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Passive mitigation for magnetic coupling between HV power line and aerial pipeline using PSO algorithms optimization


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A B S T R A C T

This paper proposes a methodology based on Faraday’s electromagnetic induction law (EMF) for evaluating the induced voltage produced by high voltage power line on an aerial metallic pipeline located parallel in its immediate vicinity under normal operating condition. It also describes the procedure of the induced voltage mitigation using the passive loop technique combined with the particle swarm optimization algorithm (PSO). The presence of a pipeline in the vicinity of an overhead power line strongly disturbs the mapping of the magnetic induction produced by this power line. The mitigation efficiency is significantly improved by optimizing the position of the loop conductors, by increasing the number of loops and the use of a shielded magnetic material of high relative permeability. The obtained simulation result is compared with that obtained by the Carson’s formulas. A good agreement was obtained.

1. Introduction

The continued increase in electricity consumption in developing regions of the world has created significant demand for energy resources. The development of the installations for the transport of energy sources (oil, gas) with electric power transmission networks at very high voltage levels are accelerating to satisfy electrical needs of the world’s population. These two types of transport use long distances to fulfill their functions. Thus, the sharing of a common right-of-way between the two transporters operating along their routes is inevitable. In fact, the overhead AC high voltage power transmission lines (HVTLs) generate high levels of extremely low frequency electric and magnetic fields. These generated fields can induce currents inside the human body and metallic objects located in the vicinity of these HV transmission lines. Therefore, it is necessary to assess and analyze the interference levels between these transmission lines and the metallic pipelines placed inside the right-of-way.

Generally there are three coupling modes of interference to be considered, the capacitive coupling; inductive coupling and conductive coupling, which produce an induced voltage in the metallic pipelines, the inductive effect is the most important from among those three couplings [1–3].

In the last years, several important studies on electromagnetic interferences have been conducted [4–14], based on the recommendations reported by these research studies, a number of reports, standards and guides have been established, to define the safety limits values of voltages and currents under normal operating conditions and fault conditions [15–19].

In this study, the magnetic coupling (inductive coupling) between the HV power lines and aerial metallic pipelines under normal network operating conditions is processed by means of a quasi-static numerical modeling. The purpose of this paper is to quantify the safety aspects of the operator and the personnel coming into contact with the pipeline, as well as an optimum location for the passive mitigation has been suggested where the induced voltage safety limits recommended by the standards [15–17] are exceeded. Also, an appropriate location for the pipeline which gives a better reduction of the induced voltage on the pipeline can be chosen using the Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO) algorithm.

In recent years, Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO) has been successfully and widely applied in various areas of electric power and high voltage engineering. PSO is a stochastic population based optimization approach that may be used to find optimal solutions to numerical and qualitative problems. This technique was developed by Kennedy and Eberhart in 1995 and is inspired by the social behavior of insects and animals searching for food [20–22].

The present paper is structured as follows. Section 2 gives a brief presentation of the magnetic coupling between the AC transmission...
lines and the aerial parallel pipeline. The calculation methods used for the evaluation of magnetic coupling and optimized mitigation are presented in Sections 3 and 4. Finally, Section 5 describes the Carson’s method that validated the simulation results.

2. Magnetic coupling from power lines to pipelines

The magnetic coupling is the result of the magnetic field generated by the power lines, as shown in Fig. 1. Aerial and underground pipelines running parallel to or in close proximity to transmission lines are subjected to induced voltages by the time varying magnetic fields produced by the transmission line currents. The induced electromotive force causes currents circulating in the pipeline in voltages and currents between the pipeline and the surrounding earth [16,19,23].

3. Magnetic coupling between power lines and pipelines

2.1. Magnetic flux density calculation

The intensity of the magnetic induction $\mathbf{B}$ due to the currents $I_i$ flowing in supposed infinitely long horizontal conductors is obtained by the direct application of the Ampere’s law and superposition principle of the partial results. The image theory of the conductors can be applied taking into account the penetration depth $d_{c}$; indeed, the images of the conductors are located at a depth in the ground, much greater than the height of the conductors above ground. The effect of currents induced in the de-energized conductors (earth wires and pipeline) must also be taken into account in this calculation.

