



A Disruptive Government / Industry Team Changing the Narrative on Pipelines

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The New York Times
**With Big Spill to Clean, Pipeline
Owner Seeks Keystone XL Approval**

Esquire
Pipelines Leak—Or They Explode
Let's check in on the death funnels criss-crossing America.

*The Bismarck
Tribune*
**Tioga oil pipeline spill
cleanup nearing milestone
after 4 years, but work
continues**

*The
Intercept*
**FIVE SPILLS, SIX MONTHS IN OPERATION:
DAKOTA ACCESS TRACK RECORD
HIGHLIGHTS UNAVOIDABLE REALITY—
PIPELINES LEAK**

KCET
North Dakota: The Oil Spill State

Program Overview



- iPIPE mission
 - Foster development of emerging technologies to prevent pipeline releases.
 - ♦ Fund development work,
 - ♦ Provide live, operating pipelines upon which technology is developed,
 - ♦ Provide user feedback to hone products.
- Unique collaboration between nine pipeline operators, the ND Industrial Commission, and technology providers.
- \$6M investment over 3 years.



Technology Selection Process

Modeled after ABC TV's "Shark Tank" Program



- The program coordinates annual technology selection events.
 - Technology providers pitch solutions to expert selection committee.
 - Presentations summarize technology overview, cost model, demonstration schedule, expected outcome.
 - An expert panel selects technologies in which to invest.



Three Technology Selection Rounds to Date



First Round – May 2018

- 9 invited
- 7 proposals
- 7 presented
- 2 selected

Second Round – Oct 2018

- 22 invited
- 10 proposals
- 9 presented
- 4 selected

Third Round – Oct 2019

- 65 invited
- 14 proposals
- 8 presented
- 2 selected

iPIPE is highlighting technology needs, and technology providers are quickly adapting to fill the gap

Machine Learning + Satellite = Eye In the Sky



Leveraging Big Data:

- Data Acquisition
- Spectra
- Bands
- Algorithms
- Analytics
- Alerts and Dashboards

