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SITRAM TDCM

Online Transformer Condition Monitoring Monitoring & Diagnostics

Introduction

Worldwide around over 70% of transformers have been in service more than 25 years. The average life of power transformers in operation is exceeding the design-life in an increasing number of cases.

Yearly, new equipment comes to the grid to support new consumers' demand or replace end-of-life units, guaranteeing the reliability and smooth grid operation.

Nowadays, the need for grid digitalization, performance optimization and maintenance costs are playing a major role in the market.

Therefore, Siemens developed SITRAM TDCM as technically advanced and cost effective transformer online monitoring system, providing reliable early fault diagnostics and supporting precise operational needs.

Features

SITRAM TDCM provides online transformer data from the comprehensive modules, early faulty diagnostic, with prognoses and recommendations.

SITRAM TDCM can be applied on all transformers, from any manufacturer, of any age. This flexibility is due to OEM experience from Siemens, applied in matters of engineering models that represent the various transformers and sub-components behaviors.

Also, SITRAM TDCM is used in several applications such as:

- Industrial transformers and reactors;
- Transmission and distribution transformers;
- Generator transformers;

Depending on the customer needs, the system can be applied in stand-alone solutions, as well multi-transformers and multi-substations.

Benefits

The SITRAM TDCM System has the advanced analysis technology that, when effectively used, assists strategies for mitigation of fault risks, as well as the use of maintenance resources.

The SITRAM TDCM is also assisting in the:

- Optimization of the maintenance process, allowing condi-

tion based maintenance;

- Identification of incipient faults¹, with the opportunity of preventive corrective actions that may avoid costs of a catastrophic fault;
- Potential reduction of insurance indemnity for transformers defects or failures;
- Intensification on operative conditions knowledge, during normal situations and overloaded needs;
- Maximization of availability of the transformers, by means of forecasting specific operational scenarios.

Scope of Delivery / Deliverable

SITRAM TDCM is delivered as cubicle or totally integrated at transformer, with all sensors installed and commissioned, depending on customers' requirements.

Also, the package of required sensors, like SITRAM H2Guard and Siemens Bushing Monitor can be part of the scope, in the most flexible ways.



¹ The incipient fault identification, according to studies performed by independent entities, is about 60% of the typical transformers faults.

Transforming data into reliable recommendations. A flexible and scalable solution!

Technical Details

The SITRAM TDCM system measures, stores, and correlates indicative values from transformers and by processing data generates diagnostics, prognostics, and recommended actions and trends of incipient faults.

SITRAM TDCM perfectly applies several transformers' models and includes family based evaluation and comparison.

A comprehensive list of evaluation models is provided such as:

- Bushing Health Condition
- Load Tap Changer Condition
- Cooling System Condition
- Intelligent Cooling Control
- Transformer Thermal Hydraulic Modeling
- Insulation Moisture Model
- Ageing and Life Expectancy
- Dissolved Gases and Multi-Gases evaluation
- Oil Volume
- Core Hotspot GIC Estimation
- Dynamic Overload Guide
- Static Overload Guide
- Models comparison
- Family of equipment evaluation

Other models, functionalities, and communication requests can be provided in short period of time.

Each monitored transformer receives several sensors to be installed in its main tank, as well as in its tap-changer equipment. All data acquired by each sensor are centralized into the SITRAM TDCM panel, which also is installed on transformer's main tank, and processed right there on the field. Those processed data remain stored in its memory and are published on a web page which can be accessed through an Ethernet port with RJ45 connector, optional wireless interface.

The system is compatible with sensors with Ethernet, serial, analog, and digital interfaces. Data is acquired by communication drivers and signal filters specially developed for the system, without the use of additional third-party software.

Within these aspects, the increased reliability of the data acquired raises the trending and diagnosis quality, aiming the mitigation of false positive alarms.

Additionally, the system accesses may be available at the Customer's Intranet. Optionally selected data may be transferred via Modbus-TCP / DNP3-TCP / IEC 60870-5-104 or others, to have the interface with supervision and control systems.

SITRAM TDCM as part of Siemens Services Long-term Program (LTP) Siemens provides additionally maintenance service contracts supported by Siemens Transformers Experts at the Siemens Diagnostics and Operations Center during the Service Contract duration.

Supervision of your assets, recommendations and thorough primary asset investigation can be realized, applying further OEM evaluation methodologies in combination with SITRAM TDCM features.

With a history of more than 150 years, Siemens built a major expertise in the field of T&D equipment. Starting with a dissolved gas analyzer only, up to our SITRAM TDCM, Siemens can provide you additional transformer condition knowledge. As you can expect, we will give the required support to keep the system running for years.

To enjoy Siemens comprehensive remote services offering, the installation of a Siemens On-Line Monitoring System, including sensors, e.g. DGA, Bushing Monitoring, is required.

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