

Drives and Motor Sizing Made Easy

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- Size your drive and motor in three easy steps
 - Determine the application requirements
 - Size the motor to meet the application
 - Size the drive to meet the motor and the application

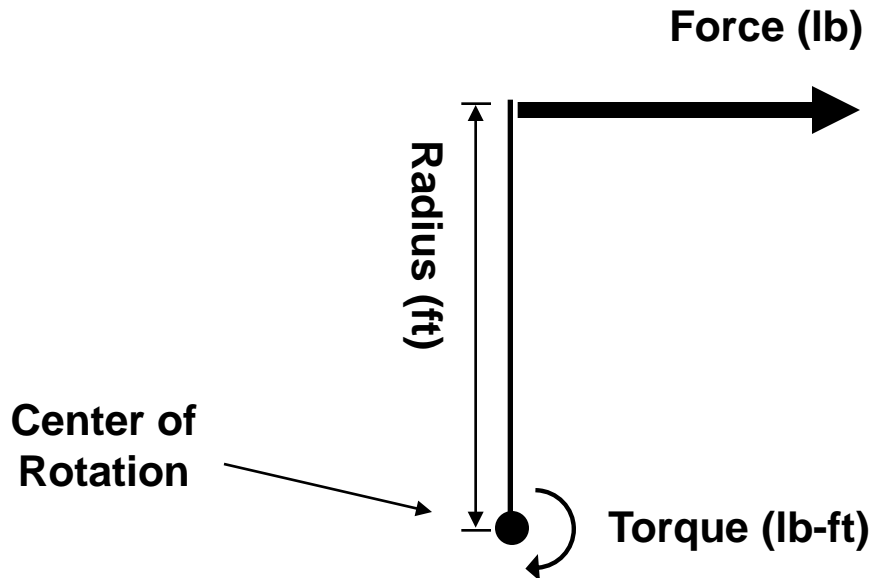


Determine the application requirements

- What are the torque requirements?
 - Motor torque (not power) is usually the decisive factor
 - Torque requirement establishes current requirement
 - Continuous torque requirements
 - Variable torque vs. Constant torque
 - Intermittent (peak) torque requirements
 - Starting torque
 - Acceleration torque
- What is the speed requirement?
 - Maximum speed
 - Minimum speed

Torque, what is it?

- A measure of the effect of a force applied at a distance to an axis
 - Torque is a force that tends to rotate or turn things
 - $\text{Torque (lb-ft)} = \text{Force (lb)} \times \text{Radius (ft)}$



