The Importance of Partial Discharge Monitoring in MV and HV Networks

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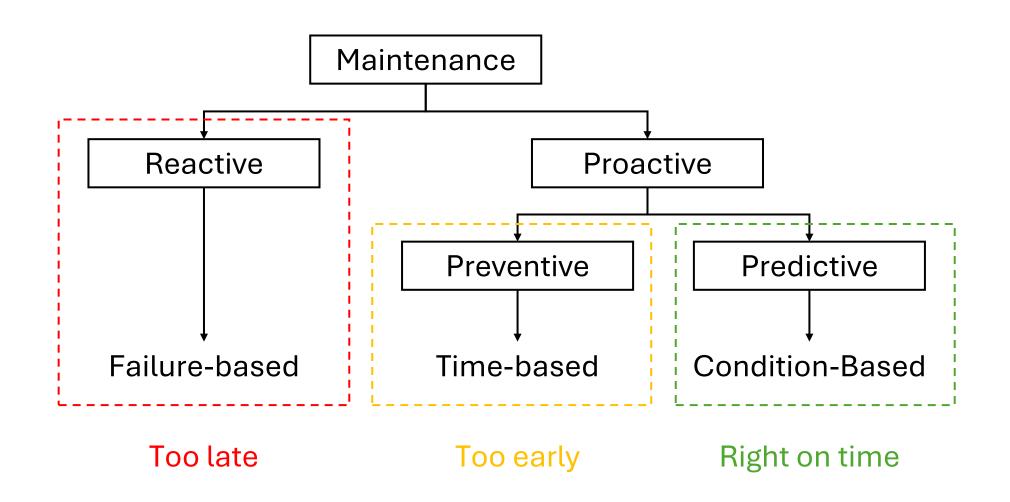
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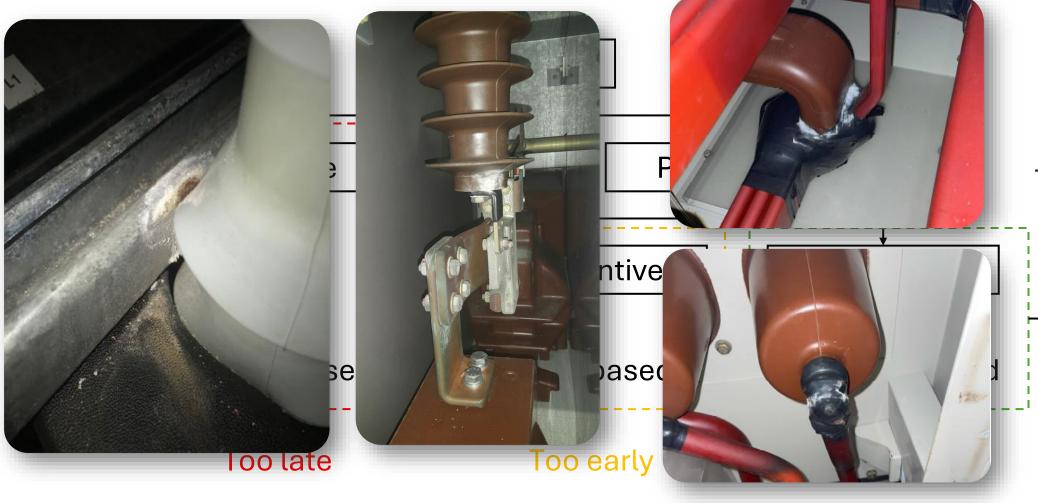


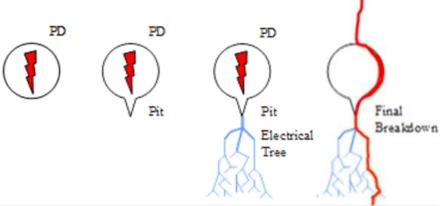
Introduction





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Partial Discharge Analysis

- PD is related to local defects of the insulation system
- PD causes insulation degradation
- PD it is the initial stage of a complete breakdown



Summary of the presentation

- 1. Partial Discharge tests
 - Offline
 - Online spot
 - Online continuous monitoring
- 2. Online continuous PD monitoring: challenges
- 3. Online continuous PD monitoring: a novel solution
- 4. Case studies



Partial Discharge: introduction

Where can Partial Discharge activity occur?

