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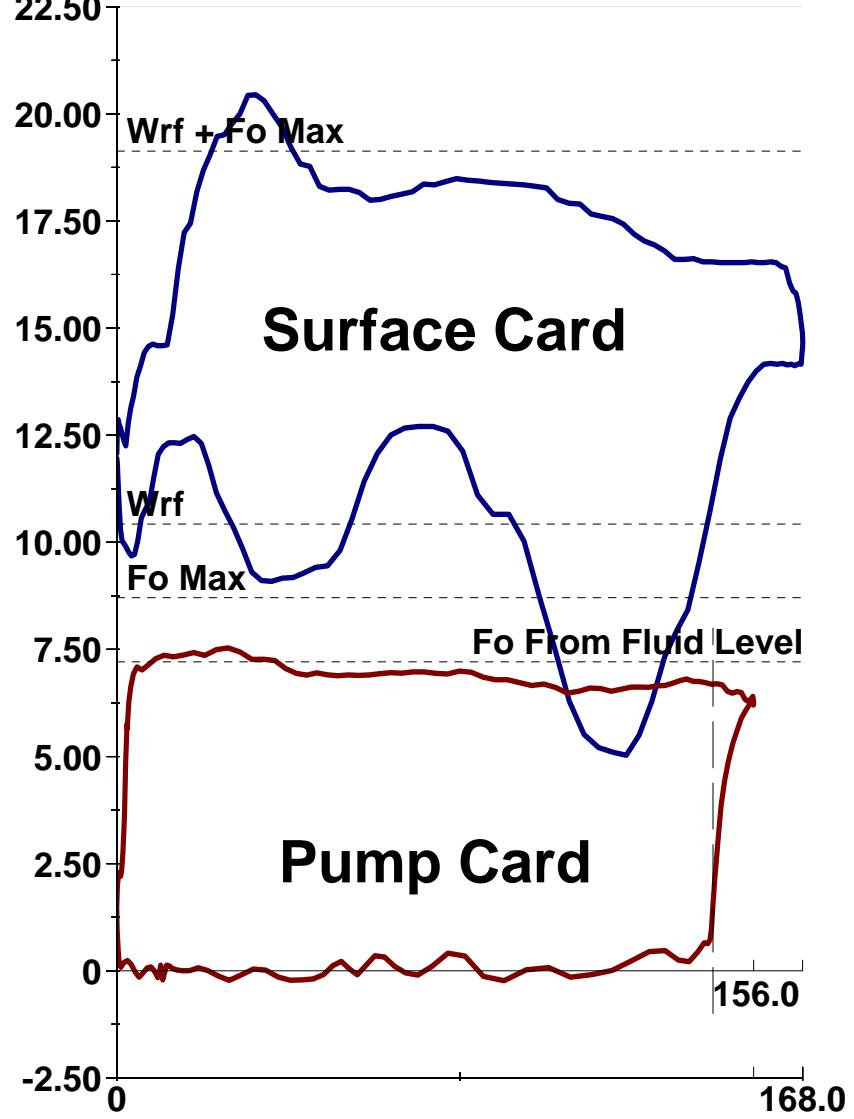
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Reference Loads for the Downhole Pump Card

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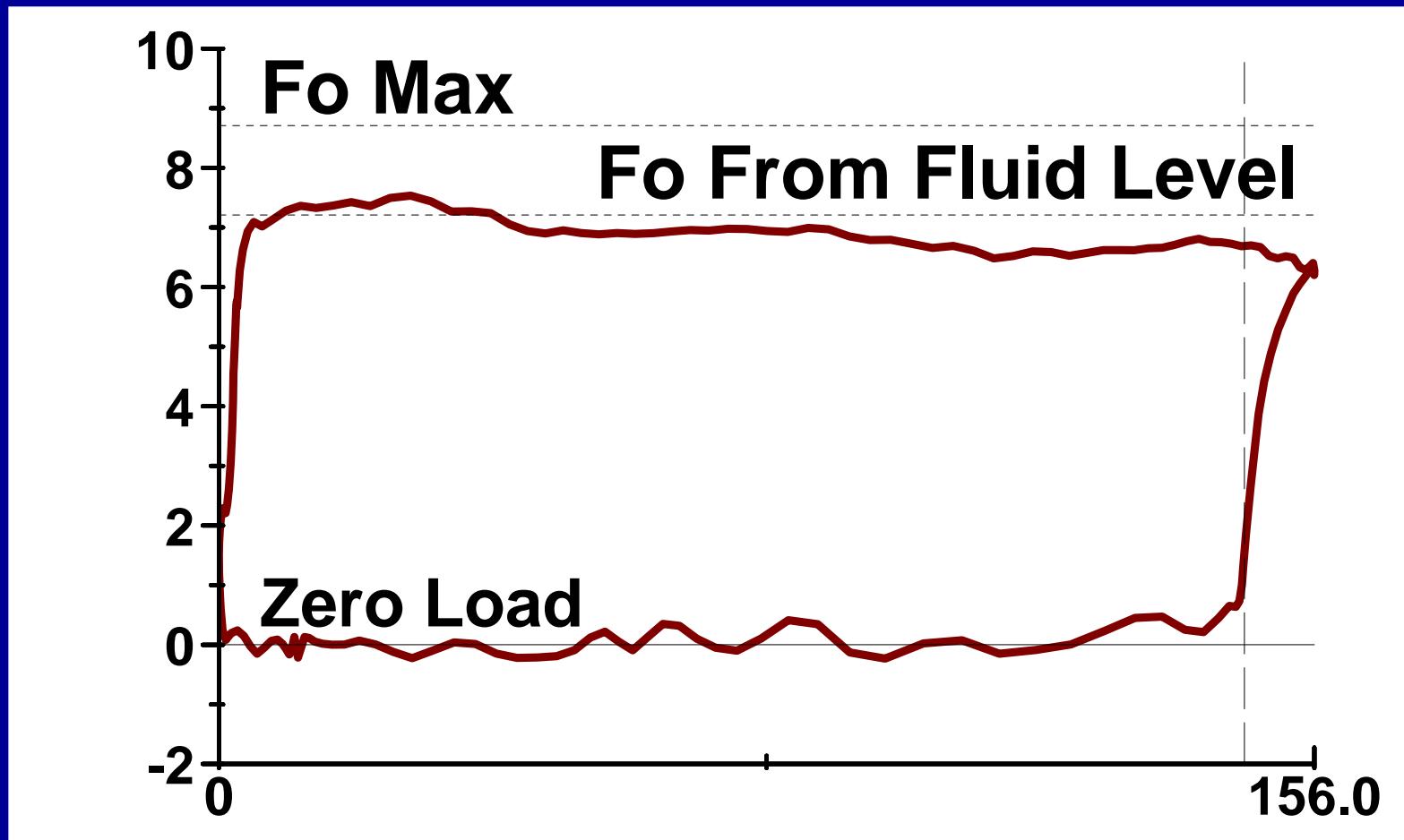
Dynamometer Card Definition



- 1) Surface dynamometer card is the plot of the measured rod loads at the various positions throughout a complete stroke; the load is usually displayed in pounds of force and the position is usually displayed in inches.
- 2) Pump dynamometer card is a plot of the calculated loads at various positions of pump stroke and represents the fluid load the pump applies to the bottom of the rod string.

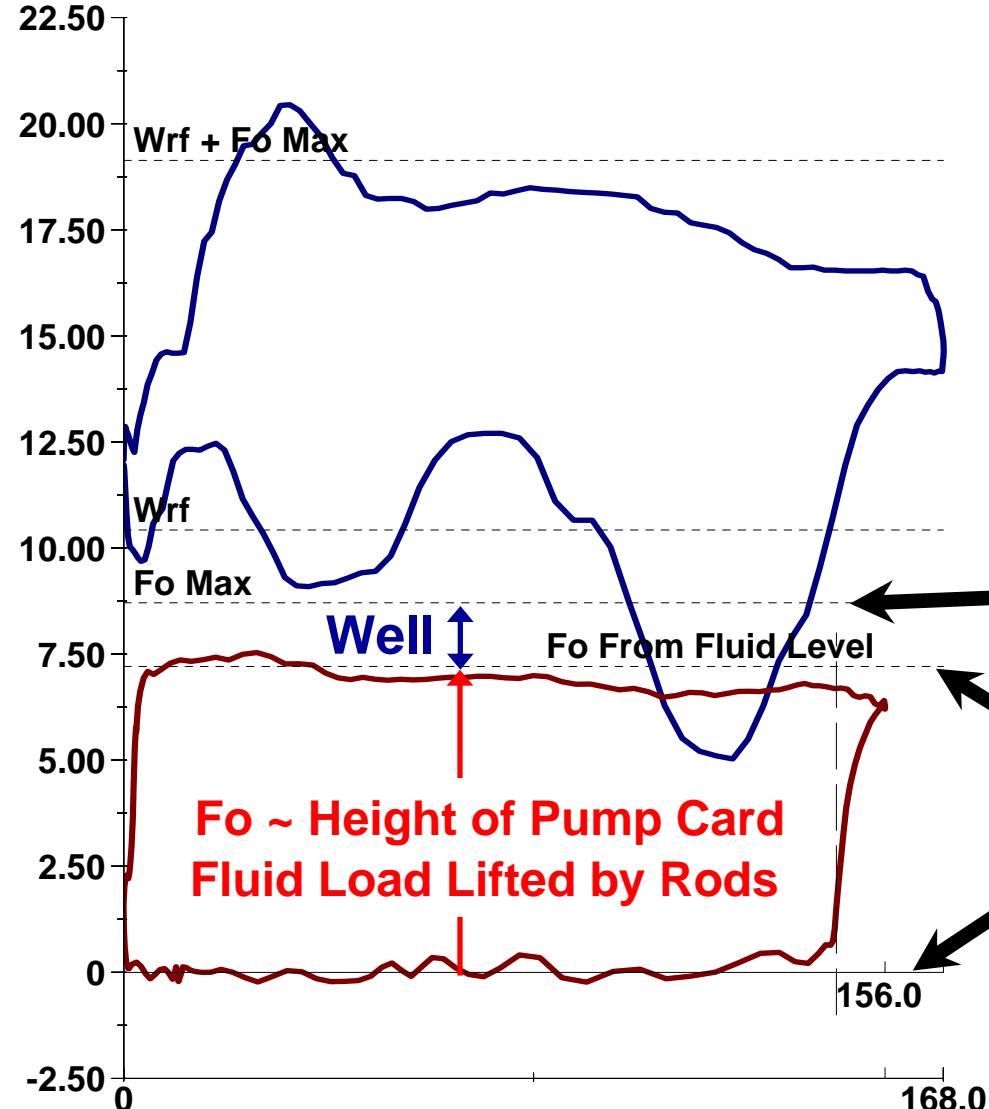
Reference Loads for the Downhole Pump Card

Understanding the pump card basic loads is critical to analyzing and troubleshooting downhole problems:



Pump Card Reference:

Zero Load Line ~ Down Stroke
 Fo From Fluid Level ~ Up Stroke



Normal Pump Card Loads:

SV Open Upstroke:

$$Fo \text{ Max} = (P_{dis} - 0) * A_p$$

$$Fo = (P_{dis} - P_{intk}) * A_p$$

TV Open Downstroke:

$$Fo = 0$$

Reference Lines:

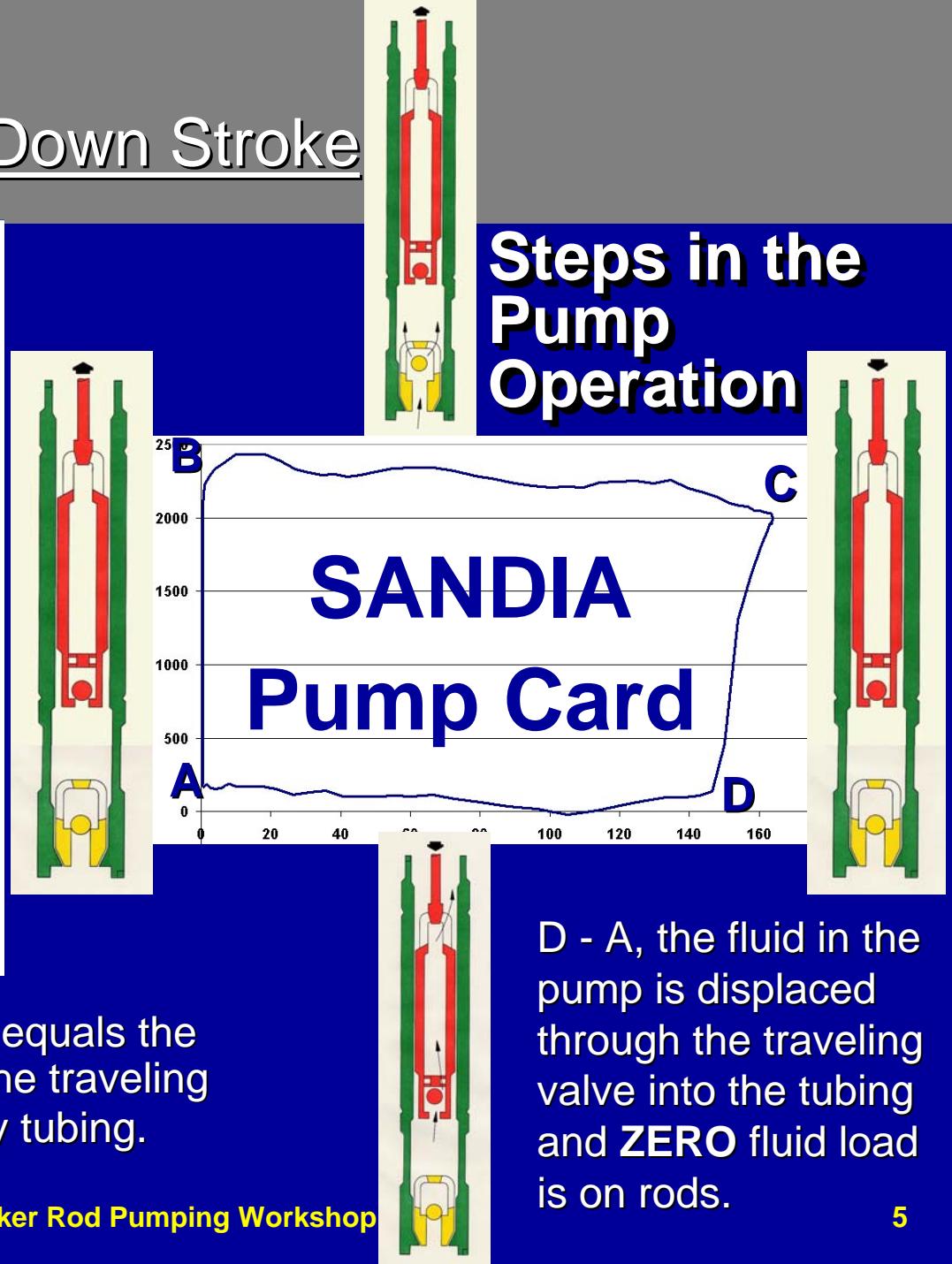
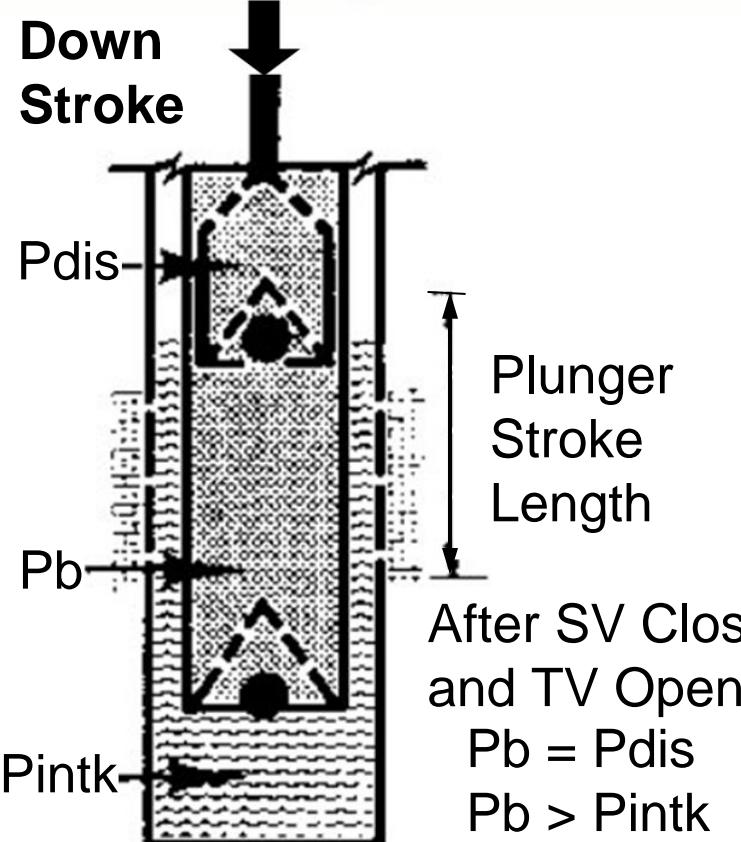
Fo Max - assumes pump intake pressure is zero, where well provides no help in lifting the fluid to the surface.

