

Wet sieving and magnetic separation for the treatment of radioactive secondary waste produced from waterjet abrasive suspension cutting

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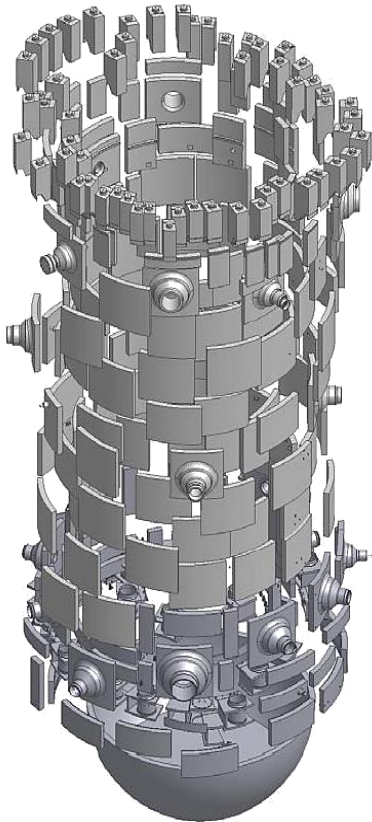
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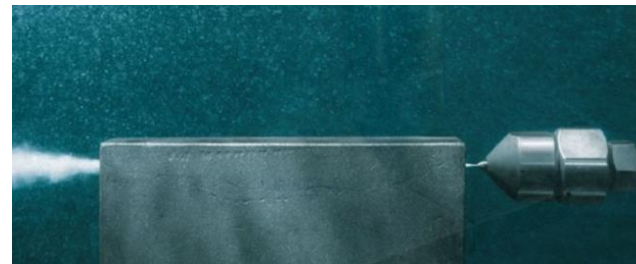
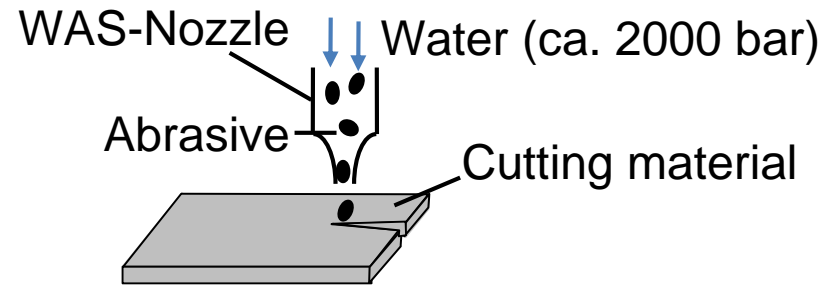


Waterjet Abrasive Suspension Cutting (WAS)

Dismantling of the
RPV and its internals



Reference: AREVA GmbH



Reference: ANT AG

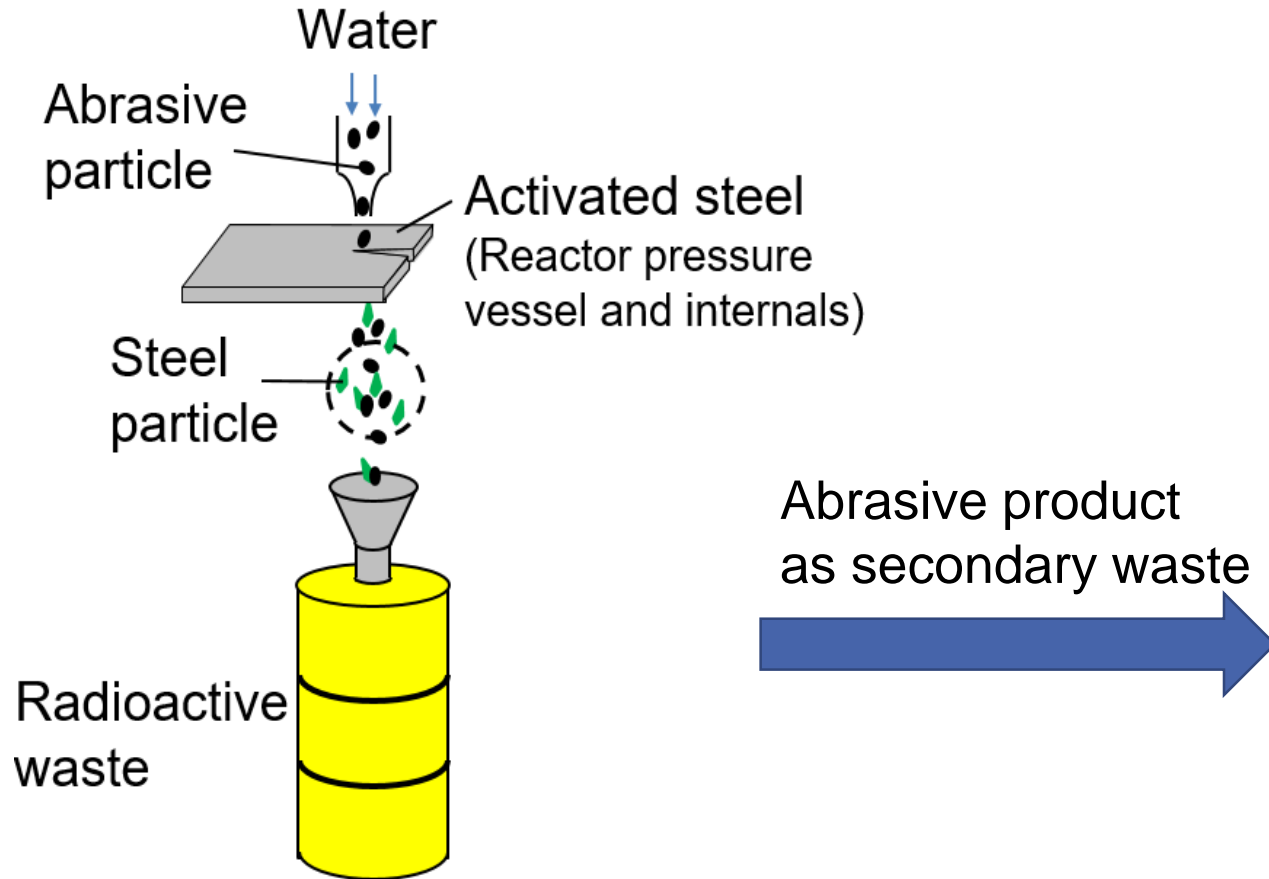
Technical advantages:

- Remotely controlled to provide maximum safety for the operating personnel
- No aerosol byproducts
- Cutting capability for a wide variety of materials
- Application also underwater

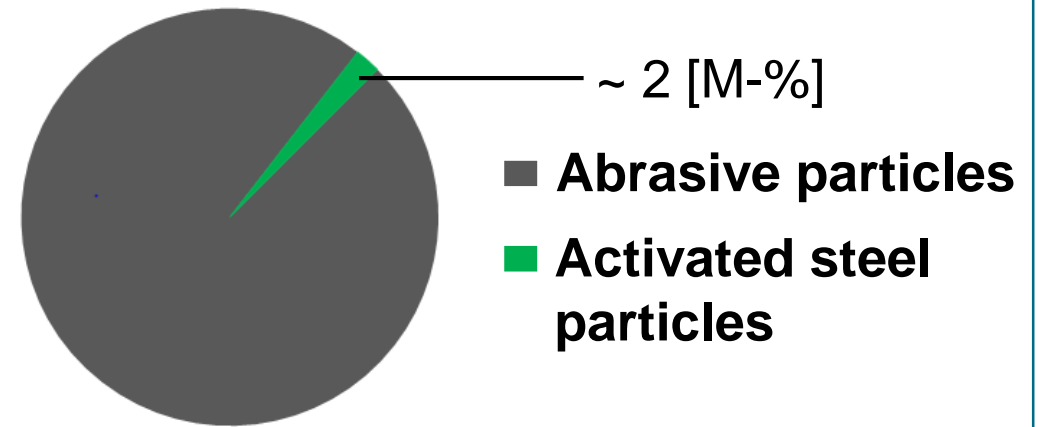
Downside:

- Large amount of secondary waste

WAS-Cutting and secondary waste

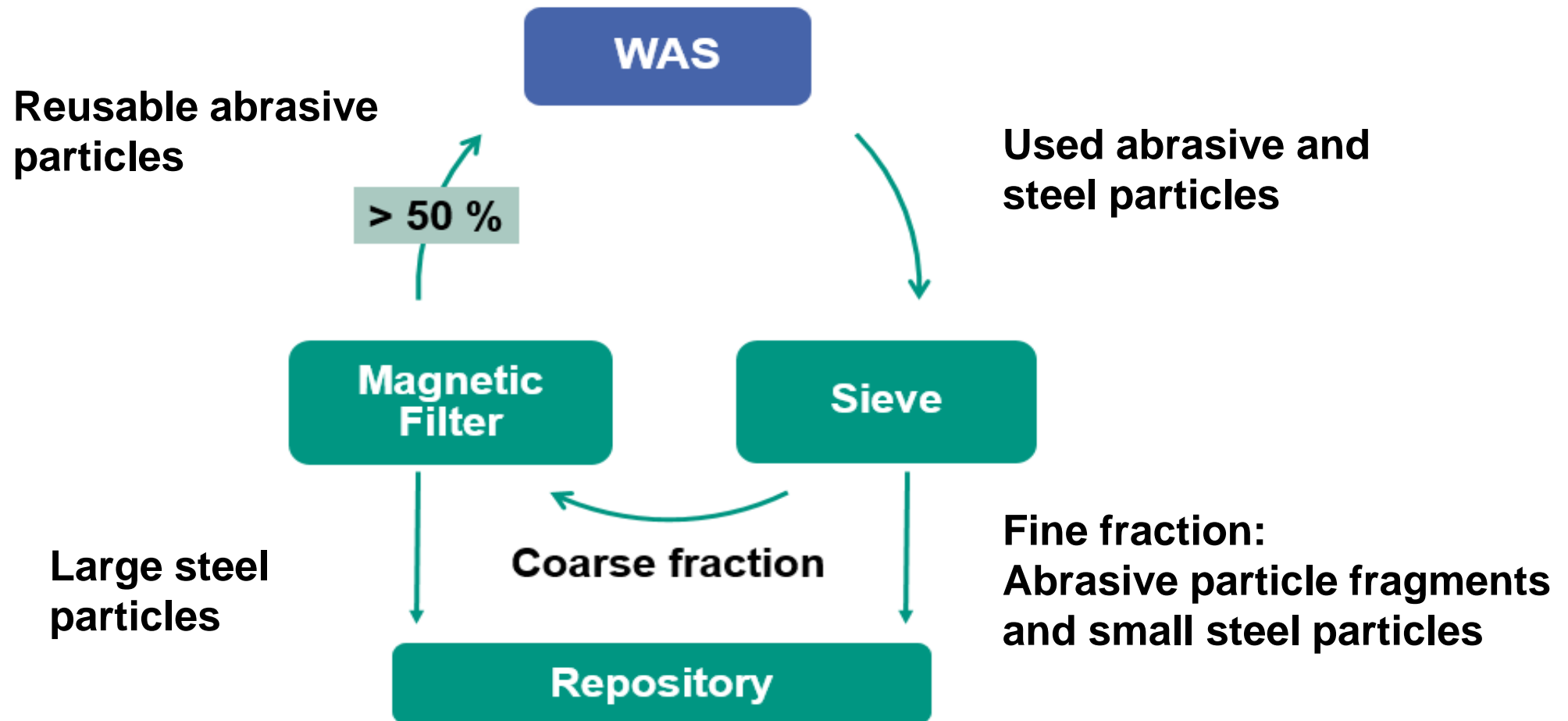


Particle composition [M-%]:

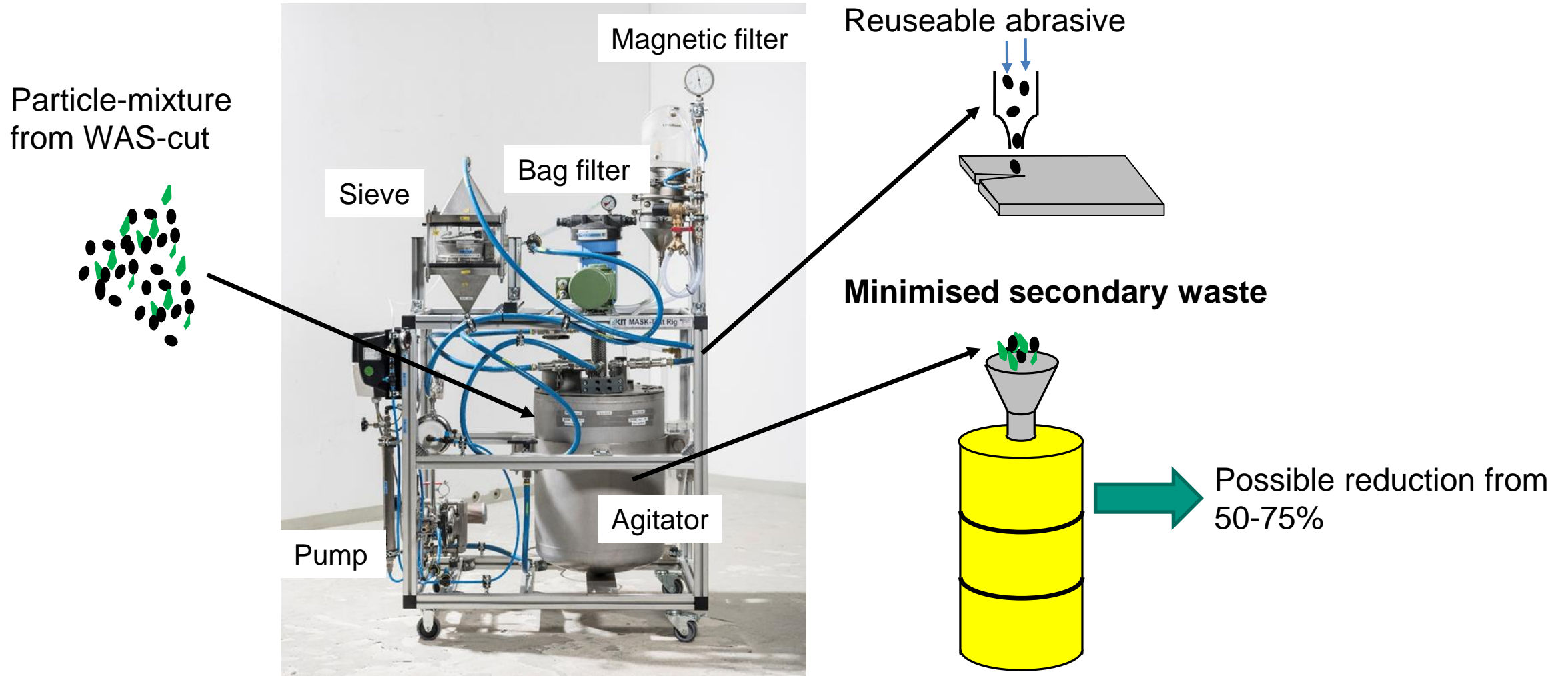


Reference: Dr. Schild, KIT-INE

Principle of reuse of abrasive and separation process



Separation plant in batch operation



Complications in batch operation

- Clogging and deterioration of the switch valves due to the abrasive
- Difficulty in operating the valves
- Interruption of the separation cycles for cleaning of the components
- Low separation rate
- **Rapid overloading of the magnetic filter**



Solution: Transfer to continuous operation

Continuous operation:

- New operating principle of the plant
- Continuously operated sieve
- Continuously operated magnetic filter

