

SPACE-O Workshop on using Water Quality Forecasting in Decision Making

Brussels, Belgium – April 19th, 2018



Water Treatment
Plant Optimization (WTPO)

Water Treatment Plant Optimization (WTPO)

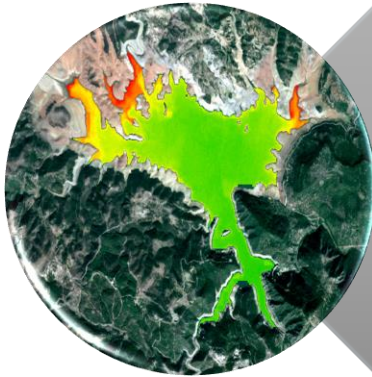


The WTPO tool *aims* to

- indicate **cost-efficient water treatment options** based on the forecasted water quality
- support the WTP operators to **deal with critical** water quality parameters on-time
- **provide insight** into the WTP **performance** in the upcoming days under typical and proposed water treatment practices – **system behaviour**

With the WTPO tool *assessments* and *proposals* are made for

1. the **most appropriate depth** for water abstraction (in case of multiple water intake ports)
2. **optimum water treatment** options that minimize the operational cost in terms of chemical and power consumption



WATER QUALITY PARAMETERS CURRENTLY INCORPORATED

- Chlorophyll
- Total Suspended Solids

Which may become critical for the operation of the water treatment plant



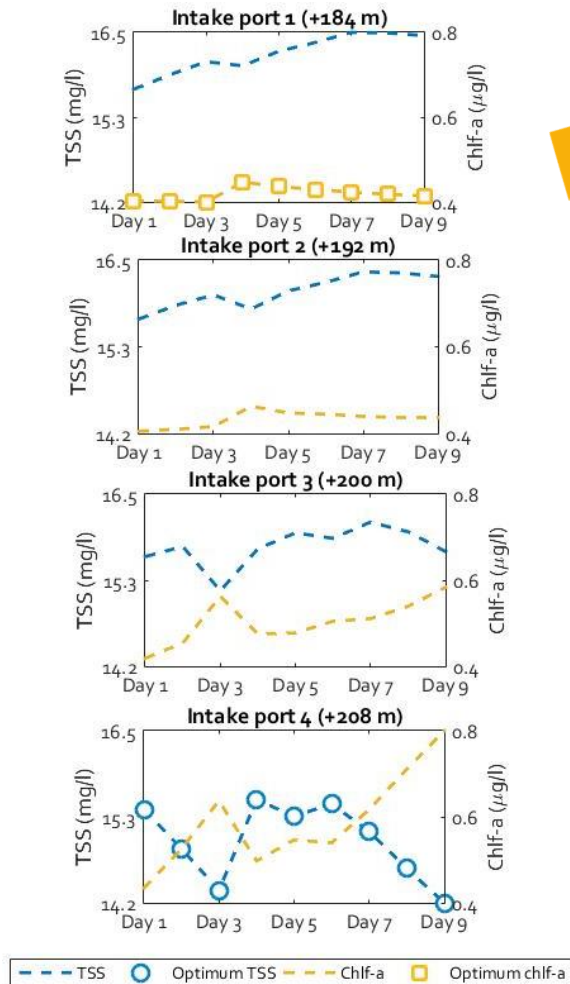
WATER TREATMENT SCHEME TESTED

- Coagulation - sedimentation
- Filtration

Which are the main treatment steps (along with oxidation) to deal with high concentrations with the parameters discussed

(1) Abstraction depth optimization

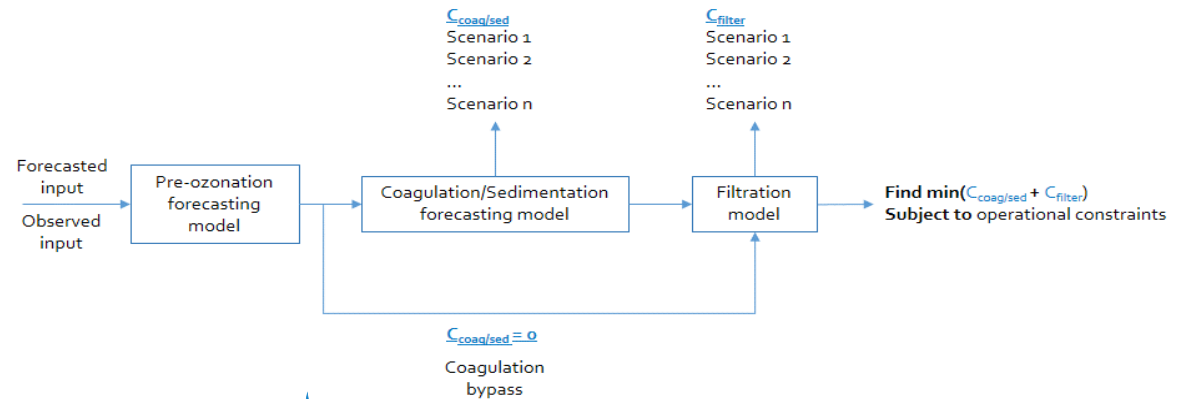
Overview of total suspended solids and chlorophyll-a at various depths and for the next 9 days.



