

6 CLEAN WATER  
AND SANITATION



# Water digital transformation

deterioration diagnosis of water pipes  
utilizing **AI** and **Artificial Satellite**  
by public-private partnerships in Toyota City





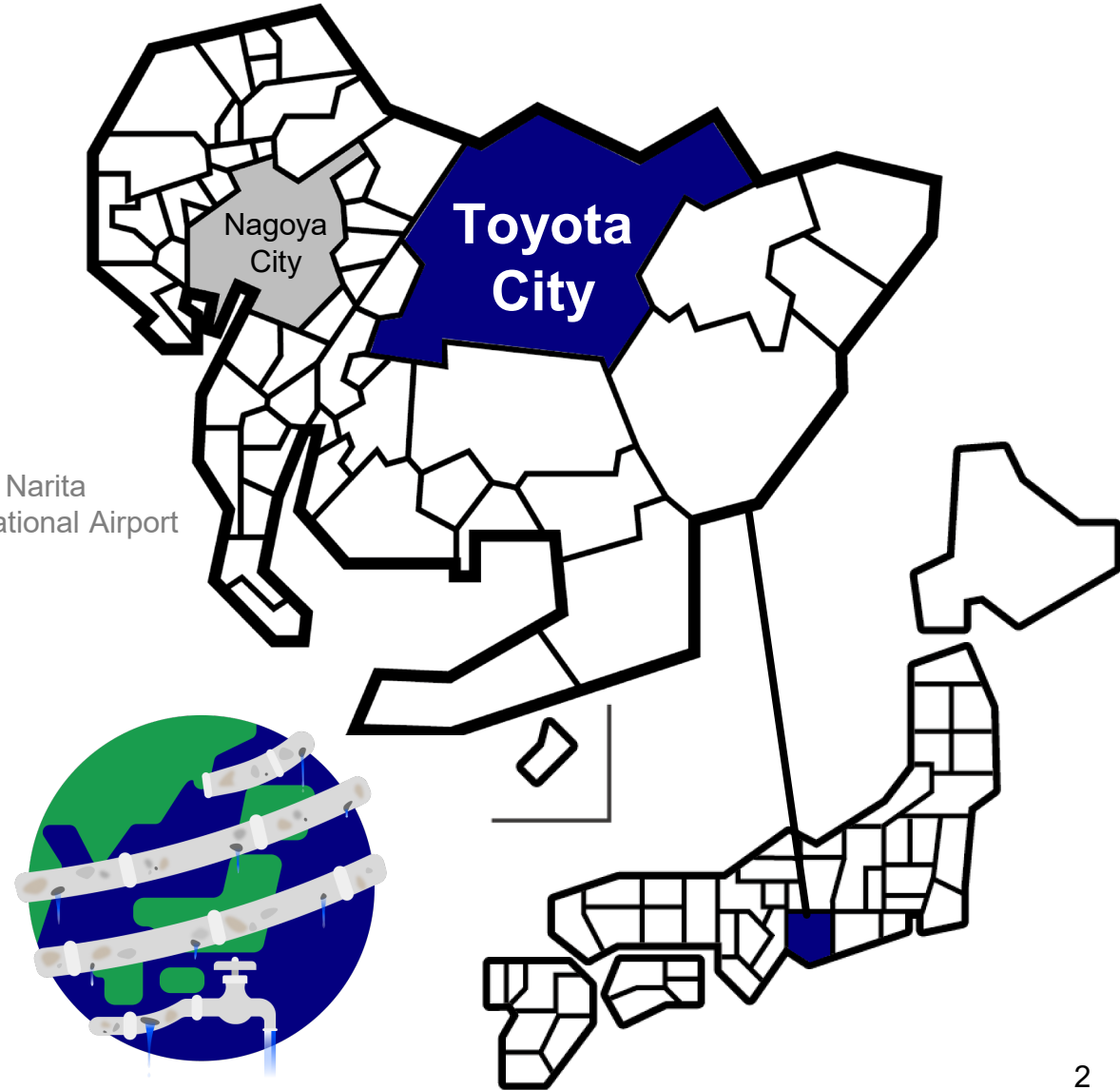
# Location of Toyota City

Toyota City is home to Toyota Motor Corporation's headquarters and six plants.

From the sky



The required time is about 1 hour from Chubu International Airport.







