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# PROCESS OPTIMIZATION AND GUIDANCE THROUGH MACHINE LEARNING

## Coagulation for Drinking Water and Industrial Source Water

*Dave Rutowski, Claros Process Management – Great  
Lakes / North East / Eastern Canada*

*Matthew Gray PE, Claros Optimization Engineer*



# AGENDA

- Description of monitoring tools for coagulation
- How they are implemented
- What it looks like
  - Additional technologies available
    - Components of concern
      - Manganese
      - Arsenic
      - Iron
    - Corrosion control / Phosphate dosing
    - Biological monitoring (Legionella, etc.)

# OUTCOMES

- Online monitoring for critical plant processes like coagulation and chemical feed.
- Real time response to changes in water quality
- Systems that can see WQ changes or overfeeds in real time
- Real Time Engine is a tool to deliver
  - **Visibility**
  - **Consistency**
  - **Reliability**



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# COAGULATION

Upgrade plant performance

# COAGULATION BACKGROUND

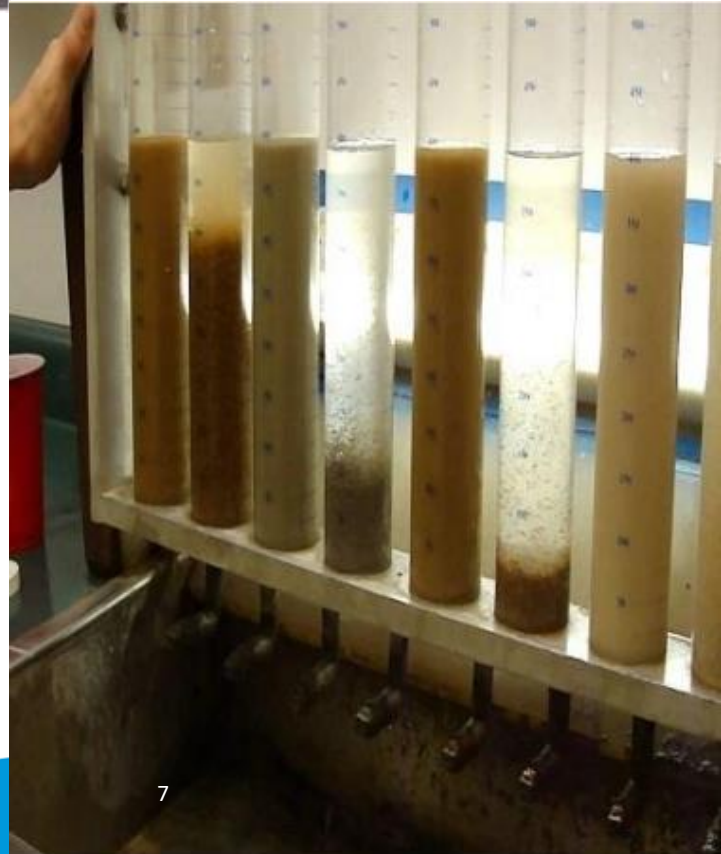
- Coagulation is an essential process for the removal of suspended and colloidal material from raw water.
- The main difficulty is to determine the optimum coagulant dosage related to the influent of raw water. Excessive coagulant overdosing leads to increased treatment costs and public health concerns, while underdosing leads to a failure to meet the water quality targets and less efficient operation of the water treatment plant
- Process optimization and control is usually based on data from jar tests and simple flow-proportional dosing concepts
- In water treatment plants charge neutralization can be considered the predominant process, especially if the coagulant dose has been optimized.
- **No comprehensive or universally accepted mathematical description of the process has been developed so far**



# COAGULATION, FLOCCULATION, AND SEDIMENTATION



- The purpose of coagulation is to condition non-settleable solids and organics to clump together to form a floc
- The larger floc particles are then able to settle out
- Removal of suspended and colloidal substances from water is required for
  - Protecting Human Health
  - Regulatory Compliance
  - Aesthetics



# COAGULATION GOALS

- Chemical addition during coagulation is required for small colloidal particles due to slow settling velocities

Particle Size (mm)	Particle Size (microns)	Order of Size	Time Required to Settle (sg = 2.65)	Time Required to Settle (sg = 1.2)
10	10000	Gravel	0.4 sec	1.2 sec
1	1000	Coarse Sand	3.0 sec	9 sec
0.1	100	Fine Sand	34 sec	5 min
0.01	10	Silt	56 min	8 hours
0.001	1	Bacteria	4 days	32 days
0.0001	0.1	Colloidal	1 year	9 years
0.00001	0.01	Colloidal	> 50 years	> 50 years
0.000001	0.001	Colloidal	> 50 years	>50 years



# SURFACE WATER IS A COAGULATION CHALLENGE



Anyone else treating that nice Lake Erie water today?!

What's the highest NTU from your source water?!

We can go from  
**1 NTU to 1500 NTU**  
in under an hour at times!

Tyler Johnson  
-South Elgin, Ontario

# COAGULATION MONITORING

Factors that affect coagulation

- pH – Variable, but can be controlled \$\$\$
- Temperature – Seasonal / storm variation
- Coagulant type – Mfg changes / budget driven?
- Mixing speed – Wear and Tear or Operator Eye?
- Alkalinity – see pH? Or Seasonal?
- Turbidity – Always changing
- Organic content – Lake turnover / seasonal?

- “visible” factors are more reactionary

# YOUR WATER HAS A FINGERPRINT SPECIFIC TO THE CURRENT CONDITIONS

## Raw water

- Turbidity
- pH
- Flow
- Organic content, UV254
- Streaming Current

## Post sedimentation

- Turbidity
- pH
- Organic content, UV254



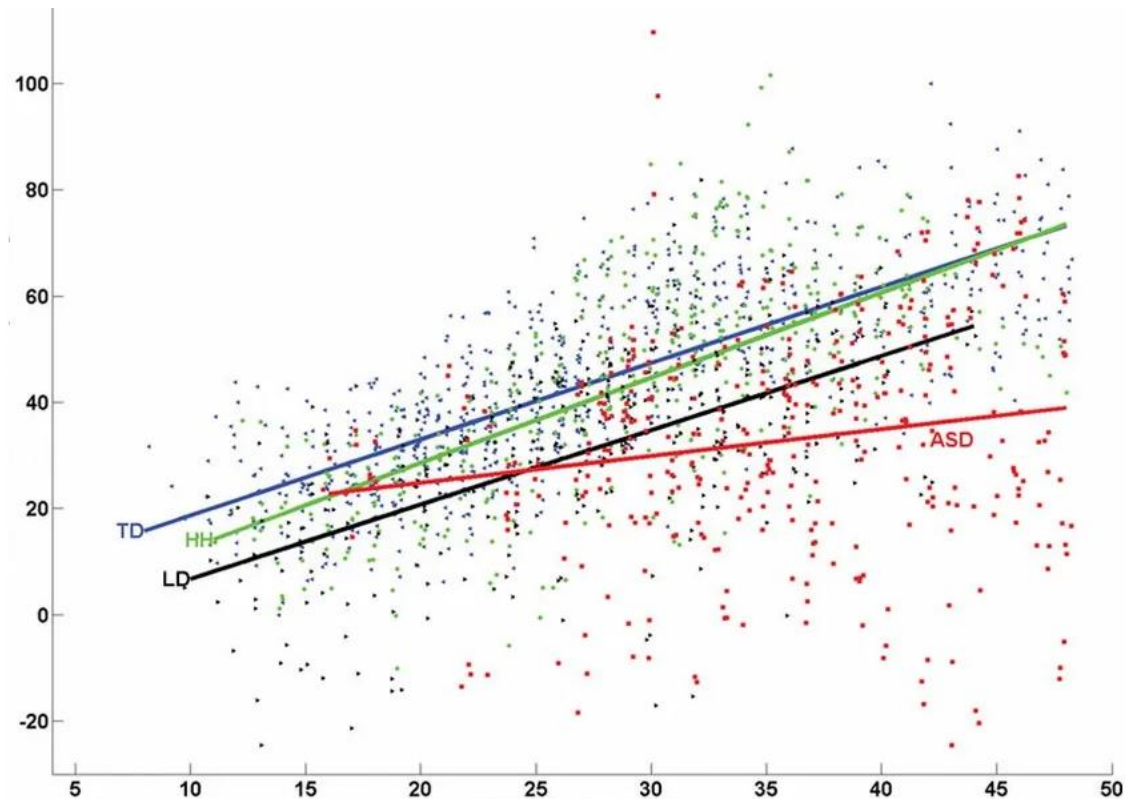
# CONTINUOUS MONITORING PARAMETERS

## Raw water

- Turbidity
- pH
- Flow
- Organic content, UV254
- Streaming Current

## Post sedimentation

- Turbidity
- pH
- Organic content, UV254



# DATA COLLECTION – SOURCES

## Laboratory & Operations

- Raw & Prefilter Total Hardness
- Raw & Prefilter Total Alkalinity
- PACL Dosage
- Historical Total Mn
- Historical Sensor Data

## Online Sensors

- Raw & Prefilter UV254
- Raw & Prefilter Turbidity
- Raw & Post Mn
- Raw & Prefilter pH
- Streaming Current
- Raw Conductivity

## 15 Total Sources of Data

- Raw Water 7
- Post Treatment 7
- Operation 1



# HACH PILOT PARTNERSHIP

# OPTIMIZATION CONCEPTS

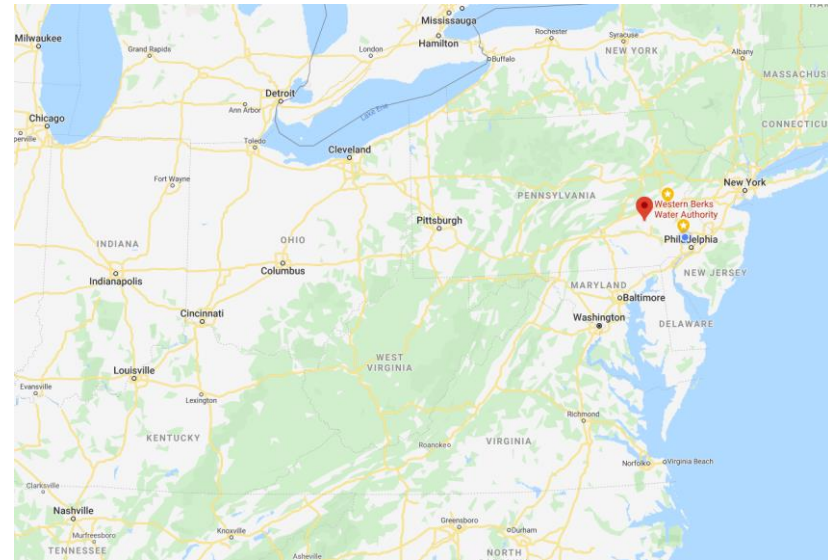
# AGENDA

- Data
  - Sources
  - Validation
- Western Berks Water Authority
  - Background and Treatment Process Overview
  - Goals of Optimization of Mn and Coagulation Process
  - Concept
  - Results

# WESTERN BERKS WATER AUTHORITY OVERVIEW



Blue Marsh Lake



- Produces 3.5 to 4.5 MGD of high quality water for 9 municipalities around Reading PA Area.
- The WBWA draws its water from an intake along the Tulpehocken Creek downstream of the Blue Marsh Dam.
- Will have the ability to draw water directly from the Reservoir in the near future.