Fo From Fluid Level - assumes pump intake pressure determined from fluid level shot, where well's PIP provides help in lifting the fluid.

Zero Load Line - assumes pressure above and below the plunger are equal; no friction due to fluid displacing through SV on down stroke

Zero Load Line

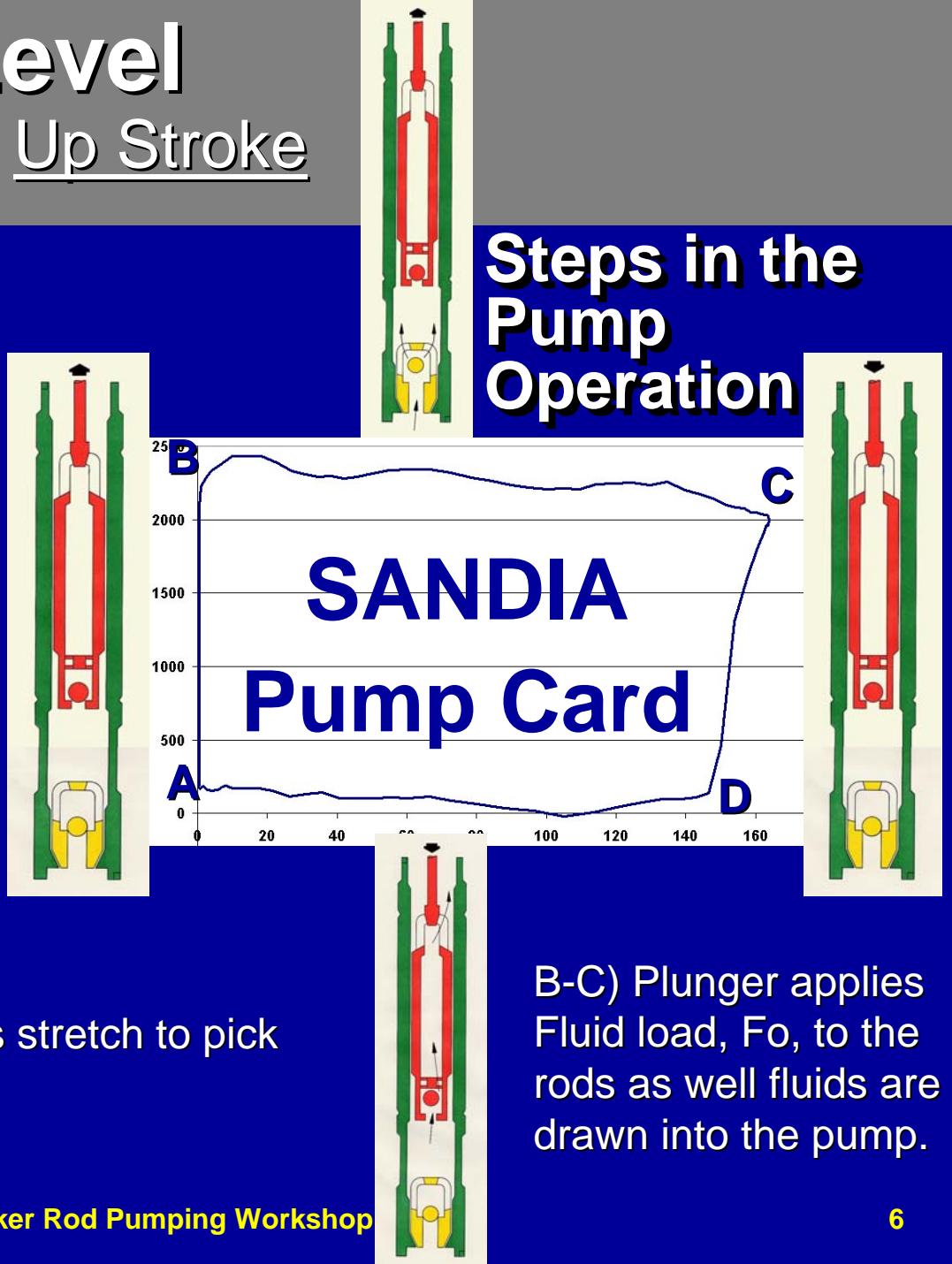
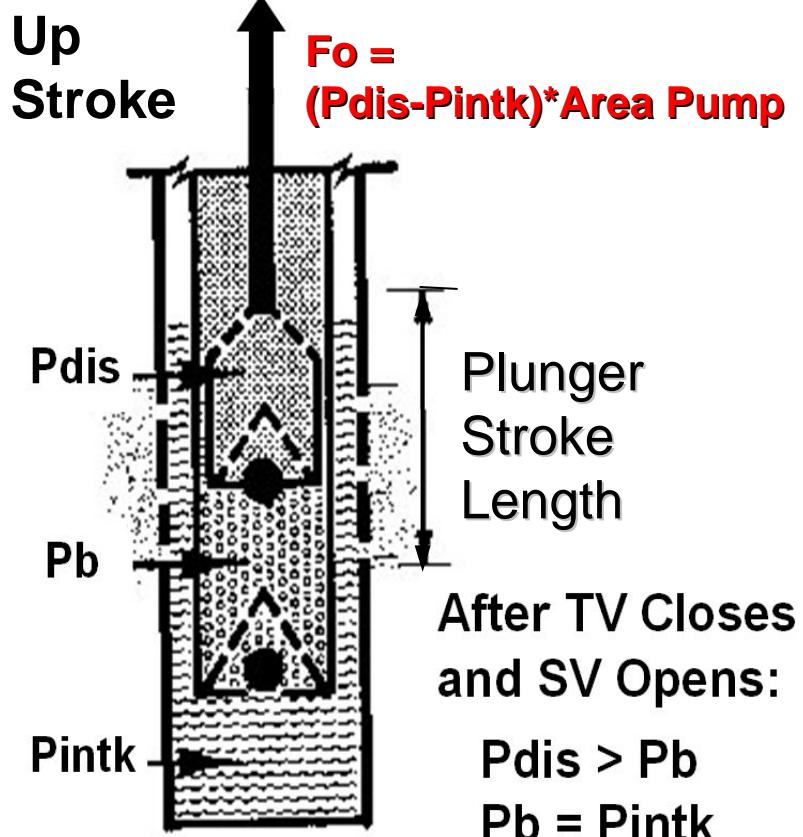
Load Reference Line ~ Down Stroke



- D) Pump discharge pressure (P_{dis}) equals the static tubing pressure (P_b), and the traveling valve opens. P_{dis} now carried by tubing.

Fo From Fluid Level

Load Reference Line on Up Stroke



- B) Standing Valve opens, when rods stretch to pick up fluid load, F_o , from tubing.
- C) Standing valve closes.

