

Radiocaesium

- Release
- Solubility
- Accumulation → health risk



- Removal from waste water
 - Current methods: impractical



Adsorption of Cs-134 on different types of activated carbon

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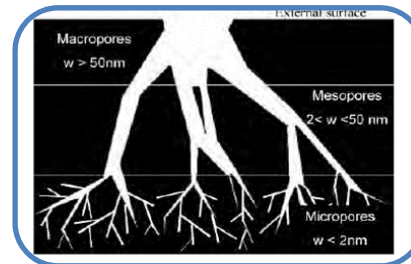
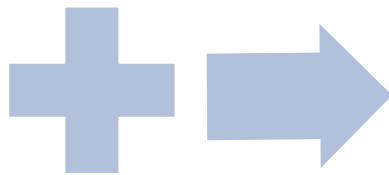
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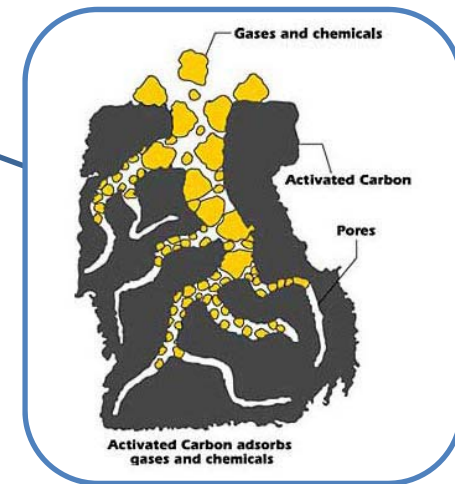
Activated carbon (AC)



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Heat
Pressure
Radiation



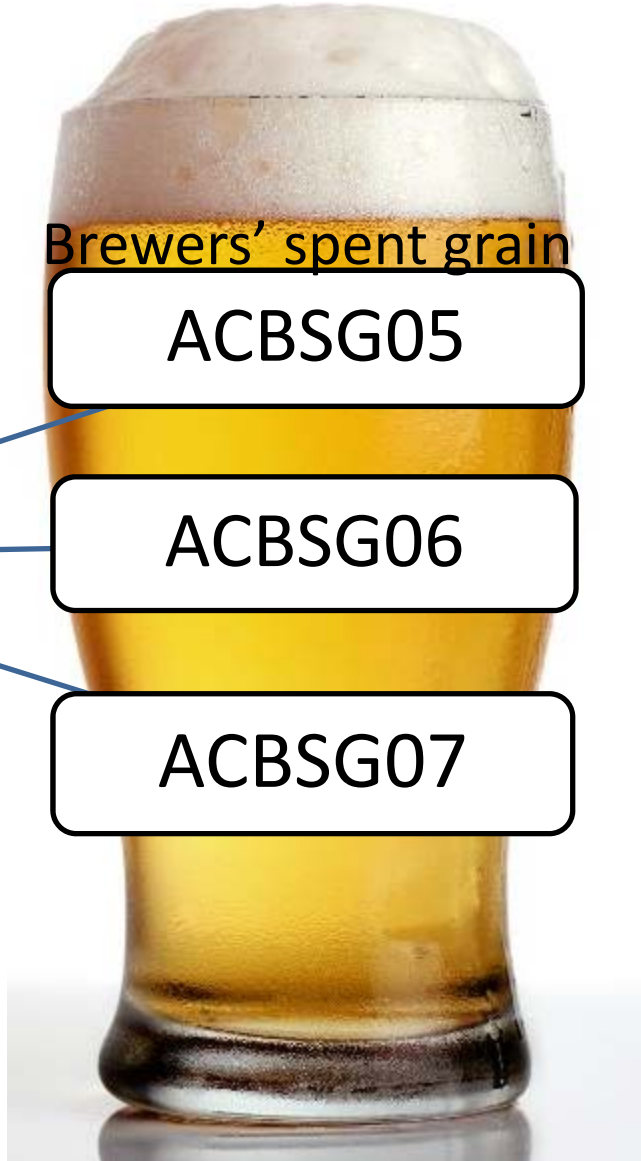


Activated carbon (AC)

