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Department of Mechanical Engineering

Webinar Report

On

**“Mechanical Aspects of High Voltage
Circuit Breakers and Isolators”**

Organized by

Department of Mechanical Engineering

Date: 25.05.2020 @ 10.30 AM

Resource Person:

Shri Dhanapal,
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2. Invitation



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Department of Mechanical **Engineering**

Cordially invite you to webinar

On

**“Mechanical aspects of High Voltage Circuit
Breakers & Isolators”**

On Monday May 25th, at 10:30 am – 11:30 am

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Chief Manager, Power Grid SR-II

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3. Webinar Poster



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National Webinar

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**Department of
Mechanical Engineering**

Speaker:

Shri Dhanapal S
Chief Manager, Power Grid SR-II

Topic

**“Mechanical aspects of High Voltage
Circuit Breakers & Isolators”**

25 May 2020, 10:30 am

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4. About Resource Person

Name: Shri Dhanapal S

Designation: Chief Manager

Qualification: B-Tech in EEE

M-Tech in Power Electronics & drives.

Experience: 18 Years in High Voltage Class Equipments

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Shri Dhanapal, He is working as Chief Manager in POWERGRID Corporation of India Limited, Southern region-II Headquarters, Bangalore. His areas of interest are Extra High voltage class equipments in Power sector, Power Electronics and Mechanical Drives. His expertise in circuit breakers and isolators has led him share his application knowledge in the industrial community through conferences and guest lectures/ webinars.

5. Vice Chancellor Inaugural Speech

Honorable Vice Chancellor was glad to see the utmost proficient Shri Dhanapal as the expert speaker for today's session. VC sir was happy to share that he started his Bachelor's degree with Electrical Engineering. In mid, the Electrical Engineering streamed to Electronics and Communication Engineering. He was one among



the first batch who completed the Bachelor's degree from Electronics and Communication Engineering, Mysore University. Vice Chancellor also expressed that two core engineering streams (Mechanical and Electrical) are getting together to share the knowledge to the younger generation through this webinar. By reminding the fact that Karnataka is the House of Power Industry. The first Power generation project of 25 Hz from Shivanasamudram was constructed by Chief Engineer, Sir Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya. Sir MV, planned to develop numerous Power Plants over the Western Ghats and all the power lines were connected to a single location and formed Grid, which resulted in the Power Grid Corporation of India Limited, which is an Indian state-owned Maharatna company headquartered in Gurugram, India. Vice Chancellor also gave a comparison of Grid as an Heart of our Indian Economy. Like the Heart supplies blood to different systems in our body, Grid supplies constant power to different locations for its safety consumption. Also Vice Chancellor, remembered the higher official engineers controlling the grid for its safety when our Honorable Prime Minister announced all the citizens not to consume the power for about 10 mins. This controlling will be done by Circuit breakers and isolators. He was very much happy that the relevant topic apt to the present situation which has been organized by Department of Mechanical Engineering for the benefit of the students and participants.

Sd/-
Vice Chancellor
Prof M S Shivakumar

6. Coordinator and Head of Department

Prof Arunkumar KH, Department of Mechanical Engineering,

During the Departmental meeting it was discussed to conduct National Webinar and the same was informed to the University. Coordinator with the help of fellow colleagues sent information to all the states of India. There was a overwhelming response from the southern states of India. Nearly 2 days worked online with fellow colleagues to send information to all the participants, collected the feedback and also issued E-Certificate on the same day and reported to University. The coordinator organised the National Webinar successfully.



Dr Rajashekar Patil, Head of Department, had series of discussions with coordinator and took permission during SOET regular meeting to conduct the National Webinar and also contacted Honorable Vice Chancellor to inaugurate the webinar by addressing the participants. The Honorable Vice Chancellor accepted the invitation, inspired by his inaugural address and also witnessed the session till end. Finally thanked the Resource Person and congratulated the Department of Mechanical Engineering for organizing and wished all the participants. The HOD, presented E-copy of appreciation letter to the expert speaker and thanked one and all.



7. Topic and Presentation slides



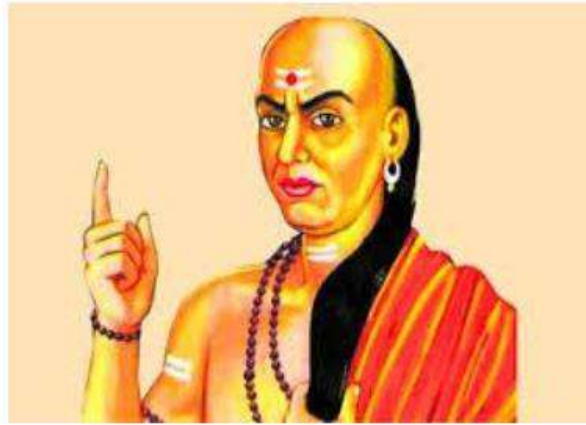
Mechanical aspects of Circuit breakers

S.Dhanapal,
Chief Manager,
POWERGRID, Bangalore



An investment
in knowledge
pays the best
interest.

B. Franklin



“KNOWLEDGE IS LOST WITHOUT PUTTING IT TO PRACTICE”

What is Circuit breaker

- ▶ Circuit breaker - “CIRCUIT” “BREAKER”-
- ▶ Most important & critical component of electrical system.
- ▶ Isolates the faulty system/equipment from the healthy one.
- ▶ *Despite circuit breaker is named as an electrical device, it is predominantly a “mechanical” device used for achieving excellent electrical isolation during faults. “*

Why Circuit breaker ?????

- If circuit breaker not provided (or) not functioning properly as per design time ???



Videos

Images



CIRCUIT BREAKER

- A Mechanical device capable of
- Making,
- Carrying and
- Breaking currents
- Under normal circuit conditions and also
- Under specific abnormal circuit conditions such as those of short circuit.

