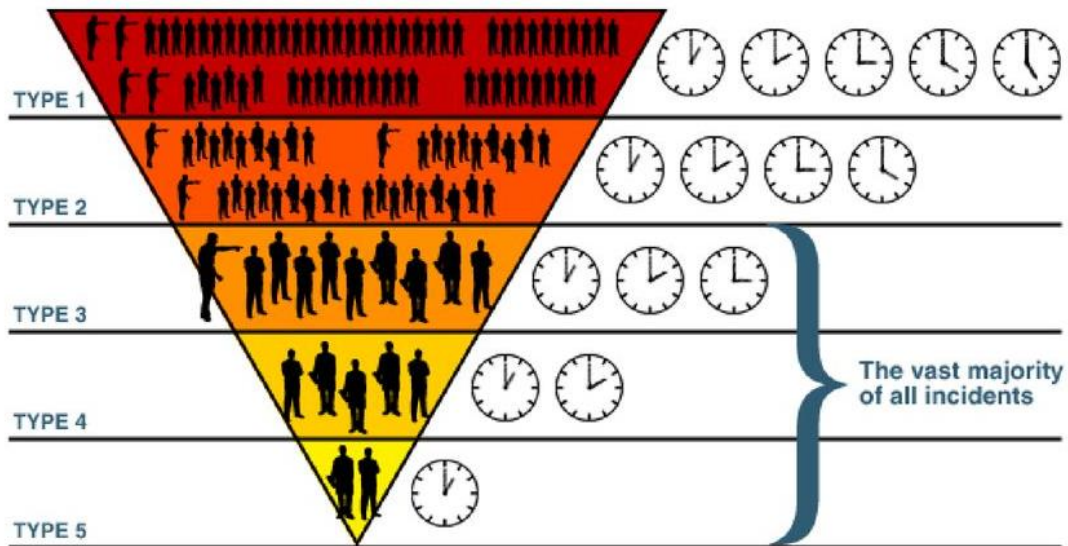


# WUI Fires in Oregon

## Complexity & Response

### Incident Complexity



### Oregon Fire Mutual Aid System



- 1. Local Response**  
Initial attack by AHJ or nearby agencies
- 2. Local Mutual Aid**  
Local agency agreements used to bring in partners from neighboring jurisdictions
- 3. Expanded Mutual Aid**  
Local agency agreements which may be county-wide or inter-county used to bolster capability
- 4. Statewide Mutual Aid**  
Conflagration or other state-level response by resources mobilized by State Fire Marshal
- 5. Interstate Mutual Aid**  
State-level agreements allowing resources from other states to respond



