

# NEW TRENDS in AC & LIGHTNING MITIGATION

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# AC Interference

## Co-Location

Pipelines

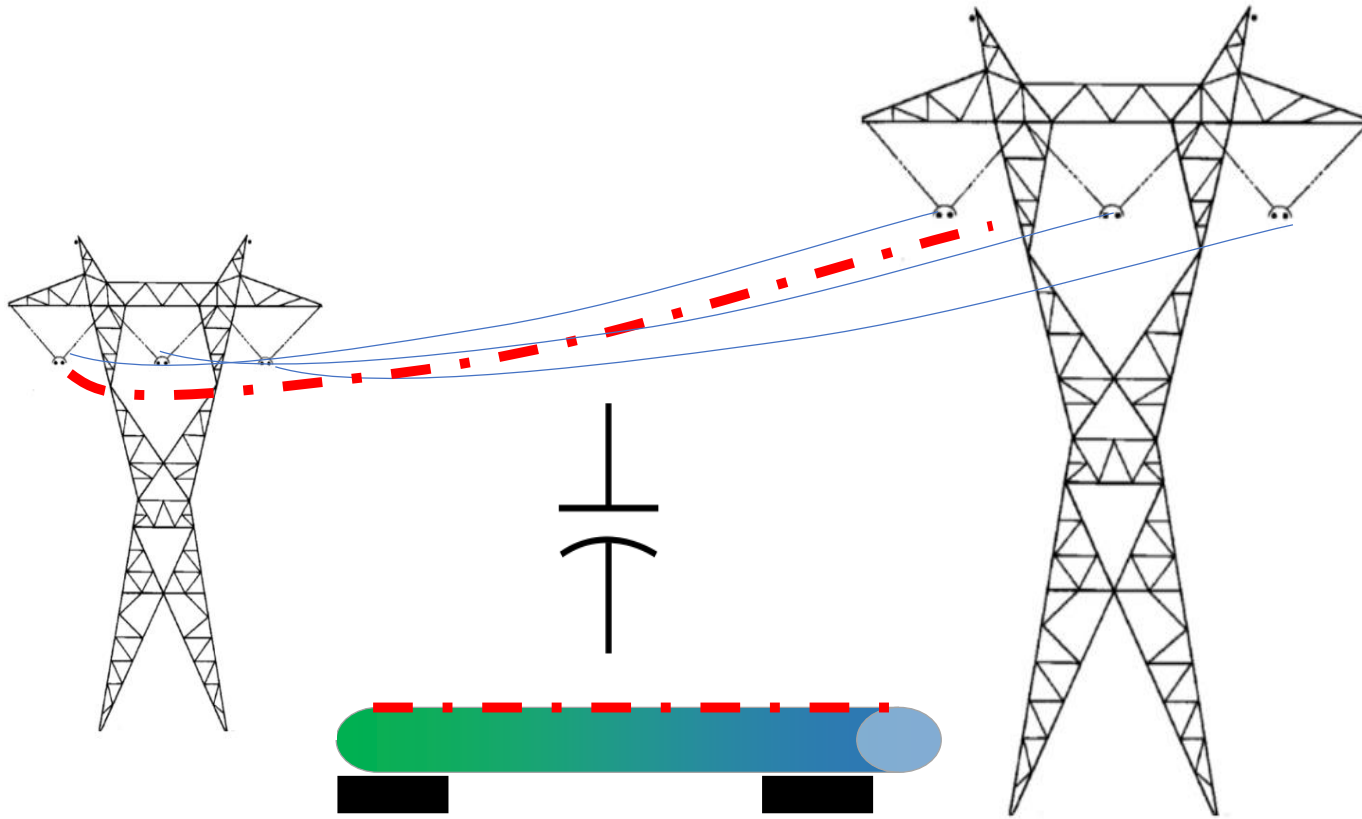
HVAC Power Systems

Creates Complex,

Electro-magnetic Interaction

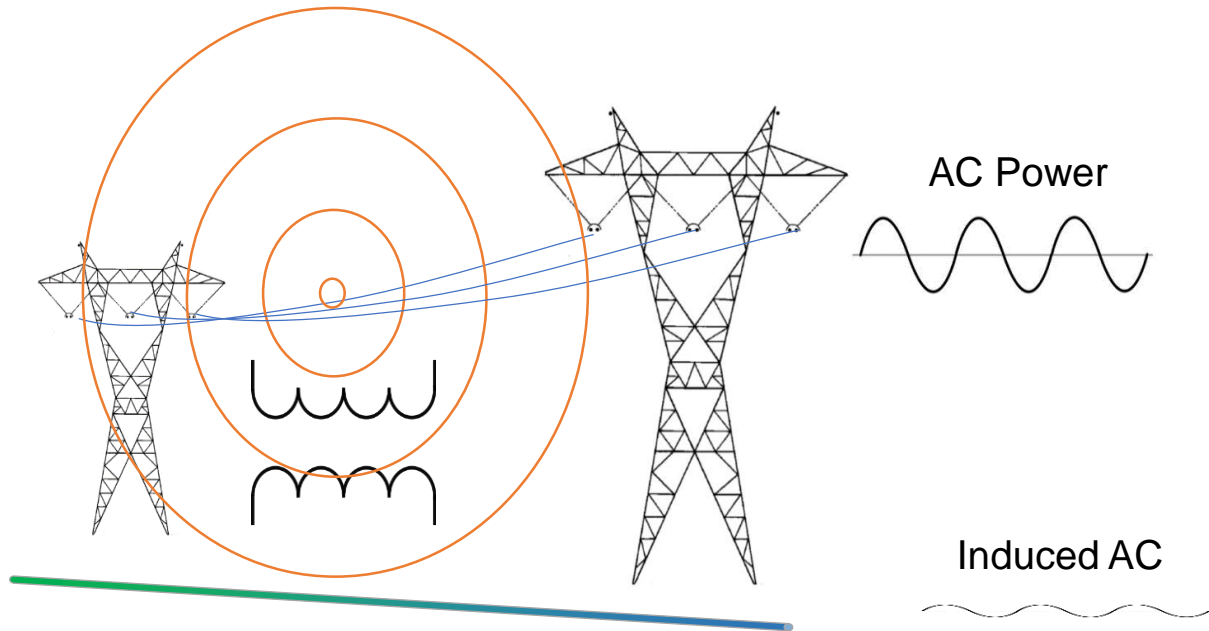
# Capacitive Coupling

## Electric Field Influence

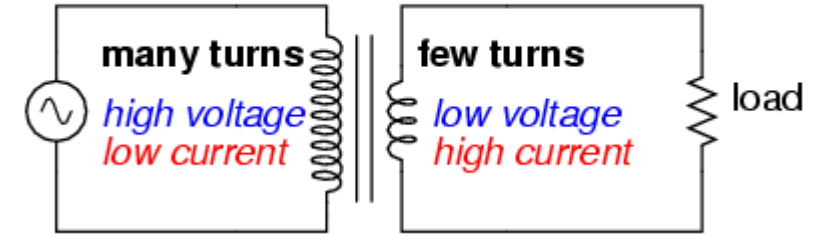


# Inductive Coupling

## Magnetic Field Influence



*Step-down transformer*

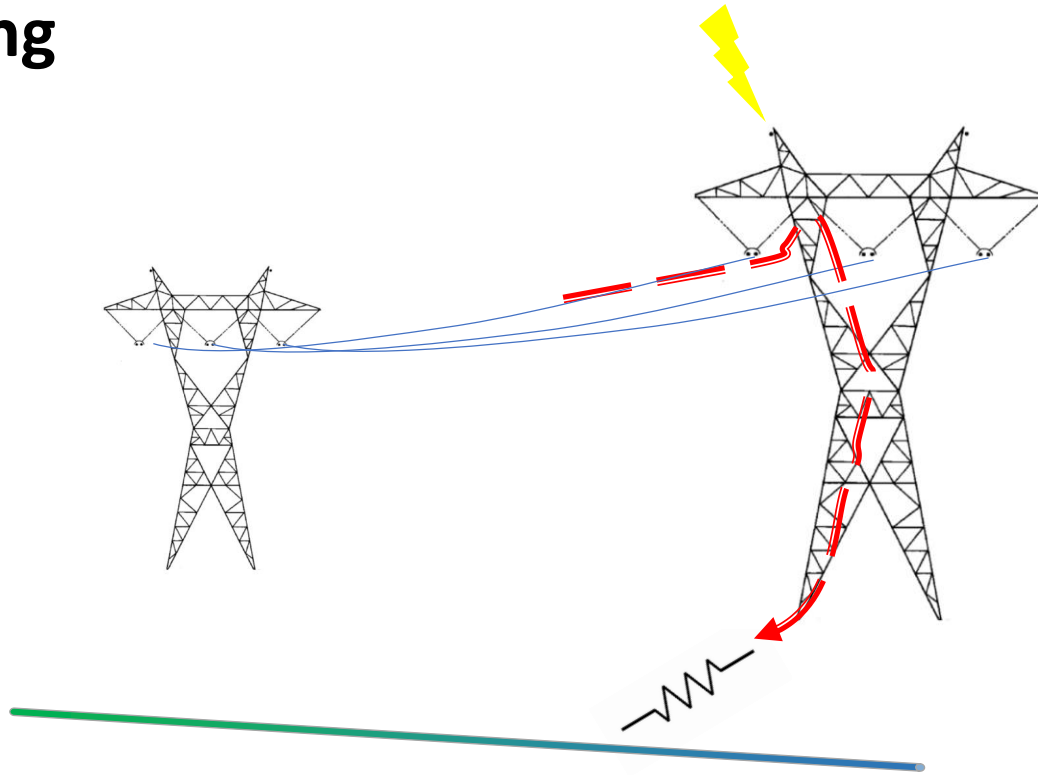




# Resistive Coupling

Shared Conductive Path

Fault or “Short-Circuit” HVAC Conditions  
**Lightning**



# AC Interference = Risk

- **Personnel**

- Step-Step Potential
- Step-Touch Potential

- **Pipeline Equipment**

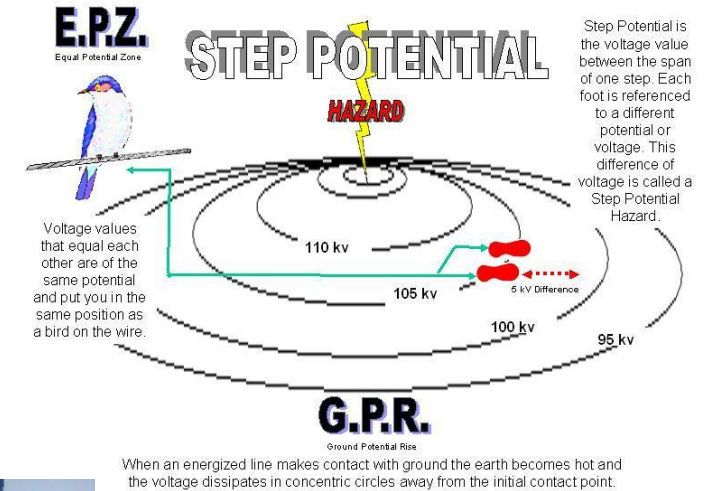
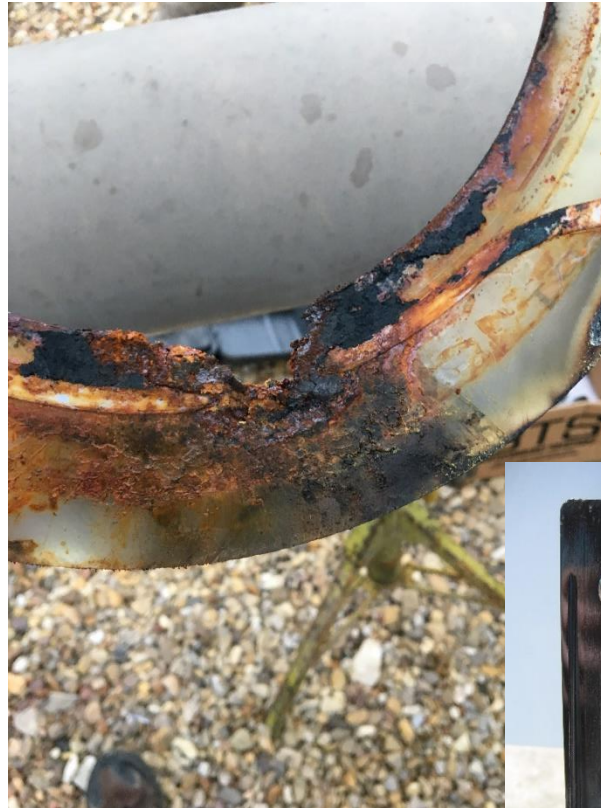
- Metering
- Electrical Isolation

- **CP System**

- ICCP/GCP Damage

- **Pipeline**

- AC Corrosion





# Resistive Coupling

Fault or “Short-Circuit” HVAC Conditions





# AC Corrosion Morphology

## Tubercle



## Coating Deformation



## Pits Within Pits

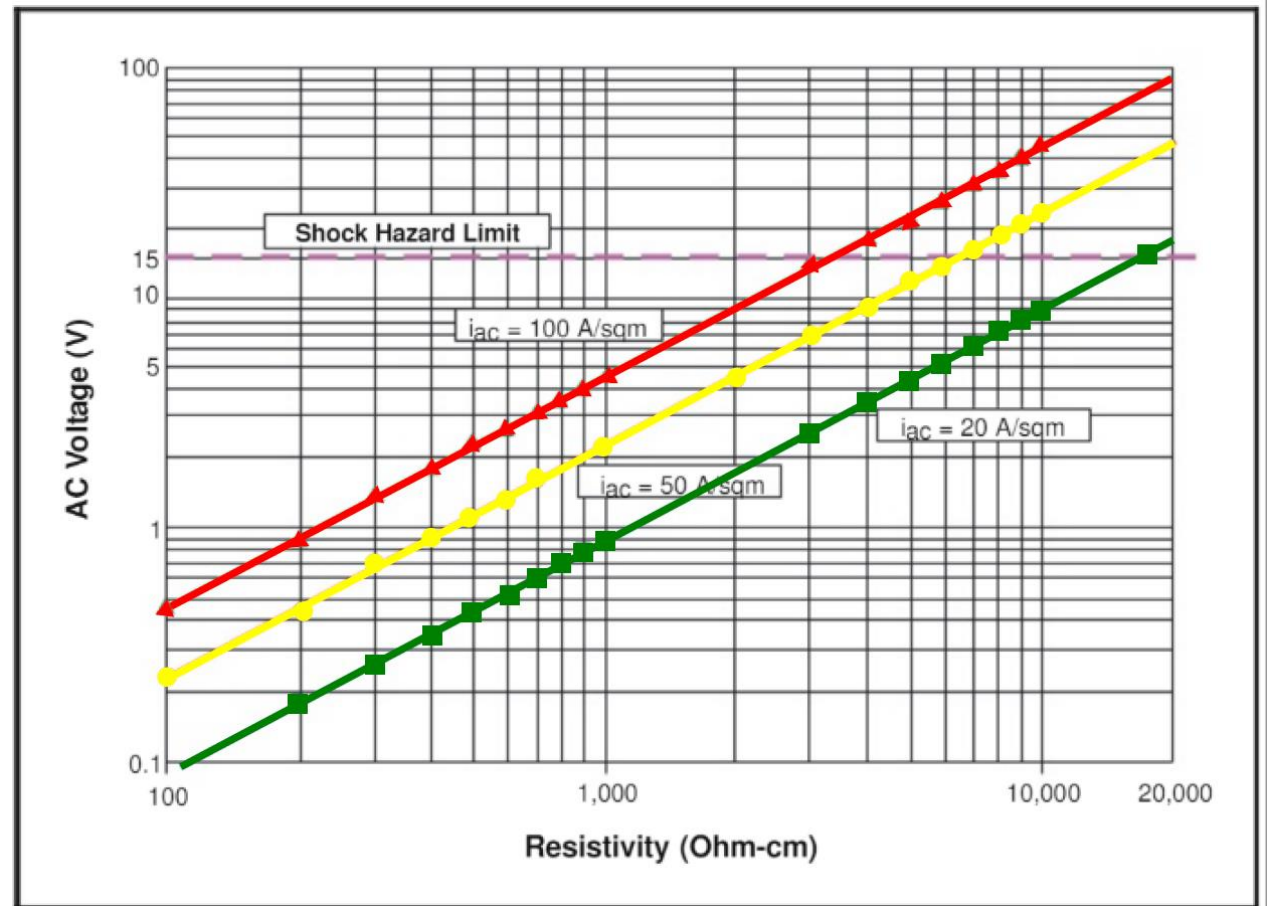




# AC Corrosion & AC Current Density

Expressed as a Function of AC Voltage & Soil Resistivity

<u>ACCD</u>	<u>AC Corrosion Risk</u>
$< 20 \text{ A/M}^2$	<span style="color: green;">●</span> Low Risk
$20\text{-}100 \text{ A/M}^2$	<span style="color: yellow;">●</span> Medium Likelihood
$> 100 \text{ A/M}^2$	<span style="color: red;">●</span> Very High Likelihood



# Risk Factors

Multiple

Dynamic

Interactive

