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# Welcome back



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# **Building understanding for resilience**





# How climate change will impact our networks: Modelling the relationships between soil, weather and bursts



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# Modelling the impacts of climate change on infrastructure



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## PAST ≠ PRESENT ≠ FUTURE

### Changes:


- Frequency of (bad) events
- Areas affected
- Assets at risk
- Deterioration of particular materials
- Regulation
- Demand patterns
- Opportunities for improvement

## Water is AWESOME!

Essential for life

Essential for economic growth

Essential for peace and security



Water Networks =  
true critical national  
infrastructure



## Islington: Flooding in north London as water main bursts

44 minutes ago



People are being asked to stay away from the area

**Two adults and two children were rescued by firefighters after a burst water main left part of north London under several feet of water.**

The broken main on the corner of Hornsey Road and Tollington Road in Islington caused floods of up to 4ft (1.2m) and created two sinkholes.

About 50 properties were damaged and several roads remain closed, London Fire Brigade (LFB) said.

Flood levels receded after the main was shut at 11:05 BST, Thames Water LFB said it first received calls just after 07:00.

## Ban bonuses for water firm bosses until they fix leaky pipes, say Lib Dems

England's water and sewage chiefs awarded themselves £27m amid leakages of 2.4bn litres a day



A Thames Water official on Hornsey Road, Holloway, north London, on Monday, after a water main burst, causing flooding up to 4ft deep. Photograph: Jonathan Brady/PA

Water company bosses should be banned from giving themselves bonuses until they fix their **leaky pipes**, the Liberal Democrats have demanded.

New figures uncovered by the party found that England's water and sewage company bosses have awarded themselves about £27m in bonuses over the past two years.

Analysis of Companies House records by the party found that executives at England's water and sewage companies were paid £48m in 2020 and 2021, including £27.6m in bonuses, benefits and incentives.

This is despite reports that they allow 2.4bn litres of water to be leaked in **England every day**.

10:30 4G

### Water companies are beginning to introduce hosepipe bans

**Yorkshire Water**  
Would come into effect from 26 August in West Yorkshire, South Yorkshire, East Riding, North Lincolnshire, North Yorkshire and Derbyshire

**Thames Water**  
Bans likely

**Welsh Water**  
Ban starting on the 19 August in some areas. Wider bans likely

**Southern Water**  
Hampshire and the Isle of Wight from Friday 5 August

**South East Water**  
Kent and Sussex supply area from 12 August

Guardian graphic

AA theguardian.com

18:48 UK World Climate crisis Newsletters More

### Headlines

20°C

#### Water / Calls to cut bonuses for UK water bosses until reservoirs built and leaks fixed

**Executive pay** As drought hits, what are UK water company chief executives paid?

#### UK weather / Met Office warns of 'dangerous' floods across country

**Drought** Hosepipe ban to come into force in Cornwall and parts of Devon

#### Boris Johnson / No 10 admits PM will only be contacted if urgent while on holiday

**Energy bills** Centrica and Octopus back plan to freeze UK bills for two years

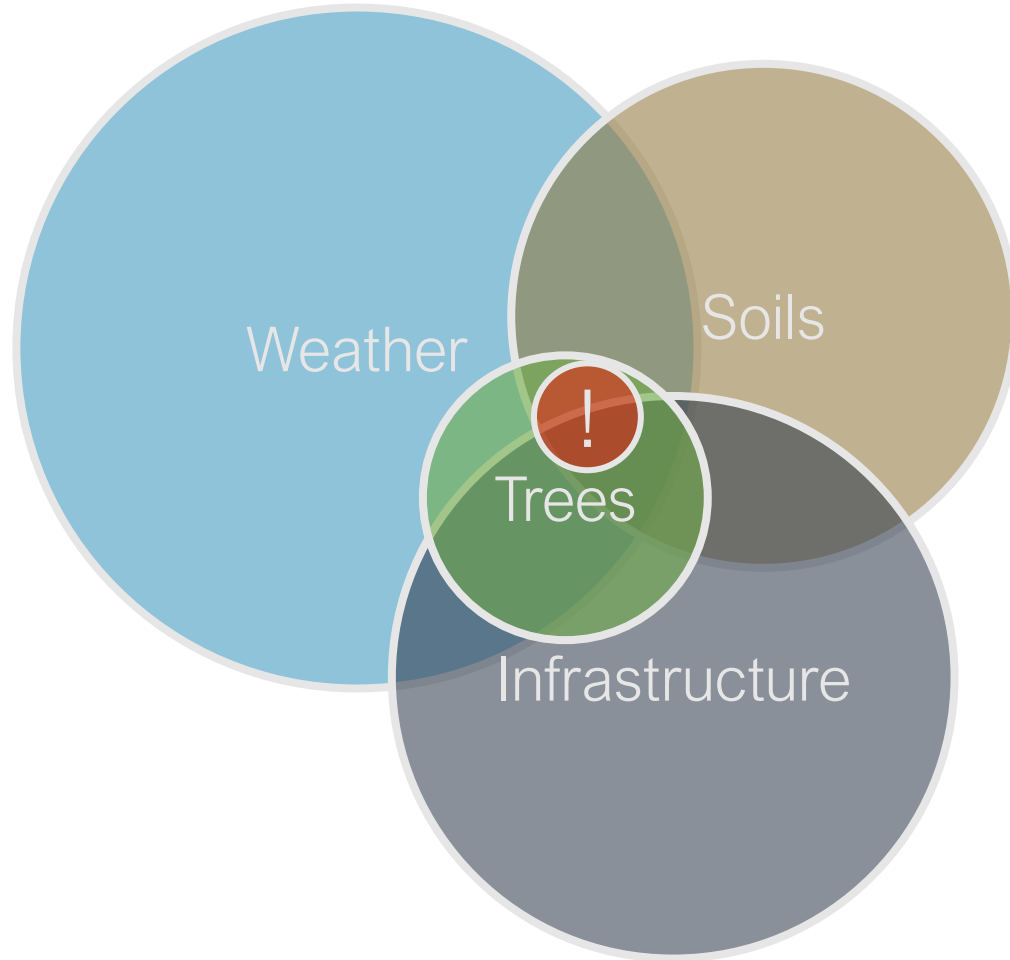
theguardian.com

1. Assemble **data** and **identify environmental impacts**
2. Build **historic models of asset performance**
3. Construct **forward looking climate models**



# 1: Assemble data and find patterns

# Data and Environmental Impacts



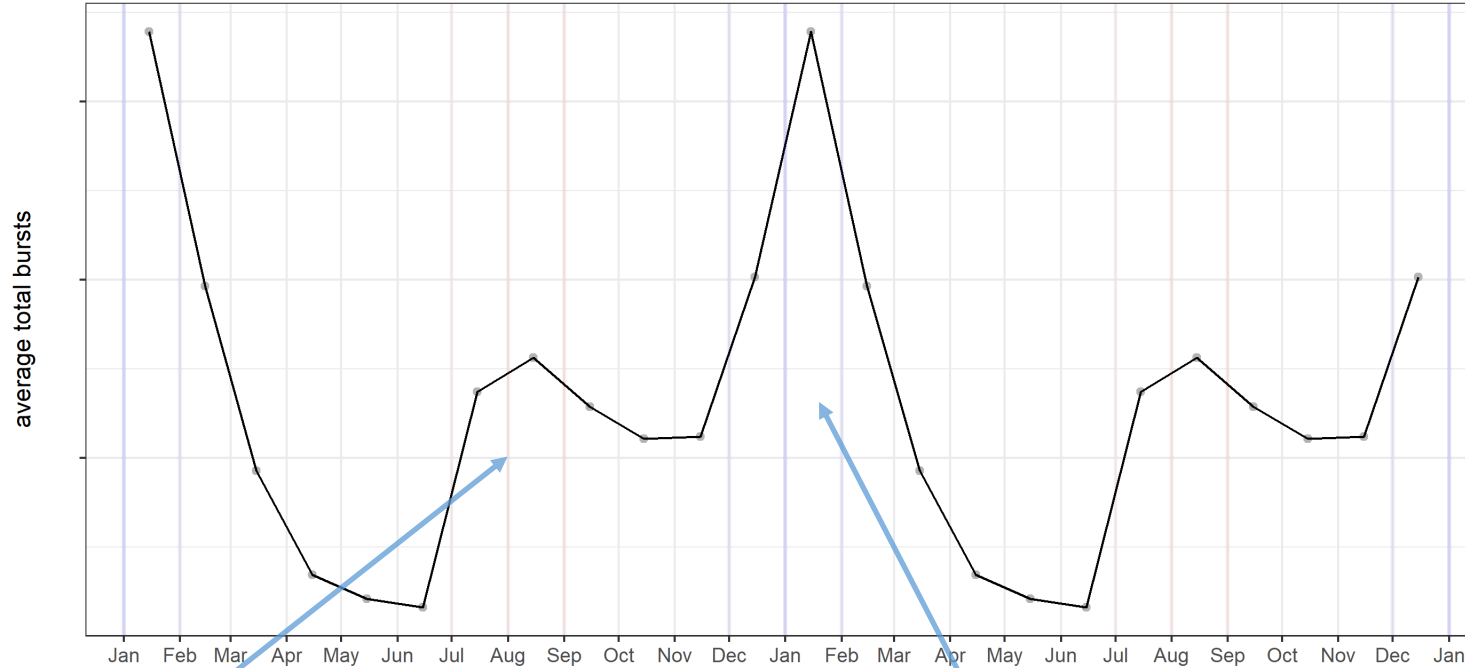
How do these factors interact to cause asset failures?

Then use this to better plan investments / interventions.



# Monthly trends

average bursts per month (2010-2019) - all materials

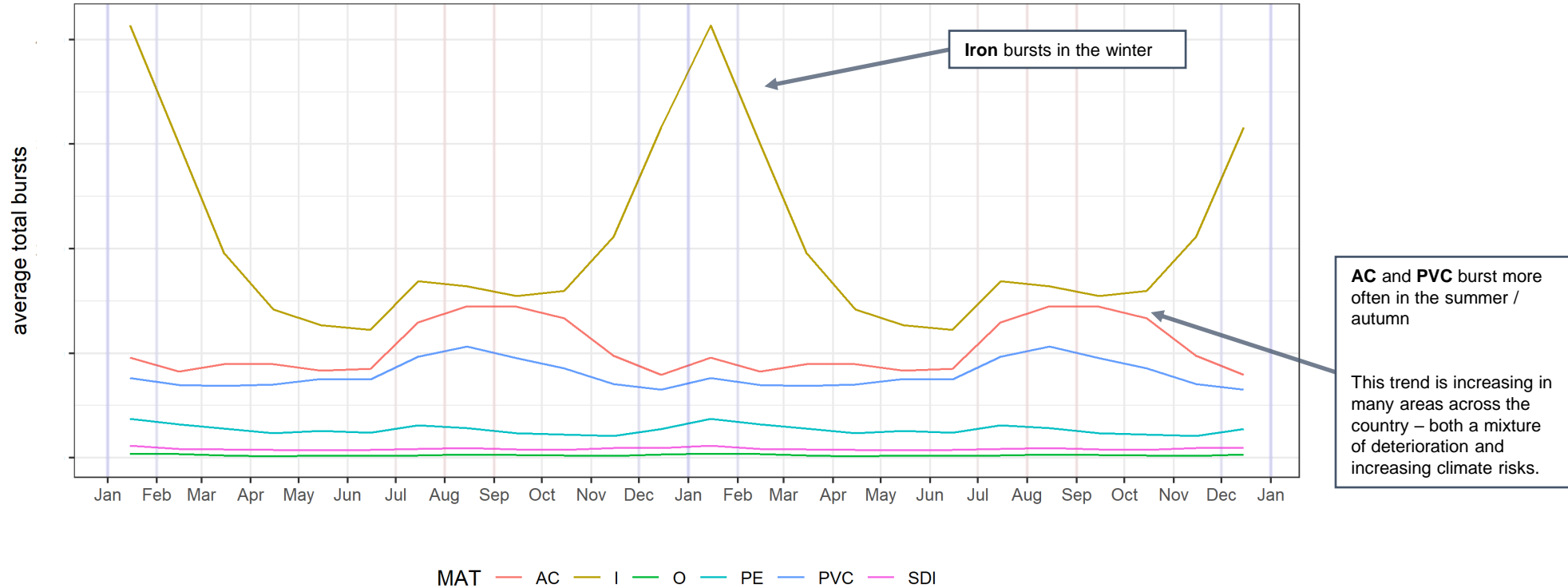


Summer peak  
(temperature and ground  
movement impacts)

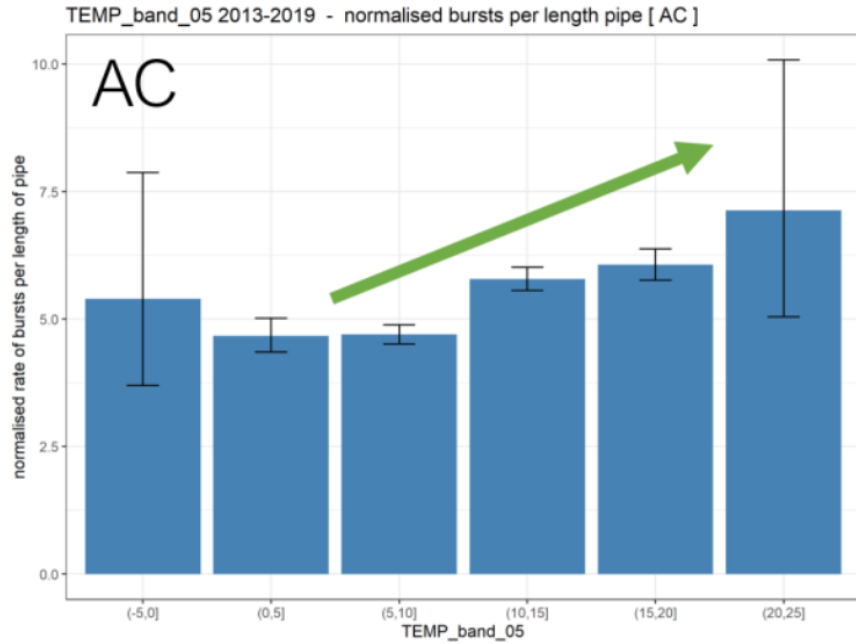
Winter peak  
(Cold weather impacts)

# Monthly Trends (by material)

average bursts per month (2010-2019) - by material

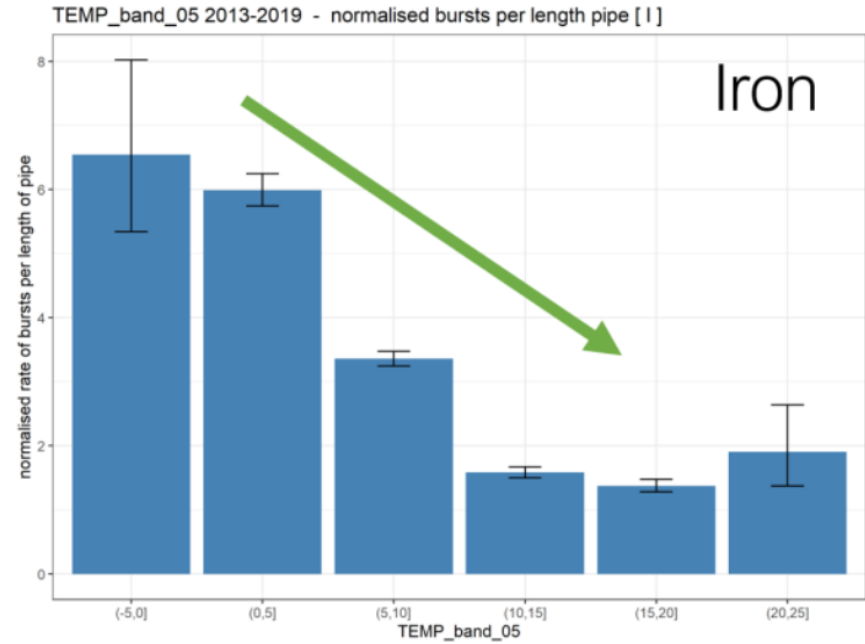


# Temperature



cold

hot



cold

hot

Video showing different soil responses  
to moisture – can be viewed in the  
video recording from the Conference



# Can the soil shrink?

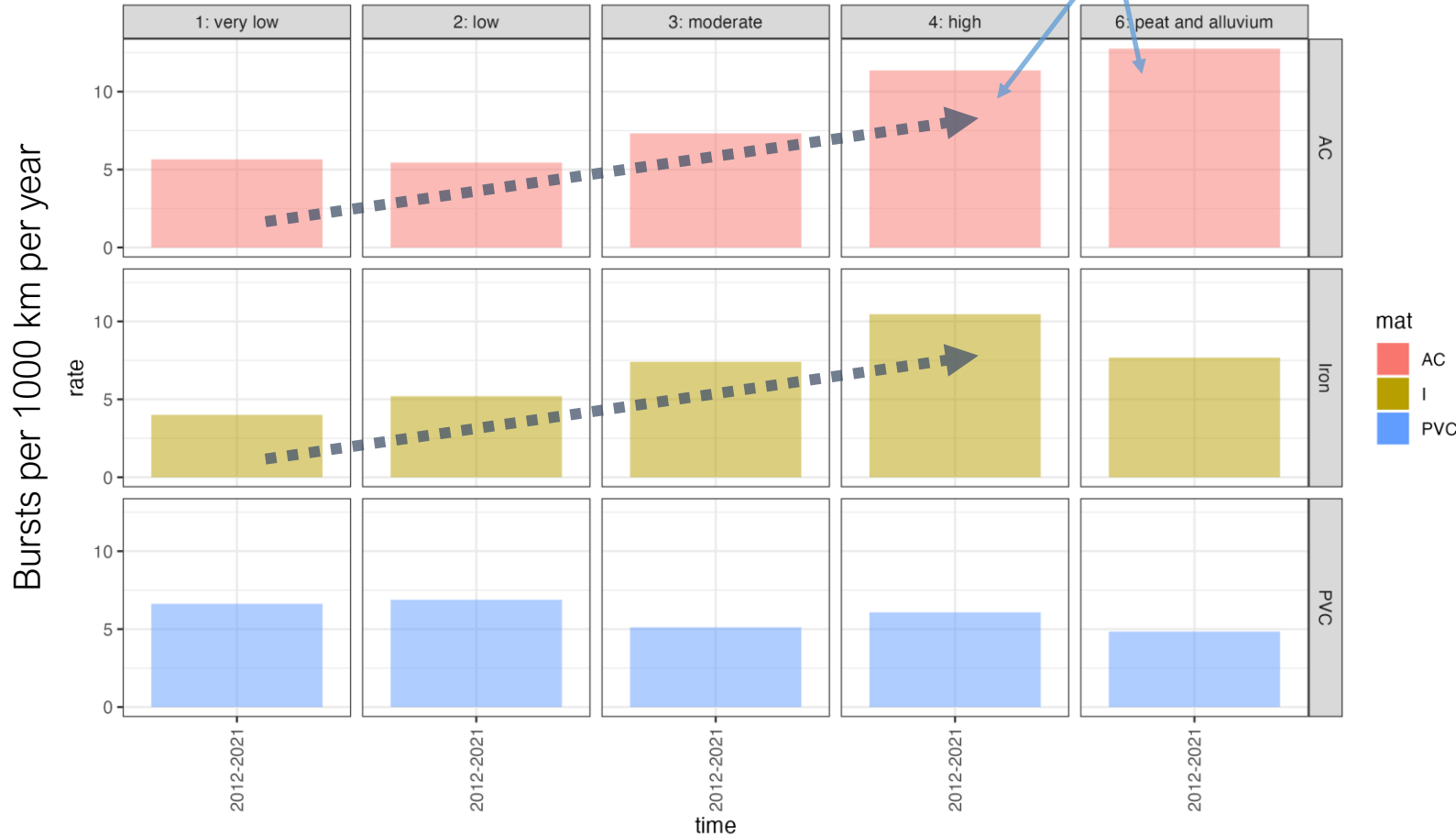




# Soil impacts

How shrinkable are the soils?

More bursts in shrinkable soils

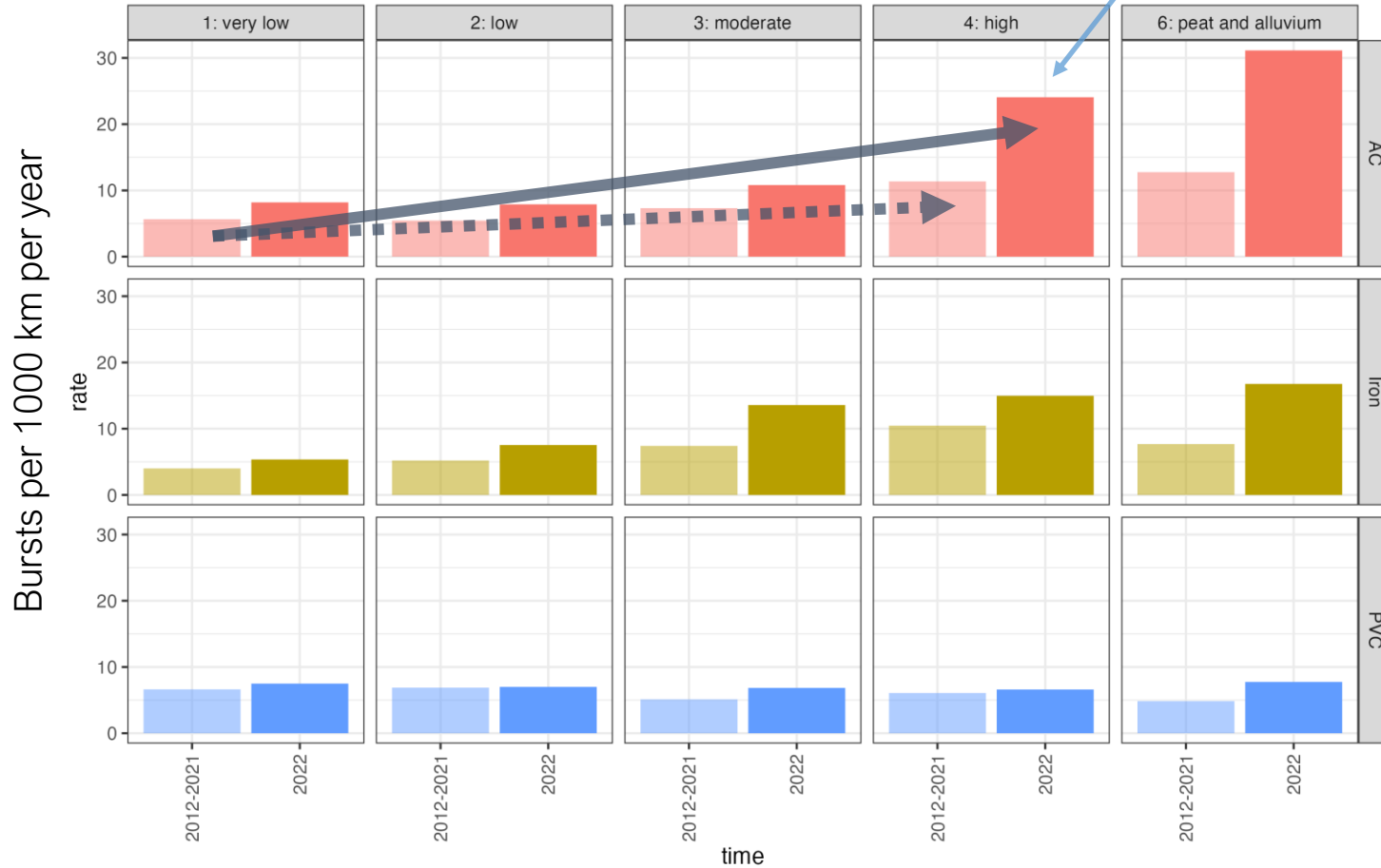


Average summer burst rates in different soils (2012-2021)

# Soil impacts

How shrinkable are the soils?

