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Abstract: Currently, all electrical systems from the distribution system require the use of transformers, which are equipped with environmentally friendly transformer oil. A Transformer is an electrical equipment that is used to increase and decrease voltage in alternating current (AC) systems, both single phase and three phase. This equipment is made up of several main components such as iron cores, windings and cooling fluid. Transformer oil itself functions as a coolant for the primary secondary winding and as insulation between windings. However, as the load increases and the transformer ages, the temperature and performance of the transformer oil tend to decrease. In addition to the two primary and secondary windings in a transformer, there is also a liquid inside that functions as a coolant and insulator, namely transformer oil of the synthetic ester type. This oil actively protects the transformer from overheating caused by current flow in the windings and iron core. The aim of this research is to test the highest oil temperature rise or the terms top-liquid temperature and top-liquid temperature rise in a distribution transformer with a scheme based on the IEC 60076-2-2011 standard, which is tested by means of current injection on the primary side while the secondary side is connected short. The results obtained indicate that the steady-state top-liquid temperature is 83.2°C and the top-liquid temperature rise is 54.47°C. This shows that the application of this type of transformer oil can effectively dissipate heat in a transformer, which in turn will contribute to increasing the transformer's lifespan and be environmentally friendly.

Keywords: Transformers, top-liquid temperature rise, steady state, Synthetic Ester Oil

INTRODUCTION

Since the twentieth century, alternating current (AC) electricity has been discovered. AC has advantages over direct current (DC), one of which is that AC electricity can be easily increased and decreased in voltage using a transformer. With a transformer, the need for AC electricity with varying voltages can be met according to the load it carries. Transformers have several important components, including coils and iron cores. The iron core acts as a conduit for the flux generated by the electric current in a coil.

The iron core of a transformer consists of thin steel plates that are integrated into one piece to reduce the heat caused by the current, and coils that function as current conductors. There are two coils in a transformer, namely the primary coil and the secondary coil. In accordance with Faraday's law of voltage induction, voltage will be induced from the primary coil to the secondary coil [S.N.Singgih et.al]. In addition to these two components, transformers contain a liquid material that functions as a coolant and insulator, namely transformer oil. This oil actively protects the transformer from excessive heating caused by the coils and iron core [J. Jumardin, et.al]. Research on breakdown voltage studies in transformers with oil cooling was

conducted to determine the performance of the liquid insulation using several test schemes, ranging from temperature variations to water content in the oil, which was tested in a transformer oil test vessel with a specific gap distance, using Shell Dila-B and Nynas [I.N. Oksa Winanta, et.al and D.B. Fachrurrozi, etc.] oils. In addition to using these oils, several studies attempted to replace the oil type with SAE 40 lubricant to determine the breakdown voltage when the oil temperature increased, with the result that as the temperature increased, the breakdown voltage also increased [A. Junaidi]. The use of mineral oil and natural ester as transformer coolants is done by observing the hot spot temperature measured using an optical fibre-based temperature sensor, then plotting the results into a curve and comparing them with the IEEE standard [D. Kweon, et. al.][R. Duan et.al.][N.A. Fauzi et al].

The use of ONAF (Oil Natural Air Force) in transformer cooling has been widely used. However, damage to the fan often occurs, so it is proposed to detect damage to the fan without installing a sensor. The method used is TOT (Top Oil Transformer) monitoring, in which the oil exponent is modelled and analyzed. The oil exponent data is monitored in real time using PSO (Particle Swarm Optimization) or ultrasonic sensing technology [L. Wang, et, al] [H. Guo, et. al]. Research on the development of methods for predicting hot spots in transformer oil has been conducted based on fluid thermal field calculations using a learning model with machine learning support vector regression. The data was taken from twenty test samples of temperature increases [Y. Deng et. al.][M. Li, Z. Wang, et.al.] Or analyzing temperature increases accurately to determine hot spots using the hybrid Dimensionless Least-Squares Finite Element Method and Upwind Finite Element Method with the assistance of Computational Fluid Dynamic software [G. Liu at.al.][M. Akbari, et.al] and also by creating computational modelling to observe thermal, flow, and electromagnetic phenomena to determine hot spots inside the transformer tank [B. Melka et al][W.V. Calil, et.al].

This research aims to observe the highest increase in transformer oil temperature and the average temperature increase when testing with a transformer load of 4.7% of the nominal voltage of 20kV with a power capacity of 2500kVA conducted for 17 hours with the transformer connected to the short-circuited secondary side. The temperature increase data was then recorded by a data logger until a steady state was reached.

METHOD

This research phase will be divided into two parts, namely the data analysis phase [agus.] on the oil temperature increase equation, the average increase during *steady state*, and the increase and average oil temperature during one hour of nominal current injection in accordance with the IEC 60076-2-2011 standard. Figure 1 shows the transformer oil testing scheme that will be used in this research and the analyse of result is important for education and industry [agus et al] to get the best quality of new transforamtor oil.

