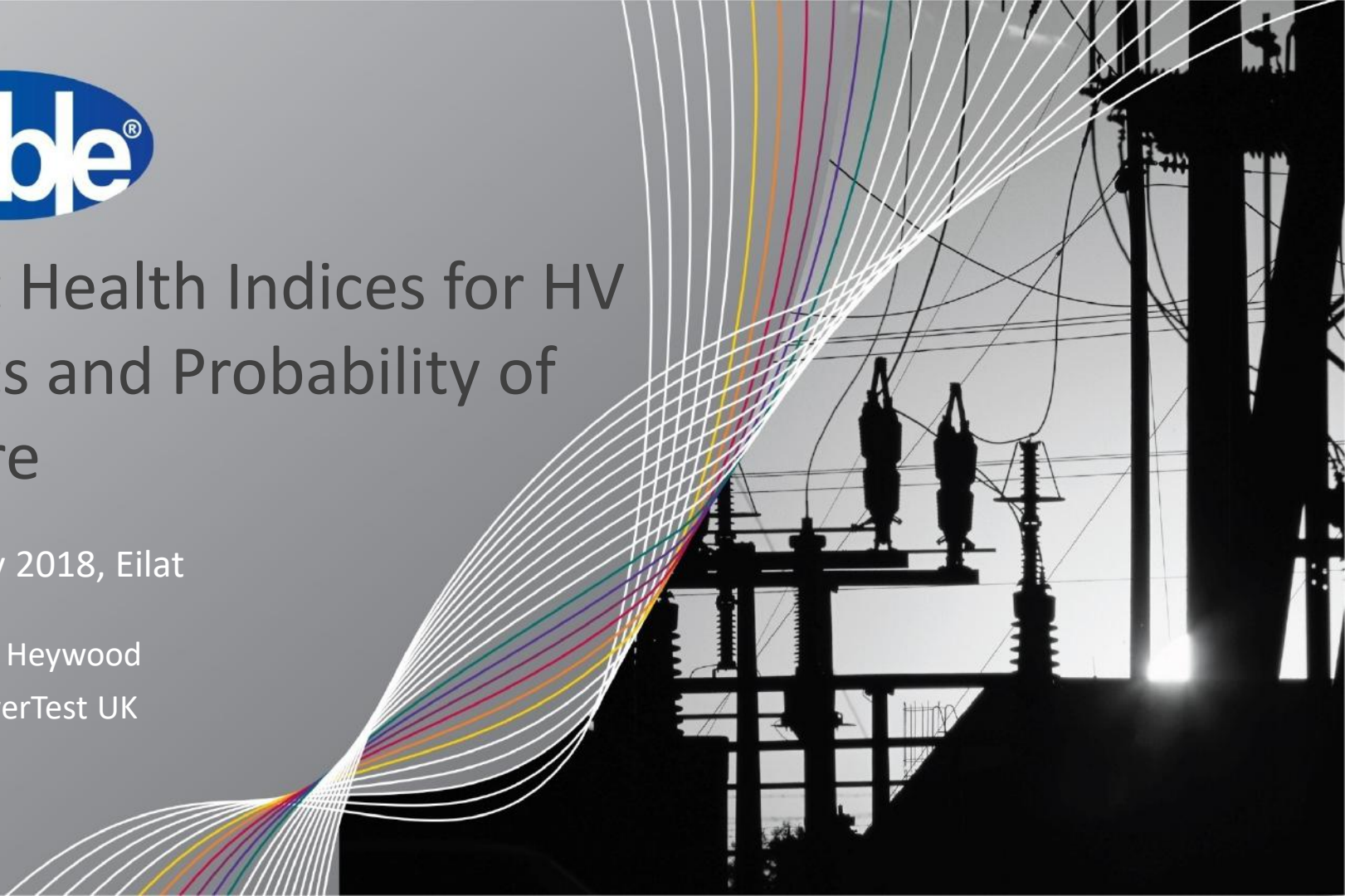




# Asset Health Indices for HV Assets and Probability of Failure

Electricity 2018, Eilat

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1923  
Doble Engineering Company  
Incorporated. Doble Safety  
Portable Transformer is launched.

