

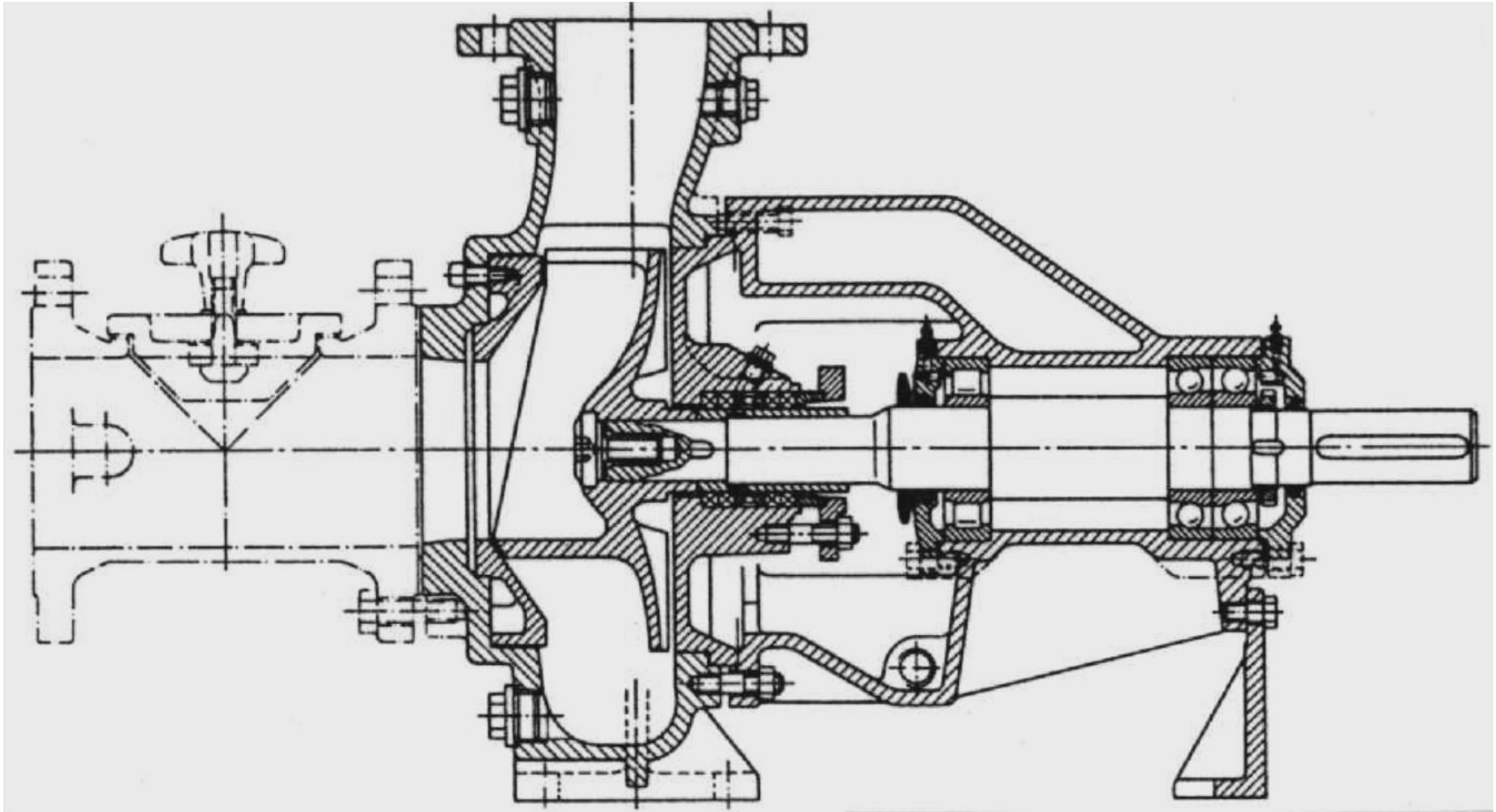
Lecture 7

Water-Transportation and -pumping

Depending on the operating conditions (*Betriebsverhältnisse*) pumps should meet the following requirements:

- wear-resistant and corrosion-proof materials
- high operation safety
- automatic start-up (*selbsttätige Inbetriebnahme*)
- good adaptability (*Anpassungsfähigkeit*) to changing operating conditions
- low-vibrations and quiet run

Construction of centrifugal pump with one channel propeller



Advantages and disadvantages of centrifugal pumps

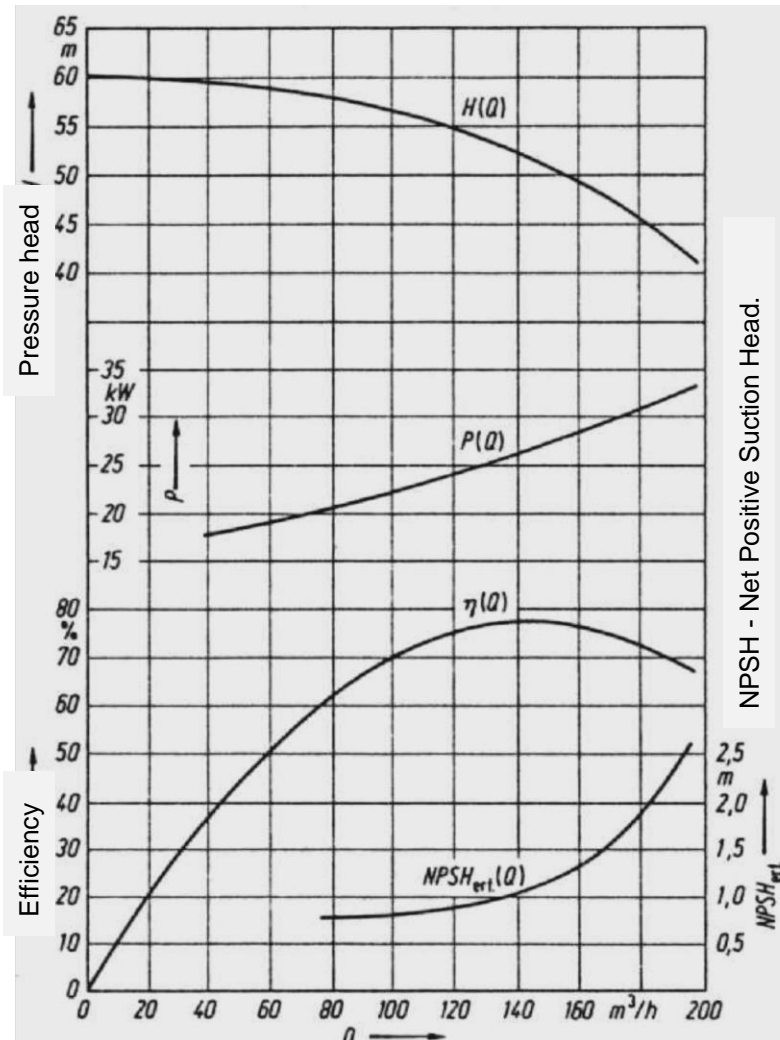
Advantages:

- little space required
- inexpensive
- low maintenance
- almost vibration-free run

