



Methods and Experience of Diagnostic Testing to Support Asset Management of Feeder Type Cable Systems

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Background

- The documented VLF Tan δ criteria discussed to date only provides guidance at the “Single Phase” level



- It is increasingly common to test “Three Phase” systems (Feeders) a VLF Tan δ Health Assessment program – three phases diagnosed as they are treated jointly



Potential Approaches

- An obvious approach uses the current criteria is to simply take the worst assessment and apply this to the three phases

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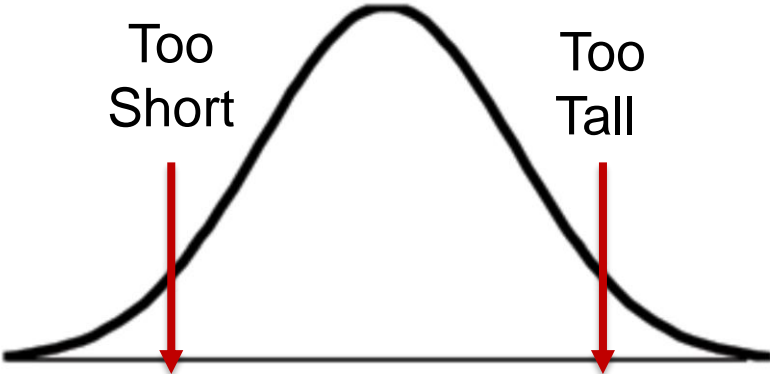
- However, this leads to
 - Higher than expected diagnoses of “Action Required” (14%) and “Further Study Advised” (35%)
 - Unused sources of information: phases expected to be similar

Population Based Assessment Principle

Population Height



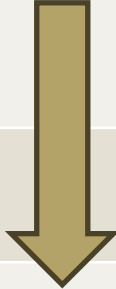
From Disorder to Order



Sir Francis Galton (1822 - 1911): He was the first to apply statistical methods to the study of human differences

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Recall – Single Phase Tan δ Features

	Feature	Individual Features	
IEEE 2024 CDFI 2016	Tan δ Stability Standard Deviation @ U_o	STD	Most Discerning
IEEE 2024 CDFI 2016	Tip Up Mean Tan δ @ $1.5U_o$ - Mean Tan δ @ $0.5U_o$	TU	
CDFI 2016	Tip Up of the Tip Up Δ Tan δ $1.5U_o$ to U_o - Δ Tan δ U_o to $0.5U_o$	TUTU	
IEEE 2024 CDFI 2016	Tan δ Mean Tan δ @ U_o	TD	

Simple Three Phase Tan δ Application

Feature	Individual Features		
	Phase A	Phase B	Phase C
Tan δ Stability	STD _A	STD _B	STD _C
Tip Up	TU _A	TU _B	TU _C
Tip Up of the Tip Up	TUTU _A	TUTU _B	TUTU _C
Mean Tan δ	TD _A	TD _B	TD _C

Three Phase Tan δ Diagnostic Features

Feature	Individual Features			Combined
	Phase A	Phase B	Phase C	Feeder Level
Tan δ Stability	STD _A	STD _B	STD _C	Highest STD
Tip Up	TU _A	TU _B	TU _C	Highest TU
Tip Up of the Tip Up	TUTU _A	TUTU _B	TUTU _C	Highest TUTU
Mean Tan δ	TD _A	TD _B	TD _C	Highest TD
	Similarities between Phases			
Mean Tan δ Range	TDRG			TDRG

Tan δ Diagnostic Feeder Features

Features used for condition assessment at the “Feeder” level:

- **Maximum Phase Tan δ Stability (STD)** – The highest Tan δ stability of all three measured at U_0 .
- **Poorest Phase Tip Up (TU)** – The highest Tip Up measured in any one of the three phases.
- **Poorest Phase TUTU** – The highest Tip Up of the Tip Up measured in any one of the phases.
- **Maximum Phase Mean Tan δ (TD)** – The highest mean Tan δ measured on any one of the three phases at U_0 .
- **Mean Tan δ Range for Three Phases (TDRG)** – The difference between the highest mean Tan δ at U_0 and the mean lowest Tan δ at U_0 .

