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(57) Abstract: The invention relates to a method of filtering a fluid. The method according to the invention is characterised in that after filtering a contaminated fluid, which causes the formation of a filter cake, a substantially non-contaminated fluid is fed through the filter cake and filter at varying flux or at varying driving force. At the same time the necessary driving force or the obtained flux, respectively, are measured. The measured value and the respective value setting are compared with at least one standard set of data and on the basis of this comparison the fouling status of the fluid to be filtered, the filter and the filter cake is determined. The method according to the invention makes it possible to accurately determine characteristics of a fluid to be filtered. This may be realised by simply varying the flux and measuring the driving force at different flux values, or vice versa.

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