



# The Technology and Economics of Lightning Analysis



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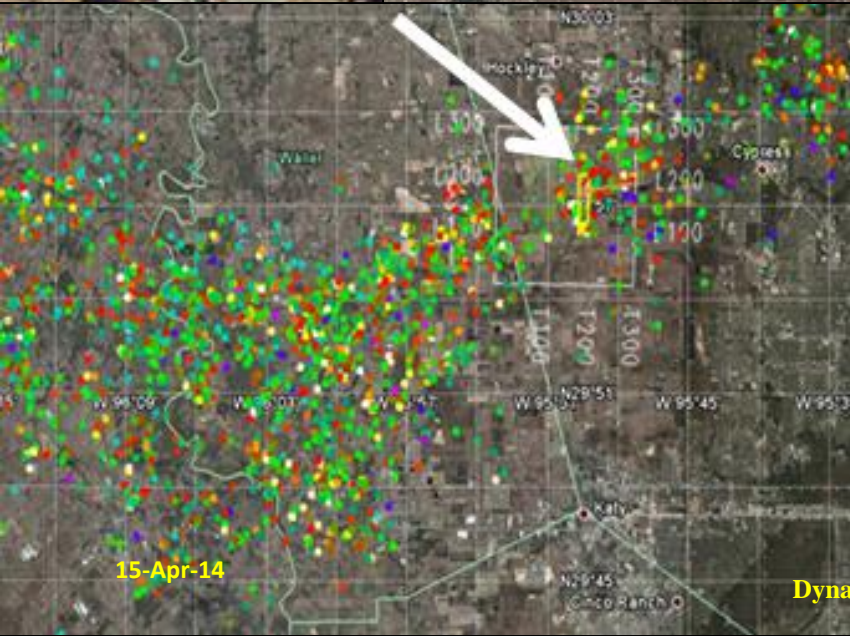
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# In the spirit of DUCK DYNASTY

*New Season Summer 2014*



## A Texas Duck Hunting Story



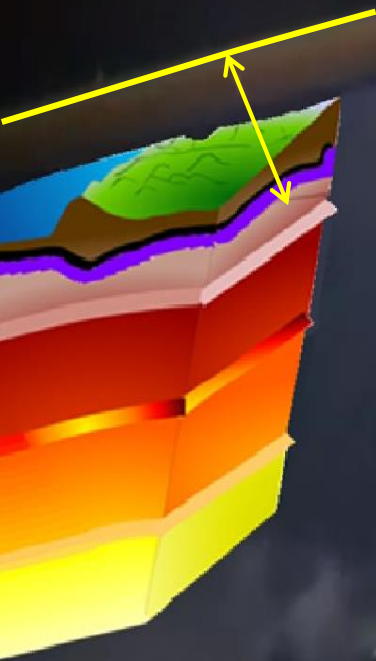
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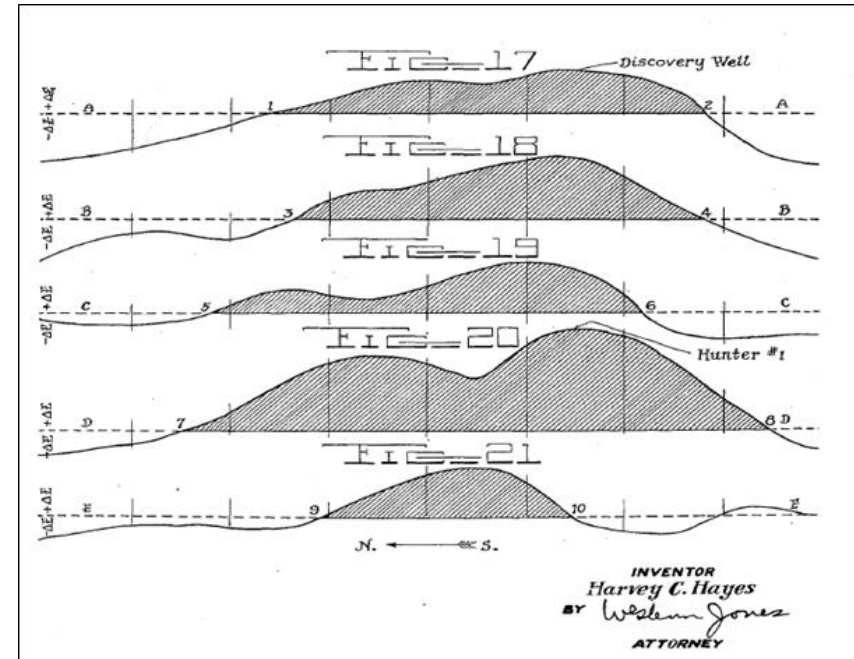
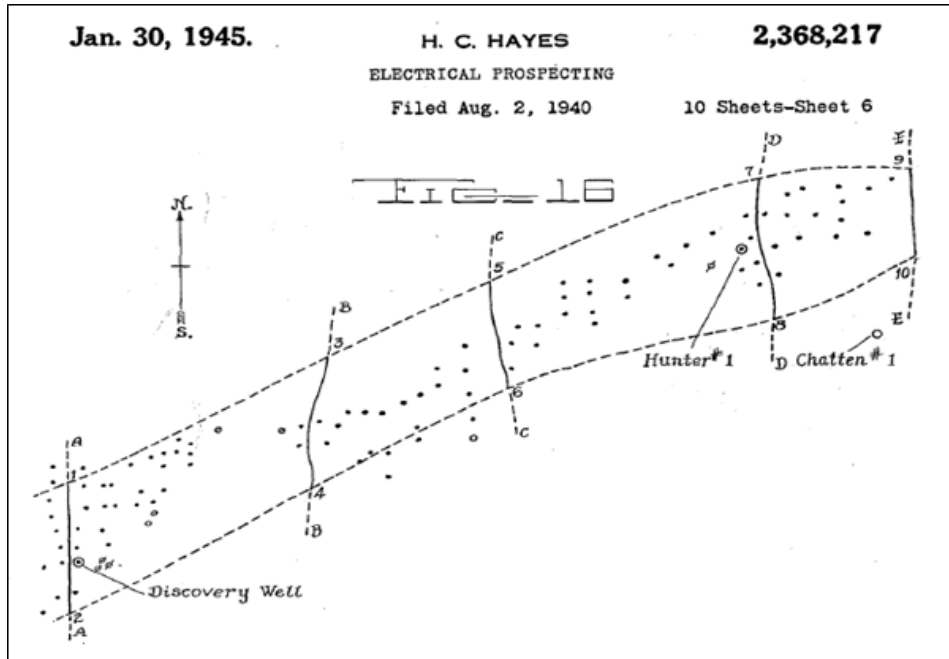
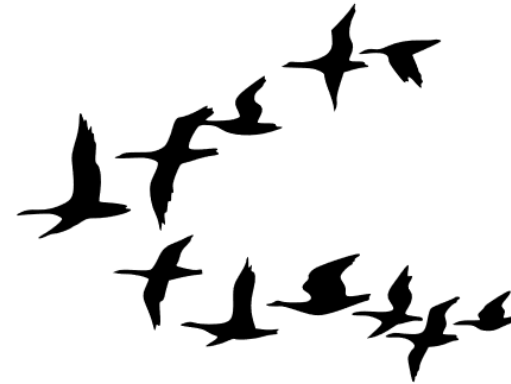


# Lightning balances Earth's capacitor



# Earth Resistivity Profiles

(Hayes, 1945)

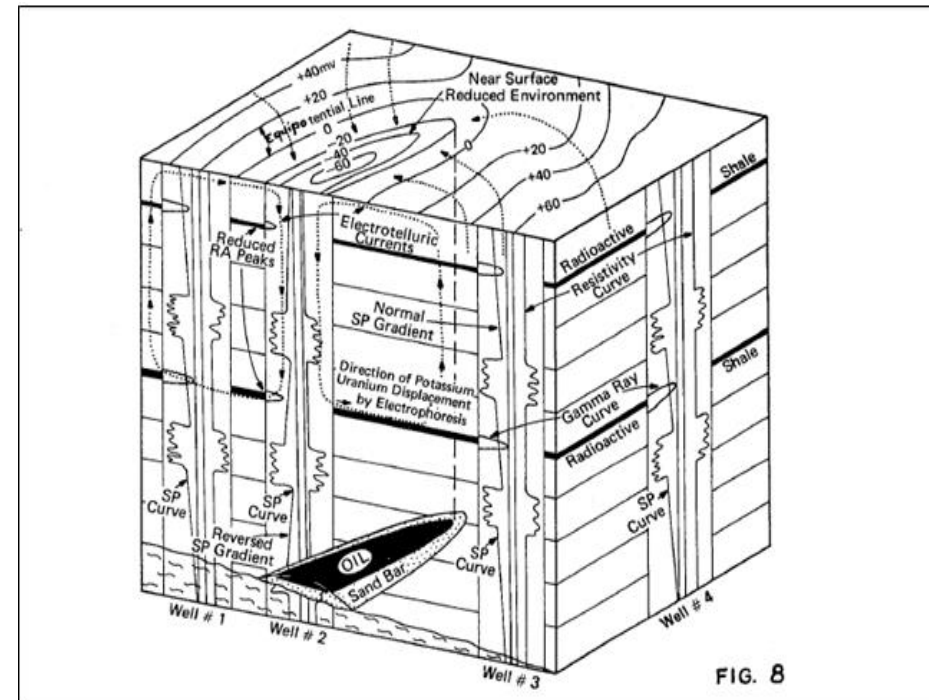
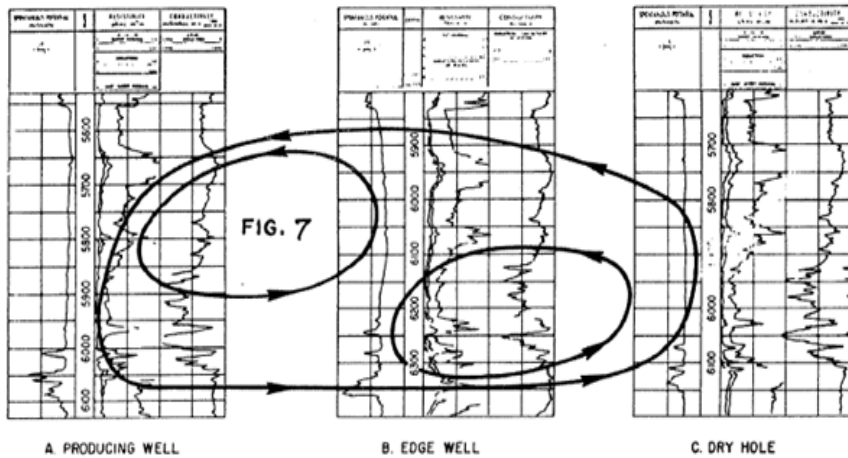


# Electrotelluric Currents (Pirson and Pirson, 1976)



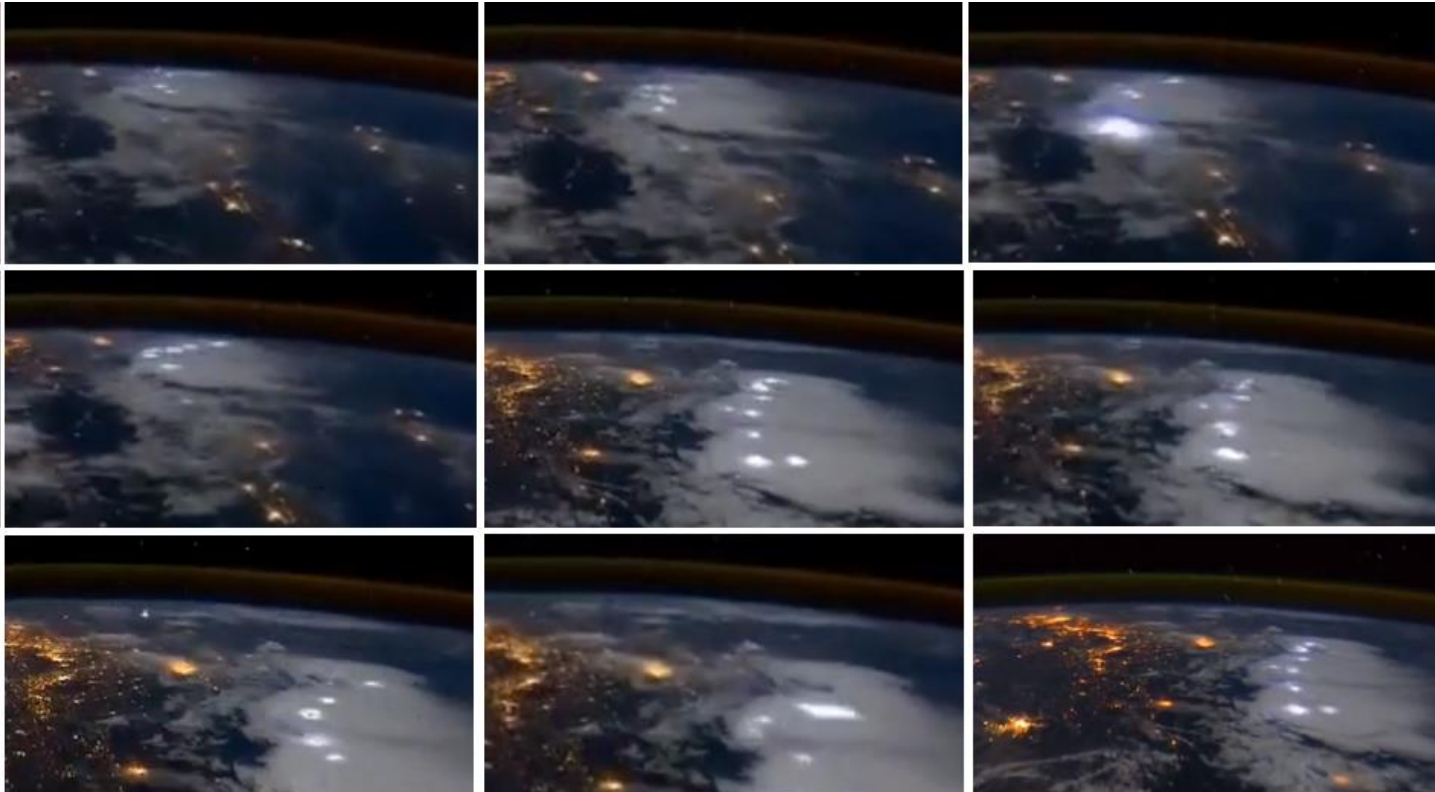
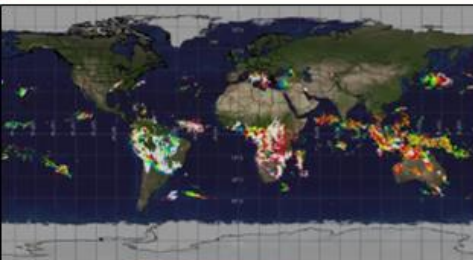
U.S. Patent March 9, 1976 Sheet 4 of 8 3,943,436

- [54] LINE INTEGRAL METHOD OF MAGNETO-ELECTRIC EXPLORATION
- [76] Inventors: Sylvain J. Pirson; Jacques E. Pirson, both of 8608 Mesa Drive, Austin, Tex. 78759



