LOAD TAP CHANGER MONITORING SYSTEM FOR POWER TRANSFORMERS
The CRS-Mon type system is a digital system with microcontroller, intended for monitoring the operation of power transformer on load tap changers (OLTCs), as regards the mechanical wear of their components. Within the period between two successive switchings of OLTCs the system acquires and sends serially, when receiving an acquisition request from the hierarchically higher level, the following characteristic quantities:
- number of initial tap
- number of final tap
- switching duration
- total number of switching operations
- average values of the phase currents of OLTC driving motor
- average values of the phase voltages of OLTC driving motor
- average value of the active power when switching
- instantaneous values of the current though one of the OLTC driving motor phases (optionally)
- instantaneous values of the active power absorbed by OLTC driving motor

The CRS Mon system can be used either independently by connecting it to a PC provided with a serial port RS 232 or integrated into a hierarchy system for power transformer monitoring by using the serial interface, by means of a converter RS232/RS485, thus implementing a SLAVE in this system.

With the acquired quantities, the variation diagram of the absorbed active power is plotted: this can be compared with the initial characteristic (fingerprint), got when commissioning the OLTC

TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS
- overall dimensions: (L x w x h): 291 mm x 345 mm x 152 mm
- protection degree: IP 30
- operating temperature range: -5 to 45°C (installation in closed electric switch box)
- supply voltage: ~ 230 V (±10%), 50 Hz
- maximum consumption: 115 VA
- supply voltage of OLTC driving motor: 3 ~ 380 V, 50 Hz
- measuring range of OLTC driving motor phase current: 0 ~ 5 A, accuracy ±10.5%
- measuring range of OLTC driving motor phase voltage: 0 ~ 250 V, accuracy ±1%
- measuring range of OLTC driving motor active power: 0 ~ 3450 W, accuracy ±2%
- 8 galvanically insulated inputs for SWITCHING IN PROGRESS and position BCD of OLTC
- galvanically insulated logical output SYNC (type OPEN COLLECTOR), “1” during a switching operation
- output for serial transmission of data, bidirectional RS232, transmission rate 9600 bps, data 8 bits, one START bit, one STOP bit, without parity control