Geezzzz...Can I Get Some Help Here?



# Federal Law

- 49 CFR 192.467 (f)
  - External Corrosion Control; Electrical Isolation
- 49 CFR 195.575 (e)
  - External Corrosion Control; Electrical Isolation
- 29 CFR 1910
- 29 CFR 1926

Yea...Not Really What I was Looking for....

# NACE

- NACE SP0177-2014
  - Mitigation of Alternating Current and Lightning Effects on Metallic Structures and Corrosion Control Systems
- NACE SP21424-2018
  - Alternating Current Corrosion on Cathodically Protected Pipelines: Risk Assessment, Mitigation, and Monitoring
- AC Corrosion State-of-the-Art Report: Corrosion Rate, Mechanism, & Mitigation Requirements #35110
- NACE SP0104-2014
  - The Use of Coupons for Cathodic Protection Monitoring
- Technical Report on the Application & Interpretation of Data from External Coupons Used in the Evaluation of Cathodically Protected Metallic Structures #35201



# Other

- Canadian Standard
  - CAN/CSA – C22.3 No. 6-13
    - Principles and Practices of Electrical Coordination Between Pipelines and Electric Supply Lines
- European Standard
  - BS EN 15280:2013
    - Evaluation of AC Corrosion Likelihood of Buried Pipelines Applicable to Cathodically Protected Pipelines
- Interstate Natural Gas Association of America (INGAA)
  - Criteria for Pipelines Co-existing with Electric Power Lines; 2015-04 Final Report
- National Electric Code (NEC), Article 250
  - Grounding & Bonding
- Institute of Electrical & Electronic Engineers (IEEE)
- PRCI
  - On-going Research; EC 6-2, EC 6-4

Confused?





