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# ANALYSIS OF CURRENT CARRYING CAPACITY OF OVERHEAD TRANSMISSION LINE USING FINITE ELEMENTS TECHNIQUE AND LIFE TIME OF ITS JOINTS

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#### 1 INTRODUCTION

In most of the developing countries the demand for electric power is increasing yearly, and there is a corresponding requirement to increase the power transferred by transmission and distribution lines. A solution would be to build new lines but this may not be feasible on account of economical and environmental considerations. Hence there may be pressure to increase the load transfer capacity of the old lines as well as the new ones. The conductor temperature depends on the load current, the electrical characteristics of the conductor, and the ambient parameters such as wind and solar radiation. The relationship between these parameters is known as the heat equation. The heat equation for two-dimensional transient conditions was examined within the present work. The main objective of this work is to investigate the thermal effects of the flow of electric current with different intensities through the T.L with different designs at different weather conditions [1,2]. In the experimental part of this work, measurements of temperature distribution through the conductors were carried out at a loading current of 200 A. In the analytical part of this work, a finite element technique was adopted for the two dimensions condition equation to predict the temperature distribution through stranded conductors at both transient and steady state conditions. The effect of weather conditions and environmental conditions were investigated. Also, the present model was modified to predict the temperature distribution through the T.L connection [1]. A method for determining transmission line ratings based on the relationship between the conductor's temperature and its sag is presented in Ref. [1]. This method is based on the ruling span principle and the use of transmission line tension monitoring systems. To calculate the radial current distribution and core loss within a concentrically

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#### 2 EXPERIMENTAL SET UP

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outer surface of the transmission lines. The ice layer thickness depends on the ambient temperature and the wind speed. In the present analysis, a thin layer of 1 mm thickness is considered and the results are shown in Fig. (7) at different wind speed at a loading current 700 A.

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increases with the increase in the air gap. the presence of the air gap, which in accordance This may be attributed to the thermal insulating effect of especially at the locus of the maximum temperature. the air gap increases the temperature level increases air-gap width is shown in Fig. (11). It is noticed that, as for the proposed connection for different values of the The temperature distribution through the contact zone and thus in accordance enhances the clamping behavior. contact width via increasing the contact tightening force can be avoided as much as possible by increasing the The transmission line over heating at connection zone increases the rate of heat generation at the contact zone. attributed to the increase in the current intensity, which the temperature at the contact zone increases. This is in Fig. (10). It shows that as the contact width decreases contact width effect on the contact temperature is shown layer, which may lead to transmission line failure. The Fig. (9). This may also cause an increase in the oxide temperature at a loading current of 700 A is shown in effect of oxide layer thickness on the contact zone contact zone due to its higher electrical resistivity. The increase in the transmission line temperature at the this aluminum oxide layer results in an additional aluminum oxide layer can be formed. Unfortunately, the temperature reaches a higher value such that an zone, due to the sudden increase in the current intensity, value at a distance apart from the clamp. At the contact decreases along the clamp length till it reaches a preside that the transmission line temperature at contact zone loading currents of 200, 500 and 700 A. It is illustrated distribution along the connection sone at different Fig. (8) shows the axial steady state temperature

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of dust, which can cover the surface, should be the reliability of the electric systems. Therefore, a layer cause electric contact sailures, which seriously influence contact resistance of the connections. The dust particles time of electric connections is mainly depending on the mentioned in references [4,5], it is evident that the life the contact. On the basis of the analysis and results loading current and the initial operating temperature of such as the contact clamping force, the joint length, the electrical connections is affected by some factors [4] respect to its operating temperature. The life time of importance to predict its probable length of life with When an electrical contact is put into service, it is of when the softening temperature of the metal is reached. contact by oxidation is complete (break of contact) or the time at the end of which either the insulation of the The length of the life time of T.L connections given by

distribution along transmission line's connections were predicted and discussed. In fact, the transmission lines may extend along a wide area of different environmental conditions, which may contain different pollutants of different types. Therefore, it needs to study the effect of these different pollutants on the transmission line behavior. The actual weather transmission line behavior. The actual weather transmission line behavior and incommission line behavior are actual weather performance of the transmission lines including the effect of wind speed, dust accumulation and ice formation on the outer surface is also investigated.

