

# Off-line PD testing at various frequencies

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#### **1960s**

30 kHz  $\leq f_1 \leq 100$  kHz  $f<sub>2</sub> \le 500$  kHz  $30$  kHz  $\leq \Delta f \leq 400$  kHz

# **Year 2015**

30 kHz  $\leq f_1 \leq 100$  kHz  $f<sub>2</sub> \leq 500$  kHz 1 MHz 30 kHz  $\leq \Delta f \leq 400$  900 kHz

### Stray capacitance schematic





**Figure 1:** The stray capacitances in a transformer



**Figure 2:** The stray capacitances in a rotating machines stator winding

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#### Frequency spectrum analysis





**Figure:** Time domain (left) and frequency domain (right) representation of two PD pulses.





**Figure:** Transfer impedance of the complete PD circuit with  $C_c = 1$  nF,  $C_{DUT} = 2$  nF, 1 uH in series with the capacitors, and 5 uH between  $C_c$  and  $C_{DUT}$ .

#### Frequency spectrum analysis

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#### The frequency spectrums of the 100 pC calibration pulse.



A step-by-step guideline for PD measurements is outlined as follows:

- Step 1: Checking the noise spectrum
- Step 2: Checking the calibration spectrum
- Step 3: Analysing the real PD pulse spectrum

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#### **Figure 1:** of the PD calibration pulse



**Figure 2:** Spectrum/FFT of the real PD pulse



**Figure 1:** The calibration pulse spectrum (top) and spectrum of the real PD (bottom) measured on a stator winding

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■ DUT: stator coil of a 6.6 kV, 700 kW motor with a total coil loop length of 2 m (end-to-end) with 3 turns.



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**Figure:** Simplified equivalent LC circuit (top) and corresponding qualitative frequency response (bottom) of e.g. a stator coil or transformer winding





**Figure:** Transfer impedance Z(f) (top) and capacitance curve C(f) (bottom) of the 6.6 kV stator coil. Note the resonance and the capacitance drop.



**Table 1** Near-end versus far-end calibration using a 100 pC calibration pulse, where near-end calibration was considered as the reference.







**Figure:** FFT of the PD calibration pulse at the near end (left) and far end (right) of the 6.6 kV stator coil.





**Figure:** FFT of the PD calibration at 6.6 kV stator coil in the shielded room

**Table** PD calibration of the 6.6 kV stator coil.









**Figure 1:** 6.6 kV stator coil, PD Source 1 @ 4.2 kV, PRPD pattern @ 100 – 280 kHz (right), FFT spectrum of the PD pulse (left).



**Figure 2:** FFT of the PD calibration at 6.6 kV stator

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Top line, left to right: 100 - 280 kHz, 100 - 500 kHz, 500 - 2 MHz 16500-18000 0.552 0.08 pC

**Bottom line, left to right: 3 MHz – 4 MHz, 7 MHz – 8 MHz, 16.5 MHz – 18 MHz**





**Figure 1:** 6.6 kV stator coil, PD Source 1+2 @ 5.4 kV, PRPD pattern @ 100 – 280 kHz (top), FFT of the PD pulse (bottom).



**Figure 2:** FFT of the PD calibration at 6.6 kV stator

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#### **Stator (3-phase motor), Helmke, 6 kV, 600 kW, Phase A**

**Measuring Frequency Range: 100 – 600 kHz**



**Figure 1:**  $Q_{avg}$  = 5000 pC, PRPD pattern peak-avg = 7000 pC

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**Stator (3-phase motor), Helmke, 6 kV, 600 kW, Phase A**

**Measuring Frequency Range: 100 – 250 kHz**



**Figure 2:**  $Q_{avg}$  = 10000 pC, PRPD pattern peak-avg = 14000 pC

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### **Discussion**





- Term "induced" rather than "apparent" charge
- Direct relation between the charge at the PD origin  $Q_{\Omega}$  and the charge at the DUT terminals  $Q_{\tau}$
- Charge transfer between the DUT terminals and the coupling capacitor is ensured by the PD calibration process.
- The ratio between the charge  $Q_T$  and the so-called measured charge  $Q_M$  at the measuring impedance is a measure of the sensitivity defined by the following relation:  $\uparrow C_c$  and  $\downarrow C_{\text{DUT}}$  results in  $\uparrow$ SNR.

### **Conclusions**



- Checking the frequency domain of the PD measurement
- Setting the proper measuring frequency
- IEC 60270 highlights that for large test objects and test objects with windings the upper cut-off frequency  $f_2$  shall be kept as low as possible
- ◼ PD measurement at higher frequencies is possible, but the quantification becomes difficult
- ◼ PD sources located further from the coupling capacitor tend to be omitted and the overall measurement plausibility becomes questionable
- ◼ Term «PD indication» rather than «PD measurement»





■ IEC 60270, chapter 4.3.4 Wide-band PD instruments

30 kHz  $\leq f_1 \leq 100$  kHz;

 $f_2 \leq 1$  MHz;

100 kHz  $\leq \Delta f \leq 900$  kHz.

NOTE 2 For test objects with windings like transformers and electrical machines the acquired frequency band may be reduced down to a few 100 kHz and even below. The upper limit frequency  $f<sub>2</sub>$  to be accepted for such kinds of test objects should be specified by the relevant Technical Committee.

- **ANSI/IEEE Std C57.12.90-2010 IEEE Standard Test Code for Liquid-Immersed Distribution, Power, and** Regulating Transformers
- **It recommends measuring in the range of 100 300 kHz or using even lower f<sub>2</sub> frequency**

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