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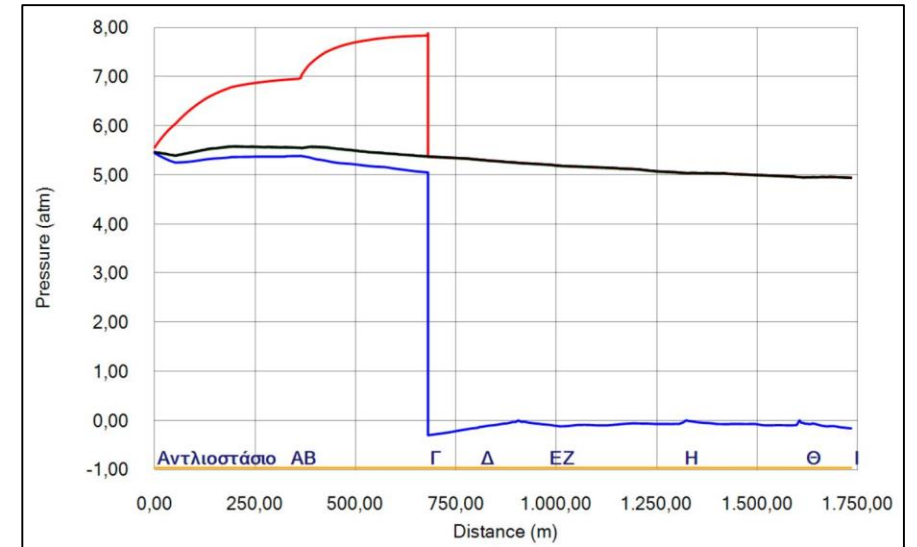




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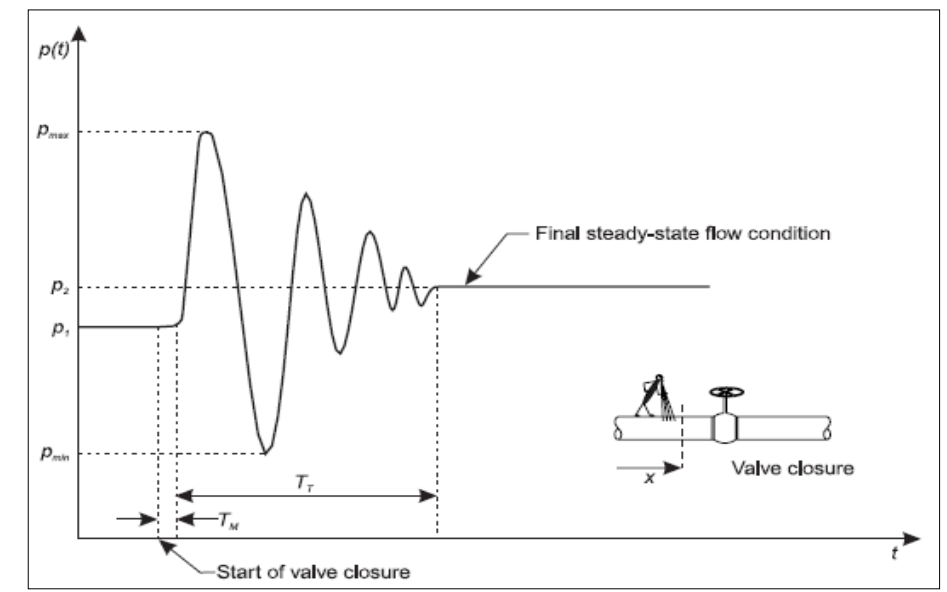
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## WATER HAMMER

- Hydraulic shock or water hammer is a temporary phenomenon that is regarded as the result of sudden changes in discharge of a liquid or gas in a closed piping system.
- Causes of Water Hammer
  - Rapid opening or sudden closure of control valves or pumps
  - Change in the continuity of the network
  - Change of boundary conditions
- Results of Water Shock
  - Cavitation, Suction, Leak, Downgrade water quality, Damage, Vibration
- Prevention techniques and protection devices
  - Techniques: Optimizing pipes' diameter, route, elasticity
  - Devices: Pump bypass layout, protection devices (Air chambers, surge tanks and combined devices)





## MATHEMATICAL MODEL

- Method of characteristics: The partial differential equations of motion (1) and continuity (2) into particular total differential equations (3) and (4).

