

# **DGA - Method in the Past and for the Future**

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## THE METROPOLITAN-VICKERS GAZETTE

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## The identity and significance of gases collected in Buchholz protectors

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**1970**

Doerenburg introduced the differentiation between electrical and thermal failure mode and introduced ratios for fault gases with similar solubility.

**1973**

Halstead developed the theoretical thermodynamic theory. The ratios are temperature dependent. With increasing the hotspot the amount of gases increases in the order: methane-ethane-ethylene.

**1975**

The evaluation scheme of the modern Gas-in-Oil Analysis is developed by Rogers, Mueller, Schliesing, Soldner (MSS).

**1995**

Development of In-Line Monitoring

**Different phenomena in oil take place like:**

**dielectric**

**thermal**

**dynamic**

**chemical**

**Change/Ageing**

**▶ Gas-in-Oil Analysis (DGA = Dissolved Gas Analysis)**

The measurement of dissolved gases  
allow the knowledge on

- ▶ **Type**
- ▶ **Complexity**
- ▶ **Seriousness**

of event

# Sampling

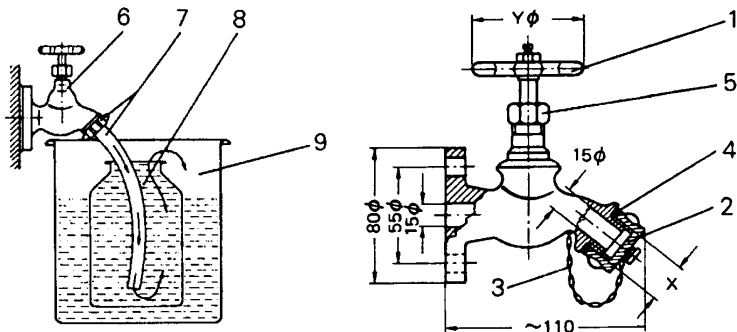
## Sampling Container

- ✓ **Perfectly cleaned & Dried**
- ✓ **Free from dust & moisture**
- ✓ **Airtight**
- ✓ **Glass or Metal cans, syringes**



- ✓ **Protect sample from direct light**
- ✓ **Avoid moisture & dust contamination**
- ✓ **Use the sampling containers exclusively for transformer oil sampling**





- 1 Handwheel
- 2 Sealing cap
- 3 Safety chain
- 4 Polyamid gasket
- 5 Nut
- 6 Drain valve
- 7 Hose and screw connector
- 8 Sampling bottle
- 9 Overflow vessel





**Required information concerning oil sample(example)**

**Requested analysis:**

Colour	ISO 2049	<input type="checkbox"/>
Appearance	IEC 60422	<input type="checkbox"/>
Neutralisation value	IEC 62021-1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Breakdown voltage	IEC 60156	<input type="checkbox"/>
Water content	IEC 60814	<input type="checkbox"/>
Loss factor at 50 Hz	IEC 60247	<input type="checkbox"/>
Interfacial tension	ISO 6295	<input type="checkbox"/>
PCB-content	EN 12766-2	<input type="checkbox"/>
Furananalysis (DGA)	IEC 61198	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gas-in-oil-analysis	IEC 60567	<input type="checkbox"/>
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		<input type="checkbox"/>

**Please fill in the following data:**

Manufacturer:	FTNR (Manufacturing No.):
Customer:	WNR (Order No.):
Location:	Sample No.:
Year of manufacture:	Date sample taken.:
Type:	Type of oil
Power:	Quantity of oil:
Rating:	<b>Oil temperature in the sample taken:</b>

**Sample taken from:**     Oil sample valve                       Oil drainage device                       Others  
A 22/31/40 DIN 42 551

Tank:                       Top                                       Middle                                       Bottom

conservator             Transformer                       OLTC                                       Bushing

OLTC                     OLTC tank                               \_\_\_\_\_

Bushing                 \_\_\_\_\_                                       \_\_\_\_\_

Others:                  \_\_\_\_\_                                       \_\_\_\_\_

**Reason for sample taking:**

Date of operation fault: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of repair : \_\_\_\_\_

Date of oil treatment/reclaiming \_\_\_\_\_

Routine checkup: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Further informations and previous history:

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**Sample taker:**

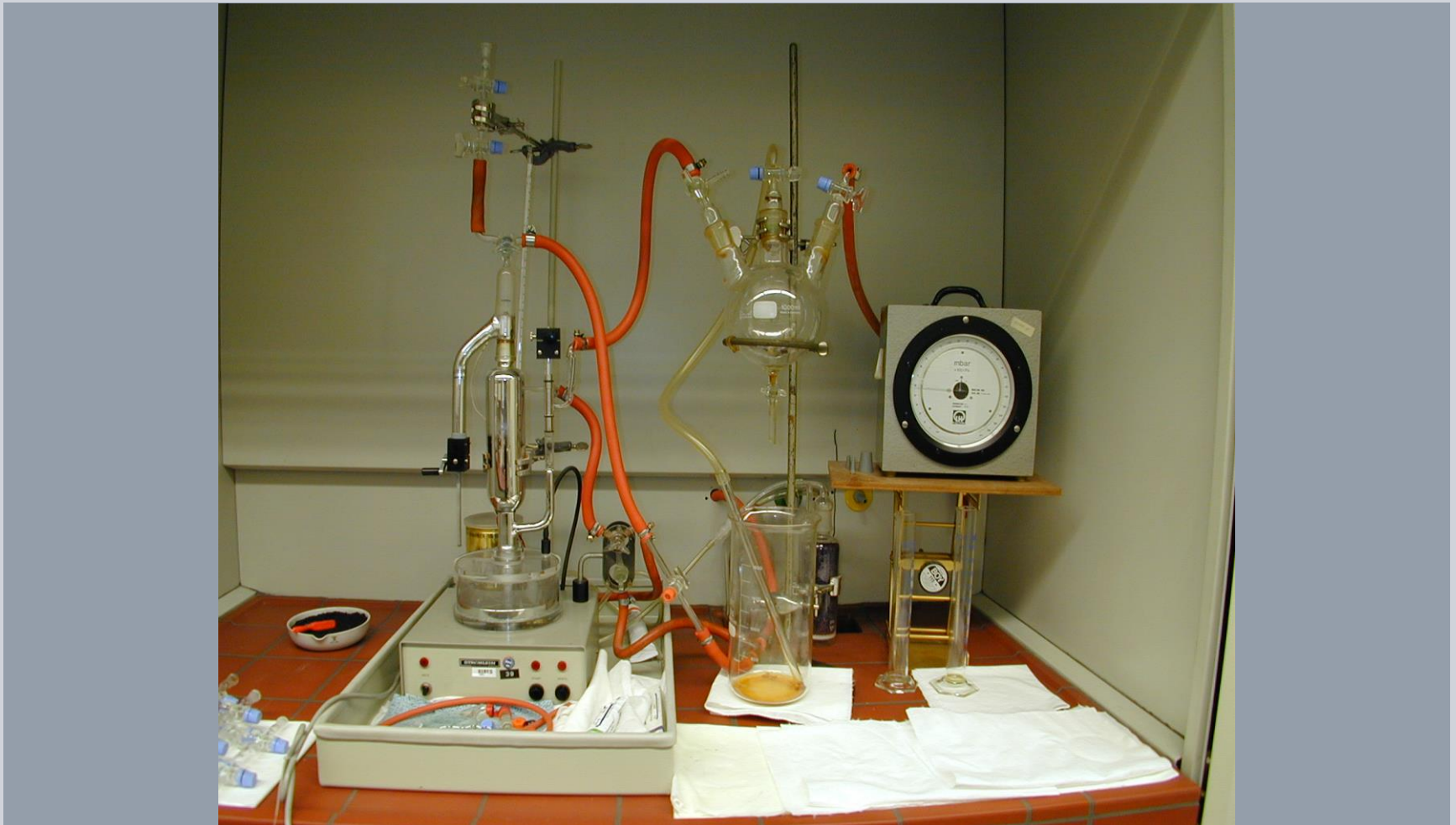
_____	_____	_____	_____
Date	Name in block letters	Company/ Department	Phone

