

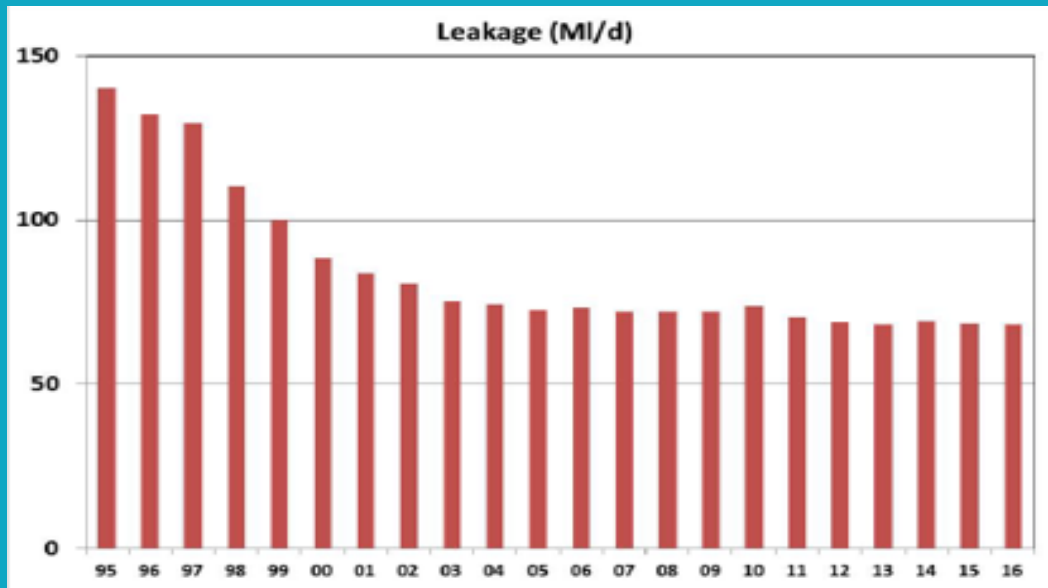


WATER VISION  
TECHNOLOGY

**To advance the Earth's resource resiliency  
through SAR analytics**

**The View is Better From Space**

# After two decades of water loss management progress, why are leakage levels still so high?



