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PREVENT: Assessing leakage on PE networks



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Assessing Leakage on New PE Networks: UKWIR Project Findings

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Overview





Over the past two decades, the water industry has predominantly adopted polyethylene (PE) pipes due to their durability, longevity, and lightweight properties.



Past research has highlighted concerns about electrofusion joints, indicating a higher failure rate compared to butt fusion and mechanical joints.



The unique properties of PE pipes, such as poor sound conductivity, pose challenges in traditional leak detection methods, making it harder to pinpoint leakage sites.



As home construction numbers continue to rise, the influence of PE networks on overall leakage levels within the water industry is set to escalate.



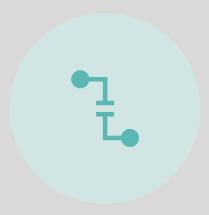
The project aims to collect and analyse leakage and comprehensive evidence identifying root causes and inform on recommendations

Background









The purpose of the project is to assess leakage in newly installed PE networks, and help with the UK water industry's goal to halve leakage by 2050

This project builds upon the findings of the 2010 report 10/WM/08/43, which highlighted challenges concerning PE pipe joint integrity.

Understanding the root causes behind leakages in newly installed polyethylene (PE) networks holds significant importance in achieving this goal.

Method



The following steps were agreed as the most beneficial way of deep diving on data from DMAs and questionnaire answers from water companies.



DMA Shortlist





The project team Facilitated two single-day workshops for all partners to help identify the requirements to include

- <20 years</p>
- 100% PE
- Either new network or fully refurbished up to and including boundary boxes



Upon further analysis, it was acknowledged that more robust and representative data was needed for the project's accuracy and reliability.



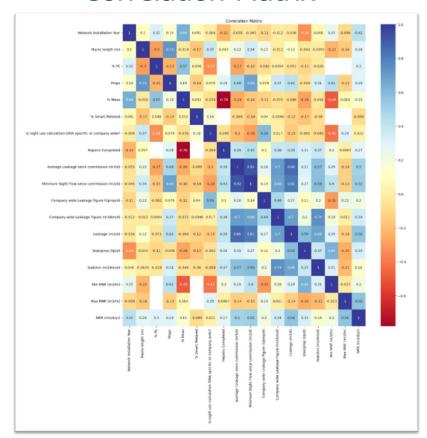
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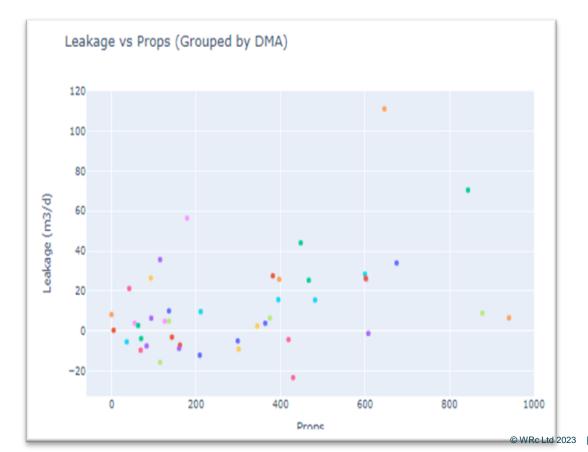
- <15 years</p>
- 100% PE
- 100% Metered

Data insights and correlations.



Correlation Matrix





Questionnaire development



Design

Installation

Quality Assurance

Monitoring

Organisational Practices

People

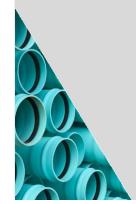
Customer Supply

Interviews



Interviews were conducted across multiple leading water companies to gather diverse perspectives and insights.





The interviews aimed to understand design approaches, installation procedures, quality assurance measures, monitoring practices, and customer supply standards.

Various stakeholders, including internal design teams, supervisors, and framework providers, were engaged in discussions.





Representatives from different departments within the water companies were interviewed to gain comprehensive insights into PE network management.

Challenges









Project timing

Data

Comprehensive evidence

Key findings









10% increase in first failure pressure testing



Declining knowledge and expertise in design teams







Final Report



Recommendations





New industry Standards

Questions?

AWARENESS: Monitoring, metering and Monte Carlo Analysis: Understanding trunk main imbalances



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"Unless we take action to change things, we will not have enough water to supply our needs."

Sir James Bevan, EA Chief Executive, 19th March 2019, Waterwise Conference





THERE ARE MANY THINGS THAT AFFECT METER ACCURACY

Technology

Age

Size

Velocity

Hydraulics

Output

Electrical Interference

Water Temperature

Pipe ovality

Installation



Air

Pipe condition

Water **Quality**



"NO MEASUREMENT IS EVER ABSOLUTE"

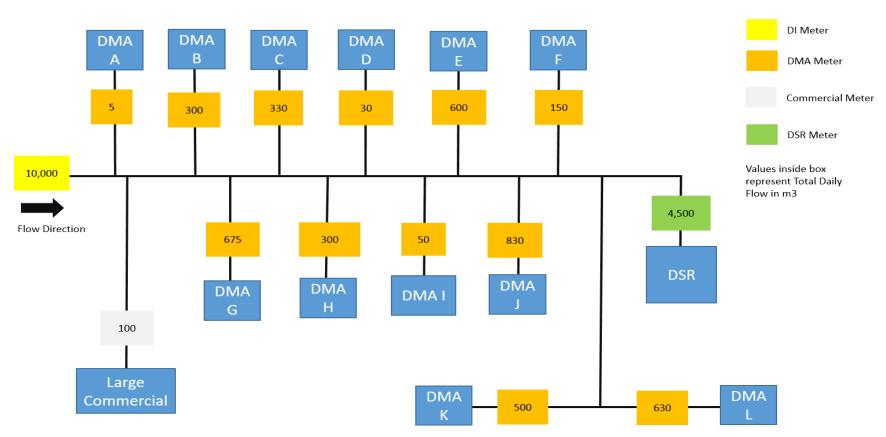
"ALLINSTRUMENTS ARE LIARS"

WHAT IS THE IMPACT OF METER ERROR?

