



Adding Multispecies Water Quality Reactions to Resilience Modeling Tools

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Why do we need multispecies modeling?



Contaminants of Concern are usually reactive

- Lead (widespread; e.g., *Flint MI*)
- Arsenic (nationwide; AZ, NM, NV, UT specifically)
- Bacteria (worldwide; e.g., *e coli.*)

Challenges of multispecies modeling

- Parameters from lab do not always reflect system
- Slow, computationally expensive
- Manual intervention



WNTR / EPANET-MSX Integration

WNTR + EPANET-MSX

Requirements

- Read/write EPANET-MSX input files
- Similar style to WNTR
- Library of reactions
- Result-object integration
 - Direct use with existing metrics
- Well-defined JSON format / schema

[SPECIES]

```
BULK AS3    UG ;Dissolved arsenite
BULK AS5    UG ;Dissolved arsenate
BULK ASTot  UG ;Total dissolved arsenic
WALL AS5s   UG ;Adsorbed arsenate
BULK NH2CL   MG ;Monochloramine
```

[COEFFICIENTS]

```
CONSTANT Ka   10.0 ;Arsenite oxidation rate coefficient
CONSTANT Kb   0.1 ;Monochloramine decay rate coefficient
CONSTANT K1   5.0 ;Arsenate adsorption coefficient
CONSTANT K2   1.0 ;Arsenate desorption coefficient
CONSTANT Smax 50 ;Arsenate adsorption saturation limit
```

[TERMS]

```
Ks          K1/K2 ;Equil. adsorption coeff.
```

[PIPES]

```
;Arsenite oxidation
RATE AS3    -Ka*AS3*NH2CL
;Arsenate production
RATE AS5    Ka*AS3*NH2CL - Av*(K1*(Smax-AS5s)*AS5 - K2*AS5s)
;Monochloramine decay
RATE NH2CL   -Kb*NH2CL
;Arsenate adsorption
EQUIL AS5s   Ks*Smax*AS5/(1+Ks*AS5) - AS5s
;Total bulk arsenic
FORMULA ASTot AS3 + AS5
```

[TANKS]

```
RATE AS3    -Ka*AS3*NH2CL
RATE AS5    Ka*AS3*NH2CL
RATE NH2CL   -Kb*NH2CL
FORMULA ASTot AS3 + AS5
```

WNTR + EPANET-MSX integration structure



Hydraulic
model

WaterNetworkModel
(wn)

Multi-species
model

wntr.msx.model.MsxModel
(wn.msx)