Even more bursts  
in hot summers!



Average summer burst rates in different soils (2012-2021) compared with 2022 (very hot!)

mat  
AC  
I  
PVC

# Temperature & soil moisture

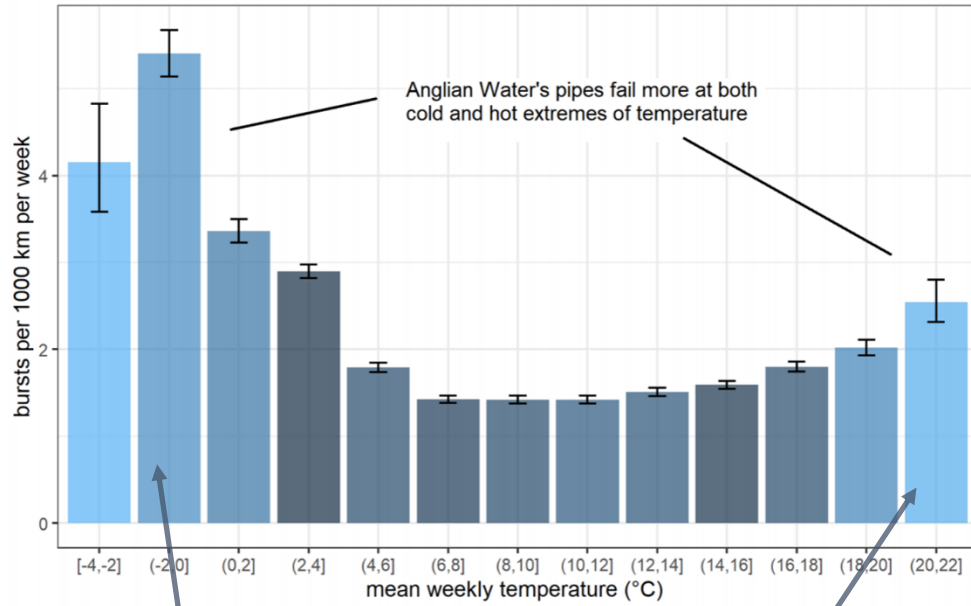
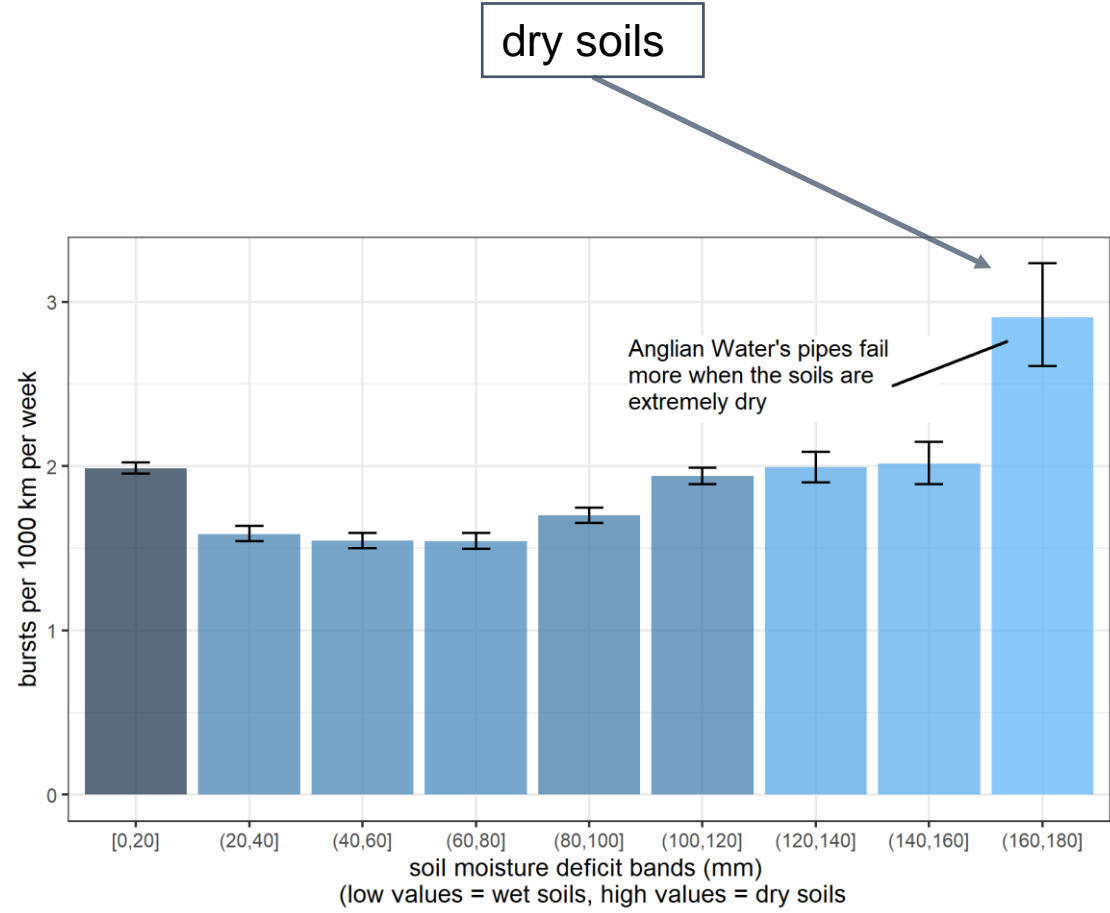


Figure 14 - failure rate (bursts per 1000 km per week) by temperature band, for all materials together, 2009-2019

cold weather

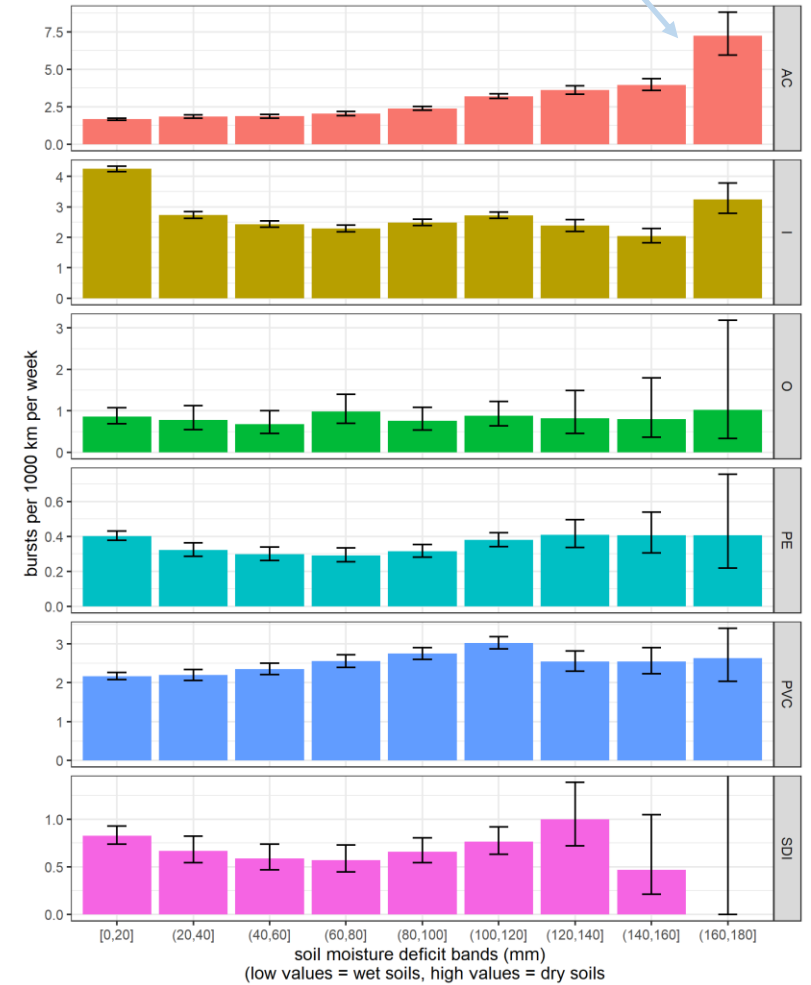
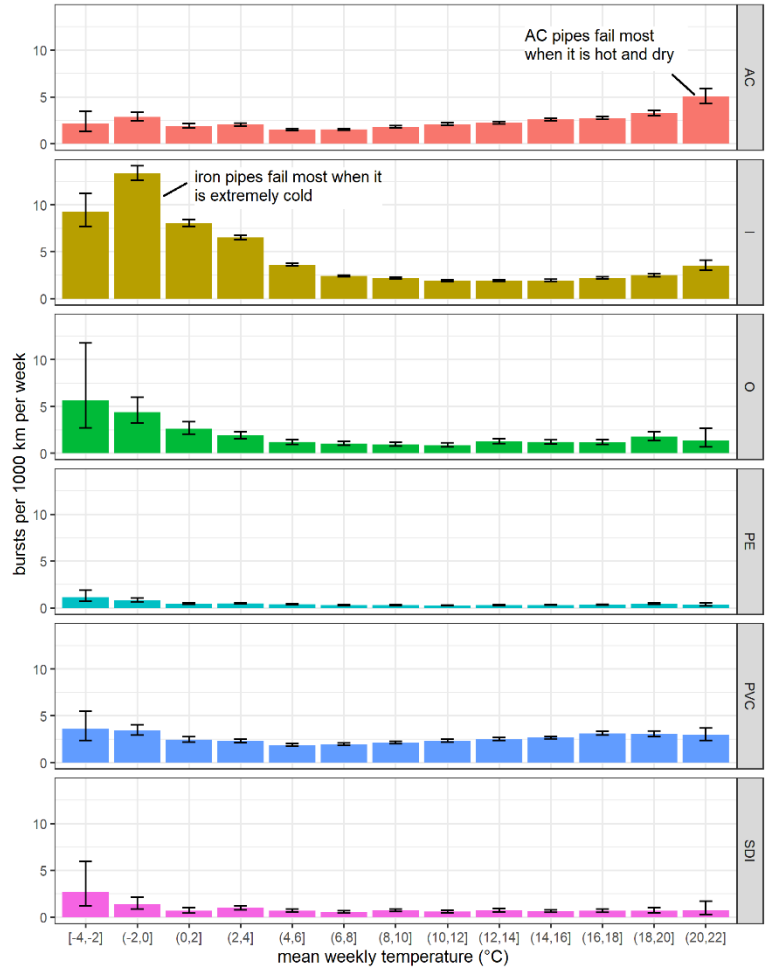
hot weather





# Temperature & soil moisture

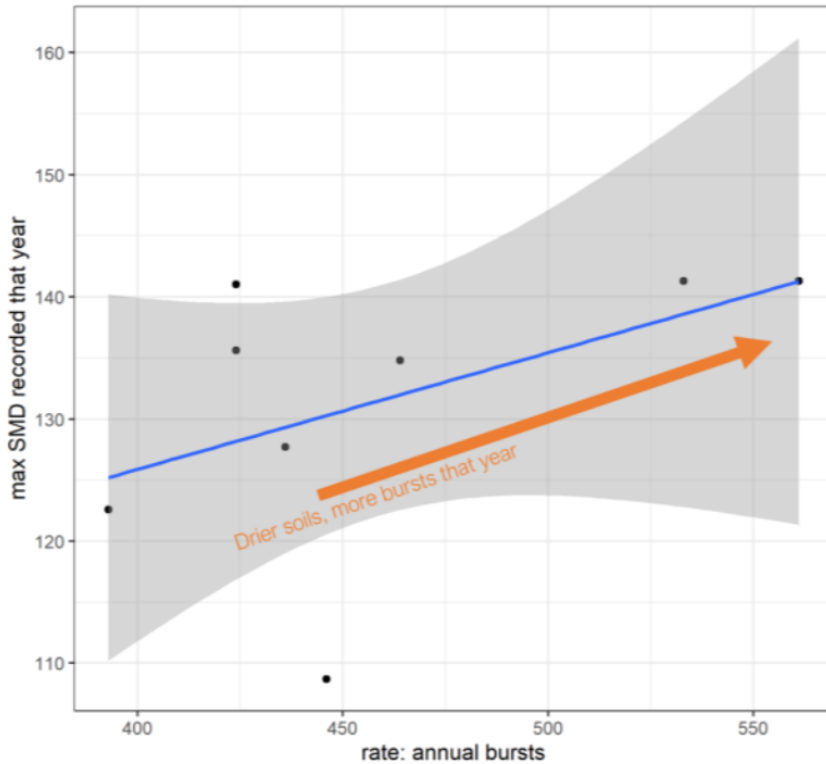
AC fails most when soils are very dry... and especially where soils are shrinkable



# Temperature & soil moisture

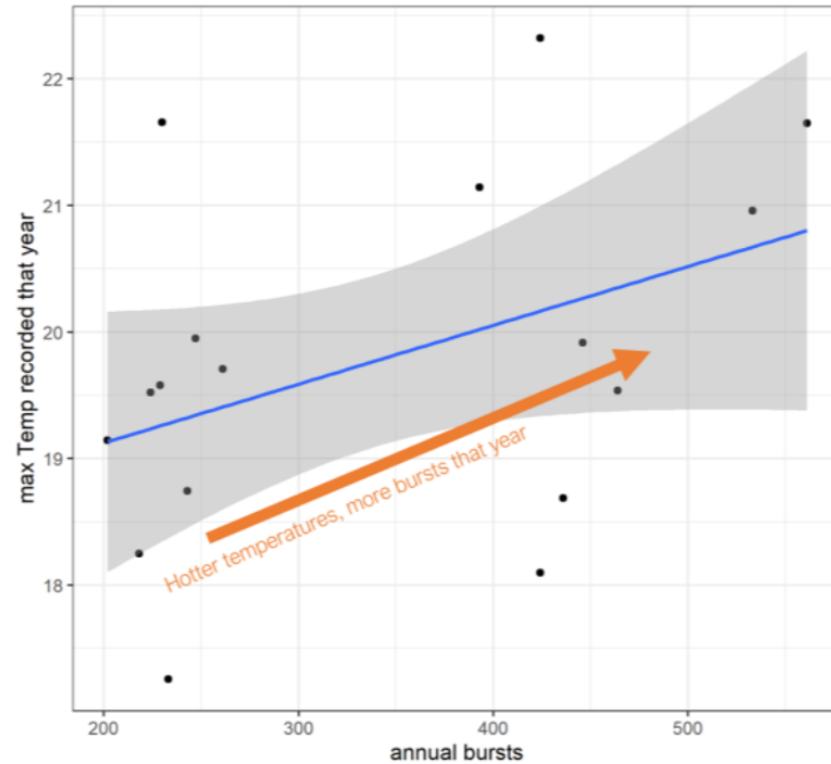
Max SMD vs annual bursts 2013-01-01 - 2021-01-01

min length \* weeks : 10000



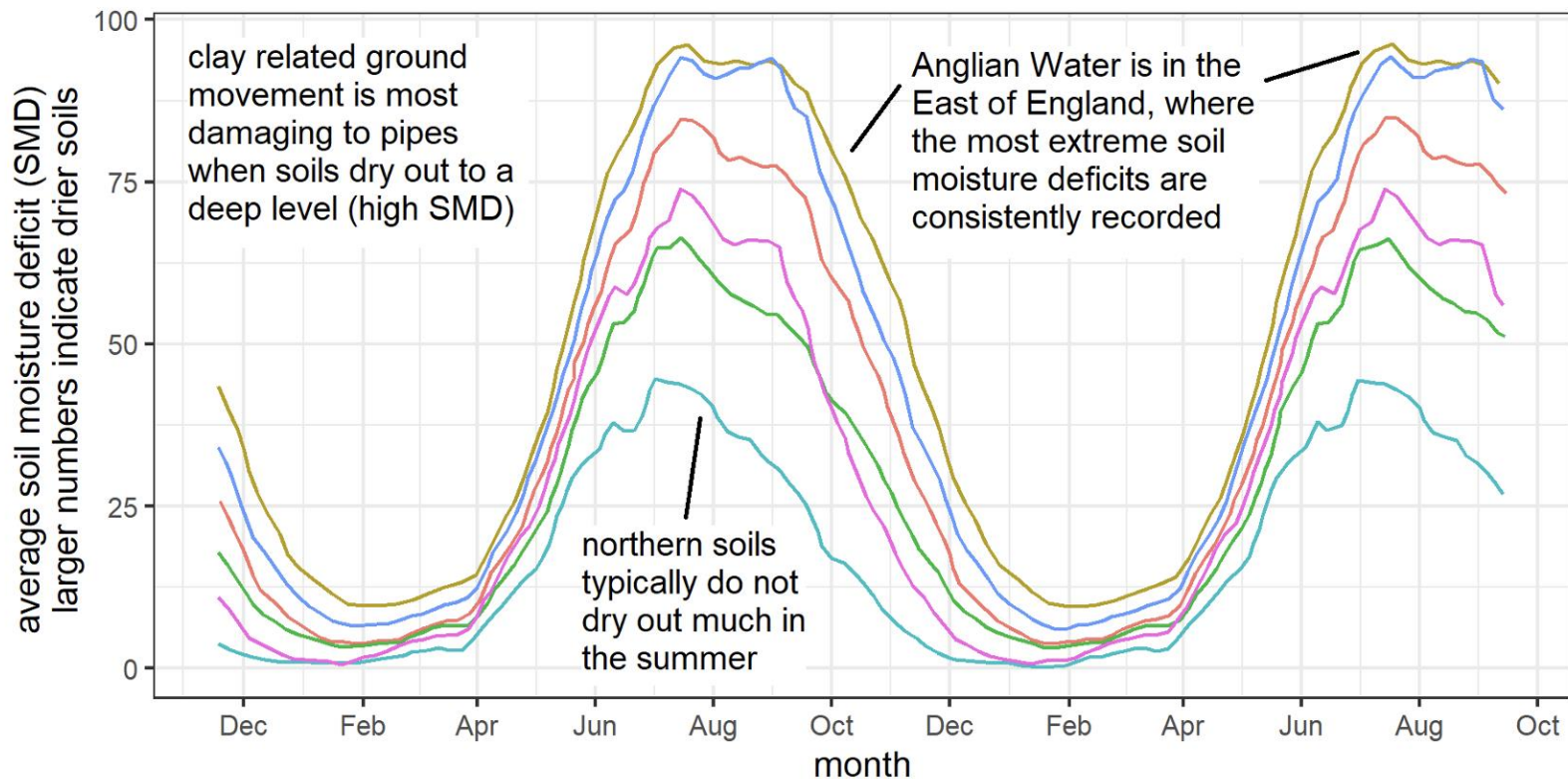
Max TEMP vs annual bursts (AC) 2004-01-01 - 2021-01-01

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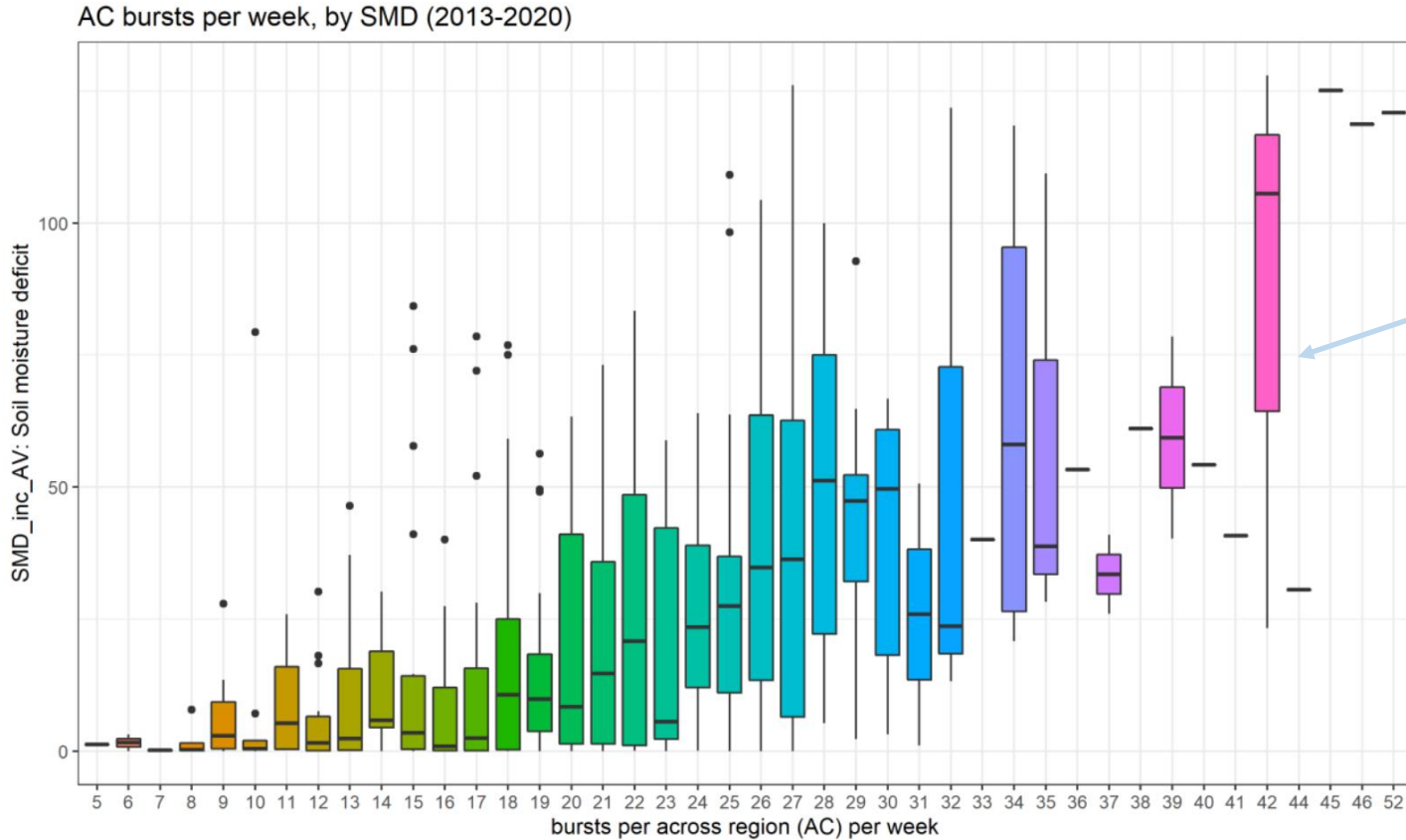
Even in Wales!  
hotter  
temperatures  
and drier soils  
lead to more  
bursts!

