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Monitoring & Diagnostic

A two “complementary” steps approach



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Monitoring : On-Line
techniques and devices to
detect abnormal conditions



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Monitoring function is to avoid
unexpected transformer failure
and insure continuous normal
operation



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Diagnostic : Application of
On-Line and Off-Line devices
& techniques to confirm and
determine the exact nature of
the anomaly



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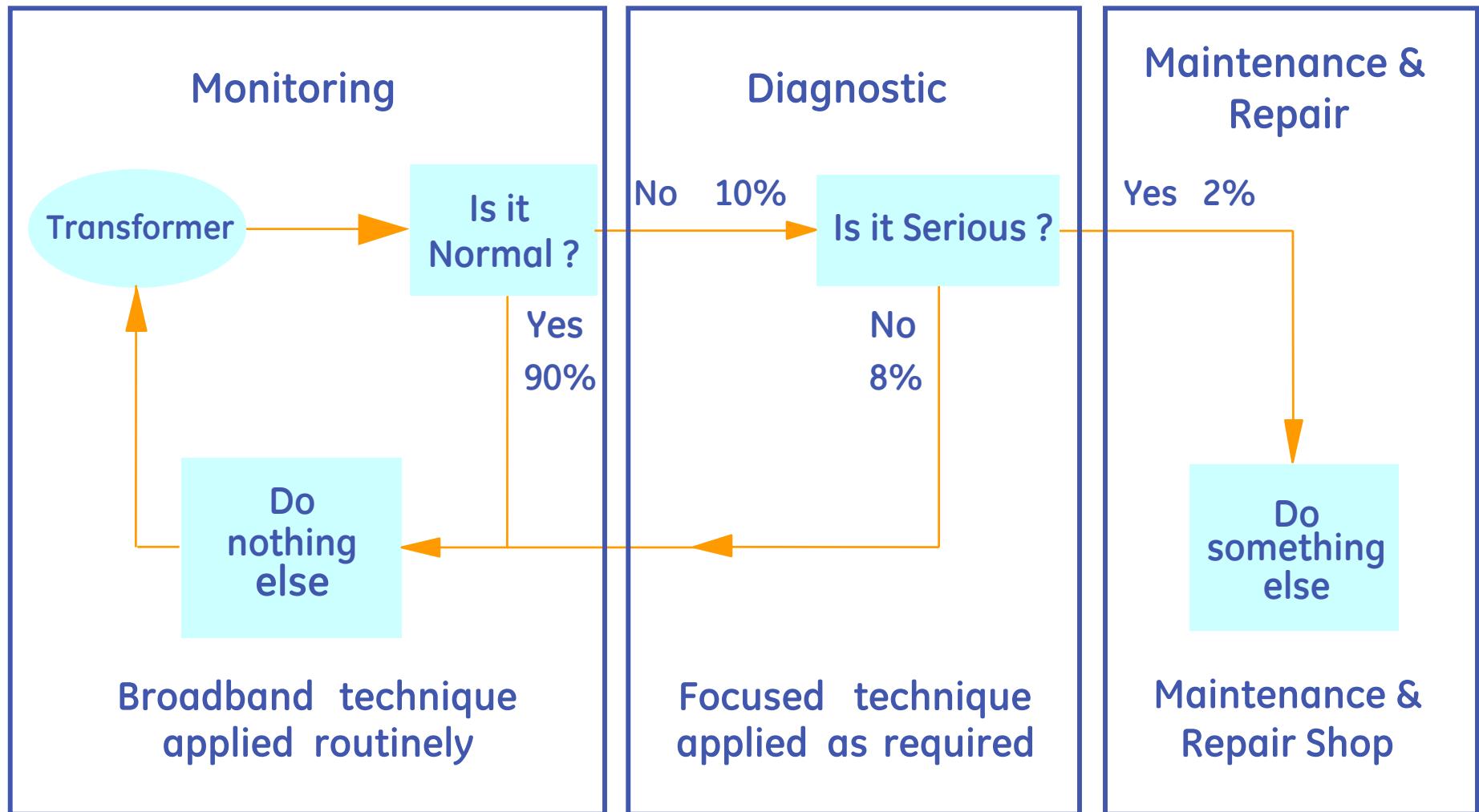
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Diagnostic function is to
minimize unwanted downtime
by making accurate condition
assessment when anomalies
occur



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Monitoring vs. Diagnostics



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Cigre Report No. 227, Life Management Techniques for Power Transformers. WG A2.18

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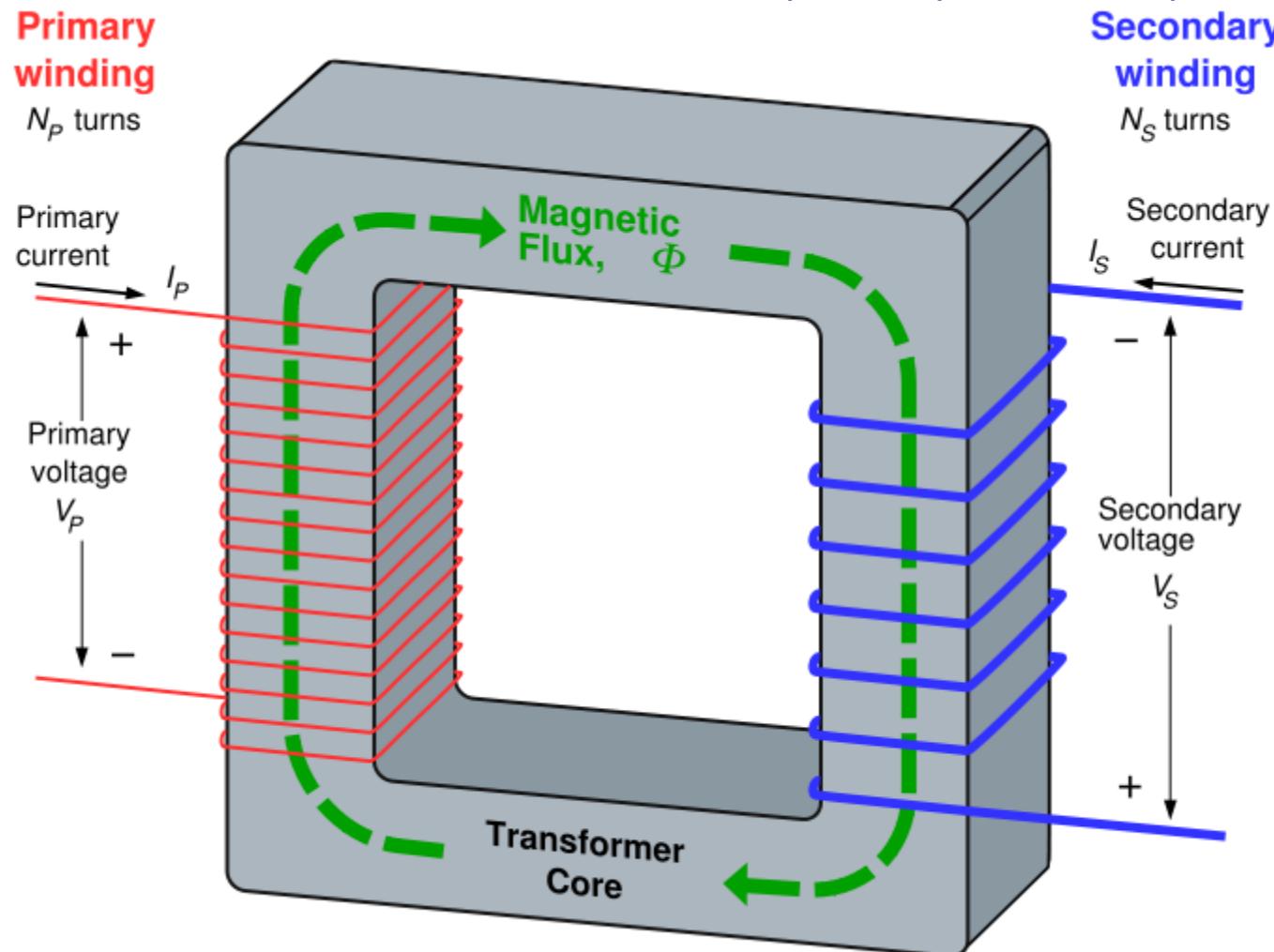
How to apply this two steps approach effectively?

To answer this question, let take a look at what is inside a transformer



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The Transformer, a simple principle



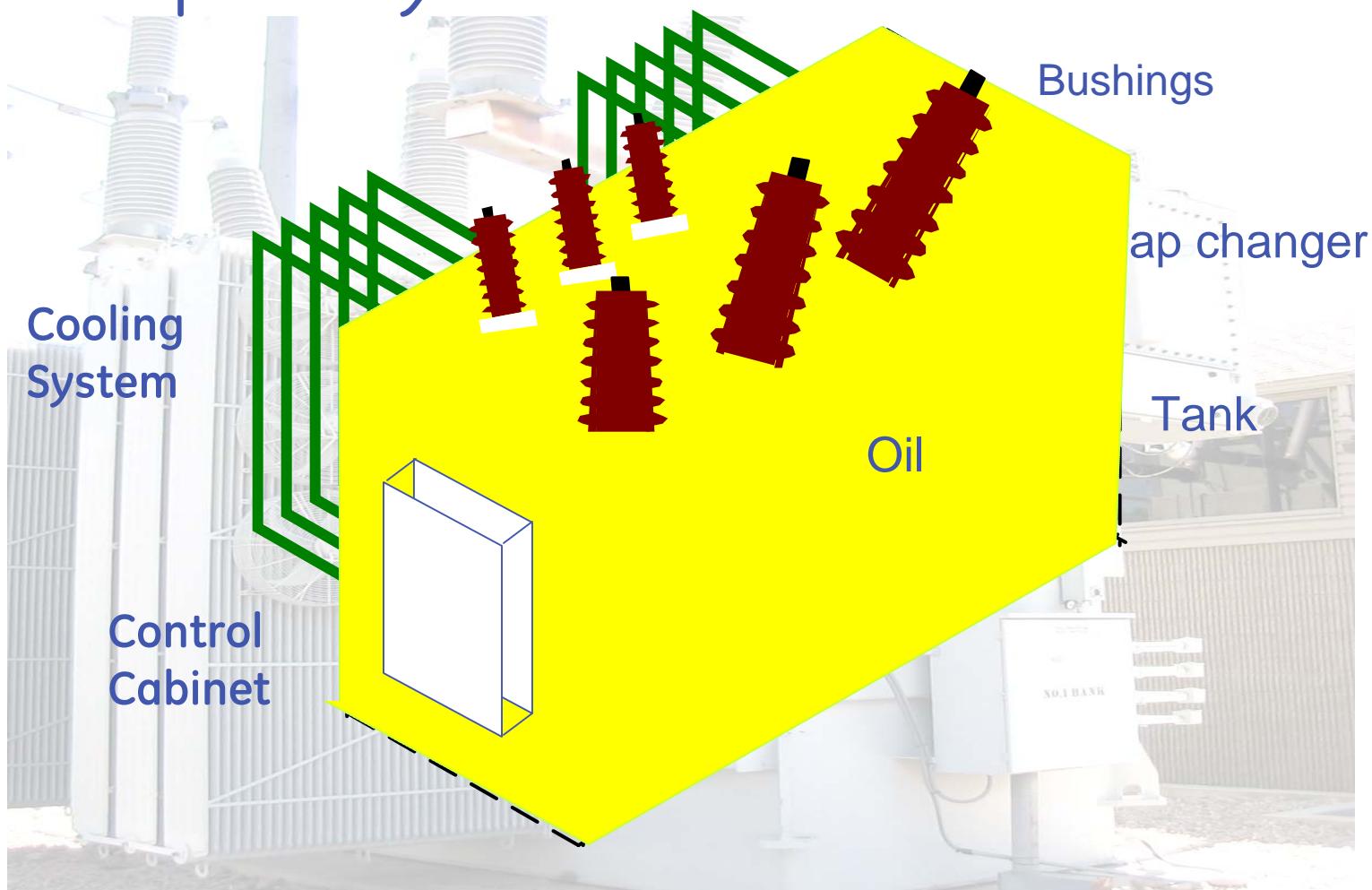
$$V_1 * I_1 = V_2 * I_2$$



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The Transformer

A complex system



Transformer complexity

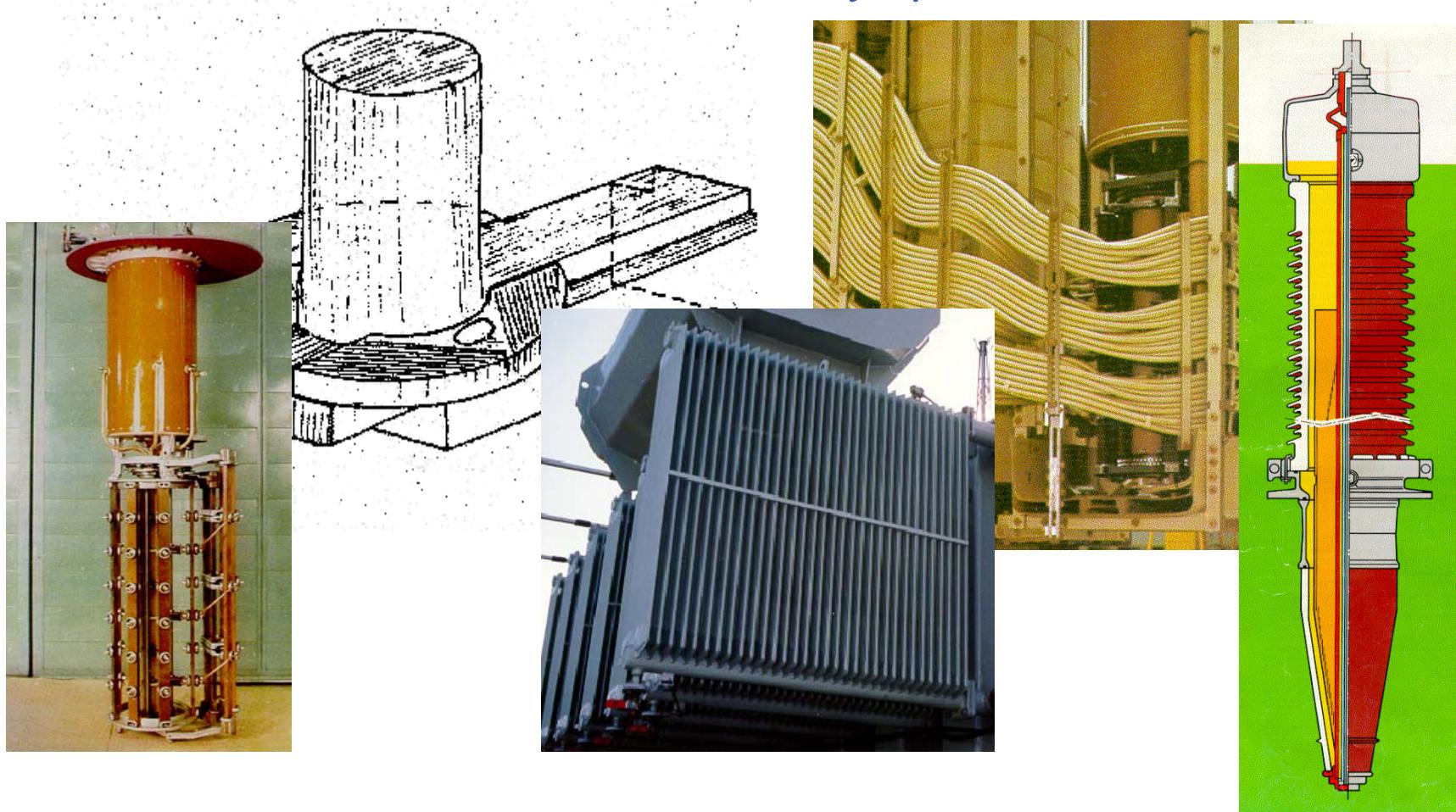
- To further complicate matter, there is also a large variety of transformer
 - Single and three phase transformers
 - Core and Shell type transformers
 - Auto and step-up transformers
 - Reactor, rectifier and phase shifter transformers
 - Large and small transformers
 - ONAN, ONAF, OFAF, WFOF....



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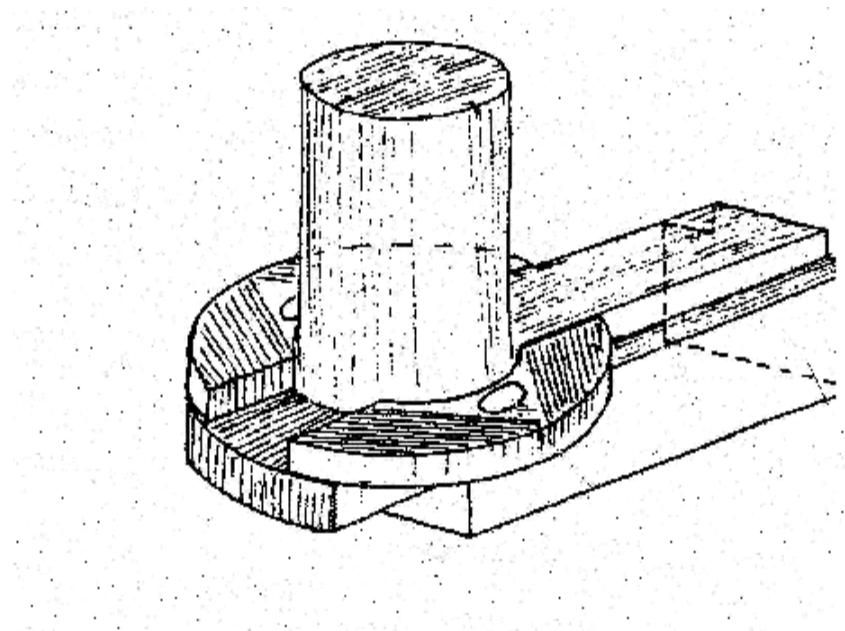
The Transformer components

Many components...Many problems ?



The Transformer components

Core and magnetic screen



Stray field is proportional to load
Magnetic shunt or screen may saturate at overload
Hot spot may occur in unexpected places



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Example of overheated core lamination



Overheating of lamination joints

Sokolov, Cigre Colloquium, Moscow 2005



Local saturation of bottom yoke

Sokolov, Cigre Colloquium, Moscow 2005

The Transformer components

Windings and Barriers



Paper/oil insulating system insure dielectric insulation

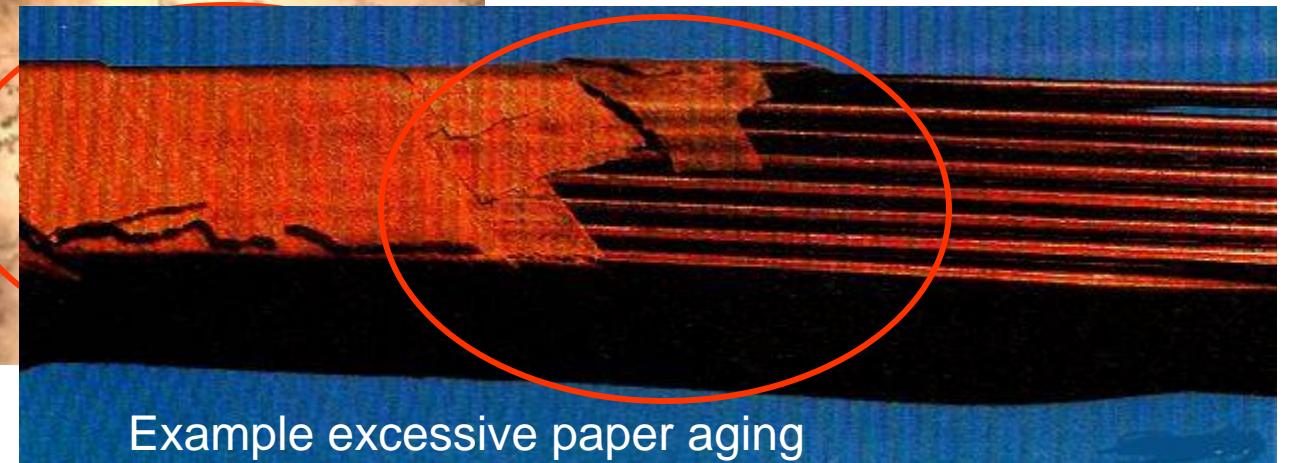
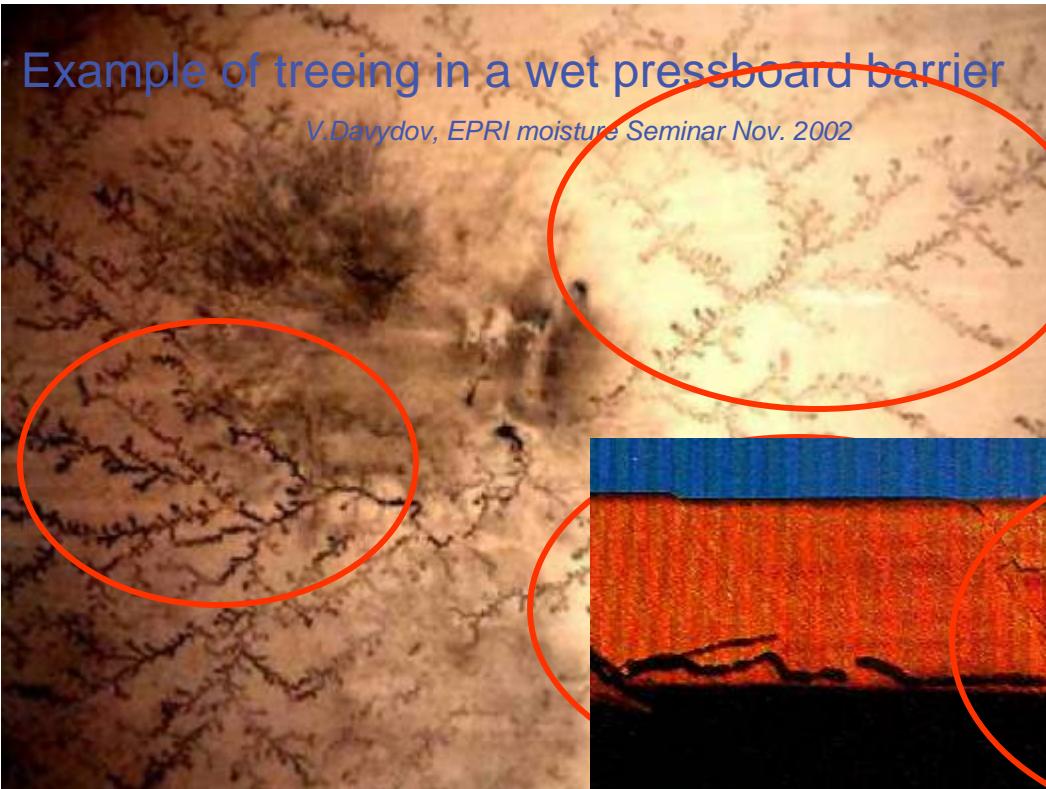
Damaged or wet paper could result in catastrophic failure

Degraded oil could also lead to failure



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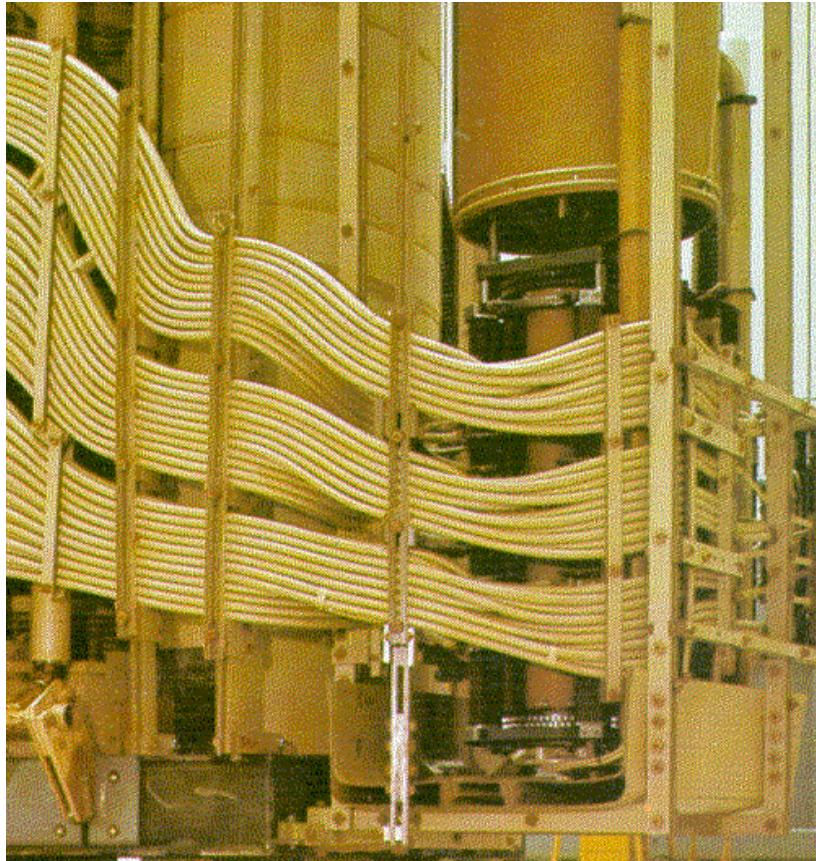
Example of Winding Paper Degradation



Example excessive paper aging

The Transformer components

Leads and connections



Lead cross section
Extra insulation
Restricted cooling
Defective
connections

Example of overheated lead connection



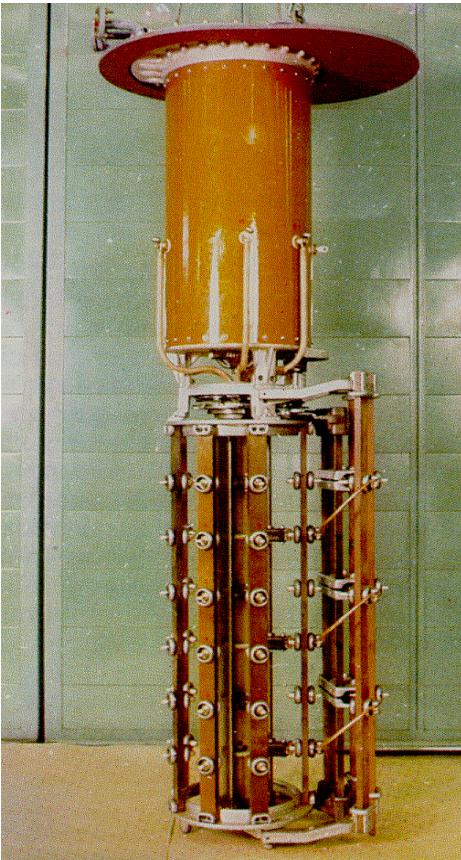
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Cigre Tutorial on Life Management Technique, June 2005

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The Transformer components

Tap changers



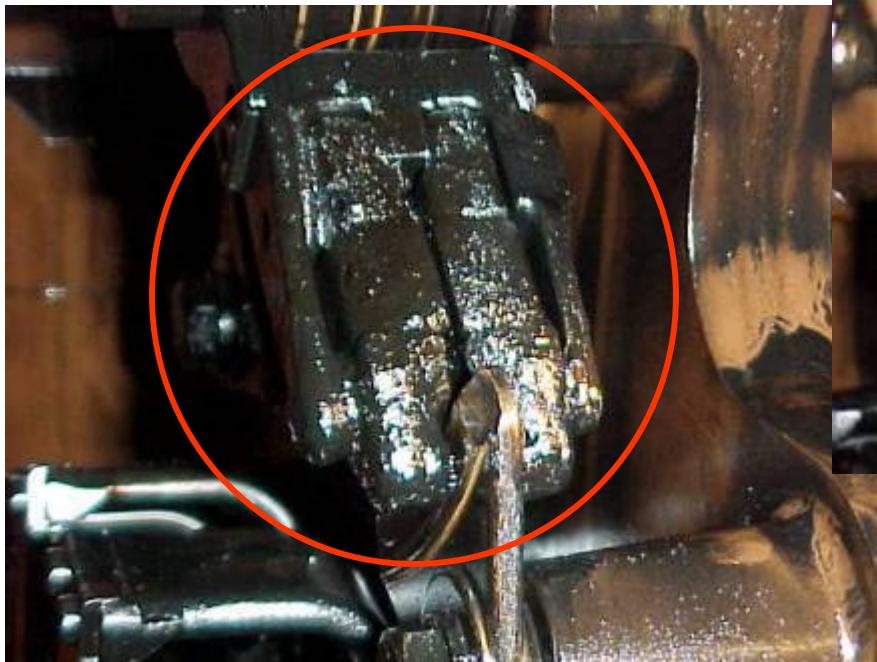
Excessive contact temperature
Increase of tap-changer contact resistance
Shorter contact life



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Example of OLTC failure

**Carbon on
Reversing Switch**

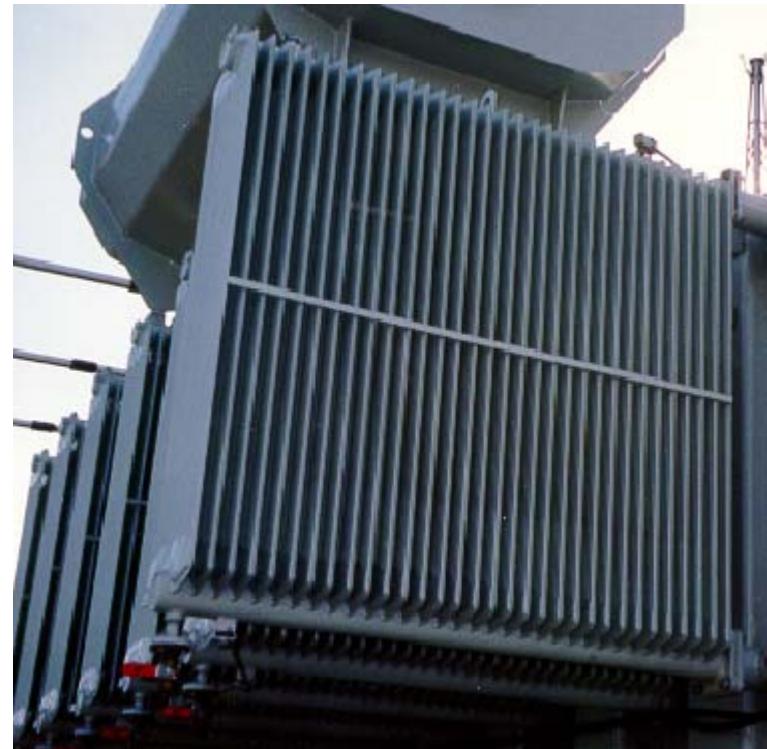


**Normal
Reversing Switch**

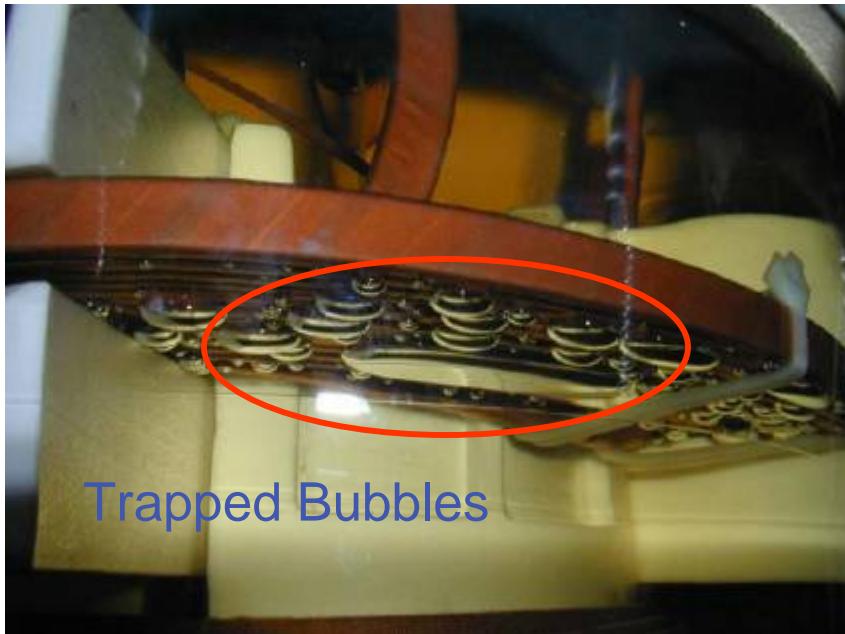
The Transformer components

Cooling System

- Pump operation
- Fans Operation
- Cooling mode
- Overload capacity
 - > Short term
 - > Long term



Example of Overheating

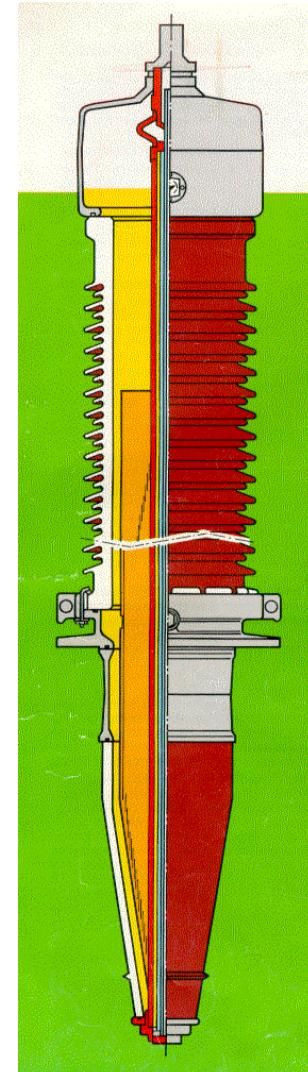


V. Davydov EPRI Moisture Seminar 2002

The Transformer components

Bushings

- Pressure build-up
- Gasket seals
- Tan delta increase
- Dielectric performances
- Stray magnetic flux



Example of Bushing failure



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Transformer monitoring rationale

- Even if Transformer are complex machine, with several possible failure points, the overall failure rate of transformer is low (1-2%).
- Most units serve year after years without problems.
- However, unexpected failure with forced outage can be very costly.
- Catastrophic failure could also cause injuries and widespread damage
- Therefore, it is necessary to take due precaution to avoid failure, even if these failures are rare and far apart.



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Transformer monitoring rationale

How to monitor for failure detection ?

Problem:

- Large number of components
- Each component has its own possible failure modes

In Theory, each component could be monitored on-line with appropriate specialized technique

But, in practice, this would result in a very large and complex Monitoring & Diagnostic system

Transformer monitoring rationale

How to monitor for failure detection ?

Problem:

- Complex Monitoring & Diagnostic system are costly
- They require maintenance and the data they generate in large quantity require specialized interpretation, useless 90% of the time
- For most transformer, they are simply not a practical solution



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Transformer monitoring rationale

- What is needed for monitoring is a cost effective, broadband, early warning system.
- The monitoring system should combine the capability to detect a wide spectrum of faults and abnormal conditions at a minimal cost in terms of installation, maintenance and supervision
- Full diagnostics on the type of fault is not needed at this stage.



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Transformer monitoring rationale

- Advance Diagnostic techniques, both On-Line and Off-Line, should be reserved to the small percentage of transformer needing them, rather than being applied, needlessly and "blindly", to a large number of units.
- Save Time
- Save Cost
- Save Human resource
- Increase Transformer availability



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Transformer monitoring rationale

- So, what and how to monitor?
- We should establish a balance between the proportion of the number of potential failure mode monitored and the cost/complexity of the monitoring system
- We should cover as many transformer subsystems as possible with as many “broadband” monitoring techniques as practically and economically possible



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Transformer monitoring rationale

Global Failure rate for transformers is 1 – 2% per year

Failures are RANDOM by nature

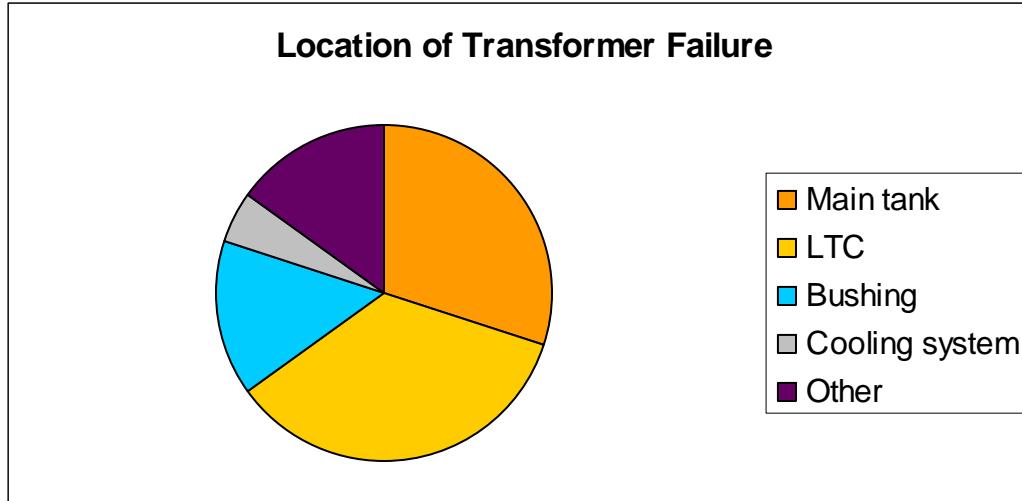
There are 4 major sub-systems to a transformer

- > Main Tank, Including
 - Windings
 - Oil
 - Core
 - Leads and connection
- > On Load Tap Changer
- > Cooling System
- > Bushings



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Transformer monitoring rationale



MAIN TANK: Windings failure, Partial Discharge, Excessive H₂O, surface contamination, connection failure, screens failure, circulating currents, overloading hazard,

OLTC contact overheating and coking, desynchronization, excessive number of operations, mechanical damage, neutral switch inactivity

Bushing moisture penetration, oil leak, Partial Discharge, 'X' wax formation,

Cooling System clogged coolers by pollen or dust, fan/pump failure, sludge, oil leak,

Other External, such as lightning, animal interference, operation error, that are not detectable by on-line monitoring

Broadband monitoring technique for Main tank

- Gas-in-oil
- Moisture-in-oil
- Temperature
 - Top Oil
 - Winding
- Load



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Broadband monitoring technique for On Load Tap Changer

- Temperature
- Tap Position tracking
- Reversing switch inactivity
- Gas-in-Oil



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Broadband monitoring technique for Cooling system

- Top Oil temperature
- Pumps/Fans activity tracking



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Broadband monitoring technique for Bushing

- Leakage current



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Transformer monitoring: GE Offer



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Transformer monitoring: GE Offer

GE offer a family of products for transformer monitoring:

- Hydran

H201Ti

HS2

HM2

HM2200/C

-Intellix

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Broadband monitoring technique for Main tank

Gas-in-oil

Oil is in contact with every component in the main tank.

