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Abstract: Diagnosing pressure pulsation in axial piston pumps, especially those used in demanding agricultural machinery, is crucial to ensuring operational reliability and longevity. Agricultural machinery often operates in dusty, dirty, and variable temperature conditions, which can accelerate pump wear. The fluctuating loads and shock pressures common in agricultural operations contribute to pump stress. Agricultural machinery uses complex hydraulic systems, which sometimes makes it difficult to isolate the source of pressure pulsation. The systems are often subject to highly variable and non-stationary operating conditions. Hydraulic systems inherently generate noise and vibration, which can mask subtle indicators of pump problems. Vibration pattern analysis provides solutions to problems such as: worn or damaged bearings, piston problems, swashplate problems, and rotating assembly problems. This study investigates the influence of pressure pulse characteristics on the noise level generated by a swashplate axial piston pump. Axial piston pumps are widely used in hydraulic systems, but their inherent pulsating flow can lead to significant noise and vibration, affecting system performance and operator comfort. This research focuses on understanding the relationship between pressure pulses generated within the pump and the resulting airborne noise. Experiments were conducted by varying key pump operating parameters, such as rotation speed and discharge pressure, and measuring the pressure pulses at the pump outlet and the noise levels emitted.

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### 1. Introduction

Variable displacement axial piston pumps offer significant advantages in agricultural machinery, where precise control and efficiency are crucial.

Variable displacement allows for precise adjustment of hydraulic power, according to the requirements of different devices and tasks. This optimizes performance and reduces energy loss [1-3]. By delivering only the amount of fluid needed, these pumps minimize power losses, resulting in fuel savings and reduced operating costs.

Variable displacement enables smoother and more responsive control of hydraulic devices, such as:

Tractors: Control of hydraulic systems for lifting, steering and powering attachments.

Combine harvesters: Regulate the speed and power of cutting heads, conveyors and other components.

*Sprayers*: Precisely control spray rate and pressure for accurate application of pesticides and fertilizers.

Planters: Providing consistent seed delivery and depth control.

Agricultural loaders: Highly precise control of loader arms and buckets.

These pumps can be integrated with electronic control systems to optimize hydraulic power delivery based on real-time operating conditions [4]. Variable-flow control of the speed and power of the cutter head, threshing mechanism, and grain handling system ensures efficient harvesting and minimizes grain loss at the combine [5]. Variable-flow pumps in agricultural sprayers allow precise control of spray rate, ensuring accurate chemical application and reducing environmental impact. Variable flow axial piston pumps are essential in the hydraulic systems that drive the wheels of many modern agricultural machines. Variable flow allows for smooth changes in speed and direction. In essence, variable-flow axial piston pumps contribute to: increased productivity, reduced fuel consumption, improved accuracy, and increased environmental sustainability [6-8].

Monitoring the frequency and amplitude of vibrations in a variable flow axial piston pump can indicate the severity of the problem. Direct measurement of pressure pulsations using a pressure transducer can provide valuable data. Analysis of the frequency and amplitude of pressure fluctuations can help identify specific faults [9]. Measuring fluctuations in the pump's rotational speed can indicate wear on internal components, especially in the flow distribution pair [10-11].

By combining diagnostic methods, it is possible to effectively identify and resolve pressure pulsation problems in axial piston pumps used in agricultural machinery, minimizing downtime and maximizing productivity.

Previous studies have extensively investigated the noise and vibration characteristics of axial piston pumps with conventional valve plate designs [12]. However, the specific influence of the flap valve design on pressure pulse generation and noise remains relatively under-researched [13]. This study aims to bridge this gap by systematically investigating the relationship between pressure pulse characteristics and noise levels in axial piston pumps using flap valves. A detailed analysis of the pressure pulse waveforms, including amplitude, frequency, and harmonic content, was correlated with the measured noise spectra [14]. The study aims to identify the dominant noise sources and the specific pressure pulse characteristics that contribute most significantly to noise generation. The findings provide valuable insights for optimizing pump design and operating conditions to reduce noise and improve the overall performance of hydraulic systems [15]. This includes investigating potential mitigation strategies, such as optimizing the design of the baffle plate, valve timing, and pulsation dampers, to reduce pressure pulsations and consequently lower noise levels [16-18].