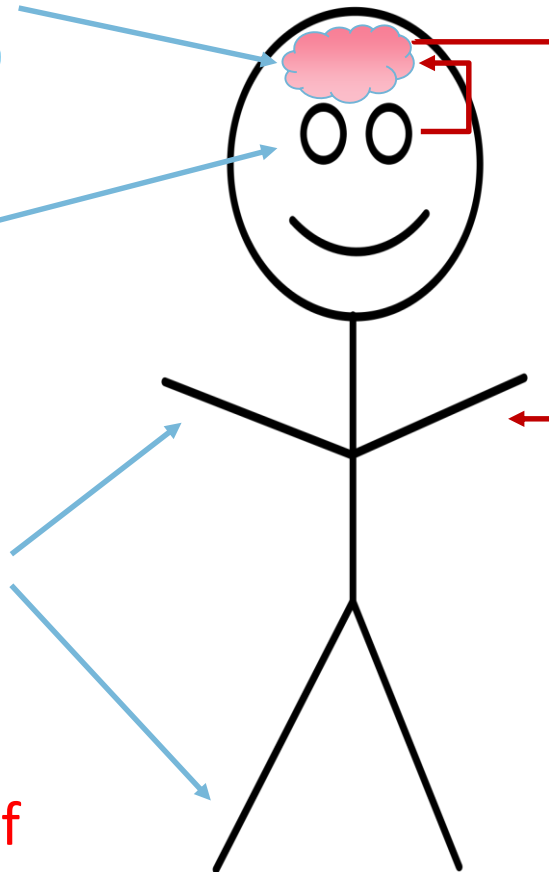


# CURRENT STATE OF PLANT AUTOMATION

Decision Making Process  
(Operator or Control System)

Data

Pumps, Process



The more data that you have that is of good quality the better decisions you will make.

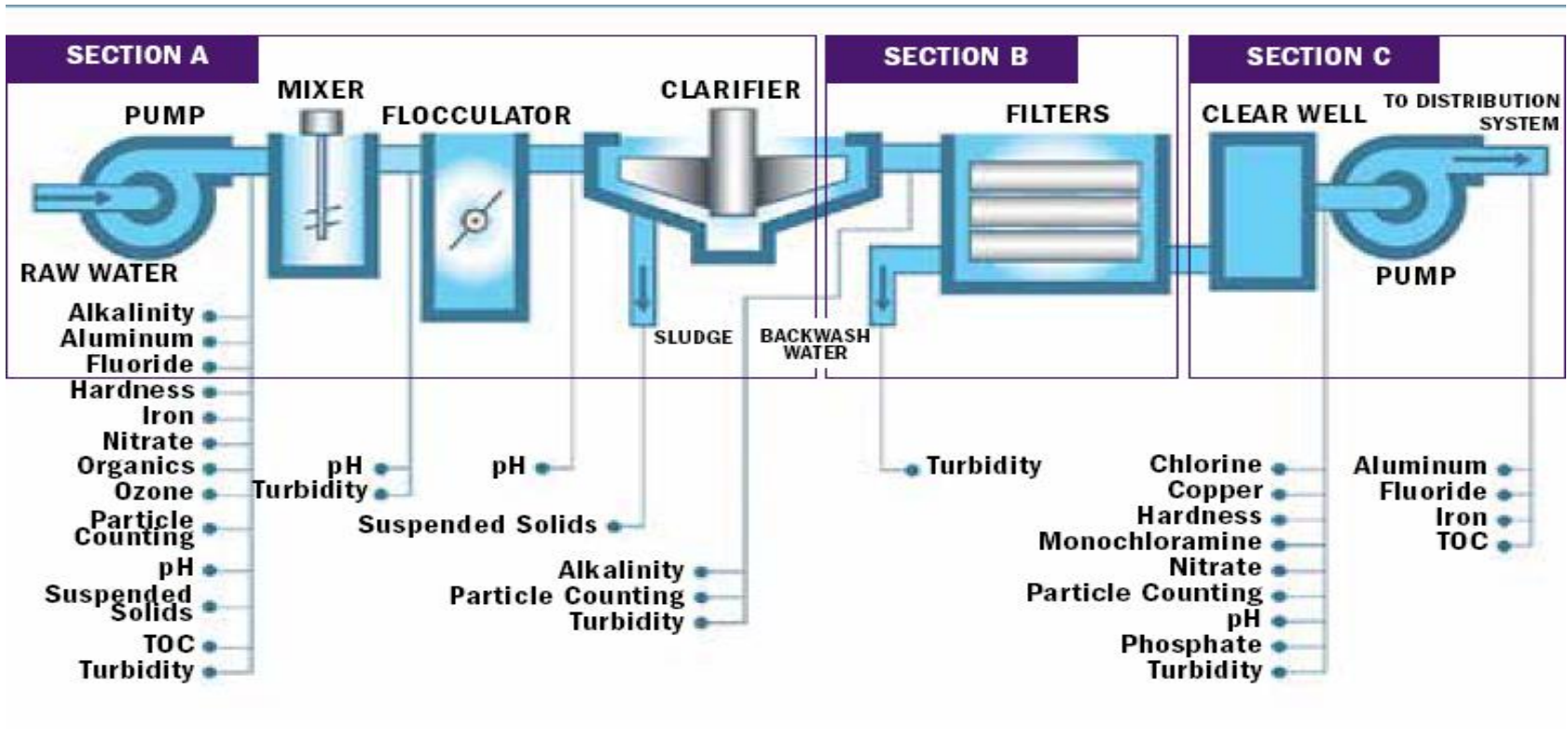


# EVERY PROCESS STEP CAN BE A DATA SOURCE

On-Line Sensors & meters

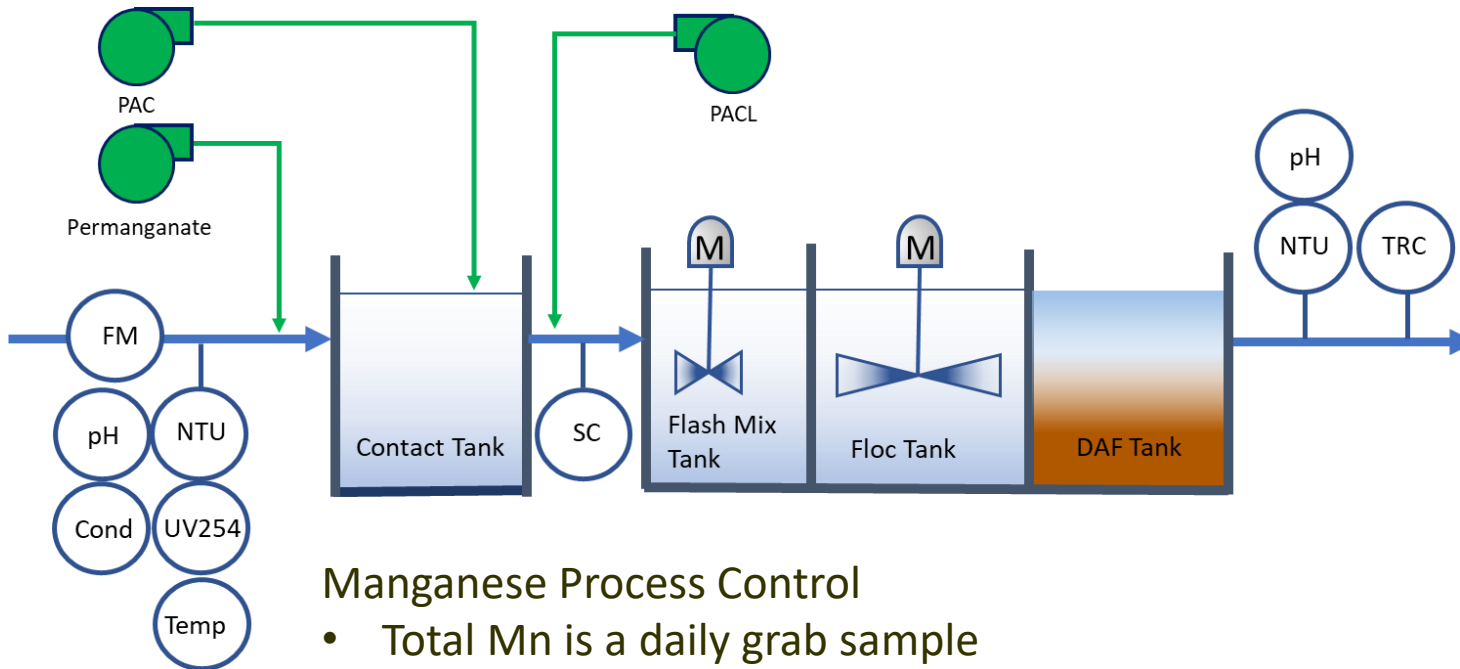
Laboratory

Historians (Database, Excel, SCADA, HACH WIMS)



# WESTERN BERKS WATER AUTHORITY OVERVIEW

Existing treatment process prior to filtration.....



## Manganese Process Control

- Total Mn is a daily grab sample
- Permanganate is manual adjusted based on Lab results

## Coagulation Process Control

- Manual Jar Tests vary based on water quality
- PACL is set by jar testing and adjusted by Streaming Current feedback control

