# Leak Detection From Space

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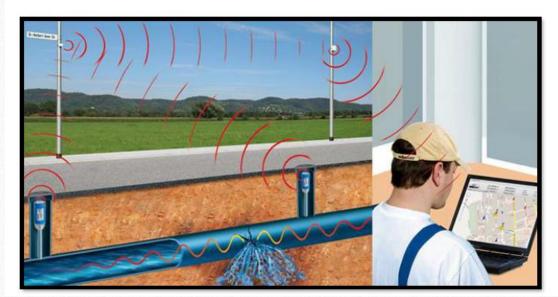
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### Pro-Active Leak Detection Service

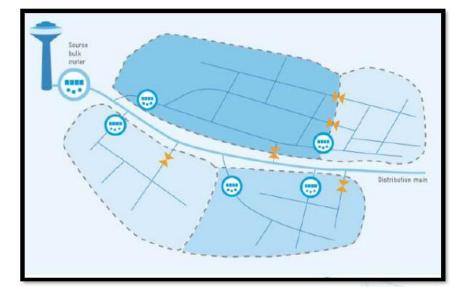


### Reactive Approach

#### **Smart Water Networks**



#### **District Metered Area**



#### HOW DOES A SATELLITE WORK

#### Advantage of satellites

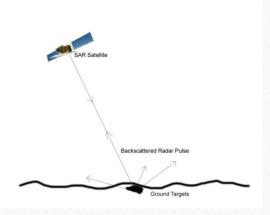
- Continuously orbiting the earth
- Capability to carry sensors
- Frequent coverage
- Data is relatively affordable because one pass covers a large area
  - One image = 1,350 sq mi (3500 sq km)



#### **SAR** SATELLITES

#### Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) sensor

- All weather capability
- Day/night operation
- Sensitive to dielectric properties
- Subsurface penetration

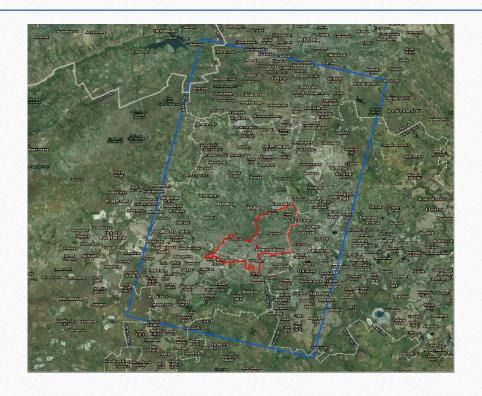


- Any soil type
- Any Pipe Type
- Drinking Water Infrastructure
- Finds Background Leaks
- Mains, Services, customer side leaks

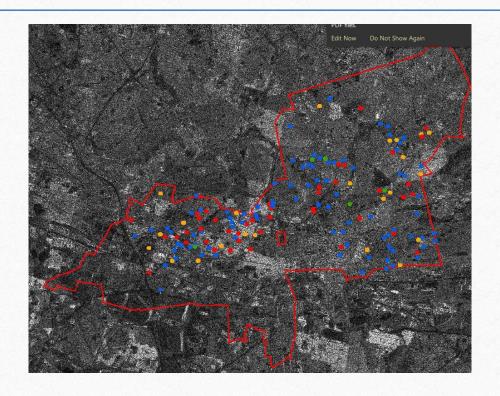
Drinking water, which is treated with chemicals such as chlorine, has a specific "signature" when in contact with soil

Utilis' algorithm combines this signature with other factors to locate areas where drinking water has saturated the soil.













### Questions?