Conceptual
separation

Reaction
Model

Network-
specific Data

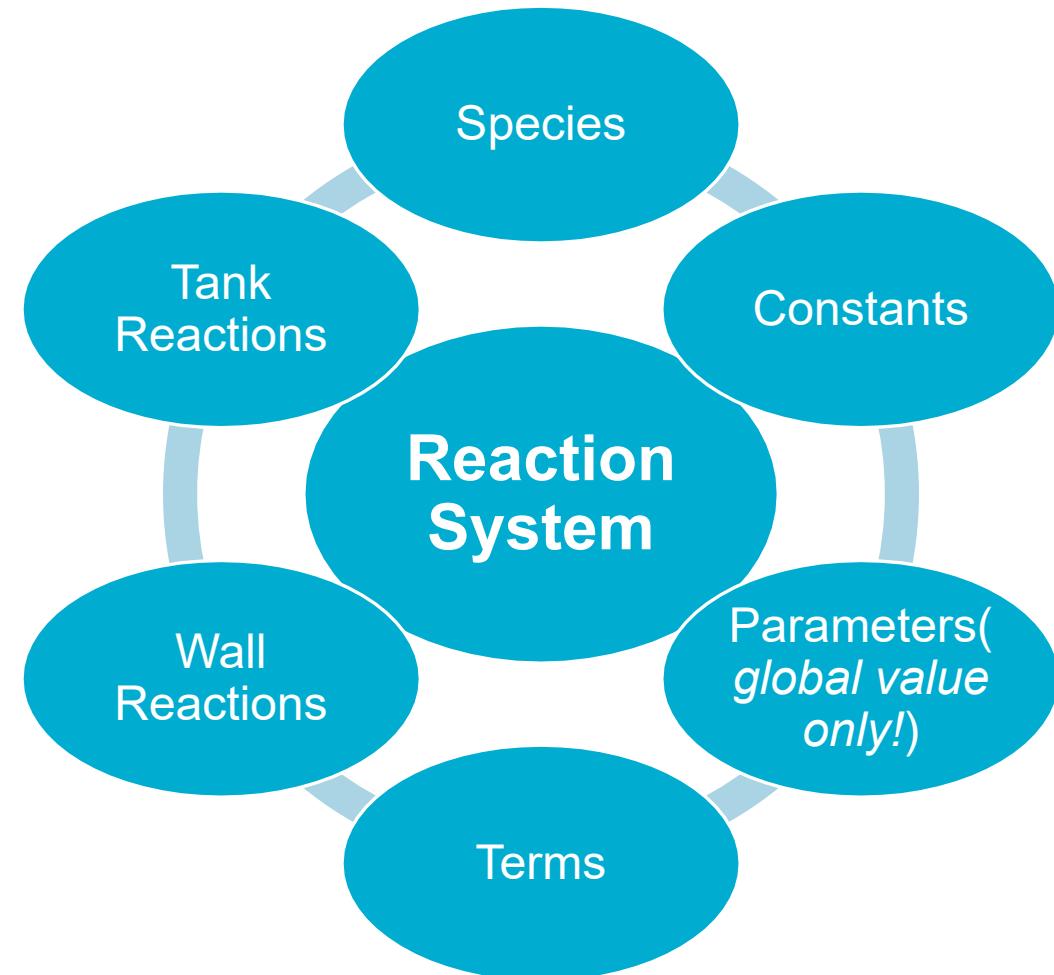
Options





Differences from EPANET-MSX

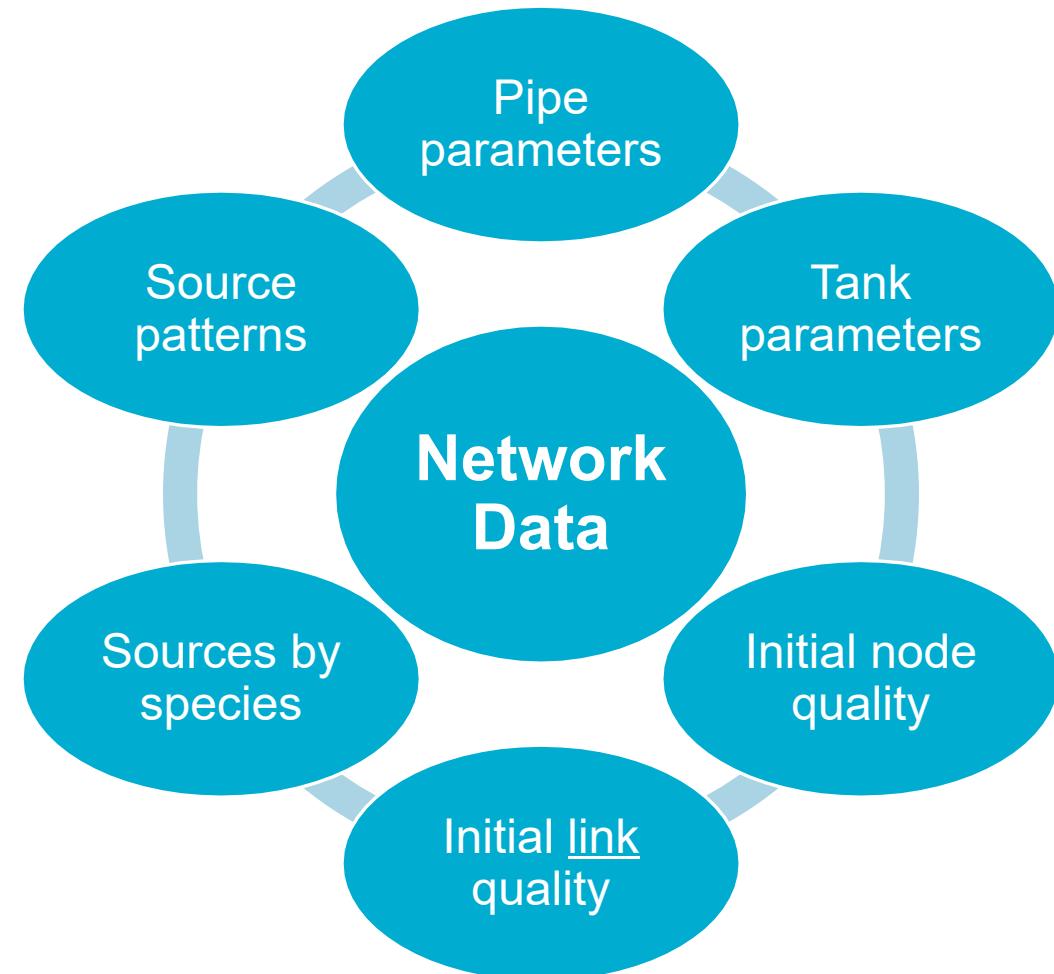
- Diffusivity assigned on species objects
- Coefficients can carry units
- ReactionSystem object checks names immediately
- **NO NETWORK-SPECIFIC INFORMATION IN THIS SECTION**





