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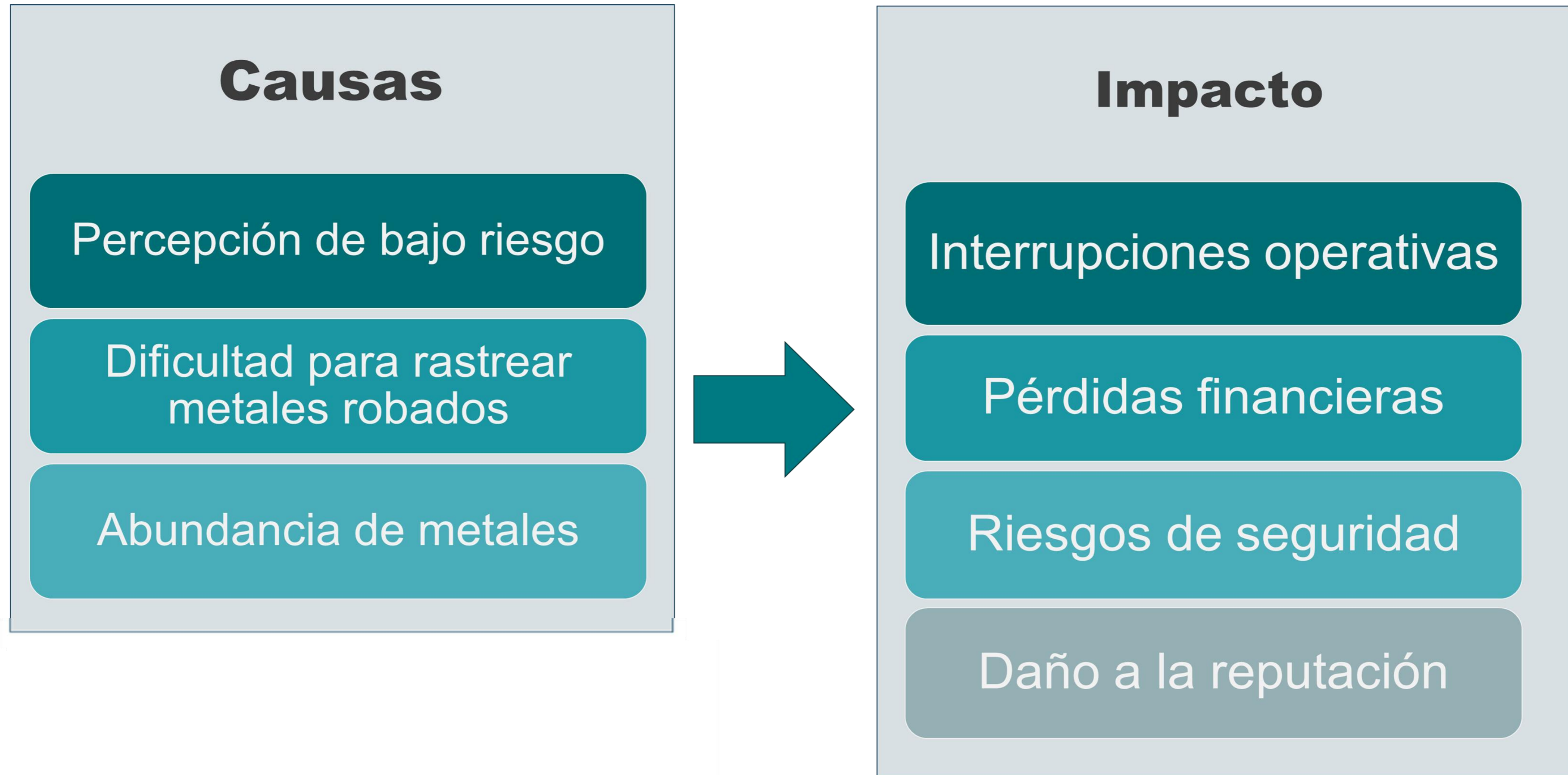
# Definiendo el Robo de Metal y sus Motivaciones

1. Precios fluctuantes de los metales
2. Cobre = 8.825 euros/tonelada en 2024
3. Complejidad cadena de suministro
4. Desafío social y de seguridad

