Centrifugal pumps





"Splitter" (central guide baffle)

Impellers

Multistage impellers

Cross section of high speed water injection pump

Source: www.framo.no

Water injection unit 4 MW

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Specific speed that is used to classify pumps

$$n_q = n \cdot \frac{\sqrt{Q}}{H^{3/4}}$$

 $\mathbf{n_q}$ is the specific speed for a unit machine that is geometric similar to a machine with the head $H_q = 1$ m and flow rate Q = 1 m³/s

$$n_{s} = 51,55 \cdot n_{q}$$

Assumptions: Geometrical similarity Velocity triangles are the same

Exercise

- Find the flow rate, head and power for a centrifugal pump that has increased its speed
- Given data:
 - $$\begin{split} \eta_h &= 80 \ \% & P_1 &= 123 \ kW \\ n_1 &= 1000 \ rpm & H_1 &= 100 \ m \\ n_2 &= 1100 \ rpm & Q_1 &= 1 \ m^3/s \end{split}$$

$$Q_{2} = \frac{n_{2}}{n_{1}} \cdot Q_{1} = \frac{1100}{1000} \cdot 1 = \frac{1.1 \text{ m}^{3}/\text{s}}{1000}$$
$$H_{2} = \left(\frac{n_{2}}{n_{1}}\right)^{2} \cdot H_{1} = \left(\frac{1100}{1000}\right)^{2} \cdot 100 = \underline{121 \text{ m}}$$

Exercise

- Find the flow rate, head and power for a centrifugal pump impeller that has reduced its diameter
- Given data:
 - $$\begin{split} \eta_h &= 80 \ \% & P_1 &= 123 \ kW \\ D_1 &= 0,5 \ m & H_1 &= 100 \ m \\ D_2 &= 0,45 \ m & Q_1 &= 1 \ m^3/s \end{split}$$

$$\frac{\mathbf{Q}_{1}}{\mathbf{Q}_{2}} = \frac{\mathbf{\Pi} \cdot \mathbf{D}_{1} \cdot \mathbf{B}_{1} \cdot \mathbf{c}_{m1}}{\mathbf{\Pi} \cdot \mathbf{D}_{2} \cdot \mathbf{B}_{2} \cdot \mathbf{c}_{m2}} = \frac{\mathbf{D}_{1}}{\mathbf{D}_{2}} = \frac{\mathbf{n}_{1}}{\mathbf{n}_{2}}$$

$$\downarrow \downarrow$$

$$Q_{2} = \frac{D_{2}}{D_{1}} \cdot Q_{1} = \frac{0.45}{0.5} \cdot 1 = \frac{0.9 \text{ m}^{3}/\text{s}}{0.5}$$
$$H_{2} = \left(\frac{D_{2}}{D_{1}}\right)^{2} \cdot H_{1} = \left(\frac{0.45}{0.5}\right)^{2} \cdot 100 = \frac{81 \text{ m}}{0.5}$$
$$P_{2} = \left(\frac{D_{2}}{D_{1}}\right)^{3} \cdot P_{1} = \left(\frac{0.45}{0.5}\right)^{3} \cdot 123 = \frac{90 \text{ kW}}{0.5}$$

Velocity triangles

Best efficiency point

Power

$P = M \cdot \omega$

Where:

M = torque [Nm] $\omega = angular velocity [rad/s]$

$$P = \rho \cdot Q \cdot (r_2 \cdot c_2 \cdot \cos \alpha_2 - r_1 \cdot c_1 \cdot \cos \alpha_1) \cdot \omega$$

= $\rho \cdot Q \cdot (u_2 \cdot c_{u2} - u_1 \cdot c_{u1}) \cdot \omega$
= $\rho \cdot Q \cdot g \cdot H_t$

In order to get a better understanding of the different velocities that represent the head we rewrite the Euler's pump equation

 $w_1^2 = c_1^2 + u_1^2 - 2 \cdot u_1 \cdot c_1 \cdot \cos \alpha_1 = c_1^2 + u_1^2 - 2 \cdot u_1 \cdot c_{u_1}$ $w_2^2 = c_2^2 + u_2^2 - 2 \cdot u_2 \cdot c_2 \cdot \cos \alpha_2 = c_2^2 + u_2^2 - 2 \cdot u_2 \cdot c_{u_2}$

$$\mathbf{H}_{t} = \frac{\mathbf{u}_{2}^{2} - \mathbf{u}_{1}^{2}}{2 \cdot \mathbf{g}} + \frac{\mathbf{c}_{2}^{2} - \mathbf{c}_{1}^{2}}{2 \cdot \mathbf{g}} - \frac{\mathbf{w}_{2}^{2} - \mathbf{w}_{1}^{2}}{2 \cdot \mathbf{g}}$$

Euler's pump equation

$$\mathbf{H}_{t} = \frac{\mathbf{u}_{2} \cdot \mathbf{c}_{u2} - \mathbf{u}_{1} \cdot \mathbf{c}_{u1}}{\mathbf{g}}$$

$$\mathbf{H}_{t} = \frac{\mathbf{u}_{2}^{2} - \mathbf{u}_{1}^{2}}{2 \cdot \mathbf{g}} + \frac{\mathbf{c}_{2}^{2} - \mathbf{c}_{1}^{2}}{2 \cdot \mathbf{g}} - \frac{\mathbf{w}_{2}^{2} - \mathbf{w}_{1}^{2}}{2 \cdot \mathbf{g}}$$

 $\frac{u_2^2 - u_1^2}{2 \cdot g} = \begin{array}{l} \text{Pressure head due to change of} \\ \text{peripheral velocity} \end{array}$

$$\frac{c_2^2 - c_1^2}{2 \cdot g} =$$

Pressure head due to change of absolute velocity

 $\frac{\mathbf{w}_2^2 - \mathbf{w}_1^2}{2 \cdot \mathbf{g}} = \frac{\text{Pressure head due to change of relative velocity}}{2 \cdot \mathbf{g}}$

