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## Program

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Nordic Insulation Symposium on Materials, Components and Diagnostics



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## PROGRAM

### Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June

08:30-09:00 **Registration**

09:00 **Symposium opening** by the chairman Hans Edin

Invited lecture, *Epoxy-based Nanodielectrics: Can we do better?*  
by Professor Alun Vaughan, *University of Southampton, UK.*

10:10 coffee break

10:40 **Session 1 – HVDC Cables**

*Session chair:* Frank Mauseth

**DC conductivity of polyethylene and crosslinked polyethylene measured with a dynamic temperature program**

Hossein Ghorbani<sup>1</sup>, Carl-Olof Olsson<sup>2</sup>, Marc Jeroense<sup>3</sup>

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**Local Electric Field in Mass-Impregnated HVDC Cables**

Gunnar Håkonseth<sup>1,2</sup>, Erling Ildstad<sup>1</sup>, Knut Magne Furuheim<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *Norwegian University of Science and Technology, NTNU, Trondheim, Norway*

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**The influence of thermal properties on power transmission characteristics of HVDC cables - a factor analysis**

Björn Sonerud, Wendy Loyens

*Borealis AB, Stenungsund, Sweden*

11:40 lunch

13:00 **Session 2 – Gas discharges**

*Session chair:* Petri Hyvönen

**Discharge characteristics in inhomogeneous fields under air flow**

Stephan Vogel, Joachim Holbøll

*Technical University of Denmark*

**Breakdown in short rod-plane air gaps under positive lightning impulse stress**

Hans Kristian Hygen Meyer<sup>1</sup>, Frank Mauseth<sup>1</sup>, Martine Husøy<sup>1</sup>, Atle Pedersen<sup>2</sup>, Jonas Ekeberg<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> *ABB Switzerland Ltd.*

**SI streamer initiation and breakdown in pressurized technical air in sphere-plane geometries**

Olof Hjortstam, Håkan Faleke, Mats Larsson

*ABB AB, Corporate Research, Västerås, Sweden*

**Investigation of a Flat Connector Concept Potential for Low and Medium Vacuum Conditions**

A.B.J.M. Driessen<sup>1</sup>, J. van Duivenbode<sup>1,2</sup>, P.A.A.F. Wouters<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> *ASML, Veldhoven, the Netherlands*

14:20 coffee

14:40 **Session 3 – Materials (I)**  
*Session chair:* Erling Ildstad

**Morphology development, structure and dielectric properties of biaxially oriented polypropylene**

Ilkka Rytöluoto<sup>1</sup>, Mikael Ritamäki<sup>1</sup>, Antonis Gitsas<sup>2</sup>, Satu Pasanen<sup>3</sup>, Kari Lahti<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> *VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland, Finland*

**Examination of Longitudinal AC Breakdown Strength of Dielectric Surfaces as a function of Elastic Modulus**

Emre Kantar<sup>1</sup>, Sverre Hvidsten<sup>2</sup>, Erling Ildstad<sup>1</sup>

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**Prediction of dielectric constant and loss for some polypropylene - additive compounds**

Sari J. Laihonon, Joakim P.M. Jämbeck, Mikael Unge

*ABB AB, Corporate Research, Västerås, Sweden*

**Influence of manufacturing process on electrical properties of LDPE-GnP nanocomposites**

Karolina Gaska, Xiangdong Xu, Roland Kádár, Bahram Ganjipour,

Avgust Yurgens, Stanislaw Gubanski

*Chalmers University of Technology, Göteborg, Sweden*

16:00 end of sessions

19:00 departure of M/S Havsörnen from Västerås harbour  
The symposium dinner is a buffet onboard the boat, during a tour of some of Lake Mälaren.

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June**

09:15 **Session 4 – Materials (II)**  
*Session chair:* Kari Lahti

**Application of a simple method for determining the equilibrium resistivity of dielectric liquids**

Joachim Schiessling, Nils Lavesson, Lars Walfridsson

*ABB AB, Corporate Research, Västerås, Sweden*

**DC Conductivity Measurements of LDPE: Influence of Specimen Preparation Method and Polymer Morphology**

M. Karlsson<sup>1</sup>, X. Xu<sup>2</sup>, K. Gaska<sup>2</sup>, H. Hillborg<sup>3</sup>, S. M. Gubanski<sup>2</sup>, U. W. Gedde<sup>1</sup>

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**Electrical Conductivity and Moisture Uptake Studies of Low Density Polyethylene Octylnanosilica Composite**

S. Virtanen<sup>1</sup>, A.S. Vaughan<sup>1</sup>, S. Yang<sup>2</sup>, F. Saiz<sup>2</sup>, N. Quirke<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> *Department of Chemistry, Imperial College, London, United Kingdom*

**Robust measurements of electric conductivity in polyethylene based materials: measurement setup, data processing and impact of sample preparation**

X.Xu<sup>1</sup>, M. Karlsson<sup>2</sup>, K. Gaska<sup>1</sup>, S. M. Gubanski<sup>1</sup>, H. Hillborg<sup>3</sup>, U. W. Gedde<sup>2</sup>

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10:35 coffee

11:00 **Session 5 – Testing**

*Session chair:* Juha Laakko

**Lightning impulse (LI) breakdown testing of a rubber-epoxy interface**

Cecilia Forssén, Anna Christerson, Daniel Borg

*ABB AB Corporate Research, Sweden*

**Reconfiguration of 3 MV Marx Generator into a Modern High Efficiency System**

Joni V. Klüss<sup>1</sup>, William Larzelere<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *Mississippi State University, USA*

<sup>2</sup> *Evergreen High Voltage, USA*

11:40 lunch

13:00 **Session 6 – Condition assessment**

*Session chair:* Joachim Holbøll

**Gas measurements as a means for identification of partial discharges in XLPE HV cable insulation**

Patrick Janus, Hans Edin, Kruphalan Tamil Selva

*KTH - Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm, Sweden*

**Breakdown Behaviour of Damaged Low-Voltage Cables: Laboratory Experiments and Field Experience**

B. Kruizinga<sup>1</sup>, P.A.A.F. Wouters<sup>1</sup>, E.F. Steennis<sup>1,2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *Eindhoven University of Technology, The Netherlands*

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**Review of Partial Discharge and Dielectric Loss Tests for Hydropower Generator Bars**

Torstein Grav Aakre<sup>1</sup>, Erling Ildstad<sup>1</sup>, Sverre Hvidsten<sup>2</sup>, Arne Nysveen<sup>1</sup>

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14:00 Closing discussion

14:15 coffee

15:00 departure (walking) to ABB Corporate Research Center

## Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June

Study visit: ABB Ludvika:

ABB Transformers, bushing factory and UHV laboratory (subject to availability!).  
Including short presentations on related topics.

08.15 bus departs to Ludvika

14.00 bus departs from Ludvika to Västerås (hotel) and then continues to Arlanda airport

Ca 15.30 arrival to Västerås

Ca 16.45 arrival at Arlanda airport



Hotel Plaza

m/s Havsörnen,  
19:00 Färjkajen 1