



# WATER VIRTUAL IN-PLANT (VINPLT) TRAINING

Session 5



# Today - Session 5: Pumps

## We've already covered:

Energy Basics

Success Stories

Power Company Relations

KPIs

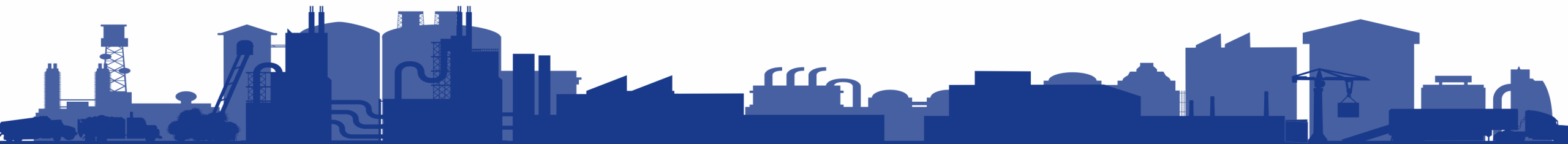
Source Selection

Energy Teams

Water Treatment

5Ls: Looping, Leaping, Leaking, Losing, Loading

Treasure Hunts



Thank You!

Sponsor:



# Today's Agenda

Homework Recap

Pump Curves 101

Break

Pump Activity

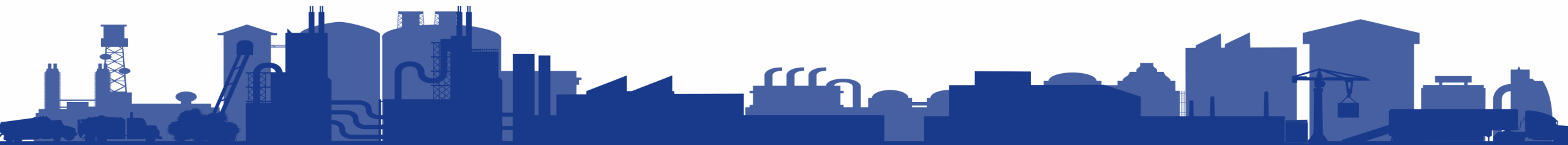
Pump Calculations

Kahoot!

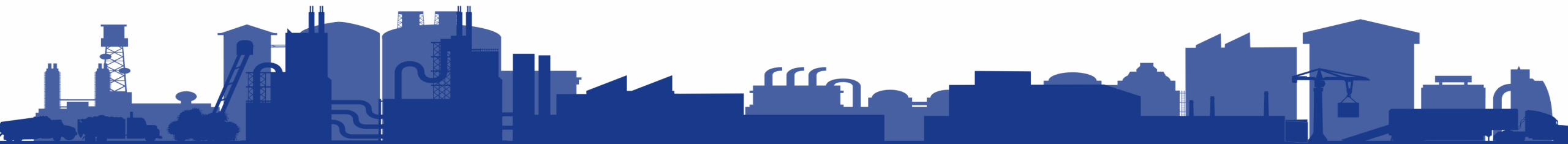
Q&A

# HOMework RECAP

POLL



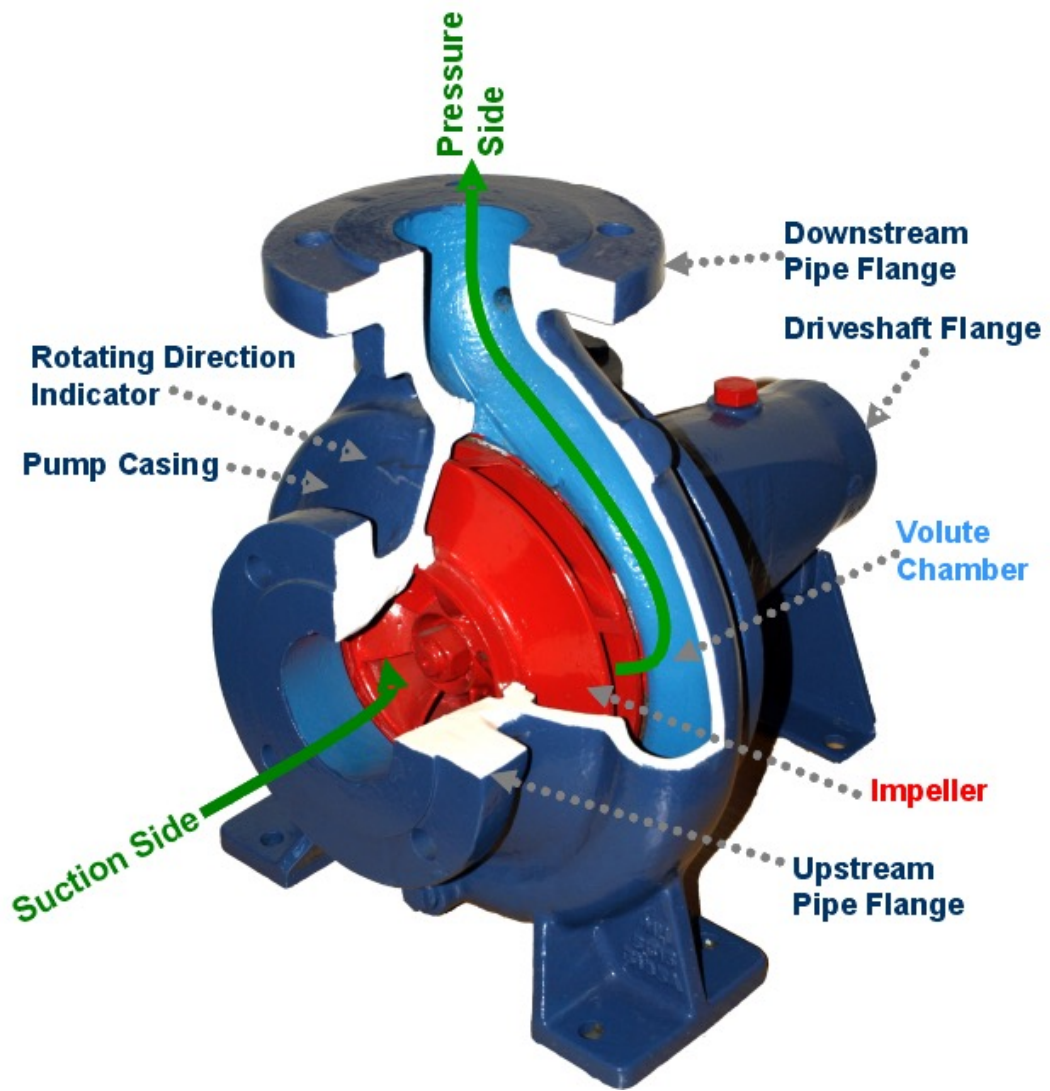
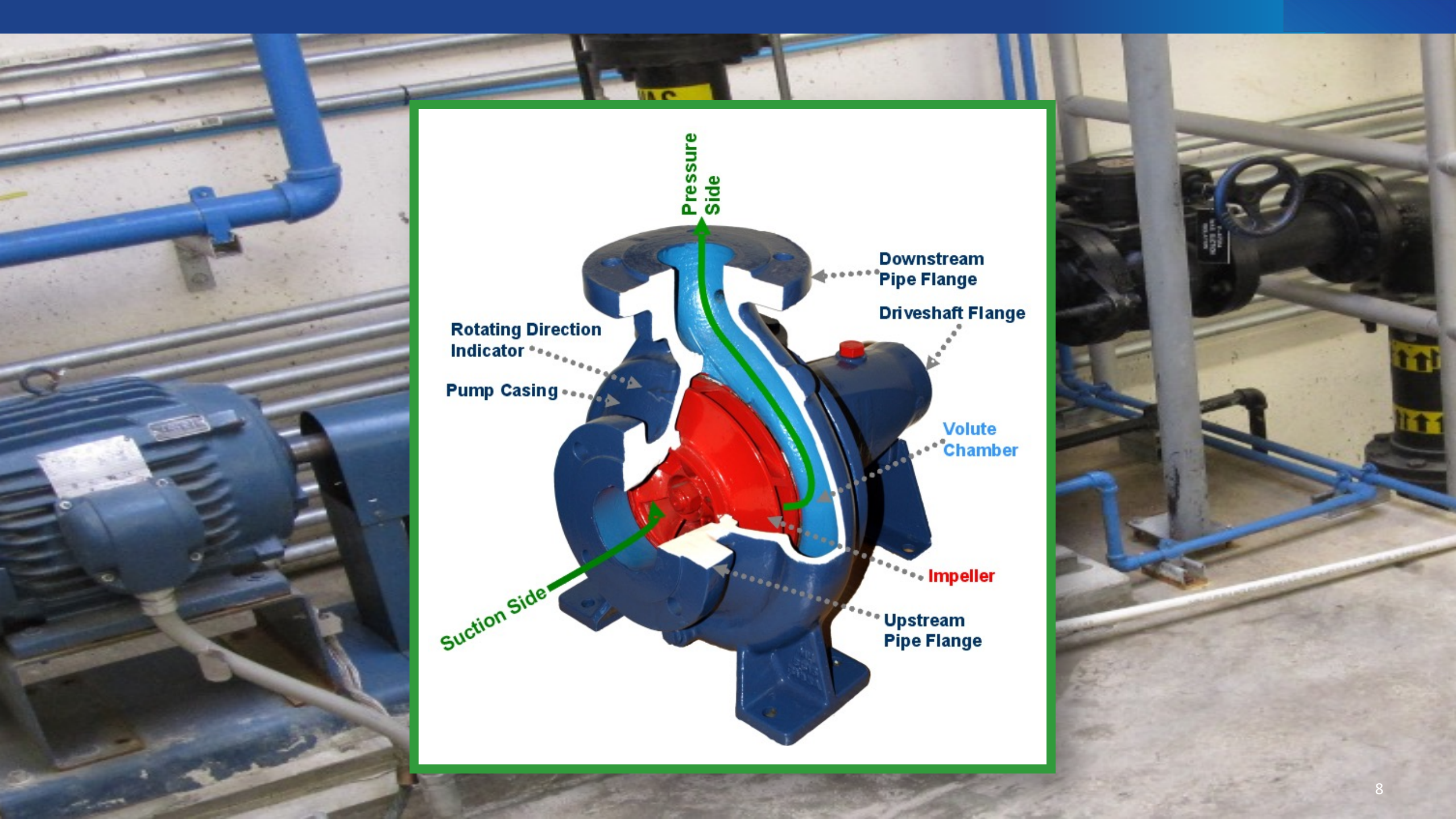
# PUMP CURVES 101



# Pumps and Efficiency

Where we answer the age-old question:  
How come every pump in our plant is  
30% bigger than it needs to be?!?!?





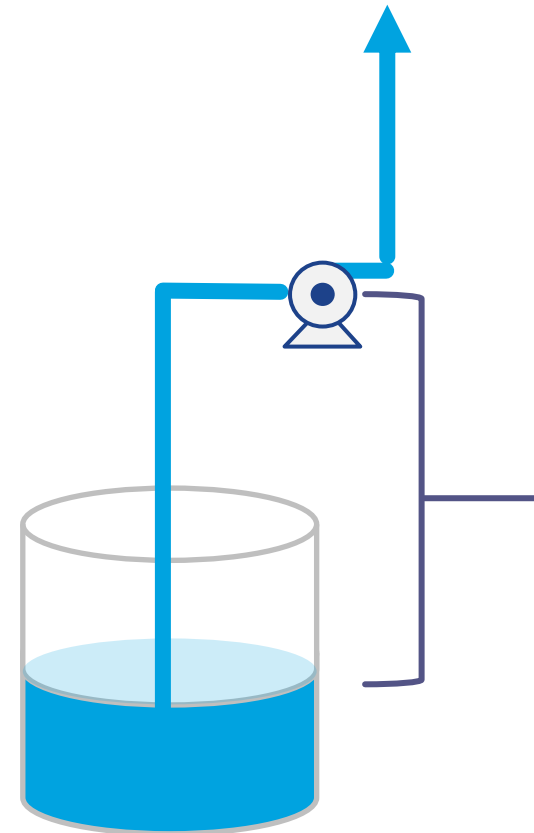


# Suction Lift ( $h_s$ )

## DEFINITION

When the supply is **below** the centerline of the pump.

Distance (in feet) from the centerline of the pump to the level of liquid to be pumped.



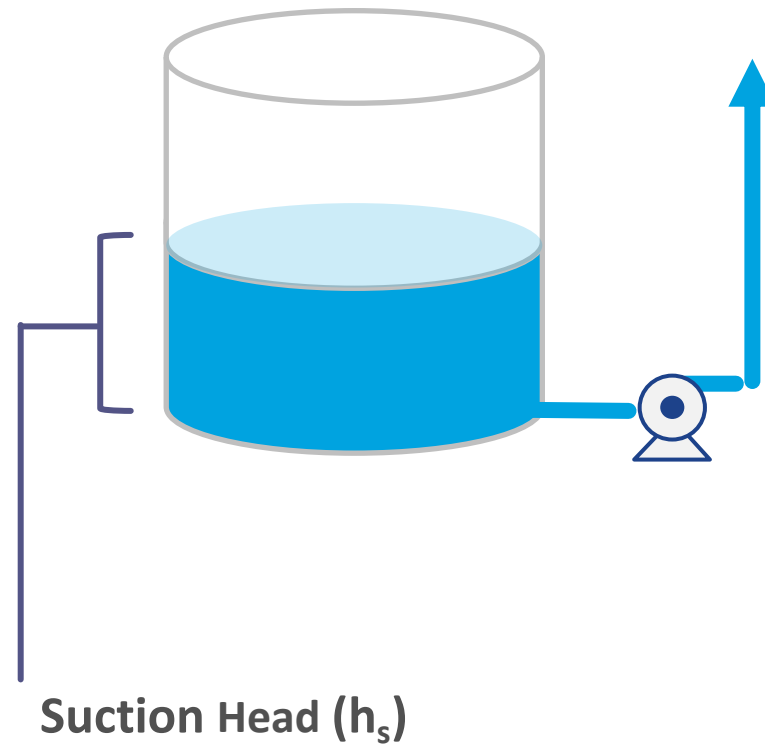
Suction Lift ( $h_s$ )

# Suction Head ( $h_s$ )

## DEFINITION

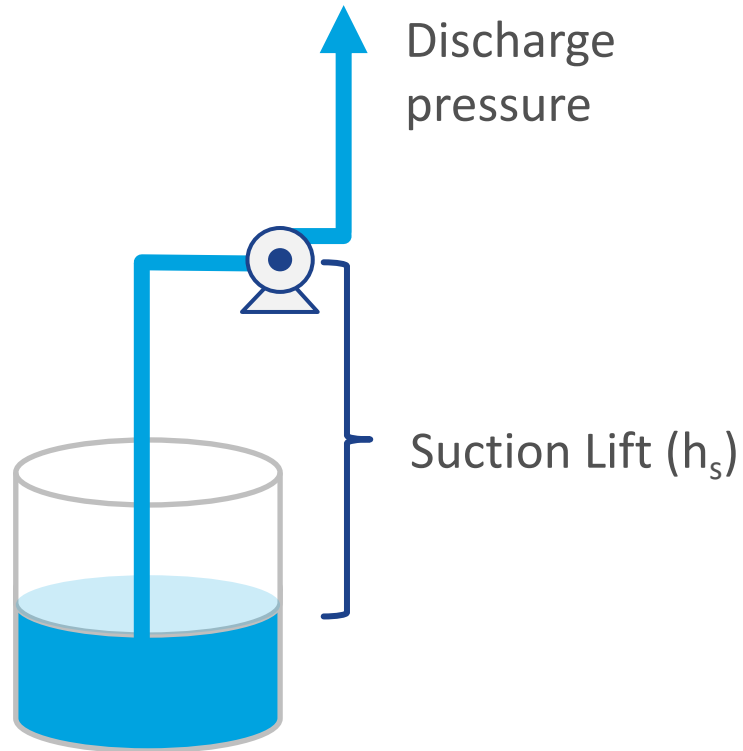
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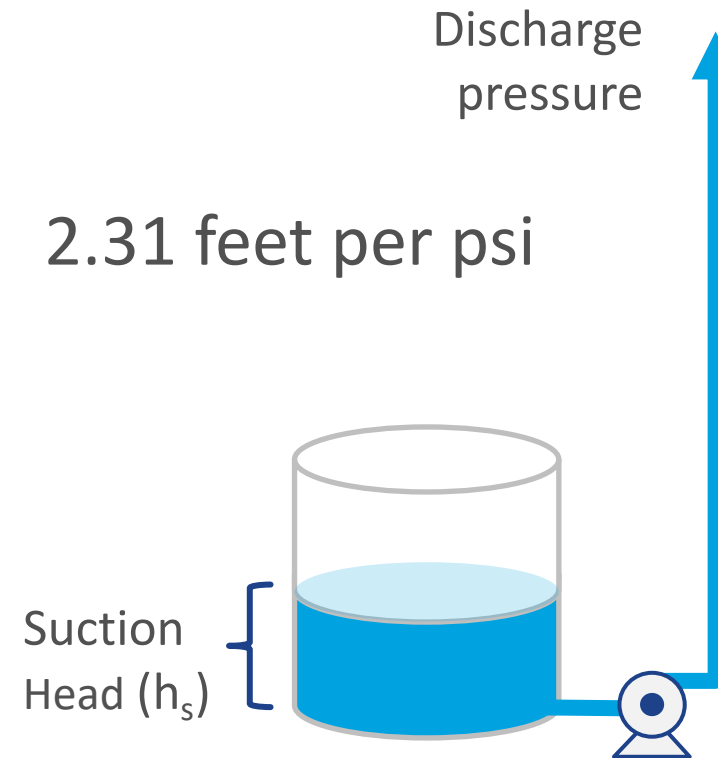


# Total Head (H)

DEFINITION



**With Suction Lift**  
Discharge Pressure (ft) +  $h_s$  (ft)




**With Suction Head**  
Discharge Pressure (ft) -  $h_s$  (ft)


2.31 feet per psi

# Centrifugal Pump Power

DEFINITION

$$BHP = \frac{Q * H}{3960 * \eta}$$


# Centrifugal Pump Power

$$BHP = \frac{Q * H}{3960 * \eta}$$


How to save power?

- Decrease Flow
- Decrease Head
- Increase Efficiency

And because

**Energy = Power x Time,**  
we can reduce energy by  
reducing runtime



# Centrifugal Pump Motor Power

$$\text{MotorPower}(hp) = \frac{\text{Power}(BHP)}{\eta_{motor}}$$

$$\text{MotorPower}(kW) = \text{MotorPower}(hp) \cdot \frac{0.75kW}{hp}$$

BHP	Brake Horsepower
$\eta_{motor}$	Motor Efficiency (%)

# Centrifugal Pump Energy

**Energy (kWh/yr)**

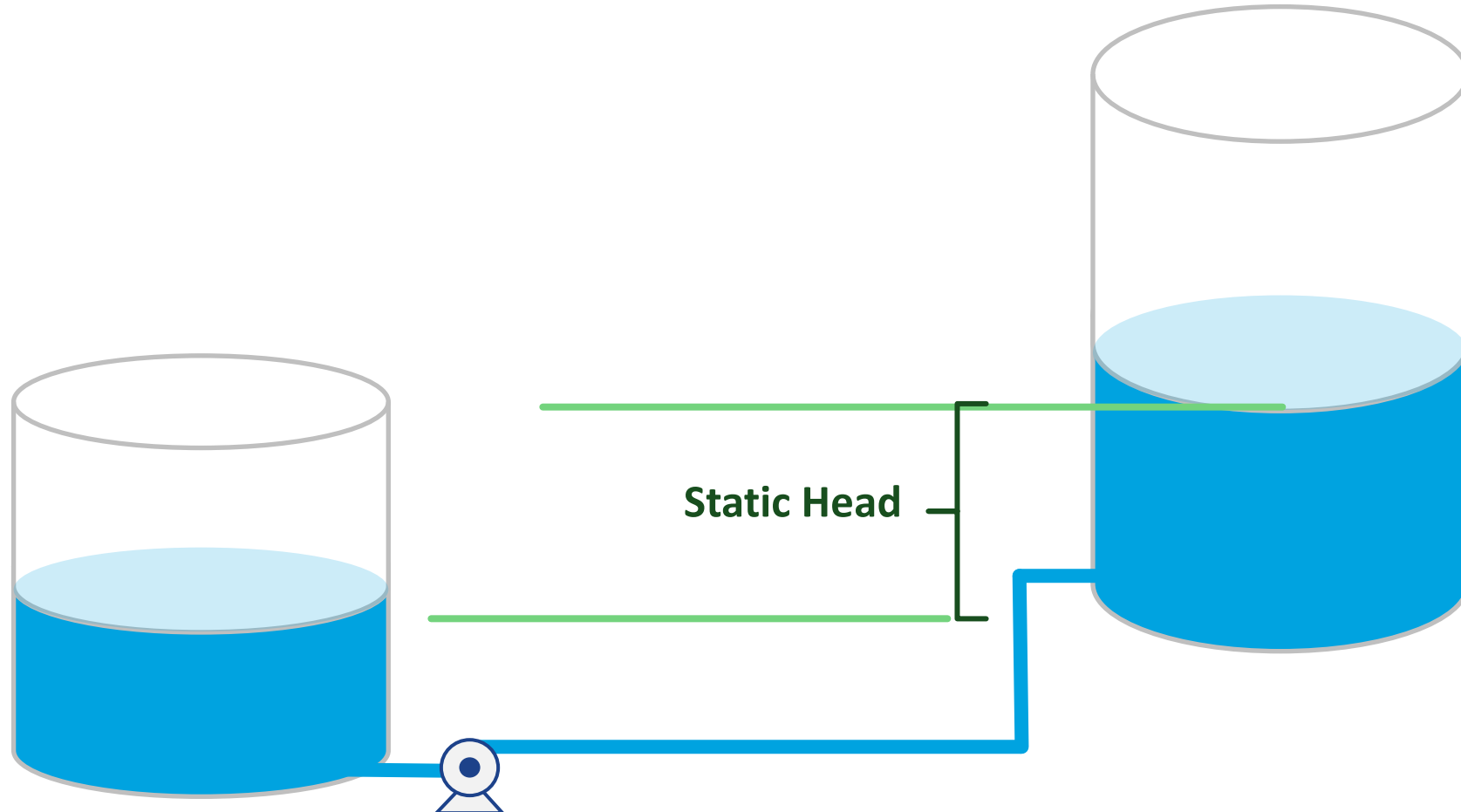
Power (kW) X Annual Operating Hours (hours/yr)

