

# Working Group - C57.104 IEEE Guide for the Interpretation of Gases Generated in Mineral Oil-Immersed Transformers

IEEE/PES Transformers Committee  
Spring 2025 Meeting

Meeting # 2

# Agenda

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- 9. Adjournment E. teNyenhuis

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# Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting

- This was the first working group for the revision of C57.104
- The Chair, Ed teNyenhuis, led the meeting. The Chair introduced the Vice-Chair, Luiz Cheim, and the Secretary, Sami Debass who recorded the attendance and meeting minutes.
- There were 134 persons in attendance (see list below). There were 8 persons requesting membership and 37 guests. Since this was the first meeting, quorum was reached.
- The Meeting Agenda was reviewed. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mickel Saad and seconded by Marko Teofanovic. The agenda was unanimously approved.
- The TF Spring 2024 Meeting Minutes were reviewed. Toni Mellin moved to approve the agenda, which was seconded by Mario Alonso. The minutes were unanimously approved.
- A call for patents was made with no response.
- The Chair earlier invited members to present suggested changes to the guide using a presentation template. The working group had 4 presentations discussed below.
- Presentation # 1 – Luiz Cheim - Section 6.1 & 6.2 - What to do with online monitoring data versus laboratory data.
  - There are differences in results between different monitoring technologies and the lab technology
  - A motion was made by Emilio Morales-Cruz and seconded by Matt Chu to create a task force to investigate this matter to potentially include in this guide, create a new guide, or publish a white paper. The motion was approved.
- Presentation # 2 – Ramsis Girgis - Create a new section in the guide about 6-8:1 H2 to CH4 ratio generation caused by moderate overheating of thin oil film between laminations of core
  - Based on publications by Ramsis Girgis and Ed teNyenhuis in 2009 (already cited in the guide)
  - It may be included in the Annex E Case Studies Section
  - Ramsis Girgis made a motion (seconded by Evgenii Ermakov) to write and submit text to the WG for inclusion in the guide. The motion was approved.

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- Presentation # 3 - Don LaMontagne - Discussion on Section A.3 Future Work
  - It was proposed to use Artificial Neural Networks in the guide as a new clause (for online and offline DGA)
  - Don LaMontagne suggested creating an online repository of a failure database with pre-failure DGA and RCA results that can be used to train future classification algos
  - Lance Leward made a motion (seconded by Stuart Chambers) that this should be rolled into the earlier approved TF about online monitoring. This motion was approved.
- Presentation # 4 - Rainer Frotscher- Flowchart in 6.1.1: should be AND instead OR in the second decision diamond
  - This would significantly reduce the number of transformers that end up as Status 3, moving those other results to Status 2.
  - The data set that was used in Annex A was “destroyed” so we cannot run the change in the flow chart algorithm to perform any statistics.
  - Sami Debass requested that we create an anonymous data repository.
  - IEEE is doing this for esters to collect and anonymize the data and pass it to the transformer committee.
  - Patrycja Jarosz from IEEE SA gave information about how the existing esters database works if we wanted to go forward with a similar process for the creation of an IEEE database.
  - Tim Raymond made a motion (Adrina S Cisco seconded) for the WG chair to begin a discussion with IEEE for the creation of an anonymized DGA mineral oil database. This motion was approved.

# Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting

- There was insufficient time for the other 2 presentations prepared but these will be discussed in a virtual working group meeting in Jan / Feb 2025.
- There was no new business to discuss.
- The meeting was adjourned at 15.00.

# DGA Data Overview

- Completed files to be emailed to [c57data@ieee.org](mailto:c57data@ieee.org)
- IEEE staff will anonymize the files and then forward to the WG
- All WG members will have access to the data
- Data will be retained after revision of the guide
- Laboratory DGA sample template
- Gas Monitor template



# Laboratory DGA Template

| DGA Laboratory Samples Template                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Scope:                                           | This data will be anonymized and used for development of gas limits by the Working Group for the revision of IEEE Standard C57.104                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Instructions:                                    | Mineral Oil data only (no ester, no silicone)<br>In service data only (no factory test data)<br>Transformer main tank DGA data only (no LTC compartment DGA data)<br>Enter data in the "Data Entry" worksheet<br>Column A - leave blank. IEEE staff will assign a unique identifier to this row of data<br>Column B is the transformer serial number. This will be later anonymized by IEEE staff and not visible to the IEEE C57.104 working group<br>Column C is the transformer name. This will be later anonymized by IEEE staff and not visible to the IEEE C57.104 working group<br>Columns D to M are the minimum data (DGA results)<br>Columns N - X are "Optional Data" - this will support the analysis if provided |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Send data files to : c57data@ieee.org            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Subject Line: C57.104 Laboratory Data Submission |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

# Laboratory DGA Template

|   | A                                         | B                                                                            | C                                                                   | D                | E        | F         | G          | H          | I          | J        | K         | L        | M        |
|---|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|----------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|
| 1 | Unique Data Identifier<br>(added by IEEE) | Transformer Serial Number<br>(unique identifier)<br>To be ANONYMIZED by IEEE | Transformer Name<br>(unique identifier)<br>To be ANONYMIZED by IEEE | Minimum Data     |          |           |            |            |            |          |           |          |          |
| 2 |                                           |                                                                              |                                                                     | Date of Sampling | H2 [ppm] | CH4 [ppm] | C2H6 [ppm] | C2H4 [ppm] | C2H2 [ppm] | CO [ppm] | CO2 [ppm] | O2 [ppm] | N2 [ppm] |
| 3 |                                           |                                                                              |                                                                     |                  |          |           |            |            |            |          |           |          |          |
| 4 |                                           |                                                                              |                                                                     | 1-Dec-24         | 58       | 12        | 5          | 18         | 1          | 780      | 5796      | 19247    | 63522    |
| 5 |                                           |                                                                              |                                                                     |                  |          |           |            |            |            |          |           |          |          |

| N             | O      | P       | Q          | R               | S            | T            | U                            | V                 | W                  | X     |
|---------------|--------|---------|------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------|
| Optional Data |        |         |            |                 |              |              |                              |                   |                    |       |
| Year Built    | Max kV | Max MVA | Oil Volume | Oil Volume Unit | Cooling Type | OLTC (menu)  | Oil Preservation Type (menu) | Paper Type (menu) | Application (menu) | Notes |
| 1992          | 230    | 500     | 12536      | Liters          | ONAF         | In-Tank OLTC | Free Breathing               | TUK               | Generation         |       |