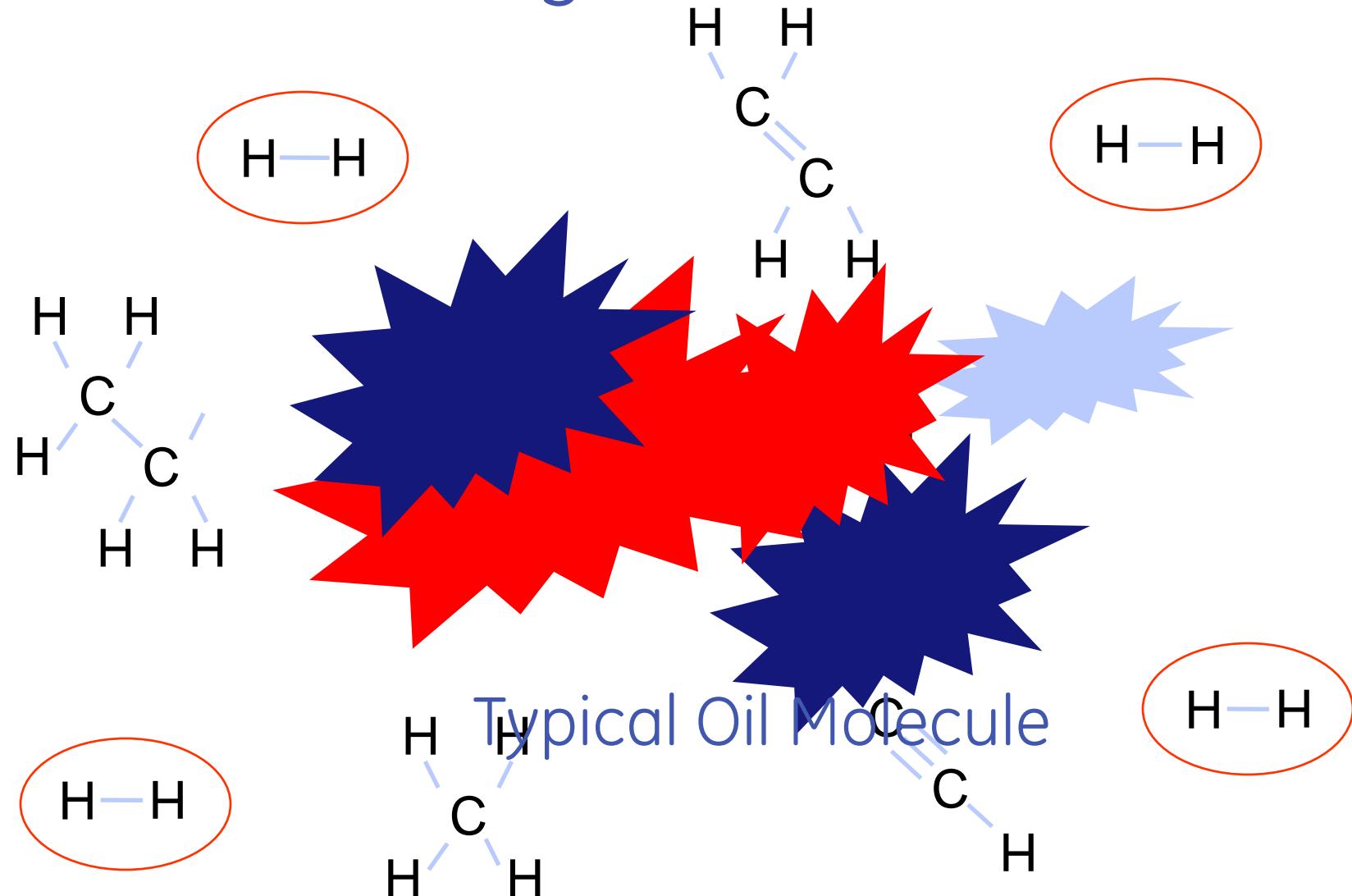
If a fault occurs in a component, oil will be degraded and gases will be generated

A sudden increase of dissolved gas level is the best indicator of a developing incipient fault

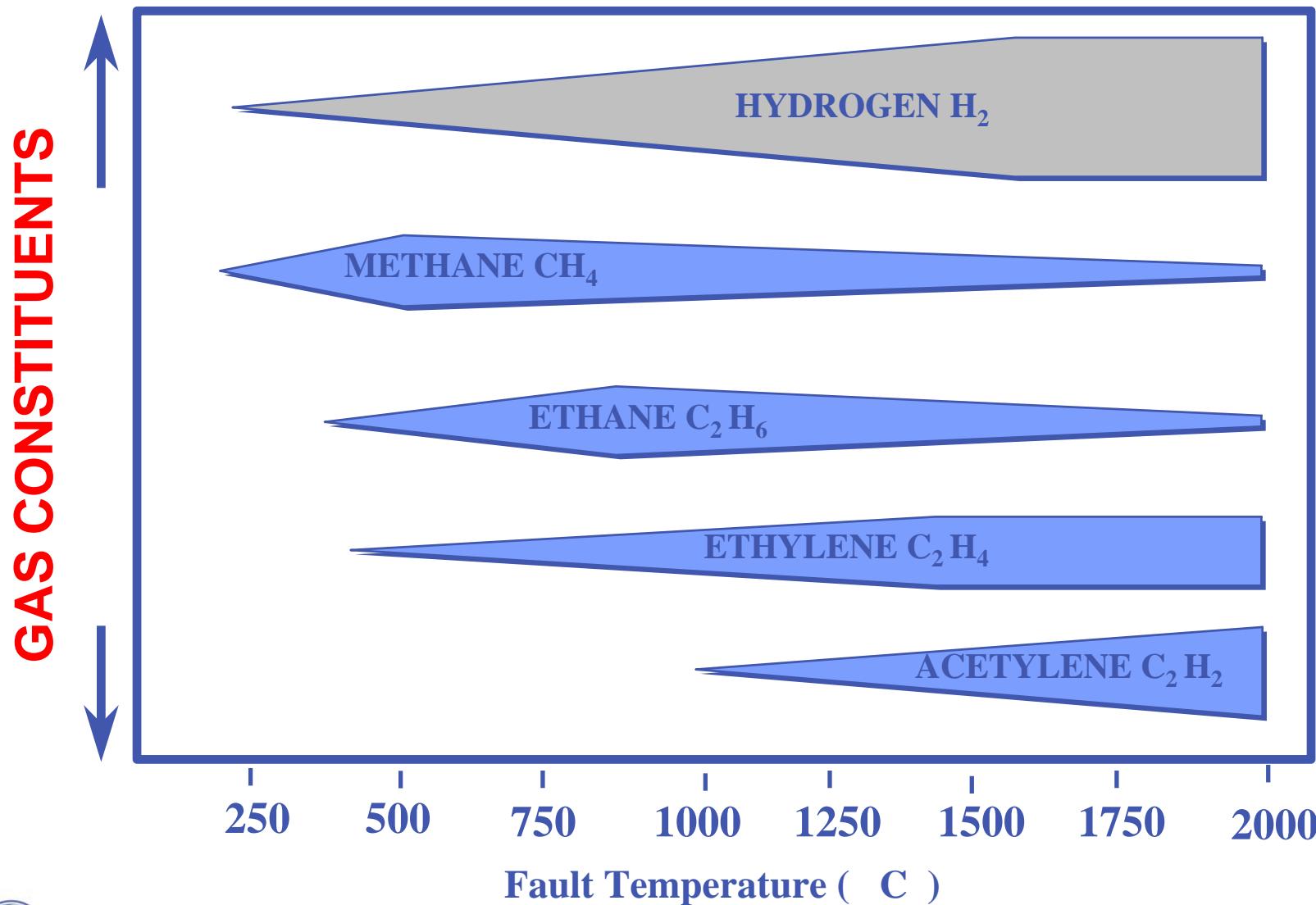


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Gas in oil: oil degradation in fault

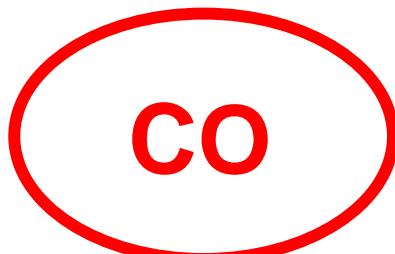


Gases Generated During Breakdown of Dielectric Oil

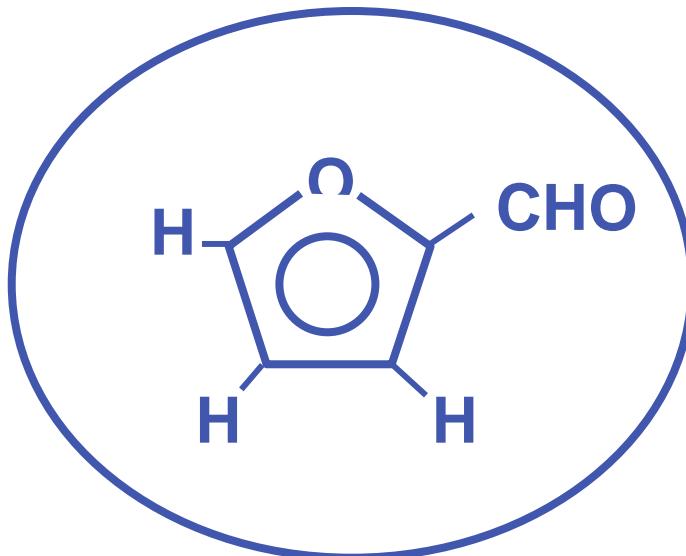


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Gas in oil: paper degradation in fault



CARBON
MONOXIDE



WATER



WATER

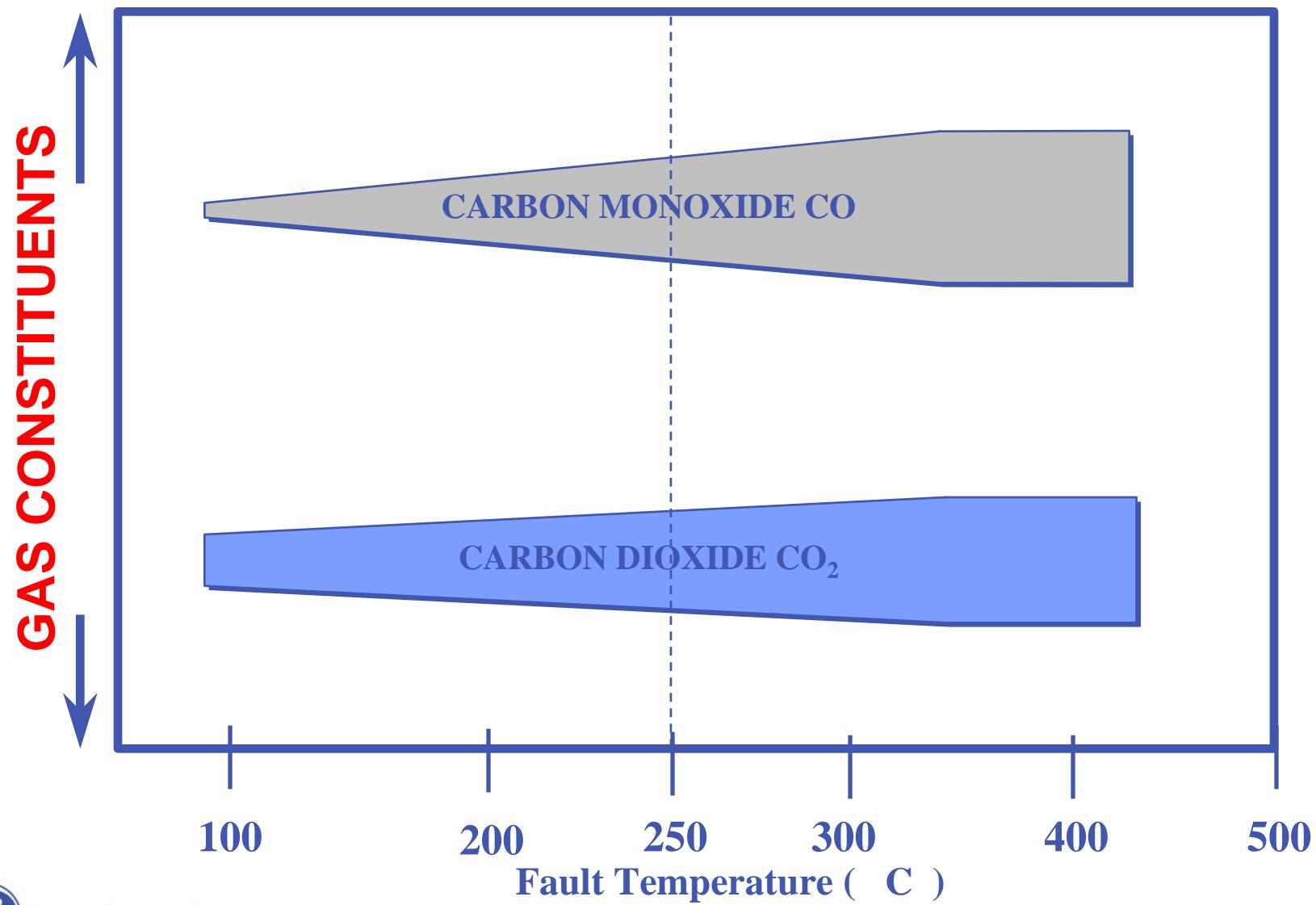


WATER



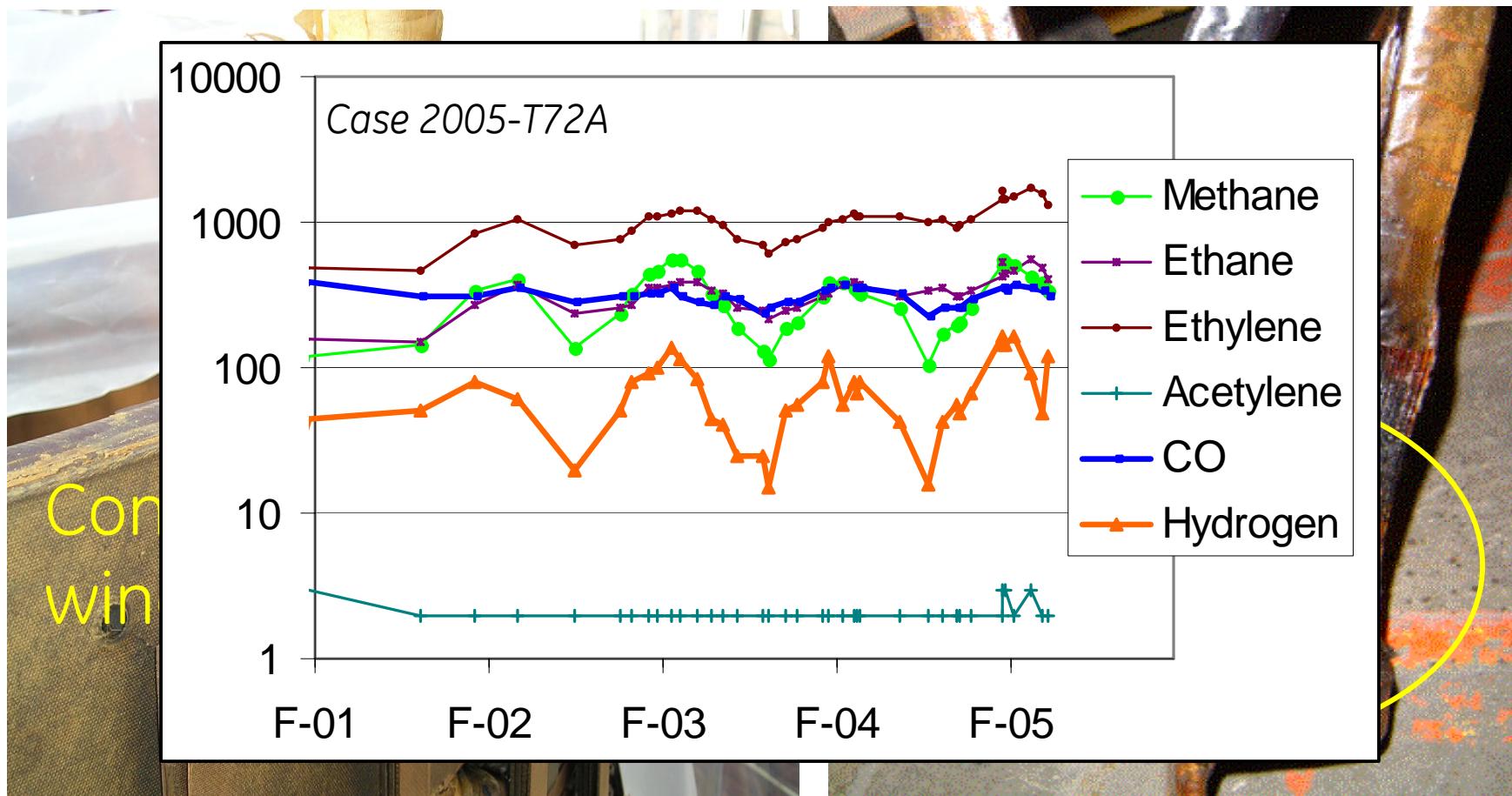
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Gases Generated During Breakdown of Cellulosic Insulation

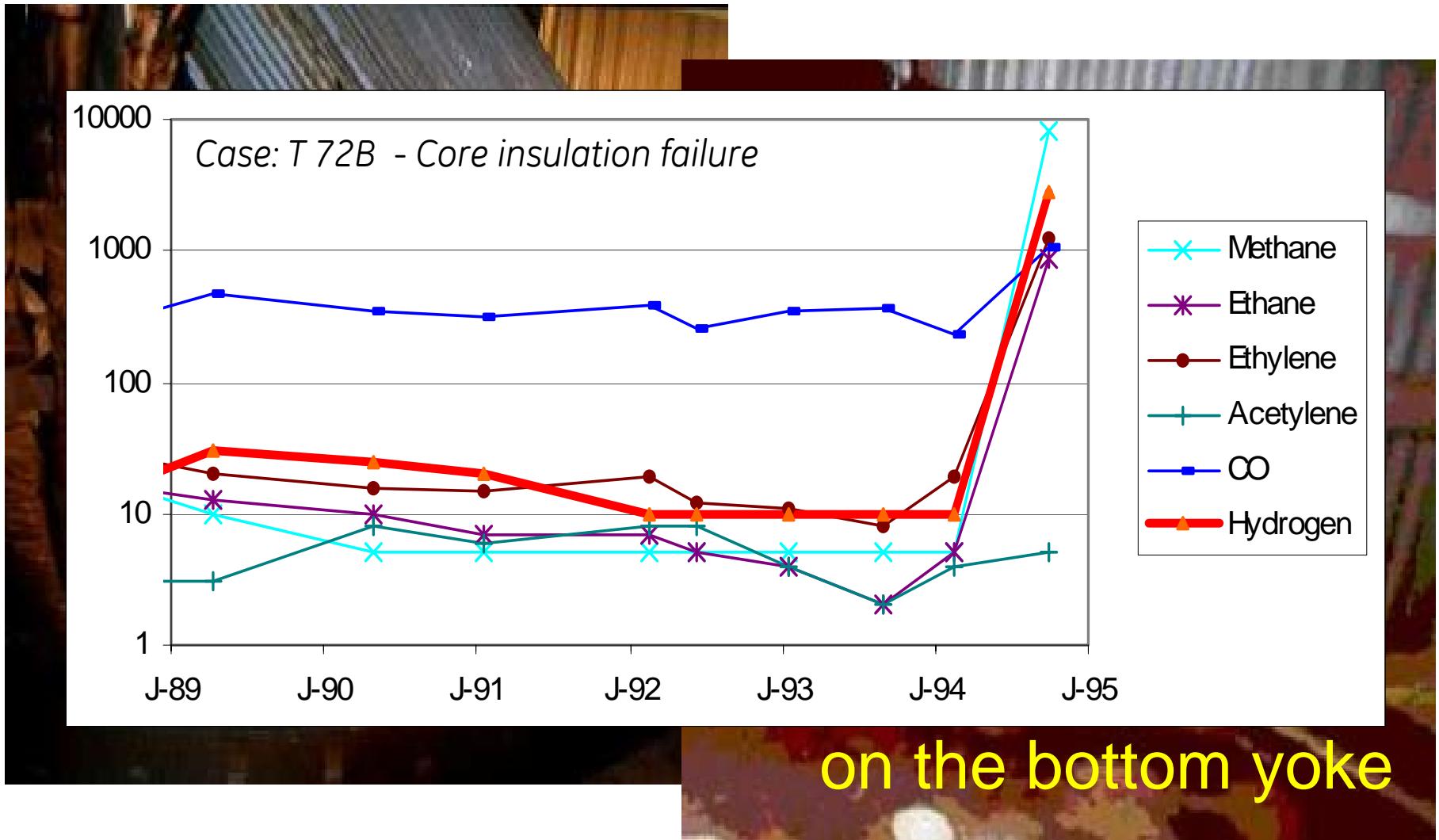


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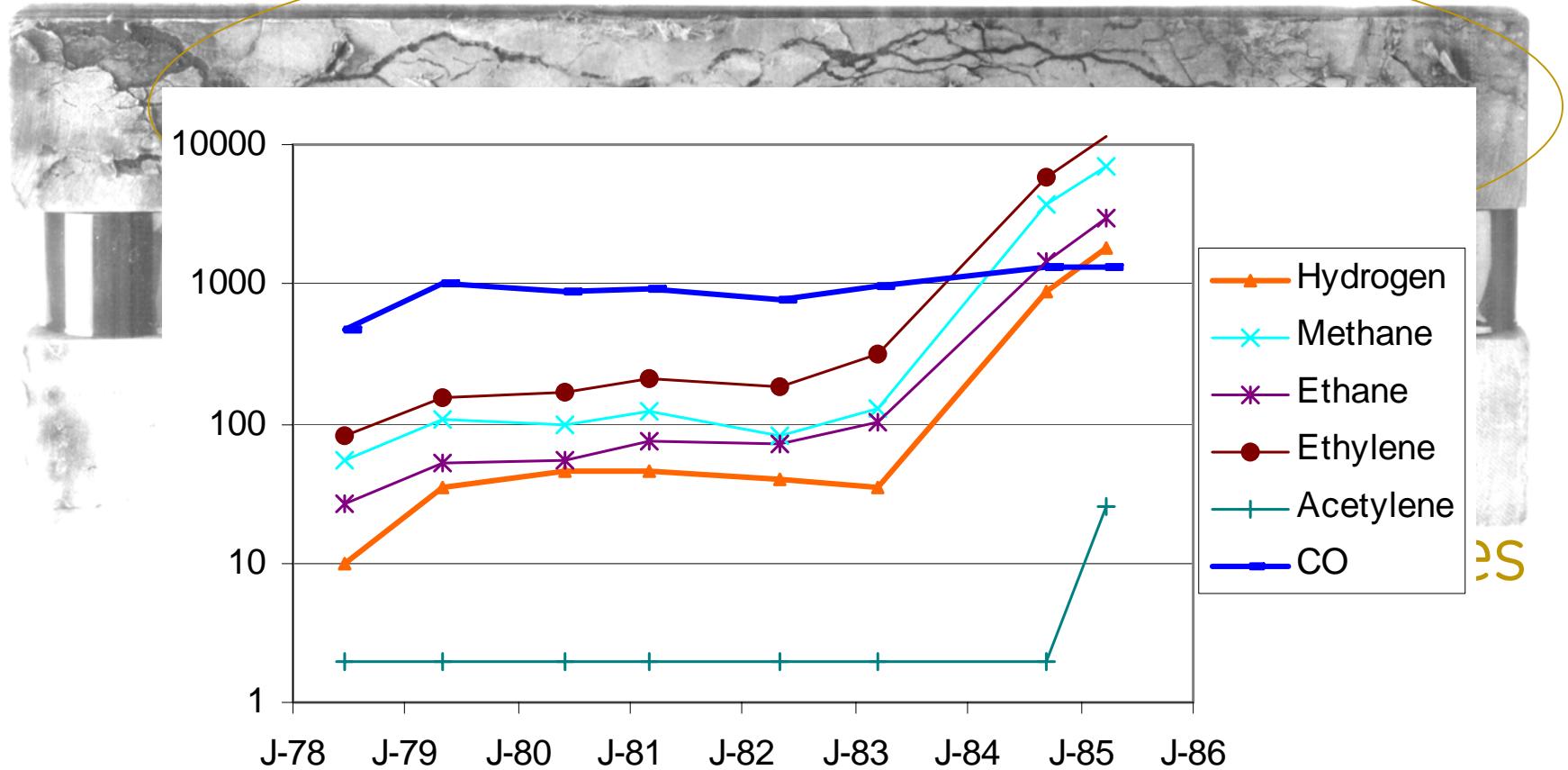
Detection of connection overheating



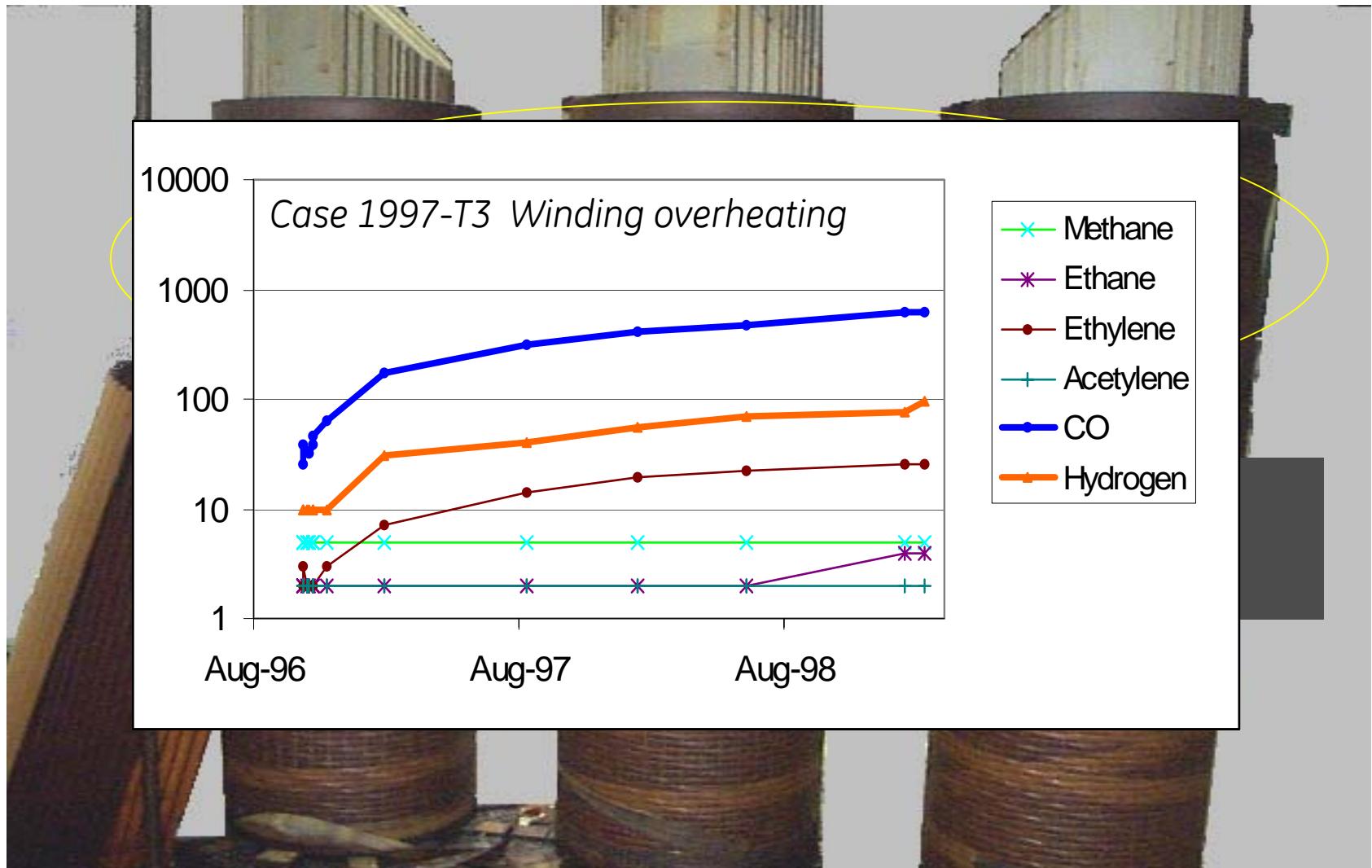
Detection of core saturation



Detection of partial discharges



Detection of winding overheating



Failure Avoidance

When the insulation system
is stressed,
gases are produced
and they will dissolve in the oil

Hydrogen from oil

Carbon Monoxide from paper



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The HYDRAN® Technology

- Detection and Monitoring of Key Fault Gases in oil
- Responds Mainly to H₂ and CO
- Detects a deviation From the Base line
- Monitors the Evolution of the gases in the Transformers, any sudden increase is an indication of an incipient fault

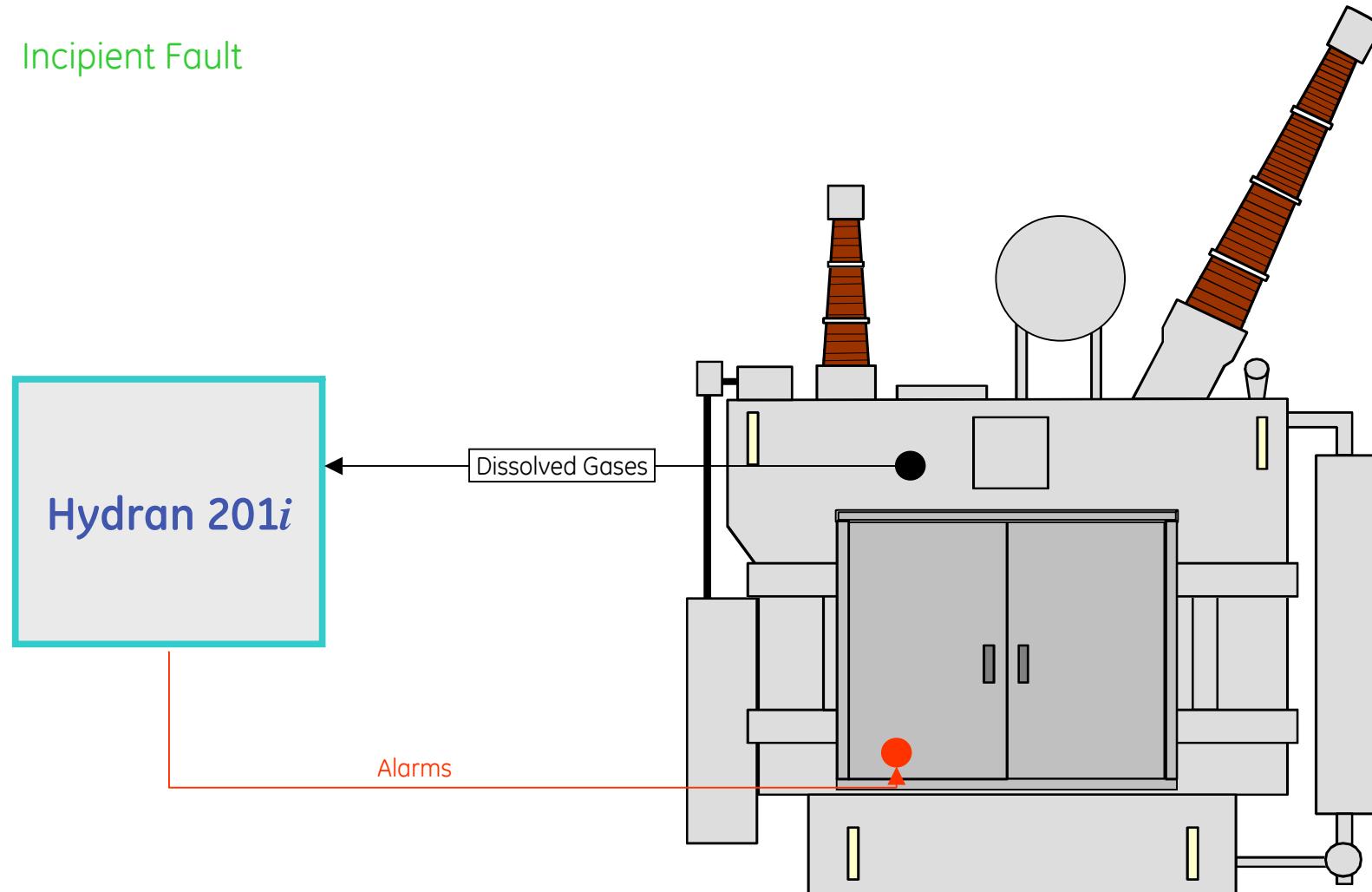


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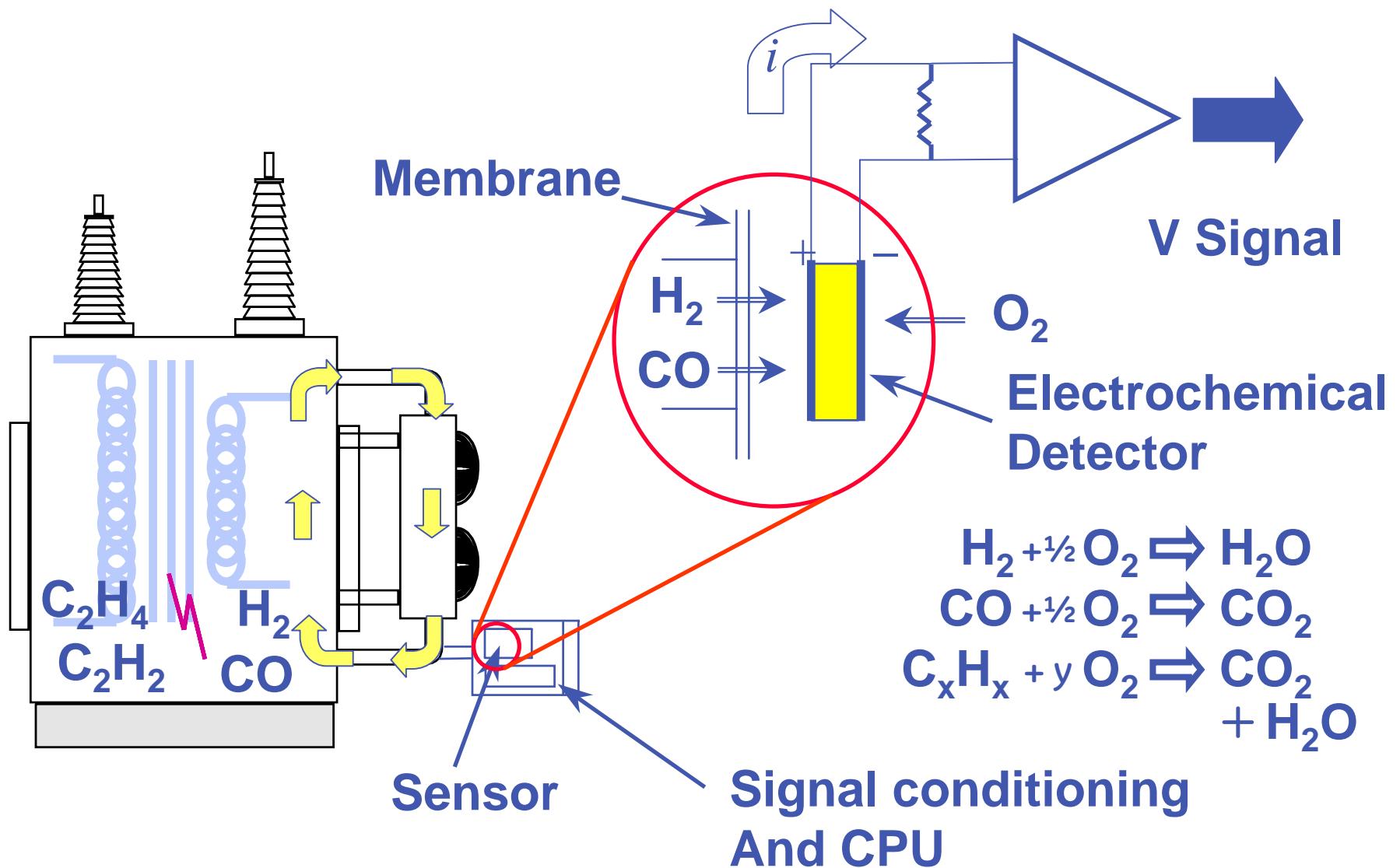
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The Hydran H201*i* Incipient Fault Monitor

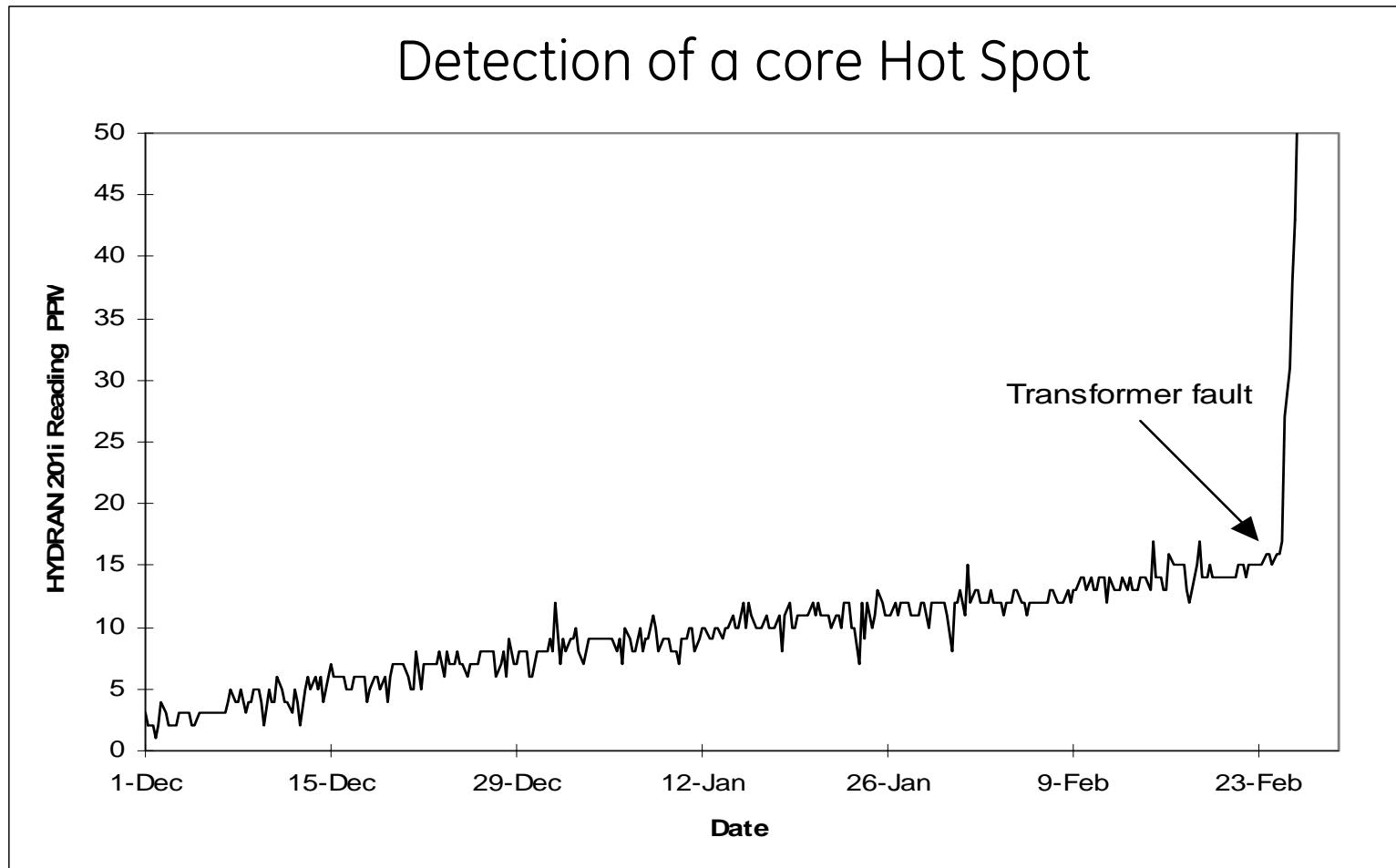
- Incipient Fault



The Hydran® Technology: Gas Sensor



HYDRAN® Fault Detection



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Hydran® 201*i* System

- Responds mainly to H₂, CO
- Intelligent system, Windows configuration, software included
- Local or remote computer access
- Networking capabilities
- Up to 128 Transmitters/network
- Fully compatible with GE Harris RTU

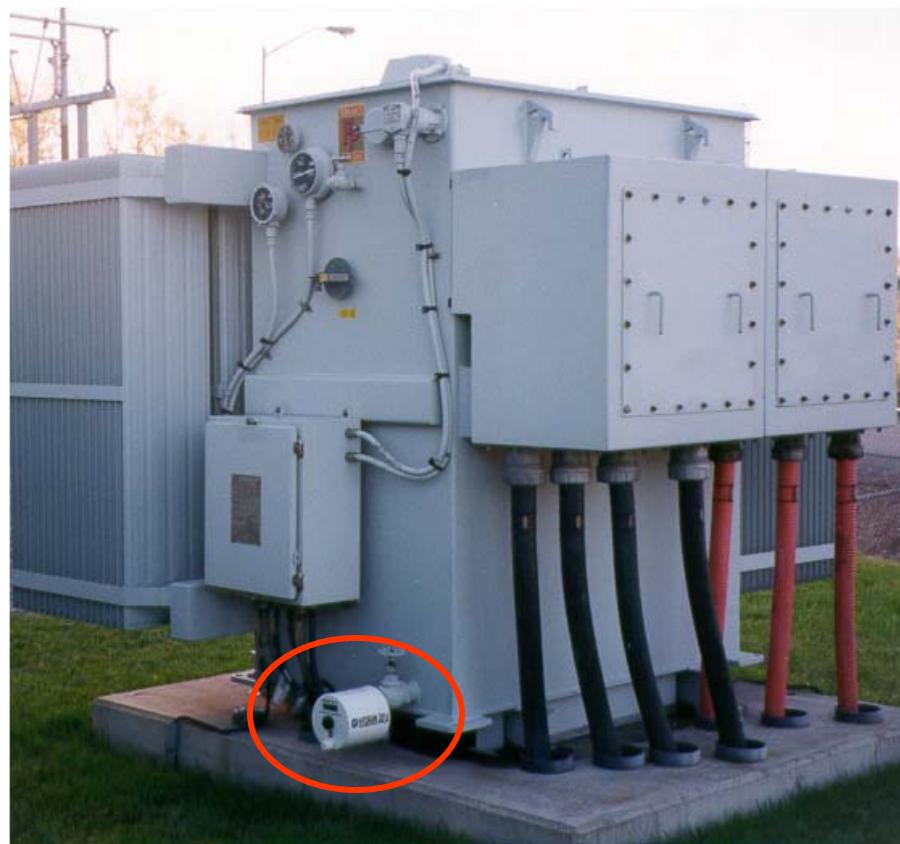


➤ On-line monitoring and alarming system for dissolved gases

Hydran® 201Ti



Typical Installation



Specialized monitoring technique for Main Tank

Acetylene level

Acetylene is generated in arcing and is indicator of severe problem

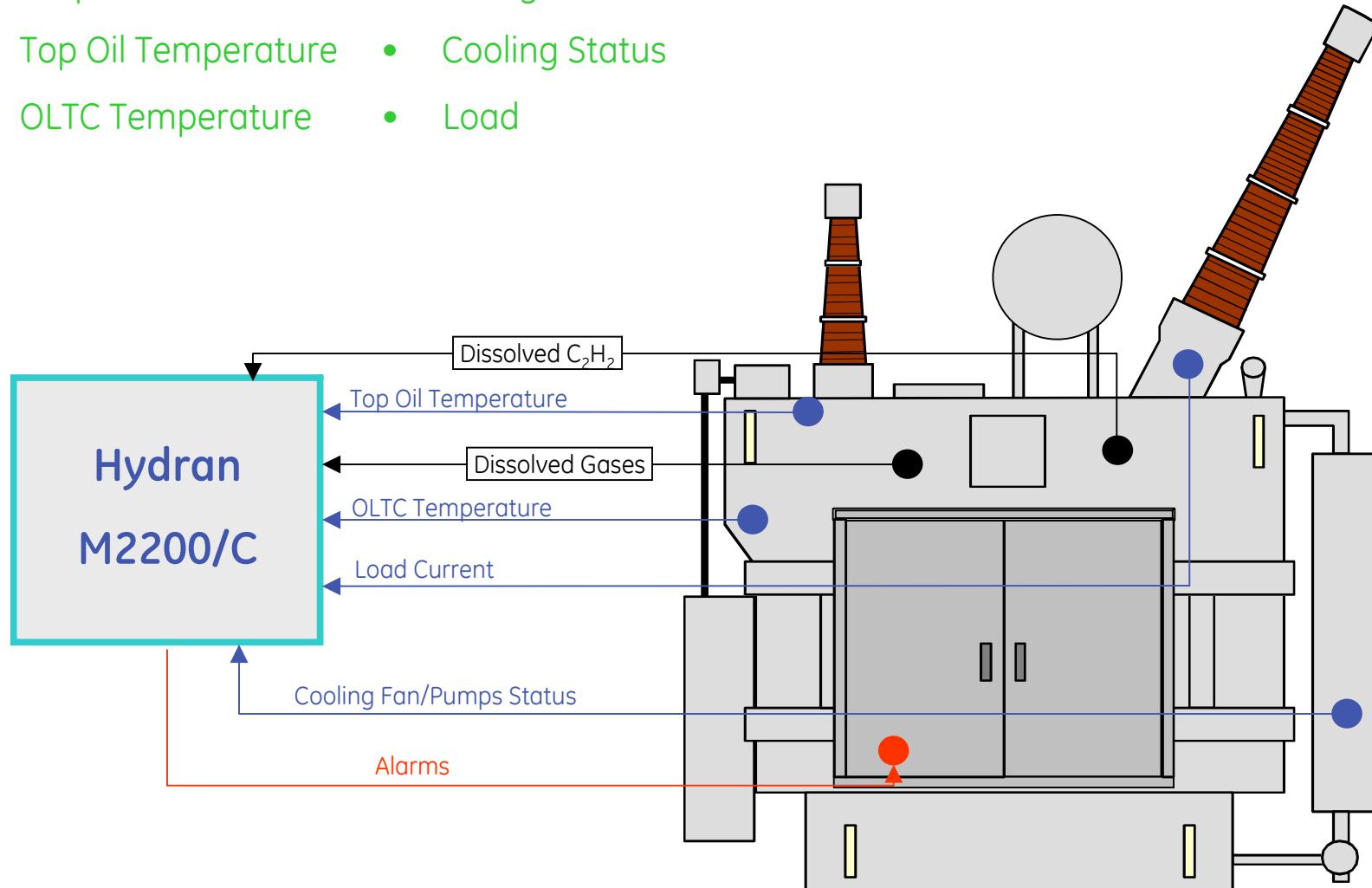
In some circumstance it could be necessary to monitor that gas specifically, for example if a transformer has already an history of generating Acetylene