# Average soil moisture by region



— Central\_England    — Northeast\_England    — Southeast\_England  
— East\_England    — Northwest\_England    — Southwest\_England

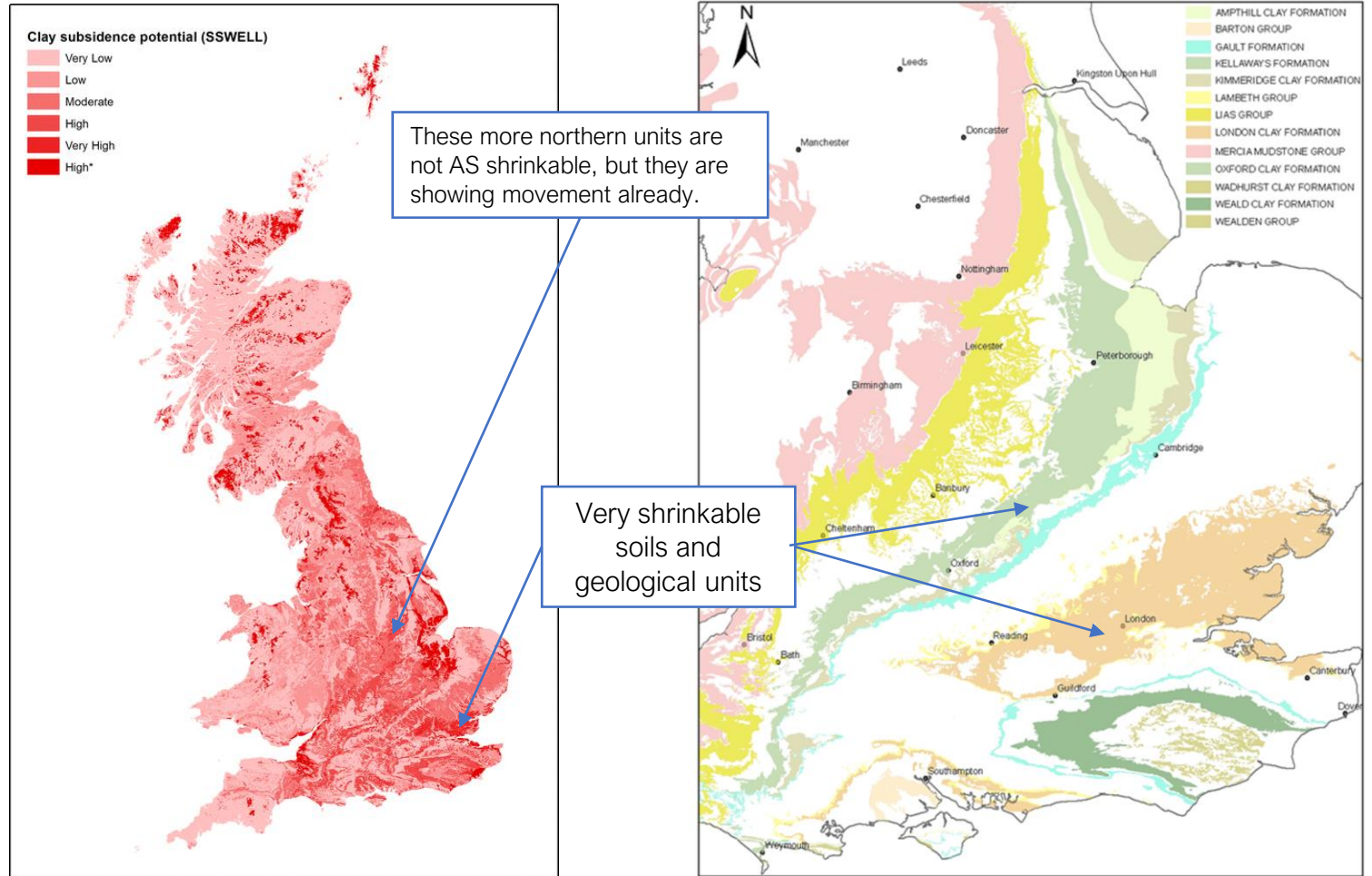
# Soil moisture



When Welsh soils dry out a bit more than usual ... more bursts occur!

Figure 12 - the range of observed SMD values when different numbers of bursts are reported across the Welsh Water network. Higher SMD is equivalent to drier soils.

# Shrinkable soils & geology



# Patterns of bursts & weather

**Iron** pipes fail most in **cold winters**

**Iron** also fails a bit more when summers are **hot and dry** \*

**Asbestos Cement** pipes fail most in **hot, dry summers** \*

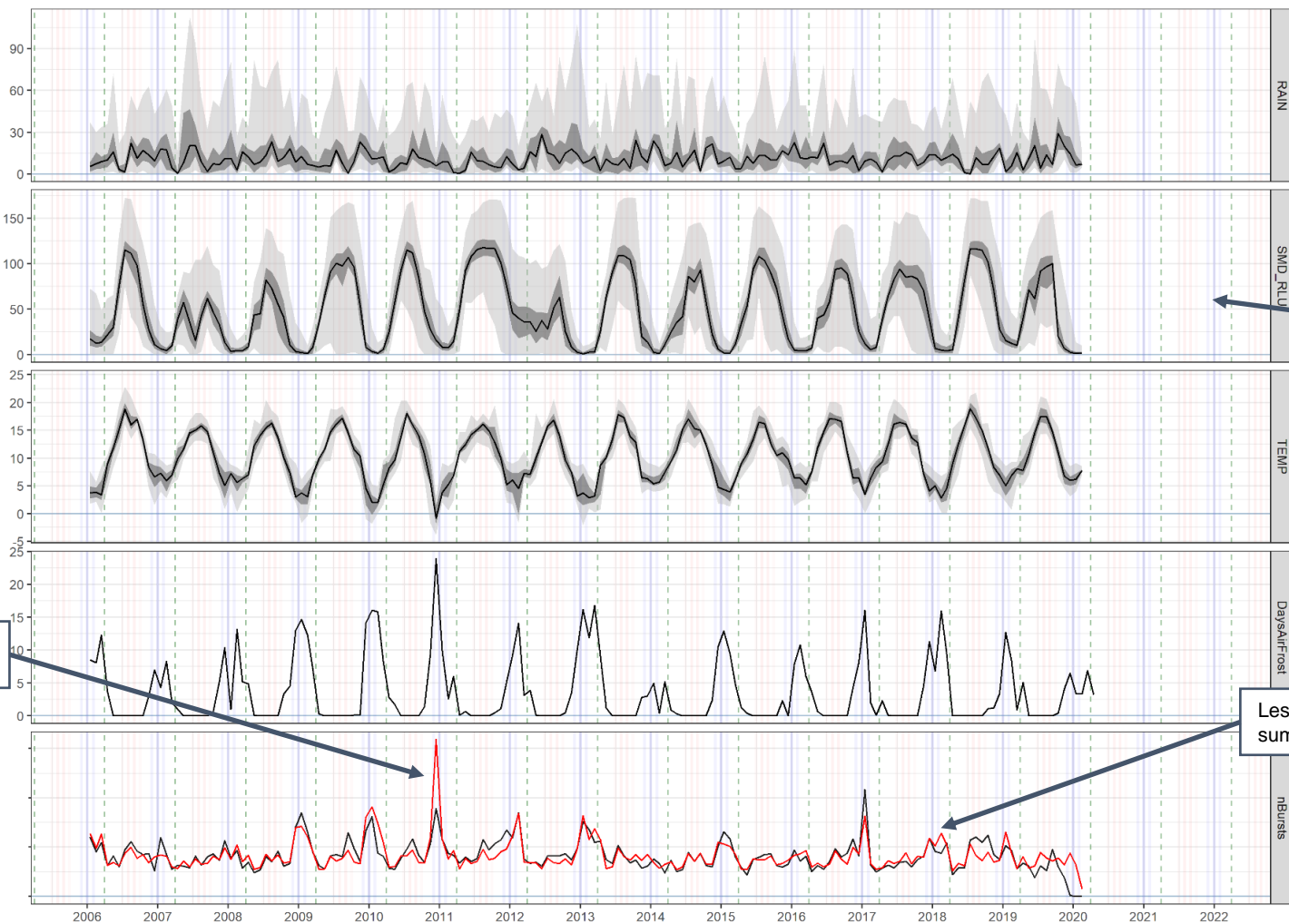
\* (especially in shrinkable soils)

**PVC** pipes also see increased failures under **very hot conditions**



## 2: Build historic models of performance

# Weather and bursts



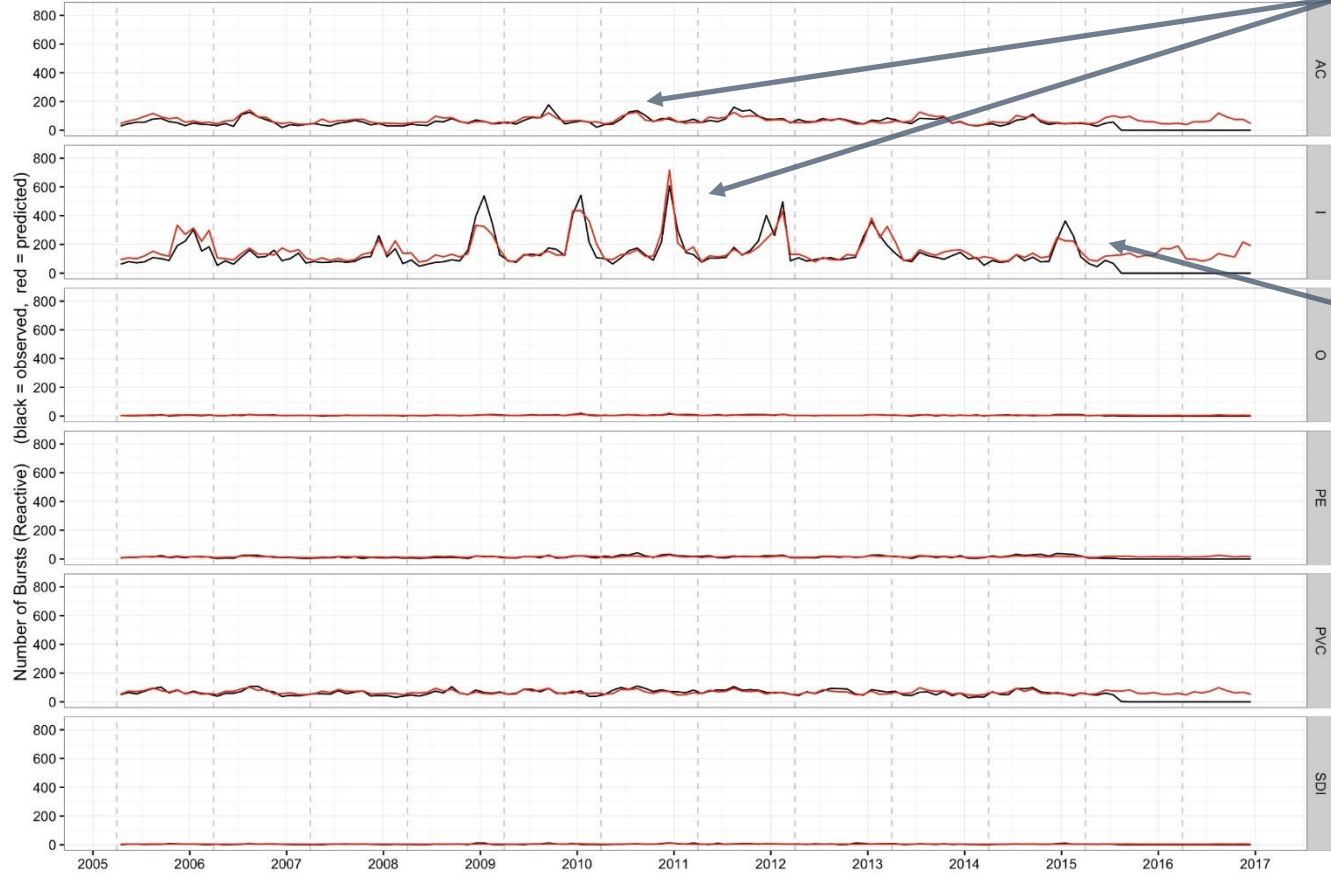
Large peaks of bursts in cold weather conditions

Temperature, Soil Moisture Deficit, Rainfall...

Less obvious are some prolonged summer outbreaks (e.g. 2018)

# Predict monthly bursts

Observed Weather: Reactive Bursts



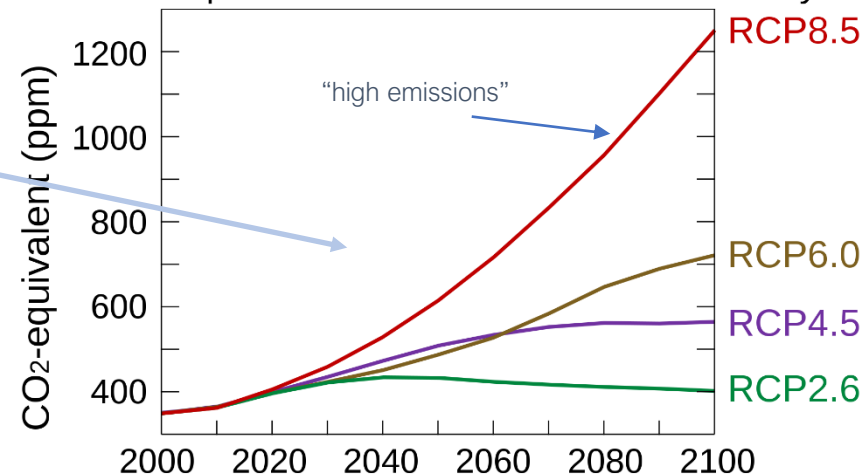
Pipes show different seasonal trends.  
AC bursts in the summer.  
Iron in the winter.

We are able to predict the number of bursts that will occur based on soil, weather and infrastructure parameters

## 3: Construct climate models

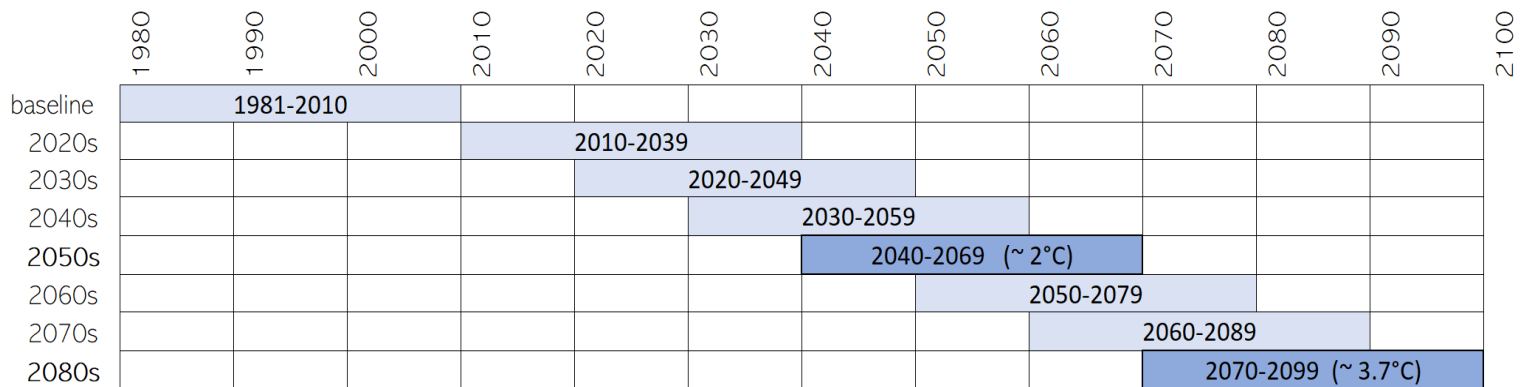
# Climate Modelling (UKCP18)

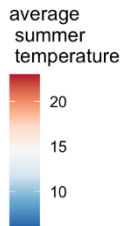
IPCC Representative Concentration Pathways



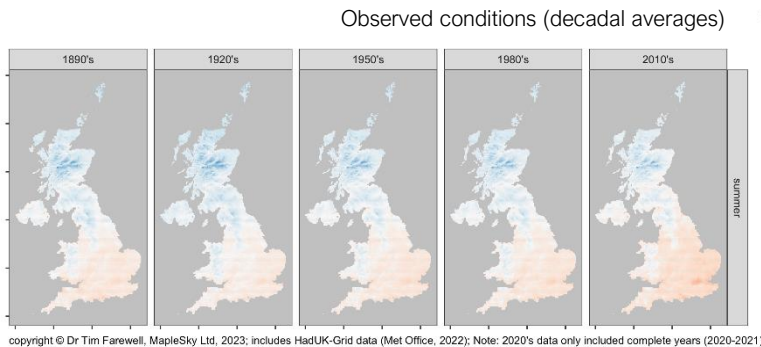
4 Representative Concentration Pathways (RCP) / emissions scenarios

8 "decadal time-slices"





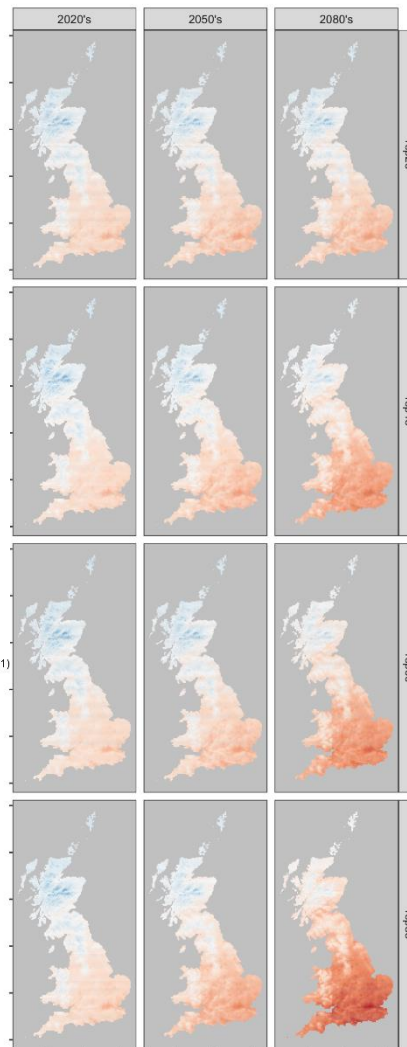
2. Even RCP 2.6 (low emissions) still results in much hotter temperatures.



1. Our summers are already gradually warming...

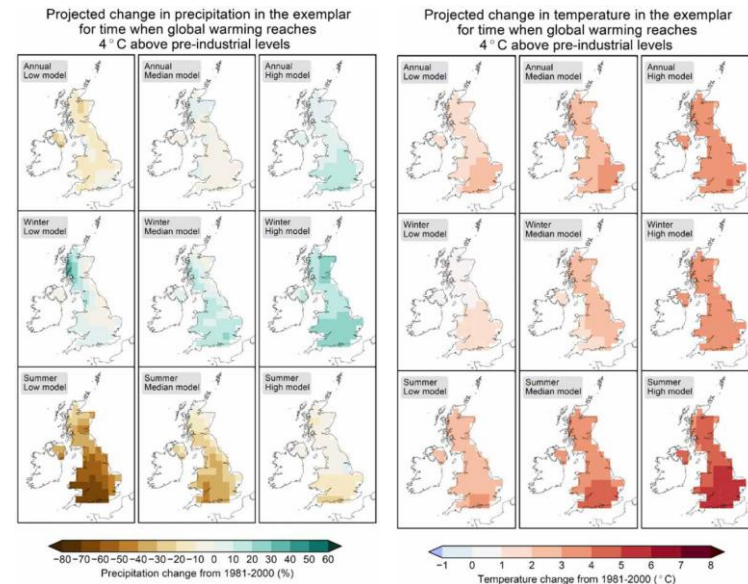
3. RCP 8.5 (high emissions) is so much worse...