<b>Lab information:</b>	<b>special features:</b> _____
Consecutive no.: _____	_____
Date sample received: _____	_____
Date sample analysed: _____	_____
Type of sample container: _____	_____

# Extraction of Gases from the Oil



## DGA. Toepler Pump



## DGA. Partial Degassing



## DGA. Headspace at Ambient Temperature





## DGA. Headspace at 70°C

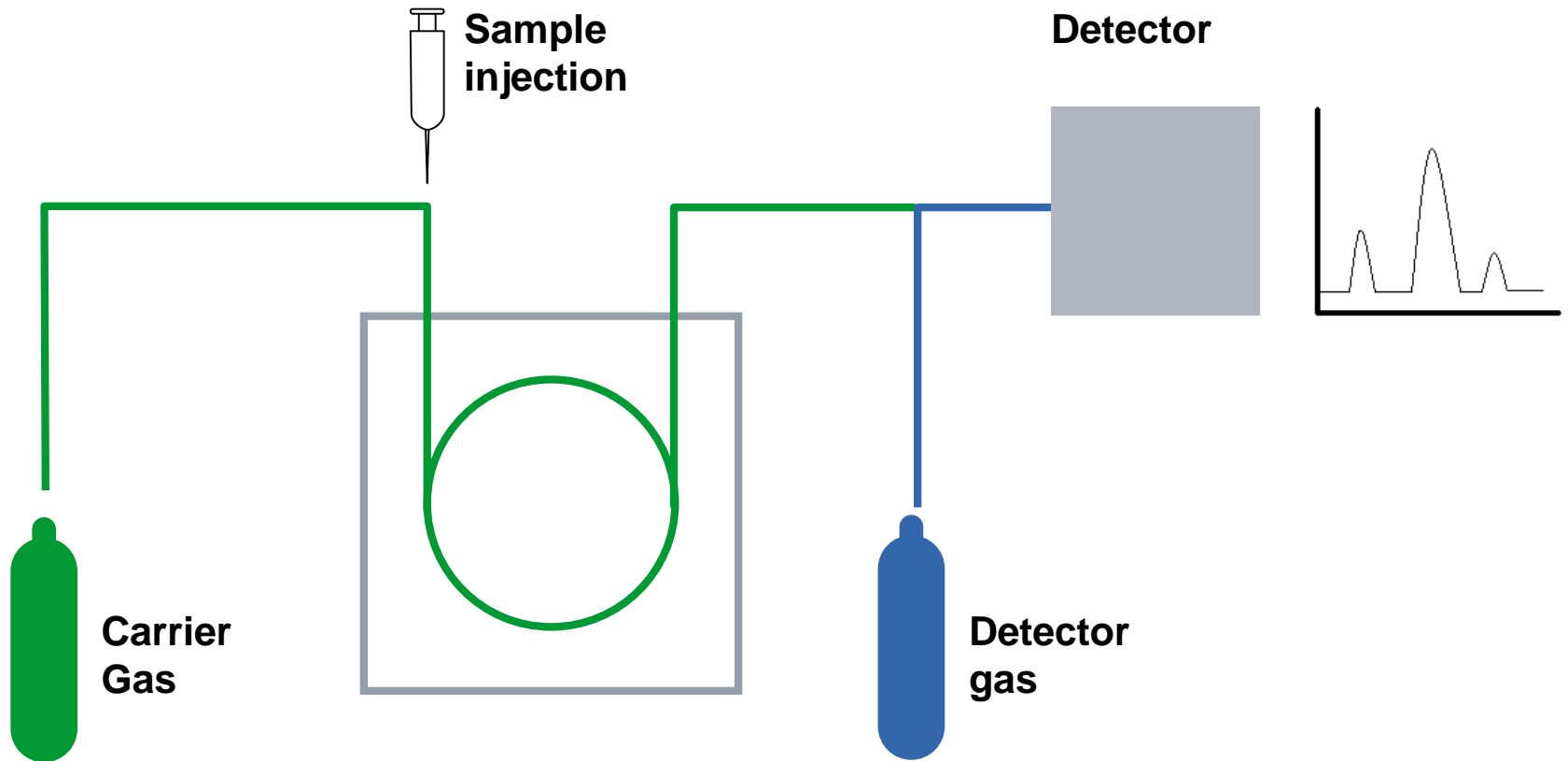




## Gaschromatographic Analysis



# Gaschromatographic Analysis



## Failures which can be identified by DGA

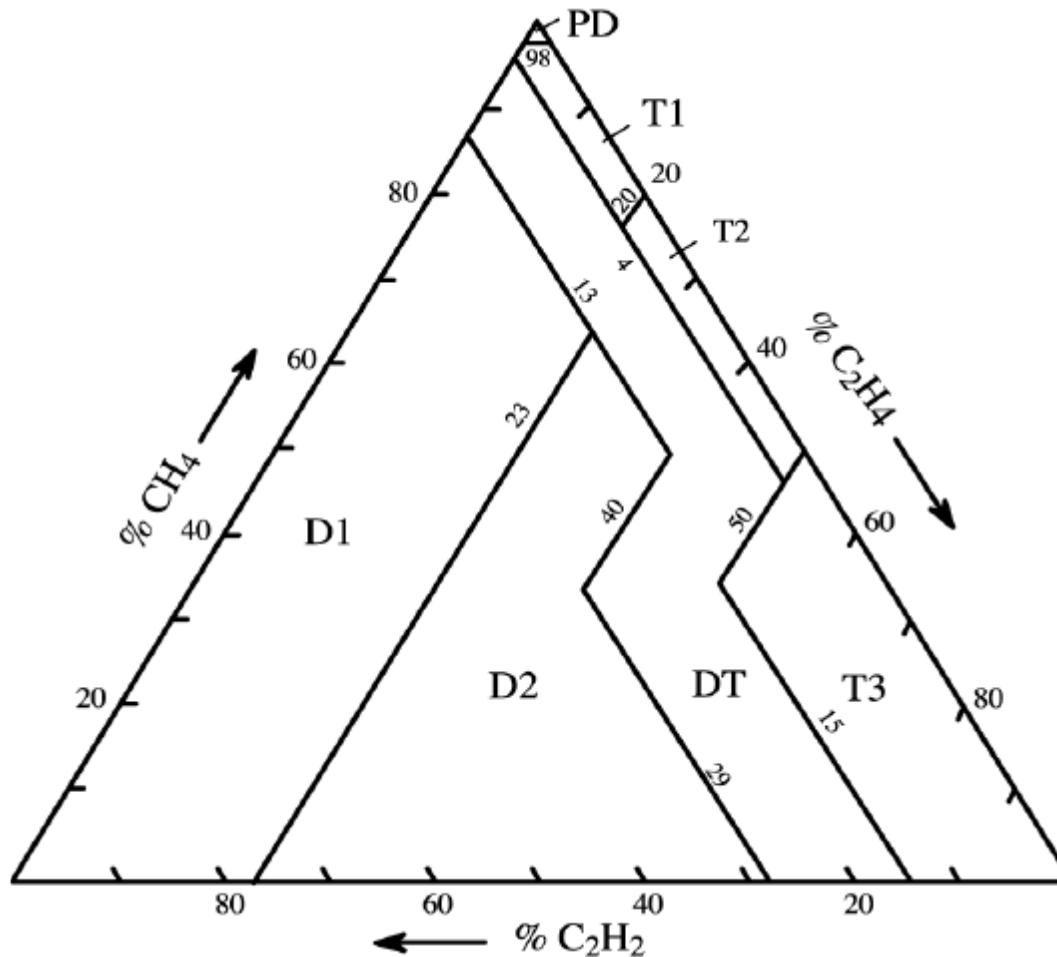
- ▶ **Partial discharges**
- ▶ **Electrical discharges**
- ▶ **Charcoal coating of contacts**
- ▶ **Accelerated cellulosic degradation**
- ▶ **Local overheating**
- ▶ **Untightness of OLTC tank**
- ▶ **Catalytic reactions of materials**
- ▶ **Additional information from BHR gas**

## Failures which can not be identified by DGA

- ▶ **Incipient Failures**
- ▶ **Long lasting temperatures  $< 150\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$**