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial t} + V \cdot \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \rho \cdot a^2 \cdot \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{\partial V}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{dx}{dt} \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{dH}{dt} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial H}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{dx}{dt} \quad (3)$$

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial t} + V \cdot \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} + \frac{1}{\rho} \cdot \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} = \frac{f \cdot V \cdot |V|}{2 \cdot D} + g \cdot \sin(a) \quad (4)$$

- The equations can be intergraded to lead to the numerically handled finite difference equations (5) – (8).

$$\frac{dV}{dt} + \frac{g}{a} \cdot \frac{dH}{dt} = -\frac{g \cdot V}{a} \cdot \sin a - \frac{f \cdot V \cdot |V|}{2 \cdot D} \quad (5)$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = V + a \quad (6)$$

$$\frac{dV}{dt} - \frac{g}{a} \cdot \frac{dH}{dt} = +\frac{g \cdot V}{a} \cdot \sin a - \frac{f \cdot V \cdot |V|}{2 \cdot D} \quad (7)$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = V - a \quad (8)$$

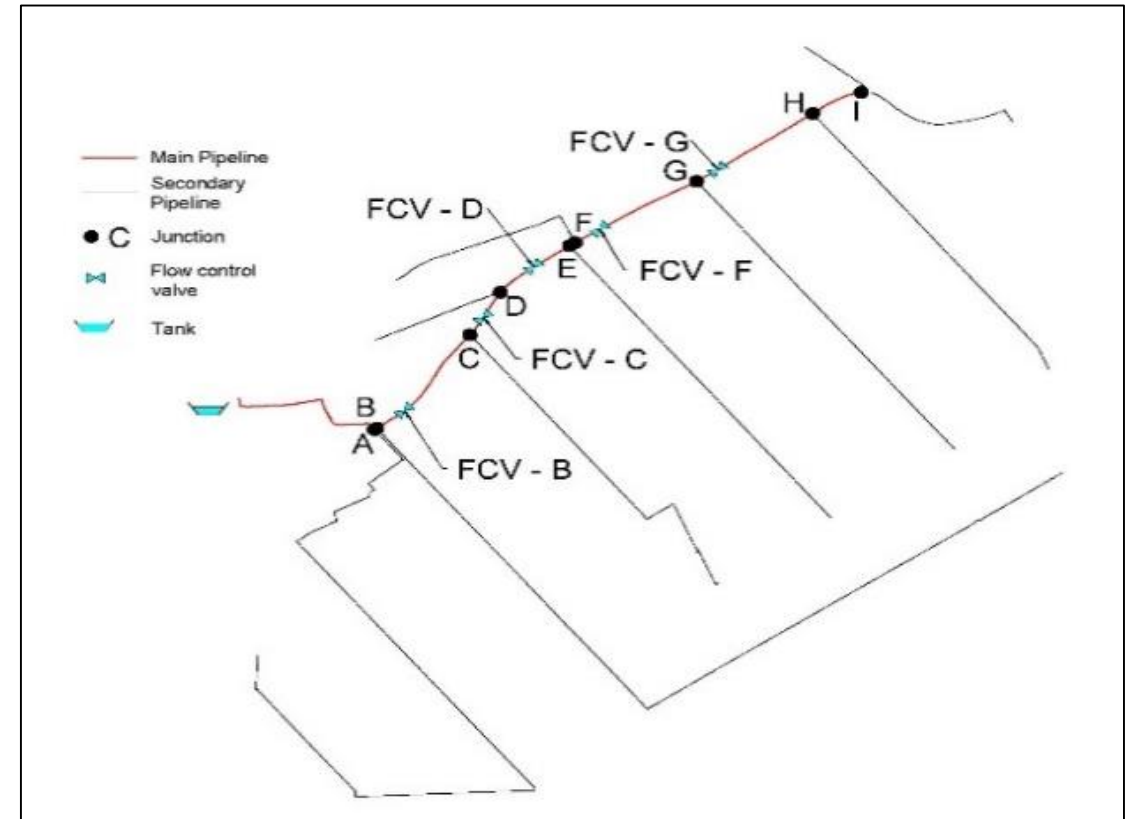
- The Courant – Friedrichs – Lewy condition :

