

## External Quarterly Report

**Date of Report:** 1<sup>st</sup> Quarterly Report -December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Contract Number:** 693JK32310012POTA

**Prepared for:** DOT PHMSA

**Project Title:** A Framework for Improving Geohazard Monitoring, Data Integration, and Information Fusion at Scale

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**For quarterly period ending:** December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

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### 1: Items Completed During this Quarterly Period:

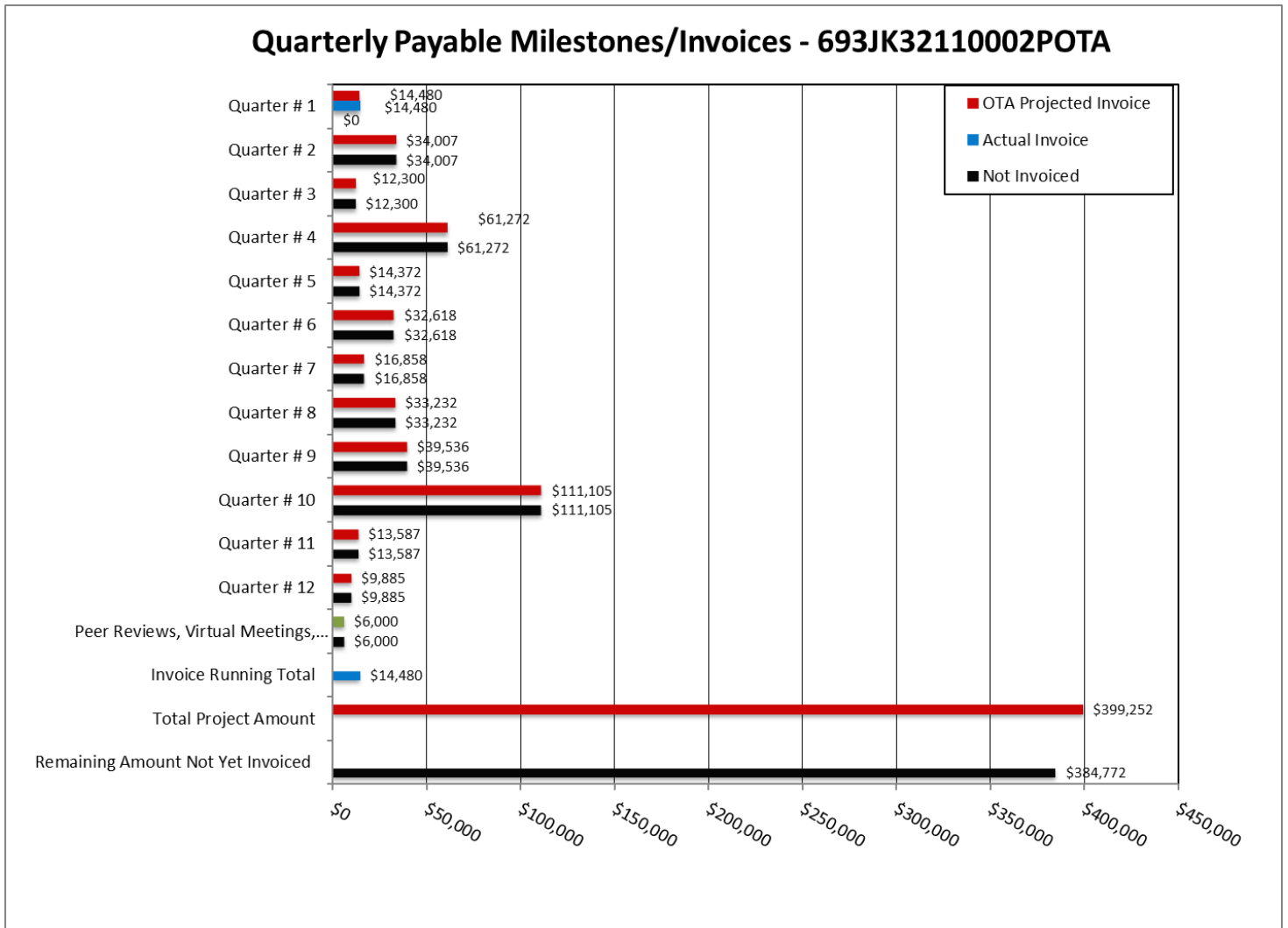
| <i>Item #</i> | <i>Task #</i> | <i>Activity/Deliverable</i>   | <i>Title</i>   | <i>Federal Cost</i> | <i>Cost Share</i> |
|---------------|---------------|---|--|---------------------|-------------------|
| 1             | 1             | Project Kickoff, Stakeholder Identification, Requirements Development, and State-of-the-Art Documentation | Convene Technical Advisory Panel (TAP) and conduct kick-off Team meeting | \$12,268            | \$6,222           |
| 2             | 11            | 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarterly Status Report   | Submit 1 <sup>st</sup> quarterly report                                  | \$2,212             | \$3,572           |

1. Item #1 Convene Technical Advisory Panel (TAP) and conduct kick-off Team meeting .
2. Item #1: Submit 1st quarterly report