#### 3.1 RESULTS OF TRANSMISSION LINES

lemperature a layer of ice may be formed around the which the ambient temperature drops under zero transmission lines that passing through very cold area at current of 700 A is shown in Fig. (6). Especially for the transmission line surface temperature at a loading powder and sandstone) of Imm thick on the of different types of pollutants hyers (cement, coal line temperature level. A comparison between the effect insulators and thus in general increases the transmission outer surface of the transmission lines behave as thermal was found that, the presence of cement layers on the different wind speed and at 700 A loading current. It layer with a thickness of I mm is shown in Fig. (5) at powder. The effect of the presence of the dust of cement into dust of cement, dust of sandstone and dust of coal investigated. The dust accumulation can be classified accumulation and ice formation on the outer surface is of the transmission lines include the effect of dust of transmission lines. The actual weather performances different types may be accumulated on the outer surface temperature weather zones. Therefore, dust with through industrial dusty, humidity, and very low lines are extended along very wide distances, they pass heat transfer coefficient. In practice the transmission surface. This is because the increases of the convective increases the transient time decreases especially at the with the increase in the wind speed. Also, as wind speed temperature and the outer surface temperature decrease clear from this figure that, both the centers line shown in Fig. (4) at 700 A of the loading current. It is The wind effect on the transmission line performance is present theoretical model and the method of calculation. acceptable agreement and assures the validity of the the present theoretical model. The comparison shows an present prediction are performed to check the validity of comparison between the experimental data and the increase until they reach steady state values. A between the transmission line center and its surface time the temperature and the temperature difference It is noticed in Fig. (2), with the increase of operating predictions at the same conditions are shown in Fig. (3). line,  $T_{a1}$  and  $T_{a1}$  respectively. Also, the theoretical line temperature distribution across the transmission experimental measurements of the surface and center with zero wind speed  $(U_w = 0)$ . Fig. (2) shows the line is subjected to an A.C of 200 A at room conditions measures and theoretically calculated. The transmission transmission line cross section were experimentally The radial temperature distributions through the

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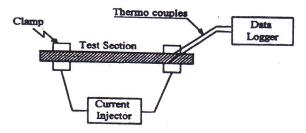


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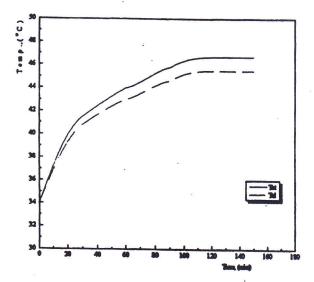


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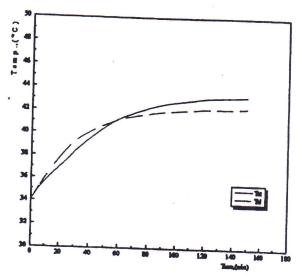


Fig. (3) Theoretical transient tempreture profiles aluminum and steel layers, clean T.L. at I=200~A and Uw=0~m/s.

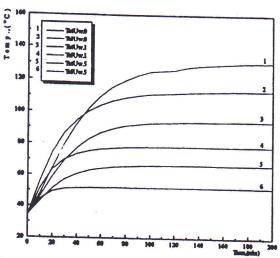


Fig. (4) Transient tempreture profiles for clean T.L.at a current of 7200 A and Uw = 0.1,5m/s.

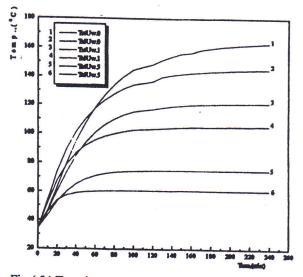


Fig. (5) Transient tempreture profiles for T.L.with 1 mm cement layer, at a current of 700 A and Uw = 0,1,5 m/s.

