



# DISRUPTIVE CLEAN TECHNOLOGIES IN STORMWATER

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My name is Erin.

I have **15 years of experience** as a stormwater and remediation consultant.

I've worked on projects with **cities across the U.S.**

I've spent more **time in sewers** than I ever expected, and it's an honor.

And I've learned a hell of a lot about **sensors, software, and analytics** over the past 3 years.



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# STATE OF STORMWATER (AND WASTEWATER)



Source: Congressional Budget Office, using data from the Office of Management and Budget and the Bureau of the Census  
Includes water supply and wastewater treatment facilities  
Includes water containment systems (dams, levees, reservoirs and watersheds) and sources of freshwater (lakes and rivers)



# STATE OF STORMWATER (AND WASTEWATER)

**1 MILLION MILES  
OF PUBLIC SEWER PIPES**



**\$1.4 TRILLION  
REQUIRED FOR UPGRADES**



Aging

Overuse

Water  
Quality  
Issues



# STATE OF STORMWATER (AND WASTEWATER)

**\$48 BILLION REQUIRED TO ADDRESS CSOs**



## **CLIMATE CHANGE**

In 2018: 25 cities set new annual rainfall records; FIVE 1000-year events



**\$88.5 BILLION TO REDUCE SSOs TO ONE EVENT EVERY 5 YEARS**



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## FLOODING & CLIMATE CHANGE

75%

of declared disasters  
in the U.S. are from  
flooding

\$14.1  
BILLION

drop in property  
values along the  
east coast from  
flooding & sea level  
rise (2005 to 2017)

\$3.6  
TRILLION

in impacts to coastal  
infrastructure



# STATE OF STORMWATER (AND WASTEWATER)

**NO VISIBILITY INTO  
OUR SEWER  
INFRASTRUCTURE**

**=  
inability to monitor,  
maintain, and retrofit**



**530 MILES**  
of sanitary mains

**500 MILES**  
of storm sewer drains

**1,020 MILES**  
of combined sewers

**277**  
storm drain outfalls

**43**  
combined sewer  
outfall control  
systems





**\$12.5 BILLION**

*Total annual U.S. market opportunity (stormwater monitoring only, incl. CSOs and fines)*