Differences from EPANET-MSX

- Per-tank and per-pipe attributes in dictionaries
- **ONLY NETWORK INFORMATION IN THIS SECTION**



JSON based data files

Easily passed between programs

Can be extended easily

JSON-schema provides validation

```
"title": "Arsenic Oxidation/Adsorption Example",  
"description": "This example models monochloramine oxidation of arsenic on a wall adsoption/desorption, as given in section 3 of the EPA's Environmental Protection Agency, Cincinnati, OH. EPA-600/R-23-001.",  
"references": [
```

```
    "Shang, F., Rossman, L. A., and Uber, J.G. (2023). EPA-600/R-23-001. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Cincinnati, OH. EPA-600/R-23-001.",  
],
```

```
"reaction_system": {
```

```
    "species": [...],
```

```
    "constants": [...],
```

```
    "parameters": [],
```

```
    "terms": [...],
```

```
    "pipe_reactions": [...],
```

```
    { ... },
```

```
    { ... },
```

```
        "species_name": "AS5",  
        "expression_type": "rate",  
        "expression": "Ka*AS3*NH2CL - Av*(K1*(Smax-AS3)*AS5)",  
        "note": "Arsenate production less adsorption"
```

```
    },
```

```
    { ... },
```

```
    { ... },
```

```
    { ... },
```

```
    { ... },
```

```
    ],
```

```
    "tank_reactions": [...],
```

```
],
```

Reaction libraries



- Any reaction model can be used in a library
- “network_data” should be removed
 - No initial quality
 - No parameter values
 - No sources
- WNTR has a basic library of reactions from the EPANET-MSX user guide
- Users can specify own library directory to use

- Once loaded, a library must be adapted to your network
 1. Set global initial quality
 2. Set parameters for individual pipes or tanks
 3. Set initial quality for non-global values
 4. Create sources, if necessary



Example

Model initialization



```
import wntr
wn = wntr.network.WaterNetworkModel('../networks/Net3.inp')
wn.options.quality.parameter = 'NONE'
```

[2]

✓ 3.5s

Python

```
wn.add_msx_model()
wn.msx.title = 'Multisource Chlorine Decay'
wn.msx.references.append("""(2023) Shang F, L Rossman, and J Uber.
"EPANET-MSX 2.0 User Manual". EPA/600/R-22/199""")
wn.msx.options.area_units = 'FT2'
wn.msx.options.rate_units = 'DAY'
wn.msx.options.timestep = 300
```

[3]

✓ 0.0s

Python

Add the reaction system



```
T1 = wn.msx.add_species('T1','bulk',units='MG', note='Source 1 Tracer')
CL2 = wn.msx.add_species('CL2','bulk', units='MG', note='Free Chlorine')
pprint(repr(CL2))
```

[4] ✓ 0.0s

Python

```
... ("Species(name='CL2', species_type=<SpeciesType.BULK: 1>, units='MG', "
  "atol=None, rtol=None, note='Free Chlorine'))
```

```
k1 = wn.msx.add_constant('k1', 1.3, units='1/day')
k2 = wn.msx.add_constant('k2', 17.7, units='1/day')
pprint(repr(k2))
```

[5] ✓ 0.0s

Python

```
... "Constant(name='k2', value=17.7, units='1/day')"
```

```
rxn_T1 = wn.msx.add_reaction('T1', 'pipe', 'rate', '0')
rxn_CL2 = wn.msx.add_reaction('CL2', 'pipe', 'rate', '-(k1*T1 + k2*(1-T1))*CL2')
pprint(repr(rxn_CL2))
```

