

#### Transformer Fleet Management

Asset Health Review Process

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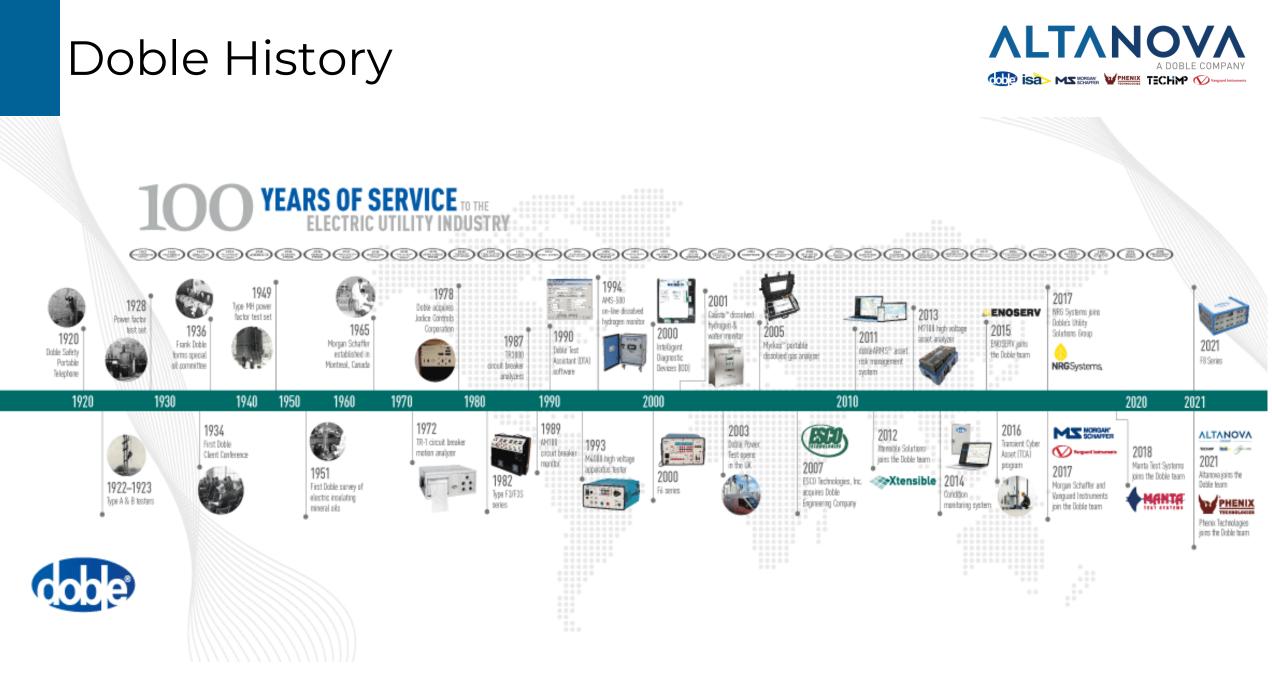
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- Procure
- Operate
- Maintain
- Decommission.

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- Installation and commissioning
- Diagnostic test
- Data analysis
- Consultancy
- Training.





#### Monitoring Systems

Shift from a time-based maintenance to a condition-based maintenance.

Focus on predictive maintenance and shift in focus from electric asset value cost to network outage costs.

Strong evolution of digitalization trend in the power industry.

#### Power transformers Current & voltage transformers **Circuit breakers** Protective relays HV gas insulated switchgears Meters and transducers MV/HV/EHV cables Rotating machines MV/LV switchgears Variable speed drives **Overhead** lines Batteries







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## Outline



- Importance of Fleet Management
- Purpose of Asset Health Review
- Methodology
- Process
- Case Studies
- Conclusion



# Application of AHI



A previously state-owned utility after privatization

- Slowly ageing population to manage
- Increased pressure to get best value
- An improved asset management plan (AHR) was developed in response
- A large independent US power producer
  - 87 power plants total installed capacity of 27GW
  - ~800 transformers (>250 GSU)
  - 2 generator transformer failures
  - "We didn't know the overall health of our critical transformers"
  - Implemented AHR: oil and electrical test results, IR scans, highlight inconsistent and missing results

Large National T&D operator in Middle East

- 4 operating regions
- One region significantly higher failure rates
- Implemented AHR/CBM

#### Purpose of AHI System

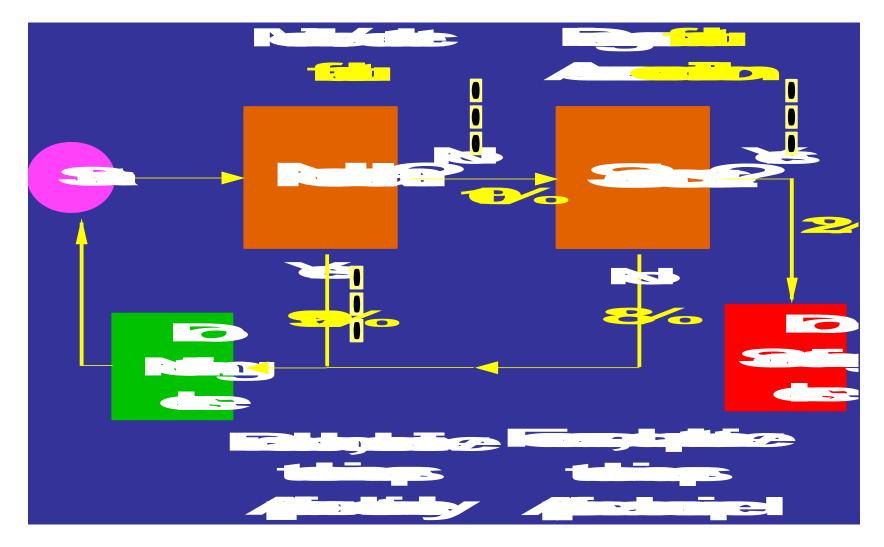


The purpose of the Asset Health Indexing is as follows:

- Consolidate information in one place
- Assess transformer condition and performance
- Identify risks and opportunities
- Identify transformers requiring replacement in short-medium term
- Estimate long-term replacement volumes
- Trend evolution in transformer condition and replacement volumes
- Industry and insurance compliance
- Generate timely reports for management
- Is it Life Extension ?