Medium Voltage

High Voltage

Cables

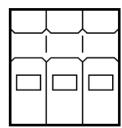
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Motors

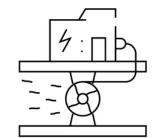
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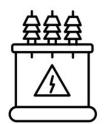
Transformers











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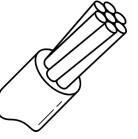


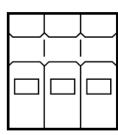
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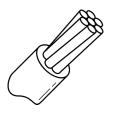


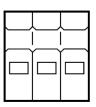










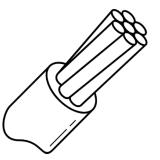


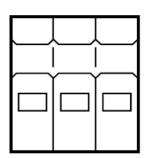
Offline

Online spot

Online monitoring







Offline



PROs

High signal to noise ratio

CONs

- Out-of-service required
- External generator required
- Time consuming
- Electrical asset not in real working condition
 - No current
 - Some components may be not considered







Partial Discharge tests: distribution network Partial Discharge Pattern 5,00E-1 4,00E-1 **PRO CONs** No out-of-s round noise & 0,00E+0 -1,00E-1 bances -2.00E-1 Partial Discharge Pattern -3,00E-1 State of the art 5,00E-1 -4,00E-1 4,00E-1 PD detection 3,00E-1 2,00E-1 1,00E-1 0,00E+0 Online spot Phase [Deg] system Expertise in -1,00E-1 -2,00E-1 -3,00E-1 Partial Discharge Pattern -4.00E-1 2,00E-1 -5,00E-1 90 180 270 360 1,00E-1 Phase [Deg] ₹ 5,00E-2 **Online monitoring** Qm [mV] -5,00E-2 -1,00E-1 -1,50E-1 machinemonitor[®] [month]

Offline

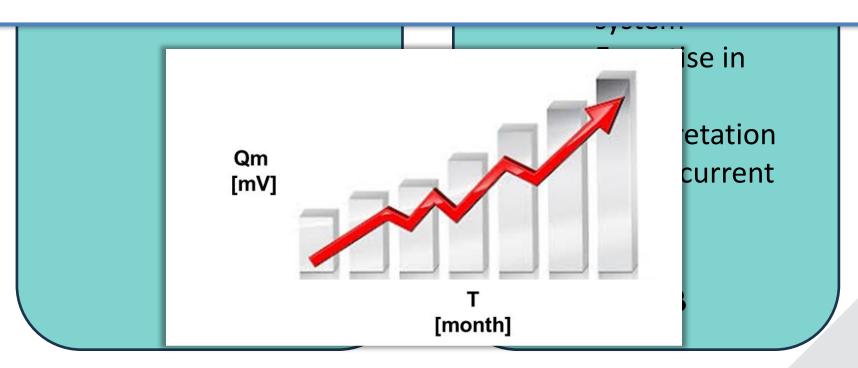
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CONs

PD signal behavior over the time is key for condition assessment



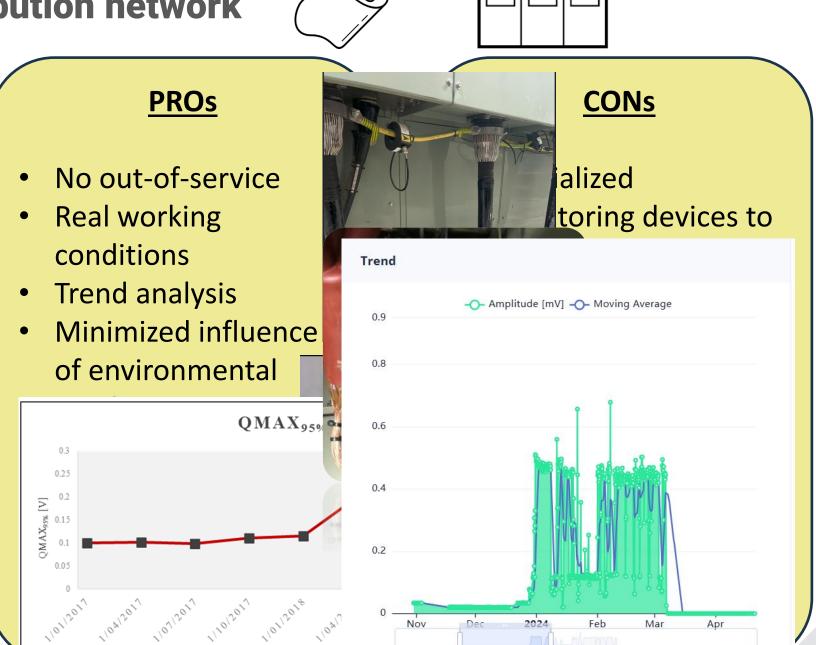


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Online monitoring systems: current challenges

Can I fully trust the AI algorithms used for data analysis?

