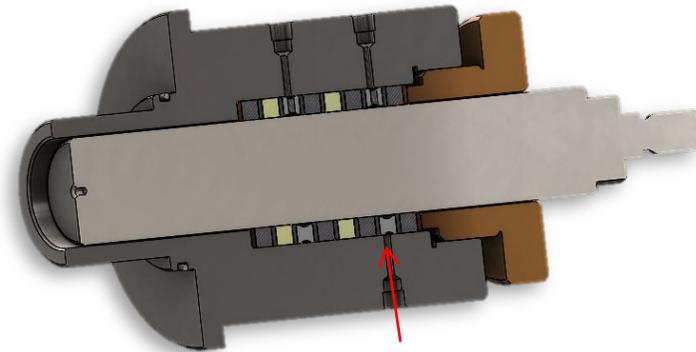
Used with low lubricity solvents e.g. methanol

Single or double feed

Used with braided or chevron packing

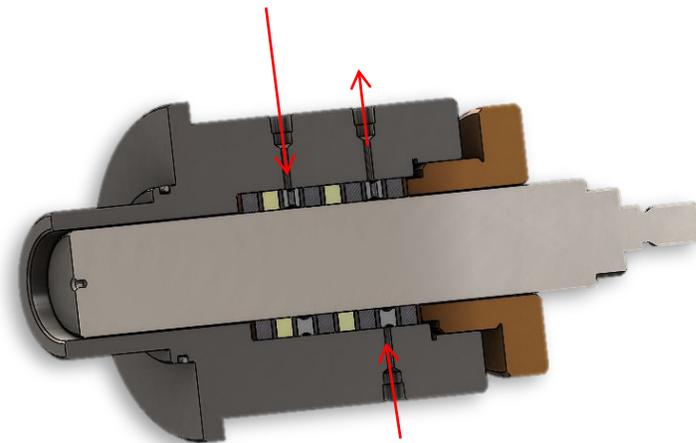
## Forced Feed for Emission Control

Used as a barrier with high toxic media such as closed drains containing H<sub>2</sub>S.



Front Lube:  
Discharge Pressure + 5 bar

Back Flush

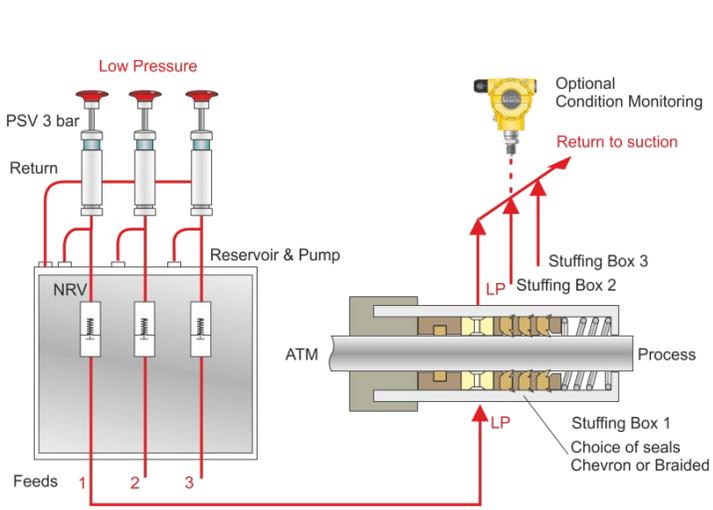


Back Lube:  
Pressure 3 / 5 Bar

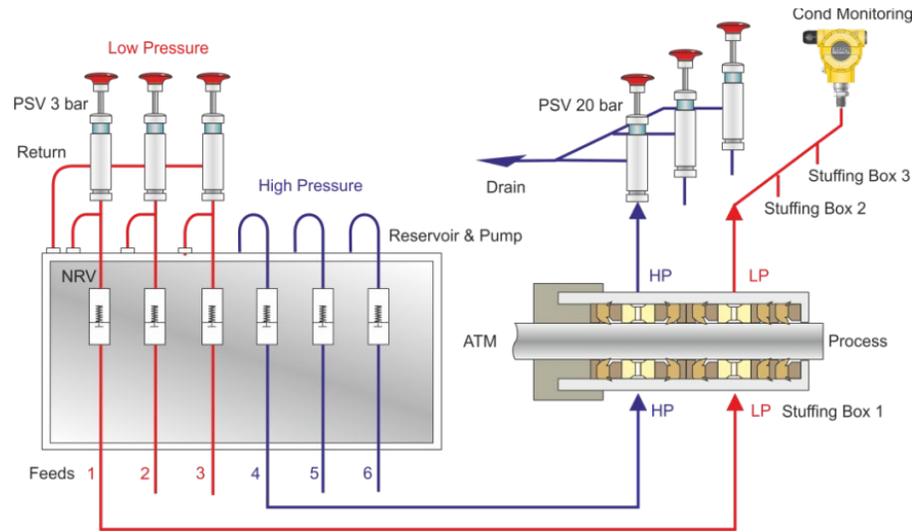
# Lubrication For Seal Life / For Emission Control

## TYPICAL System schematics

### TYPICAL 3 FEED SYSTEM



### TYPICAL 6 FEED SYSTEM



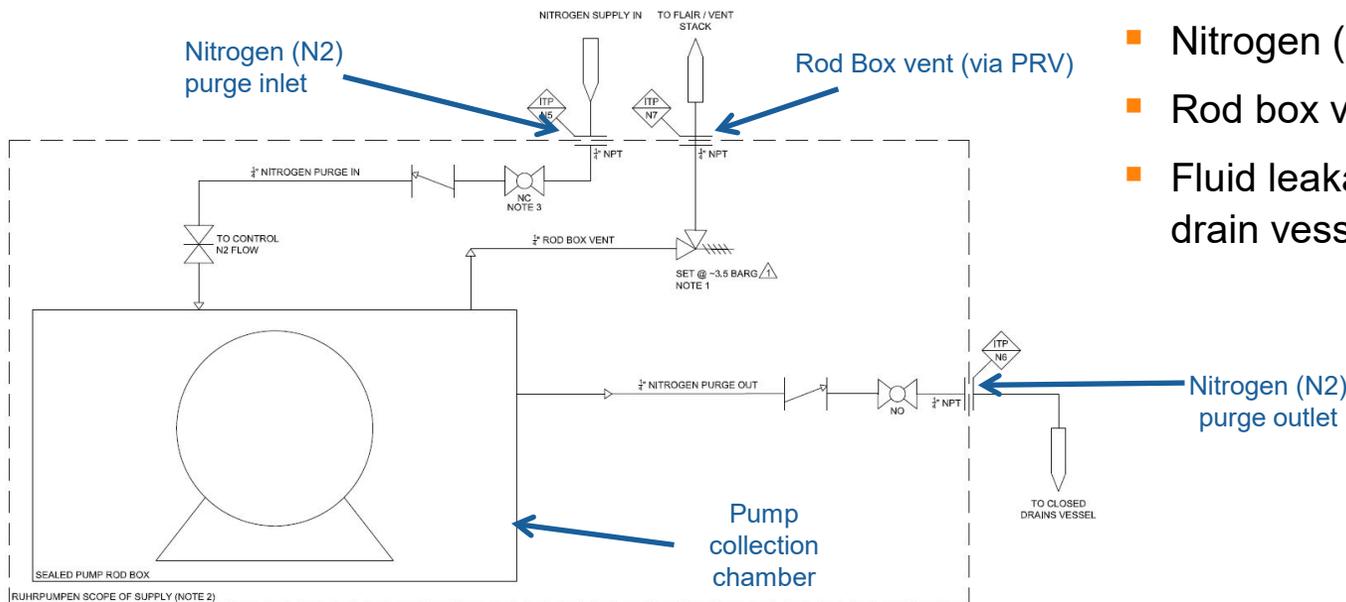
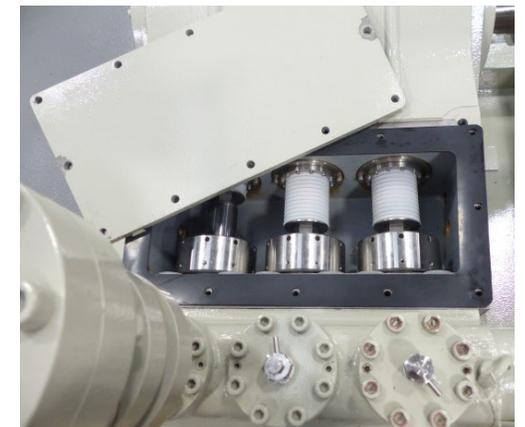
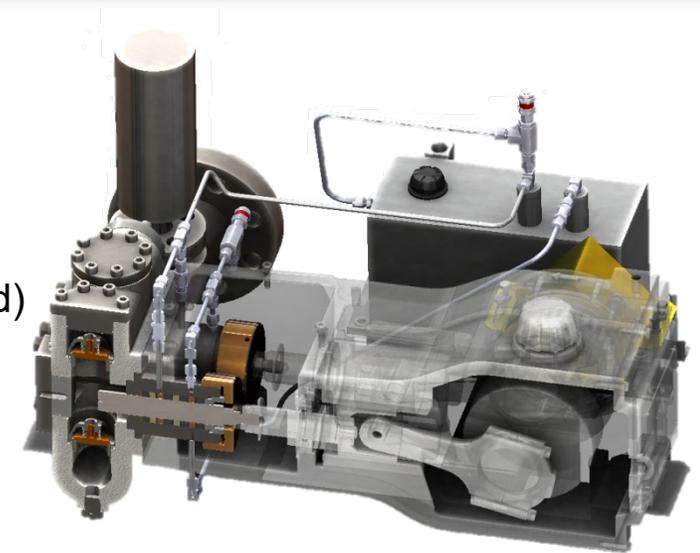
## Sealed Rod Box

### WHEN TO BE USED:

- In addition to stuffing box sealing systems
- To prevent uncontrolled release of toxic or hazardous **gases** contained in pumped media

### HOW IT WORKS

- Gas tight sealed distance piece chamber (access cover is vented)
- Gas tight connecting rod with bellow seals
- Nitrogen (N<sub>2</sub>) inlet
- Rod box vent (via PRV)
- Fluid leakage outlet (to a closed drain vessel)



API674 reciprocating pumps do not use seal plans in the same sense as centrifugal products

BUT...