#### **Condition Based Methodology**









The process includes the following key elements:

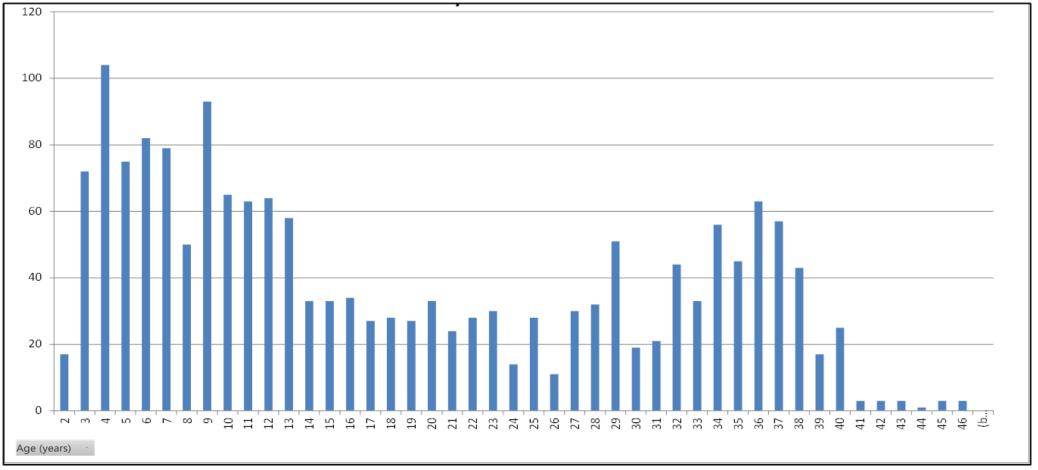
- 1. Initial review based on existing information
- 2. Second review based on offline / online tests
- 3. Assess technical condition to generate additional data for decision making
- 4. Assessment of designs from forensics
- 5. Risk management indexing based on risk and severity

# 1 – Initial Review



- Initial review is based on available data only. Quality of output depends on quality of input (such as poor oil sampling data), and therefore on quality of available data (FAT, commissioning results, lab data). Often based only on design assessment and oil test results.
- Try to assess different aspect condition of transformer, esp. *dielectric, thermal, and mechanical condition*. May include other elements, e.g. accessories or external corrosion. Convert assessment to score.
- Operational history: Service life, Loading, knowledge of maintenance done, repairs
- Event history: Faults, system events
- Monitoring data: DGA, electrical test data

#### 1 – Initial Review



Transformer Fleet Review (age wise) 1800 units

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### 1 – Initial Review



Typical scoring scheme:

- 1 Excellent no known problems
- 2 Good Minor problems only, may get worse...
- 3 Moderate Likely evidence of problem requiring attention within 5-10 years.
- 4 Strong or likely evidence of serious problem requiring attention within 2-5 years.
- 5 Strong evidence of serious problem requiring attention within
  1-2 years

# 2 – Second Review



- Second review involves gathering additional data, either to cover gaps in the available information for the initial review or to get more information about priority transformers.
- Transformers may be priority owing to condition, importance, a combination of the two, or other reasons.
- Use wide range of on-line condition assessment methods, e.g. visual inspection, IR scan, RFI survey, and especially oil tests.
- Use wide range of off-line condition assessment methods, e.g. winding capacitance and power factor, winding frequency response, and winding resistance.

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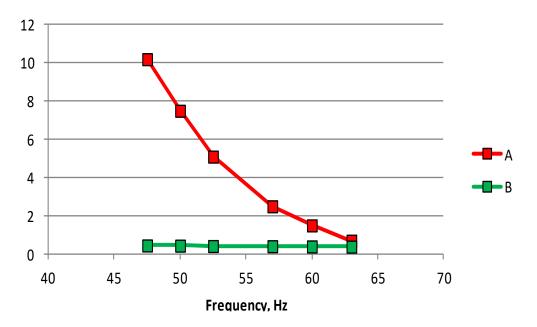
#### 2 – Second Review

#### • 2-winding, 132/33 kV, 90 MVA, ONAN/ONAF, YNd11, 1964 UK OEM

• Online PD survey picked up discharge activity in the transformers

#### **HV BUSHING CAP. & POWER FACTORS** kV A phase B phase C phase 2 130 pF 130 pF 135 pF 5 133 pF 133 pF 137 pF 5.3 % 5.3 % 5.3 % 10 133 pF 134 pF 151 pF 4.4 % 4.3 % 3.5 % 12 129 pF 129 pF 146 pF 10.5 % 5.8% 7.5 %

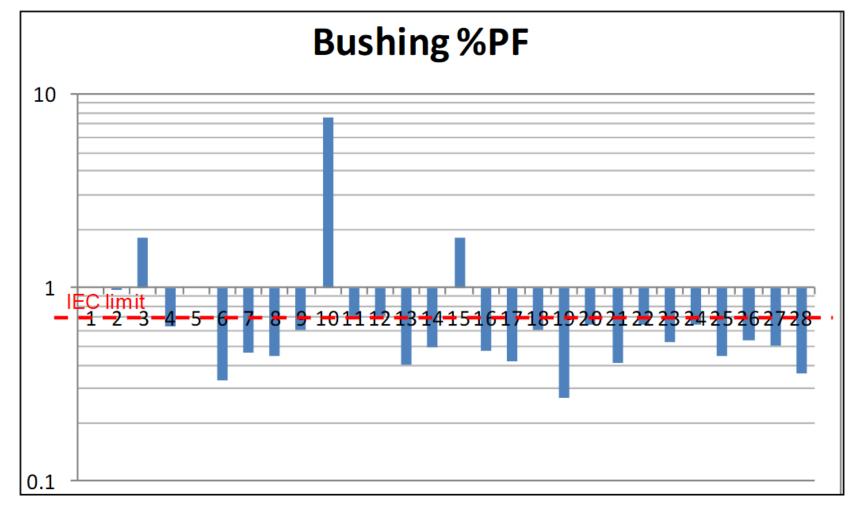
CURVE A: B PHASE BUSHING OF A2T (Tested Bushing with High PF) CURVE B: B PHASE BUSHING OF A1T (Reference)





#### 2 – Second Review





Bushing Contribution in Fault Development

# 3 – Assess Technical Condition



- Arrange a technical condition assessment for priority transformers using outcome of first review, and second review, and design assessments. May be able to extend to remainder of population by analogy/extension.
- Often used to determine need for refurbishment or replacement. May also be used to assess suitability for redeployment or change of use.
- Occasionally used to determine requirement for spare transformers.