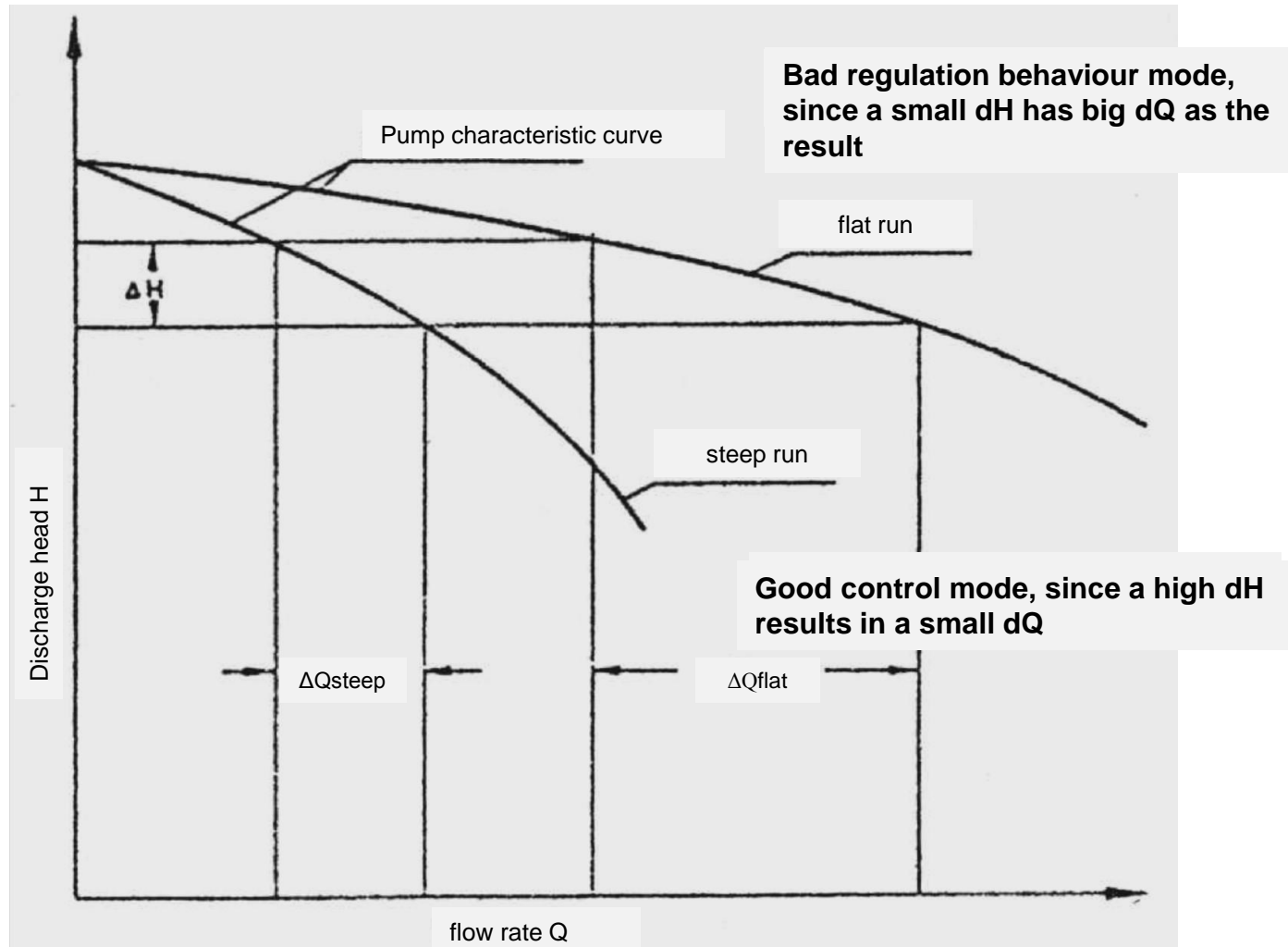
Disadvantages:

- no self-priming capability
- no water stop effect (*Sperrwirkung*) when pump stops
- risk of obstruction with small impeller profiles (*Lauftradquerschnitten*)

Characteristic curve of a centrifugal pump with constant speed per minute (rpm)



Characteristic pump curves



The required engine power can be estimated with the following formula:

$$P = \frac{\rho \cdot g \cdot Q_P \cdot h_D}{1000 \cdot \eta_P \cdot \eta_M \cdot \eta_K} \quad [\text{kW}]$$

with:

ρ = density of hauling fluid [kg/m³]

g = gravity [m/s²]

h_D = manometric head [m]

Q_P = pumping capacity [m³/s]