There are some parallels with recognised API 682 seal plans. See table

| Title                       | Similar API682 Plan | Application   | Construction   | How it works  |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|---|--|---|
| Standard (Non Lubricated)   | -                   | No concern about duty or media such as toxicity or lubrication.   | Comprises a primary seal stack with no seal plan.  | -   |
| Forced Lubrication (3 Feed) | -                   | Media unable to lubricate the seals sufficiently<br>Also used in high pressure and speed applications.                      | Comprises primary and secondary (unloaded) seal stacks separated by a lantern ring. A Mechanical Lubricator injects low pressure oil into the Lantern Ring to lubricate the seals.   | Mineral oil is injected into the lantern ring chamber. Exploiting surface imperfections oil migrates along the plunger. During the suction stroke the packing relaxes and lubricant is drawn into contacting surfaces.  |
| Barrier Fluid               | 53                  | RESTRICTS fugitive emissions of toxic media.  | Comprises primary, secondary (loaded) and tertiary (unloaded) seal stacks separated by lantern rings. Barrier fluid is circulated through the first lantern ring at a higher pressure than discharge. Barrier fluid will be compatible with the pumped media.                                      | Barrier fluid injection pressure is higher than the discharge stroke. Consequently barrier fluid migrates across the seals towards the front of the stuffing box rather than the rear, thus blocking media escape. Packing condition is critical to this process.                             |
| Sealed Rod Box              | -                   | BLOCKS fugitive emissions of toxic media.   | The Distance Piece Chamber (containing the stuffing boxes) features a solid metal cover. A gastight gasket with 'O' rings and Flexiseals prevent any media escape to atmosphere. PSV, drain and nitrogen purge connections are provided. Any accumulated fluid leakage is detected by level switch | By sealing the Distance Piece Chamber with static seals ALL gaseous and fluid emissions that occur from the stuffing boxes are fully contained. Any fluid leakage is safely collected and safely piped to plant disposal. A Nitrogen purge facility removes toxic media prior to maintenance. |
| Return to Suction           | 13                  | Directs main leakage to suction where fugitive emissions are of no concern. Also used to feed lubrication to primary seals. | Comprises primary and secondary (unloaded) seal stacks separated by a Lantern Ring. Any leakage escaping the primary seal returns back to suction via the Lantern Ring. A check valve prevents back flow.  | Any leakage that migrates past the primary seal stack collects in the lantern ring chamber. As the leakage pressure builds up it relieves into the suction line.  |

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| Packing Monitoring                   | 65                  | Used where packing integrity is critical to reduce emissions.<br>For predictive maintenance in remote applications and/or trigger safe shutdown   | Comprises a primary and secondary (unloaded) seal stacks separated by a Lantern Ring. Any leakage escaping the primary seal enters the Lantern Ring and is directed to a drain line. Instruments in this line monitor/report the leakage flow rate. | Should the packing leakage flow rate increase beyond an acceptable level an alert is triggered to indicate that the primary seals are worn and require replacement.                                       |
| External Flush                       | 32                  | Media may crystallise where it leaks from the stuffing box.   | Comprises primary and secondary (unloaded) seal stacks separated by a Lantern Ring. Clean (plant sourced) media is directed through the Lantern Ring to flush the Stuffing Box, the system includes inlet and discharge connections.                | Clean media (normally non saline water) is injected into the Lantern Ring chamber with a high flow rate. Any media migrating past the primary seals is diluted and carried to the discharge of the flush. |
| Seal Heating/Cooling                 | -                   | Cooling: Protects seals in high temperature applications. Reduces cavitation risk of near gas media.<br>Heating: Protects seals in cryogenic applications. Reduces risk of media solidifying. | Comprises a sleeve installed around the stuffing boxes with galleries to accommodate heating/cooling fluid. The system includes Inlet and discharge connections only. External closed loop system and/or heat exchanger are excluded.               | Heating/cooling fluid is introduced into the sleeve with a certain flow rate to provide the appropriate heat transfer.  |
| Discharge Flush (piped externally)   | 11                  | Used to decrease seal leakage.  | Comprises primary and secondary (unloaded) seal stack separated by a Lantern Ring. External piping directs a small amount of discharge media to the Lantern Ring.   | Use of primary and secondary seals reduces leakage. The flush from discharge provides extra lubrication and cooling to the secondary seals increasing reliability.  |
| Discharge Flush (Internal galleries) | 01                  | As above but internal galleries easier to heat in cold ambient temperature conditions.  | Comprises primary and secondary (unloaded) seal stack separated by a Lantern Ring. Internal galleries direct a small amount of discharge media to the Lantern Ring.   | Same as above.  |

**Meets API 674 (ISO13710) Latest 3<sup>rd</sup> edition** - One of first Pumps to do so

**Simple configurable design**

**ATEX Compliance** – Ex c (constructional safety) Ex cb (control of ignition sources)

**Excellent noise characteristics**

- Less than 85 dB (A) can be achieved

**Low cost of ownership**

- In situ servicing of major parts without disturbing plant pipework
- Extended life – Greater wear allowances offer refurbishment
- Extended service intervals for all wear parts

**Can meet diverse Oil Industry specifications**

- NACE MR01-75, Norsok, Shell ES135, GOST R, GOST K, GGTN

**Efficiency meets/exceeds API requirements**

- 95% Volumetric
- 90% Mechanical





# Section 2 Part 4- TESTING

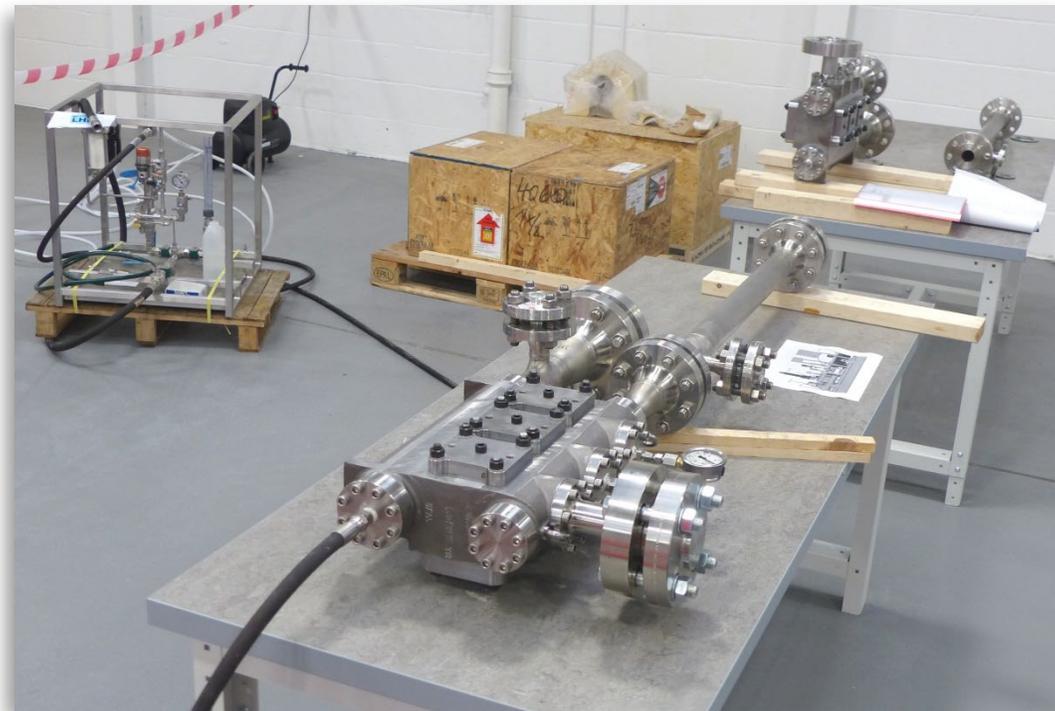
All the normal NDT

- Hydro test
- Mechanical running
- Performance
- Noise
- NPSH



1.5 x maximum pressure

Minimum of 30 minutes for API 674





# Performance Test

Run at rated pressure and flow

Data taken at different times to ensure repeatability

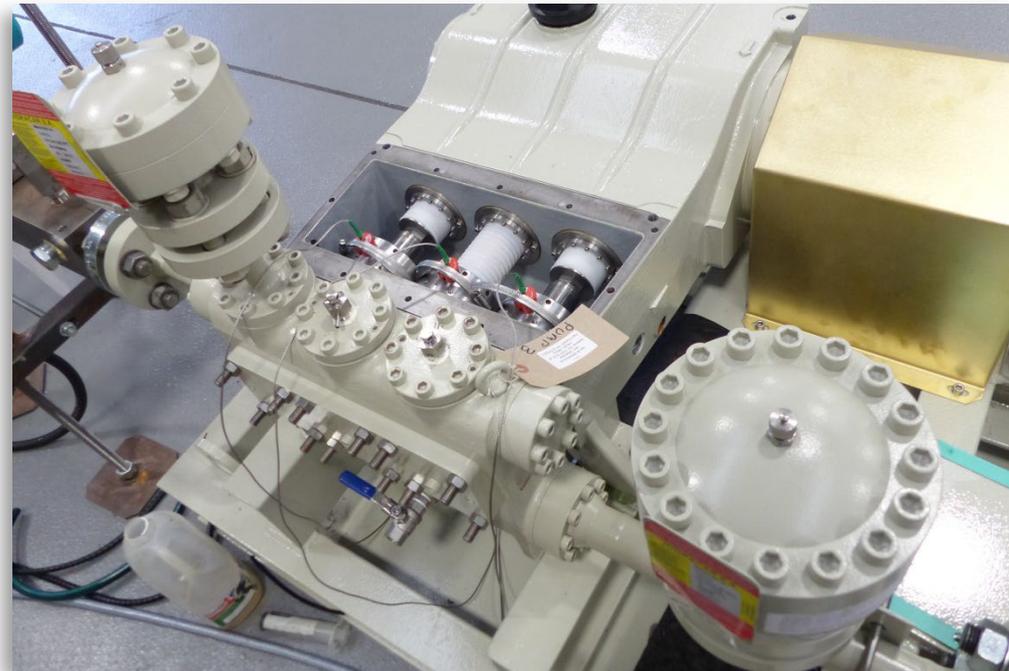
| Parameter      | Tolerance          |
|----------------|--------------------|
| Rated capacity | + $\leq 3\%$ , -0% |
| Rated power    | + $\leq 4\%$       |



# Mechanical Running Test

Four hours at rated flow  
Record temperatures:

- Stuffing box
- Power end bearings
- Gearbox



## NPIP test

- Pressure plot upstream of any device used to improve inlet flow (pulsation dampener) and compared with the  $P_v$  of pumped fluid.
- Acceptance criteria:
  1. pressure spikes with peaks  $< 300\%$  of average inlet pressure  
OR
  2. pressure spikes with peaks  $< 110\% P_v$

## NPSH test

- Reduce system NPSHA until 3% drop in flow is seen
- This point defines the NPSHR of the pump



**NOTE : Only one of the two tests is required.**

# RDP 70 Pump on Test





# **Section 2 Part 5- PACKAGE OPTIONS AND AUXILIARIES**



# Package Options

- **Transmission**

- Gear box
- Drive belt
- Hydraulic

- **Motor**

- Electric
- Diesel
- Petrol
- Hydraulic
- Turbine

- **Drives**

- Variable Speed Drive (VFD)
- Soft Start

- **Dampeners / PSV**

- Loose
- Fitted

- **Transmission Guard**

- Material Selection

- **Transmission Coupling**

- Close coupled
- Spacer
- Direct

- **Base Frame**

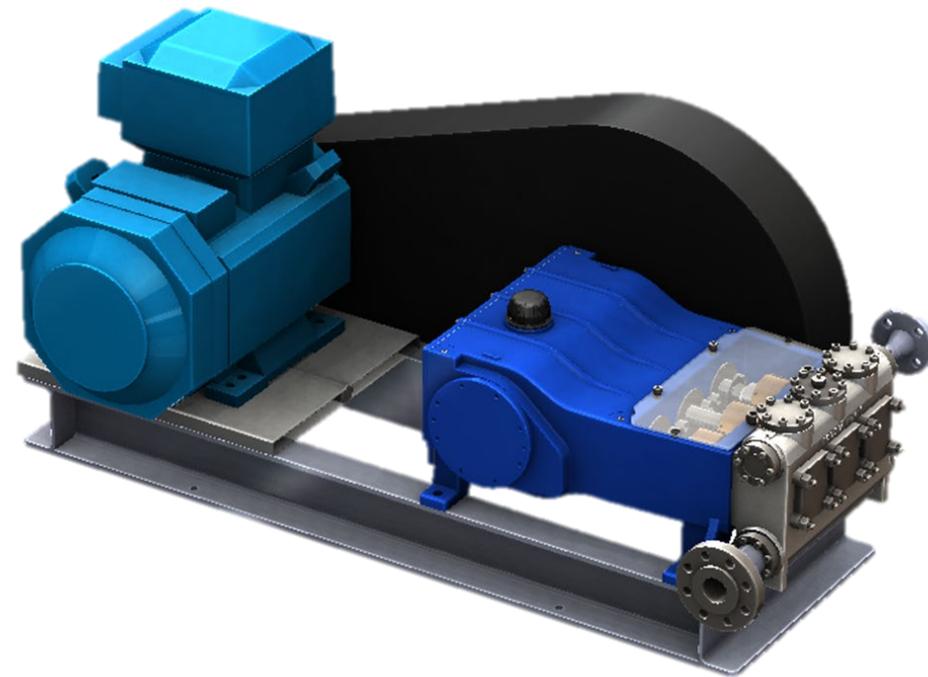
- Jacking pads
- Grouting
- Drip tray
- Grating
- Earth bonding

