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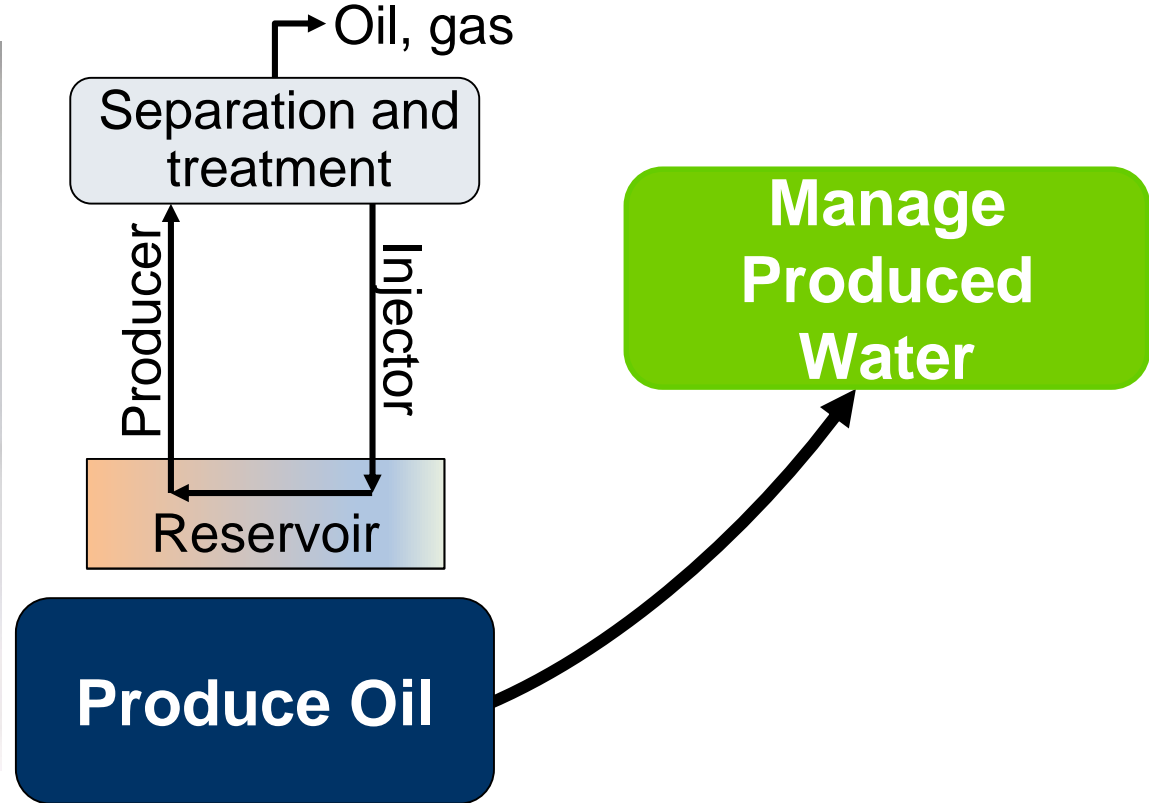
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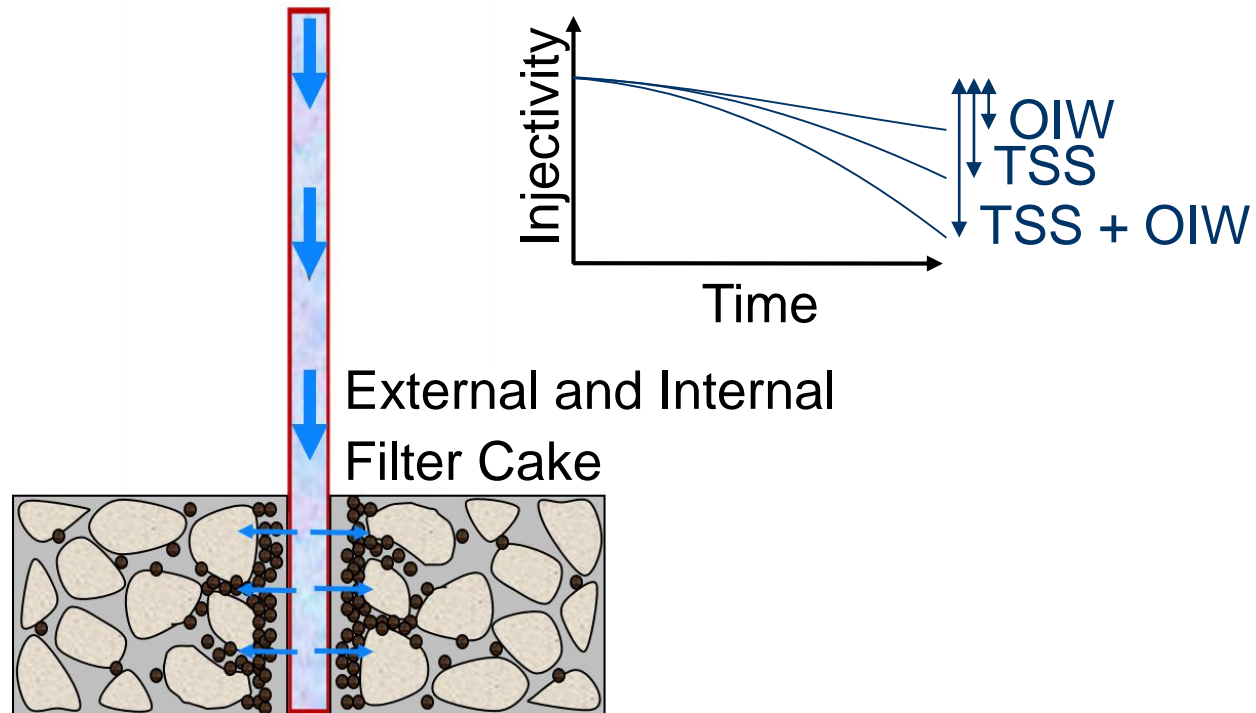


