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# VIBRATION PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS IN TURBOMACHINERY

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# Turbomachinery Vibration Basics

- Internals & Problems of Major Types of Turbomachinery
  - Gas Turbines
  - Steam Turbines
  - Axial and Centrifugal Compressors
  - Horizontal and Vertical Pumps
- Effects of Operating Point: Turbomachinery vs. System
- Off-Design Flow Pulsation & Vibration: Surge, Stall, Recirculation
- Inlet Conditions as Vibration Excitation
- Rotordynamics & Structural Dynamics of Casing/ Foundation
- Bladed Disk Vibration
- Vibration Specs
- Test Instrumentation & Procedures
- Case Histories & Animations of Problems



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# Turbomachinery Operation for “Good Vibrations”

- **Rule # 1:** Match Design Point to System Head & Flow Requirements
- **Rule # 2:** For Pumps, Require NPSHA Above NPSHR, with Margin
- **Rule # 3:** Use a Long Straight Piping Run to the Inlet
- **Rule # 4:** Careful When & How You Throttle
- **Rule # 5:** Avoid H-Q Slopes Being Similar, Machine vs. System
- **Rule # 6:** Minimize Nozzle Loads & Use Exp Joint Tie Rods
- **Rule # 7:** Avoid Structural Natural Frequencies & Rotor Criticals
- **Rule # 8:** Minimize Load Cycling, if Practical
- **Rule # 9:** Select Materials Based on Corrosion, Galling, Fatigue & Erosion Resistance
- **Rule # 10:** You Get What You Spec & Pay For



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