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## Lecture 25

# Impedance Matching

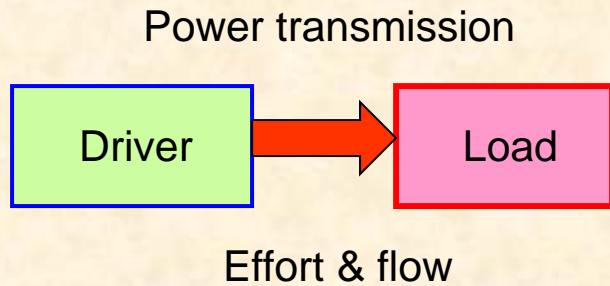
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**Note:** You will not learn the following material in an engineering course. However, it is the most important technical material your lecturer learned & practiced in the last 30 years.

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# Impedance matching



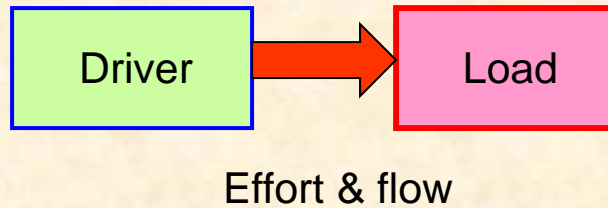
Take a **driver** and connect it to a **load**. Assume the system operates at a **steady-state condition** (time invariant)

**Drivers** are power supplies, batteries and generators, motors, turbines, IC engines, bike rider, etc. A few **loads** are electrical appliances (ovens, lights), PCs, pumps, compressors, fans, electrical generators, road conditions, etc.

**The aim is to match the driver to the load to transmit power in the best & most efficient manner**

# Efforts and flows

Power transmission

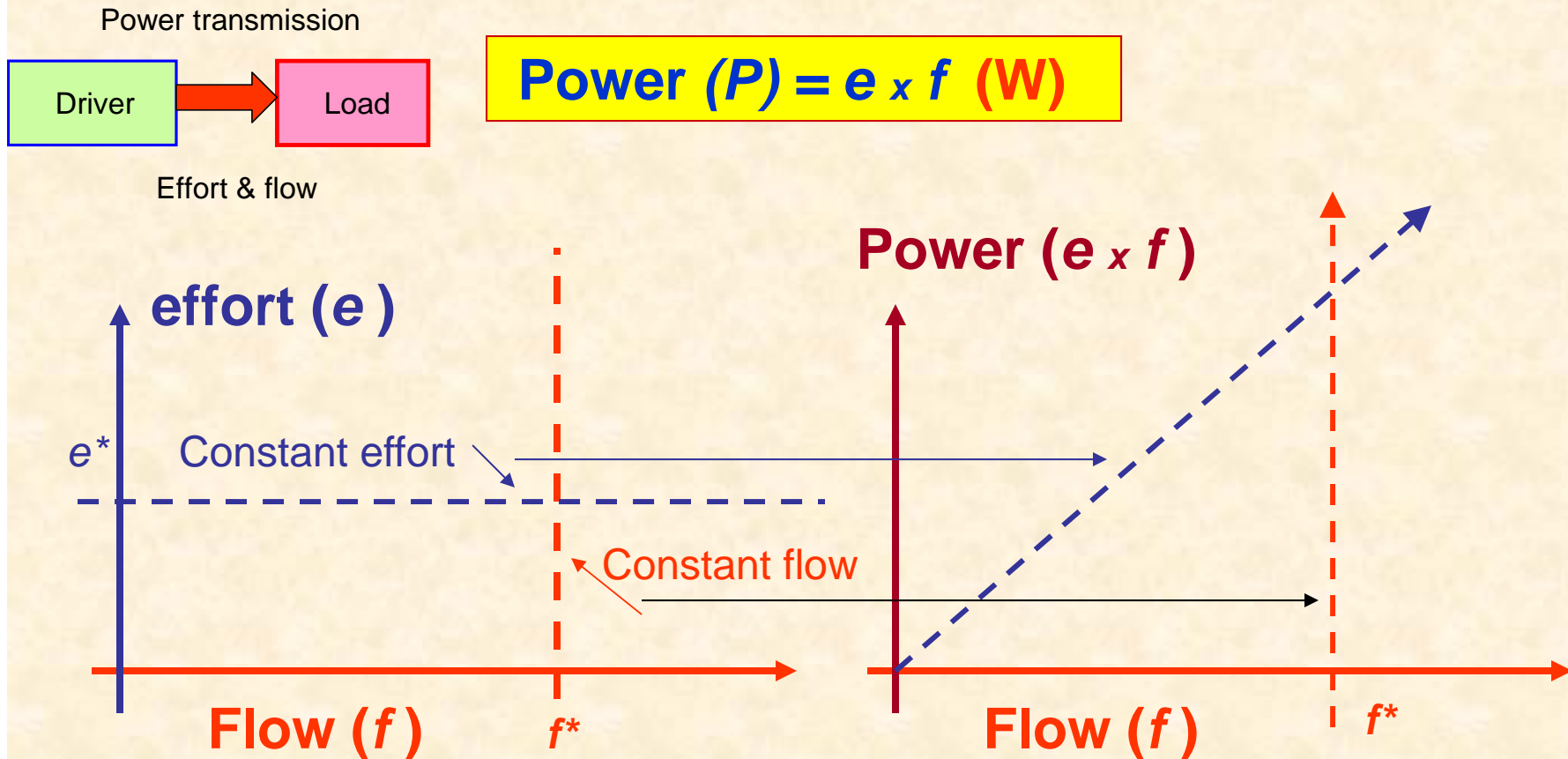


The driver delivers an **effort (e)**, typically a function of its **flow (f)**.

$$\text{Power } (P) = e \times f \text{ (W)}$$

System type	<i>effort</i>	<i>flow</i>
Mechanical translation	<b>F</b> : Force (N)	<b>v</b> : Velocity (m/s)
Mechanical rotational	<b>T</b> : Torque (N.m)	<b>ω</b> : Angular speed (rad/s)
Electrical	<b>V</b> : Voltage (V)	<b>I</b> : Current (A)
Fluidic	<b>ΔP</b> : Pressure drop, (N/m <sup>2</sup> )	<b>Q</b> : Flow rate (m <sup>3</sup> /s)
Thermal	<b>ΔT</b> : Temperature, (°C )	<b>q</b> : Heat flow (W)

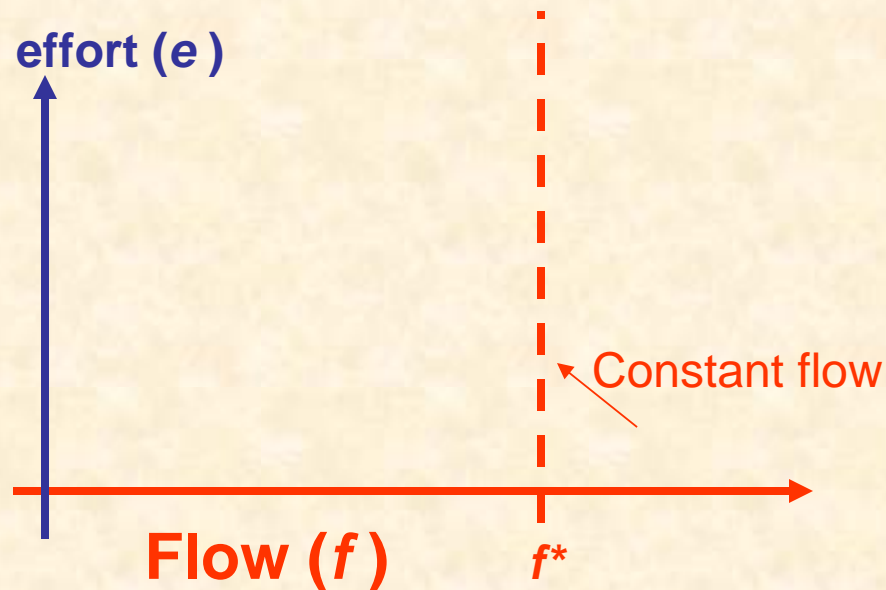
# Ideal sources of effort and flow



**Ideal sources provide as much power as needed by load. Examples?**

# Ideal source of flow: a river

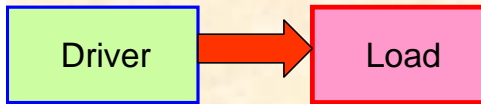
How is a river an ideal source ( $f^*$  =invariant)?  
Wouldn't flow increase with the pressure difference or height ?



Flow variation is seasonal. However, for operating purposes, flow is **NOT** affected by the load. That is, upper stream condition is **NOT** disturbed by what happens downstream.

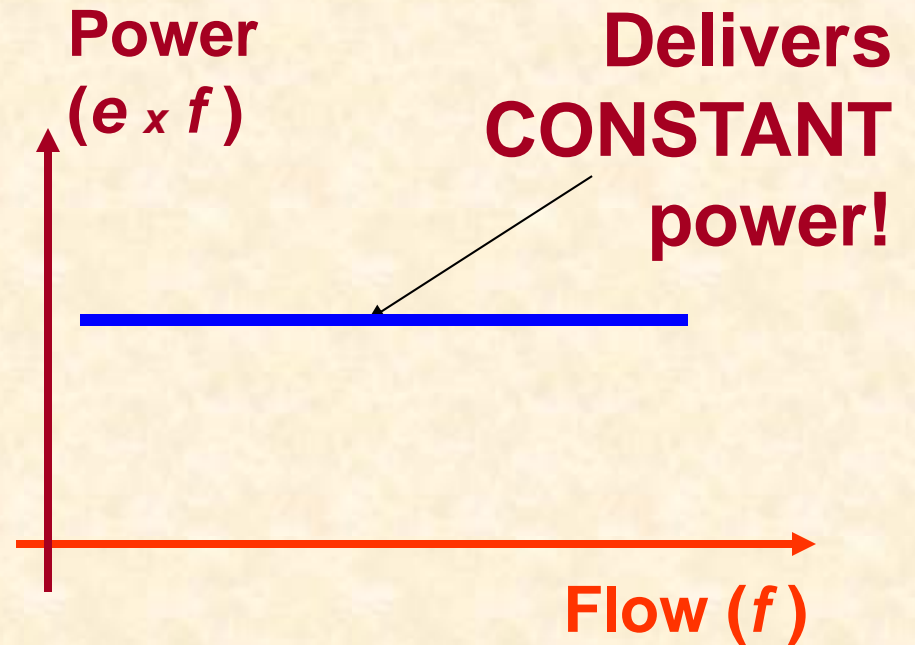
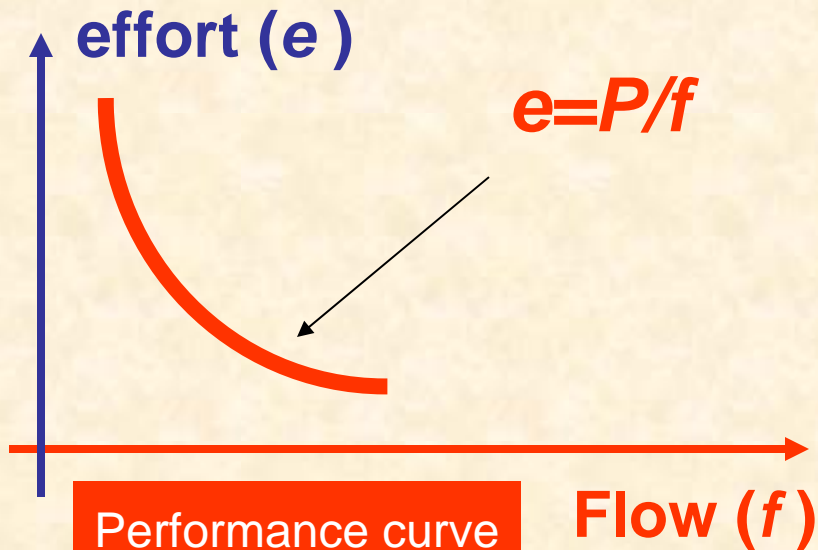
# Most Ideal driver

