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Network Zoning and Automation of DMA Water Balance

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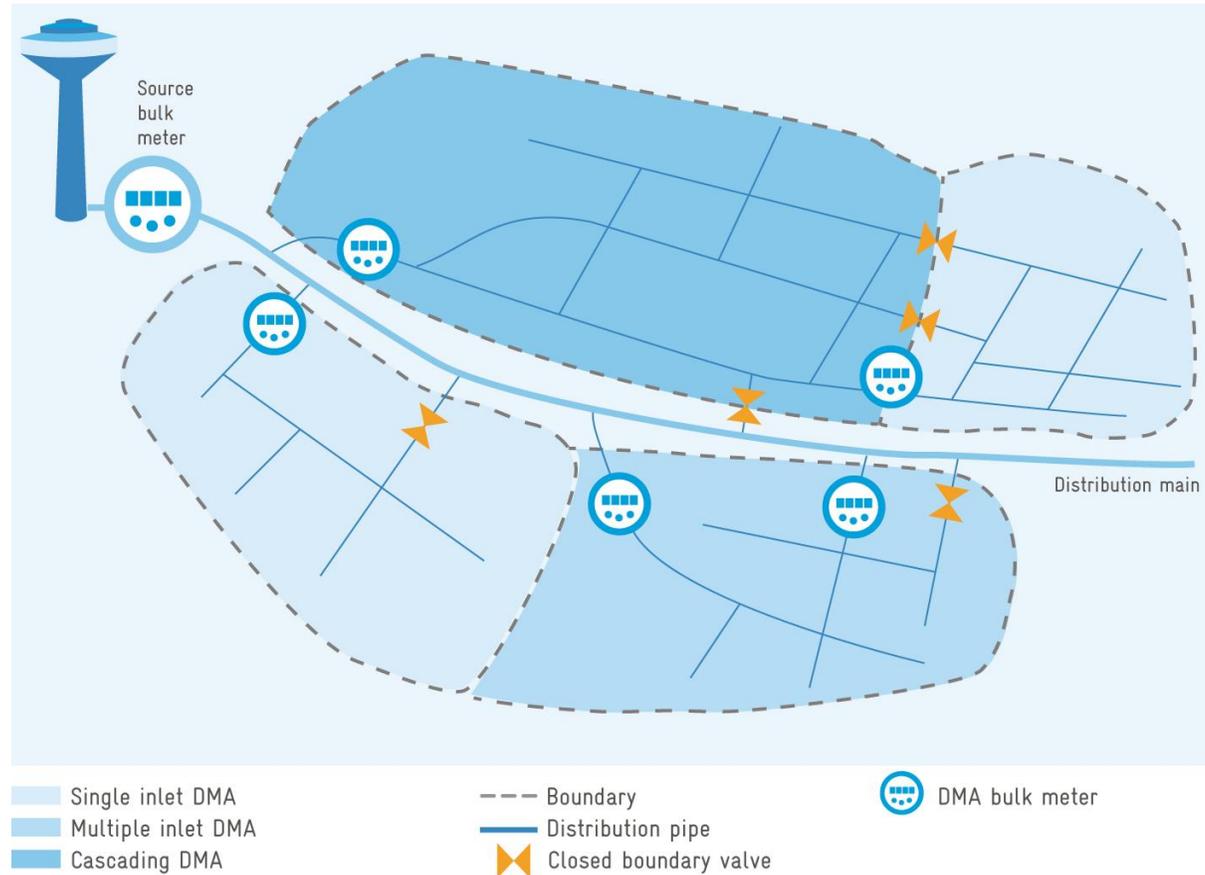
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Objectives

- Offer an overview of developing district metered areas (DMAs) in a water distribution networks from basic to advanced
- The role of smart “tools” in developing DMAs
- Show the importance of data integration and automation

