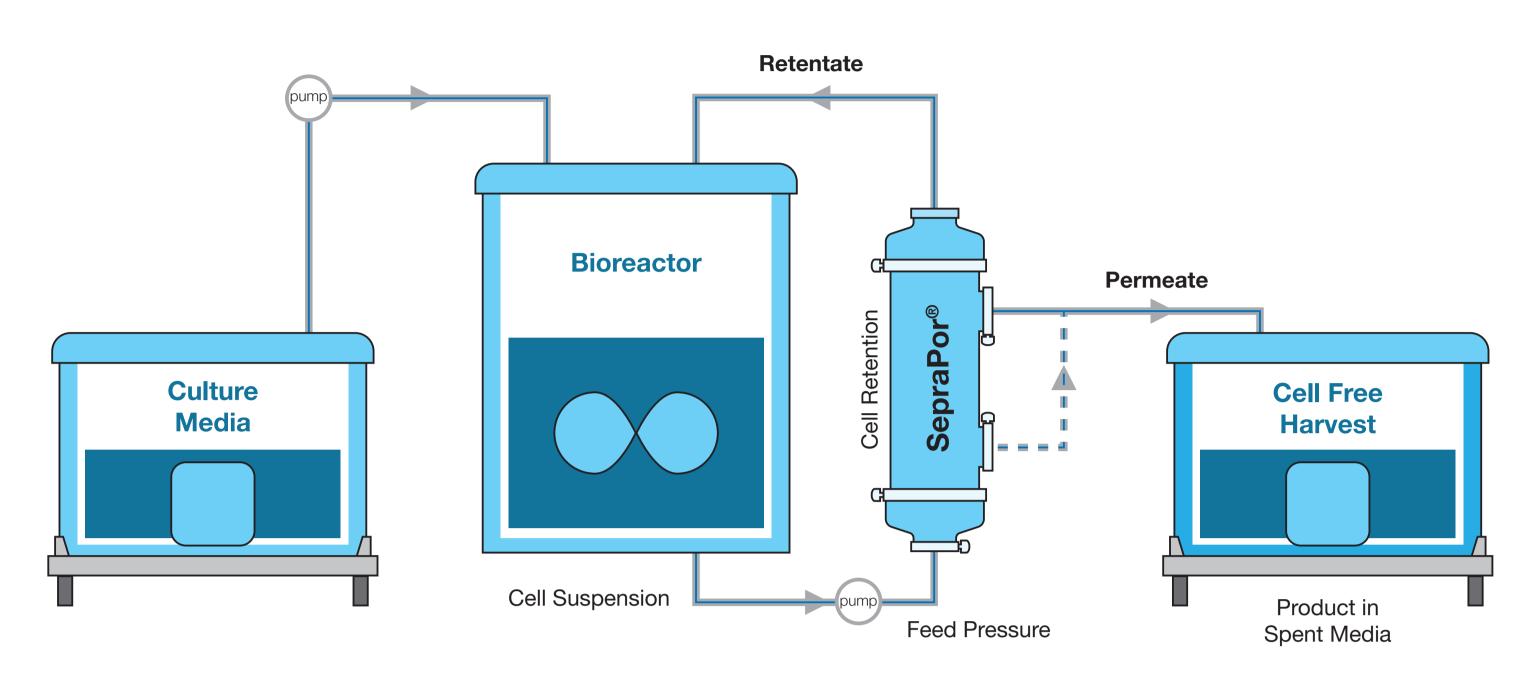
ADVANCES IN HOLLOW FIBER MEMBRANE TECHNOLOGY FOR HIGH DENSITY PERFUSION CELL CULTURE