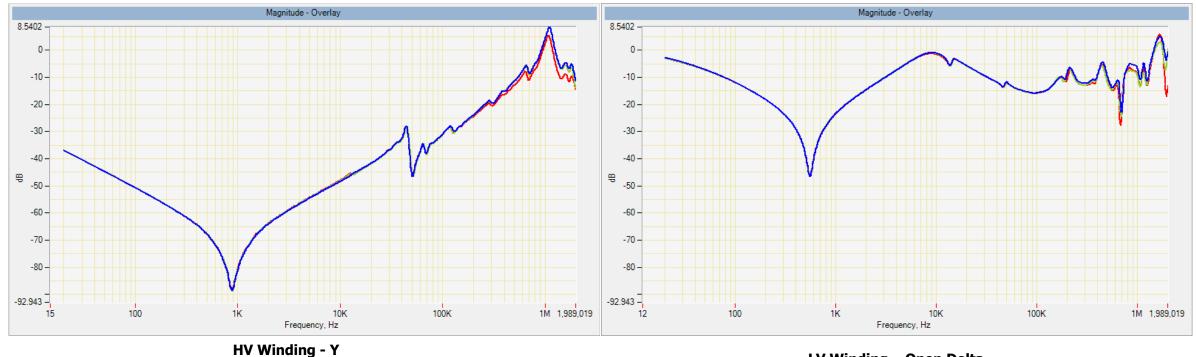
#### Case Study – 1



- It is about Selector Flash Over and Tapchanger (Partial) Damage during service, transformers T1 & T2, 400kV, 800MVA, YNd1, 2-winding units, manufactured in 1960s in England
- Reasons for Fault Investigation:
  - Transformer **T1** & **T2** were tested for fault finding in OLTC. <u>Electrical</u> <u>Testing</u> and DGA carried out to investigate the cause
- Conclusion:
- Transformer **T1** marked for Regular Oil Analysis / RFI Survey / Offline test in 3 yrs
- Transformer T2 was unreliable for further service and scrapped

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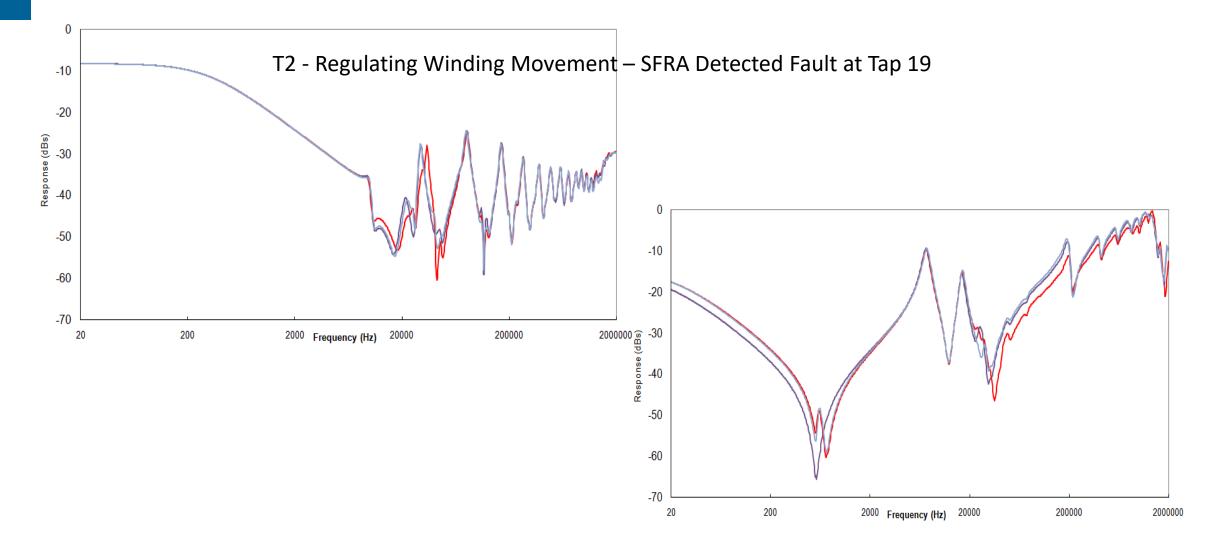


LV Winding – Open Delta

#### T1 with no signs of winding movement (HV & LV winding)

Case Study – 1





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• Forensic Analysis confirmed winding movement



# 4 – Design Assessment



- Not the same as design review, although design review data may be useful. Info from nameplate is useful (kV, MVA, %Z, OEM, Year etc.)
- Involves assessing how different designs perform in service, e.g. rate of solid insulation ageing, short-circuit withstand capability, thermal problems developing in service.
- Often involves feedback from transformer forensics, which is often more helpful for assessing how design perform in service. And good for determining actual causes of failure. Also good for investigating solid insulation ageing.
- CIGRE brochure 529 WG A2.36 (Guidelines for Conducting Design Reviews for Power Transformers)

#### 4 – Design Assessment (from forensics)







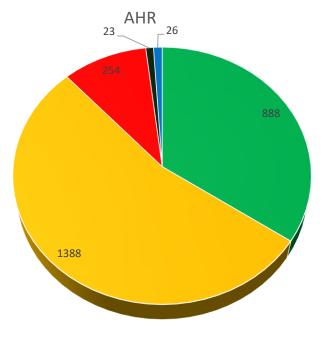






## 5 – Risk Management

- Risk of failure low/medium/high
- Safe Access for continued (enhanced) monitoring
- Continuous Online & Offline surveys/condition monitoring
- Decision to change the category level based on available information
- Plan for Replacement(s)