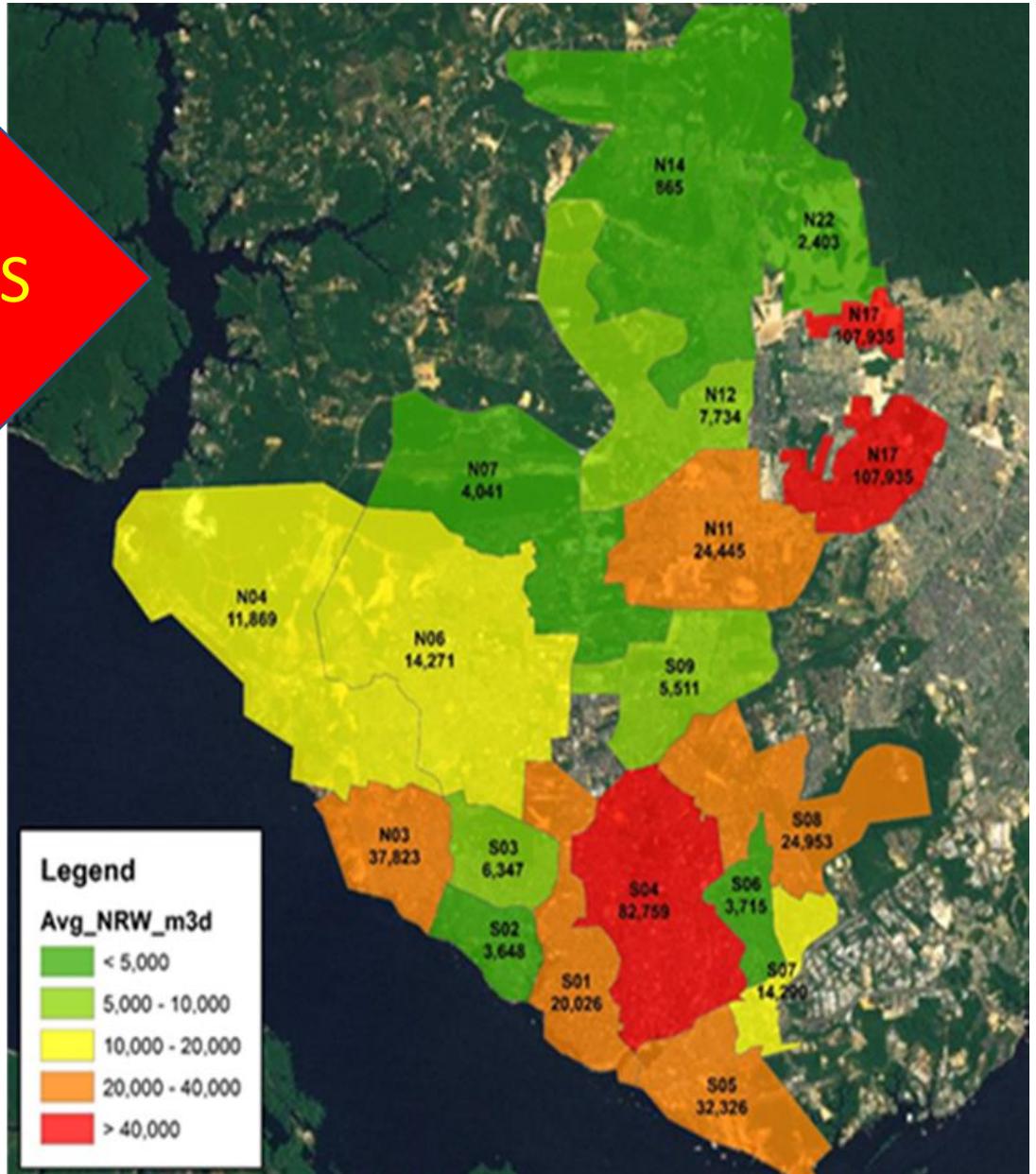
Basic Definition of a District Metered Areas (DMAs)

A district metered area (DMA) is a sector of a water distribution network where both -- **water supply** and **consumption** of are metered.

