



# Modelling Symposium



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## Dynamic Modelling of Hydrogen Sulphide (H<sub>2</sub>S) in Auckland's Sewer System

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## Introduction

*Why this project?*

How can we tackle this issue?

*What is being in place, can we do better?*

*What are the existing tool to make it better?*

Set up a Water quality model

*How to build a water quality model using MIKE+?*

## Discussion

# Problems related to generation of H<sub>2</sub>S in sewers

- Corrosion of infrastructure
- Odour issues
- Increased maintenance cost
- Unsafe work environment



# H<sub>2</sub>S gas levels and typical exposure symptoms

<b>L O W</b>	0 - 10 ppm	Irritation of the eyes, nose and throat
<b>M O D</b>	10 - 50 ppm	Headache Dizziness Nausea and vomiting Coughing and breathing difficulty
<b>H I G H</b>	50 - 200 ppm	Severe respiratory tract irritation Eye irritation / acute conjunctivitis Shock Convulsions Coma Death in severe cases

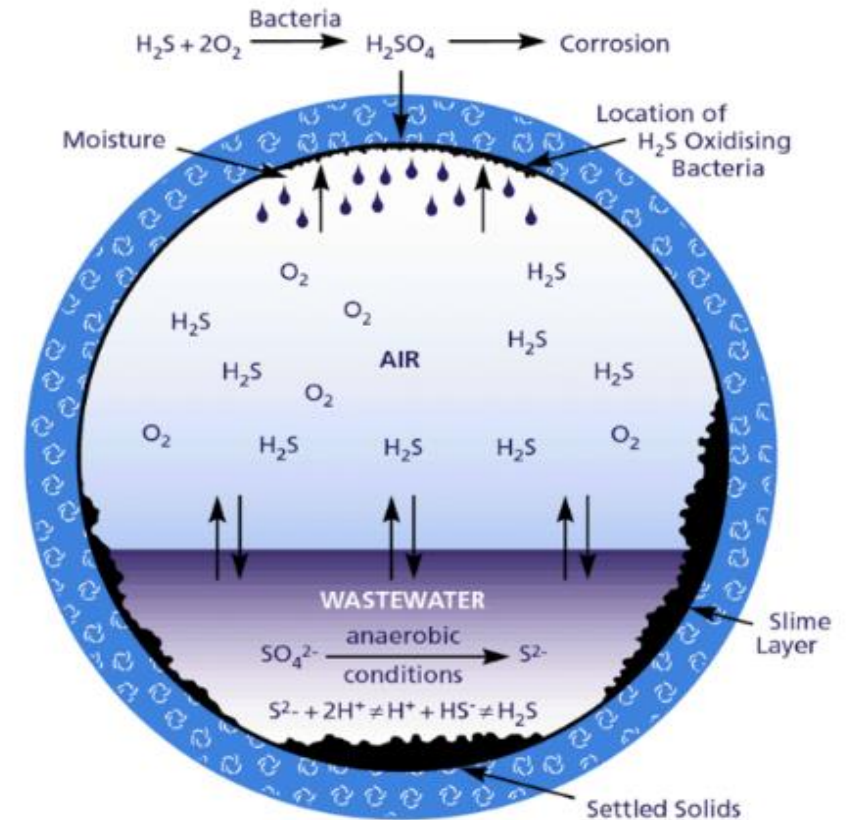
# How this H2S being created

organic matter + bacteria + nutrient + others  
**Wastewater**

Anaerobic: Sulphate -> Sulphide

**pressure mains and stagnant water**

Anaerobic Environment: **Hydrogen Sulphide (H2S)**  
Released = odour and corrosion problems



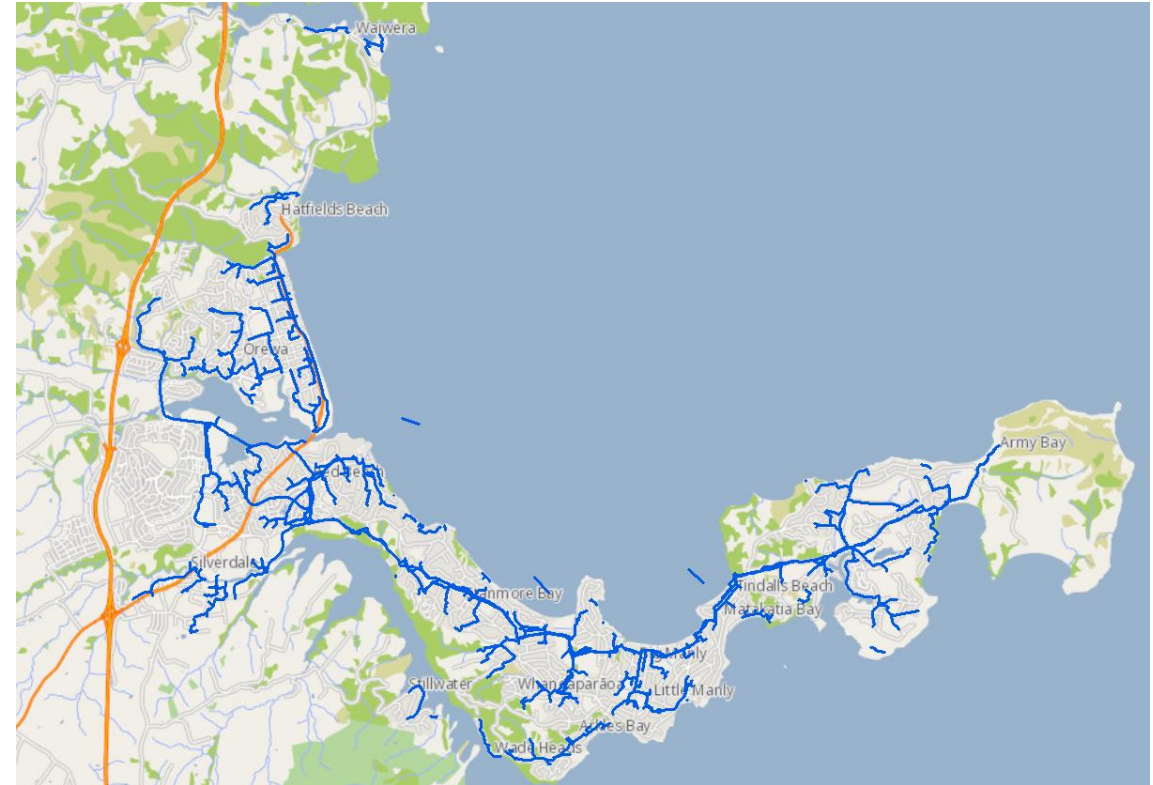
# How can we tackle this issue?

- Chemical dosing: Magnesium Hydroxide  
Quantify randomly and perform at random locations.