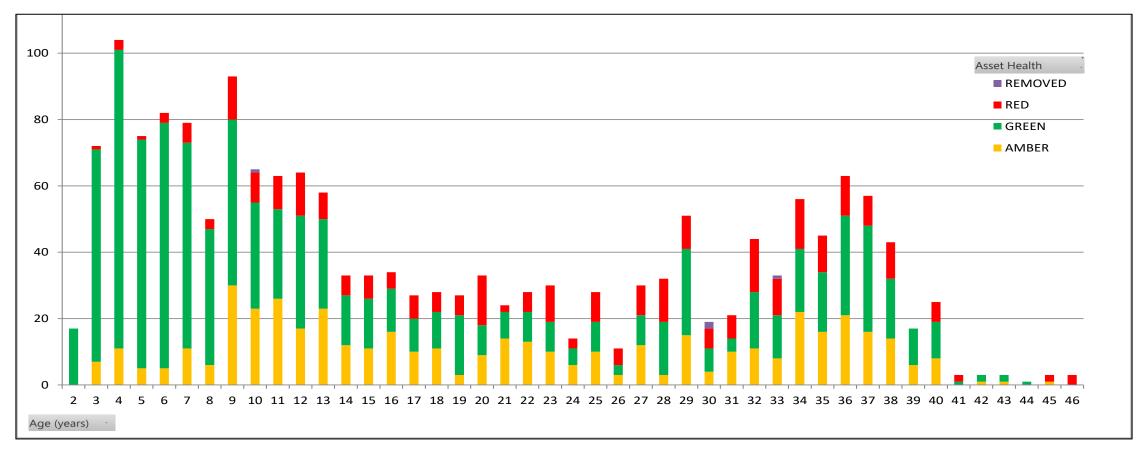


Transformers Profiling w.r.t. Condition



#### 5 – Risk Management





Transformers Profiling w.r.t. Service Life

#### Outcome



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET ASSET HEALTH REVIEW										
Transformer Numbers	No. of Units Analysed		Individual Trf AHR Reports Completed							
		GREEN	AMBER	RED	BLACK	REMOVED				
North	940	189	615	133	0	3	919			
East	876	279	464	92	23	20	875			
West	251	87	149	12	0	3	244			
South	510	333	160	17	0	0	510			
GRAND TOTAL	2577	888	1388	254	23	26	2548			

Asset Health categories

#### Outcome

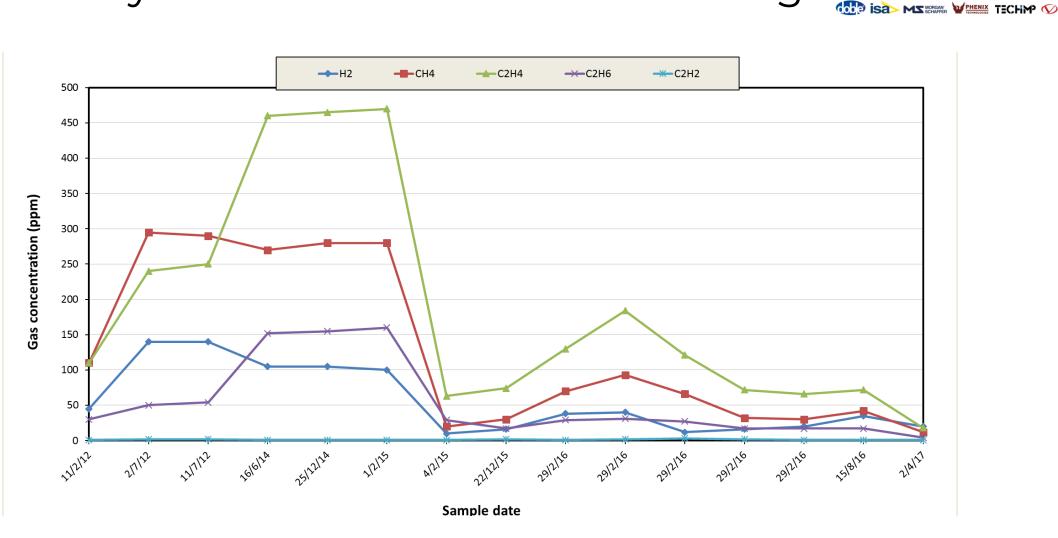


League table for transmission operator – sorted by worst overall condition score

Design/Manufacturer	Current and Mitigated Condition			Possible improvement		Component score based on sub-components					
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T4315 400/132 kV 240 MVA AEI Wythen A04a	32 1965	221	213	8	100	100	1	13	10	3	10
T3040 275/132 kV 120 MVA EEC E11b	<b>32</b> 1959	170	103	68	30	60	1	190	10	10	10
T6975 400/275 kV 1000 MVA GEC G02b	<u>104</u> 1994	170	135	35	30	60		36	100		1
T3039 275/132 kV 120 MVA EEC E11b	32 1959	154	143	11	30	100	1_	23	10	10	3
T4259 275/66 kV 180 MVA CP D07	12 1965	152	126	26	60	60	1	70	10	1	
T2370 275/132 kV 120 MVA MVE M01	<u>5</u> 1957	151	94	57	30	60	1	160	10	3	10
T5961 400/275 kV 750 MVA HHE H02	111 1971	147	100	47	3	60		140			3
T6201 275/33 kV 100 MVA PPT P21	104 1972	144	139	5	1	3	100	13		1	10
T5566 400/132 kV 240 MVA CAP C04	32 1968	138	85	54	10	60	1	140	30	1	
T4409 275/132 kV 240 MVA HHE H07a	12 1964	133	107	26	1	100	1	70	10	3	
T5581 400/132 kV 240 MVA AEI Wythen A04b	102 1967	132	106	26	10	60	1	70	10	3	
T4686 400/132 kV 220 MVA PPT P06a	<b>131</b> 1967	131	107	24	1	60	1	63	10	1	10
T4406 275/132 kV 240 MVA HHE H07a	<u>12</u> 1964	129	106	23	1	100		63	10	1	
T2300 275/132 kV 120 MVA EEC E11a	<u>102</u> 1955	129	105	24	10	60	1	70		1	10
T4258 275/132 kV 240 MVA HHE H07a	12 1966	129	106	23	1	100		63	10	1	
T3041 275/132 kV 120 MVA EEC E11b	32 1959	129	107	22	30	<b>60</b>	3	43	30	10	
T2521 275/132 kV 120 MVA FER F08	<b>120</b> 1956	124	105	19	3	60	1	50	10	1	
T3583 275/132 kV 180 MVA FUL L05	111 1962	122	99	23	1	60		63	10	1	
T5434 400/132 kV 240 MVA AEI Wythen A04b	102 1967	122	96	26	1	60		70	10	3	
T3139 275/66 kV 120 MVA AEI Rugby A10	<b>3</b> 1960	122	106	16	100	3	1	40	10	1	

\*some categories are irreversible or cannot be improved, such as aged solid insulation etc.