Electrical requirements of Circuit breaker

- ▶ Typically for a 400KV Circuit breaker
- ▶ Close time - Max. “150” ms
- ▶ Opening Time - Max. “25” ms
- ▶ Closing velocity - 2 to 4 m/sec
- ▶ Opening velocity - 7 to 8 m/sec

To be achieved “mechanically” through proper design of

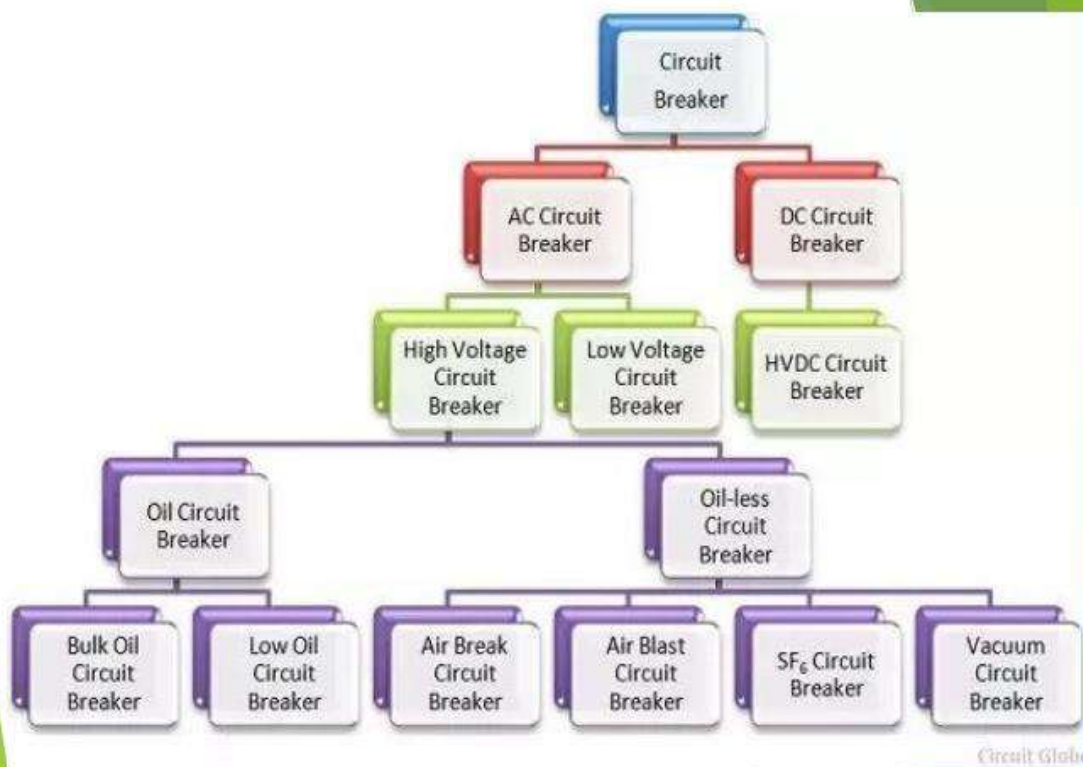
1. Arc Quenching media
2. Operating mechanism

Contact insertion/ speed

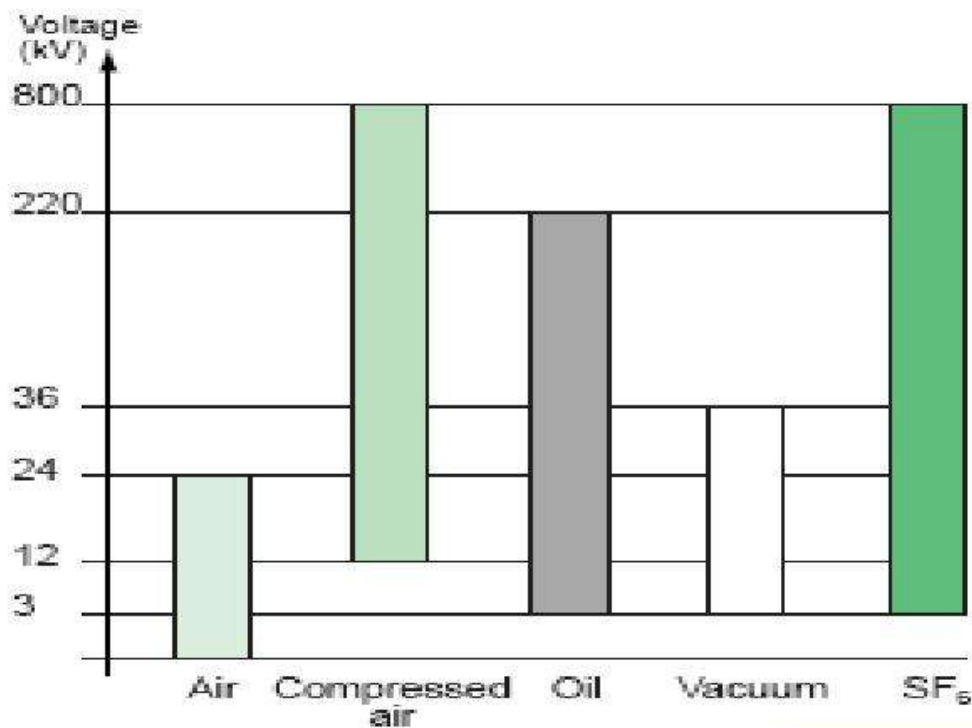
| Make | Trip velocity | Close velocity |
|-------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| ABB | 6-8 m/sec | 3-4 m/sec |
| CGL | 5-6 m/sec | 3-4 m/sec |
| BHEL | 6-8 m/sec | 3-4 m/sec |
| AREVA | 5-8 m/sec | 2-4 m/sec |

Why such fast acting time is required ??? For CBs

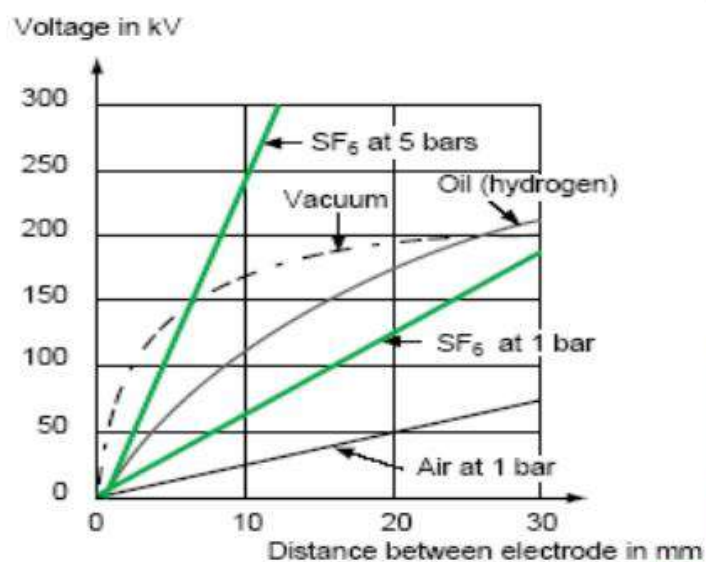
- Human Safety - Humans can withstand only “10 mA” current
- Equipment safety- Consequential damages & cost
- System safety - Economy. 1 to 256 times loss.