# WESTERN BERKS WATER AUTHORITY OVERVIEW

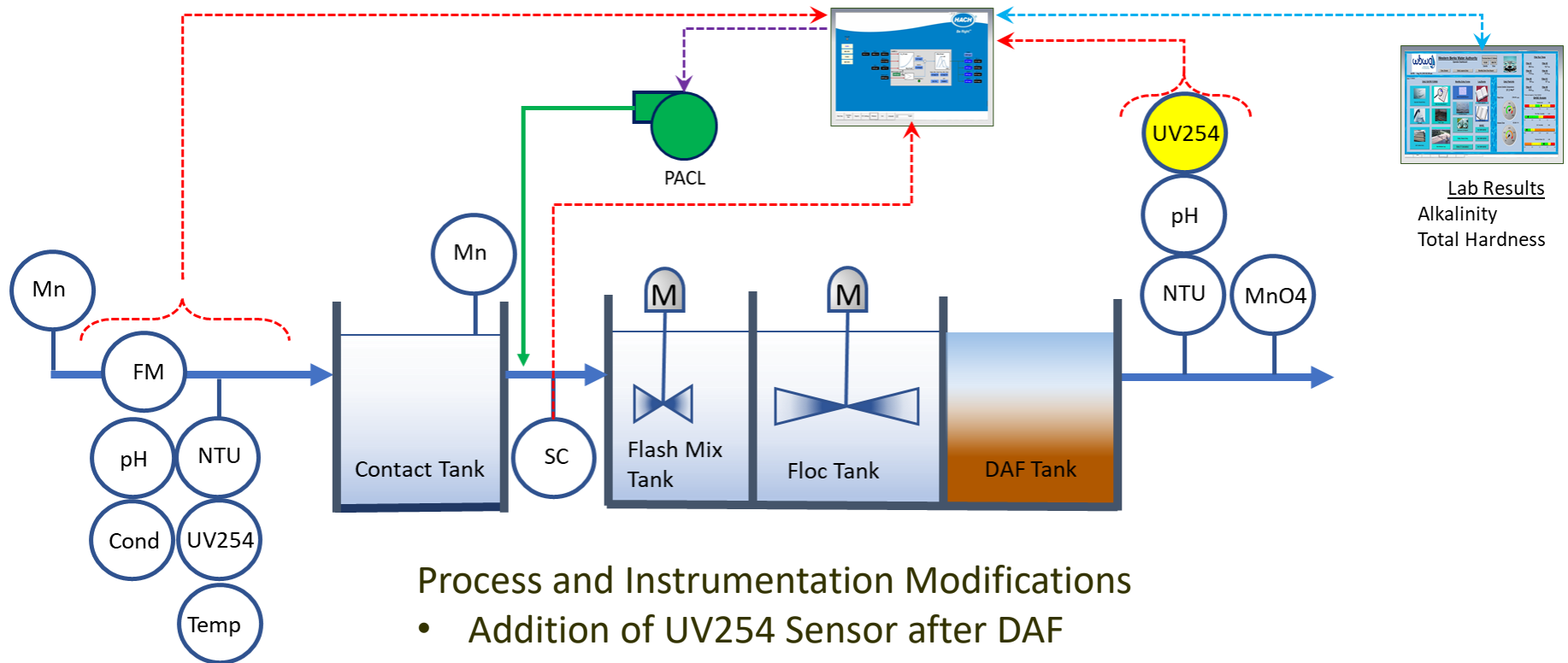
How could the existing Coagulation process control be improved.....

## Coagulation Process Control

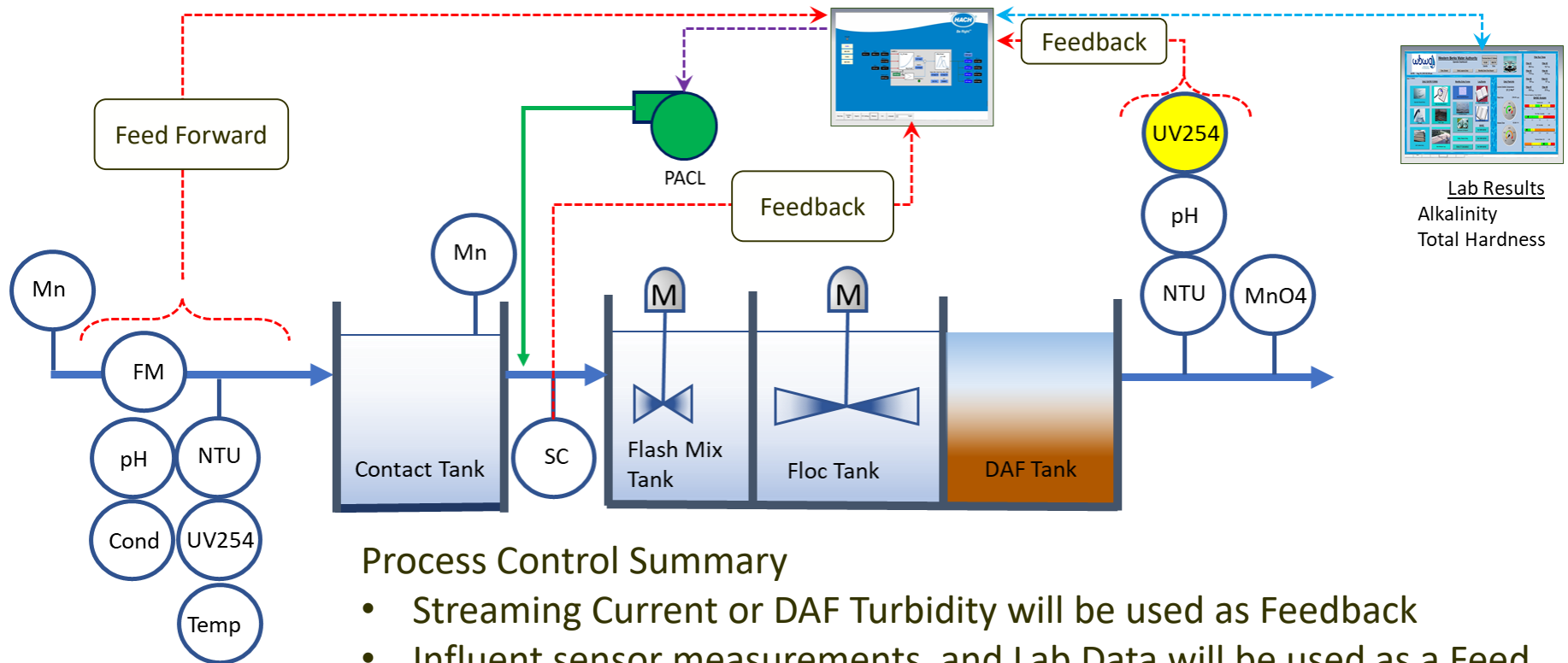
- Manual Jar Tests vary based on water quality
- PACL is set by jar testing and adjusted by Streaming Current feedback control
  - Use historical instrumentation, operational, and laboratory data to build a feedforward model to predict the optimal PACL Dosage



# WESTERN BERKS WATER AUTHORITY COAGULATION PROCESS CONTROL



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## Process Control Summary

- Streaming Current or DAF Turbidity will be used as Feedback
- Influent sensor measurements, and Lab Data will be used as a Feed Forward Model
  - Ratio Control
  - Single Variable Regression
  - Multiple Variable Regression



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# DATA COLLECTION FOR FEED FORWARD MODEL

# DATA COLLECTION – SOURCES

Data from: January 1, 2018 – July 30, 2019 (>250,000 Data Points)

Online Sensor : 1 hour intervals

Laboratory : 1 day intervals

Collected from Output Report from WIMS

	Raw_Turb	Raw_pH	Raw_Cond	Raw_Temp	Flow	PACL_Dose	Pfilt_pH	Pfilt_Turb	Raw_Alk	Raw_TH	Raw_TMn	Eff_TMn	Eff_Alk	Eff_TH
<b>count</b>	13128.000000	13128.000000	13128.000000	13128.000000	13128.000000	13128.000000	13128.000000	13128.000000	13128.000000	13128.000000	13128.000000	13128.000000	13128.000000	13128.000000
<b>mean</b>	13.971130	7.862095	342.794251	10.424287	2334.323140	44.094759	7.446748	0.388629	126.179631	171.764279	0.082386	0.032642	119.080782	168.210452
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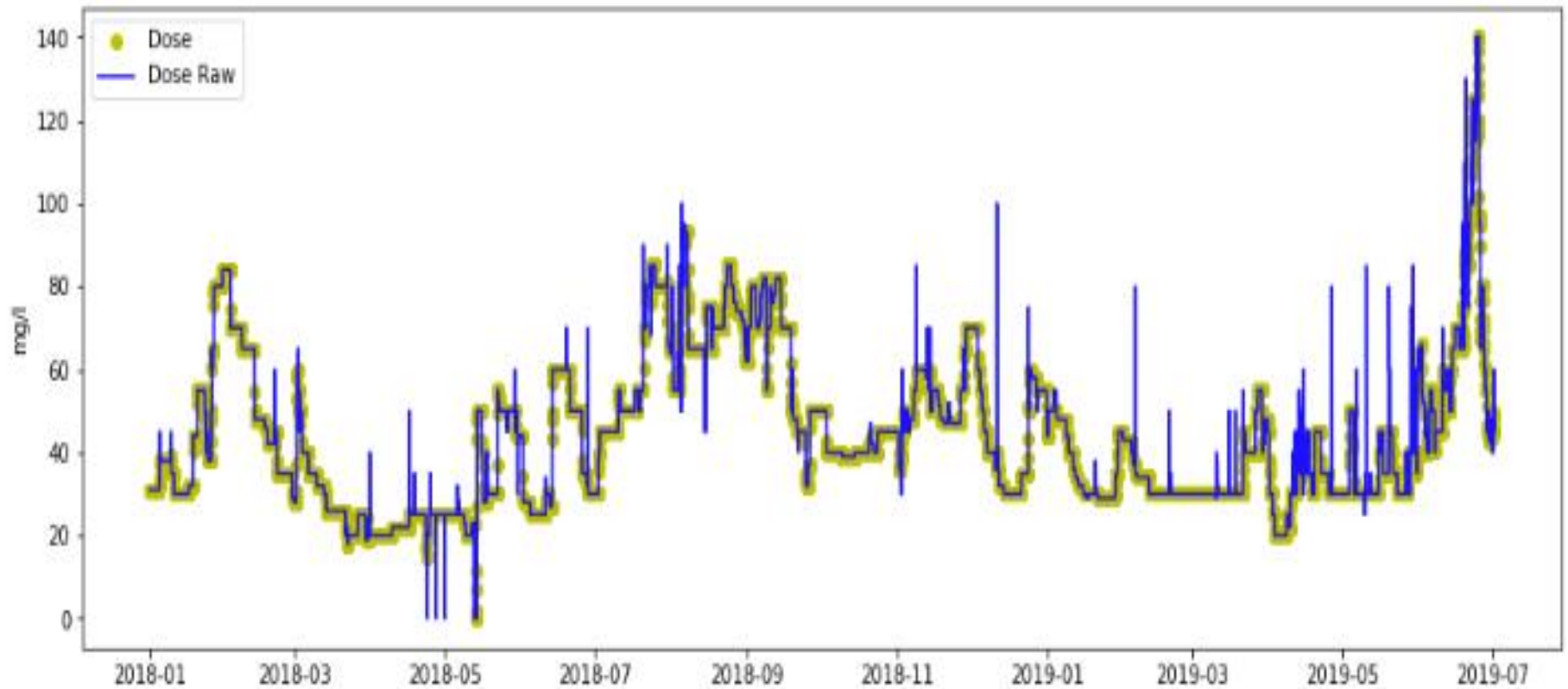




# DATA VALIDATION

## Data Filters

- Hampel Filter to remove Outliers
- Low Pass Filter to average out smaller noise





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# FEED FORWARD COAGULATION MODEL CONCEPTS

USING MACHINE LEARNING TO UNDERSTAND THE PAST  
AND PREDICT THE FUTURE

# MACHINE LEARNING ?



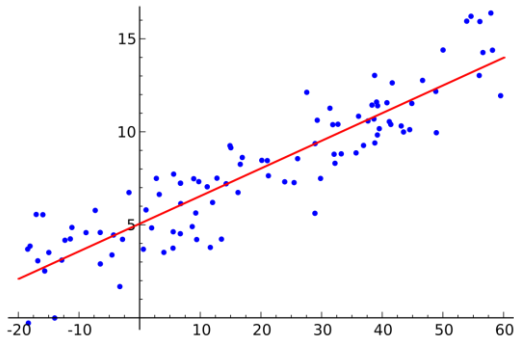
*“Machine learning is a method of data analysis that automates analytical model building. It is a branch of artificial intelligence based on the idea that systems can **learn from data, identify patterns and make decisions** with minimal human intervention.”*

## Steps Involved In Machine Learning :

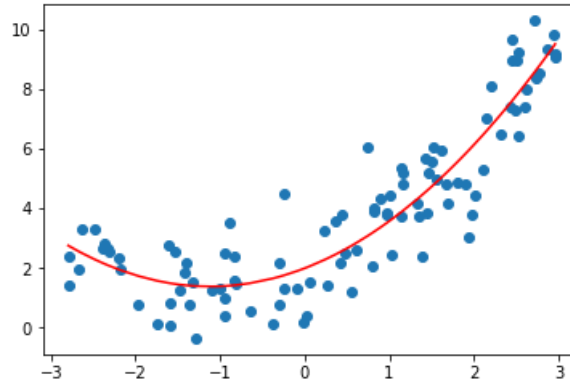
There are 5 basic steps used to perform a machine learning task:

- 1.Data Gathering
- 2.Data Cleaning and Preparation
- 3.Training a model.
- 4.Evaluating the model
- 5.Improving the performance.

