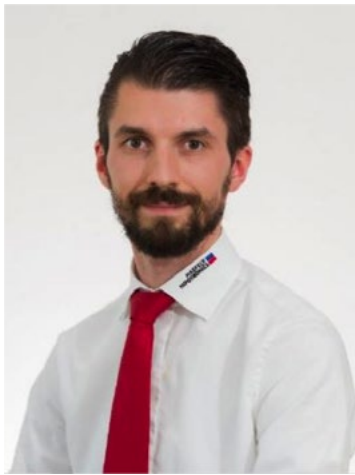




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### ABSTRACT

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### 1. Introduction

As Haefely Hipotronics, we have very large customer database around the world, in the manufacturing, utility, research & development and university sector, which are linked in the transformer, bushing, motor-generator, cable and capacitor industry.

Working close with our customers, we have seen or even sometime have surprisingly discovered situations, which the test was performed in an improper way: typically Murphy's Law. Various causes are involved, such as misinterpretation of standard (IEC/IEEE), or misinterpretation of the instrument settings, or inadequate instrumentation. Those can lead to unconfound standard (IEC/IEEE) measurements or wrong measurement results, up to even damage the test object or test system. This presentation is a summary of what have been seen onsite, covering tests like partial discharge measurement,  $C/\tan\delta$  measurement, loss measurement and lightning impulse test.

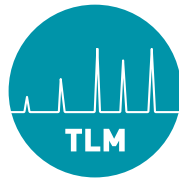
### 2. Case Study:

For each group of test, most common case is studied with the mention of the cause of the fault, the fault, the consequence and the solution.

Test	Case Study
1: Partial discharge measurement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Wrong PD setup connection</li><li>-Wrong PD calibration process</li><li>-Wrong setting of the PD detector</li><li>-Misinterpretation of PD measurement</li></ul>
2: $C/\tan\delta$ measurement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Wrong connection setup due to multiple grounding point</li><li>-Wrong UST/GST mode</li><li>-Wrong accuracy class of the instrument compared to application</li><li>-Wrong ambient condition</li><li>-Wrong nominal capacitor</li></ul>
3. Loss measurement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Wrong PT, CT and wattmeter class</li><li>-Too high voltage THD during the measurement</li><li>-Too high voltage asymmetry during the measurement</li><li>-Slightly too high voltage during the measurement</li></ul>
4. Lightning impulse test	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Wrongly connected voltage divider</li><li>-Wrong grounding setup</li><li>-Too long distance between test object and impulse generator</li><li>-Not updated measuring system</li><li>-Wrong divider ratio</li></ul>

### Conclusion:

This case study shares what has been seen and experienced over the last decade onsite, in order to **provide important insight** and to extrapolate key results that help **illuminate previously hidden issues**.

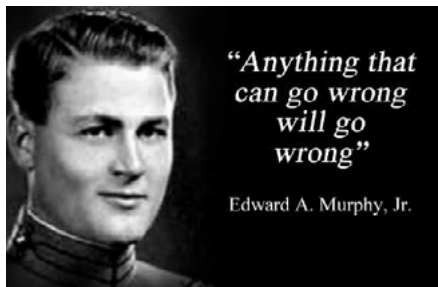


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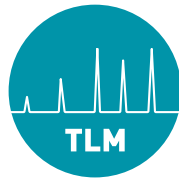
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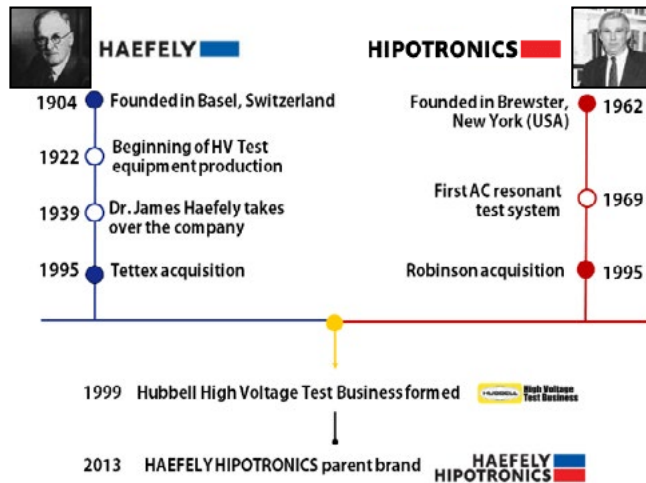


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### Agenda

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- Introduction to Murphy's Law
- Murphy's Law – Case Study
- Cases Study Analysis

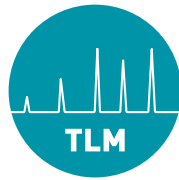
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### Introduction to Murphy's Law

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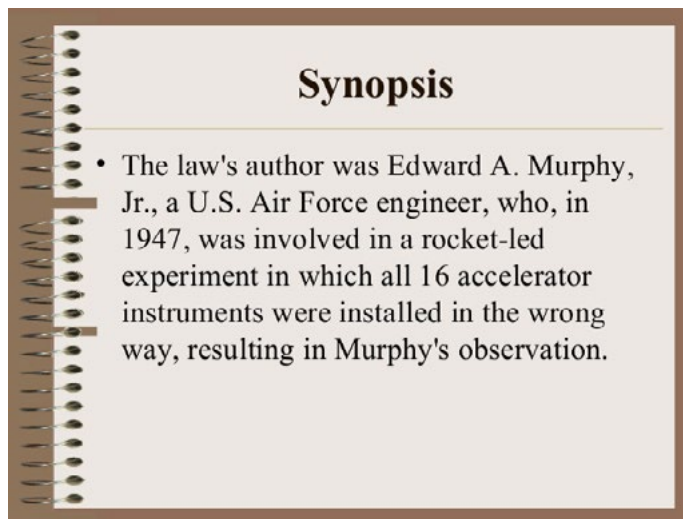
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### Anything that can go wrong will go wrong




### Case study

- **Origin:** this study shares what has been seen and experienced onsite from us
- **Target:** provide important insight and illuminate previously hidden issues
- **Systematic approach:** each case is studied with the mention of the fault, the cause of the fault, the consequence and the solution.






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**Murphy's Law – Case Study**

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**Case Study: HV 1**

<b>Situation</b> Induced Voltage Test	<b>Problem</b> C-Bank explosion <b>Factory on fire</b>	<i>Difficulty:</i> Low
<b>Cause</b> C-Bank was in the test circuit during the induced voltage test	<b>Consequence</b> 72 kV / 200 Hz applied on a 20 kV 60 Hz C-Bank	<i>Failure:</i> System
		<i>Can be avoided:</i> Yes
		<i>Dangerous:</i> Yes

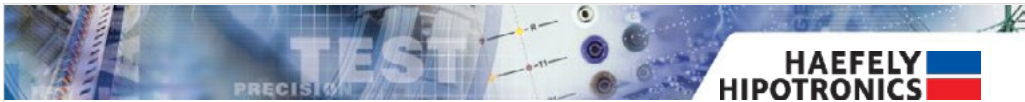
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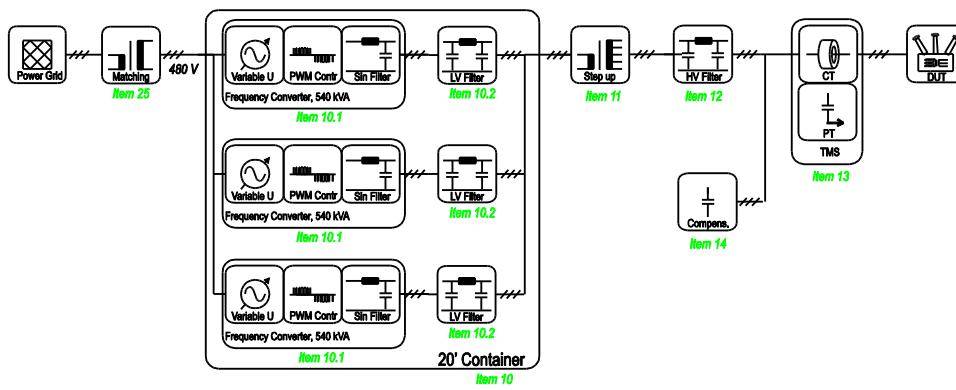
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Case Study: HV 1

- Classic test system for induced voltage test, no load and load loss, heat run
- Typical example for heat run: 20 kV / 60 Hz
- Typical example for induced voltage test: 72 kV / 200 Hz



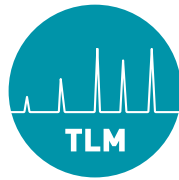
Case Study: HV 1



- C-Bank fire is most of the time a dramatic situation, as the bank is installed inside the factory!







