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Fabian Schober, Stephan Harrer, Andreas Küchler, Frank Berger, Wolfgang Exner, and Christoph Krause

This article analyses the influence of pressboard structure and mineral oil on the electrical conductivity of impregnated pressboard to gain a physical understanding of the conduction processes of pressboard in order to achieve a desired conductivity value for DC applications.

# 15 Partial Discharge Characterization of Cross-Linked Polyethylene Medium Voltage Power Cable Termination Defects at Very Low Frequency (0.1 Hz) and Power Frequency Test Voltages

Daniel Fynes-Clinton and Cuthbert Nyamupangedengu

Partial discharge phase-resolved pattern of typical installation defects in medium voltage cross-linked polyethylene power cable terminations are similar at very low frequency and power frequency voltages and yet distinct for each defect type. Apparent partial discharge magnitude and partial discharge inception voltage parameters are generally bigger at power frequency than at very low frequency.

# 24 Diagnosis and Location of Faults in Submarine Power Cables

Manfred Bawart, Massimo Marzinotto, and Giovanni Mazzanti The article reviews the methods for diagnosing and locating faults in submarine power cables with case studies relevant to long AC cables and very long high voltage DC cables.

## 38 Investigation on Aging Mechanism of Polyester Under Combined Stresses

Nursel Can, F. Aras, V. A. Alekperov, and A. Altındal

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## 43 Using a Field Probe to Study the Mechanism of Partial Discharges in Very Small Air Gaps Under Direct Voltage

### E. Lemke

To identify the different kinds of partial discharges in very small air gaps under direct voltage, the associated transient voltage has been measured by means of a capacitive field probe.

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