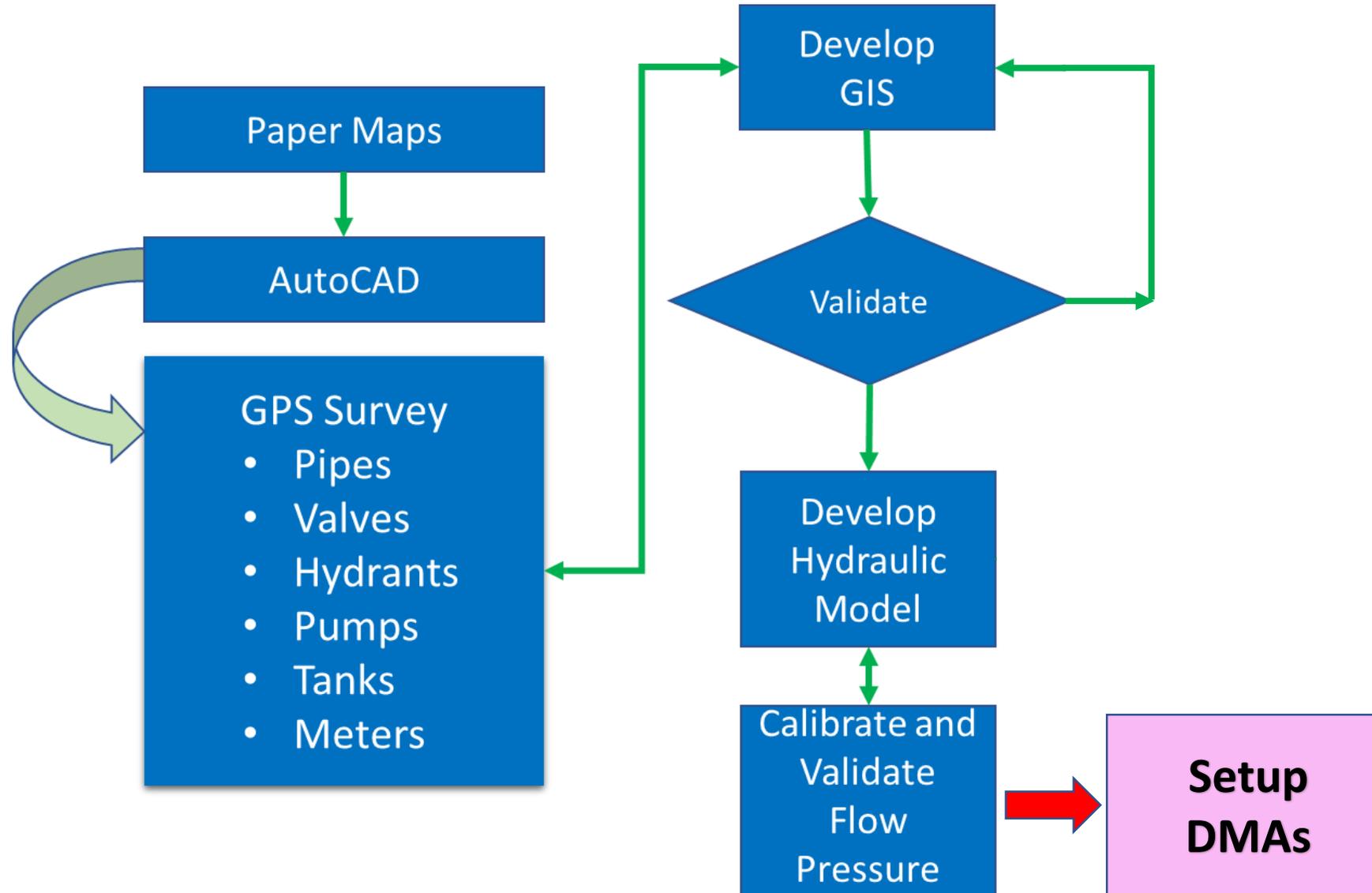


Why DMAs?