Type of CBs



Dielectric Strength of different mediums



Mechanical properties of SF6

Properties of SF6 Gas

Chemical:

- ❖ Stable upto 500 Deg. Centigrade.
- ❖ Inert – Chemical inert – Metallic parts, contacts have longer life.
- ❖ Electronegative.
- ❖ Does not react with structural materials upto 500 Deg. Centigrade.
- ❖ Products of decomposition SF2 & SF4 recombine on cooling.
- ❖ Metallic Fluorides are good insulators.

Properties of SF6 Gas:

Physical:

- ❖ Colourless, odourless, nontoxic
- ❖ Pure gas is not harmful to health, Non-inflammable
- ❖ Gas at normal pressure & Temperature
- ❖ Gas density - 5 times that of air at 20 deg.C and atmospheric pressure

- So due to its high dielectric strength and high cooling effect SF_6 gas is approximately **100 times** more effective **arc quenching** media than **air**.
- Due to these unique properties of this gas, **SF_6 circuit breaker** is used in complete range of medium voltage and high voltage **electrical power** system.
- These circuit breakers are available for the **voltage** ranges from 33KV to 800 KV and even more.

Disadvantages of SF_6 CB

- The SF_6 gas is identified as a greenhouse gas, safety regulation are being introduced in many countries in order to prevent its release into atmosphere.
- Puffer type design of SF_6 CB needs a **high mechanical energy** which is almost **five times greater** than that of **oil circuit breaker**.
- SF_6 gas is suffocating to some extent. In the case of leakage in the breaker tank, the SF_6 gas being heavier than air and hence SF_6 are settled in the surroundings and lead to the suffocation of the operating personnel.



CIRCUIT BREAKER- Basics

- Basics of CB



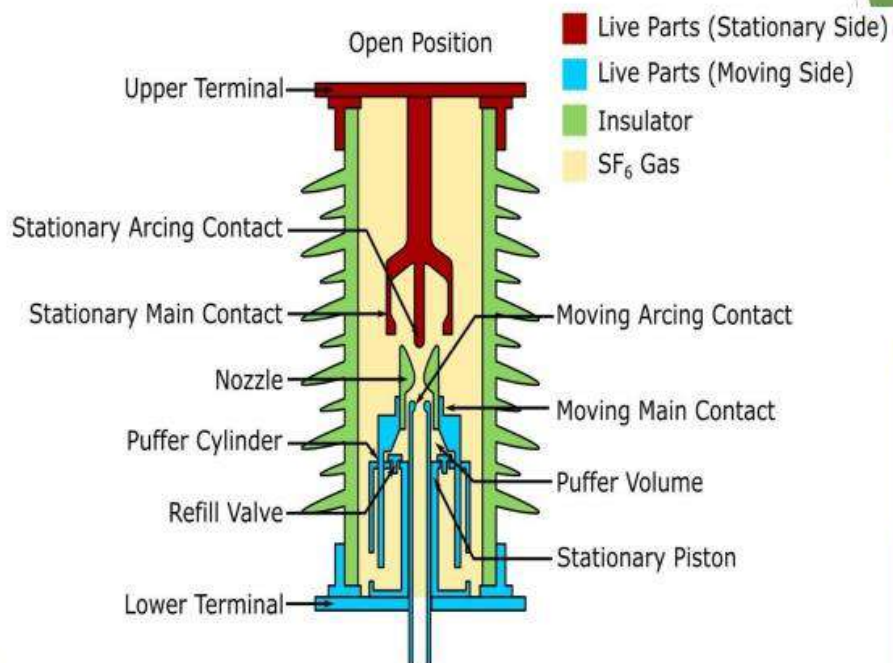
VIDEO



400kV BHEL CB



CB Inside



INTERRUPTER DESIGN

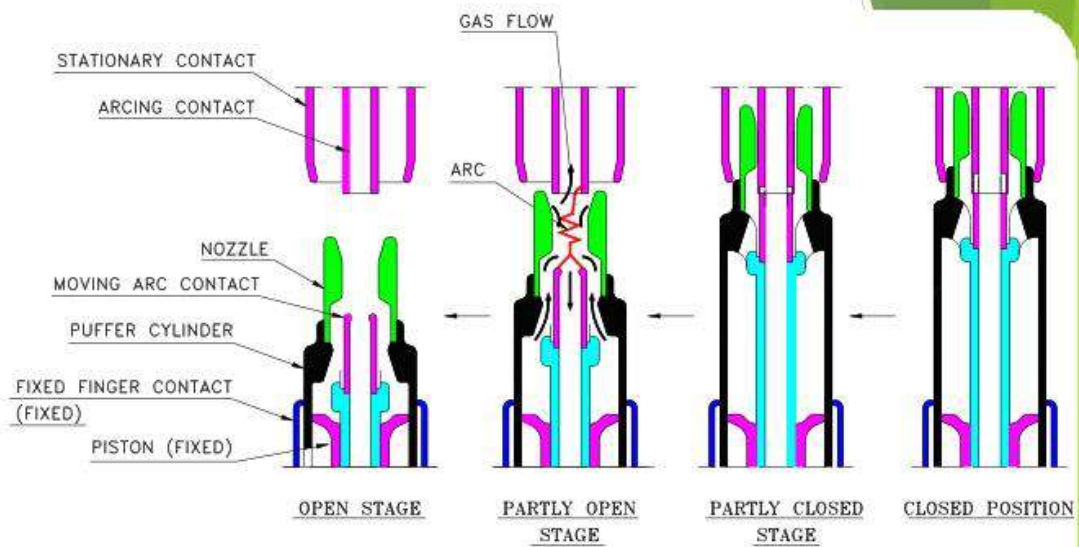
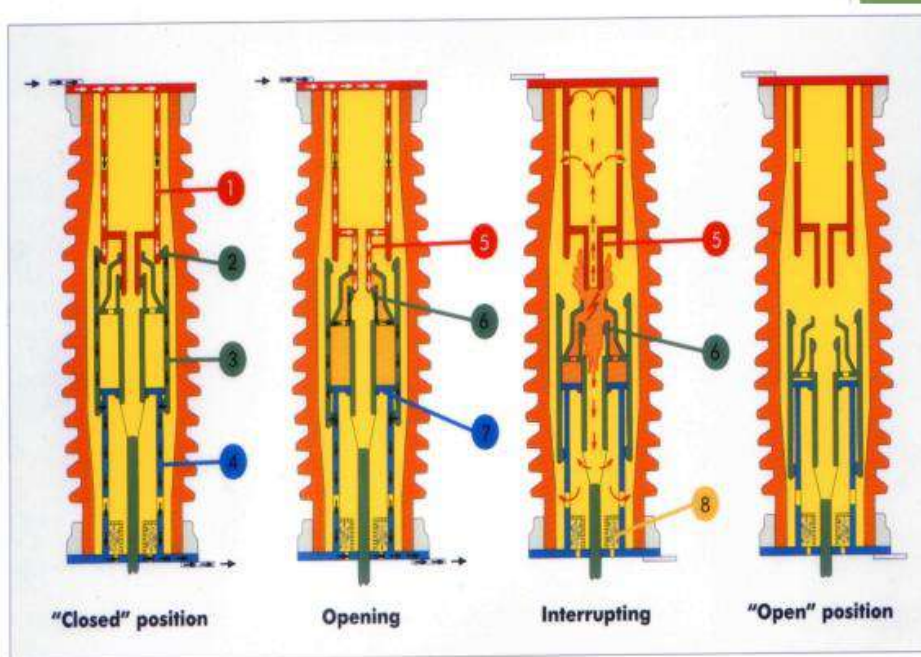