4 climate scenarios

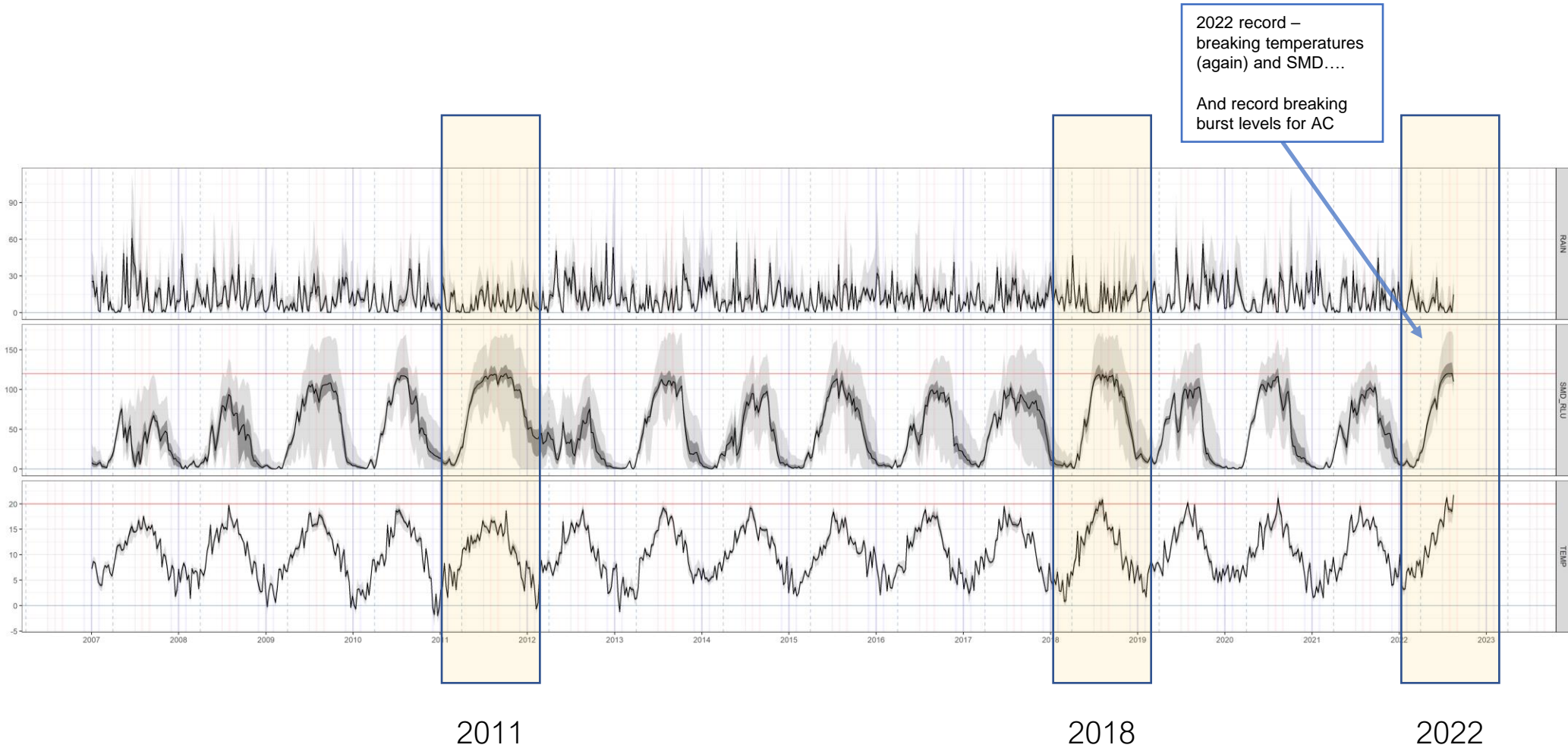


# Climate change in the UK

1. Hotter, drier summers
2. Warmer, wetter winters
3. “Extreme” weather becomes common
4. Rising sea levels



# Event years (summers)





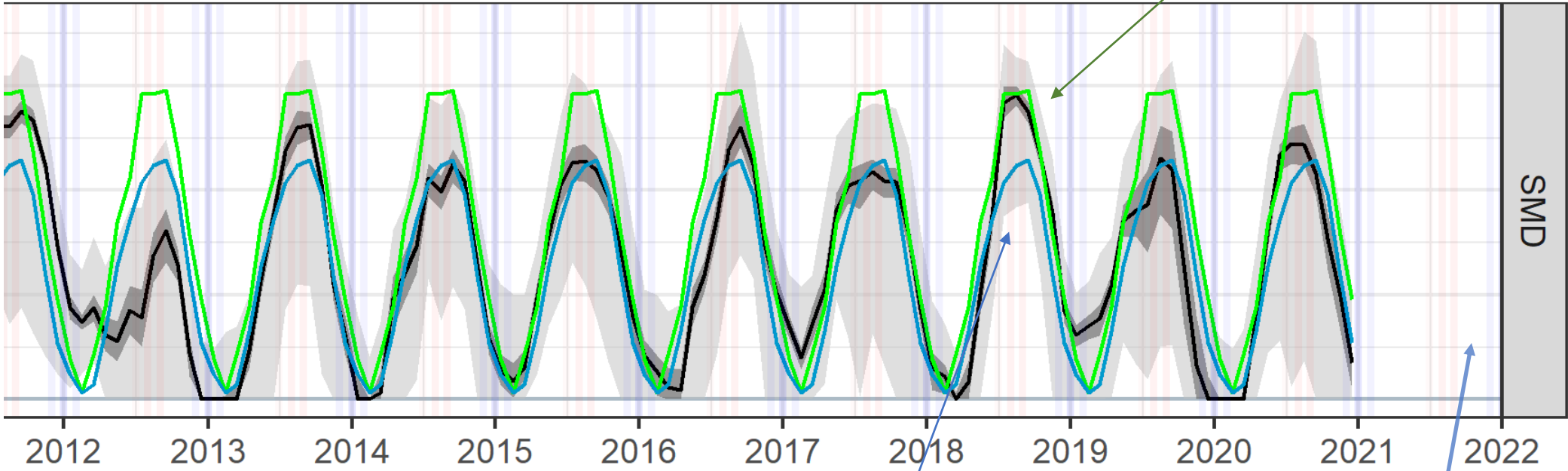
Black line = observed

Blue line = 2006-2020 average

Green line = 2080s average

Green line – RCP8.5 2080s average

SMD

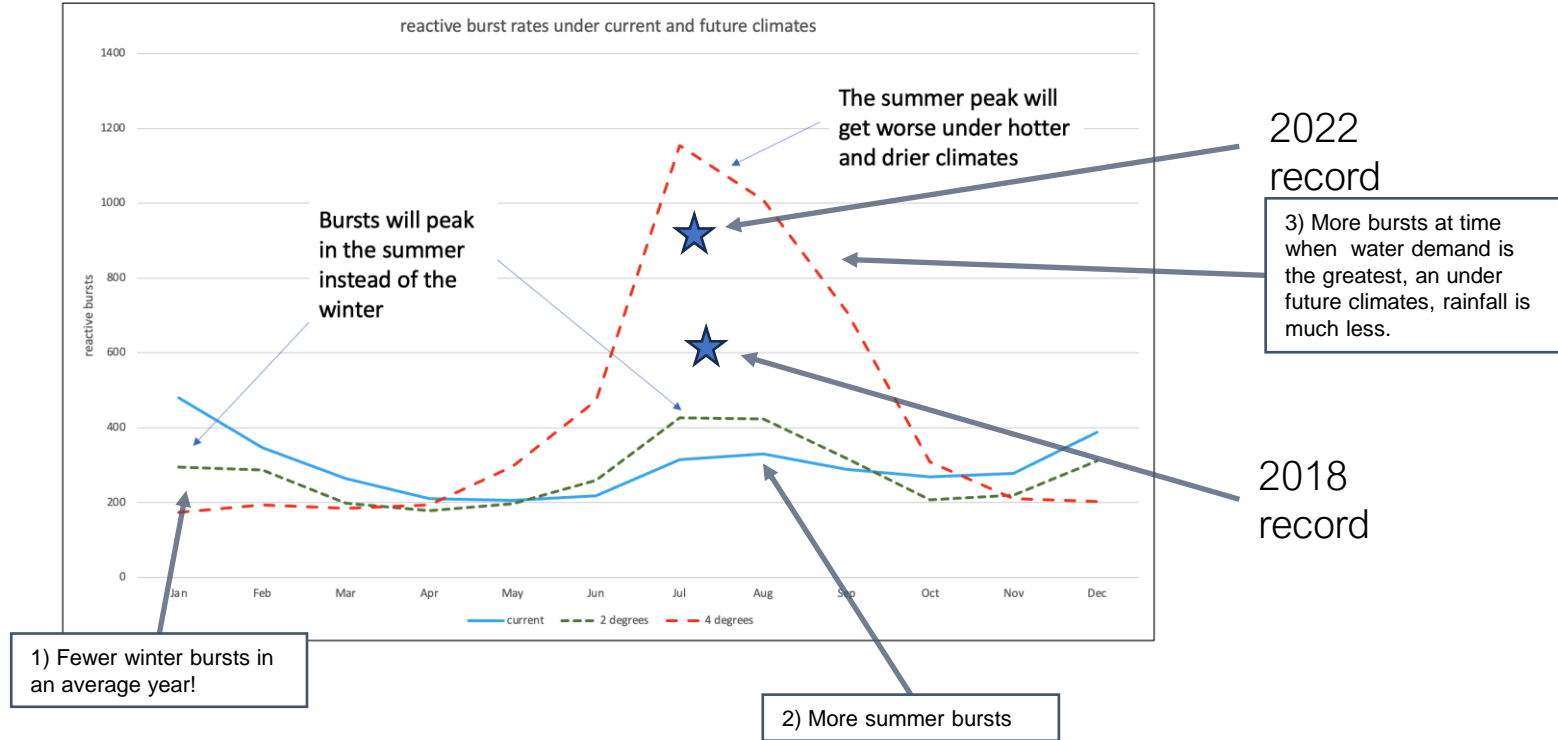


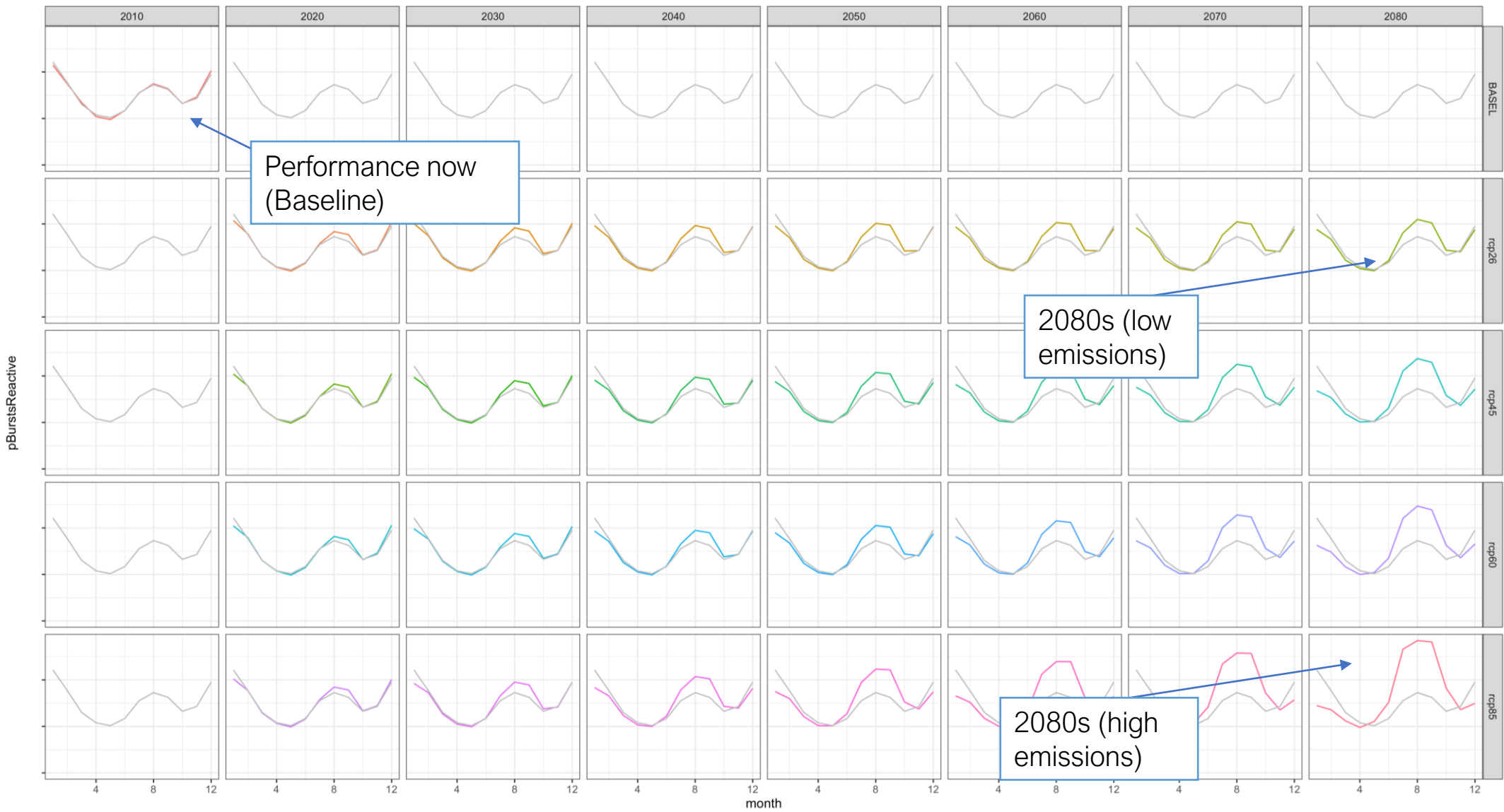
2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022

Blue line – 2006-2020 average  
Black lines are actual values –  
not the variations / extremes

2022 was  
even worse!!!

# Changing burst numbers

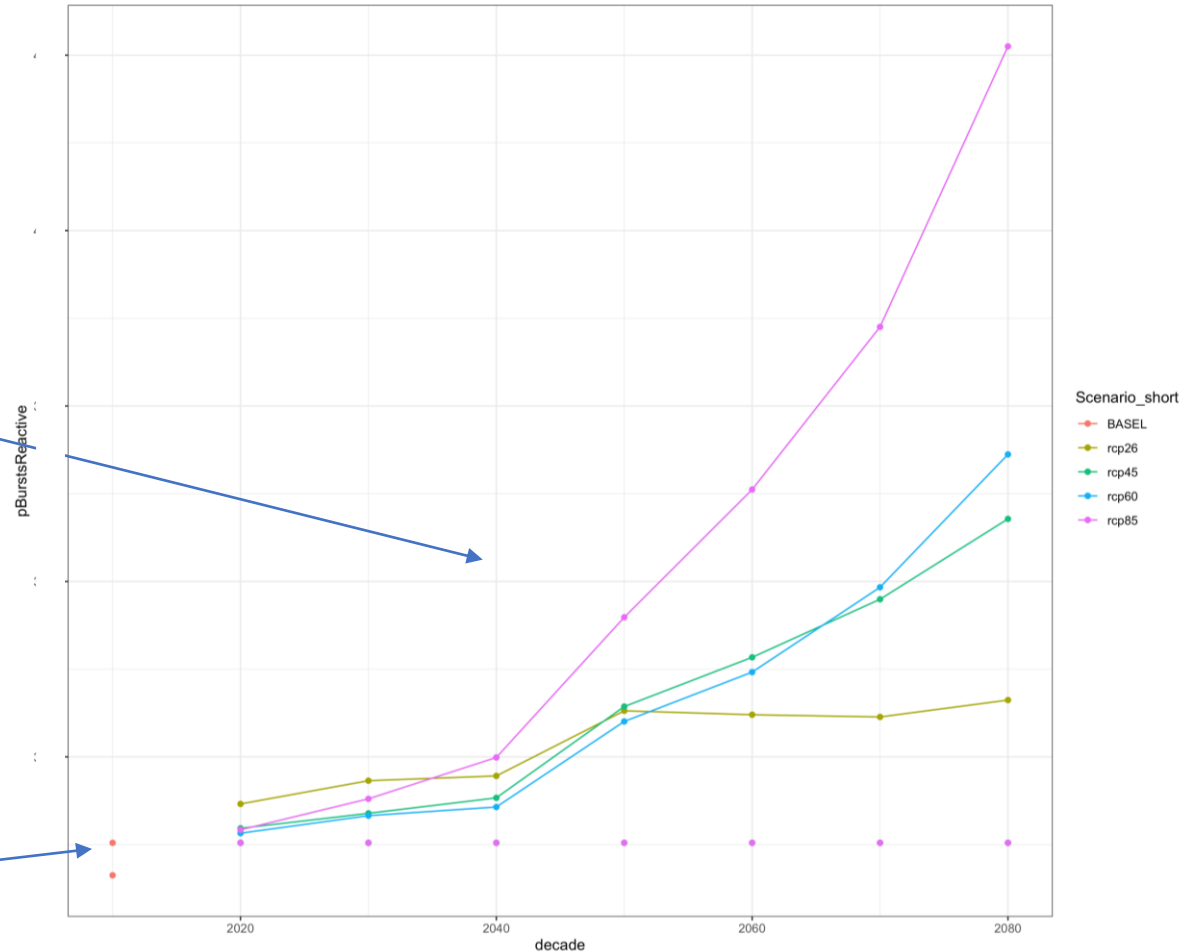




# Bursts under future climates

Different climate scenarios will result in different numbers of bursts.

Current baseline bursts over different time periods



# Key Findings

# 1. Fewer winter bursts

*Assuming no further deterioration of the assets...*

- Expect **fewer iron bursts in winter**, on average.
- **Winter outbreaks still will occur**, but will be less frequent.
- When winters are cold, **many bursts will occur**.

## 2. More summer bursts

*Assuming no further deterioration of the assets...*

- Expect more bursts:
  - AC
  - Iron
  - PVC
  
- Especially in shrinkable soils

# 3. Increasing water scarcity

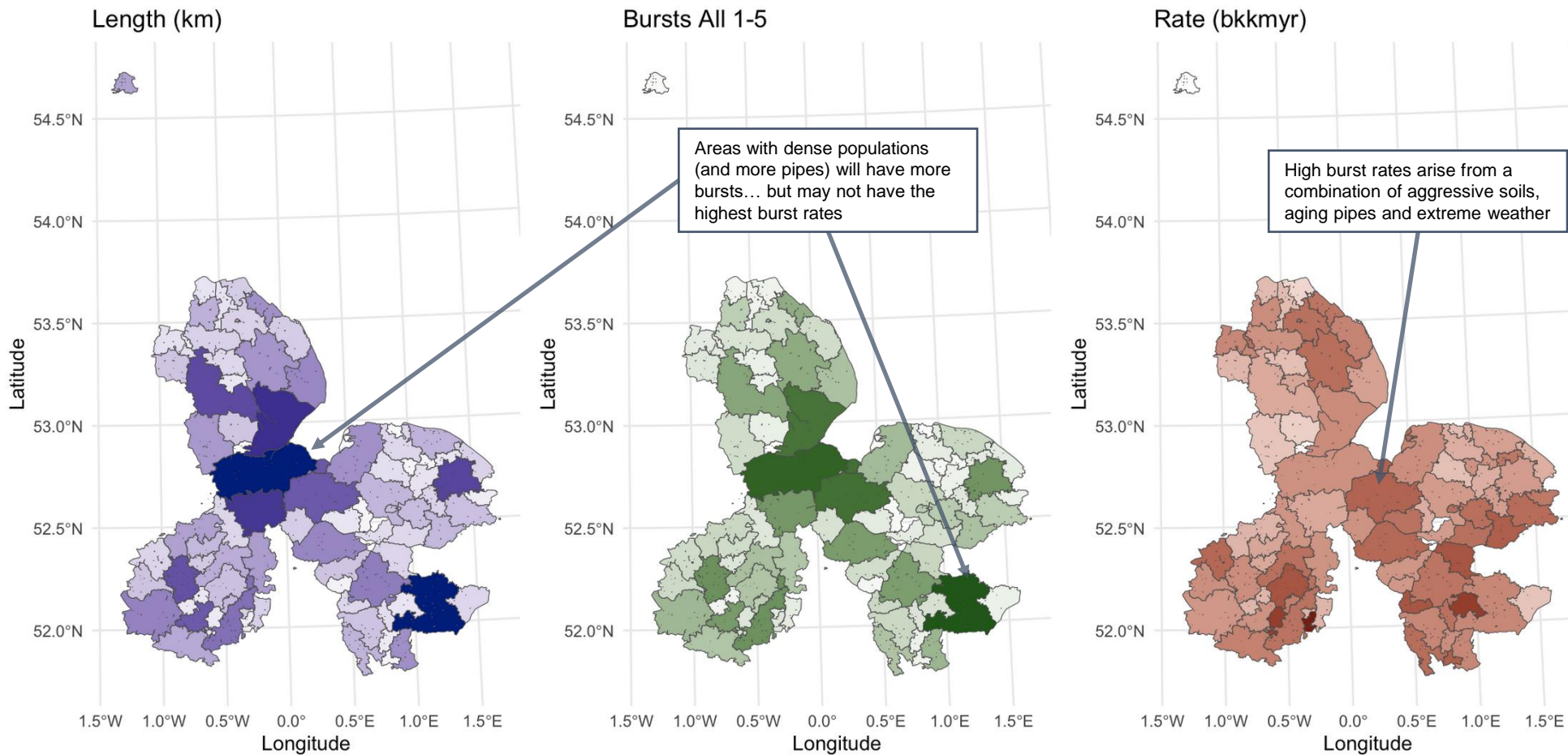
*Assuming no further deterioration of the assets...*

- Bursts will occur more in summer months, when water demand is greatest.
- *Extreme* years like 2022 will become *average* years
- Hose pipe bans and visibly bursting pipes ... PR issues

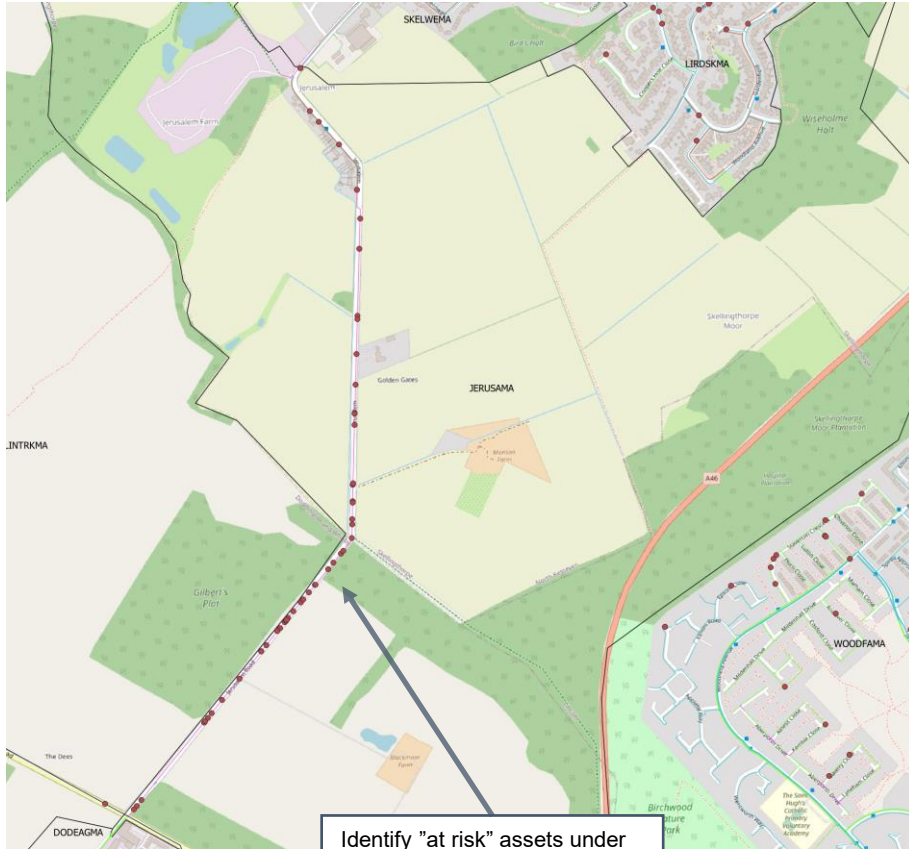


So, what can we do?