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The Hydran M2200/C Acetylene Monitor

- Incipient Fault
- Top Oil Temperature
- OLTC Temperature
- Arcing detection
- Cooling Status
- Load



Hydran M2200/C

Cost effective & Ideal monitor for
transformers suspected of having
arcing problems and transformers
producing acetylene



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New Electronic Controller

Hydran* Multi 2010 (old)

vs

Hydran M2200/C (new)



- Smaller electronic controller
- Easier installation
- Controller display & multi functional push buttons
- Larger internal data logging capacity
- Possibility to have a M2200/C network
- Possibility to add moisture (in a very near future)



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Hydran M2200/C

Acetylene detector

Sensor Head

- Measured Gas levels



Control Unit

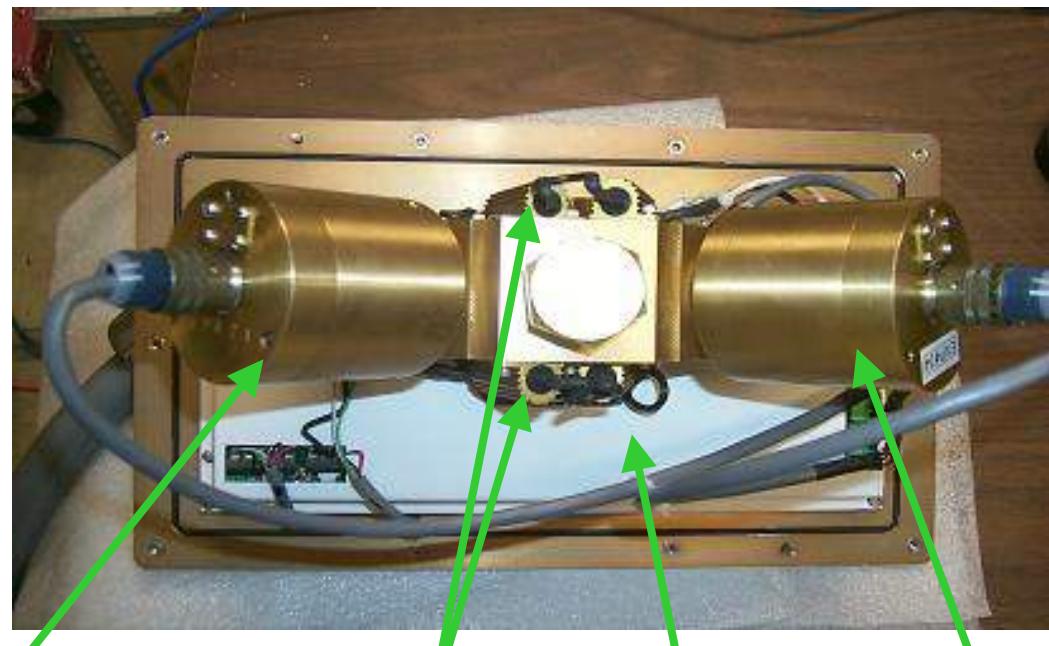
- Intelligent Processor
- Data Acquisition



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Hydran M2200/C

Sensor Head



Acetylene Sensor

Heating Elements

Hydran Sensor

Interface board

Hydran M2200/C

Sensor Head

- On-line gas-in-oil sensors that monitor incipient fault gases developing in transformer oil
- Two sensors to measure the concentration of:
 - Acetylene (C_2H_2) 100 % : Detection range: 3-200 ppm
 - A combined incipient fault gas reading of: Detection range: 25-2000 ppm
 - ❖ Hydrogen (H_2) 100 %
 - ❖ Carbon monoxide (CO) 18 %
 - ❖ Ethylene (C_2H_4) 1.5 %
 - ❖ Acetylene (C_2H_2) 8%



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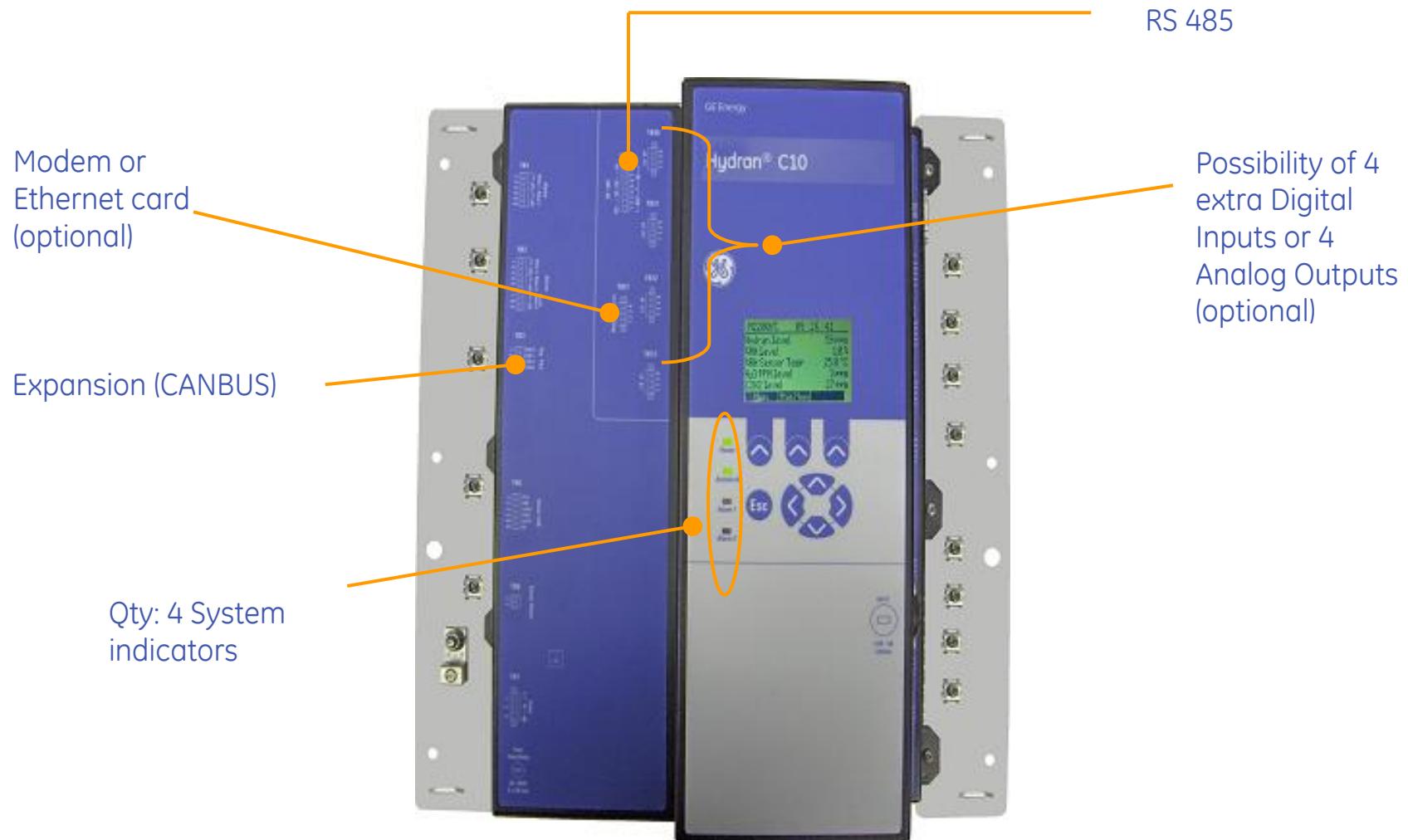
Controller Layout



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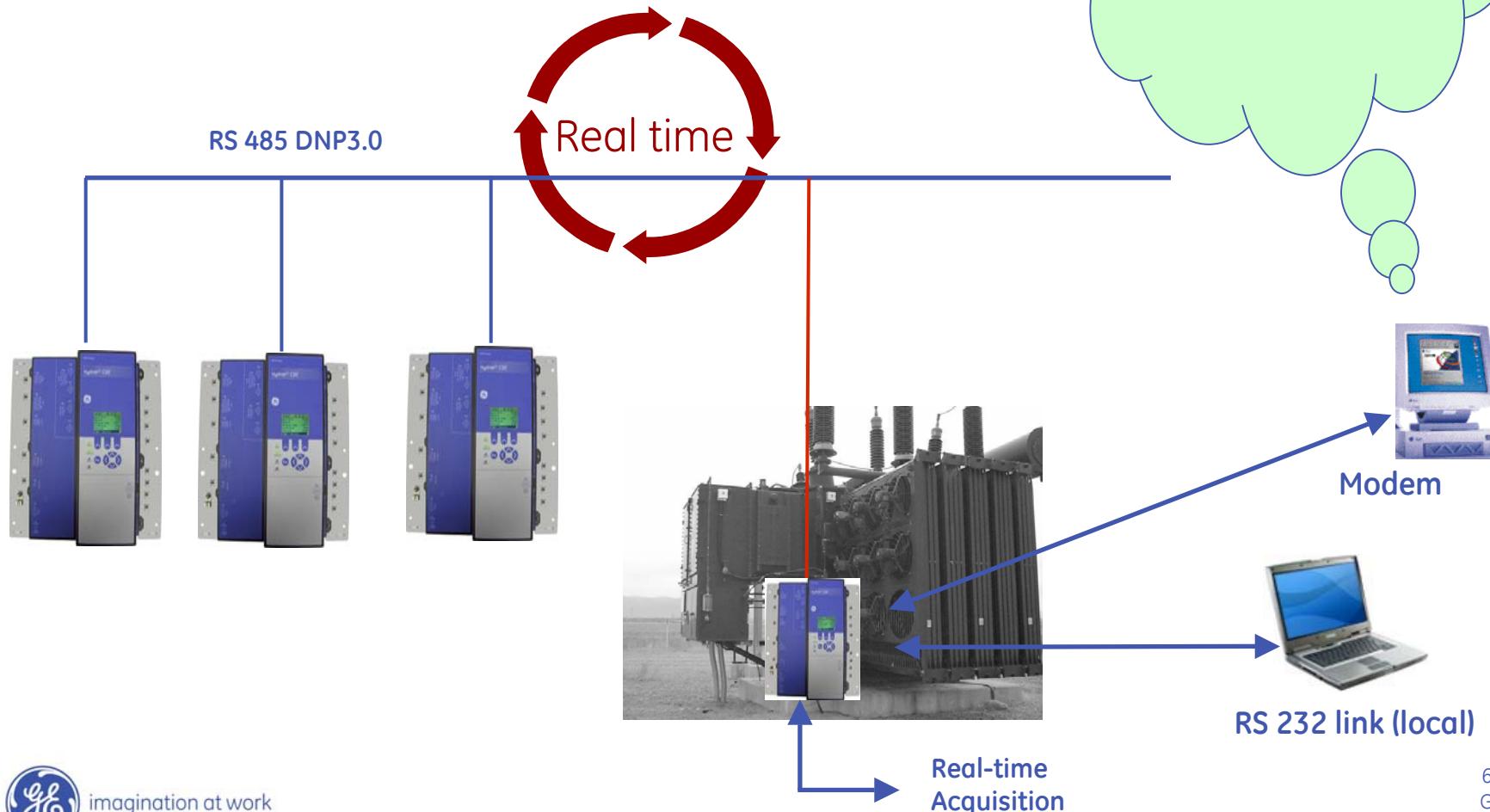
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Hydran M2200 communications

Intellix Host (GUI)



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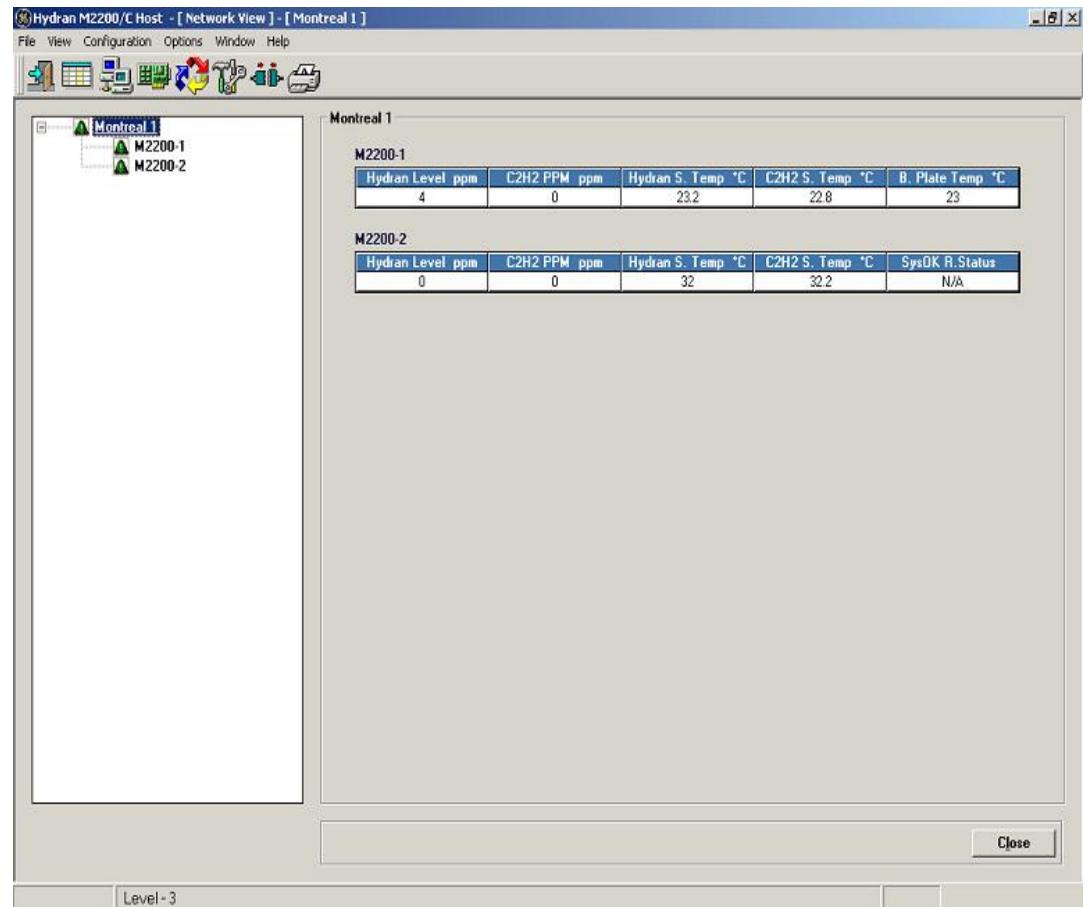
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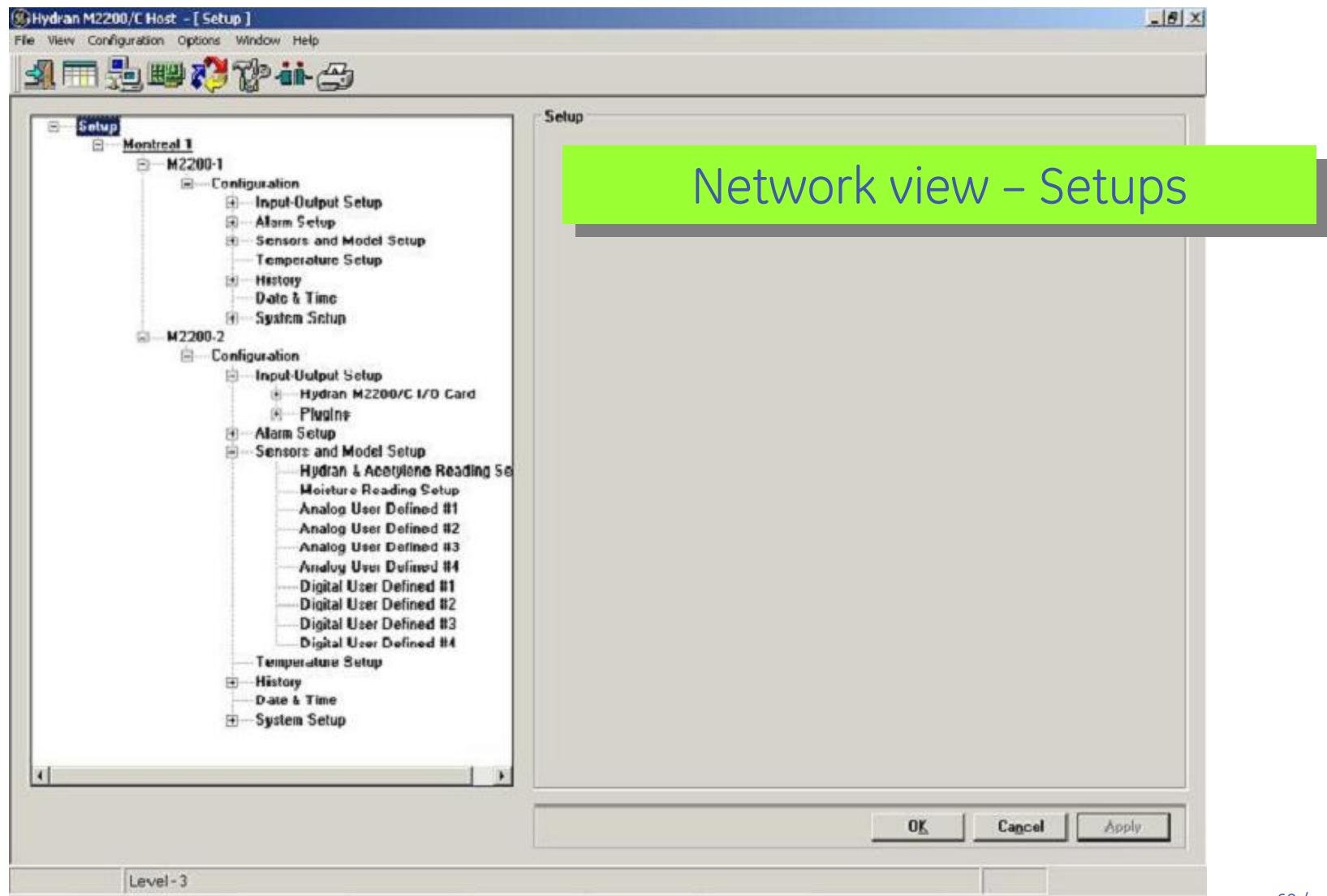
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Hydran M2200 Host GUI

- Microsoft® Windows® - based application
- Real-time logging and graphical display of data
- Continuous online survey and alarm status
- Downloading and uploading capabilities
- Allows network and device specific monitoring



Hydran M2200 Host GUI



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Hydran M2200 Host

GUI

Hydran M2200/C Host - [Network View] - [Montreal 1 ----> M2200-1]

File View Configuration Options Window Help

Montreal 1 - M2200-1

Temperature Readings

Description	Value
Actual Temperature Set Point	4 °C
Base Plate Temperature	23 °C
C2H2 Sensor Temperature	22.8 °C
Heater Power	0 %
Hydran Sensor Temperature	23.2 °C

Analog User Defined Readings

Description	Value
Wn. User Defined #1	N/A
An. User Defined #2	N/A
Xn. User Defined #3	N/A
An. User Defined #4	N/A

Hydran Readings

Description	Value
Hydran Level Daily Trend	0.06 ppm
Hydran Level Hourly Trend	-0.08 ppm
Hydran PPM Level	4 ppm
Hydran Sensor Temperature	23.2 °C
Hydran Service U	4 ppm
Hydran Service V	0 µV

Acetylene Readings

Description	Value
C2H2 Level	0 ppm
C2H2 Level Daily Trend	0 ppm
C2H2 Level Hourly Trend	0 ppm
C2H2 Sensor Temperature	22.8 °C
C2H2 Service U	0 ppm
C2H2 Service V	1 µV
C2H2 Service W	0 ppm

Digital Input Readings

Description	Value
Dg. User Defined #1	Off
Dg. User Defined #2	Off
Dg. User Defined #3	Off
Dg. User Defined #4	Off

Level - 3

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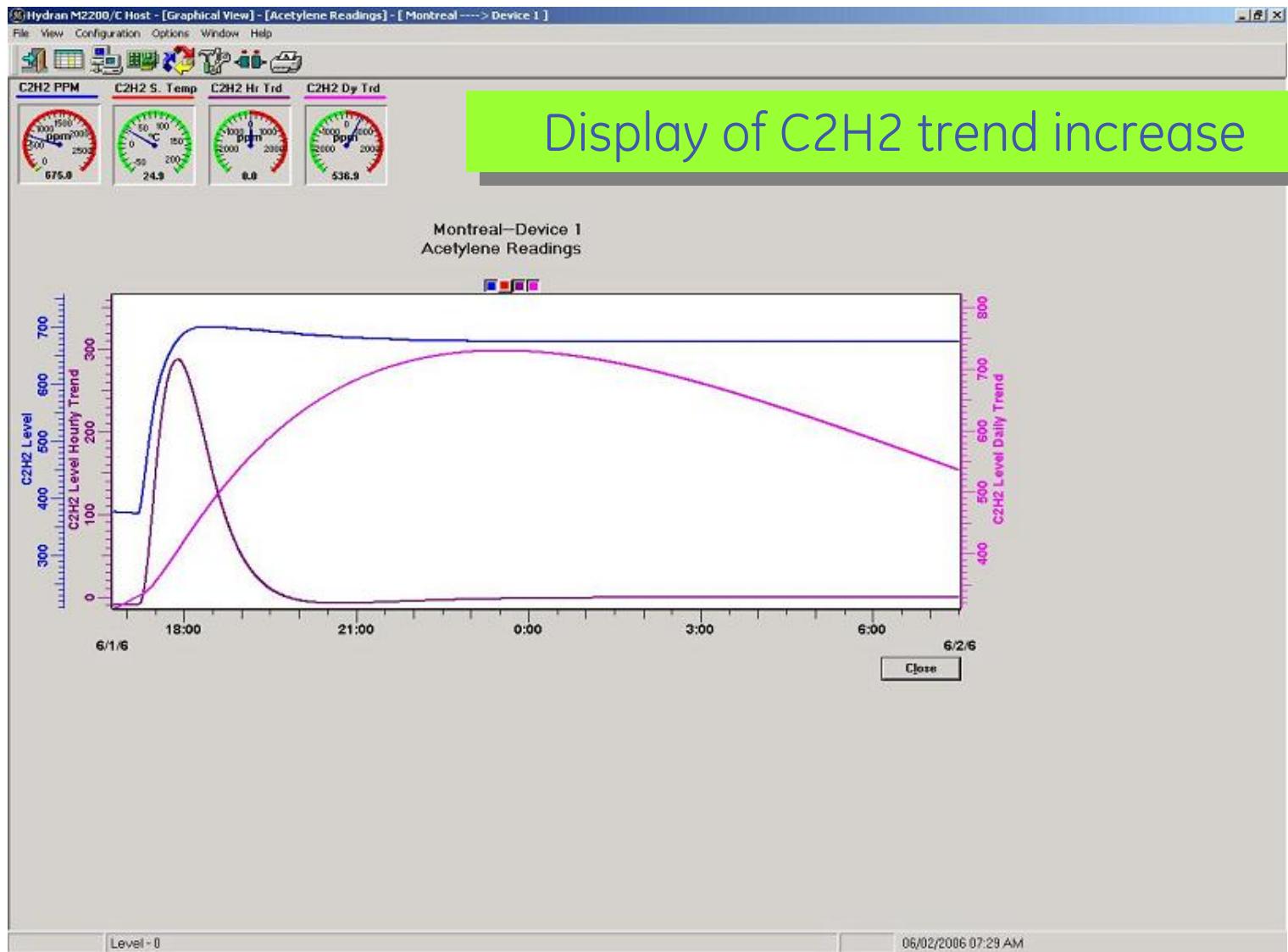
Close



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Network view – Actual Readings

Hydran M2200 Host GUI



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Broadband monitoring technique for **Main tank**

Moisture-in-oil

Moisture degrades paper

Moisture reduces dielectric strength

Moisture ages transformer faster

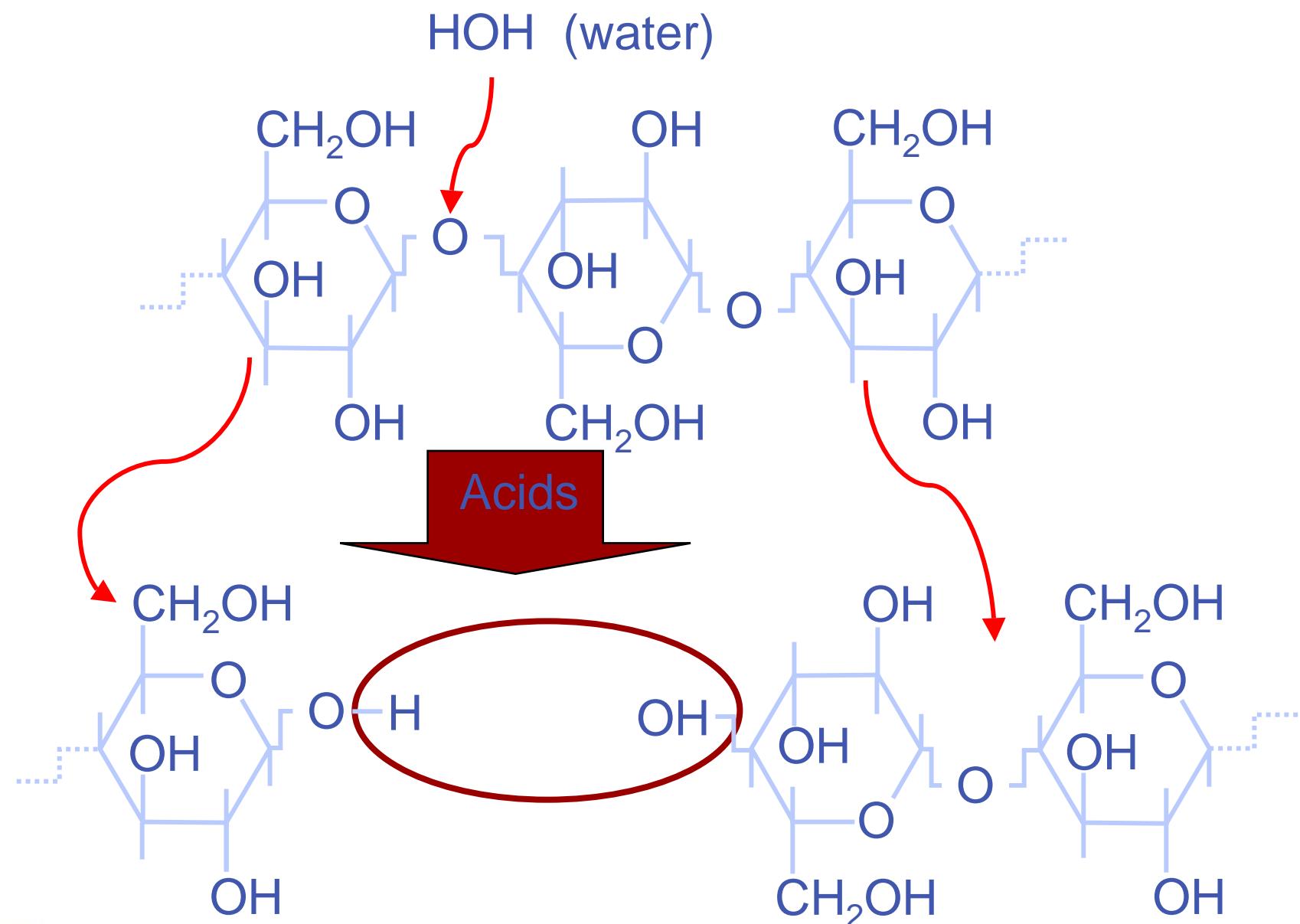
Moisture is everywhere

Moisture is a key element to monitor, especially
in the solid insulation (paper)



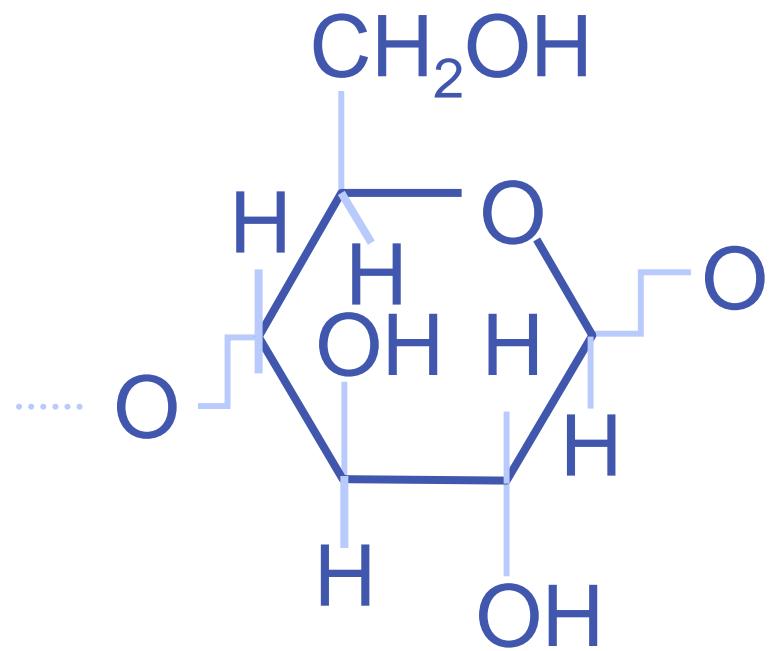
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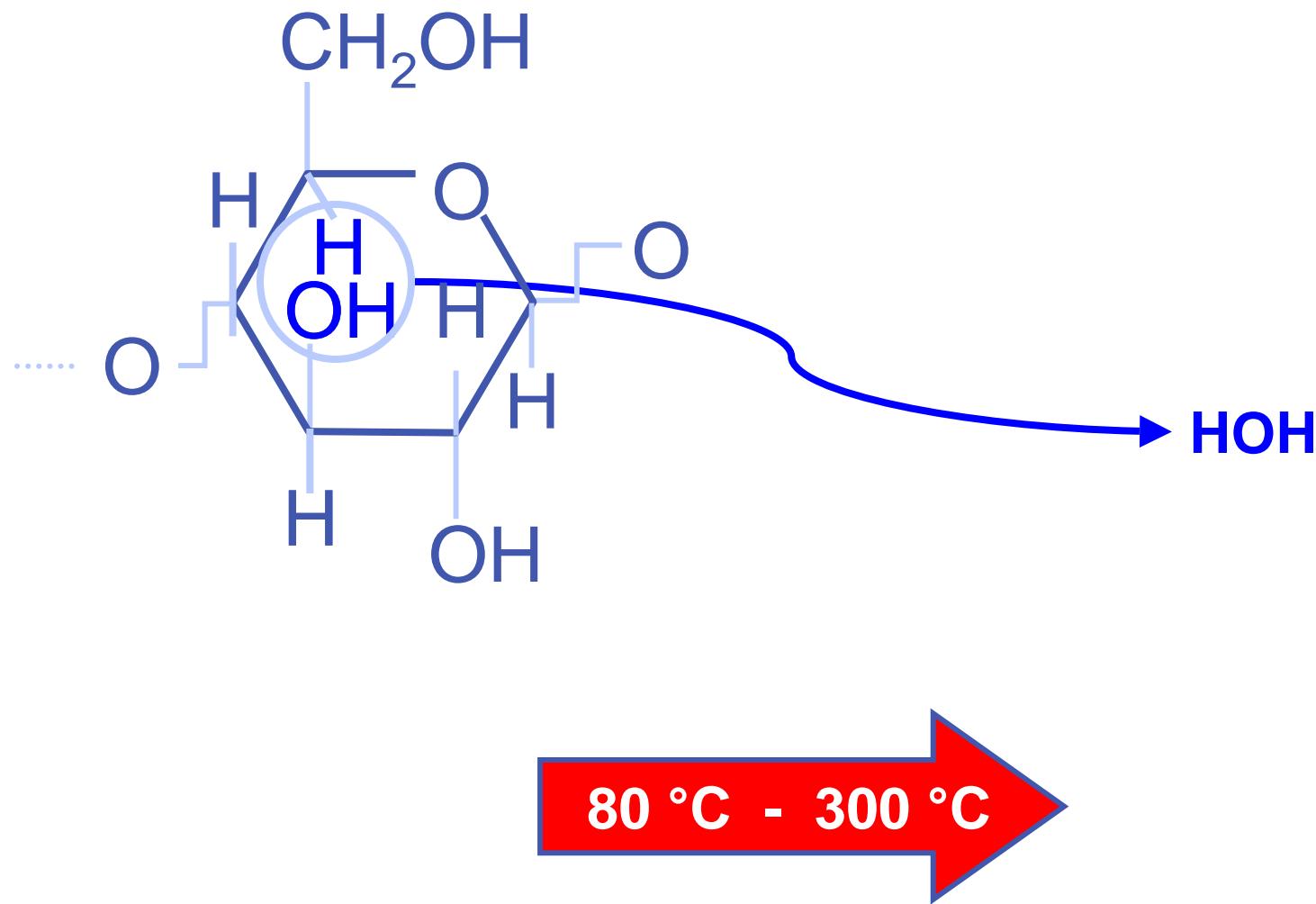


