

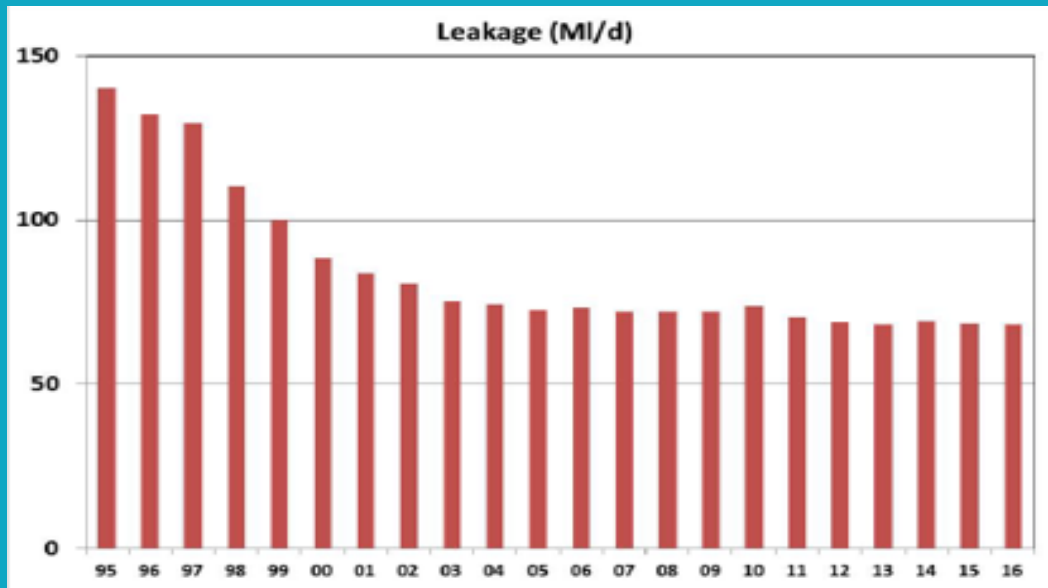


WATER VISION  
TECHNOLOGY

**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

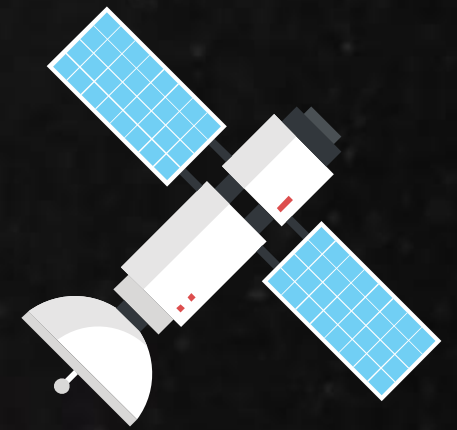