- **ATEX**

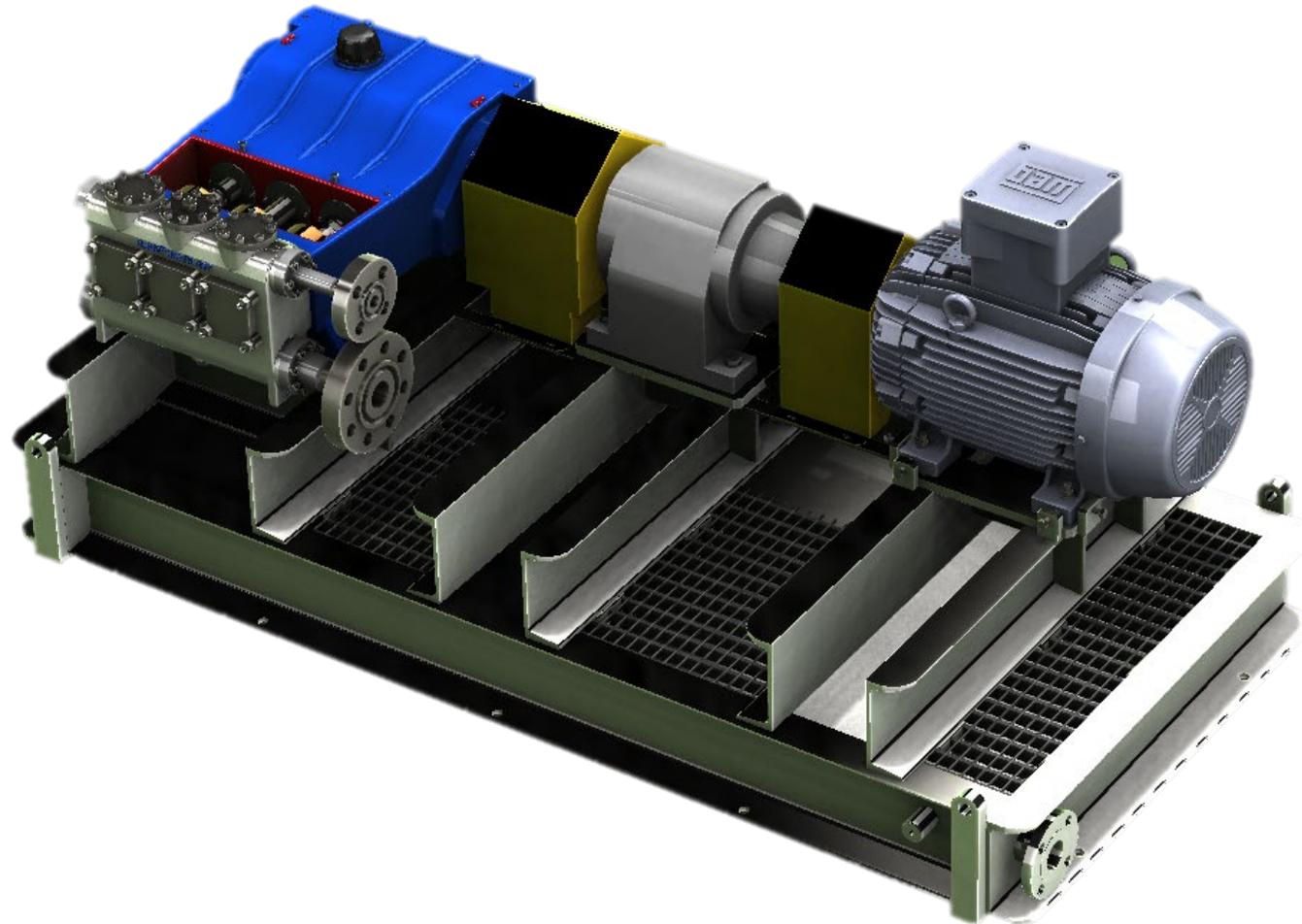
- Ex c
- Ec cb

- **Monitoring equipment**

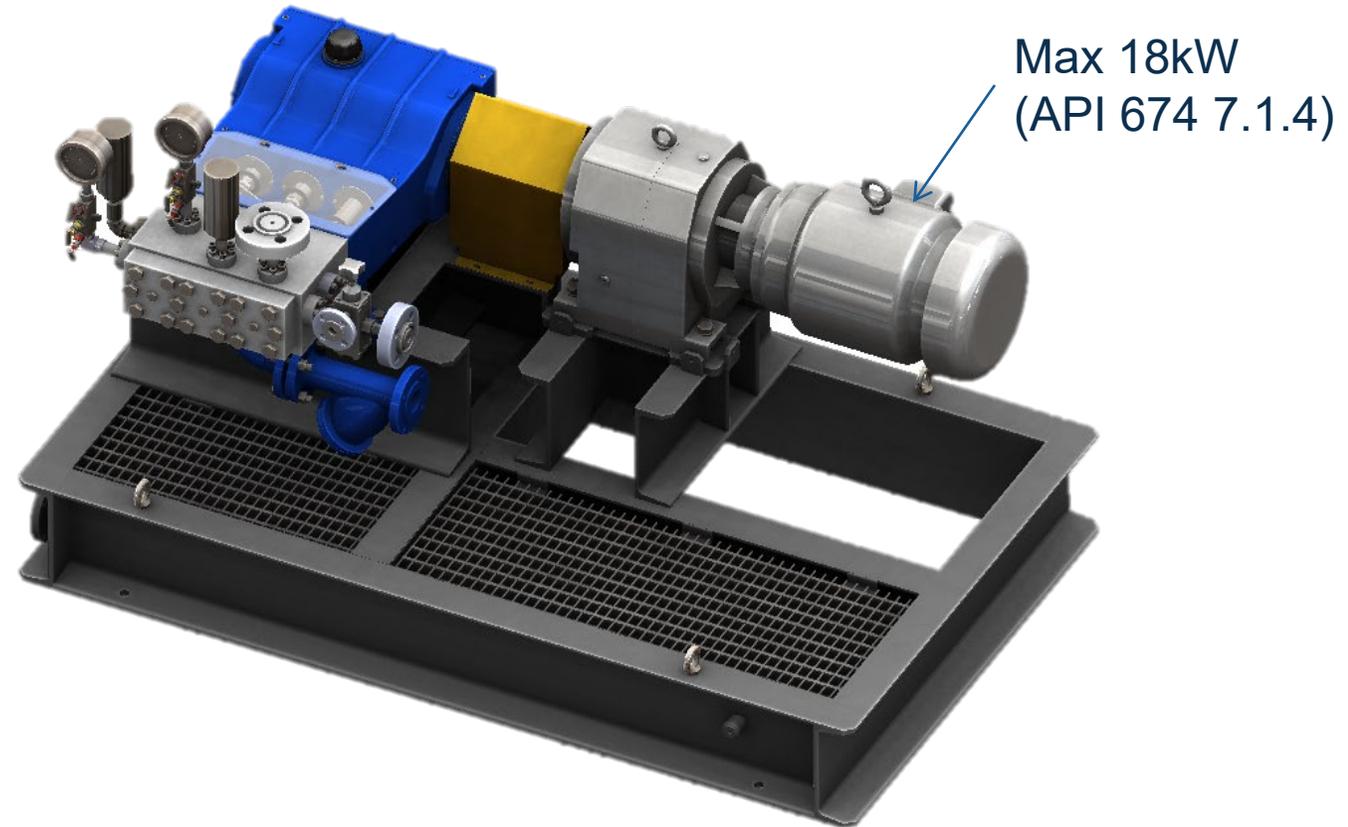
# Belt Drive



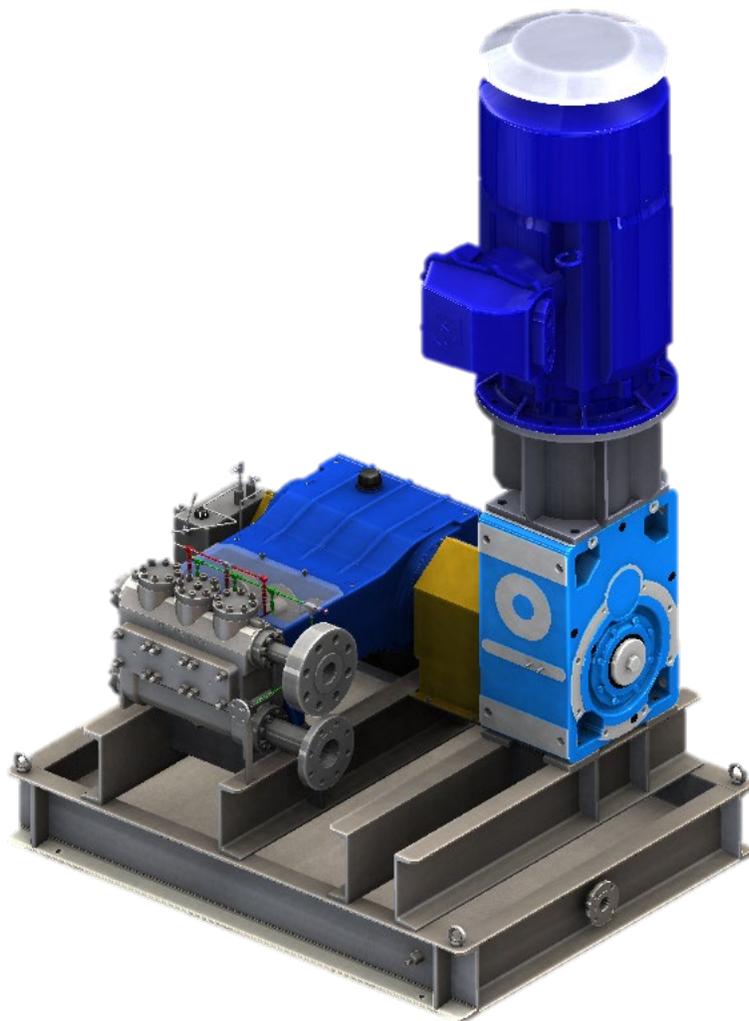
## Gearbox Drive



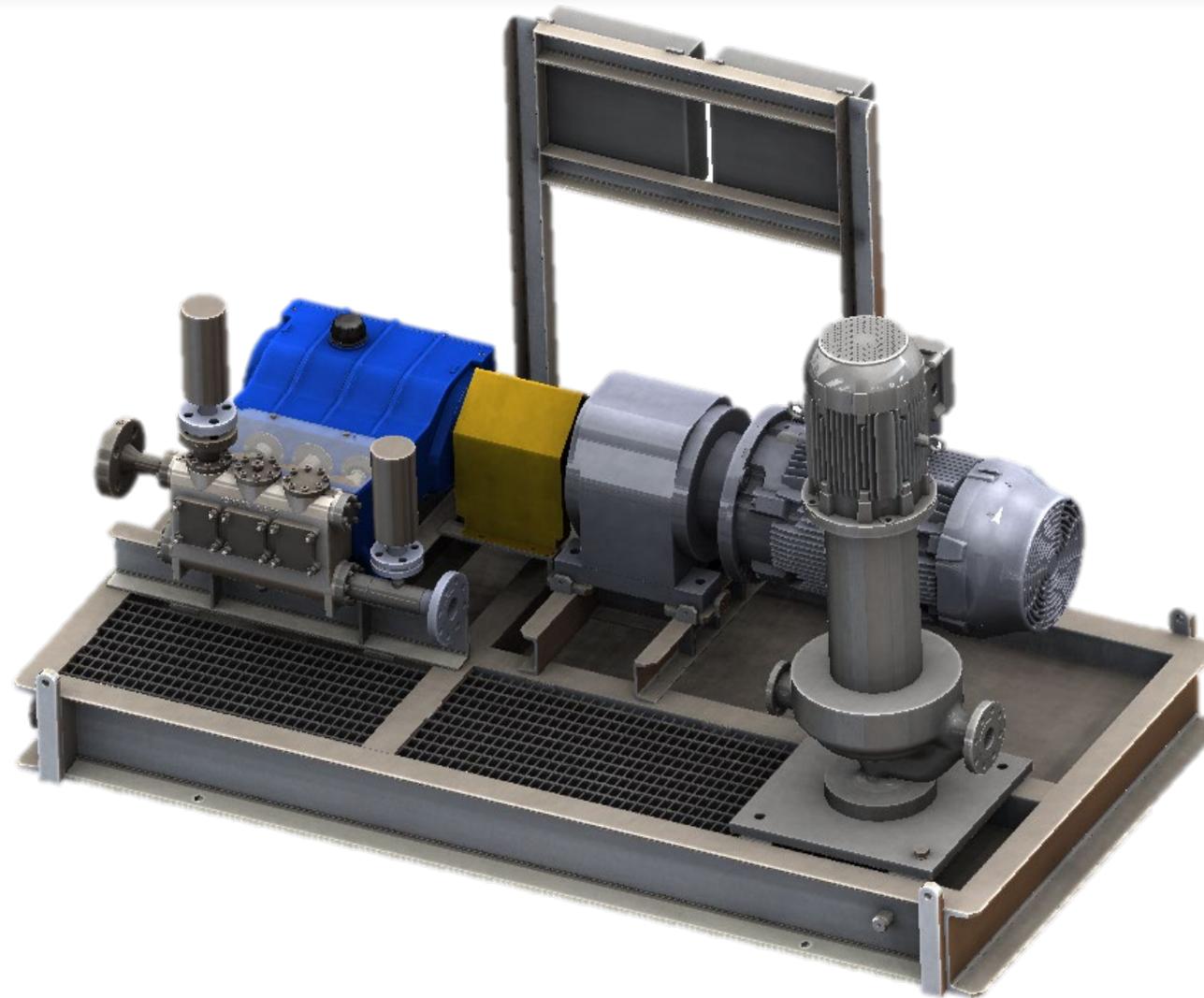
## Gearbox Direct Drive



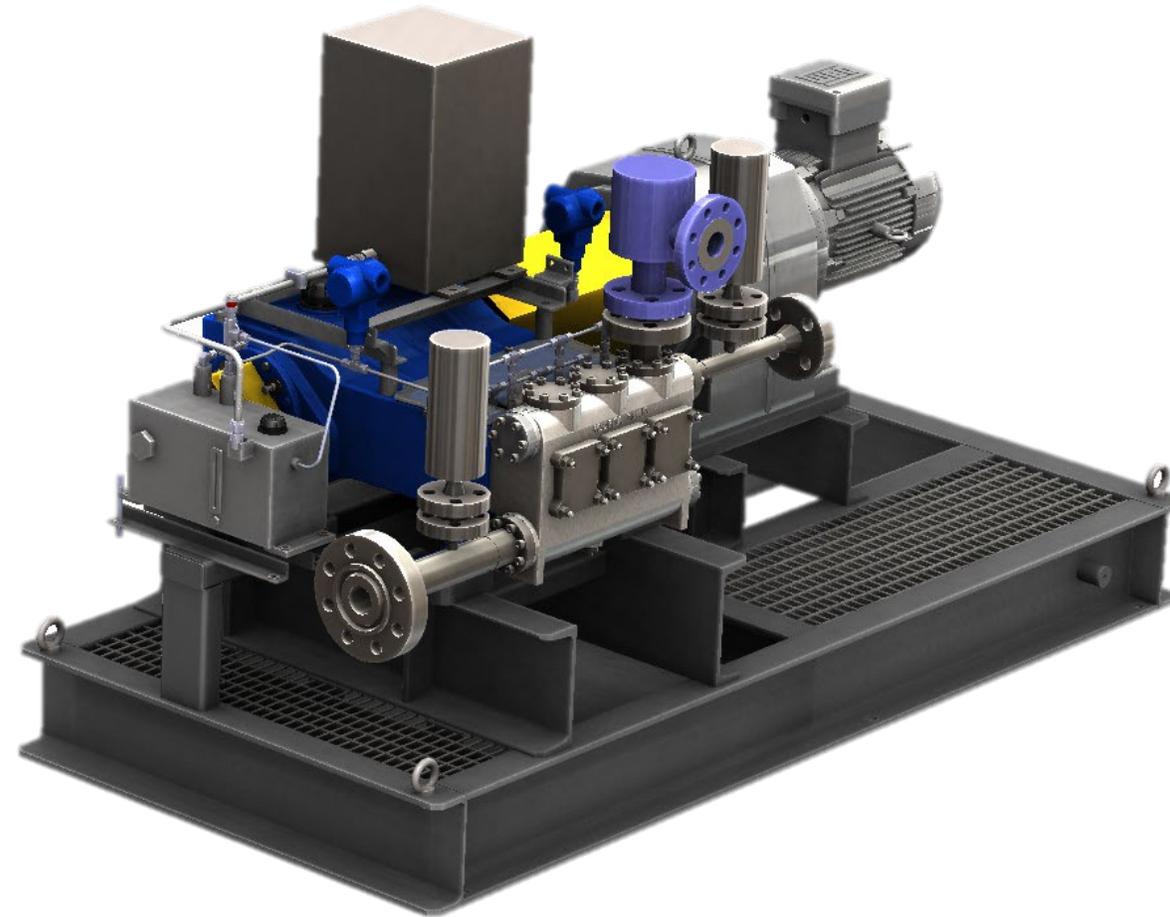
# Gearbox Vertical Drive



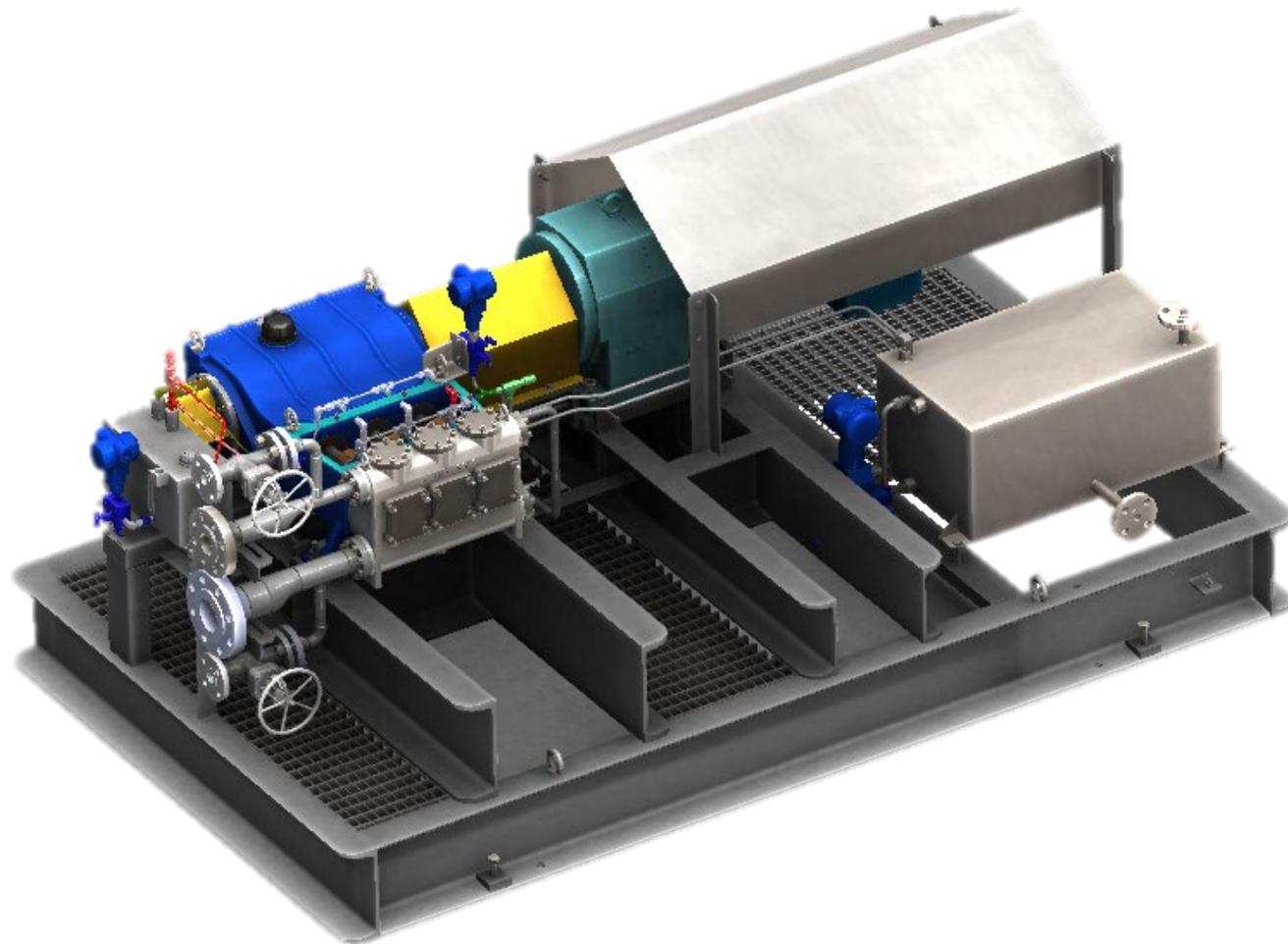
## Booster Pump on Skid



# Forced Lube



## Package options





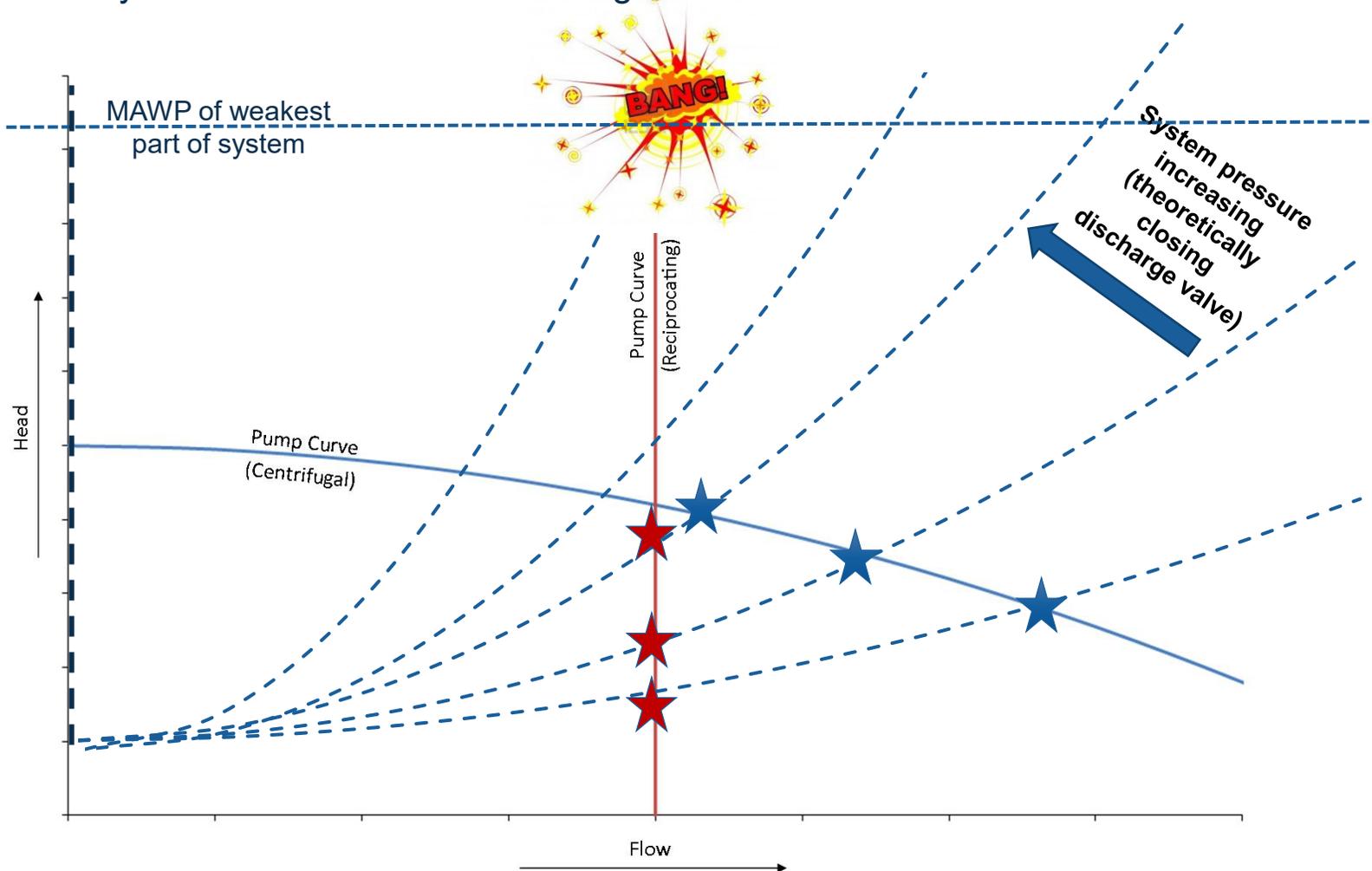
# AUXILIARIES



# Pressure Safety

# REMEMBER THIS ... ?

- Theoretically unlimited head when discharge valve is closed



# PSV



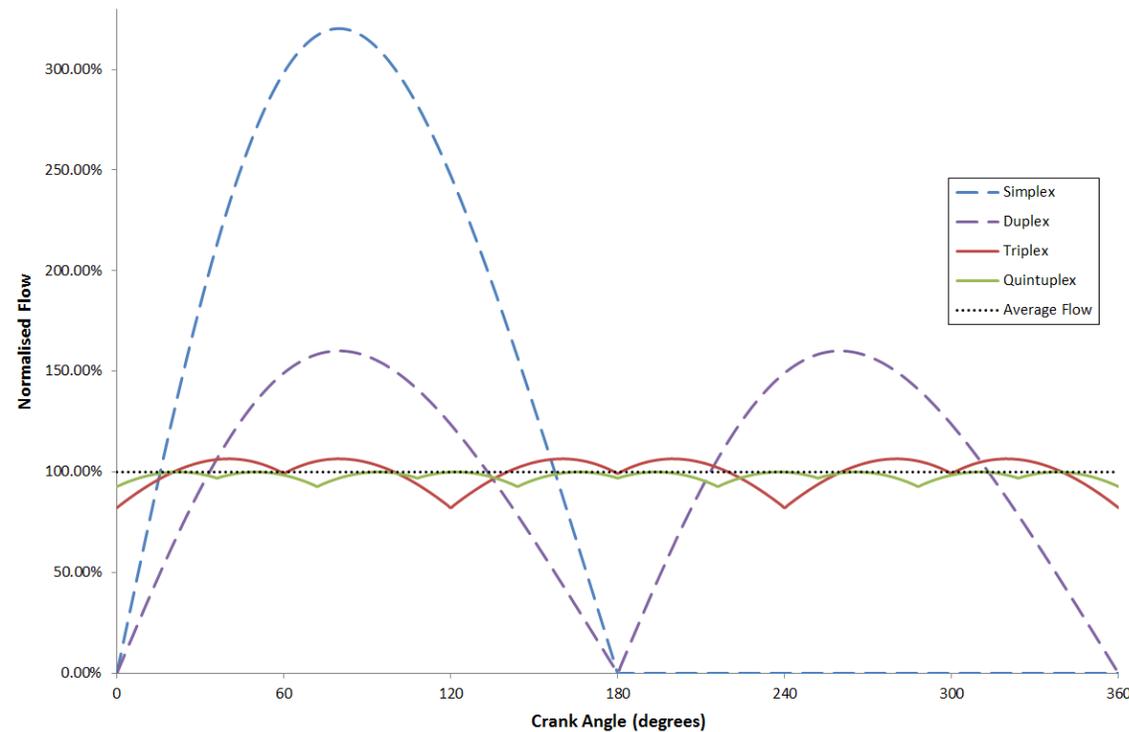
- Mandatory for reciprocating pumps: pressure spikes
- Fast response
- Must be closest thing to pump without any restrictions
