

Continuous Leak Detection based on Smart Infrared Monitoring

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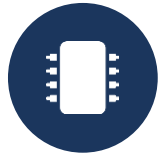
WHO ARE WE

A PROVEN, HIGH PERFORMANCE PARTNERSHIP



> Three decades of specialization

Both companies focused on thermal-imaging monitoring.



Proprietary SMART analytics Software

In-house image analytics and camera configuration



In-house engineering capabilities

Ongoing software and hardware optimization in-house

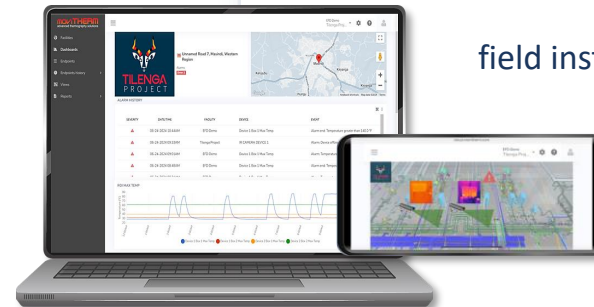


30+

years of monitoring expertise

>300

field installations worldwide



THE PROBLEM

WHY LEAK DETECTION?

Monitoring hydrocarbon infrastructure — onshore and offshore — for unintended releases is a highly complex task.

Minor leaks often stay unnoticed for hours or days.

Early detection is critical to limiting:



Environmental impact



Production interruptions



Financial losses



Infrastructure damage



Regulatory exposure



Health & safety risks



BARRIERS TO RAPID LEAK DETECTION

Pipeline & Facility Monitoring



Four challenges that typically impact the speed of leak detection and response:



Limited Remote Visibility

Alarms still need on-site confirmation



Intermittent Inspection Gaps

Leaks develop between scheduled checks



Reliance on Personnel

Response limited by staff and travel time



Safety & Weather Constraints

Weather and hazards delay inspections

BARRIERS TO RAPID LEAK DETECTION

Limit of Conventional Technologies



Coverage gaps

Fibre-optic, computational and acoustic systems miss leaks at valves, pig traps, receivers and instrumentation



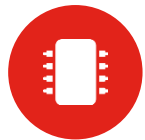
Excessive false alarms

Frequent nuisance alerts raise workload and can delay identification of genuine leaks



KEY TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

for a reliable Visual Leak Detection System



Advanced analytics

To allow a reliable and precise leak detection and classification



Fully configurable

Flexible system parameters



Environmental filtering

To enable reliable performance even under fog, rain, and thermal noise conditions



Parallel analytics

Multiple analysis functions run simultaneously to avoid false alarms



Multiple alert channels

Control room alarms, dashboard & e-mail notifications



Maintainable

Adequate maintenance concept

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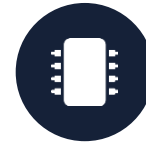
for a reliable Visual Leak Detection System

System Architecture



Long-wave IR (7–14 μm)

No detector cooling required, as opposed to short- and mid-wave cameras



Embedded SMART processing

Capable of combining multiple analytics in real time



High sensitivity

NETD < 30 mK



Wide sensing range

–40 °C to +550 °C with ± 2 °C accuracy



Flexible optics

Multiple lenses for an optimized Field-of-View



Certified bundle

Camera & enclosure already ATEX & IECEx certified

APPLICATION AREAS

Suitable for **onshore** and **offshore assets** across upstream, midstream, and downstream operations, including:

- Well pads

- Pump stations

- Pig-trap stations

- Transmission pipelines

- Gathering systems

- Block-valve stations

- Metering stations

- Refineries

- Compressor stations

- Terminals & tank farms

- Water treatment

- Remote / unmanned sites

APPLICATION AREAS

Detectable Substances:



Petroleum products

Crude oil · fuel oil · gasoline · diesel · kerosene ·
bitumen · steam



Industrial fluids

Brine · diluents · water · effluents · chemicals · acids ·
and others

CORE COMPONENTS

of the Visual Leak Detection System:



Smart Infrared Cameras



ATEX / IECEx Enclosure



iTL Studio Software



iTL Gateway

Core component – Camera

THE IRSX SMART INFRARED CAMERA



Combined Evaluation Functions through SCRIPT



Up to +60 °C operating temp. range



Multiple lenses available (from 4mm to 100 mm)



App-concept with Desktop digital twin



Job-concept for storing multiple measurement tasks



Available also in a **9Hz** version



SMART SEARCH REGION

BENEFIT: Enables easy configuration of “Smart Search Regions,” where the thermal signature is continuously monitored to detect leaks (e.g., in complex pipe networks).



