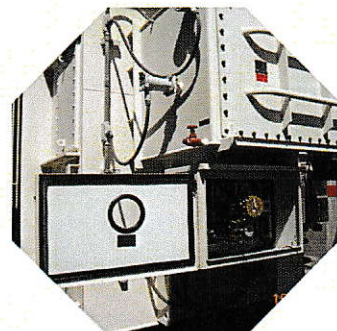
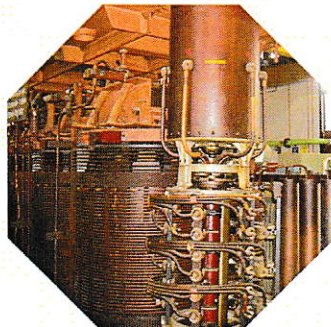


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## TAP-4

ON-LOAD TAP CHANGER (OLTC)  
ANALYZER

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## Characteristics

An OLTC is a part of a high-voltage transformer, which enables to set the voltage according to the network load, without interrupting the service.

An OLTC is the hardest-working part of the transformer: it will operate several times a day. This equipment is responsible for more than 40% of all transformer failures. Thus, it is essential to maintain OLTCs. Poor maintenance can cause consequences and large revenue losses.

## Vibro-acoustic analysis

Thanks to an innovative measurement method based on the recording and analysis of vibro-acoustic signals, the TAP-4, like a stethoscope, will perform a complete check-up of the internal mechanical state of the OLTC, **WITHOUT OPENING IT !**

The vibro-acoustic method was developed and tested by Hydro-Québec in the field for over fifteen years. The potential of this diagnosis method has been recognized in two transformer maintenance

guides: IEEE.PC57.143 and Cigré A2.34

The instrument can reveal a wide variety of mechanical and electrical problems:

- Contact wear
- Drive and synchronization problems
- Brake failure
- Abnormal arcing
- Misaligned contacts
- Loose contacts
- Contact bounce

### Diagnosis methods comparison

	Dissolved gas analysis	Dynamic resistance	Motor current	Vibro-Acoustic and motor current (TAP-4)
Drive			x	<b>X</b>
Synchronisation		x		<b>X</b>
Selector			x	<b>X</b>
Motor			x	<b>X</b>
Brake				<b>X</b>
Lubrication			x	<b>X</b>
Alignment			x	<b>X</b>
Arcing	x			<b>X</b>
Contact wear				<b>X</b>
Switch		x		<b>X</b>
Transition		x		<b>X</b>

## Features and benefits

Test set-up and testing sequence are quick and easy: by installing an accelerometer and a current clamp sensor on the on-line or off-line transformer, one is able to evaluate the test results and produce a diagnosis in less than 15 minutes.

The OpenZen software drives the tests through an intuitive interface. Thanks to the vibro-acoustic analysis and interpretation tools available, it is possible to do effective and targeted maintenance on tap changers.

A stable OLTC always shows consistent signatures. Any degradation of the OLTC introduces changes in the vibro-acoustic signature.

DB-TAP, a database which identifies and classifies healthy and unhealthy OLTCs vibro-acoustic signatures, is included. Healthy signatures are used as references, and unhealthy ones help to recognize and list OLTC problems.

The vibro-acoustic analysis method, consists of extremely simple steps:

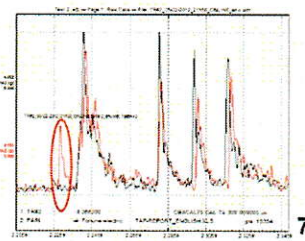
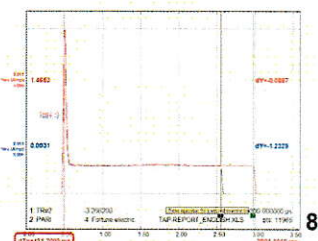
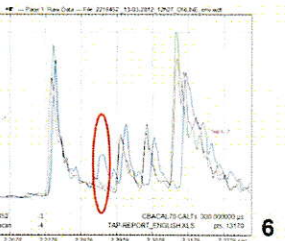
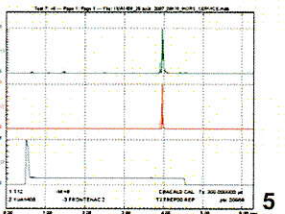
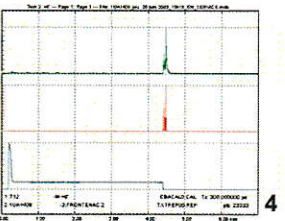
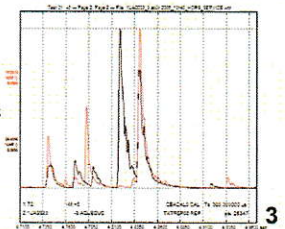
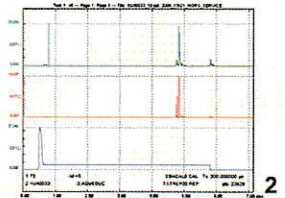
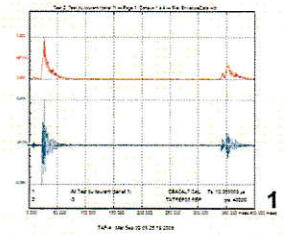
- envelope extraction of motor drive current signal
- patented envelope extraction (Hydro-Québec) of high and low frequencies of the vibro-acoustic signal (HF & LF), (Fig.1)
- Interpretation of the results.

Example of contact wear by missing impacts: Figure 2 shows signatures of current in blue, of vibro-acoustic HF in red and LF in green. By superimposing the time-expanded signals before and after repair, figure 3 shows a missing impact. Signals should be almost identical, but they greatly differ reporting contact wear. This has been confirmed by opening up the tap changer and replacing the arcing contacts.

Asynchronism example: certain types of signal analysis may be easily performed without a reference signature. This example demonstrates a switching operation signal delayed by 120 milli-seconds after the end of the current envelope. The repair was simply to uncouple the drive motor in order to adjust it so the switching occurs before the motor current drops (fig.4 before repair, fig.5 after repair).

Figures 6 and 7 present an additional peak when comparing HF and LF concerning some tap changes. This implies that an unusual shock happens during these tap changes.

Figure 8 shows a different operation time for the motor drive; this can be due to a weak spring in the drive mechanism.



# TAP 4

## MEASUREMENT CHARACTERISTICS

Sampling time: 10 microseconds  
Sampling rate: 100kHz  
Recording time: Unlimited  
Analog A/D conversion: 16 bits  
Signal to noise ratio: Better than 80 db

**Instantaneous data transfer to a PC via a USB Link**

**Autotest function for motor current  
Autotest function for accelerometers**

**OpenZen software allows the complete  
control of the system**

## 3 DEDICATED ACCELEROMETER INPUTS

Accelerometer type: ICP  
Sensitivity: 100 mV/G  
Full scale: +/- 50 G  
Frequency range: 1 to 20,000 Hz  
Excitation current: 4 to 20 mA

## 1 CURRENT INPUT

Resolution: 16 bit conversion  
Voltage range: +/- 10 V  
Frequency range: DC to 200 KHz  
Signal to noise ratio: Better than 80 dB

## GENERAL

Dimensions: 12.9 x 13.7 x 7 in  
(33 x 35 x 18 cm)  
Weight: 15.43 lb (7 kg)  
Temperature range: 0 to 50°C (32 to 122°F)  
Storage conditions: -20°C to 80°C  
(-4°F to 176°F)  
Power supply: 100-240VAC, 50/60Hz

## STRONGLY BUILT

Can sustain shocks and drops without damage.  
Casing made of polyethylene with molded-ribs for extra protection.  
No fragile mechanical components inside like printer, screen, key-board.

## SYSTEM INCLUDES

OpenZen Software  
Manuals  
USB cable  
Ground cable

## OPTIONAL ACCESSORIES

Accelerometers and current probe  
BNC to 10-32 cables (3')  
BNC to BNC cables (10' to 50')  
Extension cable for current probe  
Carrying case for accessories  
Stud base for accelerometer mounting  
Glue

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