# Background of Toyota City

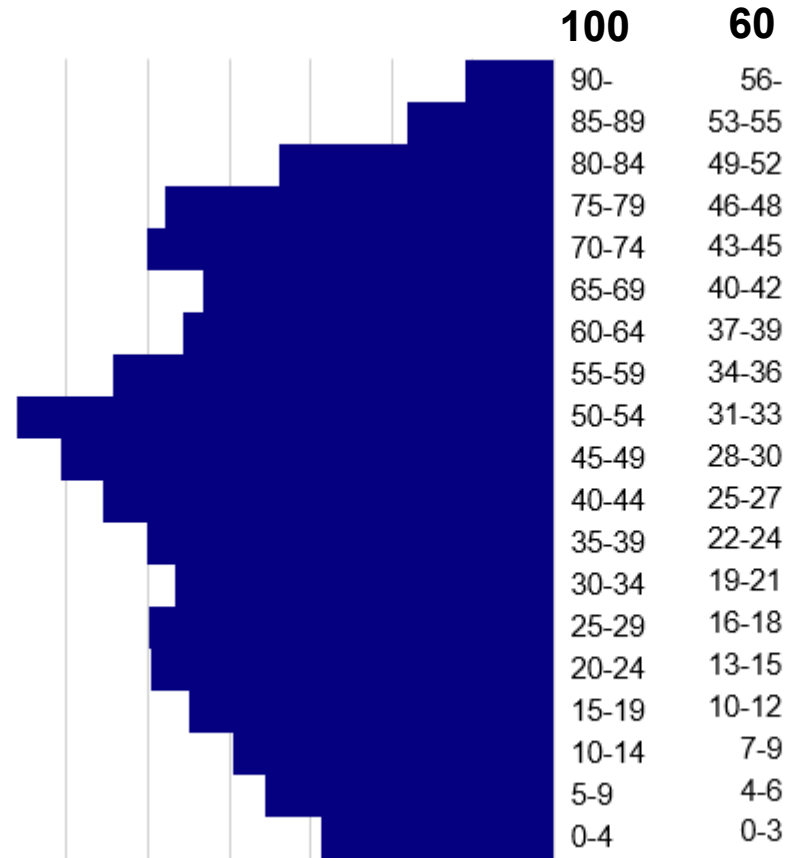
**Population** 415,853

**Started Supplying water** Jan.1956

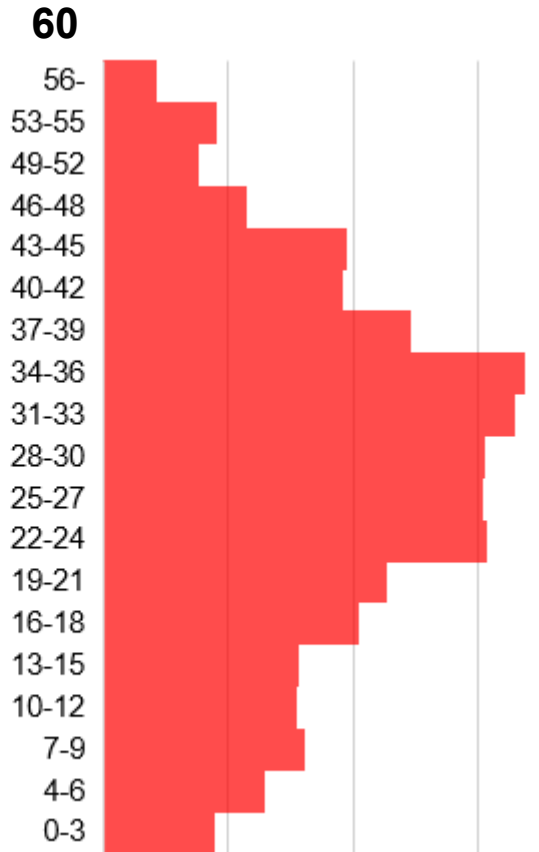
**Water Pipe Extension** 3,685 km

**Leakage** 3,483,166 m<sup>3</sup> (7%)

## Human Age



## Water Pipe Age





# Issues on water supply maintenance

The condition of water pipes remains unknown until excavation is performed. How can we optimize maintenance costs for aging water pipes?

**01** The current scope of leak detection is vast, leading to inefficient inspection activities

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**02** The need for tools that can analyse both urban and mountainous areas at once

**The purpose of the project : To improve efficiency of water pipe inspection activities by setting high priority areas with smaller size in both urban and countryside.**



# Public-Private Partnership



ミライのフツ-をつくらう



未来都市とよた

We turn on the faucet and we get clean water.