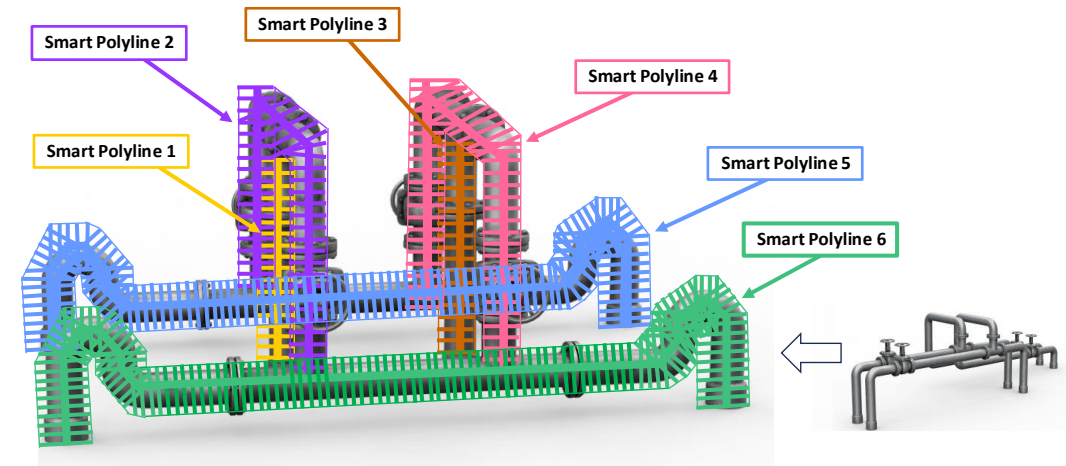
Polyline tooling

The parameters “increment” and “width” allow easy polyline setup



Full coverage

The search region is designed to ensure the easy 100% coverage of the pipeline



Core component – Enclosure

CAMERA HOUSING



Maximum safety

ATEX & IECEx Certified for explosive zones 1/2 & 21/22



Extended flexibility

Supports SMART IRSX-I models with a wide variety of lenses



Built for hazardous areas

Designed for customers with hazardous areas (e.g. petrochemical industry)

The camera and enclosure are already **ATEX & IECEx certified** as a bundle, meaning that no costly & time-consuming re-certification process required, and they are ready for immediate installation.



Core component – Hardware

ITL GATEWAY

CORE FUNCTIONALITY

- ✓ Centralizes data from many cameras & sensors
- ✓ Real-time monitoring & early warning
- ✓ Aggregates temperature, images & trends

