

# Regional Technical Seminar

## DETC/LTC Applications for Voltage Regulation

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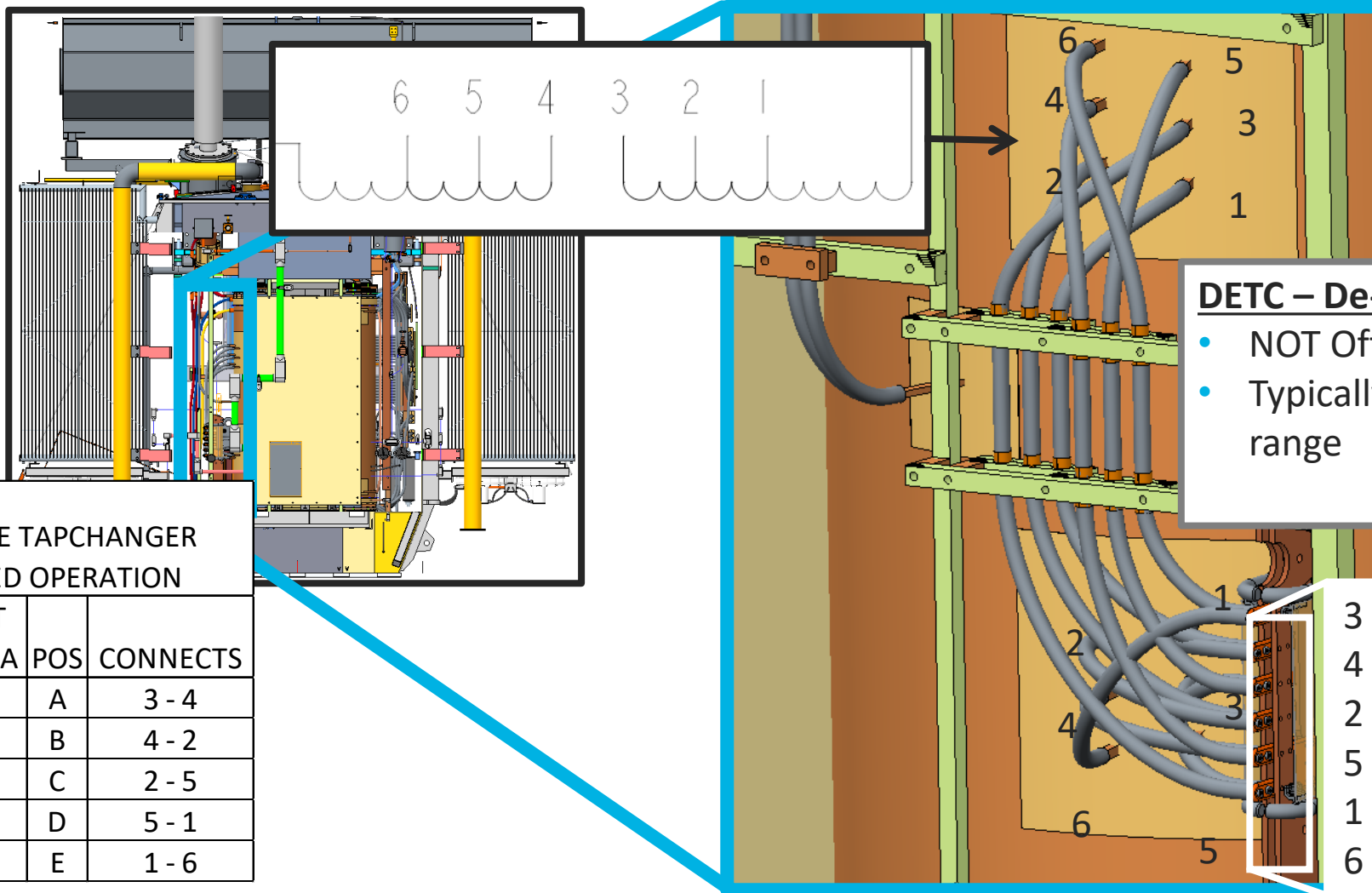
# Agenda

- DETCs
- Voltage Regulation
- Load Tap Changers
- LTC Application Considerations
- Paralleling



# De-Energized Tap Changer (DETC)

# De-Energized Tap Changers



**DETC – De-Energized Tap Changer**

- NOT Off-Load Tap Changer
- Typically five positions, 10% range

HIGH VOLTAGE TAPCHANGER  
DE-ENERGIZED OPERATION

VOLTS L-L	AMPS AT 450.0 MVA	POS	CONNECTS
362250	717	A	3 - 4
353625	735	B	4 - 2
345000	753	C	2 - 5
336375	772	D	5 - 1
327750	793	E	1 - 6



# De-Energized Tap Changers

- 4.5 Taps
- 4.5.1 High-voltage winding taps for de-energized operation
- If specified, the de-energized tap changer (DETC), the following four high-voltage rated kilovoltampere taps shall be provided: 2.5% and 5.0% above rated voltage, and 2.5% and 5% below rated voltage.
- Voltages and currents should be listed in accordance with 5.4.
- **When a load tap changer (LTC) is furnished per 4.5.2, the high-voltage DETC may not be required.**

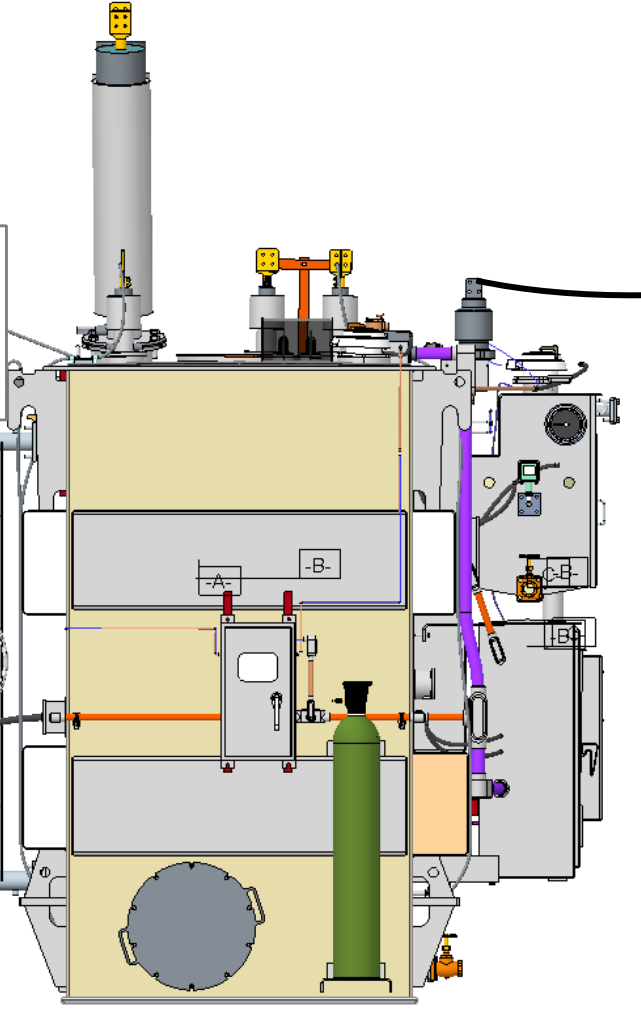
IEEE C57.12.10 IEEE Standard Requirements for  
Liquid-Immersed Power Transformers

# De-Energized Tap Changers

V<sub>system</sub> = 115,200V

Adjust Travel of LTC Mechanism to Operate Through Neutral

HIGH VOLTAGE TAPCHANGER DE-ENERGIZED OPERATION				
VOLTS L-L	AMPS AT 25.0 MVA	POS	CONNECTS	
120750	120	A	3 - 4	
117875	122	B	4 - 2	
115000	126	C	2 - 5	
112125	129	D	5 - 1	
109250	132	E	1 - 6	



LOW VOLTAGE TAPCHANGER ENERGIZED OPERATION		
VOLTS L-L	AMPS AT 450.0 MVA	POS
13094	1052	8R
13016	1058	7R
12938	1064	6R
12860	1071	5R
12782	1077	4R
12704	1083	3R
12626	1089	2R
12548	1096	1R
12470	1102	N
12392	1109	1L
12314	1116	2L
1236	1122	3L
12158	1129	4L
12080	1136	5L
12002	1143	6L
11924	1150	7L
11847	1157	8L

# De-Energized Tap Changers

## Core performance

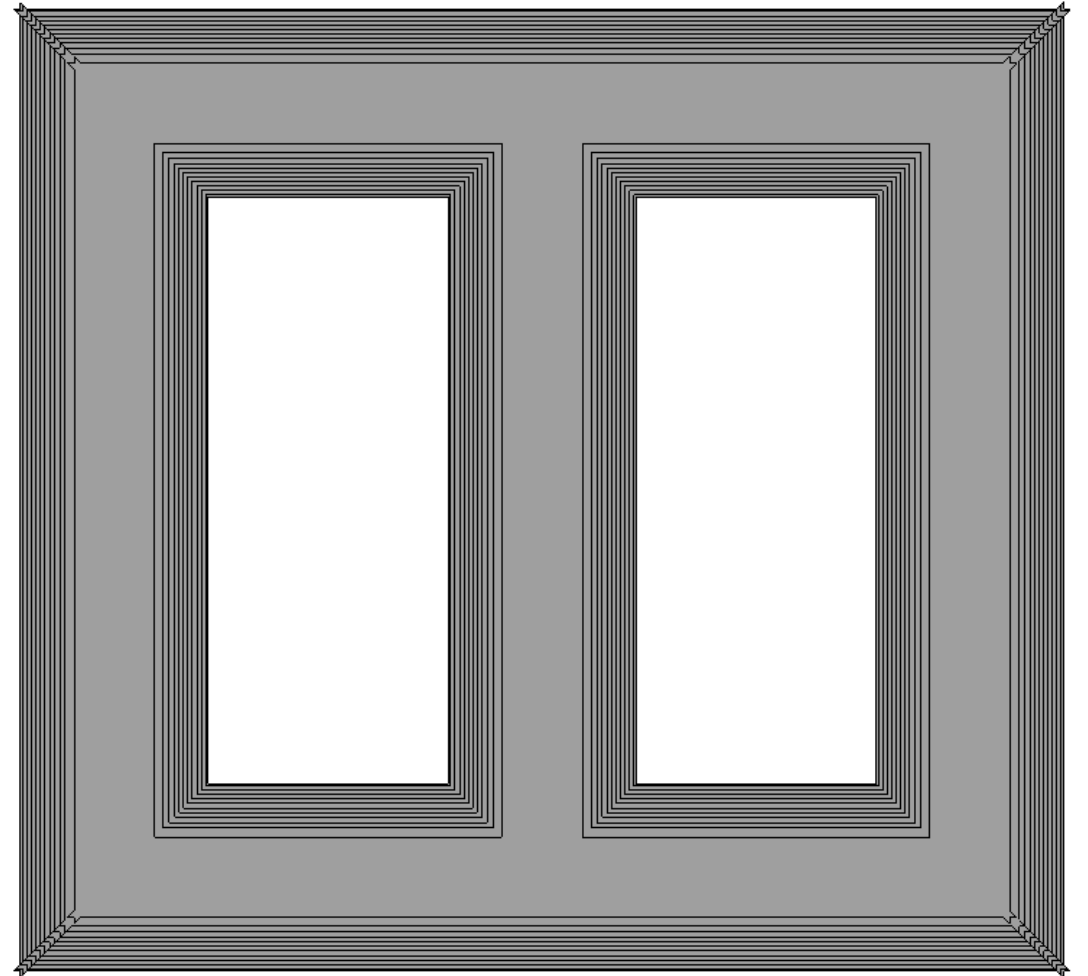
- Core Loss
- Sound Levels
- Impedance
- Inversely proportional to the square of the volts per turn

