



# aSys iCT™

Advanced dosage control for  
chemical disinfection applications

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# Disinfection Process Control – Can we get better?

- WRRFs typically overdose disinfectant by a factor of two
- If chemical disinfection is used, several issues arise:
  1. Excessive disinfectant cost and supply disruption
  2. Excessive quenching cost and supply disruption
  3. Risk of DBPs formation (especially with excess chlorination)
  4. Inconsistent performance
  5. Inadequate public health protection (during CSOs, plant upsets, etc.)
- Improving disinfection + saving money: Is this possible?

# What is OaSys iCT™ Role?

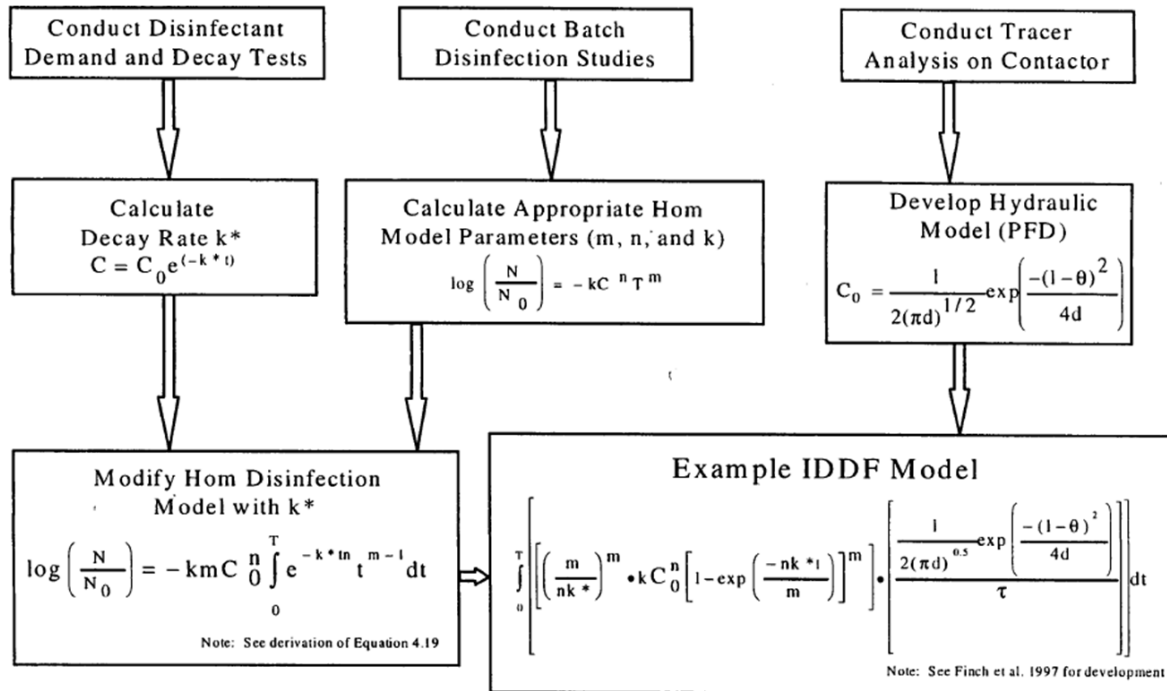
iCT™ is a novel control approach that optimizes disinfection performance by calculating the optimal chemical dosage that accounts for sources of treatment variability in real time.



Recommended for WWTP with:

- Highly variable flow or water quality
- High disinfection and/or quenching costs
- Limited contact basin sizing
- Tightening disinfection permit limits

# Integrated Disinfection Design Framework



*Bellamy, Finch, Haas (1998)*

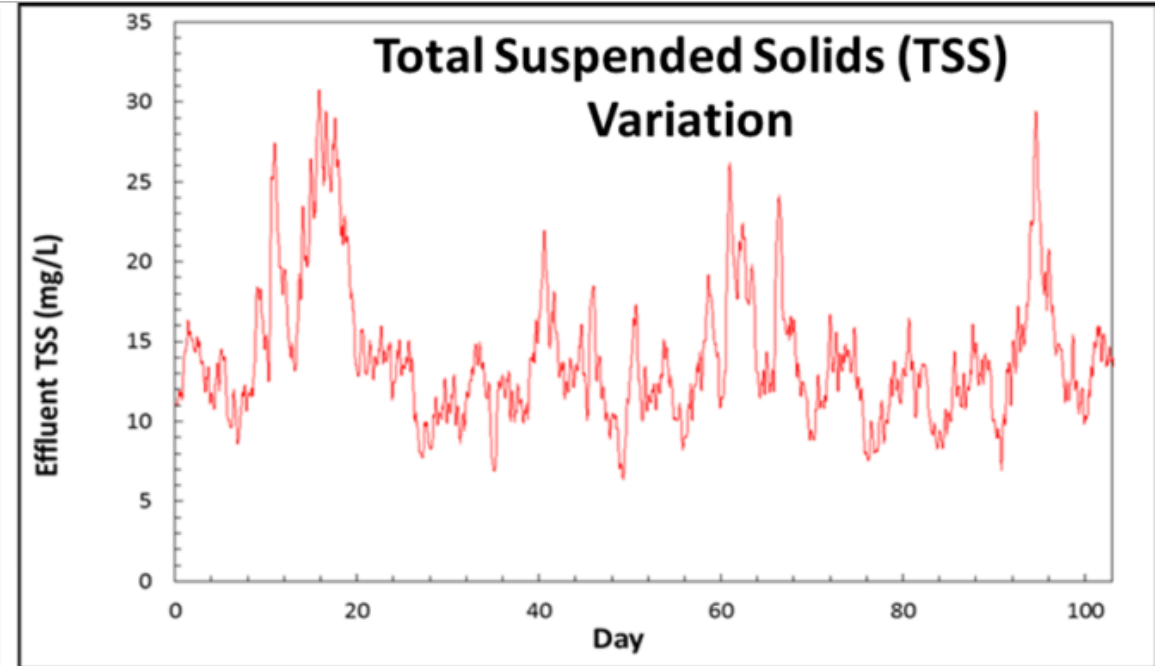
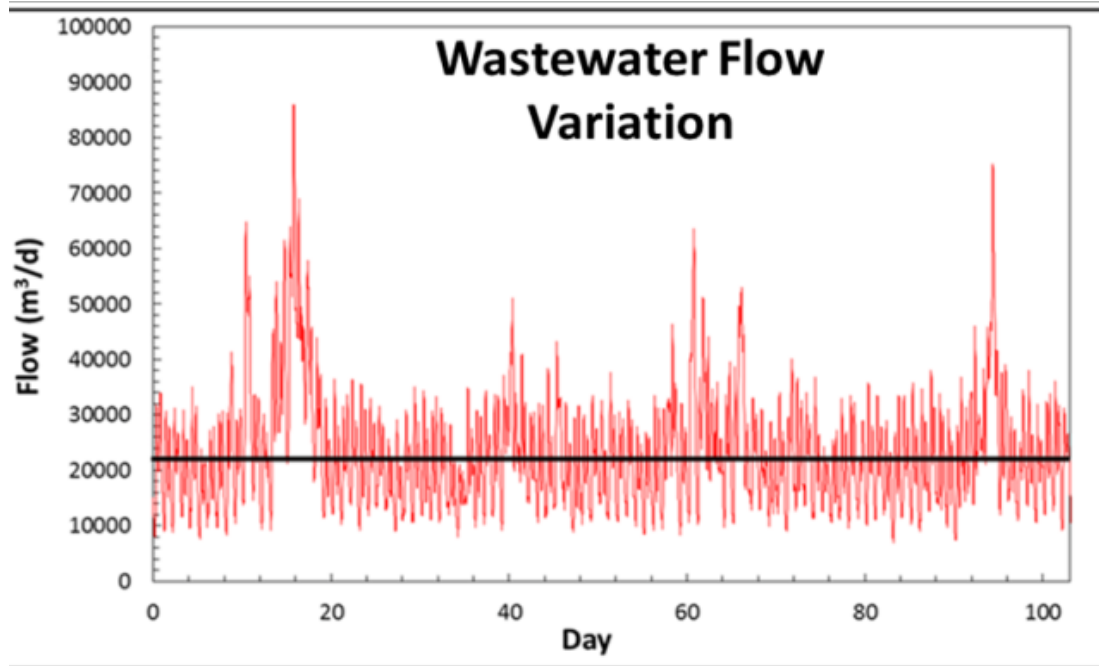
The IDDF model is useful for...  
 studying at universities

But is it possible to apply this  
 practically, in real time?

All three parts are necessary:

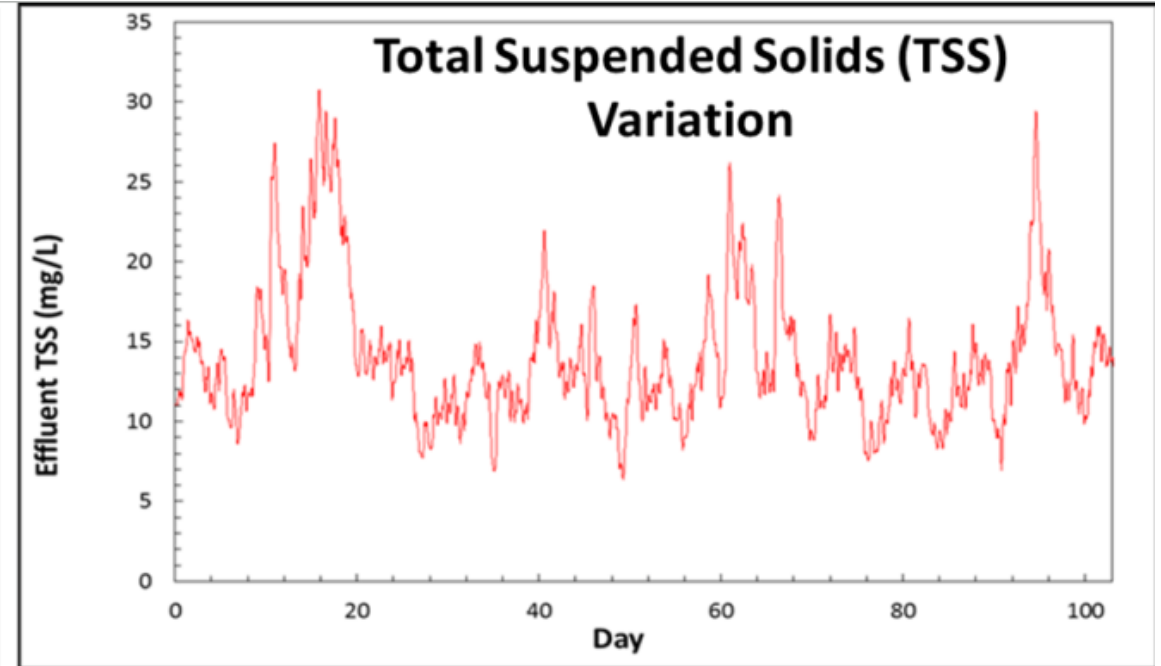
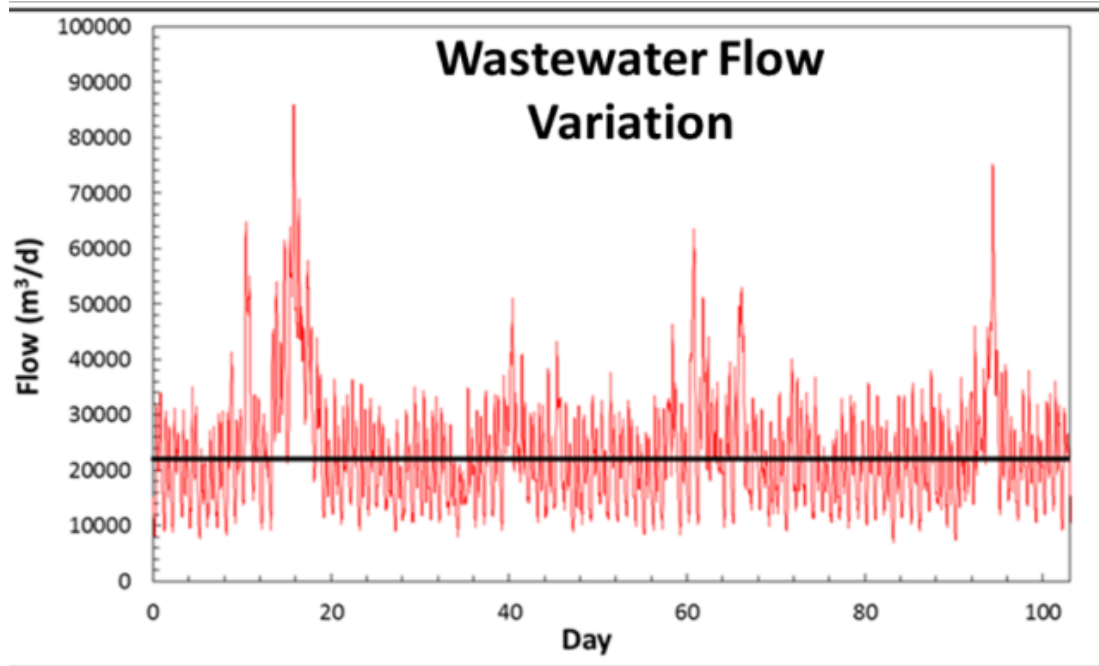
- Disinfectant demand/decay
- Microbial kill
- Contact basin hydraulics

# Considerations for Chemical Disinfection



- The primary challenge for chemical disinfection: VARIABILITY
- Flow variability: daily/diurnal hydraulics, rainfall events
- Water quality variability: TSS, BOD, nutrients (e.g. NH<sub>3</sub>), upsets, etc.

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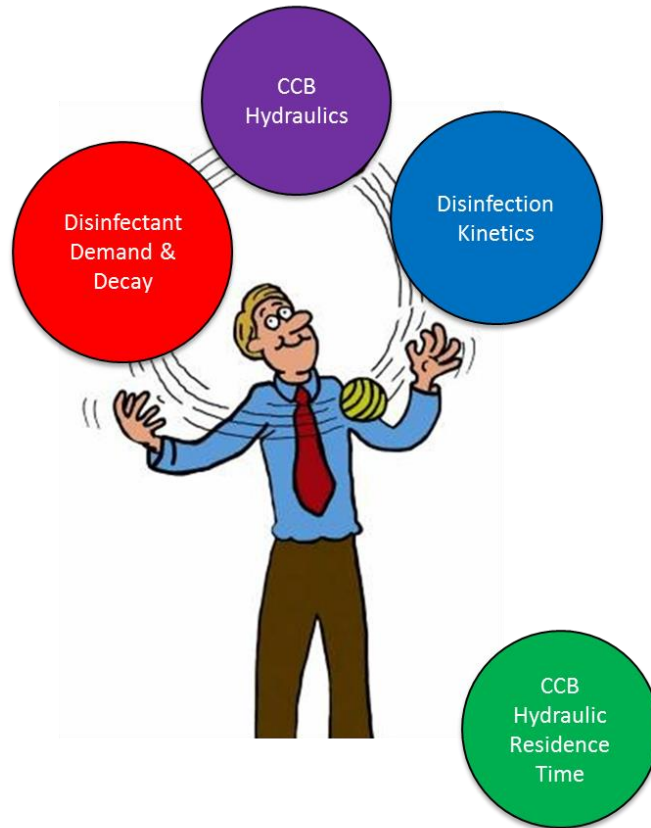


- Integrated Disinfection Design Framework (IDDF) required
  - But not practical for *real time* process control
- Process variability necessitates dynamic control
- Model-based control such as iCT is ultimately necessary

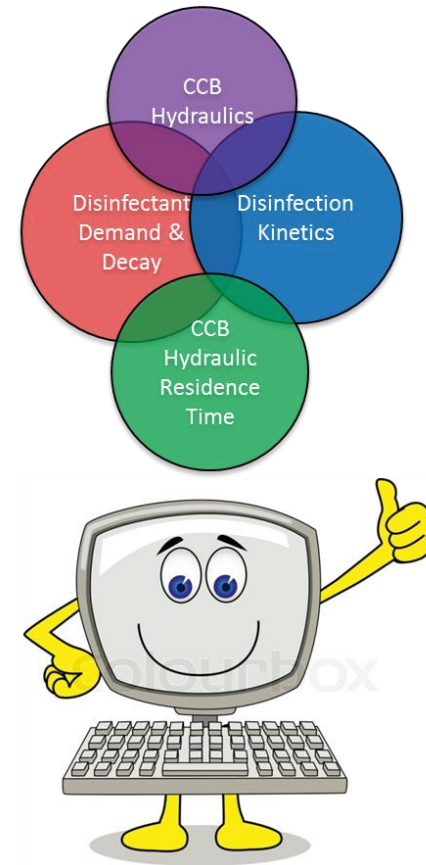


# Opportunities and Challenges

We can manually select a concentration set point and flow pace to achieve a desired CT, BUT...



FLOW PACING



ADVANCED DOSE CONTROL

What's being missed is the integration of the variables that impact the disinfectant chemical demand

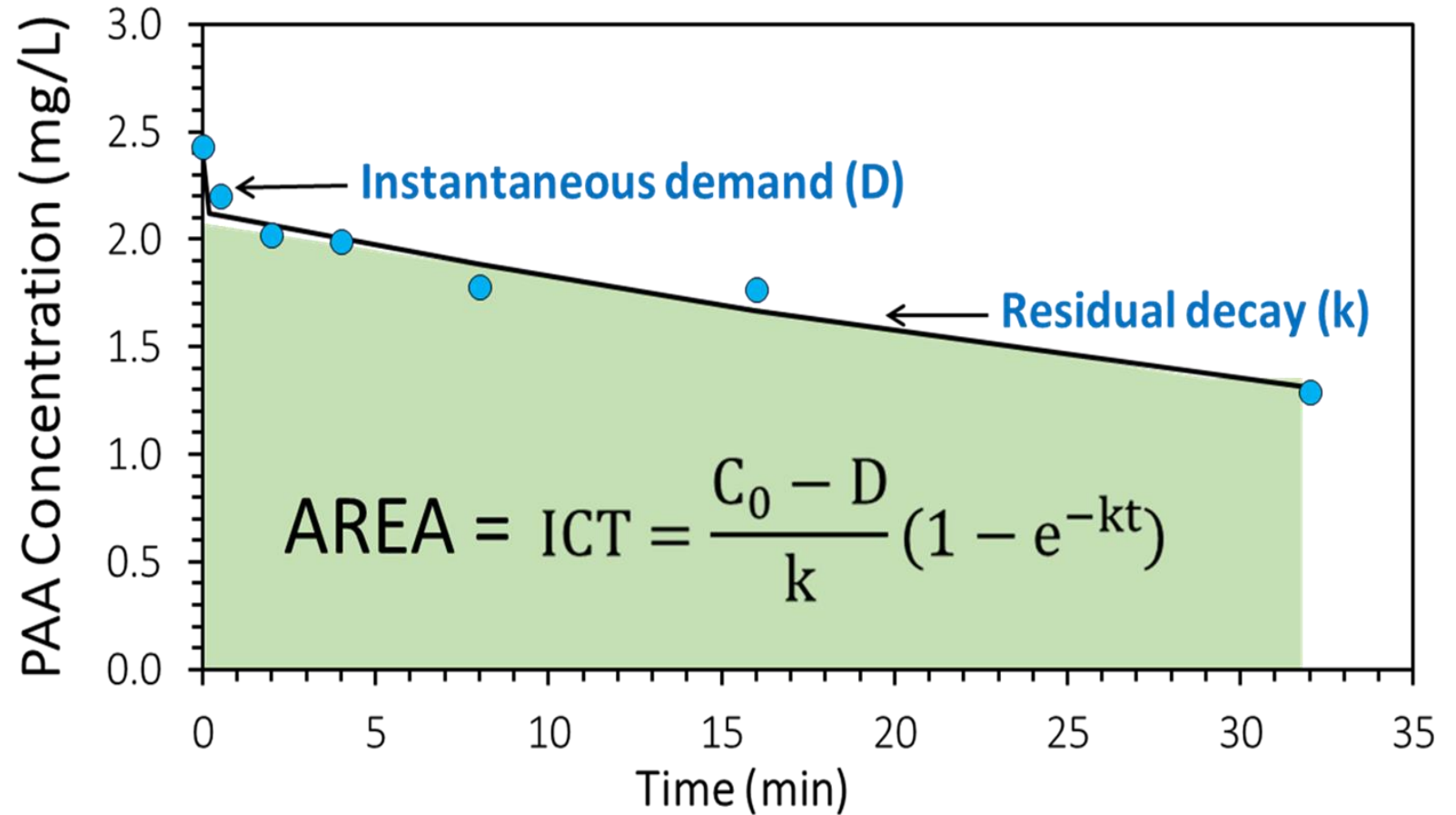
...and this is what OaSys iCT™ dosing control provides