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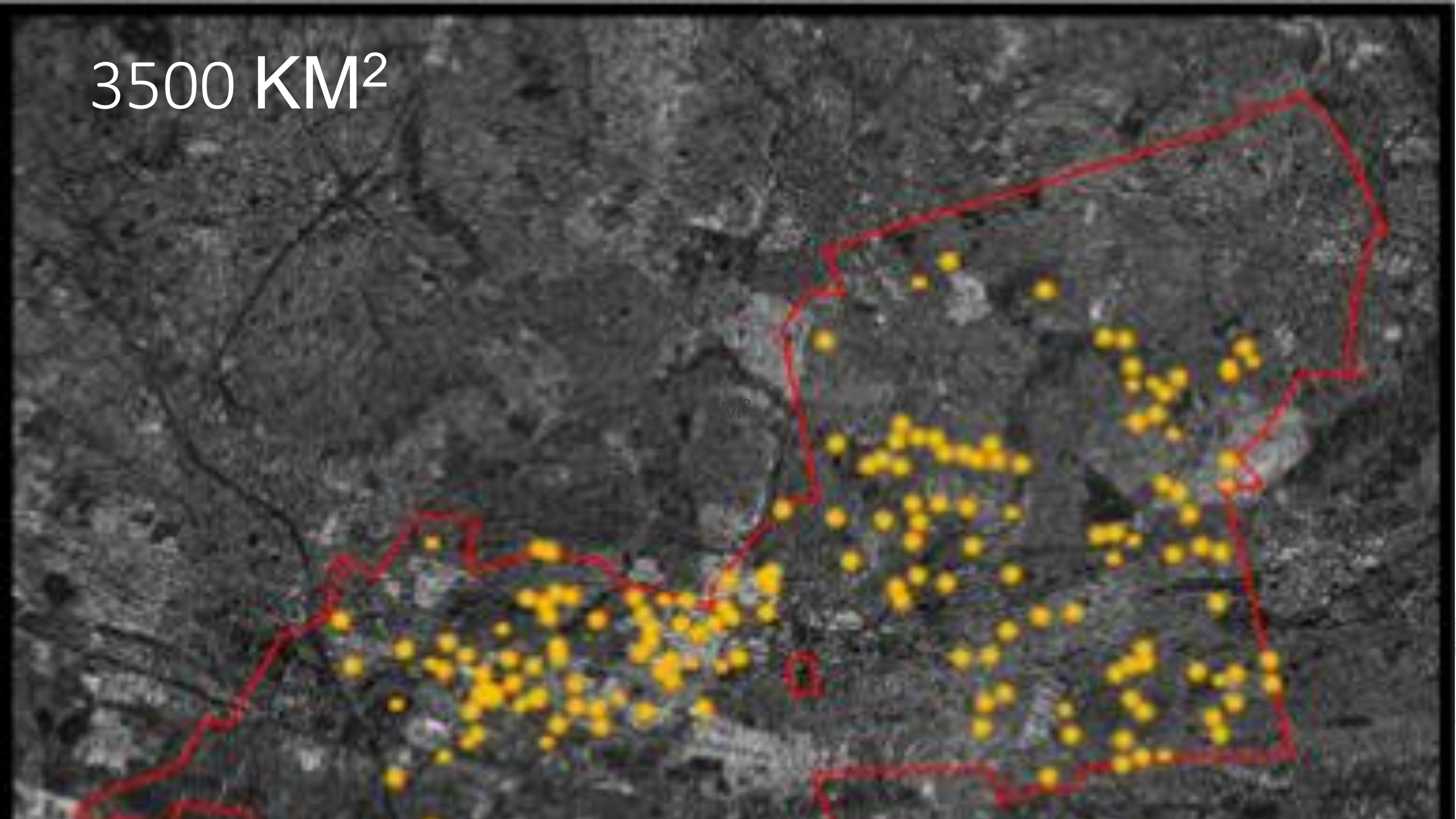
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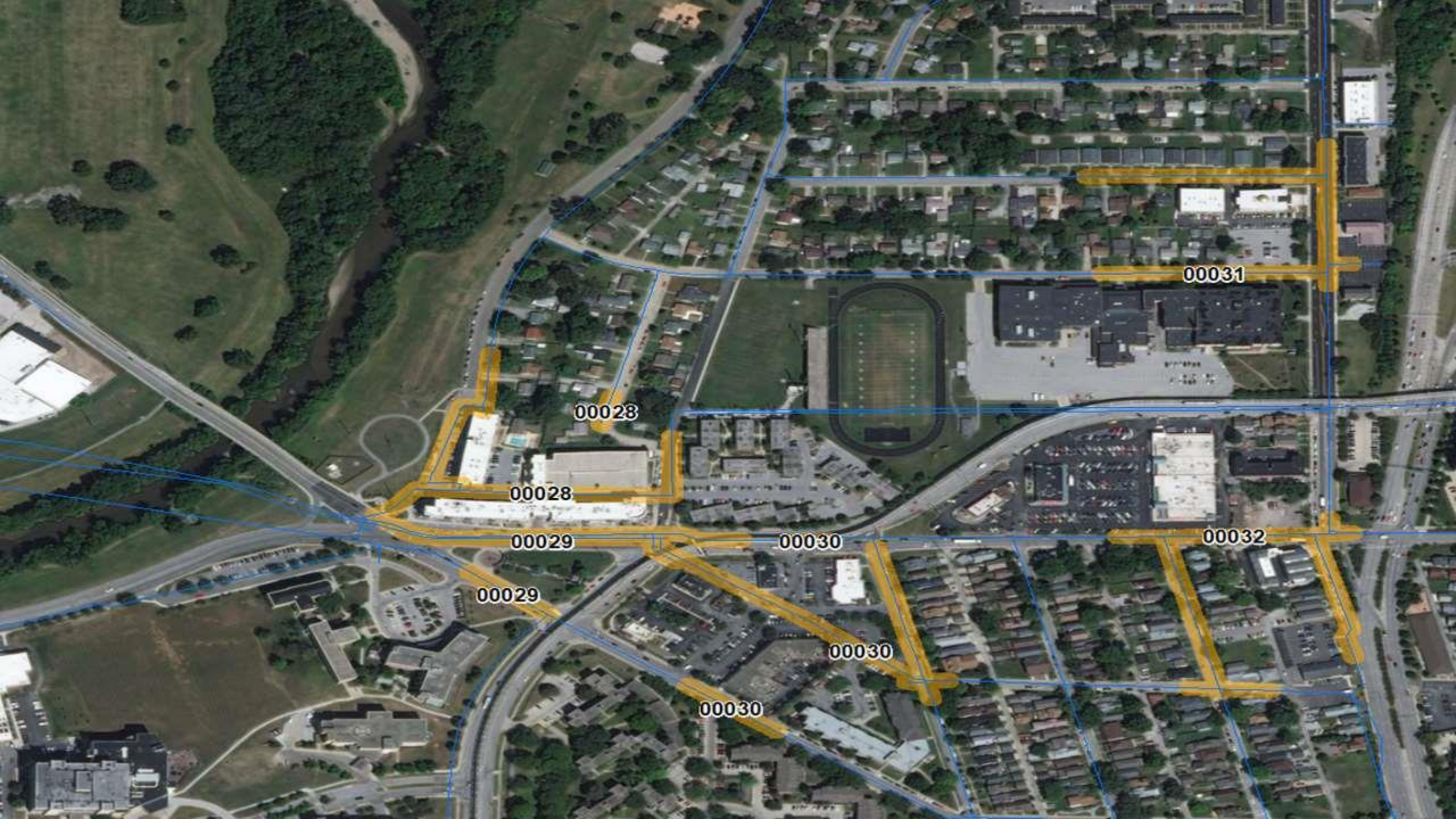