- Can be mounted to pump head or in discharge line
- API 520/526 may be applicable
- Line between PSV and pump must not be prone to blockage
- Relief line should have little to no back pressure in the ideal case
- Relief to atmosphere or supply tank above liquid line
- Relief line should not go back to suction line
- 3 basic types: spring loaded, bellow and pilot – depending on back pressure



# Pulsation Control

# Pulsation Control

- Due to the nature of reciprocating pump action, flow pulses (unlike a centrifugal pump)
- The result is pulsations which are of different forms depending on number of plungers

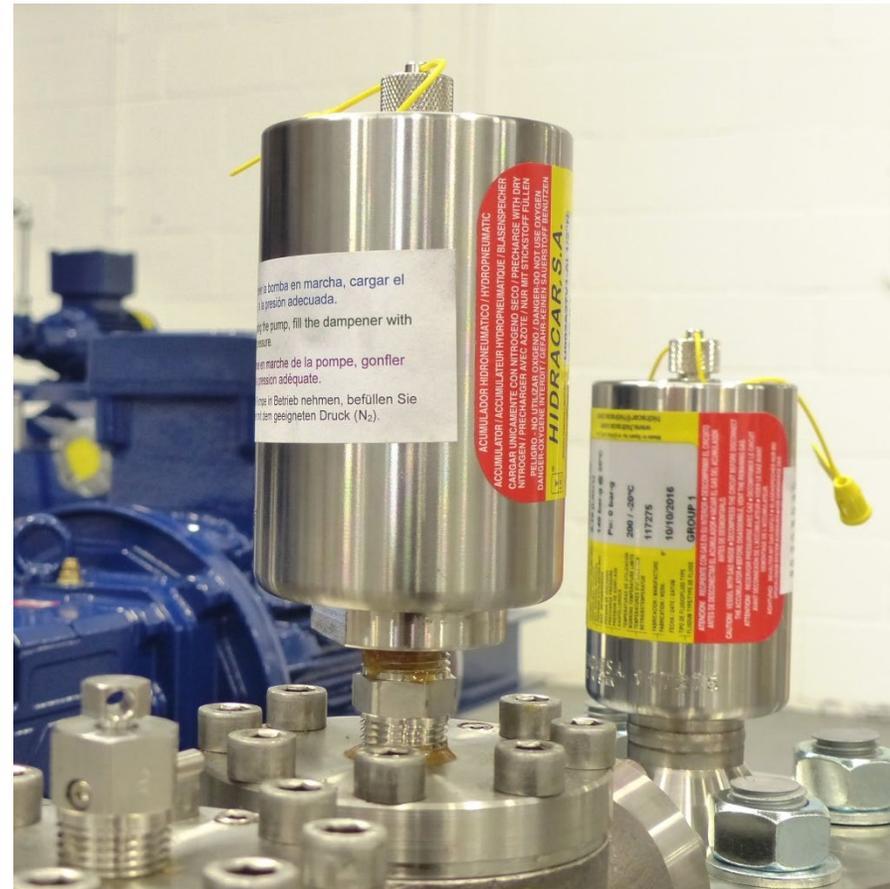




# Pulsation Dampening – Why?

- Process
  - Pressure pulsations in the process line may be undesirable for the application