# Gas Monitor Template

## DGA Gas Monitor Data Template

### Transformer and Gas Monitor Information

|               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|---------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Scope:        | This data will be anonymized and used for development of gas monitor limits by the Working Group for the revision of IEEE Standard C57.104                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Instructions: | <p>Use a separate excel file for each transformer</p> <p>Hourly data is recommended</p> <p>In service data only (no factory test data)</p> <p>Transformer main tank DGA data only (no LTC compartment DGA data)</p> <p>Mineral oil data only</p> <p>Enter the data below about the transformer and gas monitor</p> <p>If the Gas Monitor is a composite gas type, enter the composite value in "Composite Value" column</p> <p>User/Owner, Transformer Name and Gas Monitor Make/Model will be anonymized by IEEE Staff.</p> <p>The Gas Monitor Make and Model will be converted to a generic Gas Monitor Type Code and generic Gas Monitor Sensor Type by IEEE Staff</p> <p>Copy the gas monitor data into the "Gas Monitor Download" worksheet</p> |

**Send data files to: [c57data@ieee.org](mailto:c57data@ieee.org)**

**Subject Line: C57.104 Gas Monitor Data Submission**

# Gas Monitor DGA Template

|                                                                                                       |           |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| <b>User / Owner</b> (unique identifier)<br><i>To be ANONYMIZED by IEEE Staff</i>                      | example   |
| <b>Transformer Name</b> (unique identifier)<br><i>To be ANONYMIZED by IEEE Staff</i>                  | T12       |
| <b>Transformer Serial Number</b> (unique identifier)<br><i>To be ANONYMIZED by IEEE Staff</i>         | 2503698   |
| <b>Gas Monitor Make and Model</b><br><i>To be ANONYMIZED by IEEE Staff</i>                            | ABB M10   |
| <b>Transformer max MVA</b>                                                                            | 120       |
| <b>Transformer max kV</b>                                                                             | 69        |
| <b>Transformer year built</b>                                                                         | 1995      |
| <b>Transformer cooling type</b>                                                                       | ONAF      |
| <b>Oil Volume</b>                                                                                     | 23586     |
| <b>Oil Volume units</b>                                                                               | liters    |
| <b>Comments on any issues, failures</b><br>(enter free text)                                          | no issues |
| <b>Gas Monitor Type Code</b> - leave blank<br><i>(added by IEEE staff using a conversion chart)</i>   |           |
| <b>Gas Monitor Sensor Type</b> - leave blank<br><i>(added by IEEE staff using a conversion chart)</i> |           |
| <b>Unique Data File Identifier</b> - leave blank<br><i>(added by IEEE staff)</i>                      |           |

# Gas Monitor Template

|   | A                         | B           | C            | D             | E             | F             | G           | H            | I           | J           | K                            | L                              | M                                        | N                                         |  |
|---|---------------------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|--|
|   | Time stamp of<br>Sampling | H2<br>[ppm] | CH4<br>[ppm] | C2H6<br>[ppm] | C2H4<br>[ppm] | C2H2<br>[ppm] | CO<br>[ppm] | CO2<br>[ppm] | O2<br>[ppm] | N2<br>[ppm] | Fluid<br>Temperature<br>[°C] | Ambient<br>Temperature<br>[°C] | Total Gas<br>Pressure<br>[mbar] or [hPa] | Composite Gas<br>Value<br>(if applicable) |  |
| 1 |                           |             |              |               |               |               |             |              |             |             |                              |                                |                                          |                                           |  |
| 2 |                           |             |              |               |               |               |             |              |             |             |                              |                                |                                          |                                           |  |
| 3 |                           |             |              |               |               |               |             |              |             |             |                              |                                |                                          |                                           |  |
| 4 |                           |             |              |               |               |               |             |              |             |             |                              |                                |                                          |                                           |  |

# Gas Monitor Conversion Chart

- Need to create Gas Monitor conversion chart for all commercial gas monitors
- Convert to Monitor Type and Sensor Type
- Need volunteers

| Monitor Type | Gases Monitored                            |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------|
| M9           | H2, CH4, C2H4, C2H6, C2H2, CO, CO2, O2, N2 |
| M8           | H2, CH4, C2H4, C2H6, C2H2, CO, CO2, O2     |
| M7           | H2, CH4, C2H4, C2H6, C2H2, CO, CO2         |
| M6           | H2, CH4, C2H4, C2H6, C2H2, CO              |
| M5           | H2, CH4, C2H4, C2H2, CO                    |
| M3           | CH4, C2H4, C2H2                            |
| M2           | H2, CO                                     |
| M1           | H2                                         |
| M1*          | H2 composite and other gases               |
|              |                                            |
|              |                                            |
| Sensor Type  | Description                                |
| GC           | Gas Chromatography                         |
| NDIR         | Non dispersive Infra Red                   |
| PAS          | Photo Acoustic Spectroscopy                |
| FTIR         | Fourier Transformer Infra Red              |
| TCC          | Thermal conductivity cell                  |
| EC           | Electrochemical cell                       |
| MetOx        | Metal-oxide sensor                         |
| MetFilm      | Metal film sensors                         |

# Invitation Letter (pending IEEE Legal approval)

*Dear PC57.104 working group members:*

*As discussed in our first working group meeting, the working group would like to receive DGA data to assist in the development of gas criteria for the IEEE Standard C57.104 revision. This DGA data is being requested for traditional DGA laboratory samples and for gas monitors. There are 2 attached excel template files (one for laboratory samples, one for gas monitor downloads) that can be used. The data details are explained in the excel template files.*

*The transformer serial number and transformer identifier are requested, but this will be anonymized by IEEE staff so that the working group will not have any identity information on the data. In addition, the gas monitor brand is requested for the gas monitor DGA data, but this will be converted to generic gas monitor codes by IEEE staff using a conversion chart.*

*Once you have prepared the data files, they should be emailed directly to IEEE at [c57data@ieee.org](mailto:c57data@ieee.org) with the subject lines "C57.104 Laboratory Data Submission" or "C57.104 Gas Monitor Data Submission". IEEE staff will anonymize the data and then send to the working group for whatever analysis and calculations are to be done.*

*The data files will be retained by the working group for future reference. All members of the working group will have access to the data.*

*If you have any questions on the IEEE anonymization, please contact Patrycja Jarosz at [p.jarosz@ieee.org](mailto:p.jarosz@ieee.org).*

*If you have any questions on the data file templates, please contact Ed teNyenhuis, the C57.104 working group chair, at [edt@ieee.org](mailto:edt@ieee.org).*

*Thank you for your assistance*

# Plan for Data Analysis

- Team to receive data (from IEEE), clean, compile, store
- Perform data analysis for laboratory samples
- Perform data analysis for gas monitor data
- Determine impact on gas threshold tables
- Develop potential gas monitoring limits
- Present findings to working group
- Data Analysis Task Force – need volunteers
- How long to leave data submission open?