In this analysis of magnetic coupling and mitigation between the high-voltage power line and the aerial pipeline, the following simplifying assumptions were applied [24]:

- The conductors are horizontal and parallel to a flat ground on an infinite distance;
- The average height of the conductor is taken into consideration as the tower height minus 2/3 of the sag;
- The influence of the towers and metallic objects encountered which act as screens is neglected;
- The effect of varying environmental conditions on soil resistivity is neglected;
- The length of the loop is at least 15 times longer than their width.

By neglecting the displacement current density in Ampere’s law, the horizontal and vertical components of the magnetic induction intensity phasors ($B_h$ and $B_v$) due to all the power line conductors located at coordinates $(x_i, y_i)$ above a homogeneous earth at the desired point $p$ $(x, y)$ can be calculated as follows [25–30]:

\[ B_h = \frac{\mu_0}{2\pi} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left( \frac{y - y_i}{r_{pi}^2} - \frac{y + y_i + D_s}{r_{pi}^2} \right) \]
\[ B_v = \frac{\mu_0}{2\pi} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left( \frac{x - x_i}{r_{pi}^2} - \frac{x + x_i + D_s}{r_{pi}^2} \right) \]

where, $I_i$ are the currents phasors flowing through the conductors; $\mu_0$ represents the permeability of free space; $n$ is the total number of conductors; $r_{pi}$ is the distance between each conductor and desired point $p$; $r_{pi}^2$ is the distance between each image conductor and desired point $p$; $D_s$ is the complex penetration depth and is given by [25,26,31]:

\[ D_s = \sqrt{\frac{\mu_0}{\rho}} e^{-\frac{\pi s}{D_s}}, \delta = \frac{503}{\sqrt{f}} \]

where, $\delta$ is the skin depth of the ground; $\rho$ is the earth resistivity expressed as (Ω m); $f$ is the frequency of the current in (Hz); $j$ is the imaginary number.

The rms value of resultant magnetic induction at the desired point $p$ can be calculated as:

\[ B_r = \sqrt{|B_h|^2 + |B_v|^2} \]

The induced currents circulating in the de-energized conductors (earth wire and pipeline) can be found by solving the following equation using the Gauss method [32,33]:

\[ [I] = [Z]^{-1} \cdot [Z_p] \cdot [I] \]

where, $Z_p$ is the matrix of mutual impedances between the de-energized conductors and phase conductors; $Z$ is the self-impedances matrix of the de-energized conductors; $I_1$ is the matrix of currents passing through the phase conductors.

In low frequencies, the self and mutual impedances with earth return of the conductors are obtained according to Carson-Clem’s formula [34,35]:

\[ Z_{ii} = R_{i} + \pi^2 \cdot f \cdot 10^{-4} + j \cdot \omega \cdot 2 \cdot 10^{-4} \left[ \ln \left( \frac{d_i}{R_{GMI}} \right) \right] \left( \frac{\Omega}{km} \right) \]

\[ Z_{ij} = \pi^2 \cdot f \cdot 10^{-4} + j \cdot \omega \cdot 2 \cdot 10^{-4} \left[ \ln \left( \frac{d_j}{R_{GMI}} \right) \right] \left( \frac{\Omega}{km} \right) \]

where, $R_{GMI}$ is the DC resistance per unit length of conductor in (Ω/km), $d_{c}$ is the geometric mean radius of the conductor in (m); $d_i$ is the distance between the conductor $i$ and the conductor $j$.

These Carson-Clem’s simplified expressions are generally sufficiently accurate when the mutual distance $d_{c}$ between conductors $i$ and $j$ is less than 15% of the equivalent earth return distance $D_s$ [35].

3.2. Induced voltage calculation using Faraday’s law of induction

The basic principle of the induced voltage due to high voltage power lines on a nearby conductor or a pipeline, which forms a closed loop, is the Faraday’s law of induction. This law explains that a variable magnetic field over time can induce an electromotive force on the pipeline.