- NPSH
  - In low NPSH applications a pressure drop during the suction cycle may cause cavitation
- Acceleration Head (Ha)
  - Reduces energy losses caused by Ha within the piping system.
- Structural
  - Mechanical stresses on pipework and infrastructure undesirable
- Booster Duty
  - Where the reciprocating pump is being boosted by a centrifugal pump, variations in suction flow/pressure are undesirable
- Noise Generation

- Second closest item to pump
- Recommended maximum distance from pump = 1m
- Can be mounted on pump head
- Vertical / horizontal orientation (depending on design)



## Bladder Type



Stores excess pressure/flow and expels when needed

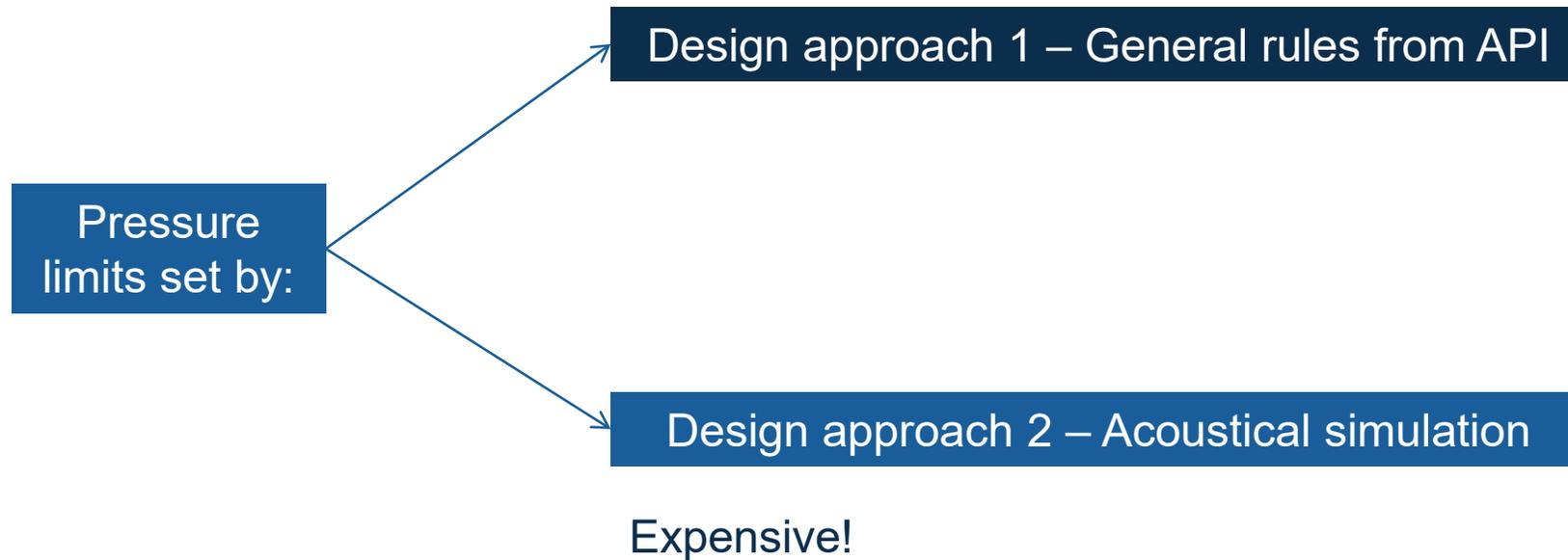
- Small: inexpensive
- Moveable parts: maintenance

