



CHARGE TRANSFER TECHNOLOGY

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INCREASED LIGHTNING

**3 TANK FIRES IN
LESS THAN 2 WEEKS
IN THE GULF COAST REGION**

**IN PAST YEARS
15-20 TANK FIRST PER
YEAR WAS THE NORM
GLOBALLY**



HOUSTON, TX

April 24, 2013

Houston, TX | Southwest Mineral Oil Terminal
Mineral Oil





HARRIS COUNTY, TX

April 27, 2013

Harris County, TX | Ft. Worth Natural Gas
Crude Oil





DENHAM SPRINGS, LA

May 2, 2013

Denham Springs, LA | Denbury Resources, Inc
Crude Oil





NEW TREND

Fact

In 41 years LEC and our associates have not seen this many tank fires cause by lightning in such a short period of time in the Gulf Coast

Conclusion:

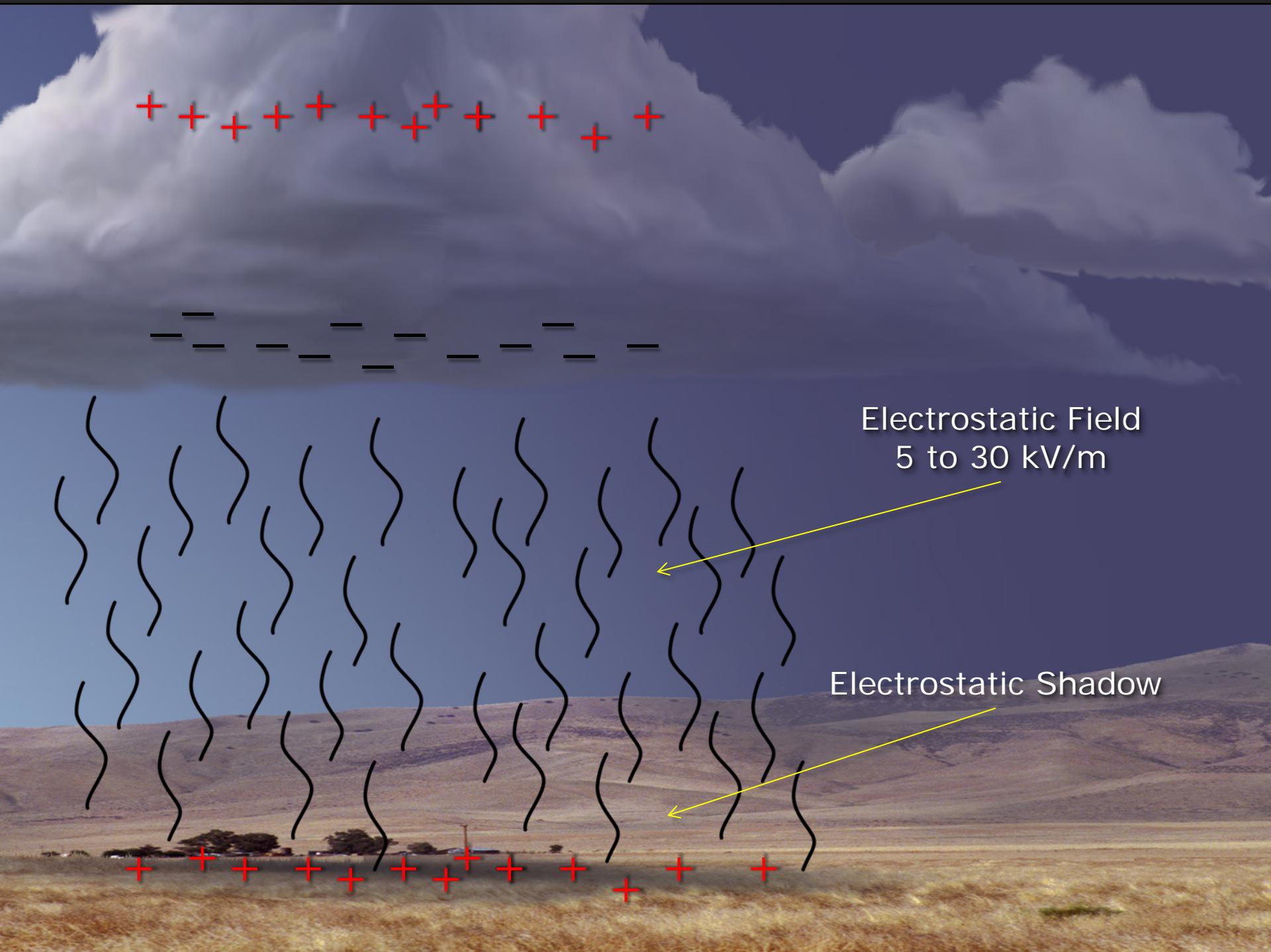
Oil & Gas needs to take proactive measures to be taken to prepare

