

# “Partial Discharge Investigation of Insulators using Simulation”

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**Abstract** -In high voltage electrical power system, variety of solid, liquid and gaseous materials are used for insulation purpose to protect the incipient failure inside the power equipment. Due to the high voltage stress the weak zone inside the insulator causes the partial discharge (PD) which is known as local electrical breakdown. In this work, the simulation of PD activity due to presence of a small cylindrical and cubical void inside the solid insulation material of high voltage power equipment is studied with the MATLAB Simulink platform.

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## 1.INTRODUCTION

Power gear insulation is extremely necessary and it frisks a vital character in coherent carriage of the equipment. Power system is mostly subdivided into three subsystems which are generating system, transmission system, and distribution system. Fundamentally in generating station power is generated by using fossil fuels, hydroelectric, nuclear, geothermal and renewable sources; Power system has a hard challenge of insulation degradation and breakdown. Damage in insulation is solitary of the effective basis for the decrease coherence , heavy losses in power and system, do not work over the years, therefore it is very important for power engineer for the detection of partial discharge .Insulators contain impurities like air bubble or dust particle which gives rise to partial discharge with extreme electrical stress MATLAB a restrictions programming language created by math works. MATLAB per information execution of calculations permits control plotting of capacities, Hence we use MATLAB software is utilized to know and understand partial discharge activity inner solid insulation.

## 2.PREFERED APPROACH

### 2.1 Partial discharge computation system of Insulators

In order to simulate the model, the required components for the measurement of partial discharge are

-Coupling capacitor (Ck): As this has very less value of inductance this holds very low partial discharge pulses with specified audition electromotive force , when this is attached in sequence with measurement network.

-High voltage supply: this has little level of din to get into the discharge enormity which is to be dignified for a isolated applied voltage. Input Impedance: this contains resistance, inductance and capacitance which is a most determinant factor.

-High voltage filter: Input power supply has some noise at its end, where that noise is reduced by this high voltage filter and also helps in improving voltage stability

-Detector circuit: this contains resistor, inductor and capacitor which is utilized to collect incomplete release signal which goes about as an upper piece of the estimation framework.

-Test object: this contains three capacitors such as Ca, Cb and Cc. let Ca speaks to capacitance of the sound part, Cb speaks to the capacitance of the piece of the test item and Cc speaks to the capacitance of the void shows in the test object, where in Cb and Cc are in arrangement association, Ca is in parallel association with Ca and Cc.

-Measurement instrument: this is utilized to watch and recognize the electrical release from test object, which is additionally utilized.

Show unit and MATLAB programming are utilized for qualities of study and its examination of fractional release.

### 2.2 Selection of void parameters to detect the Partial Discharge in Insulators

As detection of partial discharge is very essential in order to avoid intense insulation degradation and breakdown of split insulator, for this I need to select one void for testing the activity of partial discharge. Here we consider epoxy resin insulator because of its excellent resistance to chemical and solvents. These epoxy resin insulator have a very good insulating properties. The presence of air/gas bubble during the manufacturing process may be in the insulation is imperfect. The presence of air/gas bubble in the insulating material may be in the form of different geometrical shape such as rectangular, spherical ,elliptical, cylindrical, cubical etc., Need parameter for void choice is tallness, measurement and its volume. Parameters utilized for the reenactment are noted down in table underneath. All measurements are communicated in meter.A modest round and hollow void is considered and propped in the

most of the way of the cover and stayed under the plane cathode demeanor which amasses the consistent electric field. Parameters utilized for the reproduction in the protector to distinguish incomplete release is appeared in table1

Table1. Specification employed of Partial Discharge trail

Sl.No	Parameters	Symbol	Value	Dimension
1	High Voltage Capacitor	Cm	1000	Pf
2	Coupling Capacitor	Ck	1000	$\mu\text{F}$
3	Permittivity	E0	$8.5 \times 10^{-12}$	F/m
4	Relative Permittivity	Er	3.5	-
5	Resistance	R	50	$\Omega$
6	Inductance	L	0.60	Mh
7	Capacitance	C	0.45	$\mu\text{F}$

The presence of air/gas bubble in the insulating material may be in the form of different geometrical shape such as rectangular, spherical ,elliptical, cylindrical, cubical etc., Need parameter for void choice is tallness, measurement and its volume. Parameters utilized for the reenactment are noted down in table underneath. All measurements are communicated in meter. A modest round and hollow void is considered and propped in the most of the way of the cover and stayed under the plane cathode demeanor which amasses the consistent electric field. Parameters utilized for the reproduction in the protector to distinguish incomplete release is appeared in table1