*Global Leakage Summit, London, Sep. 2016*

# Challenges



Big and crumbling pipe networks



Reactive approach is time consuming



Inaccuracy of data



Start-up company  
established in 2013



Product introduction  
October 2015

In 2018

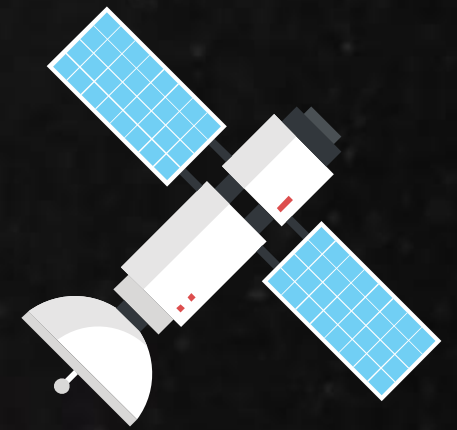
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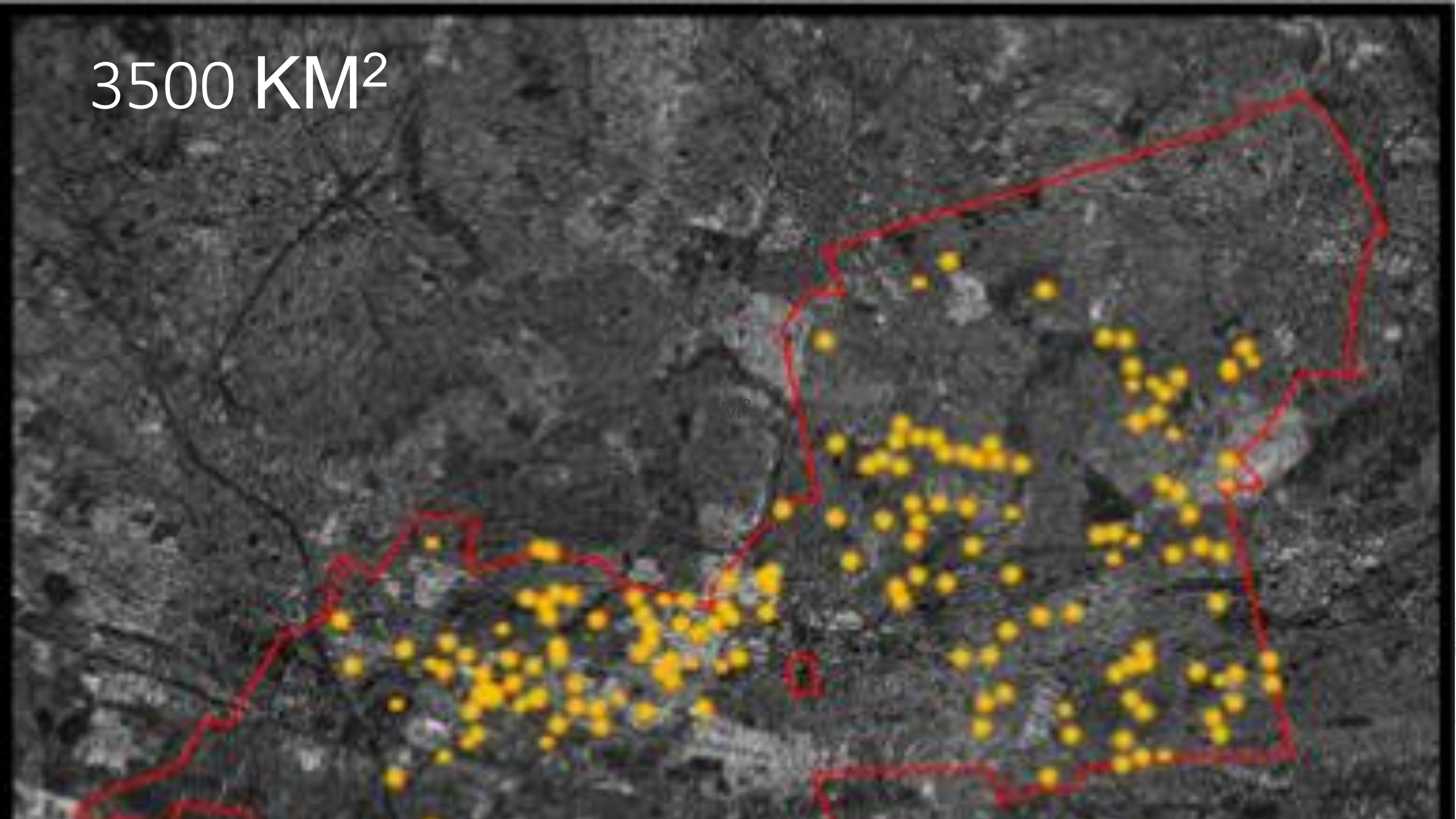
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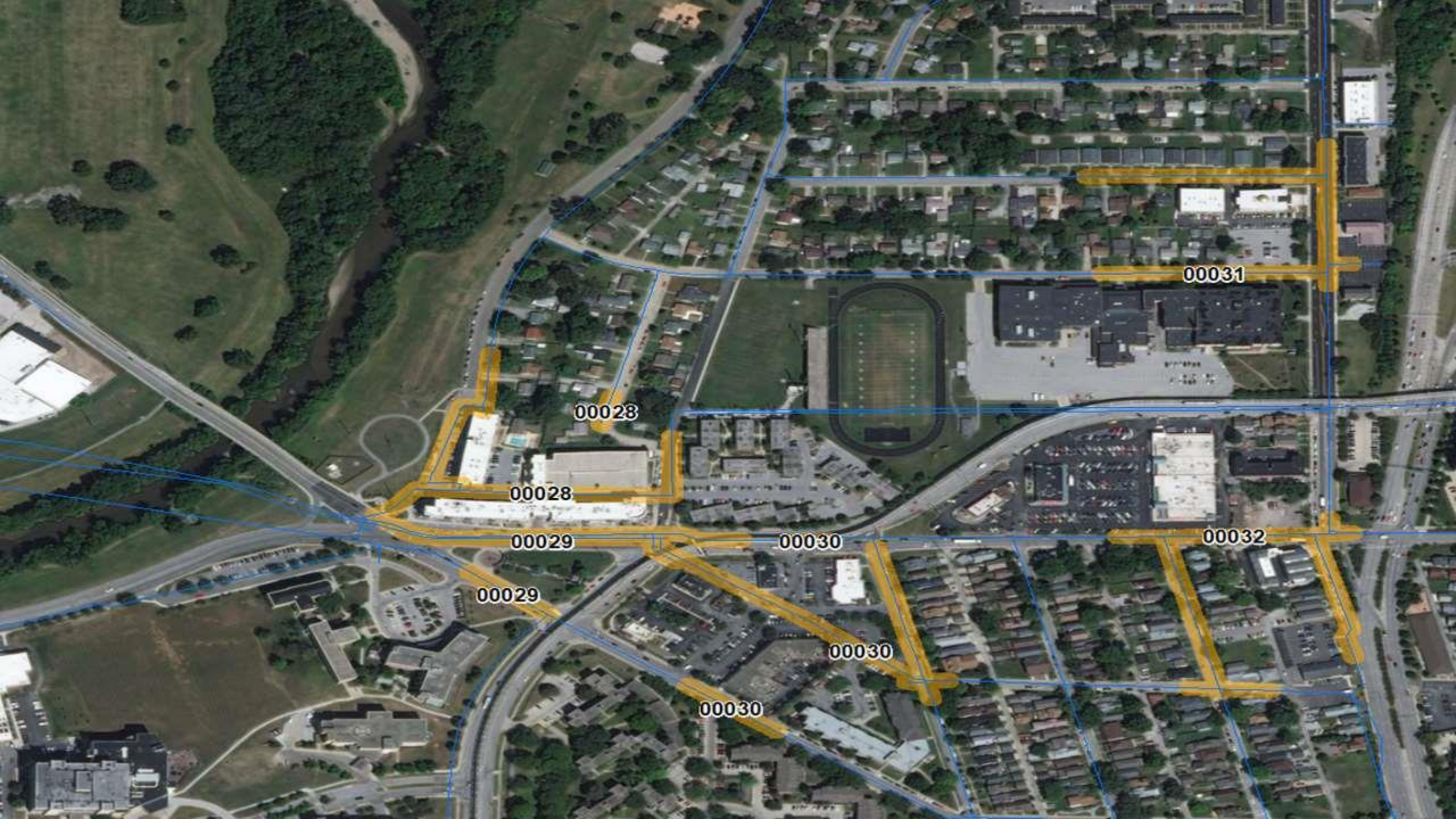