This study involves a combined analytical and experimental approach. Detailed measurements of the pump output pressure pulsations and emitted noise were carried out under various operating conditions, such as pump speed, discharge pressure, and fluid properties. Advanced signal processing techniques were used to analyze the pressure and noise data, identifying key parameters such as pulse amplitude, frequency content, and harmonic components. Furthermore, the study investigated the dynamic behavior of the flap disc itself and its correlation with the observed pressure pulsations [19-21].

The ultimate goal of this research is to gain a deeper understanding of the mechanisms by which flap disc valves contribute to noise generation in axial piston pumps. The findings will provide valuable insights for optimizing flap disc design and pump operating parameters to minimize noise and vibration, leading to quieter and more efficient hydraulic systems. This knowledge can then be used to develop improved pump designs and noise reduction strategies, ultimately contributing to the advancement of hydraulic system technology.

Axial piston pumps are the cornerstone of modern hydraulic systems, finding widespread application in industries ranging from construction and agriculture to aerospace and manufacturing. Their ability to deliver high pressures and variable flow rates makes them indispensable for numerous power transmission and control applications. However, a significant drawback of these pumps is the inherent generation of pressure pulsations due to the reciprocating motion of the pistons

and the discrete nature of fluid delivery. These pressure fluctuations propagate throughout the hydraulic system, manifesting as noise and vibration, which can negatively impact system performance, reduce operator comfort, and even lead to premature component wear [22].

In particular, the valve plate design and associated flow dynamics play a key role in the generation and characteristics of pressure pulsations. This study specifically focuses on axial piston pumps equipped with a poppet valve design. Flap discs offer potential advantages in terms of ease of manufacture and cost-effectiveness, but their impact on pressure pulse generation and noise characteristics requires detailed investigation. Unlike traditional valve plates, the dynamic behavior of a flap disc, including its opening and closing characteristics under different flow conditions, can significantly affect the pressure waveform and the resulting noise character.

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# 2. Mathematical Model

It is necessary to study what possibilities exist to reduce noise when the pressure increases at the same time. One way is to choose the optimal angles of the suction and discharge openings on the valve plate to obtain certain angles - the compression angle  $\alpha\kappa$  and the expansion angle  $\alpha\epsilon$  (Figure 1a)

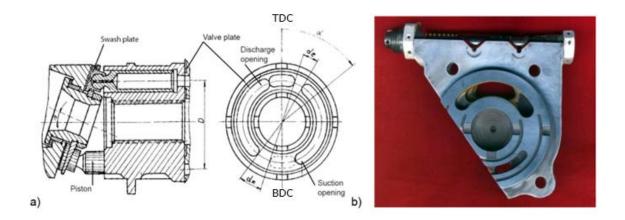


Figure 1. a) Axial piston pump with swash plate, b) Detail of valve plate port.

Table 1. The Descriptions of Parameter symbols.

Symbol	Description

D = 2R	Diameter of the dividing circle of the cylinder					
	block					
E	Modulus of compressibility					
Vc	Volume of working fluid in the cylinder					
$V_{ m BDC}$	Volume of fluid <b>b</b> ottom <b>d</b> ead <b>c</b> enter (BDC)					
A	Surface of the piston					
р	Pressure					
$V_0$	Minimum volume of fluid in the cylinder					
∝e	The angle of spread top dead center					
β	Angle of the swash plate					
∝k	Compression angle					
$\alpha = \pi + \alpha_k$	Current plate rotation angle					
$\Delta W_{ ext{BDC}}$	Compression losses at <b>b</b> ottom <b>d</b> ead <b>c</b> enter (BDC)					
$\Delta W$ tdc	Compression losses at top dead center (TDC)					
$V_{\mathrm{TDC}}$	Volume of fluid at top dead center (TDC)					
$V_{\alpha}$	Volume of working fluid in the cylinder when					
	rotated through an angle $\alpha$					
$\Delta p_0$	Optimal pressure difference at bottom dead center					
ps	Supply pressure					