- Hydraulic models

Can these models be applied to predict H<sub>2</sub>S in the network? => Water Quality model

To develop a pilot model of H<sub>2</sub>S based on the Whangaparaoa wastewater network hydraulic model and **demonstrate the ability of network models to estimate H<sub>2</sub>S at different locations in the wastewater network.**



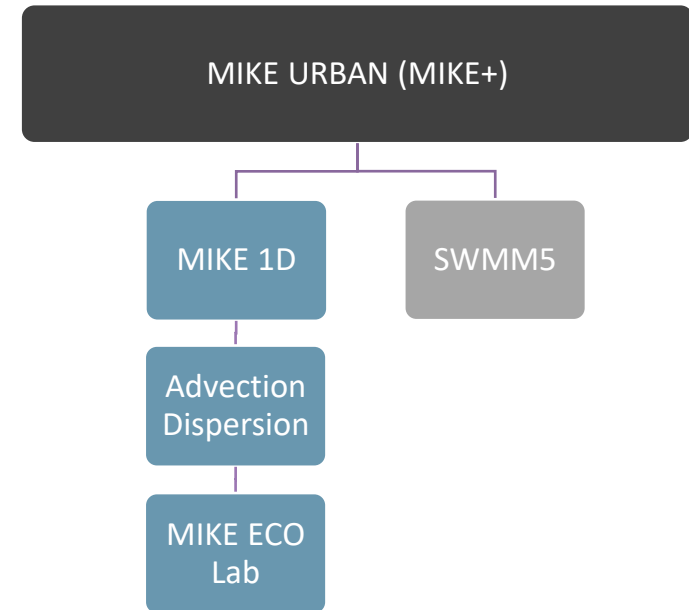
# How to build a water quality model

MIKE 1D - hydraulic calculations

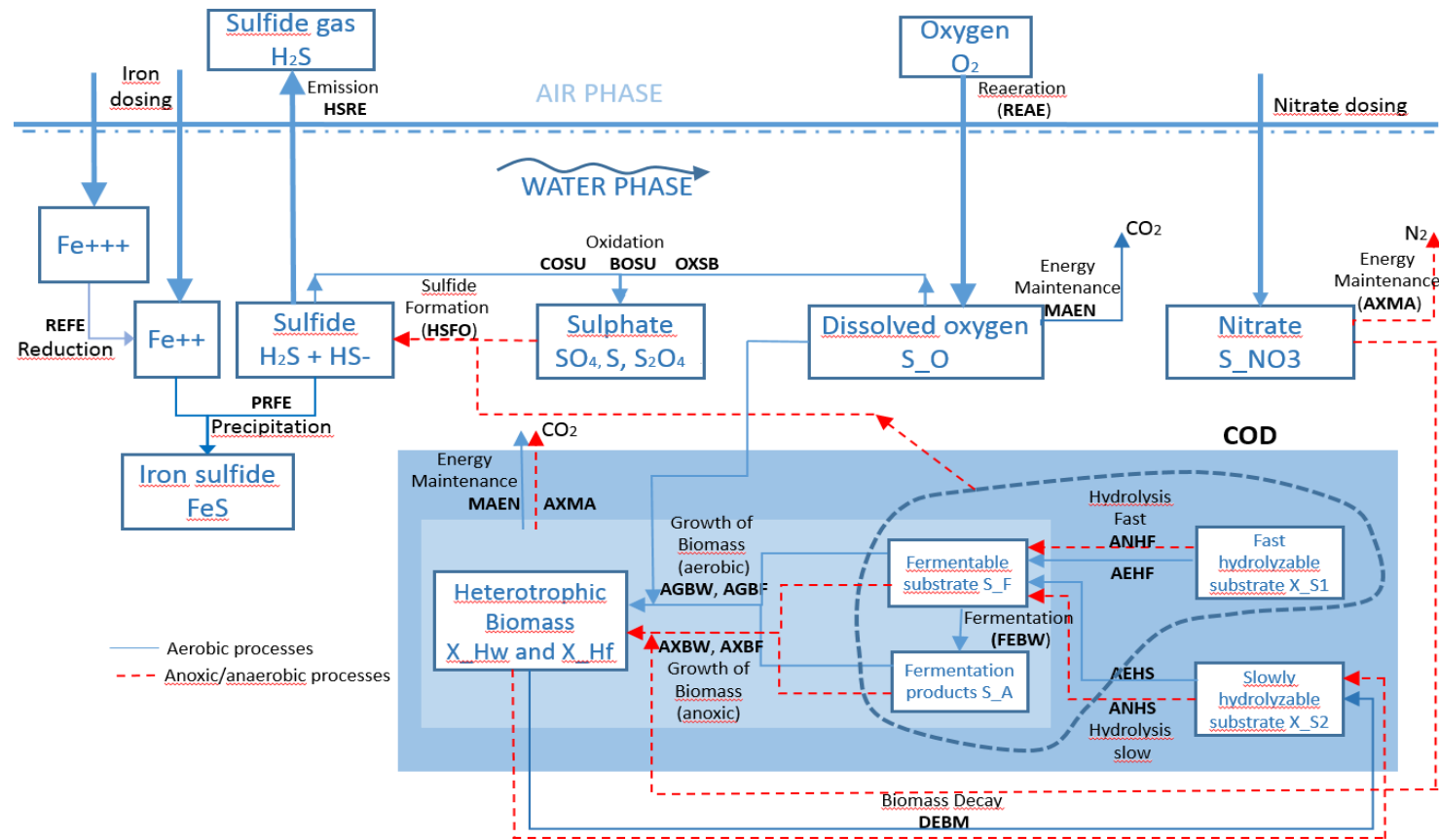
Transport of pollutants in water phase by Advection-Dispersion

MIKE ECO Lab WATS template coupling to MIKE 1D for Water Quality modelling

*WATS – Wasterwater Aerobic/Anaerobic Transformation in Sewers*



# MIKE ECO Lab WATS





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MIKE Zero - [H2S\_module\_WATS2013\_latest.ecolab]