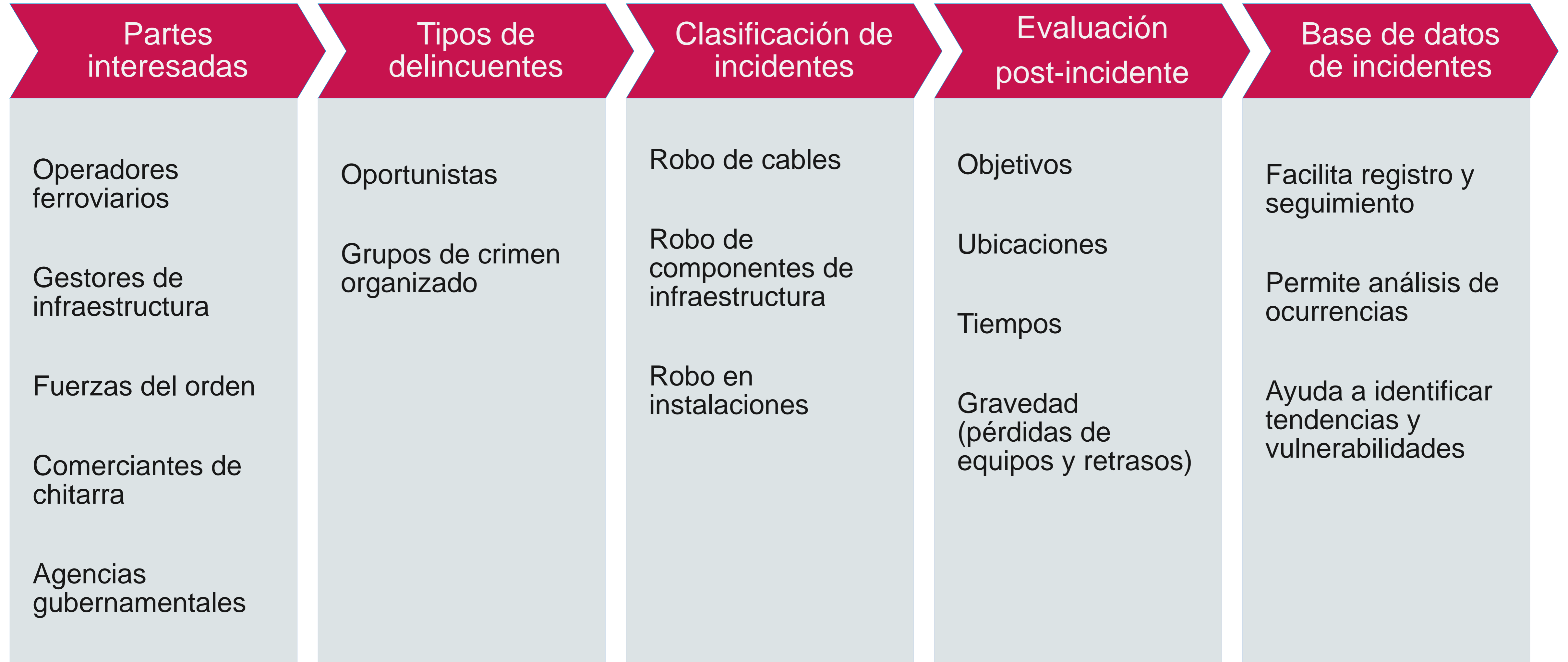


Fig. 1 – Tasas de cobre (por tonelada) en el mercado de materias primas (fuente: Markets Insider)

# Impacto Directo en Operaciones Ferroviarias



# Evaluación de Riesgos



# Respuesta al problema

## Detección Avanzada: Vigilancia Inteligente

- Sistemas de videovigilancia avanzados (CCTV, Drones y Sensores de Intrusión)
- Patrullaje