# Prime Minister's Award

Our initiative received Prime Minister's Award at "Digi-den Koshien 2023" Project







## Prime Minister's Award at "Digi-den Koshien 2023" Project

The Japanese government has been pursuing the "**Vision for a Digital Garden City Nation**," which aims to utilize **digital technology** to **resolve social issues** and increase **attractiveness of regional areas** while **leveraging** their unique features and leading to the **promotion of local industries**.

In order to foster momentum for the realization of the Vision, the **Government** commends **initiatives** that use digital technology to solve regional issues and **enhance well-being of the people**.

At the **Digi-den Koshien Award** held in FY2023, our initiative won **first prize** and received the **Prime Minister's Award**.





Episode 1

**May 2020 to Mar. 2021**





# FRACTA

**Achievements  
in Toyota City**

 **KURITA**

## History

**2015: Established U.S. headquarters (Silicon Valley, California)**  
**2019: Established Japan subsidiary (Tokyo, Japan)**  
**2023: Became a subsidiary by Kurita Water Industries (Japan)**

## Business

**Infrastructure deterioration prediction and diagnosis service using machine learning algorithms**

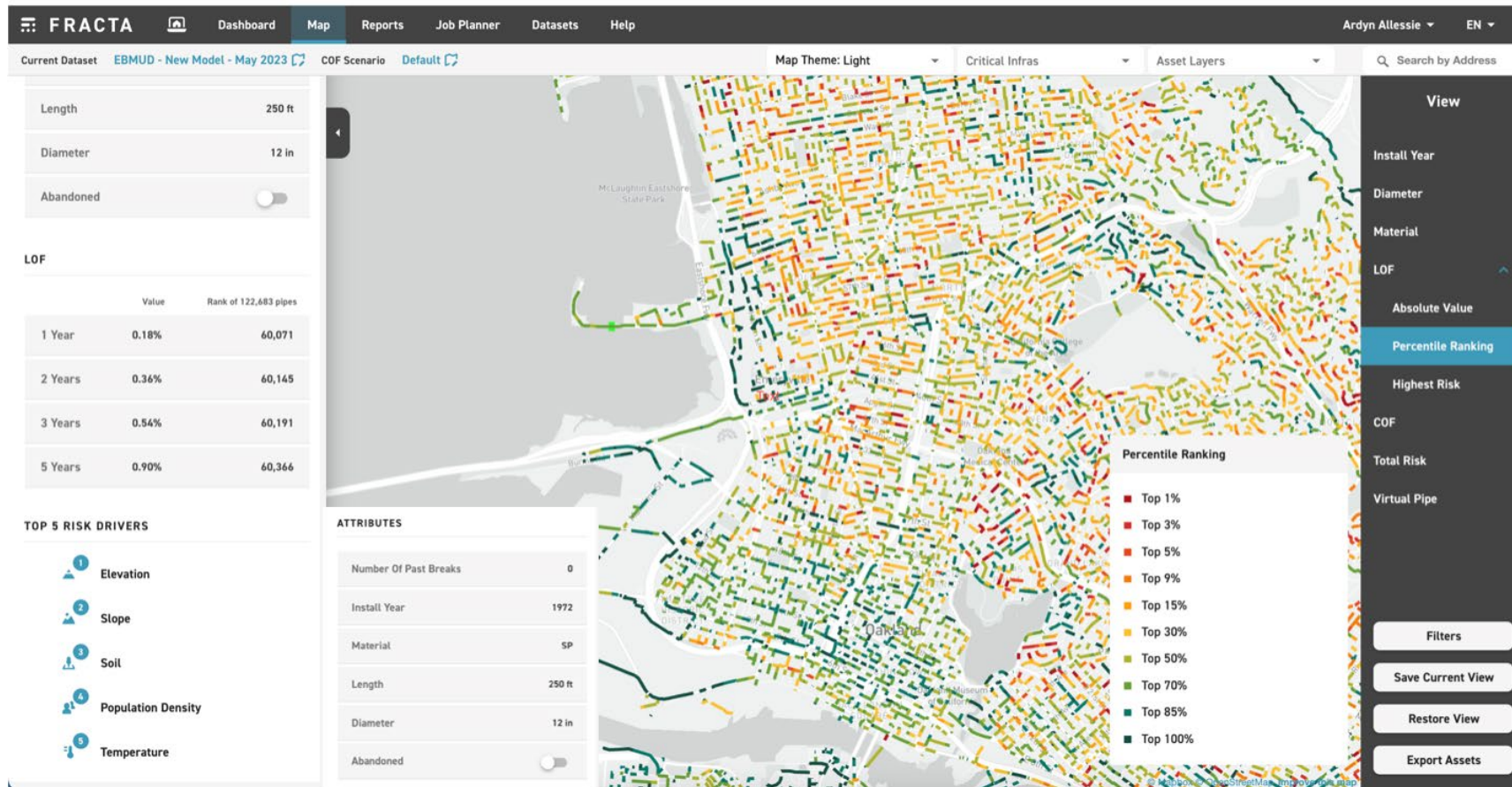
## Achievement

**Have over 140 cases, primarily in the U.S. and Japan, which have examined approximately 600,000 water break incidents and 310,000 km of of pipe infrastructure. Furthermore, diagnostic services for sewer and gas pipes are already underway.**

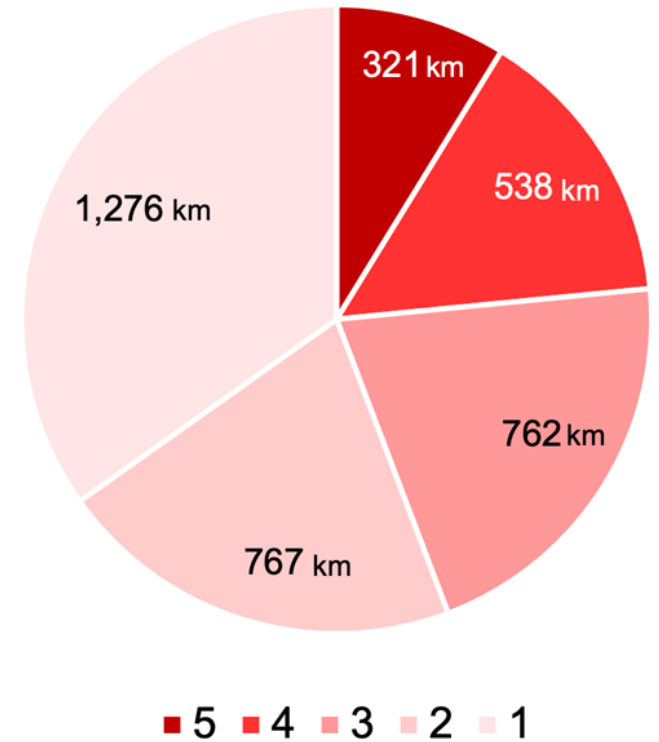




## Health checkup of water pipes using AI × big data

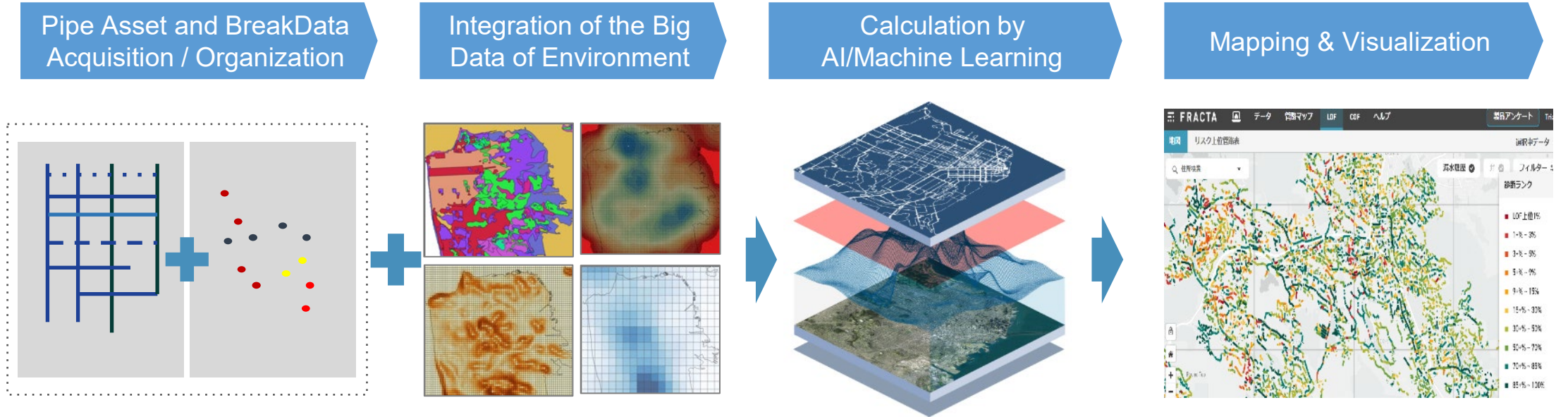


## Toyota City case



# The process of diagnosis

## Diagnose using piping information and environmental big data



- Acquisition of information on water pipes (diameter, year of construction, etc.) and break history. Digitization, correction, and completion of original data

- Uniquely constructed environmental data (Population, soil, rivers, transportation networks, earthquakes, etc.)