Leveraging Technology



Satellites



Nano-satellites



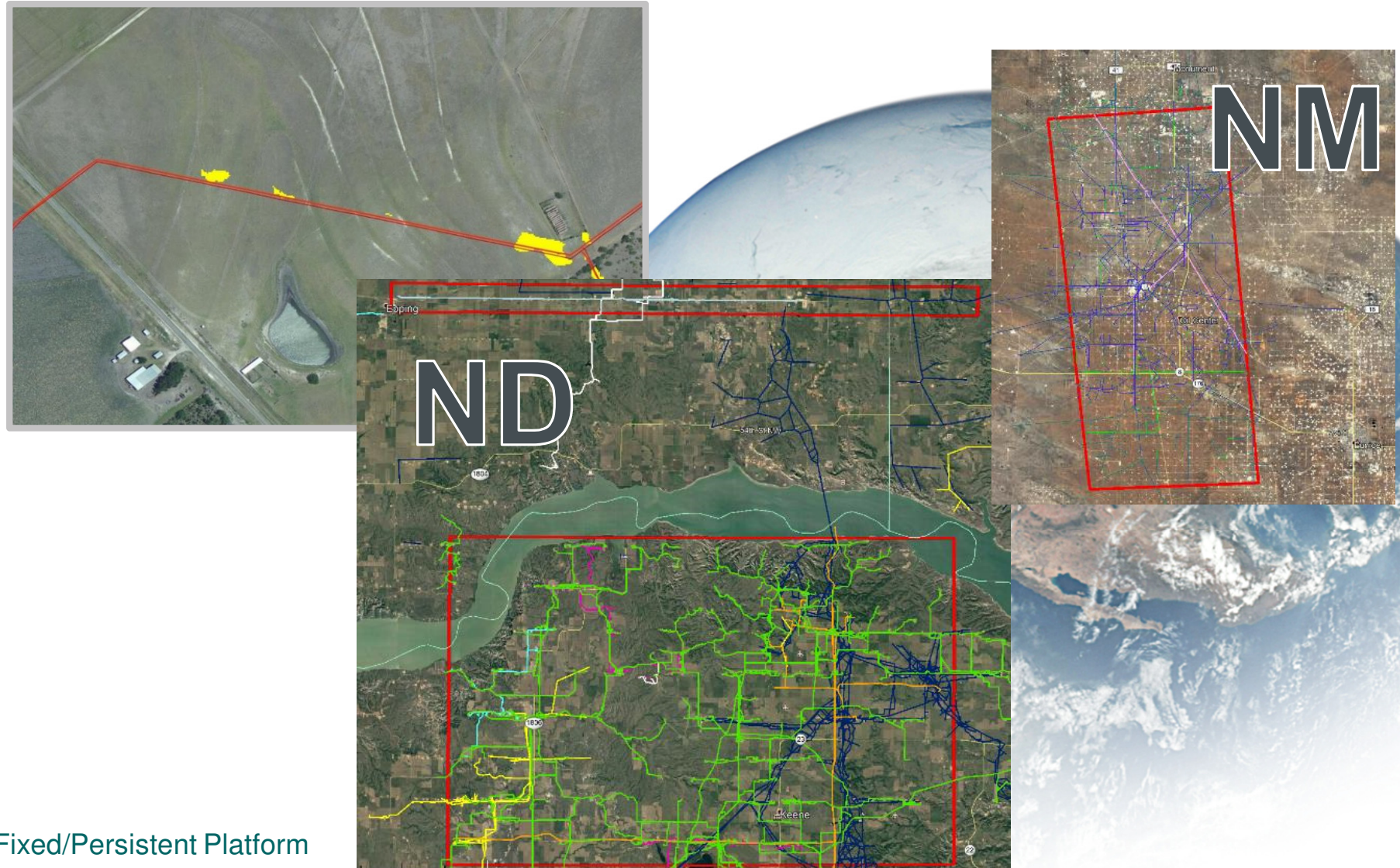
Aircraft



Drone/UAV



Fixed/Persistent Platform



“Golf Ball” Pipeline Sensor



- Deploy when needed in all pipelines
- No downtime

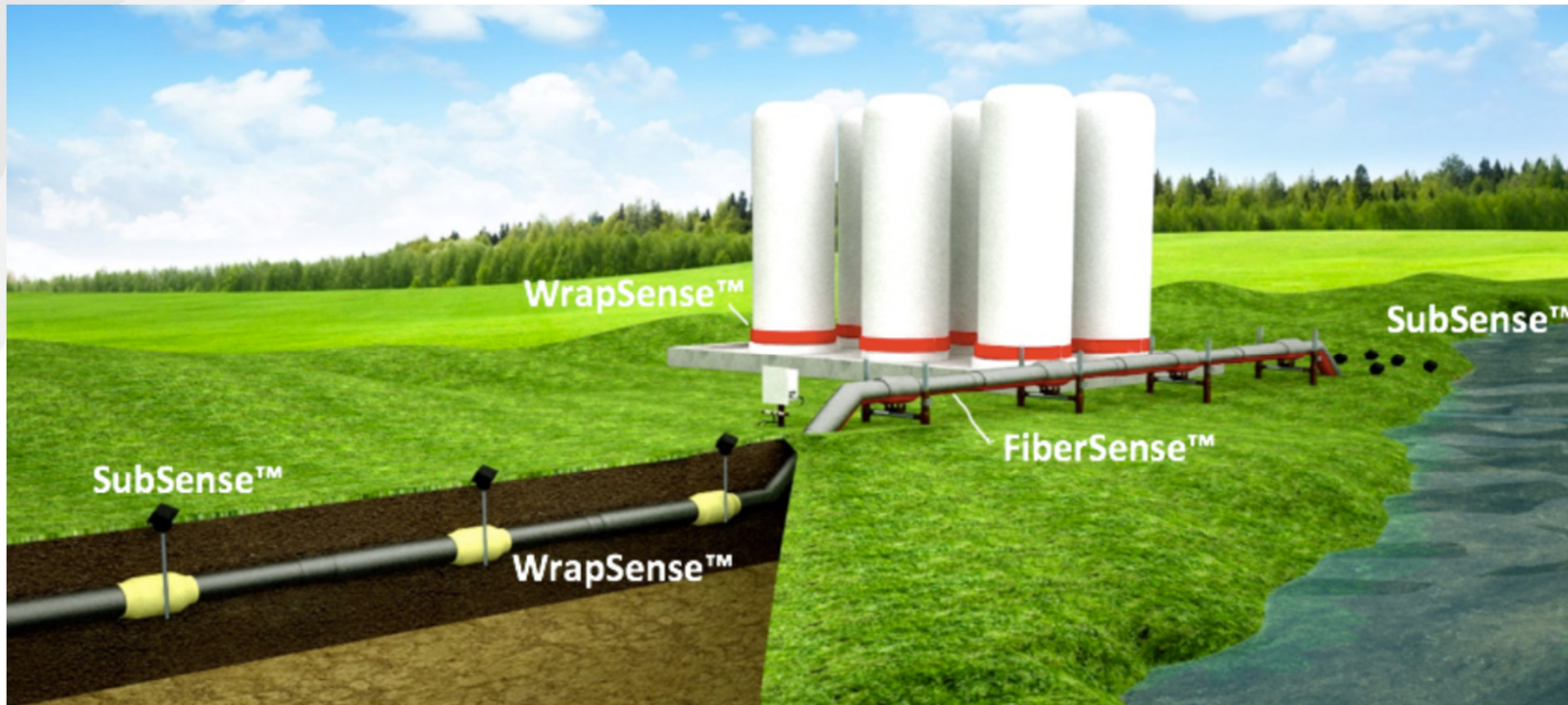


- Detect leaks
- Locate deposits
- Identify pipe wall flaws
- Locate pipeline centerlines