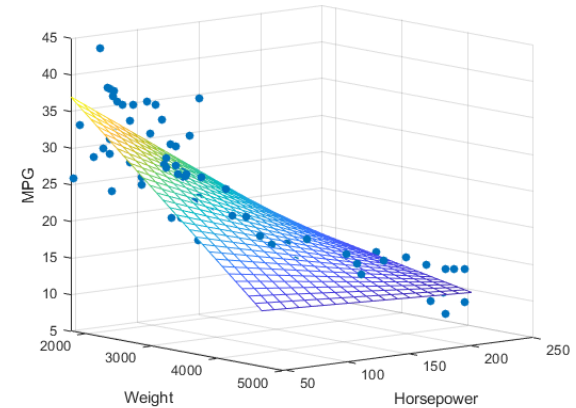
# REGRESSIONS – SIMPLE MACHINE LEARNING



Linear (Ratio)  
 $Y = mX + B$



Single Variable  
Polynomial Regression  
 $Y = A + X^n * B$



Multiple Variable Polynomial  
Regression  
 $Y = A + X1^n * B1 + X2^n * B2 + \dots$

2/3 of the data is used to calculate Equation Coeff. (A,B.....)

1/3 of the data is to verify the Data

# LINEAR DOSE BASED COAGULATION

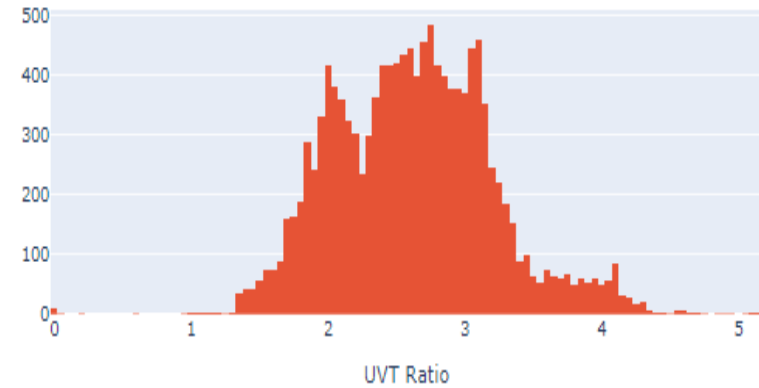
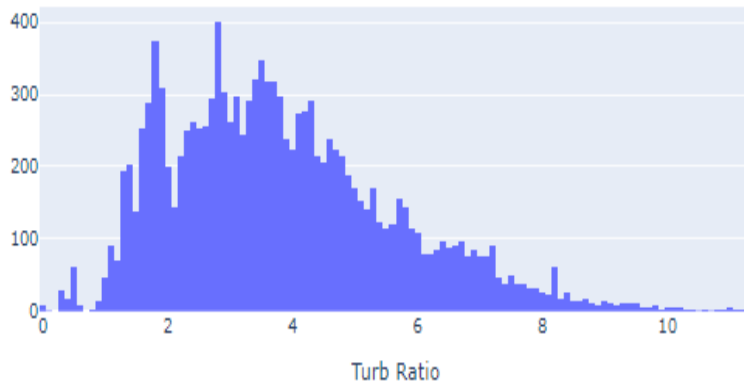
Dosage based on Ratio Control – Responding to what you see

“We’ve always done it that way”

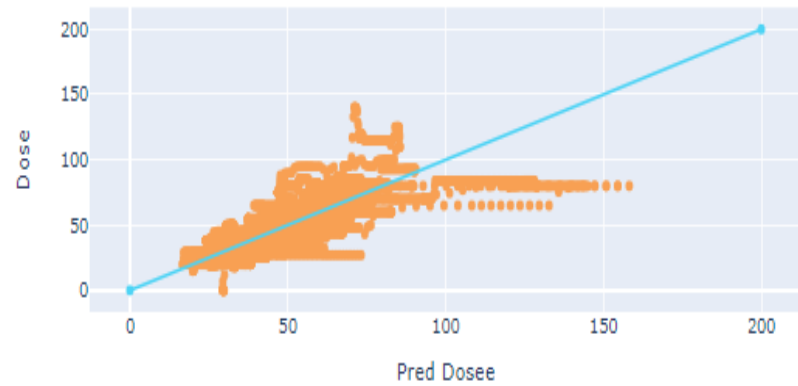
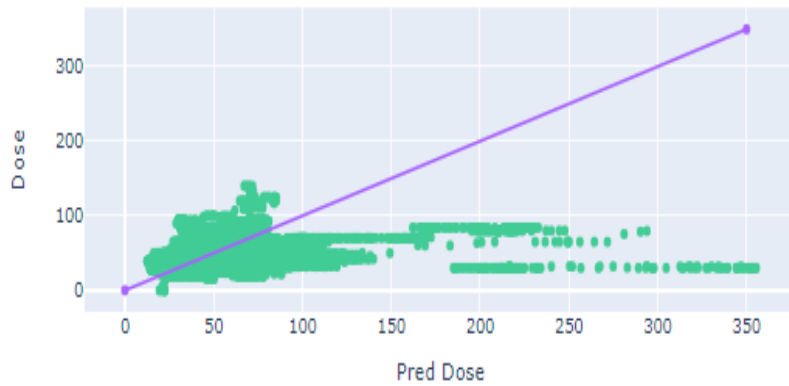
- Raw turbidity verses actual dosage of PACL (Visual or SCADA)
- Raw UV Transmittance verses actual dosage of PACL (SCADA or Lab)



# COAGULATION CONTROL BASED ON RATIO



- Turb Ratio
- UVT Ratio
- Turb Ratio
- 100% Fit
- UVT Ratio
- 100% Fit



# LINEAR DOSE BASED COAGULATION

## Dosage based on Ratio Control

- Raw turbidity verses actual dosage of PACL
  - Median Ratio of 3.6 PACL Dose (mg/l) per Raw Turbidity (NTU)
  - The Ratio span of 1.4 to 7.2 (5<sup>th</sup> to 95<sup>th</sup> Percentile)
  - Use the median ratio to predict PACl Dosage
    - Poor results
    - With error range of -31 to +56mg/l from Actual Avg Dose of 44 mg/l
      - Dose of 13mg/l to 100 mg/l
- Raw UV Transmittance verses actual dosage of PACL
  - Median Ratio of 2.6 PACL Dose (mg/l) per UV Transmittance
  - The Ratio span of 1.7 to 3.7
  - Use the median ratio to predict PACl Dosage
    - OK results
    - With error range of -15 to +17mg/l from Actual Avg Dose of 44 mg/l
      - Dose of 29 mg/l to 61 mg/l



# FEED FORWARD COAGULATION MODEL CONCEPTS

## Dosage based on Regressions

- Single Variable Linear Ratio (Raw UV Transmittance)
- Single Variable Polynomial Regression (Raw UV Transmittance)
- Multiple Variable Polynomial Regression

## Machine Learning - Regression

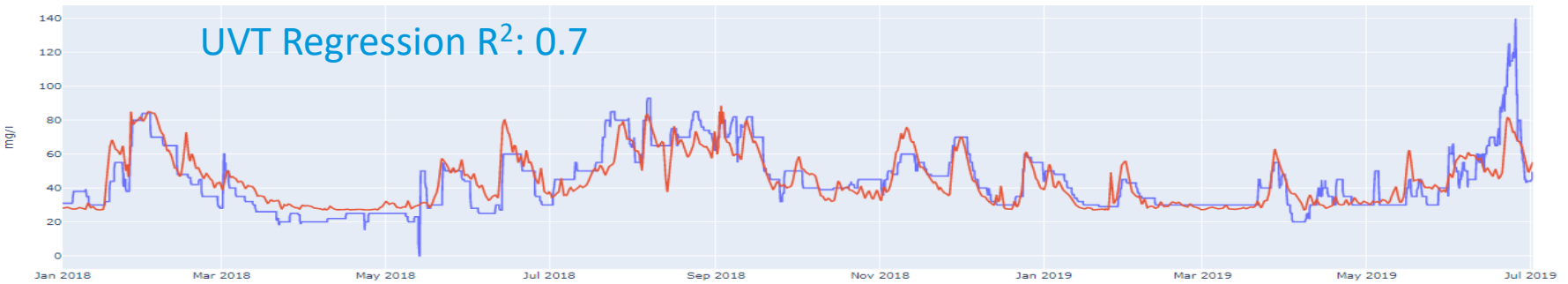
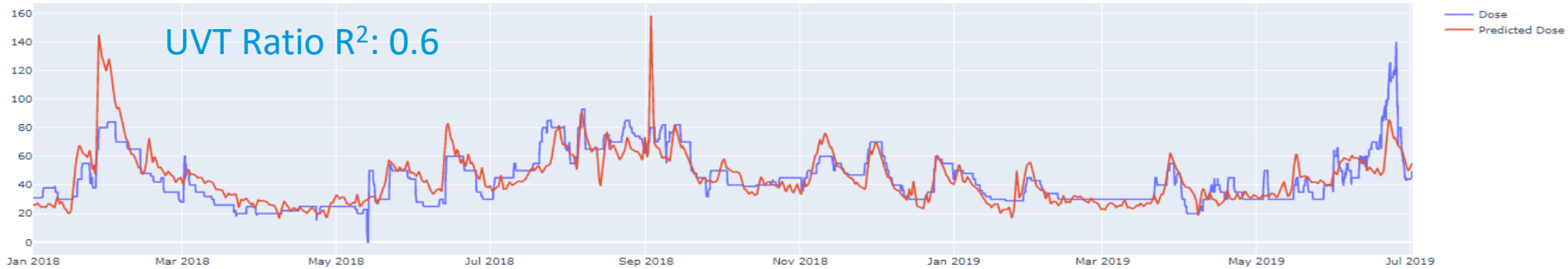
- Single variable regression using raw UV Transmittance
- Multi-variable regression using all raw online and laboratory measurements