[6] ✓ 0.0s

Python

```
... ("Reaction(species_name='CL2', expression_type=<ExpressionType.RATE: 2>, "
  "expression='-(k1*T1 + k2*(1-T1))*CL2')")
```



Add the network-specific data



```
from wntr.msx.elements import InitialQuality
net_data = wn.msx.network_data
net_data.initial_quality['T1'] = InitialQuality(
    node_values={'River': 1.0}
)
net_data.initial_quality['CL2'] = InitialQuality(
    node_values={'River':1.2, 'Lake':1.2}
)
pprint(net_data.initial_quality)
```

[7]

✓ 0.0s

Python

```
... {'CL2': InitialQuality(global_value=0.0, node_values=<2 entries>, link_values=<0 entries>),
 'T1': InitialQuality(global_value=0.0, node_values=<1 entries>, link_values=<0 entries>)}
```

Run the simulation

[8]

```
sim = wntr.sim.EpanetSimulator(wn)
res = sim.run_sim()
pprint('Node results: ' + ', '.join([k for k in res.node.keys()]))
pprint('Link results: ' + ', '.join([k for k in res.link.keys()]))
```

✓ 1.5s

Python

```
...
'Node results: demand, head, pressure, quality, T1, CL2'
('Link results: quality, flowrate, velocity, headloss, status, setting,
'friction_factor, reaction_rate, T1, CL2')
```

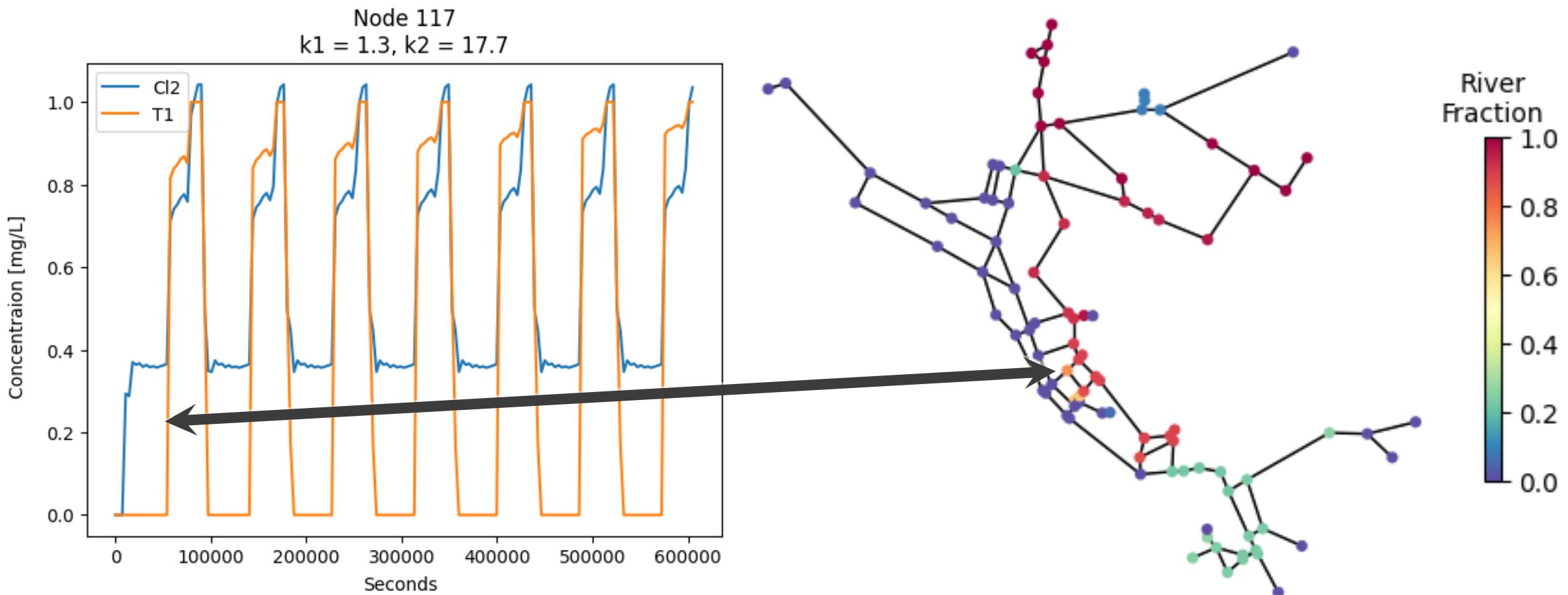
EPANET quality parameter is saved as the “quality” key in the WNTR results object