Norit GAC 1240

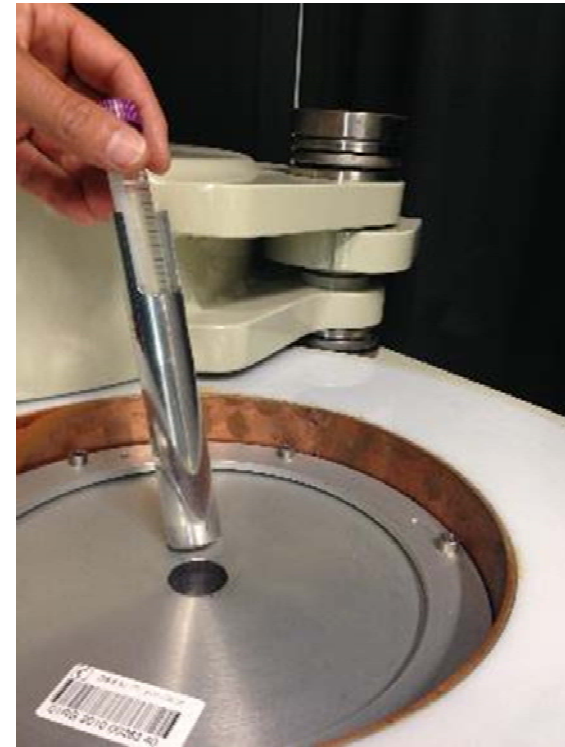
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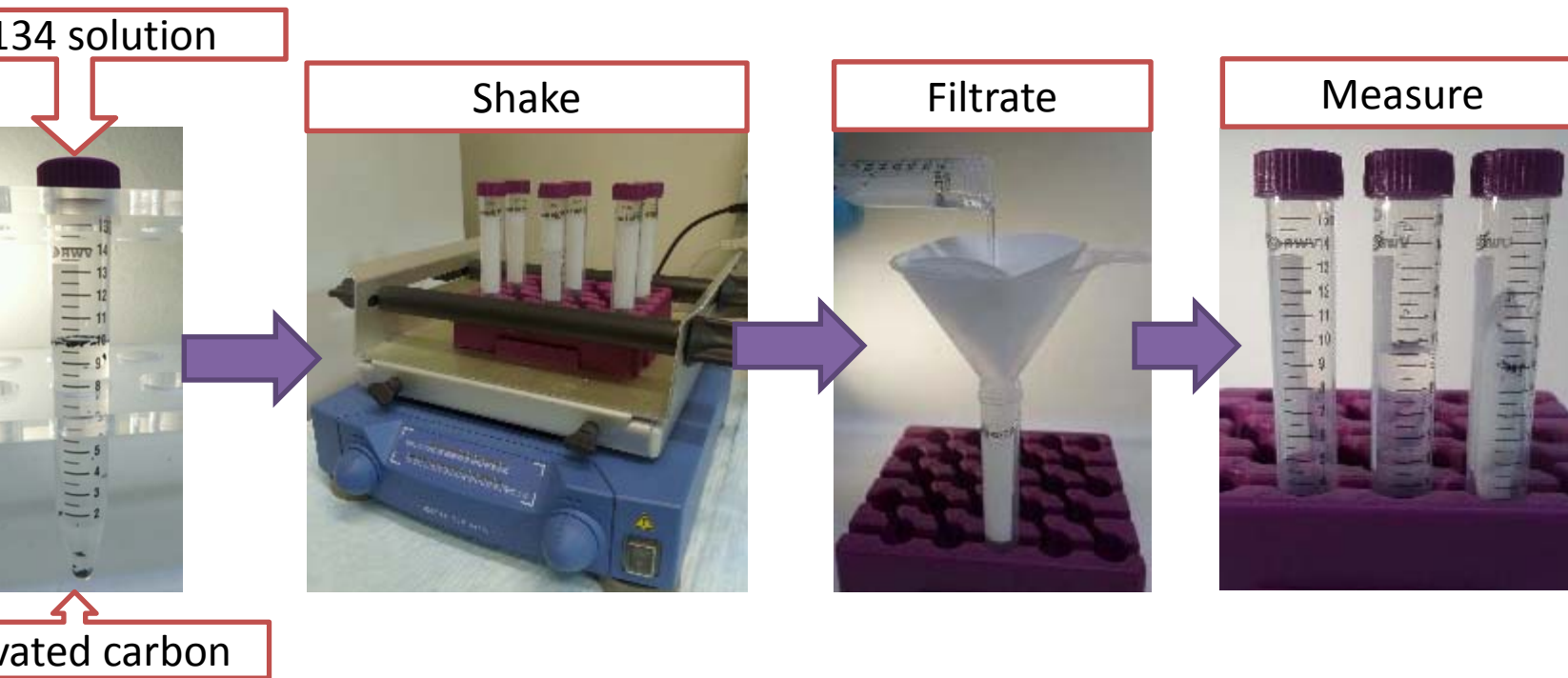