# A Deeper Look: The Integral of CT

Core principle of CT integral:  
relationship between  
concentration and time

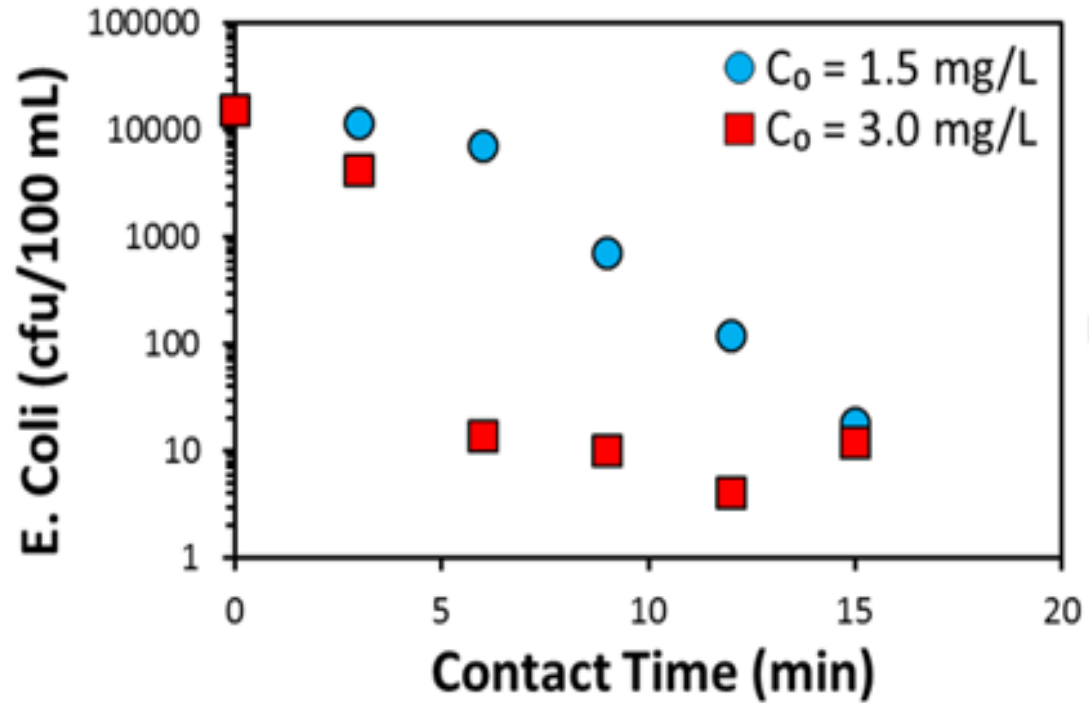
It's a measure of the exposure of  
microorganisms to the  
disinfectant

Oxidizing disinfectants have an  
initial instantaneous demand (D),  
followed by a slow residual decay  
(k)

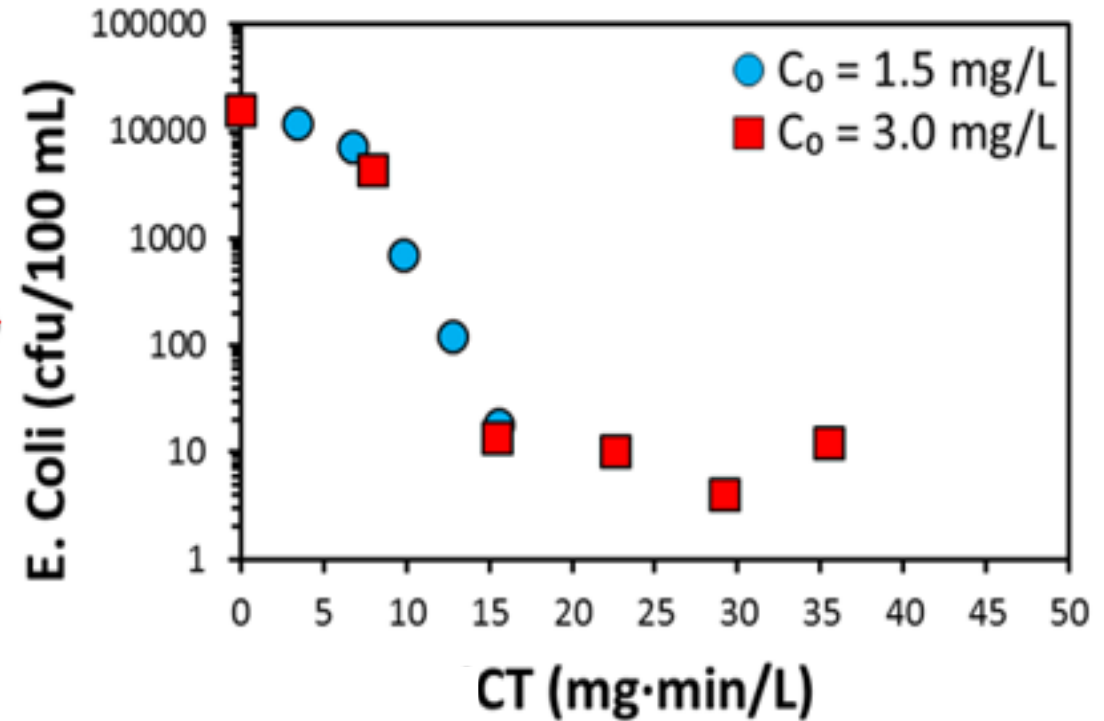




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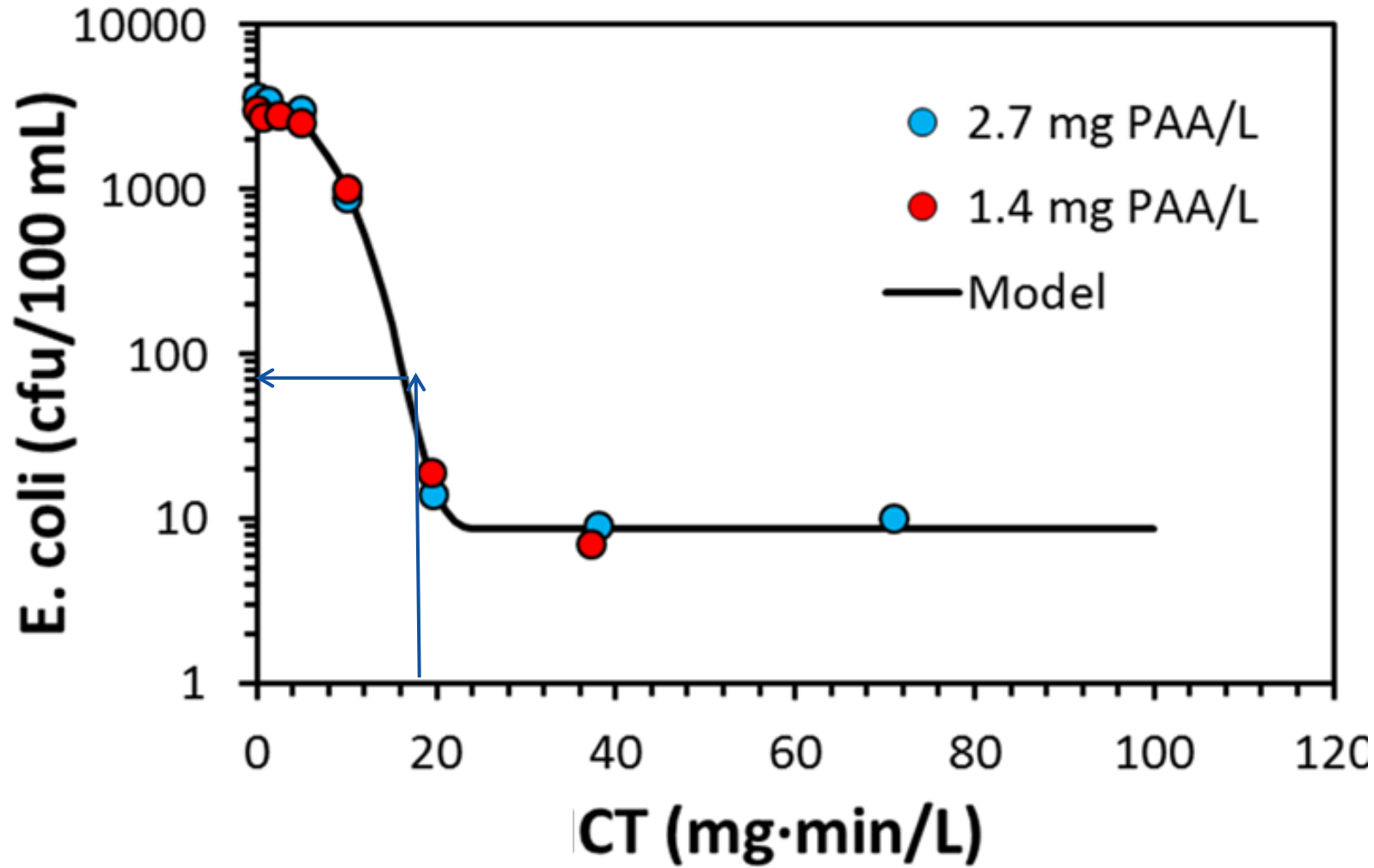