### 2: Items Not Completed During this Quarterly Period:

1. No outstanding Q1 deliverables.

### 3: Project Financial Tracking During this Quarterly Period:



#### **4: Project Technical Status**

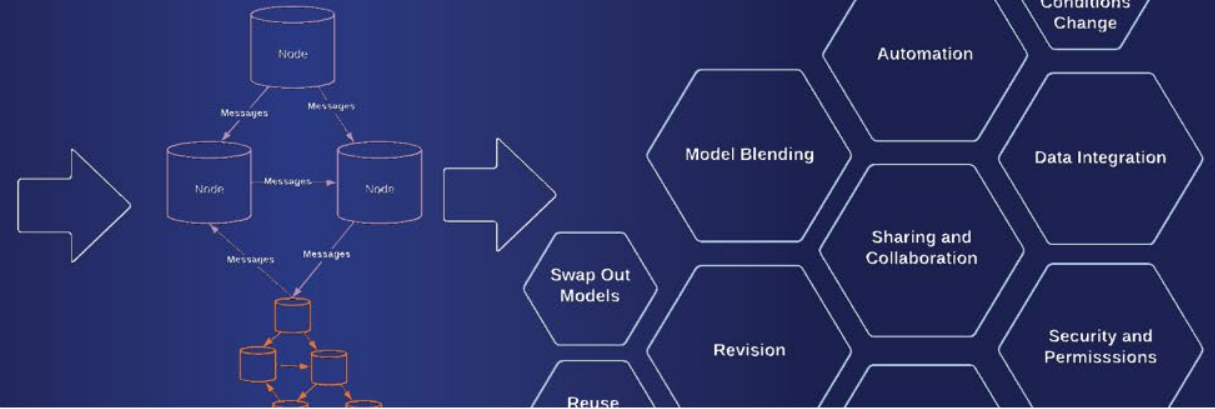
1. The technical advisory panel (TAP) for the project was convened and the project kickoff meeting was held virtually on December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
2. The team members were introduced, the project objectives, deliverables, task work, budget, and timeline were outlined.
3. The project framework was discussed in detail:
  - a. How the team members will coordinate amongst themselves, and how they will interact with the TAP,
  - b. How outreach to industry organizations and standards committees will be managed,
  - c. The methods that will be employed in developing the data, and information fusion framework were explained and discussed, and
  - d. The use case for the workshop and interactive technology demonstration was presented and discussed.
4. There was vigorous discussion amongst all present about the various project elements with excellent feedback provided to the project team, even at this early stage of the project. We anticipate very healthy interaction with the extremely qualified and engaged TAP members going forward, in particular regarding collaboration and coordination with other institutions and projects that are addressing the same topic.
5. The slides presented at the kickoff meeting are provided in Appendix 1.

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## Appendix 1: Project Kickoff Meeting Slides



### SOLUTIONS



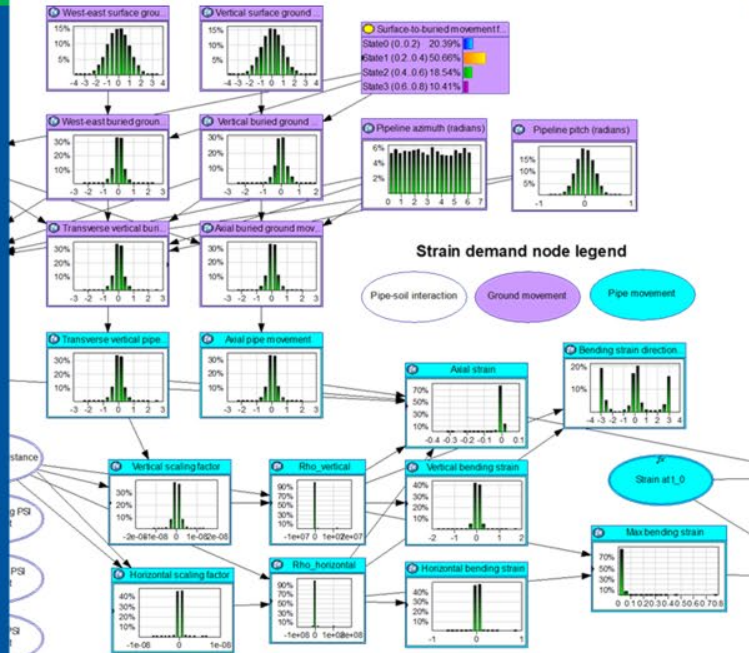
## 693JK32310012POTA, Project # 1016: A Framework for Improved Geohazard Monitoring, Data Integration, and Information Fusion at Scale

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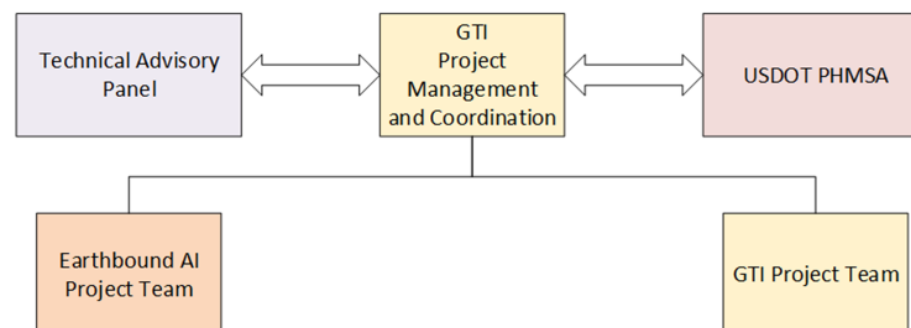
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# Project Team

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  - Mollie Hector
  - Dr. Robert Berry
  - Susana Crespo
- TAP
  - Dr. Smitha Koduru, Enbridge
  - Sean Sullivan, TransMountain
  - Jonathan Bell, Williams
  - TBD, ONEOK
  - Peer Review TAP Members
    - Dr. Enrique Droguett, UCLA
    - Dr. Yong Yi Wang, CRES Americas



# Project Objectives and Deliverables

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  - Central to this approach is the idea of making data analysis-ready, more addressable and accessible to networks of models to decision makers; this highly organized approach will unlock innovation.
  - This approach will extract more value from existing data and models and will lay the foundation for integrating real-time sensor feeds, pertinent information from any source, and fit-for-purpose models across a variety of information presentation formats, to facilitate agile, and effective decision making in the context of mitigating geohazard threats to pipelines.
- Demonstrate the framework via a workshop and publicly accessible use-case demonstration
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## SOW and Project Tasks

- **Task 1:** A task to research the state-of-the-art and gather requirements,
- **Task 2:** A task to develop the framework covering both the generalized system and the selected use-case,
- **Task 3:** A task to cover standard organization outreach, and
- **Task 4:** A task to cover the demonstration workshop and final report deliverables.