- Parameters may present a different profile at various depths and therefore the operator must decide which depth is the optimum for water abstraction

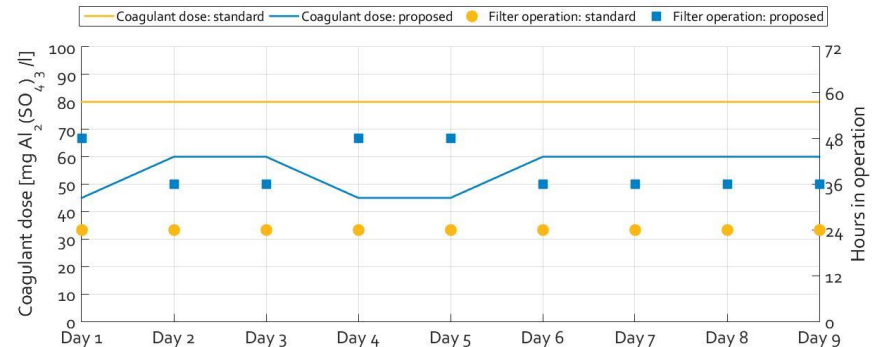
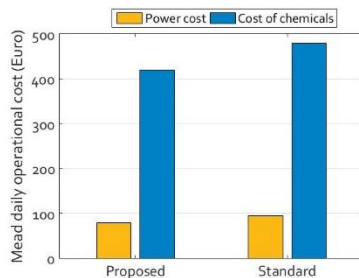
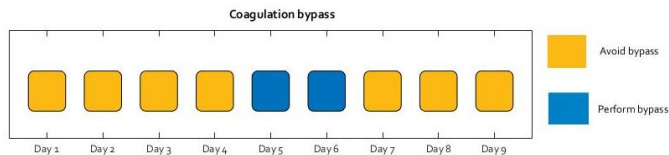
(2) Water treatment plant optimization

The optimization of the WTP operation is a **cost minimization** problem subject to case-specific **operational constraints** and **standards of effluent water quality**



- Should coagulation be bypassed?
- How frequent should the filter backwash cycles be?

- What is the optimum coagulant dose?
- Is there a cost estimate for the proposed operational options?



The science behind the WTP process simulation

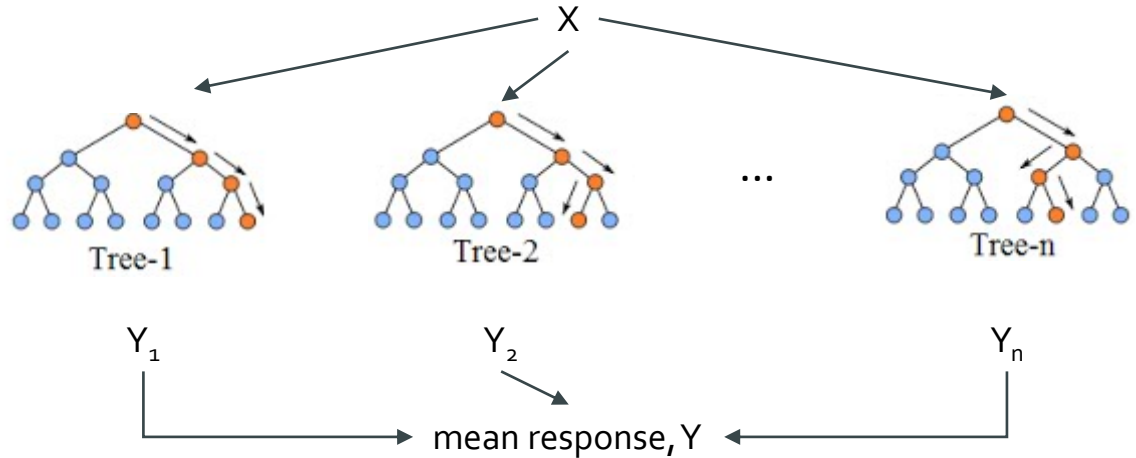
Machine-learning algorithms are implemented to simulate each process separately