## Terralevis (shallow earth) Currents

# Lightning occurs everywhere and is available in private and public databases

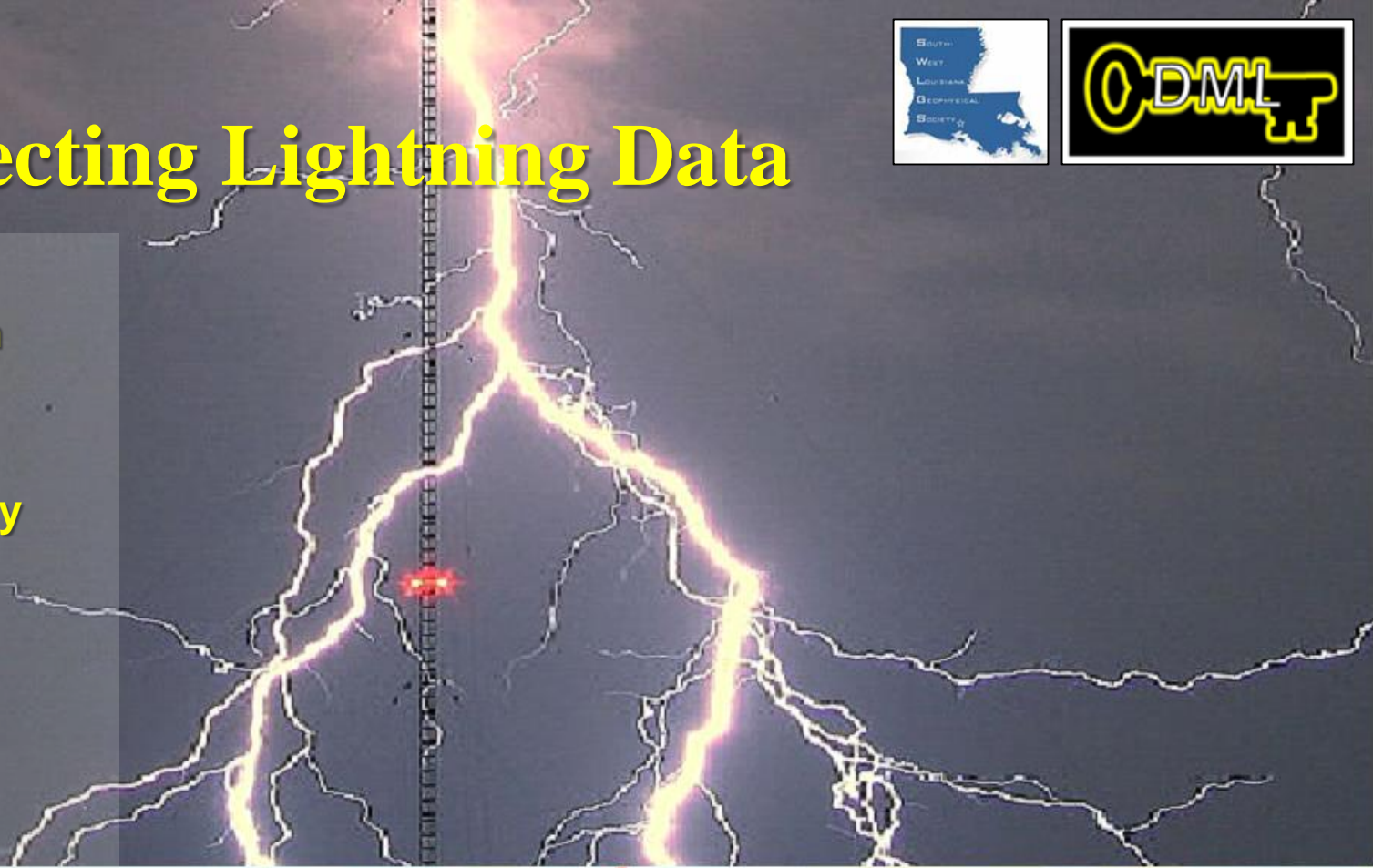


# Collecting Lightning Data



## WHY?

- Early storm warning
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## HOW?

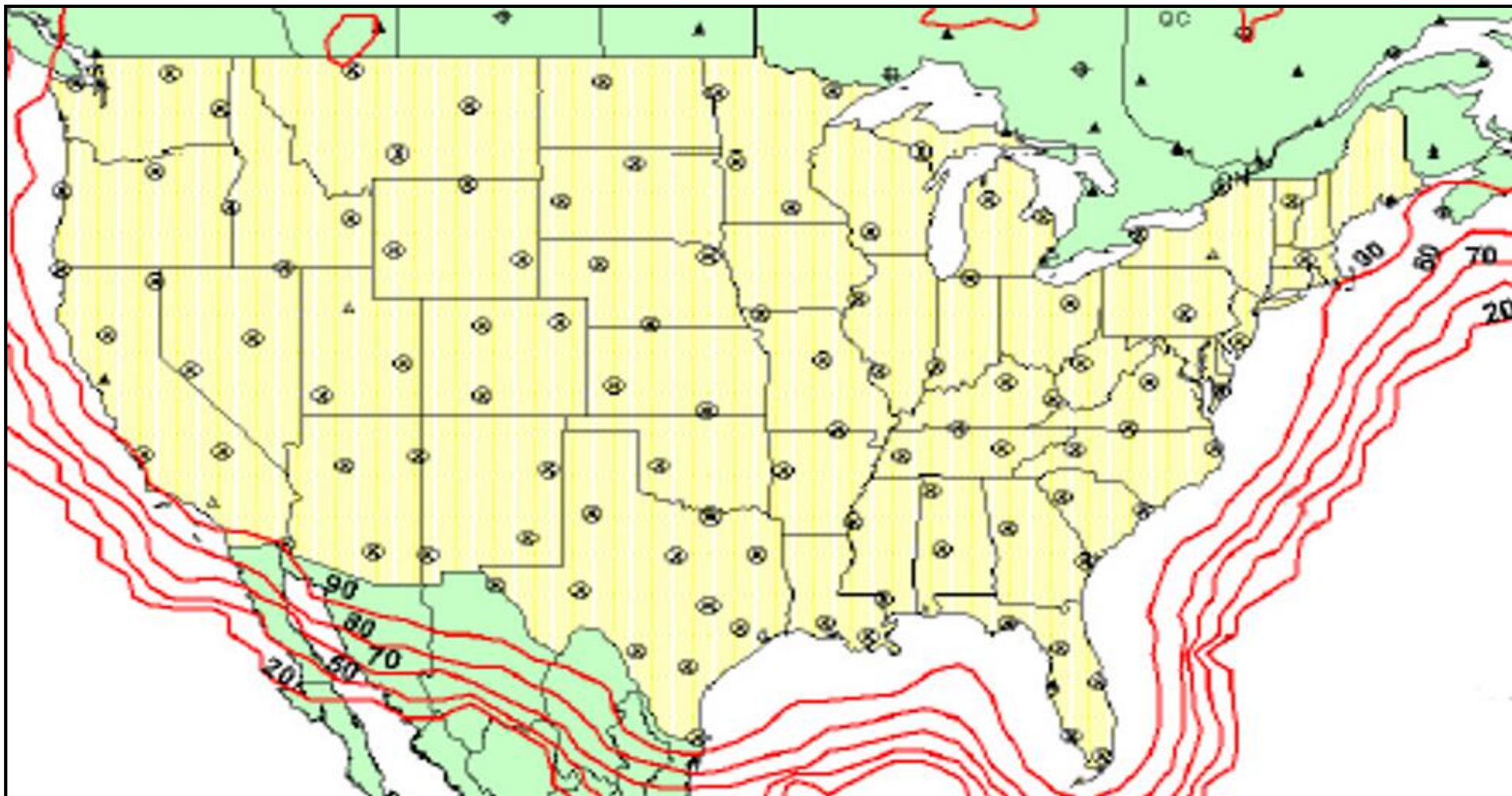
~330 Sensors in U.S.

+/- 100-500 foot location resolution

# NLDN

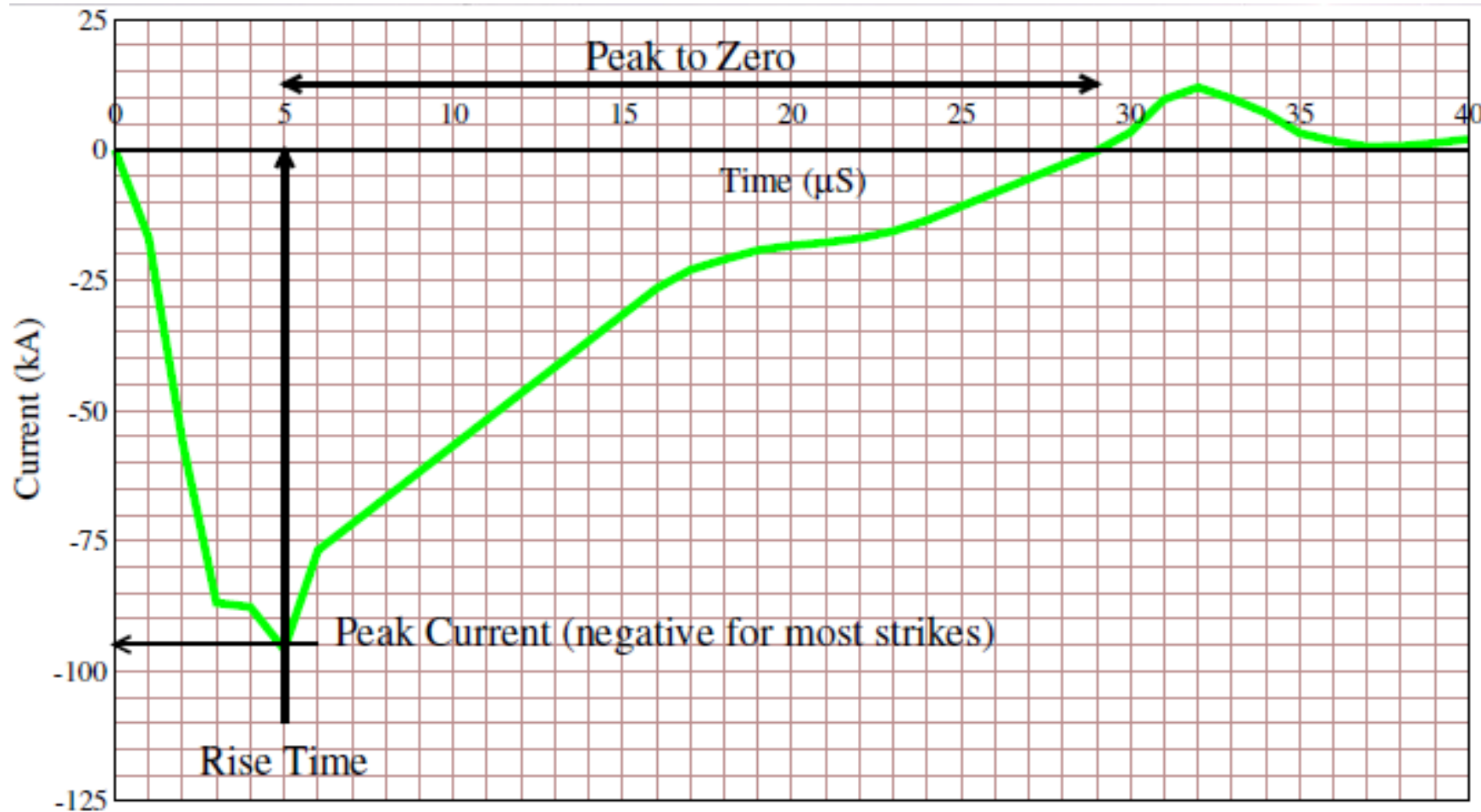


## (National Lightning Detection Network)

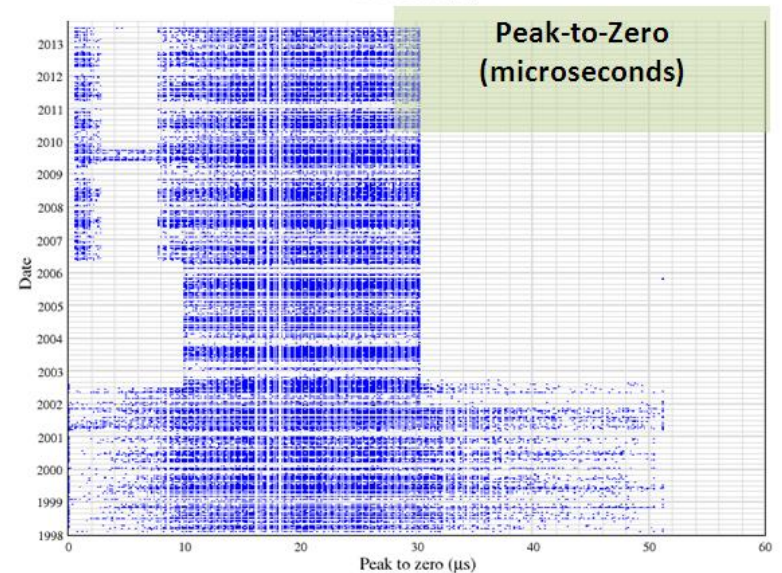
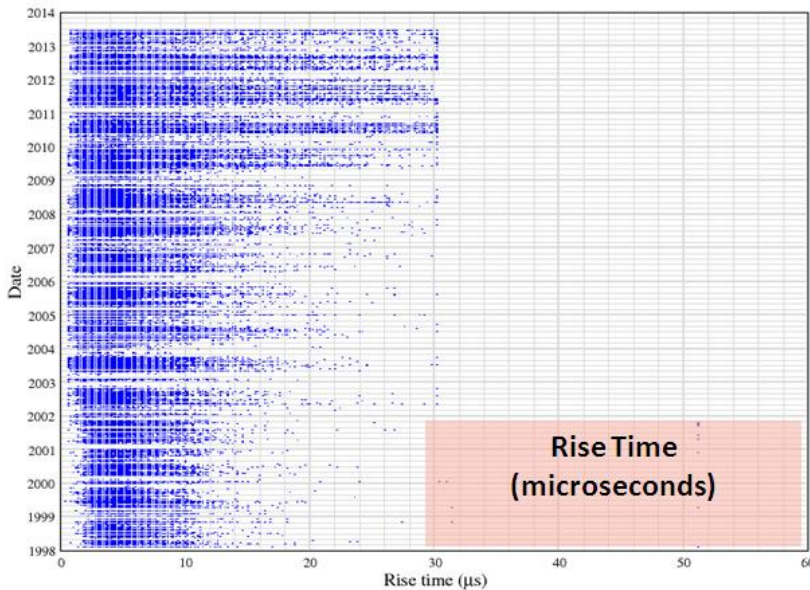
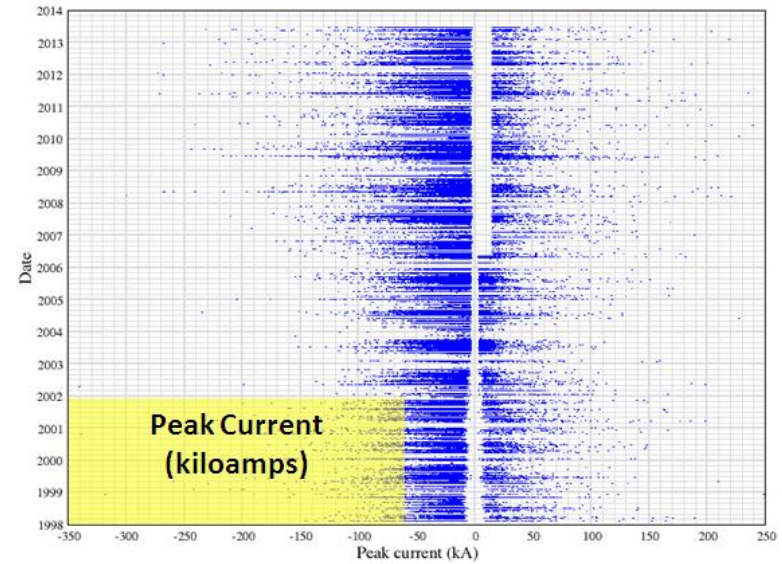
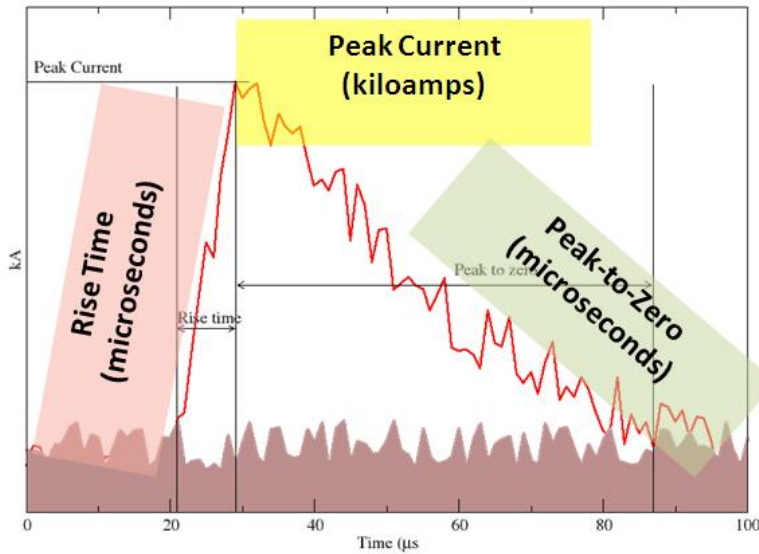