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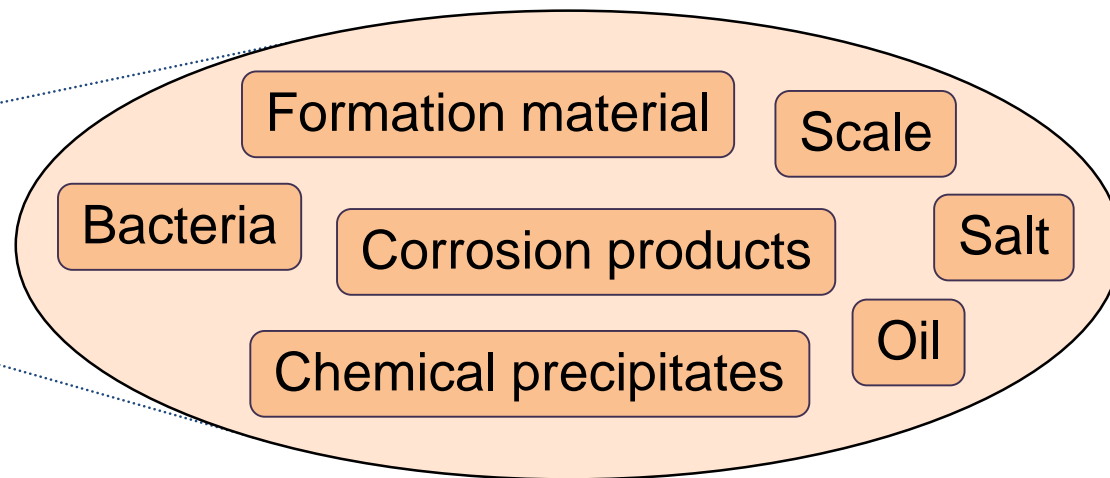
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1000 ppm OIW
10 ppm TSS

5 ppm OIW
1 ppm TSS

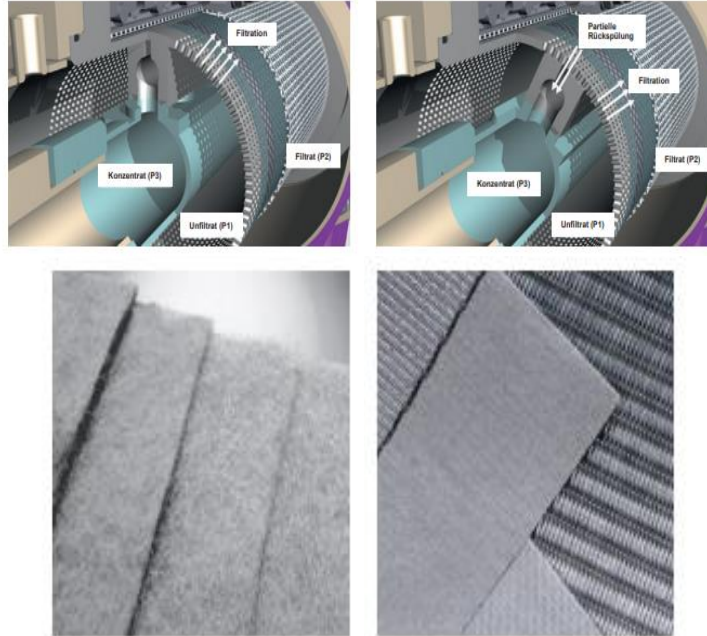


Filter Technologies (used within this project)