# Project Schedule and Budget

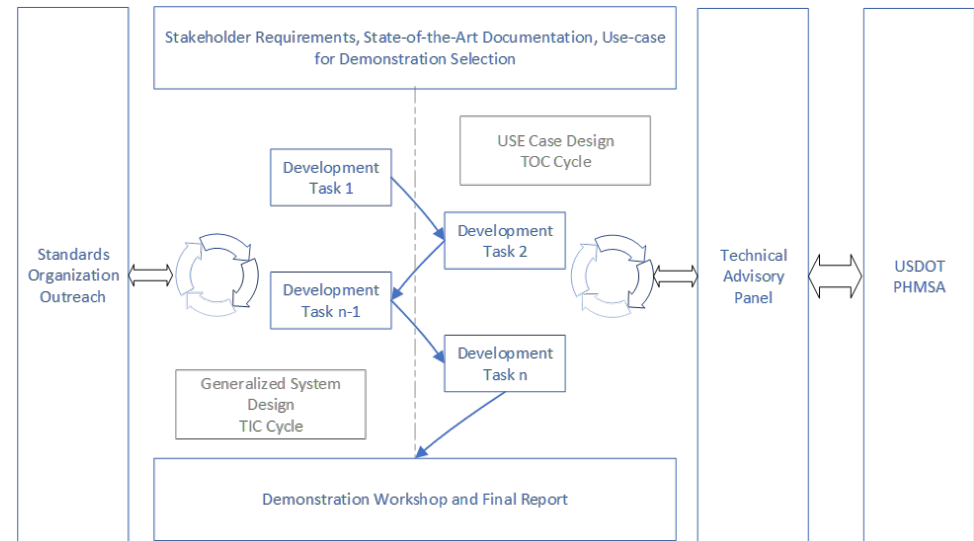
|              |   | 2023 | 2024 |    |    |    | 2025 |    |    |    | 2026 |    |    | Projected Cost    |                   |                   |
|--------------|---|------|------|----|----|----|------|----|----|----|------|----|----|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|              |   | Q4   | Q1   | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1   | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1   | Q2 | Q3 | Federal           | Cost Share        | Total             |
| Task 1       | Kickoff, Stakeholder Identification, Requirements Development, and State-of-the-Art Documentation |      |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |      |    |    | \$ 44,536         | \$ 32,444         | \$ 76,980         |
| Task 2       | Generalized Framework and Use-case Development  |      |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |      |    |    | \$ 116,151        | \$ 142,256        | \$ 258,407        |
| Task 3       | Use-case Demonstration Workshop and Final Report  |      |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |      |    |    | \$ 114,271        | \$ 144,120        | \$ 258,391        |
| Task 4       | Standards Organization Outreach   |      |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |      |    |    | \$ 96,125         | \$ 63,840         | \$ 159,965        |
| Task 5       | Reporting and Project Management  |      |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |      |    |    | \$ 28,169         | \$ 17,340         | \$ 45,509         |
| <b>Total</b> |   |      |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |      |    |    | <b>\$ 399,252</b> | <b>\$ 400,000</b> | <b>\$ 799,252</b> |

# Overview of Standards Organization Outreach

Keith Leewis

# Project Structure

- The framework development task will be structured in a tic/toc cycle where the generalized framework elements will be developed first, followed by
  - The implementation of those framework elements in the use -case demonstration.
- There will be two directions of oversight and feedback solicitation:
  - The tic cycle is more relevant to the standardization efforts, and
  - The toc cycle is more relevant to the industry subject matter experts sitting on the TAP



# Standards Organization Outreach: Developing Code Activities



- API Geotechnical code Liaison into outcomes from
  - ***Development and Validation of a Probabilistic Method for Estimating Accumulated Strain and Assessing Strain Demand and Capacity on Existing Pipelines*** - Contract No 693JK32110002POTA, WP# 944-
- Expected ASME B31.8 for 2026
  - Convert above ***Strain Demand Capacity*** into B31.8 and B31.8S
  - Update Table 7.1-1 Acceptable Threat Prevention & Repair Methods
- Add Drone, Aircraft, & Satellite Patrols, ILI for pipe strains & record validation, steel, steel coil, & composite repair sleeves, consider weld undermatching (see 693JK32210007POTA ),

# Standards Organization Outreach: Current B31.8 & B31.8S Ballot Activities



ASME Ballot #s trying for 2024 Publication

- 23-1940 & 23-1941 Adding CO2 Transmission Language into B31.8 and B31.8S
  - Based on PR000-22605-R01 Pipeline Transport of CO2 (PRCI Alt -1 -6) (PRCI Publication)
- 22-178 Addressing Leak/Rupture Analysis– improve consequence estimates
  - Review the Intent and Safety Impact of Hoop Stress and Percentage of Specified Minimum Yield Stress Boundaries on Natural Gas Transmission and Distribution Pipelines  
DOT/PHMSA CONTRACT NUMBER: 693JK31910001POTA -DOT WP#785 -
  - Will become new Appendix B in B31.8S - BR (Basic leak/Rupture) framework to improve the likelihood of failure consequence
- 15-450 Records to Retain for Lifetime – remove ambiguity, improve QC
  - Initiated from IPC2012 -90406 and PHMSA FAQs
  - adding ASME QPS – 2021 Quality Program for Suppliers General Industry

# Overview of Framework Elements

Earthbound ai Team




## • Geohazards are are complex

- They vary over space and time,
- They have high dimensionality,
- They draw from disparate data,
- They are event-driven.