Equation for compression and expansion of a liquid in a cylinder:

$$\frac{dVc}{dp} = -\frac{Vc}{E} \tag{1}$$

The volume of the working fluid in the cylinder of the cylinder block can be expressed by the equations:

$$Vc = V_0 + R A(tg \beta_{max} - tg \beta) \cos \alpha$$
 (2)

The compression and expansion cycle of a liquid in a cylinder is shown in the diagram, points ABCD. At point B, the pressure of the liquid in the cylinder increases rapidly and reaches the discharge value, while at point D the pressure begins to decrease rapidly and reaches the charge value. The shock waves that cause noise are generated due to these rapid pressure changes. In the case of the correct choice of the compression angle, the liquid in the cylinder is compressed and then discharged into the throttle opening, point F. In this way, the shock wave is avoided because the liquid is compressed to the pressure existing in the throttle opening. In the same way, by choosing the correct expansion angle, the pressure at point D can be reduced to the pressure at point E. In the first case when  $\alpha k = \alpha e = 0$ , the mechanical work required is equal to the area of the rectangle ABCD, and in the second case the work required is equal to the area EBFD. Analyzing this, we find that in both cases the hydraulic energy generated is represented by the surface EBFD. In the case when  $\alpha k = \alpha e = 0$ , more work is required, which is to some extent spent on compression losses.

The compression losses at the bottom dead center  $\Delta W_{BDC}$  are shown by the area of the triangle BCF, while the losses at the top dead center  $\Delta W_{TDC}$  are shown by the area of the triangle ADE.

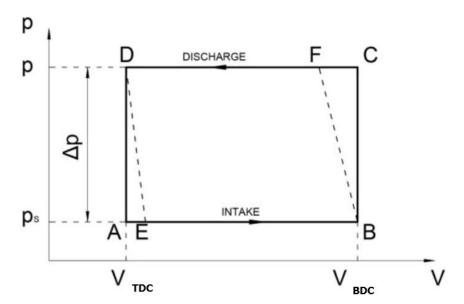


Figure 2. The cycle of compression and expansion of the fluid in cylinders.

Using equations (1) and (2): 
$$\frac{\Delta p_0}{F} = \frac{V_{BDC} - V_{\alpha}}{V_{BDC}}$$
 (3)

This equation can also be written in another form

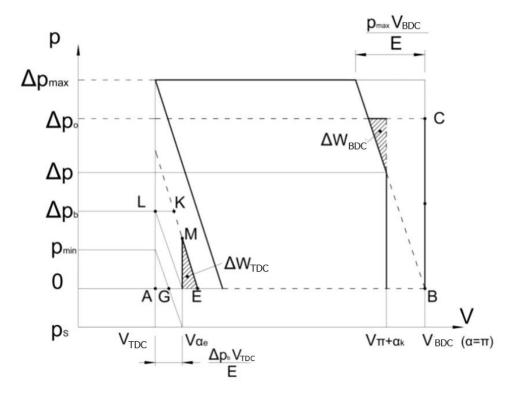
$$\Delta p_0 = \frac{ERA (1 - \cos \alpha_K)}{V_0 + RA \operatorname{tg} \beta_{max} + RA \operatorname{tg} \beta} \tag{4}$$

If the requirement that  $\Delta p = \Delta p_b$  is met, losses do not occur at the top dead center for the propagation angle  $\propto e$ . Analogously to equation (4), equation (5) is obtained:

$$\Delta p_b = \frac{ERA (1 - \cos \alpha_e)}{V_0 + RA \operatorname{tg} \beta_{max} + RA \operatorname{tg} \beta}$$
(5)

Compression losses at top dead center for pressure difference  $\Delta p$  will be: Compression losses at top dead center for pressure difference  $\Delta p$  will be:

$$W_{TDC} = \frac{1}{2} (\Delta p - \Delta p_b)^2 \cdot \frac{V_{TDC}}{E} = \frac{1}{2E} (\Delta p - \Delta p_0)^2 \cdot (V_0 + RA \operatorname{tg} \beta_{max} + RA \operatorname{tg} \beta)$$
 (6)



