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Lab 1: Centrifugal Pumps

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Abstract

This will be a summary of the lab. It will include the purpose of the lab, the methods used, and the results obtained. This will be completed after the lab is finished.

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1 Nomenclature

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2 Introduction

2.1 Background

TO DO: Reword and find sources for information. Pumps, turbines, and fans are turbo machines whose function is to change the energy level of a fluid. A pump or compressor increases the total head or pressure of the fluid while a turbine decreases it and extracts energy from the flow. Analysis of turbo machines is an important piece of technology, and a knowledge of their general characteristics is essential for many branches of engineering.

The geometry of turbo machines varies appreciably for the differing types that have been developed. Broadly there are two classes. In the first class there is a pronounced change in radius from the inlet to the discharge; these may be said to be centrifugal turbo machines. This is an important type of turbo machine as there are a great number of pumps, turbines and compressors that fall into this category. The other class consists of axial machines in which the flow is largely parallel to the axis of rotation. Between these extremes are examples in which the flow may proceed along conical surfaces of revolution, and these are sometimes called mixed-flow turbo machines. In all these varying types, however, there must be a rotating member, usually called a rotor, or impeller, to do work on the fluid.

2.2 Objectives

1. To measure the performance of a centrifugal pump and compare the results with the manufacturer's specification and theoretical predictions.
2. To compare the performance of parallel and series pump system configurations.

3 Procedure

3.1 Equipment

- Pump system that can be configured as a single pump or as two pumps in series or parallel operation. This is the system being studied.
- Stopwatch to measure time to fill a container
- Strobotach to verify pump rotational speed
- Mass scale to measure 200 lbs of water
- 1.401 kg mass to measure moment arm (torque) of motor
- Pressure transducers to measure pump pressure differential

3.2 Procedure

1. The pump system will be tested individually at 1800, 2700, and 3600 RPM. The speed of the pump will be verified using the strobotach.
2. At each pump speed, the flow rates at 4 different pressures will be recorded (shutoff, full open, and two other equally spaced intermediate settings). The speed of the pump will be set to the correct value when changing the pressures before taking any other readings.
3. At each operating condition, the pump speed, pressure transducer output, the moment arm and dyno mass (to determine the torque produced by the motor), and time required to collect a known quantity of water will be recorded.
4. Items (2)-(4) will be repeated for parallel and series system configurations with both pumps set at 2700 RPM.

4 Theory

4.1 Euler's Turbomachinery Equations

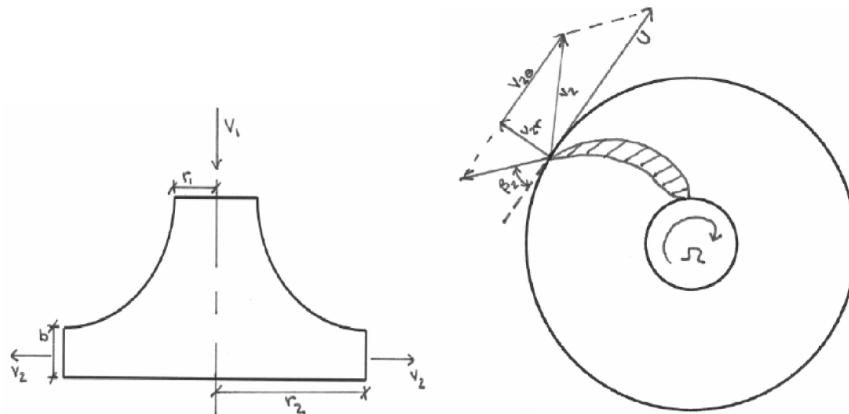


Figure 1: Impeller Diagram

Using the following assumptions:

1. Viscous effects are negligible
2. Velocity profile is uniform at the exit
3. All work done by the pump is transferred to the fluid

Then by conservation of angular momentum,

$$T = \dot{m} r_2 v_{2\theta} \quad (1)$$

where T is the torque, \dot{m} is the mass flow rate, r_2 is the radius of the impeller, and $v_{2\theta}$ is the tangential velocity at the exit. From Figure 1, we can see that

$$v_{2\theta} = U - v_{2r} \cot \beta_2 \quad (2)$$

where U is the tip speed, v_{2r} is the radial velocity at the exit, and β_2 is the blade angle. Combining (1) and (2), we get

$$T = \dot{m} r_2 (U - v_{2r} \cot \beta_2) \quad (3)$$

By Assumption 3, we can say that

$$T\Omega = \dot{m}gH \quad (4)$$

where Ω is the impeller angular velocity, g is the acceleration due to gravity, and H is the total head rise across the pump. By combining (3), (4), and the kinematic relationship $U = r_2\Omega$, we get

$$\frac{Hg}{U^2} = 1 - \frac{v_{2r}}{U} \cot \beta_2 \quad (5)$$

Defining the head coefficient Ψ and the flow coefficient Φ as

$$\Psi = \frac{Hg}{U^2} \quad \Phi = \frac{v_{2r}}{U} \quad (6)$$

then (5) becomes

$$\Psi = 1 - \Phi \cot \beta_2 \quad (7)$$

also, v_{2r} can be expressed by the continuity equation as

$$v_{2r} = \frac{Q}{A_2} = \frac{Q}{b(2\pi r_2 - Nw)} \quad (8)$$

where Q is the flow rate, A_2 is the area of the exit, b is the blade height at the exit, N is the number of blades, and w is the width of the blade.

4.2 Shutoff Head

The ideal shutoff head can be obtained as

$$H'_{\text{ideal}} = \frac{U^2}{g}$$

by setting $\Phi = 0$ in (7). If it is assumed that all kinetic energy is lost due to friction, then

$$\frac{KE}{\text{unit weight}} = \frac{U^2}{2g}$$

where KE is the kinetic energy. Therefore, the rule of thumb for the shutoff head is

$$\begin{aligned} H'_{\text{thumb}} &= \frac{U^2}{g} - \frac{U^2}{2g} \\ H'_{\text{thumb}} &= \frac{U^2}{2g} = \frac{1}{2} H'_{\text{ideal}} \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

4.3 Affinity Laws

For large Reynolds numbers, the flow is dynamically similar in geometrically similar machines when the flow and head coefficients are the same. For geometrically similar machines operating at different conditions (i) and (ii) such that the head and flow coefficients are the same, the following relationships hold:

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi_i &= \Psi_{ii} \\ \frac{H_i}{U_i^2} &= \frac{H_{ii}}{U_{ii}^2} \end{aligned}$$

so,

$$\frac{H_i}{H_{ii}} = \left(\frac{U_i}{U_{ii}} \right)^2 \approx \left(\frac{D_i \Omega_i}{D_{ii} \Omega_{ii}} \right)^2 \quad (10)$$

where D is the diameter of the impeller. Also,

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_i &= \Phi_{ii} \\ \frac{v_{2ri}}{U_i} &= \frac{v_{2rii}}{U_{ii}} \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

Assuming the blade width is negligible, from (8), we get

$$v_{2r} = \frac{Q}{\pi D b} \quad (12)$$

so (11) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{Q_i D_{ii} b_{ii}}{Q_{ii} D_i b_i} &= \frac{U_i}{U_{ii}} \\ \frac{Q_i}{Q_{ii}} &= \frac{\Omega_i b_i}{\Omega_{ii} b_{ii}} \left(\frac{D_i}{D_{ii}} \right)^2 \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

For geometrically similar machines, the ratios of b/D are the same, so (13) becomes

$$\frac{Q_i}{Q_{ii}} = \frac{\Omega_i}{\Omega_{ii}} \left(\frac{D_i}{D_{ii}} \right)^3 \quad (14)$$

4.4 Transducer Head Adjustment

In this experiment, since the inlet and outlet pipe diameters are different, the transducer head, H_t , must be corrected for flow kinetic energy to give the pump stagnation head, H , as

$$\begin{aligned} H &= H_t + \frac{v_2^2}{2g} - \frac{v_1^2}{2g} \\ H &= H_t + \frac{v_2^2}{2g} \left(1 - \left(\frac{v_1}{v_2} \right)^2 \right) \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

where H_t is the transducer head, v_1 is the velocity at the inlet, and v_2 is the velocity at the outlet. The volume flowrate through the system can be written as

$$Q = \frac{v_2 \pi D_2^2}{4} \quad (16)$$

and with the pipe diameters D_1 at the inlet and D_2 at the outlet, mass conservation requires that

$$v_2 \pi D_2^2 = v_1 \pi D_1^2 \quad (17)$$

With (16) and (17), (15) becomes

$$H = H_t + \frac{8Q^2}{\pi^2 D_2^4 g} \left(1 - \left(\frac{D_2}{D_1} \right)^4 \right) \quad (18)$$

4.5 Pumps in Series and Parallel

When pumps are connected in series, the total head is the sum of the individual heads, and the flow rate is the same as the individual flow rates. **CITE A FIGURE**

$$H_{\text{series},t} = H_{1,t} + H_{2,t} \quad (19)$$

$$Q_{\text{series}} = Q_1 = Q_2 \quad (20)$$

When pumps are connected in parallel, the total head is the average of the individual heads, and the total flow rate is the sum of the individual flow rates.

$$H_{\text{parallel},t} = \frac{H_{1,t} + H_{2,t}}{2} \quad (21)$$

$$Q_{\text{parallel}} = Q_1 + Q_2 \quad (22)$$

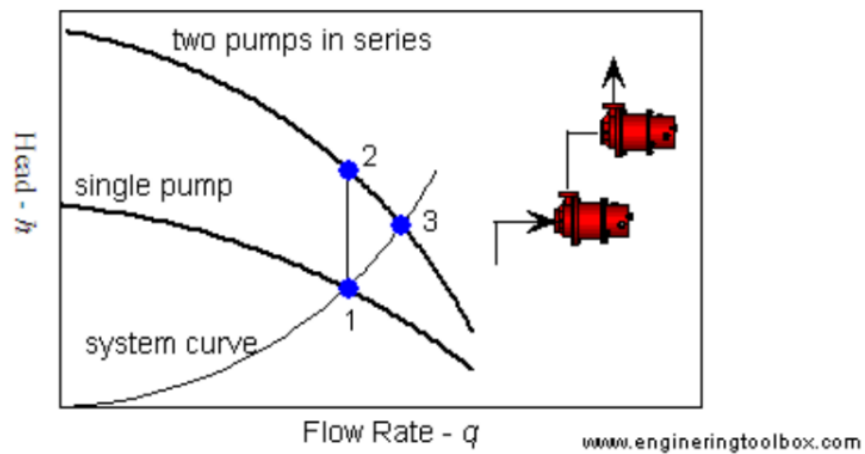


Figure 2: Pumps in Series

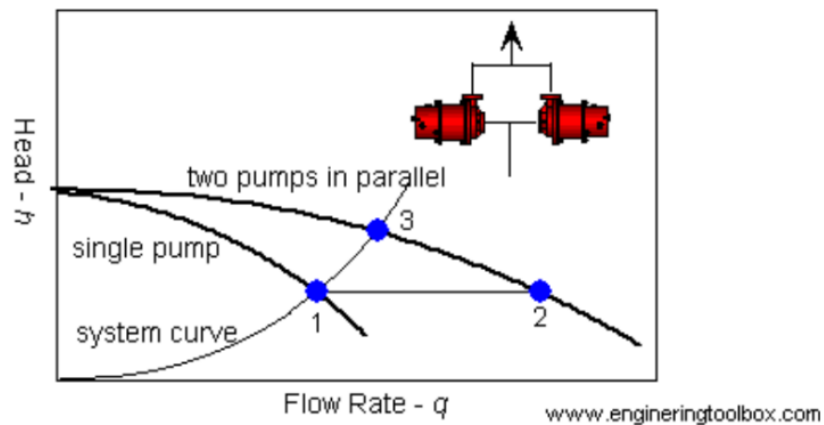


Figure 3: Pumps in Parallel

5 Results and Discussion

5.1 Single Pump Performance

- analyze data proolly put in appendix
- make plots
- do error analysis and propogation

5.2 Parallel Pump Performance

- analyze data proolly put in appendix
- make plots
- do error analysis and propogation

5.3 Series Pump Performance

- analyze data proly put in appendix
- make plots
- do error analysis and propogation

5.4 Comparison of Pump Configurations

5.5 Manufacturer's Specifications

6 Conclusion

- Summarize the results of the lab
- Discuss the significance of the results
- Discuss the sources of error
- Discuss the limitations of the experiment
- Discuss the implications of the results
- Discuss the future work

6.1 Technical Recommendations

7 References

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A Appendix: Single Pump Analysis

A.1 Single Pump Discharge and Heads

Table A.1: Summary of single pump experimental discharge and heads for 1800 RPM, 2700 RPM, and 3600 RPM