Complications in batch operation

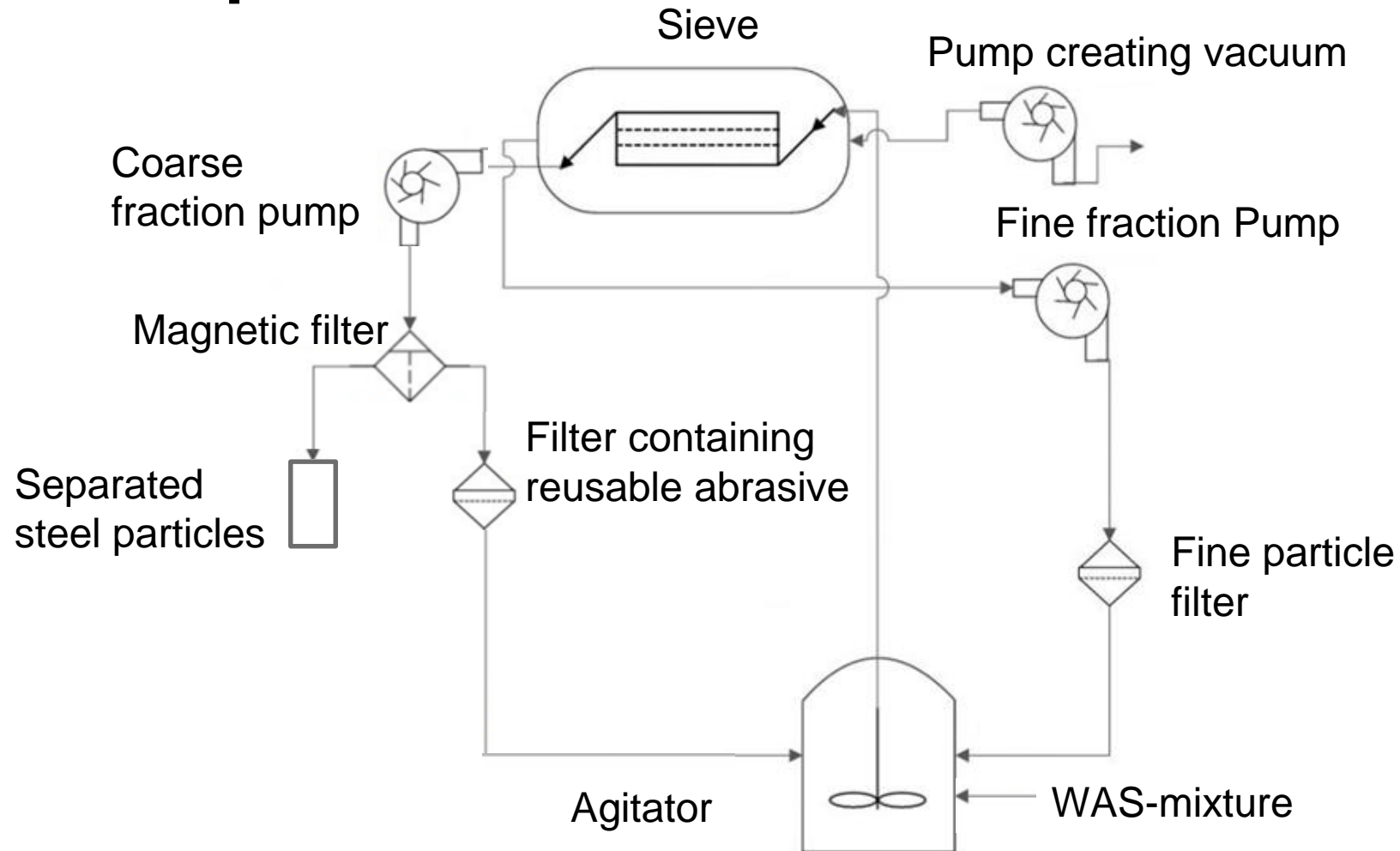
- Rapid overloading of the magnetic filter