Experimental set-up

- Tracer: Cs-134
 - Cs standard (1000 mg/l)
 - Cs-133 + n -> Cs-134
- Diluted approximately 1:1000
 - $\pm 60 \text{ Bq/g} = \pm 1.18 \text{ mg Cs/l}$
- pH adjustment using ammonia
- NaI(Tl) well-type detector



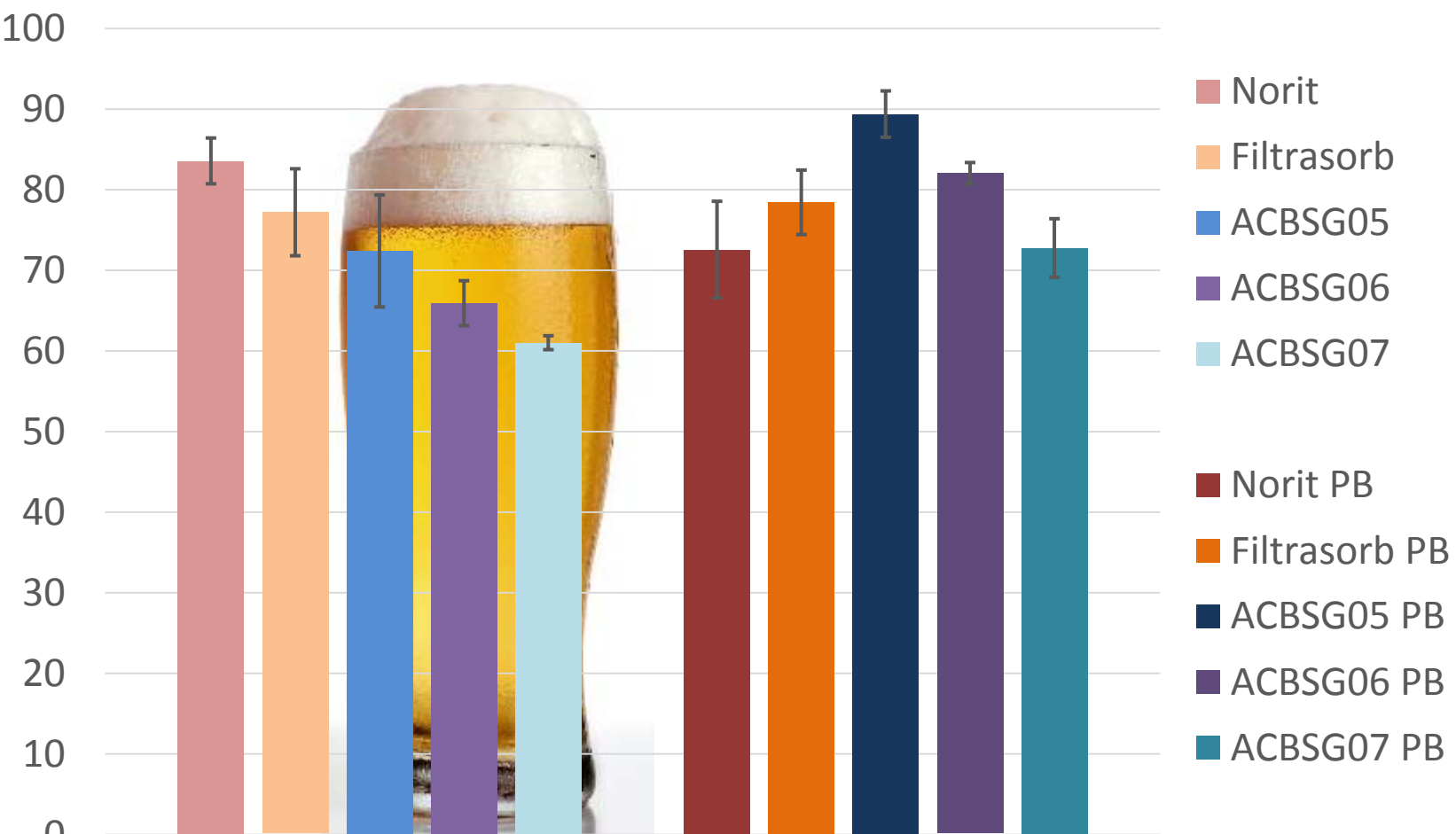
Batch adsorption experiment



Influence of:
pH
Type of AC

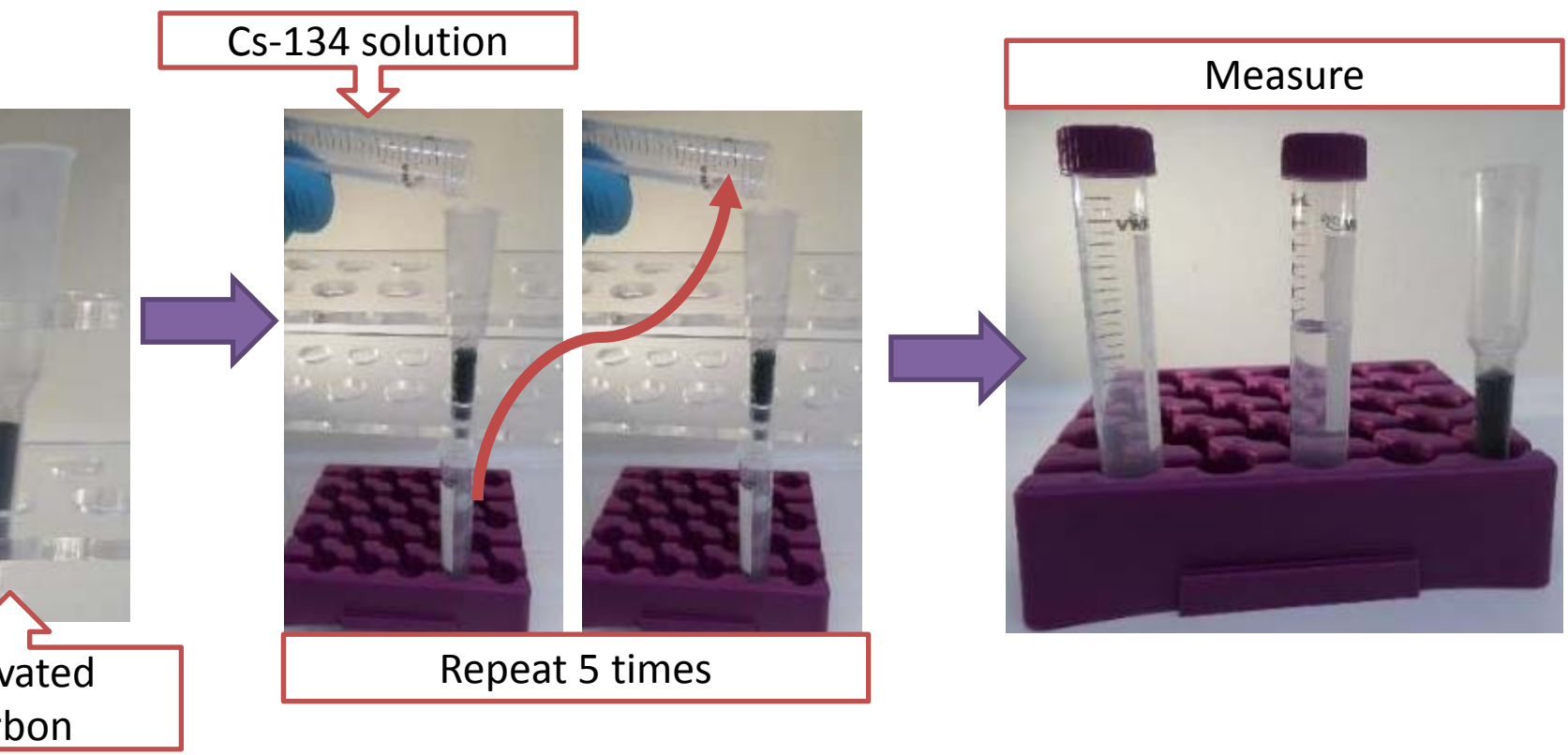
Adsorption experiment

