

# HM 380

## Cavitation in pumps



### Description

- visualisation of cavitation effects in a transparent pump
- continuously adjustable pump speed
- closed water circuit

One of the most common causes of cavitation effects are fast moving objects in the water, such as the impellers of a centrifugal pump. If cavitation occurs on the impeller, the high mechanical stress sometimes results in separation or deformation of particles from the surface. In addition to the impeller geometry, intake pressure and temperature are also relevant for the occurrence of cavitation.

The HM 380 unit can be used to demonstrate cavitation effects on impellers of centrifugal pumps. Pump housing and the pipe at the inlet side of the pump are made of transparent plastic in order to visualise the cavitation processes. It is possible to capture excellent images of the vapour bubbles by taking photographs with short exposure times (flash).

In order to influence the flow velocity at the impeller blades, the speed can be changed within a wide range via a frequency converter. Valves at the inlet and outlet of the pump enable the flow rate and pressures to be adjusted accordingly.

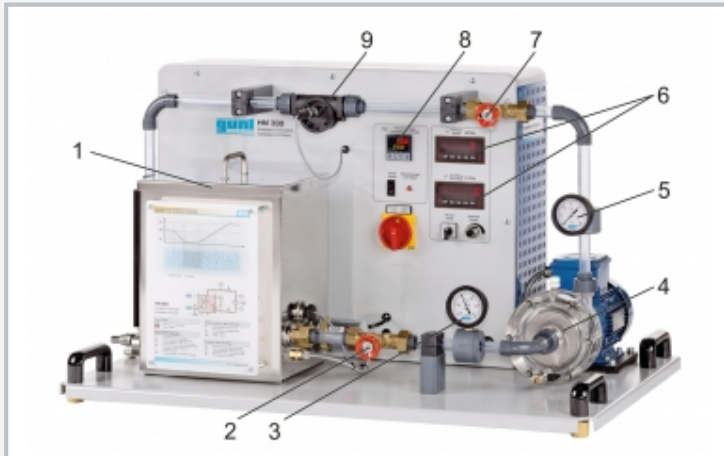
Pressures on the inlet and outlet side are displayed on two manometers. Also displayed are the water temperature in the tank, flow rate and pump speed. The water temperature can be controlled and the tank is fitted with a heater. The water is cooled via the water supply.

### Learning objectives/experiments

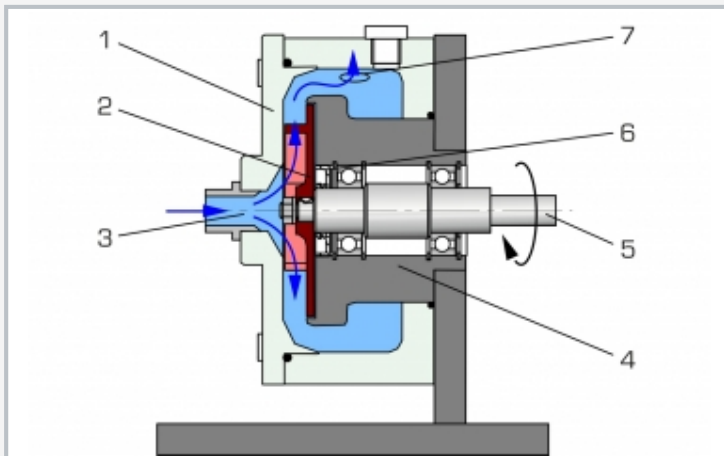
- formation of cavitation
- observation of cavitation effect
- how speed, inlet pressure, flow rate and temperature affect cavitation

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1 tank, 2 valve at inlet, 3 manometer at inlet, 4 transparent pump, 5 manometer at outlet, 6 digital displays for flow rate and speed, 7 valve at outlet, 8 temperature controller, 9 flow meter



Section through the pump: 1 transparent housing with removable cover, 2 open impeller, 3 inlet, 4 bearing body, 5 drive shaft, 6 shaft seal, 7 outlet



Formation of vapour bubbles due to cavitation at the pump impeller

### Specification

- [1] visualisation of cavitation in centrifugal pumps
- [2] transparent pump housing and pipe at the inlet side
- [3] open impeller to observe the blades during operation
- [4] continuously adjustable pump speed via frequency converter
- [5] temperature control via heater and external cooling via water supply
- [6] flow measurement using rotameter
- [7] display of the pressures at inlet and outlet side of the pump via manometers
- [8] digital display of speed, water temperature in the return and flow rate
- [9] closed water circuit with tank and temperature display

### Technical data

Centrifugal pump with drive motor

- power consumption: 0,37kW
- speed: 500...3300min<sup>-1</sup>
- max. flow rate: 70L/min
- max. head: 13m

Tank: 20L

Measuring ranges

- pressure (inlet): -1...0bar
- pressure (outlet): 0...1,5bar
- temperature: 0...100°C
- flow rate: 10...140L/min

230V, 50Hz, 1 phase

LxWxH: 1000x630x590mm

Weight: approx. 65kg

### Required for operation

water connection: approx. 100L/h  
drain

### Scope of delivery

- 1 experimental unit
- 1 set of hoses
- 1 set of instructional material

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Optional accessories

020.30009

WP 300.09

Laboratory trolley