Satellite in polar orbit,  
630 Km altitude,  
carrying a microwave  
SAR sensor.



3500 KM<sup>2</sup>





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# Delivery and deliverables



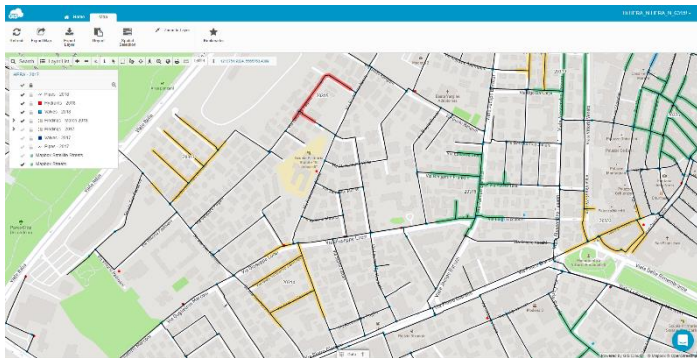
GIS files



SHP and KML  
for the utility  
mapping



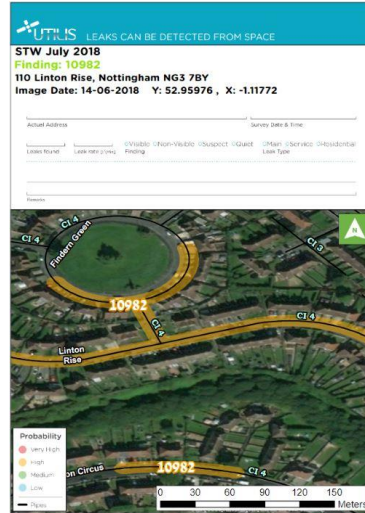
Web application link



For general use and for field  
navigation (orientation)



