

Use of Real-time Monitoring to Minimize Chemical Incompatibility In Hydraulic Fracturing Fluid

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Outline

- Problem Statement
- Gel Compatibility and the Realtime Monitoring
- Slickwater compatibility and the Realtime Monitoring

Problem Statement

Water-Based Fracturing Fluid

Slickwater	Gel Fluid
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• High Retained Conductivity• Lower Requirement on Water Quality• Less Chemical, Lower Cost	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• May Affect Conductivity• Higher Water Quality Requirement• More Chemicals, Higher Cost
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Larger Water Volume• Larger Horsepower• Reduced Performance for Larger Proppant	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lower Water Volume• Smaller Horsepower Requirement• Transport Large Proppants

- High pump pressure
- Gel failure
- Premature crosslinking

Cross-linked gel fluids



- Borate or Zirconium Crosslinker
- TSS, TDS, Chlorides, Hardness and Boron all affect gel compatibility.
- Once Gel recipe is developed water quality must remain in a narrow range to maintain gel compatibility
- Control of water quality is paramount

Gel Compatibility Testing

Rheology Testing

- Viscosity
- Gel Stability
- Break Time

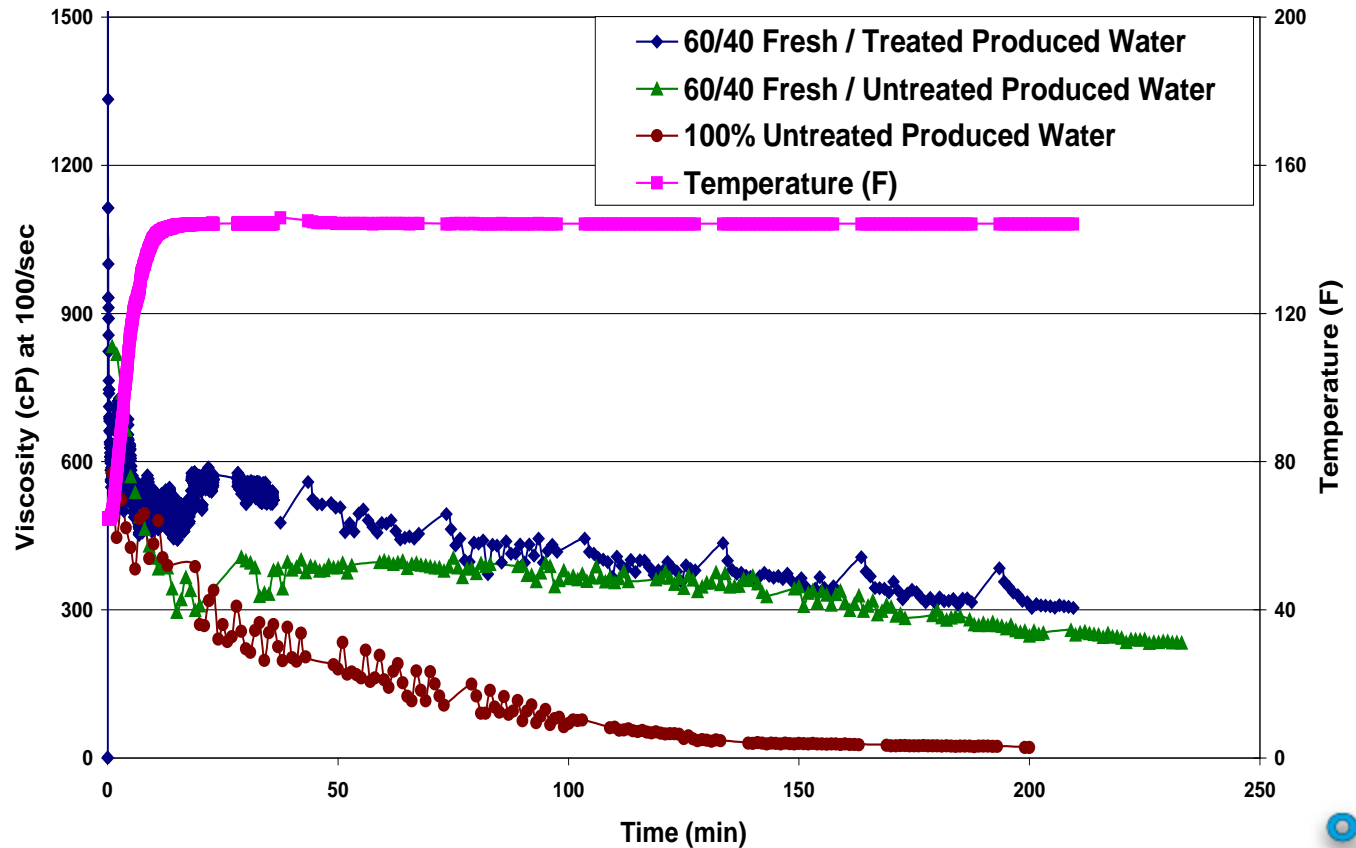


Crosslink Gel Compatibility

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- Gel Test with Borate Crosslinker
- No Adjustments made
- Purely trying to identify compatibility issues

Viscosity vs. Time
Instantaneous Borate Crosslink System
25ppt Guar



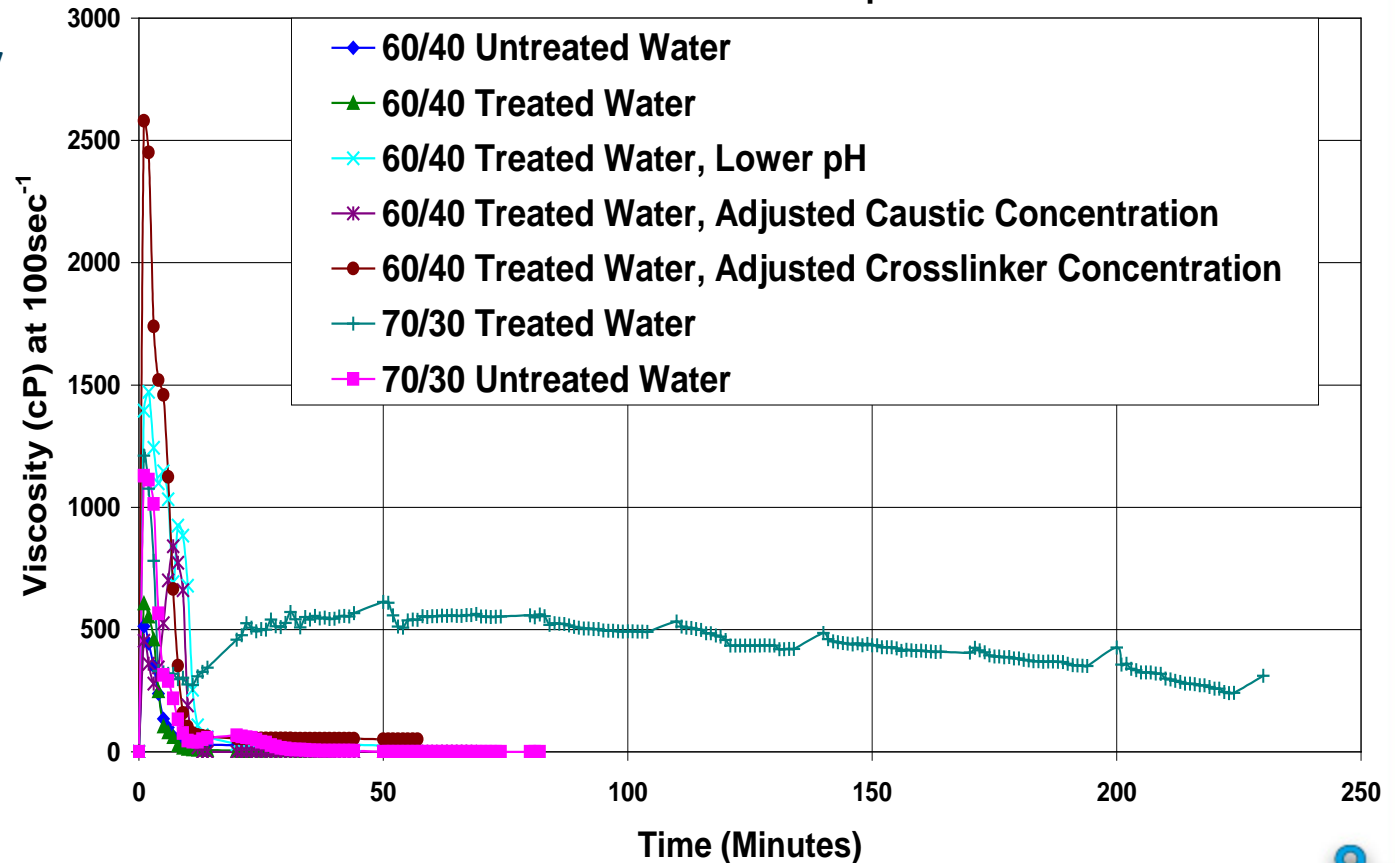
Crosslink Gel Compatibility

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- Temperature effected stability
- 70/30 Blend showed significant improvement with temperature
- No changes in crosslinker concentration for 70/30 blend
- No pH adjustment for 70/30 blend
- No Buffers

