





# Ceramic Membrane Ultrafiltration Enables Cost Effective Produced Water Reuse

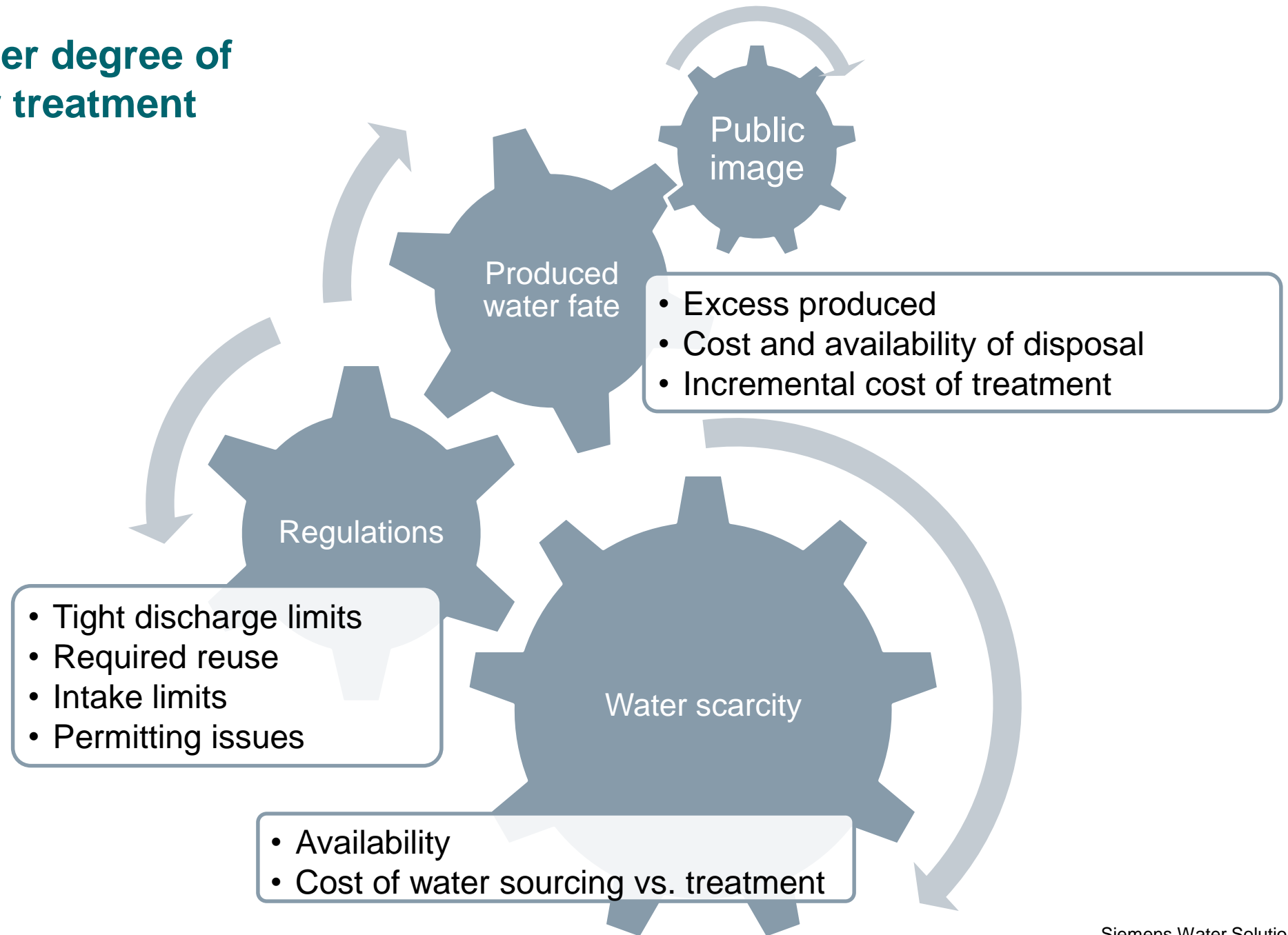
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# Topics Addressed in this Presentation



-  Drivers for ultrafiltration of produced water
-  Challenges for membranes for produced water
-  Cost comparison
-  Test data

## Drivers for higher degree of produced water treatment



# Why Use Ultrafiltration Membranes

## Low TSS / O&G requirements

- Surface discharge
  - Reuse
- IX or RO feedwater
  - Re-injection

## High temperature operation

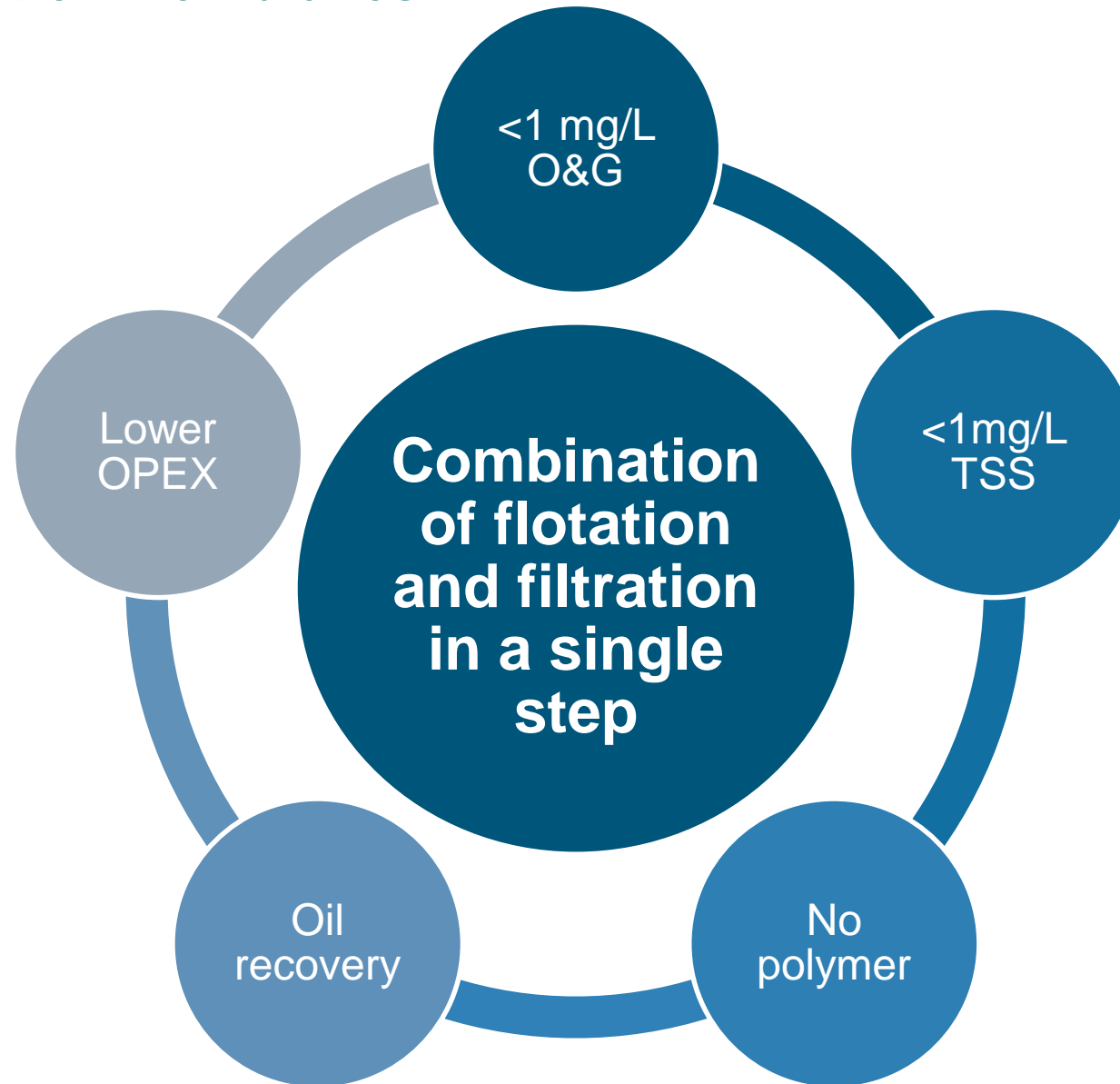
- Heavy oil
- EOR
- SAGD
- Feed to evaporator / boiler

