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Feluwa Presentation: Piston Diaphragm Pumps for pipeline slurry transfer: How does a piston diaphragm pump work and what are its major components

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- Content:
 - When to apply a piston diaphragm pump
- Development of Piston Diaphragm Pumps
- Pump Particulars
- References
- Conclusion





When to apply a piston diaphragm pump

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- When to apply a piston diaphragm pump:
- At discharge pressures exceeding 3.000 to 4.000 kPa
- At slurry abrasivity index number 60 or higher

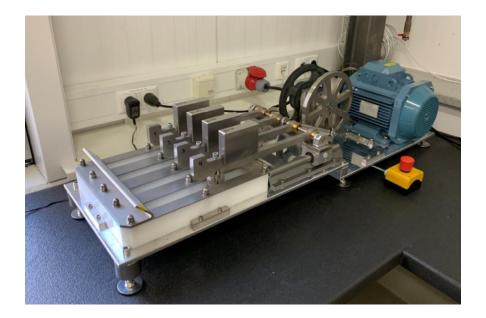


- When to apply a piston diaphragm pump:
 - At discharge pressures exceeding 3.000 to 4.000 kPa
 - As shown piston diaphragm pumps are a feasible alternative for multistage centrifugal pumps at pressures of 3.000 to 4.000 kPa and higher

Summary			
		Centrifugal	PD Pump
Annual power consumption		1.189.743,59	814.035,09
Spare parts costs	in \$	450.000,00	99.000,00
Labour costs	in \$	36.000,00	4.500,00
Total operating costs	in \$	1.675.743,59	917.535,09
Difference of total operating costs per month	in \$	63.184,04	
Total investment	in \$	1.800.000,00	3.000.000,00
Amortization period of diffence in investment	in month	IS	18,99
	in years		1,58



- When to apply a piston diaphragm pump:
- At abrasivity index number 60 or higher
 - Miller number:
 - Miller number is an indication of the abrasivity of a slurry
 - Miller number is examined in a Miller Machine





- When to apply a piston diaphragm pump:
- Miller Machine:
 - Is used to measure the relative abrasivity of various slurries consists in general of a standard ½" x 1" metal wear block, driven at a rate of 48 strokes per minute, with a 200 mm stroke, riding in the bottom of a tray containing a 50% by weight slurry of the solids mixed in water. A dead weight of five pounds is applied.
- Formula:

Abrasivity Units = Relative Rate of Weight Loss Abrasivity = C $\frac{d \text{ Weight Loss}}{d \text{ Hours}}$ = (C)(A)(B)(H)^{B-1} (2) Where: $\frac{d \text{ Weight Loss}}{d \text{ Hours}}$ = First Partial Derivative of Weight Loss with respect to Time in Hours. C = Constant H = Hours (Use 2 Hours)

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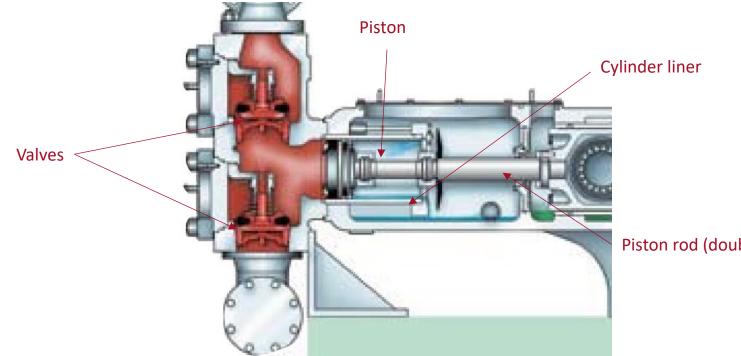
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• When to apply a piston diaphragm pump:

Miller Numbers:	111007701111111100.110111170111102101111111001010101010		
	Material	Miller Numbers	
	Alundum 400 mesh	241	
	Alundum 200 mesh	1058	
	Ash (fly)	83, 14	
	Bauxite	9, 22, 33, 45, 50, 76, 134	
	Clay	34, 36	
	Coal	6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 21, 28, 47, 57	
Rule of thumb:	Copper concentration	19, 37, 58, 68, 111, 128	
	G ypsum	41	
	lron Ore	28, 37, 64, 79, 122, 157, 234 🔿	
If Miller number is ≤ 60:	Kaolin	7, 7, 30	
Piston pump	Lignite	14	
	Limestone	22, 27, 29, 30, 33, 39, 43, 46	
	Limonite	113	
If Miller number is ≥ 60:	Magnetite	64, 67, 71, 134	
	Mud, drilling	10	
Piston diaphragm pump	Phosphate	68, 74, 84, 134	
	Potash	0, 10, 11	
	Pyrite	194	
	Sand/sand fill	51, 59, 75, 85, 93, 116, 138, 149,	
		246	
	Shale	53, 59	
	Sewage (raw)	25	
	Sulfur	1	
	Tailings (all types)	24, 61, 76, 91, 159, 217, 480, 644	

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- When to apply a piston diaphragm pump:
- **Piston pump**, wearing parts:



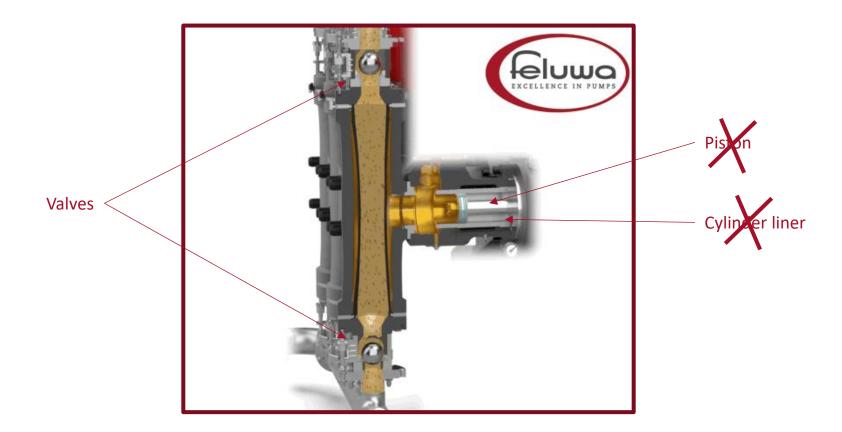
Piston rod (double acting pumps)



- When to apply a piston diaphragm pump:
- Piston pump transferring abrasive slurry (Miller number ≥ 60)
 - High wear parts costs (frequent replacement of cylinder liner, piston, piston rod, valves)
 - Low availability



- When to apply a piston diaphragm pump:
- **Piston diaphragm pump**, wearing parts:



- When to apply a piston diaphragm pump:
- Piston diaphragm pump transferring abrasive slurry (Miller number \geq 60)
 - Low wear parts costs (only valves)
 - High availability

- When to apply a piston diaphragm pump:
- Piston diaphragm performance capabilities
 - Capacitiy: $0,5 1.000 \text{ m}^3/\text{hr}$ Pressure: $\leq 35.000 \text{ kPa}$ Viscosity: $\leq 8.000 \text{ cP}$ Solids concentration: $\leq 78\%$
 - Yield stress: $\leq 150 \text{ Pa}$
 - Temperature: ≥ 200 degrees C
 - Particle size: ≤ 8 mm

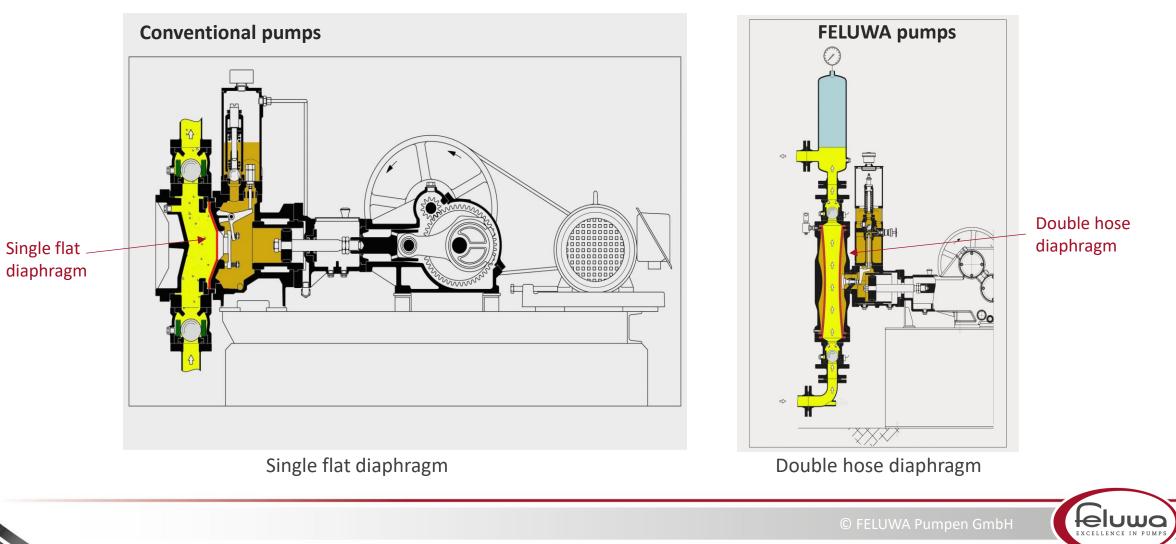
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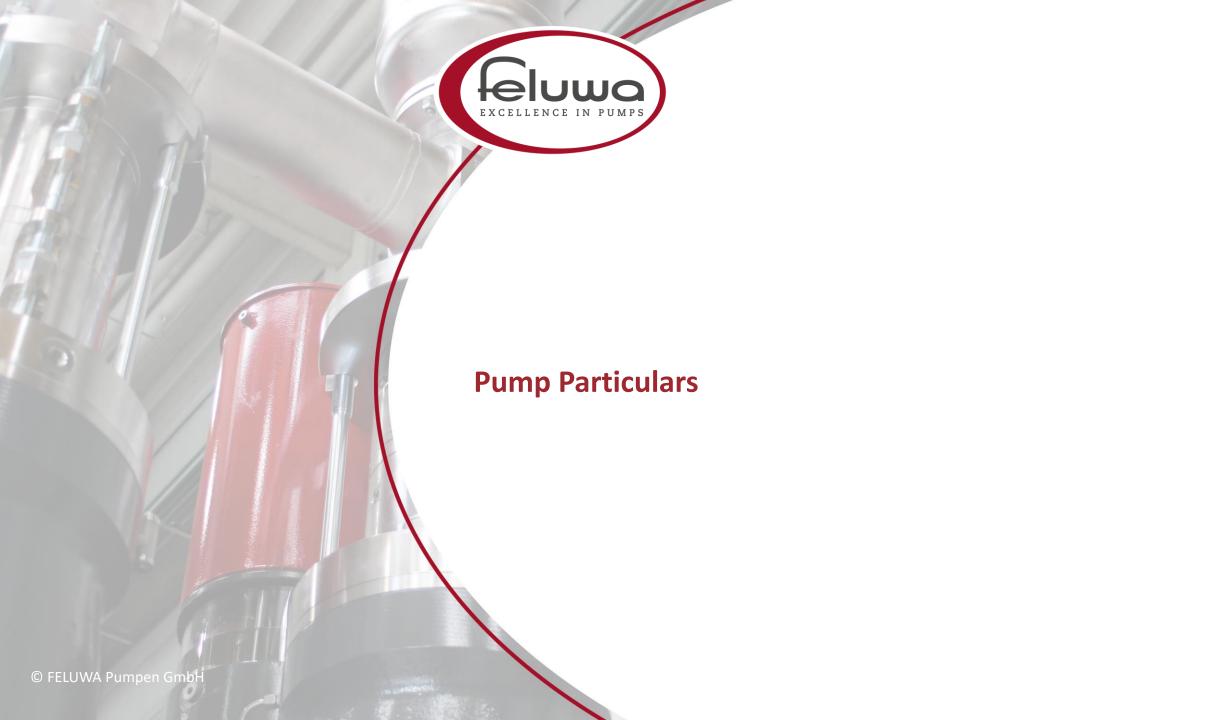


Development of Piston Diaphragm Pumps

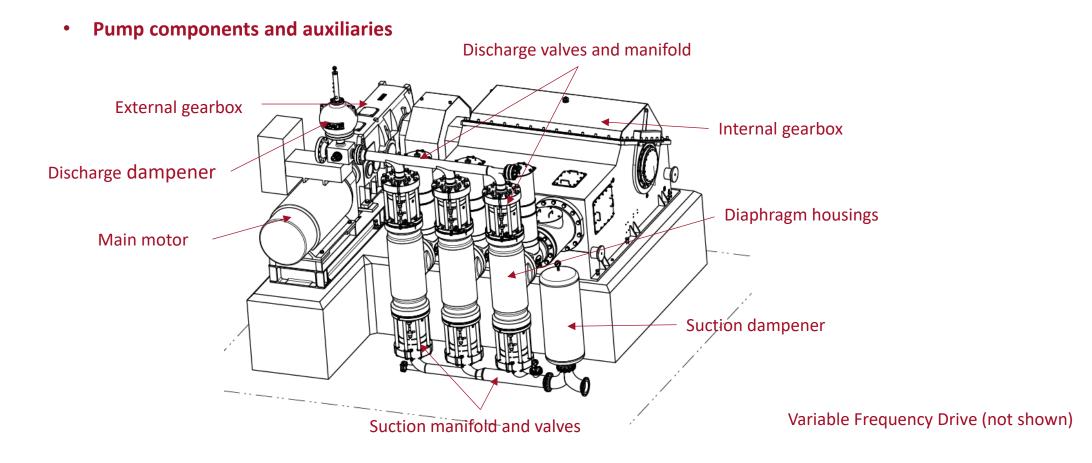
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• Development