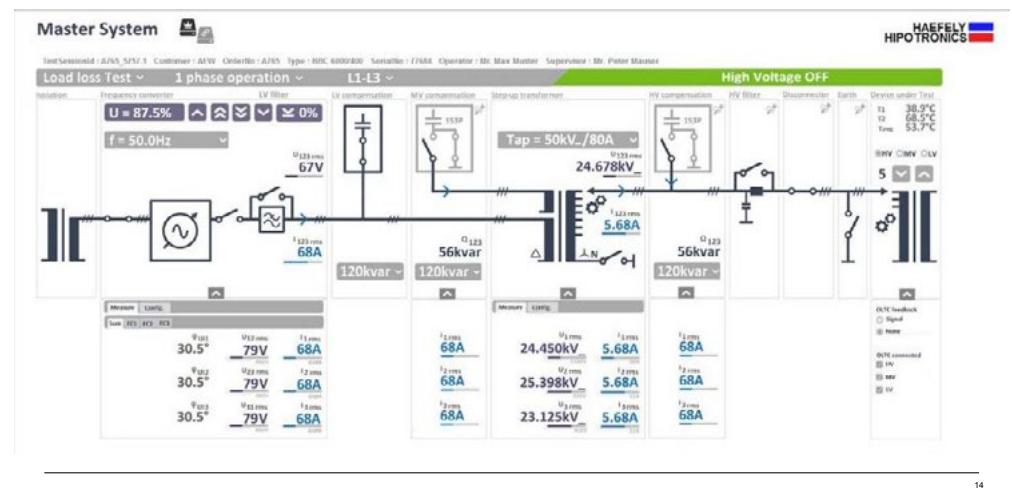
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**Case Study: HV 1**

- Solution: overall test system intelligence should avoid dangerous situation!!



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**Case Study: HV 2**

**Situation**

Onsite DC Hipot on submarine cable

**Problem**

Ultra high voltage DC generator breaks down

*Difficulty:*  
Low

*Failure:*  
human

**Cause**

Customer replaced the damping resistance, which was wrongly designed

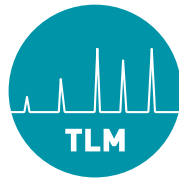
**Consequence**

After cable break down, the flash went back to the DC generator, the damping resistance could not stop the high current and the DC generator breaks down

*Can be avoided:*  
Yes

*Dangerous:*  
Yes

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### Case Study: HV 2



- Onsite test on a 35 km submarine cable
- The onsite test cabin was too small
- Customer decides to replace the damping resistor with a shorter damping resistor. (same resistance value!)
- DC hipot at 380 kV
- Breakdown of the cable
- Flash back with huge current to the damping resistor, the flash goes over the resistor and destroys the generator



### Case Study: HV 3

**Situation**  
Applied voltage test

**Problem**  
Flash

*Difficulty:*  
Low

*Failure:*  
Human

**Cause**  
Wrong divider ratio setting

**Consequence**  
Flash

*Can be avoided:*  
Yes

*Dangerous:*  
Yes



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### Case Study: HV 3



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### Case Study: Imp 1

#### Situation

Impulse test on power transformer

#### Problem

Overlapping oscillation

*Difficulty:*  
Low

*Failure:*  
System

#### Cause

Impulse generator too far from test object, no-air cushion to move it closer to the test object

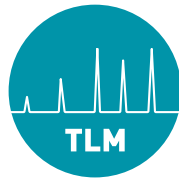
#### Consequence

High loop inductance  
 $L_{loop}$

*Can be avoided:*  
Yes

*Dangerous:*  
No

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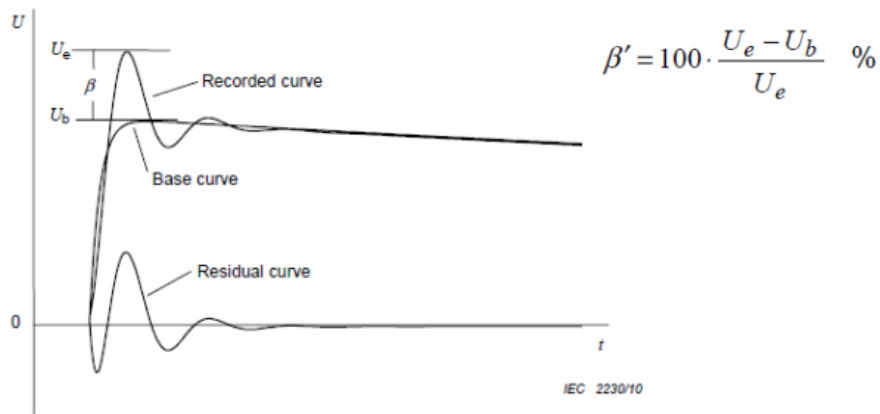


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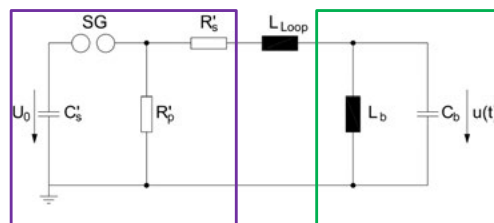
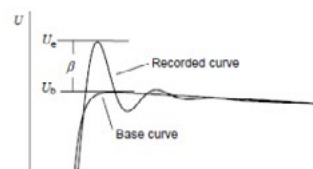
### Case Study: Imp 1

- Relative overshoot magnitude  $\beta'$  shall not exceed 5% (IEC 60076-3 ed3.0)



### Case Study: Imp 1

- Usual test setup for LI test
- The higher  $L_{loop}$ , the higher overlapping oscillation



Impulse Generator

Transformer

- $C'_s$ : resulting impulse capacitance
- $R'_s$ : Front (series) resistor
- $R'_p$ : Tail (parallel) resistor
- $L_{loop}$ : inductance of test circuit
- $L_b$ : inductance of transformer
- $C_b$ : capacitance of transformer

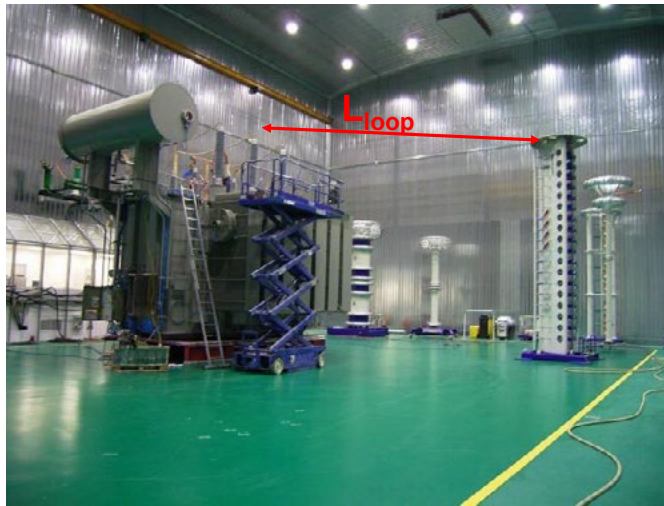


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### Case Study: Imp 1

- Solution: have an impulse generator with air cushion



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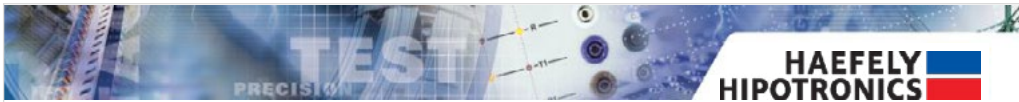


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### Case Study: Imp 2

<p><b>Situation</b></p> <p>LI test on power transformer, on the low voltage side</p>	<p><b>Problem</b></p> <p>Tail time <math>t_2</math> too short, out of the IEC 70076.3 ed 3.0 specification</p>	<p><i>Difficulty:</i> Low</p> <p><i>Failure:</i> System</p> <p><i>Can be avoided:</i> Yes</p> <p><i>Dangerous:</i> No</p>
<p><b>Cause</b></p> <p>Very low transformer winding inductance</p>	<p><b>Consequence</b></p> <p>Short Tail time <math>t_2</math> Does not fulfill IEC 70076.3 ed 3.0</p>	

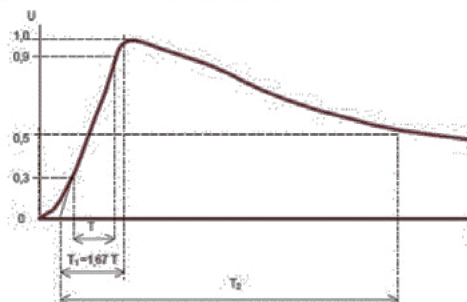


### Case Study: Imp 2

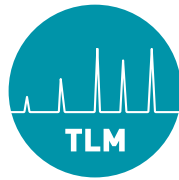
- IEC 60076-3 ed 3.0
  - 13.2 Full wave lightning impulse test (LI)
  - 13.2.1 Wave shape, determination of test voltage value and tolerances

The test impulse shall be a full standard lightning impulse  $1,2 \pm 30\% / 50 \mu\text{s} \pm 20\%$ .