- | <u>Laboratory</u>   | <u>Online Sensors</u>  |
|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Raw Total Hardness</li><li>• Raw Alkalinity</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Raw UVT</li><li>• Raw Turbidity</li><li>• Raw pH</li><li>• Raw Conductivity</li><li>• Flow</li><li>• Temperature</li></ul> |





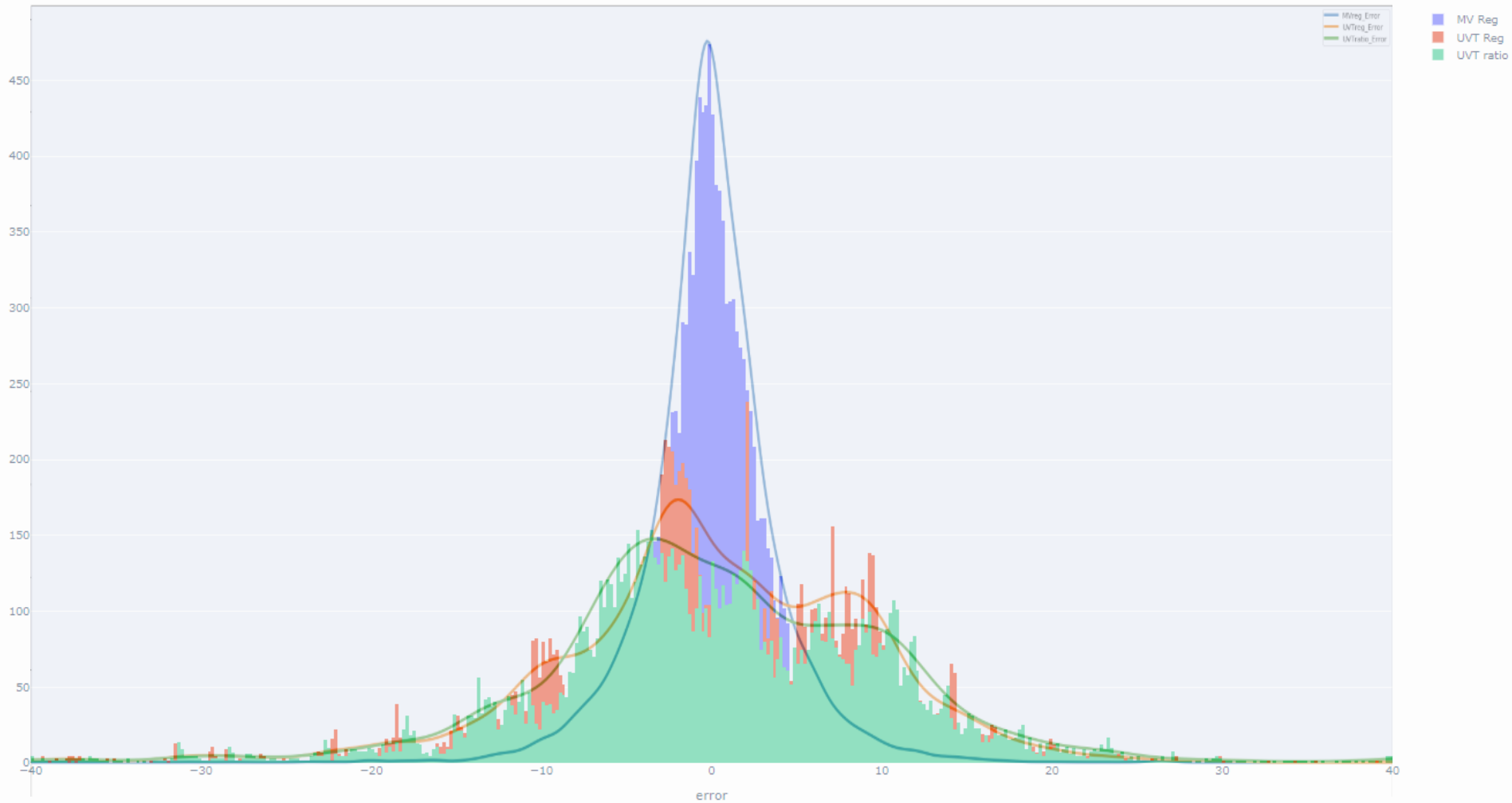
# PREDICTED VERSUS ACTUAL PACL DOSE



# PREDICTED VERSUS ACTUAL PACL DOSE



# PREDICTED VERSUS ACTUAL PACL DOSE - ERROR



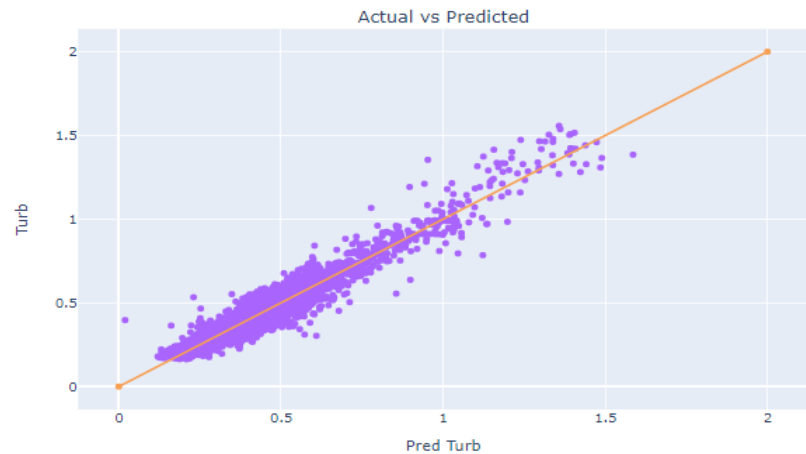
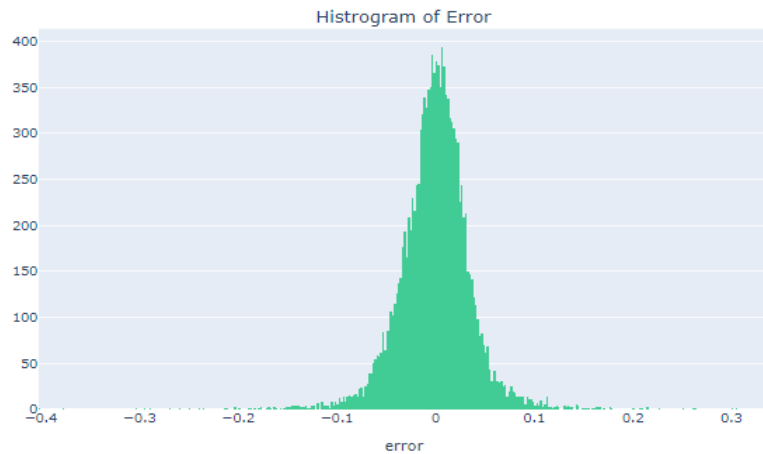
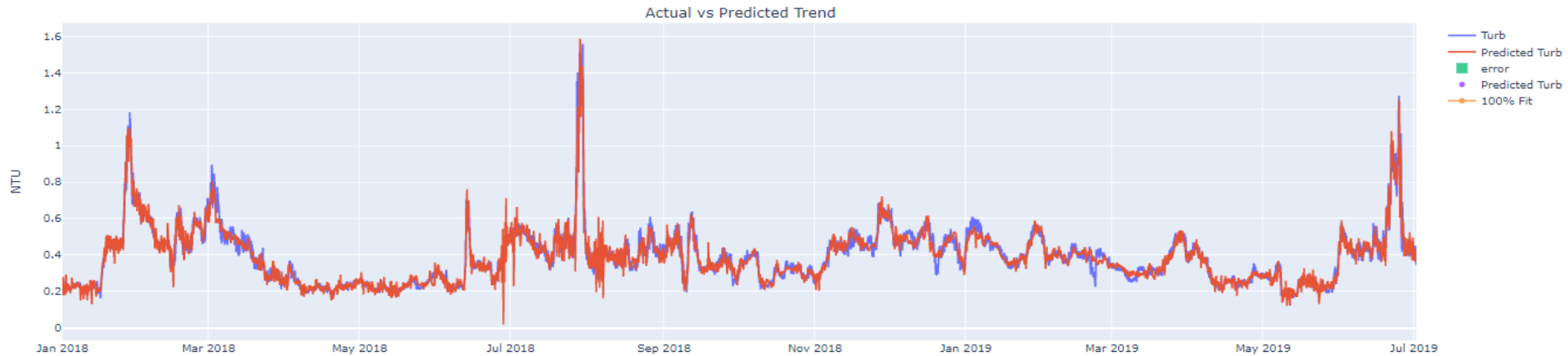
# FEED FORWARD COAGULATION MODEL CONCEPTS

- Single Variable Polynomial Regression (Raw UV Transmittance)  
Use the model to predict PACl Dosage
  - Good results
  - $R^2$  of 0.70
  - With error range of -15 to 13mg/l (Actual Avg Dose of 44 mg/l)
- Multiple Variable Polynomial Regression Median  
Use the model to predict PACl Dosage
  - Great results
  - $R^2$  of 0.95
  - With error range of -6.2 to 6.2mg/l (Actual Avg Dose of 44 mg/l)

Can the Regression be use to predict Pre Filter Turbidity ?