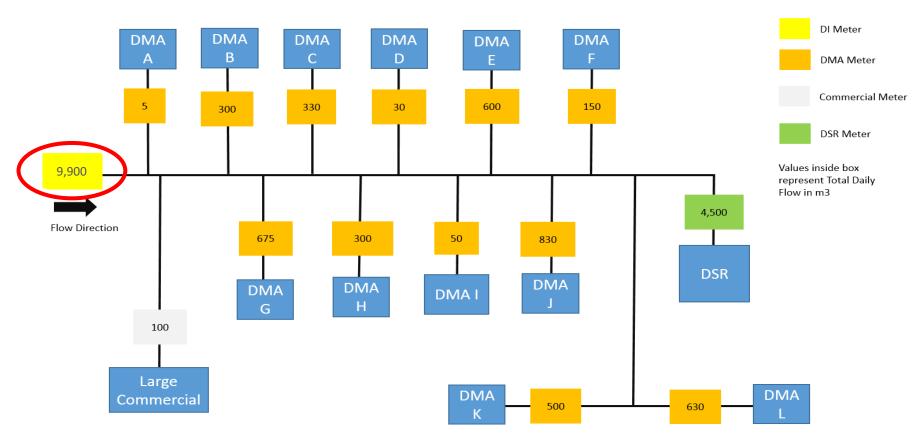


WE HAVE STARTED TO UNDERSTAND THE IMPACT OF METER ERROR ON TRUNK MAIN BALANCES THROUGH USING MONTE CARLO ANALYSIS

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TM ZONE 2 ACTUAL LEAKAGE = 900M3

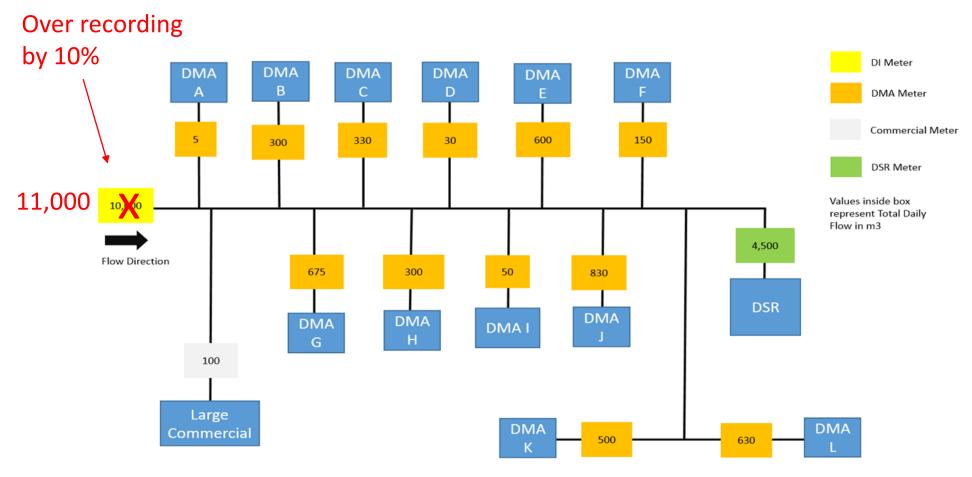


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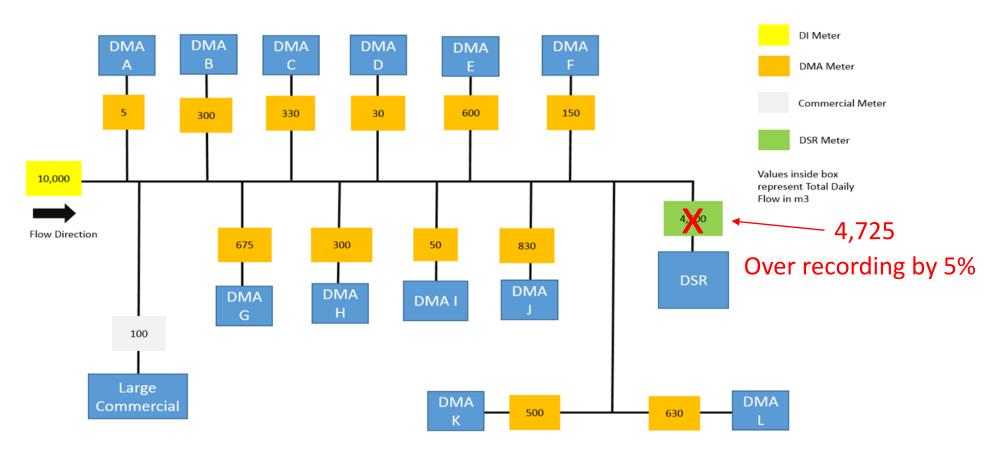
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With finite resource TM Zone 1, is the Zone which should be prioritised first.