MSX species quality values are saved using their name as the key in the results object

Simulation results, hour 12



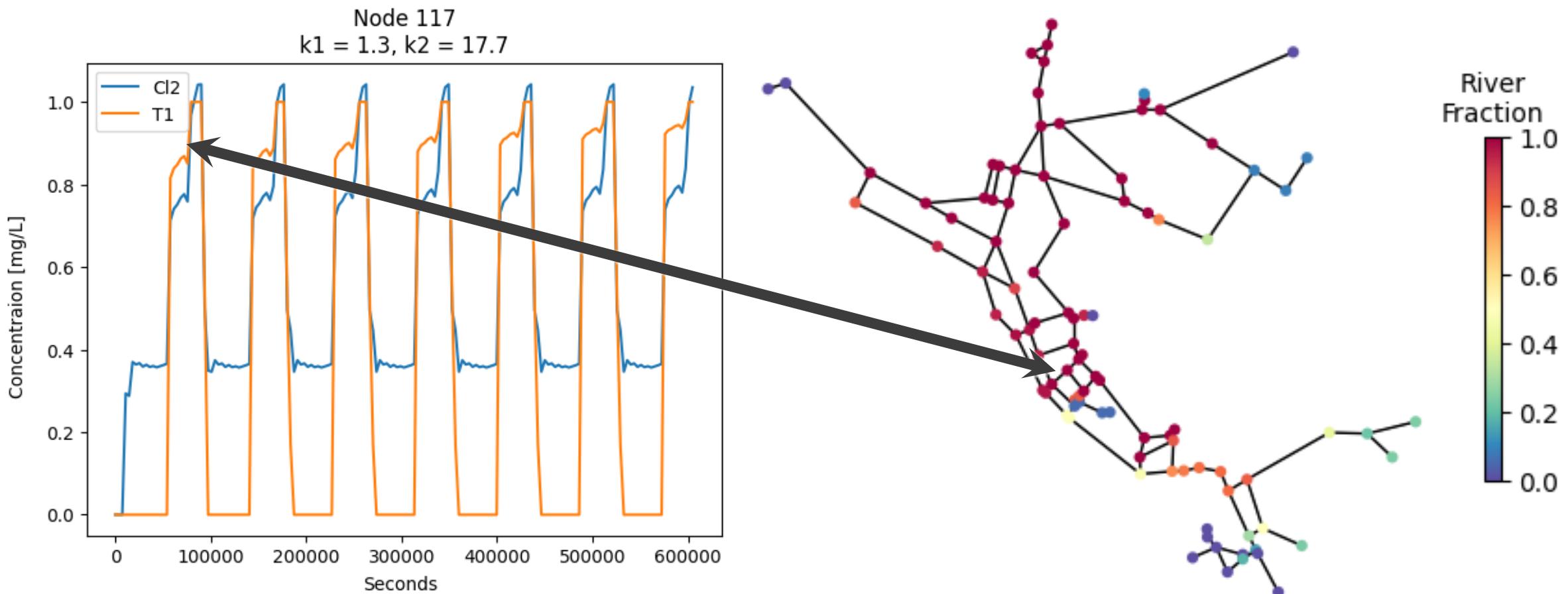
12 h



Simulation results, hour 24



24 h



Example parameter study



- Examine the effect of changes in the river decay coefficient, k_1 , on chlorine residuals in the network
- Vary k_1 from 1.3 to 16.9 day⁻¹

```
d_k1 = dict()
k1 = wn.msx.reaction_system.constants['k1']
for i in range(7):
    # Increase the reaction rate
    newk = 1.3 + i*2.6
    k1.value = newk
    resk = sim.run_sim()
    d_k1[newk] = resk
```

[10]