$$\frac{\text{Volts}}{\text{Turn}} = E_t = 4.44BAf$$

$B = \text{Flux\_Density}$

$A = \text{Core\_Area}$

$f = \text{Frequency}$



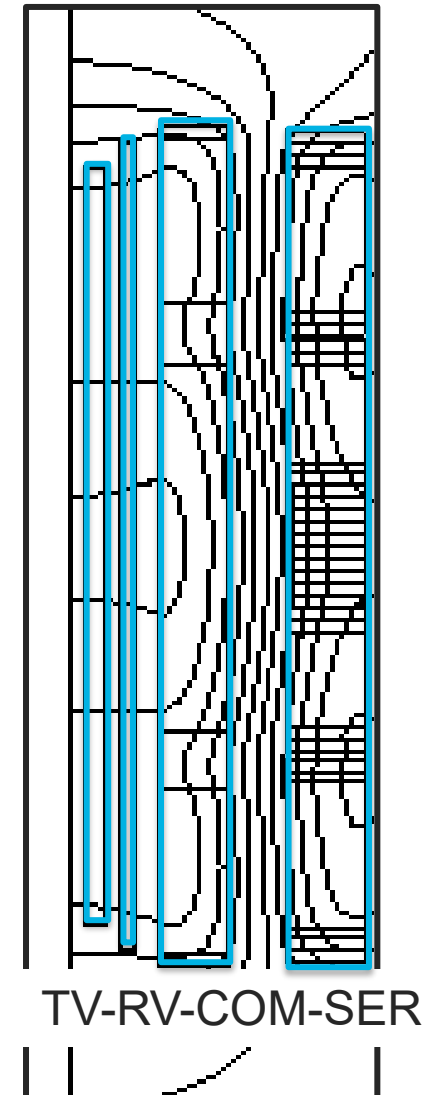
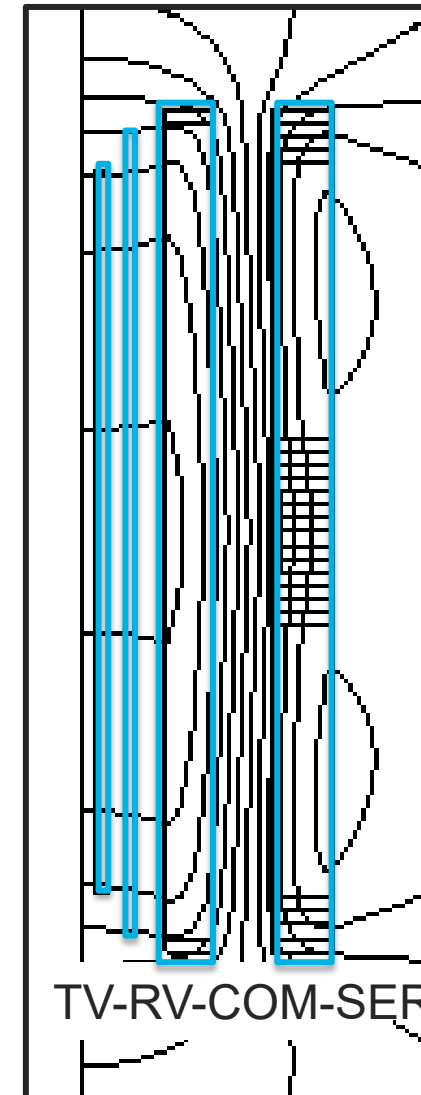


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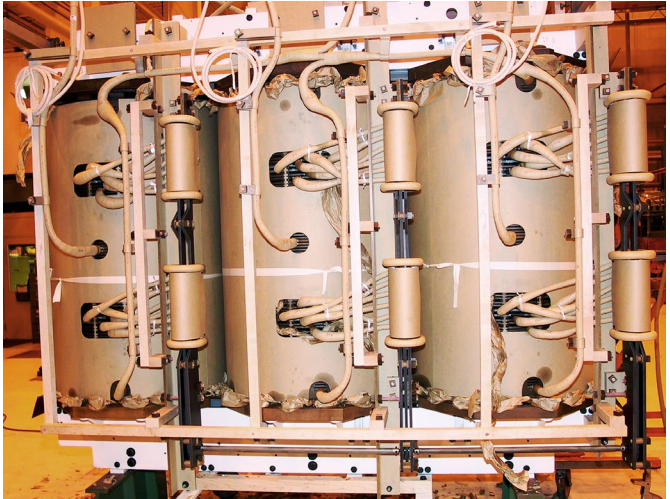
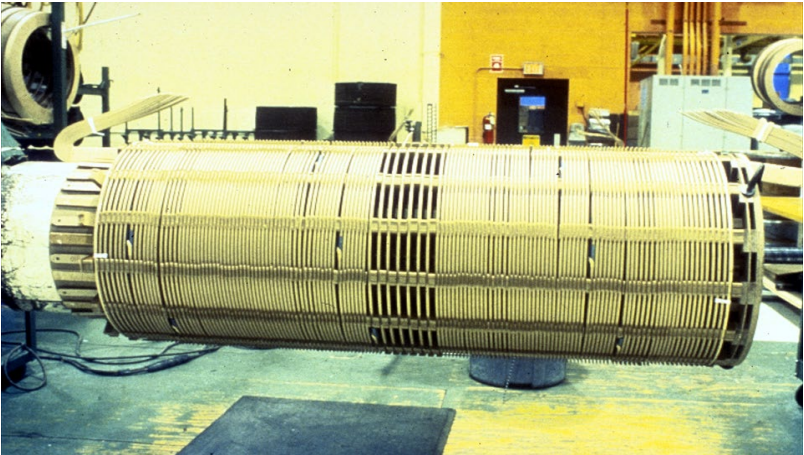
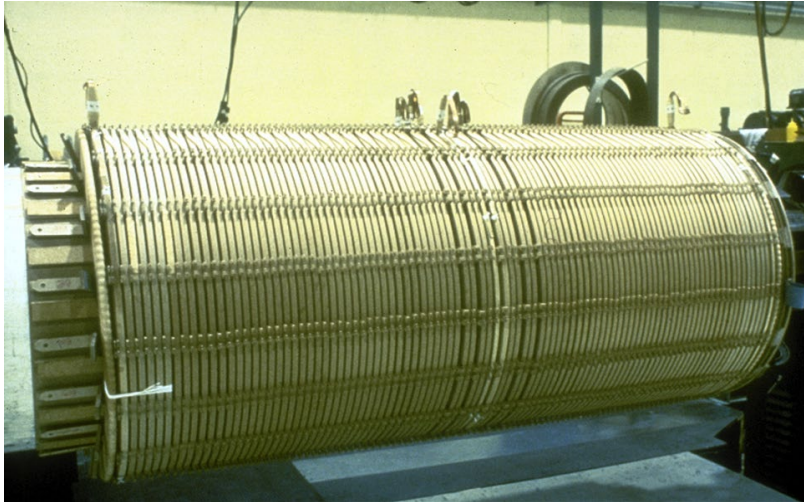
## Special Considerations

- Low impedance
- Reconnectable (Non Integer Series Parallel) Windings
- Alternative is Greater than 10% LTC tap range

Leakage flux pattern different with and without DETC – Generally increased axial force with DETC