$$\Delta t \leq \frac{\Delta x}{|V \pm a|} \quad (9)$$



# CASE STUDY: THE PRESSURIZED IRRIGATION NETWORK OF LIMNOCHORI

- One (1) main pipeline and ten secondary pipes with total length about 11 km
- Pipes are polyethylene PE, 12.5 PN and the installed nozzles are providing discharge of 7.5 l/sec
- Five (5) flow control valves on the main pipe
- One (1) tank that implements the operation of pumps





## BENTLEY HAMMER V8i

- Software's assumptions:
- Fluid is homogeneous
- Elasticity of pipeline and fluid follows linear pattern
- The flow is unidimensional and fluid is incompressible
- The pipe is full of the fluid
- The average velocity is used
- The head loss because of the viscosity is the same during the steady and the unsteady flow

- Input parameters in the software:

Pipe	Pipes Material	HDPE 3 <sup>rd</sup> generation	–
	Roughness Coefficient <b>k</b>	0.01	mm
	Pipe's Elasticity <b>E</b>	0.785	GPa
	Factor Poisson <b>μ</b>	0.45	–
Fluid	Viscosity <b>v</b>	$1.004 \cdot 10^{-6}$	m <sup>2</sup> /s
	Acceleration of the gravity <b>g</b>	9.98	m/s <sup>2</sup>
	Fluid's Temperature <b>T</b>	20	°C
	Fluid's Elasticity factor <b>K</b>	2.188	GPa
Calculation Method	Calculation Time step <b>Δt</b>	0.025	sec
	Vaporization pressure	Discrete Vapor Cavity	–
	Head loss (steady flow)	Darcy – Weisbach	–
	Head loss (transient flow)	Unsteady – Vitkovsky	–



## GREEK LEGISLATION'S FORMULA

- The circular letter D.22.200/30 – 07 – 1977 that was published by the Ministry of Public Works suggests that formula to calculate the maximum transient pressure that is being developed during the phenomenon is the Joukowski formula.

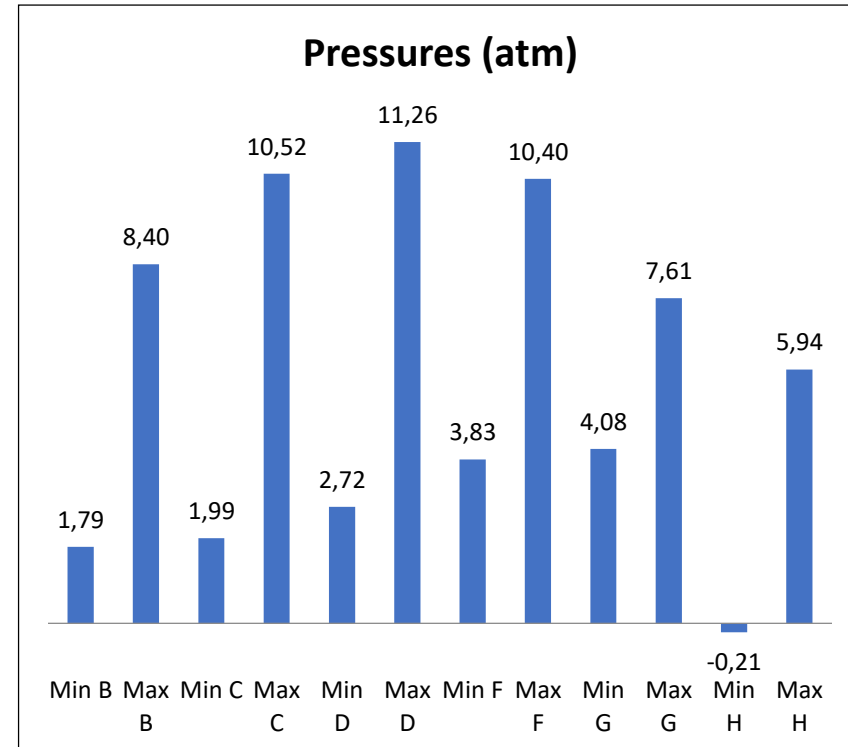
$$\Delta p = \frac{a \cdot \Delta V}{g}$$