## Pretreatment for reuse

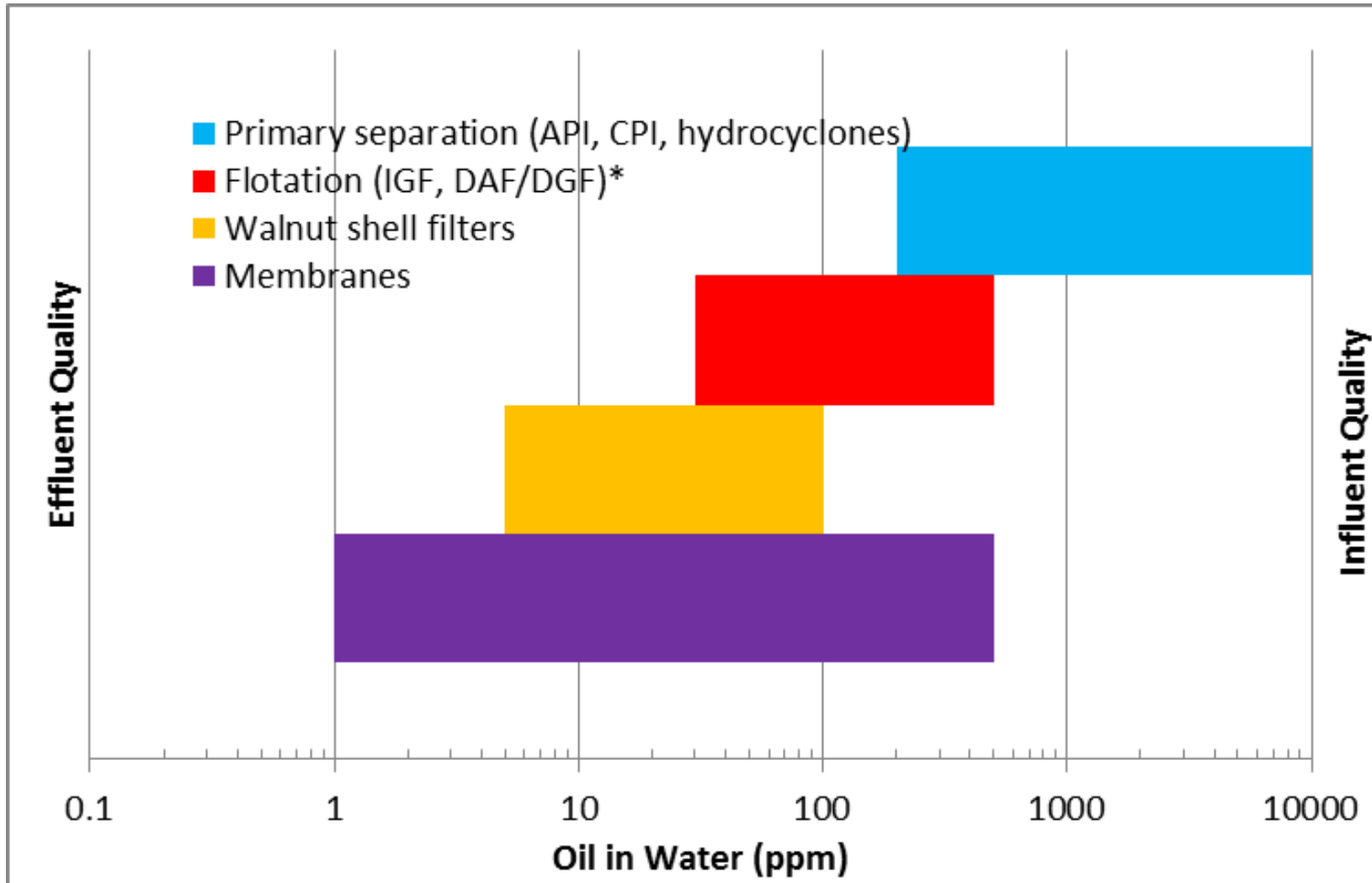
- Boiler feed water
- Cooling tower make-up
- Process water
- Irrigation
- Surface discharge



# Why Use Ultrafiltration Membranes



# Ultrafiltration Membrane Treatment Fit



\*requires chemicals

\*\* <1 mg/L non-detectable

# Reuse - How to Meet Requirements?

## Produced Water after Primary Separation

- TDS >1000 mg/L
- TSS 50-200 mg/L
- O&G >50 mg/L



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## Reinjection

- 95% removal of suspended solids > 2 microns or depending on reservoir for injection