# AC Interference Threat Risk Assessment



Apply Industry Risk Concepts

RECEPTOR

An object impacted by an abnormal event or failure.  
Personnel, PL Assets, CP Systems

LOCATION

A position or site marked by some distinguishing feature.  
Aboveground appurtenances, station numbers

MECHANISM

A natural or established process by which something  
takes place or is brought about.  
Capacitive, Inductive & Resistive Coupling

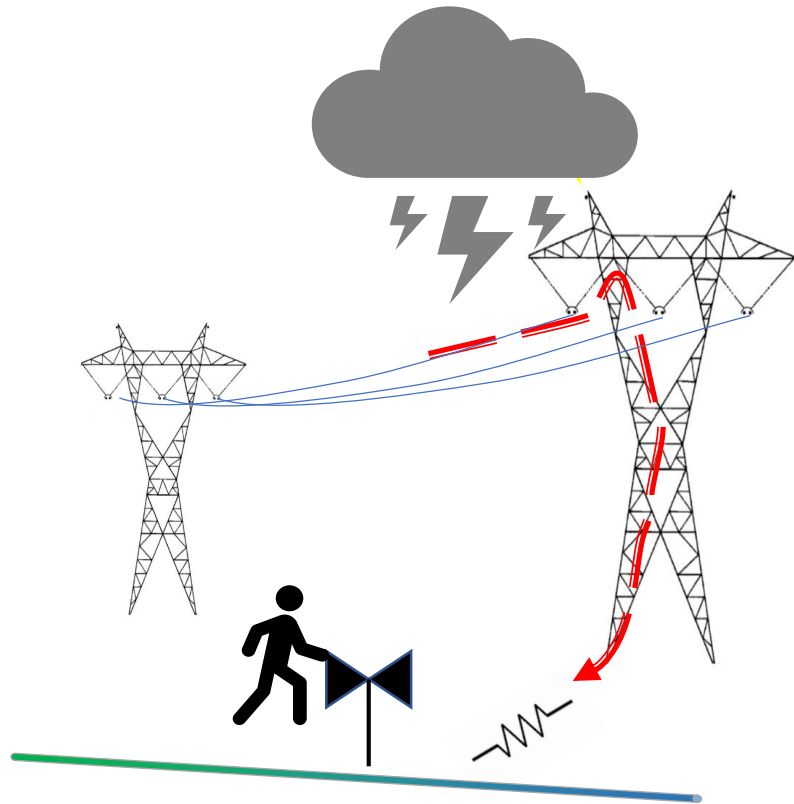
THREAT

An indication of something impending.  
Elevated AC potentials, elevated AC current density,  
step/touch potentials

FACTOR

Something that actively contributes to the production  
of a result.  
Lateral separation distance, co-location length, crossing  
angle, soil resistivity, HVAC current, etc.

