

# Transformer Health Assessment

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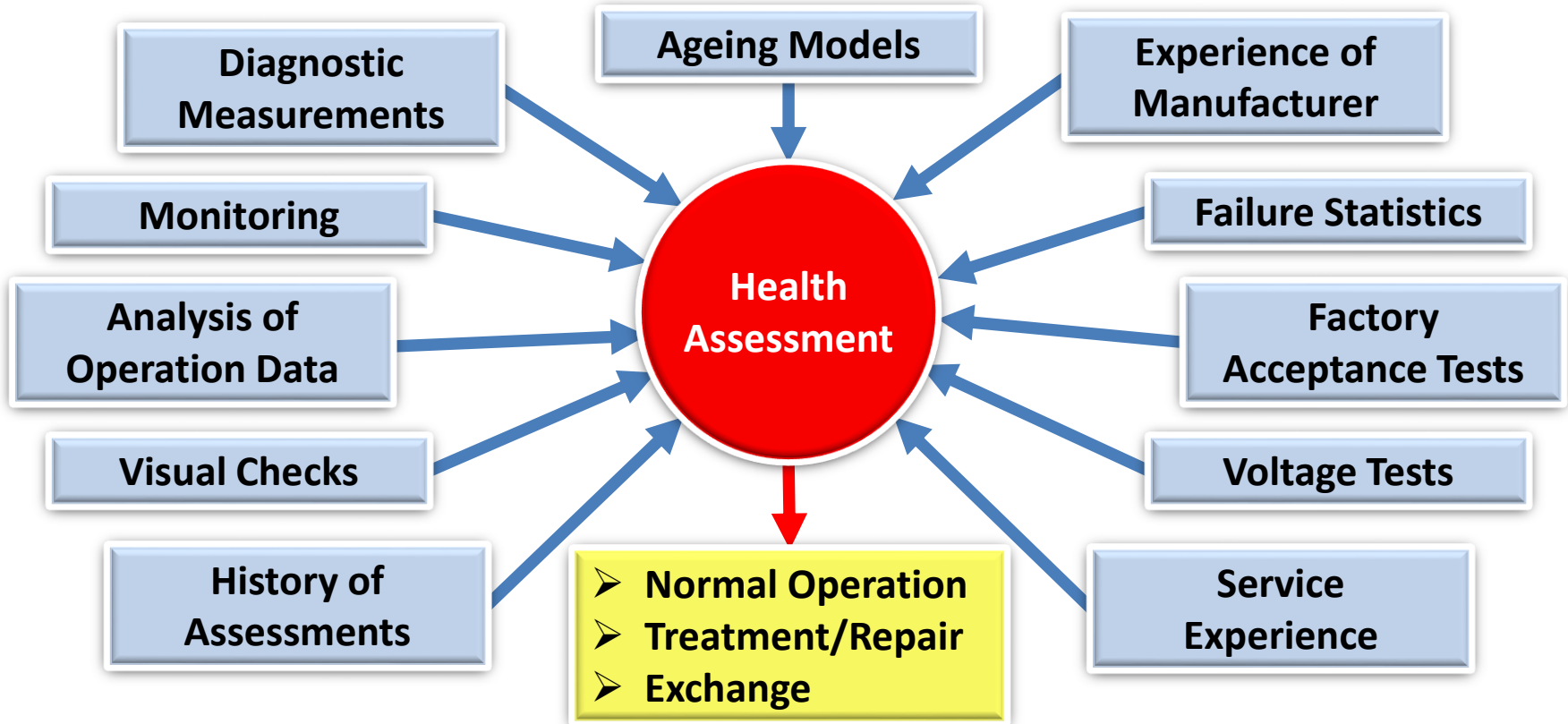
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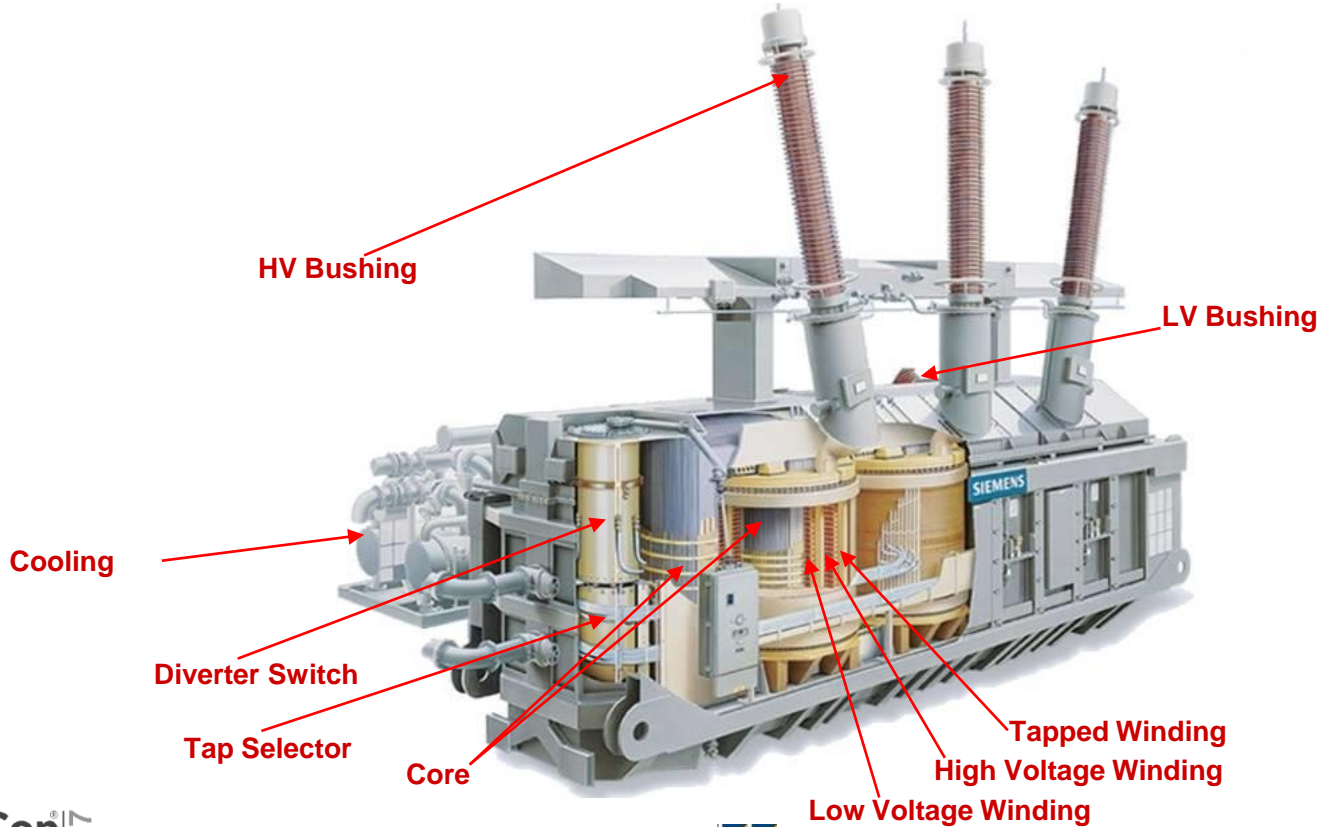
# Work of Cigre - Transformer Health Assessment

Cigre WG	Topic	Brochure	Year
A2.18	Life Management Techniques for Power Transformers	227	2003
A2.27	Recommendations for Condition Monitoring and Conditioning Assessment for Transformers	343	2008
A2.34	Guide for Transformer Maintenance	445	2011
A2.37	Transformer Reliability Survey	642	2015
A2.43	Bushing Reliability		
A2.44	Intelligent Conditioning Monitoring Systems	630	2015
A2.45	Transformer Failure Investigation and Post-Mortem Analysis		
A2.49	Condition Assessment of Power Transformers		
A2.55	Life Extension of Oil Filled Transformers and Shunt Reactors		

# Assessment of Transformer Health



# Components of a Generator Step-Up Transformer



# Indicators used to Estimate the Health Index

Indicator	Description
Failure rate of similar transformers	Failure data is used to identify less reliable transformer families. Transformer families are created for equipment with the same specification, manufacturer, similar serial numbers and years of manufacture, etc.
Solid insulation	Paper aging markers measured in transformer oil such as methanol, furans and CO/CO <sub>2</sub> content (depending on data availability).
Dissolved Gas Analysis	DGA index is calculated based on the absolute values of the different gases measured, the evolution of these gases and the ranking coefficients for each gas.
On-Load Tap Changer	Information on the reliability of the OLTC design and the maintenance record.
Bushing	Information on bushing type reliability and maintenance record.
Moisture content	Moisture content in oil is measured to estimate the water content in the paper.
Oil tests	Oil quality is characterized based on acidity, interfacial tension, dielectric strength and power factor.
Accessories reliability	This indicator is derived from the number of repairs carried out to fix problems on accessories.
Oil leaks	This indicator is derived from the number of repairs carried out to fix oil leaks.

# Assessment of Risks

item	Condition Criteria	Weight, Wi	Score, 1 - 4	Score x Wi
1	DGA	10	4	40
2	Load History	10	4	40
3	Insulation PF	10	4	40
4	Infra-Red	10	4	40
5	Oil Quality Parameters	8	4	32
6	Overall Condition	6	4	24
7	Furans	6	4	24
8	Bushing Condition	5	4	20
9	Corrosion/Paint	2	4	8
10	Cooling Equipment	2	4	8
11	Oil Tank Corrosion	1	4	4
12	Foundation	1	4	4
13	Grounding	1	4	4
14	Gaskets, seals	1	4	4
15	Connectors	1	4	4
16	Oil Leaks	1	4	4
17	Oil Level	1	4	4
18	LTC DGA	6	4	24
19	LTC Oil Quality	3	4	12
20	Overall LTC Condition	2	4	8
Sum of weights		87	Total (S x Wi)	348

$$H.I = \frac{\sum (W_i \times S_i)}{\sum (W_i \times S_i \text{ max})}$$

H.I. = 100.0%

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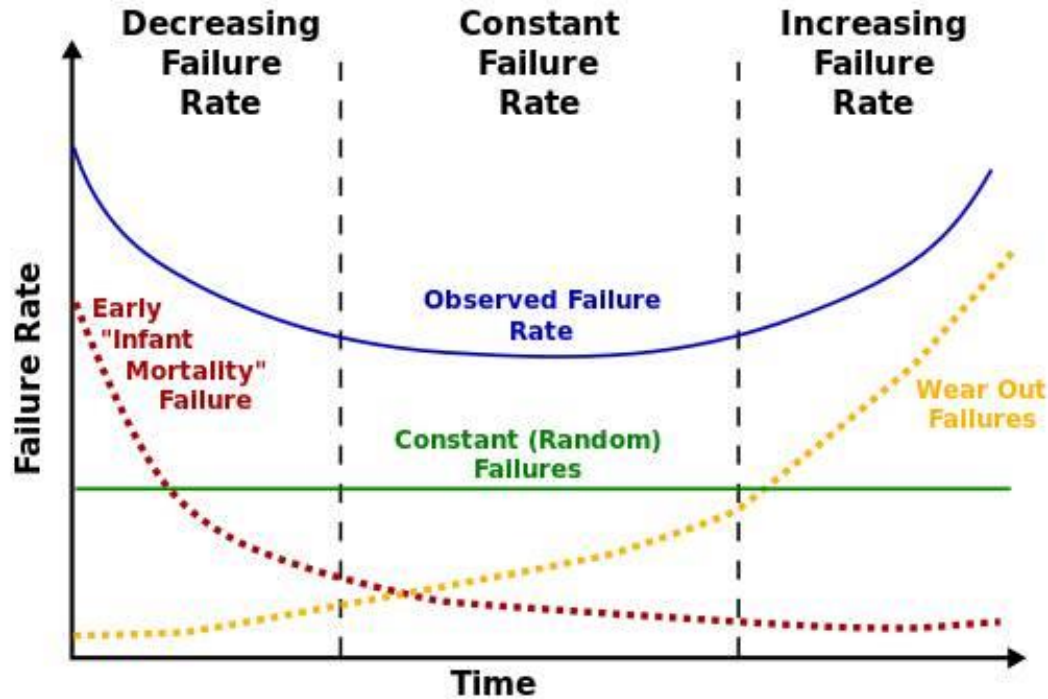
		Transformer Assessment										
Date of assessment	2016-12-30											
Responsible	xxx											
Location/Substation	xxx											
Transformer ID	xxx	Assessment										2
Serial number	xxx	Exchange priority										2
Year of manufacturing	1983											
Expected life time (years)	45											
		new									old	
		10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
Transformer age	33 Years	Green							Yellow	Red		
		excellent									bad	
		10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
		Green							Yellow	Red		Remarks
Core						X						
Winding						X						
Cellulose insulation						X						no ageing detectible
Oil						X						normal ageing
HV bushings										X		1N -> increased capacitance and tan $\delta$
LV bushings										X		2W -> increased capacitance
Tap changer								X				
Motor drive								X				
Cooling system								X				1 cooling group renewed
Oil leak							X					
Corrosion protection							X					
LV wiring and protection							X					



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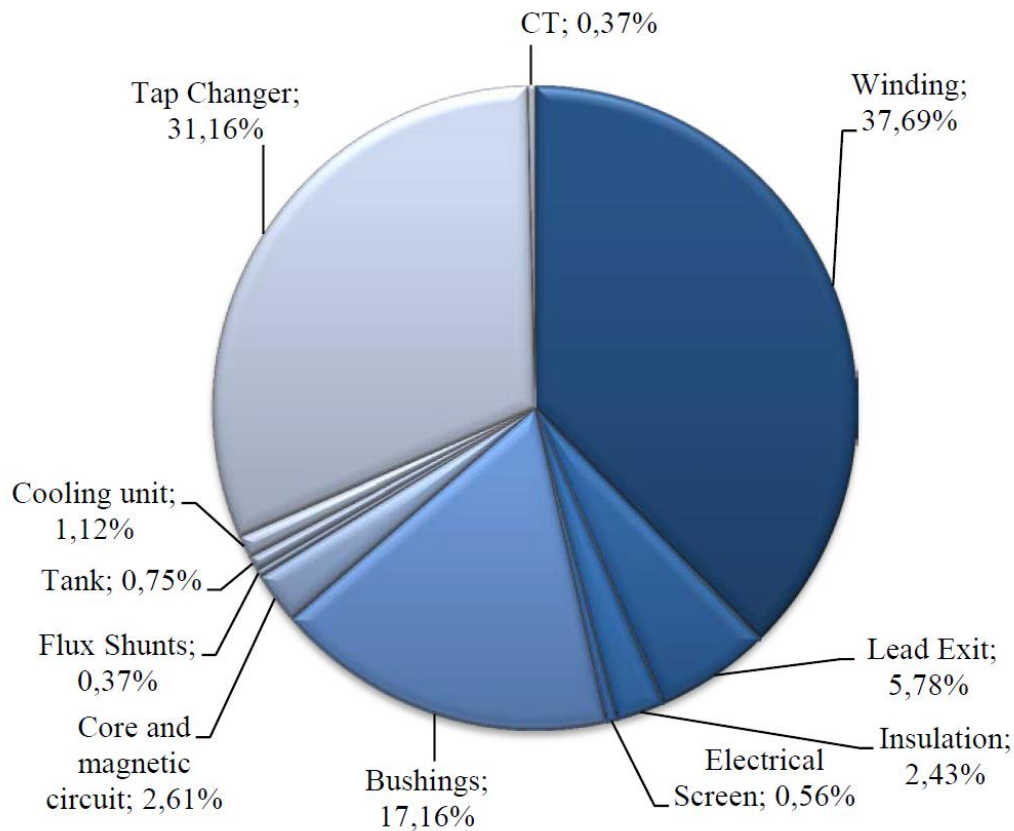
10	9	8	7	6
<p><b>Excellent condition</b></p> <p>no diagnostic and repair measures in the long term</p> <p><b>No recognizable defects exist</b></p>	<p><b>Excellent condition</b></p> <p>long-term no diagnostic and repair measures</p> <p><b>No notable defects exist</b></p>	<p><b>Very good condition</b></p> <p>long-term no diagnostic and repair measures expected</p> <p><b>Negligible deficiencies exist</b></p>	<p><b>Good condition</b></p> <p>no immediate action required</p> <p><b>Small deficiencies present, long term measures required</b></p>	<p><b>Satisfactory condition</b></p> <p>no immediate action required</p> <p><b>Major deficiencies exist, medium-term measures necessary</b></p>
5	4	3	2	1
<p><b>Moderate condition</b></p> <p>no immediate action required</p> <p><b>Major deficiencies exist, short-term measures necessary</b></p>	<p><b>Sufficient condition</b></p> <p>partial repair necessary</p> <p><b>Severe shortcomings, operation of the plant in the medium term with increased operational risk</b></p>	<p><b>Poor condition</b></p> <p>partial repair necessary</p> <p><b>Severe shortcomings, operation of the system in the short term with increased operational risk</b></p>	<p><b>Insufficient condition</b></p> <p>partial repair necessary, increased operating risk</p> <p><b>Safe operation of the system without online monitoring no longer ensured</b></p>	<p><b>Very bad condition</b></p> <p>immediate general repair necessary</p> <p><b>Safe operation of the system no longer ensured</b></p>

# Bathtub Curve of Failure Rate



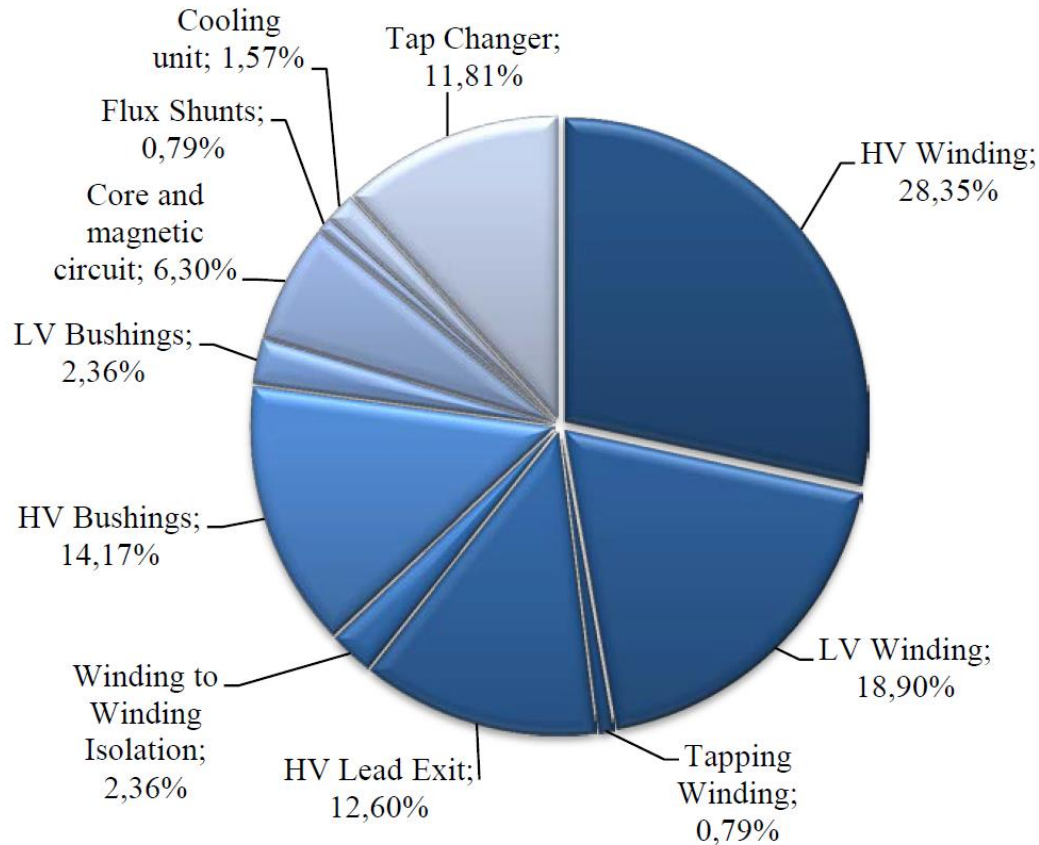
Source: Wikipedia Feb. 2014

# Failure Locations of Substation Transformers > 100kV



Source: Cigre WG A2.37  
"Transformer Reliability", Cigre  
Brochure 642

# Failure Locations of Generator Step-up Transformers > 100kV



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# Causes of Ageing

- Dielectric causes
- Electromagnetic causes
- Thermal causes
- Chemical causes

# Electromagnetic Causes of Ageing

High currents (e.g. due to short circuits nearby the transformer) produce high mechanical forces

- Deformation of the winding
- Damage of the paper insulation (cracks) , particularly on aged parts
- Initiation of partial discharges
- Initiation of partial break-downs

# Thermal Causes of Ageing

- Hysteresis losses in the magnetic core
- Shorted laminates
- Resistive losses in the windings
- Dielectric losses in the insulation
- Load changes will cause warming up and cooling down - negative influence on the lifetime of the insulation
- The ageing of the insulation is accelerated by a factor 2, if the temperature is increased by 7°C (valid for normal operation temperatures)

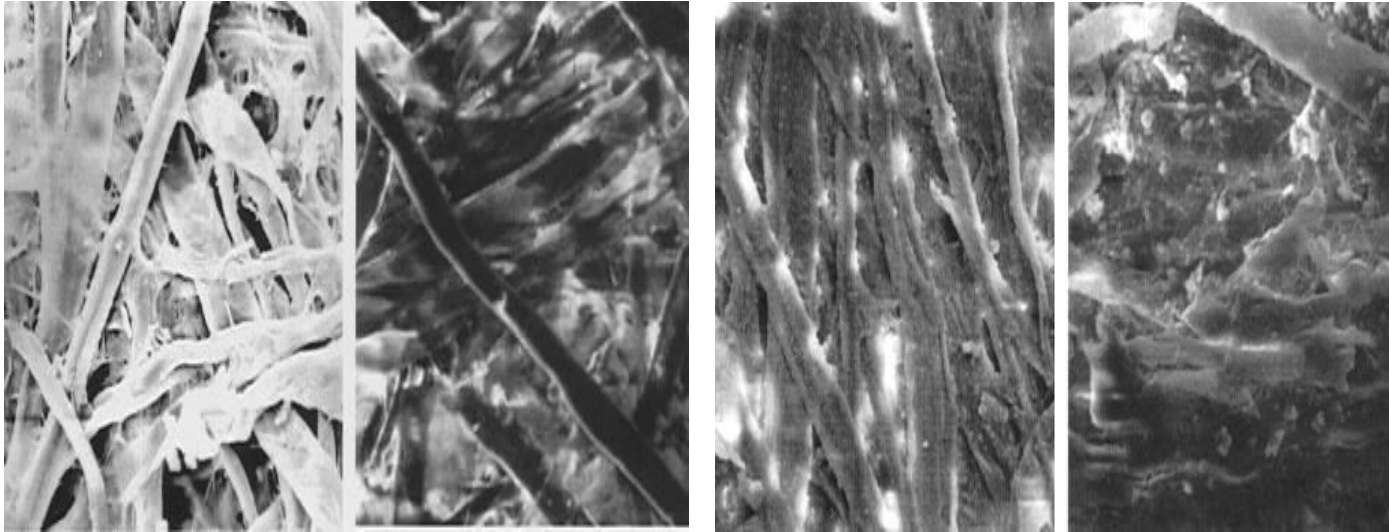
# Chemical Causes of Ageing

Organic acids are produced as a result of ageing

- In particular, they affect the paper insulation  
-> **accelerated ageing**
- Metals like Copper, Iron, Aluminium and Zinc are behaving like catalysts  
-> **accelerated ageing**



# Ageing of the Cellulose by Acids



**Microstructure of paper with Neutralization Number [mg/kg]  
(from left to right) 0.05 0.1 0.2 0.3**

# Ageing in the Cellulose

- Ageing of Cellulose is caused by:
- the influence of oxygen  
→ Oxidation
- the influence of water  
→ Hydrolysis
- the influence of heat  
→ Pyrolysis

# Ageing of Paper

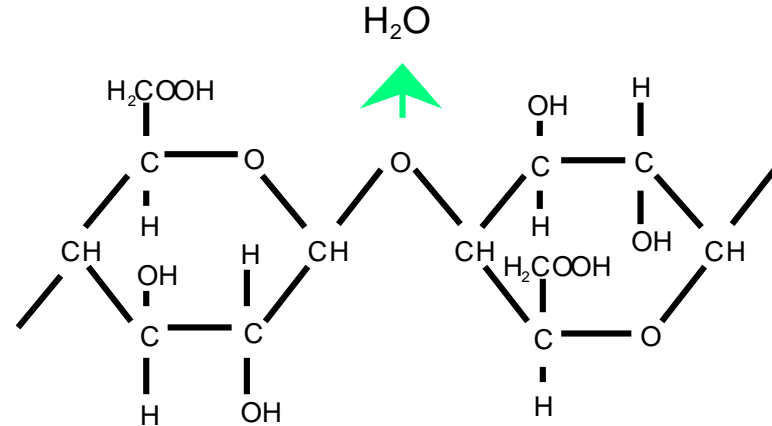
As the cellulose ages, the glucose ring chains break (depolymerisation).  
The following substances are produced:

Water

Gases (CO, CO<sub>2</sub>)

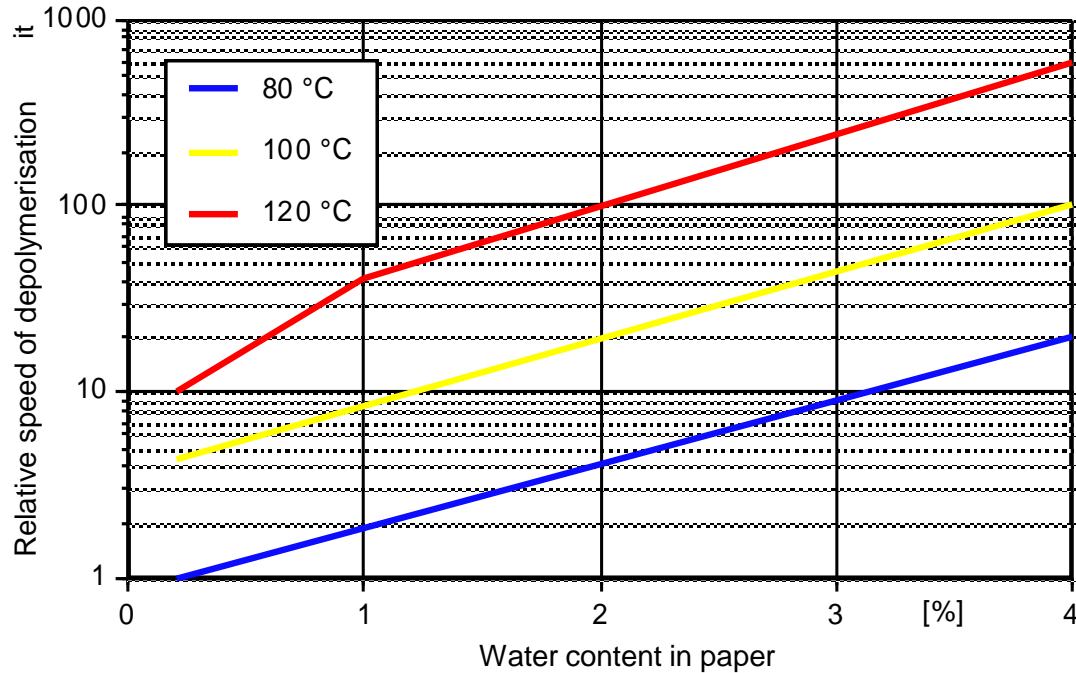
Furanes

Carboxyl Groups (organic acids)



# Water as Ageing Factor

## Water and heat accelerate the ageing of the Cellulose

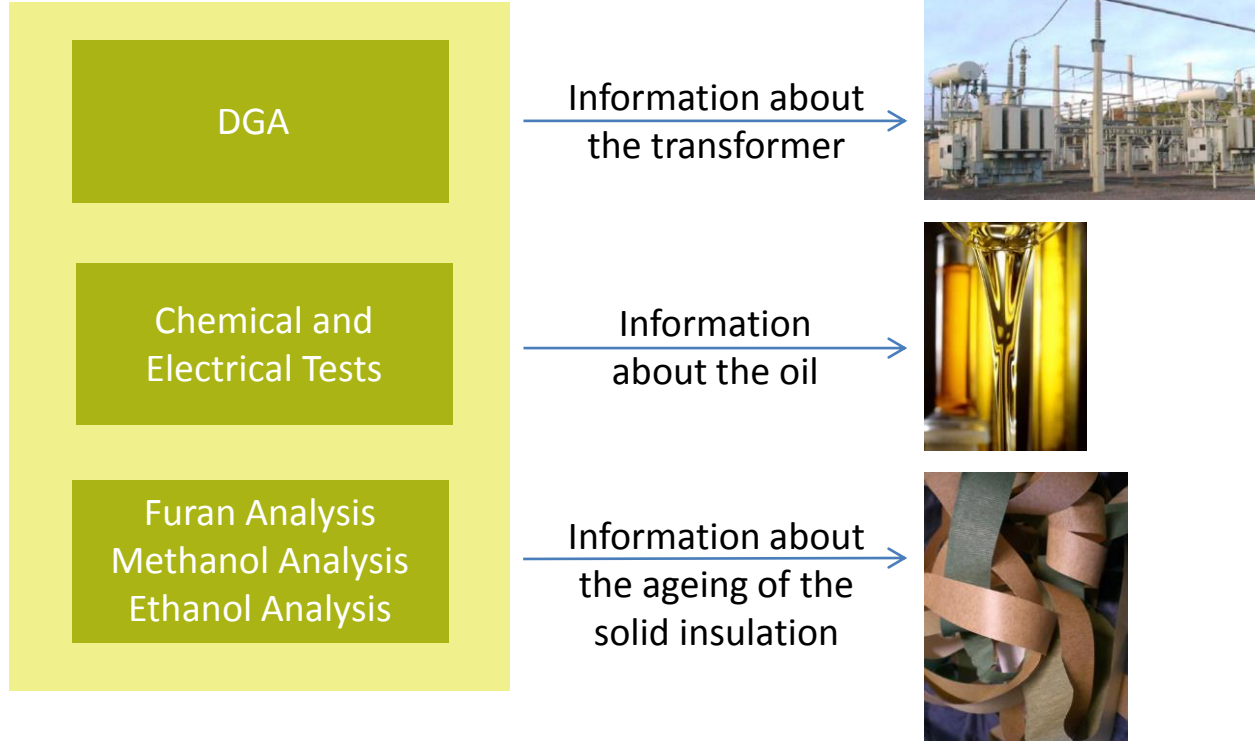


To extend the lifetime, the water has to be removed from the insulation!