Power transmission



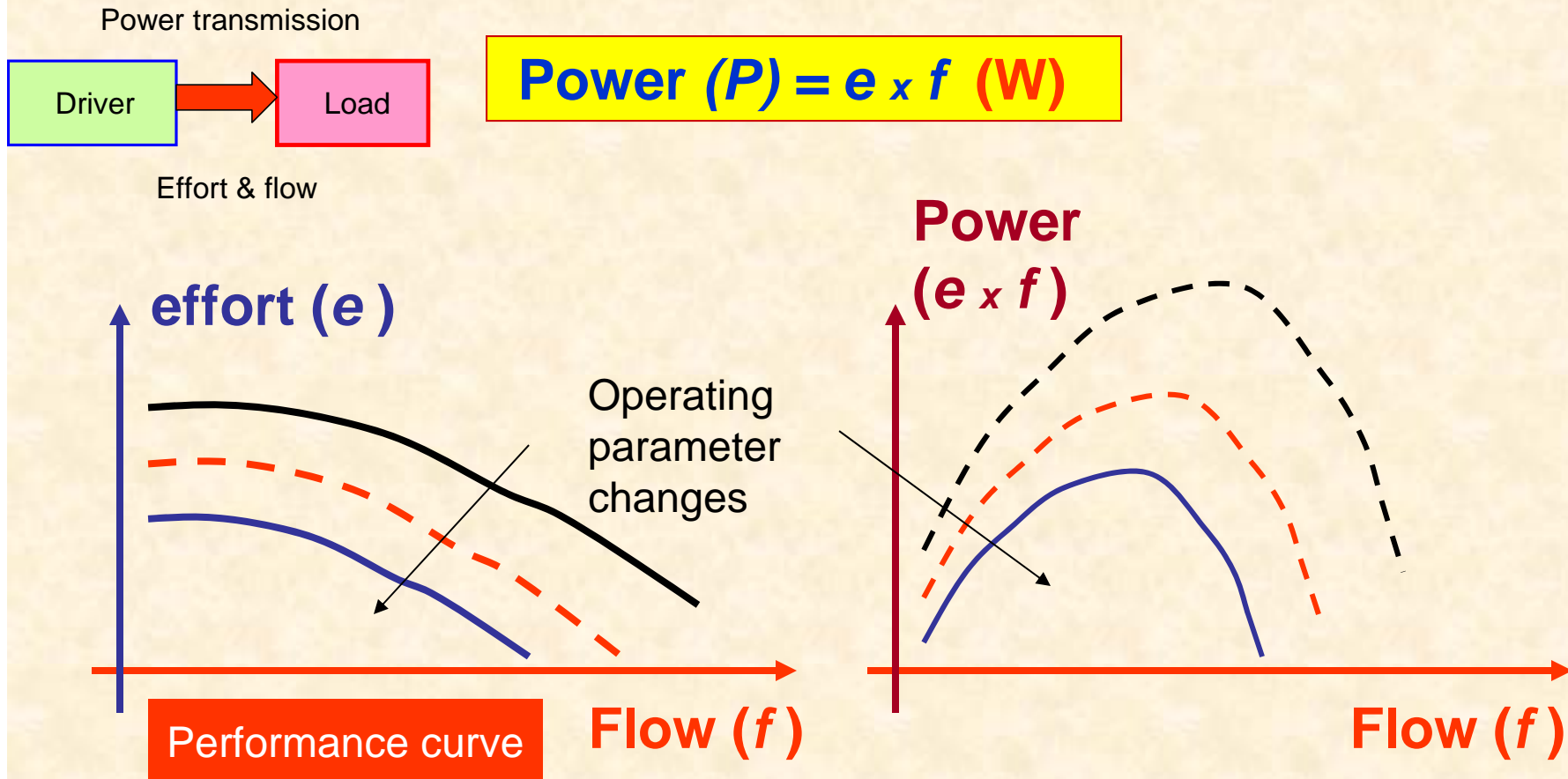
$$\text{Power } (P) = e \times f \text{ (W)}$$

Effort & flow



Demands TOO large effort at low flows AND TOO large flows at low efforts

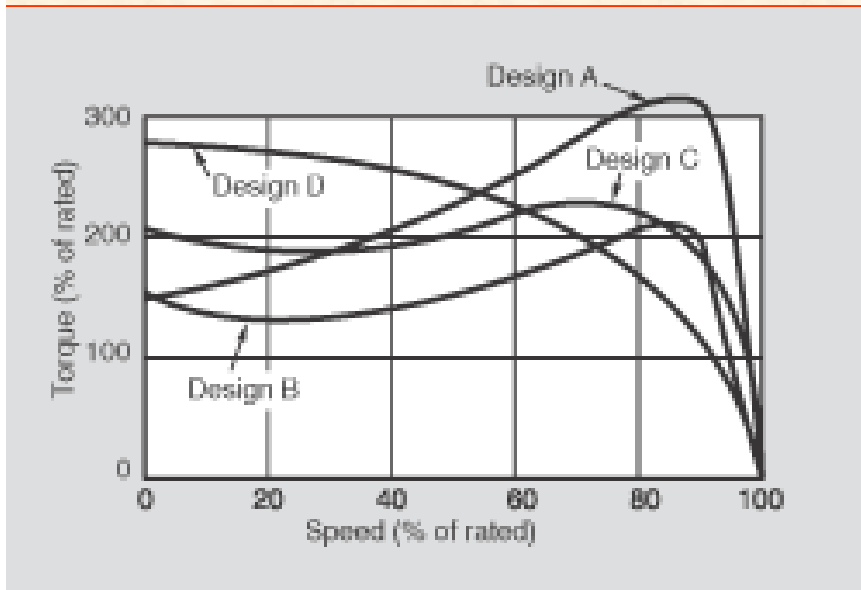
# Real driver: effort and flow



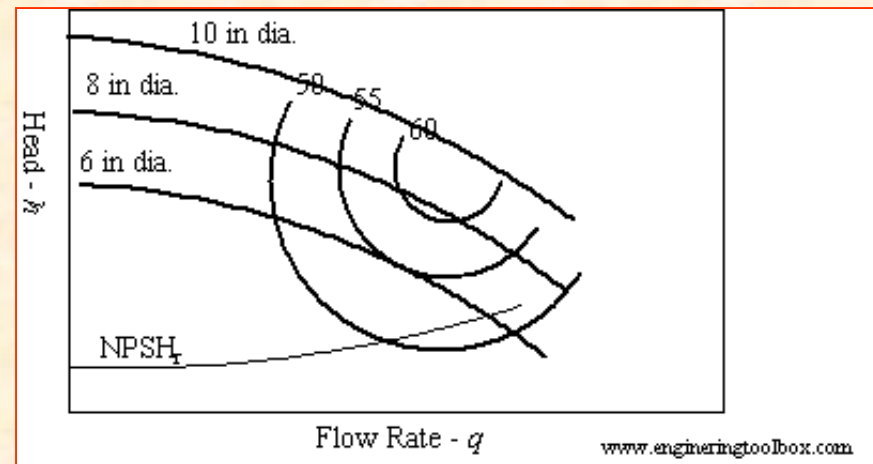
**Actual drivers deliver limited power!**

# Typical performance maps

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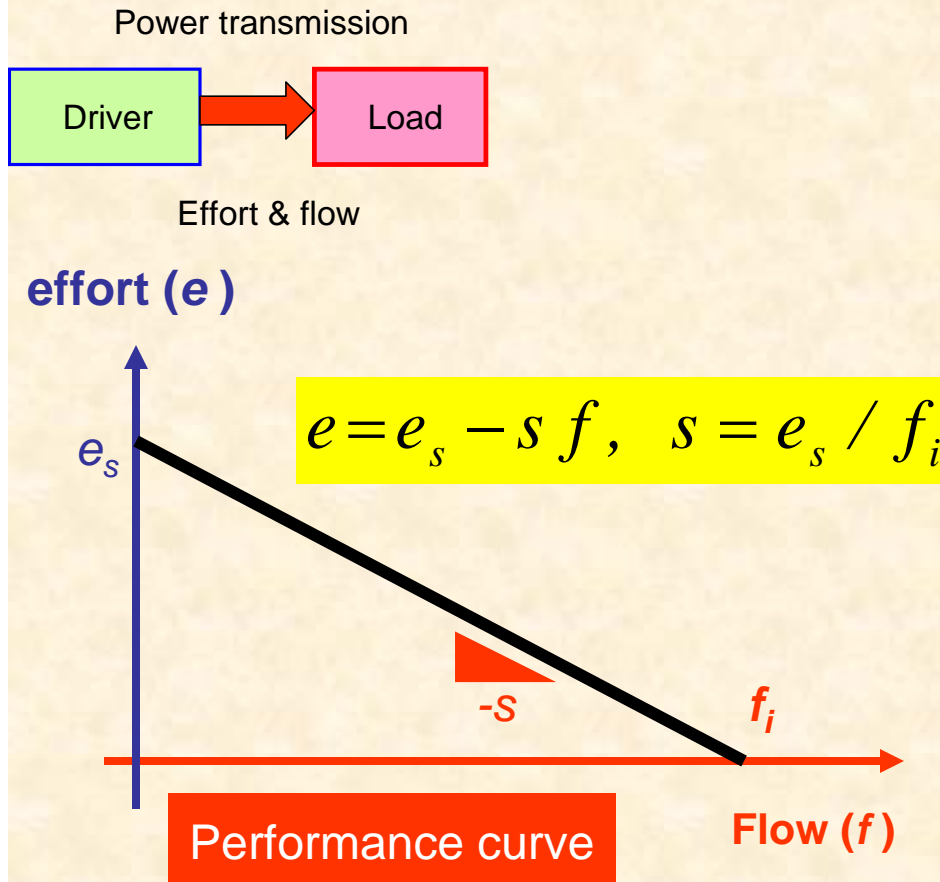
**Electrical motor**

**Pump**

All engineered products (drivers) come with a **PERFORMANCE CURVE**. You must request one if not given by OEM (original equipment manufacturer)



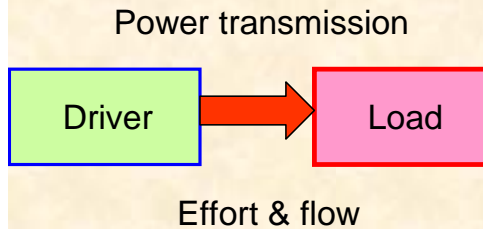
# Simplest real driver



where  $e_s$  is the effort at zero flow, i.e. that required to **stall** (stop) the driver; while  $f_i$  is the flow at **idle** conditions (maximum flow with no effort).

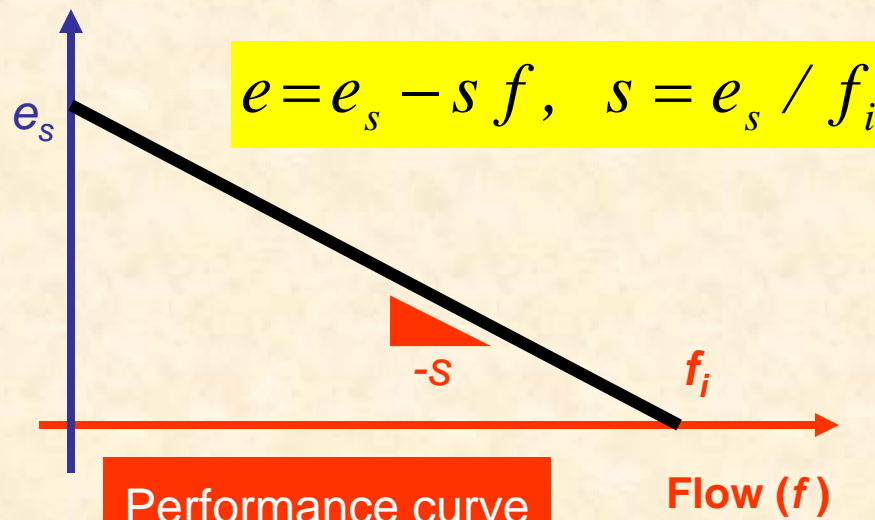
**The slope of the effort vs. flow curve is  $(-s) < 0$**

# Simplest real driver



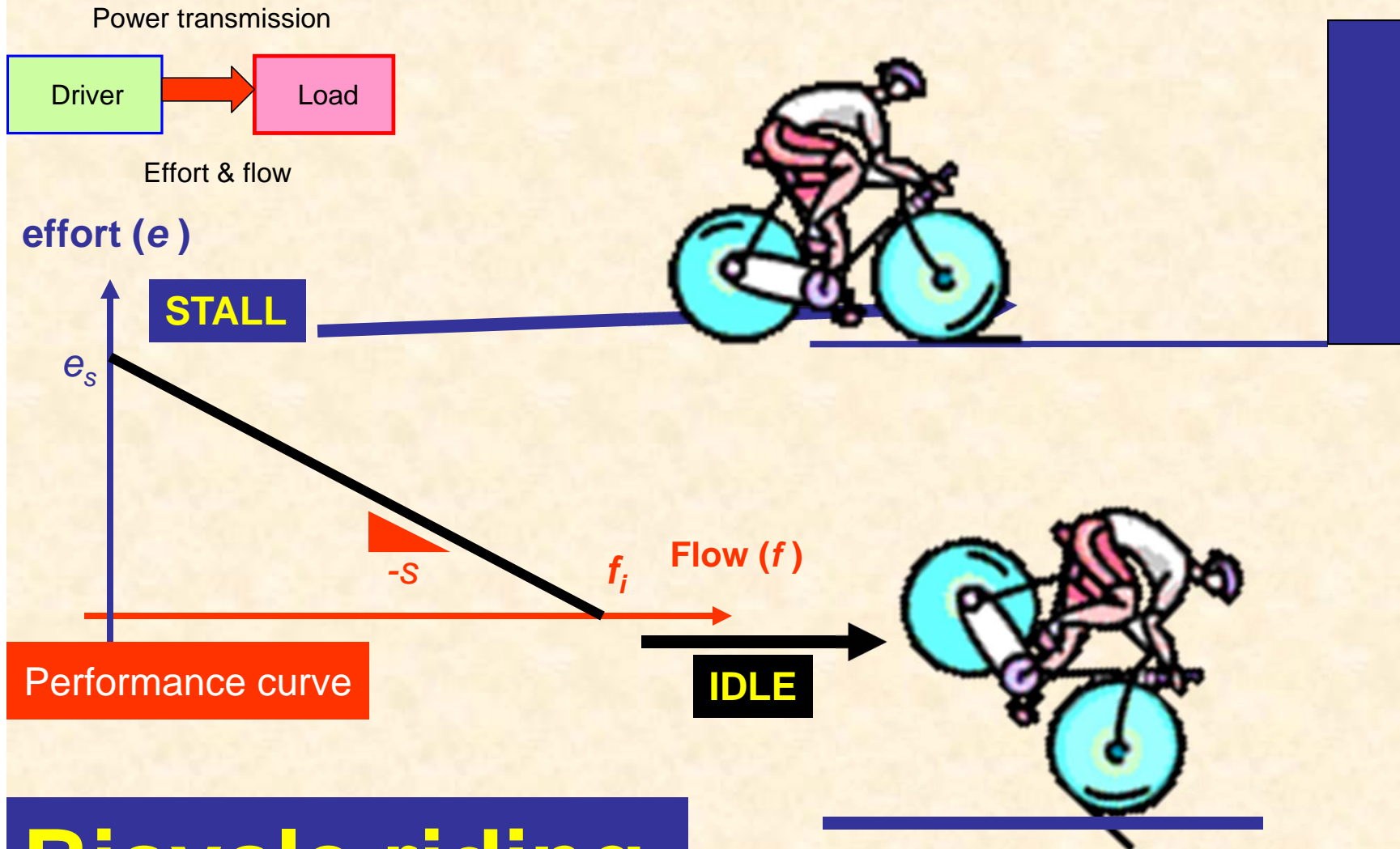
The  $s$  parameter is known as the **driver impedance** (Units of  $e/f$ ).