# Threat Risk Assessment; Resistive Coupling



RECEPTOR

LOCATION

MECHANISM

THREAT

FACTOR

Personnel  
Electrical Isolation

Valve setting; ID by station #

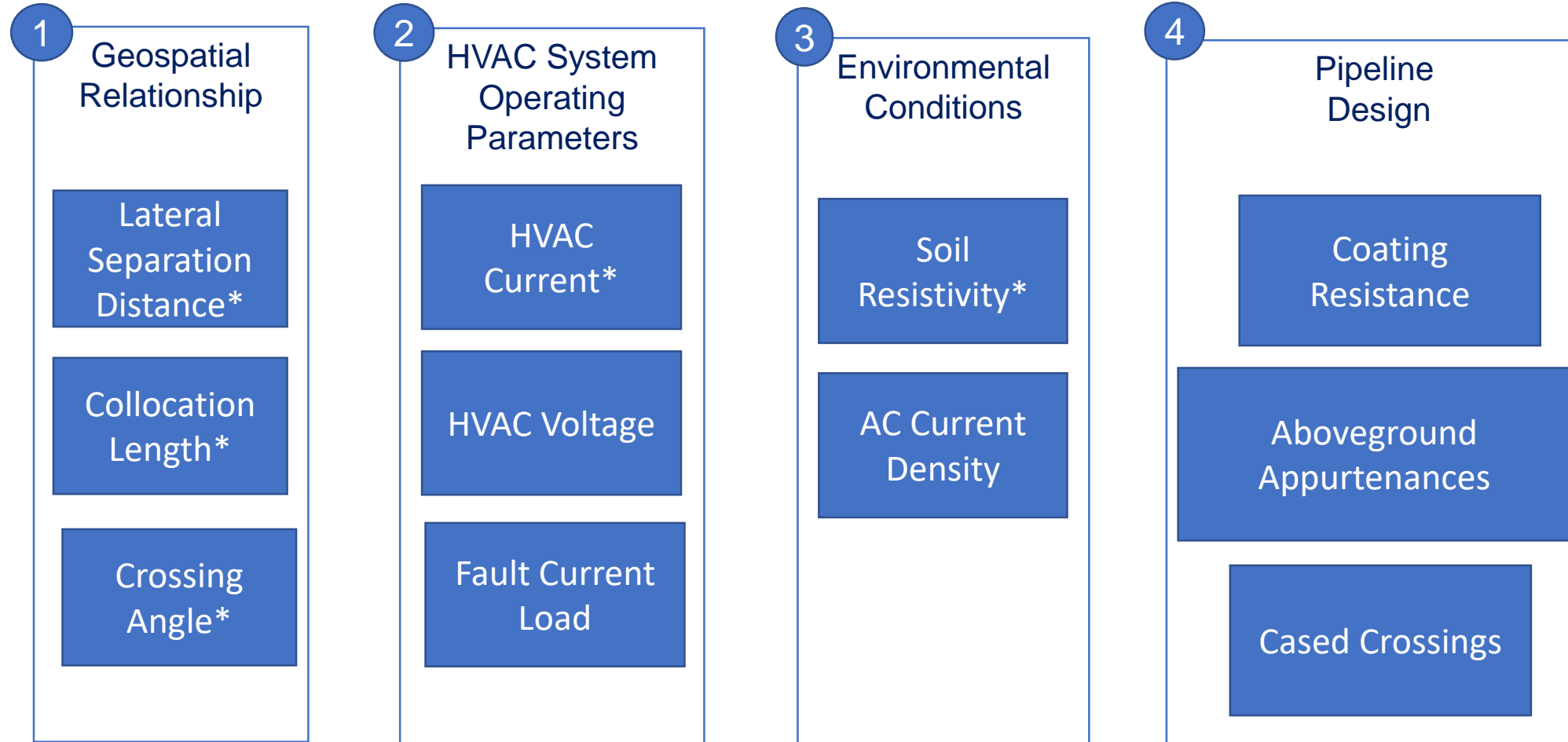
Resistive Coupling

Elevated AC potentials  
Step-touch potentials

Lateral separation distance  
Soil resistivity



# AC Threat Risk Factors

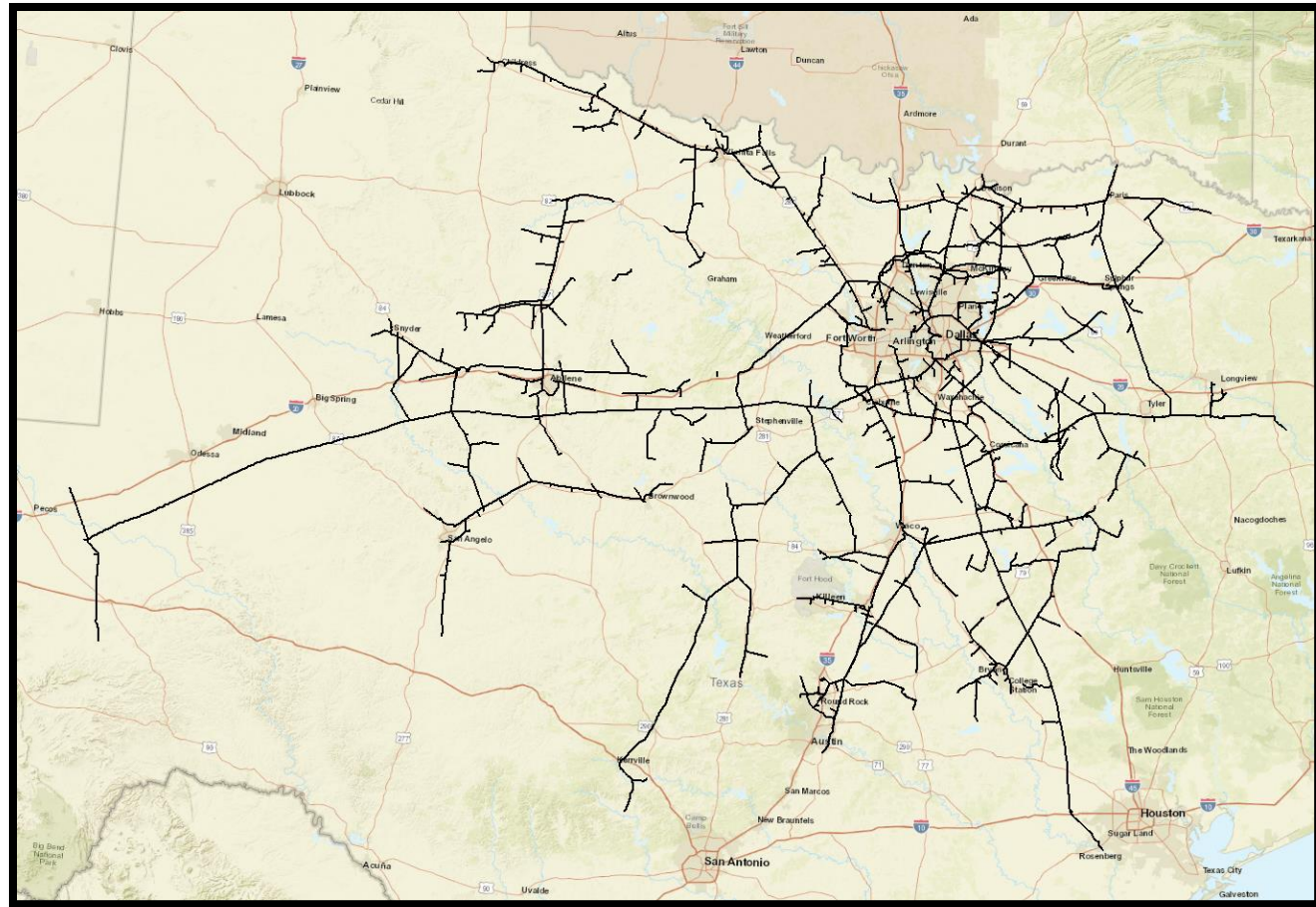


# Identify & Prioritize

Over 7,000 miles of transmission PL and large diameter distribution mains serving several rural and major metropolitan areas

Assets spread over six environmental geographies

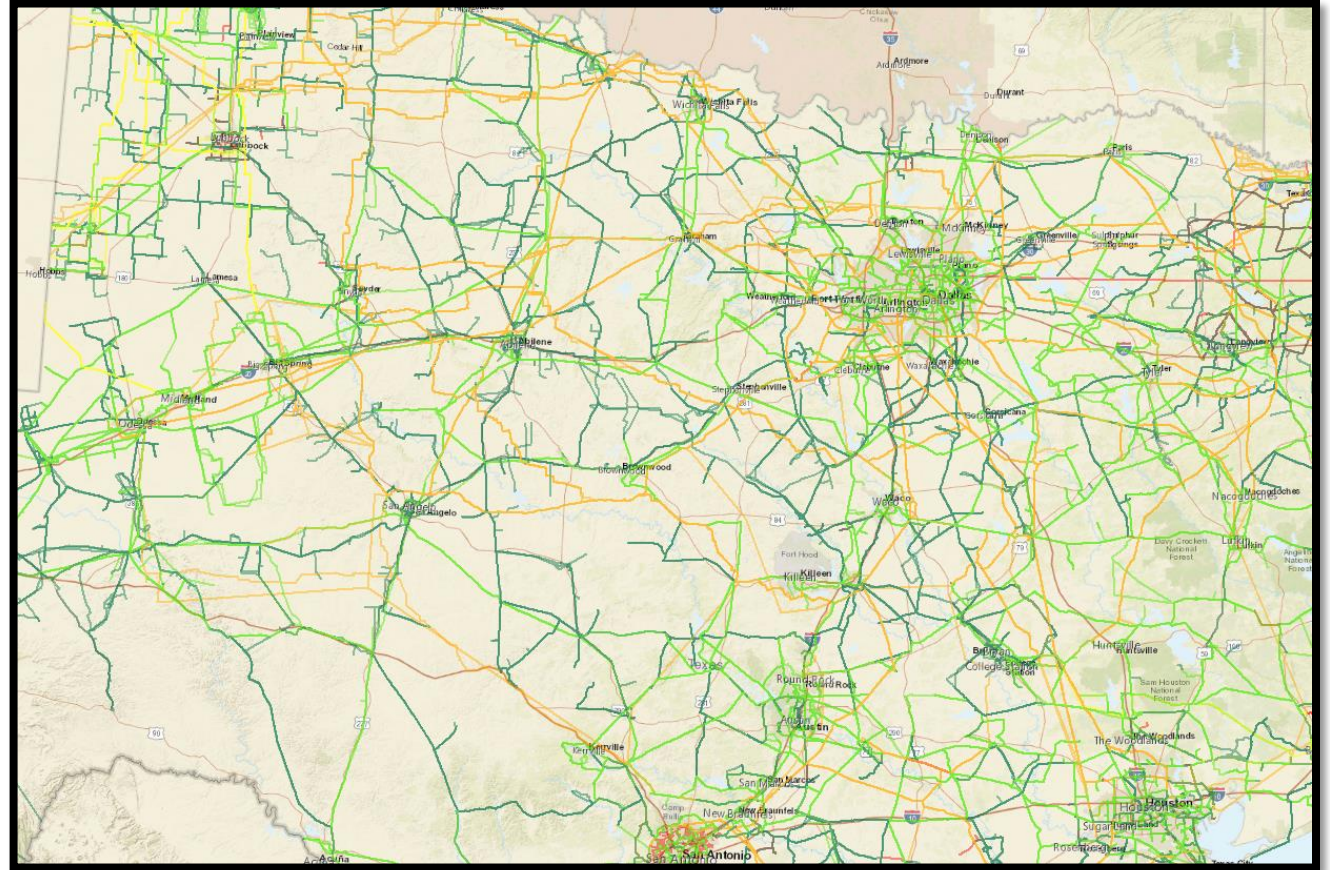
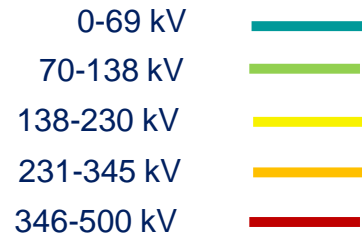
Wide ranging pipe design and operating parameters



# Analyze HVAC Data

Obtained **41,322** miles of HVAC centerline and operational data from Platts, PennWell, & RexTag

Converted Rated Voltage to AC Current

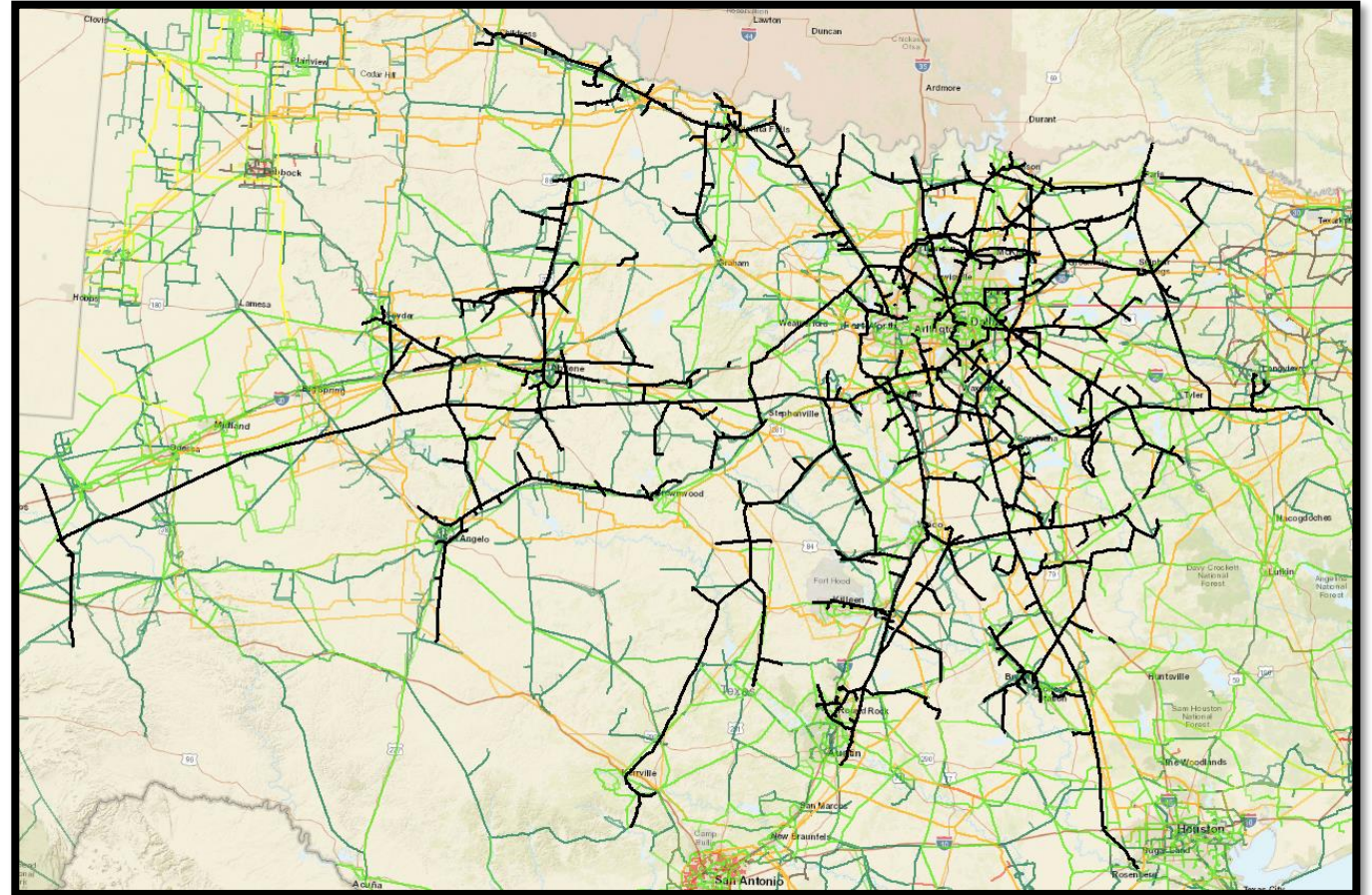




# Geospatial Analysis; PL & HVAC System

Utilize GIS tools to determine

- Lateral separation distance
- Co-location length
- Co-location angle
- Crossing angle