- Proprietary algorithms Calculate the probability of failure within 1~5 years

- Visualize the probability of water pipe failure on a map as a heat map Even if there is little break data, diagnosis is made using a model that has learned the break trends and patterns of other cities.

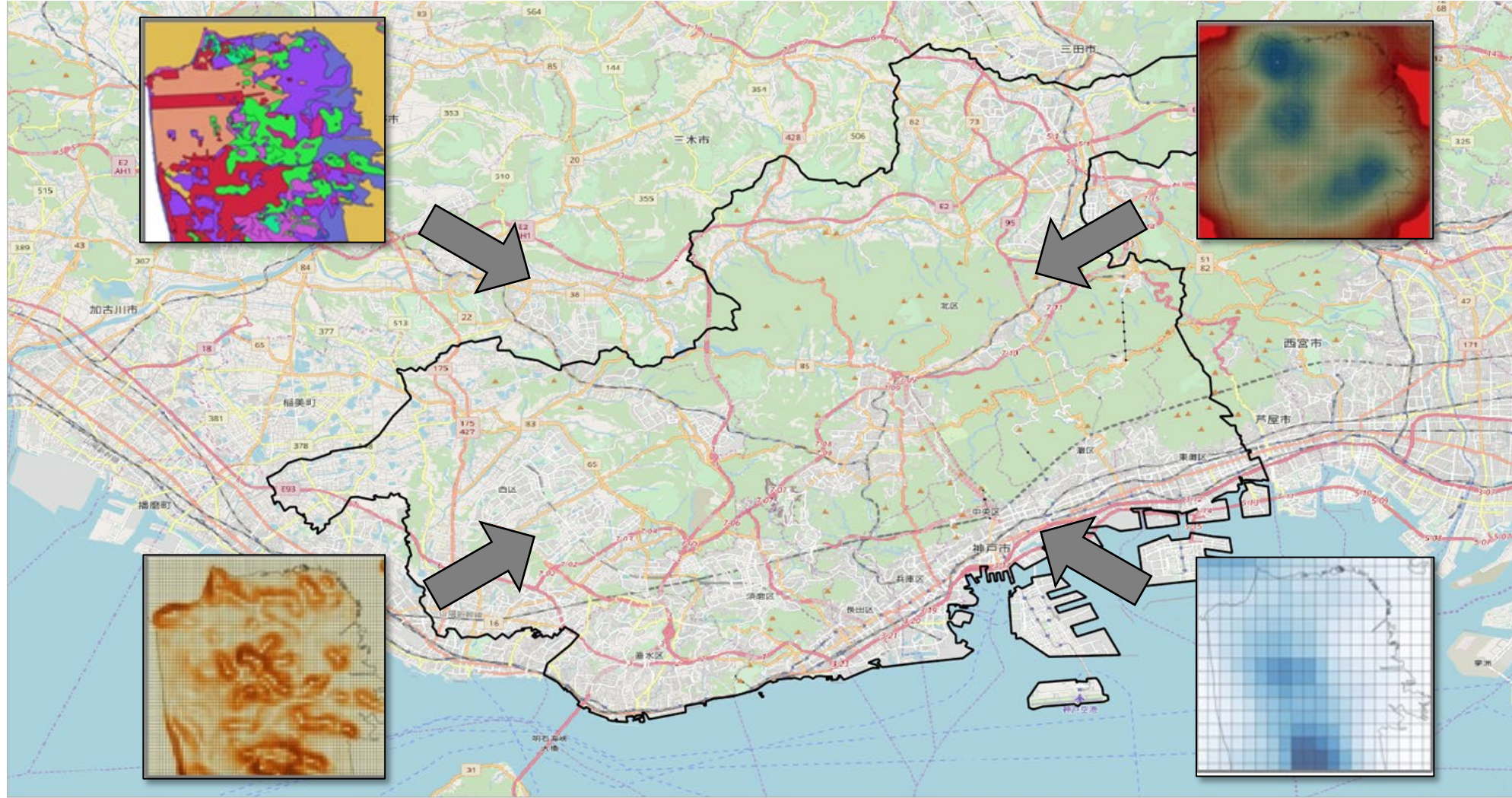


**FRACTA**

**3 months**



# Utilization of environmental big data



Population, soil, rivers, transportation networks, earthquakes, etc.