**85,000**

*Cities, water utilities, ports, states, and DOTs in the U.S. alone*



**\$400**

*Per household average annual stormwater spend*

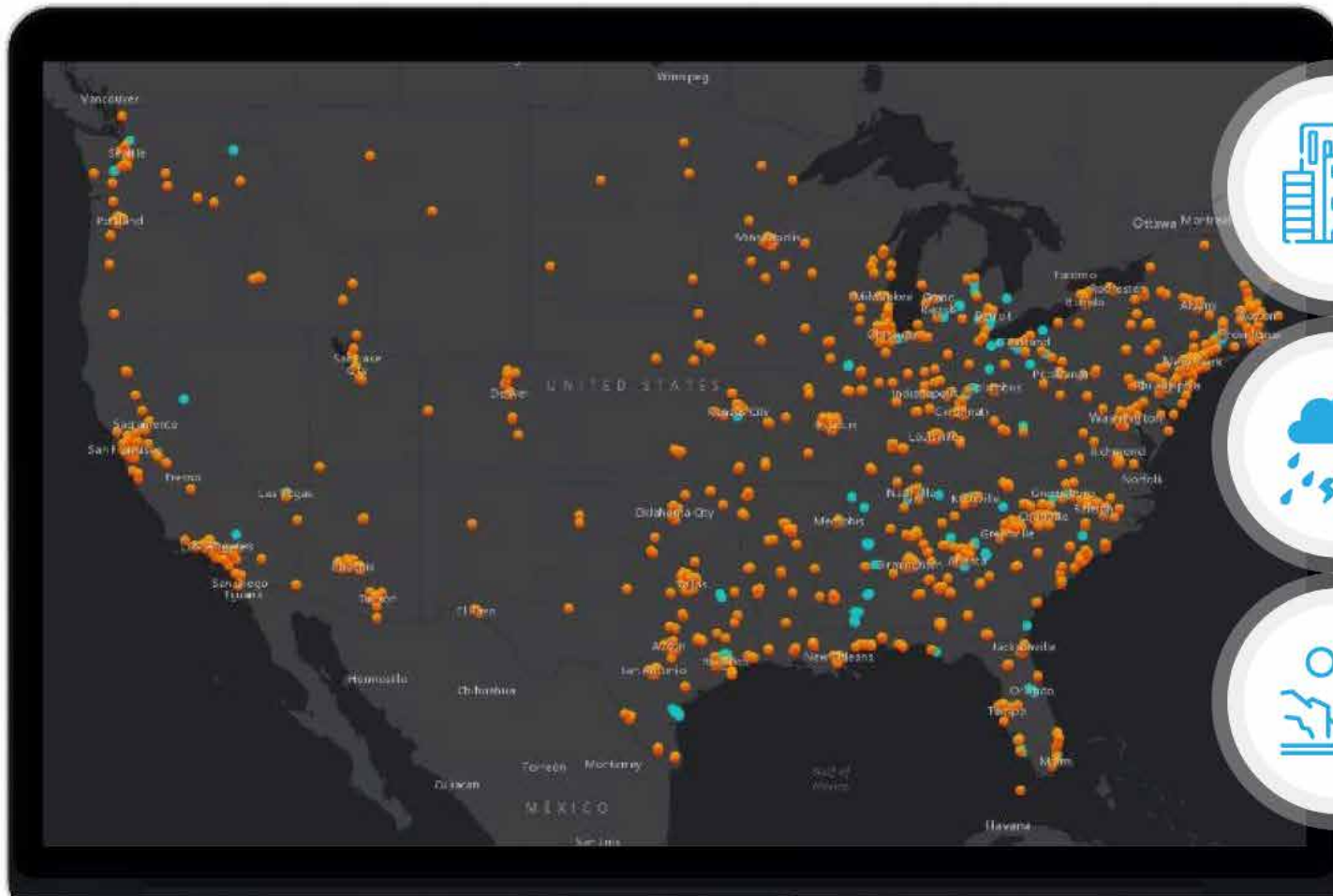


**\$100,000+ ARR**

*Average per customer*



# STATE OF STORMWATER (AND WASTEWATER)



**1,100 CITIES**

*Discharging more than 10 million gallons of sewage to rivers, lakes, and oceans every day*



**+830 CITIES**

*Cities with aging and illegal combined sewer systems that require upgrade/replacement*



**+COASTAL CITIES**

*Prioritized due to tidal intrusion*



# REAL-TIME MONITORING & REAL-TIME CONTROLS



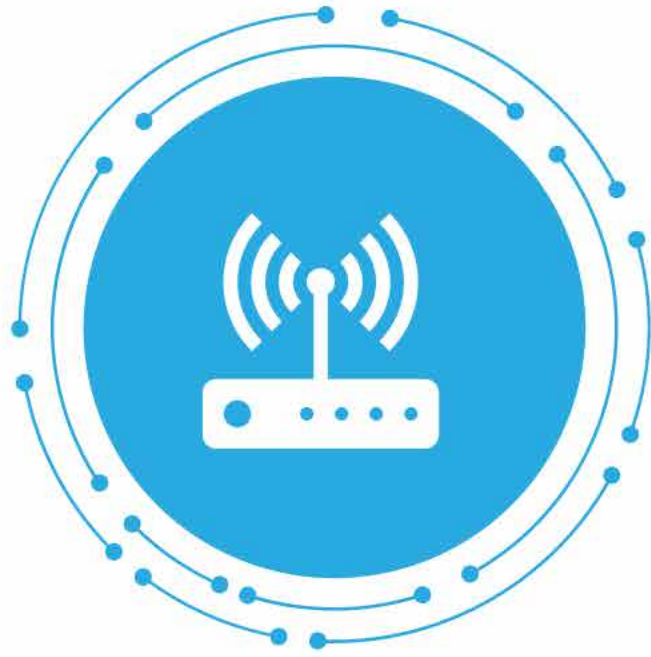
Consolidating monitoring, data analytics, automation, and control could potentially generate **up to \$320 billion in cost savings from the total expected capital expenditures** and operating expenses for different water and wastewater utilities between 2016 and 2020.