## Acoustic Type



Impedes pressure waves from traversing through system

- Big: Expensive
- No moving parts: little maintenance

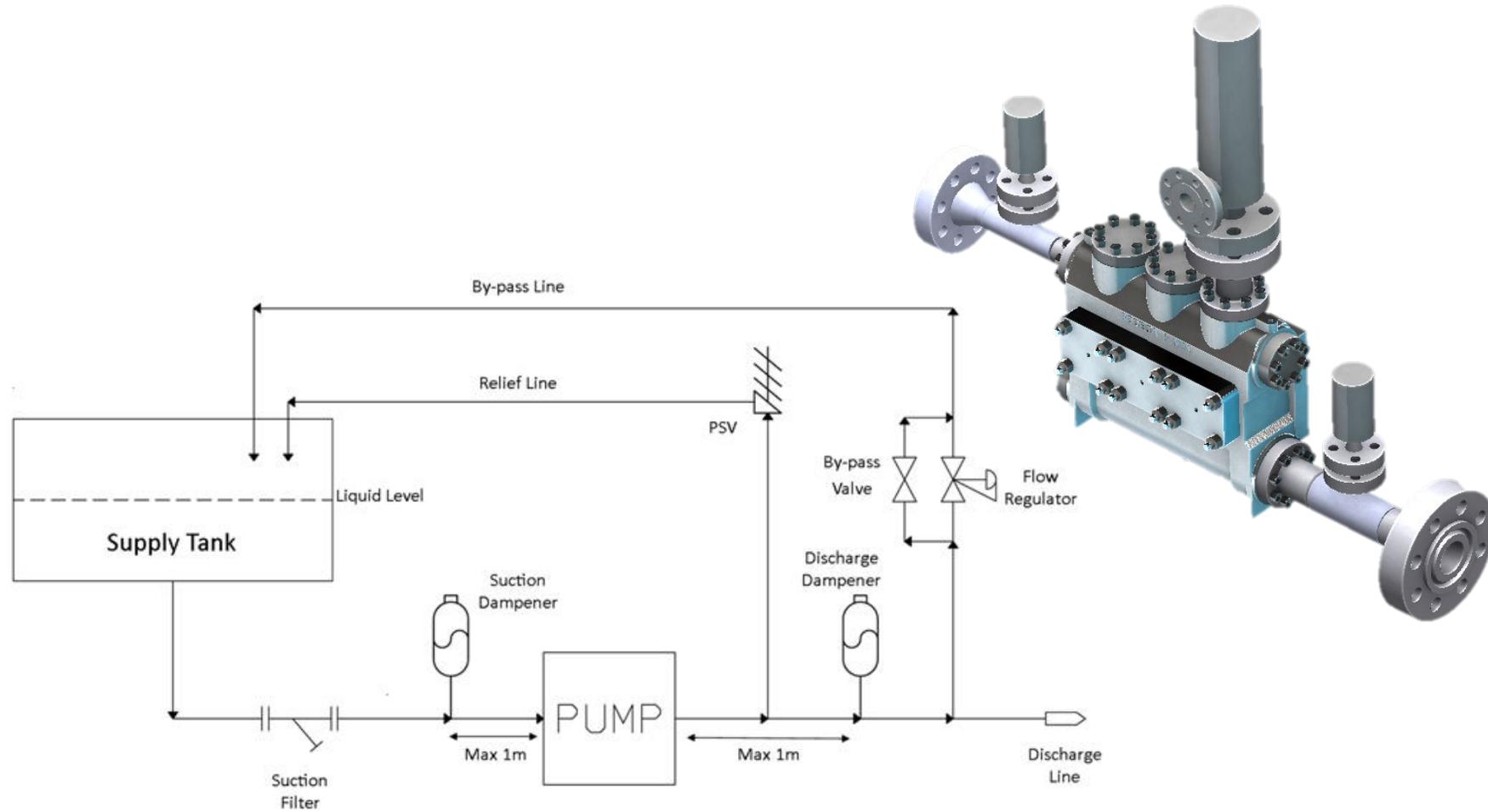


- The customer might actually specify a set of pulsation limits themselves

# AUXILIARY LAYOUT

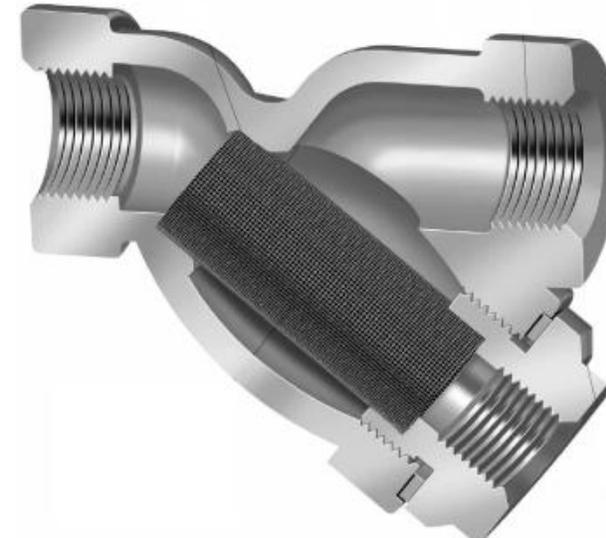
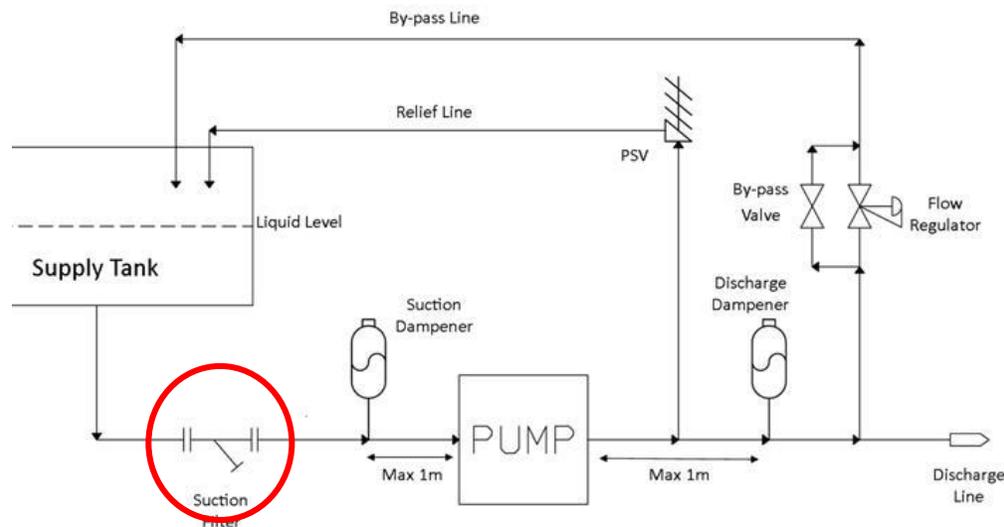


# P&ID



## Suction Strainer / Filter

- Use not recommended
- Reduces NPSH and could block => cavitation/ dry running
- However, might be necessary to protect pump from excessive solid content
- Choose coarsest mesh viable
- Ideal to include differential pressure switch over strainer



# Project name: Glycol Circulation Pumps



Project number: 387400022

|                                      |                        |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Pump Model                           | RDPL 50/40 HC          |
| Pump Capacity (in m <sup>3</sup> /h) | 2.38                   |
| Discharge Pressure (in bar.g)        | 80                     |
| Power (in kW)                        | 7.2                    |
| End-User                             | Frames BV for Shell UK |
| Country where it'll be installed     | UK North Sea           |
| Market                               | Oil & Gas              |
| What will it pump?                   | Lean Glycol            |

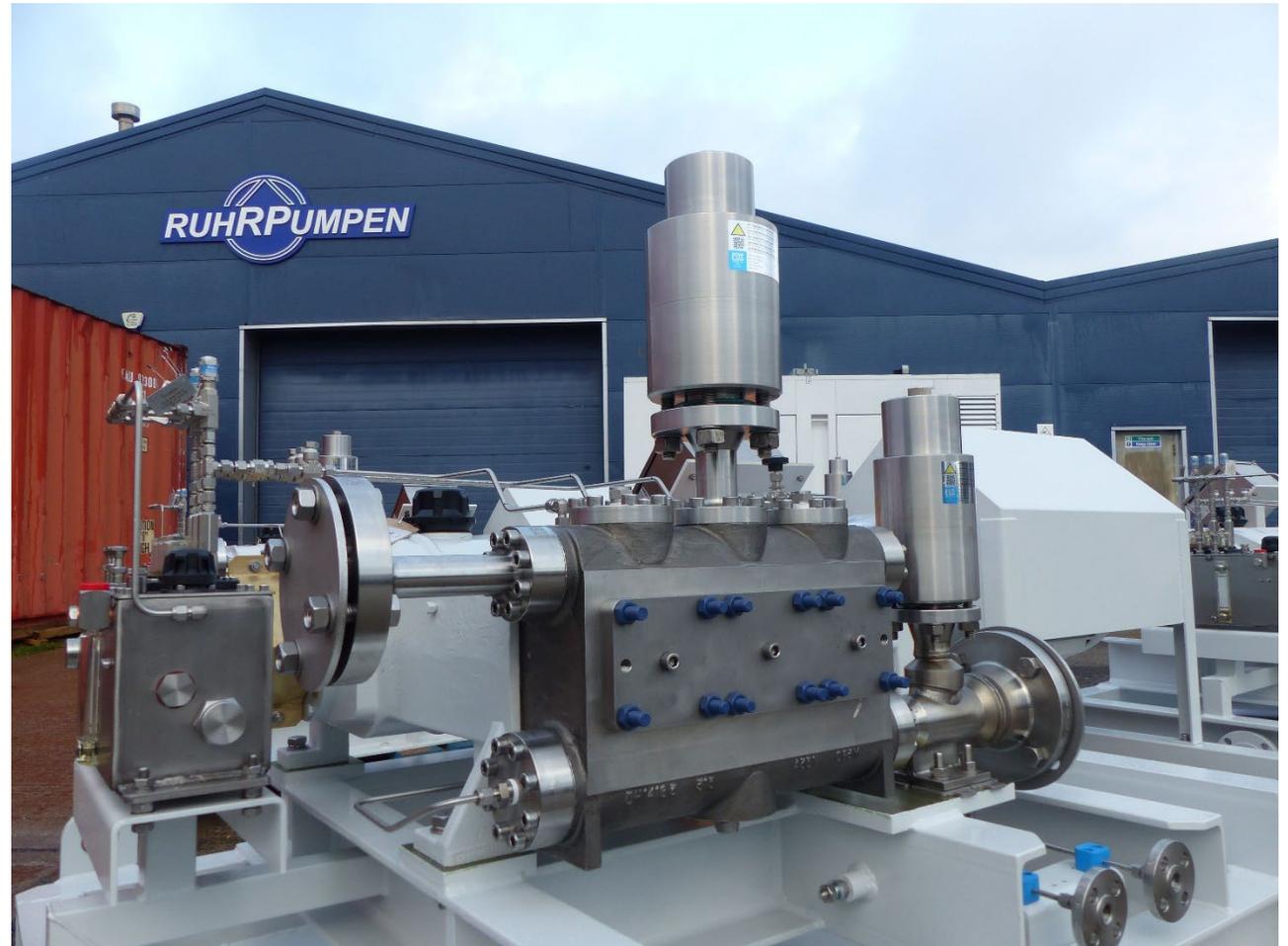


# Project name: TEG Circulation Pumps



Project number: 387400027

|                                      |                  |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| Pump Model                           | RDP 70/49 HC     |
| Pump Capacity (in m <sup>3</sup> /h) | 5.3              |
| Discharge Pressure (in bar.g)        | 57               |
| Power (in kW)                        | 9.83             |
| End-User                             | Oman Oil Company |
| Country where it'll be installed     | Oman             |
| Market                               | Oil & Gas        |
| What will it pump?                   | TEG              |