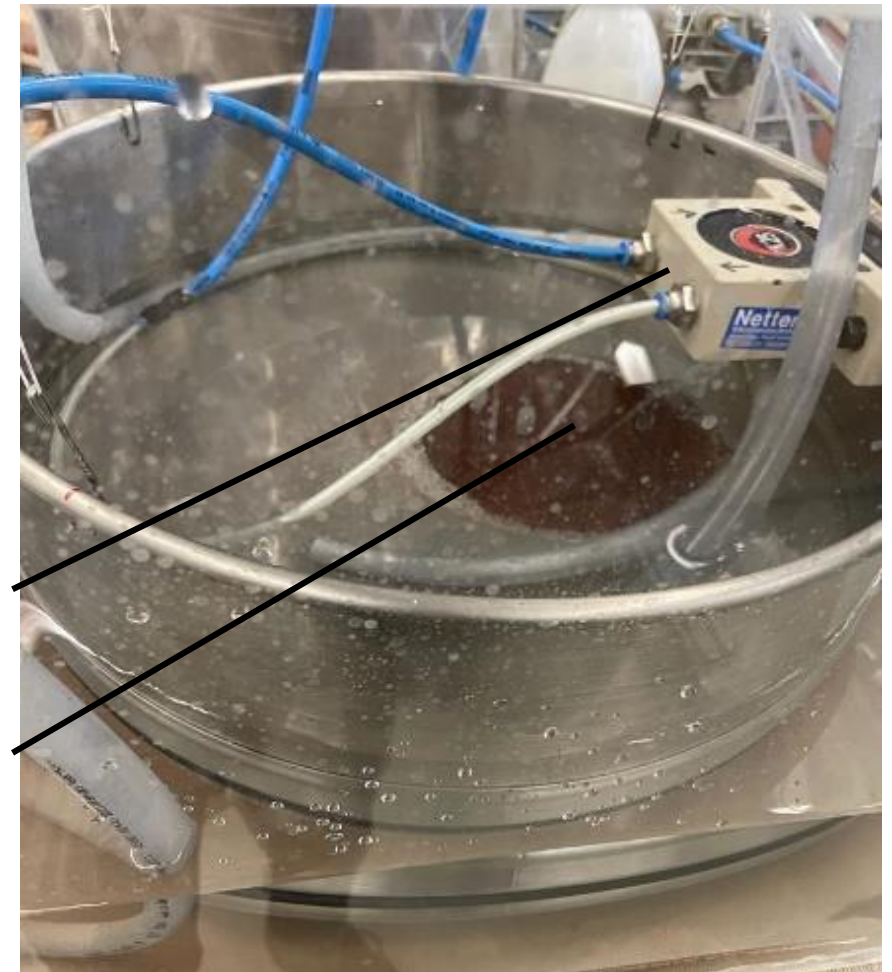
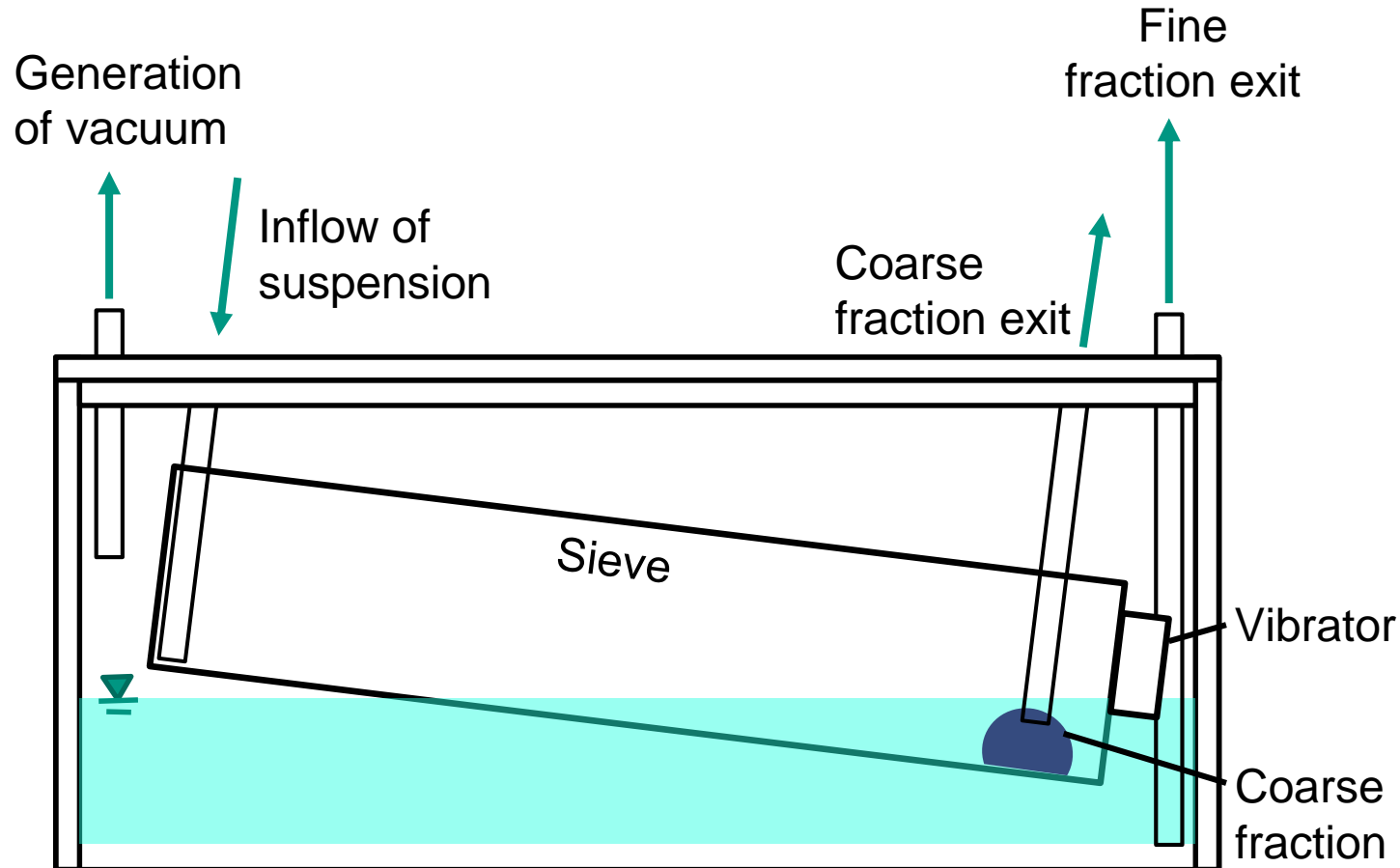
- Impurities and residual material in the plant