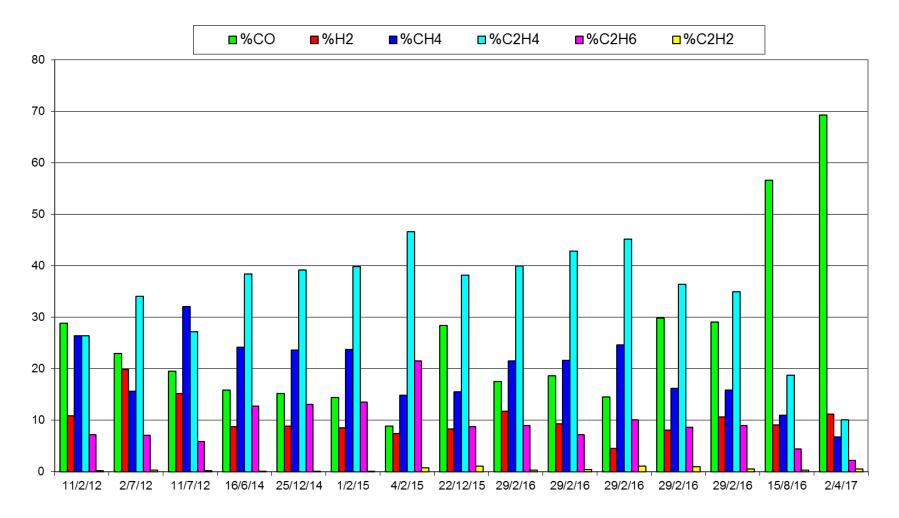
#### Case Study – 2 Transformer Core Earthing



DGA gas levels of large transmission unit 2-winding, 220kV, 3-phase

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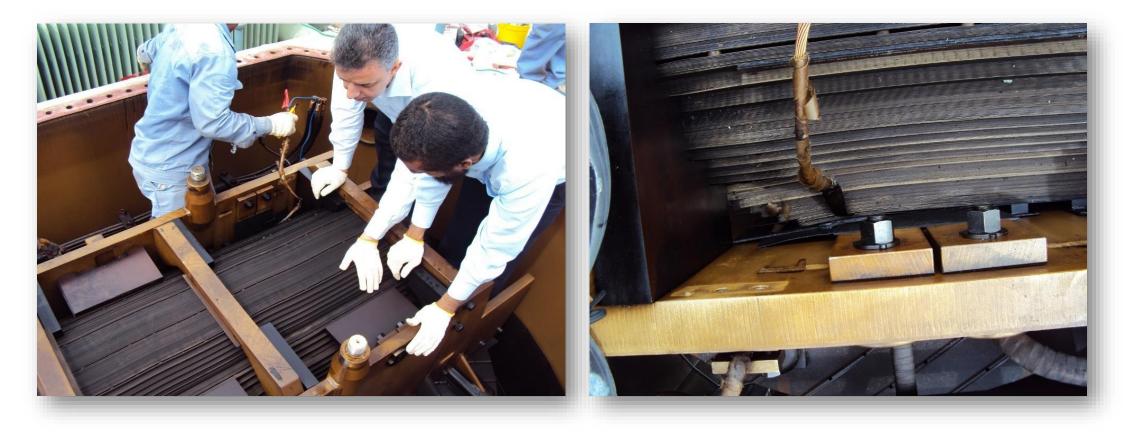
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**VI TV N** 

# Case Study – 2 Transformer Core Earthing



(courtesy of Rick Youngblood – Doble Engineering)

Core-Frame Inspection and Resistor Installation (Aug 2016)

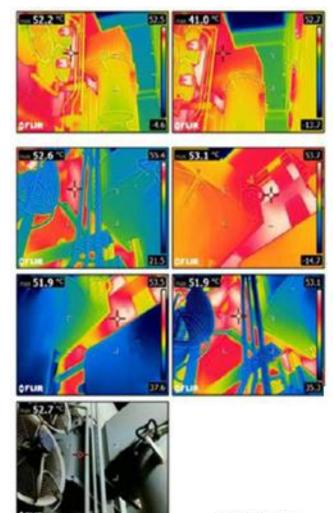
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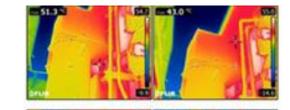




#### Case Study – 3 Lessons Learned from Failure





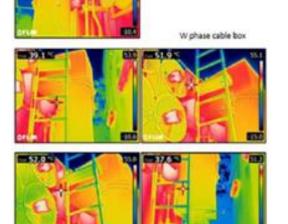


V phase cable box

V phase cable box

52.7 %

V phase cable box



W phase cable box

U phase cable box

U phase cable box



Neutral phase cable box

V phase cable box

Sister Tx Cable Boxes IR scans revealed hotspots

#### Case Study – 3 Lessons learned from Failure





N phase – heat decolourisation markings of corona shield with some pitting

N phase – Heat decolourisation markings of corona shield with some pitting. Brittle paper pieces seen plus paper has voids from incorrect laying.

Sister Tx Cable boxes were inspected

Signs on pitting on corona shield

Case Study 4 – 2FAL Criteria

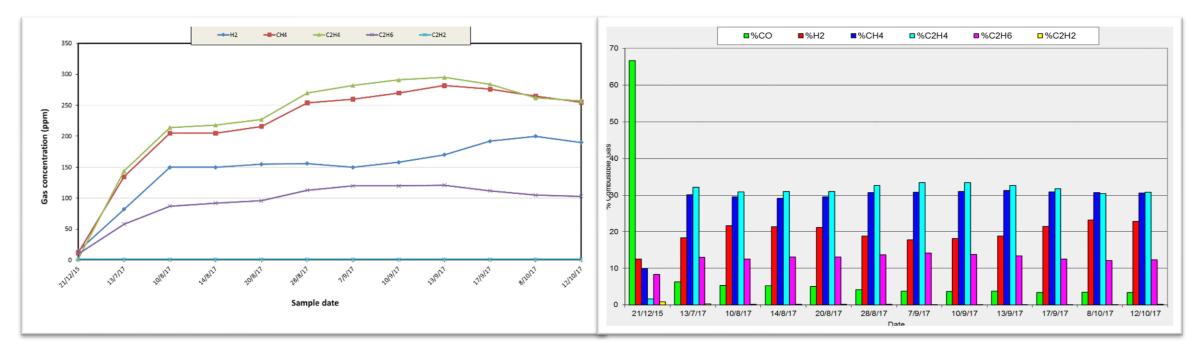


EQ.ID	Preserv.	Man Year	MVA	CO (2013-17) ppm	2FAL	Est DP	%age Life	est. life yrs.
TR01A	Gel Breather	1982	40	319	9.74	146	0	0
TR04A	Gel Breather	1981	40	283	8.66	161	0	0
TR02A	Gel Breather	1982	40	551	7.78	174	0	0
TR02B	Gel Breather	1981	46	646	5	228	10	3.5
TR02C	Gel Breather	1981	40	1002	4.96	230	11	3.85
TR01B	Gel Breather	1981	40	1116	4.46	243	14	4.9
TR01C	Gel Breather	1982	40	616	4.33	247	16	5.44
TR02D	Gel Breather	1982	40	696	3.55	272	23	7.82
TR01D	Gel Breather	1982	40	364	2.38	321	34	11.56
TR03A	Gel Breather	1968	31.5	423	1.34	393	49	23.52
TR03B	Gel Breather	1968	31.5	472	1.25	401	51	24.48