1920

1934  
First Doble Client Conference is held at Midland  
Hillside offices.



1930

1936  
Frank Doble forms a Special  
Oil Committee, first  
of the company's Client  
Committees.



1940



1949  
The workhorse Doble  
Type M1 power factor  
test set is introduced.

1950

1951  
First Doble Survey  
of Electric Insulating  
Mineral Oils.

1960



1961  
Doble Transformer Oil  
Purchase Specification (TOPS)  
is adopted.

1970

1972  
Doble Type  
TR-1 CB Motion Analyzer is  
introduced based on  
principles by clients to  
expand their mechanical  
circuit breaker motion  
analyses.



1980



1982  
First microprocessor  
based protective relay  
test instruments  
Doble Type FTRTS  
series.

1990

1989  
Doble Type M100 CB  
monitor, first of a family of  
on-line monitors introduced.



1995

1995  
First Eurodoble  
Conference held in  
Seville, Spain.

2000



2003  
The Doble On-line  
Intelligent Diagnostic  
Devices (IDDD)  
is introduced.

2010



2005  
Doble Type M300  
Capacitor Bank Test  
Kit introduced.

2015



2007  
ESCO Technologies, Inc. acquires  
Doble Engineering Company.



2010  
Doble Type  
FDS100 Partial  
Discharge  
Surgeon is  
introduced.

2013



2012  
Xtensible Solutions joins  
Doble team.



2013  
M7 600 High Voltage Asset  
Analyzer introduced.

2017



2014  
Doble/PRIME Condition Monitoring  
Platform introduced.

2015  
ENOSERV joins  
Doble team.

2016  
Manta Test  
Systems joins  
Doble team.

2017  
Morgan  
Schaffer joins  
Doble team.

2018  
NCS Systems joins  
Doble team.

2019  
Vanguard Instruments  
joins Doble team.

2020  
NCS Systems joins  
Doble team.

2021  
NCS Systems joins  
Doble team.

2022  
NCS Systems joins  
Doble team.

2023  
NCS Systems joins  
Doble team.

2024  
NCS Systems joins  
Doble team.



A DIVISION OF DOBLE



A DOBLE COMPANY



A DOBLE COMPANY



1929  
Doble's Type T Tester debuts  
at the 1929 New England  
Lighting Association (NELA)  
conference in Atlantic City.

1938  
Doble begins testing for  
coordinated programs that  
regulate and re-inhibit solid  
insulating oils.

1945  
Doble Loop  
Test terminal  
introduced to facilitate  
testing high voltage  
insulation.

1958  
Doble Loop  
Test terminal  
introduced to facilitate  
testing high voltage  
insulation.

1975  
Doble engineers  
begin development of  
next major product  
line, the TR series of  
circuit  
breaker analyzers.

1985  
Doble Type  
TR-2 CB Motion Analyzer  
for high voltage circuit  
breakers.

1995  
A revolutionary  
fully automated  
power factor tester, the  
Doble Type M3000, is  
introduced.

2005  
First Doble Break  
conference held in  
Paris.

2011  
Doble/ENOS, Asset Risk  
Management System, introduced.

2016  
ENM Surgeon  
introduced.

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Transient Cyber Asset  
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- Introduction: Asset Health Indices
- Data:
  - Understanding Failure modes and Correct tools for the job.
  - Condition Assessment and Monitoring feeds AHI process
- AHI Coding: encapsulate knowledge for your application
- Probability of Failure (PoF): where did that come from?
- Discussion/Conclusions

- AHI is an estimate of an unknown variable: the actual transformer health
  - More data, will maybe give a better estimate
  - Estimating what – healthy enough to do what, exactly?
  - There is not one type of AHI
  - The AHI is a number at that time of analysis and only an estimate.
- Action, timescale, justification, auditable
- Choose a range or scale or labels which are convenient and not misleading
- Statistics are for guidance...not set in stone
- Machine learning can yield a gem in a whole lot of sand/silt/stuff...  
But someone has to be able to tell them apart

## What problem are you trying to solve with AHI?



The actual asset health is an unknown value: the AHI is an *estimate*, a *'model'*

***“all models are ‘wrong’, some models are useful”, G. Box, Statistician***

An index should have associated action & timescale related to the problem to be solved

More data, should enable a better estimate, a better AHI?

Whatever index we derive... it should not be a surprise!