Deep Bed Filter – NSF



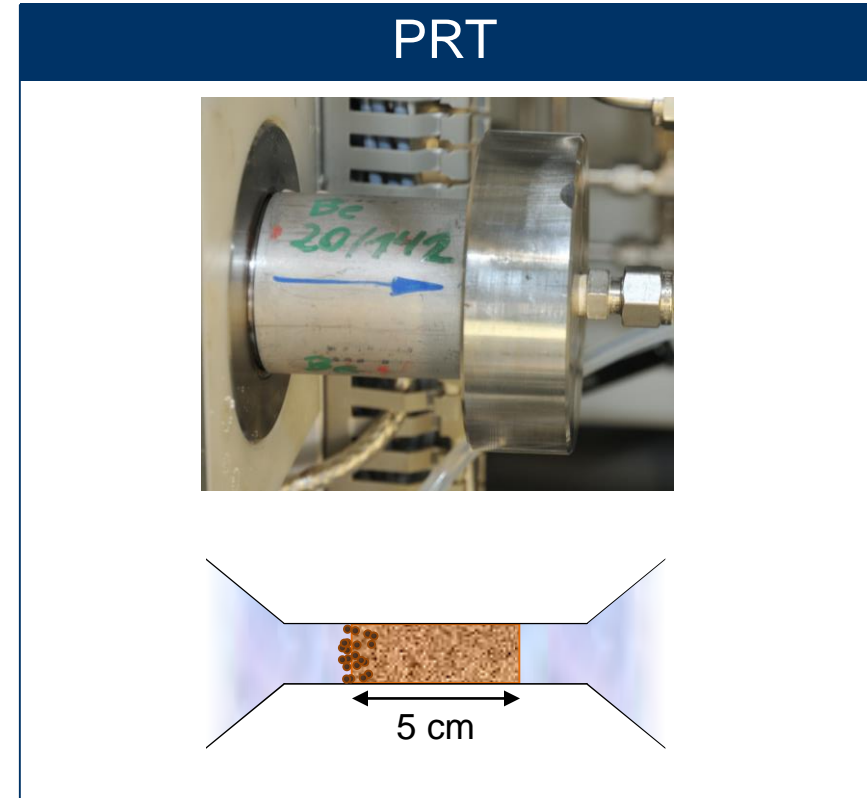
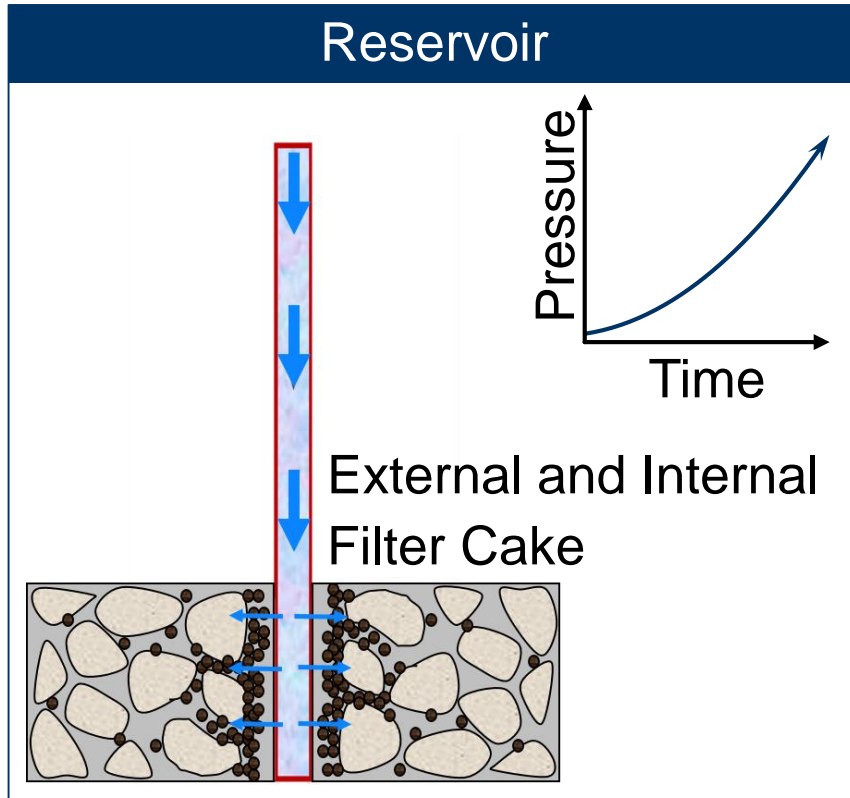
Mesh – Sieve Filter