### 2.3. Circuit model for Partial Discharge measurement of Insulator

The schematic graph for the recognizable proof of Partial Discharge deepest to the protection is appeared in figure1.This comprise of high voltage transformer ( $V_s$ ), filter unit ( $Z$ ), high voltage estimating capacitor ( $C_m$ ),Coupling capacitor ( $C_k$ ), void model of strong protection called test object ( $C_t$ ), indicator circuit for estimation of Partial Discharge is a parallel blend of the resistor ,inductor and capacitor.

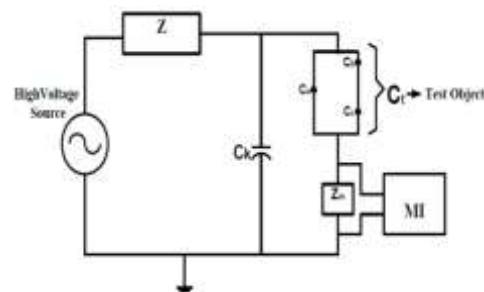


Fig 1. Circuit model of cylindrical void

Inside release at AC voltage can be translated by knowing the conduct of fractional release.Thinking about dielectric between two conveyors, isolating the protection into three sections framed by an electrical system  $C_a, C_b$  and  $C_c$ . In the above identical circuit the test item is spoken to as little capacitance and the capacitance  $C_c$  compares to the void present inside the protection.  $C_b$  compares to the capacitance of the rest of the arrangement protection with void ( $C_c$ )  $C_a$  relates to the capacitance of the rest of the release free protection of the remainder of the insulator.

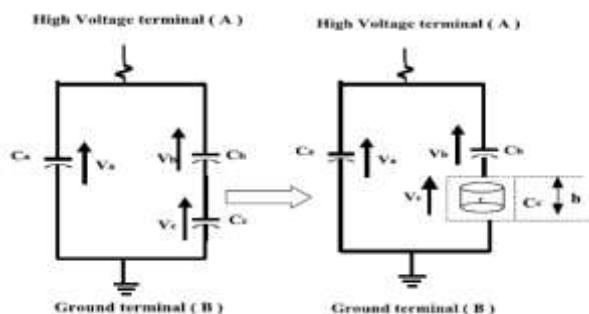


Fig 2. Solid dielectric inside cylindrical void

From the above figure of strong dielectric inside round and hollow void,  $C_a$  speaks to capacitance of the solid part,  $C_b$  speaks to the capacitance of the piece of the test item and  $C_c$  speaks to the capacitance of the void introduces in the test object, where in  $C_b$  and  $C_c$  are in arrangement association,  $C_a$  is in parallel association with  $C_b$  and  $C_c$

### 2.4.Calculation of Capacitance of test object

The estimation of three capacitors appeared in the electrical circuit model is determined. Here for the most part, ( $C_a > C_b > C_c$ ). In this examination the estimation of void model and different parameters are determined. The capacitances estimations of the three capacitors are determined. This worth is required for estimation of incomplete release beats. Incomplete release is a limited dielectric release found in the locale of protecting medium in high voltage control gear. Epoxy resin insulator with extent 50mm, 50mm and 20mm is examined for reproduction. In that firstly I consider cylindrical void.

Three capacitance  $C_a$ ,  $C_b$  and  $C_c$  are calculated using different formulas, where  $E_0$  is permittivity,  $E_r$  is relative permittivity,  $r$  is semi diameter of the cylindrical non-viable,  $h$  is the zenith of the bare,  $C$  is the capacitor of the above three capacitance. Calculation regarding cylindrical void with respect to radius, height, relative permittivity, absolute permittivity is given below. Equations gives the value of three unknown capacitance of cylindrical void.

$$C_a = \frac{E_0 * E_r * (a - 2r)h}{c} = \frac{8.854 * 10^{-12} * 3.5 * 0.5}{5} = 3.09 * 10^{-12} \text{ F} \quad (1)$$

$$C_b = \frac{E_r * E_0 * r^2 * \pi}{c - h} = \frac{8.854 * 10^{-12} * 3.5 * (5)^2 * \pi}{15m} = 0.1621 * 10^{-12} \text{ F} \quad (2)$$

$$C_c = \frac{E_0 * r^2 * \pi}{h} = \frac{8.854 * 10^{-12} * (5)^2 * \pi}{40m} = 0.01738 * 10^{-12} \text{ F} \quad (3)$$