## • Our goal: building capabilities to

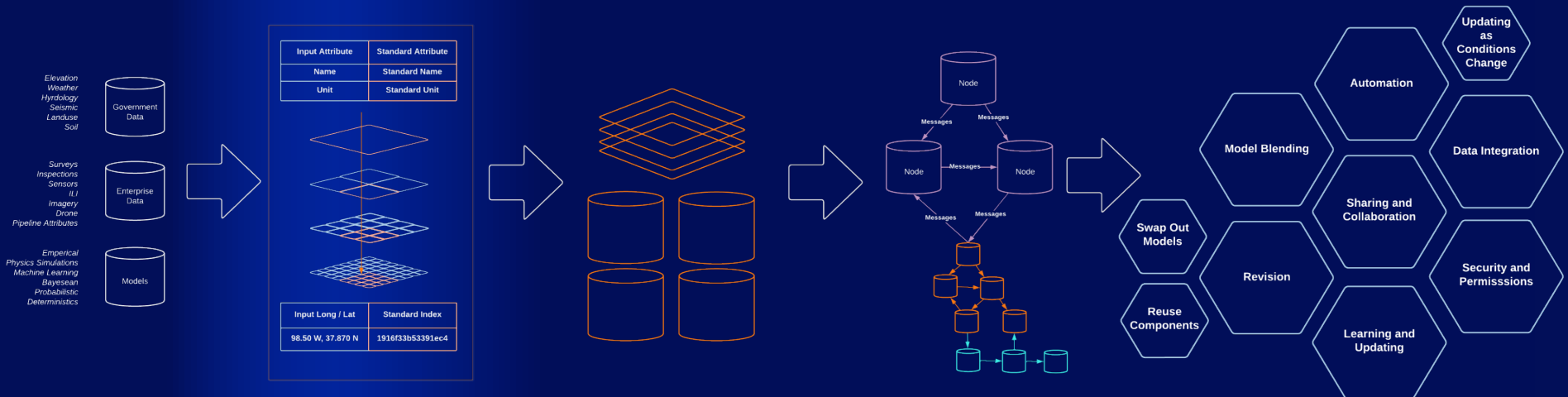
- Predict the **state of assets**
- At any location,
- In real time,
- At scale,
- Accounting for the distinct environmental variables that change along the way.



- Improving geohazard monitoring requires specific technical capabilities

- 1. Normalizing Data
  2. Organizing Data and Models into Modular Components
  3. Networking Modular Components Into Solutions

# NORMALIZING DATA



## NORMALIZING DATA

Lack of analysis-ready, spatially indexed data makes it difficult to address geohazard problems:

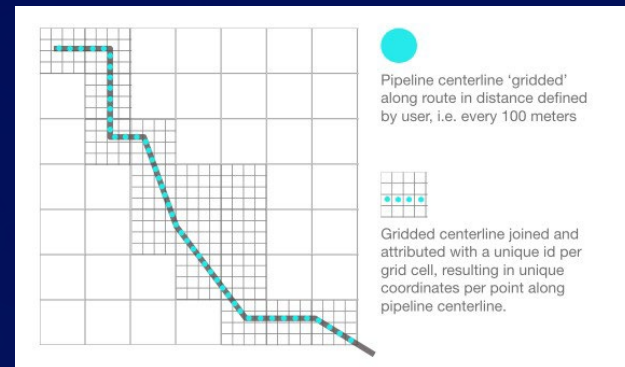
- At scale
- At specificity
- Over time as conditions change

Current approaches are:

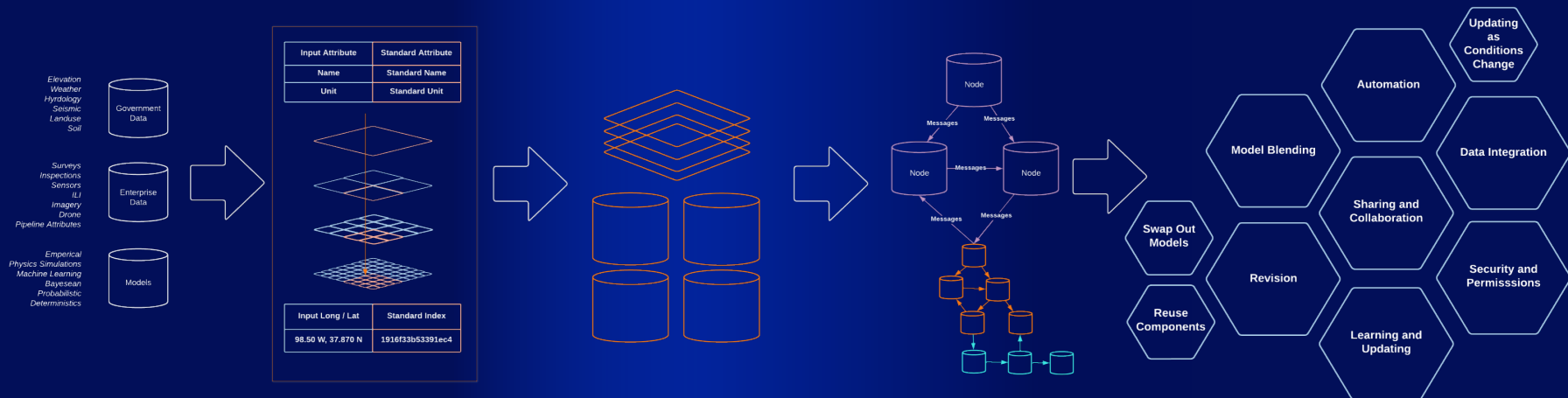
- Computationally expensive
- One-off, not reusable
- Not interoperable
- Slow

## GRID DATA TO MAKE IT ANALYSIS READY

- Nested, grid-based coordinate system -- "geohashing" -- lays the foundation for automating analysis at scale.