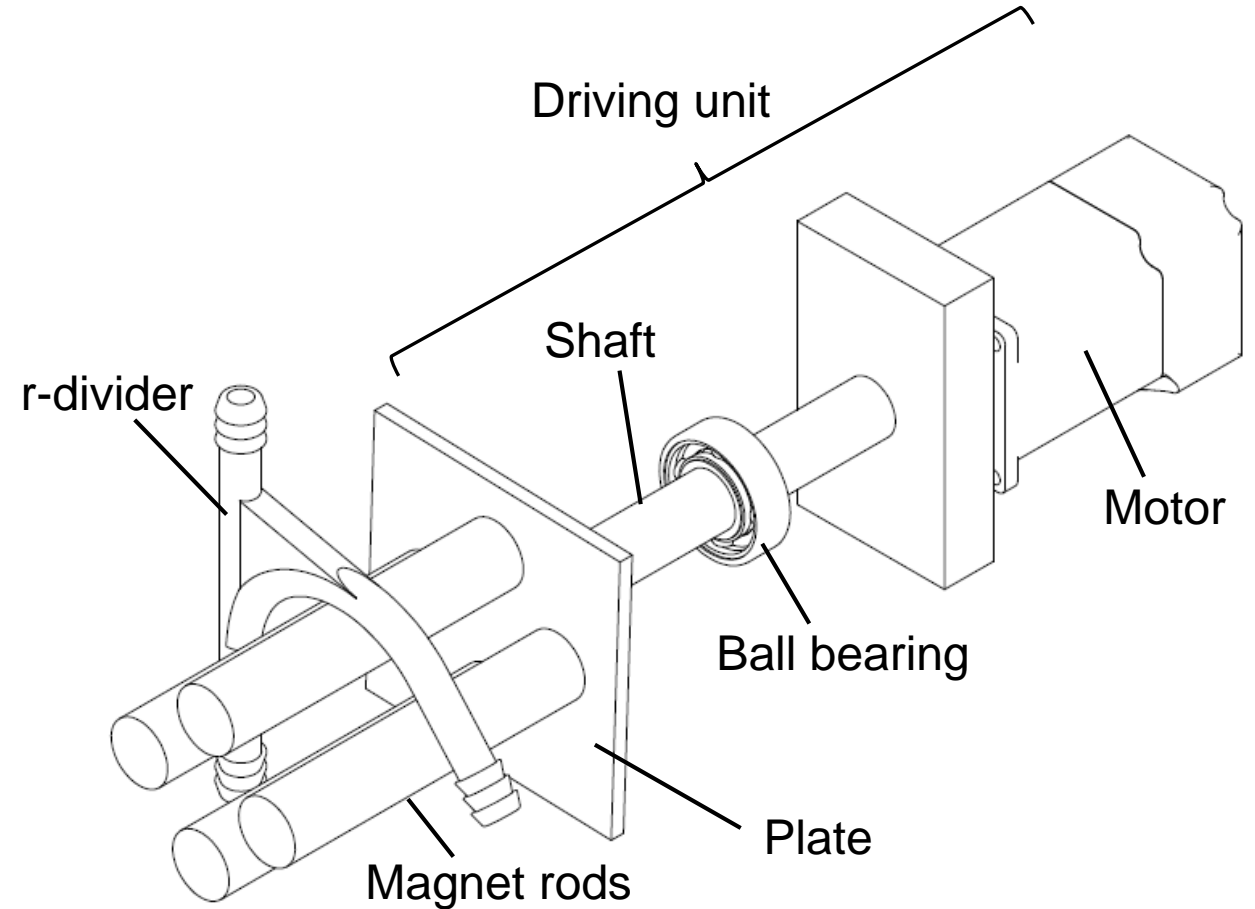
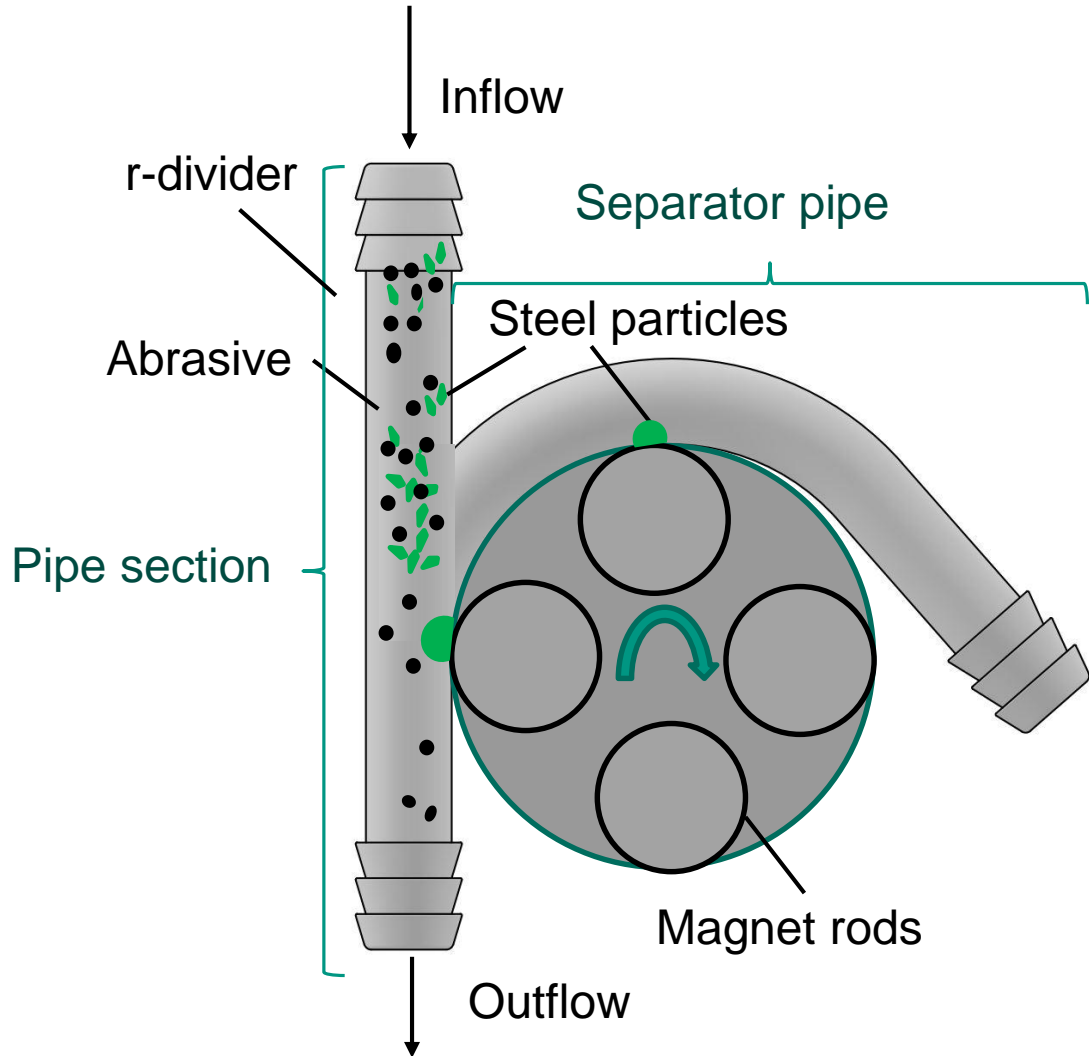
Continuous operation