Casing
Pressure

Flow rate Q

Pcf

Ptf

Depth

Annulus Gas
Gradient

Tubing Fluid
Gradient

Producing
Fluid Level

PDP

Pump
Depth

Pintk

PBHP

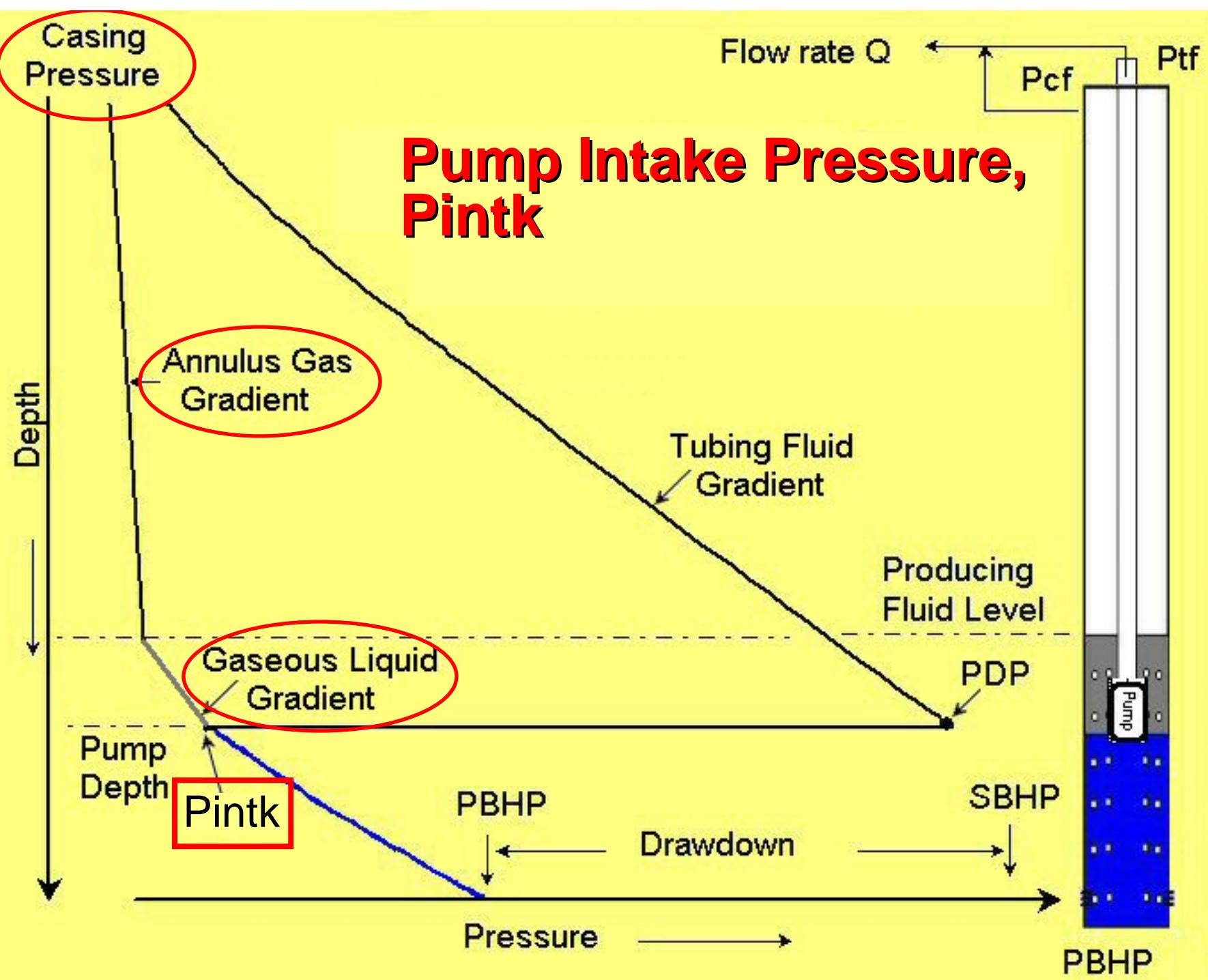
Drawdown

SBHP

Pressure

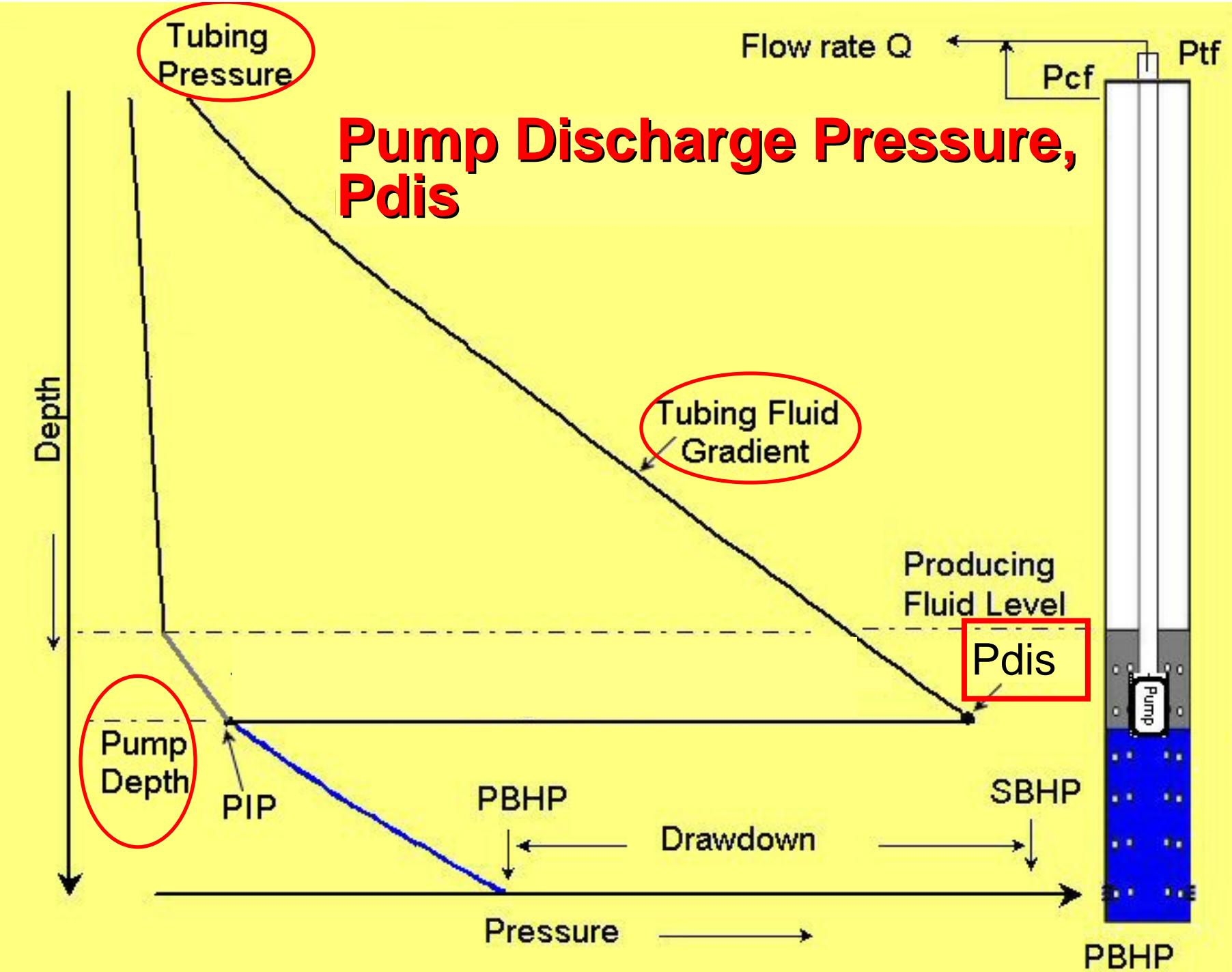
PBHP

Pump Intake Pressure, Pintk



Acoustic PIP Calculation

- Requires stabilized conditions
- Determination of Liquid Level Depth
 - Avg. Joint Length, Acoustic Velocity, SG Gas
- Measurement of casing pressure
- Tubing, Casing Size, & Pump Depth
- Oil, water and annular gas densities
- Measurement of casing pressure buildup rate (at Producing Conditions)

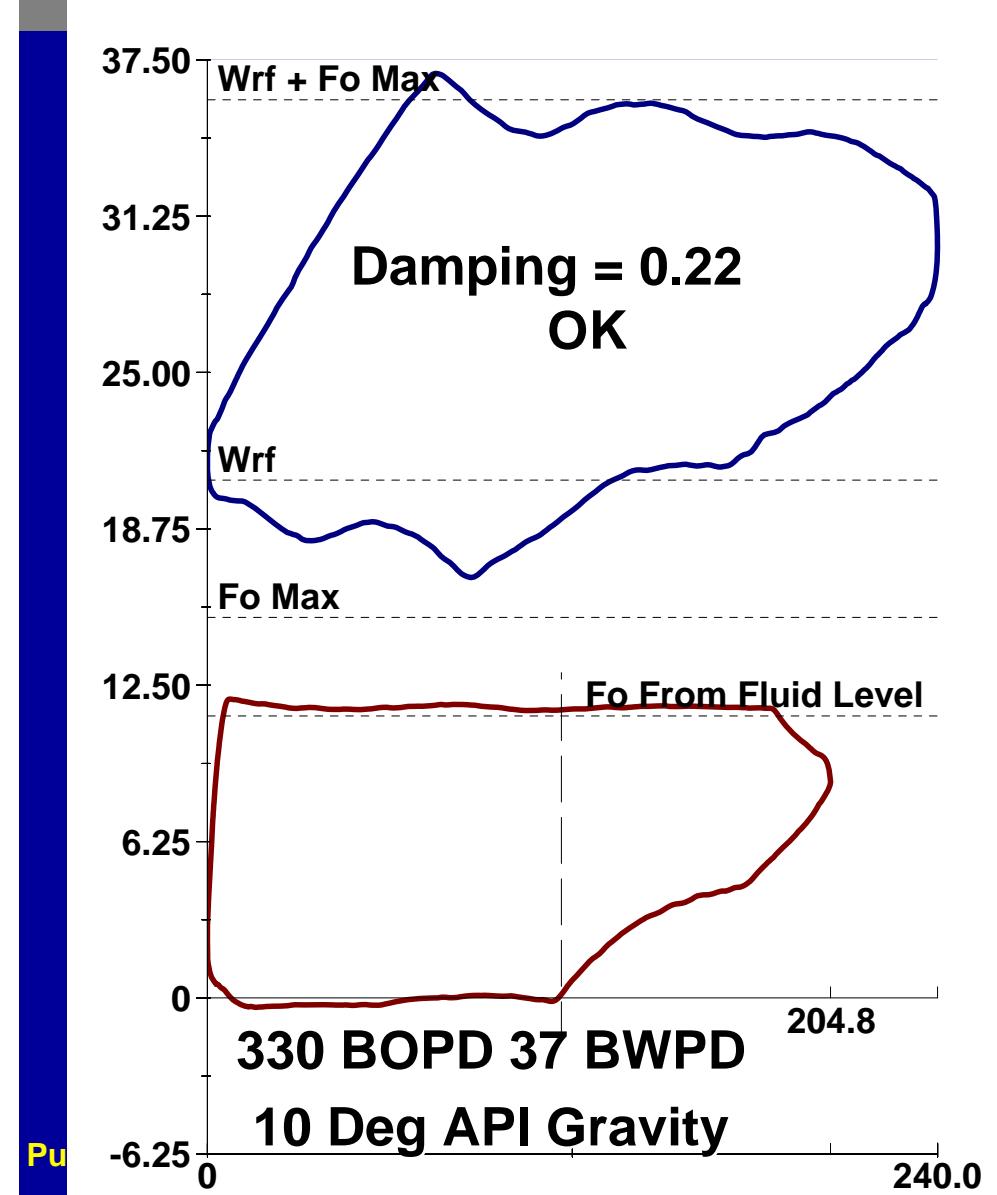
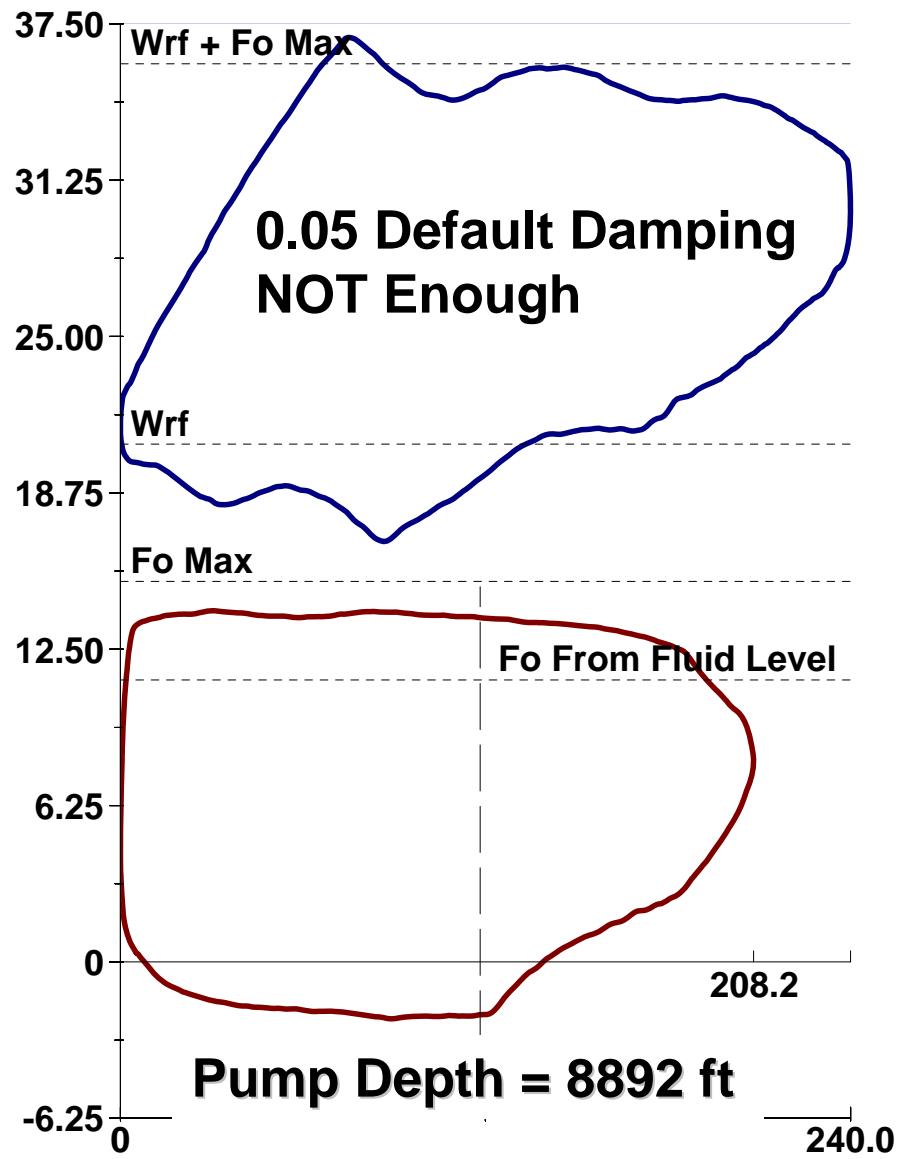


Pump Discharge Pressure

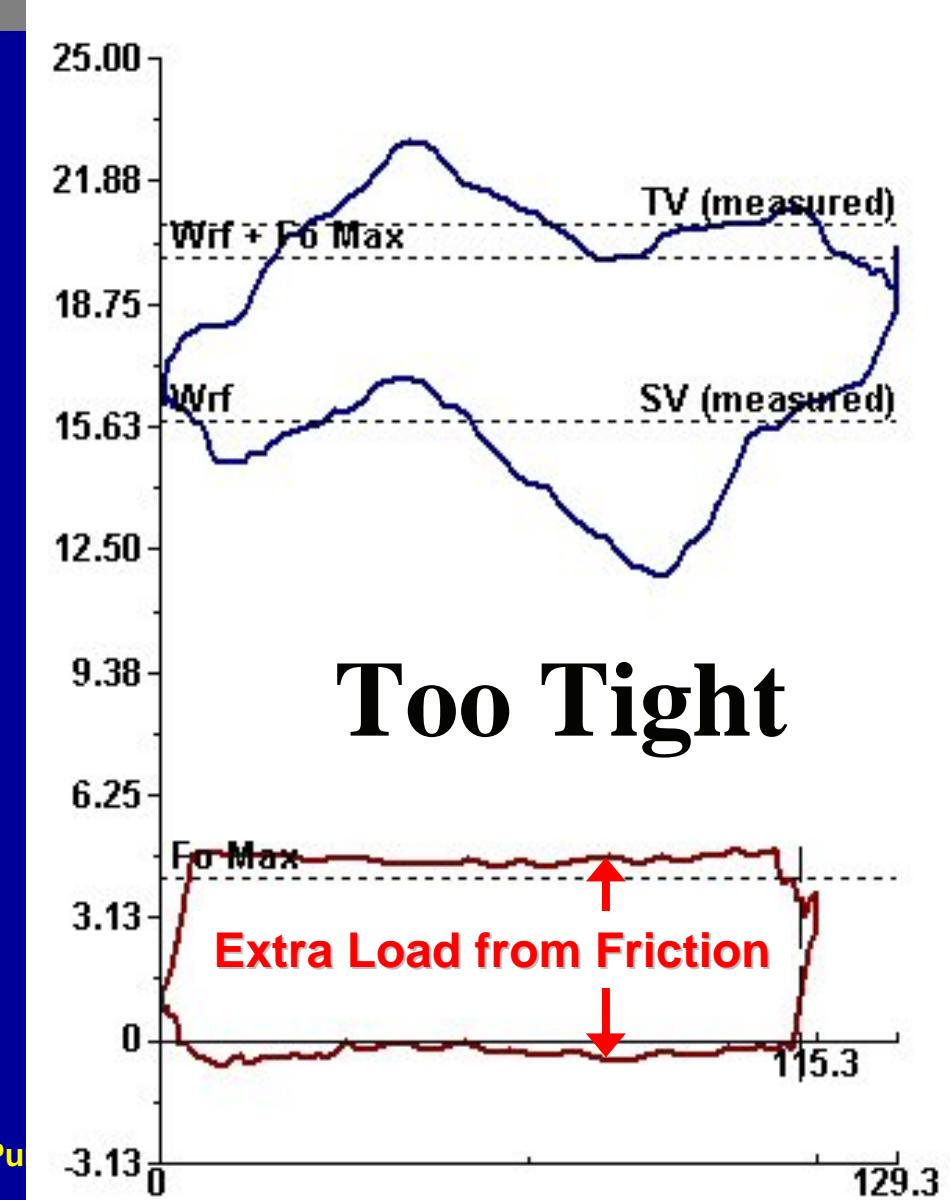
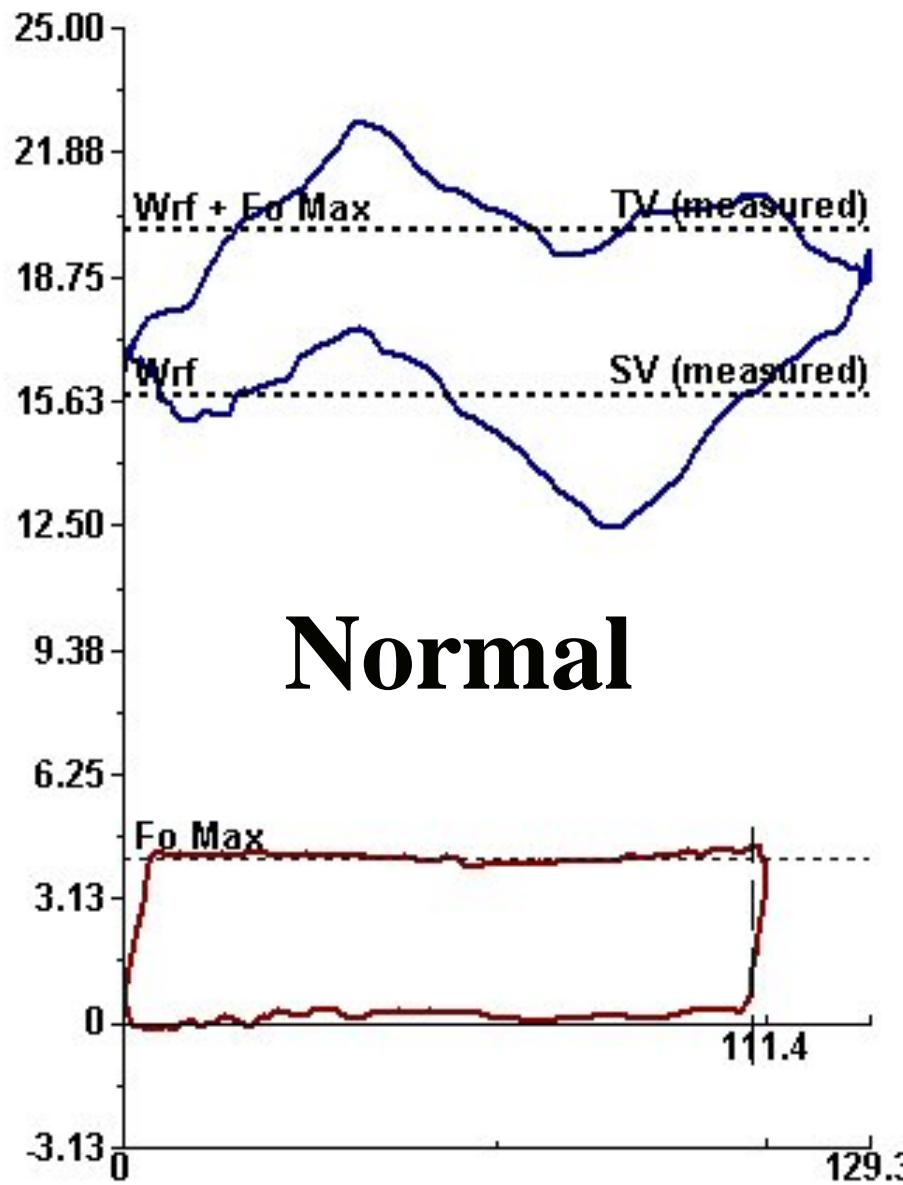
- Requires stabilized conditions
- Measurement of tubing pressure
- True Vertical Pump Depth
- Oil, water and gas densities
- Oil, water, and gas Production Rate
- Tubing Fluid Gradient

