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Online Transformer Insulation Drying Techniques

a Study on T2 Transformer of Behshahr1 Electrical Power Station – Mazandaran Province

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Overview



- Water in the transformer !?
- Physics of drying
- Onsite drying techniques
- Online Continuous Drying
- Online Transformer Dryer – DP100
- Practical Story of Online Drying

Introduction

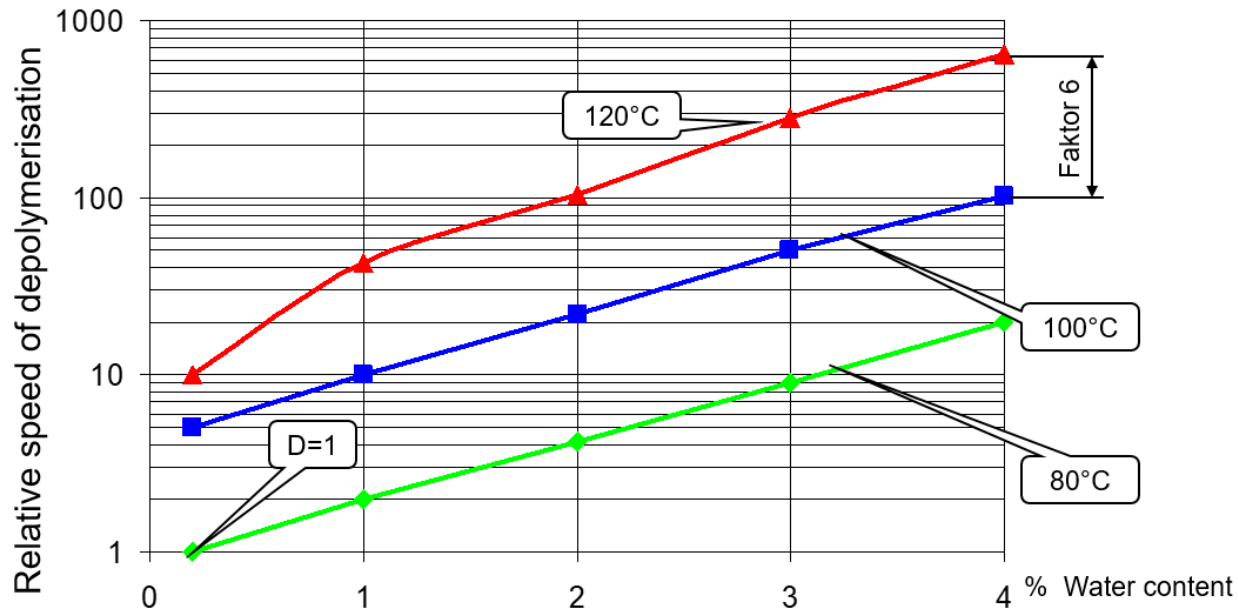


- A moisture increase of 1% causes a doubling of the depolymerisation speed
- 4% moisture at 50°C leads to a moisture content in the oil of 50 ppm. Is the oil quickly cooled down (power failure during winter), is it possible to have free water already at 20 °C
- With a too high moisture content, there is the risk of bubble formation in the insulation at much lower hot spot temperatures as 140°C as with dry insulation

Paper Degradation



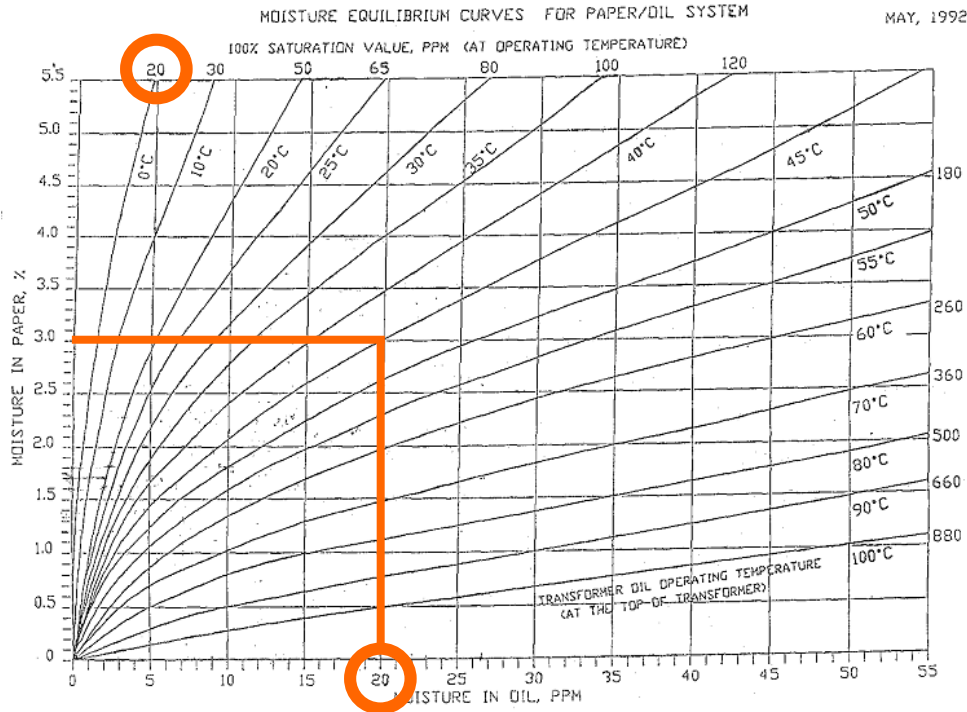
- ❖ Speed of Depolymerization against Water Content
[$D(80^{\circ}\text{C}, 0.2\% \text{H}_2\text{O}) = 1$, according to Bouvier]



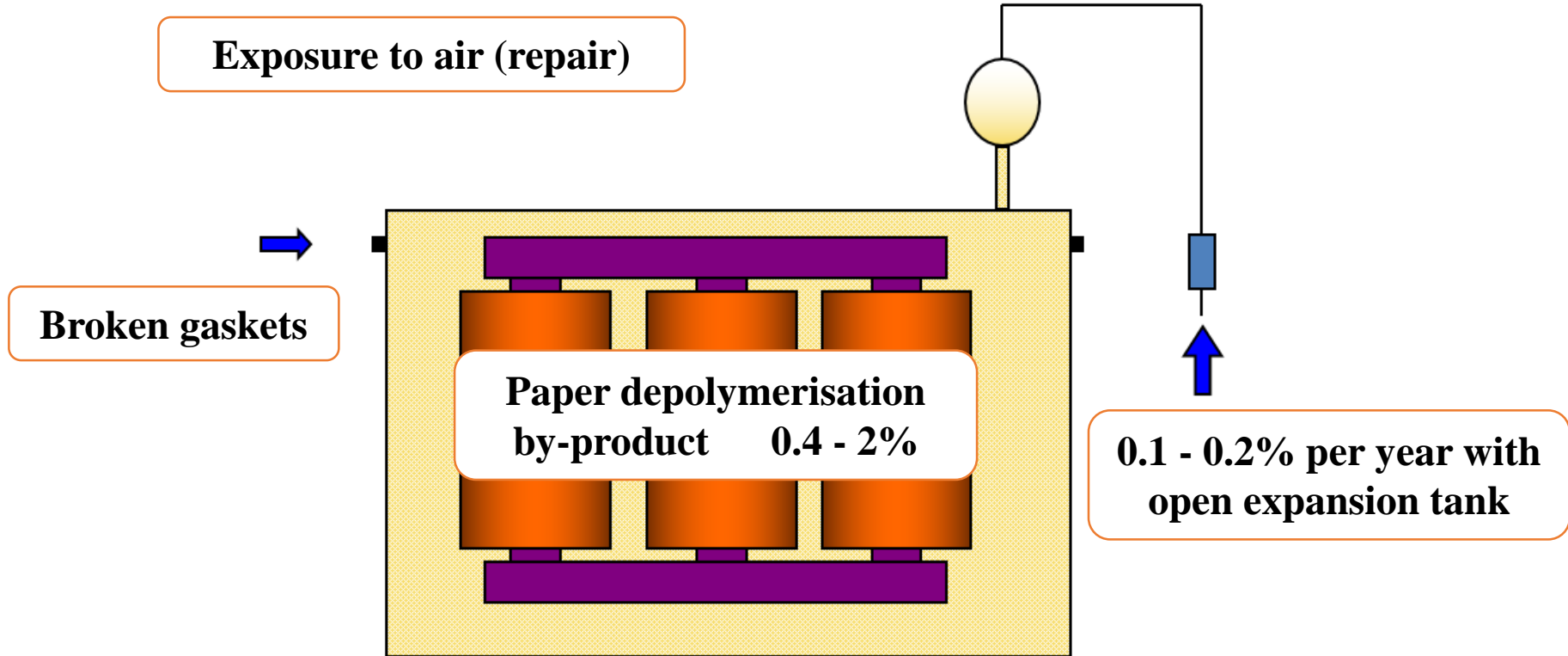
Moisture Equilibrium



❖ Moisture Equilibrium Curve (Oommen Curve)



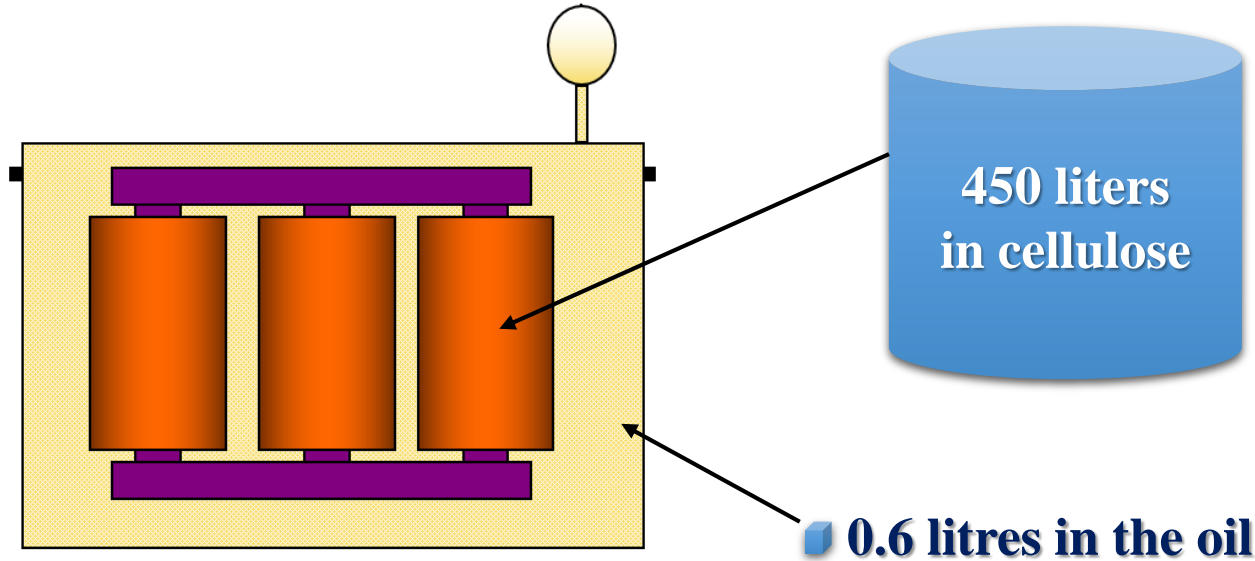
Sources of Water in Old Transformers



Moisture Distribution Paper-Oil



- ❖ Example: 400 MVA Transformer with 15 Tones cellulose insulation and 60 Tones oil, 3% average moisture in cellulose, 30°C average oil temperature



Over 99 % of the moisture is collected in the cellulose!