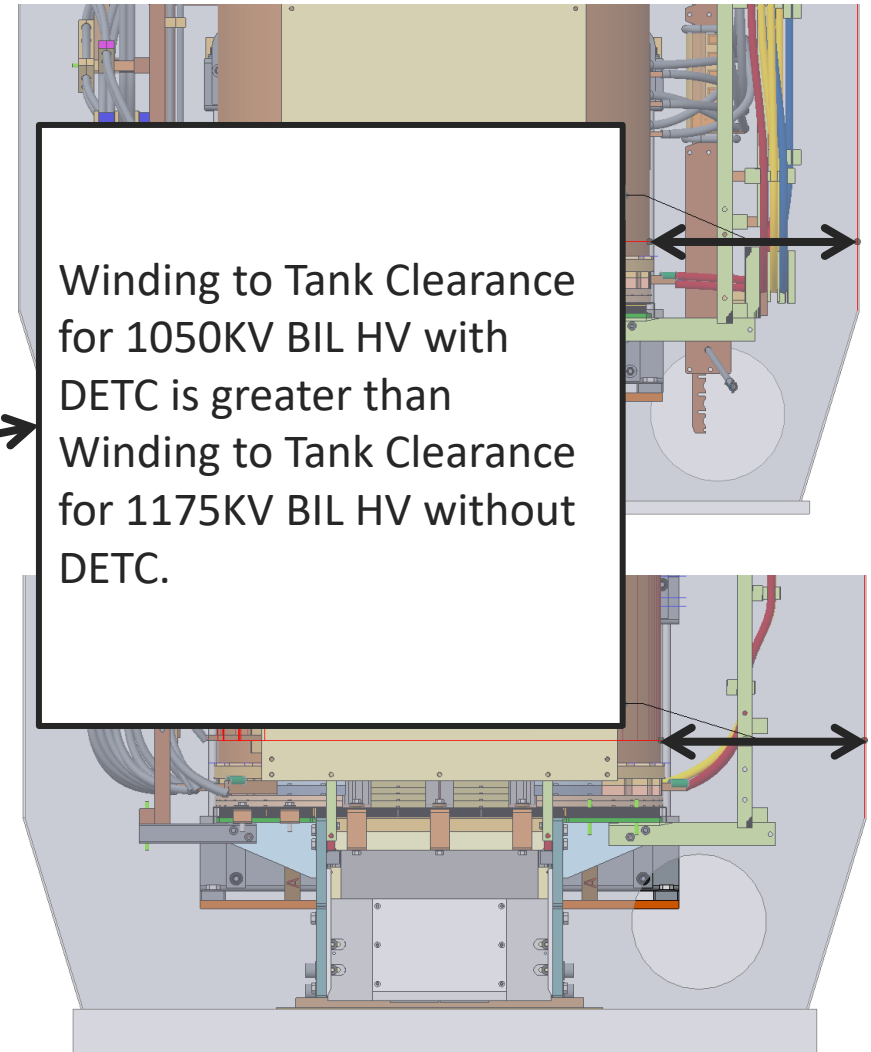


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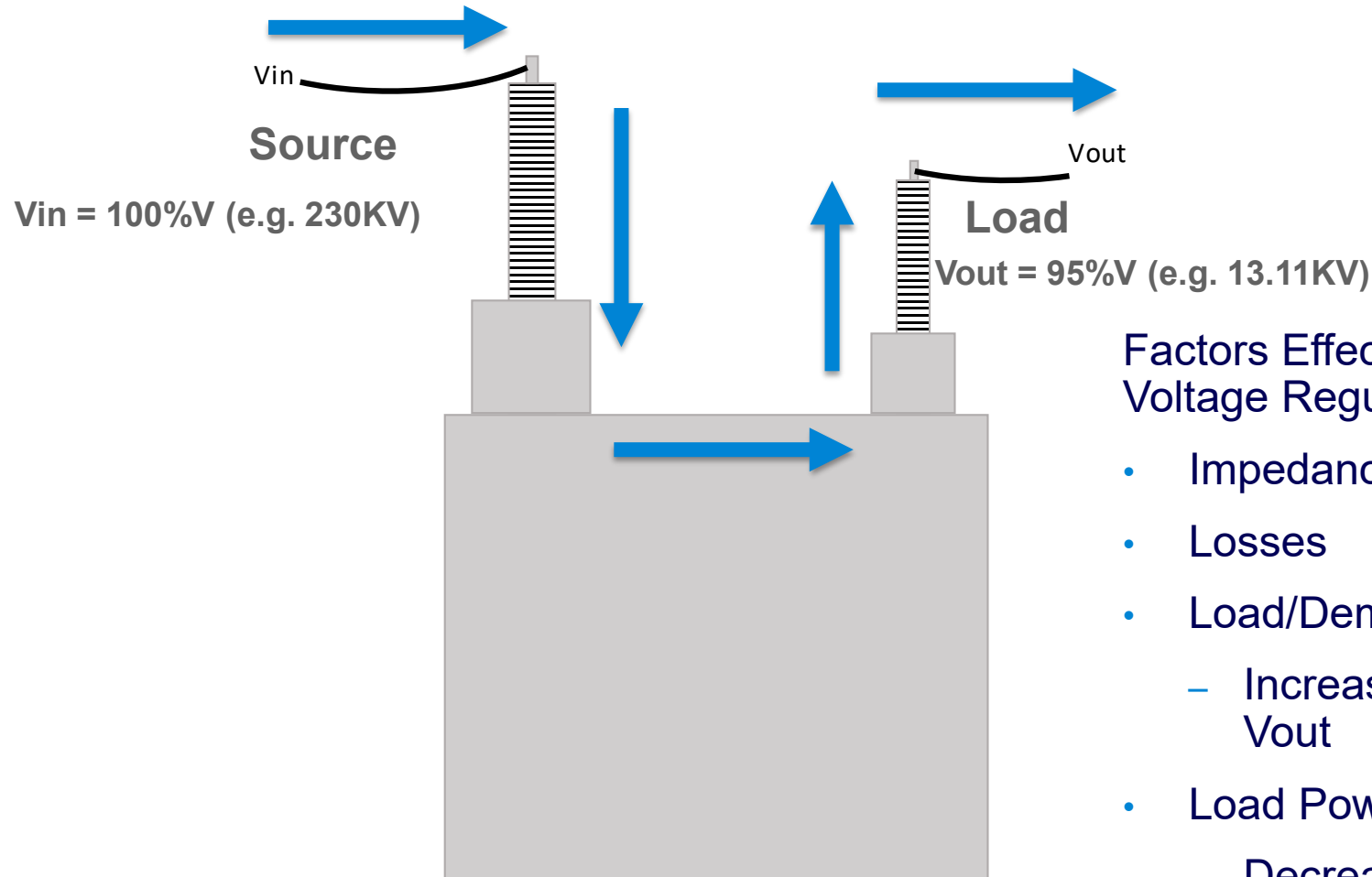
- Short circuit forces are higher
- More turns (5%)
- Load losses are higher
  - Stray
  - I<sup>2</sup>R
- Tank may be larger
- Core window is larger





# Voltage Regulation

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## Factors Effecting Voltage Regulation

- Impedance
- Losses
- Load/Demand
  - Increase in load/demand means drop in  $V_{out}$
- Load Power Factor
  - Decrease in load power factor means drop in  $V_{out}$

# Voltage Regulation

The exact formula for calculating Regulation are as follows:

When the loading is lagging:

$$\text{Per Unit regulation} = \sqrt{(R + F_P)^2 + (X + q)^2} - 1$$

When the loading is leading:

$$\text{Per Unit regulation} = \sqrt{(R + F_P)^2 + (X - q)^2} - 1$$

where:

$F_P$  is Per Unit load power factor

$q$  is Per Unit  $\sqrt{1 - F_P^2}$

$R$  is Per Unit Resistance =  $\frac{\text{kW Load Loss}}{\text{kVA Transformer Rating}}$

$Z$  is Per Unit Impedance =  $\frac{\text{kVA Impedance}}{\text{kVA Transformer Rating}}$

$X$  is Per Unit Reactance =  $\sqrt{Z^2 - R^2}$

## Voltage Regulation IEEE C57.12.90

# Voltage Regulation

18/24/30 MVA Transformer, Load Losses = 60 kW @ 18 MVA; **Z = 8.0** @ 18 MVA base = 166.67 kW @ 30 MVA, Z = 13.33 @ 30 MVA base

18 MVA		30 MVA	
Power Factor	% Regulation	Power Factor	% Regulation
1.0	0.64	1.0	1.43
0.9	4.02	0.9	6.95
0.8	5.24	0.8	8.92

18/24/30 MVA Transformer , Load Losses = 65kW @ 18 MVA; **Z = 10.0** @ 18 MVA base = 185.56 kW @ 30 MVA, Z = 16.67 @ 30 MVA base

18 MVA		30 MVA	
Power Factor	% Regulation	Power Factor	% Regulation
1.0	0.86	1.0	1.99
0.9	5.05	0.9	8.82
0.8	6.57	0.8	11.25 (> 10% LTC)

## Impedance Effects on Voltage Regulation

# Voltage Regulation

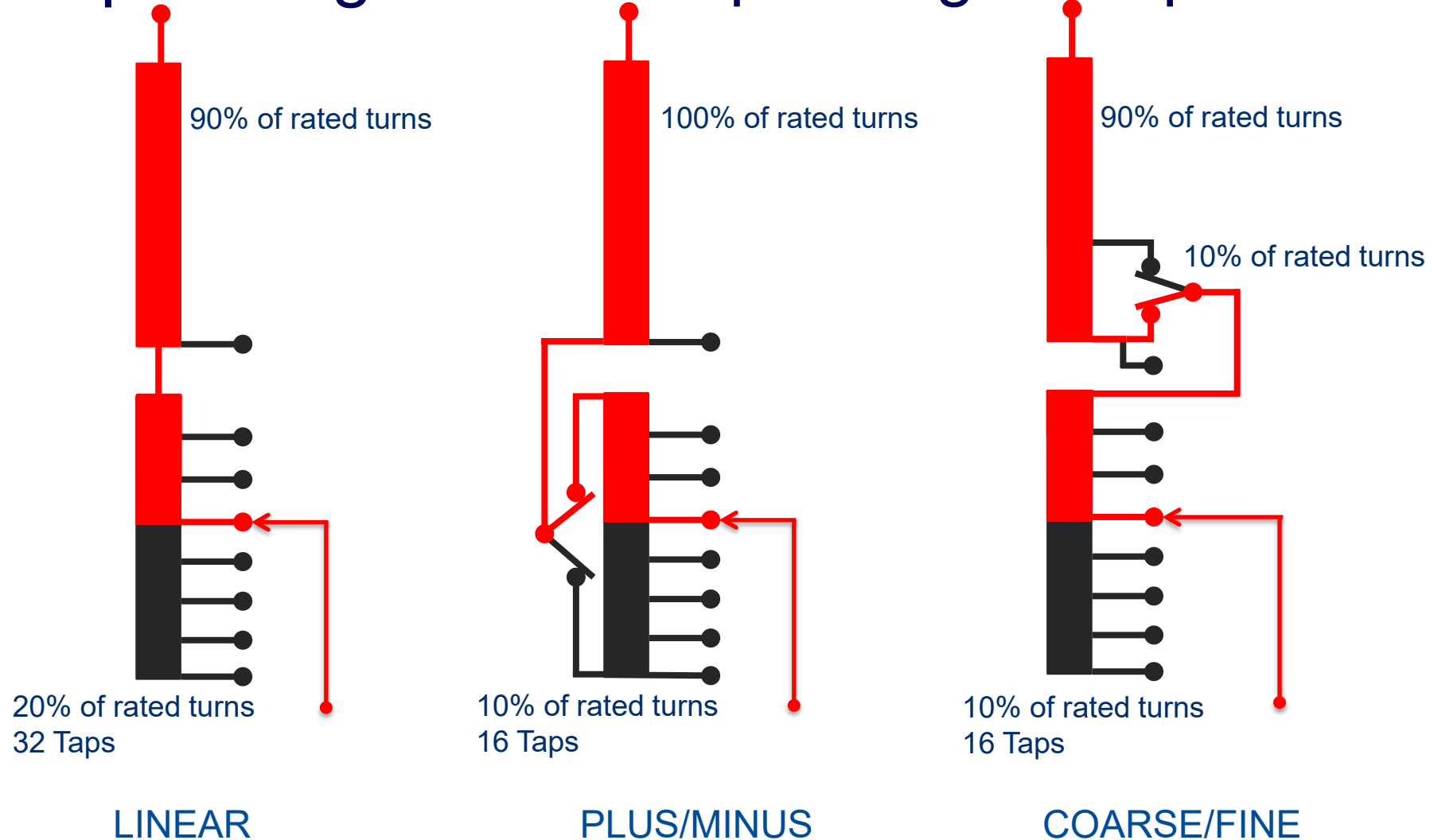
- Regulators
- Power Factor Correction
- Load Tap Changers (LTCs)





# Load Tap Changers

# Load Tap Changers - LTC Operating Principles



# Load Tap Changers

12,595Y/7272 Volts (+ 1%)