# How do you know you have succeeded?

# ISO 18095: Transformer Failure Modes



Failure modes:

Dielectric faults

Thermal faults

Mechanical faults

External faults



Oil quality deterioration

Overheating / Auxiliary cooling system problem

Low oil level

Insulation deterioration

Winding distortion

Radiator and fan

Oil leak

Oil circulation system problem

Connection / bushing problem

Through fault e.g. lightning strike

Moisture ingress / content

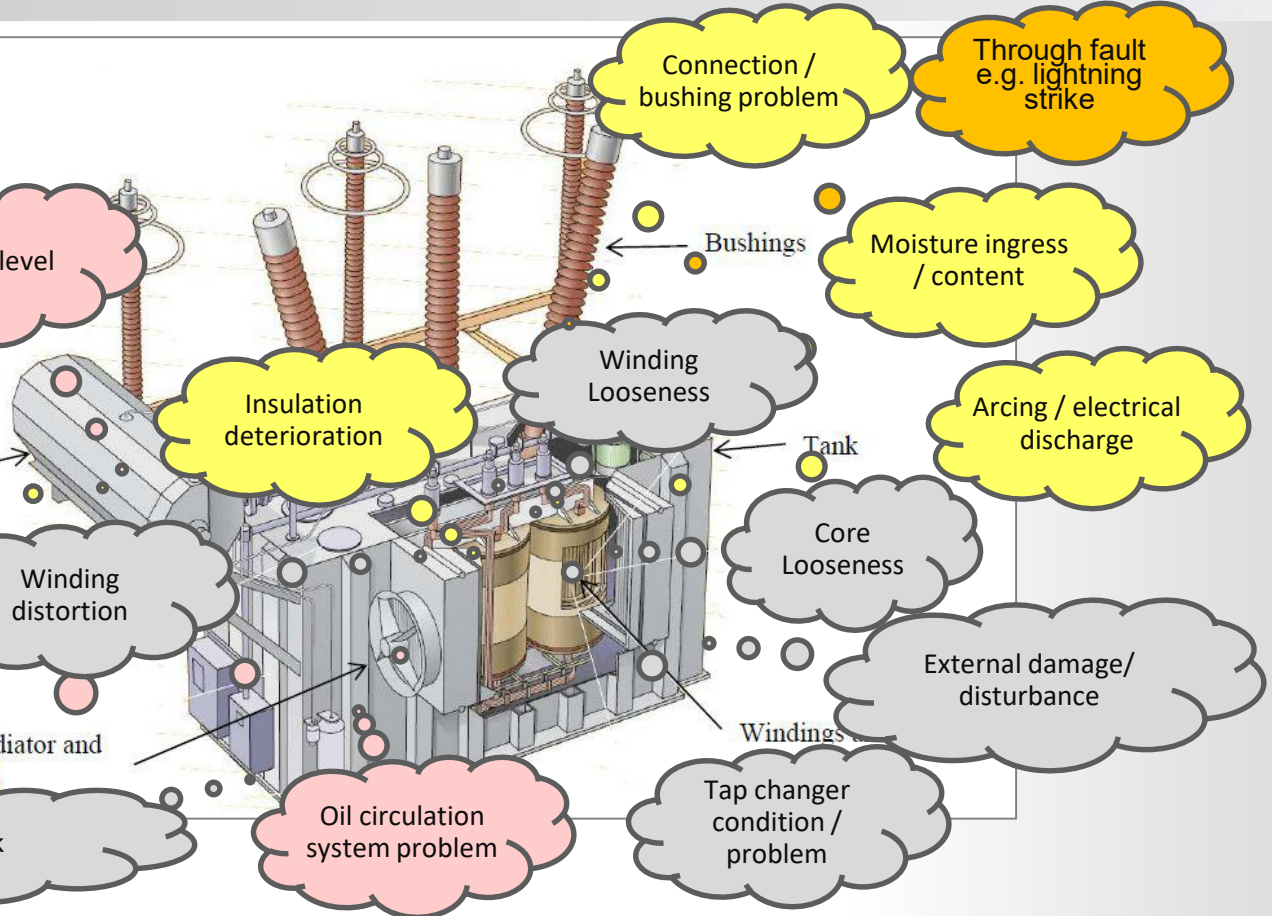
Arcing / electrical discharge

Winding Looseness

