



Fighting to protect communities and the environment through pipeline technology that works





## **PipeSentry** family of products



**PipeGuard** 

Advanced pipeline leak detection



PipeTest

Advanced hydrotest monitoring & leak location



PipeTrack

Real-time pig tracking (coming soon!)



PipeScan

Pre-existing leak location & blockages

# PipeGuard

Advanced pipeline leak detection





### Leak detection challenges & our solution

False alarms significantly increase cost to operators

Lack of sensitivity means missed leak events

Slow detection of leak leads to higher risk and cost of damage

Lack of accuracy in location increases operation downtime & cost of repair

Pipeline system complexity & product diversity

New AI based approach reduces false positives to near zero

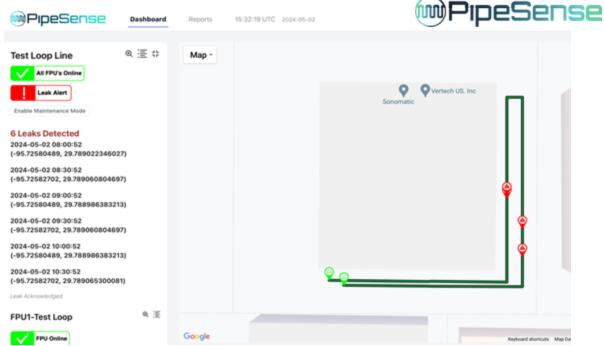
Increased sensitivity to smaller pressure events means smaller leaks captured

Detects leaks and notify the operator typically within 2-5 minutes

Highly accurate leak location typically within 20-50ft

Works for any pipeline configuration and transported product





#### **Pipeline Sensors**

- Distributed sensors
- Attached via small bore branch
- 1kHz sample –
  pressure events to be
  accurately detected
  and located

#### **Processing Hardware**

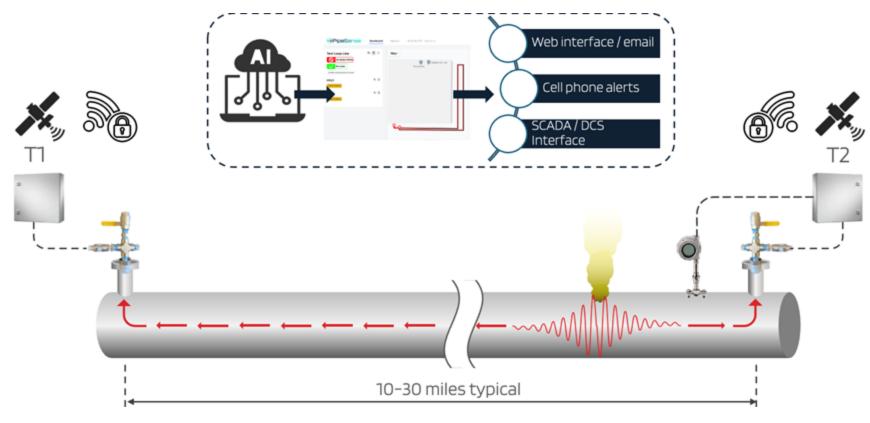
- Real time processing of high-speed data using common hardware solution
- Rugged field proven industrial hardware with a modular design

#### **Customer Notification**

- Flexible system deployment aligned with customer cybersecurity
- Accurately confirms leak detection and calculates and displays leak location

- Operator notification via mobile, text, web app or SCADA
- Flexible notification levels with automatic escalation to prevent unacknowledged events





#### **Sensor Connection**

Connected to small bore branch at typical intervals of 10 - 30+ miles

#### Detection

Leak event results in instantaneous pressure pulses which can be detected by the distributed sensor system

#### Calibration

Real time system calibration at time of leak results in improved location accuracy

