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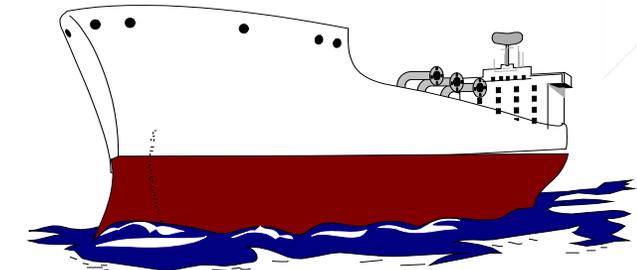
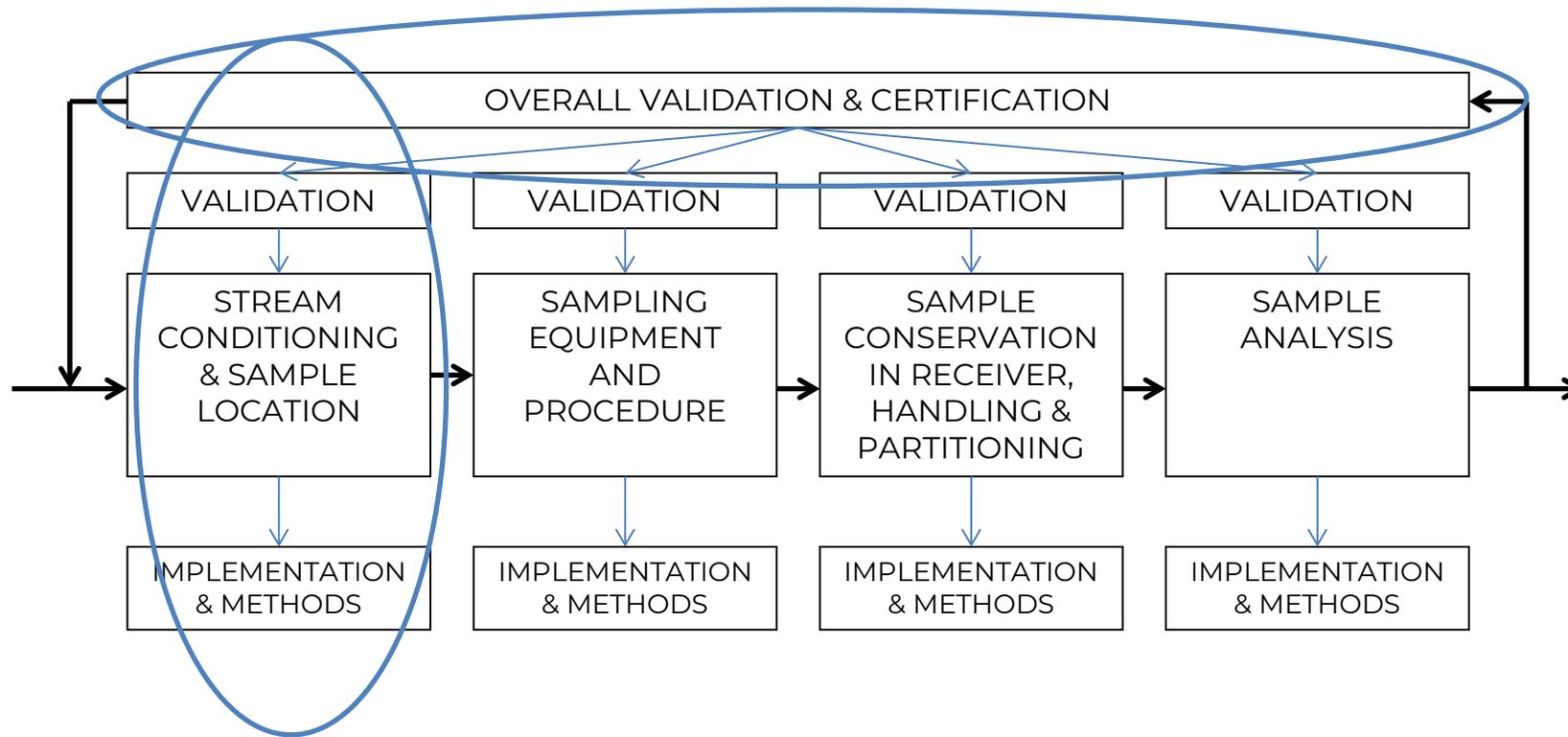
Evaluation of New Mixing Method for Pipeline Sampling at NEL flow facility

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Steps involved as described in the ISO 3171

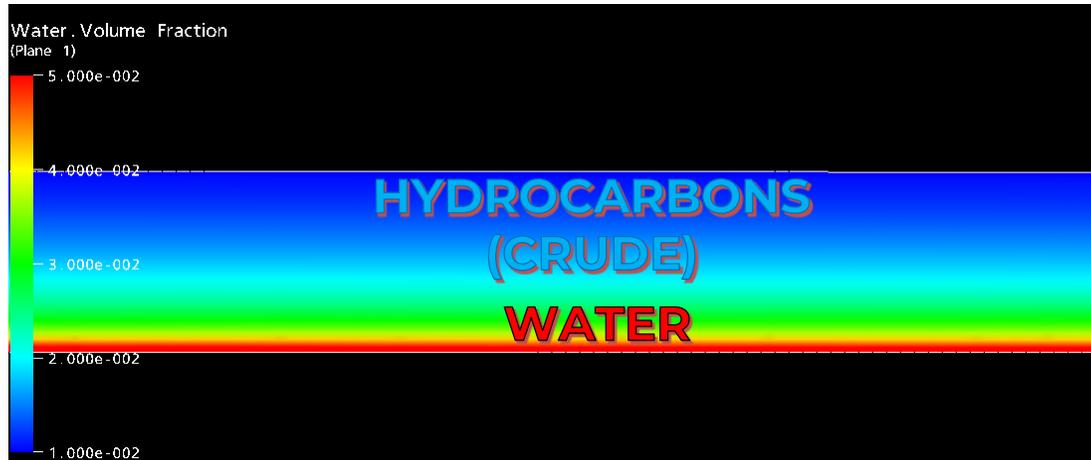


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The Challenge: how to take a 10L representative sample from a 1.9 million barrel VLCC?