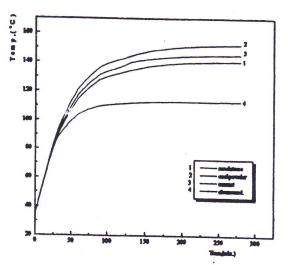


Fig. ( 6 ) transient surface tempreture for T.L.with 1 mm layer of different pollutants at 700A and Uw=0.

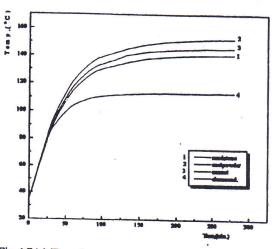


Fig. (7)) Transient tempreture profiles for T.L.with 1 mm ice layer, at a current of 700 A and Uw = 0.1.5 m/s

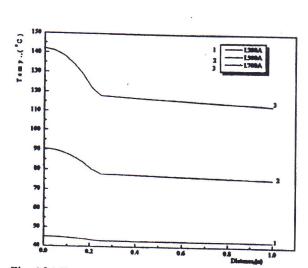


Fig. (8) Temperature distribution along the contact zone at different values of loading current for ACSR at steady state.

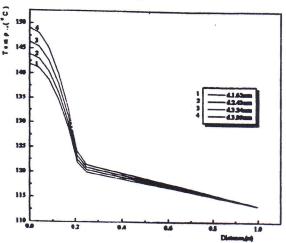


Fig. (9) Temperature distribution along the contact zone at different values of oxide thickness (d) for ACSR at I = 700A.

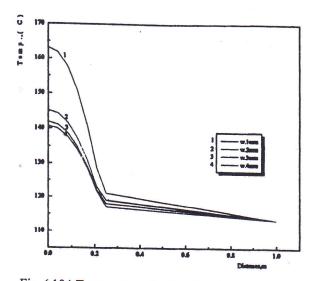
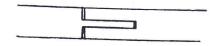


Fig. ( 10 ) Temperature distribution along the contact zone at different values of contact width ( w ) for ACSR at I = 700A.



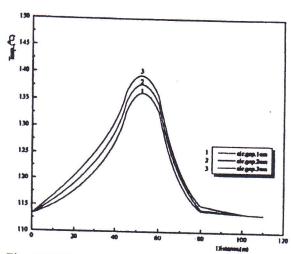


Fig. (11) Temperature distribution along the contact zone at different values of air-gap width for ACSR at I = 700A.

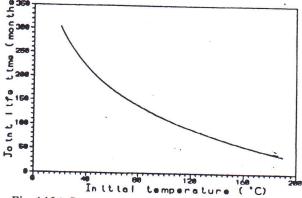


Fig. (12) Connection life time at different operating temperature

prevented. The mixture of dust particles could be very harmful to the contact [6], especially under low normal force. In contaminated atmospheres, metal samples are subjected to dust and humidity so that corrosion of the surfaces will occur. The life time of the closed electrical contacts is affected by the main factors which may occur simultaneously [7]: Reduction in the a-spot section and increase in the oxidation layer at the contact. Running the computer program and calculating the life time of the connections at different operating temperature of the connections. It can be noticed that, the life time decrease with the increase of the operating temperature, which results in the increase of the contact resistance due to increase of oxidation film as shown in Fig. (12). Oxide films grow on the connection surfaces. When such corroded surfaces are in contact with each other, the contact resistance increases duo to current line constriction. Hence, the increase in contact resistance is generally attributed to corrosion film growth. So, the contact reliability is greatly degraded and the contact performance and life time are impaired. temperature in the contact zone is directly related to the voltage drop across the interface. High operating temperature and humidity increase the rate of metal oxide formation at the contact surface. Hence, the contact resistance of the connection increases, and the life time decreases.