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Processes

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No.	Symbol	Expression	Description
4	AGBF1	$Y_{Hf}/(1-Y_{Hf}) * S_S/(K_{Sf}+S_S) * k_{half} * POW(MAX(0, S_O), 0.5) * A_{wp}/V * ftemp\_alphaF$	Aerobic growth in biofilm
5	AGBF2	$-AGBF1/Y_{Hf}$	Aerobic growth in biofilm for S_F and S_A calculation
6	AGBF3	$((1-Y_{Hf})/Y_{Hf}) * AGBF1$	Aerobic growth in biofilm for S_O calculation
7	MAEN	$q_m * fsat1_{SO} * X_{Hw} * ftemp\_alphaW$	Maintenance energy requirement (aerobic)
8	MAEN_S	$IF ((S_S > 0.5), MAEN, 0)$	Maintenance energy requirement (aerobic) for readily biodegradable substrate
9	MAEN_X	$IF ((S_S > 0.5), 0, MAEN)$	Maintenance energy requirement (aerobic) for heterothrophic biomass
10	AEHF	$k_{h1} * f_{S1} * fsat1_{SO} * f_{BW\_E\_a} * ftemp\_alphaW$	Aerobic hydrolysis for fast hydrolyzable substrate (X_S1)
11	AEHS	$k_{h2} * f_{S2} * fsat1_{SO} * f_{BW\_E\_a} * ftemp\_alphaW$	Aerobic hydrolysis for slow hydrolyzable substrate (X_S2)
12	ANHF	$n_{fe} * k_{h1} * f_{S1} * fsat2_{SO} * Anox_{sat2} * f_{BW\_E\_an} * ftemp\_alphaW$	Anaerobic hydrolysis for fast hydrolyzable substrate (X_S1)
13	ANHS	$n_{fe} * k_{h2} * f_{S2} * fsat2_{SO} * Anox_{sat2} * f_{BW\_E\_an} * ftemp\_alphaW$	Anaerobic hydrolysis for slow hydrolyzable substrate (X_S2)
14	FEBW	$q_{fe} * S_F / (K_{fe} + S_F) * fsat2_{SO} * Anox_{sat2} * f_{BW\_E\_an} * ftemp\_alphaW$	Fermentation in bulk water and biofilm
15	COSU	$24 * k_{SIIc} * (POW(MAX(0, SulfideDis), n1)) * POW(MAX(0, S_O), n2) * ftemp\_alphaW$	Chemical oxidation of sulfide
16	HSRE	$24 * 0.69 * (1 + 0.17 * POW(Fr, 2)) * POW(ABS(Slope * u), (3/8)) * i * SulfideDis / d_m * ftemp\_alphaT$	Sulfide release to gaseous phase
17	REAE	$IF (Rel\_Depth >= 1.0) THEN 0 ELSE alpha_{reeae} * K_{La} * (beta_{reeae} * S_{Os} - S_O) * ftemp\_alphaT$	Reaeration
18	AXBW	$if K_{Sw} + S_S <= 0 then 0 else (my\_h_{NO3} * (S_S / (K_{Sw} + S_S))) * Anox_{sat1} * fsat2_{SO} * X_{Hw} * ftemp\_alphaW$	Anoxic bio mass growth in bulk water
19	AXBF	$k_{half\_NO3} * POW(MAX(0, S_{NO3N}), 0.5) * 2.86 * Y_{Hf\_NO3} / (1 - Y_{Hf\_NO3}) * S_S / (K_{Sf} + S_S) * fsat2_{SO} * A_{wp} / V * ftemp\_alphaF$	Anoxic bio mass growth in biofilm
20	AXMA	$q_m_{NO3} * Anox_{sat1} * fsat2_{SO} * X_{Hw} * ftemp\_alphaW$	Maintenance energy requirement (anoxic)
21	AXMA_S	$IF ((S_S > 0.5), AXMA, 0)$	Maintenance energy requirement (anoxic) for readily biodegradable substrate
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23	DEBM	$d_{H\_ana} * fsat2_{SO} * Anox_{sat2} * X_{Hw} * ftemp\_alphaW$	Decay of biomass
24	BOSU	$24 * k_{SIIb} * (POW(MAX(0, SulfideDis), n1)) * POW(MAX(0, S_O), n2) * ftemp\_alphaW$	Biological oxidation of sulfide
25	OXSB	$24 * k_{SIIox} * POW(MAX(0, SulfideDis), 0.5) * POW(MAX(0, S_O), 0.5) * A_{wp} / V * ftemp\_alphaF * f_{SIIb\_pH}$	Oxidation of sulfide in biofilm
26	HSFO	$24 * a * POW(MAX(0, S_F + S_A + X_{S1}), 0.5) * fsat2_{SO} * Anox_{sat2} * Anox_{sat3} * A_{wp} / V * ftemp\_alphaSf$	H2S formation
27	REFE	$K_{Fe3} * X_{Fe3}$	Iron+++ reduction to iron++
28	S_O_balance	$MAX(-S_O * 86400/dt, (-AGBW3 - AGBF3 - MAEN - 1/R_{cwc} * COSU - 1/R_{cwb} * BOSU - 1/R_{cwb} * OXSB + REAE))$	Dissolved oxygen balance
29	S_F_balance	$MAX(-S_F * 86400/dt, (AGBW2 + AGBF2 - 1/Y_{Hw} * AXBW - 1/Y_{Hw} * AXBF - MAEN_S - AXMA_S + AEHF + AEHS + ANHF + ANHS - FEBW - 2 * HSFO))$	Fermentable and readily biodegradable products balance
30	S_A_balance	$MAX(-S_A * 86400/dt, (AGBW2 + AGBF2 - 1/Y_{Hw} * AXBW - 1/Y_{Hw} * AXBF - MAEN_S - AXMA_S + AEHF + AEHS + FEBW - 2 * HSFO))$	Fermentation products balance
31	X_Hw_balance	$MAX(-X_{Hw} * 86400/dt, (AGBW1 + AGBF1 + AXBW + AXBF - MAEN_X - AXMA_X - DEBM))$	Heterotrophic active biomass in water phase balance
32	X_S1_balance	$MAX(-X_{S1} * 86400/dt, -AEHF - ANHF - 2 * HSFO)$	Fast hydrolyzable substrate balance
33	X_S2_balance	$MAX(-X_{S2} * 86400/dt, -AEHS - ANHS + DEBM)$	Slowly hydrolyzable products balance
34	PRFE	$if((K_{FeST\_calc} < K_{FeST}), Prec\_rate, 0)$	Iron precipitation
35	S_II_balance	$MAX(-S_{II} * 86400/dt, (-PRFE + HSFO - COSU - BOSU - OXSB - HSRE))$	Total Sulfide (H2S+HS-) balance
36	S_NO3N_balance	$MAX(-S_{NO3N} * 86400/dt, (-1 * (1 - Y_{Hw\_NO3}) / (2.86 * Y_{Hw\_NO3}) * AXBW - 1 * (1 - Y_{Hf\_NO3}) / (2.86 * Y_{Hf\_NO3}) * AXBF - 1 / 2.86 * AXMA))$	Nitrate balance
37	S_SO4S_balance	$MAX(-S_{SO4S} * 86400/dt, (-HSFO + COSU + BOSU + OXSB))$	Sulfate balance
38	H2SR	$HSRE * V/dx$	H2S release per meter
39	H2SR_Abs	$HSRE * V$	H2S release per volume
40	Fe2_balance	$MAX(-X_{Fe2} * 86400/dt, if(pH < 8, REFE - (-2.2823 * pH + 20) * PRFE, REFE - Fe_{mw}/S_{mw} * PRFE))$	2-valent iron balance
41	Fe3_balance	$MAX(-X_{Fe3} * 86400/dt, -RFFF)$	3-valent iron balance

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Template file | Connections | Description

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Setup Layers and symbols Results

model type manage views Global

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Map Sediment fractions MIKE ECO Lab templates

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WQ components

Identification

ID DO

WQ component global data

Type Pollutant

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MIKE ECO Lab state variables

Identification

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Variable assignments Description

State variable S\_F

WQ component SF

Conversion factor 1

MIKE ECO Lab forcings

Identification

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Forcing Description

Forcing Bed\_Area

Constant Time series

Value 100000

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2	ECOLABForcing_9	F_Area
3	ECOLABForcing_10	Rel_Depth
4	ECOLABForcing_11	Slope
5	ECOLABForcing_12	Surface_width
6	ECOLABForcing_13	u
7	ECOLABForcing_14	Vraw
8	ECOLABForcing_15	Bed_Area
9	ECOLABForcing_16	F_Area
10	ECOLABForcing_17	Rel_Depth
11	ECOLABForcing_18	Slope
12	ECOLABForcing_19	Surface_width
13	ECOLABForcing_20	u
14	ECOLABForcing_21	Vraw

MIKE ECO Lab constants

Identification

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General Description

Constant ID a

Global value 0.013  $g^{(0.5).m^{(-0.5)}.h^{(-1)}}$

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3	ECOLABConstant_128	alpha_f	1.05	
4	ECOLABConstant_129	alpha_reae	0.95	
5	ECOLABConstant_130	alpha_sf	1.03	
6	ECOLABConstant_131	alpha_T	1.024	
7	ECOLABConstant_132	alpha_w	1.07	
8	ECOLABConstant_133	beta_reae	0.86	

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1	ECOLABComponent_15	S_F	SF	1	
2	ECOLABComponent_16	S_A	SA	1	
3	ECOLABComponent_17	X_Hw	XBW	1	
4	ECOLABComponent_18	X_S1	XS1	1	
			XS2	1	
			DO	1	
			TotalSulfide	1	
			NO3	1	
			SO4	1	
			pH	1	
			Temperature	1	
			Fe2	1	
			Fe3	1	
			FeS	1	
			SF	1	
			SA	1	
			XBW	1	
			XS1	1	
			XS2	1	

Database validation done.