Figure 1 shows a test diagram for a distribution transformer with a capacity of 2500kVA, 20kV/0.4kV, with an ONAN (*Oil Natural Air Natural*) cooling system, delta-star connection with no-load *losses* of 2048W and loaded *losses* of 40843.56W. The test scheme complies with the IEC 60076-2-2011 standard, which uses the short-circuit method. The voltage of the three-phase system is regulated using a three-phase variac, then the voltage is *stepped up* to 1kV, and the primary side current and voltage are measured using CT (*current transformer*) and PT (*potential transformer*).

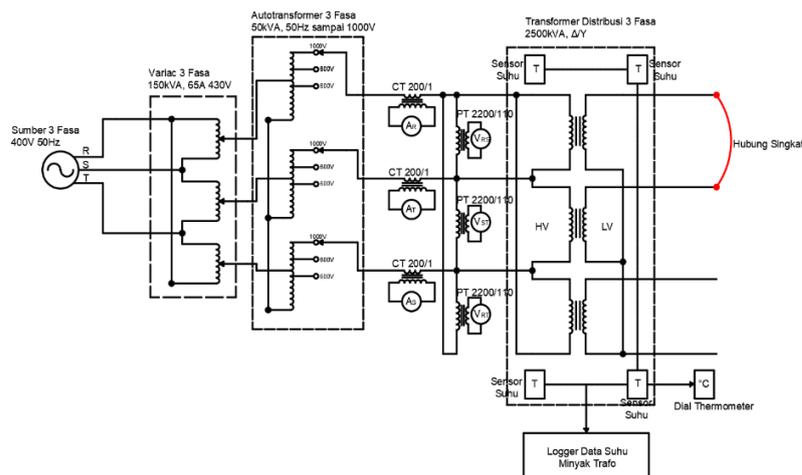


Figure 1. Transformer Oil Testing Scheme

During the test, a short circuit was applied to the secondary side, and the transformer was subjected to a test current in accordance with the , which calculated the total power loss. Oil temperature data was sampled over seventeen hours and stored in a *data logger*.

Highest Liquid/Oil Temperature (Top-Liquid Temperature)

Transformers contain oil that functions as a heat dissipater. When a transformer supplies a load, the current in the transformer increases. With the increase in the temperature of the transformer oil/fluid, the IEC 60076-2-2011 standard regulates the maximum increase. In this standard, the maximum oil temperature, also known as *the top-liquid temperature* (θ_0), is determined through testing and measurement processes. Temperature readings are taken by installing a sensor inside the transformer, submerged in the liquid/oil at the top of the tank. The maximum temperature rise of the transformer oil/fluid or *top-liquid temperature rise* ($\Delta\theta_0$) can be obtained from the difference between the highest measured temperature of the fluid/oil (θ_0) at the end of the testing period, taking into account *the total losses* and external cooling temperature at the end of the testing period (θ_a), using the following equation, based on IEC 60076-2-2011,:

$$\Delta\theta_0 = \theta_0 - \theta_a \quad (1)$$

The average liquid temperature rise ($\Delta\theta_{0m}$) is determined by the difference between *the average liquid temperature* (θ_{0m}) and the external cooling temperature (θ_a), as follows:

$$\Delta\theta_{0m} = \theta_{0m} - \theta_a \quad (2)$$

For the *bottom-liquid temperature rise* ($\Delta\theta_b$), it is determined by the difference between the bottom-liquid temperature and the external cooling temperature (θ_a), as follows:

$$\Delta\theta_b = \theta_b - \theta_a \quad (3)$$

The different fluid temperatures are the average of the last hour's readings with total losses.

Oil Temperature Rise Correction

At this stage of temperature rise correction, the result is calculated from the highest oil temperature minus the external temperature, which is then multiplied by the power or current injected into the transformer. If using the power value, the total power loss value is multiplied

by equation (1). According to the IEC 60076-2-2011 standard, the power loss equation is determined as follows:

$$\left(\frac{\text{Total Rugi Daya}}{\text{Rugi Daya Pengujian}} \right)^x \quad (4)$$

The average temperature rise in the transformer windings relative to the average oil temperature when the transformer is not in operation is:

$$\left(\frac{\text{Rating Arus Nominal}}{\text{Arus Pengujian}} \right)^y \quad (5)$$

Meanwhile, the magnitude of the temperature rise at the highest hot spot on the transformer winding relative to the winding temperature at the hot spot when the transformer is not in operation is:

$$\left(\frac{\text{Rating Arus Nominal}}{\text{Arus Pengujian}} \right)^z \quad (6)$$

Where the values x, y, and z are the exponent values in the temperature increase during testing in *steady-state* conditions, and the value x is a constant determined based on the type of transformer cooling. Table 1 shows the constant values specified in the IEC 60076 standard.

Table 1. Correction Exponent Values for Temperature Rise Test Results

TYPE	Transformer Distribution	Medium and High Power Transformers			
	ONAN	ONAN	ONAF	OF..	OD..
A	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.0
B	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	2.0
C	-	1.6	1.6	1.6	2.0

Where: A is the exponent x (for the top temperature). B is the exponent y (for the average winding temperature), C is the exponent z (for the winding temperature gradient), ONAN = *Oil Natural Air Natural* (transformer cooling system), ONAF = *Oil Natural Air Force* (transformer cooling system), OF = *Oil Forced* OD = *Oil Directed*

From equation (1), if substituted into equation (4), the average temperature rise is:

$$\Delta\theta_0 = \theta_0 - \theta_a \left(\frac{\text{Total Rugi Daya}}{\text{Rugi Daya Pengujian}} \right)^{0,8} \quad (7)$$

Table 1 contains the constant values used for temperature rise testing with a transformer power rating of at least 2500kVA or above.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

In this research, the results of calculations and temperature rise tests on transformer oil will be discussed. Table 2 shows the *nameplate* data of the transformers is used.