❖ Diffusion / Drying speed is influenced by:

Temperature

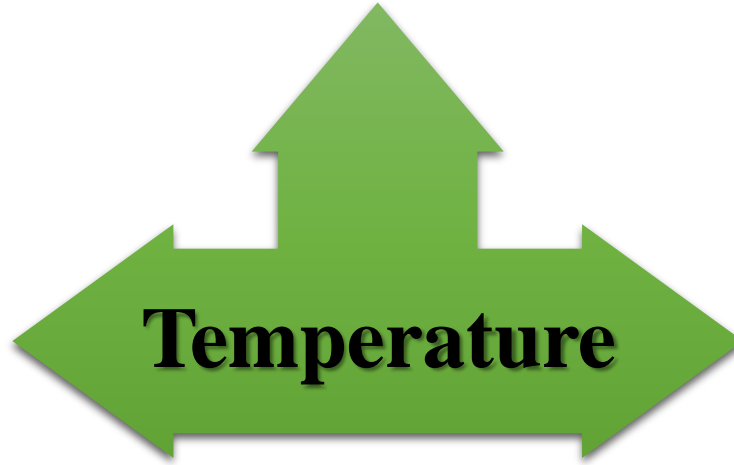
Humidity

Material properties



Depolymerisation

Drying time



Drying quality

Temperature is the key parameter in any drying process

Problems with Drying Transformers



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Drying too short

- Moisture content too high
 - Accelerated aging
 - Reduced lifetime

Drying too long

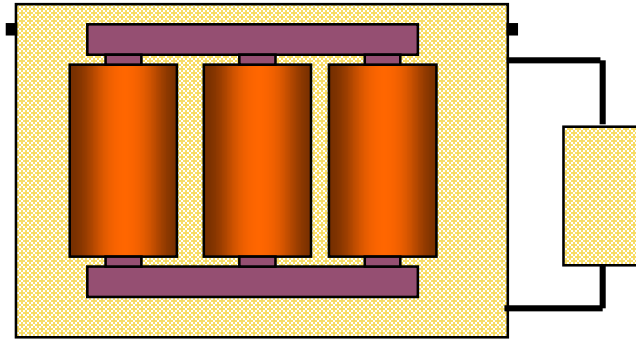
- Energy costs, production speed
 - Paper too long at hot temperature
 - additional Loss of DP
 - Reduced lifetime

- ➔ **Optimal drying time is essential**
 - ➔ **Monitoring of moisture content necessary**

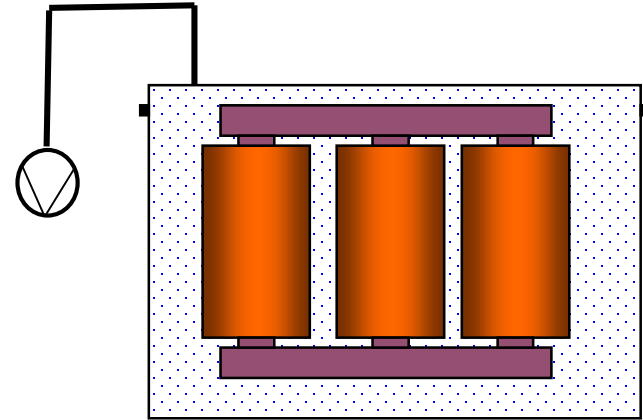
On-Site Drying Methods



Oil drying



Vacuum drying



Oil Circulation



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Advantages

- ❖ low costs
- ❖ simple technique
- ❖ low operative expenditure

Disadvantages

- ❖ long drying times
- ❖ poor drying quality
- ❖ shorter drying intervals required



Oil Circulation & Vacuum



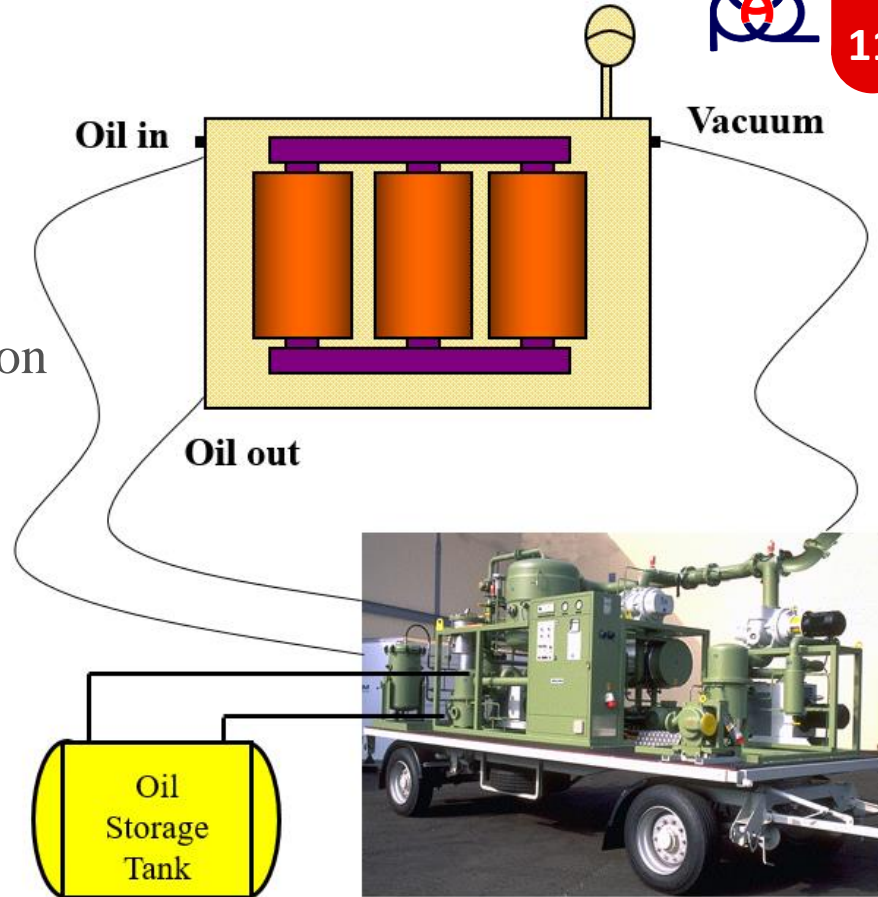
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Advantages

- ❖ low costs
- ❖ simple technique
- ❖ drying improvement compared to solely oil circulation

Disadvantages

- ❖ long drying times
- ❖ various cycles required
- ❖ tank for oil storage



Hot Oil Spray



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Advantages

- ❖ constant heat feeding under vacuum
- ❖ good drying results

Disadvantages

- ❖ difficult heating of the internal parts
- ❖ location of the spraying nozzle critical