Configuration	Pump Speed (RPM)	Transducer Output, V_t (V)	Time to collect water (s)			Nominal Time, t (s)	Volumetric Flow, Q ($\text{m}^3 \text{s}^{-1}$)	Transducer Head, H_t (m)	Corrected Head, H (m)
			Trial 1	Trial 2	Trial 3				
Fully open	1800	0.75	28.55	28.99	28.79	28.78	0.003159	2.64	2.91
Partial 1	1800	0.83	30.14	30.51	30.16	30.27	0.003003	2.92	3.16
Partial 2	1800	1.43	61.12	60.80	60.86	60.93	0.001492	5.04	5.09
Closed	1800	1.56	-	-	-	-	-	5.49	5.49
Fully open	2700	1.50	18.66	18.93	18.55	18.71	0.004858	5.28	5.91
Partial 1	2700	1.62	19.23	19.23	18.96	19.14	0.004749	5.70	6.31
Partial 2	2700	2.94	31.15	31.30	31.22	31.22	0.002911	10.4	10.6
Closed	2700	3.52	-	-	-	-	-	12.4	12.4
Fully open	3600	2.44	14.13	13.93	14.06	14.04	0.006474	8.59	9.72
Partial 1	3600	2.89	15.04	14.35	14.31	14.57	0.006240	10.2	11.2
Partial 2	3600	5.85	37.01	37.04	37.07	37.04	0.002454	20.6	20.8
Closed	3600	6.18	-	-	-	-	-	21.8	21.8

Sample calculations are evaluated for the fully open configuration at 1800 RPM. Starting with time,

$$t = \frac{\sum t_i}{n} = \frac{28.55 \text{ s} + 28.99 \text{ s} + 28.79 \text{ s}}{3} = 28.78 \text{ s}$$

The volumetric flow rate was calculated using water which had a mass of $m = 200 \text{ lb} = 90.7 \text{ kg}$ and a density of $\rho = 998 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$. Then,

$$Q = \frac{m}{\rho t} = \frac{90.7 \text{ kg}}{998 \text{ kg m}^{-3} \times 28.78 \text{ s}} = 0.003159 \text{ m}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

The transducer head was found by

$$H_t = \frac{\Delta P}{\rho g} = \frac{0.75 \text{ V} \times 5 \text{ psi V}^{-1} \times 6894.76 \text{ Pa psi}^{-1}}{998 \text{ kg m}^{-3} \times 9.81 \text{ m s}^{-2}} = 2.64 \text{ m}$$

The corrected head was found using inlet diameter, $D_1 = 0.0508 \text{ m}$, and outlet diameter, $D_2 = 0.0381 \text{ m}$,

by

$$\begin{aligned}
 H &= H_t + \frac{8Q^2}{\pi^2 D_2^4 g} \left[1 - \left(\frac{D_2}{D_1} \right)^4 \right] \\
 &= 2.64 \text{ m} + \frac{8 \times (0.003159 \text{ m}^3 \text{ s}^{-1})^2}{\pi^2 \times (0.0381 \text{ m})^4 \times 9.81 \text{ m s}^{-2}} \left[1 - \left(\frac{0.0381 \text{ m}}{0.0508 \text{ m}} \right)^4 \right] \\
 &= 2.91 \text{ m}
 \end{aligned}$$

A.1.1 Single Pump Discharge and Head Uncertainty

Table A.2: Single pump experimental discharge and head uncertainties for 1800 RPM, 2700 RPM, and 3600 RPM

Valve Configuration	Pump Speed	Time STDEV, S_t	Time Precision, P_t	Time Bias, B_t	Time Un- certainty, δ_t	Flow Un- certainty, δ_Q	Transducer Uncer- tainty, $\delta_{V_{tr}}$	Head Uncertainty, δ_{H_t}	Corrected Head Un- certainty, δ_H
	(RPM)	(s)	(\pm s)	(\pm s)	(\pm s)	($\pm \text{m}^3 \text{s}^{-1}$)	(\pm V)	(\pm m)	(\pm m)
Fully open	1800	0.2203	0.5473	0.20	0.58	6.40E-05	0.01	0.04	0.04
Partial 1	1800	0.2081	0.5169	0.20	0.55	5.50E-05	0.01	0.04	0.04
Partial 2	1800	0.1701	0.4225	0.20	0.47	1.14E-05	0.01	0.04	0.04
Closed	1800	-	-	-	-	-	0.01	0.04	0.04
Fully open	2700	0.1955	0.4857	0.20	0.53	1.36E-04	0.01	0.04	0.05
Partial 1	2700	0.1559	0.3872	0.20	0.44	1.08E-04	0.01	0.04	0.04
Partial 2	2700	0.0751	0.1864	0.20	0.27	2.55E-05	0.01	0.04	0.04
Closed	2700	-	-	-	-	-	0.01	0.04	0.04
Fully open	3600	0.1015	0.2521	0.20	0.32	1.48E-04	0.01	0.04	0.06
Partial 1	3600	0.4104	1.0195	0.20	1.04	4.45E-04	0.01	0.04	0.2
Partial 2	3600	0.0300	0.0745	0.20	0.21	1.41E-05	0.01	0.04	0.04
Closed	3600	-	-	-	-	-	0.01	0.04	0.04

Sample calculations are evaluated for the fully open configuration at 1800 RPM.

First, time standard deviation was calculated with `STDEV.S` in Excel. A confidence of 95% ($\alpha/2 = 0.025$) was used to calculate the t-distribution value ($\nu = 3 - 1 = 2$) with `T.INV.T` in Excel. This gave a value of $t_{\alpha/2, \nu} = 4.3027$. The time precision was calculated by

$$\begin{aligned}
 P_t &= t_{\alpha/2, \nu} \times \frac{S_t}{\sqrt{n}} \\
 &= 4.3027 \times \frac{0.2203 \text{ s}}{\sqrt{3}} \\
 &= 0.5473 \text{ s}
 \end{aligned}$$

The time bias was assumed to be the reaction time of the operator, which was estimated to be 0.20 s. The

time total uncertainty was calculated by

$$\begin{aligned}\delta_t &= \sqrt{P_t^2 + B_t^2} \\ &= \sqrt{(0.5473 \text{ s})^2 + (0.20 \text{ s})^2} \\ &= 0.58 \text{ s}\end{aligned}$$

The flow uncertainty was calculated by propagation of error. The function for flow is

$$Q = \frac{m}{\rho t}$$

This is the special purely multiplicative case of the general formula for error propagation. Assuming the mass and density errors are negligible, the flow uncertainty was calculated by

$$\begin{aligned}\delta_Q &= Q \sqrt{\left(\frac{\delta_t}{t}\right)^2} \\ &= Q \left| \frac{\delta_t}{t} \right| \\ &= 0.003159 \text{ m}^3 \text{ s}^{-1} \left| \frac{0.58 \text{ s}}{28.78 \text{ s}} \right| \\ &= 6.40 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}\end{aligned}$$