**Energy Cost (\$/yr)**

Energy (kWh/yr) X Electric Rate (\$/kWh)

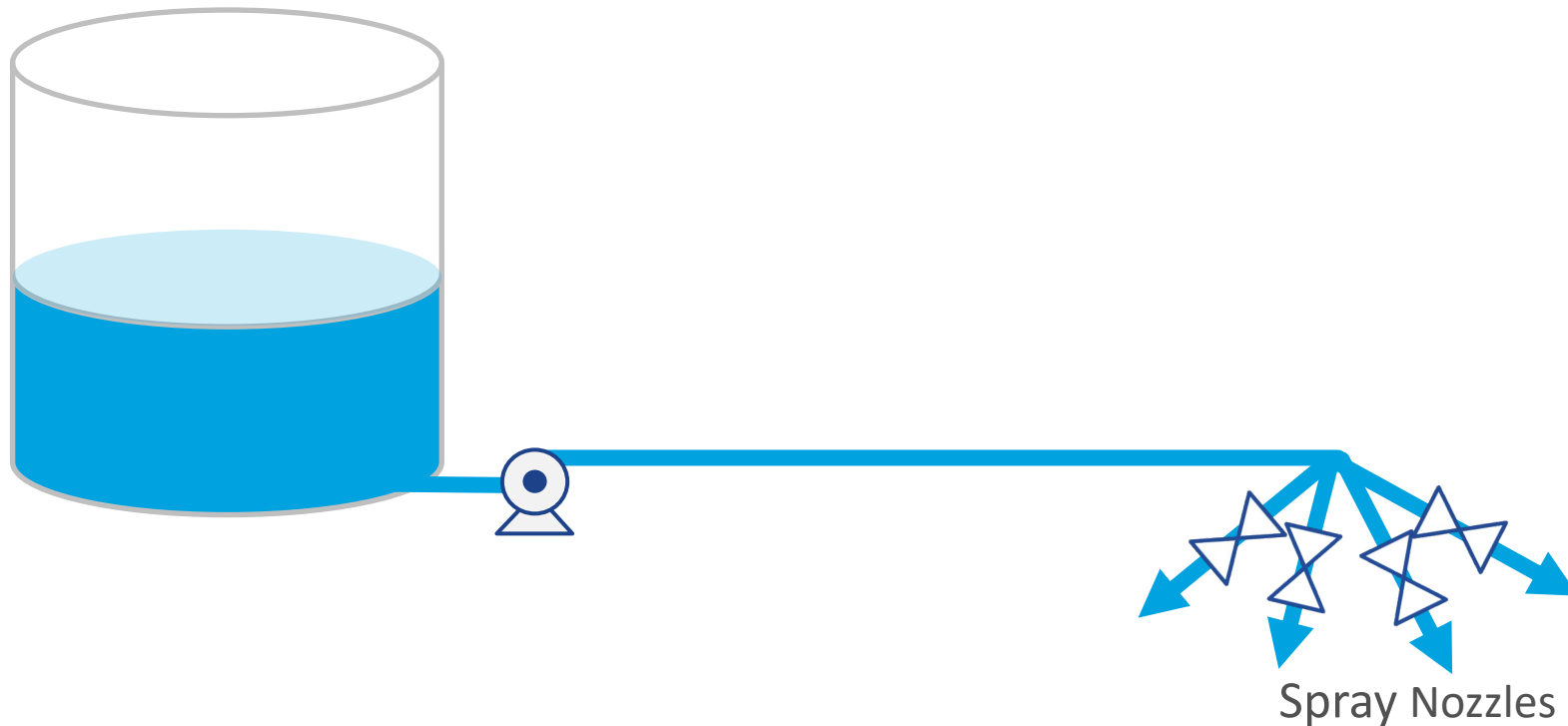
# System Curves: Static Head

Ignoring pipeline friction, this is an example of purely static head.



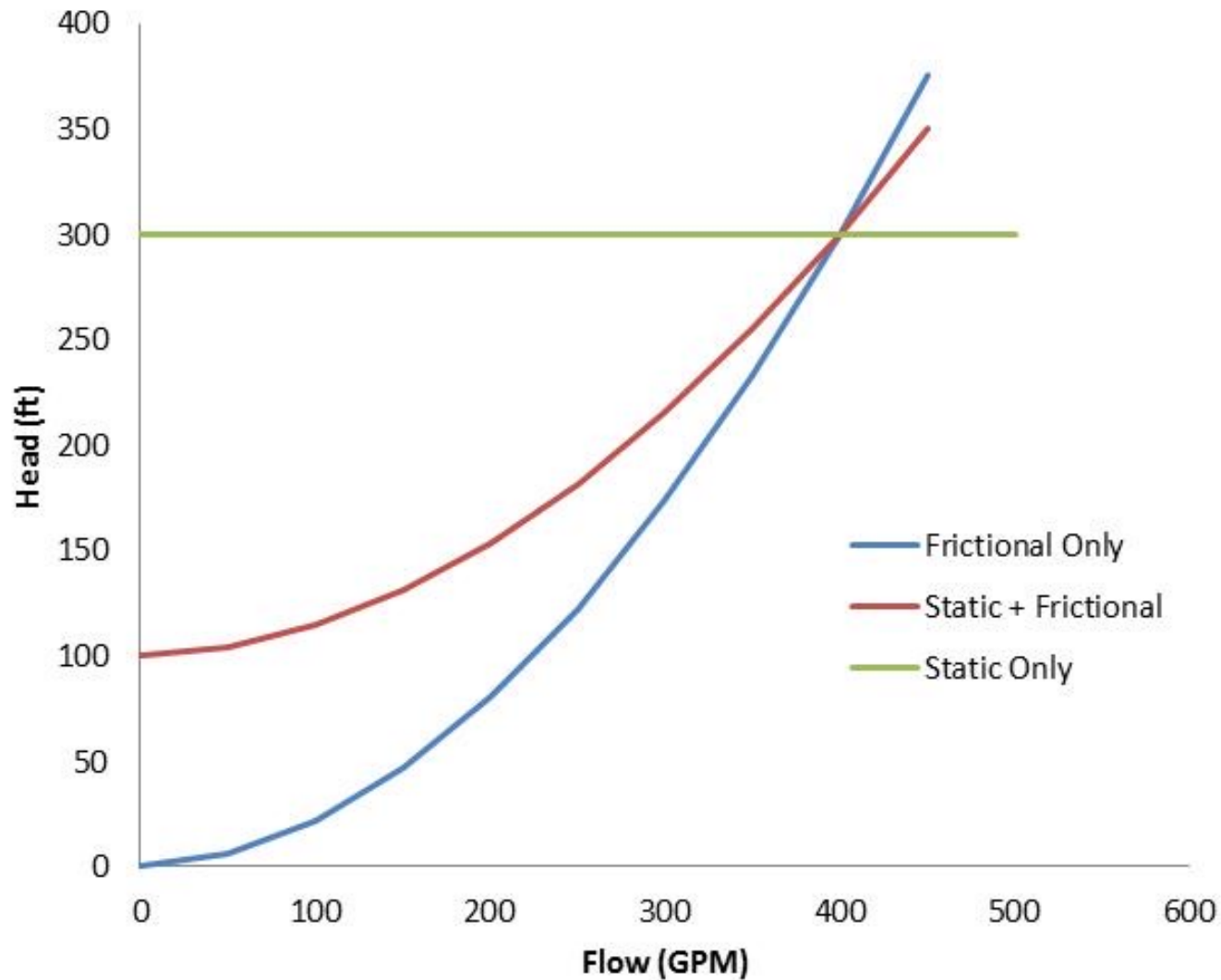
# Pump Curves: Frictional Head

Assuming no elevation change,  
this is an example of purely frictional head



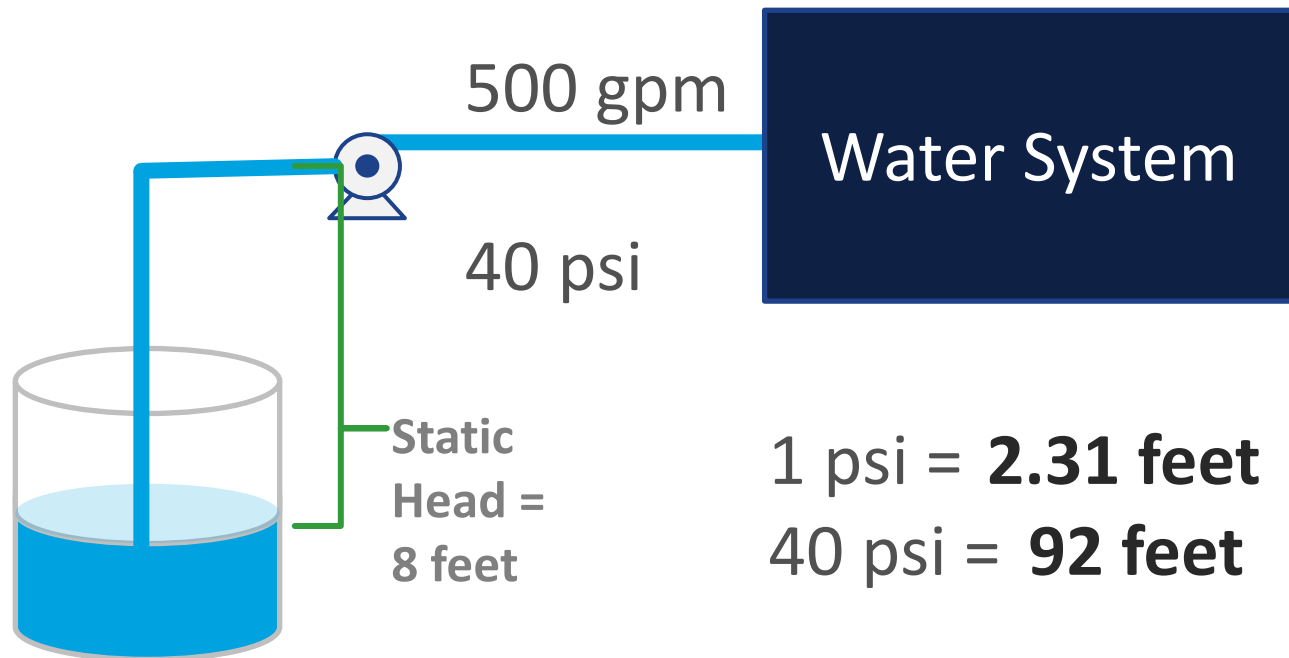
# Examples for Three Different Systems

## System Curves





# Reading Pump Curves - Example



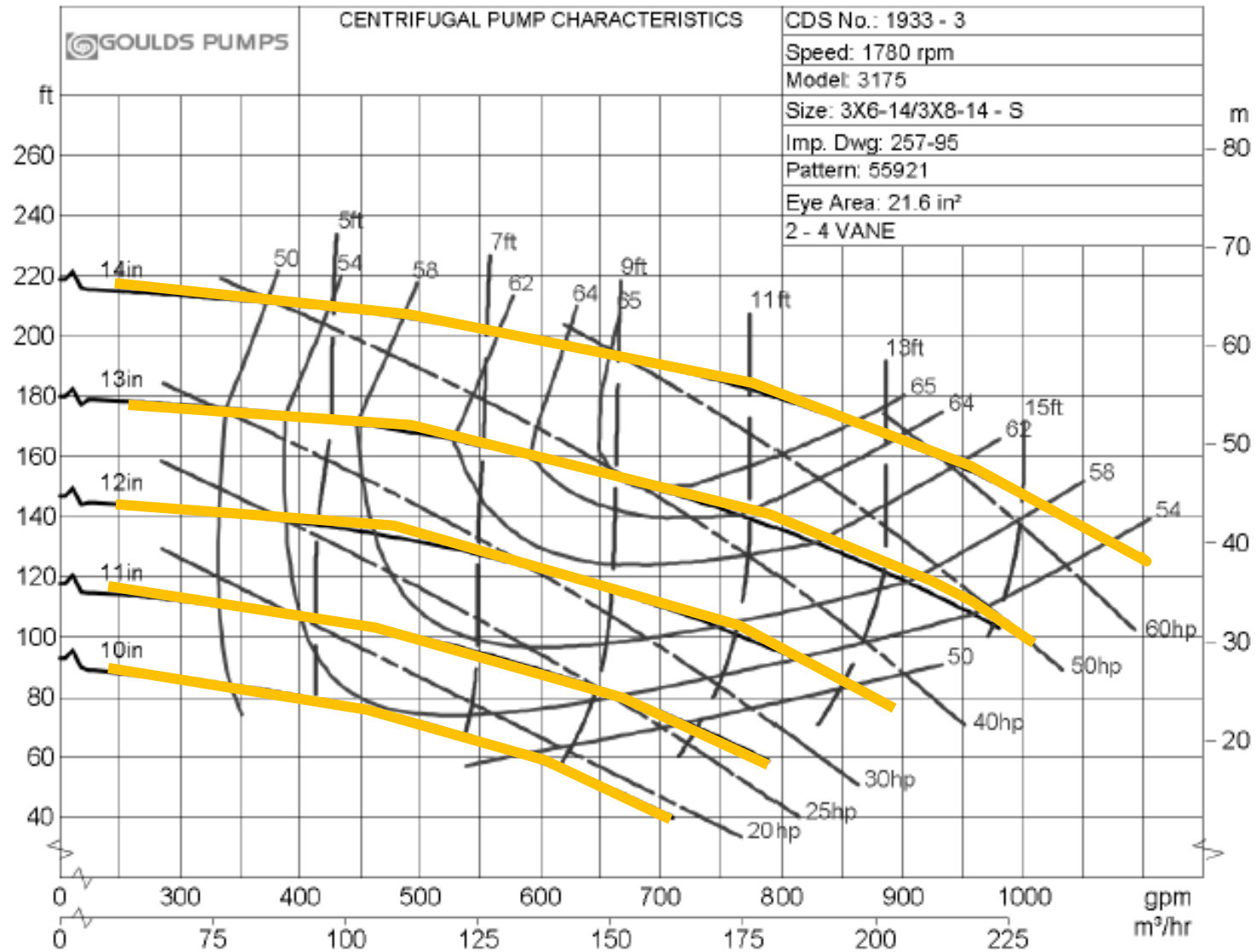
**To Calculate Total Head (ft) With Suction Lift:**

Discharge Pressure (ft) + Suction Head  $h_s$  (ft)

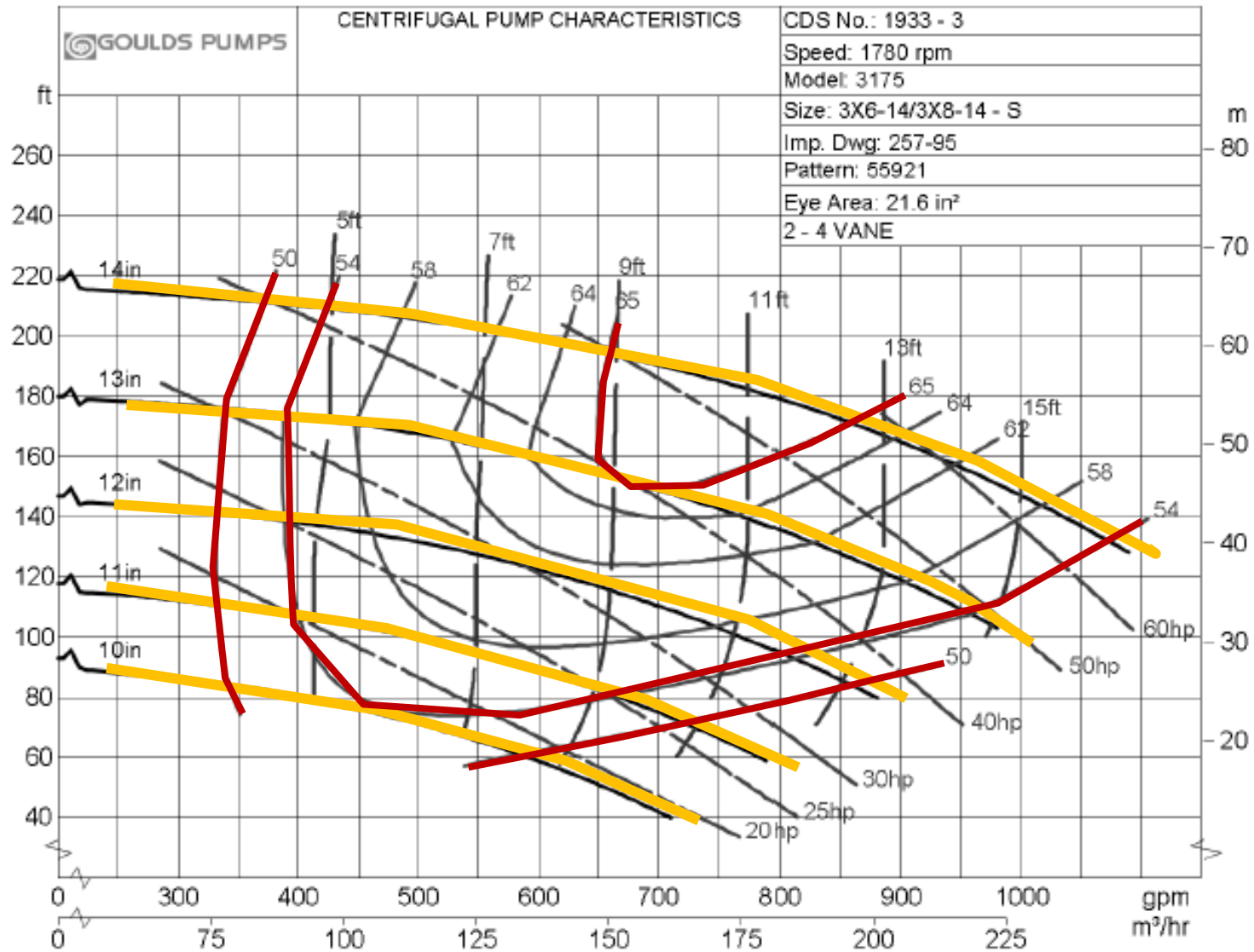
**92 feet**

**+ 8 feet = 100 feet Total Head**

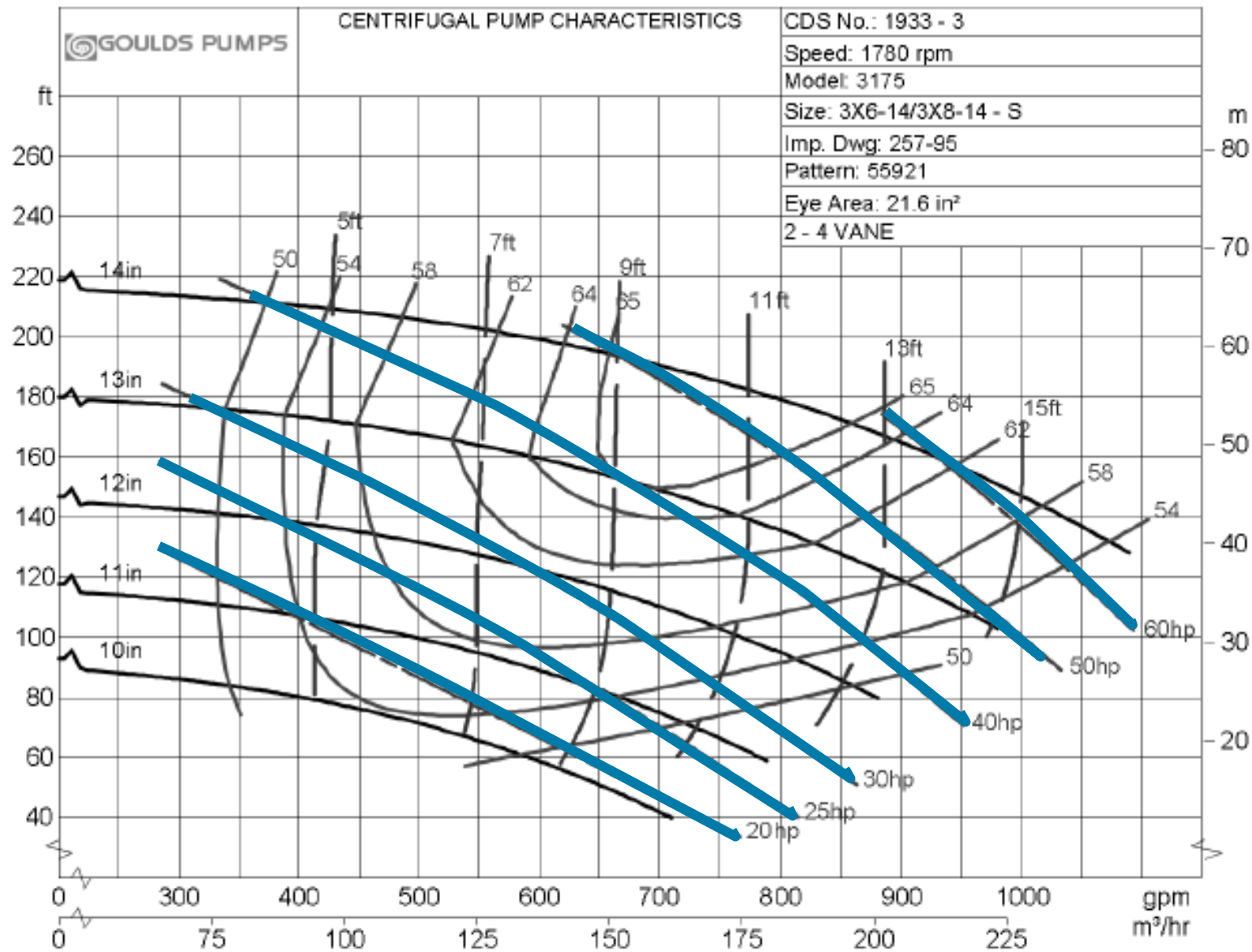
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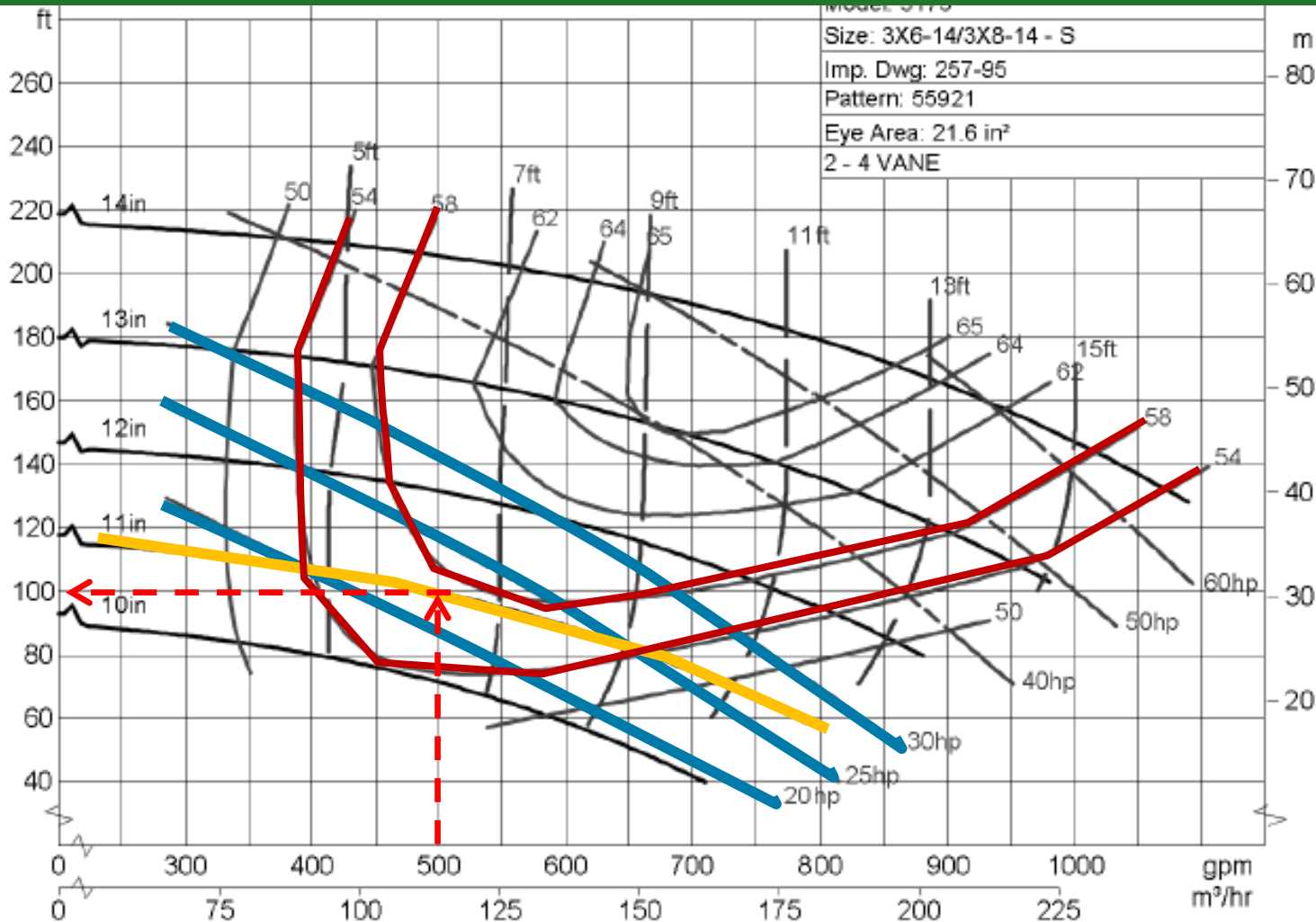