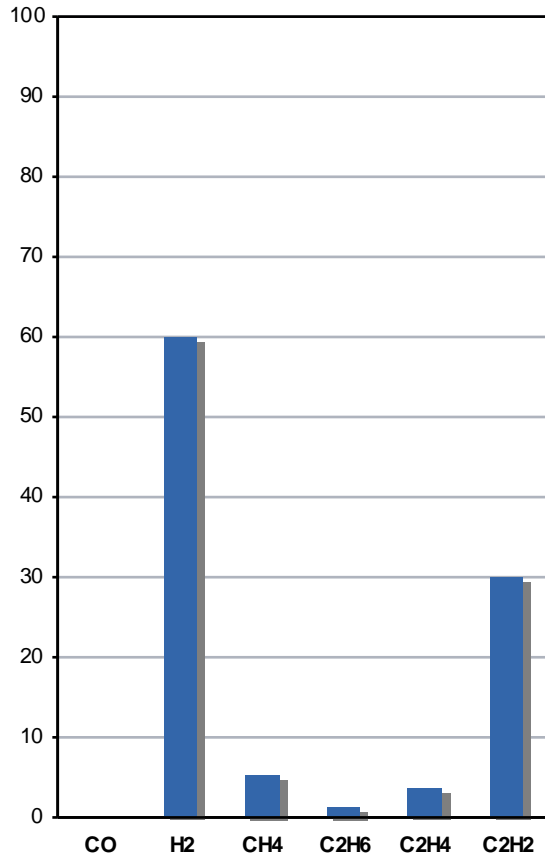
# Interpretation Schemes

# Duvals Triangle

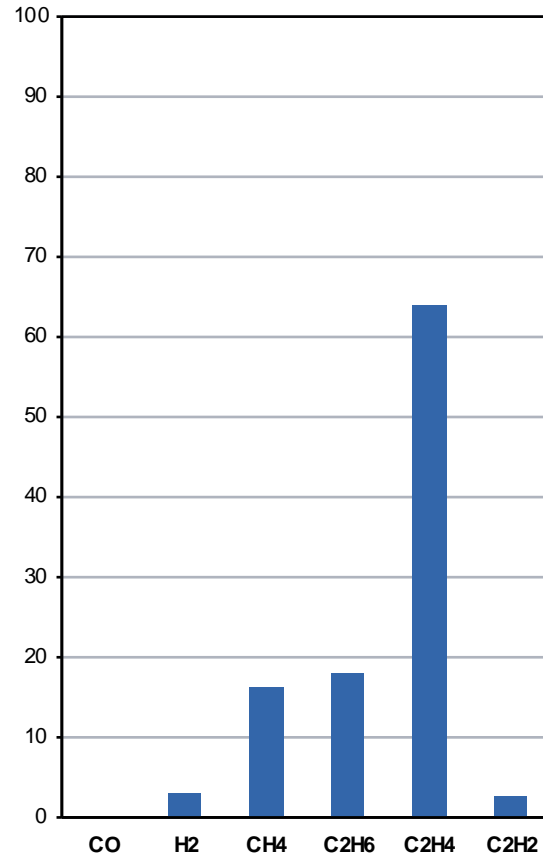


Patterns

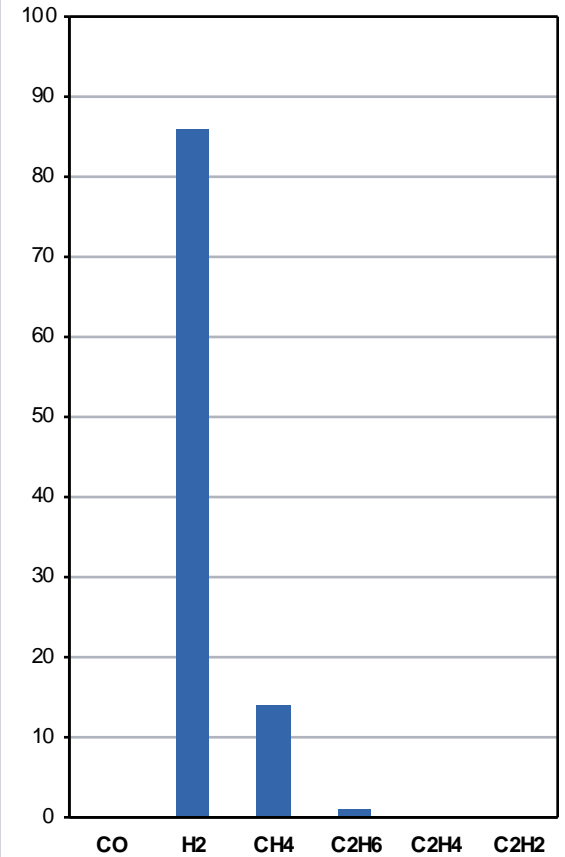
Electrical Discharges



Thermal Problem



Partial Discharges



# MSS Scheme

Ratio ranges	Ratio numbers				
	$\frac{[C_2H_2]}{[C_2H_6]}$	$\frac{[H_2]}{[CH_4]}$	$\frac{[C_2H_4]}{[C_2H_6]}$	$\frac{[C_2H_4]}{[C_3H_6]}$	$\frac{[CO_2]}{[CO]}$
<0.3	0	0	0	0	1
0.3 to < 1.0	1	0	0	1	1
1.0 to < 3.0	1	1	1	2	1
3.0 to < 10.0	2	2	1	3	0
≥ 10.0	2	3	1	3	2
Diagnosis	Number sequences				
Normal ageing of insulants	0	0	0	0	0
Discharge of high energy	2	1	1	2/3	1
Discharge of low energy	2	2	1	2/3	1
Partial discharge with high energy	1	3	0	n.i.	0
Partial discharge with low energy	1	3	0	n.i.	0
Local overheating up to 300 °C	0	0	0	1	2
Local overheating from 300 °C to 1000 °C	0	0	1	2	2
Local overheating over 1000 °C	1	0	1	2/3	2
Local overheating and discharge	1	1	1	2	2
Local overheating and partial discharge	0	3	1	2	2

n.i. = not indicative



# IEC Scheme

Case	Characteristic fault	$\frac{C_2H_2}{C_2H_4}$	$\frac{CH_4}{H_2}$	$\frac{C_2H_2}{C_2H_6}$
PD	Partial discharges (see notes 3 and 4)	NS <sup>1)</sup>	<0,1	<0,2
D1	Discharges of low energy	>1	0,1 – 0,5	>1
D2	Discharges of high energy	0,5 – 2,5	0,1 – 1	>2
T1	Thermal fault $t < 300 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$	NS <sup>1)</sup>	>1 but NS <sup>1)</sup>	<1
T2	Thermal fault $300 \text{ }^\circ\text{C} < t < 700 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$	<0,1	>1	1 – 4
T3	Thermal fault $t > 700 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$	<0,2 <sup>2)</sup>	>1	>4

NOTE 1 In some countries, the ratio  $C_2H_2/C_2H_6$  is used, rather than the ratio  $CH_4/H_2$ . Also in some countries, slightly different ratio limits are used.

NOTE 2 The above ratios are significant and should be calculated only if at least one of the gases is at a concentration and a rate of gas increase above typical values (see clause 9).

NOTE 3  $CH_4/H_2 < 0,2$  for partial discharges in instrument transformers.  
 $CH_4/H_2 < 0,07$  for partial discharges in bushings.

NOTE 4 Gas decomposition patterns similar to partial discharges have been reported as a result of the decomposition of thin oil film between overheated core laminates at temperatures of  $140 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  and above (see 4.3 and [1] of annex C).

<sup>1)</sup> NS = Non-significant whatever the value.

<sup>2)</sup> An increasing value of the amount of  $C_2H_2$  may indicate that the hot spot temperature is higher than  $1\ 000 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ .

In case of quotient information it must be clear, that quotients are only representative, if following values of the fault gases (in ppm) are exceeded:

<b>C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>≥ 1</b>
<b>H<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>≥ 15</b>
<b>∑ [CXHY] x=1;2;3</b>	<b>≥ 50</b>
<b>CO</b>	<b>≥ 80</b>
<b>CO<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>≥ 200</b>

# DGA

## Example – thermal Problem

**MSS-Code** 00120

Fault gas		ppm
Hydrogen	H <sub>2</sub>	1967
Methane	CH <sub>4</sub>	8008
Ethane	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	2013
Ethylene	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	8323
Acetylene	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub>	57
Propane	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>8</sub>	401
Propylene	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	4824
Carbon monoxide	CO	253
Carbon dioxide	CO <sub>2</sub>	1903
Oxygen	O <sub>2</sub>	18222
Nitrogen	N <sub>2</sub>	61662



**MSS-Code** 00120

Fault gas		ppm
Hydrogen	H <sub>2</sub>	537
Methane	CH <sub>4</sub>	1041
Ethane	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	295
Ethylene	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	1726
Acetylene	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub>	25
Propane	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>8</sub>	83
Propylene	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	1012
Carbon monoxide	CO	1047
Carbon dioxide	CO <sub>2</sub>	6158
Oxygen	O <sub>2</sub>	11805
Nitrogen	N <sub>2</sub>	58084

Manufacturing year 1970  
 360 MVA  
 Carbon deposits on PLTC Contacts



# Gas-in-Oil Analysis

## Turn-to-Turn Failure

MSS-Code 21121

Fault gas		ppm
Hydrogen	H <sub>2</sub>	4973
Methane	CH <sub>4</sub>	1758
Ethane	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	243
Ethylene	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	2813
Acetylene	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub>	8236
Propane	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>8</sub>	58
Propylene	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	1320
Carbon monoxide	CO	1196
Carbon dioxide	CO <sub>2</sub>	2431
Oxygen	O <sub>2</sub>	6743
Nitrogen	N <sub>2</sub>	44120



# DGA

## Thermal Problem with Partial Discharges

MSS-Code 00101

Fault gas		ppm
Hydrogen	H <sub>2</sub>	1060
Methane	CH <sub>4</sub>	2481
Ethane	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	703
Ethylene	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	2187
Acetylene	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub>	4
Carbon monoxide	CO	450
Carbon dioxide	CO <sub>2</sub>	995