TM ZONE 1 REPORTED LEAKAGE = 2,000M3



TM ZONE 1 REPORTED LEAKAGE = 775M3



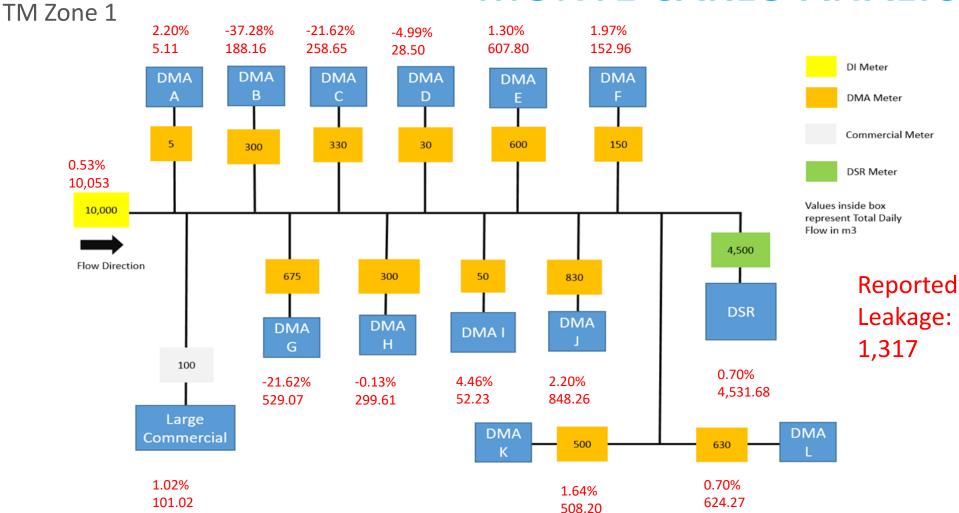




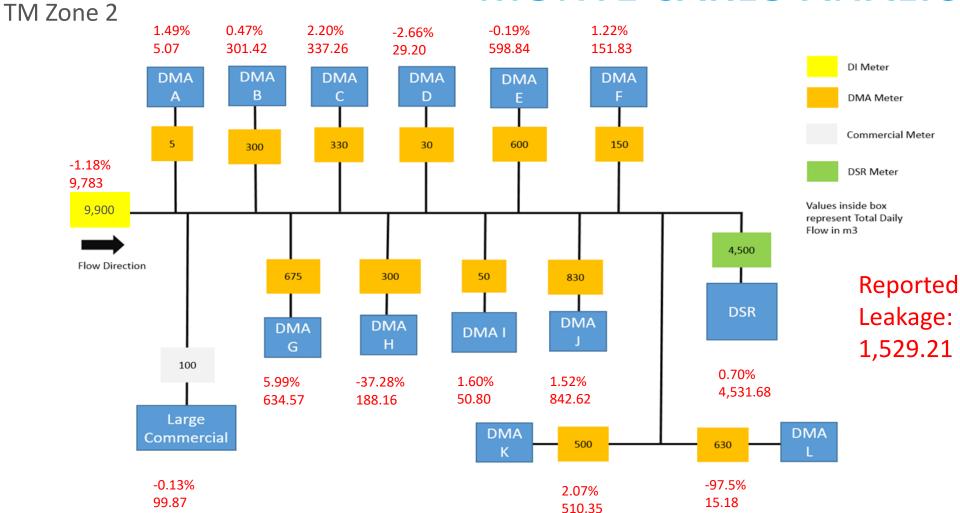
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MONTE CARLO ANALYSIS



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SIMULATION 1 RESULTS

	TM Zone 1	TM Zone 2	TM Zone 3	TM Zone 4	TM Zone 5	TM Zone 6
Simulation 1	1,317	1,529	875	933	815	526

WE DID 10,000 SIMULATIONS

THE FIRST 6 SIMULATIONS

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Simulation 3	1,125	1,530	1,457	844	1,349	700
Simulation 4	974	1,105	1,453	694	1,022	528
Simulation 5	1,130	925	980	1,099	690	395
Simulation 6	1,372	971	983	518	747	613

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TM Zone 6	500	503	493	988	148	111	41%	3	0%

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TM Zone 4	700	696	693	903	529	64	70%	1	0%
TM Zone 5	600	597	594	809	429	63	61%	0	0%
TM Zone 6	500	498	496	718	323	63	53%	0	0%

CONCLUSIONS:

- Meter errors can result in material reporting errors and resources being directed into the "wrong" Trunk Main Zones.
- In this example, eliminating the most significant DMA meter errors more than doubled the likelihood of the correct trunk main zone being prioritised.
- Additionally, once the greatest errors from the larger meters were taken out there was an 85% chance the right zone would be prioritised.

LIMITATIONS:

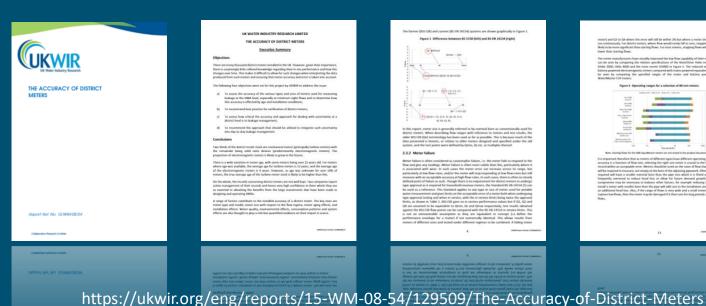
• All Trunk Main Zones are the same size and configuration, this is unrealistic.