$$iCT = \frac{C_0 - D}{k} (1 - e^{-kt})$$

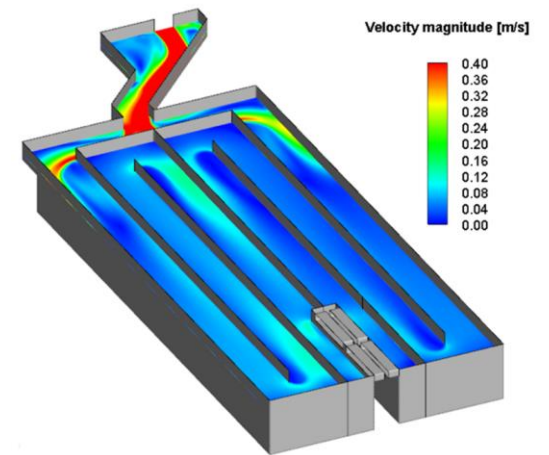


Microbial Kinetics – OaSys iCT™ allows you to control CT dose

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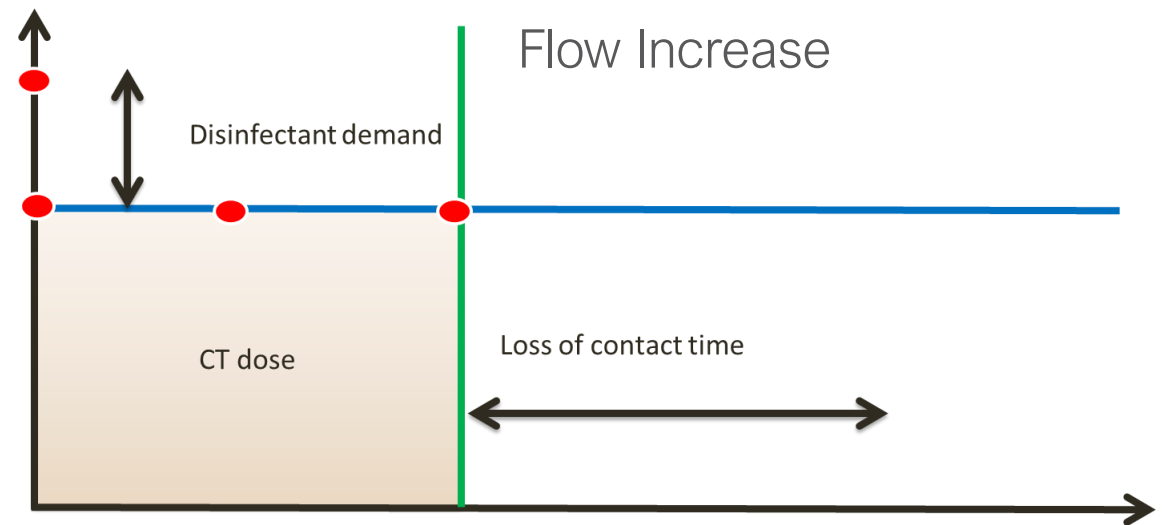
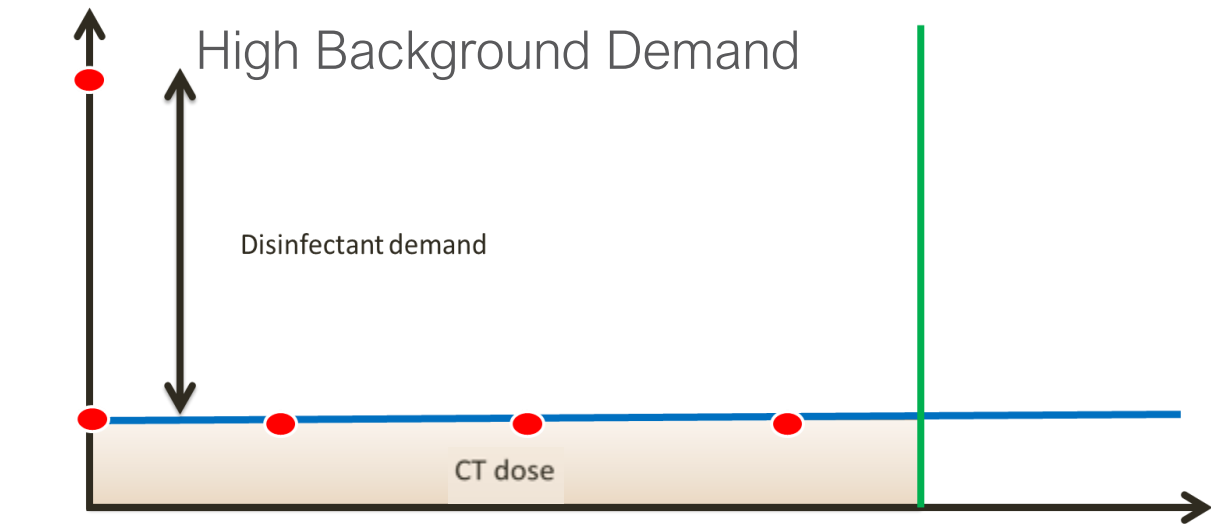
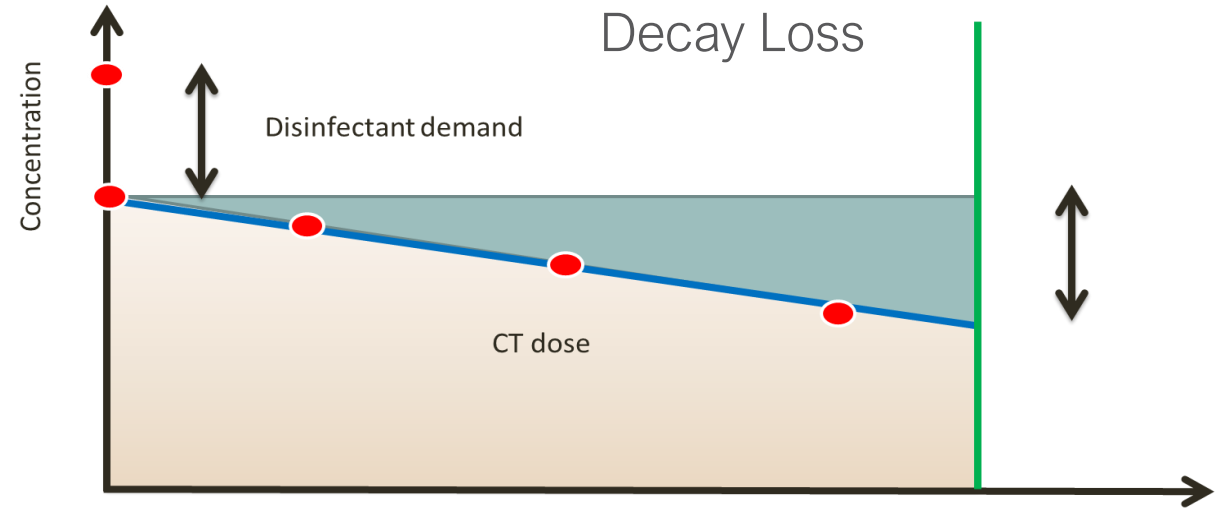
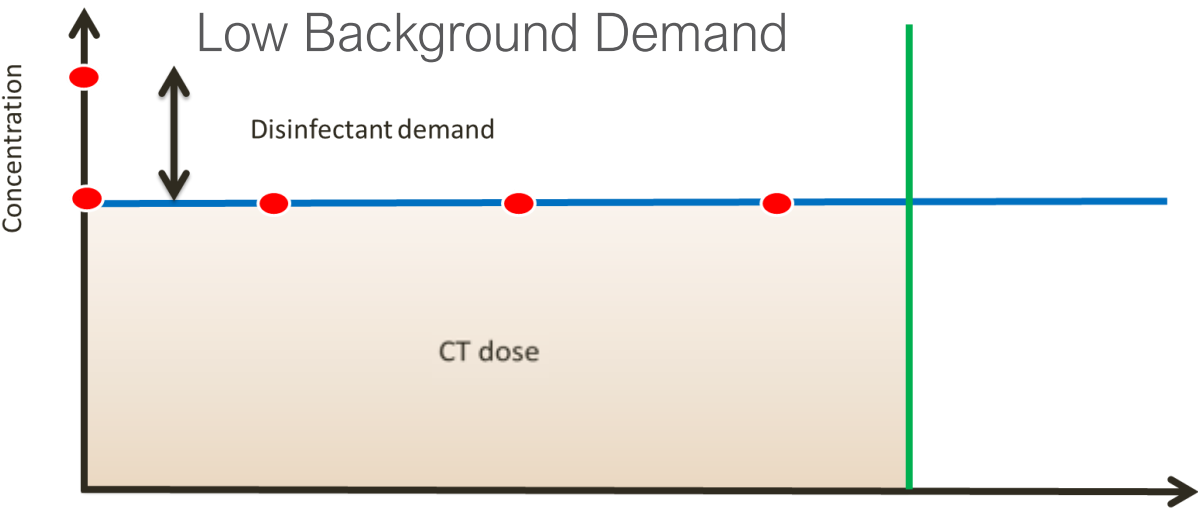


iCT™ incorporates reactor hydraulics and chemical demand and decay into the disinfection model



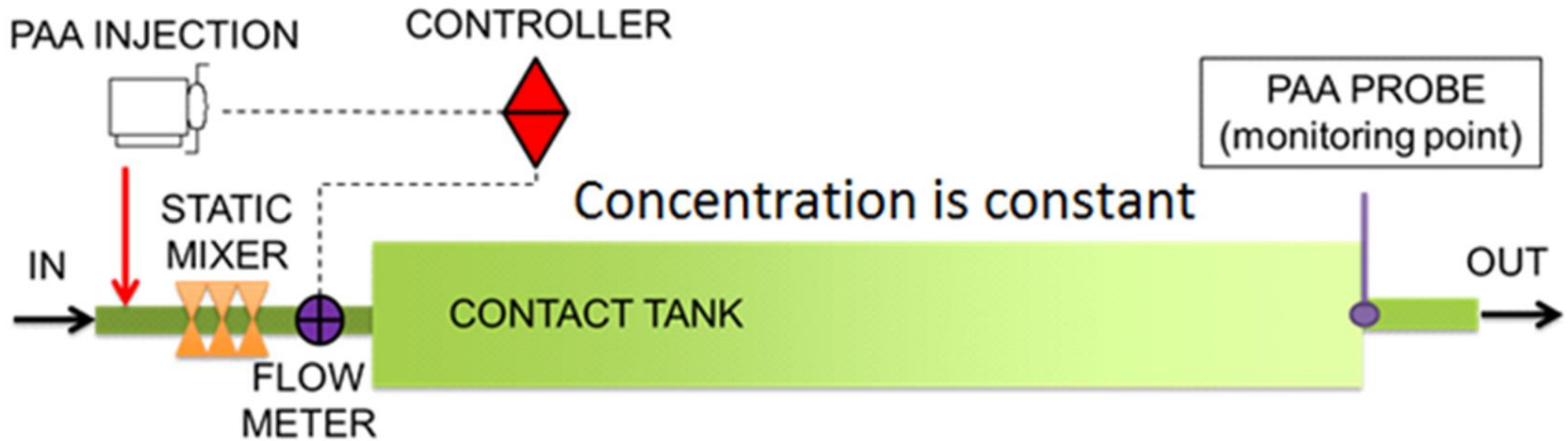
...and we can use this curve to select our iCT™ setpoint