# Reading Pump Curves



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If the pump has a 11" impeller diameter, is pumping water, and is operating at 500 gpm, what are the other operating conditions (H,  $\eta$ , BHP)?



**11" Impeller Diameter**

**Q** 500 GPM

**H** 100 Feet

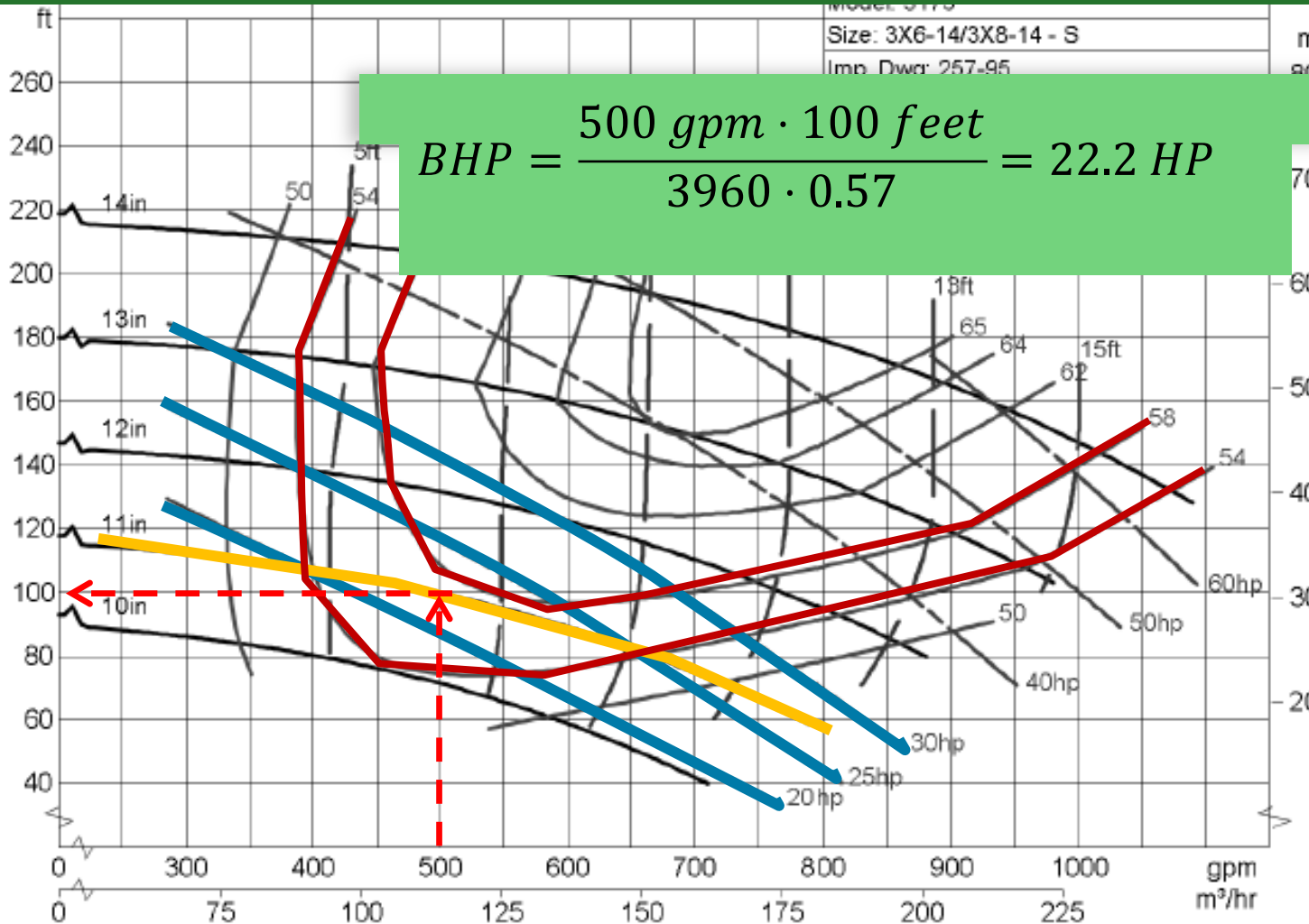
**$\eta$**  57%



# Reading Pump Curves

$$BHP = \frac{Q * H}{3960 * \eta}$$

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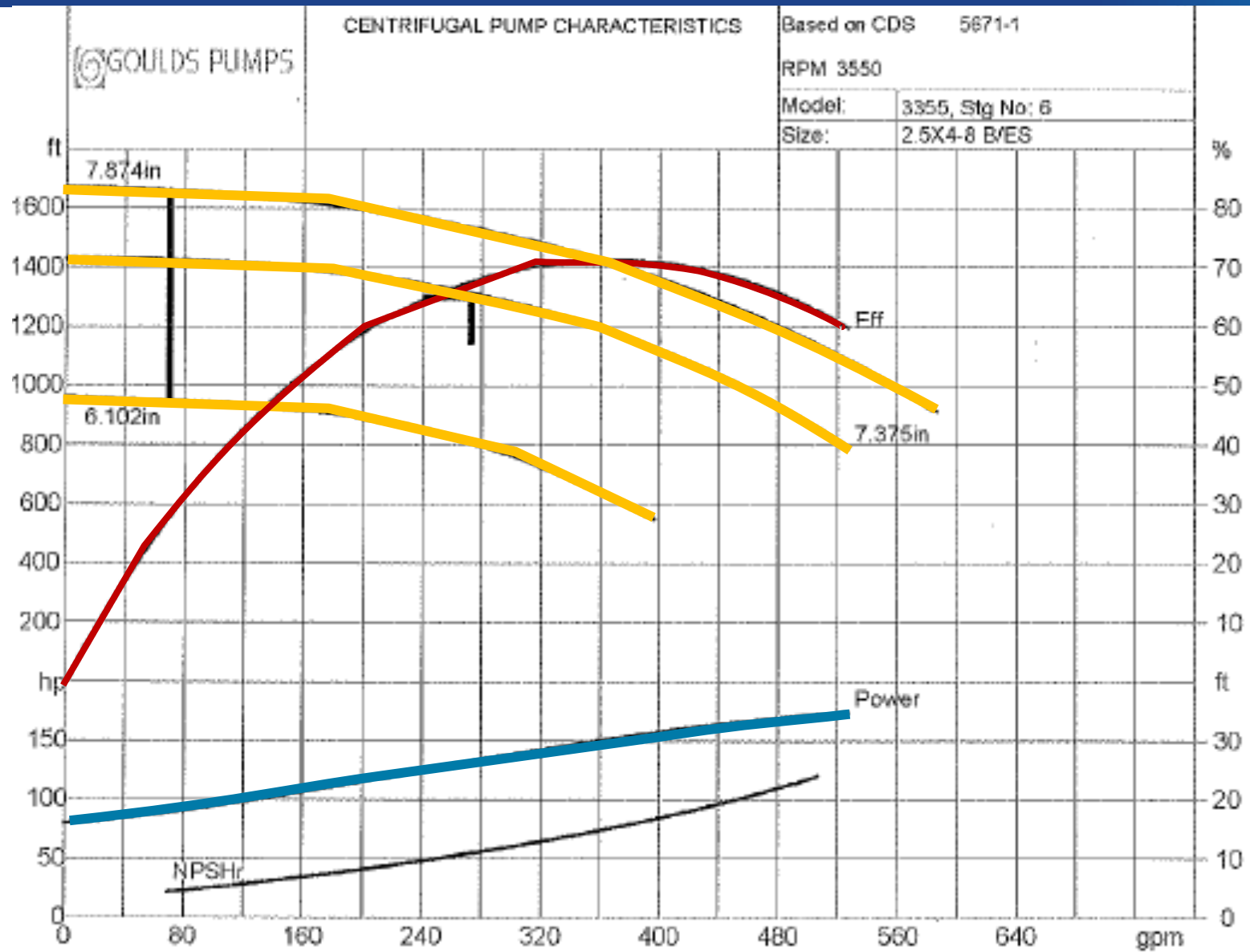
**11" Impeller Diameter**

**Q** 500 GPM

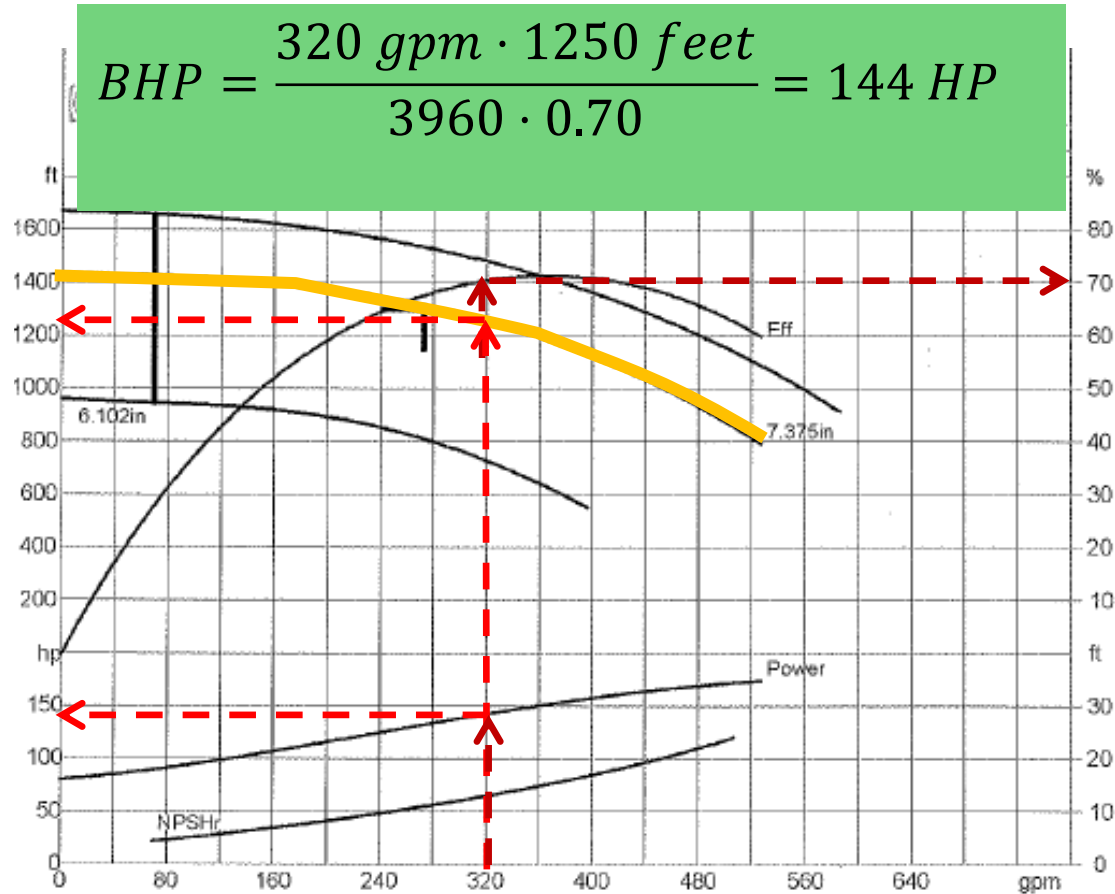
**H** 100 Feet

**$\eta$**  57%

# Reading Pump Curves Continued



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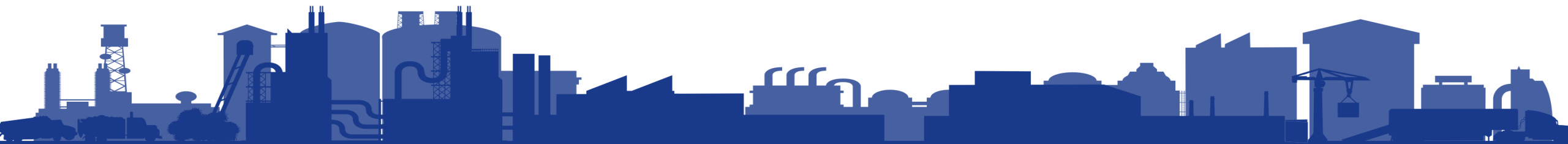
H= 1250 ft

If the pump has a 7.375" impeller diameter (D), and is operating at 320 gpm, what are the other operating conditions (H,  $\eta$ , BHP)?

BREAK

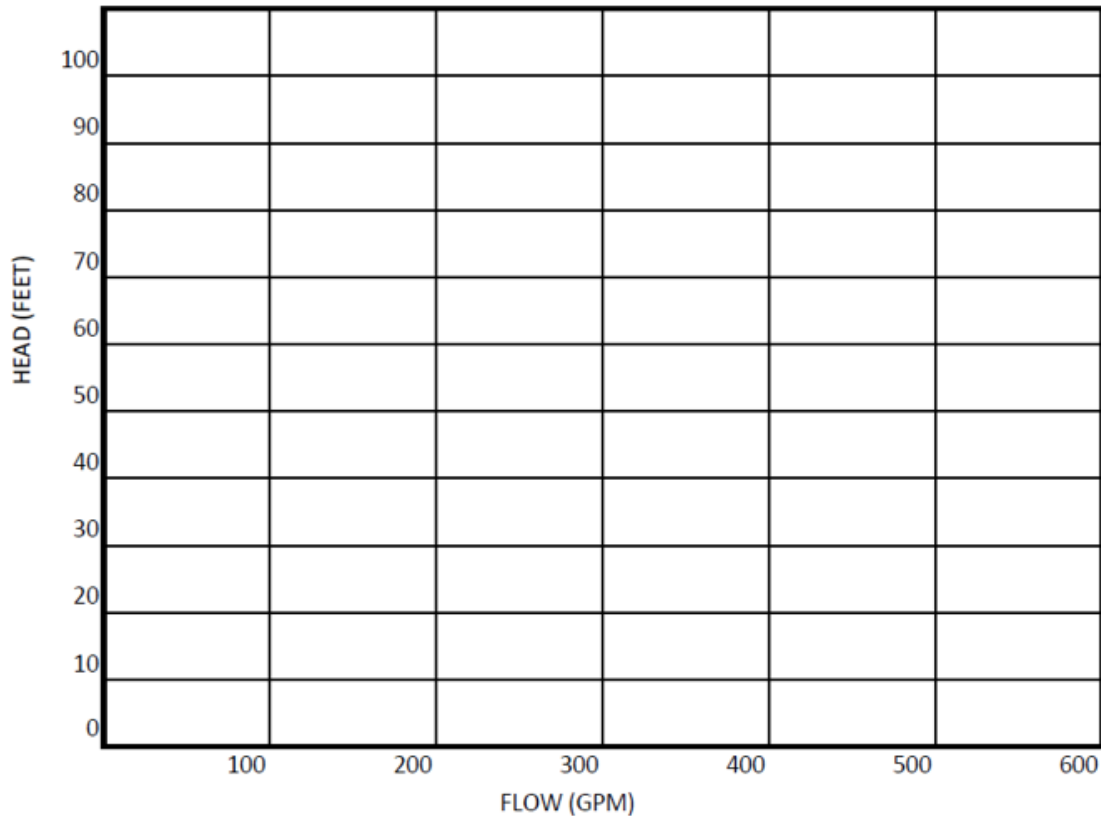


# PUMP CURVE ACTIVITY



# Pump Activity

## EFFICIENCY WITH PUMPING



- You get to design a new pump station
- Booster Pump is at 820 feet
- Discharge point elevation is 860 feet
- What is the static head?

40 feet

# Let's Draw!

Design flow is 350 GPM, and the pipe friction loss is estimated as follows:

100 GPM = **1 foot**


200 GPM = **5 feet**

300 GPM = **15 feet**

400 GPM = **30 feet**

500 GPM = **50 feet**

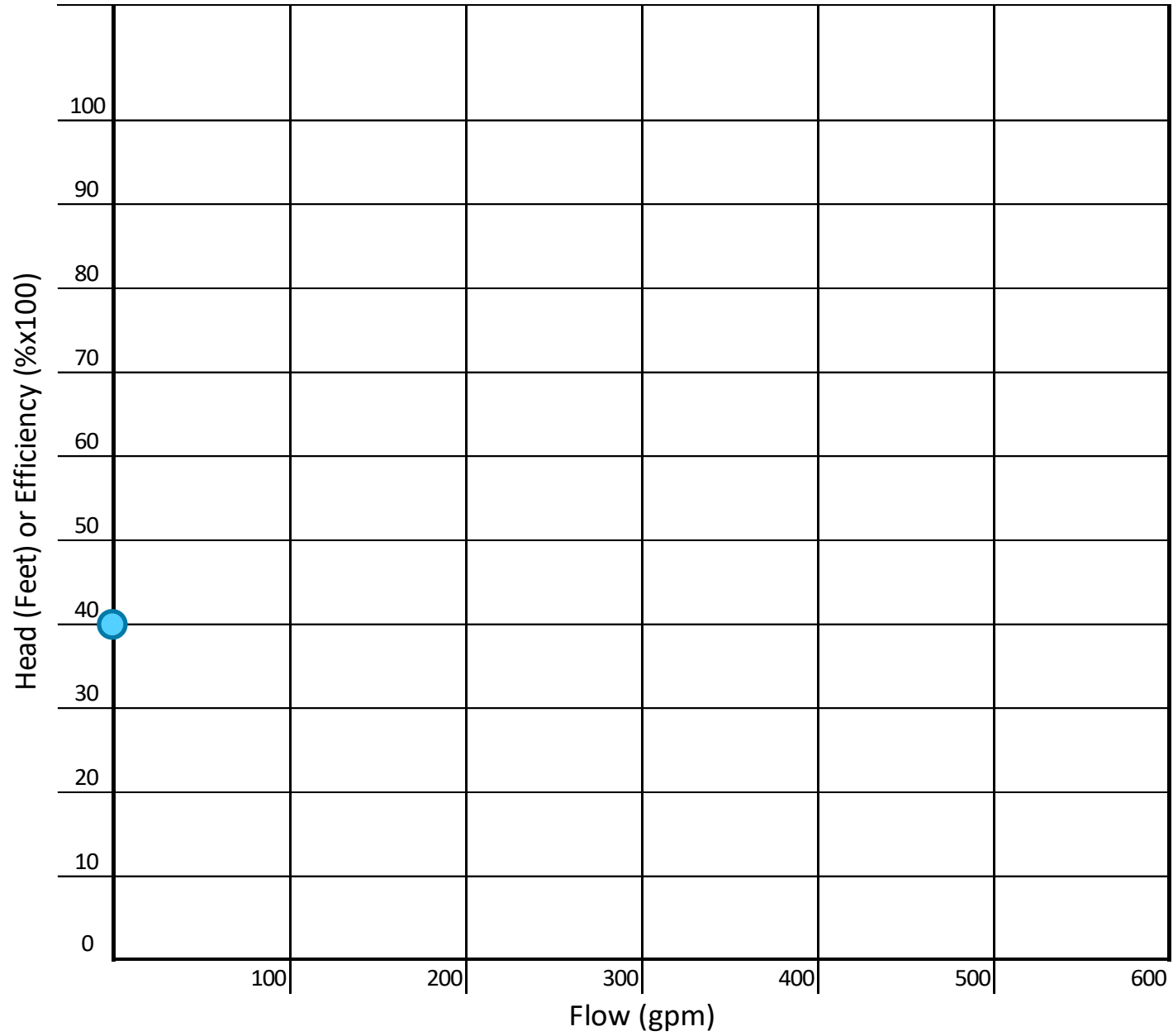
Static Head = 40 feet

- Use circles to mark the system curve points
-  System curve head = static + friction at each flow point
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# Let's Draw!