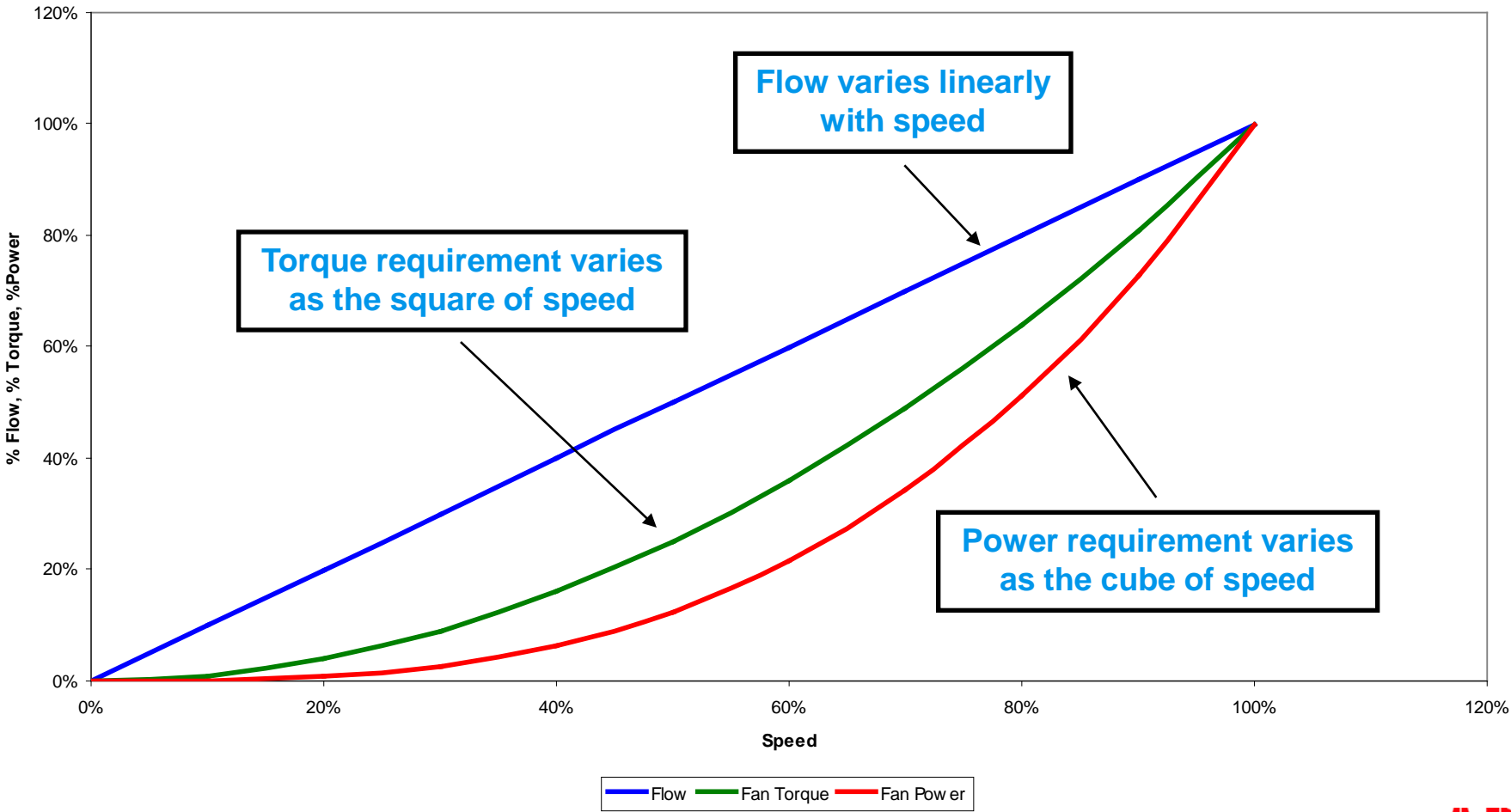
Variable Torque

- Variable torque changes as the operating speed changes
 - Fans
 - Centrifugal Pumps
 - Centrifugal Blowers
 - Mixers (material dependent)



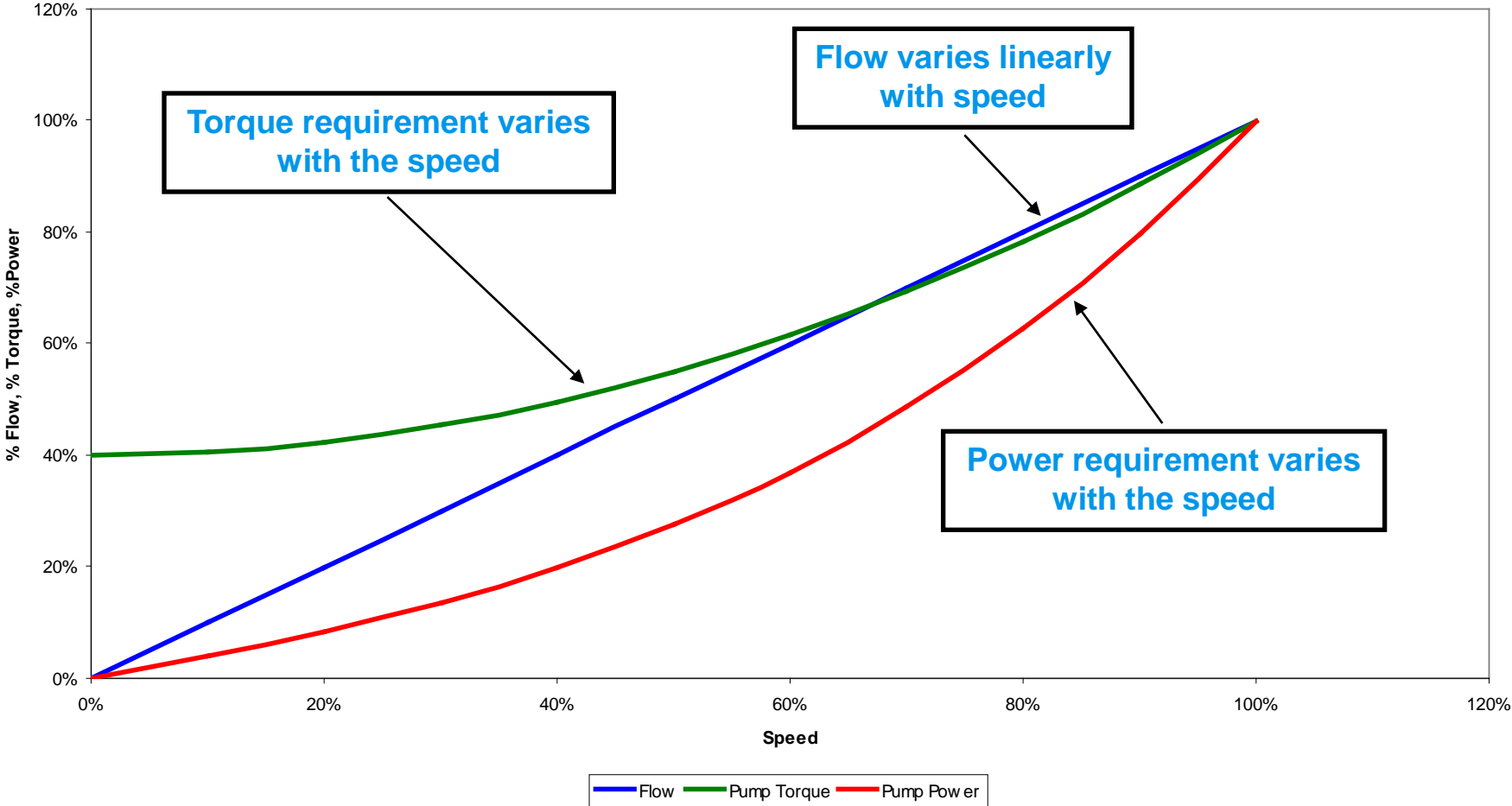
Variable Torque (fan with no static head)