# The CT Dose is Dynamic

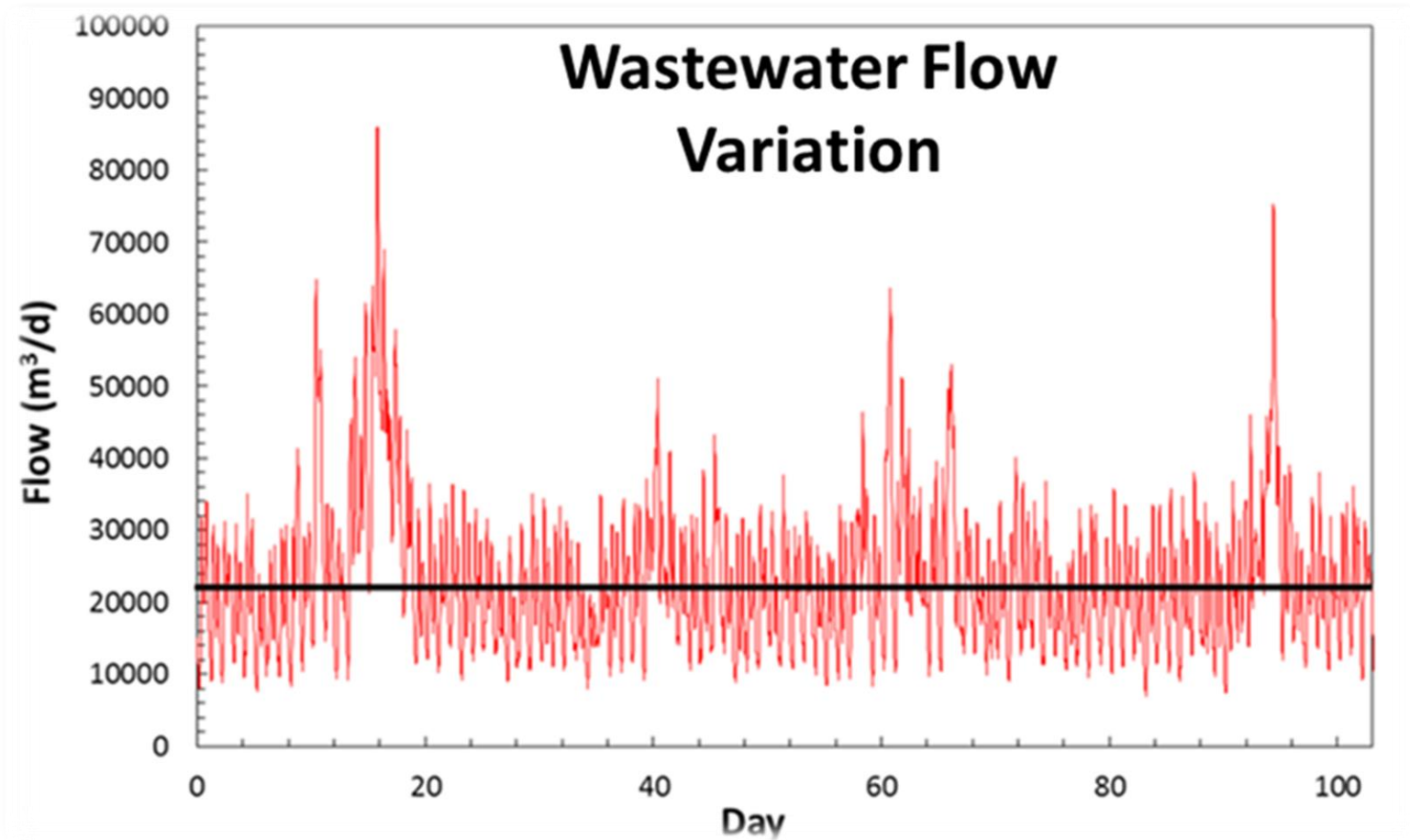


# Flow Pacing Control

## FLOW PACING



# Flow Pacing: The Variability Problem

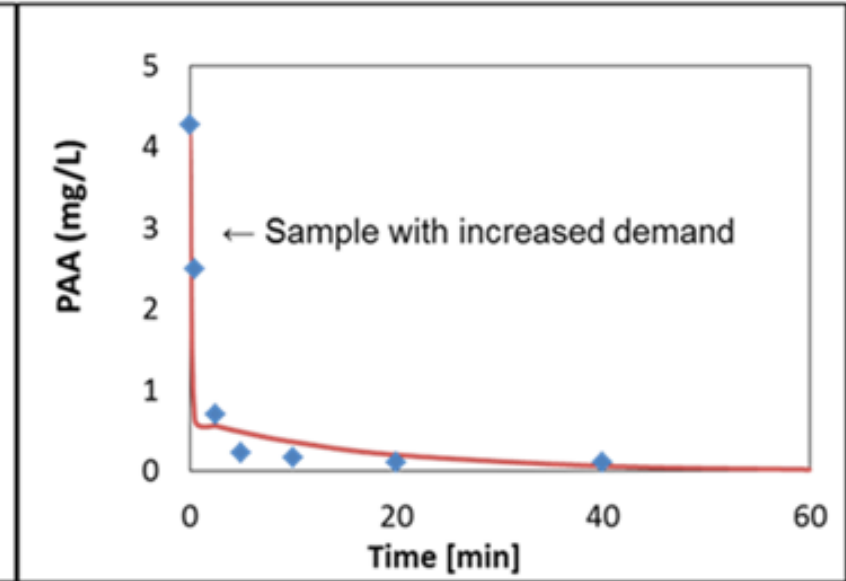
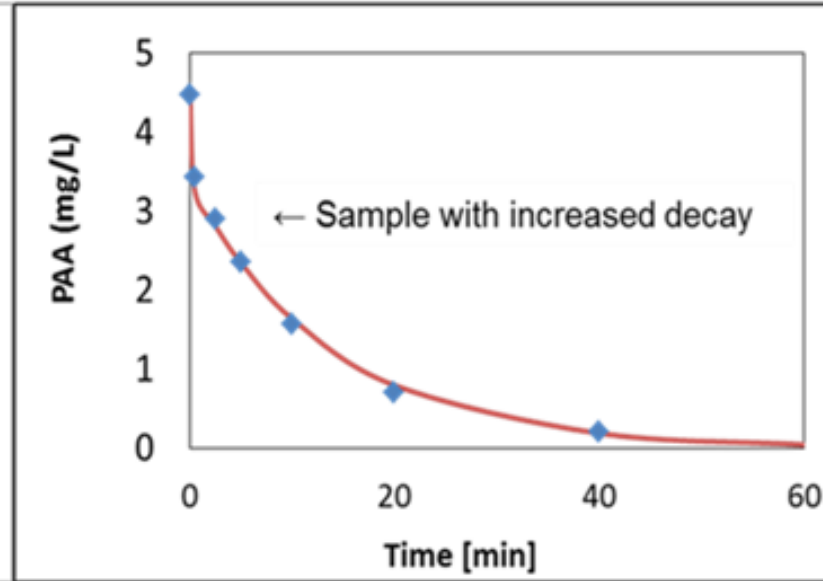
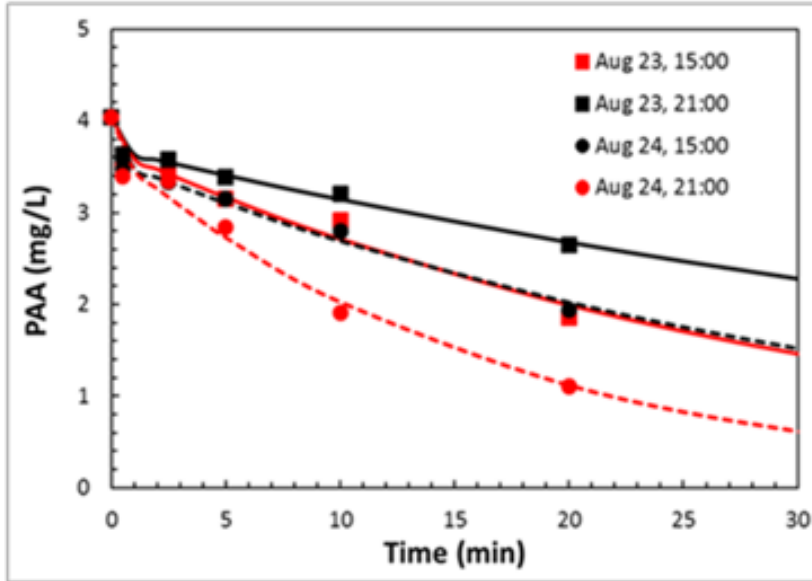


Flow variability = HRT variability

flow-pacing only keeps the concentration fixed

The result is intentional over-dosing

# Flow Pacing: Demand/Decay Problems



$$C = (C_0 - D)e^{-kt}$$

where,

$C$  is the concentration of PAA at time  $t$ ; mg/L

$C_0$  is initial concentration of PAA; mg/L

$D$  is the instantaneous demand of PAA; mg/L

$k$  is the decay rate constant of PAA;  $\text{min}^{-1}$

$t$  is the contact time;  $\text{min}^{-1}$

Wastewater quality changes...