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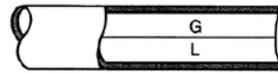
Stream Conditioning



In order to achieve a representative sample, mixing of the crude and water is required!

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Stream Conditioning – Flow Types



Stratified



TOO HIGH OR TOO LOW



Wavy



PARTIALLY TOO HIGH OR TOO LOW



Plug



PARTIALLY TOO HIGH OR TOO LOW



Slug



PARTIALLY TOO HIGH OR TOO LOW



Annular



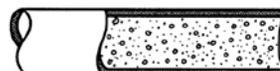
TOO HIGH OR TOO LOW



Bubble



SOMETIMES TOO HIGH OR TOO LOW



Disperse



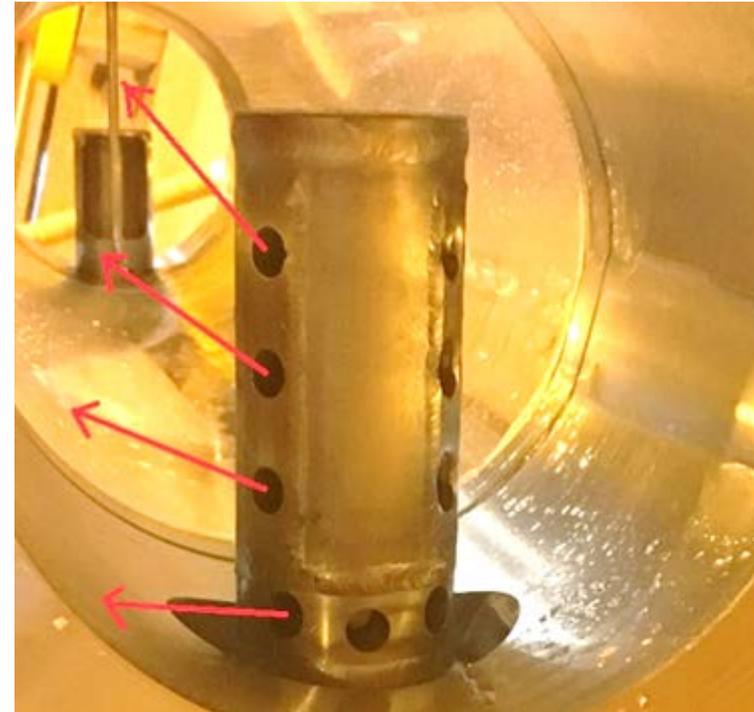
PERFECT MEASUREMENT!

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Stream Conditioning – Mixing Technology

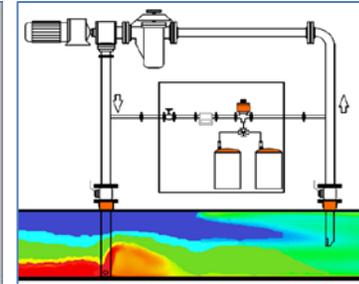
In practice there are a two main alternatives:

- Static mixing
- Jet mixing



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Stream Conditioning – Mixing Technology



Differences

- Turn down ratio
- Pressure drop
- Pipeline Pigging

Static Mixer

Limited (~1:5)
 Yes
 No

Jet Mixing

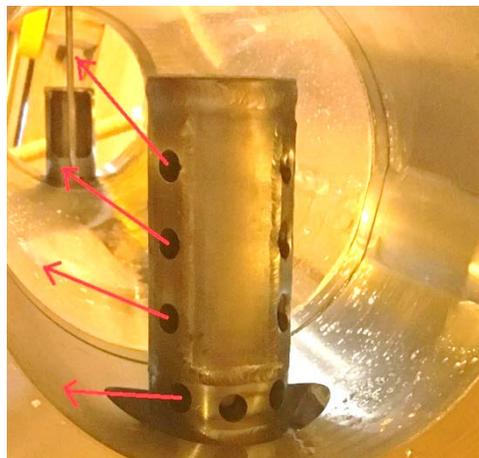
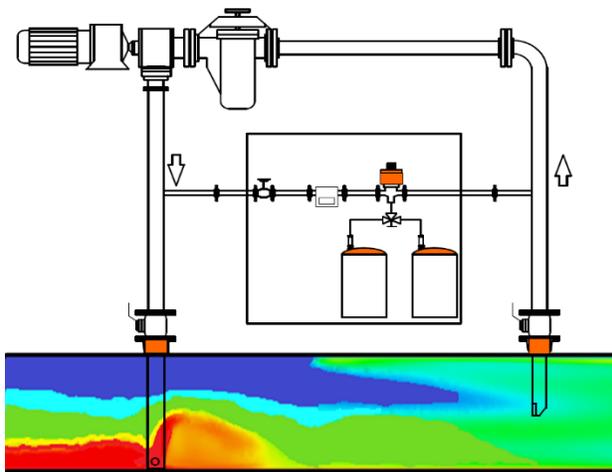
High
 No
 Yes