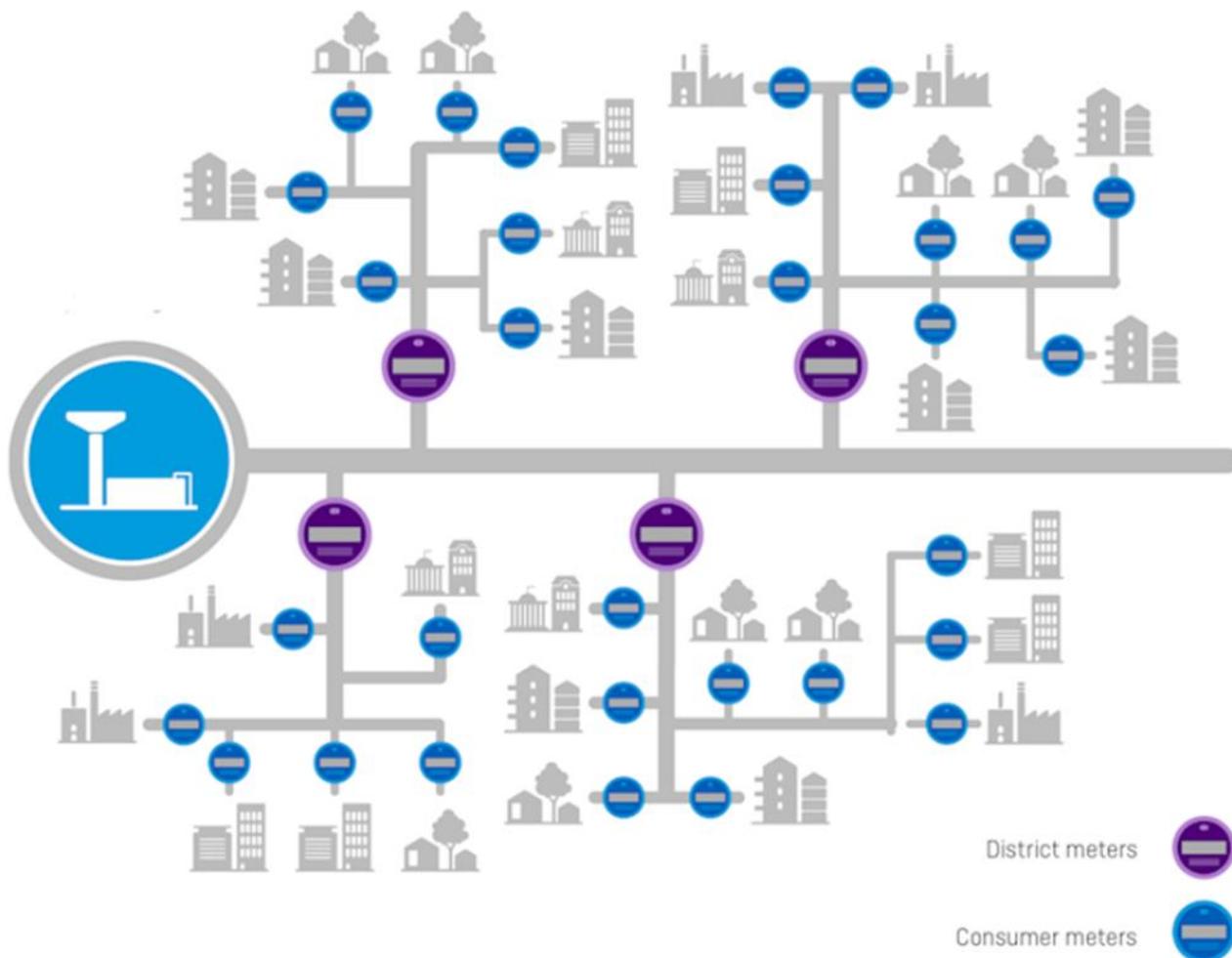
The Water Audit provides a system wide snapshot of the total volume and revenue losses of the water utility – but it does not provide the detailed information needed to design a water efficiency strategy.