• Pump Particulars



- Pump Particulars
- Materials of construction
 - Material selection for wetted parts of a piston diaphragm pump depends mostly on:
 - Corrosivity of the slurry
 - Discharge pressure

- Pump Particulars
- Materials of construction
 - Corrosivity of slurry
 - pH value of slurry
 - Chloride content of slurry
 - Concentrate slurries are in most cases not corrosive
 - Tailings can be mixed in seawater which makes tailings slurry corrosive
 - If slurry is corrosive, wetted parts need to be made out of stainless steel (duplex or super duplex)



- Pump Particulars
- Materials of construction
 - Wetted parts of piston diaphragm pumps (in contact with slurry)



Suction dampener (only in case of air vessel type dampener)

> Manifolds

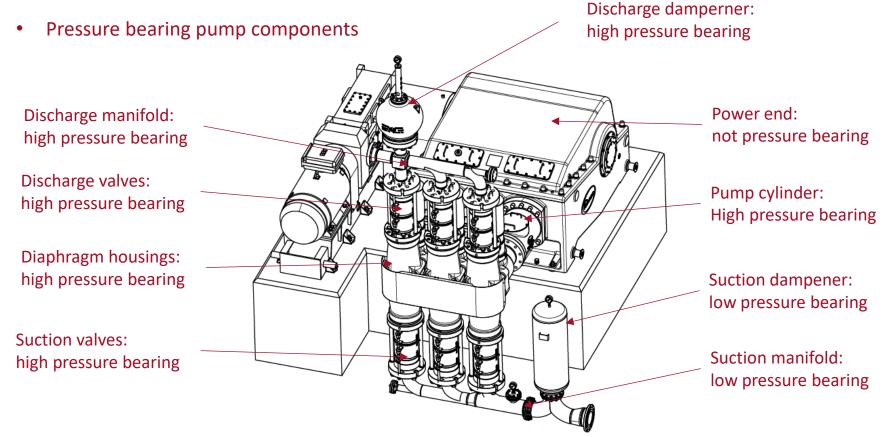
> Valves and valve housings

Note: diaphragms housings are (for Feluwa) not in contact with the slurry do not need to be made out of stainless steel)

- Pump Particulars
 - Materials of construction
 - Pressure class (discharge pressure)
 - Non-pressure bearing components can be made out of cast iron ore cast steel
 - Material selection of pressure bearing components depends on discharge pressure
 - ≤ 14.000 kPa: cast iron or cast steel
 - \geq 14.000 to 15.000 kPa: forged steel



- Pump Particulars
- Materials of construction



- Pump Particulars
 - Diaphragms
 - Diaphragms separate the abrasive slurry from the propelling liquid chamber
 - The propelling liquid chamber contains the following parts
 - Piston/piston rod (in case of double acting pumps)
 - Cylinder liner
 - Propelling liquid compensation system
 - These components operate in clean oil and are not subject to wear
 - There is no pressure difference between the hydraulic oil in the propelling liquid chamber and slurry in the diaphragm housing
 - Diaphragms are not subject to stress
 - Diaphragms have a lifetime of 8.000 to 16.000 operating hours and are not considered to be wearin parts

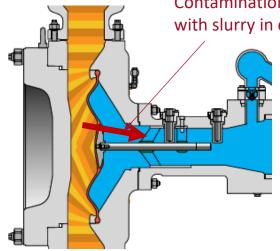


- Pump Particulars
 - Diaphragms
 - Diaphragms are made out of NBR
 - Diaphragms are available in 2 designs
 - Single flat
 - Double hose



- Pump Particulars
 - Diaphragms
 - Single flat (conventional pumps)
 - In case of diaphragm rupture or leakage, hydraulic oil will be contaminated by slurry
 - Pump must be stopped immediately to prevent damage to internal components
 - Interruption of operation



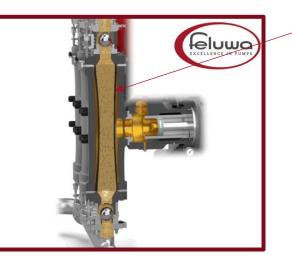


Contamination of propelling liquid with slurry in case of diaphragm damage



- Pump Particulars
 - Diaphragms
 - Double hose (Feluwa Pumps)
 - In case of diaphragm rupture or leakage, secondary diaphragm will protect hydraulic oil from contamination by slurry
 - Pump operation can continue



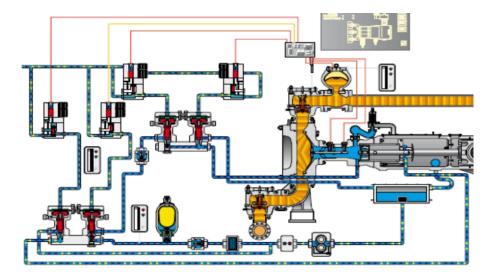


No contamination of propelling liquid with slurry in case of diaphragm damage

- Pump Particulars
 - Diaphragm rupture indication
 - In order to prevent contamination of propelling liquid, it is very important that damage to diaphragms is indicated as soon as possible

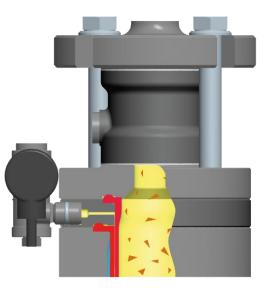


- Pump Particulars
- Diaphragm rupture indication
 - Conventional pumps
 - For single flat diaphragms it takes 3 minutes before damage is discovered and signaled, damage to internal parts in propelling liquid is already done



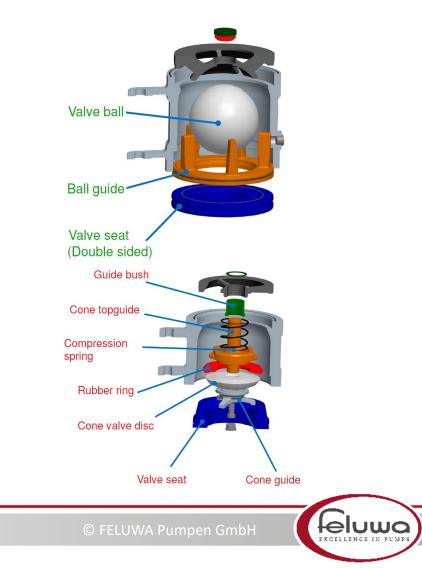


- Pump Particulars
 - Diaphragm rupture indication
 - Feluwa Pumps
 - For double hose diaphragm it takes 3 seconds, as propelling liquid is protected by secondary hose diaphragm, pump operation can continue