Challenges with Jet Mixing

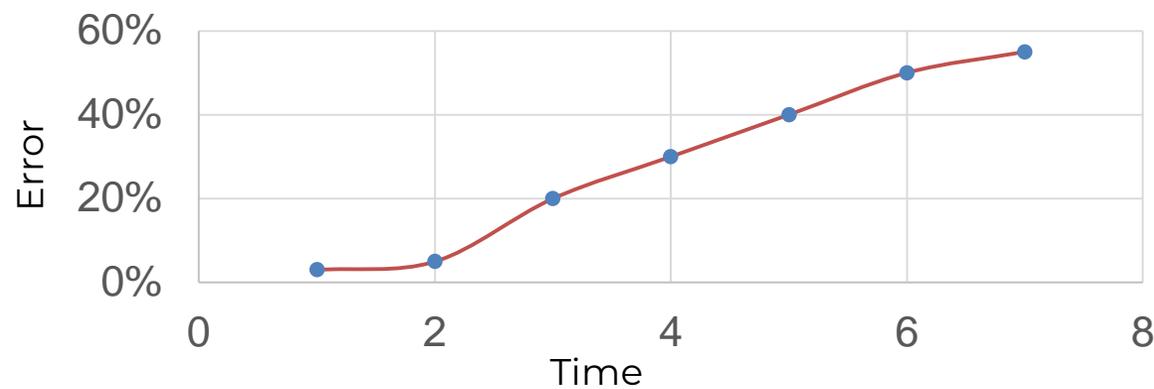
- Electric Power Requirement (pump and motor)
- Large footprint
- Potential deteriorating mixing performance

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Stream Conditioning – Challenges with Jet Mixing



Performance impact due to pollution





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Stream Conditioning – Addressing the Challenges of Jet Mixing

- How do we reduce the electric power requirements?
- How can we create a more compact design with smaller pump and pipe work?
- How do we address the deteriorating performance due to
 - Sediments?
 - Wax forming?
 - Unwanted materials (e.g. sand, etc.)?

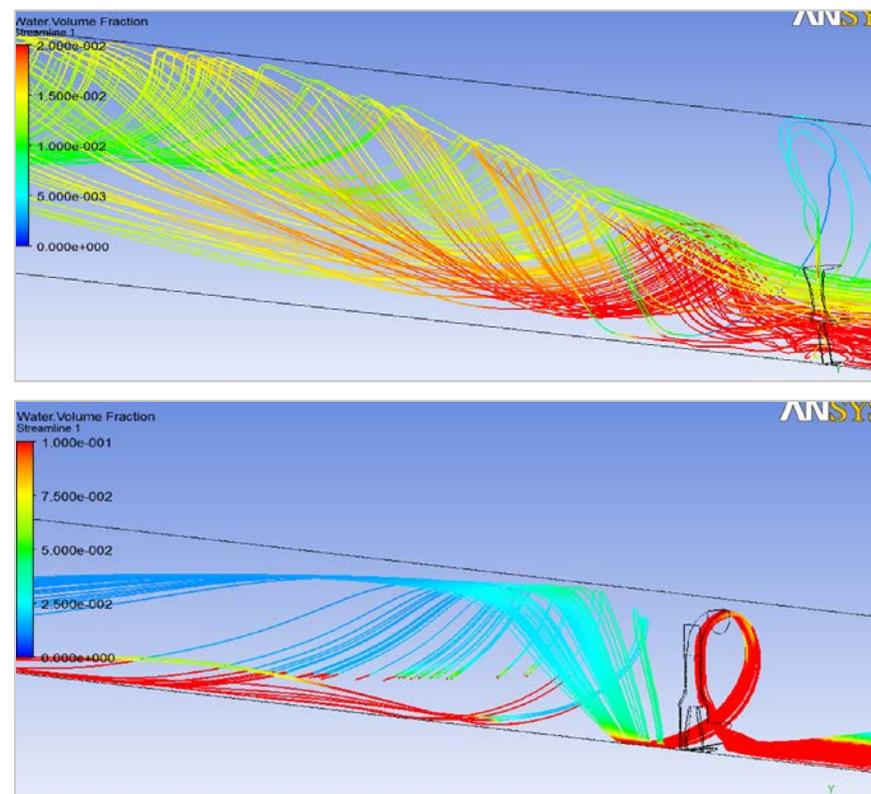
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e-Jet Mixer – Addressing the Challenges of Jet Mixing

Eductor Type Mixer



Initial results based on CFD modelling



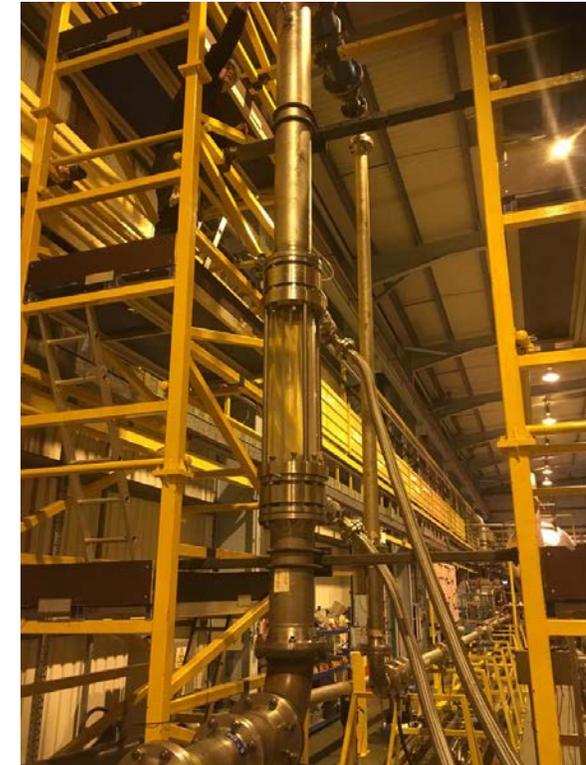
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e-Jet Mixer - Lab Test