# Identify vulnerable regions

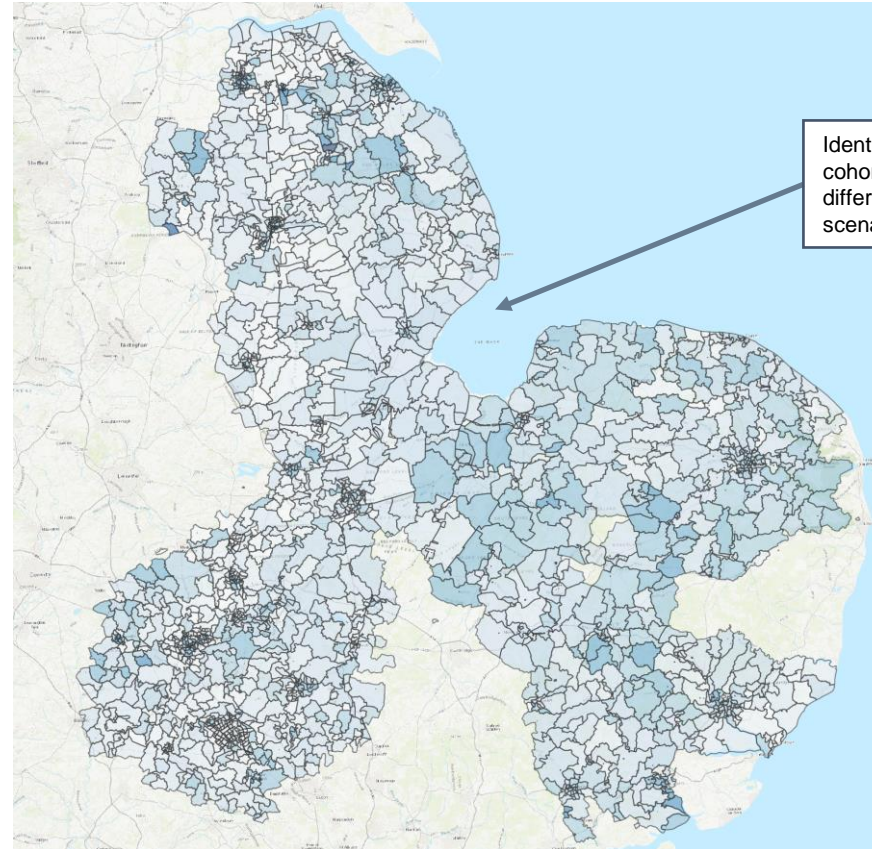


# Identify vulnerable regions and assets



Identify "at risk" assets under current and future weather conditions.

Help guide prioritisation for interventions

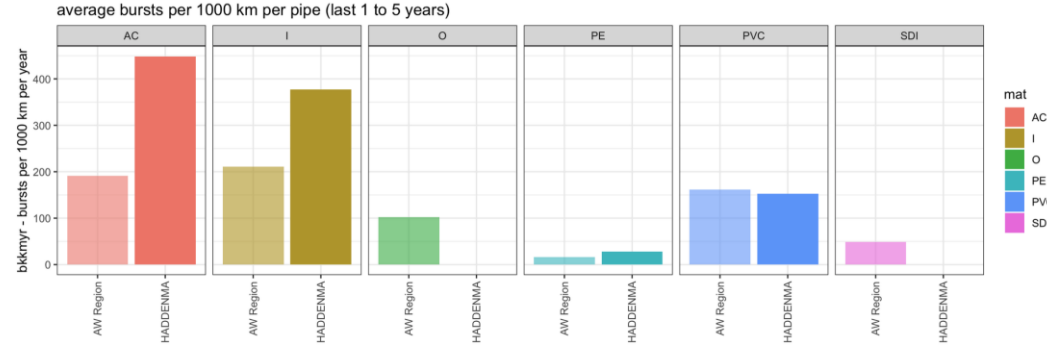


Identify DMAs and pipe cohorts most at risk under different weather scenarios

# Identify high risk assets

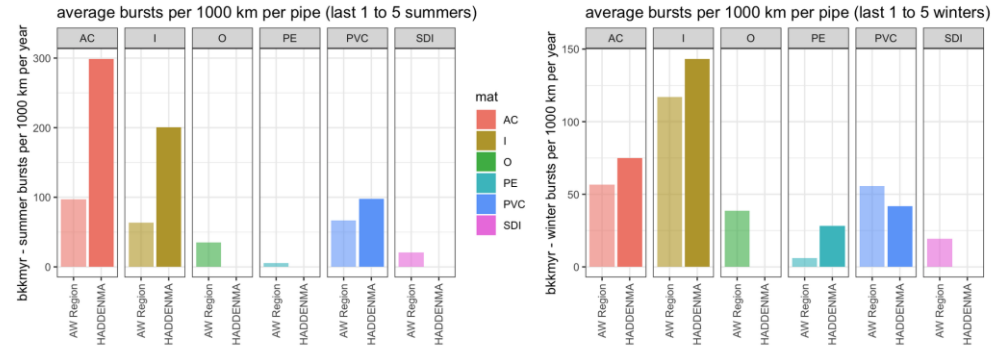
## Rate of bursts compared to the Anglian regional average

Here we compare the performance of particular pipes in this DMA with the whole population of pipes in the Anglian Region. This graph looks at the rate of bursts per 1000 km pipe (over the last 5 years) for all months of the year.



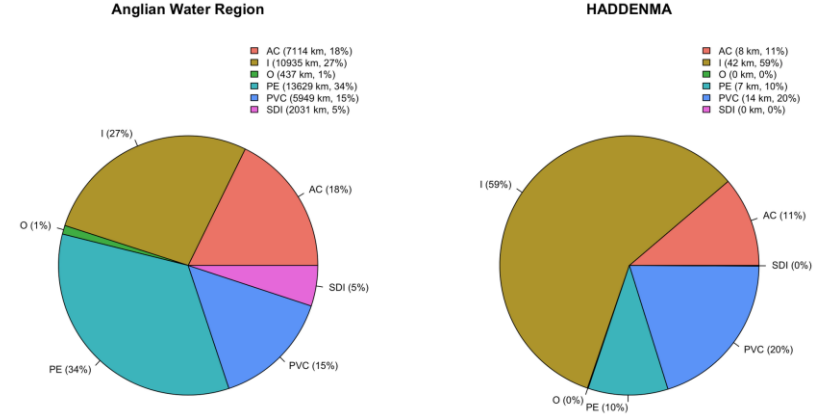
## Seasonal comparisons

Some DMAs have more issues in the summer, and others more in the winter. Here we compare performance with the rest of the region for both summer and winter.



## Pipe Materials in HADDENMA

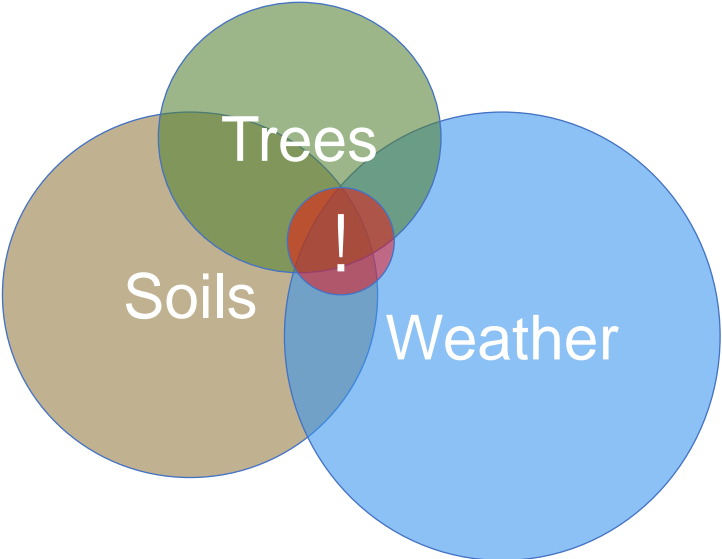
In HADDENMA, the most common pipe material is Iron (59%) and the second most common is PVC (20 %).



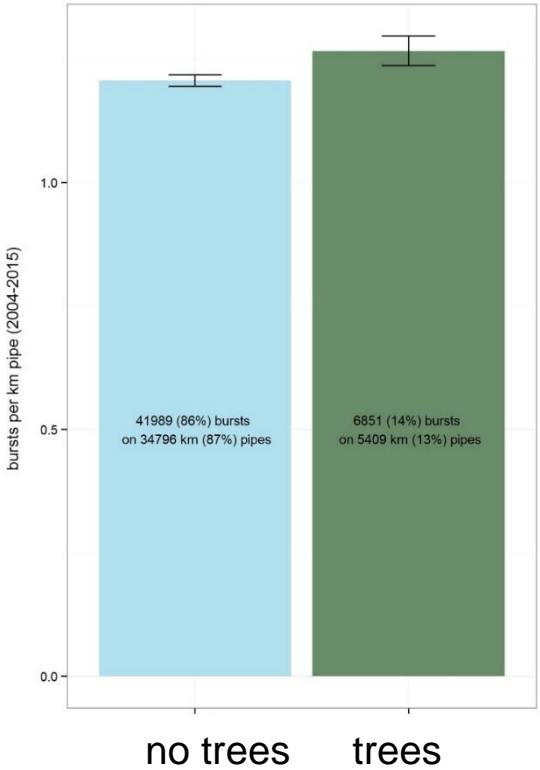
Prioritise asset replacements based on historic performance and coming climate risks



# are there trees nearby?



# are there trees nearby?



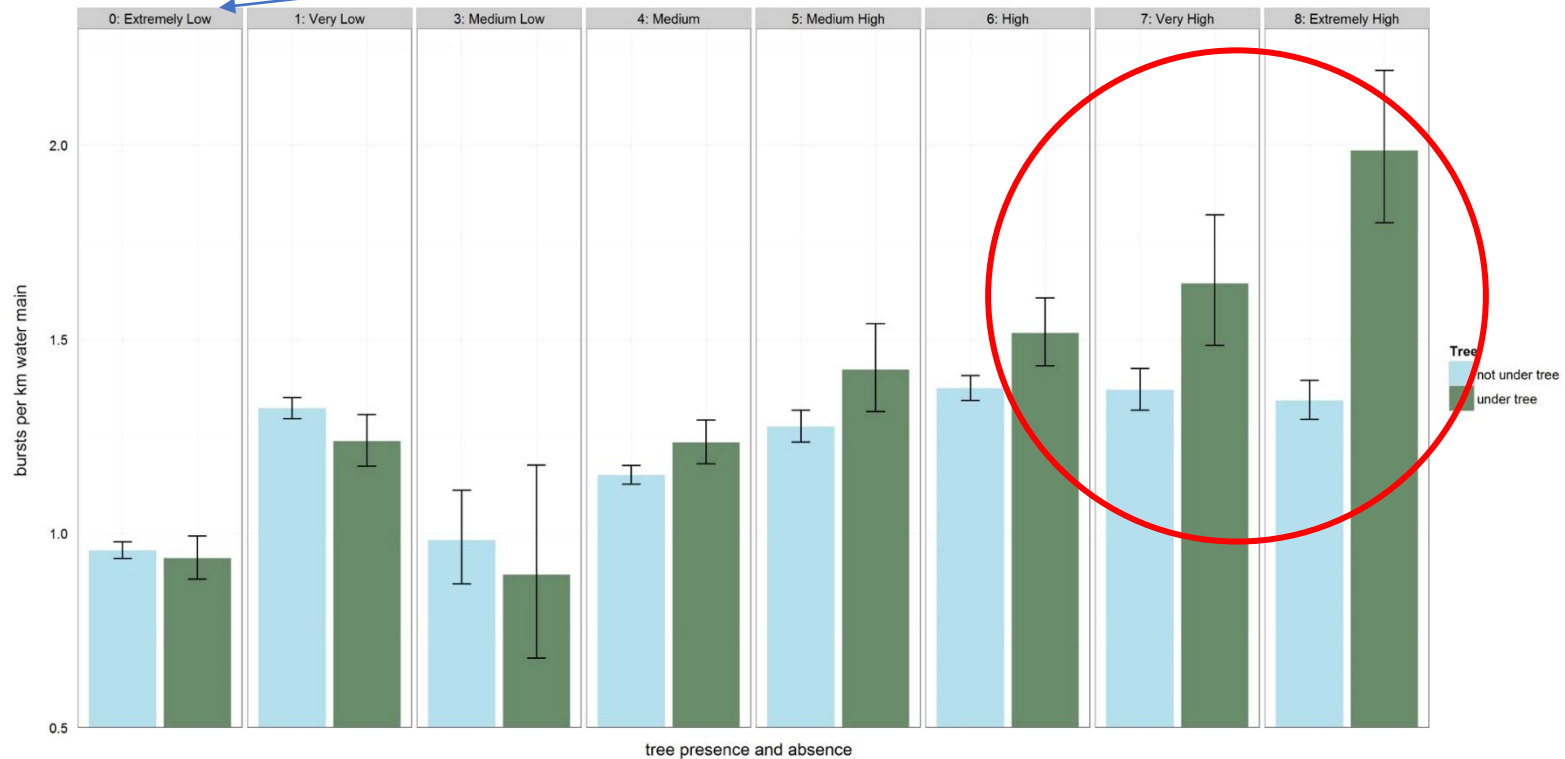


# trees & soil – critical



sandy soils

clay soils



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1. We are already seeing climate impacts & **these will get worse**
2. **Industry-wide current investment levels are not enough** to ensure resilience
3. Models can help ensure limited resources **target the right areas**



You are a key part of this process!

1. Pre-identify coming climate risks you face
2. Start by quantifying **current weather impacts on your network**
3. Engage in **conversation** with others about this!



# Contact details

If you have any follow on questions,  
would like to explore an aspect of this in more detail...  
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Thanks!



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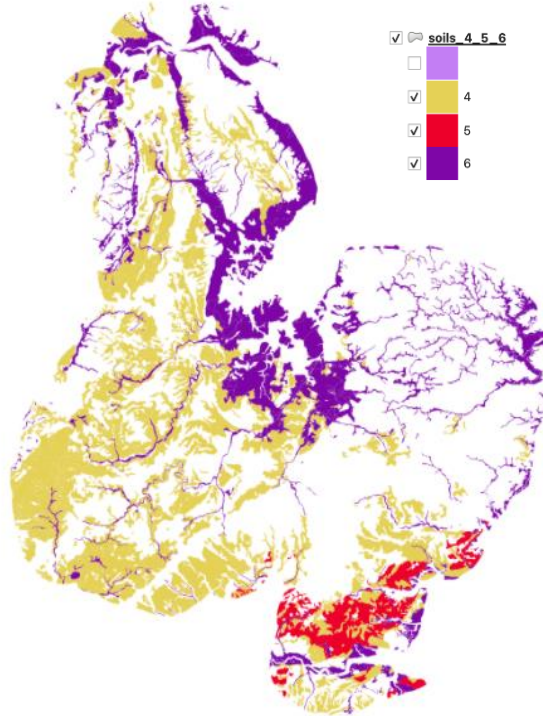
# How climate change will impact our networks: Modelling the relationships between soil, weather and bursts



*Annual Leakage Conference – Dec 5<sup>th</sup> 2023*  
*Rich Fielding*



# The Anglian Water Region



SHRINK_SWELL	DESCRIPTION	SOIL CONDITIONS
1	very low	Hard rock, gravel, or sandy or coarse loamy soil
2	low	Heavy loam textures
3	moderate	Clayey overlying non-swelling slay, shale or marl
4	high	Clayey overlying swelling or lake clay
5	very high	Clayey overlying brownish swelling clay
6	high*	Alluvial clay or peat with very high shrink-swell potential that is realised with drainage to > 2m

## Regional Mains Material Breakdown (KM's)

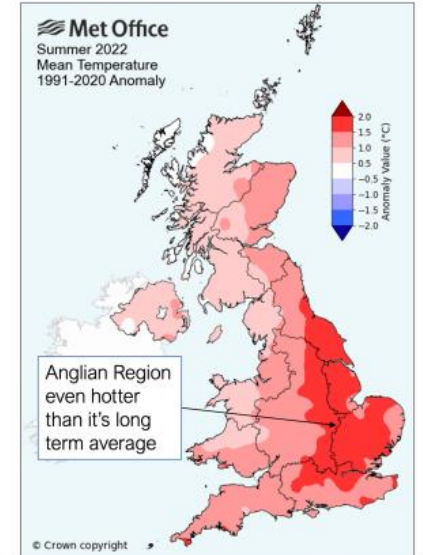
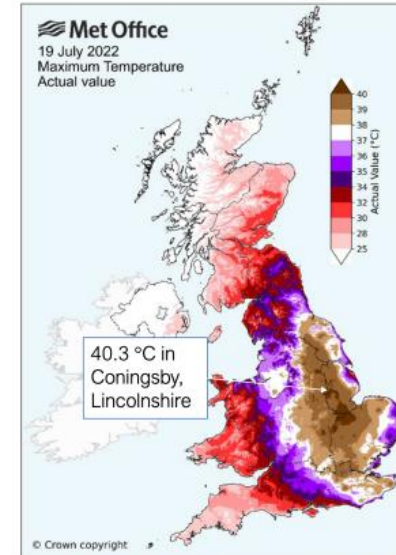
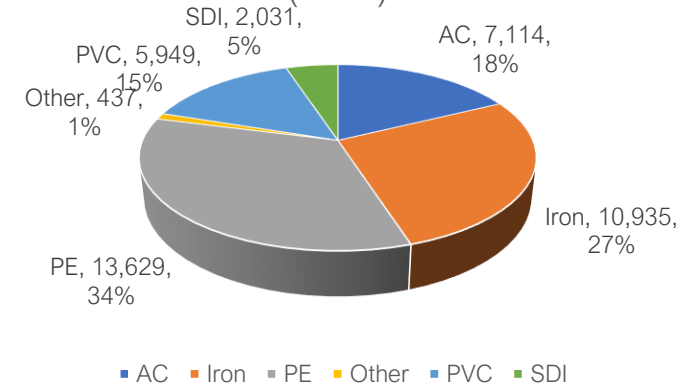


Figure 2 – National extreme temperatures on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2022 greatly impacted the Anglian Water region. Adapted from Met Office data.



# Impacts of Pipe Failure

## Our purpose

Our purpose is to bring environmental and social prosperity to the region we serve through our commitment to **love every drop**.

## What we do

**Water is our business.**  
We handle with care, and we don't cost the earth.

## Our values

- Together we...
- Build trust
  - Do the right thing
  - Are always exploring



## Water quality contacts



Taste, odour, appearance per thousand customers

## Leakage

Megalitres per day



## Water supply interruptions

Minutes per household



## CMeX (Customer measure of experience)

Customer Experience Survey (non contact)

Customer Service Survey (contact)



## Pollution incidents

Number per 10,000km of sewer



## Mains repairs

Repairs per 1,000km



# Pipe Criticality - Project on a Page

Likelihood of Failure (LoF) Models



Consequence of Failure (CoF) Models



Condition Assessment



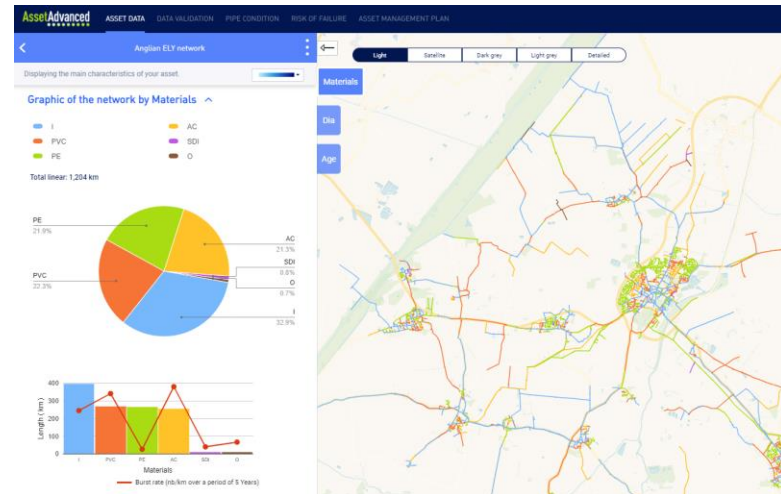
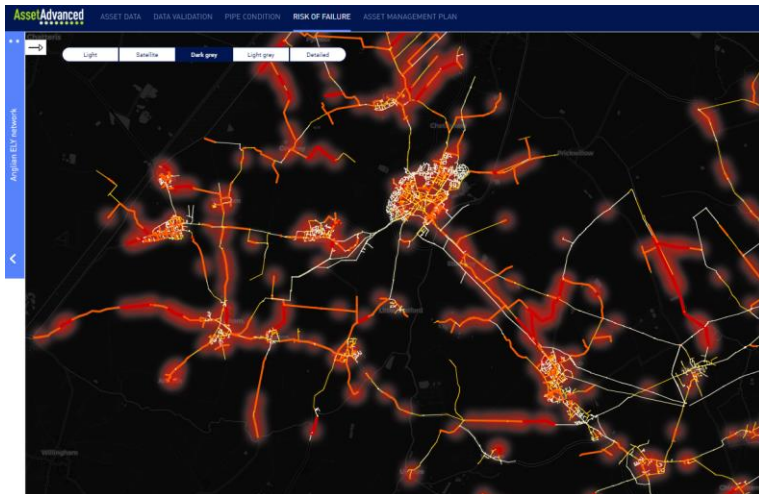
Root Cause Analysis (RCA)



Performance Reporting



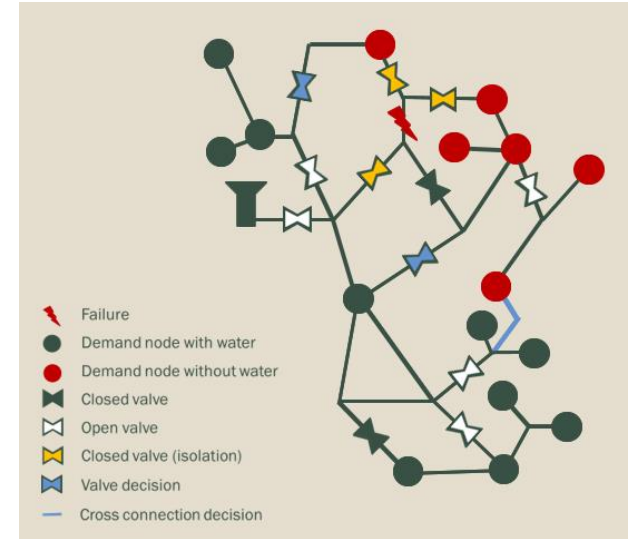
Optimisation



# Tactical Utilisation

Enhanced response;

- Optimised sensor deployment and analysis
- Accelerated repair
- Response planning
- Resource planning
- Democratised data and insight for daily decision making



# Strategic Utilisation

## Prevention

- Alignment of capital investment to improve outcomes
- Plan to replace ~6,000km of our most climate vulnerable mains between 2025 and 2060