- **Visualization of leakage risk by diagnosing all area**
- **Optimize piping renewal plans across the city**
- **Passing on tacit knowledge of veteran staff**





# We're taking on challenges worldwide!

- Fracta already has achievements outside of the United States and Japan.
- Infrastructure will continue to deteriorate.
- Our mission is to tackle the challenges of social infrastructure globally.



I'd love to hear from you!



Episode 2

**Feb. 2022 to Mar. 2023**



# Tenchijin COMPASS KnowWaterleak

Enhancing water pipe inspection  
efficiency and leakage detection  
using data fusion and AI



# Tenchijin at a Glance

Founded in 2019  
30 FTE



\*Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency

Solutions in:

- Infrastructure
- Agriculture
- Renewable energies



Awards:



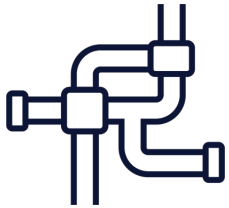


# How it works

**Input data**  
**Pipe and Environment**

**AI/ML algorithm analyzes**  
**condition of leakage**

**The water leak risk map**  
**by 100m x 100m**

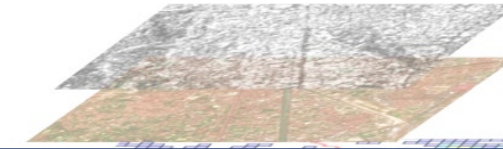


Water pipe network data  
(place, repair history, etc.)

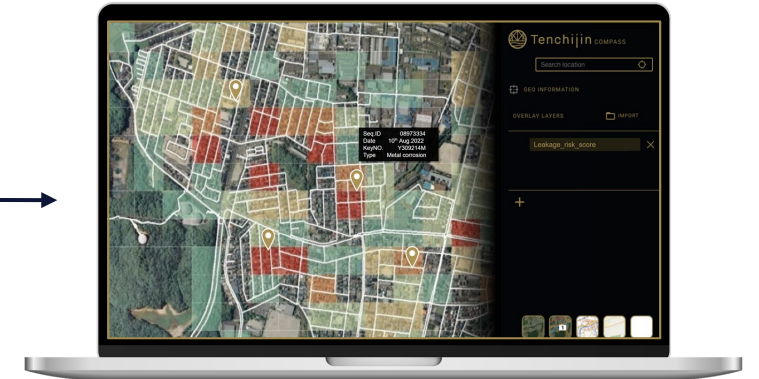


Environment info  
from satellite

(temperature, rain, landslide, etc.)



Water leak analysis  
Deterioration analysis



Show risk level by colors  
for each 100m area

# Use in the planning phase

Municipalities can manage all data in digital and share it with different division.



Color-map to show risk level

Aggregate in one place all information.

Record and share all inspection data.