## Protección Reforzada: Fortificación de la Infraestructura

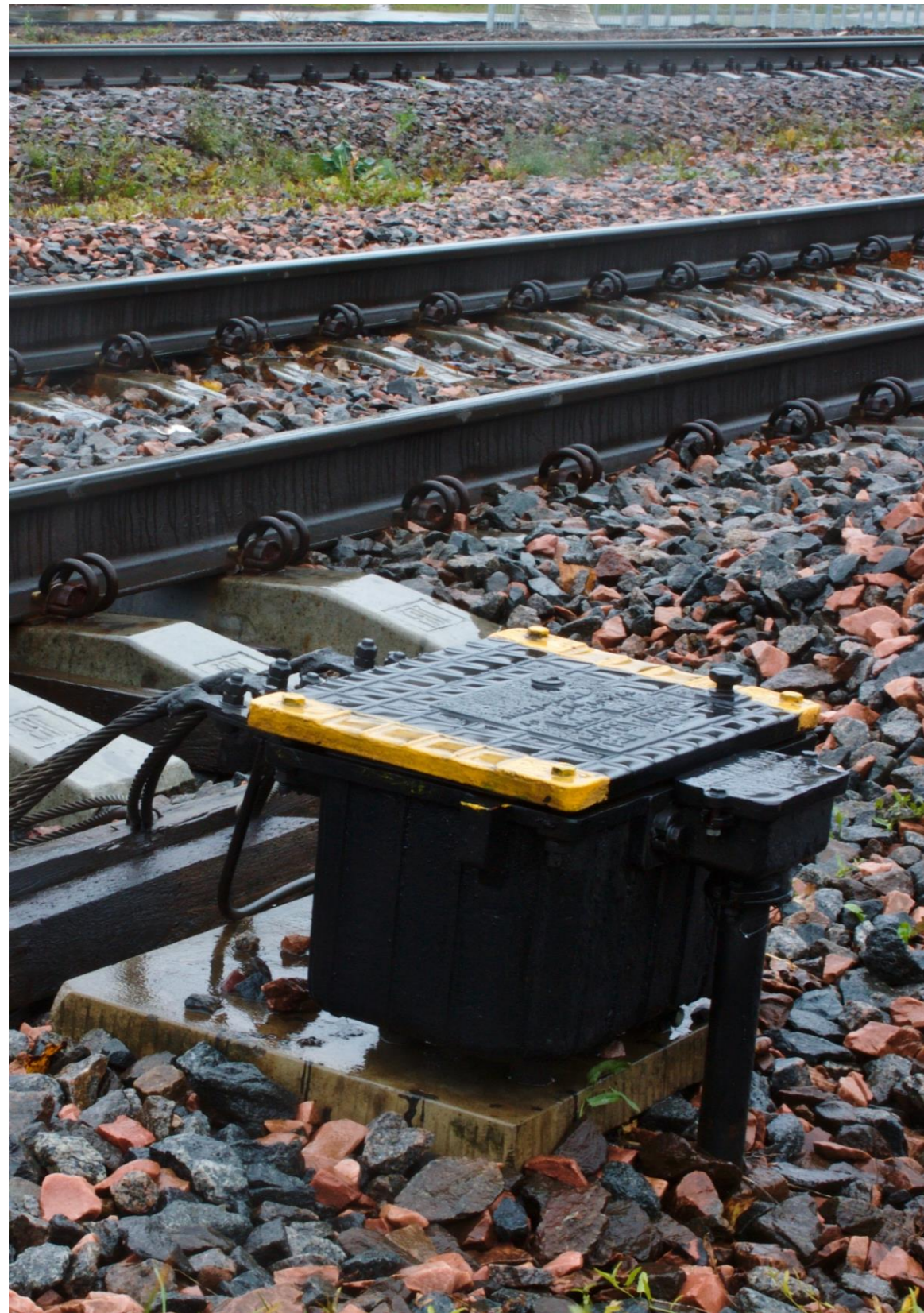
- Barreras físicas
- Sistema de marcado
- Señalización antirrobo
- Cableado subterráneo
- Dispositivos antirrobo

## Mitigación Estratégica: Enfoque Colaborativo

- Reemplazo de componentes
- Memorándums de entendimiento



# Detección Avanzada: Vigilancia Inteligente





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# THERMOGRAPHIC CAMERA

Infrared camera, Thermal imaging camera, Thermographic Screening, observational infrared camera, Thermovision, IR, Covid-19, anti-terrorism, Infrared light system (ILS), intrusion detection, video analytics, stations, tunnels, CCTV



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## DESCRIPTION

Thermal imaging cameras are tools that allow their users to see what their eyes cannot see. The technology is based on emitted heat radiation by all objects and human bodies regardless of lighting conditions.

A wide range of commercial and industrial thermal imaging cameras are available on the market for various applications, with which the user can see in complete darkness and through dark places such as smoke, haze, and fog with little or no light.

The devices recognize temperature differences between objects and people and illustrate them on a display. These devices produce high-resolution images that aid in identifying threatening situations efficiently. Furthermore, such devices can pinpoint and precisely determine moving objects and people's directions and movements.

The advantage of this solution is that criminals cannot hide their body temperature. Thanks to images produced by infrared devices, even in poor lighting conditions, security forces, police, or authorities can quickly intervene.

An immediate outcome of a thermal imaging device's use is the protection of employees and resources.