Transducer bias was assumed to be 0.01 V. Transducer precision was not considered since calibration was not performed. So

$$\delta_{V_{tr}} = 0.01 \text{ V}$$

Next, the head uncertainty was calculated by propagation of error. The function for head is

$$H_t = \frac{\Delta P}{\rho g} = \frac{V_{tr} \times \text{Conversion}}{\rho g}$$

Assuming density and gravity errors are negligible, we have the special purely multiplicative case for error propagation. The head uncertainty was calculated by

$$\begin{aligned}\delta_{H_t} &= H_t \sqrt{\left(\frac{\delta_{V_{tr}}}{V_{tr}}\right)^2} \\ &= H_t \left| \frac{\delta_{V_{tr}}}{V_{tr}} \right| \\ &= 2.64 \text{ m} \left| \frac{0.01 \text{ V}}{0.75 \text{ V}} \right| \\ &= 0.04 \text{ m}\end{aligned}$$

Lastly, the function for corrected head is

$$H = H_t + \frac{8Q^2}{\pi^2 D_2^4 g} \left[1 - \left(\frac{D_2}{D_1} \right)^4 \right]$$

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial Q} = \frac{16Q}{\pi^2 D_2^4 g} \left[1 - \left(\frac{D_2}{D_1} \right)^4 \right] = \frac{2(H - H_t)}{Q}$$

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial H_t} = 1$$

Then, the corrected head uncertainty was determined by

$$\delta_H = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\partial H}{\partial Q} \right)^2 \delta_Q^2 + \left(\frac{\partial H}{\partial H_t} \right)^2 \delta_{H_t}^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{\left(\frac{2(H - H_t)}{Q} \right)^2 \delta_Q^2 + \delta_{H_t}^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{\left(\frac{2(2.91 \text{ m} - 2.64 \text{ m})}{0.003159 \text{ m}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}} \right)^2 (6.40 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}^3 \text{ s}^{-1})^2 + (0.04 \text{ m})^2}$$

$$= 0.04 \text{ m}$$

A.2 Single Pump Head and Flow Coefficients

Table A.3: Single pump experimental head and flow coefficients for 1800 RPM, 2700 RPM, and 3600 RPM

Configuration	Pump Speed (RPM)	Volumetric Flow, Q ($\text{m}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$)	Corrected Head, H (m)	Tip Speed, U (m s^{-1})	Radial Exit Velocity, v_{2r} (m s^{-1})	Head Coefficient, Ψ	Flow Coefficient, Φ
Fully open	1800	0.003159	2.91	10.2	1.2	0.275	0.12
Partial 1	1800	0.003003	3.16	10.2	1.1	0.300	0.11
Partial 2	1800	0.001492	5.09	10.2	0.6	0.482	0.05
Closed	1800	-	5.49	10.2	0.0	0.520	0.00
Fully open	2700	0.004858	5.91	15.3	1.8	0.249	0.12
Partial 1	2700	0.004749	6.31	15.3	1.8	0.265	0.12
Partial 2	2700	0.002911	10.6	15.3	1.1	0.445	0.07
Closed	2700	-	12.4	15.3	0.0	0.522	0.00
Fully open	3600	0.006474	9.72	20.4	2.4	0.230	0.12
Partial 1	3600	0.006240	11.2	20.4	2.3	0.266	0.11
Partial 2	3600	0.002454	20.8	20.4	0.9	0.491	0.05
Closed	3600	-	21.8	20.4	0.0	0.515	0.00

Sample calculations are evaluated for the fully open configuration at 1800 RPM. The tip speed was

calculated using the impeller radius, $r_2 = 0.108/2 = 0.054$ m, by

$$\begin{aligned} U &= r_2 \Omega \\ &= 0.054 \text{ m} \times 1800 \text{ RPM} \times \left(\frac{2\pi}{60} \text{ RPM}^{-1} \right) \\ &= 10.2 \text{ m s}^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

The radial exit velocity was calculated using the impeller diameter, the blade height at exit, $b = 0.009$ m, blade width at exit, $w = 0.0085$ m, and the number of blades $N = 5$, by

$$\begin{aligned} v_{2r} &= \frac{Q}{b(2\pi r_2 - Nw)} \\ &= \frac{0.003159 \text{ m}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}}{0.009 \text{ m} \times (2\pi \times 0.054 \text{ m} - 5 \times 0.0085 \text{ m})} \\ &= 1.2 \text{ m s}^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

The head coefficient was found by

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi &= \frac{Hg}{U^2} \\ &= \frac{2.91 \text{ m} \times 9.81 \text{ m s}^{-2}}{(10.2 \text{ m s}^{-1})^2} \\ &= 0.275 \end{aligned}$$

The flow coefficient was found by

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi &= \frac{v_{2r}}{U} \\ &= \frac{1.2 \text{ m s}^{-1}}{10.2 \text{ m s}^{-1}} \\ &= 0.12 \end{aligned}$$

A.2.1 Single Pump Head and Flow Coefficient Uncertainty

Table A.4: Single pump experimental head and flow coefficient uncertainties for 1800 RPM, 2700 RPM, and 3600 RPM

Valve Configuration	Pump Speed	Flow Uncertainty, δ_Q	Head Uncertainty, δ_H	Radial Exit Velocity Uncertainty, $\delta_{v_{2r}}$	Head Coefficient Uncertainty, δ_Ψ	Flow Coefficient Uncertainty, δ_Φ
	(RPM)	($\pm \text{m}^3 \text{s}^{-1}$)	($\pm \text{m}$)	($\pm \text{m s}^{-1}$)	(\pm)	(\pm)
Fully open	1800	6.40E-05	0.04	0.024	0.003	0.0024
Partial 1	1800	5.50E-05	0.04	0.021	0.003	0.0020
Partial 2	1800	1.14E-05	0.04	0.0043	0.003	0.0004
Closed	1800	-	0.04	-	0.003	-
Fully open	2700	1.36E-04	0.05	0.051	0.002	0.0033
Partial 1	2700	1.08E-04	0.04	0.040	0.002	0.0027
Partial 2	2700	2.55E-05	0.04	0.010	0.001	0.00063
Closed	2700	-	0.04	-	0.001	-
Fully open	3600	1.48E-04	0.06	0.056	0.001	0.0027
Partial 1	3600	4.45E-04	0.2	0.17	0.004	0.0082
Partial 2	3600	1.41E-05	0.04	0.0053	0.001	0.00026
Closed	3600	-	0.04	-	0.001	-