## Advantages

Continuity

Scalability

Perennity

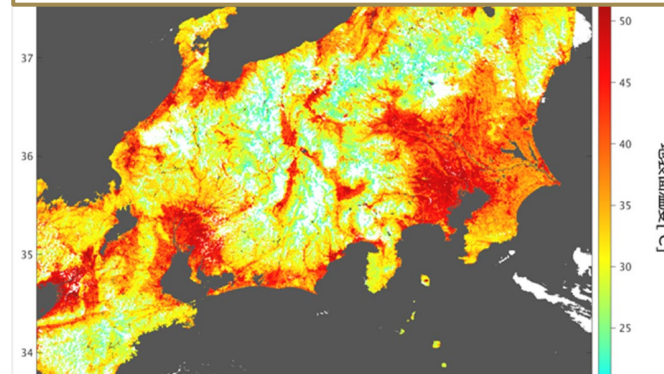
Simultaneity

Depth

Transnationality

## Relevant applications

Temperature imagery



Land surface temperature

Severe temperature impact on leakage

SAR imagery

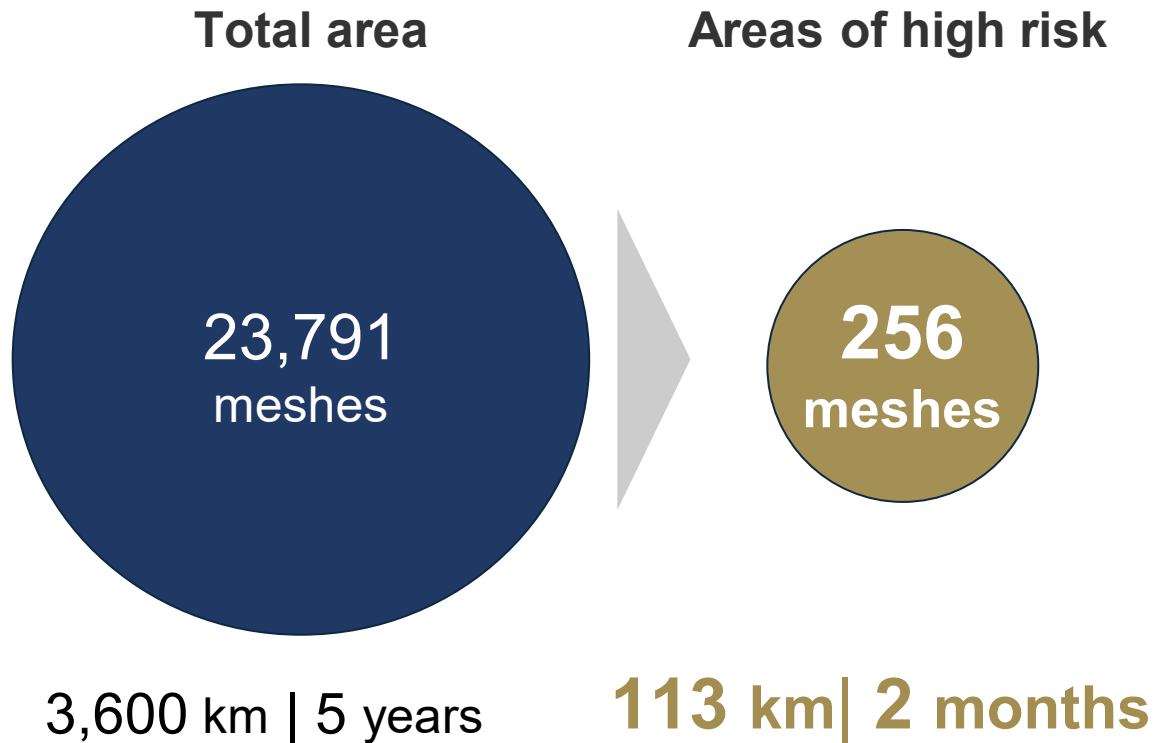


Land displacement

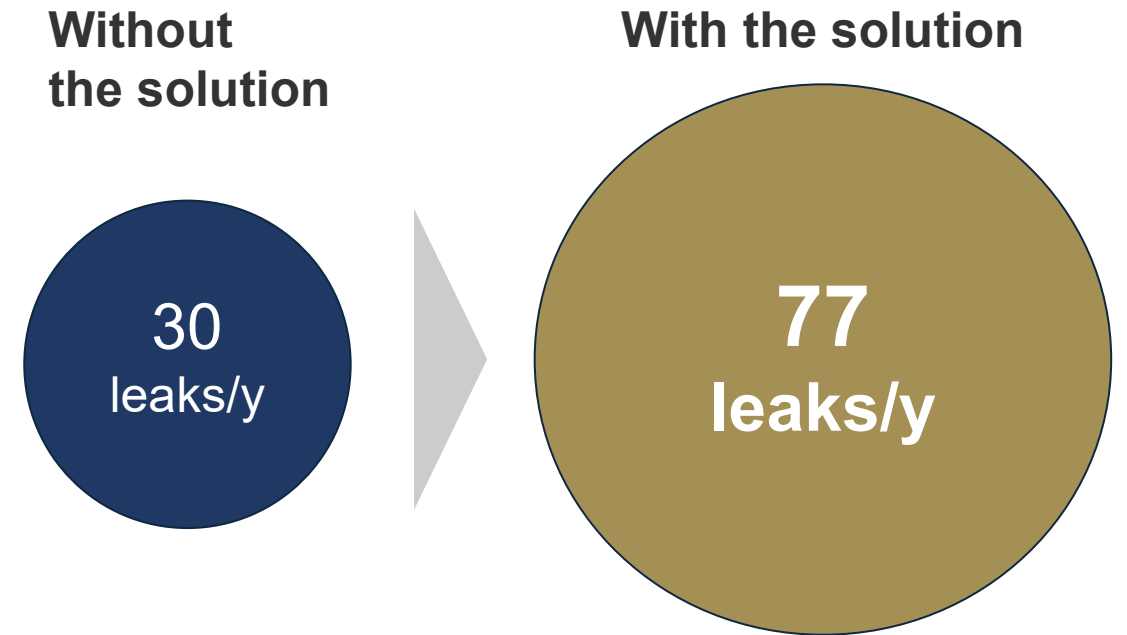
Effect of land motion on pipe leakage occurrence