Variable Torque



Variable Torque (pump with static head)

Variable Torque



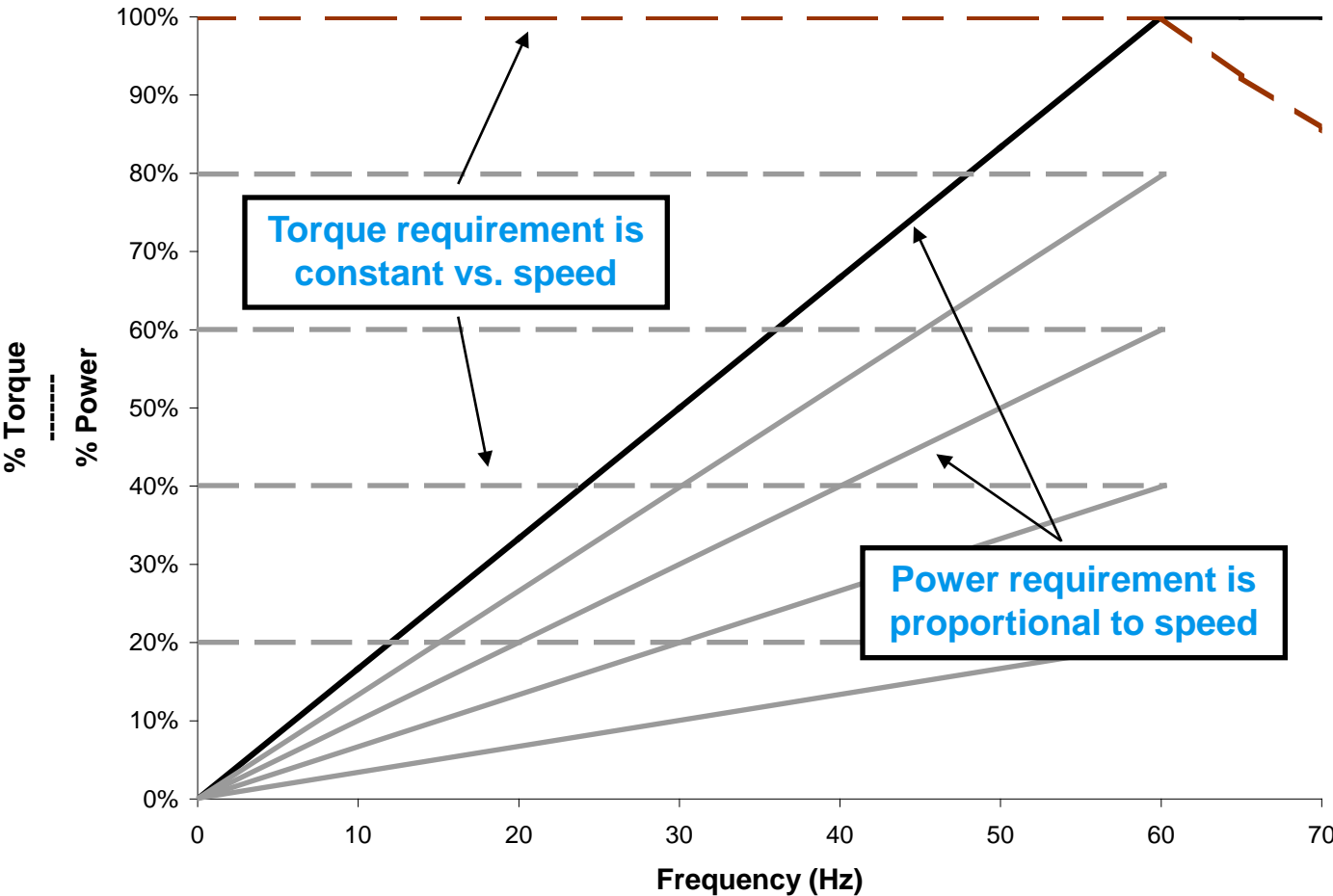
Constant Torque

- Constant torque remains the same as the speed changes
 - Conveyers
 - Positive Displacement Pumps