Manufacturing year 1991  
234 MVA, 330 kV  
Defective welding joint



# DGA

## Catalytical Effects

MSS-Code ?3??0

Fault gas		ppm
Hydrogen	H <sub>2</sub>	488
Methane	CH <sub>4</sub>	1
Ethane	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	< 1
Ethylene	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	< 1
Acetylene	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub>	< 1
Propane	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>8</sub>	< 1
Propylene	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	< 1
Carbon monoxide	CO	67
Carbon dioxide	CO <sub>2</sub>	222
Oxygen	O <sub>2</sub>	5180
Nitrogen	N <sub>2</sub>	23700

Manufacturing year 1977  
 Closed type  
 Color 0,5 / Acidity 0,01



# DGA

## Untight OLTC

**MSS-Code** 22122

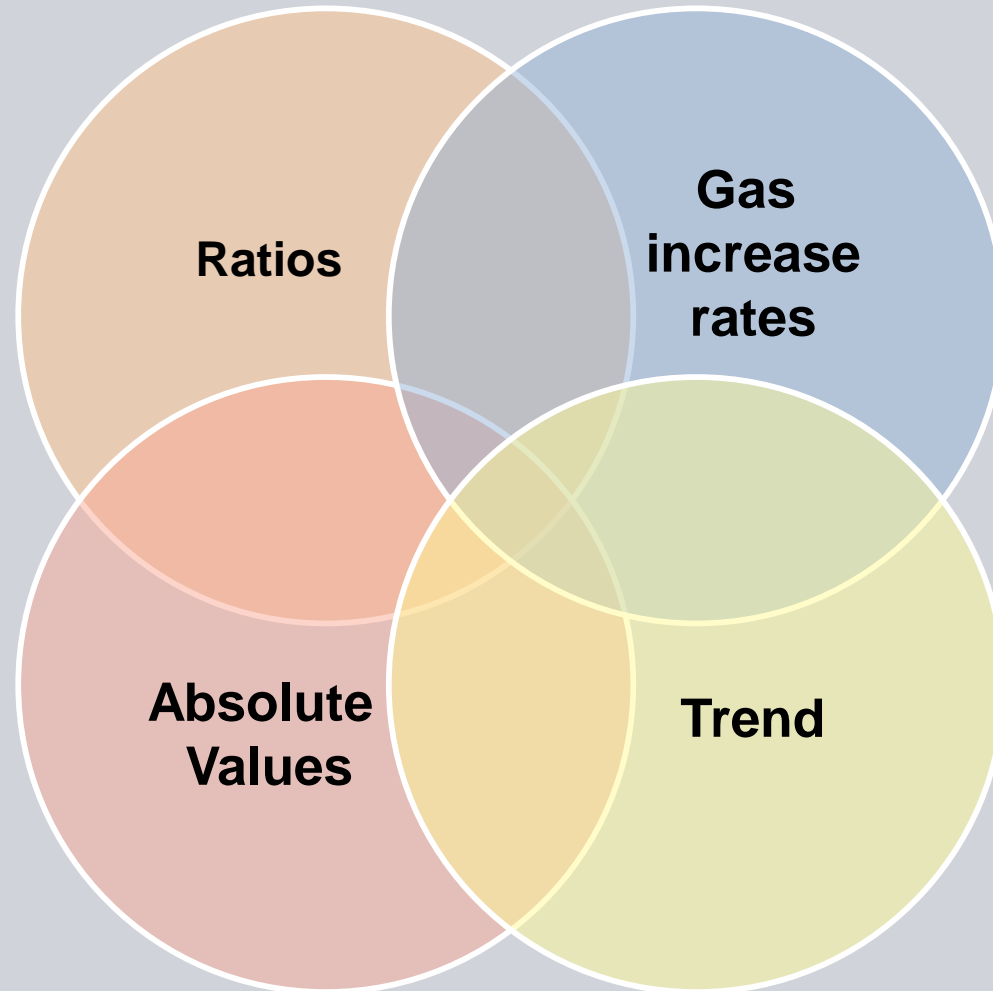
Fault gas		ppm
Hydrogen	H <sub>2</sub>	128
Methane	CH <sub>4</sub>	25
Ethane	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	5
Ethylene	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	81
Acetylene	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub>	288
Propane	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>8</sub>	5
Propylene	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	50
Carbon monoxide	CO	143
Carbon dioxide	CO <sub>2</sub>	1920
Oxygen	O <sub>2</sub>	24600
Nitrogen	N <sub>2</sub>	52000





# DGA

## Diagnostic Importance in Service



# Absolute Values

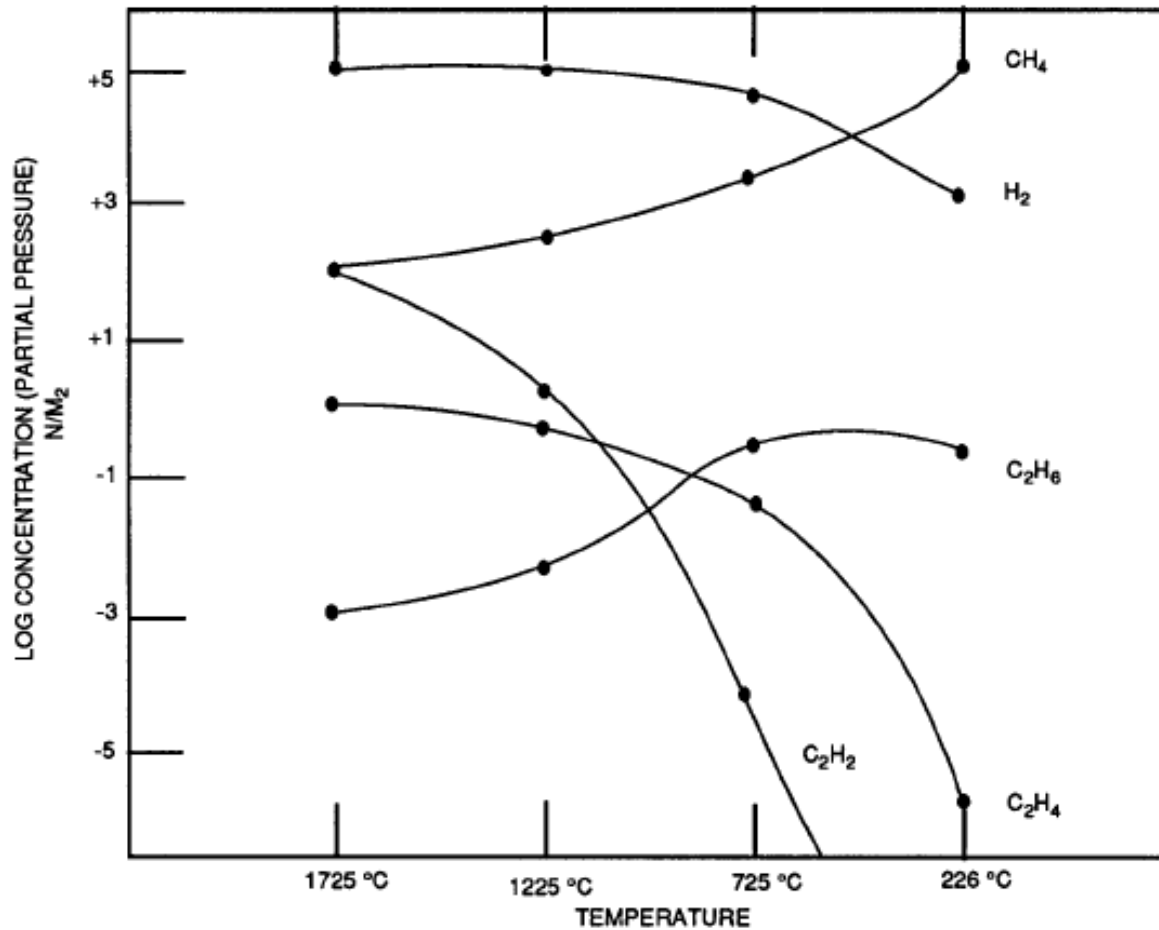
## IEC 60599 (VDE 0370-7)