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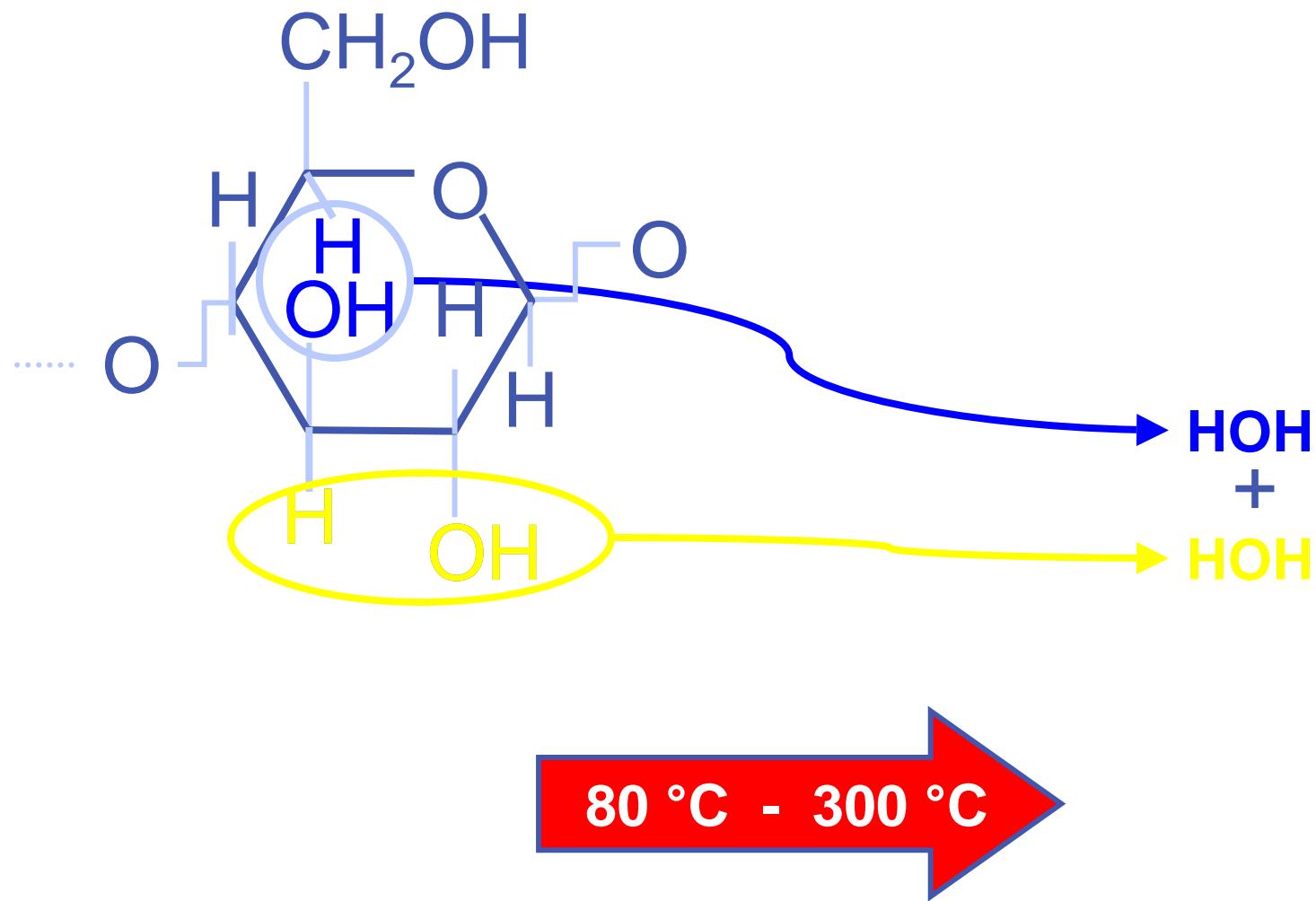
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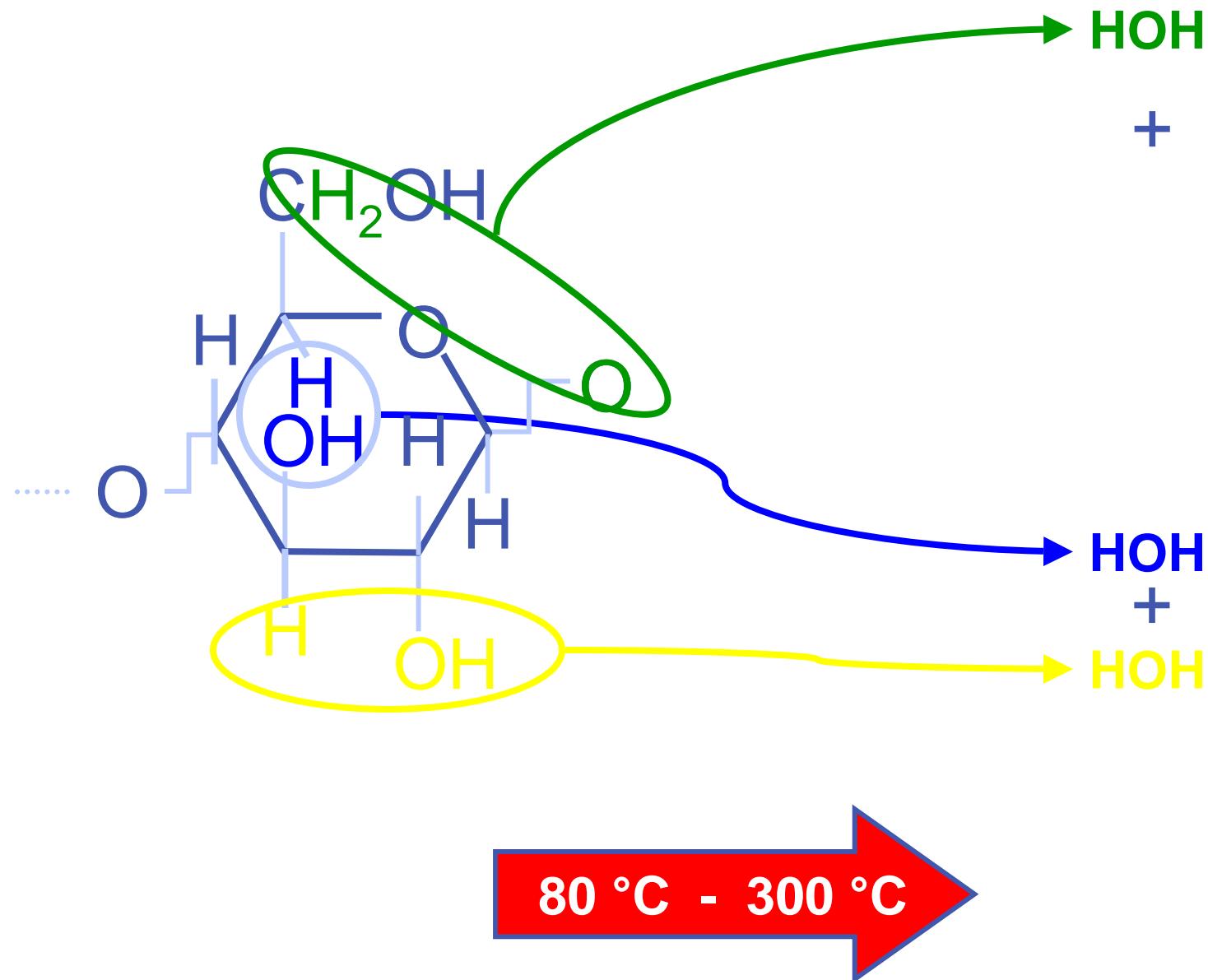
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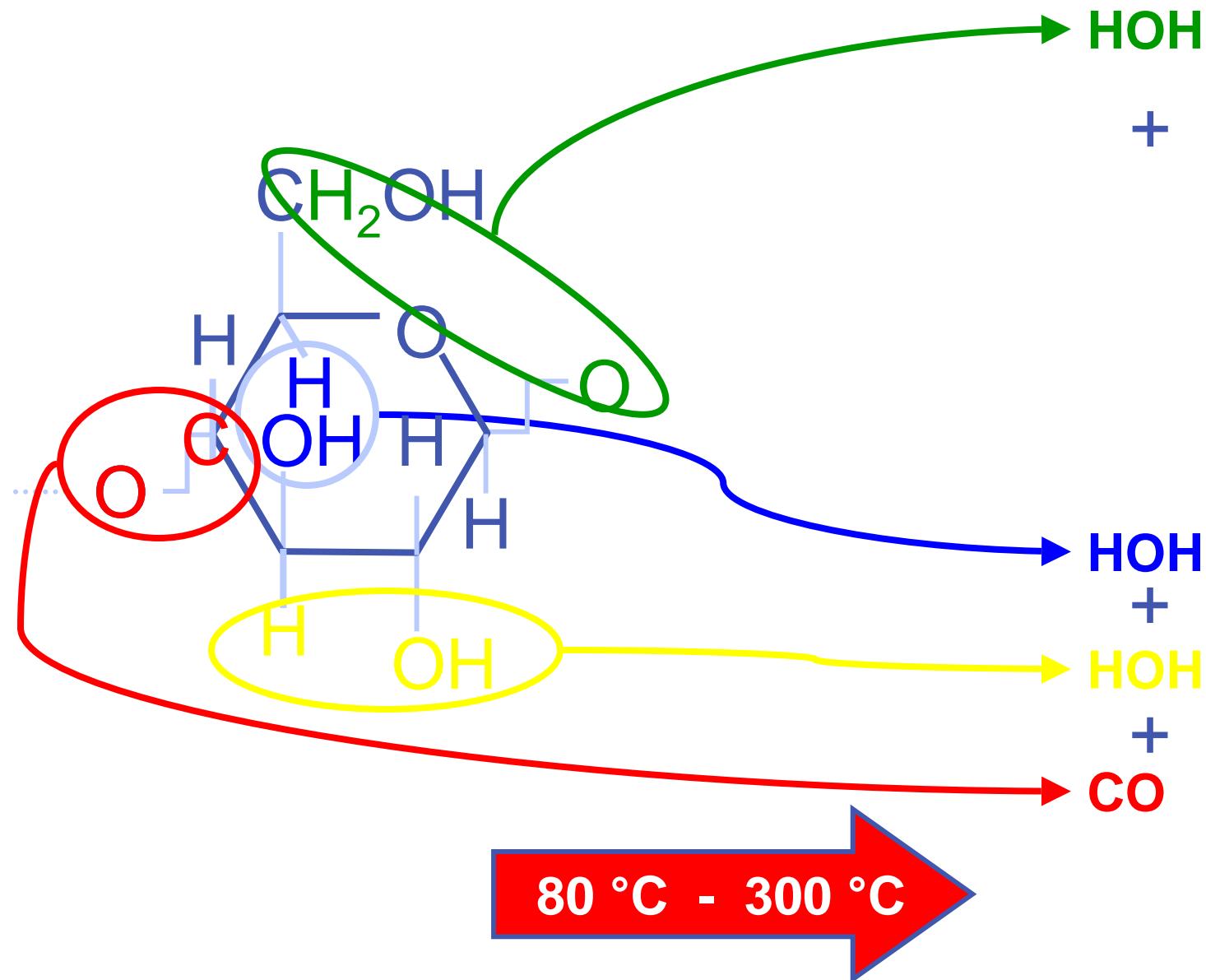
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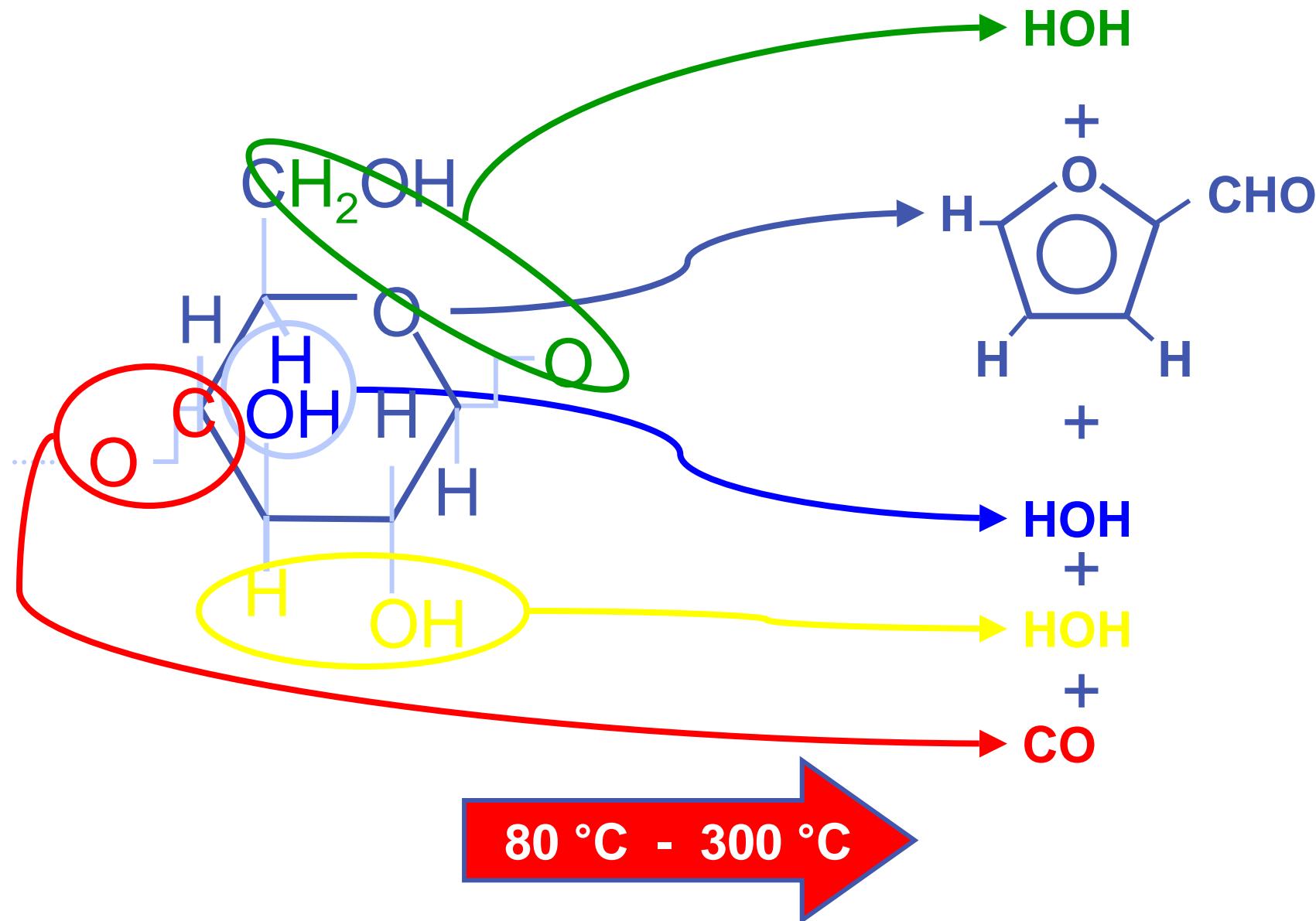
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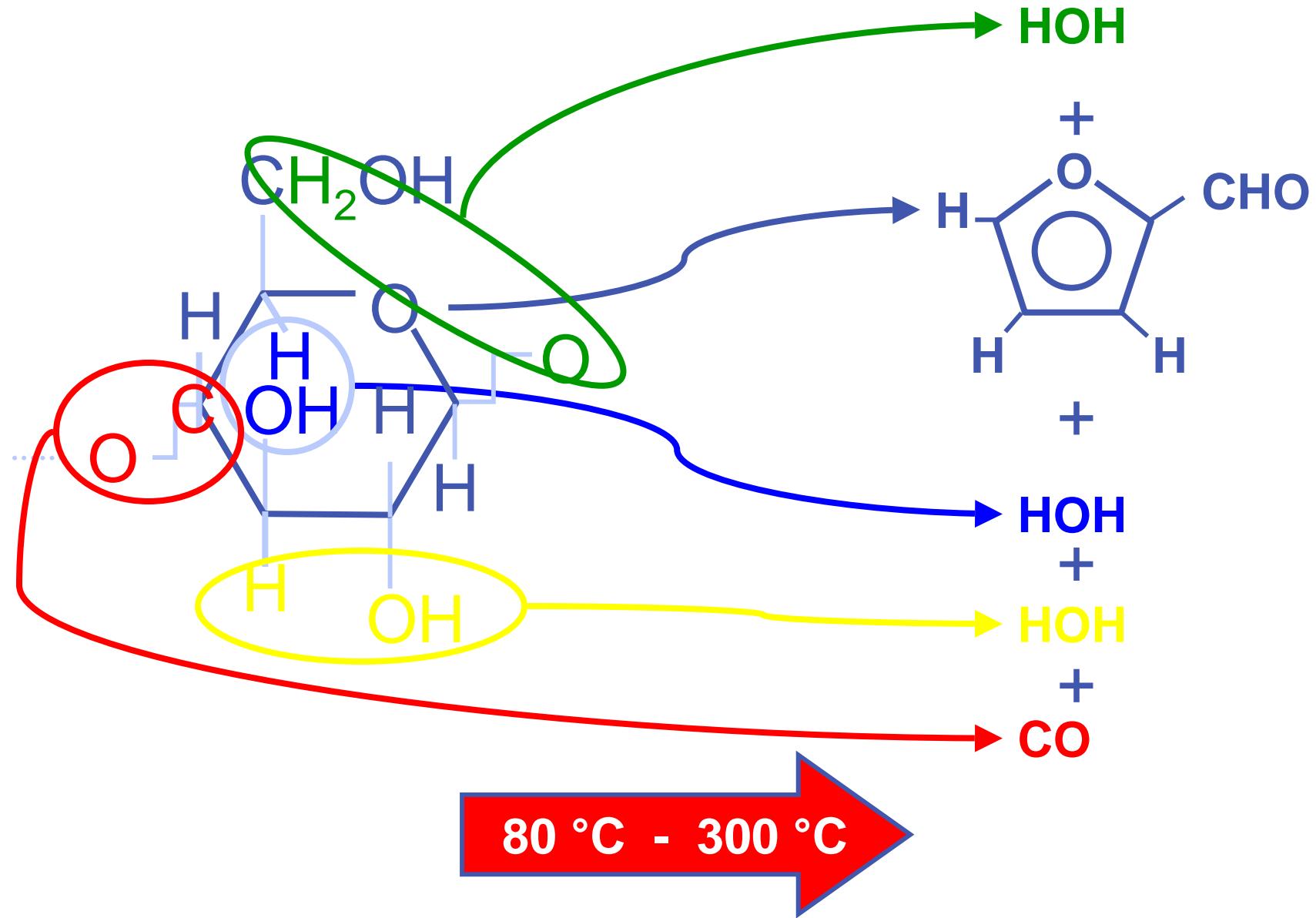
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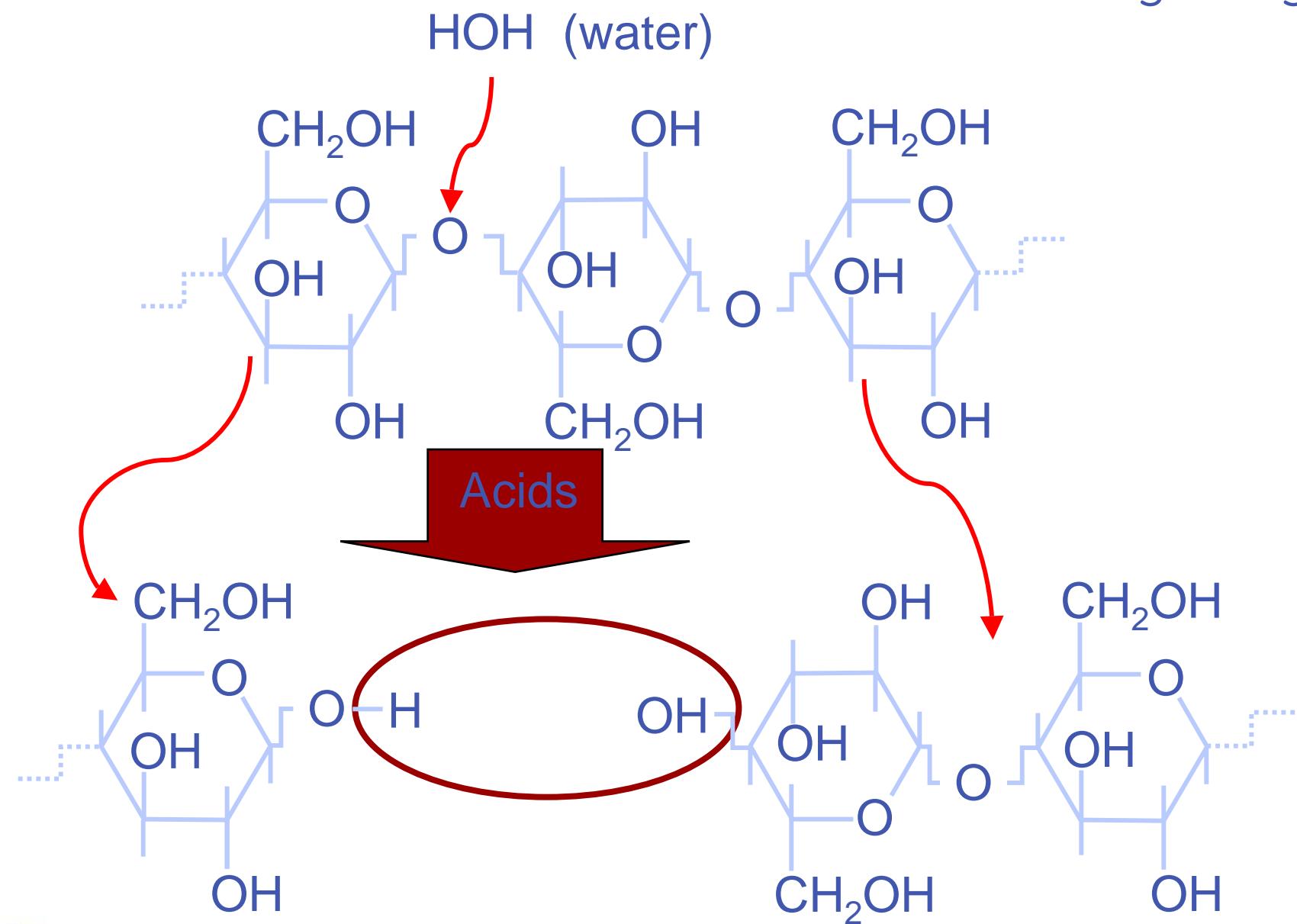
Where does water come from?



Where does water go?

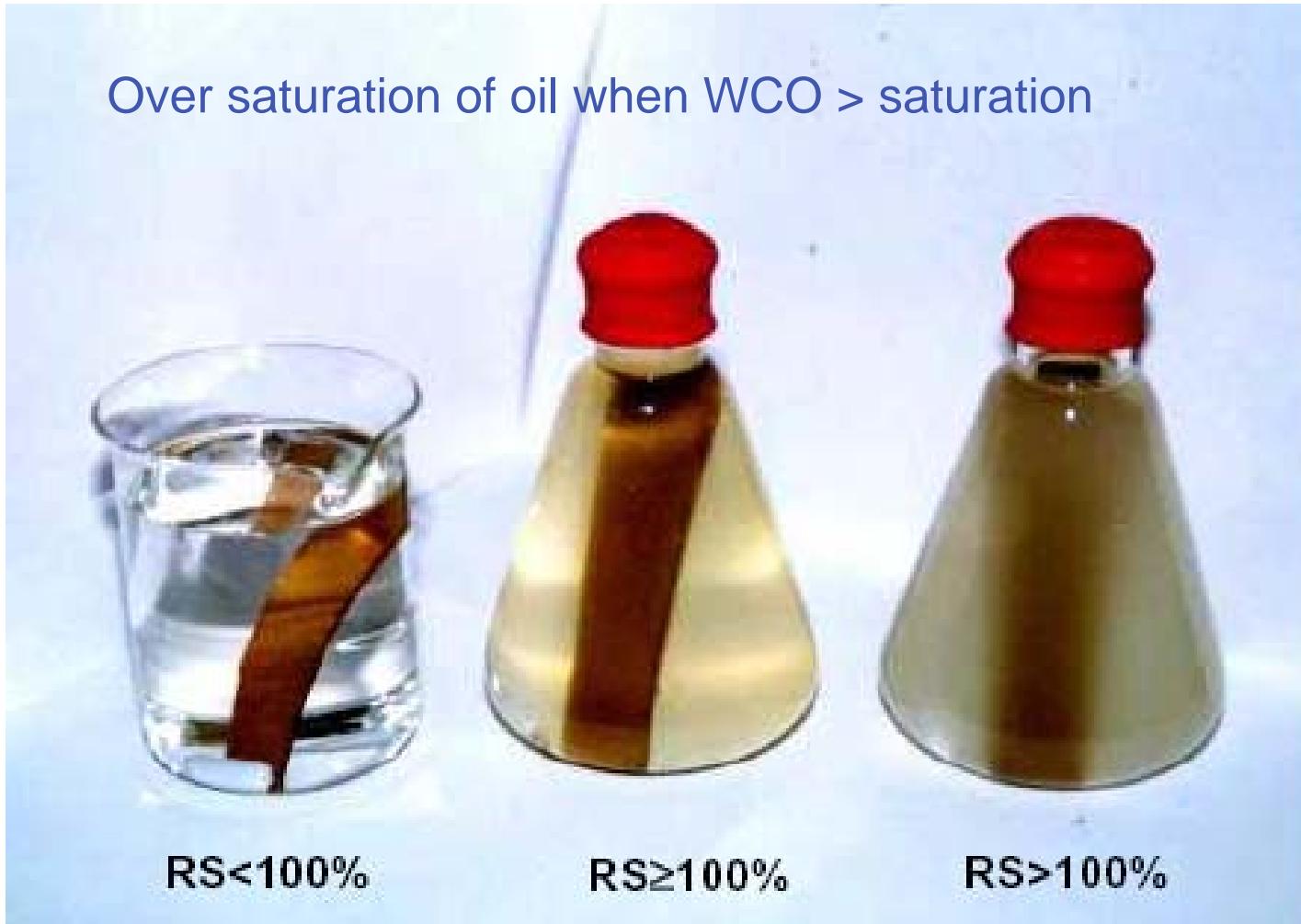


The chain reaction begins again



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Impact of moisture in oil



V. Davydov, EPRI Moisture Management in Transformer Workshop, Nov.2002, Edison, New Jersey

Impact of moisture in oil

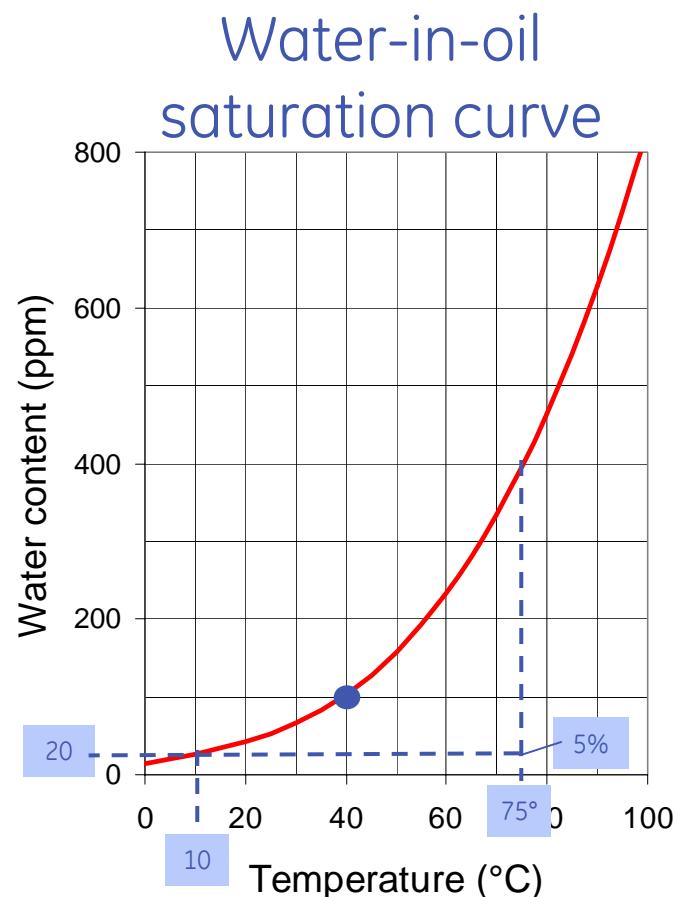
Sensors

Sensor Relative
Humidity (RH%)

5%

Sensor
Temperature(°C)

75°C



Output

Absolute water
content
in oil (ppm)

20ppm

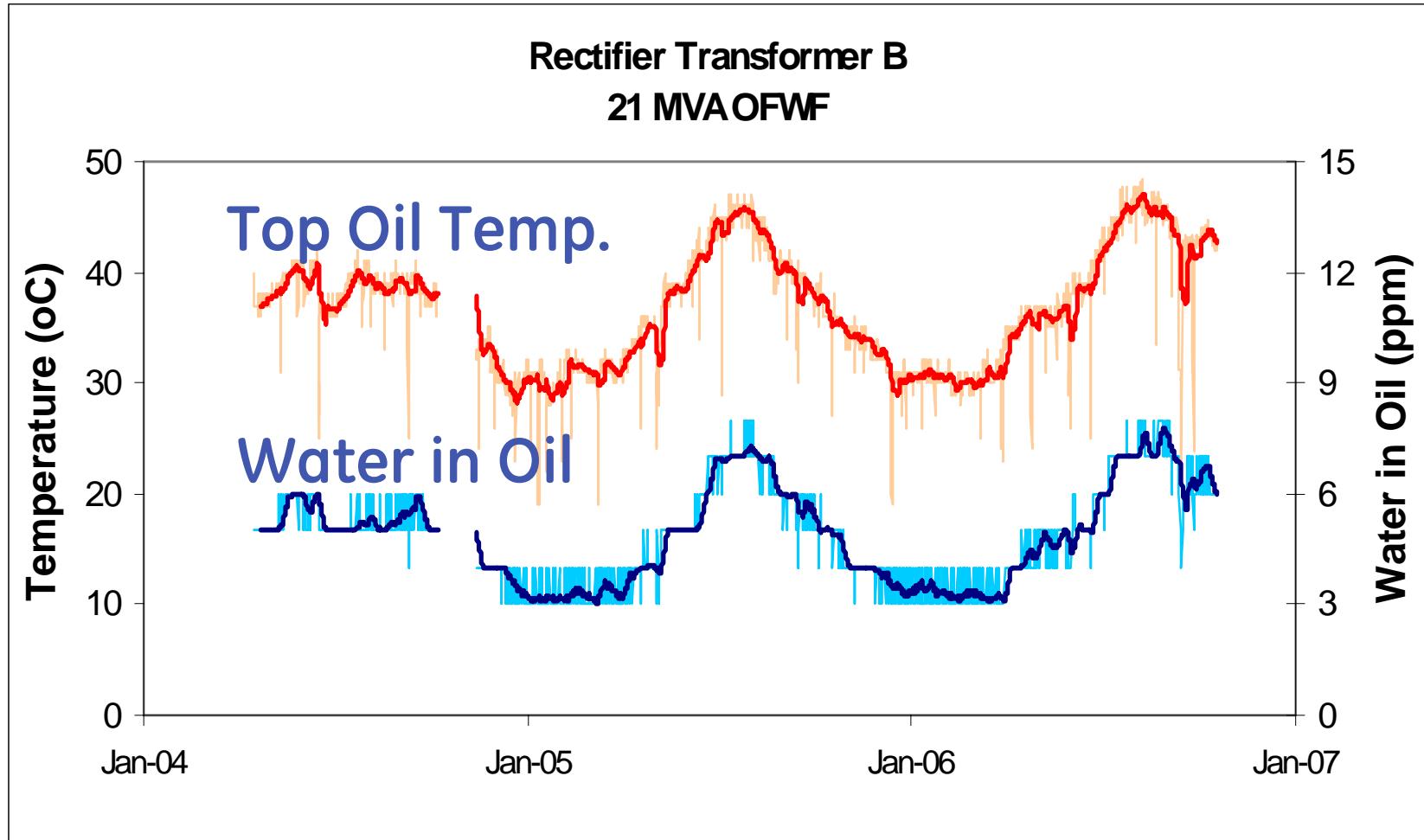
Condensation
temperature (°C)

10°C



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Change in water-in-oil concentration



Water content in oil varies with Temperature

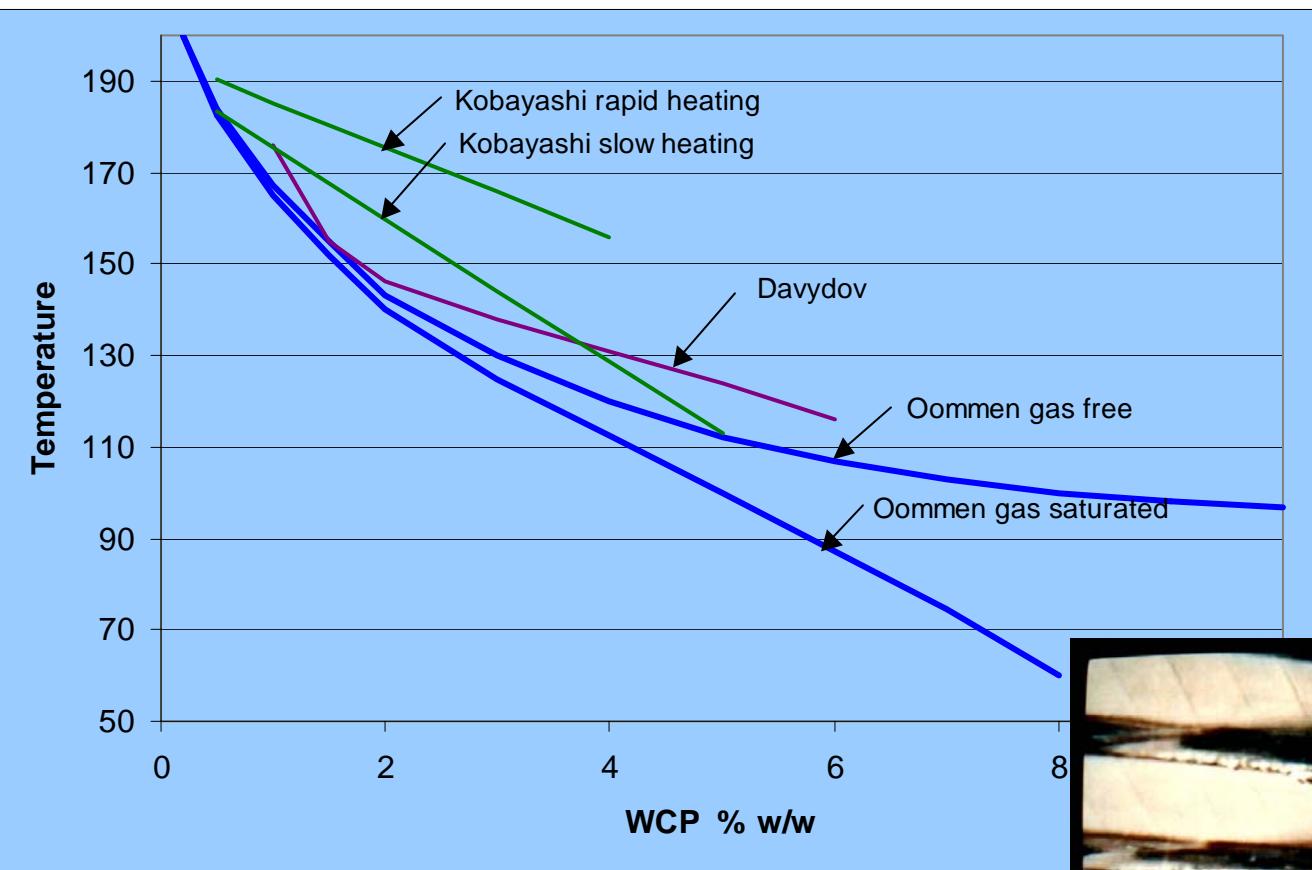
Impact of moisture in winding insulation

- Increased risk of releasing bubbles at high load

Resid
water



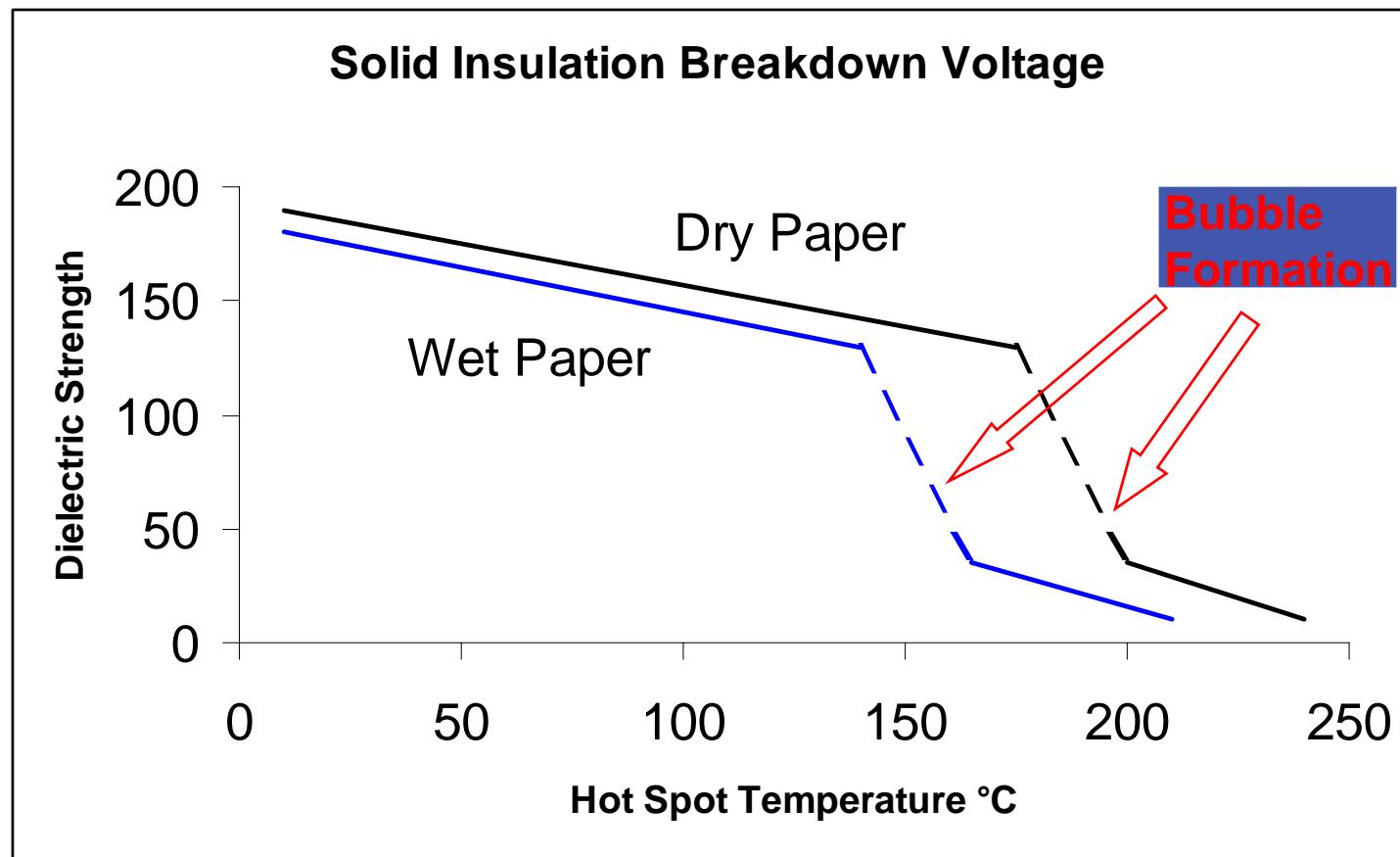
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Impact of moisture in winding insulation

Effect of temperature on dielectric strength

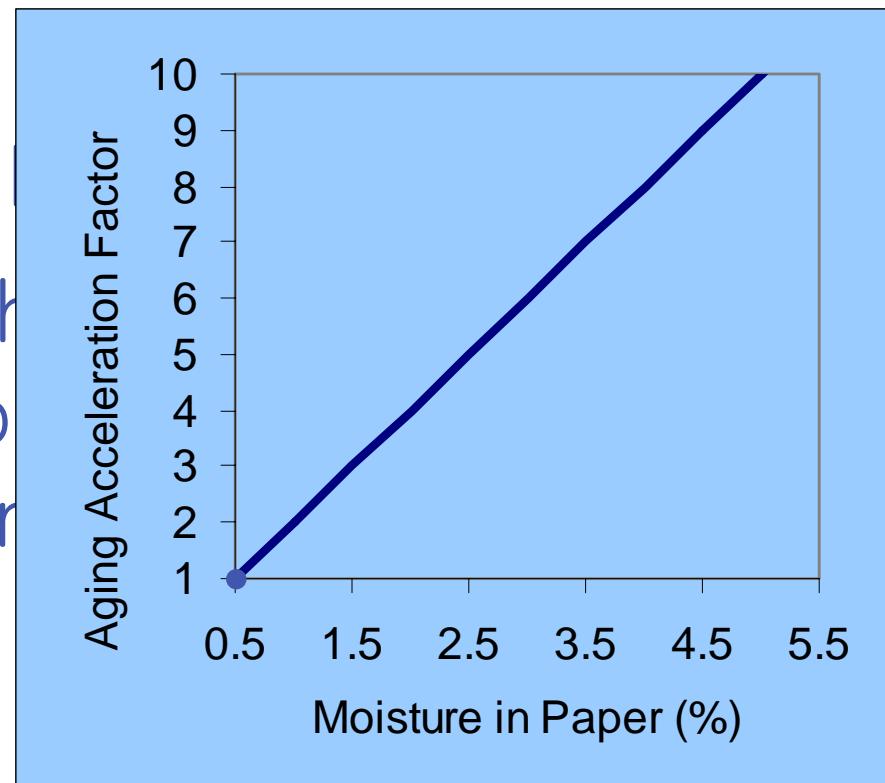


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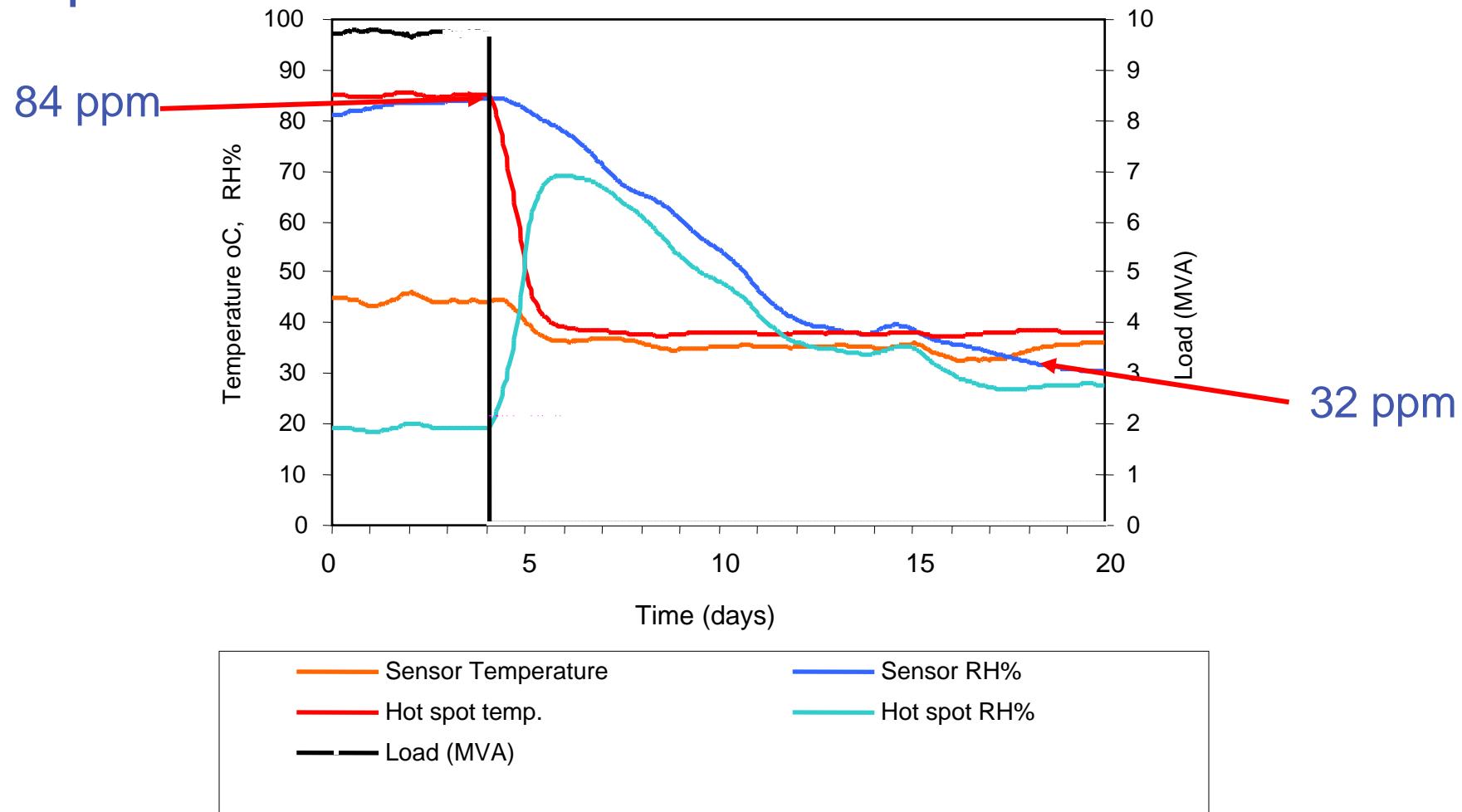
- Accelerates the rate of insulation aging

Effect is different depending on type of

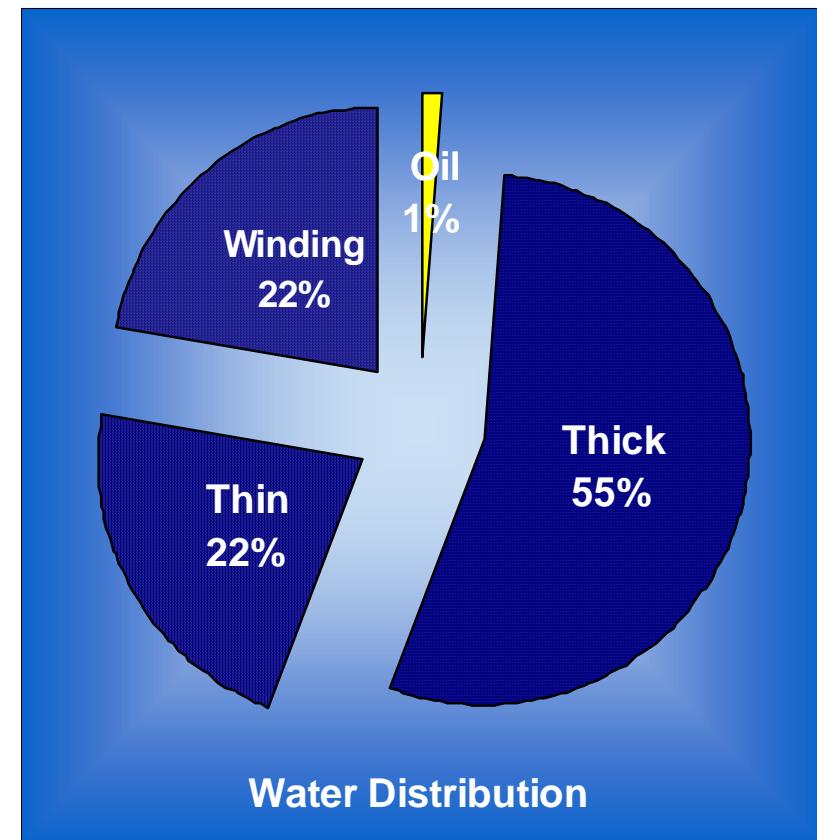
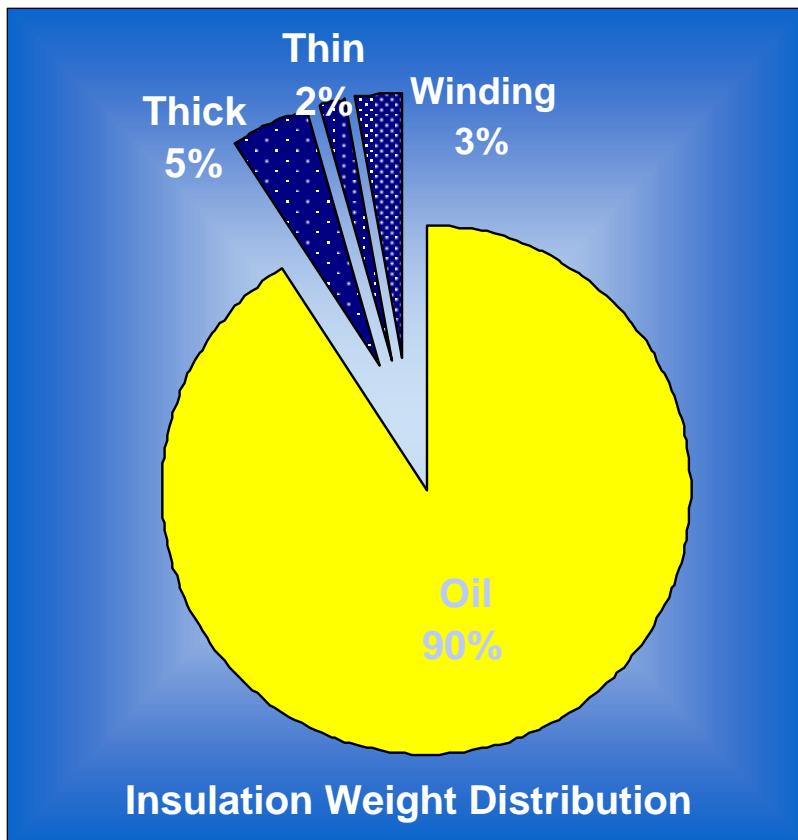
IEEE C57.91 indicate that the acceleration factor to be taken as proportional to the water content.



