# On Demand Pump Condition Assessment and Optimization

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# **Typical Pump Life Cycle Cost**



Source: "Reducing Life Cycle Cost By Energy Saving in Pump Systems." Bower, John R., Ingersoll-Dresser Pumps.

## **Typical Pump Life Cycle Cost**



*Typical pump life-cycle cost profile (Courtesy of Hydraulic Institute and Pump Systems Matter)* 

## Lowering Pump Life Cycle Costs



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# Affinity Laws for Pumps

#### Simplified Laws

- Non compressible fluid (water)
- Centrifugal type pump
- Flow is proportional to speed of the pump
- Power is proportional to the (speed)<sup>3</sup> of the pump



# Affinity Laws for Pumps

#### Variable Speed vs. Throttled

> Energy saved with variable vs. fixed speed drives at 100% and 60% flow, according to the static head and pump sizing. The operating point is represented as the intersection of the pump curve with the system curve





# Affinity Laws for Pumps

BEP : Best Efficiency\_ Point

Comparison of two efficiency scenarios at different flow rates: 8 to 9% more efficient with variable speed drives at 60% flow





#### **Putting Laws into Practice**



## What Would be the Best Method to Operate and Manage a Pump Station?

#### Pump Condition Assessment

Measure pumps' capacity and efficiency with automated pump tests



# Dynamic Pump Optimization

Continually adjust pump station to changing pump and system conditions to operate at peak efficiency



#### What Operators See – 5 Identical Pumps



# The Reality – Pumps are Hardly Identical



## **Preferred Operating Range**



#### **Effect of Pump Impeller Wear**



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# PHI Pump Health Tracking

- Intelligently target pumps for repair
- Opens the door for advanced metrics and advanced optimization
- See pump operating points in real time on up-to-date pump curves



# **Pump Condition Assessments**



#### **Annual Audits**

- Expensive
- Not repeatable
- Often not actionable
- No financial impact analysis
- Not available ad hoc

## **On Demand Condition Assessment**

#### **Asset Management**

- Perform regular automated
  pump tests
- Track pump operation in real time on pump curves
- Generate monthly operating reports
- Identify underperforming pumps for repair





## Pump Health Index (PHI)

PHI represents current peak efficiency versus factory peak efficiency.



#### Schedule repairs for pumps with PHI < 85

Efficiency (%)

# **Prioritize Repairs with Financial Metrics**

#### Input:

- Replacement Cost
- Cost of Electricity
- Expected Pump Life
- Interest Rate

Recommended Repairs					
		Energy Savings:	\$4498/yr		
	Hwy195 Pump4	Total Cost	\$25000		
1		Payback Period:	5.6 yrs		
		Net Present Value:	\$13367		
		ROI:	53.47%		

## **Prioritize Repairs with Financial Metrics**



Pump Repair Recommendations:								
Top Recommended Re	pairs:							
Pump1 TU/S Pump Station	<sup>ROI</sup> 233.7%	Present Value \$47,737	Payback Period 2.9 years					
Pump3 TU Pump Station	<sup>ROI</sup> 112.9%	Present Value \$28,214	Payback Period 5.6 years					
Pump Name	Station Name	R	epair Present Value	ROI	Payback Period			
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Pump3	TU Pump St	ation	\$28,214	112.9%	5.6 years			
Pump1	TU Pump St	ation	\$24,672	98.9%	6.1 years			
Pump3	TU/S Pump	Station	\$21,050	87.8%	6.5 years			

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## **Pump Station Energy Consumption**





#### Specific Energy vs. Flow



#### Dynamic Pump Optimization Pump Station with 5 Pumps: Possible Operating Ranges



#### Best Solution | Best Pump Ranges | Outside Preferred Operating Range | Possible Pump Operation

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#### Dynamic Pump Optimization Pump Station with 5 Pumps: Best Solution



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## **Continuous Optimization**

#### **Dynamic Pump Optimization**

- Continually operate at peak
  energy efficiency
- Operate within each pump's Preferred Operating Range
- Reduce leaks with Digital Transient Control
- Peak demand and time-of-day energy management



# **Typical Project Requirements**

- System
  - Centrifugal Pumps
- Control Hardware
  - VFD Pump Motor Controllers (optimal)
  - PLC Pump Controller (existing or new)
  - Pump Assessment and Optimizing Panel

#### Instrumentation

- Suction Pressure or Wetwell Level
- Discharge Pressure
- Flow
- Power per Pump

# **Typical Physical Installation**

- Install Pump Assessment and Optimization Panel
- Install conduit connections from panel to PLC cabinet (120 VAC power and communications cable)
- Mount external cellular antenna (if necessary)
- Configure PLC to receive panel pump operation and speed recommendations
- Configure PLC to allow panel to read required PLC registers
- Configure HMI to enable operators to toggle optimization mode and display Specific Energy data







#### **Case Study – Camp Swift High Service Pump Station**

- 4 "Identical" Pumps 200 HP
- Dramatically improved impeller life
- Energy Savings 18%

Specific Energy (KW-h/MG) Head (feet) Flow (gpm) 

97.3

32.4

16.2

Flow (gpm)

Case Study – S8 Water Well

- 250 HP Well Pump
- Energy Savings 30%







#### SH195 Pump Station

- 5 "identical" pumps 1150 HP
- Discovered lead pump was significantly worn
- Energy Savings 25%



# **Questions?**



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