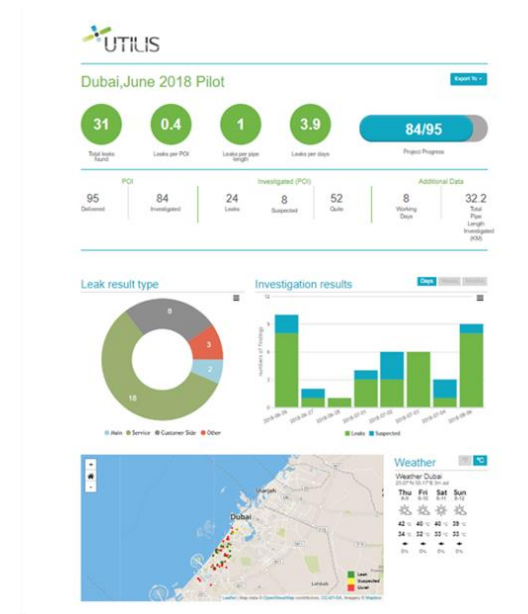
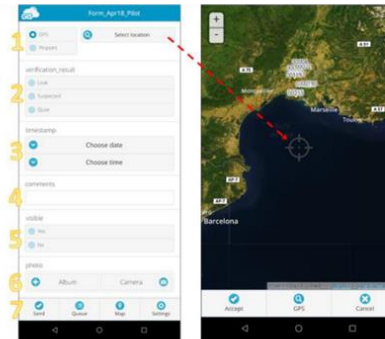
Leak sheets