Moisture inside the transformer moves back and forth between the oil and paper by diffusion as a function of temperature



Most of the water is stored in the solid insulation



Example of water distribution in a 25 MVA transformer with 3% moisture in paper

	40 °C		80 °C	
Oil (25 000 litre)	10 ppm	0.25 kg	80 ppm	2.0kg
Paper (2500 kg)	3 %	75 kg	2.93%	73.25 kg
Total		75.25 kg		75.25 kg

- Most of the water is in the solid insulation
- Change in water content of oil does not entail a similar change in the water content of paper

Moisture content in transformer insulation is a persistent concern

Aging transformers tend to build-up moisture

IEEE Std 62 – 1995:

- Dry 0-2%
- Wet 2-4%
- Very Wet 4.5% +

Only moisture in oil can actually be measured



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Hydran M2

Advanced Gas and Moisture monitor

- H₂ and CO
- Moisture in oil
- Trending
- 4 analog inputs
- Data Logging
- Networking
- Integrated Modem/TCP-IP



Typical HYDRAN M2 Installation



Typical HYDRAN M2 Installation



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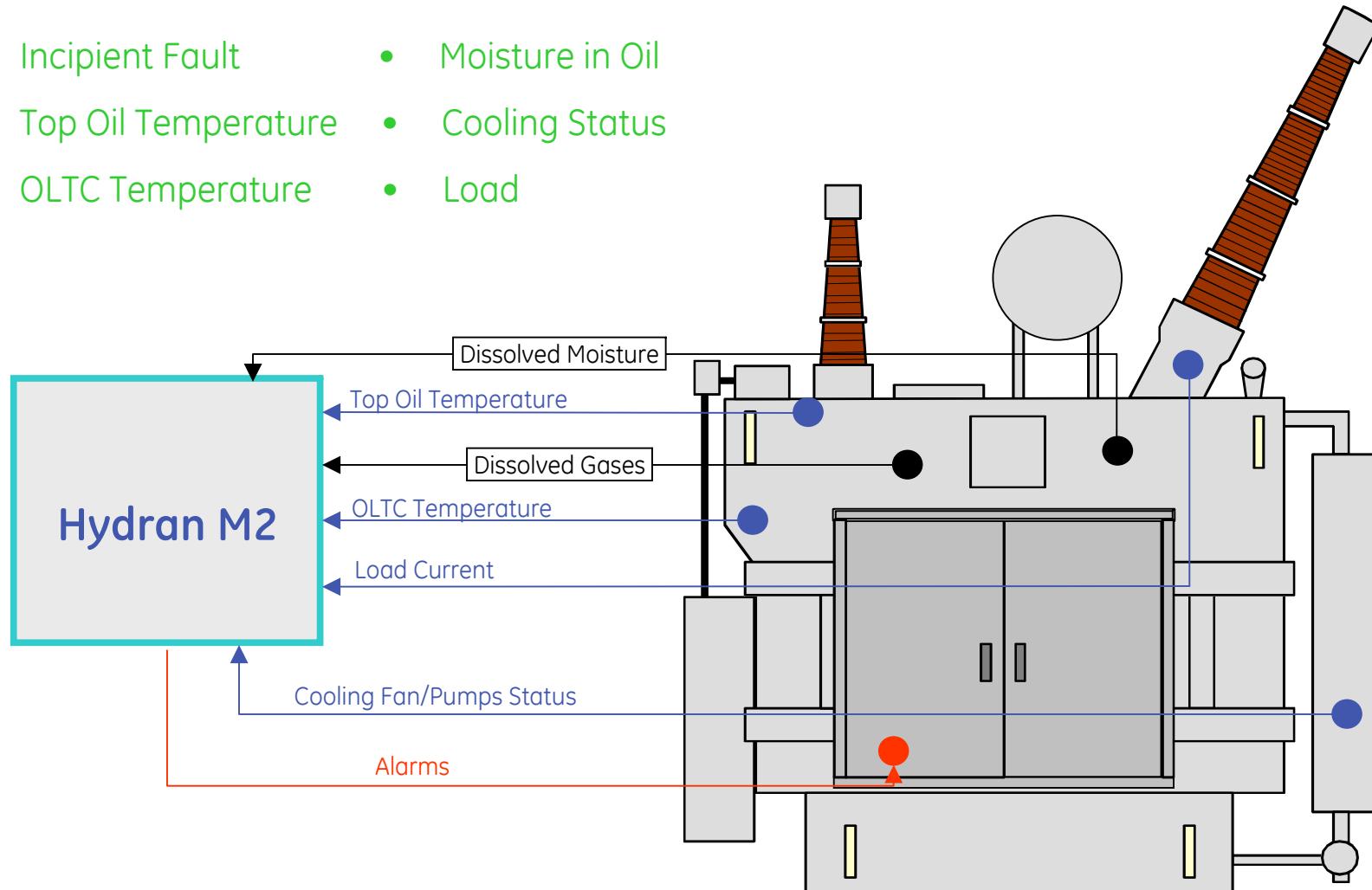
Typical HYDRAN M2 Installation



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The Hydran M2 as Transformer Monitor

- Incipient Fault
- Top Oil Temperature
- OLTC Temperature
- Moisture in Oil
- Cooling Status
- Load



Hydran M2 Host (DNP) - [Network View] -[ABC ----> Transformer 2]

File View Configuration Options Window Help

ABC - Transformer 2

View Active Alarms

	Inputs	Models	Hydran M2 readings
Activated Analog Inputs			Value
Top Oil Temperature			43.8 °C
Ambient Temperature			4.9 °C
Current Winding H			1691 A

	Activated Digital Inputs	Value
Cooling Bank1 Feedback Status		On
Cooling Bank2 Feedback Status		Off

Close

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Start | E W CSV Hydran ...

Broadband monitoring technique for **Main tank**

Synergy

When several parameters are monitored simultaneously, it is possible to obtain more information by correlating each measurement to the others.

Analyzing data correlation allow the extraction of more significant information than just what is available in each individual parameter

Broadband monitoring technique for **Main tank**

Synergy

Problem:

Analysis of data requires time, manpower and expertise

Actual trend: Highly competitive environment and limited resources

Needed: System to reduce data and extract only significant information



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Broadband monitoring technique for **Main tank**

Synergy

Solution:

Reduce Amount of data Using Intelligent Systems

Apply on-line, real time data reduction technique
with “intelligent” sensors and systems

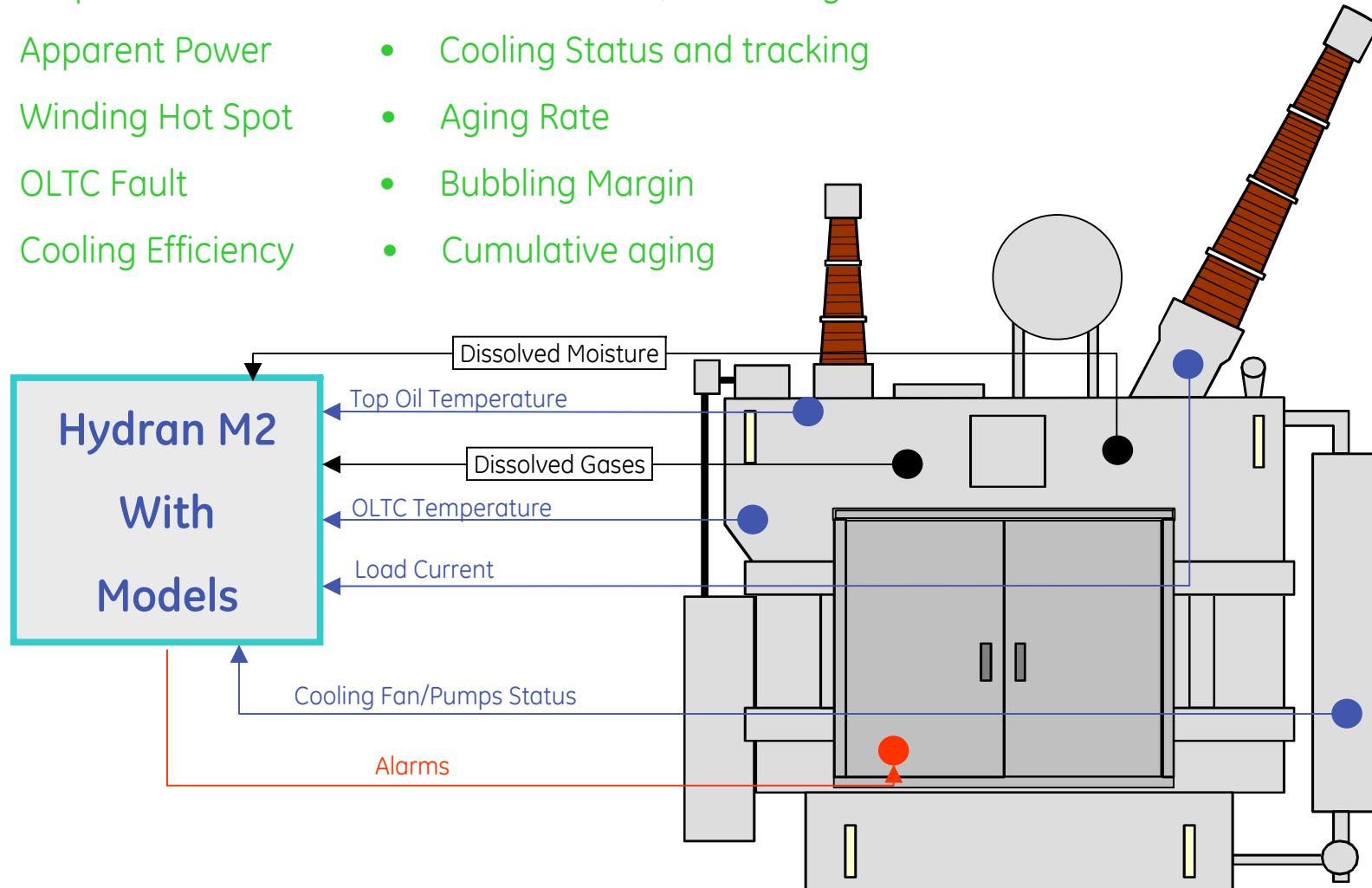
Use on-line “Models” to present to the operator only
the useful information



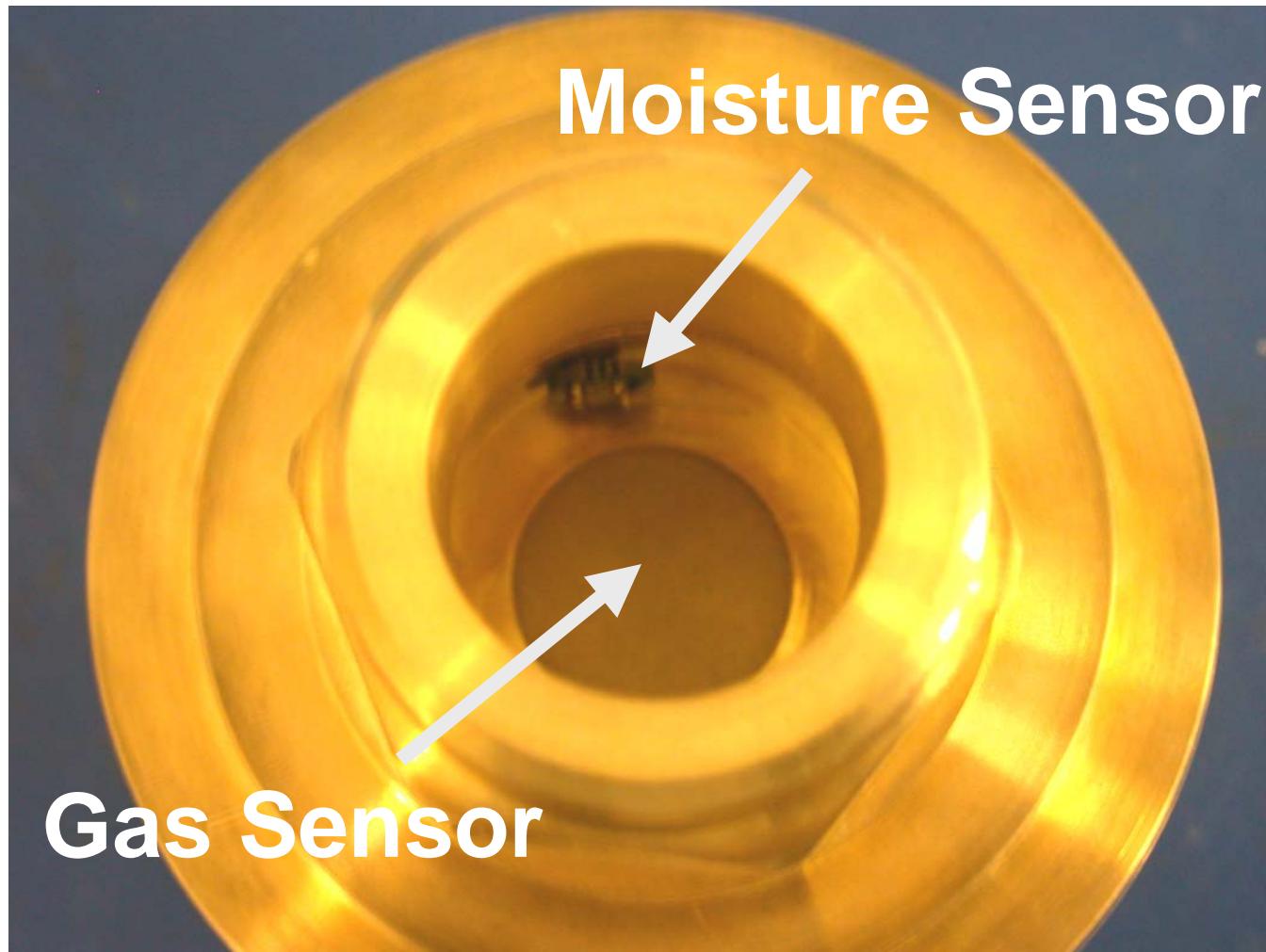
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The Hydran M2 as Advanced Transformer Monitor

- Incipient Fault
- Apparent Power
- Winding Hot Spot
- OLTC Fault
- Cooling Efficiency
- Moisture in Oil, in Windings and in Barriers
- Cooling Status and tracking
- Aging Rate
- Bubbling Margin
- Cumulative aging

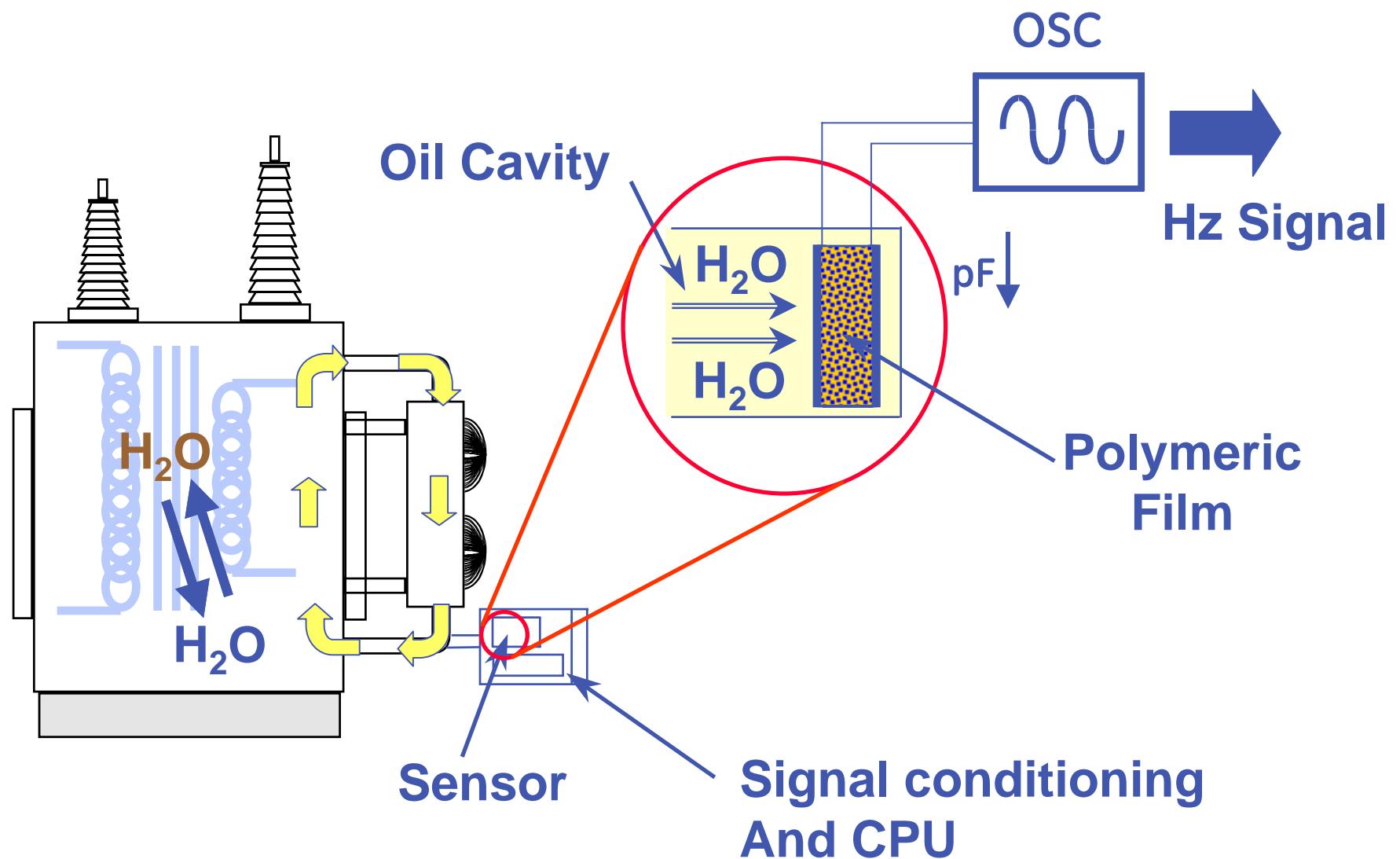


HYDRAN® S2/M2 Dual Sensor



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The Hydran® Technology: H₂O Sensor



The Hydran M2 as a Transformer Monitor

The addition of externals sensors combined with the use of powerful on-line models computation transform the Hydran M2 from a simple “gas fault monitor” to a complete transformer monitor



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Broadband monitoring technique for **Main tank**

Temperature

High Temperatures age the insulation faster

Excessive temperatures could generate bubbling,
leading to arcing

Sudden temperature drop could generate water
droplets in oil, leading to arcing

Temperature is a key element to monitor



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Broadband monitoring technique for Main tank

Load

Load level governs all aspect of transformer operation

Load affect all transformer components

Overload does cause excessive transformer aging

Load is a key element to monitor

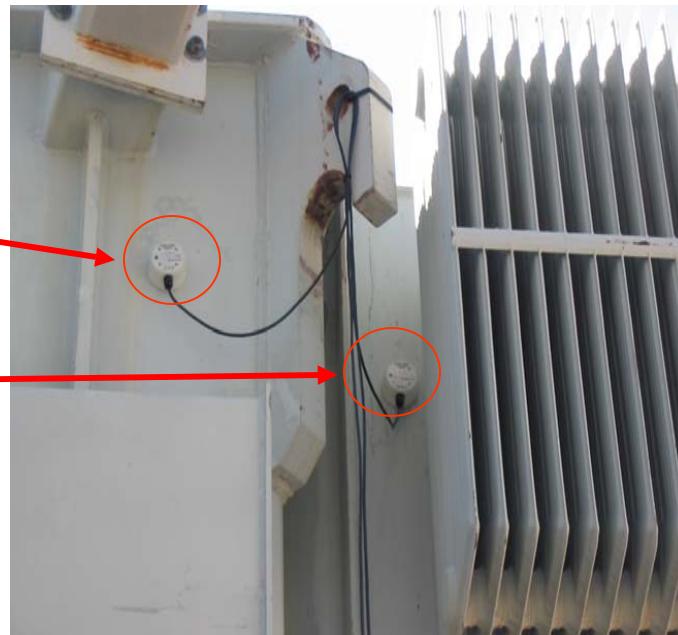


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Temperature and Load

Top oil

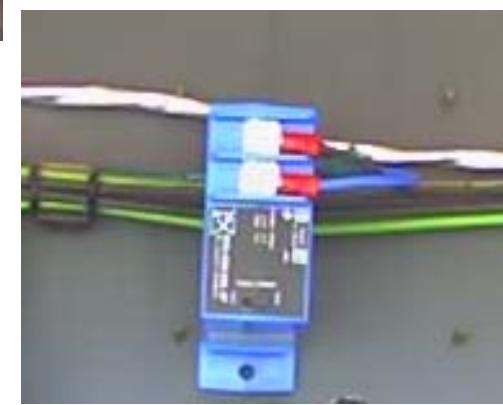
OLTC



Ambient
Temperature
Sensor



Magnetically
Mounted
Temperature
sensor



Clip-On load sensor



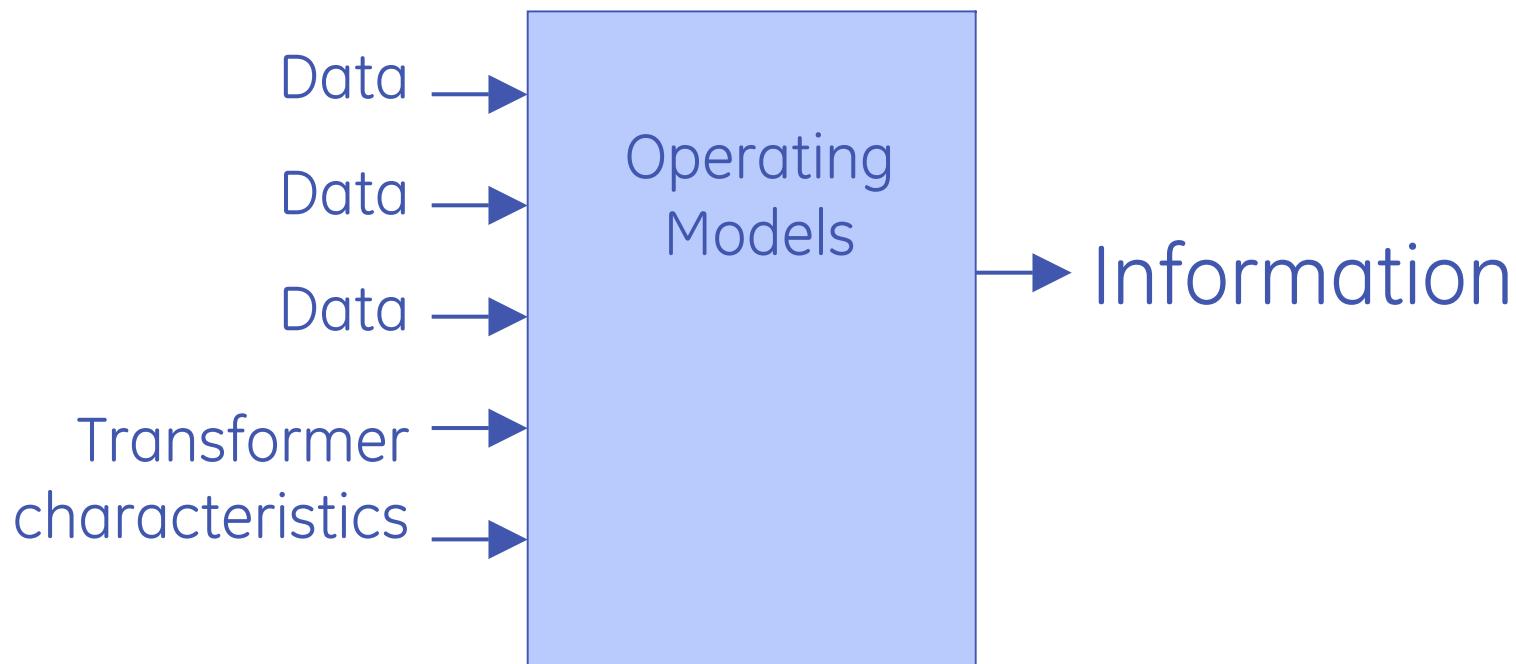
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Transformer Model

Convert Raw Data to Useful Information



Distributed Intelligence: Models

Transformer Monitoring : DATA or Information ?
Models:

Models are based on internationally recognized standards such as IEEE® and IEC®

They perform on-line, real-time computation to convert data to useful information

They use data from test reports and heat run report to tailor each models specifically to the transformer

The Hydran M2 as Transformer Monitor

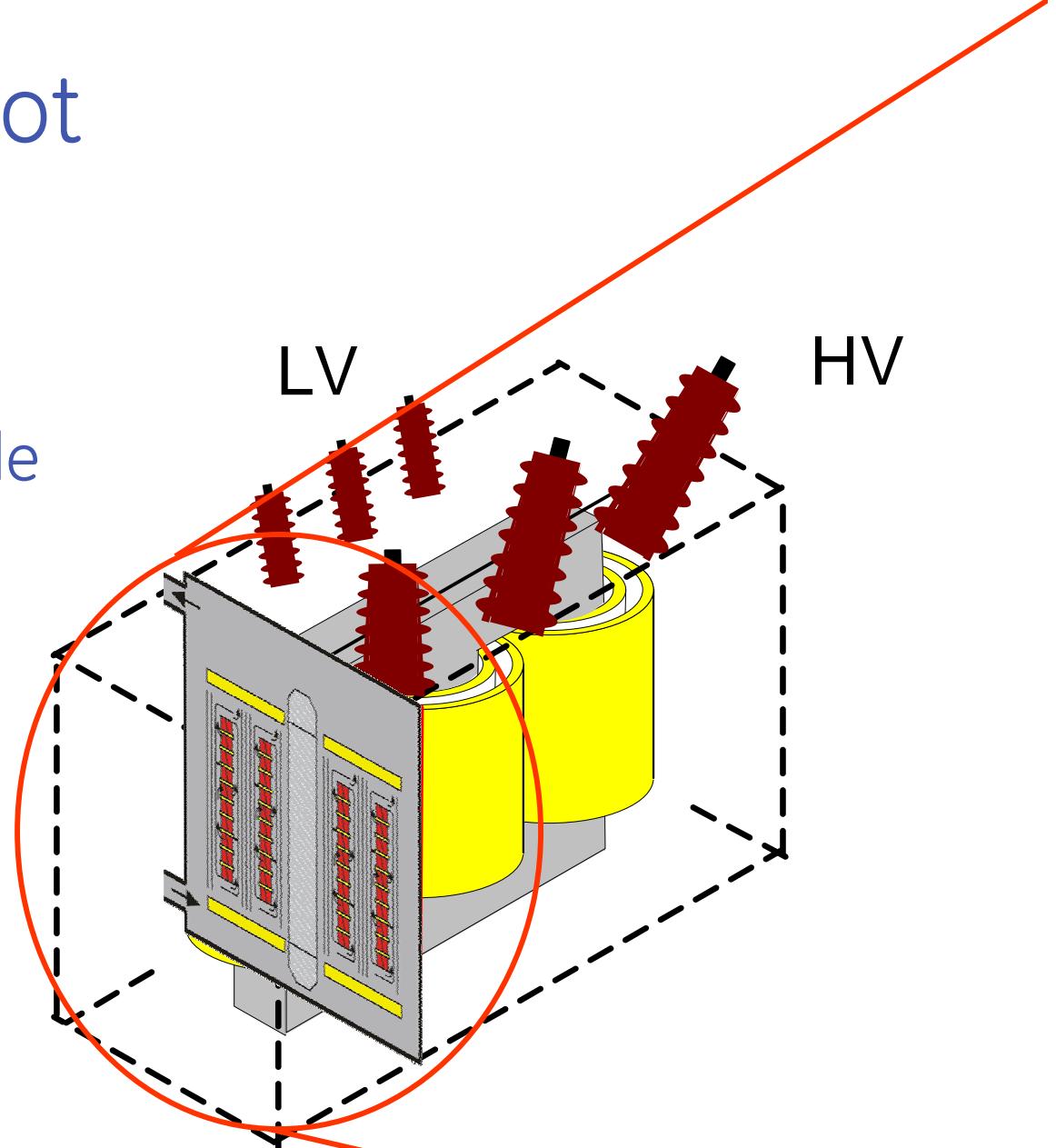


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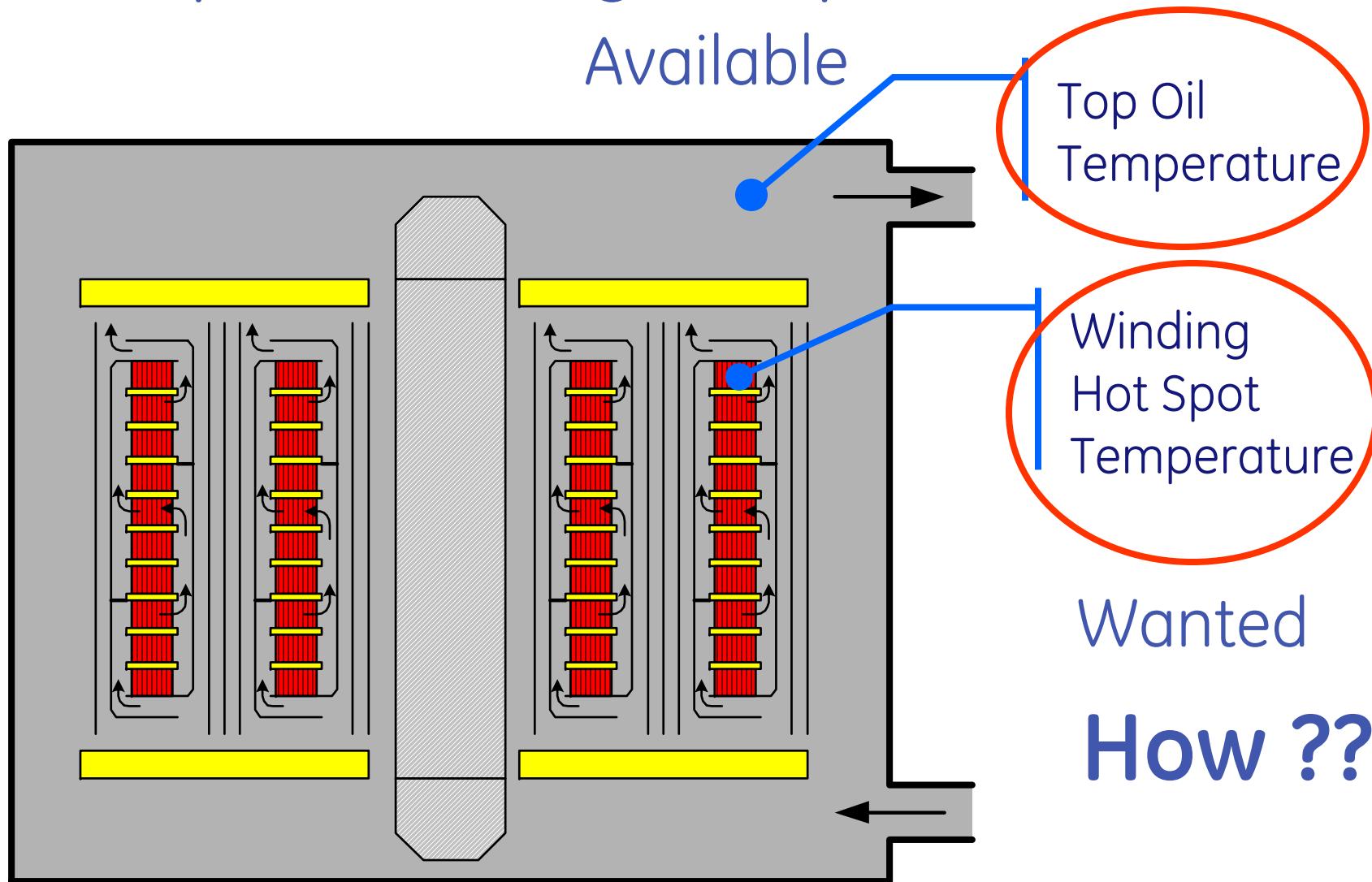
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Winding Hot Spot

Consider for example
a three-phase,
two-winding
transformer



Example: Winding Temperature Model



Winding Temperature Model

Ultimate hot-spot temperature

$$\Delta\Theta_{HHu} =$$

Hot-spot temperature

$$\Delta\Theta_{HH} =$$

Hot-spot temperature on winding H

$$\Theta_{HH} = \overline{\Theta}$$

Reset of initial winding

$$\Delta\Theta_{HHi} =$$

Ultimate hot-spot temperature

$$\Delta\Theta_{HXu} =$$

Inputs needed:

- Top oil temp.
- Load current on each winding
- Transformer characteristic

Rules:

- Calculations in line with IEEE and IEC loading guides

$(\frac{I}{I_r})^{2m}$

$$\Delta\Theta_{HXu} =$$

Hot-spot temperature

$$\Delta\Theta_{HX} =$$

Hot-spot temperature

$$\Theta_{HX} = \overline{\Theta}$$

Reset of initial hot spot temperature for winding H

$$\Delta\Theta_{HXi} = \Delta\Theta_{HX}$$

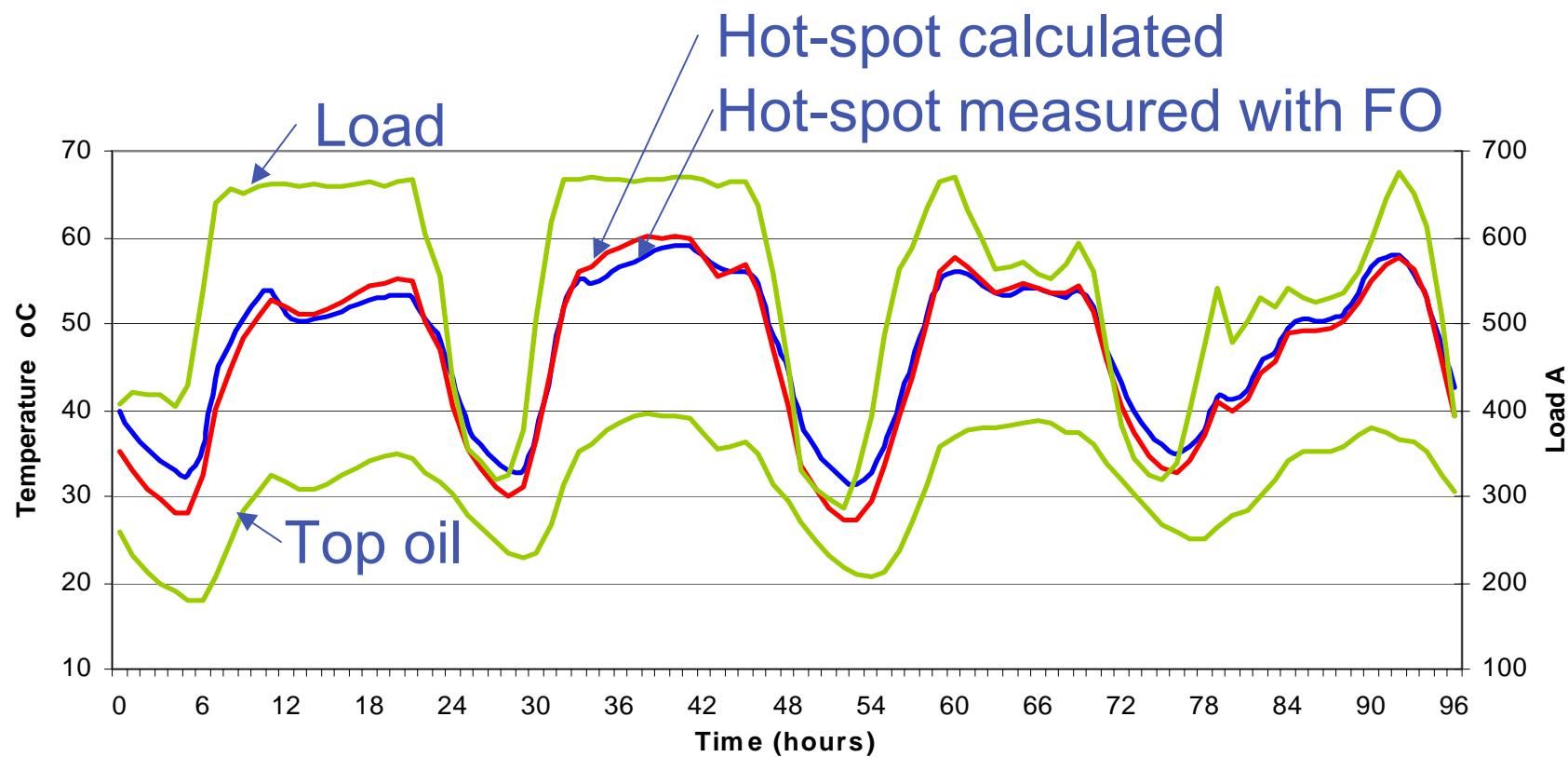
Output:

- Winding hottest spot temperatures is calculated for primary windings
- Log of max. value with time tag
- Warnings and alarms



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Winding hot spot temperature Model validation



Field experience with on-line moisture monitoring

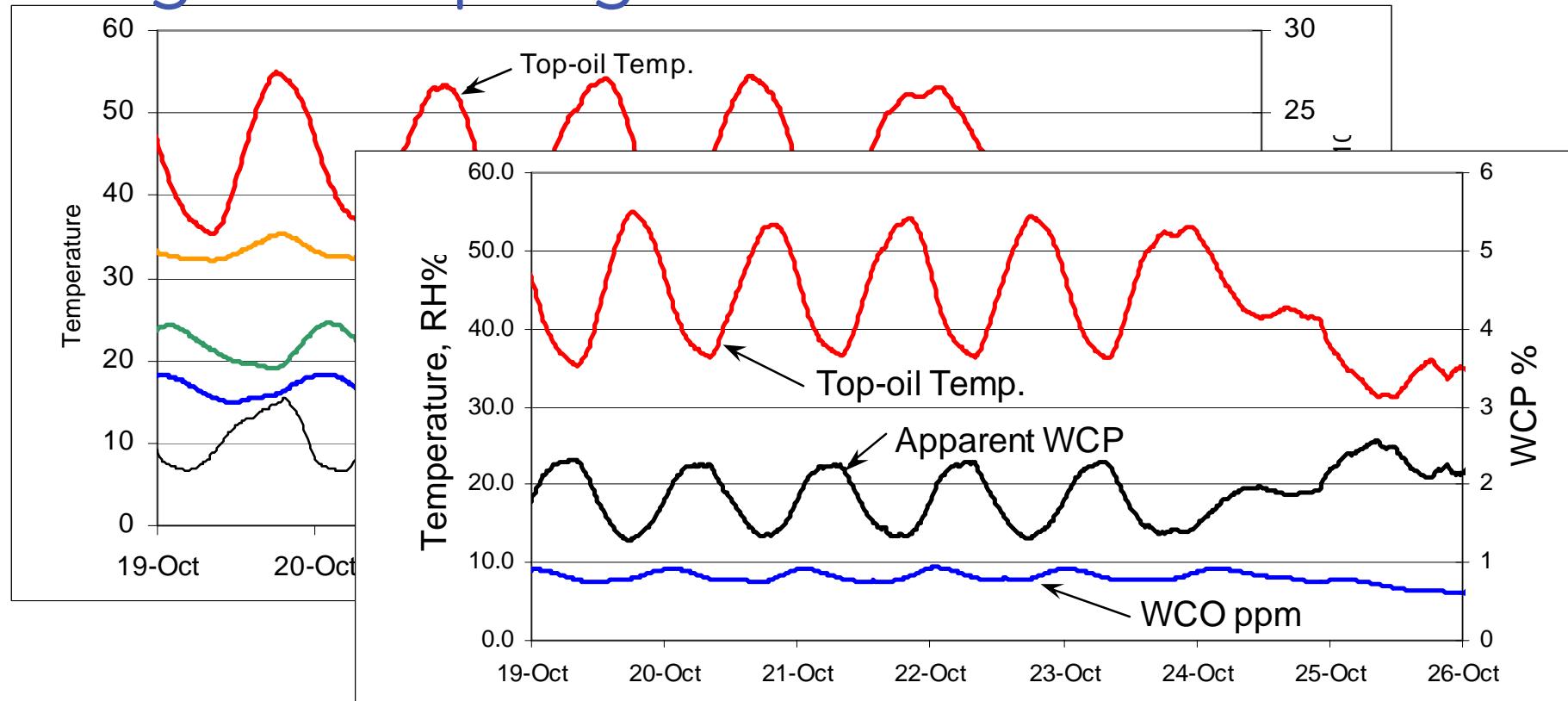
US Western Utility

50MVA, Core type,
230 / 13.8 kV
55°C rise

Hydran M2 mounted
on spare cooler outlet

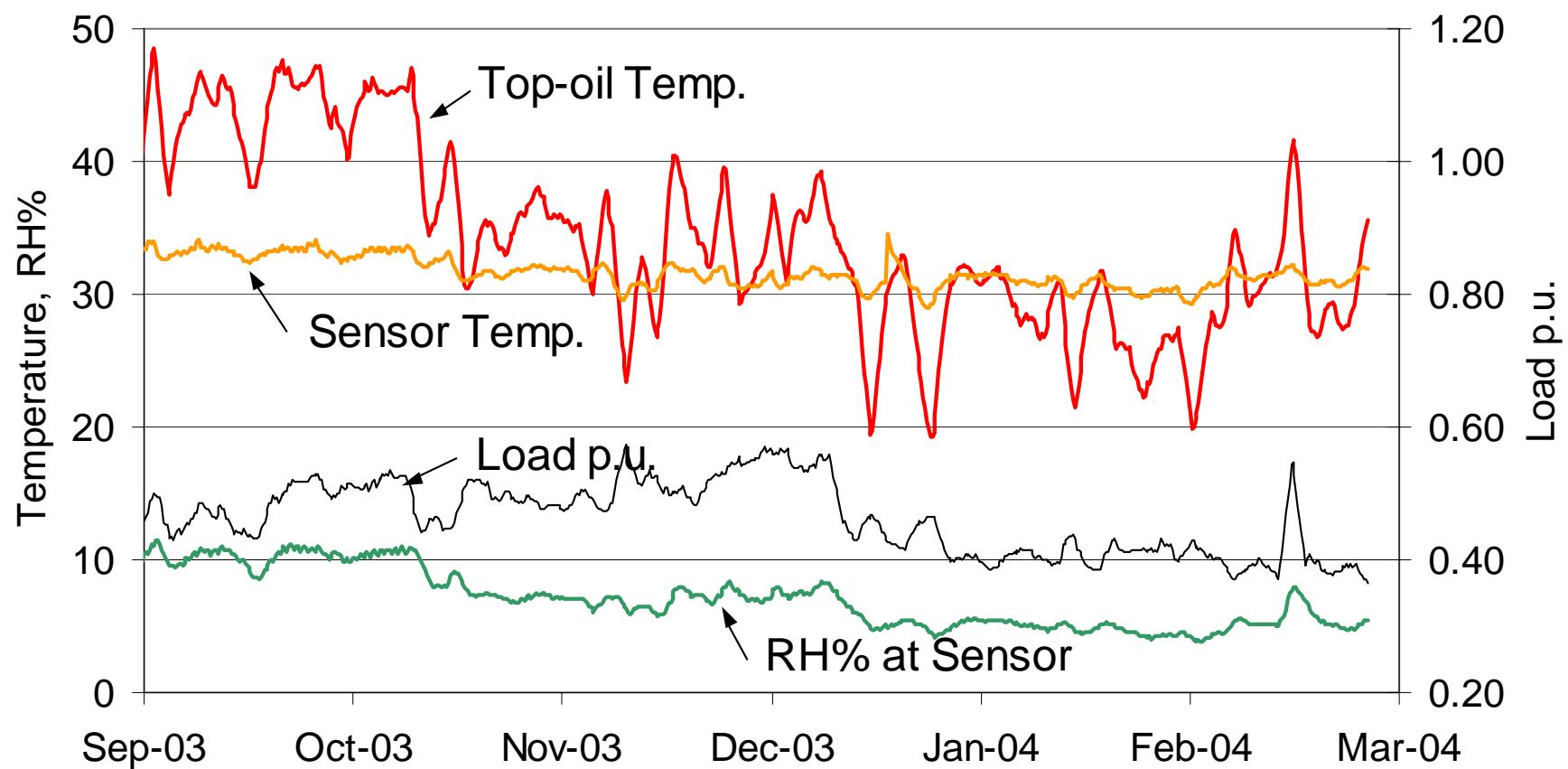


Daily variation of moisture-in-oil preclude assessment of WCP from single sampling