Viscosity vs. Time

Delayed Borate Crosslinked Fluid at 250°F
9-100 and 9-101 Water Samples



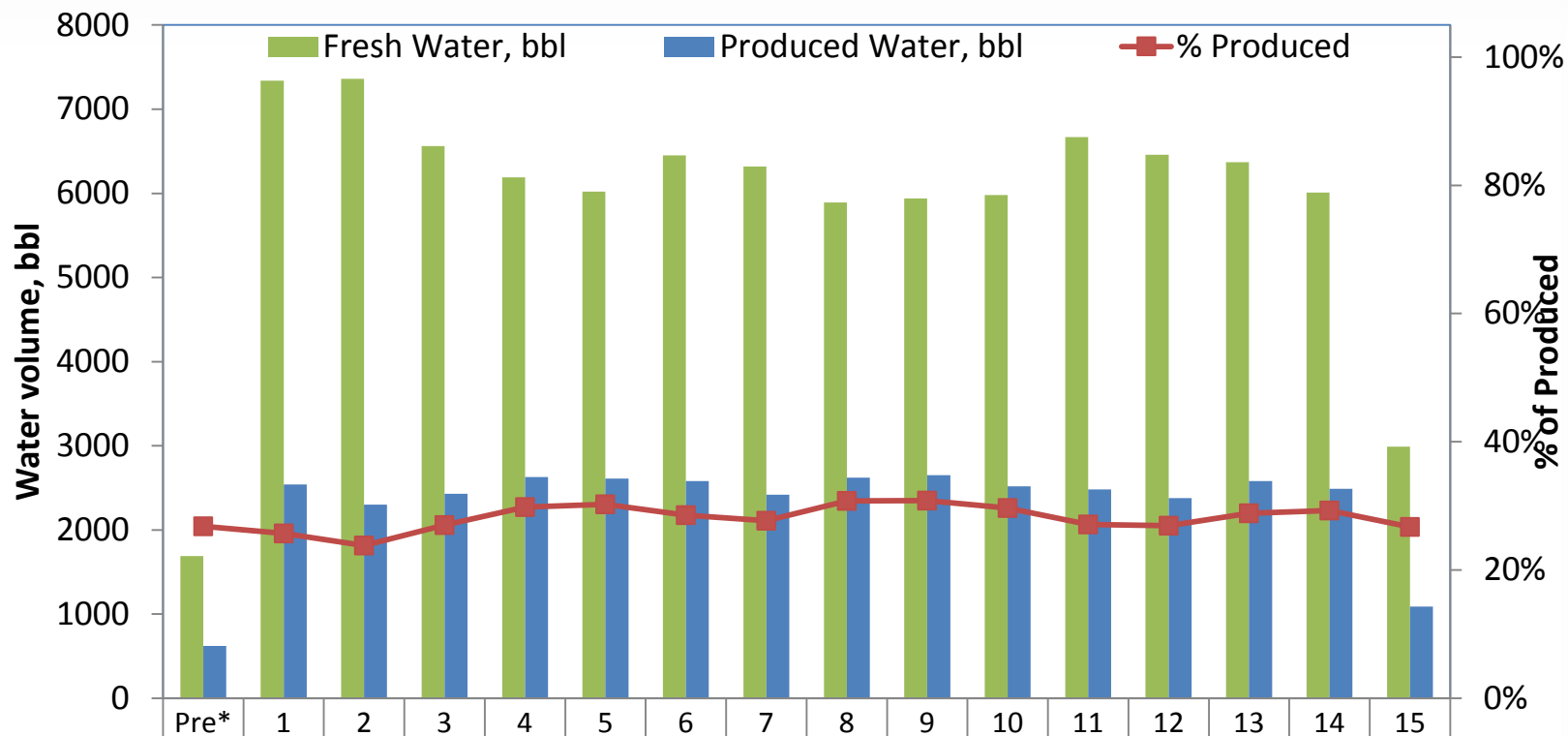
Real Time Water Quality Monitoring for Crosslinked Gel Frac

- Chloride / TDS
 - Good Indicator of Quality
 - Monitor Blend Consistency
 - For KCl Equivalency
- Boron
 - To Identify Inhibitor Dose Rate
- Bacteria Disinfection Monitoring
 - Test Influent/Effluent
 - Test Working Tanks
- Other Parameters
 - pH / TSS / Hardness etc



Real Time Water Quality Monitoring

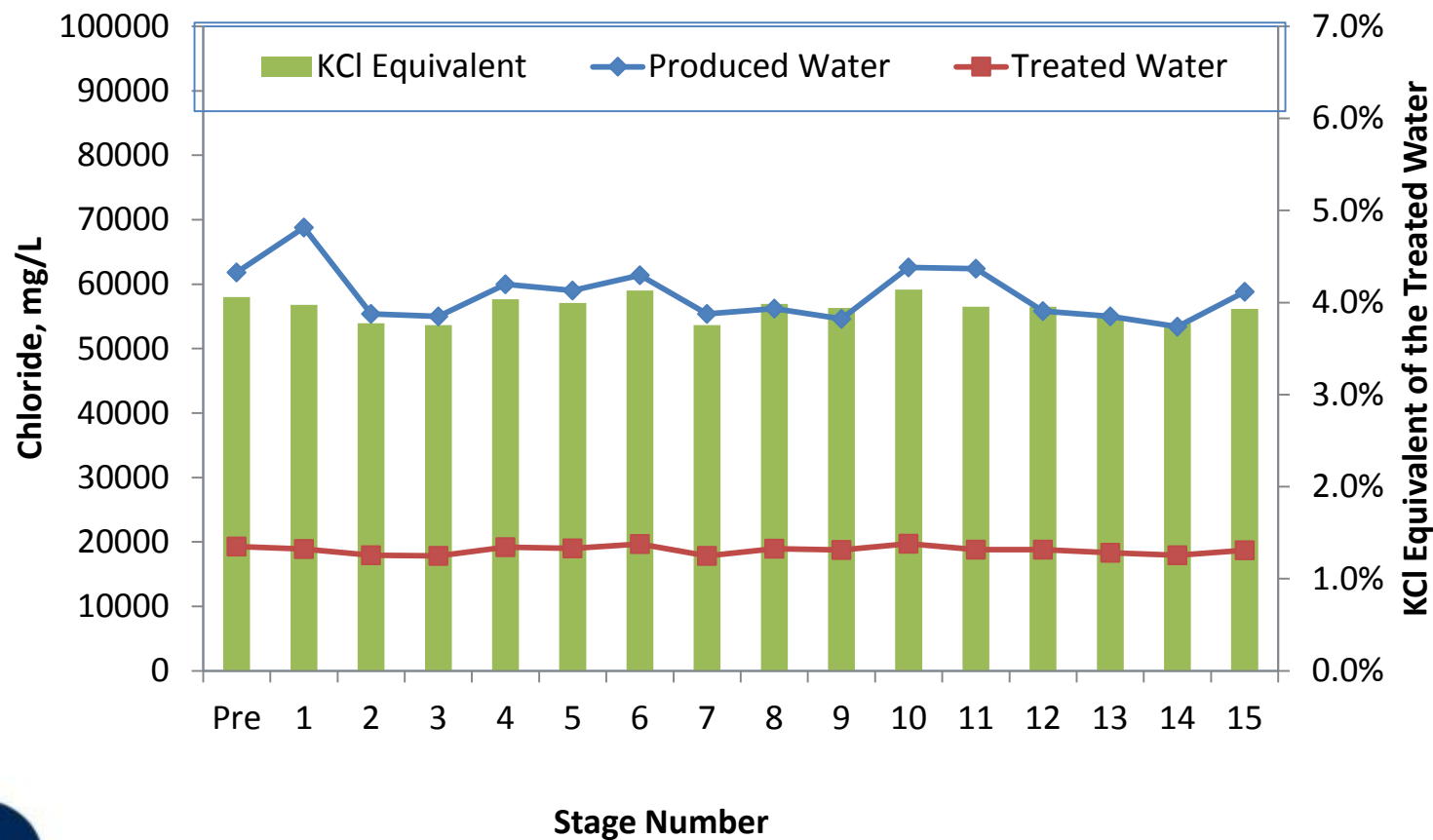
Keep Water Quality Consistent – Adjust Blend Rate Stage by Stage



