


ULTRALITE TO UNDERSTAND ADVANCED CONDUCTORS

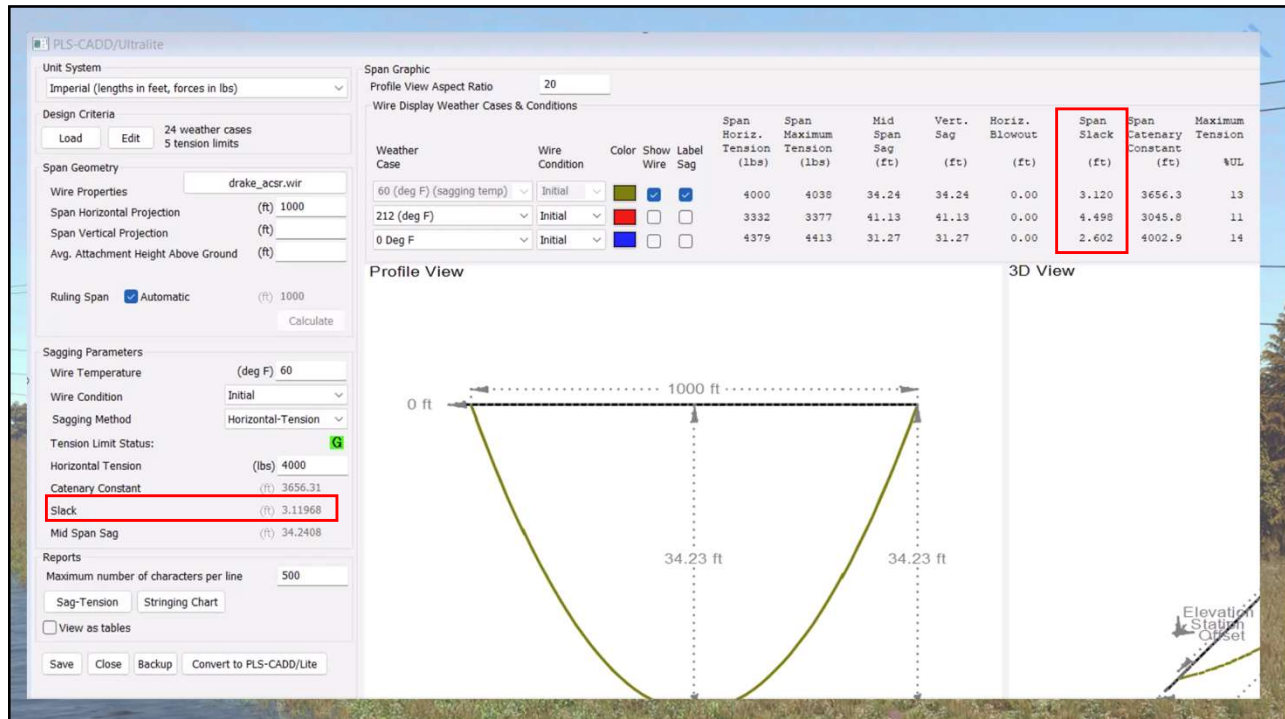
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The screenshot displays the PLS-CADD/Ultralite software interface. On the left, the 'Sagging Parameters' section shows the following values:

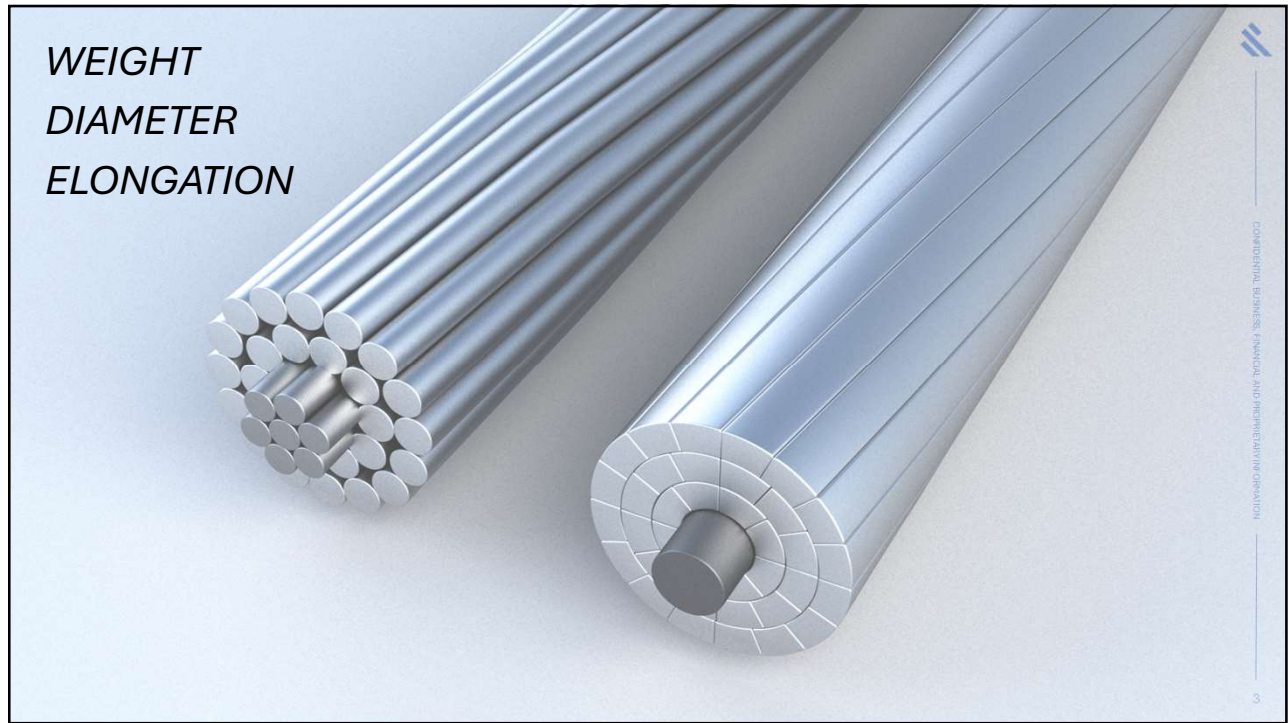
- Wire Temperature: (deg F) 60
- Wire Condition: Initial
- Sagging Method: Horizontal-Tension
- Tension Limit Status: G
- Horizontal Tension: (lbs) 4000
- Catenary Constant: (ft) 3656.31
- Slack: (ft) 3.11968
- Mid Span Sag: (ft) 34.2408

The 'Span Graphic' table displays wire display weather cases and conditions:

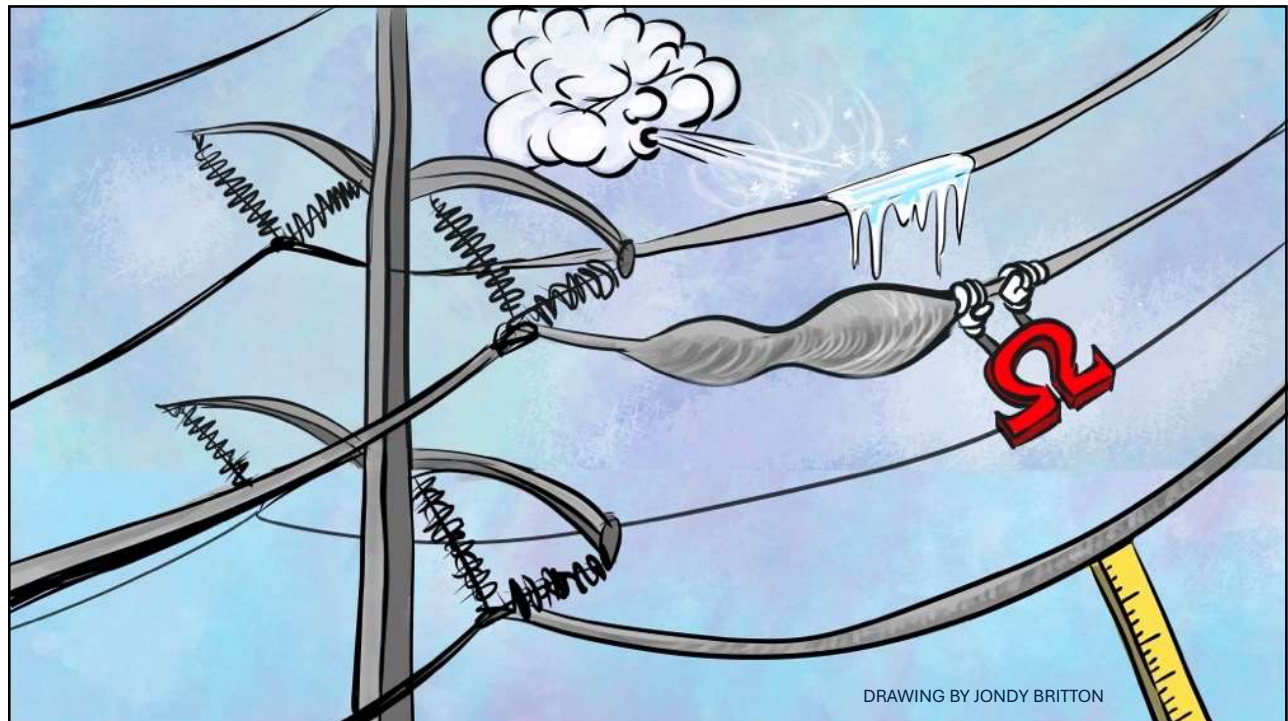
Weather Case	Wire Condition	Color	Show Wire	Label Sag	Span Horiz. Tension (lbs)	Span Maximum Tension (lbs)	Mid Span Sag (ft)	Vert. Sag (ft)	Horiz. Blowout (ft)	Span Slack (ft)	Span Catenary Constant (ft)	Maximum Tension	UL
60 (deg F) (sagging temp)	Initial	Green	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4000	4038	34.24	34.24	0.00	3.120	3656.3	13	
212 (deg F)	Initial	Red	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3332	3377	41.13	41.13	0.00	4.498	3045.8	11	
0 Deg F	Initial	Blue	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4379	4413	31.27	31.27	0.00	2.602	4002.9	14	

The 'Profile View' graph shows a parabolic curve representing the wire sag over a 1000 ft span. The mid-span sag is 34.23 ft. The 3D view shows the wire in a landscape context.