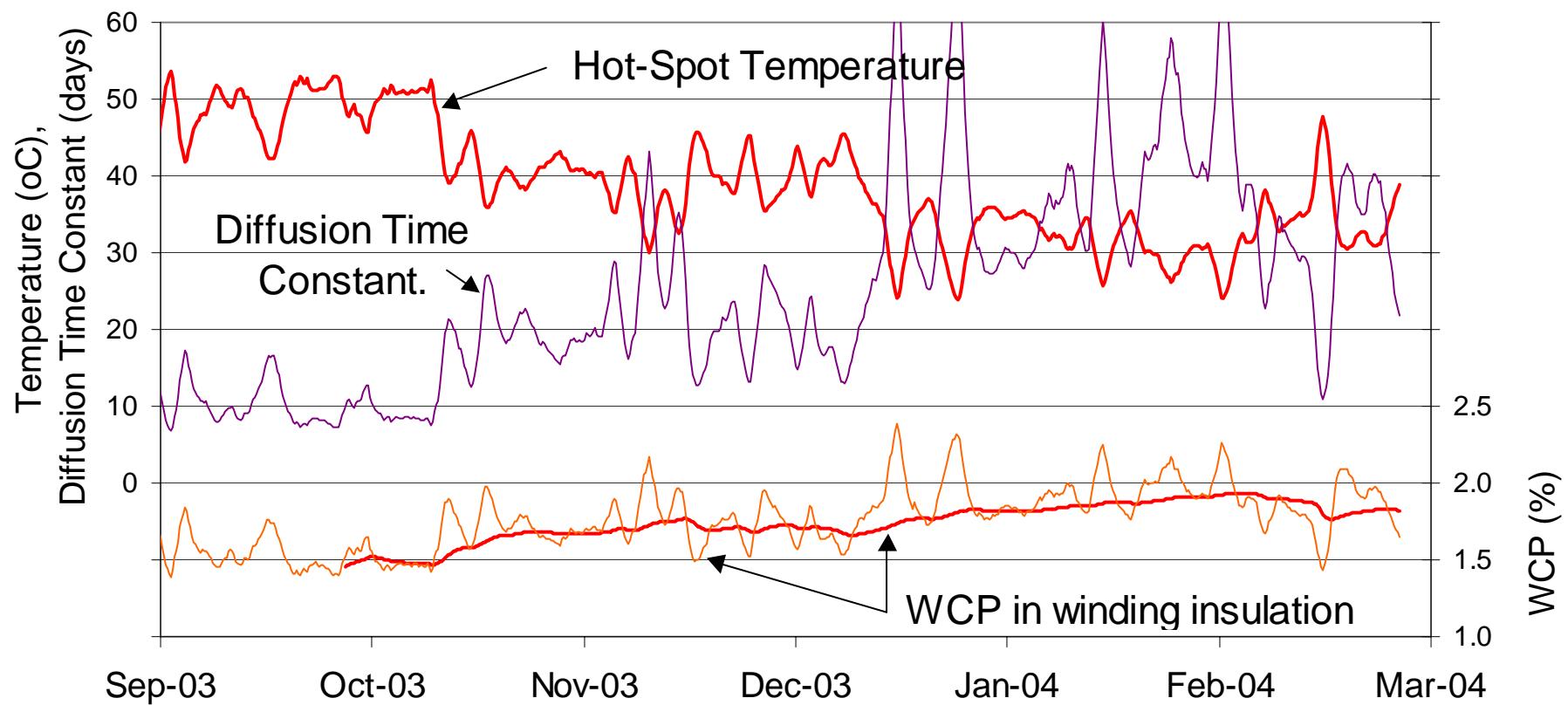


WCP: Min 1.3% Max 2.5%

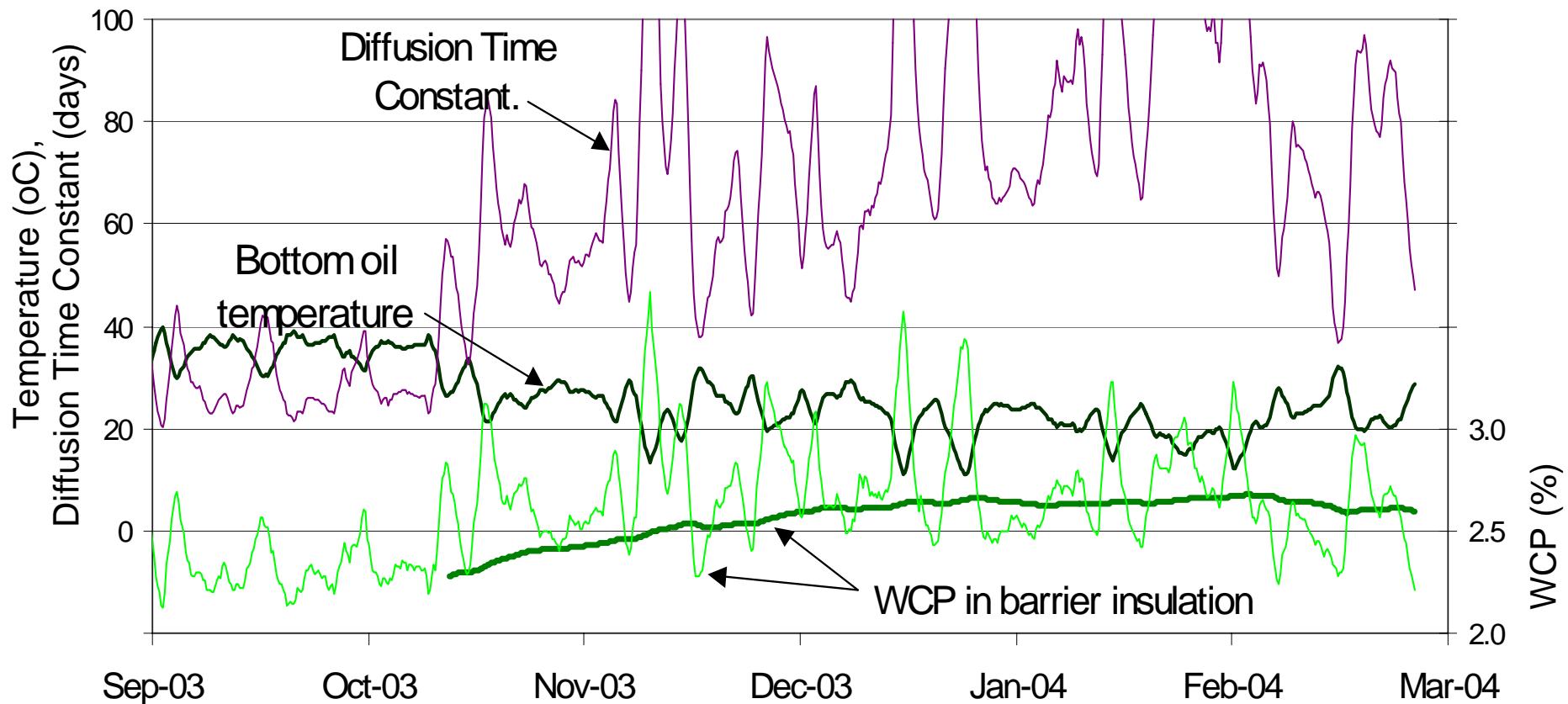
Recording of WCO over long period make it possible to assess WCP



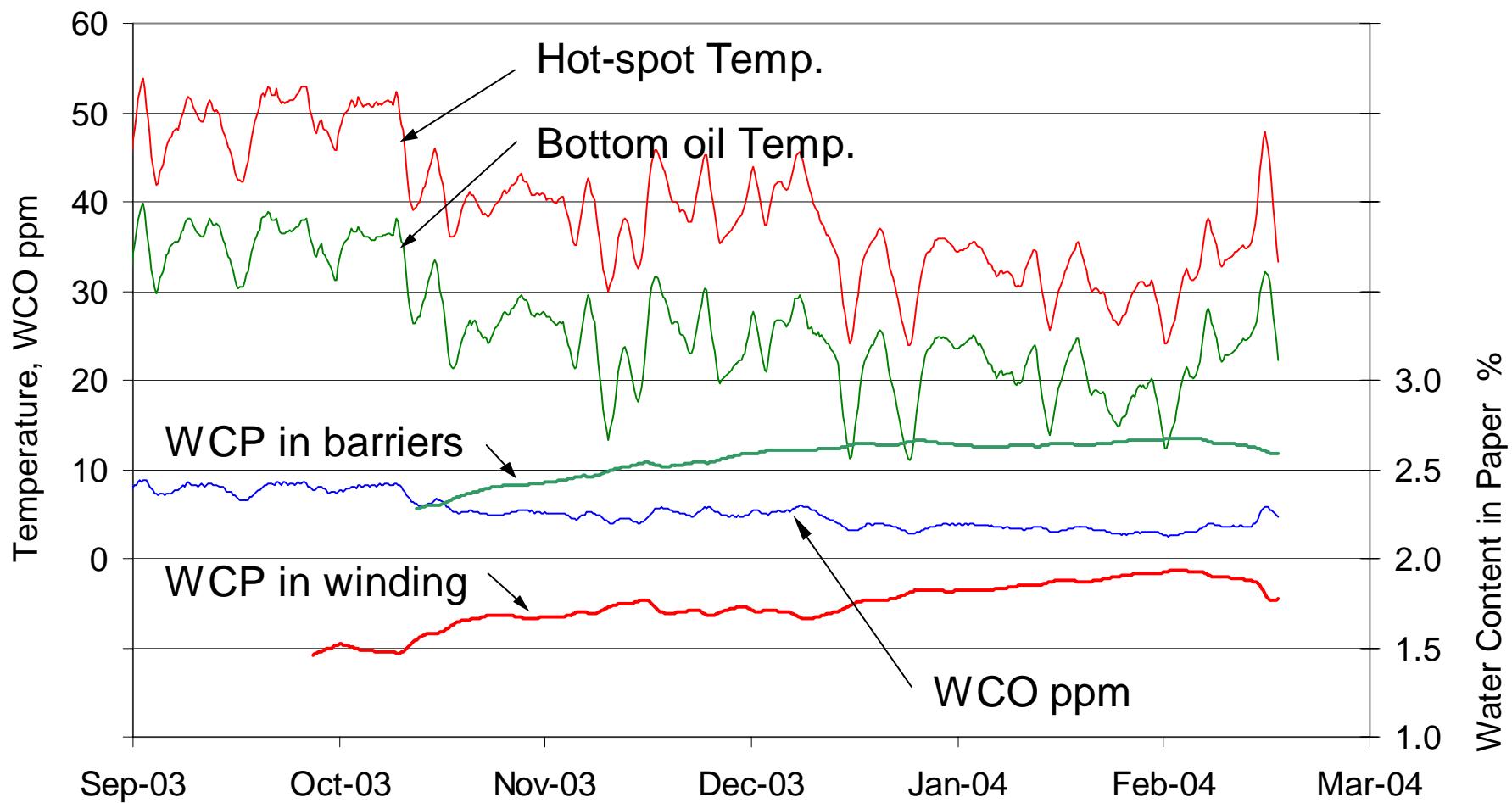
Calculation of moisture content in winding insulation in the hot-spot area



Calculation of moisture content at the bottom of main insulation barriers



Moisture content in winding insulation and pressboard barriers have their own trend



Impact of moisture in Paper

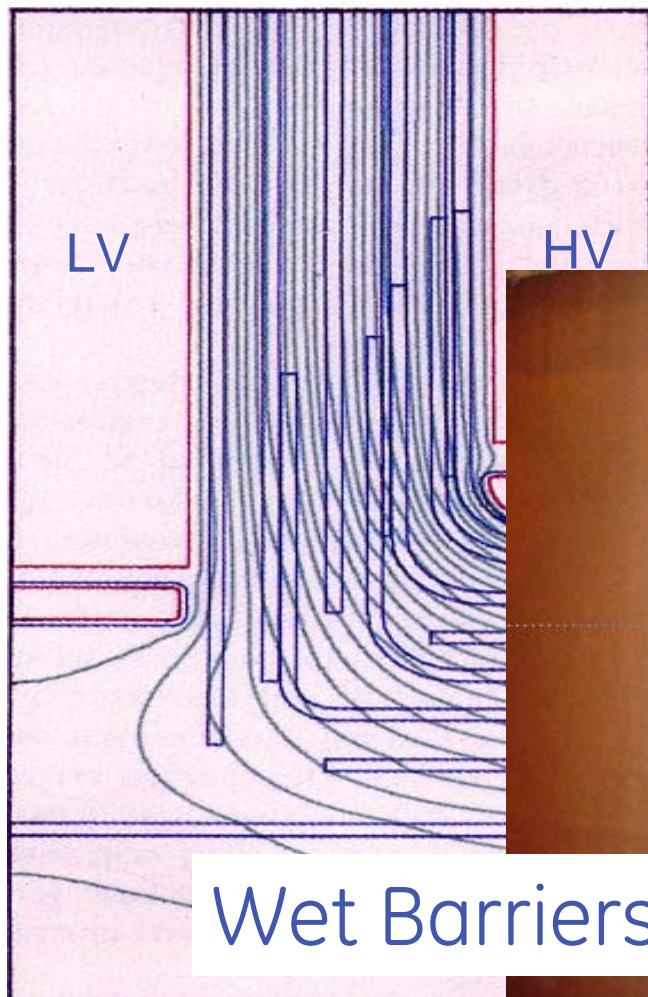
- The amount of water in paper is a very important parameter to know, as it directly determines the following:
- Aging rate of the winding insulation
- Bubbling temperature (limits the amount of overloading of a transformer)
- Dielectric resistance of the barriers at the bottom of the winding



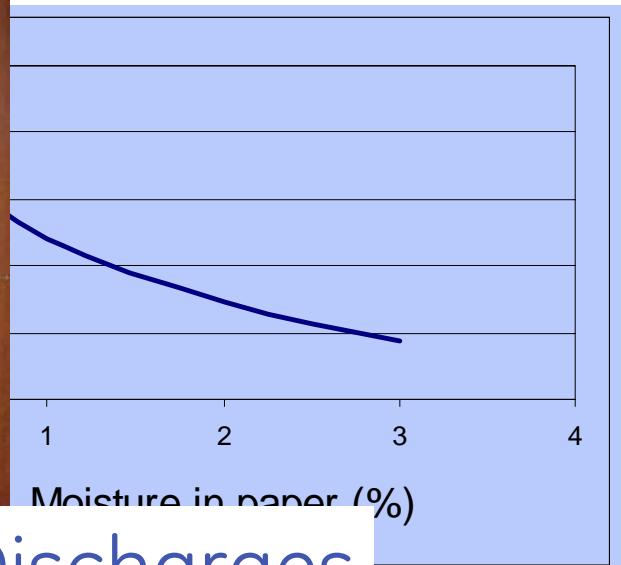
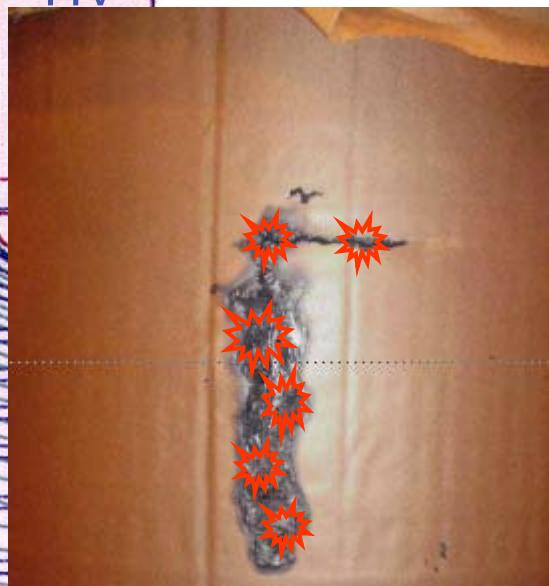
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Impact of moisture in pressboard barriers



Electric field around HV winding can trigger discharges in wet barriers



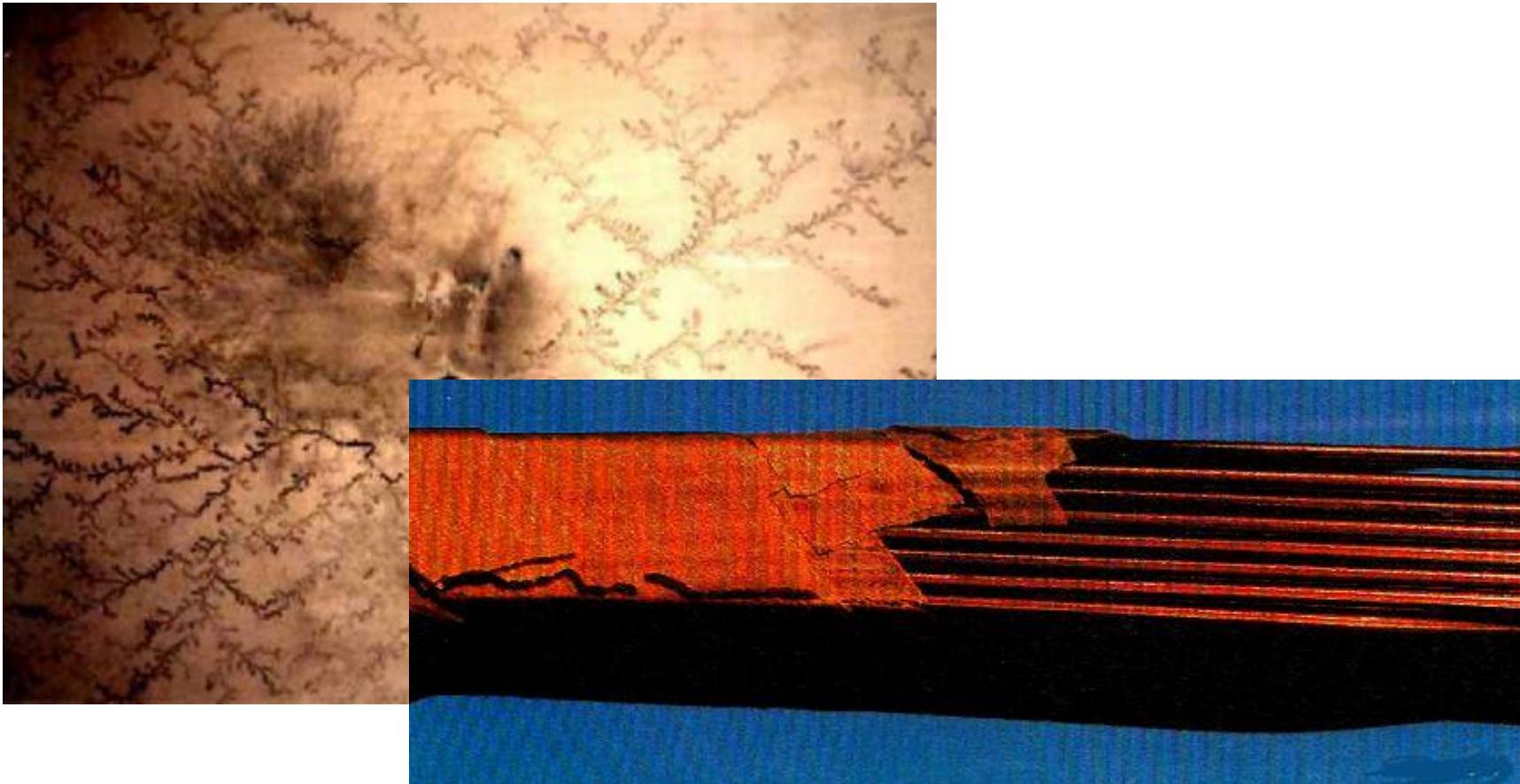
Wet Barriers = Strong Discharges



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Alstom T&D, Merida, 2003

Example: Moisture in paper model



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Impact of moisture in winding insulation

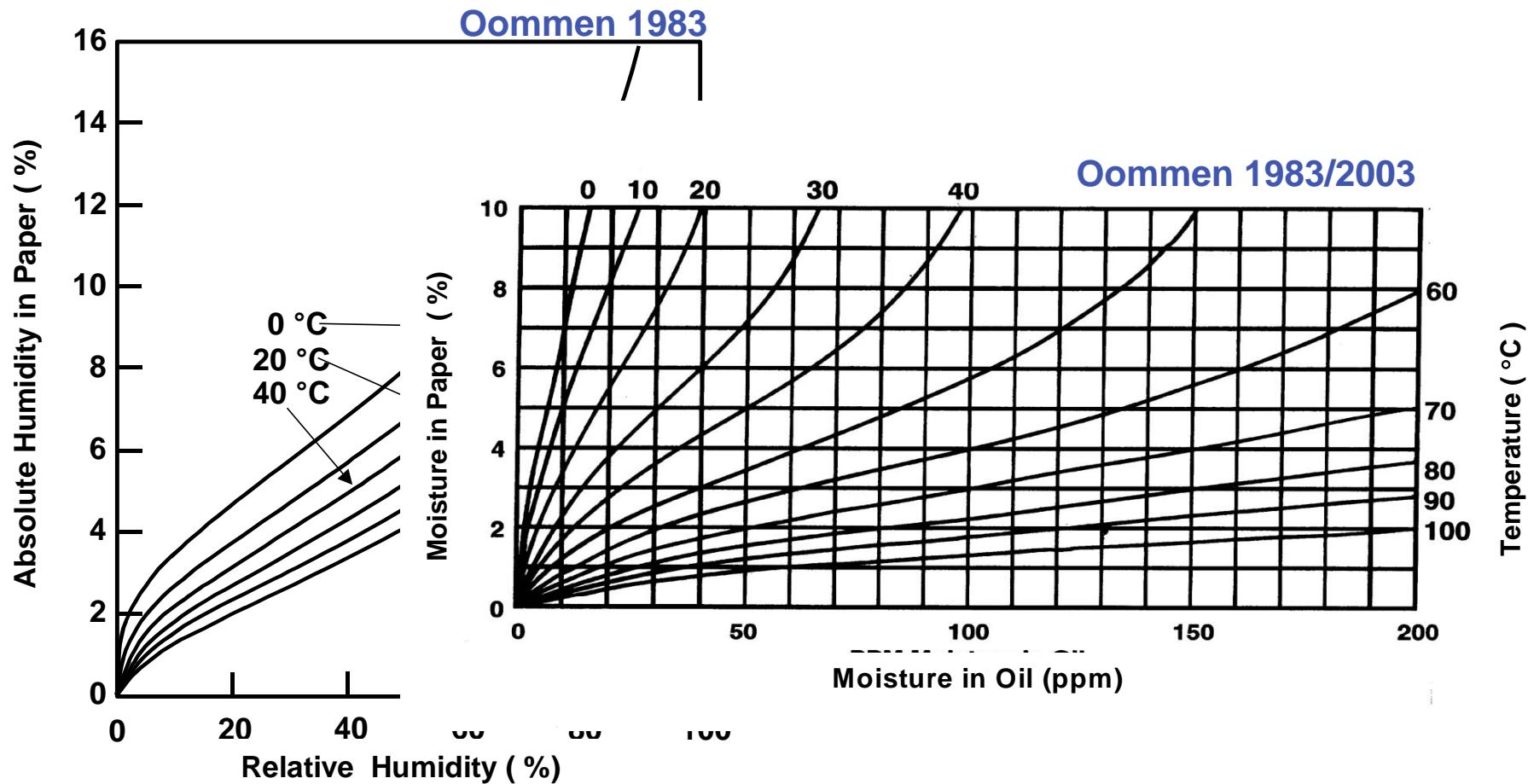
Solution:

There is a correlation between the amount of water in the oil and in the paper

However, this correlation is dynamic and is changing as a function of transformer loading

The dynamics of the distribution of water in the transformer is quite complex and changing

Equilibrium curves are available to relate water-in-oil to water-in-paper



Equilibrium curves are available to relate water-in-oil to water-in-paper

- These curves assume Equilibrium exists (the moisture has stopped moving between the oil and paper)
- But this is never the case.
- Many people make errors in using these charts, ‘blindly’ without considering equilibrium conditions which must exist, and their mistakes can be costly



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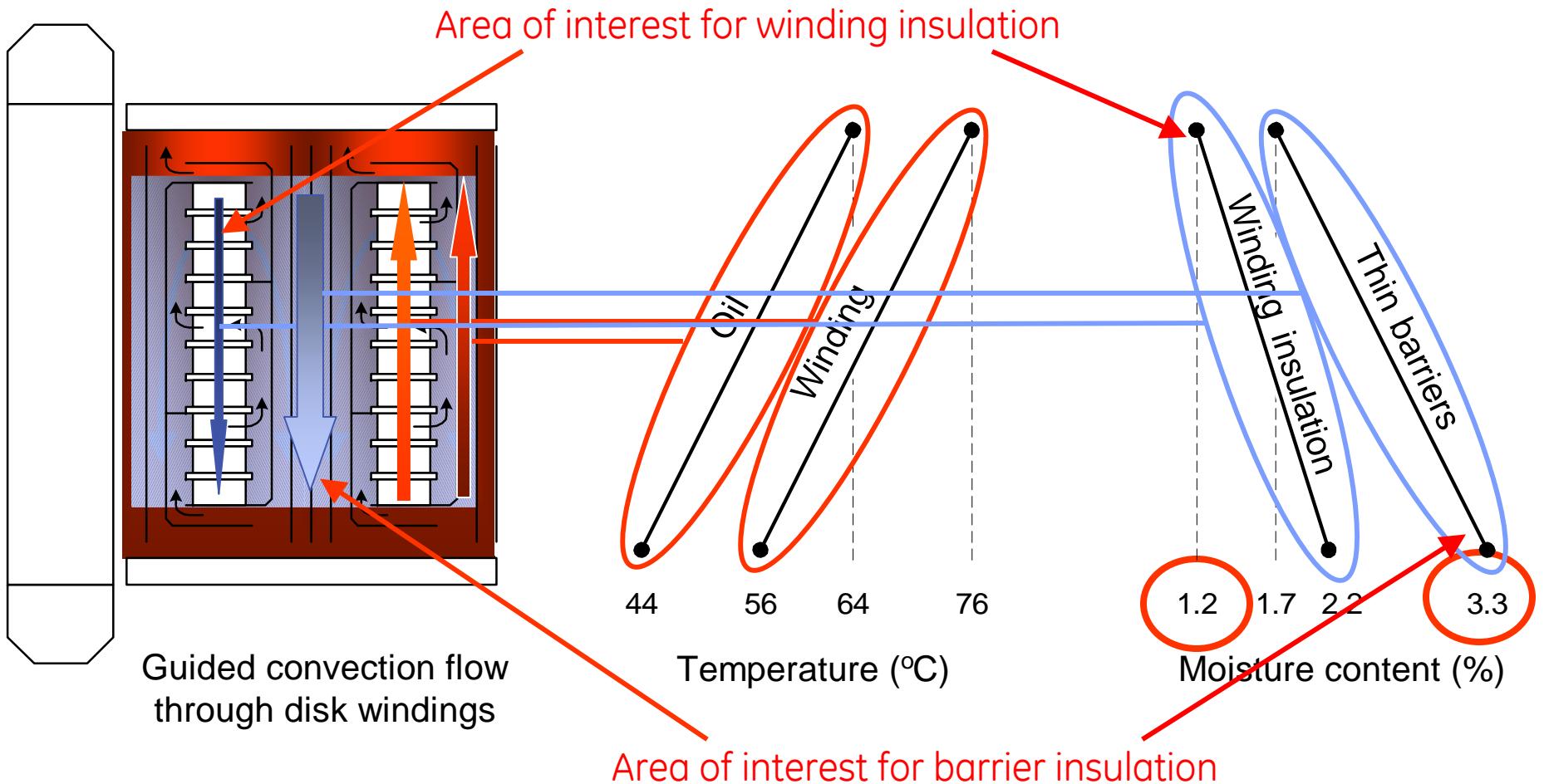
Equilibrium curves are available to relate water-in-oil to water-in-paper

- Paper at different temperatures inside the transformer will have different moisture level
- Different areas of the insulation system have different thickness (winding insulation versus barrier insulation)
- The Equilibrium condition therefore will take much longer for barrier insulation versus winding insulation



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Moisture content in solid insulation is not uniform through the transformer



Impact of moisture in Paper

- As temperature and load change, so does the movement of water inside the transformer, between the paper and the oil
- In Practice, the perfect equilibrium needed to use the published curves almost never exist in a transformer
- Only a dynamic model, computed online in real time, can make a good evaluation of the amount of moisture in the paper, in the areas of interest

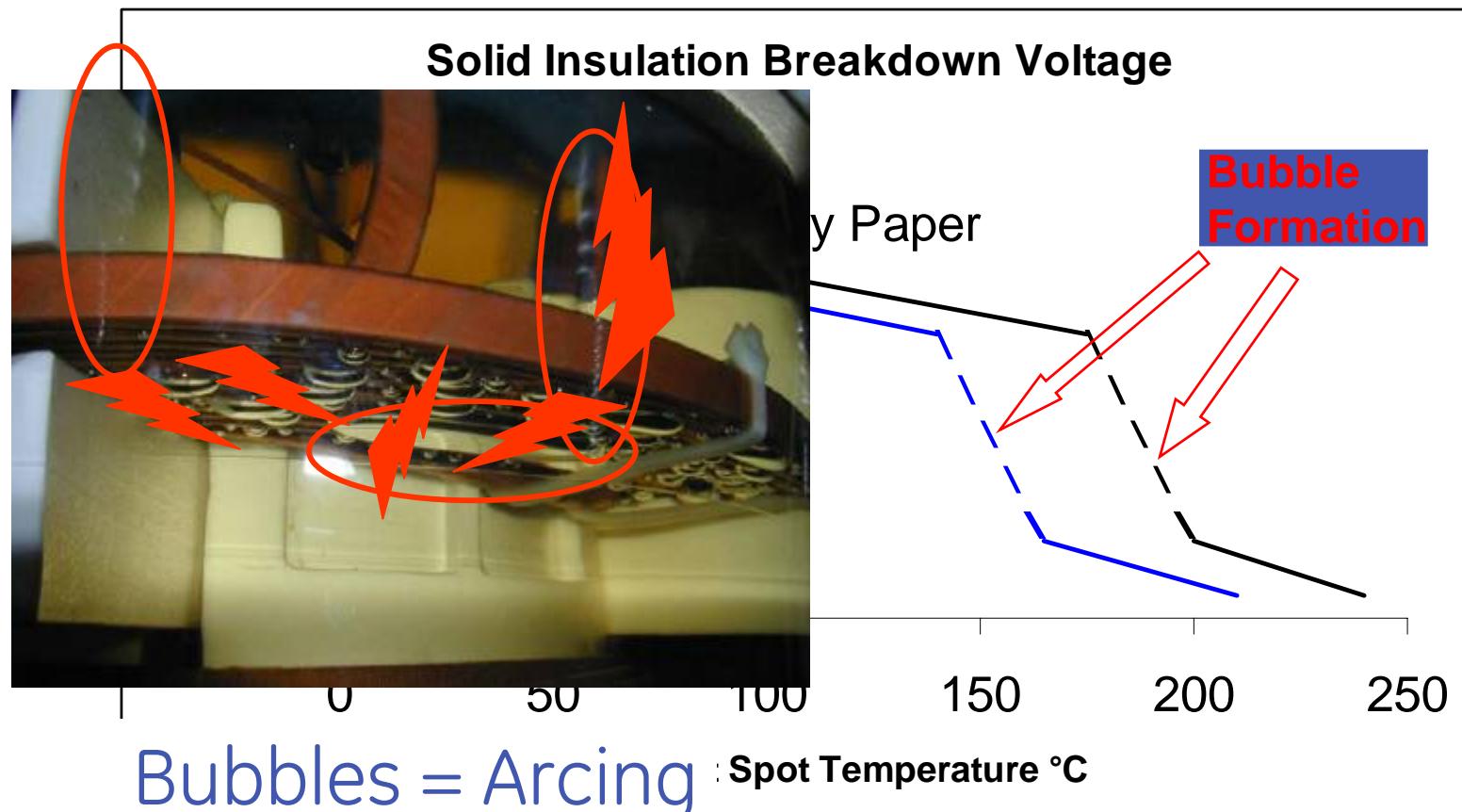


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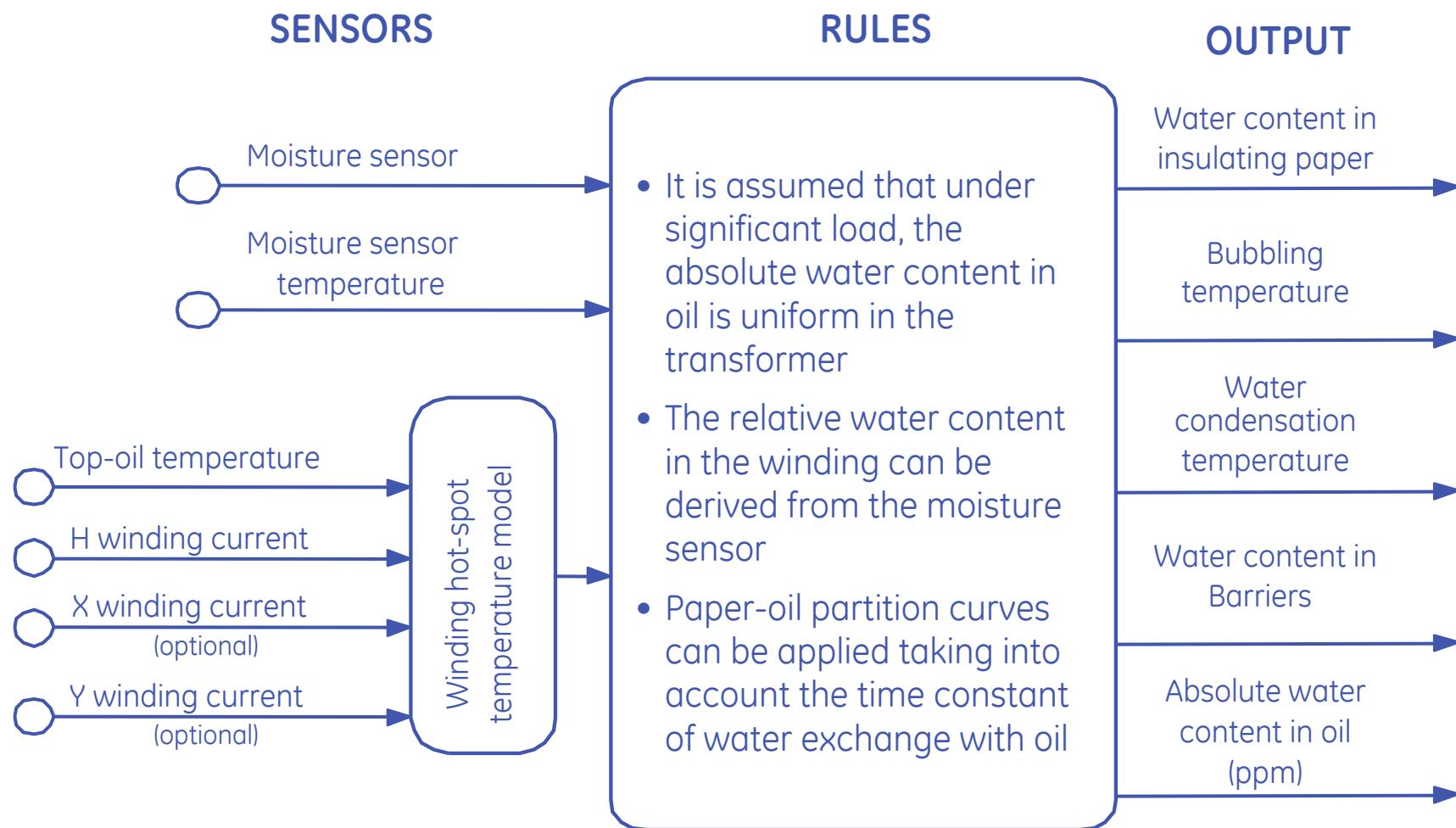
Impact of moisture in winding insulation

Effect of temperature on dielectric strength



Mc. Nutt et al – EPRI® 1980

Moisture and Bubbling Model



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Moisture and Bubbling Model

The screenshot shows the Hydran M2 Host (DNP) software interface with the title bar "Hydran M2 Host (DNP) - [Network View] - [ABC ----> Transformer 2]". The menu bar includes File, View, Configuration, Options, Window, and Help. The toolbar contains various icons for navigation and configuration. The main window displays a tree view under "ABC" with nodes for Rectifier A, Rectifier B, Rectifier C, Rectifier D, Transformer 1, and Transformer 2. The "Transformer 2" node is selected. A sub-menu "View Active Alarms" is open. The interface is divided into sections: "Inputs", "Models", and "Hydran M2 readings".

Hydran M2 readings:

	Value
Hydran Level	154 ppm
Hydran Level Hourly Trend	7.9 ppm
end	2.1 ppm

Temperature Readings:

	Value
Race Plate Temperature	35 °C
Power	11 %
Temperature Set Point	31.7 °C
Sensor Temperature	29.5 °C

Moisture Readings:

	Value
el	1.7 %
standard Temperature	23 %
Condensation Temperature	-41.8 °C
el Hourly Average	1.3 %
Hourly Average	2 ppm
isor Temperature Hourly Average	31.8 °C
Winding Bubbling Temperature	182.1 °C
Winding Bubbling Temperature Margin	128.9 °C
H2O PPM Level	3 ppm

Absolute water content in oil: This section is highlighted with a white background and a red arrow points from the "Winding Bubbling Temperature Margin" row in the Moisture Readings table.

Bottom Status Bar: Security Level - 3, 10/05/2006 07:18 AM. The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows icons for Start, My Computer, Internet Explorer, and Hydran M2 Host.