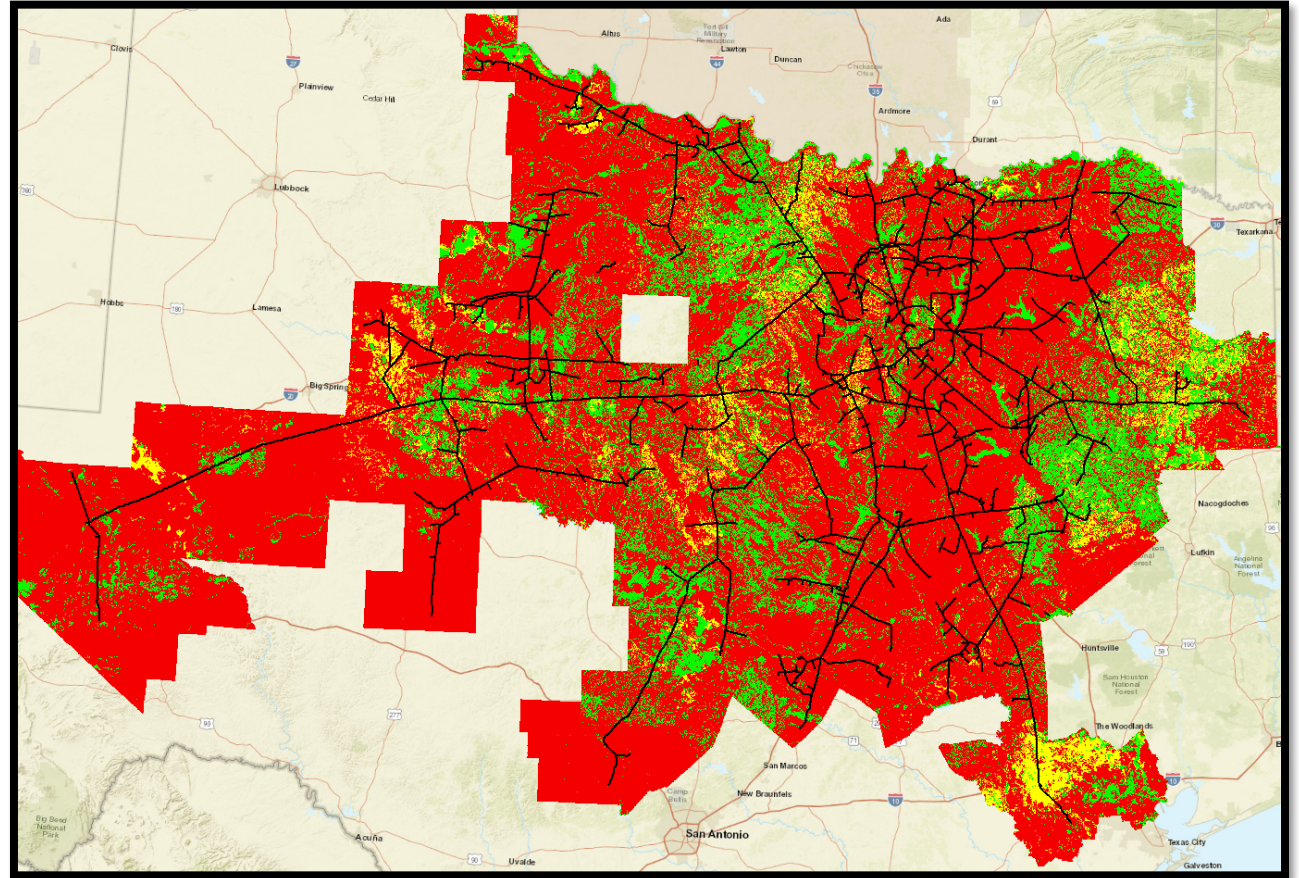


# Geospatial Analysis; Soil Resistivity

Vast pipeline system  
spread across 6  
geographical regions

Acquired USGS  
SSURGO soils data

Utilize UGIS tools to  
determine soil resistivity  
for co-location



# AC Threat Risk Analysis



## Import GIS Data into RIPL

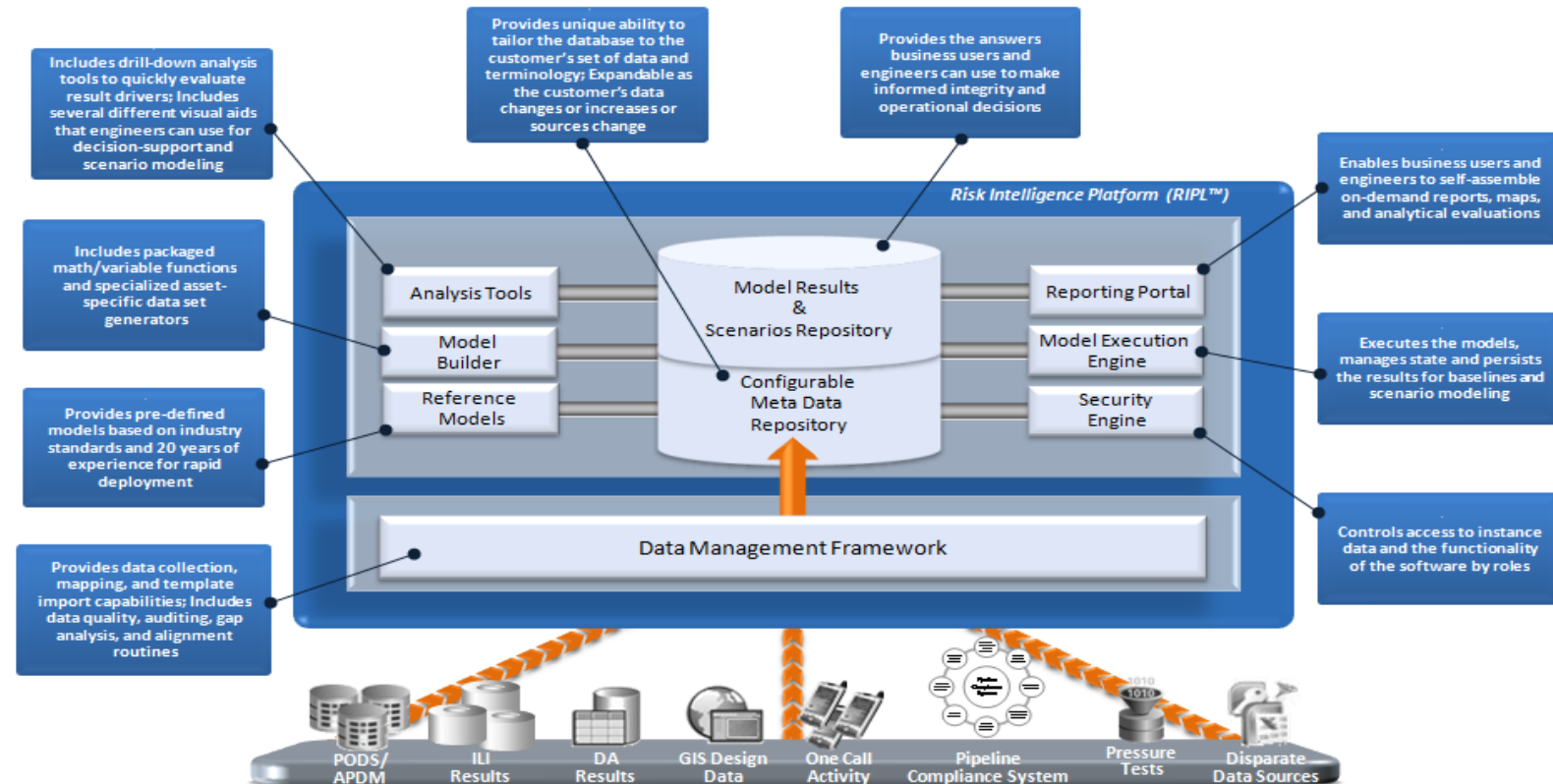
Separation Distance  
Co-location Length  
Co-location Angle  
Crossing Angle  
HVAC Voltage  
HVAC Current  
Soil Resistivity

## Combined with Existing:

Pipe Coating Resistance

## Create Threat Ranking

Analysis dynamically segmenting and ranking PL based on specific factors combined into a threat score



# Engineered Field Analysis

- Differentiate above & below ground assets
  - Design gradient control mats
- Identify electrical isolation locations
  - Design decoupler installations
- Design engineered grounding system locations
  - Incorporate “natural” grounding
- Address lightning mitigation
- Address safe arc distance
  - Substations, guy anchors, etc.
- Incorporate AC mitigation system monitoring