Limited data sets

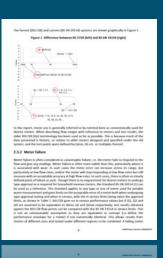
Assumed only errors are meter errors

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The industry should follow the UKWIR guidance for proactively replacing DMA meters at least every 12 years



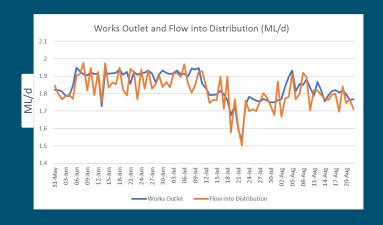






RECOMMENDATIONS:

 Mini flow balances, meter audits, electronic verification and flow verifications help identify meter errors.







Thank you for listening

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Questions?

AWARENESS: Lifting the lid on leakage – modelling consumption and night use from smart meter data



Axel Rendahl

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Lifting the lid on Leakage

Modelling consumption and night use from smart meter data

24th Annual Leakage Conference, 4-5 Dec 2023

Agenda

The next 20 mins...

- Context
- 2. Modelling usage from smart meter data
- 3. Application: daily water balance
- 4. Application: leakage targeting
- 5. Recap, Q&A

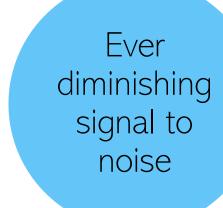


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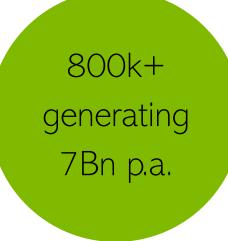
Why are we here?



A big challenge



Requiring greater precision



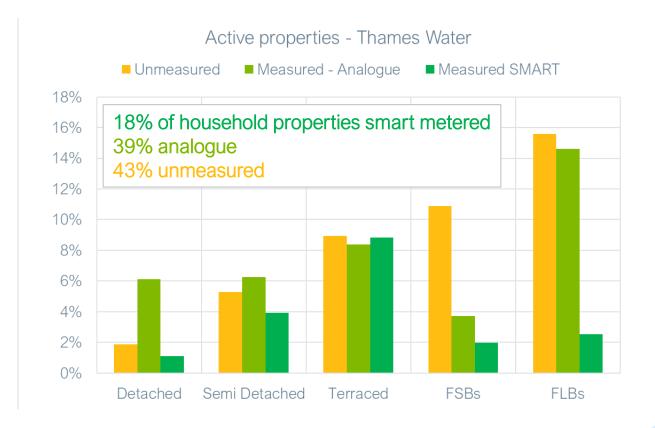
Loads of potential

Opportunity to share and collaborate

Context

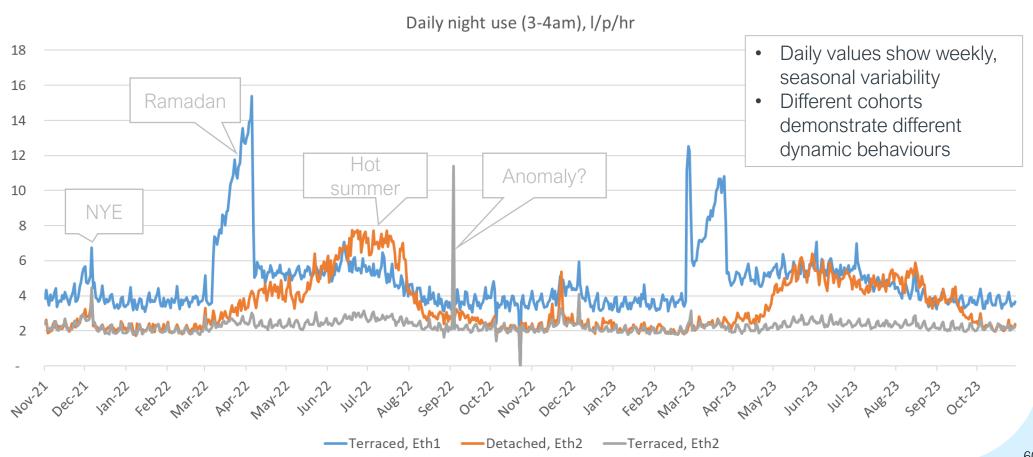
Thames Water has a growing coverage of smart meters, with rollout expected to complete during AMP9

- What can we do in the meantime?
- What about "unmeterable" properties?
- Can we model non-smart customers' usage from hourly smart meter data?



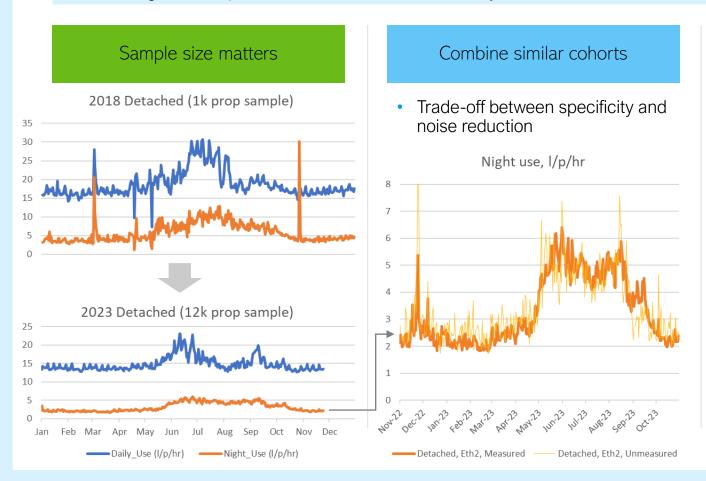
Modelling usage from smart meter data

We have derived dynamic consumption and night use allowances for 30 different cohorts of customers

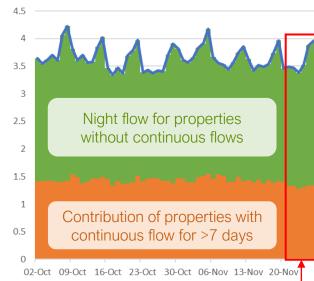


Modelling usage from smart meter data

Some insights and pitfalls encountered on the way...