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/min): \_\_\_\_\_

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

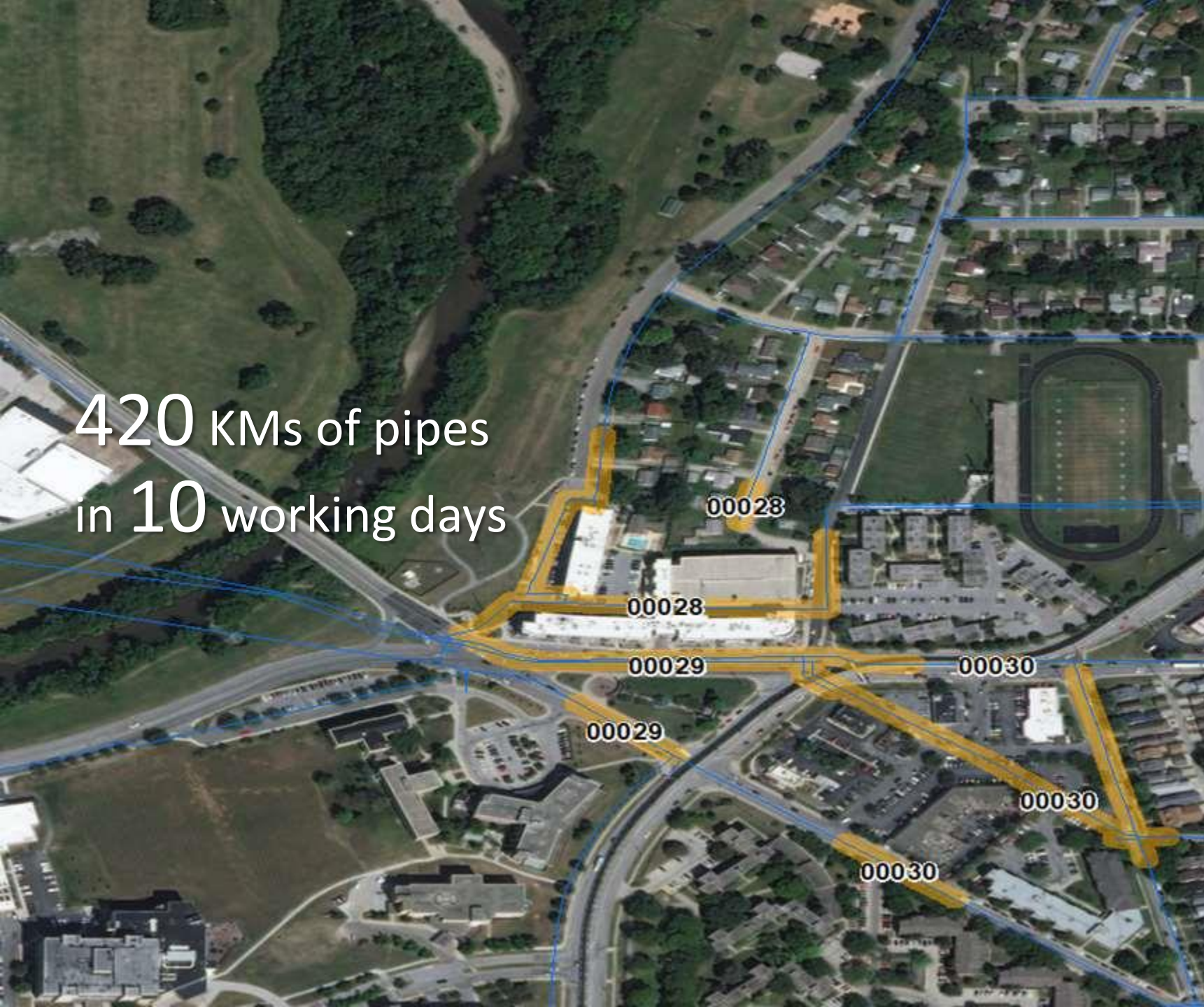




420 KMs of pipes  
in 80 working days (4 months)



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:

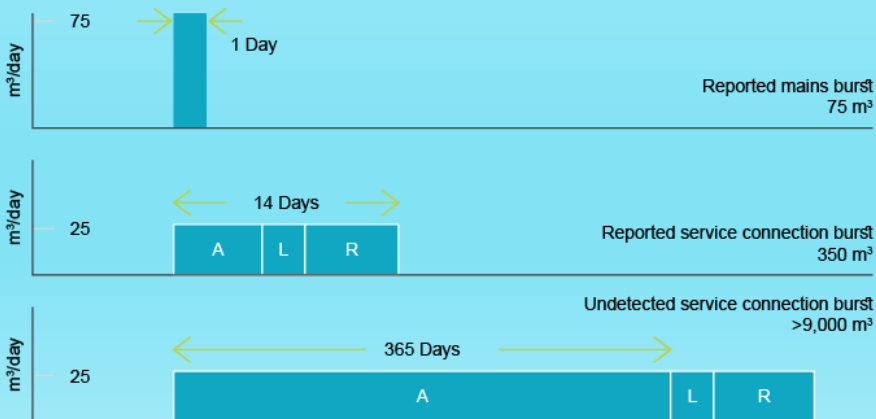
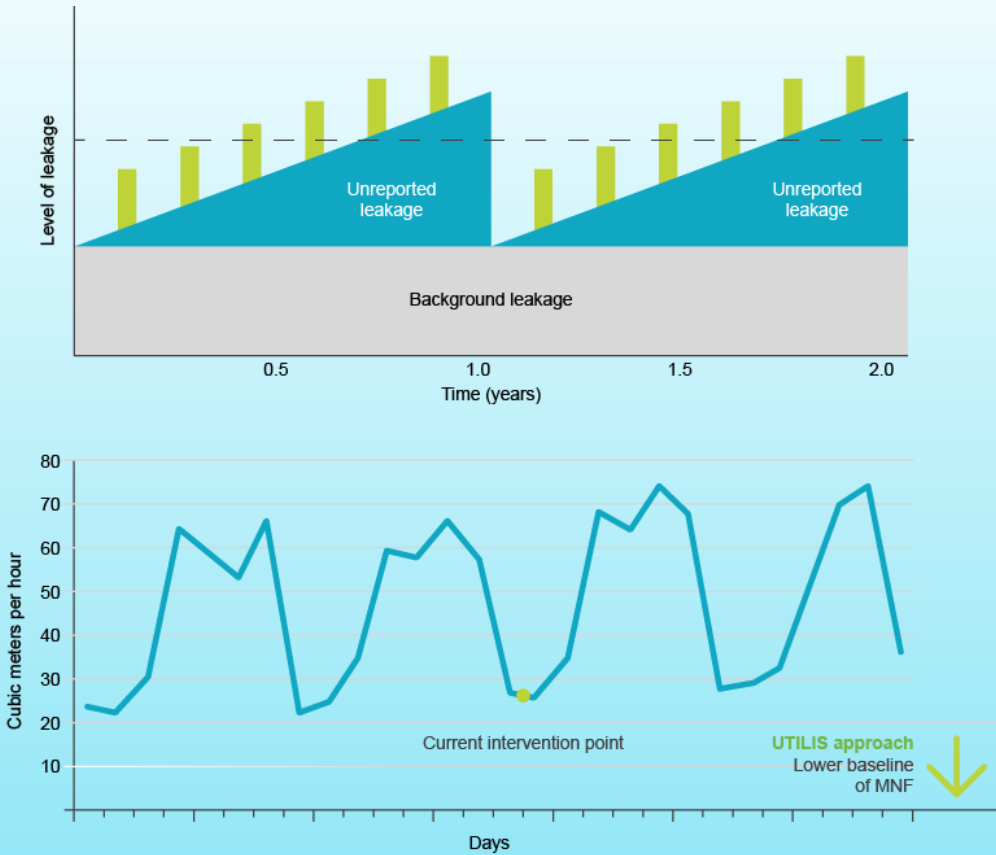
Analysis of components of annual leakage volume sometimes produces **counterintuitive** results. For example, long-running small leaks on service connections frequently lose greater volumes of water than mains bursts with high flow rates that are quickly repaired, but service connection leaks traditionally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