Evolution of Smart Tools and DMAs



Setting up the DMAs

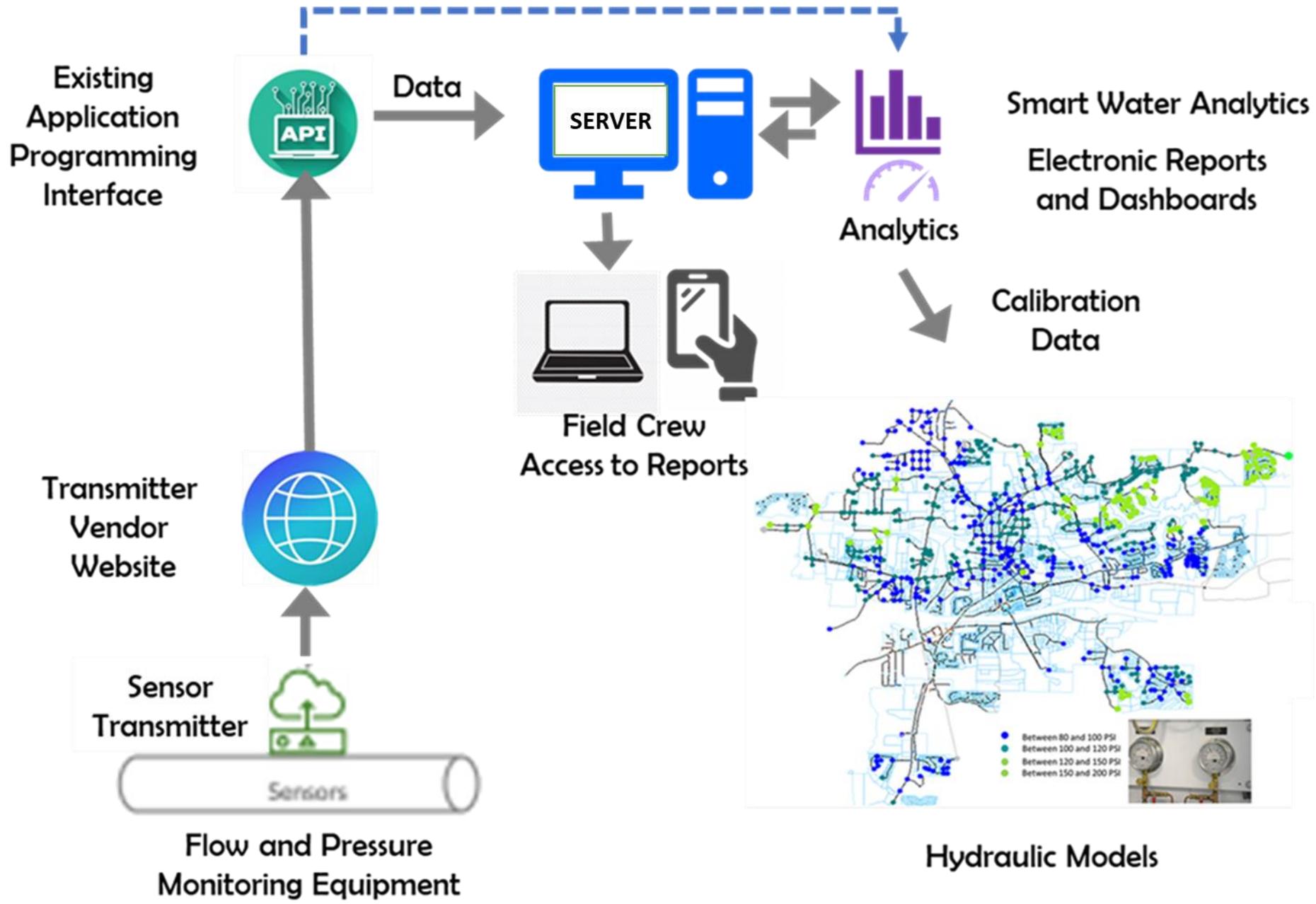


DMA Setup Phase 1

- Isolate the area
- Install bulk meters and pressure sensors
- Install SMS cellular remote transmitter

Data Portal from Datalogger Vendor Website

- It is cumbersome and time consuming for utility personnel to retrieve data from several vendor sites and SCADA and be able to process and analyze the data so that it can be available in a meaningful format and in an effective and timely manner.
- Therefore, it is important that all data from multiple vendors and sources be integrated, automated, processed, and analyzed to generate custom-made daily reports and KPI's.



