



# Compressor & Driver Selection Strategies

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# Agenda

- ▶ Overview Compressor, Driver and Control Technologies
- ▶ Tips to specify Rotating Machinery Correctly
- ▶ Common Selection Criteria
- ▶ Compressor Application Charts

## ROUNDTABLE:

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**In the Future, far, far away  
compressors work perfectly ?**



**Maybe not...**

# Common types and sub-types of Drivers

## Engines

- Diesel, Gas or CNG/LNG

## Gas Turbines

- **aero-derivative / industrial**

## Electric Motors

- **fix speed motor**
- synchronous / induction / permanent magnet
- **variable frequency drives**

Gears: **helical/ fluid couplings / mechanical variable speed drives**

Multi Drives, Generators, Expansion & Steam Turbines.....

# Common types and sub-types of Compressors

## Reciprocating

- Vertical, V ,W types, membrane & **horizontally opposed**

## Rotary Screw

- dry and oil flooded

## Centrifugals ( radial )

- Centrifugal **pipeliners** ( axial inlet / radial inlet )
- Beam style or in-line centrifugals
- **hermetically sealed motor centrifugals** ( beam style )
- Integrally geared centrifugals
- axial / radials
- axials

# Specify Rotating Machinery Correctly

## Use API Style Data Sheets – 617/618

- ▶ Great check list to remind you to put in everything  
You only need the first pages for the basics

## Detail ALL Operating Points

- ▶ Correct equipment selection considers part load and controls  
Requires a full understanding of all operating conditions.
- ▶ Have a good understanding of current and future demand.
- ▶ *( just because you don't know what it is, don't assume it doesn't exist )*
- ▶ Use detailed gas analysis instead of just standard gravity  
*( important for correct performance and material selection )*

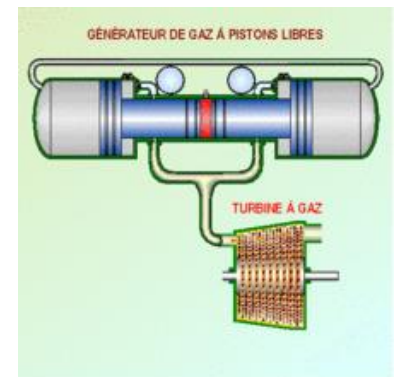
## Integration of the Compressor Train

Certain types of drivers and compressors naturally go together . ( i.e. similar speeds )

Consider using a manufacturer who has experience integrating similar, referenced equipment for similar duties”

*Give me your latest technology with 20 years experience”*

The image shows a detailed technical data sheet for centrifugal and axial compressors, titled 'CENTRIFUGAL AND AXIAL COMPRESSOR DATA SHEET (API 617/618)'. The form is divided into several sections: 'GENERAL INFORMATION', 'DESIGN CONDITIONS', 'PERFORMANCE DATA', and 'MATERIALS'. It includes fields for manufacturer, model, and various operating parameters like flow rate, pressure, and speed. There are also tables for performance data and material specifications.





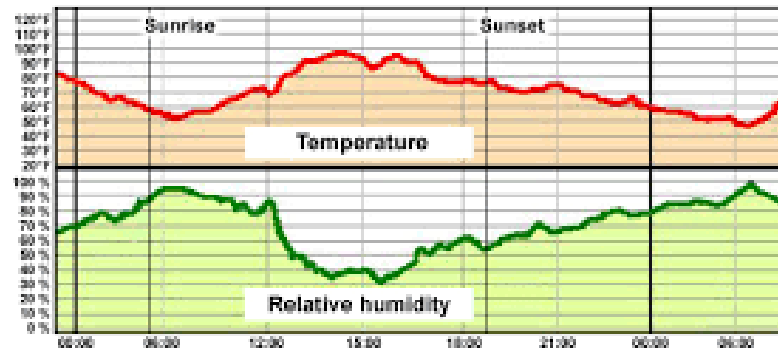
# Specify Rotating Machinery Correctly

## Don't Oversize ( or Undersize) Equipment

Ambient conditions maximum versus design temperatures.

If you always design for max then your equipment is running in inefficient part load even for normal operations.

Temperature and Relative Humidity



Michael Baker

## Understand your Process

Are you operating with typical pipeline resistance curves  
multiple side-streams in and out ?

or working a gas storage cavern ? Or a combination.....?

## Don't design the equipment for the OEM

Describe all the operating points and their importance but let the OEM determine their internal design point themselves.