Adsorption of Cs at pH 7



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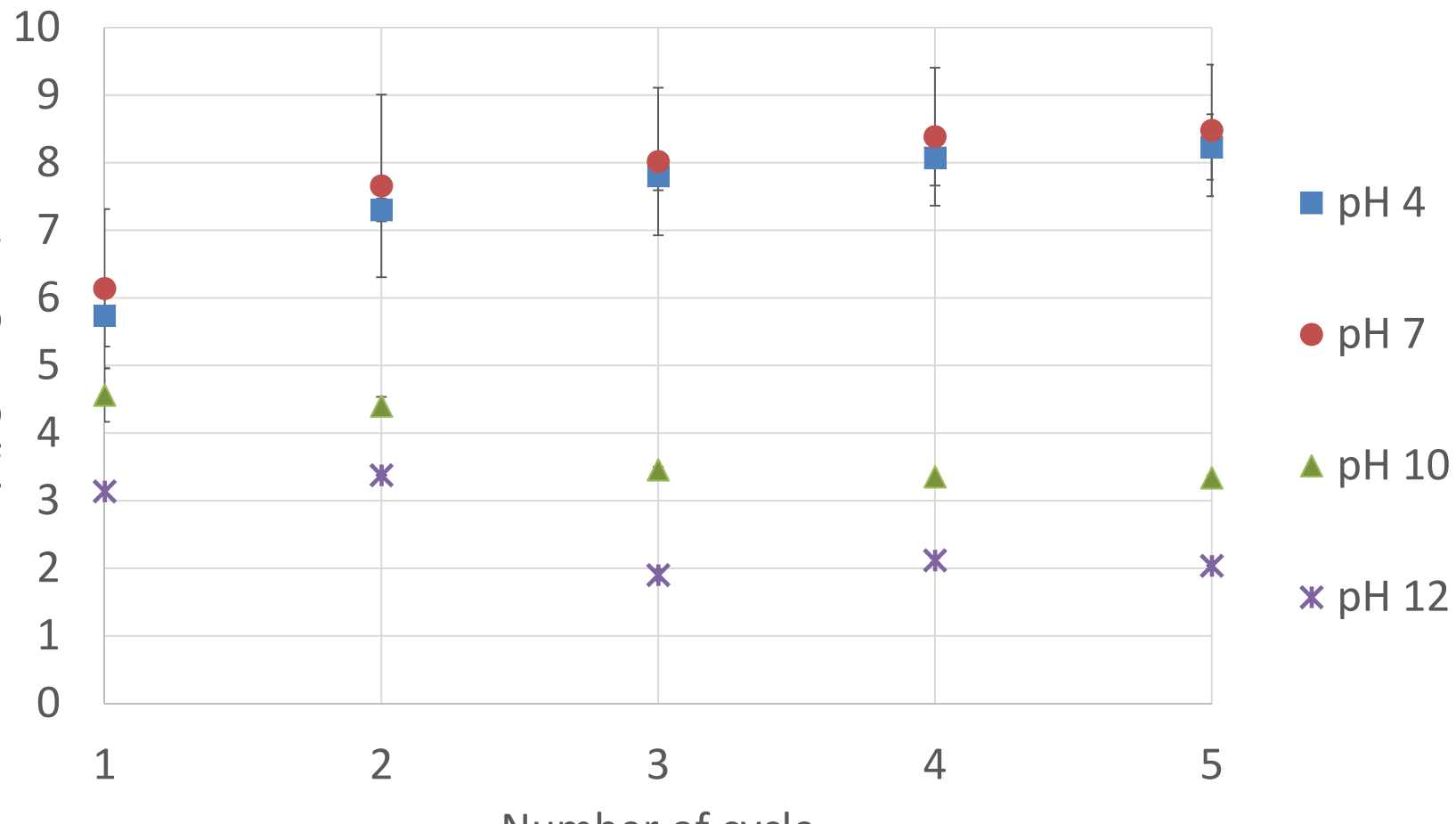
Single column adsorption experiment



determine optimal pH (Norit)