The test voltage value shall be the test voltage value as defined in IEC 60060-1 (after the test voltage function is applied). If the maximum relative overshoot magnitude is 5% or less, the test voltage value may be taken as the extreme value as defined in IEC 60060-1.





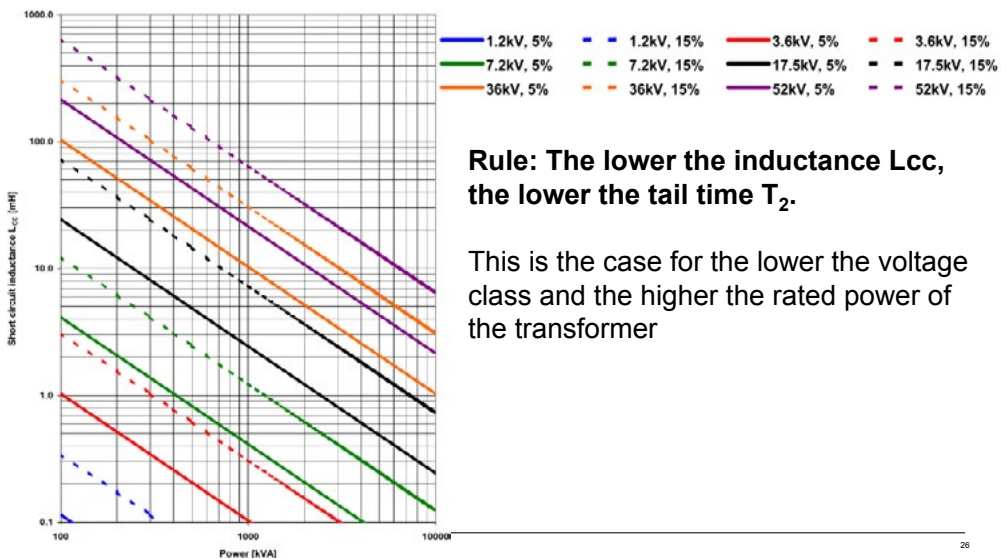


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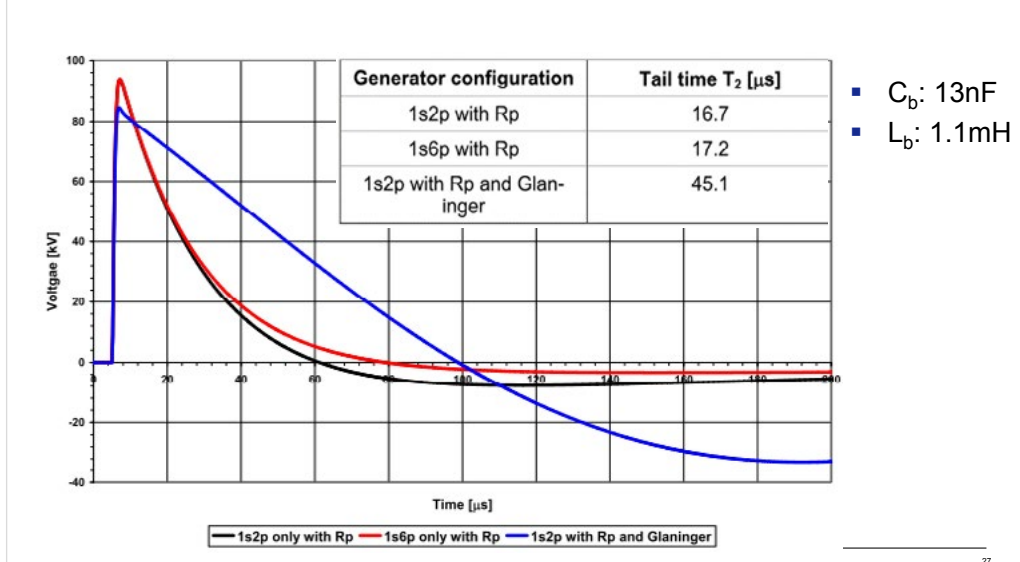
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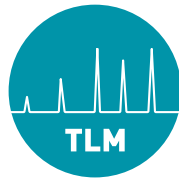


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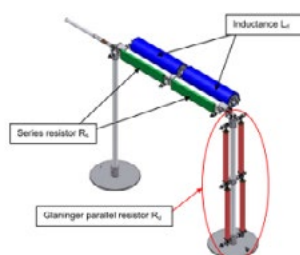
Generator configuration	Tail time $T_2$ [ $\mu$ S]
1s2p with $R_p$	16.7
1s6p with $R_p$	17.2
1s2p with $R_p$ and Glaninger	45.1

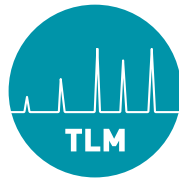
- Even with more capacitance,  $T_2$  would not rise
- Glaninger:  $T_2$  is 270 % higher as with the 1s2p config.
- **Glaninger is the smart solution**



### Case Study: Imp 2

- Solution: Glaninger Circuit





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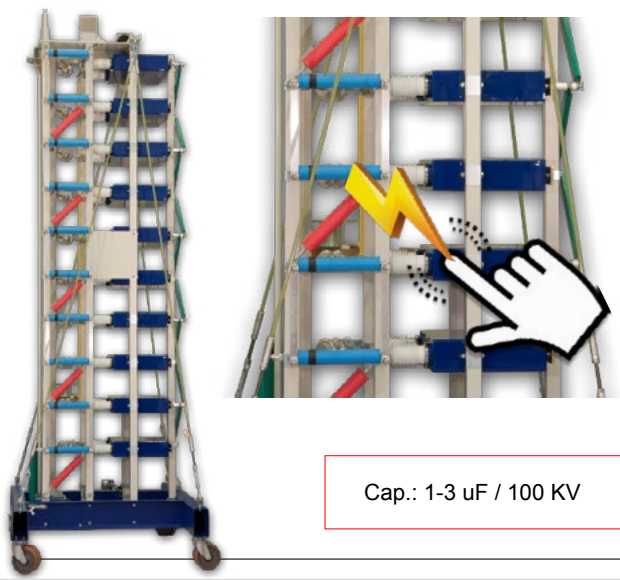
### Case Study: Imp 3

<p><b>Situation</b></p> <p>Impulse voltage test</p>	<p><b>Problem:</b></p> <p>During the impulse generator configuration: low / medium energy discharge to the operator</p>	<p><i>Difficulty:</i> Low</p> <p><i>Failure:</i> System</p> <p><i>Can be avoided:</i> Yes</p> <p><i>Dangerous:</i> Yes</p>
<p><b>Cause</b></p> <p>Capacitor was not grounded after use; the capacitor is charging alone back due to internal polarization phenome</p>	<p><b>Consequence</b></p> <p>Risk of low / medium discharge to the operator, risk to fall down from the sky lift</p>	

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### Case Study: Imp 3

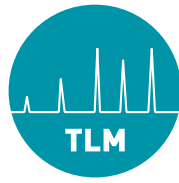


Caution without grounding:  
Risk of discharge!