# Initial Conditions of the H<sub>2</sub>S Model

Boundary type	WQ Components									
	DO	Temperature (in waste water)	SO4	pH	SA Fermentation products	SF Fermentable and readily biodegradable products	XBW active biomass in water phase	XS1 Fast hydrolyzable substrate	XS2 Slowly hydrolyzable products	Total COD
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	5+6+7+8+9
	mg/l	Deg C	mg/l		mg/l	mg/l	mg/l	mg/l	mg/l	mg/l
Storm runoff	10	15	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
Catchment discharge <i>PE-based; diurnal; wastewater</i>	8	25	150	7	25	50	67	202	477	821
Catchment discharge <i>area-based; constant; baseflow</i>	8	15	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
Network load <i>Trade waste; geocoded; loadpoints</i>	8	25	150	7	25	50	67	202	477	821
Network load <i>Millwater; single inflow</i>	8	25	150	7	25	50	67	202	477	821

# Technical model set up - Simplification

- Rising mains needed to be modelled
- Model simplification to improve stability and decrease the computation time
  - Water Quality calculation are time and space consuming due to the advection-dispersion equation

# Risk Mapping - Max Total H<sub>2</sub>S Release



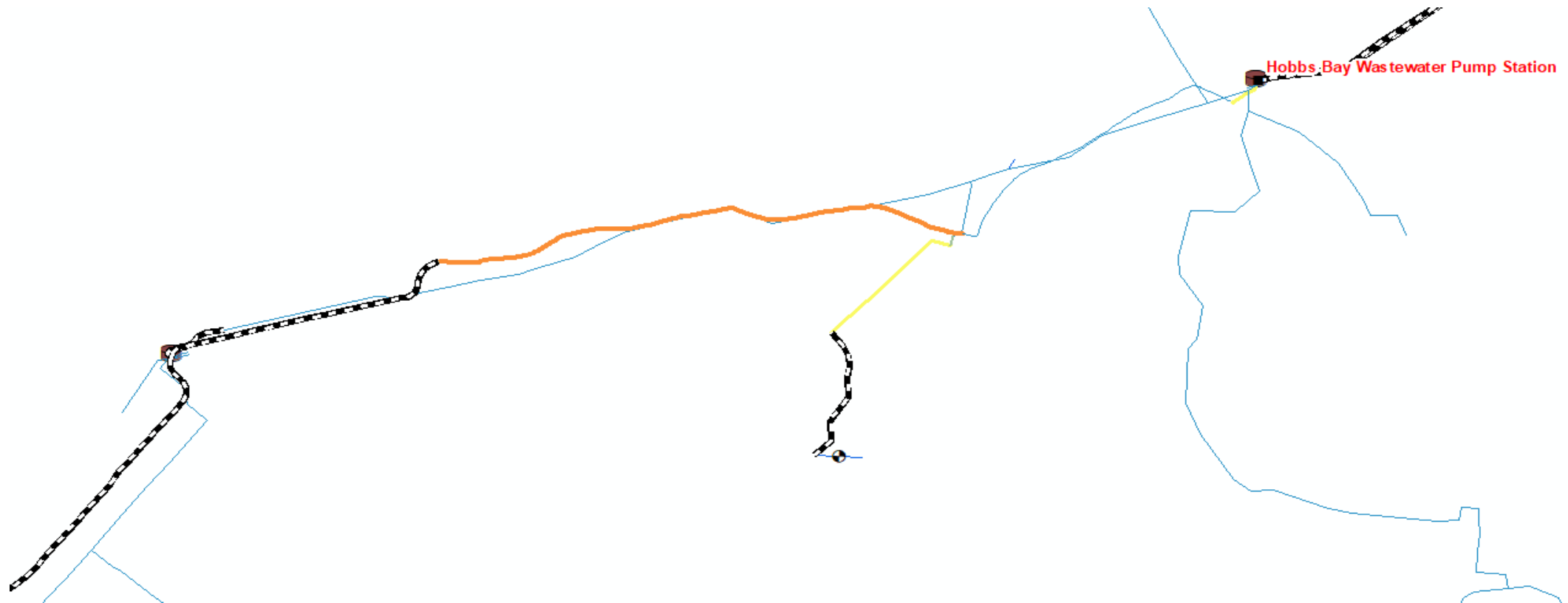
# Risk Mapping - Max Total H<sub>2</sub>S Formation





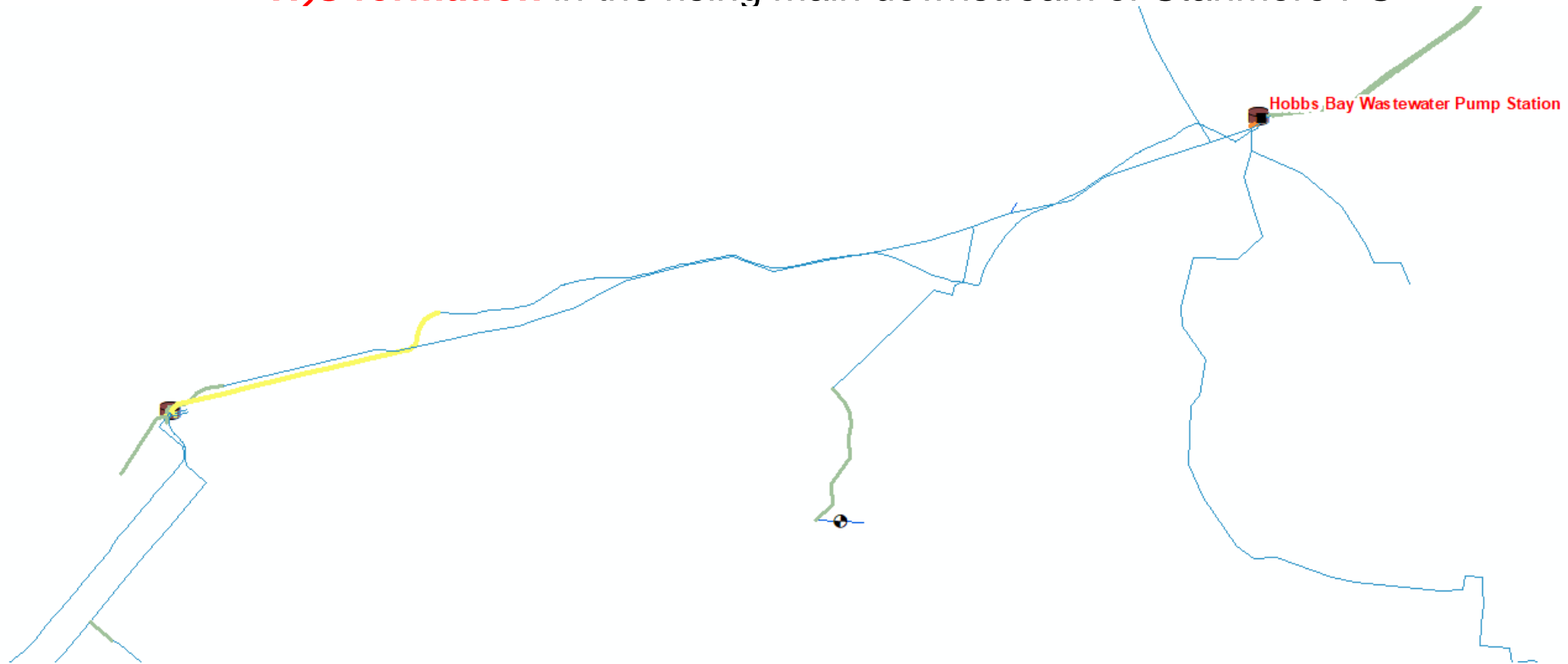
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**H<sub>2</sub>S release** per meter of pipe in the rising main downstream of Stanmore PS