**Changing the Way  
You See the Grid.**





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Conductor  
Clash



Animal  
Contact



Vegetation  
Contact



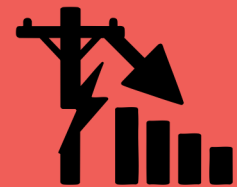
Severe  
Weather



Compromised  
Pole



Asset  
Overload



Line  
Break











# Hazard **Awareness** Delay



**Immediate  
Detection.**


**Precise  
Location.**

**Detailed  
Identification.**

**Always Active. Even During Outages.**

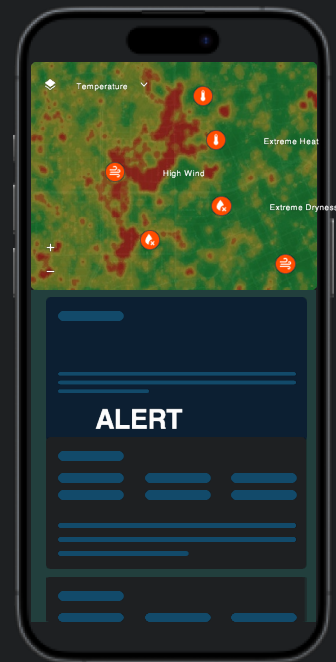


MEASURE

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UNDERSTAND







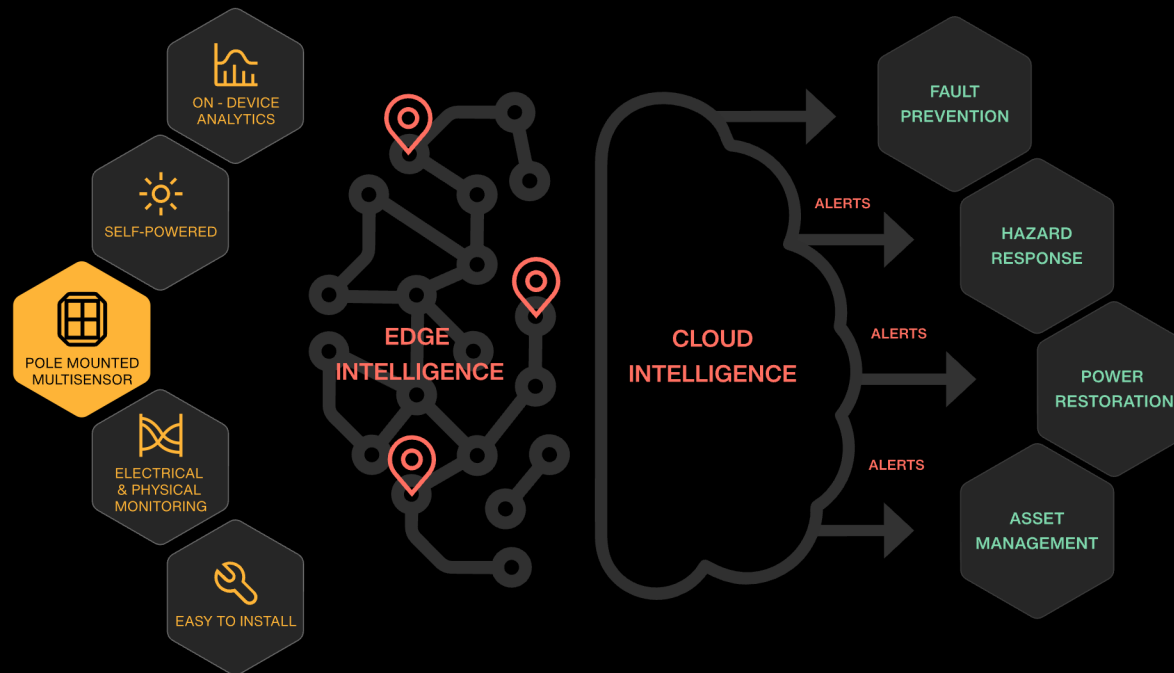
ACT



Hardware

Intelligence

Applications



MEASURE

UNDERSTAND

ACT



THIS IS

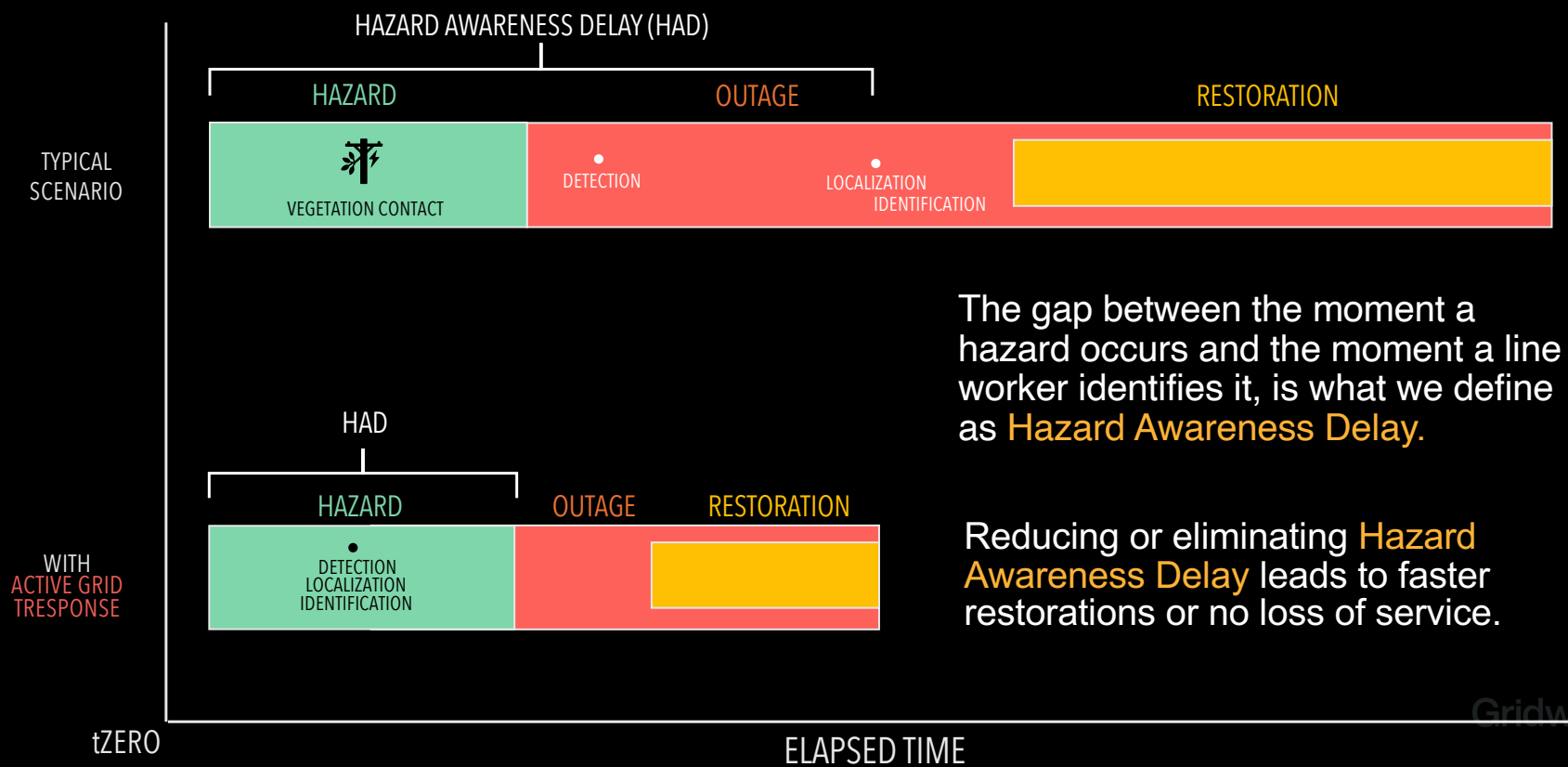
# Active Grid Response.