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# Information from Oil Analysis



# IEC 60422

**Table 3 – Recommended limits for mineral insulating oils after filling in new electrical equipment prior to energization**

Property	Highest voltage for equipment kV		
	<72,5	72,5 to 170	>170
Appearance	Clear, free from sediment and suspended matter		
Colour (on scale given in ISO 2049)	Max. 2,0	Max. 2,0	Max. 2,0
Breakdown voltage (kV)	>55	>60	>60
Water content (mg/kg) <sup>a</sup>	20 <sup>b</sup>	<10	<10
Acidity (mg KOH/g)	Max. 0,03	Max. 0,03	Max. 0,03
Dielectric dissipation factor at 90°C and 40 Hz to 60 Hz <sup>c</sup>	Max. 0,015	Max. 0,015	Max. 0,010
Resistivity at 90 °C (GΩm)	Min. 60	Min. 60	Min. 60
Oxidation stability	As specified in IEC 60296		
Interfacial tension (mN/m)	Min. 35	Min. 35	Min. 35
Total PCB content (mg/kg)	Not detectable (< 2 total)		
Particles	-	-	See Table B.1 <sup>d</sup>

# IEC 60422

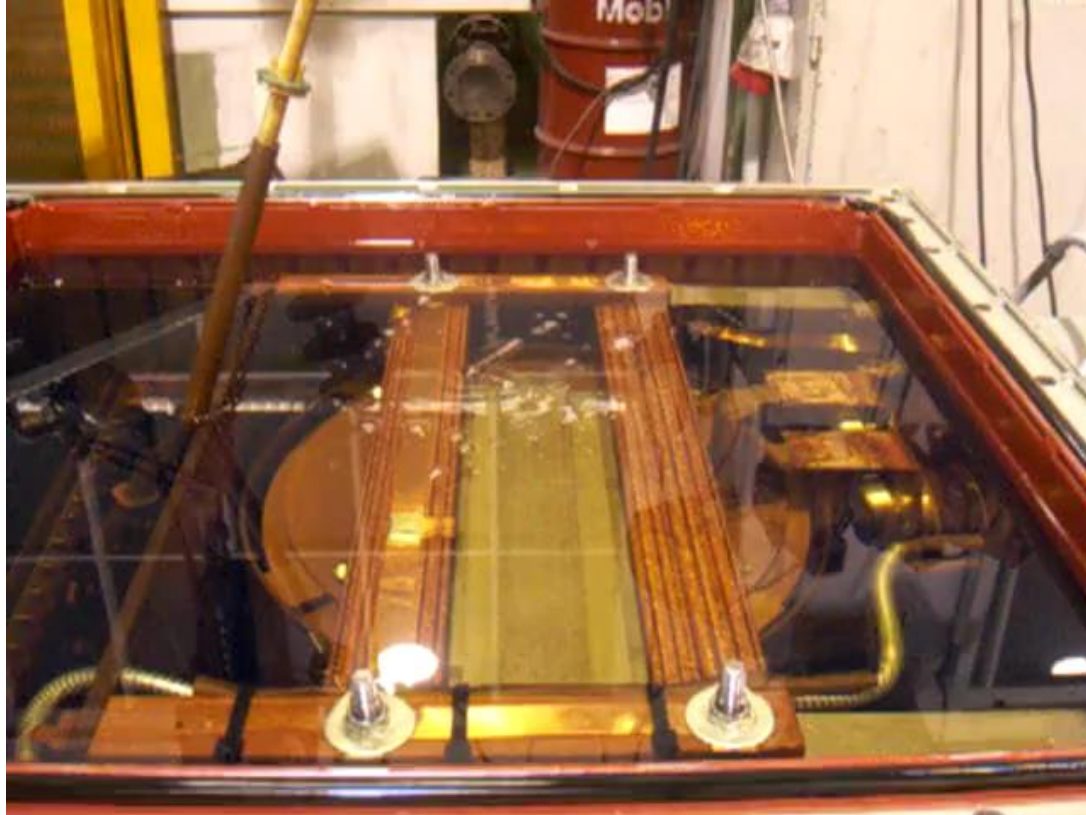
## Water Saturation in Oil

**Table A.1 – Guidelines for interpreting data expressed in percent saturation**

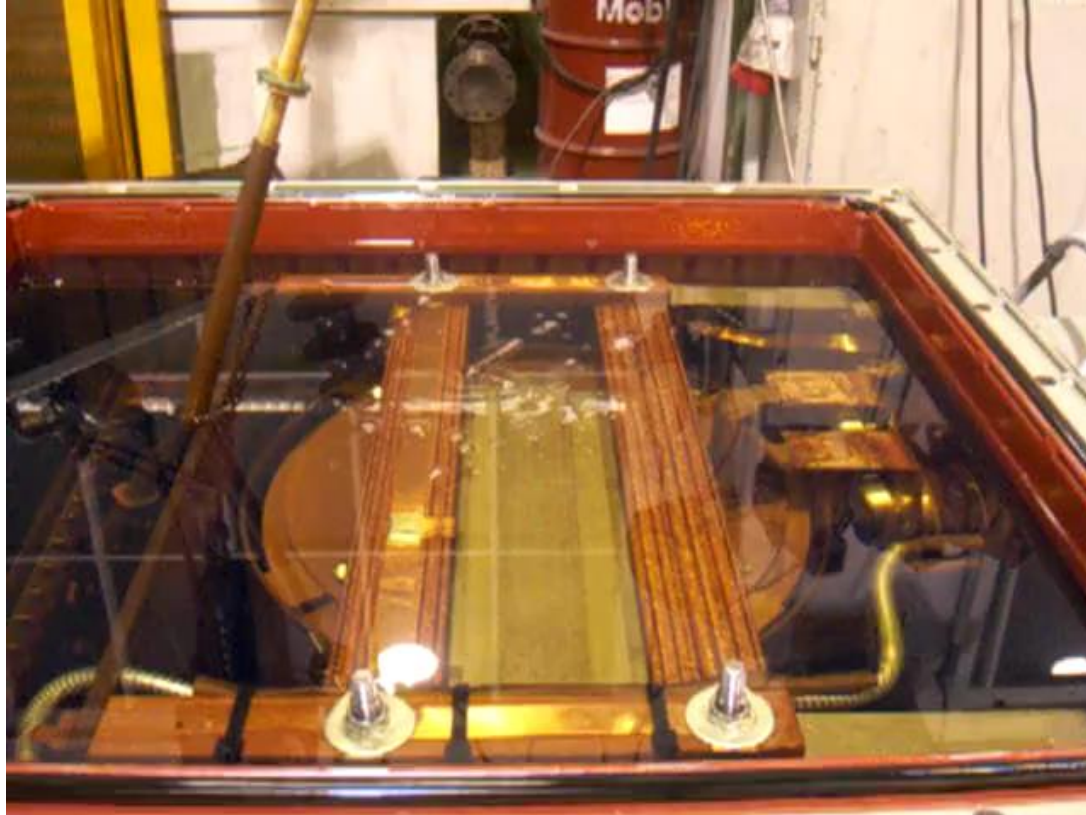
Percent saturation water in oil	Condition of cellulosic insulation
0 % – 5 %	Dry insulation.
6 % – 20 %	Moderately wet, low numbers indicate fairly dry to moderate levels of water in the insulation. Values toward the upper limit indicate moderately wet insulation.
21 % – 30 %	Wet insulation.
>30 %	Extremely wet insulation.
Source : IEEE C57.106:2002 [6].	



# Gases in Oil caused by PD



# Gases in Oil caused by PD



# Gases

Mineral Oil	$\begin{array}{cccccccc} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \\ &   &   &   &   &   &   &   & \\ \text{H} & -\text{C} & -\text{C} & -\text{C} & -\text{C} & -\text{C} & -\text{C} & -\text{C} & -\text{H} \\ &   &   &   &   &   &   &   & \\ & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \end{array}$	$\text{C}_n\text{H}_{2n+2}$
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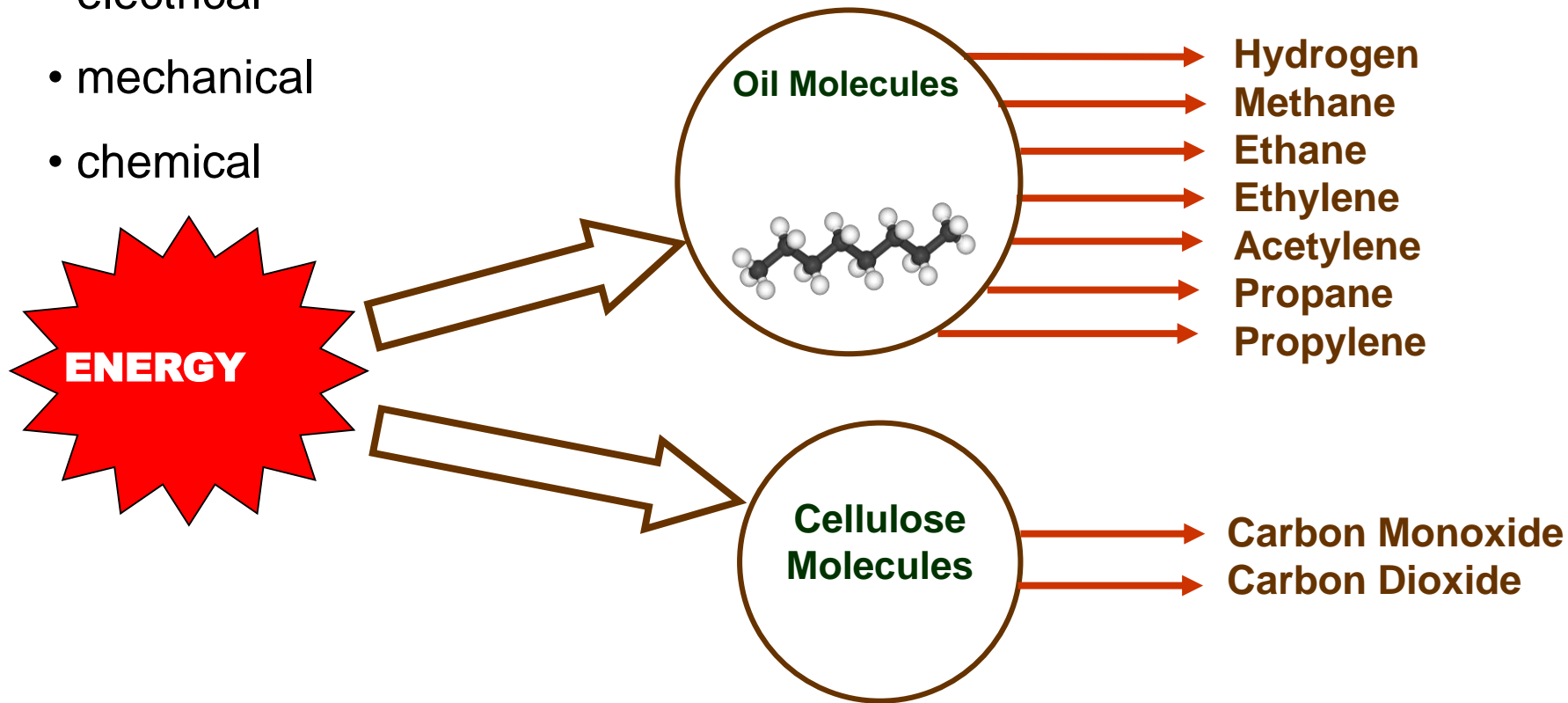
Carbon Dioxide	Paper	$\text{O}=\text{C}=\text{O}$	$\text{CO}_2$
Carbon Monoxide		$\text{C}\equiv\text{O}$	$\text{CO}$
Oxygen	Envirom.	$\text{O}=\text{O}$	$\text{O}_2$
Nitrogen		$\text{N}\equiv\text{N}$	$\text{N}_2$

Hydrogen	Combustible Gases	$\text{H}-\text{H}$	$\text{H}_2$
Methane		$\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \\   \\ \text{H}-\text{C}-\text{H} \\   \\ \text{H} \end{array}$	$\text{CH}_4$
Ethane		$\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \quad \text{H} \\   \quad   \\ \text{H}-\text{C}-\text{C}-\text{H} \\   \quad   \\ \text{H} \quad \text{H} \end{array}$	$\text{C}_2\text{H}_6$
Ethylene		$\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \quad \text{H} \\   \quad   \\ \text{C}=\text{C} \\   \quad   \\ \text{H} \quad \text{H} \end{array}$	$\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$
Acetylene		$\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \quad \text{H} \\   \quad   \\ \text{C}=\text{C} \\   \quad   \\ \text{H} \quad \text{H} \end{array}$	$\text{C}_2\text{H}_2$

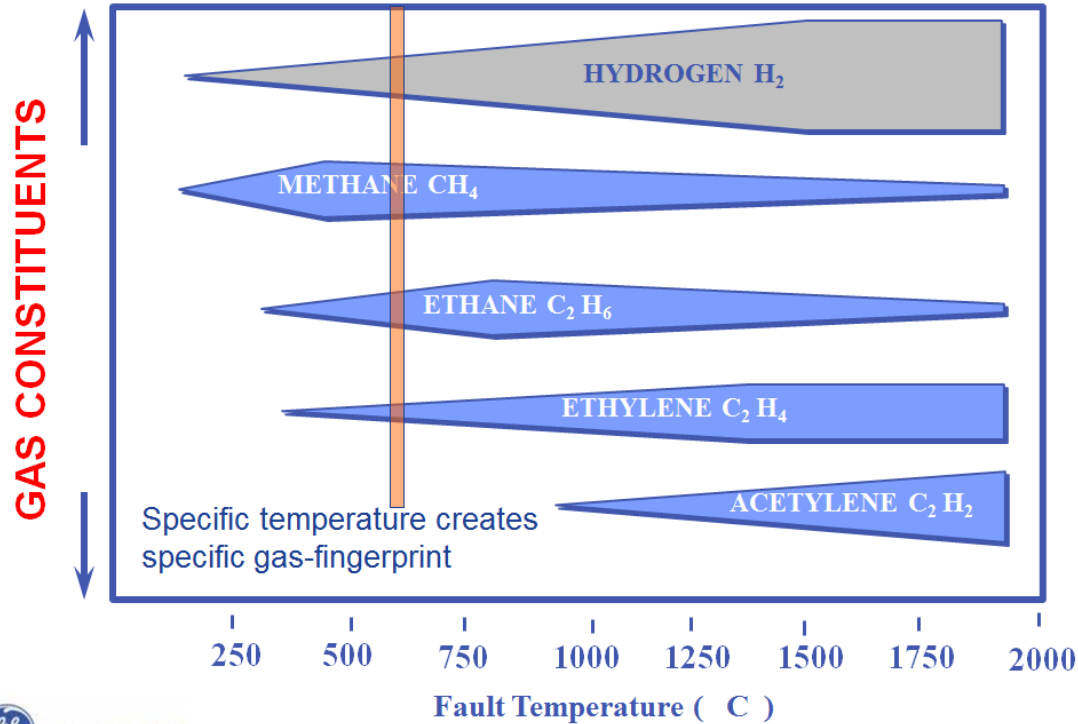
Propylene  $\text{C}_3\text{H}_6$   
 Propane  $\text{C}_3\text{H}_8$

- thermal
- electrical
- mechanical
- chemical

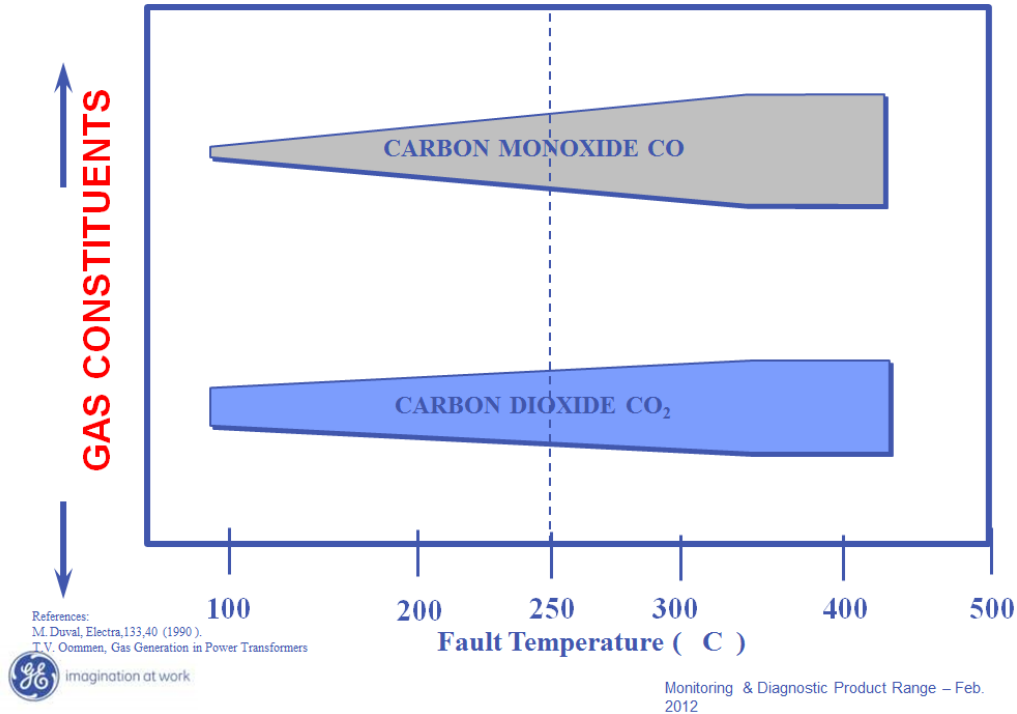
# Fault Gas Formation



# Gas Formation from Oil Dependent on the Temperature



# Gas Formation from Cellulose Dependent on the Temperature



# Key Gases

## 1. Partial discharges

a. Oil

H<sub>2</sub>

b. Cellulose

H<sub>2</sub> , CO , CO<sub>2</sub>

## 2. Pyrolysis

a. Oil

Low temperature

CH<sub>4</sub> , C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub>

High temperature

C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> , H<sub>2</sub> ( CH<sub>4</sub> , C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub> )

b. Cellulose

Low temperature

CO<sub>2</sub> ( CO )

High temperature

CO ( CO<sub>2</sub> )

## 3. Arcing

H<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub> (CH<sub>4</sub>, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub>, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)

# Cigre Brochure 296 – Typical Gas Values

Table 3 : Ranges of 90 % typical (TGC) values surveyed by TF11 for power transformers <sup>a,m,p,f,e,d,b,q</sup>, in ppm

	C2H2	H2	CH4	C2H4	C2H6	CO	CO2
All transformers		50-150	30-130	60-280	20-90	400-600	3800-14000
No OLTC	2-20						
Communicating OLTC	60-280						

Table 4: Ranges of 90 % typical rates of gas increase (TRGI) surveyed by CIGRE TF11 for power transformers, in ppm/year <sup>a,b,d,e</sup>

	C2H2	H2	CH4	C2H4	C2H6	CO	CO2
All transformers		35-132	10-120	32-146	5-90	260-1060	1700-10,000
No OLTC	0-4						
Communicating OLTC	21-37						



# Cigre Brochure 443

## Oil Sampling Intervals versus Gas Concentrations

Concentration	H <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>4</sub>	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub>	CO	CO <sub>2</sub>	TDCG	Sampling intervals
Typical	100	80	170	55	3	500	8900	908	Yearly
Level 2	180	129	270	126	13	766	14885	1542	Monthly
Level 3	254	170	352	205	32	983	20084	2101	Weekly
Level 4	403	248	505	393	102	1372	29980	3175	Daily
Pre-failure	725	400	800	900	450	2100	50000	5380	Hourly

# IEEE Std C57.104

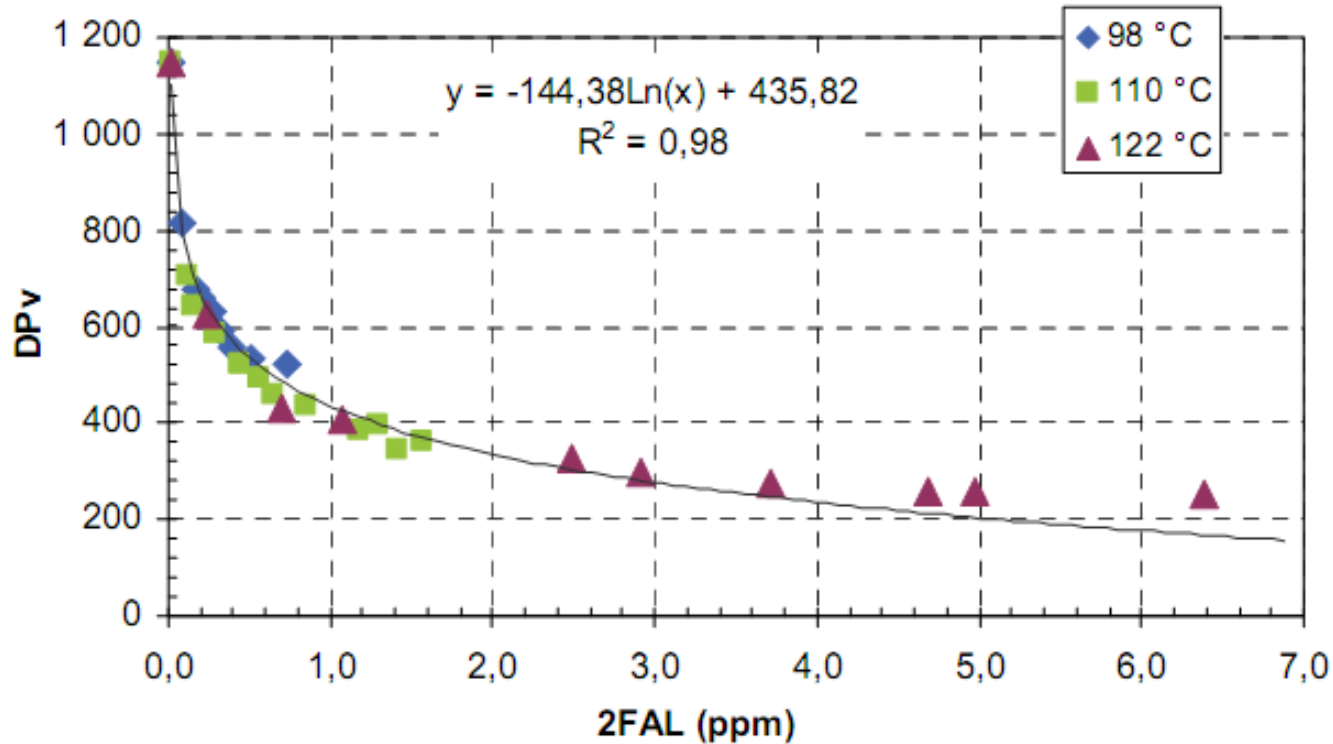
Table 1—Dissolved gas concentrations

Status	Dissolved key gas concentration limits [ $\mu\text{L/L}$ (ppm) <sup>a</sup> ]							
	Hydrogen ( $\text{H}_2$ )	Methane ( $\text{CH}_4$ )	Acetylene ( $\text{C}_2\text{H}_2$ )	Ethylene ( $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$ )	Ethane ( $\text{C}_2\text{H}_6$ )	Carbon monoxide ( $\text{CO}$ )	Carbon dioxide ( $\text{CO}_2$ )	TDCG <sup>b</sup>
Condition 1	100	120	1	50	65	350	2 500	720
Condition 2	101–700	121–400	2–9	51–100	66–100	351–570	2 500–4 000	721–1920
Condition 3	701–1800	401–1000	10–35	101–200	101–150	571–1400	4 001–10 000	1921–4630
Condition 4	>1800	>1000	>35	>200	>150	>1400	>10 000	>4630

NOTE 1—Table 1 assumes that no previous tests on the transformer for dissolved gas analysis have been made or that no recent history exists. If a previous analysis exists, it should be reviewed to determine if the situation is stable or unstable. Refer to 6.5.2 for appropriate action(s) to be taken.

NOTE 2—An ASTM round-robin indicated variability in gas analysis between labs. This should be considered when having gas analysis made by different labs.