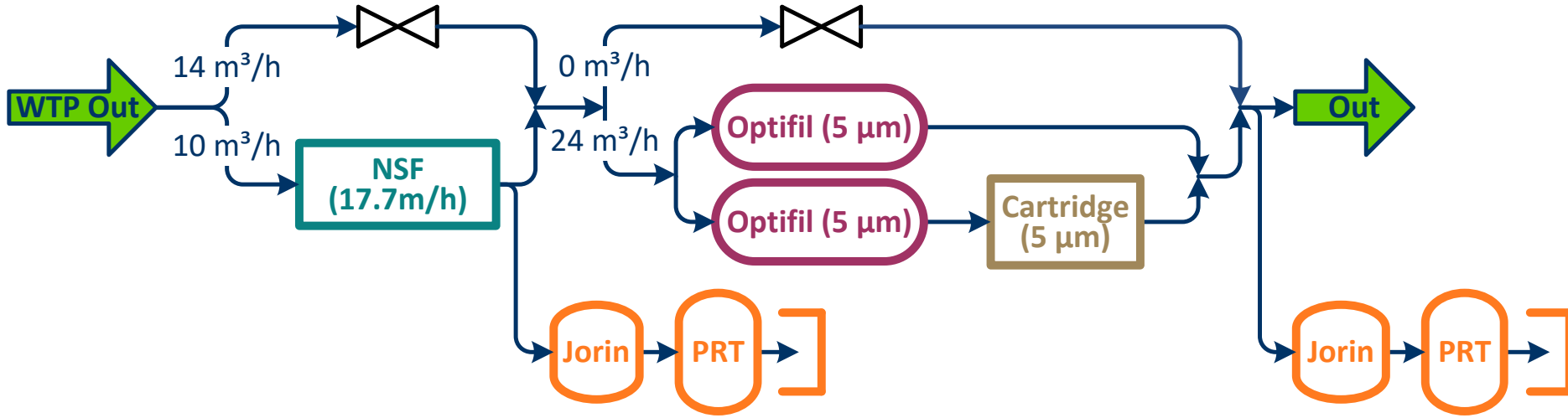
Cartridge – Absolute Filter



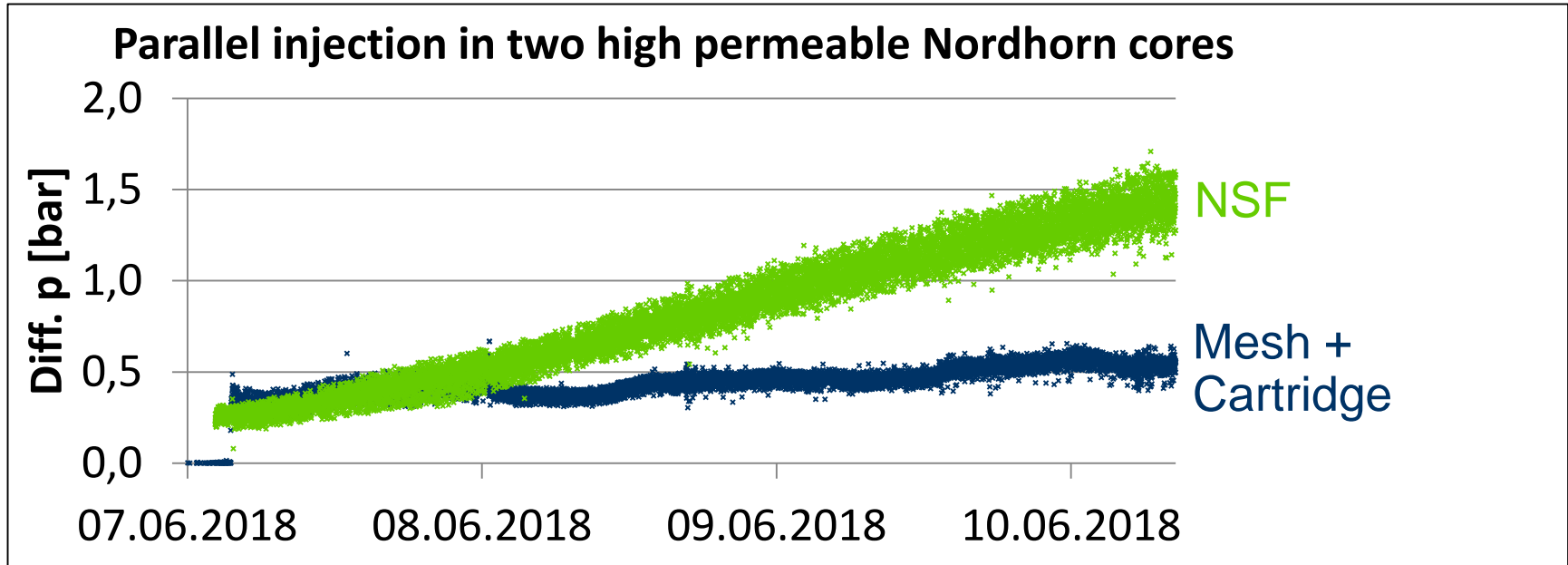
PRT – Pressure Reduction Test



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