## RO Feedwater

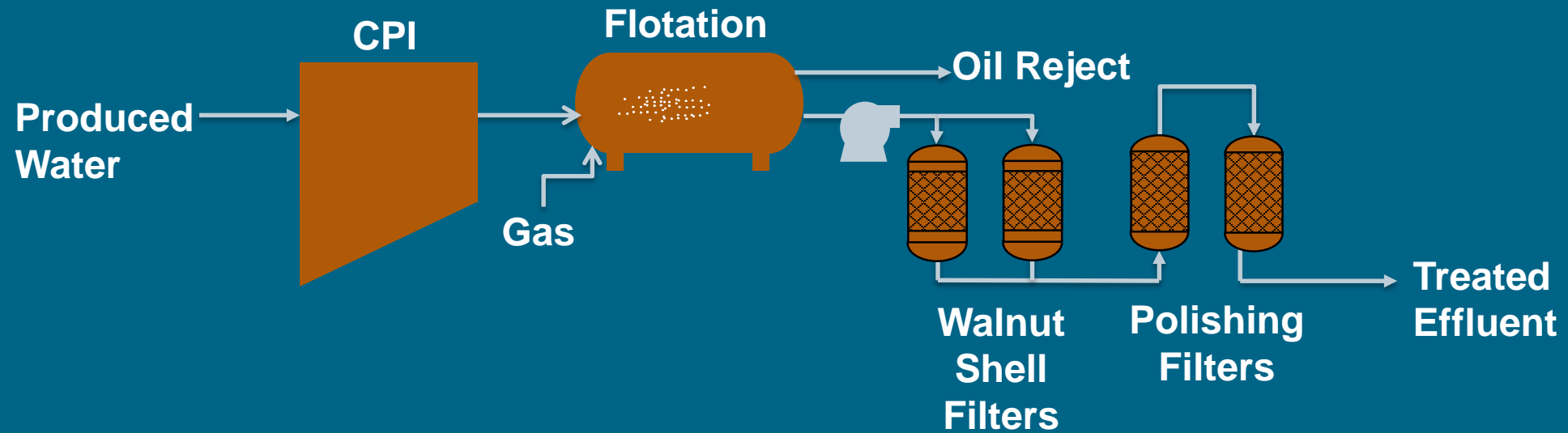
- COD < 10 mg/L
- TOC < 3 mg/L
- O&G < 0.1 mg/L
- SDI < 5 – lower the better
- Turbidity < 1 NTU with < 0.5 NTU recommended for long-term, reliable operation