## Section xx.xx – Toni Mellin

- Topic: Mistakes in Duval triangle 4 & 5
- C57.104-2019 contains mistakes in how Duval triangles 4 & 5 are defined, as compared to the **source material excel file** in C57.104-2019 downloads.zip

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<sup>11</sup> Free algorithms for using the Duval Pentagons methods are available in the IEEE Std C57.104-2019 directory located at:  
[https://standards.ieee.org/content/dam/ieee-standards/standards/web/download/C57.104-2019\\_downloads.zip](https://standards.ieee.org/content/dam/ieee-standards/standards/web/download/C57.104-2019_downloads.zip).

# Section xx.xx – Toni Mellin

- Topic: Mistakes in Duval triangle 4 & 5
- Example 1

Table D.3—Fault zone boundaries for Figure D.3

| Gas% / Fault | % H <sub>2</sub> | % CH <sub>4</sub> | % C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> |
|--------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| PD           | —                | ≥ 2 and < 15      | < 1                             |
| S            | ≥ 9              | —                 | ≥ 30 and < 46                   |
|              | ≥ 15             | —                 | ≥ 24 and < 30                   |
|              | —                | < 36              | ≥ 1 and < 24                    |
|              | —                | < 36 and ≥ 15     | < 1                             |
|              | —                | < 2               | < 1                             |
| O            | < 9              | —                 | ≥ 30                            |
| C            | —                | ≥ 36              | ≥ 24                            |
|              | < 15             | —                 | ≥ 24 and < 30                   |
| ND           | ≥ 9              | —                 | ≥ 46                            |

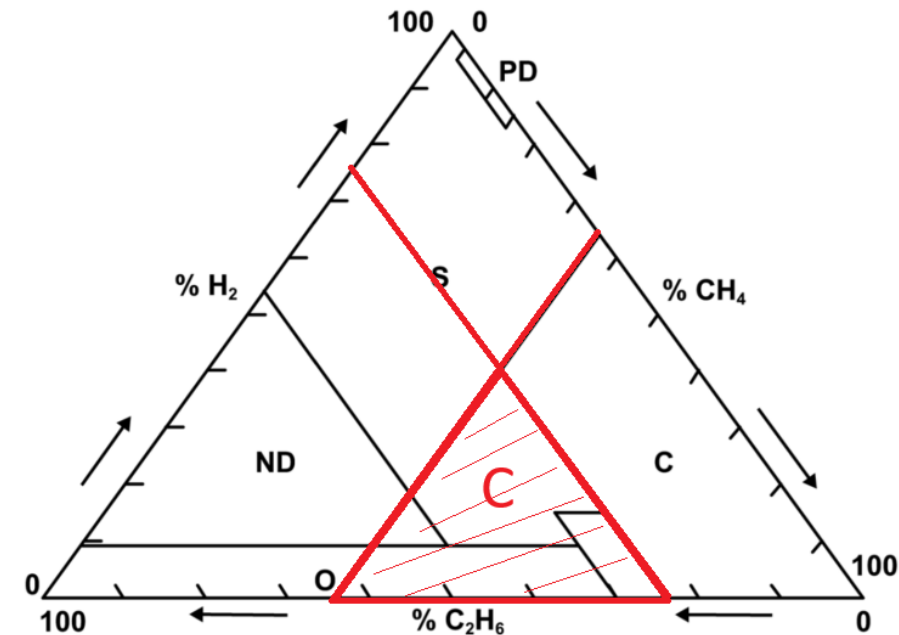


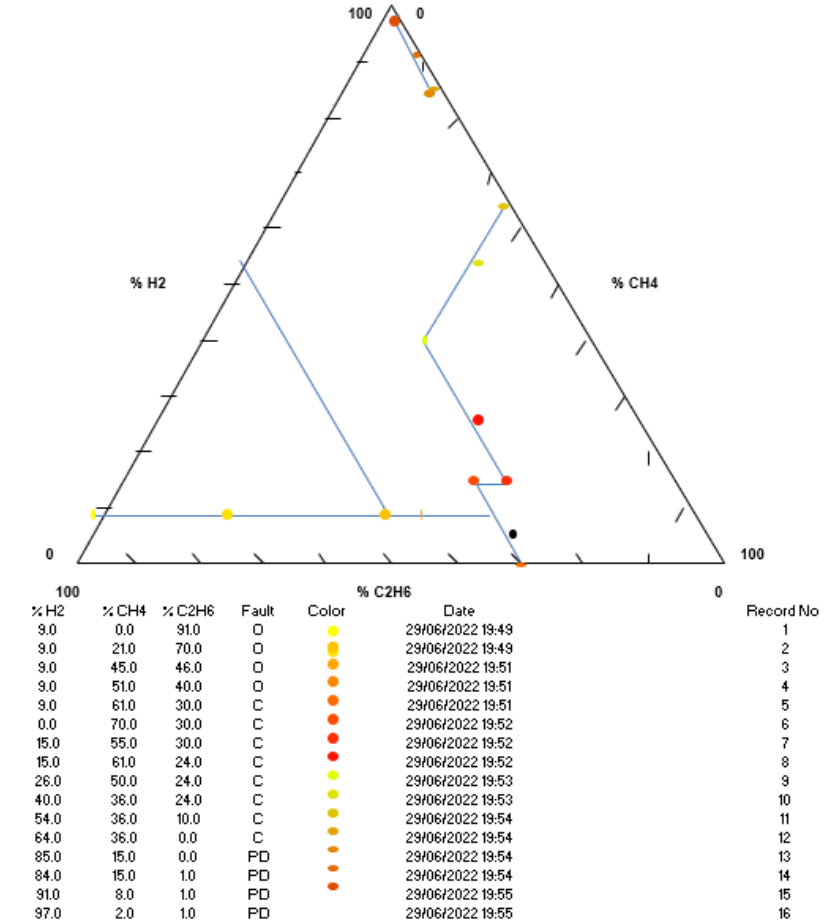
Figure D.3—Duval Triangle 4 method for low temperature faults