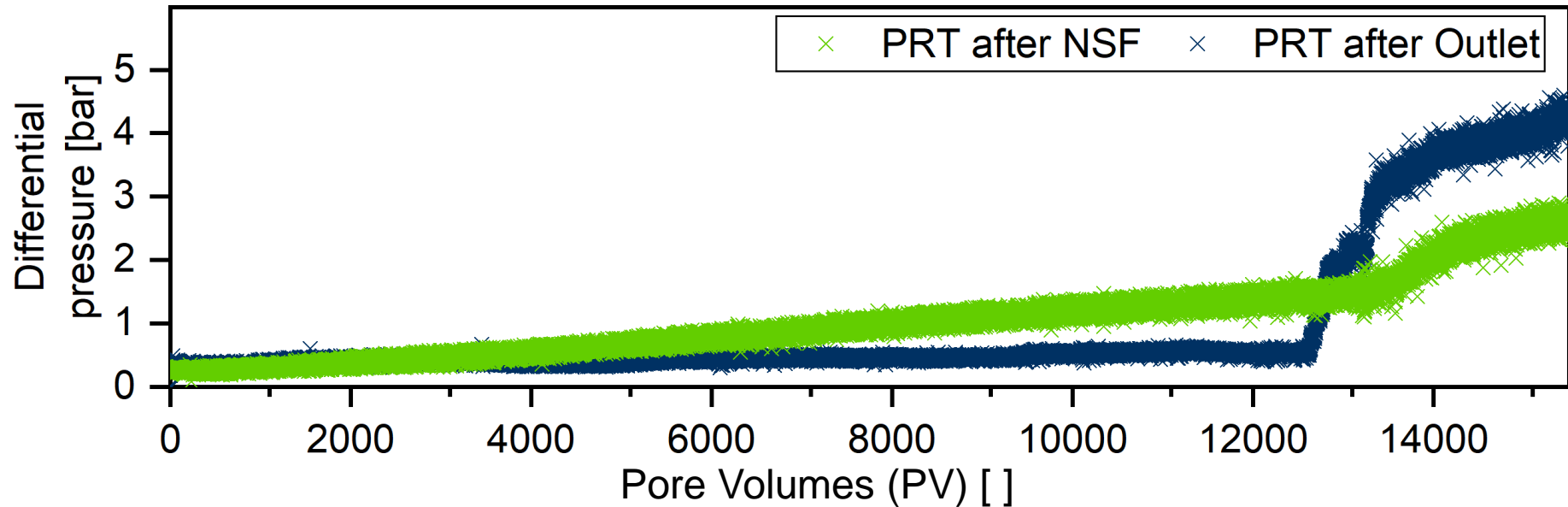
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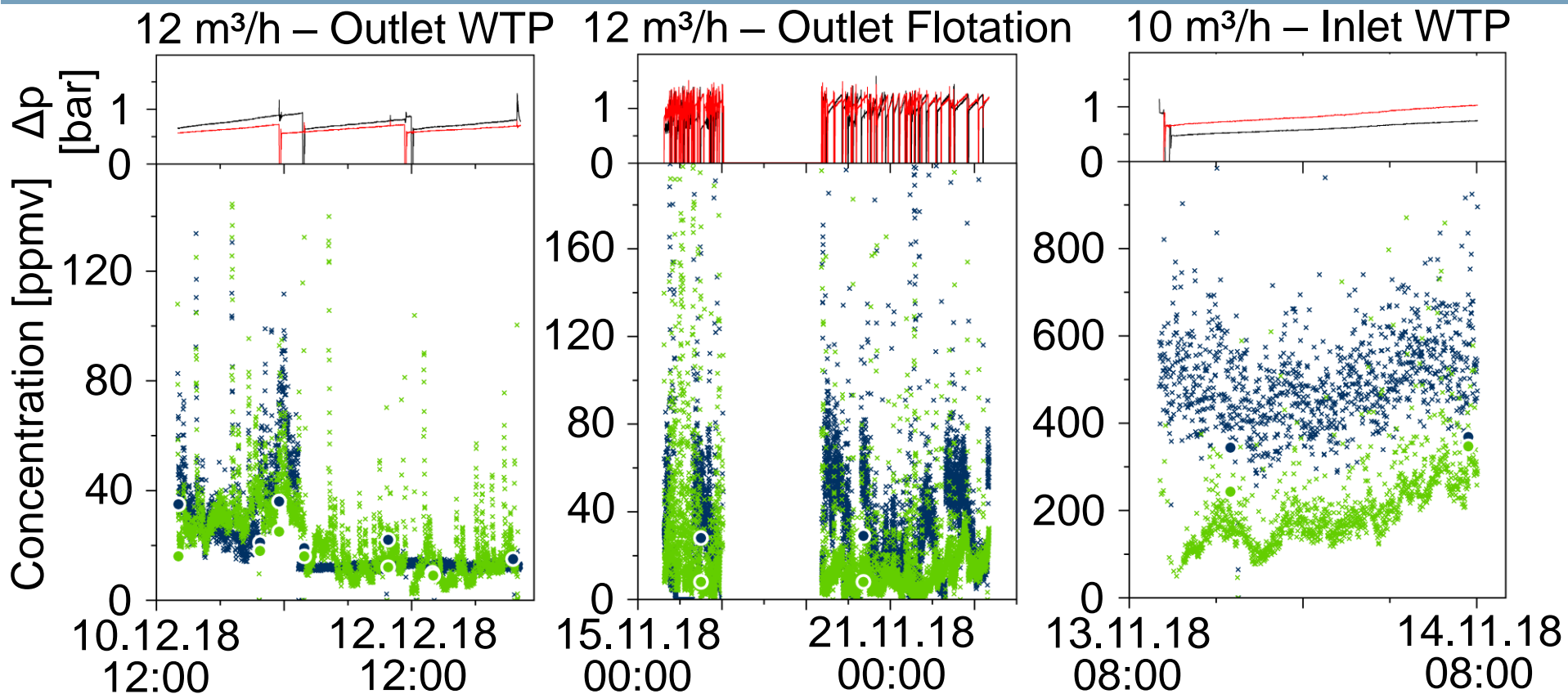
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Findings