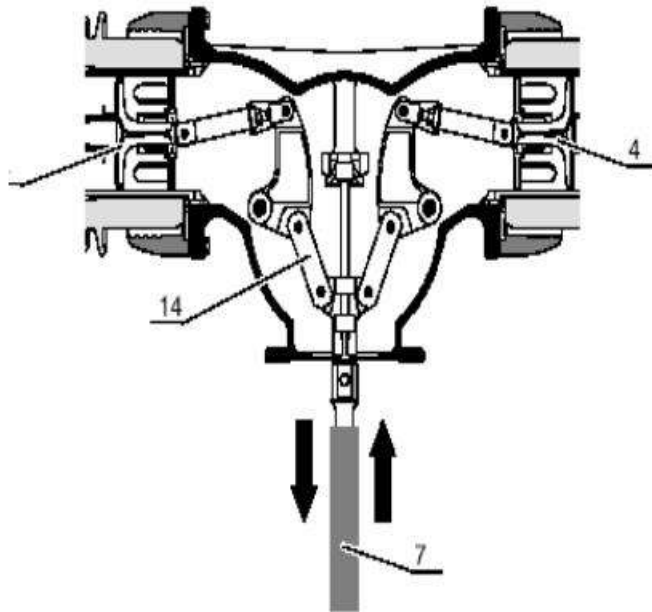
FIG.1.1 'PUFFER' PRINCIPLE OF INTERRUPTING UNIT

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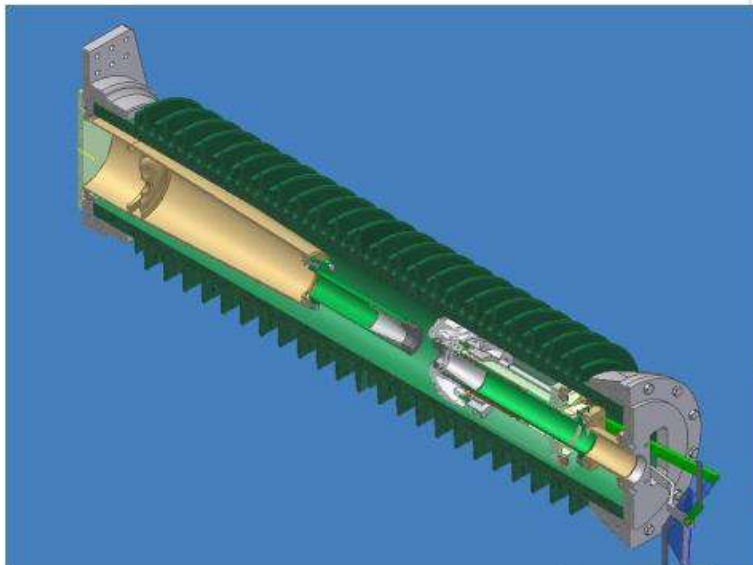
Main and Arcing Contacts