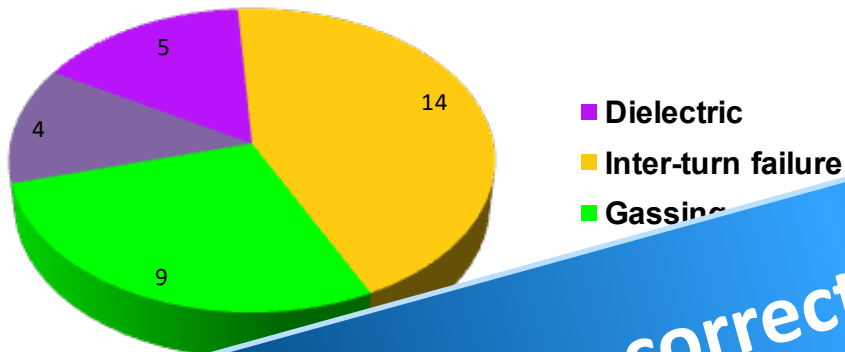
Core Looseness

External damage / disturbance

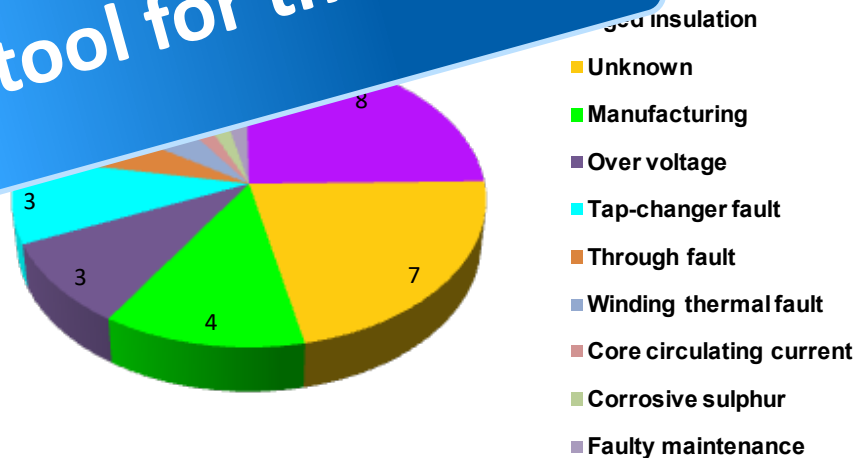
Tap changer condition / problem



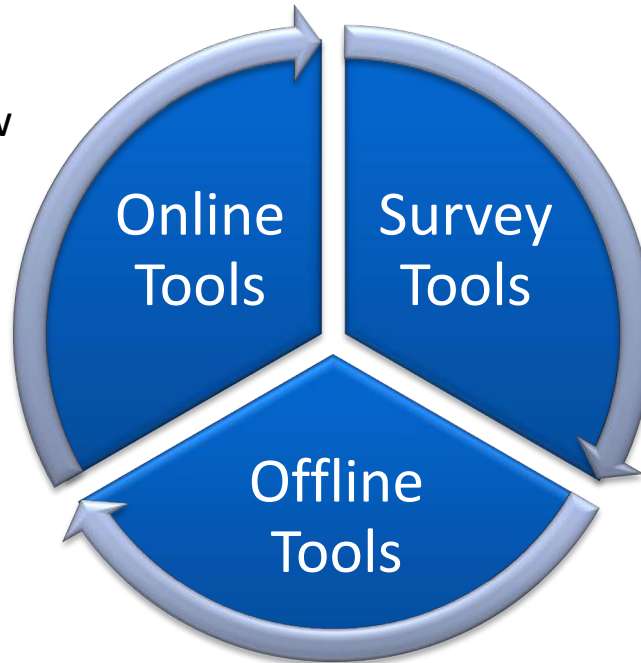
# Understanding failures (real events)



Use the correct tool for the job



Install sensors that allow online periodic or permanent monitoring of critical assets.



Start with a survey to check and get an overview of the condition of the asset.

Do offline testing to verify and confirm the condition of critical asset found by survey or inspection.

