CALCULATION OF MAGNETIC FIELD OF THREE-PHASE CABLE LINES WITH TWO-POINT BONDED CABLE SHIELDS COVERED BY FERROMAGNETIC CORES

In this paper we obtain compact expressions for the magnetic field shielding factor of a high-voltage three-phase cable line consisting of single-core cable shields with two-point bonded cable shields and ferromagnetic cores installed. To obtain these expressions we develop the analytical model of the cable line. Following assumptions are made to develop the model: the current distribution in each cable shield is uniform, cylindrical ferromagnetic cores covering the cables are not magnetized to saturation and their magnetic permeability is constant, each of the ferromagnetic cores is magnetized only by the core current and the shield current of the cable that it covers, the magnetic field inside ferromagnetic cores is axisymmetric, the magnetic field is plane-parallel over the entire cable line. We consider common cases of flat and trefoil cable lines. The proposed expressions for the magnetic field shielding factor are verified experimentally. The physical model is made of three cables of the type NA2XSFLY-110 1x240/70. It is shown that the difference between numerical simulation results and experimental data lays within 15 %.

Key words: cable line, shield of cable, magnetic field, bonded shields, ferromagnetic core.

Introduction. Compliance with the maximum permissible levels of magnetic induction is mandatory when laying high-voltage cable lines (CL). In Ukraine, the maximum permissible level of magnetic induction inside living quarters located near the CL is 0.5 μT [1, p. 277]. As the distance between single-core cables with cross-linked polyethylene insulation increases, the value of the magnetic induction of the CL can significantly exceed the permissible level [1, p. 285].

Electromagnetic, magnetostatic and contoured shields are used to reduce the magnetic field (MF) of CLs [2-4]. Another approach to reducing the MF of the CL which does not require the installation of additional screens, is the two-way closure of the CL cable shields by two-way grounding at both ends of the shielding zone [5-7]. In this case, the MF shielding efficiency is 1.5 ÷ 2.5 [5], which is not always sufficient for the normalization of the MF of the CL. A further increase in MF shielding efficiency can be achieved by strengthening the magnetic coupling between the cores and shields of the CL cables [8]. To do this, each of the cables (Fig. 1) is covered by a ferromagnetic core (FC) made of laminated electrical steel.

![Fig. 1. A three-phase CL with installed FC](image)

In [8], the dependence of the shielding efficiency of the MF on the number of PSs installed on each of the cables was experimentally investigated. The measurements made on the physical model of the CL confirmed the possibility of 2 to 4 times increase in shielding efficiency in comparison with the traditional two-sided closure of cable screens. However, the relations proposed in [8] for calculating the shielding efficiency of a magnetic field with a ferromagnetic core need to be refined.

The goal of the work is obtaining theoretically grounded relationships for calculating the shielding efficiency of the magnetic field of a three-phase cable line with two-sided closed shields and ferromagnetic cores installed on the cables.

The effectiveness of shielding the MF of the CL when laying cables in a triangle. The effectiveness of shielding MF is defined as the ratio of the effective value of magnetic induction to two-sided closure of the cable shields to the effective value of the magnetic induction after closing the cable shields [9]:

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SF = \frac{B_{0}}{|\vec{B}|}
\]  

We assume that the cables are straight (or the radius of their curvature can be neglected) and are parallel to each other. In the case when the cable shields are open, the MF of the CL is determined only by the currents in the veins. If the X axis is parallel to the ground level and perpendicular to the cable axes, and the Y axis is directed upwards, the complex amplitude of the magnetic flux density at the point with the \((x, y)\) coordinates is [9]:

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For the calculation of $\Psi^{(k,n)}$ we take the following assumptions:

- the distribution of the induced current in the screen of each cable is uniform;
- cylindrical FCs covering cables are not magnetized to saturation, and their magnetic permeability is constant and equal to $\mu$;
- each of the FC is magnetized by the currents of the vein and shield of only the cable that it covers, and the MF inside the FC is axisymmetric;
- over the entire length of the CL, the MF is plane-parallel.