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Abstract

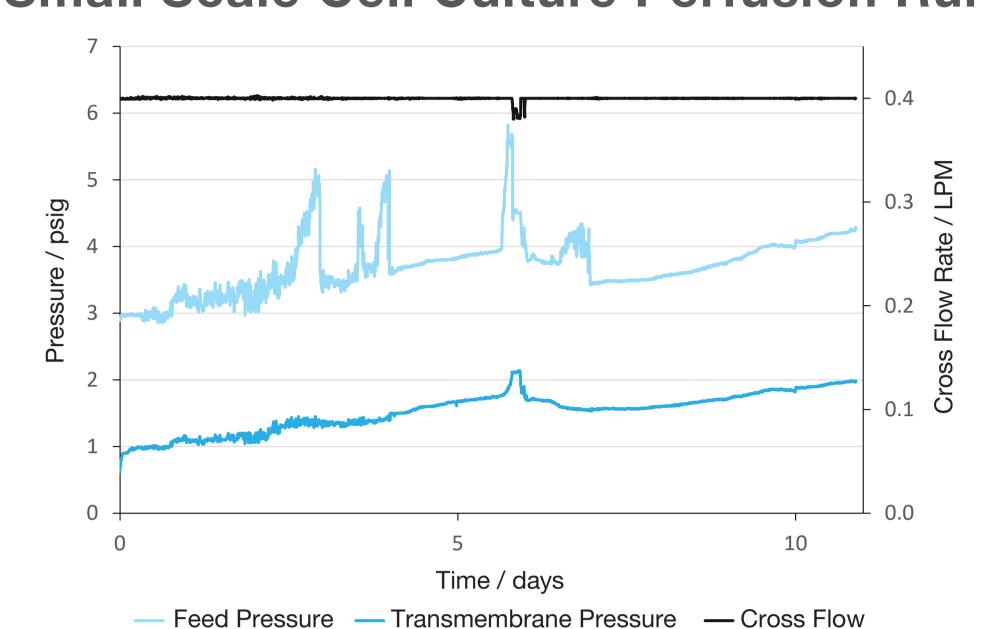
- SepraPor® polysulfone membrane filters are designed to achieve consistent, reproducible performance in cell culture perfusion processes.
- Strict porosity specifications, distinct and narrow bubble point ranges, and high flow rates result in lot-to-lot membrane consistency for dependable filtration performance.

Perfusion Application



This schematic demonstrates a typical TFF perfusion process using a SepraPor® hollow fiber capsule filter.