Satellite in polar orbit,  
630 Km altitude,  
carrying a microwave  
SAR sensor.



3500 KM<sup>2</sup>





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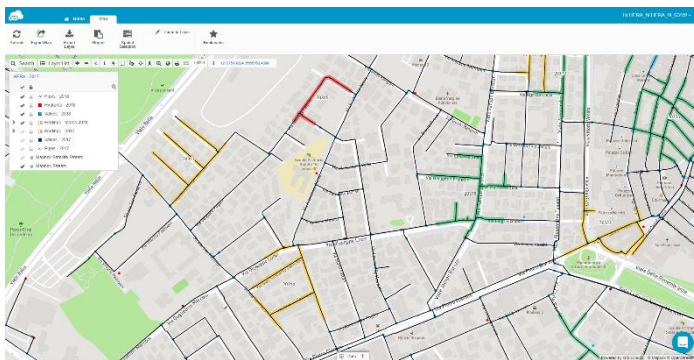
# Delivery and deliverables

## GIS files



SHP and KML  
for the utility  
mapping

## Web application link



For general use and for field  
navigation (orientation)

## Leak sheets

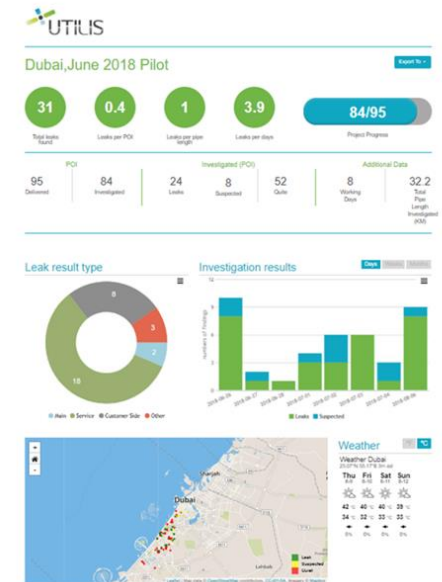
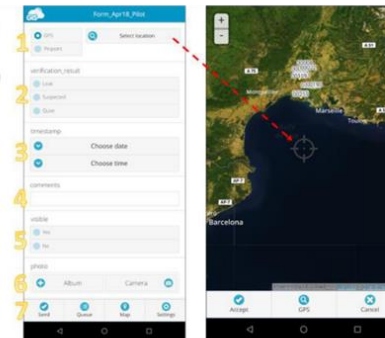


## Data collector



• This is your main screen

1. Enter the location of a leak (via GPS or map location)
2. Enter the type of result
3. Time and date
4. Comments
5. If it is a leak → Visible or not
6. Add a photo
7. Press send





# Example step-by-step

**UTILIS** LEAKS CAN BE DETECTED FROM SPACE

**STW July 2018**  
**Finding: 10982**  
**110 Linton Rise, Nottingham NG3 7BY**  
**Image Date: 14-06-2018 Y: 52.95976, X: -1.11772**

Actual Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Survey Date & Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Leaks found: \_\_\_\_\_ Leak rate (l/hk): \_\_\_\_\_

Visible  Non-Visible  Suspect  Quiet  Main  Service  Residential  
Finding: \_\_\_\_\_ Leak Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_



# Water Vision Technology value proposition



Increase the efficiency of active leak detection programs



Reduce background leakage



Increase the scope of active leak detection programs



We found 10 leaks today!!

# Increase the efficiency of active leak detection programs

“ Statistically finding 4 leaks per day is 300% more efficient than the industry’s average... ”