effort ( $e$ )



**Drivers deliver high effort with little flow OR low effort with high flows. But not both (large  $e$  &  $f$ )**

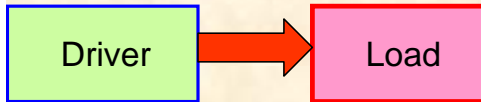
# Real driver: stall and idle



## Bicycle riding

# Power for simplest real driver

Power transmission

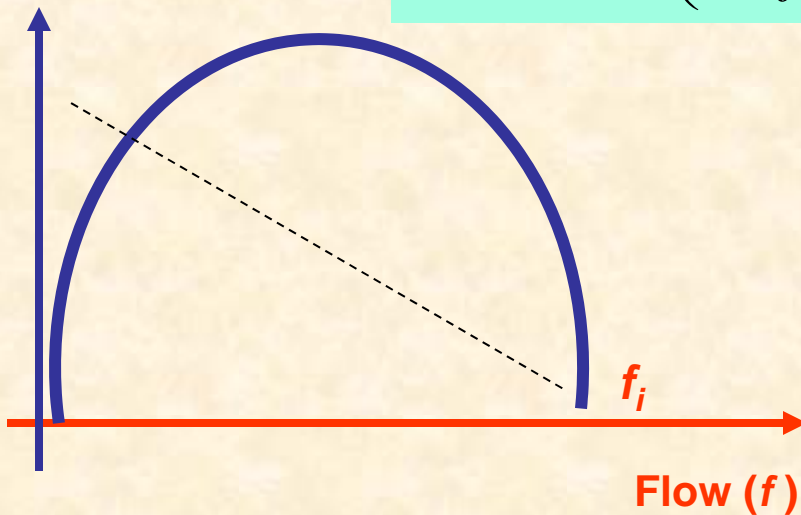


$$e = e_s - s f, \quad s = e_s / f_i$$

Effort & flow

$$P = e f = e_s \left( 1 - \frac{f}{f_i} \right) f$$

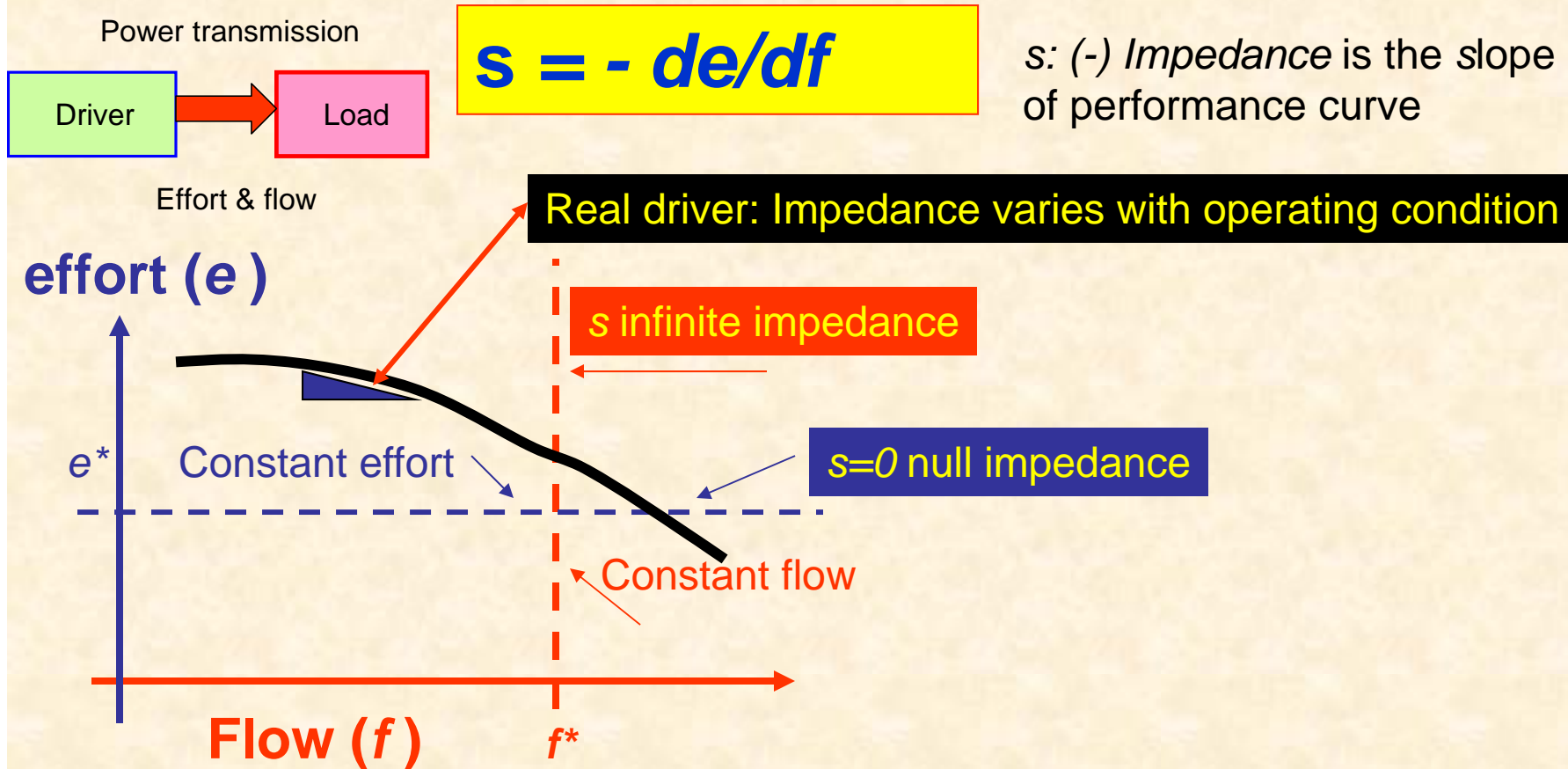
Power ( $e f$ )



Power  $P$  is a quadratic function of the flow  $f$ . Power increases from zero towards a maximum value at a certain flow, and then decreases towards null power at  $f_i$ .

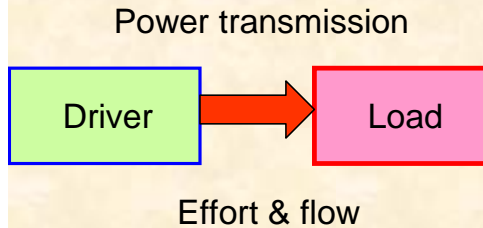
**Drivers deliver limited power! Drivers are not effective to transmit or deliver power at either large flows or low efforts!**

# Idealized & real: impedances



**Real sources have impedances that change with operating condition**

# Peak power for simplest driver

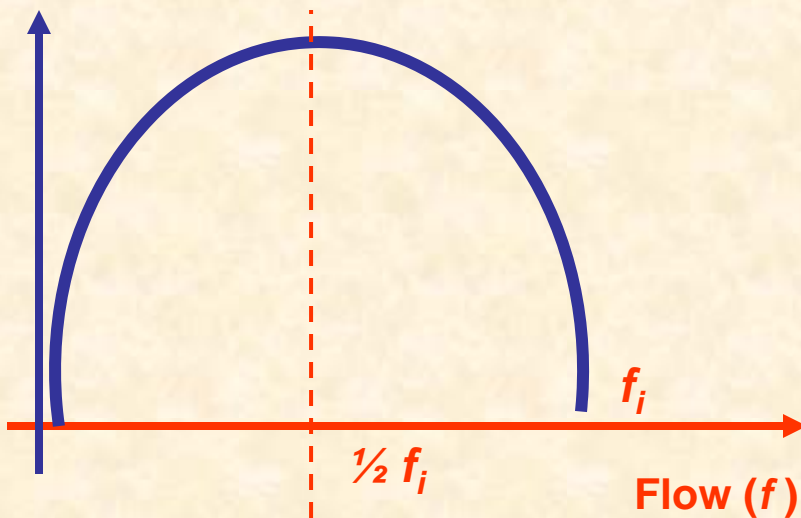


$$e = e_s - s f, \quad s = e_s / f_i$$

$$P = e f = e_s \left( 1 - \frac{f}{f_i} \right) f$$

The maximum power available from the driver is obtained from  $(dP/df = 0)$  and equals

Power ( $e f$ )



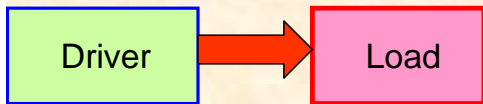
$$P_{max} = \frac{e_s f_i}{4} = \frac{e_s^2}{4 s}$$

$$\text{at } f^* = \frac{1}{2} f_i$$

Maximum (peak) power occurs at a flow equal to 50% of the idle or maximum flow condition