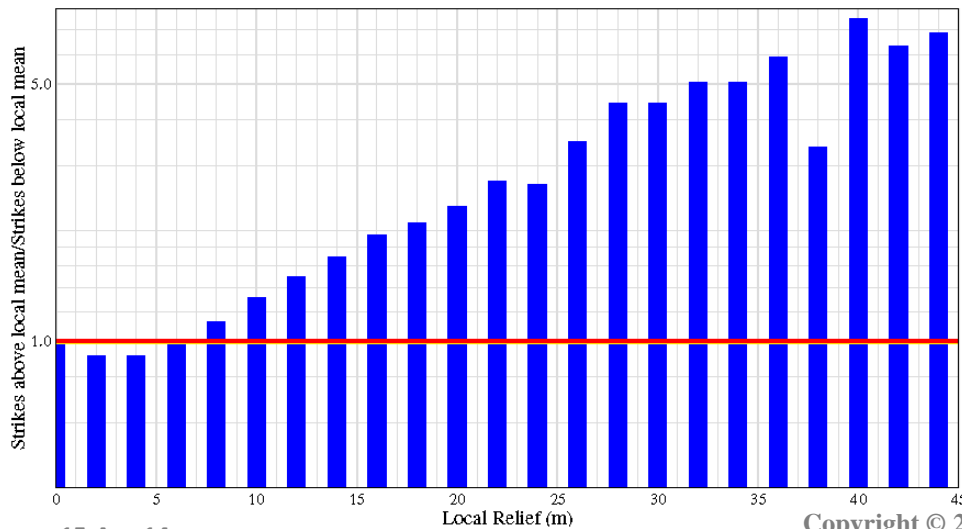
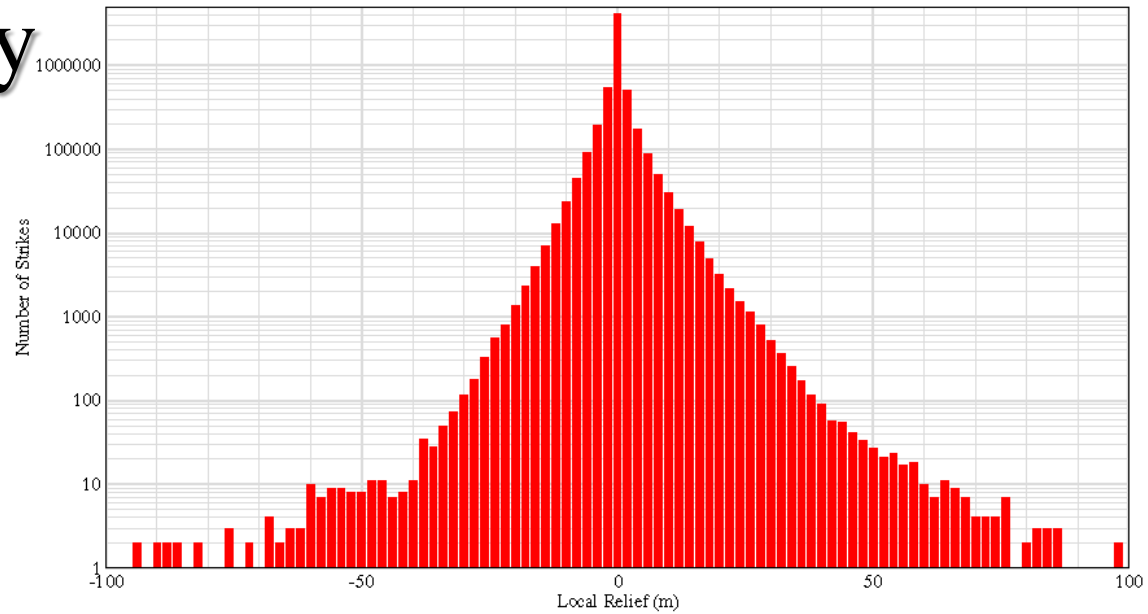
# Recorded Lightning Data



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# Lightning Strikes and Topography



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# Lightning travels up to 250 km



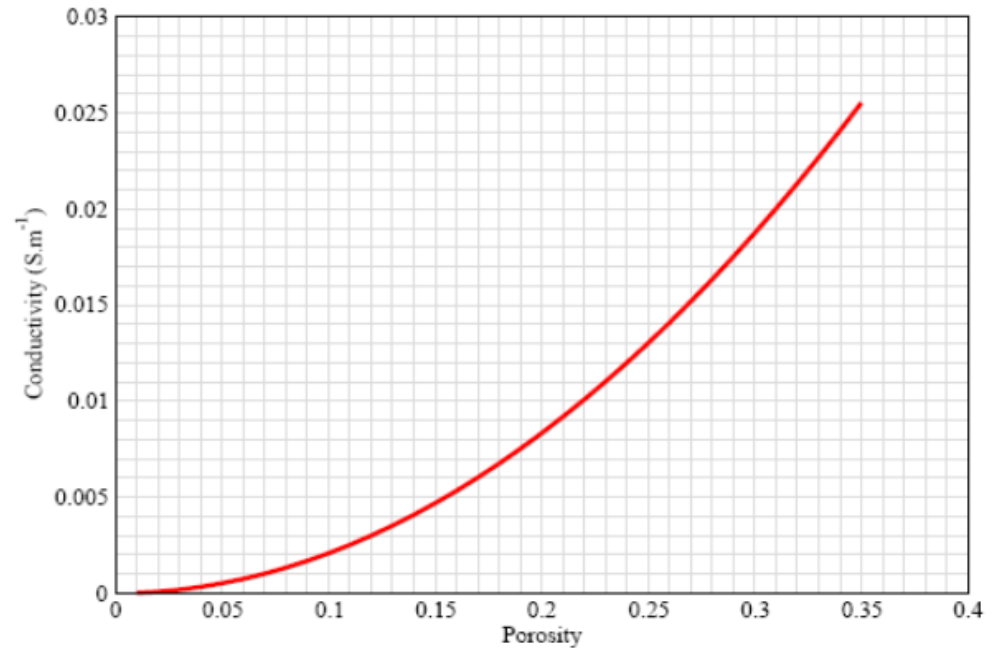
## Cloud-to-Cloud, then goes to ground



# Air Conductivity & Rock Conductivity Graph



Electrical conductivity of air:  
 $0.3-0.8 * 10^{-14}$  Siemens per Meter



# Lightning & Electrical Lines



**Is it the line or the geology?**

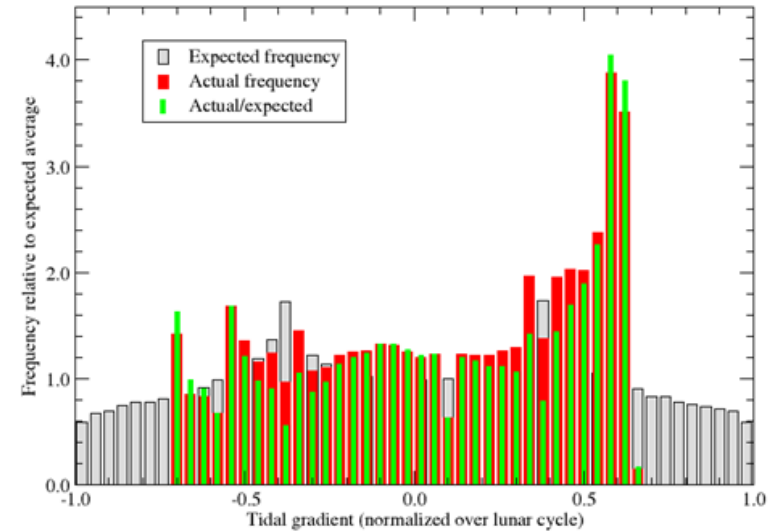
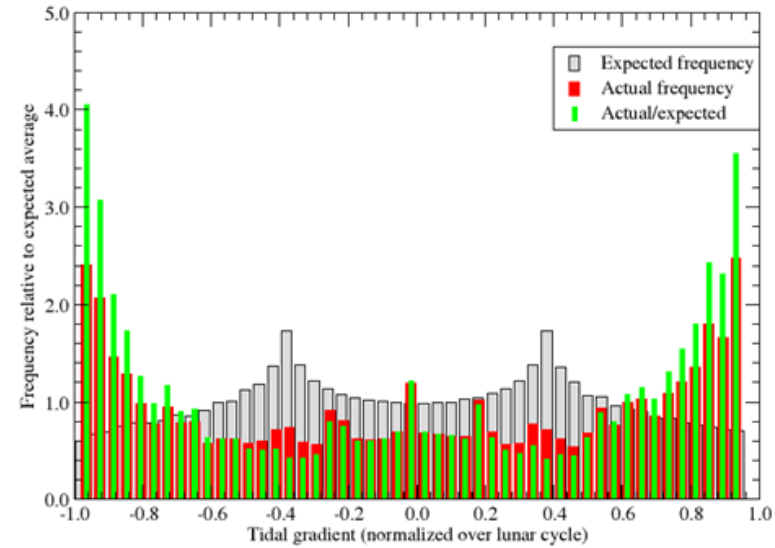
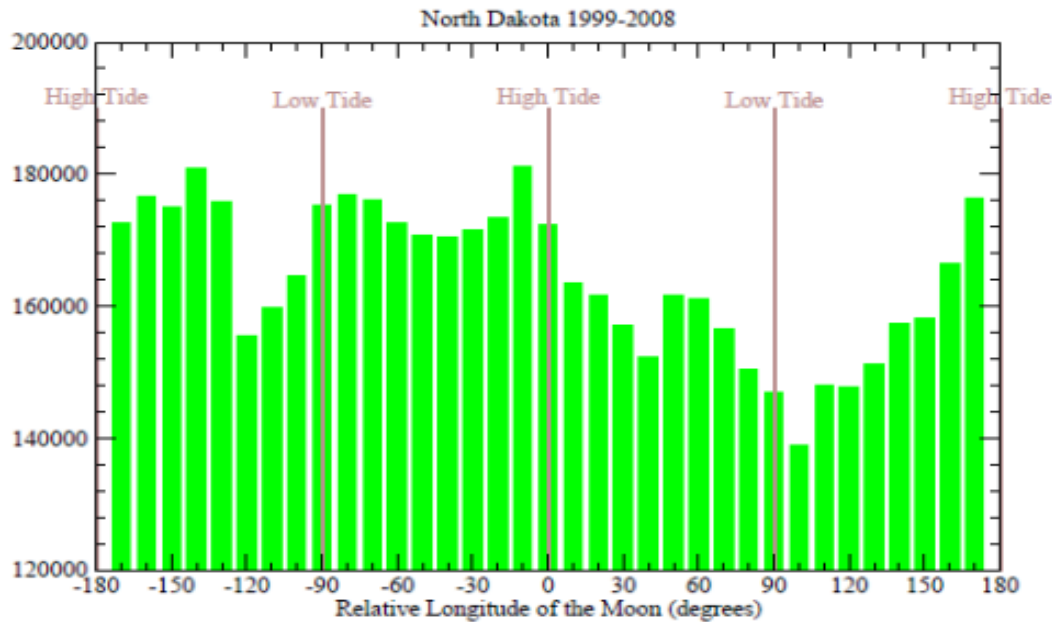