# MULTI – VARIABLE REGRESSION RESULTS TO PREDICT PRE FILTER TURBIDITY



# COAGULATION DOSE OPTIMIZATION

Pre-Filter Turbidity Goal : 0.3- 0.5 NTU : Potential PACL Savings: 11%

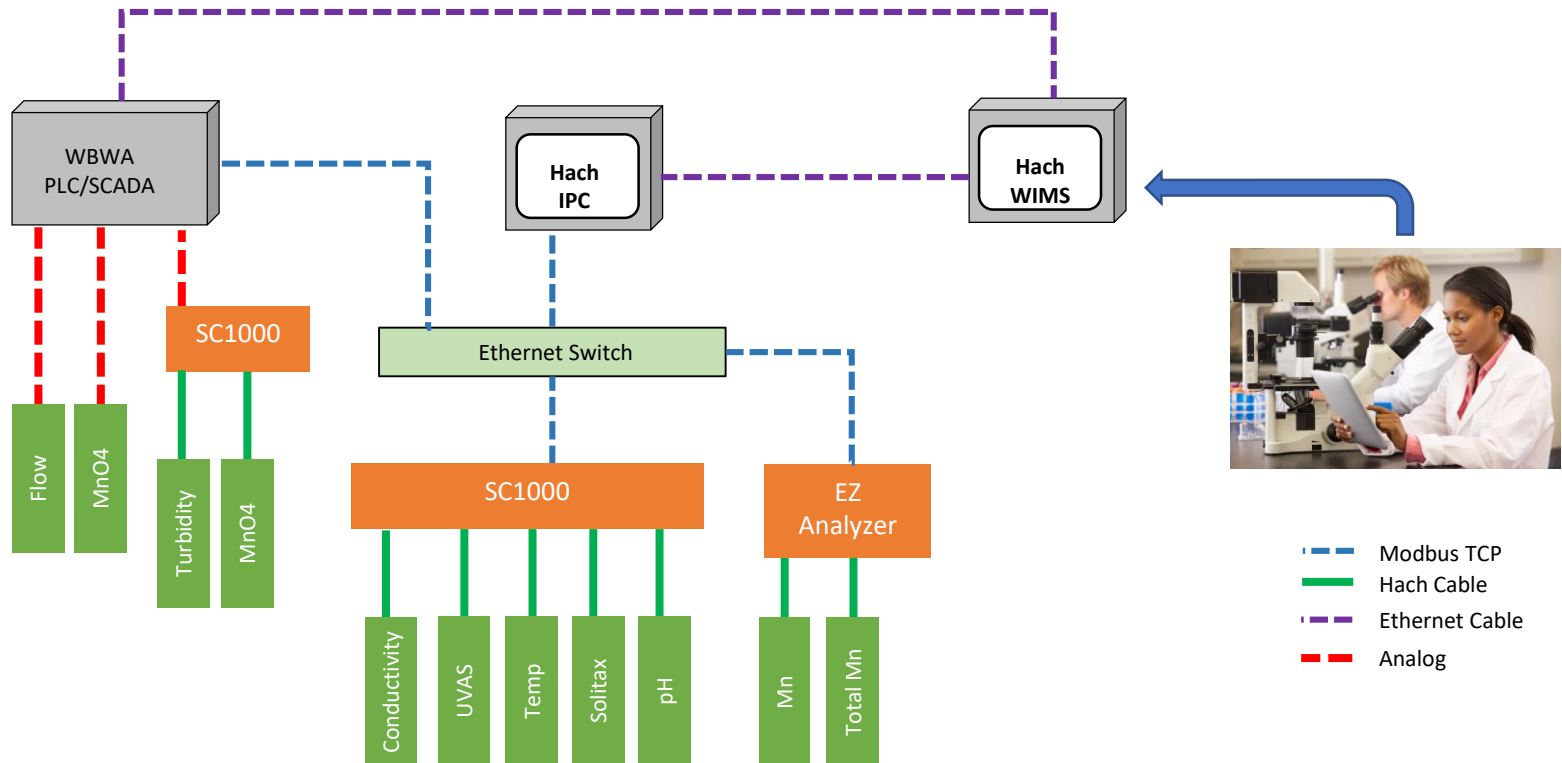




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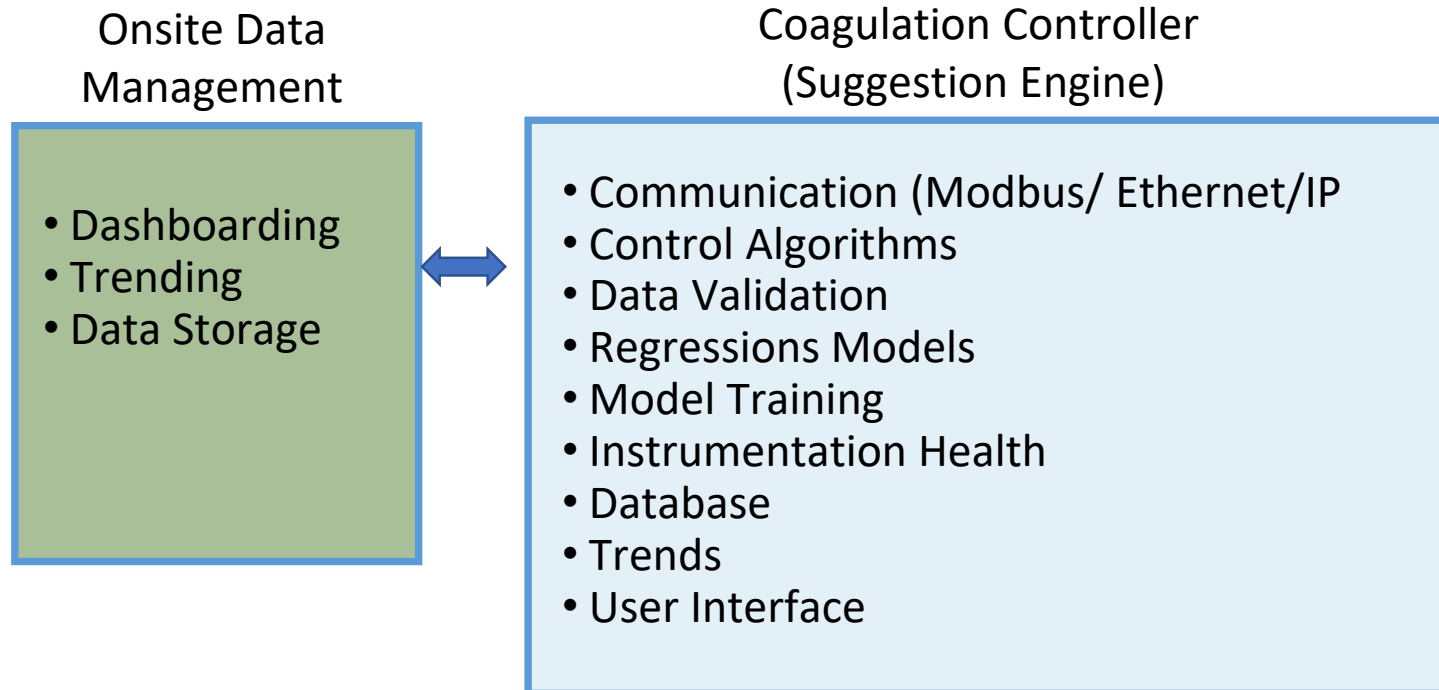
# MN AND COAGULATION IMPLEMENTATION

# NETWORK OVERVIEW





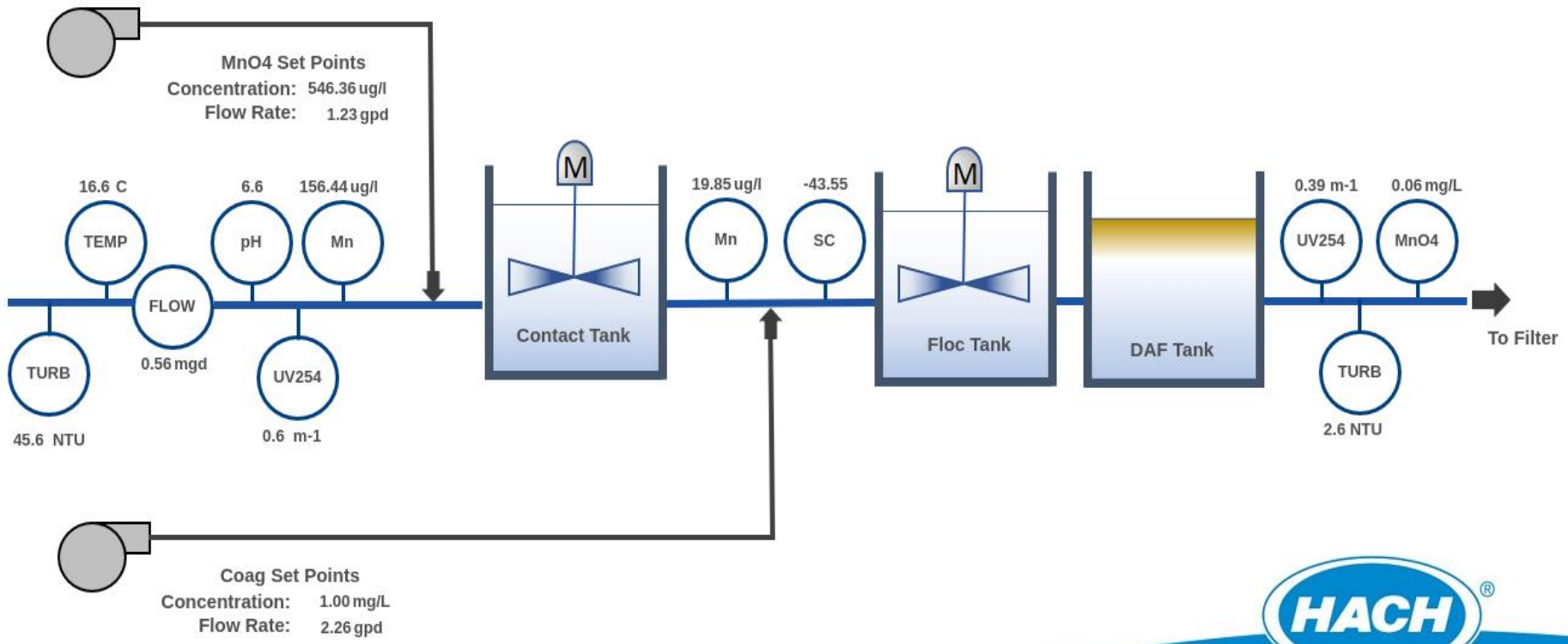
# CONTROLLER FRAMEWORK OVERVIEW



# USER INTERFACE OVERVIEW



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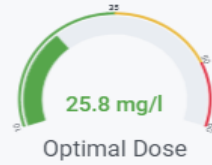


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# COAGULATION CONTROL RESULTS

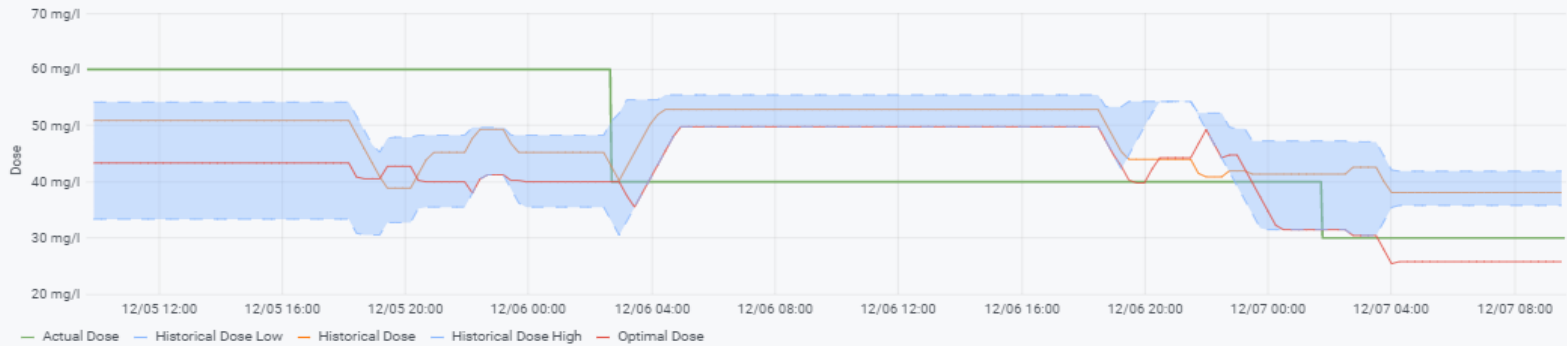
Athens Water Treatment Plant ☆ 🔊

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Coagulant Savings

**11.9%**



Lab Raw Turbidity  
**19.0 mg/l**

Lab Settled Turbidity  
**0.67 mg/l**

Lab Raw pH  
**7.54**

Lab Raw Temperature  
**13.51 °C**

Lab Raw Alkalinity  
**116.0 mg/l**



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# QUESTIONS

# DATA COLLECTION – SOURCES

## Laboratory & Operations

- Raw & Prefilter Total Hardness
- Raw & Prefilter Total Alkalinity
- PACL Dosage
- Historical Total Mn
- Historical Sensor Data

