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- Partial discharge measurements are vital for quality assessment of high voltage products
- Quality control test regimes can be self-defined or in accordance with the IEC60270
- High voltage products such as cables, bushings, GIS, instrument and power transformers and many others require factory acceptance testing (FAT)
- Several IEC and IEEE standards focus on testing of HV components
- Successful quality test reports in accordance with the standards are often requested



Introduction - Why PD testing

Problems can be detected early:

- Internal stress created by material contamination or gas inclusions (voids) weakens solid insulation.
- Breakdown in operation due to surface cracks
- Resulting PD pattern recorded during maintenance
- PD testing during manufacturing could have revealed problem early







Introduction - Why PD testing

"Treeing" Superficial Cracks





Sharpe Edge pointing to HV Coil





Surface Discharge







- Sharp points and particles
- Surface and tracking discharge
- Fiber bridges in oil
- Gas inclusions
 - Voids (bubbles in oil and solid)
 - Delaminations (paper and solids)
- Humidity (indirect)

Introduction - Why PD testing

PD sources in transformers





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Normative references

IEC 60270:2015 :

- Frequency bands:

 - Narrow-band $(9kHz \le \Delta f \le 30kHz)$ Center frequency: $50kHz \le Cf \le 1MHz$
- Factory-acceptance testing of high voltage equipment has to be performed in the frequency range below 1 MHz.



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Occurrence of partial discharge

- For the occurrence of partial discharge two conditions must be met:
 - The local electric field must have reached the critical inception field ($E > E_{crit}$)
 - A free electron must be available to start the discharge avalanche
- Two main processes to derive this initial electron:
 - Ionization by photons
 - Field emission
- The statistical properties of these processes control the appearance of the PD pattern



Provision of starting electrons

- Plenty free electrons on metallic surface immediate inception of partial discharge if E > E_{crit}
- Polymeric low energy surfaces (PE, PP, PTFE, etc.) offer literally no free electrons – ionization needed
- The sources of ambient radioactivity (cosmic photonso²²²Rm, soil, fallout) cause ~2.10⁶ free electrons per second and cubic meter delayed inception
- Hence, it takes in average 15 minutes until a spherical void of 1mm diameter is hit and discharge starts
- Common testing times of epoxy molded equipment often too short e.g. dry-type transformers 3 minutes



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The ICM compact

- Multiplexer for measurements of multiple samples
- High voltage measurement
- Sync: VLF, 6 505Hz, DC
- Analog pulse gating
- Integrated cable fault location feature TDR display
- Time domain PD pulse acquisition 100MS (10ns)







The ICM compact

Technical details

- Spectrum scan
- Frequency selective measurements for noisy environments
- RIV meter optional
- PD detection on specific frequencies between 10kHz and 10MHz
- Bandpass filter (9 kHz/300 kHz)
- Remote software
- Multiple housings available





The ICMcompact

Decoupling

- Coupling capacitor
- Quadrupole
- Current transformer



Preamplifier

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- <1MHz (IEC-60270) RPA1
 - RPA for different frequency ranges or Acoustics on request

The instrument

- Robust outdoor case
- Rack mountable version
- 1/2 19inch ICMcompact

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The ICM*compact* accessories

- Coupling capacitors
- HV PD filters
- Quadrupoles
- Preamplifiers
- PD & RIV calibrators







ICM*compact* software

- Saving calibrations and measurements
- Screen shots
- Printing, exporting
- Records vs. time
- Test reports
- Interfaces to third party test systems
- High resolution TDR
- Colored PD pattern





- Calibration channel by channel – every test
- Record setup (once per test procedure)
- Multiplexed recording
 - Values per channel recorded
 - Delay between two channels set up before
 - Legend on the left for voltage and PD
- Data export functions

Date	Time	Amp In	Sync in	Qp Cur [pC]	Qp Mean [pC]	Qp Max [pC]	Qp Min [pC]	RIV [µV]	Urms [kV]	Upr
12/09/2019	09:38:04	1	- /1	0,03	0,03	0,04	0,02	-1	0,07	
12/09/2019	09:38:09	2	1	0,30	0,06	0,30	0,00	-1	0,14	
12/09/2019	09:38:14	3	1	0,30	0,26	0,31	0,22	-1	0,15	
12/09/2019	09:38:19	1	1	0,32	0,30	0,36	0,24	-1	0,15	
12/09/2019	09:38:24	2	1	0,22	0,25	0,37	0,19	-1	0,15	
12/09/2019	09:38:29	3	1	0,29	0,29	0,34	0,25	-1	0,15	
12/09/2019	09:38:34	1	1	0,41	0,39	0,50	0,30	-1	0,16	
12/09/2019	09:38:39	2	1	0,37	0,38	0,45	0,31	-1	0,16	
12/09/2019	05:38:44	3	1	0,36	0,39	0,53	0,29	-1	0,16	
12/09/2019	09:38:49	1	1	0,48	0,47	0,53	0,43	-1	0,16	
12/09/2019	09:38:54	2	1	0,38	0,38	0,44	.0,32	-1	0,16	
12/09/2019	09:38:59	3	1	0,43	0,39	0,45	0,33	-1	0,16	
12/09/2019	09:39:04	1	1	0,46	0,45	0,54	0,36	1	0,16	
12/09/2019	05:39:09	2	1	0,38	0,36	0,47	0,31	-1	0,16	
12/09/2019	09:39:14	3	1	0,38	0,41	0,57	6,34	-1	0,16	
12/09/2019	09:39:19	1	1	0,45	0,44	0,50	0,37	-1	0,16	
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12/09/2019	09:39:29	3	1	0,44	0,41	0,46	0,35	-1	0,16	
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The common applications