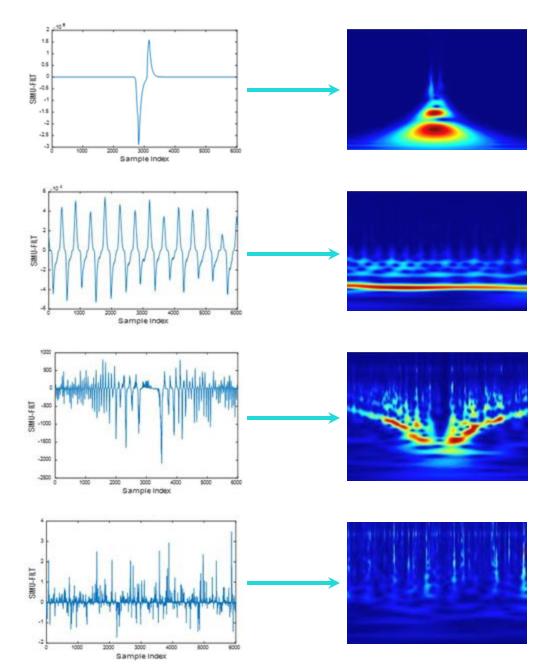
#### Redundancy

FPU's work independently of each other which can provide for system redundancy



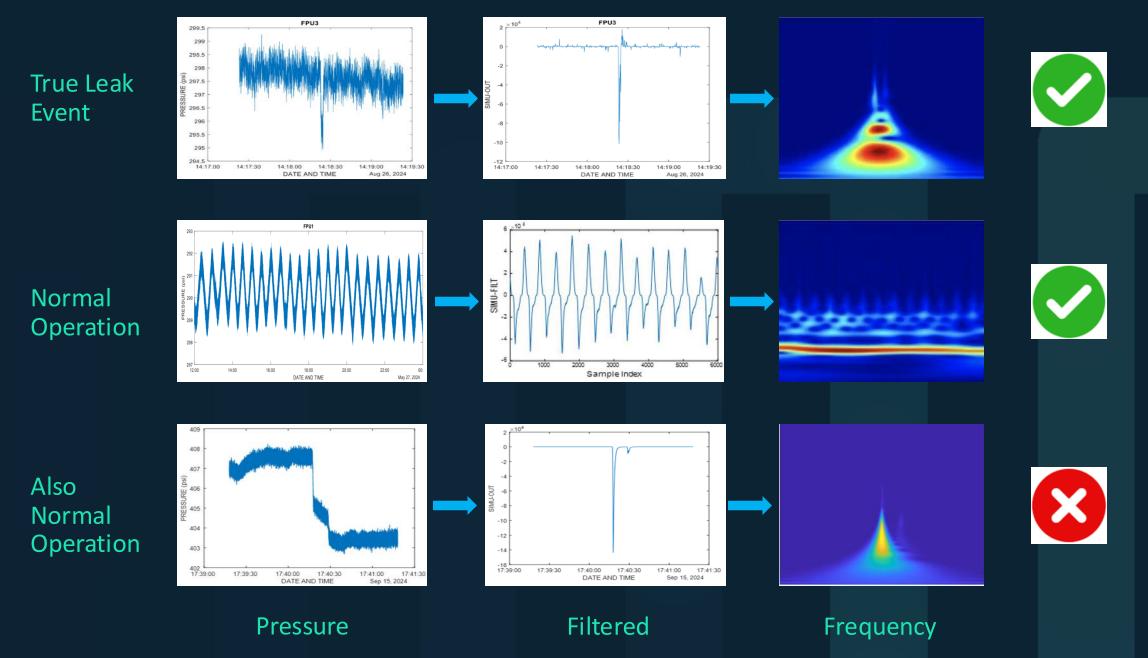
### Mitigating False Positives

- Initially constructed from extensive testing on 50-mile liquid propane line 2021 – 2023
- Additional data used from crude oil, natural gas, and water pipelines
- High speed data sampling = 1kHz
- Normal pipeline operation includes variety of pressure events and anomalies
- Included simulated leak events
- Expanded to include mixed pressure events
- 35,000+ images, with 5,000 used for validation