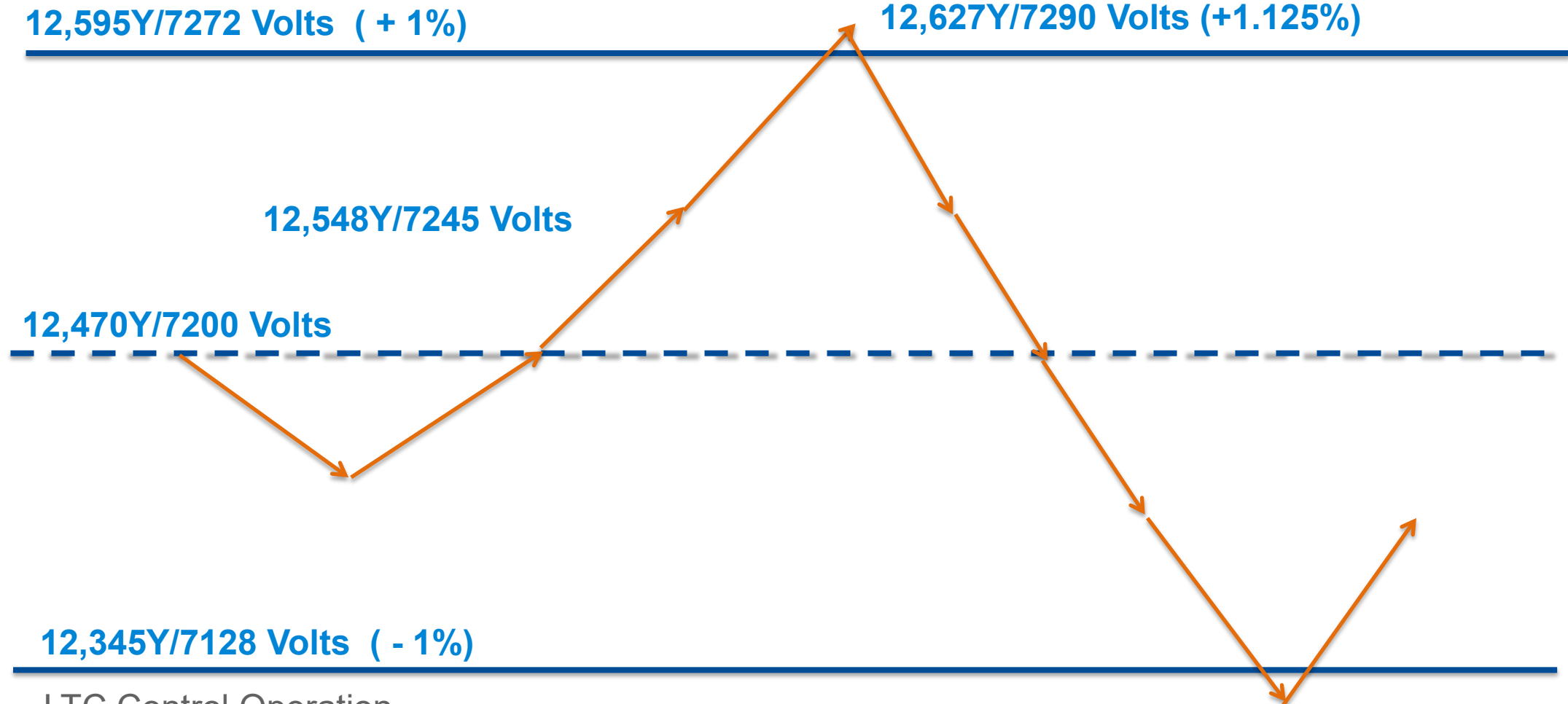
12,627Y/7290 Volts (+1.125%)

12,548Y/7245 Volts

12,470Y/7200 Volts

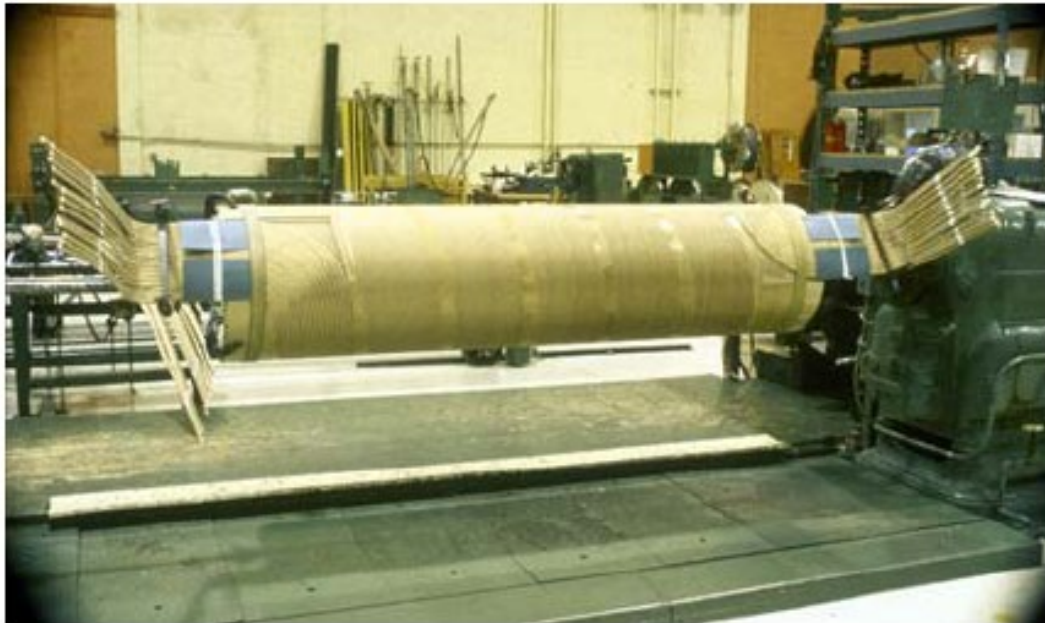
12,345Y/7128 Volts (- 1%)

LTC Control Operation

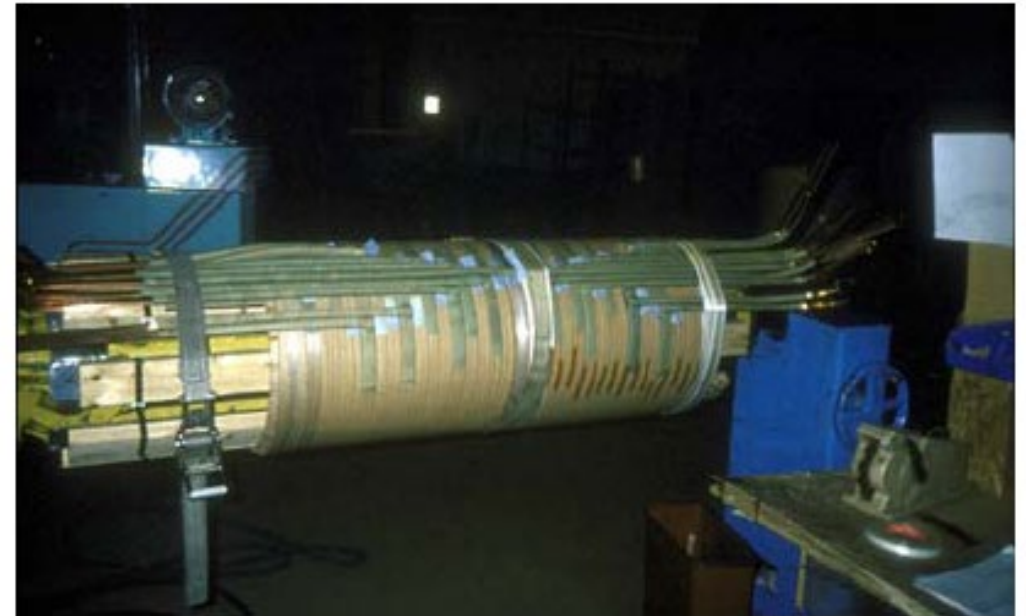


# Load Tap Changers

Multi Start  
Winding



Tapped  
Winding



Regulating Voltage Winding Design

# Load Tap Changers



LTC Lead Connections – Multi Start Windings

# Load Tap Changers

## Resistance:

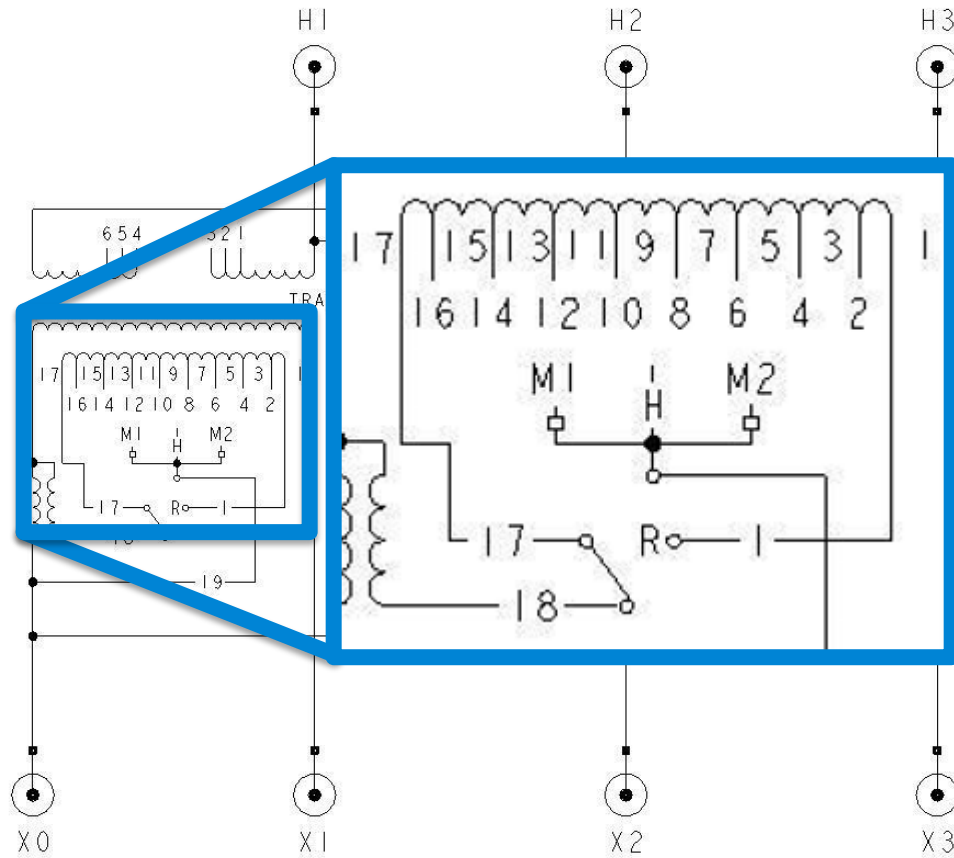
- European design
- High Speed
- Transition impedance is a resistor, bridging operation