- The 3 C's of condition monitoring:
  - *Control* The measurement and the response
  - *Context* What are the operating constraints, ambient, load, OLTC...
  - *Conclusions* Actionable decisions. Justifiable, auditable, useful real actions
- Learn and iterate
- Data to support decisions
- Must have an action plan in place if an alarm goes off!
  - And/or decide we don't need to do anything

***“Condition monitoring is more than just a box with lights on”***

***National Grid***

- What scale should we use?
  - Linear, logarithmic, dynamic, weighted....
- If we use 1 – 10, say: 1 is new/good and 10 is 'about to fail':
  - what does 6 mean?
  - how does 6 compare to 7
  - is 6 twice as bad as 3? Twice as likely to fail?
  - How accurate or precise is the number?
  - What does 3.9 mean? And what if it changes to 4.2????

This needs to be thought about!

- Can we relate the health index to a 'likelihood of failure'? "A real event".
- Key to extracting value: **action** and **timescale**
- Key to keeping your job: justifiable audit trail

# AHI Code definitions



If we use 1 – 10, say: 1 is new/good and 10 is 'about to fail':  
what does 6 mean? How soon do we need to act?

**Monotonic?** Easy at the individual parameter level, harder with multiple

Status	Dissolved key gas concentration limits [ $\mu\text{L/L}$ (ppm) <sup>a</sup> ]							
	Hydrogen (H <sub>2</sub> )	Methane (CH <sub>4</sub> )	Acetylene (C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub> )	Ethylene (C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> )	Ethane (C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> )	Carbon monoxide	Carbon dioxide	TDCG <sup>b</sup>
Condition 1	100	120	1					
Condition 2	101–700	121–400	2–9	51				
Condition 3	701–1800	401–1000	10–35	101				
Condition 4	>1800	>1000	>35	>				

Code	Description
1	No known problems
3	Slightly unusual dissolved gas signature
10	Possible arcing/sparking or partial discharge fault
30	Severe arcing/sparking or partial discharge fault
100	Very severe arcing/sparking or partial discharge fault, transformer at high risk of failure
A	transformer is expected
B	transformer is expected
C	transformer is expected
D	transformer is on active list for replacement within 2 years

# Case Study – Logarithmic Scoring

## The Outcome



League table for transmission operator – sorted by worst overall condition score

Current and Mitigated Condition

Possible improvement in score

Component score based on sub-components

Design/Manufacturer

T-Nr	Ratio	Rated P	Manufact	Current and Mitigated Condition			Year	Possible improvement in score			Component score based on sub-components						
				Design	sign			Now	Mitigated	Possible Im	Core and Windings			Oil		OLTC	Exterior
											Dielectric	Thermal	Mechanic	Ageing	Contamina		
1	400/132 kV	240 MVA	AEI Wythen	A04a	32		1965	221	213	8	100	100	1	13	10	3	10
2	275/132 kV	120 MVA	EEC	E11b	32		1959	170	163	68	30	60	1	190	10	10	10
3	400/275 kV	1000 MVA	GEC	G02b	104		1994	179	135	35	30	60	1	36	100	1	1
4	275/132 kV	120 MVA	EEC	E11b	32		1959	164	143	11	30	100	1	23	10	10	3
5	275/66 kV	180 MVA	CP	D07	12		1965	163	126	26	60	60	1	70	10	1	1
6	275/132 kV	120 MVA	MVE	M01	5		1957	161	94	57	30	60	1	160	10	3	10
7	400/275 kV	750 MVA	HHE	H02	111		1971	147	109	47	3	60	1	140	10	3	3
8	275/33 kV	100 MVA	PPT	P21	104		1972	144	139	5	1	3	100	13	1	1	10
9	400/132 kV	240 MVA	CAP	C04	32		1968	138	85	54	10	60	1	140	30	1	1
10	275/132 kV	240 MVA	HHE	H07a	12		1964	133	107	26	1	100	1	70	10	3	1
11	400/132 kV	240 MVA	AEI Wythen	A04b	102		1967	132	106	26	10	60	1	70	10	3	1
12	400/132 kV	220 MVA	PPT	P06a	131		1967	131	107	24	1	60	1	63	10	1	10
13	275/132 kV	240 MVA	HHE	H07a	12		1964	129	106	23	1	100	1	63	10	1	1
14	275/132 kV	120 MVA	EEC	E11a	102		1955	129	105	24	10	60	1	70	1	1	10
15	275/132 kV	240 MVA	HHE	H07a	12		1966	129	106	23	1	100	1	63	10	1	1
16	275/132 kV	120 MVA	EEC	E11b	32		1959	129	107	22	30	60	3	43	30	10	1
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18	275/132 kV	180 MVA	FUL	L05	111		1962	122	99	23	1	60	1	63	10	1	1
19	400/132 kV	240 MVA	AEI Wythen	A04b	102		1967	122	96	26	1	60	1	70	10	3	1
20	275/66 kV	120 MVA	AEI Rugby	A10	3		1960	122	106	16	100	3	1	40	10	1	1