## Case Study – 5

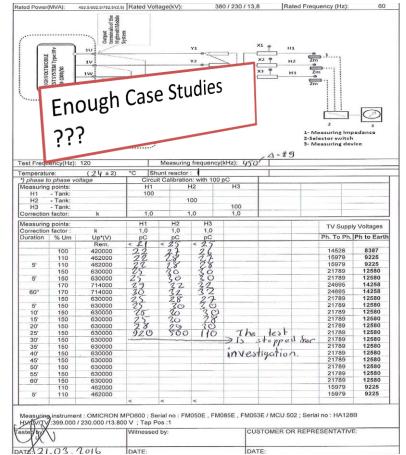


- A 380kV, autotransformer, believed to be failed due to Partial Discharges
- DGA results confirmed the myth
- Back energization confirmed PD in the sister unit



#### Case Study – 5





Back Energisation PD test of sister tx



Sister tx damaged insulation causing PD (design issue) – leads out 1 & 3 (before & after repair)

## AHR Summary Code Sheet



Substation	Overall Transformer Code	Oil Code	Code	Mechanical Code	Most Recent Sample date Oil	DGA Code	Paper Aging Code (FAL and CO	Oil Quality Code	Code	Corrosive Sulfur Code	Most Recent Electrical Test Dat	Overall Power Factor Co	Overall Capacitance Code	Bushing Code	Winding Insulation Resistance Code	Core Insulation Resistance Code	Winding Resistance Code
В	4	4	5	5	9/22/15	5	3	4	4	0	2014	5	5	0	5	0	0
с	1	1	3	5	9/22/15	1	4	4	4	0	2014	3	5	0MP	5	0MP	0
D	4	4	5	5	11/13/2015	4	4	4	3	0	2015	5	5	0	5	0	0
E	3	3	3	3	9/22/2015	4	3	4	3	0	2015	3	3	0	5	0	0
F	4	4	5	5	9/22/2015	4	4	4	3	0	2014	5	5	0	5	0	0
G	2	2	3	5	5/26/2016	4	3	2	3	0	2014	5	5	3	5	0	5
н	3	3	5	5	3/25/2015	3	3	4	4	0	2014	5	5	5	5	0	5

Easy to group and prioritize Drill down to sectional codes Gap analysis data needed

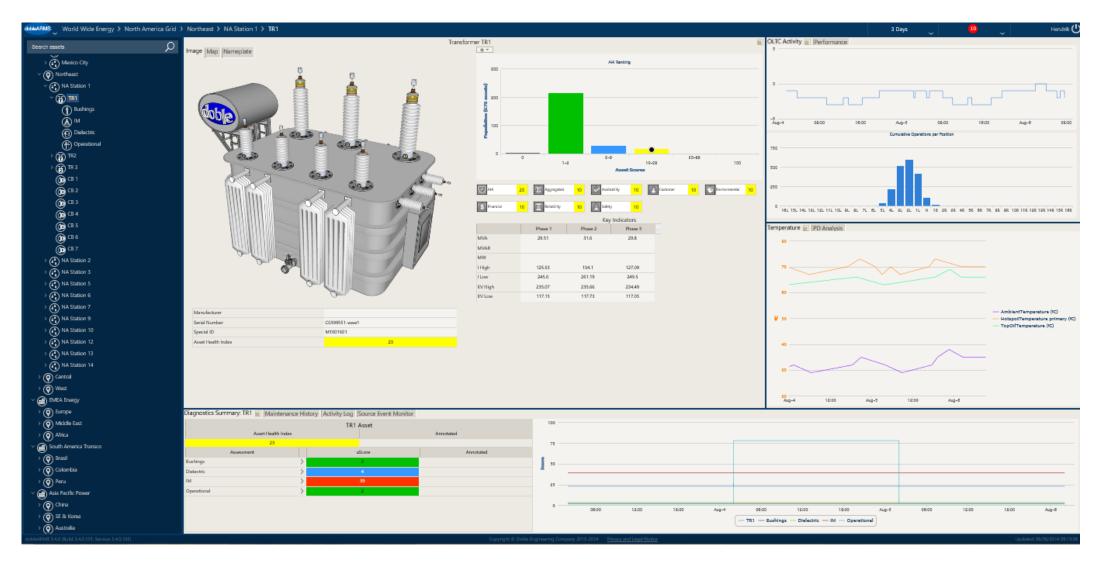
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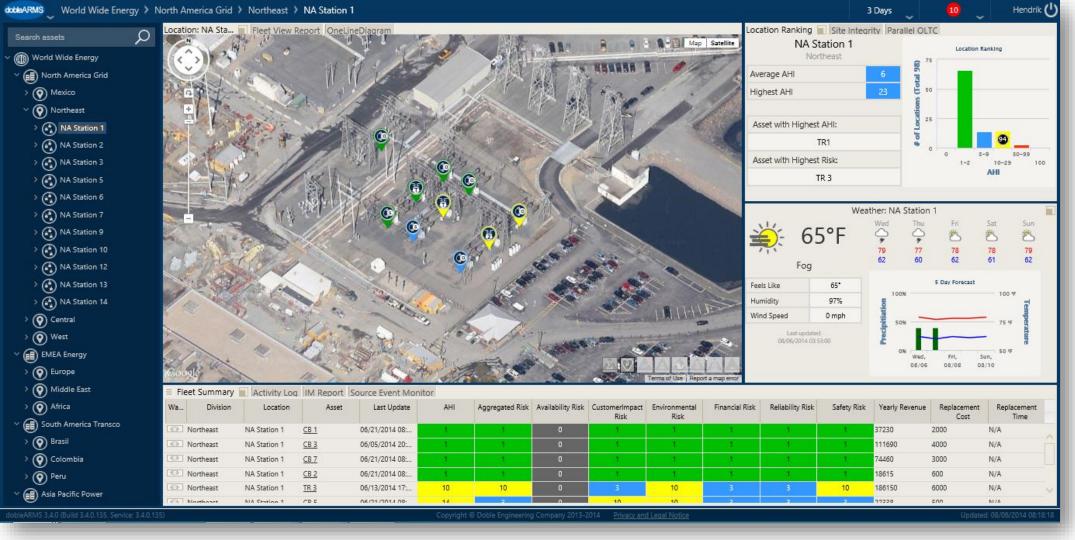
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#### Transformer Assessment Methods