# Demonstration Project Results

## 01 Narrow down



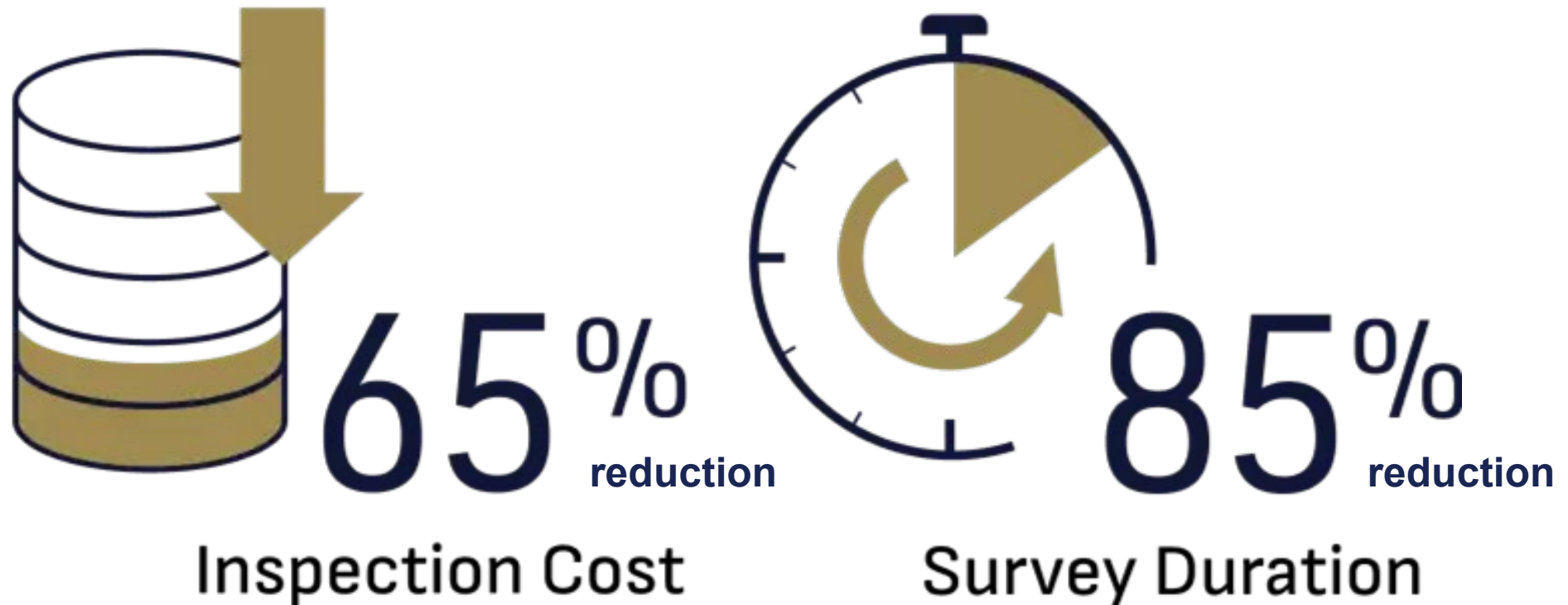
## 02 Number of water leaks





# Value Added for Users

The expected benefits of this solution include up to **65% reduction** in inspection costs and up to **85% reduction** in investigation time.



\*Data from Toyota City case

# Traction: 8 Customers

10 municipalities use our solution as of April 2024

\*Some city names cannot be publicized



- ❖ Fukushima City
- ❖ Seto City
- ❖ Aomori City
- ❖ Maebashi City
- ❖ Sapporo City
- ❖ Hirosaki City

**More are coming:**





# Tenchijin

**Let's work together**

**for a sustainable and eco-friendly water infrastructure.**



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