Fresh Water, bbl	1690	7340	7360	6560	6190	6020	6450	6320	5890	5940	5980	6670	6460	6370	6010	2990
Produced Water, bbl	620	2540	2300	2430	2630	2610	2580	2420	2620	2650	2520	2480	2380	2580	2490	1090
	26.8%	25.7%	23.8%	27.0%	29.8%	30.2%	28.6%	27.7%	30.8%	30.8%	29.6%	27.1%	26.9%	28.8%	29.3%	26.7%

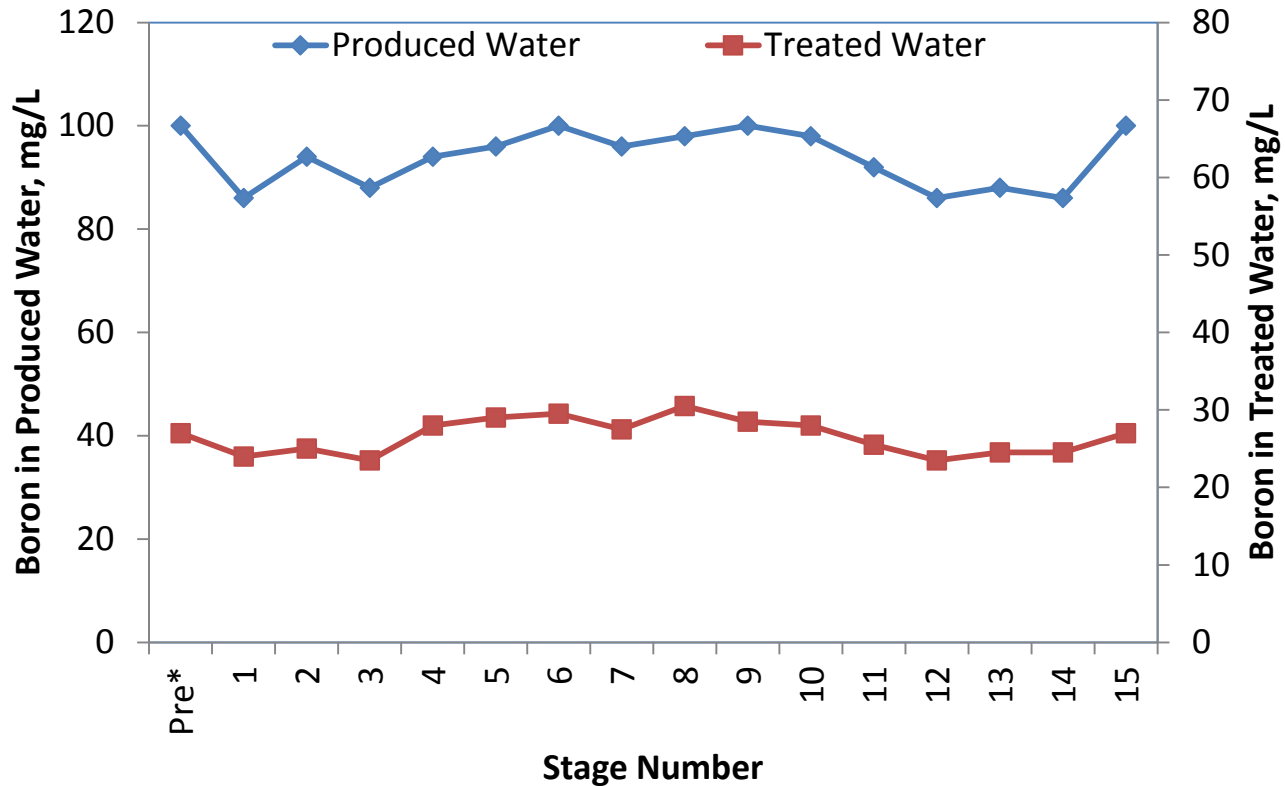
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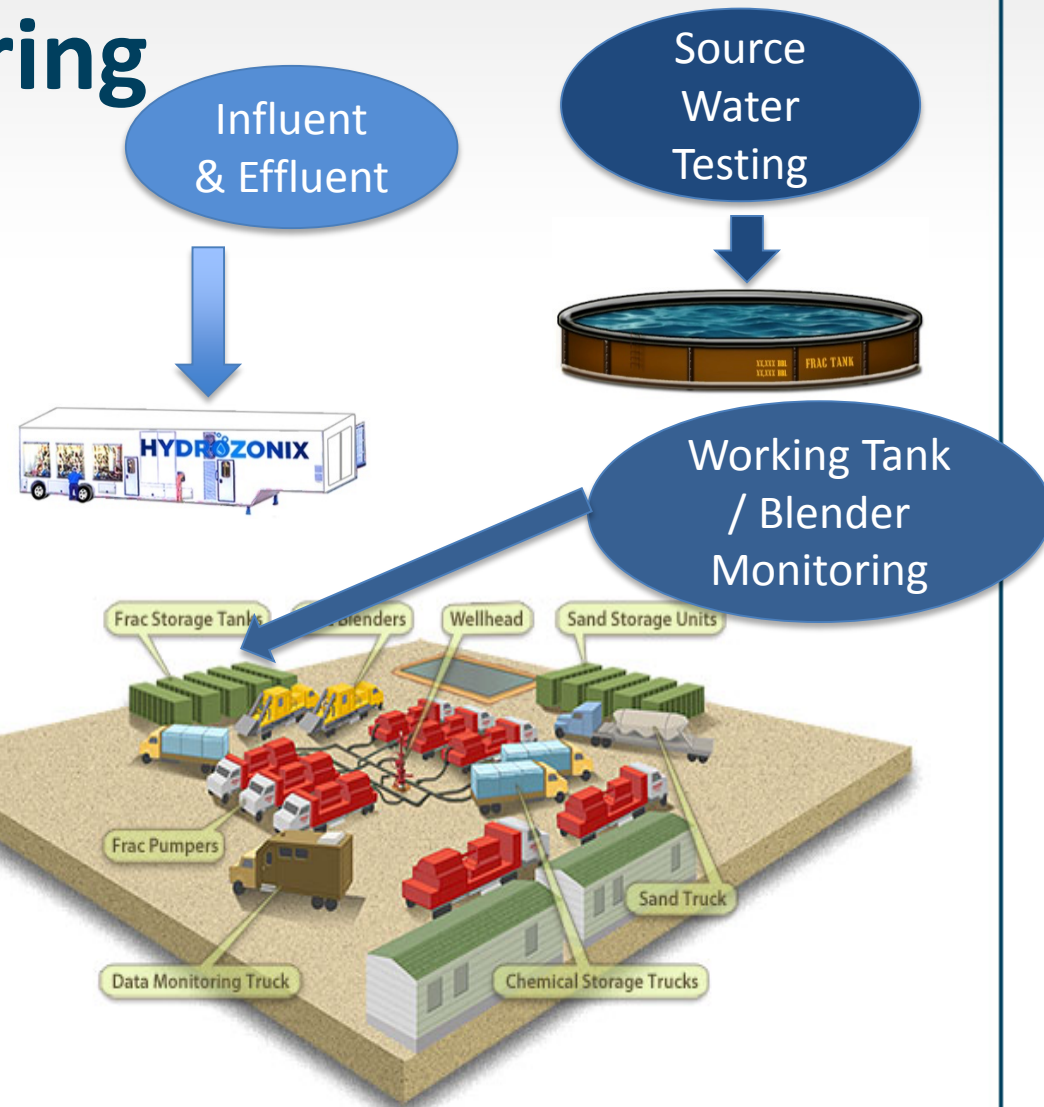
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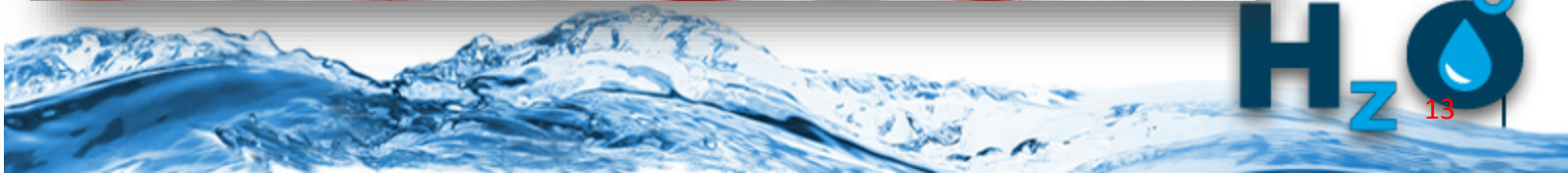
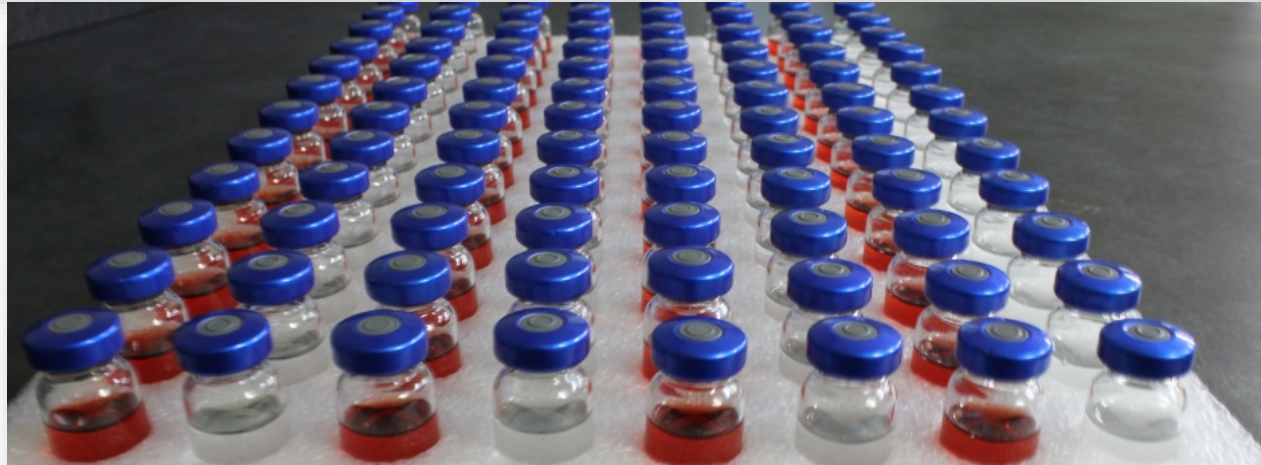
Bacteria Monitoring