Data feeds and cognitive computing could significantly assist system managers by **providing near-instantaneous support information for many of the routine and immediate response decisions** that must be made in the municipal and industrial sectors.”

U.S. EPA 2018



# REAL-TIME MONITORING & REAL-TIME CONTROLS



## HARDWARE

Sensors, meters,  
monitors, and  
actuators

+



## COMMUNICATIONS

Wireless networks  
between hardware  
and systems

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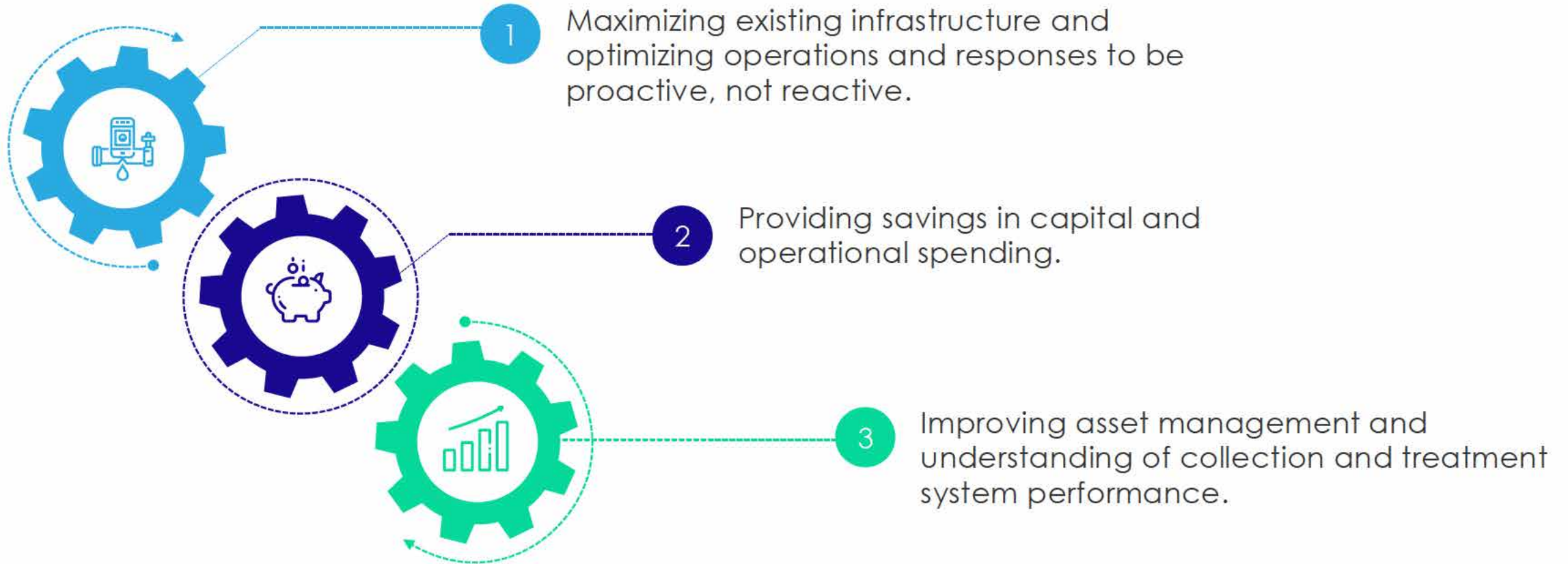


## SOFTWARE

Dashboards, analytics,  
insights, and data  
visualization



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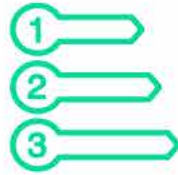
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Improving long-term control plan (LTCP) implementation, modification, and development.



