Partial discharge testing – well established for high voltage equipment – becomes increasingly important for insulation systems of a lower voltage level. Changing to switching power supply and to IGBT control of induction motors, for instance, raise demands and testing needs for the insulation system. The modular concept of Power Diagnostix' instruments allows offering customized solutions for automated and semi-automated testing.

**Modular Concept**

Different levels of automation can be provided depending on the testing needs. In case of full production testing a high level of automation and simple go/no go decision are needed, whereas manual control offers a higher level of flexibility when testing samples or sample variants during development.

Generally, such test arrangements consist of a test chamber and instruments to control and measure voltage and partial discharge. Different levels of automation are offered combining the HVcontrol, the basic HVcompact for voltage measurement or the STEPcompact for programming voltage steps, ramps or more complex functions. Installed on an industrial PC, the HVpilot software then optionally controls these instruments, and the ICMcompact for the PD signal and automatically prepares the test report. Additionally, Power Diagnostix designs special test fixtures, dual test chambers for increased performance, and customer specific software.

**HVTC**

The high voltage test chamber HVTC is designed for PD testing on e. g. transformers, semiconducters, and micro samples. Depending on the built-in HV transformer, testing up to 20 kVrms is possible. The test chamber provides sufficient space to test samples up to a maximum size of 500x500x400 mm³. The main components of this system are: a high voltage transformer, a regulating transformer, a coupling capacitor of 1 nF, an automatic grounding capacitor, a security interlock loop, and multiple warning lamps.

*Testing of stator coils of small induction motors*
Depending on the needs, the instruments and controls can be compiled in different versions:

**Level A:**
PD test bench for sample testing consisting of a test chamber and manual voltage control equipped with an ICMcompact for PD measurement with voltage option or an HVcompact for voltage measurement.

**Level B:**
As level A, but with the STEPcompact instead of the HVcompact for automated voltage control.

**Level C:**
As above, but with an industrial PC and the HVpilot software for fully automated control and test report generation.

**Level D:**
Modernization of test rooms using HVcontrol, HVcompact or STEPcompact, and ICMcompact. Software control as with level C.

**Typical Package**
Test set-up for level C:
- 1 x ICMcompact with gating
- 1 x STEPcompact, 19” rack
- 1 x Test chamber HVTC, incl. 10 kV voltage transformer, regulator, manual control buttons, horn, lamps, emergency stop, grounding system, coupling capacitor, ...
- 1 x Industrial PC
- 1 x Software ICMcompact
- 1 x Impulse calibrator CAL1A
- 1 x Preamplifier RPA1
- 1 x Set of cables

**TCU**
Power Diagnostix TCU is made for controlling of high voltage transformers. Together with the HVcontrol, it combines all standard functions required to manually or automatically operate a high voltage transformer, including safety loops, door locks, and all voltage and current measurements.

Examples for TCU models:

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Partial discharge testing is increasingly applied for testing insulation systems of lower voltage levels. Power Diagnostix offers ready-to-use test chambers for easy and safe partial discharge testing on components and small samples.