# ORGANIZING DATA AND MODELS INTO MODULAR COMPONENTS



# spool

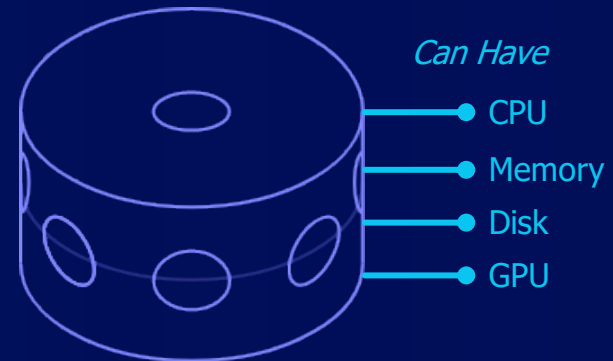
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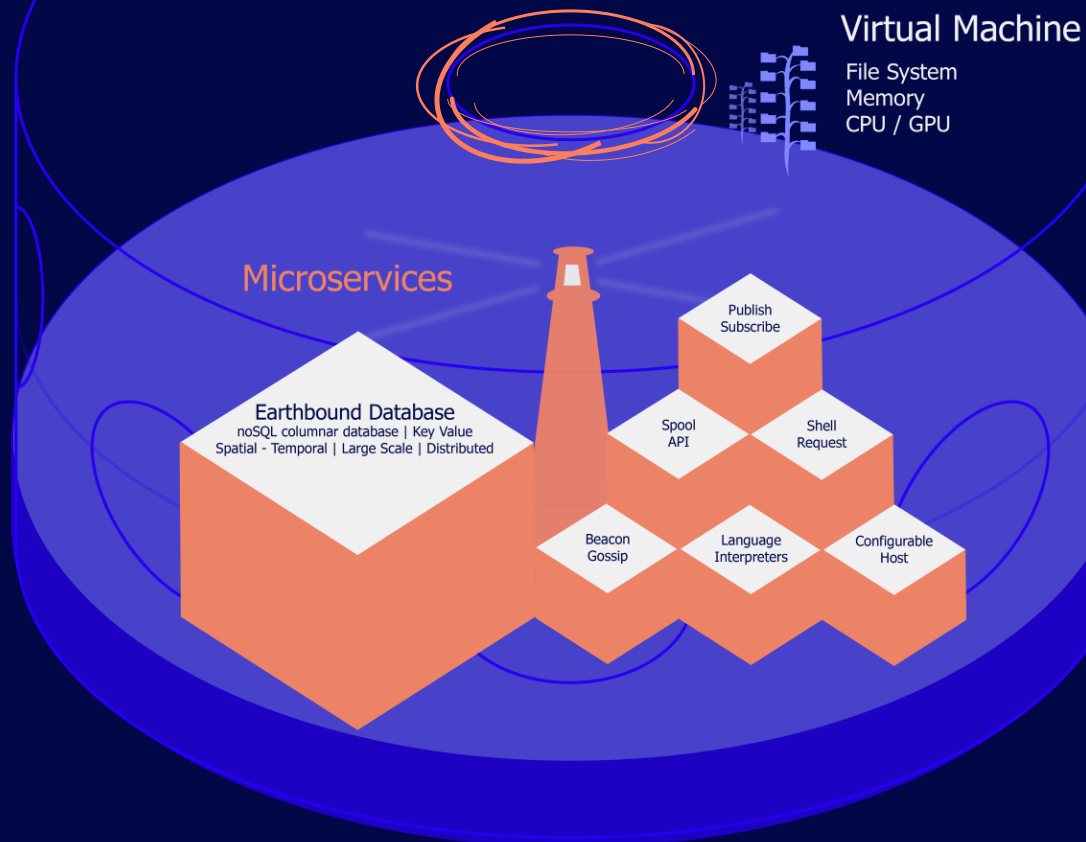
: **Agent -Based Module** – an isolated virtual machine with a computational kernel that can host spatial -temporal data, models and functions.

: Spools enable easy deployment of models into **production**.

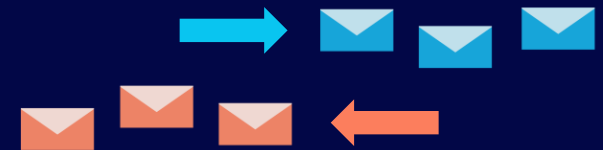
: Spools serve **analysis -ready data**



## ANATOMY OF A SPOOL



### *Message Passing*



Deploy and network live AI microservices.  
Always on, learning, and **in motion**.

Beyond reusing code, data, or trained  
models: **you can reuse models** in production  
and with full consistency.

Scale your AI efficiently.