	$C_2H_2$	$H_2$	$CH_4$	$C_2H_4$	$C_2H_6$	CO	$CO_2$
All transformers		50 ↓ 150	30 ↓ 130	60 ↓ 280	20 ↓ 90	400 ↓ 600	2800 ↓ 14000
No OLTC	2 ↓ 20						
Communicating OLTC	60 ↓ 280						

## Ratios

- a) Eliminates the effect of the oil volume
- b) Eliminates some effects of sampling
- c) Especially interesting is the ratio formation for fault gases which exhibit similar solubilities, but their development is temperature dependent –  
e. g. the thermodynamic considerations of Halstead.

# Thermodynamical considerations of Halstead



## Gas Increase Rates – information on seriousness of failure

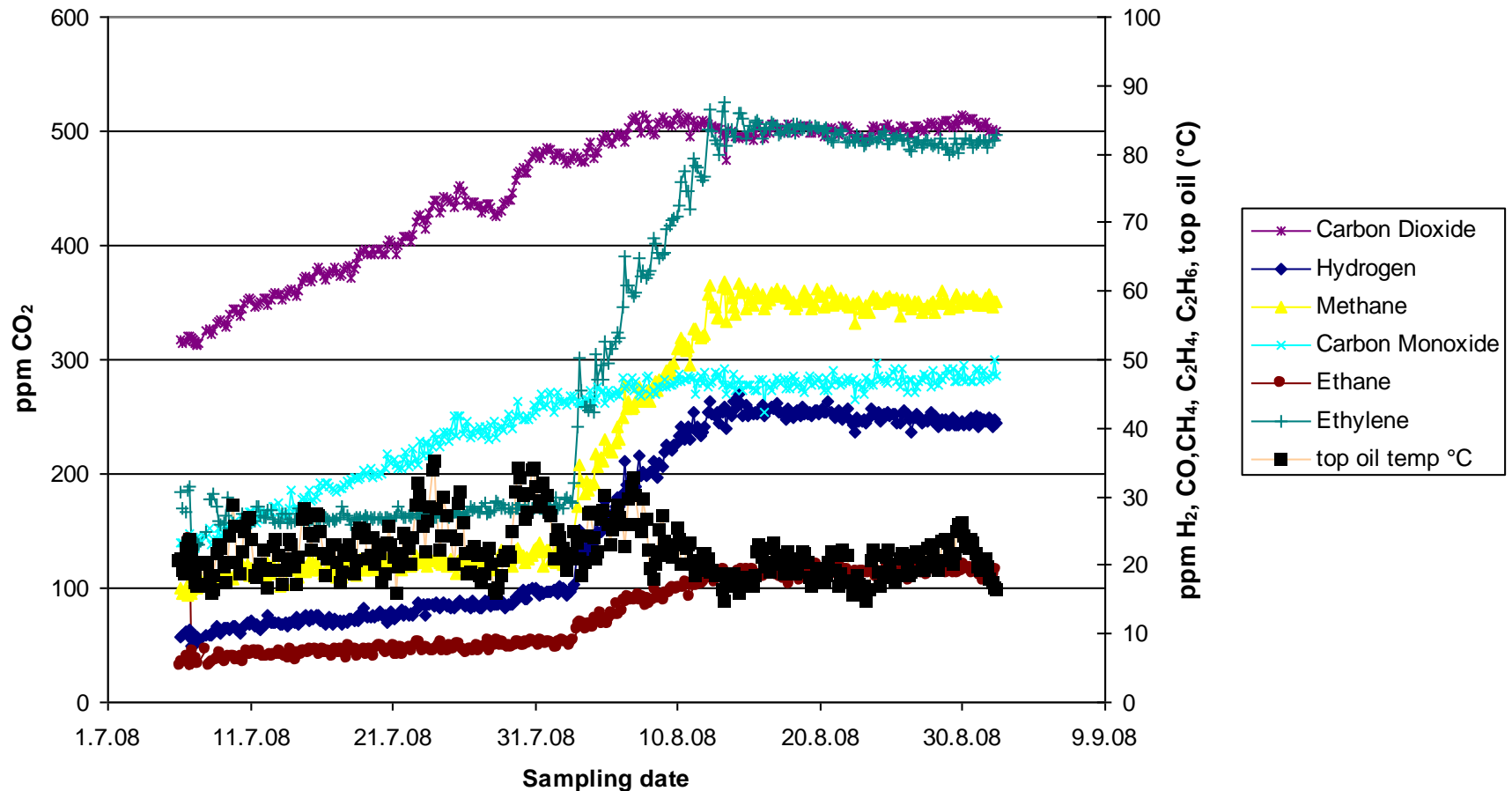
	$C_2H_2$	$H_2$	$CH_4$	$C_2H_4$	$C_2H_6$	CO	$CO_2$
All transformers	<b>0,01</b>	<b>0,36</b>	<b>0,33</b>	<b>0,40</b>	<b>0,25</b>	<b>2,9</b>	<b>27</b>