## Irrigation

- TDS limit, typically requires RO
- Sometimes a BOD limit as well

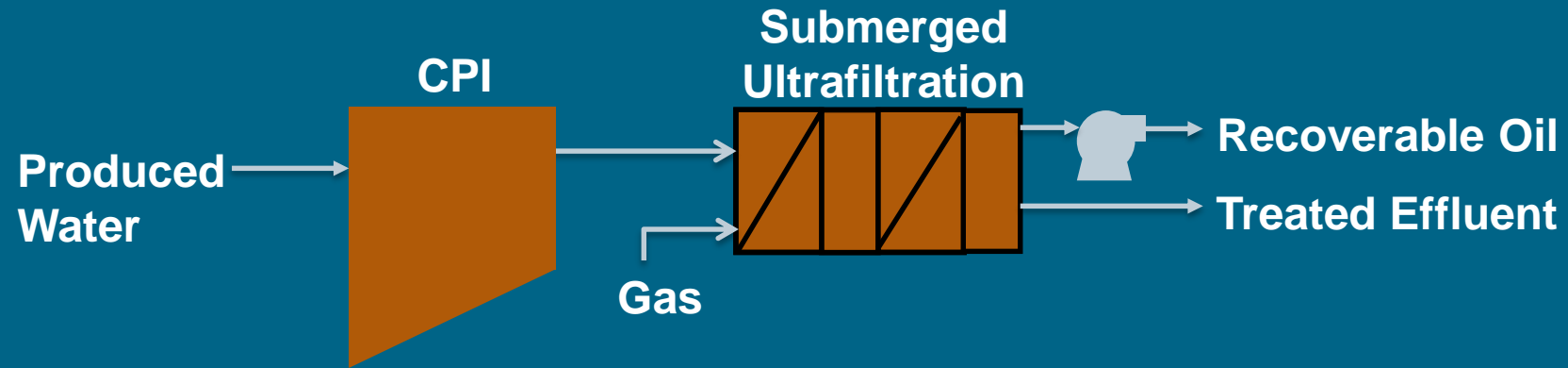


# Conventional Approach to Meeting Strict Effluent Requirement

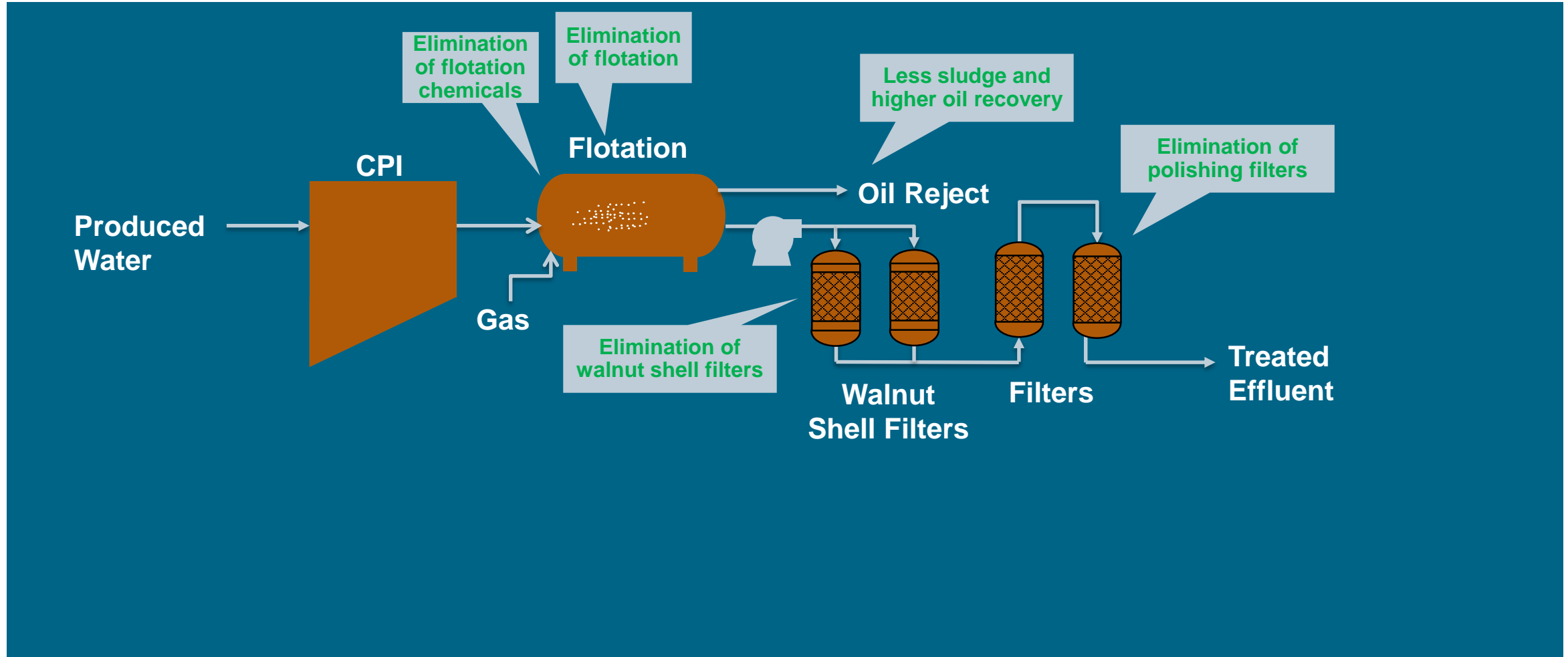




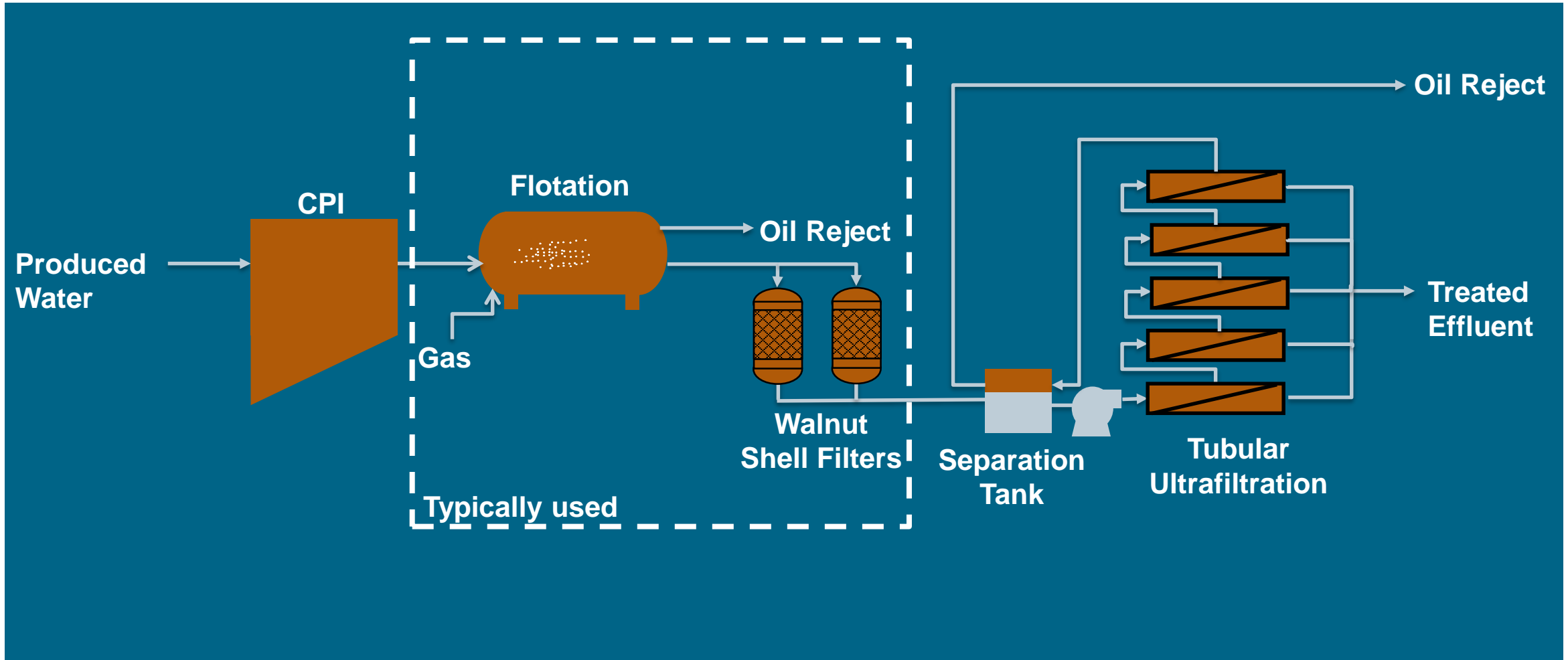
# Submerged Ultrafiltration Process



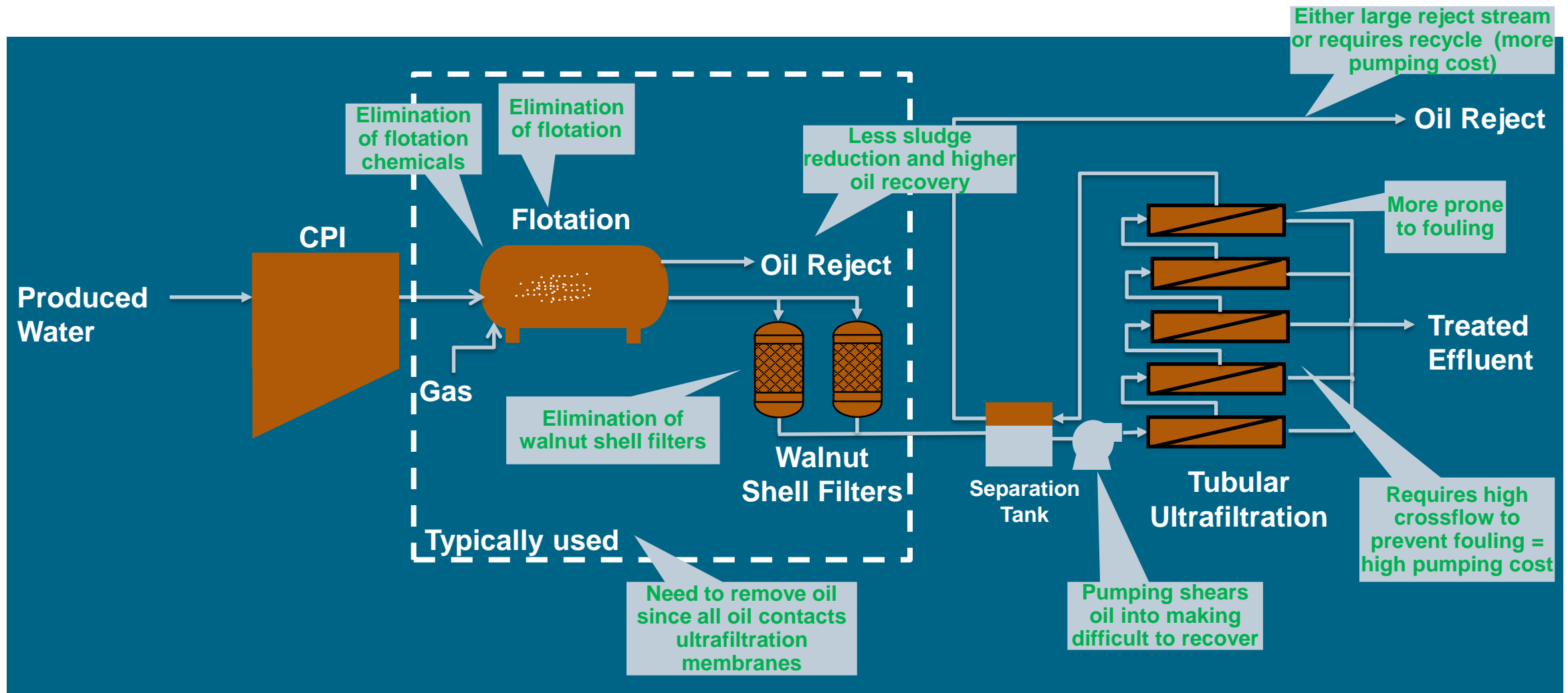
# Cost Savings of Ultrafiltration for Produced Water Treatment