Mixing profile test conducted at the accredited TUV-NEL flow facility

Purpose: evaluation of traditional Jetmix versus e-Jetmix (with eductor)

- Horizontal and Vertical lines
- Watercuts: 0.1% - 60%
- Velocities of 0.1m/s - 1.0m/s



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e-Jet Mixer – Lab Test



No mixer

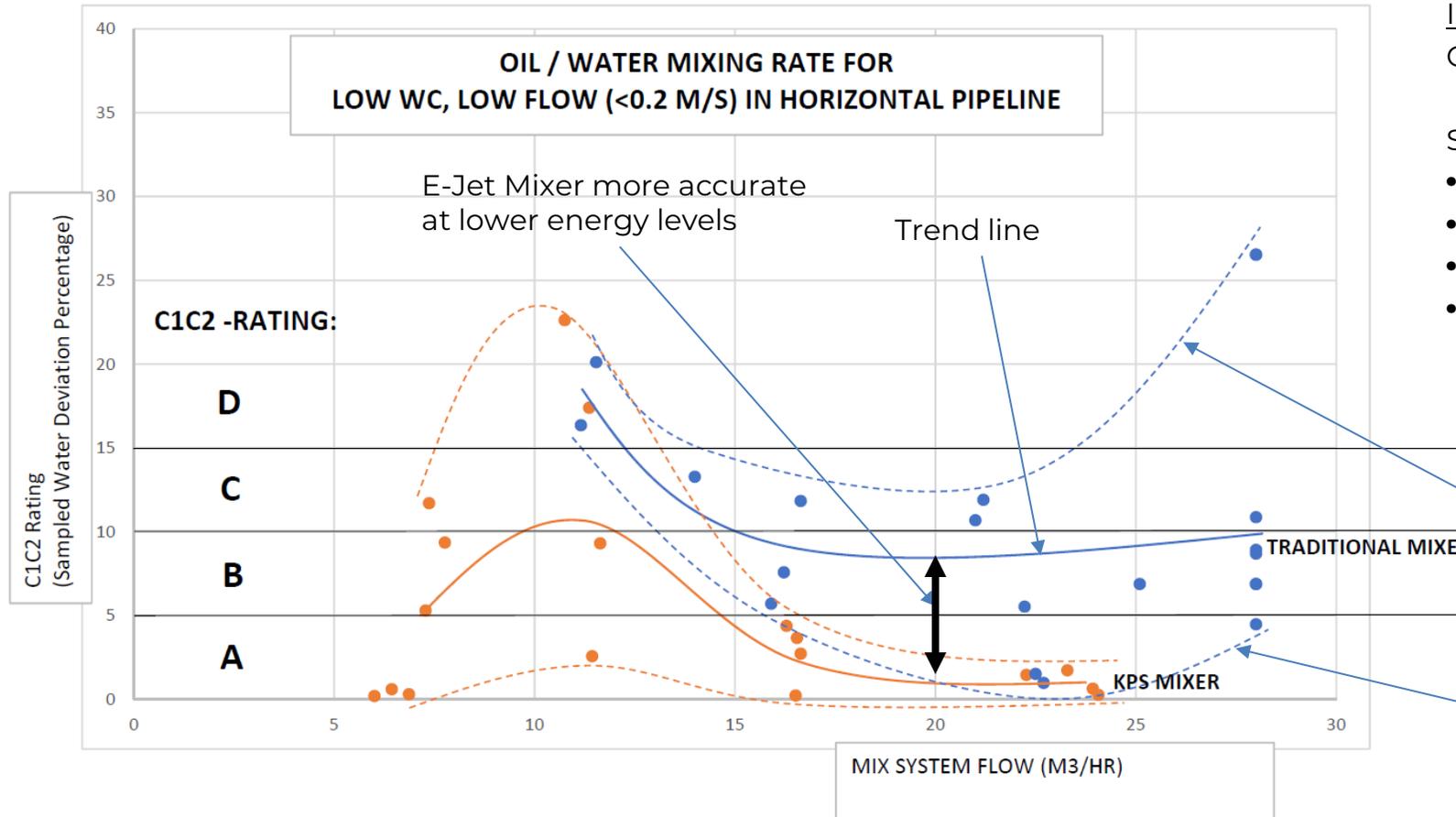
Insufficient mixing

Sufficient mixing

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e-Jet Mixer – Lab results at low water cut ($v < 0.2$ m/s)

