# NEW METHODS FOR DIAGNOSING PUMPS HYDROTECHNICAL SYSTEMS

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**Abstract:** the article discusses modern methods of diagnosing and technical diagnostics of irrigation pumping units to ensure reliability during their operation. The use of new designs of pumping power equipment and the development of new operating modes provides for improving the mode of pumps based on improved diagnostics, which provides significant savings in operating costs.

*Key Words:* technical diagnostics, irrigation pumping units, operation, new designs, pumping power equipment, savings in operating costs.

## **1. INTRODUCTION:**

The purpose of the pump diagnostics is to increase the reliability, durability and efficiency of operation. New diagnostic methods suggest:

• study of the behavior and state of pumps in the past, including an analysis of the previous technology of operation (failures, accidents);

• study of the technical condition of pumps at the present time, including the study of characteristic parameters and their evaluation;

• prediction of the technical state in which the pumps will be in the future, including the definition of the resource according to the technical condition at present [1,2].

The focus was on the head pumping station (PS) of the Karshi Main Canal (KMC). The main pumps installed on it with four impellers operated in unfavorable conditions due to low water levels in the avancamera, insufficient pump penetration depending on low water horizons in the Amudarya River. The pumps operated in cavitation mode, which repeatedly led to failure. This was especially noted on the extreme aggregates.

In recent years, the PS-1 has been reconstructed. Based on the actual mode of operation of the PS (3 new units of different supply to stabilize the water levels of the lower and upper pools (DWL and HL)), two new units of type 300VO-37/26C (Pump No 1.3) and one operating unit were selected for testing type OPV11-260 (Pump No 6).

At the same time, the non-identical operation of the extreme and medium pumps is established. The unevenness of the approach of water to the extreme aggregates created the reverse currents of water in the suction pipes, the work of the aggregates with vibrations and in modes close to cavitation (Table 1).

Pump	No filters	On the reverse frequency	At the pole frequency	V mm/s	notes				
Impeller chamber: vertical vibration									
Extreme 6	3540	2535	8	2,23,5	P=8,2 mW				
Average 4	1720	1320	4	1,52,2	8,5				
Horizontal									
6	6070	2635	24	2,73,2					
4	6268	1724	21	2,83,2	Siphon not charged				
Upper motor spider, vertical vibration									
6	2635	1516	3	11,3					
4	1013	23	1	0,5					
Horizontal									
6	7683	6171	4	11,4					
4	2223	1718	3	0,1					

Table 1 - Results of a comparative measurement of vibration (micron) of PS-1 KMC aggregates

Vibration measurements of the OP 11-260 EG were also carried out in the event of a pump malfunction caused by an uneven air gap between the stator and the rotor, as well as after the elimination of this malfunction. In both cases, vibration measurements were performed at idle pump operation. The air gaps on the diagnosed unit before and after moving the stator are shown in table 2.

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Table 2 - Air gaps between the stator and the rotor on a faulty and serviceable unit								
Magurament logation	Average air gap stator-rotor							
Measurement location	before offset	after offset						
Upper reach (UR)	12,5	13,5						
Right Bank (RB)	16,5	10,5						
Lower pool (LP)	12	11						
Left Bank (LB)	4	11,5						

The results of measurements of vibration accelerations in non-stationary modes on the pumps before and after elimination of the non-uniformity of the stator-rotor air gap are shown in table 3.

Vibration direction	The name of the frequency range, Hz	Vibration parameter			
		acceleration, dB		speed	, dB
		faulty serviceable		before repair	after repair
Radial	joint	62	56	111	96
	100	57	51		
	1000	57	37		
Tangential	joint	68	61	112	95
	100	63	58		
	1000	60	46		
Vertical	joint	55	52	108	96
	100	48	46		
	1000	46	39		

		Table 3 -	General	and 1/3	3 –octave	vibration	levels of	f the u	ınit b	efore a	and	after	repai	r
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It follows from the table that the overall vibration levels in the horizontal direction after moving the stator of the unit decreased by equal values: acceleration by 6 dB, speed by 25 dB. In the vertical direction, the reduction in the general level of vibration acceleration was 3 dB, and in terms of vibration velocity 12 dB. A reduction in vibration accelerations in the 1/3-octave band of 100 Hz in all directions corresponds to a reduction in overall vibration levels. The component at the average geometric frequency of 100 Hz significantly (20 dB) decreased in the radial direction, by 14 dB in the tangential and by 7 dB in the vertical directions. These measurements show that an excessive vibration change is recorded in the tangential direction, both in the general level and in the frequency band of 100 Hz (Table 3). Diagnosing the offset of the stator axis relative to the rotor axis should be done by measuring the vibration of the upper cross of the engine in the horizontal direction along the general vibration levels in 1/3-octave bands of 100 Hz dB.

Based on the results of diagnostics, the list of the investigated priority issues of the reconstruction of pumping stations was clarified:

1. Improving the anti-cavitation properties of the flow-through part of the OPV-260 EG pumps and the development of methods and means for the vibration diagnosis of the onset of cavitation;

2. Development of devices for signaling friction blades on the impeller chamber, bearing assemblies, pump rectifiers [3,4].

For this, the results of vibration diagnostics of the PS-1 impeller chamber of the extreme and middle pumps are analyzed (Picture 1)



#### **Radial direction**

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Pump № 1



10

20

30

40

50

60

Hz

70

80

90

100

110

120

micron

1

0,1

0,01



Picture 1- Spectrum of the amplitude of the vibratory displacement on the camera impeller of pumps PS-1 KMC, micron

Studies have shown unsatisfactory performance of pumping units  $N_{2}$  2 and  $N_{2}$  5 with an exhausted resource caused by uneven wear of the impeller and hydrodynamic instability (Picture 2)





Picture 2- Spectrum of the amplitude of the vibration displacement on the upper bearing of the engine PS-1 KMC, micron

# 2. FINDINGS:

1. With the participation of the author, new complex diagnostic methods based on vibro-measurements are being developed, which make it possible to increase the reliability of pump operation by predicting the technical condition and accuracy of measuring the vibration of pump assemblies.

2. Diagnosing irrigation pumps allowed to justify proposals for the modernization of their main components and operating modes. When periodically monitored, it may be obvious that the pump, due to the state of components, wear, deformation, malfunction, and beating, considers it necessary to fix the pump failure.

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