How to improve your rotating machinery reliability with online and offline testing

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Engineering expertise and advanced diagnostics to ensure that all people globally have *reliable, safe* & *secure* energy in a sustainable world

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Testing And Monitoring Solutions For:









- Power transformers;
- Circuit breakers;
- HV gas insulated switchgears;
- MV/HV/EHV cables;
- MV/LV switchgears;
- Batteries;
- Current & voltage transformers;
- Protective relays;
- Meters and transducers;
- Rotating machines;
- Variables speed drives;
- Overhead lines.



OUR SOLUTIONS

Electrical Test Equipment

Essential for day-to-day maintenance tests of electrical assets. Useful in specific phases of the asset lifecycle:

- Procure
- Operate
- Maintain
- Decommission.

Professional Services

Diversified offer according to the electrical asset lifecycle:

- Installation and commissioning
- Diagnostic test
- Data analysis
- Consultancy
- Training.

Monitoring Systems

Shift from a time-based maintenance to a condition-based maintenance.

Focus on predictive maintenance and shift in focus from electric asset value cost to network outage costs.

Strong evolution of digitalization trend in the power industry.







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RM diagnostics

Insulation Resistance (IR) & Polarization Index (IP)

Target	Stator windings
Sensors	CA 6547
Regulations	IEEE 43

Routine tests useful for diagnosing possible contamination and shortcircuit, it is carried out before AC test and commissioning.

IR is temperature dependent compared to PI.

Efficient in detecting problems related to the surface of the insulation systems, less sensible for internal defects or delaminations.





RM diagnostics

TanDelta (TD) & Capacitance

Target	Stator windings
Sensors	Doble M4100
Regulations	IEEE 286; IEC 60034-27-3

The measurement of stray currents (or TanDelta) of the stator windings is a macroscopic index of the behaviour of the insulation stressed with different voltage levels.

Unacceptable TanDelta values can be due to:

- Moisture;
- **Deterioration of semiconductive layers** \rightarrow presence of PD;
- □ Wedges not tightened;
- □ Contamination of the insulating system.









PARTIAL DISCHARGES (PD) TESTING

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Partial Discharges & Rotating Machines



Partial Discharge Definition:

IEC: "Localized electrical discharge that only partially bridges the insulation between conductors and which can or can not occur adjacent to a conductor"



IEEE: *"Localized electrical discharge that only partially bridges the insulation between conductors"*

Partial Discharges & Rotating Machines



Each PD phenomenon generates thousands of PD pulse each second. The common way to visualize them is to plot the pulses' amplitude correlated with the applied voltage.

The correlation is based on the PD physics, the electrical stress due to the applied voltage activates PD.

PRPD pattern recognition is the key for PD diagnostics outside of laboratories.







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Partial Discharges & Rotating Machines

PD test standards on RM

<u>IEC 60034-27-2</u>: On-line partial discharge measurements on the stator winding insulation of rotating electrical machines

<u>IEEE 1434</u>: Guide for the Measurement of Partial Discharges in AC Electric Machinery

<u>CIGRE 258</u>: Application of on-line partial discharge tests to rotating machines





PD Phenomena





- □ PRPD pattern & polarity
- Microvoids
- Delamination
- Conductor side delamination
- □ Slot discharges
- □ Stress grading discharges
- □ Bar to Bar/Bar to Ground

PD Phenomena



PRPD pattern and polarity

The PRPD pattern study is the key of advanced PD test diagnostics, knowledge is required to make a proper interpretation, as well as acquire good PD data.



Microvoids



Typical Characteristics:

- □ Simmetry PD + & PD -;
- Phase angle intervals regular;
- Magnitude low;
- **D** Triangular shape.

*+/- is referred to pulse amplitude not to applied voltage



Defects internal to the groundwall (mica foils) insulation, consisting of small

voids. It is expected that this kind of defect is present in any machine due to

unavoidable imperfections in the impregnation process, from the first day of

operation until the end of life without reducing the expected life of the

Embedded Delaminations

or

Detachments between mica foils within the insulation. They are flat voids

caused by imperfect curing of the insulation system during manufacturing

delaminations will reduce the thermal conductivity of the insulation, which

by mechanical or thermal over-stressing during operation. These



Inner layer of

conductive tape

Outer layer of

conductive tape

Ground – wall Insulation

Typical Characteristics:

- □ Simmetry PD + & PD -;
- Large phase angle intervals;
- Triangular shape;
- □ Starting before zero-crossing;

*+/- is referred to pulse amplitude not to applied voltage



Conductor-Side Delamination

Detachments of the insulation from HV electrode (copper part of the bar).