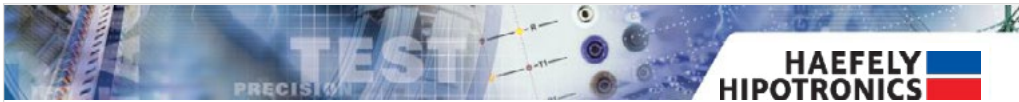
the capacitor is charging alones back due to internal polarization phenome

Cap.: 1-3 uF / 100 KV

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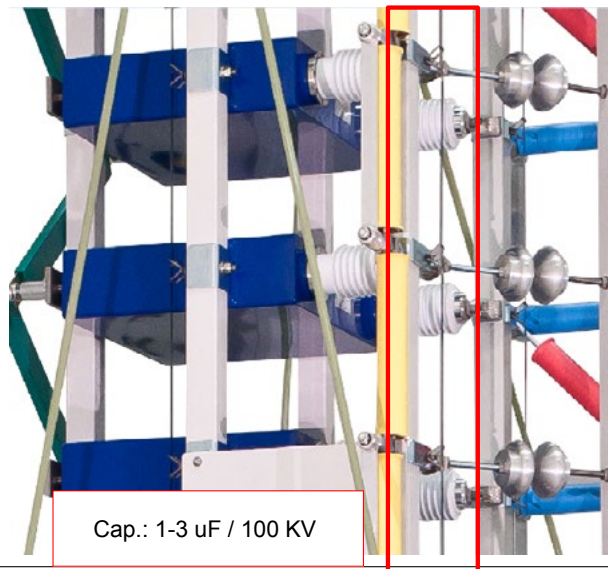
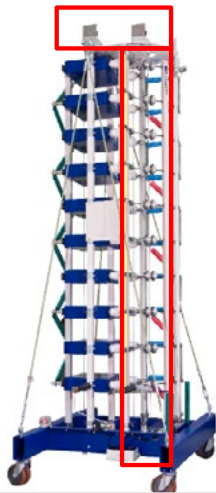


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### Case Study: Imp 3

Solution: Auto. grounding



### Case Study: PD 1

Situation  
PD measurement

Problem  
Flash

*Difficulty:*  
High

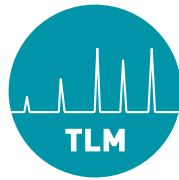
*Failure:*  
Human

Cause  
Floating coupling capacitor

Consequence  
Flash between divider and ground

*Can be avoided:*  
Yes - no

*Dangerous:*  
Yes



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### Case Study: PD 1

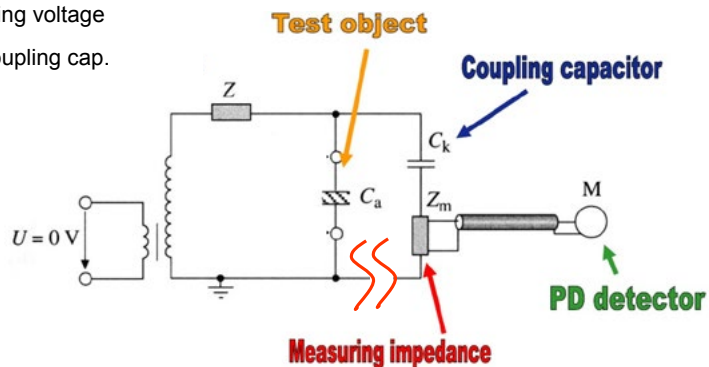


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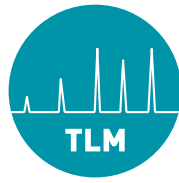
### Case Study: PD 1

- Usual test setup: AC source + coupling capacitor + meas. Imp. + PD detector
- Test engineer has 2 PD detectors / measuring impedances (end user request)
- He changes the measuring impedance and forgets to ground it
- Coupling capacitor is floating
- Flash occurs while rising voltage
- After power off, the coupling cap. remains charged: dangerous situation



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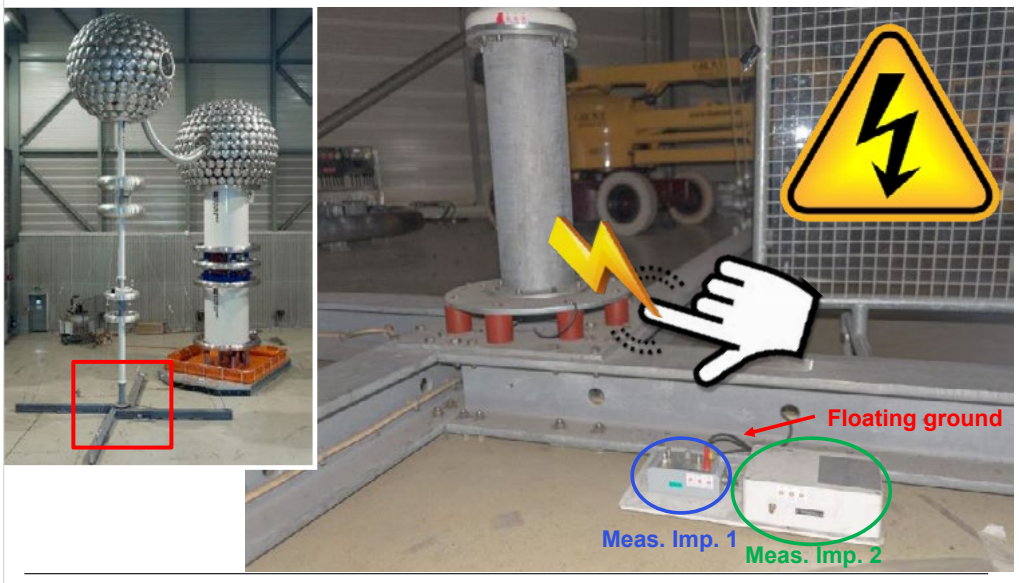




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### Case Study: PD 1



### Case Study: PD 2

**Situation**

PD Measurement on transformer

**Problem:**

Wrong PD values/measurement

*Difficulty:*  
Low

*Failure:*  
Human

**Cause**

Operator did not calibrate the measuring circuit for each new test object

**Consequence**

Each test object has different capacitance, which makes impossible to know the PD amplitude

*Can be avoided:*  
Yes

*Dangerous:*  
No







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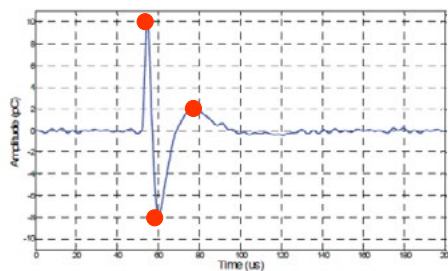
### Case Study: PD 3

<p><b>Situation</b></p> <p>PD Measurement on transformer</p>	<p><b>Problem:</b></p> <p>High PD values/measurement</p>	<p><i>Difficulty:</i> Medium</p>
<p><b>Cause</b></p> <p>Fixed dead time leading to ambiguous recognition of partial discharge pulse</p>	<p><b>Consequence</b></p> <p>Partial discharge undershoot is interpreted as pulse</p>	<p><i>Failure:</i> System</p> <p><i>Can be avoided:</i> Yes</p> <p><i>Dangerous:</i> No</p>



### Case Study: PD 3

- Dynamic dead time VS fixed dead time



- Dynamic dead time: 1 pulse
- Fixed dead time: up to 3 pulses

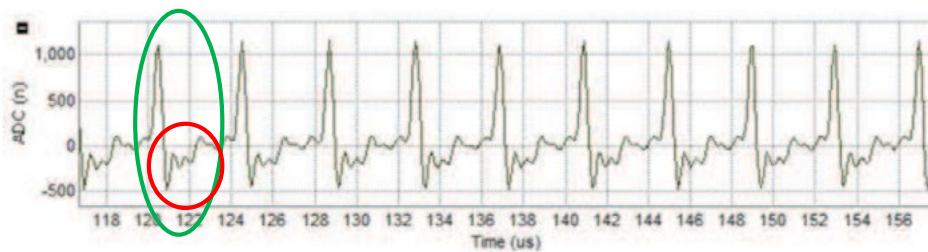


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### Case Study: PD 3

- Typical situation:



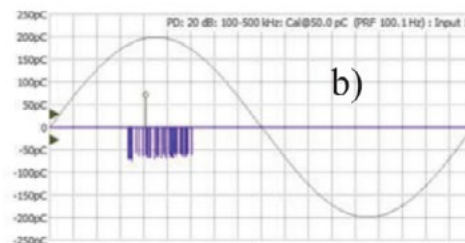
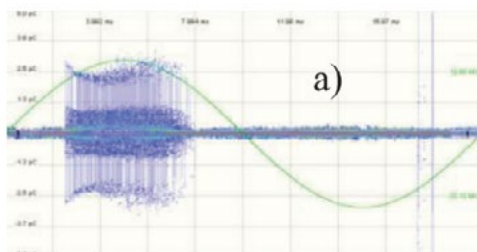
- This is one partial discharge pulse
- Dead time: time to blind out the undershoot

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### Case Study: PD 3

- Dynamic dead time VS fixed dead time:



- Pulse polarity:
  - a) ambiguous recognition due to **fixed** dead time, wrongly set
  - b) distinct recognition without ambiguity, thanks to **dynamic** dead time (automatic)

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### Case Study: PD 3

- Dynamic dead time VS fixed dead time:
  - Challenge with fixed dead time settings: each PD source might need another setting!
  