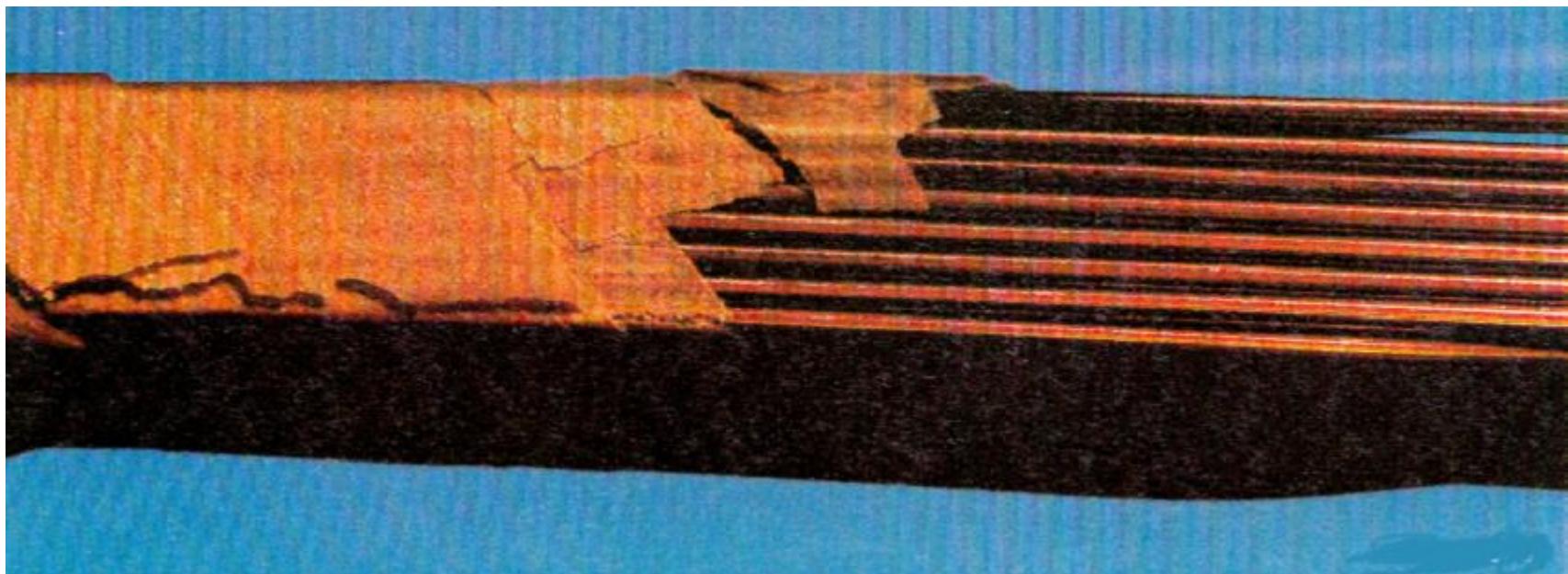
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Moisture and Bubbling Model



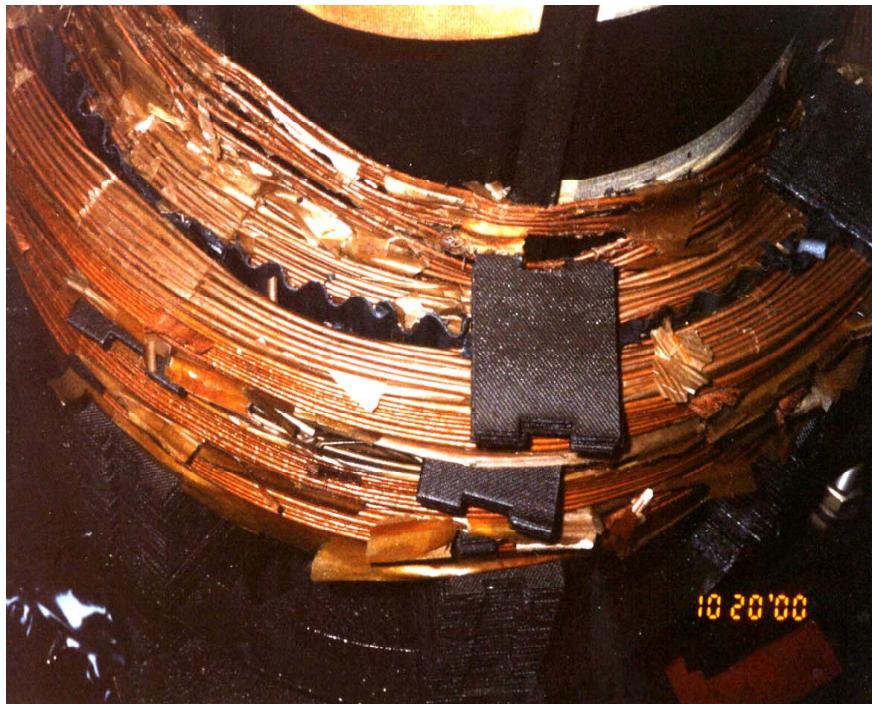
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Insulation aging



- With time and temperature, winding insulation undergoes **depolymerisation**
- This process is irreversible and causes **insulation aging**

This transformers' life is over



Tensile strength of paper
gone, result of paper aging



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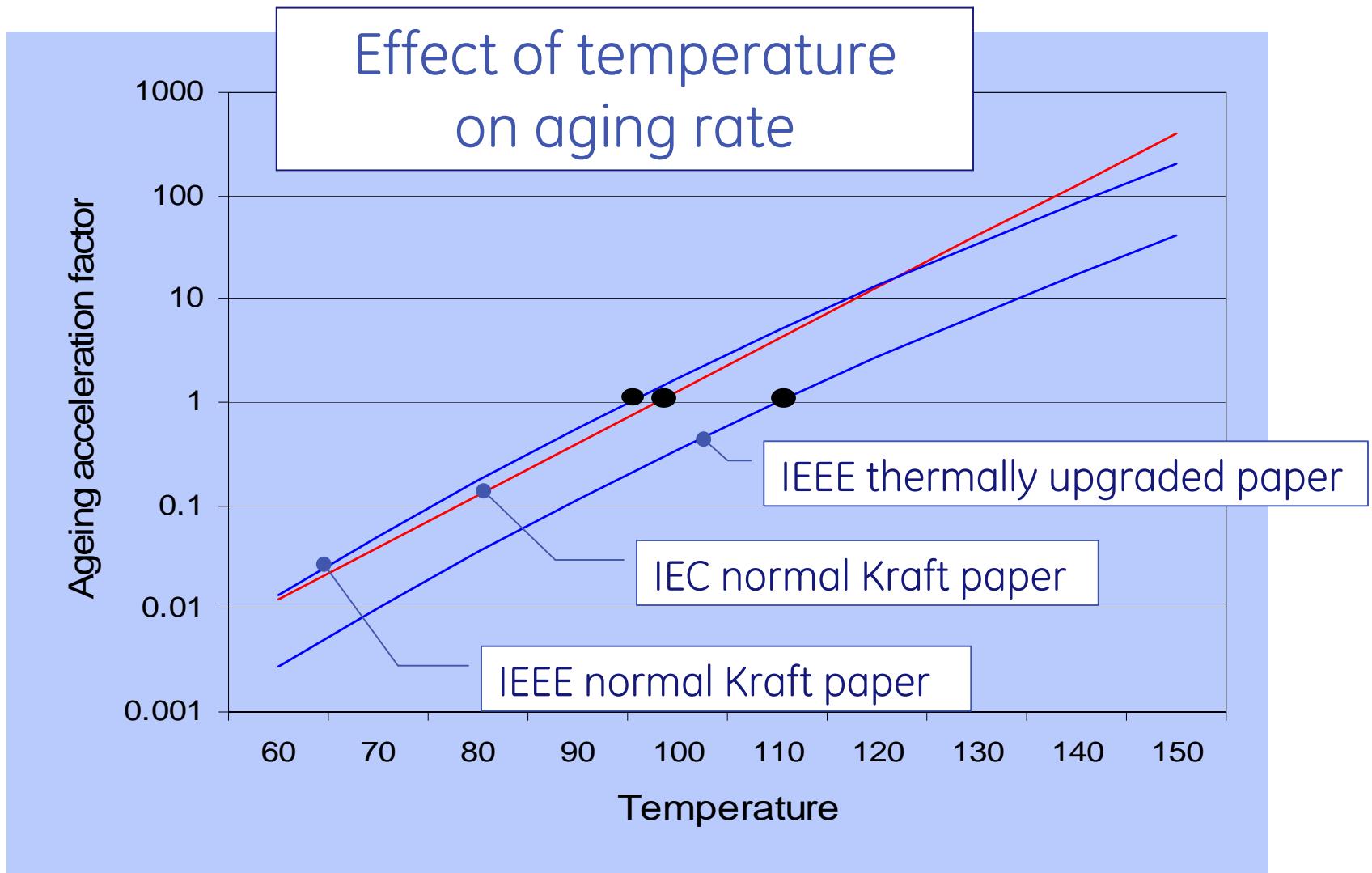
Evolution of fault at weak points

The weak points
are candidates
for a possible
failure

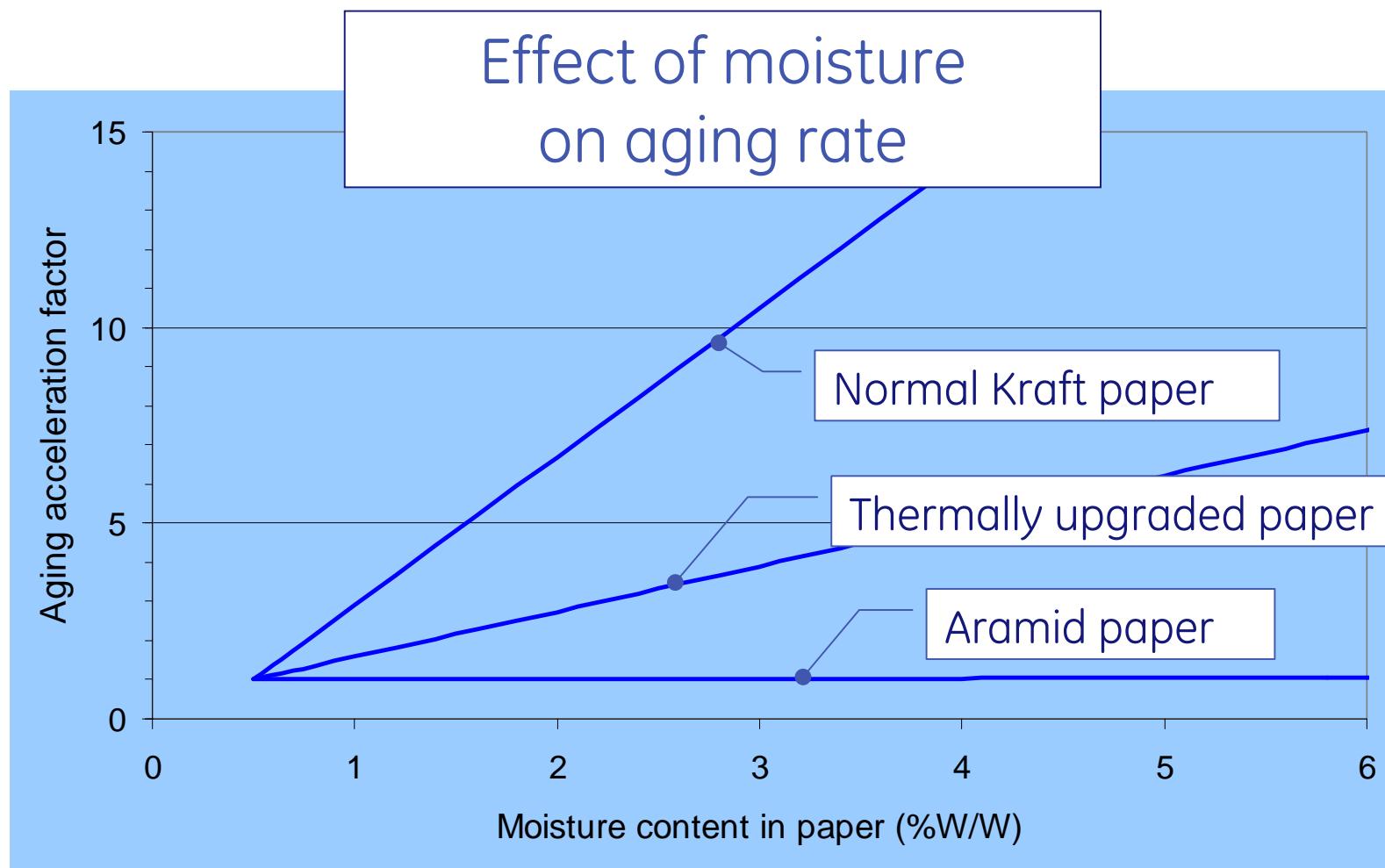


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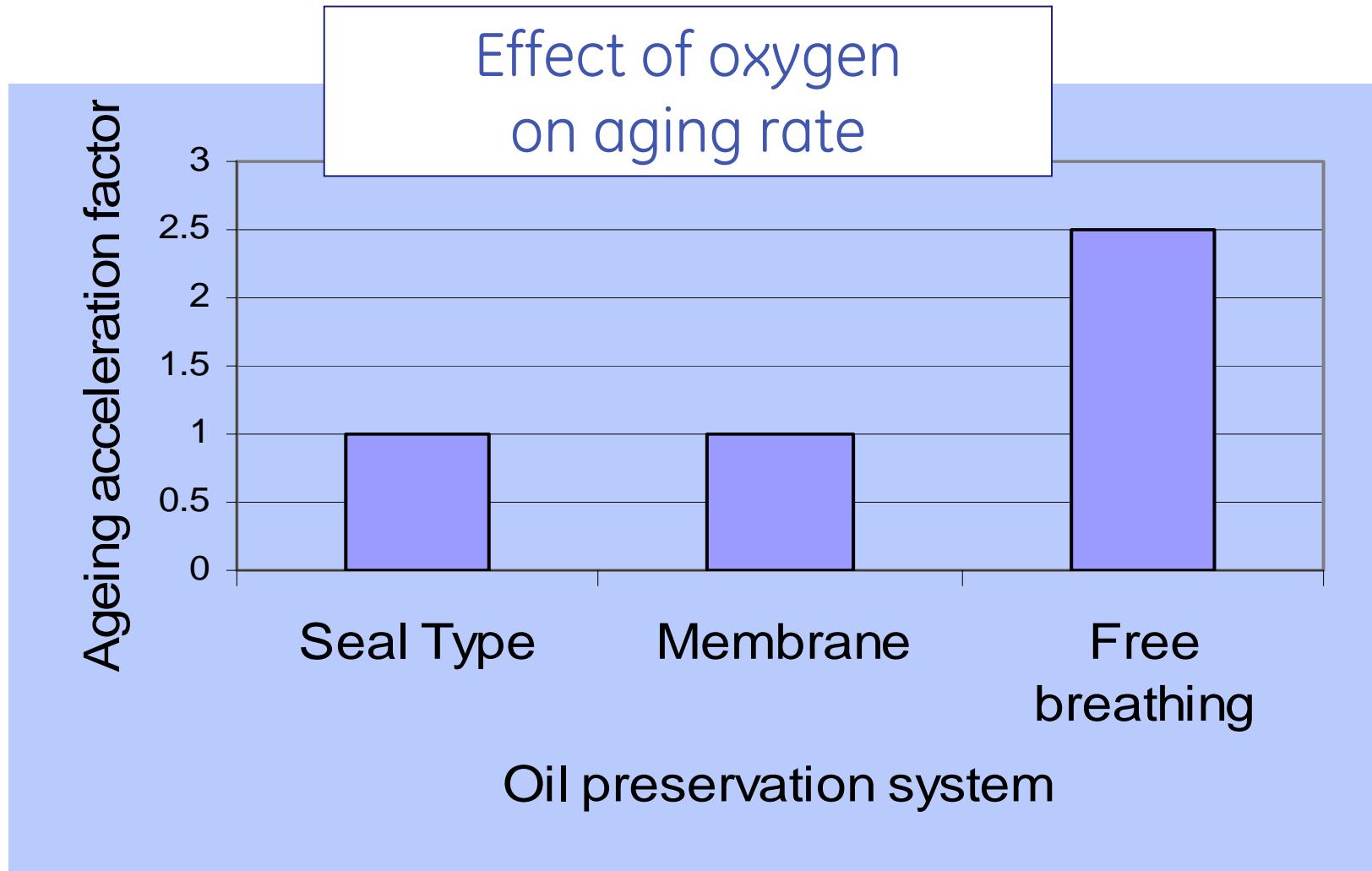
Insulation aging



Insulation aging



Insulation aging



Broadband monitoring technique for **On Load Tap Changer**

Temperature

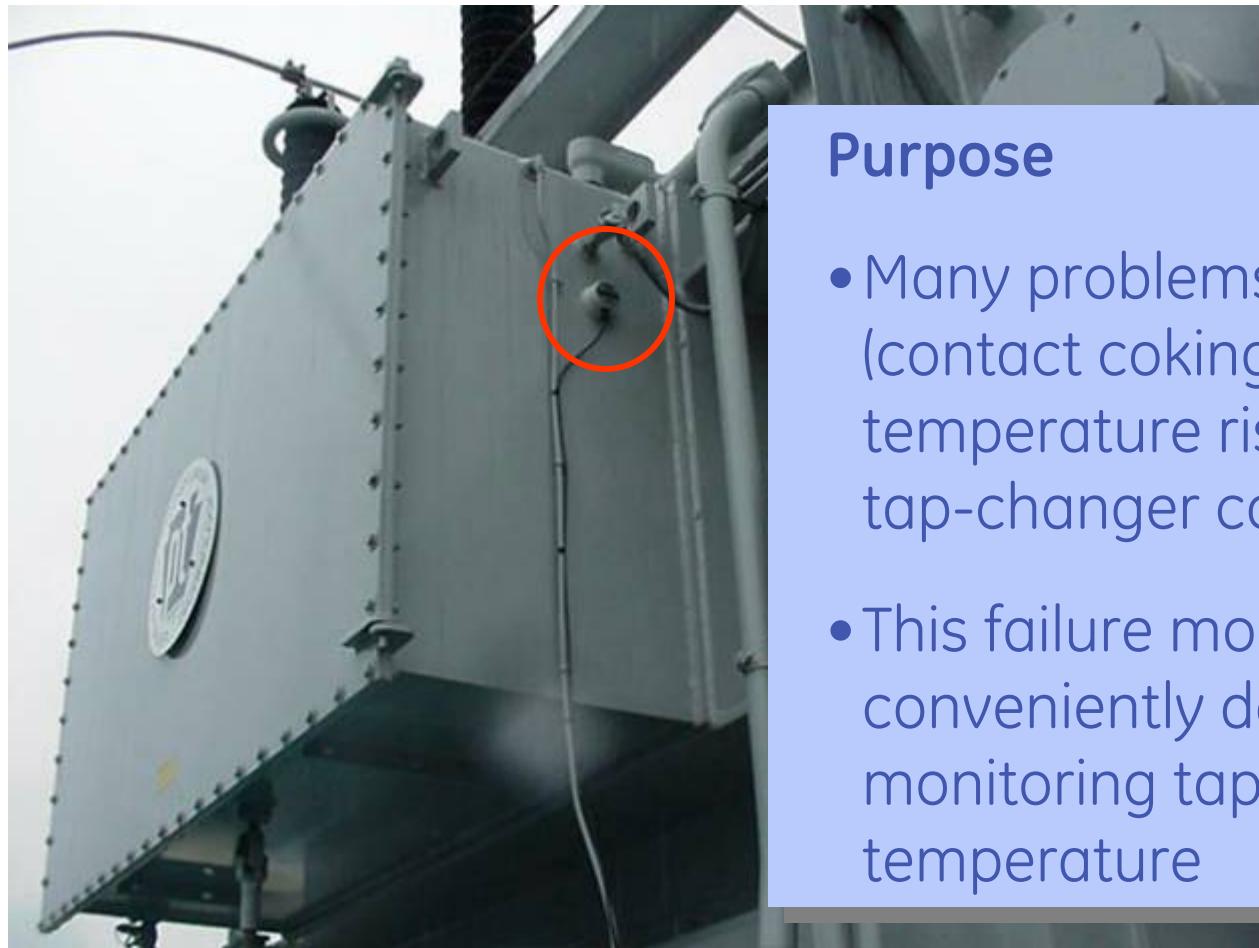
If a contact in a tap changer degrades, it will generate heat

Abnormally high OLTC tank temperature is a good indicator of contact problem



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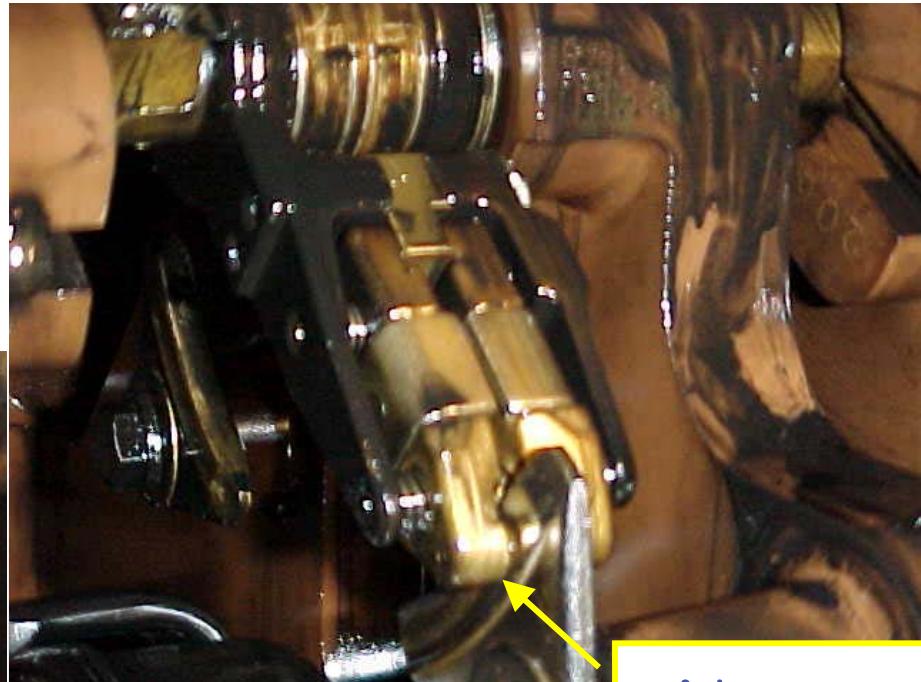
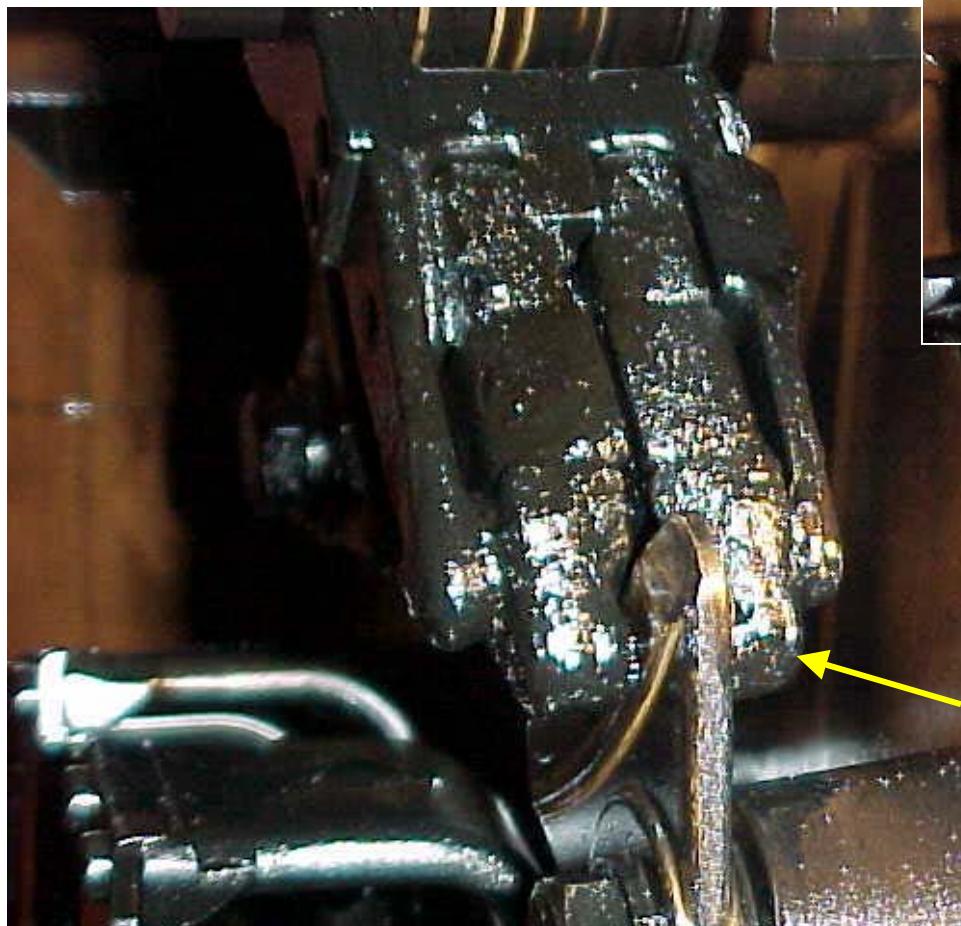
Tap changer Temperature



Purpose

- Many problems with tap-changer (contact coking) lead to temperature rise in the tap-changer compartment.
- This failure mode can be conveniently detected by monitoring tap-changer temperature

Overheating of reversing switch contacts



Normal contact

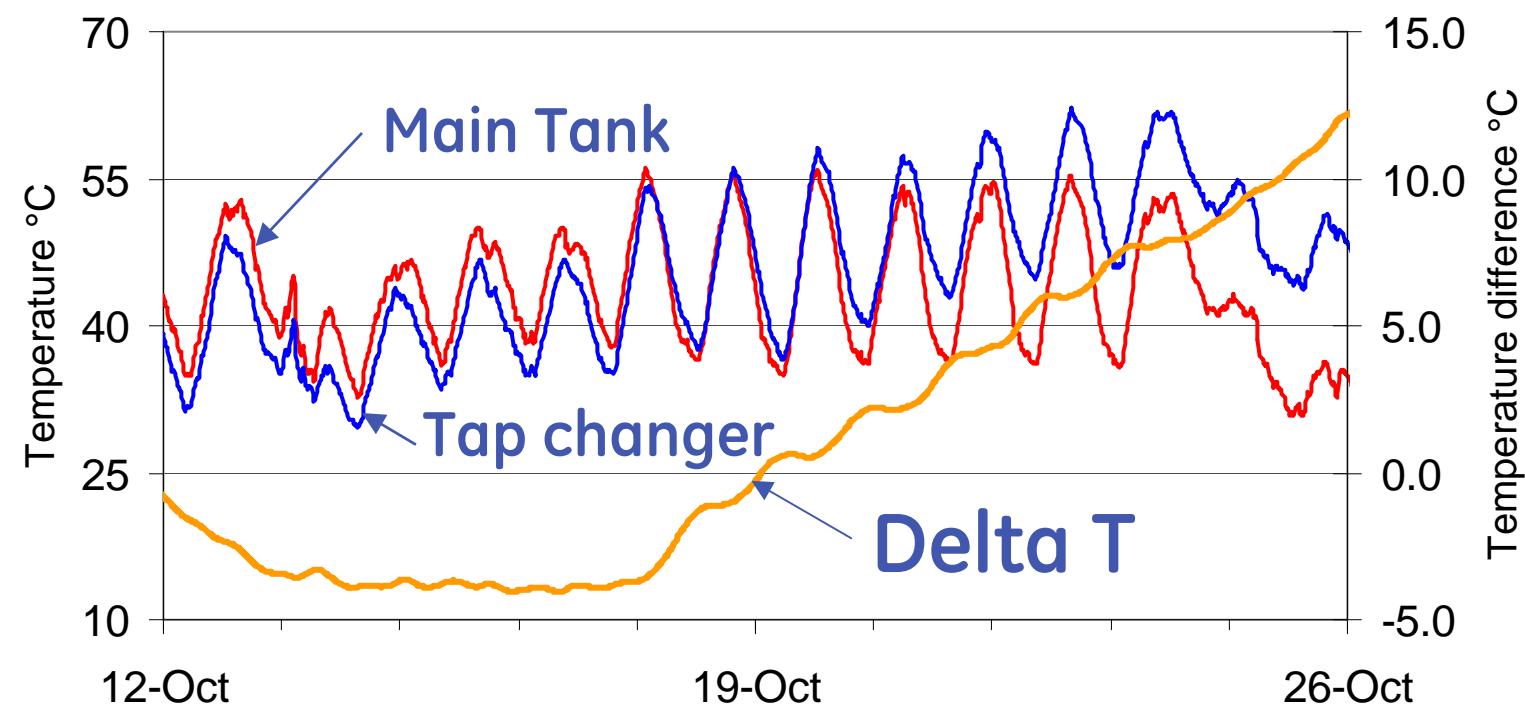
Overheated contact



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Tap changer Temperature Model

Example of default detection on overheating tap changer



Broadband monitoring technique for **On Load Tap Changer**

Tap position & reversing switch operation tracking

Several problems could cause an OLTC to operate too often, not often enough or in an unbalanced mode

A reversing switch that does not operate regularly will develop contact problem

OLTC Maintenance is governed by the number of operations

Tap position tracking allow the detection of several type of abnormal operation and good planning of maintenance



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Tap Changer Position Tracking



Purpose

Record the number of operations on each tap

- Three separate counters are available
- Two of them are resettable

Sensor needed

- Tap position indicator



ActualTapPosition : 11 Last Hour Operation Count : 0
 Middle Position : 9 Last Day Operation Count : 3
 Through Position : 2 Maintenance Tap Position Transition Count : 168
 Permanent Tap Position Transition Count : 100
 Operator Tap Position Transition Count : 168

Last Maintenance Tap Position Reset Time Stamp : 5/2/2006 11:46:55 AM
 Last Permanent Tap Position Reset Time Stamp : 5/5/2006 1:30:21 PM
 Last Operator Tap Position Reset Time Stamp : 5/2/2006 11:46:46 AM
 Elapsed Time since last Maintenance reset : 0000/00/06 21:44:31
 Elapsed days since last Reversing switch operation : 0

	Permanent positions	Resettable positions	Maintenance position
Position1	1	2	2
Position2	2	4	4
Position3	4	6	6
Position4	6	8	8
Position5	7	9	9
Position6	11	13	13
Position7	10	12	12
Position8	5	7	7
Position9	5	10	10
Position10	7	15	15
Position11	8	16	16
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Position15	6	11	11
Position16	6	11	11
Position17	3	5	5

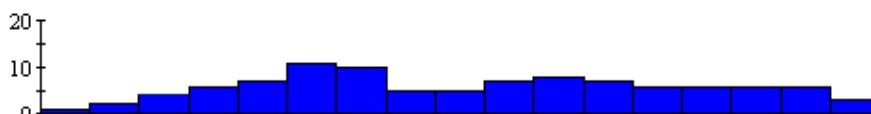
OLTC Actual Operations Count

**Operator resetable counter****Reset**

Number of OLTC Operations Since Last Maintenance

**Maintenance resetable counter****Reset**

Number of OLTC permanent Positions

**Permanent (not resetable) counter**

Broadband monitoring technique for **On Load Tap Changer**

Gas-in-oil

Some type of OLTC do generate gases in “normal” operation, but most of the newer type, called “vacuum bottle” type do not, as well as the one installed inside the main transformer tank

For these type of OLTC, gas-in-oil could be used to track some of their problems



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Broadband monitoring technique for Cooling system

Top Oil temperature

Top oil temperature is a function of load, ambient temperature and cooling mode.

Inefficient, or defective, cooling system will result in higher top oil temperature.

Top oil temperature is a good indicator of cooling bank problems, especially when it is compared to the theoretical value obtained by on-line computation



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Cooling Efficiency



Purpose

- Cooling system can loss efficiency over time:
 - fan failure
 - coolers clogged with pollen, dirt,
- This condition need to be detected
before an overload occurs



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Computation logic for cooling efficiency

$$\left(\left(\overline{I} \right)^2 \cdot (P_{IR}) \cdot \dots \right)^n$$

Ultimate Top-Oil

Calculate top oil temperature considering:

- Load, ambient temperature, cooling mode, oil time constant
- Transformer characteristics

Top-Oil Actual Time Constant $T_{TO} = T_{TOR} \left[\frac{1}{\left(\Delta\Theta_{TOU} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}}} + \frac{1}{\left(\Delta\Theta_{TOC} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}}} \right]$

Compare with actual top oil temperature

Calculated Top-Oil Temperature Rise at Time t

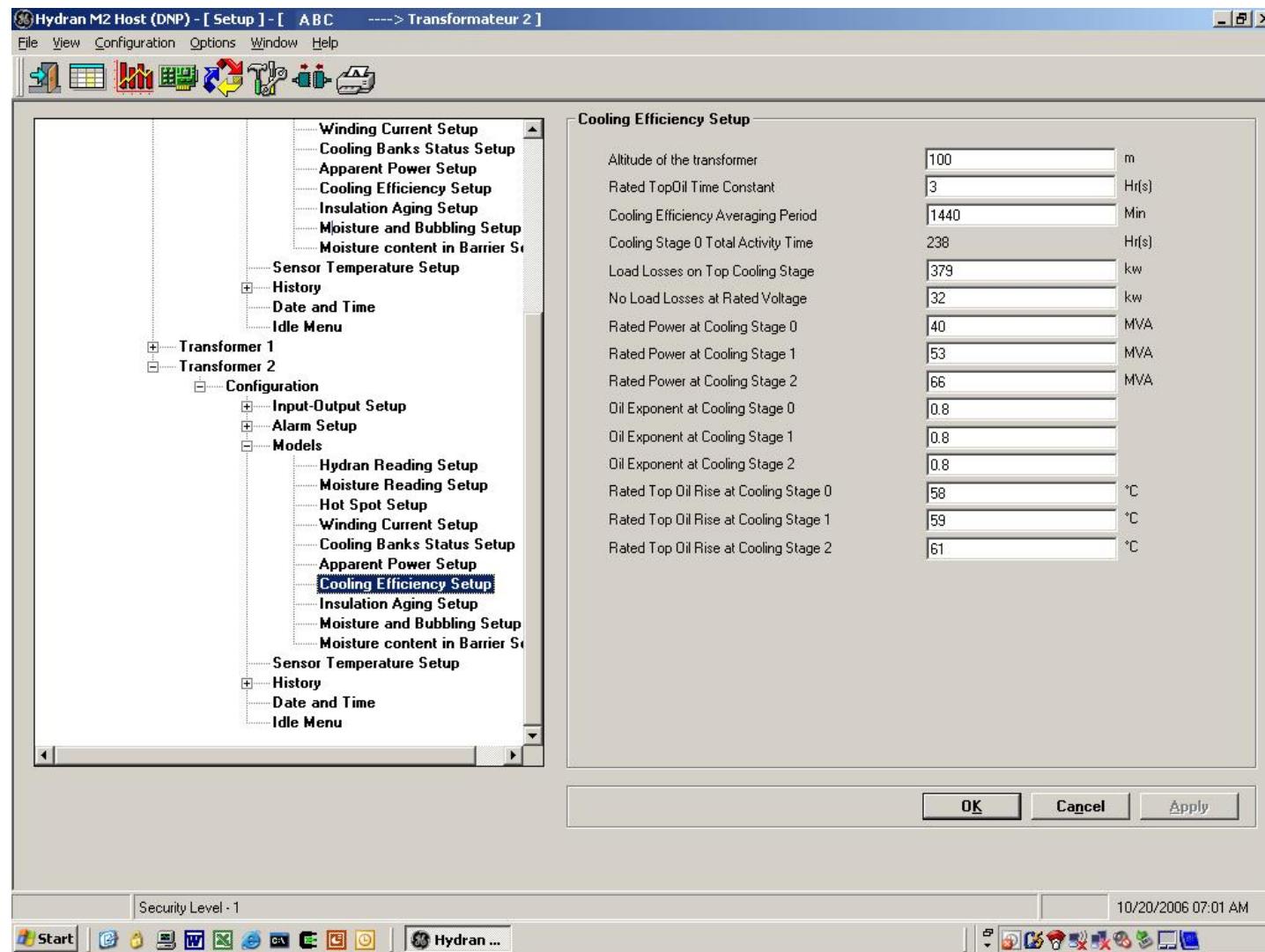
$\Delta\Theta_{TOCt} = (\Delta\Theta_{TOU} - \Delta\Theta_{TOC}) * \left[1 - FVD^{-\frac{1}{T_{TO}}} \right] + \Delta\Theta_{TOC_{t-1}}$

Actual Top-Oil Temperature

Cooling System Alarm Condition

$$\Theta_{Alarm} = 1; f(\bar{\Theta}_{TO} - \Theta_{TOCt}) SP_{TOC}$$

Transformer Data needed for cooling efficiency model



Broadband monitoring technique for Cooling system

Pumps/Fans activity tracking

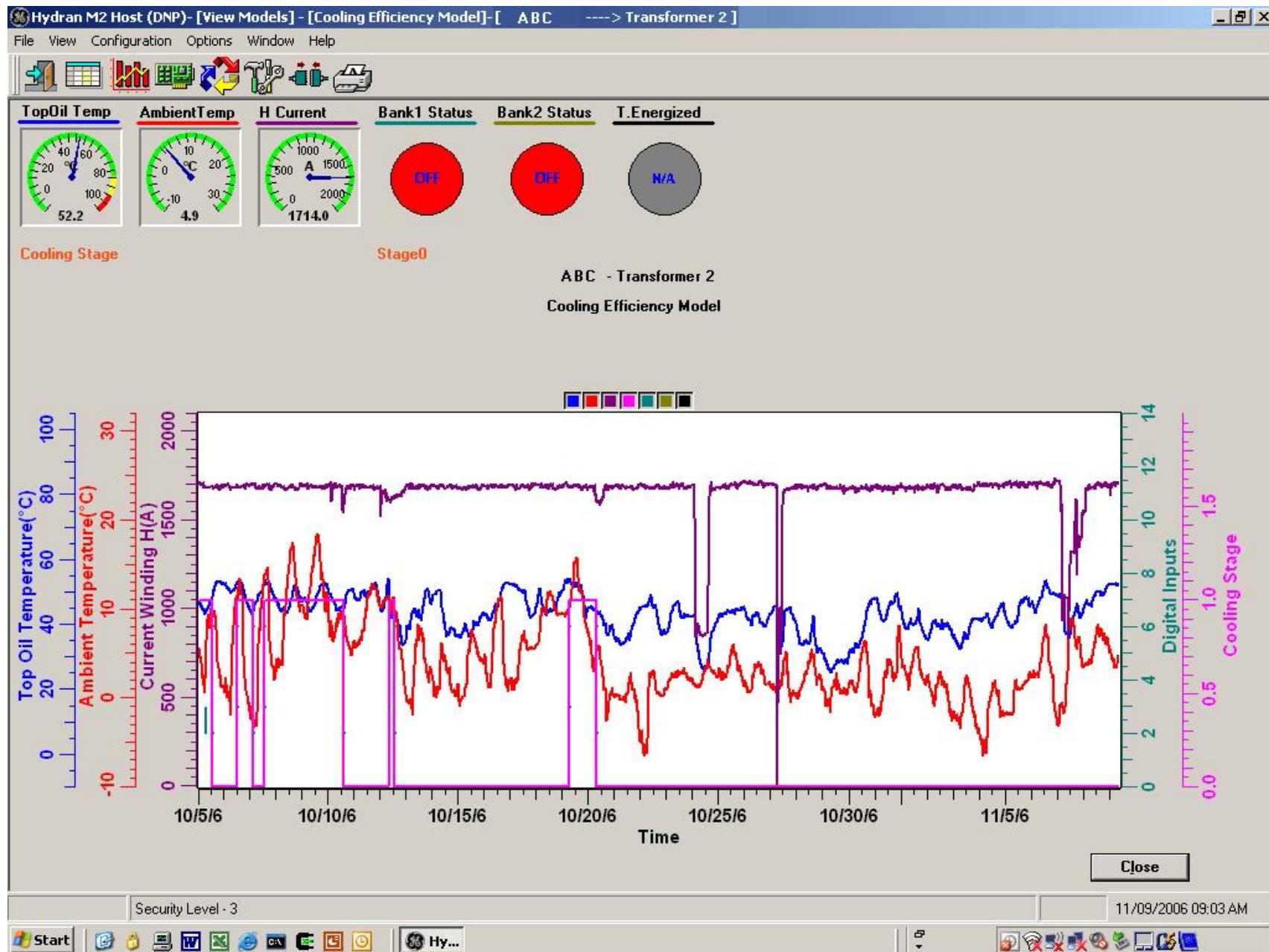
Pump and fans operation is governed by the winding hot spot temperature

Monitoring pumps/fans activity, in conjunction with windings temperature, is a good manner to detect defective cooling system control at an early stage

Cooling Status



- Hydran/Intellix Monitoring system can provide information on cooling bank cumulative duty



What about Cooling Control?

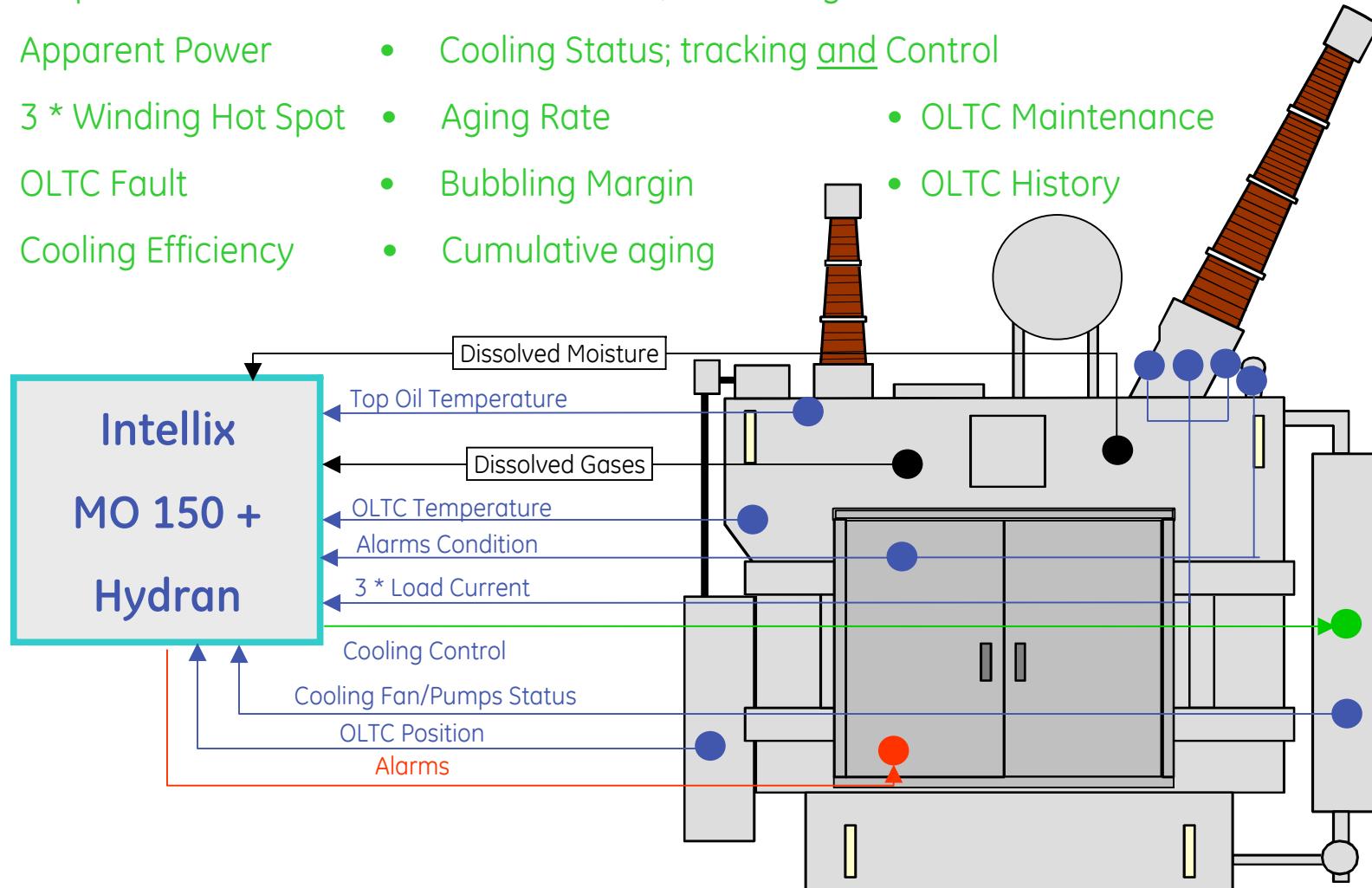


- Intellix MO150 Monitoring system can provide intelligent cooling control



The Intellix MO150 Advanced Transformer Monitor

- Incipient Fault
- Apparent Power
- 3 * Winding Hot Spot
- OLTC Fault
- Cooling Efficiency
- Moisture in Oil, in Windings and in Barriers
- Cooling Status; tracking and Control
- Aging Rate
- Bubbling Margin
- Cumulative aging
- OLTC Maintenance
- OLTC History



Intellix MO150

A reliable and cost effective approach for transformer monitoring and management



IntelliX MO150

State of the art models On-Line Transformer Models

- Winding (Hot-spot) Temperature model on 3 Windings
- Cooling Status & Control model
- OLTC Thermal model
- OLTC Position model
- Apparent Power (MVA) model
- Insulation Aging model
- Moisture and Bubbling model
- Cooling Efficiency model



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Models Matrix

	Hydran gas level (ppm)	Relative Humidity (%RH)	Sensor Temperature (°C)	Top Oil Temperature (°C)	Load Current Winding H (A)	Load Current Winding X (A)	Load Current Winding Y (A)	OLTC Tap Position	OLTC Tank Temperature (°C)	Ambient Temperature (°C)	Bottom Oil Temperature (°C)	Status of Cooling bank #1	Status of Cooling bank #2	Transformer Energized
	Analog Input										Digital Input			
Transformer Insulation Models														
Winding H Apparent Power					X									
Winding H Apparent Power						X								
Winding H Apparent Power							X							
Winding H Hot-Spot Temperature				X	X									
Winding X Hot-Spot Temperature				X		X								
Winding Y Hot-Spot Temperature				X			X							
Insulation Aging	X	X	X	X										
Water-Oil Condensation Temperature	X	X	X	X										
Moisture Content in Winding Paper	X	X	X	X										
Winding Bubbling Temperature	X	X	X	X										
Winding Bubbling Temperature Margin	X	X	X	X										
Moisture Content in Insulating Barrier	X	X							X	(X)	(X)			
Cooling System Models														
Cooling System Status										X	X			
Cooling System Control					(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)		X	X			
Cumulative Operation Time										X	X			
Cooling Efficiency					X	X			X	X	X	(X)		
Tap Changer Models														
OLTC Tap Position Tracking							X							
OLTC Temperature Differential					X		X							



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Specialized control technique for Transformer

Cooling bank control

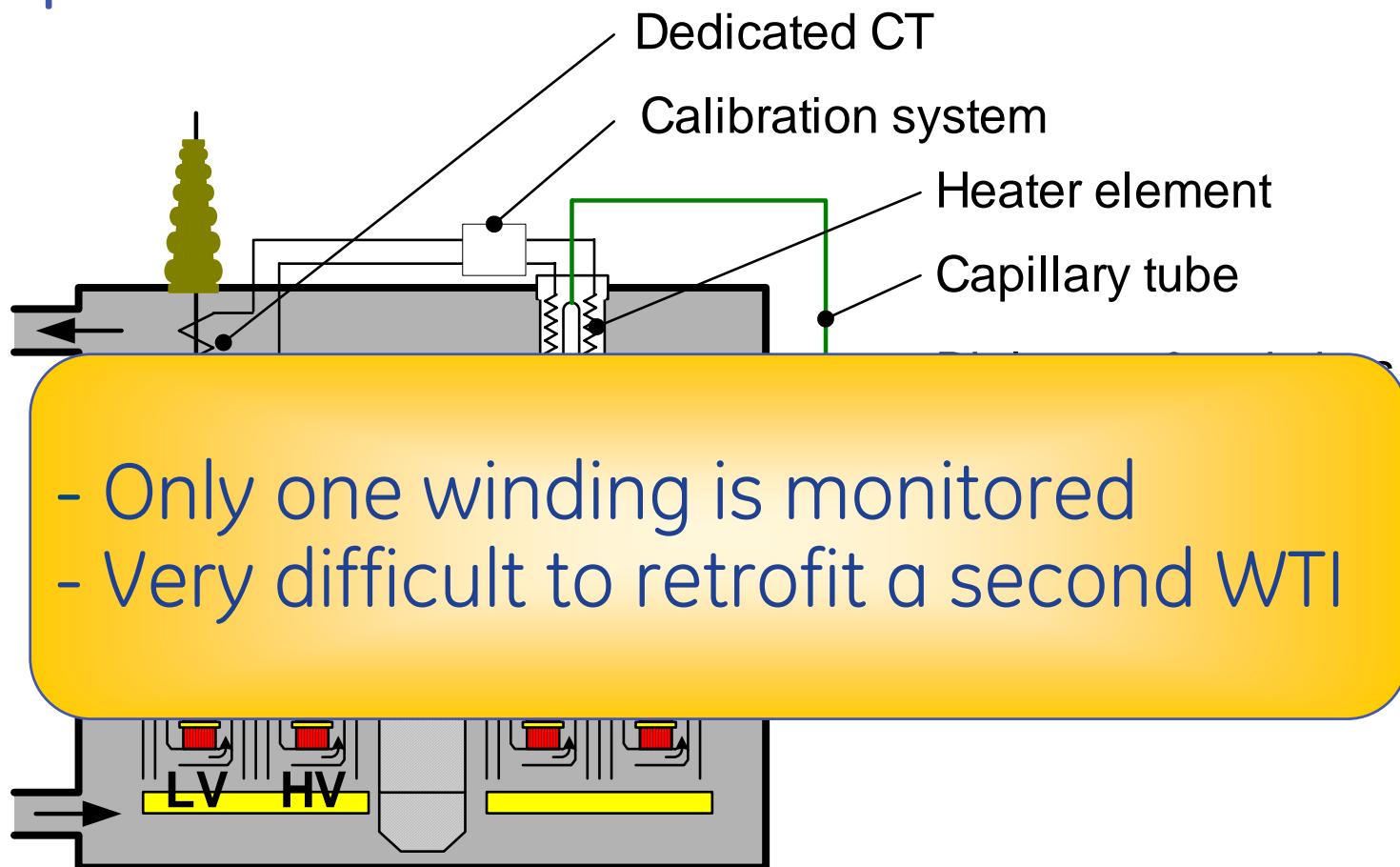
Proper cooling bank operation is essential for the proper operation of the transformer.