The total magnetic flux over time can be calculated from the formula given below [25,27,36,37]:

\[ \Phi_p = L_p \int_{p_1}^{p_2} B_{ind} \cdot d \vec{r} \]

where, $L_p$ is the length of pipeline, $B_{ind}$ is the magnetic induction component perpendicular to the plane that contains the pipeline conductor.

Generally the pipeline is represented as a long lossy transmission conductor, with a return path through the earth, which constitutes a loop located at the coordinates $(x_{p1}, y_{p1})$ and $(x_{p2}, y_{p2})$, as shown in Fig. 2, applying the coordinates of the line conductors and the pipeline [25,27,36,37].
The induced current through a person that touches accidentally the pipeline can be computed using the following equation [40]:

\[ I_p = \frac{V_p}{Z_p + R_s + R_c} = \frac{V_p}{Z_i} \]  

(11)

where, \( R_s \) is the body resistance in \( \Omega \); \( R_c \) is the ground resistance in \( \Omega \) and \( Z_p \) is the impedance of the pipeline with earth return in unit per length, it is calculated by the following equation [40]:

\[ Z_p = \frac{\sqrt{\mu_p \mu_r f}}{3.163r_p} + \pi^2 \times 10^{-4} \cdot f + \frac{\sqrt{\mu_p \mu_r f}}{3.163r_p} + 4 \pi^2 \times 10^{-4}. \]

(12)

where, \( r_p \) is the pipeline’s radius; \( \mu_r \) is the relative permeability of the pipeline’s metal; \( \rho \) is the pipeline’s resistivity.

For touch voltages, for a soil with a surface resistivity, the ground resistance is calculated as [41–43]:

\[ R_c = 1.5 \times \rho \]

(13)

According to the American standard IEEE 80:2000, the overall resistance of the human body is usually taken equal to 1000 \( \Omega \) [41–43].

The discharge current expression using phasor notation can be written as follows:

\[ V_p e^{j \theta_p} = \frac{V_p}{Z_p} e^{j(\theta_p - \theta_i)} \]  

(14)

where, \( \theta_p \) and \( \theta_i \) are the phase angles of the discharge current and the total impedance, respectively.

4. Magnetic coupling mitigation

In some cases, the induced voltage may exceed the acceptable limit recommended by the international standards. Most international regulations, in Australia for example, the AS/NZS 4853: 2000 insist that security measures should be taken when the induced voltage on the pipeline exceeds 50 or 65 V under operating conditions [15–19]. On the other hand, in Europe, the CENELEC (EN 50443: 2009) imposes a stricter limit of the induced voltage on a pipeline of 60 V under steady-state conditions [19,44].

In this case, the attenuation is required to maintain the induced voltage within the permissible limit. In order to provide suitable protection for people that touches or comes into contact with the pipeline section. The proposed methodology is based on the passive shielding technique in combination with the Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO) algorithm.

4.1. Installing passive shielding

Passive shielding technique of overhead power lines is achieved by the appropriate insertion of the metal auxiliary conductors connected in a loop to certain critical areas to be protected where the effect of the induced voltage is very important along the section of the pipeline, by respecting the minimum distance \( D \) of safety between the conductors of different voltages. Conducting and ferromagnetic materials can be used for low frequency AC magnetic shielding applications [45,46].

According to the Faraday’s Law of induction mentioned above in Eq. (9), an induced current flows through the closed passive loop due to time-varying currents flowing through the conductors of the power line. This current, by the Lenz’s Law, generates a magnetic induction that opposes the original induction produced by the source currents, in order to partially compensate it. The effectiveness of the passive loop compensation depends on the induced current, the loop impedance and its location [45,46].