η_P = pump efficiency

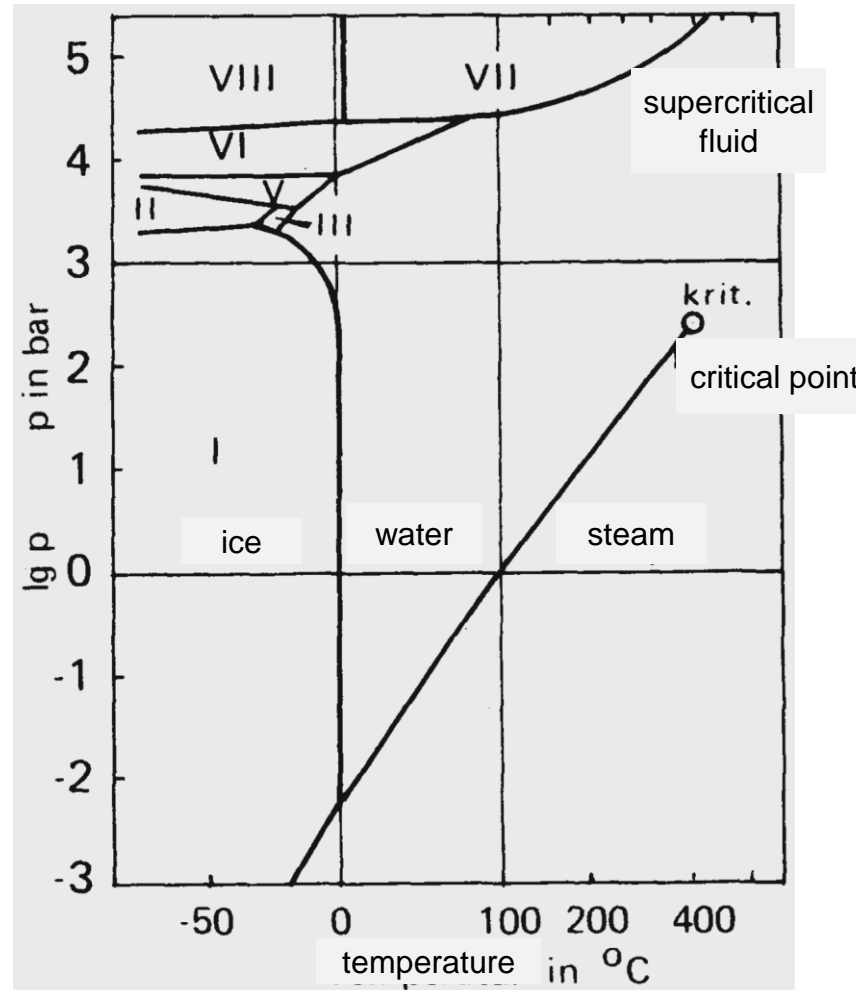
η_M = engine efficiency

η_K = coupling and gear efficiency

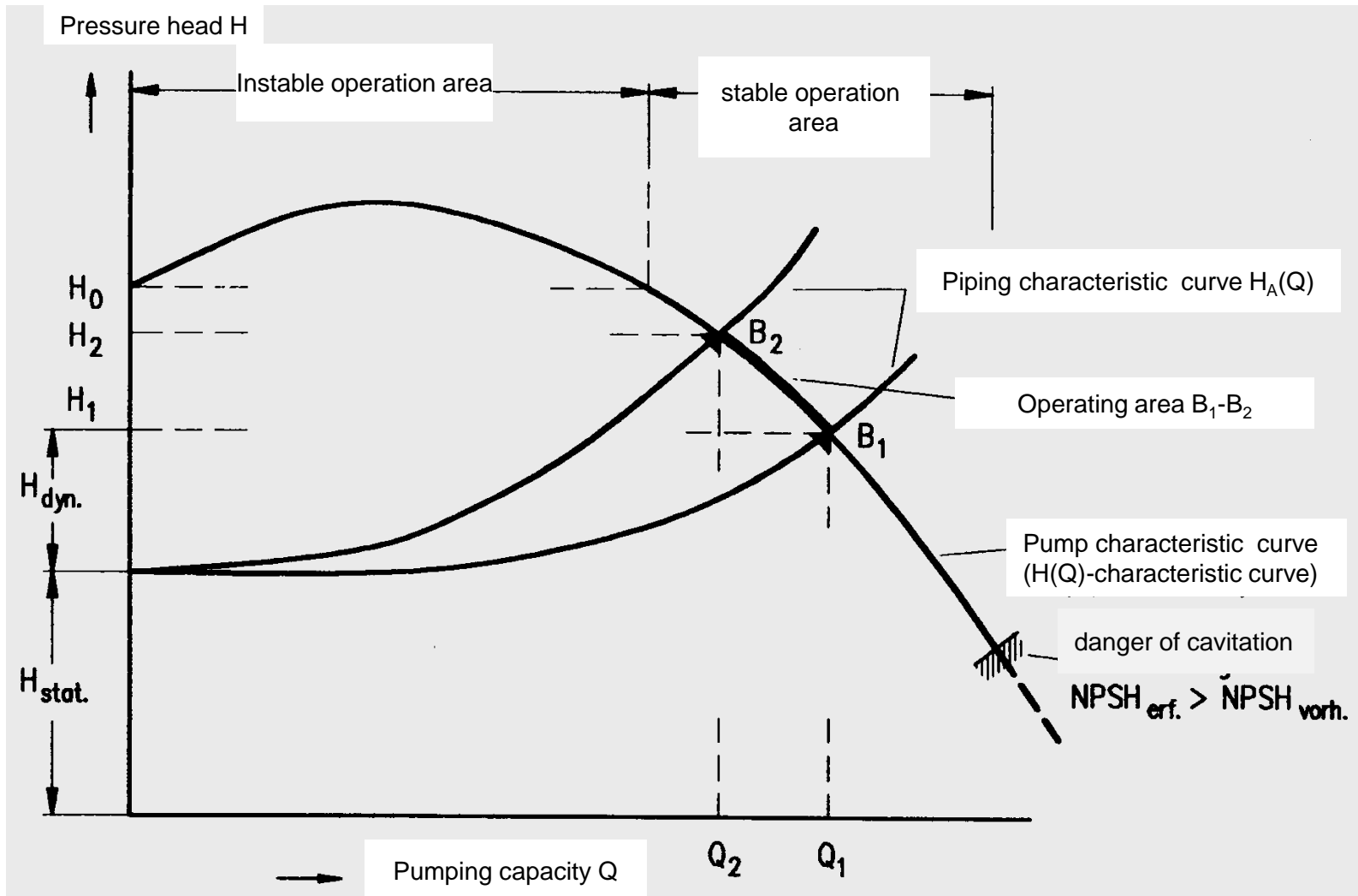
Pump efficiencies η as a product of single efficiencies

| Pump construction type | η |
|--------------------------------|-----------|
| Centrifugal pump with: | |
| Torque flow propellers | till 0,5 |
| Single vane propellers | till 0,8 |
| Three passage propellers | till 0,85 |
| Spiral non-clogging propellers | till 0,8 |
| Screw conveyors | till 0,8 |
| Pneumatic pump stations | till 0,4 |