# Common Selection Considerations

- ▶ **OPEX** ( Fuel / Electricity )
  - ▶ What rate contracts do I get ?
  - ▶ What supply contract conditions ?, i.e. demand charges
  - ▶ Compressor and drive train efficiency
- ▶ **CAPEX** ( train + installed cost incl. foundations/ehouse etc.)
- ▶ **RELIABILITY** ( equipment or station ) ( scheduled maintenance )
  - ▶ Backup compressors ? Spare substations and electrical feeds?
- ▶ **AVAILABILITY** ( unscheduled / scheduled maintenance )
  - ▶ Minimum thresh hold 90, 95, 97 % or higher ?
  - ▶ Local and quick technical and parts support
  - ▶ Long Term Service agreements for critical installations ?
  - ▶ Standardization of fleet equipment ?
  - ▶ Parts inventory



# Common Selection Considerations

- ▶ **MAINTEX** ( Scheduled / Overhauls / Modernization )
  - ▶ Cost and frequency of scheduled maintenance
  - ▶ Major overhaul costs
  - ▶ Cost to upgrade from obsolete ( i.e. electronics)
  - ▶ Operator personnel familiar with technology
- ▶ **FOOTPRINT**
  - ▶ Important for brown field sites: incl. train, station & periphery
- ▶ **TECHNOLOGY & COMPATIBILITY**
  - ▶ Vibrations, pulsations, valve issues ?
  - ▶ High Speeds vs Slow Speeds ?
  - ▶ Reciprocating and centrifugal technology working in parallel ?
  - ▶ Unequal size horsepower in one station ? Parallel operations ?
  - ▶ Will electronic equipment be supported in 20 years ?
  - ▶ Risk mitigation adopting unfamiliar types of technology

# Common Selection Considerations

## ▶ STATION, PIPE & WIRE

- ▶ Station cost vs Pipe looping ~\$5M/mile, right of way extra\*
- ▶ High Voltage lines can also be very expensive ~\$1.25M/mile\*
- ▶ Does the operator have to purchase substation & auxiliaries ?
- ▶ upgrades vs horsepower replacement at up and downstream stations
- ▶ High pressure pipe hydraulics reduces HP requirements.

## ▶ CONTROLS / OPERABILITY

- ▶ How do I start-up ?
- ▶ Automatic, remote step-less control often desired.
- ▶ What range is required ? Important on gas drives: CO<sub>x</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>
- ▶ Block out speeds or ranges?
- ▶ Be able to re-aero up to 25% for future growth ?

## ▶ EMISSIONS / PERMITTING

- ▶ PPM and absolute tons/year, emissions offsets ?
- ▶ BACT
- ▶ Government questions use of SCR, waste heat recovery evaporative cooling, combined cycle drives
- ▶ Replace smaller, dirty units with cleaner larger units
- ▶ Limit Blowdowns, methane emissions
- ▶ Air/Noise dispersion

\*Broad estimates, may vary strongly by project

# What are the most important criteria ?

- ▶ **“It Depends”**
- ▶ Customer surveys suggest that availability is critical ( not just reliability ) but operators struggle to quantify this.
- ▶ Operational costs are important but once again difficult to measure and quantify.
- ▶ Project specific details may “trump” pure technical preferences.

**A dialogue is very important between operators and providers  
what an optimum solution could be. Requires real engineering  
and economic reviews**

# Axial and Axial/Radial Compressor

Mainly air and nitrogen

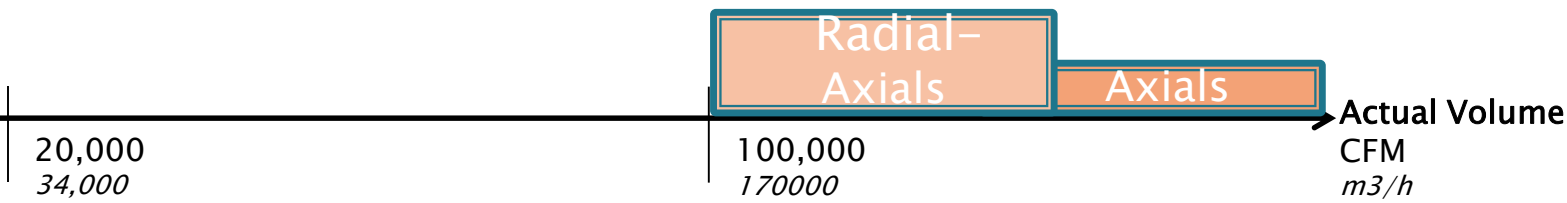
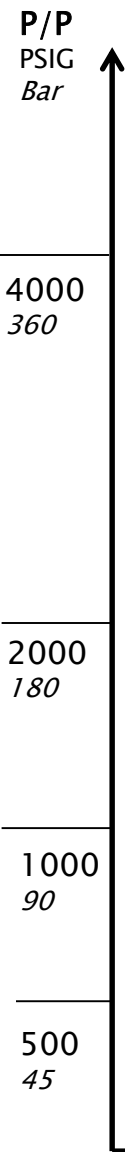
Mainly e-motor drive ( but also turbines)