As shown in Fig. 3, the height of the closed loop’s conductors is equal \( (y_2 = y_1) \). Only the y-component of the magnetic induction intensity produced by the power line is effective for magnetic flux. The magnetic flux through the passive loop caused by the sinusoidally varying currents in the power line conductors and pipeline is given by [25,27,36,37].

\[ \Phi_p = -\frac{\mu_0}{4 \pi} \sum_{i=1}^{n} l \ln \left( \frac{(x_i - x_0)^2 + (y_i - y_0)^2}{(x_i - x_0)^2 + (y_i - y_0)^2} \right) \]

(15)

where, \( \Phi_p \) is the magnetic flux through the passive loop; \( \ell \) is the length of the passive loop.

Thus, according to Faraday’s law, the induced voltage on this passive loop is:

\[ V_{pl} e^{j \phi_{pl}} = \omega \Phi_p e^{j(\phi_{pl} - \phi_p)} \]

(16)

The induced current flowing through the passive loop is given by the following equation [25–29]:

\[ I_p e^{j \phi_{pl}} = \frac{V_{pl}}{Z_{ik}} e^{j(\phi_{pl} - \phi_{pl})} \]

(17)

where the term \( \theta_p \) indicates the phase angles of the parameters; \( Z_{ik} \) is the impedance per unit length of the passive loop; its value can be easily calculated using the following equation [47]:

\[ Z_p = R_p + j \omega L_p \]

For a simple loop:

\[ L_p = \frac{\ell}{\omega} \]

\[ \epsilon_{ik} = \frac{V_{pl}}{Z_{ik}} e^{j(\phi_{pl} - \phi_{pl})} \]
\[ Z_{sk} = 2R_s + j\omega \frac{\mu_s \mu_r}{\pi} \ln \frac{S_i}{r_c} \left[ \frac{\Omega}{m} \right] \]  
\[ \text{(18)} \]

where, \( R_s \) is the resistance of the conductor constituting the passive loop in (\( \Omega/m \)); \( \mu \) is the relative permeability of the conductor constituting the passive loop; \( r_c \) is the radius of the conductor in (m); \( S_i \) is the distance between the two parallel conductors forming the closed loop (k), this distance is calculated using the following equation (see Fig. 3):

\[ S_i = |r_0 - x_i| \]  
\[ \text{(19)} \]

For a double loop:

\[ Z_{dk} = Z_{d0} \]
\[ Z_{dk} = 2R_c + j\omega \frac{\mu_s \mu_r}{\pi} \ln \frac{d(k_0, k_1) - d(k_1, k_2) + d(k_2, k_3) - d(k_3, k_4)}{d(k_2, k_3) - d(k_3, k_4)} \]  
\[ \text{(20)} \]

It should be noted that the inductance matrix is always symmetric, then \( Z_{dl} = Z_{dk} \).

Distances separating the different conductors of two loops (k) and (l) are calculated as follows:

\[ d(k_0, k_1) = \sqrt{(x_1 - x_0)^2 + (y_1 - y_0)^2} \]
\[ d(k_0, k_2) = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_0)^2 + (y_2 - y_0)^2} \]
\[ d(k_2, k_3) = \sqrt{(x_3 - x_2)^2 + (y_3 - y_2)^2} \]
\[ d(k_3, k_0) = \sqrt{(x_0 - x_3)^2 + (y_0 - y_3)^2} \]  
\[ \text{(21)} \]

Finally, the resultant magnetic induction field \( \vec{B}_r \) is a vector sum of the original field created by the overhead power line and the pipeline \( \vec{B}_l \) and the compensation field generated by the passive loop \( \vec{B}_{comp} \), as shown in the equation below [25-29]:

\[ \vec{B}_r = \vec{B}_l + \vec{B}_{comp} \]  
\[ \text{(22)} \]

In the same way, we can write the resultant of the induced voltage due to the overhead power line and the passive loop.