## Online Sensors

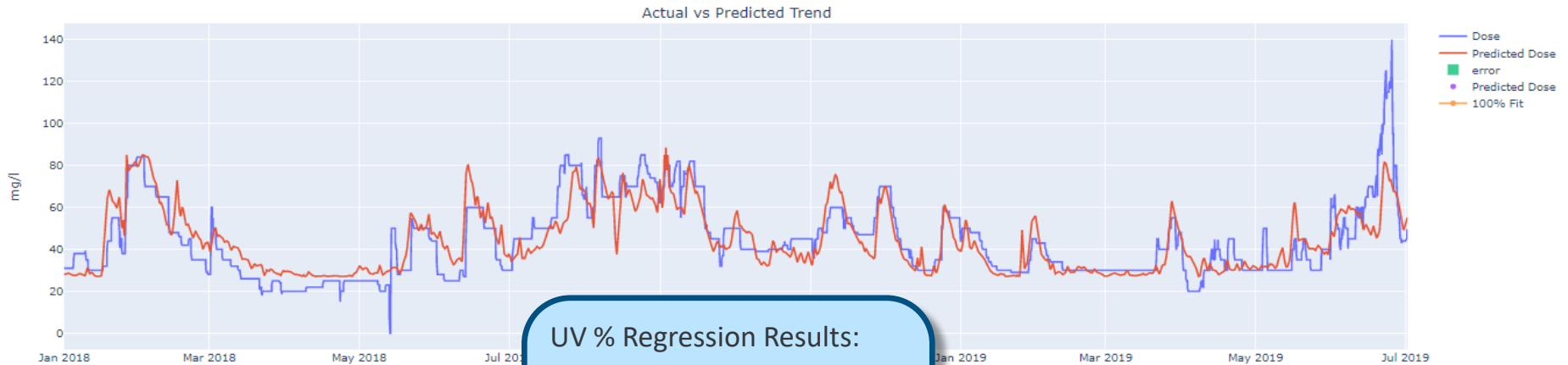
- Raw & Prefilter UV254
- Raw & Prefilter Turbidity
- Raw & Post Mn
- Raw & Prefilter pH
- Streaming Current
- Raw Conductivity

## 15 Total Sources of Data

- Raw Water 7
- Post Treatment 7
- Operation 1



# UV % REGRESSION

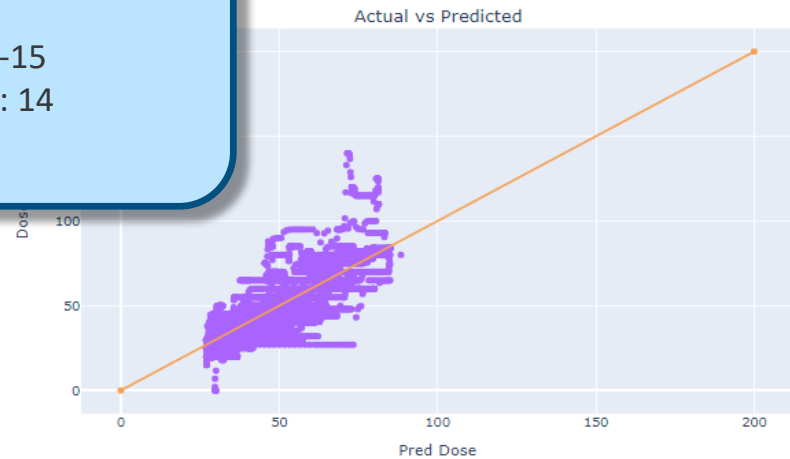
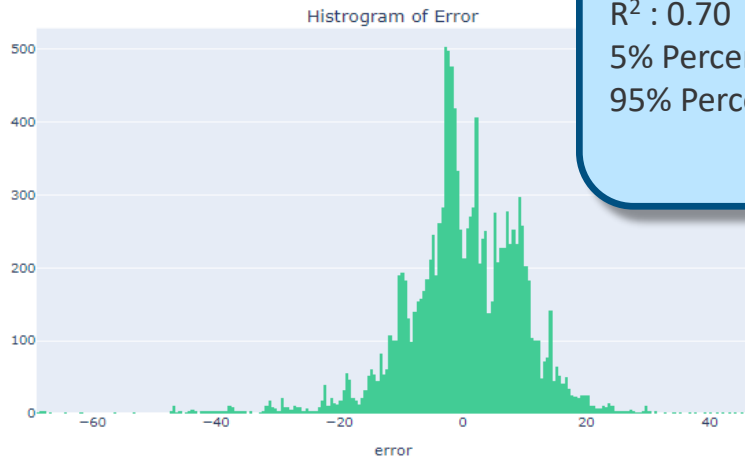


## UV % Regression Results:

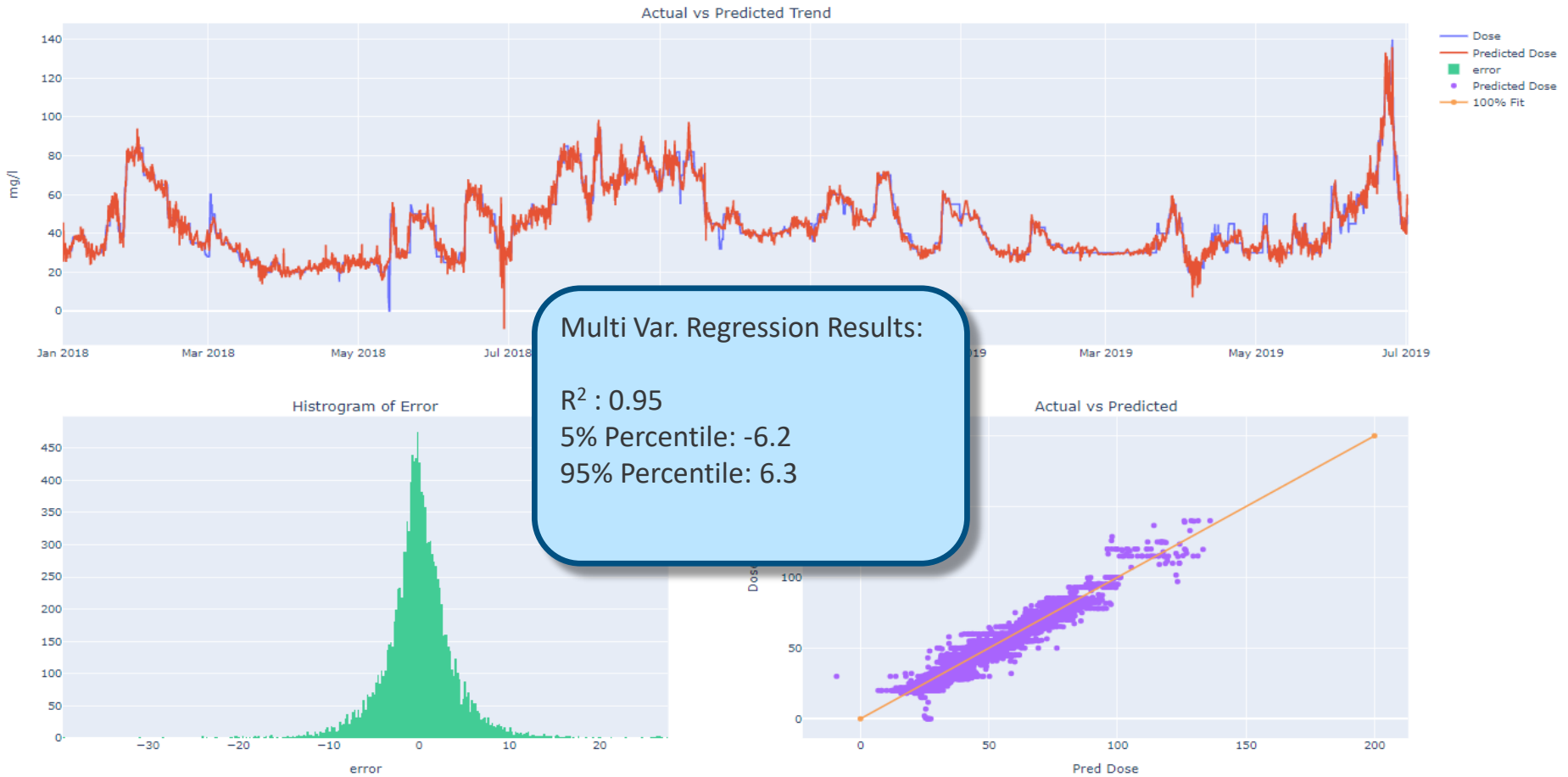
$R^2 : 0.70$

5% Percentile: -15

95% Percentile: 14



# MULTI – VARIABLE REGRESSION RESULTS



# RAW TURBIDITY AND UV TRANSMITTANCE PACL DOSAGE RATIO

## Ratio Results:

### Turbidity

Median Ratio: 3.6

$R^2$  : -2.6

5% Percentile: -31

95% Percentile: 56

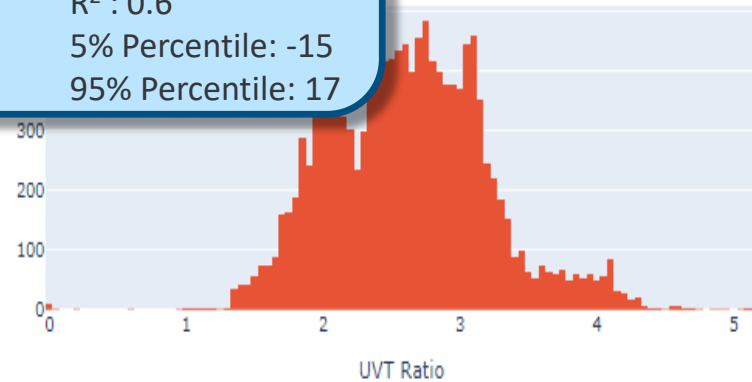
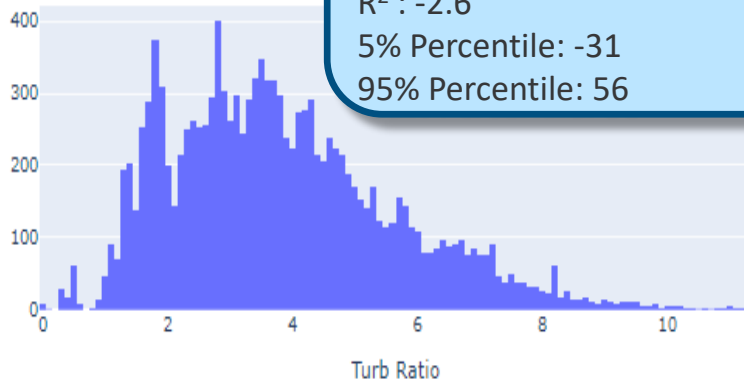
### UV Transmittance