LFH and Hot Oil Spray

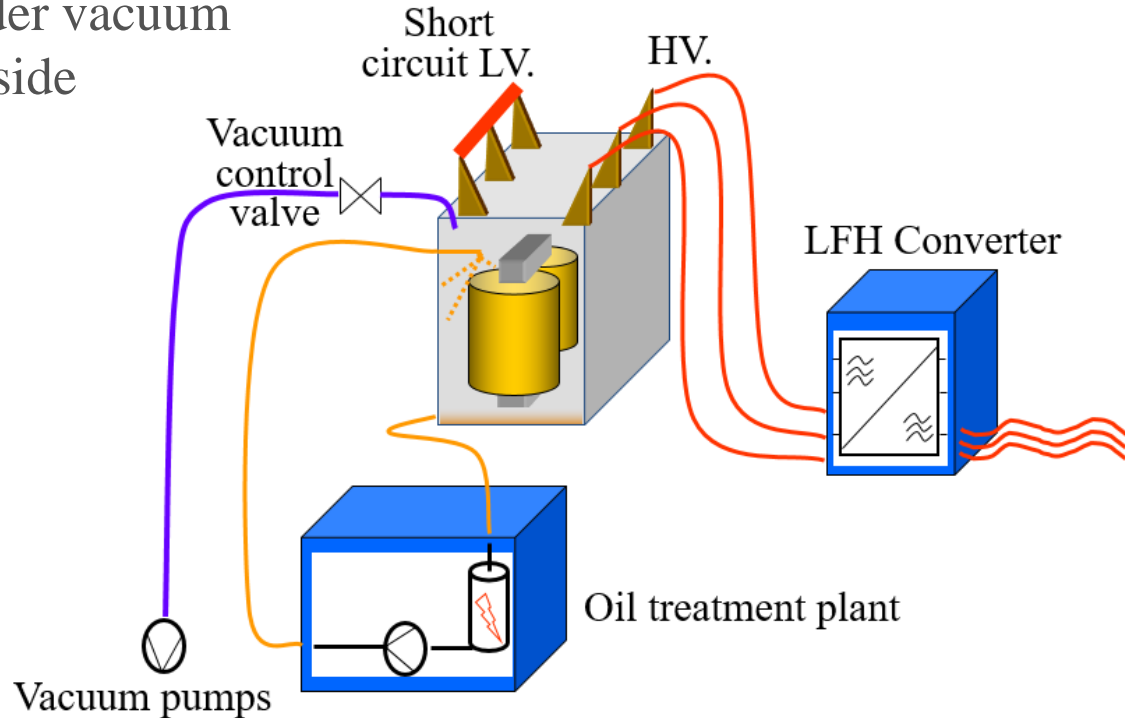


Advantages

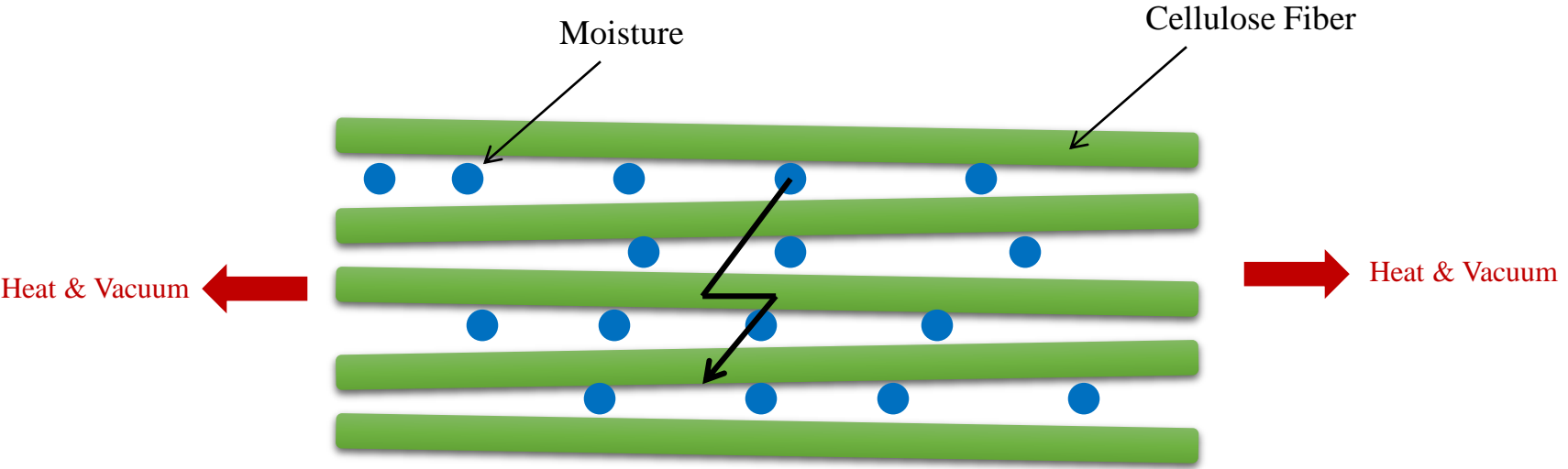
- ❖ constant heat feeding under vacuum
- ❖ Heat from inside and outside
- ❖ Short drying time
- ❖ Excellent drying results

Disadvantages

- ❖ larger investment
- ❖ only reasonable for larger transformers

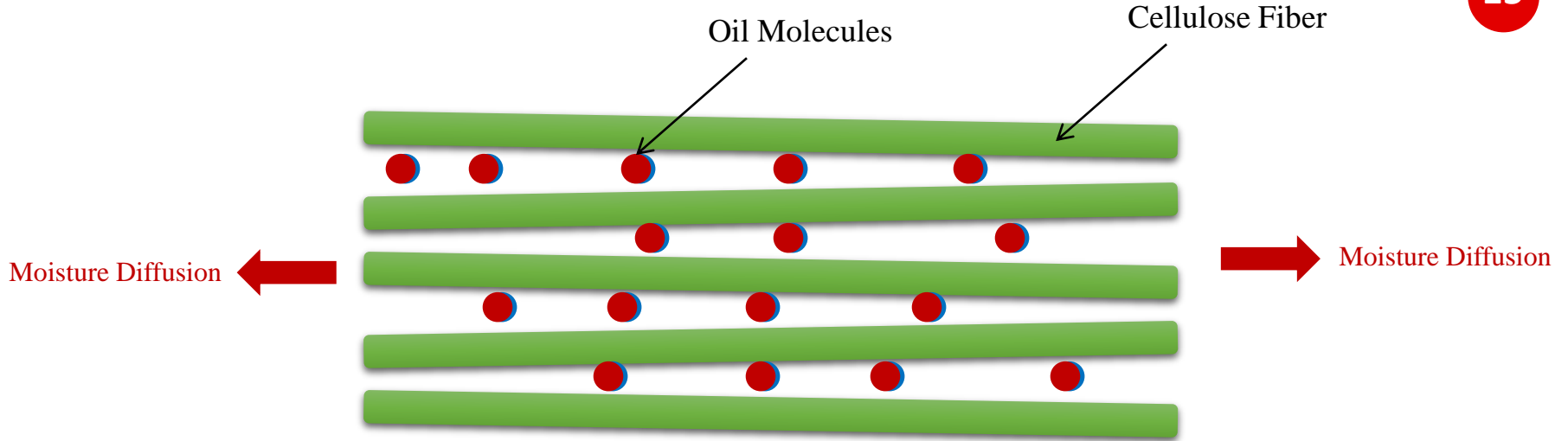


Rapid Drying Disadvantages



Drying potentially endangers the solid insulation as the winding coil usually is not re-fastened after drying
(>>> stability in case of short circuit)

Online Continuous Drying



Online Continuous Drying



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❖ **Drying as a continuous procedure:**

The liquid insulation is continuously dried during transformer operation.

Through the drying of the liquid insulation the solid components are dried as well.

Such systems are advantageous for already impregnated transformers with moderate water strain. The drying is performed during regular transformer operation, thus no outage is required.



❖ **Drying as a continuous procedure:**

One of the most important advantages of continuous drying procedures in comparison to other on site drying procedures is the considerate treatment of the insulation

Caution: It should be looked out that the system does not influence the amount of failure gases as the failure gases are important for protection and diagnosis purposes in a transformer [Fofana & Borsi 2004]

Online Continuous Drying

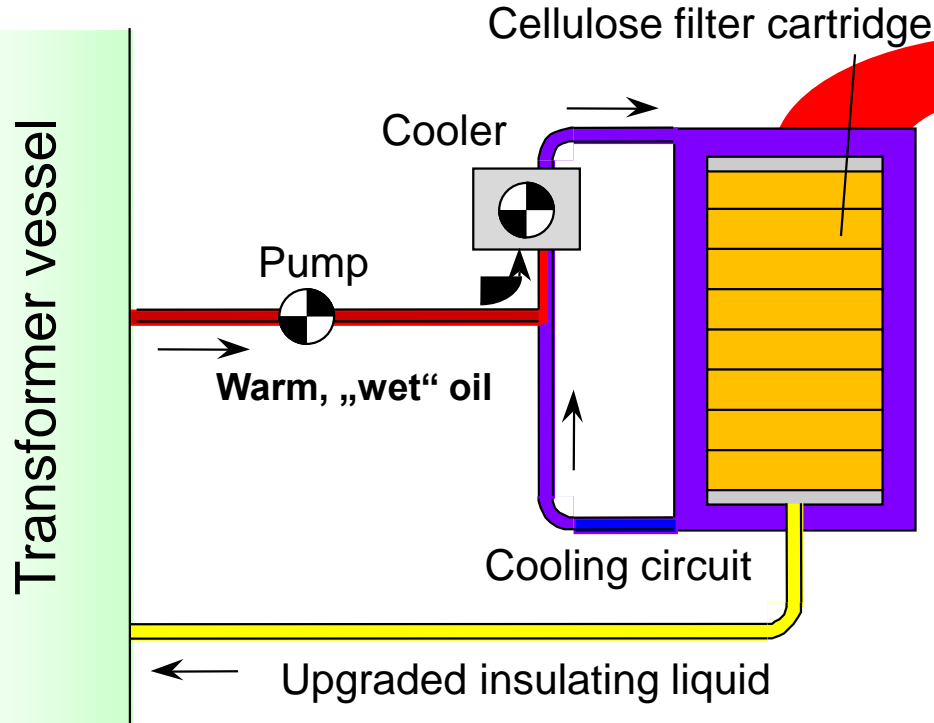


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❖ Online Drying Methods:

- Cellulose Cartridge Filters
- Molecular Sieves

Cellulose Cartridge Filters



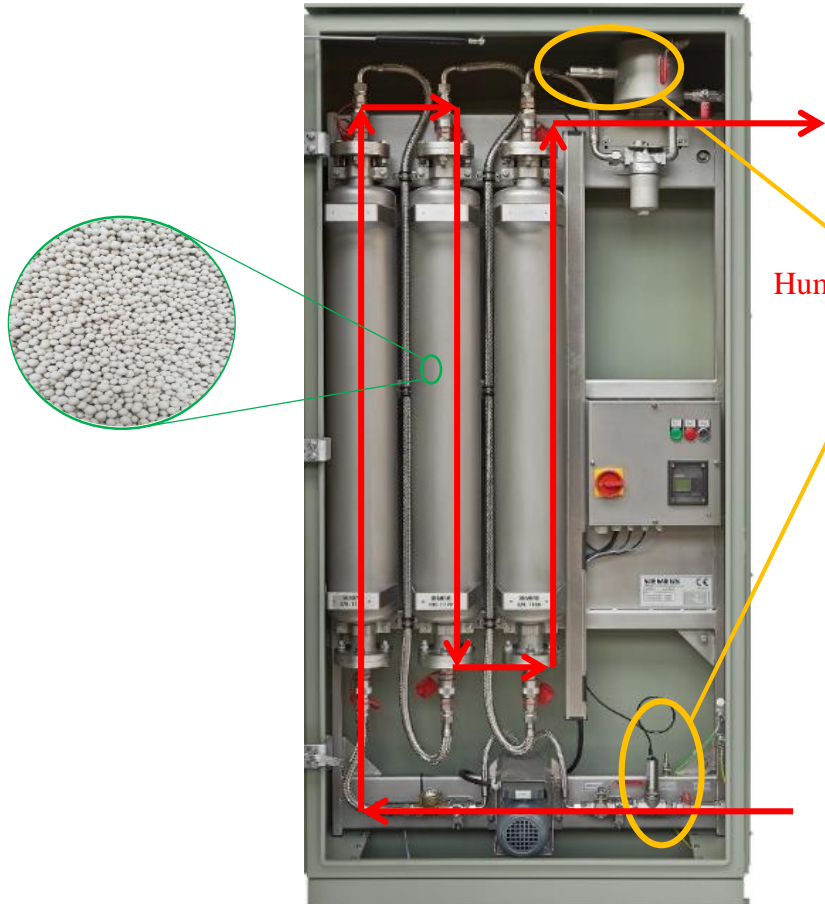
Features:

- Reduction in particle count
 - Increase in breakdown voltage, but **no change** in acid number or interfacial tension.
 - Removal of furans
 - Reduction in dissolved gas concentration
- Gentle, continuous desiccation**

Molecular Sieves Dryer



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Humidity sensor

Features:

- Reduction in particle count
- Some increase in Breakdown Voltage and IFT, and a decrease in Acid Number
- Removal of furans
- No Reduction in dissolved gas concentration

Online Transformer Dryer

DP-100



Online Transformer Dryer – DP100



❖ Simple Transformer Dryer Device



Humidity sensor

Online Transformer Dryer – DP100



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❖ Adsorbents – Zeolite Molecular Sieve (**BASF CO. Germany**)



Online Transformer Dryer – DP100



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❖ Initial Test – Oil Lab

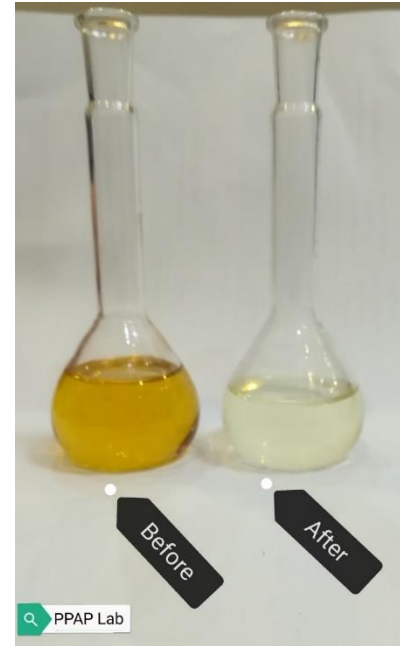
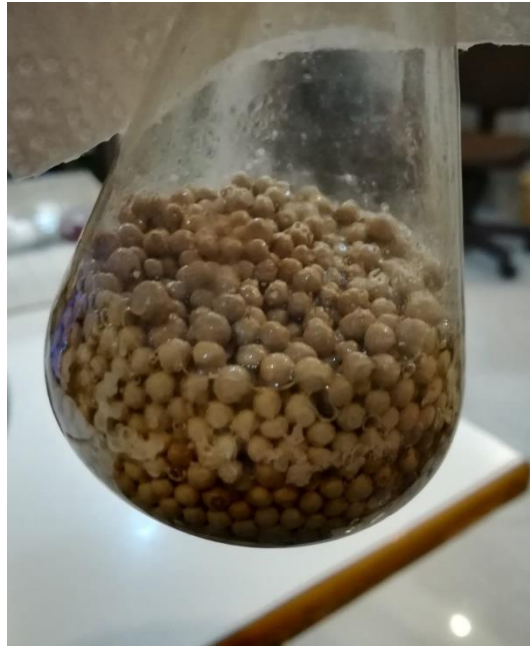
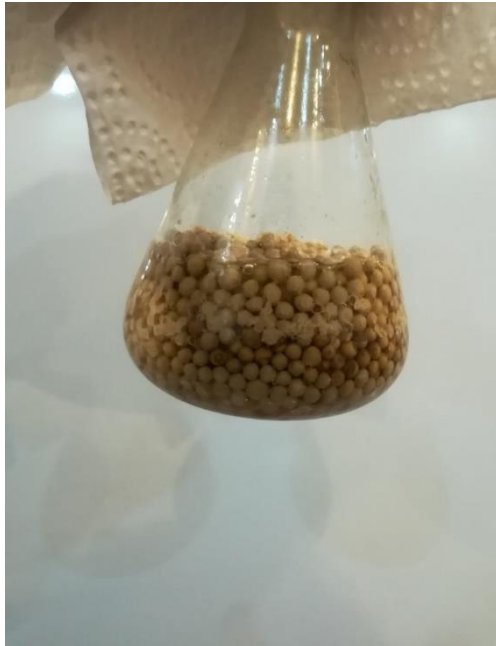


Online Transformer Dryer – DP100



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❖ Initial Test (Oil Lab) – Qualitative Results

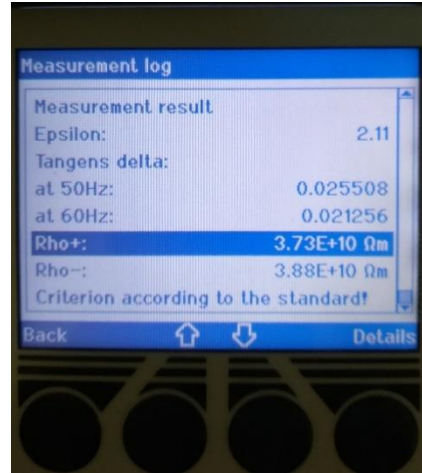
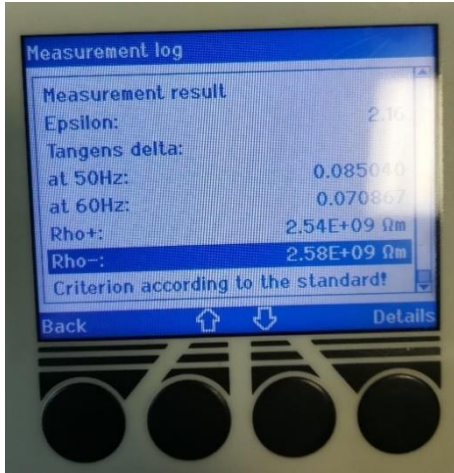


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❖ Initial Test (Oil Lab) – Quantitative Results

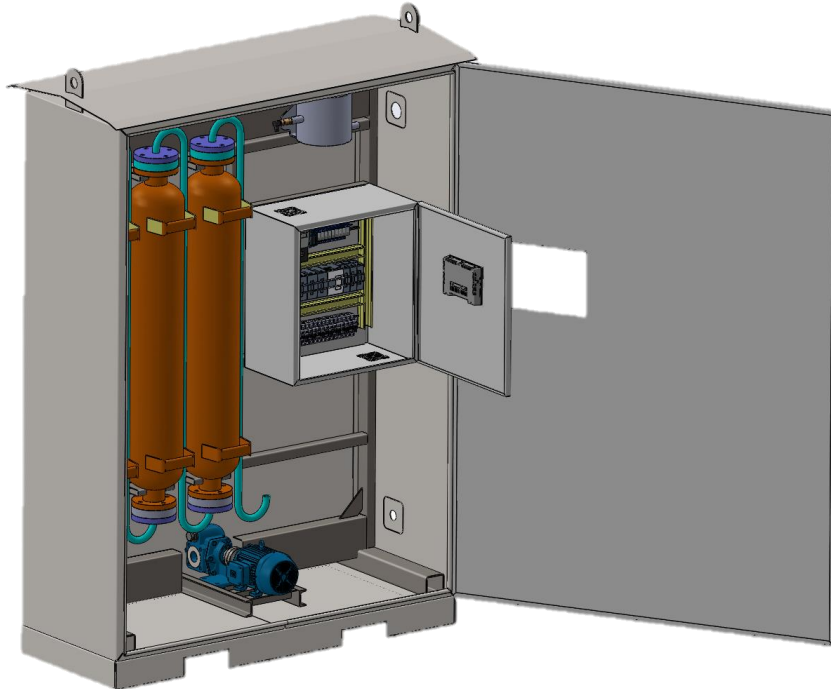


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❖ Primary Design



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❖ Device Manufacturing



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❖ Device Manufacturing – Electrical Test