Highly adaptable to WTPs that may deviate from conventional water treatment schemes



Random Forest model



- ✓ Data collected from the automated control system of the WTP
- ✓ Prior to analysis, data sets are filtered to remove specific artefacts
- ✓ High predictive capacity for each treatment stage ($R^2 > 0.75$)

Process input

Total organic carbon
Turbidity
pH, temperature

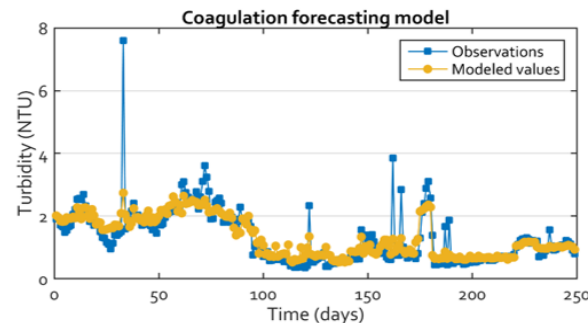
Control parameters

Coagulant

- type
- concentration

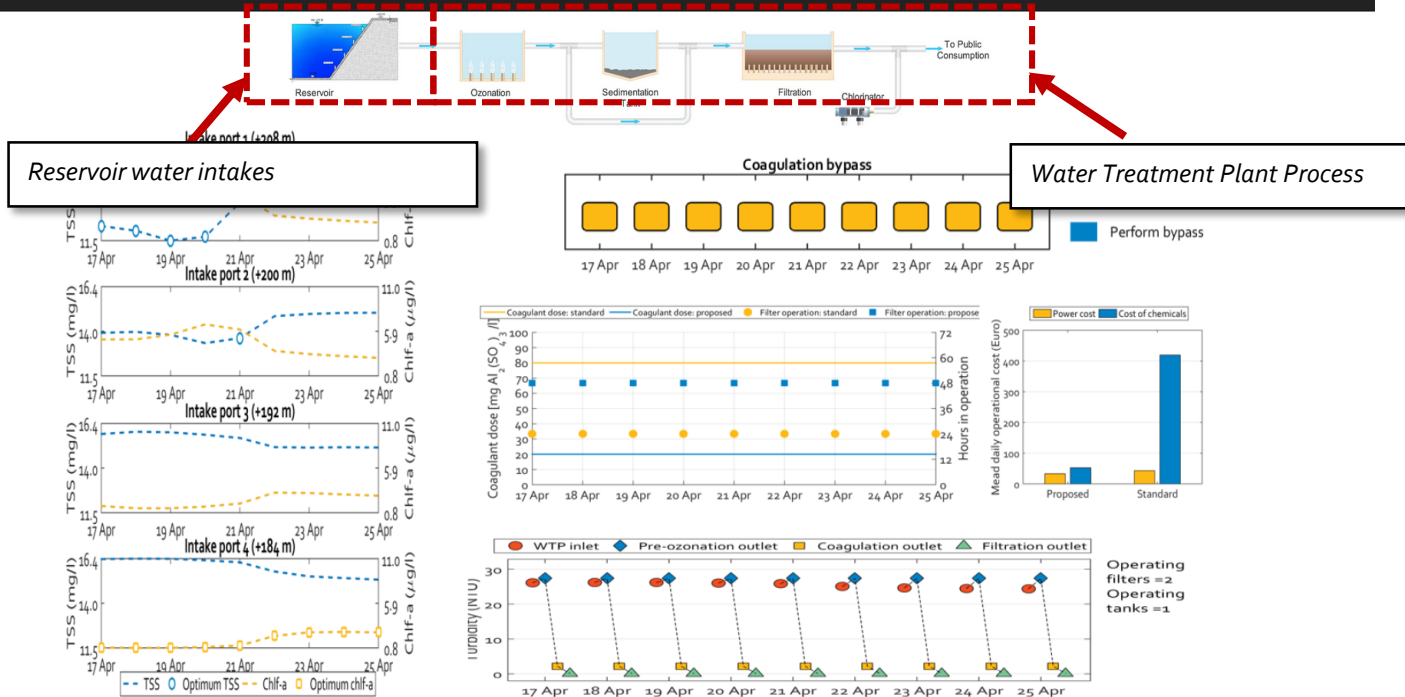
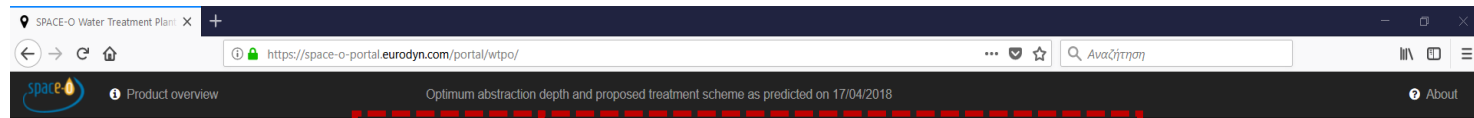
Poly-electrolyte