Dealing with continuous flows



- CF subtracted to remove bias from smart metering
- Method over-estimates night use by __ ca. 5% in latest week, with implications for "live" reporting

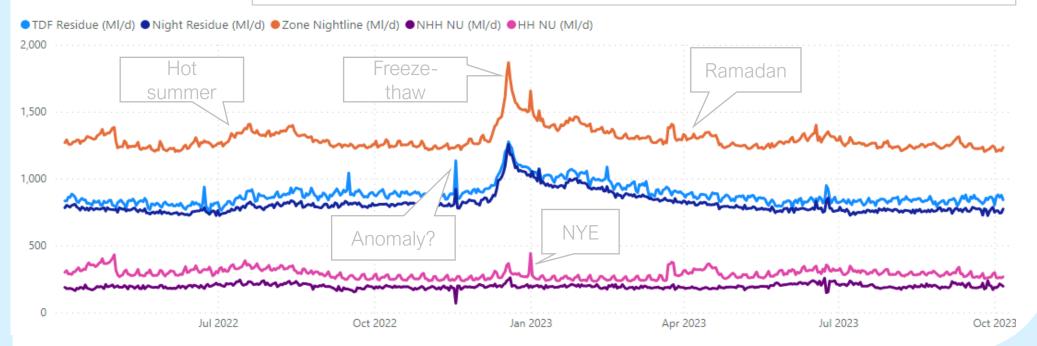
Application: daily water balance

Nightline Approach

We have derived total daily night use for household and non-households, and compared to zonal nightlines

Household night use aggregated by property count

- Using more local sample has improved fit
- Non-household night use extrapolated from billed volumes, plus continuous logging
- Smooth residual reflecting expected leakage trends

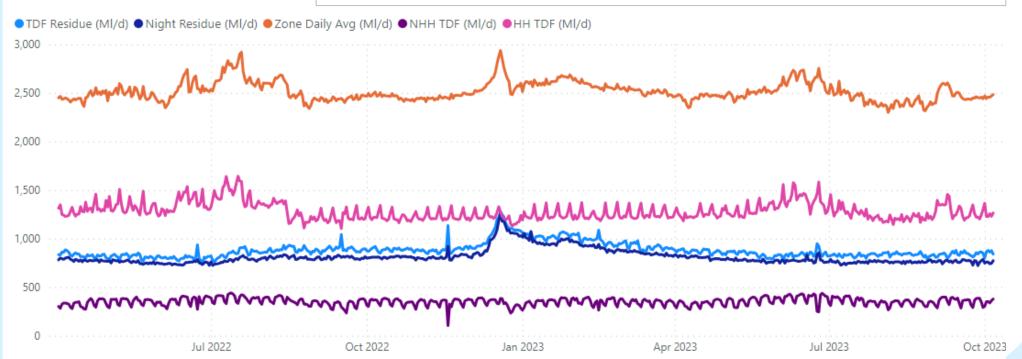


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Total Daily Flow Approach

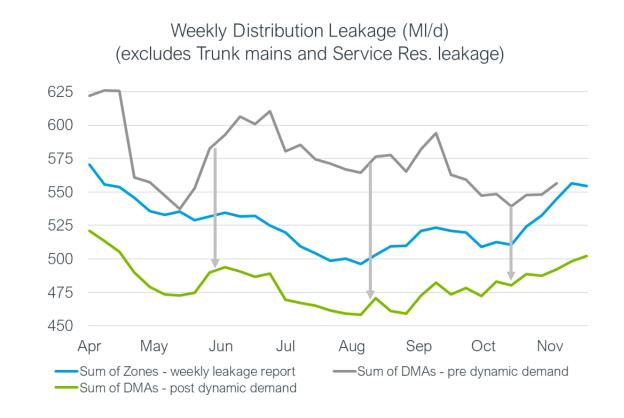
- Less noise (24 hrs vs. 1hr), especially when zooming into local areas
- Shape of residual may hint at missing consumption
- Top-down vs. Bottom-up comparison can be used to highlight local issues



Application: leakage targeting

We have fed the dynamic demand allowances into Netbase – daily allowances, by WRZ, updated weekly

- Reflects daily and seasonal fluctuations in night use
- Smoother profile, reduced water balance residual
- Updated ranking of DMAs: "false positives" out, "hidden offenders" exposed
- Better alignment with regulatory reporting method
- Spot areas of local disagreement – highlighting errors in data or assumptions



Recap

What did we just witness?







Questions?