These defects consist of flat voids placed

between HV electrode and insulation. As for embedded, they might lead to overheating (hotspot).

Typical Characteristics:

□ *PD* - >> *PD* +;

- Phase angle intervals regular;
- □ Starting before zero-crossing;

*+/- is referred to pulse amplitude not to applied oltage





Slot Discharges



Typical Characteristics:

- $PD + max values \approx zero-crossing$



Discharges between the semi-conductive slot coating and the stator iron

core. They occur when the coating is damaged due to bar/coil movement in

the slot, for example by erosion, discontinuities or chemical contamination

of the coating. They firstly erode the semi-conductive coating, then the



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Stress Grading

Discharges occurring at the interface between the semi-conductive slot coating and stress control coating at the slot exit in presence of pollution, contamination or degradation. This is normally a slow failure mechanism even if PD behaviour might change rapidly due to surface effects.

Typical Characteristics:

- □ PD + > PD -;
- D Phase angle intervals regular,
- **D** Rounded shape.

*+/- is referred to pulse amplitude not to applied voltage





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Bar-to-Bar / Bar-to Ground

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These discharges occur in the air gap between bars of different phases, or

between bar and the ground in overhang due to inadequate clearance.

They may deteriorate the insulation system faster than corona discharges resulting in phase-to-phase/ground breakdown.

Typical Characteristics:

- $\square PD + \approx PD -;$
- High repetition rate;
- Squared» shapes;
- Detached from trigger level.

*+/- is referred to pulse amplitude not to applied voltage





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RM noise and disturbances
Exciter & Electronics
Cross-Talks
HW filtering
Time-Frequency Map filtering

RM PD noise & disturbances

When testing a generator, it is possible to experience many different noise signals affecting the insulation due to the complex electrical system involved, some of the noise disturbances can be considered "classic" and recognized easily: exciter noise, external disturbances and crosstalk.

- Unsynchronized disturbances (crane excitation, power tool operations, etc.);
- Synchronized disturbances (PD sourced in external assets, poor electrical connections, etc).

PRPD pattern allows to:

- Recognize voltage correlated signals;
- Identify the PD correlation with the proper phases;
- Identify crosstalk.





Exciter & Electronics

Exciter noise may be very annoying affecting the readings of amplitude and repetition rate of the pulses.

The signal is normally characterized by low frequency component and can be filtered out by the mean of hardware filters or by TF filter tool.



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Noise and Disturbances

Crosstalk is a very frequent phenomenon in RM as the windings of the three phases are extremely close to each other.

In order to determine which phase the PD phenomenon belongs to, it is necessary to:

- □ Set the same phase shift for all the three phases;
- □ Look at amplitude;
- Check the polarity.









HW filtering

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It is possible to install signal conditioning devices at the sensor output in order to:

PRPD pattern

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90

n

270

180 Phase [°]

- Remove low frequency disturbances;
- Remove high frequency disturbances;
- Create a band pass filter or attenuate the existing signal.

Amplitude [V]

2,00E-1 1,50E-1 1,00E-1

5,00E-2 -4,44E-17 -5,00E-2 -1,00E-1 -1,50E-1 -2,00E-1

Time-Frequency Map

Every second the PD instrument acquires thousands of pulses; it is impossible high frequency PD pulse, the only two information saved are amplitude and

phase angle.

It is well known that high frequency signals can be studied from the frequency content, each signal can be visualized with its pulse spectrum and such information can be considered as a signal fingerprint.

0.13 0.03 3 995-05 0.01E-03

0.01E-00











Time-Frequency Map

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By the mean of the Time Frequency signal footprint we can set areas of the TF map to be filtered out

BEFORE





PD Analysis





- Acquisition Process
- Data sets
- Time-Frequency Map separation
- Single phenomenon identification

□ Trending

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Acquisition Process PD analysis starts during the acquisition process, a proper acquisition session shall provide the following data & info to be used during analysis: High amplitude PD signals

Low amplitude PD signals data; Machine working During a PD session it is also parameters (Load suggested to use: & T).

Different timelenghts; Different pre-triggers;

HW filtering.





PD Analysis

data;

PD Analysis

Acquisition Process

PD signals are classically displayed on an amplitude basis, if no further filtering tools are used the PD measurement output will be focused the highest amplitude signals only.



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Ideally when studying the data, the data analyst shall be able to recognize each step performed.