## Reactance:

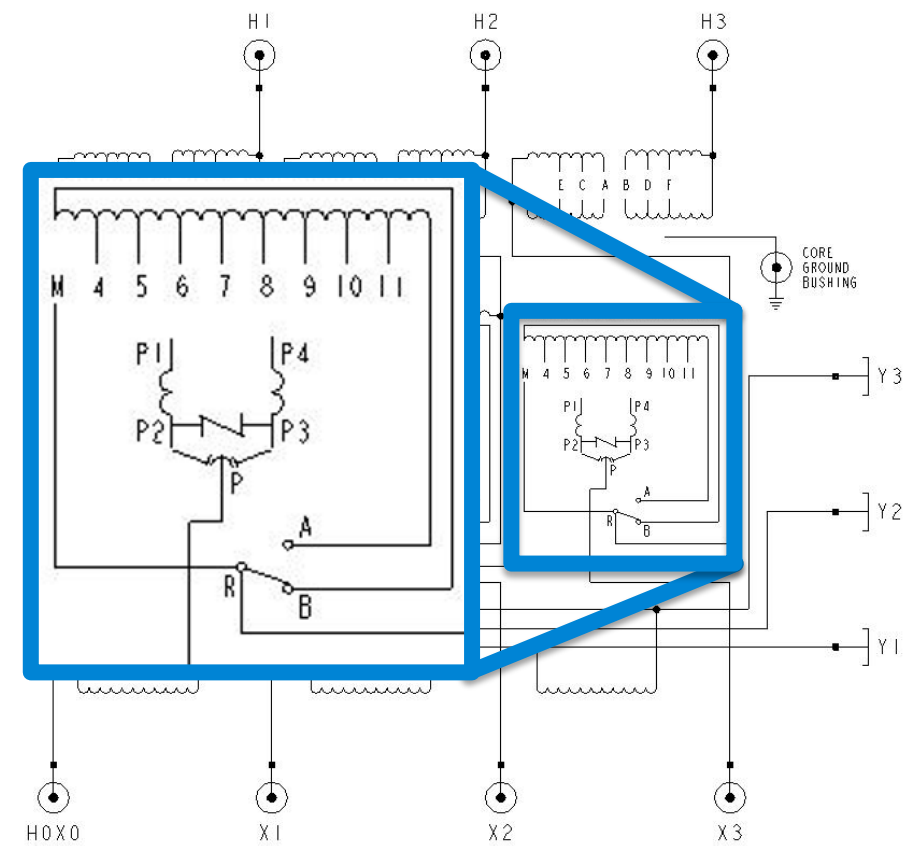
- United States LTC development
- Reactance transition impedance inserted into the tap circuit to limit circulating current (Preventive Autotransformer)
- Vacuum Interrupters introduced – 1960s

# Load Tap Changers

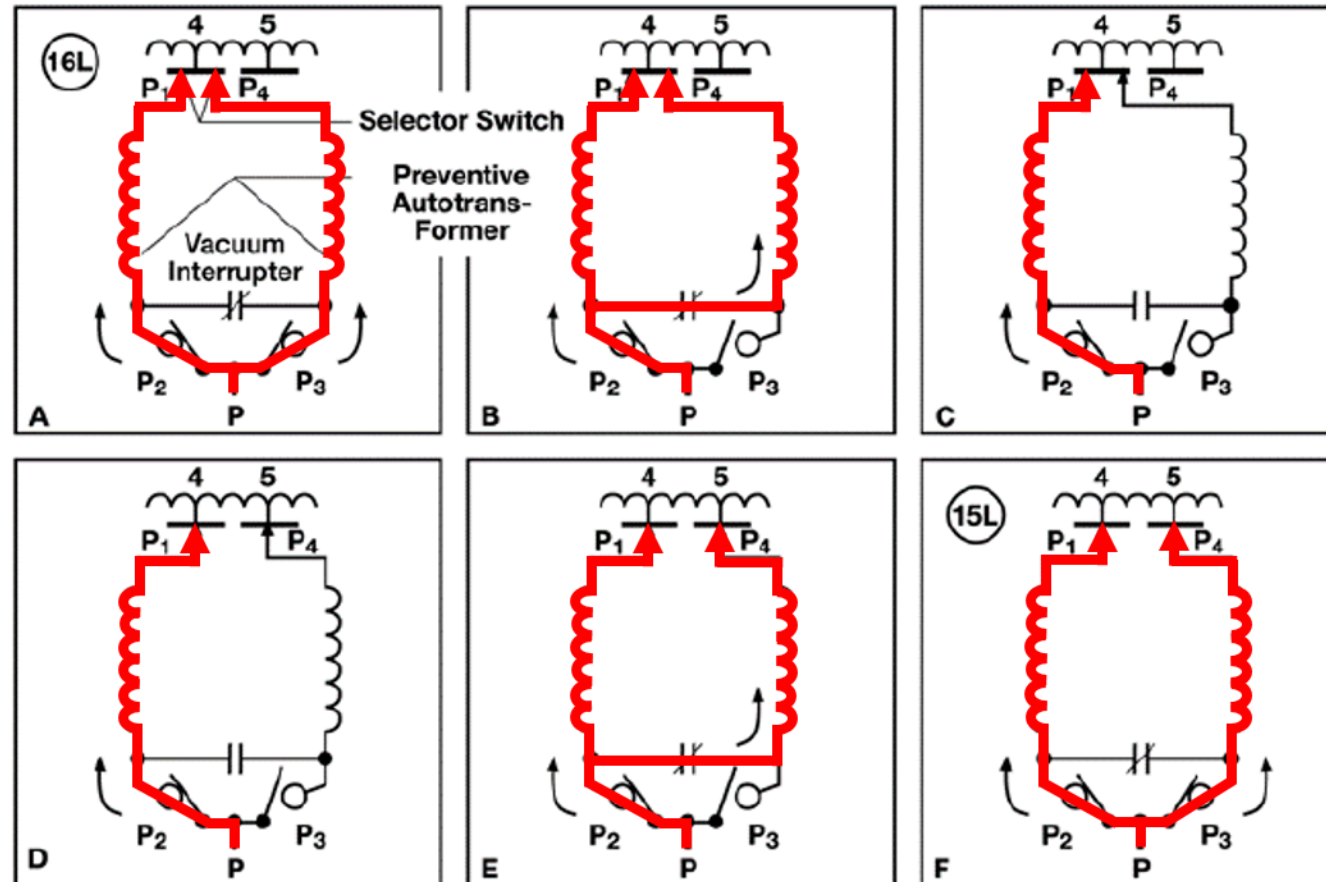
## Resistance LTC



## Reactance LTC



# Load Tap Changers



Reactance Type LTC – With Vacuum Interrupter



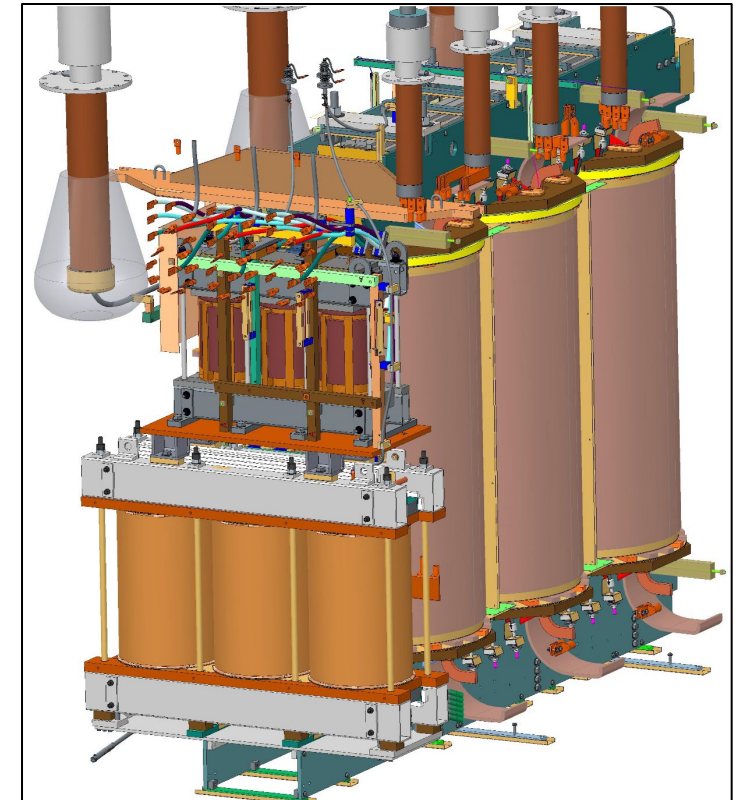
# Load Tap Changers

## Preventive Auto Transformers

- Gaped Core, Operates saturated
- Fully excited only in odd positions
- High sound level in all odd (bridging positions) taps

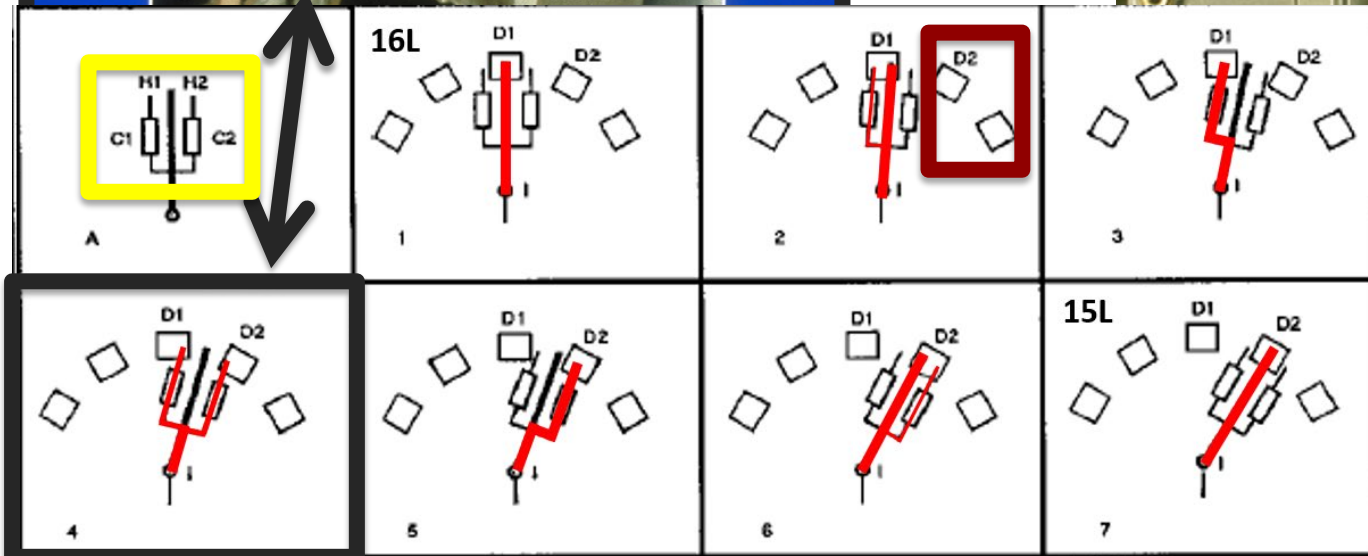
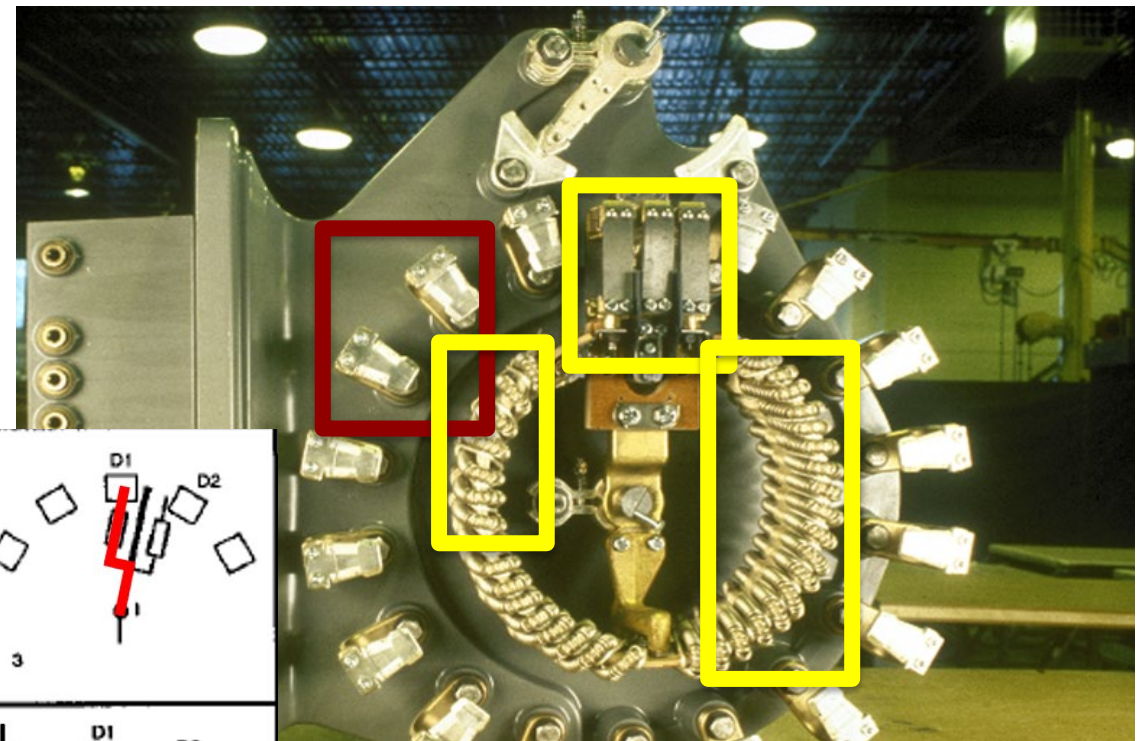
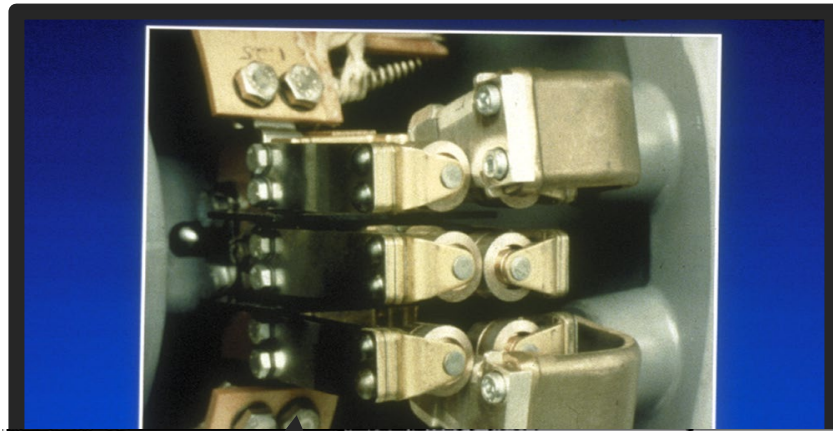
**Rating 1.25% of main unit, full current, 1.25% voltage**