Table 2. Transformer *Nameplate* Data

Primary Voltage	20 kV
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Secondary Voltage		400 V
Number of Phases		3
Power Capacity		2500 kVA
Frequency		50Hz
Vector Group		Dyn-5
Primary Current Rating		72.17 A
Secondary Current Rating		3608.44 A
Cooling Type		ONAN

The testing procedure involved injecting a nominal current of 72.168A into the primary side of the transformer winding. The primary current rating was 72.16A, so substituting this into equation (1) and then into equation (5) gives:

$$\Delta\theta_0 = \theta_0 - \theta_a \left(\frac{\text{Total Rugi Daya}}{\text{Rugi Daya Pengujian}} \right)^{1,6} \quad (8)$$

Using equation (7), where the highest oil temperature (θ_0) is 67.6°C and the external cooler/ambient average temperature (θ_a) is 30.37°C, the oil temperature increase is 37.24°C. The highest oil temperature (θ_0), highest temperature rise ($\Delta\theta_0$), and highest average temperature rise ($\Delta\theta_{01}$) tests were conducted for 16 hours with the primary side of the transformer supplied with 4.7% of the nominal primary side voltage. The following is a graph of the highest oil temperature test versus time reaching a *steady state*.

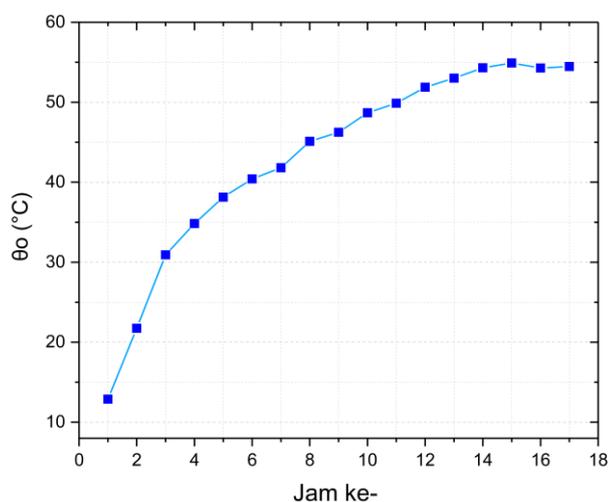


Figure 2. Test graph of the highest oil temperature (θ_0) over time

Figure 2 shows the graph of the highest oil temperature increase function over the seventeen-hour test period. The test was conducted to reach the highest temperature point under steady-state conditions. Under these conditions, the temperature reached a steady state at 83.2°C. Next is the test of the highest average oil temperature with a test period of seventeen hours, as shown in Figure 2.

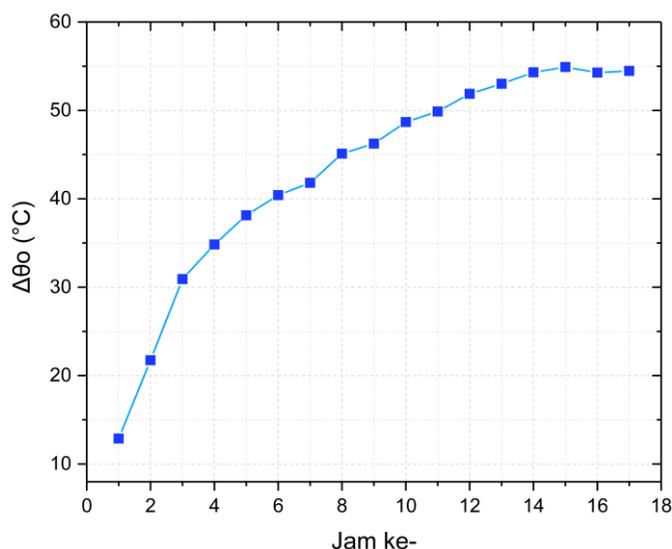


Figure 3. Graph of Oil Temperature Rise Test ($\Delta\theta_0$) s Versus Time

Figure 3 shows that the temperature rise, which is theoretically derived from equation (7), was then plotted as a function of time over seventeen hours to reach a steady state with a maximum temperature of 54.47°C. Figures 3 and 5 are the results of documenting the transformer oil temperature measurements using a *temperature logger* and *dial thermometer*.