Performance Rating ↑



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C1/C2 < 0.9

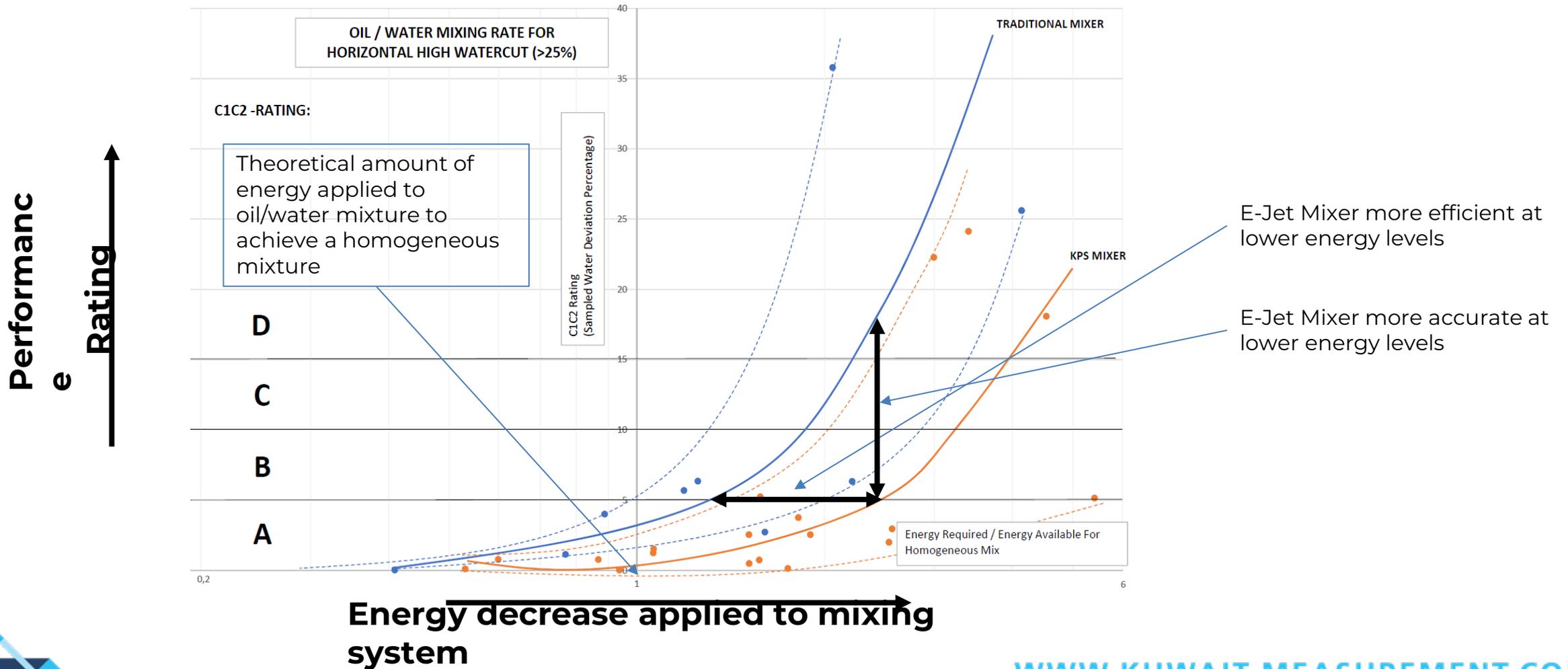
System ratings:

- A: <5%
- B: 5-10%
- C: 10-15%
- D: >15%

Energy (decrease applied to mixing system) ←

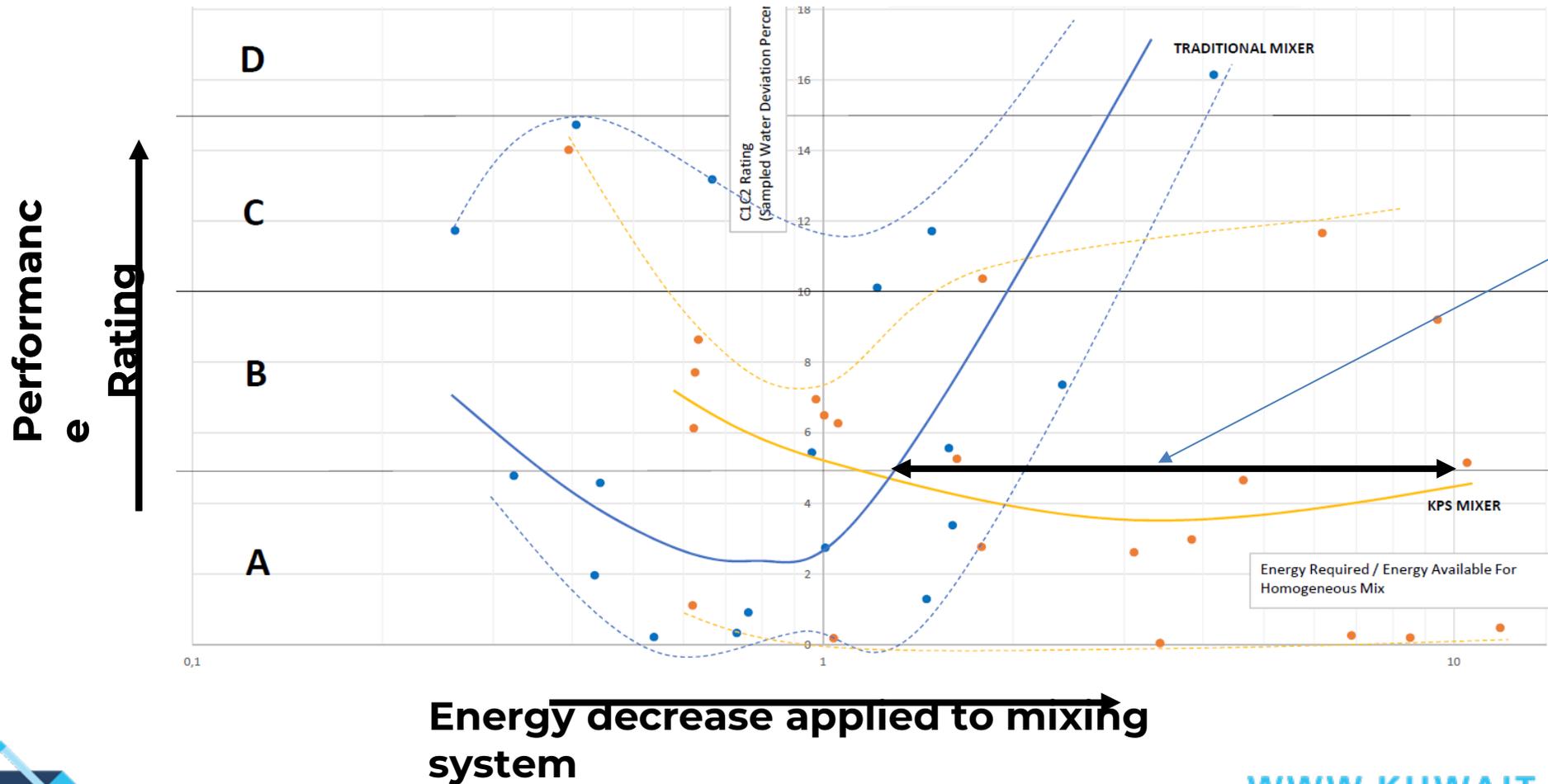
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e-Jet Mixer – Lab results at high water cut