Good volume and pressure control

Excellent efficiencies

Low pressure capability only

High cost



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# Oil Flooded Rotary Screw

Fuel Gas Boosting

Upstream boosting at low pressures

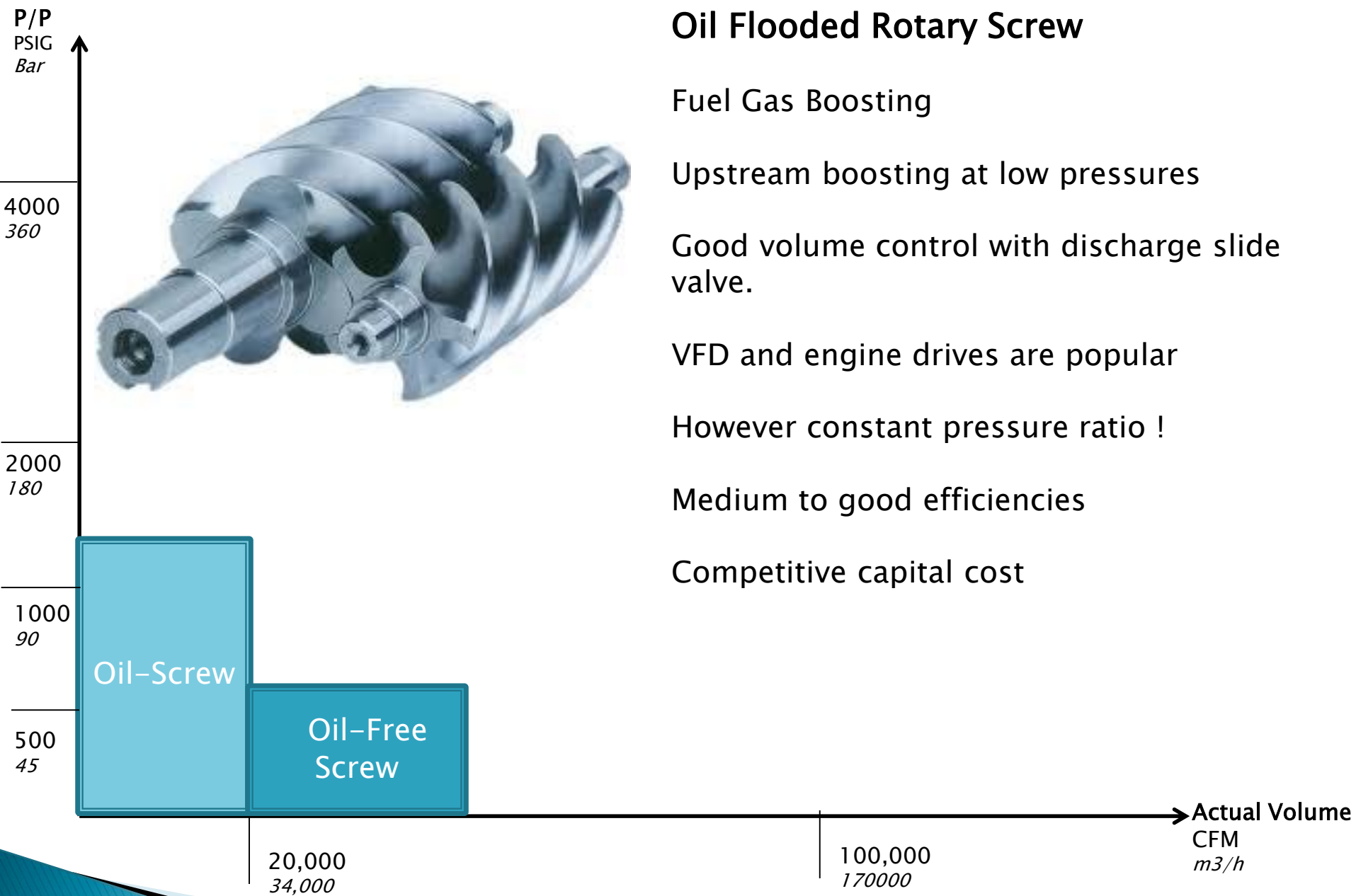
Good volume control with discharge slide valve.

