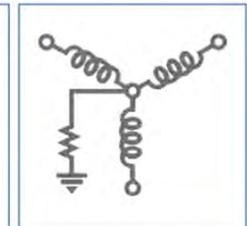
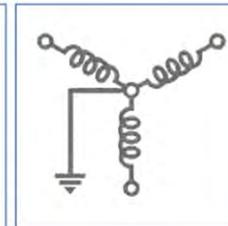
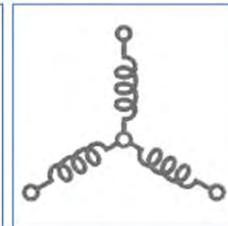
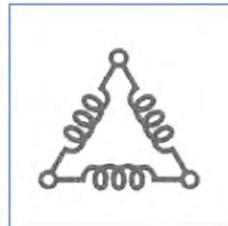




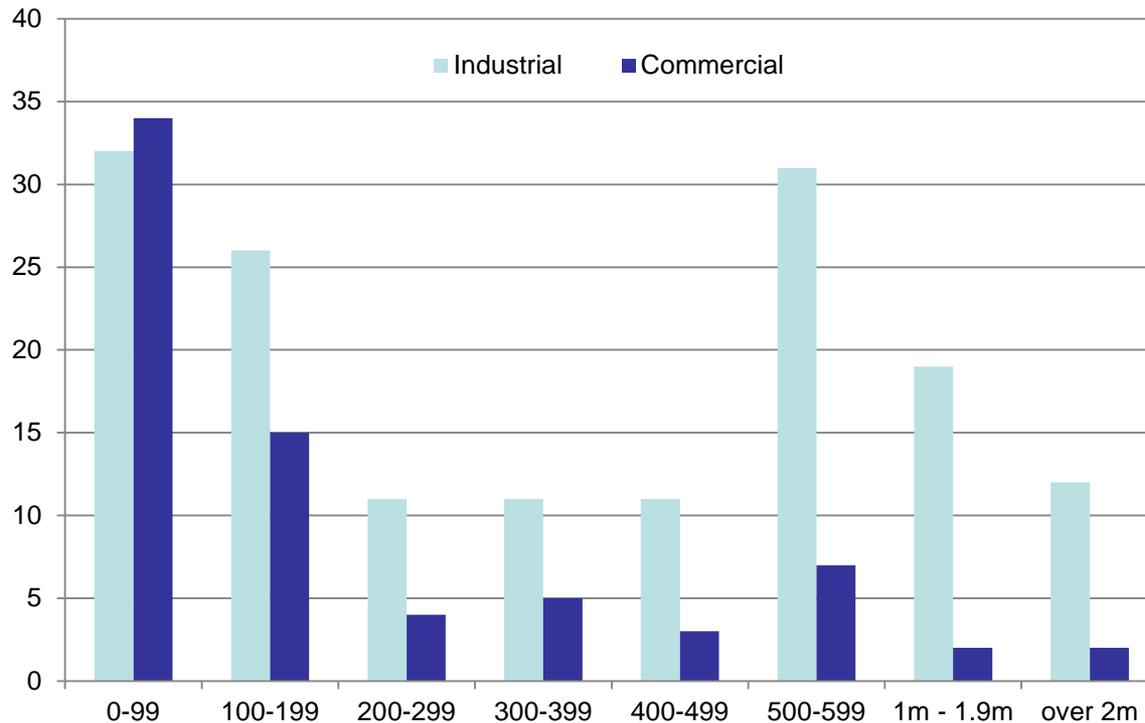
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Ground Fault Losses



Industrial Losses

\$120,000,000 total

\$ 769,230 average

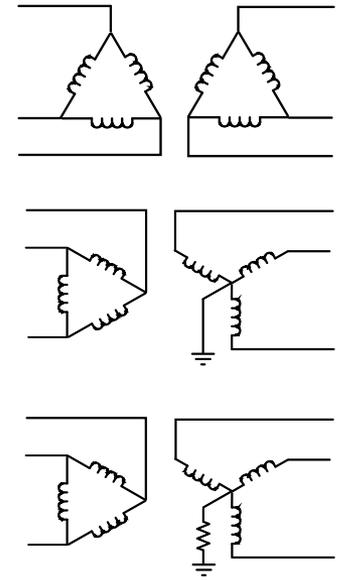
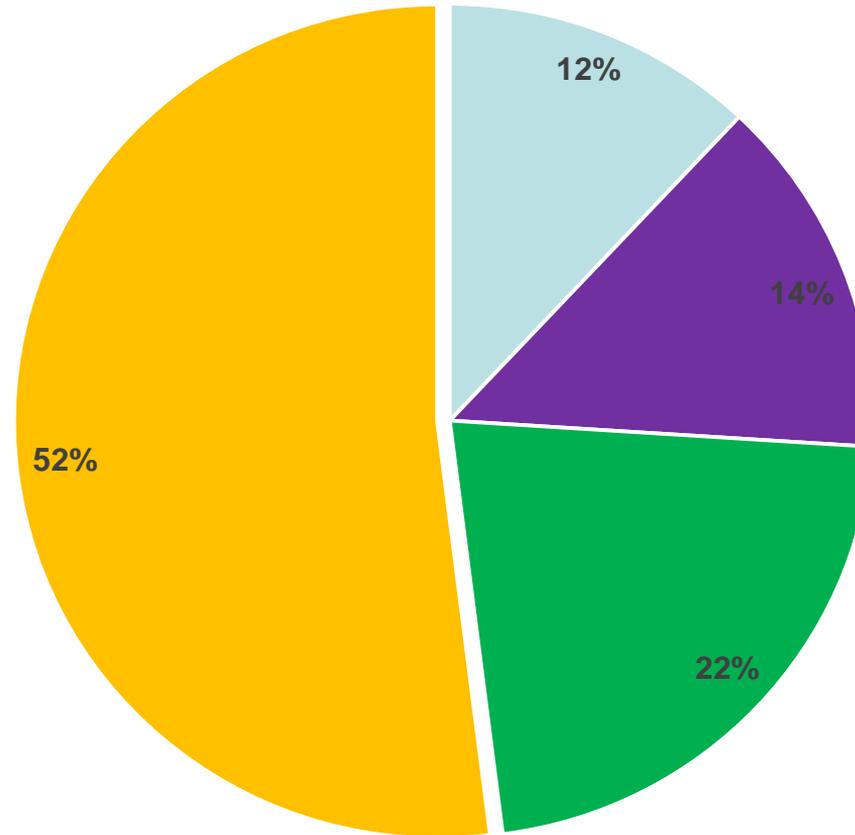
Commercial Losses

\$ 60,000,000 total

\$ 833,300 average

One leading insurance company reported 228 losses over a 7 year period related to ground faults, 72 in commercial locations such as hotels, universities and shopping malls and 156 losses at manufacturing locations.

Type of Grounding System



■ Ungrounded

■ Low Resistance Grounded

■ High Resistance Grounded

■ Solidly Grounded



a

Unscheduled Process Interruptions on first ground fault. Typically \$7,000 to \$30,000 per hour



b

Unable to locate the first ground fault in a timely manner



c

Loss of Critical Process due to power interruption (second ground fault)



d

Capital Equipment Damage – NFPA Average \$45,000.



e

Arc Flash Hazard – frequency / probability



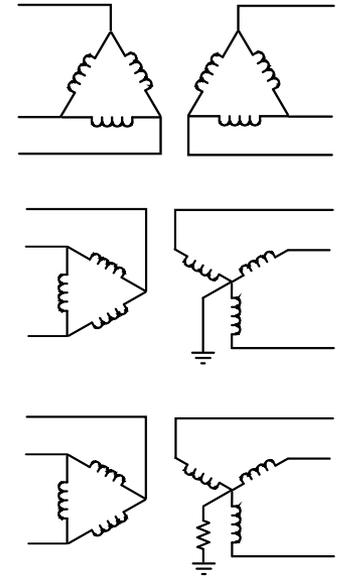
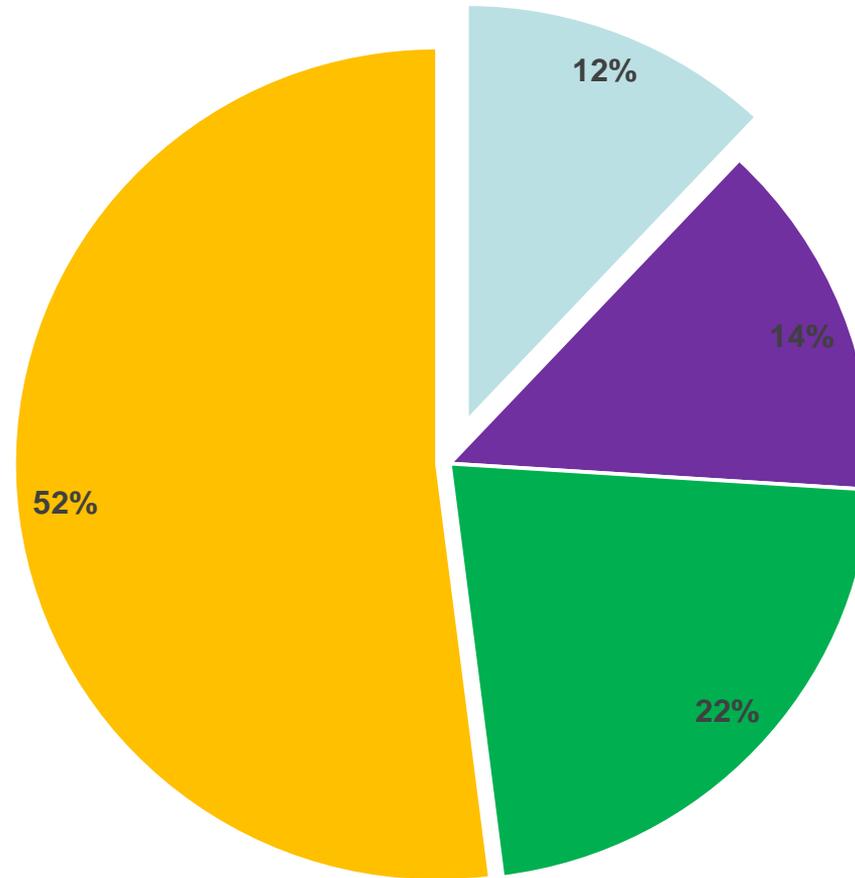
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Arc Flash Hazard – magnitude of destructive arc