AWARENESS: Revisiting fundamental leakage basics to gain more insight into DMA current and future performance



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Revisiting Fundamental
Leakage Basics to Gain More
Insight into DMA Current and
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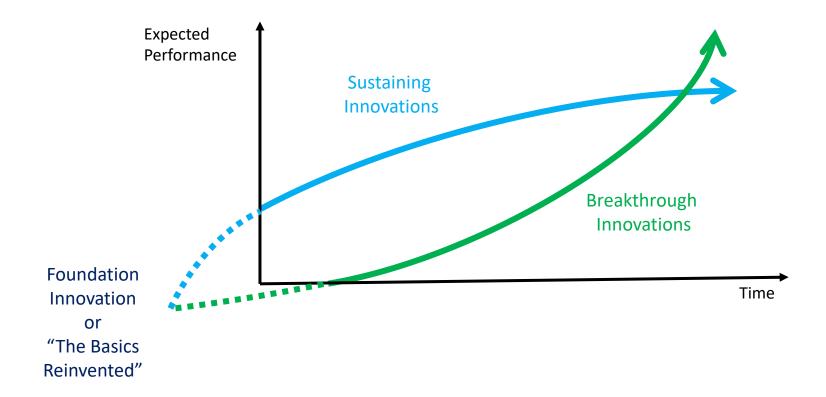
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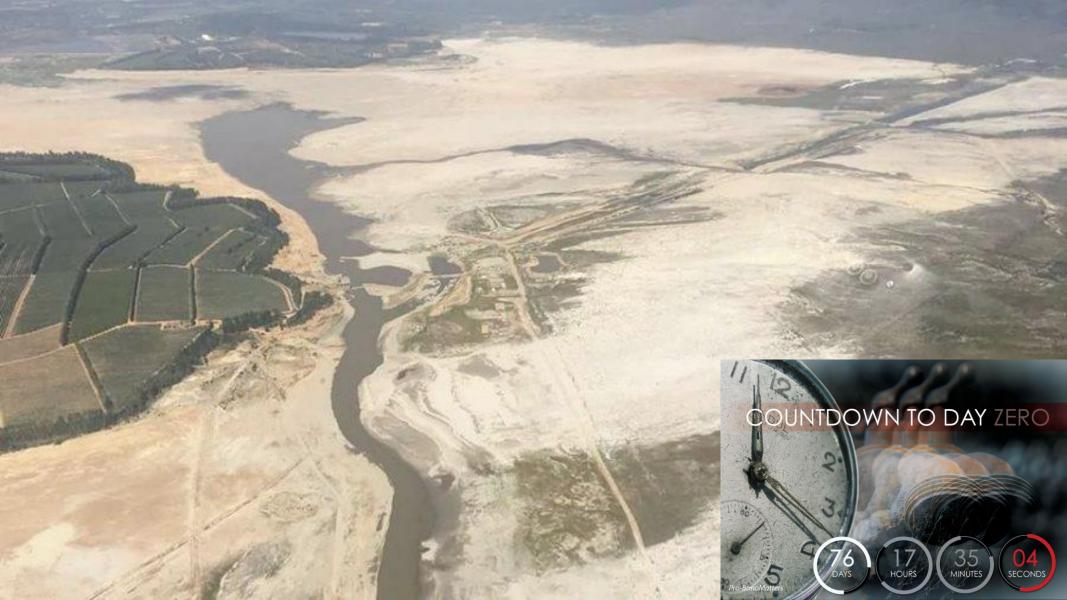






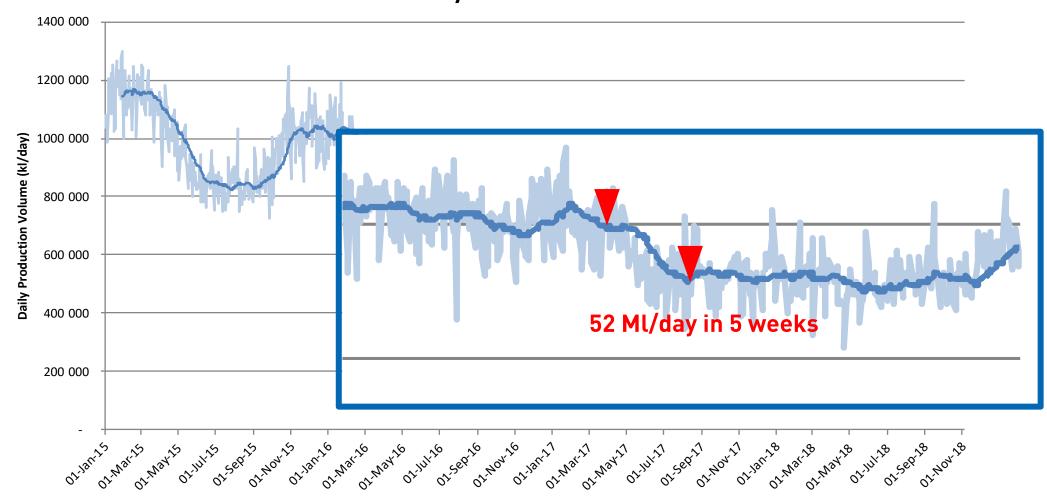








City of Cape Town Historical Daily Production Volumes



...SO... WHAT IF...





.. there was a simple, accurate, reliable and effective leakage management tool that points you in the right direction..



..that helps you get your resources in the right place in the right order..



..that ensures your team is working on the right things...



..to get maximum impact on leakage reduction (in most instances more than your target..)



BALANCE

A Decision Support
System (DSS) designed for water leakage practitioners



Provides data rich, complete and thorough information at DMA level



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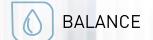
Successfully proven in key leakage volume reduction projects



Using innovative data science based on many years of research and development







WHO IS BALANCE FOR?