- Calculated maximum pressure – sudden closure of the valve
- The calculation of the minimum pressures is not available



## RESULTS – BENTLEY HAMMER V8i

- Implementation of five (5) different scenarios for each of (5) control valves:
  - Valve Close within 0 seconds
  - Valve Close within 30 seconds
  - Valve Close within 45 seconds
  - Valve Close within 60 seconds
  - Valve Close within 90 seconds
- The results of the pressures developed on main pipe during the sudden close of each valve

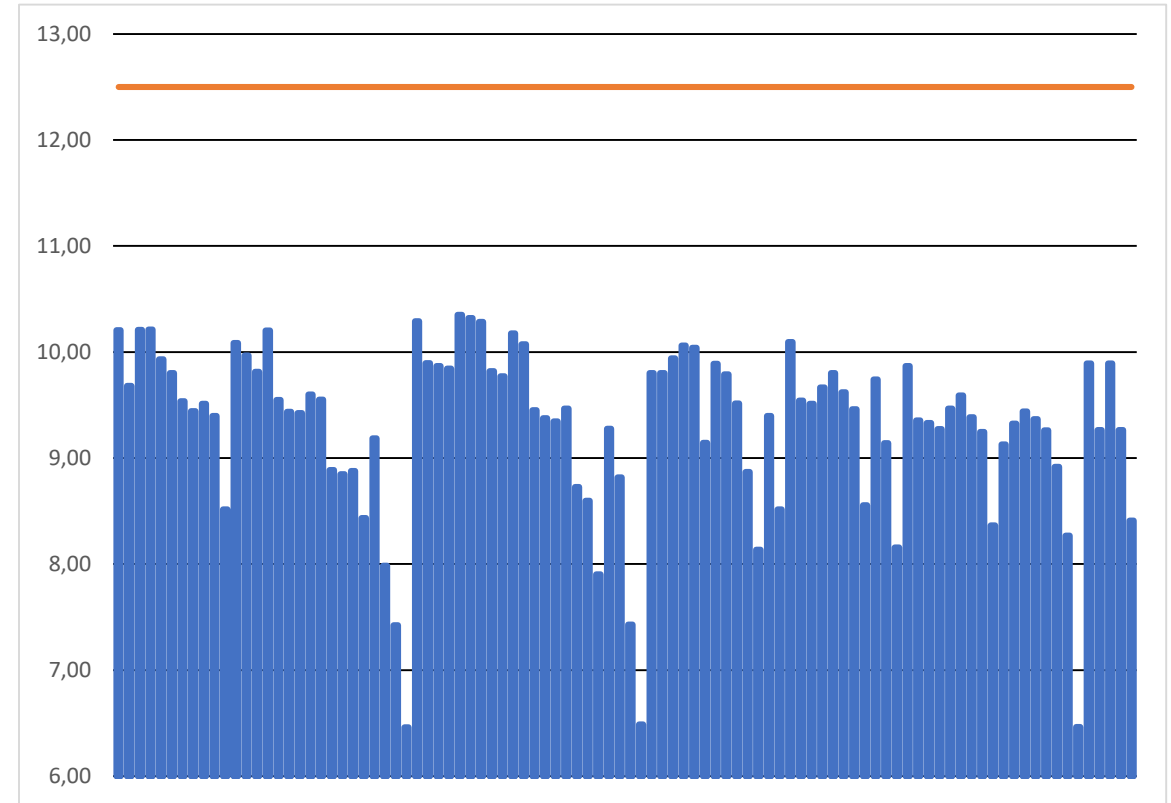






## RESULTS – GREEK LEGISLATION

- Implementation the scenario of the sudden closure of a valve at each pipe