$a+b+c+d+e+f$

Type of Grounding System



■ **Ungrounded**

■ **High Resistance Grounded**

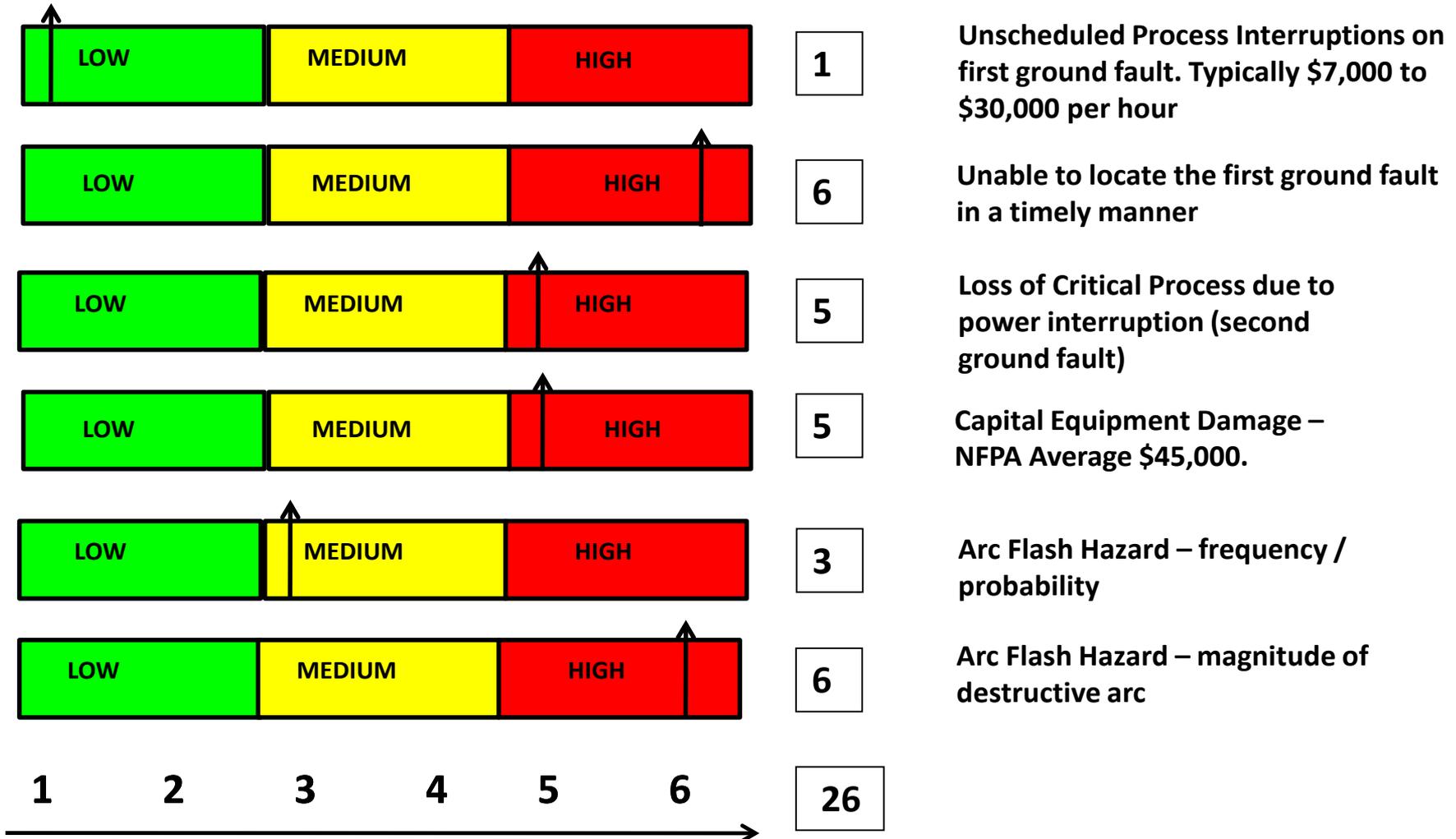
■ **Low Resistance Grounded**

■ **Solidly Grounded**



- **Ungrounded systems**
 - No intentional ground connection to the system conductors.
- **Ungrounded distribution systems are used in industrial installations**
 - Ability to provide continuous service with a ground fault on one phase.
- **Ungrounded system susceptible to a build-up of high voltages (up to six times the nominal voltage) when the first fault is intermittent**
 - Can initiate a second fault at the weakest insulation point on the system and thus larger, more damaging fault currents can occur.
- **Code Requirements**
 - Code requires an ungrounded system to be equipped with a suitable ground detection device to indicate the presence of a ground fault.

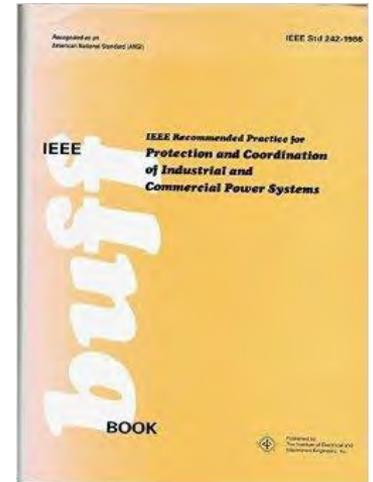
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IEEE Standard 242-2001 (Buff Book)

Recommended Practice for Protection and Coordination of Industrial and Commercial Power Systems

8.2.5 Ungrounded low-voltage systems employ ground detectors to indicate a ground fault. These detectors show the existence of a ground on the system and identify the faulted phase, **but do not locate the ground**, which can be anywhere on the entire system.

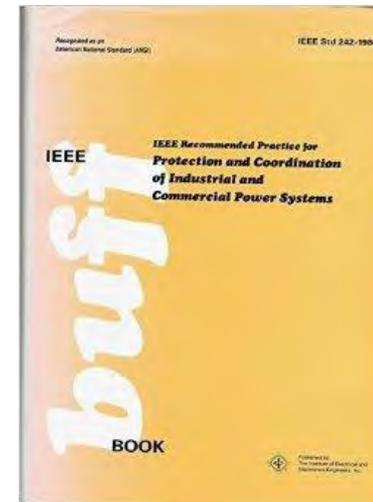


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8.2.5 **If this ground fault is intermittent or allowed to continue, the system could be subjected to possible severe over-voltages to ground, which can be as high as six to eight times phase voltage.**

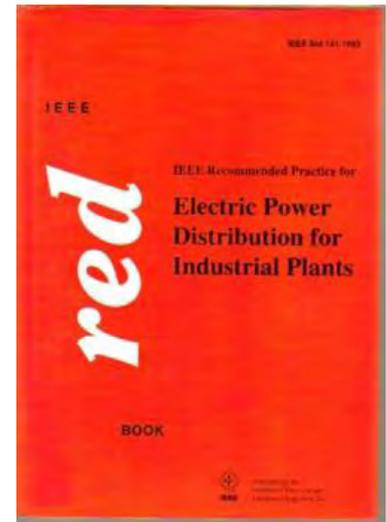
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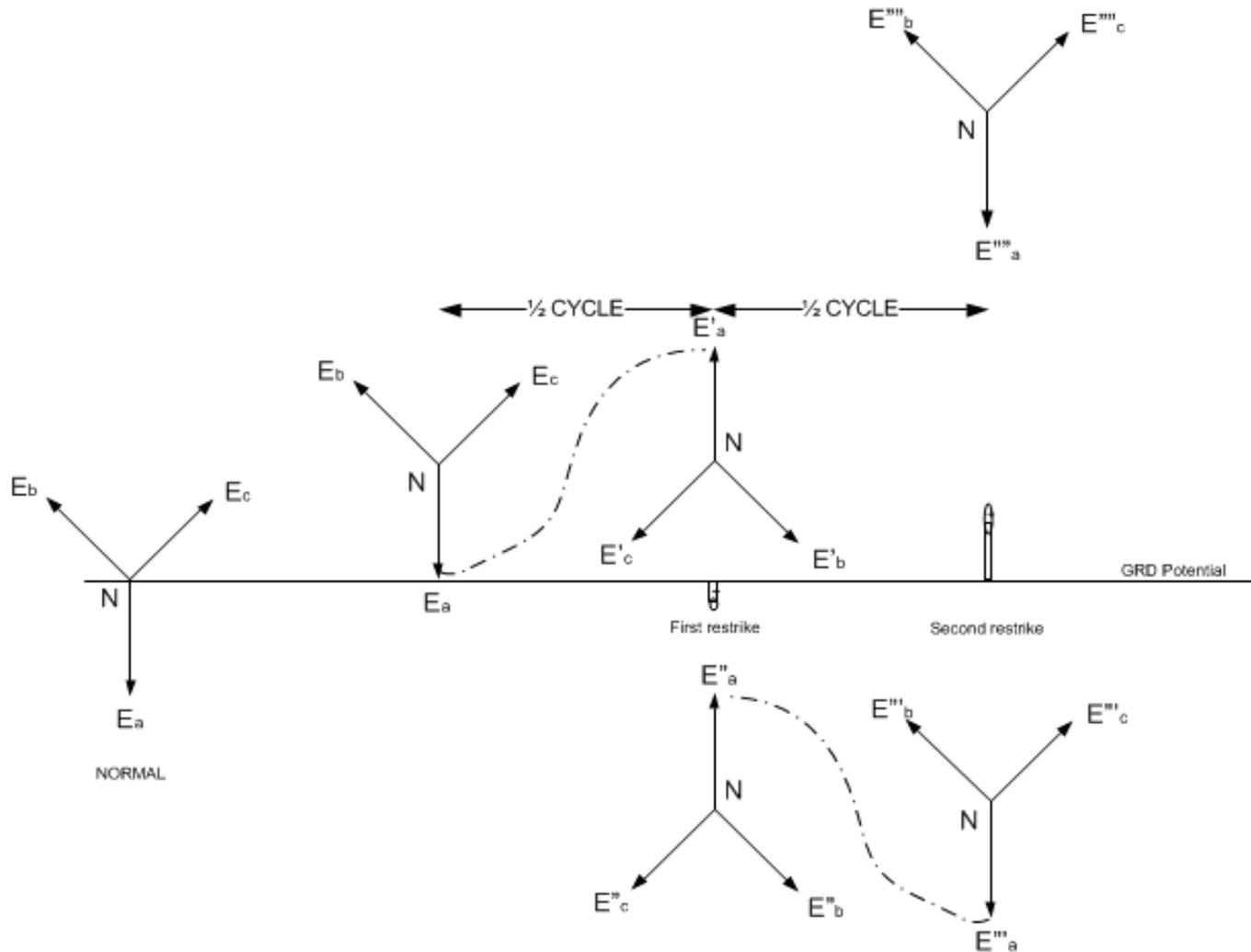


IEEE Std 141-1993 (Red Book)

Recommended Practice for Electric Power Distribution
for Industrial Plants

- 7.2.1 Accumulated operating experience indicates that, in general purpose industrial power distribution systems, **the over-voltage incidents associated with ungrounded operation reduce the useful life of insulation** so that electric current and machine failures occur more frequently than they do on grounded power systems.

