Conservation strategies for mixed audio-visual collections in practice

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| | quick | longtime |
|------------------|-------|----------|
| important | | |
| not important | | |

พล่มนั้นยังคงมีอายุยืนยาวอยู่

๒. สิทธิของอนุชน

๒.๑ ด้วยตระหนักในความรับผิดชอบของตนในอันที่จะอนุรักษ์ ฟิล์มภาพยนตร์ให้ดำรงอยู่อย่างยั่งยืน หอภาพยนตร์จักยืน-หยัดต่อ การบีบบังคับใด ๆ ที่จะทำจัดหรือทำลายสิ่งของ ที่หอภาษณตร์สัง คน คนั้น การบีบบังคับใด ๆ ที่จะทำจัดหรือทำลายสิ่งของ หรือรับสิ่งของใด ๆ ที่มีผู้เสนอ หหอเก็บสะสมด้วยเหตุผลกล ใดซึ่งอาจอยู่นอกเหนือกฎเกณฑ์ว่าด้วยการอนุรักษ์หรือ นโยบายการคัดเลือกที่ใช้อยู่ของหอภาพยนตร์นั้น

๓. สิทธิในการใช้ประโยชน์

๓.๑ หอภาพยนตร์ตระหนักว่า สิ่งของในความดูแล มีทั้งมูลค่าใน

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Restoration

Restoration includes all interventions and treatments that serve to retrieve a certain historical state and contribute to the legibility, aesthetic integrity or reuse of an object.

Restorative actions may be irreversible and require great care in planning, justification, execution and documentation.

Conservation

Conservation encompasses all activities for the care of an object, which delay its further decay and ensure that it remains in the most intact condition for the future.

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An Ounce of Ethics

- The probability that a work is available in its integrity in the future is increased.
- All the options that existed before taking an action remain open after the action.
- Every step is carefully documented.

Strategy

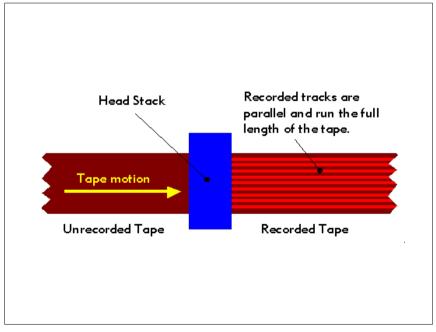
Develop a strategy

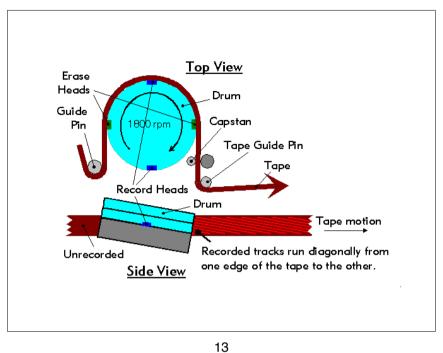
- 1. list the ISO standard for each media type which is present in the collection
- 2. assess the environment inside each vault at least for one year
- 3. inspect the condition of the collection
- 4. analyse the results and find the weak link
- 5. improve the conservation

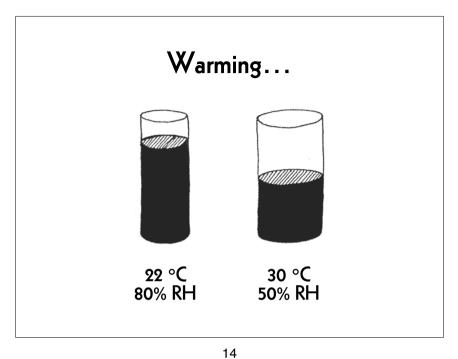
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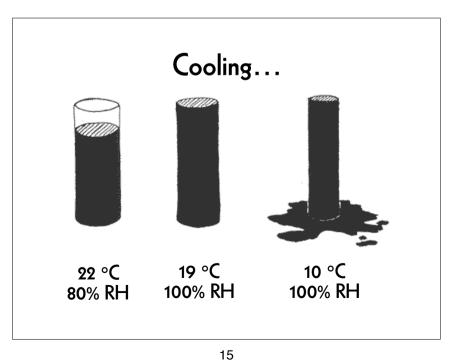
TOP COAT SUBSTRATE BACK COAT (optional)