An epoxy pitch cover with measurements 15mm, 20mm and 25mm is considered. In this cover now consider cubical void. The void is having measurements 3mm, 4mm and 5mm. As the electrical circuit model comprises of three capacitors the estimation of those capacitors is to be discovered. It is realized that,  $C = [(E_0 E_r A)/d]$  where,  $C$  is the capacitance,  $E_0$  is the permittivity of free space and is the relative permittivity and  $d$  is the separation between the cathodes,  $t$  is the thickness of the protector. In this way, three capacitance of cubical void is determined.

$$C_a = \frac{E_0 * E_r * \pi}{d} = \frac{8.854 * 10^{-12} * 3.5 * \pi}{5m} = 30.6 * 10^{-13} \text{ F} \quad (4)$$

$$C_b = \frac{E_0 * E_r * A}{d - t} = \frac{8.854 * 10^{-12} * 3.5 * 0.5}{15m} = 5.420 * 10^{-13} \text{ F} \quad (5)$$

$$C_c = \frac{E_0 * A}{t!} = \frac{8.854 * 10^{-12} * 0.5}{40m} = 2.079 * 10^{-13} \text{ F} \quad (6)$$

Calculation regarding cubical void with respect to radius, height, relative permittivity, absolute permittivity is given below. Equations gives the value of three unknown capacitance of cubical void. The above unknown capacitance of cubical void calculated is given to Epoxy Resin Insulator for the measurement of Partial Discharge.

## 2.5. Simulation model for Partial Discharge detection and its procedure

Utilizing MATLAB appeared in figure is to be reenacted. Releasing of incomplete release happens because of the nearness of void in encasing. Incomplete release conduct is found in extension 1. Air conditioning voltage is connected to the model source through identifier circuit which is found in extension 1. Auxiliary capacitors called  $C_k$  and  $C_m$  known as coupling capacitor and estimating capacitor individually. Halfway release is catches up because of the presence of cubical and tube shaped void in the vast

majority of a strong epoxy tar protector. The goal utilized is deduce to be made of epoxy tar protector and for copy objects is comprised utilizing three capacitors. Fractional release qualities change correspondingly with size of void. There are a few sorts of void, for example, cubical, barrel shaped and so on, Once incomplete release beginning dynamically weakening of protecting materials, at last prompting electrical breakdown. Incomplete release can be averted through cautious structure and material choice. In basic high voltage gear, the respectability of the protection is affirmed utilizing halfway release location hardware during the assembling stage just as occasionally through the equipment's. The voltage of 1kV, 2kV, 3kV... ... up to 14kV is seeked in the middle of the anodes. High voltage control hardware don't help in discovering the fractional release qualities straightforwardly, in this way it is fundamental to know the incomplete release conduct of a strong protection utilizing MATLAB Simulink model. To watch fractional release an expanding voltage of 1kV in step up to 15kV is connected to strong protection. Movement of halfway release is seen by the limit of its extent for divergent connected voltage. Simulink model framework helps in recognizing greatest incomplete release. As this incomplete release don't hold long time connected voltage is raised and most extreme halfway release is noted subsequently beats of fractional release are found in transient breakdown. The imitation given in figure is replicated utilizing programming. At the point when the high voltage is connected over the test framework, voltage  $V_a$  over the space is raised, thus the voltage  $V_c$  in the depression likewise increments. At the point when voltage  $V_c$  expands breakdown voltage, release in the void happens. The voltage over the illustrative at which spout start to happen is known to be Inception voltage. In the model the incomplete release beats in volts are found in extension 1.