**Figure 3.** Diagram for  $\Delta p > \Delta p_{\text{min.}}$ 

We can write the equation for compression losses at bottom dead center:

$$W_{BDC} = \frac{1}{2E} (\Delta p - \Delta p_0)^2 (V_0 RA \operatorname{tg} \beta_{max} - RA \operatorname{tg} \beta)$$
 (7)  
In the case where  $\alpha_e = \alpha_k = 0$ , the losses can be expressed as:

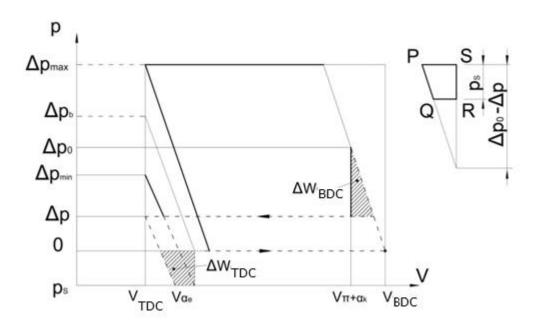
$$W = W_{TDC} + W_{BDC} = \frac{\Delta p^2}{E} (V_0 RA \operatorname{tg} \beta_{max})$$
 (8)

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The relative compression loss in percentage can be expressed by the equation:
$$\Delta W [\%] = \frac{W}{P_{ABCD}} 100\% = \frac{1}{2E} \Delta p \left( 1 + \frac{V_0}{RA \operatorname{tg} \beta_{max}} \right)$$
(9)

 $P_{ABCD}$  - the area defined in Figure 2.

If the pressure difference  $\Delta p$  is below  $\Delta p_{min}$ ,

(where  $\Delta p_{min} = \Delta p_b$  -  $p_s$ , and  $p_s$ , is the supply pressure), negative pressure must not occur in the cylinder



**Figure 4.** Diagram for  $\Delta p \leq \Delta p_{\min}$ .

The expansion losses at the bottom dead center can be expressed by the following equation:

$$\Delta W_{BDC} = P_{PORS} = \frac{1}{2E} (\Delta p_o - \Delta p)^2 \cdot V_{BDC} - \frac{1}{2E} (\Delta p_b - \Delta p - p_s) \cdot V_{BDC} = \frac{1}{2E} \cdot V_{BDC} \cdot p_s (2\Delta p_b - 2\Delta p - p_s)$$

$$(10)$$

These equations can be used to obtain a diagram of losses depending on the compression and expansion angles. First, the pressure differences  $\Delta p_0$  and  $\Delta p_b$  are calculated, and then  $W_{TDC}$  and  $W_{BDC}$ are calculated.

# 3. Experimental Results and Discussion

Verification of the operating parameters of the pump prototype, simulating real pump operating conditions, was carried out on the multi-purpose hydraulic test bench shown in Figure 5.

This multi-purpose hydraulic test bench is used for testing pumps, hydraulic motors of manifolds, other hydraulic accessories (cranes, valves, etc.) and assemblies, and static testing of hydraulic components. The equipment consists of three sub-assemblies: test panel, hydraulic system, and electrical cabinet. The hydraulic system is installed in a separate room.

Technical data of the *axial piston pump* with a variable flow swash plate:

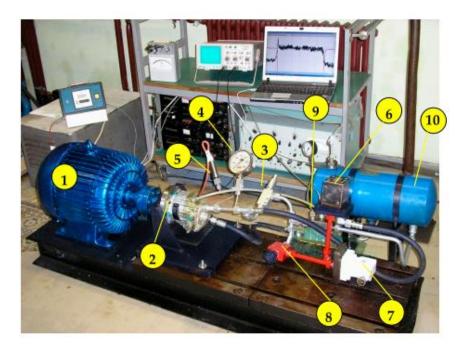
D =  $43 \cdot 10^{-3} m$  - diameter of the cylinder block pitch circle,

 $V_0 = 0.581 \cdot 10^{-6} \, m^3$  - minimum volume of liquid in the cylinder,

 $\beta$  = 19° angle of the swash plate,

 $A = 0.785 \cdot 10^{-4} \, m^2$  - piston area,

 $E = 1.542 \cdot 10^3 MPa$  - compression modulus of the AMG10 fluid at a temperature of t = 60° and pressure of p = 20MPa.