Bojan Ristovski, Director of leak detection department (former), Vodovod Skopje

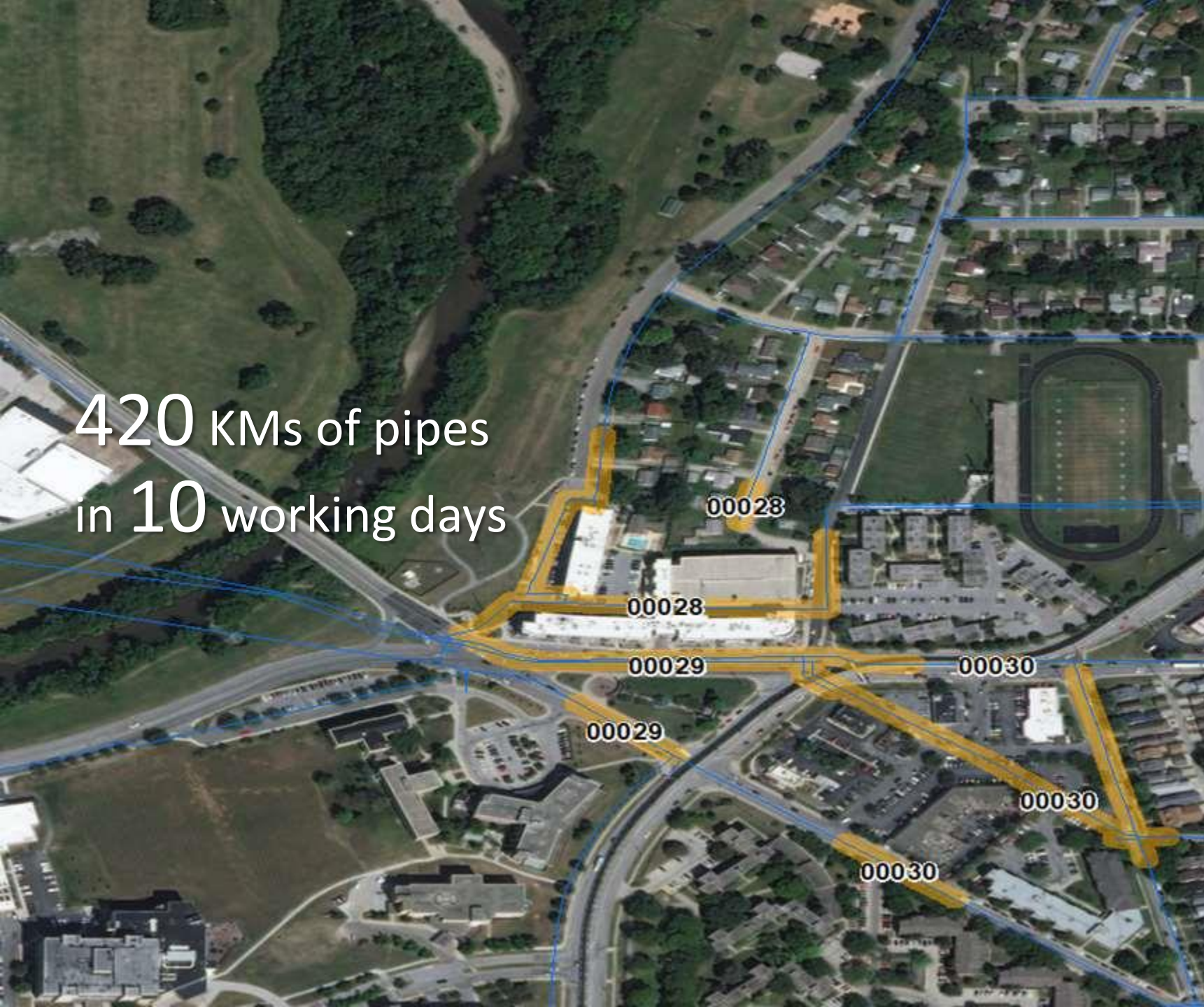




420 KMs of pipes  
in 80 working days (4 months)



420 KMs of pipes  
in 10 working days





**80** working days (4 months)  
**3,200** KMs of pipes  
can be repeated 2-6 times per year

# Find and fix leaks faster than they reappear

How many leaks do you find per year?

European average failure frequencies range 20-35 failures / 100 Km / year

(MacKellar 2006)





# Reduce background leakage

“ Utilis allowed us to find leaks that would have been hard to find otherwise...” ”

Valentin Zaharia, Director of water supply and sewage system optimization, Apa Nova Bucharest