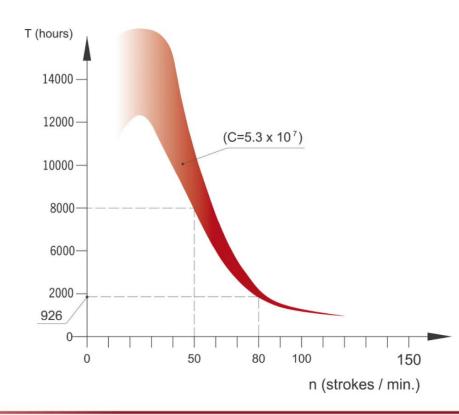
- Pump Particulars
 - Valves
 - Valves are the only pump parts in direct contact with the slurry
 - Valves are available in 2 configurations
 - Ball
 - Components: ball, seat, guide
 - Generally used for lower to medium capacities
 - Cone
 - Components: cone, seat, spring, guide, spring, nut
 - Generally used for higher capacities



- Pump Particulars
 - Valves
 - Lifetime of valve components depends on
 - Stroke rate (wear increases with stroke rate exponentially)
 - Abrasivity (Miller number)
 - Particle size distribution
 - Pressure
 - Corrosivity
 - Maintenance
 - Typical valve component lifetime is in between 1.000 and 5.000 operating hours



- Piston diaphragm pump selection
- Pump capacity depends on:
 - Relationship between stroke rate and valve life



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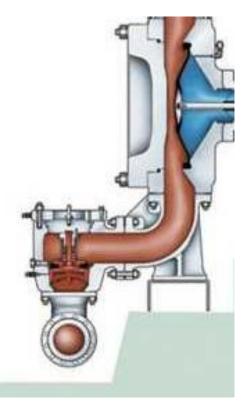


- Pump Particulars
- Valves
 - As valve components need to be replaced regularly, accessibility of these parts is important to minimize downtime



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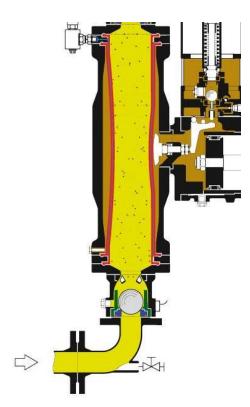
- Pump Particulars
- Valves
 - Conventional pumps:
 - Difficult access, valve components replacement
 - Curved flow path requires more NPSH



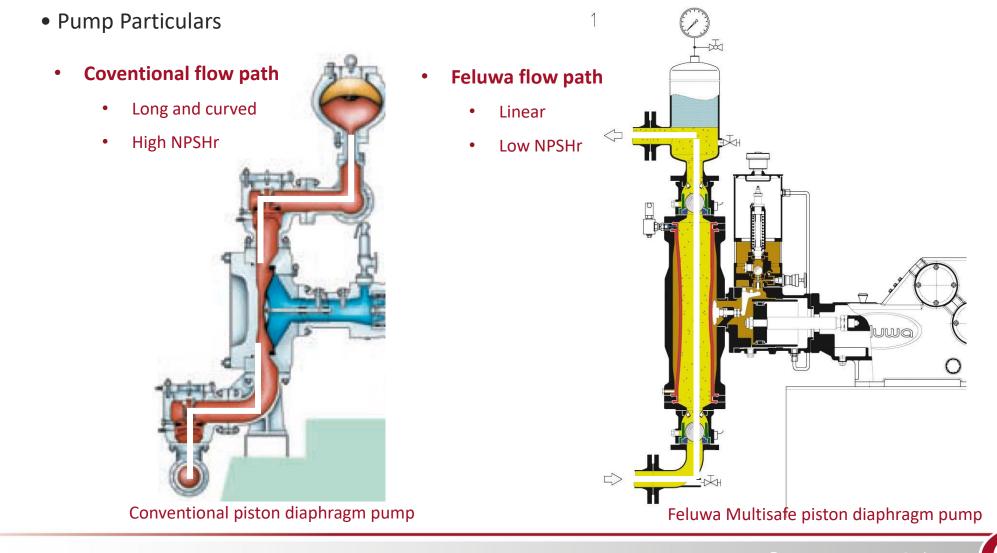


- Pump Particulars
- Valves
 - Double hose diaphragm pumps
 - Easy access due to swingout cassette valves, valve components replacement takes less than 20 minutes per valve
 - Inline flow path requires less NPSH

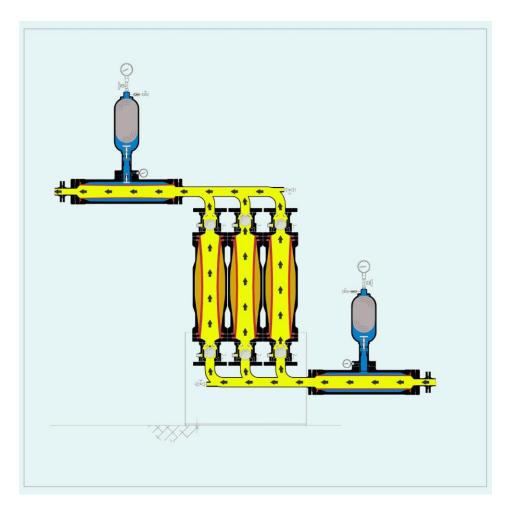








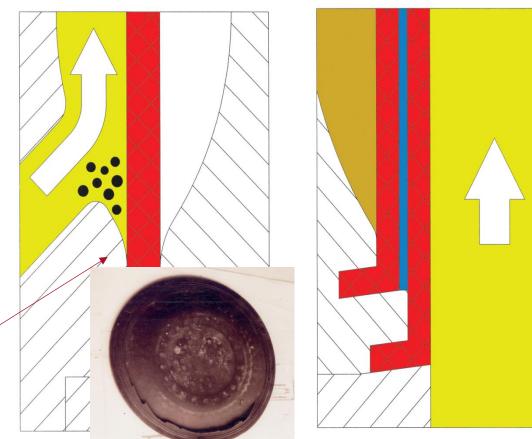
- Pump Particulars
- Linear flow path
- No dead pockets
- No solids sedimentation
- Long lifetime of components
- Low cost for spares