# Section xx.xx – Toni Mellin

- Topic: Mistakes in Duval triangle 4 & 5
- Example 2

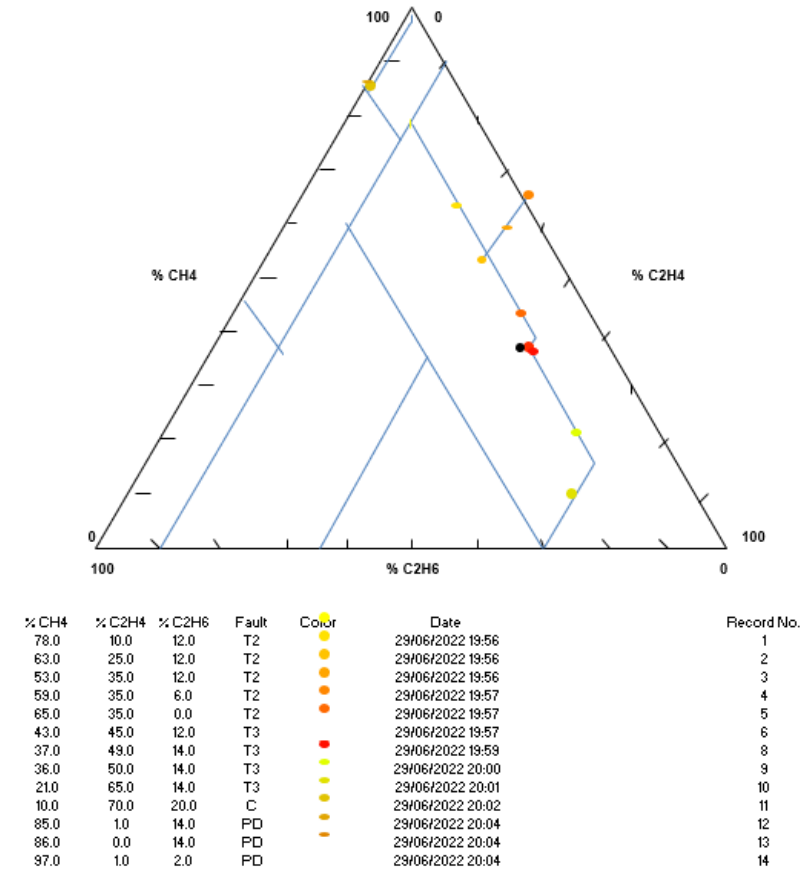
| Triangle 4          |     |      |        |      |
|---------------------|-----|------|--------|------|
| Percent coordinates |     |      | Result |      |
| H2                  | CH4 | C2H6 | Excel  | IEEE |
| 9                   | 0   | 91   | O      | N/D  |
| 9                   | 21  | 70   | O      | N/D  |
| 9                   | 45  | 46   | O      | N/D  |
| 9                   | 51  | 40   | O      | S    |
| 9                   | 61  | 30   | C      | S    |
| 0                   | 70  | 30   | C      | O    |
| 15                  | 55  | 30   | C      | C/S  |
| 15                  | 61  | 24   | C      | C/S  |
| 26                  | 50  | 24   | C      | C/S  |
| 40                  | 36  | 24   | C      | C/S  |
| 54                  | 36  | 10   | C      | C/S  |
| 64                  | 36  | 0    | C      | C/S  |
| 85                  | 15  | 0    | PD     | S    |
| 84                  | 15  | 1    | PD     | S    |
| 91                  | 8   | 1    | PD     | S    |
| 97                  | 2   | 1    | PD     | S    |



# Section xx.xx – Toni Mellin

- Topic: Mistakes in Duval triangle 4 & 5
- Example 3

| Triangle 5          |                               |                               |        |      |  |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------|------|--|
| Percent coordinates |                               |                               | Result |      |  |
| CH <sub>4</sub>     | C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> | C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> | Excel  | IEEE |  |
| 78                  | 10                            | 12                            | T2     | C    |  |
| 63                  | 25                            | 12                            | T2     | C    |  |
| 53                  | 35                            | 12                            | T2     | C    |  |
| 59                  | 35                            | 6                             | T2     | T3   |  |
| 65                  | 35                            | 0                             | T2     | T3   |  |
| 43                  | 45                            | 12                            | T3     | C    |  |
| 37                  | 49                            | 14                            | T3     | C    |  |
| 36                  | 50                            | 14                            | T3     | C    |  |
| 21                  | 65                            | 14                            | T3     | C    |  |
| 10                  | 70                            | 20                            | C      | T3   |  |
| 85                  | 1                             | 14                            | PD     | S    |  |
| 86                  | 0                             | 14                            | PD     | S    |  |
| 97                  | 1                             | 2                             | PD     | O    |  |



# Section xx.xx – Toni Mellin

- Topic: Mistakes in Duval triangle 4 & 5
- Proposal to fix the mistakes

Triangle 4 changes:

|                   | H2       | CH4                    | C2H6                 |
|-------------------|----------|------------------------|----------------------|
| C (current IEEE)  | -        | $\geq 36$              | $\geq 24$            |
| C (fix)           | -        | $\geq 36$              | $< 24$               |
| S (current IEEE)  | $\geq 9$ | -                      | $\geq 30$ and $< 46$ |
| S (fix)           | $> 9$    | -                      | $> 30$ and $< 46$    |
| O (current IEEE)  | $< 9$    |                        | $\geq 30$            |
| O (fix)           | $\leq 9$ |                        | $\geq 30$            |
| PD (current IEEE) | -        | $\geq 2$ and $< 15$    | $< 1$                |
| PD (fix)          | -        | $\geq 2$ and $\leq 15$ | $\leq 1$             |
| S (current IEEE)  | -        | $< 36$ and $\geq 15$   | $< 1$                |
| S (fix)           | -        | $< 36$ and $> 15$      | $< 1$                |