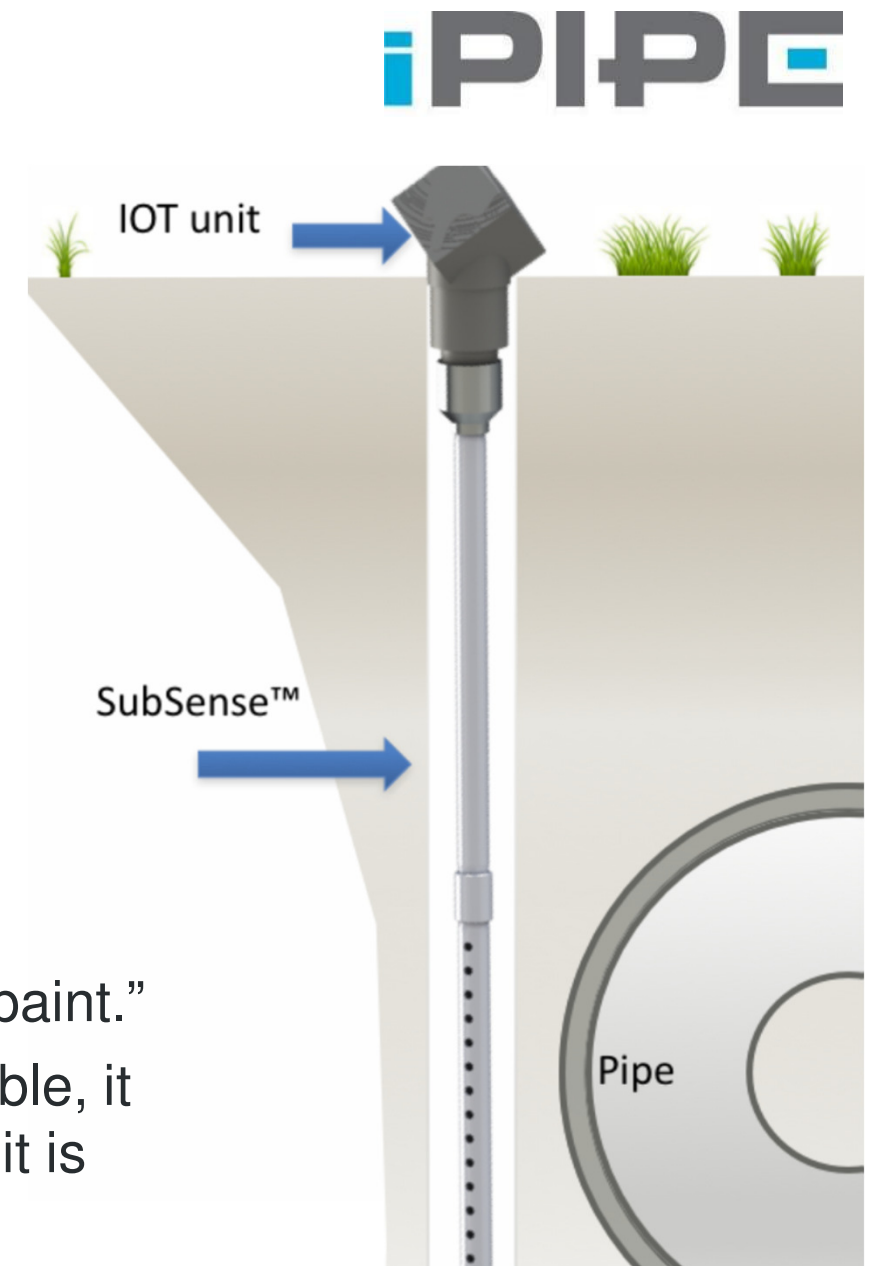
- Golf ball-sized (1.5 inch)
- Free-flowing; adjustable weight
- Current sensors
 - Pressure
 - Temperature
 - Position (acceleration/rotation)
 - Magnetic fields
 - Acoustics



Intelligent Paint Sensor



- Uses polymers mixed with nanoparticles to create an “intelligent paint.”
- When applied to a PCB board, flexible substrate, or fiber optic cable, it creates a sensor to indicate presence of different fluids for which it is tuned (hydrocarbons or brine).



iPIPE Is Already Producing Results!



- Early iPIPE efforts have already resulted in commercial contracts of developed technologies with select iPIPE members.
 - New technologies are being invented to meet iPIPE needs!
 - iPIPE is moving the needle!
- Early success has led to new program members.
- Consortium will continue to grow!



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INTELLIGENT PIPELINE INTEGRITY PROGRAM