# Collaboration Opportunity?



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**Questions?**





# Smart resilience (an SES Water case study)



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# Smart Resilience

- an SES Water case study -

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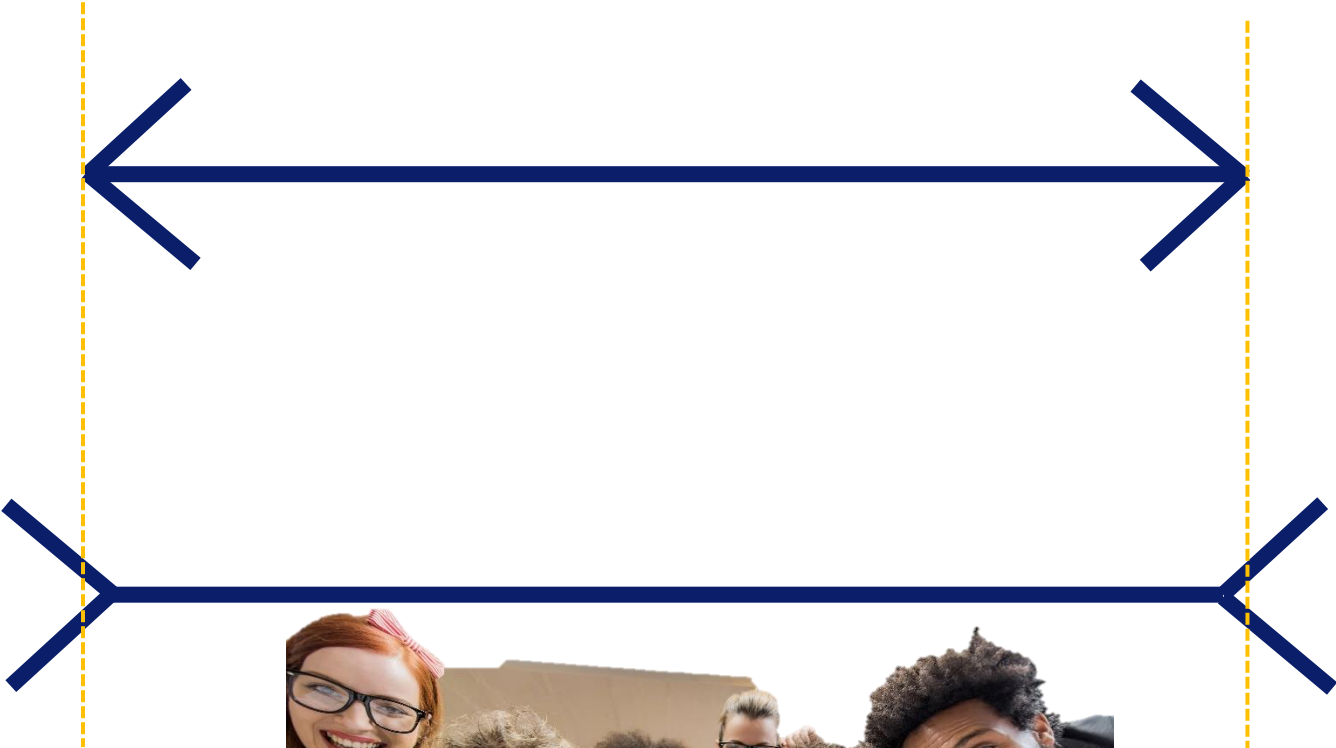
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SES Water's Intelligent  
Supply Network



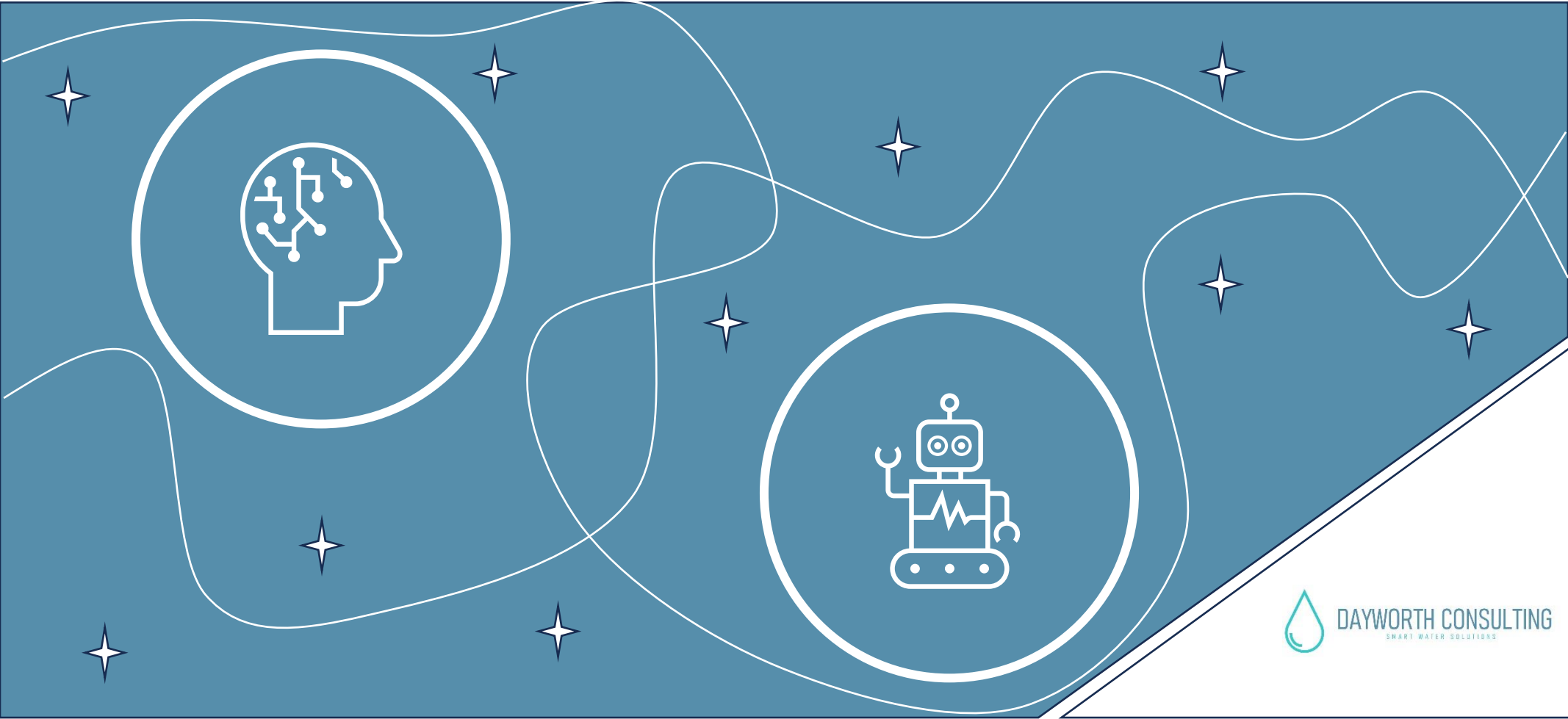
Question...



# The Answer...



# The next 20 years



# Perfect Weather

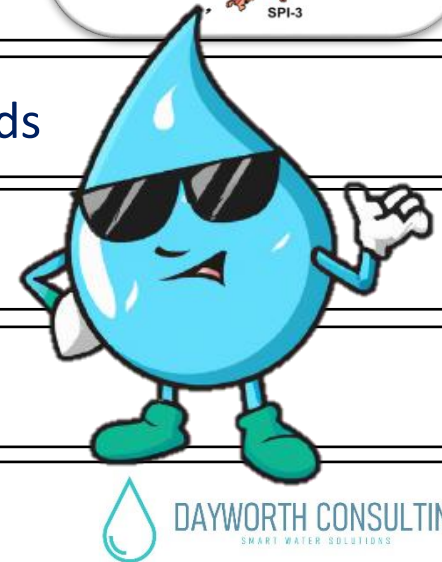
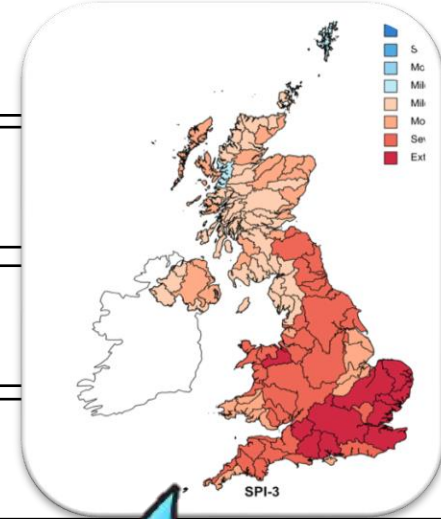
- **Drizzle [driz-uhl]**

- To rain gently and steadily in fine drops.
- A very light rain
- Meteorology. Precipitation consisting of numerous minute droplets of water less than 0.02 inch (0.5 millimeters) in diameter.
- **Perfect all year-round weather for leakage managers**

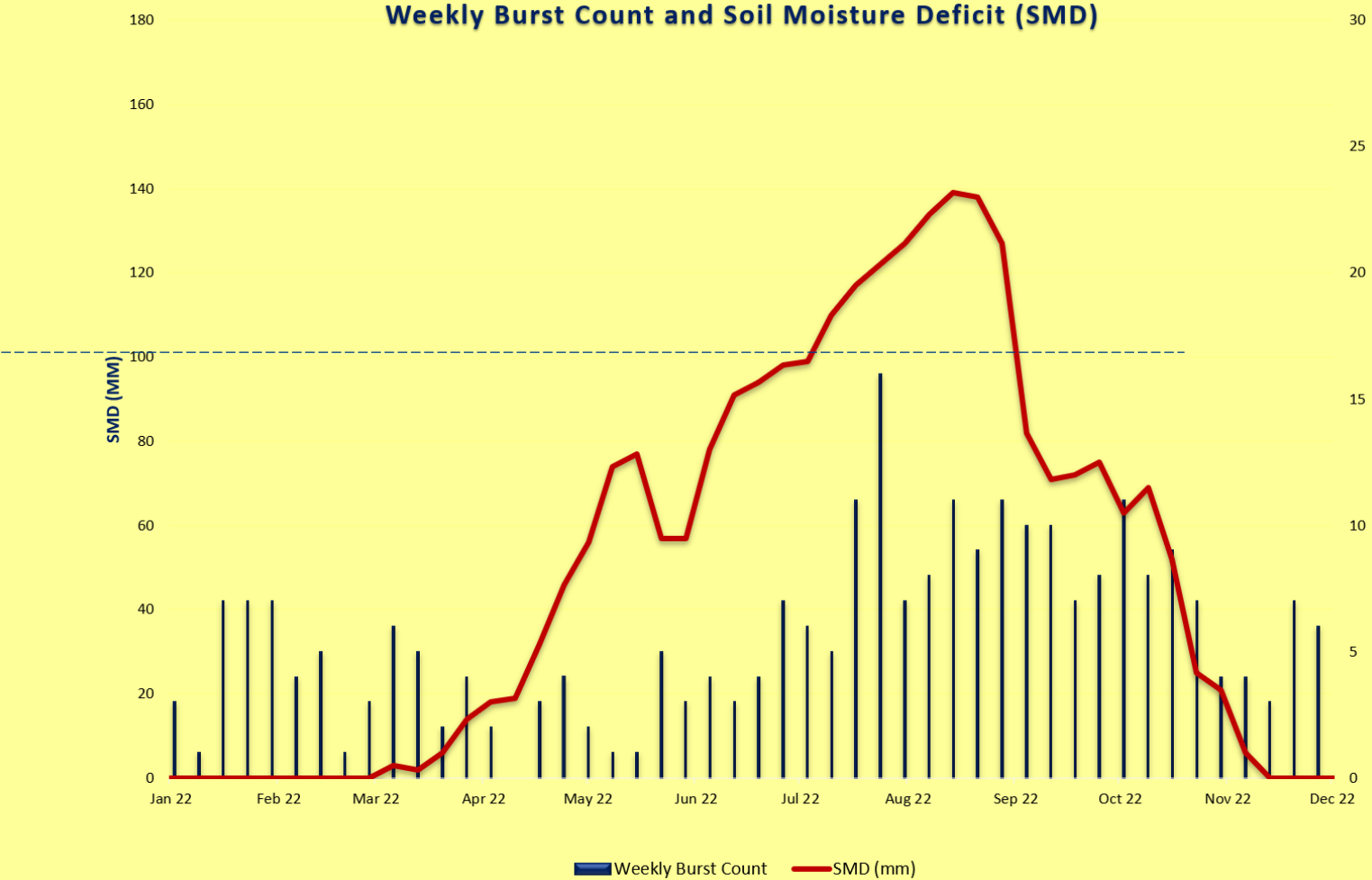


# Summer

- The summer of 2022 was one of the hottest and driest on record.
- 2022 was the fourth hottest summer since records began in 1884
- UK record breaking 40.3 °C temperature recorded
- National record high night-time temperatures recorded
- 46 locations across the UK exceeded previous daily temperature records
- Melting runways at airports
- Extended dry spell in the pre-summer months
- Soil Moisture Deficit (SMD) >130mm



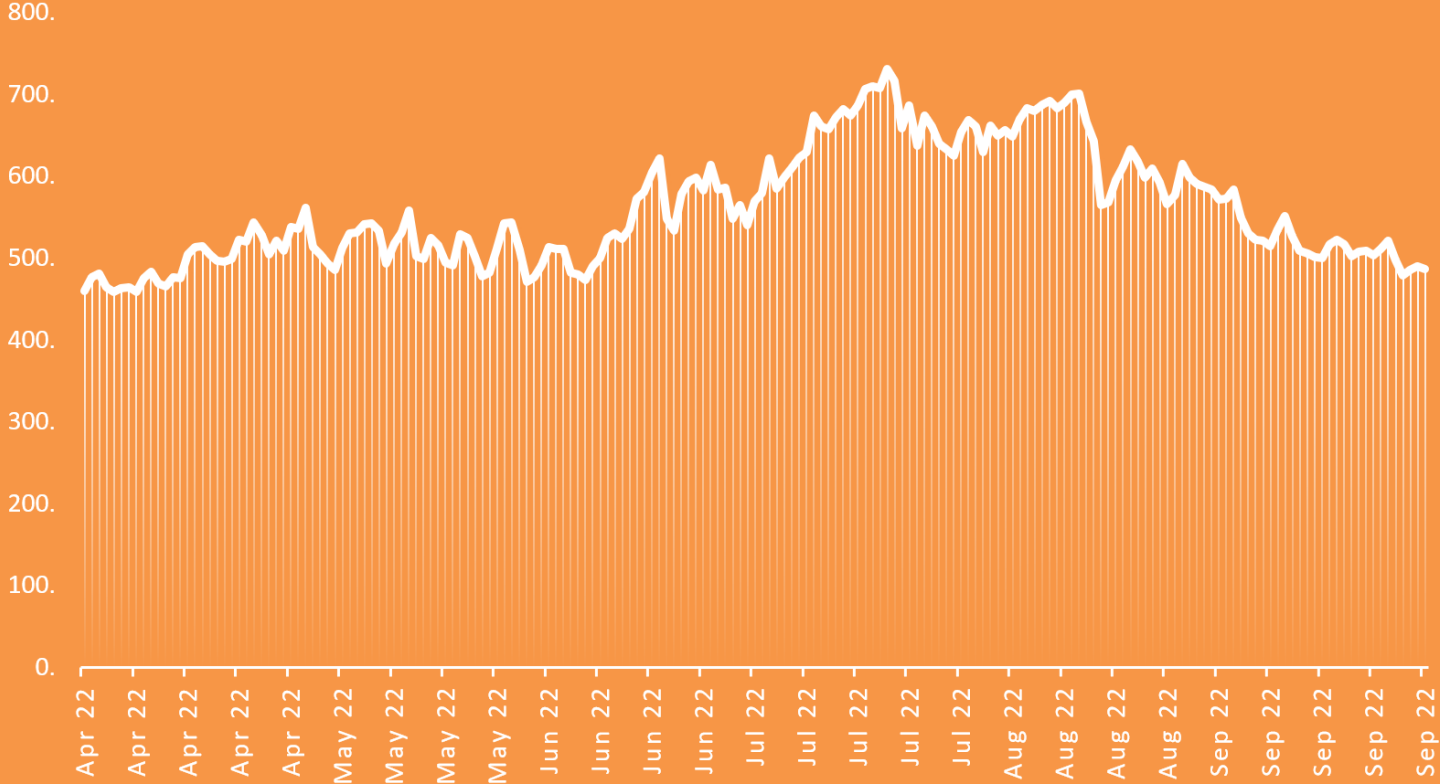
# Summer: SMD



# Summer: The First Real Test

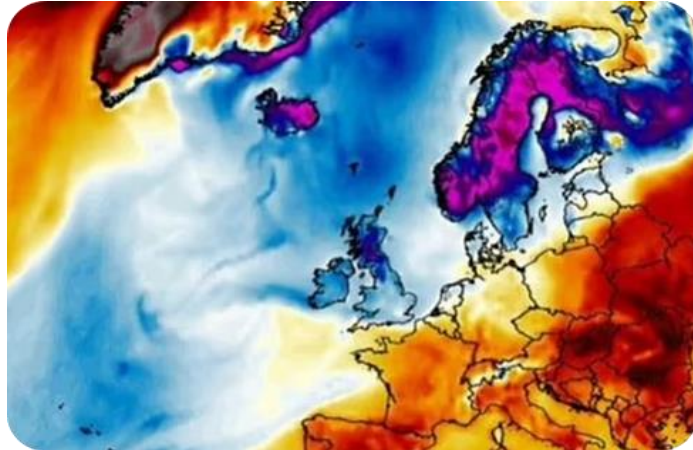


MINIMUM NIGHT FLOW  
(L/SEC)



# Winter:

- Exceptionally harsh conditions
- Arctic air mass over the UK
- Unfavourable jet stream position
- Temperature fluctuations
- Freeze-thaw cycles
- Worst leakage outbreak on record

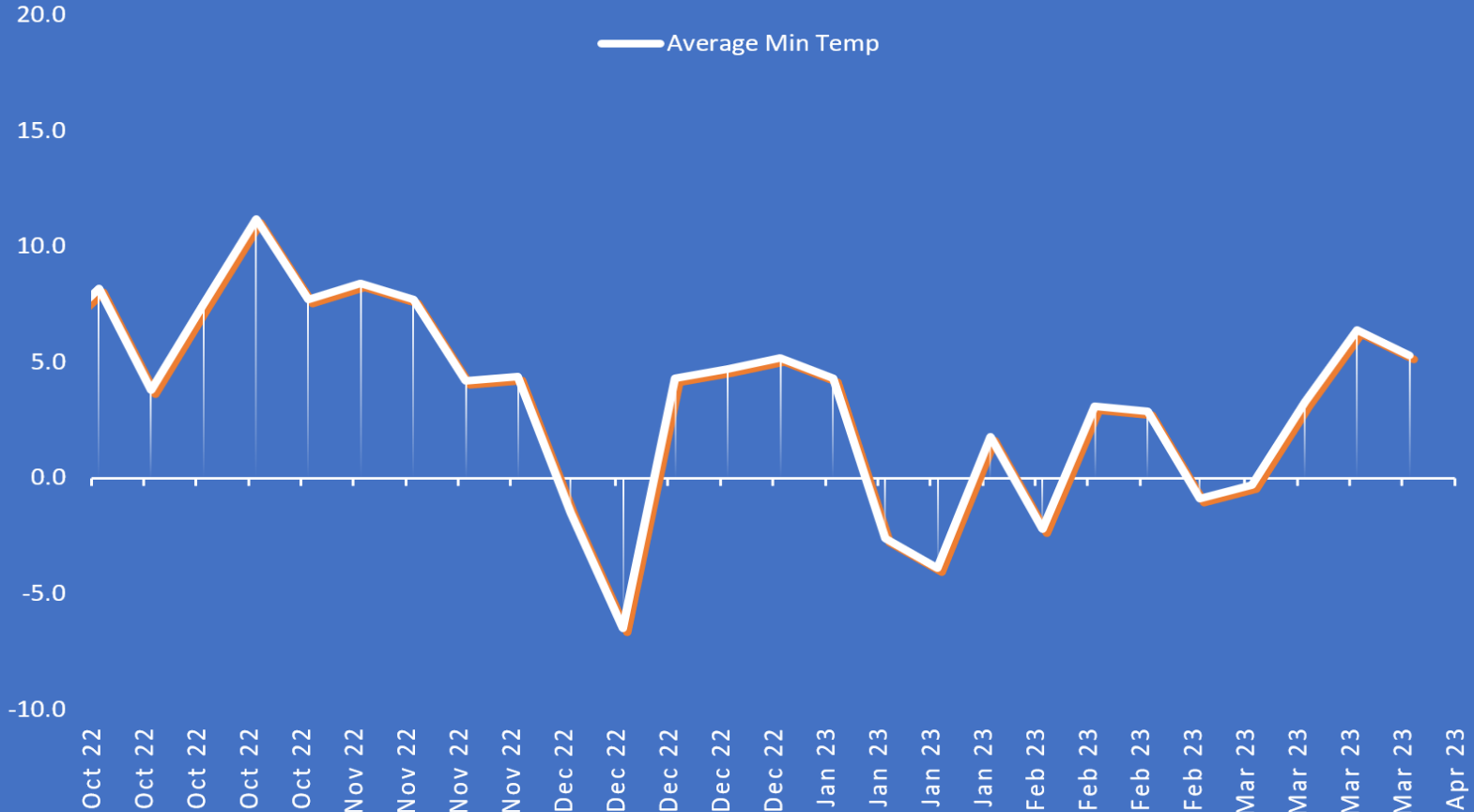




# Temperature & MNF



### AVERAGE MIN TEMP





# 2022/23 Ofwat Common Performance Commitments



HANDS  
UP IF...