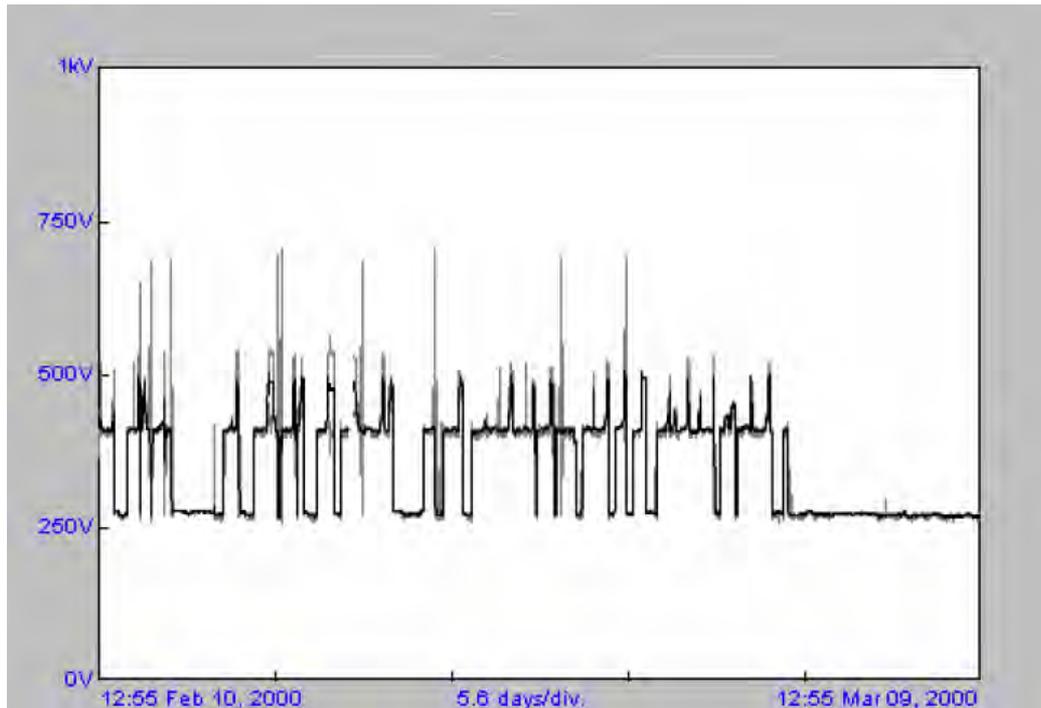




Automotive Facility

Troy Michigan

Phase to Ground voltage monitored for 4 weeks ungrounded and 4 weeks high resistance grounded.



485 events with peak voltage above 700 volts due to intermittent ground faults.

Peak voltage 1050 volts

Transients lead to insulation degradation.

**Insulation failure
resulting in phase
to phase fault and
equipment
damage in excess
of \$200k.**



FM Global 5-18 Protection of Electrical Equipment Single Phase and Other Related Faults

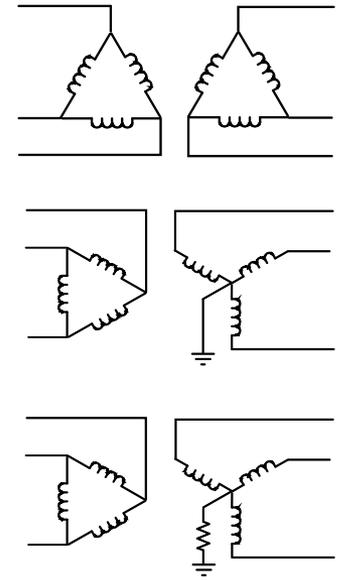
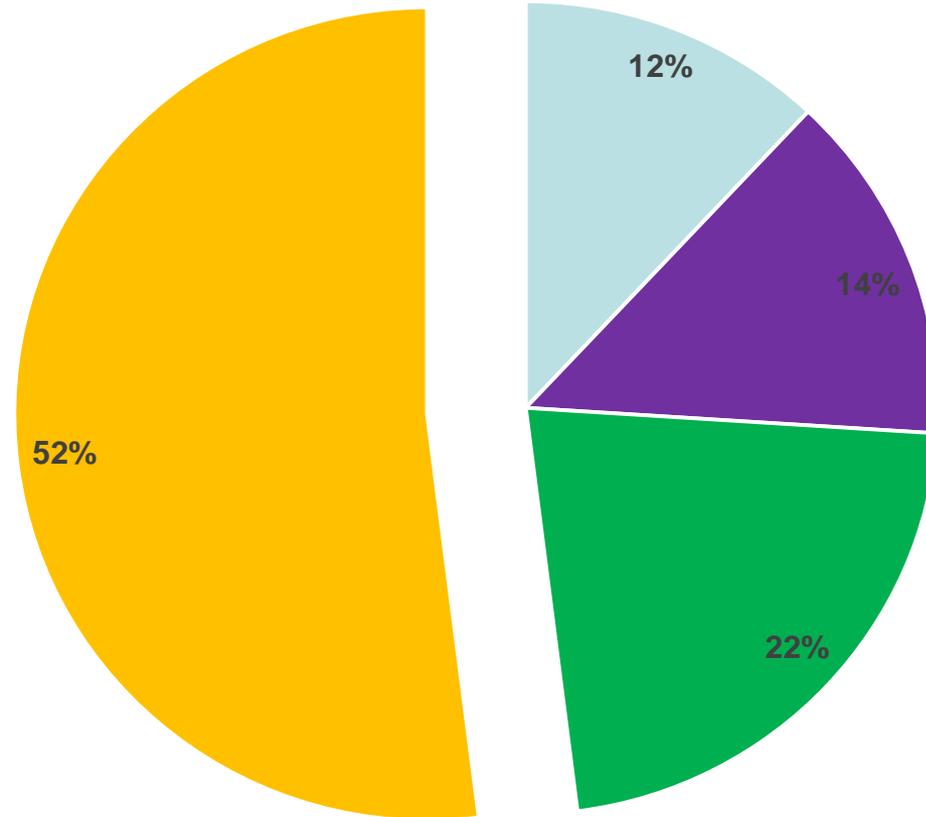


- In ungrounded systems a phase to ground fault often produces dangerous overvoltage...
- Sustained arcing faults in low voltage apparatus are often initiated by a single-phase fault to ground which results in extensive damage to switchgear and motor control centers.

FM Global 5-10 Protective Grounding for Electric Power Systems and Equipment

- 2.3.3.1 Unlike the ungrounded system the high resistance grounded system prevents transient overvoltage which can cause potential failure of insulation.
- 2.3.4.1 Convert ungrounded systems to high resistance grounded systems.

Type of Grounding System



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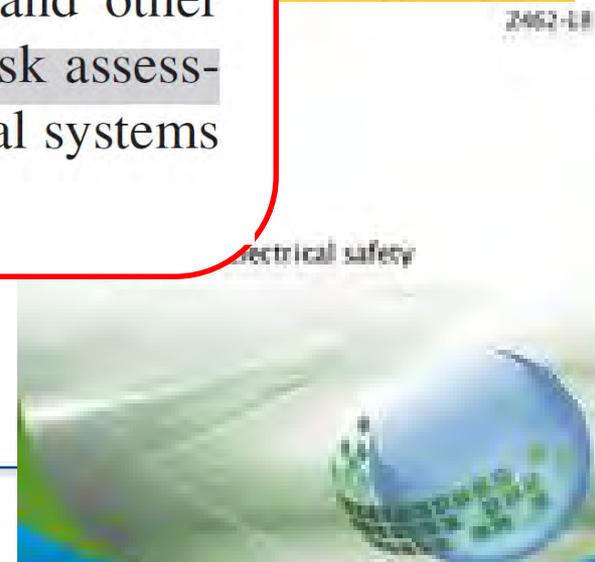
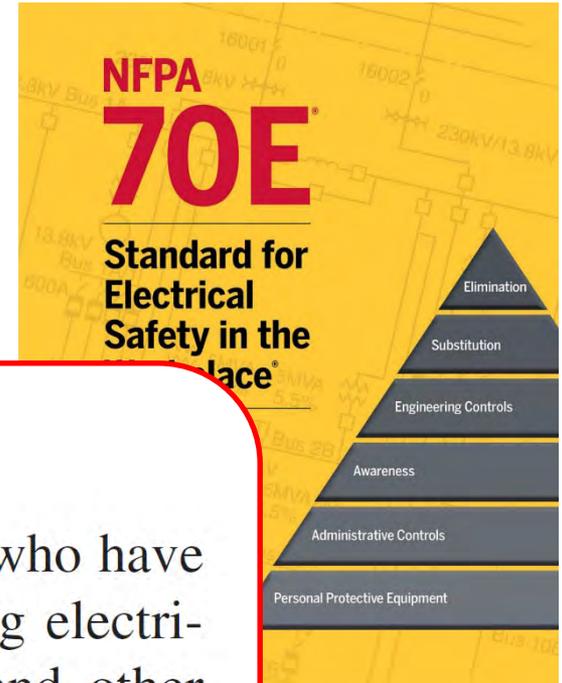
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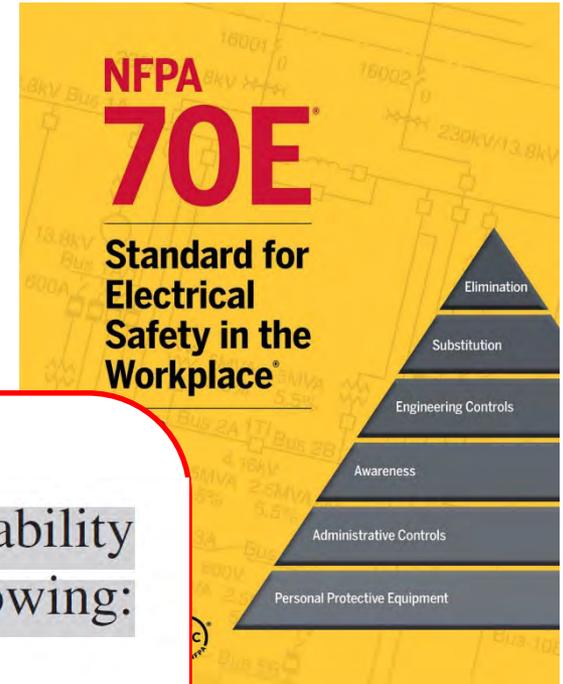
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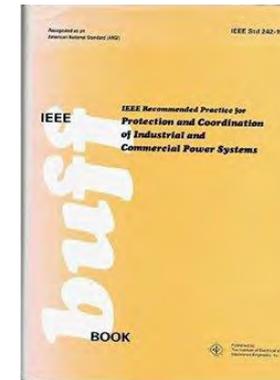