VFD and engine drives are popular

However constant pressure ratio !

Medium to good efficiencies

Competitive capital cost



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P/P  
PSIG  
Bar

4000  
360

2000  
180

1000  
90

500  
45



## Single Stage Integrally Geared Compressor

- Single stage pressure ratio up to 2
- One or more stages can be used as an expander
- Low and medium suction pressure
- References up- and downstream
- Fixed speed electric drive only
- Inlet Guide vanes for maximum turndown.
- Good efficiency
- Competitive cost

## Multi Stage Integrally Geared Compressor

- Pressure ratios up to 15!
- API 617 Part 3 designs available
- Low and medium suction pressures
- High discharge pressures up to 1600 PSIG
- References LNG and and CO2 reinjection
- Fix speed electric drive
- Guide vanes provide maximum turndown
- High efficiency ( with limited intercooling)
- Competitive cost

20,000  
34,000

100,000  
170000

Actual Volume  
CFM  
*m<sup>3</sup>/h*

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Natural Gas

Refinery

# Reciprocating Compressors

e-motor and gas engine drive

Slow & "high" speeds available

Refinery experience up to 34 MW

Less flexible flow control,  
( valves- manual controls )

Better pressure ratio capability  
than centrifugals

Good efficiencies ( watch out  
for inter-stage losses)

More wear parts than  
centrifugals

Small units good cost

20,000  
34,000

100,000  
170,000

Actual Volume  
CFM  
m<sup>3</sup>/h

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## Single Stage Pipeline Compressor

Single stage pressure ratio up to 1.8

Medium and high suction pressure

Well established midstream

Gas turbine, mechanical and electric drives

May be integrated with e-motor

Very good efficiency, very good turndown

## Multi Stage Pipeliner Compressor

Pressure ratios up to 5-6 per casing

Medium and high suction pressures

High discharge pressures above 3250 PSIG

May be integrated with e-motor

Subsea compressor is a derivative

Gas turbines, electric and mechanical drives

High efficiency

20,000  
34,000

100,000  
170,000

Actual Volume  
CFM  
m<sup>3</sup>/h

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# Now to the Round Table

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Marybeth McBain works as a senior pipeline engineer in Kinder Morgan's gas compression engineering group. In this role, she specializes in recommending gas compression for new pipeline projects and reviewing operational needs for compression improvement and horsepower augmentation projects.

Marybeth previously worked for Apache Corporation as a facility engineer and for Southwest Research Institute in San Antonio, Texas. She has been awarded four patents in pulsation control technologies. Marybeth has published over a dozen technical papers ranging from reciprocating and centrifugal compressors, gas monetization, LNG turbomachinery and pulsation / vibration control.

She holds a bachelor's mechanical engineering degree from UT Austin and a masters degree from Georgia Tech.

# Mitchell Mauch Kinder Morgan

Mitchell has 36 years of experience in engineering design and project management of compression facilities for several major gas transmission companies including; Tennessee Gas Pipeline, ANR Pipeline, Kern–River Pipeline and he is currently employed by Kinder Morgan Inc. as staff compression engineer in the KMI Engineering and Technical Services group located in Houston Texas.

Mitchell has been directly involved in the design and construction of over 500,000 horsepower of pipeline compression. The horsepower was installed at major transmission compression stations all across the United States. His experience includes both reciprocating and centrifugal compressors as well as electric motors, gas turbines and reciprocating engines.

Mitchell has a bachelor of science from Texas Tech University and is a licensed professional engineer.





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**Ge'Juan Cole, P.E., is a Senior Project Developer at Williams Gas Pipeline. With over 14 years of experience in the oil and gas industry, he has held various positions in operations, project engineering, project management, and planning primarily focused on installing compression facilities on the Transco natural gas pipeline system. In his current role, he is responsible for leading multifunctional teams in the development of market expansion opportunities to build critical large scale pipeline transmission infrastructure necessary to meet the growing global demand for natural gas. Ge'Juan earned a BS in Mechanical Engineering from Georgia Tech, a BS in Mathematics from Morehouse College, and an M.B.A in Global Leadership from the University of Houston. He is also licensed by the Texas Board of Professional Engineers.**

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