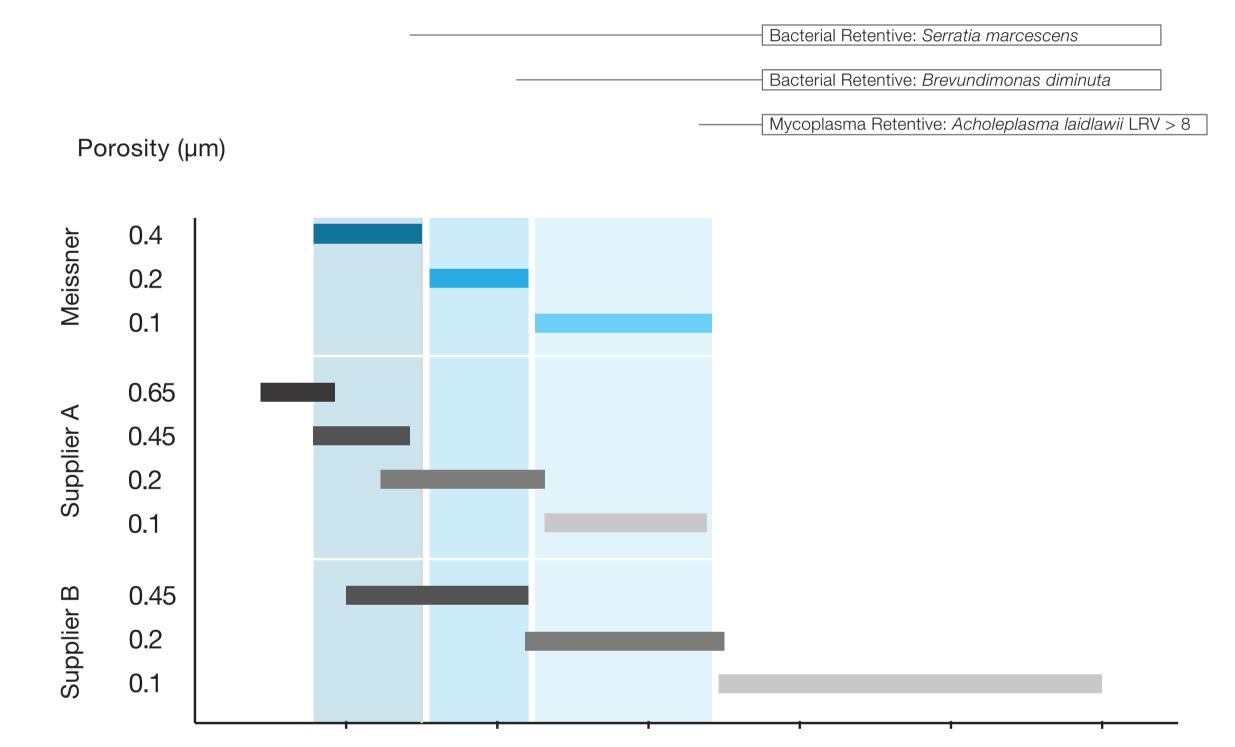
Small Scale Cell Culture Perfusion Run



A 0.2 µm SepraPor® filter with filtration area of 220 cm² demonstrated excellent transmembrane pressure consistency during an 11 day perfusion process in a 1 L bioreactor exchanging 1 vessel volume per day.