# 'This is the future': the Oxfordshire village living without running water

Residents of Northend, forced to rely on bottled water and a tanker, find their lives upended in the heatwave



**NEWS**

**Water company exec bonuses 'up 21% despite sewage scandal'**

Water companies are asking for almost double the amount of the previous five-year period © Cate Gillon/Getty Images

underreporting  
sewage discharges'

city

weeks - before





# iDMA

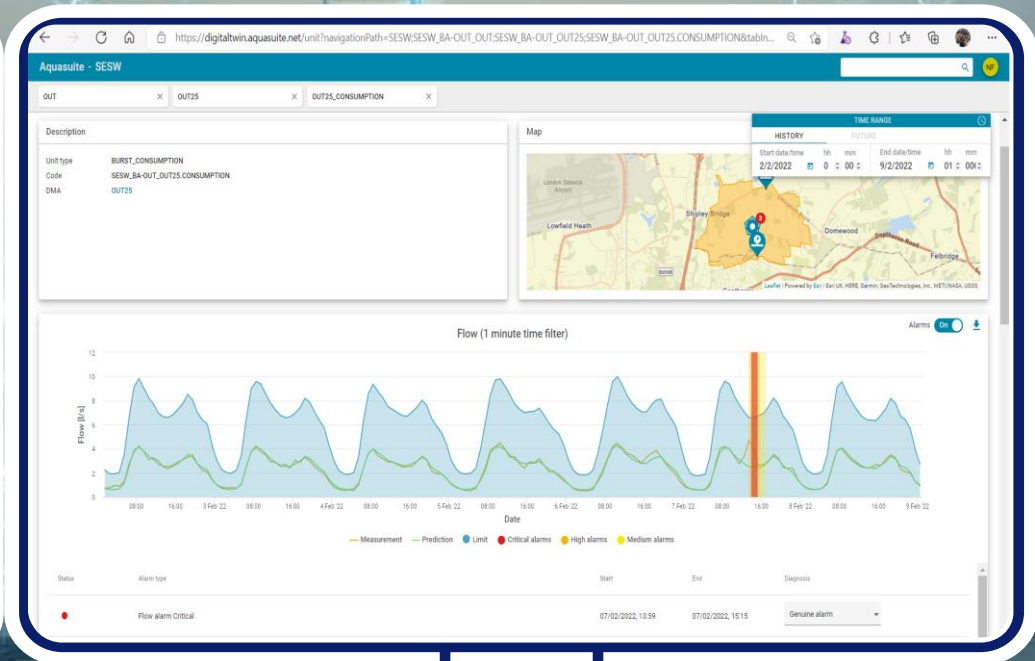
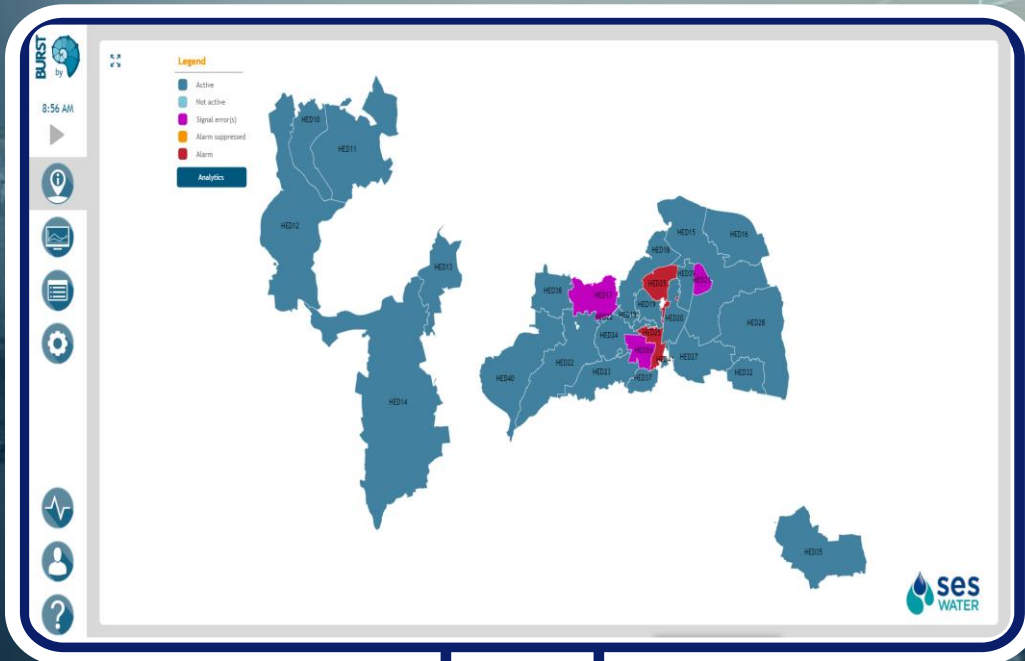
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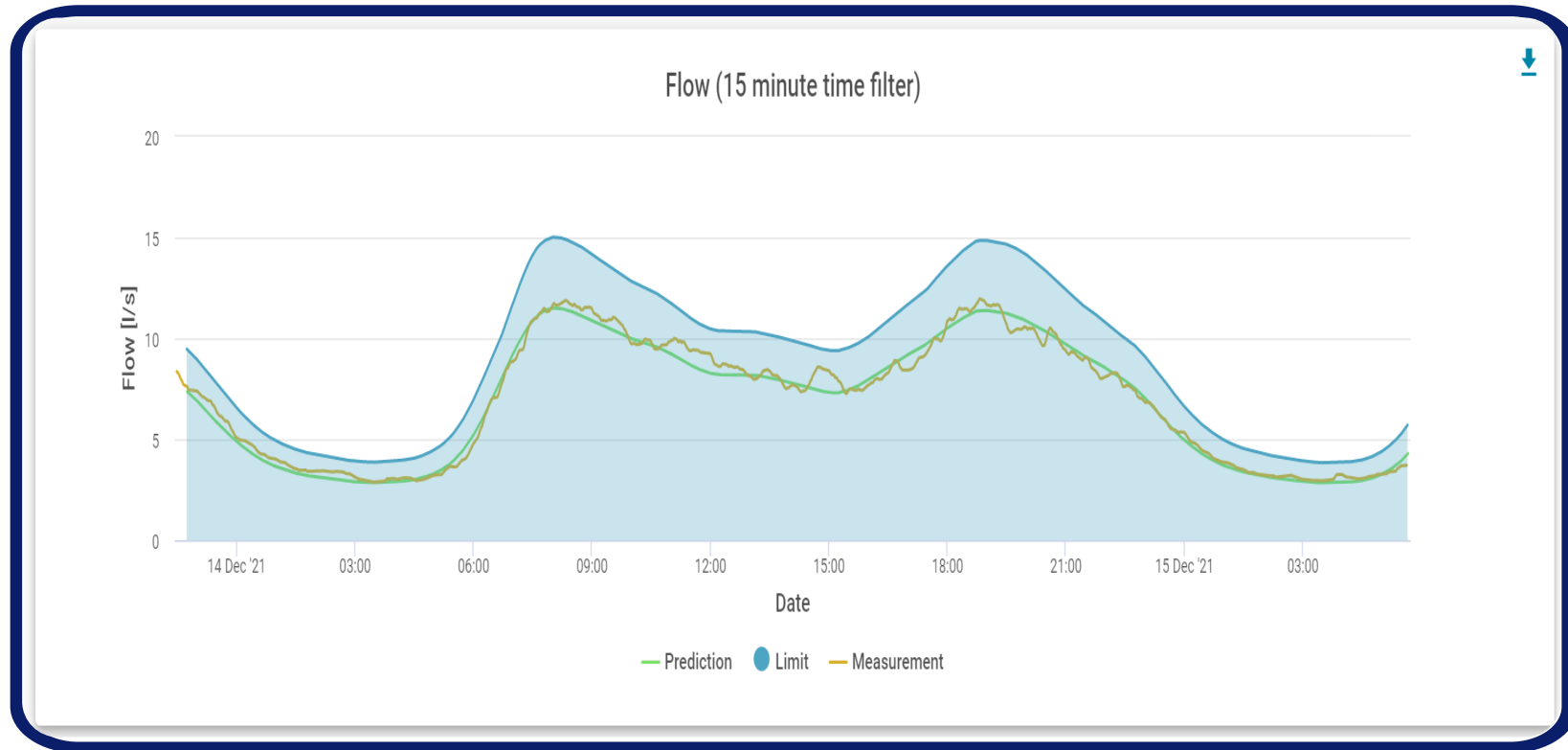


# iDMA

SES Water's Intelligent Supply Network



# How iDMA Works



1. Measurement

1 minute data, every 15 minutes

2. Prediction

Learned profiles

3. Limit

Historical data – predictions – sensitivity factors



# Alarms During Summer Outbreak



Previous 50 Day  
Period

20 May 22 – 08 Sept 22

Summer Outbreak  
Period

09 July 22 – 04 Sept 22

Total Unique  
Alarms:



207



Total Unique  
Alarms:



294



40%

# Alarms During Winter Outbreak



Previous 12 Day  
Period

28 Nov 22 – 09 Dec 22

Winter Outbreak  
Period

10 Dec 22 – 21 Dec 22

Total Unique  
Alarms:



139



Total Unique  
Alarms:

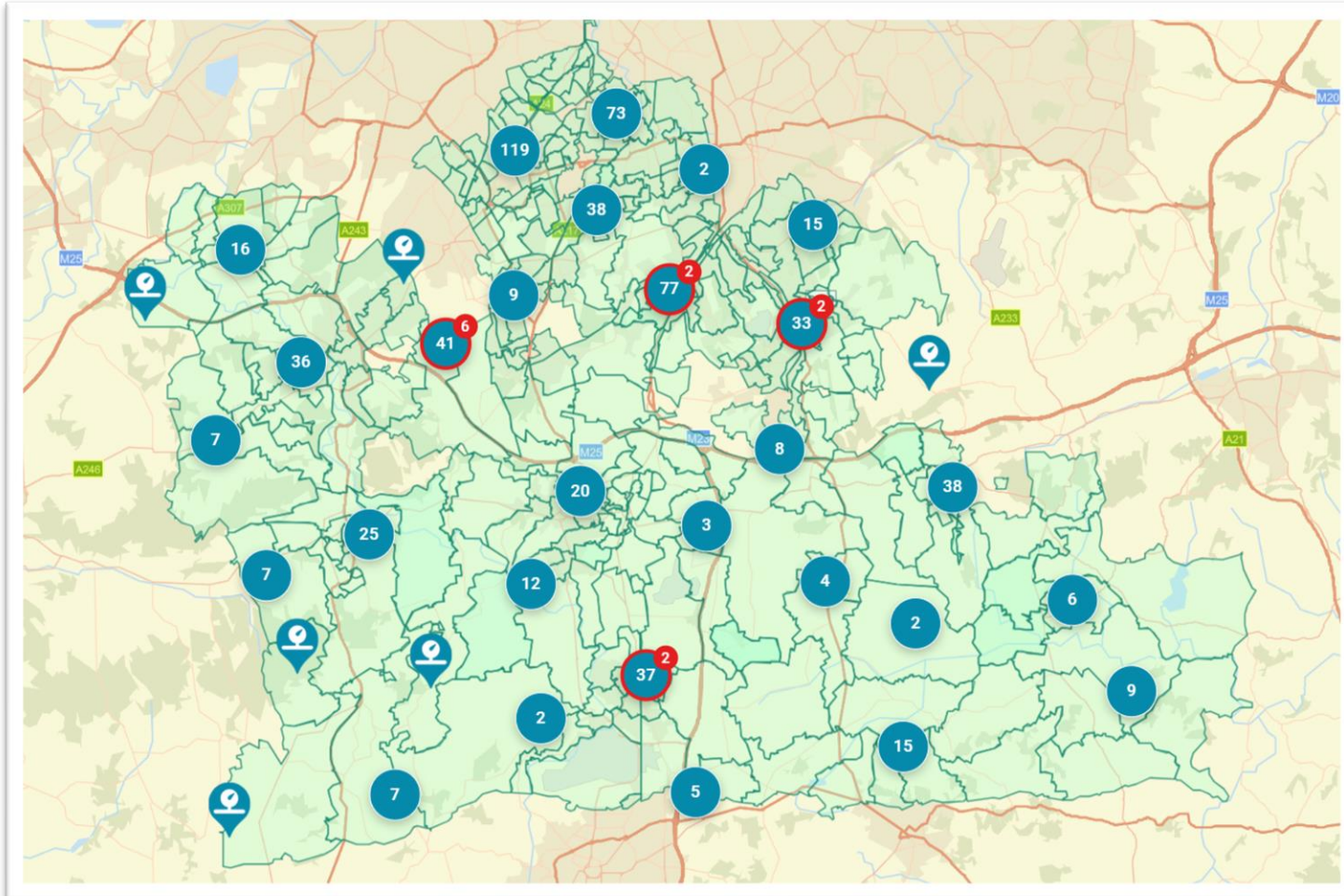


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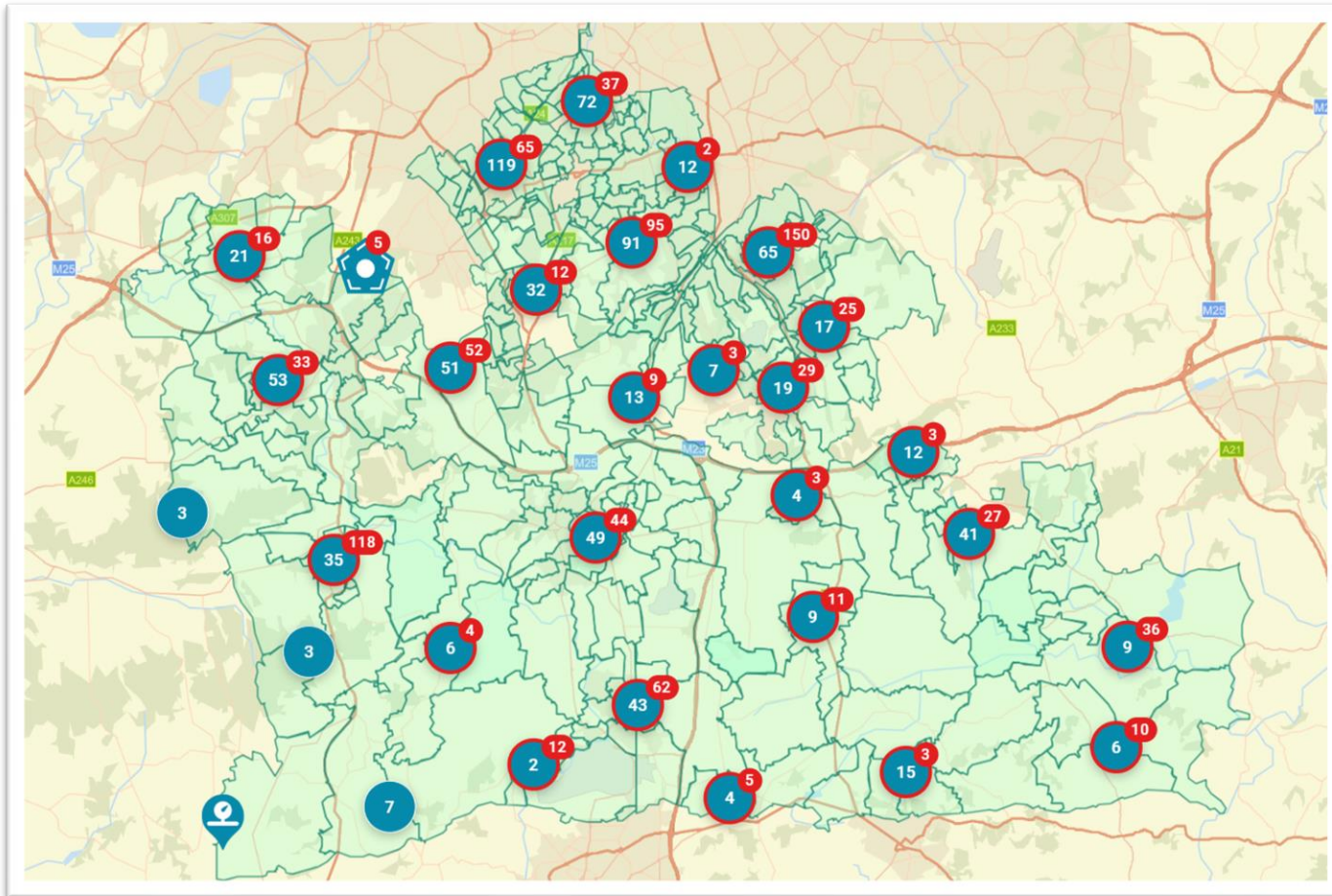
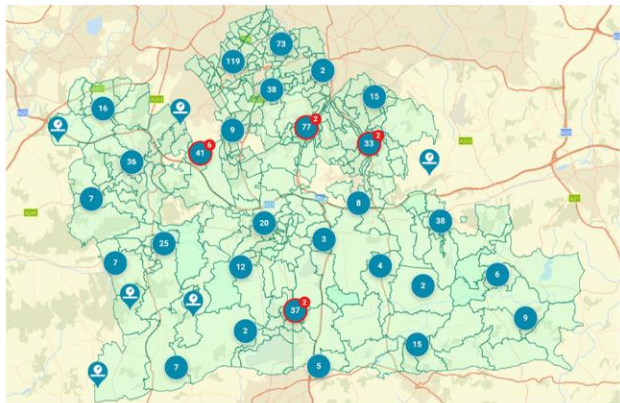
500%

# Leak Awareness

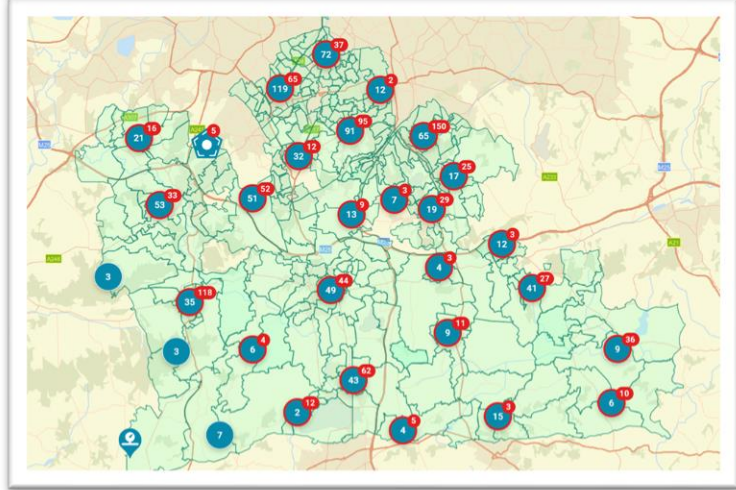




# Leak Awareness



# Leak Prioritisation



Alarm level	Alarm type	Location	Anomaly	Start
●	Flow alarm High	LAN38_CONSUMPTION	0.74 -	26/12/2022, 01:15
●	Flow alarm High	PUD12_CONSUMPTION	0.55 -	26/12/2022, 01:13
●	Flow alarm High	WAR28_CONSUMPTION	2.66 -	26/12/2022, 00:55
●	Flow alarm High	BKM11_CONSUMPTION	0.43 -	26/12/2022, 00:23
●	Flow alarm High	HOW25_CONSUMPTION	0.95 -	25/12/2022, 23:57
●	Flow alarm High	OUT20_CONSUMPTION	1.13 -	25/12/2022, 23:35
●	Flow alarm Critical	HOW25_CONSUMPTION	1.28 -	26/12/2022, 00:12
●	Flow alarm Critical	OUT20_CONSUMPTION	1.32 -	25/12/2022, 23:50



A photograph of a beach with waves crashing onto the shore. The water is a vibrant blue-green, and the sand is a golden-brown. In the foreground, a dark shadow of a person is cast onto the sand. The text "Reflection is Important" is written across the middle of the image in a black, handwritten-style font.

Reflection is Important



You still need  
people!



Data is key!



Avoid the urge  
to revert!

\*Be better next time\*



# Trust the Process



iDMA alarmed to EVERY significant leak



Small proportion of false alarms (~10%)



Without iDMA we would not have known about many of the bursts until the following morning



Only 48 properties had a supply interruption over 3 hours (Avg. duration = 3.8hrs)



No supply issues or loss of major storage



No alternative water needed to be deployed



**iDMA**

SES Water's Internet  
of Things Network

**TESTED**



# Our Challenge to the Industry...



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SMART WATER SOLUTIONS



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**Questions?**



# The potential of AI for supporting resilience & leakage management – update on learnings from the Safe Smart Systems project



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# Safe Smart Systems



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# What are we covering?

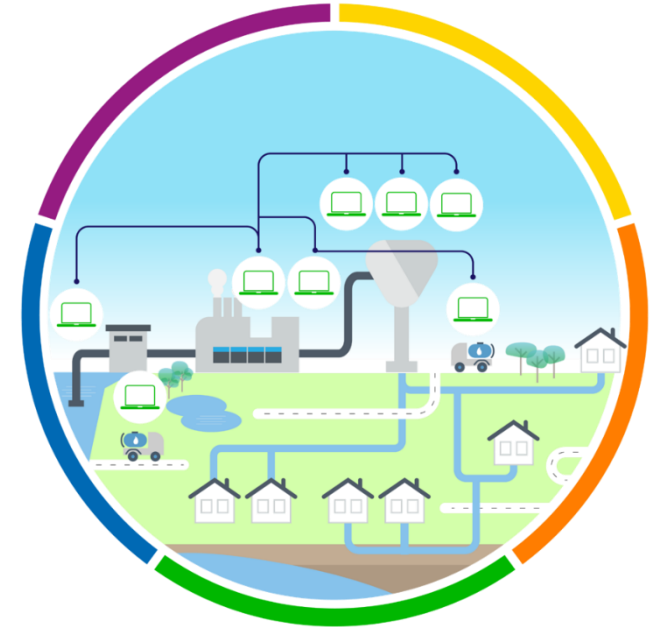


- Background and overview of the project
- Progress on the project to date
- Areas of development
- Challenging our operational environment

# What's the project about?

**Solving tomorrow's problems and developing the capability to manage emerging change in our world**

A safe, smart system embeds resilience from source to tap through optimising and automatically re-configuring based on predicted or detected faults and real-time risk profiles. It is secure by design and can respond to emerging needs as well as those of today.



**Water  
Breakthrough  
Challenge**

# Who's involved



# Jacobs



# Our Vision and Mission



## VISION

We have built and are operating an automated, connected system that delivers a clean, sustainable supply of water for future generations

## MISSION

To develop and evidence a **scalable and adoptable safe smart system** within Ely (Anglian Water Region); with the **capability and culture to operate; that is validated by the industry** and provides the path which can be followed by others to embed resilience and benefits for customers, society and the environment.