Sample calculations are evaluated for the fully open configuration at 1800 RPM. The RPM was measured by the stroboscope. It was assumed that pump speed uncertainty was negligible. The radial exit velocity is a function of

$$v_{2r} = \frac{Q}{b(2\pi r_2 - Nw)}$$

Assuming the blade height and width errors are negligible, the radial exit velocity uncertainty was calculated by

$$\begin{aligned}
 \delta_{v_{2r}} &= v_{2r} \sqrt{\left(\frac{\delta_Q}{Q}\right)^2} \\
 &= v_{2r} \left| \frac{\delta_Q}{Q} \right| \\
 &= 1.2 \text{ m s}^{-1} \left| \frac{6.40 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}}{0.003159 \text{ m}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}} \right| \\
 &= 0.024 \text{ m s}^{-1}
 \end{aligned}$$

The function for head coefficient is

$$\Psi = \frac{Hg}{U^2}$$

Assuming the gravity and tip speed errors are negligible, the head coefficient uncertainty was calculated by

$$\begin{aligned}\delta\Psi &= \Psi \sqrt{\left(\frac{\delta_H}{H}\right)^2} \\ &= \Psi \left| \frac{\delta_H}{H} \right| \\ &= 0.275 \left| \frac{0.04 \text{ m}}{2.91 \text{ m}} \right| \\ &= 0.003\end{aligned}$$

The function for flow coefficient is

$$\Phi = \frac{v_{2r}}{U}$$

since the tip speed error is negligible, this is a special purely multiplicative case of the general formula for error propagation. The flow coefficient uncertainty was calculated by

$$\begin{aligned}\delta\Phi &= \Phi \sqrt{\left(\frac{\delta_{v_{2r}}}{v_{2r}}\right)^2} \\ &= \Phi \left| \frac{\delta_{v_{2r}}}{v_{2r}} \right| \\ &= 0.12 \left| \frac{0.024 \text{ m s}^{-1}}{1.2 \text{ m s}^{-1}} \right| \\ &= 0.0024\end{aligned}$$

A.3 Single Pump Manufacturer's Data

Sample calculations are evaluated 1800 RPM with a volumetric flow rate of $Q = 0.0040 \text{ m}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$. The tip speed was calculated using the impeller radius, $r_2 = 0.108/2 = 0.054 \text{ m}$, by

$$\begin{aligned}U &= r_2 \Omega \\ &= 0.054 \text{ m} \times 1800 \text{ RPM} \times \left(\frac{2\pi}{60} \text{ RPM}^{-1} \right) \\ &= 10.2 \text{ m s}^{-1}\end{aligned}$$

Table A.5: Single pump manufacturer's data for 1800 RPM, 2700 RPM, and 3600 RPM

Pump Speed (RPM)	Volumetric Flow, Q ($\text{m}^3 \text{s}^{-1}$)	Head, H (m)	Tip Speed, U (m s^{-1})	Radial Exit Velocity, v_{2r} (m s^{-1})	Head Coefficient, Ψ	Flow Coefficient, Φ
1800	0.0040	2.58	10.2	1.5	0.244	0.15
1800	0.0033	4.14	10.2	1.2	0.392	0.12
1800	0.0026	4.96	10.2	1.0	0.470	0.10
1800	0.0020	5.40	10.2	0.75	0.511	0.07
2700	0.0060	5.77	15.3	2.2	0.243	0.15
2700	0.0050	9.12	15.3	1.9	0.384	0.12
2700	0.0040	11.0	15.3	1.5	0.463	0.10
2700	0.0030	12.1	15.3	1.1	0.509	0.07
2700	0.0020	12.8	15.3	0.75	0.539	0.05
3600	0.0080	10.3	20.4	3.0	0.244	0.15
3600	0.0067	16.1	20.4	2.5	0.381	0.12
3600	0.0054	19.2	20.4	2.0	0.454	0.10
3600	0.0040	21.6	20.4	1.5	0.511	0.07
3600	0.0027	22.8	20.4	1.0	0.540	0.05

The radial exit velocity was calculated using the impeller diameter, the blade height at exit, $b = 0.009 \text{ m}$, blade width at exit, $w = 0.0085 \text{ m}$, and the number of blades $N = 5$, by

$$\begin{aligned}
 v_{2r} &= \frac{Q}{b(2\pi r_2 - Nw)} \\
 &= \frac{0.0040 \text{ m}^3 \text{s}^{-1}}{0.009 \text{ m} \times (2\pi \times 0.054 \text{ m} - 5 \times 0.0085 \text{ m})} \\
 &= 1.5 \text{ m s}^{-1}
 \end{aligned}$$

The head coefficient was found by

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Psi &= \frac{Hg}{U^2} \\
 &= \frac{2.58 \text{ m} \times 9.81 \text{ m s}^{-2}}{(10.2 \text{ m s}^{-1})^2} \\
 &= 0.244
 \end{aligned}$$

The flow coefficient was found by

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi &= \frac{v_{2r}}{U} \\ &= \frac{1.5 \text{ m s}^{-1}}{10.2 \text{ m s}^{-1}} \\ &= 0.15\end{aligned}$$

B Appendix: Parallel and Series Pump Analysis

B.1 Parallel Experimental Pump Discharge and Head

Table B.6: Summary of experimental parallel pump discharge and heads for 2700 RPM

Valve Con- figuration	Transducer Output		Time to collect water			Nominal Time, t	Volumetric Flow, Q	Transducer Head, H_t			Corrected Head, H
	Pump 1 (V)	Pump 2 (V)	Trial 1 (s)	Trial 2 (s)	Trial 3 (s)			Pump 1 (m)	Pump 2 (m)	Nominal (m)	
Fully open	2.87	2.72	12.46	12.28	12.79	12.51	0.007266	10.1	9.58	9.84	11.3
Partial 1	3.08	2.96	14.49	14.49	14.42	14.47	0.006283	10.8	10.4	10.6	11.7
Partial 2	3.52	3.53	41.05	40.99	40.99	41.01	0.002217	12.4	12.4	12.4	12.5
Closed	3.55	3.55	-	-	-	-	-	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5

Sample calculations will be shown for the fully open valve configuration. The same calculations were done for the other valve configurations. The nominal time was calculated as the average of the three trials by

$$\begin{aligned}
 t &= \frac{\sum t_i}{n} \\
 &= \frac{12.46 + 12.28 + 12.79}{3} \\
 &= 12.51 \text{ s}
 \end{aligned}$$