# Project name: Degassed Produced Water



Project number: 387400029

|                                      |                                    |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Pump Model                           | RDPL 200/96 HP                     |
| Pump Capacity (in m <sup>3</sup> /h) | 44                                 |
| Discharge Pressure (in bar.g)        | 231                                |
| Power (in kW)                        | 312                                |
| End-User                             | Armon for PEMEX                    |
| Country where it'll be installed     | FPSO Blue Eagle (Gulf of Campeche) |
| Market                               | Oil & Gas                          |
| What will it pump?                   | Degassed Produced Water            |



*This was a challenging pump with stringent DNVGL requirements successfully achieved by RP UK Ltd*

# Project name: Glycol Circulation pumps



Project number: 107400013

|                                      |  |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| Pump Model                           | RDP 70/55 HC                               |
| Pump Capacity (in m <sup>3</sup> /h) | 9.2  |
| Discharge Pressure (in bar.g)        | 103  |
| Power (in kW)                        | 30   |
| End-User                             | Fortune Eng - Adma-Opco                    |
| Country where it'll be installed     | Off shore Platform (Umm Shaif – Abu Dhabi) |
| Market                               | Oil & Gas                                  |
| What will it pump?                   | Glycol                                     |



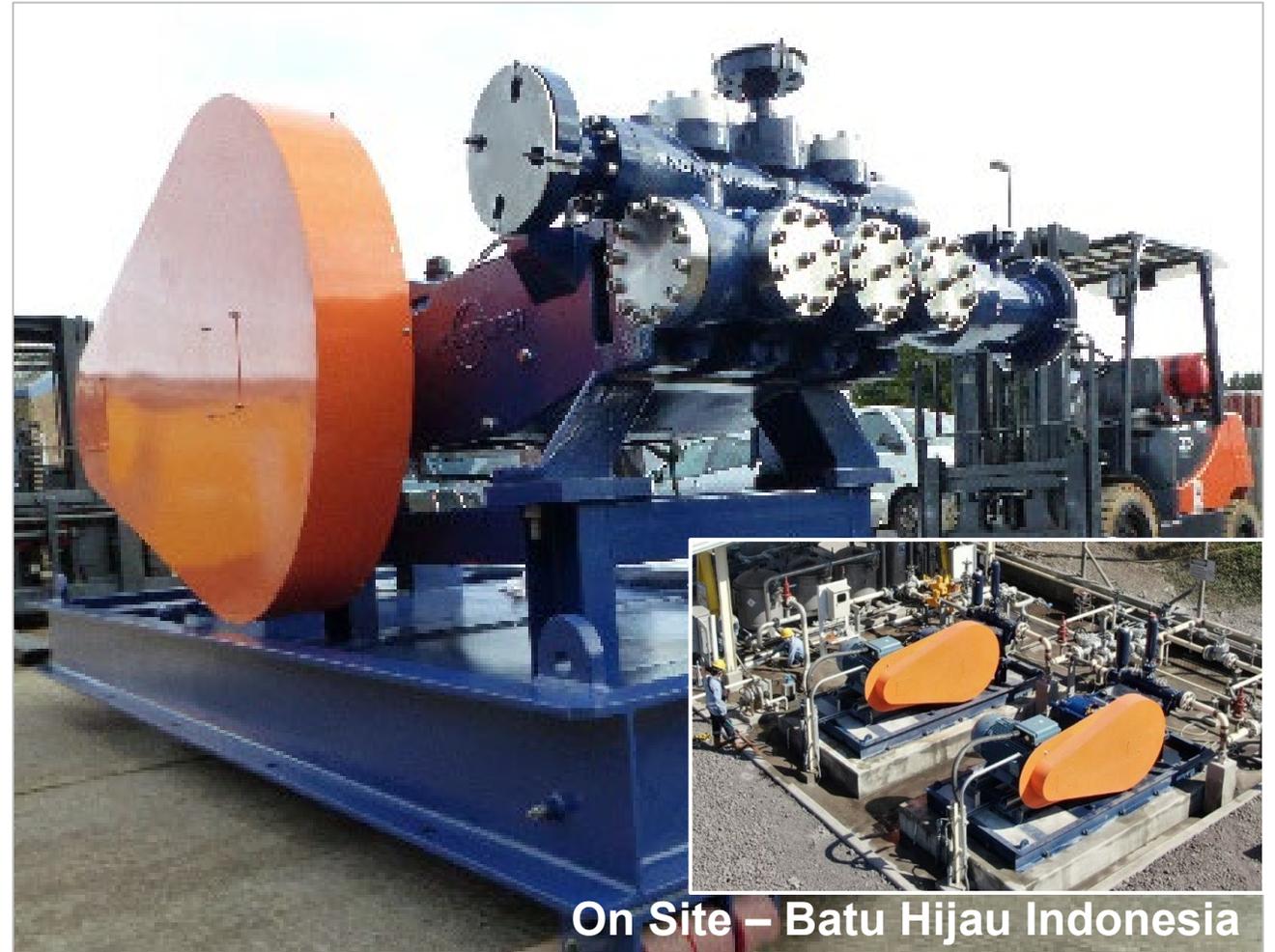
*Replacements for an old installation in the UAE, our new RDP pumps had to fit within a very confined space. For that reason the design of the pump packages had to be very compact. Due to the platform location Piping Vibration was a concern so dampeners have been carefully selected following a full acoustical analysis to API 674 design approach 2.*

# Project name: Diesel Booster Pump



Project number: 387400035

|                                   |                     |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Pump Model                        | RDPL 150-94 HC      |
| Pump Capacity (m <sup>3</sup> /h) | 50                  |
| Discharge Pressure (bar.g)        | 97                  |
| Power (kW)                        | Pump 132, Motor 250 |
| End-User                          | PT Amman Mineral    |
| Country where it'll be installed  | Indonesia           |
| Market                            | Mining              |
| What will it pump?                | Bio Diesel, FAME    |



On Site – Batu Hijau Indonesia

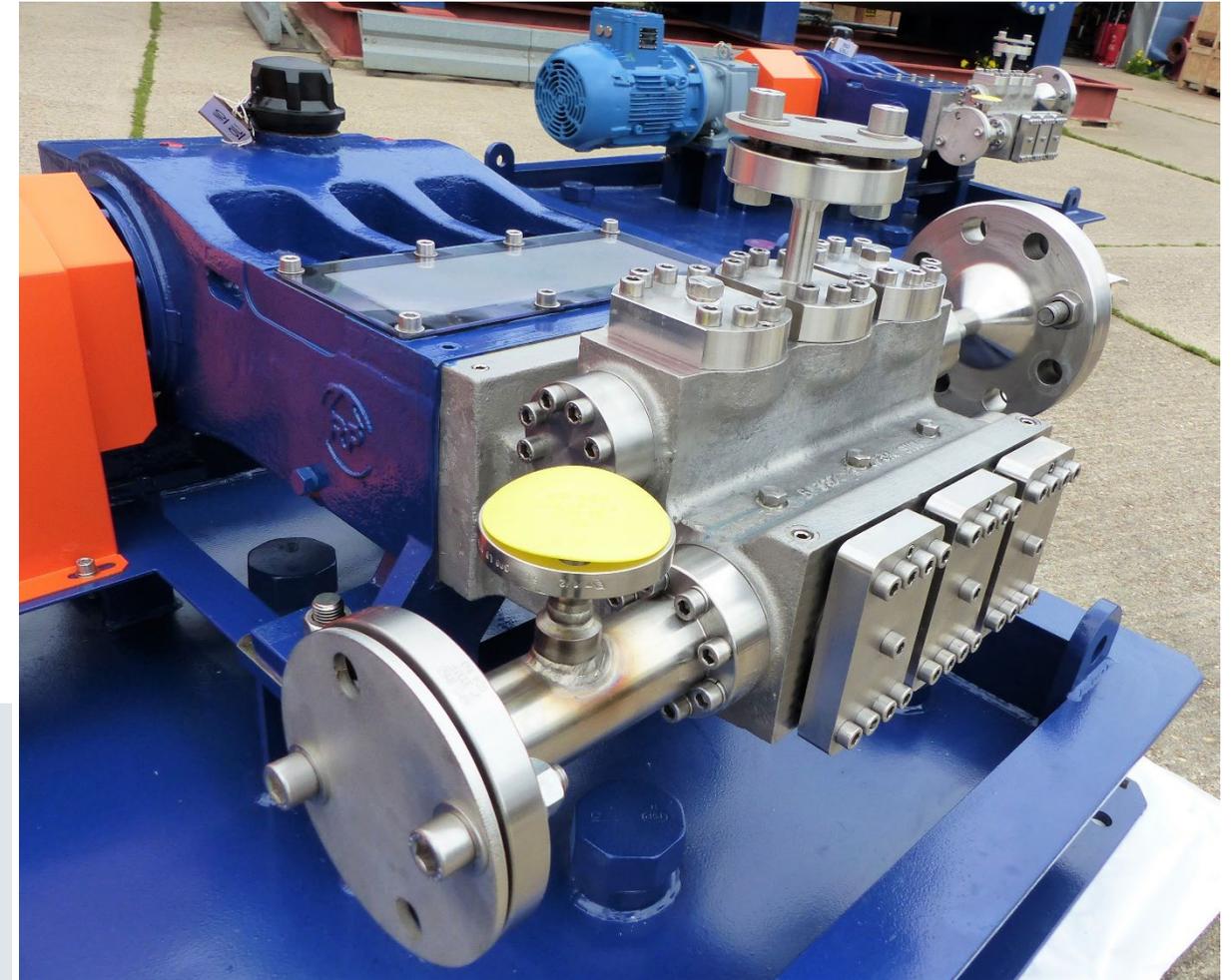
*Proud to support green energy projects around the world, Ruhrpumpen UK are pleased that this RDP 150 pump, designed and built in only 14 weeks, is destined for a Bio Diesel plant in South East Asia. The first of two units, this pump is powered by a 250kW Motor via a V Belt Transmission. Flow will be precisely controlled via a VSD to regulate pump speed.*