# SPOOLS CAN HOST ASSETS SUCH AS

## GOVERNMENT DATA

Weather



Elevation

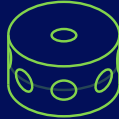


River Gauges



## PROPRIETARY DATA

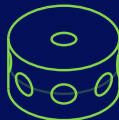
Surveys



Sensors

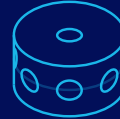


Remote Sensing

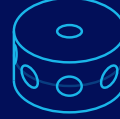


## MODELS

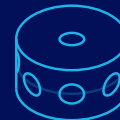
Machine Learning



Empirical



Bayesian



## CONNECTORS

ArcGIS



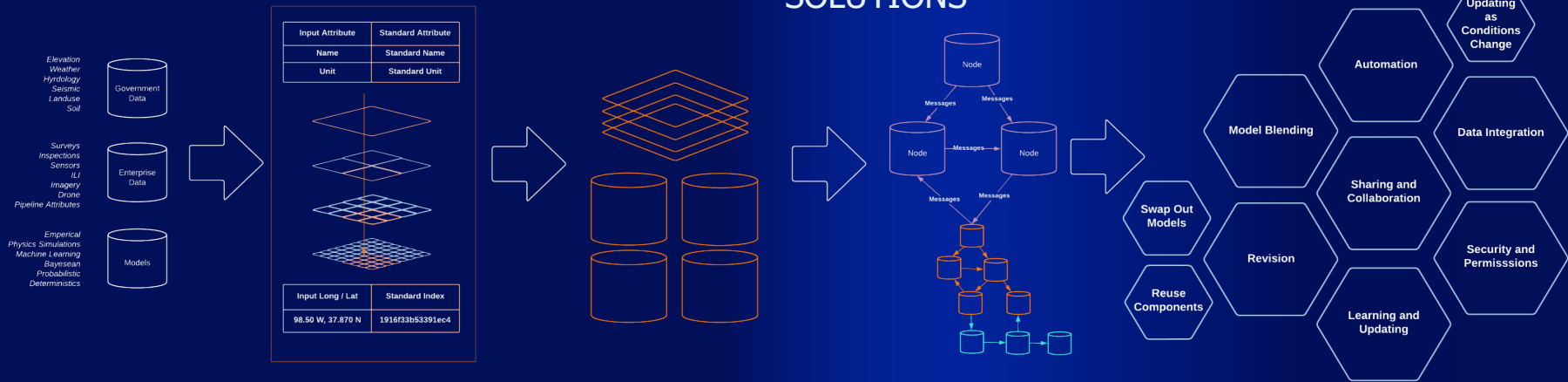
PowerBI



APIs



# NETWORKING MODULAR COMPONENTS INTO SOLUTIONS

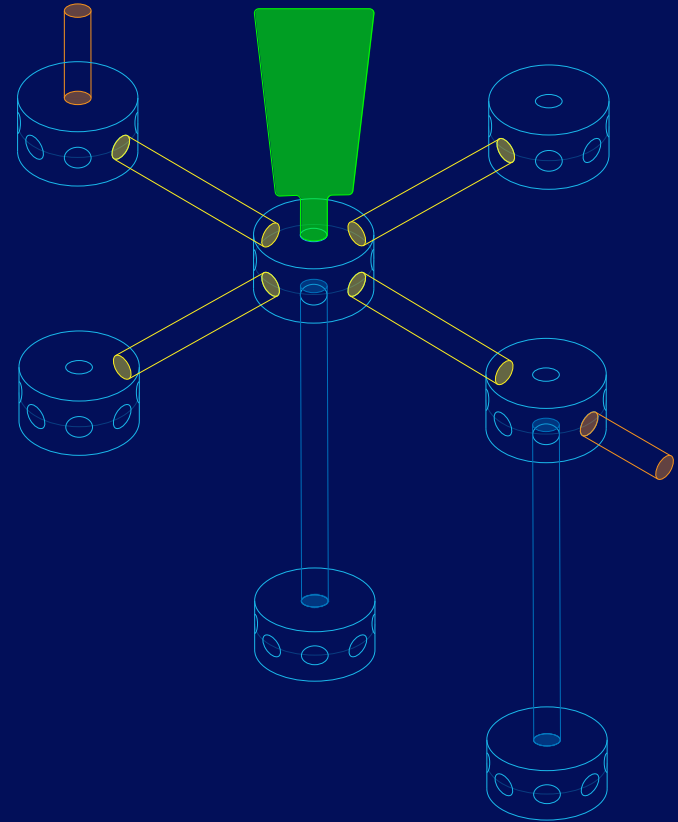


## TINKER TOYS FOR AI

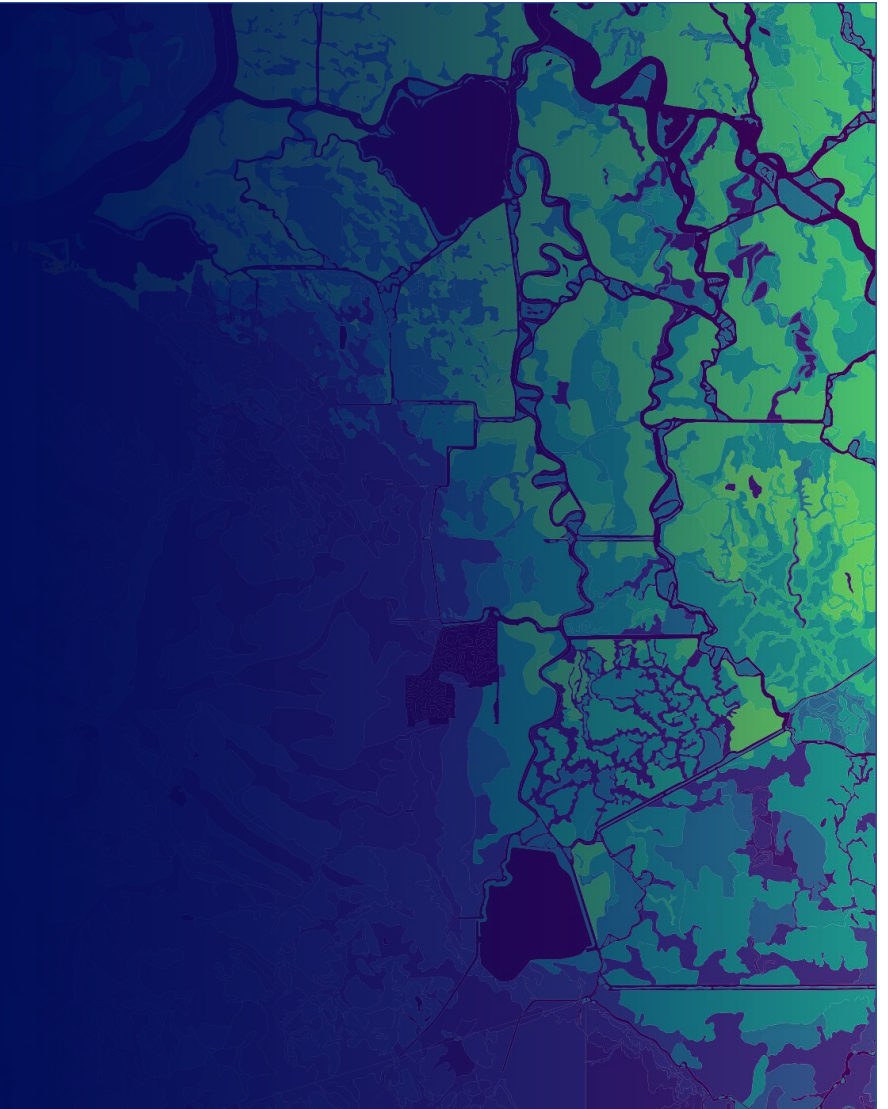
When Spools are networked together, they pass messages to one another.