# Furane Analysis



Source: B.Yves, et al.: "MV/LV distribution transformers: Research on paper ageing markers", Cigre D1.103, 2012

# Warning Levels

## Paper Degradation

### Cigre Brochure

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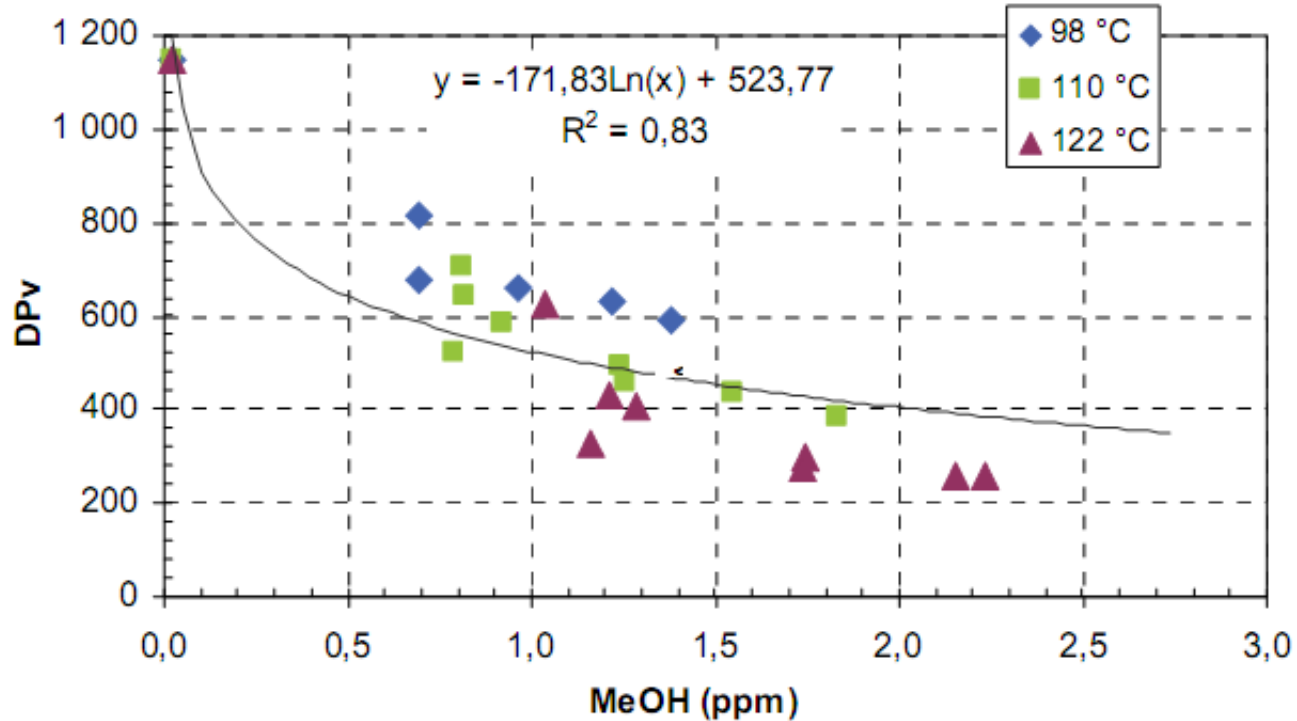
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June 2003



Characteristics	Caution levels	Alarm levels
CO	> 540-900 ppm [IEC] > 350 ppm [IEEE] > 300 [19] > 15 litres [28] 351-570 [EPRI, modest concern]	>1400 [IEEE] >1400 [EPRI, imminent risk]
CO <sub>2</sub>	>5100-13000 ppm[IEC] >2500 ppm [IEEE] 2400-4000 [EPRI, modest concern]	> 10000 [IEEE] >10000 [EPRI, imminent risk]
CO+CO <sub>2</sub>	10000 ppm [CIGRE WG15.01] 0.2 ml/g hot spot mass [19]	> 2 ml/g for hot spot mass [19]
CO <sub>2</sub> /CO	< 3 [30]	
Furfural	> 1.5 ppm [19] Rate of generation: $\text{Log } Y_f = 11.76 - 6723/T$ [29] <i>T: absolute temperature of paper insulation</i>	> 15 ppm [19]
Furans (total) [27, 109] (Likely for thermally upgraded paper)	100 ppb-First signal; tests after a year 250 ppb-Expected DP <400; test after 6 Months	100 ppb - Expected DP 330-230; Risk of Failure; Test of oil monthly. Consider oil reclaiming 2500 ppb: Expected DP < 217; Consider replacement
DP	< 400 [IEC]	< 200 [IEEE] < 450 [19]

# Methanole MeOH Analysis



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# Main Insulation

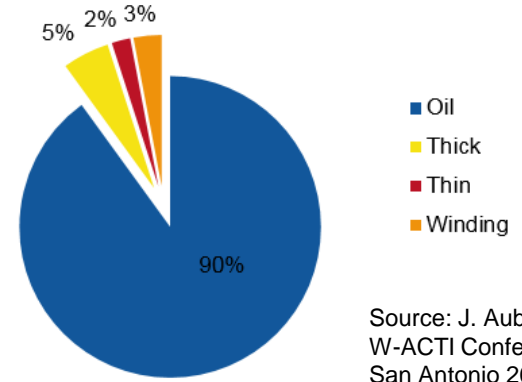
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- Insulation Resistance Measurement
- Capacitance and Dielectric Dissipation Factor Measurement
- Partial Discharge Measurement

# Water Distribution in Transformers



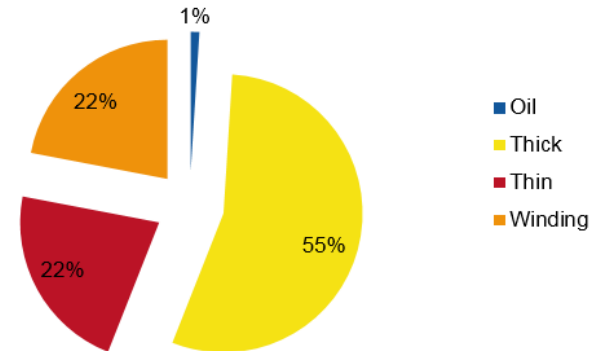
Source: Weidmann AG

## Insulation Weight Distribution



Source: J. Aubin  
W-ACTI Conference  
San Antonio 2005

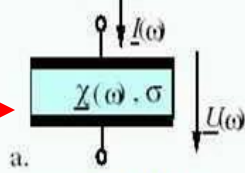
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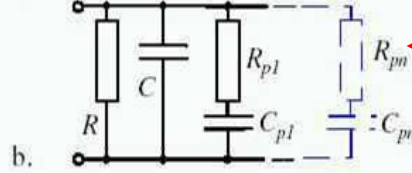


# Equivalent Circuit Diagram

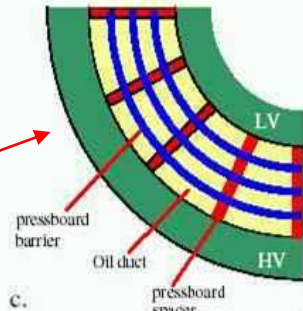
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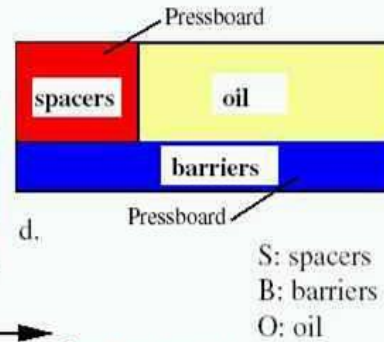
b. Model for the behaviour of a dielectric with polarisation characteristic and conductivity



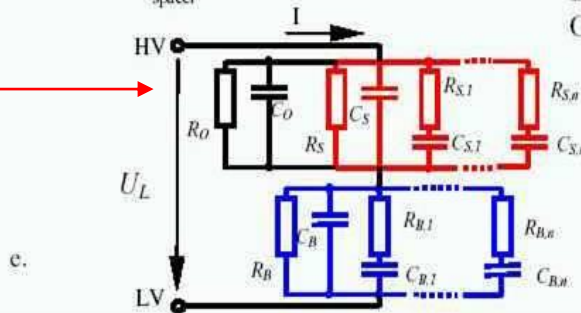
c. Part of the cross section of a power transformer main insulation system between HV and LV windings



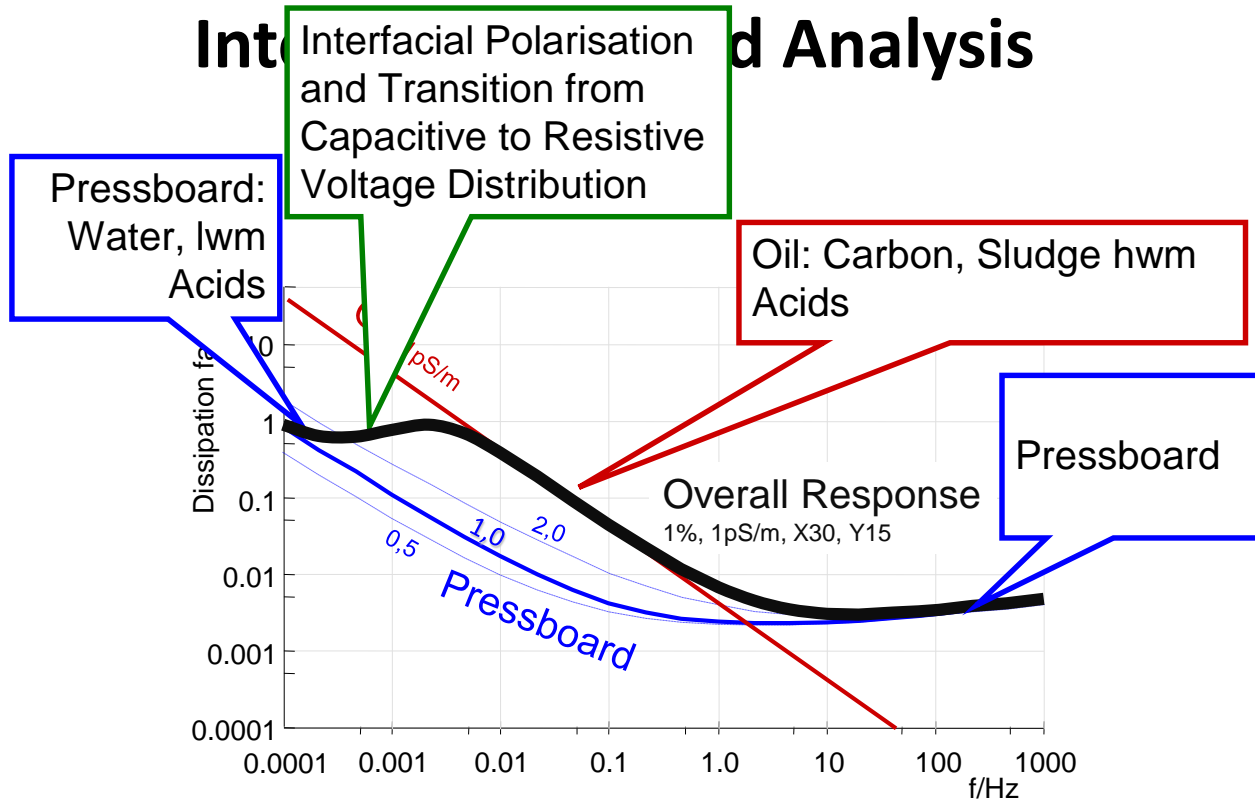
d. Simplified geometry model for the main components oil, barriers and spacers



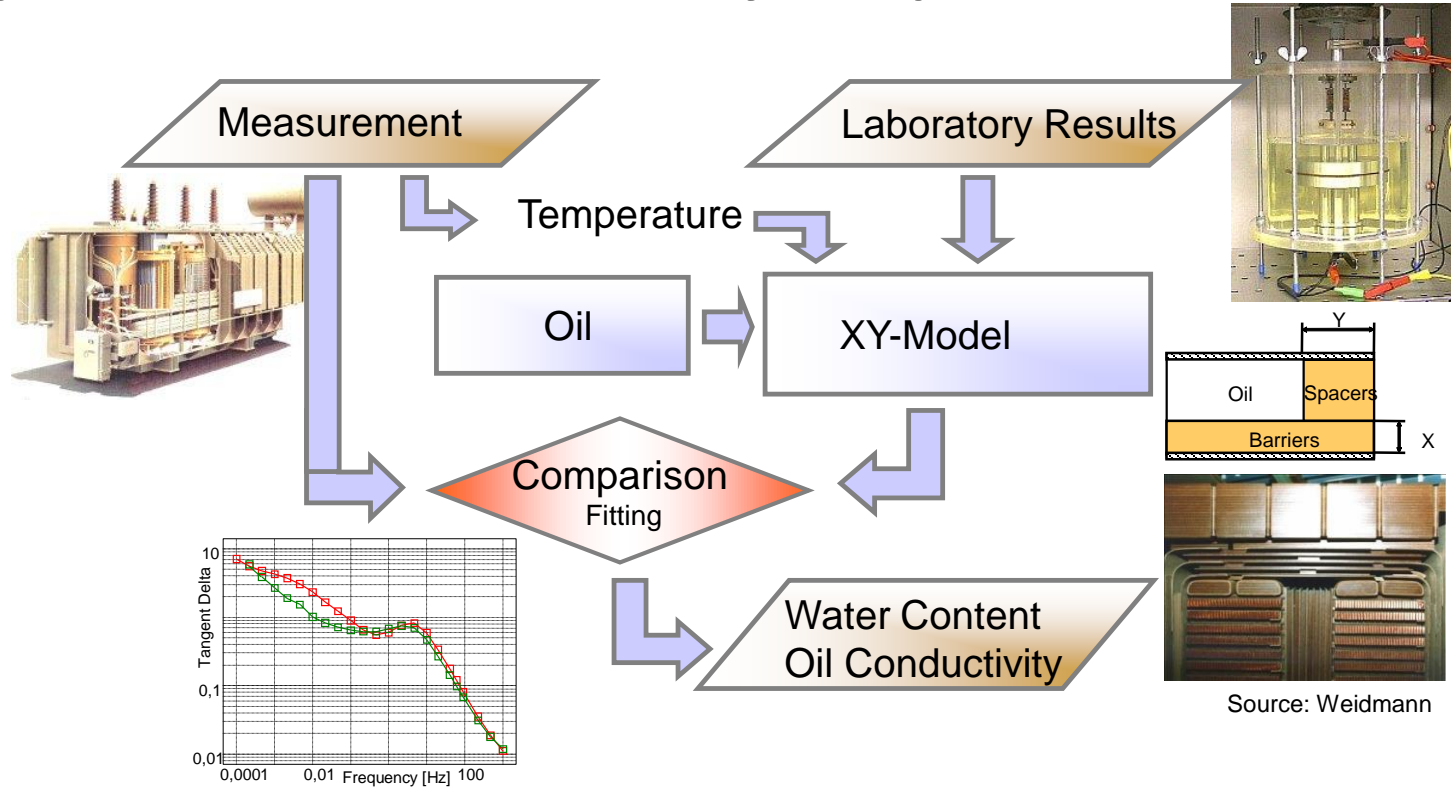
e. Dielectric model for the insulation system of power transformers



# Interfacial Polarisation Analysis



# Analysis of the Water Content by Comparison to Model Results



Source: Weidmann

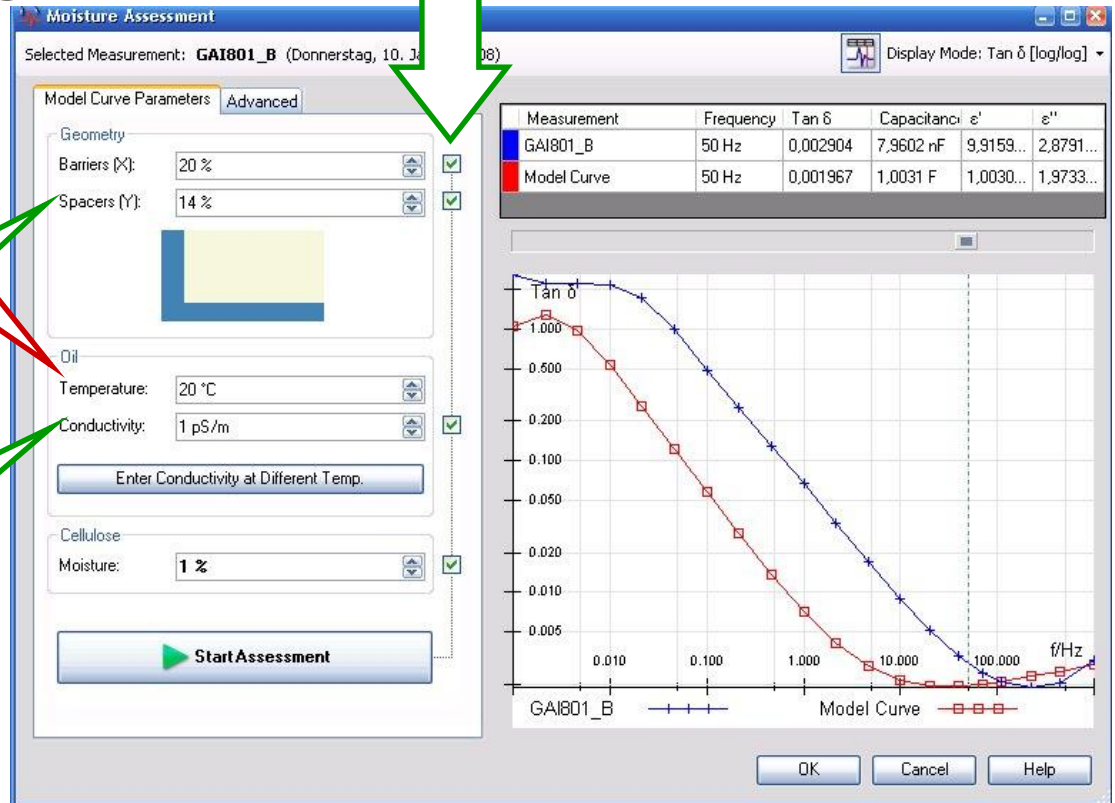
# Assessment Settings

Check box:  
Variable calculated by software

Required:  
Oil temperature

Optional:  
Geometry XY

Optional:  
Oil conductivity



# Moisture Assessment

before fitting

T = 20°C

Barriers: 40 %

Spacers: 40 %

**WC: 0,5 %**

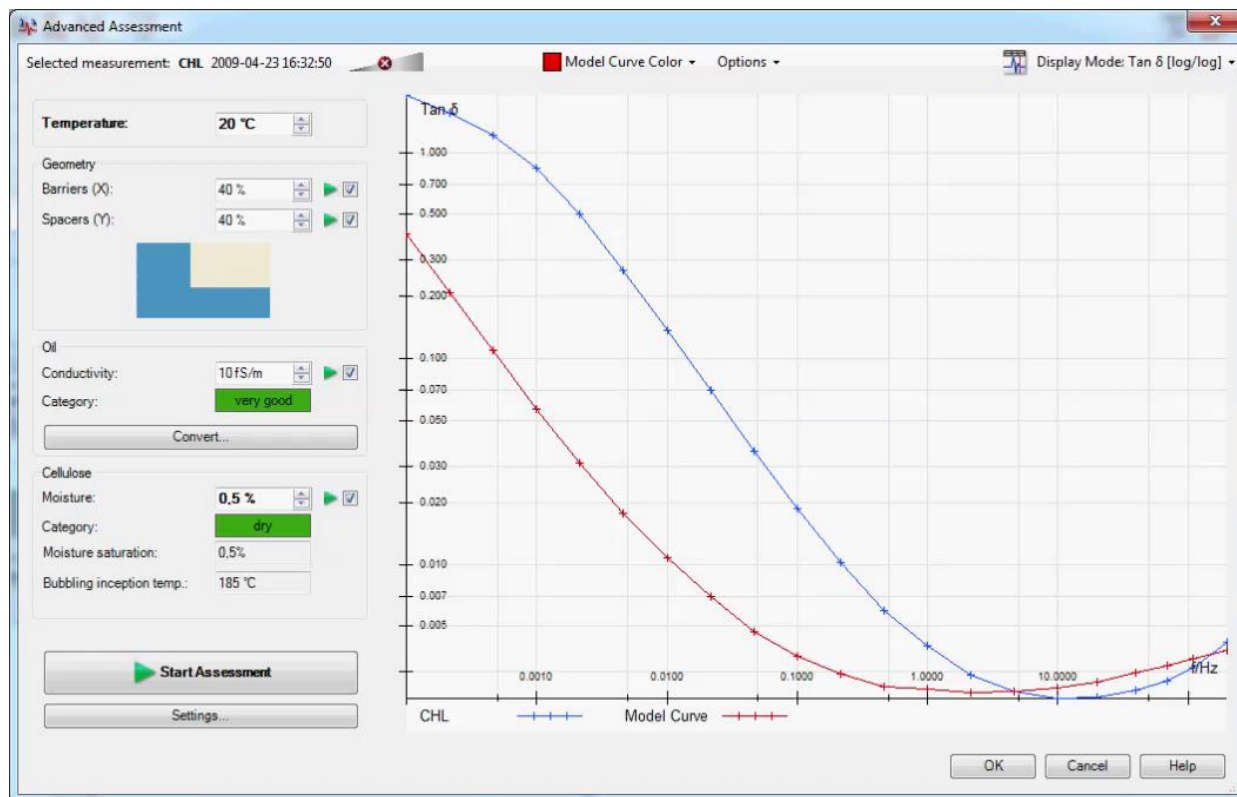
after fitting

T = 30°C

Barriers: 35 %

Spacers: 24 %

**WC: 1,2 %**



# DFR Measurement on a 200 MVA Transformer



Transformer



DFR Instrument (DIRANA)

# DFR Measurement on a 200 MVA Transformer Before Drying



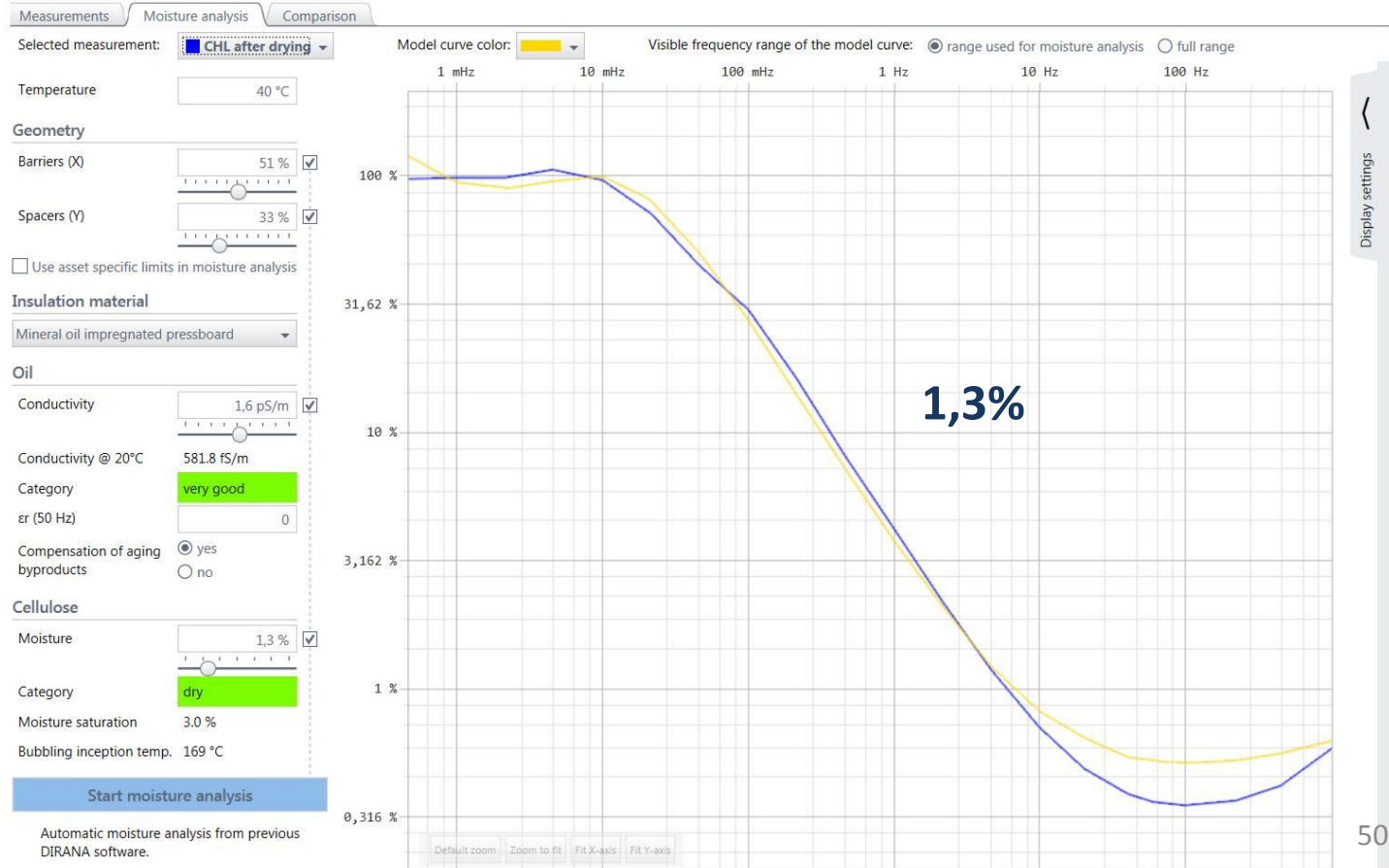
# Measurement on a 200 MVA Transformer



**Decision:**  
**Drying of the transformer**



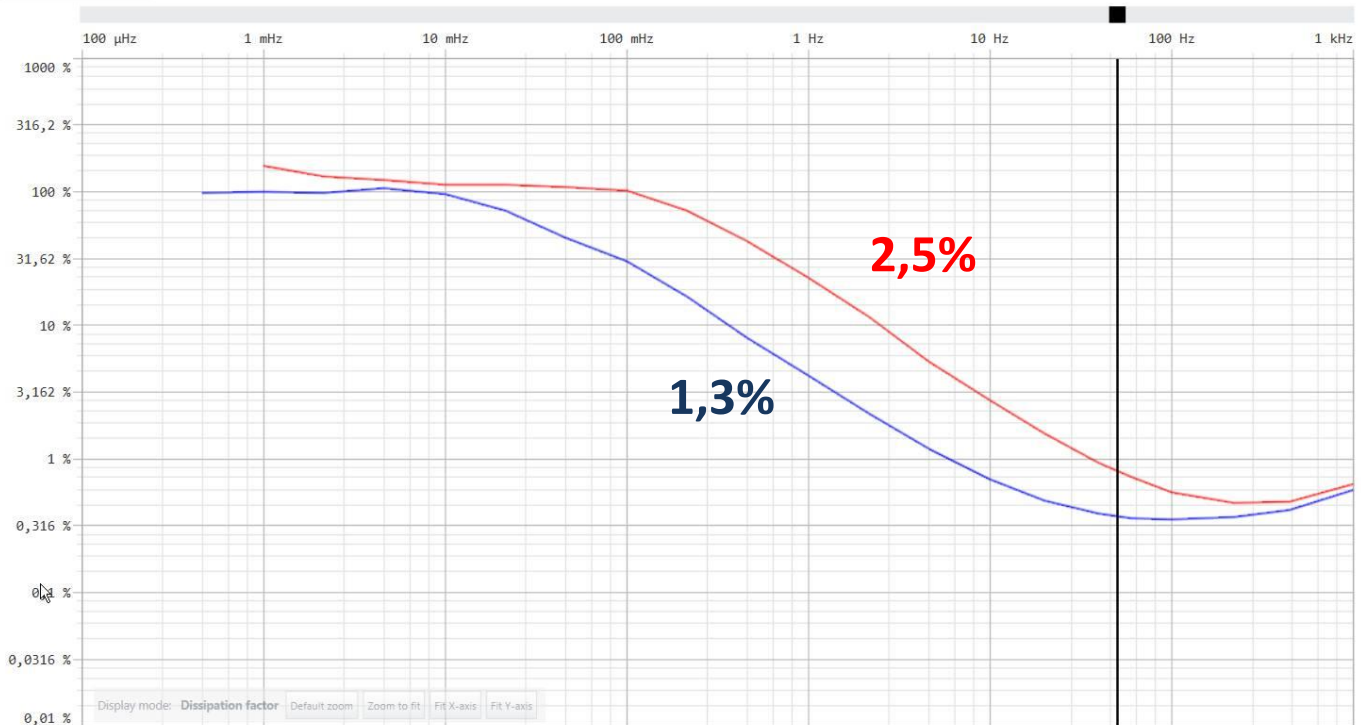
# DFR Measurement on a 200 MVA Transformer After Drying