**Figure 5.** Original hydraulic pump test system; 1—electric motor, 2— *axial piston pump*, 3—safety valve, 4— manometer, 5—pressure transducer, 6—electromagnetic distributor, 7— pressure regulator, 8—muffler, 9—flow transducer, 10—reservoir.

Figure 6 shows a diagram of the change in losses depending on the change in fluid pressure in the pressure pipe. Compression losses and leakage losses increase linearly with increasing pressure.

On the other hand, mechanical losses first decrease to a certain limit, and then increase with increasing pressure

Compression losses largely depend on:

- Compressibility modulus of the working fluid E
- Pressure difference Δp
- Minimum cylinder volume V0

The minimum volume and compressibility modulus are taken as constant, although the compressibility modulus depends on temperature and pressure. It is noted that at constant values of the swash plate angle  $\beta$  and the pressure difference  $\Delta p$ , the compression losses can be minimized by properly choosing the angles  $\alpha_k$  and  $\alpha_e$ . The problem is that the angle of inclination  $\beta$  and the pressure difference  $\Delta p$  are constantly changing during pump operation, so that the optimal precompression and preexpansion are not performed at certain angles  $\alpha_k$  and  $\alpha_e$ . The diagrams  $\Delta W_{BDC}$  and  $\Delta W_{TDC}$  for one cylinder and one revolution depending on the angles  $\alpha_k$  and  $\alpha_e$  are shown in Figures 7 and 8, as a result of these calculations. It should be noted that any change in the angle of inclination of the transverse plate affects the change in the losses  $\Delta W_{BDC}$  and  $\Delta W_{TDC}$ .

Analysis shows that the compression loss at TDC is much lower than at BDC at higher values of the angle  $\propto e$ . The optimal compression angle  $\propto k$  for a given operating range can be selected from the diagram shown in Figure 6.

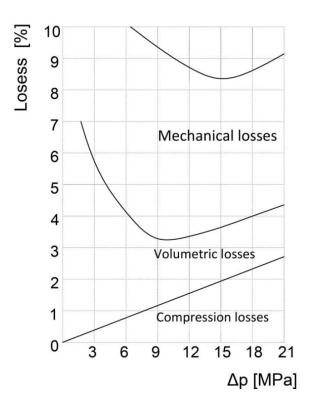


Figure 6. Diagram of some losses of piston axial pump.

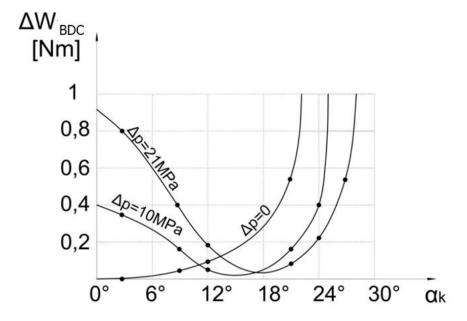


Figure 7. Diagram of comperssion losses in BDC for one cylinder and one revolution .

For example, if we assume that the angle  $\beta$ =19° and the pressure difference 0\alpha\_k (opt) =14. For the angle  $\alpha_k$  =14°, the compression loss per cylinder and revolution is a maximum of 0.13Nm, and then the pressure difference  $\Delta p$  varies from 0 to 21 MPa. However, if another angle  $\beta$  or another range of pressure difference  $\Delta p$  is chosen, then from the diagram we can find the optimal value of the compression angle  $\alpha_k$ . Table I. shows the compression losses for different values of the inclination angle  $\beta$  and the compression angle  $\alpha_k$ .

By analyzing the average values of the losses, it can be concluded that for certain inclination angles, the compression angle  $\alpha_k$  has an optimal value of 14°.