 - Extruders
 - Crushers
 - Mixers (material dependent)
 - Rotary Kilns
 - Hoists
 - Elevators



Constant Torque

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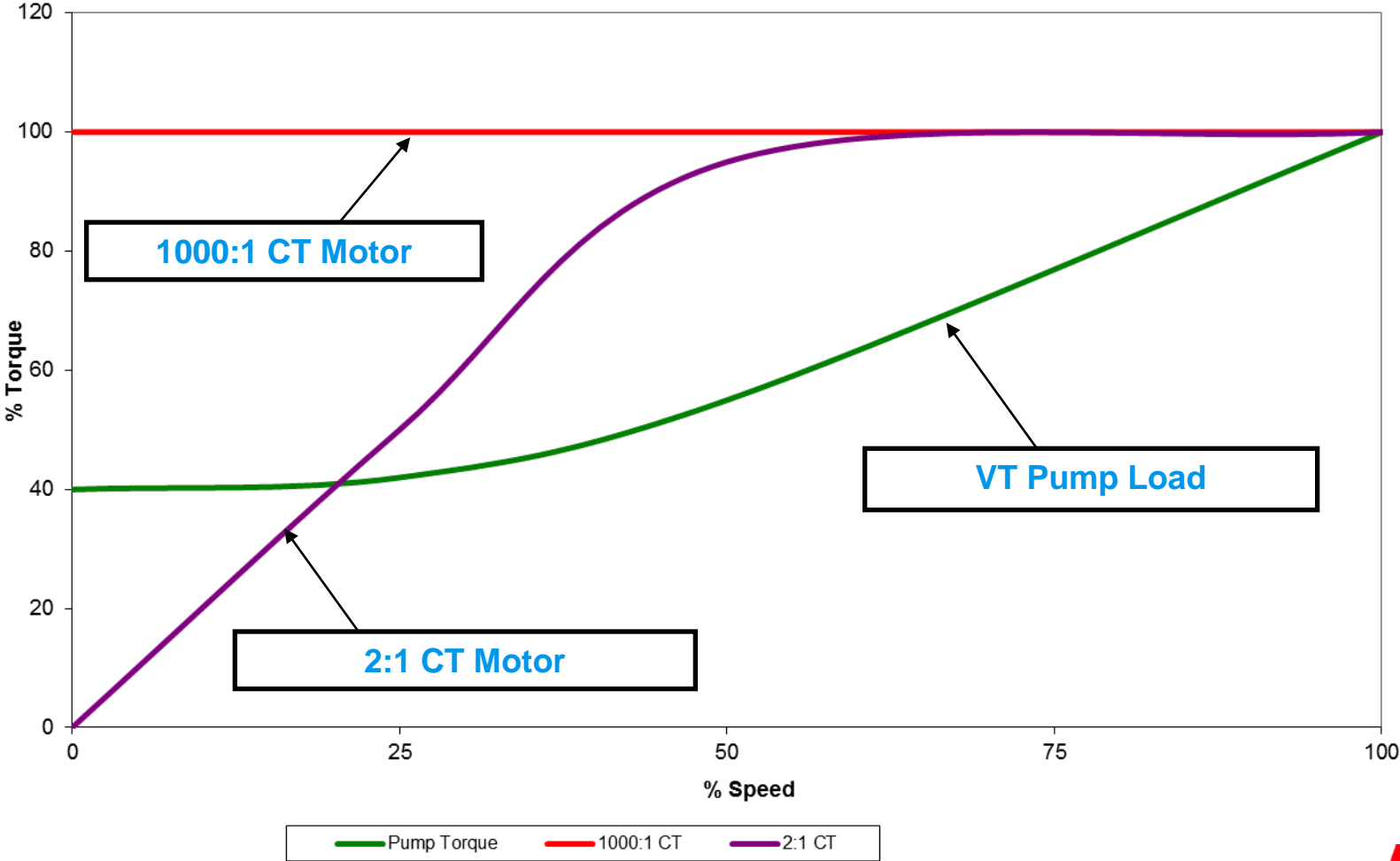