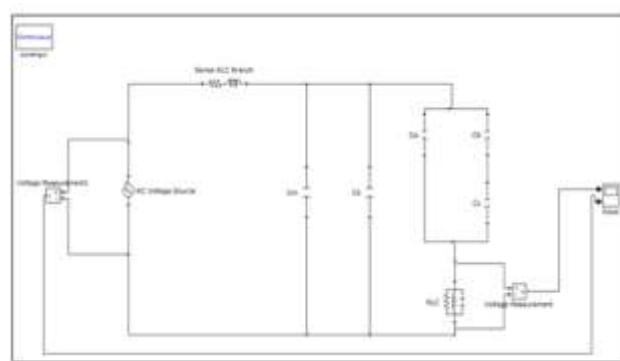


Fig.3 Simulink model for Partial Discharge detection

## 3. RESULTS OF PROPOSED WORK

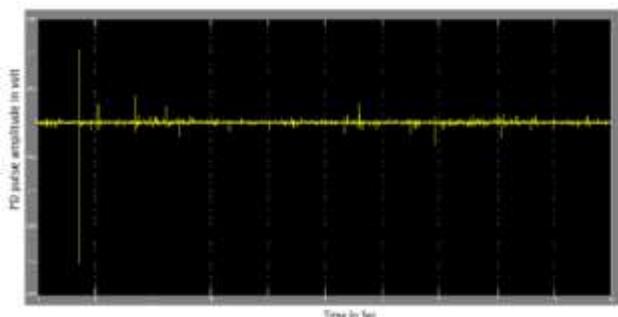
To watch Partial Discharge action because of quality of round and hollow and cubical void inside the created strong protection model a high voltage of 1kV to 14kV is connected in the middle of the anode. The incomplete

release gotten because of the use of voltage starting with 1kV to 14kV with raise in 1kV in each progression. The outcome acquired for greatest fractional release for both tube shaped and cubical void is given in table2 underneath. The experimental results are formulated in tabular for the partial discharge characteristics detection for insulator from the experimental setup. It is seen that Partial discharge are more in solid material than liquid insulating material due to pressure of air void and other impurities. Simultaneously MATLAB Simulink based model has been developed from the equivalent electrical model of an insulator.

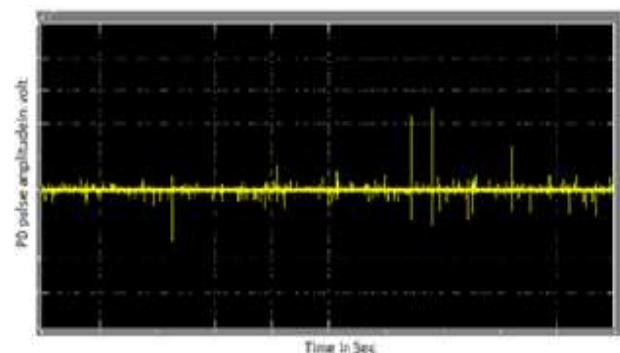
**Table2.**Partial Discharge voltage for both Cylindrical and Cubical voids in Insulators

Applied voltage	Cylindrical void in $10^{-3}$ volts	Cubical void in $10^{-3}$ volts
1	7.70	1.11
2	5.25	2.62
3	8.27	6.29
4	3.35	2.85
5	9.30	4.66
6	5.57	5.29
7	7.29	2.71
8	2.42	1.46
9	3.93	6.62
10	2.37	7.95
11	7.25	1.41
12	4.66	10.03
13	1.29	4.28
14	1.06	9.37

The Partial Discharge obtained in Cylindrical Void in Insulator are investigated singly for 0 to 0.02 Sec at 50Hz proffer. In the duplication the voltage appealed for 14kv is shown in figure4 of giving partial discharge emf of  $1.06 \times 10^{-3}$ . In the above figure highest peak value is considered as Partial Discharge of particular applied voltage



**Fig 4.** Partial Discharge voltage in cylindrical voids in Insulator at 14kv



**Fig 5.** Partial Discharge voltage in cubical voids in Insulator at 14kv

The Partial Discharge obtained in Cubical Void in Insulator are investigated singly for 0 to 0.02 Sec at 50Hz proffer. In the model the voltage appealed for 14kv is shown in figure 5 of giving partial discharge emf of  $9.37 \times 10^{-3}$ .In the above figure highest peak value is considered as PD Voltage.

#### 4. CONCLUSION

In high voltage control gear fractional release is the fundamental issue. The general goal of the present work is to audit and analyze the size of incomplete release for various connected voltage, identification and estimation of halfway release is compulsory to keep up the gear in sound condition during the activity. As from this proposed work it is discovered that with the expansion in connected voltage to void present deepest the protection, halfway release increments. This development is utilized to discover the greatest halfway release situated in Simulink module by plotting out its qualities. This elucidation will safe watchman the power architects to predict the nature of the protection utilized for high voltage control gear. Investigation has made to know the most extreme Partial Discharge extent. number of Partial Discharge.Partial release parameters like Partial Discharge conveyance, recurrence substance of Partial Discharge beat.

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