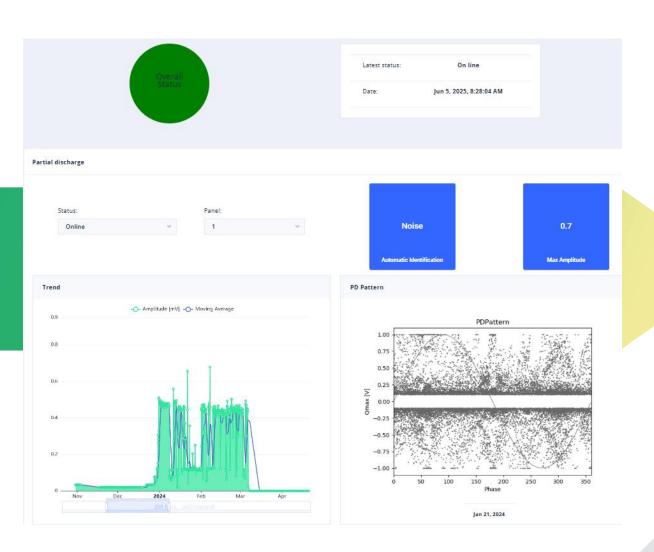
How reliable are the automatically generated alarms?

• What actions should I take when a red alarm is triggered by the monitoring system?











Noise

Automatic Identification

External disturbance

Automatic Identification

Signal to be analysed

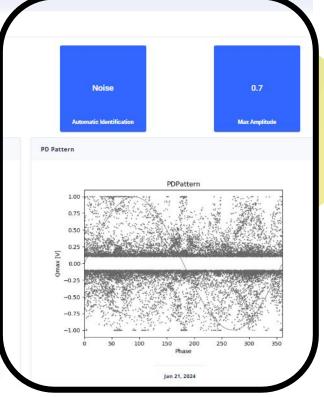
Automatic Identification











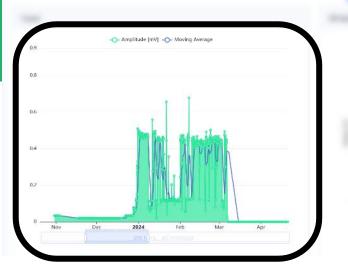


PD classification









Trend analysis



Automatic data acquisition



Periodic reports







Data reviewed by human expert operator





Online monitoring systems: case study

- Factory in QLD
- Two sites
- #11 acquisition units
- #62 HFCT sensors
 - Cables
 - Switchgear
- Rated voltage = 11kV



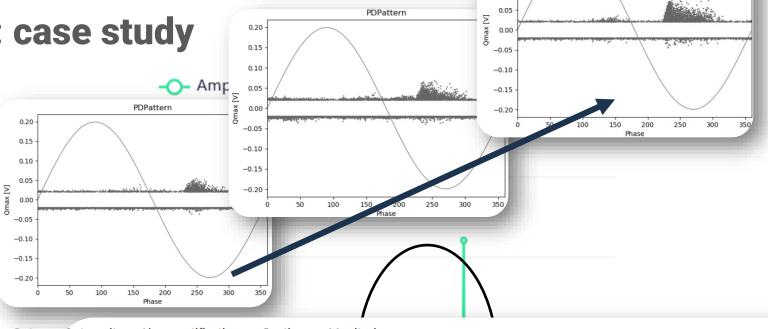


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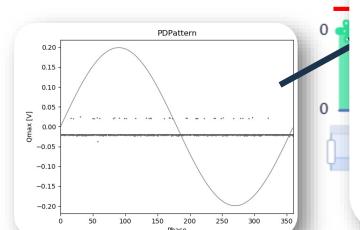


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PDPattern

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Site:

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Conclusion

- AI is a powerful tool that can support expert engineers in speeding up data analysis and focusing on the most relevant data.
- Online monitoring systems based only on AI algorithms are prone to false alarms.
- The synergy between AI and human experts offers clients comprehensive support, not just diagnostic alerts, but practical recommendations for managing Medium and High Voltage assets.



Thank you for your attention! Questions?



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