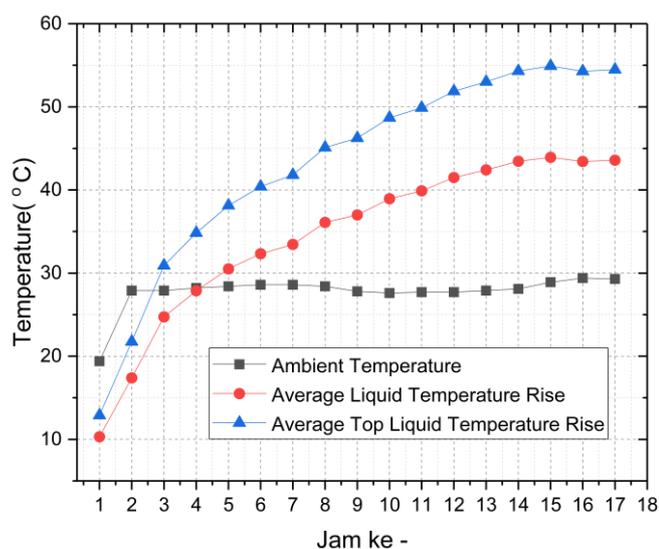


Figure 4. Comparison Graph of Oil Temperature Rise ($\Delta\theta_0$) s Over Time

Figure 4 shows that the ambient air temperature in the testing environment was relatively stable at 27.75 °C. At the start of the test, the temperature was 19.4 °C.

The average temperature rise of the insulating oil throughout the transformer when operating above ambient temperature showed a rise pattern in accordance with the IEC 60076-2-2011 standard. This metric reflects the overall temperature rise in the oil throughout the transformer, including the middle and lower parts. Meanwhile, the average temperature rise of the insulating oil, particularly in the upper part of the transformer (top liquid temperature rise), when operating above ambient temperature. This metric focuses more on the temperature rise that occurs in the upper part of the transformer, which is often the area where the temperature tends

to be higher due to the thermal effects of the transformer's operating process. From Figure 4, it is clear that the above conditions have a greater increase compared to other areas.



Figure 5. Measurement Results Using a *Thermometer Logger*



Figure 6. Measurement Results Using a *Dial Thermometer*

In Figures 5 and 6, the transformer oil temperature was measured by taking *samples* over a period of seventeen hours. The results are measurements taken when the temperature was stable at 83.2°C.

CONCLUSION

From these research conducted, the analysis and testing of transformer oil temperature rise in accordance with IEC 60076-2 standards showed that in the highest temperature test (θ_0) of oil over time under steady-state conditions, the highest temperature reached 83.2°C, and the result of the Temperature Rise Test ($\Delta\theta_0$) of Oil over Time showed a temperature of 54.47°C under steady-state conditions.

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4 **TEMPERATURE RISE ANALYSIS IN SYNTHETIC ESTER OIL**
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8 **Abstract:** Currently, all electrical systems from the distribution system require the use of
9 transformers, which are equipped with environmentally friendly transformer oil. A
10 Transformer is an electrical equipment that is used to increase and decrease voltage in
11 alternating current (AC) systems, both single phase and three phase. This equipment is made
12 up of several main components such as iron cores, windings and cooling fluid. Transformer
13 oil itself functions as a coolant for the primary secondary winding and as insulation between
14 windings. However, as the load increases and the transformer ages, the temperature and
15 performance of the transformer oil tend to decrease. In addition to the two primary and
16 secondary windings in a transformer, there is also a liquid inside that functions as a coolant
17 and insulator, namely transformer oil of the synthetic ester type. This oil actively protects the
18 transformer from overheating caused by current flow in the windings and iron core. The aim
19 of this research is to test the highest oil temperature rise or the terms top-liquid temperature
20 and top-liquid temperature rise in a distribution transformer with a scheme based on the IEC
21 60076-2-2011 standard, which is tested by means of current injection on the primary side
22 while the secondary side is connected short. The results obtained indicate that the steady-state
23 top-liquid temperature is 83.2°C and the top-liquid temperature rise is 54.47°C. This shows
24 that the application of this type of transformer oil can effectively dissipate heat in a
25 transformer, which in turn will contribute to increasing the transformer's lifespan and be
26 environmentally friendly.

27 **Keywords:** Transformers, top-liquid temperature rise, steady state, Synthetic Ester Oil
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29 **INTRODUCTION**

30 Since the twentieth century, alternating current (AC) electricity has been discovered. AC has
31 advantages over direct current (DC), one of which is that AC electricity can be easily
32 increased and decreased in voltage using a transformer. With a transformer, the need for AC
33 electricity with varying voltages can be met according to the load it carries. Transformers
34 have several important components, including coils and iron cores. The iron core acts as a
35 conduit for the flux generated by the electric current in a coil.

36 The iron core of a transformer consists of thin steel plates that are integrated into one piece to
37 reduce the heat caused by the current, and coils that function as current conductors. There are
38 two coils in a transformer, namely the primary coil and the secondary coil. In accordance
39 with Faraday's law of voltage induction, voltage will be induced from the primary coil to the
40 secondary coil [S.N. Singgih et.al]. In addition to these two components, transformers contain
41 a liquid material that functions as a coolant and insulator, namely transformer oil. This oil
42 actively protects the transformer from excessive heating caused by the coils and iron core [J.
43 Jumardin, et.al]. Research on breakdown voltage studies in transformers with oil cooling was
44 conducted to determine the performance of the liquid insulation using several test schemes,
45 ranging from temperature variations to water content in the oil, which was tested in a
46 transformer oil test vessel with a specific gap distance, using Shell Dila-B and Nynas [I.N.
47 Oksa Winanta, et.al and D.B. Fachrurrozi, etc.] oils. In addition to using these oils, several
48 studies attempted to replace the oil type with SAE 40 lubricant to determine the breakdown