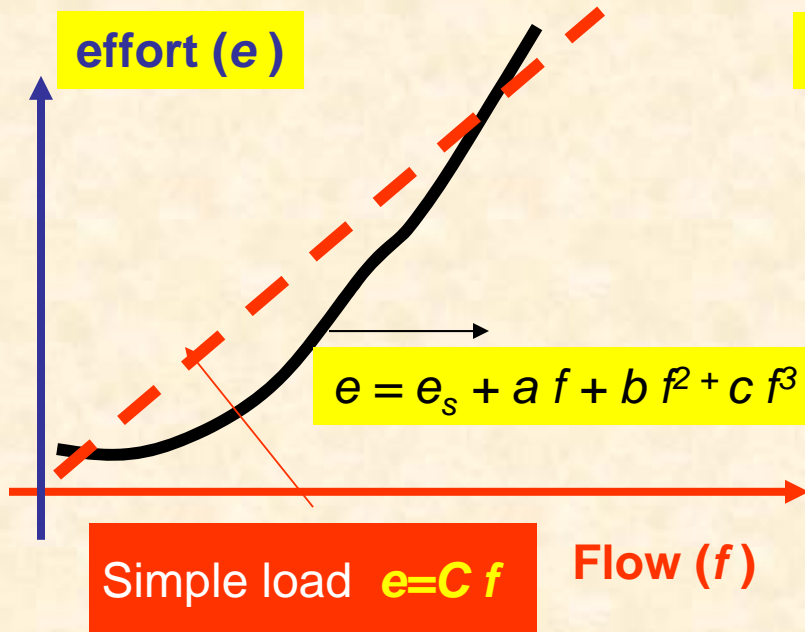
# Real loads: effort and flow

Power transmission

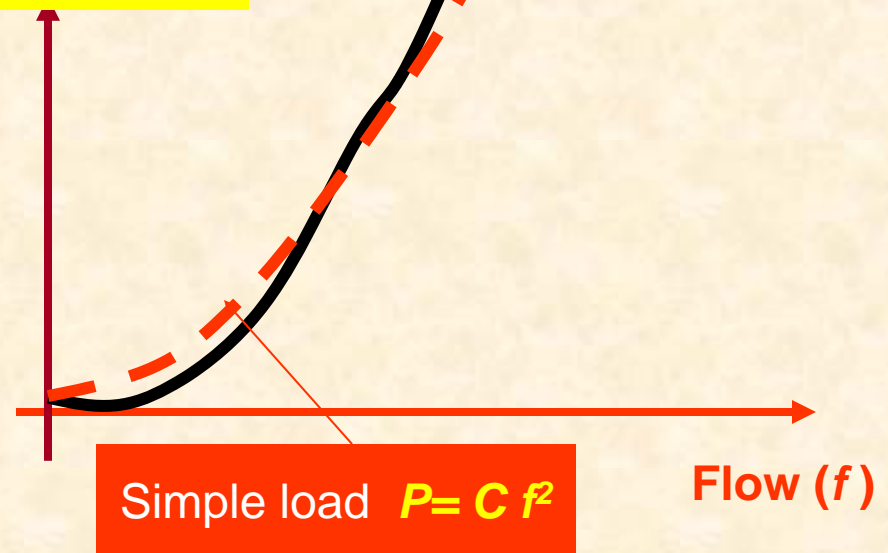


Actual loads show complicated curves: *effort vs flow*

Effort & flow

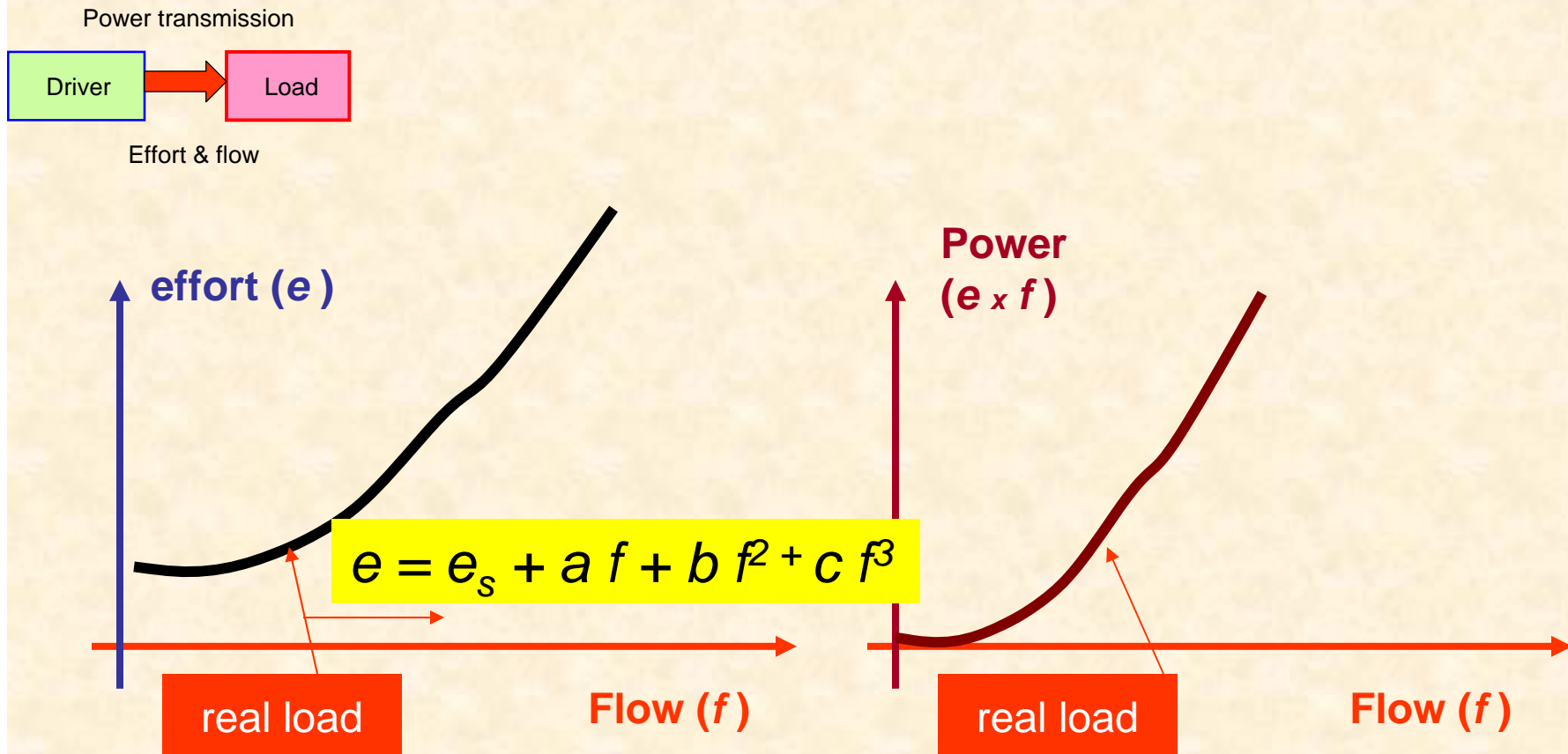


Power ( $e \times f$ )



Loads demand (draw) lots of power to perform at high flows

# Real loads: effort and flow



Example: **DRAG forces (or moments)**

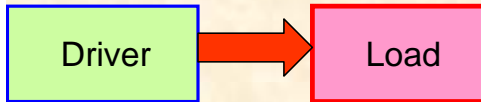
= dry friction + viscous drag + aerodynamic drag + .....

A LOAD becomes a DRIVER when used for energy conversion  
(Imagine motor-pump-fluid system)

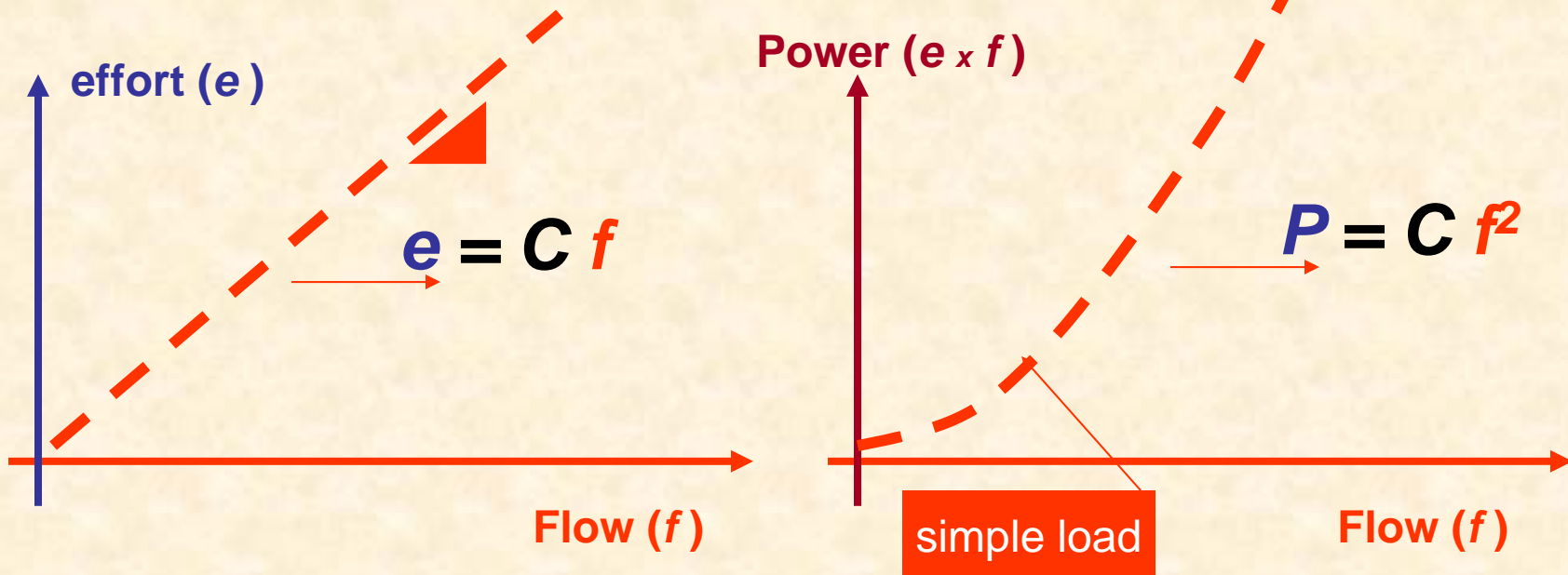


# Simple load: effort and power

Power transmission



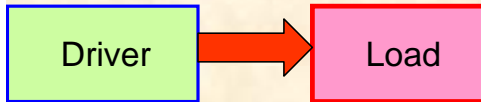
Effort & flow



**C** is known as the load impedance

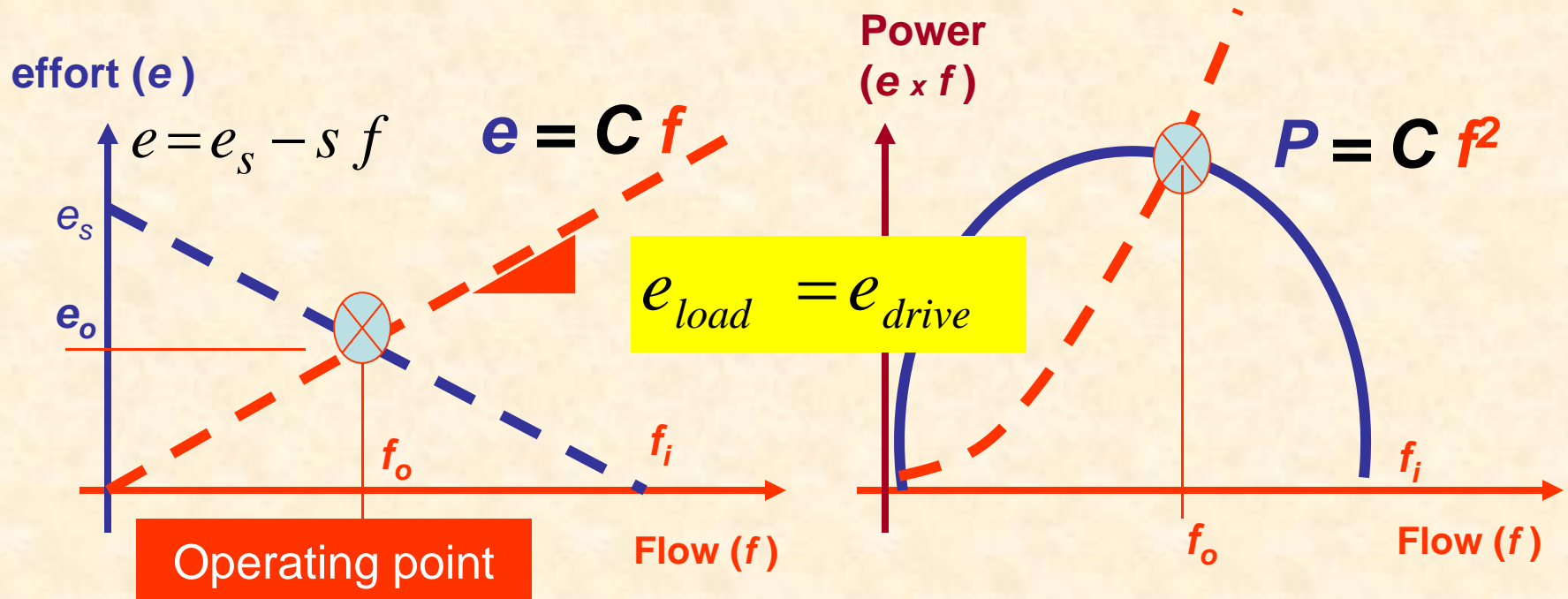
# Connect driver to load

Power transmission



Effort & flow

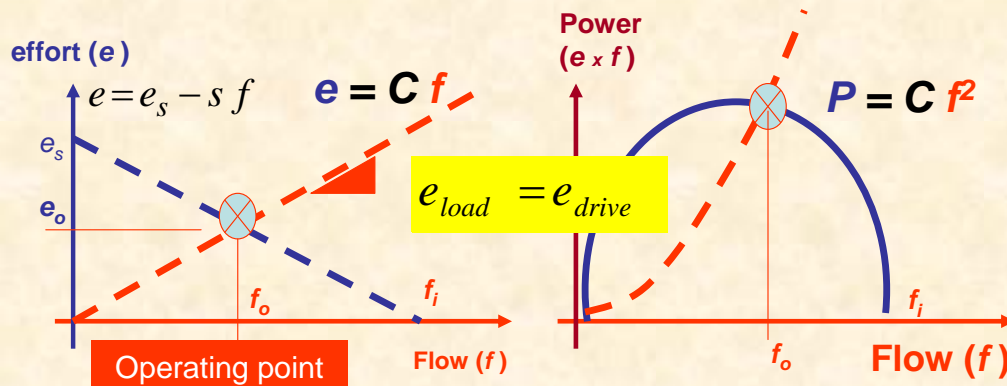
When the load is connected to the driver, an “equilibrium position” or **operating point** is achieved at steady-state operation. The operating point = balance of effort and flow



The “operating point” (flow & effort) & transmitted power from driver to load =

$$f_o = \frac{e_s}{s + C}; \quad e_o = C f_o; \quad P_o = \frac{C e_s^2}{(s + C)^2}$$

# Load impedance for max power



Find the condition at which the power transmission maximizes given a certain load (of impedance **C**).

$$f_o = \frac{e_s}{s + C}; \quad e_o = C f_o; \quad P_o = \frac{C e_s^2}{(s + C)^2}$$

Determine  $(dP_o/dC=0)$ :

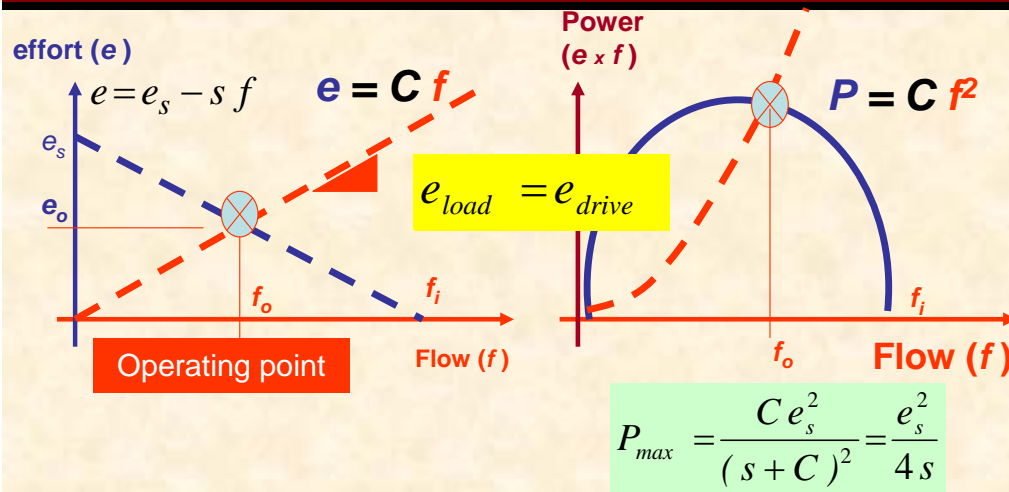
$$\frac{dP_o}{dC} = 0 = \frac{e_s^2 (s + 2C - C)}{(s + C)^2} = 0 \rightarrow \mathbf{C=s}$$

With maximum transmitted power

$$P_{max} = \frac{C e_s^2}{(s + C)^2} = \frac{e_s^2}{4s}$$

Thus, maximum power transmission occurs when the load impedance (**C**) = the driver impedance (**s**).