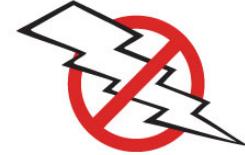


The Lightning Discharge

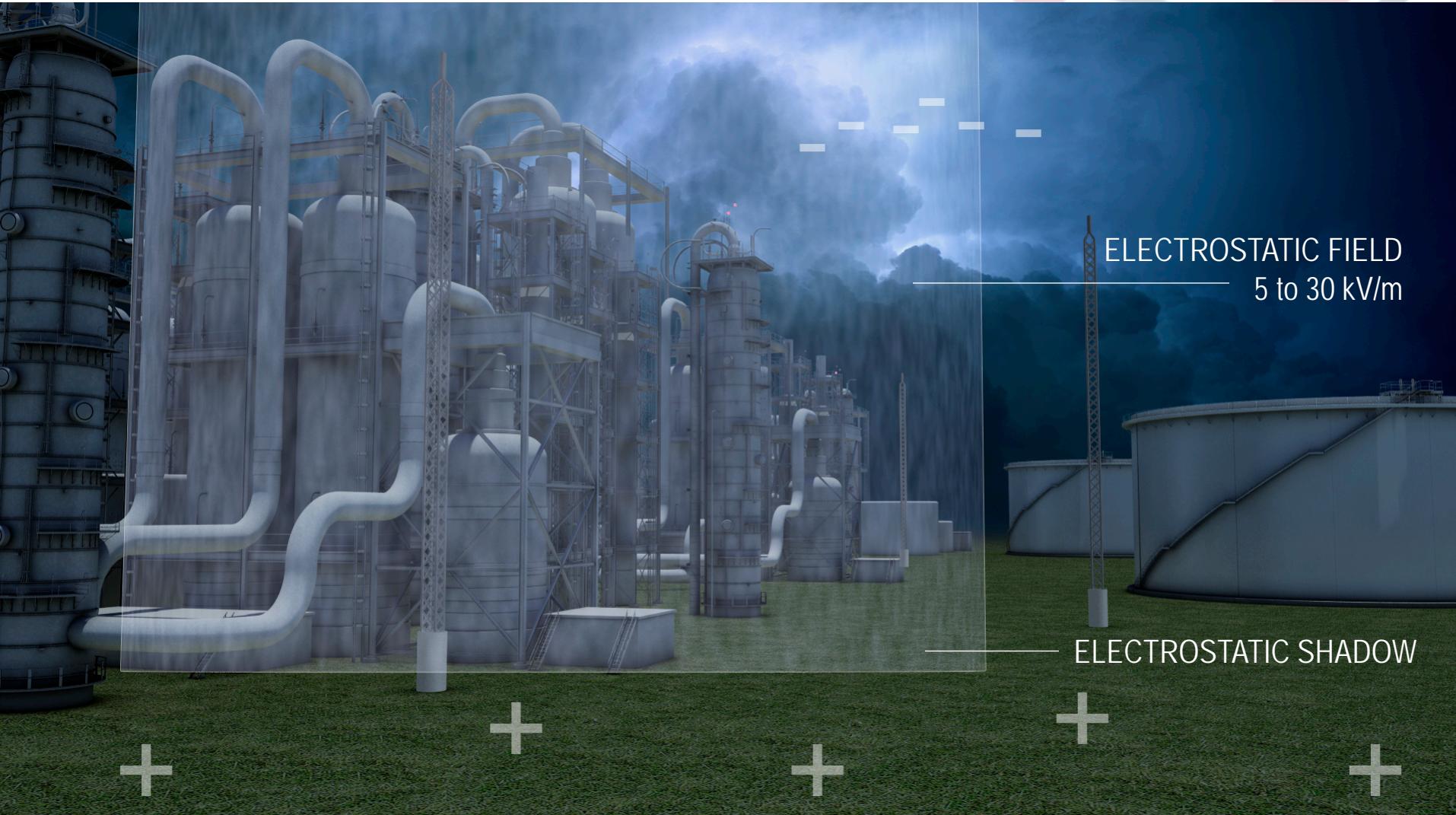


Roch Hart, Barcroft / Landov





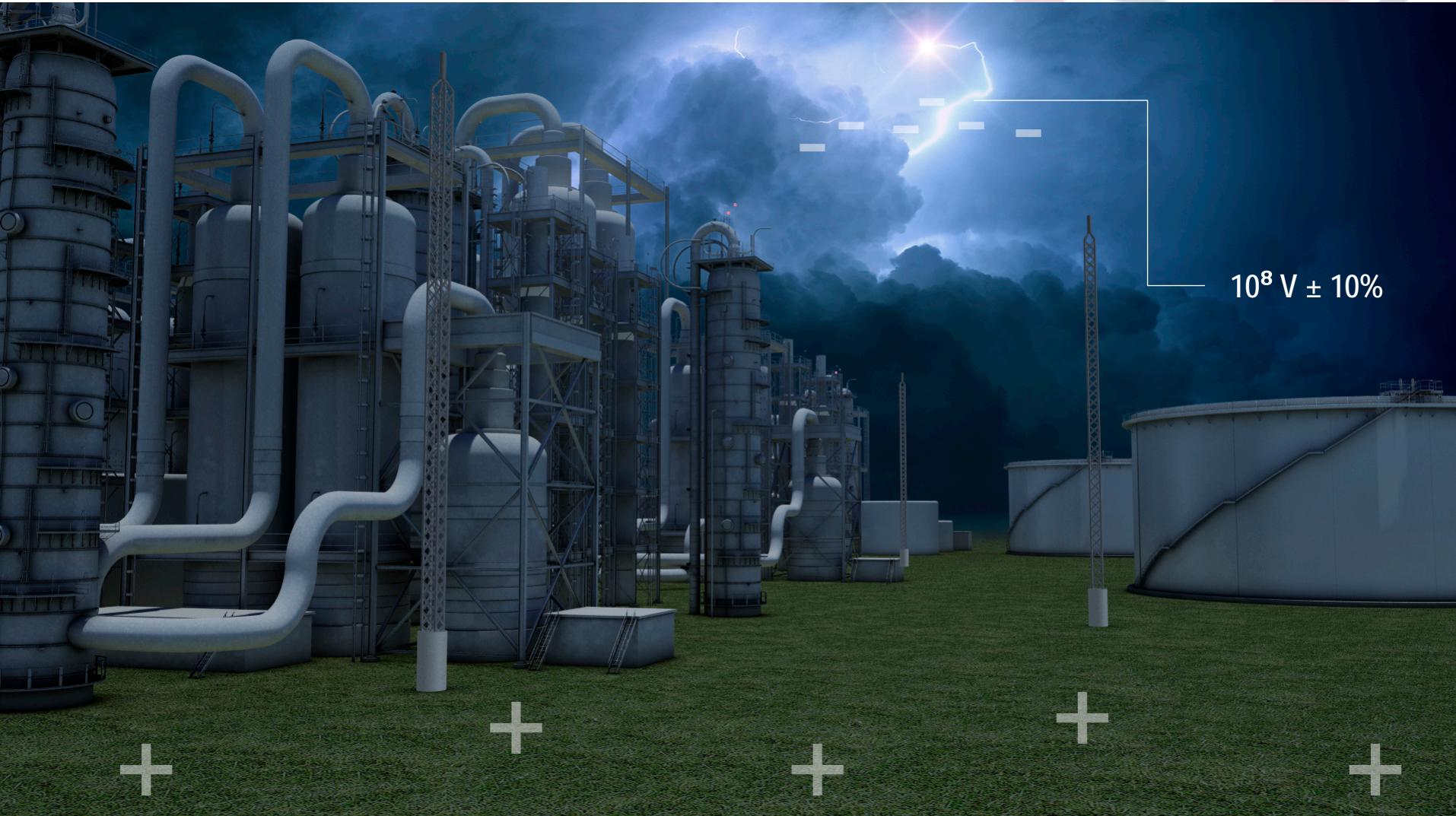
Electrostatic Field



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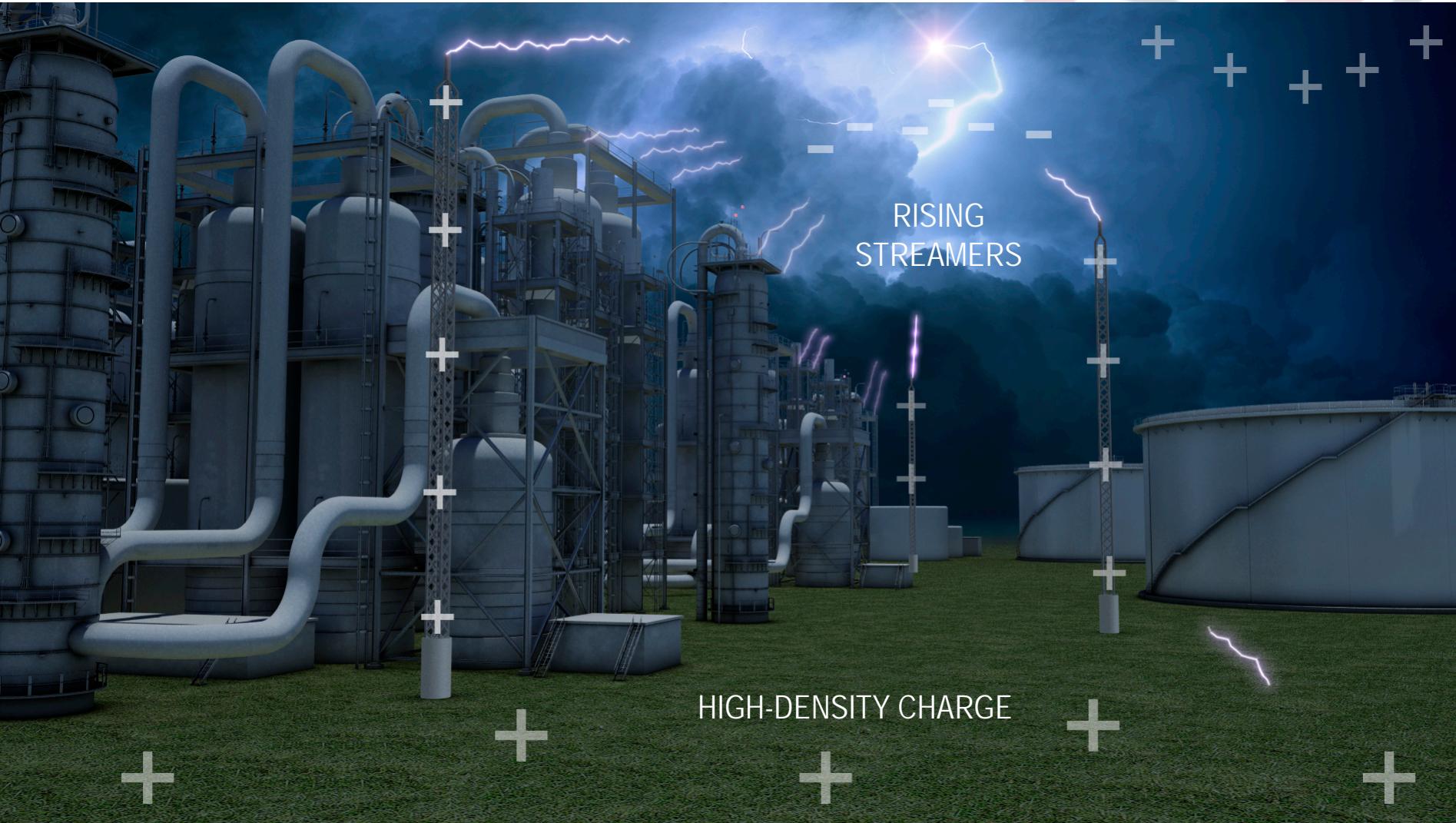
$10^8 \text{ V} \pm 10\%$



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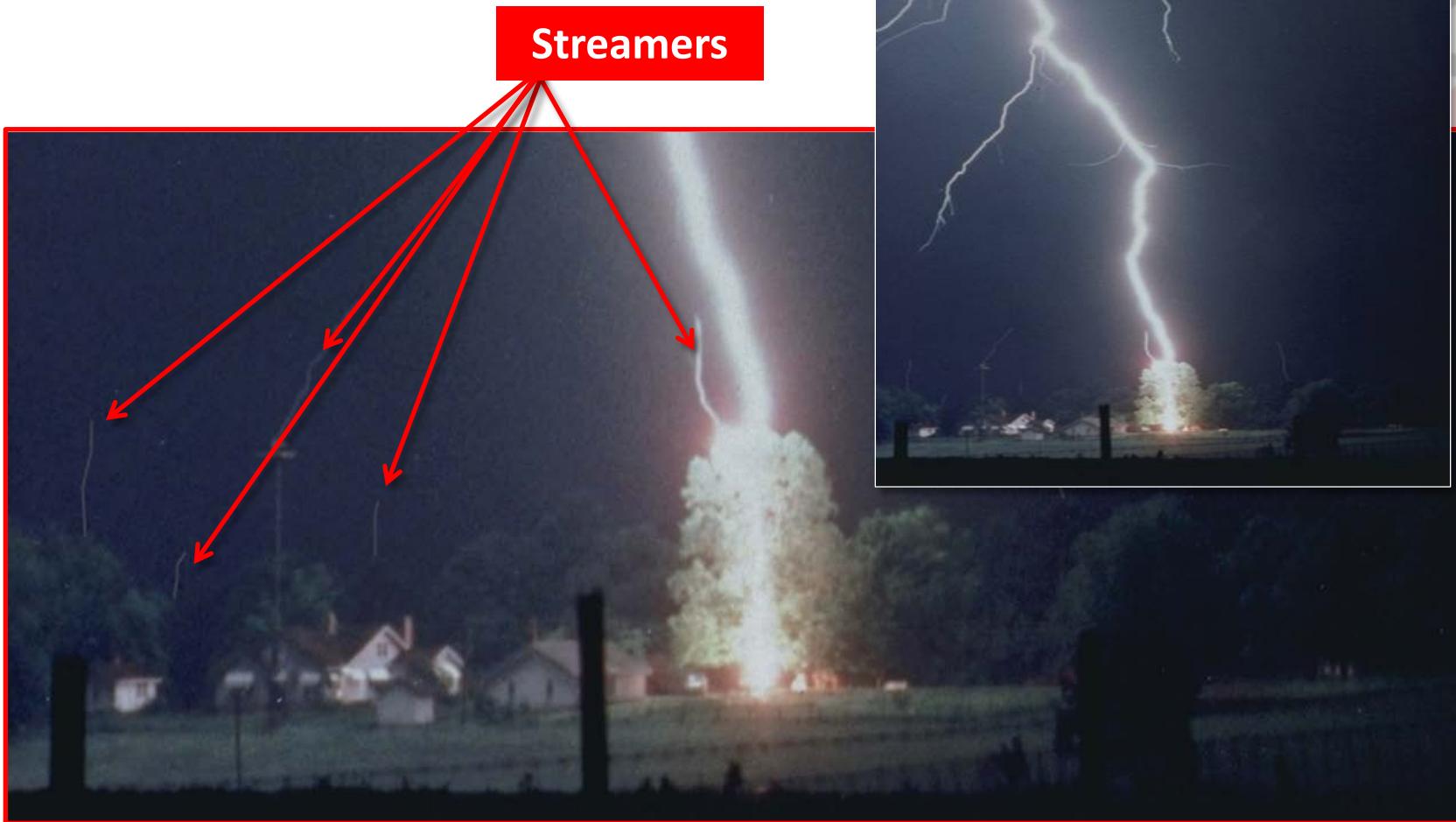
Rising Streamers