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Substation Asset Overview

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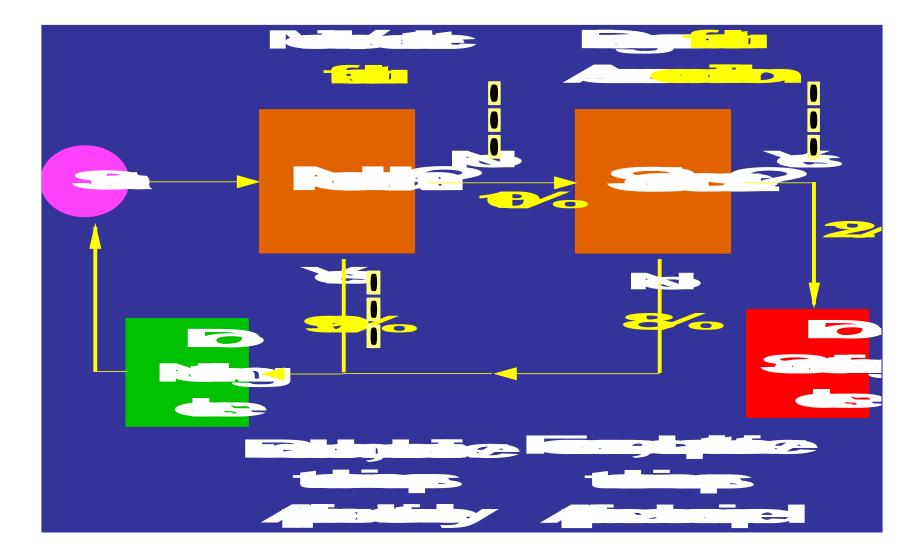
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## Condition Based Methodology





## Asset Health Review Coding



Code 1: Immediate Attention

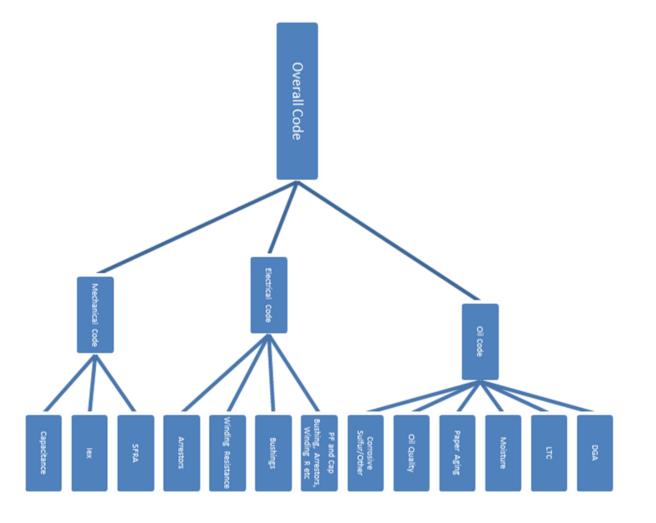
Code 2: Action in near future

Code 3: Monitor data-possible issue

Code 4: Normal aging-normal sample schedule

Code 5: No problems detected-normal sample schedule

Code 0: No Data Code 0MP: Incomplete Data



#### Asset Register



Create a transformer asset register listing with consistent nomenclature:



#### Design parameters

Manufacturer, Family, Year

#### **Functional parameters**

kV, MVA, % Z, etc.

#### **Operational history**

- Service life, Loading

#### **Event history**

- Faults, system events
- Monitoring data: DGA, electrical test data
  - Database/integrated to permit evaluation trends

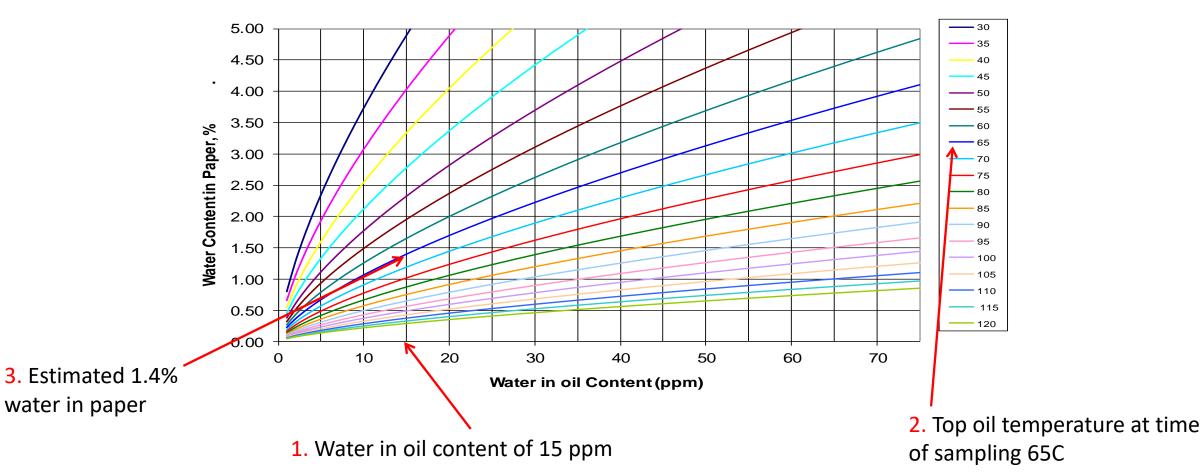
## Oil Laboratory Testing



DGA	Furanic -MeOH/EtOH -DP	Moisture -%RS -Water in Paper -Dielectric BDV	Oil Quality -IFT -Acidity or NN -PF	-Corrosive Sulfur -Passivator -Foaming -Metals -Stray Gassing			
Active Fault Indication!	Solid insulation	Insulation wetness	Oil condition	Special tests			
Incipient fault conditions	Condition/aging rate	Operation/aging rate	Condition/aging rate	Contamination, Compatibility issues, Pump operations			
IEC 60599:2015 IEEE C57.104:2019		IE	EC 60422				