- Importance of Performance and Reliability

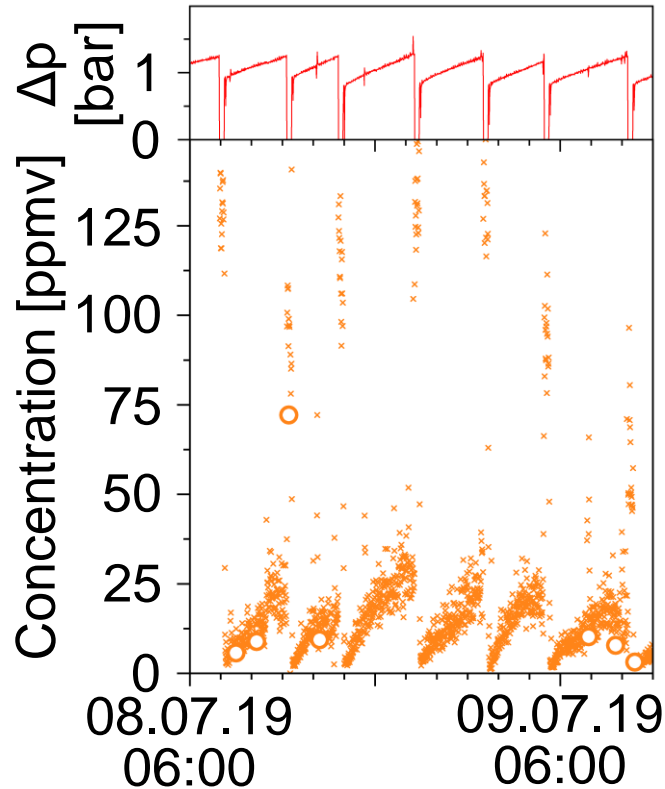


Inlet Quality Influences NSF Performance



The Mobilisation of Slugs

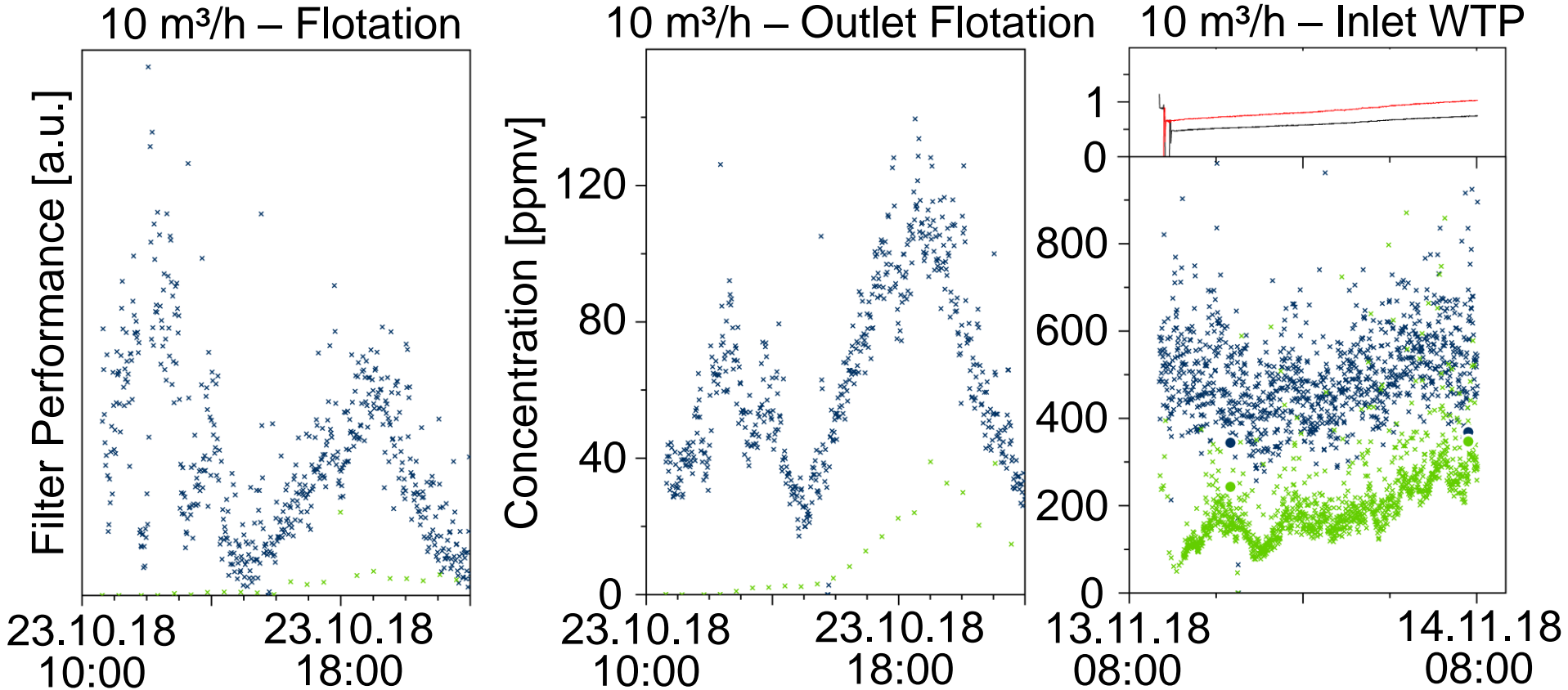