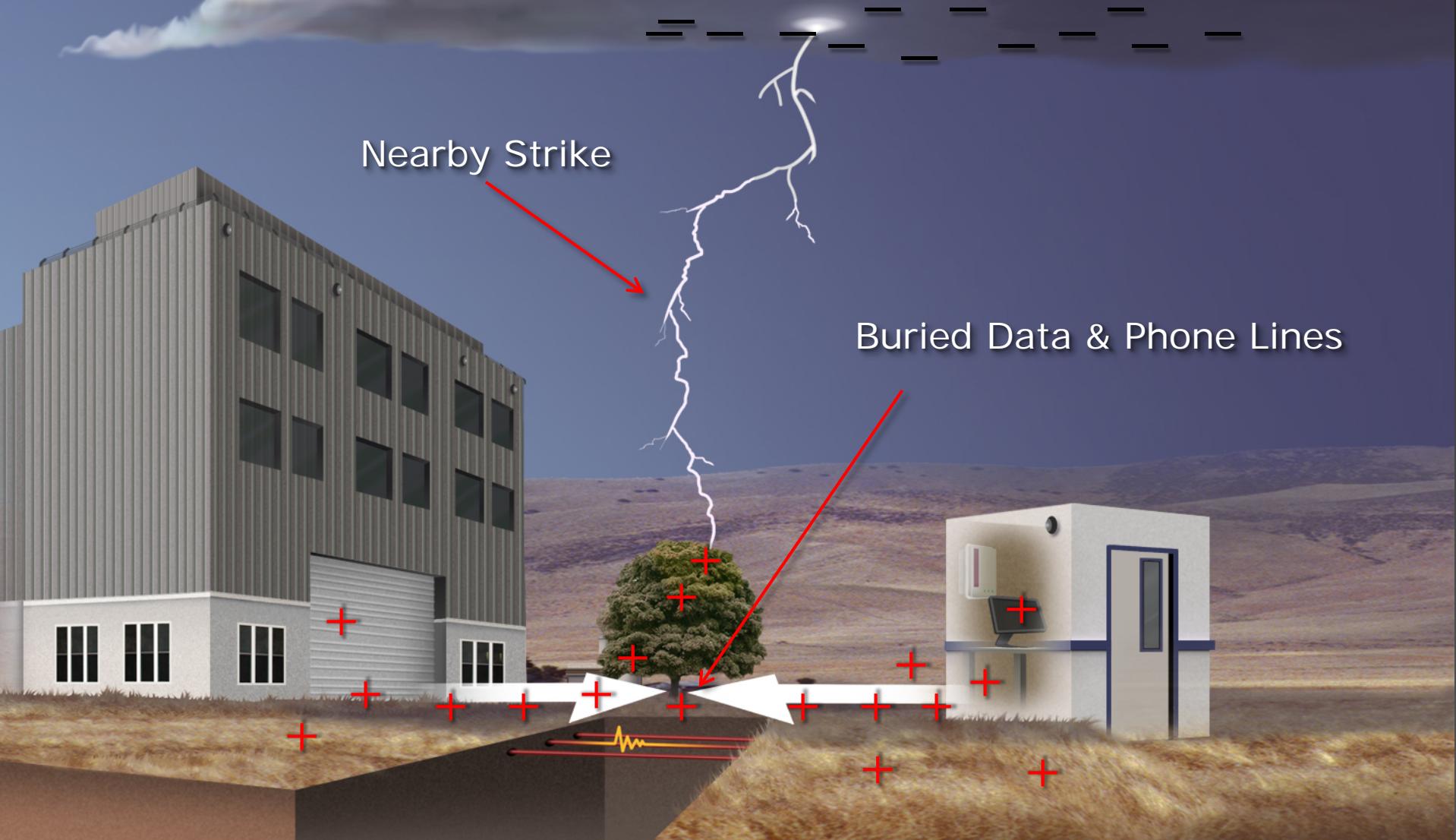
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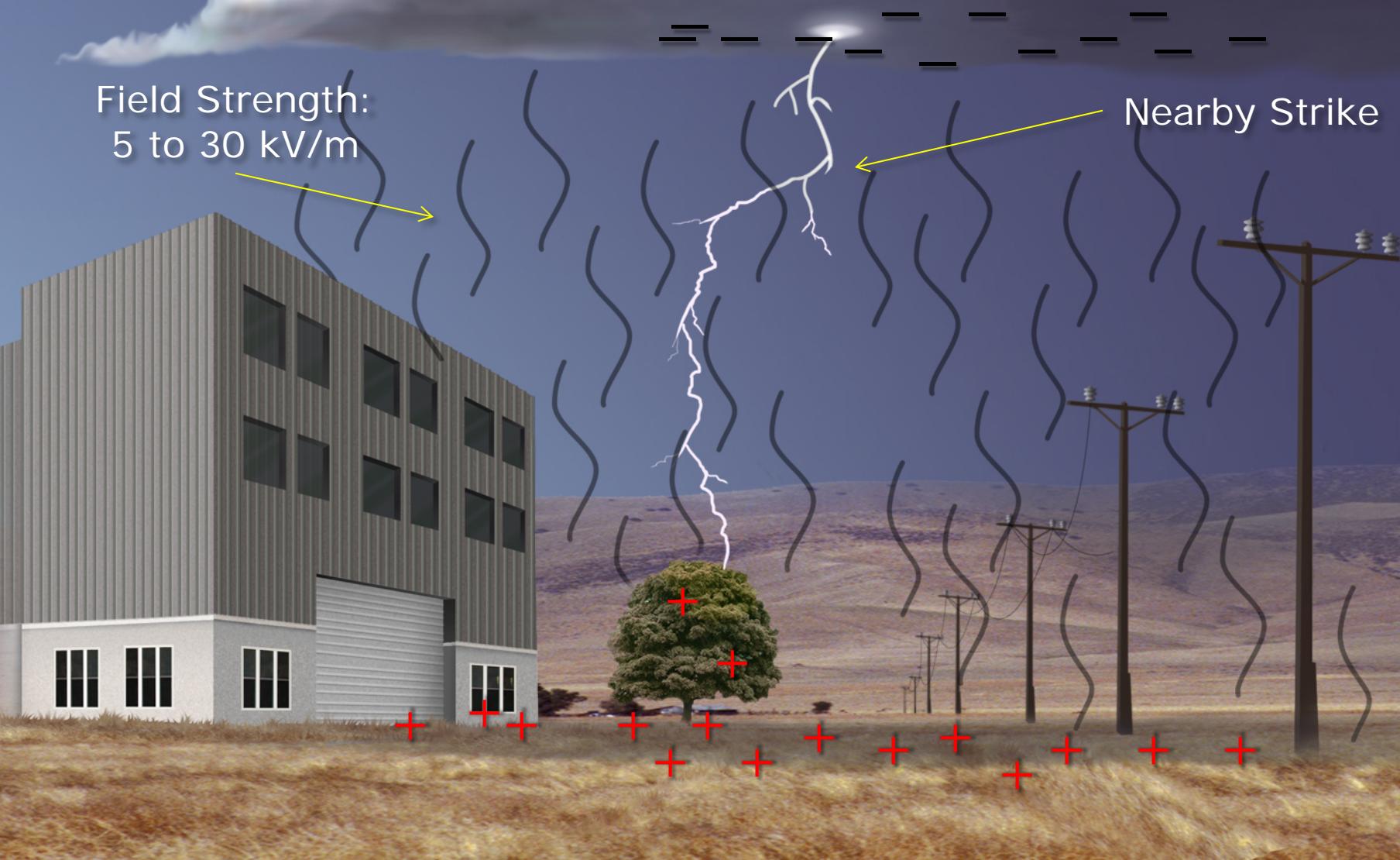
Storm Generated Upward Streamers