As a result, they respond to inputs from sensor data and human observations to offer continuous and updating insights.

Spools can also be reused, rearranged and interchanged without disrupting a project.

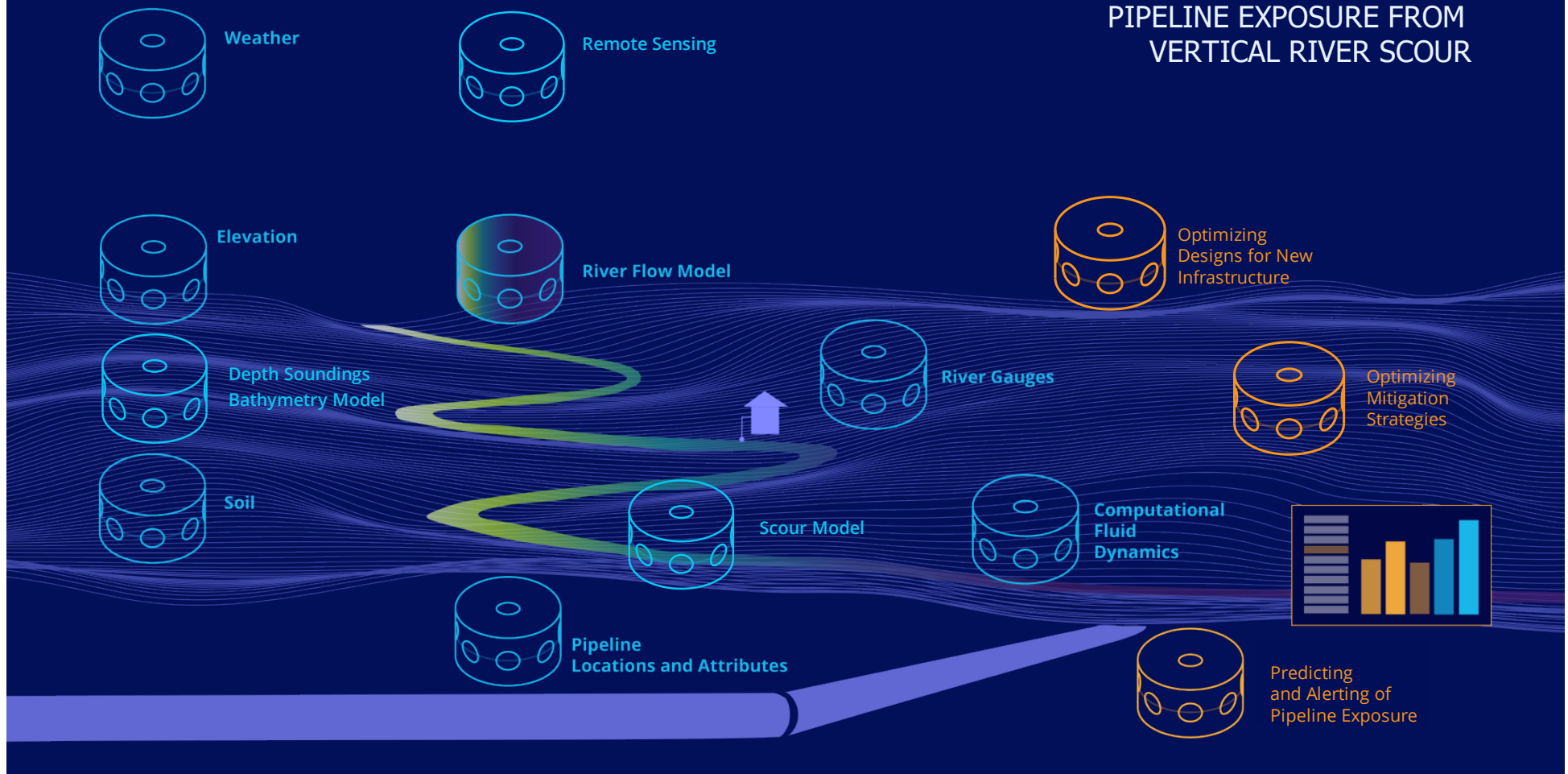


# EARTH MOVEMENT WITHIN AND AROUND RIVERS



# USE CASE

## PIPELINE EXPOSURE FROM VERTICAL RIVER SCOUR



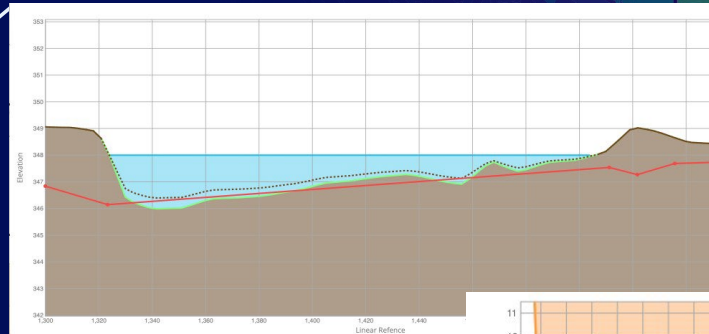
# NETWORKS OF MICROSERVICES ENABLE SCALE AND SPECIFICITY

Automated localized awareness across miles and miles of pipeline

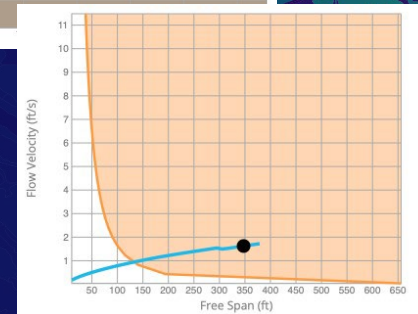
30,000 RIVER CROSSINGS