Median Ratio: 2.6

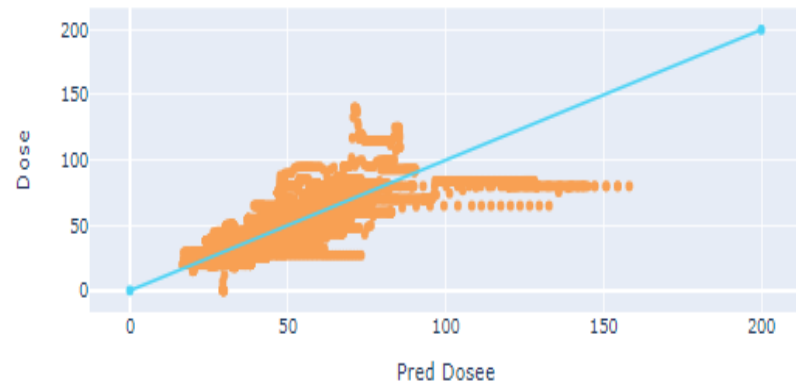
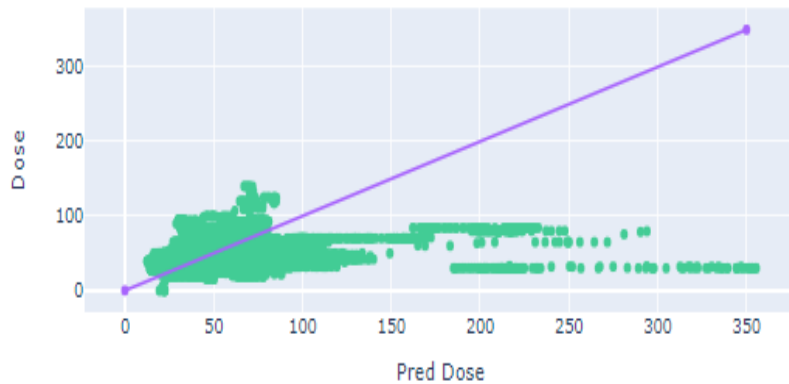
$R^2$  : 0.6

5% Percentile: -15

95% Percentile: 17



- Turb Ratio
- UVT Ratio
- Turb Ratio
- 100% Fit
- UVT Ratio
- 100% Fit





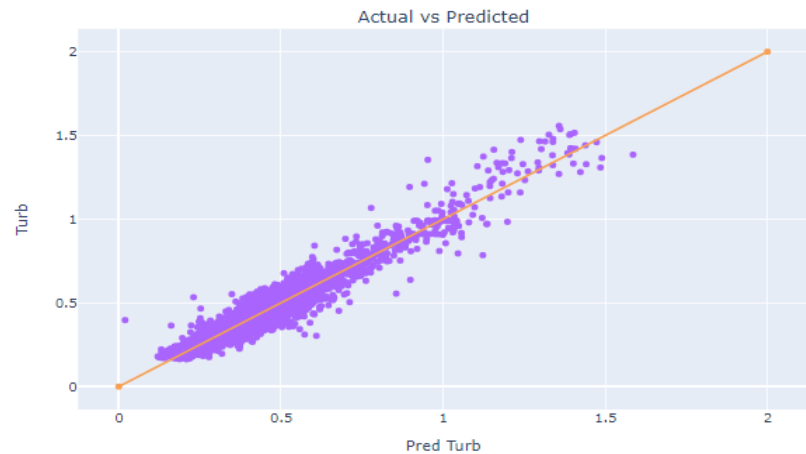
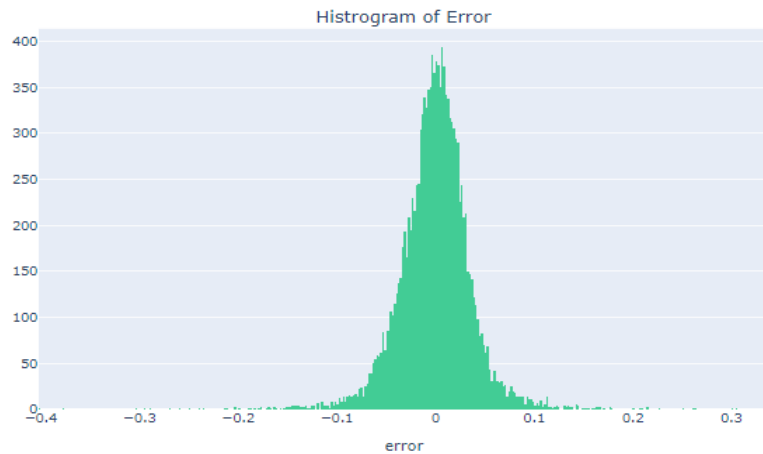
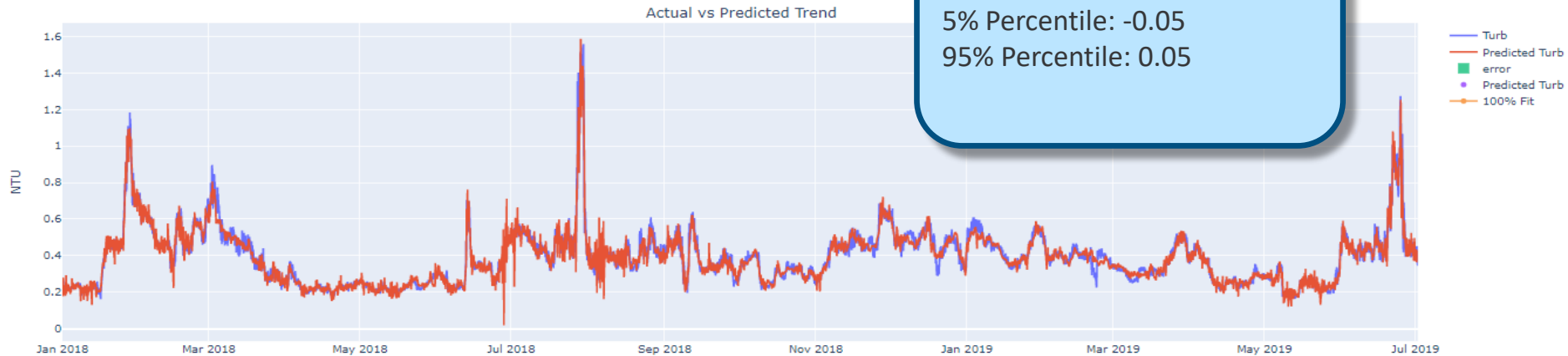
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Multi Var. Regression Results:

$R^2 : 0.92$

5% Percentile: -0.05

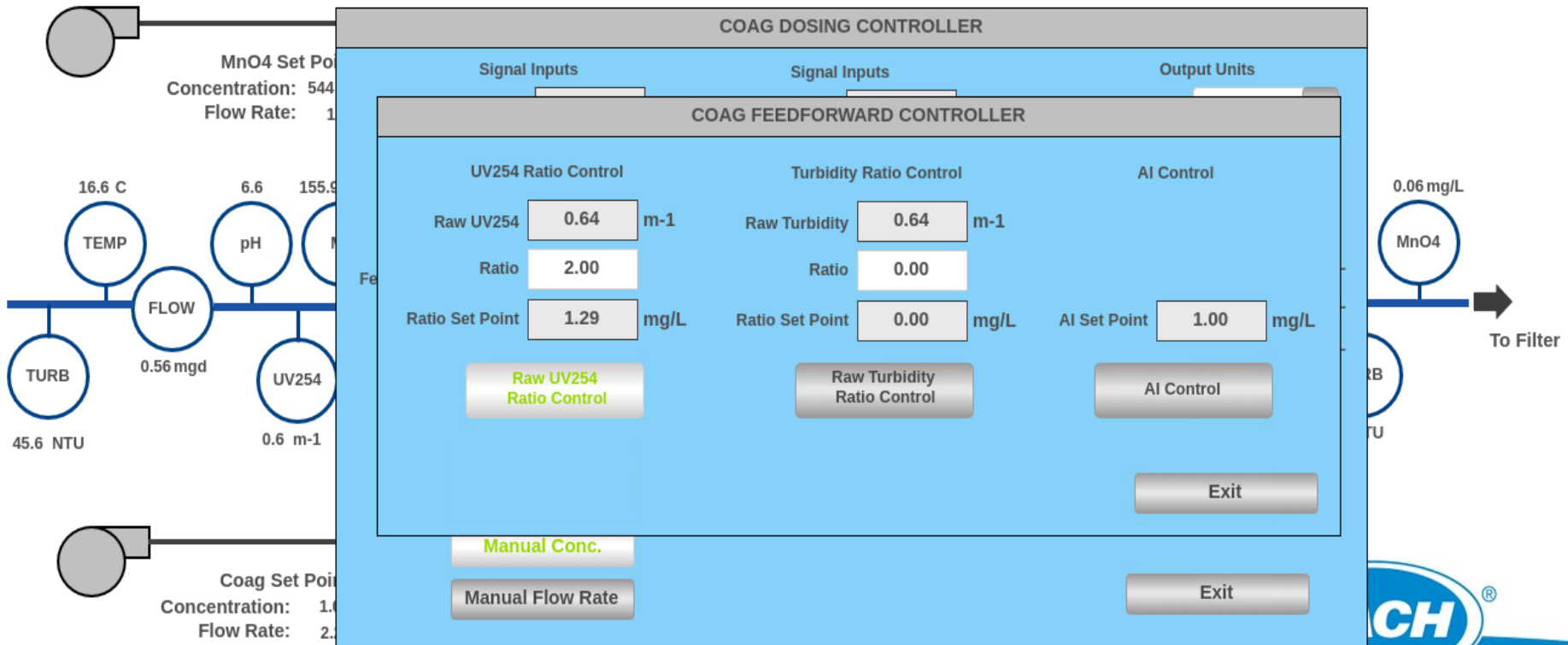
95% Percentile: 0.05



# USER INTERFACE OVERVIEW



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# SUMMARY

- Manganese
  - Equipment Install
  - Integration with existing Scada
- Coagulation
  - Tuning of the feedback loops
  - Validation of the Feed forward models
  - Confirmation of the intended goals have been achieved
    - Use of real time measurements to adjust Permanganate dosage
    - Use historical instrumentation, operational, and laboratory data to build a feedforward model to predict the optimal PACL Dosage