Advanced Membrane Technology

Bubble Point Ranges of Competitive Microporous Hollow Fiber Membranes

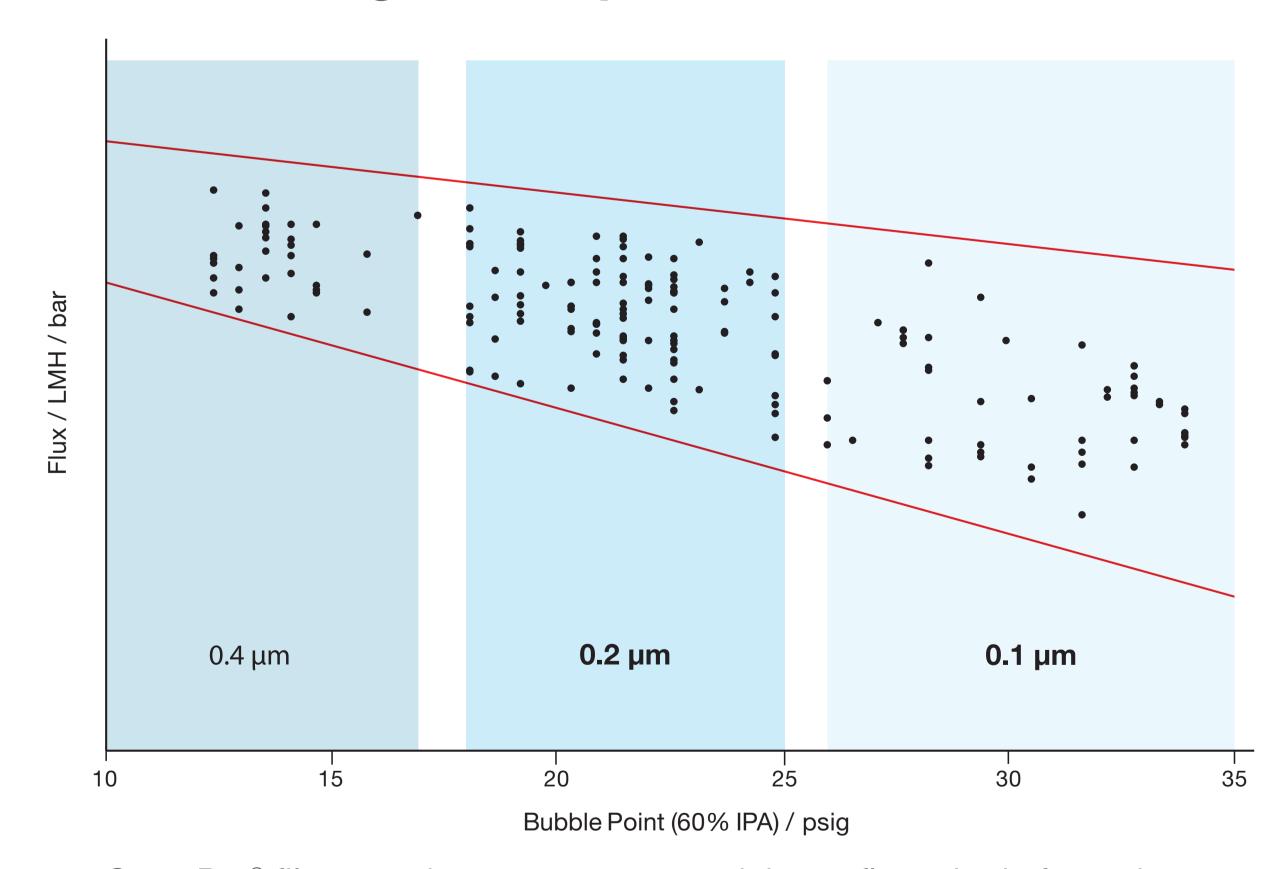


SepraPor® filters' narrow bubble point ranges were established using industry-standard microbial retention assays, and have no overlap between pore sizes for improved process reproducibility. **Supplier A** has overlapping bubble point ranges which creates arbitrary pore size designations, while **Supplier B** has broad bubble point ranges that can lead to process variability over the entire acceptable spectrum.

Porosity (µm)	Bubble Point (60% IPA)	Max Diffusive Flow (mL/min/m²) @ 15 psig	Max Transmembrane Pressure @ 25 °C
0.4	9 – 17 psig	≤ 30	10 psig
0.2	18 – 25 psig	≤ 30	15 psig
0.1	26 – 38 psig	≤ 30	20 psig

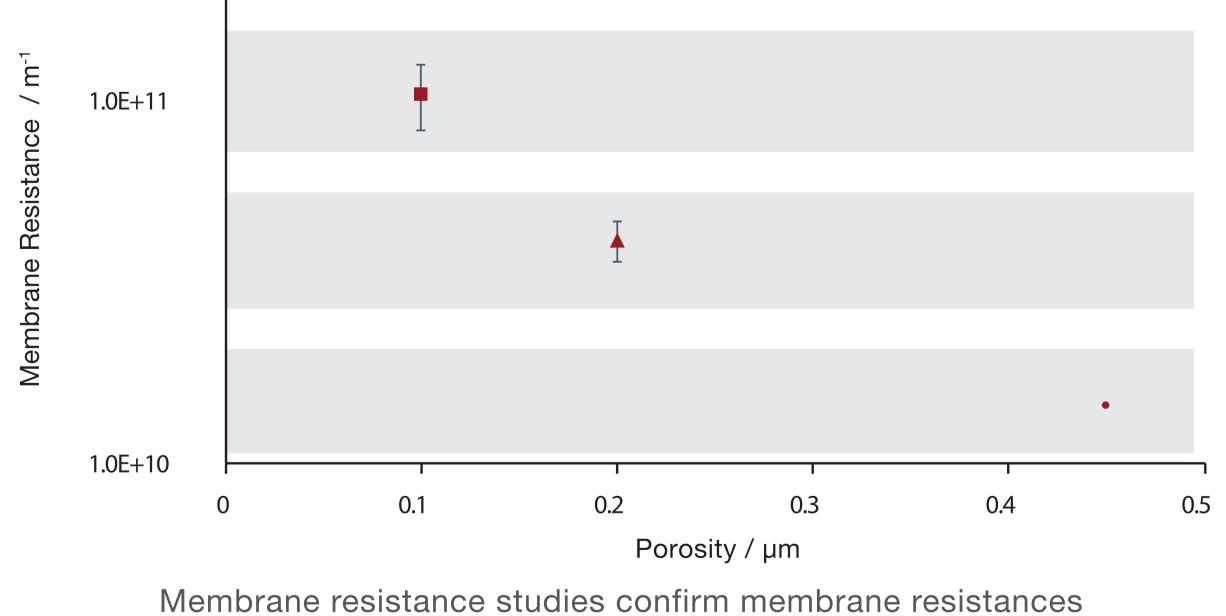
SepraPor® membranes must meet strict specifications to ensure lot to lot reproducibility of your perfusion process.

Flux Range for SepraPor® Hollow Fibers



SepraPor® filter membranes must meet minimum flux criteria for a given bubble point value to ensure consistent performance in your process.

Correlation of Hollow Fiber Porosity to Membrane Resistance



fall within distinct bands for different porosity rating.

Conclusion

SepraPor® hollow fiber filters' narrow bubble point and flux ranges improve lot-to-lot membrane consistency, which provides the benefit of reproducible process performance.