### Examples of use

- Thermographic cameras are used to prevent and detect graffiti offenders, metal theft, general theft, and property damage. For example, certain applications of these tools include the following: monitoring ticket machines to detect people entering marshalling yards and parking lots (e.g., for painting graffiti or stealing goods from freight wagons); detecting people who are at or too close to the tracks at night (e.g., for metal theft); and detecting intruders in tunnels.
- In the safety sector, thermal imaging cameras are part of complex fire alarm systems in different types of buildings, stations, and tunnels.
- In epidemic and pandemic situations, such as in the case of COVID-19, thermal imaging systems can be considered reliable support mechanisms and preventive measures.
- Cameras can also be used in larger, coherent systems and in combination with other systems. This includes the *Infrared light system* (ILS) used by Deutsche Bahn AG (see documents below). The ILS detects human movements with the help of infrared light and, in some cases, additional thermal sensors. A predefined location (for example, the *soc*) is alerted if triggered in the detection area. Dedicated encoders provide technical support for alarm transmission.

Threat : **THEFT/FRAUD** **METAL THEFT**  
**INTRUSION, VANDALISM AND SABOTAGE**  
**GRAFFITI** **VANDALISM**

Solution type : **PHYSICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL**  
**DETECTION, SENSORS AND ALARMS**

Application scope : **DETECTION**

### Quick Access

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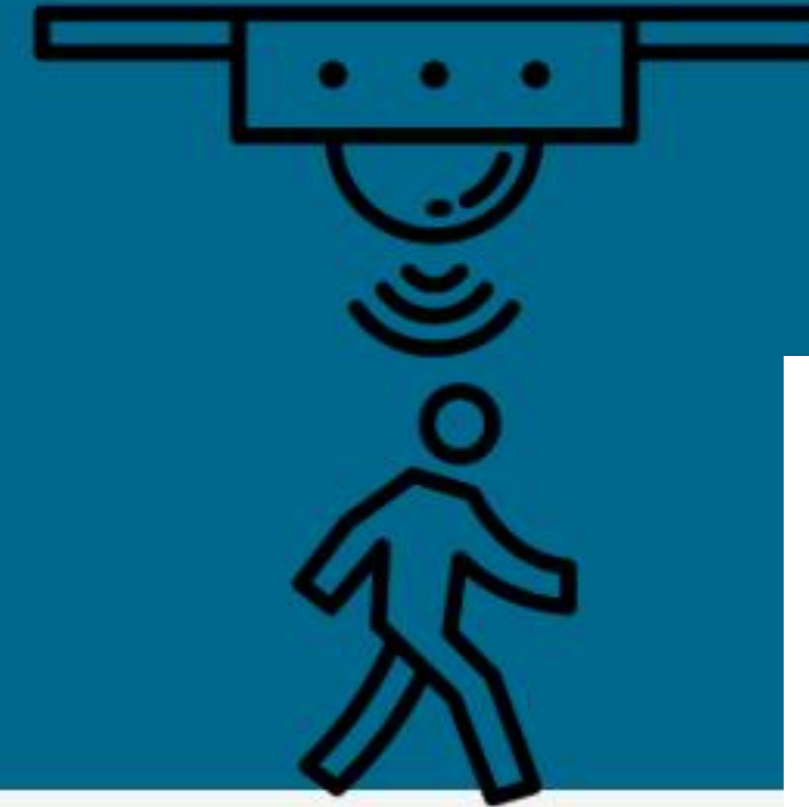


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## INTRUSION DETECTION SENSORS (VIBRATION, PASSIVE INFRARED)

TERRORISM AND EMERGING THREATS, STATIONS, TRAINS, STAFF  
AWARENESS, PUBLIC AWARENESS, INTRUSION DETECTION

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### DESCRIPTION

The railway sector needs increased protection for passengers, rolling stock and infrastructure. Therefore, detection systems are becoming increasingly sophisticated and comprehensive. They are used mostly to enhance security and safety across the whole railway network. For example, intrusion detection systems monitor and protect railway tunnels, level crossings, or properties from theft (e.g. equipment, assets, metals) or vandalism (e.g. ground sensors detect the acoustic emissions associated with human footsteps on concrete surfaces).