Examples of Data of DMA Data Automation Projects

Utility 1 – North America

- ~300,000 Customers
- SWITLink DMA Pilot – AMI, Pressure, Water Quality and Wastewater
- Daily Water Balance
- Monthly Water Balance and Report

Water Supplied	Water Consumed	Water Loss	Min Night Consumption	Active Connections	Min Night Consumption ...
87,680 gpd	83,359 gpd	4,321 gpd	999 gph	495	2.02 gph

DMA WATER SUPPLIED AND CONSUMED, Gallons



DMA DATA

Average Daily Consumption per Connection



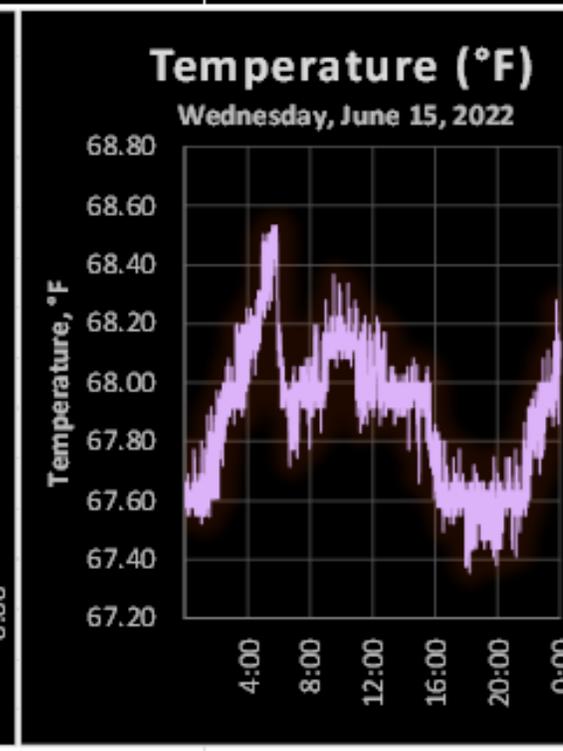
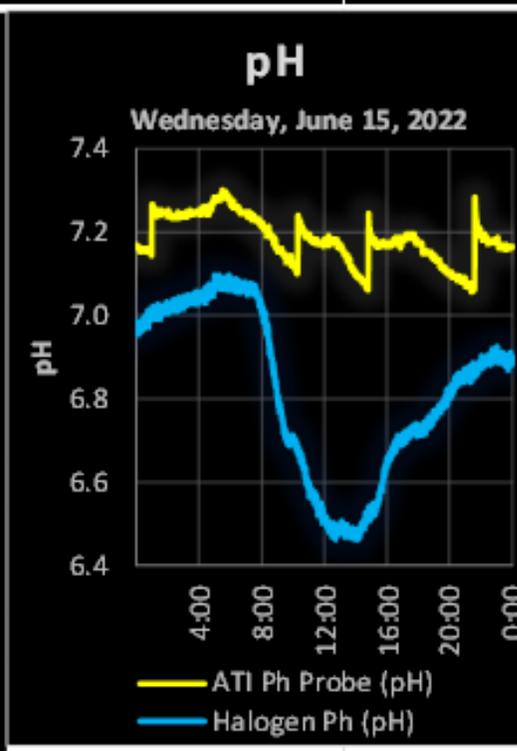
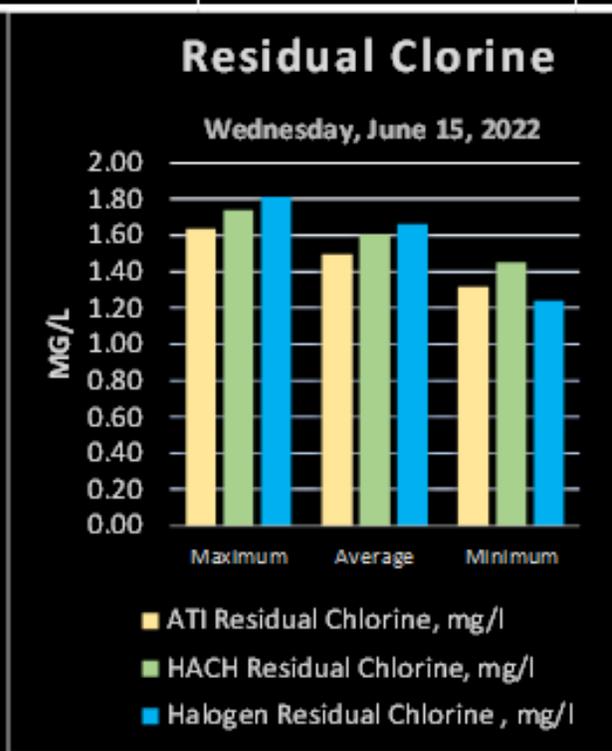
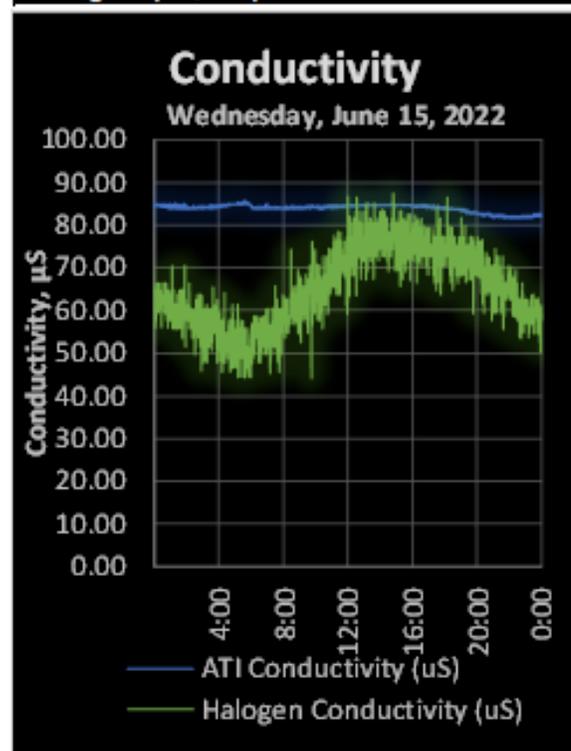
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Summary of Water Quality Parameters