- 50 MVA transformer, Preventive Auto is rated 625 kVA



Reactance Bridge

# Load Tap Changers



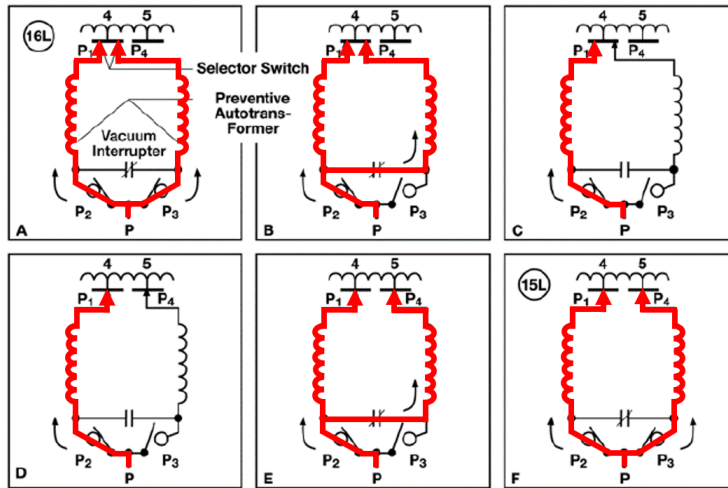
## VIDEOS

- [Reversing Switch, Stationary & Moving Contacts](#)
- [Spring Drive](#)

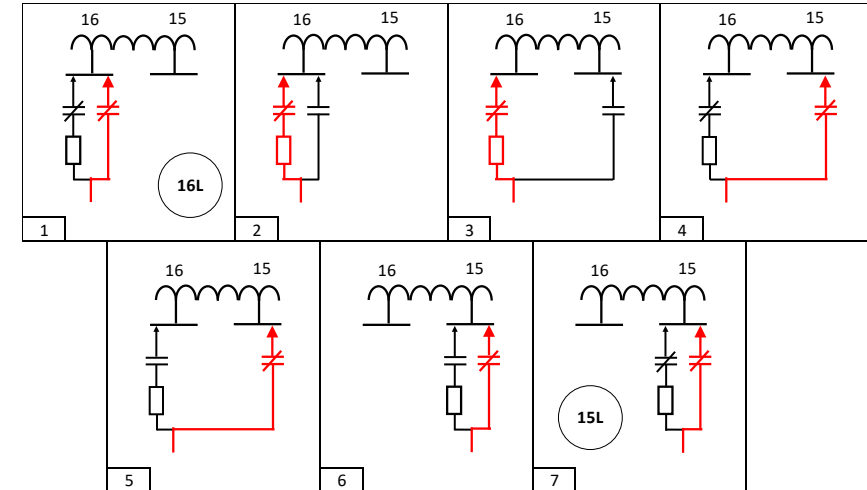
Resistance Bridging UZD LTC

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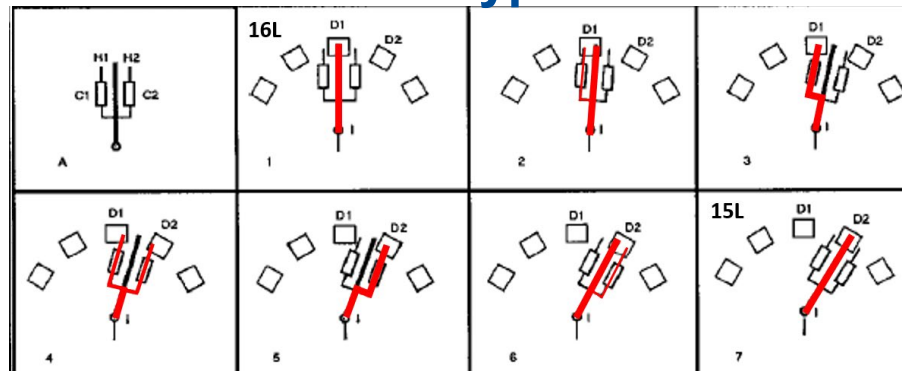
## Reactive Type - RMVII



## Resistive Type - UZDVac



## Resistive Type - UZD



# Load Tap Changers

- Used to reduce the current through the load tap changer where load current exceeds the current rating LTC
- Can be used to reduce voltage level at the load tap changer

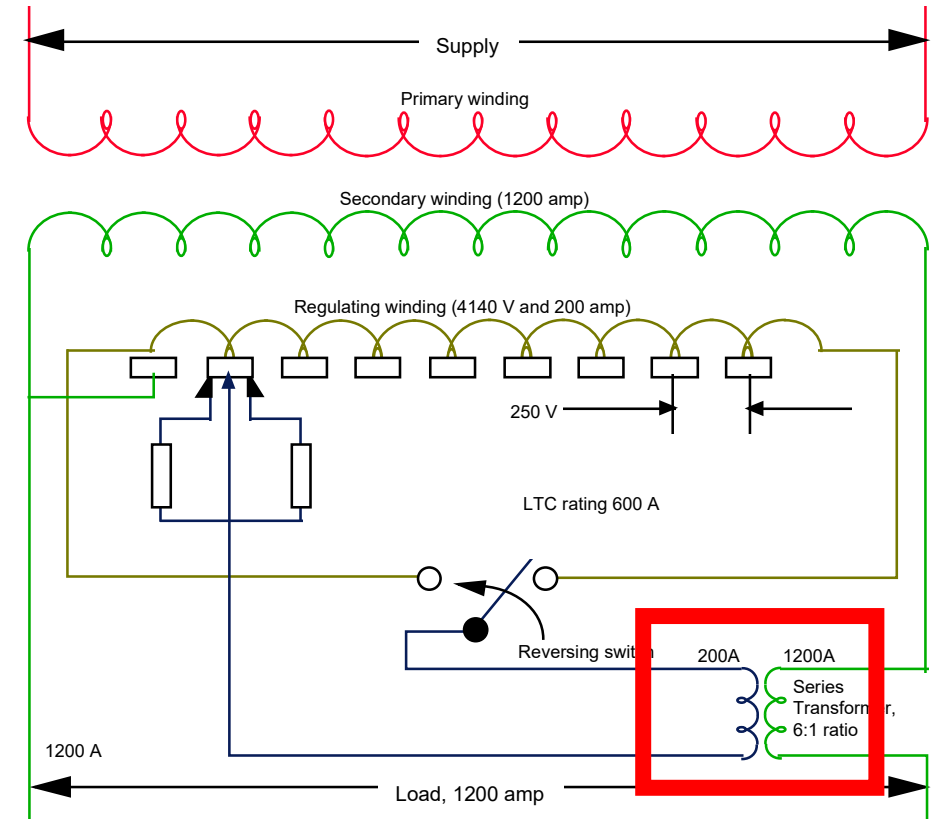
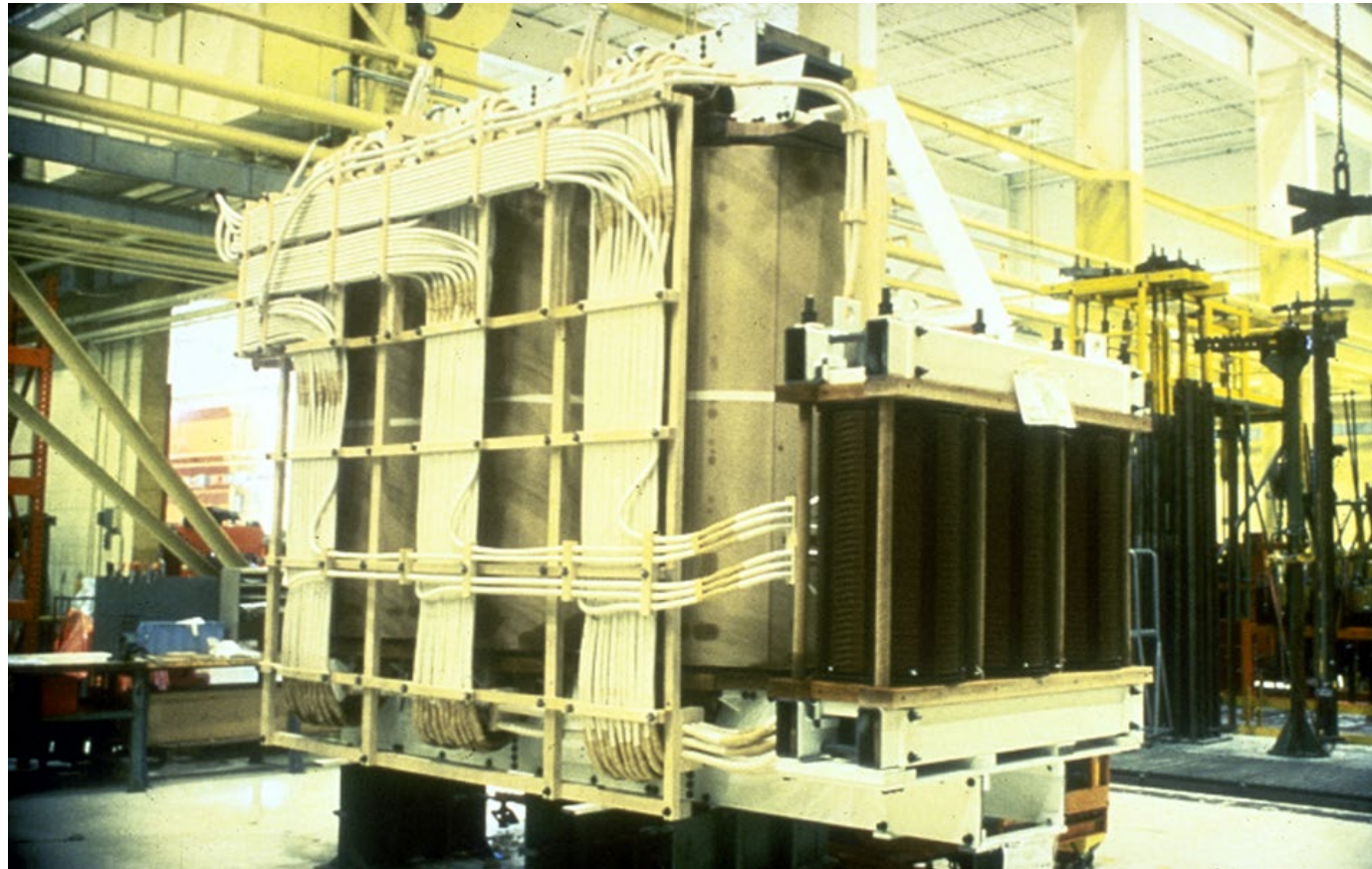