Meeting regulatory requirements.



Prioritizing critical assets and future capital planning.



Optimizing collection system storage capacity to reduce peak flows and the occurrence of overflows.



Enabling effective customer service and enhancing public notification.



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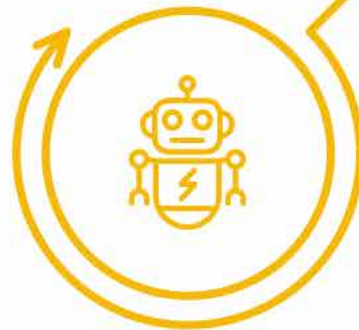
**BETTER INFORMATION**  
with improved  
monitoring



**CLEAN INSIGHTS**  
with sophisticated  
analytics



**EFFECTIVE O&M**  
with increased  
automation



**INFORMED DECISIONS**  
with data-driven  
support



# ROADMAP TO IMPLEMENTATION

## DEFINE YOUR VISION

What do you need? Want? What are your wildest infrastructure management dreams?



## IDENTIFY YOUR SCHEDULE.

Change is hard, so give your team time to embrace and implement your vision.



# ROADMAP TO IMPLEMENTATION

## IMPLEMENTATION!

Deploy the technologies and the platform, and make sure everyone has the tools they need to make this a success.

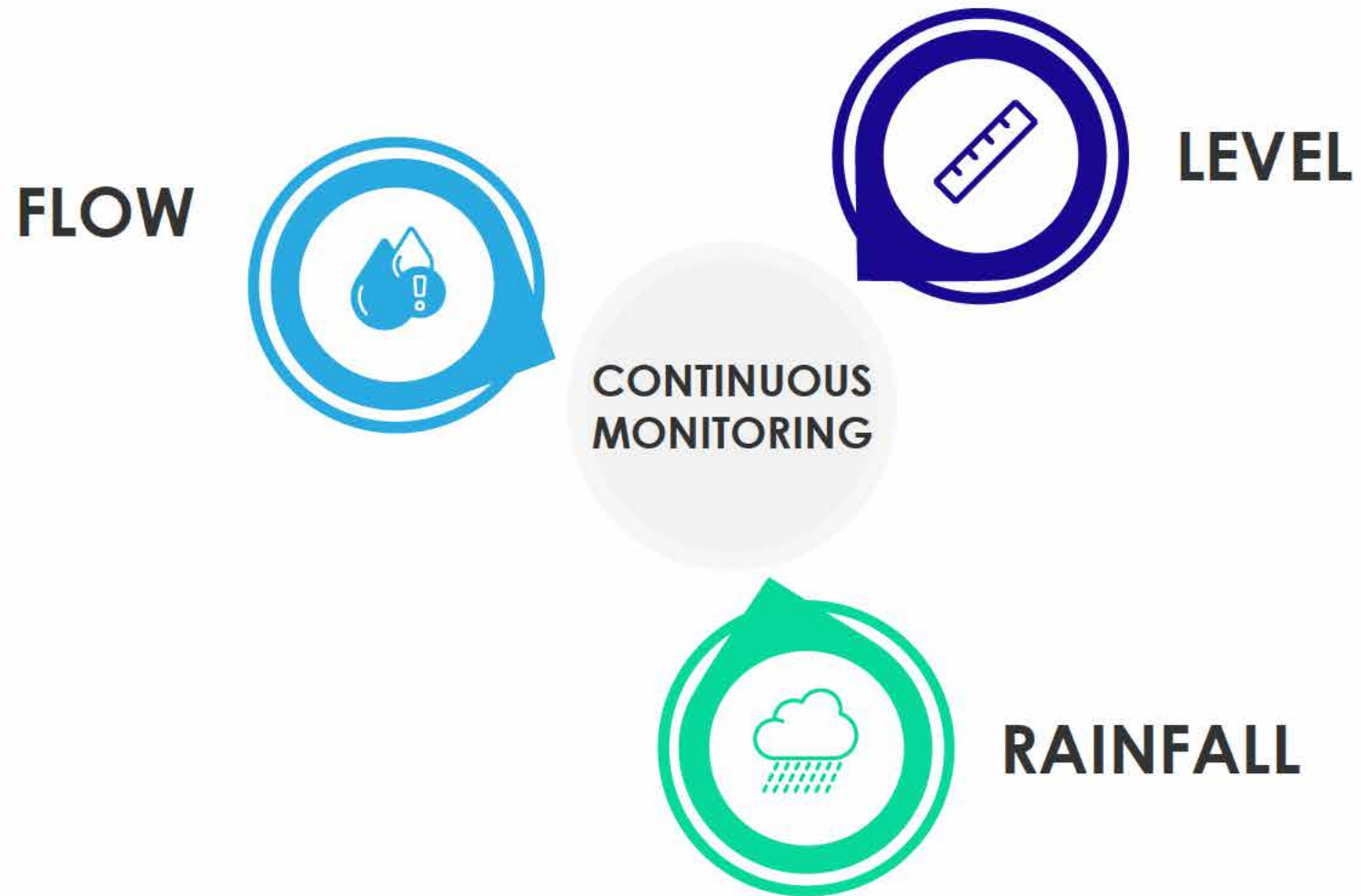


## CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

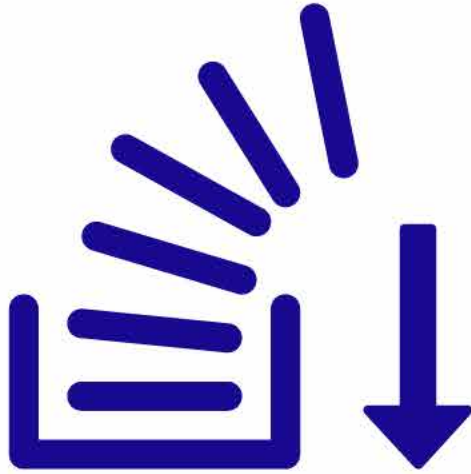




# IT STARTS WITH DATA



# ACTIONABLE INSIGHTS = SYSTEM OPTIMIZATION



**ELIMINATE SANITARY SEWER  
OVERFLOWS & COMBINED  
SEWER OVERFLOWS**

CAUSE OF PROBLEM	POTENTIAL SOLUTION	REQUIRED DATA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Rainfall-derived I/I</li><li>▪ Undersized Pipes/Facilities</li><li>▪ Illicit flows</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>→ Pipe replacement</li><li>→ I/I &amp; IDD mitigation</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Level &amp; flow</li><li>▪ Sewer &amp; land characteristics</li><li>▪ Temperature*</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ FOG</li><li>▪ Sedimentation</li><li>▪ Roots/debris</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>→ Improved O&amp;M</li><li>→ Cleaning/flushing</li><li>→ Pipe replacement</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Level, velocity, &amp; flow</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Pipe breaks</li><li>▪ Leaking manholes</li><li>▪ Offset joints</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>→ Repairs</li><li>→ Pipe Replacement</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Flow measurements</li></ul>



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**REDUCE  
FLOODING**

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# COST SAVINGS

By implementing just real-time monitoring, the EPA estimates that the costs paid by communities from flooding and sewage overflows can be reduced dramatically.

**\$88.5B**

Total

## ELIMINATE SANITARY SEWER OVERFLOWS

by tracking and identifying undersized pipes and rainfall-derived I/I (inflow & infiltration), sediment & debris buildup, pipe breaks and leaks, offset joints

**\$7.5B – 50%**

of estimated O&M, annual

## MINIMIZE OPERATING COSTS

by reducing high electricity costs for pump & gate ops

**\$7.5B – 50%**

of estimated O&M, annual

## MINIMIZE MAINTENANCE COSTS

by tracking and identifying equipment failure rates and sedimentation issues

**\$6B**

Fines, fixes, and litigation, annual

## MINIMIZE CSOs

by tracking and identifying rainfall-derived I/I and undersized facilities.