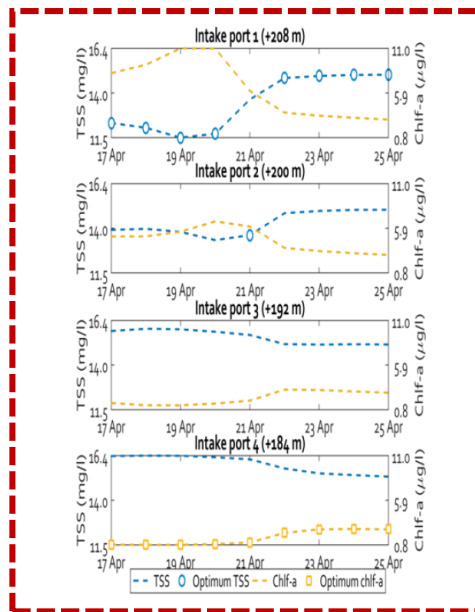
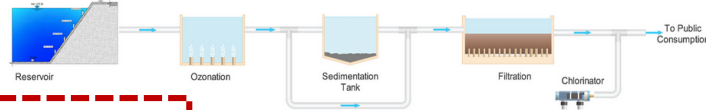
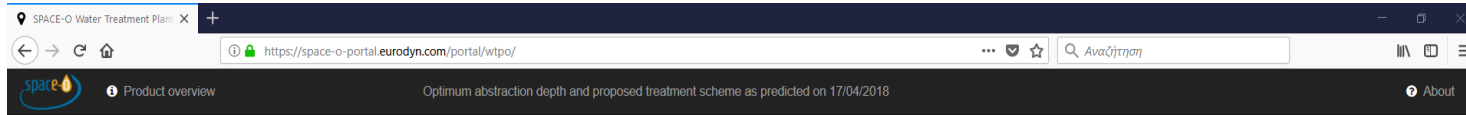
- type
- concentration