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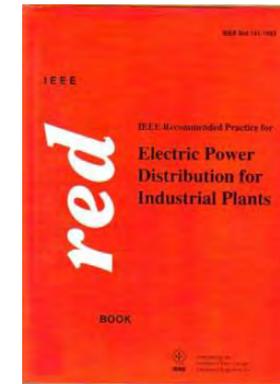
IEEE Std 242-2001 (Buff Book)

- 8.2.2. One disadvantage of the solidly grounded system involves the high magnitude of destructive, arcing ground-fault currents that can occur.



IEEE Std 141-1993 (Red Book)

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There was a recent electrical fire at a recreational facility that resulted in consequential damages of \$400,000, mostly in business interruption costs

During the course of the investigation a simple question was raised.

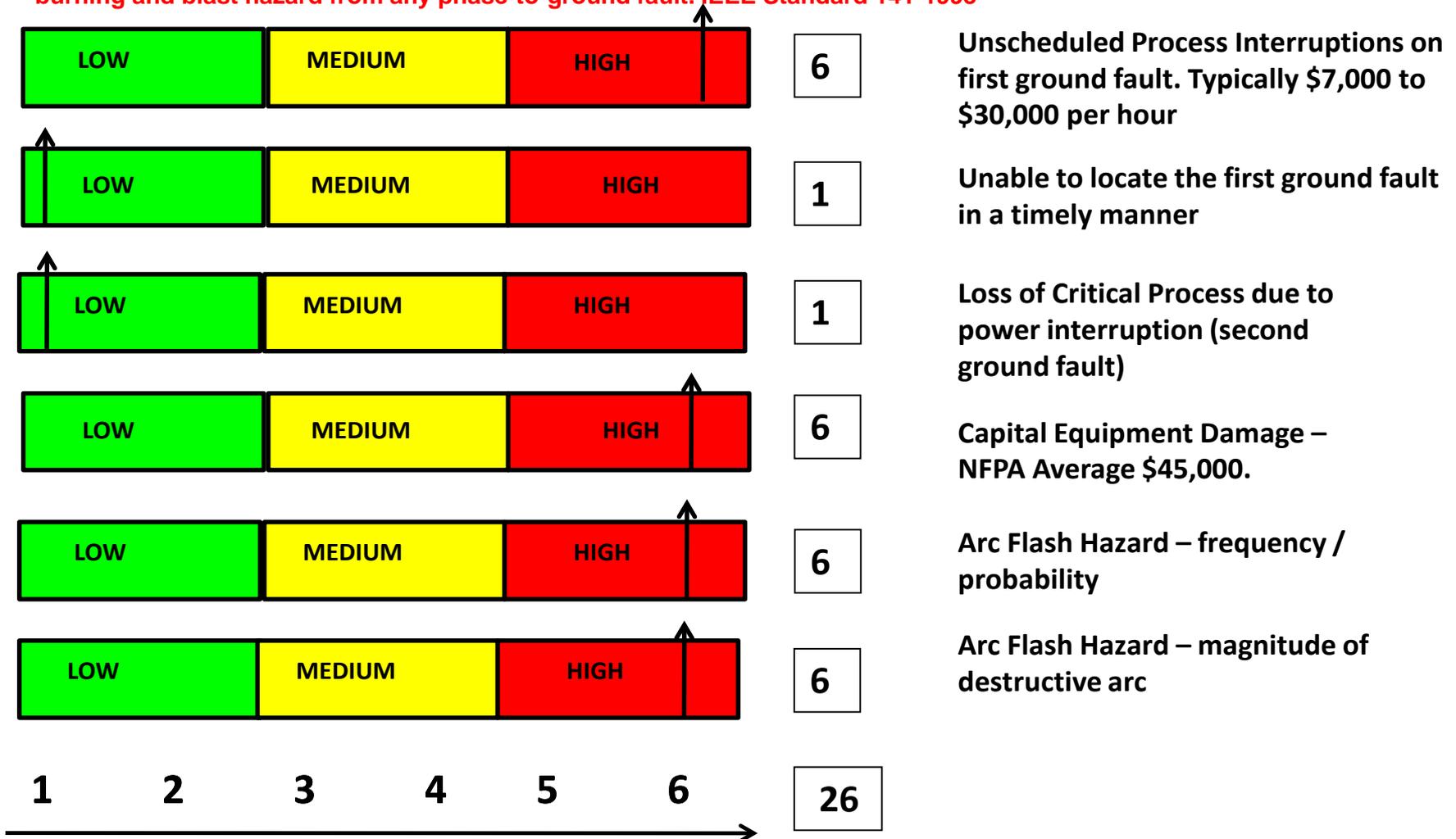
Was the grounding method chosen by the consulting engineer and the facility owner or operator a contributing factor?



The simple answer is YES – while solidly grounded systems are economical and simple they are known to be subject to arc flash hazards.

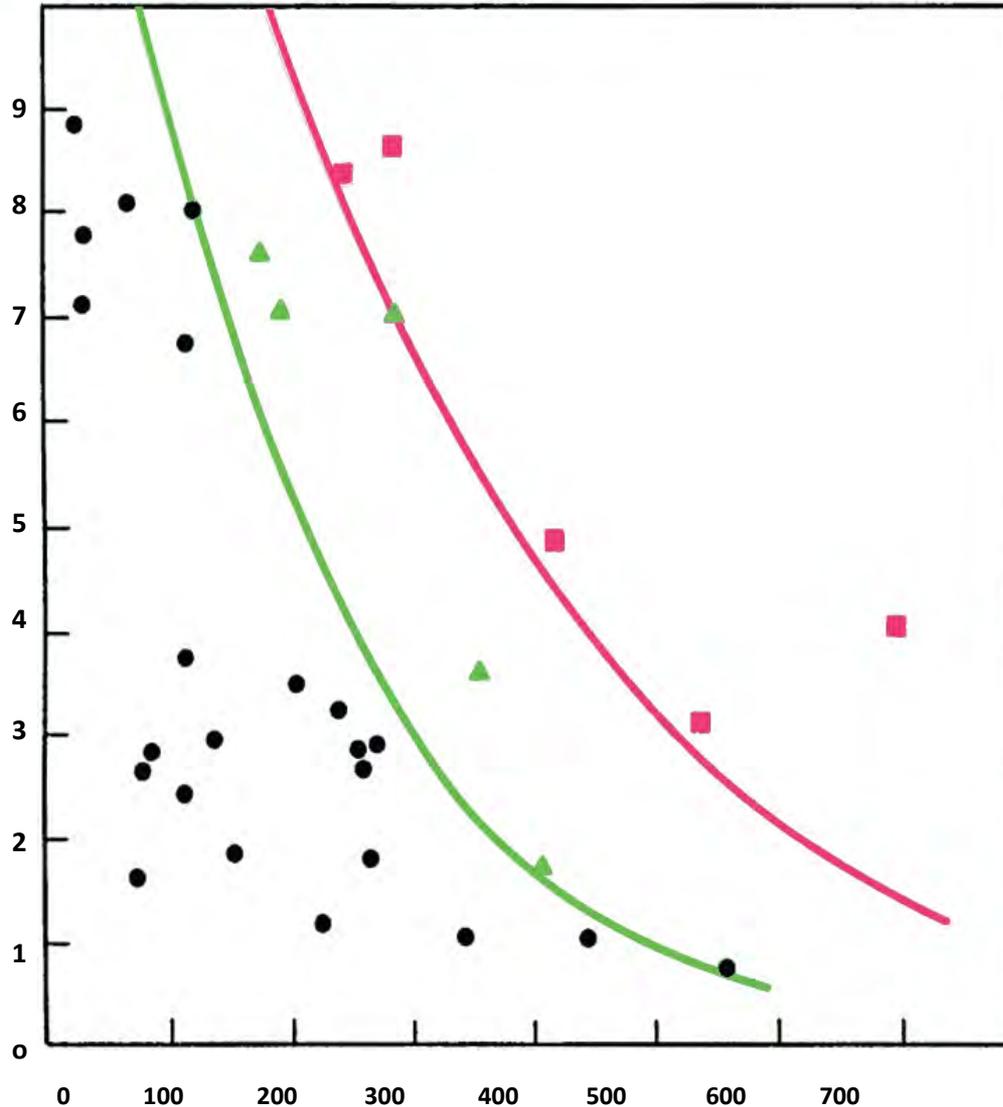
The fire and damage was not a result of IF but WHEN.

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Current kA



An arc is developed within milli-seconds and leads to the discharge of enormous amounts of destructive energy. The energy in the arc is directly proportional to the square of the short-circuit current and the time the arc takes to develop.

Reduce the Time,

Reduce the Damage,

Reduce the Incident Energy.