**Table 2.** The compression losses for various of the inclination angle  $\beta$  and compression angle  $\alpha_k$ .

$\beta \propto_k$	10°	11°	12°	13°	14°	15°	16°	17°
19°	0.29	0.24	0.20	0.15	0.13	0.19	0.22	0.29
15°	0.31	0.27	0.22	0.20	0.14	0.12	0.14	0.22
10°	0.31	0.29	0.27	0.24	0.20	0.18	0.19	0.21
5°	0.33	0.33	0.31	0.29	0.28	0.27	0.25	0.22
Average	0.31	0.28	0.25	0.22	0.19	0.19	0.20	0.23
value								

Figure 8 shows a diagram of losses depending on the expansion angle  $\propto e$ , at a certain swash plate inclination angle  $\beta$ , supply pressure ps and minimum cylinder volume Vo. It can be seen from the diagram that for a sufficiently large expansion angle  $\propto e$ , the losses  $\Delta W_{TDC}$  can be neglected.

The optimal expansion angle  $\propto e$  for the above data is in the range from 12 to 16°.

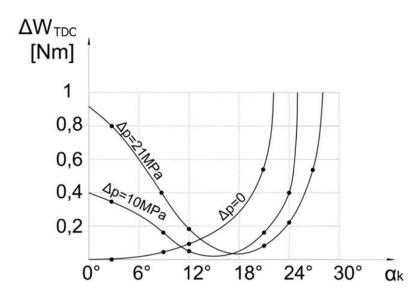
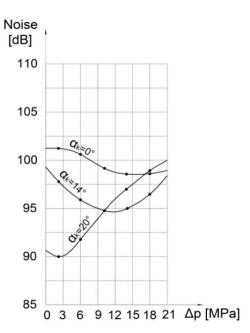


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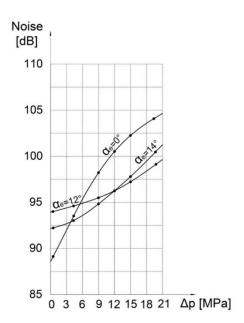
Noise issues are also considered in this paper, and the tests were carried out on the same pump on which the compression losses were measured. The noise level was measured using a noise measuring device with a C filter. The microphone was attached to a stand at a distance of 5 cm from the front of the valve plate. This location was chosen because the loudest noise occurs in the valve plate area and to exclude the effect of noise from other devices. Figure 8 shows the results of noise measurements as a function of the fluid pressure in the discharge pipe. In this case, the expansion angle is  $\alpha e = 0$ , the rotation frequency  $n = 1500 \text{ min}^{-1}$ , the angle of inclination of the transverse plate is  $\beta = 19^{\circ}$ , while the compression angle has changed and had the values  $\alpha_{k1} = 0$ ,

 $\alpha_{k2} = 14$ ,  $\alpha_{k3} = 20$ . It can be concluded that at the lowest pressure and the highest compression angle  $\alpha_k = 20^\circ$  the noise is higher than in the first pump, where the compression angle was  $\alpha_k = 0^\circ$ . If the compression angle is  $\alpha_k = 14^\circ$ , the noise reduction will occur at a pressure of 6 MPa.

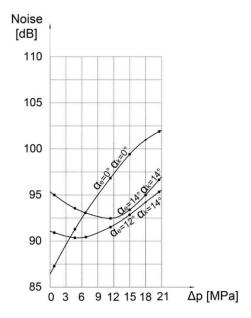


**Figure 9.** Results of measurements of noise depending on the pressure n=1980min<sup>-1</sup>, $\beta$  = 19°,  $\propto e$  = 0.

Figure 10 shows the results of noise measurements under the same conditions as in the previous case, with the exception of the compression and expansion angles  $\alpha_k$  and  $\alpha_e$ . The compression angle was  $\alpha_k = 0^\circ$ , and the expansion angle was changed and had the values  $\alpha_{e^1} = 0$ ,  $\alpha_{e^2} = 12$ ,  $\alpha_{e^3} = 14^\circ$ . By analyzing the diagram, it can be concluded that for these test conditions the optimal expansion angle is  $\alpha_e = 12^\circ$ .