The use of models, allow for advance control and monitoring dedicated to the cooling bank operation



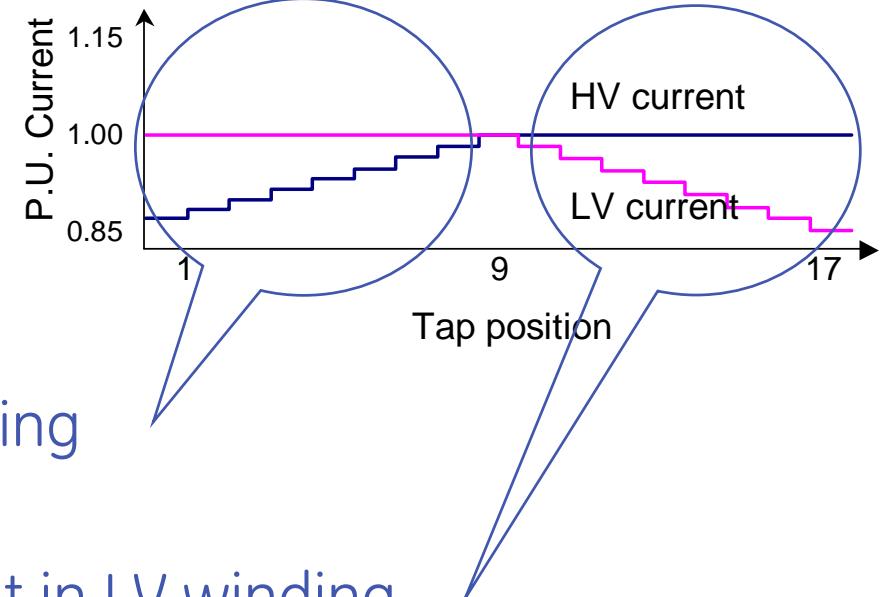
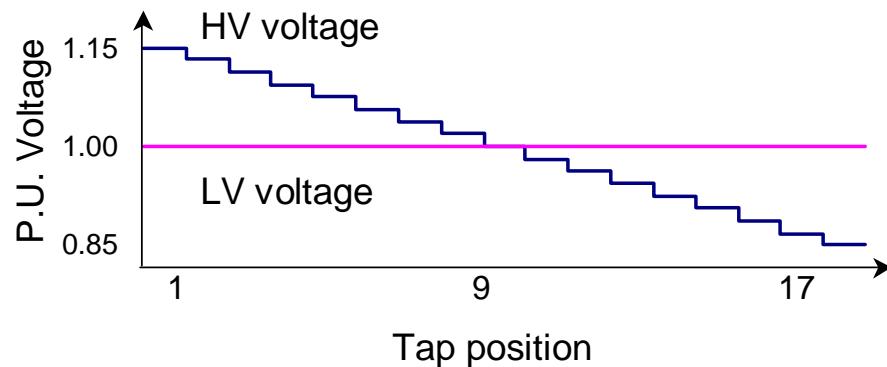
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Limitations of traditional winding temperature indicator



Utility concern

A majority of transformers with tap changers have reduced capacity on some taps



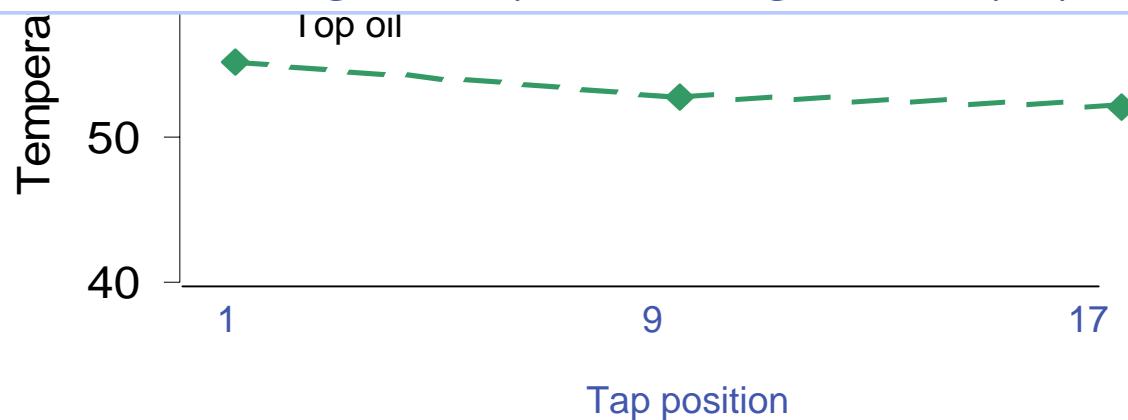
On taps 1 to 9 current in HV winding
is lower than rated HV current

On taps 9 to 17 current in LV winding
is lower than rated LV current

Utility concern

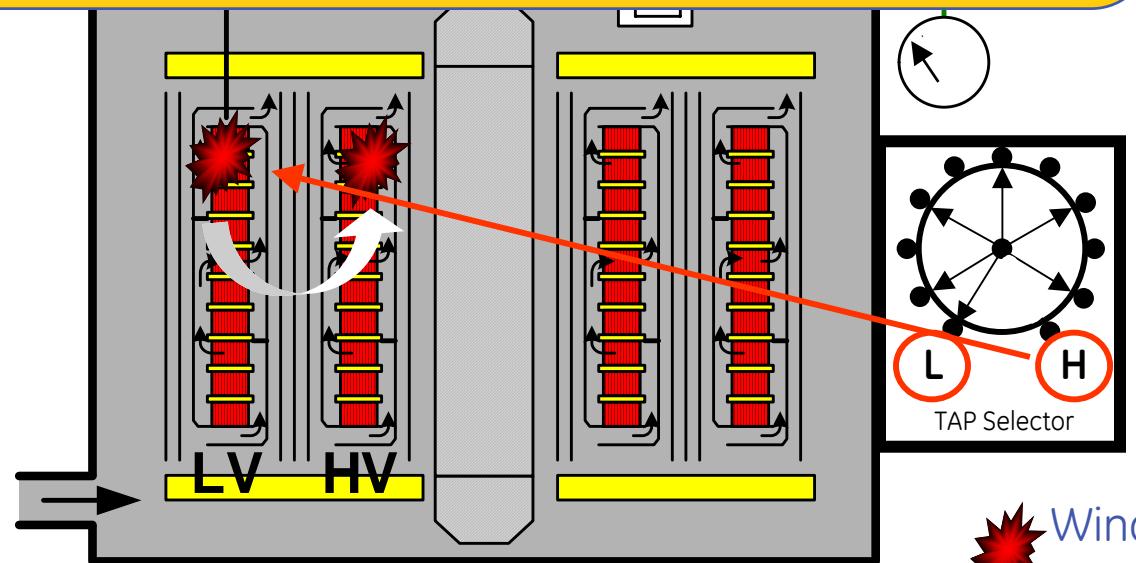
The winding being monitored may not be the hottest one

Winding hottest spot moves from LV to HV windings depending of tap position



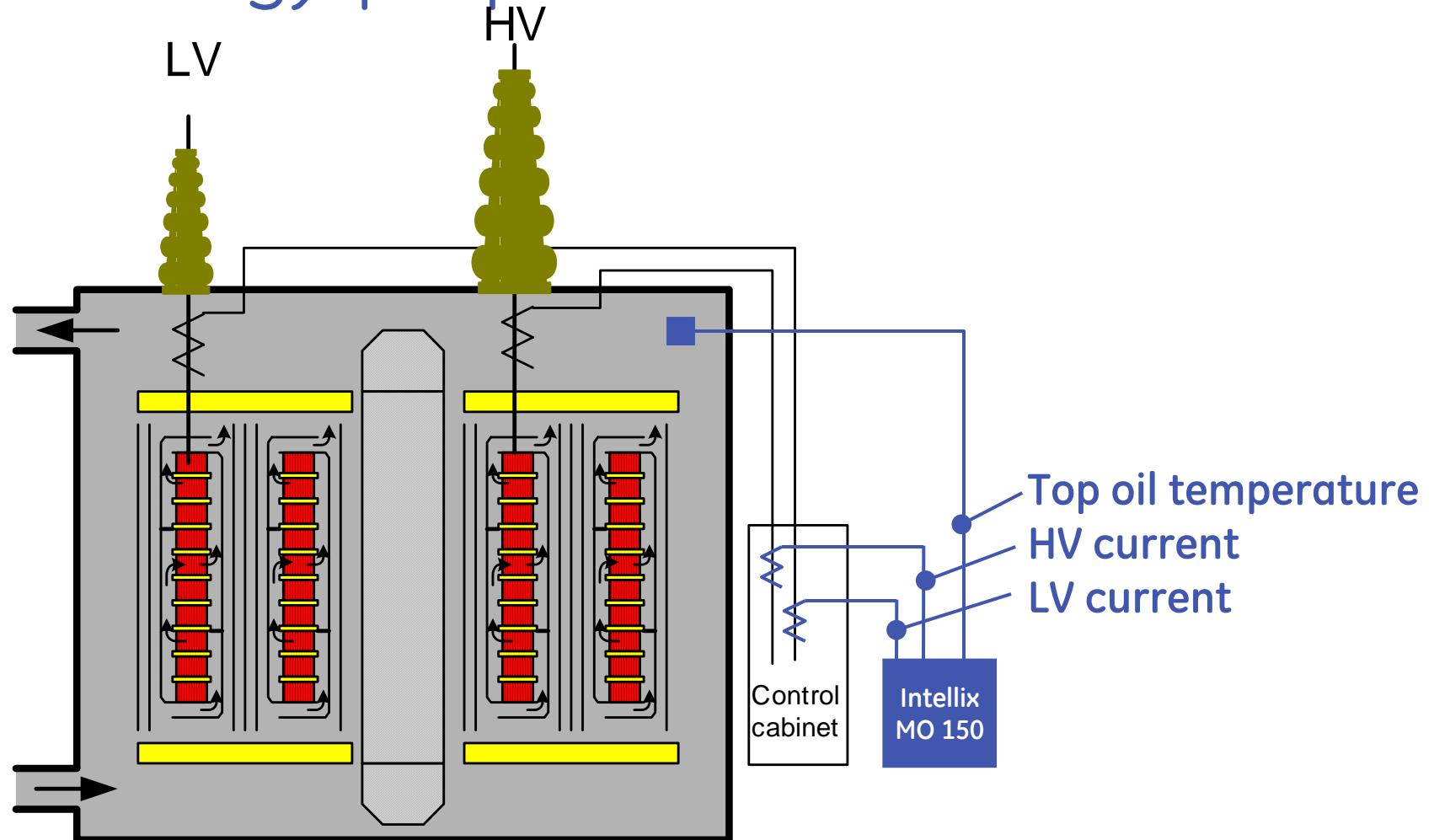
Moving winding hottest spot

Depending on tap position
winding hottest spot moves
from LV to HV and vice versa



Winding hottest
temperature

GE Energy proposed solution



Non-intrusive sensors

Specialized control technique for Transformer

Cooling bank control

Inputs of;

- Top Oil temperature
- Load current, minimum 1 phase of each winding up to 3 windings
- Compute winding hotspot temperature for all windings where load is measured



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Cooling bank control

Each stage of cooling now started by “OR” function

Set point for either:

- Top Oil temperature
- Winding hotspot temperature
- Load current



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Cooling bank control

Each stage of cooling now turned OFF by “AND” function (ALL must be lower than set point)

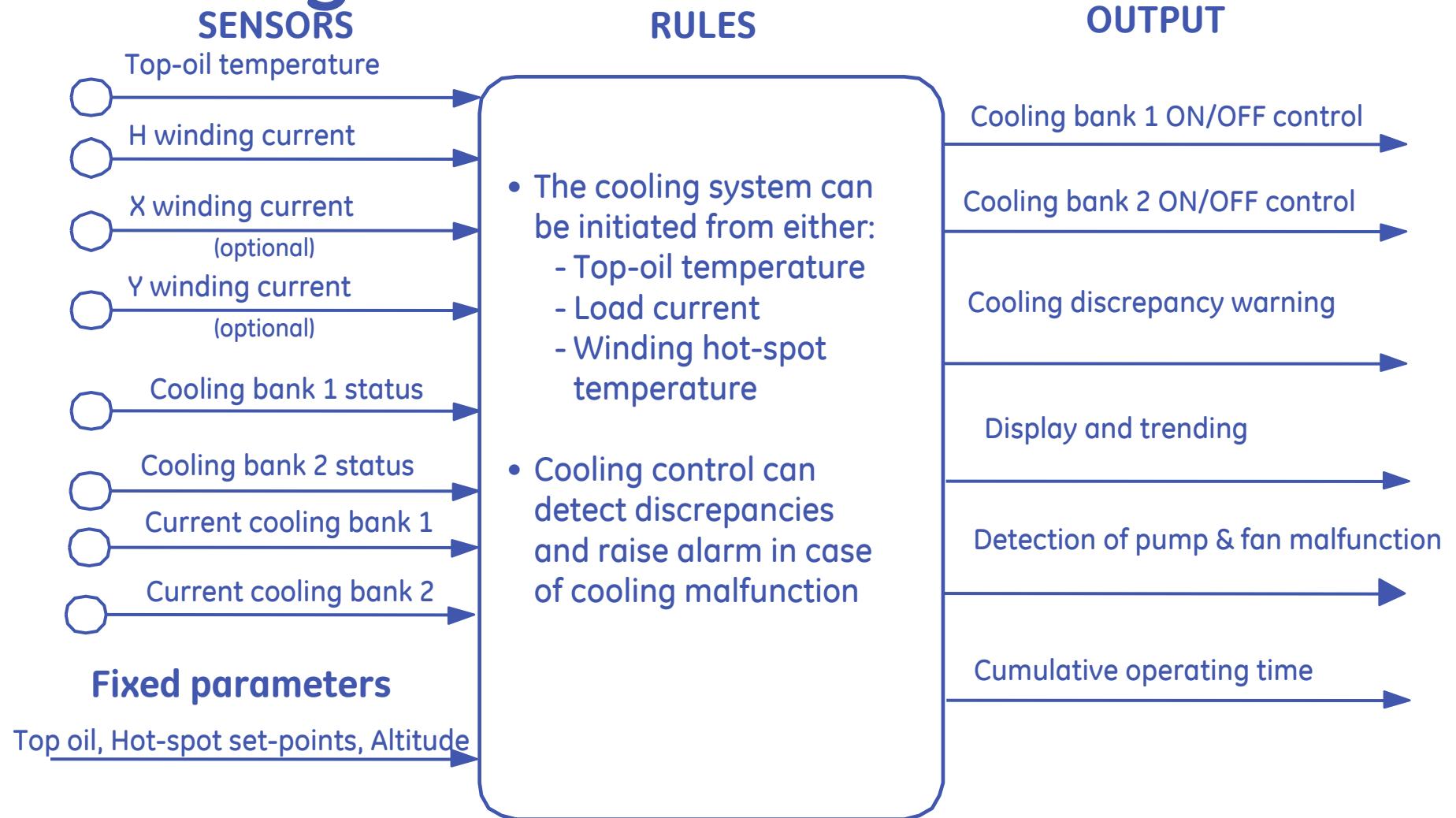
Set point for:

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- Winding hotspot temperature
- Load current



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Cooling Status & Control Model



Enhancement: -cumulative operating time: -detection of malfunction: -exercising routine: -cooling control the rated current is adjusted to altitude

Intellix M0150 Host - [Network View] - [MTL-TEST 1]

File View Configuration Options Window Help

MTL-TEST 1

MTL-TEST 1

MO150-15

Hydran PPM ppm	%RH Level %	H2O PPM ppm	TopOil Temp °C	SysOK
714	55.7	1278	103	On

Transformer Network View

Close

Security Level - 1



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IntelliX MO150 - Features

- > Microprocessor based
- > Self-diagnostic features
- > Self-test twice a month
- > Complete fail-safe cooling control relays
- > System fail contact
- > Sensor problem detection by advance process of comparing readings
- > Universal switching power supply
- > DNP3 protocol
- > Can be installed directly on the transformer



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IntelliX MO150 - Features

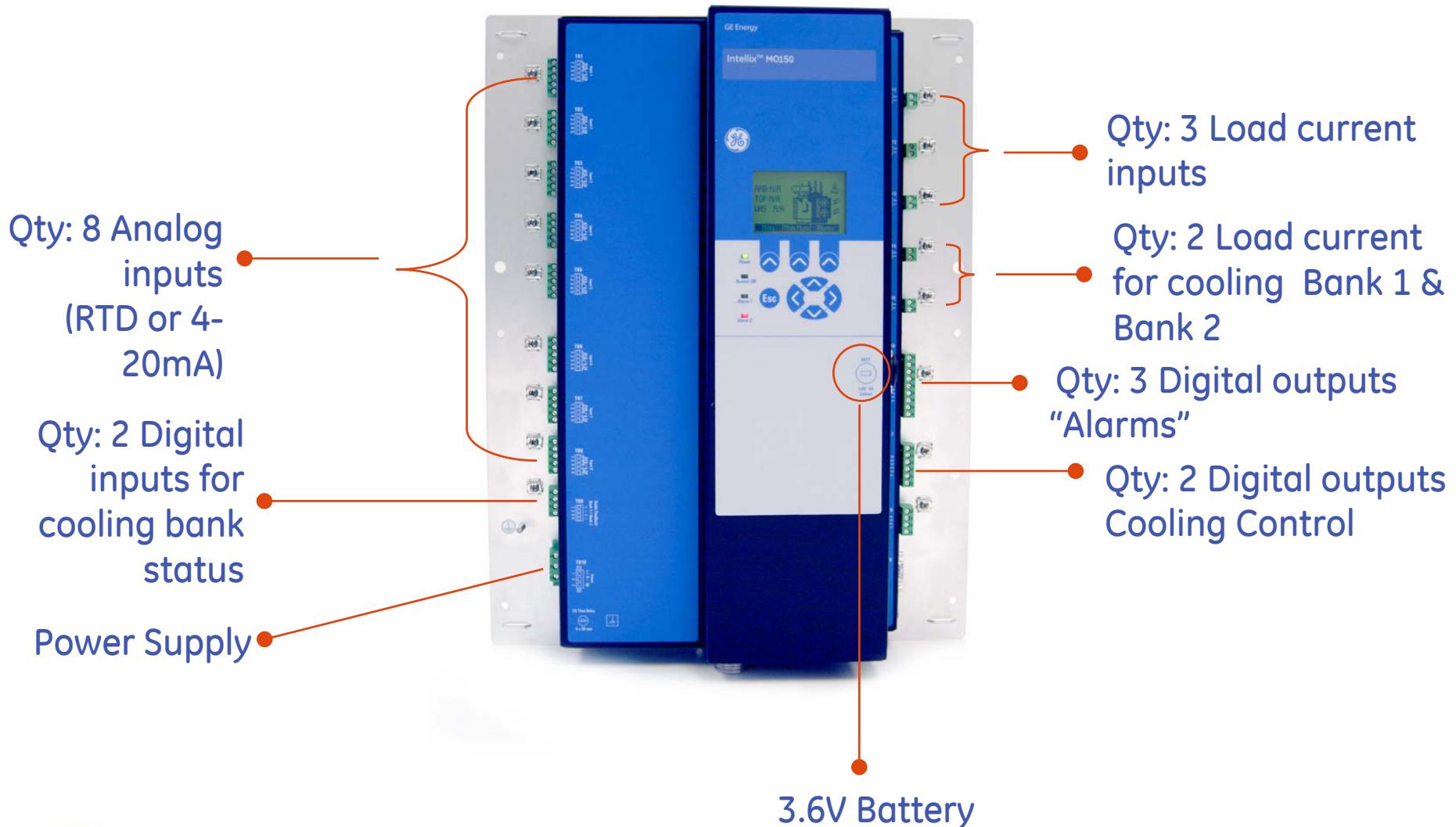
Memory Storage

- More than 100 days of short term logs (every 15 mins)
 - Top oil, ambient and WHSP temperatures
 - H, Y and X winding currents
 - Status of the cooling system
- More than 3700 historical alarms and events
- More than 4900 service logs (once a day at midnight)
 - Same as short-term(above) plus cooling banks running time

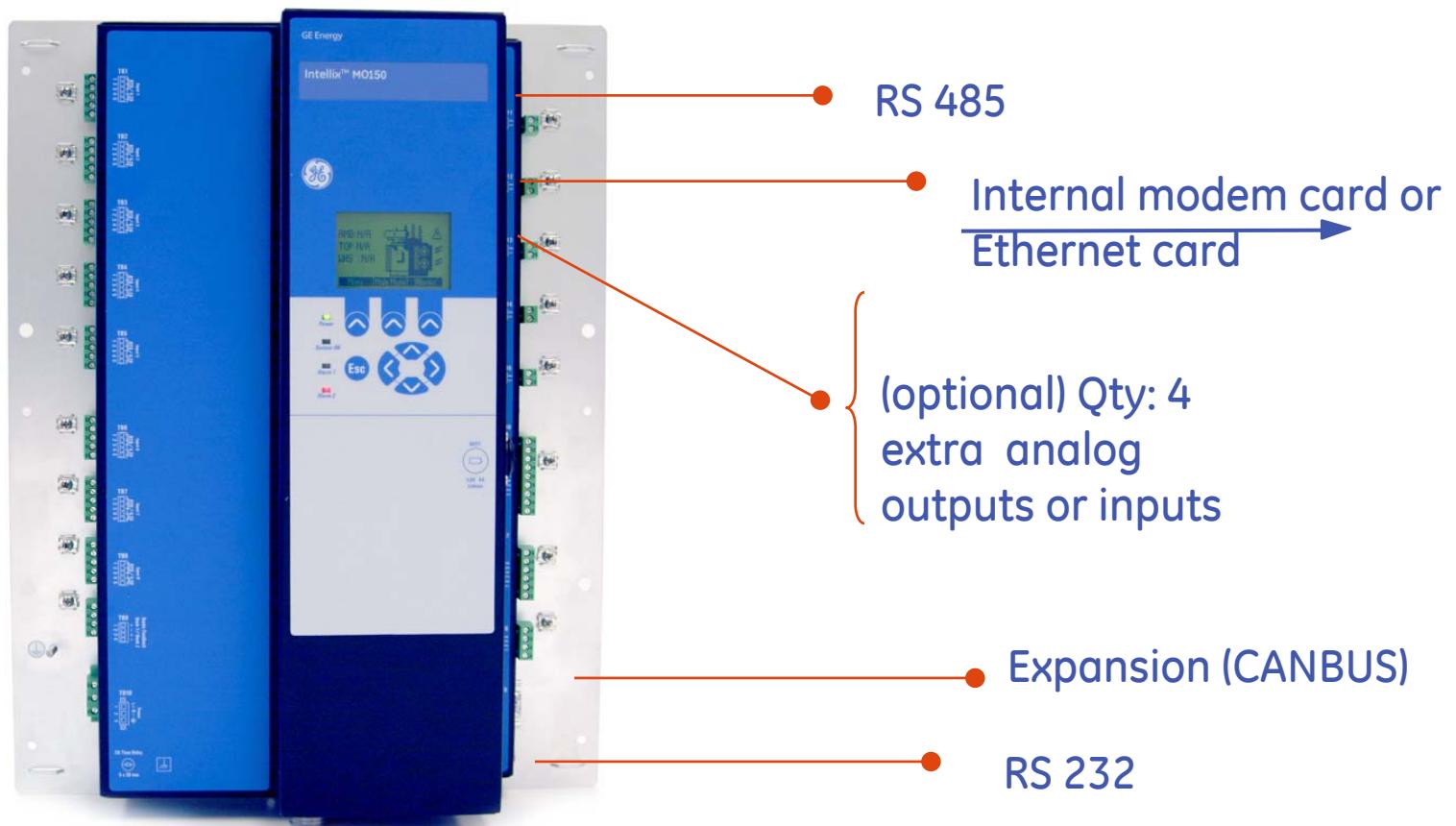


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Intellix MO150 - Input & Output Layout



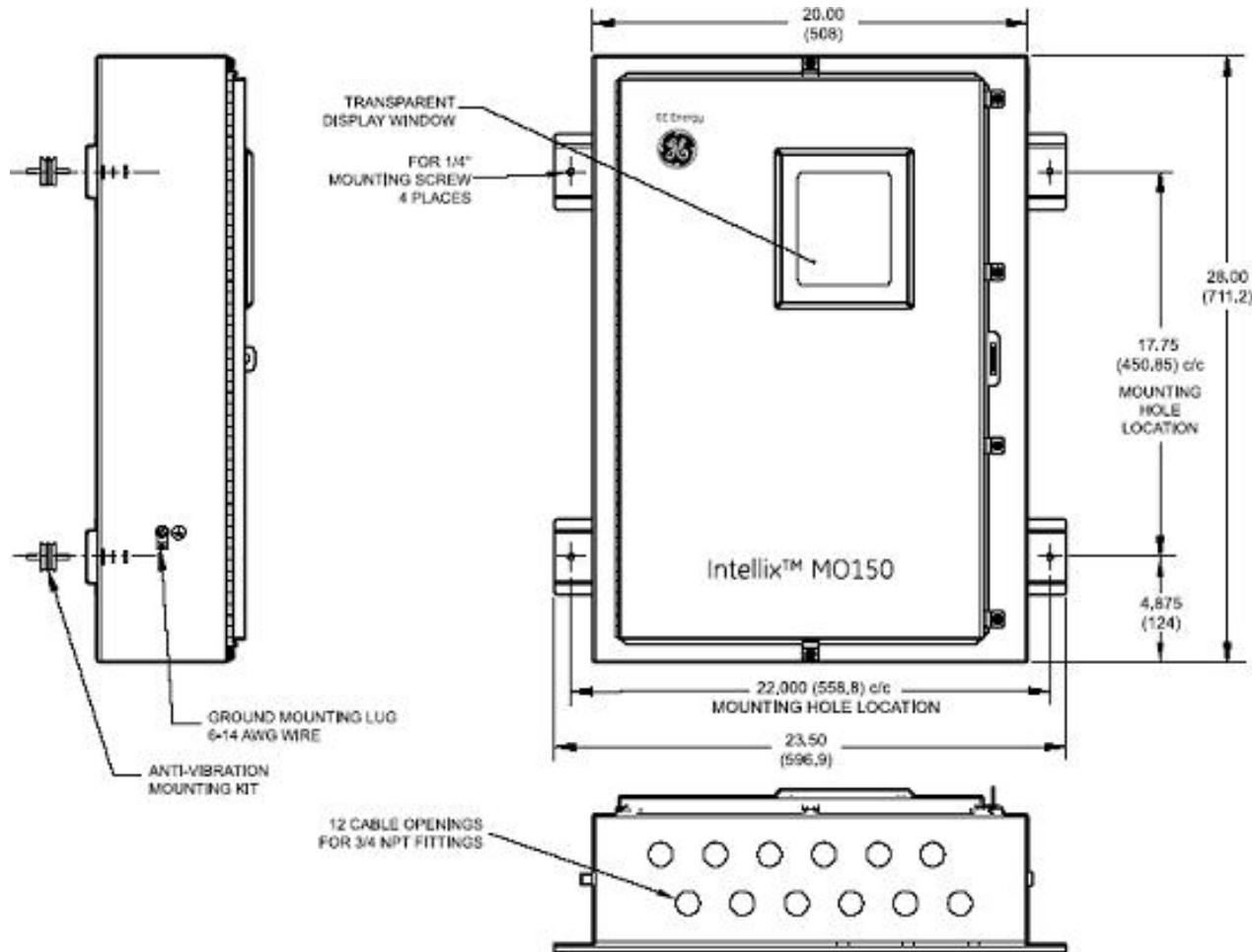
IntelliX MO150 - Communication Layout



Hydran MO150

Cabinet

- Stainless steel
- Type NEMA 4X



Hydran MO150

Cabinet

Qty: 8 Analog
inputs
(RTD or 4-
20mA)

Power Supply



UP to 3, load current
inputs (H.X.Y)

RS232 for PC
connection



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Hydran MO150

Cabinet

Keypad for local configuration, alarm setting, data viewing
Alarm Ack.

Power Supply



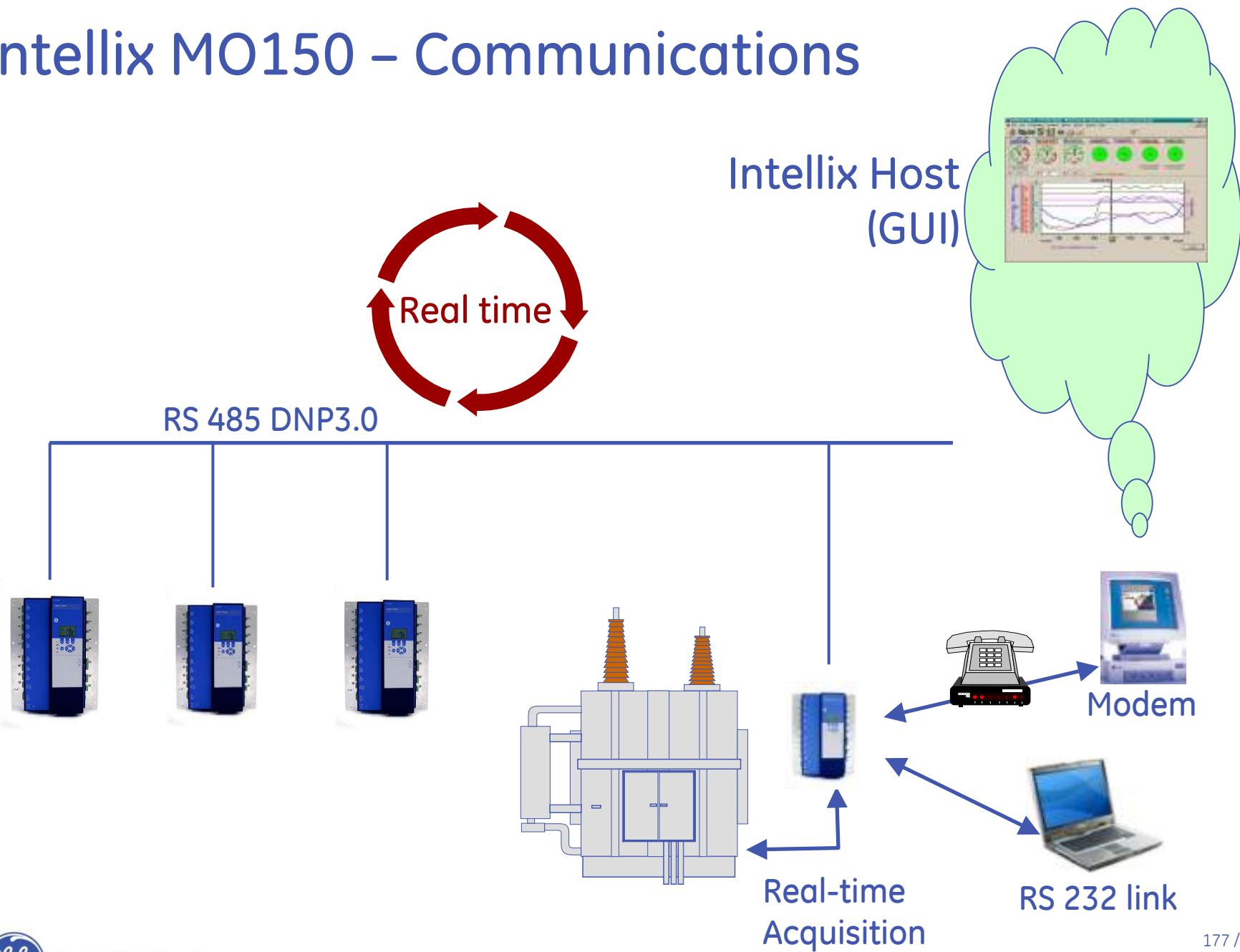
Back lit LCD display
Scrolling data/
calculations/alarms

RS232 for PC
connection



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Intellix MO150 – Communications



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Intellix MO150 – Communications, real time survey

Hydran M2 Host (DNP) - [Network View] - [ABC]

File View Configuration Options Window Help

ABC

Rectifier A

Hydran PPM ppm	H2OPPM ppm	TopOil Temp °C	WHST H °C	H Current A
190	4	32.1	43.9	838

Rectifier B

Hydran PPM ppm	H2OPPM ppm	TopOil Temp °C	WHST H °C	H Current A
82	2	37.5	48.9	826

Rectifier C

Hydran PPM ppm	H2OPPM ppm	TopOil Temp °C	WHST H °C	H Current A
183	6	42.6	66.4	886

Rectifier D

Hydran PPM ppm	H2OPPM ppm	TopOil Temp °C	WHST H °C	H Current A
119	5	42.3	69	948

Transformer 1

Hydran PPM ppm	H2OPPM ppm	TopOil Temp °C	WHST H °C	H Current A
124	7	57.1	67.8	1845

Transformer 2

Hydran PPM ppm	H2OPPM ppm	TopOil Temp °C	WHST H °C	H Current A
142	3	53.5	62.8	1693

Close

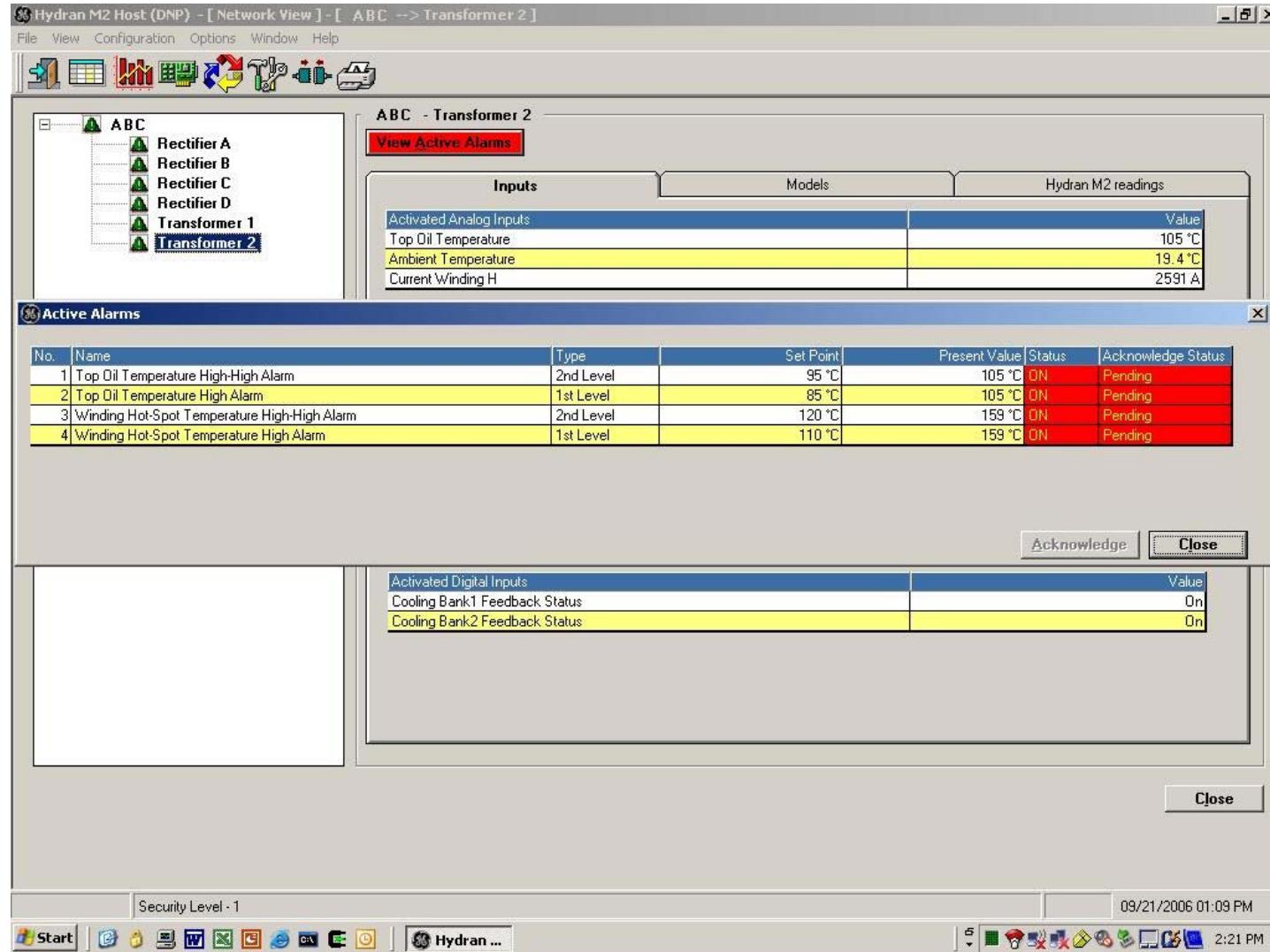
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Start | Hydran ...



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Intellix MO150 – Communications, example of alarms



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Real Time View

MTL-TEST 1
MO150-15

MTL-TEST 1 - MO150-15

View Active Alarms

Inputs

Models

Analog activated inputs	Value
Top Oil Temperature	103 °C
Ambient Temperature	48.5 °C
Bottom Oil Temperature	27.8 °C
OLTC Tank Temperature	N/A
Hydran Level	714 ppm
%RH Level	55.7 %
%RH Sensor Temperature	137 °C
Actual Tap Position	7k

Digital activated inputs	Value
Cooling Bank1 Feedback Status	Off
Cooling Bank2 Feedback Status	Off

Current activated inputs	Value
Current Winding H	1A
Current Winding X	0A
Current Winding Y	0A

Close

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Hydran M2 Host (DNP) - [Network View] - [ABC ----> Transformer 2]

File View Configuration Options Window Help

ABC - Transformer 2

View Active Alarms

	Inputs	Models	Hydran M2 readings
Description			
Winding Hot-Spot Temperature in Winding H			53.2 °C
Calculated Top Oil Temperature			46.1 °C
Calculated Top Oil Difference			-2.2 °C
Cooling Efficiency Index			-4.5 °C
Calculated Bottom Oil Temperature			20.1 °C
Thermal Aging Acceleration Factor			0.051
Moisture Aging Acceleration Factor			1.293
Global Aging Acceleration Factor			0.066
Cumulative Aging			217 Days
Service Time			6027 Days
Current Type of Cooling			ONAF
Cooling Stage 0 Total Activity Time			4693 Hr
Cooling Bank1 Total Activity Time			1721 Hr
Cooling Bank2 Total Activity Time			69 Hr
Cooling Bank1 Feedback Status			On
Cooling Bank2 Feedback Status			On
Hydran Level			154 ppm
H2O PPM Level			3 ppm
Moisture Content in Winding Paper			0.7 %
Moisture Content in Winding Paper Valid Delay			0000/00/20 07:53:37
Moisture Content in Insulating Barrier			1.9 %
Moisture Content in Insulating Barrier Valid Delay			0000/02/01 18:11:34
Apparent Power from H Winding			40.4 MVA

Windings Hot Spot → Winding Hot-Spot Temperature in Winding H → 53.2 °C

Cooling Efficiency → Calculated Top Oil Temperature → 46.1 °C

Aging → Global Aging Acceleration Factor → 1.293

Cooling Status → Current Type of Cooling → ONAF

Water Level → Hydran Level → 154 ppm

Moisture in Paper → Moisture Content in Winding Paper → 0.7 %

Load → Apparent Power from H Winding → 40.4 MVA

Close



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In Conclusion

GE offer several products for transformer monitoring

We did here an overview of transformer monitoring, part of our product line and how these products could be applied to this important function of utility management



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