$$F_o = (P_{dis} - P_{intk}) * \text{Area Pump}$$

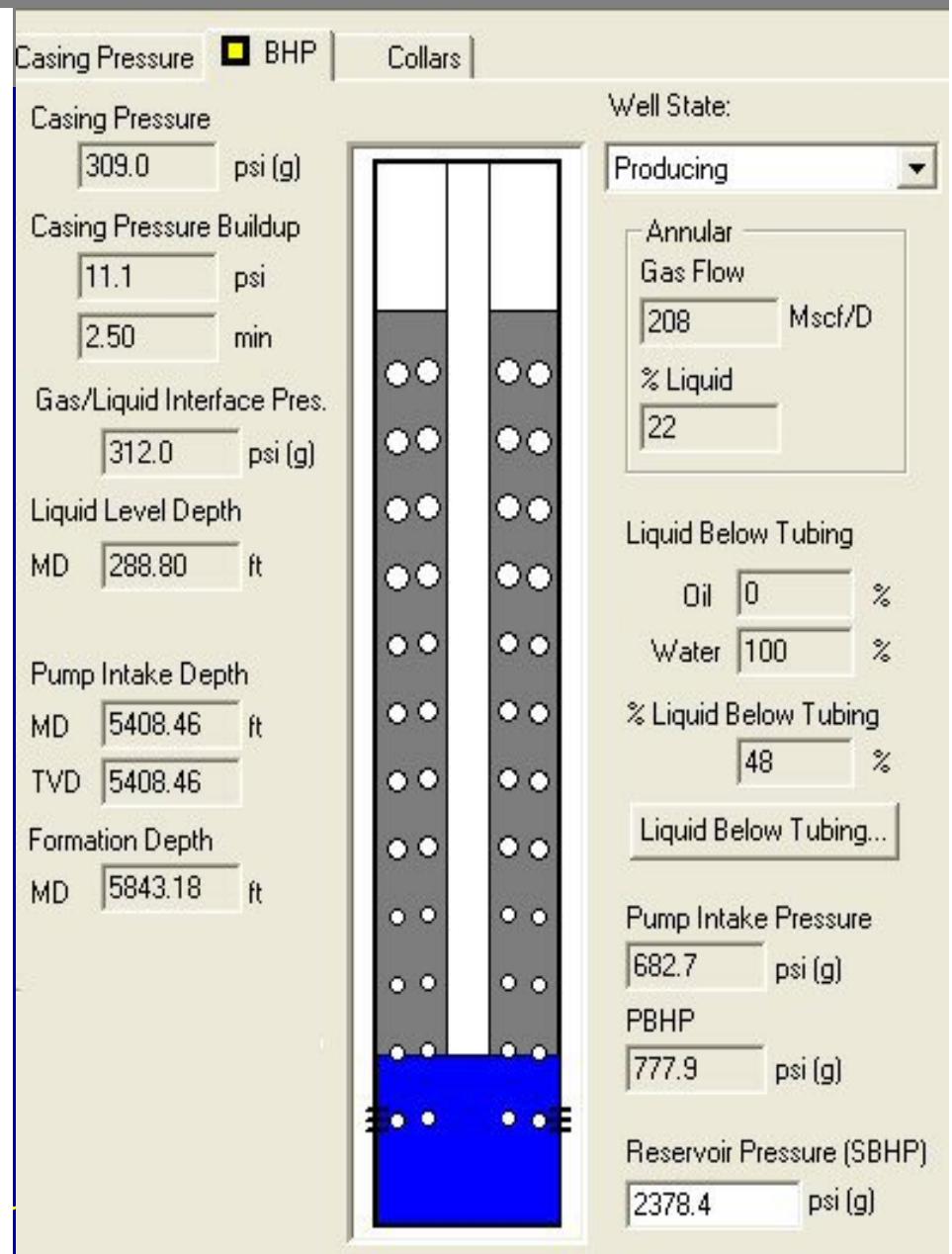
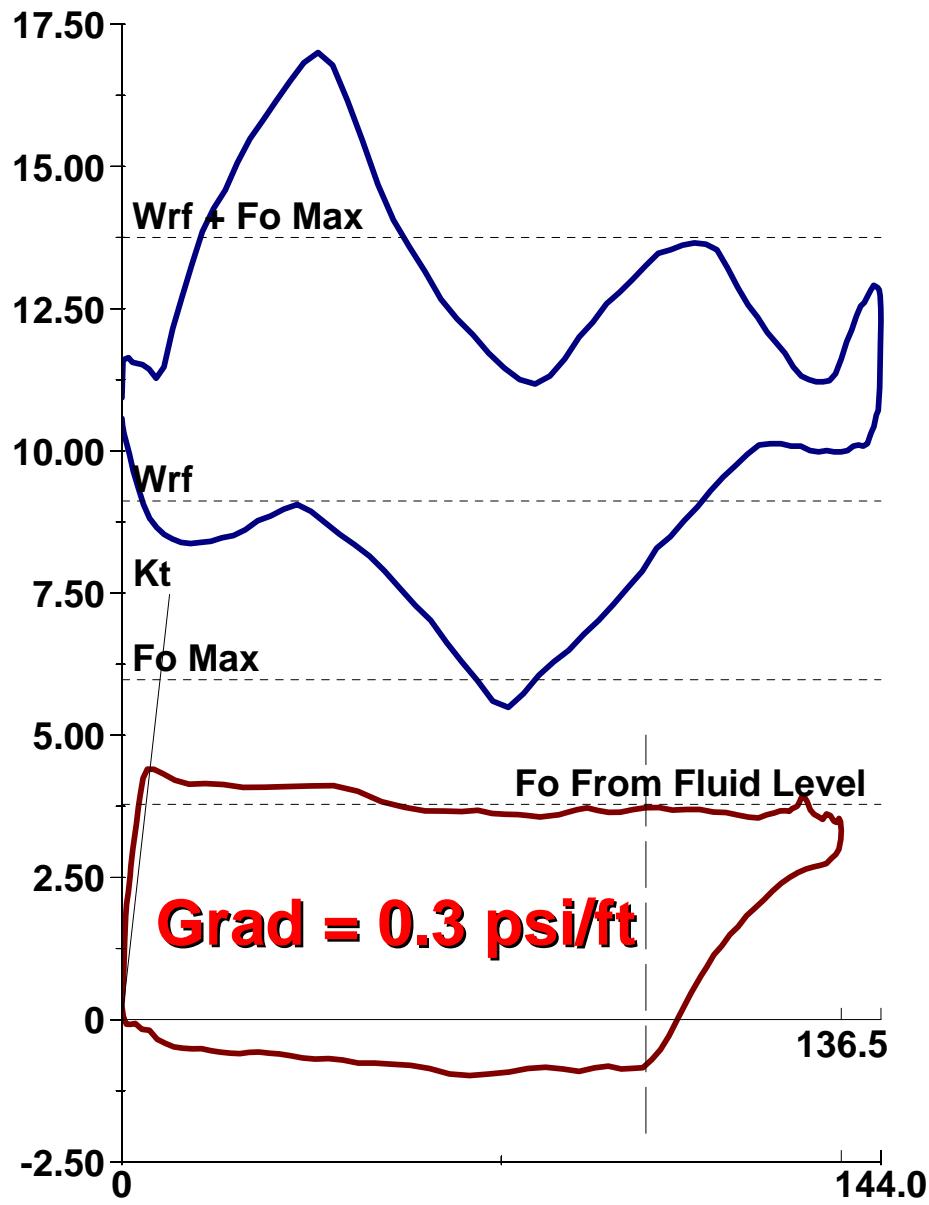
Damping Coefficients