- Pump Particulars
 - Flow path
- Curved flow path
- Slurry sedimentation
- High mechanical wear
- Reduced lifetime
- High costs for spares

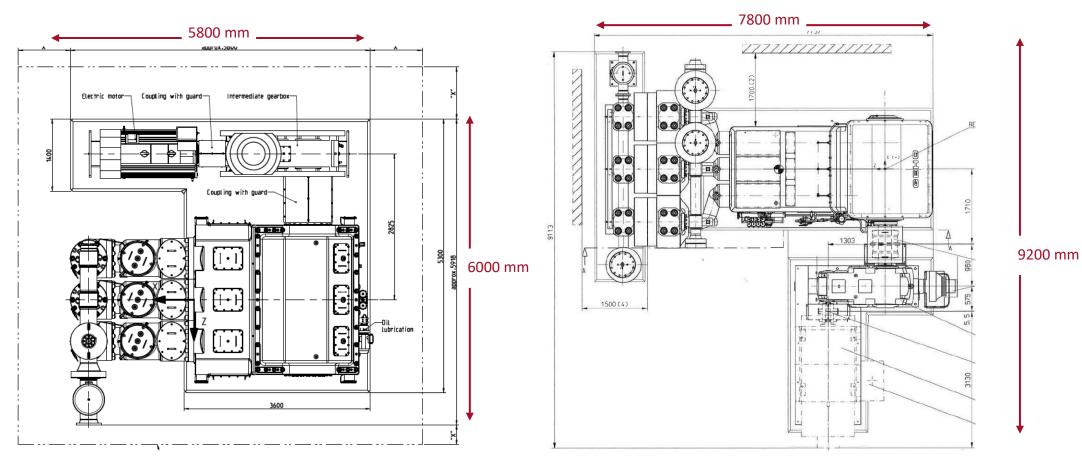
Dead pocket



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• Footprint

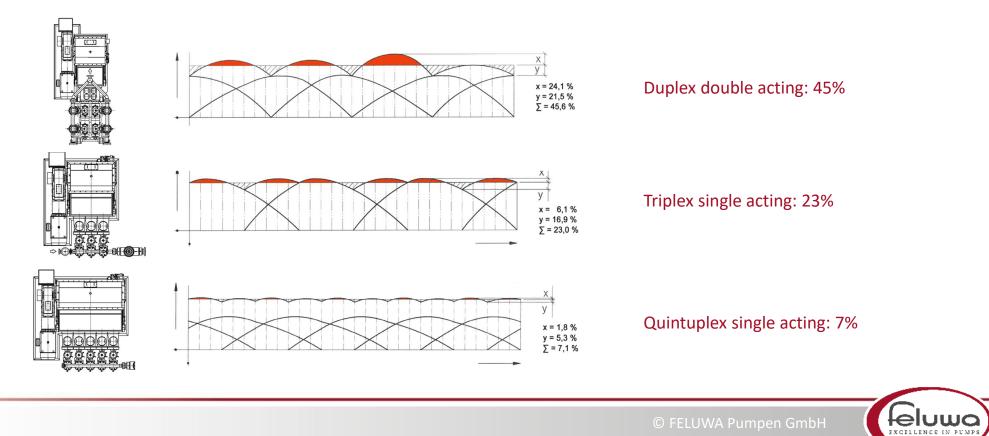


Feluwa: 34,8 m²

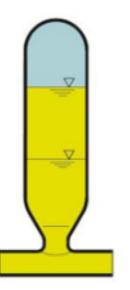
Conventional: 71,7 m²

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- Pump Particulars
 - Pulsation dampening, part of pump supply ٠
 - Piston diaphragm pumps create pulsations (on suction as well as discharge side): ٠



- Pump Particulars
 - Pulsation dampening, part of pump supply
 - Pulsation dampeners need to be installed at suction as well as discharge side



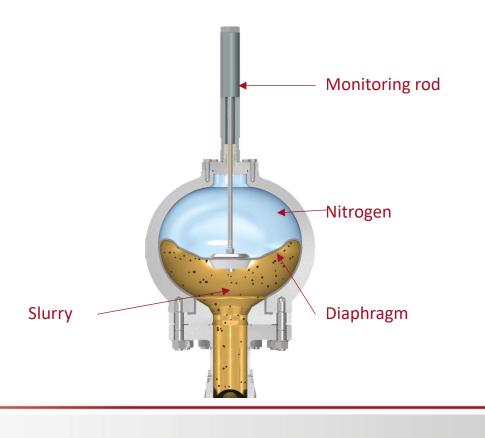
Airvessel type suction dampener for pressures up to 1.000 kPa, to reduce NPSHr



Bladder type discharge dampener for pressures up to 35.000 kPa, to protect pump and pipeline

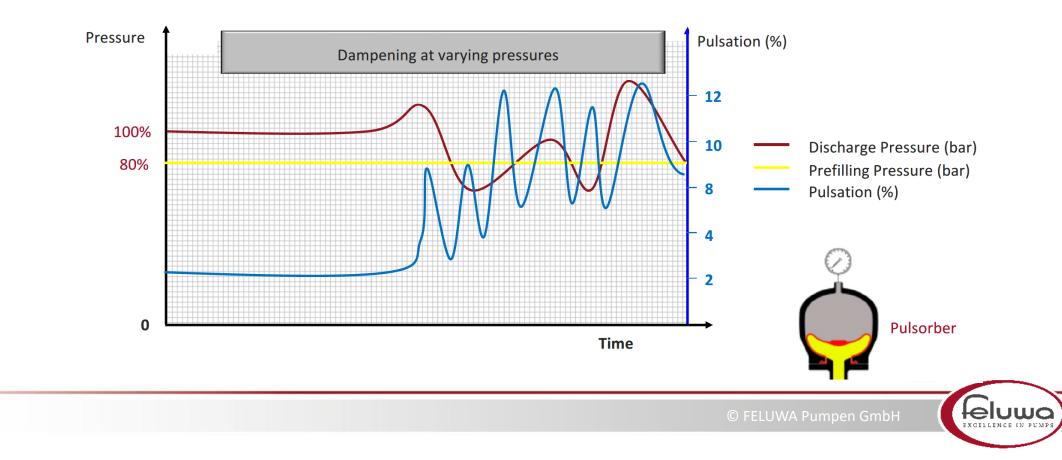


- Pump Particulars
- **Pulsation dampening,** part of pump supply
 - Pulsation dampeners need to reduce pulsations to \leq 3% (peak to peak)