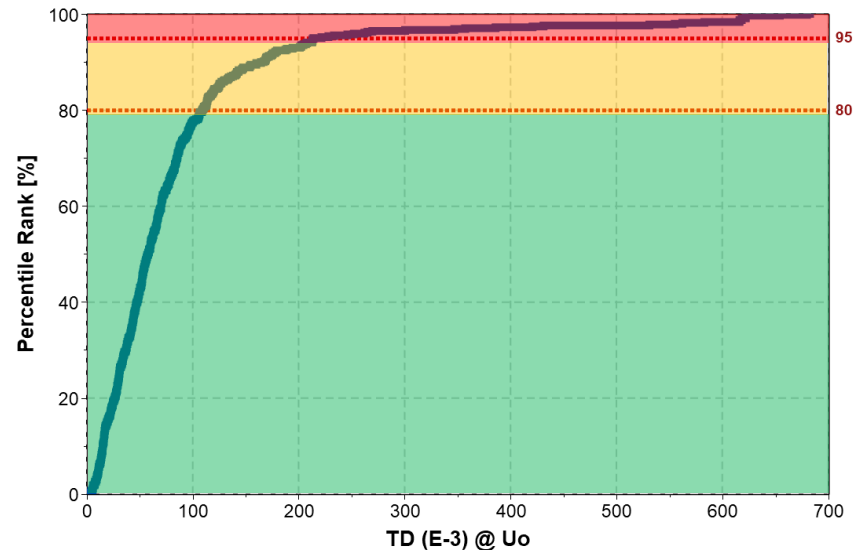
Criteria Setting – basis used in IEEE400.2

- Limited information on actual field performance
- Pareto Principle – 20/80 rule
- Outlier Principle – 95th percentile
- Need to combine features:
 - Single value decomposition
 - Combining percentile ranks (NEW)
- Assessment outcomes:



- **No Action**
- **Further Study**
- **Action Required**

Example of Diagnostic Feature Percentile Rank



Tan δ Diagnostics – CDFI Criteria



Table 29: VLF Tan δ Criteria

These criteria CANNOT be used if data are not available for all five

Condition Assessment [E-3]	No Action Required	Further Study Advised	Action Required
Max Phase Stability for TD_{U_0} (standard deviation)	< 1.2	1.2 to 2.3	> 2.3
	and		or
Tan δ Range for Three Phases (Max Mean TD_{U_0} – Min Mean TD_{U_0})	< 30	30 to 50	> 50
Poorest Phase Tip Up ($TD_{1.5U_0} - TD_{0.5U_0}$)	-45 to 24	-57 to -45 or 24 to 30	< -57 or > 30
	and		or
Poorest Phase TuTu $\{(TD_{1.5U_0} - TD_{U_0}) - (TD_{U_0} - TD_{0.5U_0})\}$	< 16	16 to 23	> 23
	and		or
Max Phase Mean TD_{U_0}	< 170	170 to 210	> 210

Only PILC criteria is available



Courtesy: CME Wire & Cable

To be updated and expanded (insulation types) if data allows it

Overall Interpretation from Many Features

- Five features available for Feeder Cable diagnosis
- Need a straightforward and easily understood combination
- A parallel structure (exclusive OR) is used to combine features and estimate a Health Index at the “Feeder” level:
 - No transformation – probabilistic approach
 - All features have the same importance in statistical terms
 - Correlated with population-based condition assessment principles

$$\emptyset(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = 1 - (1 - x_1)(1 - x_2) \dots (1 - x_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n x_i$$

Combining Diagnostic Features – Health Index

Therefore, for condition assessment at the “Feeder” level with the five features:

$$\begin{aligned} & \textit{Combined PR} \\ & = 1 - (1 - PR_{ST_D})(1 - PRTU)(1 - PRTUT_U)(1 - PRTD)(1 - PRTDRG) \end{aligned}$$