Abnormal Loads – Tight Stuffing Box



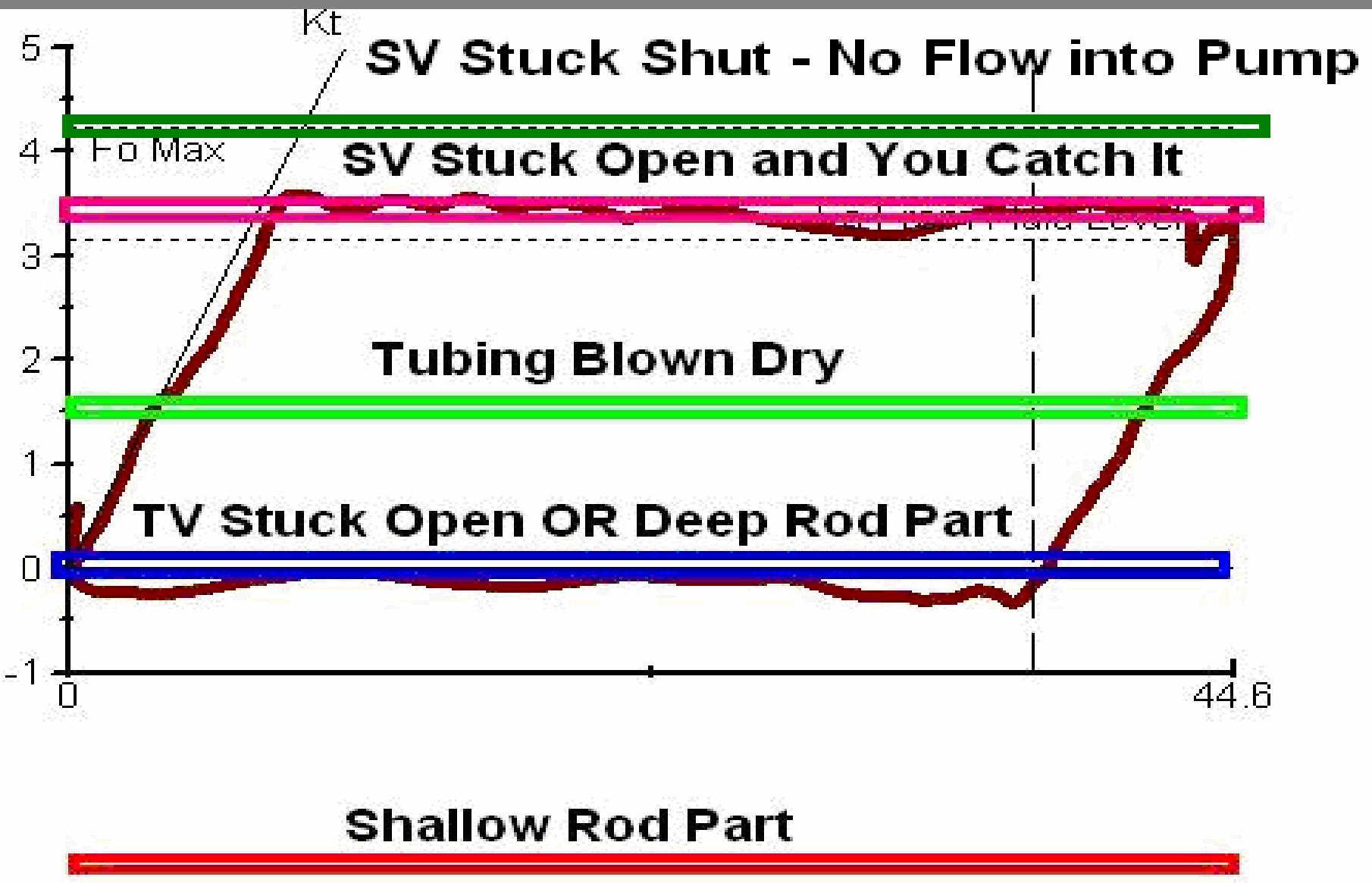
Tubing Fluid Gradient – Wrf & Pdis



Flat Pump Card Load Lines

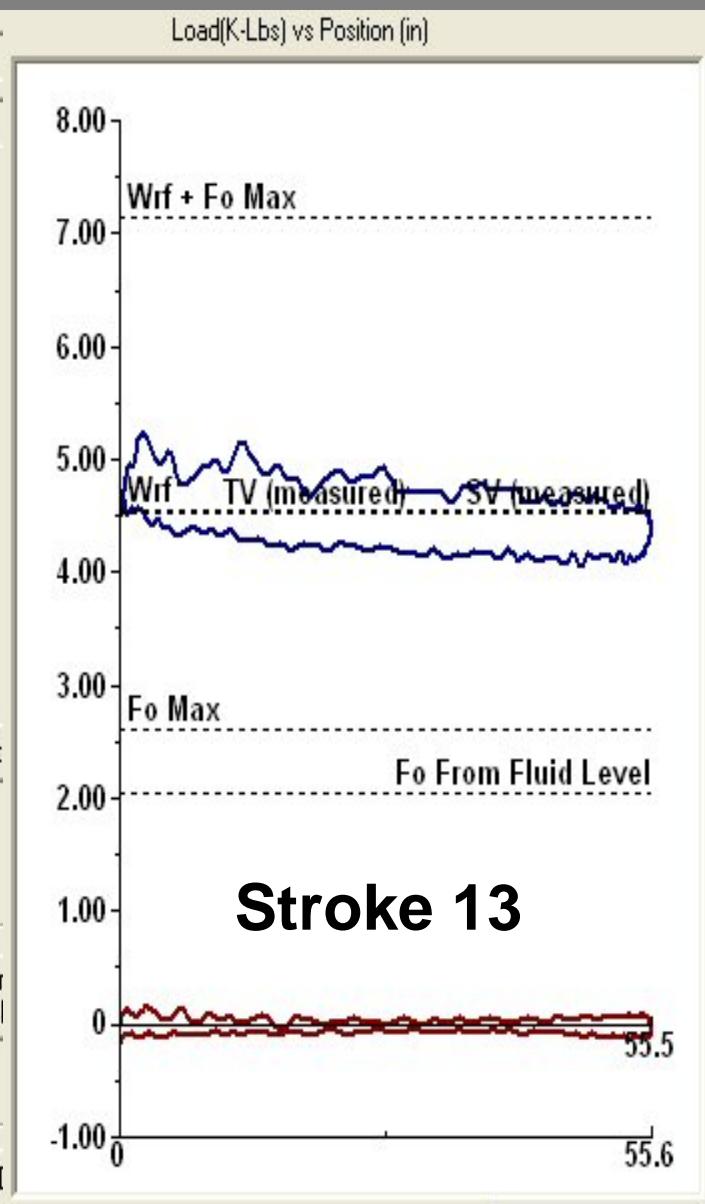
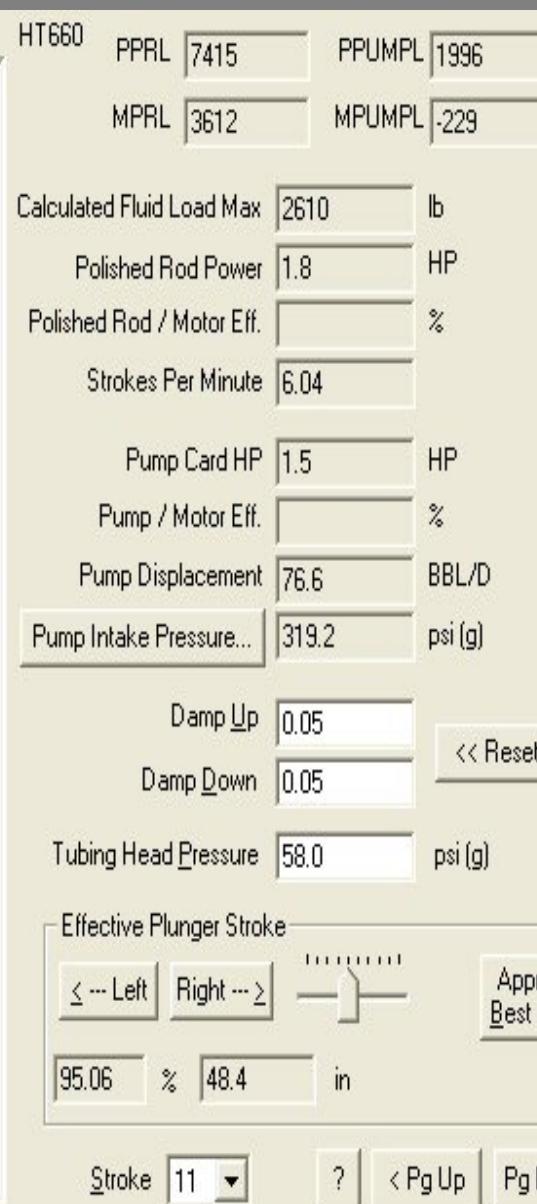
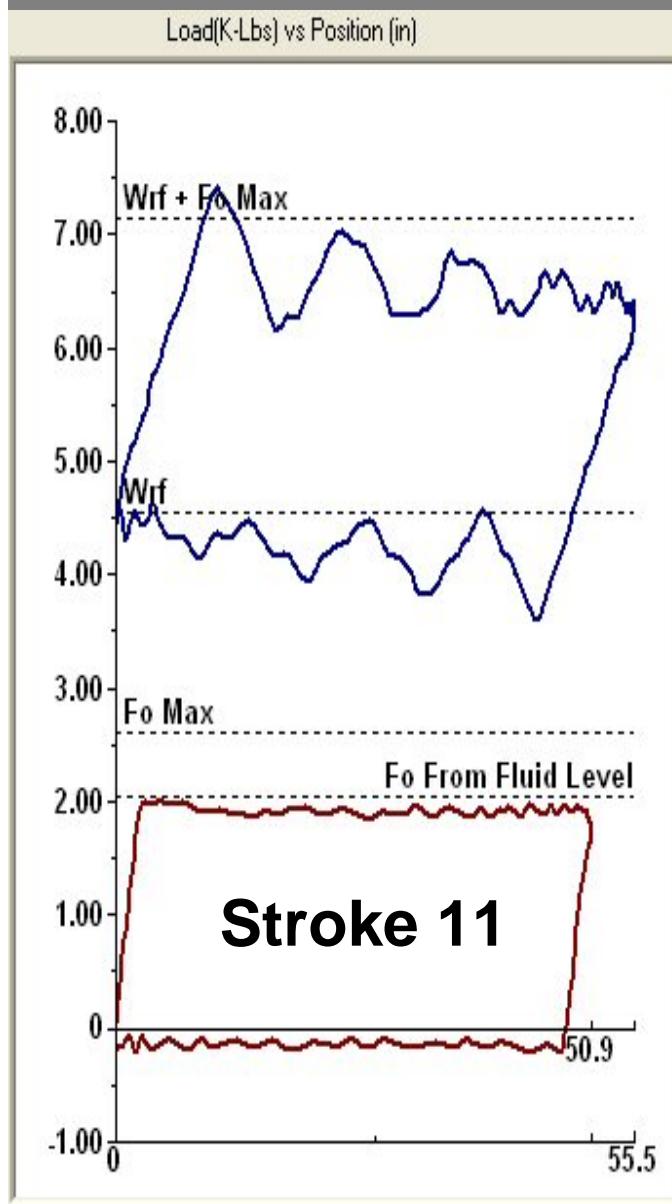
- 1) TV Stuck Open - Looks like Deep Rod Part but you can often tag or jar the rods and knock the debris out of the pump and re-start pump action.
- 2) Deep Rod Part – Plots on the Zero Load Line
- 3) Shallow Rod Part – Plots below the Zero Load Line by the amount of missing rod weight in fluid no longer attached to the polished rod.
- 4) Tubing Blown Dry – Plots as a flat line @ a height of Wra-Wrf pounds above the zero load line.
- 5) SV Stuck Open – Plots on the Fo from the Fluid Level line.
- 6) Blocked Intake – No fluid entry into pump and low slippage through pump clearances

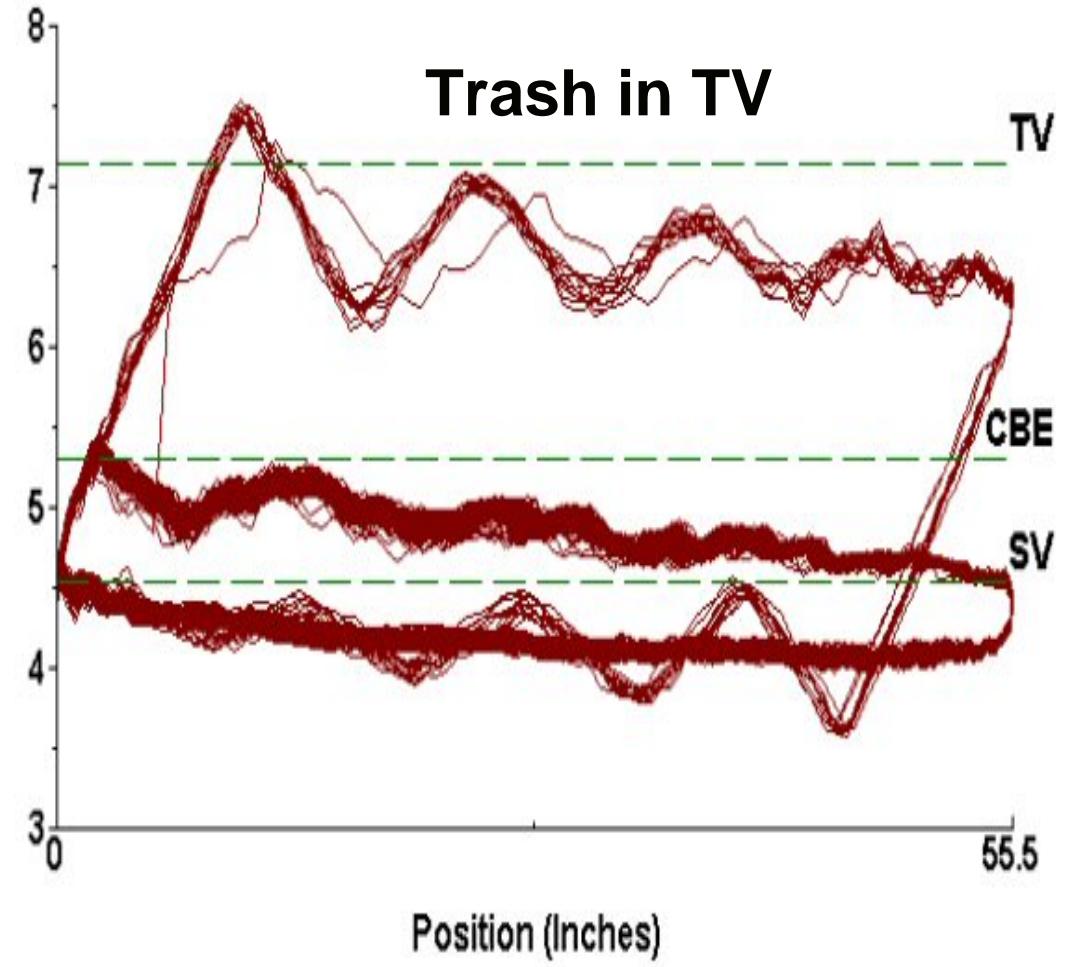
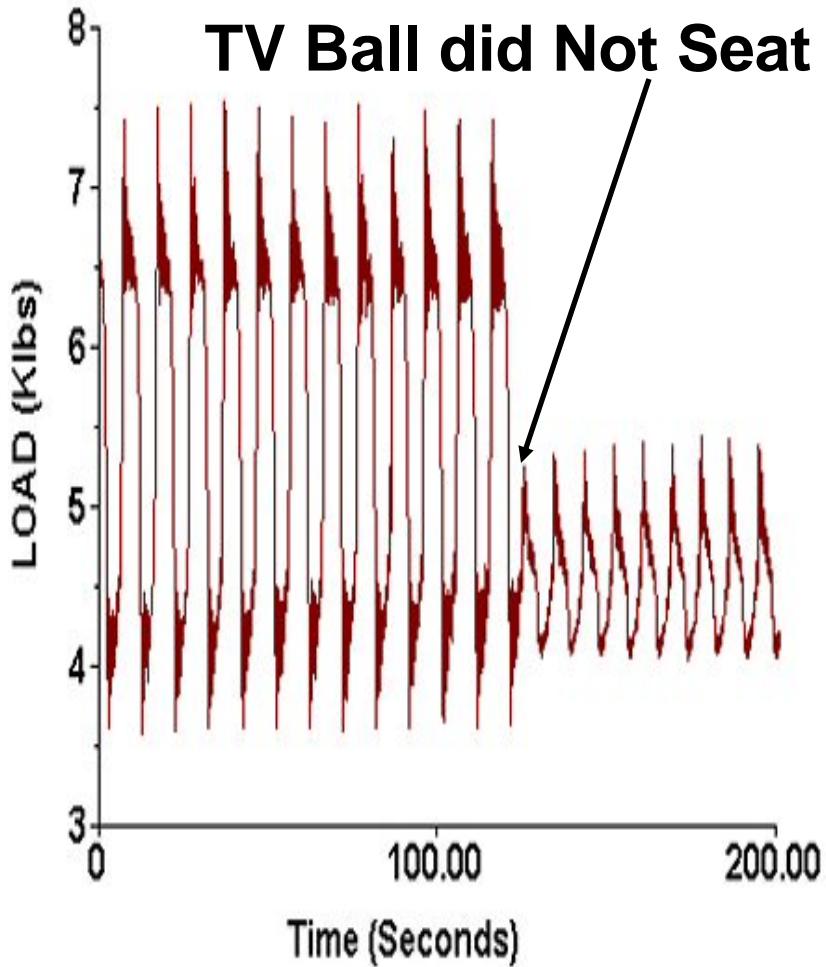
Horse Shoe Pump Card Flat Load Lines