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❖ Sensor Calibration on Lab



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❖ DP100 on Exhibition



Online Transformer Dryer – DP100



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❖ Primary Drying Test



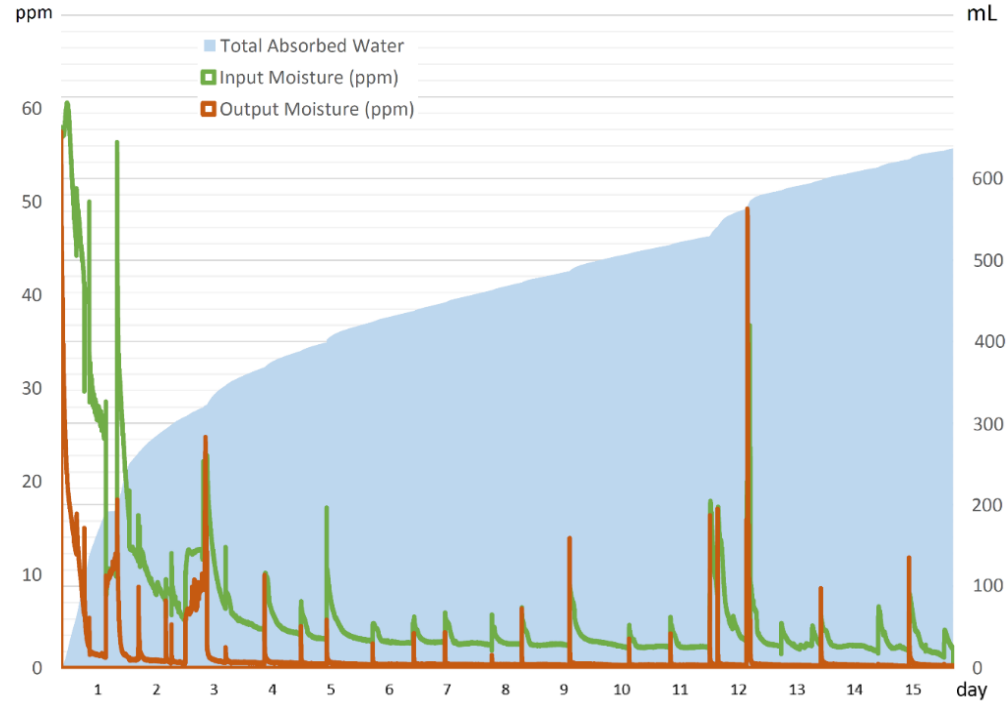
Online Transformer Dryer – DP100



❖ Test Results



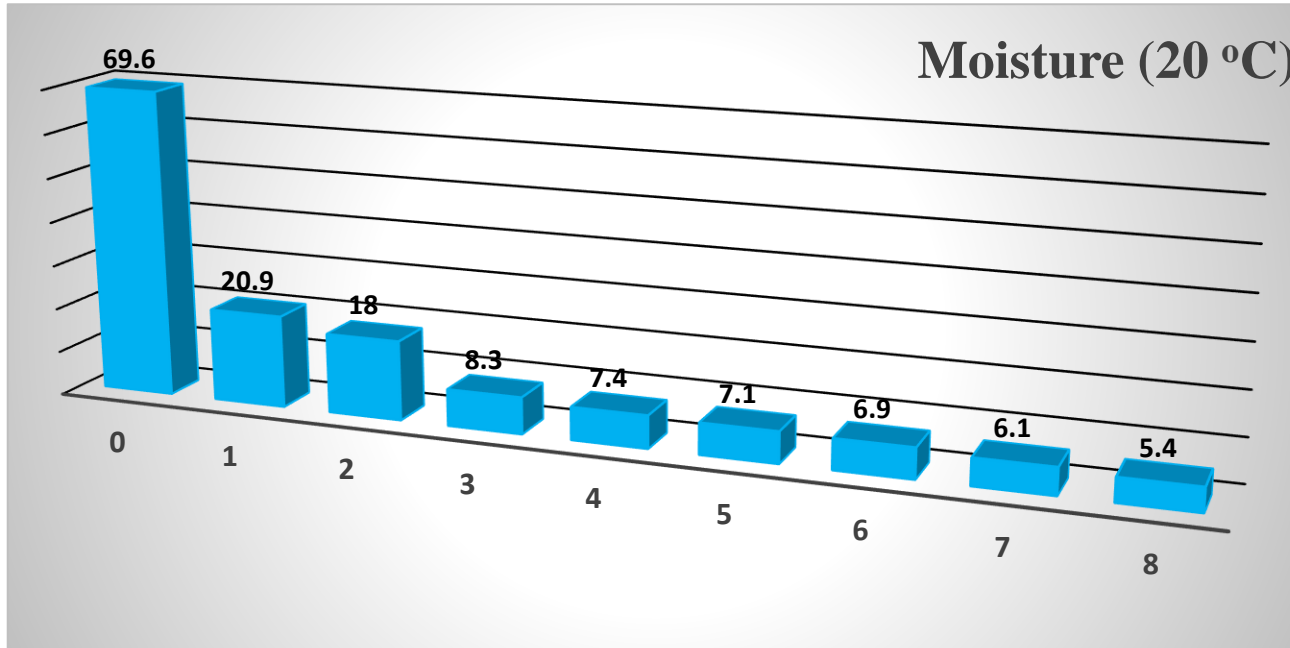
Before After



Online Transformer Dryer – DP100



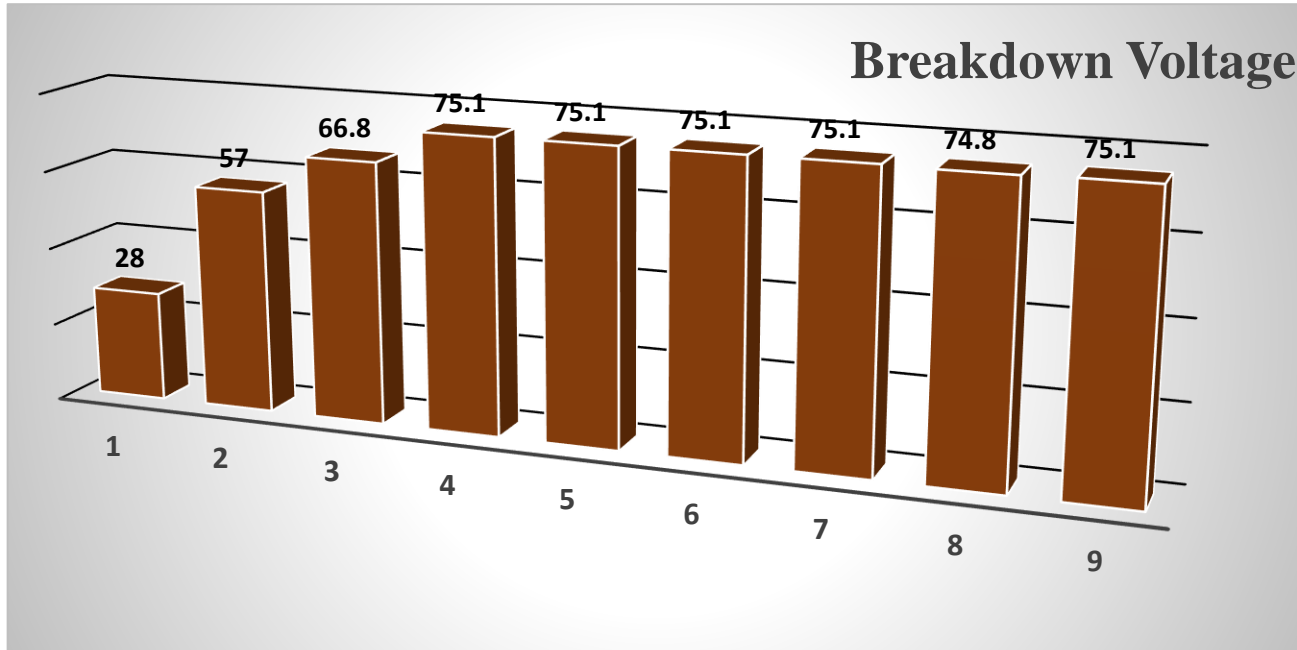
