

# Facility Dynamics

## *ENGINEERING*

### **Inputs and Outputs – The Field Perspective**

Code Issues, Physical Issues, and Terminal Strips

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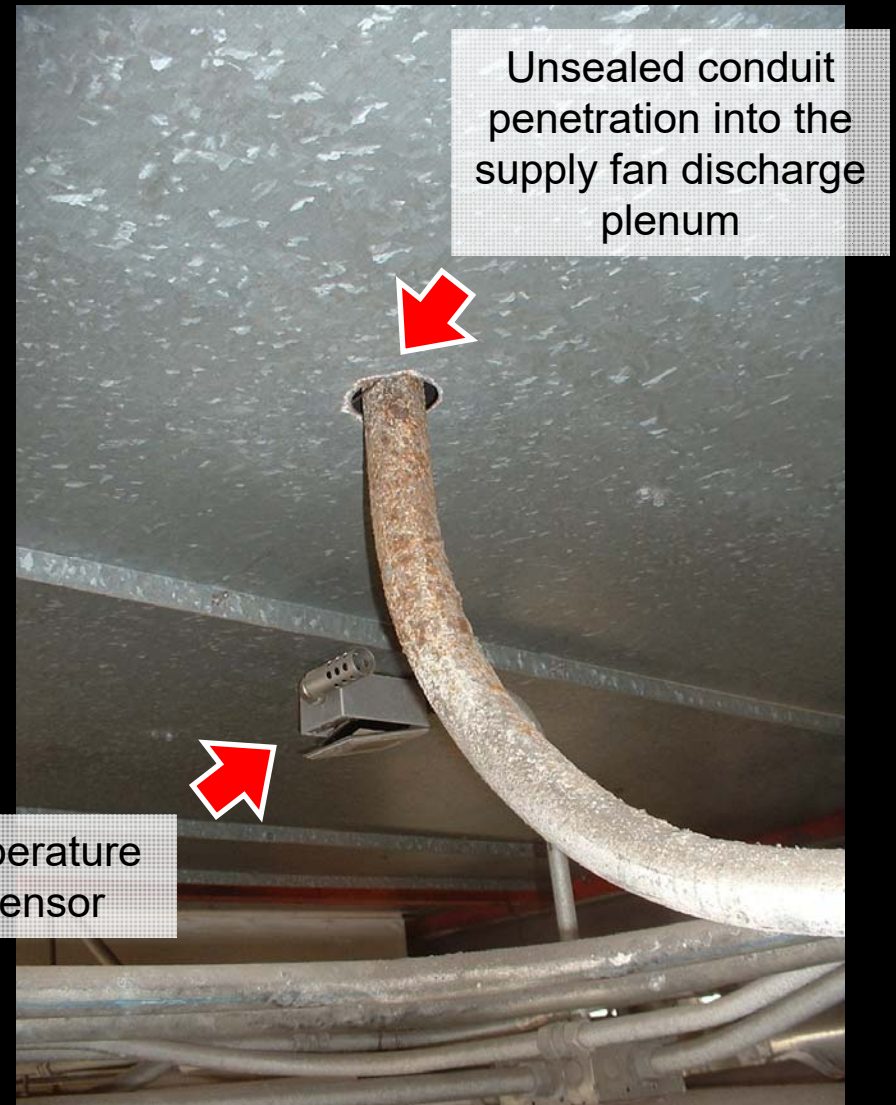
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# What We Will Cover

- Code issues that impact control systems
- Physical issues that impact control systems
- Specialized terminal strips that can facilitate installation, troubleshooting and persistence

# DDC Systems are Electrical Systems

The electrical installation can be critical to the performance of the DDC system



Outdoor air temperature  
and humidity sensor

Unsealed conduit  
penetration into the  
supply fan discharge  
plenum

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  - Class 1, Class 2, and Class 3 Remote-Control, Signaling, and Power-Limited Circuits
- Article 750
  - Energy Management Systems
  - Prohibits shedding life safety/missing critical loads
  - Prohibits overloading circuits
  - Basically says “Don’t be stupid”



# NEC Article 725

- Places limitations on the power that can be delivered through a cable
  - Voltage limits
  - Current limits
- Class 1
  - Two types
  - Digital outputs
- Class 2 and 3
  - Table 11
  - Digital inputs, analog inputs, analog outputs
- Class 1 must be segregated from Class 2 and 3 and also high voltage wiring



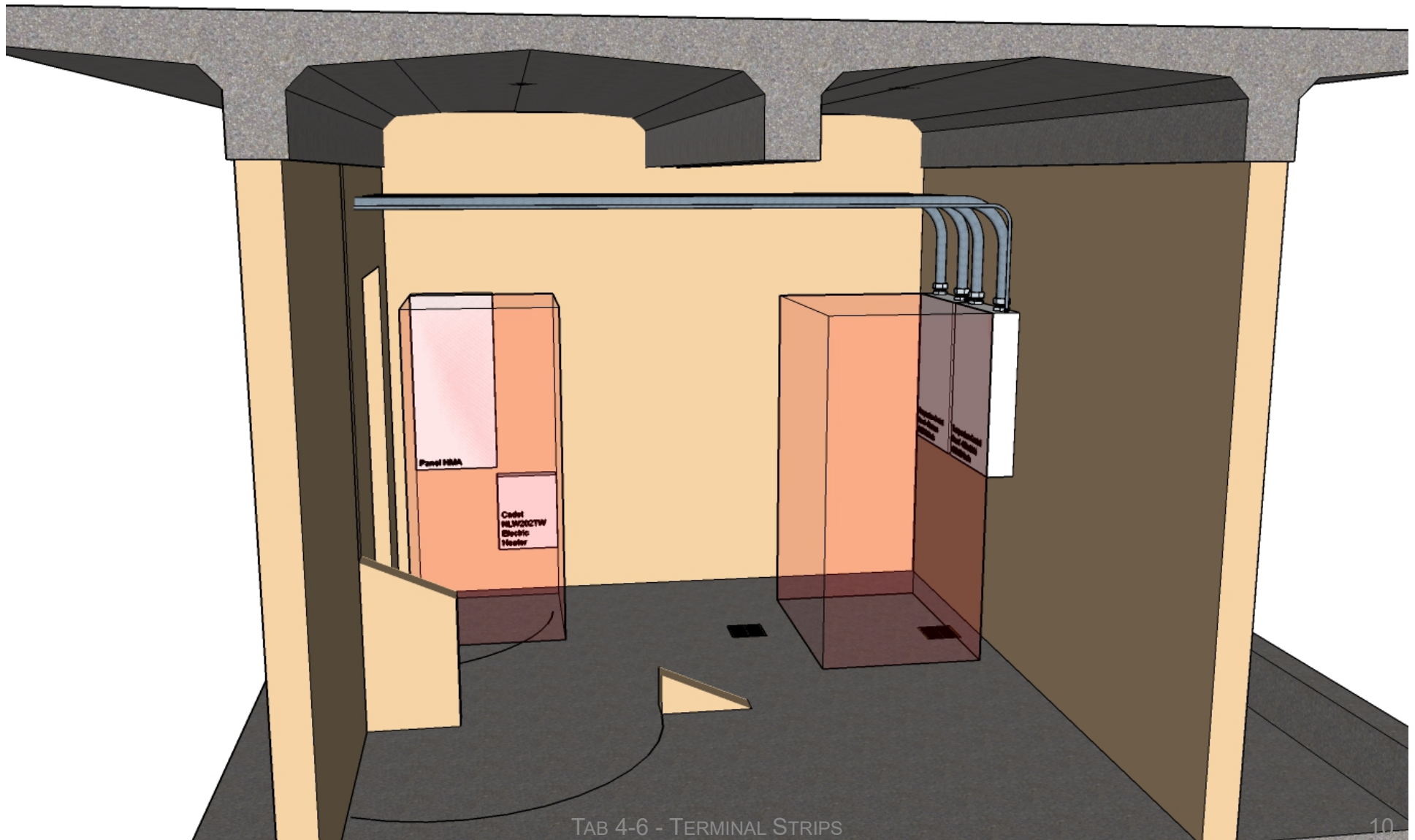


# Working Space Requirements

- Concerned with clearance to grounded objects
  - Table 110.26
  - Different requirements for different voltages to ground
  - Different requirements for different defined conditions
  - For most control systems
    - 3 feet in front of the panel
    - You have to be able to open the door
    - The space extends from the floor to 6'6" or the top of the panel

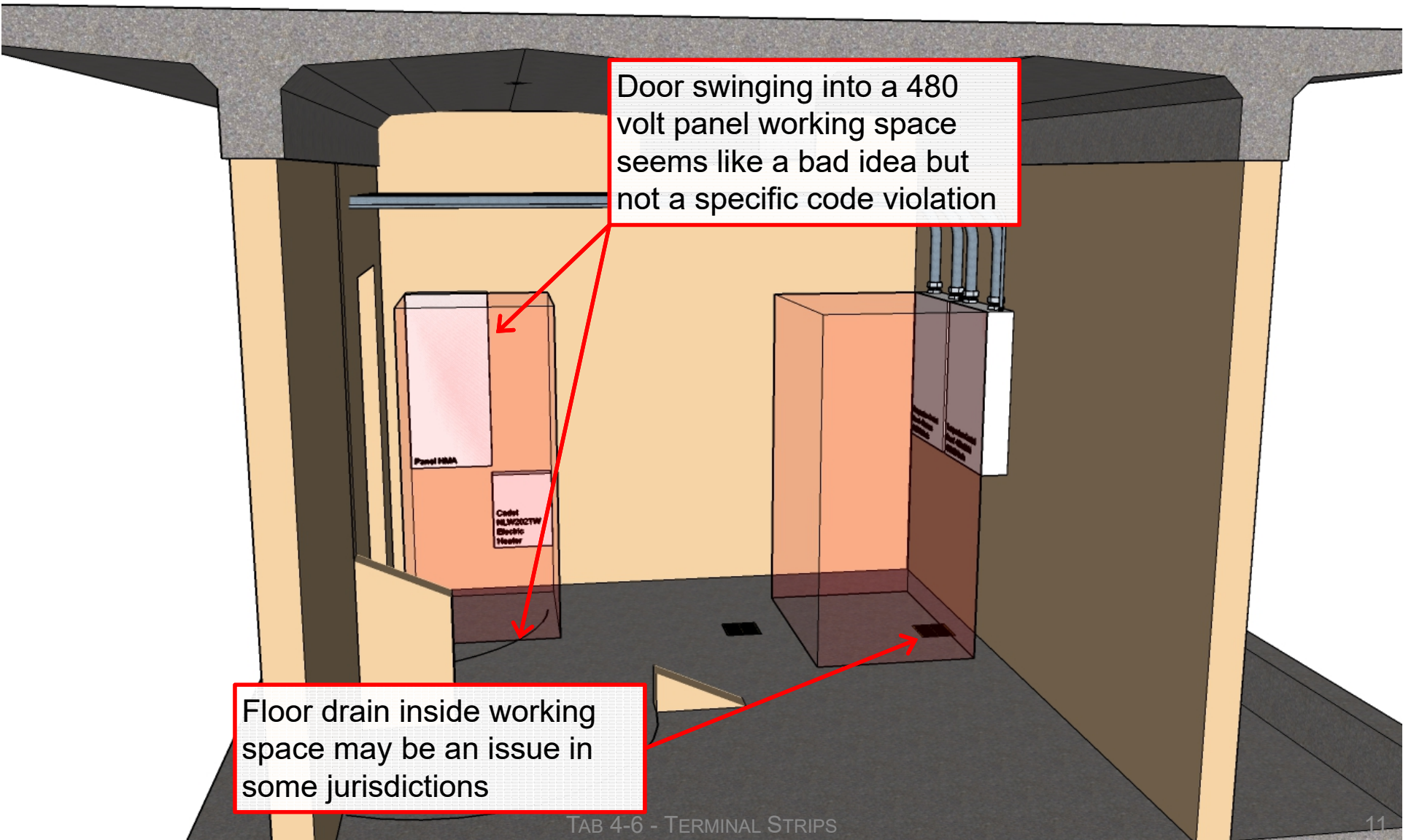


# Working Space; An Example



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Coordinated at 60% CDs; Everything Looks Fine



Door swinging into a 480 volt panel working space seems like a bad idea but not a specific code violation

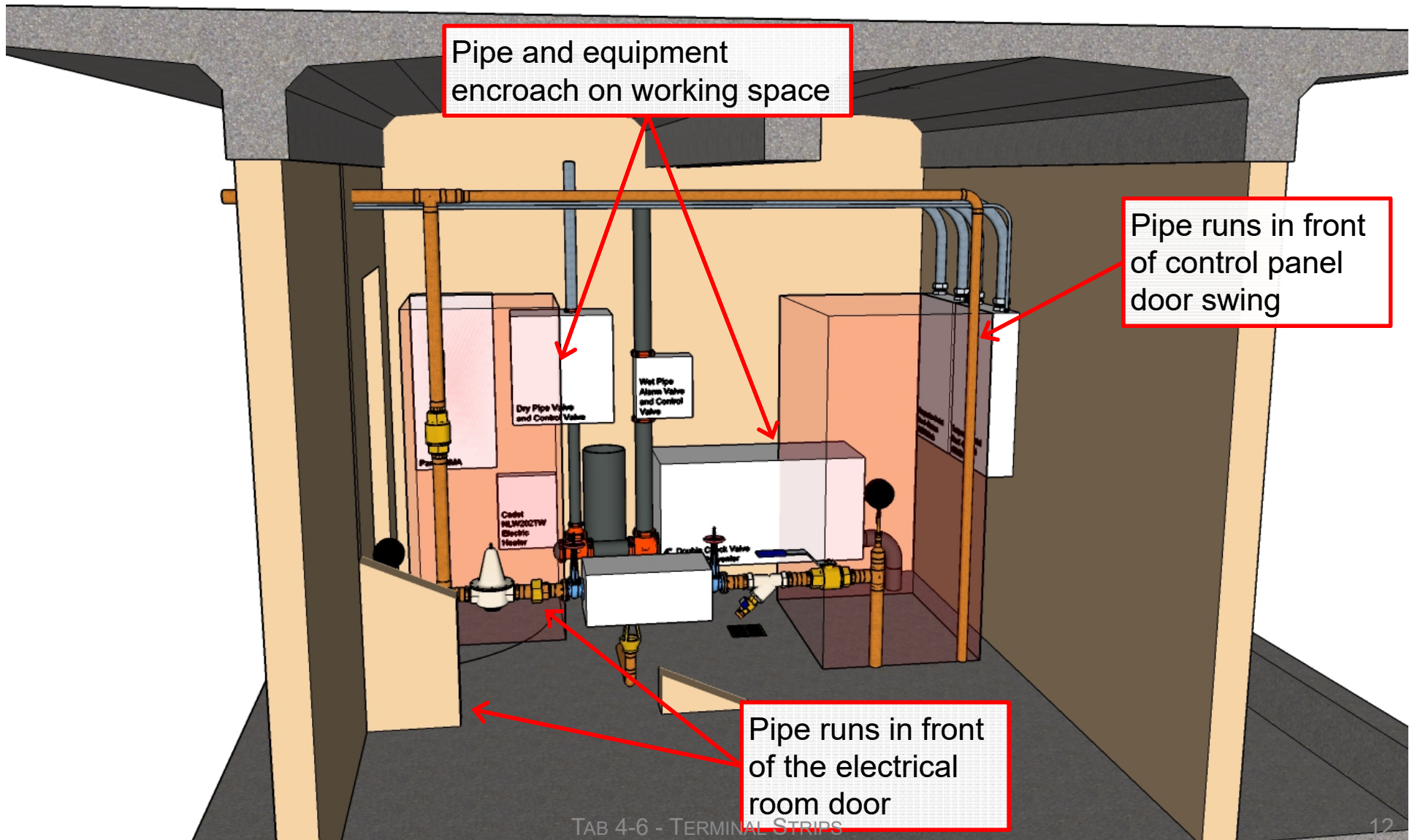
The diagram is a 3D cutaway view of an electrical room. It shows a door on the left that swings inward into the room. Inside, there is a large orange cabinet labeled 'Panel HMA' and a smaller orange cabinet labeled 'Cabinet NEMA 4X Electric Heater'. To the right, there is a large orange cabinet labeled '480V Panel' and a smaller orange cabinet labeled '480V Panel'. A floor drain is visible on the floor in the center of the room. Red arrows point from the text boxes to the door, the heater cabinet, and the floor drain.