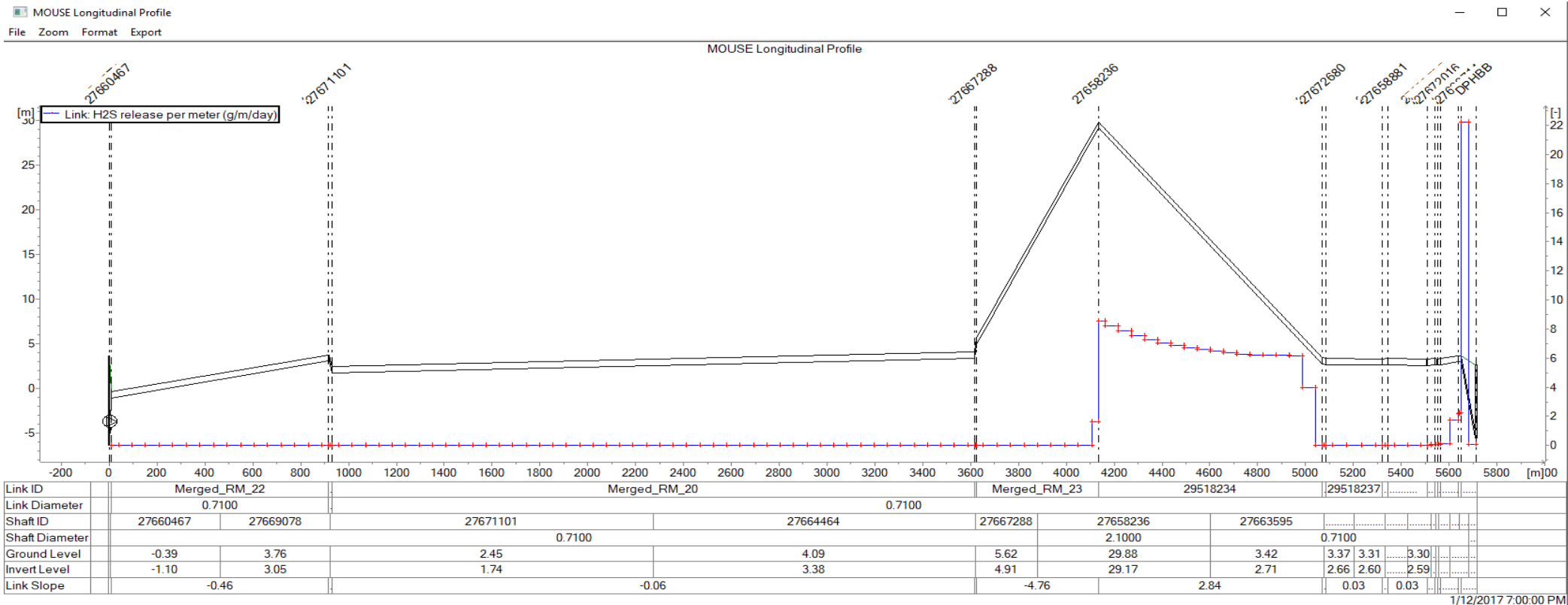
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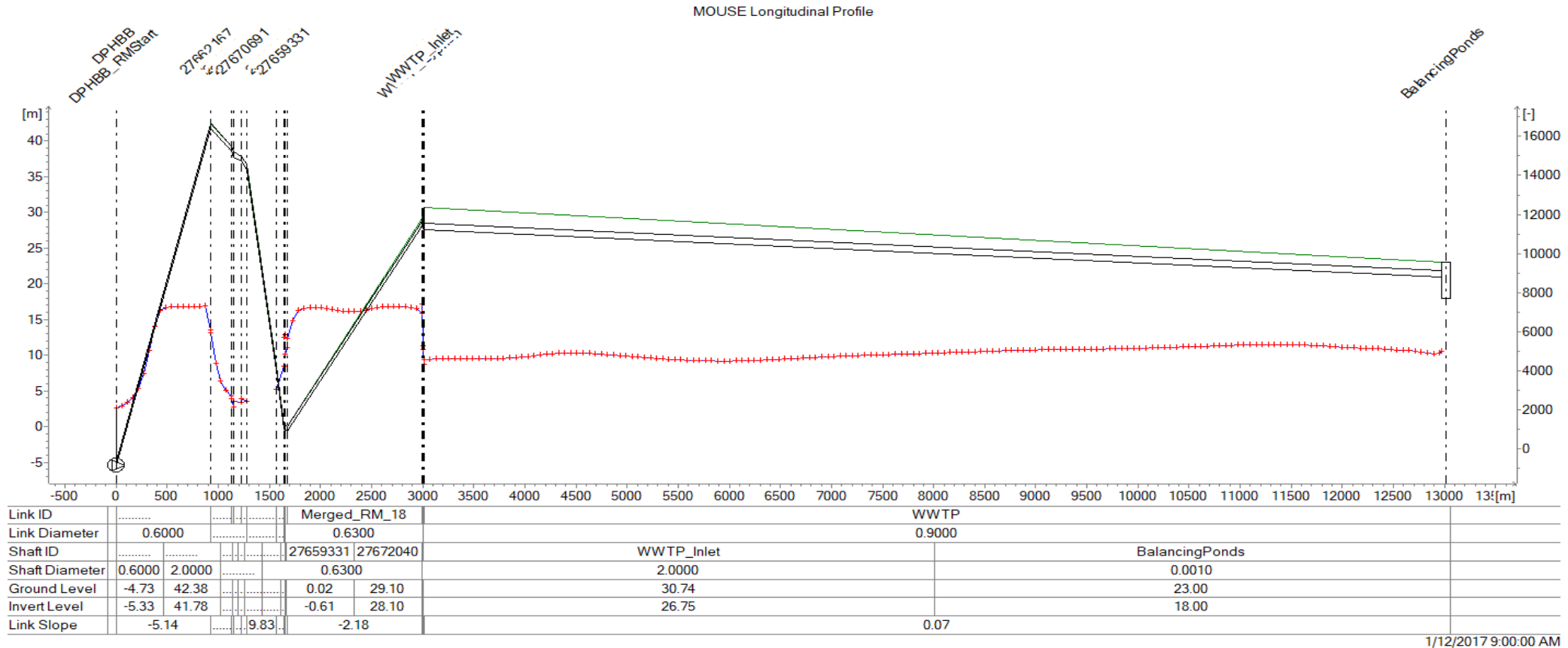
# H<sub>2</sub>S Model Results

Longitudinal profile from Stanmore to Hobbs PS – Rising main until node 27658236.  
H<sub>2</sub>S release per meter (g/m) at 7 pm.