Constant Vs. Variable Torque

- Why should I care?
- Isn't all torque the same?
- Yes. But
 - Motor current is proportional to torque
 - Motor heating is proportional to current
 - In the case of a TEFC motor, cooling is proportional to speed
- Result --- **a TEFC motor's ability to thermally handle torque varies with speed**
- A **constant torque load often requires a larger TEFC motor** than that required for an equivalent variable torque load

TEFC Motor Torque

TEFC Motor

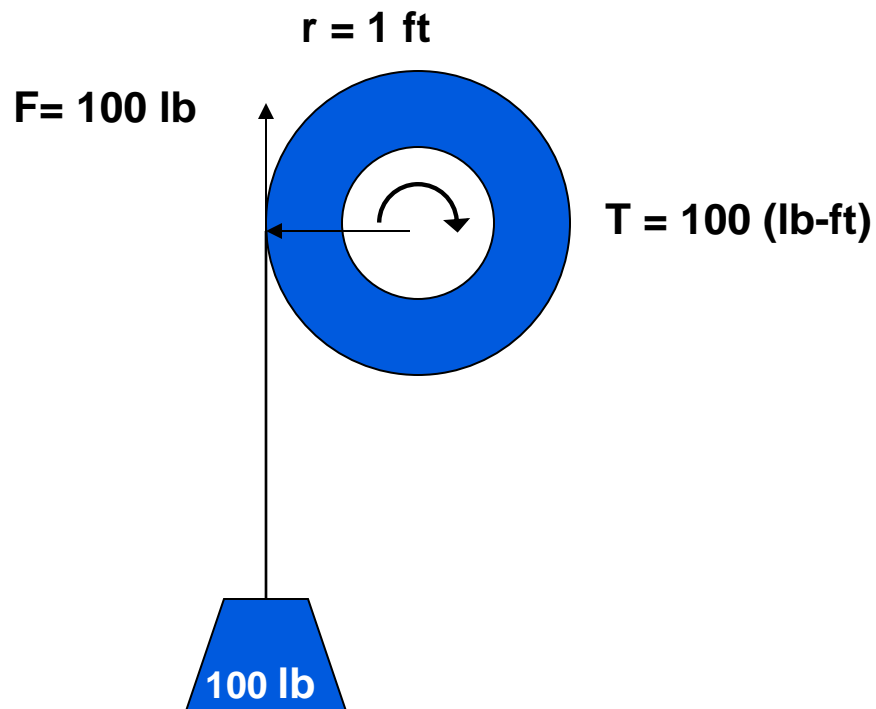


Intermittent torque

- Intermittent torque is torque that is required for a relatively short period of time. Examples:
 - Torque to breakaway the load and start motion
 - Friction
 - Torque to accelerate the load
 - Inertia

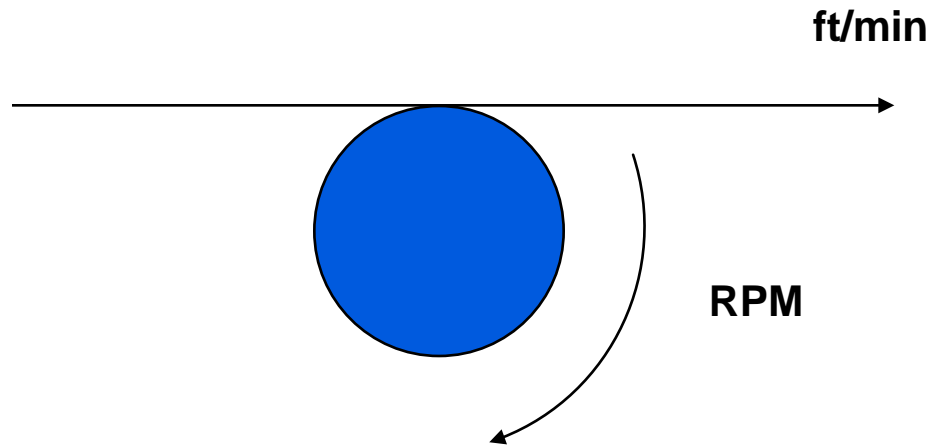
Torque Example

- Torque (lb-ft) = F (lb) x r (ft)



