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Development of a holistic lifetime model for the winding insulation of electrical machines



Lifetime model

The reliability of electric vehicles is a key aspect to satisfy the market requirements in terms of lifetime. Recent advances in transistor technology, however, increase the electrical stress on the motor winding insulation and make it prone to partial discharges (PD), which drastically reduce the life of the electrical machine. Therefore, it has to be assessed which influencing factors are most crucial regarding the aging of



The influence of different environmental conditions and loads on the winding insulation is represented in an empirical lifetime model. In order to be able to generate such a model, careful statistical test planning is required. Methods for test plan optimization and acceleration of life tests are used to develop an optimal test plan. The yielded test bench results are used to parametrize a lifetime and degradation model, allowing the prediction of the winding insulation lifetime dependent on the expected

## the winding insulation.

Partial discharge through an insulator field load levels.



## **Research meets Industry**

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