# DFR Measurement Before and After Drying

Measurements		Moisture analysis		Comparison							
	Measurement	Channel	Moisture	Category	Oil conduct.	Cursor frequency	Dissipation factor	Capacitance	Impedance (Z)	C(10 mHz) / C(50 Hz)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CHL after drying	CH 1	1.3 %	dry	1.6 pS/m	50 Hz	0.37 %	11.672 nF	272.71 kΩ	1,674	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CHL before drying	CH 1	2.5 %	moderately wet	7.9 pS/m	50 Hz	0.81 %	12.055 nF	264.04 kΩ	4,458	

Open test selector

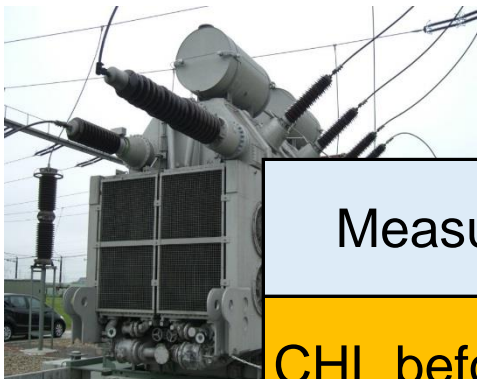


Display settings

# Main Insulation

- Water Content Measurement with Dielectric Frequency Response
- **Insulation Resistance Measurement**
- Capacitance and Dielectric Dissipation Factor Measurement
- Partial Discharge Measurement

# Insulation Resistance Measurement 220kV Transformer before and after Drying



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Measurement	s	A	Ri	PI	DAR
CHL before drying	60 s	355,0379 nA	0,5633 GΩ	1,813	1,41

Measurement	s	Ri	PI	DAR
CHL before drying	600 s	1,0212 GΩ	1,813	1,41
CHL after drying	600 s	6,5739 GΩ	3,947	1,45

1,6654 GΩ	3,947	1,45
1,0481 GΩ	3,021	1,51
2,1881 GΩ	4,977	1,61

Ri	PI	DAR
1,0212 GΩ	1,813	1,41

CHL after drying	600 s	50,4232 nA	6,5739 GΩ	3,947	1,45
CLT before drying	600 s	63,1595 nA	3,1666 GΩ	3,021	1,51
CLT after drying	600 s	18,3631 nA	10,8914 GΩ	4,977	1,61

# Main Insulation

- Water Content Measurement with Dielectric Frequency Response
- Insulation Resistance Measurement
- **Capacitance and Dielectric Dissipation Factor Measurement**
- Partial Discharge Measurement

# Capacitance and Dissipation Factor Measurement @ 50Hz

## 220kV Transformer Before and after Drying



Measurement	Tan $\delta$	C	C(10mHz) / C(50Hz)
CHL before drying	0,00811	12,0551 nF	4,4579
CHL after drying	0,00375	11,6719 nF	1,6735
CLT before drying	0,00779	14,0735 nF	3,8066
CLT after drying	0,00383	13,6873 nF	1,6937

# Main Insulation

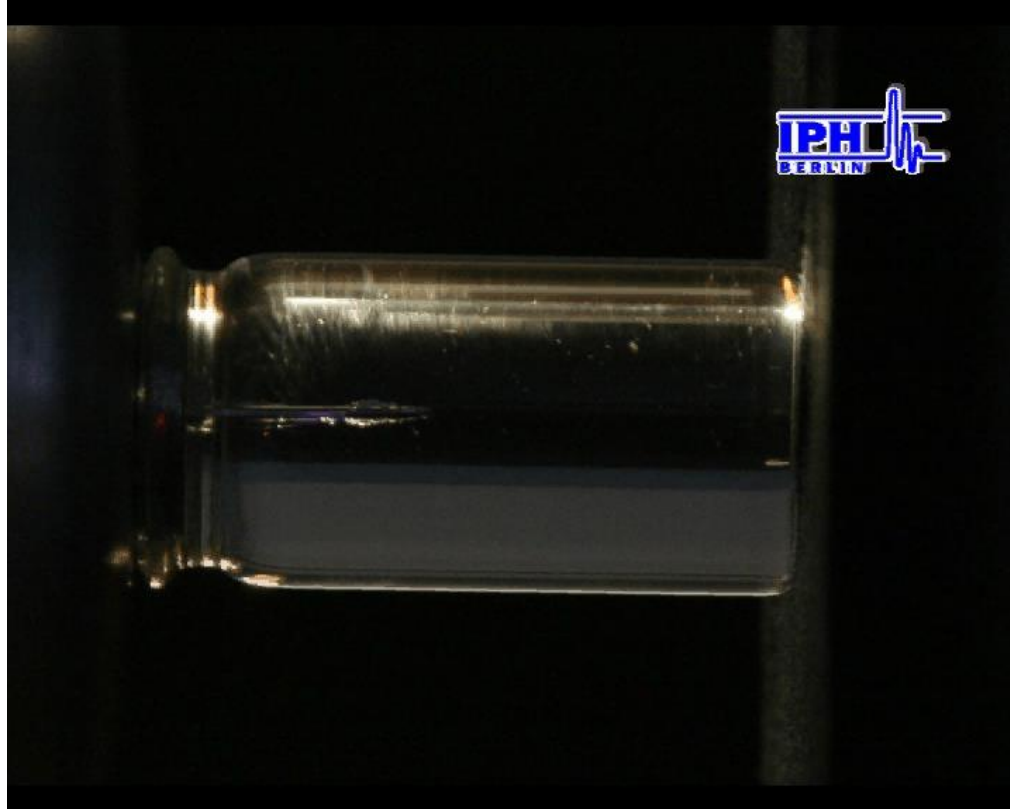
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- Capacitance and Dielectric Dissipation Factor Measurement
- **Partial Discharge Measurement**

# PD Damages



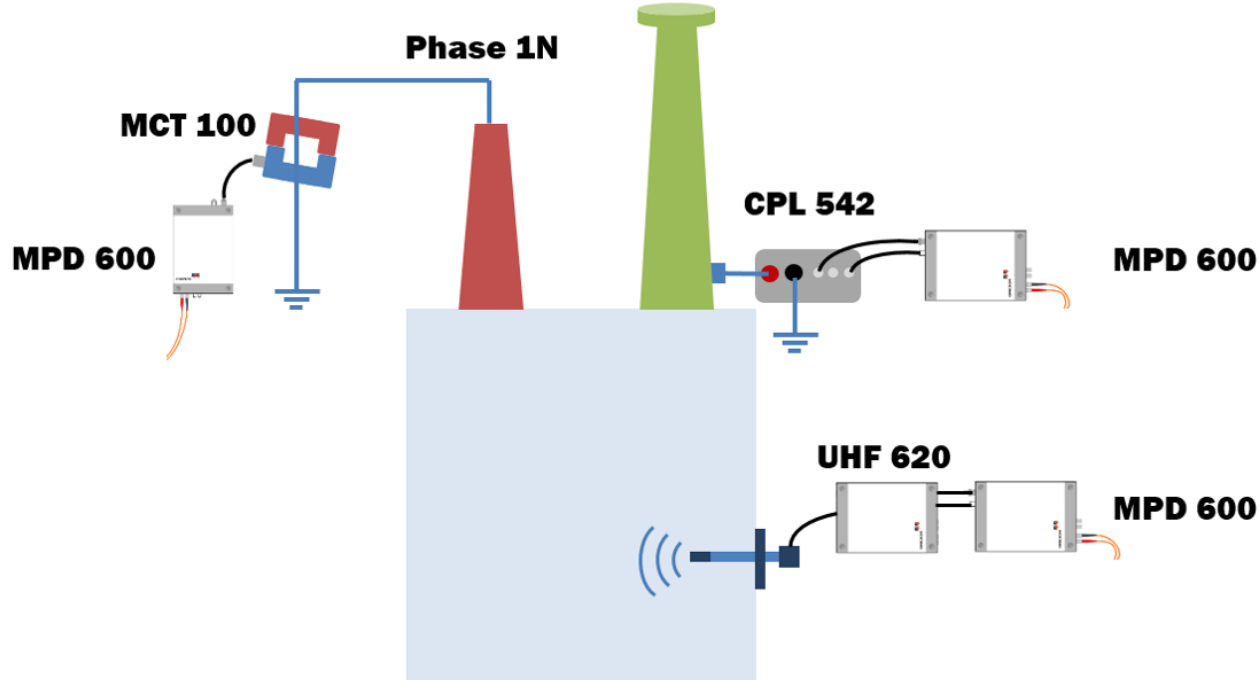


# Electrical Treeing



# PD Coupling Possibilities

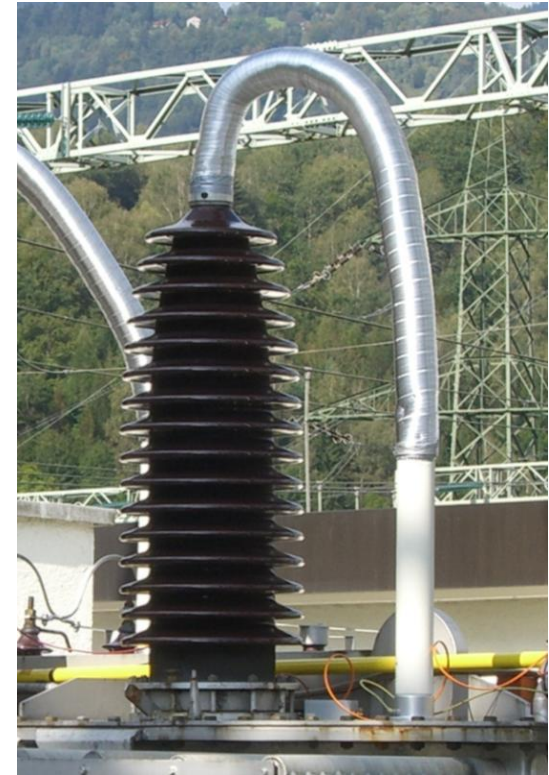
Phase 1U, 1V, 1W,  
2U, 2V, 2W



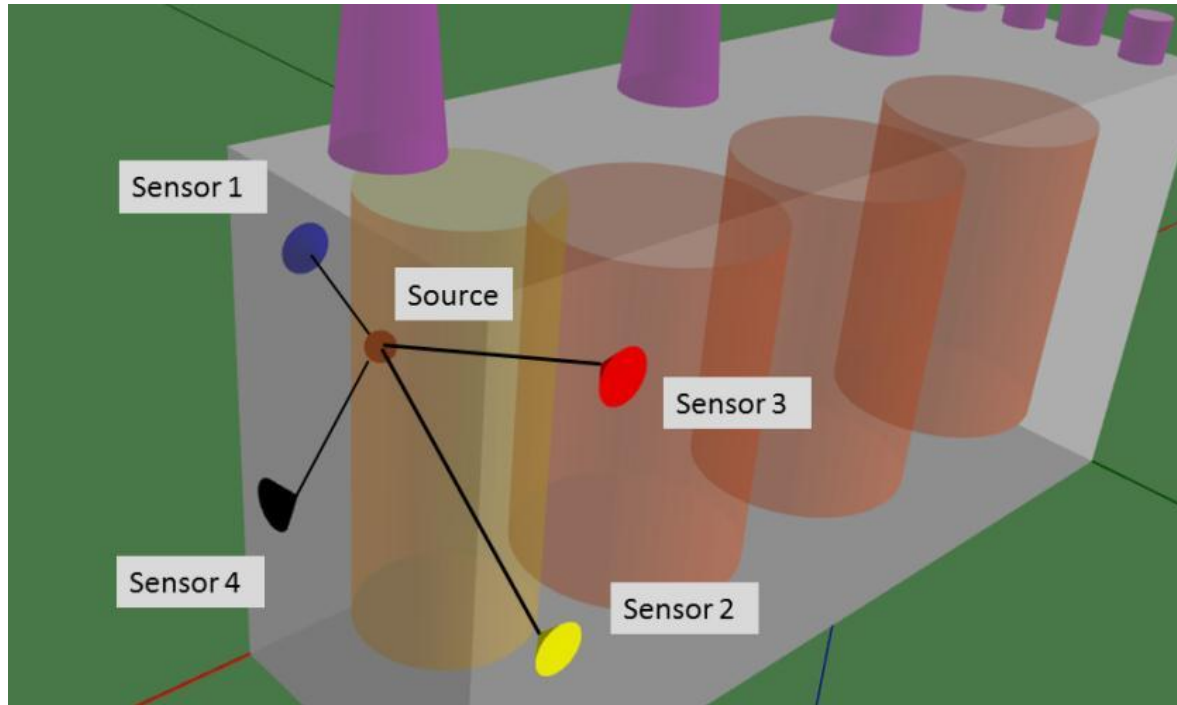
# Measurement at the Bushing Taps



# Measurement with Coupling Capacitors

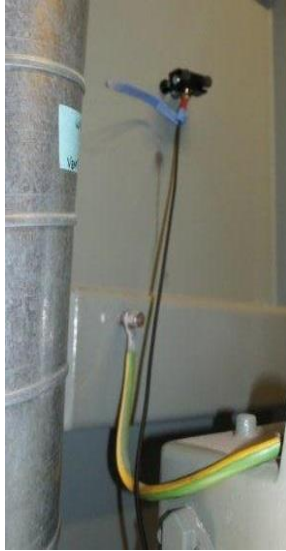


# Acoustical PD Location



# PD Location

## Piezo Sensors for the Acoustical PD Location



red



yellow



black



blue

# Acoustical PD Location

Job > Back PD Replay

3/3

Measurement Settings Results

Speed of Sound 1400.0 m/s

Sampling Rate 2000000

Sampling Number 100000

Sampling Time 50.00 ms

Average Counter 20

Final	Points	Lines	Areas
Final: 1 results			
Point: X=0.36 Y=1.52 Z=2.83			

Offset: 0.225

Filter: N (1.4/2.2/1.5)

Starting Time: Energy Crit

Signal chart [mV]

Multiple Channels

Time Scale

Voltage Scale

Calc.: -3.56

Offset: 0.109

Filter: HighPass (0.0/0.8/2.1)

Starting Time: Energy Criteria

Signal chart [mV/ms]

Multiple Channels

Time Scale

Voltage Scale

Calc.: -3.42

Offset: 0.225

Filter: HighPass (0.4/0.0/2.2)

Starting Time: Energy Criteria

Signal chart [mV/ms]

Multiple Channels

Time Scale

Voltage Scale

Fault

Piezo Sensors

Ctrl+Z

Pan Ctrl+P

Rotate Ctrl+R

Top Ctrl+Down

Right Ctrl+Right

Front Ctrl+Home

Rear Ctrl+End

Left Ctrl+Left

3D Ctrl+D

Results

Current PD Event

ALL PD Events

Final Results

Selected Item: None

# Acoustical PD Location

Job PD Event 1/3

### PD Replay

Filters: N (1.4/2.2/1.5)

Starting Time: Energy Criteria

Signal chart (mV)

Offset: 0.80

Multiple Channels

Time Scale

Voltage Scale

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Filters: HighPass (0.0/0.8/2.1)

Starting Time: Energy Criteria

Signal chart (mV/m)

Calc.: -3.56

Offset: 0.09

Multiple Channels

Time Scale

Voltage Scale

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Filters: HighPass (0.4/0.0/2.2)

Starting Time: Energy Criteria

Signal chart (mV/m)

Calc.: -3.42

Offset: 0.32

Multiple Channels

Time Scale

Voltage Scale

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Filters: HighPass (0.4/0.0/2.2)

Starting Time: Energy Criteria

Signal chart (mV/m)

Calc.: -3.42

Offset: 0.32

Multiple Channels

Time Scale

Voltage Scale

40.0

Propagation

Selected Item: None

#### Measurement Settings

Speed of Sound: 1400.0 m/s

Sampling Rate: 200000

Sampling Number: 100000

Sampling Time: 50.00 ms

Average Counter: 10

#### Results

Final	Points	Lines	Areas
Final: 1 results			
Point: X=0.44 Y=0.96 Z=2.93			

Ctrl-Z

Pan Ctrl+P

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Results

Current PD Event

All PD Events

Final Results



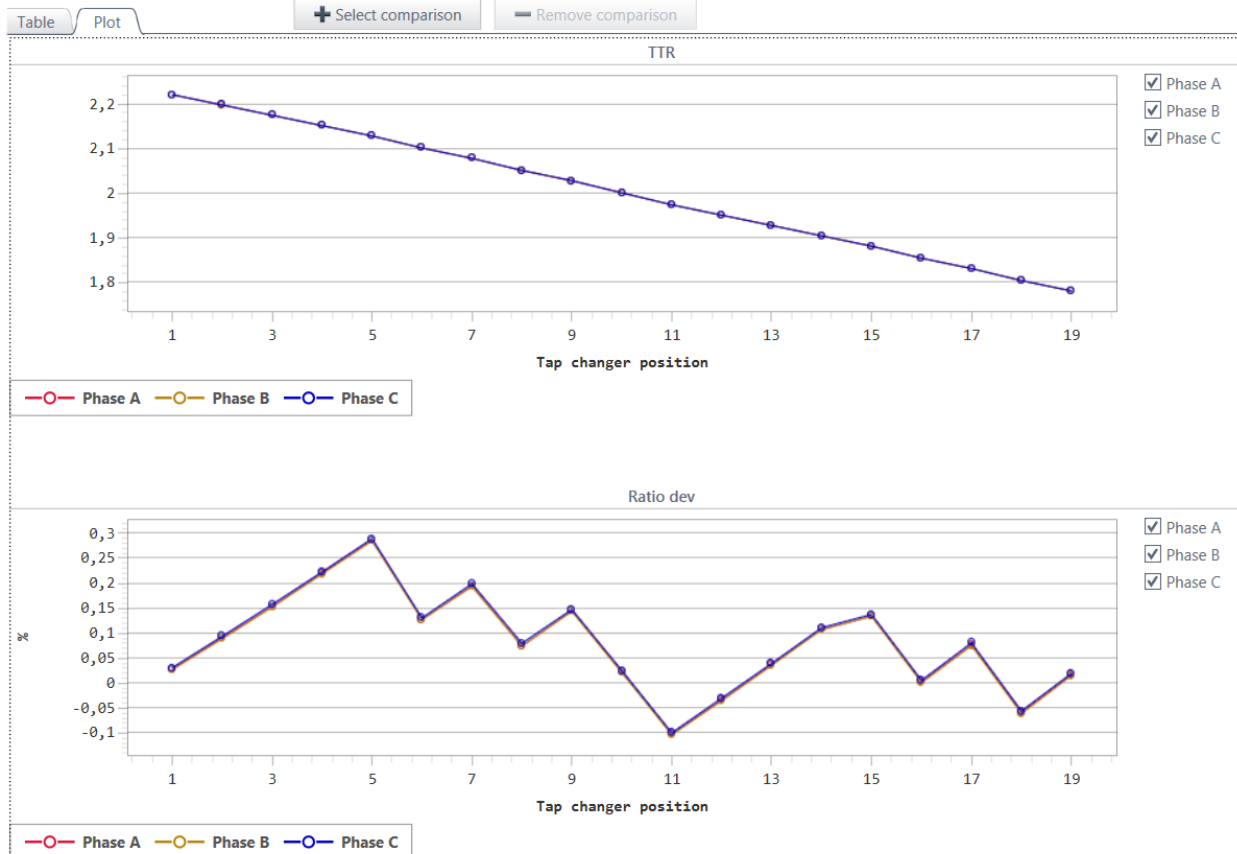
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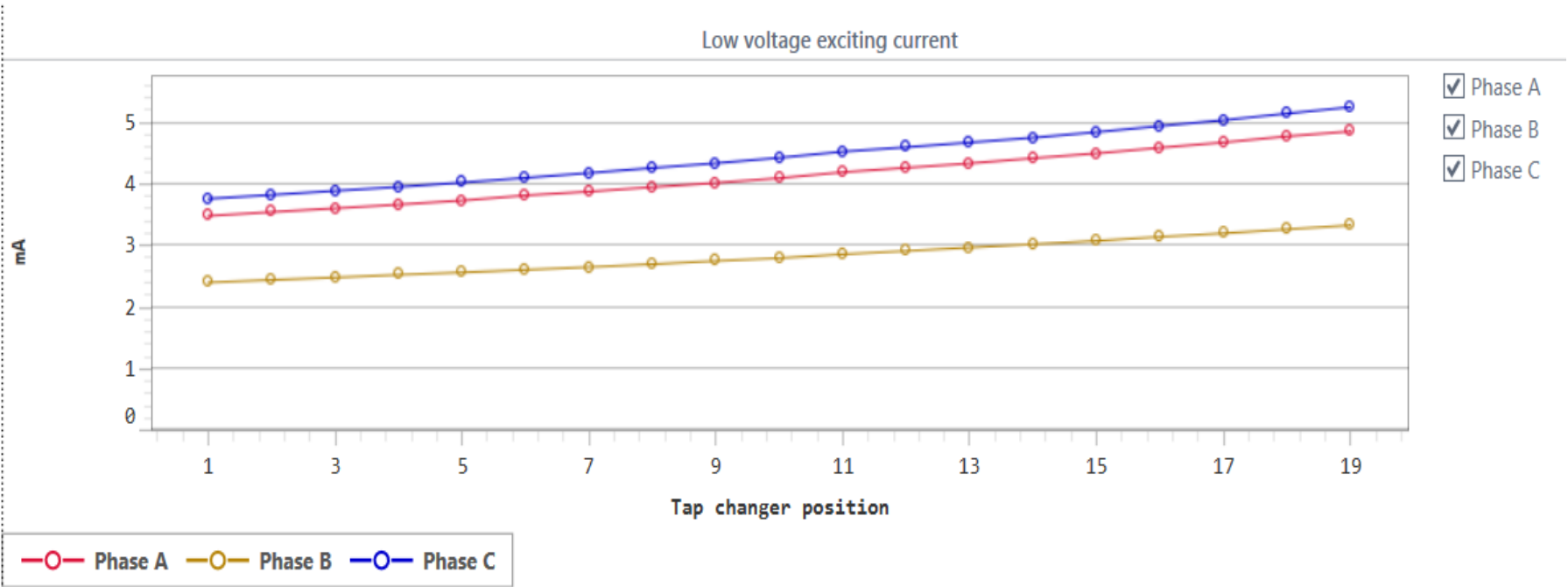
# Magnetic Core and Coil

- Insulation Resistance Measurement Core to Frame and Tank
- Ratio, Magnetising Current and Flux Balance Test
- Capacitance Measurement Coils to Ground
- Short Circuit Impedance
- Frequency Response Analysis

# Ratio Measurement HV-LV



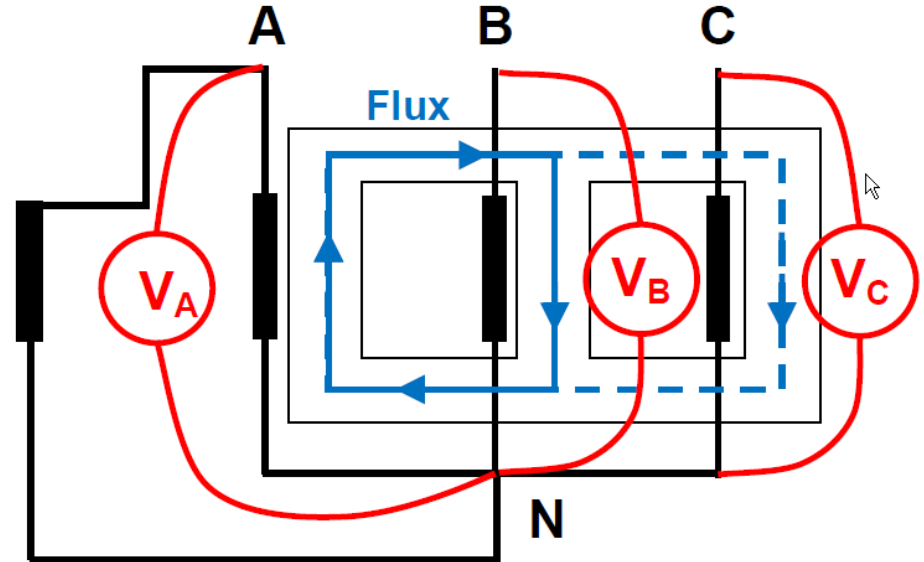
# Magnetising Currents HV Side



# Flux Balance Test

## Expected Result (Volts)

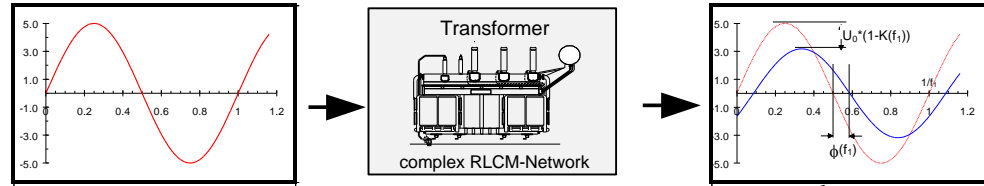
100%	-70%	-30%
-50%	100%	-50%
-30%	-70%	100%



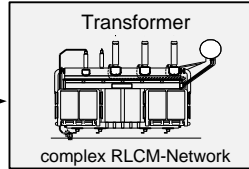
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- **Frequency Response Analysis**

# Swept Frequency Response Analysis (SFRA)



sine generator  
(variable frequency)

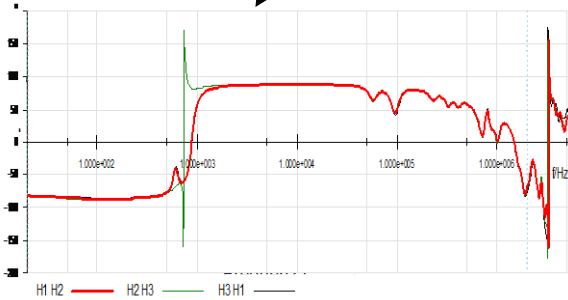
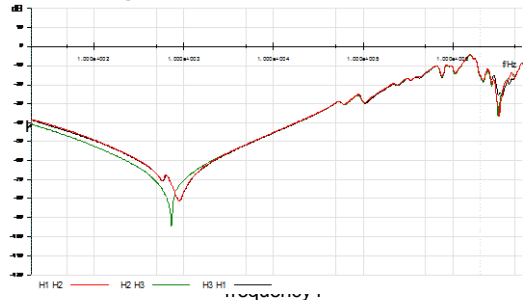