- The results of the pressures developed on main pipe during the sudden close of each valve



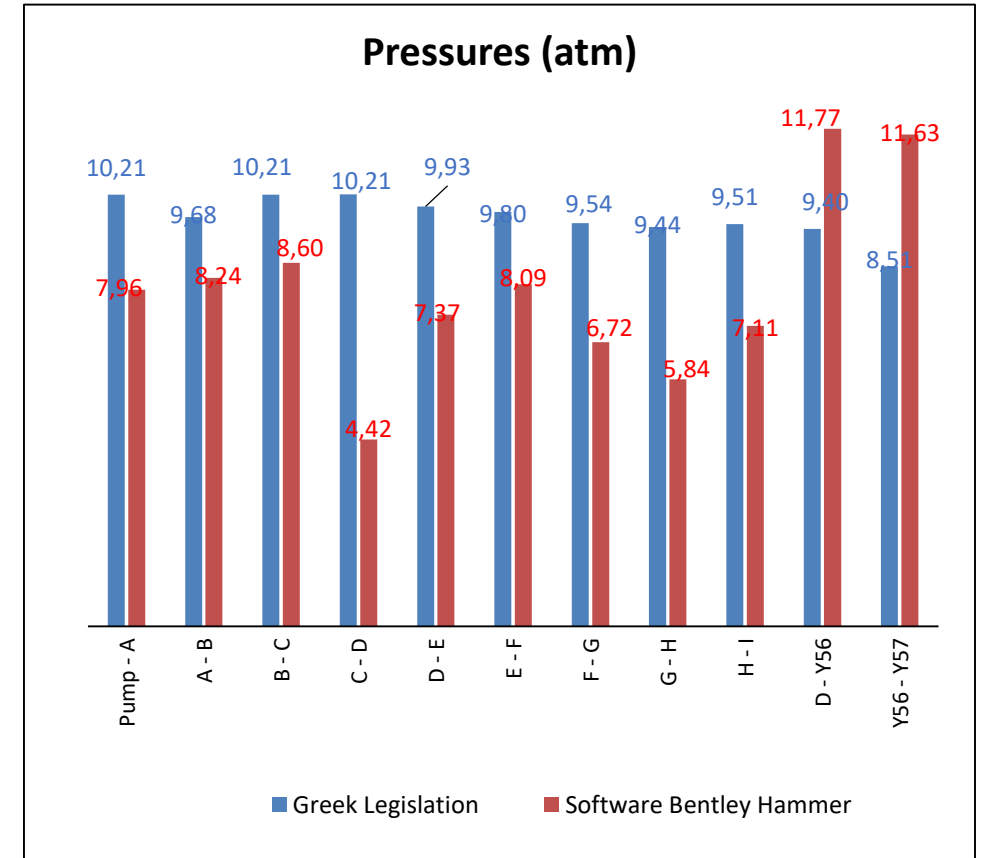


## COMPARISON

### Comments:

- The Joukowski formula is sufficient for the calculation of the maximum pressures through the main pipe.
- The maximum pressure calculated by Joukowski's formula for specific secondary pipes is being exceeded by the calculated pressures using the software. The statistics of that case are:

Mean	Max	Min	St. Dev	n
(atm)	(atm)	(atm)	(atm)	(atm)
0.670	1.804	0.148	0.590	11





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