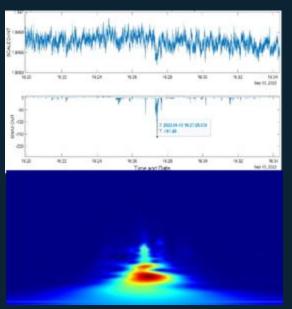








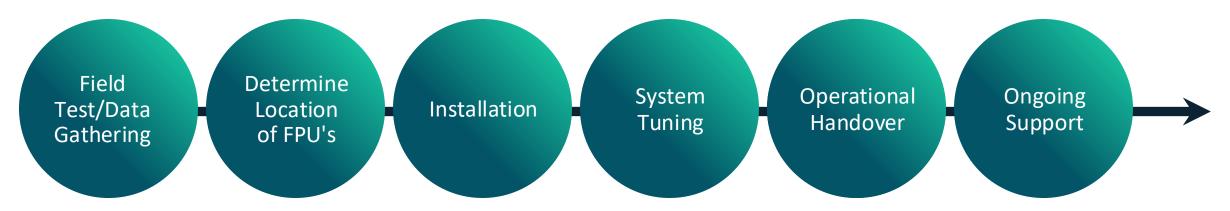






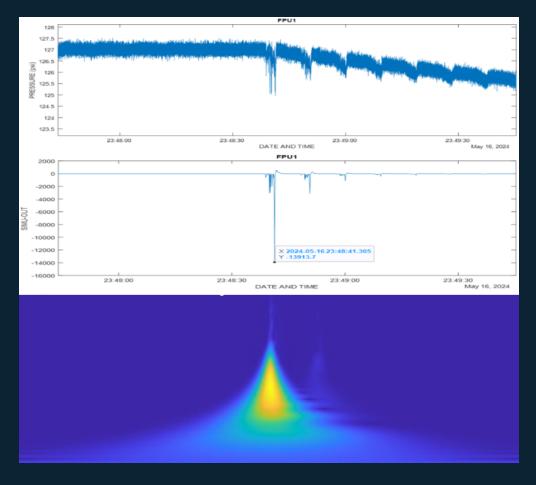


## Typical implementation process

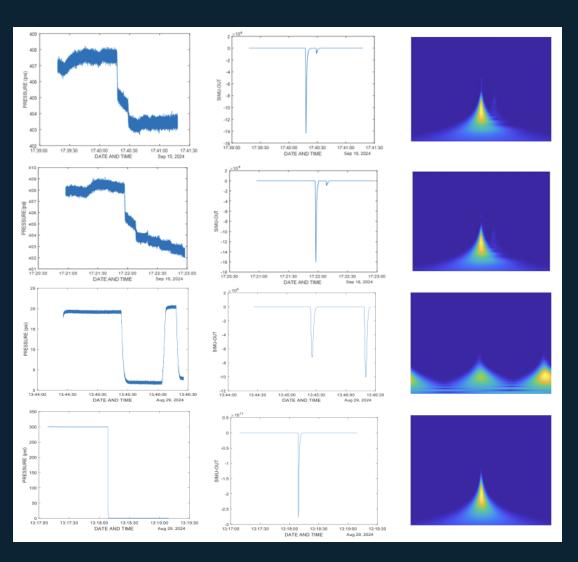




# The challenge......



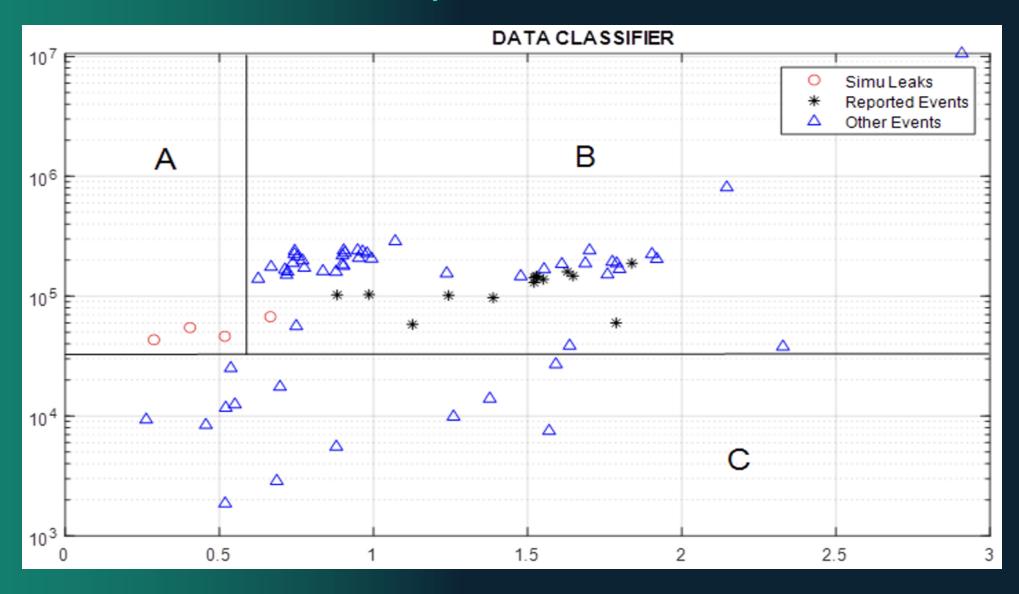
Simulated leak release



Normal operation events

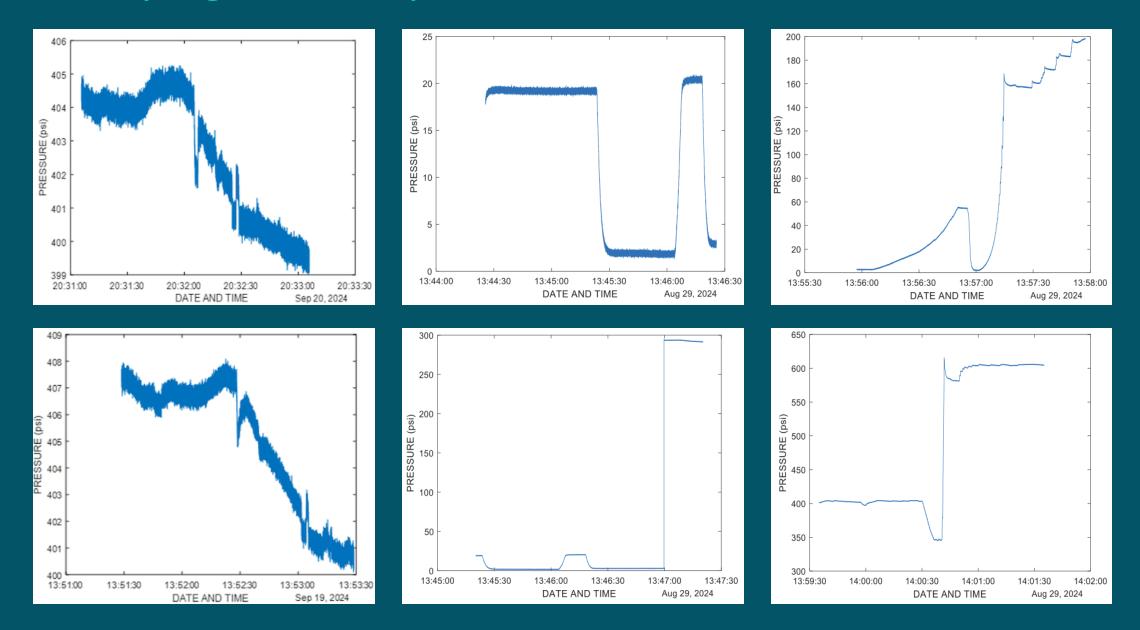


## Statistical based analysis



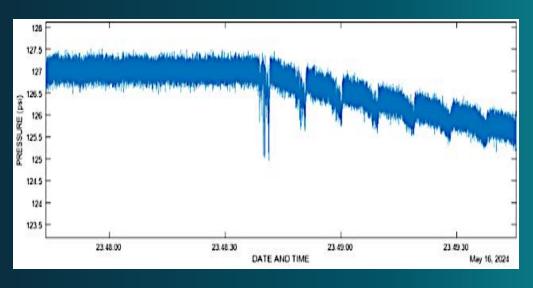


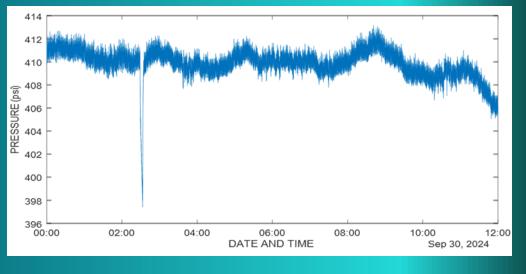