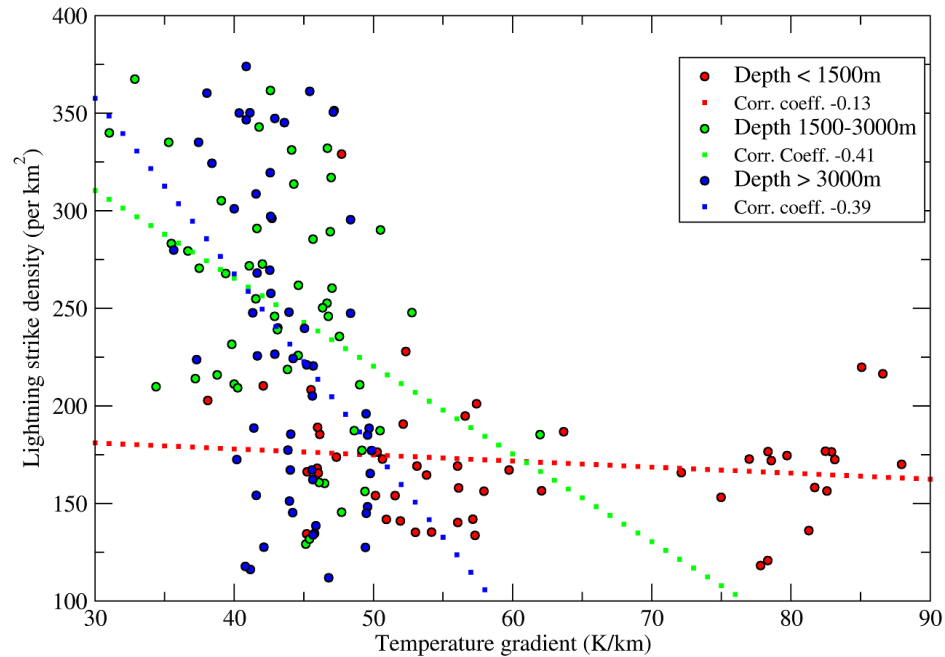
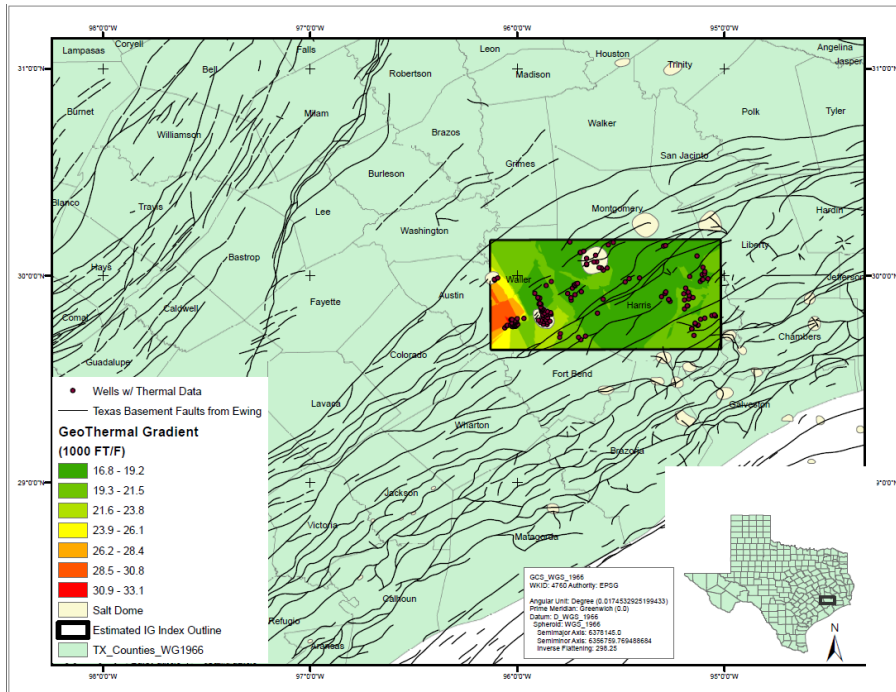
# Proactive protecting of pipelines from corrosion



# Lightning Strikes and Earth Tides



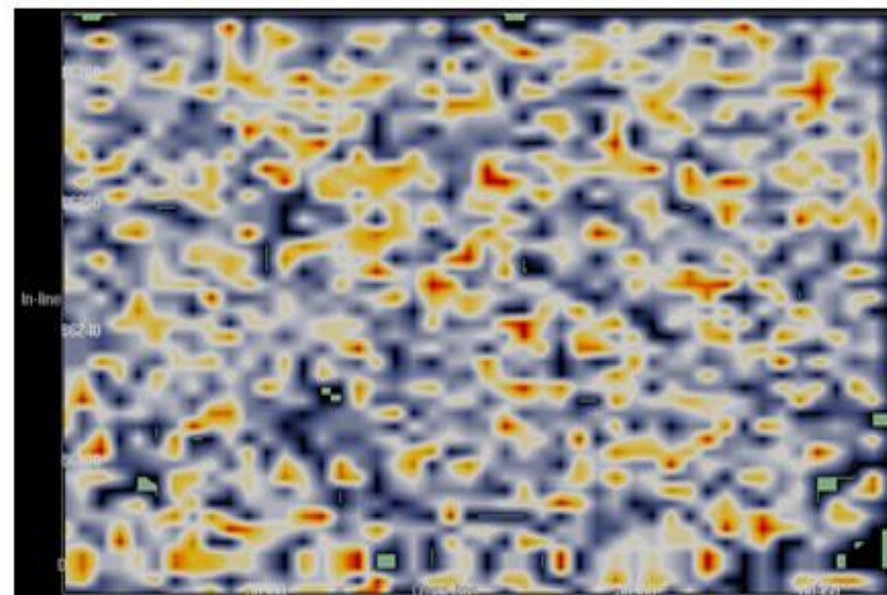
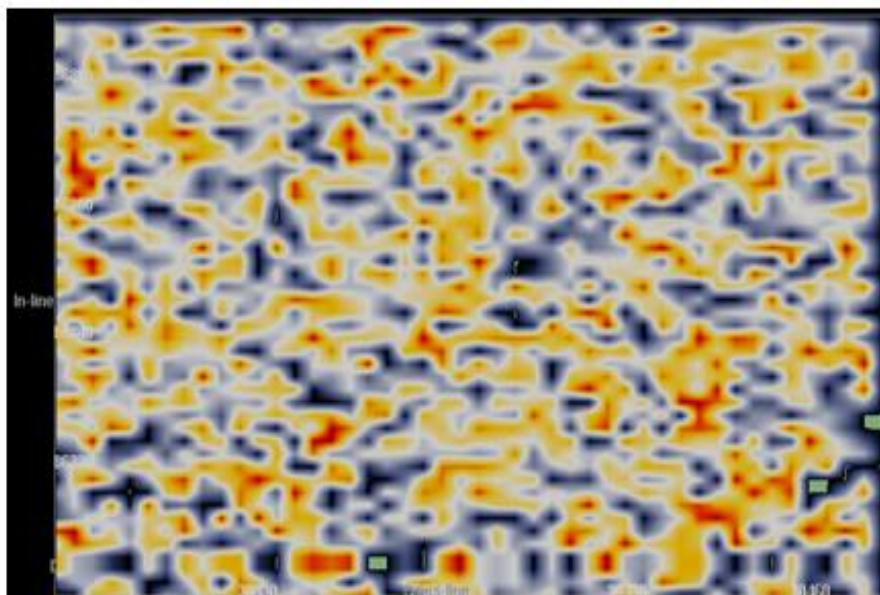
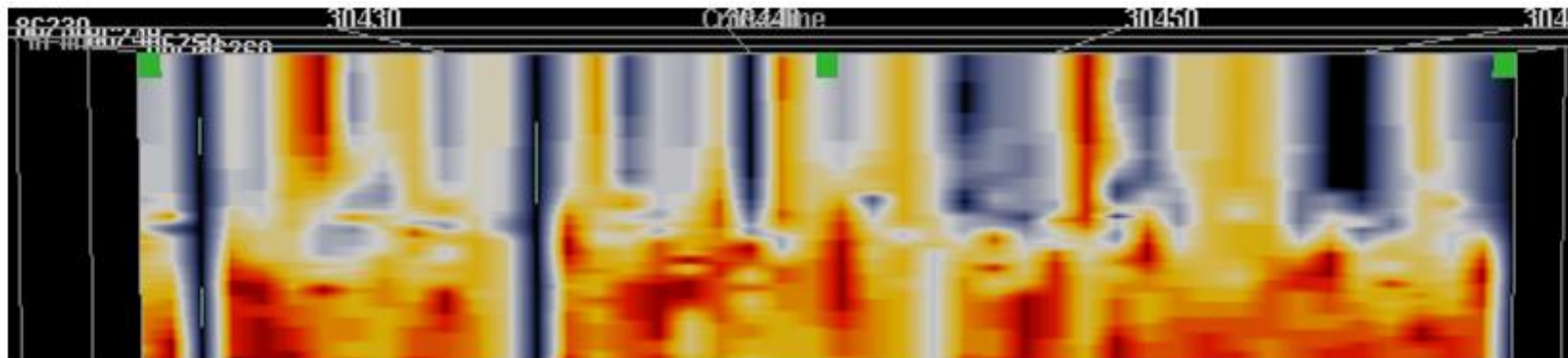
# Integration of Lightning Data with Geothermal Gradient



# Surface Resistivity and Resistivity Volumes



cumulative  
probability  
distribution



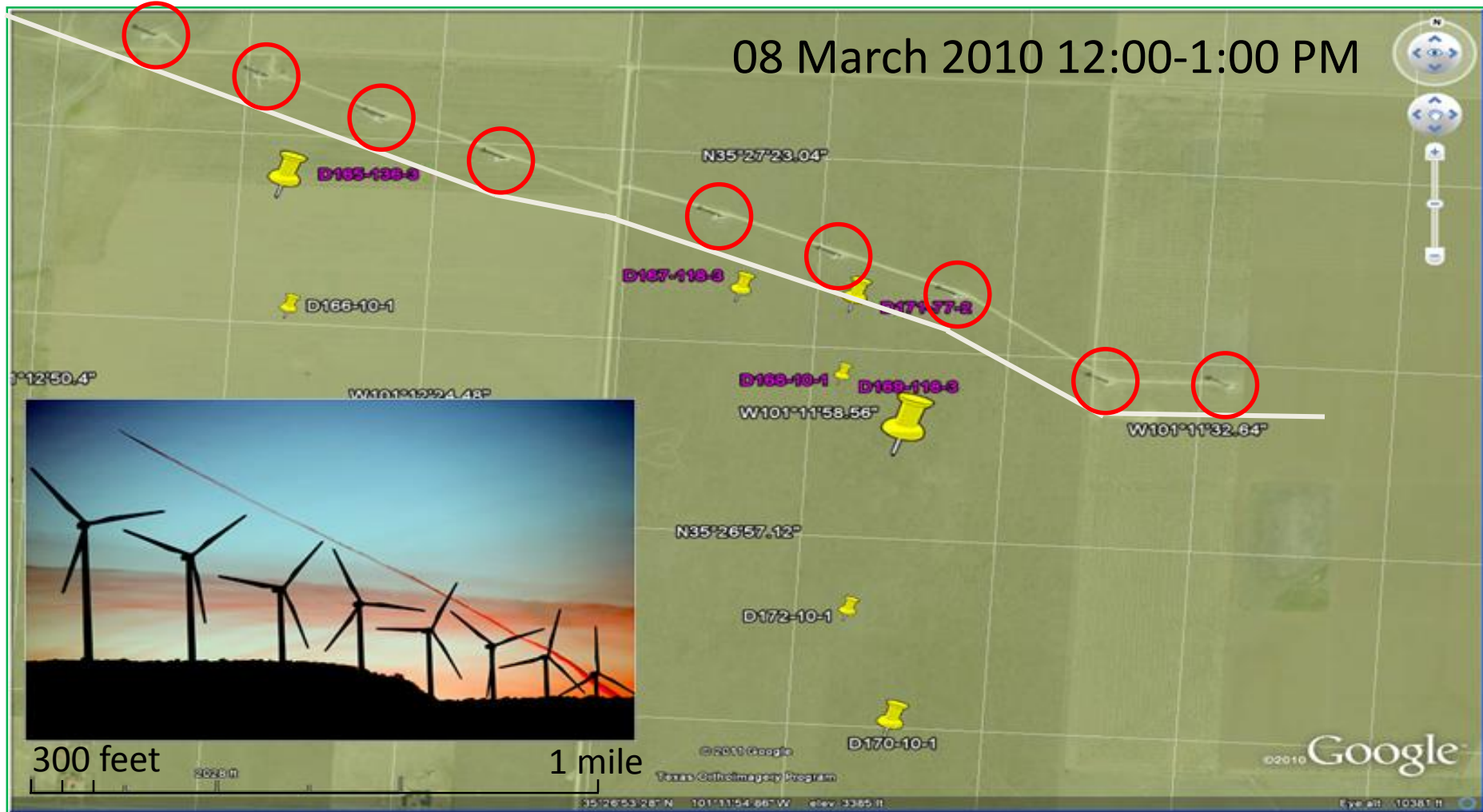
# Lightning Clusters and clusters are somewhat consistent over time



- DML has a worldwide exclusive license to use lightning data for natural resource exploration  
(15 years U.S., 3 years worldwide).
- DML has a methodology patent for using lightning data to explore for natural resources, issued 01 January 2013.
- DML has experience and a history of creativity and innovation which can be leveraged by early customers.

# Budah Limestone Analysis

2.5 x 1.25 miles = 3.125 sq. mi.



# Lightning Analysis US\$14,500.



E17 :    3.125

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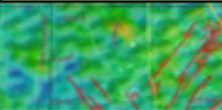

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## DML Lightning Analysis Project Price Calculator

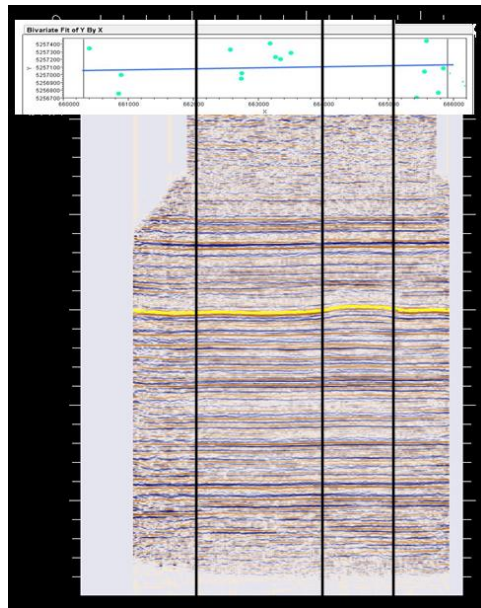
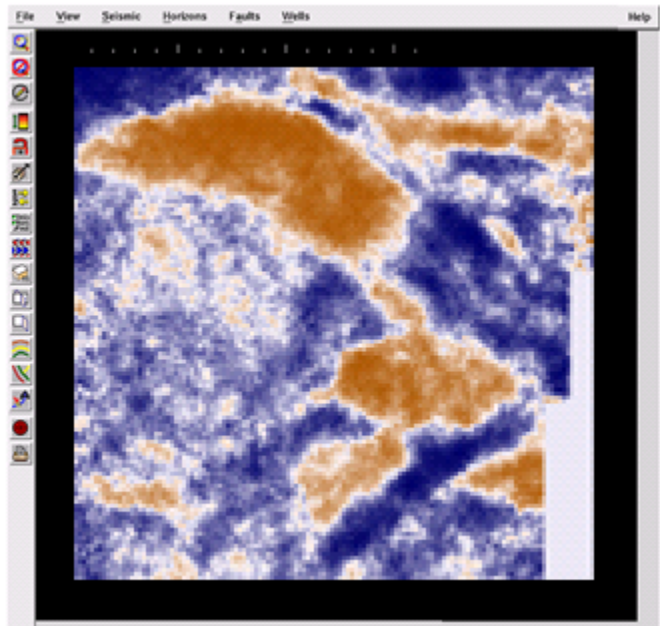
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Area (sq. km)	8			Price (\$US):	\$14,446.81

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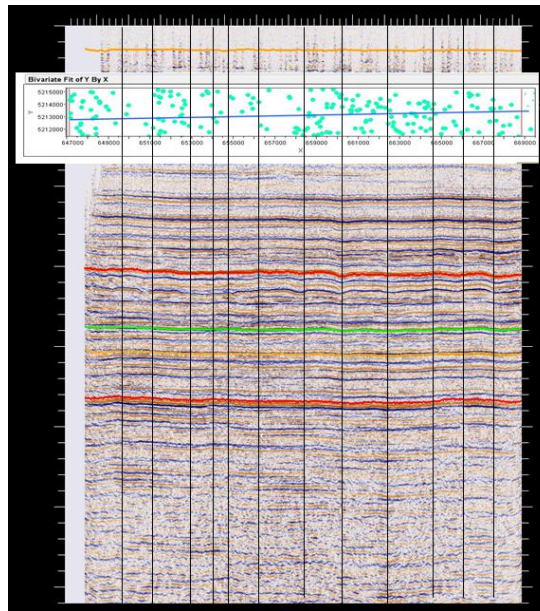
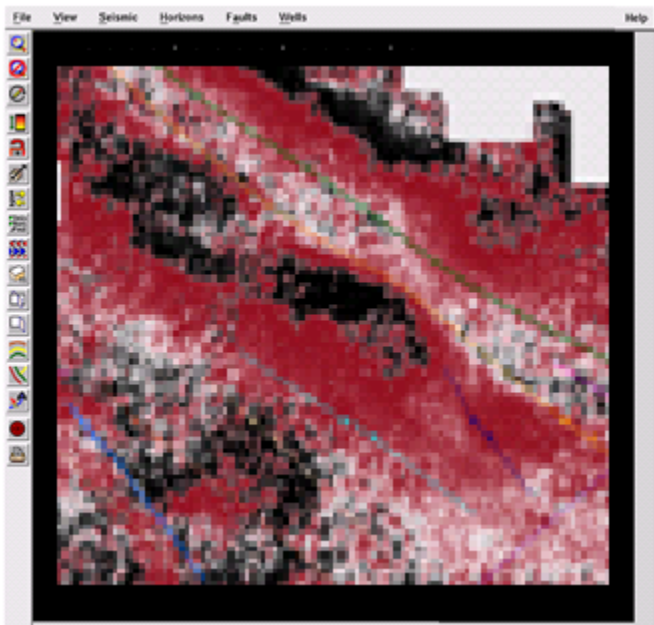
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Few Faults  
(20 sq. km.)