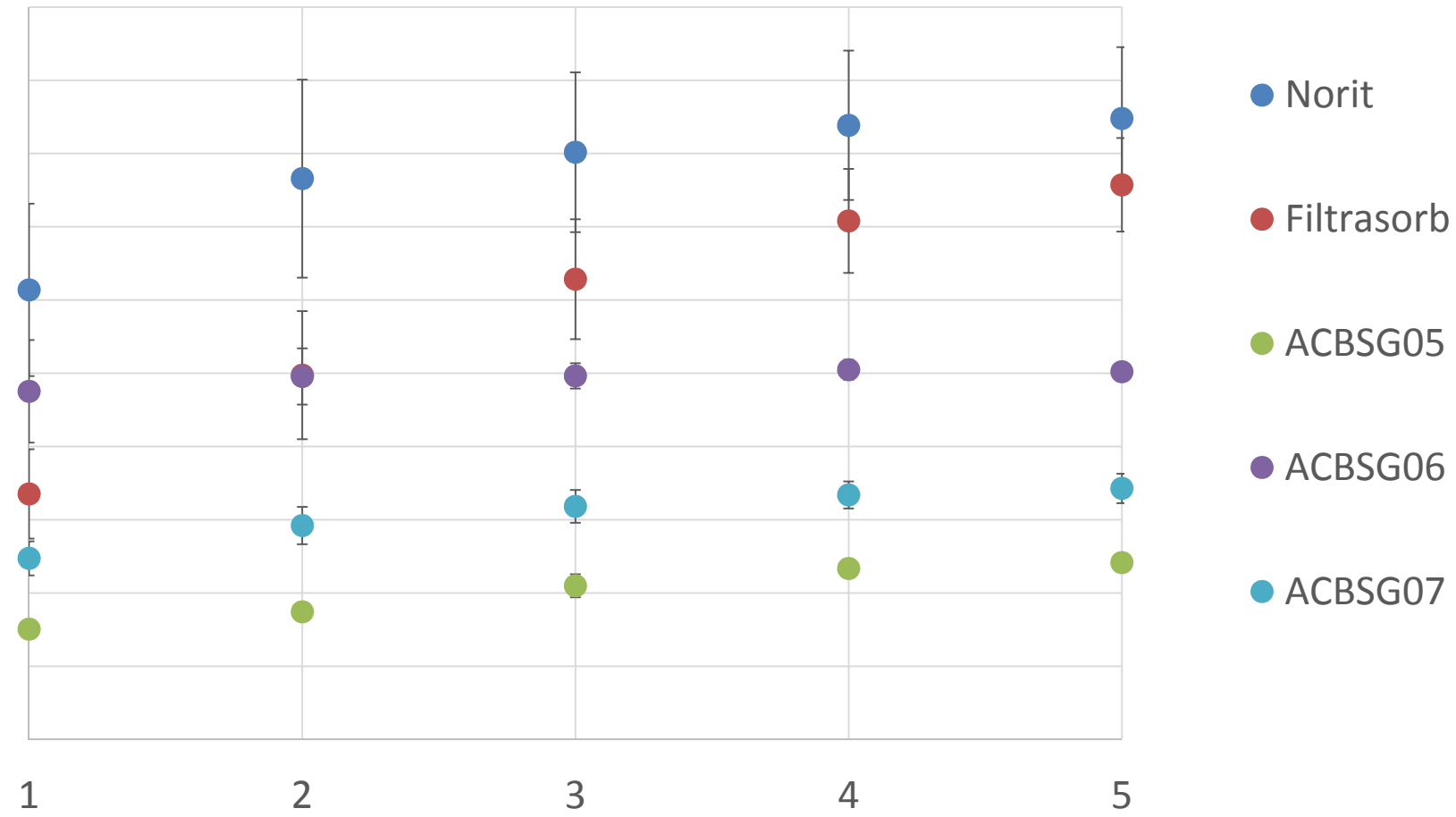
Single column adsorption experiment

Influence of pH on column adsorption

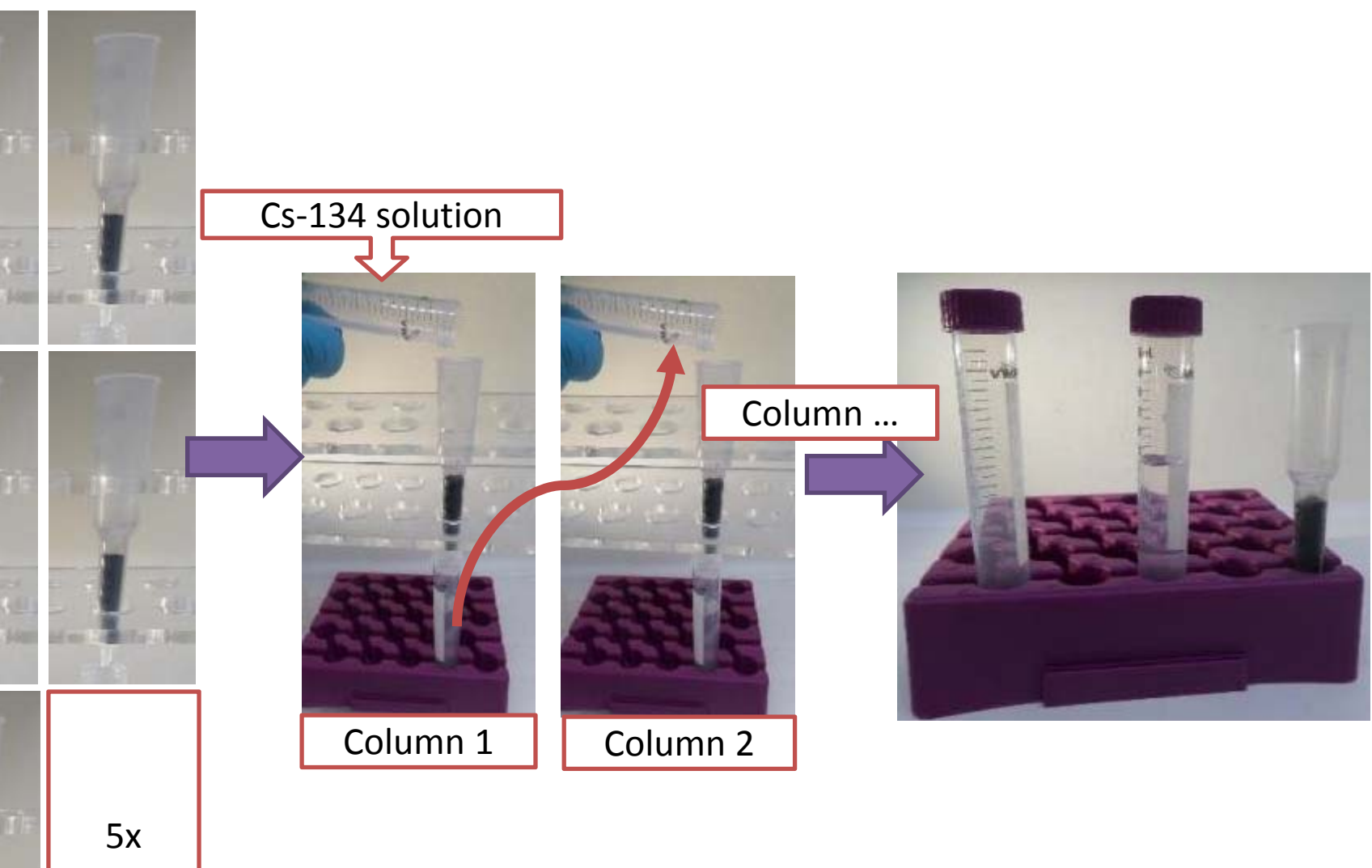


Single column adsorption experiment

Influence of type of AC on column adsorption