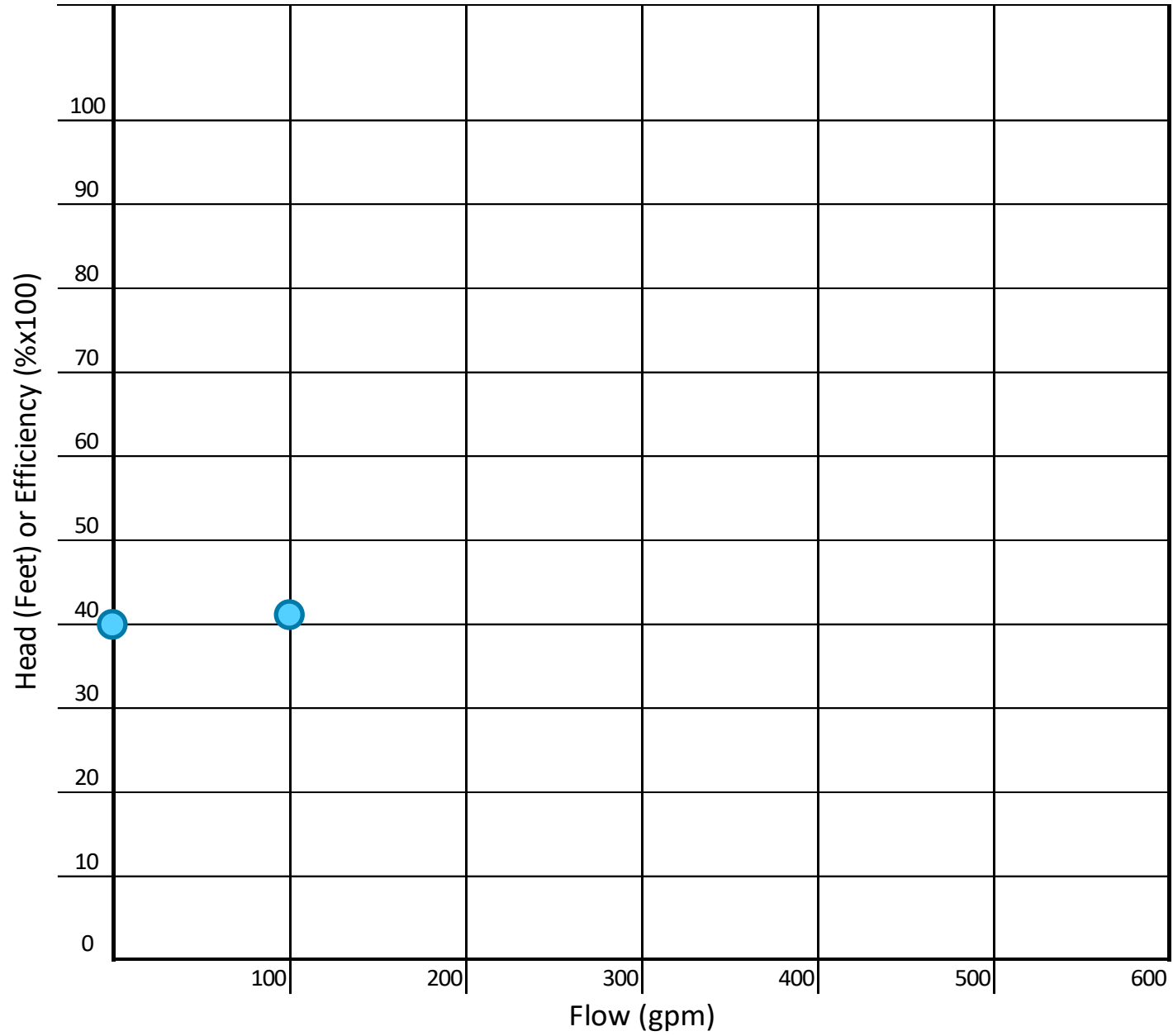
Flow (gpm)	Static Head (ft)	Friction Head (ft)	System Curve Head (ft)
0			
100		1	
200		5	
300		15	
400		30	
500		50	





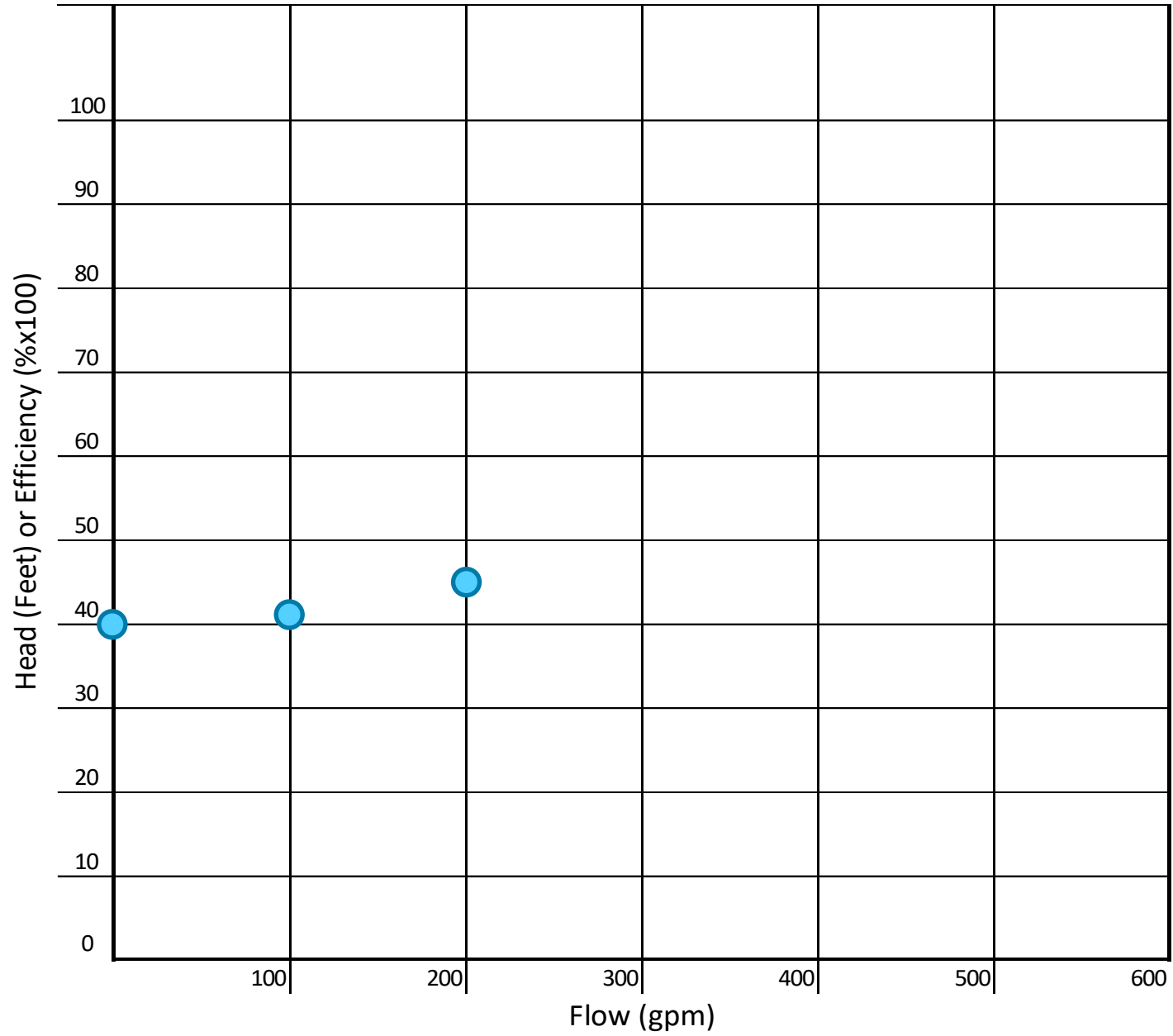
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500		50	



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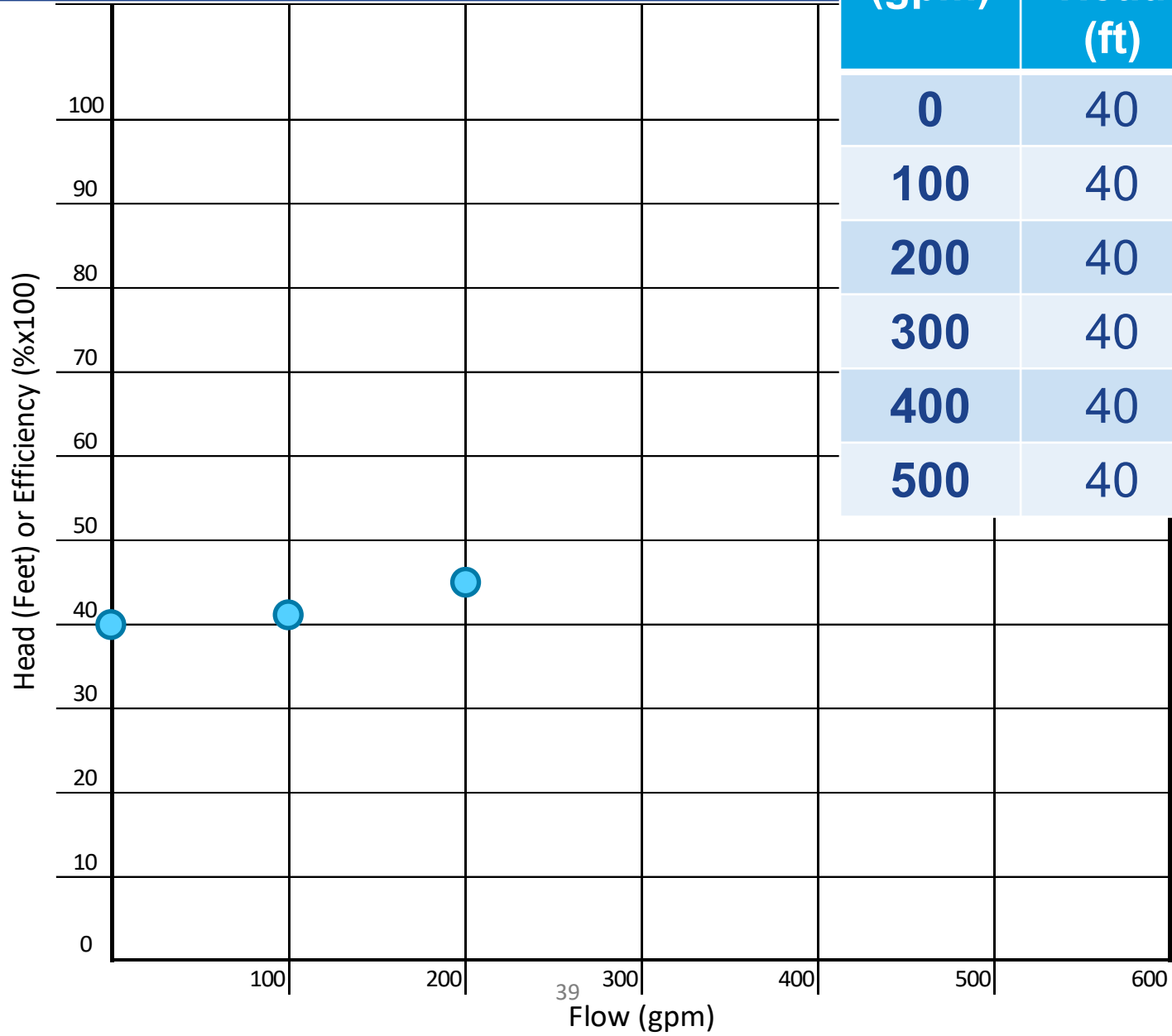
Flow (gpm)	Static Head (ft)	Friction Head (ft)	System Curve Head (ft)
0	40	0	40
100	40	1	41
200		5	
300		15	
400		30	
500		50	



# Let's Draw!

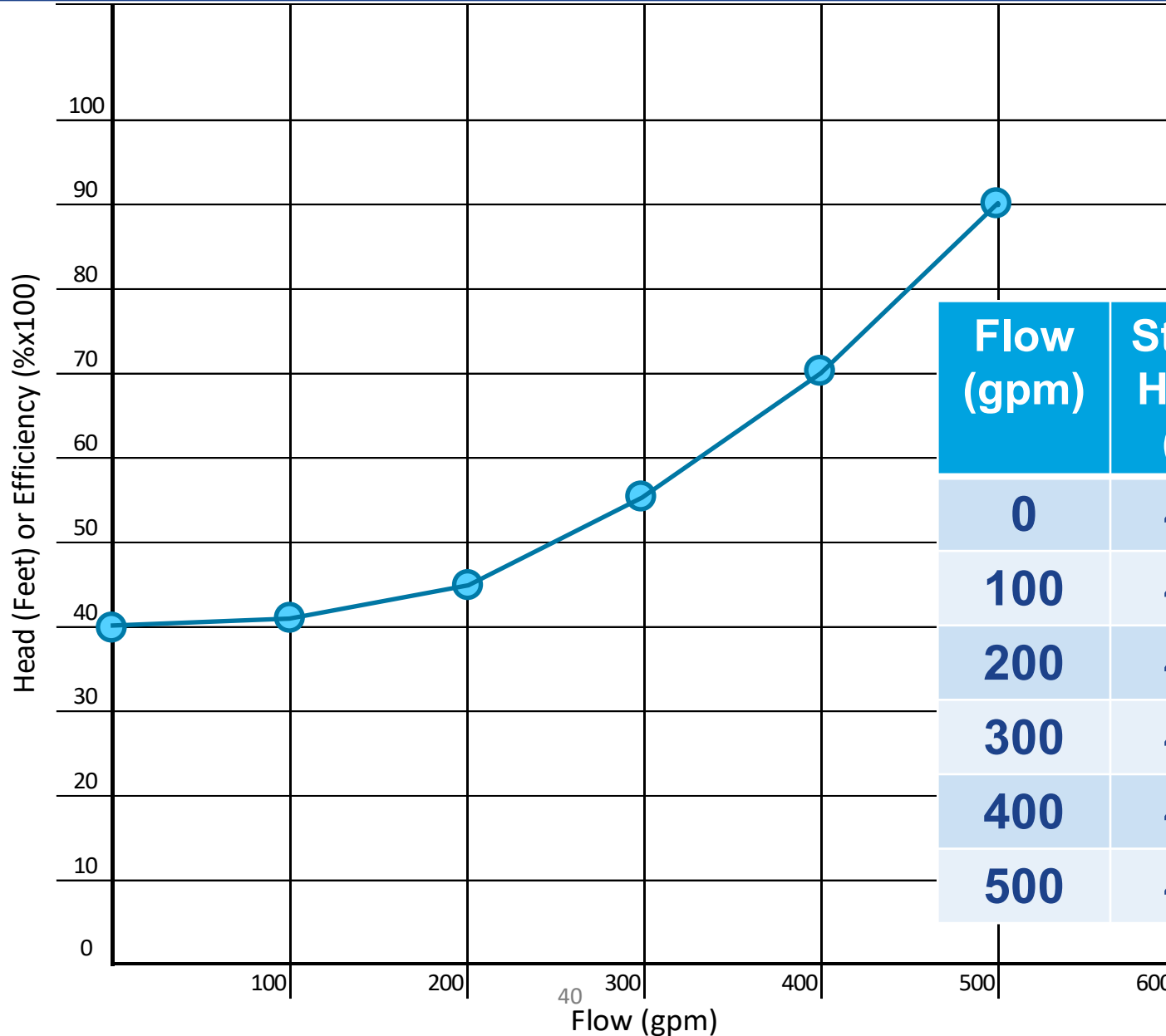
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0	40	0	40
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300	40	15	
400	40	30	
500	40	50	

# Let's Draw!



Flow (gpm)	Static Head (ft)	Friction Head (ft)	System Curve Head (ft)
0	40	0	40
100	40	1	41
200	40	5	45
300	40	15	55
400	40	30	70
500	40	50	90

# System Curve

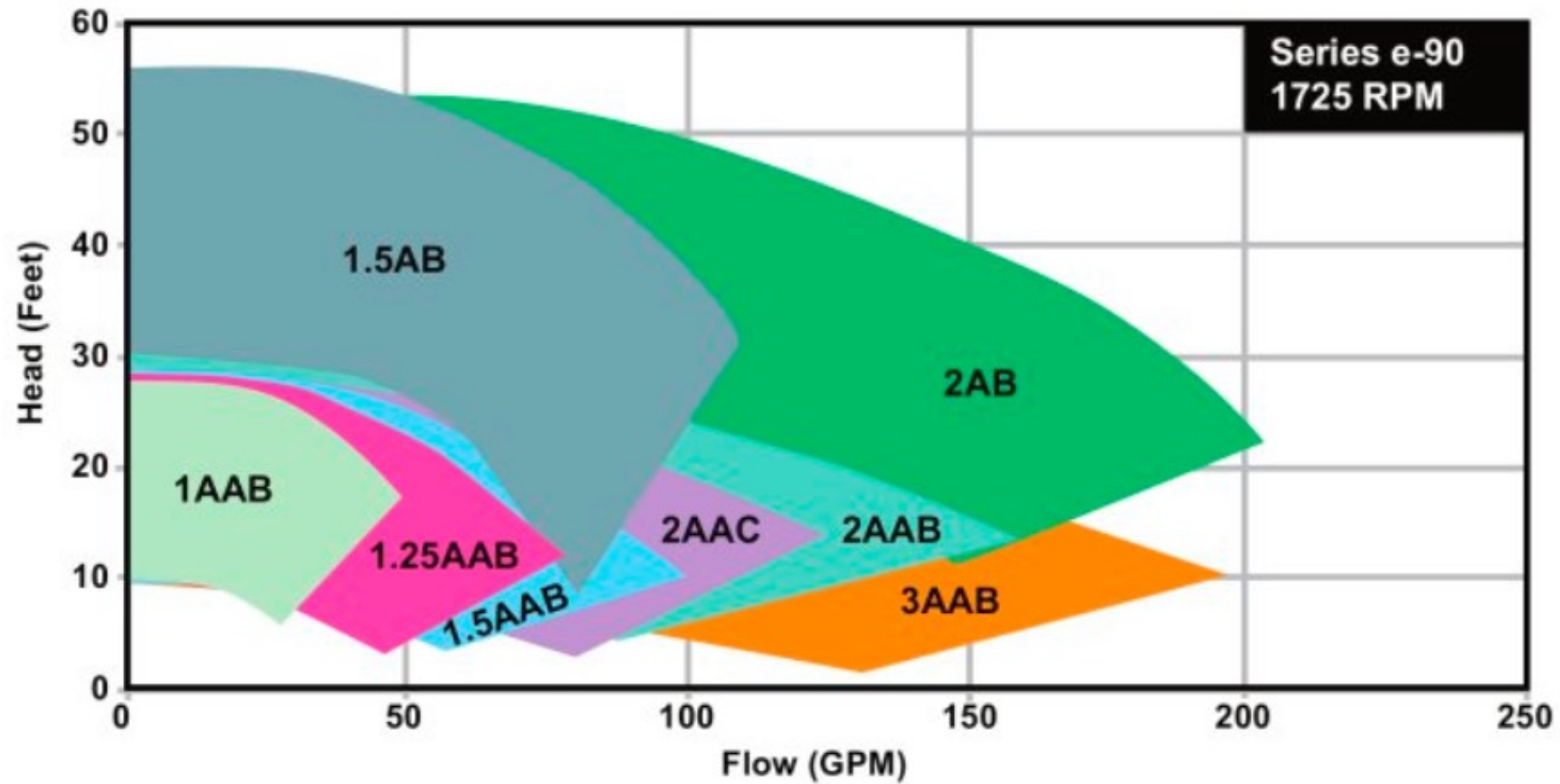


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0	40	0	40
100	40	1	41
200	40	5	45
300	40	15	55
400	40	30	70
500	40	50	90



# Pump Selection

## Standard Performance Curves



# Now We Pick a Pump

Draw the pump curve:

0 GPM = **92 feet**

100 GPM = **90 feet**

200 GPM = **85 feet**

300 GPM = **75 feet**

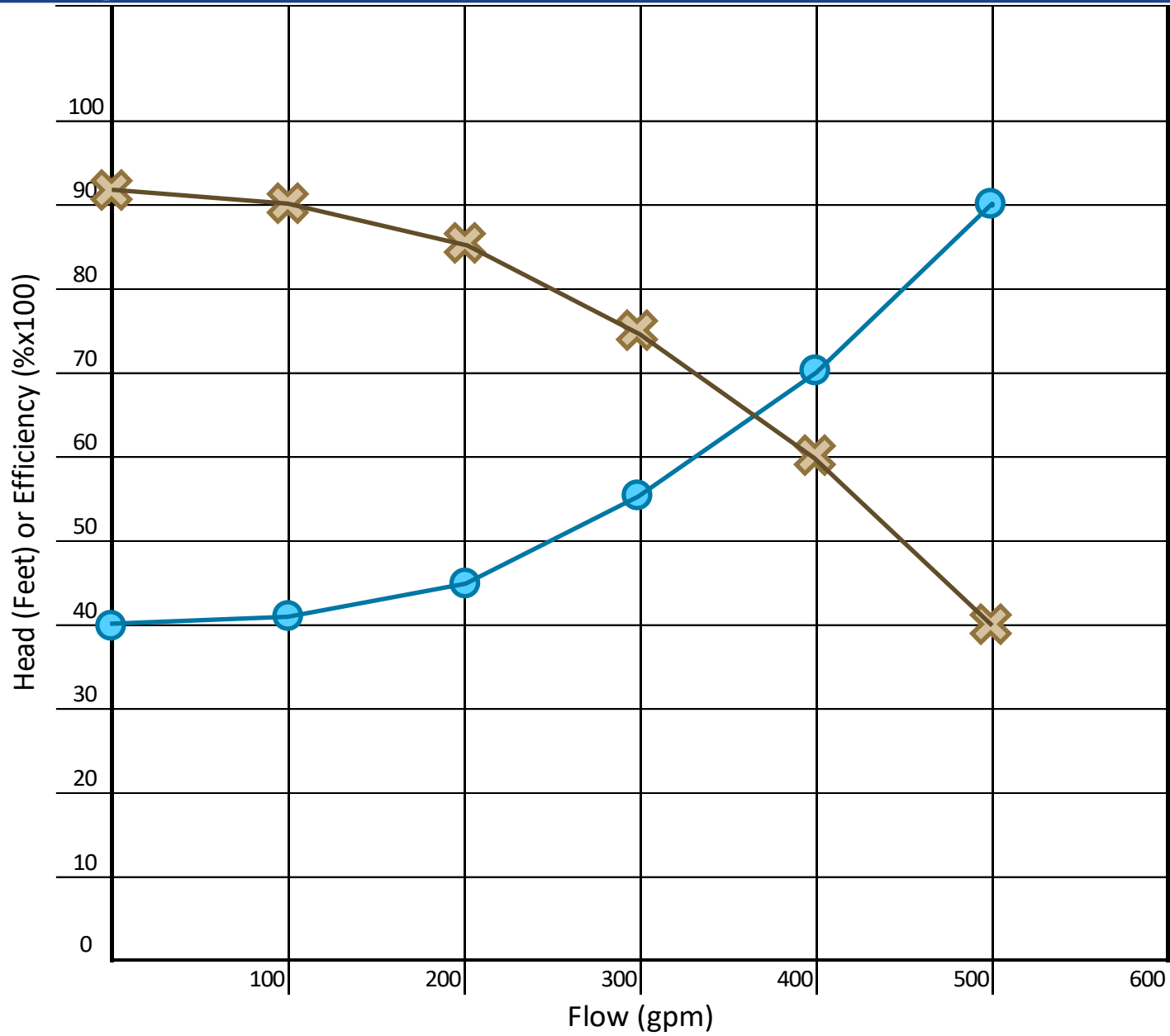
400 GPM = **60 feet**

500 GPM = **40 feet**

- ✘ Use Xs to mark the pump curve points

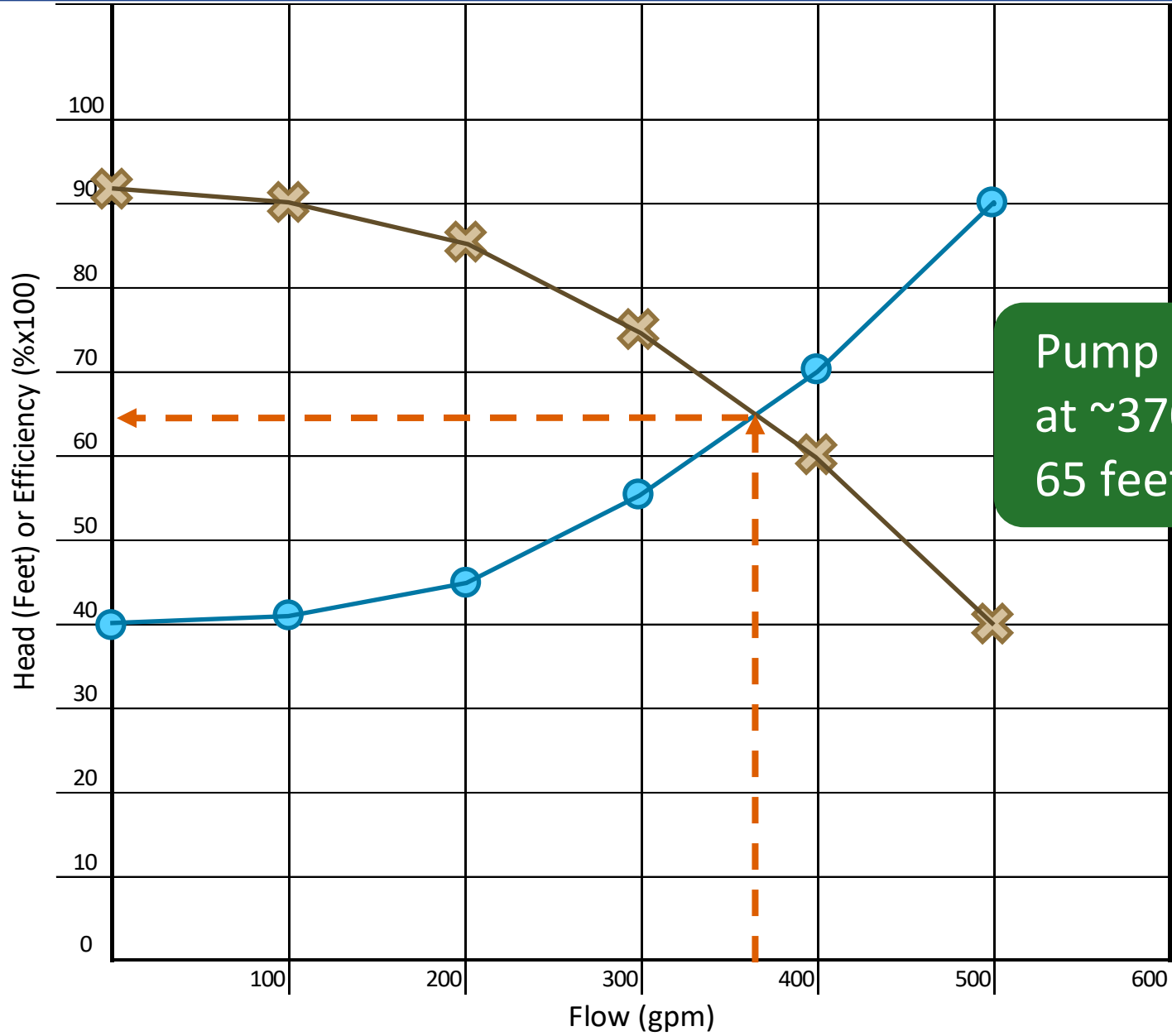
- Where do the curves intersect?

# Pump Curve



Flow (gpm)	Pump Head (ft)
0	92
100	90
200	85
300	75
400	60
500	40

# System Curve and Pump Curve Intersection?



Pump should run at ~370 GPM and 65 feet.

# How Efficient is our Pump?

The pump we've selected has the following efficiency points:

0 GPM = **0%**

100 GPM = **30%**

200 GPM = **50%**

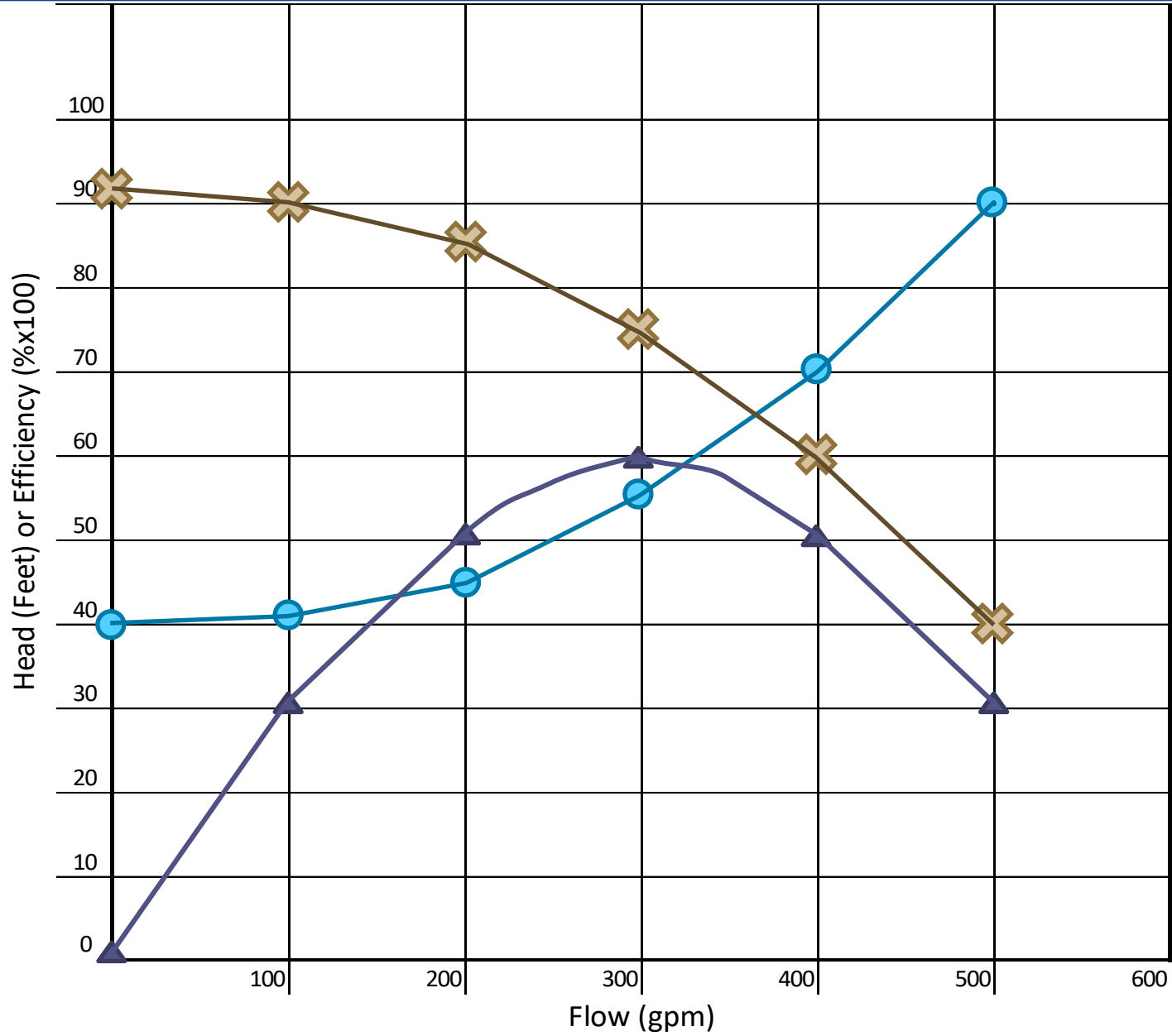
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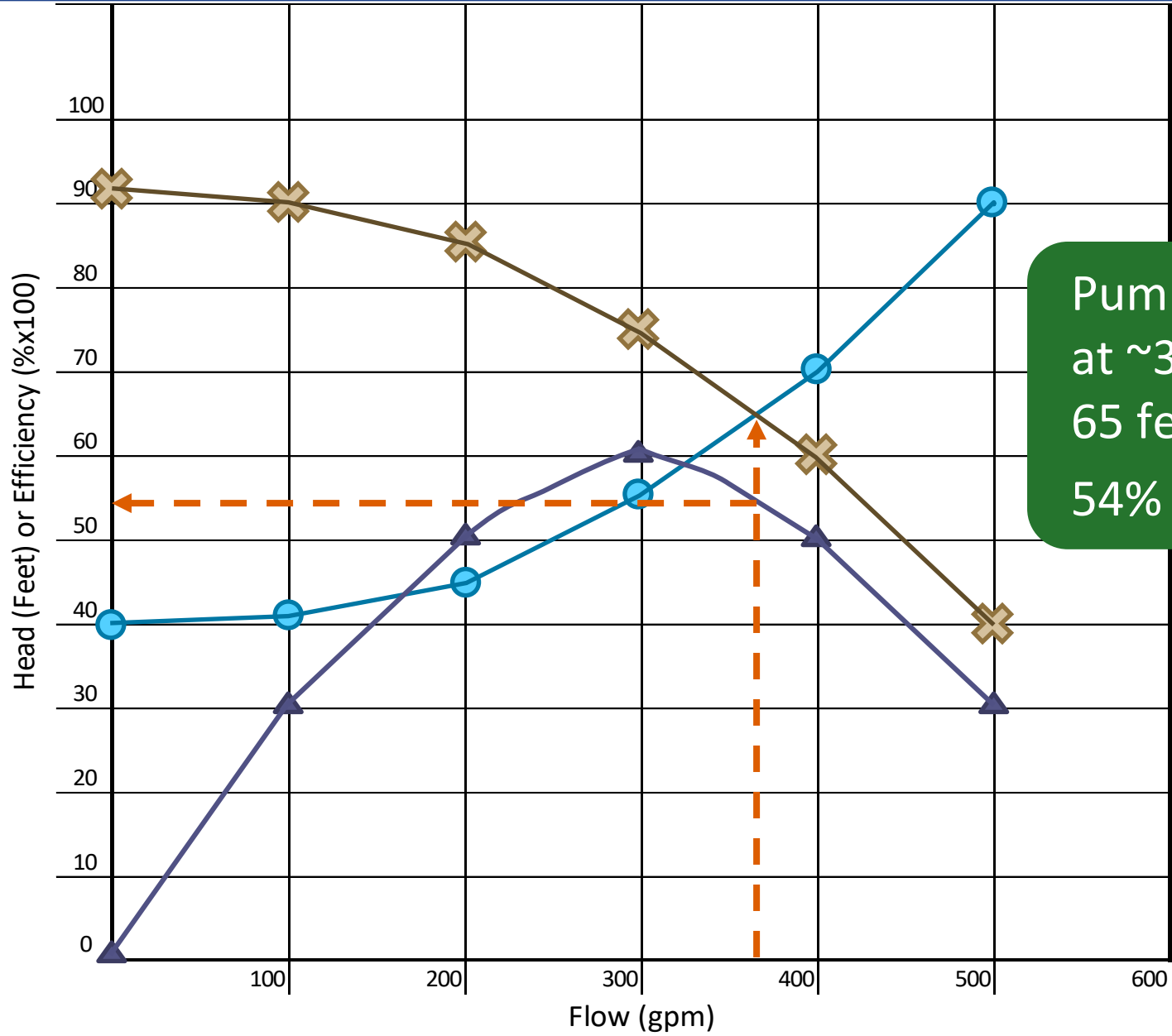
Use  $\Delta$ 's to mark the pump curve efficiency points

# Pump Curve



Flow (gpm)	Efficiency (%)
0	0
100	30
200	50
300	60
400	50
500	30

# Pump Curve



Pump should run at ~370 GPM and 65 feet and 54% efficiency.

# What Power Will It Require?

## Pumping Power Equation

**Q** 370 GPM

**H** 65 feet

**s.g.** 1.0  
(we're pumping water)

**η** 54% (0.54)

**BHP**

$$BHP = \frac{s.g. \cdot Q \cdot H}{3960 \cdot \eta}$$

$$11.2 \text{ hp} \times \frac{0.75 \text{ kW}}{\text{hp}} = 8.4 \text{ kW}$$



# How Much Will It Cost To Run?

Use 94% motor efficiency

$$\frac{8.4 \text{ kW}}{0.94} = 8.9 \text{ kW into motor}$$

$$8.9 \text{ kW} \times \frac{8,760^{**} \text{ hrs}}{\text{year}} = \frac{78,000 \text{ kWh}}{\text{year}}$$

$$\frac{78,000}{\text{year}} \frac{\cancel{\text{kWh}}}{\cancel{\text{kWh}}} \times \frac{\$0.06}{\cancel{\text{kWh}}} = \$ \frac{4,680}{\text{year}}$$

\*\*Assume continuous operation

Uh oh . . .

$$BHP = \frac{s.g. \cdot Q \cdot H}{3960 \cdot \eta}$$

You install the pump, and determine that it's actually running at 450 GPM

## Pumping Power Equation

**Q** 450 GPM

**H** \_\_\_\_\_ feet

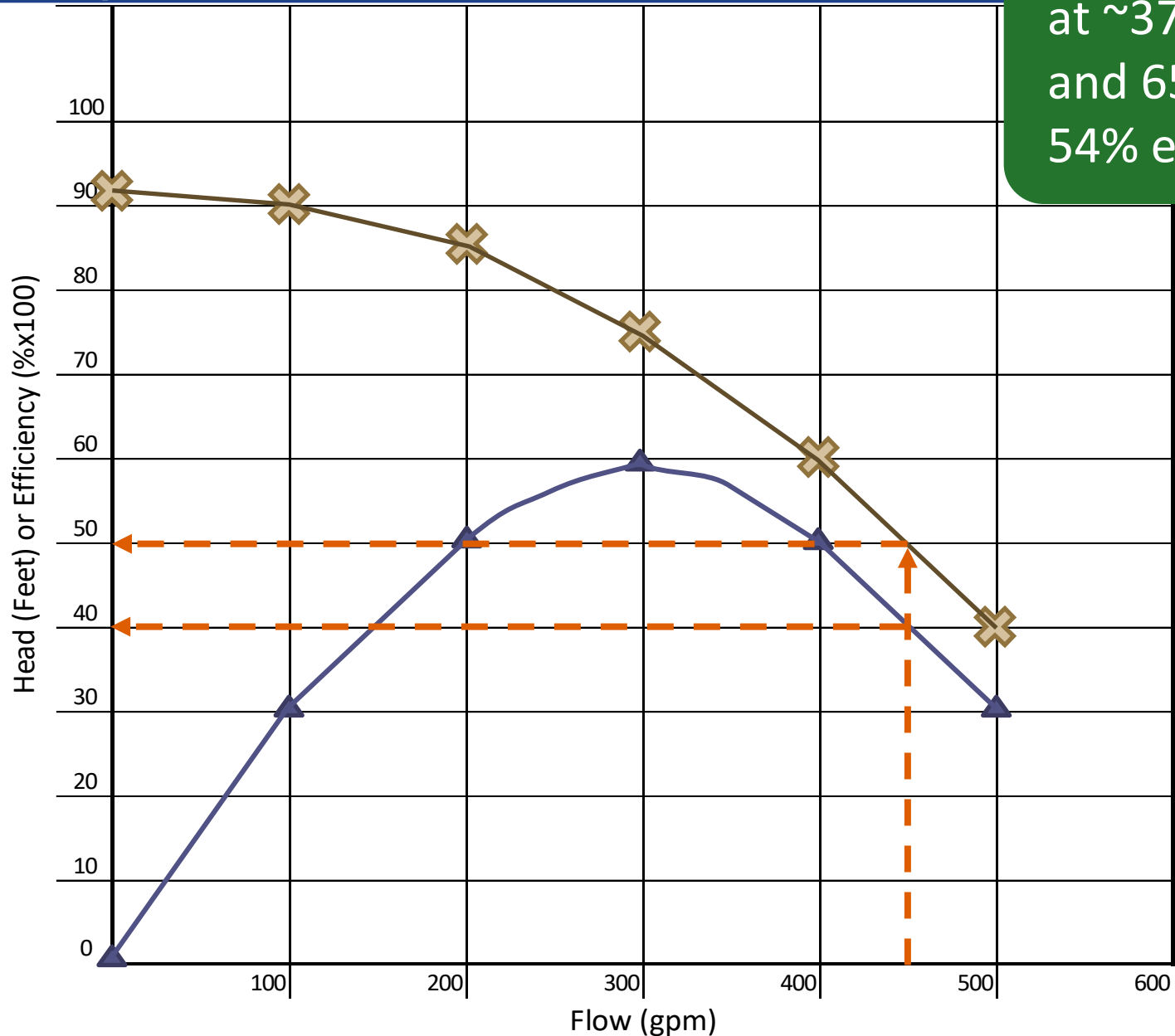
**s.g.** 1.0  
(we're pumping water)

**$\eta$**  \_\_\_\_\_%

**BHP** \_\_\_\_\_ kW x 0.75 = \_\_\_\_\_

# Pump Curve

Pump should run at ~370 GPM and 65 feet and 54% efficiency.