$K(f_1)$

$\phi(f_1)$

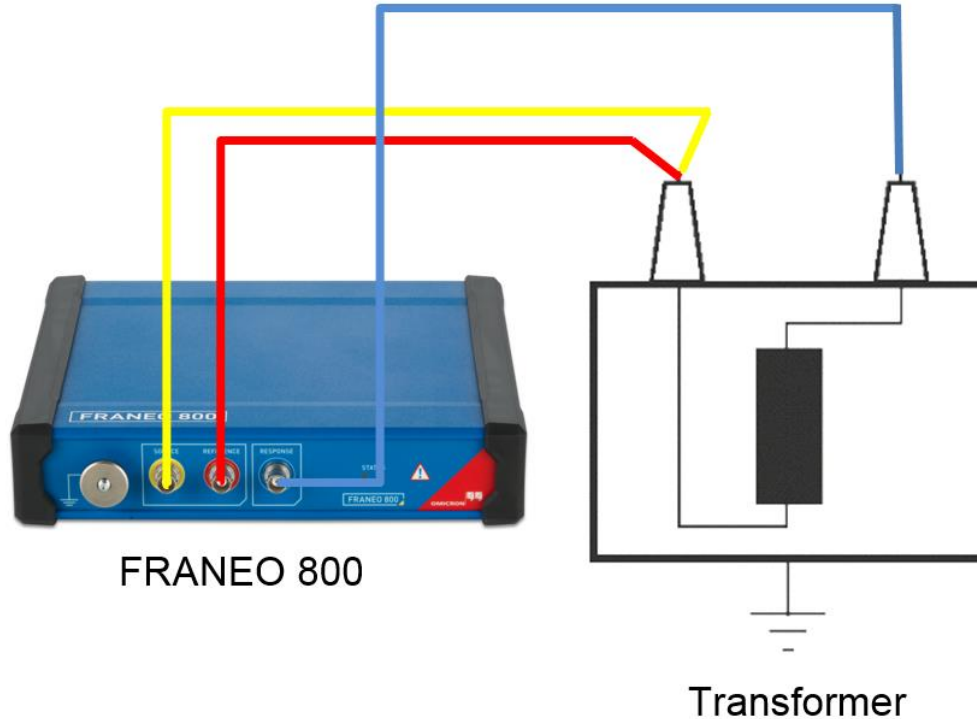
Magnitude

Phase



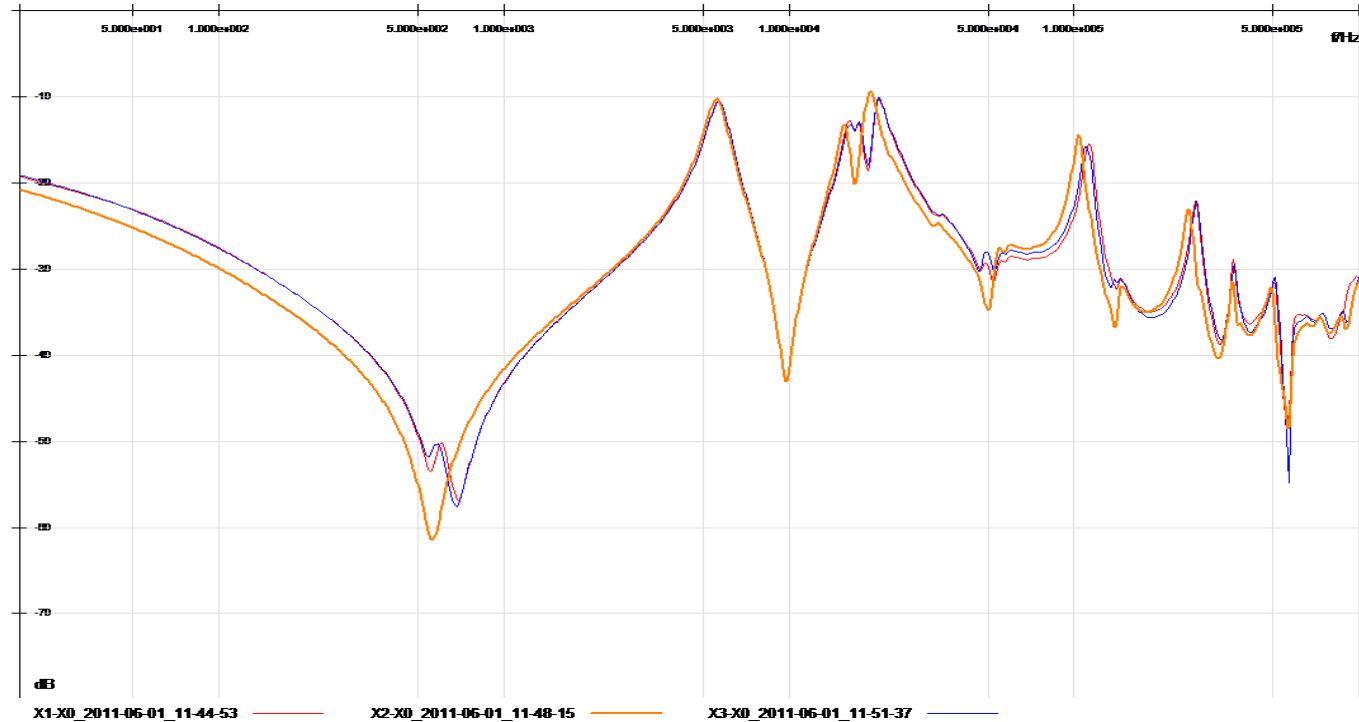
$$H(dB) = 20 \log_{10} \left( \frac{V_{out}}{V_{in}} \right)$$

# End to End FRA Measurement

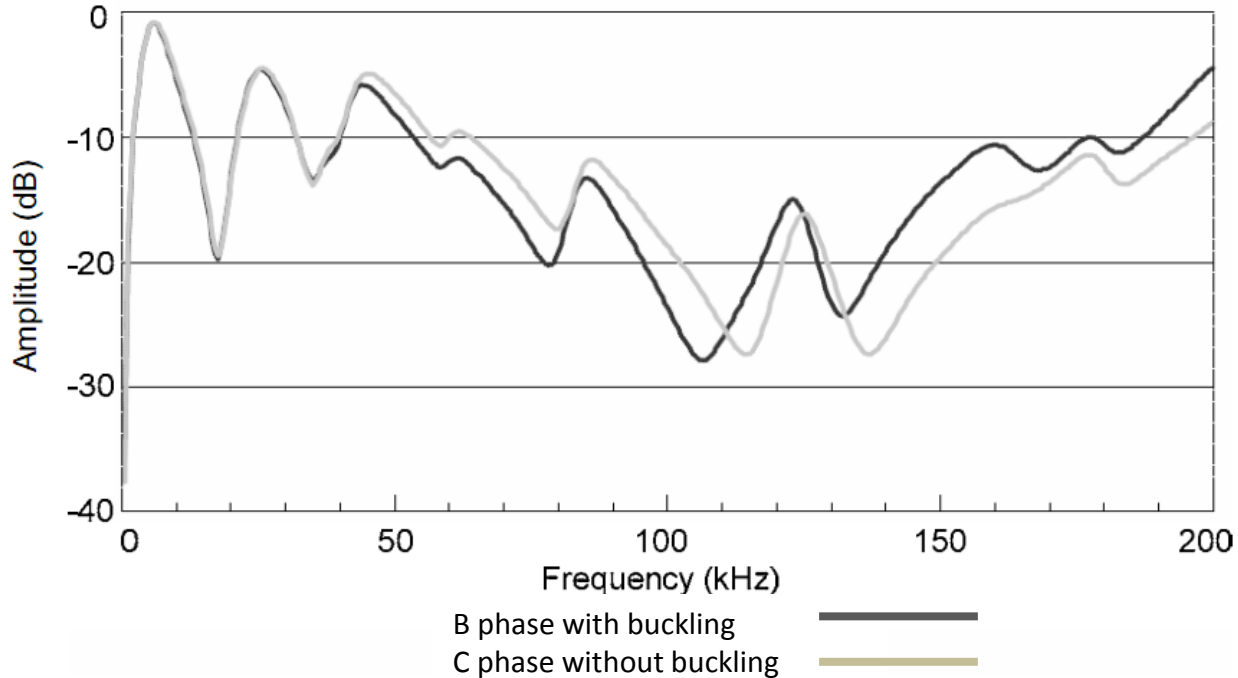




# FRA LV Winding – Comparison of the 3 Phases



# Failure Modes due to Radial Forces



Source: Cigre Brochure 342 "MECHANICAL-CONDITION ASSESSMENT OF TRANSFORMER WINDINGS USING FREQUENCY RESPONSE ANALYSIS (FRA)"

# Buckling



# Transformer Health Assessment

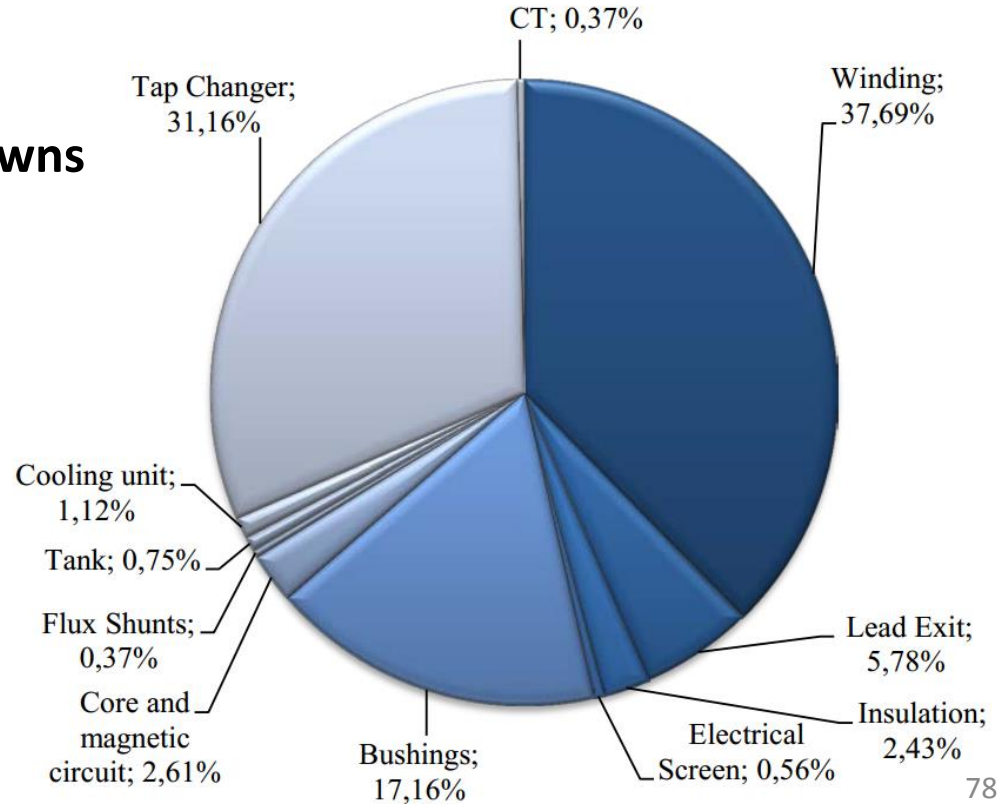
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# Cigre A2.37 Transformer Failure Statistics

22.000 grid transformers with 150.000 service years

## Causes for transformer breakdowns

**Bushings = 17,16 %**

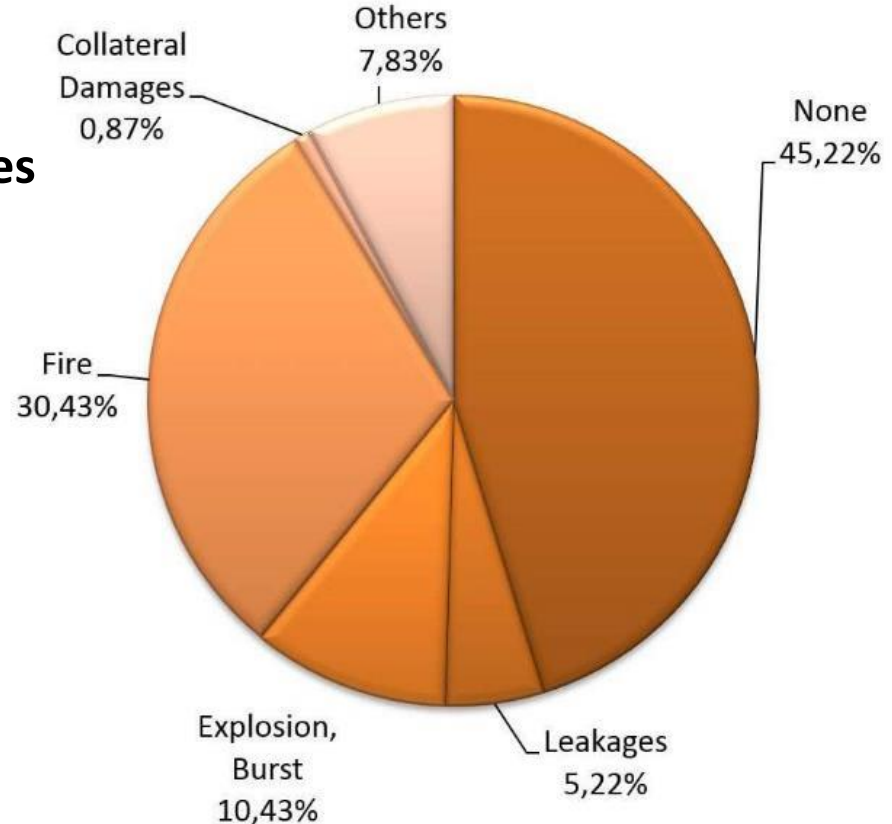


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# Cigre A2.37 Transformer Failure Statistics

## External effects of bushing failures

**Fire 30 %**  
**Explosion, Burst 10 %**

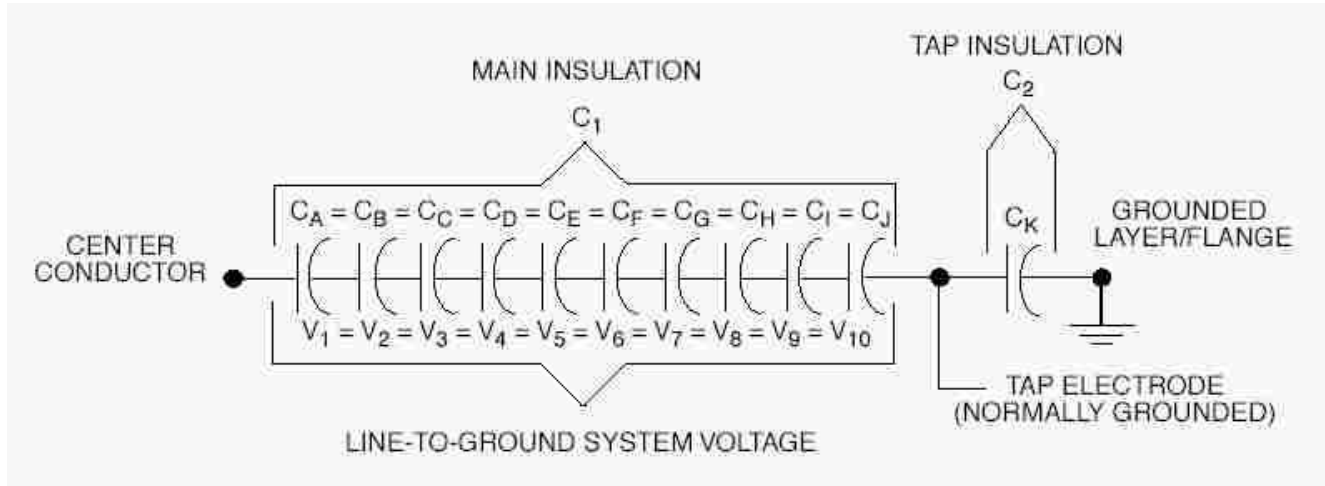


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# Insulation Systems of High Voltage Bushings



# Capacitive Bushings



Current at the Measurement Tap

$$50\text{Hz} \rightarrow I_c = U \omega C = 10 \dots 100\text{mA}$$

$$\text{BIL } 1.2\mu\text{s} \rightarrow I_c = C dU/dt = 200\text{A}$$

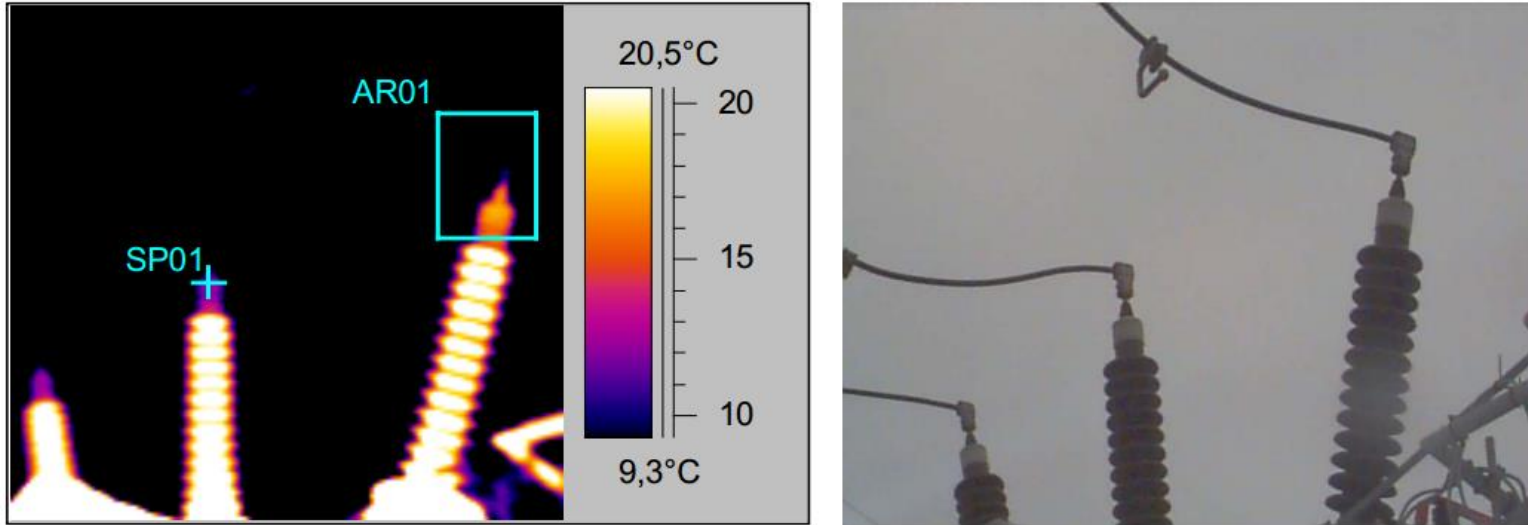


# Arcing at the Measurement Tap



Source: Norbert Koch „Diagnoseverfahren an Hochspannungsdurchführungen aus Herstellersicht“, HdT Essen 2013

# Infrared Thermography

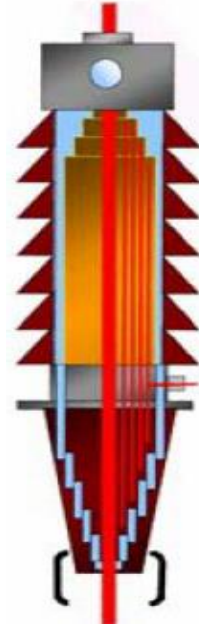


*Fig.13. Measurement indicating poor current path between bushing inner and outer terminal.*

Source: ABB Brochure „Bushing diagnostics and conditioning“, 2750 515-142 en

# Fault Mechanisms and Diagnosis

- Partial breakdowns
  - Measurement of capacitance
  - TanDelta measurement
  - PD measurement
- Voids, cracks
  - Measurement of capacitance (RBP)
  - PD measurement
- Contact problems on measurement taps
  - Tan Delta voltage sweep (tip-up test)
- Ageing, moisture
  - Dielectric response measurements
  - TanDelta

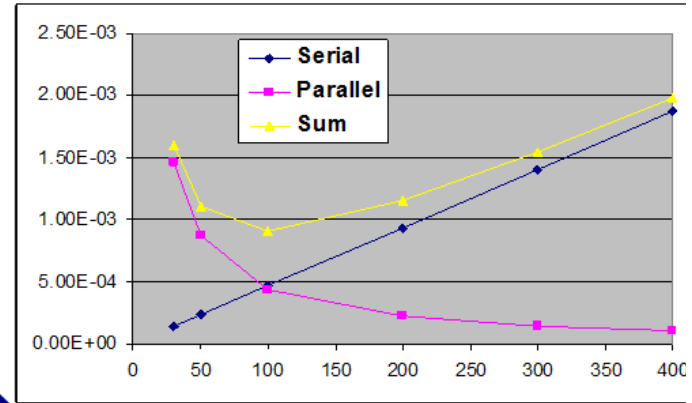


Voltage [kV]	No. of layers	% change
123	14	7.1
245	30	3.3
420	40	2.5
550	55	1.8

# Definitions of Dielectric Losses

Dielectric losses are caused by

- **Conductive losses**
- **Polarization losses**
- Partial discharges



Parallel circuit

$$DF : \tan \delta = \frac{|I_{RP}|}{|I_{CP}|} = \frac{1}{R_P \cdot \omega \cdot C_P}$$

$$PF : \cos \varphi = \frac{|I_{RP}|}{|I_{tot}|}$$

Serial circuit

$$DF : \tan \delta = \frac{U_R}{U_C} = R_S \cdot \omega \cdot C_S$$

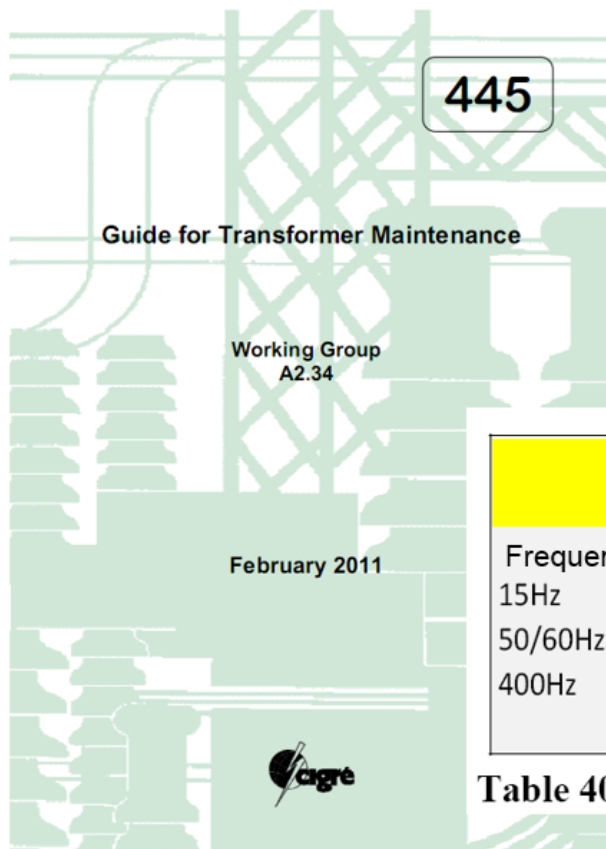
$$PF : \cos \varphi = \frac{U_R}{U_{tot}}$$

# Standards

Type	RIP	OIP	RBP
Main insulation	Resin impregnated paper	Oil impregnated paper	Resin bonded paper
DF / tan delta (20°C, IEC60137)	< 0.7 %	< 0.7 %	< 1.5 %
PF cos phi (20°C, IEEE C57.19.01)	< 0.85 %	< 0.5 %	< 2 %
Typical new values	0.3-0.4 %	0.2-0.4 %	0.5-0.6 %
PD (IEC60137) at $U_m$ 1.5 $U_m / \sqrt{3}$ 1.05 $U_m / \sqrt{3}$	< 10 pC < 5 pC < 5 pC	< 10 pC < 5 pC < 5 pC	< 300 pC

# Cigre WG A2.34 Brochure 445

## Guide for Transformer Maintenance



[www.e-cigre.org](http://www.e-cigre.org)

	RIP		OIP		RBP	
	Resin impregnated		Oil impregnated		Resin bonded paper	
Frequency	new	aged	new	aged	new	aged
15Hz	<0.6%	<0.7%	<0.5%	<0.7%	<0.7%	<1.5%
50/60Hz	<0.5%	<0.5%	<0.4%	<0.5%	<0.6%	<1%
400Hz	<0.6%	<0.7%	<0.5%	<0.7%	<0.7%	<1.5%
at 20°C						