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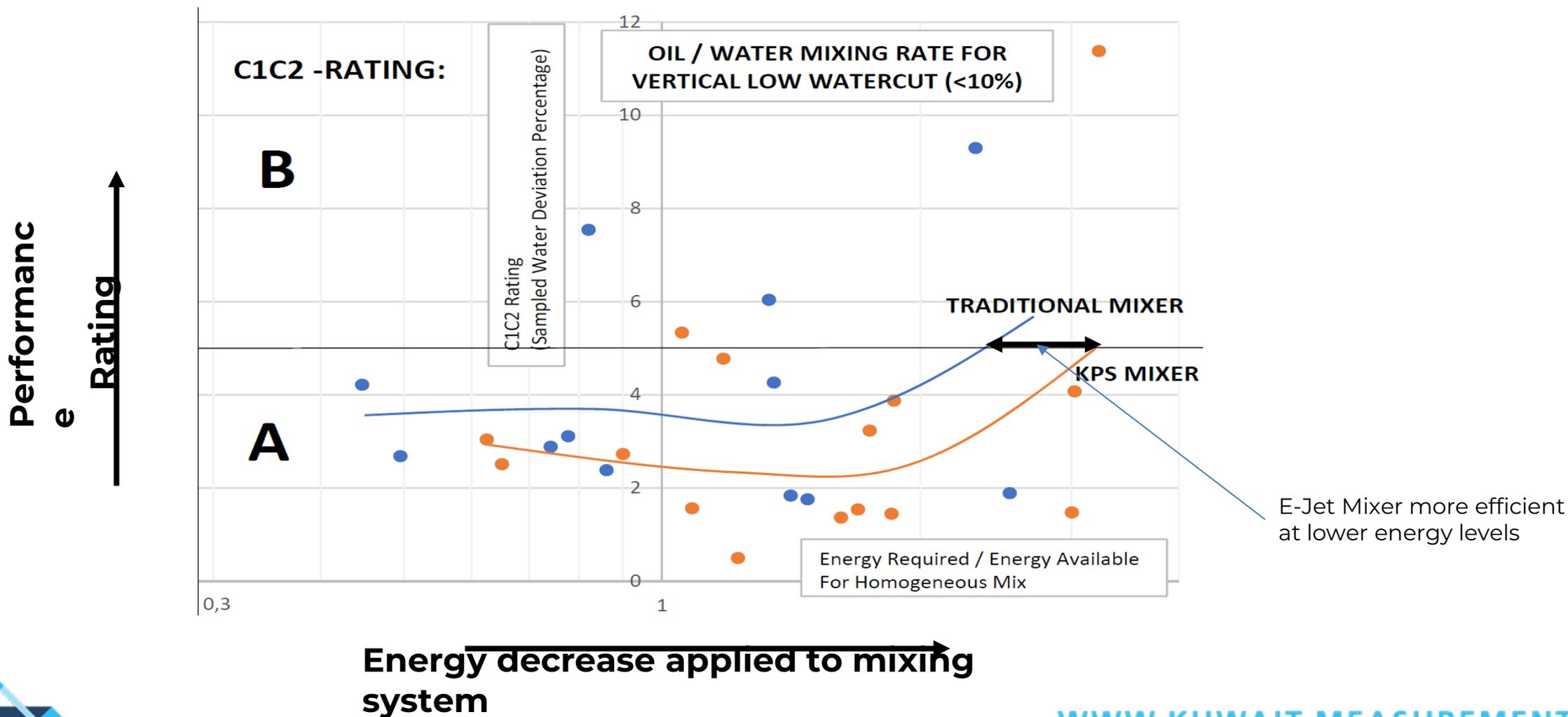
e-Jet Mixer - Lab results at low water cut ($v = 0.1 - 1.0\text{m/s}$)