With and without SW filters

With and without HW filters

Different Full scale

Different Trigger level

Waveform acquisitions

For each detection point it is strongly suggested to acquire not just 1 PRPD pattern but a full set of

data including:

Data Sets

PD Analysis





PD Analysis



TF map separation

TF map signals is used during acquisition to remove undesired signals & can be used during the

analysis to separate the various PD sources present in the acquisition



PD Analysis

Phenomena identification

- The data acquired properly
- Noise removed
- PD phenomena are separated

The identification of the PD can take place: manual PRPD pattern analysis and <u>PD Pro identification tool.</u>



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Trending

Amplitude and repetition rate are markers of the PD evolution: we can have PD lasting for years at the same levels or quickly evolving in amplitude and rep rate

PD Analysis








□ How to detect the signal

Sensors typologies

Sensors requirements

Sensors positioning

□ Signals & Safety

How to detect the signal

Localized insulation defects generate PD signals when subjected to electrical stress: the phenomena is a source of high frequency electromagnetic signals & irradiated signals.

The conducted signal path can be force into a sensor and measured while the irradiated signal is subjected to generator design those can attenuate & affect the sensitivity.

Different sensors:

- Different PD output
- Sensitivity
- Sync signal



Sensors Typology

The most popular sensors are capacitive couplers, connected to the machine windings, the PD signal is then measured:

- 1. As voltage drop cross and impedance;
- 2. By current transformers;
- 3. Slot sensors are used as well: installed close to windings to capture irradiated PD signal.









Sensors Typology

	Capacitive	Capacitive + HFCT	Antennas
Sensitivity	High	Poor	Very high locally
Installation	Medium Effort	Medium Effort	High effort
Safety	Medium	Very high	High
Synch signal	YES	NO	NO
Coupling principle	Conducted signal	Inducted signal	Radiated signal

Sensors Requirements

Permanent PD sensor will be installed to HV rotating machine, the first requirement is to avoid any failure risk for the equipment under monitoring:

- Stressful type testing (impulsive test, thermal, long run HVAC);
- Each sensor subjected to 3x rated voltage withstand test;
- Each sensor PD free @rated voltage after pres-stress session;
- Capacitance and voltage ratio tested with small tolerance values.











PD COUPLERS 7KV 1000pF THREE-PHASE KIT

Ideal solution for 6.6 kV motors, limited room required for the installation, light sensor, the permanent installation kit comes with the derivation box (ip 68 selectable), signal cables and HV connection kit.



PD COUPLERS 12/17/24KV 1000pF THREE-PHASE KIT

3 different voltage classes 12kV, 17,5 and 24kV. The voltage classes are influenced by the creepage distances required for the different classes, sensors dimensions depend on such distance



Sensors Positioning

PD sensors are installed in hazard zones and the risk of failures shall be minimal.

- Metallic parts shall be nonmagnetic;
- The PD sensor system shall not reduce the insulation capabilities of the stator;
- Temperature and vibration stress to be considered;
- Avoid Corona & surface PD.



Signal & Safety

Coaxial cables are used to bring the signal to the derivation box.

Derivation box is required not just to get PD & sync signal from sensors but enhances the safety of the whole system by adding a passive safety on the derivation box side.





On-line vs Off-line



PD offline test
PD online test
Technical comparison
Practical comparison







Off-line PD test

Off-line PD test refers to a PD measurement performed during machine outages with external voltage source, the PD sensor can be temporary installed and removed after the test.



On-line vs Off-line



Off-line PD test

In the offline PD test we have to take into account few technical aspects:

- Phase to ground only, constant along the winding;
- Motionless, no temperature change occurs during the test;
- Steady, the test is not taking into account mechanical behavior;
- Phase by phase test;
- The voltage source shall be free of PD signals;
- PDIV & PDEV evaluation;
- Insulation overstress.





Online PD test

Online PD test is performed with running machine in load conditions, permanent sensor are required, it is also possible to temporary install the PD sensors by taking strict precautions and planning an outage.



On-line vs Off-line





Online PD test

In the online PD test we have to take into account few technical aspects:

- Routine stress;
- Different load and different temperature;
- Crosstalk effects;
- External disturbances;
- 3 phase simultaneous phase;
- Permanent sensors;
- Safe test.



Technical Comparison

On-line vs Off-line

	Offline	Online
Permanent sensor required	NO	YES
Crosstalk effect	NO	YES
Real electrical stress	NO	YES
Correlation of historic data	Depending on sensor and acquisition unit	Same sensors Depending on acquisition unit
TEAM stress	NO	YES







Practical Comparison

	Offline	On line
Price	High	Low
Customer effort	High	Low
Outage required	YES	NO
PD Sensor	Brought by service company	Sensors compatibility
Safety	Potential hazards	Safe test
Stress	Different voltage levels applied	Electrical Temperature – Load changes
Material Required	HV source, sensor PD acq unit	PD acq unit



ELECTRO-MAGNETIC INTERFERENCE (EMI) TESTING

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EMI is a frequency domain analysis from 50kHz up to 100 MHz able to collect electromagnetic signals produced by the EUT and the external environment.