VS.

Many Faults  
(575 sq. km.)







US\$19,765 for 20 sq. km.

VS.

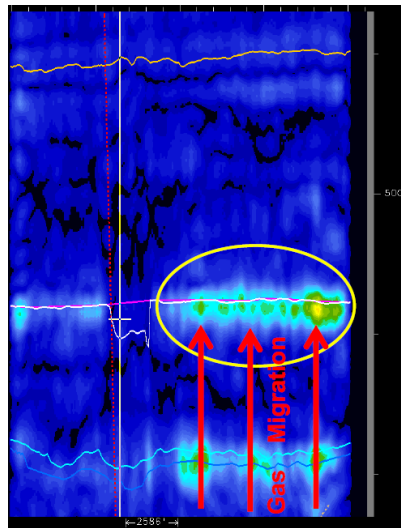
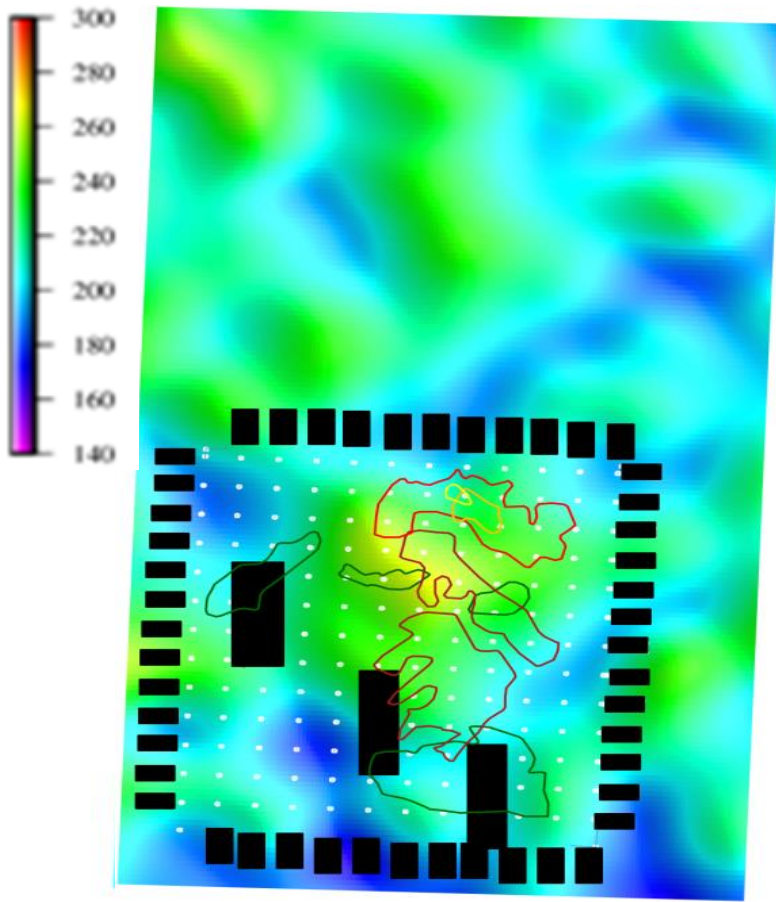
US\$63,288 for 575 sq. km.

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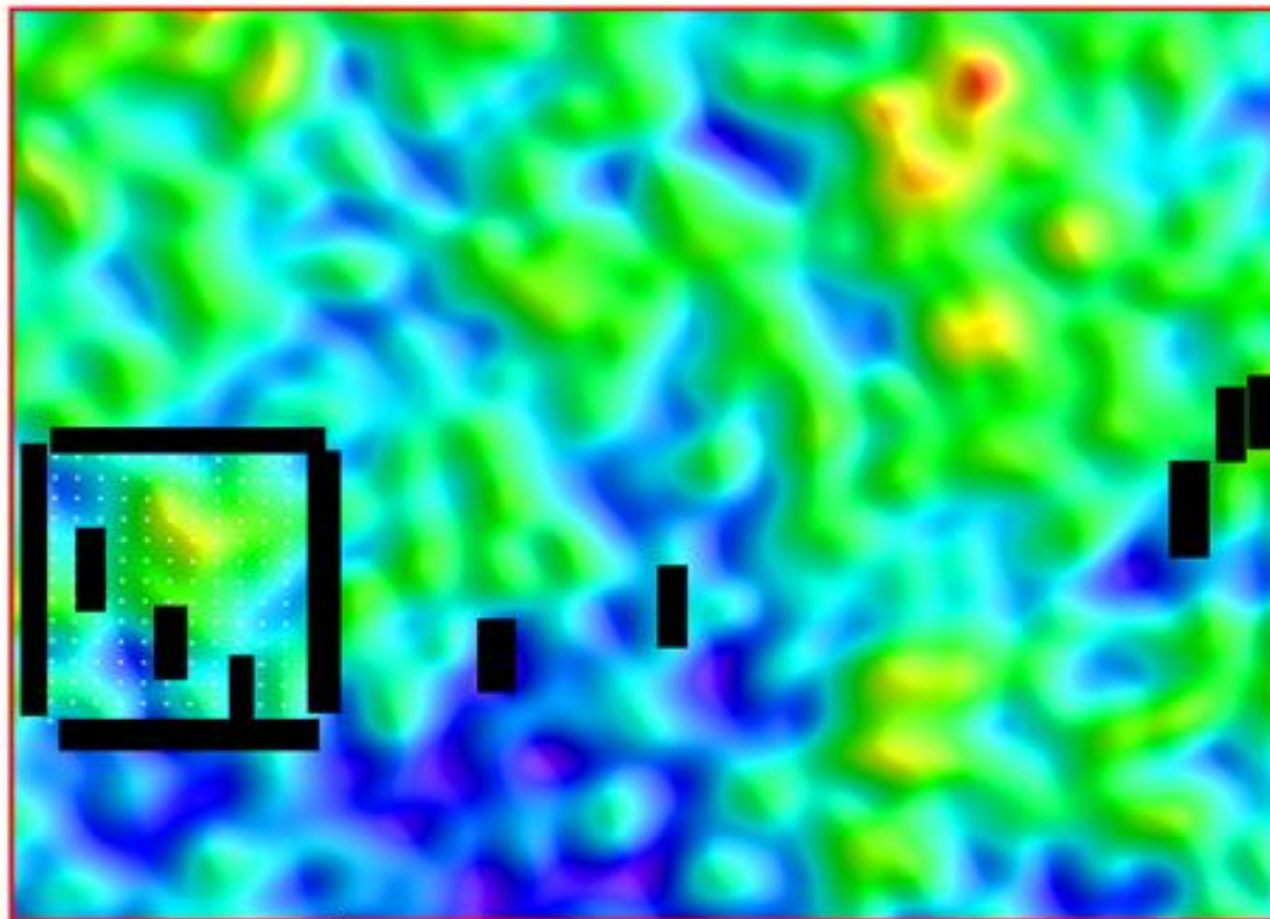
# Prospect Scale Analysis

6.2 mi. x 9.3 mi.  
or 57.66 sq. mi.

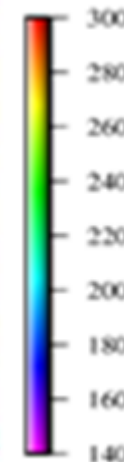
US\$39,669 + integration

E17 :    $f_x$  57.66

DML Lightning Analysis Project Price Calculator					
16					
17	Enter Area (sq. km.):		Enter Area (sq. mi.):	58	Enter Area (acres):
18	Area (sq. km)	149		Price (\$US):	\$39,668.85



miles



# Play Fairway Lightning Analysis

19.5 x 12 mi.

or

234 sq. mi.

\$64,453 +

integration

## DML Lightning Analysis Project Price Calculator

Enter Area (sq. km.):		Enter Area (sq. mi.):	234	Enter Area (acres):	
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# County or Parish Scale

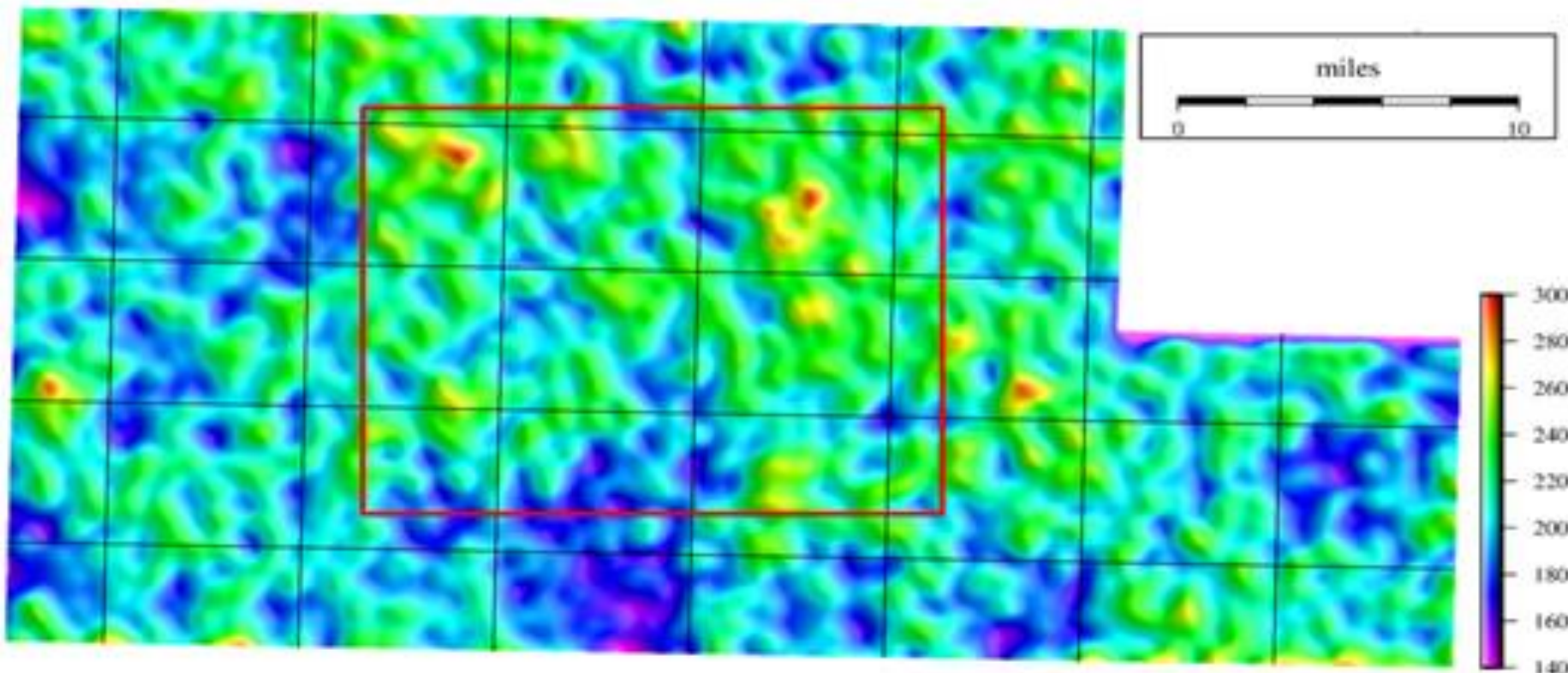
44.4 x 18.6 mi. = 826 sq. mi.



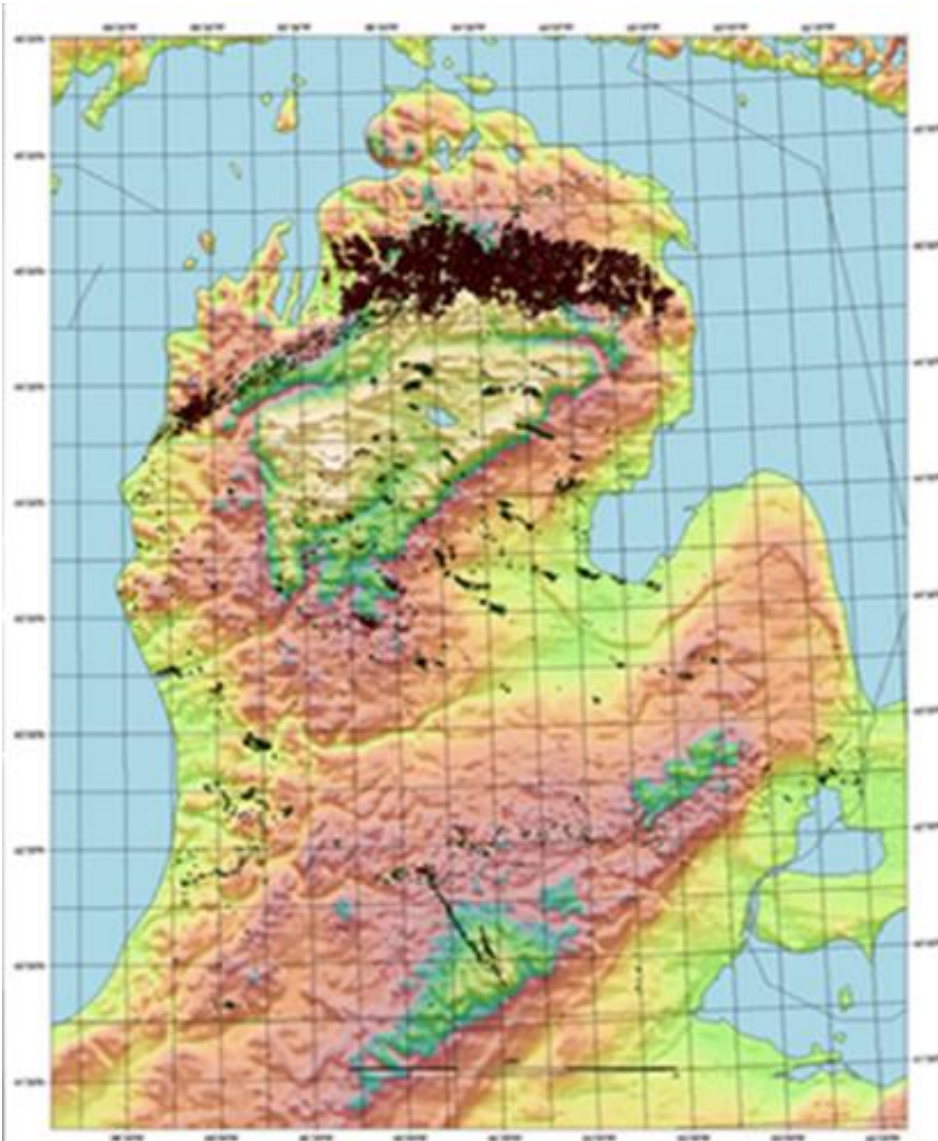
US\$99,771.