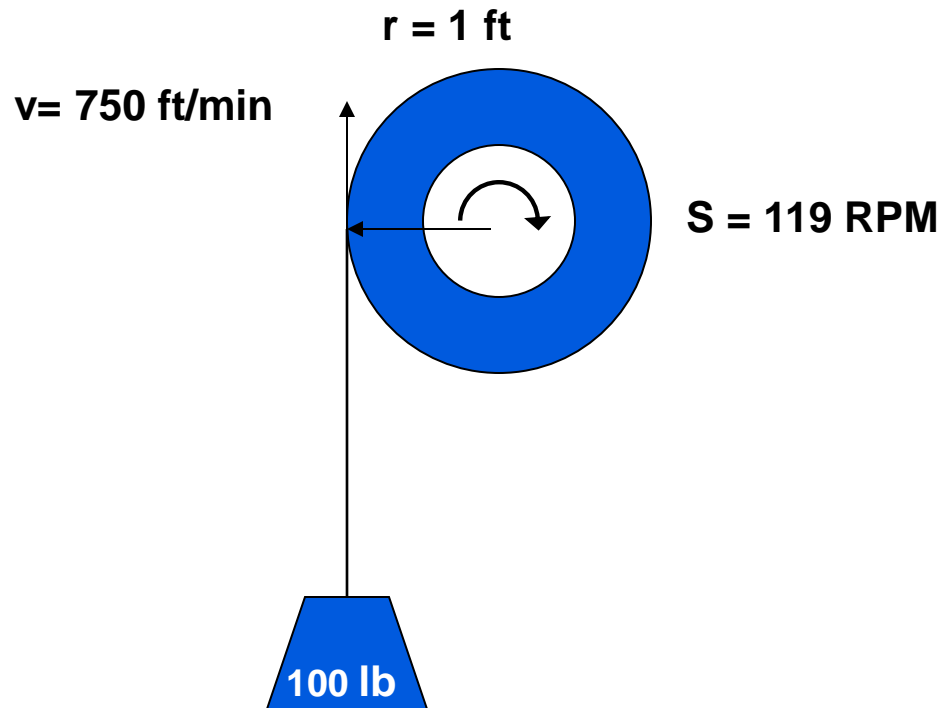
Speed

- With direct mechanical drive, motor speed is determined by mechanical speed and physical dimensions
- $\text{Speed (RPM)} = v \text{ (ft/min)} / (r \text{ (ft)} \times 2 \times \pi)$



Speed Example

- Speed (RPM) = $v(\text{ft}/\text{min}) / (r(\text{ft}) \times 2 \times \pi)$
- Speed (RPM) = $750(\text{ft}/\text{min}) / (1 (\text{ft}) \times 2 \times \pi) = 119 (\text{RPM})$



Power

- Power is the product of torque times speed
 - Power (HP) = Torque (lb-ft) x Speed (RPM) / 5252
 - For our example:
 - Torque = 100 lb-ft
 - Speed = 119 RPM
 - Power = 100 (lb-ft) x 119 (RPM) / 5252 = 2.3 HP

Motor Sizing

- In our example
 - Torque = 100 lb-ft
 - Speed = 119 RPM
 - Power = $100 \times 119 / 5252 = 2.3$ HP
- What size motor do we pick?

A motor only develops its nameplate power at its nameplate speed. At a reduced speed it develops a proportionately reduced power.

HP	Base Speed	Rated Torque
3	1790	9
5	1790	15
7.5	1790	22
10	1790	29
15	1790	44
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- What if we add a gear box?
 - Torque at motor = torque / gear ratio
 - Speed at motor = speed x gear ratio
- Now what motor do we pick?