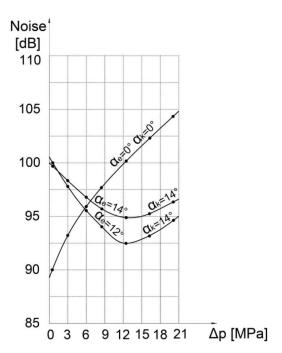
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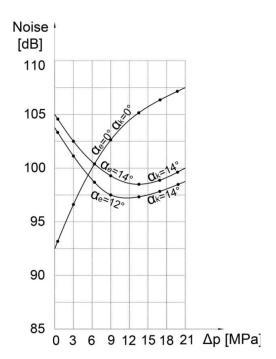


**Figure 11**. Results of measurements of noise depending on the pressure n=1500min<sup>-1</sup>, $\beta$  = 19°.

 $\propto k = 0$ 

Figures 11, 12 and 13 show the results of noise measurements depending on pressure for different rotation frequencies  $n_1 = 1500 \text{ min}^{-1}$ ,  $n_2 = 1980 \text{ min}^{-1}$ ,  $n_3 = 3000 \text{ min}^{-1}$  and for different propagation angles  $\propto e_1 = 0^\circ$ ,  $\propto k_1 = 0^\circ$ ,  $\propto k_2 = 12^\circ$ ,  $\propto k_2 = 14^\circ$ ,  $\propto k_3 = 14^\circ$ .





**Figure 12.** Results of measurements of noise depending on the pressure n=1980min<sup>-1</sup>, $\beta$  = 19°,

**Figure 13**. Results of measurements of noise depending on the pressure n=3000min<sup>-1</sup>, $\beta$  = 19°.

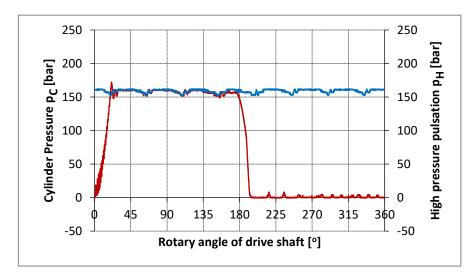
Since the optimal value of the expansion angle  $\alpha_e = 12^\circ$  is close to the optimal value of the compression angle  $\alpha_k = 14^\circ$ , the case where  $\alpha_e = \alpha_k = 14^\circ$  is considered. The symmetry of the pump distribution opening is present in this case, so the pump can be bidirectional with the same valve plate, which reduces production costs with a slight increase in noise.

As part of the experimental tests, the pressure flow in the cylinder, discharge space and suction pipe was measured, as well as the vibration of the pump housing depending on the angle of the pump shaft. All pressures and vibrations were measured completely parallel every approximately 0.09° of the pump shaft (exactly 4.096 times per shaft rotation). An optical encoder with 1024 pulses per rotation was used as an incremental angle encoder. The angle encoder interface on the ADS 2000 system increased the angle encoder pulses by 4 times, thus obtaining 4096 pulses per shaft rotation. In order to see the repetition of consecutive cycles with an unchanged operating mode, 10 consecutive cycles were measured. At the same time, the time interval from corner to corner was measured to determine the uniform angular velocity of the shaft and to control the operation of the incremental angle encoder. All analog signals (pressure, vibration) were converted into an encrypted form in parallel using four ultrafast converters operating simultaneously (in parallel). The total number of measured data was (4+1) x 4096 = 20480 per rotation (cycle), or 204800 for ten consecutive cycles. The number of samples of 4096 was not chosen randomly, but intentionally with the aim of applying the fast Fourier transform (FFT) of the measured signals. Measurements were made for seven operating modes. Figures 14 - 17 show the measured pressure flow for individual, or ten consecutive cycles of the piston axial pump. The results refer to the experiment at the operating mode n = 875.6 min<sup>-1</sup>.

The high similarity of the measured pressures for the first of ten consecutive cycles (MERF) compared to the average of ten consecutive cycles (MERM).

The diagram shows the visual pressure gradients in the compression and expansion phases, as well as the appearance of the peaks during the intake. The pressure pulses in the discharge space depend on the number of cylinders, which is obvious in this case, since it is an 8-cylinder pump.