Floor drain inside working space may be an issue in some jurisdictions



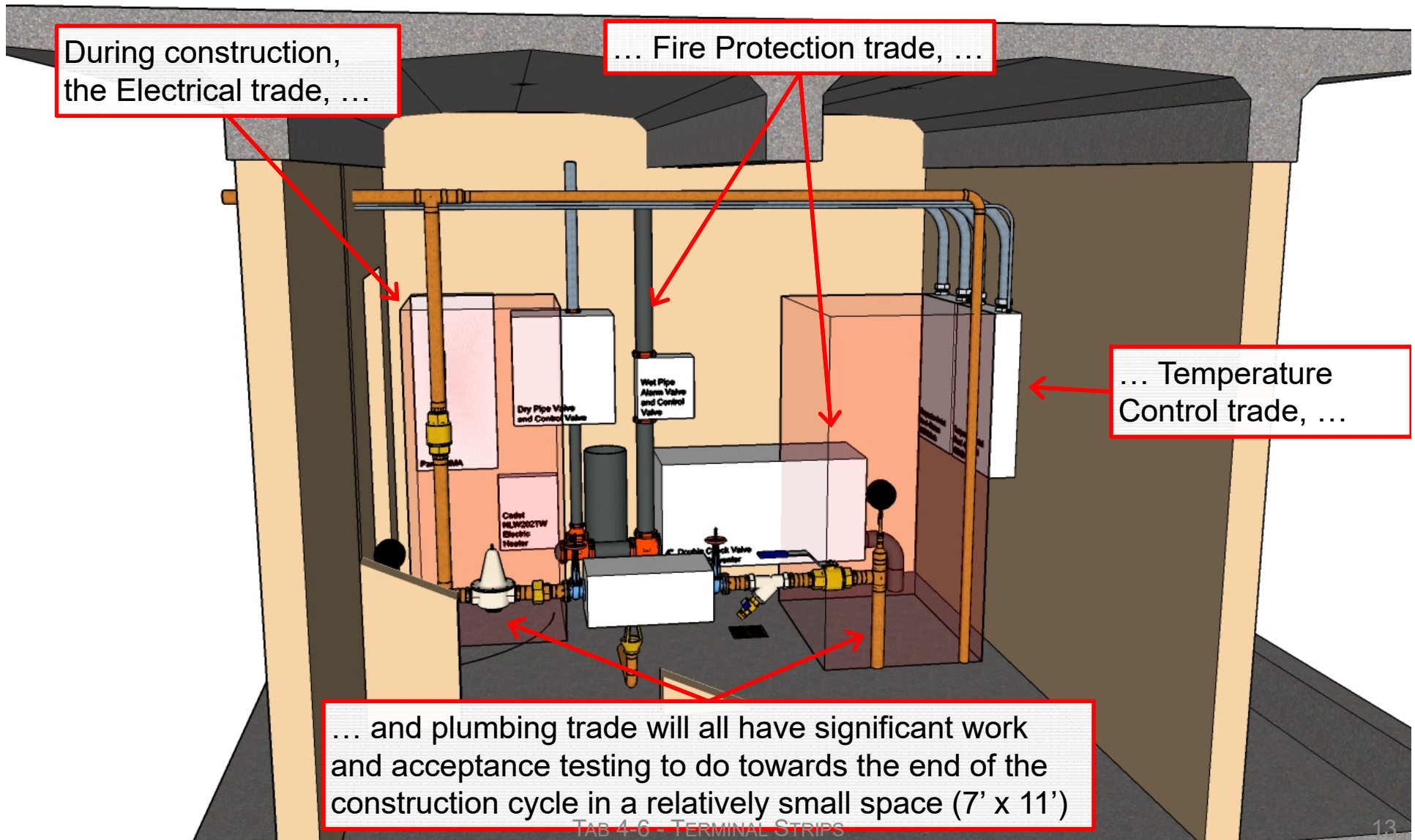
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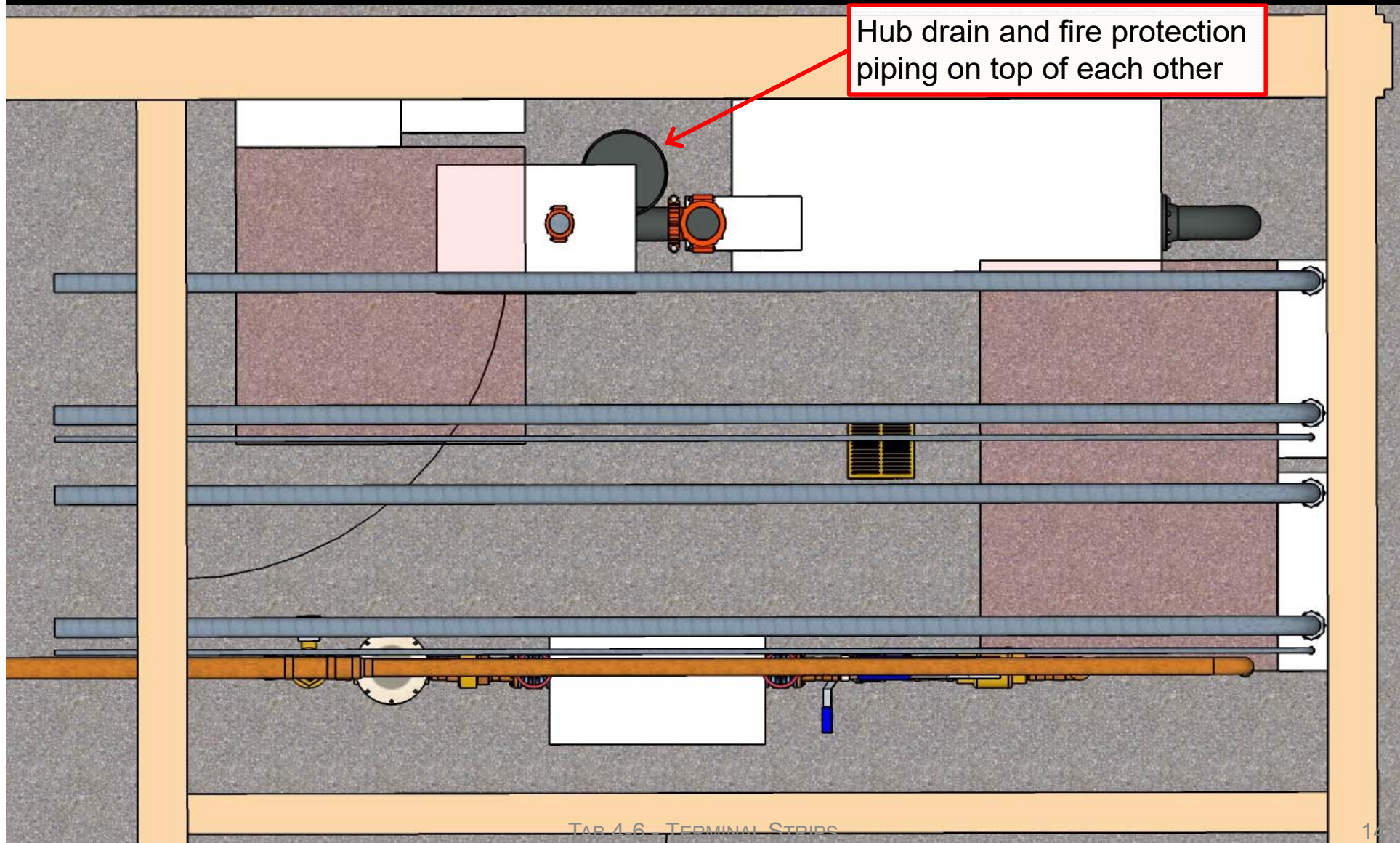
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Other Than Those Items, It Should Be Fine

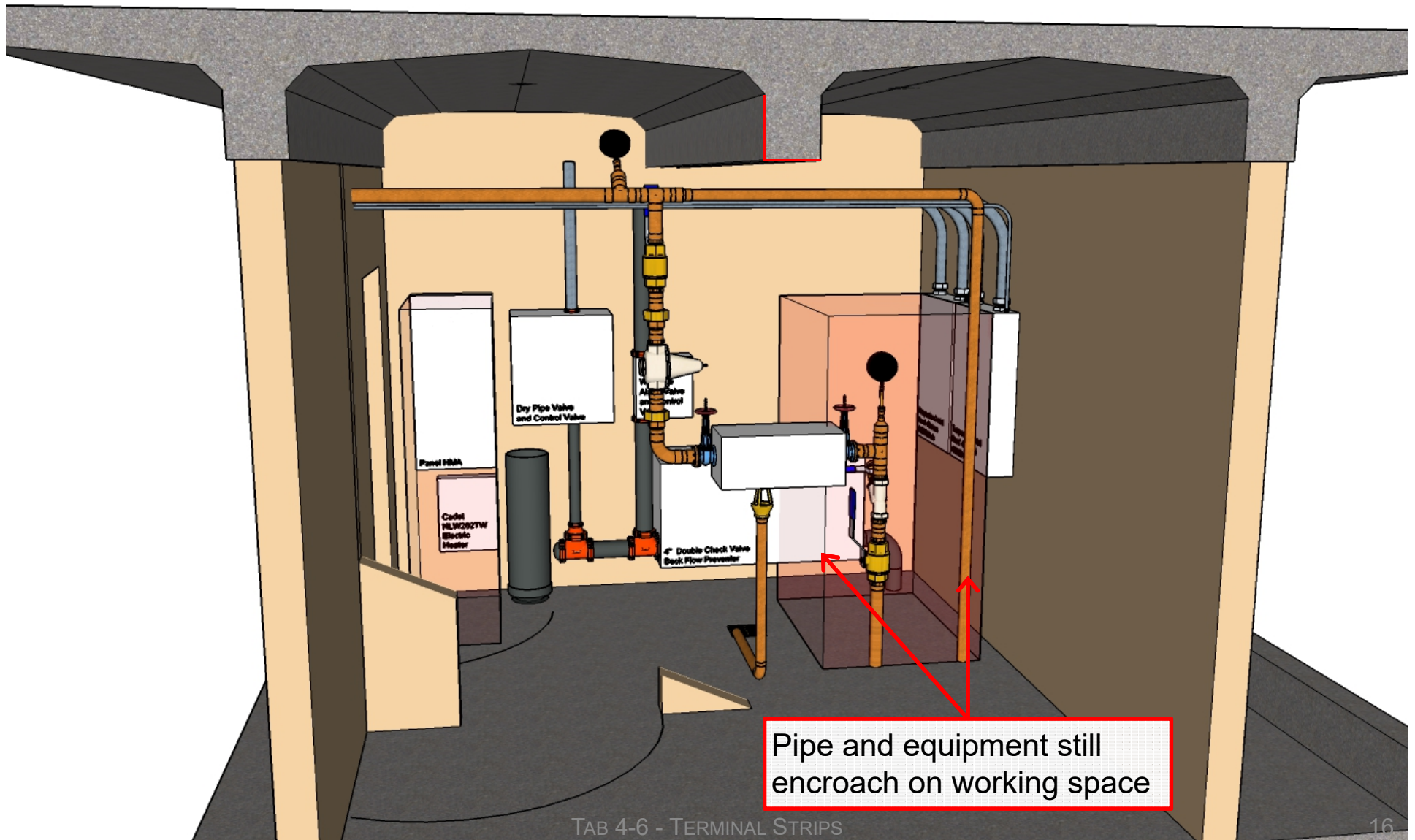


TAB 4-6 - TERMINAL STRIPS



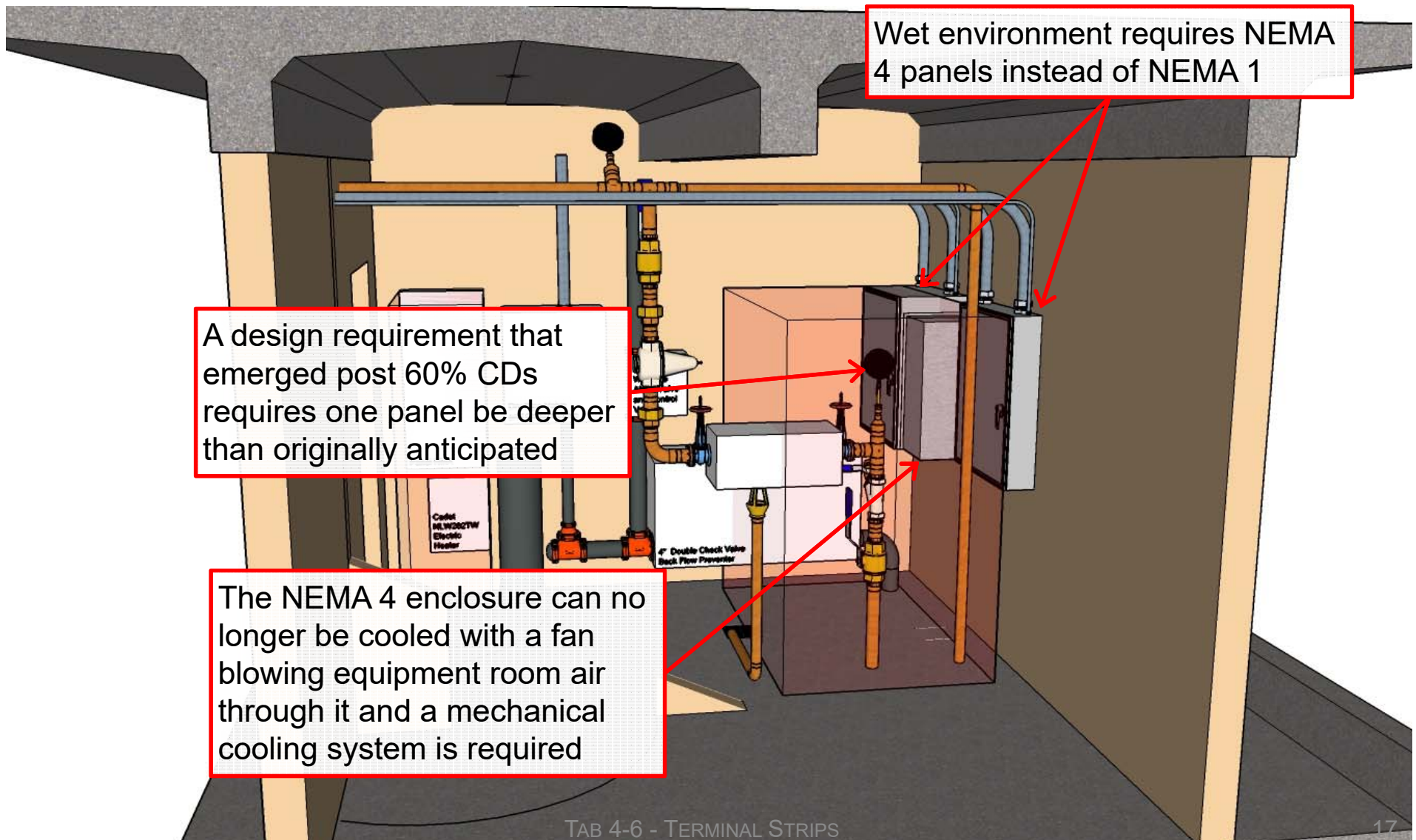
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## Resolving the Non-Control System Coordination Issues