How do we confirm disinfection

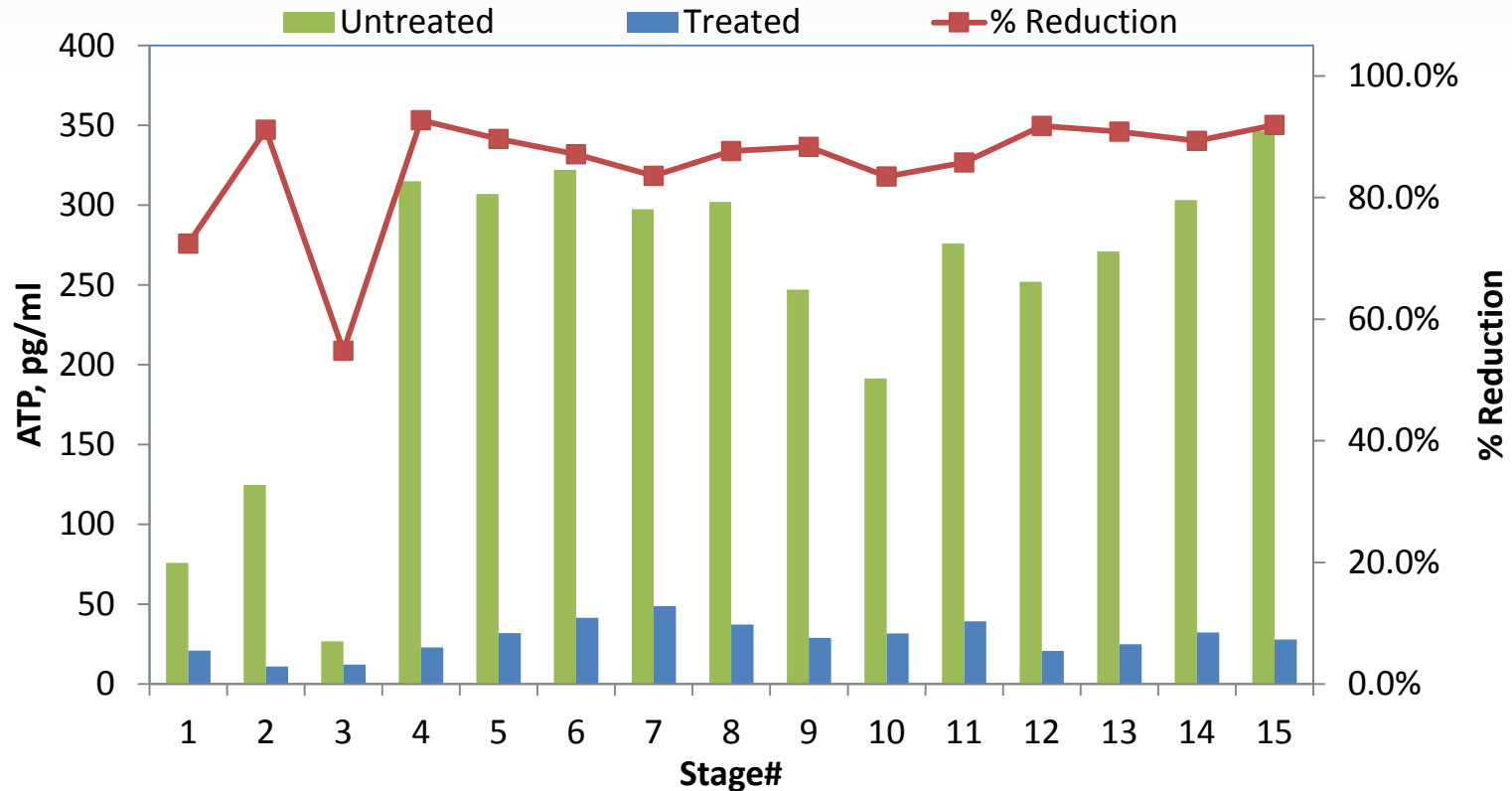
- Source Water
 - Bacteria Testing
 - Baseline Testing
- Influent/Effluent of Treatment System
 - Bacteria Testing
 - Continuous Testing
- Residual Disinfection / Working Tanks / Blenders
 - Bacteria Testing
 - Continuous Testing
- Proppant Testing
- Drillout and Flowback Monitoring



What do we use for Bacteria Testing



Real-Time Bacteria Treatment Monitoring

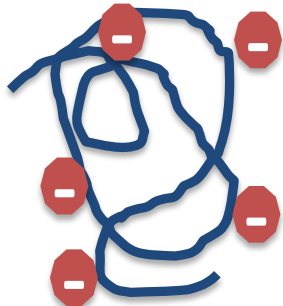


- Testing conducted on location, Real-Time confirmation
- Test the influent and effluent at different stages throughout the frac