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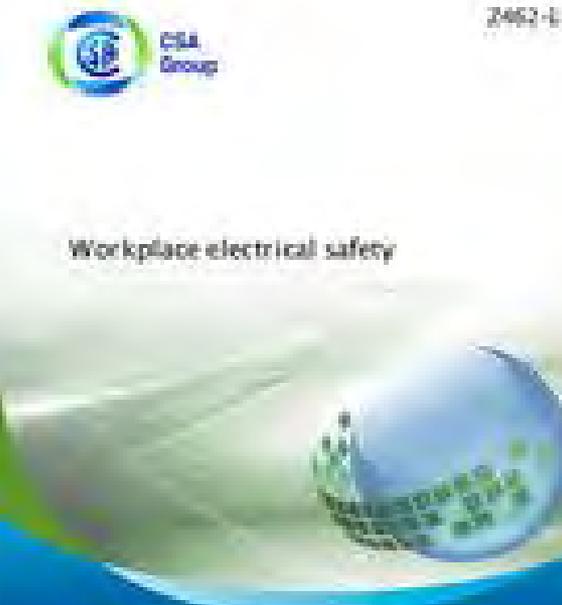
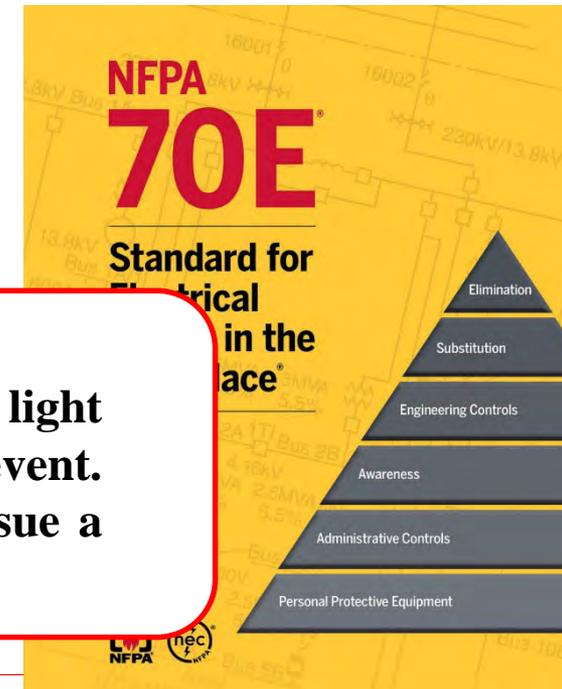
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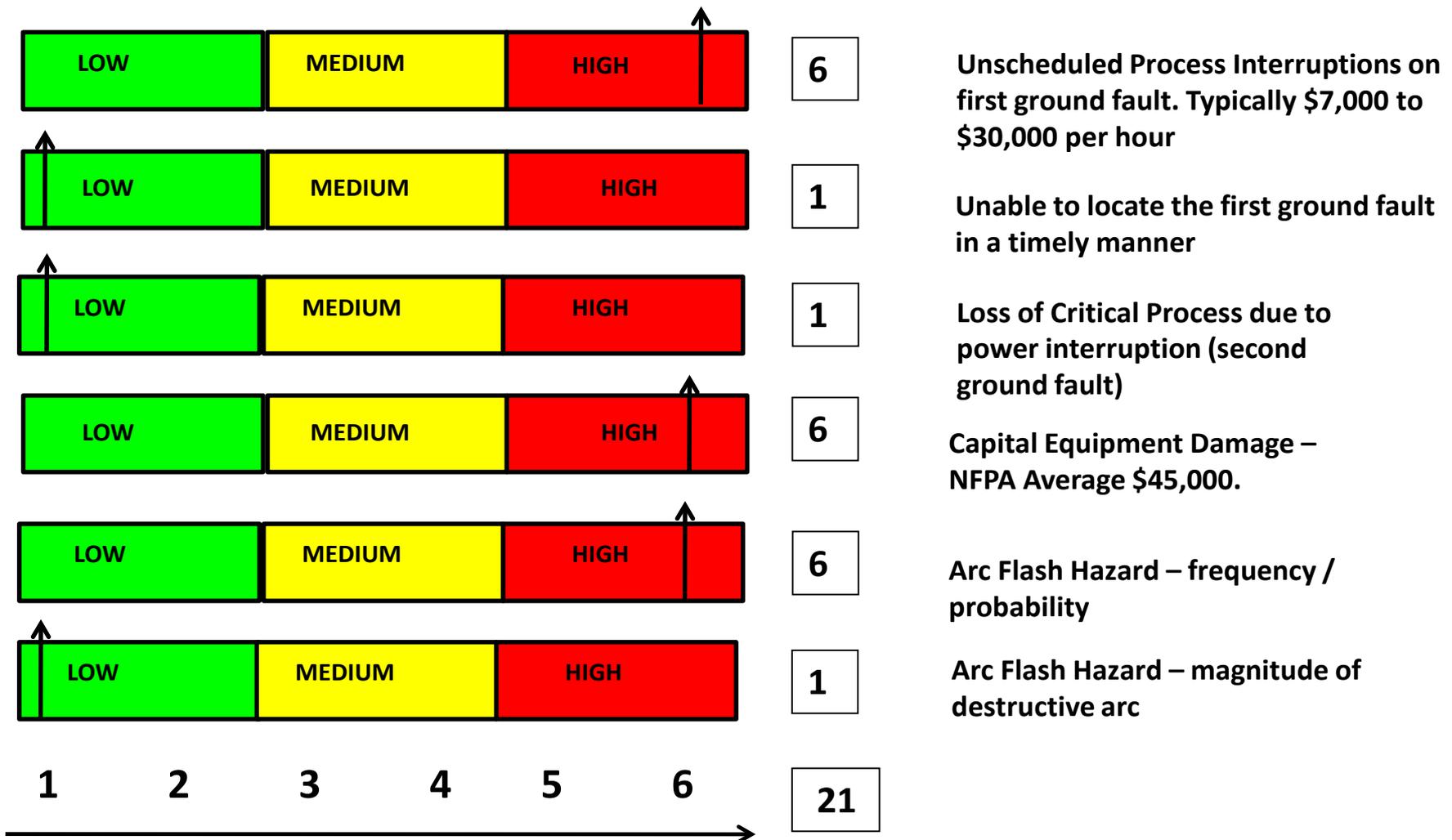
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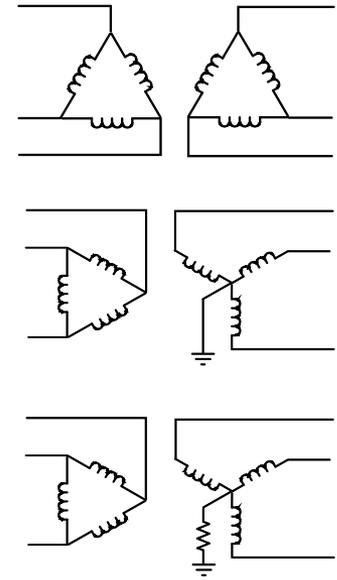
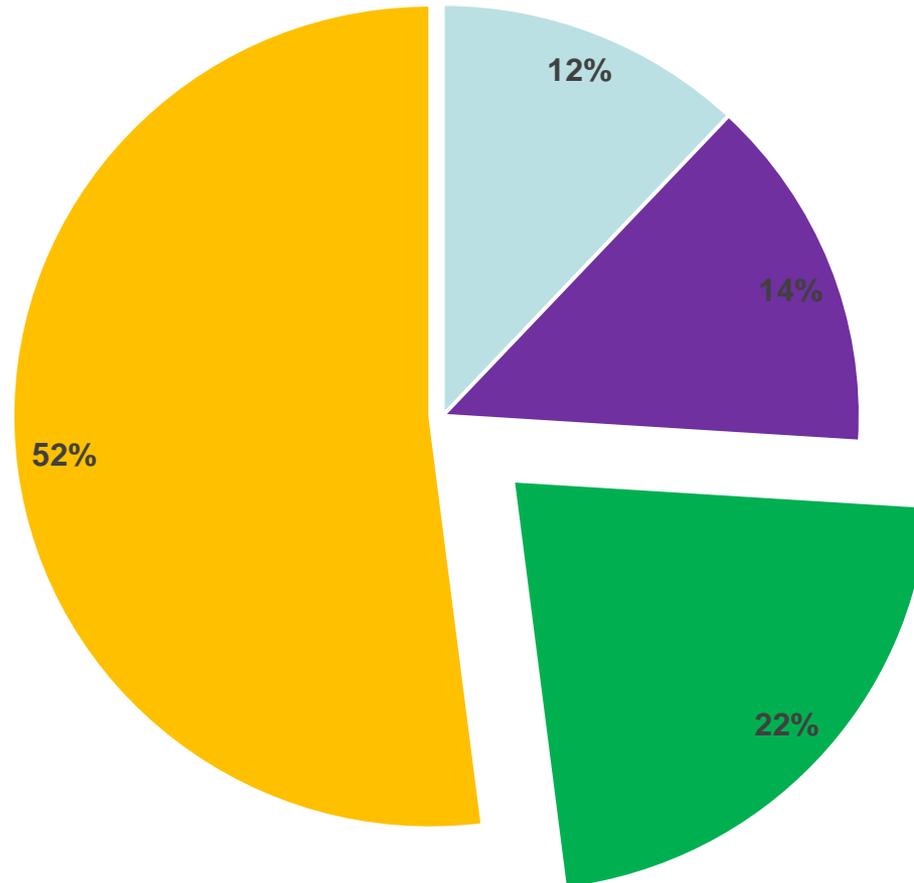




GARD Solidly Grounded Distribution System plus Arc Mitigation Device



Type of Grounding System



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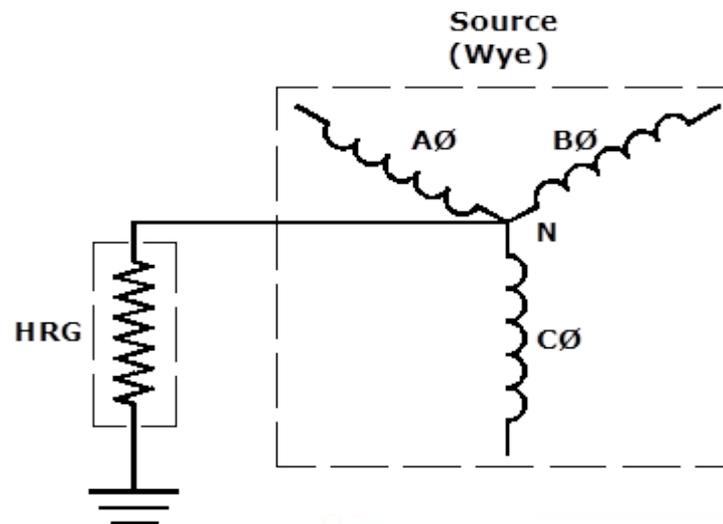
■ Low Resistance Grounded

■ **High Resistance Grounded**

■ Solidly Grounded

High resistance grounding of the neutral limits the ground fault current to a very low level (typically from 1 to 10 amps) and this is achieved by connecting a current limiting resistor between the neutral of the transformer secondary and the earth ground and is used on low voltage systems of 5000 volts or less, under 3000 amp.