- Inner PD source
  - Internal cavity/void in insulating material
  - Air bubbles in oil
  - Non-uniformities in SF6 insulation system
- Outer PD source:
  - Corona
  - Surface (gliding/creeping discharges)



### Case Study: PD 4

**Situation**

PD Measurement on transformer

**Problem:**

Wrong PD measurement

*Difficulty:*  
Low

*Failure:*  
System / human

**Cause**

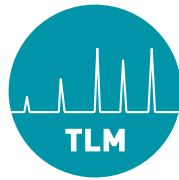
Measurement out of the IEC standard measurement band (higher frequency range)

**Consequence**

On the higher frequency range, the PD activity is not visible anymore

*Can be avoided:*  
Yes

*Dangerous:*  
No

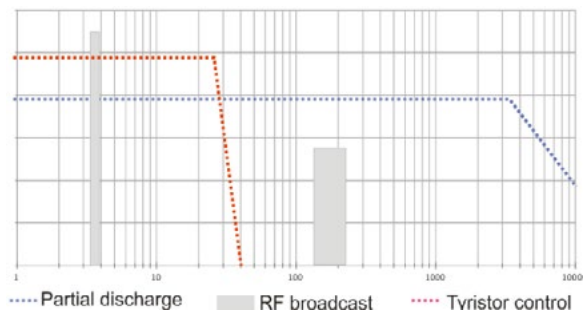


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### Case Study: PD 4

- Wide-band PD instruments (chapter 4.3.4 in IEC 60270:2015)
  - $30 \text{ kHz} \leq f_1 \leq 100 \text{ kHz}$ ,
  - $f_2 \leq 1000 \text{ kHz}$
  - $100 \text{ kHz} \leq \Delta f \leq 900 \text{ kHz}$
  - PD pulse loses high frequency content while travelling thru transformer



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### Case Study: WR 1

#### Situation

Onsite winding resistance measurement on power transformer

#### Problem

At transformer reconnection, the substation switches off

*Difficulty:*  
Low

*Failure:*  
System

#### Cause

The winding resistance is a DC measurement. The core remains magnetized after measurement

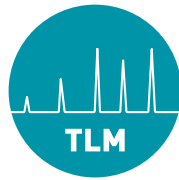
#### Consequence

-Magnetized core  
-DC offset  
-Inrush current  
-Substation switches off

*Can be avoided:*  
Yes

*Dangerous:*  
Yes

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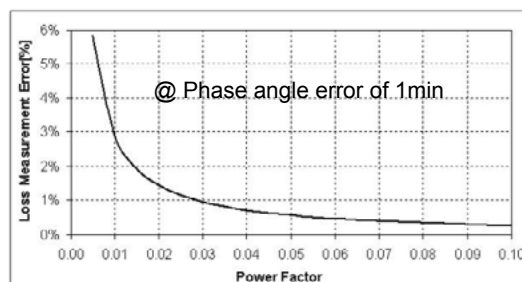
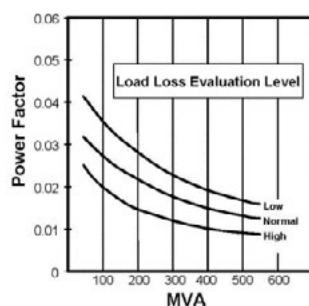
### Case Study: Loss 1

<p><b>Situation</b></p> <p>Load Loss measurement on a power transformer</p>	<p><b>Problem</b></p> <p>Higher loss readings</p>	<p><i>Difficulty:</i> Low</p>
<p><b>Cause</b></p> <p>Wrong accuracy class of the Wattmeter</p>	<p><b>Consequence</b></p> <p>Small power factor leads to high loss error readings</p>	<p><i>Failure:</i> System</p> <p><i>Can be avoided:</i> Yes</p> <p><i>Dangerous:</i> No</p>



### Case Study: Loss 1

- Phase angle error of 1min in the voltage or current will result in approx. 3 % error in loss meas. for a power factor of 0.01
- Load loss at low power factor are very sensitive to phase angle errors



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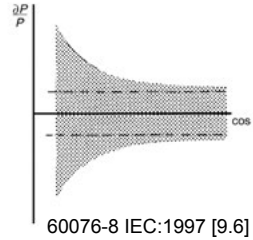
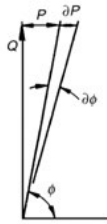
### Case Study: Loss 1

- During meas: the transformer behaves inductive
- Power factor tends to fall with rising values of rated power
  - Typical example:
    - **1'000 kVA transformer:** load loss 1 %, short circuit impedance 6 % of ref. impedance – power factor of the series impedance: **0.167**
    - **100 MVA transformer:** load loss 0.4 %, short circuit impedance 15 % of ref. impedance – power factor of the series impedance: **0.027**

$$P = U \times I \times \cos \phi$$

$$\frac{\partial P}{P} = \frac{\partial U}{U} + \frac{\partial I}{I} - \frac{\sin \phi}{\cos \phi} \times \partial \phi$$

$$\frac{\sin \phi}{\cos \phi} = \frac{(1 - \cos^2 \phi)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{\cos \phi} \approx \frac{1}{\cos \phi}$$



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### Case Study: Loss 1

- IEC 60076-8:1997

10.2 Traceability, quality aspects on measuring technique

Traceability of measurements means that a chain of calibrations and comparisons have been carried out, through which the validity of the individual measurement can be traced back to national and international standards of units preserved in recognized institutions of metrology. Evidence of such traceability should contain the following items.

a) Certified information about errors (amplitude errors and phase angle errors) of the components of the measuring system (transducers for voltage, current and power, voltage dividers and shunts, indicating or recording instruments, etc.)

This may comprise:

- certificates from the manufacturers of individual components;
- certification from calibrations carried out at independent precision laboratories;
- certificates of calibrations made in the plant by means of precision instrumentation and specialist staff brought there for that purpose;
- direct comparisons of the test room installation with a complete precision measuring system (overall system calibration).

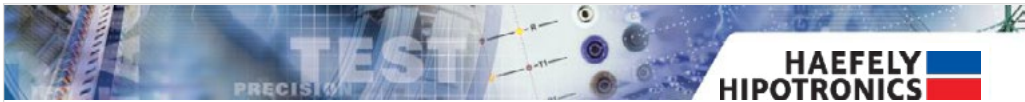
Power Factor	Components Accuracy <sup>1</sup>		Overall System Accuracy <sup>1</sup>		Range
	Standard <sup>2</sup>	Extended <sup>3</sup>	Standard <sup>2</sup>	Extended <sup>3</sup>	
cos φ = 1.0	± 0.15%	± 0.06%	± 0.35%	± 0.3%	105V/√3V .. 4200V/√3V; 0.5A .. 500A
cos φ = 0.5	± 0.5%	± 0.12%	± 0.7%	± 0.3%	105V/√3V .. 4200V/√3V; 0.5A .. 500A
cos φ = 0.3	± 0.79%	± 0.16%	± 1.2%	± 0.4%	105V/√3V .. 4200V/√3V; 0.5A .. 500A
cos φ = 0.1	± 2.14%	± 0.36%	± 3%	± 1.2%	105V/√3V .. 4200V/√3V; 0.5A .. 500A
Voltmeter	Class 0.1				Ratio 3500V/√3 : 100V Range 105V/√3..4200V/√3 (3%..120%)
Currentmeter	Class 0.1				0.5A .. 500A

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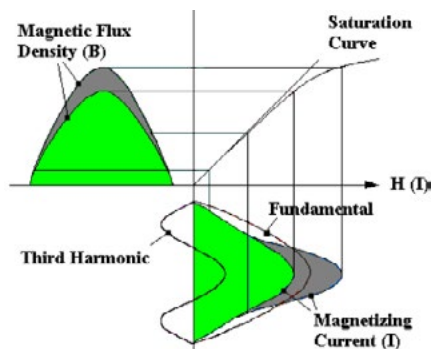
Case Study: Loss 2