E-Jet Mixer more efficient at lower energy levels

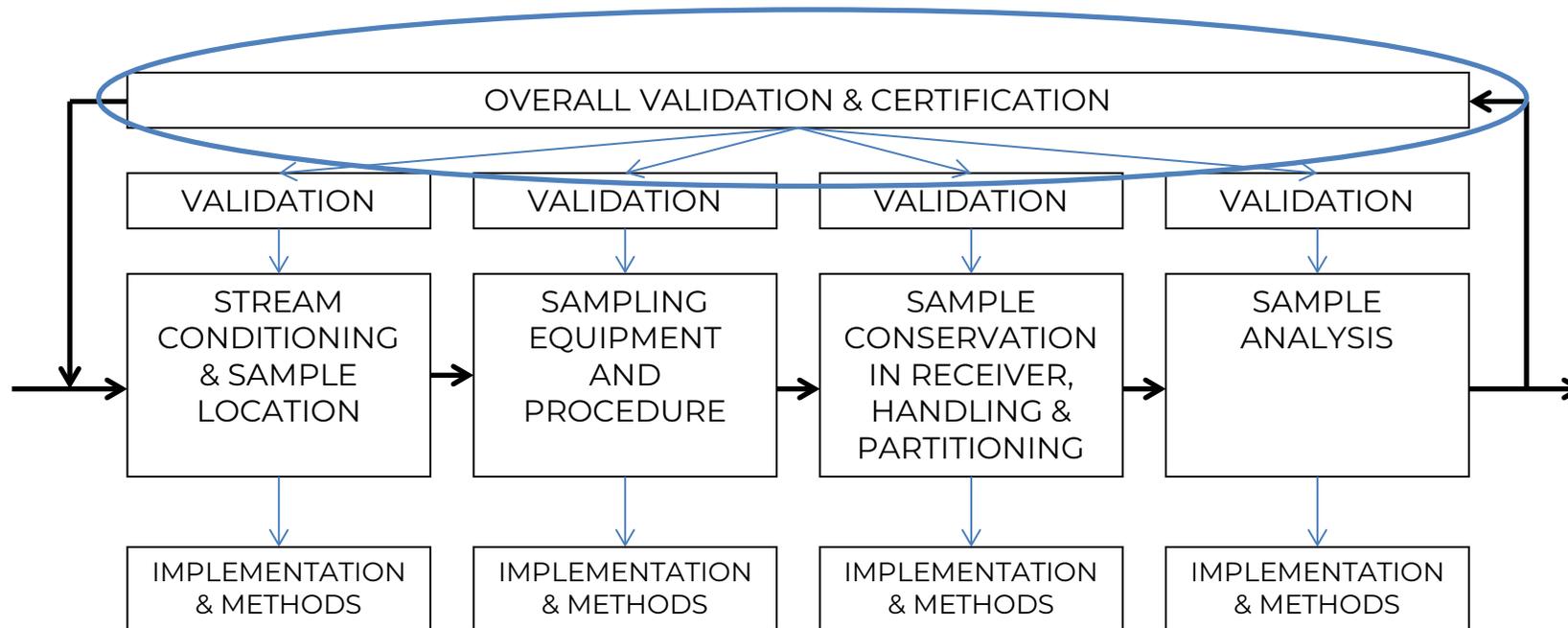
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e-Jet Mixer – Lab results at vertical flow



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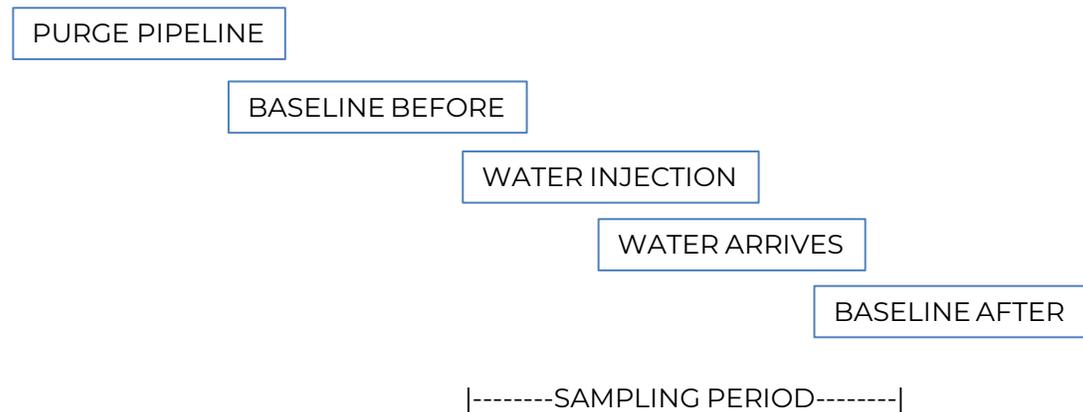
Overall Validation & Certification

ISO 3171 – Proving the sampling system

System Rating

Rating	Accuracy
A	<5%
B	5% – 10%
C	10% - 15%
D	>15%

Water proofing Test



Three samples

1. Baseline before
2. Actual water injected sample
3. Baseline after

Certification



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SGS	Applicant Subject Location Date Cert. no.
Calculations for actual quantities	
Owner of sampling system	
Supplier of sampling system	Kimman Process Solutions B.V.
Manufacturer of sampling system	Kimman Process Solutions B.V.
Serial number of sampling system	2014EJS228-2
Tag number of sampling system	53AS-016
Type of grab sampler	CS01 Cell Sampler
Serial number of grab sampler	CS01-019
Manufacturer water meter	Liquid Controls
Type	M30
Serial number	480431
Identification number (TAG number)	MM20
Capacity (l/min)	130 - 1300
Calibration certificate	16/MM20/1
Volume injected water during water injection	V_w 53.332 [m ³]
Volume of oil during water injection	V_{oil} 3345.805 [m ³]
Volume total	V_2 3399.137 [m ³]
Water percentage in "before" sample	W_{bef} 0.020 [%]
Water percentage in "after" sample	W_{aft} 0.050 [%]
Base water percentage	W_{base} 0.034 [%]
Water percentage in "test" sample	W_{test} 1.620 [%]
Water percentage "injection"	W_{inj} 1.569 [%]
	W_{dev} 0.017 [%]
Performance ratio	0.010
<p>The volume of oil during water injection was calculated as following using the calibrated and certified Level Indicator (LI) on tank 963: $V_{oil} = LI_{start} - LI_{end} - 75m^3$</p> <p>The 75m³ is a fixed line displacement, after this line displacement the sampler starts automatically.</p> <p>All samples were obtained by mixing the cans from the sampler and dividing into bottles.</p> <p>All samples were analyzed by SGS at their ISO9001 and ISO17025 accredited laboratory in Spijkenisse.</p>	
Average density @ 15°C of before and after samples:	0.7703 [kg/l]
Average density @ 15°C of the test sample:	0.7736 [kg/l]
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Volume of oil
Volume of water