Triangle 5 changes:

|                   | CH4 | C2H4                    | C2H6                    |
|-------------------|-----|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| T2 (current IEEE) | -   | $\geq 10$ and $< 35$    | $< 12$                  |
| T2-H (fix)        | -   | $\geq 10$ and $\leq 35$ | $\leq 12$               |
| C (current IEEE)  | -   | $\geq 10$ and $< 50$    | $\geq 12$ and $< 14$    |
| C (fix)           | -   | $\geq 10$ and $< 50$    | $> 12$ and $< 14$       |
| T3 (current IEEE) | -   | $\geq 35$               | $< 12$                  |
| T3-H (fix)        | -   | $> 35$                  | $\leq 12$               |
| T3 (current IEEE) | -   | $\geq 50$               | $\geq 12$ and $< 14$    |
| T3-H (fix)        | -   | $\geq 50$               | $\geq 12$ and $\leq 14$ |
| C (current IEEE)  | -   | $\geq 10$ and $< 70$    | $\geq 14$ and $< 30$    |
| C (fix)           | -   | $\geq 10$ and $\leq 70$ | $> 14$ and $< 30$       |
| T3 (current IEEE) | -   | $\geq 70$               | $\geq 14$               |
| T3-H (fix)        | -   | $> 70$                  | $\geq 14$               |
| S (current IEEE)  | -   | $< 10$                  | $\geq 14$ and $< 54$    |
| S (fix)           | -   | $< 10$                  | $> 15$ and $< 54$       |
| PD (current IEEE) | -   | $< 1$                   | $\geq 2$ and $< 14$     |
| PD (fix)          | -   | $\leq 1$                | $\geq 2$ and $\leq 15$  |
| O (current IEEE)  | -   | $\geq 1$ and $< 10$     | $\geq 2$ and $< 14$     |
| O (fix)           | -   | $> 1$ and $< 10$        | $\geq 2$ and $< 15$     |

## Section xx.xx – Toni Mellin

- Topic: Duval triangle updates of (2020)
- Proposal to update Duval triangle methods as per 2020 updates from Dr. Michel Duval
  - Duval triangle 1, PD or T1 result -> Duval Triangle 4 analysis
    - T2 result from Duval triangle 1 no longer would recommend triangle 4 analysis
  - Duval triangle 5, T2 and T3 to be considered as T2-H & T3-H (thermal faults in oil only)

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When low energy or low temperature faults are identified using the Duval Triangle 1 (PD, T1 or T2), more information can be obtained with Duval Triangle 4.

When high, or very high, temperature faults have been identified with Duval Triangle 1 (T2 or T3), more information can be obtained using the Duval Triangle 5.

# Section xx.xx – Toni Mellin

- Topic: Corrections to Duval pentagons 1 & 2 and arcing sub-faults of
- Small corrections were discussed in IEC 60599 maintenance group to Duval pentagons 1 & 2 to correct for potential graphical errors especially in the edges of the zones
- Adding distinction between arcing sub-fault types of discharges in oil (-H) and in paper (-P) is under consideration for Pentagon 2 (b) and Triangle 1 (b)

Limits of fault zones of Pentagon 1 in (x,y) cartesian coordinates

| PD | (0, 33)   | (-1, 33)           | (-1, 24.5)         | (0, 24.5)        |          |
|----|-----------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------|
| D1 | (0, 40)   | (38.042, 12.361)   | (32.061, -6.048)   | (4, 16)          | (0, 1.5) |
| D2 | (4, 16)   | (32.061, -6.048)   | (24.204, -30.229)  | (0, -3)          | (0, 1.5) |
| T3 | (0, -3)   | (24.204, -30.229)  | (23.511, -32.361)  | (1.090, -32.361) | (-6, -4) |
| T2 | (-6, -4)  | (1.090, -32.361)   | (-23.511, -32.361) |                  |          |
| T1 | (-6, -4)  | (-23.511, -32.361) | (-35.001, 3)       | (0, -3)          | (0, 1.5) |
| S  | (0, 1.5)  | (-35.001, 3)       | (-38.042, 12.361)  | (0, 40)          | (0, 33)  |
|    | (0, 24.5) | (-1, 33)           | (-1, 24.5)         |                  |          |

Example of Pentagon 1 changes

The numerical values of the (x, y) coordinates of zone boundaries in Pentagon 1 are indicated below [the dot of Figure D.1 is at coordinates (0,0) and the apex H2 is at coordinates (0, 40)]<sup>11</sup>:

- PD: (0, 33), (-1, 33), (-1, 24.5), (0, 24.5);
- D1: (0, 40), (38, 12), (32, -6.1), (4, 16), (0, 1.5);
- D2: (4, 16), (32, -6.1), (24.3, -30), (0, -3), (0, 1.5);
- T3: (0, -3), (24.3, -30), (23.5, -32.4), (1, -32); (-6, -4);
- T2: (-6, -4), (1, -32.4), (-22.5, -32.4);
- T1: (-6, -4), (-22.5, -32.4), (-23.5, -32.4), (-35, 3), (0, 1.5); (0, -3);
- S: (0, 1.5), (-35, 3.1), (-38, 12.4), (0, 40), (0, 33), (-1, 33), (-1, 24.5), (0, 24.5);

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# Section xx.xx – Toni Mellin

- Topic: Corrections to Duval pentagons 1 & 2 and arcing sub-faults of
- The WG could consider the applicability of these?