Target	Stator windings Exciter system Wedges
Sensors	Doble Spark; Doble PDS200
Regulations	CISPR-16





Each type of defects, including PD impulses or arcing, produces an EMI signature and pattern that is unique and depends also on its location in the EUT.





Over 65 different electrical and mechanical conditions have been identified and verified.

Generators	Motors	Iso-Phase Bus
Stator bar slot discharges	Stator coil partial discharges	Loose or broken support insulators
Stator slot side-packing erosion	Deterioration in slots & ends	Loose or corroded hardware
Stator bar stress grading system deterioration	Defective bolted or crimped stator lead connections	Defective insulation
Loose stator wedging	Shaft oil seal rub	Stray circulating currents
Loose end winding ties	Broken induction motor rotor bars	Foreign material or objects inside bus
Blocking and circuit rings	Bearing problems	Defective bus PT connections
Loose or broken stator sub- conductors	Misalignment	Open PT high-voltage fuses
Winding contamination	Winding contamination	Contaminated insulators
Exciter issues		





- Where the HFCT is placed depends on the electrical apparatus under investigation.
- A safe low voltage or earthed location is selected for data collection.
- There is never a connection to a "HOT" circuit.
- Never an arc flash concern.
- No interference with normal operations to collect data.
- No signal of any kind is injected into the system.



A generator neutral is the preferred HFCT location to collect EMI data. A safety ground can also be used.





HFCT on a Bus ground near the generator









The preferred data collection for motors is on the power conduit.



Case Studies





PD TESTING Case Study #1

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PD - Case Study #1



30 MVA (14,7 kV) Synchronous Generator Installed in a co-generation plant and fed by a turbine.

The generator was manufactured in 2009 and has been running on daily cycles since then.

A spot PD measurement in 2017 highlighted some <u>bar-to-ground</u> and some <u>stress-grading</u> PD activities in all three phases.

A maintenance action was carried out to remove the bar-to-ground activity and in parallel, an <u>on-line PD monitoring system</u> was installed to keep track of the stress grading.

PD - Case Study #2





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PD - Case Study #1



Phase R



Phase S



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Phase T





From the initial PD measurement, a maintenance session has been performed, swapping the terminations (neutrals to HV) to re-distribute the voltage stresses along the windings.

This action reduced the amplitude of the Stress-Grading PD by a significant level (from 600 mV to 250 mV) which proved to be the correct move, since the following monitoring year showed an increase in amplitude of about 80-100%.



Without the measurement taken by the PDMS and the subsequent analysis, the pre-maintenance stress grading would have doubled its amplitude, most probably resulting in the failure of the machine.

The presence of the PDMS effectively prolonged the working life of the asset of about one-year, postponing by such time any invasive component replacement on the asset.



PD TESTING Case Study #2

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PD - Case Study #2



Fleet of Synchronous and Asynchronous MV Motors Installed in an air-separation facility.

The already present PDMS with 80 pF Capacitive Couplers was unable to detect dangerous PD Phenomena due to the presence of numerous disturbances and cross-talk.

Techimp UWB (16 kHz – 30 MHz) PDMS has been installed in its place, employing 1,2 nF Capacitive Couplers with a lower cutoff frequency (\approx 3 MHz).





PD - Case Study #2



Through the use of Techimp T-F Map, it was possible to implement Noise Rejection...



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PD - Case Study #2



and Phenomena Separation.



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PD - Case Study #2



During a visual inspection of the stator windings in the workshop, the phenomena of PD activity in the motor could be observed by the presence of the typical white powder as a result of the erosion due to PD activity.



PD - Case Study #2



When the test voltage was applied for the electrical tests, sparks could be observed in the area of the end windings.



PD - Case Study #2



The motor was cleaned and the PD damage was repaired.

As an additional measure, the neutral connection of the motor was reversed so the stressed winding part is now subject to lower voltage gradients.

The effect of this action, which had a significant effect on the lifetime of the motor, can be noticed in the amplitude of the phenomena trended by the PDMS:





EMI TESTING Case Study #1

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EMI - Case Study #1



EMI also identifies problems in exciters

Exciter tone levels were very high with this generator

Arcing also present.



EMI - Case Study #1









One of the four static exciter cables had a loose connection

Good end



Loose end



Thank you for your time!

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