E17 :   *fx* 825.8

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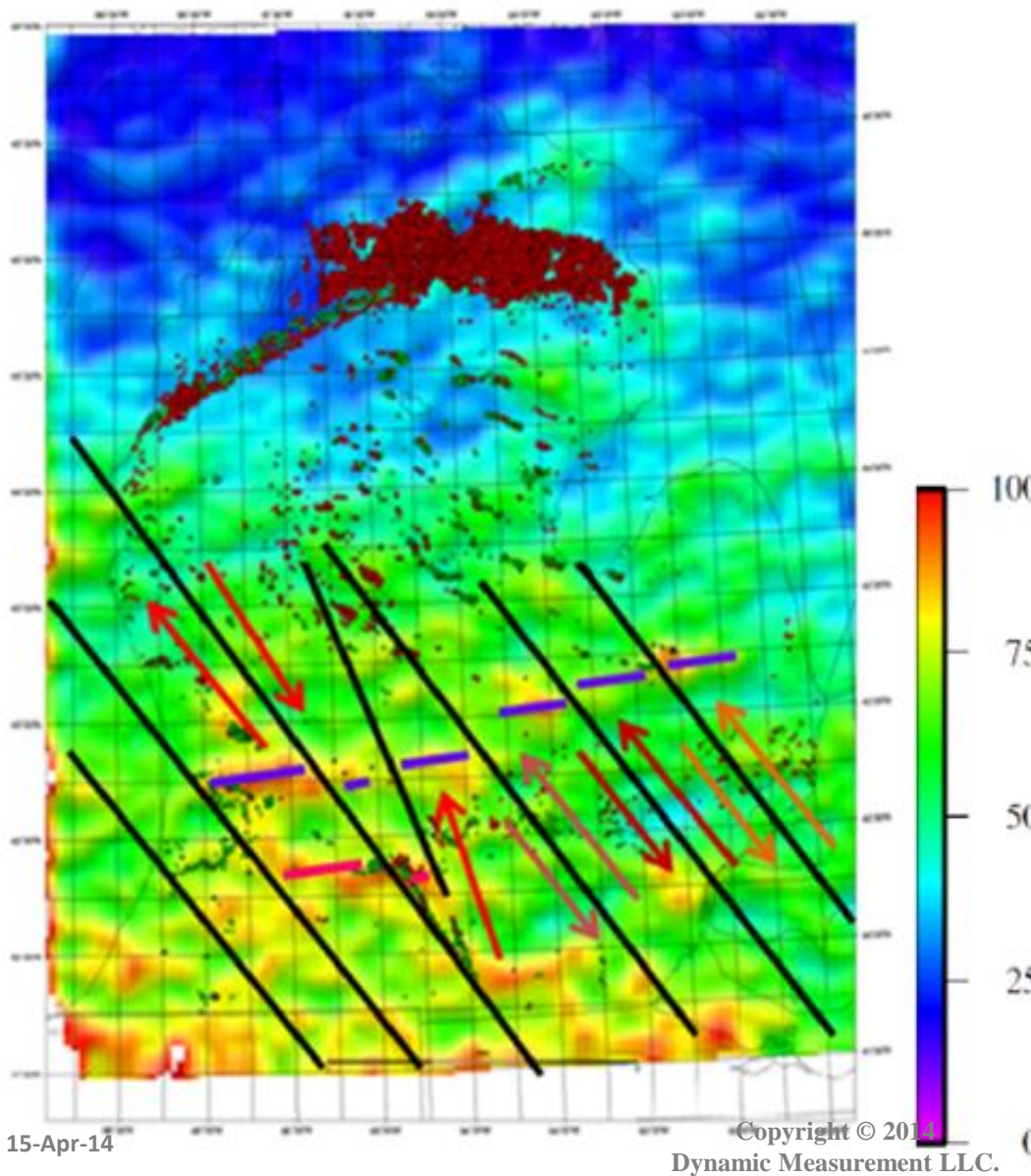
# Michigan: topography



## Basin Scale Analysis

- $87^{\circ}$  to  $-82^{\circ}$  Longitude
- $41^{\circ}30'$  to  $46^{\circ}$  Latitude
- Red dots gas fields
- Green dots oil fields
- Note Great Lakes
- Note Detroit

# Michigan: strike density



## Basin Scale Analysis

- Fewer strikes in north
- Strikes offshore
- No Detroit anomalies
- Fault interpretation is based only on lightning data and extrapolating from Albion Scipio and Stoney Point Fields

# Lightning Analysis US\$481,217.



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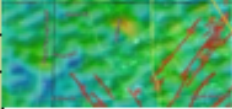

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NE Corner Longitude:	-82	N (km)	385.996897	F2Mi:	5280
NE Corner Latitude:	46	S (km)	416.167999	Area (sq km)	200580.4987
SW Corner Longitude:	-87	W (mi)	310.745820		
SW Corner Latitude:	41.5	E (mi)	310.745820		
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SE Corner Latitude:	41.5	S (mi)	258.594289	Area (sq mi)	77444.25373

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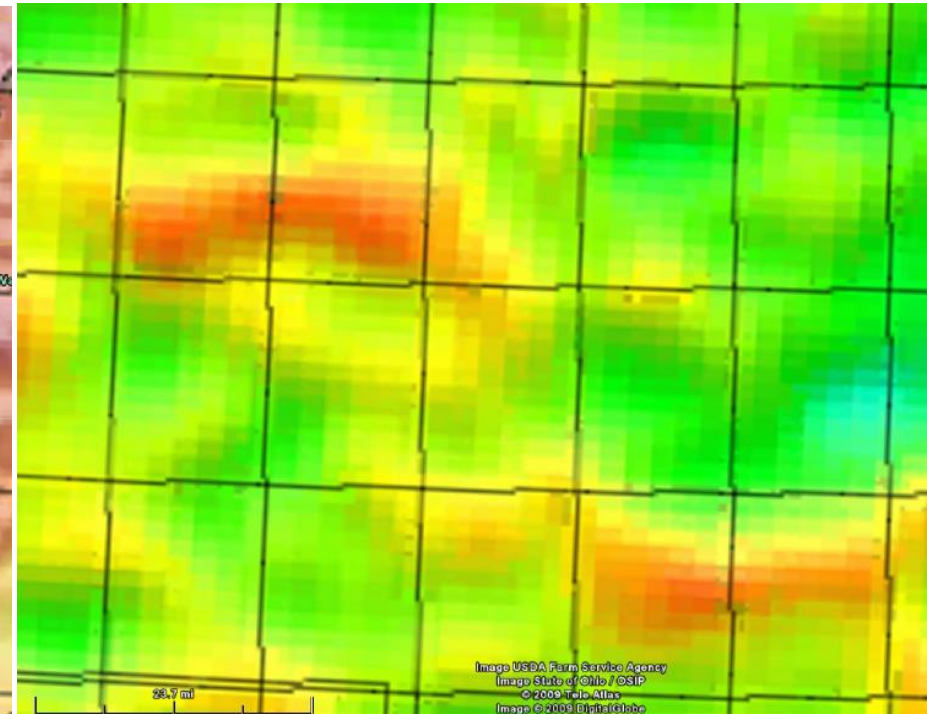
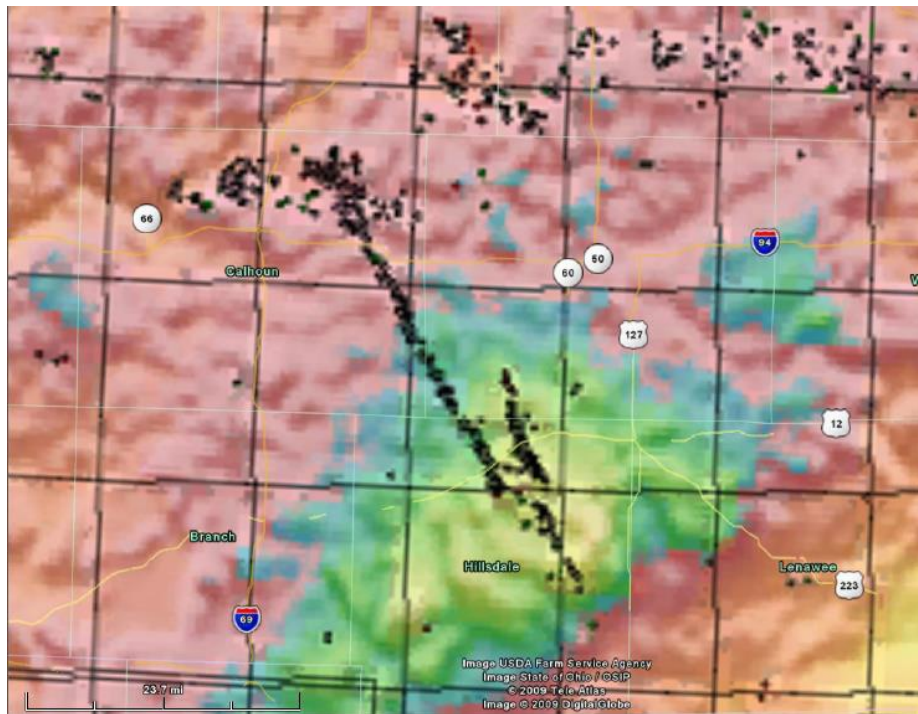
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# Michigan: strike density across the Albion Scipio Field

## Topography

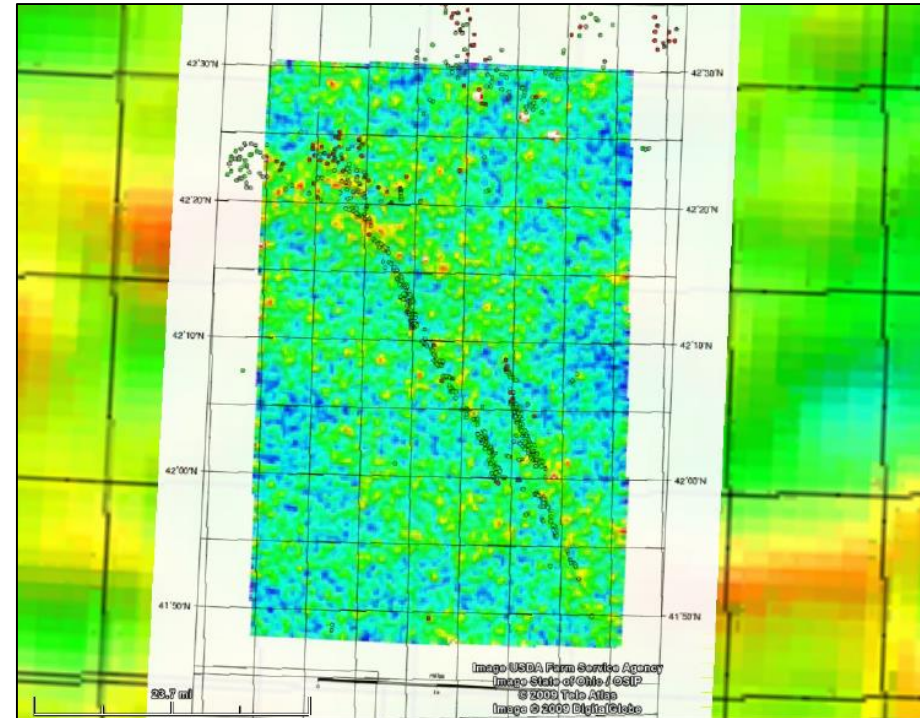
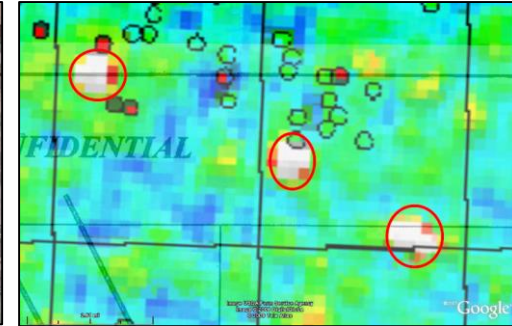
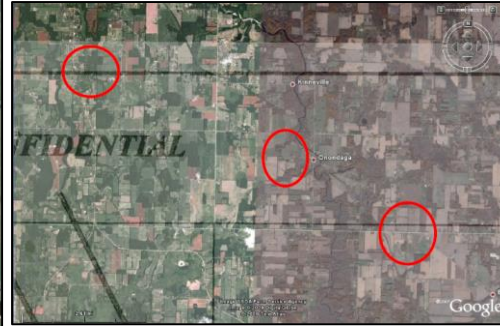
## Lightning Density 1 Mile Grid Cells





# Michigan: strike density

## Anomalies with 1,000 foot grid cells



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# Lafayette 2008 Prediction



“Oil and gas, in the earth, is far more abundant and widely distributed than is generally realized. . . . This concept will one day be proven when a direct method for locating hydrocarbons is discovered by scientists. This, in my opinion, is certain to happen in the future. When this occurs, oil and gas will be found in huge quantities, contained mostly in large stratigraphic traps that are not detectable by present-day technologies.”

Ode of an Oilman, Dan Frantzen, page 93

# Lightning Analysis



## Exploration and Development Economics

- Lightning databases exist and are evergreen.
- A lightning analysis can be done at a Basin, Parish, Play Fairway, or Prospect Scale in less than 2 months.
- Lightning analysis is a cost effective supplement to gravity, magnetics, log, and seismic analysis.
- Lightning clusters define fault frameworks and seeps.
- Fault density and orientation defines anisotropy.
- Fault frameworks optimize seismic survey design.
- Calibrated lightning anomalies define new opportunities along a trend or in a Play Fairway.