The volumetric flow rate was calculated using $m = 200 \text{ lb} = 90.7 \text{ kg}$ and $\rho = 998 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$ by

$$\begin{aligned}
 Q &= \frac{m}{\rho t} \\
 &= \frac{90.7 \text{ kg}}{998 \text{ kg m}^{-3} \times 12.51 \text{ s}} \\
 &= 0.007266 \text{ m}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}
 \end{aligned}$$

Next, the transducer head for pumps 1 and pump 2 were calculated by

$$\begin{aligned}
 H_t &= \frac{V_{\text{tr}} \times \text{Conversion}}{\rho g} \\
 \Rightarrow H_{t1} &= \frac{2.87 \text{ V} \times 5 \text{ psi V}^{-1} \times 6894.76 \text{ Pa psi}^{-1}}{998 \text{ kg m}^{-3} \times 9.81 \text{ m s}^{-2}} \\
 &= 10.11 \text{ m} \\
 \Rightarrow H_{t2} &= \frac{2.72 \text{ V} \times 5 \text{ psi V}^{-1} \times 6894.76 \text{ Pa psi}^{-1}}{998 \text{ kg m}^{-3} \times 9.81 \text{ m s}^{-2}} \\
 &= 9.58 \text{ m}
 \end{aligned}$$

The nominal head was calculated by averaging the transducer heads by

$$\begin{aligned}
 H &= \frac{\sum H_{t_i}}{n} \\
 &= \frac{10.11 + 9.58}{2} \\
 &= 9.84 \text{ m}
 \end{aligned}$$

The corrected head was calculated by

$$\begin{aligned}
 H &= H_t + \frac{8Q^2}{\pi^2 D_2^4 g} \left[1 - \left(\frac{D_2}{D_1} \right)^4 \right] \\
 &= 9.84 \text{ m} + \frac{8 \times (0.007266 \text{ m}^3 \text{ s}^{-1})^2}{\pi^2 \times (0.108 \text{ m})^4 \times 9.81 \text{ m s}^{-2}} \left[1 - \left(\frac{0.108 \text{ m}}{0.108 \text{ m}} \right)^4 \right] \\
 &= 11.3 \text{ m}
 \end{aligned}$$

B.1.1 Parallel Experimental Pump Discharge and Head Uncertainty

Table B.7: Parallel experimental pump time and discharge uncertainties for 2700 RPM

Valve Configura- tion	Time STDEV, S_t	Time Precision, P_t	Time Bias, B_t	Time Uncertainty, δ_t	Flow Uncertainty, δ_Q
	(s)	(s)	(s)	(s)	(m ³ s ⁻¹)
Fully open	0.2587	0.6425	0.2	0.67	3.91E-04
Partial 1	0.0404	0.1004	0.2	0.22	9.72E-05
Partial 2	0.0346	0.0861	0.2	0.22	1.18E-05
Closed	-	-	-	-	-

Table B.8: Parallel experimental pump head uncertainties for 2700 RPM

Valve Configura- tion	Transducer Uncertainty		Transducer Head Uncertainty			Corrected Head Uncertainty, δ_H
	Pump 1, $\delta_{V_{t1}}$ (V)	Pump 2, $\delta_{V_{t2}}$ (V)	Pump 1, $\delta_{H_{t1}}$ (m)	Pump 2, $\delta_{H_{t2}}$ (m)	Nominal, δ_{H_t} (m)	(m)
Fully open	0.01	0.01	0.04	0.04	0.02	0.2
Partial 1	0.01	0.01	0.04	0.04	0.02	0.04
Partial 2	0.01	0.01	0.04	0.04	0.02	0.02
Closed	0.01	0.01	0.04	0.04	0.02	0.02

Sample calculations are evaluated for the fully open configuration at 2700 RPM. A 95% confidence interval was used. The standard deviation was calculated by Excel using STDEV . S. The t-distribution value was found using $\alpha/2 = 0.025$ and $\nu = 3 - 1 = 2$. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} P_t &= t_{\alpha/2, \nu} \times \frac{S_t}{\sqrt{n}} \\ &= 4.303 \times \frac{0.2587 \text{ s}}{\sqrt{3}} \\ &= 0.6425 \text{ s} \end{aligned}$$

The time bias was approximated to be the reaction time of the operator by

$$B_t = 0.2 \text{ s}$$

The time uncertainty was calculated by

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_t &= \sqrt{P_t^2 + B_t^2} \\ &= \sqrt{(0.6425 \text{ s})^2 + (0.2 \text{ s})^2} \\ &= 0.67 \text{ s} \end{aligned}$$

The flow uncertainty was calculated by

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_Q &= Q \left| \frac{\delta_t}{t} \right| \\ &= 0.007266 \text{ m}^3 \text{ s}^{-1} \frac{0.67 \text{ s}}{12.51 \text{ s}} \\ &= 3.91E - 04 \end{aligned}$$

The transducer uncertainty was assumed to be the resolution of the device, $\delta_{V_{tr}} = 0.01 \text{ V}$. Transducer precision error was not considered since calibration was not performed. The transducer heads were found by

$$H_t = \frac{V_{tr} \times \text{Conversion}}{\rho g}$$

Assuming density and gravity errors are negligible, this is the special purely multiplicative case of the

general formula for error propagation. The transducer head uncertainty was calculated by

$$\begin{aligned}
 \delta_{H_{t1}} &= H_{t1} \sqrt{\left(\frac{\delta_{V_{tr1}}}{V_{tr1}}\right)^2} \\
 &= H_{t1} \left| \frac{\delta_{V_{tr1}}}{V_{tr1}} \right| \\
 &= 10.11 \text{ m} \left| \frac{0.01 \text{ V}}{2.87 \text{ V}} \right| \\
 &= 0.04 \text{ m}
 \end{aligned}$$

The nominal transducer head uncertainty was calculated by

$$\begin{aligned}
 H_t &= \frac{H_{t1} + H_{t2}}{2} \\
 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial H_t}{\partial H_{t1}} &= \frac{1}{2} \\
 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial H_t}{\partial H_{t2}} &= \frac{1}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

so the uncertainty was

$$\begin{aligned}
 \delta_{H_t} &= \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{(\delta_{H_{t1}})^2 + (\delta_{H_{t2}})^2} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{(0.04 \text{ m})^2 + (0.04 \text{ m})^2} \\
 &= 0.02 \text{ m}
 \end{aligned}$$