## Grouping of event patterns



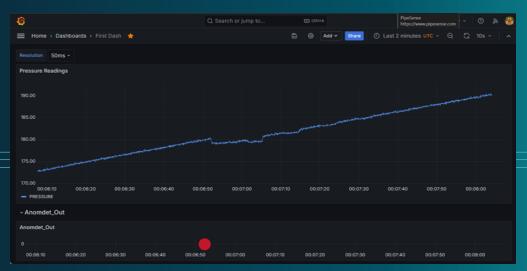
## The result with lots of re-run data



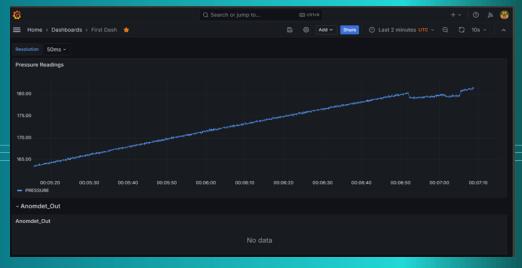




#### Simulated leak release



#### Extreme normal operational event



#### Regulator Study Comparison

- PHMSA funded PRCI study completed in 2021
- Studied three (3) operators CPM system performance with and without simulated leaks
- Included false positive events and simulated leaks detected in determining system accuracy
- A comparison to the PipeSense leak detection system supplied for large US pipeline operator is provided below



