

# IRIS POWER **PDTracII**

Continuous On-line Partial Discharge Monitoring  
for Motors, Generators, Dry Type Transformers,  
and Air-Insulated Switchgear.

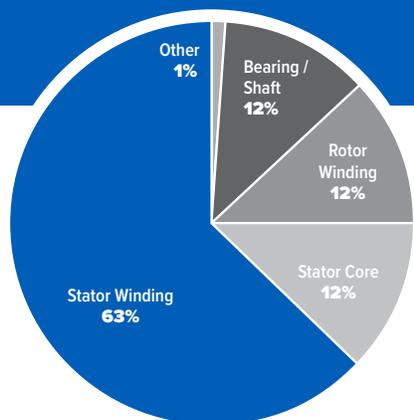




“ We have not found another test method that produces as much decision support data for generator stator maintenance planning based on actual in-service insulation condition... Analysts were able to recommend the needed corrective maintenance before the maintenance outages began. ”

## Partial Discharge Is A Leading Symptom Of Failures On Stator Windings and Switchgear

Insulation problems are one of the principal causes of forced outages for generators, motors, switchgear and dry type transformers which result in considerable damage and lost revenues. Periodic online monitoring of partial discharge provides a cost effective and proven technique to minimize the risk of unexpected failures.



### FAILURE MECHANISMS FOR GENERATORS

Allianz insurance, Survey 1996-1999  
VDE Colloquium, June 28, 2001

## Global Acceptance Of Online Partial Discharge Monitoring

Partial discharges in degrading high voltage stator windings give rise to small current pulses that travel through the stator winding. The magnitude and number of these pulses depend on the degree of insulation deterioration. As the magnitude and number of partial discharge current pulses increase, the amount of electrical insulation deterioration is also increasing.

Partial Discharge monitoring has won worldwide acceptance across utilities, major industrial companies and manufacturers. Iris Power has provided products for partial discharge monitoring on over 16,000 assets globally in addition to partial discharge monitoring being recommended in industry standards such as IEEE Standard 1434-2014, IEC TS 60034-27-2:2012 and IEC 62478-2016.

## Avoid In Service Failures With Early Detection Of Failure Mechanisms

Partial Discharge monitoring has become an important tool for condition based maintenance by identifying risks of failure caused by abrasion of insulation, loose stator windings, thermal degradation of insulation and manufacturing defects.

Iris Power online partial discharge monitoring instruments have accurately identified problems on many hundreds of generators and motors with hundreds of case studies and dozens of published papers by Iris Power customers that confirm Iris Power partial discharge monitoring instruments can help:

- Prioritize assets needing immediate maintenance
- Identify and repair damage at an earlier stage
- Avoid in-service failures
- Reduce outage frequency when machine conditions present low risk of failures.
- Obtain information regarding the type and location of maintenance required prior to outages
- Reduce overall cost of maintenance

# Development Of Iris Power Partial Discharge Monitoring

The development of Iris Power partial discharge testing instruments in 1990's was funded by the North American utility industry (CEA and EPRI) to provide machine owners a method of detecting stator winding insulation problems and obtaining adequate data to make maintenance decisions independent of equipment manufacturers.

The PDTracII was designed specifically for monitoring partial discharges under normal electrical, mechanical and thermal machine operating stresses. There are now over 65,000 Iris Power partial discharge Epoxy Mica Capacitive Sensors installed across thousands of motors, generators, dry type transformers and metal glad switchgear globally that are monitored by Iris Power portable and continuous instruments.



## Sensor Installation and Configuration

Iris Power Epoxy Mica Capacitors (EMCs) are 80 pF capacitors that are used to attenuate low frequency from the generator since impedance is inversely proportional to frequency. The 60 Hz or 50 Hz power frequency is filtered with 100's MΩ impedance while the high frequency partial discharge pulses up to 250 MHz easily pass through the EMC with only 10's Ω impedance. This allows the PDTracII to monitor small partial discharge pulses of over 2 mV on machines rated over 3.3 kV.

Iris Power typically installs two 80pF epoxy mica capacitive couplers per phase on generators. Noise pulses originating outside the machine arrive at the sensor closer to the system first. Pulses originating in the machine winding arrive at the sensor nearest the machine first. This allows Iris Power instruments to automatically distinguish between noise and winding partial discharge.

Motors, small generators and transformers connected with over 30 m of cable between the machine and the switchgear can leverage just one epoxy mica capacitive sensor per phase and a PDTracII to automatically analyze the pulse shapes to separate distorted pulses originating from the system and other disturbances from machine partial discharges.