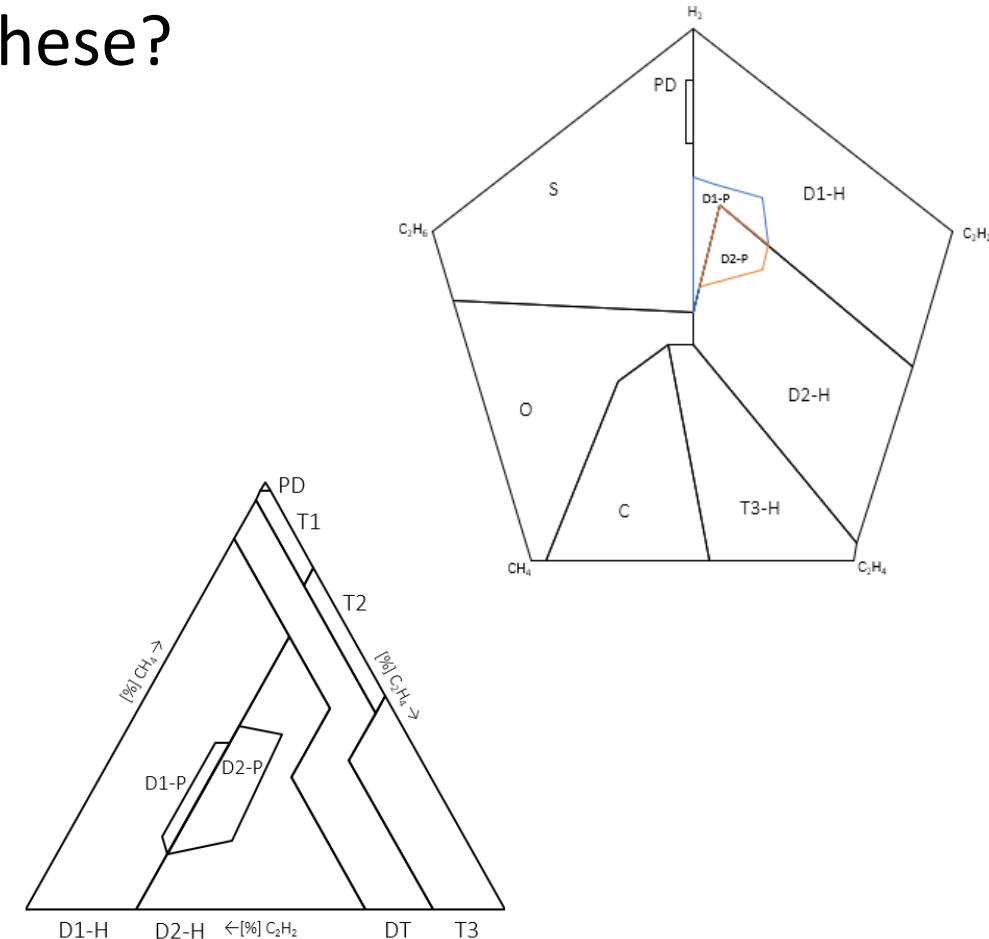
Key, by increasing order of severity of sub-types of faults.

|           |      |                                                                |
|-----------|------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Low       | S    | stray gassing of oil < 200°C                                   |
|           | PD   | corona partial discharges in a gas phase                       |
|           | O    | overheating of paper or oil, $t < 250\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ |
|           | T3-H | hot spot in oil, $t > 700\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$             |
| Moderate  | D1-H | discharges of low energy D1 in oil, including sparking PDs     |
| High      | C    | carbonization of paper, $t > 300\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ,    |
|           | D2-H | discharges of high energy D2 in oil                            |
| Very high | D1-P | discharges of low energy D1 in paper, including sparking PDs   |
|           | D2-P | discharges of high energy D2 in paper                          |

## NOTES:

1-carbonization of paper between turns **C1**, of very high severity, occurs along the boundaries between zone O and the upper parts of zones C and T3-H of Pentagon 2 of coordinates (0, -3), (-3.5, -3) and (-11, -8).

2-Heavy coking of oil on hot metals, of moderate severity, occurs in zone C.



## Section xx.xx – Toni Mellin

- Topic: Collecting data and analysing DGA monitor data methods with CIGRE
- CIGRE working group A2/D1.67 “Guideline for Online Dissolved Gas Analysis Monitoring” is in the process of starting data collection and data analysis for continuous online DGA monitoring data, this has been discussed to be done with IEEE collaboration
- Many members of the WG also members in C57.104
- Could we work together with the CIGRE WG for collection and analysis of the data? Sharing the results with both groups and drawing conclusions separately?

## Section \*New\* – Zack Draper

- Topic: Oil Preservation types
- O<sub>2</sub> & N<sub>2</sub> clearly affects the DGA statistics. But the association of O<sub>2</sub> & N<sub>2</sub> gas concentrations or ratios with the actual oil preservation type is somewhat weak (due to lack of data).
- To address the problem, we need an industry guideline for how to classify major classes of oil preservation systems (similar to cooling systems or LTCs) to properly categorize the DGA data. Future revisions of C57.104 will hopefully benefit from data being more clearly labeled by using such a scheme.
- Even if we manage to collect the current data available, no guidance has been given as to what certain common terms actually mean, hence data is often mis-classified (e.g. “Gas-Sealed” vs “Gas-Blanket”) or under-classified (just “Conservator”).