# Tubular Ultrafiltration Process



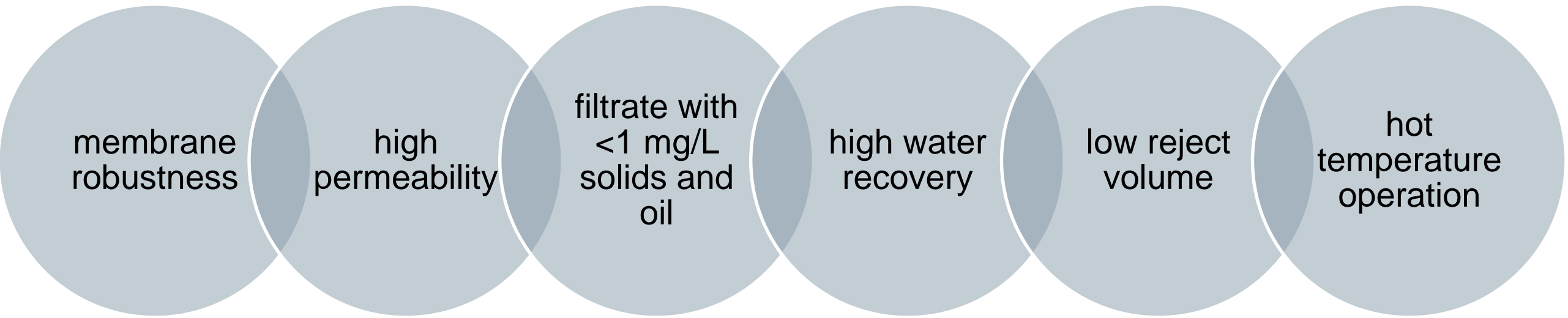
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Pumping comparison between submerged and tubular system (100,000 BPD basis)	Power Consumption	Annual Cost (at \$0.10/kWh)
Tubular system Feed pump: 1,300 m <sup>3</sup> /h (50% recovery per pass), 7 bar, 600 HP	9,390 kWh/day	\$343,000
Submerged system Filtrate pump: 2 x 360 m <sup>3</sup> /h, 1 bar, 2 x 25 HP	740 kWh/day	\$27,000
Savings of submerged vs. tubular system	8,650 kWh/day	\$316,000
<b>Total savings with submerged membrane system vs. tubular</b>	<b>&gt;90%</b>	<b>&gt;90%</b>

# Study Objectives



membrane  
robustness

high  
permeability

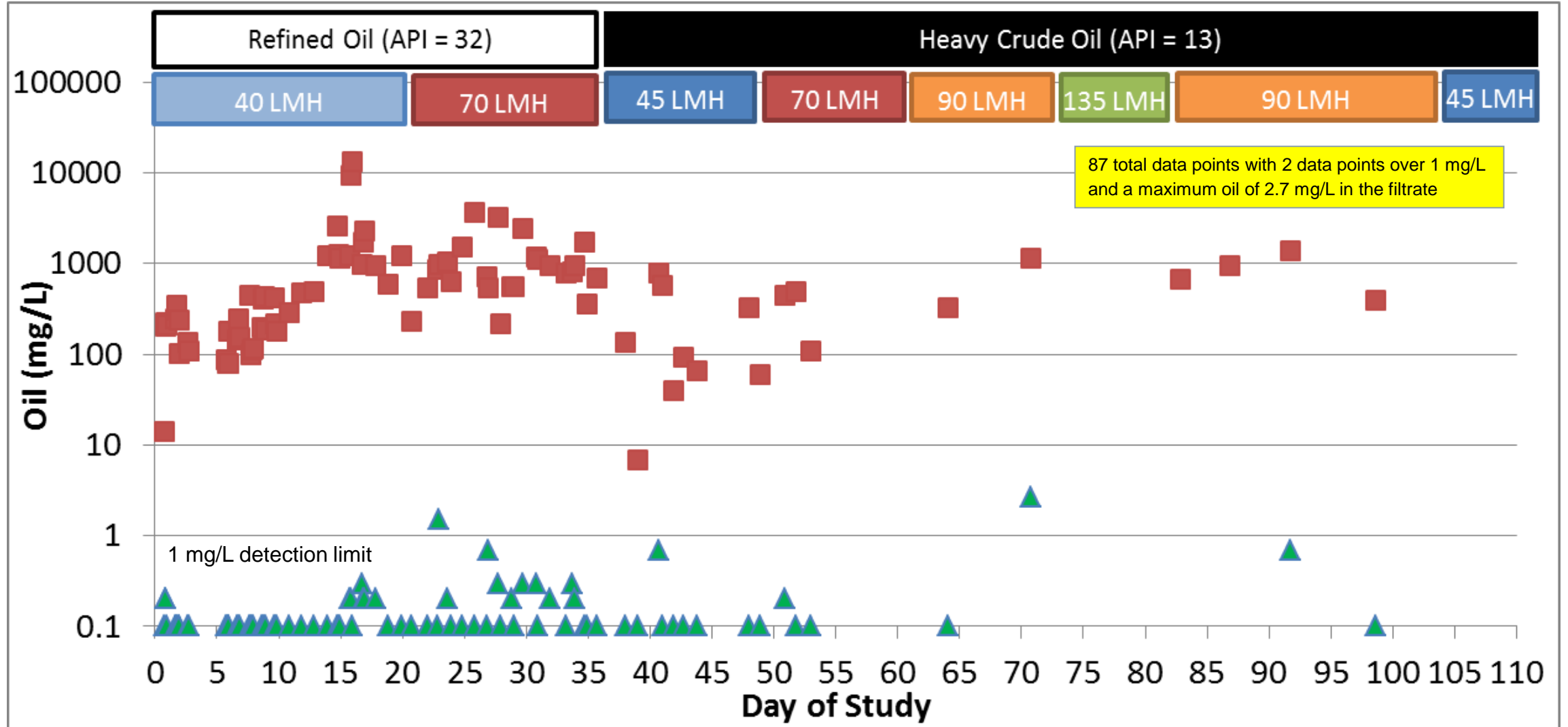
filtrate with  
<math>< 1\text{ mg/L}</math>  
solids and  
oil