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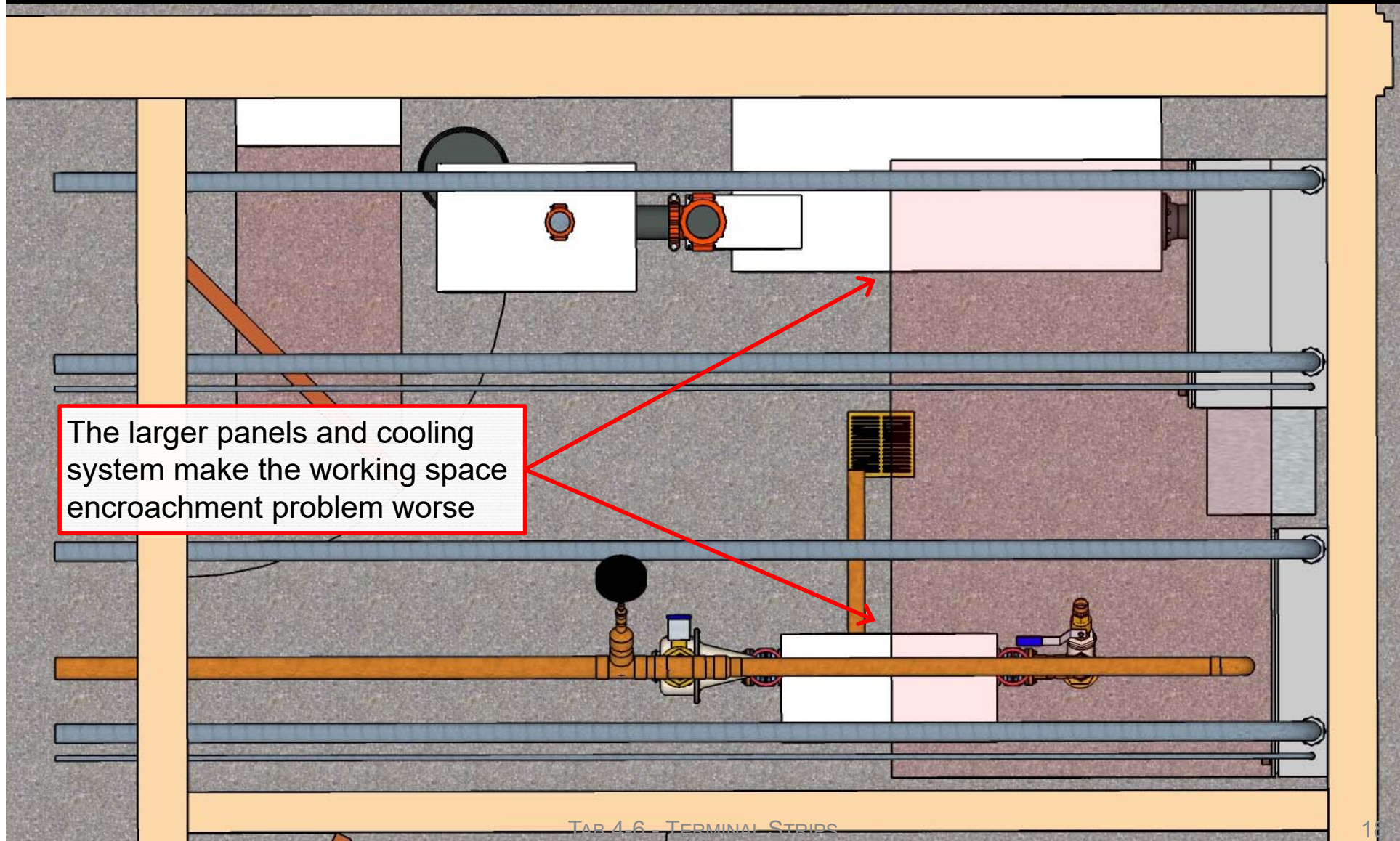
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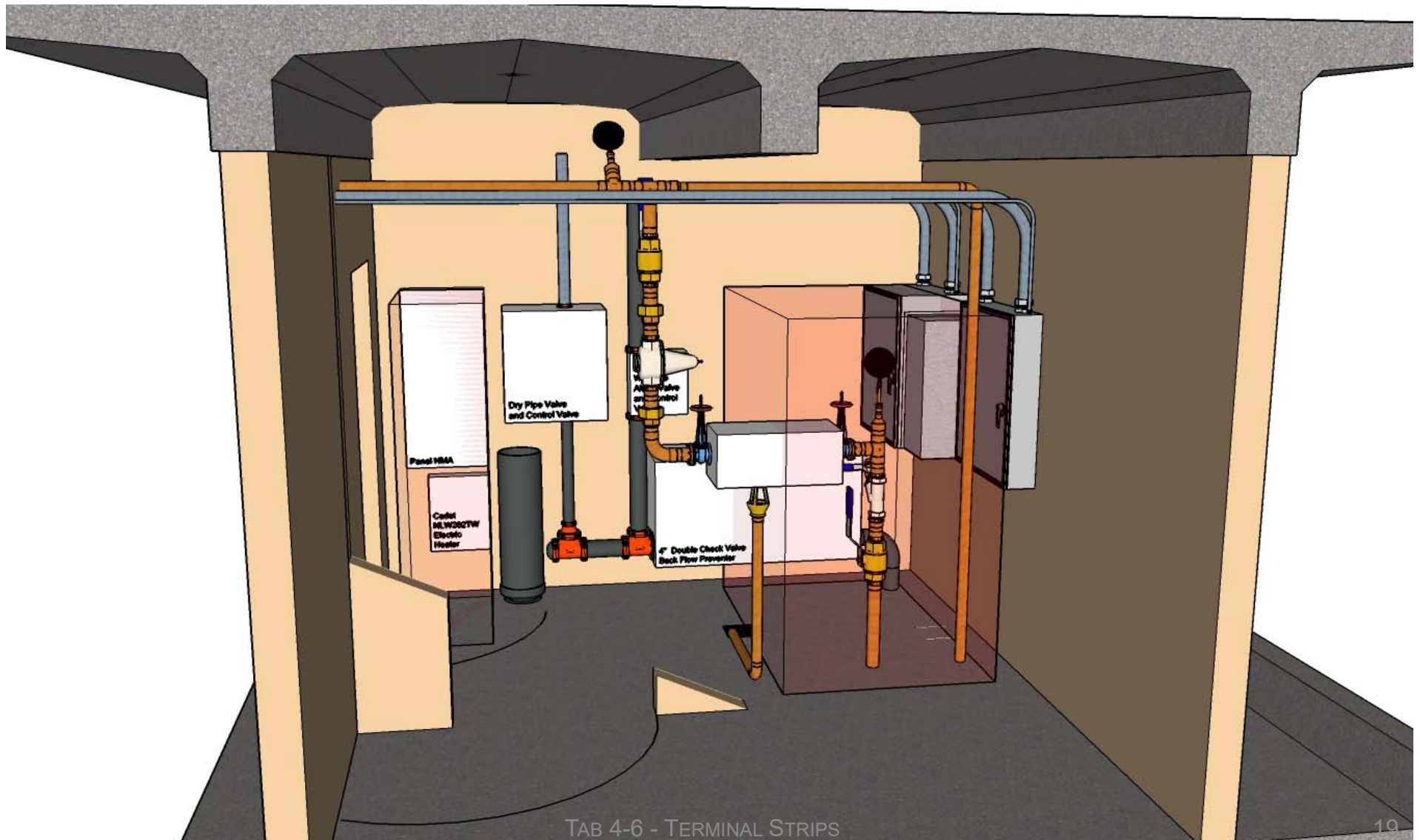
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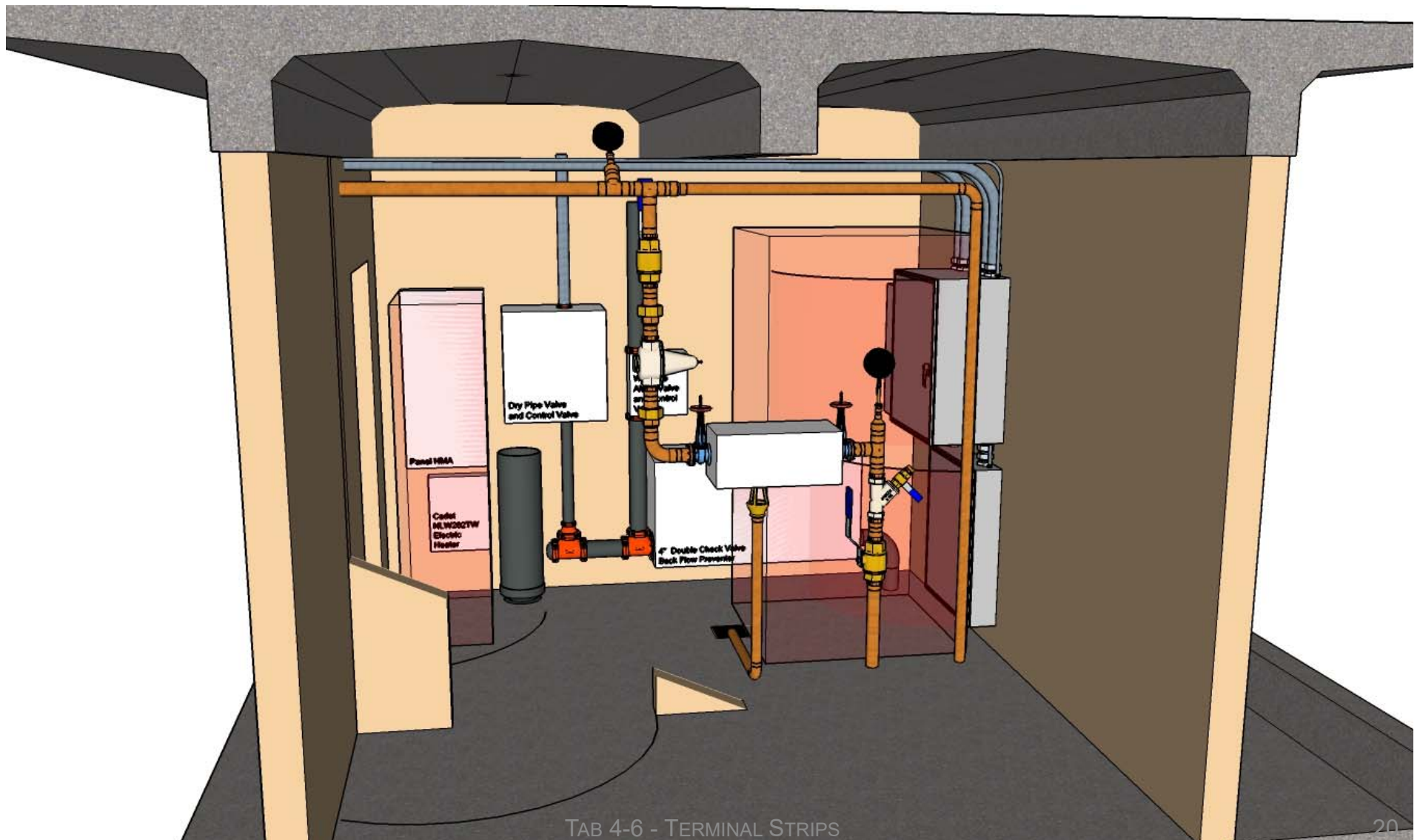