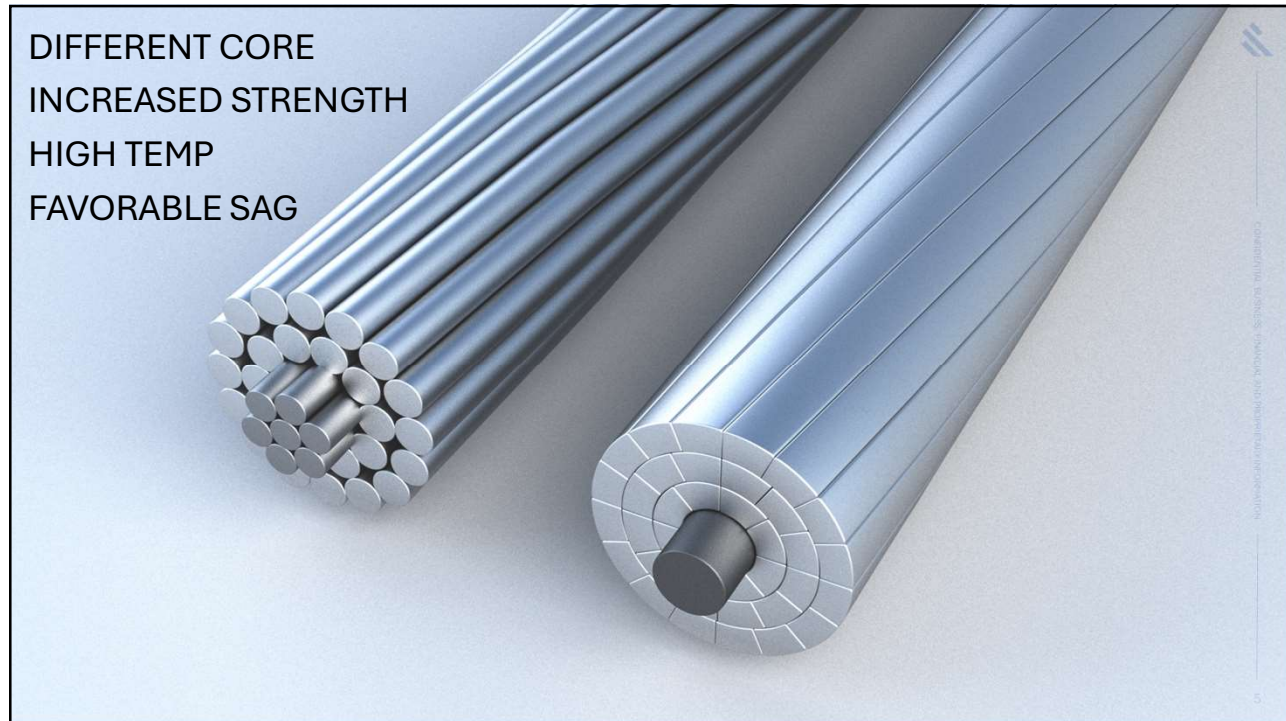
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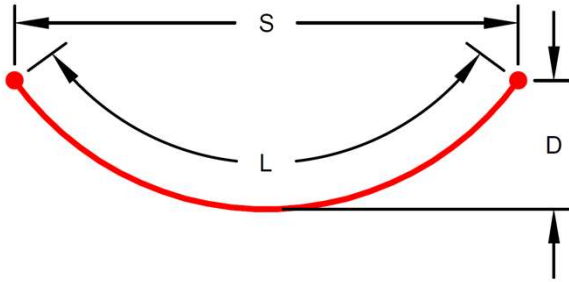
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SAG

$$Sag = D = \frac{H}{w} \left[\cosh \left(\frac{wS}{2H} \right) - 1 \right]$$

H= Horizontal Tension
w=Unit Weight of Wire

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SAG

$$Sag = D \approx \frac{wS^2}{8H}$$

H= Horizontal Tension
w=Unit Weight of Wire



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795 DRAKE ACSR
SPAN LENGTHS = 700-2,500 FT
HORIZONTAL TENSION = 7,000 LB

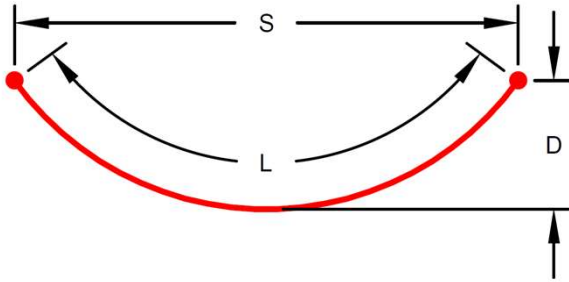


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SLACK

$$L - S = \text{Slack} \approx S^3 \left(\frac{w^2}{24H^2} \right) \approx D^2 \left(\frac{8}{3S} \right)$$



$$\text{Sag} = D \approx \sqrt{\frac{3S(L - S)}{8}}$$

$$H \approx \frac{wS}{2} \sqrt{\frac{S}{6(L - S)}}$$

H= Horizontal Tension
w=Unit Weight of Wire

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SINGLE SPAN
SPAN LENGTH = 800 FT
795 DRAKE ACSR
HORIZONTAL TENSION = 7,000 LBS

ADDED SLACK (FT)	TOTAL SLACK (FT)	HORIZONTAL TENSION (LBS)	MID SPAN SAG (FT)	DELTA TENSION FROM BASE CASE (LB)
0	0.52	7,000	12.5	0
0.25	0.77	5,754	15.21	-1,246
0.5	1.02	5,001	17.5	-1,999
1	1.52	4,097	21.36	-2,903
2	2.52	3,182	27.5	-3,818