12 m³/h – Outlet Chemical Flotation



Findings

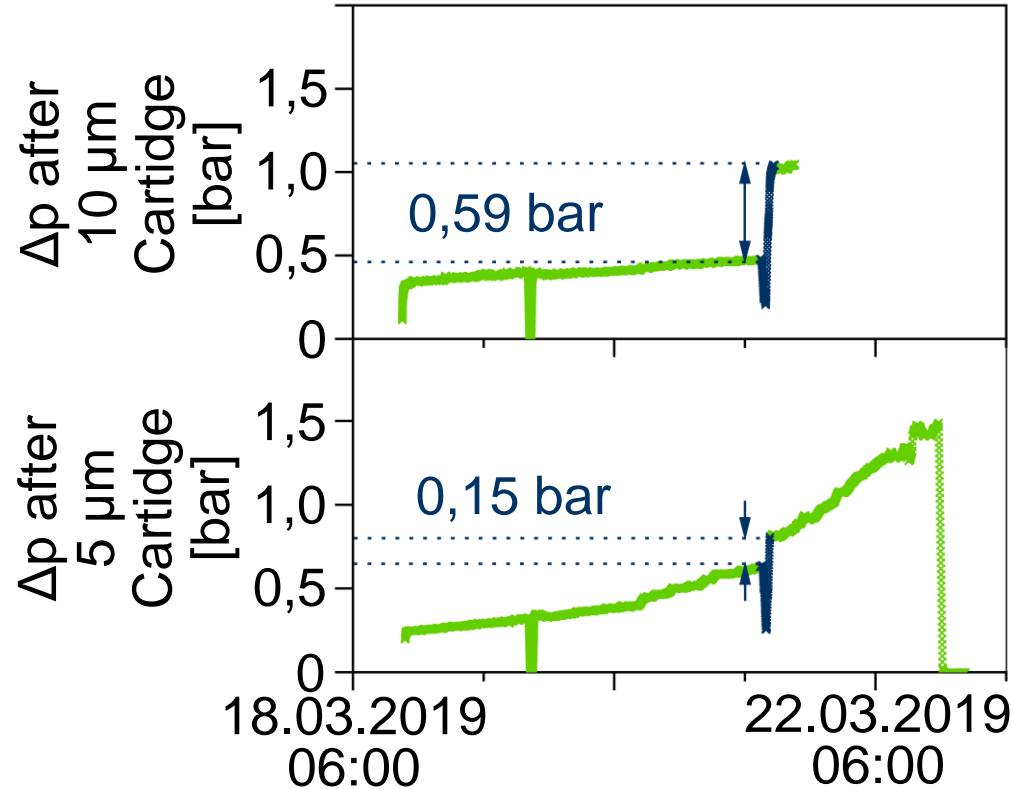
- Interaction of filter material with flocculant
- Each backwash initiate a OIW-peak at the outlet of the filter