**Table 40: Indicative DF/PF Limit Values for Condenser Bushings**

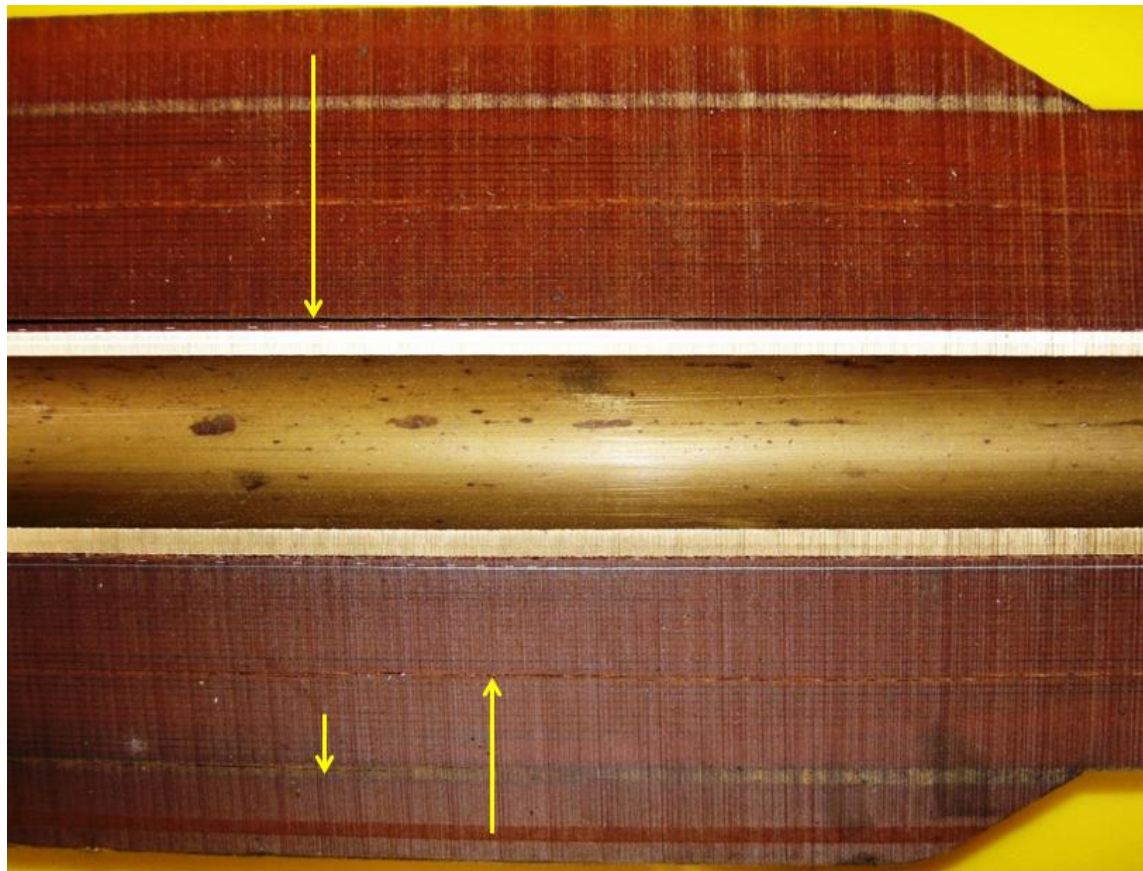
# RBP Bushing Oil-Filled Cracks

## Oil Ingress by Capillare Effect



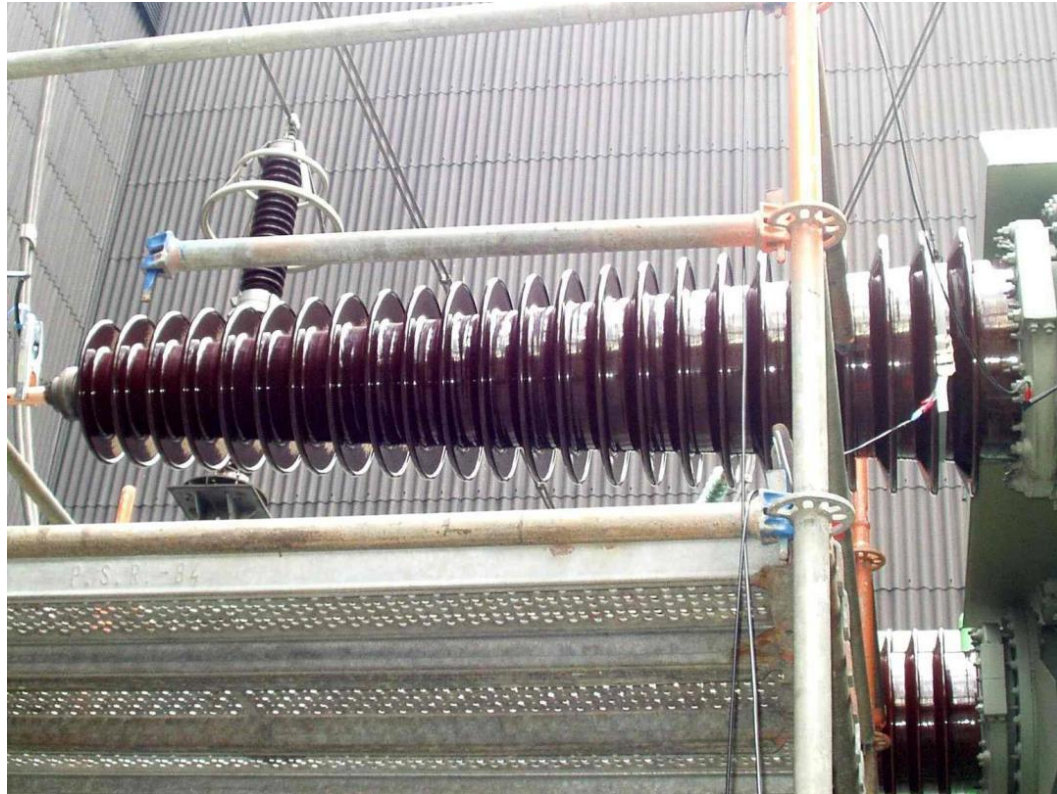
# RBP – Bushings

## Cracks in the Insulation



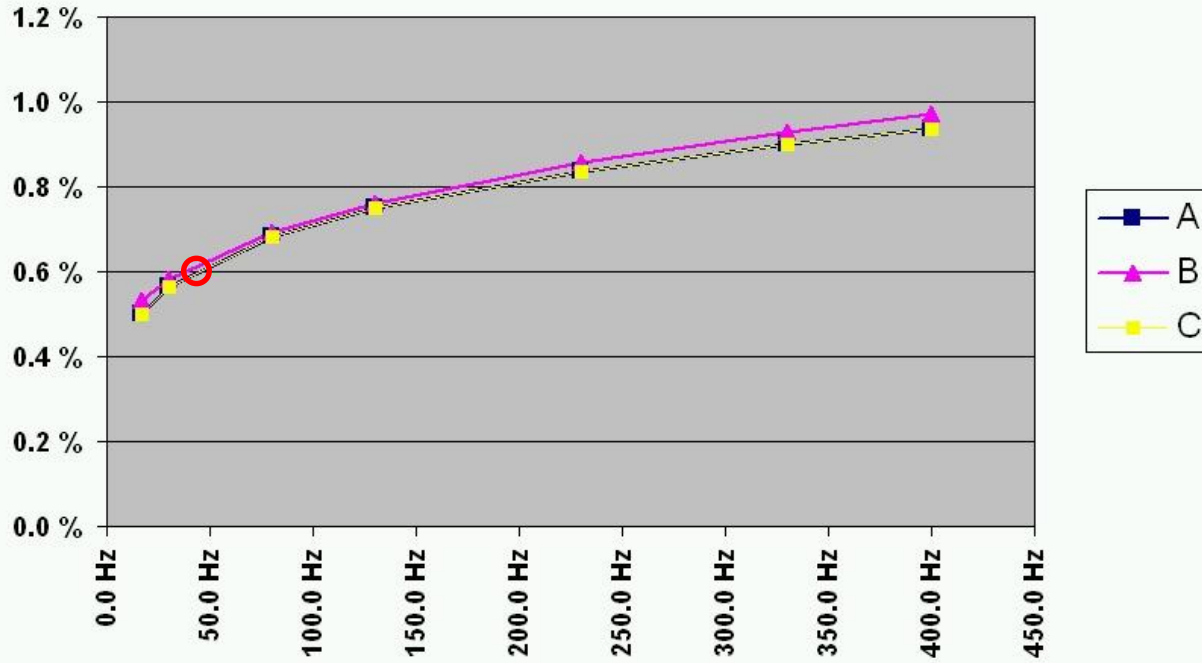


# Measurement on 220kV RBP Bushings (1971)

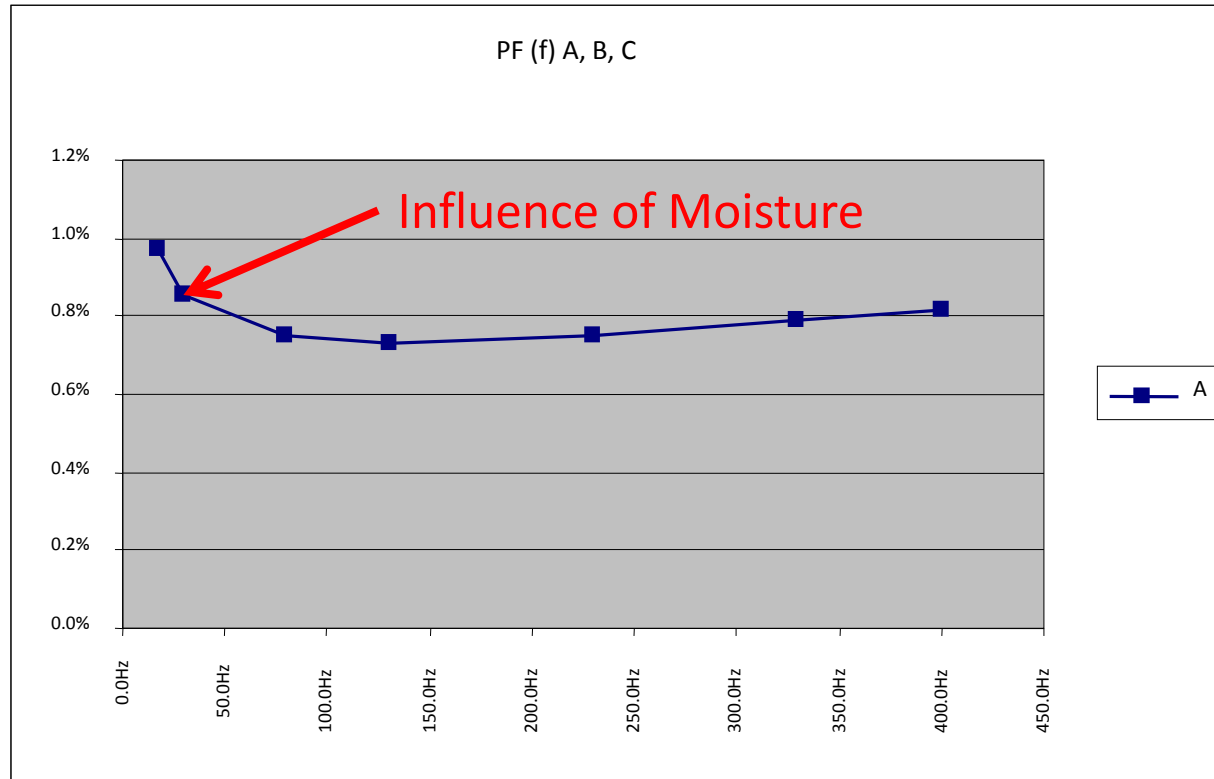


# TanDelta 15-400Hz

DF (f) A, B, C



# RBP Bushing 123kV (1963)



# OIP Bushings

- Paper of the OIP bushings ages particularly at high temperatures
- Through aging the dielectric losses will increase  
-> this increases the dissipation factor
- Temperature dependent aging decomposes the paper and produces additional water  
-> this accelerates the aging

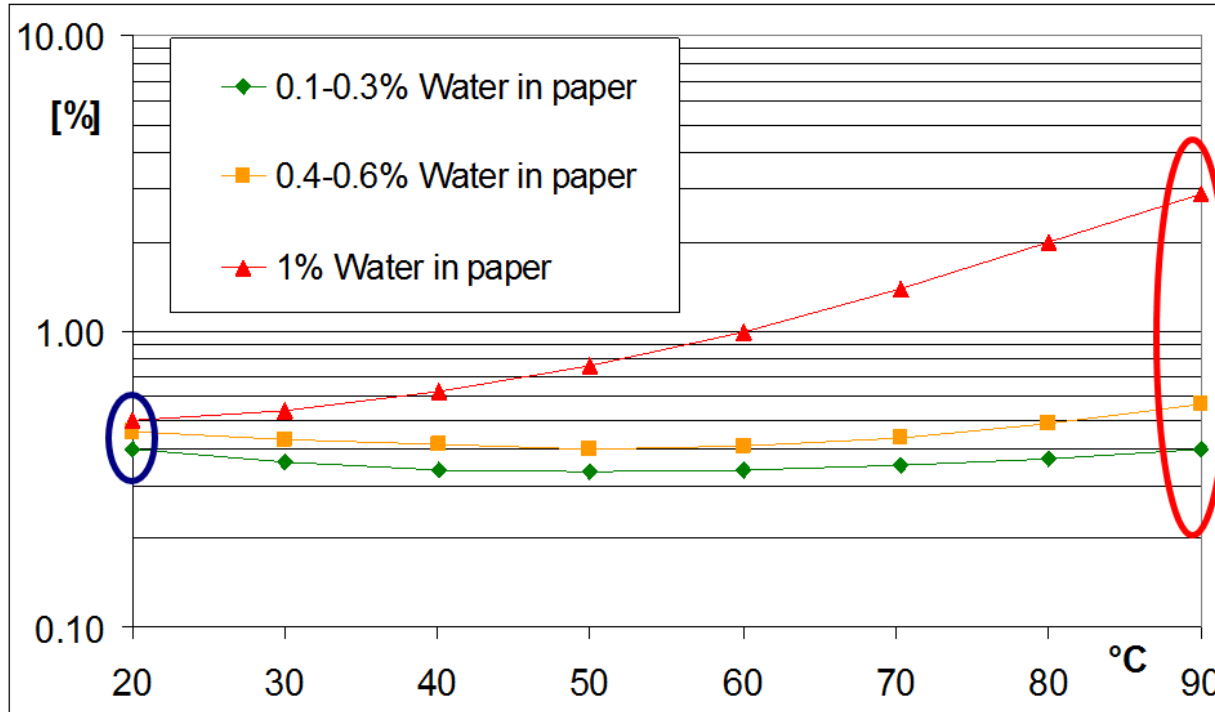
# OIP Bushing

## Breakdown at the Sharp Edge of the Foil



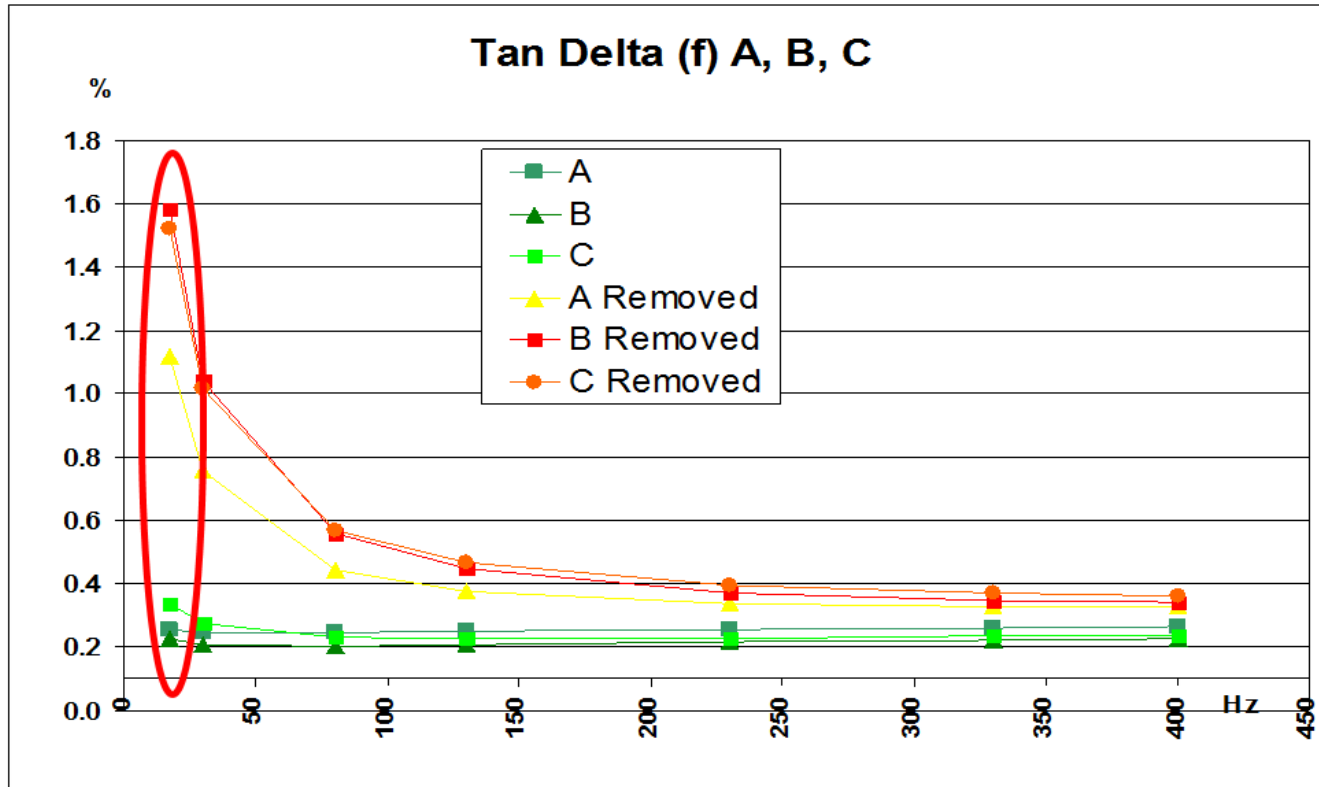
Source: Hubert Goebel GmbH

# Tan Delta (T) at 50Hz (OIP DF)

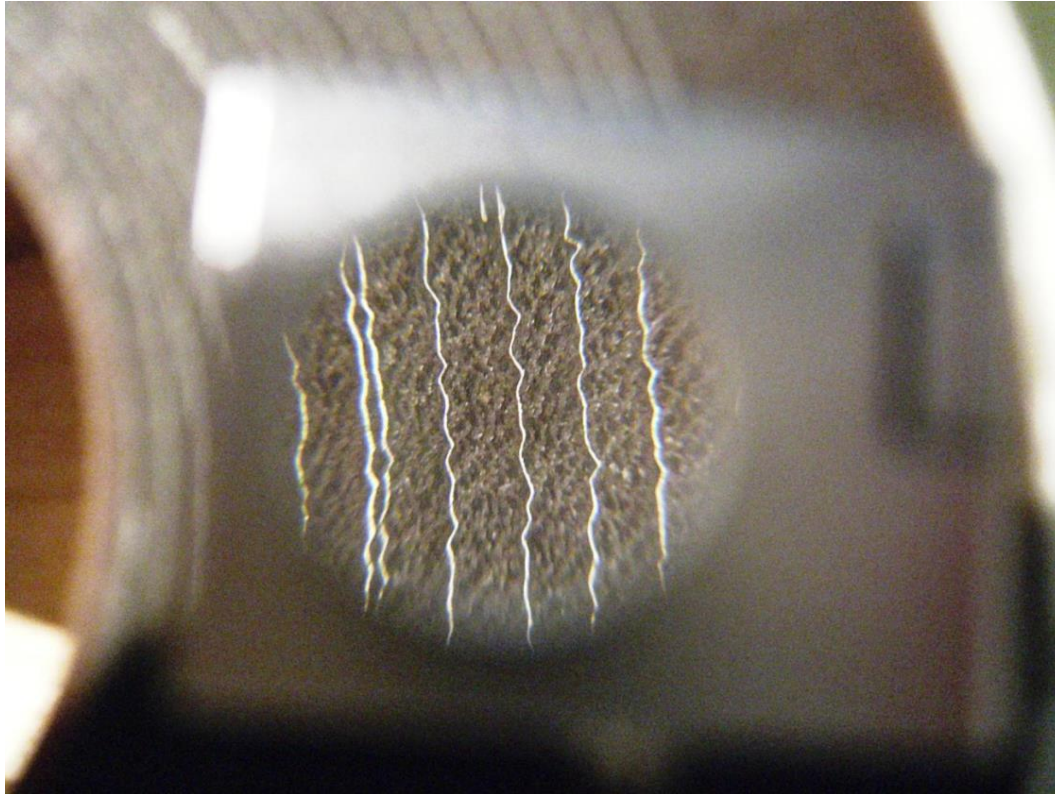


Source: ABB, Bushing diagnostics and conditioning

# Tan Delta (f) at 30°C (33kV OIP DF)

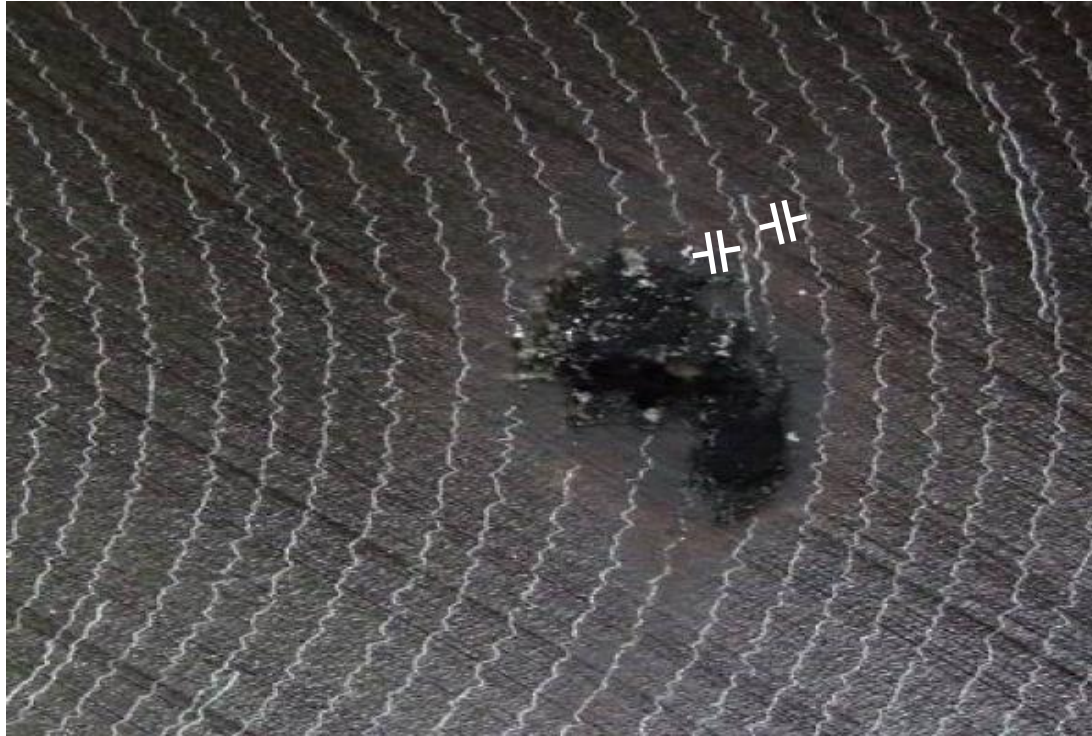


# RIP Bushings



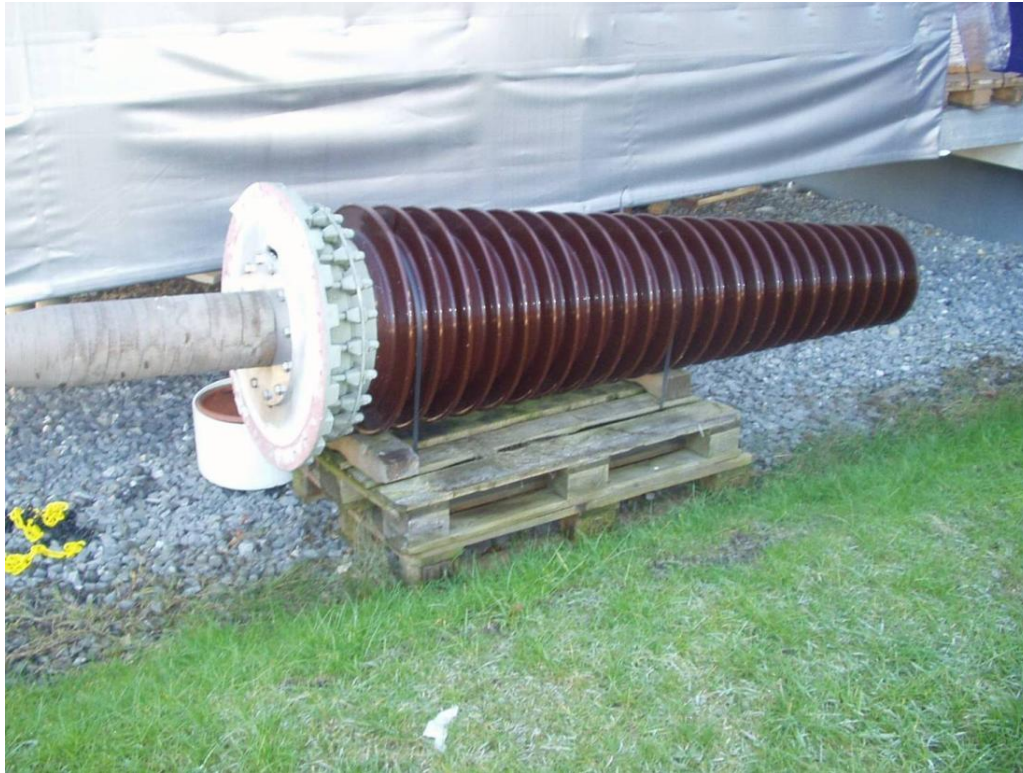


# Partial Breakdown on a RIP Bushing

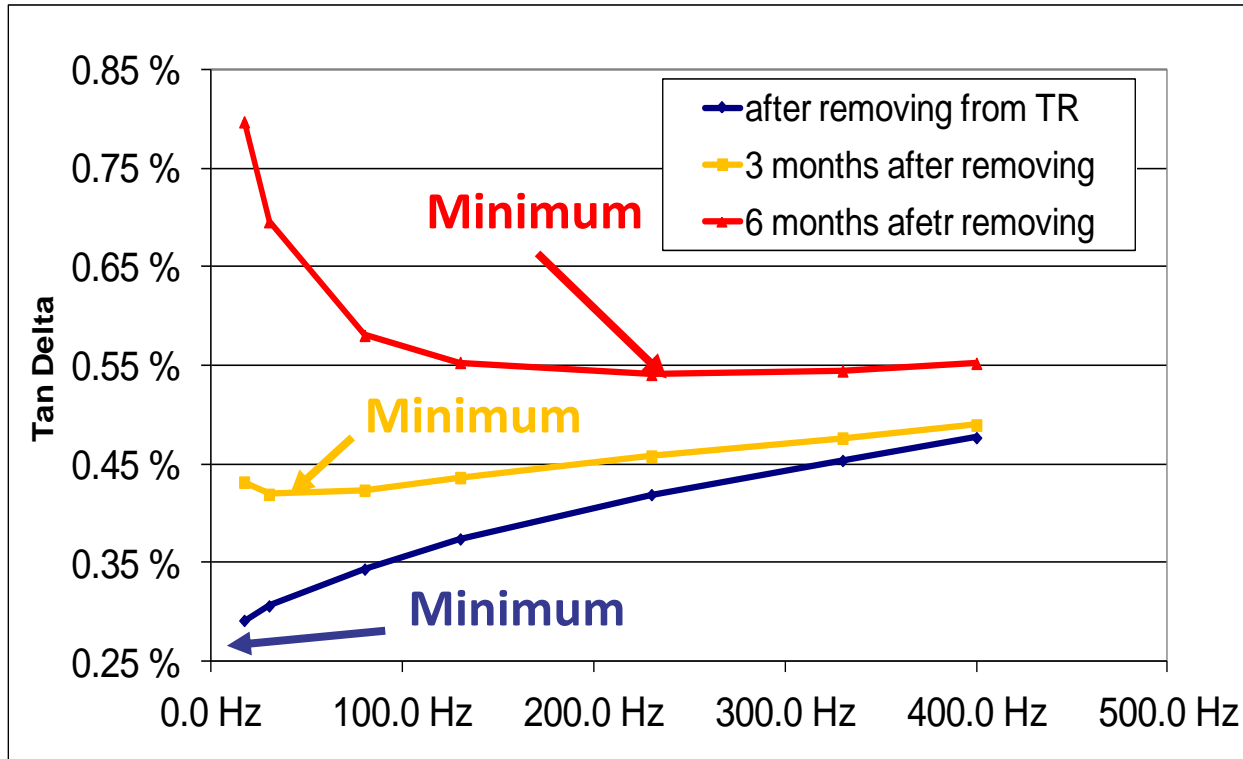


Source: B. Heil, „Diagnose und Bewertung von Durchführungen“, OMICRON AWT Germany 2010