Sample Period (Days)	126
Minutes with False Positives	410
% Time with False Positives	1.47%
System Accuracy	79%

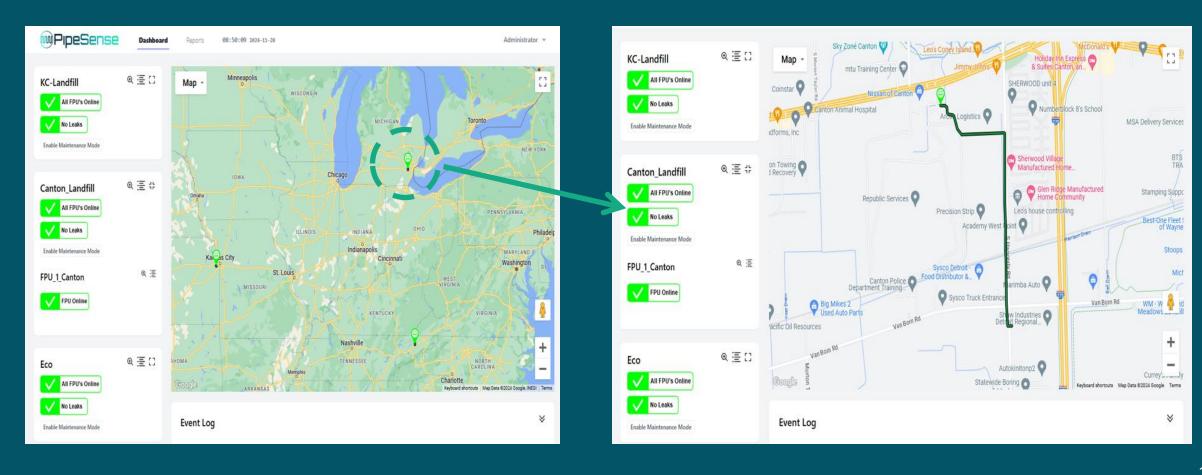
#### PipeSense US Operator

Sample Period (Days)	189
Minutes with False Positives	2
% Time with False Positives	0.001%
System Accuracy	99.99%



## Clean integration of multiple assets

Simple accurate mapping of leak events without false positives Multiple pipeline assets can be integrated on one dashboard Drill down for a detailed view