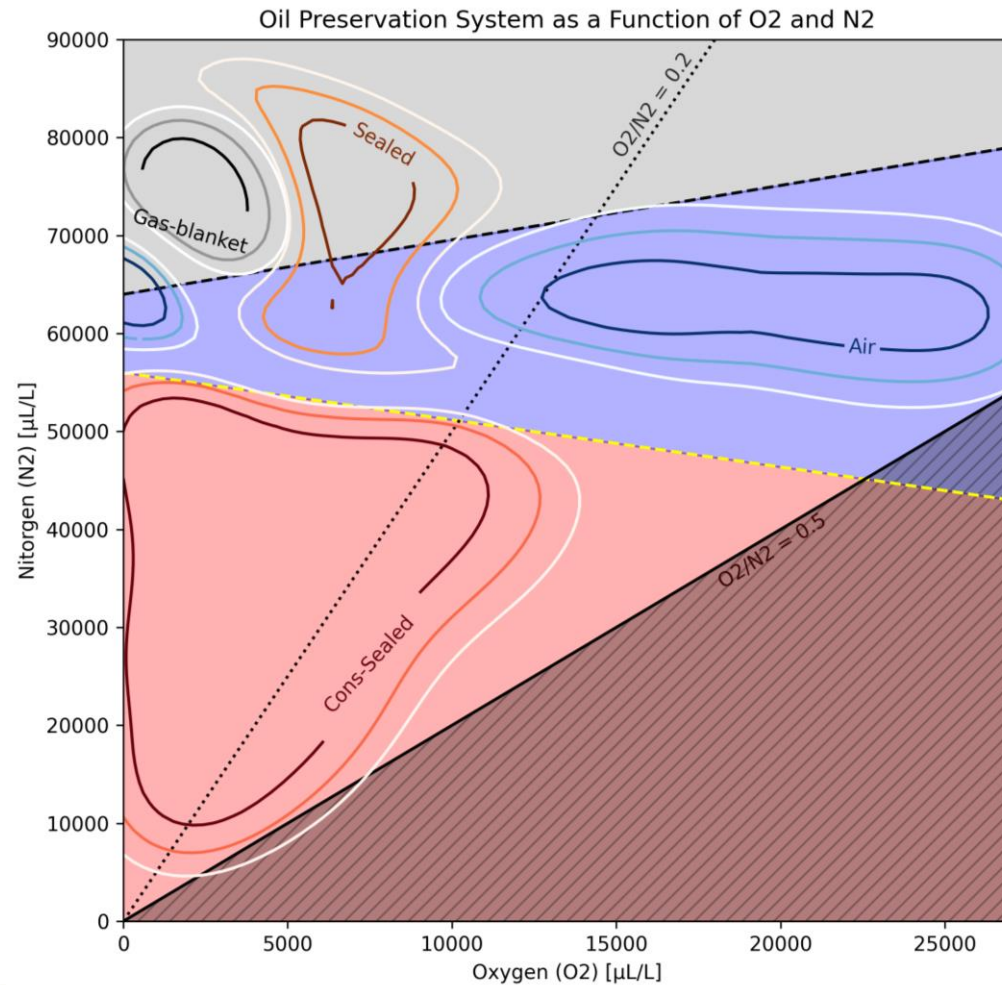
# A Proposed Classification Scheme

|          |                       |                                                       |              |
|----------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>A</b> | Air-breathing         |                                                       |              |
| <b>C</b> | Conservator           |                                                       |              |
|          | <b>B</b>              | Bladder/Diaphragm, physical membrane                  |              |
|          | <b>F</b>              | Free-Breathing                                        |              |
| <b>G</b> | Gas used in headspace |                                                       |              |
|          | <b>R</b>              | Regulated, positive pressure                          |              |
|          | <b>S</b>              | Sealed volume of gas expansion, pressure relief valve |              |
|          | <b>H</b>              | Hermetically sealed                                   |              |
|          |                       | <b>D</b>                                              | Dessicant    |
|          |                       | <b>N</b>                                              | No Dessicant |

For example: **AD** = air breathing with desiccant, **CBN** = Conservator with a bladder, no desiccant, **CFD** = Conservator, free-breathing with desiccant

**\*\*please provide additional input\*\***

# O<sub>2</sub> & N<sub>2</sub> Diagram



Regions of O<sub>2</sub> and N<sub>2</sub> gas concentrations where a labeled oil preservation system is most likely to be found (generated from labeled data).

Gas-blanket systems (N<sub>2</sub>, positive pressure regulated) have the lowest percentiles in gas concentrations and yet are classified as “sealed” by a low O<sub>2</sub>/N<sub>2</sub> ratio.

| IEEE Class                           | CH <sub>4</sub> |      | IEEE CH <sub>4</sub> |      | CO   |      | IEEE CO |      |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|------|----------------------|------|------|------|---------|------|
|                                      | 90th            | 95th | 90th                 | 95th | 90th | 95th | 90th    | 95th |
| O <sub>2</sub> /N <sub>2</sub> > 0.2 | 12              | 26   | 20                   | 50   | 466  | 592  | 500     | 600  |
| O <sub>2</sub> /N <sub>2</sub> ≤ 0.2 | 94              | 146  | 90                   | 150  | 721  | 887  | 900     | 1100 |

| Oil Preservation Class | O <sub>2</sub> /N <sub>2</sub> | CH <sub>4</sub> |      | IEEE CH <sub>4</sub> |      | CO   |      | IEEE CO |      |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|------|----------------------|------|------|------|---------|------|
|                        | Median                         | 90th            | 95th | 90th                 | 95th | 90th | 95th | 90th    | 95th |
| Air                    | 0.220                          | 73              | 120  | 20                   | 50   | 684  | 862  | 500     | 600  |
| Sealed                 | 0.085                          | 38              | 80   | 90                   | 150  | 709  | 874  | 900     | 1100 |
| Conservator Sealed     | 0.076                          | 114             | 163  | 90                   | 150  | 770  | 927  | 900     | 1100 |
| Gas-Blanket            | 0.019                          | 39              | 66   | 90                   | 150  | 249  | 380  | 900     | 1100 |

Reference: Draper & Dukarm, CIGRE Canada, 2024, no. 768, [zhdraper@deltaxresearch.com](mailto:zhdraper@deltaxresearch.com)

## Section 6.1.2.4 – Zack Draper

- Topic: Adding a 4<sup>th</sup> status code
- The 2019 revision dropped a 4<sup>th</sup> status level compared to the 2008 version. 2019 provides room for an “extreme DGA”, but has no specific guidance on what gas limits should be used.
- Overall result of C57.104-2019, is that many IEEE status code 3 are triggered (nearly 1 out of 3 transformers) and transformer owners left wondering what is actually “extreme” or not.
- In a study comparing DGA interpretation results on failure cases, just multiplying all of the 2019 status code 3 limits by a factor of 7 to 10 was a reasonable way to quickly add an additional status code level without changing much logic of the current guide.
- See “How to Improve IEEE C57.104-2019 DGA Fault Severity Interpretation” Draper, Dukarm and Beauchemin. IEEE/PES T&D, 2022

# Andrew Larison - Proposal for Additional Language in C57.12.104 IEEE Guide for the Interpretation of Gases Generated in Mineral Oil-Immersed Transformers

## Points for Consideration

- Manufacturing processes for high volume distribution transformers and power transformers can differ in several ways. These include processes such as robotic welding, tank top construction, and the point at which the tank top is secured to the tank.
- The samples considered in determining DGA starting points were predominantly power transformers. There is no differentiation between the acceptable “factory new” DGA levels for distribution and power transformers.
- DGA tests are not routine but are a special test for distribution transformers per C57.12.00. However, many customers, with the number increasing in the past decade, request DGA tests at the factory to have a starting point for monitoring through the life of their distribution class transformers (this includes most commonly industrial and alt energy type applications).
- The main objective of DGA testing is to monitor a **change** in the gas levels, which are indicative of internal failures/breakdowns in the transformer during operation.