high water  
recovery

low reject  
volume

hot  
temperature  
operation

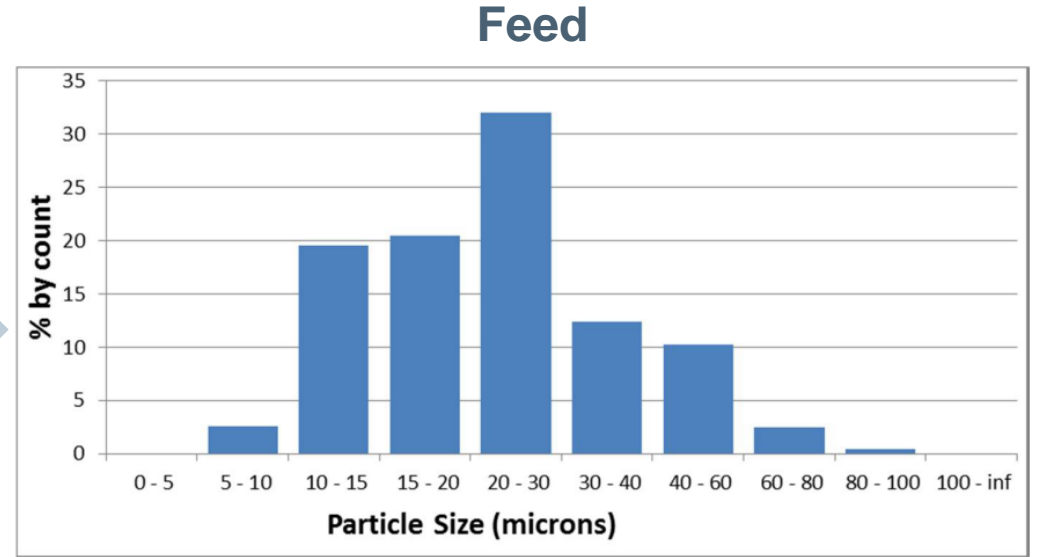
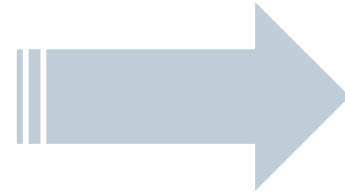
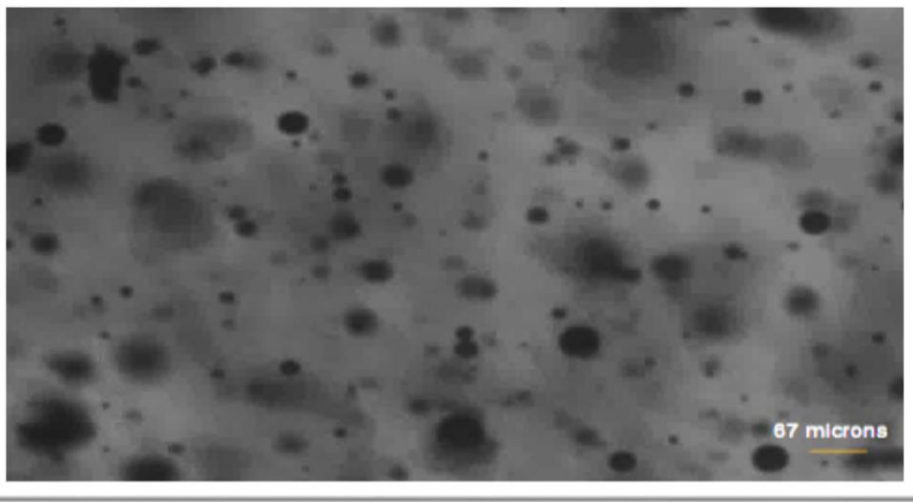
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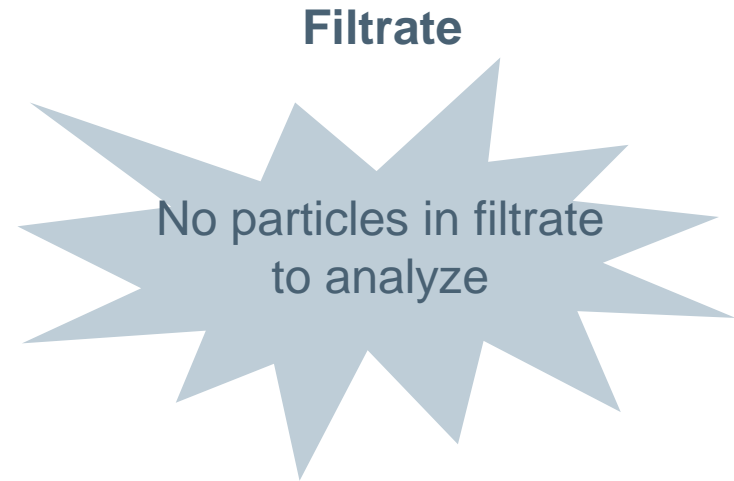
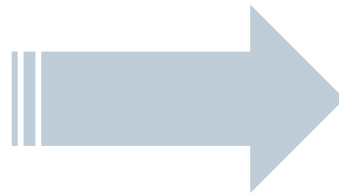
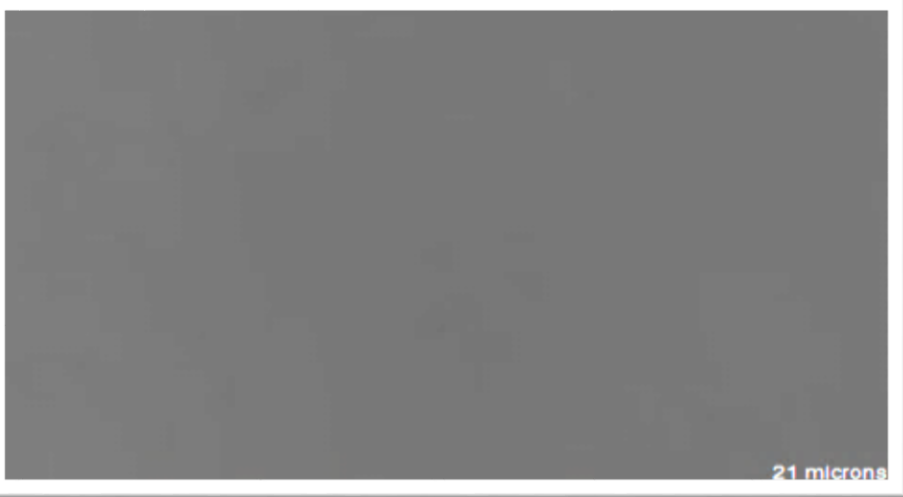
# Ceramic Membrane Performance Study #2—Particle Size Distribution