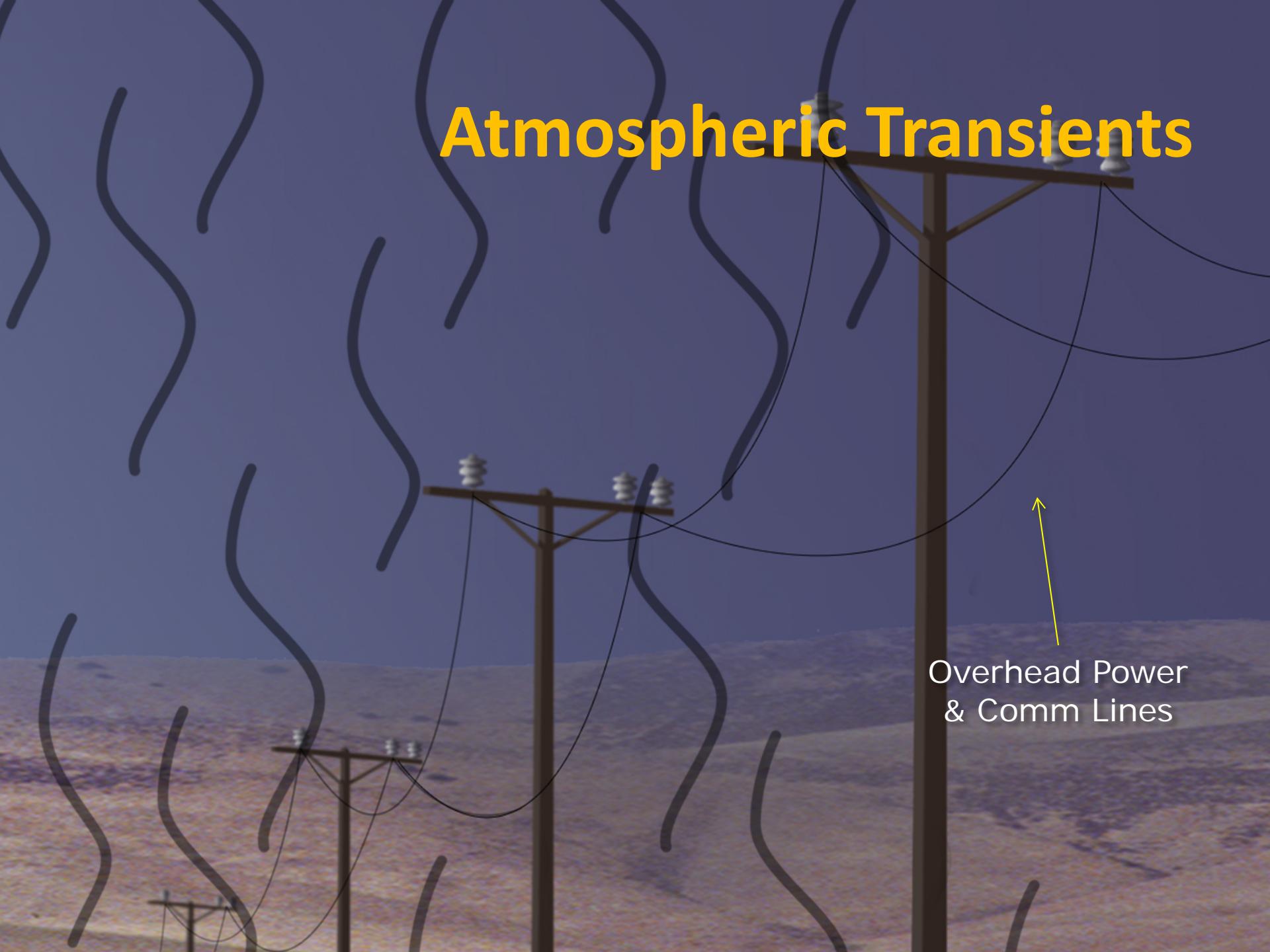
Earth Current Transients



Atmospheric Transients

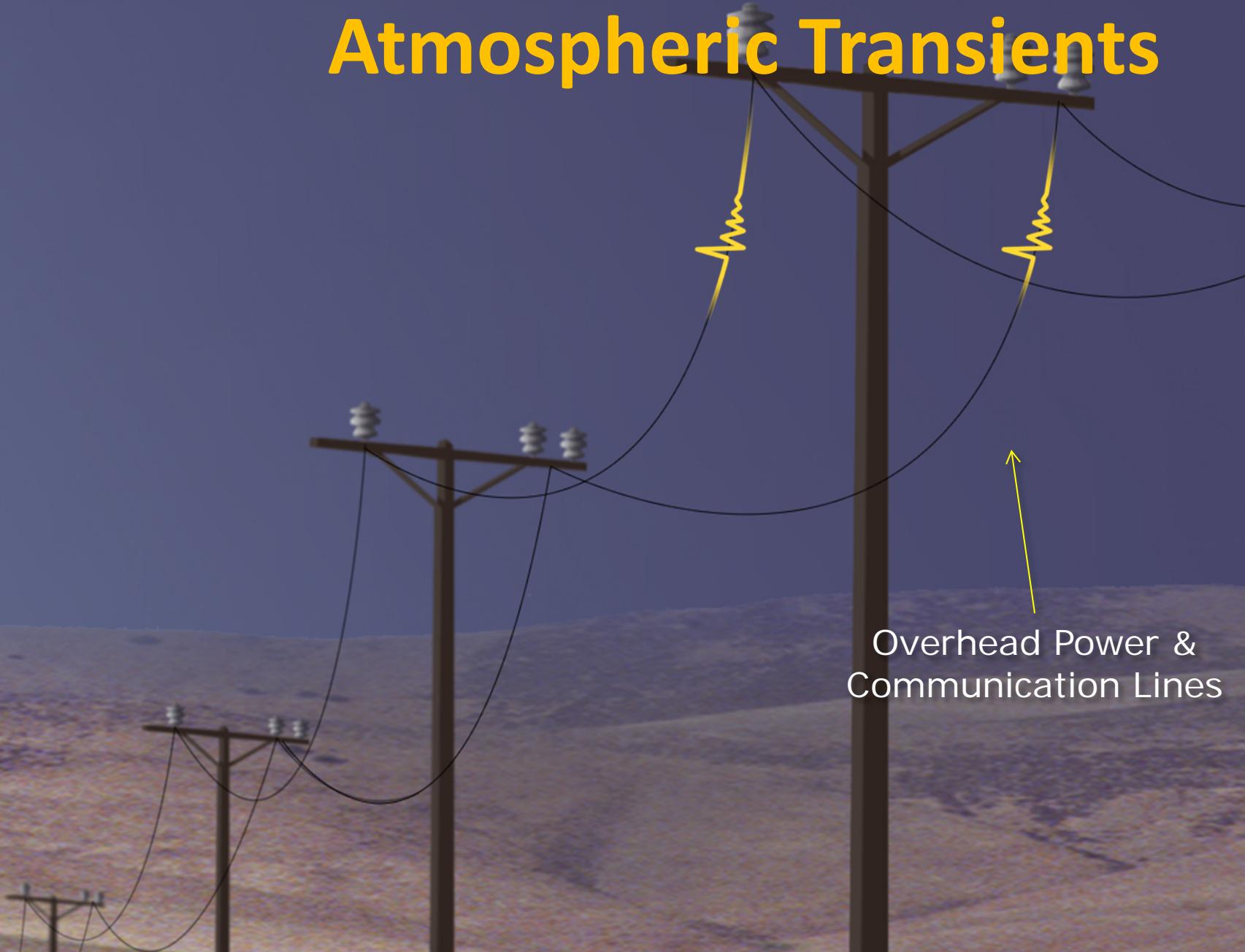


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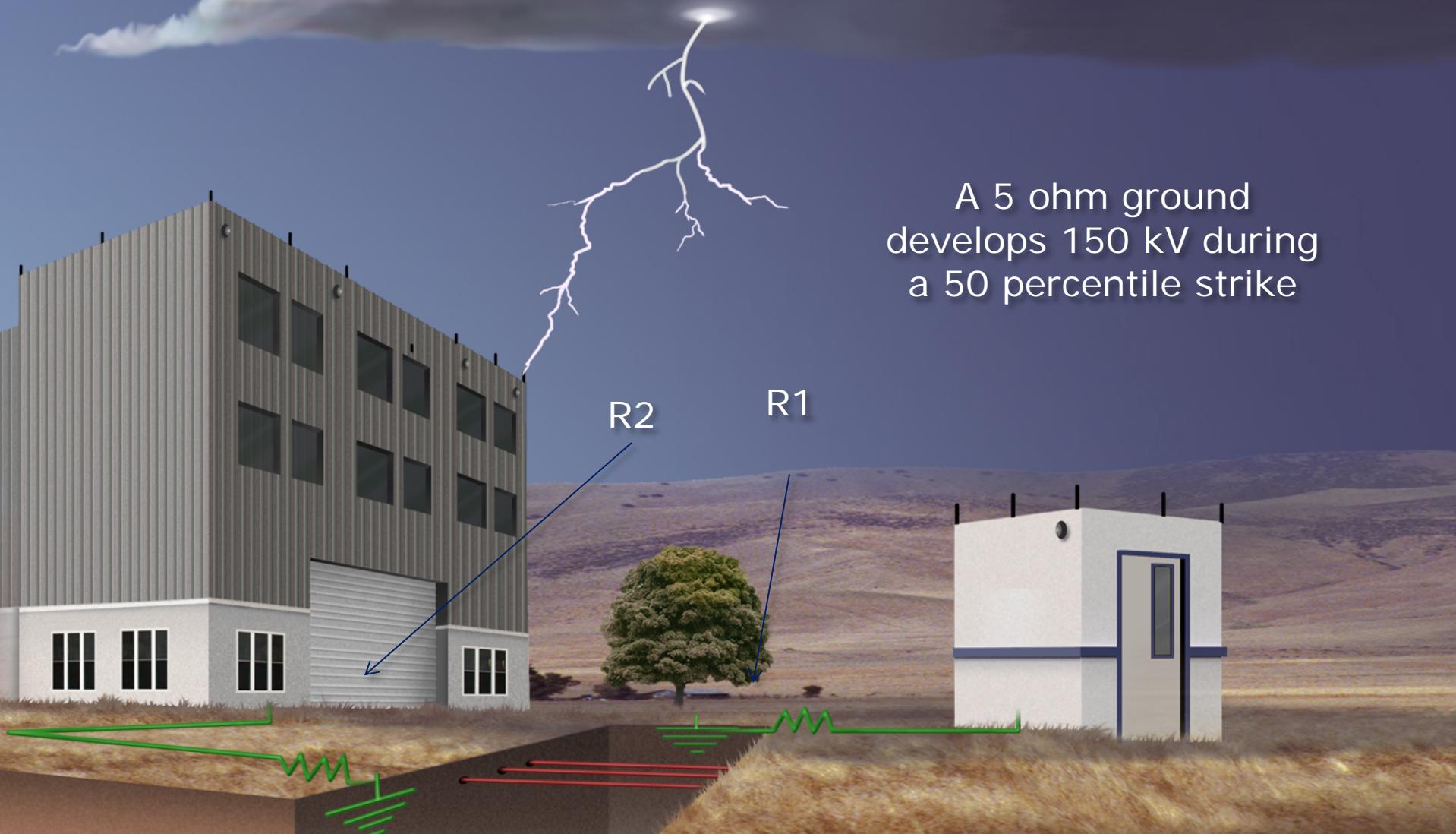


Overhead Power
& Comm Lines

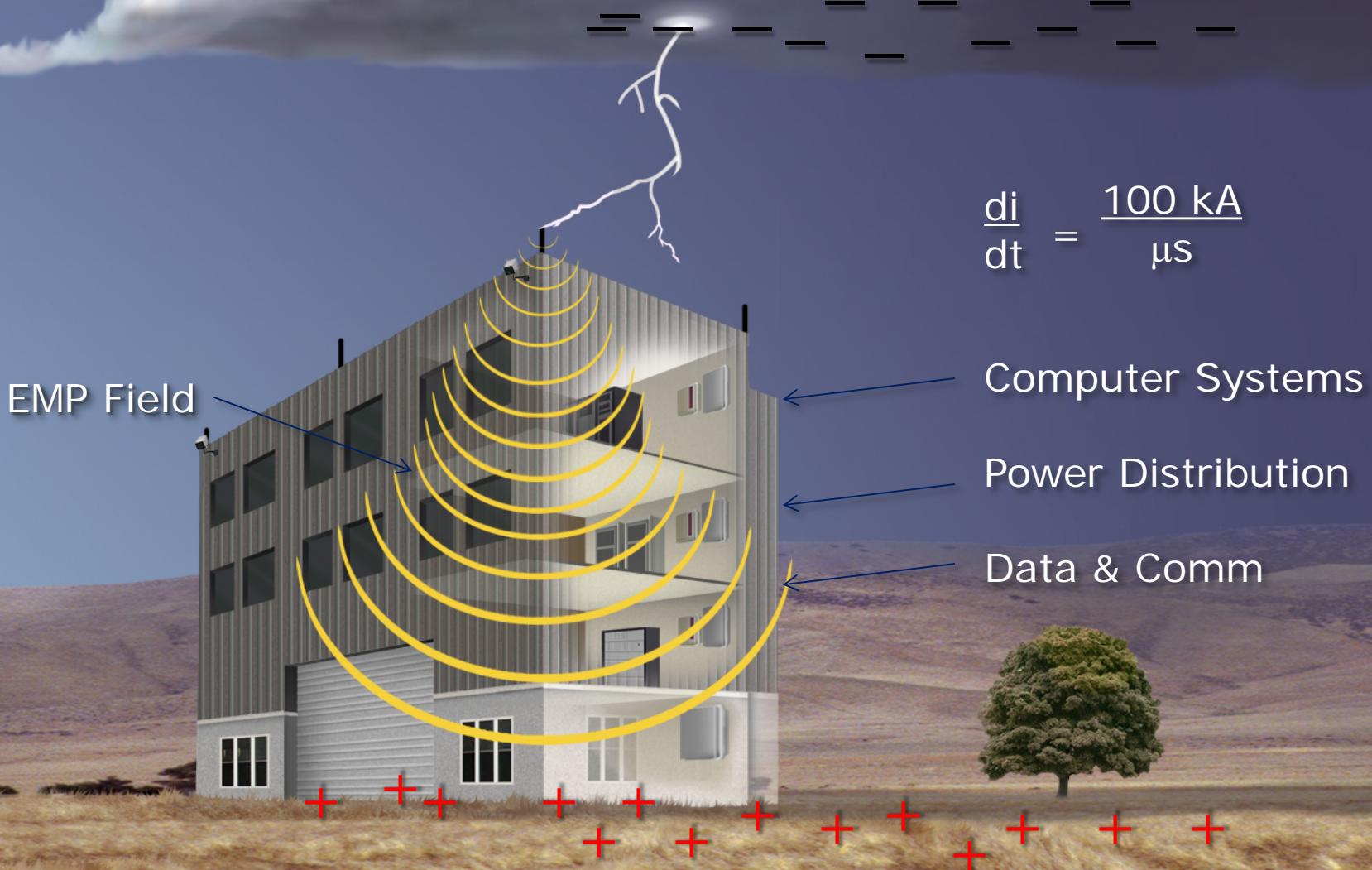
Atmospheric Transients



Ground Potential Rise



Stroke Channel EMP





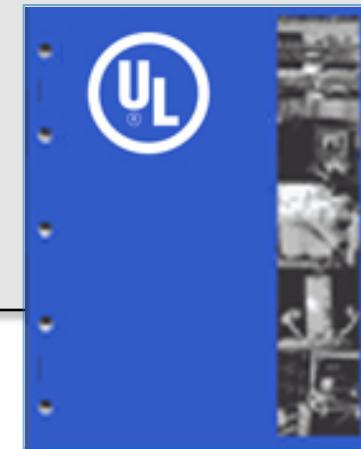
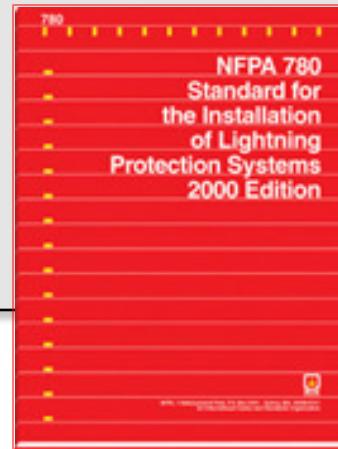
Summary of Secondary Effects

- Earth Current Transients
- Atmospheric Transients
- Electromagnetic Pulse
- Ground Potential Rise



Industry Standards

- Over 250 years with no significant changes
- Based on “historical precedent”
- Intended to collect strikes!





Petroleum Tank Fire - Engulfed





Petroleum Tank Fire - Aftermath



Strike Collectors: Increase Risk!