ALERT & NOTIFICATION

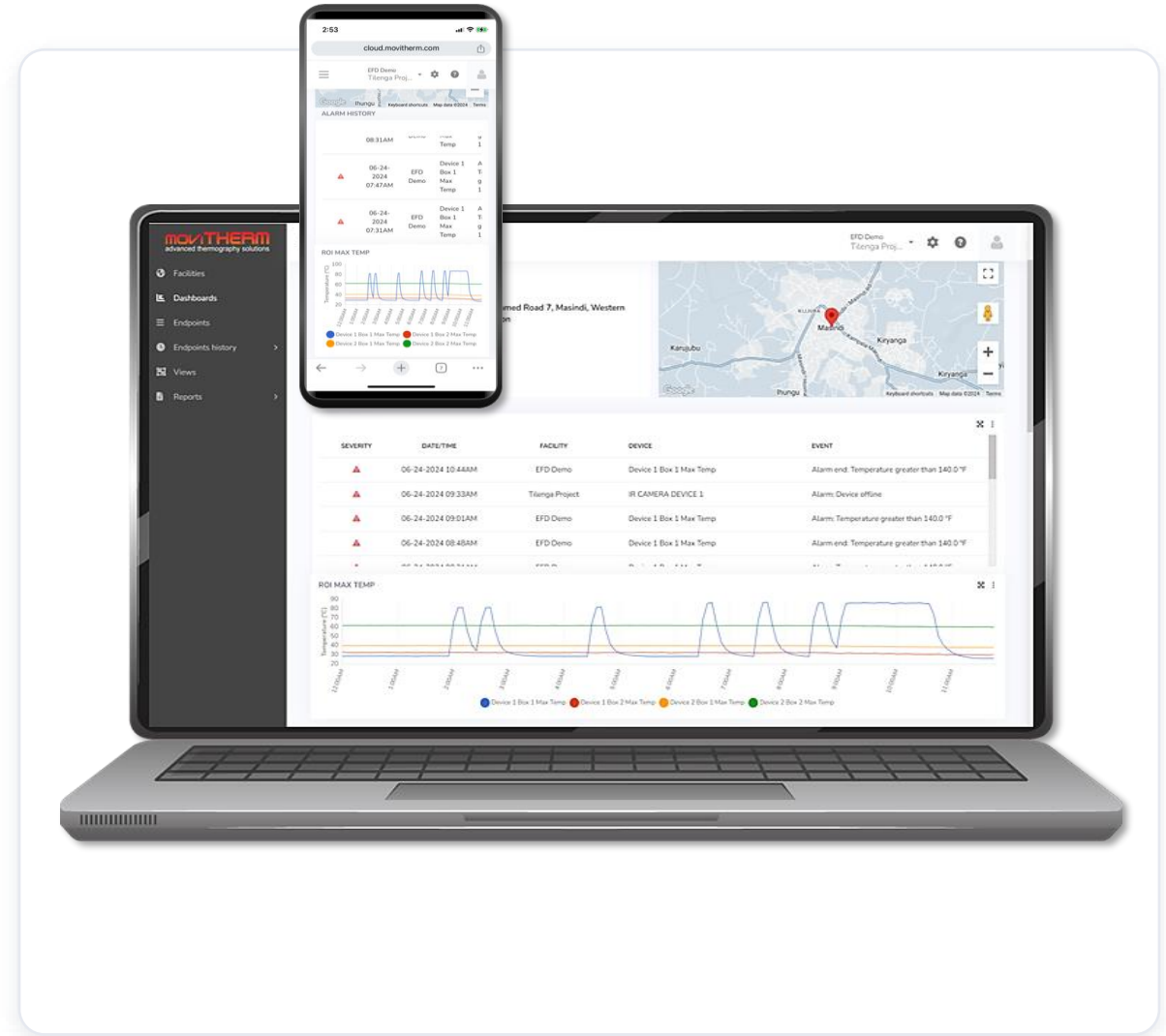
- ✓ Real-time alerts via e-mail, SMS & voice
- ✓ Triggers local alarms & control systems
- ✓ Event alerts with thresholds & snapshots



Core component – Software

ITL STUDIO

- ✓ On-premise monitoring
- ✓ Map-view dashboards
- ✓ Endpoint data download
- ✓ E-mail notifications
- ✓ Single or multi-facility
- ✓ Automated reporting
- ✓ Sensor health & thresholds
- ✓ Text & voice alerts