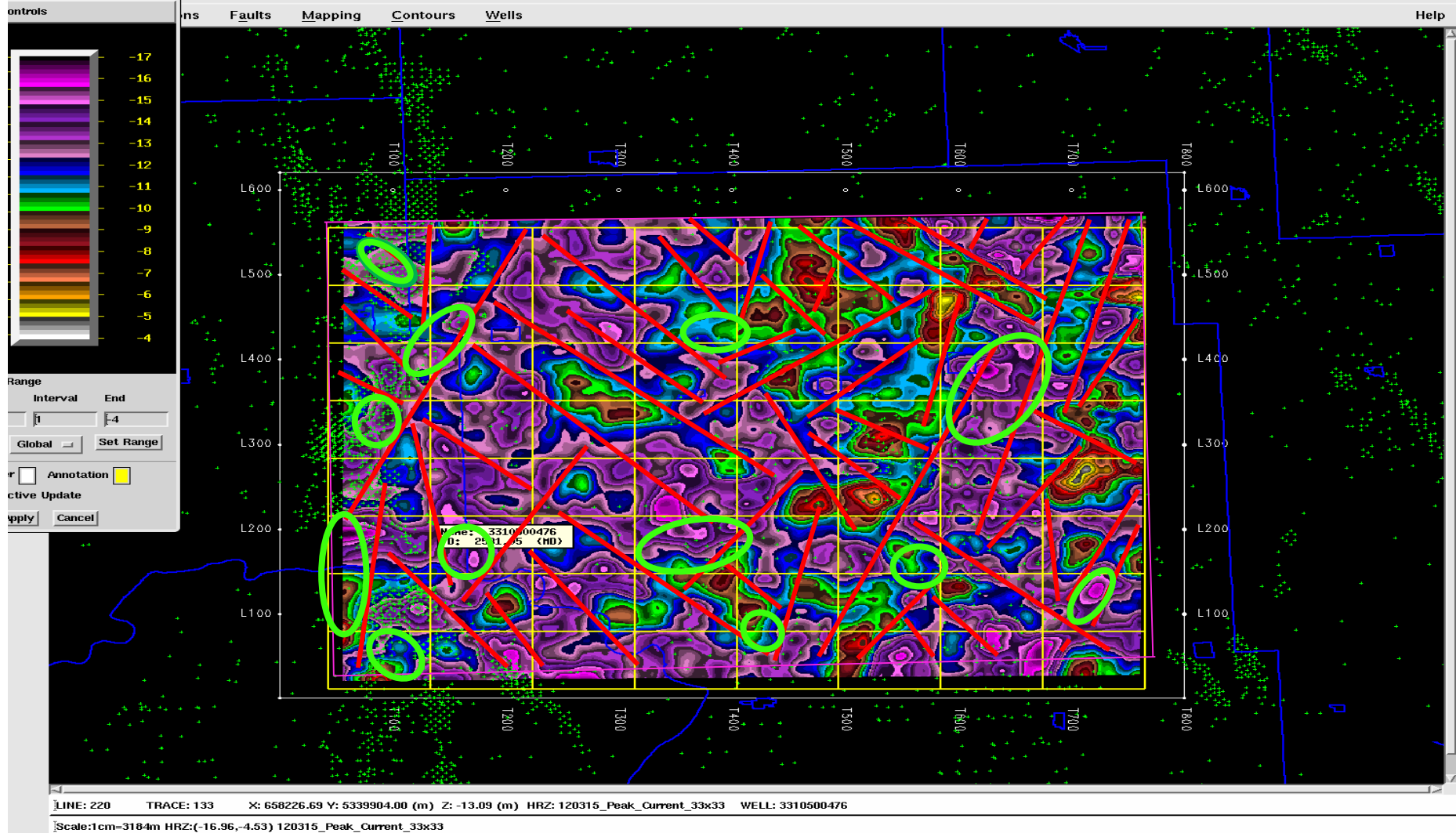
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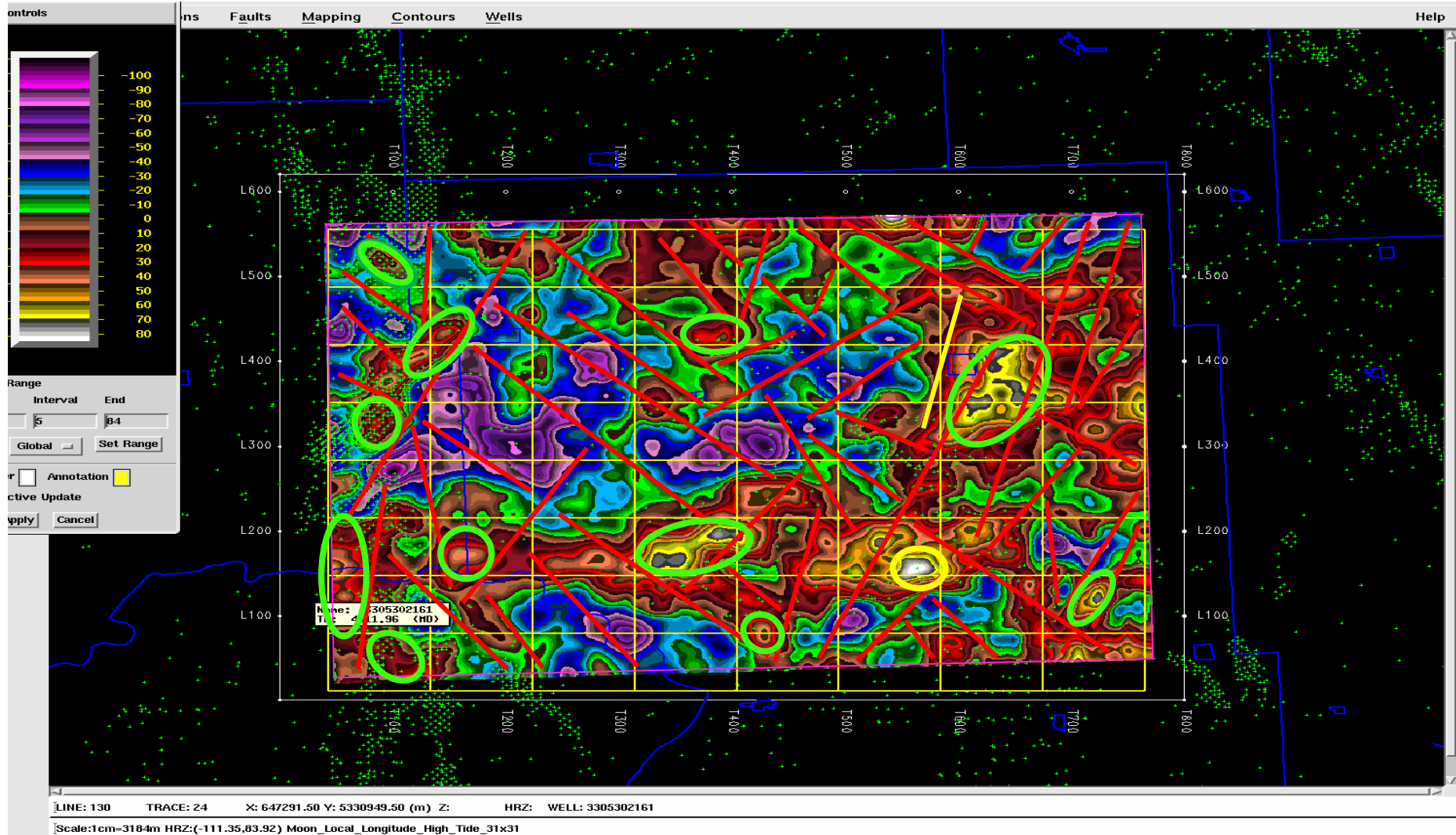
## Environmental, Permitting, and Aquifer Economics

- Resistivity volumes help rank sweet spots, which can determine which leases to keep and which to release.
- Lightning data provides a baseline snap shot of project areas.
- Analysis guides aquifer studies - pre and post production.
- Lightning analysis opens way to study methane tides.
- Fifteen years of data helps legal defense in legacy lawsuits.
- Lightning analysis defines high current zones for pipeline design.

# Example 1: Peak Current Mountrail County, North Dakota



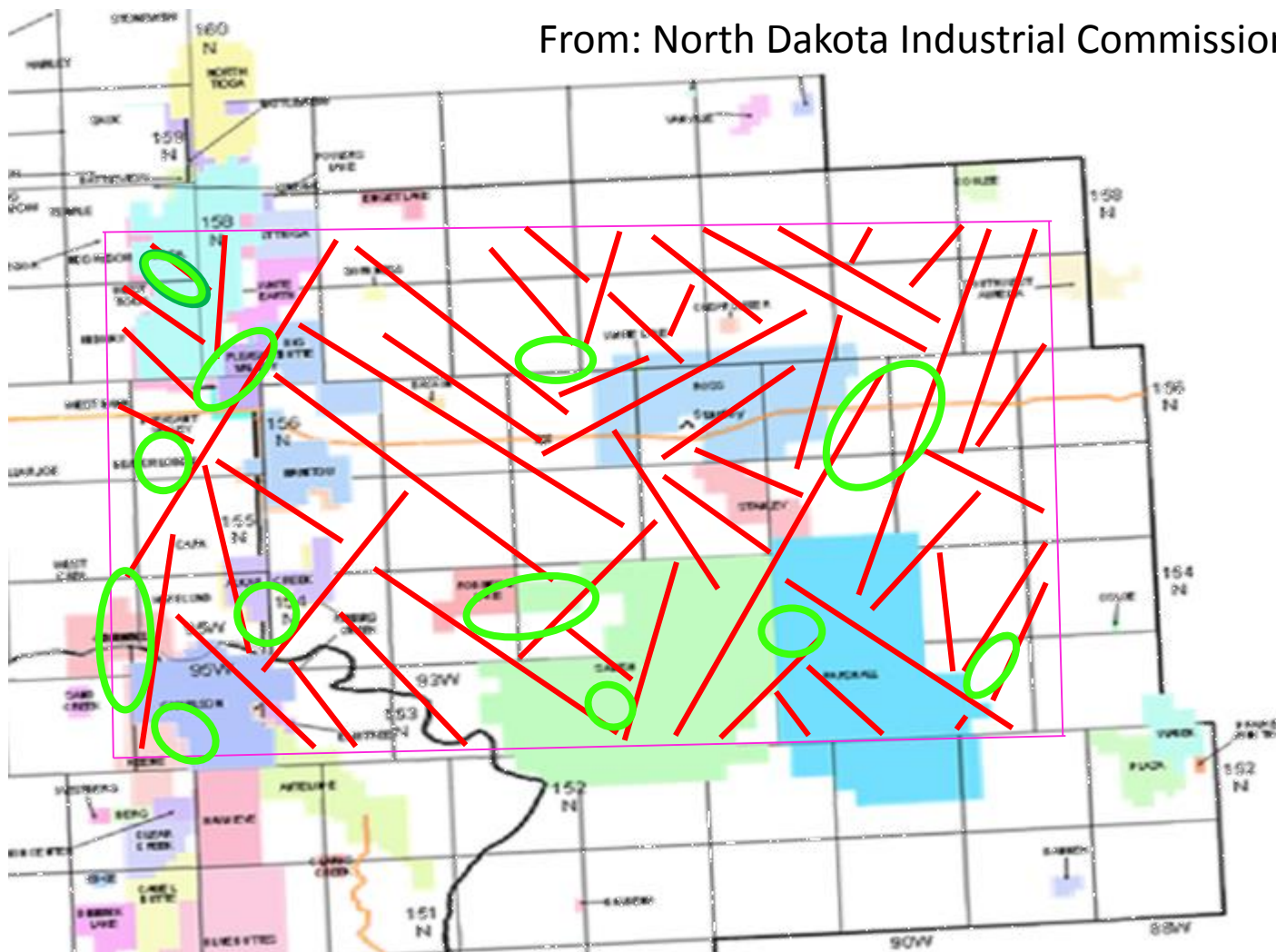
# Example 1: PC high lunar tide Mountrail County, North Dakota