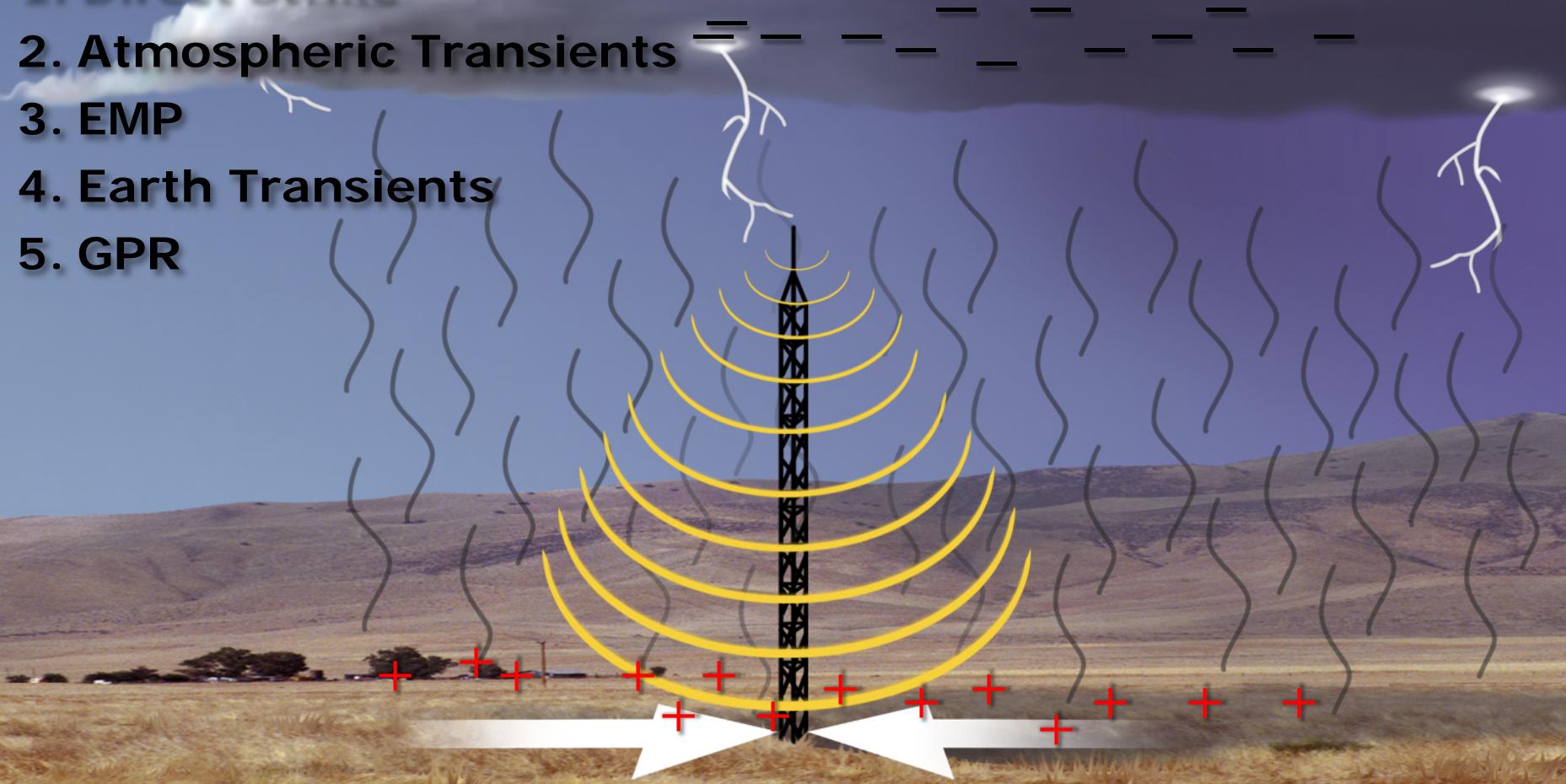
1. Direct Strike

2. Atmospheric Transients

3. EMP

4. Earth Transients

5. GPR





Direct Strike Protection





THE DISSIPATION ARRAY™ SYSTEM (DAS™)



DAS™: PROVEN PERFORMANCE

- In use since 1971
- > 99.87% success rate
- Over 37,000 system years
- Exclusive *No-Strike* warranty



FOUNDATIONAL DEFINITIONS

- Lightning is a discharge
- Discharge transfers charge (Ampere-Seconds)
- DAS is a Charge Transfer System (CTS)
 - CTS: Generic name
 - DAS: LEC's patented Dissipation Array System



THE DAS OBJECTIVE

- Use points to transfer charge slowly and continuously
- Use the storm's electric field as the motivating force (Passive system)



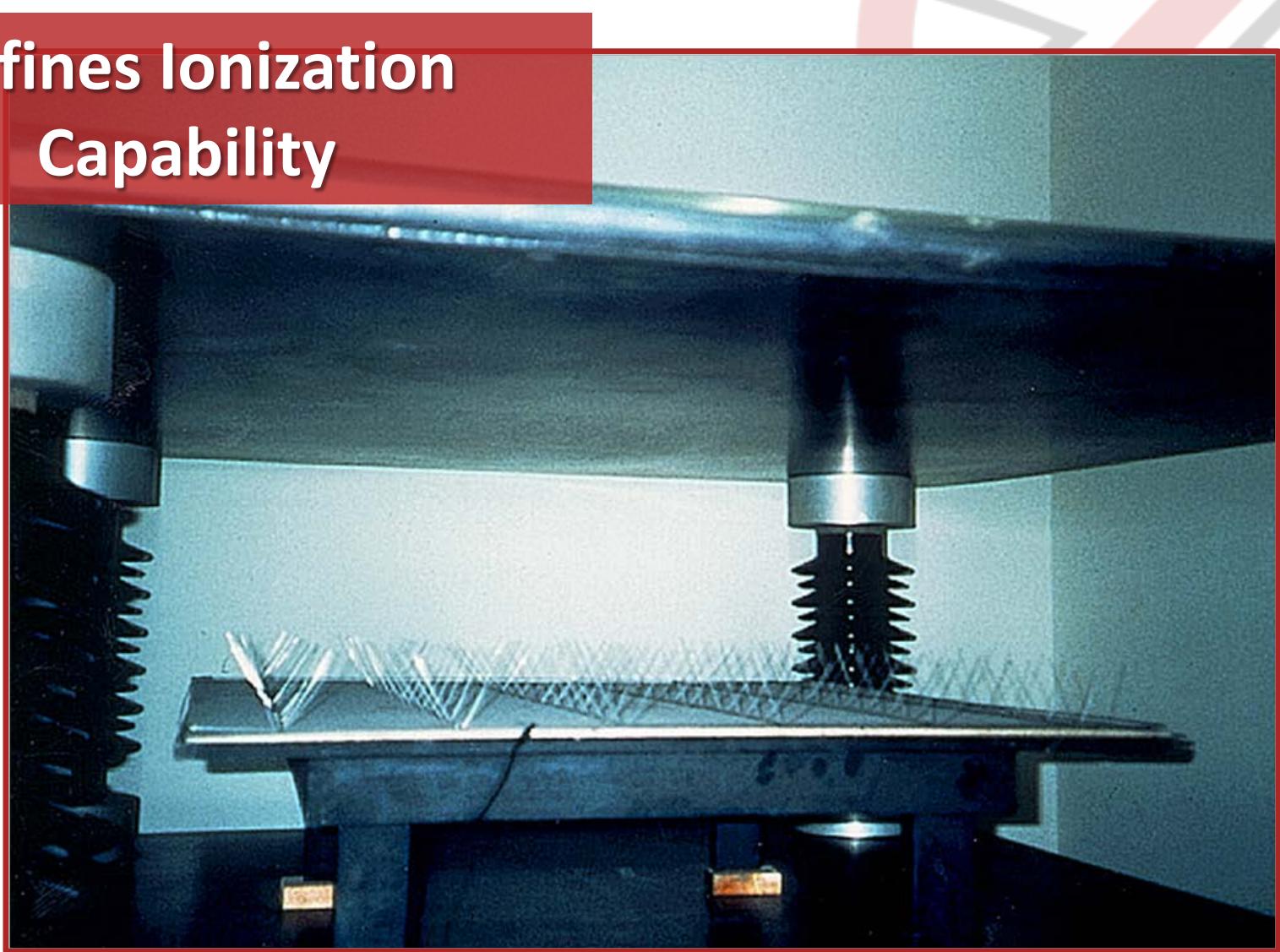
IONIZATION FACTORS

- Maximum ionization is achieved by optimizing design parameters:
 - Point Spacing
 - Point Length
 - Number and geometry of points