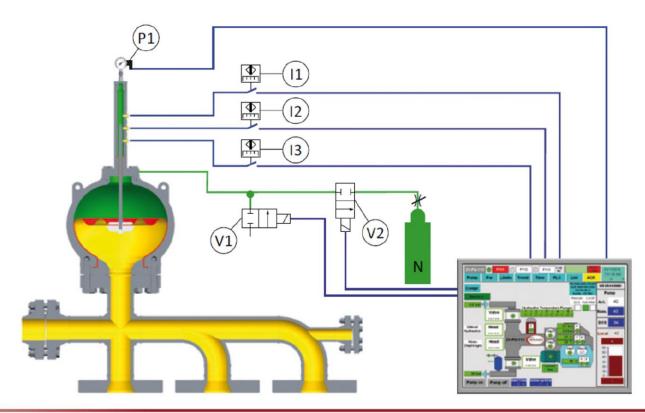


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- Pump Particulars
- Pulsation dampening, part of pump supply
 - Pulsation dampeners for pipeline applications (without adjustable nitrogen pressure)

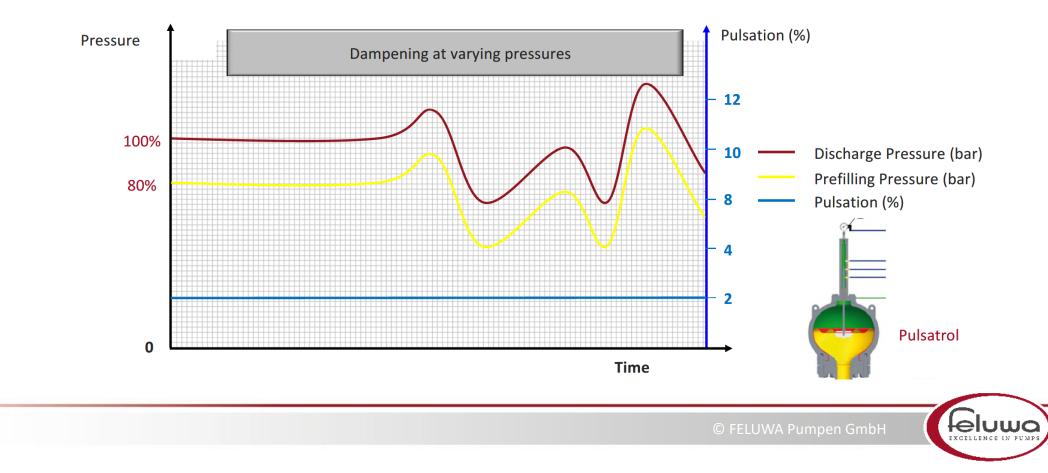


- Pump Particulars
 - Pulsation dampening, option
 - Pulsation dampeners for pipeline applications (with adjustable nitrogen pressure)

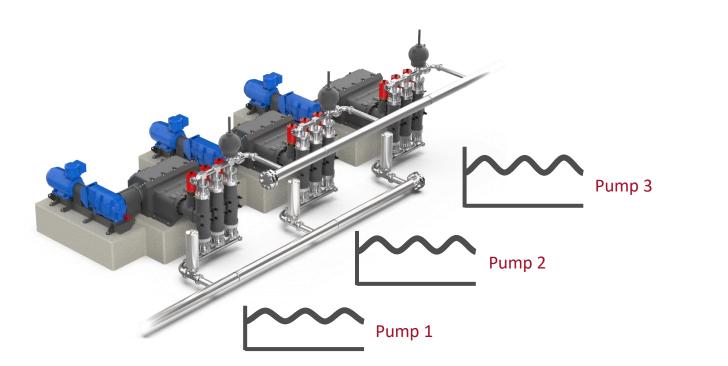


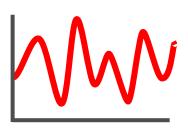


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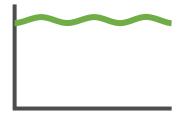


- Pump Particulars
- Multiple Pump Control/Phase Shift, option
 - For multiple pumps discharging into one pipeline





Without phase shift

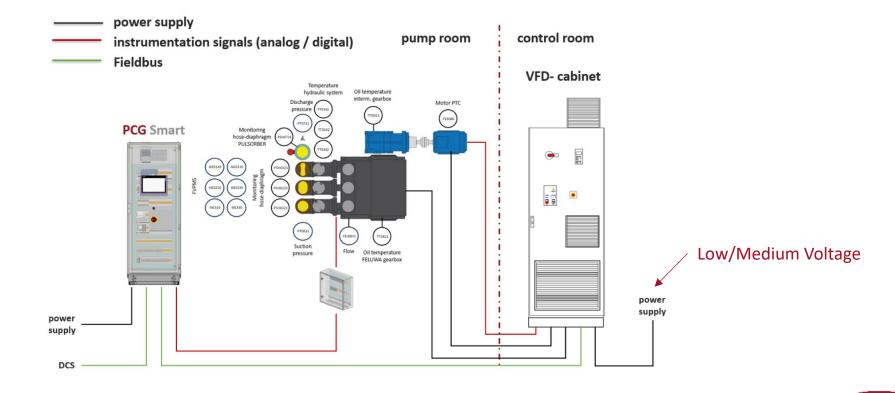


With phase shift

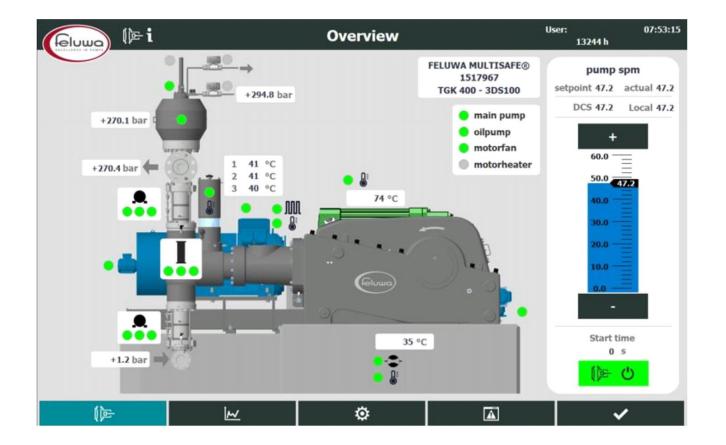


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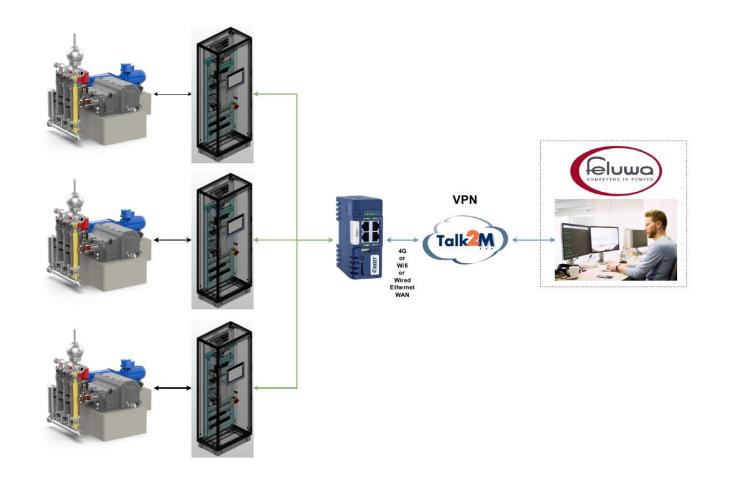
- Pump Particulars
 - Monitoring and Control
 - Typical layout