By limiting the ground fault current, the fault can be tolerated on the system until it can be located, and then isolated or removed at a convenient time.



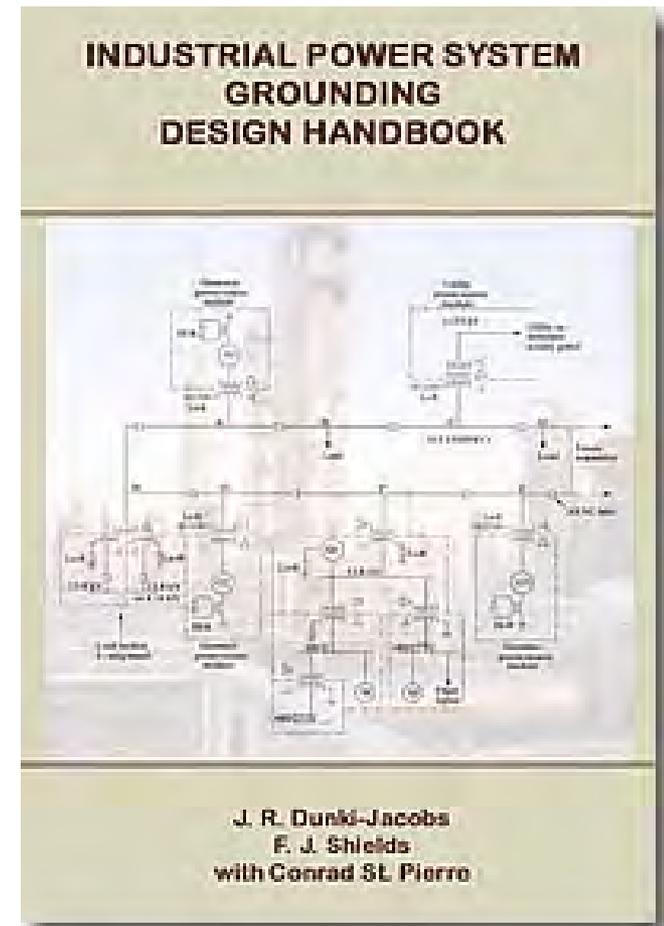


Elimination of Ground Faults and Arc Flash Hazards

How Does HRG reduce Arc Flash?

95% of all electrical faults are phase to ground faults.

By limiting the fault current to a low level, 10 amps or less, there is insufficient current for the arc to re-strike and it self-extinguishes.



IEEE Std 242-2001 (Buff Book)

- 8.2.4. High-resistance grounding helps ensure a ground-fault of known magnitude, helpful for relaying purposes. This makes it possible to identify the faulted feeder with sensitive ground-fault relays.

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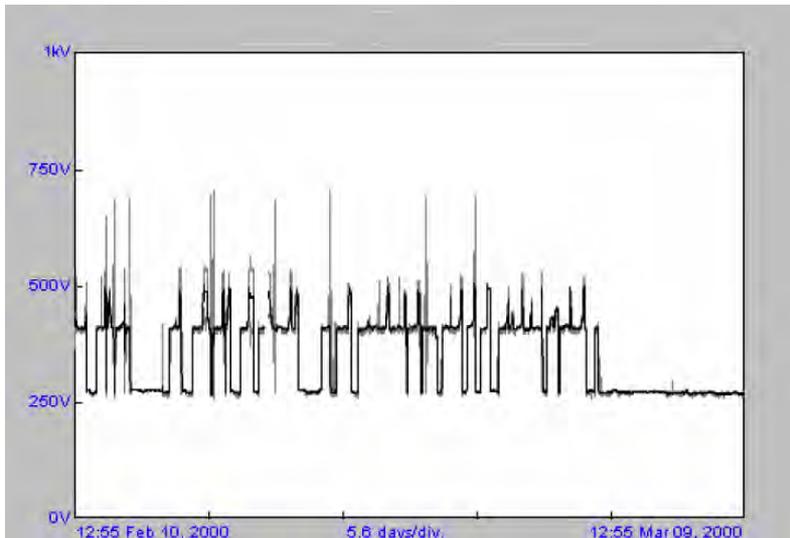
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Automotive Facility

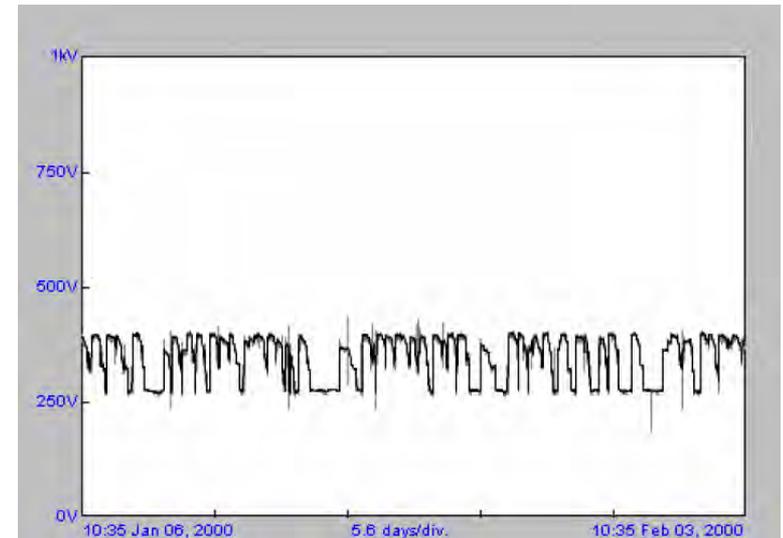
**Phase voltage
ungrounded**



**High level of transients
485 peak events over 700 volts
Peak voltage 1050 volts**

Troy Michigan

Phase voltage HRG



**Transients controlled
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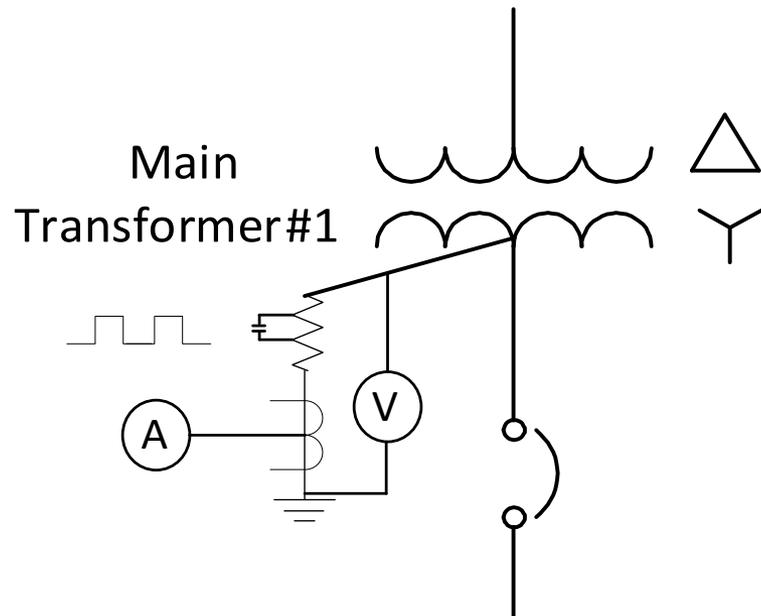
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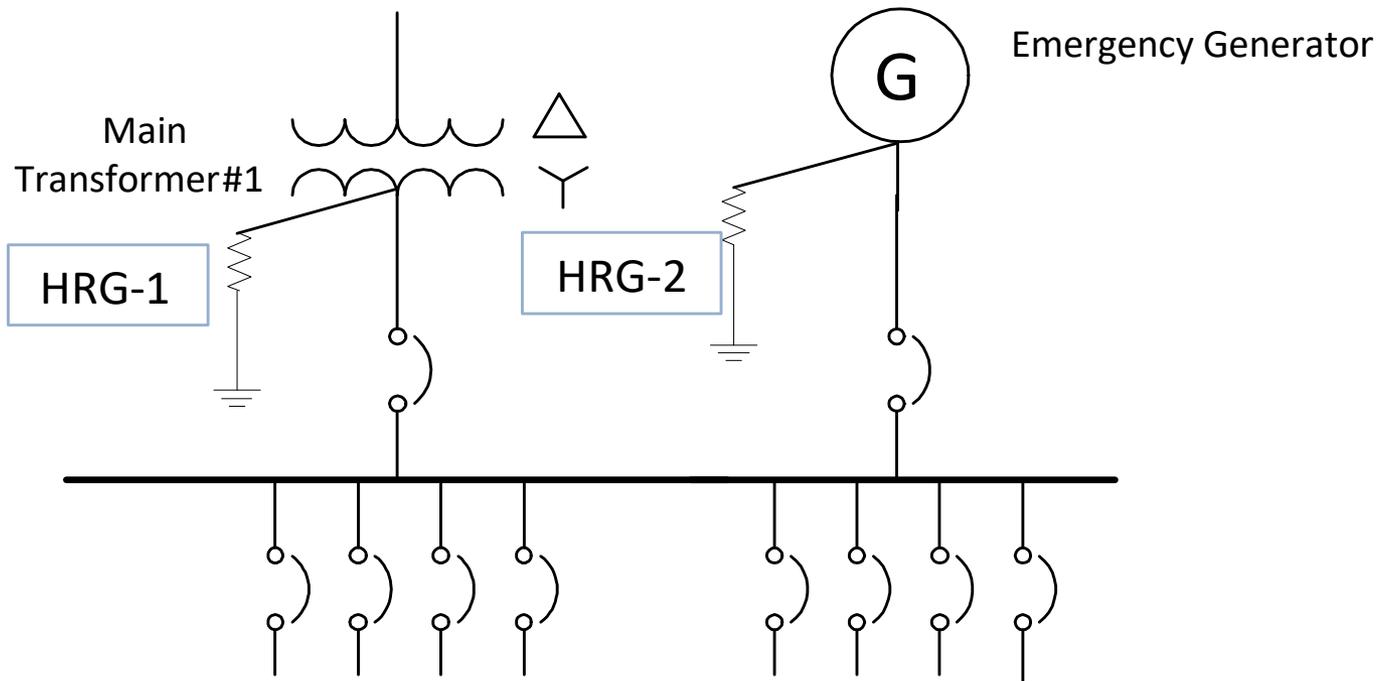
- **Minimum Requirements**
- **Resistor to limit Fault**
- **Ammeter to measure current**
- **Voltmeter to measure voltage**
- **Pulsing Contactor**