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I think the following statement would be appropriate in C57.104 as a note to tables 1-4 or in section 6.1.3 following tables 1-4.

**For distribution transformers, post test manufacturing processes that include welding may introduce small amounts of acetylene into the oil which are not due to internal failures. Users should consult with the manufacturer for an evaluation of the source of the gas and to determine acceptable starting DGA levels for monitoring. These levels shall be based on the processes and manufacturing history of the factory.**

Table 4—95<sup>th</sup> percentile values from multi-points (3-6 points) rate analysis of laboratory DGA samples with all gas levels below Table 1 values, in  $\mu\text{L/L/year}$  (ppm/year)

|     |                                      | Maximum $\mu\text{L/L/year}$ (ppm/year) rate in function of the period between first and last point of the laboratory DGA series (3 to 6 samples) |              |                                       |              |
|-----|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|
|     |                                      | $\text{O}_2/\text{N}_2$ Ratio $\leq 0.2$                                                                                                          |              | $\text{O}_2/\text{N}_2$ Ratio $> 0.2$ |              |
|     |                                      | Period between first and last point of the series                                                                                                 |              |                                       |              |
|     |                                      | 4-9 Months                                                                                                                                        | 10-24 Months | 4-9 Months                            | 10-24 Months |
| Gas | Hydrogen ( $\text{H}_2$ )            | 50                                                                                                                                                | 20           | 25                                    | 10           |
|     | Methane ( $\text{CH}_4$ )            | 15                                                                                                                                                | 10           | 4                                     | 3            |
|     | Ethane ( $\text{C}_2\text{H}_6$ )    | 15                                                                                                                                                | 9            | 3                                     | 2            |
|     | Ethylene ( $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$ )  | 10                                                                                                                                                | 7            | 7                                     | 5            |
|     | Acetylene ( $\text{C}_2\text{H}_2$ ) | Any increasing rate                                                                                                                               |              | Any increasing rate                   |              |
|     | Carbon monoxide ( $\text{CO}$ )      | 200                                                                                                                                               | 100          | 100                                   | 80           |
|     | Carbon dioxide ( $\text{CO}_2$ )     | 1750                                                                                                                                              | 1000         | 1000                                  | 800          |

NOTE—Contribution of voltage class, MVA, and volume of mineral oil in the unit was not studied for Table 4 as they have not been retained for Table 1 and Table 2. Data was insufficient to study age influence.

See 5.4 for general considerations on the selection of norm values.

See Annex A for a description of the methodology used to produce the numbers provided in Table 1, Table 2, Table 3, and Table 4.

# Approved Actions from Last Meeting

1. Motion was made by Emilio Morales-Cruz and seconded by Matt Chu to create a task force to investigate (*on line monitoring*) to potentially include in this guide, create a new guide, or publish a white paper.
2. Lance Leward made a motion (seconded by Stuart Chambers) that this (*artificial neural networks*) should be rolled into the earlier approved TF about online monitoring. This motion was approved.
3. Ramsis Girgis made a motion (seconded by Evgenii Ermakov) to write and submit text (for H2 CH4 generation) to the WG for inclusion in the guide.
4. Tim Raymond made a motion (Adrina S Cisco seconded) for the WG chair to begin a discussion with IEEE for the creation of an anonymized DGA mineral oil database.



# Gas Generation caused by Moderately heated Transformer Cores

- ❑ Background to the recognition of this gas Generation mechanism
- ❑ Cause and specifics of this gas generation mechanism
- ❑ Characteristics of this gas generation mechanism
- ❑ Impact of the hydrogen gas generation associated with this gas generation mechanism
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# New text - Gas Generation by thin oil film between moderately heated Laminations of Transformer Cores

This gas generation mechanism was originally recognized when it was reported by a user of Large Power Transformers of moderate generation of hydrogen gas in six same design large power transformers with generation rates ranging from 0.5 to 3.5 parts per million (ppm) per day and an H<sub>2</sub>/CH<sub>4</sub> ratio of 6 – 8. Other gases, and mainly CO and CO<sub>2</sub>, were generated at a low rate.

Subsequent factory and laboratory investigations showed that this gas generation phenomenon was caused by moderately overheated cores with core hot spot temperatures in the 120 – 160 °C range. Therefore, this core gassing occurs under a certain combination of core excitation, ambient temperature, and loading conditions. The rate of generation of Hydrogen is typically in the range of 2.5 – 3.2 PPM / day during the summer months.

Further investigations showed that the thin oil film between the electrical steel laminations facilitates a chemical reaction where hydrogen atoms of the hydrocarbon chain of the oil are loosely aligned to the steel surface and then released as hydrogen molecules. This reaction occurs at relatively lower temperatures compared to when hydrogen is produced by bulk oil at temperatures of several hundred degrees. The background of this gas generation mechanism is presented in References 1 – 4 below.

# New text - Gas Generation by thin oil film between moderately heated Laminations of Transformer Cores

It is, however, to be recognized that the impact of hydrogen gas generation due to this phenomenon is not in itself harmful to the transformer. It is only that this hydrogen generation over a period of time could reach a high accumulation that could mask otherwise detrimental hydrogen generation due to other phenomena such as partial discharge and high temperature metal overheating of bulk oil. For this reason, it is advisable that when a transformer is experiencing hydrogen generation due to core overheating that the oil is de-gassed periodically and actions taken to change the core excitation (Tap position) and / or providing additional cooling of the transformer oil.

As a result of the recognition of this phenomenon, the industry has seen an increased significance of developing accurate calculation of the core hot spot temperature. Also, industry standards are being revised to recognize this phenomenon and a 140°C limit for core hot spot temperature is now recommended in the IEEE Loading Guide presently gives a maximum limit of 140 C for the core hot spot temperature Also, some users of power transformers include in their Power Transformers specifications a limit of 130 C on the maximum value of the core hot spot under worst conditions of load, ambient temperature, and core over-excitation.

# New text - Gas Generation by thin oil film between moderately heated Laminations of Transformer Cores

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# New Business

# Adjournment