- Pump Particulars
 - Monitoring and Control
 - Typical HMI control panel
 - In Local Control panel
 - In DCS (via fieldbus)
 - Full control
 - Full monitoring



- Pump Particulars
- Monitoring and Control
 - Remote monitoring
 - Remote control



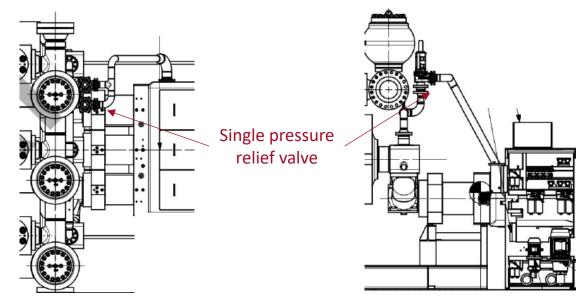
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- Pump Particulars
 - Over pressure relief valves
 - Pump needs to be protected against pressures exceeding design pressure
 - Pressure relief valves are installed in the propelling liquid area
 - Pressure relief valve, in principle protects the pump, but also the pipeline

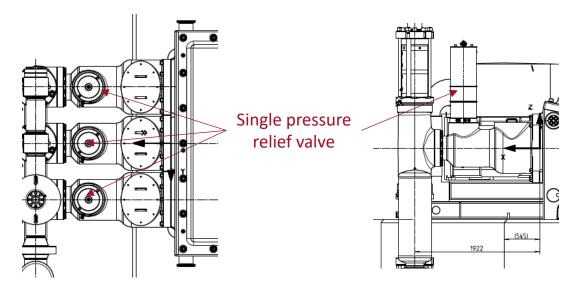


- Pump Particulars
 - Over pressure relief valves
 - Conventional pumps
 - 1 pressure relief valve for all pump cylinders
 - 1 common drain tank (oil reservoir) which feeds also other cylinders
 - Risk of cross contamination from one cylinder to the others



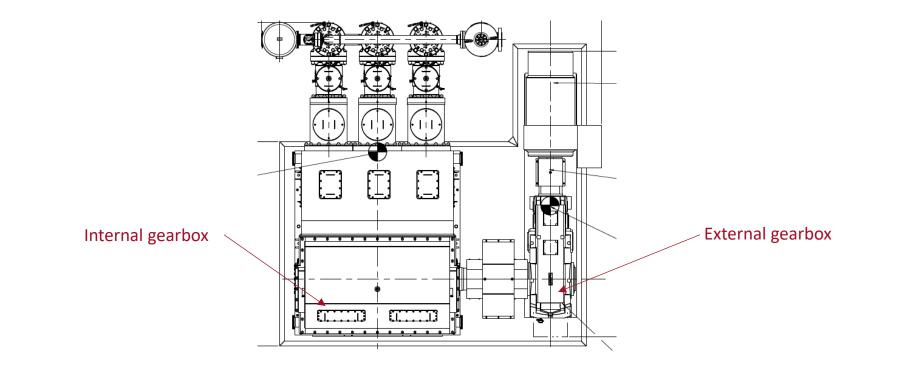


- Pump Particulars
 - Over pressure relief valves
 - Feluwa pumps
 - 1 pressure relief valve for all each pump cylinder
 - Each cylinder has its own oil reservoir
 - No risk for cross contamination from one cylinder to the others



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- Pump Particulars
- External gearbox (always included in scope of supply of pump manufacturer)



- Pump Particulars
- External gearbox (always included in scope of supply of pump manufacturer)
 - Piston diaphragm pumps are equipped with 2 gearboxes on the power end:
 - Pump (internal) gearbox (assuming a maximum stroke rate of 50 per minute)
 - With internal gear reduction (including pinion shaft): i = 4 to 6
 - Without internal gear reduction (without pinion shaft: i = 1
 - External gear box, between motor and pump (assuming a maximum stroke rate of 50 per minute)
 - In case pump is equipped with gear reduction (depending on motor speed): i = 7 to 5 (1 stage reduction in gear box)
 - In case pump is not equipped with gear reduction (depending on motor speed): i = 30 (2 or 3 stages of reduction in gear box)



- Pump Particulars
- External gearbox (always included in scope of supply of pump manufacturer)
 - Typical suppliers:
 - Hansen, Flender, SEW
 - Depending on pumpstation configuration and available footprint/floor space Helical (180 degrees)
 Bevel (90 degrees)

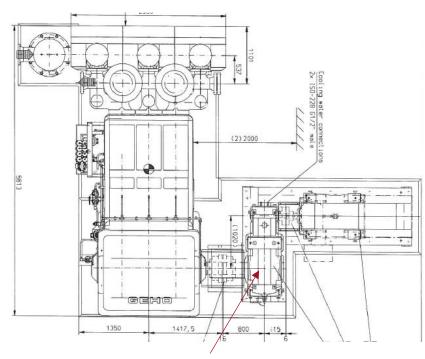




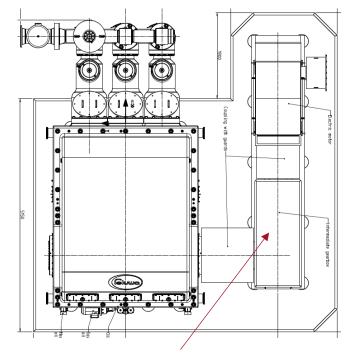


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- Pump Particulars
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Helical gearbox



Bevel gearbox

- Pump Particulars
- Network supply voltage
 - Typical supply voltages (based on 50 Hz)
 - 0−250 kW → 400 V
 - 315 1000 kW → 690 V
 - 1000 − 3000 kw → 3,3 − 4,16-6,6 kV
 - \geq 3000 kW \longrightarrow 10 11 kV
 - Optimal choice depends on voltage availability, cable length and copper prices
 - The supply voltage to the VFD may differ from the drive voltage of the motor (transformer is required)