Epoxy Mica Capacitors Installed In Motor Termination Enclosure

Epoxy Mica Capacitors (80pF)

## Data Collection Method

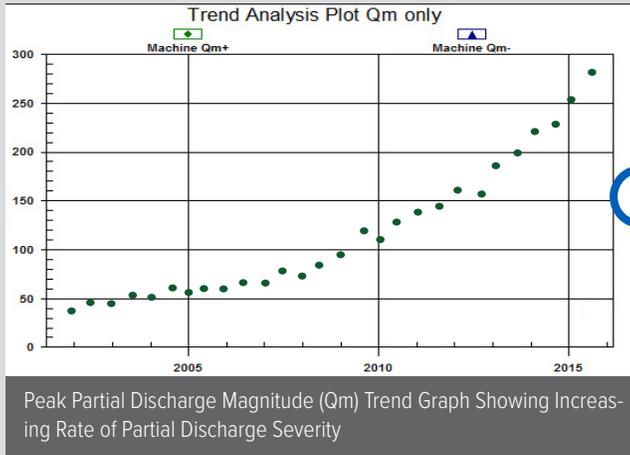
- The online partial discharge tests are run continuously in a simple, safe and non-destructive manner based on sound principles that are recommended by manufacturers and industry standards such as IEEE Std. 1434-2014 and IEC60034-27-2: 2012.
- The PDTracII automatically runs measurements in a sequence across all enabled inputs and sensitivity ranges which takes approximately 20 minutes before repeating the sequence.
- Measurement results provided by the Iris Power PDTracII instrument include:
  - Alerts indicating high partial discharge measurements
  - Phase resolved "3D" data plots presenting raw data
  - Summary "2D" data plots of analyzed Qm results
  - Operating condition data



# Data Analysis and Information Output

Iris Power is foremost focused on providing a clear, reliable and repeatable result that allows the user to understand the true condition of the motor or generator and to make educated decisions for operations and maintenance. The PDTracII instrument has been designed to autonomously collect partial discharge data on a continuous basis and output the relevant information needed to provide a decisive means of:

- › Identifying Partial Discharge Severity
- › Identifying Probable Causes of Deterioration
- › Comparing Relative Health Across Equipment

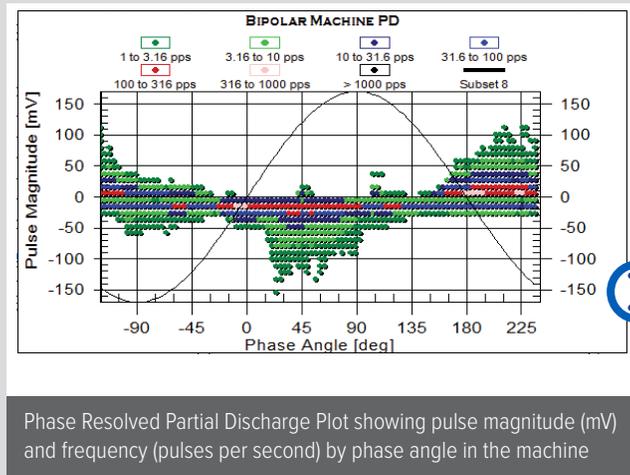


## Peak Partial Discharge Magnitude

Peak pulse magnitude (Qm) values are automatically evaluated by the PDTracII instrument and output to help understand the relative health of each asset. The Qm value is defined in IEEE 1434 and IEC 60032-27-2 to allow several means of comparison including the following:

Trending of Qm to show any major change in the rate of deterioration of the stator winding insulation.

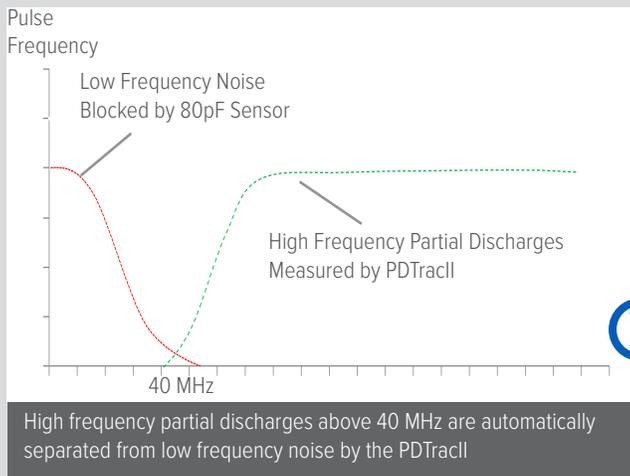
Comparison of generator condition against similar machines using the freely available Iris Partial Discharge Severity Tables which are composed of over 550,000 test results collected across most makes and sizes of machines.



## Machine Partial Discharge

Electrical disturbances including partial discharges in the busbar or transformer as well as sparking of overhead cranes or on-site welding can create pulses similar to partial discharges. It is important to be able to understand the difference between power system disturbances and machine partial discharges to avoid false positive indications, to prevent unnecessary shut-downs and to avoid in-service failures.