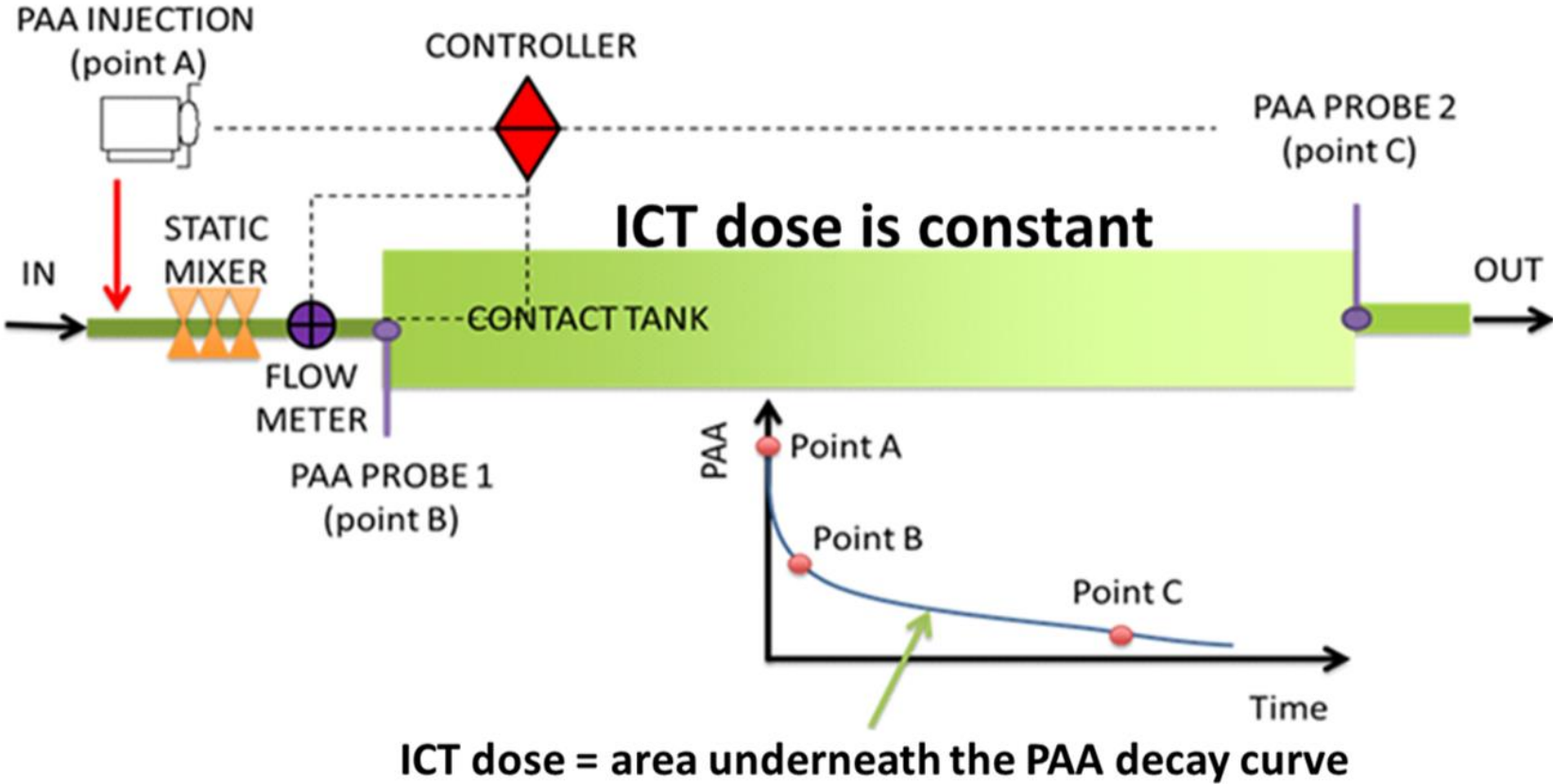
Disinfectant decomposition is affected by:

- Organics
- Trace Metals
- Temperature
- pH

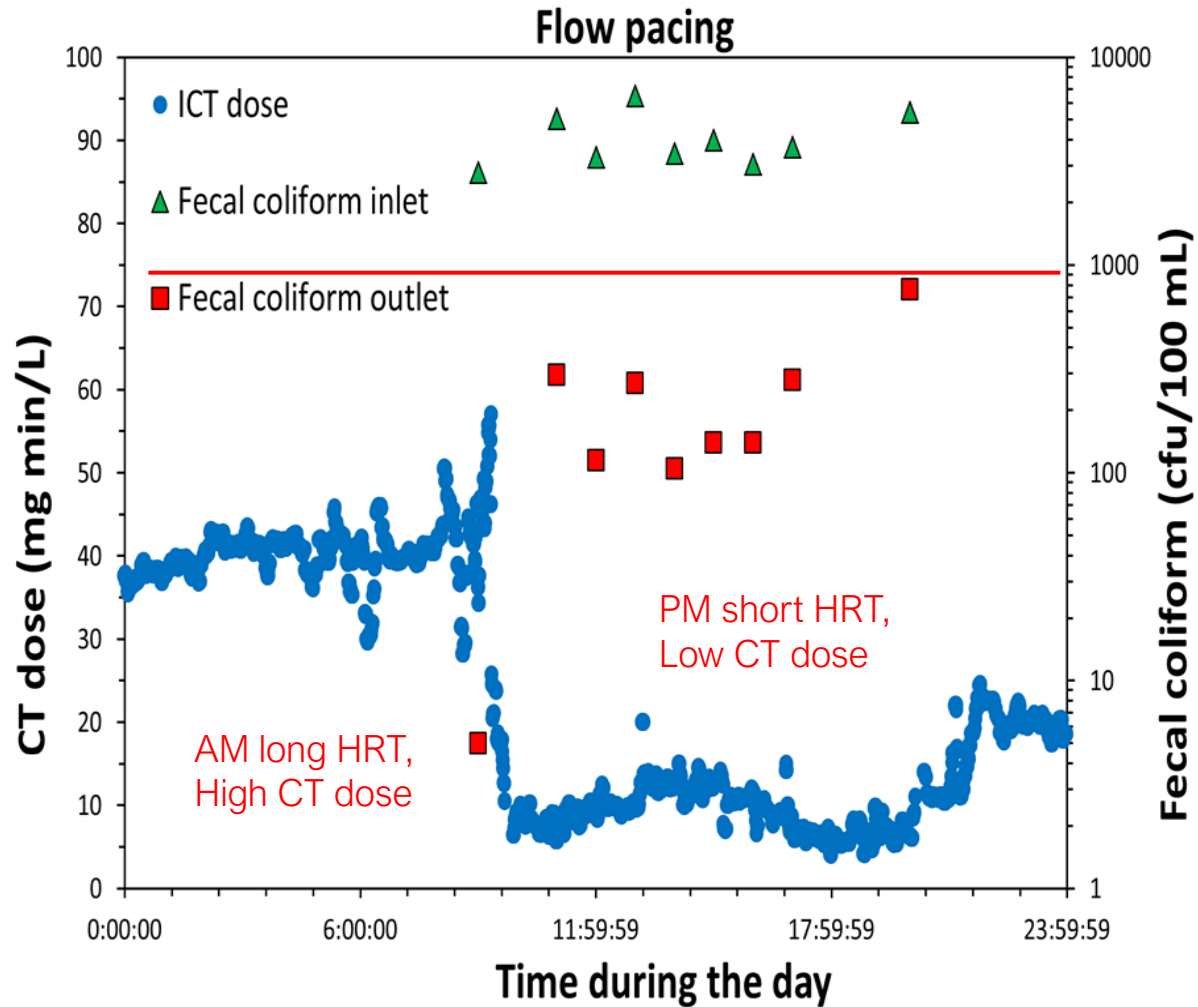


# The OaSys iCT™ Approach

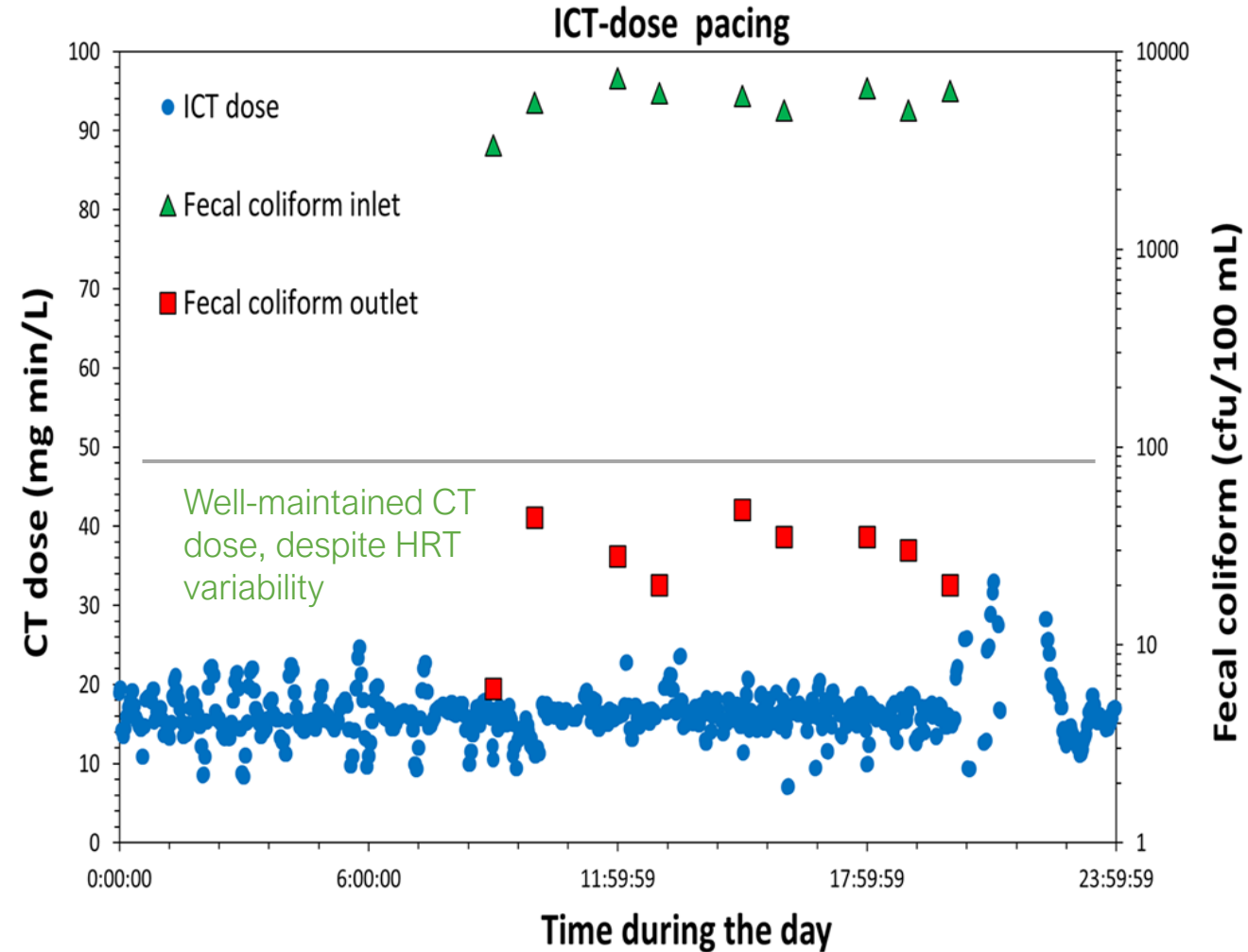
OaSys iCT™ Dose Pacing



# Flow Pacing vs OaSys iCT™

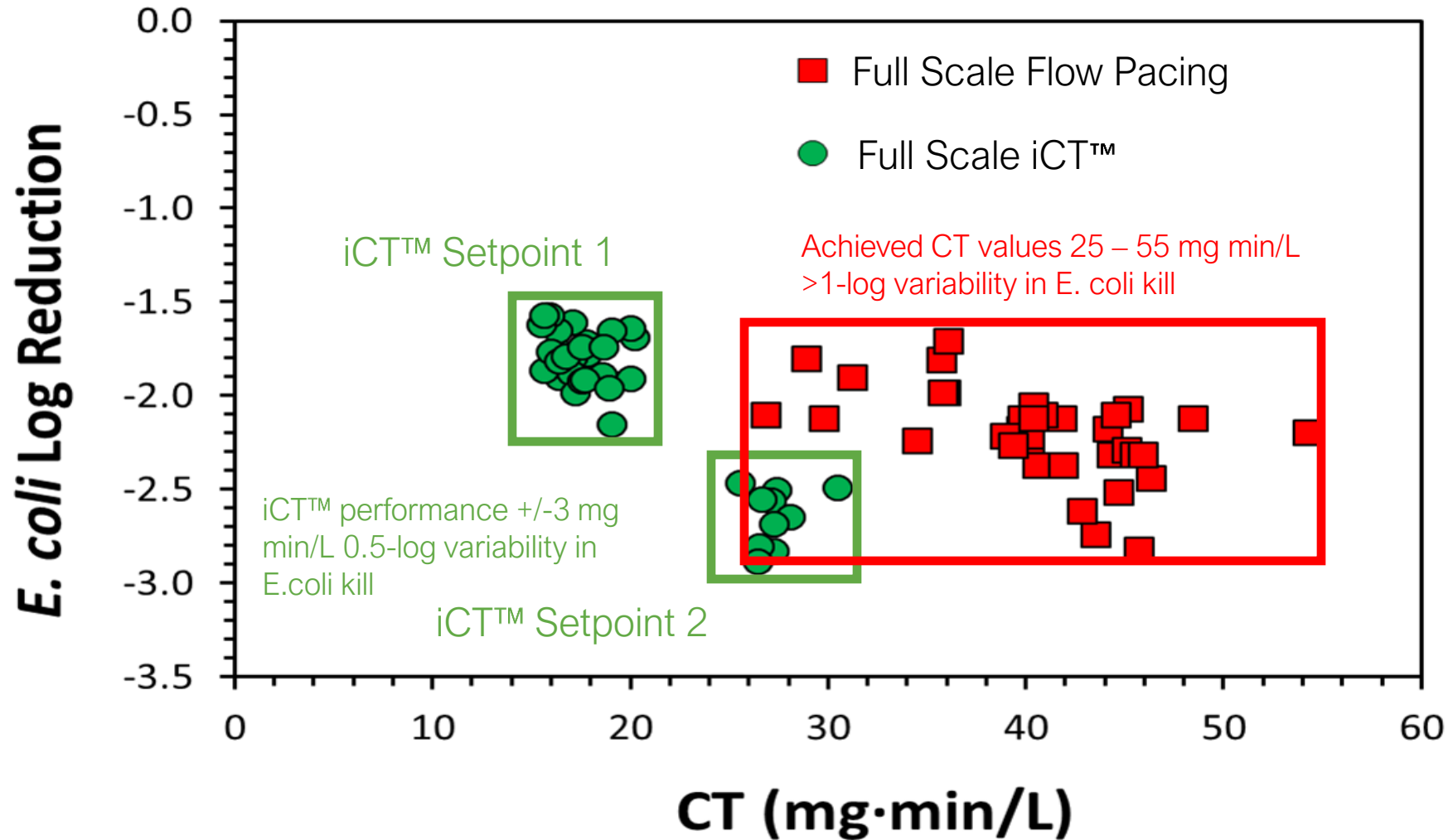


2-log variability in coliform at outfall is not optimal  
Maintains coliform below 1000 cfu/100 mL

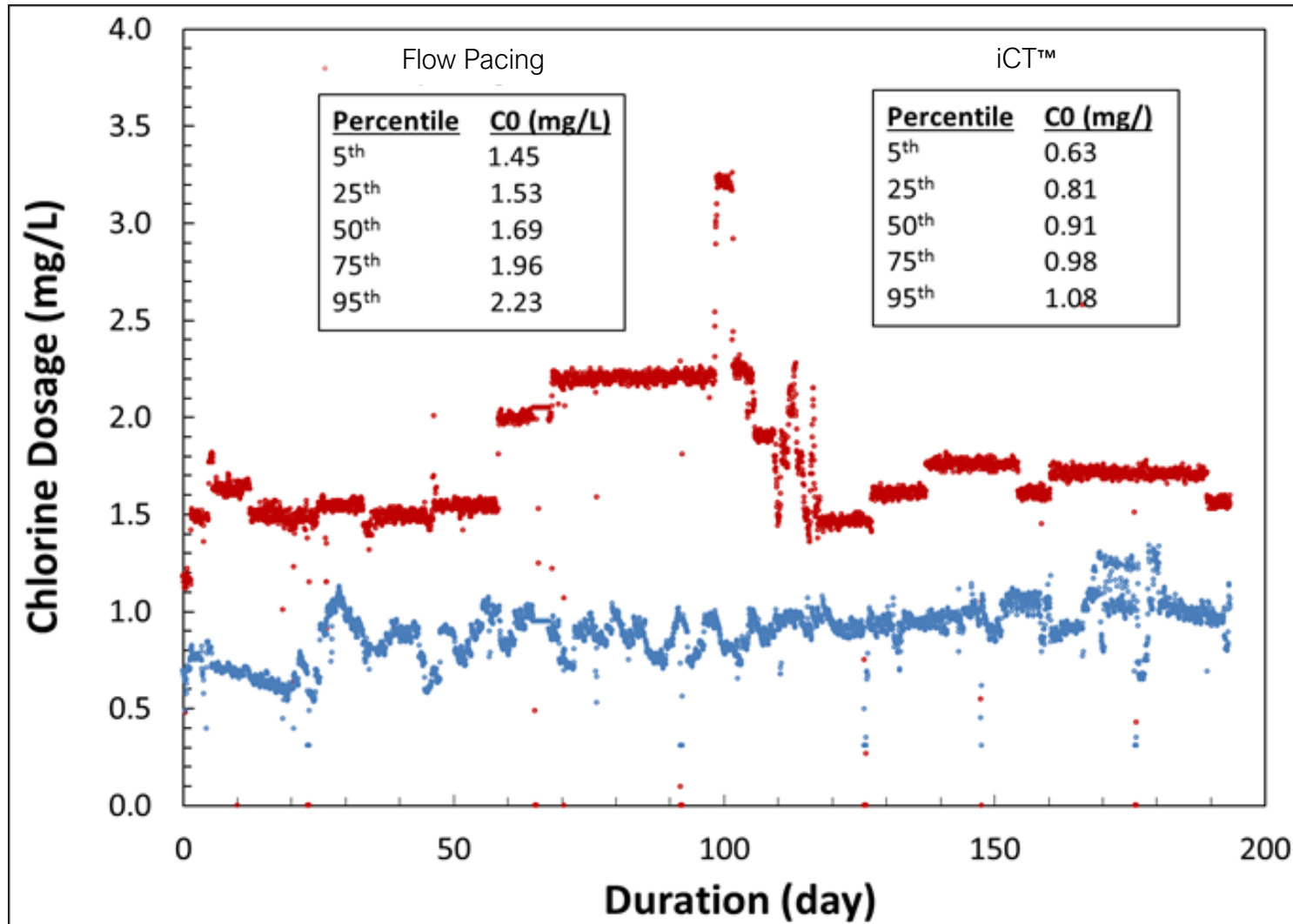


<0.5-log variability in outfall coliform  
Maintains coliform below 100 cfu/100 mL

# Performance Variability



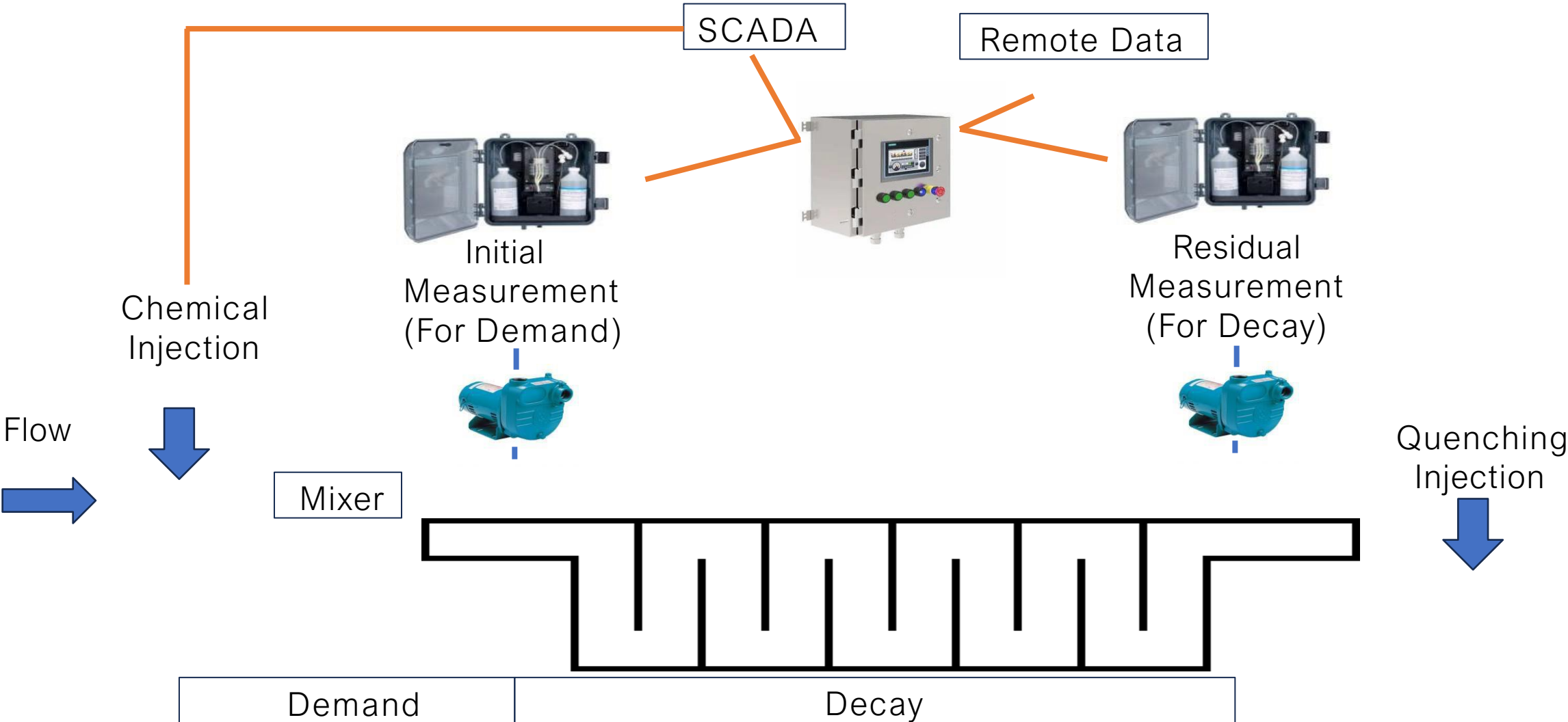
# Demonstrated Savings



## AND...

- iCT™ dose required 50% less hypochlorite
- Lower and more stable residual chlorine in effluent
- Expected reduction in demand for quenching chemical