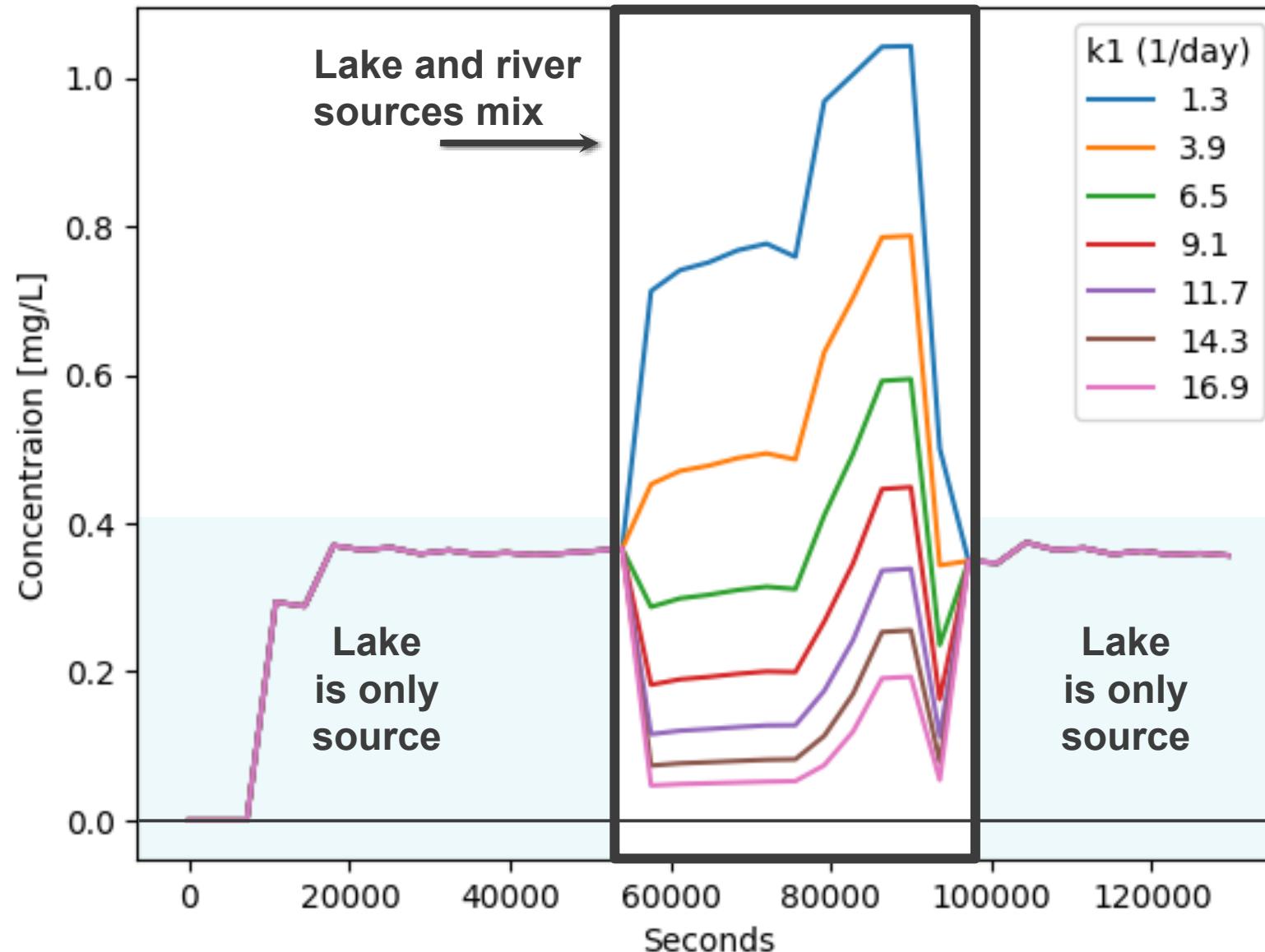
✓ 9.9s

Python



Example parameter study results

Chlorine residual at node 117





Conclusions

Summary



1. Multispecies water quality using EPANET-MSX coupled with WNTR
2. Library of reaction models built-in, and user customizable and extensible
3. Resilience and impact metrics from WNTR can be used directly on MSX data



References and resources

WNTR Source Code, Issue Tracker

- <https://github.com/USEPA/WNTR>

WNTR Documentation

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EPANET-MSX Source, Issue Tracker, Docs

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