49 voltage when the oil temperature increased, with the result that as the temperature increased,
50 the breakdown voltage also increased [A.Junaidi]. The use of mineral oil and natural ester as
51 transformer coolants is done by observing the hot spot temperature measured using an optical
52 fibre-based temperature sensor, then plotting the results into a curve and comparing them
53 with the IEEE standard [D.Kweon, et. al.][R. Duan et.al.][N.A. Fauzi et al].
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55 The use of ONAF (Oil Natural Air Force) in transformer cooling has been widely used.
56 However, damage to the fan often occurs, so it is proposed to detect damage to the fan
57 without installing a sensor. The method used is TOT (Top Oil Transformer) monitoring, in
58 which the oil exponent is modelled and analyzed. The oil exponent data is monitored in real
59 time using PSO (Particle Swarm Optimization) or ultrasonic sensing technology[L. Wang, et,
60 al][H. Guo, et. al]. Research on the development of methods for predicting hot spots in
61 transformer oil has been conducted based on fluid thermal field calculations using a learning
62 model with machine learning support vector regression. The data was taken from twenty test
63 samples of temperature increases [Y. Deng et. al.][M. Li, Z. Wang, et.al.] Oranalyzing
64 temperature increases accurately to determine hot spots using the hybrid Dimensionless
65 Least-Squares Finite Element Method and Upwind Finite Element Method with the
66 assistance of Computational Fluid Dynamic software[G. Liu at.al.][M.Akbari, et.al] and also
67 by creating computational modelling to observe thermal, flow, and electromagnetic
68 phenomena to determine hot spots inside the transformer tank [B. Melka et al][W.V. Calil,
69 et.al].
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71 This research aims to observe the highest increase in transformer oil temperature and the
72 average temperature increase when testing with a transformer load of 4.7% of the nominal
73 voltage of 20kV with a power capacity of 2500kVA conducted for 17 hours with the
74 transformer connected to the short-circuited secondary side. The temperature increase data
75 was then recorded by a data logger until a steady state was reached.
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77 **METHOD**

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79 This research phase will be divided into two parts, namely the data analysis phase [agus.] on
80 the oil temperature increase equation, the average increase during *steady state*, and the
81 increase and average oil temperature during one hour of nominal current injection in
82 accordance with the IEC 60076-2-2011 standard. Figure 1 shows the transformer oil testing
83 scheme that will be used in this research and the analyse of result is important for education
84 and industry [agus et al] to get the best quality of new transforamtor oil.
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86 Figure 1 shows a test diagram for a distribution transformer with a capacity of 2500kVA,
87 20kV/0.4kV, with an ONAN (*Oil Natural Air Natural*) cooling system, delta-star connection
88 with no-load *losses* of 2048W and loaded *losses* of 40843.56W. The test scheme complies
89 with the IEC 60076-2-2011 standard, which uses the short-circuit method.The voltage of the
90 three-phase system is regulated using a three-phase variac, then the voltage is *stepped up* to
91 1kV, and the primary side current and voltage are measured using CT (*current transformer*)
92 and PT (*potential transformer*).
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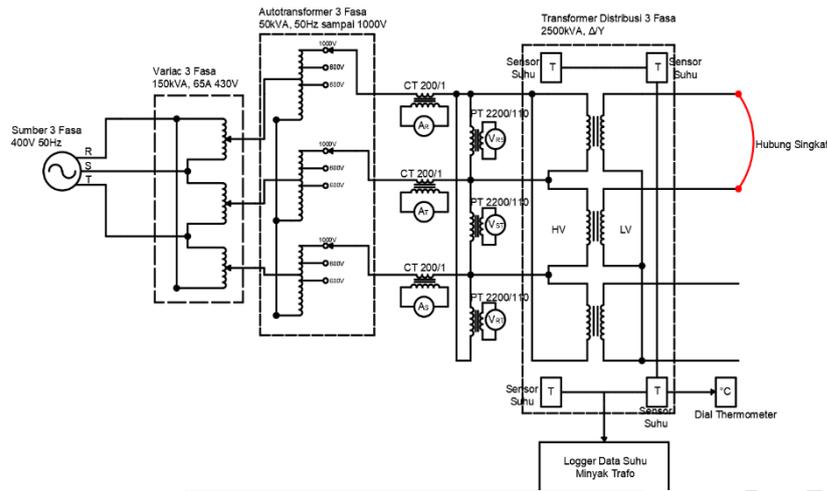


Figure 1. Transformer Oil Testing Scheme

During the test, a short circuit was applied to the secondary side, and the transformer was subjected to a test current in accordance with the , which calculated the total power loss. Oil temperature data was sampled over seventeen hours and stored in a data logger.