**\$270B**

Flood damages in 2017

## REDUCE FLOODING RISKS

by tracking and identifying rainfall-derived I/I and undersized facilities



**BUT WE STILL HAVE  
SOME LIMITATIONS:  
RTC REQUIRES DATA**

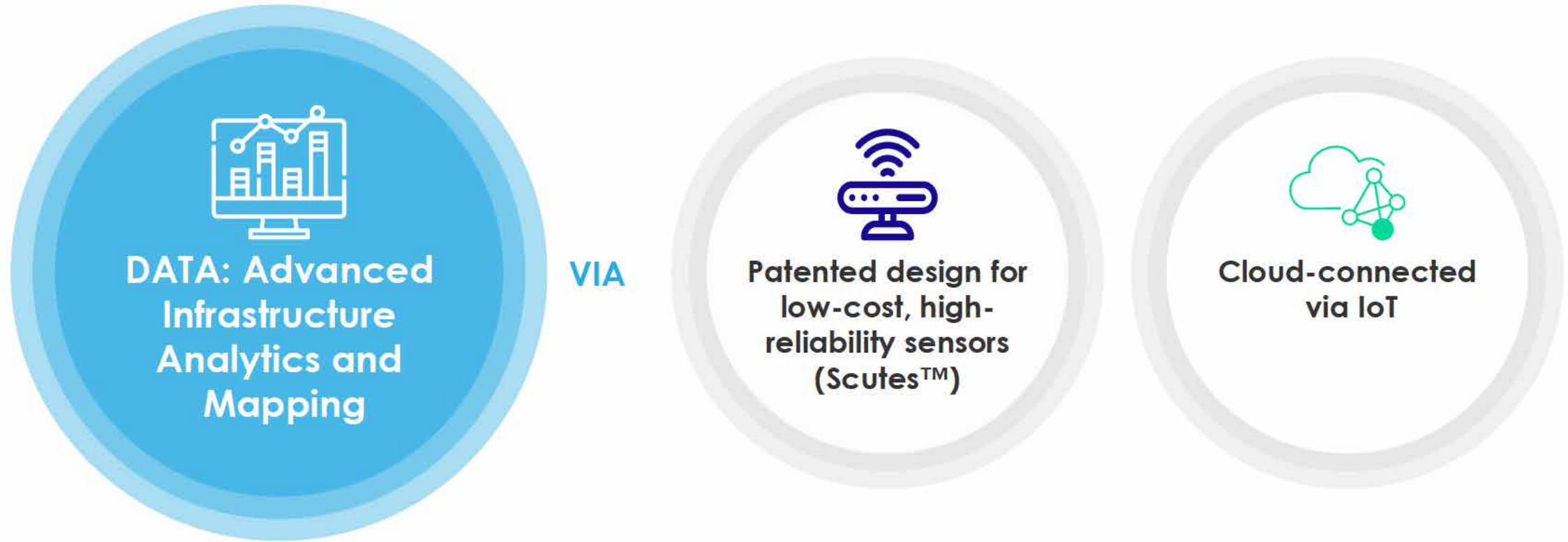
**BUT**

**DATA ARE  
EXPENSIVE**

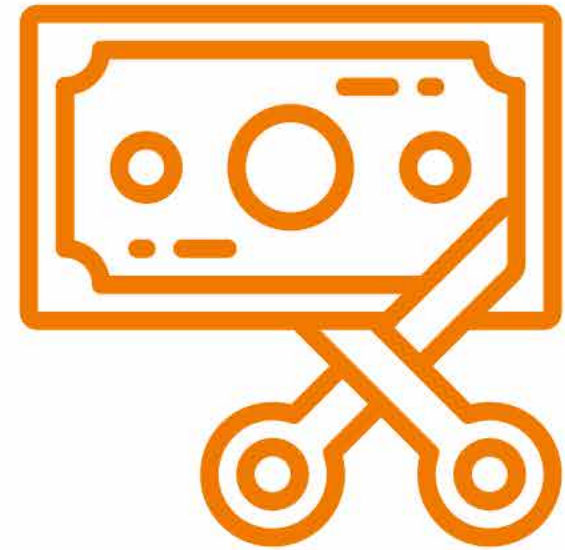