The Iris Power PDTracII is designed specifically for equipment with at least 30 m of power cable between the machine and the switchgear. If this is not the case, Iris Power recommends the use of two epoxy mica capacitors per phase and the use of the GuardII monitor or a portable TGA-B instrument to ensure machine partial discharges are viewed and analyzed separately from system disturbances.



## Separation of System Noise

Iris Power provides a solution that separates electrical noise similar to partial discharge and other disturbances in the power system from the asset partial discharges.

In cases where there is 30 m or more of power cable to the generator, high frequency system noises that resemble machine partial discharges are attenuated by the power cable.

The remaining low frequency disturbances from the power system are eliminated using the Iris Power 80 pF capacitive sensors. The sensors attenuate all low frequency electrical noises below 40MHz leaving only the machine partial discharges to be analyzed. Pulse shape is then automatically analyzed to ensure only machine partial discharges are presented in the data output. Low frequency solutions like those using 1000 pF couplers do not block these frequency ranges.

## Product Overview

The Iris Power PDTracII system provides automated, continuous partial discharge (PD) monitoring with configurable alarms that initiate on high partial discharge levels.

- PDTracII works with permanently installed epoxy mica capacitive sensors on motors, generators, dry type transformers and switchgear over 3.3 kV
- The PDTracII continuously collects partial discharge data to produce phase resolved plots and summary numbers (Qm and NQN) for trending and comparison.
- The PDTracII uses pulse shape analysis to reliably distinguish partial discharges from electrical interference (noise) in order to prevent false alarms when the monitored equipment is connected to the power system by >30 m of power cable.
- The test frequency range is from 40 MHz to 350MHz while working with 80 pF Epoxy Mica Capacitors (EMCs) and 2 MHz to 350 MHz with 1 - 2 nF capacitive couplers.

### Partial Discharge Pulse Measurement

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| Frequency Bandwidth       | 0.1 MHz - 350 MHz  |
| Phase Windows             | 24 phase windows per cycle   |
| Pulse Amplitude Range     | 2 mV - 34,000 mV<br>10 Sensitivity Range Settings  |
| Data Acquisition Time     | 5 s per magnitude window   |
| Resolution                | 6 ns for EMCs  |
| Ambient Sensors           | Ambient Temperature Sensor<br>Ambient Humidity Sensor                                    |
| Recommended Sensors       | 80 pF EMC (6.9 kV - 35 kV)<br>3 Sensor Inputs,<br>IEC 60034-27-2 and IEEE 1434 Compliant |
| Synchronization Frequency | 20 Hz to 120 Hz  |

### Operating Conditions

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| Operating Temperature | 0 °C to 55 °C ( 32 °F to 131 °F )             |
| Relative Humidity     | Up to 95% non-condensing                      |
| Size                  | 559 mm x 451 mm x 229 mm<br>22" x 17.75" x 9" |

### Data Download and Networking

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| Networking Capability | Modbus over Ethernet (TCP/IP) |
| Manual Data Download  | USB Memory Stick              |

### Software

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|-------------------------|----------|
| PDTracPro and PDView    | Included |
| PDView Advanced Edition | Optional |

### Dimensions

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| PDTracII Standard           | 410mm W x 421mm H x 257mm D<br>15" W x 16.5" H x 10.14" D     |
| PDTracII Hazardous Location | 550mm W x 740 mm H x 10mm D<br>21.5 " W x 29.13" H x 10.29" D |

### Options For Hazardous Locations

Stainless Steel IP66 Enclosure with Available Certifications:

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| ATEX / IECex | II 3G Ex nA nC IIC T4 Gc in compliance with<br>EN 60079-0:2012/A11:2013<br>EN 60079-15:2010<br>IEC 60079-0:2011 Ed. 6<br>IEC 60079-15:2011 Ed. 4   |
| C-US         | Class I, Division 2, Groups A, B, C, D T4<br>Ex nA nC IIC T4 Gc<br>Class I, Zone 2, AEx nA nC IIC T4 Gc based on<br>CAN/CSA C22.2 No. 61010-1-12<br>CSA Std. C22.2 No. 213-16<br>CAN/CSA-C22.2 No. 60079-0:15<br>CAN/CSA-C22.2 No. 60079-15:16<br>ANSI/UL 61010-1, 3rd Ed<br>ANSI/ISA-12.12.01-2015<br>ANSI/UL 60079-0:13<br>ANSI/UL 60079-15:13 |
| INMETRO      | Ex nA nC IIC T4 Gc<br>In compliance with<br>ABNT NBR ISO IEC 60079-0:2013<br>ABNT NBR ISO IEC 60079-15:2012  |

### Options

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| Controlling Computer | Details Available On Request   |
| Remote Outputs       | 6 Analog Remote Outputs:<br>2 Outputs Proportional to the level of PD activity (+Qm and - Qm) per phase. |
| Remote Inputs        | 8 Remote Analog Inputs:<br>Recording and Trending of equipment temperature, Voltage, Current, or Power.  |



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