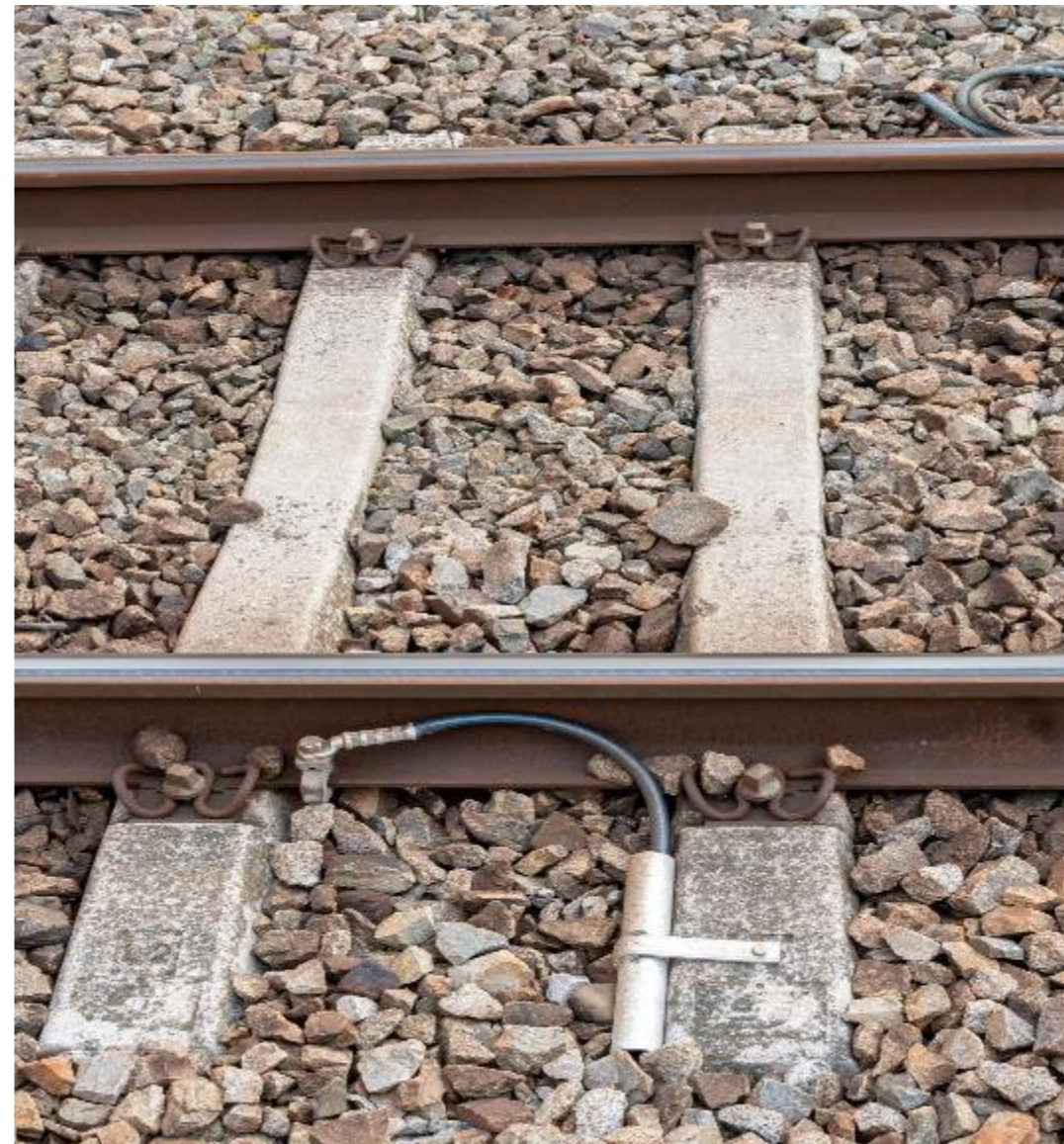
Ground Sensor Detection systems for protection may consist of:

- Alarm-raising components - which monitor possible perpetrator entry, access, and exits so that the accesses can be tracked via





# Protección Reforzada: Fortificación de la Infraestructura







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## CABLE MARKING SYSTEMS

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 DESCRIPTION





# Mitigación Estratégica: Enfoque Colaborativo



# Conclusión

## Soluciones:

- Abordaje individual por empresas ferroviarias = alcance limitado
- Colaboración sectorial amplia
- Papel clave de organizaciones como UIC
- Vínculos con otras industrias afectadas (construcción, telecomunicaciones)

## Tecnologías Emergentes:

- Cámaras con IA en trenes
- Drones automatizados para patrullaje
- Inteligencia de Código Abierto (OSINT)

## Desafíos de Implementación:

- Costos de desarrollo e integración
- Cumplimiento de leyes de privacidad
- Consideraciones éticas (IA y tecnologías autónomas)





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# Recursos Disponibles en la Plataforma de Seguridad UIC



# Futuros pasos UIC LARA Taskforce



2024: Nacimiento de LARA Security Force + convocatoria de expertos



19 Marzo 2025: Webinar sobre Robo de Metales (online)



Encuesta sobre temas de interés para empezar a trabajar



20th Congreso de Seguridad



# Thank you!

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