<p><b>Situation</b></p> <p>No Load Loss measurement on a distribution transformer</p>	<p><b>Problem</b></p> <p>Higher loss readings</p>	<p><i>Difficulty:</i> Low</p> <p><i>Failure:</i> System</p> <p><i>Can be avoided:</i> Yes</p> <p><i>Dangerous:</i> No</p>
<p><b>Cause</b></p> <p>Deviation on the excitation voltage</p>	<p><b>Consequence</b></p> <p>Higher loss readings</p>	

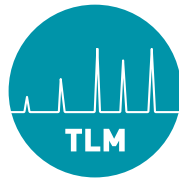


Case Study: Loss 2

- **1% deviation on the applied voltage would increase 1% to 3 % the losses**
- **Solution: accurate voltage output** (step less adjustment, feedback loop with the measurement)



During no load loss measuring, the transformer is in the saturation working area



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### Case Study: Loss 3

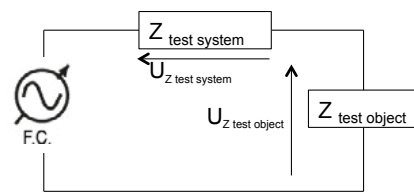
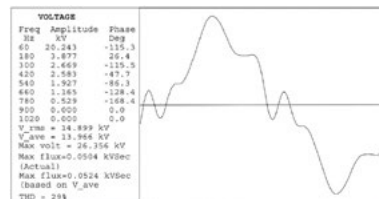
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<p><b>Cause</b></p> <p>High THD on the voltage waveshape</p>	<p><b>Consequence</b></p> <p>Higher loss readings</p>	

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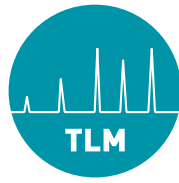


### Case Study: Loss 3

- **T.H.D.:** Total Harmonic Distortion
- IEC 60076-1:2011 [11.1.1]: Voltage: THD < 5%
- **T.H.D. cause:**  
T.H.D. on the voltage waveshape comes mainly from the short circuit impedance of the test system
- **T.H.D. problem:**  
Peaked waves with higher r.m.s. can lead to higher losses



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### Case Study: Loss 3

Example on a 2'500 kVA, 33 kV / 400 V transformer

- Without THD Control

No Load Loss Measurement 500 - C/L Data2500kVA				
	Phase A	Phase B	Phase C	SUMMARY
Voltage (RMS)	228.974 V	232.116 V	230.091 V	230.394 V
Loss	928.000 W	684.000 W	1.298 kW	2.910 kW
cos(φ)	0.352	0.320	0.502	0.397
Current (N)	27.081 %	21.962 %	26.531 %	25.191 %
U THD	7.710 %	7.250 %	7.820 %	7.590 %
U (RMS)	7.710 %	7.250 %	7.820 %	7.590 %
cos(φ)	0.352	0.320	0.502	0.397
Reactive Power	2.472 kvar	2.022 kvar	2.235 kvar	6.729 kvar
U THD	7.710 %	7.250 %	7.820 %	7.590 %

- With THD Control

No Load Loss Measurement 500 - C/L Data2500kVA				
	Phase A	Phase B	Phase C	SUMMARY
Voltage (RMS)	230.501 V	229.952 V	230.344 V	230.266 V
Loss	813.000 W	603.000 W	1.410 kW	2.826 kW
cos(φ)	0.293	0.307	0.531	0.385
Current (N)	28.852 %	20.431 %	27.560 %	25.614 %
U THD	0.865 %	1.050 %	0.868 %	0.926 %
U (RMS)	0.865 %	1.050 %	0.868 %	0.926 %
cos(φ)	0.293	0.307	0.531	0.385
Reactive Power	2.657 kvar	1.870 kvar	2.248 kvar	6.776 kvar
U THD	0.865 %	1.050 %	0.868 %	0.926 %

3% Difference

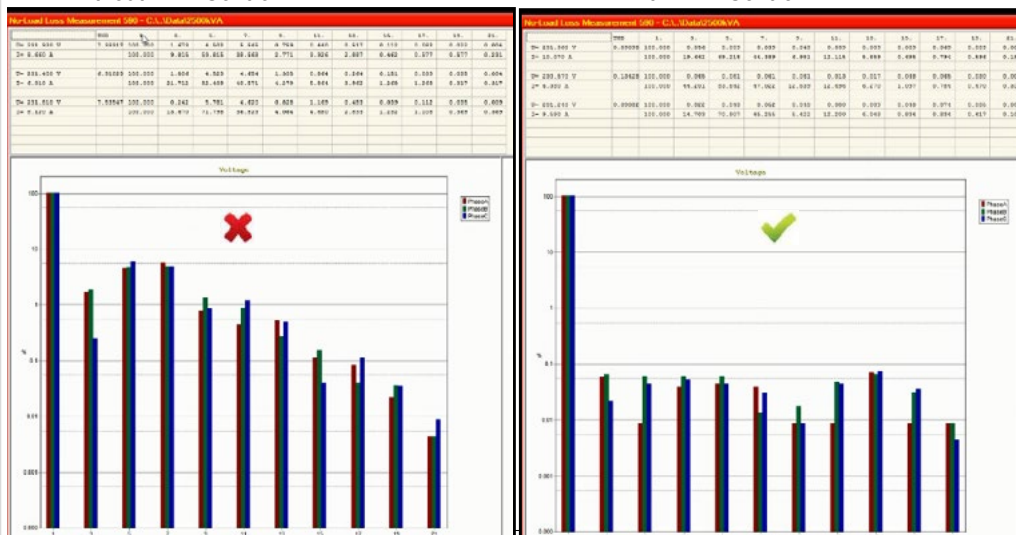


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Example on a 2'500 kVA, 33 kV / 400 V transformer

Without THD Control

With THD Control





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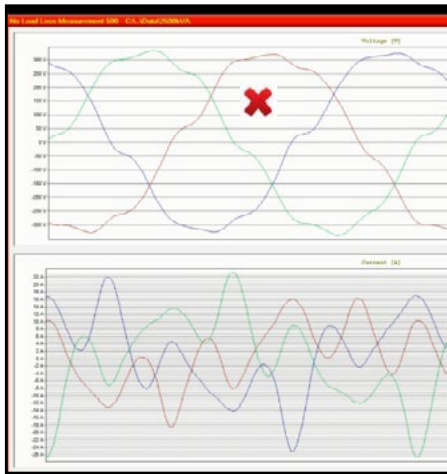
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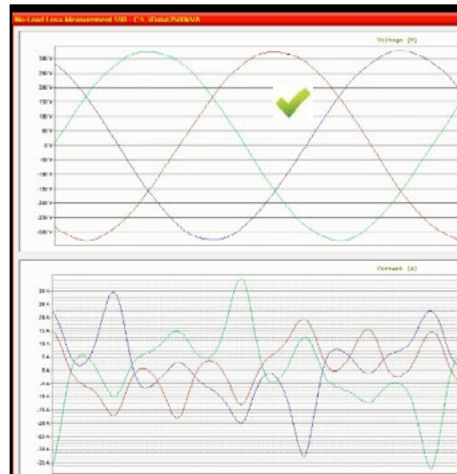
**Case Study: Loss 3**

Example on a 2'500 kVA, 33 kV / 400 V transformer

Without THD Control



With THD Control



**Case Study: Loss 4**

**Situation**

No Load Loss measurement on a distribution transformer

**Problem**

Higher loss readings

*Difficulty:*  
Low

*Failure:*  
System

**Cause**

Unsymmetric voltage waveshape

**Consequence**

Higher loss readings

*Can be avoided:*  
Yes

*Dangerous:*  
No





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Case Study: Loss 4

Example on a 2'500 kVA, 33 kV / 400 V transformer

**Without Symmetry Control**

	Phase A	Phase B	Phase C	SUM AVG
Voltage (V)	232.147 V	234.035 V	230.442 V	232.208 V
Loss	1.073 kW	990.000 W	1.290 kW	2.909 kW
PowerF	0.328	0.211	0.482	0.343
Current (%)	33.852 %	26.483 %	27.967 %	29.434 %
U THD	2.450 %	2.170 %	2.760 %	2.460 %
I THD	2.450 %	2.170 %	2.760 %	2.460 %
PowerF	0.328	0.211	0.482	0.343
Reactive Power	3.087 kvar	2.530 kvar	2.347 kvar	7.963 kvar
U THD	2.450 %	2.170 %	2.760 %	2.460 %