# Impedance matching

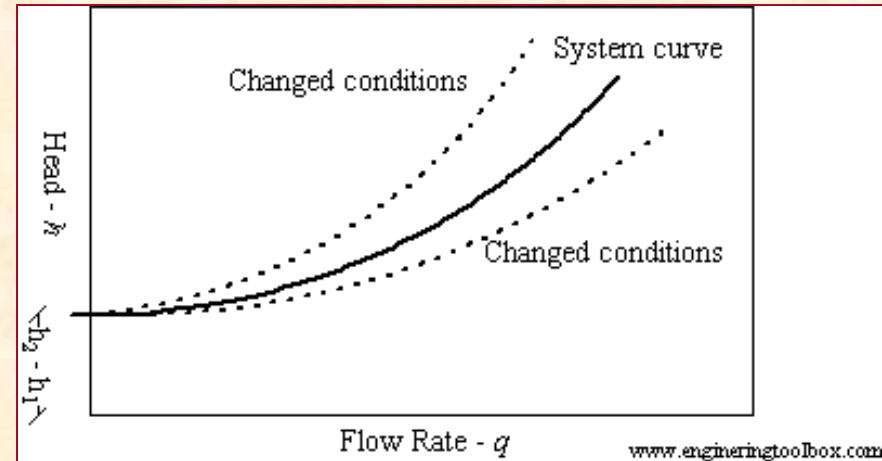
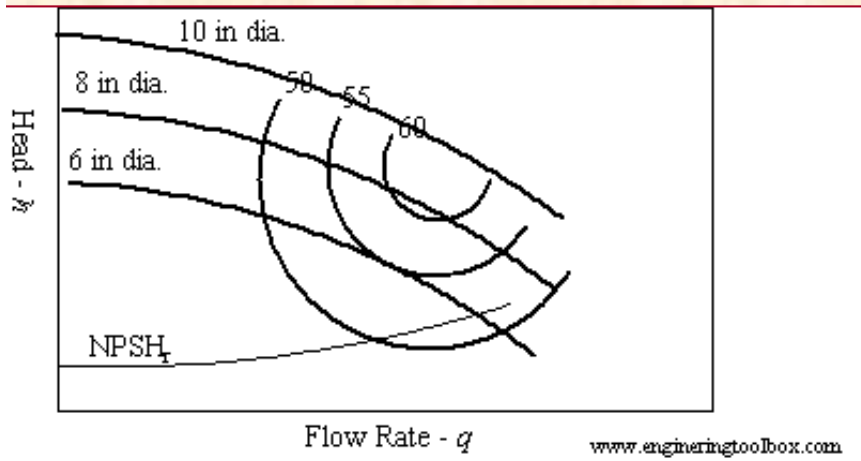


Maximum power transmission occurs when the load impedance ( $C$ ) = the driver impedance ( $s$ )

The analysis is known as **IMPEDANCE MATCHING**. It is useful to ensure maximum power transmission (and efficiency) in the operation of systems. The procedure demonstrates the **NEED** to appropriately select drivers to accommodate (or satisfy) the desired loads

# Pump & system load matching

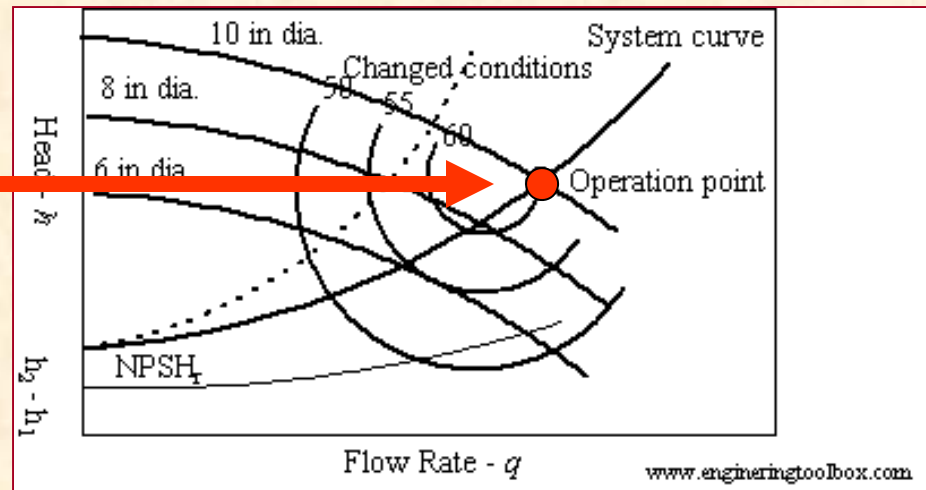
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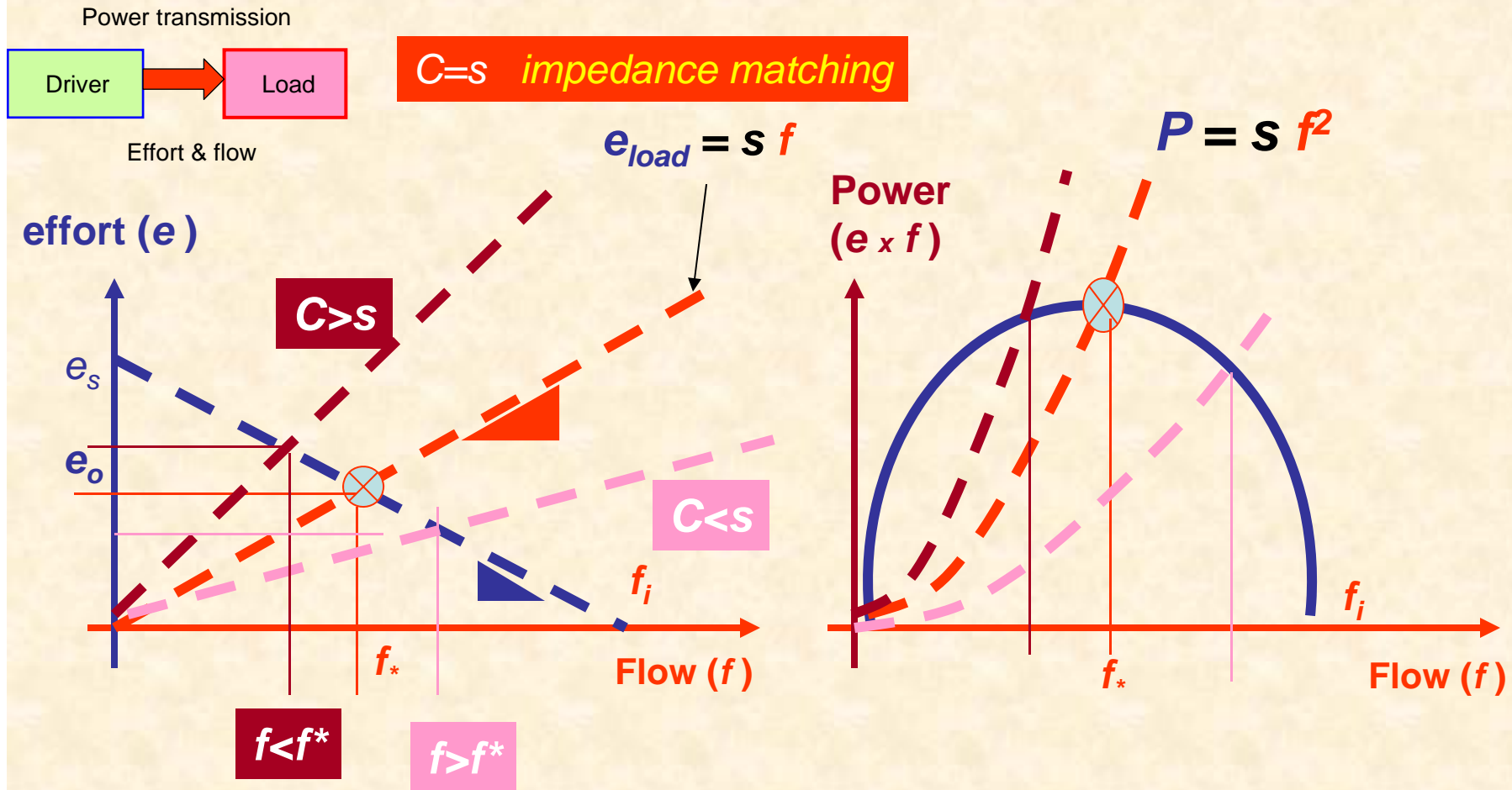
Pump

System (load) – pumping demand

**FINDING  
OPERATING  
POINT  
(MATCHING of  
DRIVE to LOAD)**



# Impedance mismatching

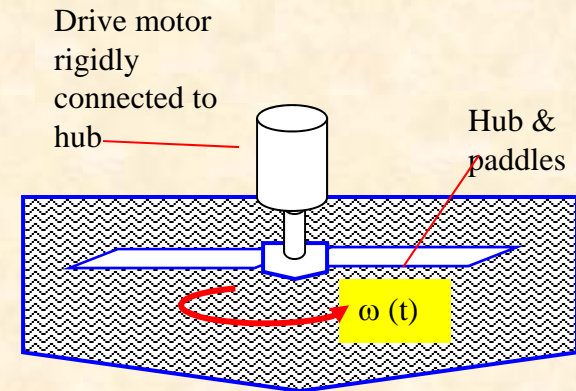


There is a NEED to appropriately select drivers to accommodate (or satisfy) the desired loads

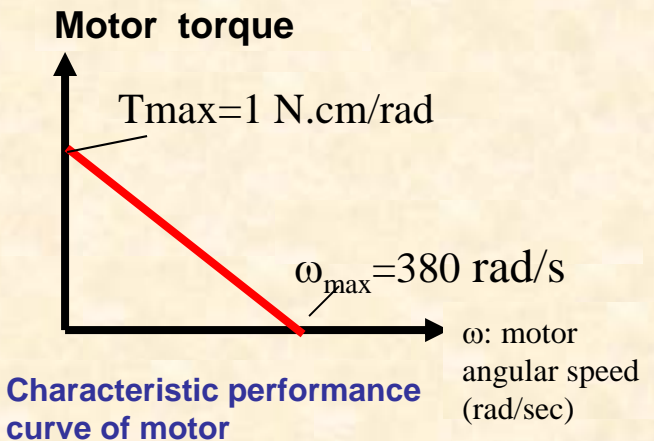
# Example

A fluid mixer is composed of the paddles and rigid hub connected directly to a DC drive electric motor. The motor characteristic performance curve as a function of angular speed ( $\omega$ ) is shown. The mass moment of inertia ( $I$ ) of the hub and blades is  $2 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{cm}^2$ . **When mixed**, the painting introduces a **viscous drag moment** or torque  $M = D_\theta \omega$  with  $D_\theta = 1 \times 10^{-2} \text{ N}\cdot\text{cm}\cdot\text{sec}/\text{rad}$ .

- The mixer is stationary and the motor is turned on. What is the steady state angular speed of the mixer?
- What would be this speed if the painting were twice as viscous?
- How viscous must the painting be to stall the motor?
- If the mixer is suddenly removed from the paint bucket, how fast will the motor spin? Is this a potentially dangerous event?