# Example 1: Lineaments and Anomalies over Field Boundaries

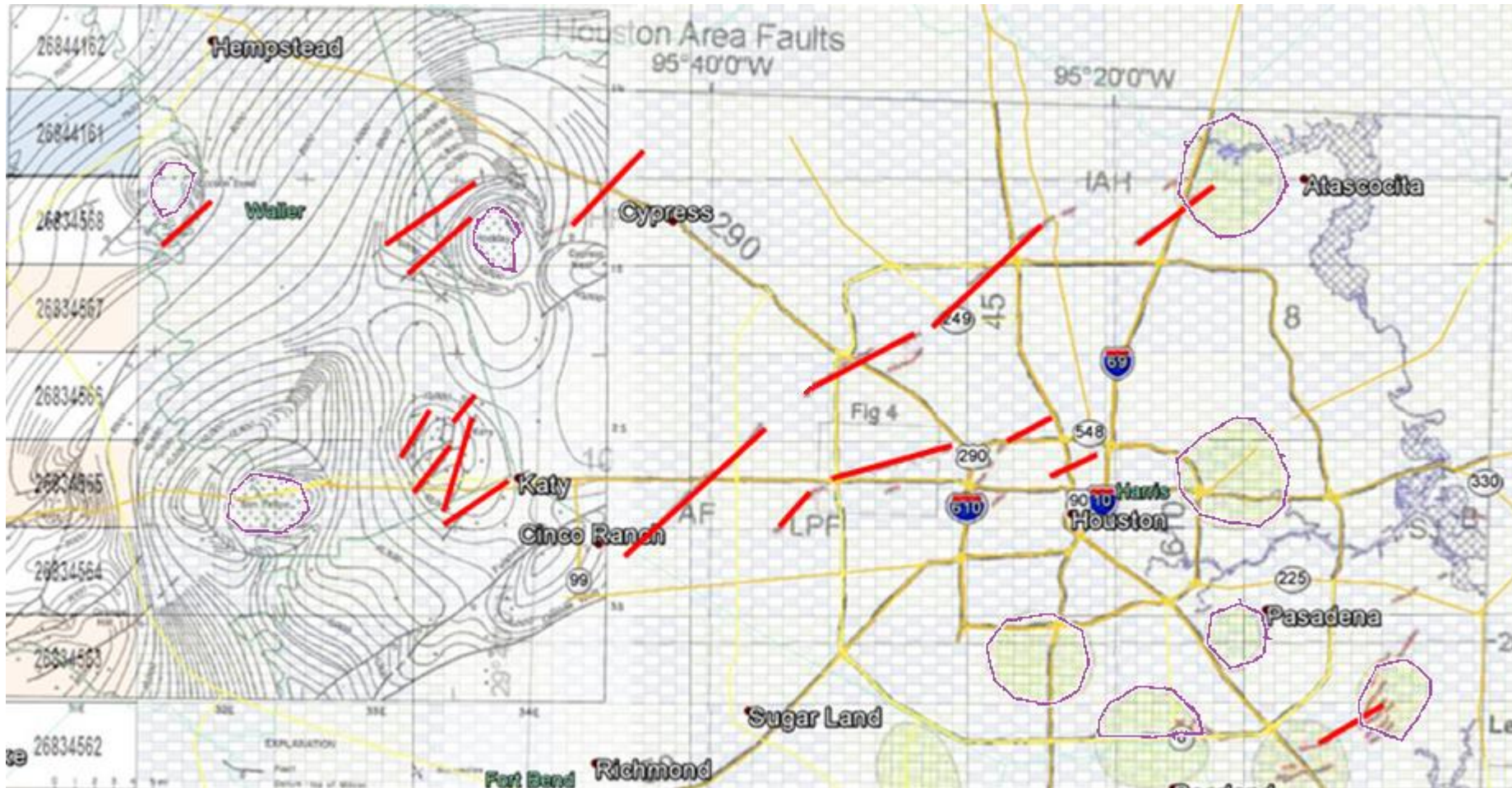


From: North Dakota Industrial Commission 1988



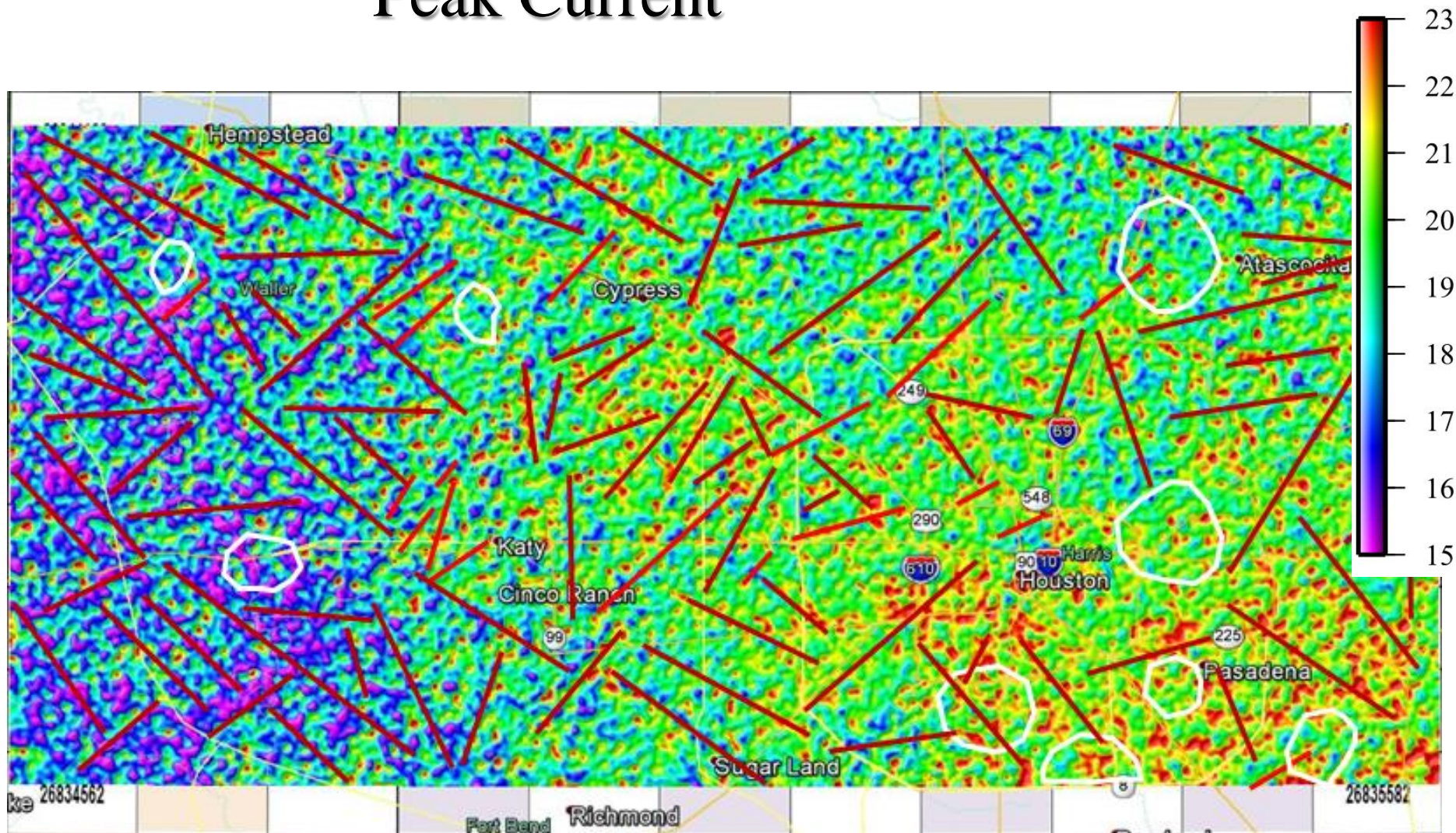
# Salt Domes and Surface Faults

## Example 2: Harris County, Texas





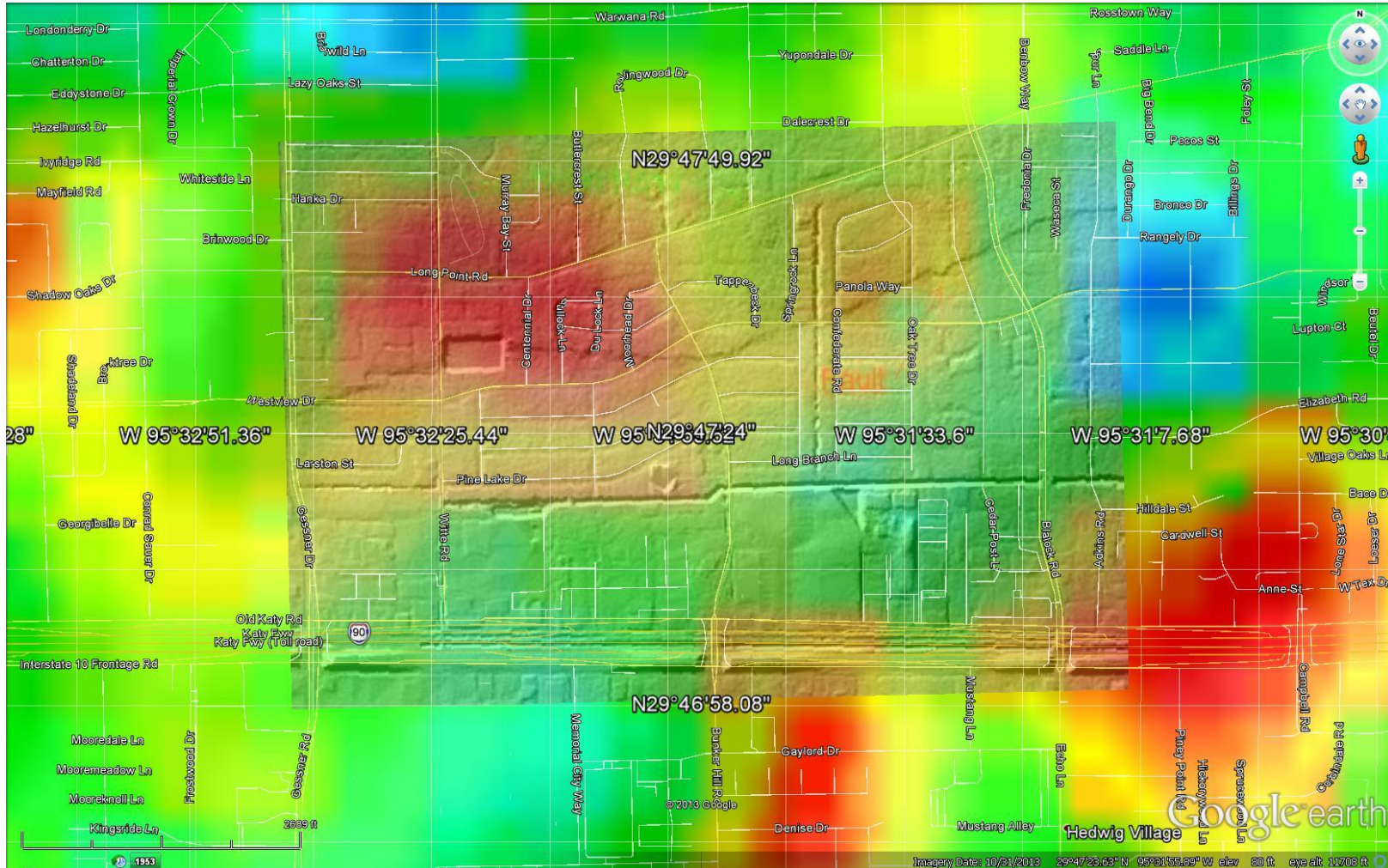
# Example 2: Harris County Area Peak Current



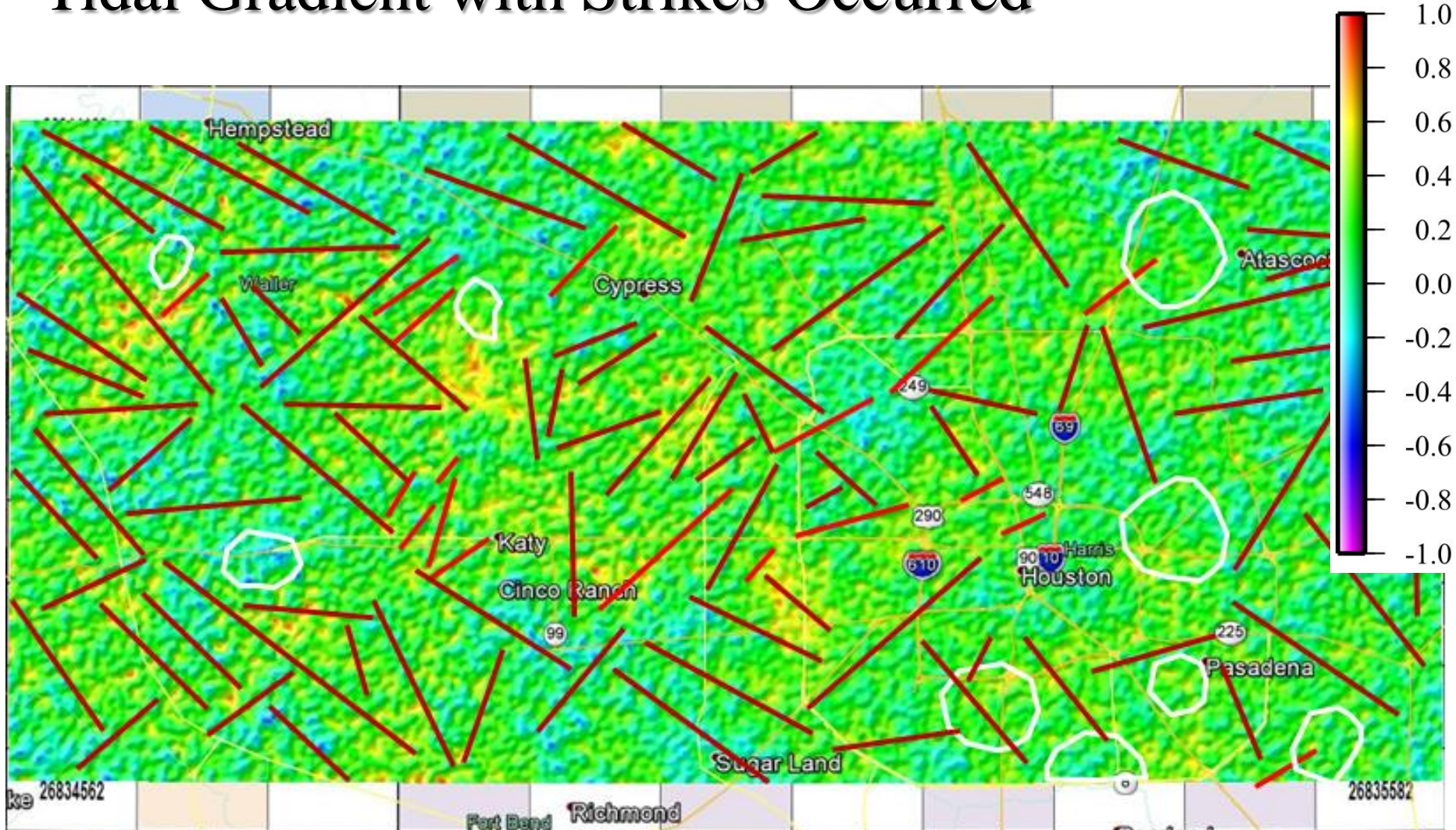
# Example 2: Harris County Area



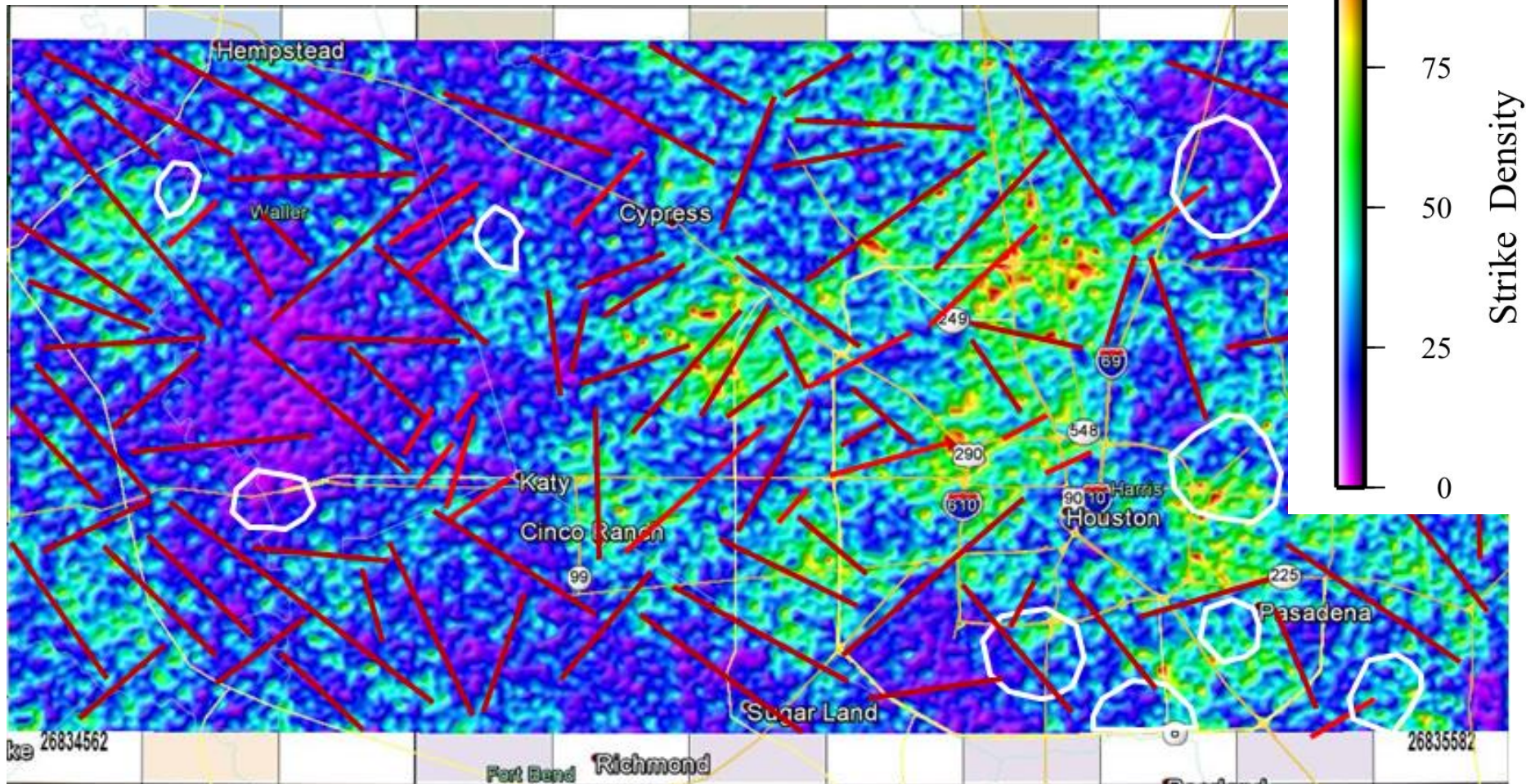
## Long Point Fault & LIDAR Peak Current



# Example 2: Harris County Area Tidal Gradient with Strikes Occurred



# Example 2: Harris County Area Strikes Density 75-100% Tidal Flood





# A New Business Enterprise: The Technology and Economics of Lightning Analysis