# How does AHI relate to Probability of Failure



What is the probability of failure of an asset?

**100%**

Economist: J. M. Keynes:

***“ In the long run we are all dead.”***

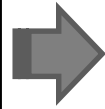
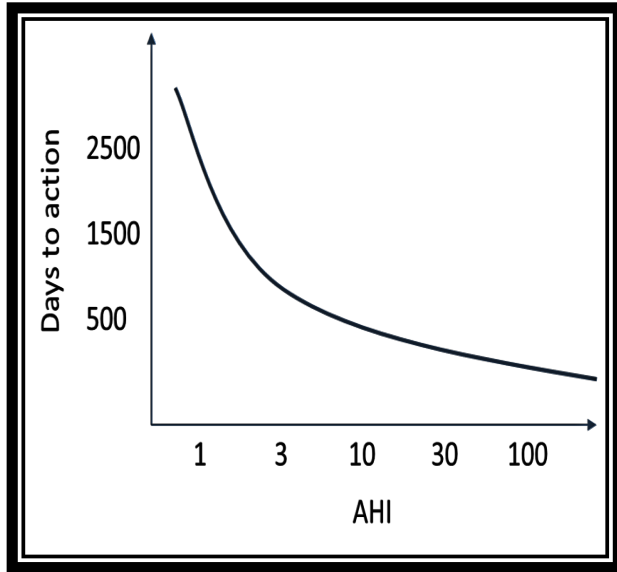
Singer/Songwriter: Paul Simon

**“Everything put together, sooner or later, falls apart.”**

So... we need to have some interest in time: probability of failure, by when?

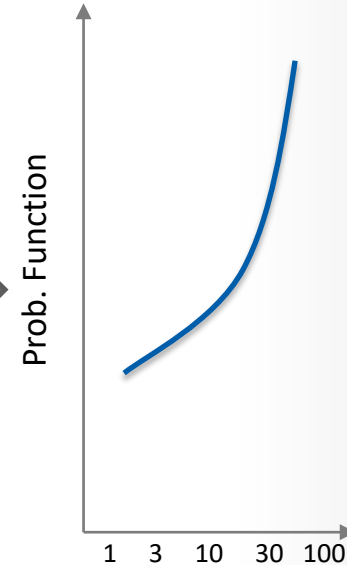
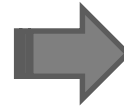
# Timescales must be included?

How do we move from data to AHI to PoF?



Log	More likely to fail
1	X
3	3X
10	10X
30	30X
100	100X

Coding – AHI  
Given timescale



Timescales and condition (AHI)

PoF increase with higher AHI score

## Justifying category labels and PoF... assigned a replacement category

Category	AHI Range	Description	First estimate of Notional PoF per year
A	0 - 30	Considered under normal operation	0.05% PoF
B	31- 50	Expect to replace within 15 years	0.2% PoF
C	51- 70	Expect to replace within 10 years	0.4% PoF
D	71 – 90	Expect to replace within 5 years	0.8% PoF
E	91 - 100	On replacement list for within 2 years	1.5% PoF