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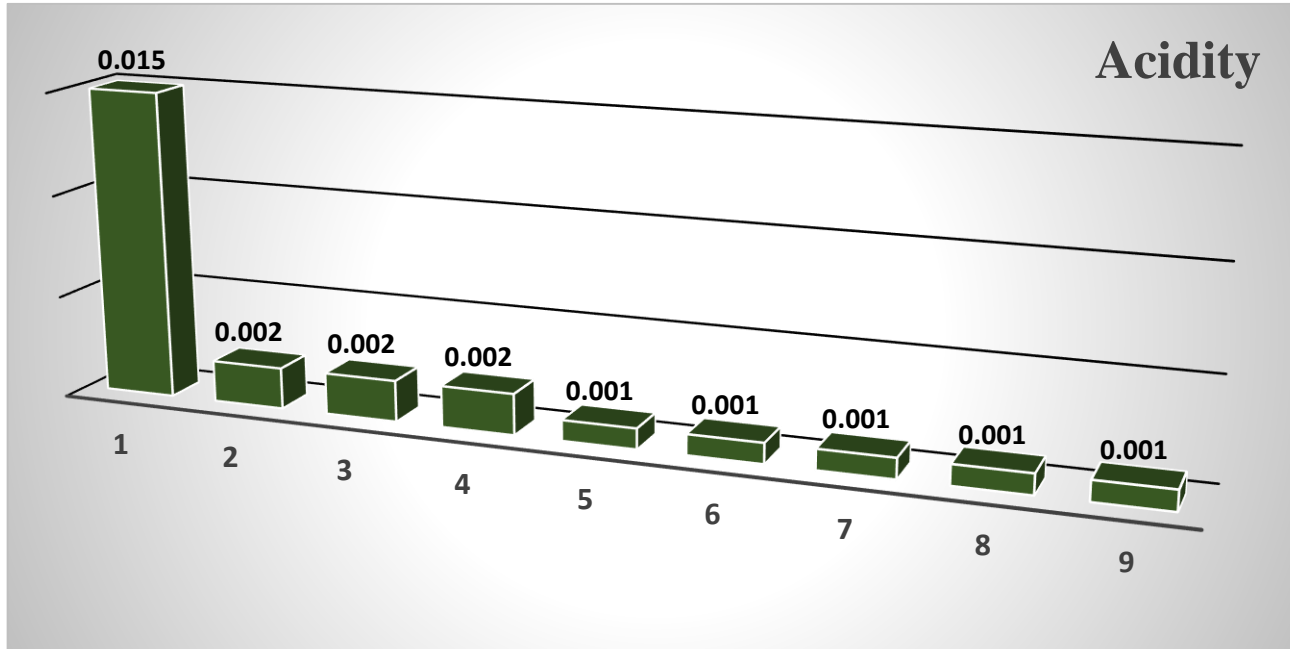
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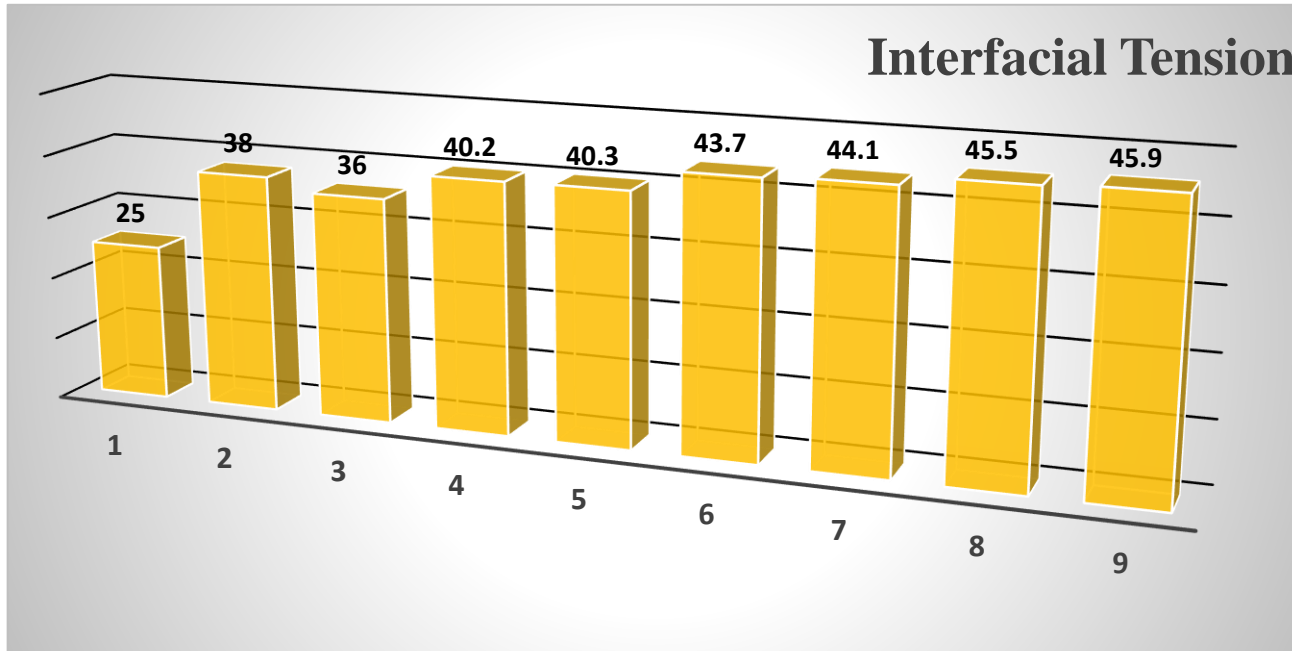
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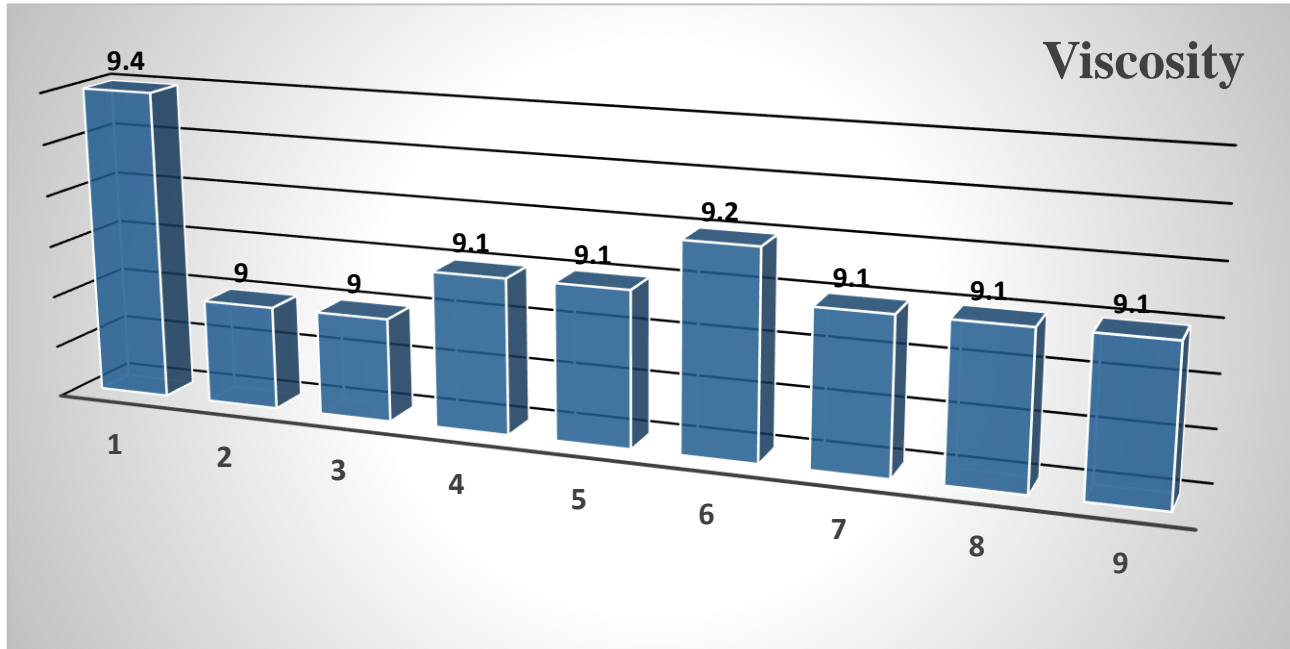
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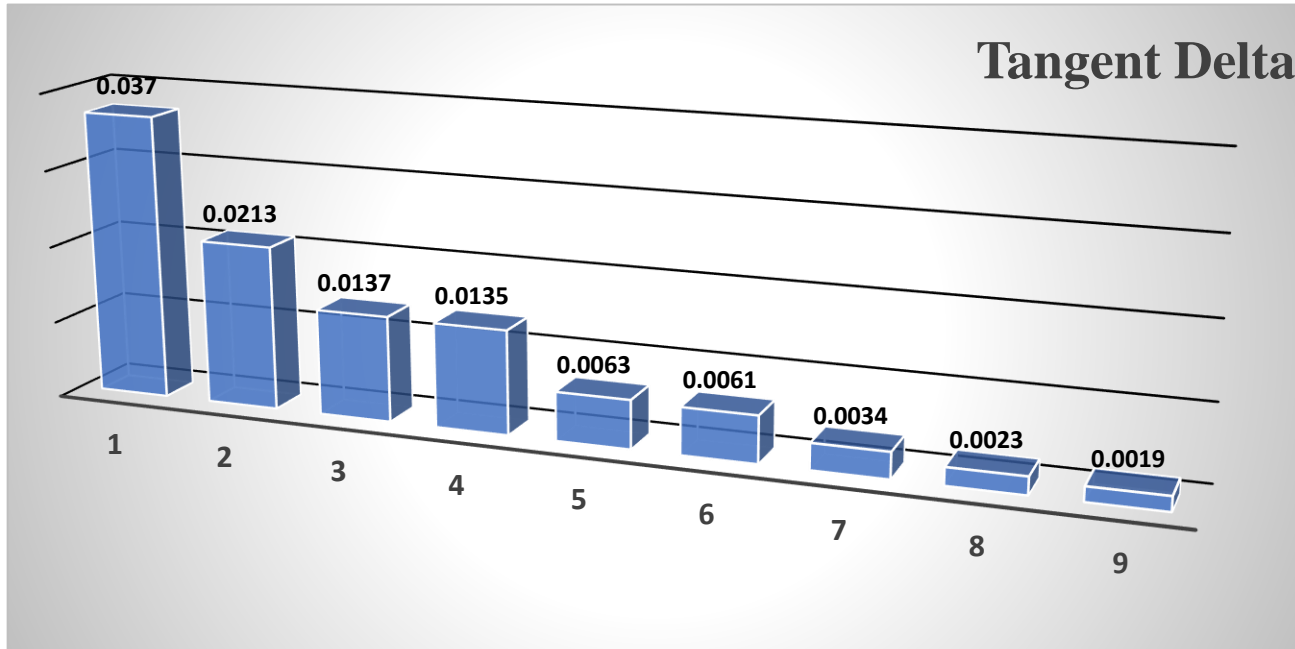
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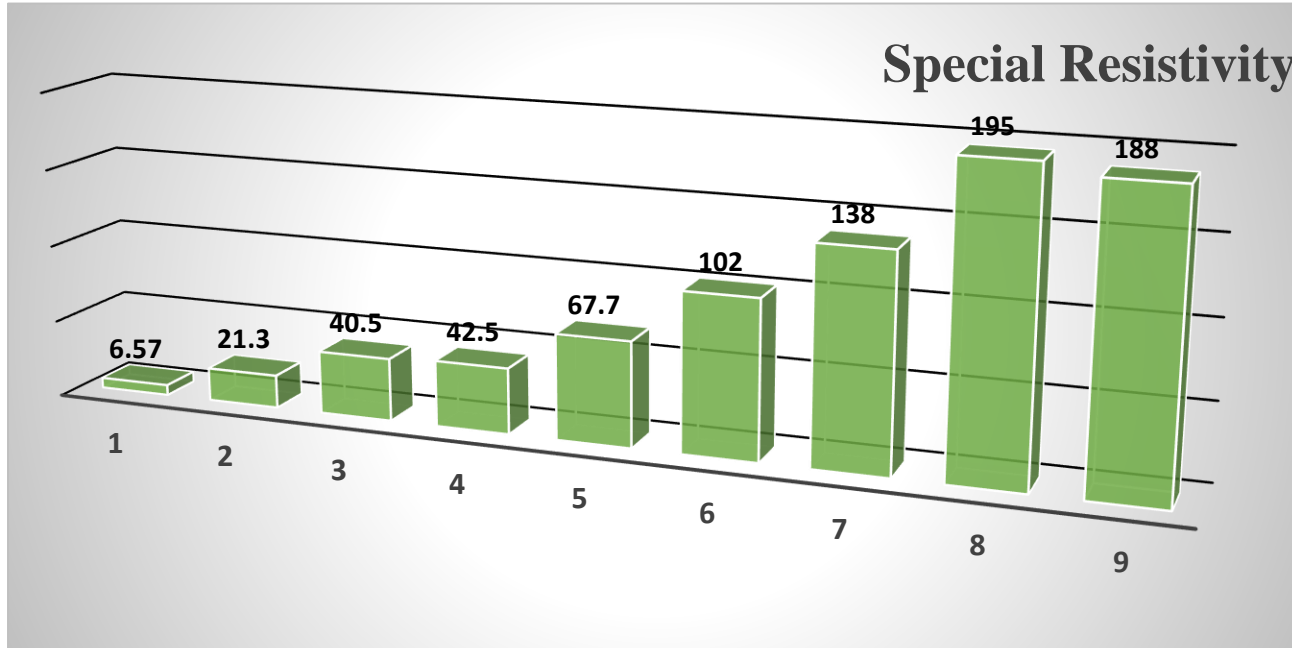
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Online Transformer Dryer – DP100