Schematic view of mixer



# Example

The motor torque equals

$$T_M = T_{\max} \left( 1 - \frac{\omega}{\omega_{\max}} \right)$$

and at the operating point the motor torque must equal the load torque (drag moment). The operating point is defined by the speed  $\omega_o$  and load=motor torque  $T_o$

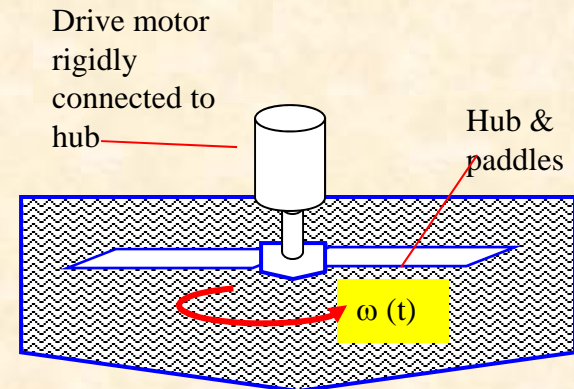
$$T_{drag} = D_{\theta} \omega_o = T_{\max} - \frac{T_{\max}}{\omega_{\max}} \omega_o$$

and

$$\omega_o = \frac{T_{\max}}{\left( D_{\theta} + \frac{T_{\max}}{\omega_{\max}} \right)} = \frac{0.01 \text{ N.m}}{0.0001 \text{ N.m} + \frac{0.01}{400} \text{ N.m}} \times \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{s}} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{100} + \frac{1}{400}} \times \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{s}}$$

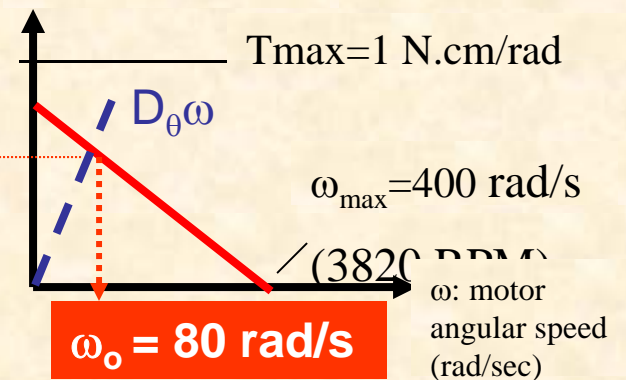
$$\omega_o = \frac{400}{1 \times 4 + 1} \times \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{s}} = 80 \times \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{s}} \times \frac{60 \text{ s}}{1 \text{ min}} \times \frac{1 \text{ rev}}{2\pi \text{ rad}} = 764 \text{ RPM}$$

$$T_o = 0.8 \text{ N.cm/rad}$$



Schematic view of mixer

Motor torque

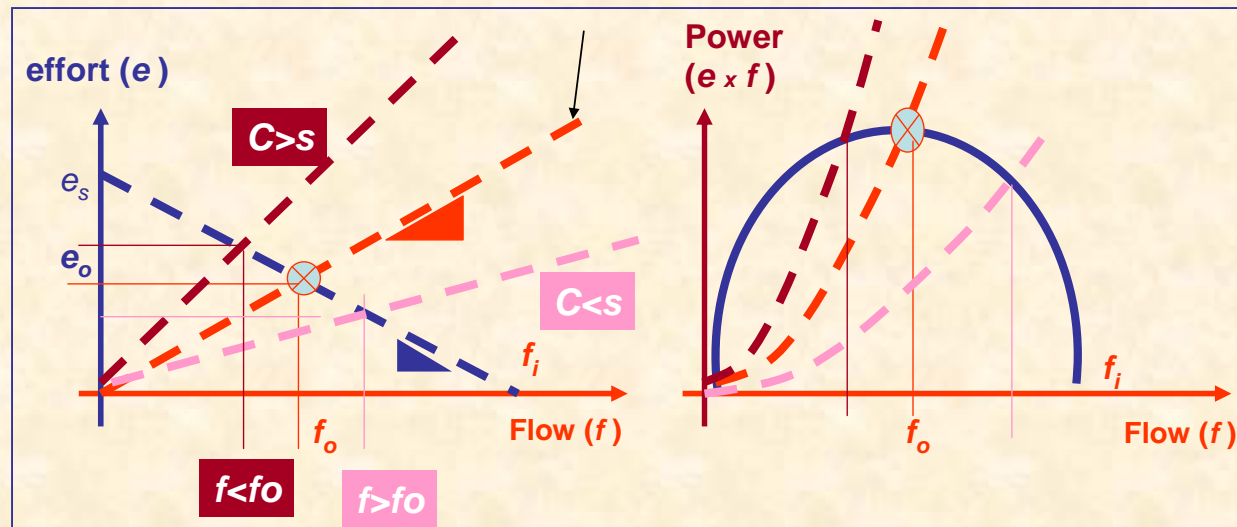


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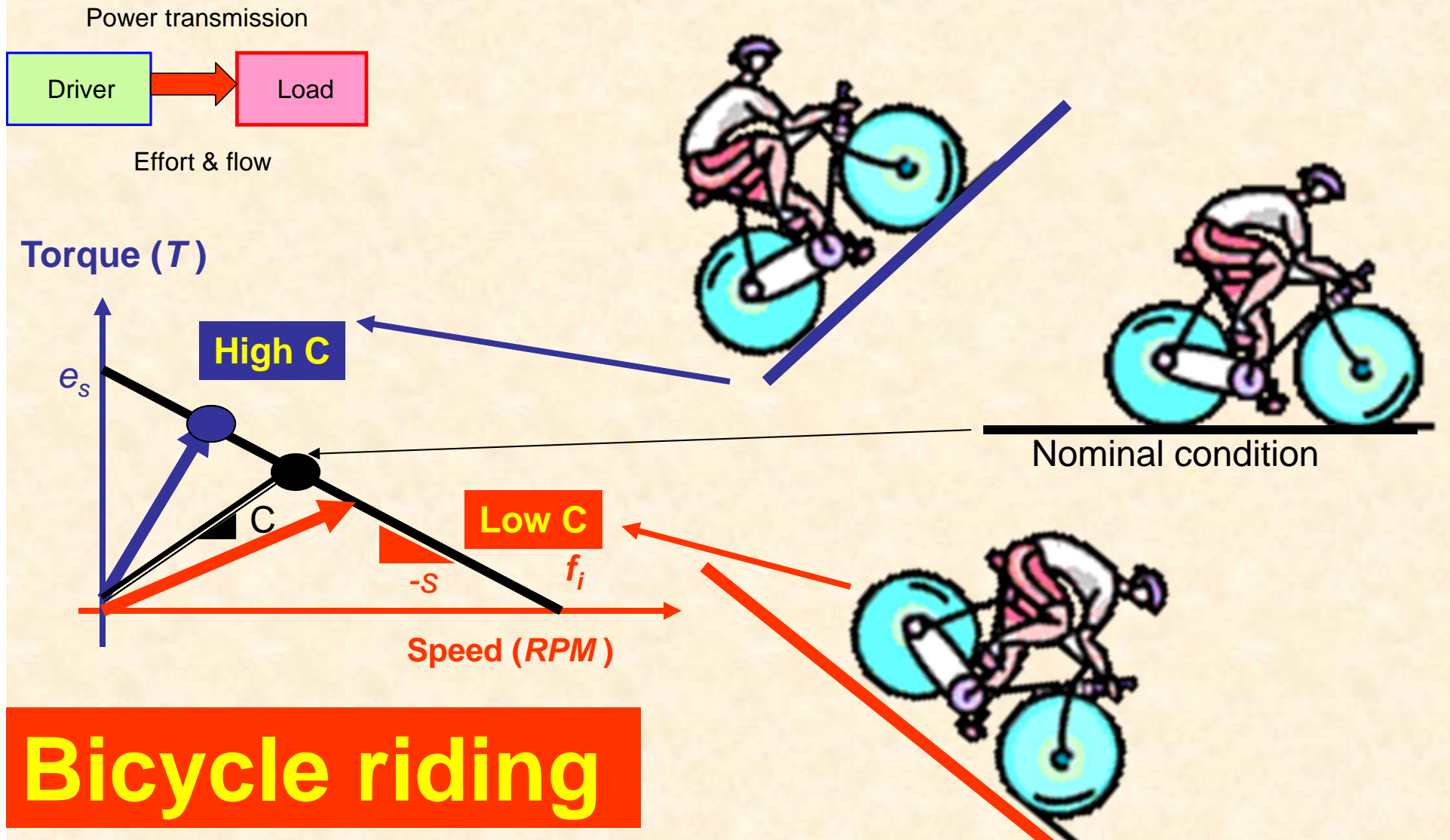


# Impedance mismatching



The analysis also indicates that if a driver is selected to operate a load with optimum transmission; then, variations in the load (changes such that  $C \neq s$ ) will cause an **IMPEDANCE MISMATCHING** and inefficient operation; i.e. away from optimum or maximum power transmission.

# Varying load impedance (road slope)



## Bicycle riding

How riding a bicycle works? What are the gears for?

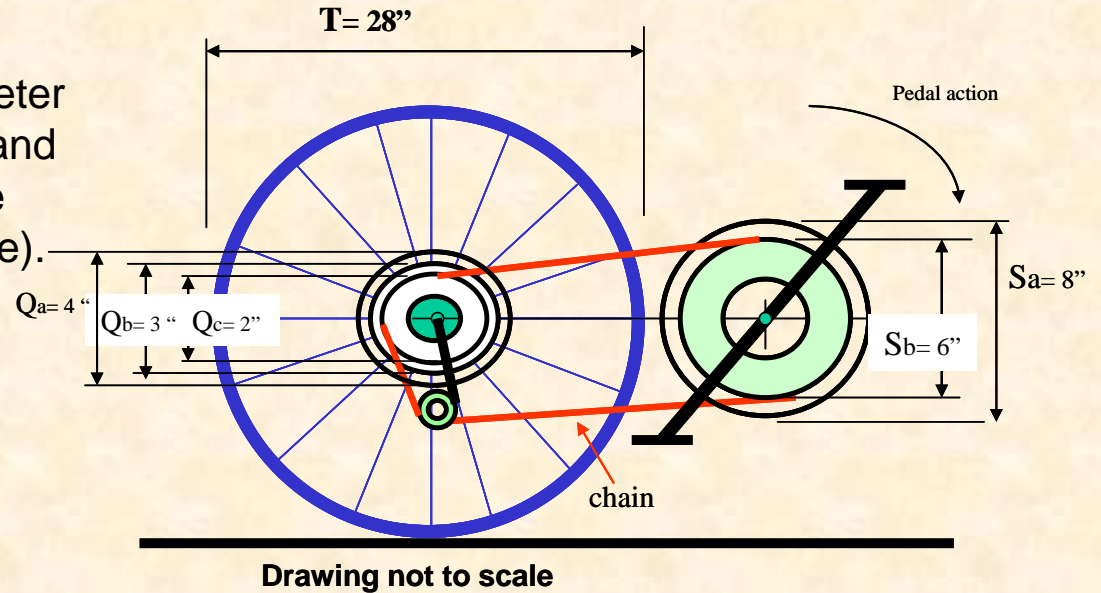
# Bicycle riding



Consider a bicycle gear & chain drive mechanism:  $S$  and  $Q$  denote the diameter of the sprockets (gears) for the pedal and bike wheel, respectively.  $T$  denotes the outer diameter of the bicycle wheel (tire). All diameters are in inch.

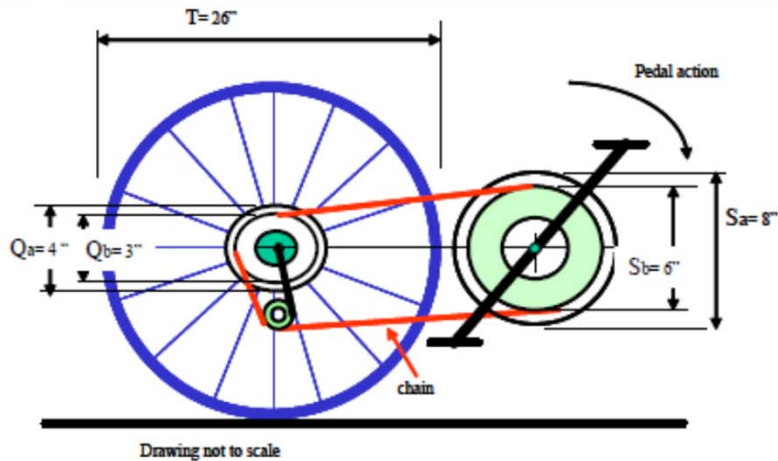
The rider pedals at a rate  $N_{\text{pedal}} = 75$  turns/min.