HRG



Data Centre

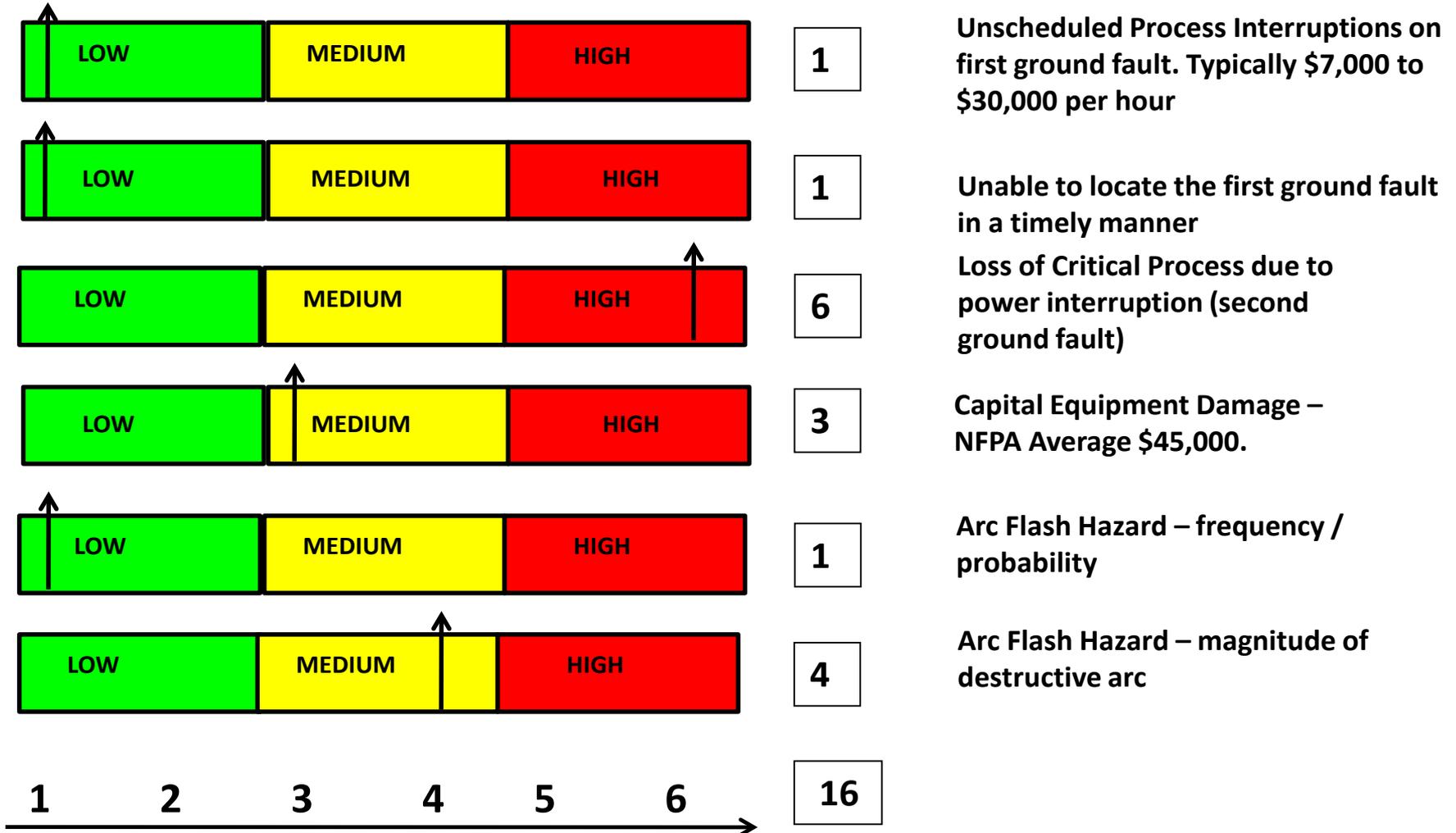
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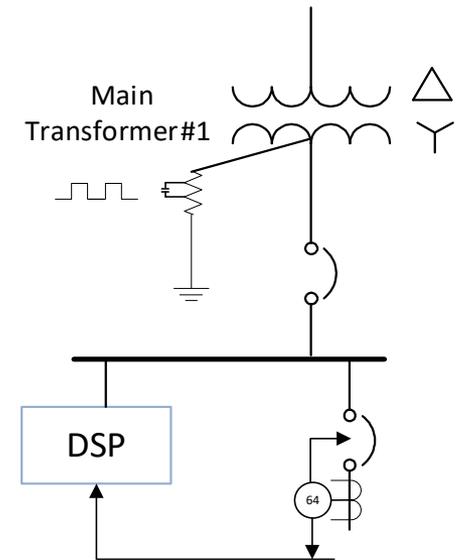


Standard High Resistance Grounded Distribution System

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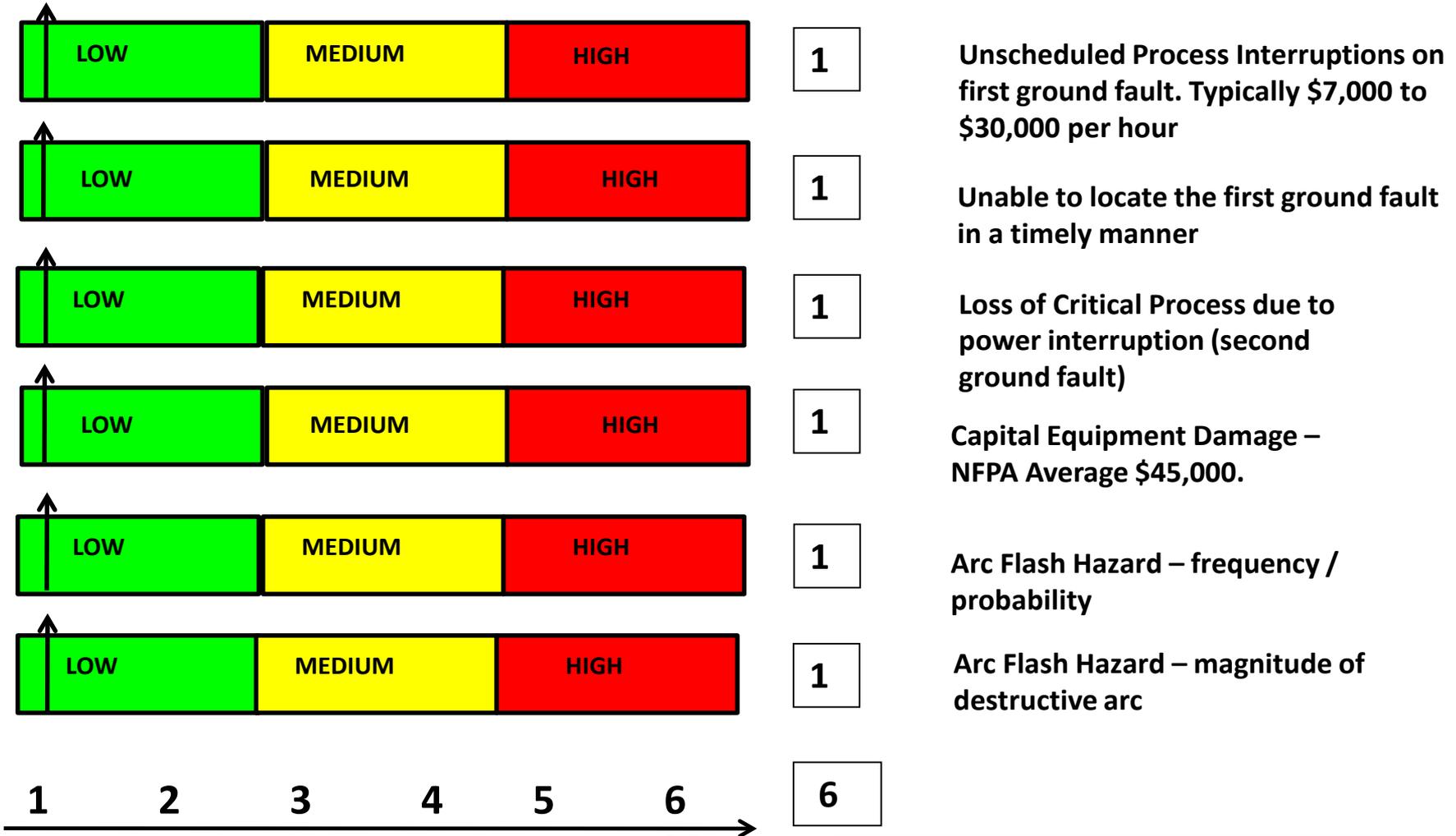


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- Feeder Indication
- Easier fault location
- SIFT/ adjustable timer
- Arc Flash Monitor