▶ **90% gas increase source: Cigre TF11 in ppm/day**

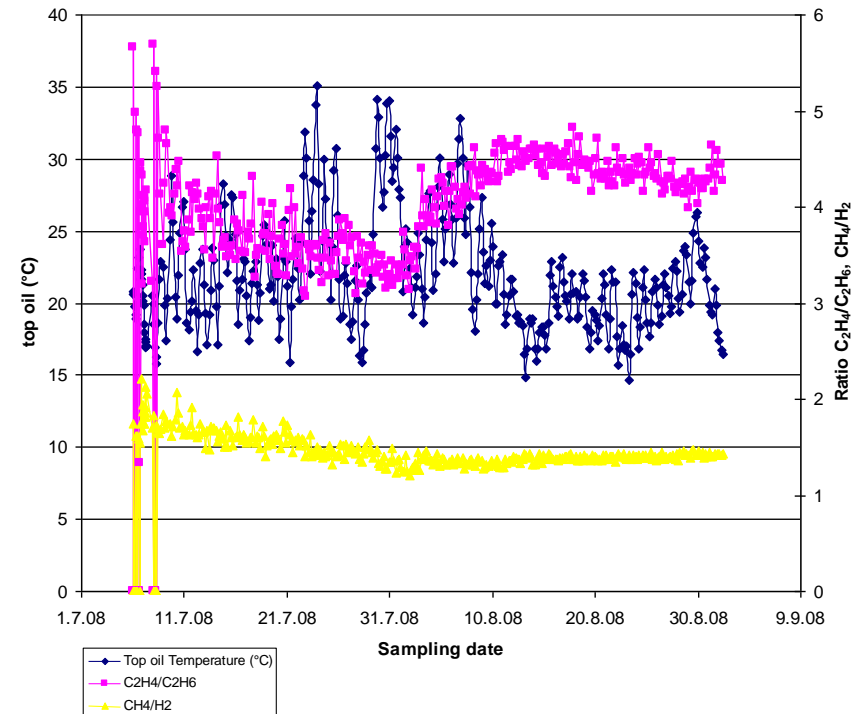
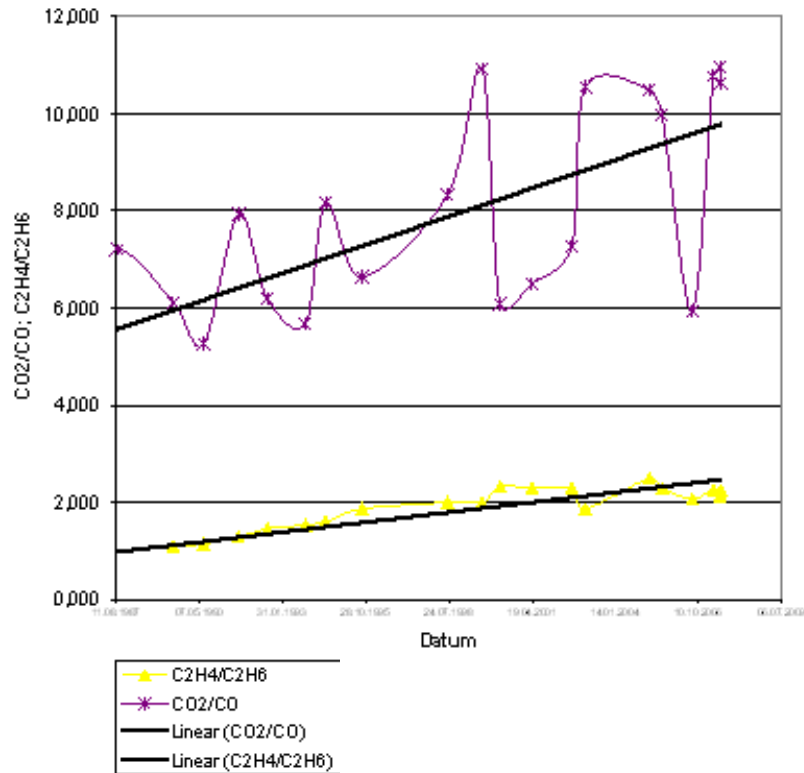
Gas increase rates are temperature and volume dependent

# Trend Analysis

Development of the Fault Gases After Two Months of On-Line Monitoring



# Trend Analysis



► Trendanalysis is important not only with absolute values, but also with the ratios.

## On-Line Monitoring

- ▶ Early failure recognition
- ▶ Diagnosis is only possible with the sophisticated types – where IEC ratios can be built

Cigre TF 15 DGA did a comparison between On-Line monitoring systems and Off-Line analyses. The brochure is on the way.

Evaluated are:

- Precision
- Longterm stability
- Repeatability

In case of

- Routine concentrations, d.h.  $5 * \text{Detection Limit}$
- Low Concentrations, d. h.  $2-5 * \text{Detection Limit}$



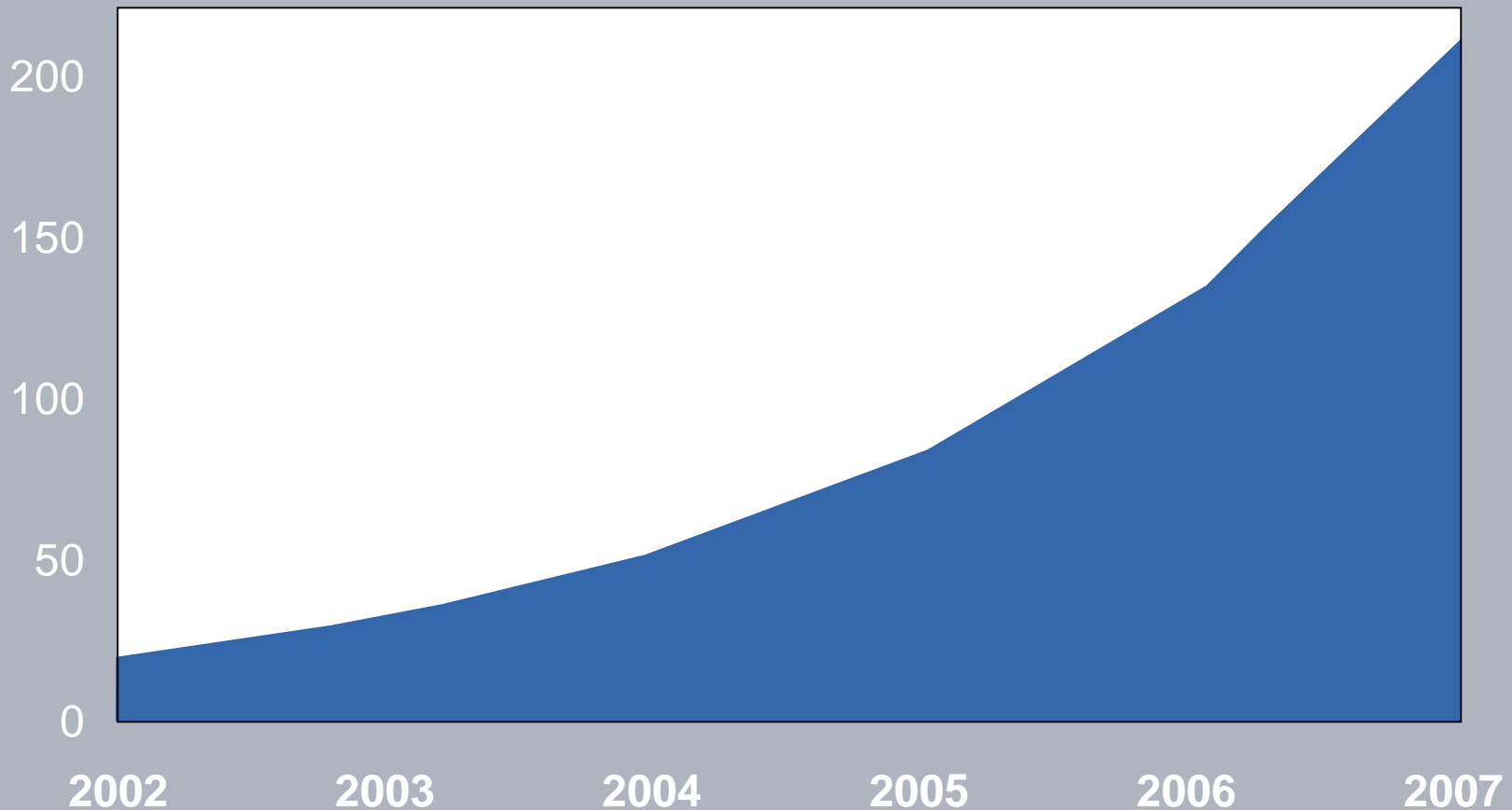
- ▶ **Necessary in case a problem has been identified**
- ▶ **Often, however, difficult to maintain**
- ▶ **Interfaces can lead to problems**
- ▶ **Able to deliver important information in a short time**
- ▶ **Does not automatically lead to higher reliability**