#### Moisture-in-Paper Estimation (Doble Oil Labs)



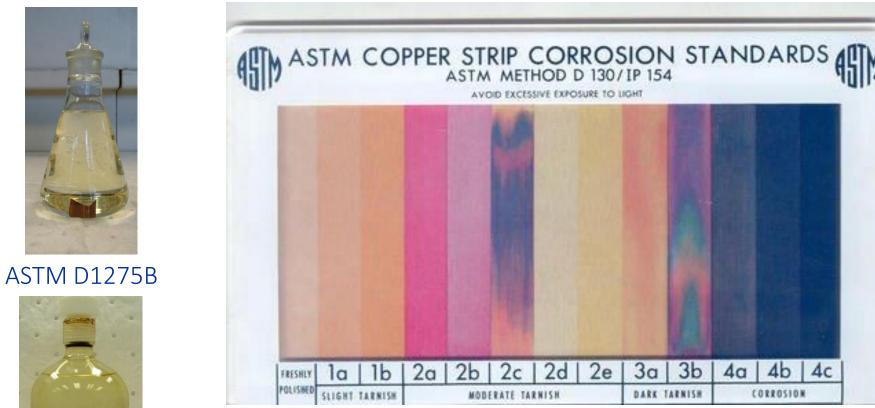


Mineral Oi I - Paper Moisture Equilibrium Curve

#### Oil Contamination with DBDS - Corrosive Sulfur



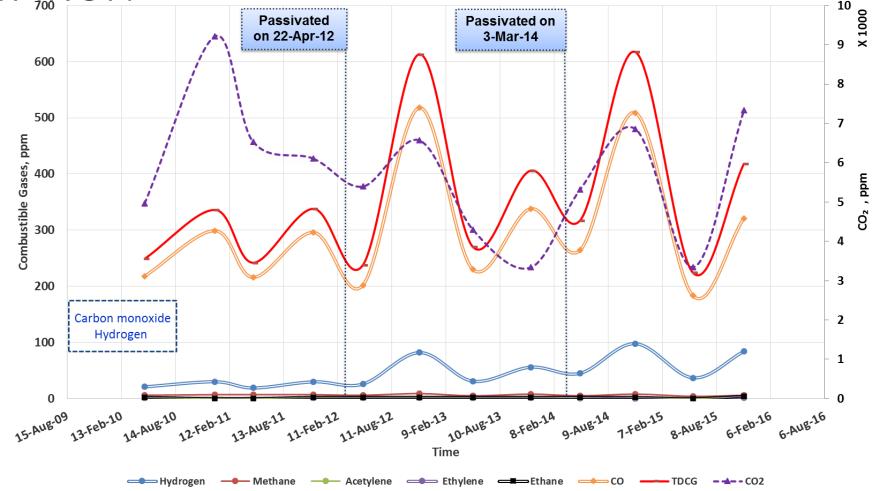
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Doble CCD Tests



# FALSE NEGATIVES - STRAY GASSING AFTER



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#### External Inspection: In-service Examination

- Visual inspection of the transformer and components
- Leaks, corrosion
- Bushings discoloration, mechanical
- Conservator and bladder
- LTC
- Surge arrestor counter
- Cooling operating properly
- Infrared thermography overheating, bad connections



Loss of nitrogen can have dramatic effect on loss of insulation life, oxygen and moisture



# Additional In-Service Testing: Online Partial Discharge

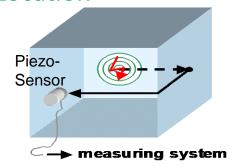
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UHF and HFCT PD Measurements - Detection

**UHF** Antenna



#### Acoustic Measurements -Location

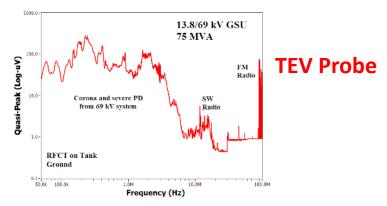




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### List of Offline Electrical Tests



- Present and historic data, including factory acceptance tests
- To detect dielectric/thermal, mechanical and magnetic circuit problems
  - » Overall Power Factor & Capacitance: to check bulk insulation quality
  - » Bushing Power Factor & Capacitance: to detect insulation quality of bushing (externally & internally), can detect shorted layers / damaged test tap and loss of insulating oil
  - » Core/Frame Insulation Resistance: to check poor insulation between core-frame-ground
  - » Winding Resistance: to detect electrical discontinuities or resistive contacts/joints
  - » Exciting or Magnetising Current: to detect Shorted turns in winding, welded lamination in core
  - » Leakage Reactance: to detect gross Winding deformation
  - » Sweep Frequency Response Analysis: to detect any change in RLC geometry (winding integrity)
  - » Transformer Turns Ratio (TTR): to detect Shorted turns or to confirm the correct ratio after tapchanger repair

## List of Relevant IEC Standards

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#### • IEC 60076-1:2011 Power transformers - Part 1: General

- IEC 60076-2:2011
  Power transformers Part 2: Temperature rise for liquid-immersed transformers
- IEC 60076-4:2002

Power transformers - Part 4: Guide to the lightning impulse and switching impulse testing - Power transformers and reactors •

- IEC 60076-5:2006
  Power transformers Part 5: Ability to withstand short circuit
- IEC 60076-6:2007
  Power transformers Part 6: Reactors
- IEC 60076-7:2018

Power transformers - Part 7: Loading guide for mineral-oil-immersed power transformers

• IEC 60076-10:2016 Power transformers - Part 10: Determination of sound levels

- IEC 60076-11:2018 Power transformers - Part 11: Dry-type transformers
- IEC 60076-14:2013

Power transformers - Part 14: Liquidimmersed power transformers using hightemperature insulation materials

IEC 60076-16:2011

Power transformers - Part 16: Transformers for wind turbine applications

- IEC 60076-18:2012 Power transformers - Part 18: Measurement of frequency response
- IEC 60076-16:2018 Power transformers - Part 16: Transformers for wind turbine applications
- IEC 60076-57-129:2017
  Power transformers Part 57-129: Transformers for HVDC applications



IEC/IEEE 60076-57-1202:2017 Power transformers - Part 57-1202: Liquid immersed phase-shifting transformers

• IEC 60599:3.0 2015

Mineral oil-filled electrical equipment in service – guidance on the interpretation of dissolved and free gases analysis

## Conclusions



- The concept of AHI for Fleet Management allows customers to get the best value from ageing populations of transformers / reactors
- A successful program in place, relies on a wide range of data to gain a good understanding of the performance of different designs in service. It is able to identify both *risks* and *opportunities*, especially for 'life extension'.
- All information is consolidated in one place in an easily accessible format.



#### Thank You for Your Keen Interest and Attention

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Mar Transformer fleet management - The Asset Health Review (AHR) process (APAC)

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