LEC SIMULATOR

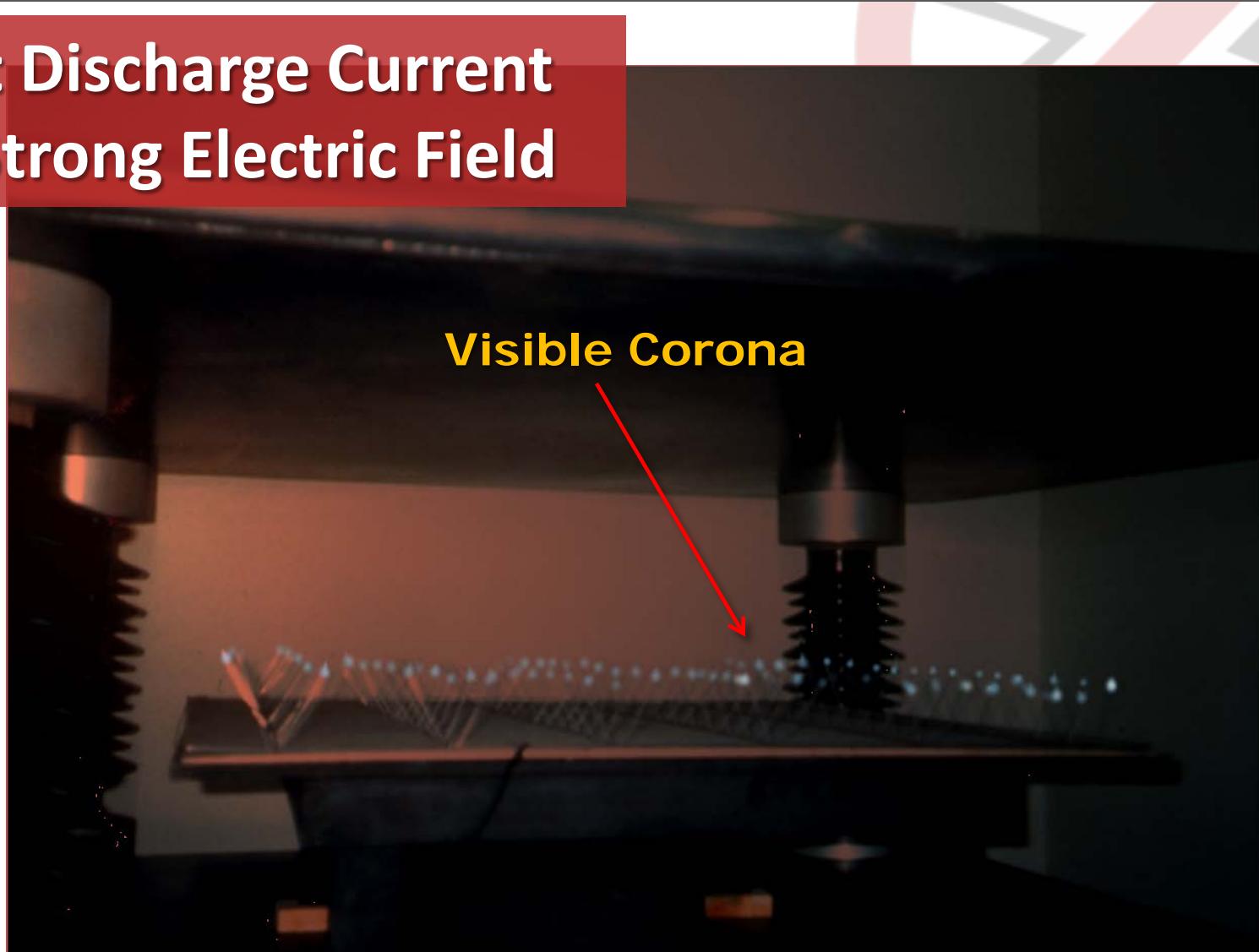
Defines Ionization
Capability





LAB TESTS

Point Discharge Current in a Strong Electric Field



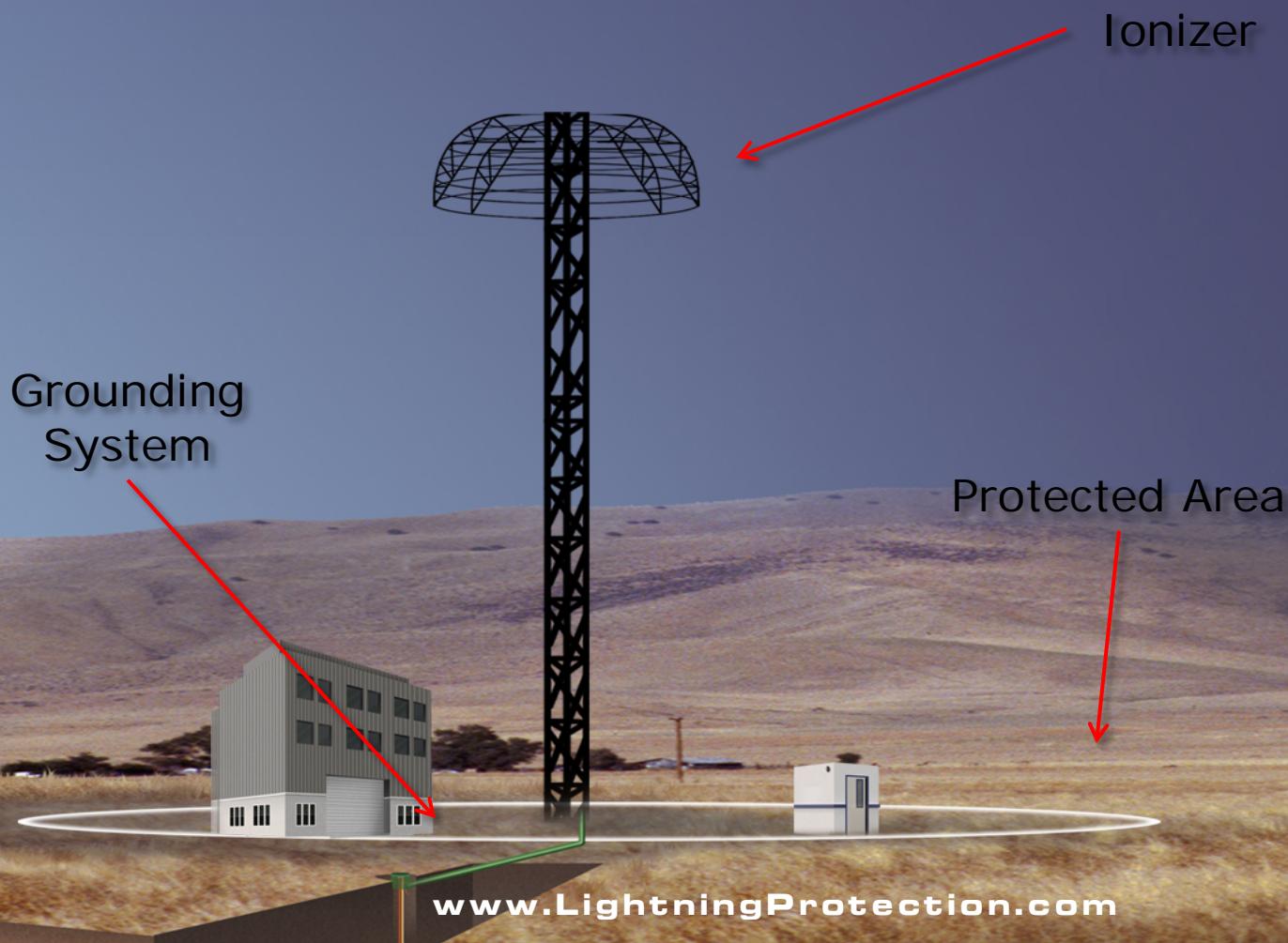


VISIBLE SPACE CHARGE

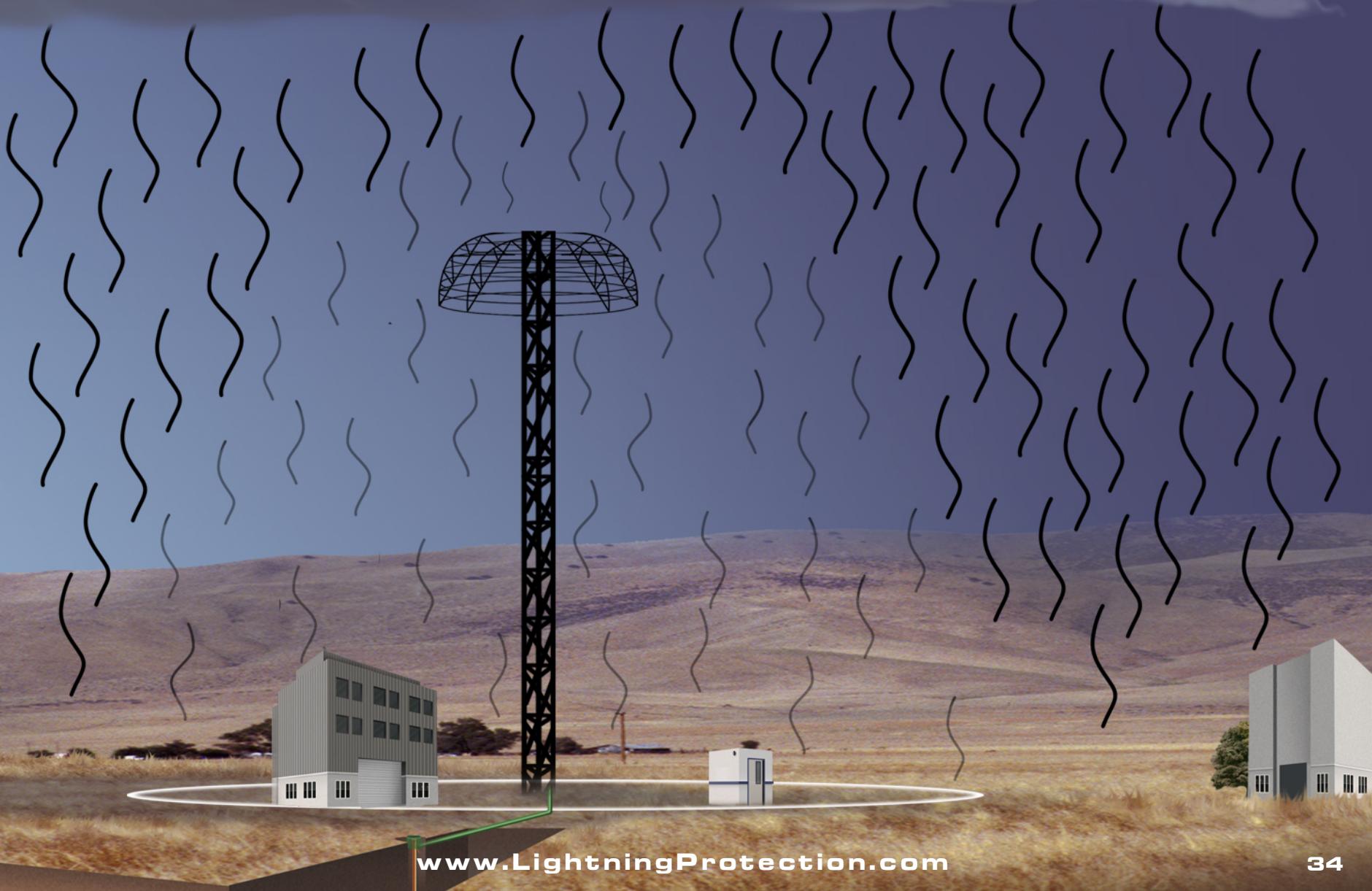
Captured by Exxon Mobil security camera
Mobile Bay, Alabama



Isolating the Site



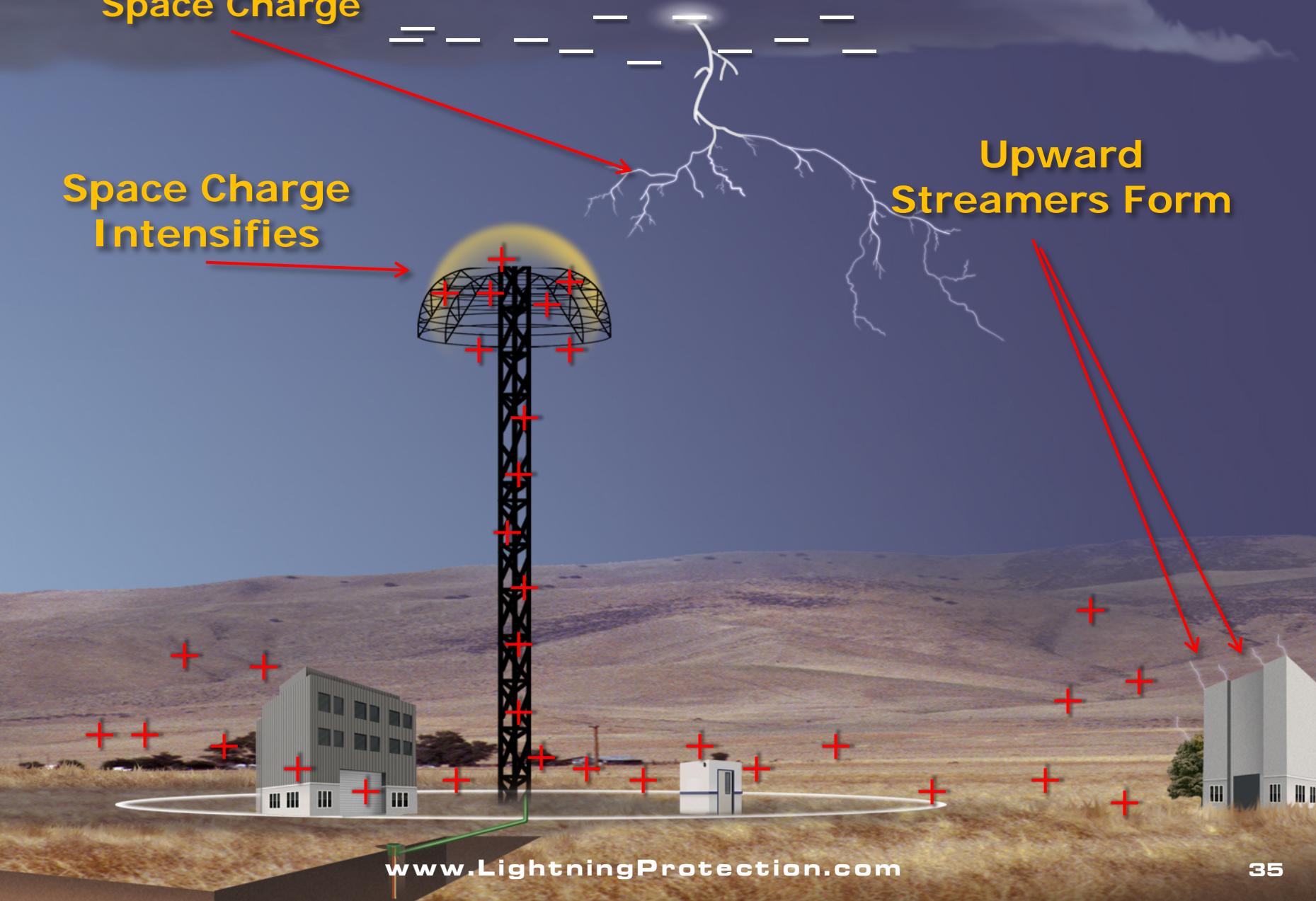
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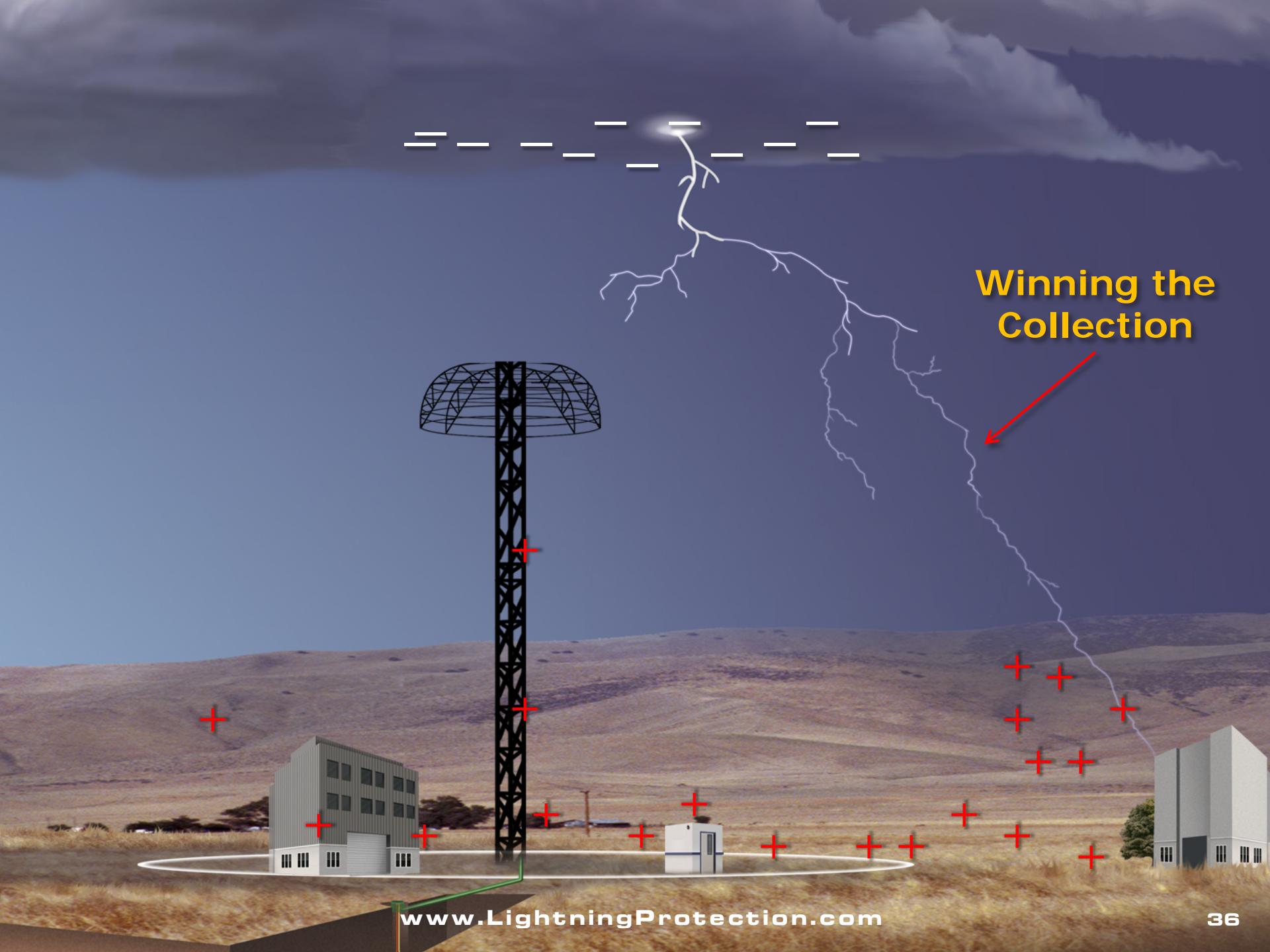