- Find a simple formula to calculate the translational speed of the bicycle as a function of pedaling speed ( $N_{\text{pedal}}$ ), sprocket diameters ( $S$ ,  $Q$ ) and wheel diameter ( $T$ ). You must list any important physical assumptions, writing full sentences explaining your work.
- How many speed changes are possible? What combination of gears ( $S$  &  $Q$ ) will give the highest and lowest bike speeds??**



For the given dimensions and the pedaling rate noted, find the bike highest and lowest translational speeds in miles/hour.  
( $\text{mph} = 5275 \text{ ft}/3600 \text{ sec}$ )

# Bicycle riding



$S_a := 8 \cdot \text{in}$     $S_b := 6 \cdot \text{in}$    Pedal gear diameters  
 $Q_a := 4 \cdot \text{in}$     $Q_b := 2 \cdot \text{in}$    Wheel gear diameters

$T := 26 \cdot \text{in}$  bicycle tire diameter

$$\text{RPM} := \frac{2 \cdot \pi \cdot \text{rad}}{60 \cdot \text{sec}}$$

**Given** pedal rate: turns or revolutions per minute

$$N_{\text{pedal}} := 75$$

in radian/sec

$$\omega_{\text{pedal}} := N_{\text{pedal}} \cdot \frac{2 \cdot \pi}{\text{sec} \cdot 60}$$

The chain speed equals to

$$V_{\text{chain}} = \frac{S}{2} \cdot \omega_{\text{pedal}}$$

= radius of sprocket x angular speed [1]

The chain drives the back wheel sprocket or gear; hence the angular speed of the tire wheel equals

Assume: No slip of chain

$$\omega_{\text{tire}} = \frac{V_{\text{chain}} \cdot 2}{Q}$$

= chain speed/sprocket radius [2]

The bicycle wheel rolls w/o slipping (contact point = ground); and hence its translational speed equals

Assumed: No slipping of tire

$$V_{\text{bicycle}} = \omega_{\text{tire}} \cdot \frac{T}{2}$$

[3]

$$\omega_{\text{pedal}} = 7.85 \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{sec}}$$

# Bicycle riding



hence, combining equations [1] thru [3]

$$V_{\text{bicycle}} = \omega_{\text{tire}} \cdot \frac{T}{2} = \frac{V_{\text{chain}} \cdot T}{Q} = \frac{S}{2} \cdot \omega_{\text{pedal}} \cdot \frac{T}{Q} = N_{\text{pedal}} \cdot \frac{\pi}{60 \cdot \text{sec}} \cdot T \cdot \frac{S}{Q}$$

$$V_{\text{bicycle}} = N_{\text{pedal}} \cdot \frac{\pi}{60 \text{sec}} \cdot T \cdot \frac{S}{Q} \quad [4]$$

$$\text{mph} := \frac{5275 \cdot \text{ft}}{3600 \cdot \text{sec}}$$

Thus, the **translational speed of the bike depends on the ratio of sprocket diameters (S/Q).**

Max. speed  $V_{\text{max}} := N_{\text{pedal}} \cdot \frac{\pi}{60 \cdot \text{sec}} \cdot T \cdot \frac{S_a}{Q_b}$        $\frac{S_a}{Q_b} = 4$       largest S with smallest Q

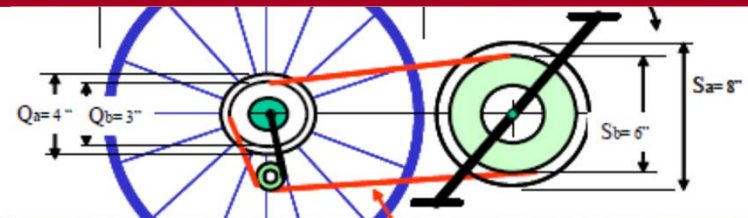
Min speed  $V_{\text{min}} := N_{\text{pedal}} \cdot \frac{\pi}{60 \cdot \text{sec}} \cdot T \cdot \frac{S_b}{Q_a}$        $\frac{S_b}{Q_a} = 1.5$       smallest S with largest Q

ALL gear ratios       $\frac{S_a}{Q_b} = 4$        $\frac{S_b}{Q_b} = 3$        $\frac{S_a}{Q_a} = 2$        $\frac{S_b}{Q_a} = 1.5$       **FOUR SPEED bicycle**

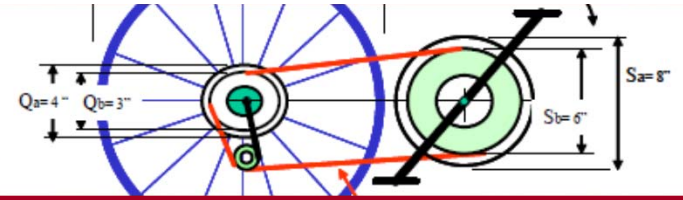
## bicycle speed in miles/hour

$$V_{\text{max}} = 34.03 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{sec}} \quad V_{\text{max}} = 23.23 \text{ mph}$$

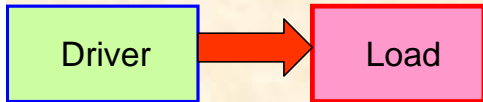
$$V_{\text{min}} = 12.76 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{sec}} \quad V_{\text{min}} = 8.71 \text{ mph}$$



# Match load impedandance

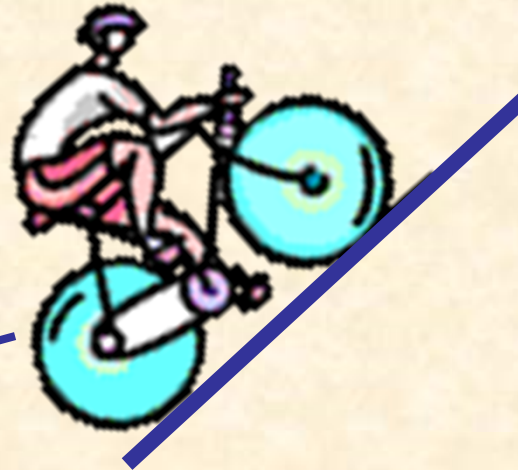


Power transmission



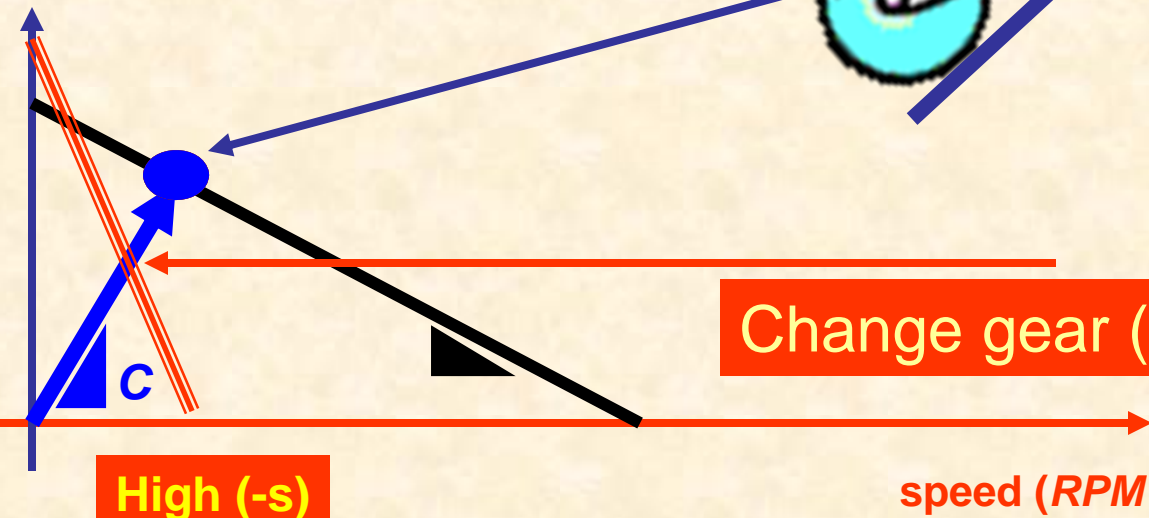
Effort & flow

High C



$$(-s)=C$$

Torque ( $T$ )



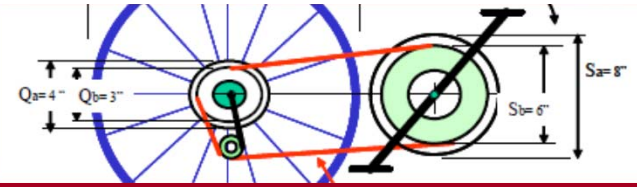
Change gear (S small, large Q)

High (-s)

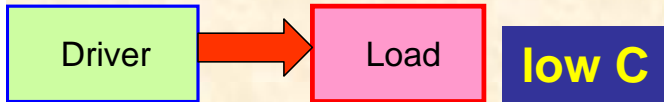
speed (RPM)

## Riding uphill

# Match load impedence



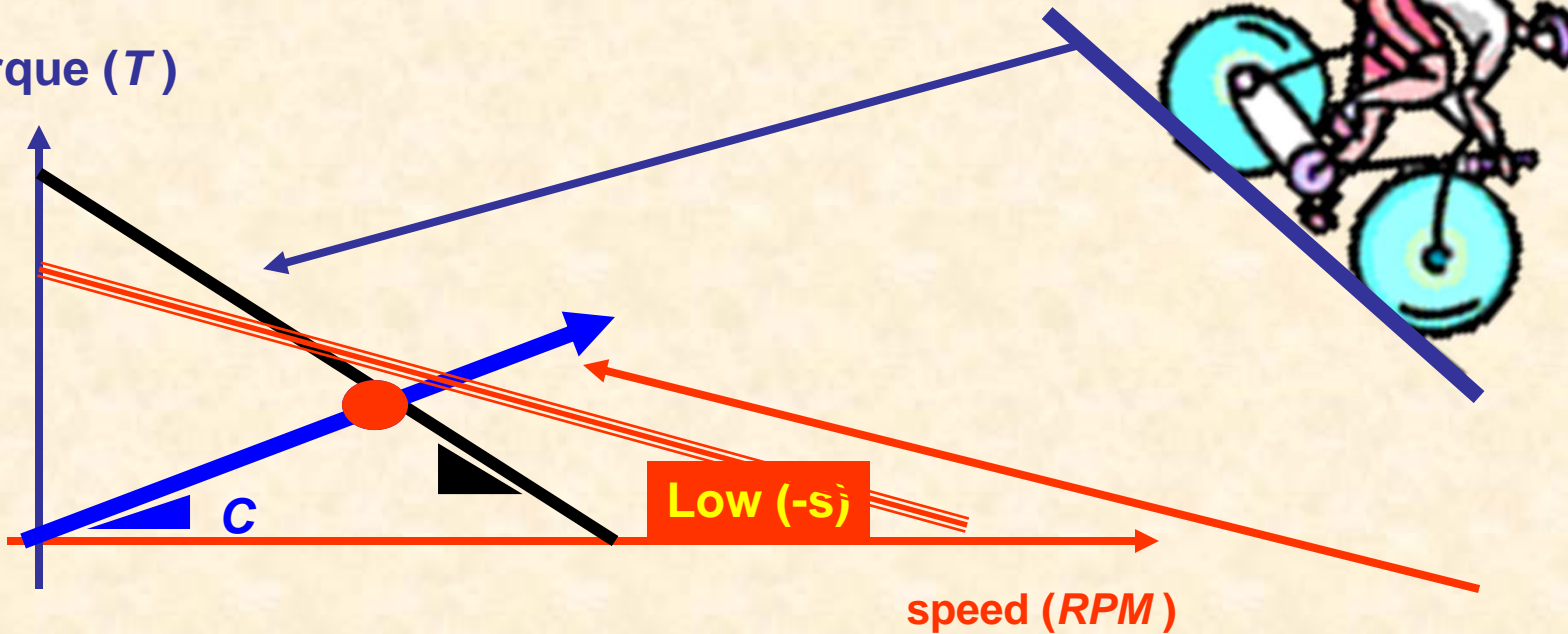
Power transmission



$$(-s)=C$$

Effort & flow

Torque ( $T$ )

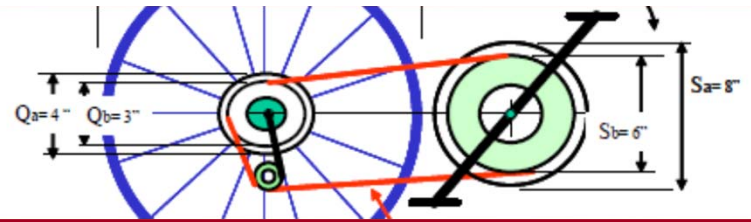


Change gear (S large, small Q)

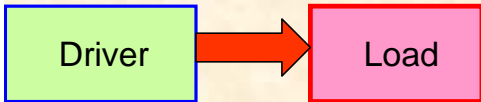
Riding downhill



# Variable speed bike



Power transmission



Effort & flow

*(-s) varies to match load*

Gear: S small, large Q

Torque ( $T$ )

High C

High (-s)

$e_s$

-s

Low (-s)

speed (RPM)