Process output

Turbidity

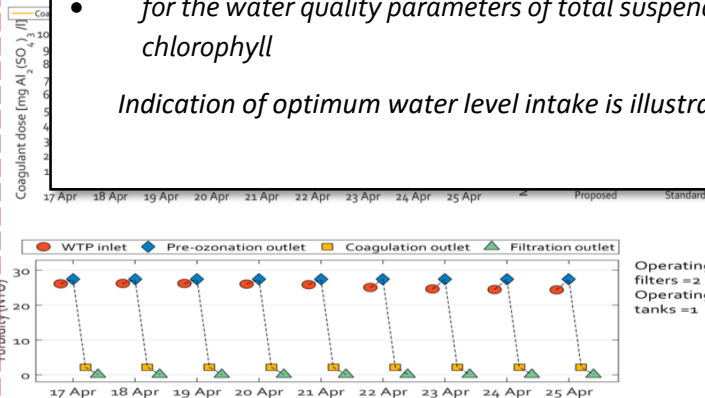


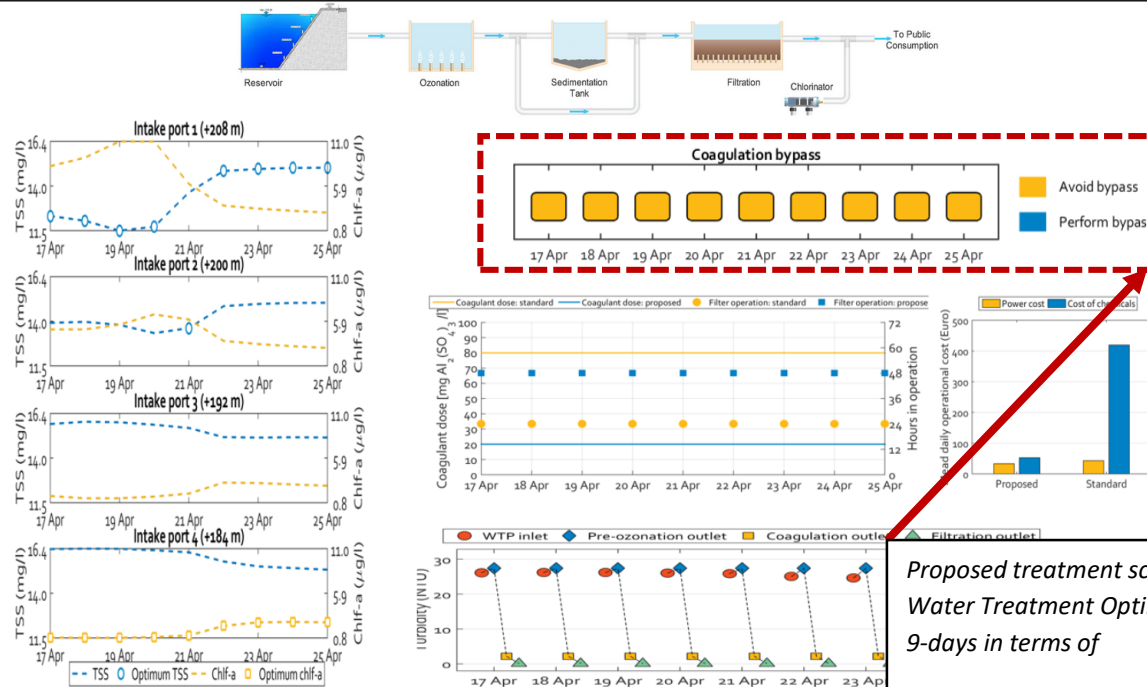
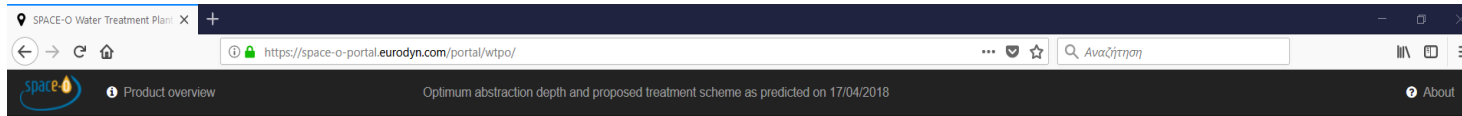


Water quality changes for the next 9 days at

- different water intake depths and
- for the water quality parameters of total suspended solids and chlorophyll

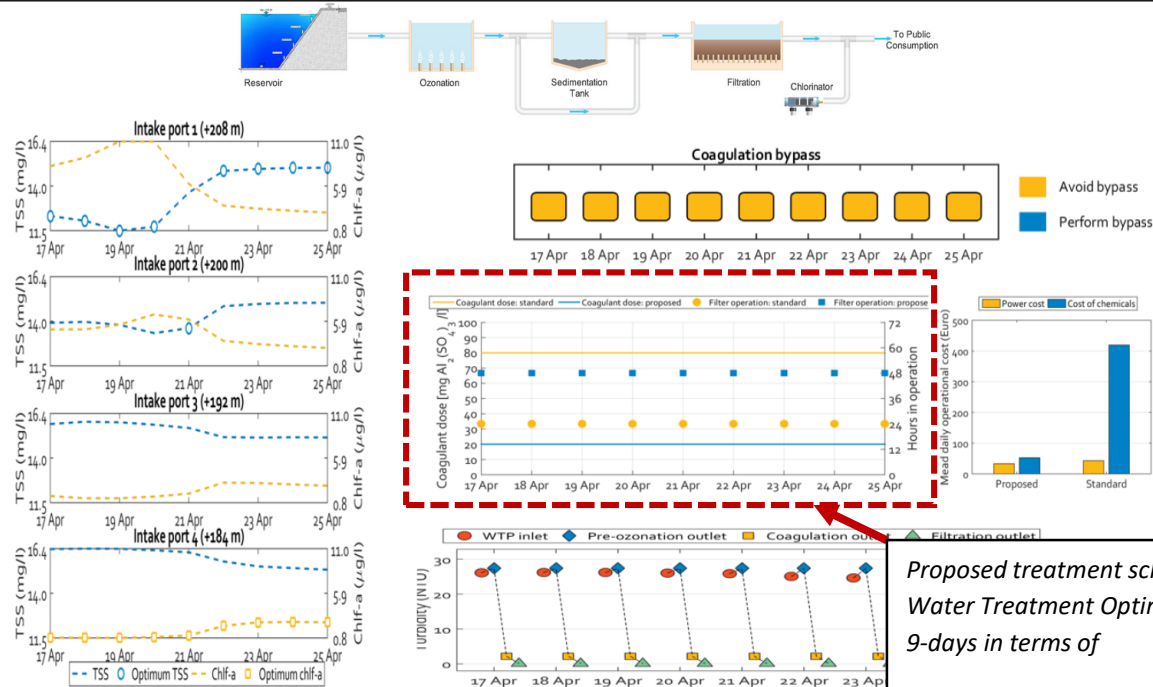
Indication of optimum water level intake is illustrated





