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:
- Host: Chris Kapp
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- Mitchell Mauch  Kinder Morgan
- GeJuan Coles  Williams
- Gus Posada  Boardwalk
- Arnold Eisenstein  Universal Pegasus
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*”
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.

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 threshold 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

Criteria are not listed in order of importance
Common Selection Considerations

- **MAINTEX** (Scheduled / Overhauls / Modernization)
  - Cost and frequency of scheduled maintenance
  - Major overhaul costs
  - Cost to upgrade from obsolesce (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

*Approaches vary by specific operators and projects*
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\textsubscript{x}, NO\textsubscript{x}
  - 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 to identify 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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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 CO2 reinjection
Fix speed electric drive
Guide vanes provide maximum turndown
High efficiency (with limited intercooling)
Competitive cost
Reciprocating Compressors

- 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

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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

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Now to the Round Table

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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.

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Arnold began his pipeline career as a consultant to Aramco in the 1980s, joined Enron's Group Technical Services in 1990 and has served in a number of key leadership positions with Enron Engineering and Construction including Director of Compression Projects (worldwide 1990) and Project Director and Project Manager for Major expansions. At Universal Ensco, Arnold has participated in major projects for Net Midstream – Agua Dulce Compressor Station (100 KHP electric compression) and currently assisting with the design of the VCP stations for Spectra Energy.

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