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Constituent	Desirable Range	Maximum	Average	Minimum
ATI Conductivity, μS	20 to 500	85.8	83.3	81.1
Halogen Conductivity, μS	20 to 500	87.4	62.9	34.4
ATI Residual Chlorine, mg/l	0.6 to 2.5	1.6	1.5	1.3
HACH Residual Chlorine, mg/l	0.6 to 2.5	1.7	1.6	1.5
Halogen Residual Chlorine, mg/l	0.6 to 2.5	1.8	1.7	1.2
Halogen Temperature, $^{\circ}\text{F}$	50 to 80	68.8	68.0	67.4
ATI pH, in pH units	6.5 to 8.2	7.3	7.2	7.0
Halogen pH, in pH units	6.5 to 8.2	7.1	6.8	6.4



Utility 2 – Caribbean

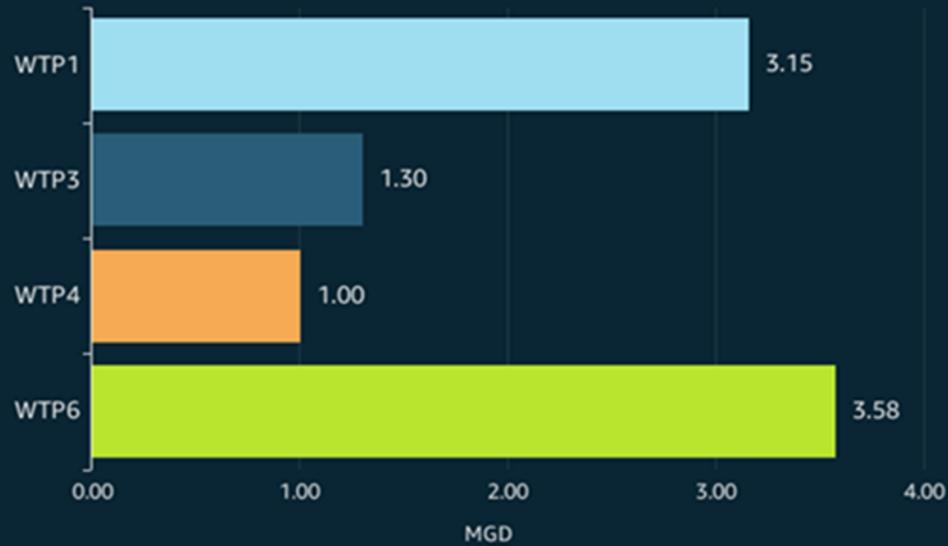
- 12,000 Customers
- Groundwater supply with over 200 wells
- Converting to SMART AMR METERS
- High NRW
- Recently Installed DMAs
- Implemented PM using VFDs
- Ongoing SCADA installation

DAILY SUMMARY

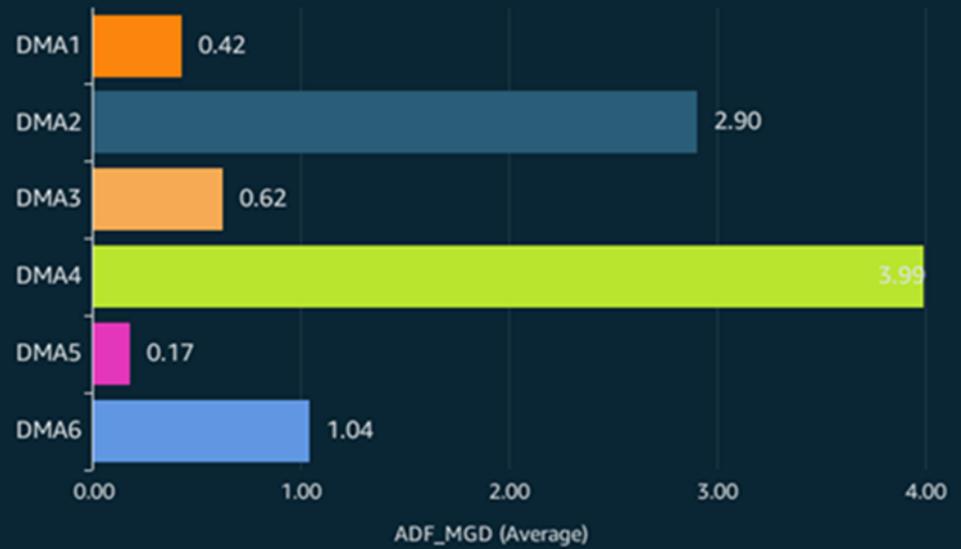
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Water Production by WTP, MGD



Average Daily Flow by DMA, MGD



Avg, Max and Min Pressure at WTP Discharge, PSI



■ AVERAGE_PRESSURE_PSI ■ MAXIMUM_PRESSURE_PSI

● W-1 GPM ● W-3 GPM ● W-4 GPM ● W-6 GPM

Summary

- Developing DMAs require proper planning and smart tools like GIS and Hydraulic Models.
- Area must be isolated or if there are outflow, like in cascading DMAs, those also must be measured

Basic Water Balance: $\text{Water Loss} = \text{Inflow} - (\text{outflow} + \text{measured consumption})$

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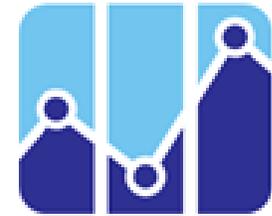
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Questions ?

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