❖ Test Results





Advantages

- ✓ Online dehydration of transformer oil
- ✓ Raising breakdown Voltage
- ✓ Paper insulation dehumidifying
- ✓ Removing oil particles
- ✓ Reduction of oil insulation loss factor
- ✓ Reduction oil acidity
- ✓ Increasing transformer load capacity
- ✓ Increasing transformer age
- ✓ Improve most of chemical parameters and no effect on oil gases



DP-100

Screen Panel

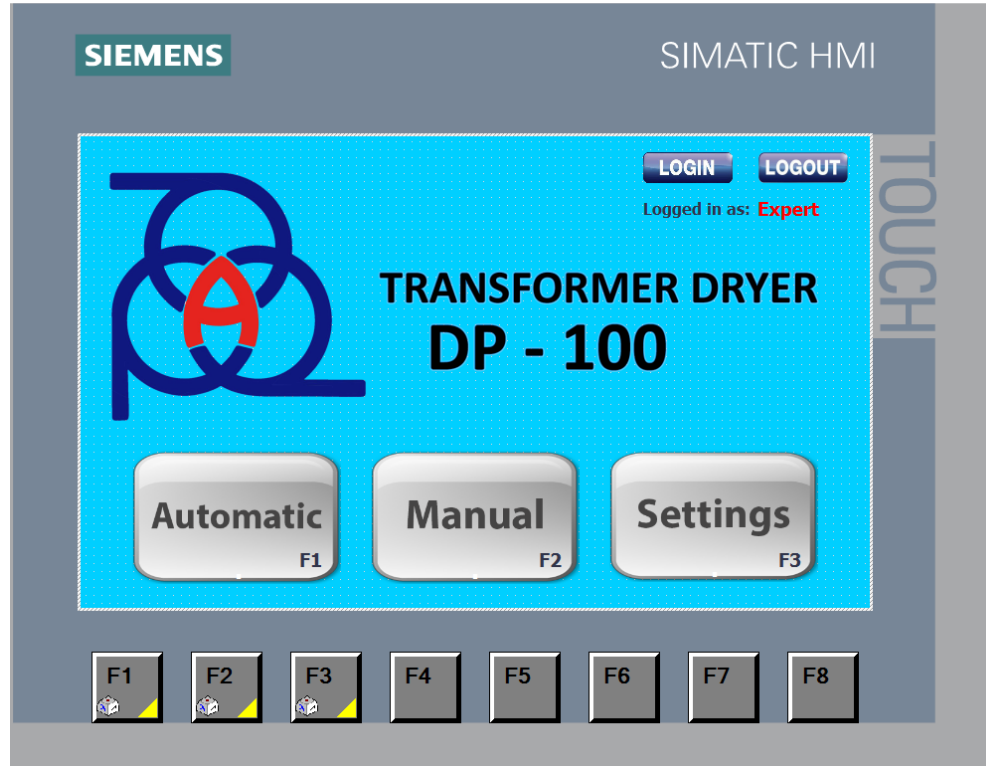


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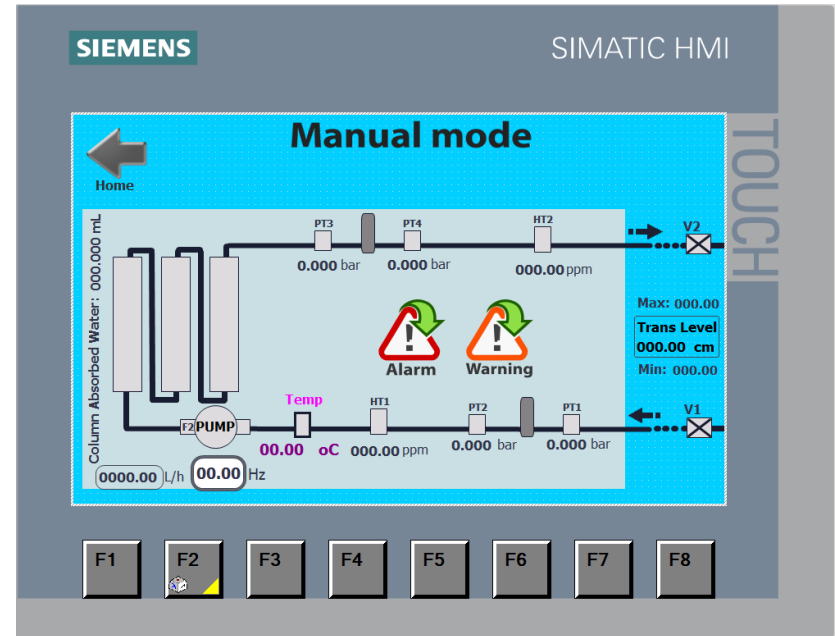
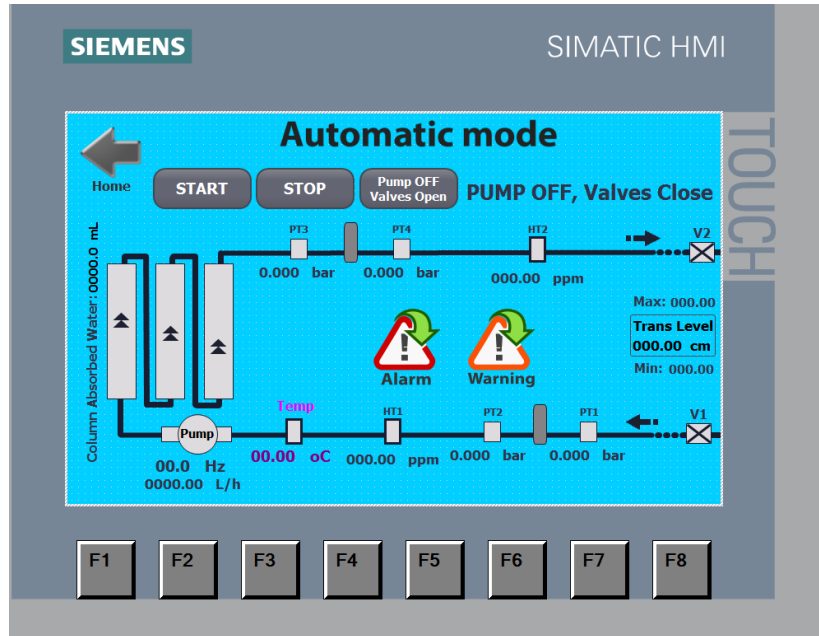
❖ Home Screen Page



DP-100 Screen Panel



❖ Auto and Manual Operation Pages

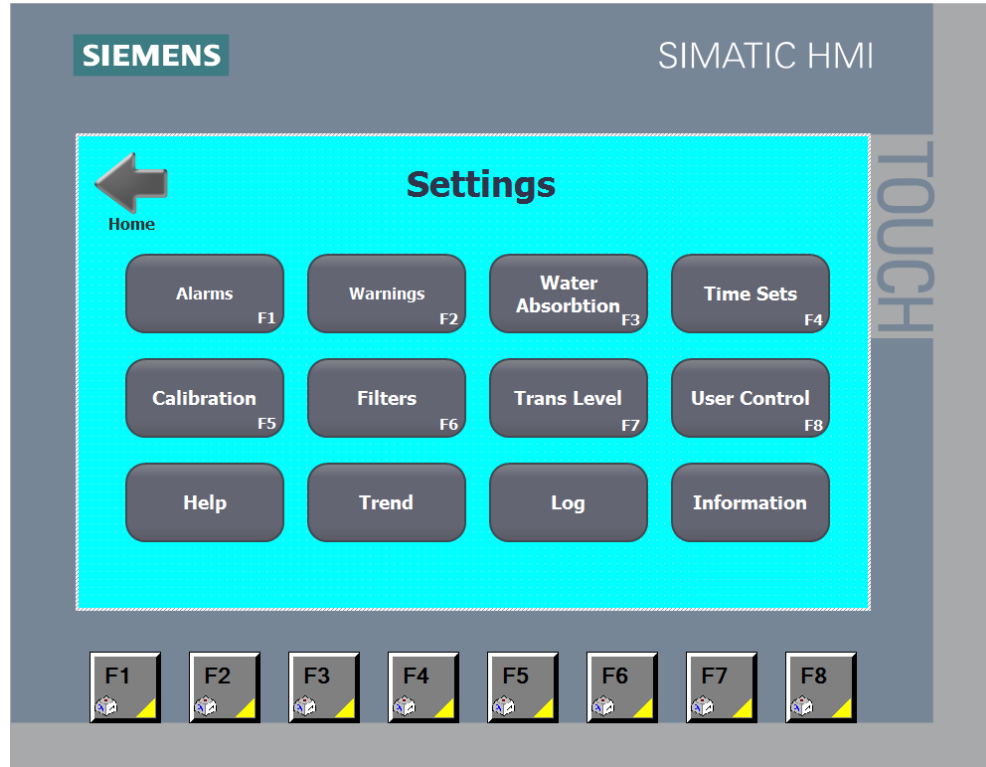


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❖ Setting Page



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❖ Alarms and Warnings Page (Safety Interlock)

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Alarms

Emergency Stop: Bypass OFF	Voltage Control: Bypass OFF
Flow Switch: Bypass OFF Ack	PT 1-2 Broken: Bypass OFF Ack
Transformer Level: Bypass OFF Ack	HT 1-2 Broken: Bypass OFF Ack
Leakage: Bypass OFF Ack	Under/Over Pressure: Bypass OFF Ack

Automatic
Manual

F1 F2 F3 F4 F5 F6 F7 F8

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Warnings

Pressure Wire Broken Bypass OFF Ack	Humidity Wire Broken Bypass OFF Ack
In-Filter Saturation Bypass OFF Ack	Auxiliary Valve Bypass OFF
Out-Filter Saturation Bypass OFF Ack	