Still image during in-line Canty particle size analysis

Feed



Filtrate





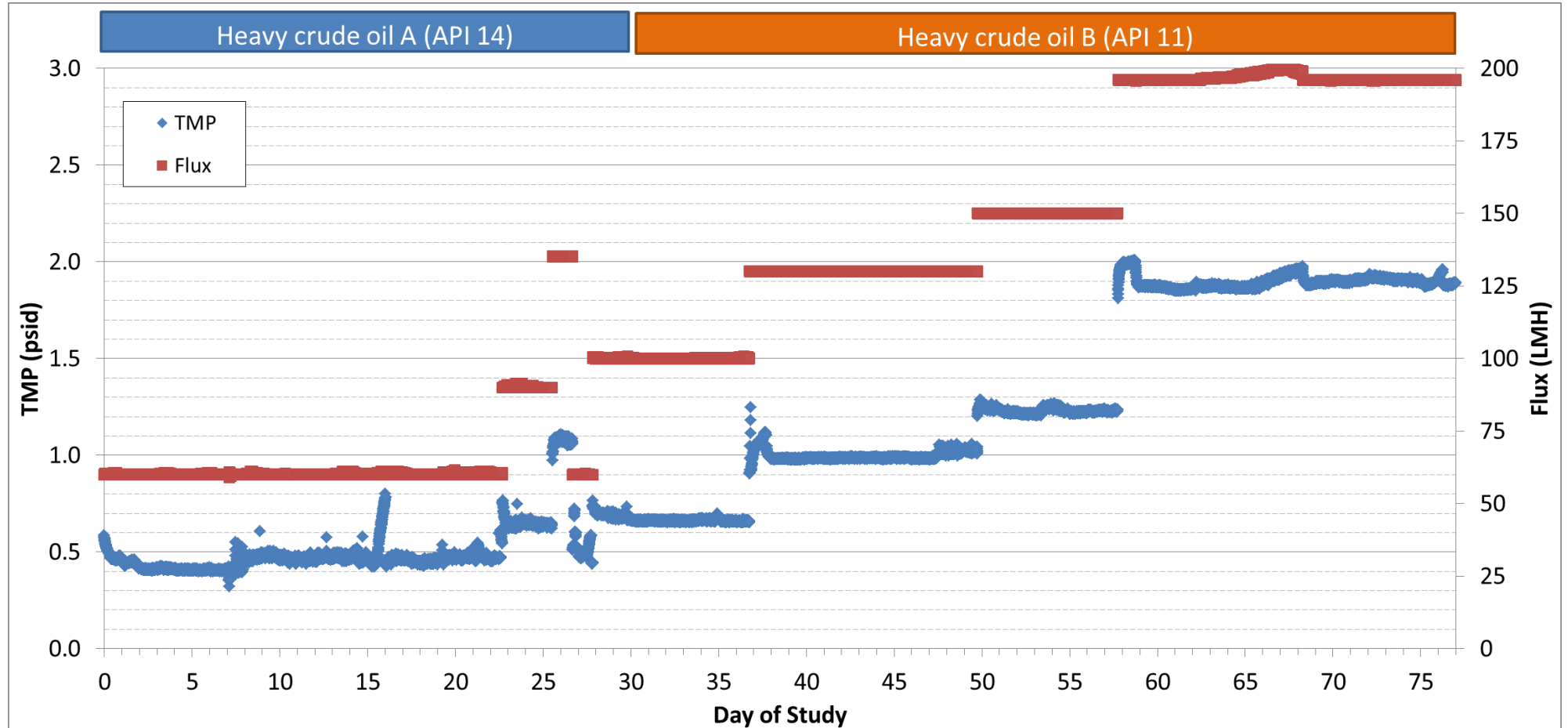
# Ceramic Membrane Performance Study #2—TMP

Two different heavy crude oils

No fouling with heavy crude oil

No chemical cleanings

Up to 196 LMH flux



# Ceramic Membrane Performance Study #2 – Detailed Analysis

## SDI

- Avg <3

## TSS

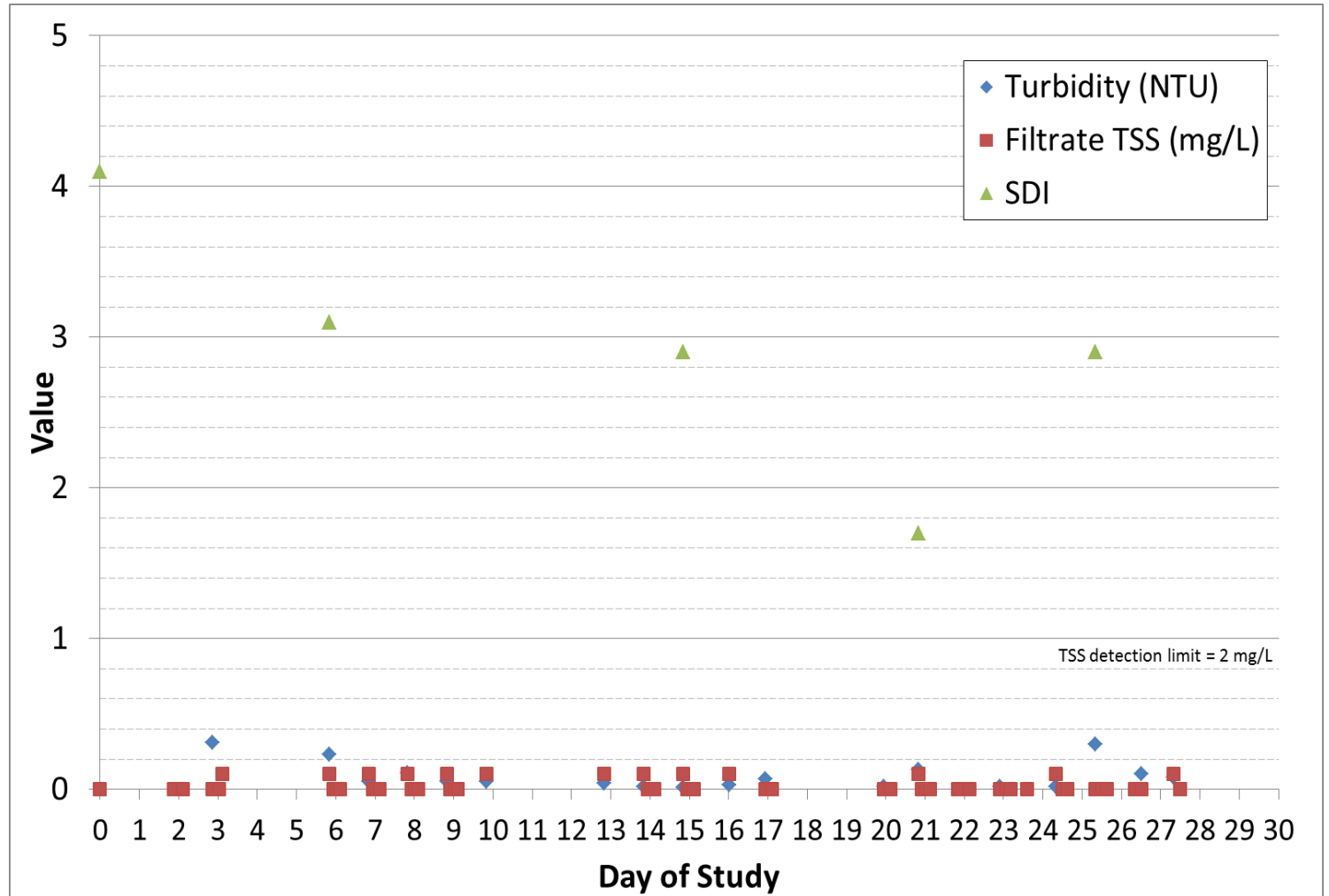
- All < 2 mg/L (detection limit)

## O&G

- Avg < 1 mg/L (detection limit)