# Unavoidable background leakage, why?

## Leak run time and leakage on service connections:

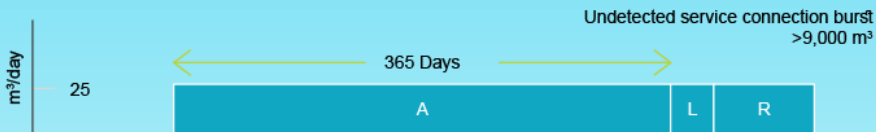
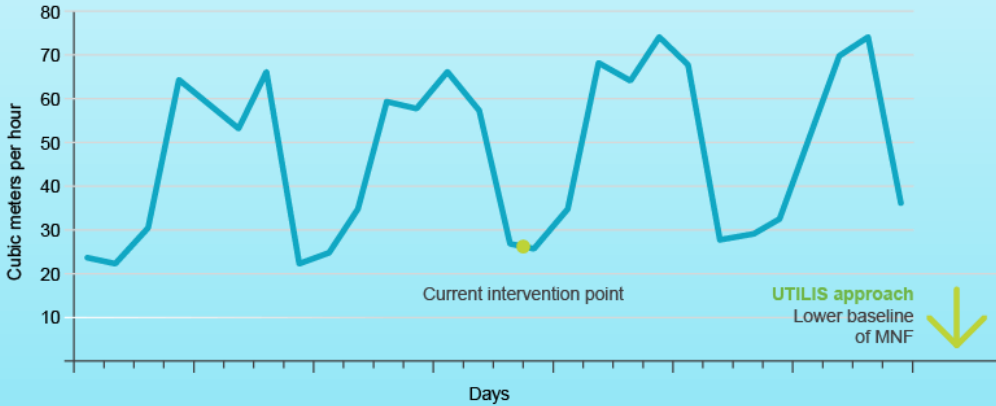
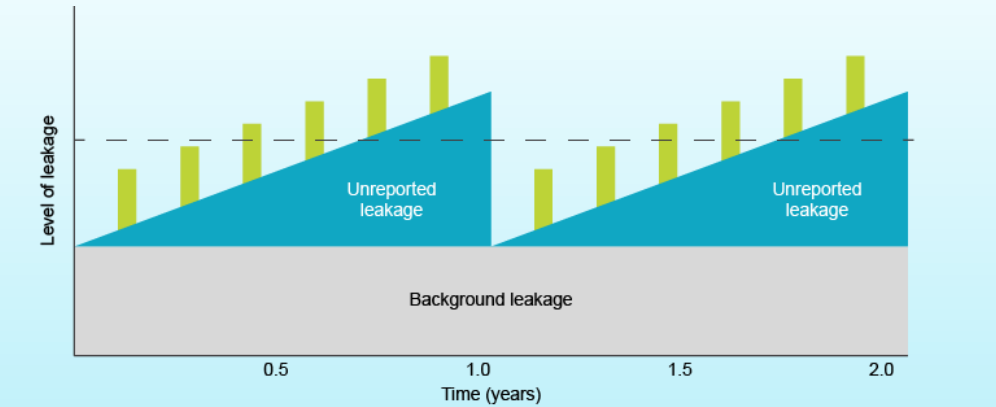
Analysis of components of annual leakage volume sometimes produces **counterintuitive** results. For example, long-running small leaks on service connections frequently lose greater volumes of water than mains bursts with high flow rates that are quickly repaired, but service connection leaks traditionally receive less attention than they should.

## Recommendation:

Management of leakage from service connections should receive equal or, in some cases, greater attention than management of leakage from mains.

EU Reference document **Good Practices on Leakage Management WFD CIS WG PoM**

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Infrastructure Component	Background Leakage at ICF=1.0	Units
Mains	9.6	Liter per kilometer of mains per day per meter of pressure
Service Connection – Main to curb-stop	0.6	Liter per service connection per day per meter of pressure
Service Connection – Curb-stop to customer meter	16	Liter per kilometer of service connection per day per meter of pressure

Lambert et al, 1999



# Increase the scope of active leak detection programs

“All the indications are that this 20 liter per second leak in the remote wooded area would have gone undetected for sometime without the technologies indication.”