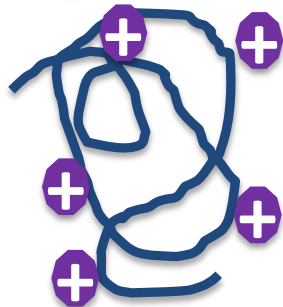
Slickwater



Non-ionic



Anionic

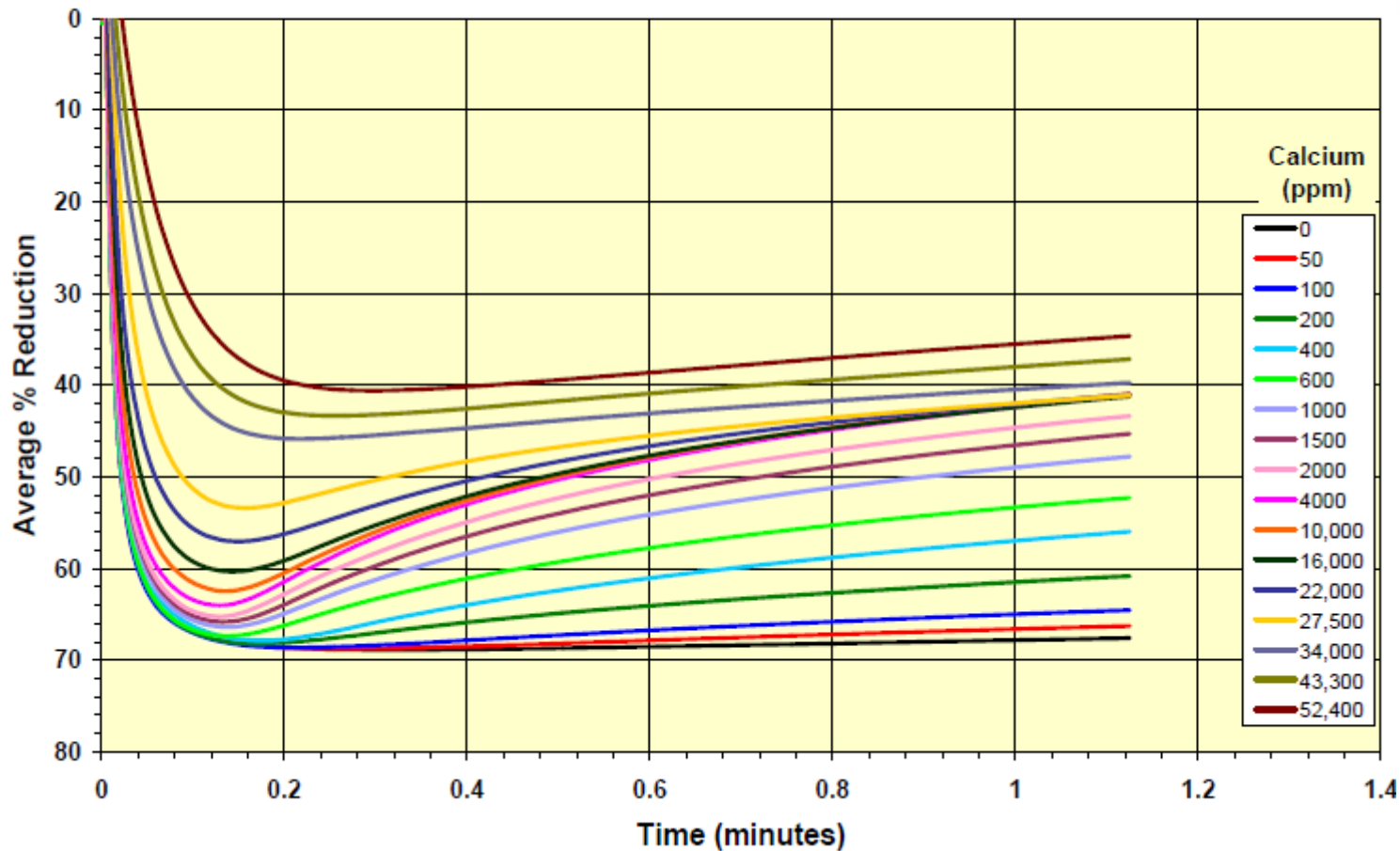


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- Three groups of FR
- Reduction of friction by 50% - 60% is possible
- May degraded by biocides or oxidants
- May affected by other coexisting chemicals

Effect of Ca^{2+} on Anionic FR

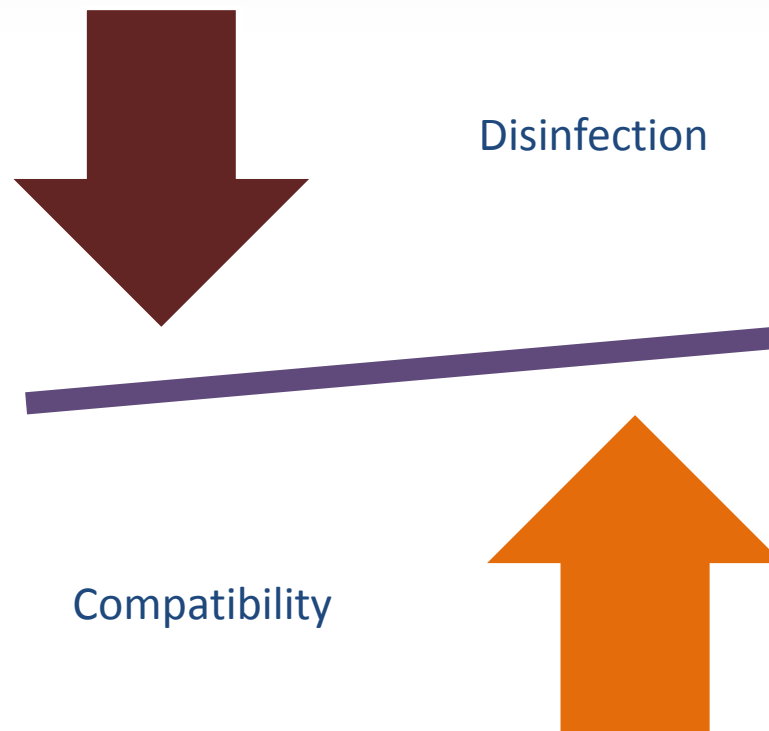
Average % Reduction vs. Time in 1/2-in Smooth Pipe
Looking at effects of Ca^{2+} on 2.5 lb/Mgal of Anionic FR



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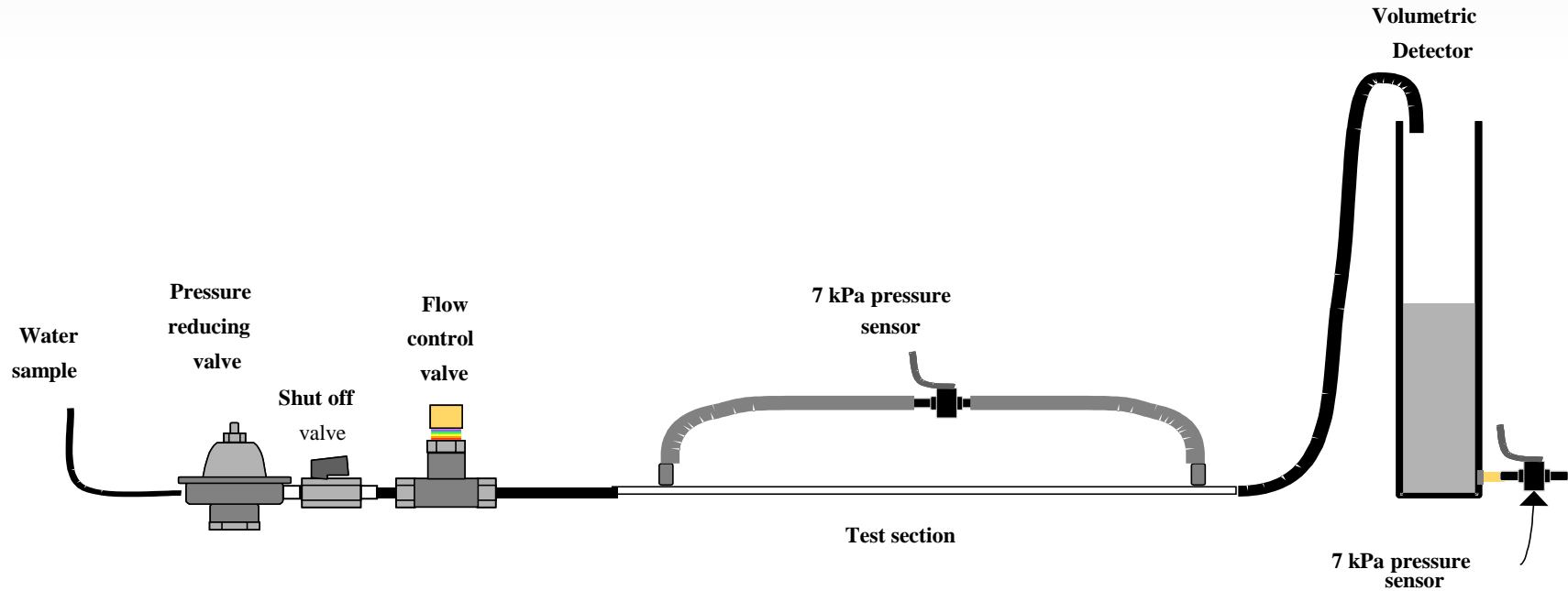
Selection of Oxidative Biocides

Oxidant	Oxidation Potential, V	Half-Life @ 20°C
Hydroxyl Radicals	2.8	< 1 sec
Ozone	2.3	20 min.
Hydrogen Peroxide	1.8	Hours
Chlorine Dioxide	1.5	93 min.
Chlorine	1.4	140 min.