LOCALIZED PREDICTIONS + REALTIME RISK

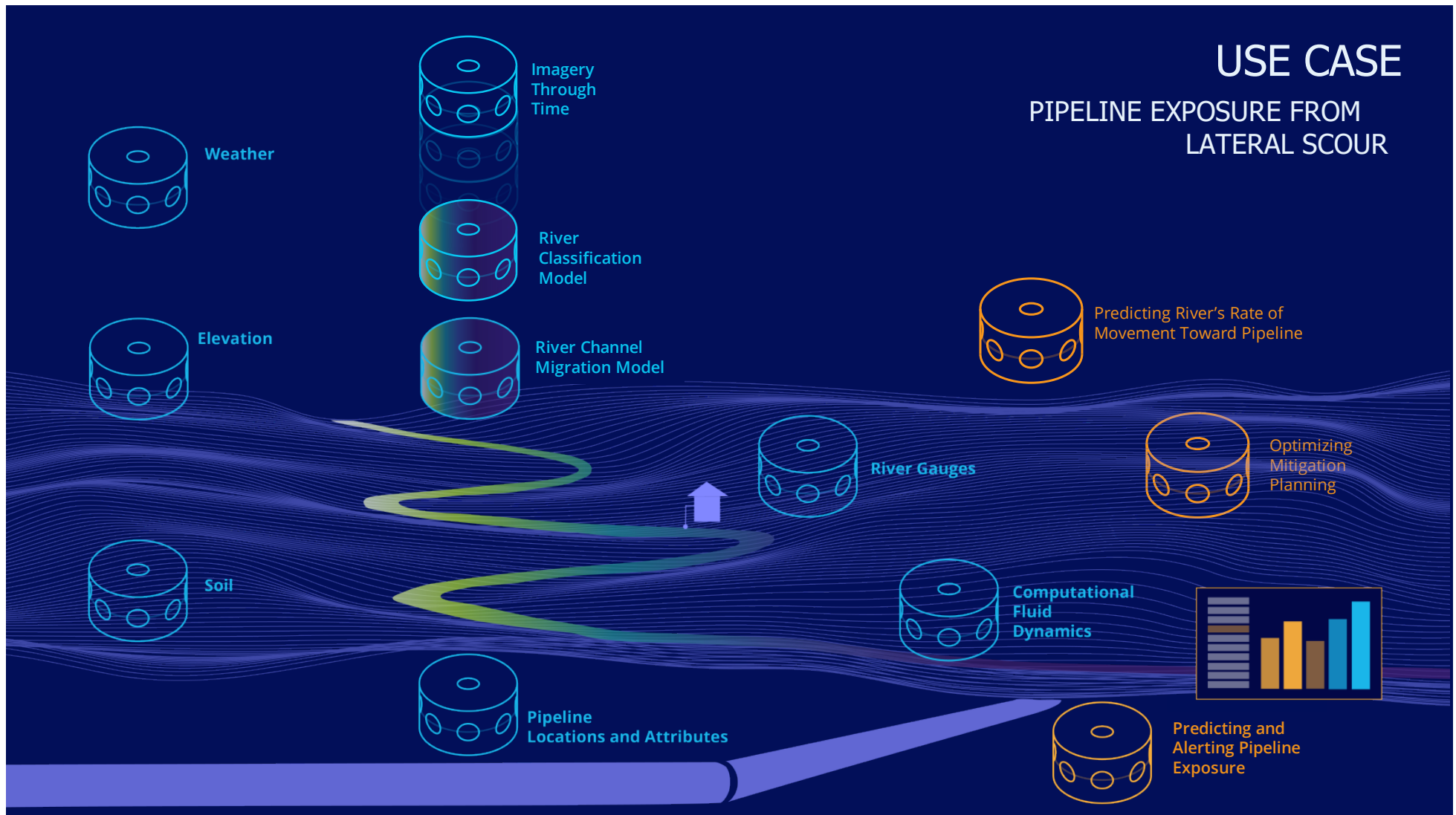


River Flow  
Cross-Sectional Area  
Weather  
Soil Type  
Depth of Cover  
Scouring



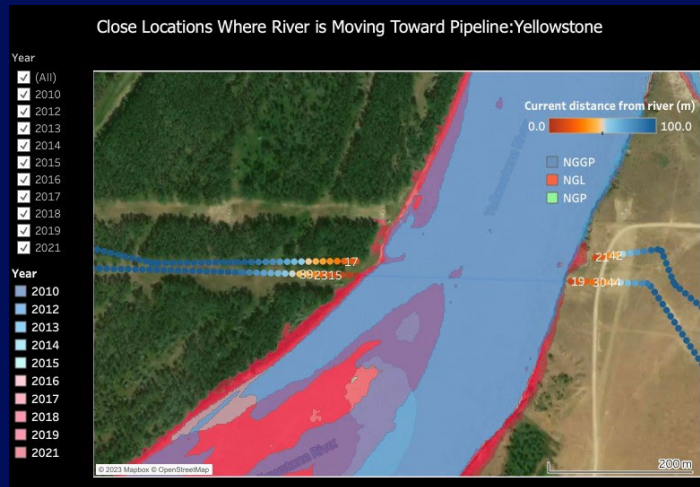
# USE CASE

## PIPELINE EXPOSURE FROM LATERAL SCOUR



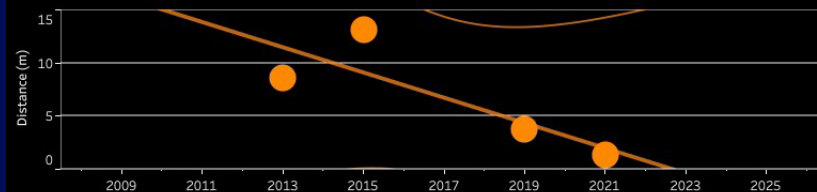
# NETWORKS OF MICROSERVICES ENABLE TIME SERIES MODELING AT SCALE

## RIVER CHANNEL MIGRATION THROUGH TIME



## LOCALIZED PREDICTIONS OF WHEN RIVER WILL REACH PIPELINE

Change in Distance (m) From Pipeline to River Over Time:



# Questions



**End of report**