The corrected head is found by

$$\begin{aligned}
 H &= H_t + \frac{8Q^2}{\pi^2 D_2^4 g} \left[1 - \left(\frac{D_2}{D_1} \right)^4 \right] \\
 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial H}{\partial H_t} &= 1 \\
 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial H}{\partial Q} &= \frac{16Q}{\pi^2 D_2^4 g} \left[1 - \left(\frac{D_2}{D_1} \right)^4 \right] = \frac{2(H - H_t)}{Q}
 \end{aligned}$$

so the uncertainty was

$$\begin{aligned}
 \delta_H &= \sqrt{(\delta_{H_t})^2 + \left(\frac{2(H - H_t)}{Q} \delta_Q \right)^2} \\
 &= \sqrt{(0.02 \text{ m})^2 + \left(\frac{2(11.3 \text{ m} - 9.84 \text{ m})}{0.007266 \text{ m}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}} \times 3.91 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^3 \text{ s}^{-1} \right)^2} \\
 &= 0.2 \text{ m}
 \end{aligned}$$

B.2 Series Experimental Pump Discharge and Head

Table B.9: Summary of experimental series pump discharge and heads for 2700 RPM

Valve Con- figuration	Transducer Output		Time to collect water			Nominal Time, t	Volumetric Flow, Q	Transducer Head, H_t			Corrected Head, H
	Pump 1	Pump 2	Trial 1	Trial 2	Trial 3			Pump 1	Pump 2	Nominal	
	(V)	(V)	(s)	(s)	(s)	(s)	(m ³ s ⁻¹)	(m)	(m)	(m)	(m)
Fully open	0.68	1.68	16.64	16.17	16.03	16.28	0.005584	2.39	5.92	8.31	9.1
Partial 1	0.9	1.84	16.71	16.58	16.76	16.68	0.005449	3.17	6.48	9.65	10.4
Partial 2	2.89	3.26	30.52	30.23	30.67	30.47	0.002983	10.2	11.5	21.7	21.9
Closed	3.52	3.55	-	-	-	-	-	12.4	12.5	24.9	24.9

Sample calculations will be shown for the fully open valve configuration. The same calculations were done for the other valve configurations. The nominal time was calculated as the average of the three trials by

$$\begin{aligned}
 t &= \frac{\sum t_i}{n} \\
 &= \frac{16.64 + 16.17 + 16.03}{3} \\
 &= 16.28 \text{ s}
 \end{aligned}$$

The volumetric flow rate was calculated using $m = 200 \text{ lb} = 90.7 \text{ kg}$ and $\rho = 998 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$ by

$$\begin{aligned}
 Q &= \frac{m}{\rho t} \\
 &= \frac{90.7 \text{ kg}}{998 \text{ kg m}^{-3} \times 16.28 \text{ s}} \\
 &= 0.005584 \text{ m}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}
 \end{aligned}$$

Next, the transducer head for pumps 1 and pump 2 were calculated by

$$\begin{aligned}
 H_t &= \frac{V_{tr} \times \text{Conversion}}{\rho g} \\
 \Rightarrow H_{t1} &= \frac{0.68 \text{ V} \times 5 \text{ psi V}^{-1} \times 6894.76 \text{ Pa psi}^{-1}}{998 \text{ kg m}^{-3} \times 9.81 \text{ m s}^{-2}} \\
 &= 2.39 \text{ m} \\
 \Rightarrow H_{t2} &= \frac{1.68 \text{ V} \times 5 \text{ psi V}^{-1} \times 6894.76 \text{ Pa psi}^{-1}}{998 \text{ kg m}^{-3} \times 9.81 \text{ m s}^{-2}} \\
 &= 5.92 \text{ m}
 \end{aligned}$$

The nominal head was calculated by summing the transducer heads by

$$\begin{aligned}
 H_t &= \sum H_{t_i} \\
 &= 2.39 \text{ m} + 5.92 \text{ m} \\
 &= 8.31 \text{ m}
 \end{aligned}$$

The corrected head was calculated by

$$\begin{aligned}
 H &= H_t + \frac{8Q^2}{\pi^2 D_2^4 g} \left[1 - \left(\frac{D_2}{D_1} \right)^4 \right] \\
 &= 8.31 \text{ m} + \frac{8 \times (0.005584 \text{ m}^3 \text{ s}^{-1})^2}{\pi^2 \times (0.108 \text{ m})^4 \times 9.81 \text{ m s}^{-2}} \left[1 - \left(\frac{0.108 \text{ m}}{0.108 \text{ m}} \right)^4 \right] \\
 &= 9.1 \text{ m}
 \end{aligned}$$

B.2.1 Series Experimental Pump Discharge and Head Uncertainty

Table B.10: Series experimental pump time and discharge uncertainties for 2700 RPM

Valve Configuration	Time STDEV, S_t	Time Precision, P_t	Time Bias, B_t	Time Uncertainty, δ_t	Flow Uncertainty, δ_Q
	(s)	(s)	(s)	(s)	(m ³ s ⁻¹)
Fully open	0.3195	0.7938	0.2	0.82	2.81E-04
Partial 1	0.0929	0.2308	0.2	0.31	9.97E-05
Partial 2	0.2237	0.5557	0.2	0.59	5.78E-05
Closed	-	-	-	-	-

Table B.11: Series experimental pump head uncertainties for 2700 RPM

Valve Configuration	Transducer Uncertainty		Transducer Head Uncertainty			Corrected Head Uncertainty, δ_H
	Pump 1, $\delta_{V_{t1}}$	Pump 2, $\delta_{V_{t2}}$	Pump 1, $\delta_{H_{t1}}$	Pump 2, $\delta_{H_{t2}}$	Nominal, δ_{H_t}	
	(V)	(V)	(m)	(m)	(m)	(m)
Fully open	0.01	0.01	0.04	0.04	0.05	0.1
Partial 1	0.01	0.01	0.04	0.04	0.05	0.06
Partial 2	0.01	0.01	0.04	0.04	0.05	0.05
Closed	0.01	0.01	0.04	0.04	0.05	0.05

Sample calculations are evaluated for the fully open configuration at 2700 RPM. A 95% confidence

interval was used. The standard deviation was calculated by Excel using $STDEV.S$. The t-distribution value was found using $\alpha/2 = 0.025$ and $\nu = 3 - 1 = 2$. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} P_t &= t_{\alpha/2, \nu} \times \frac{S_t}{\sqrt{n}} \\ &= 4.303 \times \frac{0.3195 \text{ s}}{\sqrt{3}} \\ &= 0.7938 \text{ s} \end{aligned}$$

The time bias was approximated to be the reaction time of the operator by

$$B_t = 0.2 \text{ s}$$

The time uncertainty was calculated by

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_t &= \sqrt{P_t^2 + B_t^2} \\ &= \sqrt{(0.7938 \text{ s})^2 + (0.2 \text{ s})^2} \\ &= 0.82 \text{ s} \end{aligned}$$