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PLS-CADD/Ultralite

Unit System: Imperial (lengths in feet, forces in lbs)

Design Criteria: 24 weather cases, 5 tension limits

Span Geometry: Wire Properties: drake_acsr.wir

Span Horizontal Projection: 1000 (ft)

Span Vertical Projection: (ft)

Avg. Attachment Height Above Ground: (ft)

Ruling Span: Automatic (ft) 1000

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Sagging Parameters

Wire Temperature: (deg F) 60

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Reports

Maximum number of characters per line: 500

Sag-Tension | Stringing Chart

View as tables

Save | Close | Backup | Convert to PLS-CADD/Lite

Span Graphic

Profile View Aspect Ratio: 20

Wire Display Weather Cases & Conditions

Weather Case	Wire Condition	Color	Show Wire	Label Sag	Span Horiz. Tension (lbs)	Span Maximum Tension (lbs)	Mid Span Sag (ft)	Vert. Sag (ft)	Horiz. Blowout (ft)	Span Slack (ft)	Span Catenary Constant (ft)	Maximum Tension %UL
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Profile View

3D View

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MAXIMUM SAG FROM HEAT

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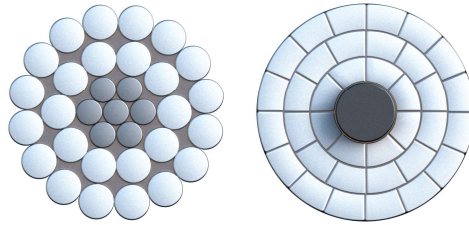
$$\Delta L = \alpha L_0 \Delta T$$

ΔL = CHANGE IN LENGTH

α = COEFFICIENT OF THERMAL EXPANSION

L_0 = ORIGINAL LENGTH

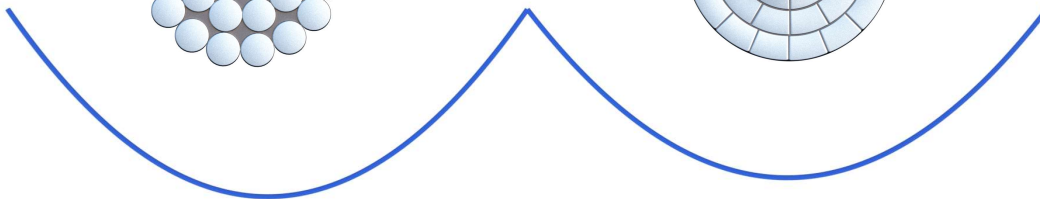
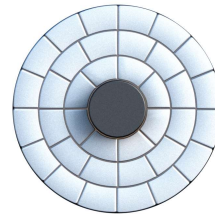
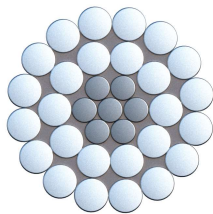
ΔT = CHANGE IN TEMPERATURE