**With Symmetry Control**

	Phase A	Phase B	Phase C	SUM AVG
Voltage (V)	230.501 V	229.952 V	230.344 V	230.266 V
Loss	813.000 W	603.000 W	1.410 kW	2.826 kW
PowerF	0.293	0.307	0.531	0.365
Current (%)	28.852 %	20.431 %	27.560 %	25.614 %
U THD	0.865 %	1.050 %	0.868 %	0.926 %
I THD	0.865 %	1.050 %	0.868 %	0.926 %
PowerF	0.293	0.307	0.531	0.365
Reactive Power	2.657 kvar	1.870 kvar	2.248 kvar	6.776 kvar
U THD	0.865 %	1.050 %	0.868 %	0.926 %

3% Difference



Case Study: Loss 5

<p><b>Situation</b></p> <p>No Load Loss measurement on a transformer</p>	<p><b>Problem</b></p> <p>Higher loss readings</p>	<p>Difficulty: Low</p>
<p><b>Cause</b></p> <p>Magnetized core</p>	<p><b>Consequence</b></p> <p>Higher loss readings</p>	<p>Failure: Human</p> <p>Can be avoided: Yes</p> <p>Dangerous: No</p>





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### Case Study: Loss 5

- Prehistory of magnetization
  - Remanence in the core after saturation during winding resistance meas. or by unidirectional long-duration impulses, may leave a trace in the no load loss meas.
  - A systematic demagnetization of the core before no load meas. is recommended to establish representative results

*IEEE Std C57.123-2010 [3.2.2]  
60076-8 IEC:1997 [9.6]*

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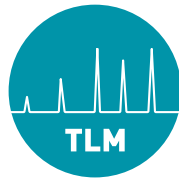


### Case Study: Loss 5

- ABB Book: ABB\_2010\_Testing of Power Transformers and Shunt Reactors, Routine Type and Special Tests, page 72 - the No-Load loss:

Before the loss measurements actually take place the transformer to be tested must be excited by 1,1 to 1,15 times rated voltage. The over-excitation reduces the effects of remanence caused by DC current excitation during resistance measurements or from the switching impulse. The correct no-load loss cannot be seen until there have been several cycles of the magnetizing characteristic. During this process the readings of the ammeters and wattmeter decrease. When the measured figures are steady, the actual loss measurements can start.

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### Case Study: FRA

<p><b>Situation</b></p> <p>FRA Measurement on power transformer</p>	<p><b>Problem:</b></p> <p>Measurement differs from reference</p>	<p><i>Difficulty:</i> Medium - High</p>
<p><b>Cause</b></p> <p>Multiple: Oil, magnetization, connection, temperature</p>	<p><b>Consequence</b></p> <p>FRA shows deviation</p>	<p><i>Failure:</i> human</p> <p><i>Can be avoided:</i> Yes</p> <p><i>Dangerous:</i> No</p>



### Case Study: FRA

- Power Transformer filled with different oil onsite as at the factory

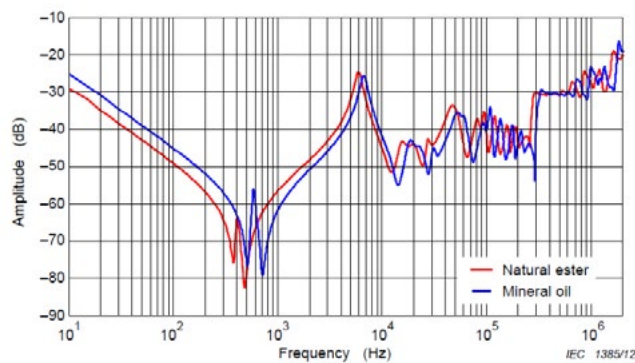
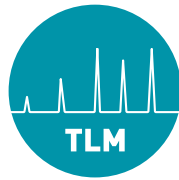


Figure B.12 – Effect of different types of insulating fluid on frequency response

Ref: IEC 60076-18 ed 1.0



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### Case Study: FRA

- Power transformer measured onsite before filling the oil

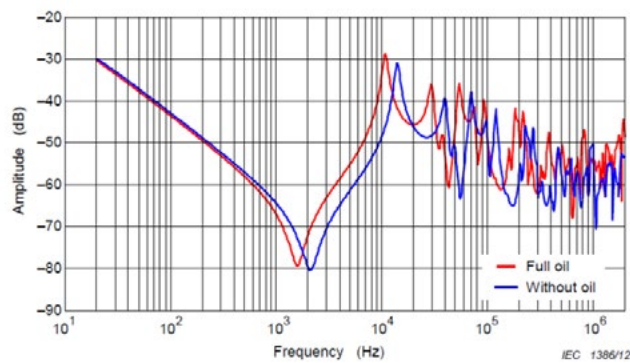


Figure B.13 – Effect of oil filling on frequency response

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### Case Study: FRA

- Power transformer measured after winding resistance measurement without demagnetization

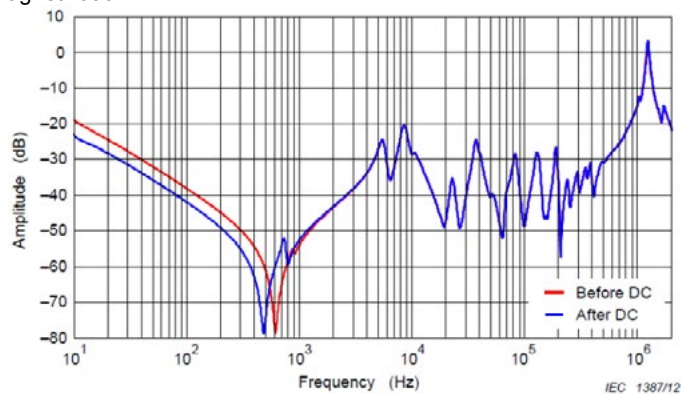


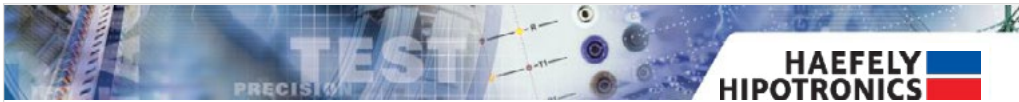
Figure B.14 – Effect of a DC injection test on the frequency response

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### Case Study: FRA

- Power transformer measured at different temperature

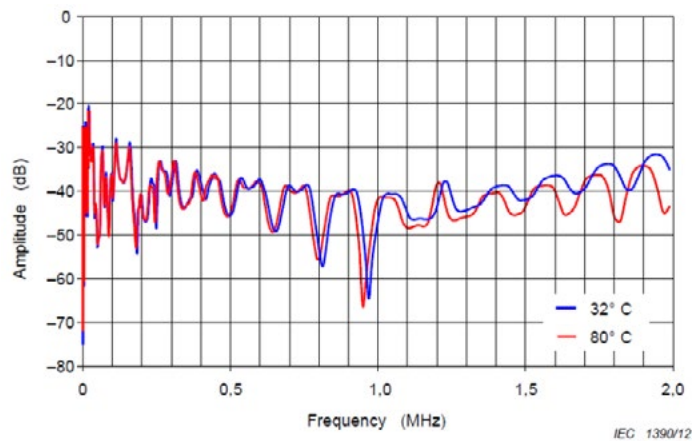


Figure B.16 – Effect of temperature on frequency response

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### Case Study: FRA

- Power transformer measured with bad connection

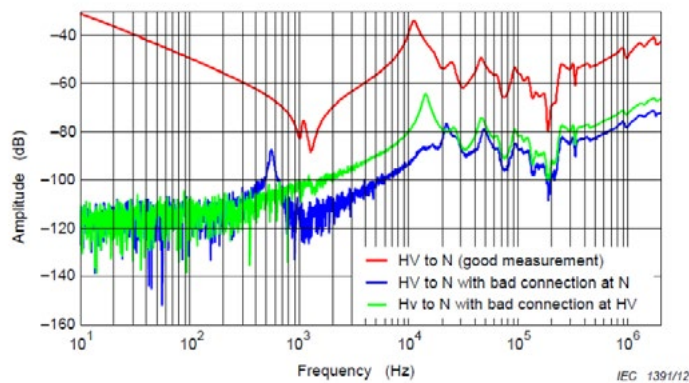


Figure B.17 – Examples of bad measurement practice

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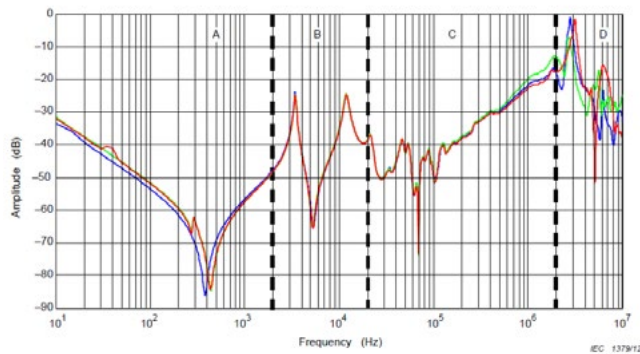


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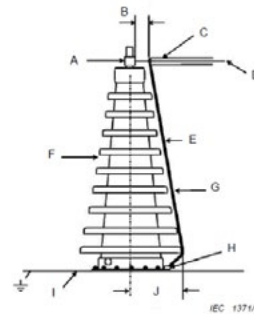
### Case Study: FRA

At the highest frequencies of above 1 MHz (> 72.5 kV) or above 2 MHz ( $\leq$  72.5 kV), the response is less repeatable and is influenced by the measurement set-up, especially by the earthing connections, which effectively relies on the length of the bushing.