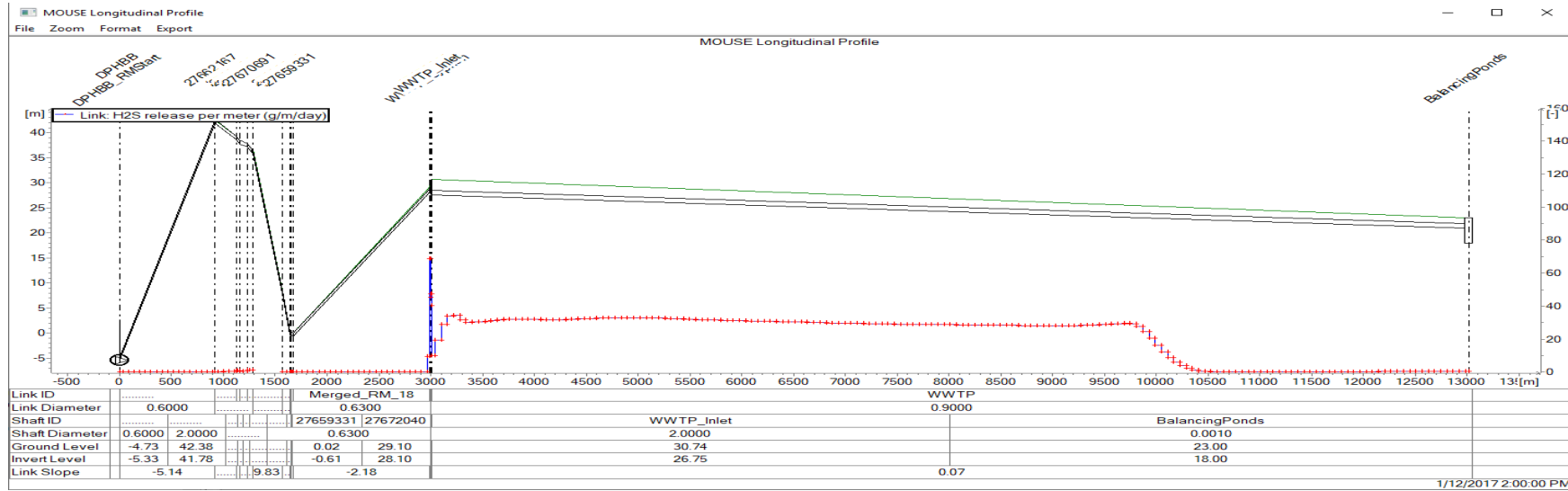


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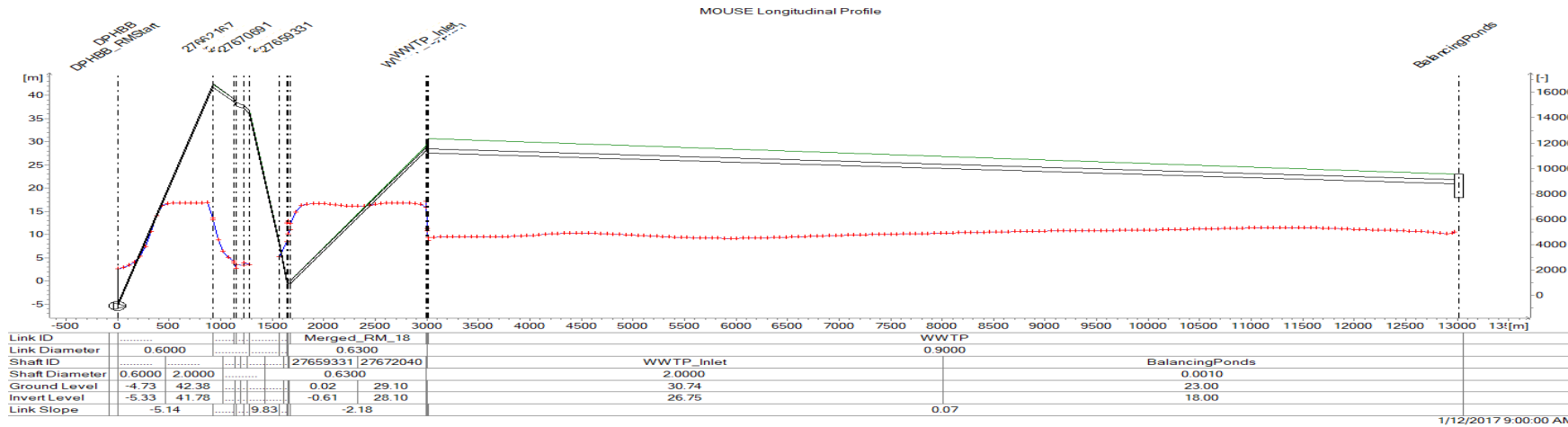
Longitudinal profile from Hobbs PS to WWTP – Rising main until node 27672040.  
H<sub>2</sub>S formation per meter (g/m) at 9 am.



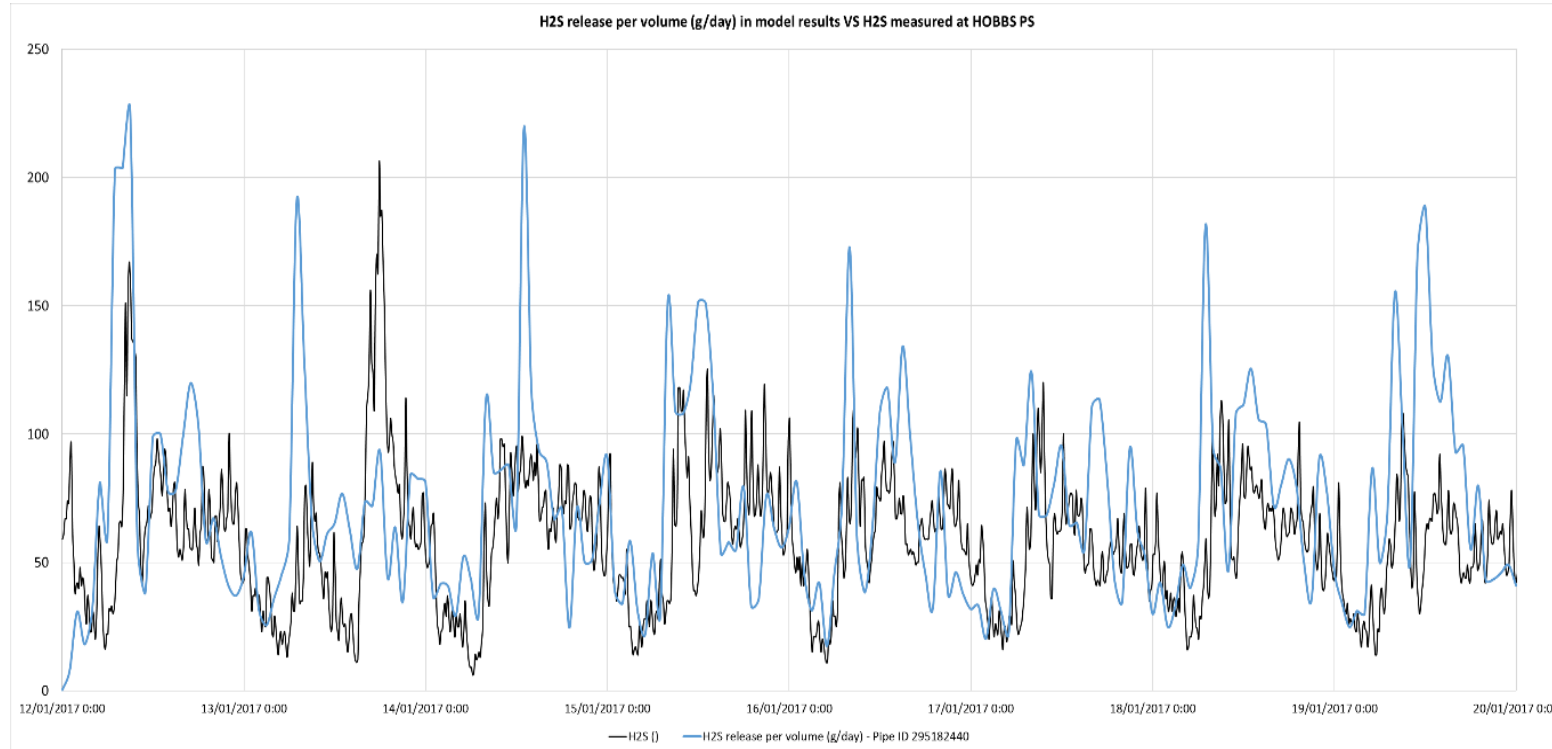
H<sub>2</sub>S release per meter (g/m) at 2 pm. Longitudinal profile from Hobbs PS to WWTP – Rising main until node 27672040.