Steve Green, Director water distribution, Kansas City BPU



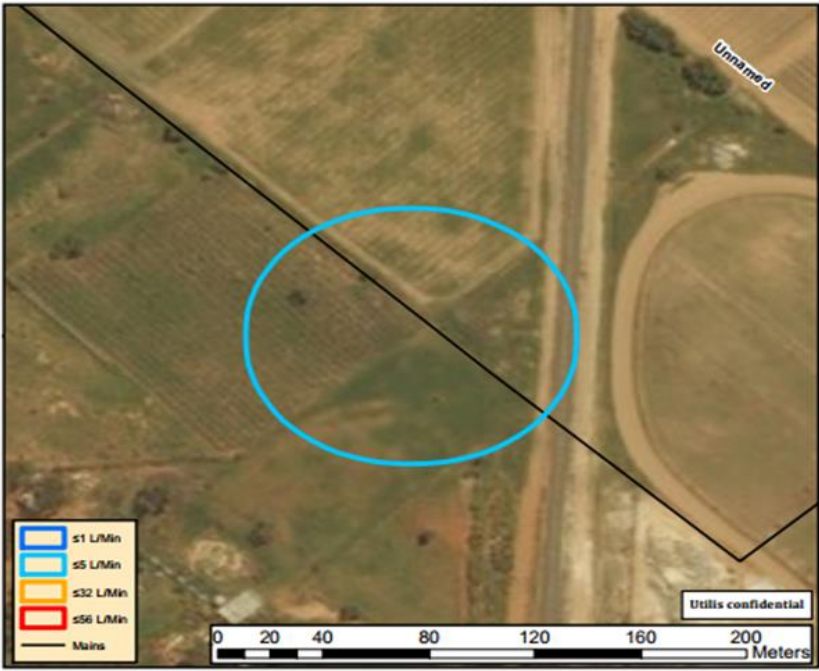
**Intensity (L/Min):**  
20 (5.19)

**Finding: 10107**

**Image Date:** 2723 Fourteenth Street, Irymple  
31-08-2016 **Postcode: 3498**



<b>Pipe Material:</b> RCP	<b>Leak Type:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Main <input type="checkbox"/> Service <input type="checkbox"/> Residential	<b>Finding:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Visible <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Visible <input type="checkbox"/> Suspect <input type="checkbox"/> Quiet	<b>Remarks:</b> _____ _____ _____
<b>Pipe Diameter:</b> 525	<b>Polarization:</b> HV    Y: -34.214925, X: 142.171097		<b>IRR pipes</b>



# American Water – Duarte, CA



**Project EPC-15-096**, “Demonstrating Innovative Leakage Reduction Strategies: Correlating Continuous Acoustic Monitoring (CCAM), Satellite Imagery and Flow Sensitive Pressure Reducing Valve System”



## Project Goals:

- Compare three technologies side-by-side
- Compare performance and value propositions
- Save energy used to pump water by fixing leaks

	Points of Interest	Verified on ground	Leaks confirmed
Satellite	504	114	79
CCAM	54	54	17

## Conclusions:

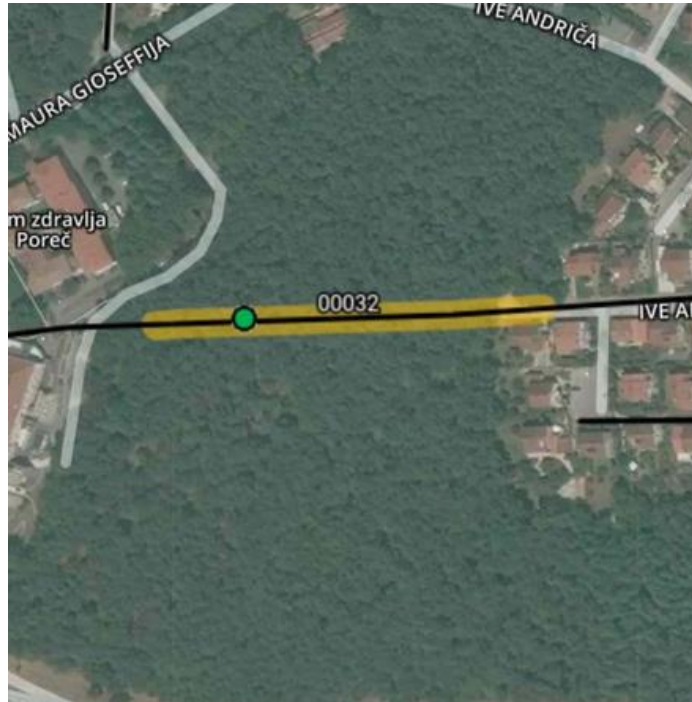
### Satellite Imagery

1. found more leaks (by quantity and % correct)
2. was less expensive to employ
3. saved the most water
4. saved the most power