Leader Approaches Space Charge

Space Charge
Intensifies

Upward
Streamers Form





**Winning the
Collection**



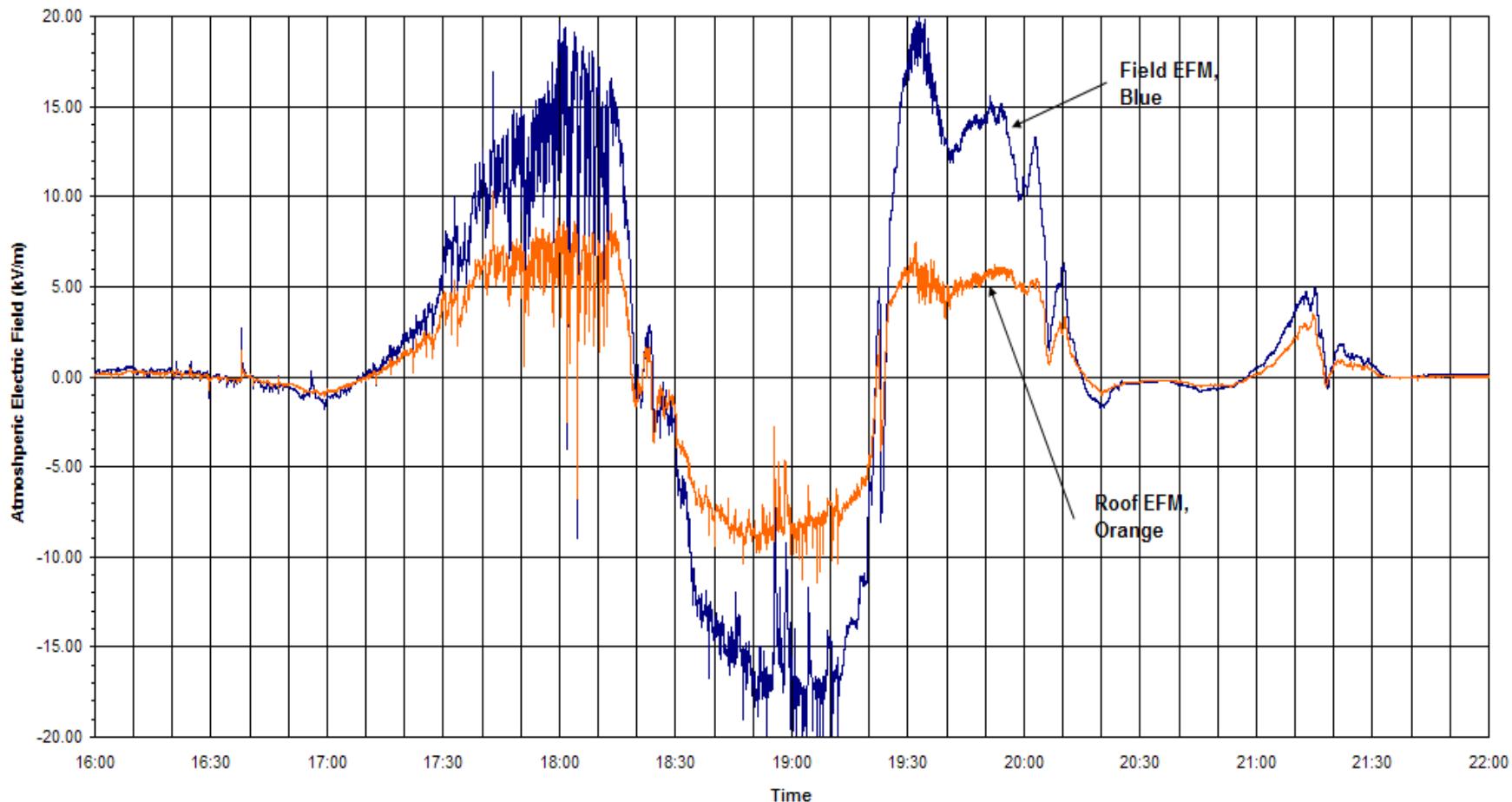
TEST SITE DATA - 2007

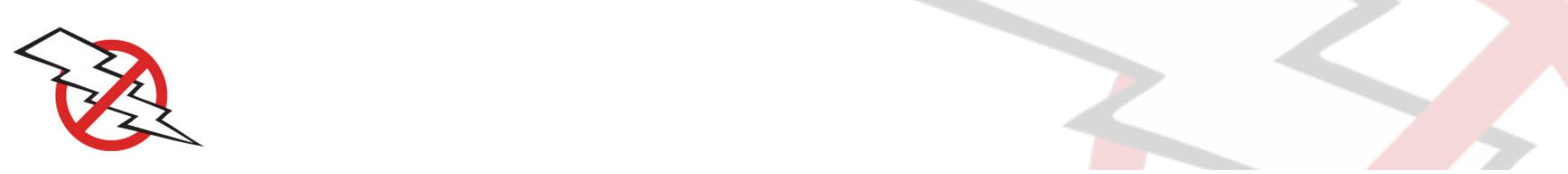
Proving Reduction of the
Atmospheric Electric Field