Typical medium Voltage

- Pump Particulars
 - Low- and Medium Voltage Variable Frequency Drive
 - Design of frequency drives needs to be tailored to the pump. Due to the constant torque characteristics of PD pumps, a heavy duty VFD is required
 - Supply voltage 400 V to 13,8 kV
 - With integrated transformer
 - Consideration of local or/and customer specifications





- Pump Particulars
 - Low- and Medium Voltage motors
 - IEC or NEMA standard
 - Supply voltage 400 V to 13,8 kV
 - Modifications such as RTD's, vibration monitoring, heaters, encoders etc. are possible
 - Consideration of local or/and customer specifications
 - National approvals (CSA, UL, CCC, etc.) are possible





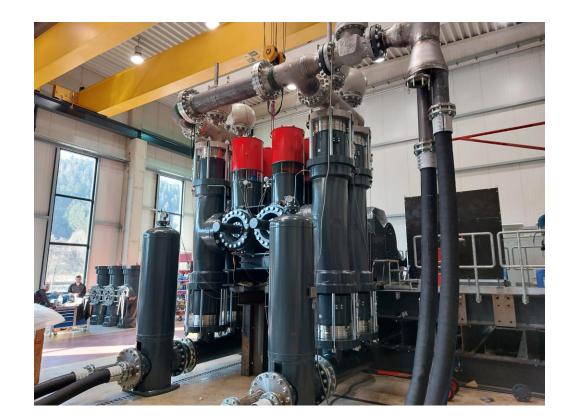
- Pump Particulars
- Utility Consumption
 - Piston diaphragm pumps require the following utilities:
 - Power (low or medium voltage), to drive main motor, lubrication pump motors, controls
 - Air, to activate pneumatic propelling liquid compensation system (not applicable to Feluwa pumps which operates a purely mechanical propelling liquid compensation system)
 - Water, to flush the pump during prolonged periods of standstill of pump



- Pump Particulars
 - Factory Acceptance Test (FAT)
 - As standard, during FAT, pump will be string tested, including dedicated motor and VFD (if in scope of supply)
 - In case motor and/or VFD are not included in scope of supply, either:
 - Motor and/or VFD have to be made available by customer
 - Pump will be tested with slave motor and/or VFD (possibly at extra costs)
 - In principle, pump will be tested at specified contractual pressure at the specified contractual capacity
 - Available power for FAT is limited to 800 kW, in case the absorbed power exceeds 800 kW, a separate FAT protocol needs to be agreed upon
 - Test fluid is water



- Pump Particulars
- Factory Acceptance Test (FAT)



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- Pump Particulars
- Packing
 - Packing for ocean transport and storage on site (up to 12 months)





- Pump Particulars
 - Transportation to site







- Pump Particulars
- Assembly on site



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- Pump Particulars
- Site Acceptance Test (SAT)
 - During SAT, pump is string tested, including dedicated motor and VFD (if in scope of supply)
 - SAT procedure is defined by Acceptance Criteria and can in include:
 - Full capacity and pressure
 - Power consumption
 - Stroke rate
 - Hydraulic efficiency
 - Residual pulsations
 - Etc.
 - Test fluid is/should be slurry



- Pump Particulars
 - Charge pumps (usually not included in scope of supply pumps supplier)
 - External pressure relief valve (usually not included in scope of supply of pumps supplier)
 - **Strainer** (usually not included in scope of supply of pumps supplier)





- TGK500-3DS350
- Customer : Gaiski Gok, Russia
- Number of pumps : 3
- Application : Tailings transfer
- Capacity : 455 m³/hr
- Pressure : 8.800 kPa
- In operation : 2020





- QGK500-5DS350
- Customer : Boleo, Mexico
- Number of pumps : 4
- Application : Tailings transfer
 - Capacity : 750 m³/hr (capable of 1000 m³/hr)
- Pressure

- : 4.600 kPa (capable of 8.000 kPa)
- In operation : 2012
- Largest piston diaphragm pumps in the world (150 ton)





- TGK400-3DS100
 - Customer : Kenmare, Mozambique •
- Number of pumps : 3 ٠
- Application : HMC concentrate transfer ٠
- : 68 m³/hr Capacity •
- Distance : 15 km ٠
- Pressure : 27.000 kPa ٠
- In operation : 2019 ٠
- Highest pressure slurry pipeline in the world ٠





- DGK500-4DS350
- Customer : ArcelorMittal, Mexico
- Number of pumps : 2
- Application : Iron Ore Tailings transfer
- Capacity
- Pressure
- : 760 m³/hr : 4.000 kPa (capable of 8.000 kPa)
- In operation : 2025







- ArcelorMittal/Nippon Steel
- Customer : AMNS, Dabuna, India
- Number of pumps : 2
- Application : Iron ore tailings slurry transfer
- Capacity : 636 m³/hr
- Pressure : 63.000 kPa
- In operation : 2025



- UCIL
- Customer : Uranium Corp. India
- Number of pumps : 3
- Application : Autoclave feed
- Capacity : 100 m³/hr
- Pressure : 1.400 kPa
- In operation : 2010





- Nalco
- Customer : Nalco
- Number of pumps : 2
- Application : Red mud transfer
- Capacity : 250 m³/hr
- Pressure : 13.000 kPa
- In operation : 2025



- Anrak/Pioneer
 - Customer : Anrak Aluminium
 - Number of pumps : 3
 - Application : Red mud transfer
 - Capacity : 170 m³/hr
 - Pressure : 2.700 kPa
 - In operation : 2021





- Kudgi
- Customer : NTPC
- Number of pumps : 8
- Application : Fly ash transfer
- Capacity : 174 m³/hr
- Pressure : 4.000 kPa
- In operation : 2016





- Khurja
- Customer : NTPC
- EPCM Contractor : L&T
- Number of pumps : 6
- Application : Fly ash transfer
- Capacity : 73 m³/hr
- Pressure : 4.000 kPa
- In operation : 2021





- Other references
- More than 90 Feluwa pumps are currently in operation for various applications since 1984





After Sales Service, India

- After Sales Service
- Millennium Impex Pvt Ltd
- Feluwa Representative since 10 years
- Experience with more than 50 Feluwa Pumps
- Critical spare part storage in New Delhi
- Trained mechanics in New Delhi
- Response time within 24 hours







- Conclusions
- Piston diaphragm pumps:
 - Can be a feasible alternative for multistage centrifugal pumps
 - Should be used for pumping slurries with a Miller number exceeding 60
 - Consist of many modular components
 - Are always custom made in accordance with the customers specifications
 - Can be supplied with several auxiliaries and options
 - Feluwa has more than 90 pumps in operation in India

• And remember, concerning the pumps:

SLURRY IS SLURRY!



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