Water in base line: 0,034%

Water injected : 1.569%
Water measured: 1.620%

Performance ratio: 0.01
(A-rating <0.05)

Condensate with an
API>50



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e-Jetmixer - Field Results

Application	% Water Injected	Viscosity	Density	Accuracy
30-inch crude oil pipeline	1,56%	1,3 cSt	770kg/m ³	A-rating
36-inch crude oil pipeline	1,46%	6,4 cSt	840kg/m ³	A-rating
40-inch crude oil pipeline	1,94%	1,4 cSt	780kg/m ³	B-rating*



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e-Jetmixer - Offshore Application

Platform: ULA (North Sea)

Operator: AkerBP



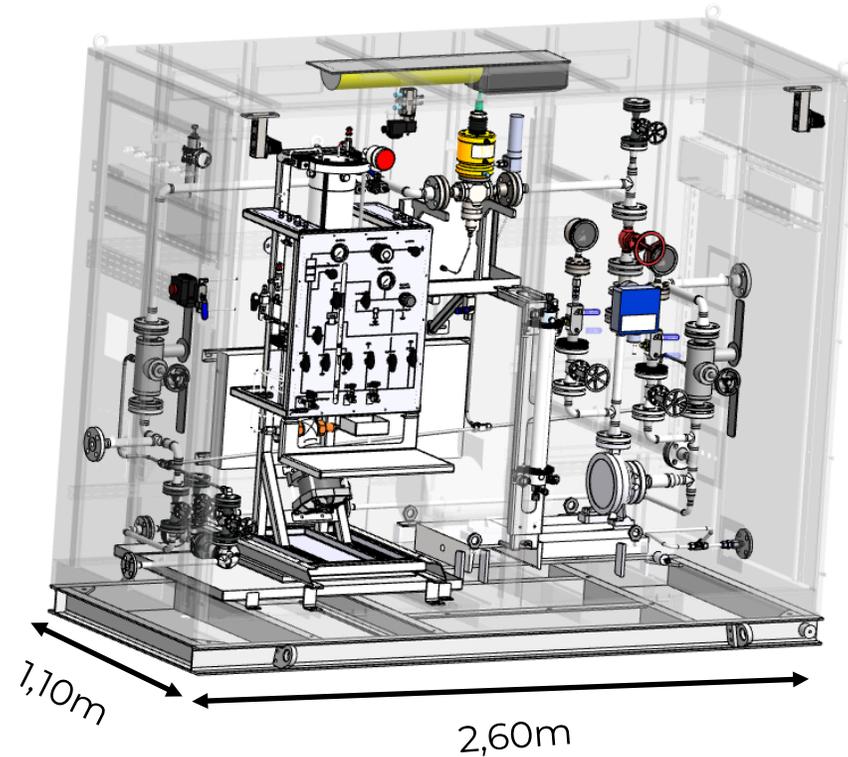
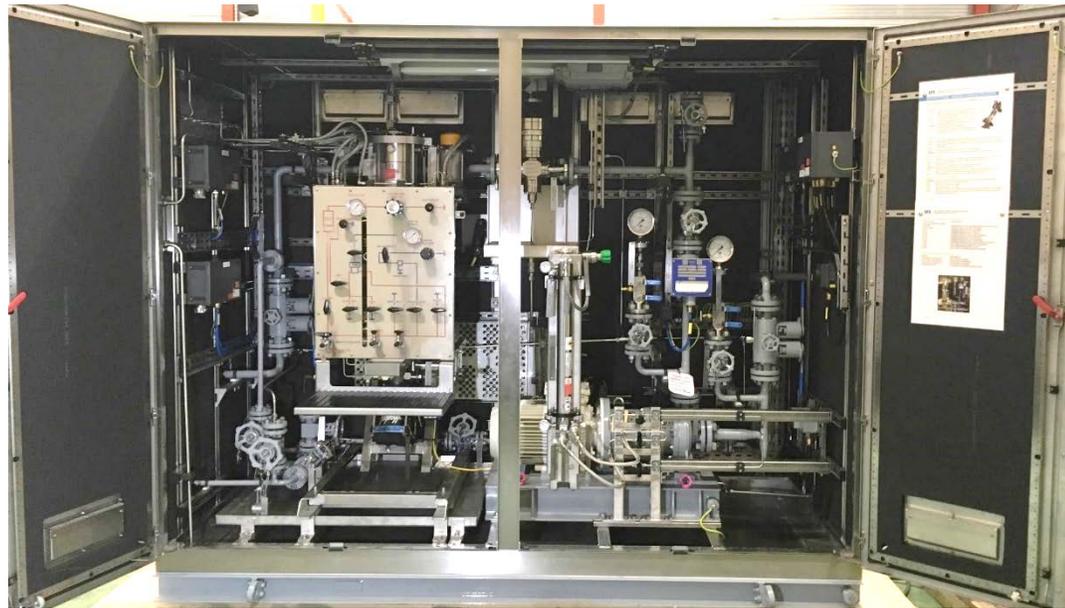
Challenges:

- Limited available footprint
- Maturing fields (asphaltenes & sand)
- Lower pipeline velocities (resulting in poor mixing)

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e-Jetmixer - Offshore Application

- Compact design
- Suitable for maturing field conditions





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e-Jetmixer - Summary

- e-Jetmixer contains an eductor mixing nozzle which proves to be an very promising technology for pipeline sampling applications.
- Requires in general less electrical power than traditional jet mixing technologies
- Higher accuracy than traditional methods in cases where:
 - Less energy is applied than required
 - Low velocities in the main pipeline



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e-Jetmixer – Customer Benefits

- Accurate performance for crude oils containing:
 - Sediments
 - Wax formation issues
 - Other unwanted materials
- Less required footprint and power

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