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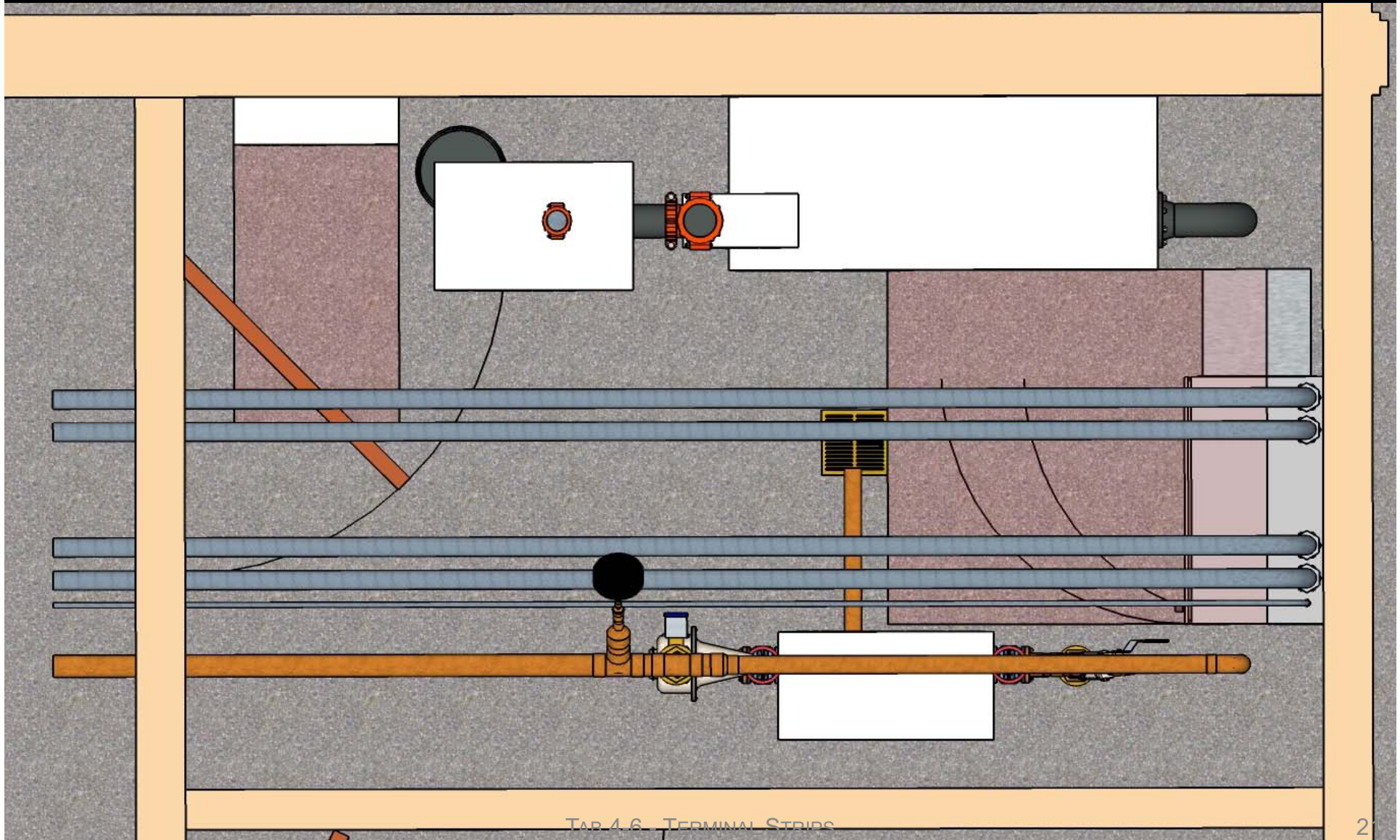
# Working Space; An Example Solving the Problem





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## Solving the Problem (Barely)



# Working Space; An Example

## Still a Few Issues

Stacking the panels solves the encroachment problem but makes them harder to work in; The height of the upper control panel is set by OSHA requirements for standing while working at the computer workstation it will contain

If the backflow preventer air gap fitting hangs up in the open position, 200 – 250 gpm could be discharged to the floor drain.

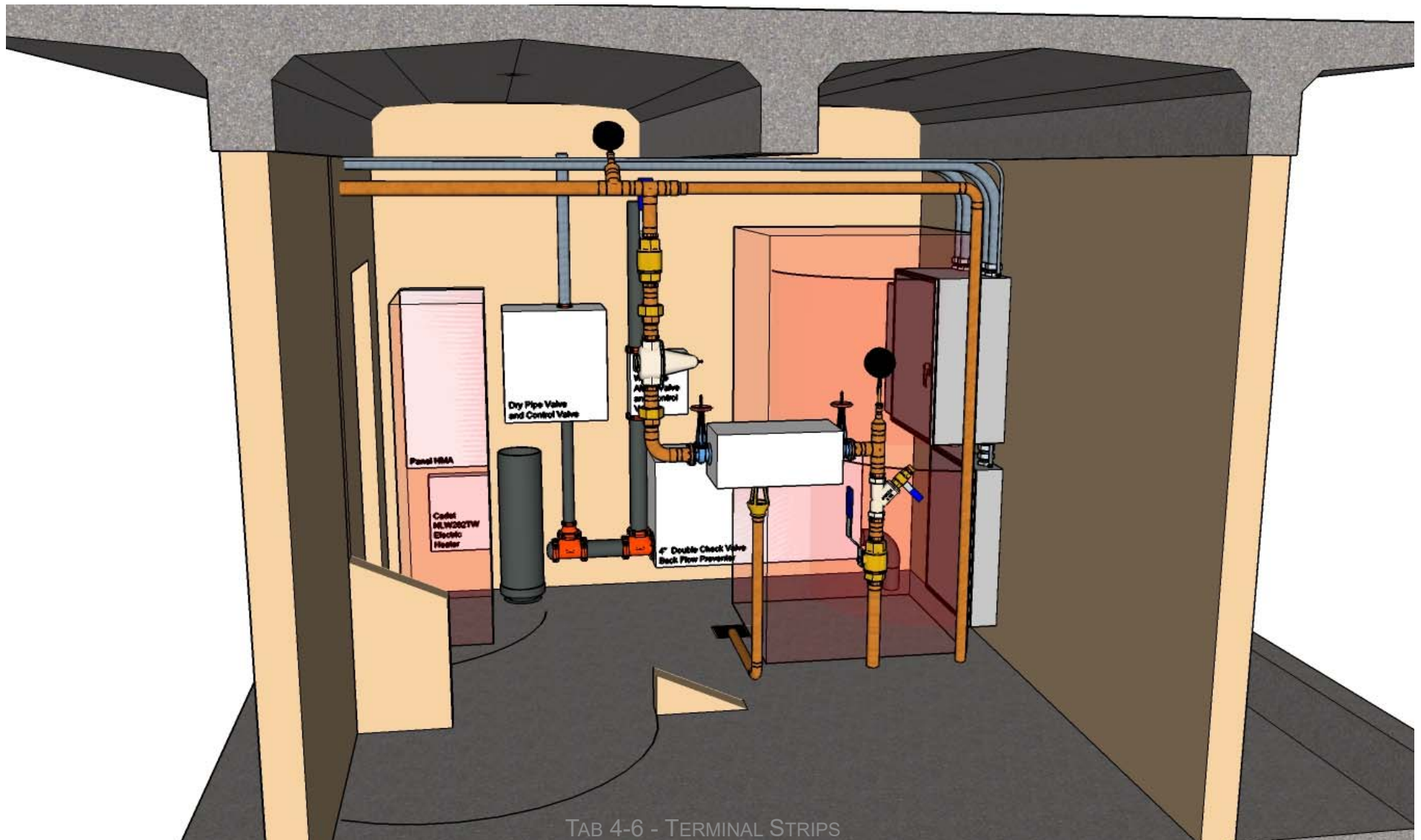
The 2" floor drain will not be able to handle 200 – 250 gpm and will surcharge; water levels of 6 inches or more could build up in minutes

Water levels in excess of 6 inches will flood this panel. NEMA 4 panels are not rated for submersion; Flooding in this room will probably flood the electrical room via the door undercut



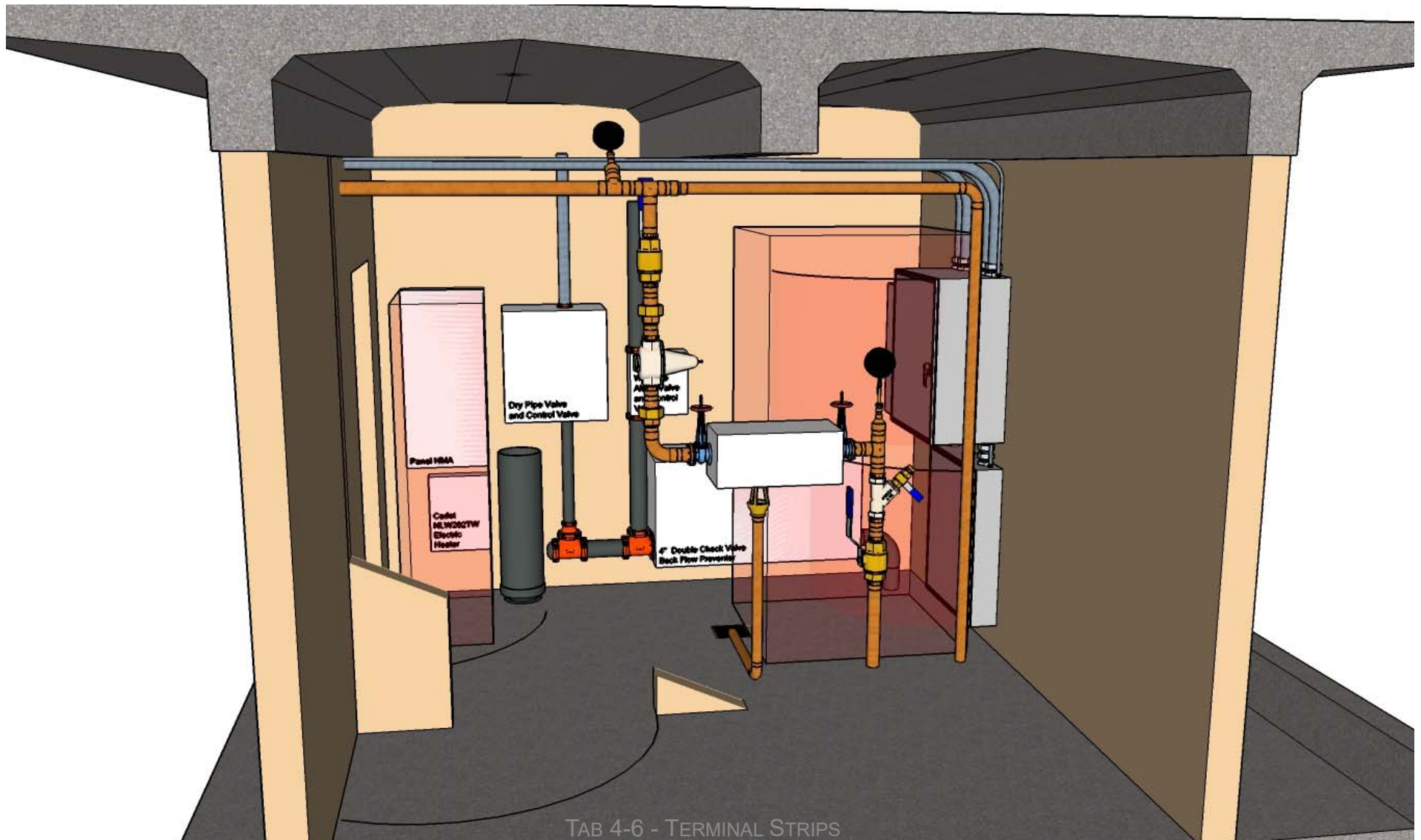
# Working Space; An Example

Why not move the panels to a different room?



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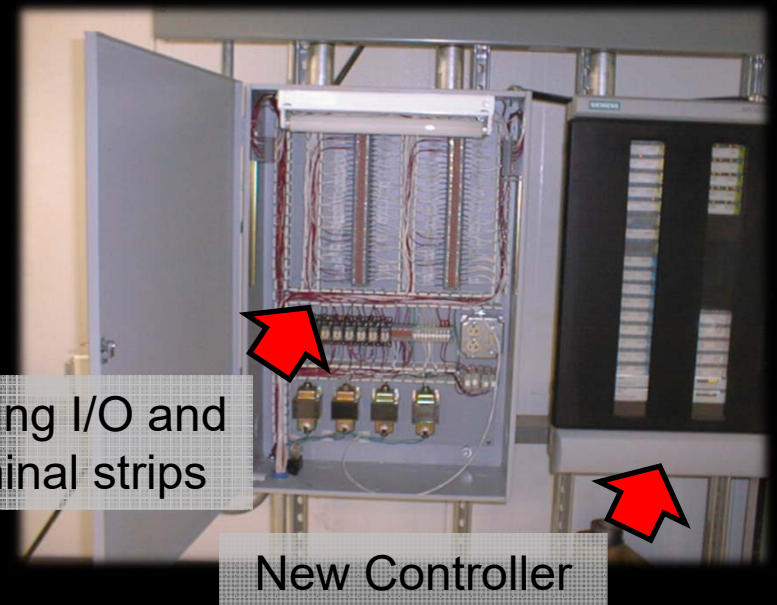
The Architect says “No we coordinated at 60%; live with it”



# Terminal Strips; An Up-front Investment with Short and Long Term Benefits



*The Towers Dorm Complex was one of several facilities where an Allen Bradley PLC based monitoring system was upgraded to a Siemens System using the original sensors and wiring.*