Figures 14 - 17 present the measured pressure flow in the cylinder (pc) for one, that is middle for ten consecutive cycles with the aim to analyze in detail the gradient growth of pressure at the stage of pressing. The same diagram, at the same interval, shows the pressure pulses in the discharge space. The Figures 14-17 stand for diagrams of measured pressure at the different work regime .



**Figure 14.** The pressure history in the cylinder ( $p_c$ ) and delivery chamber ( $p_h$ ) for one cycle.

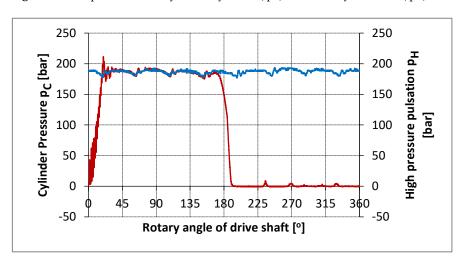
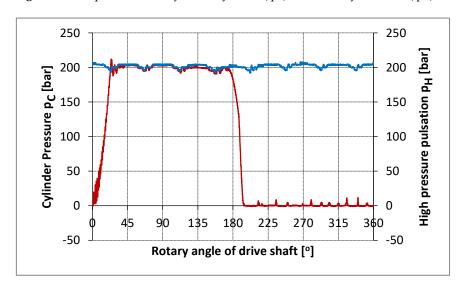
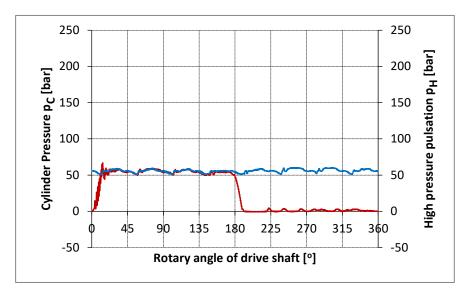


Figure 15. The pressure history in the cylinder ( $p_c$ ) and delivery chamber ( $p_h$ ) for the average cycle.



**Figure 16.** The pressure history in the cylinder ( $p_c$ ) and delivery chamber ( $p_h$ ) for the average cycle.



**Figure 17.** The pressure history in the cylinder ( $p_c$ ) and delivery chamber ( $p_h$ ) for the average cycle.

### 4. Conclusions

It is not possible to give a precise determination of the parameters of the hydrodynamic processes of a piston axial pump neither experimentally nor by mere mathematical modeling. By combining the application of pressure flow measurements in the cylinder, mathematical modeling of the real hydrodynamic process and the nonlinear optimization method that allows, at the same time, the determination of system measurement errors and unknown parameters, sufficiently accurate parameters can be obtained.

Computer programs provide the possibility of combining influential pump parameters in order to achieve an optimal solution, in terms of flow losses, flow inputs, etc.

Further research is possible in the design of piston-axial pumps with a bent cylinder block and splitting of the working fluid using a split panel. In that case, the mathematical model would be expanded with a dynamic cylinder block and hydrodynamic processes in the gaps between the cylinder block and the split panel.

A fundamental fact that manufacturers and users of axial piston pumps must accept is that any increase in operating pressure leads to an increase in pump noise. An increase in the rotation frequency of the pump drive shaft has a greater impact on the noise level than an increase in the pressure in the discharge pipe. Since the rotation frequency has a large impact on noise, it is often reduced in order to neutralize the noise caused by the increase in pressure. If the rotation frequency is reduced, we have to use a larger pump that is heavier and more expensive to maintain the same flow rate. In the case of a two-fold increase in flow rate (which means that the rotation frequency can be reduced by two times), the price of the pump increases by 30%. In addition, the weight increases by approximately 50% and more space is required for installation due to the increase in built-in dimensions.

Reducing the rotation frequency in order to reduce noise also has a negative effect, but if the pump is installed in places where noise must be as low as possible, then this solution is used.

Cavitations resulting from insufficient pump power can affect noise levels. Bearings and gears also contribute to noise. It should also be noted that the selection of appropriate materials can reduce certain vibrations that also lead to noise. Pump noise can be minimized if all of these factors are taken into account.

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