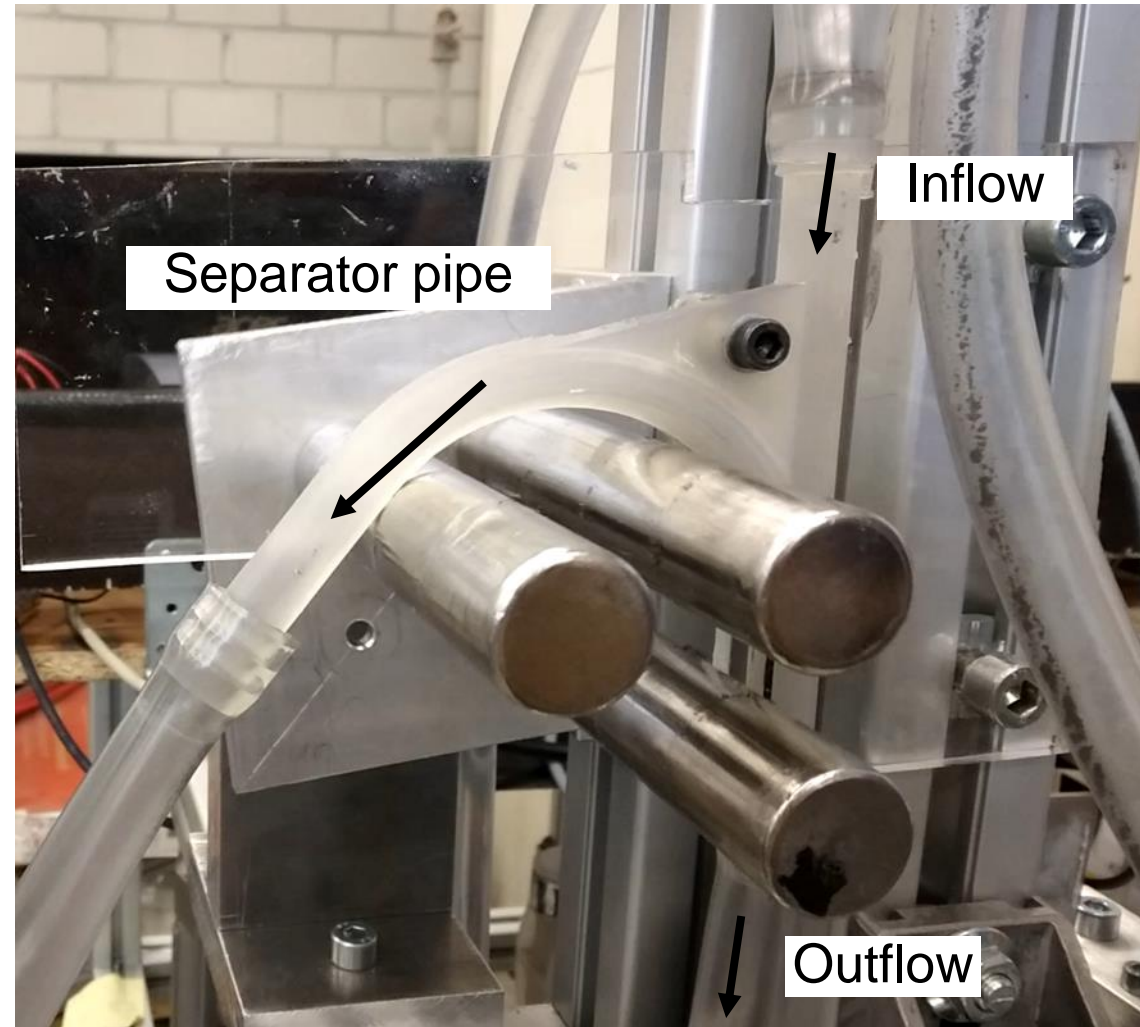
Continuously operated sieve



Continuously operated magnetic filter



Continuously operated magnetic filter

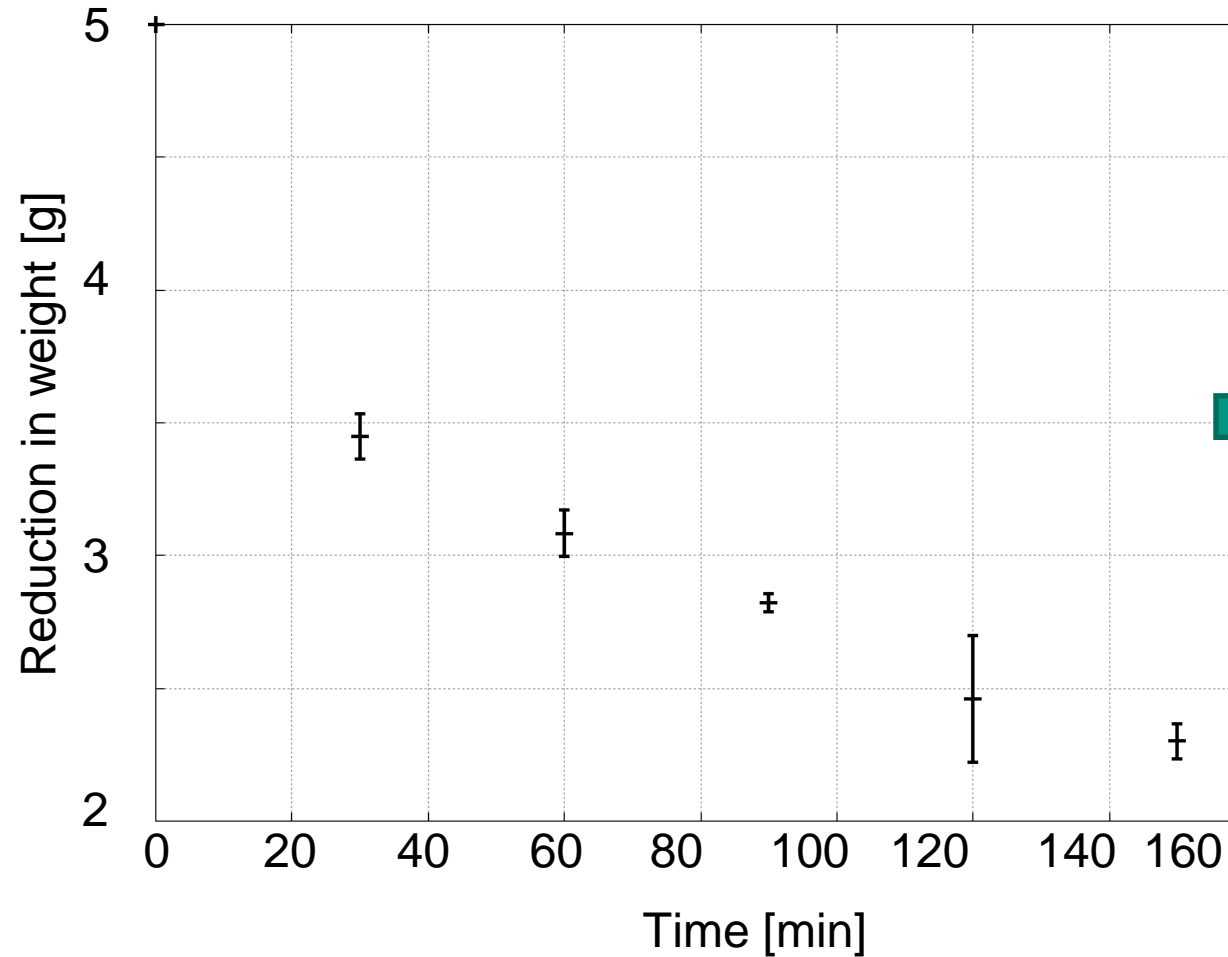
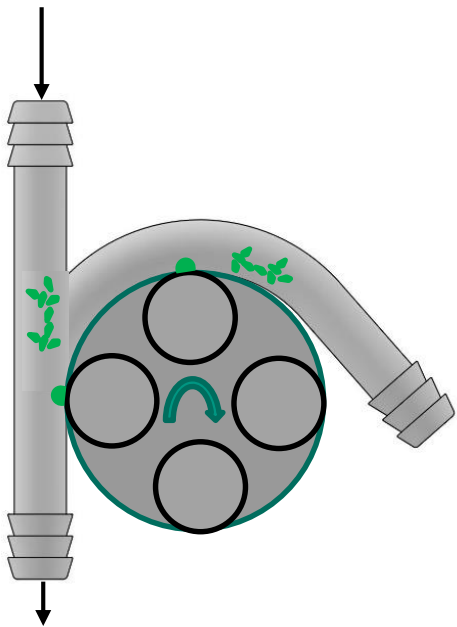




Continuous magnetic filter: Preliminary results

Experiments:

- Only with steel particles
- Batch operation

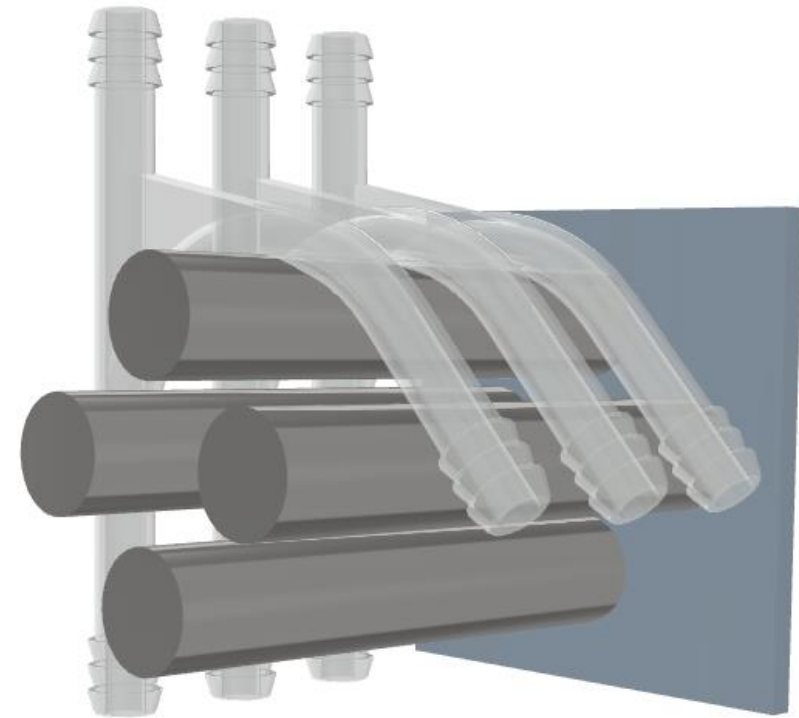


Results:

0.5-1% of the steel particles are separated after passing through r-divider

Outlook

- Combined test of continuous sieve and continuous magnetic filter with abrasive-steel-mixture from WAS-cut
- Improvement of the continuous magnetic filter
 - Geometry of piping
 - Continuous flow (i.e. Peristaltic pump)
 - More r-dividers in parallel



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