H<sub>2</sub>S formation per meter (g/m) at 9 am. Longitudinal profile from Hobbs PS to WWTP – Rising main until node 27672040.

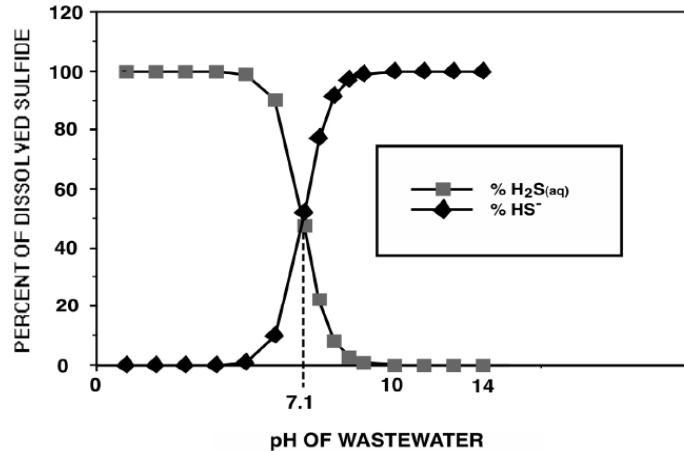


# Qualitative comparison between H<sub>2</sub>S measured (ppm) and H<sub>2</sub>S release per volume in gravity pipe upstream of Hobbs PS.



# Dosing Scenario

Result of Magnesium Hydroxide [Mg(OH)<sub>2</sub>] Dosing – **Increase in pH**



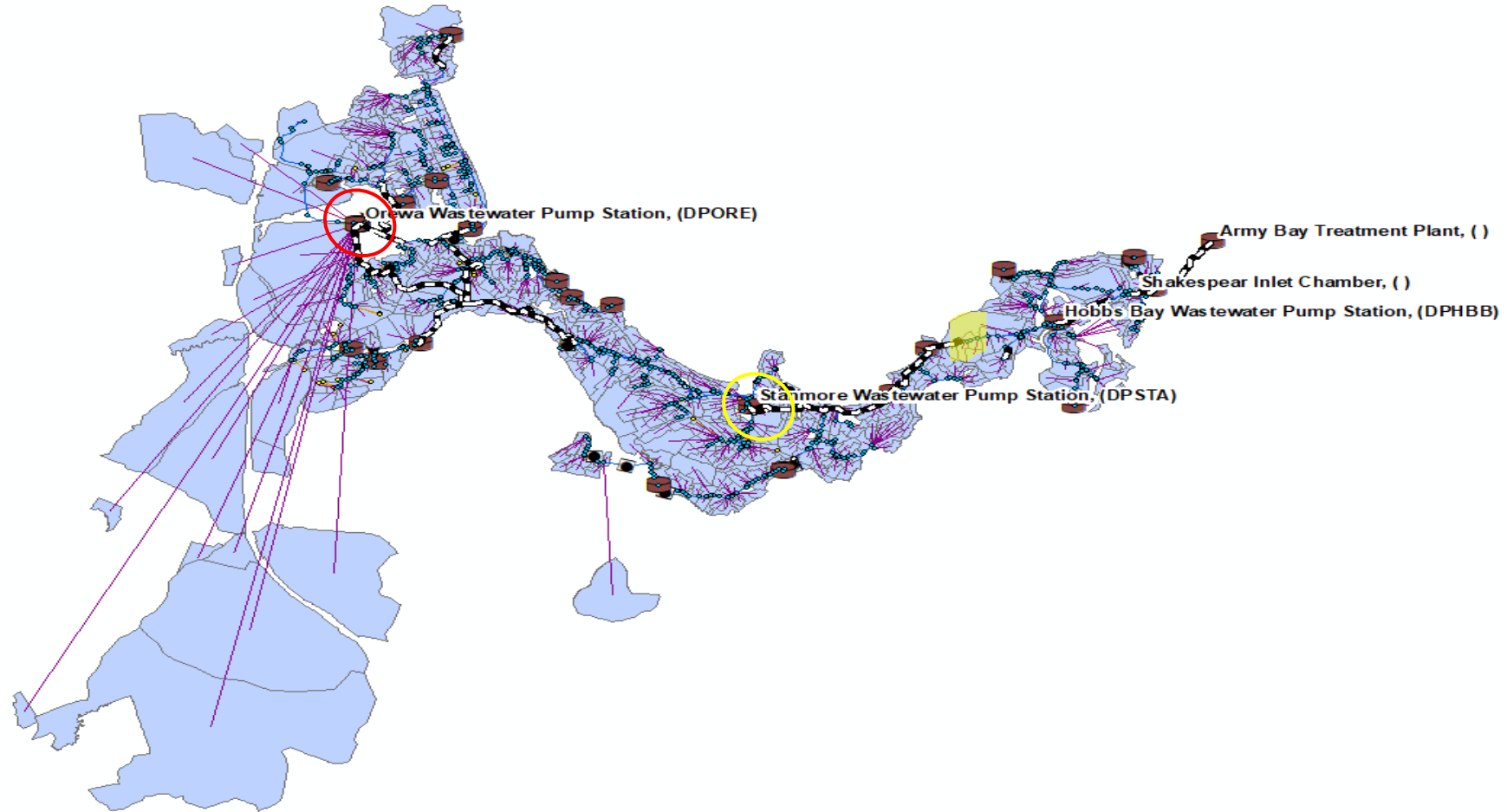
Chemical dosing was simulated by increasing pH from 7 to 9