Slugs and Loading Time



Injectivity, Slugs and Cartridge Filters

PRT using 2200 mD North Horn cores

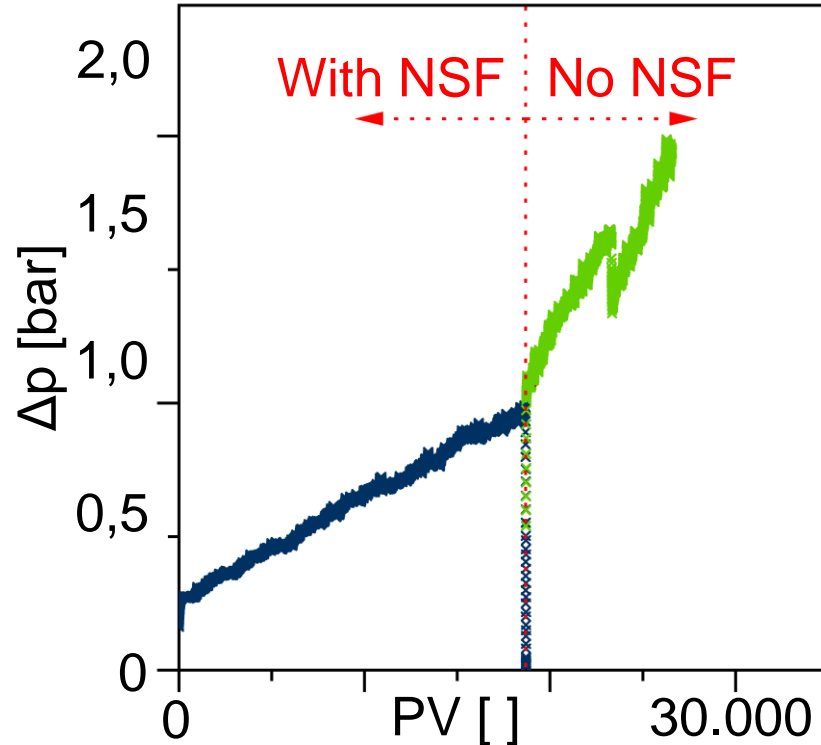


Findings

- ▶ 5 μ m cartridges can filter the slug...
- ▶ ... at least better than a 10 μ m cartridges.



PRT using a 2200 mD North Horn core



Findings

- ▶ Like expected, the NSF significantly improves the injectivity
- ▶ OIW Outlet NSF: 35 ppm (average)
- ▶ OIW Inlet NSF: 140 ppm (average)
- ▶ Shutdown causes temporary improvement



NSF Backwash Water Treatment



Sample 1
after 24 h:
Clear phase
separation



Sample 2
after 2 h:
Still good phase
separation



Adding
petroleum ether:
Sludge does not
mix with other phases

4 Samples	Average TSS [%]
Sediments	0,0
Water phase	1,3
Flotation slug	98,7



Pilot

water handling capacity: 12 m³/h

- ▶ 2 m³/Backwash
- ▶ 8 m³/day (8% of treated water)
- ▶ 240 m³/month
- ▶ 2.920 m³/year



Treating NSF Backwash Water Offshore



Scenario:

20.000 bopd @ 50% Water cut
water handling capacity: 120 m³/h

- ▶ 20 m³/Backwash = ½ Pool
- ▶ 80 m³/day = 2 Pools
- ▶ 2.400 m³/month = 1 ITC
- ▶ 29.200 m³/year = 1 Tanker
(170 m x 25 m)



- ▶ Each Backwash can mobilise slugs.
- ▶ The deep bed filter (NSF) has a better operability than mesh (5 μm) but the best injectivity was achieved using an absolute filter.
- ▶ Cartridges bear the risk of high OPEX due to unpredictable (fast) blocking.
- ▶ A NSF can provide an acceptable water quality and good injectivity as long as it is operated within specification.
- ▶ Each slug can have a different origin and thus also a different composition and impact on the system.
- ▶ Backwash water handling needs to be considered (especially offshore adapting the infrastructure is cost intensive).
- ▶ Many parameters influence the injectivity (not only OIW & TSS).





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