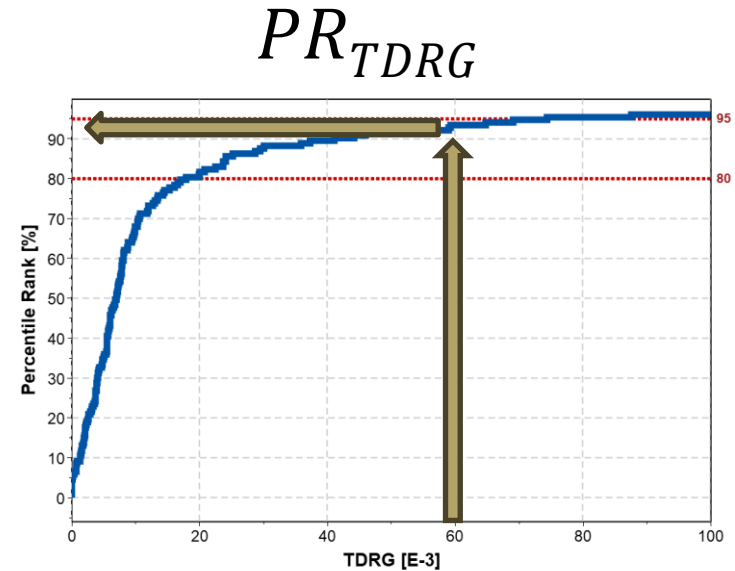
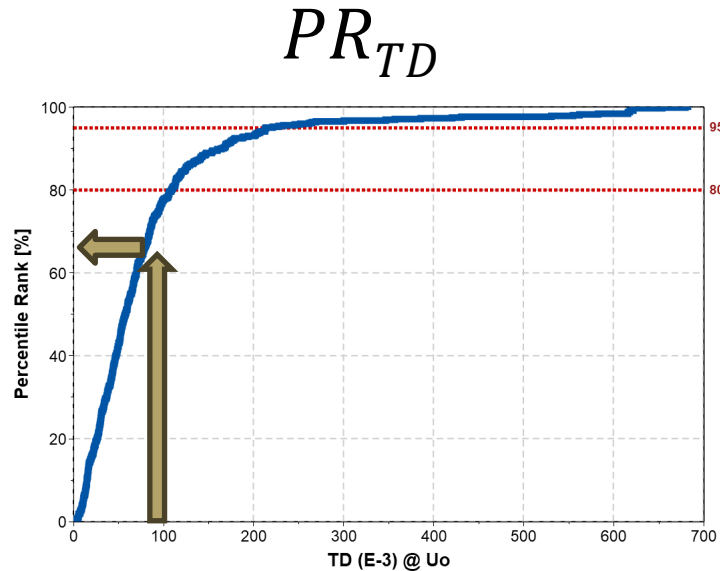
Where PR is the Percentile Rank of the corresponding feature.

The Health Index is defined as:

$$\textit{Health Index} = k(1 - \textit{Combined PR})$$

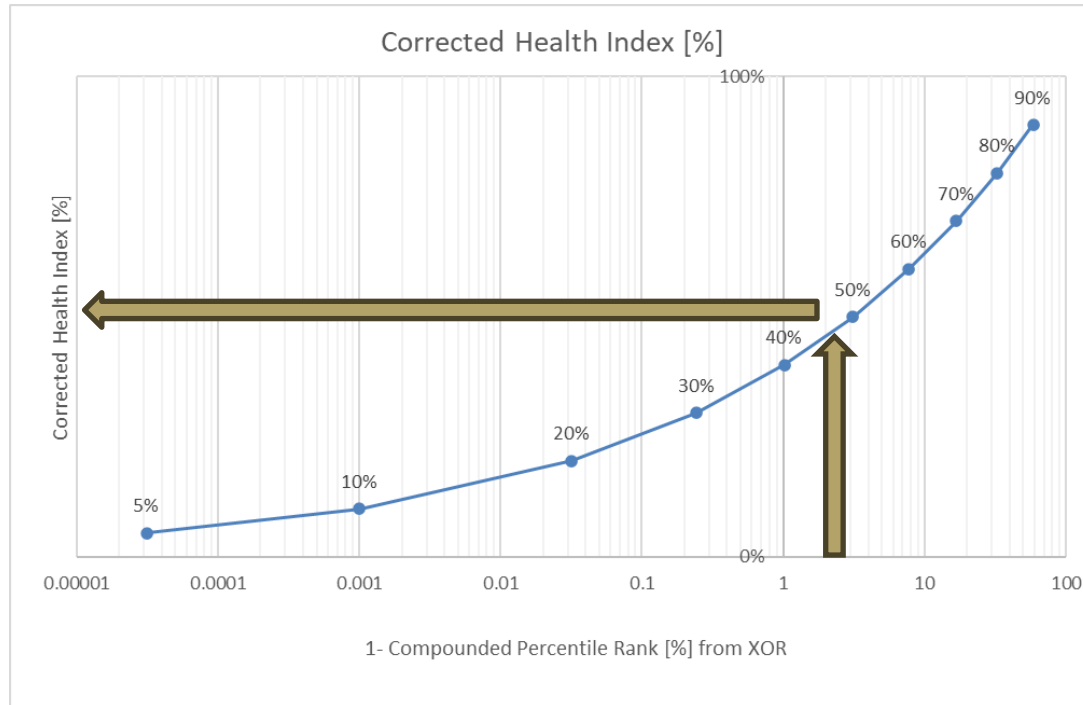
Where k is a correction factor to account for the compounded accumulation phenomena

Diagnostic Features – Percentile Ranks



541 tests representing approximately 243 miles of active PILC cable system length

Assessment – Health Index Estimation



The corrected Health Index is computed considering all the features at the same percentile rank and establishing the corrected Health Index to be at the same rank level.