USE CASE: PROJECT TILENGA

Visual Leak Detection System (VLDS) for monitoring 29 well-pads in Uganda



VLDS concept



Phase 1: 66 Smart-IRSX cameras

In IRCamSafe EX enclosures



Gateway per well-pad

Processes data, alerts F&G via digital I/O



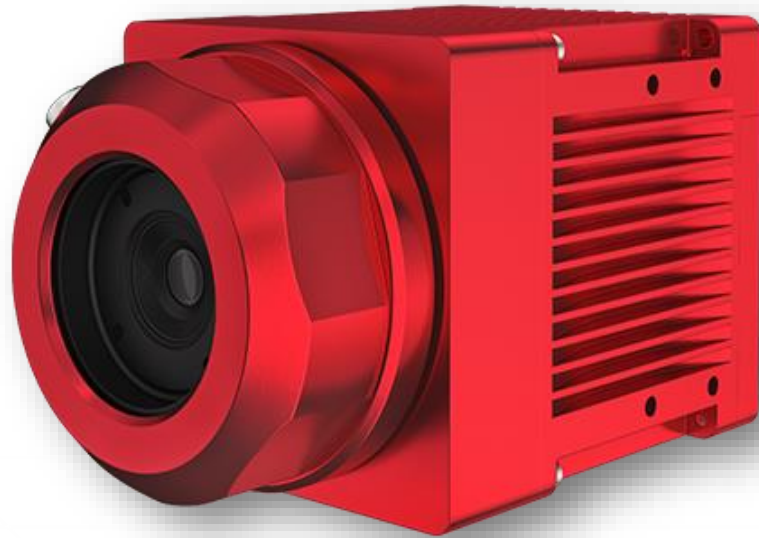
Decentralized visualization

Well-pad control room & CCR



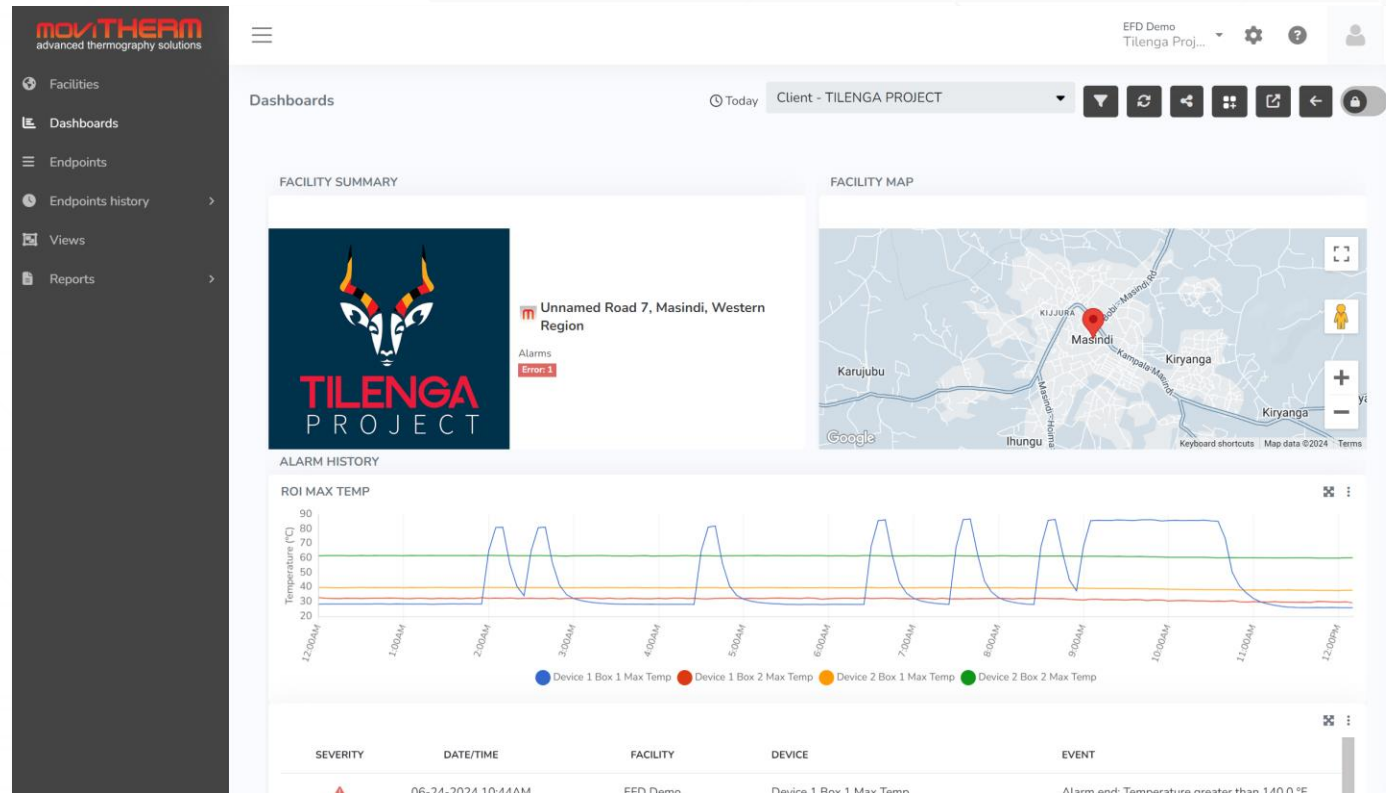
USE CASE: PROJECT TILENGA

Live presentation of the IRSX-I SmartCamera



USE CASE: PROJECT TILENGA

Live presentation of the iTL Studio Dashbaord



KEY BENEFITS AT A GLANCE

for reliable end-to-end Leak Detection



Continuous 24/7 surveillance

Autonomous thermal cameras monitor facilities around the clock, independent of ambient light conditions.



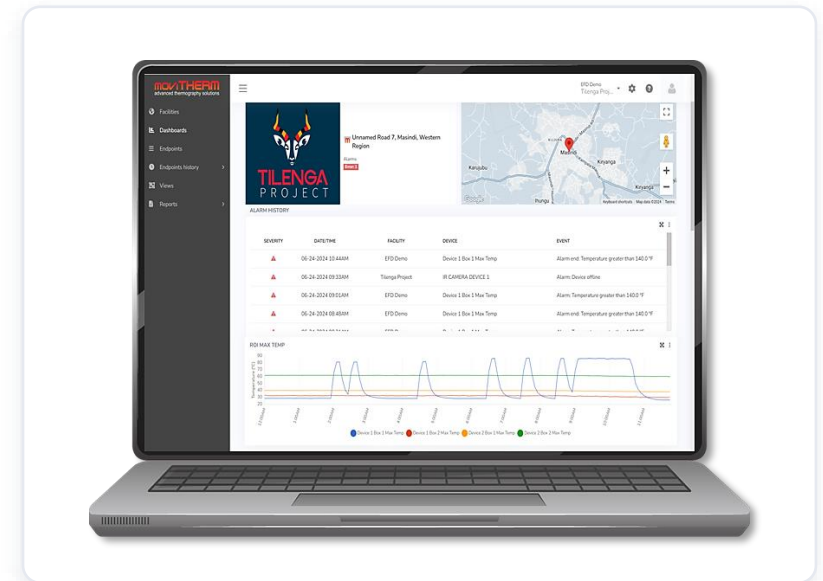
Instant detection & notification

When a leak is identified, the system automatically transmits images and video footage to the control center in real time.



Immediate remote verification

Operators can assess alarm footage and live video feeds without dispatching personnel.



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The camera and enclosure are already ATEX & IECEx certified as a bundle



High detection accuracy due to very high thermal sensitivity



Scalable, decentralized architecture for easy integration into existing control systems



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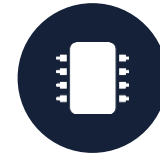
Combined Evaluation Functions for Reliable Leak Detection and False Alarm Prevention

Reliable detection comes from logically combining several evaluation functions per polyline.



Script-controlled Analysis

Allows the combination of multiple analysis in real time to enhance leak detection robustness



Advanced analytics

To allow a reliable and precise leak detection and classification even with changing environmental conditions



Multiple alert channels

Map dashboards and real-time alerts (email & digital outputs) ensure full visibility at all times.



Smart Search Regions

Each Smart Polyline is evaluated independently to allow a precise analysis

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Maintenance concept:

Recommendation: the Calibration of the IRSX-I camera should be verified at least every 12–24 months



Maintenance-free camera

MTBF of 772,000 h at 15 °C operating temperature.



On-site Calibration Verification

When combined with a calibrated IRS-Calilux Blackbody, the user can verify the camera calibration on Site



Easy Worldwide Export

9 Hz cameras can be shipped without export restrictions



Job-concept

Cameras can be exchanged quickly if needed

ANY QUESTIONS ???



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