# Project name: HCB & Process Water Pump



Project number: 1574000004

|                                   |                       |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Pump Model                        | RDPL 50-30 HC         |
| Pump Capacity (m <sup>3</sup> /h) | 1                     |
| Discharge Pressure (bar.g)        | 96.5                  |
| Power (kW)                        | Pump 2.25, Motor 5    |
| End-User                          | YPFB Chaco S.A.       |
| Country where it'll be installed  | Bolivia               |
| Market                            | Oil & Gas             |
| What will it pump?                | HC Condensate & Water |



*This RDP 50 unit features a special valve design and was constructed to run as slow as possible (<140 rpm) to meet the challenges posed by the media. Light Hydrocarbons require a particularly low NPSH and can be prone to cavitation. By careful selection and design this unit presents an impressively low NPSHr of 0.7m. Reliability, quality and long service life are key aspects of all Ruhrpumpen UK products and this pump is a perfect example of our philosophy*

# Project name: Petroleum Liquids Pump



Project number: 157400003

|                              |                               |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Pump Model                   | RDP 150/80 HC                 |
| Capacity (m <sup>3</sup> /h) | 21.2                          |
| Discharge Pressure (bar.g)   | 122.5                         |
| Power (kW)                   | Pump 93                       |
| End-User                     | YPFB                          |
| Global location              | Bolivia                       |
| Market                       | Oil & Gas                     |
| What will it pump?           | Diesel & Petroleum Liquid Gas |

*YPFB was trying to distribute no less than 5 light hydrocarbon products from a challenging high altitude mountainside location. The RDP 150 is the perfect choice and is forgiving of low NPSH applications. In this remote location power was unavailable so the pump features a 153kW hazardous area, CAT gas engine, coupled with a Voith Torque converter for the various speeds required by the different media. Installation is complete with a local control panel/PLC to operate and monitor the pump, torque converter and engine package.*





## Coming Attractions 😊

“Ten of the Best – Ten of the most important extracts from previous sessions revisited”

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*We have now been presenting these Short Courses for a year and covered a huge amount of material!*

*Now is an appropriate time to revisit the previous sessions and extract some of the most important, most critical aspects that we have covered in them.*

*Some of you may have missed some of the sessions and/or would benefit from a refresher.*

*Future sessions : TBA*

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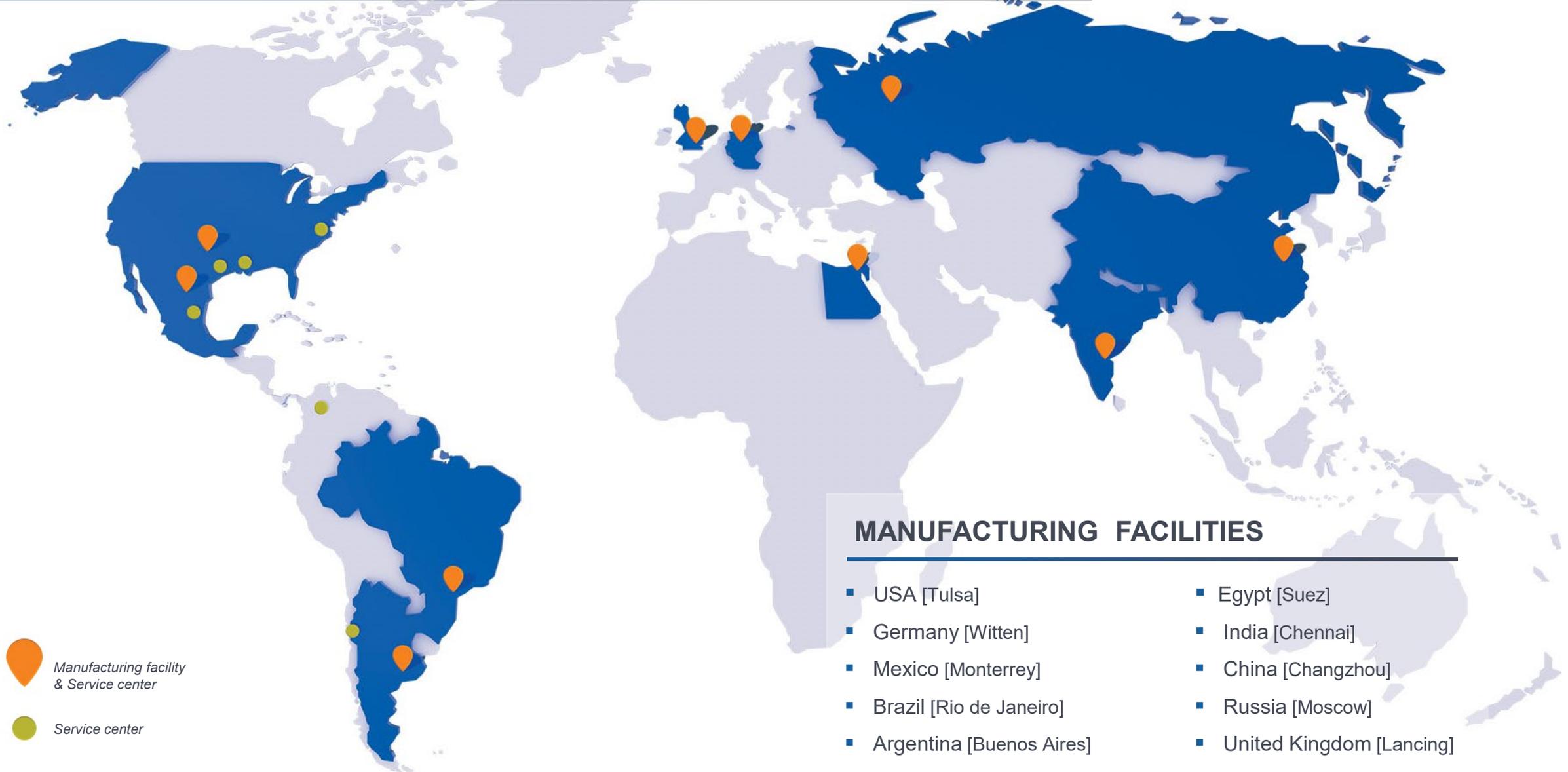
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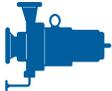
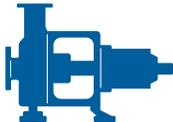
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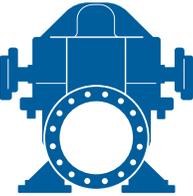
# OVERHUNG PUMPS

| CATEGORY                                       | RP MODEL                                       | DESIGN STANDARD  |   |
|--|--|--|---|
| Sealless Magnetic Drive Pumps                  | <b>CRP-M / CRP-M-CC</b>                        | ISO 2858 & 15783<br>HI design (OH11)                       |    |
|  | <b>SCE-M</b>                                   | API 685  |   |
| Foot Mounted OH1 and General End Suction Pumps | <b>IPP</b>                                     | HI design (OH1)  |    |
|  | <b>CPP / CPP-L</b>                             | HI design (OH1)<br>ANSI B73.1                              |   |
|  | <b>CPO / CPO-L</b>                             | HI design (OH1)<br>ANSI B73.1                              |   |
|  | <b>CRP</b>                                     | HI design (OH1)<br>ISO 2858 & 5199                         |   |
|  | <b>GSD</b>                                     | HI design (OH0)  |   |
|  | <b>SHD / ESK / SK / SKO<br/>SKV / ST / STV</b> | HI design (OH1)  |   |
|  | <b>SWP</b>                                     | HI design (OH3A)   |   |
| Centerline Mounted                             | <b>SCE</b>                                     | API 610 (OH2)  |  |
| Vertical In-Line Pumps                         | <b>SPI</b>                                     | API 610 (OH3)  |  |
|  | <b>IVP / IVP-CC</b>                            | HI design (OH4 / OH5)                                      |   |
|  | <b>IIL</b>                                     | HI design (OH5)<br>Dimensionally compliant with ANSI B73.2 |   |
|  | <b>SPN</b>                                     | API 610 (OH5)  |   |





# BETWEEN BEARING PUMPS

| CATEGORY      |  | RP MODEL                            | DESIGN STANDARD  |   |
|---------------|--|-------------------------------------|------------------|---|
| 1 and 2 stage | Axially split                          | <b>HSC / HSD / HSL<br/>HSR / ZW</b> | HI design (BB1)  |    |
|               |  | <b>HSM</b>                          | HI design (BB3)  |   |
|               |  | <b>ZM / ZMS<br/>ZLM / ZME</b>       | API design (BB1) |   |
|               | Radially split                         | <b>HVN / J</b>                      | API design (BB2) |    |
|               |  | <b>RON / RON-D</b>                  | API design (BB2) |   |
| Multi-stage   | Axially split                          | <b>SM / SM-I</b>                    | API design (BB3) |   |
|               |  | <b>JTN</b>                          | API design (BB3) |   |
|               | Radially split<br><i>single casing</i> | <b>GP</b>                           | API design (BB4) |  |
|               | Radially split<br><i>double casing</i> | <b>A LINE</b>                       | API design (BB5) |  |





# VERTICAL PUMPS

OUR PUMPS

| CATEGORY                |                                       | RP MODEL                 | DESIGN STANDARD   |   |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|---|---|
| Single casing           | Diffuser                              | <b>VTP</b>               | HI & API 610 (VS1)  |    |
|                         |                                       | <b>VCT</b>               | HI & API 610 (VS1)  |   |
|                         |                                       | <b>HQ</b>                | HI & API 610 (VS1)  |   |
|                         |                                       | <b>VLT</b>               | HI & API 610 (VS1)  |   |
|                         | Volute                                | <b>DSV / DX</b>          | HI & API 610 (VS2)  |    |
|                         | Discharge through column – Axial flow | <b>VAF</b>               | HI & API 610 (VS3)  |    |
| Separate discharge line | <b>VSP / VSP-Chem</b>                 | HI & API 610 (VS4)       |  |   |
| Double casing           | Diffuser                              | <b>VLT / VMT</b>         | HI & API 610 (VS6)  |   |
|                         | Volute                                | <b>DSV / DX</b>          | HI & API 610 (VS7)  |   |
| Submersible pumps       |                                       | <b>SMF</b>               | HI design (OH8A)  |  |
|                         |                                       | <b>VLT-Sub / VTP-Sub</b> | HI design (VS0)   |   |





# SPECIAL SERVICE PUMPS

| CATEGORY                              | RP MODEL  | DESIGN STANDARD                                     |   |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|---|
| Pitot tube pumps                      | <b>COMBITUBE</b>  | HI design   |    |
| Reciprocating pumps                   | <b>RDP</b>  | API 674<br>ISO 13710                                |    |
| Vertical turbine generator            | <b>VTG</b>  | HI design (VS6)                                     |    |
| Barge                                 | <b>LS BARGE</b>   | HI design   |    |
| Floating dock pumps                   | <b>ZVZ</b>  | HI design   |    |
|                                       | <b>LVZ</b>  | HI design   |    |
| Cryogenic pumps                       | <b>SVNV</b>   | -   |   |
|                                       | <b>VTG Cryogenic</b>  | -   |   |
|                                       | <b>VLT Cryogenic<br/>VLTV</b>   | -   |   |
| <b>Pre-packaged fire pump systems</b> | Fire systems incorporate pumps, drivers, control systems and pipework in a single container. They can be skid mounted, with or without enclosure and supplied with electric motor or diesel engine. | <b>NFPA-20-850</b><br>UL and FM approved components |  |