Highest Liquid/Oil Temperature (Top-Liquid Temperature)

Transformers contain oil that functions as a heat dissipater. When a transformer supplies a load, the current in the transformer increases. With the increase in the temperature of the transformer oil/fluid, the IEC 60076-2-2011 standard regulates the maximum increase. In this standard, the maximum oil temperature, also known as *the top-liquid temperature* (θ_0), is determined through testing and measurement processes. Temperature readings are taken by installing a sensor inside the transformer, submerged in the liquid/oil at the top of the tank. The maximum temperature rise of the transformer oil/fluid or *top-liquid temperature rise* ($\Delta\theta_0$) can be obtained from the difference between the highest measured temperature of the fluid/oil (θ_0) at the end of the testing period, taking into account *the total losses* and external cooling temperature at the end of the testing period (θ_a), using the following equation, based on IEC 60076-2-2011,:

$$\Delta\theta_0 = \theta_0 - \theta_a \quad (1)$$

The average liquid temperature rise ($\Delta\theta_{0m}$) is determined by the difference between *the average liquid temperature* (θ_{0m}) and the external cooling temperature (θ_a), as follows:

$$\Delta\theta_{0m} = \theta_{0m} - \theta_a \quad (2)$$

For the *bottom-liquid temperature rise* ($\Delta\theta_b$), it is determined by the difference between the bottom-liquid temperature and the external cooling temperature (θ_a), as follows:

$$\Delta\theta_b = \theta_b - \theta_a \quad (3)$$

The different fluid temperatures are the average of the last hour's readings with total losses.

Oil Temperature Rise Correction

At this stage of temperature rise correction, the result is calculated from the highest oil temperature minus the external temperature, which is then multiplied by the power or current injected into the transformer. If using the power value, the total power loss value is multiplied

131 by equation (1). According to the IEC 60076-2-2011 standard, the power loss equation is
 132 determined as follows:

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$$\left(\frac{TotalRugiDaya}{RugiDayaPengujian} \right)^x \quad (4)$$

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 136 The average temperature rise in the transformer windings relative to the average oil
 137 temperature when the transformer is not in operation is:

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$$\left(\frac{RatingArusNominal}{ArusPengujian} \right)^y \quad (5)$$

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 141 Meanwhile, the magnitude of the temperature rise at the highest hot spot on the transformer
 142 winding relative to the winding temperature at the hot spot when the transformer is not in
 143 operation is:

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$$\left(\frac{RatingArus Nominal}{ArusPengujian} \right)^z \quad (6)$$

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 146 Where the values x, y, and z are the exponent values in the temperature increase during
 147 testing in *steady-state* conditions, and the value x is a constant determined based on the type
 148 of transformer cooling. Table 1 shows the constant values specified in the IEC 60076
 149 standard.

Table 1. Correction Exponent Values for Temperature Rise Test Results

TYP	Transformer Distribution	Medium and High Power Transformers			
	ONAN	ONAN	ONAF	OF..	OD..
	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.0
	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	2.0
	-	1.6	1.6	1.6	2.0

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 153 Where: A is the exponent x (for the top temperature). B is the exponent y (for the
 154 average winding temperature), C is the exponent z (for the winding temperature gradient),
 155 ONAN = *Oil Natural Air Natural* (transformer cooling system), ONAF = *Oil Natural Air*
 156 *Force* (transformer cooling system), OF = *Oil Forced* OD = *Oil Directed*

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 158 From equation (1), if substituted into equation (4), the average temperature rise is:

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$$\Delta\theta_0 = \theta_0 - \theta_a \left(\frac{TotalRugi Daya}{RugiDayaPengujian} \right)^{0,8} \quad (7)$$

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 162 Table 1 contains the constant values used for temperature rise testing with a transformer
 163 power rating of at least 2500kVA or above.

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 165 **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

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 167 In this research, the results of calculations and temperature rise tests on transformer oil will
 168 be discussed. Table 2 shows the *nameplate* data of the transformers is used.

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 170 Table 2. Transformer *Nameplate* Data

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Primary Voltage		20 kV
Secondary Voltage		400 V
Number of Phases		3
Power Capacity		2500 kVA
Frequency		50Hz
Vector Group		Dyn-5
Primary Current Rating		72.17 A
Secondary Current Rating		3608.44 A
Cooling Type		ONAN

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The testing procedure involved injecting a nominal current of 72.168A into the primary side of the transformer winding. The primary current rating was 72.16A, so substituting this into equation (1) and then into equation (5) gives:

$$\Delta\theta_0 = \theta_0 - \theta_a \left(\frac{\text{Total Rugi Daya}}{\text{Rugi Daya Pengujian}} \right)^{1,6} \quad (8)$$

Using equation (7), where the highest oil temperature ((θ_0) is 67.6°C and the external cooler/ambient average temperature (θ_a) is 30.37°C, the oil temperature increase is 37.24°C. The highest oil temperature (θ_0), highest temperature rise ($\Delta\theta_0$), and highest average temperature rise ($\Delta\theta_{01}$) tests were conducted for 16 hours with the primary side of the transformer supplied with 4.7% of the nominal primary side voltage. The following is a graph of the highest oil temperature test versus time reaching a *steady state*.