Operating Links



SECTIONAL VIEW OF INTERRUPTER



CB operation video



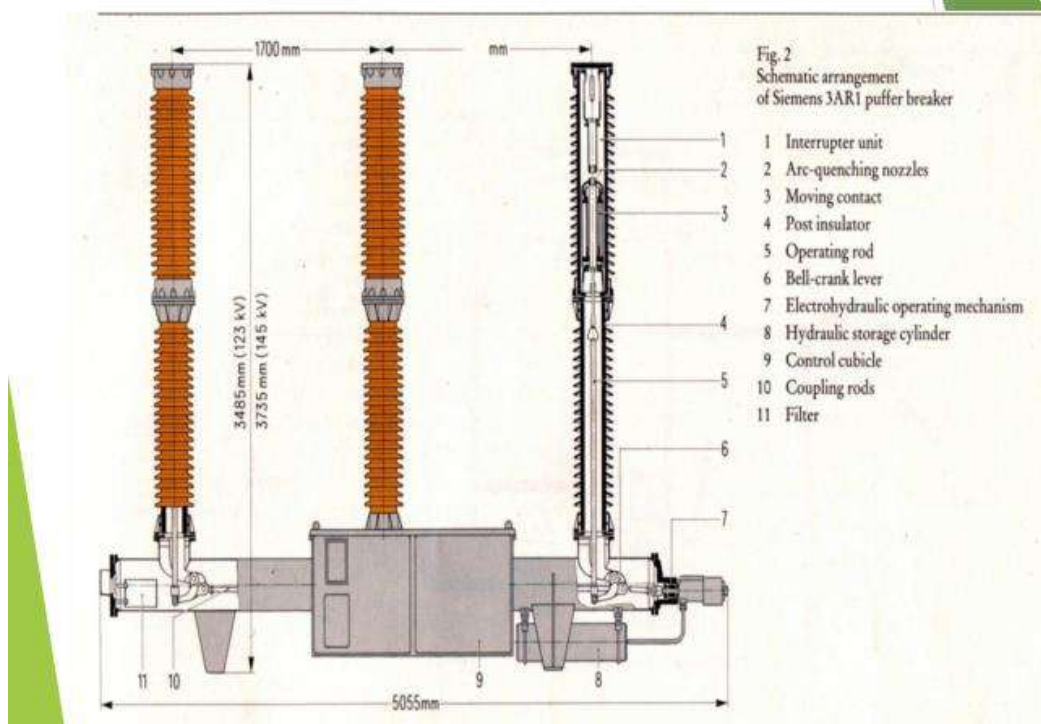
CB based on Operating mechanism

- Hydraulic - Uses fluid (Oil) pressure
- Pneumatic - Uses Air pressure
- Spring mechanism - Uses Spring pressure
- Hybrid- Pneumatic Spring
- Hybrid - Hydraulic Spring



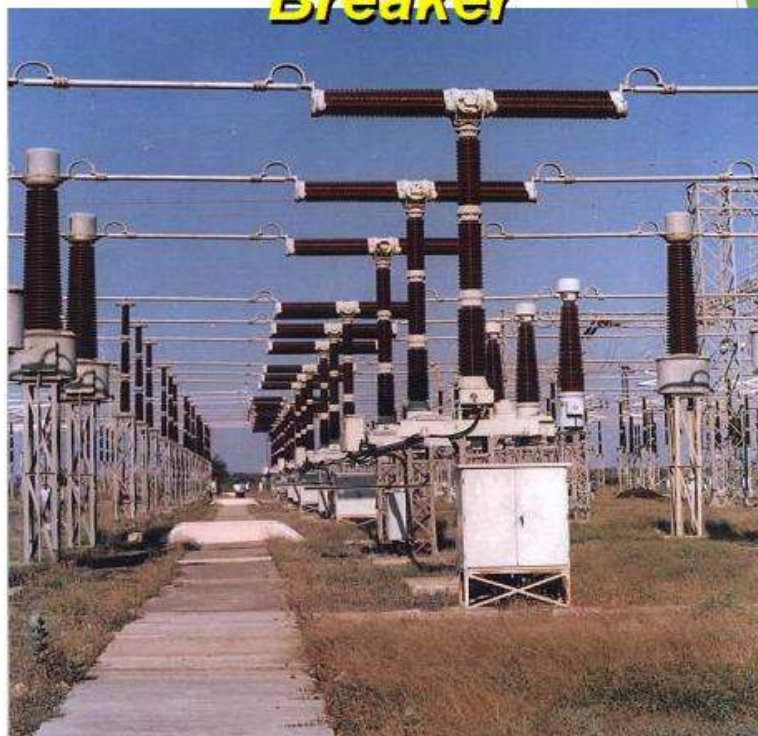
HYDRAULIC CIRCUIT BREAKERS

145kV hydraulic mechanism operated SF6 gas breaker



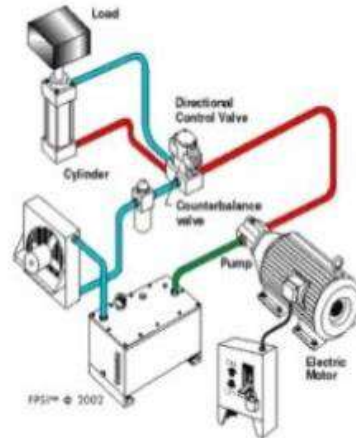


400 kV SF6-Hydraulic Circuit Breaker



Fluid and fluid power

- Any material capable of flowing is a fluid
- Fluid can be a liquid or gas
- Fluid power systems involve
 - Power transmission
 - Control of power
- A fluid power system uses a fluid under pressure