Lost TV Load

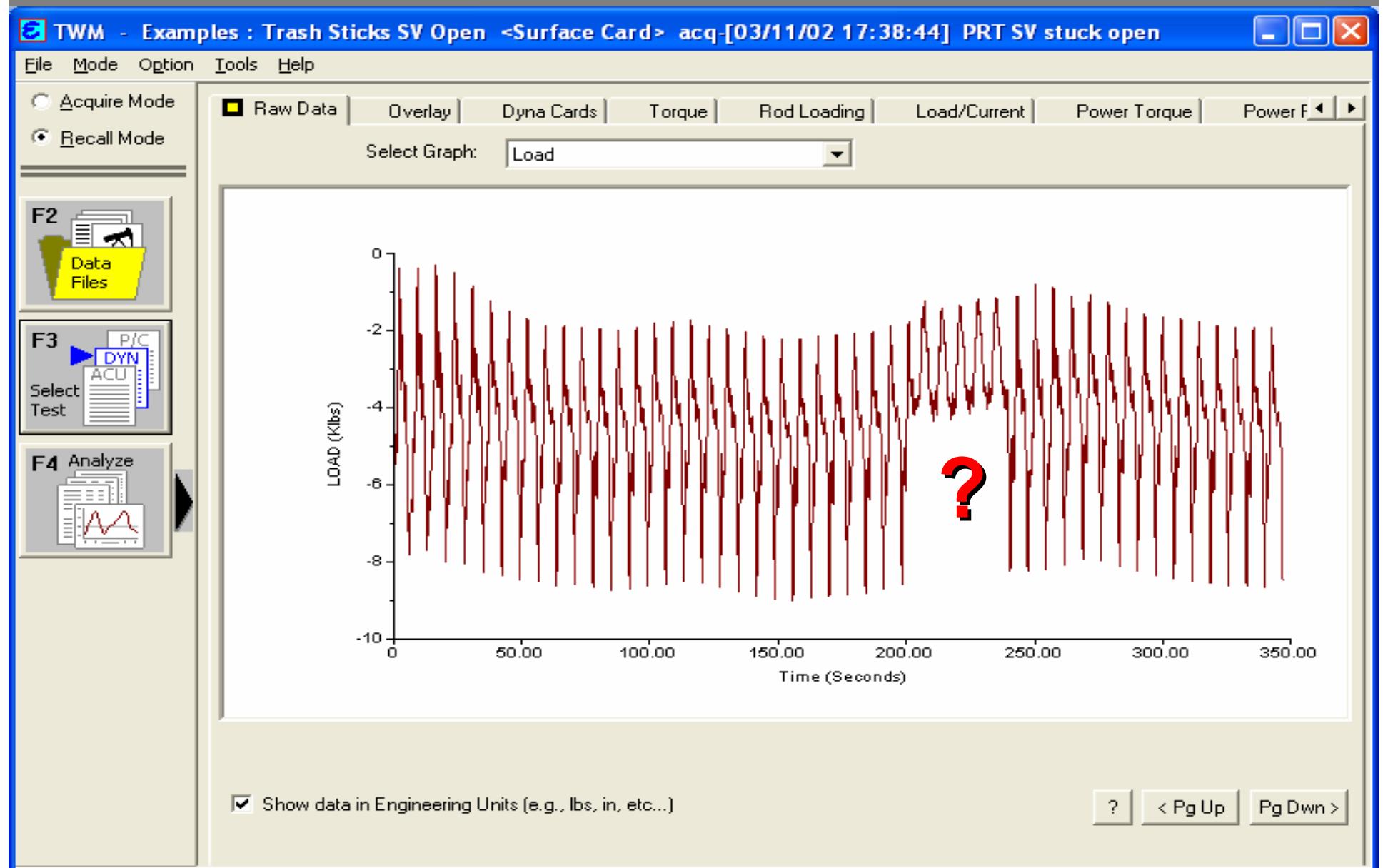
Strokes 10 seconds apart.
Is this a deep Rod Part?



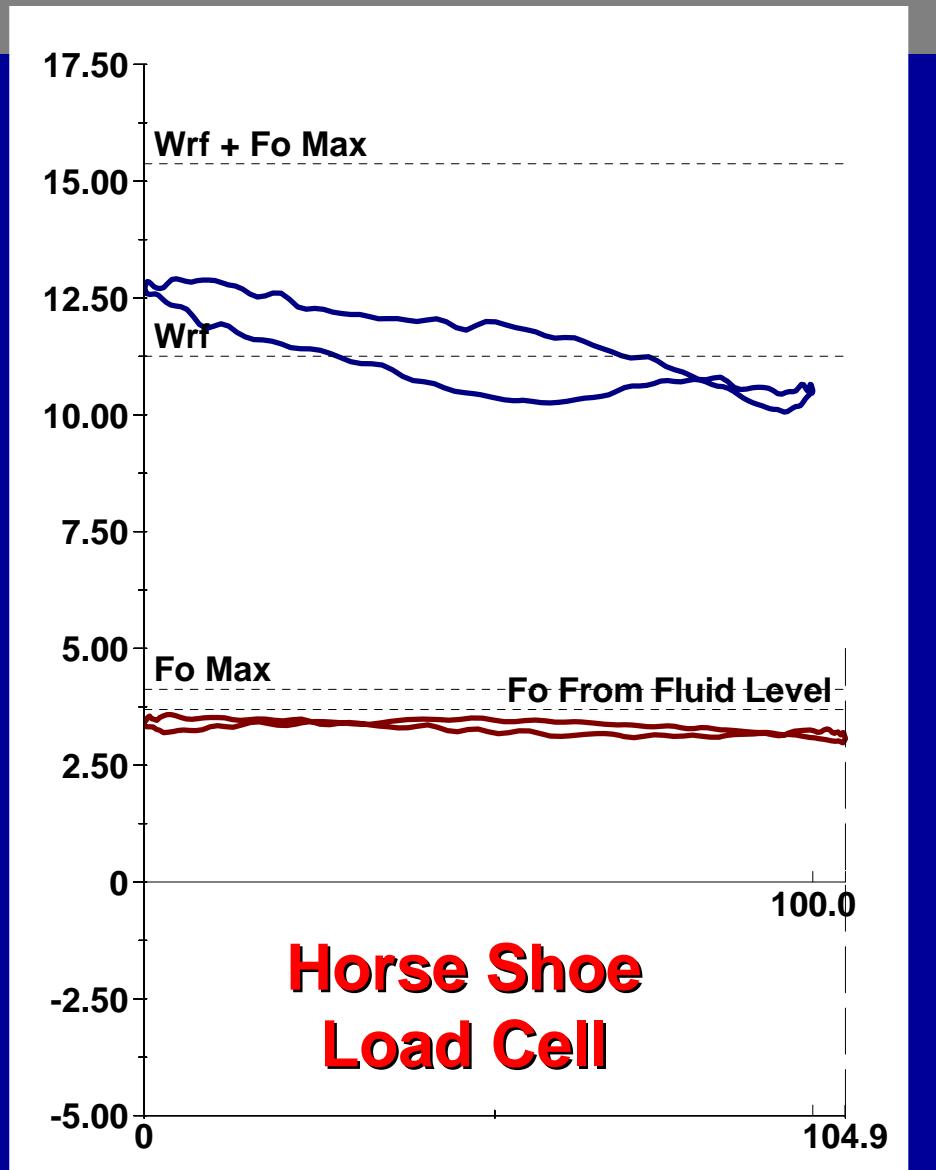
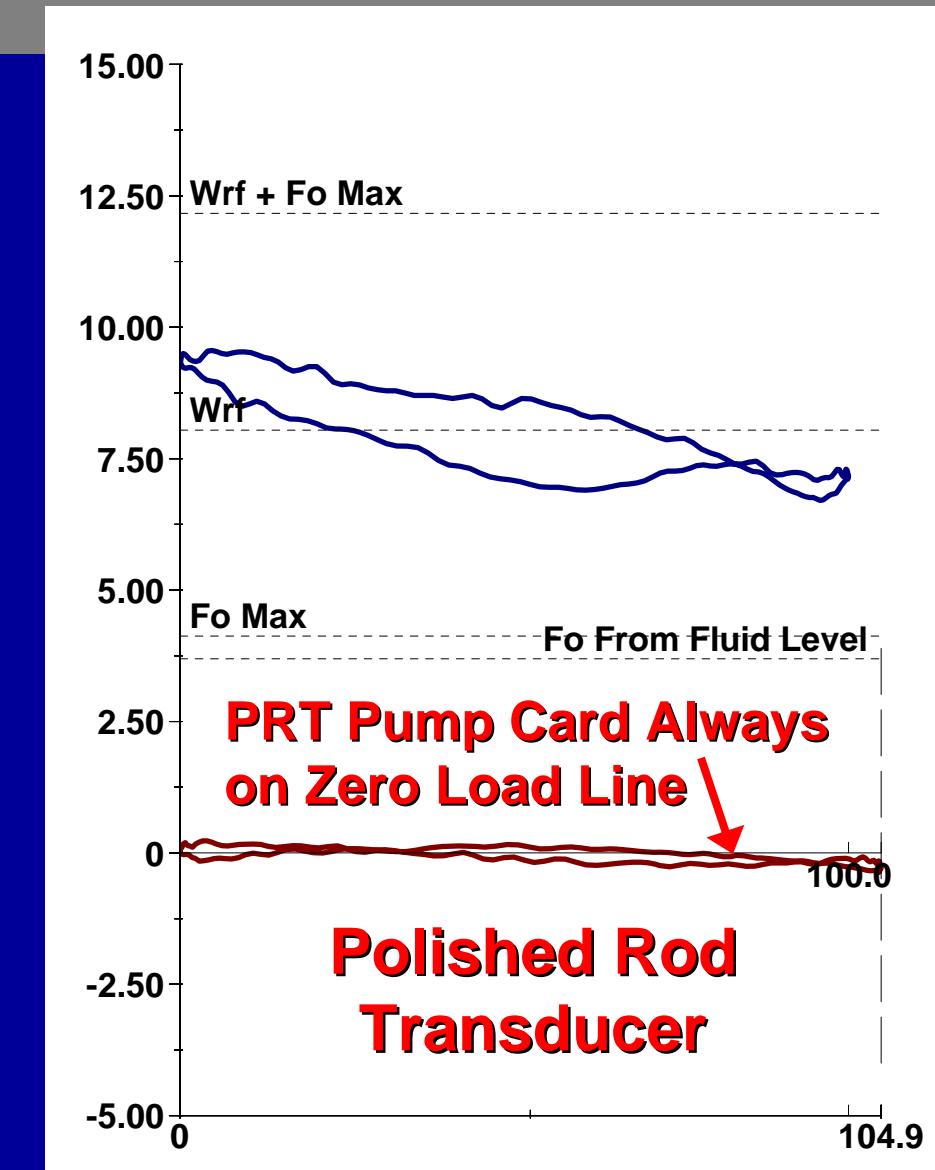


Trash in TV Notice normal appearing Surface Dynamometer Card, on the 13th stroke TV became stuck open due to trash. Same type of surface card could occur, if Pump unseated, Pull Rod became unscrewed or parted, or rods parted at the pump.

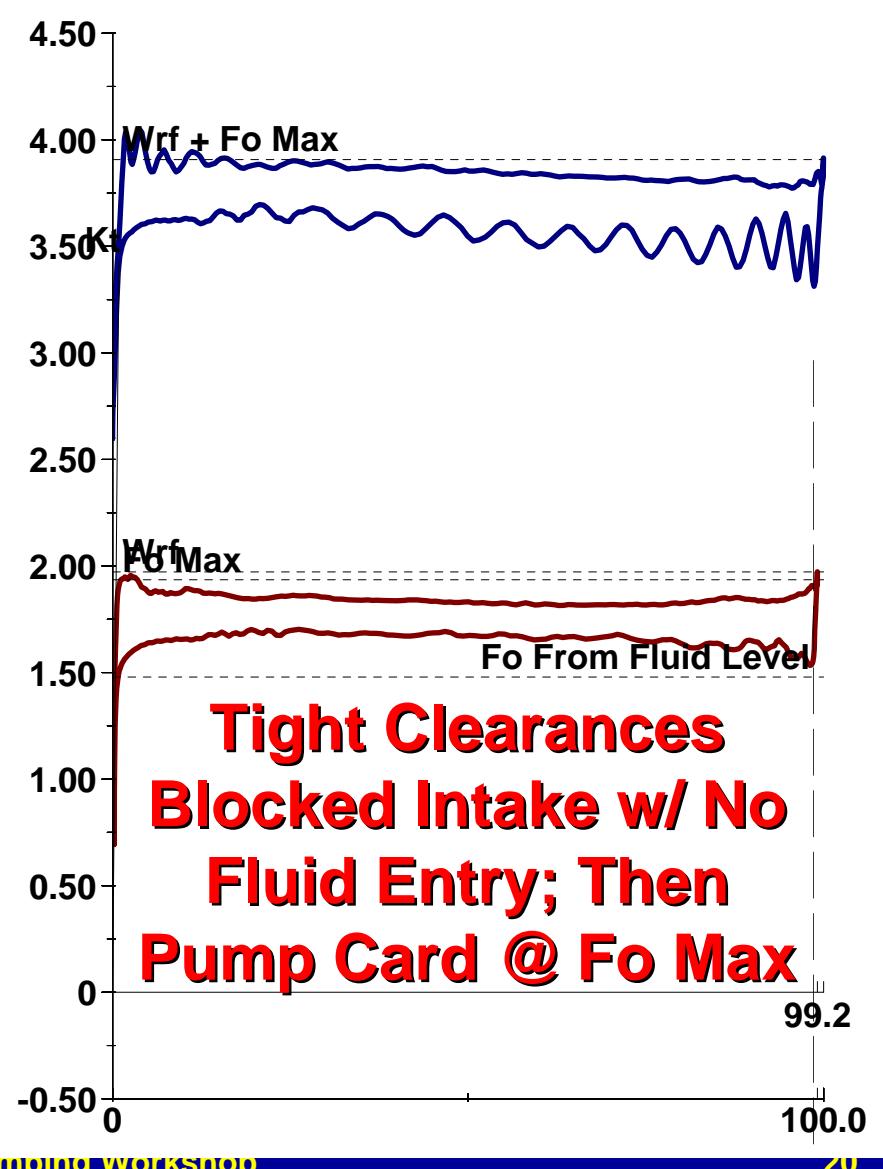
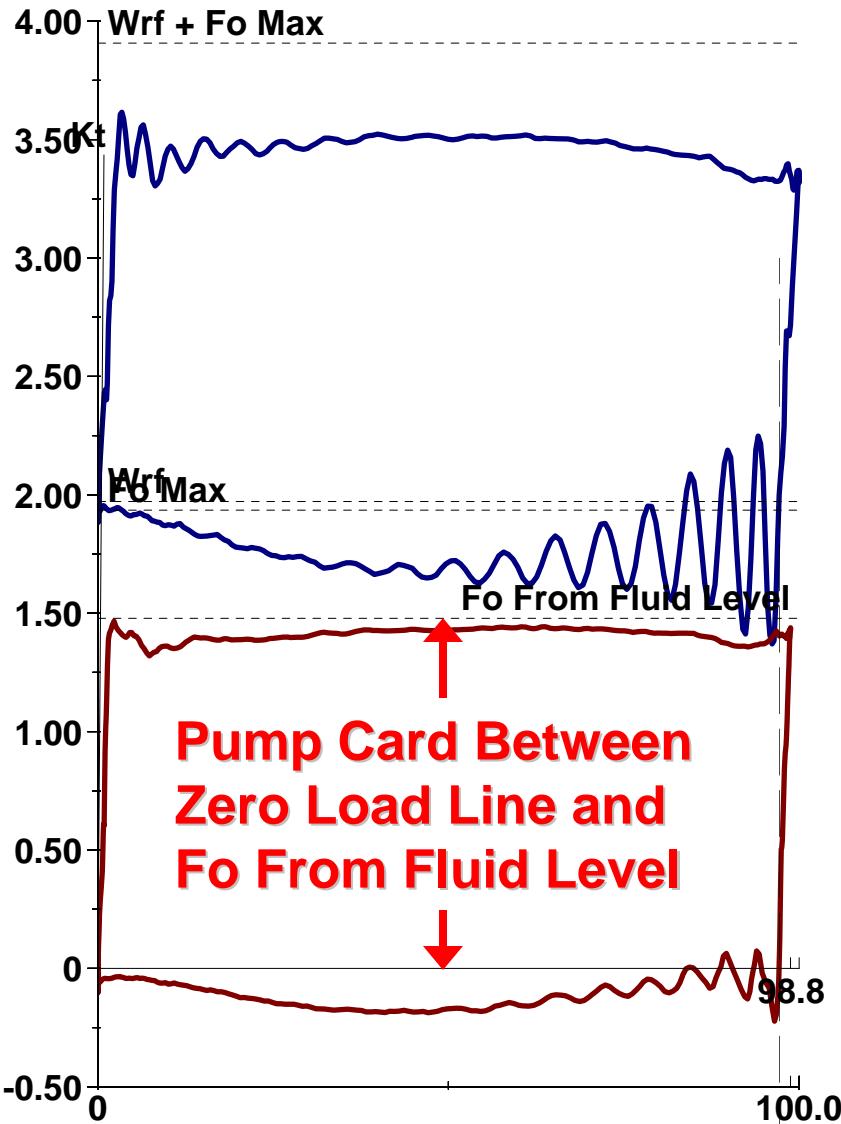
SV Sticks Open Strokes 29-34 SV Missing