**And it will **change** how we see the grid.**



# Eliminating Hazard Awareness Delay.





# Safety & Ignition Risk.



# Ignition Test.

Gridware's ARC (Live Test Facility)

## **Vegetation Combustion Test:**

- Over 2 mins before combustion and flashover arcing
- 100mA fault current during initial stages of combustion

## **Research has shown (EDM):**

- Green wood is a poor conductor
- Dry (dead) wood is a very poor conductor
- Carbon or wood char is a good conductor
- Rain speeds up the fault, but does not make a difference between fault or no-fault
- Carbonization leads to low-impedance

*Combustion times vary leaving time to respond*





# Tree on Covered Conductor.

07/05/24 @ 8:41:07p



## Report

**Date:** 12/13/24 at 07:32:55 PT

**Status:** Emergent event, energized line

**Alert:** On 12/13/2024 at 07:32:55 US/Pacific a Gridscope device on Pole XXXXX experienced a vibration indicative of vegetation impacting primary distribution lines. A safety hazard may be present. Lines remain energized.

**Date:** 12/13/24 at 08:47:46 PT

**Status:** Resolved

**Utility Response:** Event entered into system as a "hazard tag" with no associated outage. Crew arrived on site, de-energized, removed tree before it could do damage.

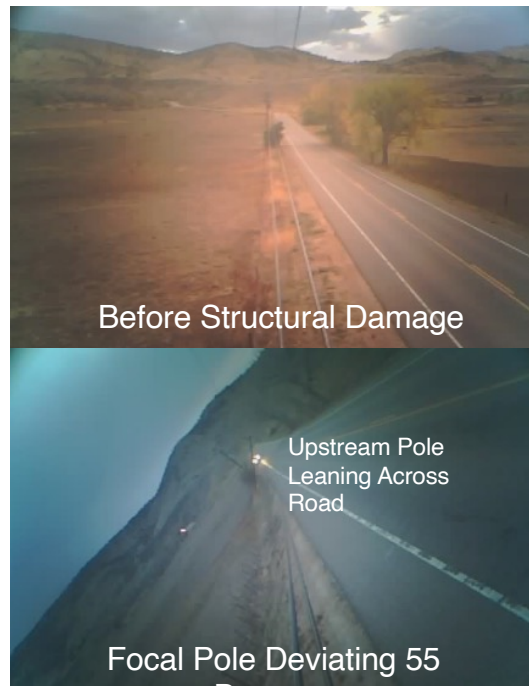
**Re-energization occurred 1 hour 15 minutes after impact.**

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# Wind-Driven Pole Structural Damage.

3/17/25 @ 6:30p



During a red flag warning **wind gusts in excess of 45 mph** causing multiple adjacent poles to structurally fail, without making contact with the ground – **lines remained energized.**

Subsequent **fire spread modeling** on this ignition point had this impacting

**3200** ACRES

**360** STRUCTURES



# Tree on Line - HIF.

07/05/24 @ 8:41:07p



Tree falls and hangs on energized lines leading to a high impedance fault. EPSS enabled on circuit without a protective function initiated.

“

When he arrived onsite, he saw a branch had fallen and was burning on our lines – and said if this had not been reported or dispatched it would have surely caused a forest fire.

”

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# Bird Phase-To-Phase Causes Ignition.



9/6/24 @ 12:19p



“

This would have  
been a major fire  
today, if we didn't  
get that alert!

”

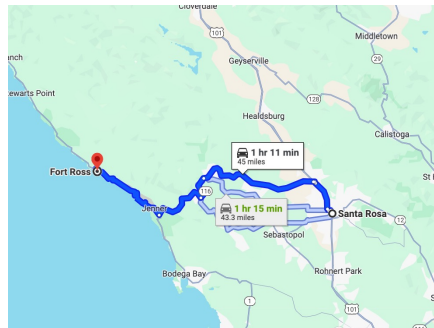
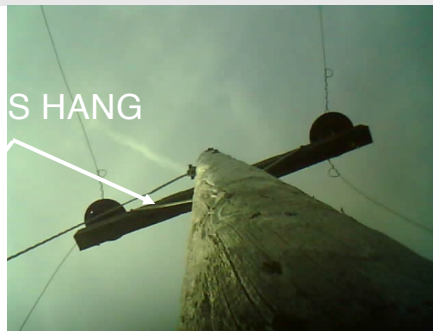


# Resilience & Situational Awareness.



# Tree Takes Down Lines.

1/06/24 @ 11:48a



Crew was dispatched without T-man, saving at least 1hr 11min.



# Trees Down 14 Lines in 24 Hours.

02/04/24



Full visibility even though lines were deenergized



X=Tree strikes

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# Thank you!

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