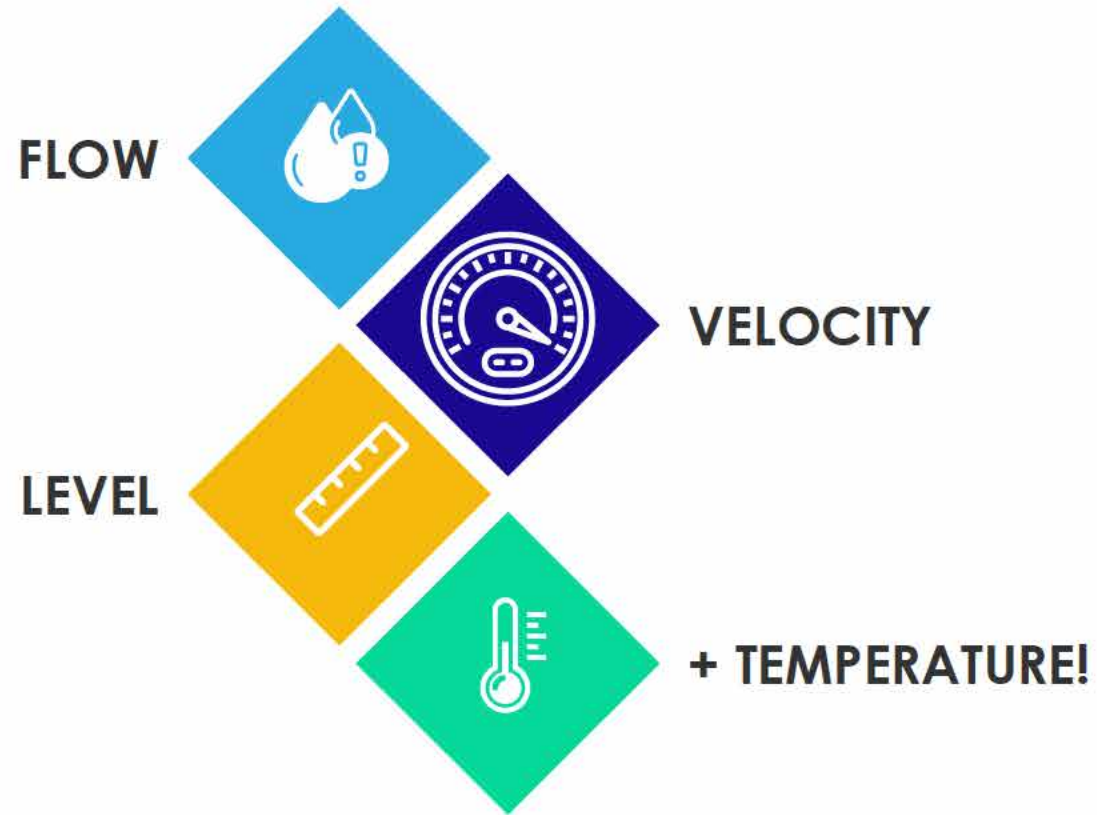
So I asked myself:  
how do we get AS  
MUCH DATA as  
possible from AS  
LARGE AN AREA as  
possible...  
underground?

...and how  
do we  
make it  
actionable?

# NETWORKED APPROACH TO REAL-TIME MONITORING



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**10X**  
COST REDUCTION