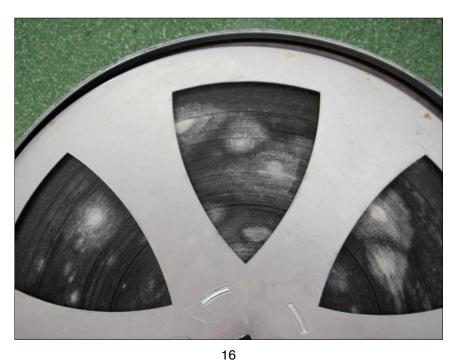
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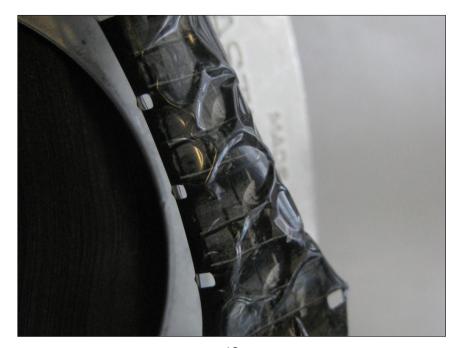
The analyse of a randomly chosen subset of

164 items

of each type of material and in each storage vaults informs about the full collection with the precision of

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 $80\% \pm 5\%$



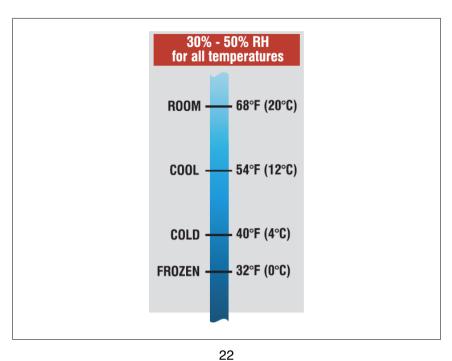
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Principle

In order to guarantee the conservation, one must know both the **condition** of the each media type **and** the **climate** in each storage vault:

- → condition of the collection
- → temperature and relative humidity

Model



| QUALITATIVE RATING SYSTEM | | |
|---------------------------|---|--|
| NO | Likely to cause significant damage. | |
| FAIR | Does not meet ISO recommendations but may be satisfactory for extended periods. | |
| GOOD | Comparable to ISO recommendations. ¹² | |
| VERY GOOD | Will provide an extended lifetime. | |



Four climate zones

| | т | RH |
|--------|--------------|--------------|
| room | 20 °C ± 2 °C | 50% ± 5% |
| cool | 16 °C ± 2 °C | 35% ± 5% |
| cold | 4 °C ± 2 °C | 45% ± 5% |
| frozen | _8 °C ± 2 °C | microclimate |

Noticeable physical property changes beyond Level 3 **Acidity Level** Decay speeds up dramatically at Level 1.5 SLOW Time

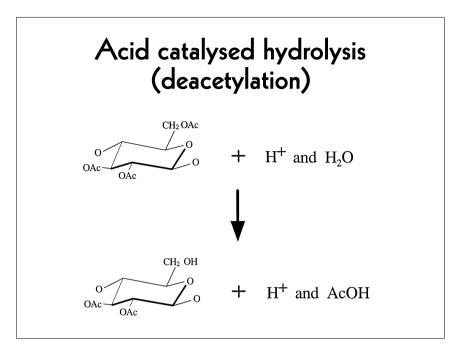
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Life expectancy

| | т | RH | t |
|--------|-------|------|--------|
| room | 20 °C | 50 % | 1,0 x |
| cool | 16 °C | 35 % | 2,5 x |
| cold | 4 °C | 45 % | 9,5 x |
| frozen | –8 °C | 50 % | 46,0 x |

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1. Cool





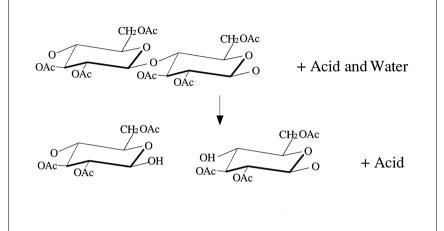


Until autocatalysis (acetate)

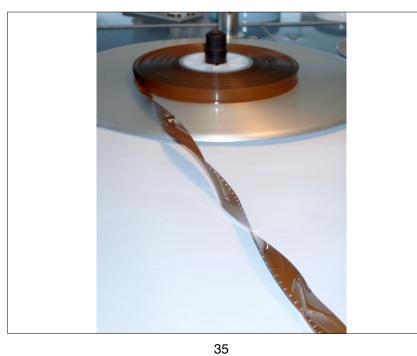
| | T | RH | years |
|--------|-------|------|-------|
| room | 20 °C | 50 % | 44 |
| cool | 16 °C | 35 % | 110 |
| cold | 4 °C | 45 % | 414 |
| frozen | –8 °C | 50 % | 2 021 |

