

# ANDREAS DERNFALK

Andreas has more than 20 years' experience in high voltage technology and his specialist field covers outdoor insulation and failure cause investigations. He has been involved in the development of procedures for ice and snow testing, dimensioning and diagnostic testing of outdoor insulators, with special focus on composites. Andreas has also worked with insulation coordination and performed several studies related to conversion of OHLs from AC to DC operation. His experience also includes dielectric spectroscopy measurements on transformers.



#### MAIN FIELDS OF COMPETENCE

- Insulator selection and statistical dimensioning.
- Test methods and diagnostics of ceramic and composite insulators.
- Failure cause investigations of HV equipment, including cable accessories and insulators.
- Insulation coordination studies.
- AC-DC conversion of OHLs.
- Power quality measurements.

#### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

2017	Independent Insulation Group Sweden AB, Expert
2005- 2017	STRI AB, Ludvika, Sweden. Senior Specialist Manager Lines and Substations
2004-2005	Chalmers University of Technology, Gothenburg, Sweden. Researcher at Department
	of Materials and manufacturing technology.
1999-2004	Chalmers University of Technology, Gothenburg, Sweden. PhD-student at Department
	of Electric power engineering.
1991-1998	Vattenfall AB, summer jobs working with maintenance of high voltage apparatuses.

#### **EDUCATIONAL DEGREES**

2004 PhD in Electrical Engineering

Chalmers University of Technology, Göteborg, Sweden, Sept 1999 – Oct 2004

1999 MSC in Electrical Engineering

Chalmers University of Technology, Göteborg, Sweden, Aug 1995 – Sept 1999

#### **MEMBERSHIP OF TECHNICAL COMMITTEES**

2022 - CIRGRE WG C4.69: Lightning response of tower-footing electrodes of overhead

transmission lines - methods of measurement





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### **LANGUAGES**

Swedish (native), English (professional level)

## **Recent projects**

2023	Measurements of electromagnetic disturbances from HVDC cables.
2023	Condition assessment of 400 kV cables through PD-measurements
2022-	Insulation coordination of wind farm (several projects)
2023	Assessment of vacuum breaker switching transients in 16.7 Hz network
2022-	Investigation of problems with HVDC voltage dividers including measurements on site
2022	Resonance study of 16.7 Hz grid
2022	Strategy for condition assessment of EHV cable systems
2022-	Insulation coordination of wind farm (several projects)
2021-	Measurement of harmonics at transmission level (ongoing, 10+ stations). Includes planning, execution, and setting up power quality instruments.
2021/22	Study on protection of buried HVDC cables from nearby lightning strikes (3 projects)
2021	Flicker/harmonic investigation
2021/22	Consequences of cablification of regional network considering, e.g., power quality aspects
2021	Laboratory tests of 330 and 500 kV composite insulators
2021	Laboratory tests of 400 kV composite insulators
2021	Failure cause investigation of 36 kV cable joints (several projects)
2021	Insulation coordination of wind farm (several projects)
2020	Influence of sea salt on 145 kV OHL performance
2020/21	Benchmarking of composite insulators
2020	Comparison of composite insulator sealing technologies
2020	Study on protection of buried HVDC cables from nearby lightning strikes
2020	PD-measurements on MV cables in service
2020	Ultrasonic inspection of porcelain insulators
2020	Study of cable sheath voltages and selection of sheath voltage limiters
2020	Mechanical tests of composite insulators
2019	Insulation coordination 400 kV line
2019	Third-party assessment of failure cause investigation and proposed corrective measures in cable project
2019	Measurements of harmonics and supraharmonics in 70 kV-network, and study on resonances.
2019	Feasibility study on power supply harvesting energy from OHL
2019	Insulation coordination study (LOV) for 245 kV-GIS