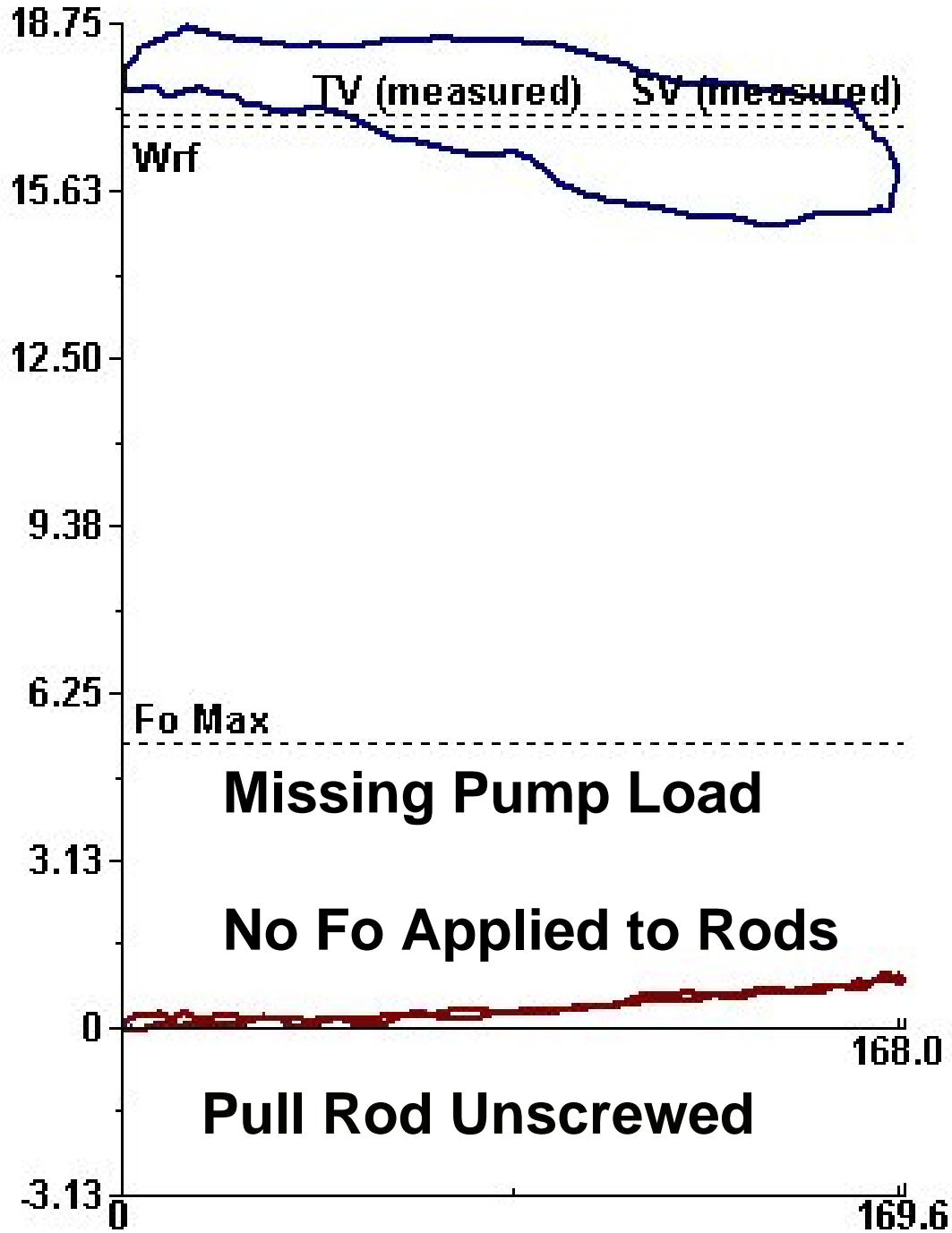


SV Sticks Open ~ TV OK?



SV Stuck Closed ~ TV OK?





Rods Parted at Pump

No fluid load from pump being applied to rod string. Parted rods are overtravel cards, because there is no loss of downhole stroke due to the static stretch of rods picking up fluid load. Measured surface dynamometer card loads are near standing valve load (W_{rf}).

Note that both the standing and traveling valves measured test loads are at the calculated standing valve test load.

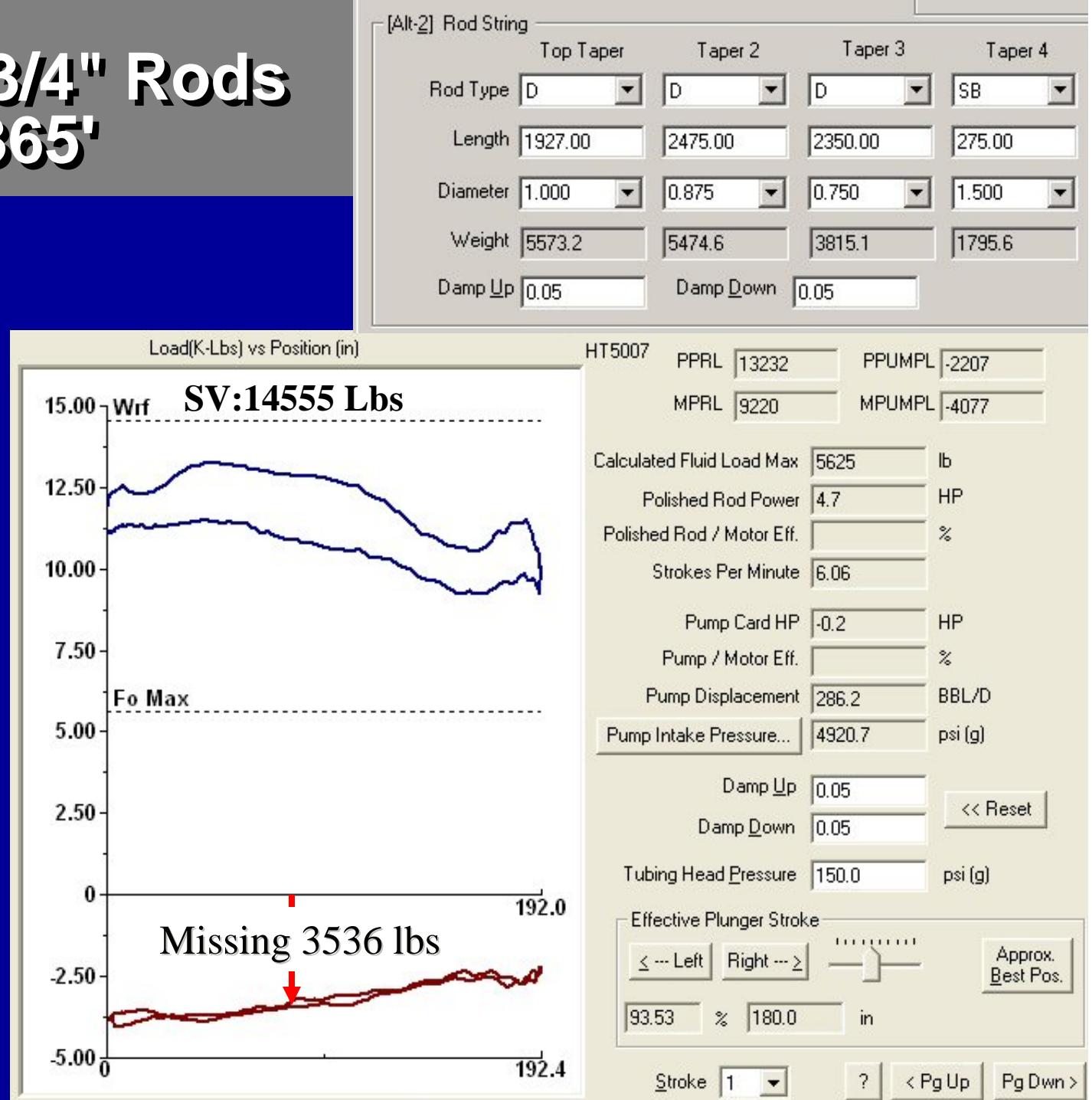
Sometimes trash in the pump keeps the traveling valve ball from going on seat. Tagging on the down stroke before pulling, may knock out trash.

Missing 37 3/4" Rods Parted @ 5365'

Pump Card
Sets Below the
Zero Load Line
By Weight of
Missing Rods

Missing:
Wrf 3536 lbs

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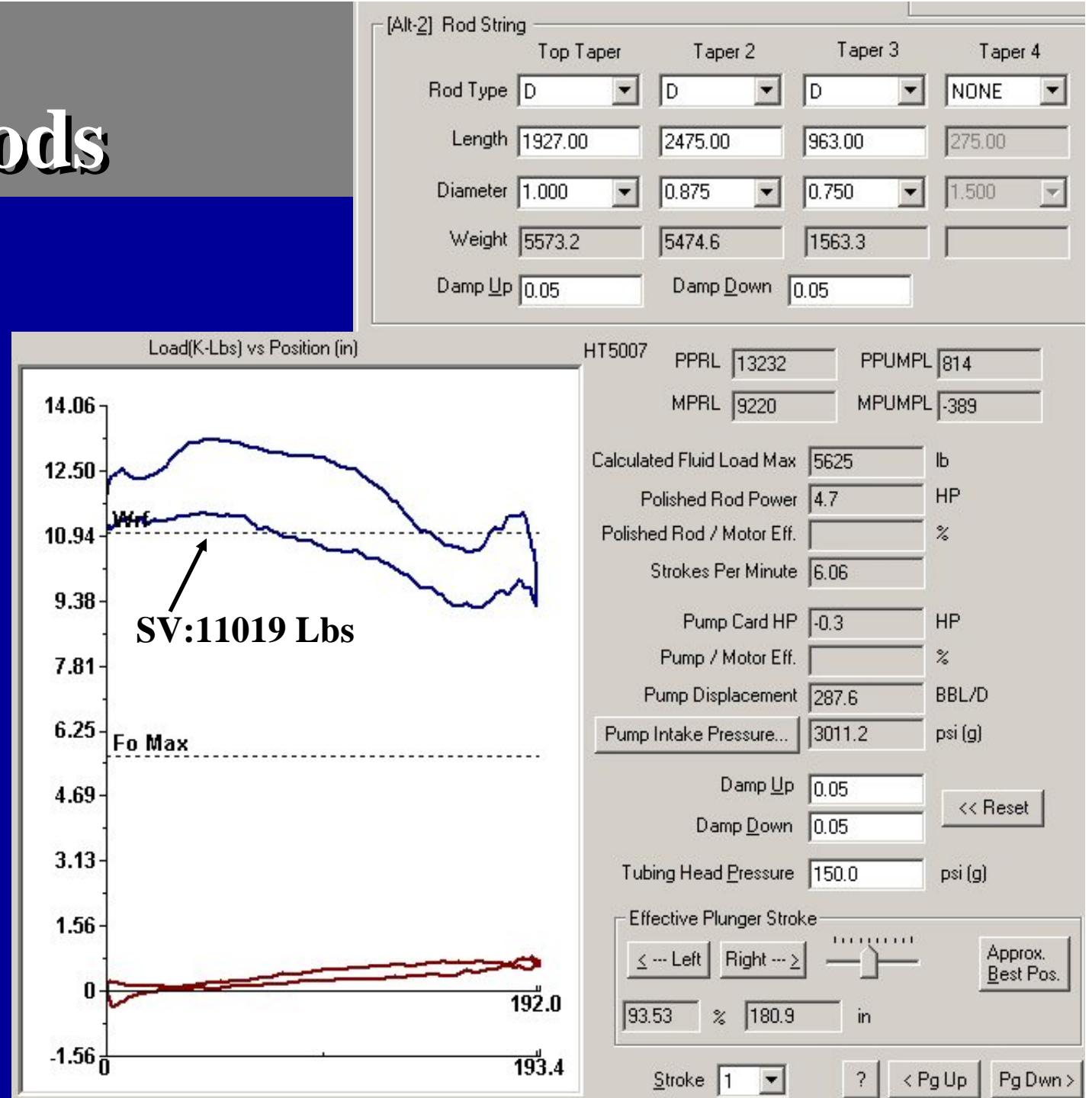