## Turbidity

- Avg <0.1 NTU
- Max 0.3 NTU



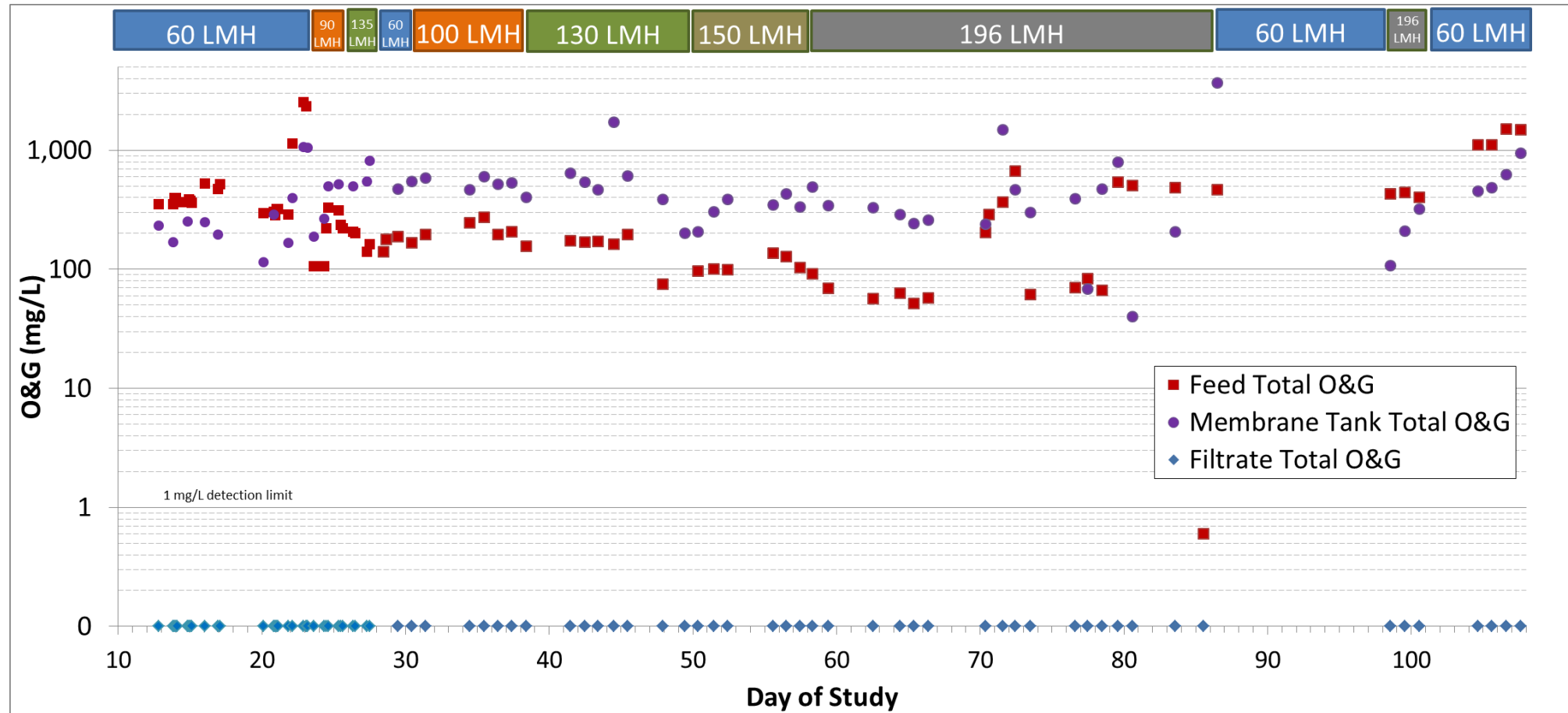
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Heavy crude oil  
(as noted  
previously)

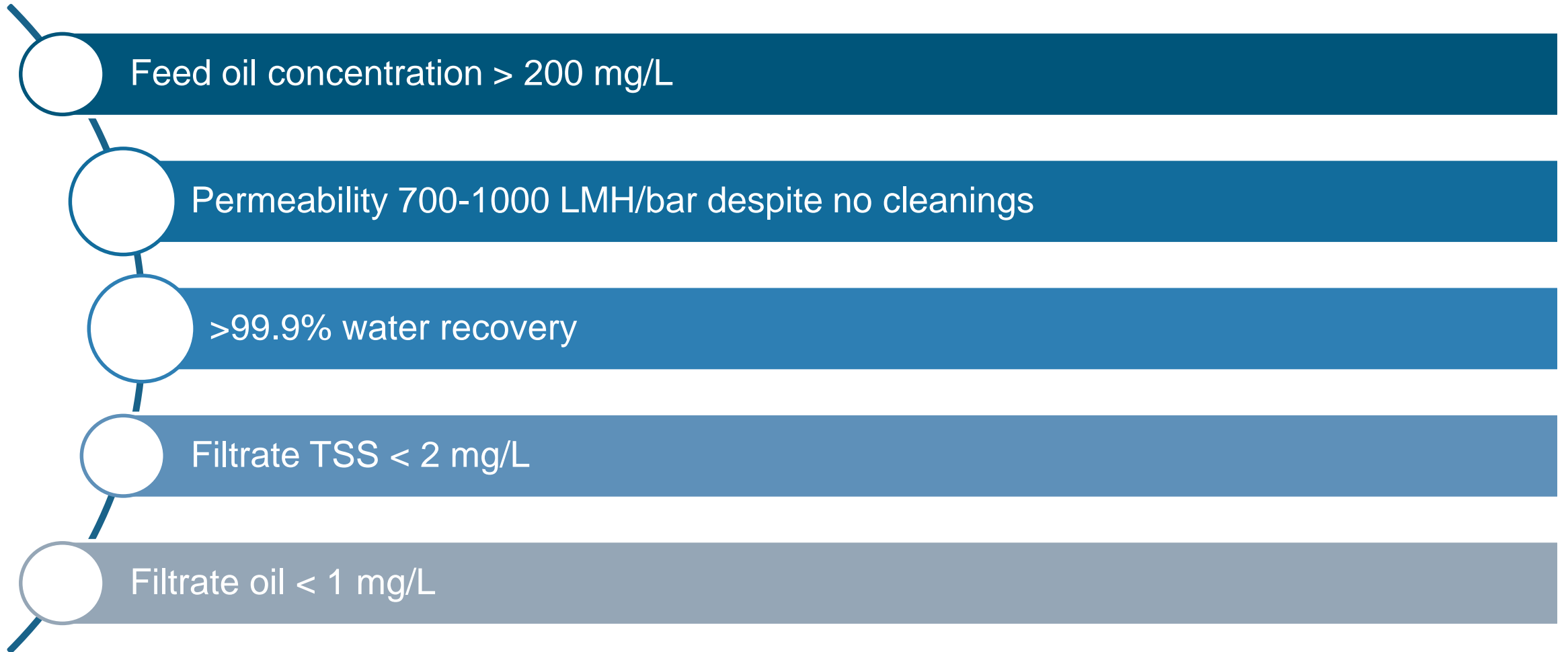
Feed oil  
variation to  
simulate after  
primary  
separation

99.9% water  
recovery –  
scooped oil off  
top of tank

4 month test



# Submerged Ultrafiltration Performance



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