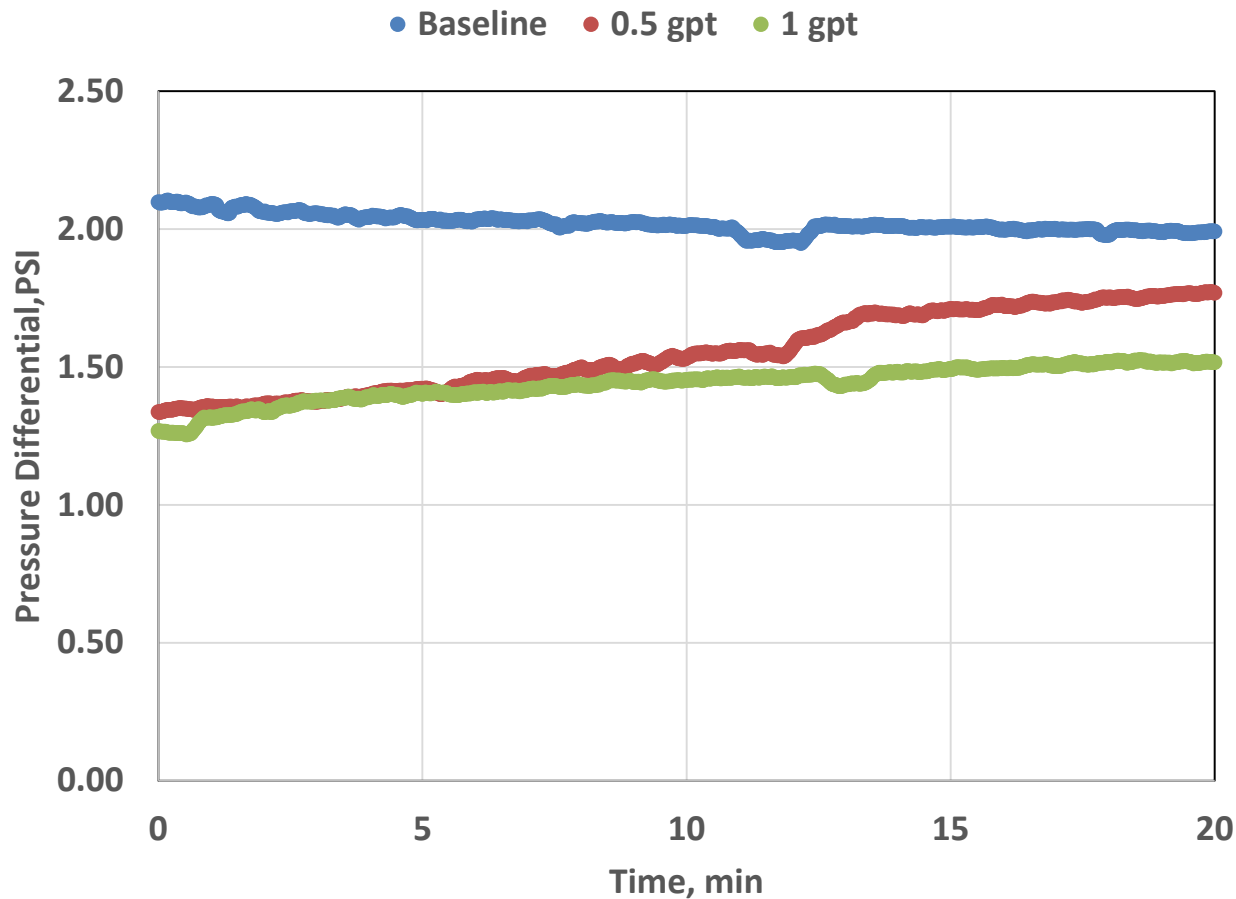
Realtime Monitoring for Slickwater Frac

—Field Friction Loop Test



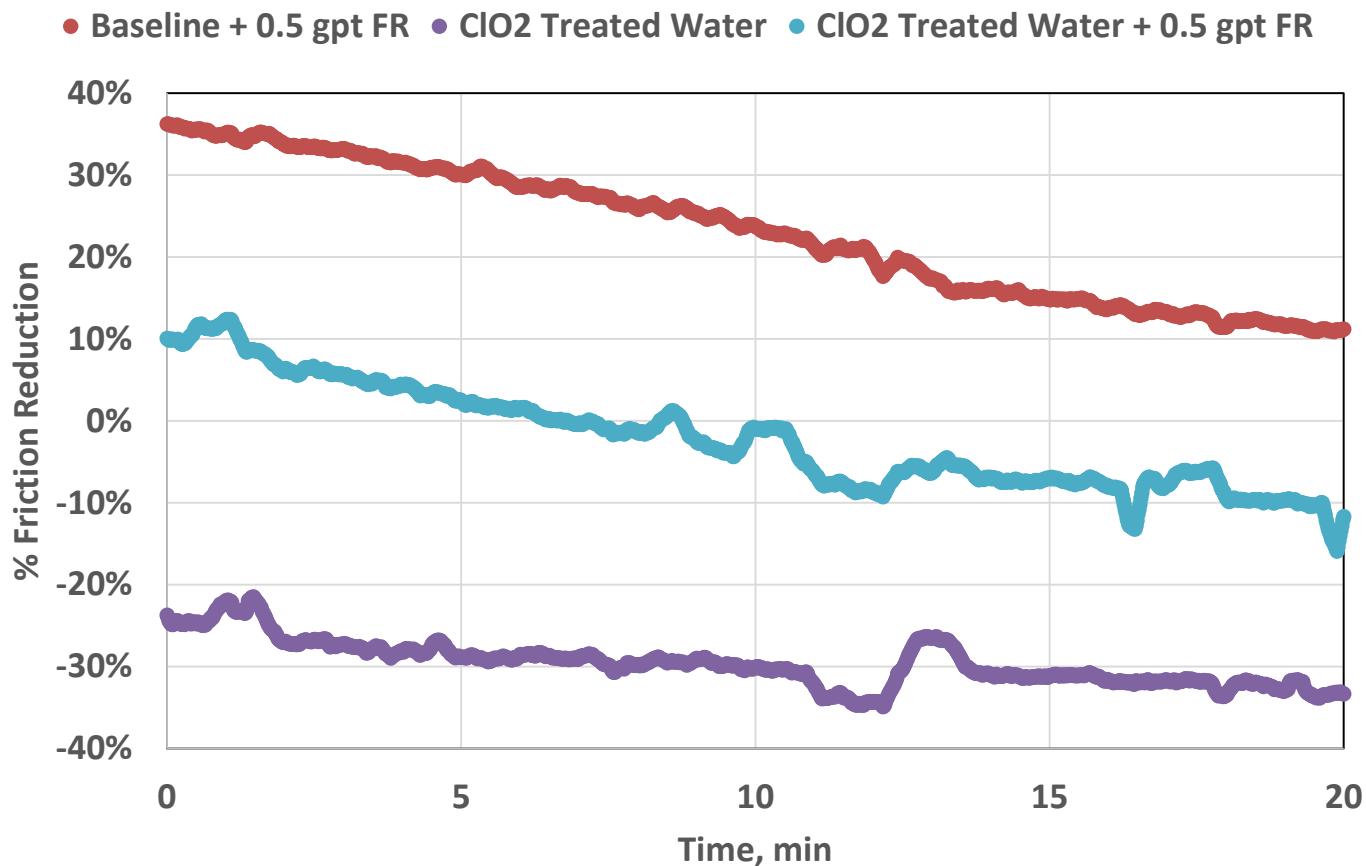
Friction Reducer Compatibility

Friction Testing Baseline



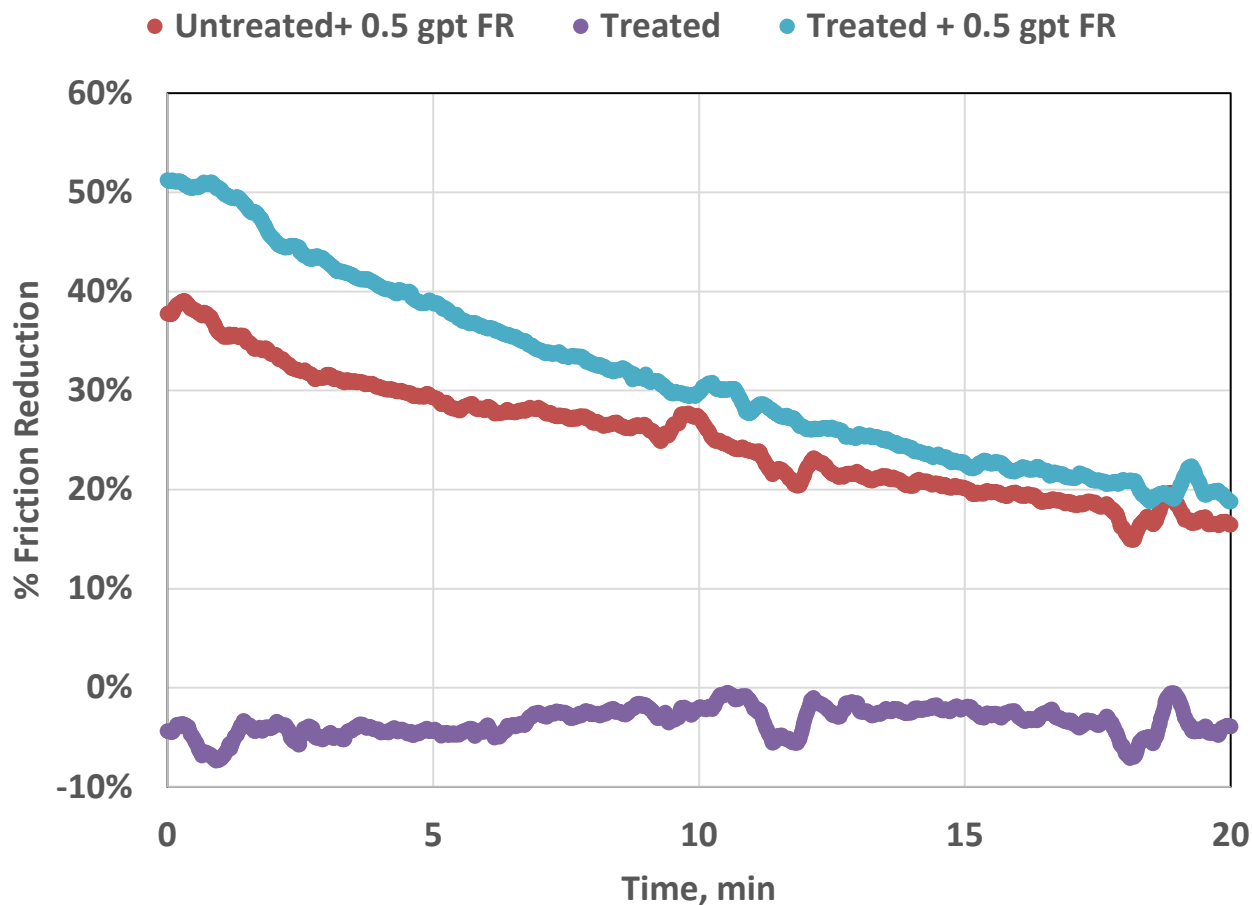
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Friction Testing – Chlorine Dioxide