#### 5 CONCLUSION

The comparison between the experimental data and the theoretical results shows an acceptable agreement in the steady state. It can be concluded that the present model is a satisfactory means for predicting the thermal behavior of transmission lines and their connections. The effect of the environmental conditions (actual weather, dusty and / or very low temperature conditions) is found to be more effective on the transmission line rating especially at high loading current. The wind speed is an effective parameter on the thermal behavior of the transmission line. Although the increase in the wind speeds decreases the transmission line temperature level. It has no significant effect on the radial temperature differences especially at low values of loading current. The temperature difference between the center and surface of the transmission lines is found to be dependent on the loading current, the transmission line geometry and the wind speed. The presence of a thin layer of pollutants increases the temperature level. The axial temperature distribution through the connecting clamp at the transmission lines connection zone is strongly affected by the following parameters: the loading current, the contact width, the thickness of the aluminum oxide layer and connection geometry. The increase in the oxide layer thickness tends to increase temperature rise, which leads to mechanical failure of the transmission lines. Therefore, this thickness must be minimized as possible. As the operation of any transmission line is limited by the loading currents, so the thickness of the oxide layer can be minimized making the contact area as wide as possible. The a-spot

temperature rise in the contact zone is mainly a function of the voltage drop across the interface. The aging rate increases rapidly with increasing voltage drop across the interface. Thus the a-spot temperature is a very important parameter with regard to the aging of the connectors. The results of computer program indicate that both contact force, surface oxidation films and geometry play important roles in the electrical performance of aging connectors.

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#### ملخص البحث باللغة العربية (حتى مائة كلمة):

تحليل سعة التيار لخطوط النقل الهوائية باستخدام العناص المنتاهية الصغر والعمر الافتراضي لوصلاتها

تم معالجة التصرف الحراري لخطوط النقل الهوائية ووصلاتها وتأثير الظروف البيئية على المعدل الحراري لهذه الخطوط. وتم تطبيق أسلوب العناصر المنتاهية الصغر على معادلات التوصيل اللحظية ثنائية الأبعاد تحت ظروف مختلفة لكلا من الخطوط ووصلاتها . كما تم لجراء دراسة عملية ودراسة تحليلية وتم لجراء قياسات توزيع درجات الحرارة على موصل "كاردينال" عند قيمة تيار ١٠٠٠ أمبير ، وأظهرت المقارنة بين نتائج الدراستين العملية والتحليلية توافقا جيدا . وتم تعديل النموذج الرياضي ليتناسب مع التطبيق على وصلات هذه الخطوط ، وتم الحصول على معامل ارتباط جديد بين الغرق القطري لدرجة الحرارة وتيار الخط والذي يجب أخذه في الاعتبار عند التحميل .

وتم أيجاد العمر الافتراضي لخطوط النقل باستخدام أسلوب تقدير العمر مع مراعاة العوامل التي تؤثر على هذا العمر وتبين تأثير الظروف البيئية من حالة الطقس وسرعة الرياح وتراكم الغبار أو الجليد حول الموصل على المعدل الحراري للخطوط خاصة عند ظروف التحميل العالمية وتبين من البحث أن فرق درجات الحرارة بين قلب وسطح الموصل يعتمد على تيار التحميل ، الشكل الهندسي للموصل ، وسرعة الرياح وسمك طبقة الملوثات البيئية أو طبقة أكسيد الألومنيوم وأن ارتفاع درجة الحرارة يؤدي إلى التعب الميكليكي للخطوط ويجب اختزال سمك هذه الطبقة قدر الإمكان وبالنسبة الوصلات وجد أن التوزيع الحراري المحوري خلال الوصلات يتأثر بشدة تيار التحميل ، عرض منطقة التماس ، سمك منطقة الأكسيد ، وكذلك شكل الوصلات . ووجد أن العرارة من أهم العوامل عند حساب تقدير عمر الوصلات . ووجد أن العمر الافتراضي يتنقص بسرعة مع زيادة الهبوط في الجهد خلال منطقة تداخل الوصلات من ناحية الأداء الكهربي مع خلال منطقة تداخل الوصلات من ناحية الأداء الكهربي مع خلال منطقة تداخل الوصلات من ناحية الأداء الكهربي مع الأخذ في الاعتبار قوة التلامس ، طبقة التلكسد العطحية والشكل الهندسي للوصلات .

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