Gear Ratio	1	2	5	10	15
Torque at motor (lb-ft)	100	50	20	10	6.7
Speed at motor (RPM)	119	239	597	1194	1790

Intermittent torque

- Torque for Acceleration
 - Torque = Inertia x Acceleration Rate
 - If you know:
 - Inertia (WK^2) in lb-ft²
 - Acceleration Time in sec.
 - Change in motor speed in RPM
 - Then:
 - Torque = WK^2 (lb-ft²) x Speed(RPM) / (Accel Time(sec.) x 307.6)

Intermittent torque

- Torque for Acceleration
 - Assume for our example:
 - Total $WK^2 = 1.2 \text{ lb-ft}^2$
 - Includes 100 lb load, drum, 15:1 gear box and motor
 - Change in speed is 1790 RPM
 - If accel time is 10 seconds
 - Accel Torque = $1.2(\text{lb-ft}^2) \times 1790(\text{RPM}) / (10(\text{sec.}) \times 307.6)$
 - Accel Torque = 0.7(lb-ft)
 - Total torque = $6.7 + 0.7 = 7.4 \text{ lb-ft}$; less than rated motor torque
 - If accel time = 1 second
 - Accel Torque = $1.2(\text{lb-ft}^2) \times 1790(\text{RPM}) / (1(\text{sec.}) \times 307.6)$
 - Accel Torque = 7.0 (lb-ft)
 - Total torque = $6.7 + 7.0 = 13.7 \text{ lb-ft}$, 150% of rated motor torque

Pick a drive

- Assume for our example:
 - Motor is 3 HP, 1790 rpm, 4.2 FLA, 9 lb-ft
 - Torque to lift load and accel in 10 s is 7.4 lb-ft
 - Max Current is less than 4.2 amps
 - Use 3 HP normal duty drive, 4.9 amps, with 110% O.L. (5.4 amps peak)
 - Torque to lift load and accel in 1 s is 13.7 lb-ft
 - Max current is about 6.4 amps
 - Use 3 HP heavy duty drive, 5.6 amps, with 150% O.L. (8.4 amps peak)

Sample Rating Table

ACS800-U1 size	I_{max} A	Normal use		Heavy-duty use		Frame size	Air flow ft ³ /min	Heat dissipation BTU/Hr
		I_{2N} A	P_N HP	I_{2hd} A	P_{hd} HP			
Three-phase supply voltage 208 V, 220 V, 230 V or 240 V								
-0002-2	8.2	6.6	1.5	4.6	1	R2	21	350
-0003-2	10.8	8.1	2	6.6	1.5	R2	21	350
-0004-2	13.8	11	3	7.5	2	R2	21	410
-0006-2	24	21	5	13	3	R3	41	550
-0009-2	32	27	7.5	17	5	R3	41	680
-0011-2	46	34	10	25	7.5	R3	41	850
-0016-2	62	42	15	31	10	R4	61	1150
-0020-2	72	54	20 *	42	15 **	R4	61	1490
-0025-2	86	69	25	54	20 **	R5	147	1790
-0030-2	112	80	30	68	25 **	R5	147	2090
-0040-2	138	104	40 *	80	30 **	R5	147	2770
-0050-2	164	132	50	104	40	R6	238	3370
-0060-2	202	157	60	130	50 **	R6	238	4050
-0070-2	282	192	75	154	60 **	R6	238	4910
Three-phase supply voltage 380 V, 400 V, 415 V, 440 V, 460 V or 480 V								
-0004-5	6.5	4.9	3	3.4	2	R2	21	410
-0005-5	8.2	6.2	3	4.2	2	R2	21	480
-0006-5	10.8	8.1	5	5.6	3	R2	21	550
-0009-5	13.8	11	7.5	8.1	5	R2	21	690
-0011-5	17.6	14	10	11	7.5	R2	21	860
-0016-5	24	21	15	15	10	R3	41	1150
-0020-5	32	27	20	21	15	R3	41	1490
-0025-5	46	34	25	27	20	R3	41	1790