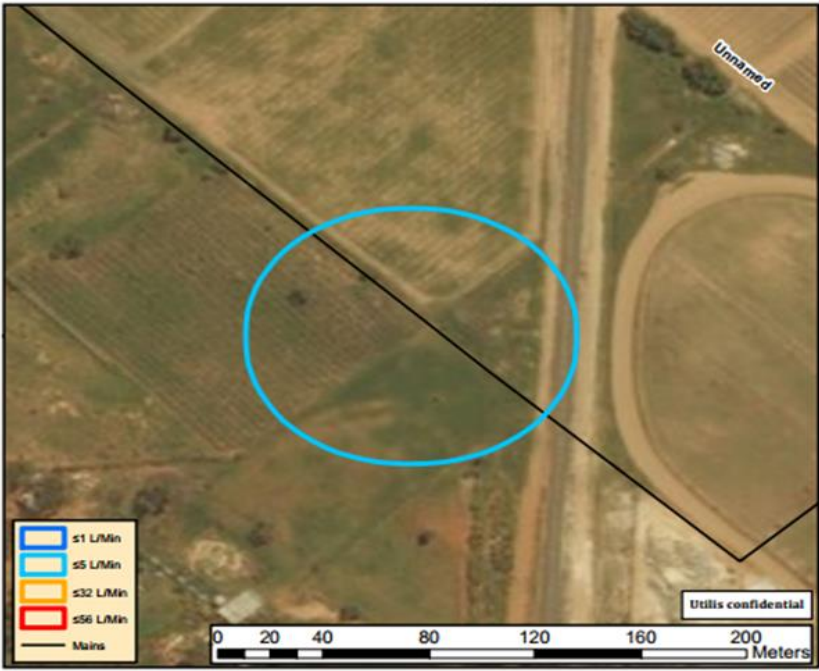
Steve Green, Director water distribution, Kansas City BPU



**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>



# Middle East Water Authority



## U-COLLECT Online Dashboard



### February 2019 Service 1

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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)



WORLD BANK

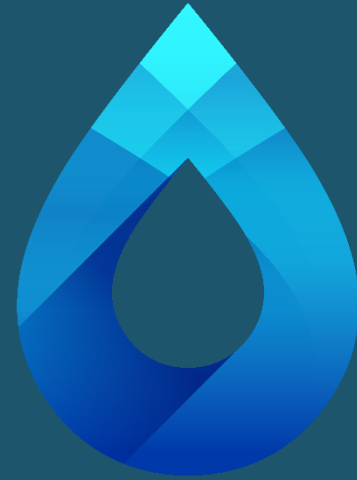


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5 continents, 40 countries, 190 utilities

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