### Or you could just choose:

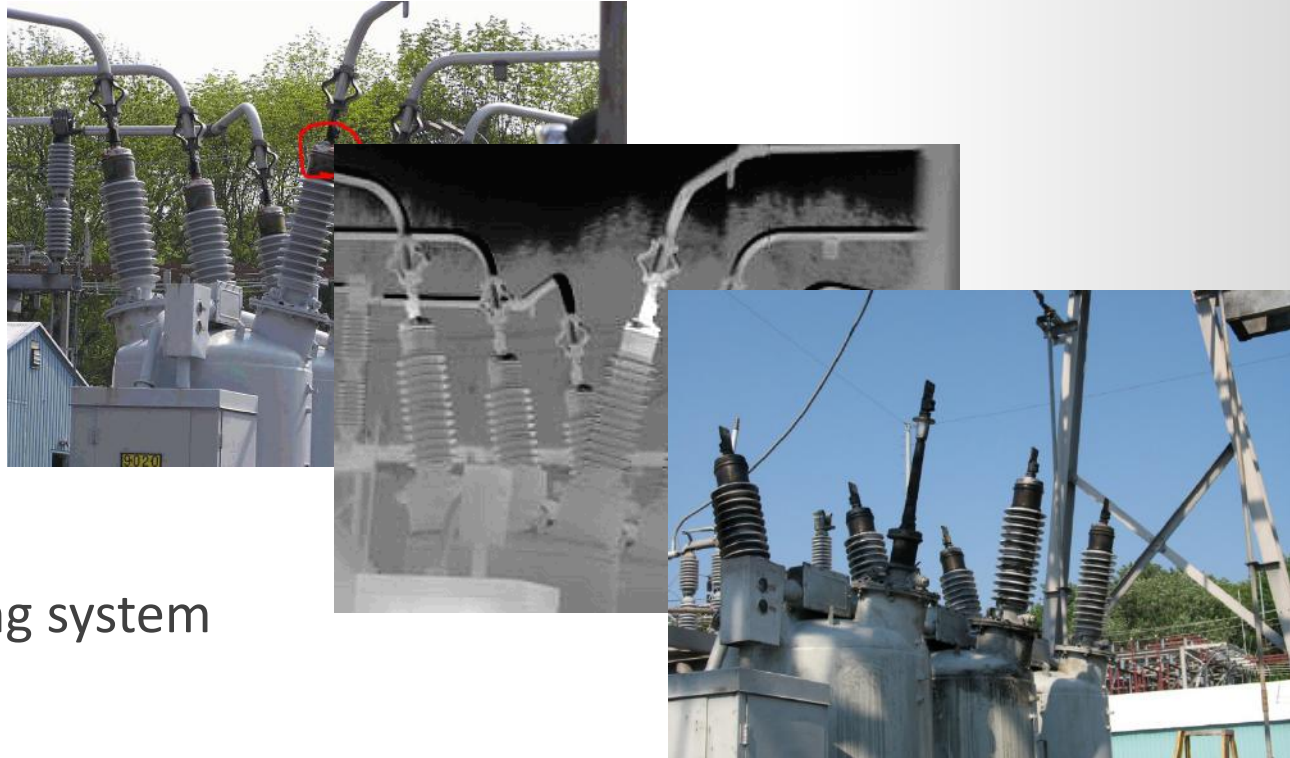
- Label each unit with a category
- Timescale for action
- With PoF? Based on 'historic data'?
- Not necessarily linear, or consistent
  - but might be good enough for your system as a starting point

Category	Timescale	PoF estimate
5	1 month	12%
4	1 year	4%
3	2 years	2%
2	5 years	1.5%
1	15 years	1%

# Case Study - When available data changes...



- PoF was x%
  - Known failure mode
  - Action...was
  - But failed!
- 
- Iterate the AHI scoring system



- **AHI is an estimate of a generally unknown variable:** actual transformer health
  - More data, should be a better estimate?
- **The index should be useful:**
  - Choose a range or scale or labels which are helpful, not misleading
- **Correct tools should be used to determine that AHI**
- **An index should be calibrated and have associated action & timescale**
  - Timescales should calibrate – be consistent across failure modes and assessments
- **PoF may be difficult to justify if working from raw data**
  - Hence why AHI scoring can help provide more accurate numbers
- **PoF based on historic values may be justifiable as a starting point.**
  - But system always needs developing...its not a one off exercise.

A high-angle, wide-view photograph of the Earth from space at night. The horizon of the Earth is visible, showing a thin blue line of the atmosphere. Below, the dark blue and black surface of the planet is covered with a dense network of bright yellow and orange lights, representing city lights and urban areas. The lights are concentrated in certain regions, forming a complex pattern of glowing lines and clusters. The background is the deep black of space, dotted with small, distant stars.

THANK YOU