**Influence regions:**

- A core
- B interaction between windings
- C winding structure
- D measurement setup and lead (including earthing connection)



- A connection clamp
- B unshielded length to be made as short as possible
- C measurement cable shield
- D central conductor
- E shortest braid
- F bushing
- G earth connection
- H earth clamp
- I tank
- J smallest loop

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### Case Study: PF 1

**Situation**

Power factor measurement on transformer

**Problem:**

Wrong measurement

*Difficulty:*  
Low

*Failure:*  
human

**Cause**

Dirty bushing

**Consequence**

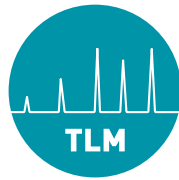
Leakage current increases the power factor

*Can be avoided:*  
Yes

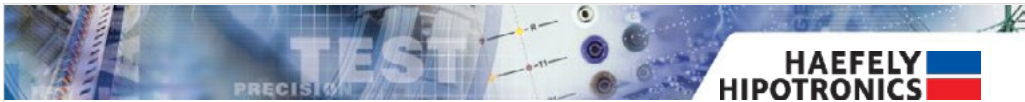
*Dangerous:*  
No

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### Case Study: PF 1



### Case Study: PF 2

**Situation**

Power factor measurement on transformer

**Problem:**

Wrong measurement

*Difficulty:*  
Low

*Failure:*  
human

**Cause**

High humidity during the measurement (morning, after rain, snow, etc...)

**Consequence**

Leakage current increases the power factor

*Can be avoided:*  
Yes

*Dangerous:*  
No





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### Case Study: PF 2

- Rules of dump
  - 65 % rel. humidity: 10 x higher leakage current
  - 80 % rel. humidity: 100 x higher leakage current
  - 95% rel. humidity: 1000 x higher leakage current
  
- Depending on the test object, leakage current can have a large impact. We do not recommend to measure above 65 % - 80 % rel. humidity

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### Case Study: PF 3

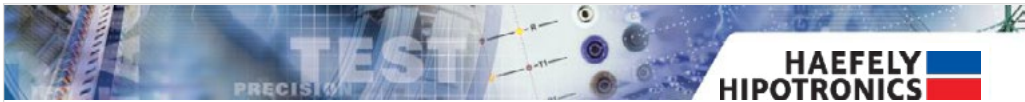
<p><b>Situation</b> Power factor measurement on transformer</p>	<p><b>Problem:</b> Wrong measurement</p>	<p><i>Difficulty:</i> Low</p> <p><i>Failure:</i> human</p> <p><i>Can be avoided:</i> Yes</p> <p><i>Dangerous:</i> No</p>
<p><b>Cause</b> Wrong temperature correction</p>	<p><b>Consequence</b> Temperature correction depends on the test object. A wrong setup gives high deviation</p>	

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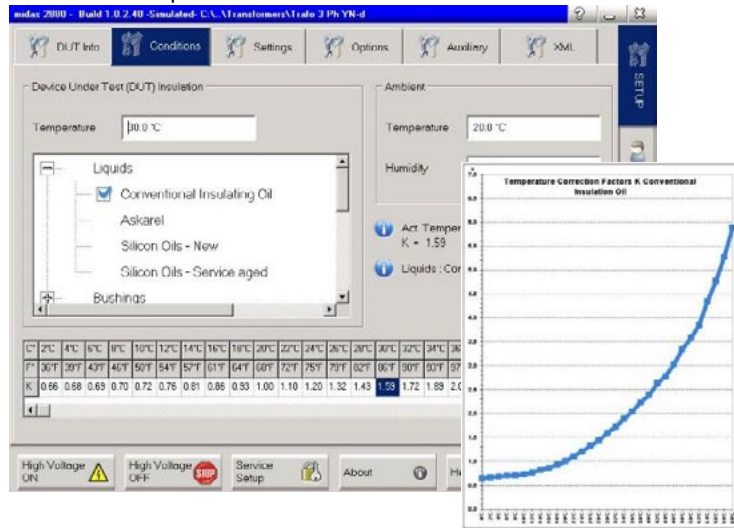
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**Case Study: PF 3**

- Temperature correction example



**Case Study: PF 4**

**Situation**

Power factor measurement on transformer

**Problem:**

Impossible to perform correct measurement

*Difficulty: Low*

*Failure: System*

**Cause**

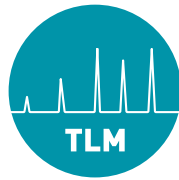
GST setup is needed, but the power supply is not compatible

**Consequence**

If the power supply does not have a separate ground output, is it impossible to perform a GST measurement.

*Can be avoided: Yes*

*Dangerous: No*

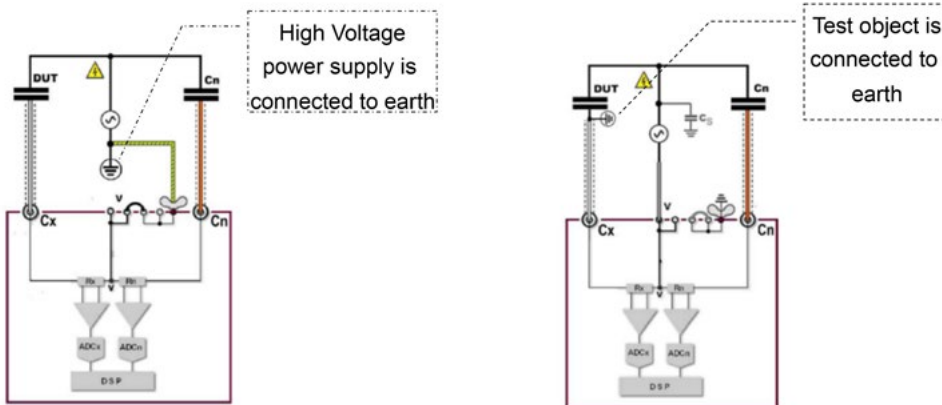


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### Case Study: PF 4

- UST and GST test setup:



Ungrounded specimen test **UST**

Grounded specimen test **GST**

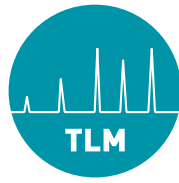
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## Cases Study Analysis



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**Anything that can go wrong will go wrong,**

But all situations could have been avoided!!!!!!!



### **Technology level**

- If a system is the cause of a fault, upgrading the system would be the solution

Better technology will avoid system failure!





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### Safety

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- Half of the dangerous situations are caused by the system technology. Upgrading the system would fix the problem.

**Think safety first and if requested upgrade the system!**



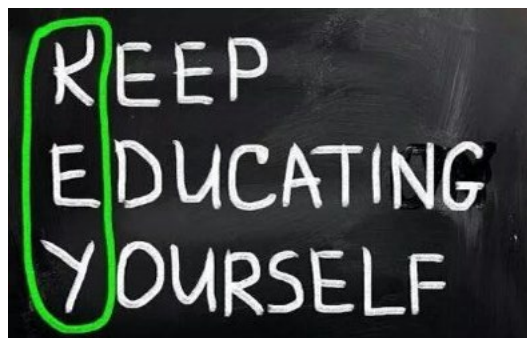
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### Knowledge

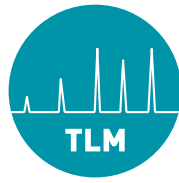
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- Half of the problems are linked to operator knowledge. Read the user manual first and get trained!



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