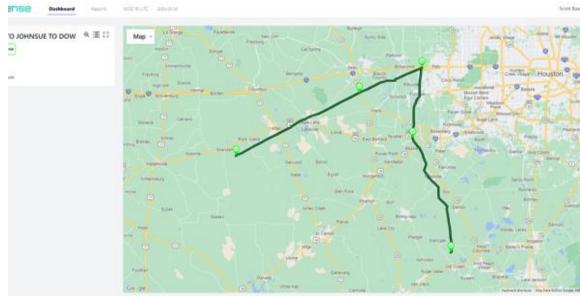




### Example system performance

- Very large operator >70,000 miles
- 100-mile pipeline section
- Just 5 field processing units
- Located at already available above ground connections
- Maximum spacing of 33 miles!
- Successful in being able to detect leak events down to 1/8<sup>th</sup> inch
- Zero false positives since deployment of our new machine learning approach









### Final system performance

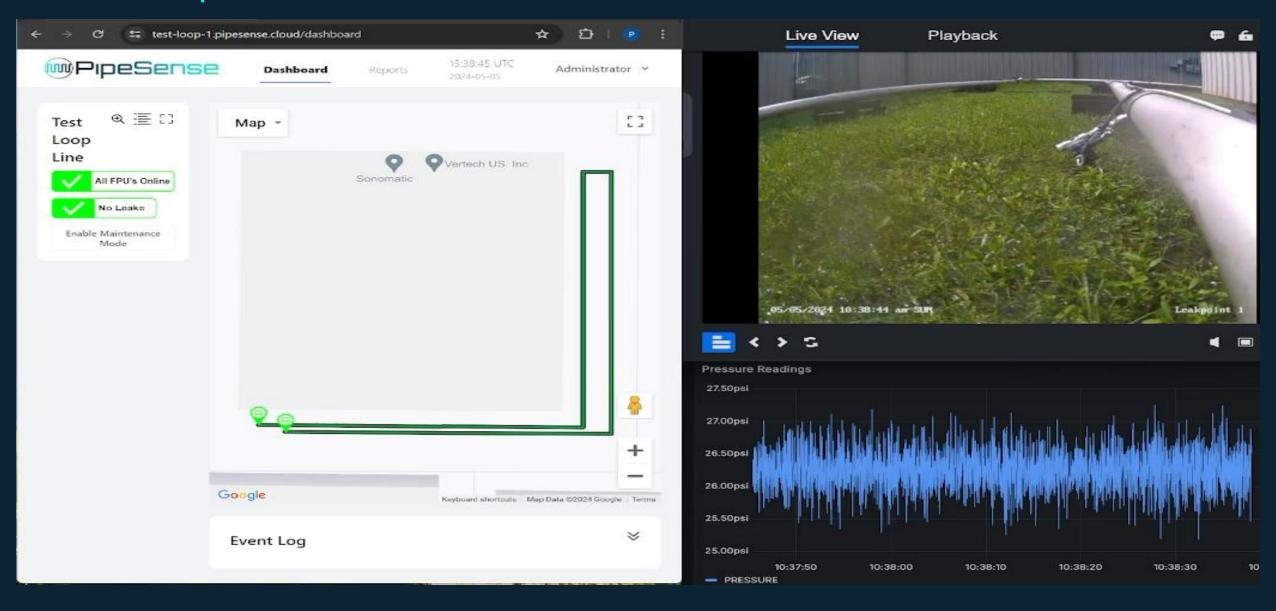


The aim - to provide an accurate, robust, yet flexible leak detection system

- Effective detection of small leaks
- Near zero false positive alarms
- Leak location within 50ft
- Leak notification within 2-5 minutes of occurrence
- Simple yet informative user interface
- No leak detection expertise required!

### Test Loop Demo







### Contracting



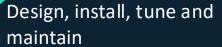




#### Hardware purchase

Upfront payment for hardware, system engineering and install

Monthly payment for operation & maintenance



Software leak detection optimization

All hardware and software ongoing support

#### **Total Solution**

Quarterly system performance review

Annual onsite performance review

Annual onsite equipment inspection and calibration



# Questions?