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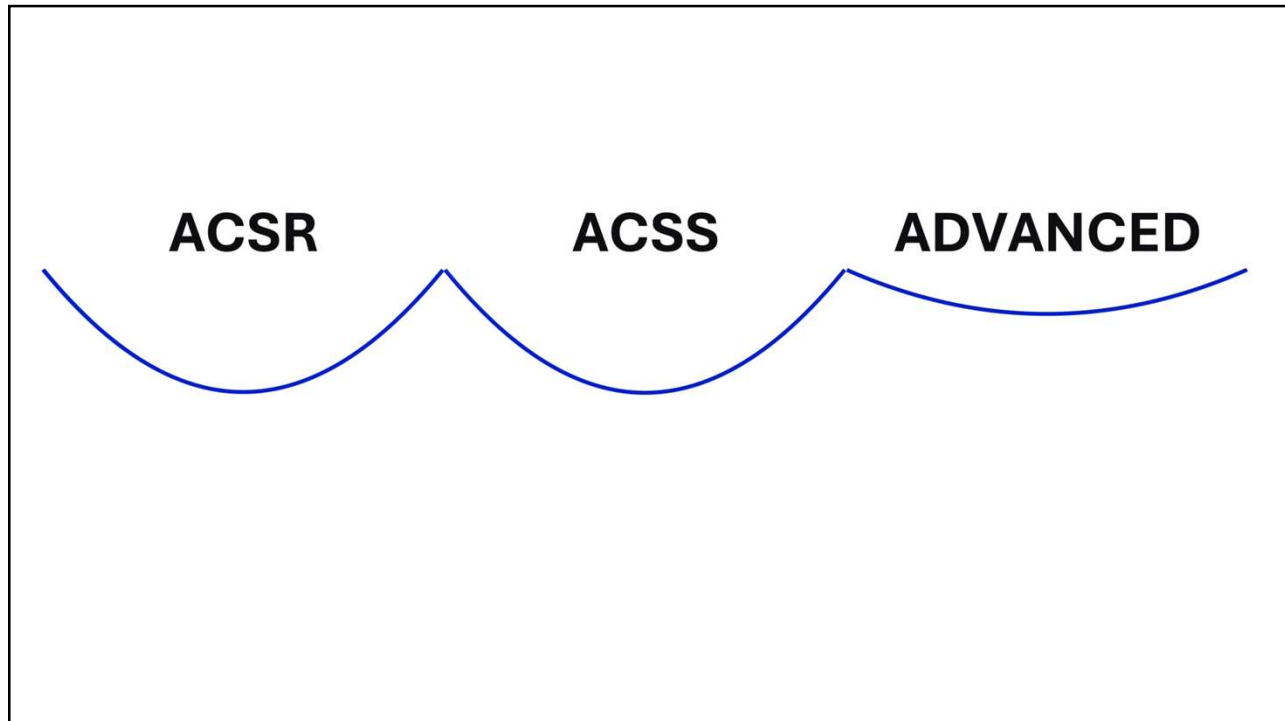
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PLS-CADD/Ultralite

Unit System: Imperial (lengths in feet, forces in lbs)

Design Criteria: 24 weather cases, 5 tension limits

Span Geometry: advanced.wir

Wire Properties: Span Horizontal Projection (ft) 800, Span Vertical Projection (ft), Avg. Attachment Height Above Ground (ft)

Ruling Span: Automatic (ft) 800

Sagging Parameters: Wire Temperature (deg F) 60, Wire Condition Initial, Sagging Method Autosag

Tension Limit Status: G

Horizontal Tension (lbs) 16974.5, Catenary Constant (ft) 19907.9, Slack (ft) 0.0538288, Mid Span Sag (ft) 4.01863

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View as tables

Span Graphic: Profile View Aspect Ratio 40

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212 Deg F	Initial	Red	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	14928	14932	4.57	4.57	0.00	0.070
REALLY HOT 380 F	Initial	Blue	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	12852	12856	5.31	5.31	0.00	0.094

Profile View:

3D View

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ASSUMED EQUIVALENCY



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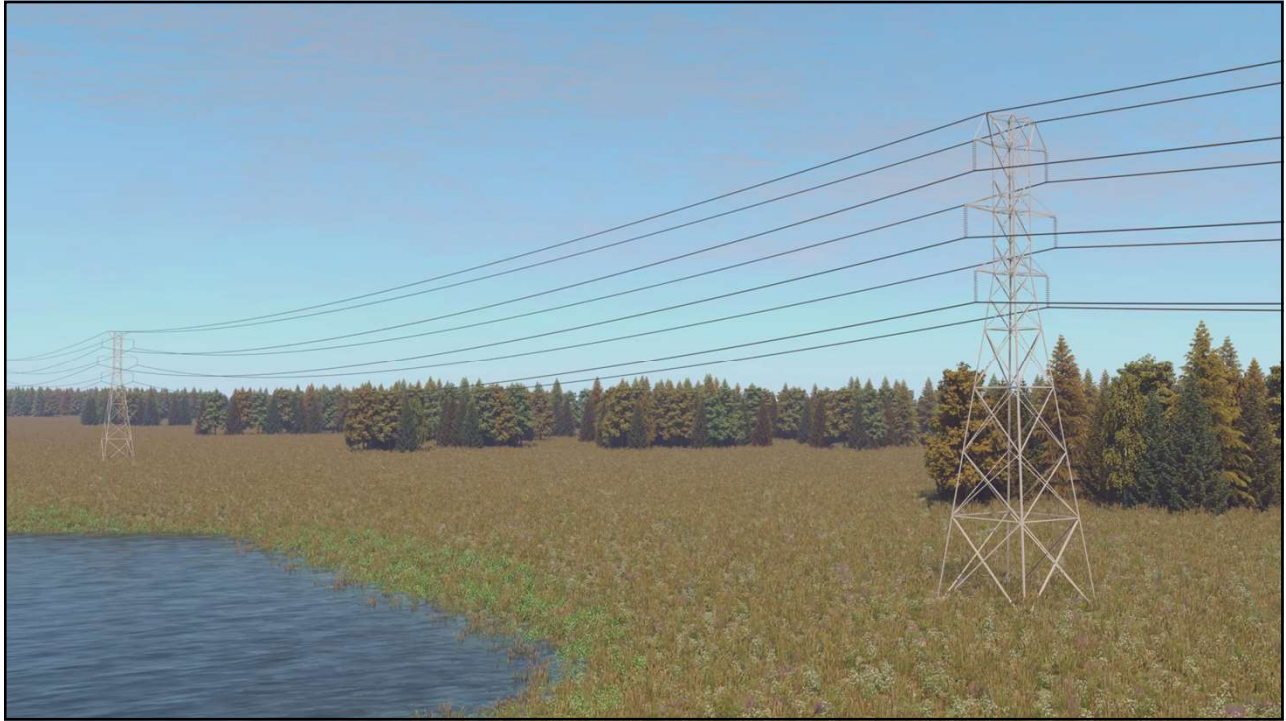