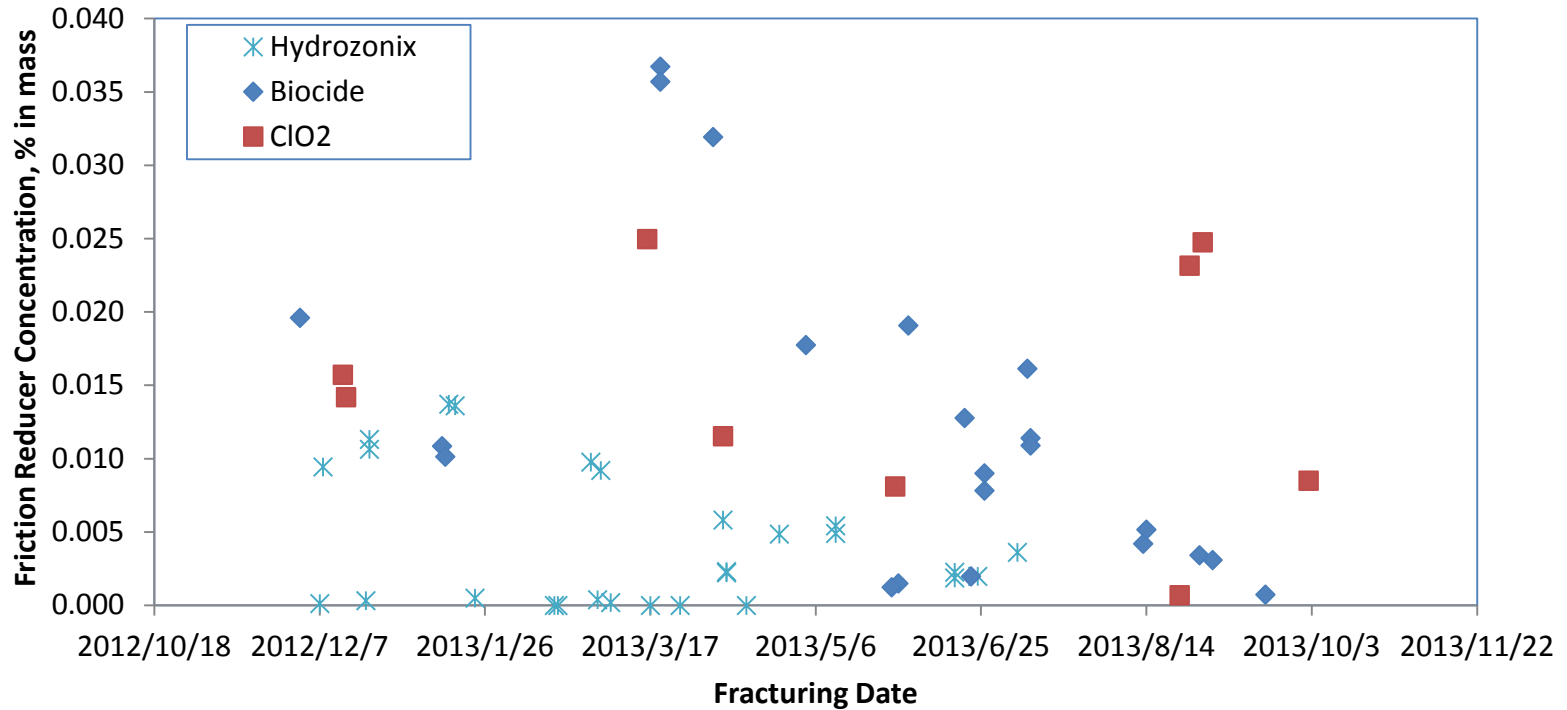
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Friction Testing – Ozone



Disinfection vs. Compatibility

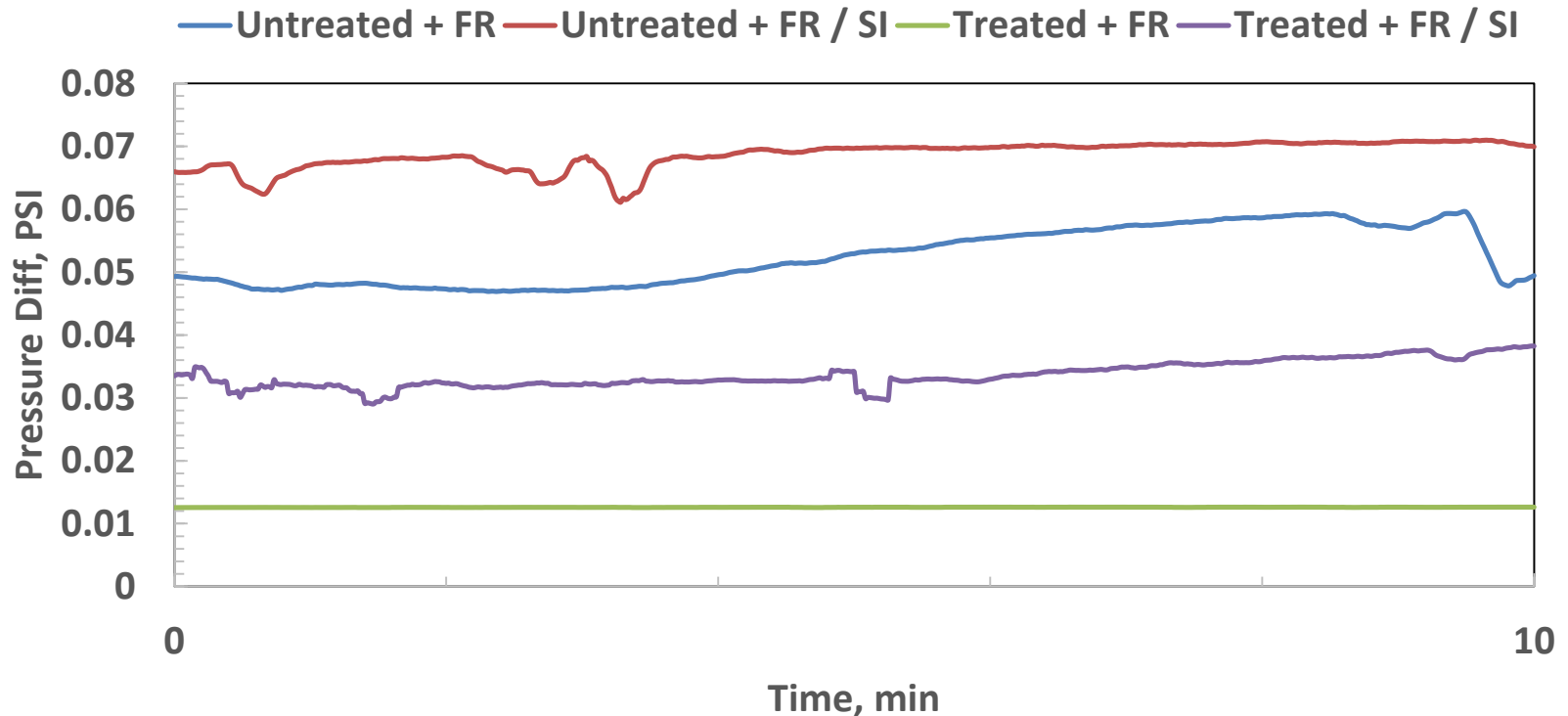
Slickwater: H₂O vs. Biocide vs. Chlorine Dioxide