IEC60270 compliant calibration

- PD measurements are relative
- Charge impulse is generated using a step voltage and an injection capacitor
- Charge impulse calibrator connected across the test object to simulate an equivalent discharge





The common applications







Testing of distribution transformers

- Example test setup for measurements on a distribution transformer
- Decoupling: coupling capacitor with built-in quadrupole (e.g. CC35B/V)
- The decoupled PD signals are amplified by RPA1



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The ICM compact

Configuration for distribution transformers

Minimum configuration:

- The ICM compact acquisition unit with multiplexer (MUX4)
- The coupling capacitor e.g. CC100B/V
- 3 x preamplifier RPA1
- PD calibrator CAL1D
- The ICM compact Software

Full configuration:

- Spectrum and HVM
- Gating with current transformer e.g. CT1





Testing of instrument transformers



- The test circuit and the PD detector is in accordance with the IEC60270
- Prestressing is to be performed
- The PD test voltages are reached and corresponding PD levels are measured
- The measured PD levels should not exceed the defined limits



Testing of instrument transformers

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Minimum configuration:

- The ICM compact acquisition unit
- Coupling capacitor e.g. CC100B/V (5kV-100kV)
- 1 x preamplifier RPA1 or RPA1L
- PD calibrator CAL1A or CAL1D
- The ICM compact Software

Full configuration:

- Spectrum and HVM
- Gating with current transformer e.g. CT1









Testing of MV/HV cables

Example setup for cable fault location

The setup for acquisition of PD pulses in TDR:

- The D.u.T must have an open end
- The cable sheath must be grounded
- All phases tested separately
- PD signals decoupled by the CC
- Amplified PD signals are digitized by the ICMcompact





Testing of MV/HV cables

The optional software extension

The software for CFL:

- Greatly simplifies the acquisition and analysis with the DSO board
- LOC display, DSO graph, an oscilloscope-like display and pulse-amplitude-phase-height distribution
- Calibration of the cable length
- The setup values e.g. range, gain, cable length, pulse velocity
- Online measurement or offline use for data evaluation





Testing of MV/HV cables







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Testing of MV/HV cables

Example 2



C50B/V

The calibrator CAL1A - The preamplifier RPA1L

The 50kV HV filter

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Minimum configuration:

- The ICM compact acquisition unit with DSO for CFL
- 1 x coupling capacitor CC100D/V or
- Quadrupole CIT4M/Vxxx (2-12µF)
- 1 x preamplifier RPA1L
- PD calibrator CAL1A or CAL1B
- The ICM compact Software

Full configuration:

- HVM (enabling VLF measurements)
- Spectrum and Gating options (for noise elimination)

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Configuration for MV/HV cables







The common applications

NEMA 107-1987 / 2016 compliant RIV calibration:

- Example setup on a transformer bushing
- The ICM*compact* automatically measures, calculates and stores the circuit RIV factor
- Adjustment and calibration with RIV calibrators e.g. CAL3A (50Ω output impedance)





The common applications

CISPR 18-2 compliant RIV calibration:

- The RIV calibrator act as a current source causing a voltage drop across the 300 Ω resistor
- The HV source acting as RF bypass
- The IEC CISPR 18-2 requires determination of circuit attenuation and the network attenuation factor in dB.
- The ICMcompact automatically calculates the combined correction factor





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The HVpilot software

Integration of the ICM*compact* into full test environment

- IEC61869 for CTs and VTs
- IEC60137 and IEEE C.57.19.00 for bushings
- The HV*pilot* software is connected to the PC with serial interface
- The HV*pilot* software reads out the data from different instruments
- It runs HV test steps automatically





Component testing

Testing of electronic components e.g. IGBTs, couplers, capacitors

- The serial PD testing of HV components in a test chamber
- PD recordings can be integrated into automated setups by using HV*control* and HV*pilot*
- Automatic or manual test sequences can be applied for series testing



Shop Floor Testing

Automated test bench for switchgear

- PD testing of switchgear components for quality assurance test procedures
- IEC 62271, High Voltage switchgear and controlgear
- IEC 60270, High voltage test techniques PD measurements
- Analog gating option as well as the TTL gating to block switching pulses
- In combination with HV*control* and HV*pilot* SW the tests can be standardized and test reports generated automatically
- HV*pilot* SW supports preconfiguration of multiple setups, automatic voltage control and parallel recording





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Configuration for gas-insulated switchgears

Minimum configuration:

- The ICM compact acquisition unit
- 1 x coupling capacitor CC100B/V or CC50B/V
- Quadrupole CIL4M/Vxxx (2-10µF)
- 1 x preamplifier RPA1 or 1 x RPA1L
- PD calibrator CAL1A or CAL1D
- The ICM compact Software

Options:

- MUX4
- Spectrum and HVM
- Gating with current transformer e.g. CT1



The HVpilot software

Software Features:

- Automatic test control
- Customizable reports
- Test templates created accordingly
- Tolerances for e.g. bushing tests are set for PD and tanδ
- Automatic report generation





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