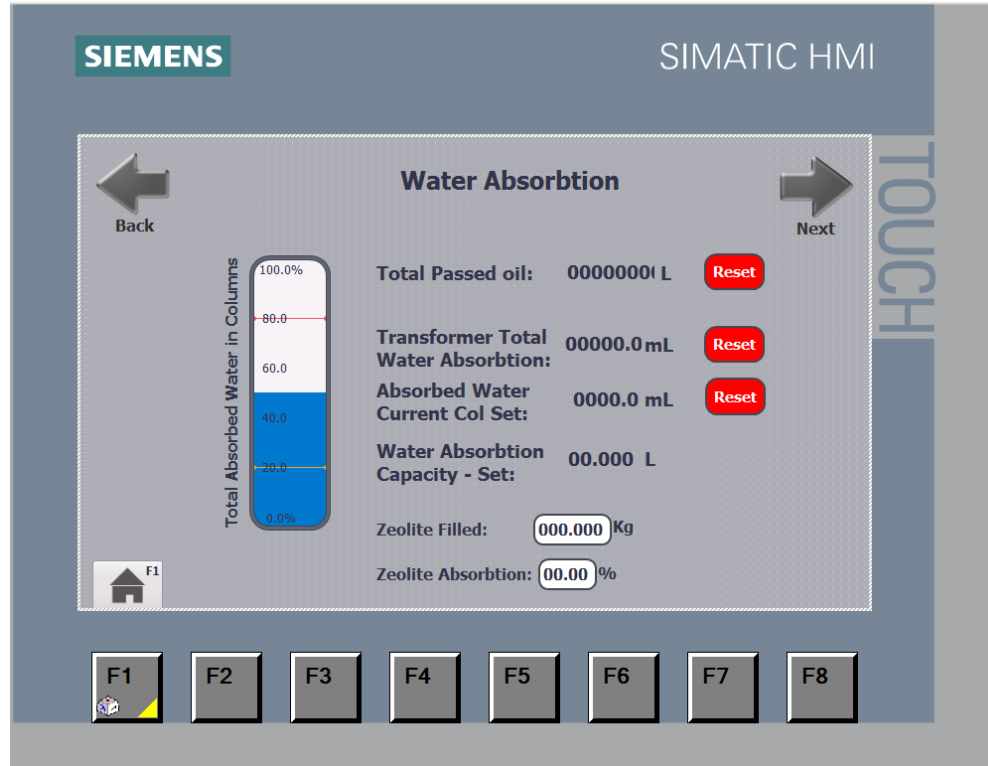
Automatic
Manual

F1 F2 F3 F4 F5 F6 F7 F8

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❖ Water Absorption Page



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❖ Time Sets Page

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Time Sets

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Alarm Exit:	<input type="text" value="0000000"/>	ms	Warning Exit:	<input type="text" value="0000000"/>	ms
Under/Over Pressure:	<input type="text" value="0000000"/>	ms	FlowSwitch error: (Valves off):	<input type="text" value="0000000"/>	ms
Auxiliary Valve1 Close:	<input type="text" value="0000000"/>	ms	FlowSwitch error: (Valves on):	<input type="text" value="0000000"/>	ms
Auxiliary Valve2 Close:	<input type="text" value="0000000"/>	ms	Voltage Control: Relay:	<input type="text" value="0000000"/>	ms
Leakage Detection:	<input type="text" value="0000000"/>	ms	Valves close, Pump off error:	<input type="text" value="0000000"/>	ms
Transformer Level:	<input type="text" value="000000000"/>	ms			

F1

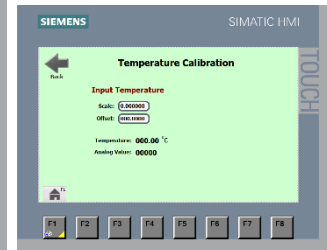
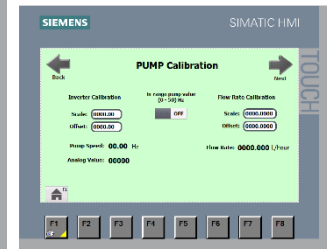
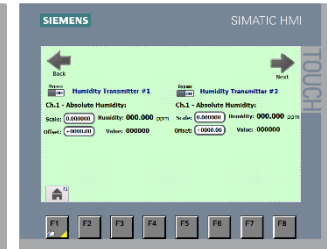
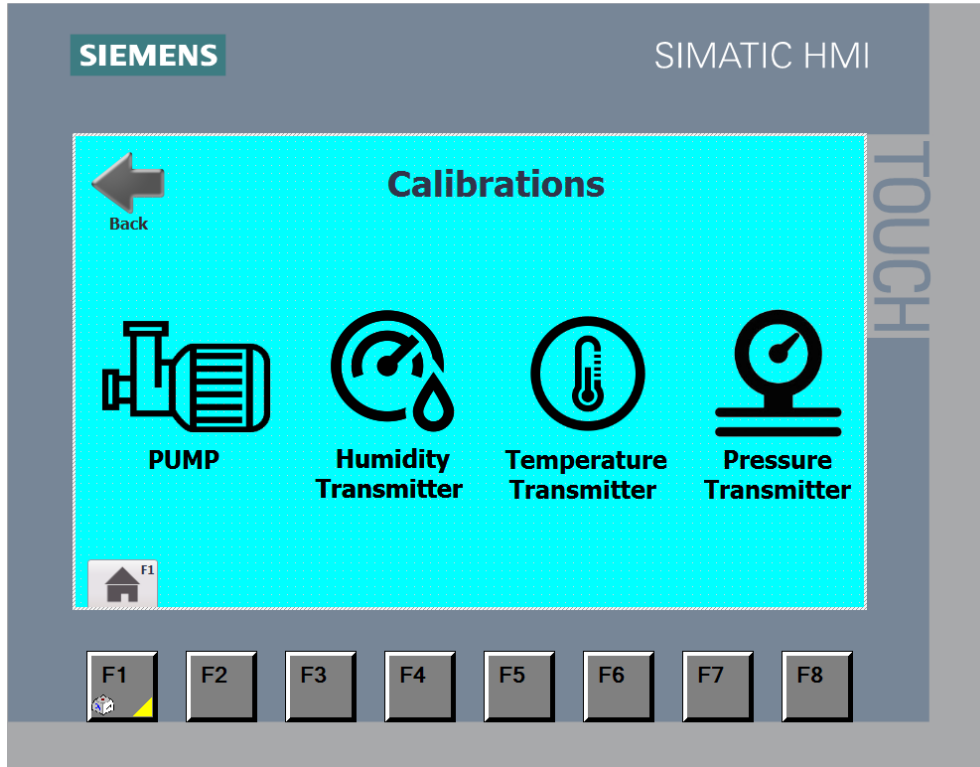
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❖ Calibration Pages



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❖ Automatic Pump control Page

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Automatic PUMP Control

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Automatic Pump Control

Pump Freq. Setpoints

V1 =	<input type="text" value="00.00"/>	Vmin	<input type="text" value="000.000 ppm"/>
V2 =	<input type="text" value="00.00"/>		<input type="text" value="000.000 ppm"/>
V3 =	<input type="text" value="00.00"/>		<input type="text" value="000.000 ppm"/>
V4 =	<input type="text" value="00.00"/>		<input type="text" value="000.000 ppm"/>
V5 =	<input type="text" value="00.00"/>		<input type="text" value="000.000 ppm"/>
V6 =	<input type="text" value="00.00"/>	Vmax	<input type="text" value="000.000 ppm"/>

Flow Rate: **0000.00** Litr/hour
Pump Speed: **00.00** Hz
Temperature: **000.00** °C
Vopt = 00.00 Hz

F1 Pump Freq. Check Time:

F1 F2 F3 F4 F5 F6 F7 F8

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❖ Transformer Level Page

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Transformer Level Alarm Setting

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Bypass Transformer Alarm: OFF

Transformer Level by PT1	Transformer Level by PT2
Pressure: 0.000 bar	Pressure: 0.000 bar
Trans Level: 000000000cm	Trans Level: 000000000cm
Offset: 000.00	Offset: 000.00
Scale: 000.00	Scale: 000.00
Min Level: 000.00 cm	
Max Level: 000.00 cm	

F1

F1 F2 F3 F4 F5 F6 F7 F8

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❖ Trend Pages

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Trend Charts

Trend #1
Humidities

Trend #2
Absorbed Water

Trend #3
Pump Freq.

Trend #4
Filter Differentials

F1

F1 F2 F3 F4 F5 F6 F7 F8

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Trend Chart - Absorbed water

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10:57:39 AM 10:58:09 AM 10:58:39 AM 10:59:09 AM 10:59:39 AM
12/31/2000 12/31/2000 12/31/2000 12/31/2000 12/31/2000

Trend	Tag connection	Value	Date/time

F1

F1 F2 F3 F4 F5 F6 F7 F8

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❖ Log table Page

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← Log 12/31/2000 10:59:39 AM

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No.	Time	Date	Description

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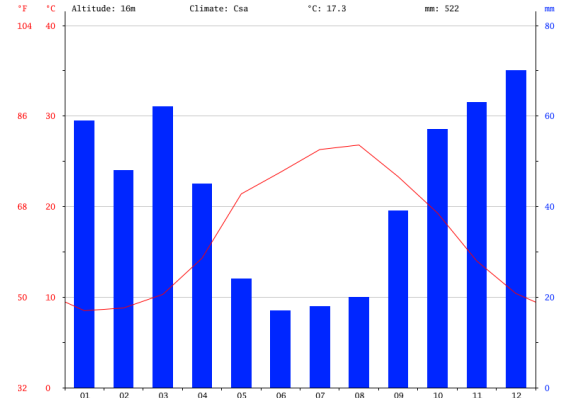


DP-100 Test on T2-Behshahr1



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❖ Transformer Location: Behshahr city – Mazandaran Province



DP-100 Test on T2-Behshahr1



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❖ Device Commissioning



DP-100 Test on T2-Behshahr1

❖ FDS test before drying



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DP-100 Test on T2-Behshahr1



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❖ Connections



DP-100 Test on T2-Behshahr1



❖ Air Trapping



DP-100 Test on T2-Behshahr1



❖ Operation and Parameters



SMS Text message

Behshahr1 (T2) Station - Mazandaran Province
Date: 2019/01/22 - Time: 16:41:33

Parameters:

Pressure Filter1: 0.05 bar

Pressure Filter2: 0.03 bar

Temperature: 12.91 oC

Absorbed Water: 63.4 mL

Humidity Input: 0.88 ppm

Humidity Output: 0.02 ppm

4:42 PM

Write a message...

DP-100 Test on T2-Behshahr1



❖ Results