- O1 Asset Managers obtain quick and reliable overview of reticulation network health
- Planners confidently develop leakage management strategies and accurate reporting
- Leakage Managers refine leakage reduction activities and prioritise resources more efficiently
- O4 Smart Metering Managers get insight into Customer Side Leakage to help prioritise smart meter rollouts



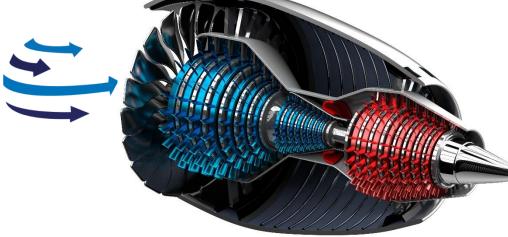


WHAT DOES BALANCE DO?





Measurements from just three points (inflow, AZP and CP)



One 45-minute pressure test

- Provides a comprehensive analysis at DMA level
- Validates leakage volume calculations and nature of leakage
- Determines minimum levels of achievable leakage and targets
- Recommends best intervention(s) to meet targets
- Determines extent of Customer Side Leakage
- Calculates unmetered consumption
- Verifies Assessed Normal Night
 Use factors
- O Identifies why intended results are not being achieved

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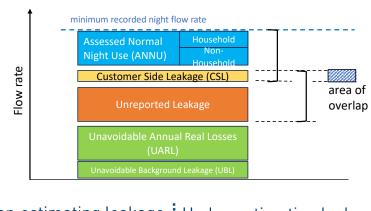


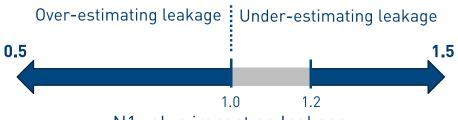
HOW DOES BALANCE WORK?



- O Interpret understand what the data analytics are telling you
- Predict determine minimum achievable leakage volume and maximum recoverable leakage
- Prioritise identify DMA's with highest recoverable leakage according to pressure management or ALC
- Implement targeted intervention in each DMA to achieve maximum impact
- Report use data analytics, factors and impact to report on results against targets







N1 value impact on leakage

Infrastructure Condition Index (ICI)	Classification Band	Generalised Action
<1.5	A1	Proactive leak detection and repair concentrating on service connections
1.5 <= 2.0	A2	Proactive leak detection and repair concentrating on mains and service connections
2.0 <= 3.0	B1	Rehabilitation of mains, fittings and service connections, approximately street length
3.0 <= 4.0	B2	Rehabilitation of mains, fittings and service connections, approximately block length
4.0 <= 6.0	C1	Replacement of all pipes older than 50 years
6.0 <= 8.0	C2	Replacement/renewal between 25% and 50% of reticulation network
>8.0	D	Replacement/renewal greater than 50% of reticulation network