Special cases

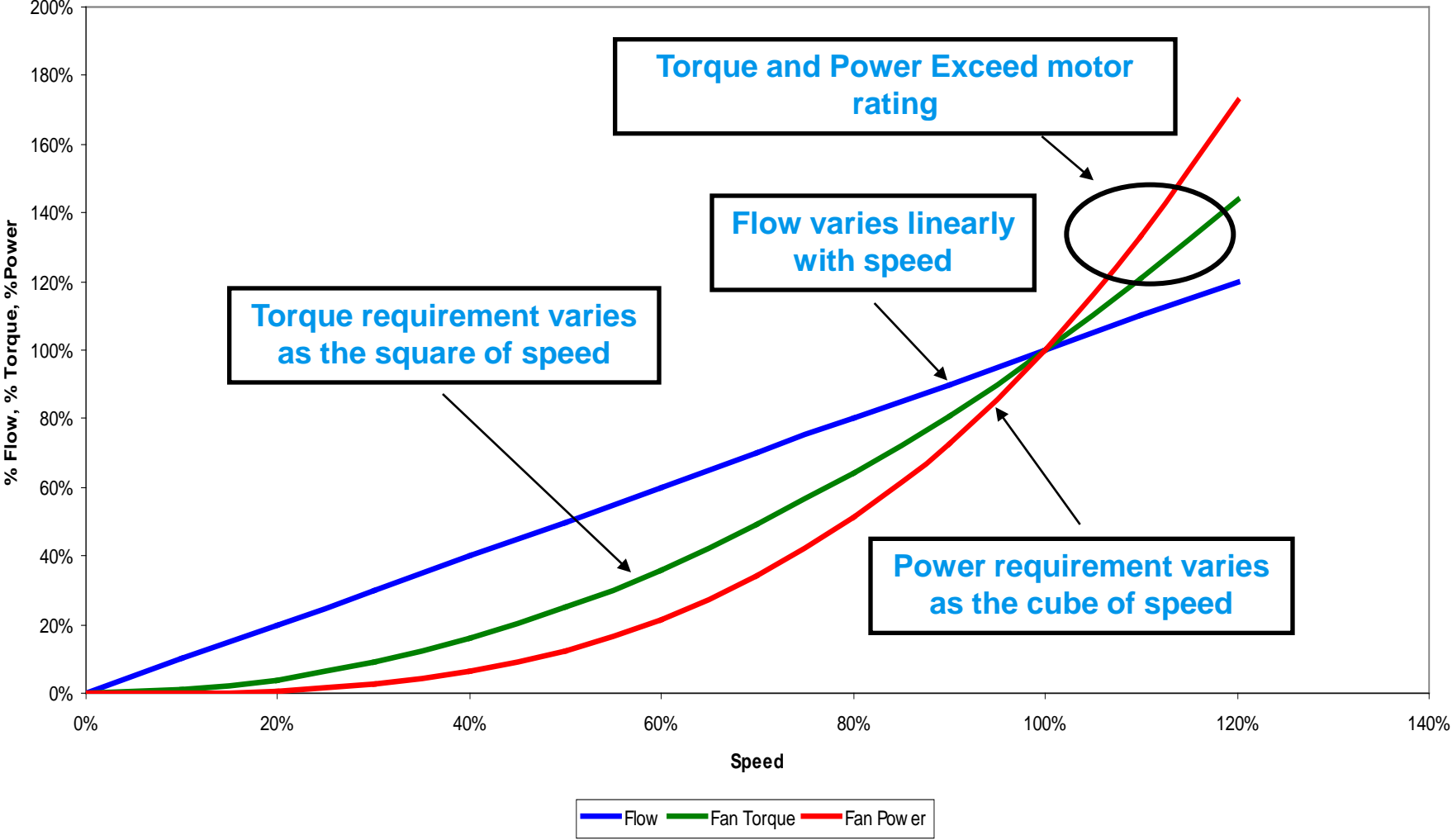
- Intermittent torque is required for a relatively long time
 - Large inertias
 - Results in long accel time, several minutes
 - Drive and motor sized for acceleration torque
 - Examples
 - Centrifuges
 - Kilns
 - Long periods of breakaway torque
 - Mixer starting with product

Watch the limits

- Limits that can come in to play
 - Torque
 - AC Motors have max torque limits, about 200% (Drive limits motor to about 70% of motor's rated breakdown torque)
 - Speed
 - Limited by maximum safe mechanical speed
 - Limited by maximum drive frequency
 - Limited by reduced maximum torque above base speed (Constant HP operation)
 - Current
 - Limited by inverter
 - Full speed motor current rises when line voltage is low
 - Regenerative (Braking) Torque
 - If less than 10% Flux braking may be good enough
 - If more than 10% but intermittent, such as stopping only, use brake chopper and resistor
 - If more than 10% and continuous, consider a regenerative drive

Variable Torque Above Base Speed

Variable Torque



Conclusion

- Drive sizing made easy
 - Determine the application's requirements
 - Torque
 - Continuous
 - Intermittent
 - Speed
 - Pick the motor
 - Try to gear in to run at base speed
 - Size on torque not power!
 - Pick the Inverter
 - Continuous current
 - Overload current

Now, that's easy!

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