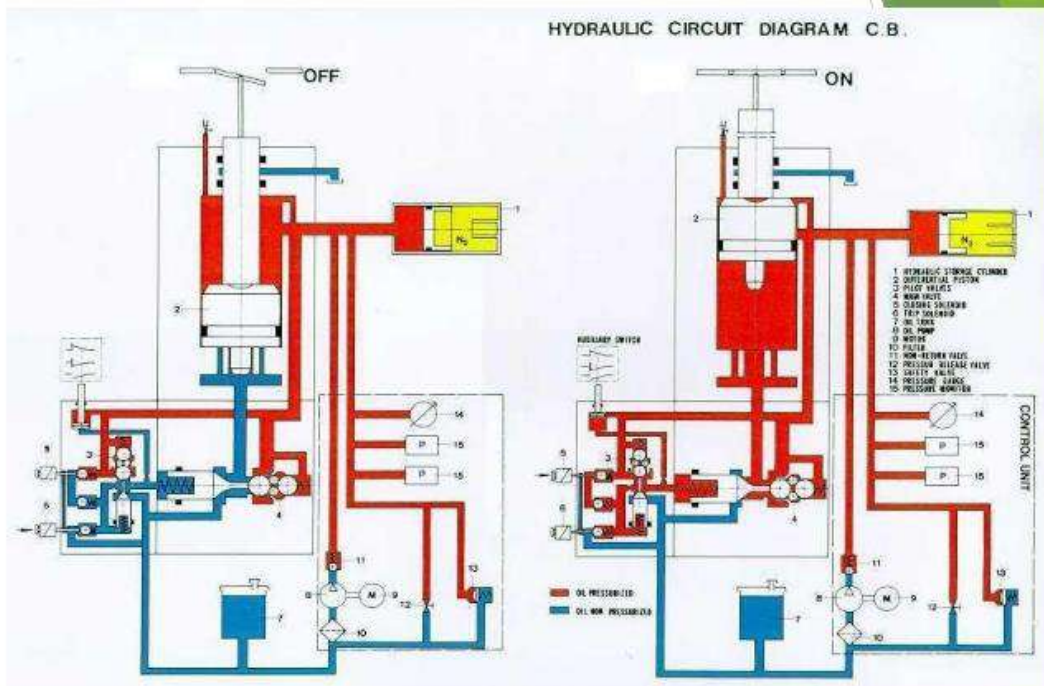


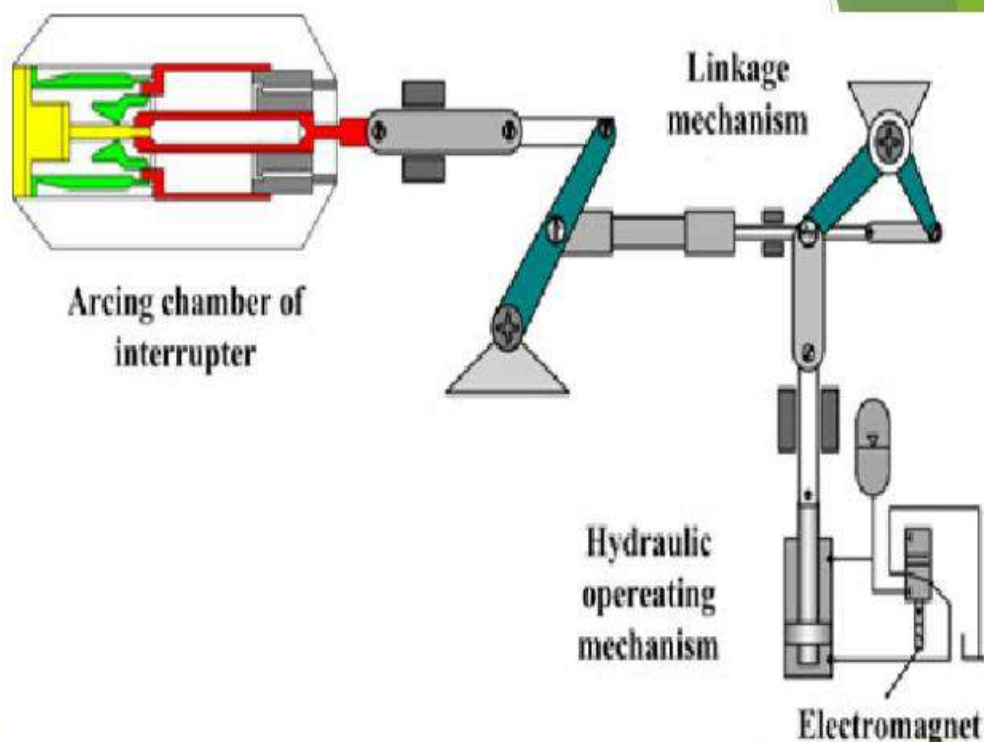
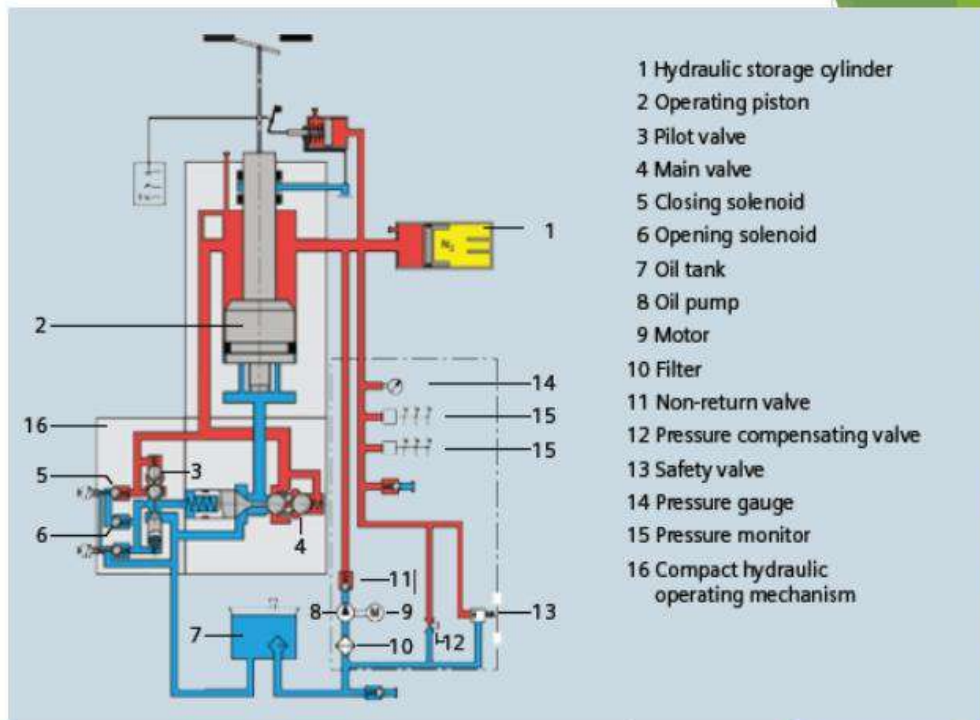
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Technology Training that works



BHEL make CB Operating Mechanism





PNEUMATIC CIRCUIT BREAKERS

What is Pneumatics?

- Pneumatics is the transmission and control of power, using gas as the power transfer medium
- In most cases, air is the medium used
- Inert gases (ex: Nitrogen) used only in special cases)
 - When a liquid is used as the medium, it is known as a HYDRAULIC system

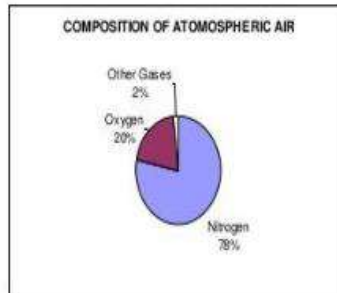
Air as pneumatic medium

- **Benefits**

- Cheap, available at no cost
- Compressible like any gas

- **Drawbacks**

- Contains moisture
- Can cause corrosion in system components in the presence of oxygen
- Oxygen present in air can also aid combustion
- Needs external lubrication (unlike hydraulic fluids)