# What's involved

Breaking it down the key components

Systems  
Based AI  
Decision  
Engine

Next-gen  
Infrastructure

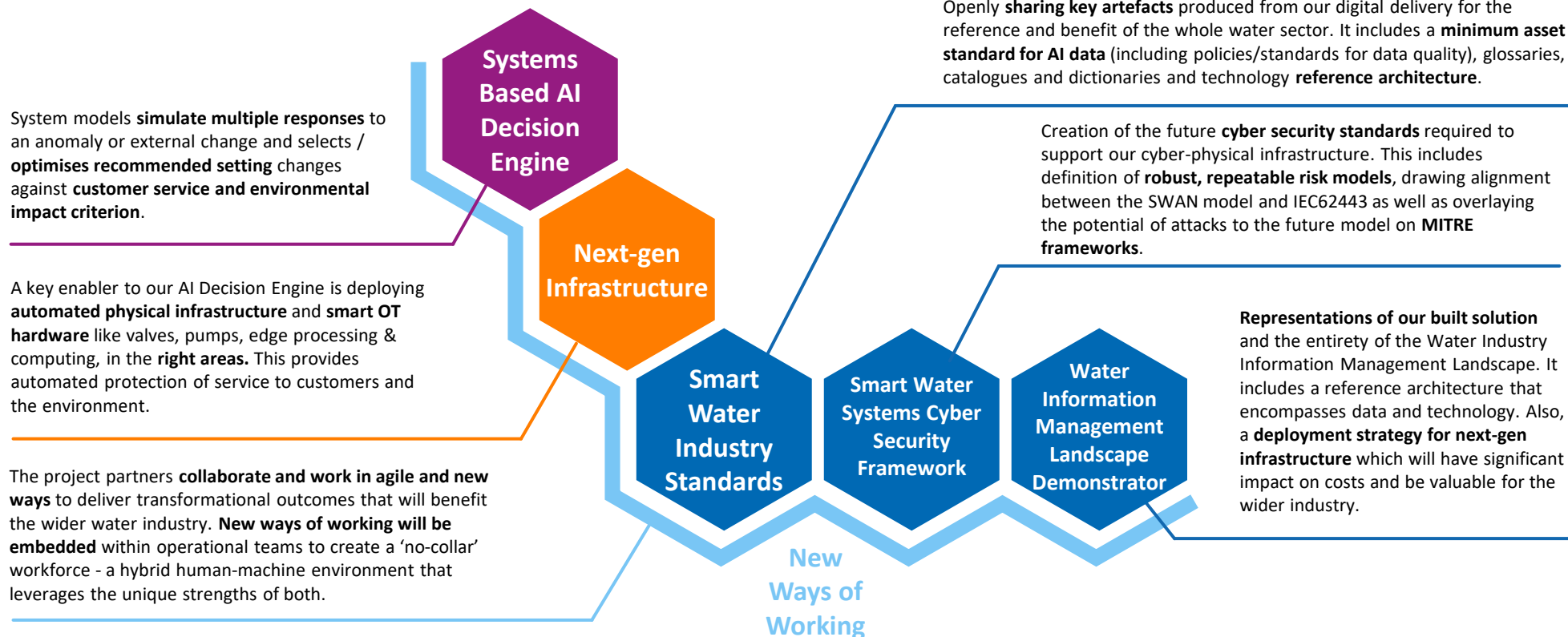
Smart  
Water  
Industry  
Standards

Smart Water  
Systems Cyber  
Security  
Framework

Water  
Information  
Management  
Landscape  
Demonstrator

# What's involved

## Breaking it down the key components



# Outcomes and Benefits



## Why develop a Safe Smart System

### Environment

- Reduce leakage and water losses
- Improve management and planning of water resources including sustainable abstraction
- Expedite the industry-wide net zero carbon goal by reducing our carbon footprint

### Operations

- Increase proactive maintenance
- Improve operational resilience, response and recovery to short term system shocks and future stresses
- Inform targeted asset planning — focus investment in the most beneficial areas

### Wider Industry

- Develop an industry 'how-to' playbook
- Develop of a Water Information Management Landscape (IML) which will enable sharing of interoperable data between water and other infrastructure companies

### Customers

- Reduce bursts and service-related issues including water supply interruptions and low pressure
- Protect public health by reducing water quality anomalies

### Our ways of working

- Understand the value of our virtual assets and have confidence in the data
- Work more efficiently, making informed, complex decisions based on data and insight

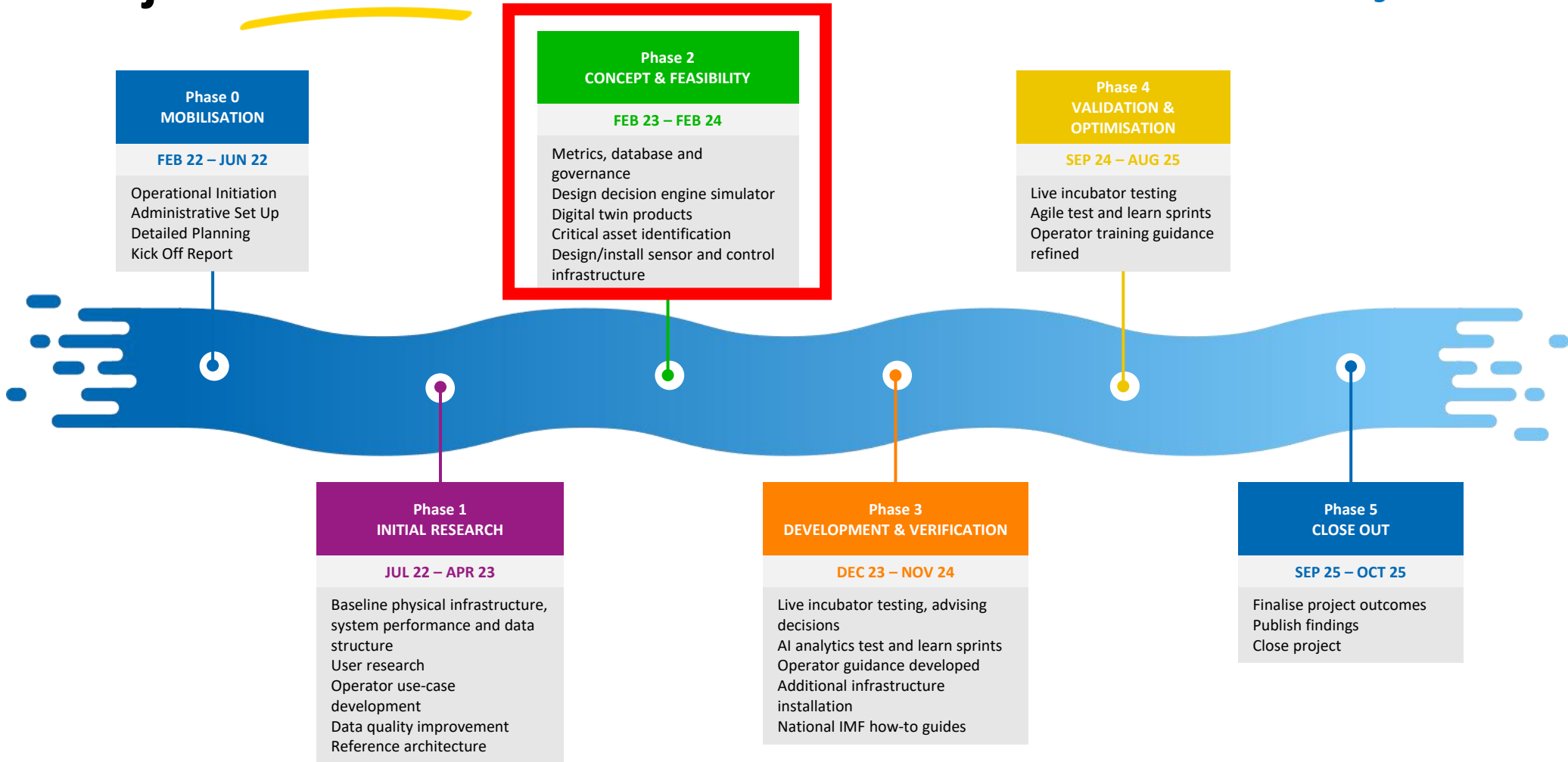
### Our people

- Have greater visibility of system performance
- Have time to focus on how to further optimise the system and enhance customer service
- Have less surprises and can focus on prediction and prevention rather than reactive firefighting





# Project Timeline



# Our current development

## What is the first system MVP?

- The normal state for the network should be the lowest pressure and lowest energy
- We aim to demonstrate that actionable decision making can take place at a system level
- Our first *system level MVP* will include these essential capabilities of a smart network
- Support both manual and autonomous prioritisation of events
- Leads to first autonomous deployment with a reconfigurable network



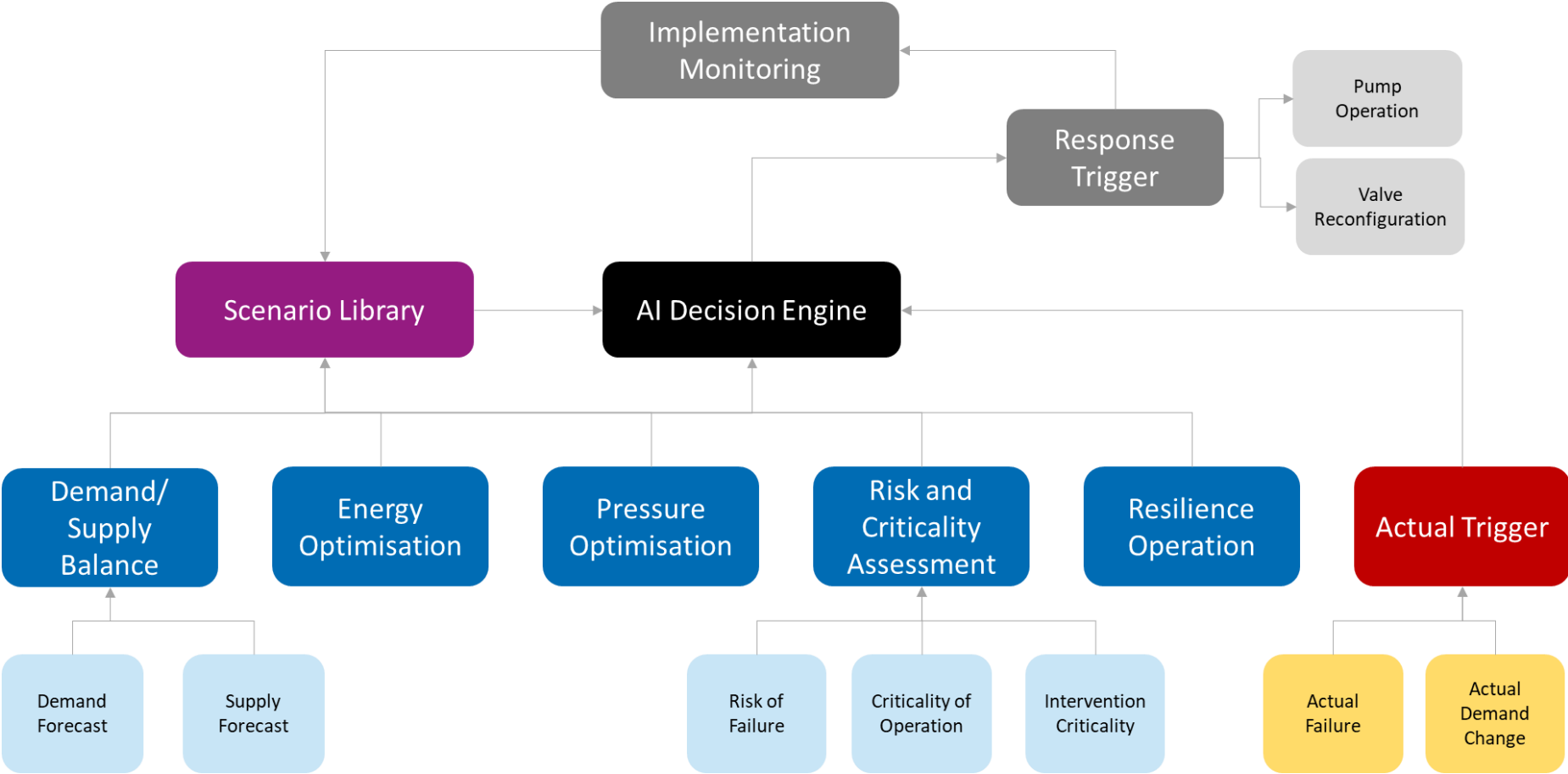
The ability to detect events (sensor or actual)

The ability to predict probable events

The ability to know the consequence of events

The ability to know how to resolve an event


# High Level System Requirements



# How is the project delivering?

## Our model for success

For our Safe Smart System to be successful and sustainable it needs 3 elements:



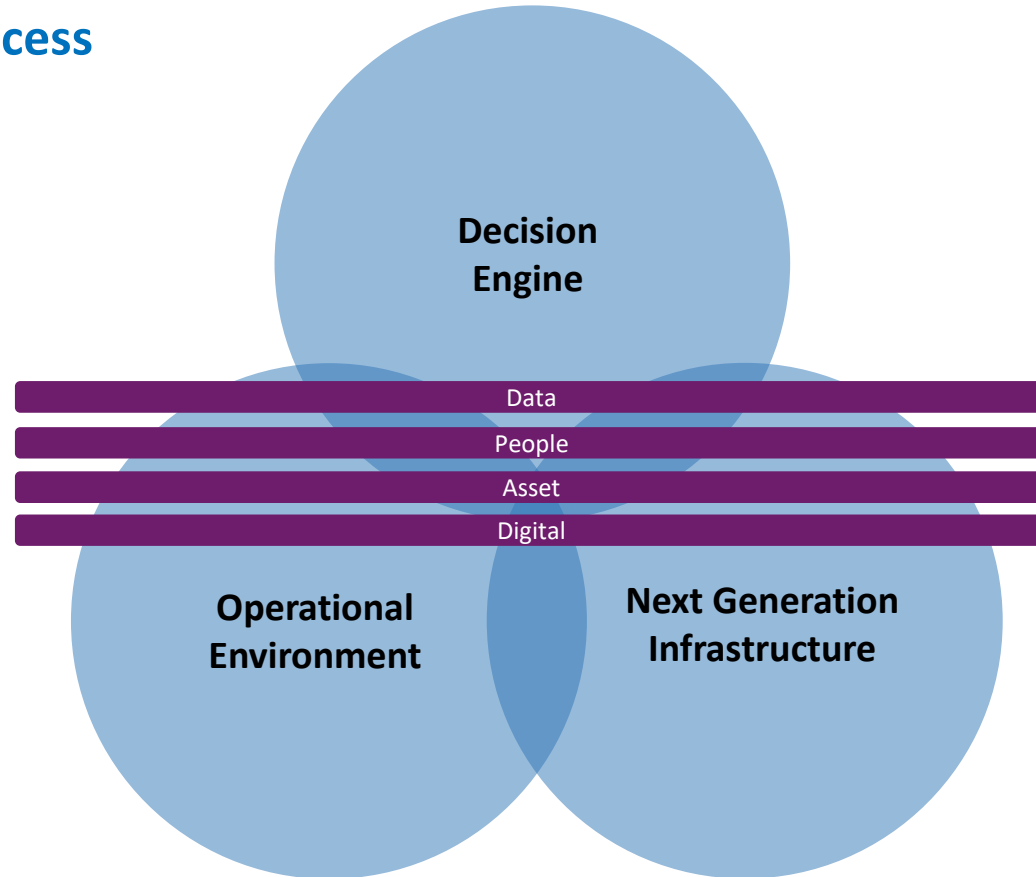
**Decision  
Engine**

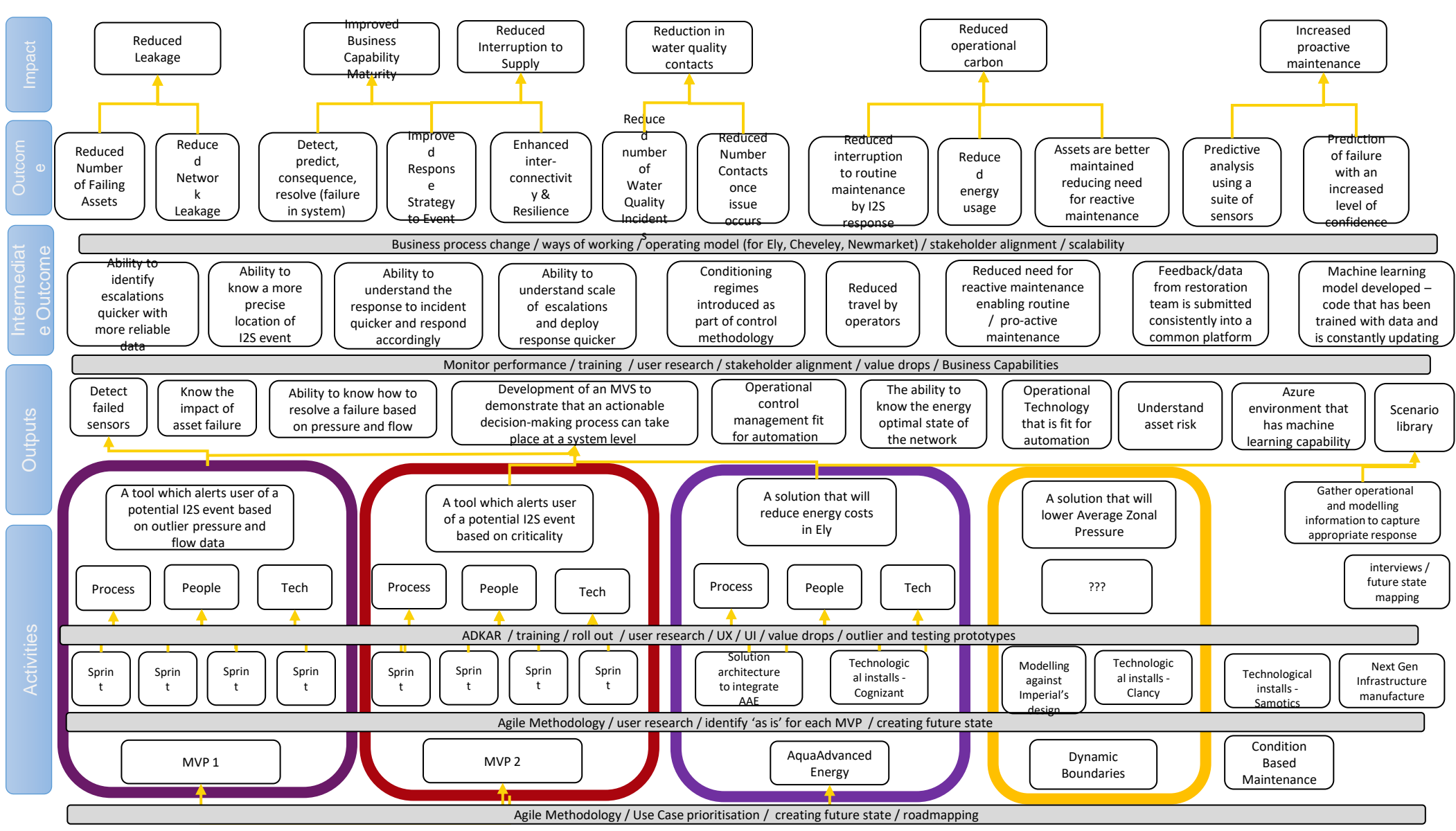
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**Next Generation  
Infrastructure**

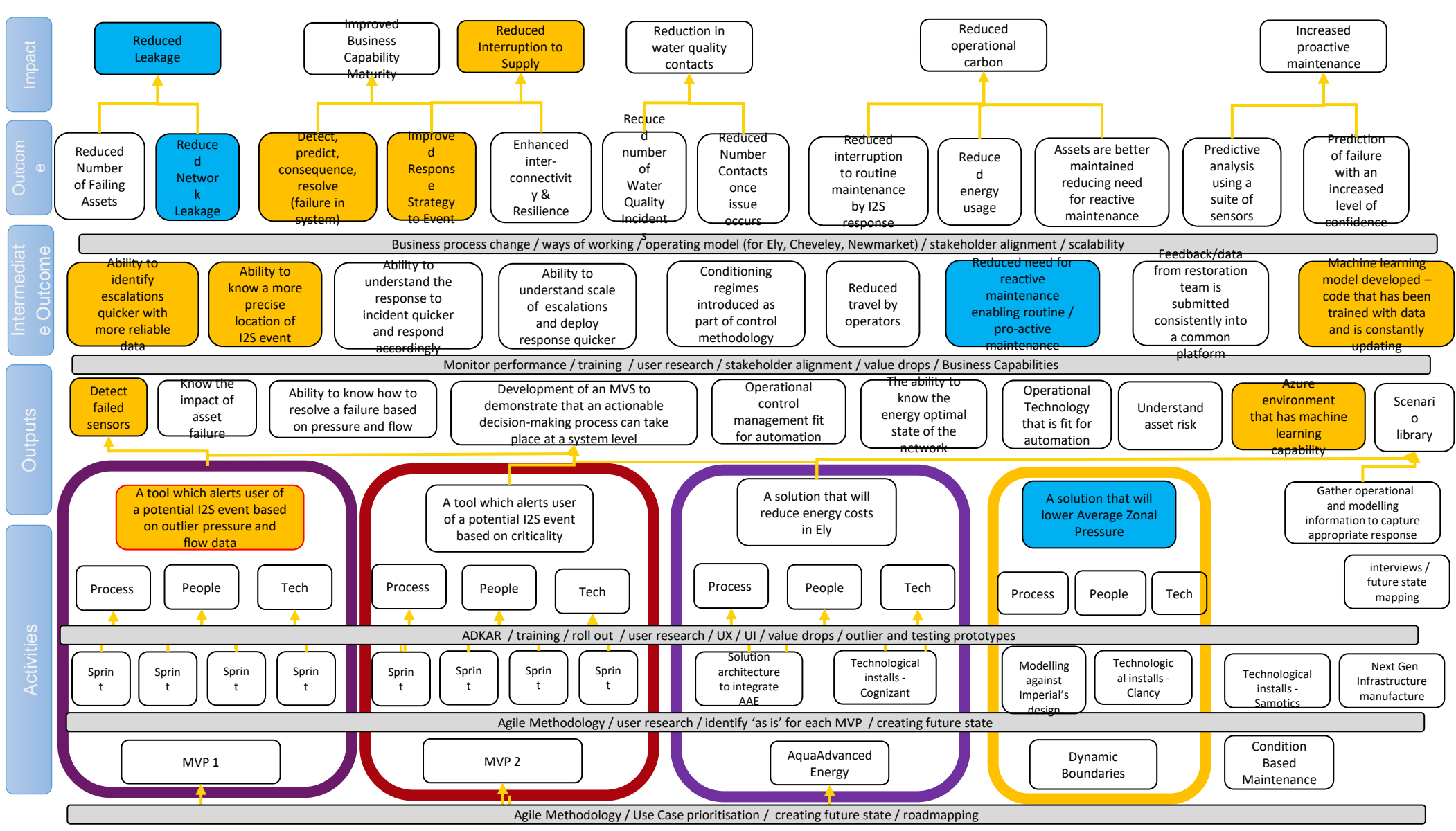
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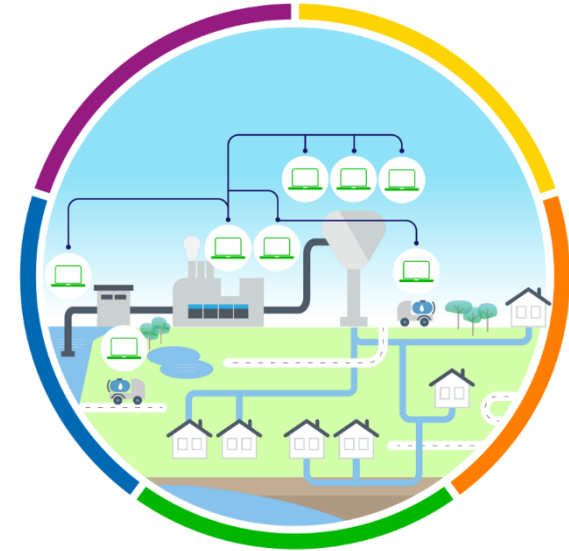




## In summary

**Safe Smart Systems is an opportunity to rethink water operations and make the most of emerging technologies**

- A system level AI decision engine is at its heart
- Creates the opportunity to collect and manage data in more effective ways
- Security is at the foundations
- We can rethink how we organise around technology
- Water companies have immediate access to all learning
- Path to value for customers and the environment can be seen



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# Want to know more

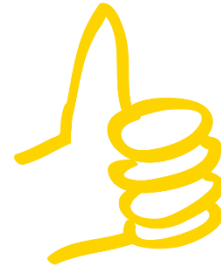
## How to stay in touch or get involved

- Email the team at [SafeSmartSystems@anglianwater.co.uk](mailto:SafeSmartSystems@anglianwater.co.uk), you can ask about the project, an event or how to get involved
- Visit our innovation site at <https://awinnovationhub.co.uk/project/safe-smart-systems/>
- Look out for communication on our forums, workshops and partner events where we share learning
- Connect with us and the other team members on [LinkedIn](#) where we share updates on progress and key events

# Any questions



**Thank you  
for listening**



# Closing remarks



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# Thank you to our exhibitors





# Conference close



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