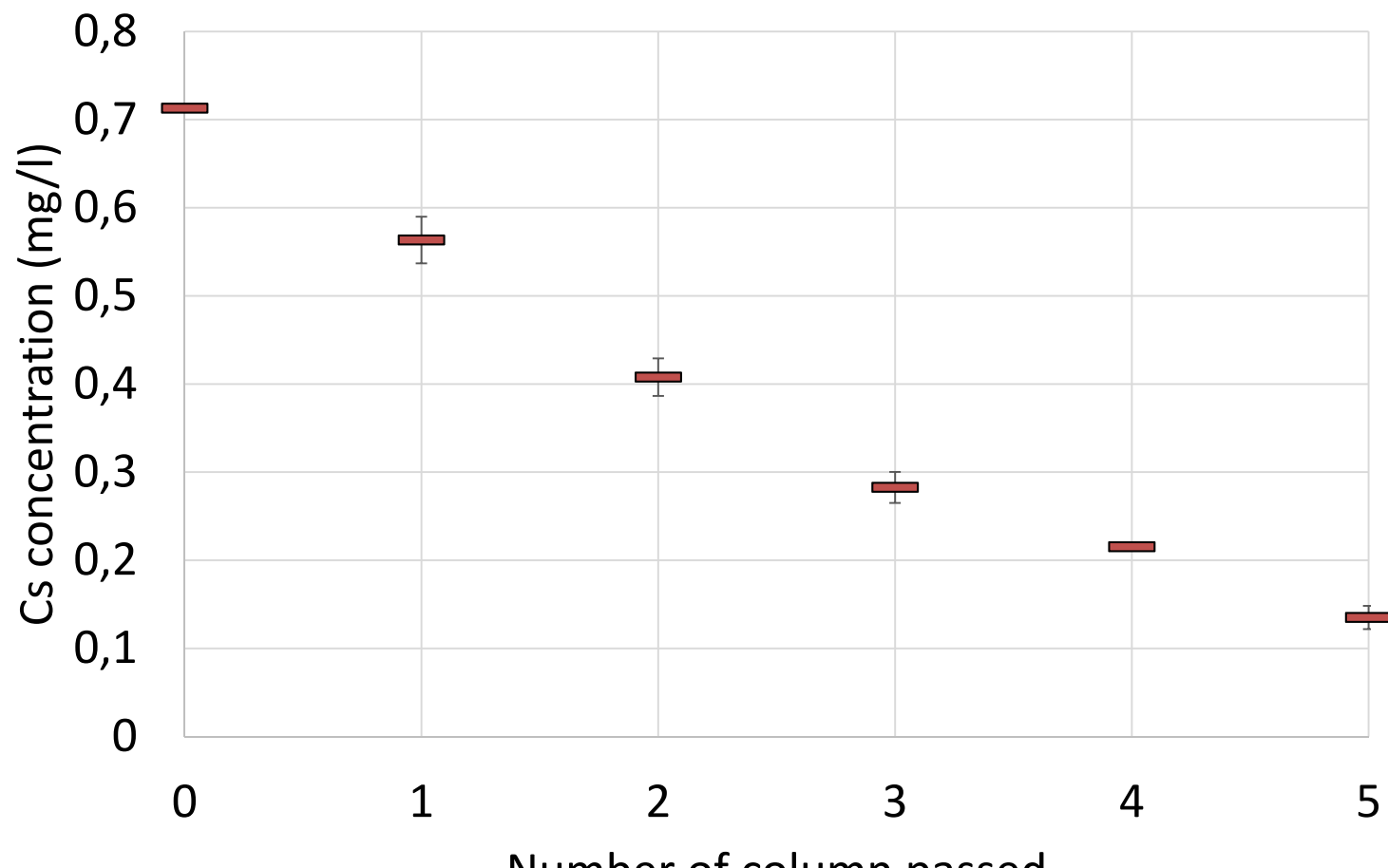


Sequential column experiment



Sequential column experiment

Concentration of Cs after filtration



conclusions

Batch adsorption experiments:

- pH, type of activated carbon, Prussian Blue pre-adsorption
- Insignificant differences

Single column experiment:

- Neutral to acidic pH
- Granular activated carbon

Sequential column experiment:

- Steady decline



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