## Pumping Power Equation

$Q$  450 GPM

$H$  50 feet

$\eta$  40 %

# Quick Power Check

$$BHP = \frac{s.g.* Q * H}{3960 * \eta}$$

$$BHP = \frac{450 \text{ gpm} * 50 \text{ feet}}{3960 * 0.40} = 14.2 \text{ HP}$$

## Pumping Power Equation

**Q** 450 GPM

**H** 50 feet

**s.g.** 1 (we're pumping water)

**Pump Efficiency  $\eta$**  40%

**BHP**

# Quick Power Check

## Pumping Power Equation

**Q** 450 GPM

**H** 50 feet

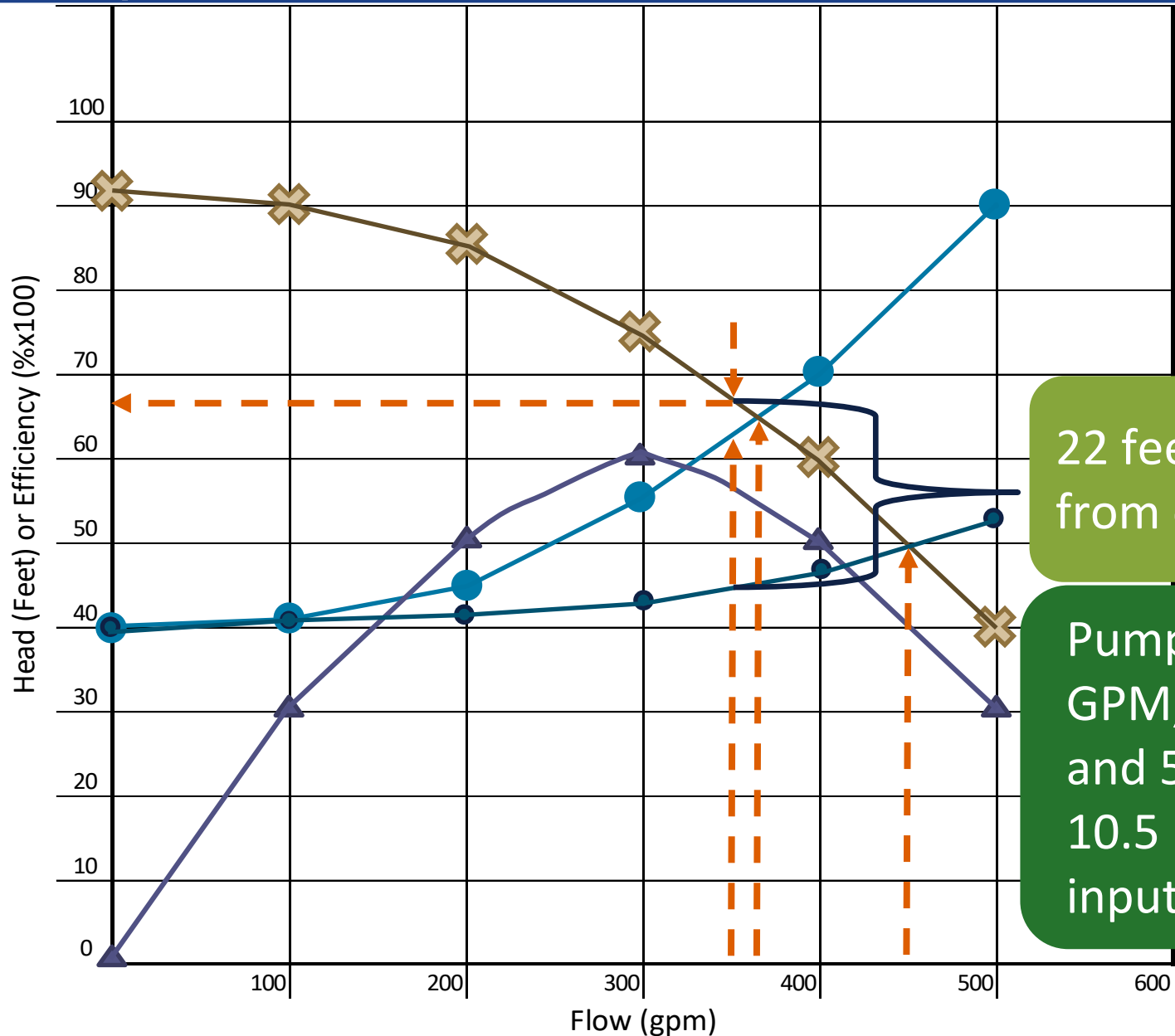
**η** 40%

**BHP** 14.2 HP

$$\text{Motor Output} = \text{BHP} * \frac{0.75 \text{ kW}}{\text{hp}} = 14.2 \cancel{\text{ hp}} * \frac{0.75 \text{ kW}}{\cancel{\text{ hp}}} = 10.6 \text{ kW}$$

$$\text{Motor Input} = \frac{\text{Motor Output kW}}{\text{Motor Efficiency}} = \frac{10.6 \text{ kW}}{0.94} = 11.3 \text{ kW}$$

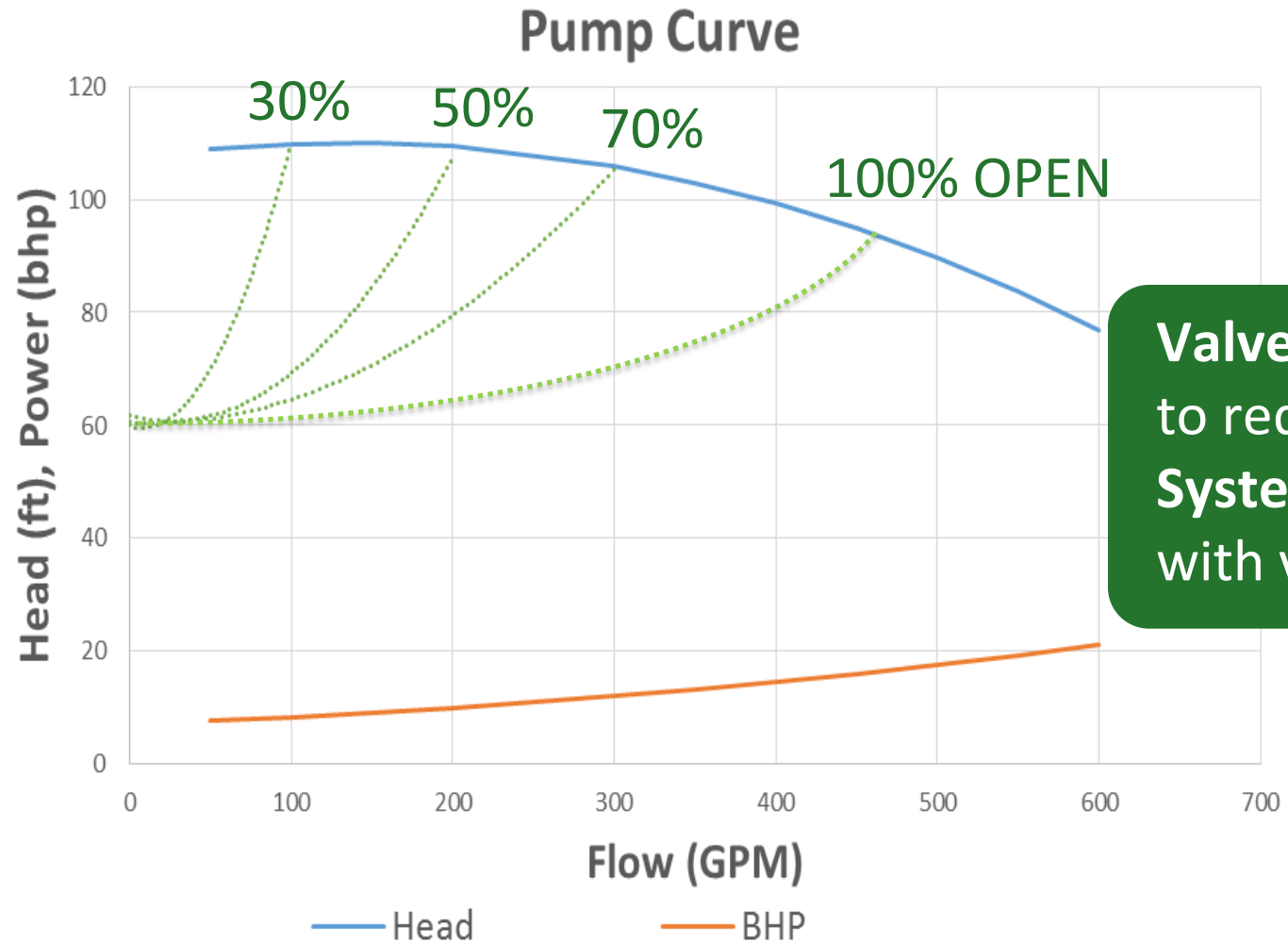
# Pump Curve



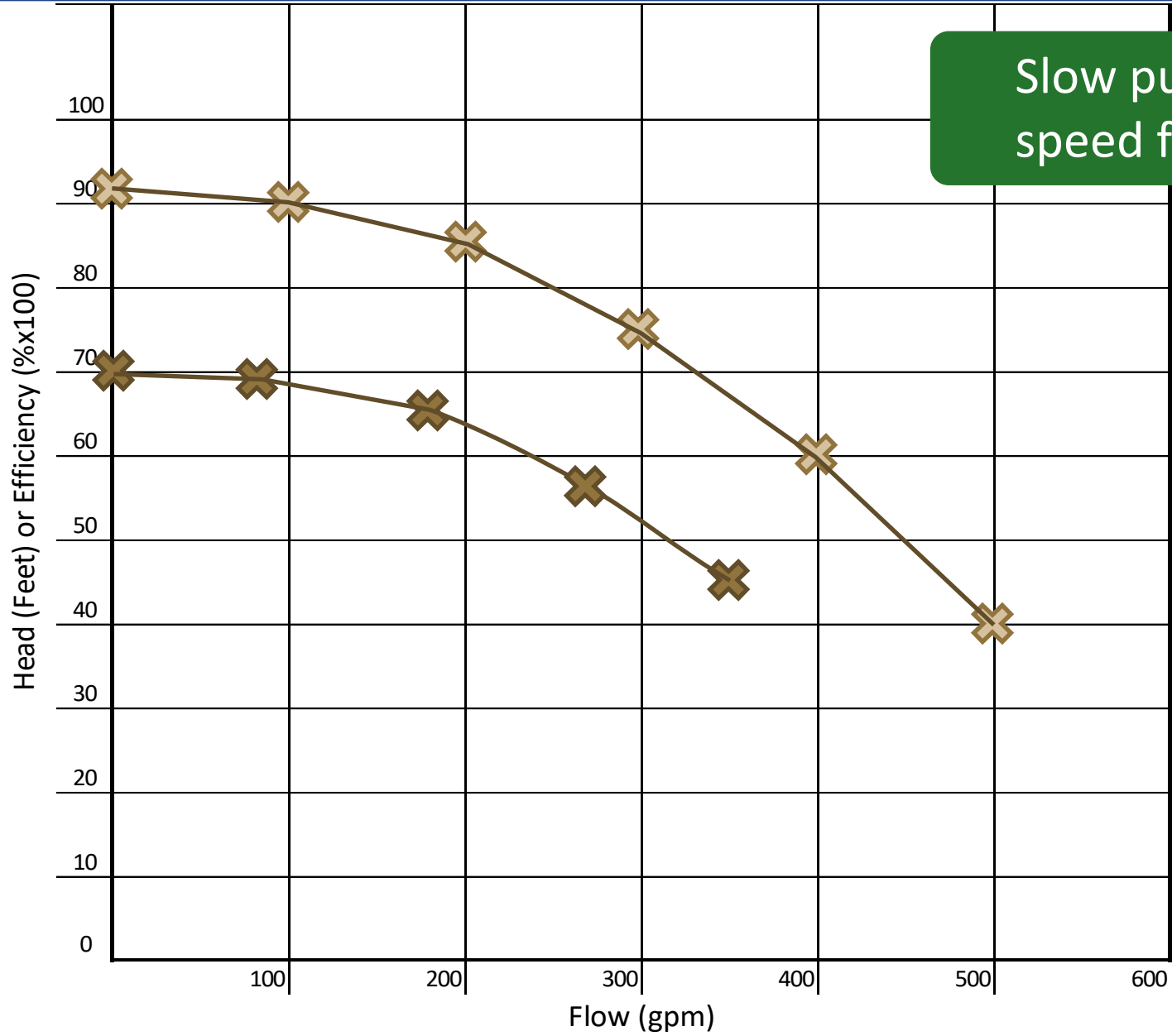
22 feet of friction head from control valve

Pump runs at 350 GPM, 68 feet, and 57% efficiency. 10.5 BHP, 8.4 kW input to motor.

# Throttled Valve



# Pump Curve

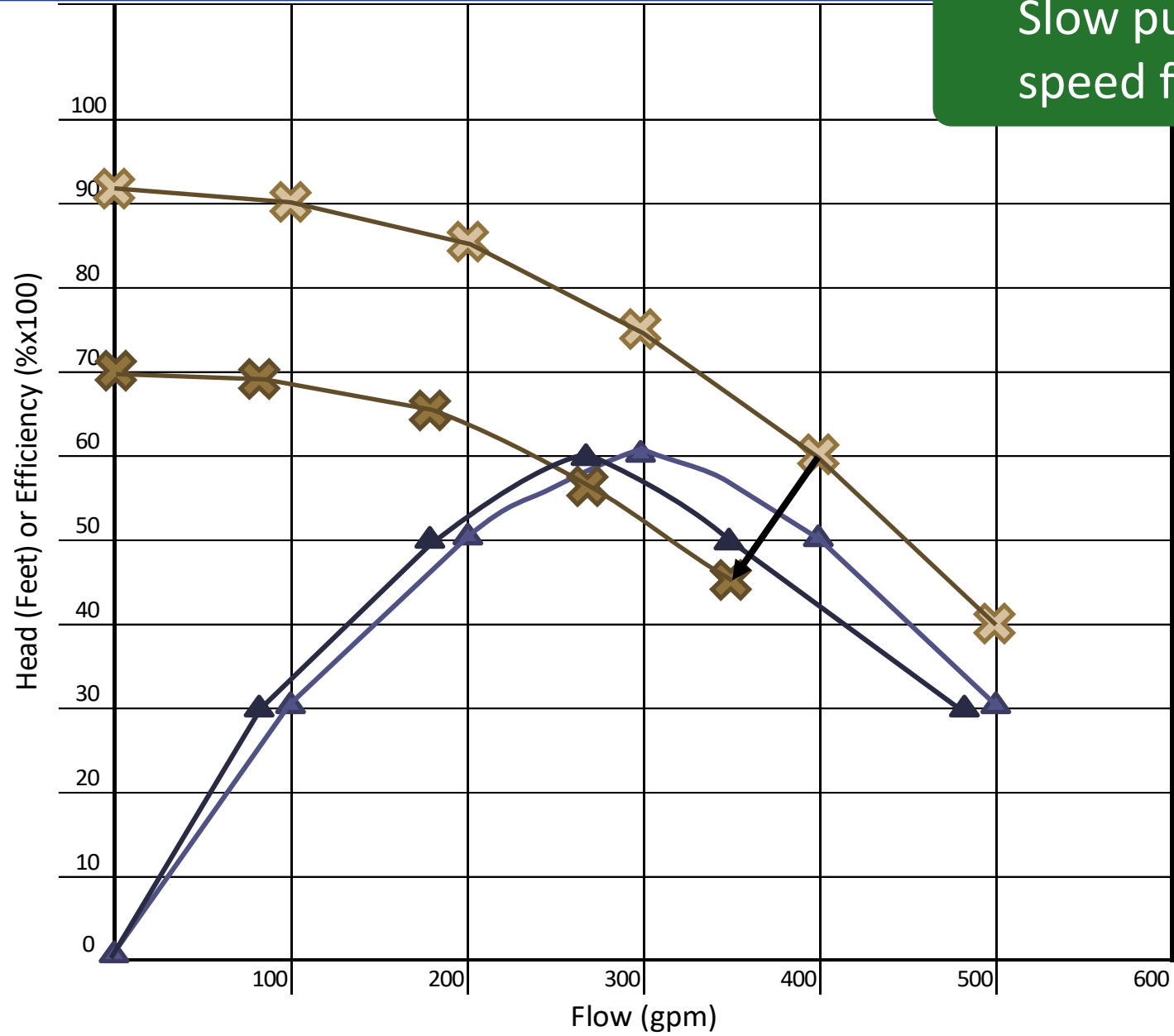


Slow pump to 78% speed for 350 gpm

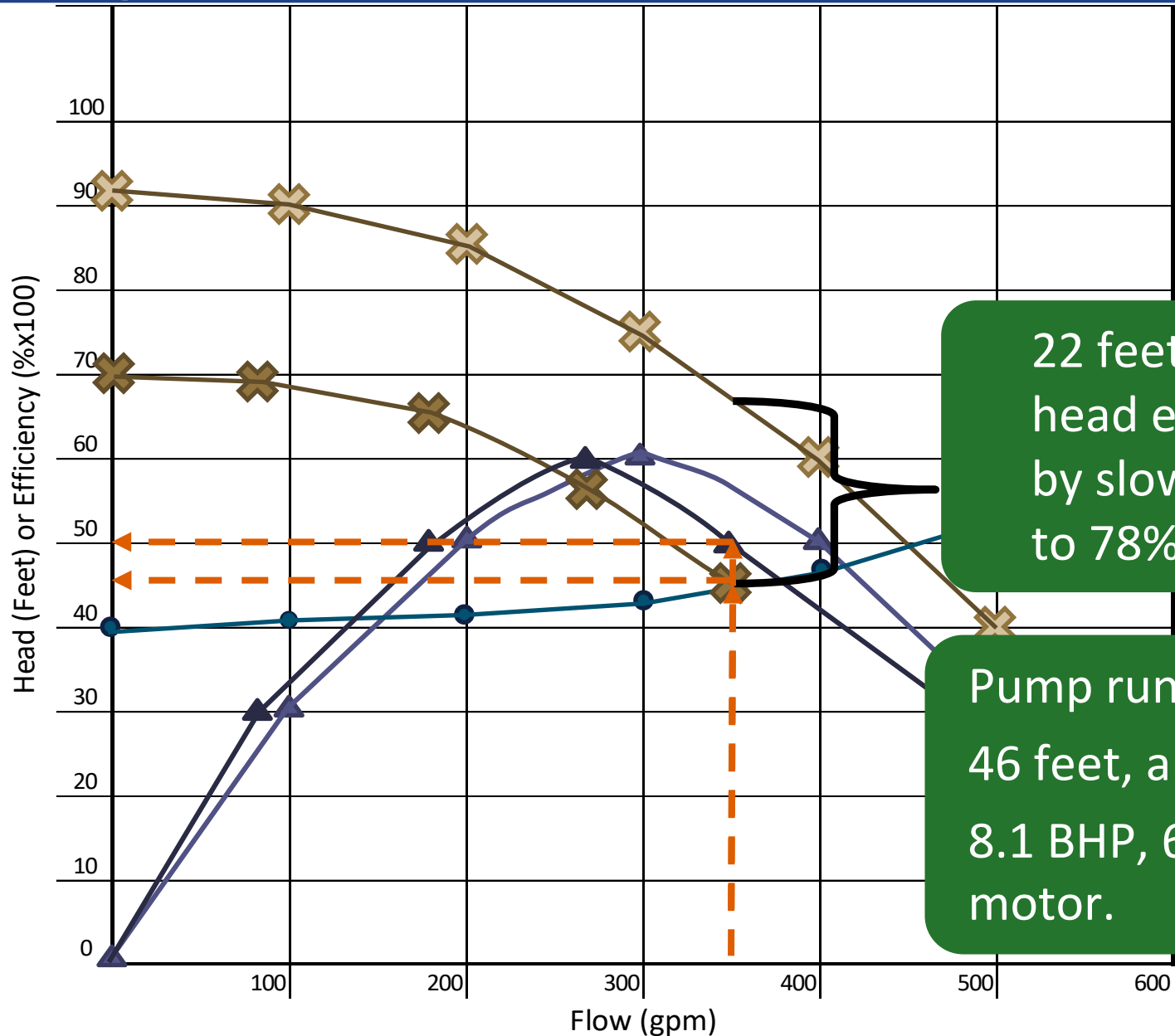


# Pump Curve

Slow pump to 78% speed for 350 gpm



# Pump Curve

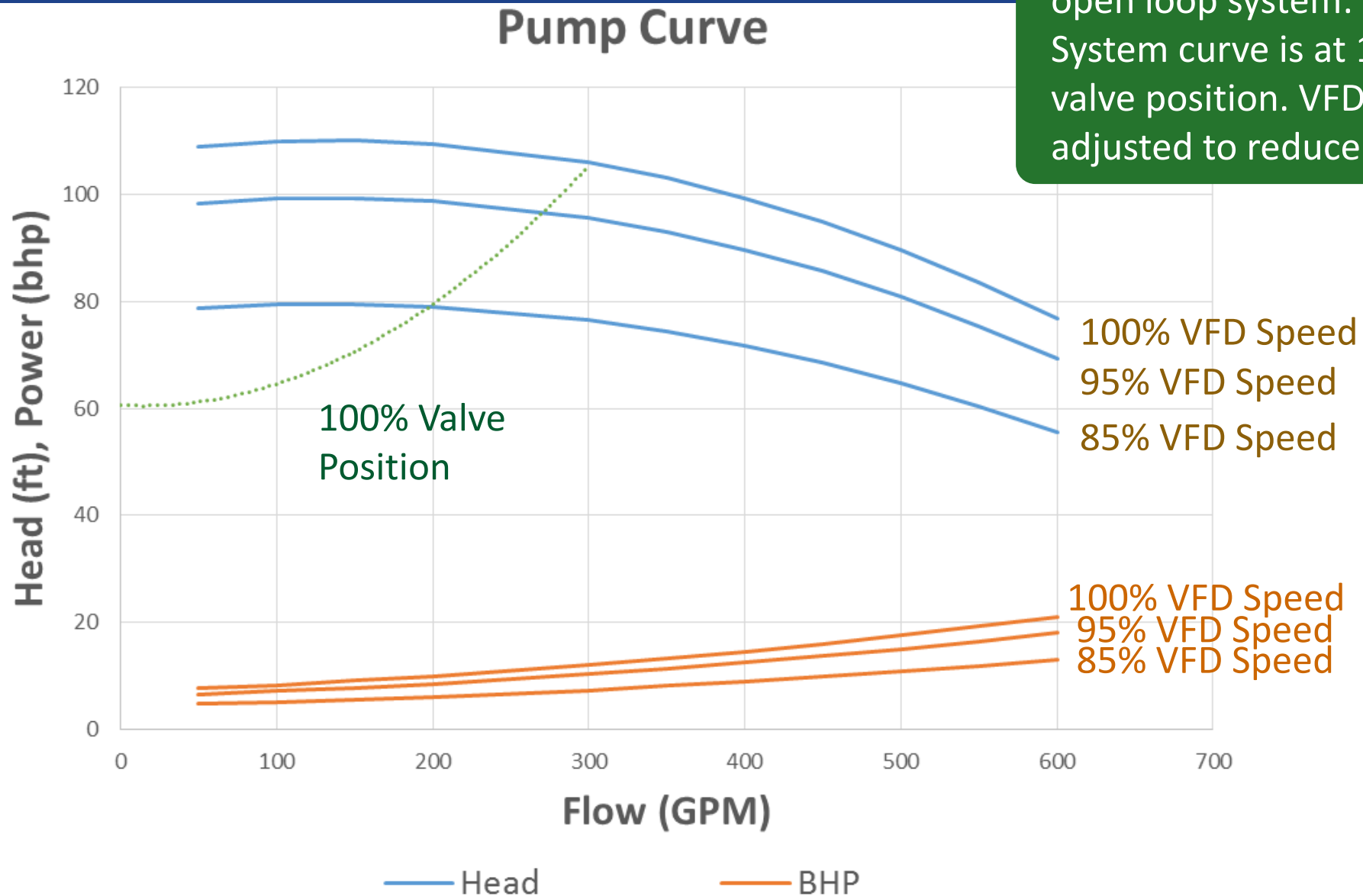


22 feet of friction head eliminated by slowing pump to 78% speed.

Pump runs at 350 GPM, 46 feet, and 50% efficiency. 8.1 BHP, 6.7 kW input to motor.

# System Curves: with VFD Operation

Example of system curve for open loop system:  
System curve is at 100% valve position. VFD speed is adjusted to reduce the flow.