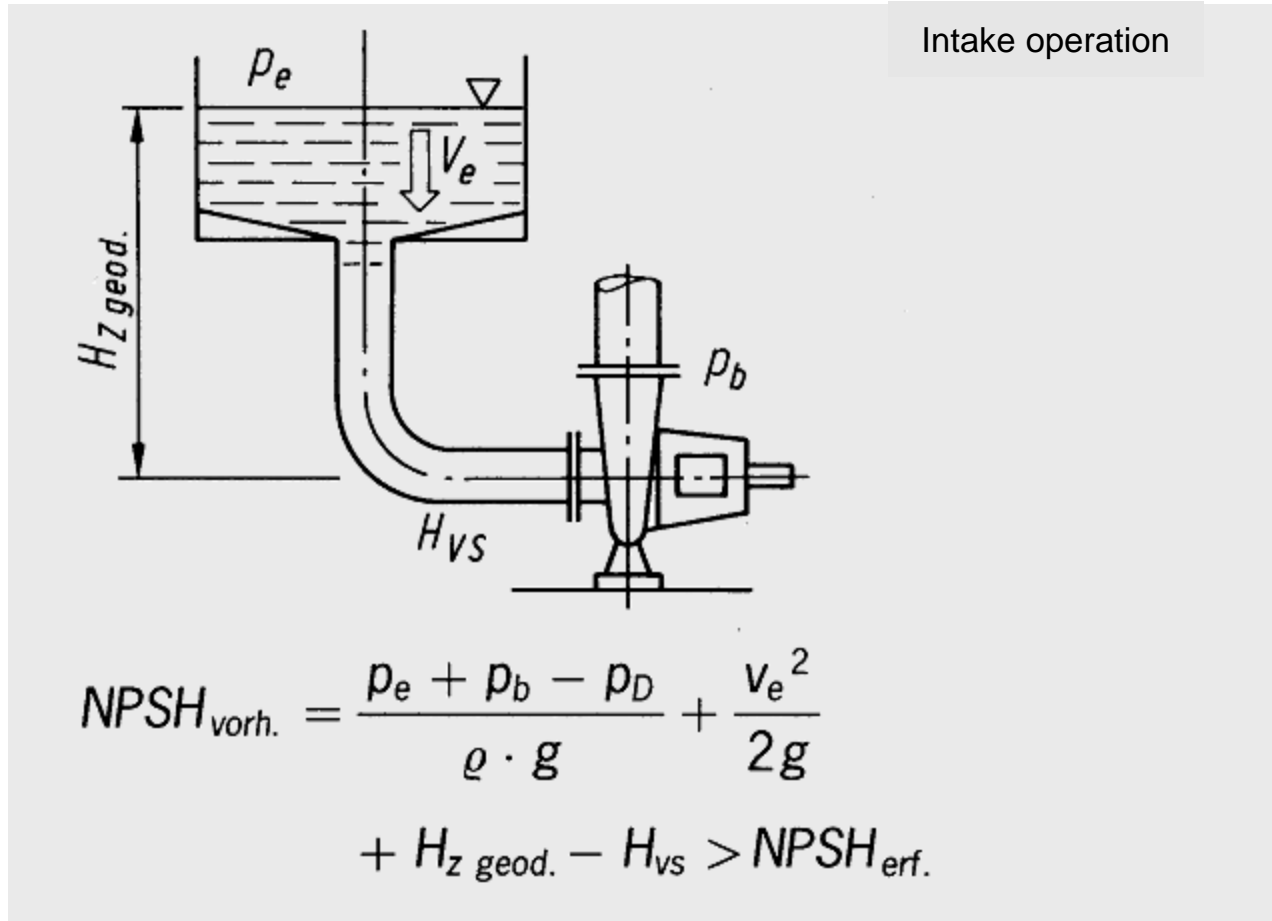
Cavitation



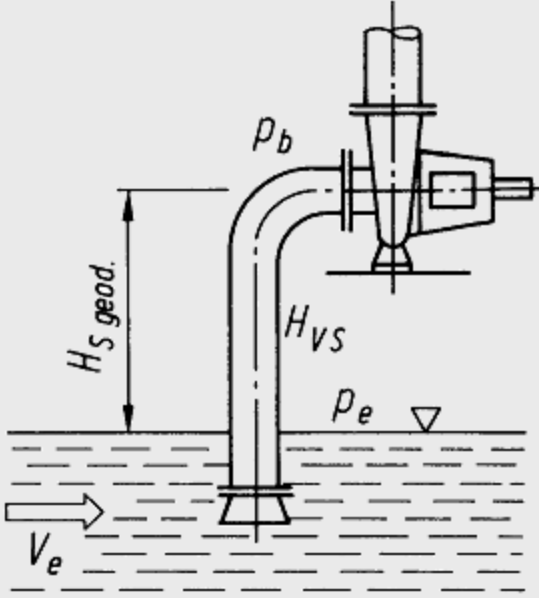
Typical pump characteristic curve, cavitation area



NPSH-value of a pumping system during free-intake operations



NPSH-value of a pumping system during suction operation



Suction operation

$$NPSH_{\text{vorh.}} = \frac{p_e + p_b - p_D}{\rho \cdot g} + \frac{v_e^2}{2g}$$
$$- H_{s \text{ geod.}} - H_{vs} > NPSH_{\text{erf.}}$$