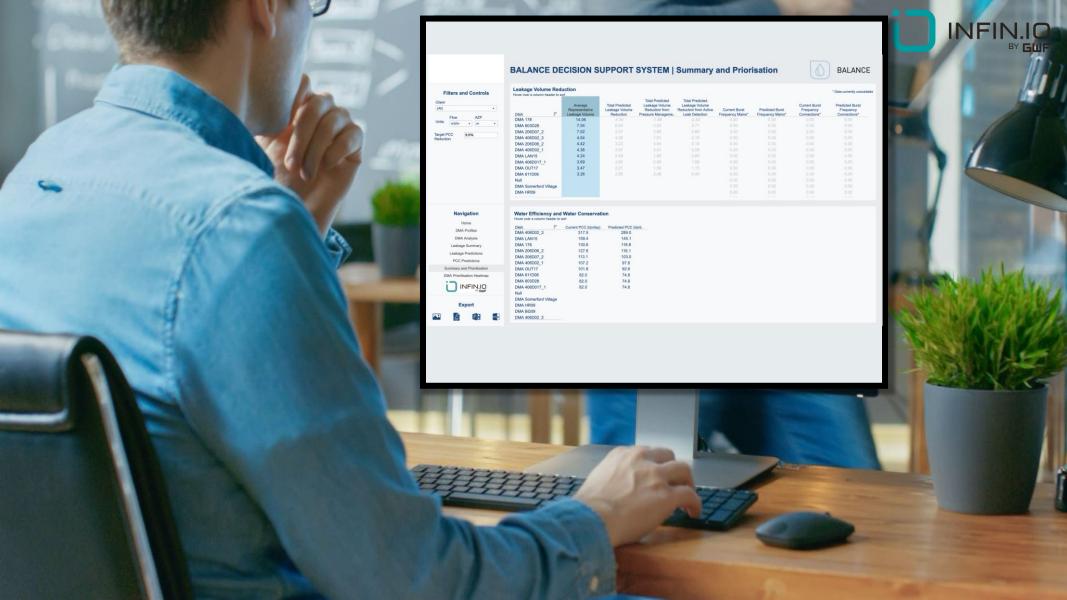




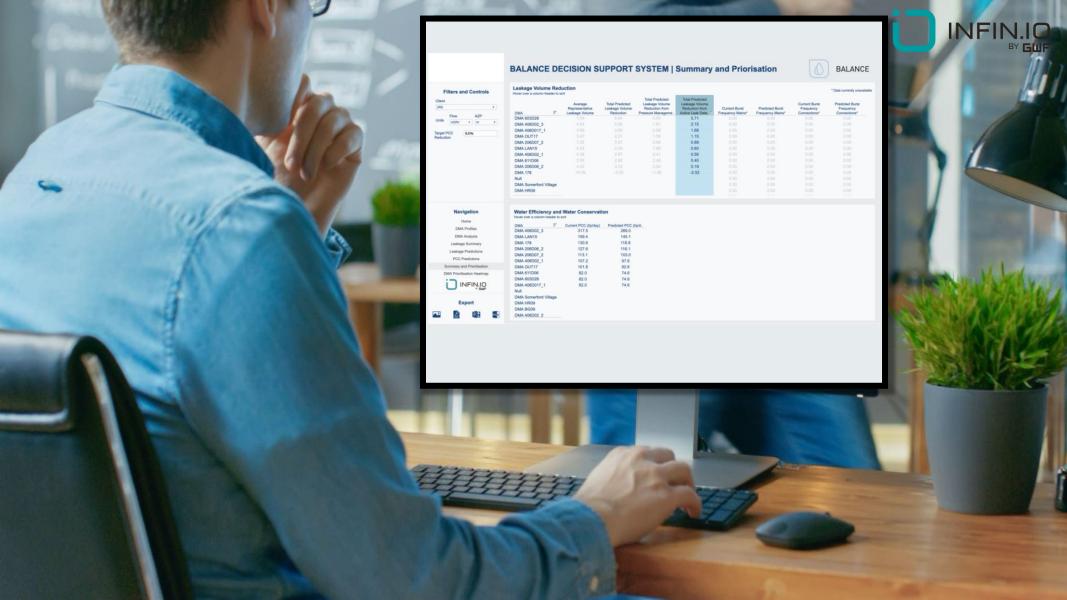


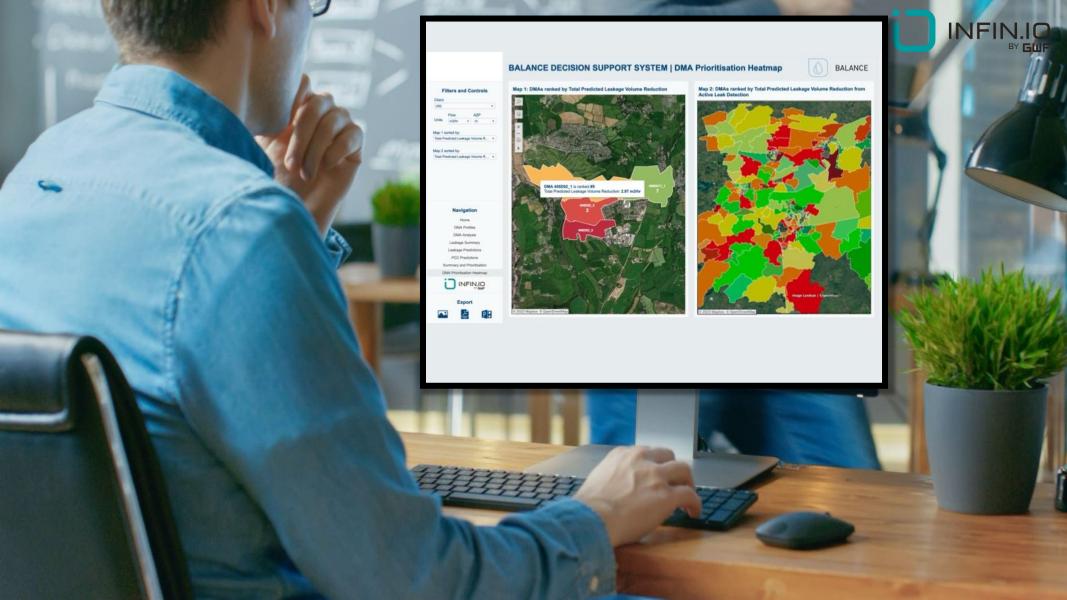


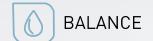












BALANCE PROVIDES ACTIONABLE INSIGHT







Accurately quantifies the leakage reduction achievable from pressure reduction



Calculates how many equivalent leaks will need to found and fixed in a DMA



Estimates the volume of Customer Side Leakage, even for unmetered connections



Indicates condition of network infrastructure for both mains and connections



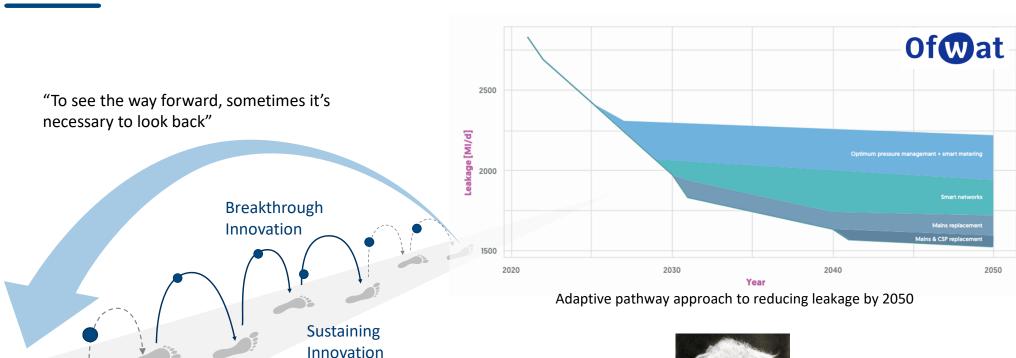
Resource management by sending the right people to do the right thing in the right place in the right order

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QUITE SIMPLY, YOU NEED A LITTLE BALANCE IN YOUR LIVES!



"Get your facts first, then you can distort them as you please. ..." Mark Twain 1900

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Questions?

Networking lunch Resume at 2.30pm

Don't forget to add your post-it notes to the Thought Wall

Meet up with our exhibitors and other delegates