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Supplying water to most of Istria, Croatia, the water utility has had to optimize their water network to withstand the high demand and regulations of tourism industry of the area. Many years of investment have brought ISV to be one of the leading water utilities in the region implementing among others AMRs, and DMAs. Looking to further lower their physical losses, ISV in the Balkans Kolektor Sisteh, ordered a double scan of their 2,700 KM network to see the long term impact of the technology.

*“After investigating 18 POIs in about 3 days we estimated huge savings. Using this technology helps us especially in locating leaks in areas that are currently not surveyed. This massive leak would have been hard to find if it wasn’t for the technology specifying where to look. We have more than 1000Kms of such pipes and satellite imagery seems to be a resourceful and effective solution.”*

*Ing. Vjekoslav Poropat, Technical director, Istarski Vodovod, Croatia*

**KOLEKTOR**

KOLEKTOR SISTEH d.o.o.

# Prince William County, VA

## Traditional Leak Detection vs. Satellite Leak Detection

### Traditional system

- 207 miles of network
- 27 days of fieldwork
- 18 confirmed leaks
- 15 hydrant leaks (above ground)



### Satellite

- 199 miles
- 10.5 days of fieldwork
- 85 POI investigated
- 72 confirmed leaks
- 57 non-residential leaks



Parameter	Traditional	Traditional (no hydrants)	Satellite (no residential)	Satellite
Cost	\$38,500	\$38,500	\$71,400	\$71,400
Leaks found	18	3	57	72
Days of field work	27	27	10.4	10.4
Crew members	2	2	3	3
Hours per day	7	7	9	9
Total Person Hours	630	630	472	472
Leaks per day of field work	0.7	0.1	5.5	6.9
Miles of pipe field Investigated	199	199	199	199
Leaks per mile investigated	0.09	0.02	0.29	0.36
Cost per leak detected	\$2,139	\$12,833	\$1,253	\$992

Parameter	Traditional Detection (with Hydrants)	Traditional Detection (without Hydrants)	Satellite* Detection
Leaks detected per Mile	0.09	0.02	0.29
Average Leak Size (gpm)	6	27	8
Annual Water Loss (gal)	56,765,000	42,574,000	239,674,000
Cost per 1000 gallon	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25
Annual Water Cost	\$71,000	\$53,200	\$299,600

\*Residential leaks removed

**Possible to save \$300K in water over one year**

# Middle East Water Authority



## U-COLLECT Online Dashboard



### February 2019 Service 1

Export To ▾

**654**

Total leaks found

**1.3**

Leaks per POI

**3.4**

Leaks per km

**5.7**

Leaks per crew day

**509/763**

Project Progress

#### POI

763  
Delivered

486  
Investigated

23  
Unverifiable

#### Investigated (POI)

348  
with Leaks

31  
Suspected

107  
Quiet

#### Additional Data

74.2  
Working Days

183.1  
Investigated Pipe (km)



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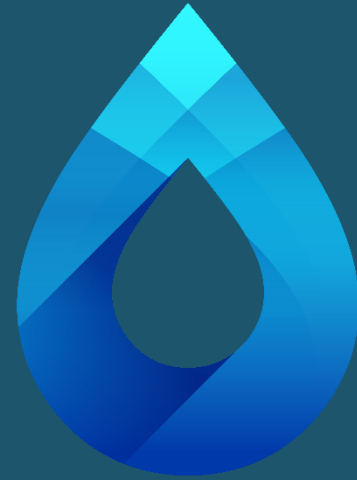
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