Water Treatment Technology	# of Wells	FR Concentration, % in mass
Biocide	22	0.0123
ClO ₂	9	0.0146
Hydrozonix	27	0.0042

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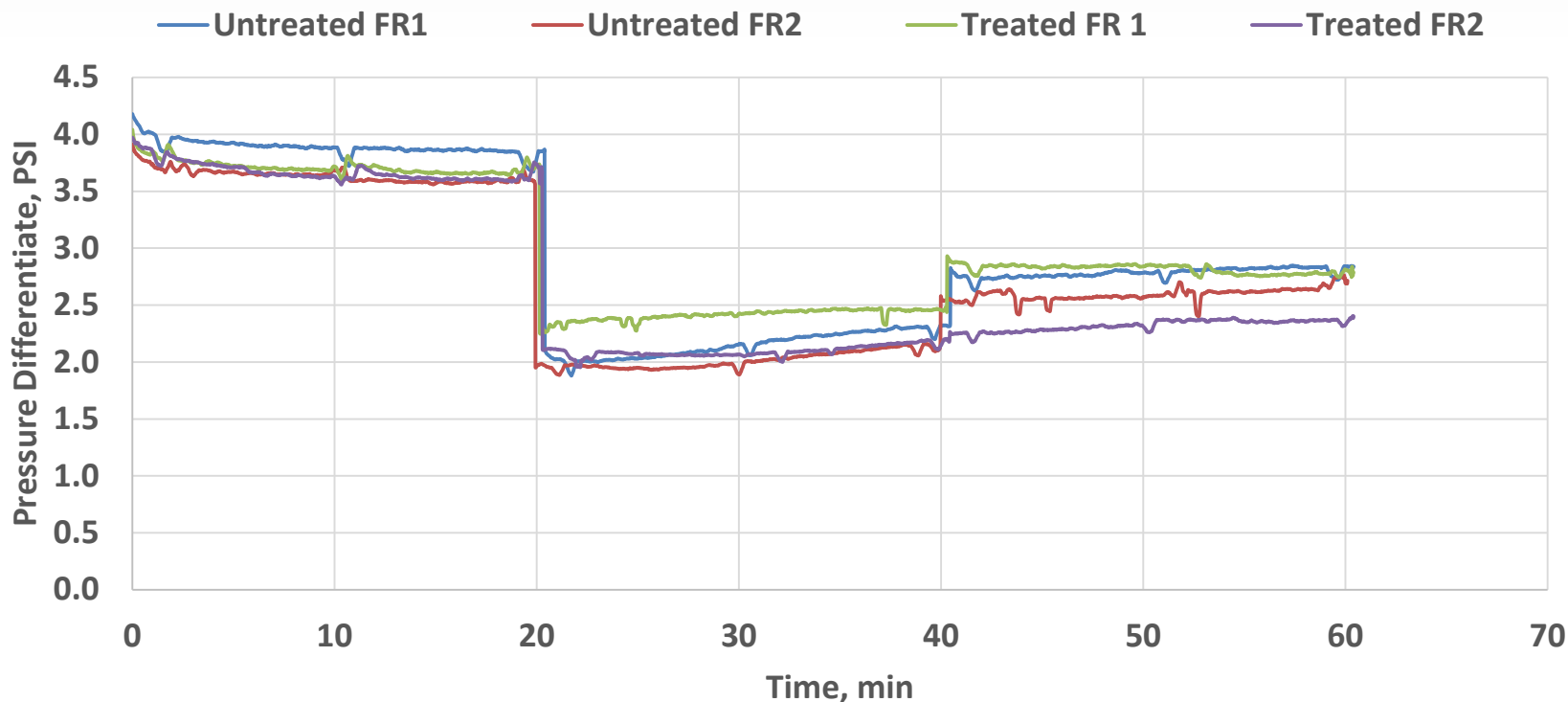
Case 1: FR / SI



- FR concentration was at 1.0 gpt, SI concentration was at 0.25 gpt. Both of the chemicals were obtained from ProPetro.
- Test was run at 1.5 L/min, room temperature.
- Clearly, there is the incompatibility of the FR with the SI.
- Ozone treatment reduced the friction factor of the water.

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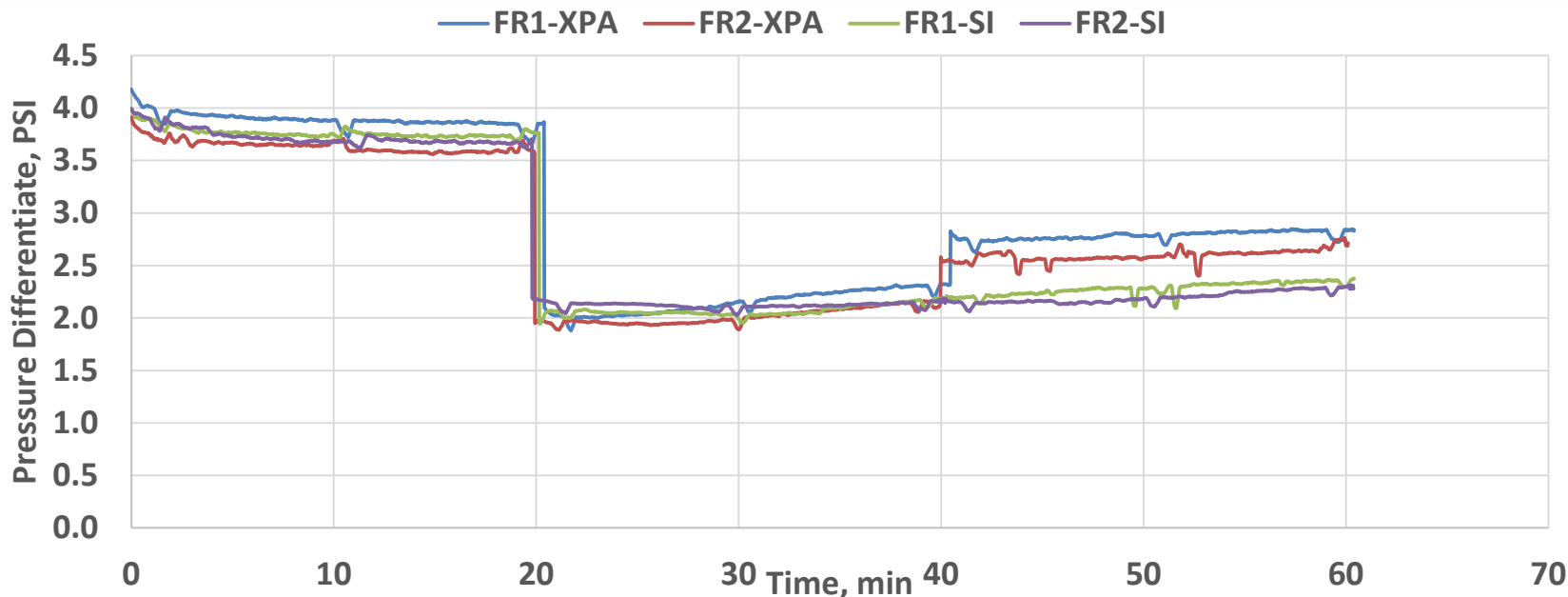
Case 2: Friction Testing for Two Different FRs



- FR1 vs FR2.
- First 20 minutes was baseline test. FR was added at time 20 min, following by the addition of breaker (XPA) at time 40 min.
- Both FRs were effective.
- No significant difference between untreated and treated water.
- Rapid Increase of pressure after XPA addition

Friction Reducer Compatibility

Case 2: Friction Testing for Two Different FR



- FR1 vs FR2 .
- First 20 minutes was baseline test. FR was added at time 20 min, following by the addition of breaker (XPA) or SI at time 40 min.
- SI had little impact on the performance of either FR.
- FR1 might have been interfered by other frac chemicals.

Takeaways

- **For Gel Fluid**

- Maintain the water quality in a narrow range
- Gel compatibility test needs to be conducted to determine proper recipe
- Monitoring of blend rate, chloride, TDS and boron level is necessary
- Bacteria monitoring is important

- **For Slickwater**

- Different types of FR have different tolerances on water quality change
- Proper selection of disinfection technology
- Field friction loop testing to confirm compatibility

Thank You