FIGURE 7 SERIES TRANSFORMER APPLICATION

## Booster/Series Transformers

# Load Tap Changers



Booster/Series Transformer



# LTC Application Considerations

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## CFVV

(Constant Flux Voltage Variation)

- Impedance is “Constant”
- Sound Level is “Constant”
- Step Voltage is “Constant”

## VFVV

(Variable Flux Voltage Variation)

- Impedance is Variable
- Sound Level is Variable
- Step Voltage is Variable

Power Transformer CFVV and VFVV Comparison				
LTC Position	P.U. Impedance		P.U. Voltage	
	CFVV	VFVV	CFVV	VFVV
16R	1.02	0.80	1.10	1.11
N	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
16L	0.98	1.30	0.90	0.89

# LTC Application Considerations

## Power Transformer

- Installation in neutral end of a wye winding – CFVV
- Installation in HV winding to regulate the LV – VFVV
- Installation in HV winding to regulate HV winding – CFVV

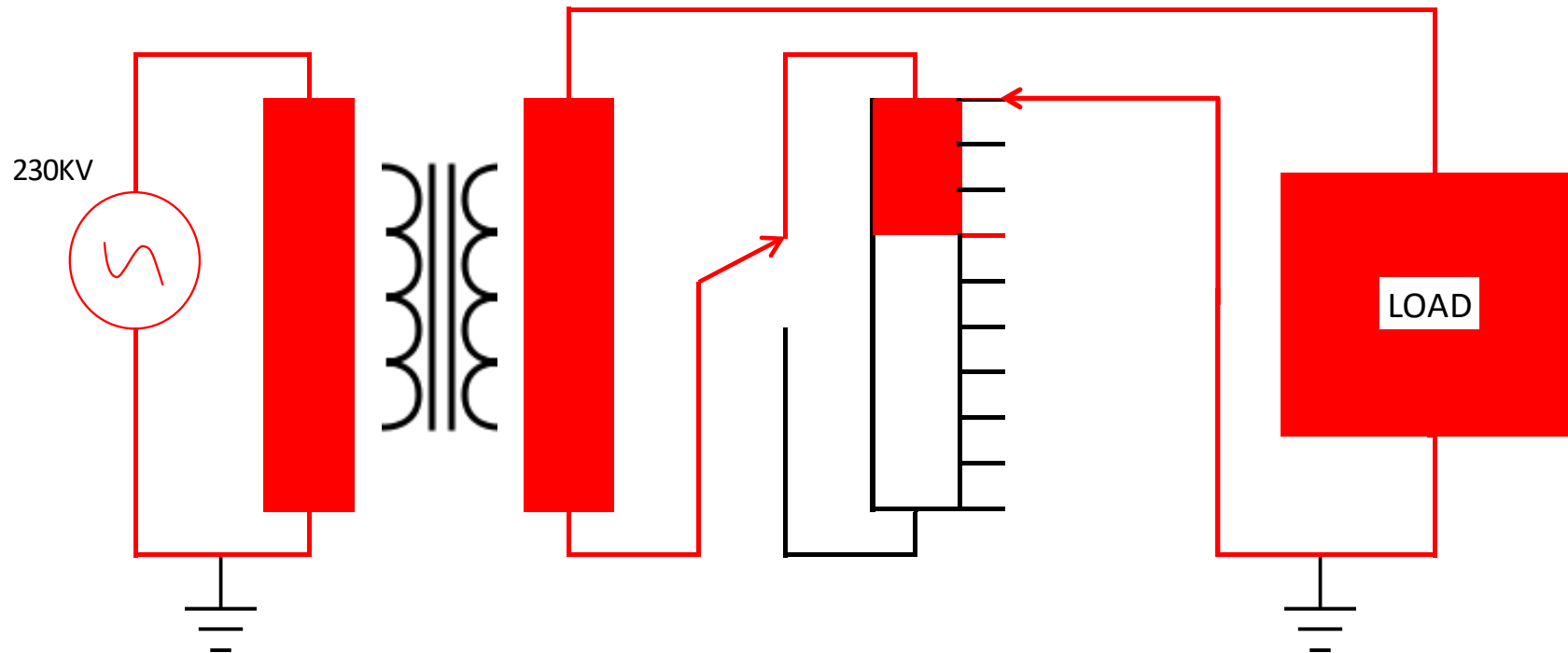
## Autotransformer

- Installation in neutral – VFVV
- Installation in XV line – CFVV
- Installation in common end of HV series winding to regulate HV – CFVV
- Installation in common end of HV series winding to regulate LV – VFVV



# LTC Application Considerations

**CFVV** (Constant Flux Voltage Variation)

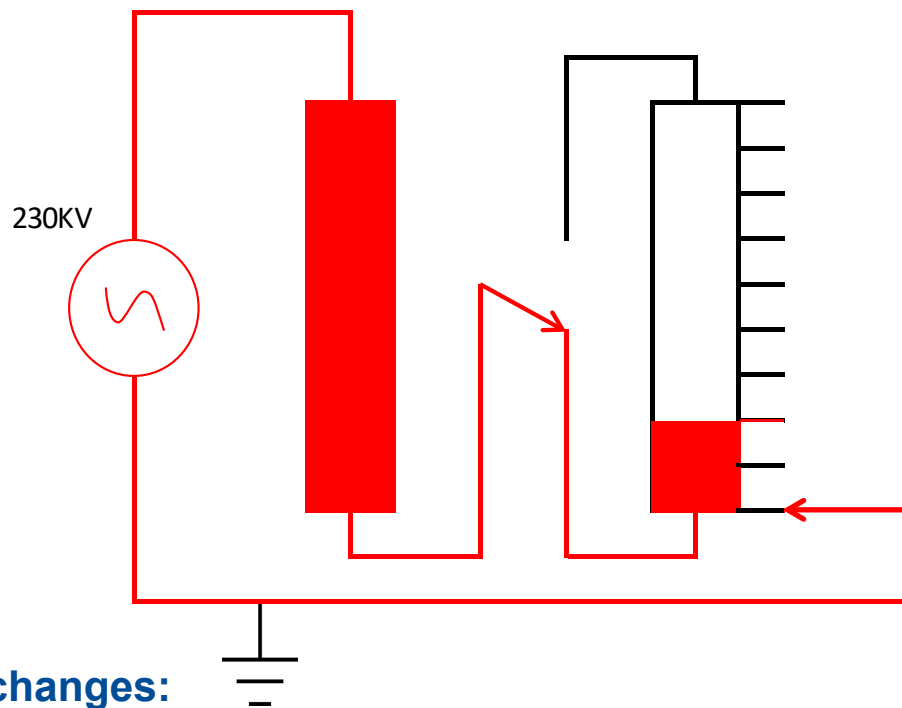


**V/T remains constant**

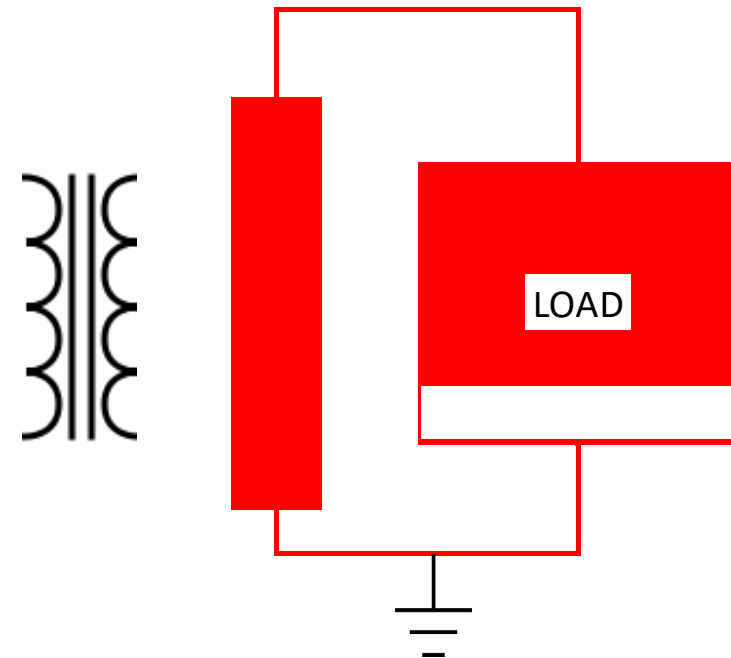
**Number of turns changes,  
therefore voltage changes**