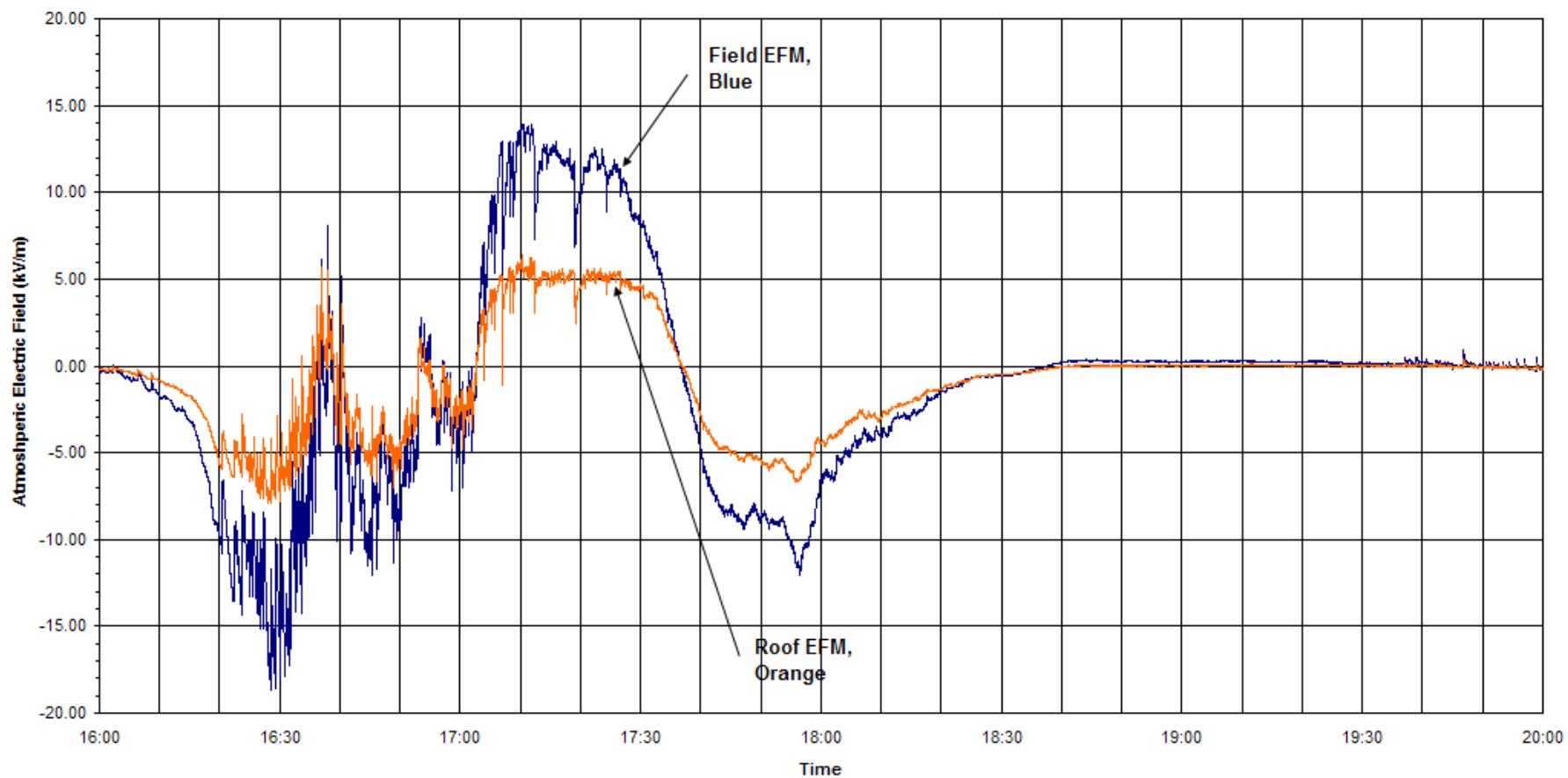


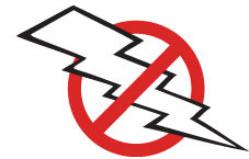
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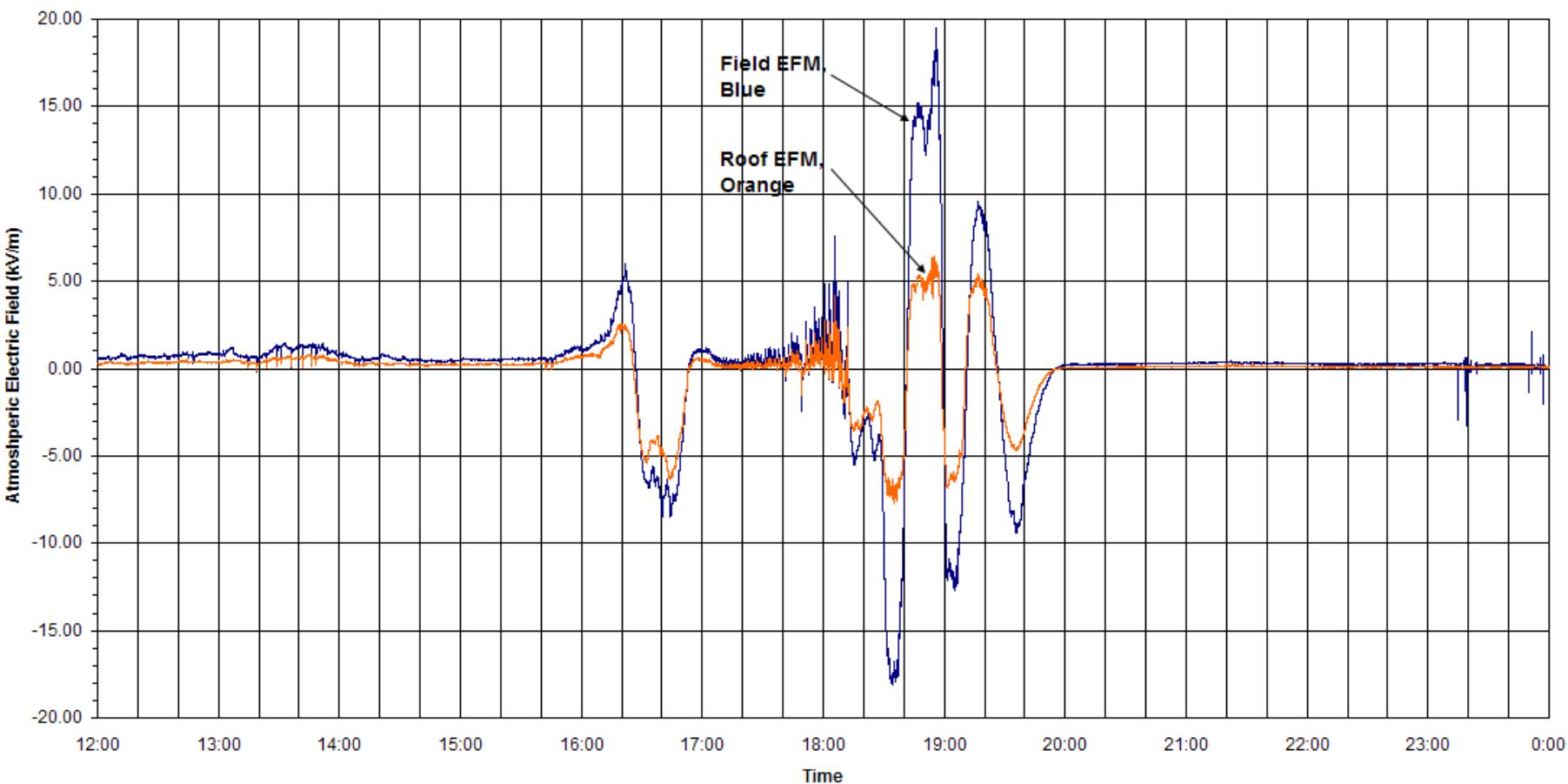


Test Site EFM Comparison (07-25-2007)





Test Site EFM Comparison (08-17-2007)





Test Site Data

Location: Browns Ferry, Alabama

Location Type: Nuclear Power Plant

Methodology: U.S. National Lightning
Detection Network Database (NLDN) & CTS current monitor

Differentiator(s): Charge Transfer technology

- **Dissipation Array System (DAS®)**
 - Stack Array > Off-gas stack
 - Spline Ball Terminal (SBT®)> surrounding area



Test Overview/TVA Internal Review

Time Line: 6 year Study 1995- 2001

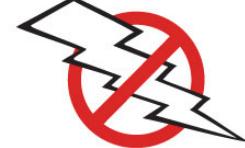
- 3 years before installation of DAS
- 3 years after installation of DAS

Testing Radii:

- 500 meters
- 3 miles
- 6 miles
- 10 Miles

Area of Protection:

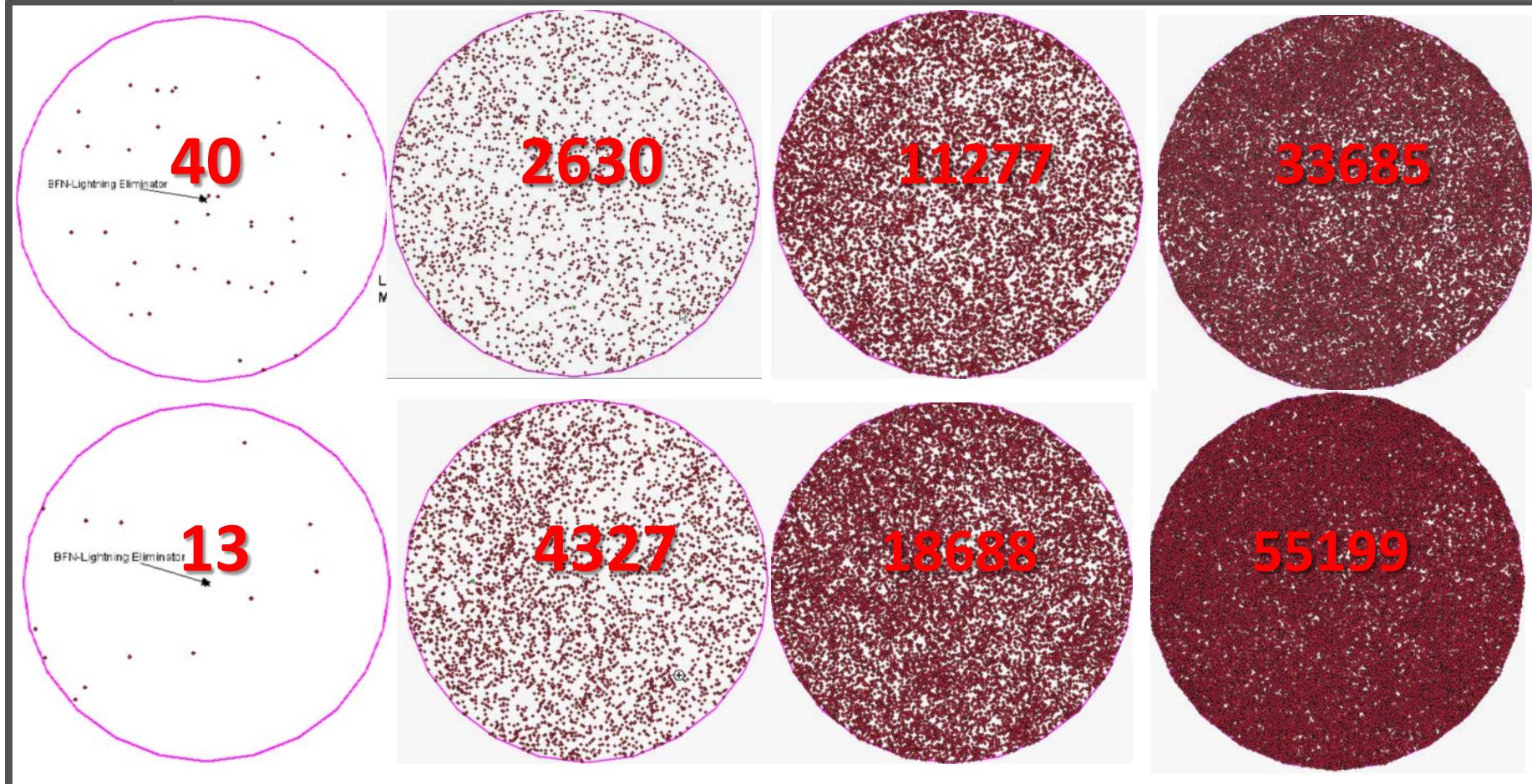
- Off-gas Stack (600 Ft. tall/6 ft. Diameter on top)
- Area around base of Off-gas Stack



BFN Dissipation Array - NPG Data

Historical strike analysis (Mark Bowman)

Top row is 3 years prior, bottom row is 3 years post installation of DAS



80% reduced within 500m when normalized to strikes in 10 mile circle.



6 Year Review Analysis

Distance From Array	Strikes 3 Years Before Installation	Strikes 3 Years After Installation	Change in Strike Number	Expected Strikes	Actual Normalized
5 00 meters	40	13	0.325	65.54728	0.19833013
3 miles	2630	4327	1.645247148	4327	1.00400642
6 miles	11277	18688	1.657178328	18688	1.01128738
10 miles	33685	55199	1.638681906	55199	1

Petroleum Processing Site



FEDEx SUPER HUB MEMPHIS,

Total Facility = 3 Sq. Km with over 1 billion Sq. Ft. of buildings and space protected



Oil Storage Facility Floating Roof Tanks

Lagoven - Venezuela





Alltel Corporate Campus, Tampa, Florida



A photograph of two tall, dark industrial towers against a cloudy sky. The towers have multiple levels with walkways and ladders. In the foreground, there are some trees and smaller industrial structures. A red rectangular overlay in the bottom left corner contains white text.

Gas Processing Facility

Exxon-Mobil,
Mobile Bay, Alabama

Space Vehicle Tracking Station



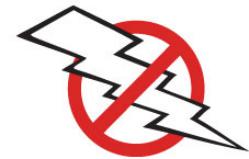
Process Facility

Prevents Ignition Of H₂ Gas

PPG Chemical



USA



TURNER

BROADCASTING, SYSTEM
EARTH STATION FACILITIES

CNN & TBS / Atlanta, GA, USA



Off-Shore Platform



Papua, New Guinea

Paper Processing





The End

DISCUSSION & QUESTIONS

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