

Experimental Study of the Behavior of a Symmetric Valveless Impedance Pump

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ABSTRACT

In this study, we have conducted the experimental the behavior of a symmetric valveless impedance pump. The valveless impedance pump was constructed of two reservoirs, one elastic tube and two rigid tubes. The elastic tube of rubber was connected to rigid acrylic tubes at two ends to form asymmetry impedance. The two rigid tubes were glued to two acrylic reservoirs, respectively to observe the pressure head. An electric-mechanical actuating mechanism was used to compress the elastic tube at different positions of compression positions along its length with fixed duty cycle, different amplitudes of compression and compression frequencies. Through cumulative effects of wave propagation and reflection originating from an excitation located asymmetry along the length of the elastic tube, a pressure across the pump can be built up to drive flow. According to the results of this experiment, flow can be reversible, and the pressure head is highly dependent on the frequency, amplitude of compression, and compression location. It is shown that when the amplitude of compression reaches inside diameter of the elastic tube is observed maximum flow rate up to 86ml/min at 26Hz. Measurements show a complex non-linear behavior in response to the compression frequency.

Keywords : valveless pump, impedance, elastic tube, wave propagation

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