2. Cold

Glycosic clevage by hydrolysis

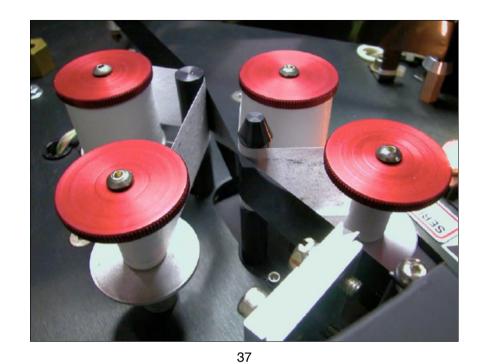


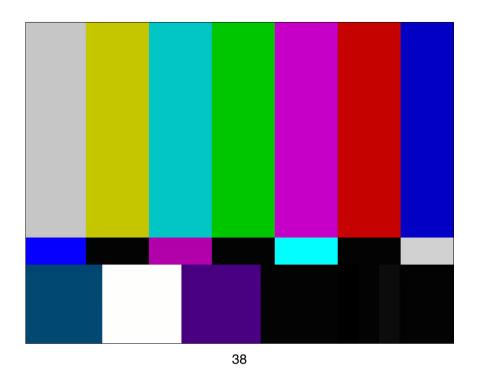
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From autocatalysis on (acetate)

| | T | RH | years |
|--------|-------|-------------|-------|
| room | 20 °C | 50 % | 7 |
| cool | 16 °C | 35 % | 18 |
| cold | 4 °C | 45 % | 67 |
| frozen | –8 °C | 50 % | 322 |





3. Frozen

Emergency (acetate)

| | Т | RH | years |
|--------|-------|------|-------|
| room | 20 °C | 50 % | 1/2 |
| cool | 16 °C | 35 % | 1 |
| cold | 4 °C | 45 % | 5 |
| frozen | –8 °C | 50 % | 23 |

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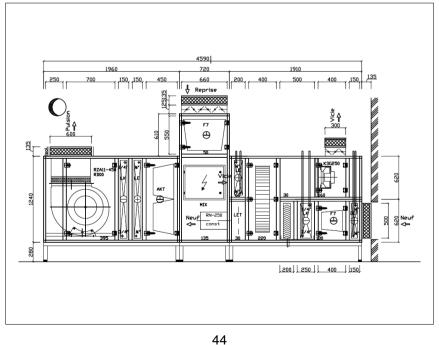
Active measures

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Air conditioning:

- refrigerate
- dehumidify
- filter

Implementation



Air pollutant...

- $SO_2 < 1 \mu g/m^3$
- NO_x < 5 μg/m³
- O₃ < 25 μg/m³

Outgassed acid

- CH₃COOH < 1 ppm
- HNO₃ < 1 ppm

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Air flow

Outgassed acetic acid or nitric acid are heavy gases:

- air supply at the ceiling of one wall
- air exhaust at the bottom of the opposite wall
- air supply and air exhaust on the full length of the opposite longer walls

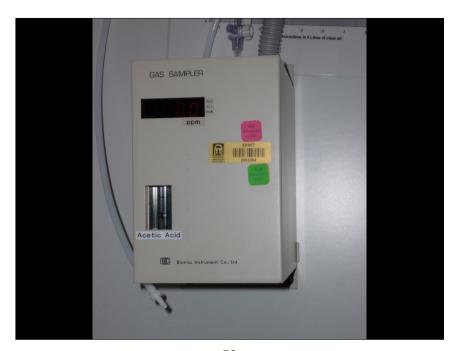


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Passive measures

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- location
- orientation
- exterior paint colour
- shadow
- insulation
- humidity barrier
- apertures



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Interaction

- air conditioning
- insulation
- architecture
- materials

Advantages

Clear and efficient infrastructure:

- smaller air conditioning
- lower energy costs
- less maintenance
- limited material requirements

Summary

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Live in the real world!

There is only one efficient way:

- keep the source elements
- more prevention:
 - → better insulation
 - → more efficient air conditioning
- less handling of the source elements
- make copies

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