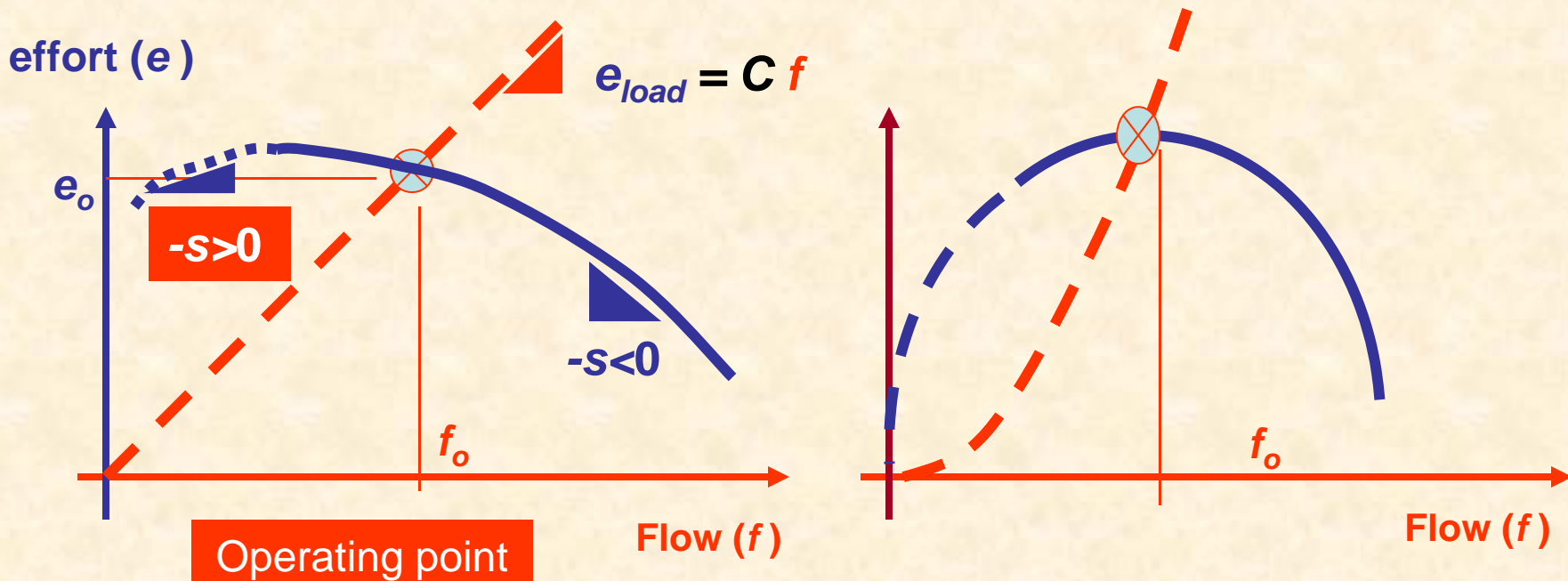
Gear: S large, small Q

Match driver to load impedance



# Real drive: negative impedance

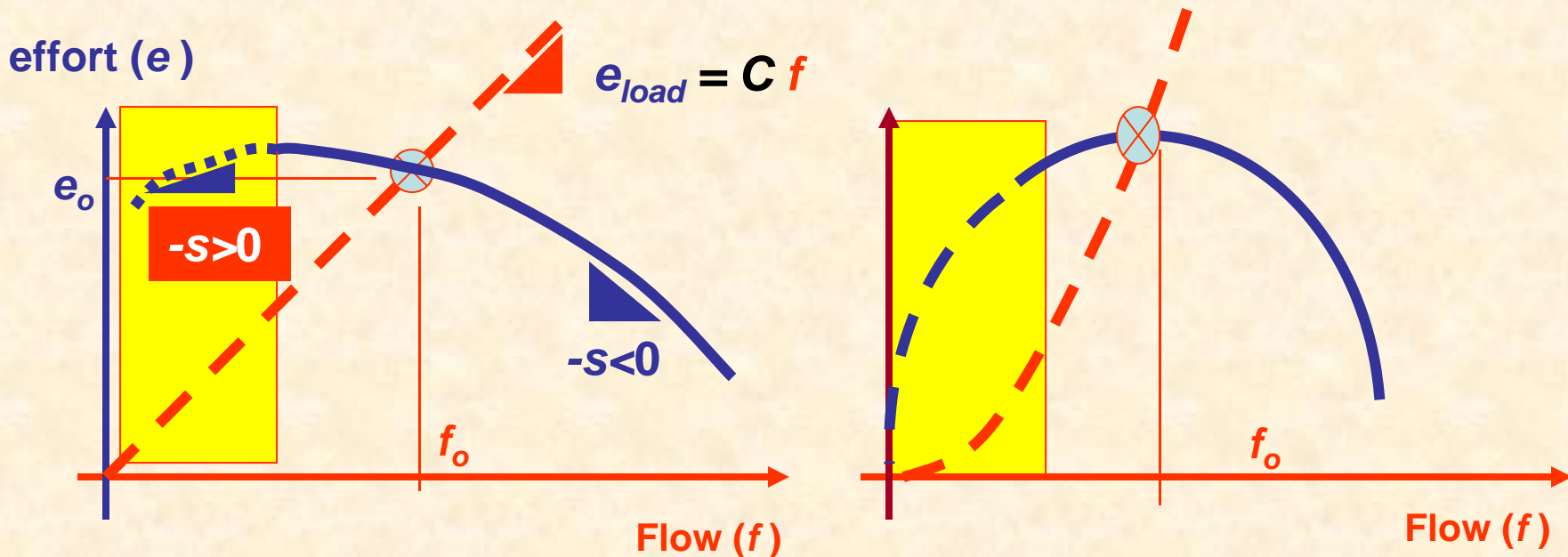
Actual drivers do not show “ideal” performance curves. Most notably compressors show *effort vs. flow* curves as below. Note that in actual hardware, the driver impedance ( $s$ ) varies with the flow ( $f$ ) in a complicated form. One should never allow operation of this type of driver in a flow region where the slope is positive ( $-s > 0$ ), i.e., a negative impedance.



$C$  and  $s$  correspond to load and driver impedances (slopes)

# Real drive: instability

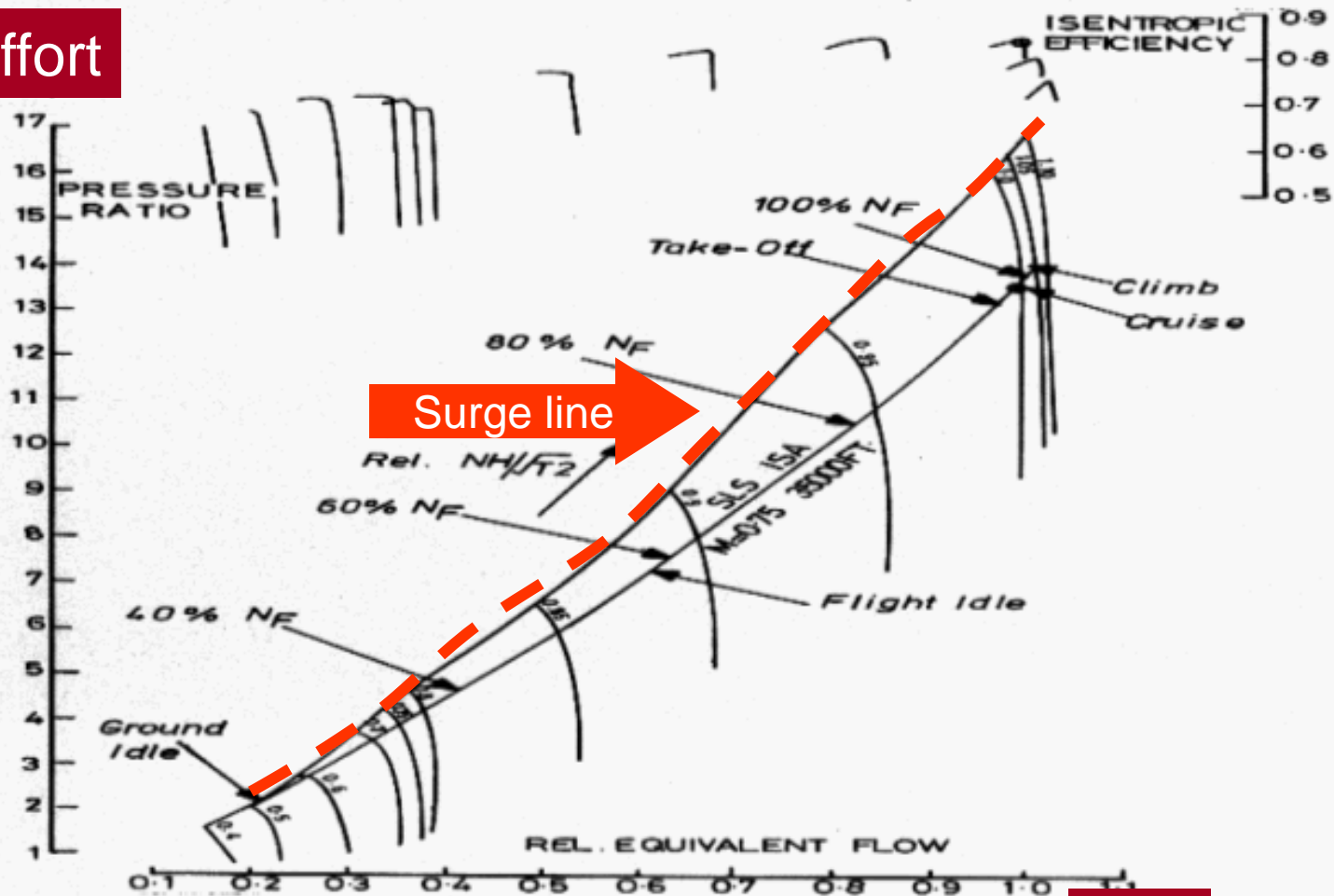
Do NOT never operate a driver in a flow region where its impedance is negative,  $-s > 0$ . Attempts to operate at this (typically) low flow condition, will cause damage to the equipment since severe flow instabilities (+ large vibrations, +large forces, +loss in efficiency) will occur. This is the case of compressors undergoing **surge** and **stall**, for example.



Yellow zone indicates region of instability – forbidden (NO-NO) operation.

# Compressor Map

effort



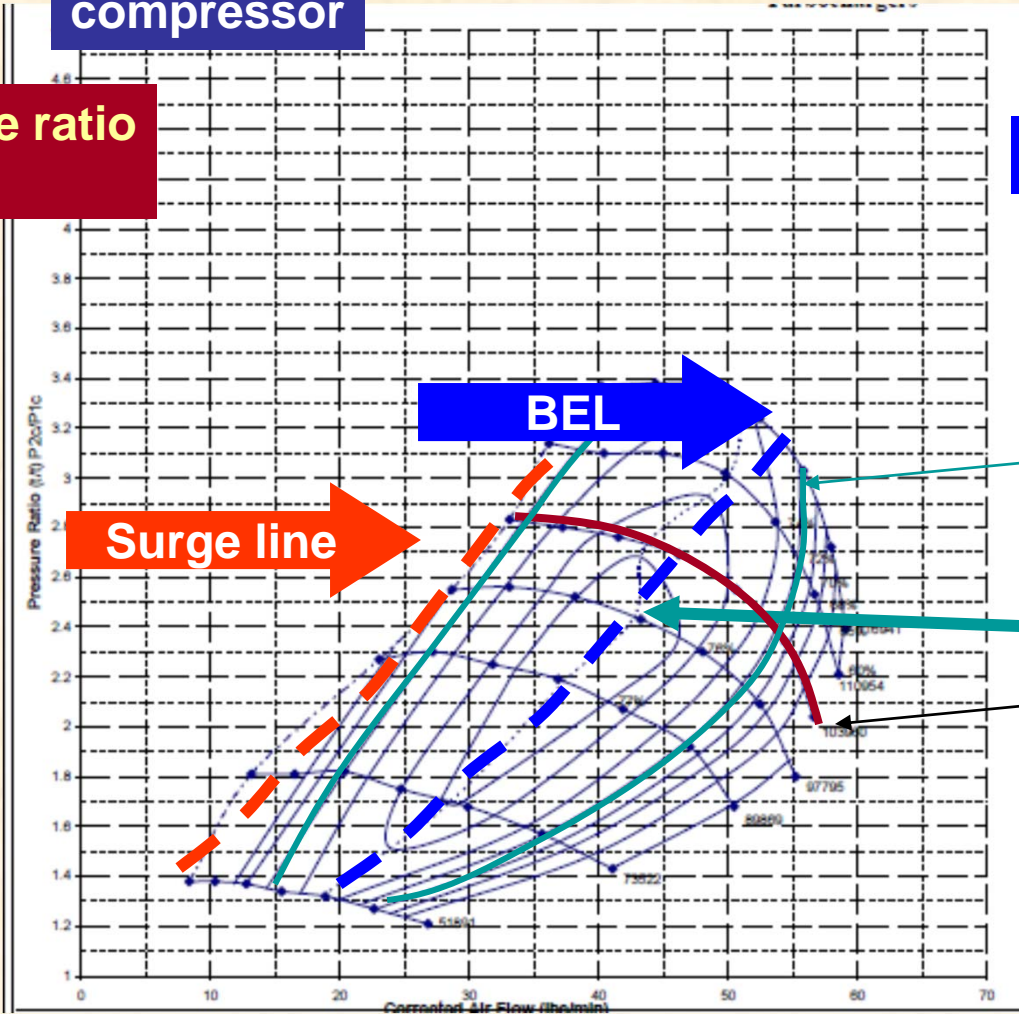
flow

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Compressor\\_map](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Compressor_map)

# Turbocharger: compressor map

compressor

Pressure ratio (out/in)



BEL: best efficiency line

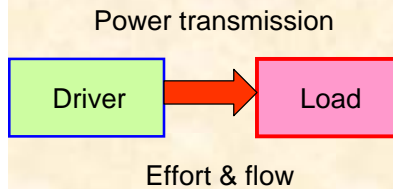
Constant efficiency

BEP: best efficiency Point

Speed (rpm)

Corrected flow

# Closure: impedance analysis



**The knowledge gained will allow you to properly select the best pair of audio speakers that match an audio amplifier, for example.**

**However, the most enduring concepts for you to ponder are those of driver and load impedances and the importance of matching impedances in an actual engineering application.**

**Whenever designing or specifying components for a system, do apply these important concepts.**

# Impedance matching

## Why not taught in Eng courses?

- Lecturers lack practical engineering experience. They are good at research and independent topic. Lack knowledge in system integration.
- Materials requires engineering know-how (how things work) & demands of cross-disciplinary learning & practice.
- Material considered too simple for an engineering class. It should be “obvious.” Simple use of product catalogs.



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