Missing 37 3/4" Rods

Adjusted Rod
Length, then
Pump Card
sets on Zero
Load Line

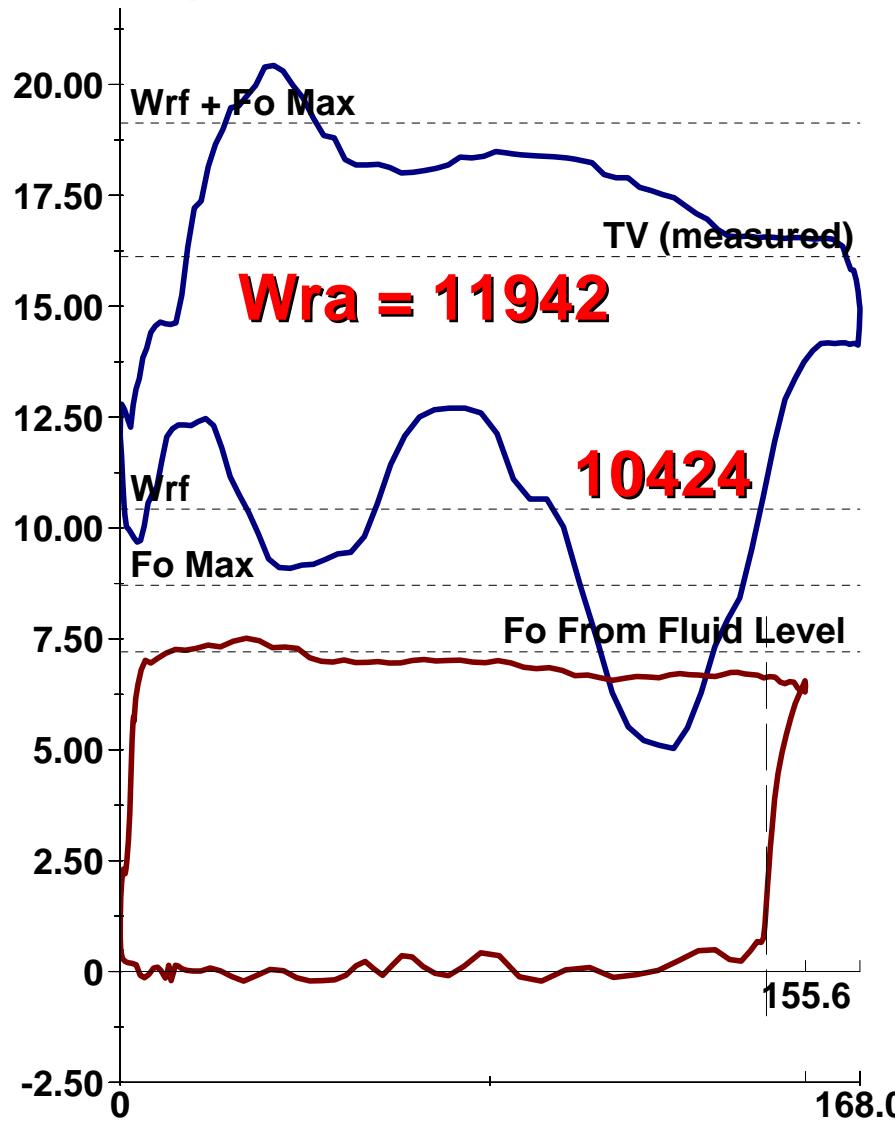
No Pump
No Fo Rods

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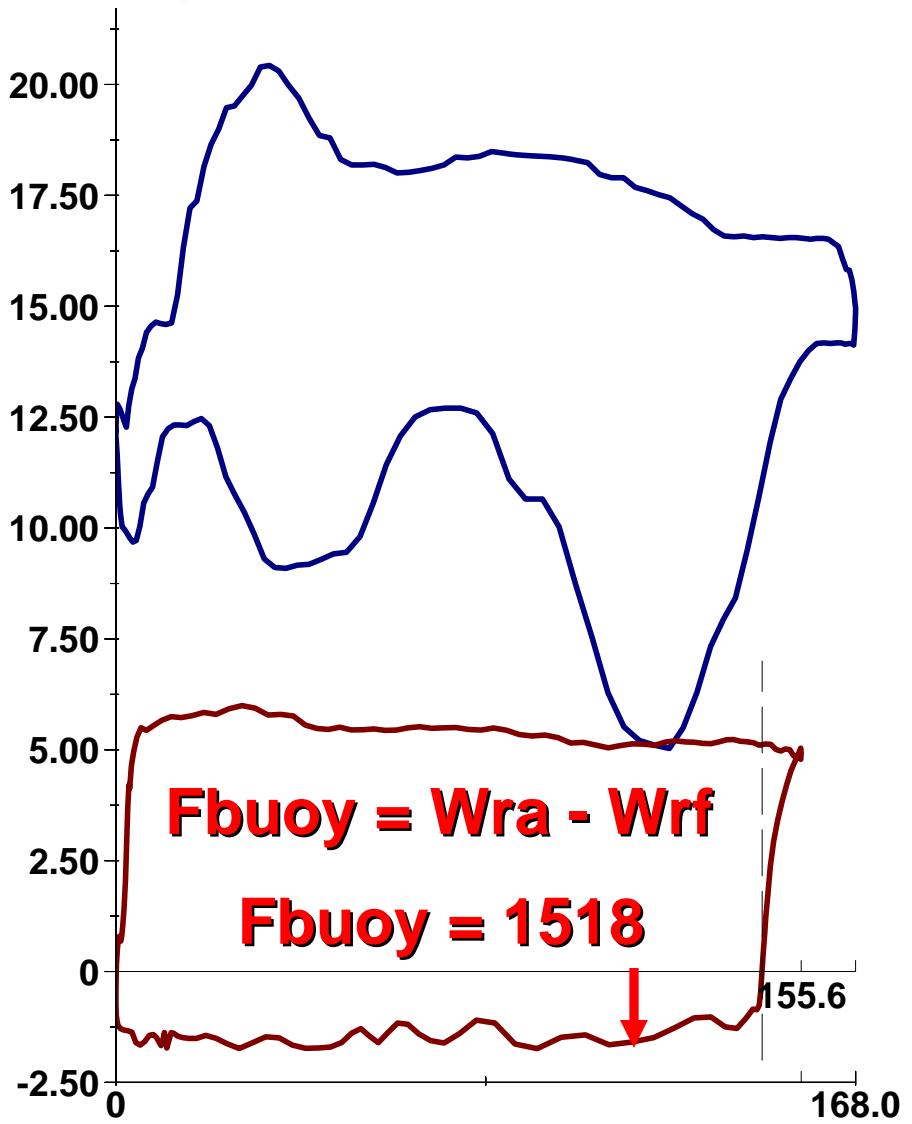


Buoyancy – Tubing Fluid Gradient

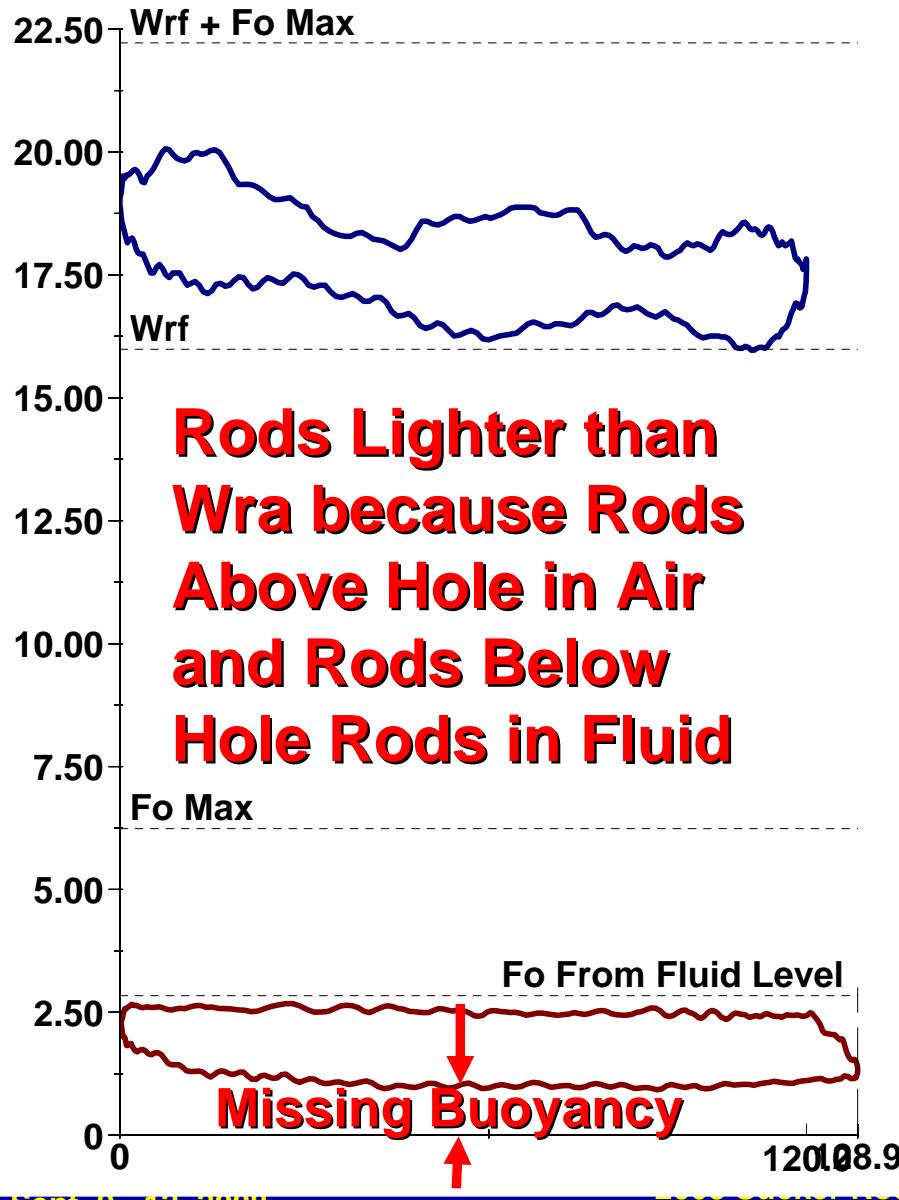
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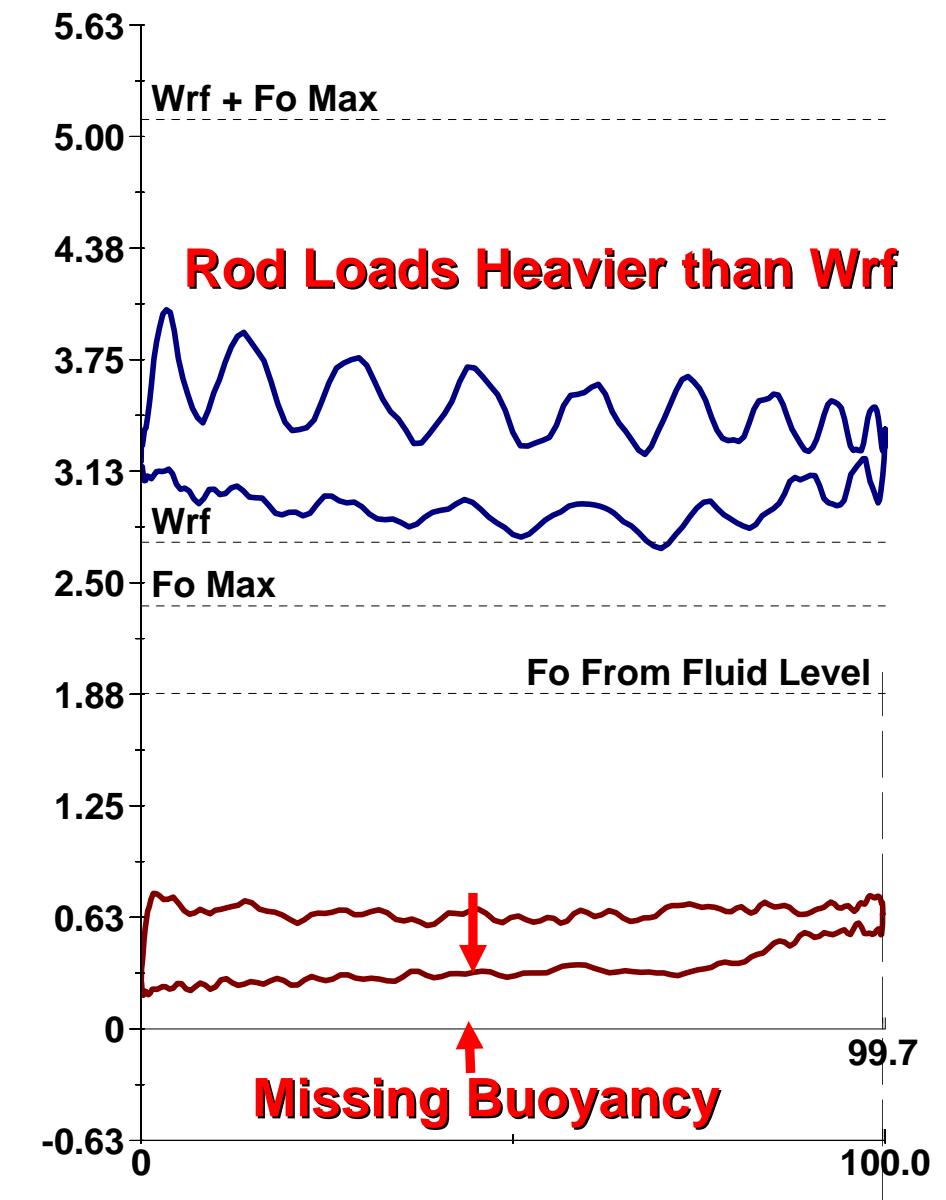
Tubing Fluid Gradient = 0.0



Missing Buoyancy – Hole in Tubing



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Location of Pump Card with Respect to Basic Loads are Critical to Analysis

- 1) Location of Pump Load can be Used to Identify and Troubleshoot Problem in the Well.
- 2) Pump card that plots as a flat line could be:

TV Stuck Open	Tubing Dry
Deep Rod Part	SV Stuck Open
Shallow Rod Part	Blocked Intake

- 3) OK Pump Card should plot between Zero Load Line and Fo from Fluid Level Line
- 4) If Polished Rod Transducer used to acquire dynamometer data **and pump card is flat**
 - Difficult to identify problem
 - All of the loads plot on the zero load line.

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