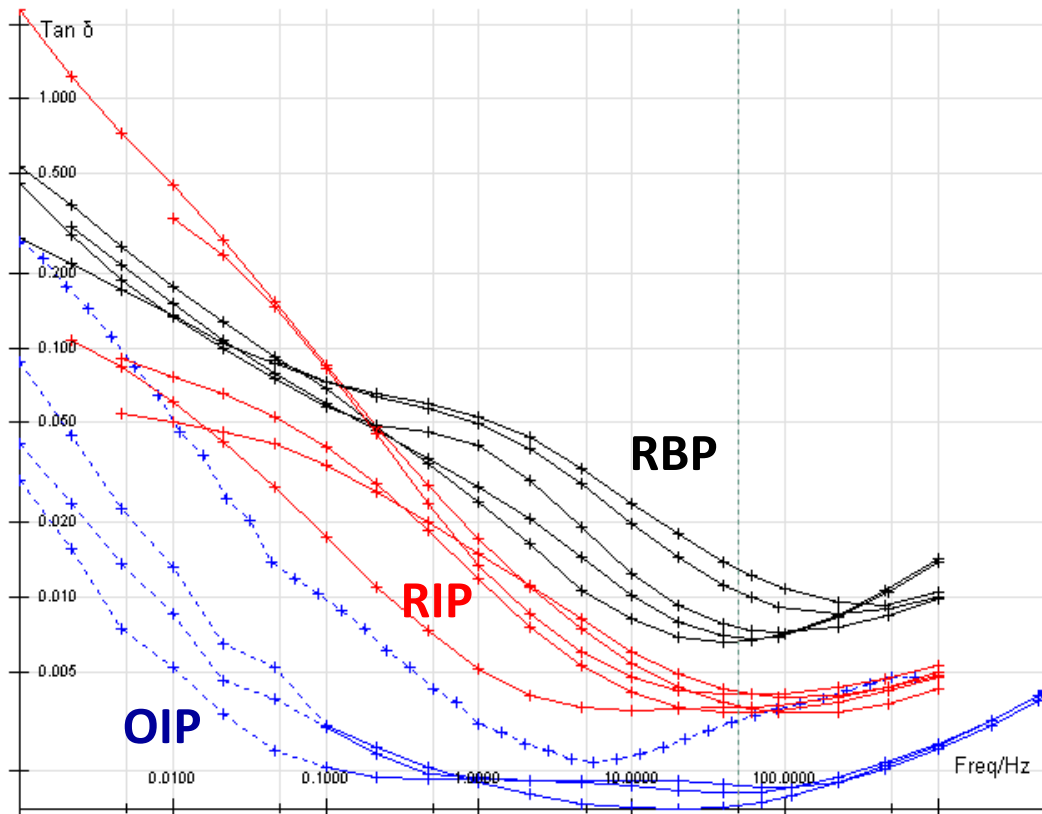
# 220kV RIP Bushing, Stored Outside



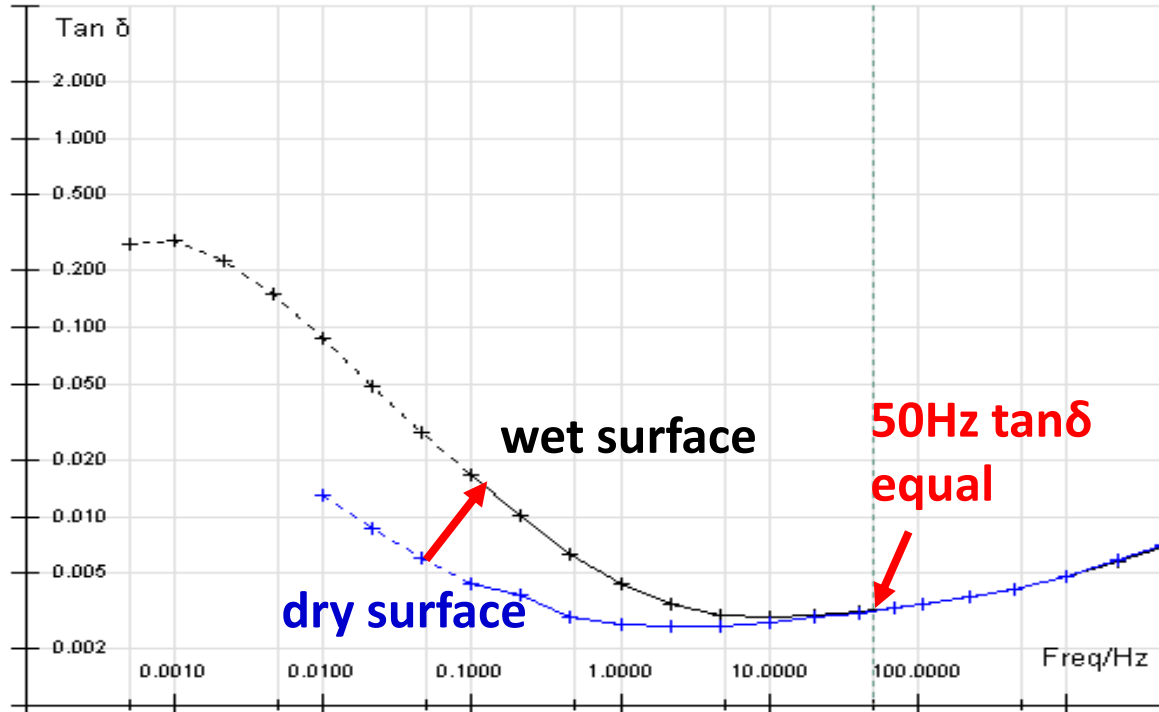
# 220kV RIP Bushing, Stored Outside



# Dielectric Response on RIP, RBP and OIP Bushings



# Dielectric Response with Dry and Wet Surface



IKP 170kV  
IKP 170kV

Source: G. Kopp, „ Measurement of the dielectric response on HV bushings “

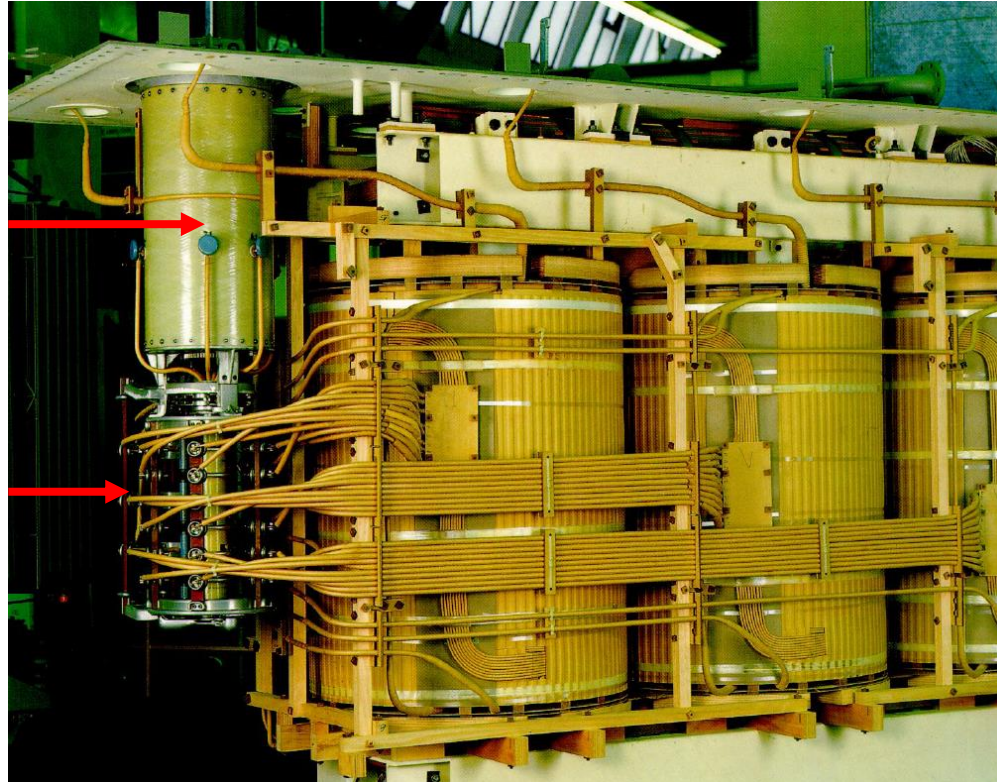
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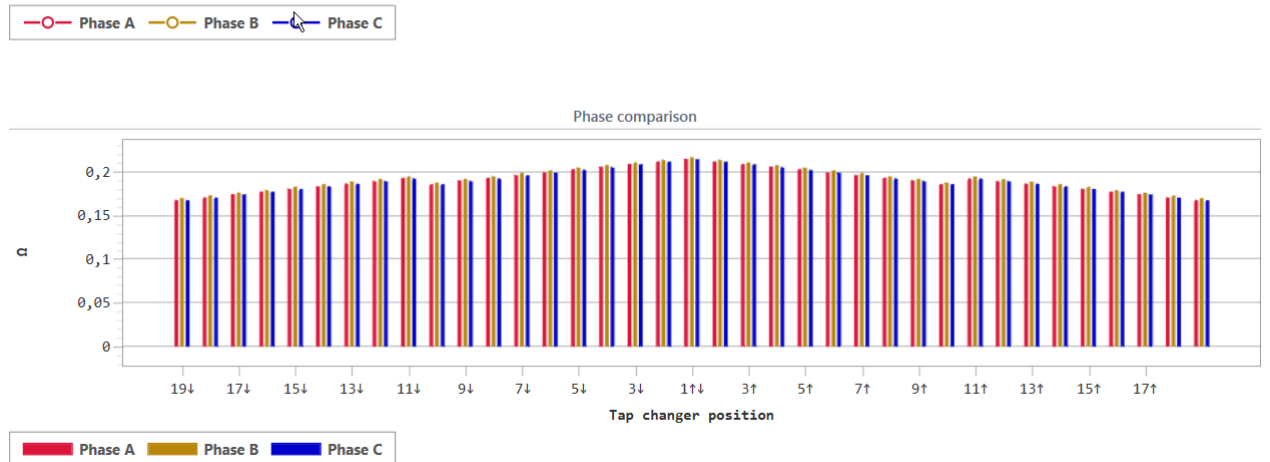
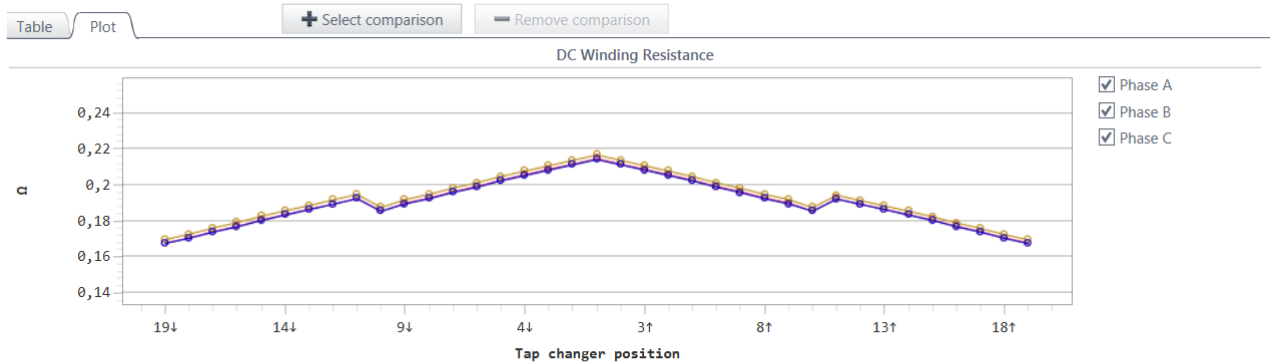
# On Load Tap Changers

Diverter  
Switch

Tap  
Selector



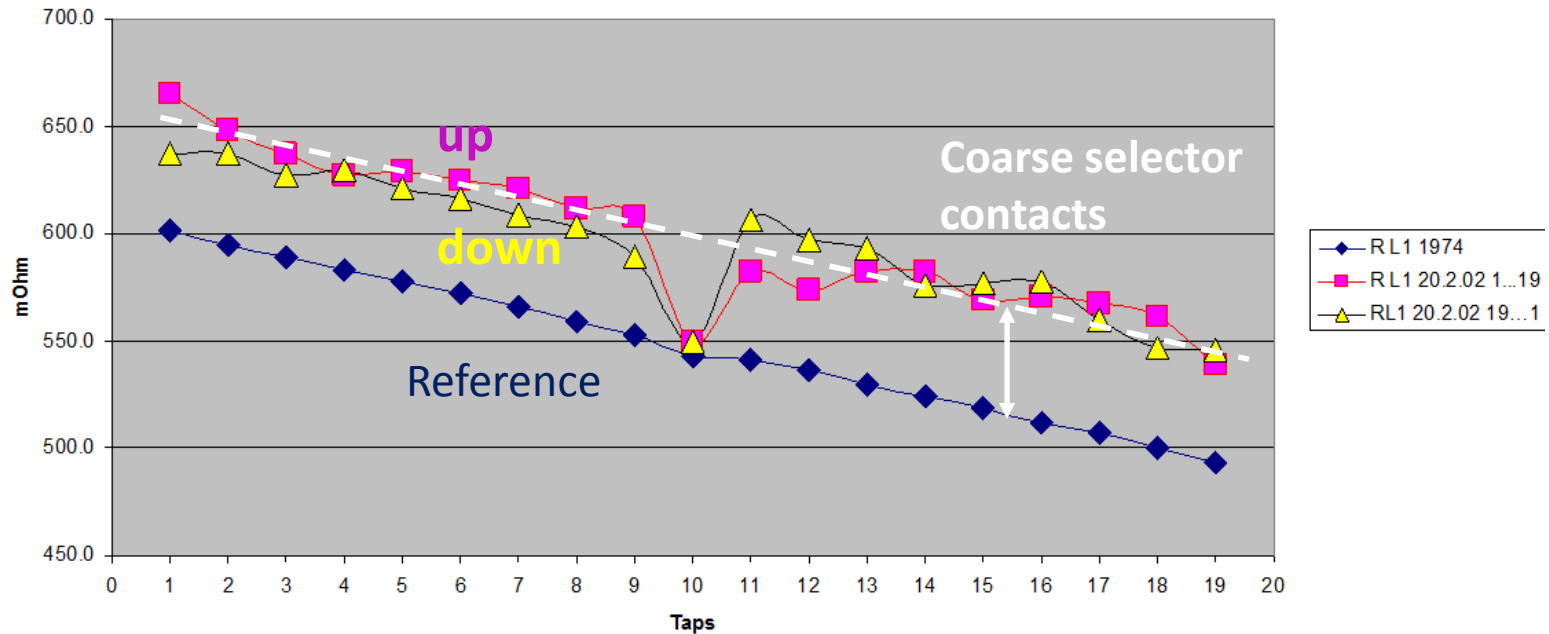
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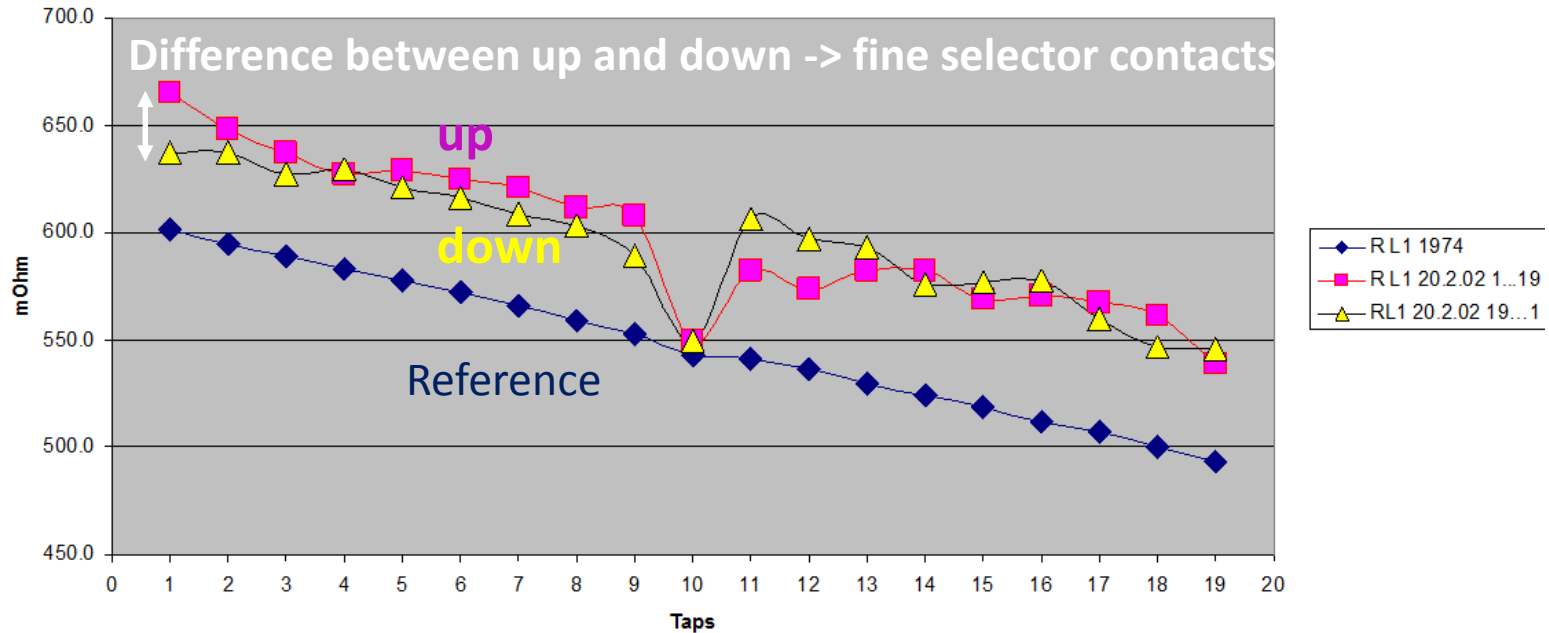
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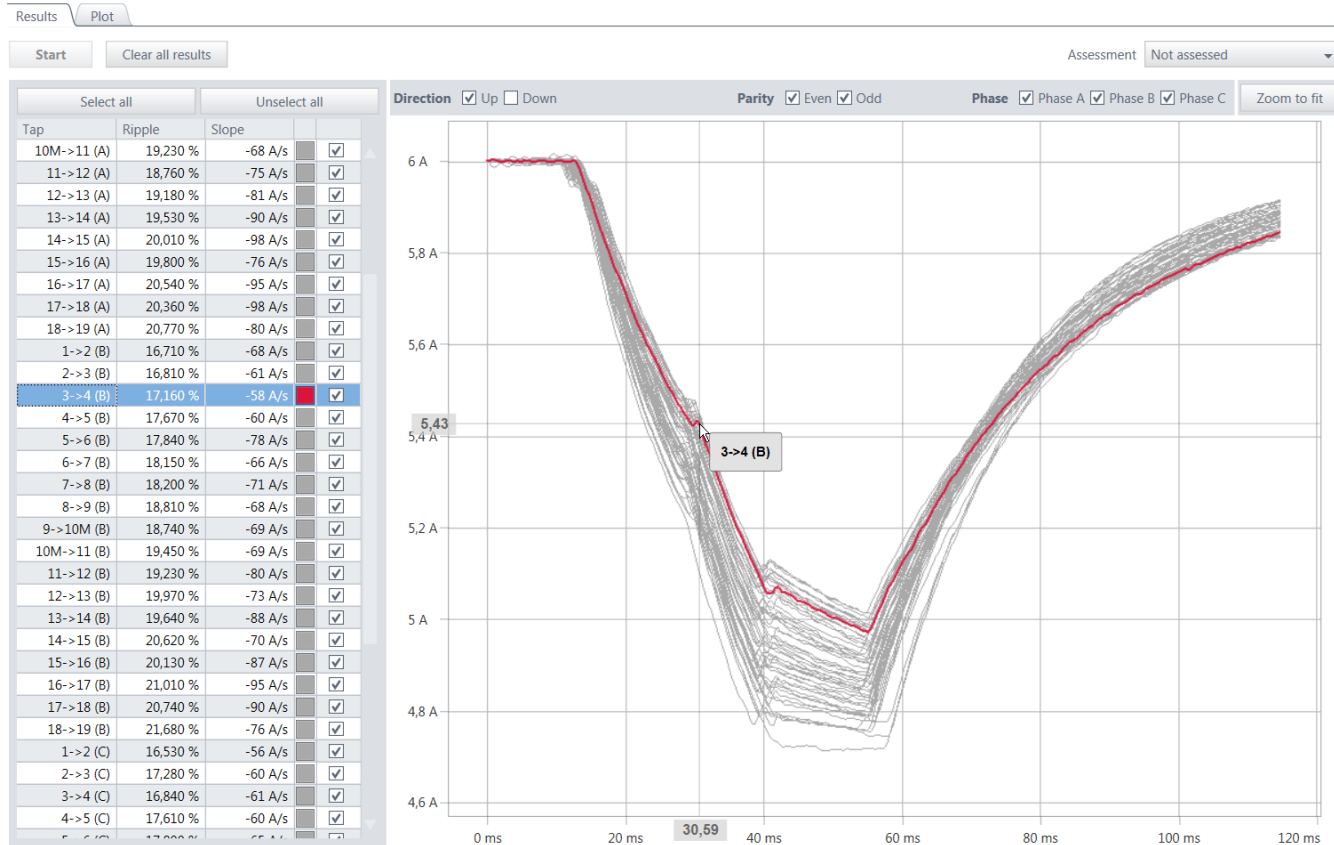


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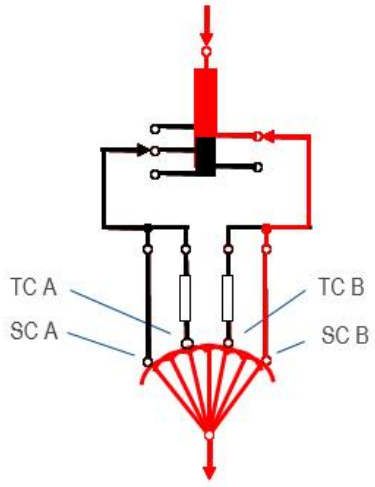
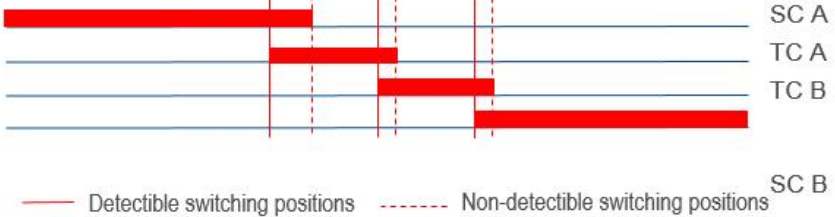
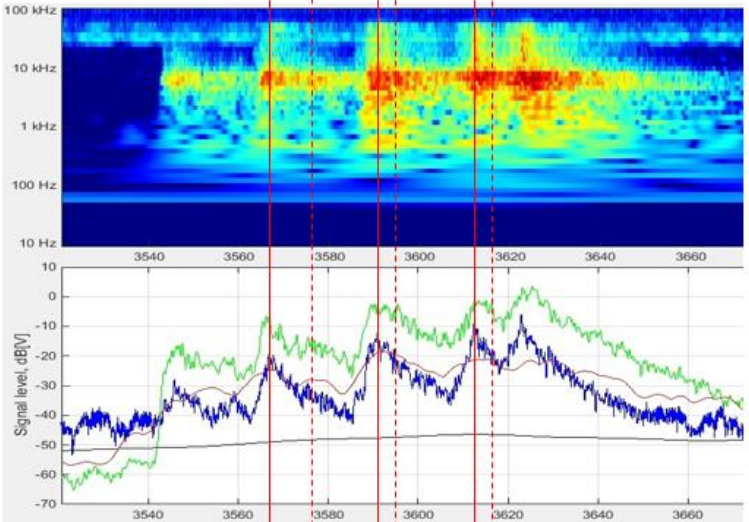
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# Dynamic Winding Resistance Measurement HV 1-19 for Diverter Switch Diagnosis



# Vibroacoustic Measurements on OLTC



U. Seltam, „Vibroacoustic Measurements on OLTC“, CEPED Dubai, 2016

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**Man. Year            1993**

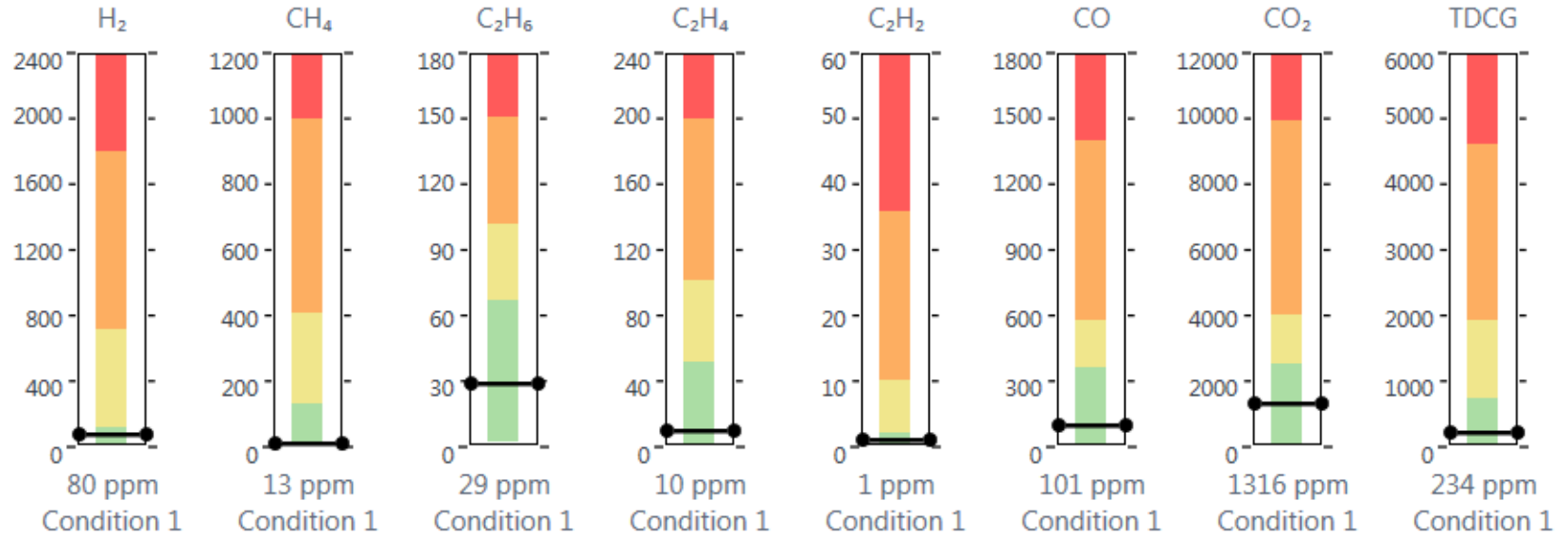
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## Ratio Table

Sample date	$\frac{CH_4}{H_2}$	$\frac{C_2H_2}{C_2H_4}$	$\frac{C_2H_2}{CH_4}$	$\frac{C_2H_6}{C_2H_2}$	$\frac{C_2H_4}{C_2H_6}$	$\frac{C_2H_2}{C_2H_6}$	$\frac{C_2H_2}{C_2H_6}$	$\frac{C_2H_4}{C_3H_6}$	$\frac{CO_2}{CO}$	$\frac{O_2}{N_2}$	$\frac{C_2H_2}{H_2}$
2016-09-22	0,16	0,10	0,08	29,00	0,34	2,23	0,03	1,67	13,03	0,46	0,01

Interpretation	Doernenburg	No fault
	<b>Rogers</b>	Gas concentration values are too low - no reliable diagnosis can be provided by this method
	<b>MSS</b>	Gas concentration values are too low - no reliable diagnosis can be provided by this method
	<b>IEC 60599</b>	Gas concentration values are too low - no reliable diagnosis can be provided by this method
	<b>CO2/CO</b>	Ok
	<b>O2/N2</b>	Ok
	<b>C2H2/H2</b>	Ok

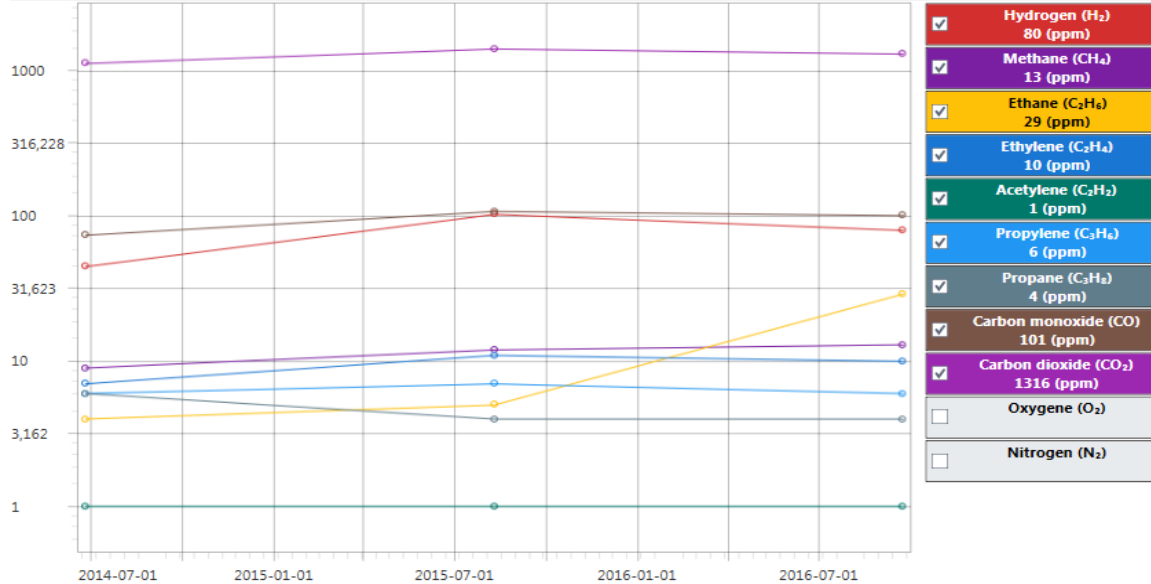
# DGA Trend from 2014 to 2016

Standard IEEE C57.104 (TDCG) ▼

Sample date	H <sub>2</sub> (ppm)	CH <sub>4</sub> (ppm)	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> (ppm)	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> (ppm)	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub> (ppm)	CO (ppm)	CO <sub>2</sub> (ppm)	Overall assessment	TDCG (ppm)	TDCG ppm/day	Recommended test interval
2016-09-22	80	13	29	10	1	101	1316	Condition 1	234	-0,01	Annual
2015-08-10	103	12	5	11	1	108	1423	Condition 1	240	0,24	Annual
2014-06-26	45	9	4	7	1	74	1131	Condition 1	140		

Condition 1 All gas concentrations are within the expected limits. The transformer is operating satisfactorily.