# Summary

Condition	Flow (GPM)	Head (Feet)	Input Power (kW)	Annual Cost (@ \$.06 /kWh)
Designed	370	65	8.9	\$4,680
Installed	450	50	11.3	\$5,940
Throttled	350	68	8.4	\$4,420
Add VFD	350	46	6.7	\$3,520

# Summary

Condition	Flow (GPM)	Input Power (kW)	GPM / kW	kWh/MG Pumped
Designed	370	8.9	42	401
Installed	450	11.3	40	420
Throttled	350	8.4	42	400
Add VFD	350	6.7	52	319

# Family of Curves



- Each curve is 100 RPM step
- VFD's are not a "cure all"

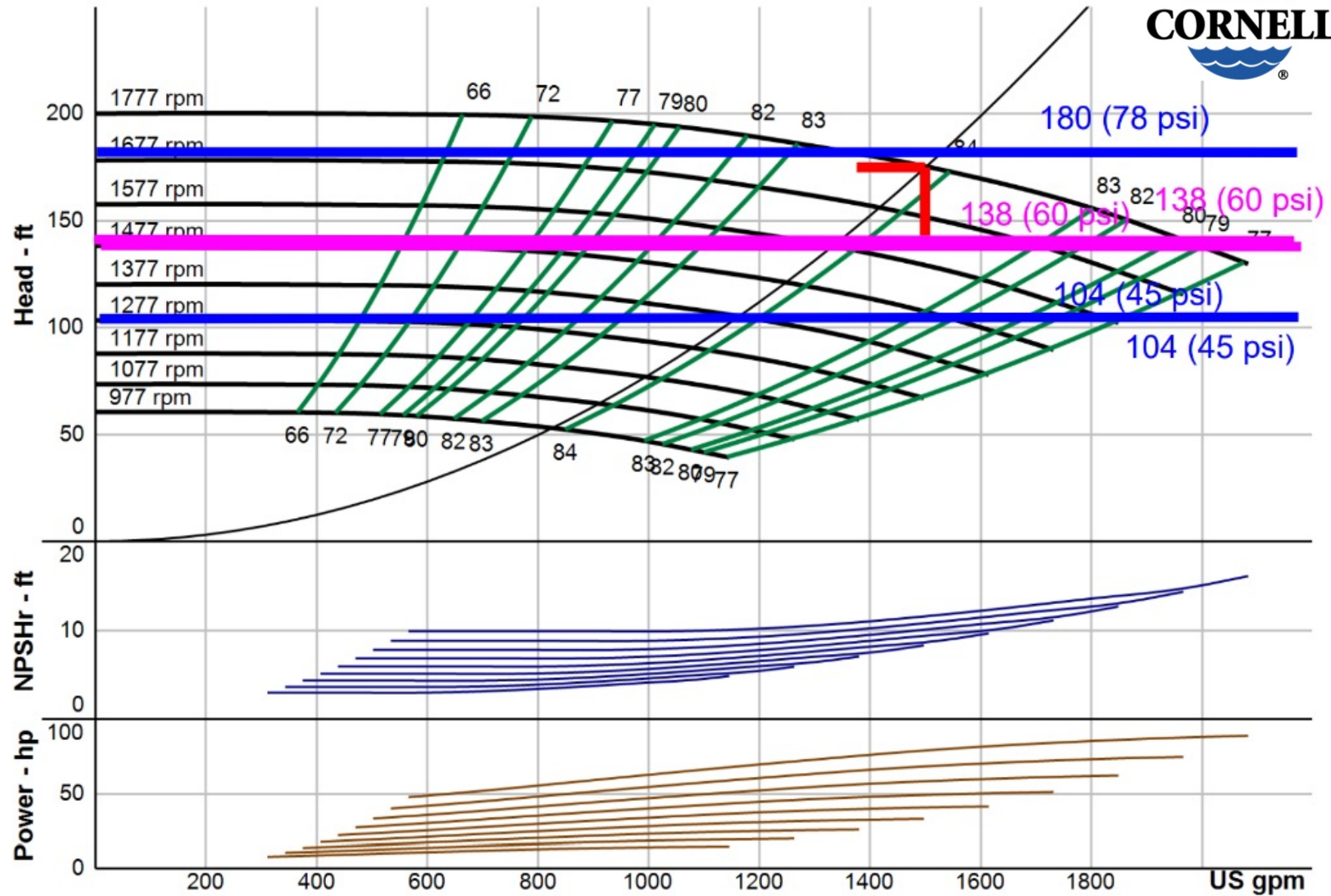
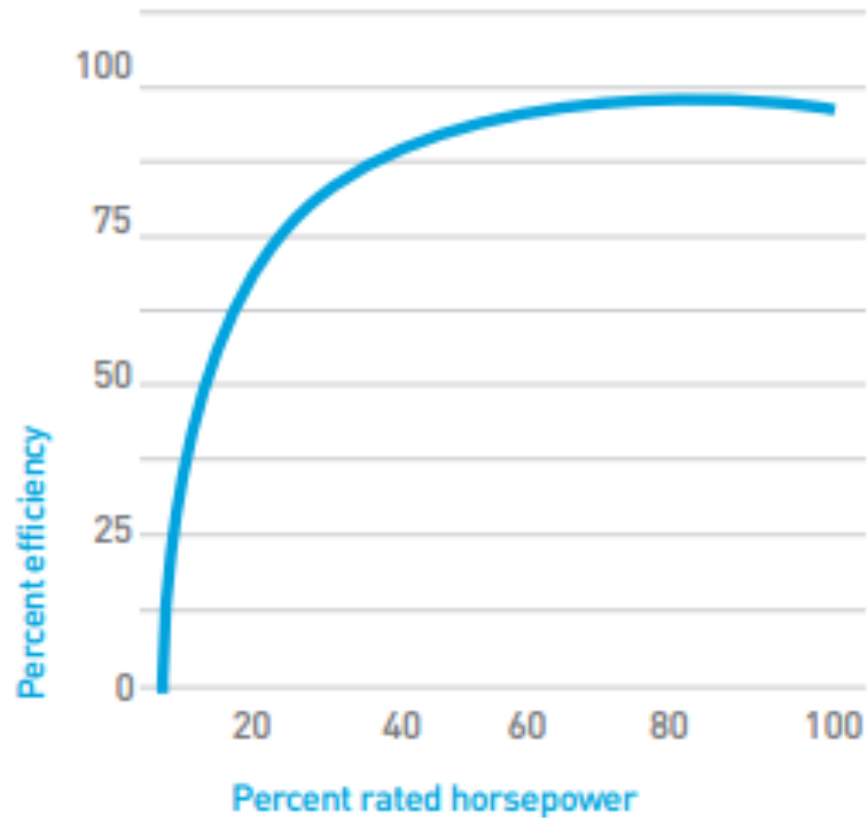


Figure 4: Efficiency versus Load Curve for Induction Motors



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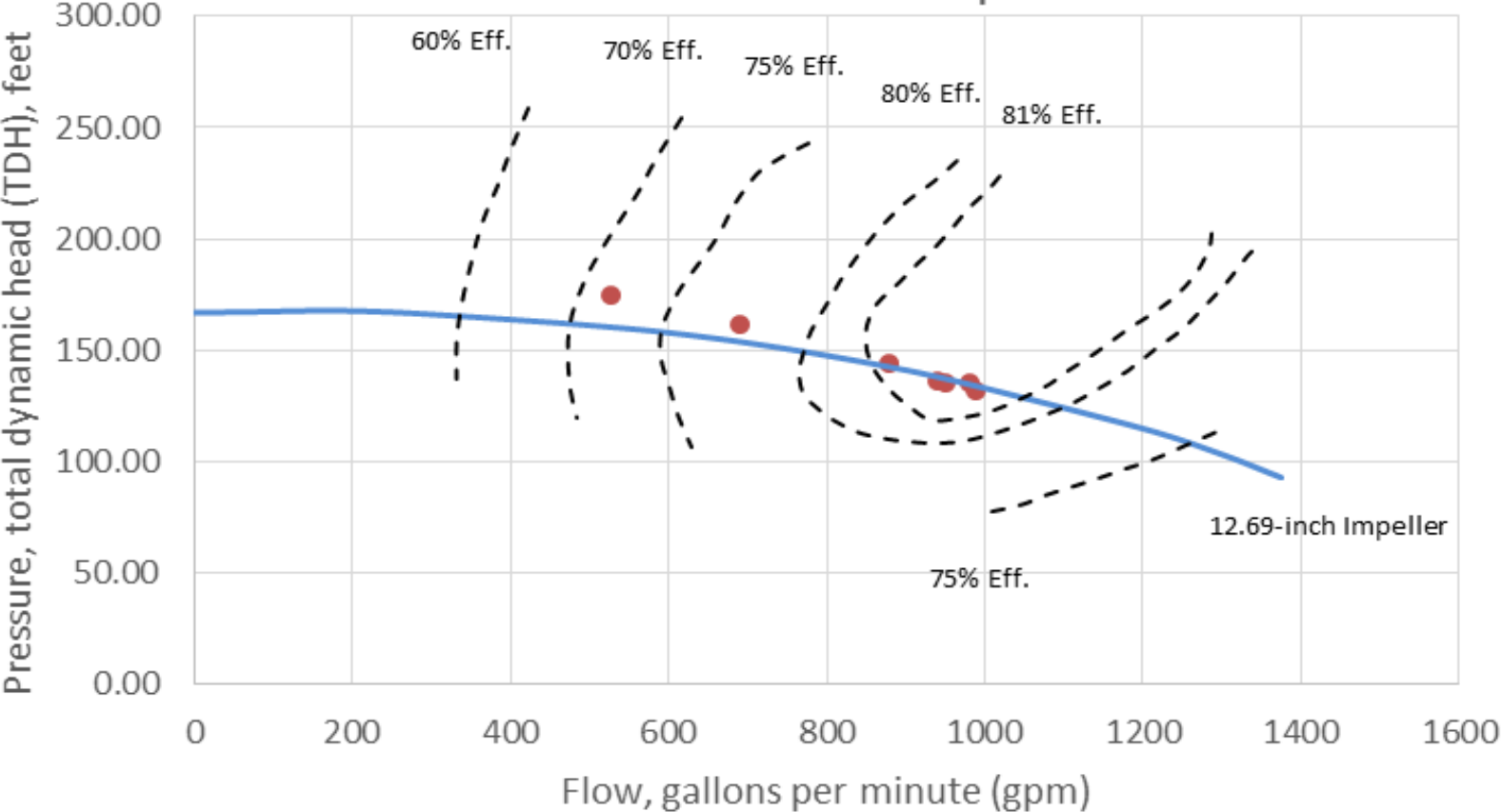
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Motor Efficiency,  
Selection and Management

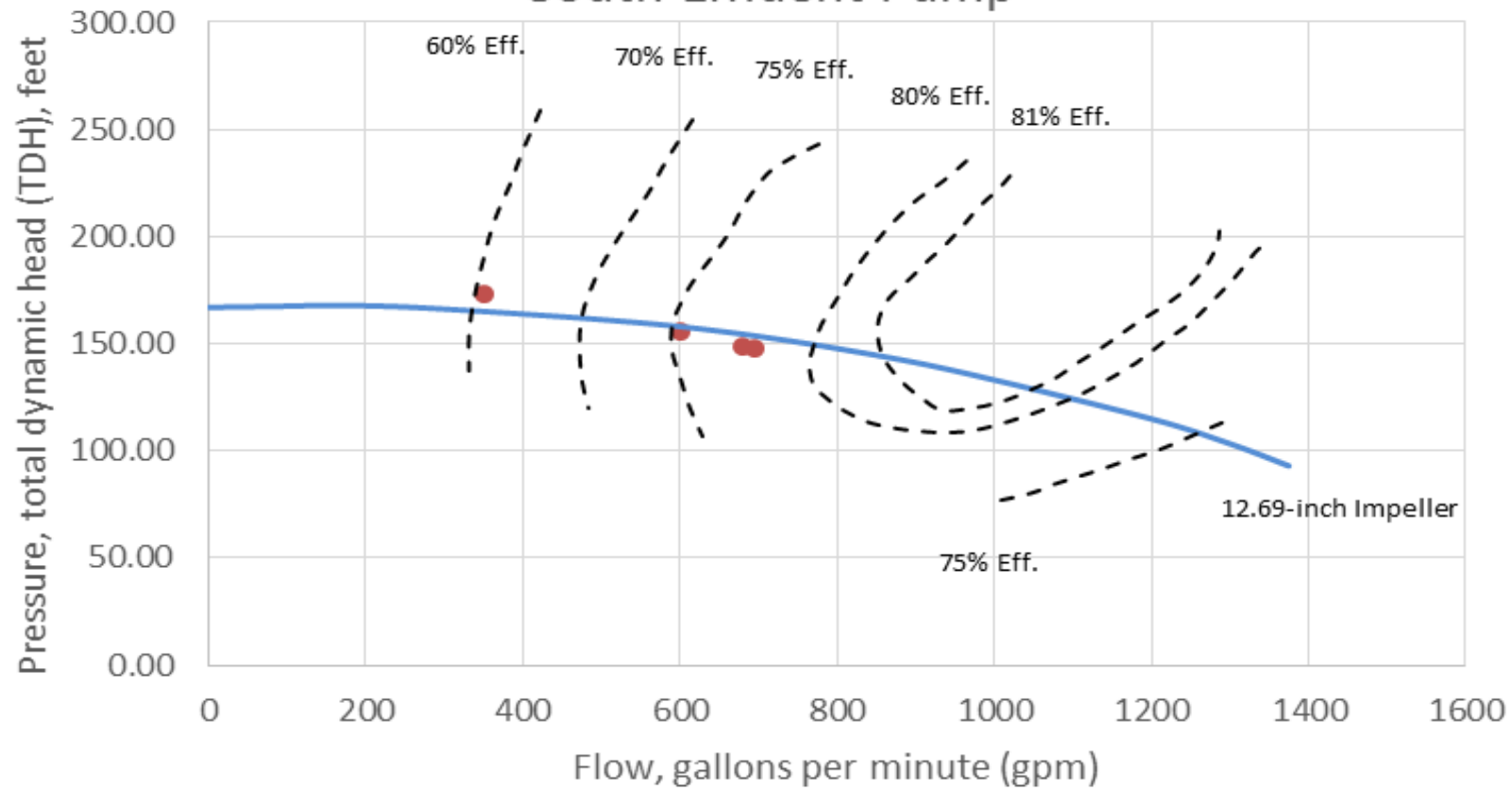
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# WWTP Effluent Pump Efficiency Test Results North Effluent Pump

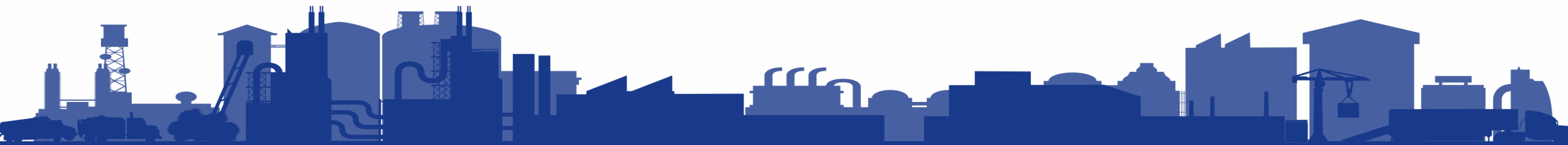




## WWTP Effluent Pump Efficiency Test Results South Effluent Pump



# PUMP ENERGY CALCULATIONS



A 100 hp pump is 80% loaded and runs 24/7. Motor efficiency is 95%.  
What is the operating power? Annual energy use and cost?

$$\text{BHP} = 100 \text{ hp} \times 0.80 \text{ load} = \mathbf{80 \text{ hp}}$$

Annual energy use?

- $80 \text{ hp} \times \frac{0.746 \text{ kW}}{\text{hp}} \times \frac{24 \text{ hr}}{\text{day}} \times \frac{365 \text{ days}}{\text{year}} = \mathbf{550,000 \text{ kWh}}$   
year

0.95 motor efficiency

- $\text{Energy } \$ = 550,000 \frac{\text{kWh}}{\text{yr}} * \frac{\$0.05}{\text{kWh}} = \mathbf{\$27,500}$   
year

A 100 hp pump draws 70 amps at 460 volts operating at 100 psi year-round. Assume power factor is 0.8.

How much energy would be saved by reducing the discharge pressure to 90 psi (estimate)?

### AMP TO KWH CALCULATION

For three phase power (be wary of using amps from a VFD panel readout):

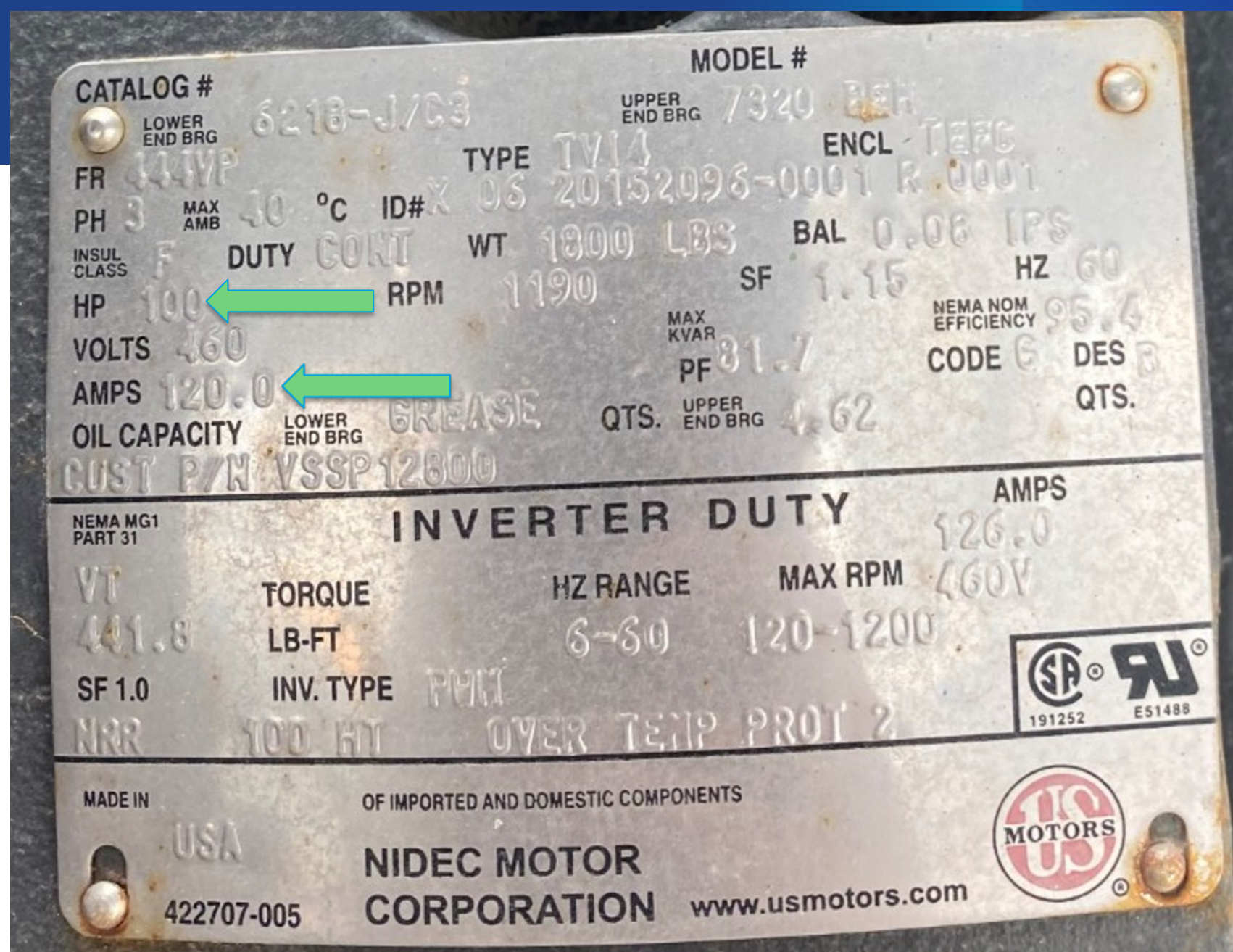
$$\text{Amps} \times \text{Volts} \times 1.73 \times \text{Power Factor} \times \frac{1}{1,000} \times \text{hours} = \text{kWh}$$

$$70 \times 460 \times 1.73 \times 0.8 / 1,000 \times 8,760 = 390,000 \text{ kWh}$$

- % savings = (100 psi – 90 psi) / 100 psi = 10%
- Energy reduction = 390,000 kWh x 0.10 = 39,000 kWh
- Energy Savings \$ = 39,000  $\frac{\text{kWh}}{\text{yr}}$  \*  $\frac{\$0.05}{\text{kWh}}$  =  $\frac{\$1,950}{\text{year}}$

# Motor Nameplates

- If we don't know amps and assume an 80% motor load that is  $80\% * 120 = 96$  amps
- If this was the motor from the last example, then 70 amps is  $70/120 = 58\%$  motor load



# Activity

- Calculate the energy savings for installing a VFD on a 50 hp pump

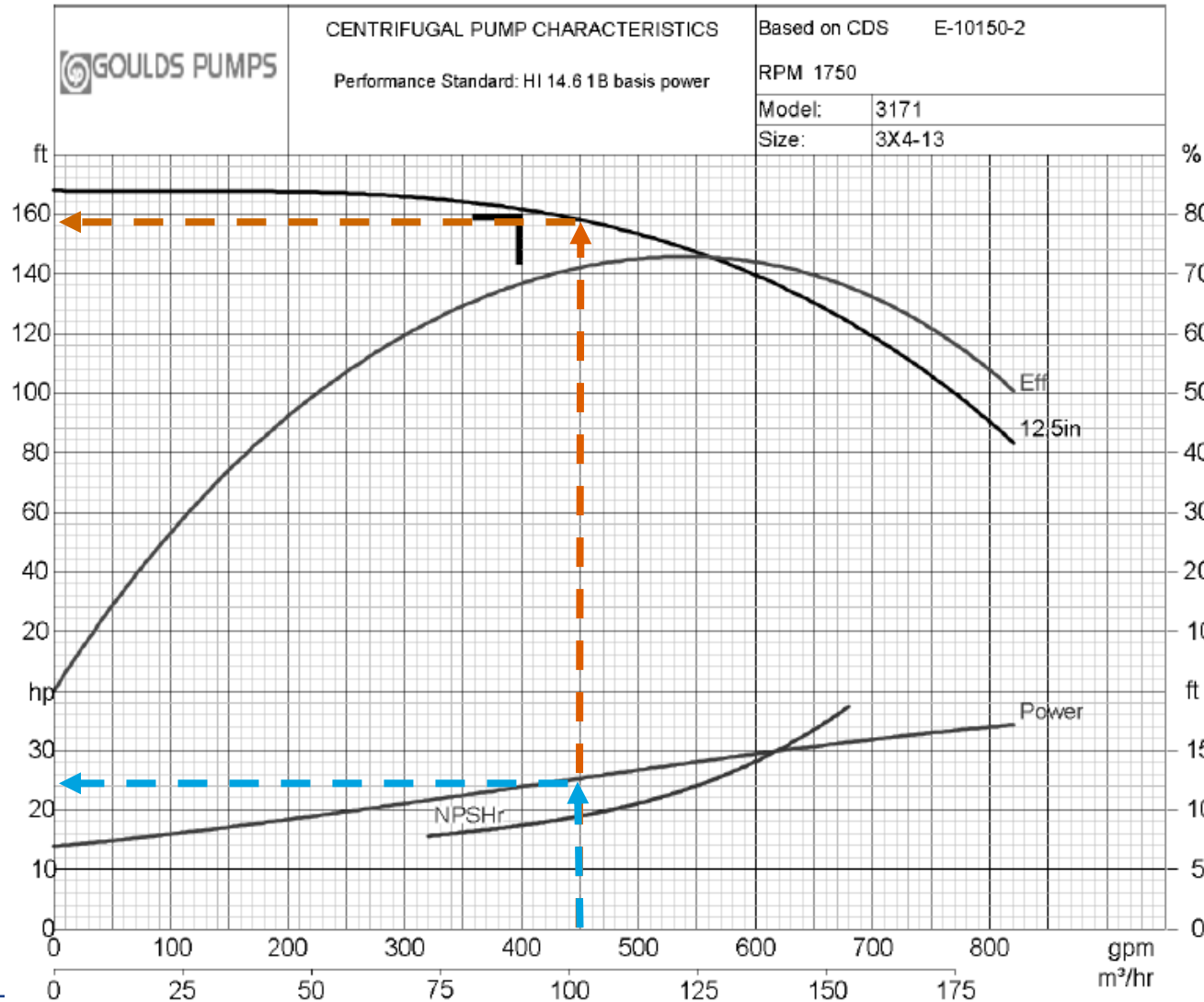
Currently throttled condition is  
450 gpm