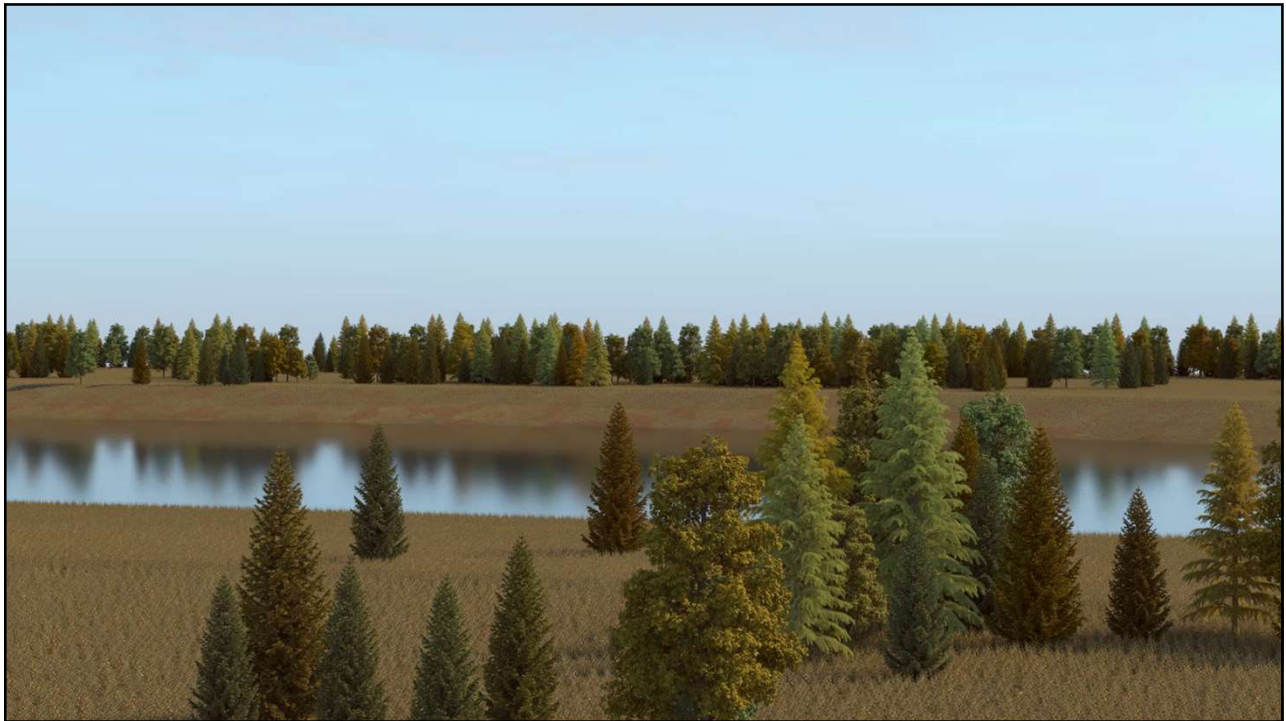
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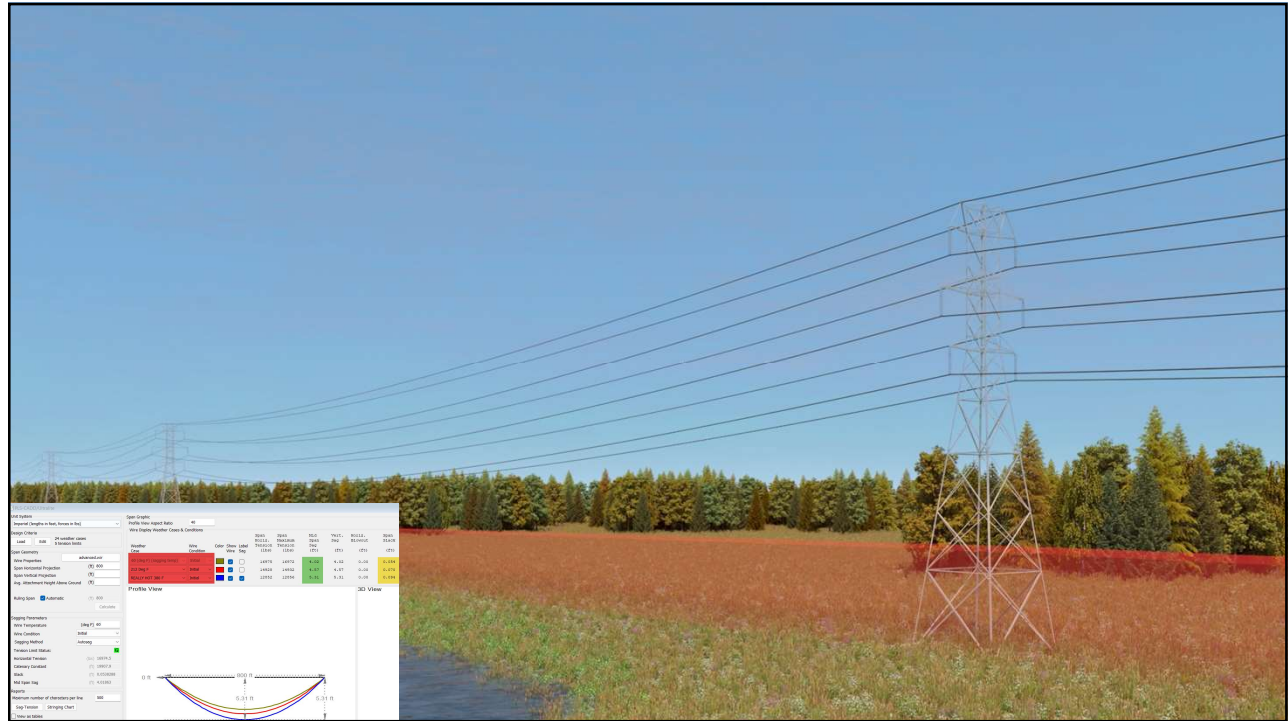
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