# What is it?



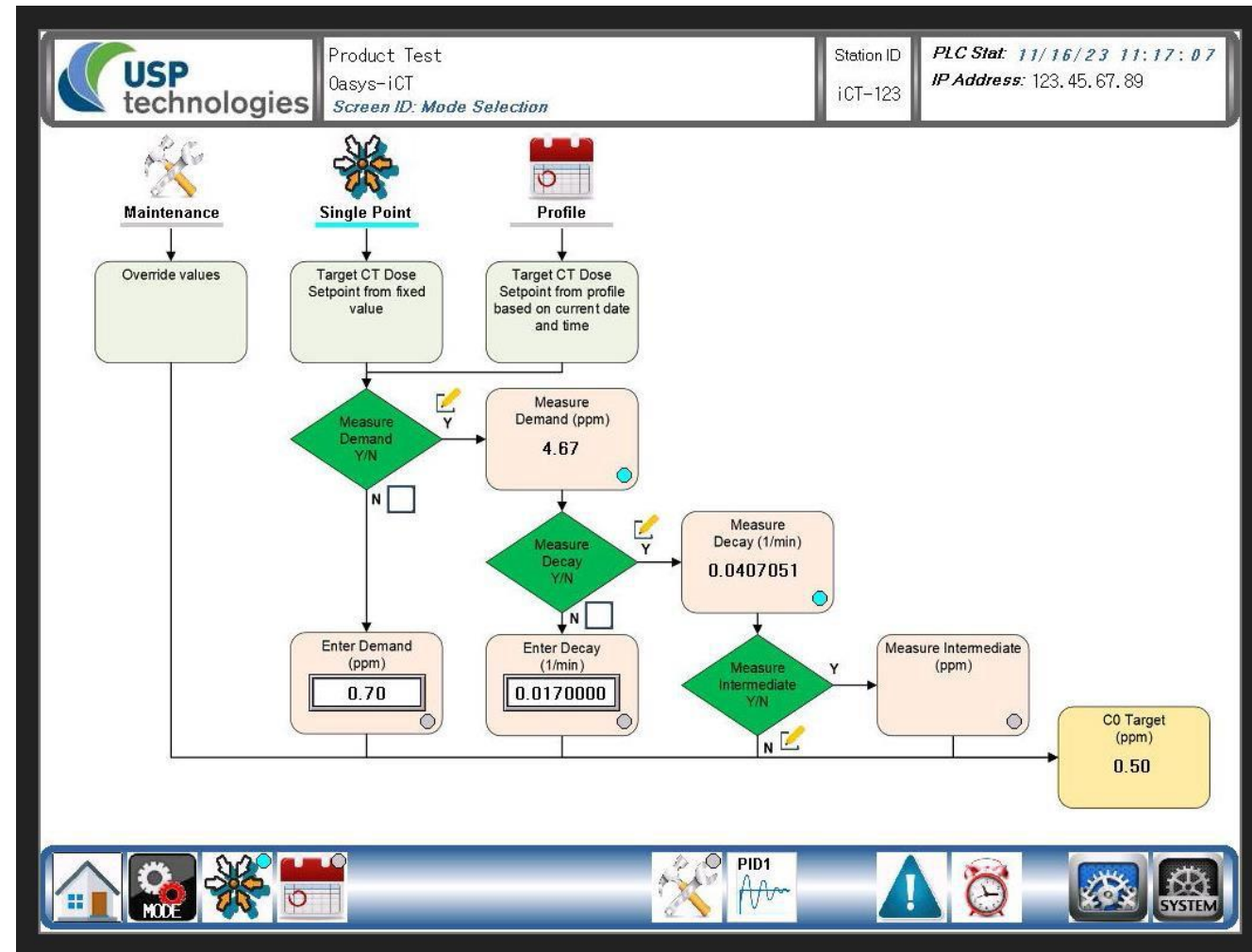
# Operating Modes

- Demand based on Initial concentration measurement vs. Injected concentration.
- Decay based on Residual concentration relative to Initial concentration vs. HRT.
  - iCT dynamically calculates the ideal Injected concentration to meet CT dose targets based on Demand and Decay.
- Demand and Decay can be measured or entered to provide flexibility and redundancy.
- System can be controlled based on a Single Point CT dose target or based on a configurable daily and hourly Profile.

Profile MODE: 7 Day Table for CT Target

CT Range: 0.0 mg/L\*min - 9.9 mg/L\*min

|     | 12 am | 1 am | 2 am | 3 am | 4 am | 5 am | 6 am | 7 am | 8 am | 9 am | 10 am | 11 am |
|-----|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|-------|
| MON | 11.0  | 11.0 | 11.0 | 11.0 | 11.0 | 11.0 | 11.0 | 11.0 | 11.0 | 11.0 | 11.0  | 11.0  |
| TUE | 11.0  | 11.0 | 11.0 | 11.0 | 11.0 | 11.0 | 11.0 | 11.0 | 11.0 | 11.0 | 11.0  | 11.0  |
| WED | 11.0  | 11.0 | 11.0 | 11.0 | 11.0 | 11.0 | 11.0 | 11.0 | 11.0 | 11.0 | 11.0  | 11.0  |
| THU | 11.0  | 11.0 | 11.0 | 11.0 | 11.0 | 11.0 | 11.0 | 11.0 | 11.0 | 11.0 | 11.0  | 11.0  |
| FRI | 11.0  | 11.0 | 11.0 | 11.0 | 11.0 | 11.0 | 11.0 | 11.0 | 11.0 | 11.0 | 11.0  | 11.0  |
| SAT | 11.0  | 11.0 | 11.0 | 11.0 | 11.0 | 11.0 | 11.0 | 11.0 | 11.0 | 11.0 | 11.0  | 11.0  |
| SUN | 11.0  | 11.0 | 11.0 | 11.0 | 11.0 | 11.0 | 11.0 | 11.0 | 11.0 | 11.0 | 11.0  | 11.0  |





# Highly Configurable System

## Inputs

- Can be configured to source signal from the HMI, SCADA, or a hardwired 4-20mA analog signal
- Highly configurable alarms with the ability to set system responses based on alarm conditions
- Valid signals stored to ensure that in the event of a signal fault, a previously valid value can be used until the fault is resolved
- Maintenance overrides of signals to ensure uninterrupted system

## operation Outputs

- Are available via SCADA or hardwired 4-20mA analog signals
- Maintenance overrides of signals to ensure uninterrupted system

## operation Injected Target

- Limits can be configured to ensure the Injected Target only operates in a safe range
- Alarms can be configured to use an enterable Failover Injected Target in the event an alarm occurs

## Configurable Alarm Outputs

- There are four configurable alarm discrete outputs
- These can be linked to specific alarms in the system to provide additional control actions if required

| Alarm Name       | HW Stat                             | Asgmt                    | Delay                    | Delay Time | CO Failover              | Gen Alarm                | Cust Email               | Setpoint | Enable                   |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------|--------------------------|
| CO Injected HIHI | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | AIO                      | <input type="checkbox"/> | 30 Sec     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 9.00 ppm | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| CO Injected Hi   | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 30 Sec     | NA                       | NA                       | NA                       | 8.00 ppm | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| CO Injected Lo   | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 30 Sec     | NA                       | NA                       | NA                       | 2.00 ppm | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| CO Injected LoLo | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 30 Sec     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1.00 ppm | <input type="checkbox"/> |

# Accessible Information

## Alarming

- Alarms are logged in the HMI
- Alarms can be configured to email specified addresses when they occur
- Alarm status is available over SCADA

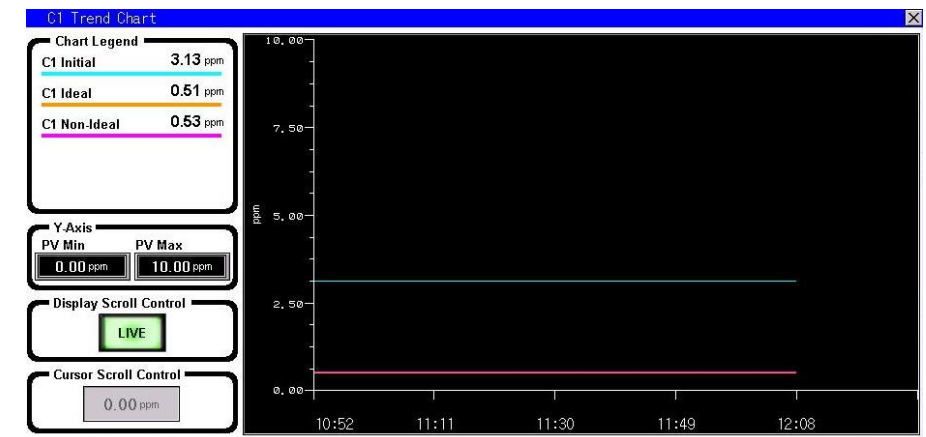
## Trending

- Each signal has an associated trend
- Trends contain related signals
- Trends can be viewed historically

## Data Logging

- Critical datapoints are logged in a remote data collection server
- Logging interval is configurable
- Data is available to be accessed remotely
- Data can be emailed specified addresses daily on a set schedule

The screenshot shows the top section of the HMI interface. On the left is the USP technologies logo. To its right, the text reads "Product Test", "Oasys-ICT", and "Screen ID: System Alarms & Config". Further right, it shows "Station ID: ICT-123" and "PLC Stat: 11/29/23 11:21:14" with "IP Address: 23.45.67.89". Below this is a table with columns for "Time Stamp", "Message", "Recovered", and "Confirmation". The "Message" column contains "Maintenance Mode Active Warning". At the bottom of this section are buttons for "Select", "Up", "Down", "Check", "All Check", "Delete", and "Delete All".



The screenshot shows the "E-Mail Recipients - Daily Report" configuration screen. It features a blue header with an envelope icon and the title. Below the header is a section titled "Recipients (40 Char Max)" containing five empty input fields, each with a trash can icon to its left for deletion.

# Thank You

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