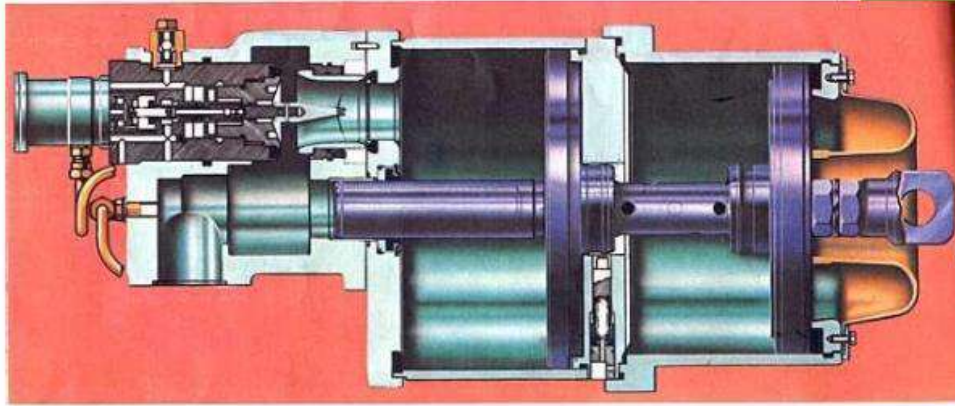


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Technology Training that works



Pneumatic mechanism



400KV Spring - Pneumatic Breaker



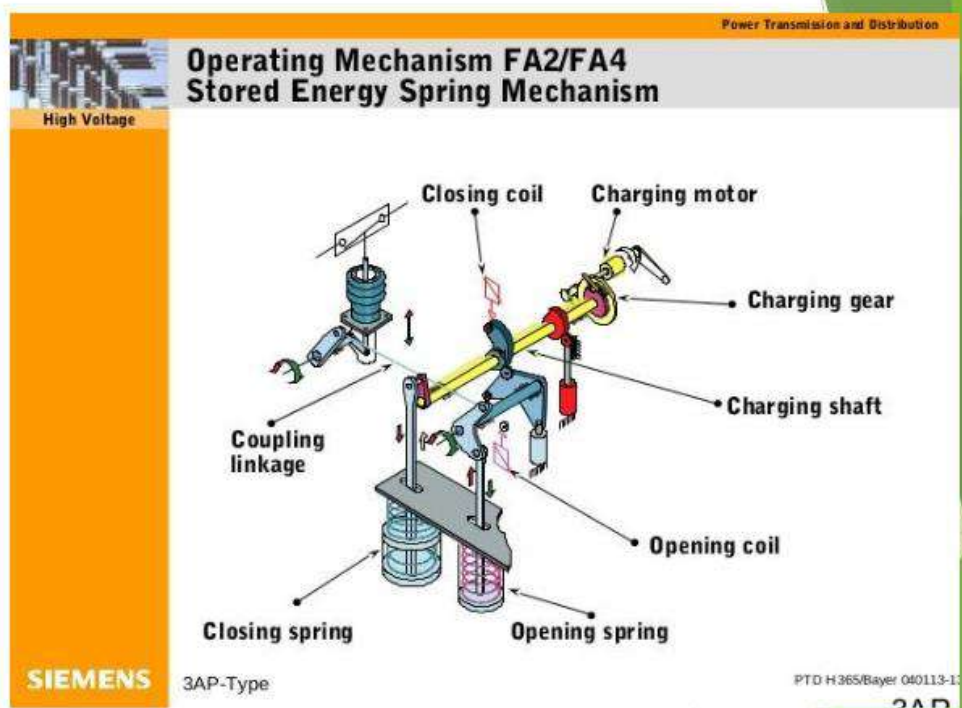
Spring - Pneumatic Driving Mechanism



VIDEO ON PNEUMATIC CB DRIVE

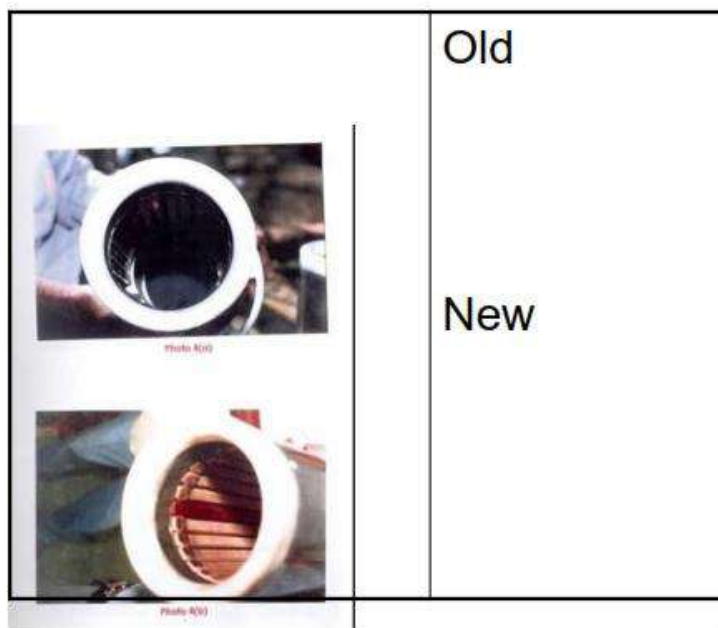


SPRING & SPRING HYDRAULIC OPERATED CIRCUIT BREAKERS



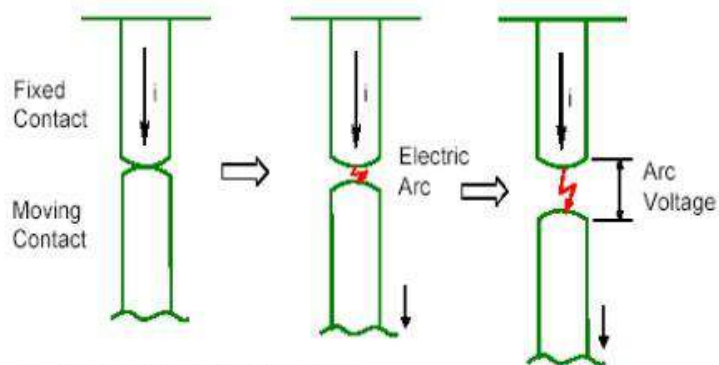


Eroded finger contact after 7-8 years



CB Operation

Arcing in Circuit Breaker



- Arc Extends As Contacts Move
- Arc Is Resistive - Thermal heat energy input - negative "resistance" characteristics
- Arc Extinguishes At Current Zero
- Dielectric Strength Builds Up

Reasons of CB Failures in POWERGRID

MECHANICAL - 74%
(OPERATING COMPONENTS FAILURES)

ELECTRICAL - 16%
(DIELECTRIC FAILURE)

OTHERS - 10%

Circuit Breaker Failures

- ▶ Due to manufacturing defects
- ▶ Due to design defects



PROBLEMS IN CB AFTER 7-8 YEARS



Photo 1(a)



Photo 1(b)



Thank you!

