

**Calculation No:** NSTXU-CALC-33-03-00

**Revision No:** 1

**Title:** Calculation of TVPS TMP Backing System

**Purpose of Calculation:**

Evaluate the effective pumping speed to maintain the TMP backing pressure at a satisfactory level under all operating conditions.

**Codes and version:** Microsoft excel 2010

**References:**

Vacuum Technology, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition, A. Roth

**Assumptions:**

Worst case: opening a TMP at 30 mT air during pumpdown of the NSTX-U vacuum vessel.

**Calculation:** (Calculation is either documented here or attached)

See attached report

**Conclusion:** (Specify whether or not the purpose of the calculation was accomplished)

The EBARA ESA70 dry pump and foreline design have an effective pumping speed of 124 L/s which is well above the required 27 L/s required under the most stringent conditions for the backing system.

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## NSTX-U

### Calculation of TVPS TMP Backing System

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# NSTX-U CALCULATION

## Record of Changes

Rev.	Date	Description of Changes	Revised by
0	1/5/18	Initial Release	
1	1/11/18	Add calculation for stored energy and pump down time	W. Blanchard

## NSTX-U Calculation Form

### Purpose of Calculation:

Evaluate the effective pumping speed to maintain the TMP backing pressure at a satisfactory level under all operating conditions.

### References:

Vacuum Technology, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition, A. Roth

### Assumptions:

Worst case: opening a TMP at 30 mT air during pumpdown of the NSTX-U vacuum vessel.

TMP pumping speed is ~1800 L/s at 30 mT

Throughput is  $Q = 1800 \text{ L/s} \cdot 0.03 = 54 \text{ T} \cdot \text{L/s}$ .

To maintain 2 T behind the TMP requires an effective pumping speed of (Se) of 27 L/s (Pressure  $P = Q/\text{Se}$ )  
 $\Rightarrow \text{Se} = (54 \text{ T} \cdot \text{L/s}) / (2 \text{ T}) = 27 \text{ L/s}$ .

### Calculation:

- 1) Sp, backing pump speed (EBARA ESA70) at 2 T=140 L/s
- 2) Conductance C for air in viscous flow  $\Rightarrow C = 182(D^4/L)P_{\text{avg}}$
- 3) Diameter D in cm, Length L in cm,  $P_{\text{avg}}$  in T and  $C = \text{L/s}$
- 4) In series effective conductance  $1/C_e = (1/C_1) + (1/C_2) + (1/C_3) + \dots$
- 5) Effective pumping speed  $1/\text{Se} = (1/\text{Sp}) + (1/C_e)$

### Foreline:

	Inner Tube Diameter D (cm)	Length L (cm)
C <sub>1</sub>	14.63	700
C <sub>2</sub>	9.73	400
C <sub>2</sub>	4.75	55

At  $P_{\text{avg}} = 1 \text{ T}$ :

From 2) above:  $C_1 = 11,900 \text{ L/s}$

$C_2 = 4078 \text{ L/s}$

$C_3 = 1685 \text{ L/s}$

From 4) above:  $C_{e1} = (11,900 \cdot 4078) / (11,900 + 4078) = 3037 \text{ L/s}$

$C_e = (3037 \cdot 1685) / (3037 + 1685) = 1084 \text{ L/s}$

From 5) above:  $\text{Se} = (140 \cdot 1084) / (140 + 1084) = 124 \text{ L/s}$

### Conclusion:

The EBARA ESA70 dry pump and foreline design have an effective pumping speed of 124 L/s which is well above the required 27 L/s required under the most stringent conditions for the backing system.

### Purpose of Calculation:

Evaluate the stored energy in the backing line (ES-Mech-15)

### References:

Pressure Systems Stored Energy Threshold Risk Analysis, S. S. Paulsen (PNNL), p. 2.2, eq. 2.2

### Assumptions:

Worst case: 15 PSIG of nitrogen when pumping down vacuum vessel

### Calculation:

1) Compressed gas stored energy  $Es = ((P \cdot V) / (k - 1)) * (1 - (P_0 / P)^{(k-1)/k})$

Where:

$P$  = vented pressure = 15 PSIG = 29.7 PSIA = 4276.8 lb/ft<sup>2</sup>

$V$  = volume of backing line = 5.03 ft<sup>3</sup>

$k$  (air and nitrogen) =  $C_p / C_v$  = 1.4

$P_0$  = atmospheric pressure = 14.7 PSIA = 2116.8 lb/ft<sup>2</sup>

2)  $P \cdot V = 21,512 \text{ ft} \cdot \text{lb}$

3)  $k - 1 = 0.4$

4)  $(P \cdot V) / (k - 1) = 53,780$

5)  $P_0 / P = 0.495$

6)  $(k - 1) / k = 0.2857$

7)  $(P_0 / P)^{(k-1)/k} = 0.818$

8)  $1 - (P_0 / P)^{(k-1)/k} = 0.182$

9) multiplying 4) by 8):  $Es = ((P \cdot V) / (k - 1)) * (1 - (P_0 / P)^{(k-1)/k}) = 9788 \text{ ft} \cdot \text{lb}$

### Conclusion:

Under the worst case conditions, the backing line has a stored energy less than the 10,000 ft\*lb specified in ES-MECH-15.

## Purpose of Calculation:

Evaluate the pumpdown time of the NSTX-U vacuum vessel to 30 mtorr using the TVPS dry backing pump.

## References:

Vacuum Technology, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition, A. Roth

## Assumptions:

- 1) Ebara effective pumping speed (Se) graph for dry pump ESA70 and a roughing line of 6" dia tube (250" length) in series with 4" dia tube (130" length) (attached).
- 2) NSTX-U volume (V) ~ 28,300 liters

## Calculation:

Pumpdown time T from P1 to P2:  $T = V / Se * \ln(P1/P2)$

Approximating Se from the graph:

Se ~ 25 l/s for 760 torr to 100 torr;  $T_1 = 28,300 / 25 * \ln(760/100) = 2296$  seconds (38.3 minutes)

Se ~ 18 l/s for 100 torr to 35 torr;  $T_2 = 28,300 / 18 * \ln(100/35) = 1650$  seconds (27.5 minutes)

Se ~ 67 l/s for 35 torr to 10 torr;  $T_3 = 28,300 / 67 * \ln(35/10) = 529$  seconds (8.8 minutes)

Se ~ 128 l/s for 10 torr to 1 torr;  $T_4 = 28,300 / 128 * \ln(10/1) = 509$  seconds (8.5 minutes)

Se ~ 108 l/s for 1 torr to 0.03 torr;  $T_5 = 28,300 / 108 * \ln(1/0.03) = 919$  seconds (15.2 minutes)

Time to pump from atmosphere to 30 mtorr  $T \sim 98$  minutes

## Conclusion:

Time to rough down NSTX-U from atmosphere to 30 mtorr is less than the 2.5 hrs (150 minutes) as indicated in the requirements document, NSTX-U-RQMT-RD-016-00.