For example, if all the features are at the 20th percentile, the corresponding corrected Health Index is 80%

Case Study – Relative Feeder Replacement Priority

VLF Tan δ feeder test data:

No	Insulation	ID	Capacitance [nF]	Vn [kV]	Uo [kV]	TD (E-3) @0.5Uo	TD (E-3) @1Uo	TD (E-3) @1.5Uo	STD (E-3) @0.5Uo	STD (E-3) @1Uo	STD (E-3) @1.5Uo	Tip Up 1.5-0.5	TuTu (E-3)
1	PILC		117	15	12	20.40	21.23	25.38	0.2	0.3	0.9	4.98	3.32
2	PILC		122	15	12	13.44	9.99	8.17	0.1	0.0	0.0	-5.27	1.63
3	PILC		110	15	12	10.41	8.91	7.81	0.0	0.0	0.0	-2.60	0.40
4	PILC		52	15	12	56.95	53.60	49.79	0.0	0.2	0.3	-7.16	-0.46
5	PILC		55	15	12	76.39	66.06	62.08	0.1	0.3	0.2	-14.31	6.35
6	PILC		52	15	12	35.36	30.48	31.79	0.1	0.1	0.2	-3.57	6.19
7	PILC		112	15	12	8.80	7.77	7.04	0.0	0.0	0.0	-1.76	0.30
8	PILC		112	15	12	5.75	5.56	6.23	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.48	0.86
9	PILC		109	15	12	8.31	8.67	8.74	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.43	-0.29
10	PILC		50	15	12	42.92	42.87	42.33	0.1	0.1	0.0	-0.59	-0.49
11	PILC		51	15	12	28.35	23.62	21.21	0.2	0.4	0.3	-7.14	2.32
12	PILC		54	15	12	45.74	42.53	42.23	0.1	0.1	0.3	3.51	2.99
13	PILC		114	15	12	37.58	36.48	35.44	0.0	0.1	0.1	3.14	0.06
14	PILC		113	15	12	26.64	25.41	23.80	0.0	0.0	0.1	-2.84	-0.38
15	PILC		111	15	12	15.12	15.58	16.05	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.93	0.01
16	PILC		50	15	12	86.56	82.05	88.27	0.6	1.3	1.7	1.71	10.73
17	PILC		51	15	12	84.18	82.30	81.34	0.3	1.2	1.3	-2.31	1.42
18	PILC		53	15	12	79.44	71.40	69.09	0.3	0.7	0.2	-9.96	6.12
19	PILC		149	15	12	15.44	13.79	14.80	0.1	0.1	0.2	-0.64	2.66
20	PILC		148	15	12	19.61	18.05	16.86	0.0	0.0	0.2	-2.75	0.37
21	PILC		146	15	12	20.21	19.22	20.99	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.78	2.76
21	PILC		29	15	12	119.42	103.51	95.31	0.4	0.4	1.1	-24.11	7.71
21	PILC		28	15	12	65.33	55.57	51.13	0.4	0.4	0.8	-14.2	5.32
21	PILC		27	15	12	73.47	62.44	57.89	0.3	0.3	0.7	-15.58	6.48
21	PILC		29	15	12	100.04	80.54	73.84	0.6	0.5	1.2	-26.2	12.8
21	PILC		28	15	12	113.01	94.18	88.86	0.7	0.7	1.4	-24.15	13.51
21	PILC		32	15	12	74.86	61.36	57.31	0.6	0.6	1.3	-17.55	9.45
21	PILC		31	15	12	92.44	80.75	73.51	0.3	0.2	0.7	-18.93	4.45
21	PILC		29	15	12	96.88	79.05	73.29	0.7	0.7	1.2	-23.59	12.07
21	PILC		30	15	12	62.09	52.85	18.44	0.4	0.3	0.7	-43.65	-25.17

Measured Data vs Calc Data

Case Study – Relative Priority Results

Feature Rank

Poorest	Range	Poorest	Poorest	Poorest	Compounded	Health	Priority	3-Phase	Individual
STD	TD	TU	TUTU	TD	Rank	Index	Rank	Assessment	Assessment
									Further Study
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Takeaways

1. Single Phase methods cannot be directly applied to Three Phase systems
2. Simple heuristics are available for Three Phase Systems
3. Population based methods can provide condition assessment
4. New approach combines features using parallel structures
5. The Health Index can be used as a tool for prioritization