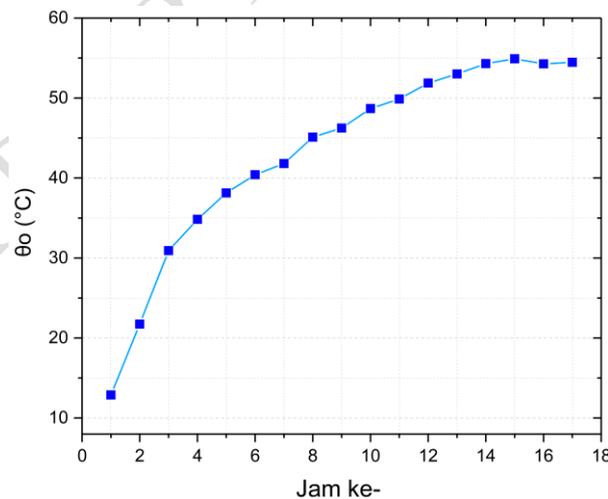


Figure 2. Test graph of the highest oil temperature(θ_0) over time

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Figure 2 shows the graph of the highest oil temperature increase function over the seventeen-hour test period. The test was conducted to reach the highest temperature point under steady-state conditions. Under these conditions, the temperature reached a steady state at 83.2°C. Next is the test of the highest average oil temperature with a test period of seventeen hours, as shown in Figure 2.

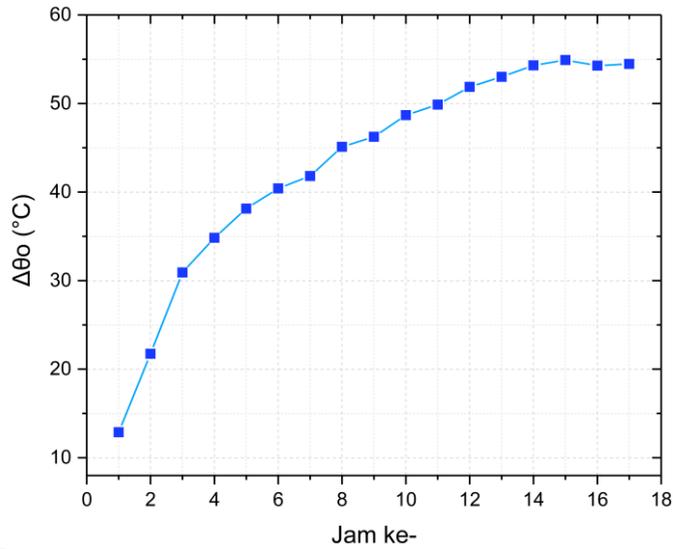


Figure 3. Graph of Oil Temperature Rise Test ($\Delta\theta_0$) s Versus Time

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Figure 3 shows that the temperature rise, which is theoretically derived from equation (7), was then plotted as a function of time over seventeen hours to reach a steady state with a maximum temperature of 54.47°C. Figures 3 and 5 are the results of documenting the transformer oil temperature measurements using a temperature logger and dial thermometer.

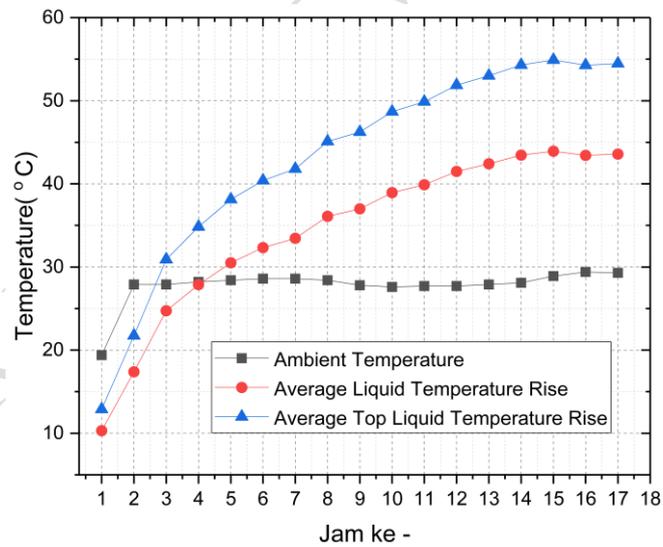


Figure 4. Comparison Graph of Oil Temperature Rise ($\Delta\theta_0$) s Over Time

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Figure 4 shows that the ambient air temperature in the testing environment was relatively stable at 27.75 °C. At the start of the test, the temperature was 19.4 °C. The average temperature rise of the insulating oil throughout the transformer when operating above ambient temperature showed a rise pattern in accordance with the IEC 60076-2-2011 standard. This metric reflects the overall temperature rise in the oil throughout the transformer, including the middle and lower parts. Meanwhile, the average temperature rise of the insulating oil, particularly in the upper part of the transformer (top liquid temperature rise), when operating above ambient temperature. This metric focuses more on the temperature rise that occurs in the upper part of the transformer, which is often the area

221 where the temperature tends to be higher due to the thermal effects of the transformer's
222 operating process. From Figure 4, it is clear that the above conditions have a greater increase
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Figure 5. Measurement Results Using a *Thermometer Logger*



Figure 6. Measurement Results Using a *Dial Thermometer*

229 In Figures 5 and 6, the transformer oil temperature was measured by taking *samples* over a
230 period of seventeen hours. The results are measurements taken when the temperature was
231 stable at 83.2°C.
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237 CONCLUSION

238 From these research conducted, the analysis and testing of transformer oil temperature rise in
239 accordance with IEC 60076-2 standards showed that in the highest temperature test ((θ_0)) of
240 oil over time under steady-state conditions, the highest temperature reached 83.2°C, and the
241 result of the Temperature Rise Test ($\Delta\theta_0$) of Oil over Time showed a temperature of 54.47°C
242 under steady-state conditions.
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Recommendation:

Accept after minor revision.....

Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Originality		✓		
Techn. Quality		✓		
Clarity		✓		
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Title: Temperature Rise Analysis in Synthetic Ester Oil in 20/0.4 kV Distribution Transformers of 2500 kVA

Manuscript Type: Research Article

Overall Recommendation: **Minor Revision (can be improved with clarity, formatting, and deeper analysis)**

1. Summary of the Study

The manuscript investigates the **oil temperature rise characteristics** of a 2500 kVA, 20/0.4 kV ONAN distribution transformer filled with **synthetic ester oil**. Temperature rise tests were carried out using **short-circuit (load) testing** in accordance with **IEC 60076-2:2011**. Data were logged for 17 hours until a steady state was reached.

Key reported results:

- * **Top-liquid steady-state temperature:** 83.2°C
- * **Top-liquid temperature rise:** 54.47°C
- * Test confirms that synthetic ester oil effectively dissipates heat and supports environment-friendly transformer operation.

The work aligns with current interest in biodegradable transformer oils and thermal performance of distribution transformers.

2. Strengths of the Manuscript

Relevance and Novelty

- * Focuses on **environmentally friendly synthetic ester oil**, an important alternative to mineral oil.
- * Temperature rise experiments on real transformers are extremely valuable for industry and power utilities.

Standards-Based Approach

- * Uses **IEC 60076-2:2011** guidelines.
- * Provides equations, exponent values, and transformer nameplate data.

Clear Experimental Setup**

- * The short-circuit test arrangement, use of variac, CT/PT, and data logger is explained.
- * Figures (temperature vs. time plots, thermometer readings) effectively support the findings.

3. Major Issues & Recommendations

The manuscript is generally good but requires improvements in **language quality**, **technical clarity**, and **organization**.

3.1. Language and Grammar

The text contains many grammatical issues, missing articles, inconsistent tenses, and unclear sentence structures.

Recommendation: A full language polishing/editing is required.

Example:

- * “This oil actively protects the transformer from overheating caused by current flow...”
can be rewritten as
- * “This oil actively protects the transformer from overheating due to current flow in the windings and core.”

3.2. Literature Review needs structuring

The introduction cites many studies but lacks:

- * thematic grouping
- * critical comparison
- * justification for synthetic ester oil selection

Recommendation:

Organize literature review into subsections (e.g., mineral oil, ester oils, cooling methods, hot-spot prediction) to improve readability.

3.3. Methodology requires clearer details

Issues:

- * The short-circuit test percentage (4.7%) must be clarified: Is it % V or % load?
- * Ambient temperature measurement method not explained.
- * Sensor type and placement not detailed.
- * Variac & CT/PT ratings missing.

Recommendation:

Add a subsection describing:

- * Instrumentation and accuracy
- * Sampling rate
- * Environmental conditions
- * Transformer test procedure in step-by-step format

3.4. Equations formatting and explanation**

Equations (1) to (7) are present but:

- * Some variables are not defined clearly.
- * The font/format is inconsistent.
- * Equation (4) appears incomplete or incorrectly displayed.

****Recommendation:**** Recheck all equations for correctness and clarity.

3.5. Figures: Numbering & clarity

- * Figure 1–6 must include captions below the figure.
- * Better-quality graphs (higher resolution) will improve clarity.
- * Units should be displayed on axes.

3.6. Interpretation of Results**

The results are presented but interpretation is limited.

Missing discussions include:

- * Comparison with mineral oil performance
- * Why the temperature rise value is significant
- * Possible causes for the specific steady-state levels
- * Impact of cooling type (ONAN)
- * Effect on aging rate (Arrhenius relationship)

****Recommendation:**** Expand discussion linking results with literature and transformer thermal behavior.

****3.7. Conclusion is too brief****

The conclusion only repeats values.

It should include:

- * Key contributions
- * Benefits of synthetic ester oil
- * Practical implications
- * Limitations
- * Future work (e.g., dynamic loading, hot spot analysis, CFD validation)

4. Minor Issues

- * Keywords should follow alphabetical order.
- * Remove grammatical errors like “analyse”, “pengujian”, “transforamtor”.
- * Reference formatting inconsistent; some missing journal names or volume/issue numbers.
- * Figure 5 and 6 titles need alignment with formatting guidelines.

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1. Rewrite introduction with structured literature review.
2. Improve clarity of methodology (instrumentation, conditions).
3. Reformat equations and provide variable definitions.
4. Improve graphs and caption formatting.
5. Extend discussion comparing results with existing studies.
6. Rewrite the conclusion with contributions and future work.
7. Perform proofreading for grammar and format consistency.



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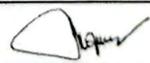
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