Knowledge is Power. Divide &
Share it to Multiply

8. List of Participants

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| 9 | Prof. Rupa | Assist. Professor |
| 10 | Prof. Mamatha | Assist. Professor |
| 11 | Prof. Hema | Assist. Professor |
| 12 | Prof. Manjunath | Assist. Professor |
| 13 | Prof. Shashidhar M | Assist. Professor |
| 14 | Prof. Puneeth | Assist. Professor |

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| 45 | JEEVESH S | |
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| 48 | PRAJWAL V BIRADAR | |
| 49 | PUNITH HS | |
| 50 | RAHUL S | |
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| 52 | SURESHA N | |
| 53 | THENNAVAN P M | |
| 54 | VISHNU SHARMA NANDA | |

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| 2 | Dr. Abhijit Deka | HOD Department of Mechanical Engineering RSET, RGU |
| 3 | Mr. PENUMURU KUMAR | Sri Venkateswara College of Engg. & Tech., R.V.S Nagar, Chittoor |
| 4 | Student participants outside CMR totaling to 315 | From Karnataka, Andhra, Telangana, Tamil Nadu and Kerala |

Number of Participants:

| Description | Numbers |
|--|------------|
| Dept. of ME | 10 |
| From SOET and Other Departments | 04 |
| Mechanical Engineering Students (4th, 6th and 8th sem) | 54 |
| Professors, Faculties and Students of other states | 318 |
| Total | 386 |

9. Webinar Link

| Sl No | Description and Link | Operator | Work |
|-------|--|---|--|
| 01 | Main Stream https://meet.google.com/jff-fnvv-xkf | Prof Arunkumar KH & Prof Bharath VG | Spotlight screen adjustment of the speaker and participant audio control and Participant Admit |
| 02 | Bridge Stream-1 https://meet.google.com/rtt-ebst-rzq Bridge Stream-1 https://meet.google.com/tne-nqtv-zbg | Prof Bharath G | Participant Admit and Audio Control |
| 03 | Feedback Link: https://forms.gle/kW7kbY3Hz79z26gJ9 | | |

10. Session Video Record Link (Main Stream)

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1l-1Hs91H3YVf3nYjhLCuukNIALMk_IID/view

11. E- Certificate Template



12. Conclusions

Session Conclusions:

Circuit breakers as the name emphasizes breaks the electrical circuit whenever required. These are most important and critical component of electrical system which isolates the faulty system/equipment from the healthy one.

“Despite circuit breaker is named as an electrical device, it is predominantly a mechanical device used for achieving excellent electrical isolation during faults.”

The circuit breaker opens up the electrical circuit whenever need arises. The opening chamber is called interrupter which interrupts the circuit. The interrupting operation is carried out by a drive mechanism.

Also, the speed of opening and closing of circuit breaker contacts is the most important requirement/parameters for efficient operation.

The speed is achieved by different ways of operating drive mechanisms.

In the session the discussions on different types of Drives used in circuit breakers like:

- Hydraulic (Uses hydraulic oil pressure),
- Pneumatic (Uses air pressure),
- Spring (Uses resilience property of spring),
- Hybrid type (Spring – Pneumatic),
- Hybrid (Spring – Hydraulic), were discussed in details.

13. Appreciation Letter



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To whom so ever concern

We appreciate **Shri Dhanapal S**, for delivering the lecture on
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on 25th May 2020 through Google Meet.

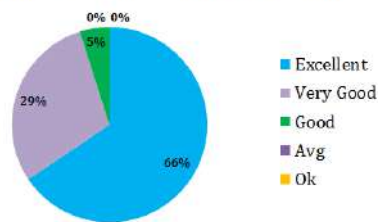
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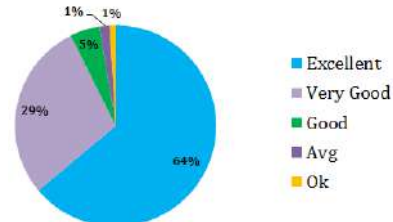
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The feedback was collected from all participants using google forms.

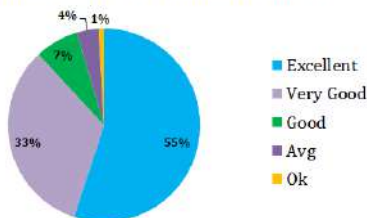
How was the Resource Person



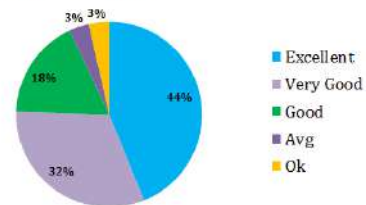
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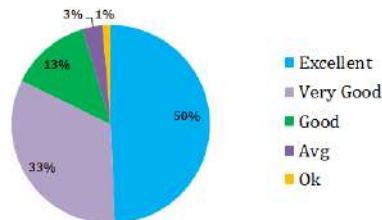
How was the Technical Content



Quality of Audio Video



Overall Technical Session



General Comments (327 Responses)

5/25/2020

Seminar Feedback form

Any Suggestions

327 responses

- Kindly share the material sir, I wish to join the other ME programs if any
- very Nice webinar sir, Topic chosen was very nice and also kindly conduct FDP
- Wonderful session and I wish the organisers were strong enough to control the participants
- Nothing sir
- No suggestions webinar topic was Excellent
- It was really interesting if you provide the similar program of different expects in different fields
- The inspiring speech by VC, CMR University, I wish to attend all the University programs
- Need to support the videos with audio
- Plz conduct wear and corrosion based webinar

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Google Forms

Overall feedback was excellent, and participants informed the coordinator and Head of the Department to conduct few more technical seminars to update the knowledge in current technology used in industries.

15. Acknowledgement

We thank Honorable Vice Chancellor, Pro Vice Chancellor, Registrar, and Dean SOET, CMR University for their continuous support to conduct the National Webinar during Covid-19 period.

We thank Resource Person, Shri Dhanapal S, Chief Manager, for sharing his experience and knowledge in the field of Power grids for our students and participants during COVID-19.

We thank all teaching and non-teaching faculty, Department of Mechanical Engineering for their valuable inputs for conducting National Webinar.


Coordinator

Prof. Arun Kumar K H





Convener and HOD
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