The flow uncertainty was calculated by

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_Q &= Q \left| \frac{\delta_t}{t} \right| \\ &= 0.005584 \text{ m}^3 \text{ s}^{-1} \frac{0.82 \text{ s}}{16.28 \text{ s}} \\ &= 2.81E - 04 \end{aligned}$$

The transducer uncertainty was assumed to be the resolution of the device, $\delta_{V_{tr}} = 0.01 \text{ V}$. Transducer precision error was not considered since calibration was not performed. The transducer heads were found by

$$H_t = \frac{V_{tr} \times \text{Conversion}}{\rho g}$$

Assuming density and gravity errors are negligible, this is the special purely multiplicative case of the

general formula for error propagation. The transducer head uncertainty was calculated by

$$\begin{aligned}
 \delta_{H_{t1}} &= H_{t1} \sqrt{\left(\frac{\delta_{V_{tr1}}}{V_{tr1}}\right)^2} \\
 &= H_{t1} \left| \frac{\delta_{V_{tr1}}}{V_{tr1}} \right| \\
 &= 2.39 \text{ m} \left| \frac{0.01 \text{ V}}{0.68 \text{ V}} \right| \\
 &= 0.04 \text{ m}
 \end{aligned}$$

The nominal transducer head uncertainty was calculated by

$$\begin{aligned}
 H_t &= H_{t1} + H_{t2} \\
 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial H_t}{\partial H_{t1}} &= 1 \\
 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial H_t}{\partial H_{t2}} &= 1
 \end{aligned}$$

so the uncertainty was

$$\begin{aligned}
 \delta_{H_t} &= \sqrt{(\delta_{H_{t1}})^2 + (\delta_{H_{t2}})^2} \\
 &= \sqrt{(0.04 \text{ m})^2 + (0.04 \text{ m})^2} \\
 &= 0.05 \text{ m}
 \end{aligned}$$

The corrected head is found by

$$\begin{aligned}
 H &= H_t + \frac{8Q^2}{\pi^2 D_2^4 g} \left[1 - \left(\frac{D_2}{D_1} \right)^4 \right] \\
 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial H}{\partial H_t} &= 1 \\
 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial H}{\partial Q} &= \frac{16Q}{\pi^2 D_2^4 g} \left[1 - \left(\frac{D_2}{D_1} \right)^4 \right] = \frac{2(H - H_t)}{Q}
 \end{aligned}$$

so the uncertainty was

$$\begin{aligned}
 \delta_H &= \sqrt{(\delta_{H_t})^2 + \left(\frac{2(H - H_t)}{Q} \delta_Q \right)^2} \\
 &= \sqrt{(0.05 \text{ m})^2 + \left(\frac{2(9.1 \text{ m} - 8.31 \text{ m})}{0.005584 \text{ m}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}} \times 2.81 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^3 \text{ s}^{-1} \right)^2} \\
 &= 0.1 \text{ m}
 \end{aligned}$$

		Actual			Theoretical		
		Volumetric Flow	Transducer Head	Corrected Head	Volumetric Flow	Transducer Head	Corrected Head
Parallel	Fully open	0.007266	9.84	11.3	0.00971503	5.28	7.81
Parallel	Partial 1	0.006283	10.6	11.7	0.009498	5.70	8.12
Parallel	Partial 2	0.002217	12.4	12.5	0.005823	10.4	11.3
Parallel	Closed	-	12.5	12.5	-	12.4	12.4
Series	Fully open	0.005584	8.31	9.1	0.004858	10.6	11.2
Series	Partial 1	0.005449	9.65	10.4	0.004749	11.4	12.0
Series	Partial 2	0.002983	21.7	21.9	0.002911	20.7	20.9
Series	Closed	-	24.9	24.9	-	24.8	24.8

B.3 Parallel and Series Experimental vs Theoretical Pump Discharge and Head

The actual results were pulled directly from Table B.6 and Table B.9. The theoretical results were calculated using the results from the single pump analysis Table A.1.

B.3.1 Parallel Experimental vs Theoretical Pump Discharge and Head

Sample calculations are evaluated for the fully open configuration. The theoretical volumetric flow was found by

$$\begin{aligned}
 Q_{th} &= 2Q_{single} \\
 &= 2 \times 0.004858 \text{ m}^3 \text{ s}^{-1} \\
 &= 0.00971503 \text{ m}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}
 \end{aligned}$$

The theoretical transducer head was found by

$$\begin{aligned}
 H_{t_{th}} &= H_{t_{single}} \\
 &= 5.28 \text{ m}
 \end{aligned}$$

The theoretical corrected head was found by

$$\begin{aligned}
 H_{th} &= H_{t_{th}} + \frac{8Q_{th}^2}{\pi^2 D_2^4 g} \left[1 - \left(\frac{D_2}{D_1} \right)^4 \right] \\
 &= 5.28 \text{ m} + \frac{8 \times (0.00971503 \text{ m}^3 \text{ s}^{-1})^2}{\pi^2 \times (0.108 \text{ m})^4 \times 9.81 \text{ m s}^{-2}} \left[1 - \left(\frac{0.108 \text{ m}}{0.108 \text{ m}} \right)^4 \right] \\
 &= 7.81 \text{ m}
 \end{aligned}$$

B.3.2 Series Experimental vs Theoretical Pump Discharge and Head

Sample calculations are evaluated for the fully open configuration. The theoretical volumetric flow was found by

$$\begin{aligned} Q_{\text{th}} &= Q_{\text{single}} \\ &= 0.004858 \text{ m}^3 \text{ s}^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

The theoretical transducer head was found by

$$\begin{aligned} H_{t_{\text{th}}} &= 2H_{t_{\text{single}}} \\ &= 2 \times 5.28 \text{ m} \\ &= 10.6 \text{ m} \end{aligned}$$

The theoretical corrected head was found by

$$\begin{aligned} H_{\text{th}} &= H_{t_{\text{th}}} + \frac{8Q_{\text{th}}^2}{\pi^2 D_2^4 g} \left[1 - \left(\frac{D_2}{D_1} \right)^4 \right] \\ &= 10.6 \text{ m} + \frac{8 \times (0.004858 \text{ m}^3 \text{ s}^{-1})^2}{\pi^2 \times (0.108 \text{ m})^4 \times 9.81 \text{ m s}^{-2}} \left[1 - \left(\frac{0.108 \text{ m}}{0.108 \text{ m}} \right)^4 \right] \\ &= 11.2 \text{ m} \end{aligned}$$