# AC & Lightning Mitigation Tools

- Engineering Controls
- Decoupling Devices
- Engineered Grounding Systems
- Gradient Control Mats
- Coupon Test Stations





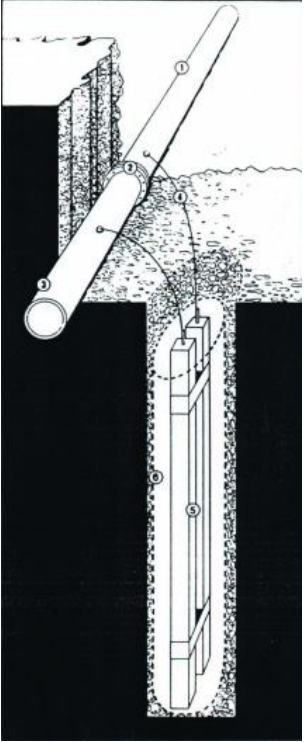
# Signage



# Dead Front Test Stations

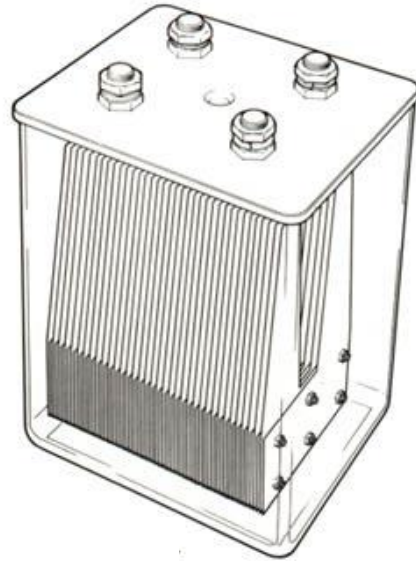


# Decoupling Devices



Zinc Anode  
Pair

Polarization  
Cell

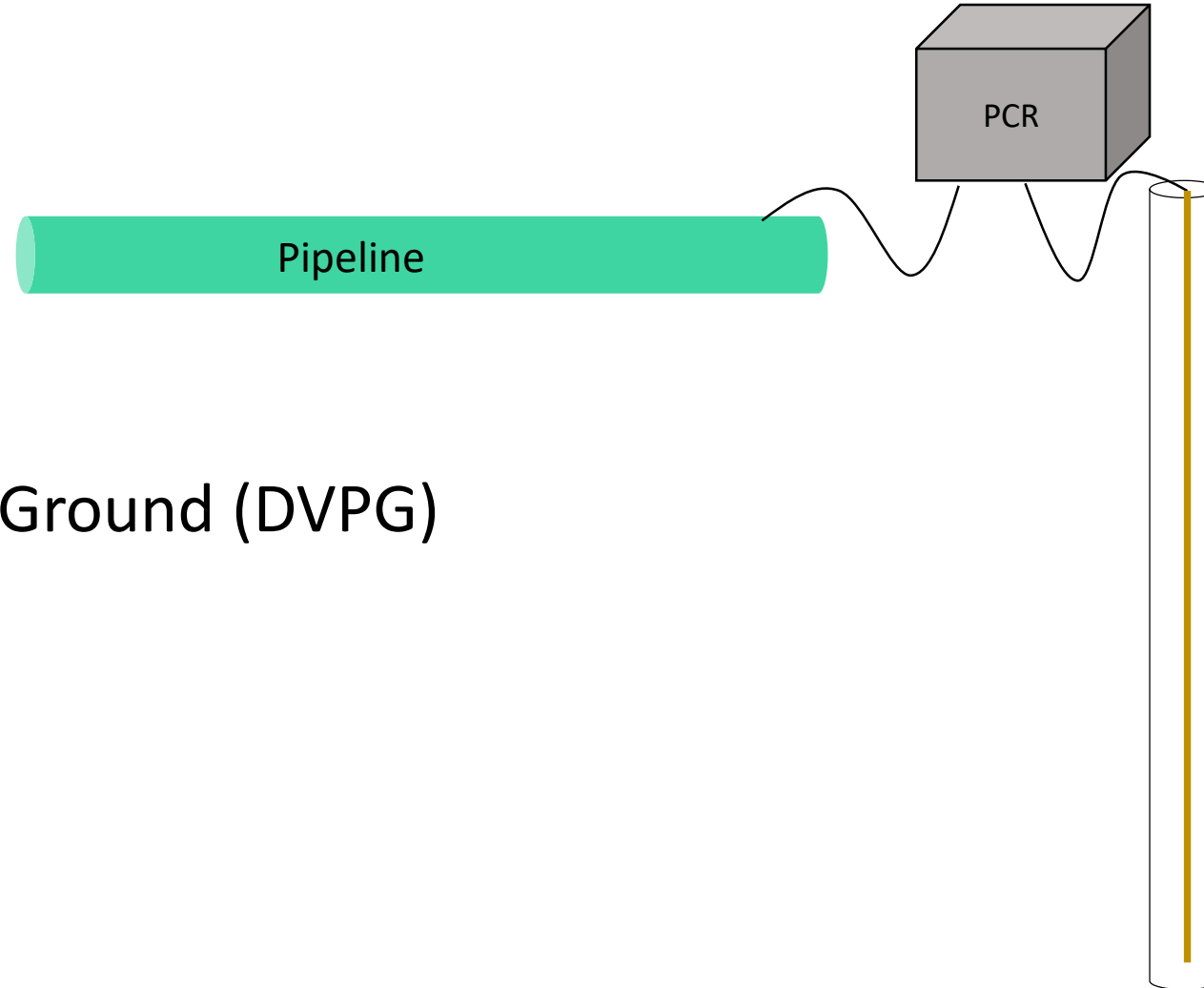


Polarization Cell  
Replacement (PCR)

Solid State  
Decoupler  
(SSD)



# Engineered Grounding Systems



Deep Vertical Point Ground (DVP)