Distribution of Sulfide Species at Selected pH Values at 20°C

pH	7.0	7.5	8.0	8.5	9.0
H <sub>2</sub> S (%)	51	25	9	3	1
HS <sup>-</sup> (%)	49	75	91	97	99

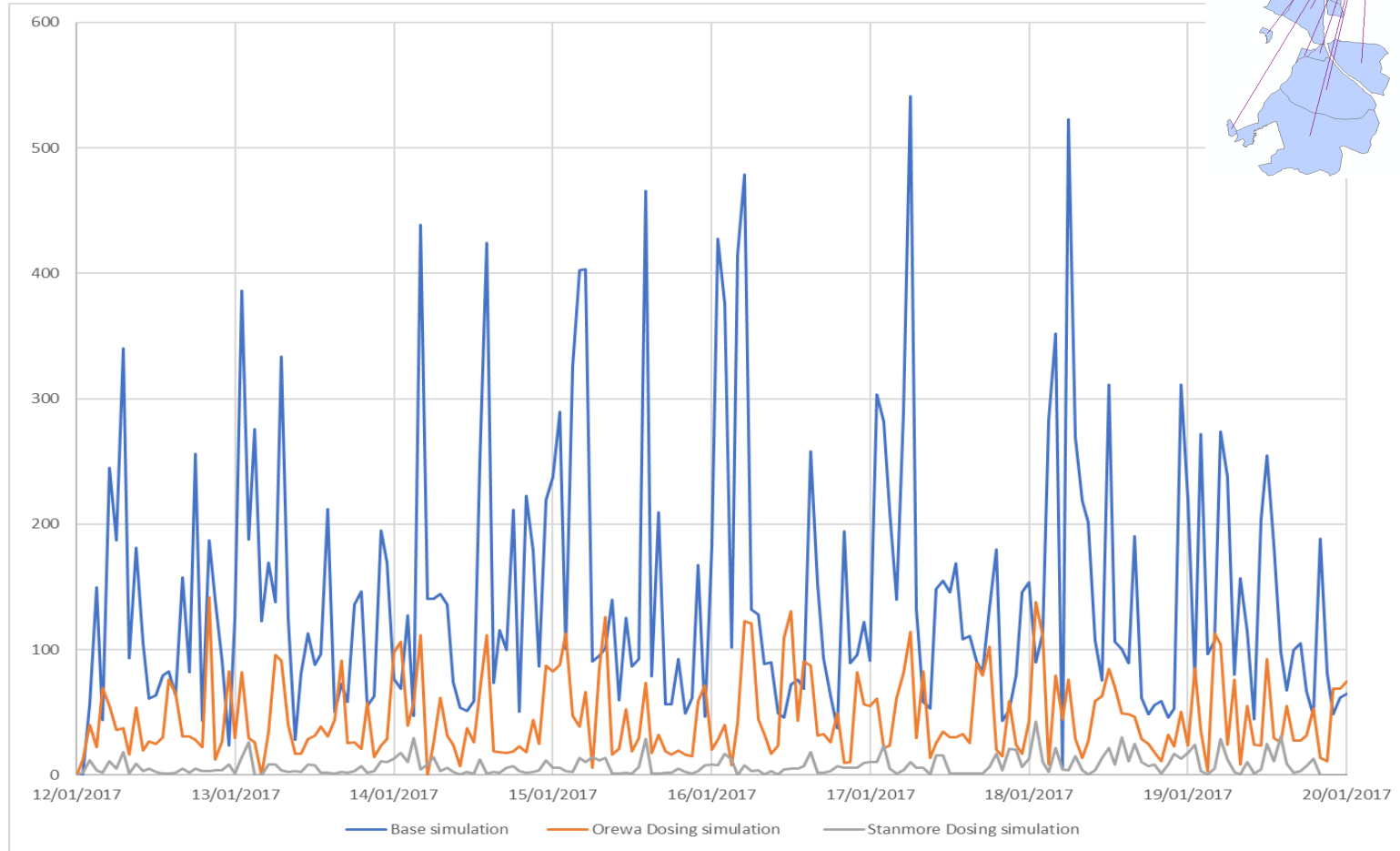
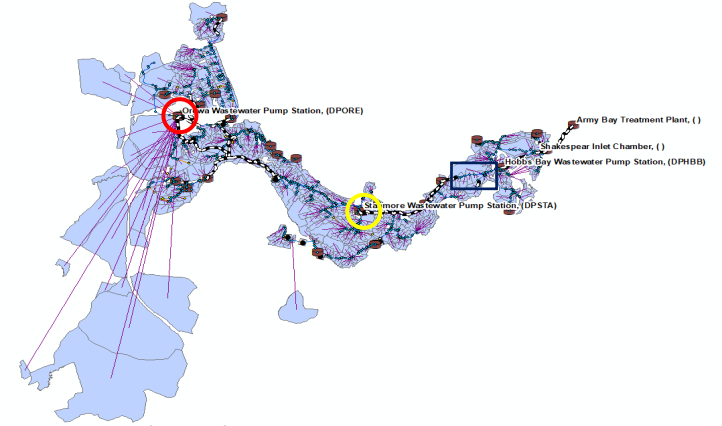
In MIKE ECO Lab, chemical dosing is possible with Nitrate and Iron

# Sites for Chemical Dosing – Orewa PS and Stanmore PS





# H<sub>2</sub>S Model Results



# Discussion – Model outputs

H<sub>2</sub>S model results provided insight into the following:

- **Where is sulphide being formed in the network?** – Water, nutrient - Anaerobic , - Water age
- **Where will the release happen - identify critical location in the network?** – potential air availability, velocity of the flow/steepness of slope
- **Where it is possible to decrease the release of the H<sub>2</sub>S?**
- **How much does the dosing impact the release of H<sub>2</sub>S?**

# Summary of Results – Model efficiency

- H<sub>2</sub>S model at network scale is possible.
- H<sub>2</sub>S in gas phase results can be visualized spatially across the network.
- Chemical Dosing (Magnesium Hydroxide) can be modelled and assess it's efficiency
- Limitation: input data

# Recommended Monitoring Campaign

Constituents to be monitored	Period	Sampling interval	Comment
Flow	2-7 days	15 min	Flow at same sampling interval as the WQ parameters listed below
Total COD	2-7 days	60 min	
Filterable COD	2-7 days	60 min	
Dissolved Oxygen	2-7 days	15 min	
pH	2-7 days	15 min	
Temperature	2-7 days	15 min	
Total dissolved sulfide	2-7 days	15 min	
H <sub>2</sub> S in liquid	2-7 days	15 min	
SO <sub>4</sub>			
Free Iron	2-7 days	15 min	Required only if dosing. However, it is preferred that any dosing is turned off during measuring campaign
NO <sub>3</sub>	2-7 days	15 min	Required only if dosing. However, it is preferred that any dosing is turned off during measuring campaign

# Recommendations

- Monitoring campaign
- Ventilations
- Pumping Regime Optimization
- Dosing

# Conclusion

Model able to predict formation and release of H<sub>2</sub>S => H<sub>2</sub>S risk maps

No need to export to another model

Result viewing made in MIKE platform MIKE+

The model supports the assessment of mitigation options



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Thank you!  
Questions? Patai?