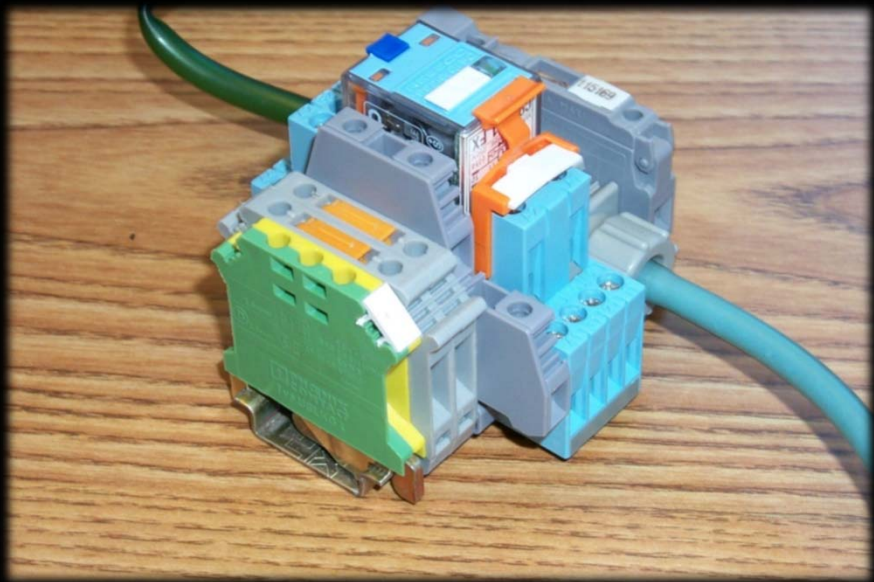
Existing I/O and terminal strips

New Controller



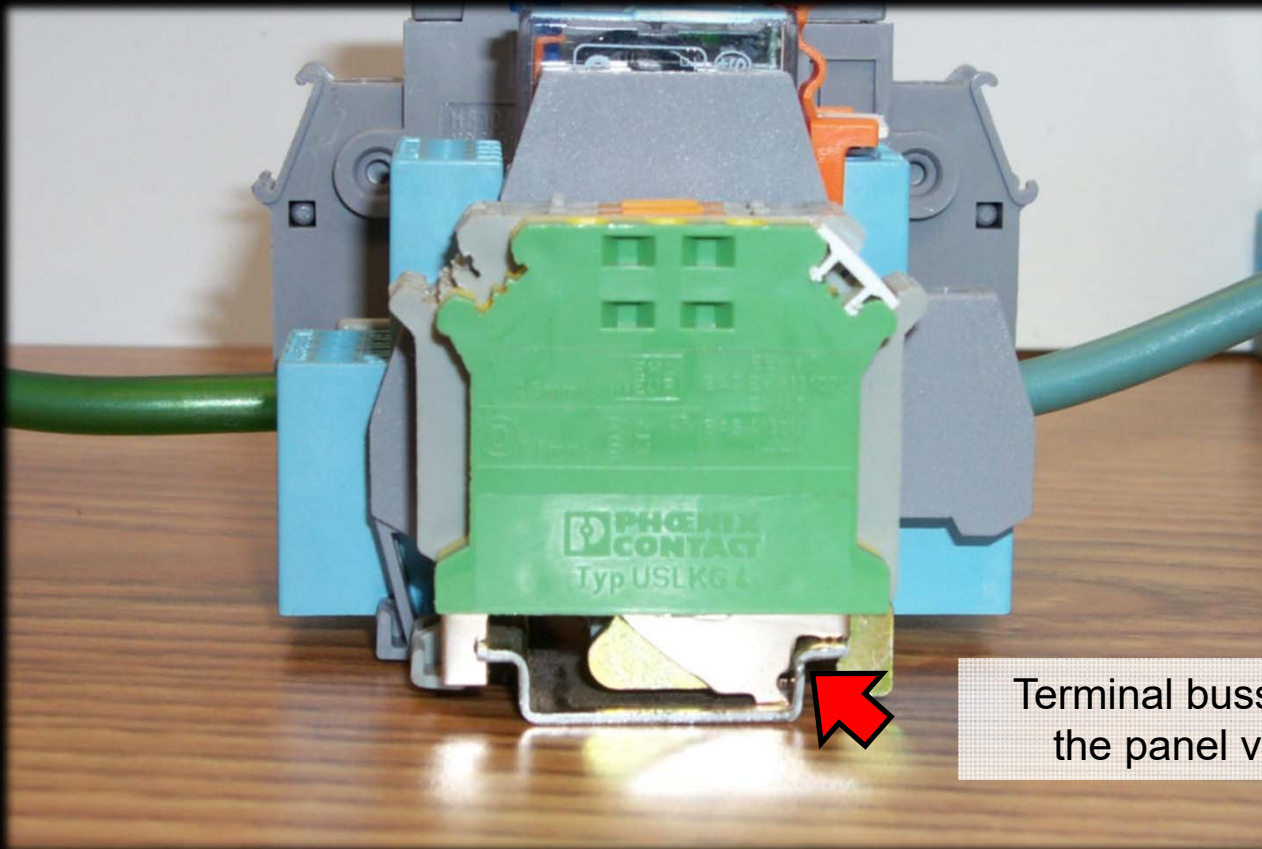
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- Expedite controller hardware replacement and upgrades
- Provide a contractual boundary
- Enhance labeling and identification
- Simplify and standardize troubleshooting
- \$3-\$15 first cost investment = life cycle savings that pays for itself many times over



# Grounding Terminals

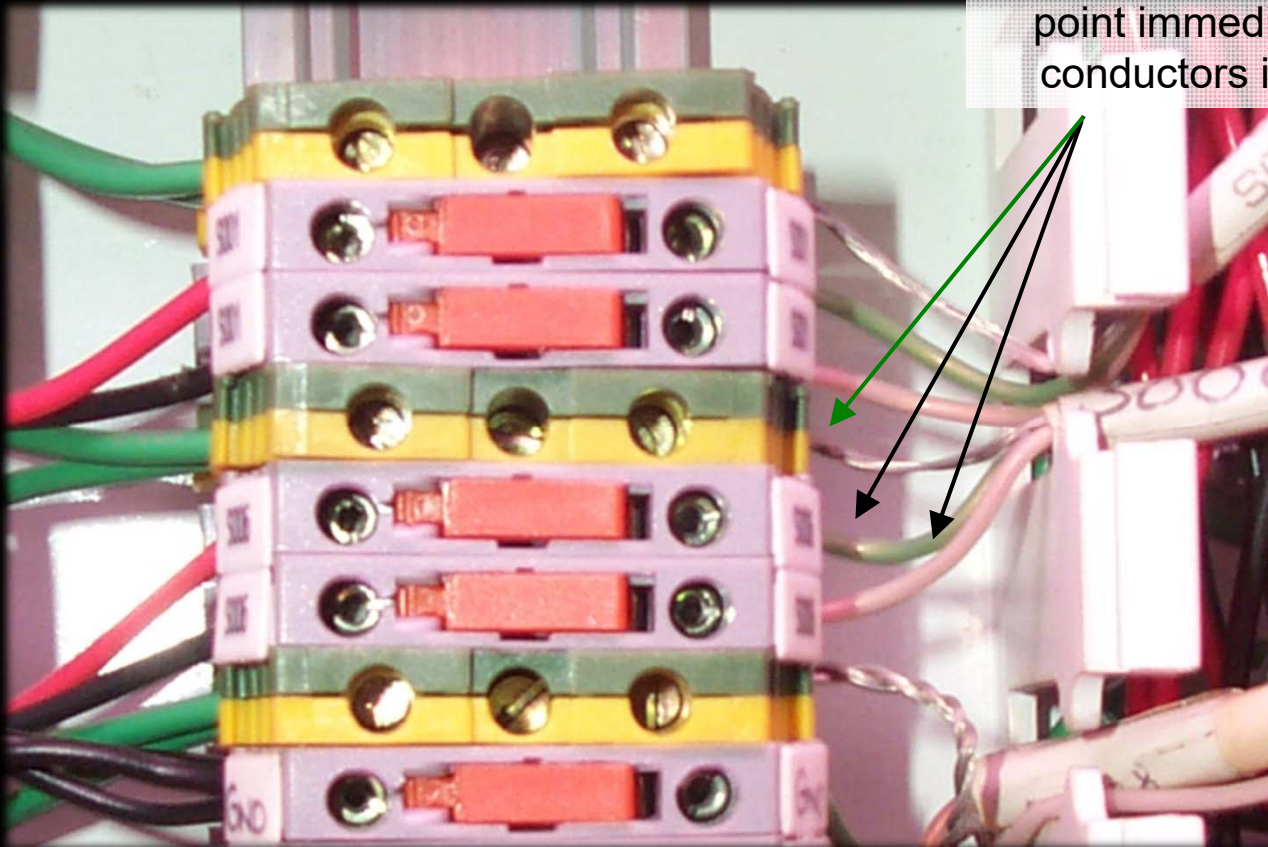
Minimize EMF and RFI problems



Terminal buss grounded directly to the panel via the mounting rail

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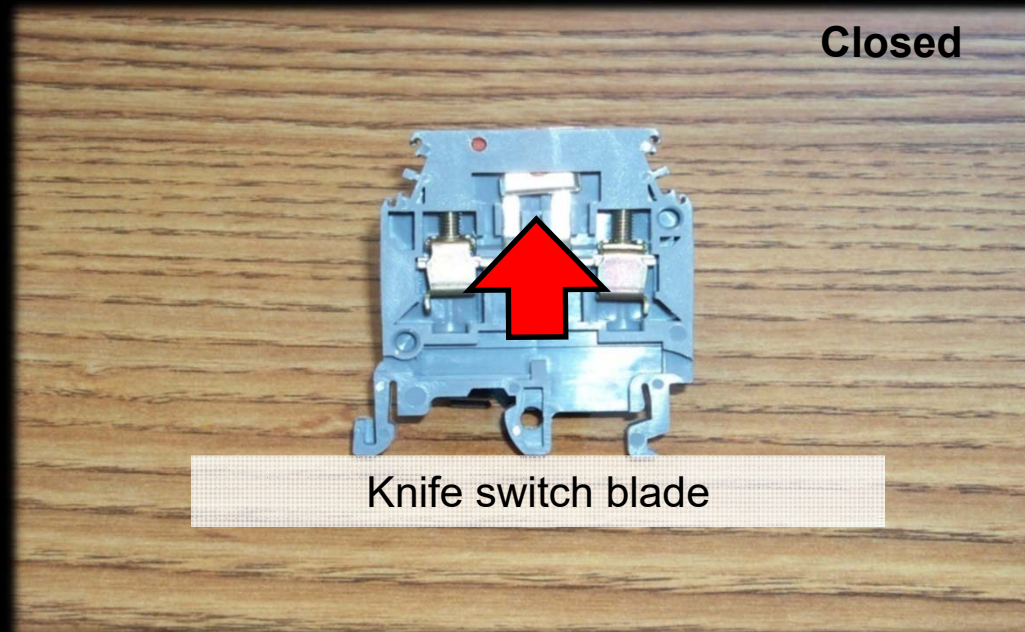


Shield drain has a secure connection point immediately adjacent to the conductors in the cable it serves

# Switch Blocks; Aid Troubleshooting and Maintenance

Disconnect wiring with out lifting wires

Measure current with out interrupting operation

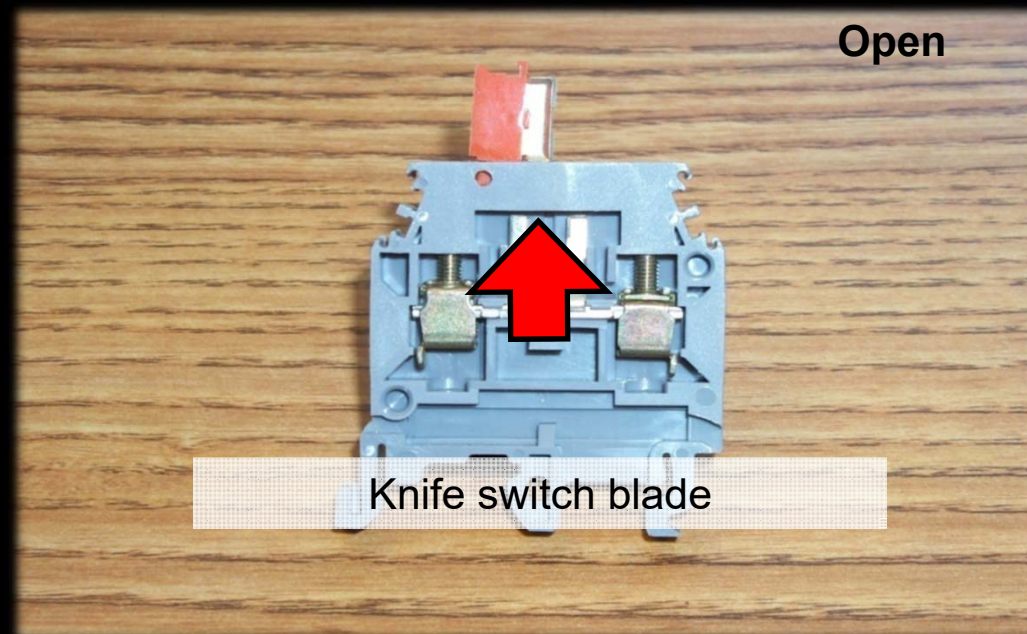




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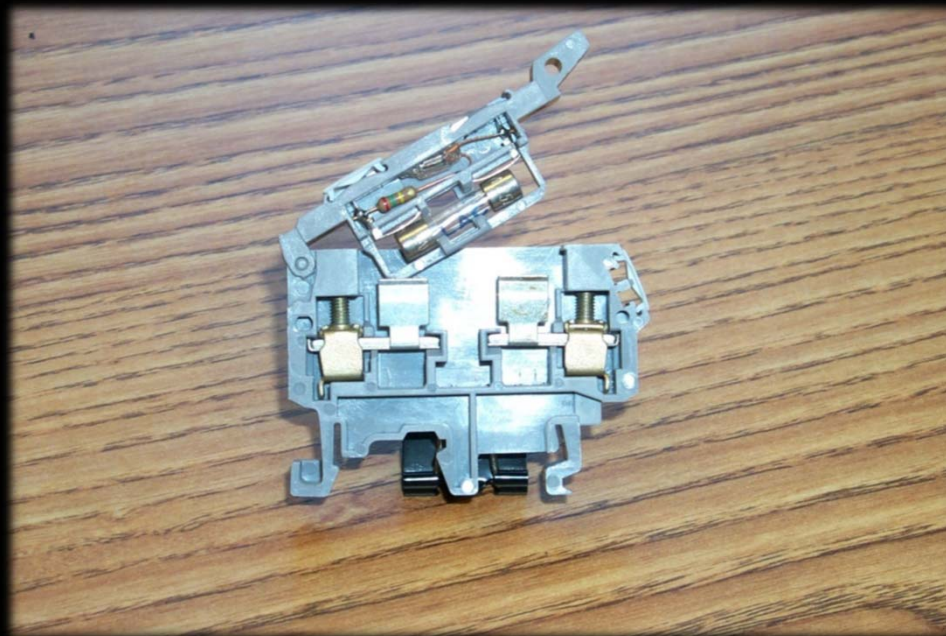