Actual pressure needed  
downstream of the valve is 40 psi

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# Baseline Pump Energy



- Flow: 450 gpm
- Head: 159 ft
- BHP: 25 BHP

# Baseline Energy Calculations

## Input Motor Power

$$\underline{25} \text{ BHP} \times \frac{1}{\underline{94} \% \text{ motor eff}} \times \frac{0.746 \text{ kW}}{\text{hp}} = \underline{19.8} \text{ kW}$$

## Baseline Pump Energy

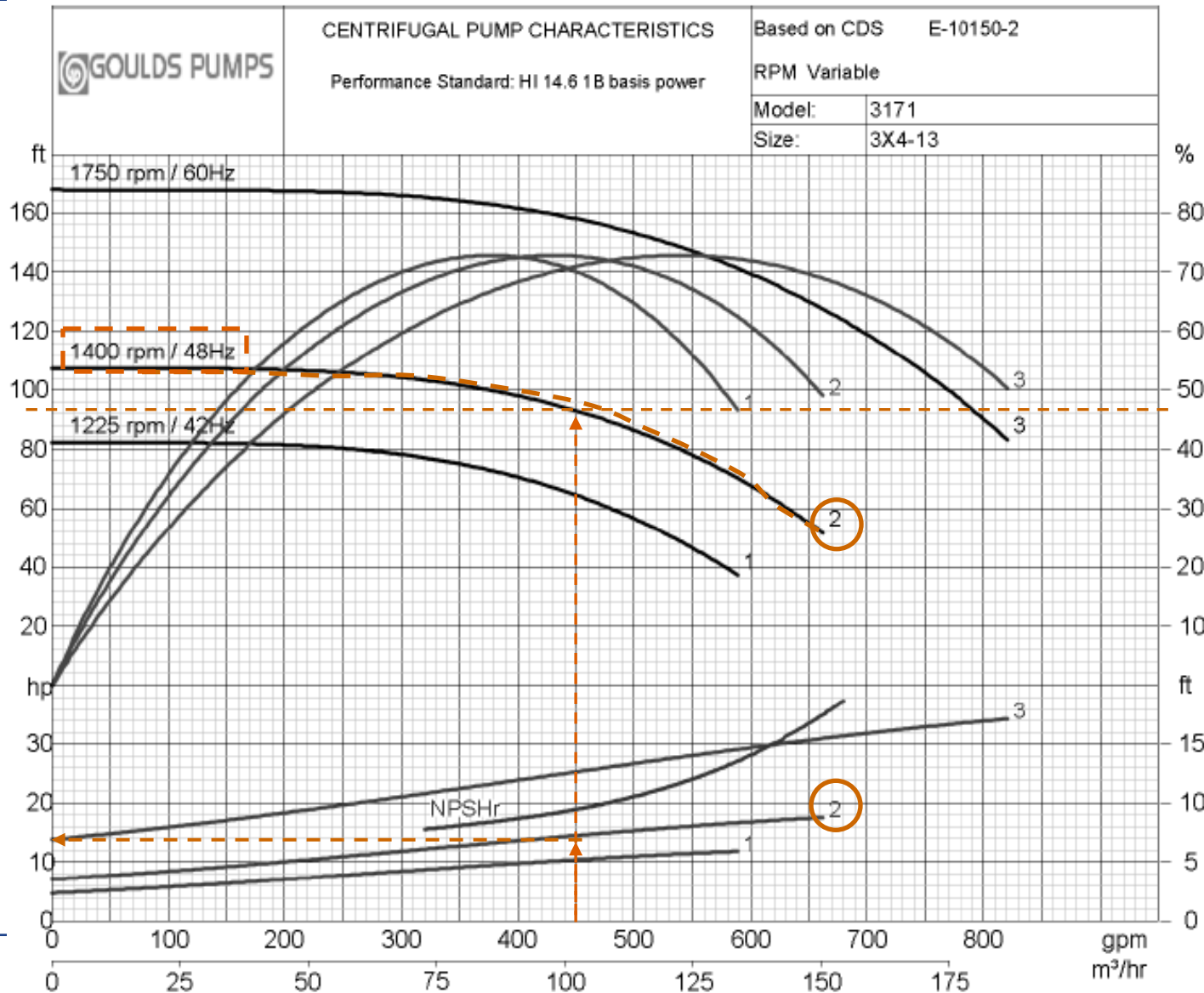
$$\underline{19.8} \text{ kW} \times \underline{8,760} \text{ Hours /yr} = \underline{174,000} \text{ kWh/yr}$$

## Baseline Pump Energy Costs

$$\underline{174,000} \text{ kWh} \times \$ \underline{0.05} /\text{kWh} = \underline{\$8,700} \text{ \$/yr}$$



# VFD Energy Calculations



Pump Head:

$$\underline{40} \text{ psig} \times \frac{2.31 \text{ ft}}{\text{psi}} = \underline{92.4} \text{ FT}$$

Pump Speed:

(Which of the pump curves provides 92.4 ft @450 gpm)

$$\underline{1400} \text{ RPM} \times \frac{1}{1750 \text{ RPM}} = \underline{80} \% \text{ Speed}$$

Pump Brake Horsepower:

$$\underline{15} \text{ BHP}$$

# VFD Energy Calculations

## Input Motor Power

$$\underline{15} \text{ BHP} \times \frac{1}{\underline{94} \% \text{ motor eff}} \times \frac{0.746 \text{ kW}}{\text{hp}} \times \frac{1}{\underline{97} \% \text{ VFD eff}} = \underline{12.3} \text{ kW}$$

(read from above)

## VFD Pump Energy

$$\underline{12.3} \text{ kW} \times \underline{8,760} \text{ Hours of Operation/yr} = \underline{108,000} \text{ kWh/yr}$$

## VFD Pump Energy Costs

$$\underline{108,000} \text{ kWh} \times \$ \underline{0.05} / \text{kWh} = \underline{\$5,400} \text{ \$/yr}$$

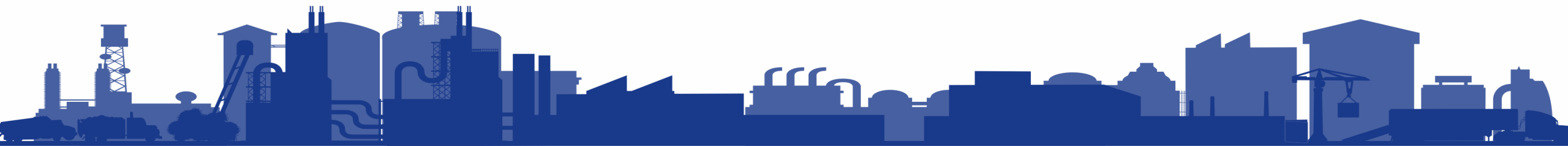
# VFD Energy Savings

\$8,700 \$/yr  
(baseline operating costs read from above)

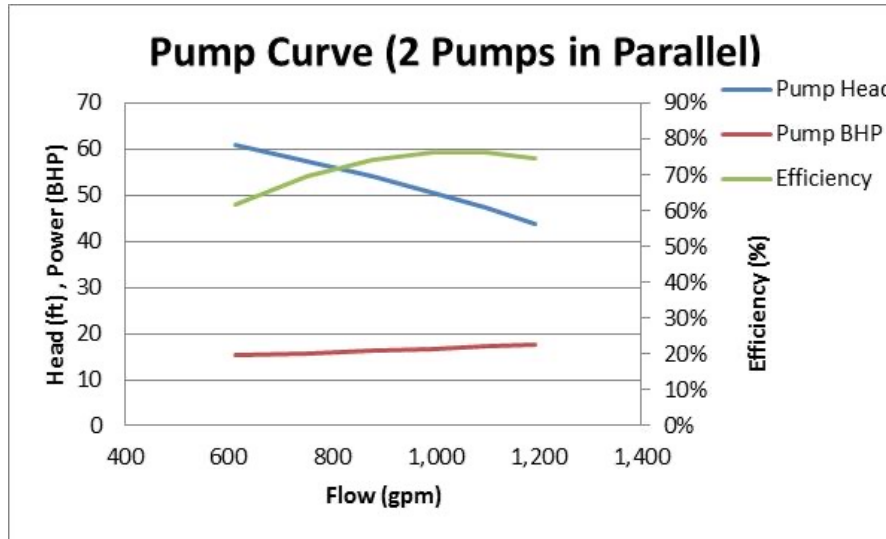
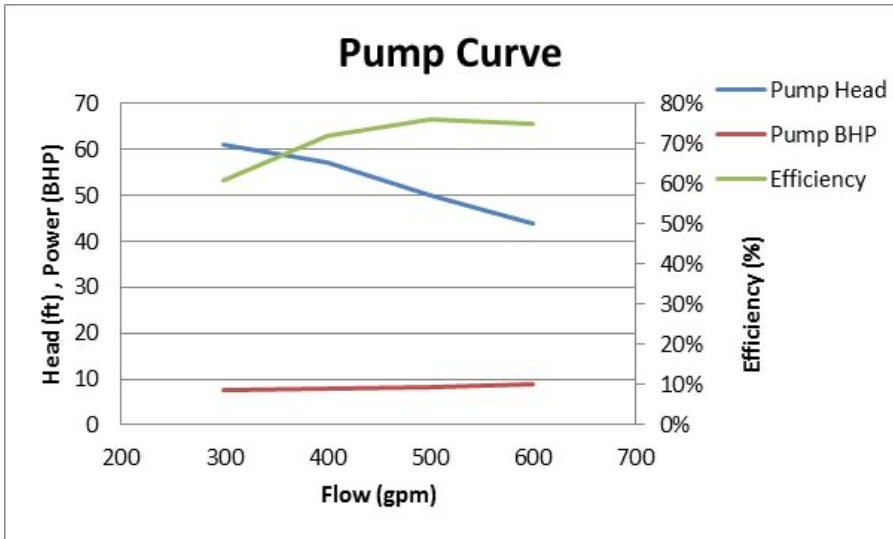
- \$5,400 \$/yr  
(VFD operating costs read from above)

= \$3,300 \$/yr

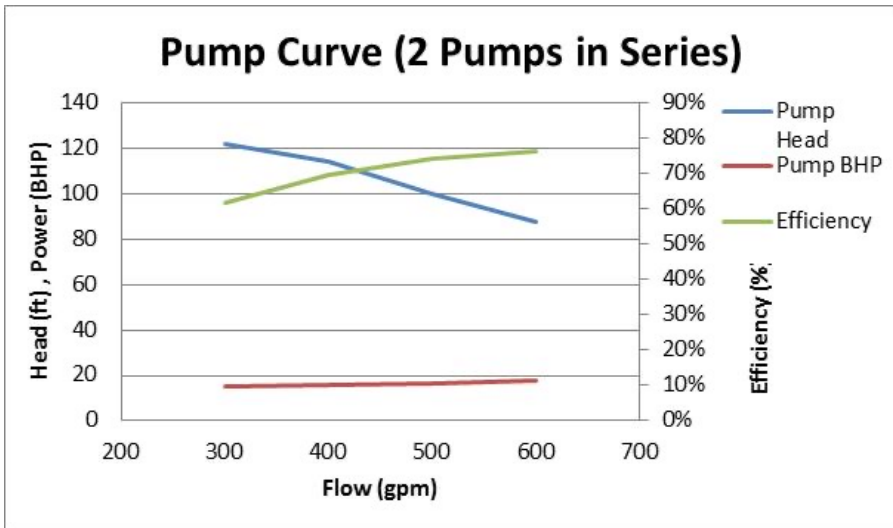
# MULTIPLE PUMPS



# Combining Pump Curves

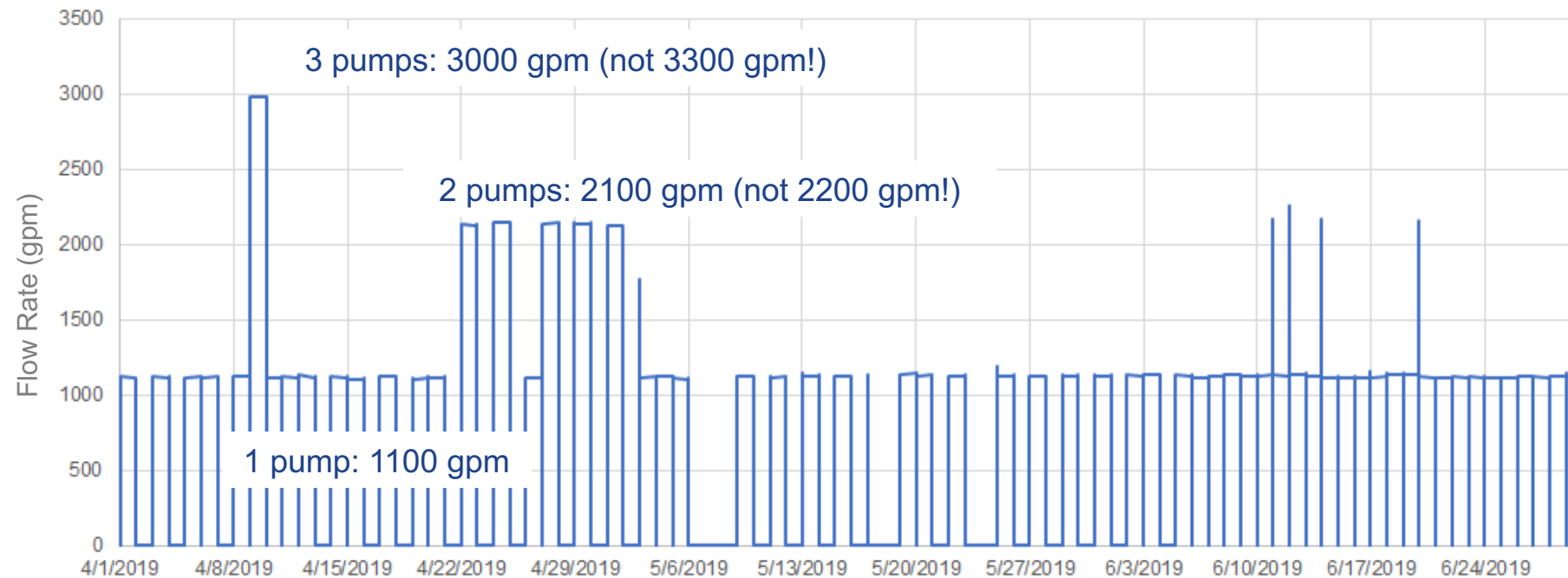


**Pumps in Parallel**  
Add flows at same pump head...in theory.



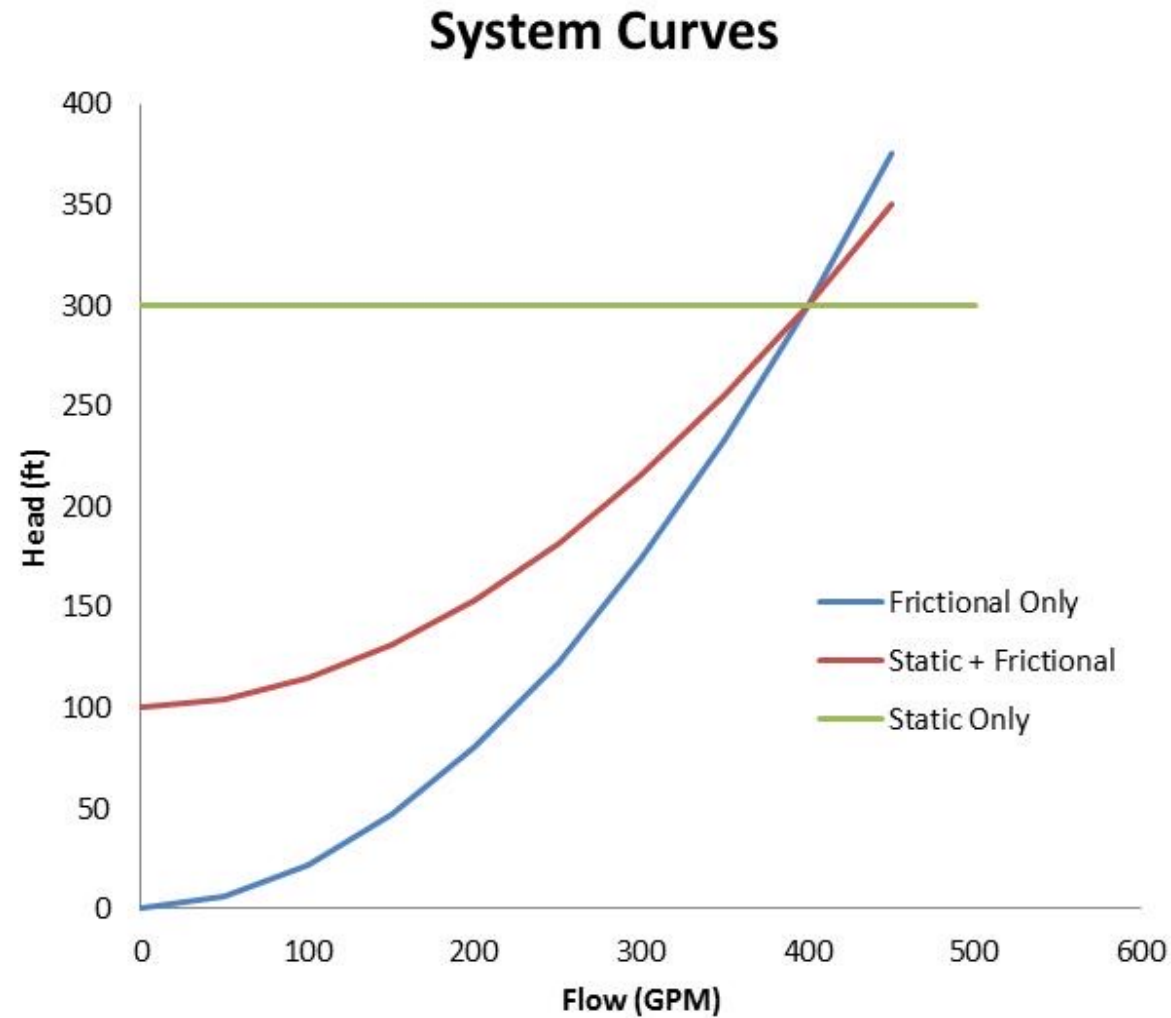
**Pumps in Series**  
Add pump head at same flow...in theory.

# Pump Station with 3 Pumps



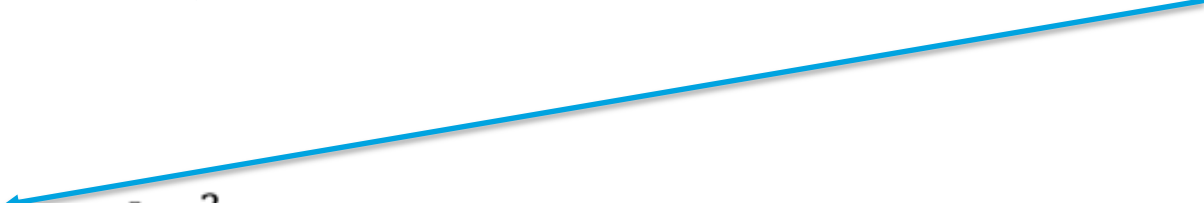
Why? The faster you pump, the more friction you create!

# Remember the System Curve!



# What affects head loss the most?

Total Dynamic Head = Static Head + Head Loss

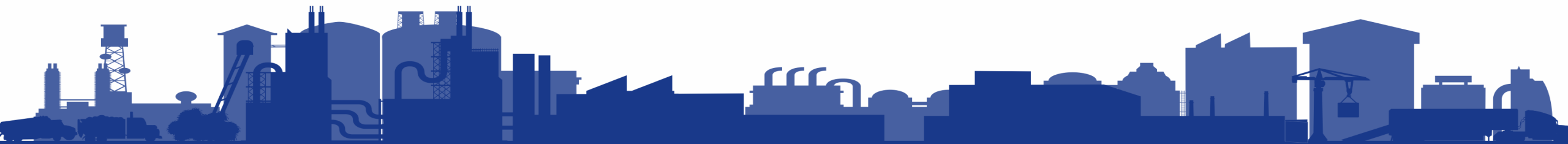

$$h_L = f \frac{L v^2}{D 2g}$$

Head loss is most sensitive to changes in **diameter**



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# Takeaways

- Use your pump curves to see where they can operate efficiently
- Review pump curves when picking new equipment
- Consider VFD's where they make sense
- Reach out to your power provider about incentives when you are considering new equipment

Questions  
Comments  
Discussion

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