# LTC Application Considerations

**VFVV** (Variable Flux Voltage Variation)



- Supply voltage remains constant
- Number of turns changes



Since V/T changes,  
voltage changes

# LTC Application Considerations



ABB UZ Series  
ABB VRLTC



Reinhausen RMV-II



Waukesha® UZD®  
Waukesha UZDVac

## On Tank Load Tap Changers

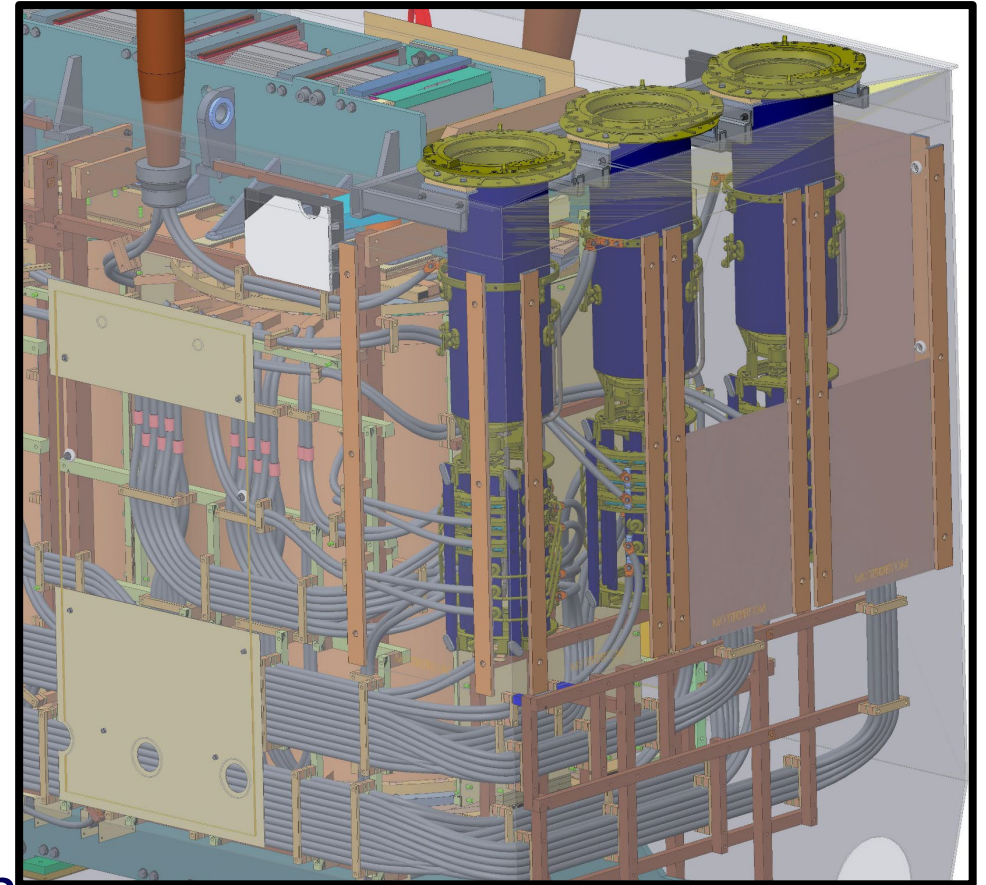
# LTC Application Considerations



ABB UC Series



Reinhausen  
VACUTAP® VR Series



In Tank Load Tap Changers

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# Paralleling

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Where:

$Z_A, Z_B$  = Per Unit Impedance of transformers A and B

$I_A, I_B$  = Per Unit Load current of transformers A and B

$I_L$  = Per Unit Load current of transformer A and B in parallel

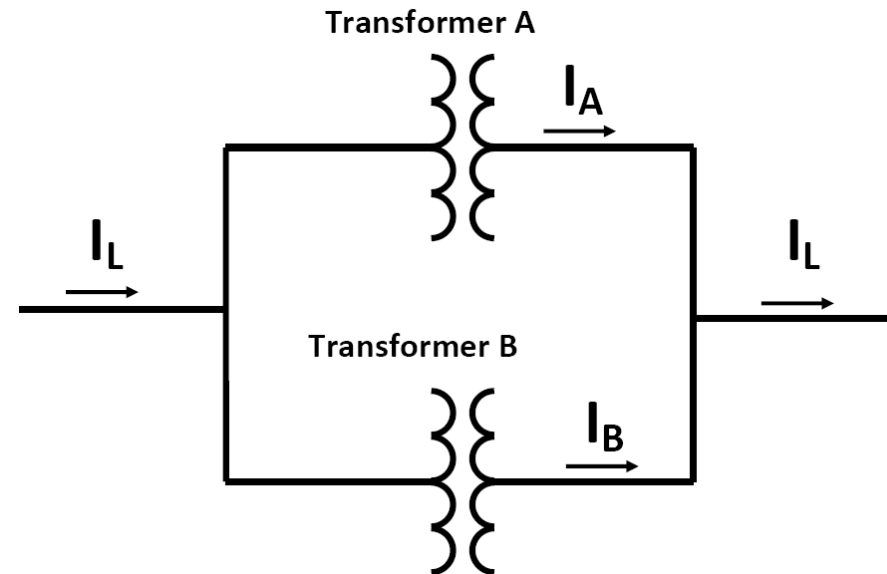
Assuming the voltage drop through both transformers is equal

Then:

$$I_A \times Z_A = I_B \times Z_B \text{ and } I_L = I_A + I_B$$

Solving these equations, we get the following load distribution between the two transformers

$$I_A = \frac{Z_B}{Z_A + Z_B} \quad \text{and} \quad I_B = \frac{Z_A}{Z_A + Z_B}$$



## Design for Transformer Parallel Operation

# Paralleling

## Given / Known

Bank A 10 **12.5 MVA** Impedance 0.08 per unit **at 10 MVA base**  
 Bank B 12/16/20 MVA Impedance 0.08 per unit **at 12 MVA base**

## Step 1

Bank A 0.100 per unit at **12.5 MVA base**  
 Bank B 0.083 per unit at **12.5 MVA base**

## Step 2

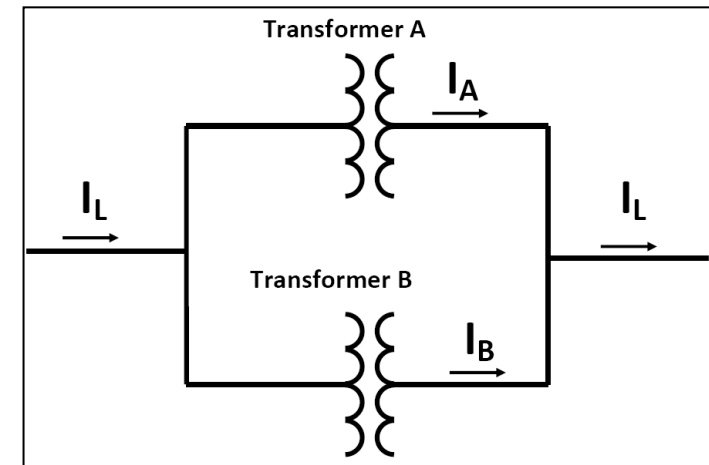
$$\text{Bank A loading} = \frac{Z_B}{Z_A + Z_B} = \frac{0.083}{0.100 + 0.083} = 0.454 \text{ per unit load}$$

$$\text{Bank B loading} = \frac{Z_A}{Z_A + Z_B} = \frac{0.100}{0.100 + 0.083} = 0.546 \text{ per unit load}$$

## Step 3

The maximum total load of Bank A and B paralleled without overloading Bank A is  $\frac{12.5}{0.454} = 27.5 \text{ MVA}$

Therefore, the maximum loading of Bank B without overloading Bank A is  $27.5 - 12.5 = \underline{15.0} \text{ MVA}$  (less than the 20 MVA rating of Bank B transformer).



## Parallel Operation Case I – Different Cooling Classes

# Paralleling

## Given / Known

Bank A impedance = 0.16 per unit at 20 MVA base, the top rating of the proposed new transformer.

Anticipated total load = 32.5 MVA

## Step 1

Bank A rated per unit load capacity of 12.5 MVA is  $\frac{12.5}{32.5} = 0.385$  per unit of the paralleled bank loading of 32.5 MVA.

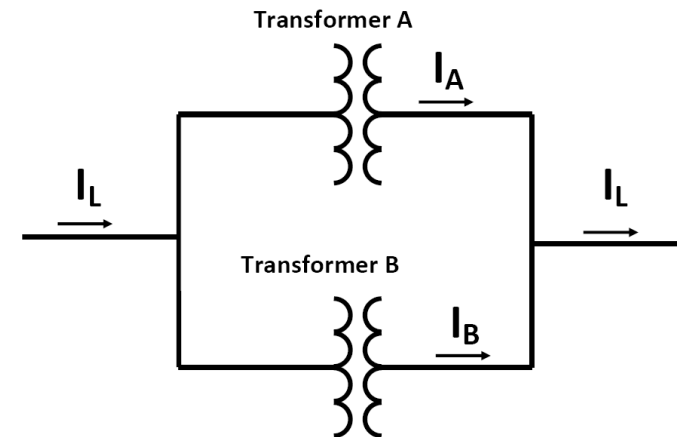
Bank B rated load capacity of 20 MVA is  $\frac{20.0}{32.5} = 0.615$  per unit of the paralleled bank loading of 32.5 MVA.

Bank B impedance needs to be calculated to carry 0.615 per unit of the bank capacity.

## Step 2

Bank B loading of 0.615 per unit =  $\frac{Z_A}{Z_A + Z_B} = \frac{0.16}{0.16 + X}$  solving for X.

X = 0.10 per unit on 20 MVA base. Converting to a 12 MVA base, the impedance needs to be 0.0625 per unit on the self cooled nameplate rating of 12 MVA.



## Parallel Operation Case II – Different Cooling Classes



# Paralleling

If the transformers are both rated with two identical stages of cooling and both have identical impedances on their self cooled based, each transformer will share load according to it's rating:

Bank A	12/16/20 MVA	Impedance 0.08 per unit at 10 MVA base
Bank B	24/32/40 MVA	Impedance 0.08 per unit at 24 MVA base

First state the per unit impedance of each bank on the same MVA base:

Bank A	0.267 per unit on 40 MVA base
Bank B	0.133 per unit on 40 MVA base

The transformers share load inversely to the ratio of the impedance of the bank to the sum of the impedances of the banks in parallel.

$$\text{Bank A load share} = \frac{Z_B}{Z_A + Z_B} = \frac{0.133}{0.133 + 0.267} = 0.333 \text{ per unit load}$$

$$\text{Bank B load share} = \frac{Z_A}{Z_A + Z_B} = \frac{0.267}{0.133 + 0.267} = 0.667 \text{ per unit load}$$

This validates that transformers of equal per unit impedance (expressed on their own MVA base) will share load proportionate to their ratings.

## Parallel Operation Case III – Same Cooling Classes, Different Ratings

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# Questions



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