Then the complex amplitude of the magnetic induction of the field created by the currents of the core and the screen of the $k$-th cable has only an angular component with respect to the axis of the $k$-th cable and is equal $\mu \mu_0 (i^{(sh)}_k + i_k)/2\pi r$ inside the FC and $\mu \mu_0 (i^{(sh)}_k + i_k)/2\pi r$ outside the FC. By dividing the currents in cable shields with numbers $k$ and $n$ into elementary tubes of an infinitesimally small cross section [11, 8], and integrating over all possible contours formed by these tubes, we find:

$$
\Psi^{(k,n)} = \frac{\mu_0}{2\pi} \left( \frac{i^{(sh)}_k + i_k}{r} \right) \ln \frac{s + l_{core} (\mu - 1)}{r_2},
$$

where $s$ is the distance between cable axes, $r$ is the shield radius, $l$ is the length of the CL shielded part, $m$; $l_{core}$ is the total length of the FC installed on each of cables, $m$; $r_1$ and $r_2$ are the external and internal FC radius, respectively, $m$;

Expressions (4)-(5) form a system of three equations with respect to $i^{(sh)}_1$, $i^{(sh)}_2$ and $i^{(sh)}_3$. Substituting (6) we find its solution:

$$
i^{(sh)}_k = -i_k \frac{j \omega M^*}{R + j \omega M^*} \alpha \cdot i_k, \quad \alpha = -\frac{j \omega M^*}{R + j \omega M^*}.
$$

where $M^* = \mu_0 \cdot \ln \frac{s + l_{core} (\mu - 1)}{r_2}$ is the specific equivalent inductance of the shield covered by the core, H/m.

Substituting (7) in (1)-(3) we obtain the final relation for the shielding efficiency in case of triangular cable laying:

$$
S_{Frefoil} = \frac{1}{1 + \alpha} = \left[ 1 + \frac{j \mu_0 \omega}{2\pi R^*} \ln \frac{s + l_{core} (\mu - 1) \mu_0}{2\pi R^*} \ln \frac{r_1}{r_2} \right] \left[ 1 + \frac{j \mu_0 \omega}{2\pi R^*} \ln \frac{s + l_{core} (\mu - 1) \mu_0}{2\pi R^*} \ln \frac{r_1}{r_2} \right],
$$

The effectiveness of the shielding of the MF of the CL when laying cables in the plane. In [9], the authors showed that for the analysis of the MF of the CL with a
plane cable laying, it is sufficient to consider the dipole component of the field, and a simplified relation for calculating the shielding efficiency when laying cables in the plane can be obtained by substituting $s \rightarrow 2s$ into the ratio for shielding efficiency for laying cables in a triangle. Therefore, when laying cables in the plane

$$SF_{\text{flat}} = \frac{1 + j \frac{\mu_0 \omega}{2\pi R} \ln \frac{2s}{r} + j \frac{l_{\text{core}}}{l} \left(\frac{\mu - 1}{\mu_0} \frac{\omega}{2\pi R} \ln \frac{r}{r_2}\right)}{1 + j \frac{\mu_0 \omega}{2\pi R} \ln \frac{2s}{r}}. \quad (9)$$

To verify (9), we use the results of experimental studies performed by the authors of [8]. The research was carried out on the physical model of the CL. The model is made of NA2XSF(L)2Y-110 1 $\times$ 240/70 cables of length $l=10$ m (Fig. 2). The active resistance of the cable screen length unit is $R = 0.29 \times 10^{-3}$ $\Omega$ m. The distance between the axes of the cables is 0.2 m. The current value in the conductors of the cables is 95 A.

As FC, stator cores of asynchronous electric motors were used, which are made of electrically bonded steel. The magnetic permeability of cores $\mu = 3000$ was determined experimentally. The outer radius of the core $r_1 = 65$ mm, the inner radius $r_2 = 50$ mm. The length of one core is 100 mm.

The number of FCs installed on each cable ranged from 0 to 3. Accordingly, the total length of the FC cores installed on each of the cables during the experimental studies was 0, 100 mm, 200 mm and 300 mm.

Measurement of magnetic induction was performed using a three-component EMF-828 magnetometer.

Fig. 3 shows: the curve of the shielding efficiency versus the total length of the FC installed on each of the cables constructed according to (9) and the points corresponding to the results of measuring the shielding efficiency in the FC layout. As can be seen from the figure, in the absence of FC the results of calculation and measurements coincide. When the FC is used, the deviation of the experimental data from the calculation results does not exceed 15 %.

The ratio (8) in comparison with (9) was obtained under milder assumptions. Therefore, it can be argued that the error of application (8) also does not exceed 15 %.

**Conclusions.**

1. Theoretically grounded relationships for the engineering calculation of the shielding efficiency of the magnetic field of the cable line for cases of laying cables in the plane and a triangle for two-sided closure of the cable shields covered by ferromagnetic cores were obtained for the first time.

2. Experimental investigations carried out on the physical layout of the cable line confirmed the correctness of the obtained calculated relationships, the error of which does not exceed 15% if the distance between the cables is three times larger than the outer radius of the ferromagnetic cores.

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