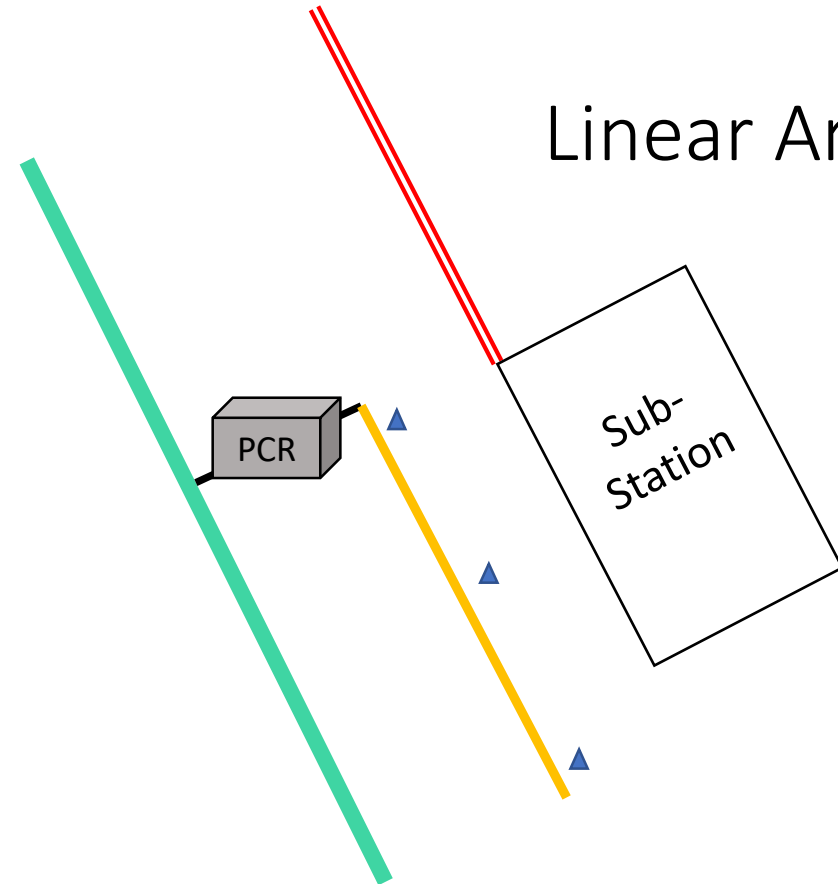


# Engineered Grounding Systems

Linear Ground

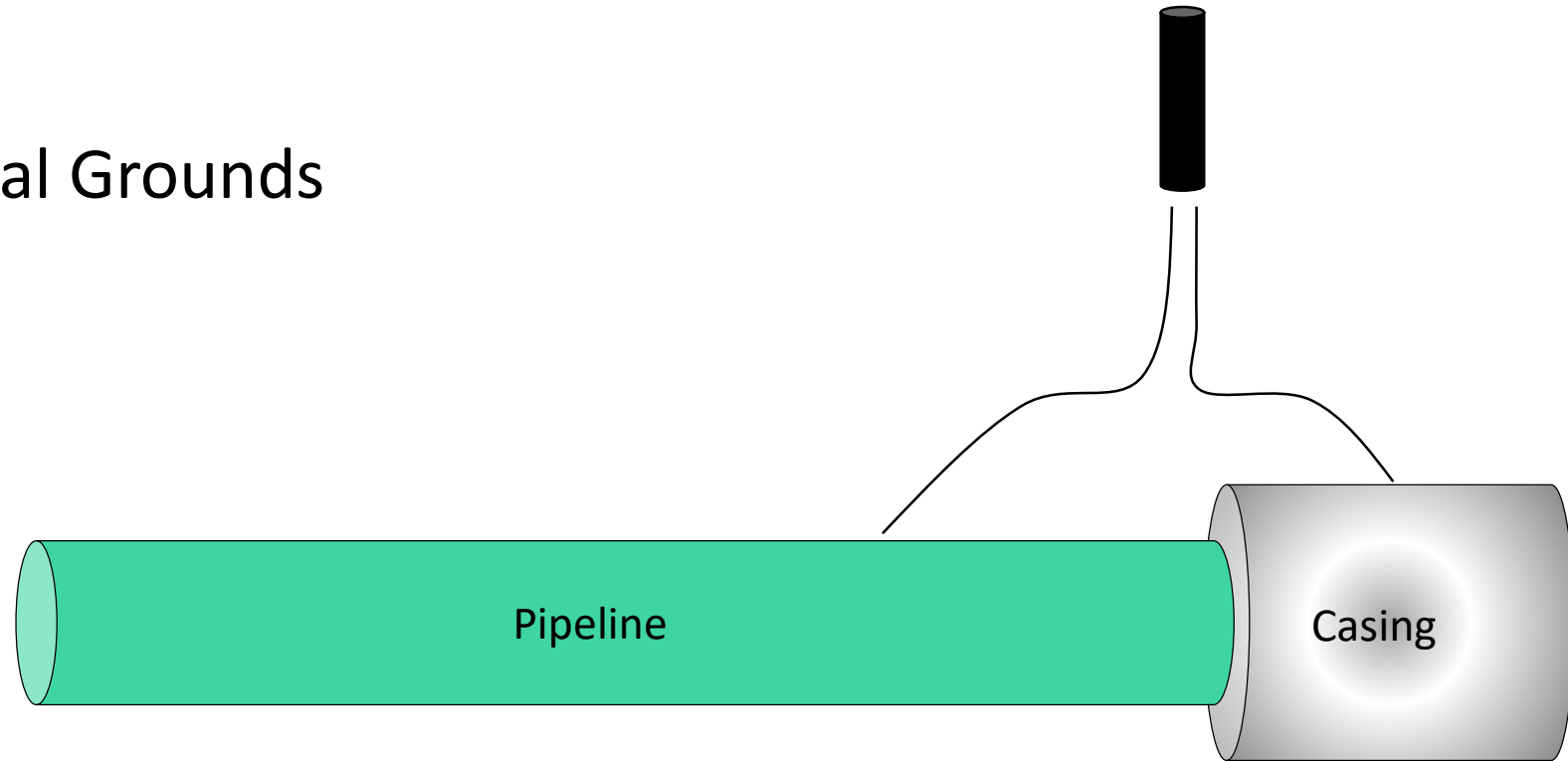


Linear Array

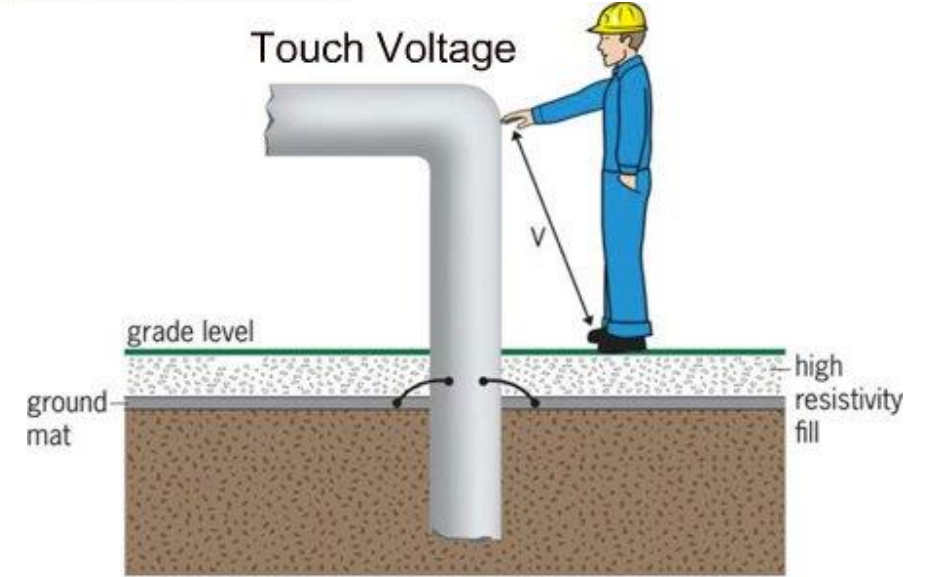
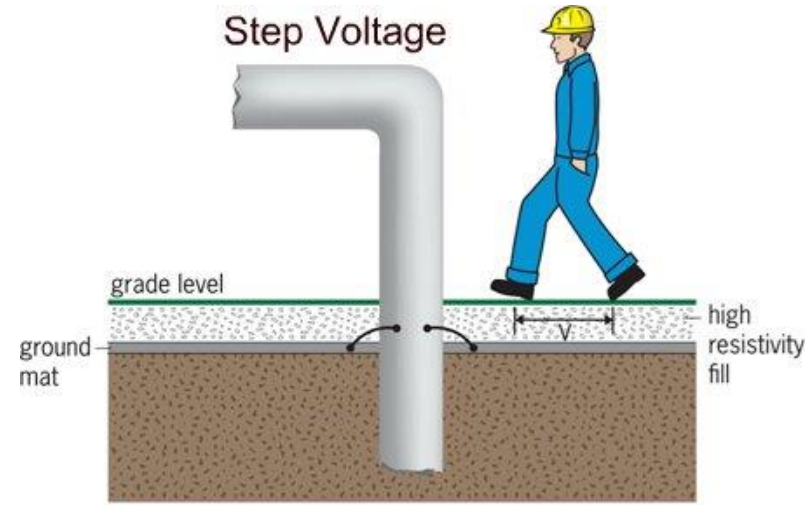
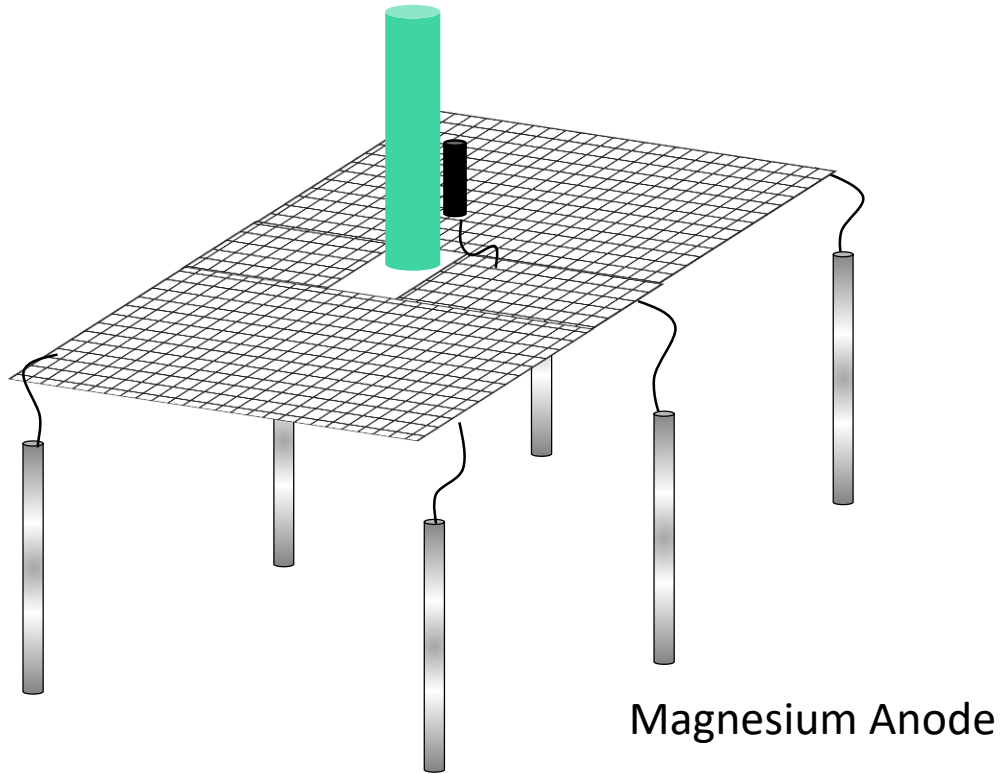