# Fuse Blocks; Enhanced System Integrity

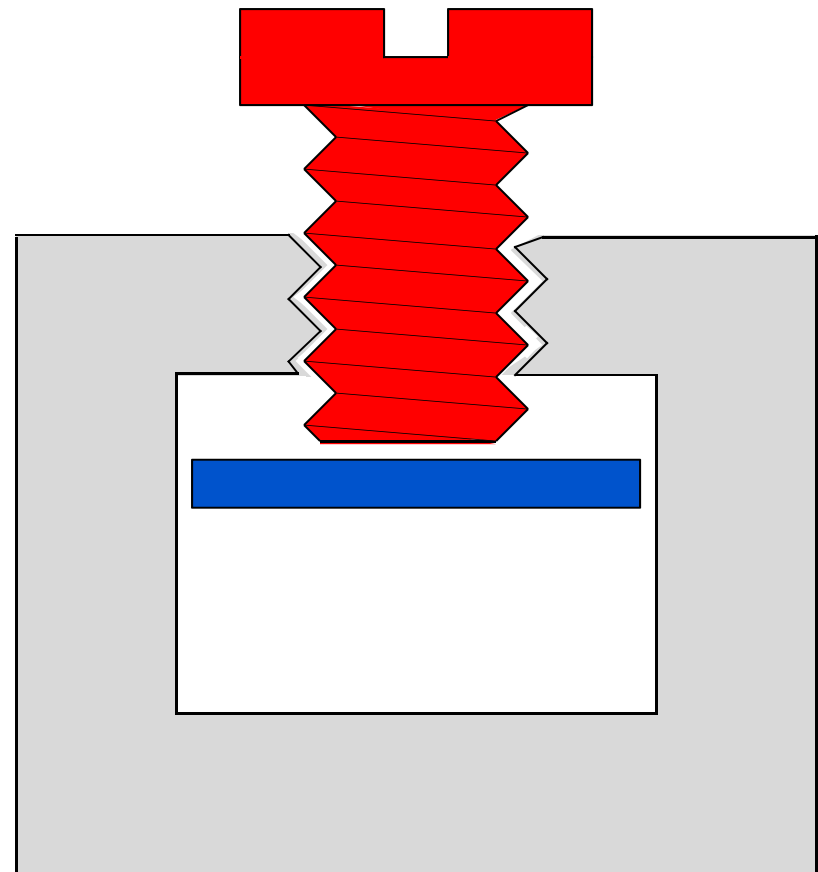
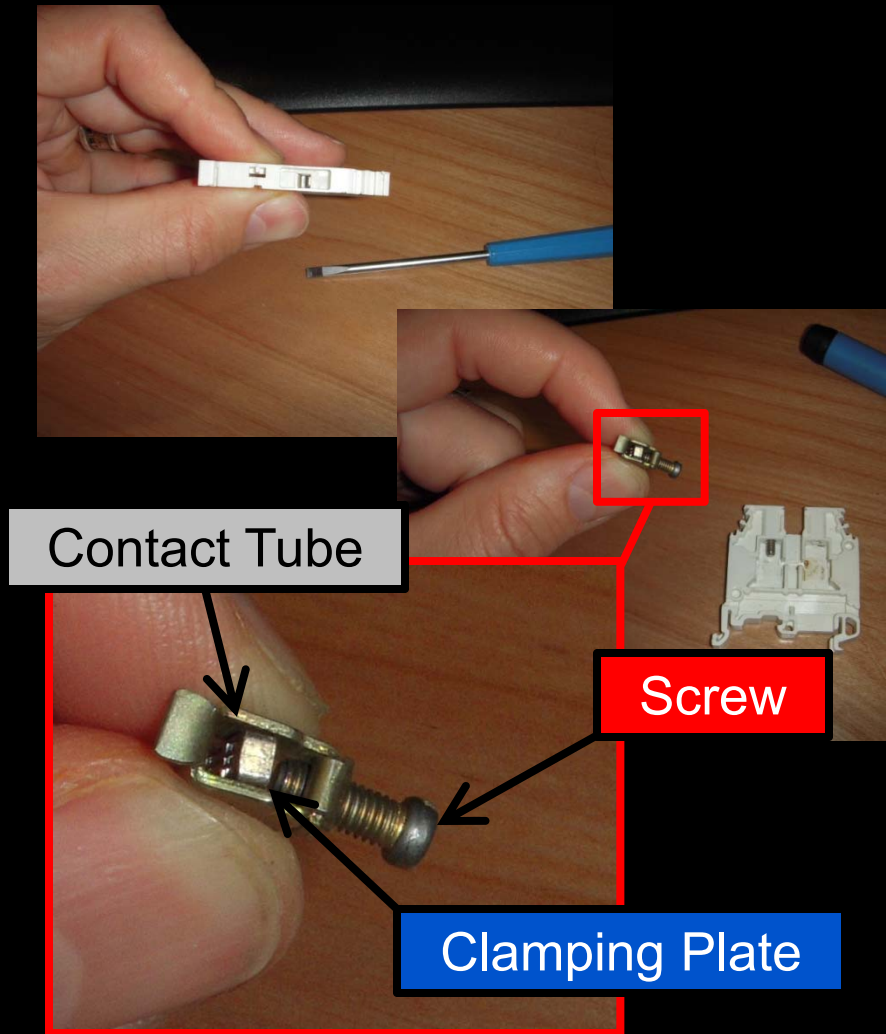
Disconnect wiring without lifting wires

Code compliance

Fuse blown indication

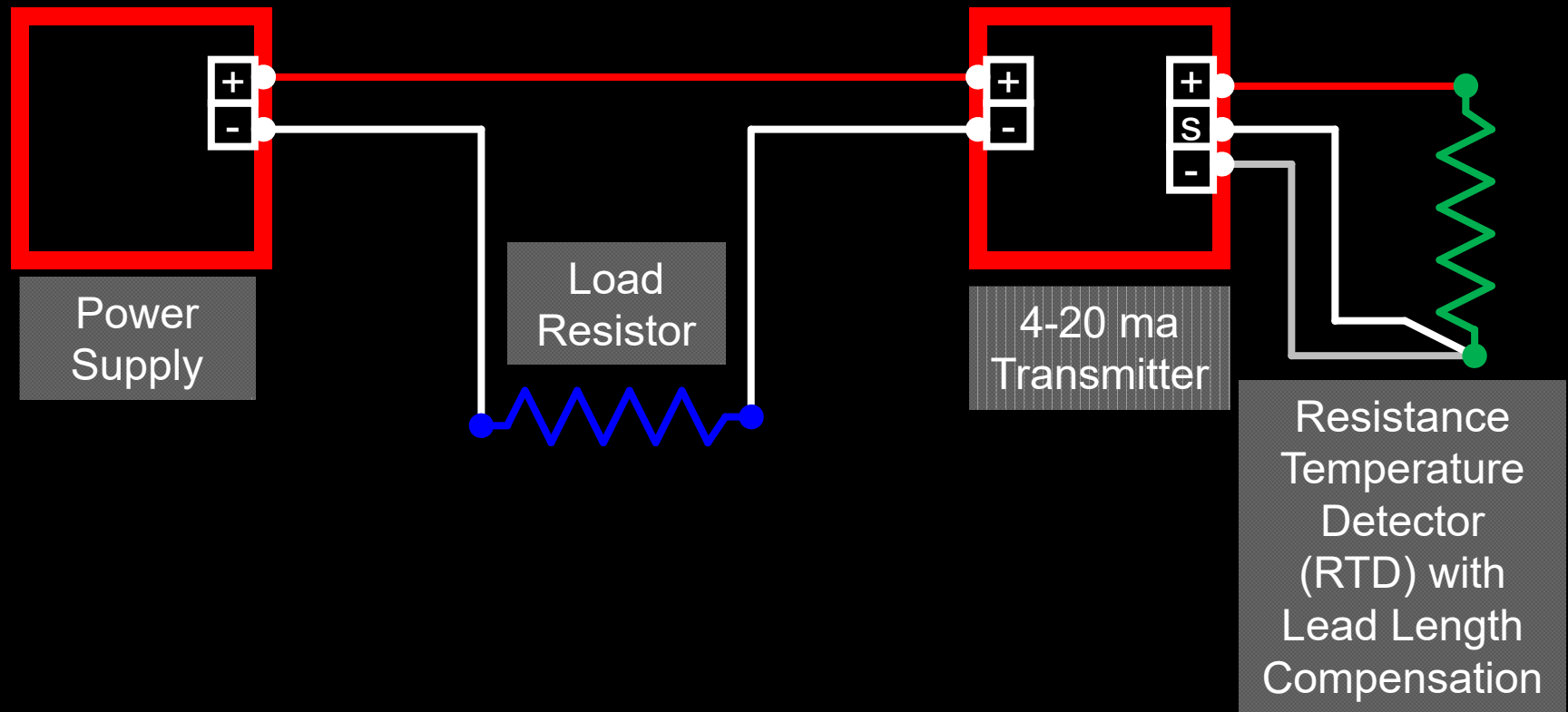


# Tubular Screw Clamp Terminals





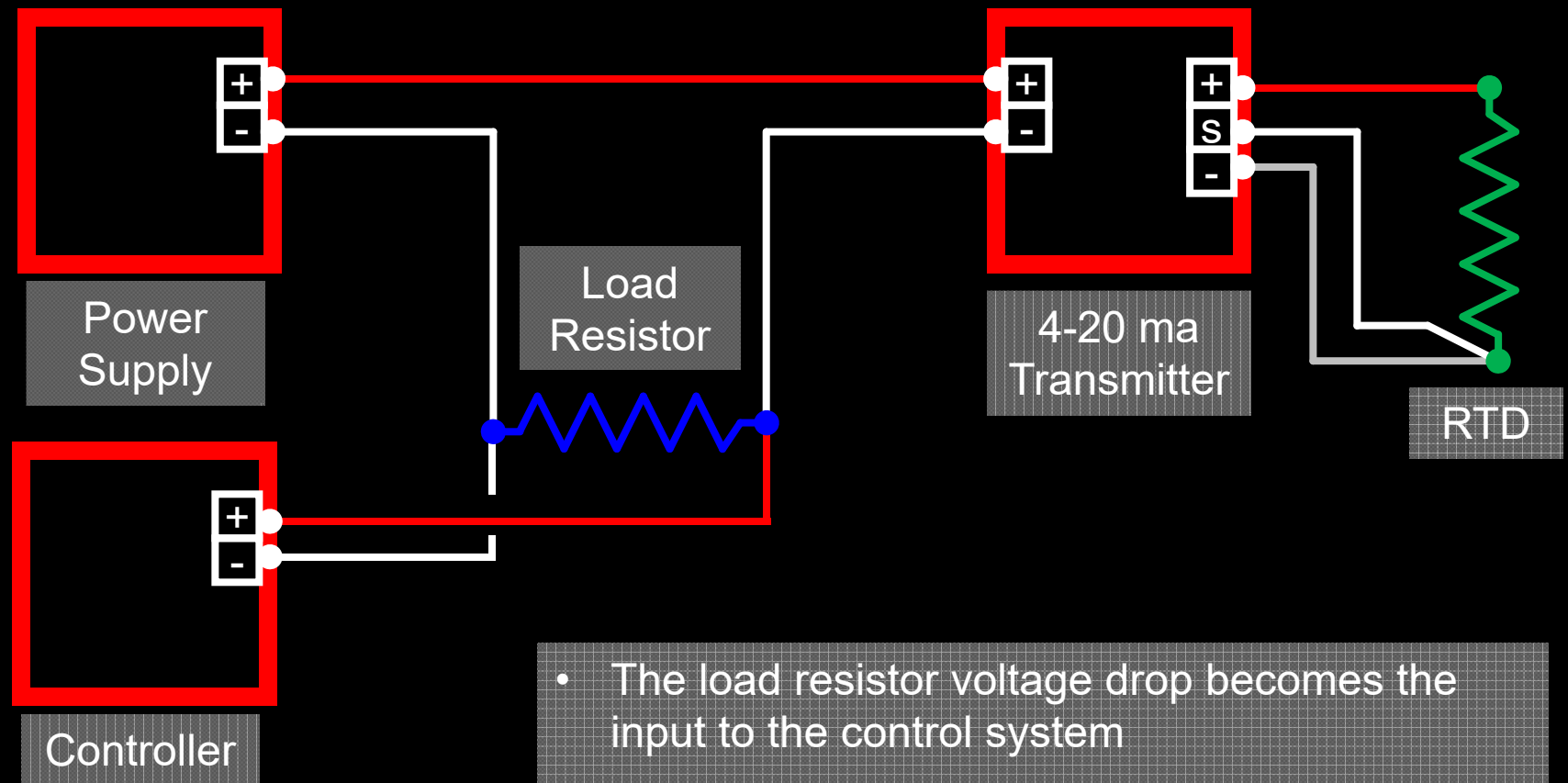
# 4-20 ma Transmitter Circuit Concept



## Solving $E = I \times R$ for Different Currents and Resistances

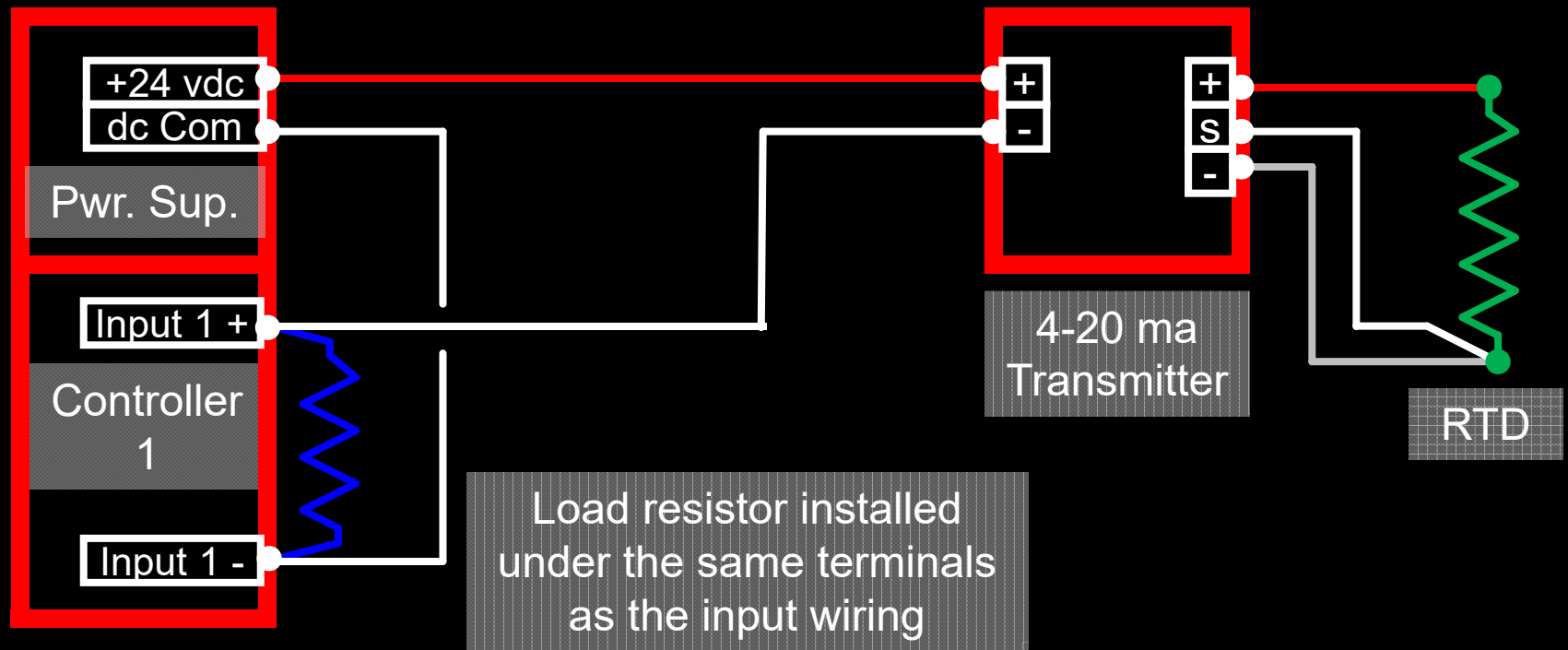
Load resistance, ohms	250		500	
Current loop current, amps	0.004	0.020	0.004	0.020
Load resistance voltage drop, volts	1.000	5.000	2.000	10.000