2018	Calculation of cable screen currents and associated temperature rise (145 kV system)
2018-	Insulation coordination study (LOV and SOV) for nuclear power plant
2017/19	R&D project on quality of composite insulators (joint project of 9 TSO's)
2018/20	R&D project IceBox on methods for prevention and removal of ice on OHLs
2018/19	Inspection and testing of composite insulators with biological growth
2018	Required minimum clearance from HVAC and HVDC cables considering induction in external objects.
2018	Recommendations for the dimensioning of HVDC cable terminations with respect to pollution
2018	Feasibility study on fibre optic measurements (Distributed Temperature Sensing) for dynamic line rating
2018	DC pollution flashover test of composite insulator
2018	Calculation of magnetic field from OHL
2018	Assessment of lightning performance of new 400 kV line tower
2018	Failure cause investigation of 36 kV cable terminations
2018	Failure cause investigations of 145 kV instrument transformers
2017	Measurements and analysis of harmonics and supraharmonics (>2.5 kHz) related to the Swedish railway.
2017/18	Failure cause investigation of composite line insulators (several projects)
2017	Recommendations regarding creepage distance for insulator strings in 420 kV substation
2017	Assessment of need for temporary grounding of OHL towers at construction close to parallel lines (e.g., considering induction)
2017	Investigation of two failed 33 kV cable terminations
2017	Insulation coordination study for 145 kV gas-insulated substations
2017	Recommendations regarding selection of RTV-coatings
2017	Selection of design creepage distance for 420 kV substation
2017	Third party assessment of transformer failure root cause investigation
2017	Specification of requirements for sensor to be used on 420 kV earthing switches
2017	Insulation coordination study 420 kV AIS
2017	Insulation coordination study 145/6/0,5 kV substation
2016/17	Field measurements and analysis of power quality for the Swedish railway system following the installation of new static converters.
2016/17	Minimum distance requirements for installations in the vicinity of HVAC cable systems considering induction in external objects.
2016	Feasibility study for AC-DC conversion of 400 kV OHL
2016	Development of test program for evaluation of HVDC live line work procedures and tools. Laboratory testing.
2016	Failure investigation of 36 kV cable termination
2016	Wet snow testing of composite insulators
2016	Failure investigation of 36 kV cable joint
2016	Practical evaluation of instrument for PD measurements on cable accessories
2015	Practical evaluation of sensor concept for earthing switch
2015	Estimation of current unbalance on bipolar HVDC overhead lines
2015	Test program for salt fog testing of HVDC porcelain cable termination





2015	Creepage distance requirements for 500 kV OHL
2015	Feasibility study for conversion a 400 kV AC OHL to DC
2015	Insulation coordination of wind park
2014/15	Guidelines for inspection and documentation of damaged or failed insulators
2014/15	Guidelines for handling of composite insulators
2014	Dimensioning of insulators of 500 kV HVDC transmission line with respect to pollution
2014	AC to DC transmission line conversion handbook
2014	Combined ice/pollution full scale HVDC test of insulators
2014	Feasibility study of upgrading 230 kV AC lines to HVDC
2014	Calculation of magnetic field from cable system
2013/14	Insulation coordination study 420/130/20/6 kV substation
2013/17	Prototype for indication of 420 kV-earthing switch position
2013	Mechanical failing load test on porcelain post insulators
2013	Expected pre-waring time at PD measurements on MV cable accessories
2012	Investigation of failures of light guides for HVDC valve
2012	Root cause investigation of failed 220 kV cable joint
2012	Feasibility study of uprating Vattenfalls's 40 kV lines to a higher voltage level
2012	PD measurements on rectifiers for electro filter
2012	Recommendations for installation of HVDC cables parallel to existing MV cables
2012	Feasibility study on ultrasonic methods for detection of cracks in energized porcelain insulators
2012	Laboratory test of conductors with potential anti-iced coatings
2011	Voltage test of 220 kV cable removed from service. Localization of PD sources.
2011	Field measurements to verify phase location on energized 420 kV OHLs
2011	Ice and audible corona test of OHL conductors with different coatings
2011	Snow tests of composite insulators
2010	Mechanical failing load test on porcelain post insulators (several projects)
2010/-	Root cause investigations of MV and HV cable accessories (+20 projects)
2009	Development of laboratory test for generation of wet and packed snow with defined conductivity
2009	After service evaluation of insulators installed on the Cabora Bassa – Apollo HVDC line
2009/10	Development of laboratory test for generation of wet and packed snow with defined conductivity
2009	Pollution performance curve of line insulator for DC
2008	Development of the guidelines for IR/UV inspection of composite insulators
2008	Development of laboratory test intended for generation of snow with defined properties
2008	Improvement of performance of 550 kV circuit breaker in humid environments (laboratory testing
2008	Investigations of broken insulators (several projects)
2007/08	Optimization of line composite insulators intended for ice & snow environment
2007	Mechanical failing load test on porcelain post insulators
2007	Snow-puncture test of circuit breaker with composite insulators





2007	Salt fog and solid layer tests of 550 kV transformer bushing
2007/-	Electric field calculations (FEM) for field grading of composite line insulators (several projects)
2006/07	Development of requirements on RIV-levels for porcelain cap-and-pin insulators
2006/07	Methods for detection of porcelain support insulators with potentially dangerous cracks
2005/09	Temperature rise tests of 245 kV, 420, 550 kV transformer bushings (several projects)

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- H. Homma, K. Yaji, T. Aso, M. Watanabe, G. Sakata, A. Dernfalk, I. Gutman: "Evaluation on Flashover Voltage Property of Snow Accreted Insulators for Overhead Transmission Lines, Part III 154 kV Full-scale Flashover Voltage Test of Snow Accreted Insulators -", IEEE Transactions on Dielectrics and Electrical Insulation, Vol. 21, No. 6, December 2014, p.p. 2568-2575
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