# Engineered Grounding Systems

Natural Grounds

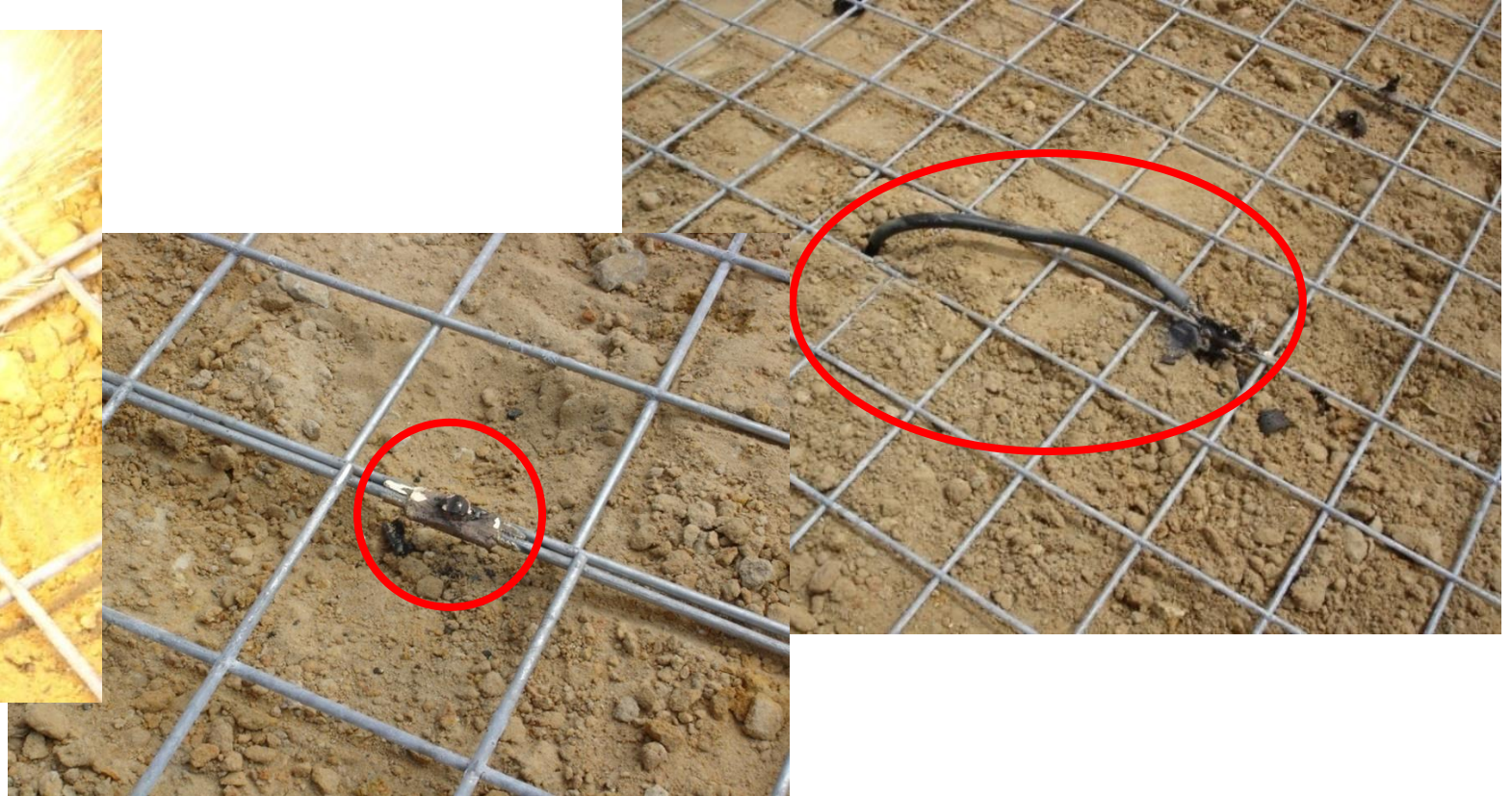


# Gradient Control Mats



# Gradient Control Mat Assembly

Exothermically Welded @ Seams on 18" Centers





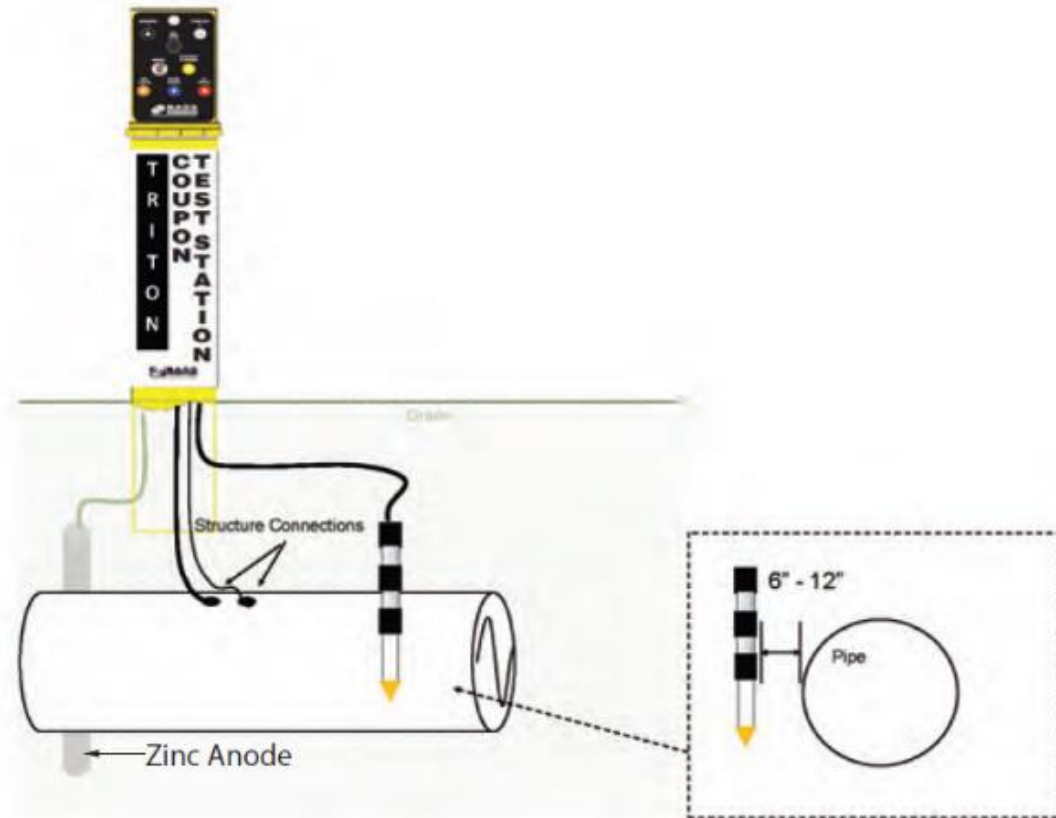
# Lead Length is Critical!



## Pin Brazed Connections



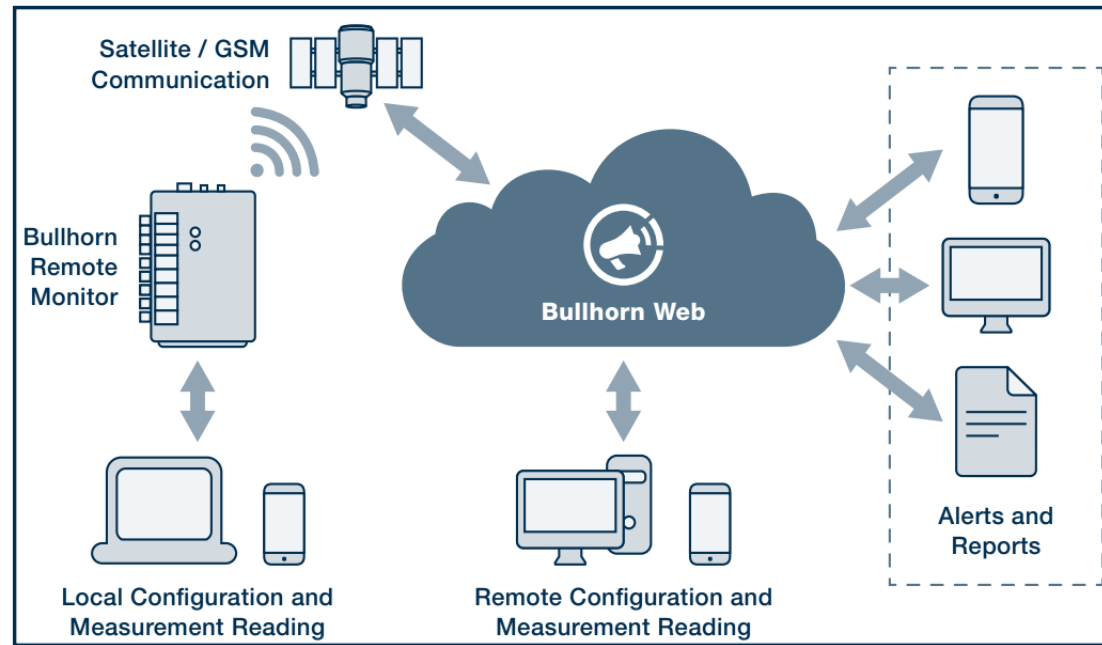
# Monitoring



- Measure PL AC & DC P/S Potentials
- Measure AC & DC Current
- Calculate PL AC & DC Current Density



# Remote Monitoring w/ CTS



*The RM4210 integrates with Bullhorn Web, allowing you to access your measurements or update configurations from nearly anywhere.*



# The Complete Package

- AC Threat Risk Analysis
  - Prioritize pipeline assets at risk
- Engineered Field Analysis
  - Gather critical field data
    - Soil resistance
    - Electrical isolation locations
    - Aboveground assets/security dimensions
    - Cased crossings
    - HVAC guyed anchors





# Summary

- AC Interference is Complex
- Influenced by Design & Operating Conditions...Dynamic!
- Design Protocol
  - AC Threat Risk Analysis w/ Engineered Field Design
- Integrated ACLM Solution Using Multiple AC Mitigation Tools
- Monitor!!

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