## What can be measured on-line:

- ▶ **Temperature**
- ▶ **Current, Voltage**
- ▶ **OLTC**
- ▶ **Oil level**
- ▶ **Gas-in-Öl Analysis**
- ▶ **Humidity in oil**
- ▶ **Bushings**
- ▶ **Acoustic Signals**
- ▶ **Magnetic Circuit**
- ▶ **Coolers**

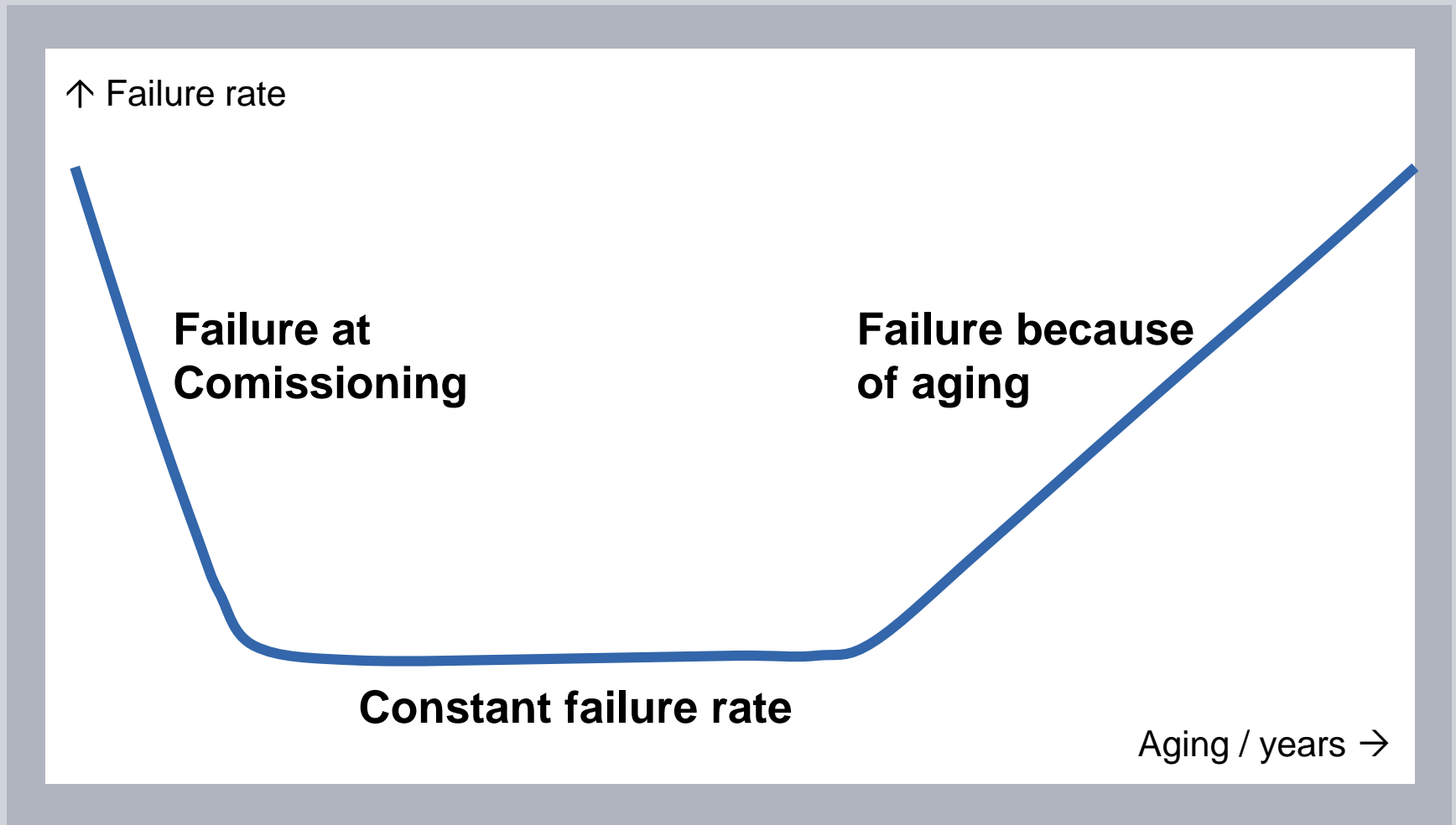
# More Data does not mean automatically more Information

## Data Explosion<sup>1)</sup> (Total Exabytes)



1) Exa =  $10^{16}$  = 10 Mil of Billions

# Transformer Failure Rate



## Future Developments

- ▶ **Further development of the On-Line analysis with decision criteria**
- ▶ **Gas-in-oil analysis in OLTC**
- ▶ **Gas-in-oil analysis in alternative insulation fluids and high temperature insulating materials**

**Thank you  
for your attention!**