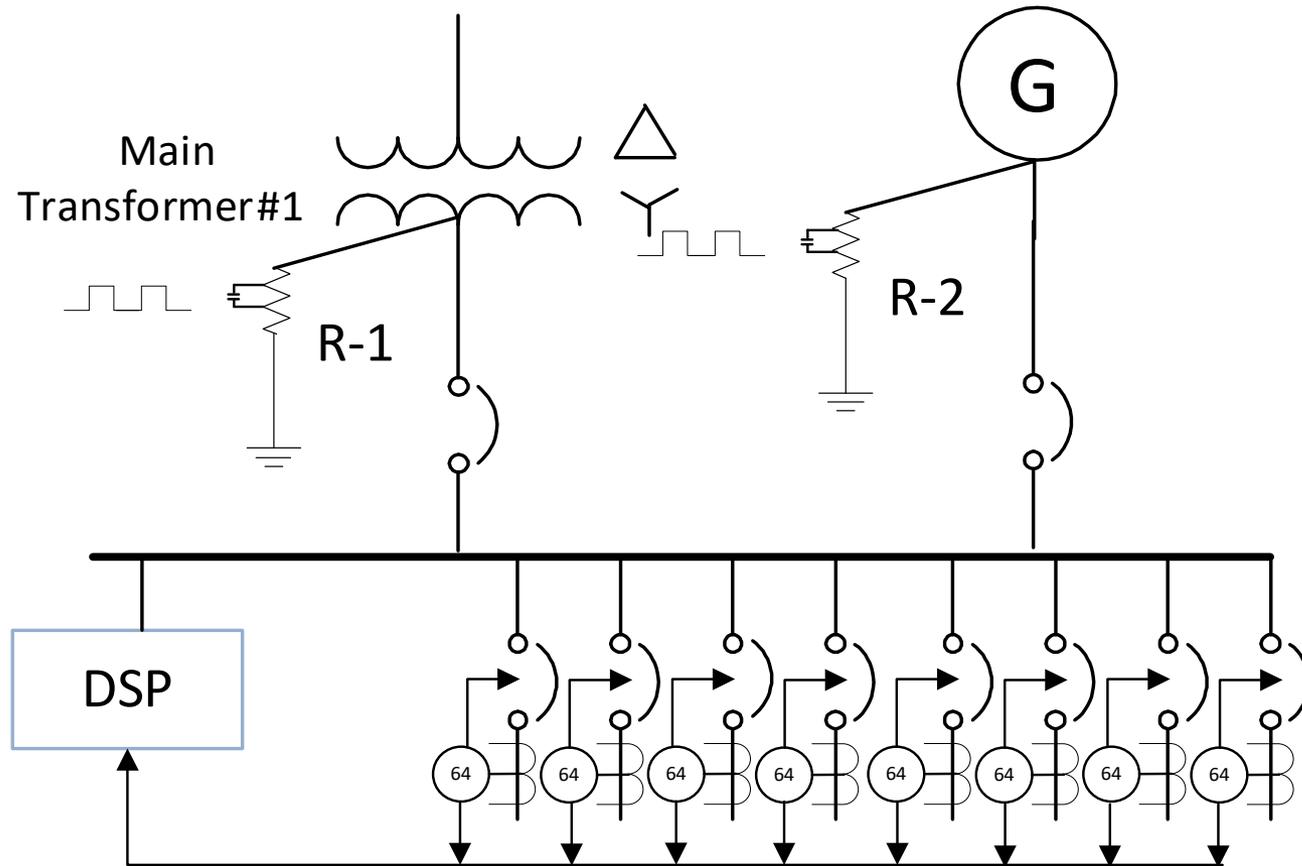




Upgrade to Sentinel



Data Centre with SMART HRG



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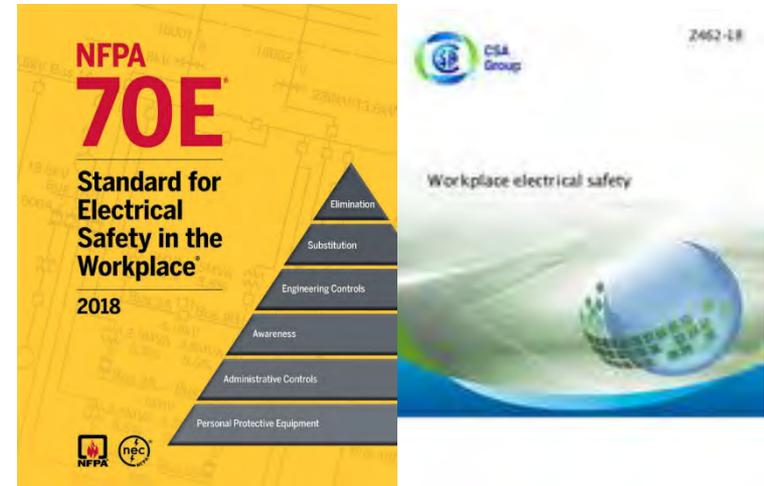
O.2.3 Incident Energy Reduction Methods. The following methods have proved to be effective in reducing incident energy:

- (1) Zone-selective interlocking. A method that allows two or more circuit breakers to communicate with each other so that a short circuit or ground fault will be cleared by the breaker closest to the fault with no intentional delay. Clearing the fault in the shortest time aids in reducing the incident energy.

- (2) Differential relaying. The concept of this protection method is that current flowing into protected equipment must equal the current out of the equipment. If these two currents are not equal, a fault must exist within the equipment, and the relaying can be set to operate for a fast interruption. Differential relaying uses current transformers located on the line and load sides of the protected equipment and fast acting relay.
- (3) Energy-reducing maintenance switching with a local status indicator. An energy-reducing maintenance switch allows a worker to set a circuit breaker trip unit to operate faster while the worker is working within an arc flash boundary, as defined in NFPA 70E, and then to set the circuit breaker back to a normal setting after the work is complete.

O.2.4 Other Methods.

- (1) Energy-reducing active arc flash mitigation system. This system can reduce the arcing duration by creating a low impedance current path, located within a controlled compartment, to cause the arcing fault to transfer to the new current path, while the upstream breaker clears the circuit. The system works without compromising existing selective coordination in the electrical distribution system.
- (2) Arc flash relay. An arc flash relay typically uses light sensors to detect the light produced by an arc flash event. Once a certain level of light is detected the relay will issue a trip signal to an upstream overcurrent device.
- (3) High-resistance grounding. A great majority of electrical faults are of the phase-to-ground type. High-resistance grounding will insert an impedance in the ground return path and will typically limit the fault current to 10 amperes and below (at 5 kV nominal or below), leaving insufficient fault energy and thereby helping reduce the arc flash hazard level. High-resistance grounding will not affect arc flash energy for line-to-line or line-to-line-to-line arcs.
- (4) Current-limiting devices. Current-limiting protective devices reduce incident energy by clearing the fault faster and by reducing the current seen at the arc source. The energy reduction becomes effective for current above the current-limiting threshold of the current-limiting fuse or current limiting circuit breaker.

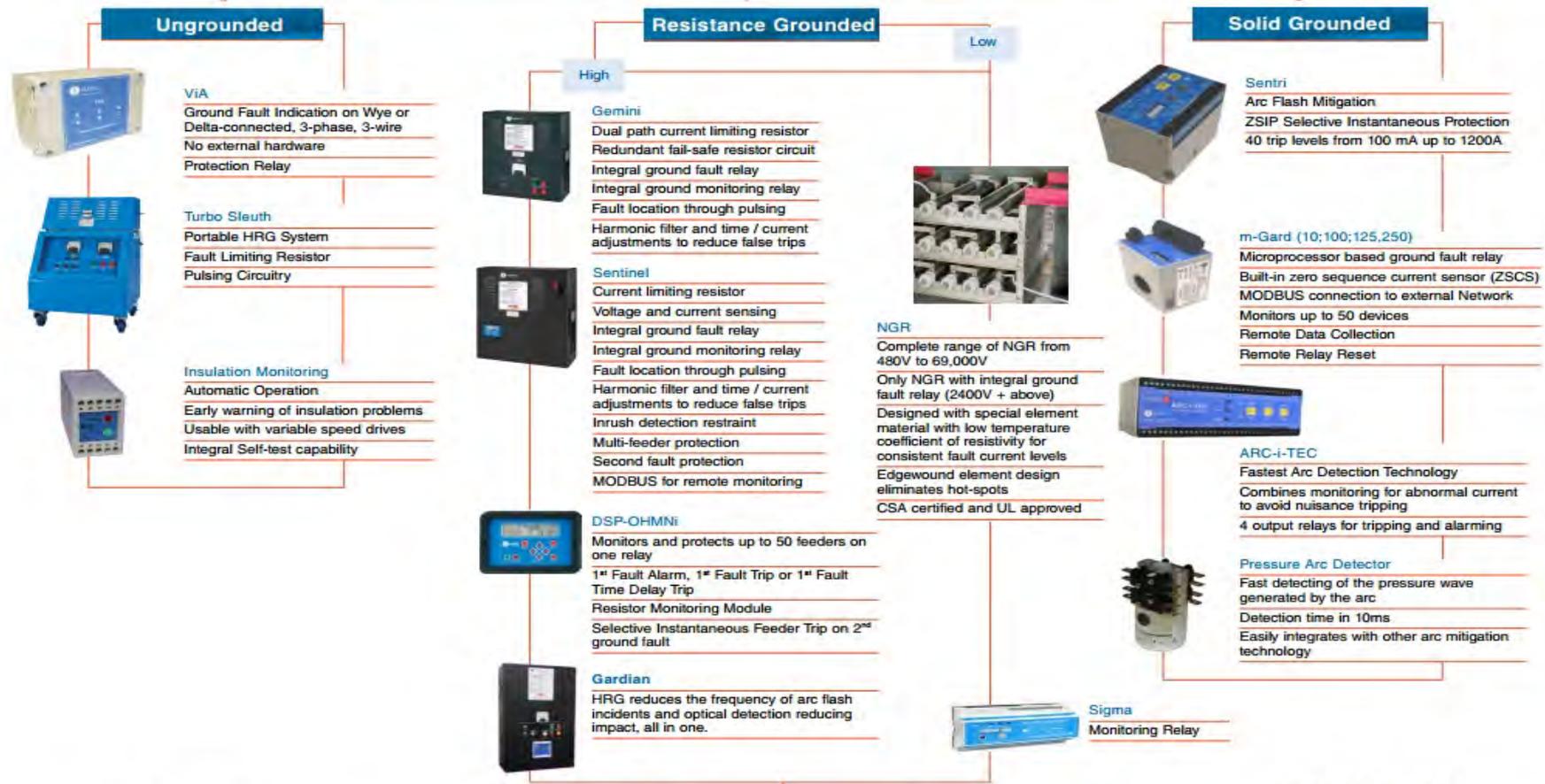


0.2.2 Design option decisions should facilitate the ability to eliminate hazards or reduce risk by doing the following:

(1) Reducing the likelihood of exposure = High Resistance Grounding

(2) Reducing the magnitude or severity of exposure = arc flash relays or active arc mitigation.

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Arc Flash Mitigation for safety	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓



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