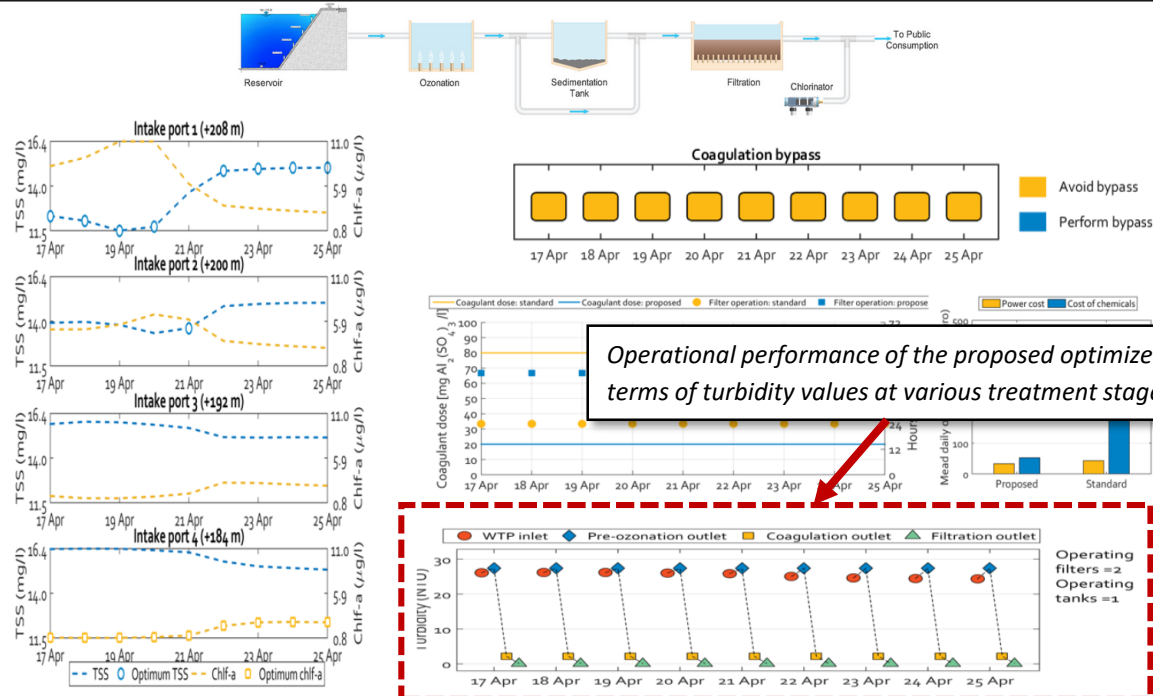
Proposed treatment scheme – Results of Water Treatment Optimisation for the next 9-days in terms of

- Option of by-passing the process of coagulation/sedimentation
- Coagulant dose
- Filtration washing cycles



Proposed treatment scheme – Results of Water Treatment Optimisation for the next 9-days in terms of

- Option of by-passing the process of coagulation/sedimentation
- Coagulant dose
- Filtration washing cycles





Interactive Exercise – Open discussion

<https://portal.space-o.eu/portal/>



Partners:



ORGANIZATION FOR THE
DEVELOPMENT OF CRETE S.A.



ENAS Sardegna

SPACE-O has received funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020
Research and Innovation Programme under Grant Agreement No 730005