## Trending



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# Measurement of the Relative Moisture in Oilr



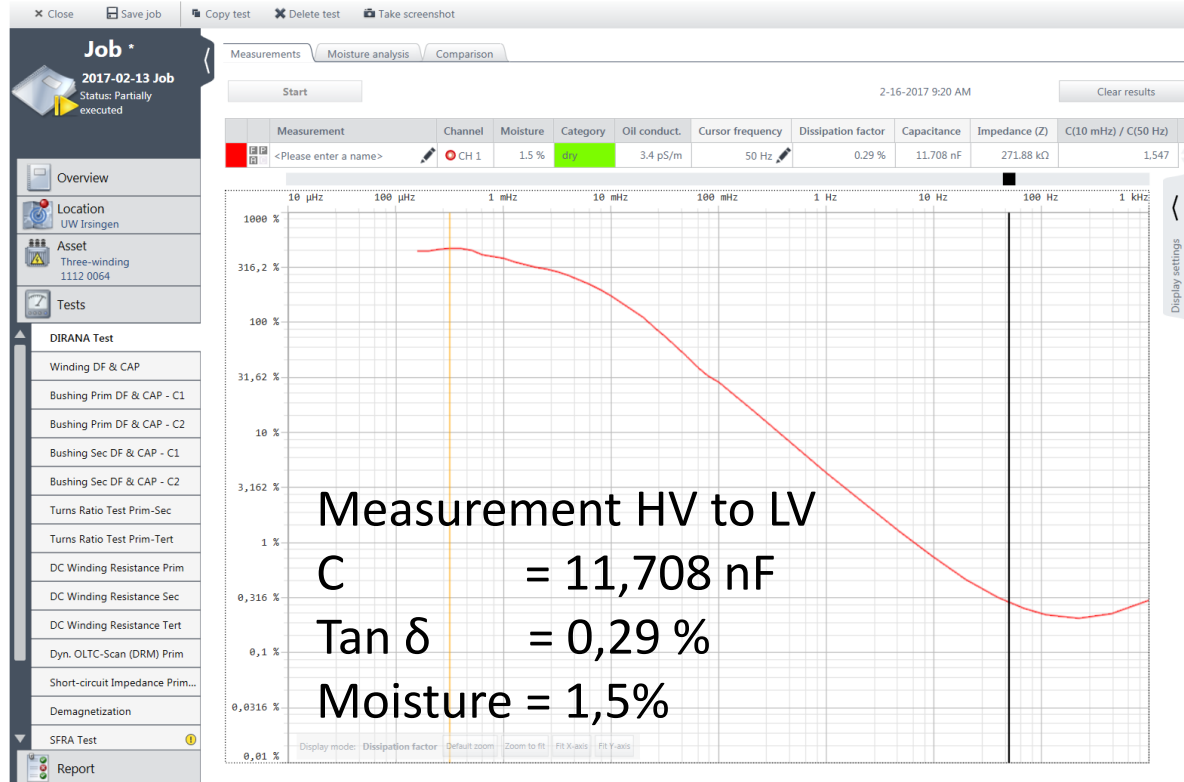
$T = 47,8^{\circ}\text{C}$

$\text{RH} = 6,3 \%$

## Water Content

	RH	WC <sub>Cell</sub>
New	1-2	0,5
Fair	5-10	1,5-2
Wet	10-15	3-4,5

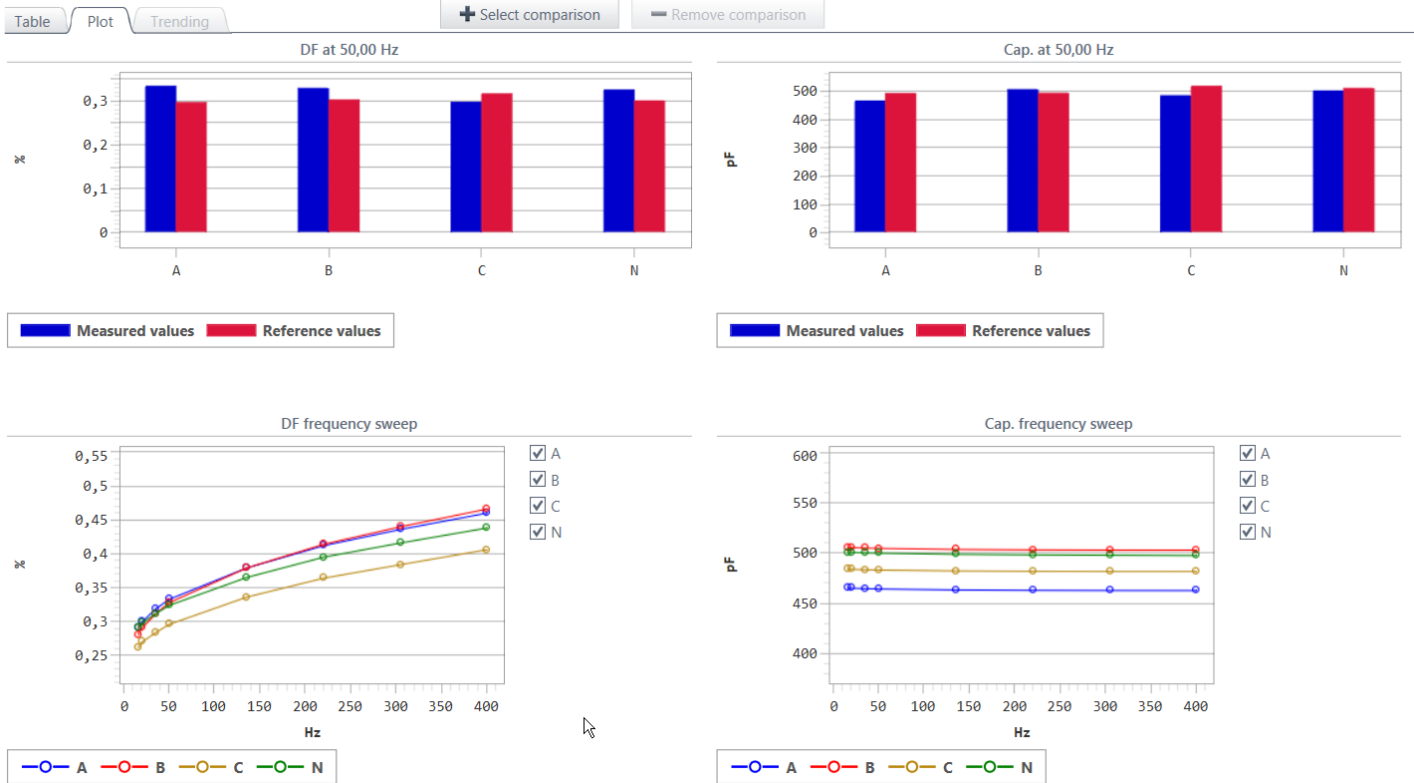
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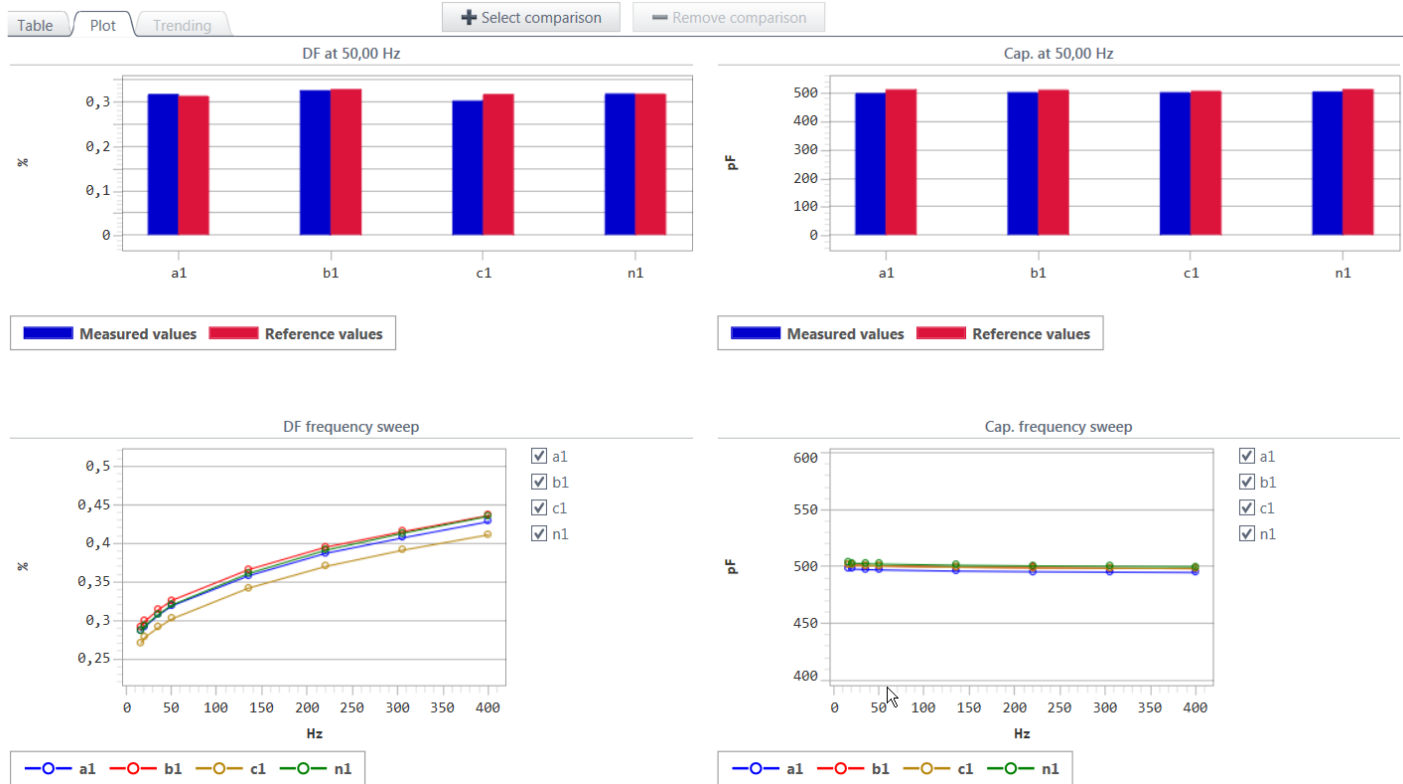
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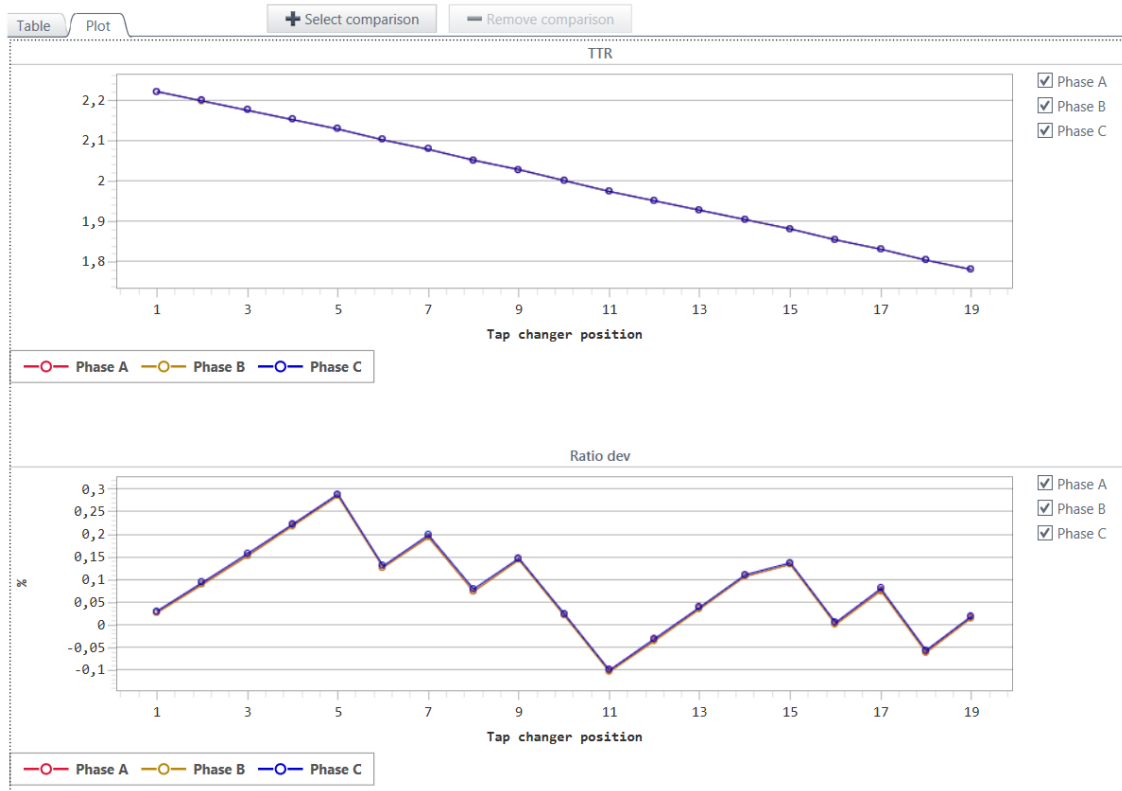




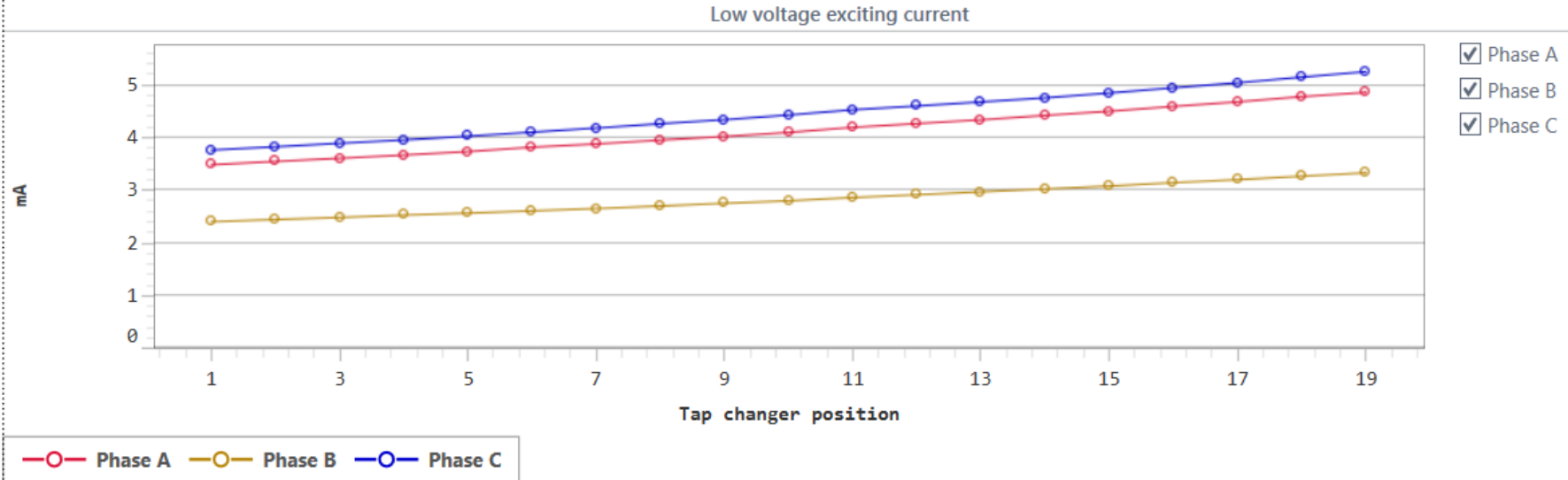
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# Ratio Measurement HV - LV



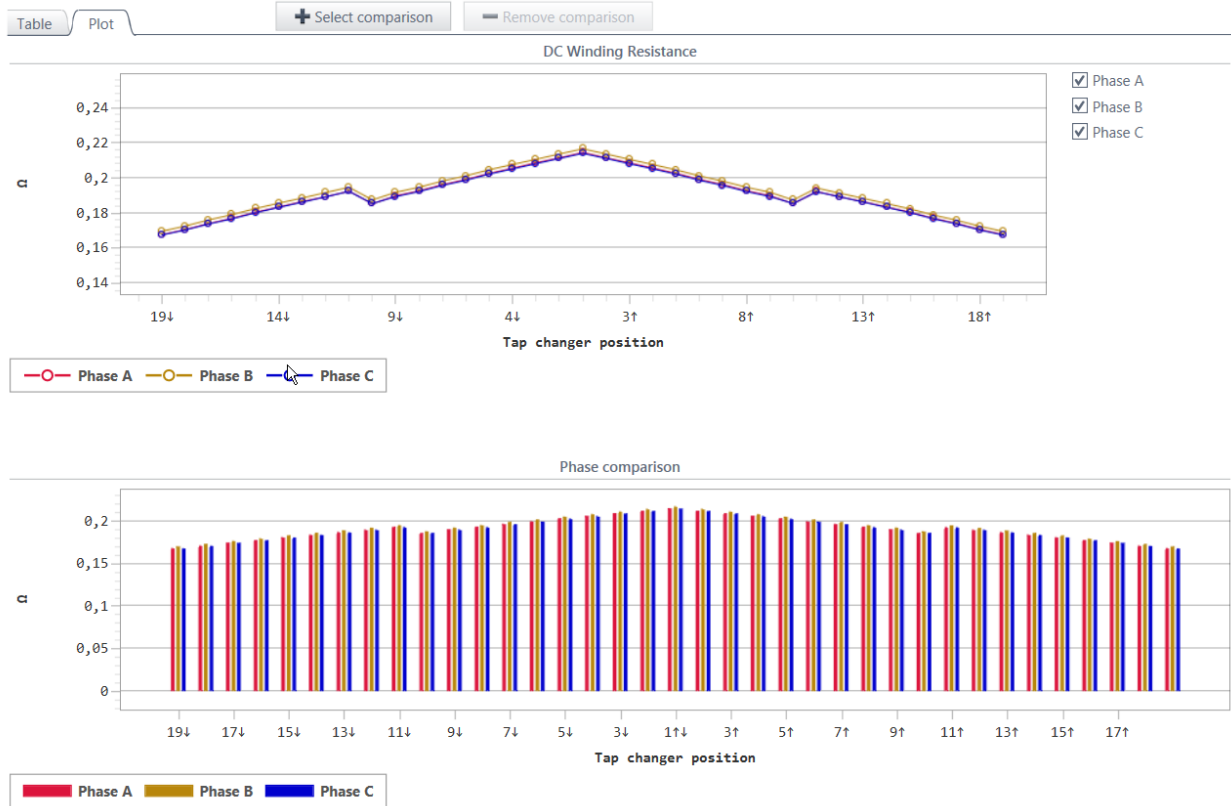
# Magnetising Current HV



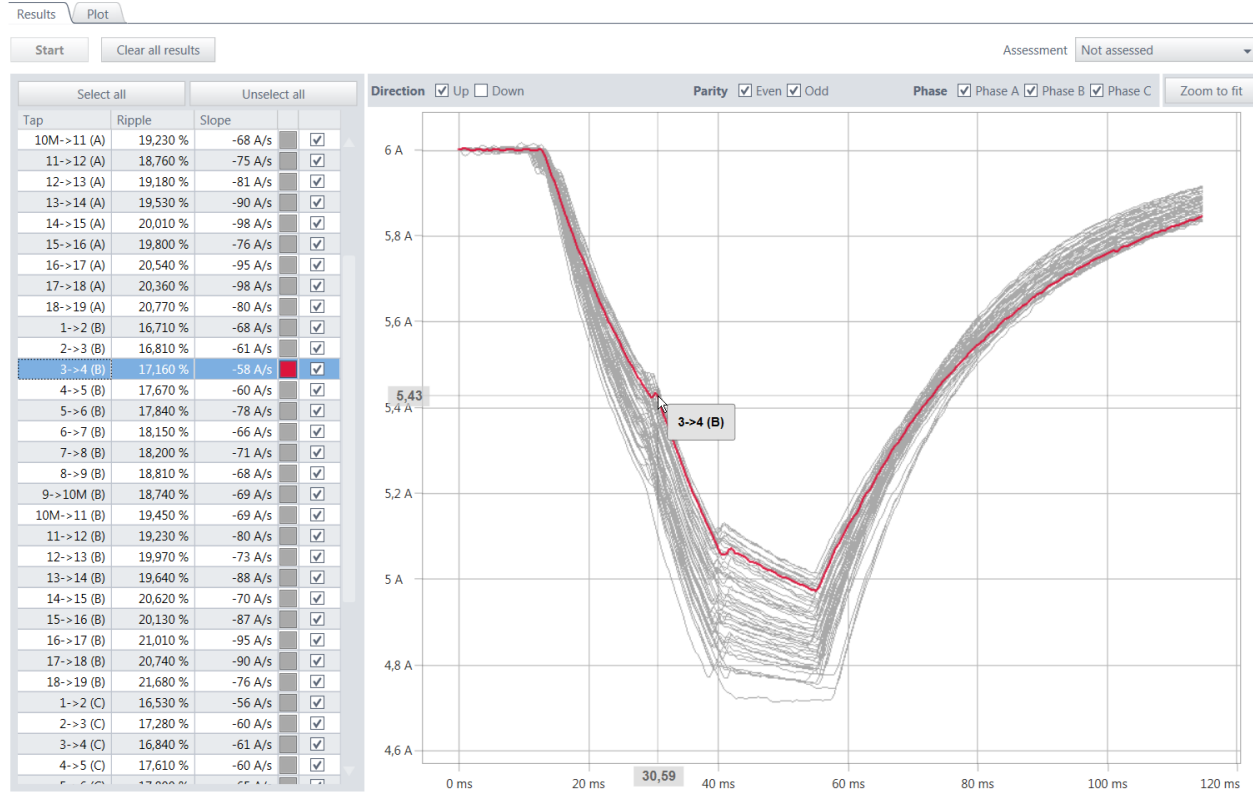
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# Static Winding Resistance Measurement HV



# Dynamic Winding Resistance Measurement HV



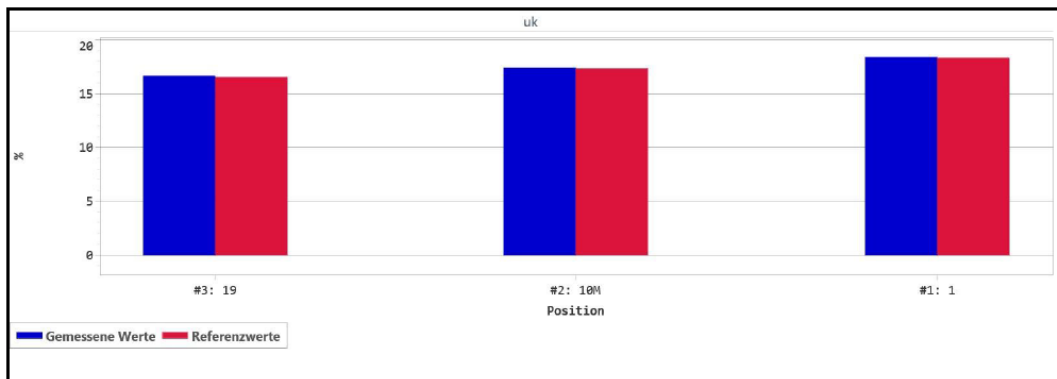
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# Short Circuit Impedance

Ergebnistabelle										
Position	Phase	$I$	$U$	$U$ Phase	$R_k$	$X_k$	$Z_k$	$uk$ ber	$uk$ abw	Bewertung
#3: 19	A	3,000 A	63,432 V	88,99 °	371,081 mΩ	21,140 Ω	21,143 Ω	16,65 %	0,93 %	Bestanden
	B	3,001 A	64,429 V	-270,99 °	369,856 mΩ	21,468 Ω	21,471 Ω			
	C	3,000 A	63,684 V	89,02 °	362,489 mΩ	21,228 Ω	21,232 Ω			
#2: 10M	A	2,847 A	79,475 V	89,27 °	355,965 mΩ	27,915 Ω	27,917 Ω	17,36 %	0,36 %	Bestanden
	B	2,825 A	79,471 V	-270,84 °	413,374 mΩ	28,132 Ω	28,135 Ω			
	C	2,841 A	79,475 V	88,84 °	568,405 mΩ	27,972 Ω	27,978 Ω			
#1: 1	A	2,183 A	79,476 V	89,34 °	422,268 mΩ	36,404 Ω	36,406 Ω	18,38 %	0,43 %	Bestanden
	B	2,165 A	79,478 V	-270,81 °	518,063 mΩ	36,710 Ω	36,713 Ω			
	C	2,179 A	79,476 V	88,86 °	725,127 mΩ	36,468 Ω	36,475 Ω			

Diagramme für Standardprüfung





# Transformer Assessment

		Transformer Assessment										
Date of assessment	2017-02-20											
Responsible	xxx											
Location/Substation	xxx											
Transformer ID	xxx	Assessment										8
Serial number	xxx	Exchange priority										3
Year of manufacturing	1993											
Expected life time (years)	45											
		new										old
		10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
Transformer age	24 Years	X										
		excellent									bad	
		10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
		X										Remarks
Core		X										
Winding		X										
Cellulose insulation				X								
Oil				X								
HV bushings		X										
LV bushings		X										
Tap changer		X										
Motor drive		X										
Cooling system		X										
Oil leak		X										
Corrosion protection		X										
LV wiring and protection		X										

# Thank You !

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