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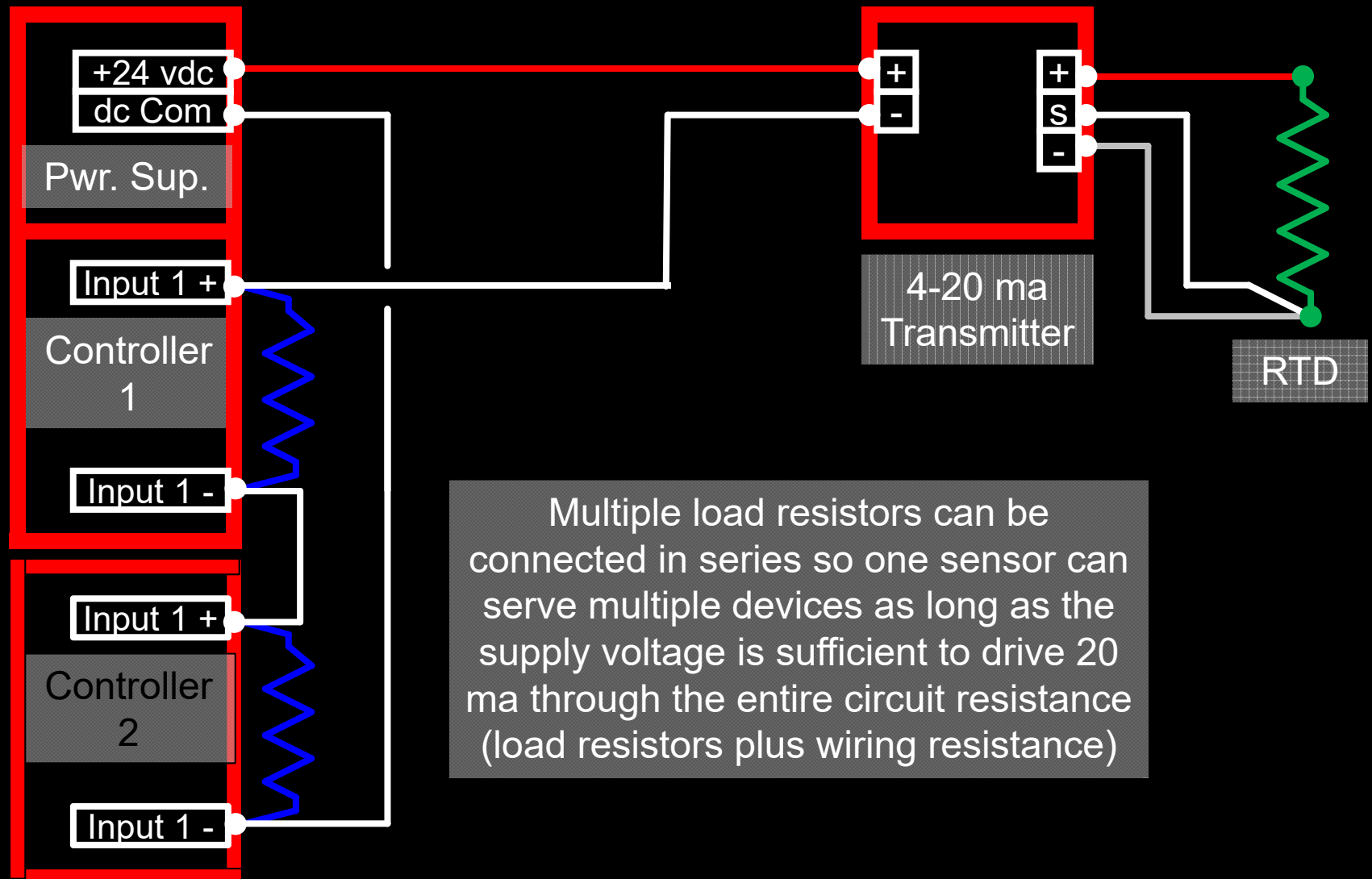
- The load resistor voltage drop becomes the input to the control system
- The loop can have multiple load resistors as long as there is sufficient voltage to drive 20ma through the total circuit resistance

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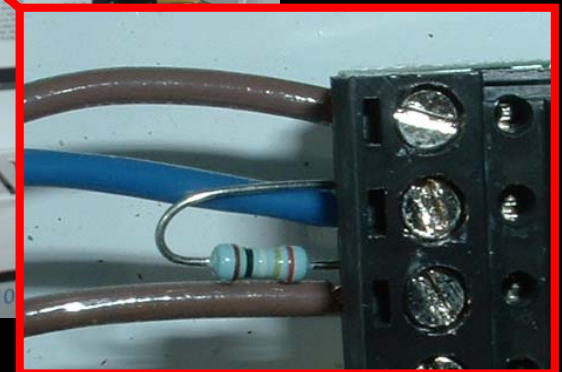
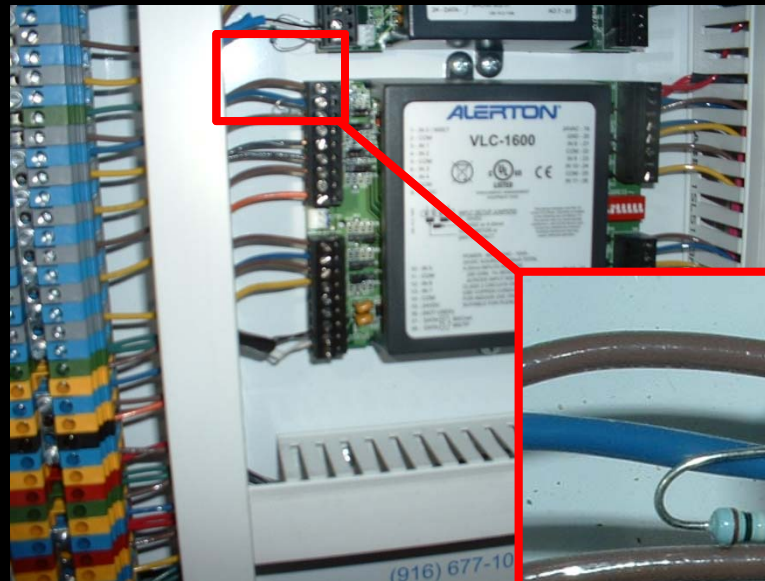
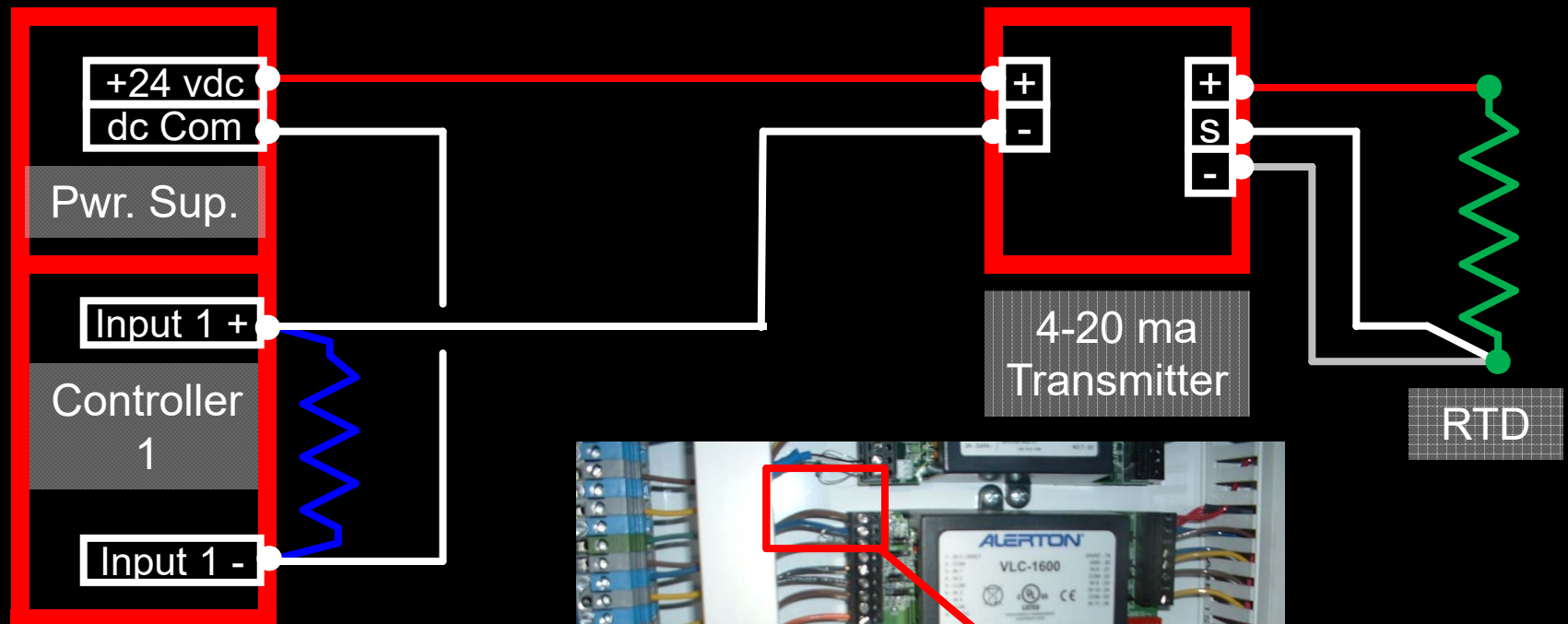




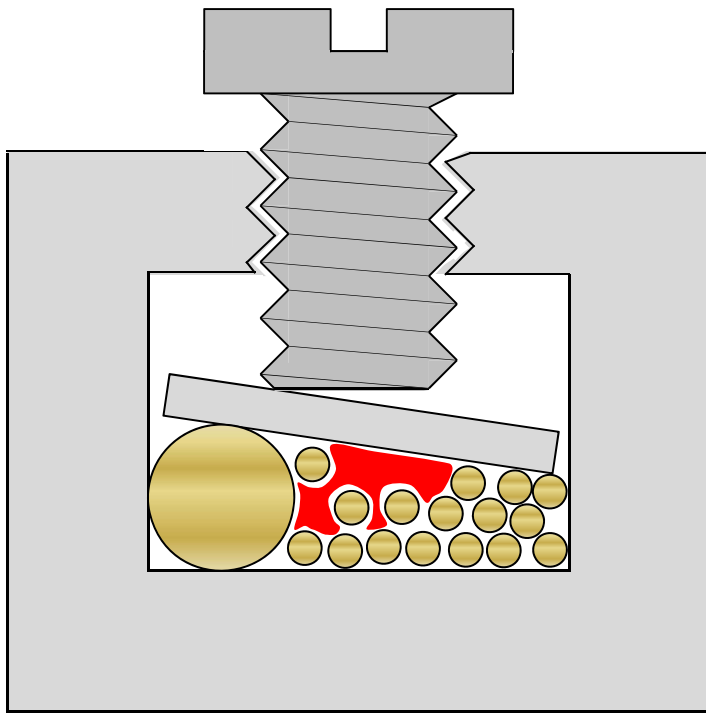
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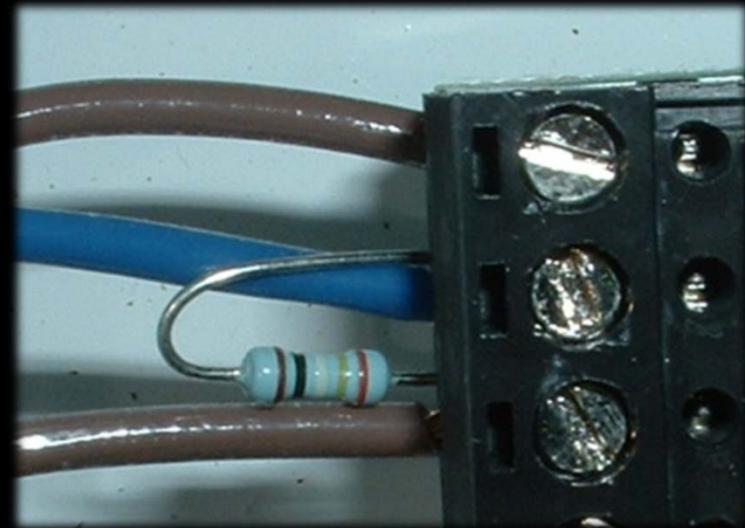
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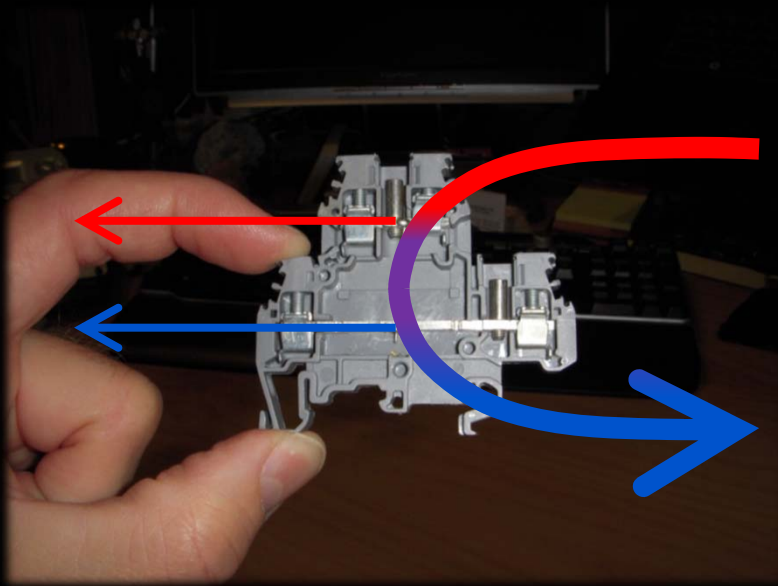
Space between conductors =  
Loose grip



Loose grip = Loose connection  
Loose connection = Poor data  
integrity



# 4-20 ma Field Wiring Solution



## Resistor terminal block

- Two continuous bus bars
- Precision resistor brazed between the buss bars
- Current loop flows through the resistor on one side
- Voltage picked up to the controller on the other size

# Entrelec's Solution

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Similar products available from:

- Phoenix
- Allen Bradley
- Weidmuller

**M 4/6.CA I/U - 250**

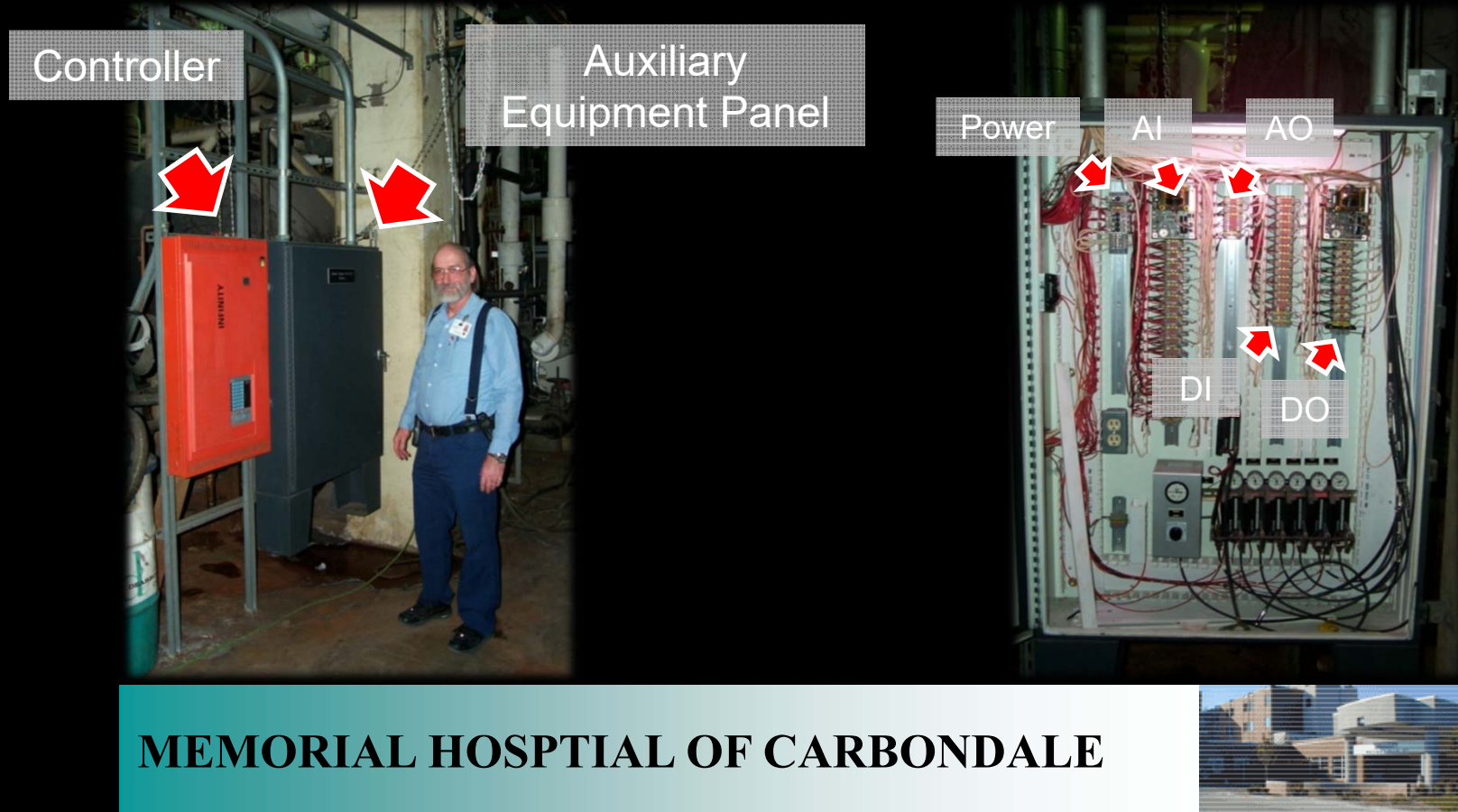
Spacing 6 mm .238"

The diagram shows a cross-section of the module with the following dimensions:

- Overall width: 66.5 2.58"
- Overall height: 64.5 2.54"
- Height from center of rail to top: 60.7 2.39"
- Distance from center of rail to internal component: 33 1.30"
- Distance from center of rail to bottom: 36 1.40"

M 4/6 block equipped with a 250  $\Omega$ -precision resistor and two DIA  $\varnothing$  2 mm test sockets. For a 0-20 mA or 4-20 mA analog signal

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*Tab 4-6 Supplement*

*Details on Specialized Terminal Strips*

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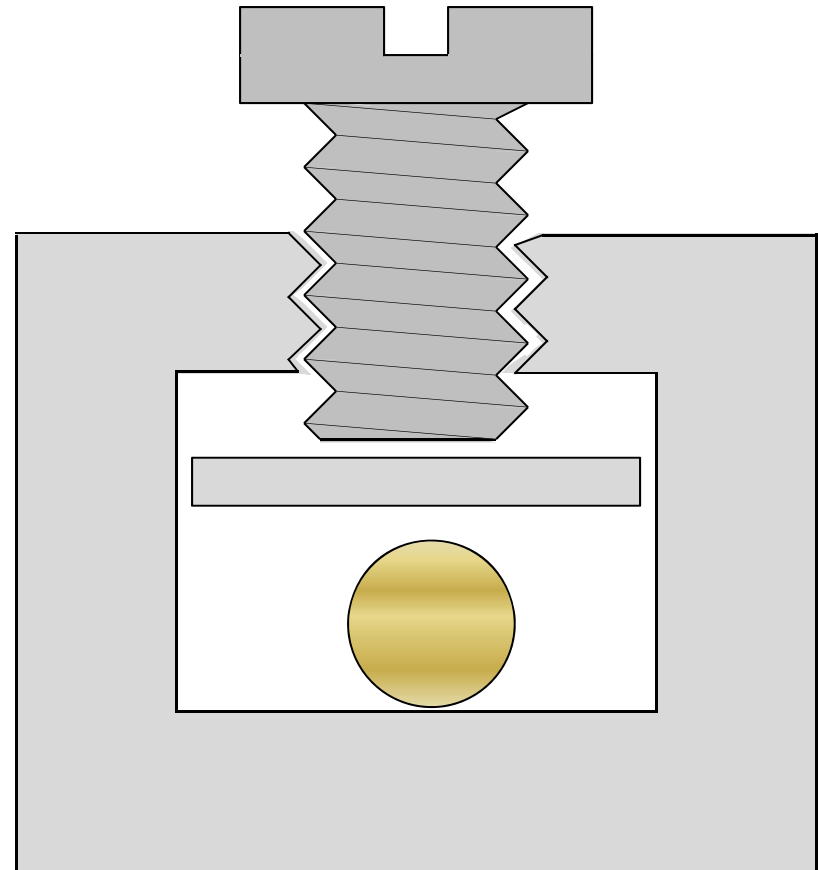


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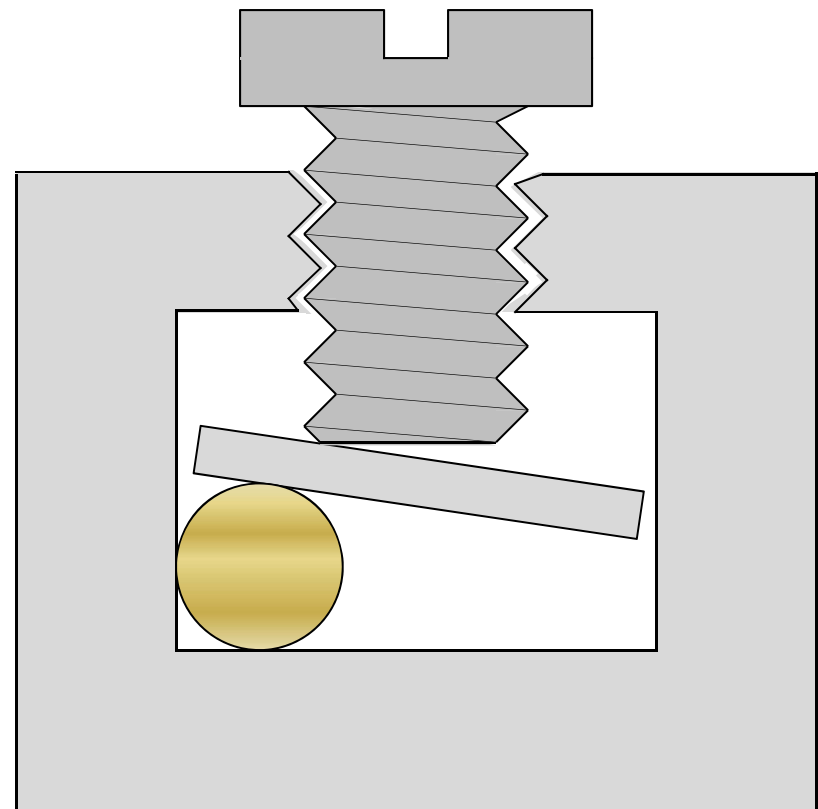


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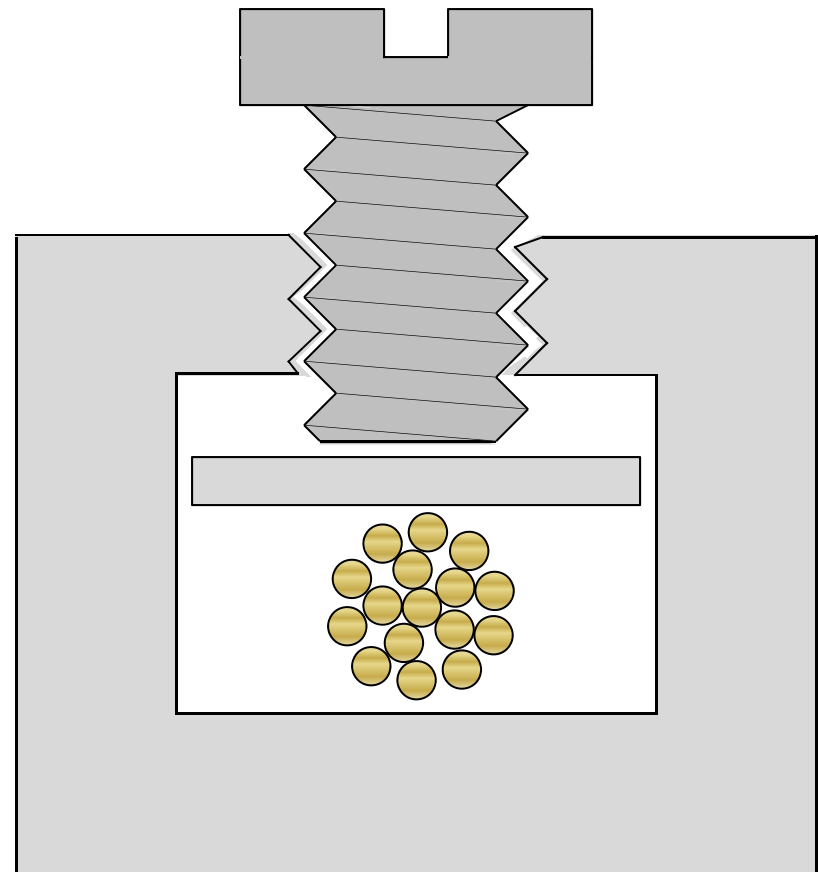


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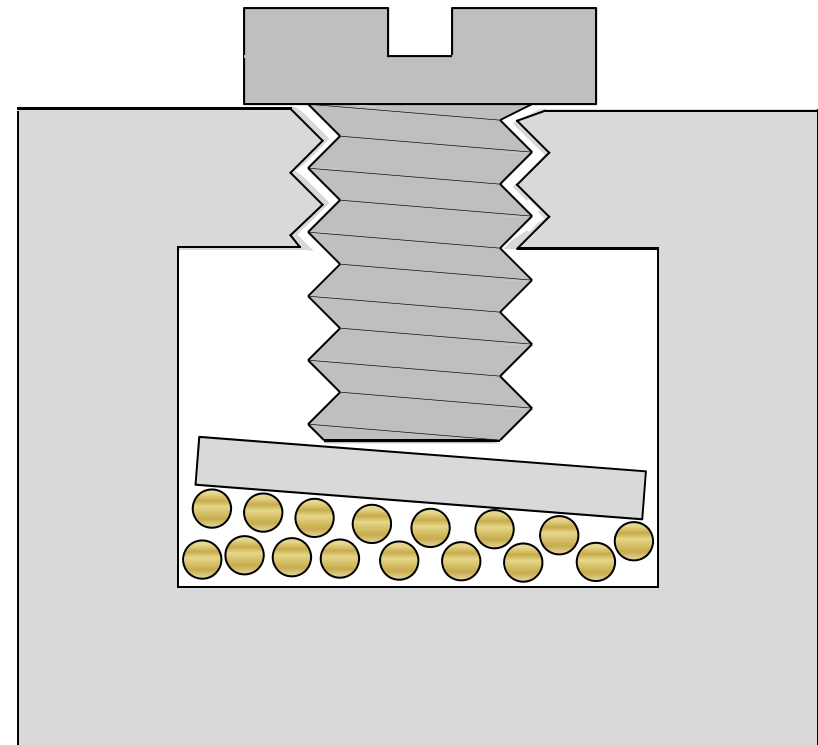


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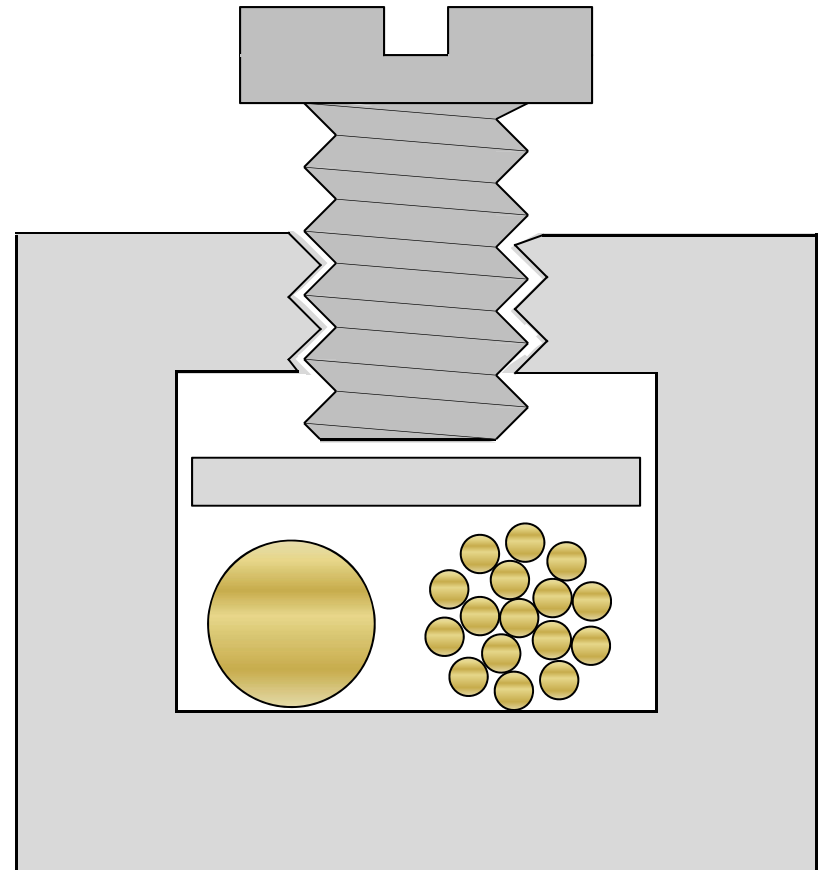


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Clamping a solid with a stranded conductor

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- When tightened, the screw tends to bottom out on the solid conductor and some of the strands, leaving other strands loosely gripped between the plate and the contact tube