Magnetic field compensation with the passive loop depends greatly on its location. In order to determine the optimal location of the passive loop under overhead power line, this can be achieved easily by applying optimization methods, such as the Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO).

\[ \text{4.2. Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO)} \]

PSO is a robust stochastic optimization technique that may be used to find optimal or near to optimal solutions to numerical and qualitative problems. This search optimization technique was developed by James Kennedy (social psychologist) and Russell Eberhart (electrical engineer) in 1995. It is inspired by the social behavior of swarming of insects and herding of animals when seeking food source. A brief introduction of PSO is presented in this paper while a detailed description can be found in the references [20,22]. PSO uses a number of particles that constitute a swarm. Each particle crosses the search space looking for the global optimum [22,48]. In PSO, the velocity and position of each particle can be calculated using the following equations:

\[ v_i(t + 1) = v_i(t) + c_1 \cdot \text{rand}(t) \cdot (p_{best}(t) - x_i(t)) + c_2 \cdot \text{rand}(t) \cdot (g_{best}(t) - x_i(t)) \]  
\[ \text{(23)} \]

where:

\[ x_i(t + 1) = x_i(t) + v_i(t + 1) \]  
\[ \text{(24)} \]

The objective in this application is to adapt Particle Swarm Optimization algorithm (PSO) to Faraday’s Law. The PSO algorithm description of the procedure can be written as follows [49,50].

Step 1: Initialize a population of particles with random positions and velocities in the problem search space;

Step 2: Evaluate the fitness of each particle according to the objective function. Current value is set as the new \( p_{best} \) when the fitness value is better than the best fitness value \( p_{best} \) in history;

Step 3: Choose the particle with the best fitness value of all the particles as the \( g_{best} \);

Step 4: For each particle, calculate particle velocity according to Eq. (23) while update particle position according to Eq. (24);

Step 5: Go to step2, and repeat the process until stopping criteria are satisfied.

To determine the solution which reduces the induced voltage produced by the power line in the pipeline, we can use the objective function of the following form:

\[ OF = -\sqrt{(V_{ind}(0) - V_{res}(res)(x_i, y_i))^2} \]  
\[ \text{(25)} \]

where, \( V_{ind}(0) \) is the induced voltage produced by the power line on the metallic pipeline at the given position (before shielding); \( V_{res}(res) \) is the resultant induced voltage on this pipeline at the same position (after shielding).

The objective is to minimize this equation and it should be noted that the objective function is always symmetric, then \( OF_{min} = OF_{max} \).

The negative sign shows the maximization of this objective function [51].

\[ \text{5. Carson’s formula} \]

The Carson’s method can be used to validate the simulation results. This technique is based on the principle of the mutual and self-impedances of the conductors and the metallic pipeline. The calculation of these impedances is carried out using the Carson-Clem formulas previously described by Eqs. (5) and (6). To calculate the induced voltage appearing on the pipeline due to
the magnetic field created by the power line is normally worked out in two steps: first determination of the electromotive force induced along the pipeline, then the potential difference between the pipeline and the adjacent earth [2,15,16].

It should be mentioned that this approach is mainly adapted for aerial pipelines; it is invalid for pipelines that are buried underground [15].

In case of perfect parallelism between the power line and the pipeline, the total longitudinal electromotive force induced on the pipeline due to the currents flowing in phase conductors and earth wires can be found by the following equation [2,15,16],

$$\varepsilon_{\text{ind}} = -I_a \cdot Z_{pa} - I_b \cdot Z_{pb} - I_c \cdot Z_{pc} - I_{\text{fl}} \cdot Z_{\text{fl}1} - I_{\text{fl}} \cdot Z_{\text{fl}2}$$

where, $I_a$, $I_b$, $I_c$ and $I_{\text{fl}}$ are the currents flowing through the phase conductors and earth wires; $Z_{pa}$, $Z_{pb}$, $Z_{pc}$, $Z_{\text{fl}1}$ and $Z_{\text{fl}2}$ are the mutual impedances per unit length between the power line conductors and the pipeline; $a$, $b$ and $c$ represent the phase conductors, $g_1$, $g_2$ and $p$ are the two earth wires and pipeline.

Since the earth wires have zero voltage drops. Using the self and mutual impedance expressions for the earth conductors, the voltage drops across each earth wire circuit are given by the equations below:

$$\Delta V_{f1} = I_a \cdot Z_{g1} + I_b \cdot Z_{g2} + I_c \cdot Z_{g3} + I_{\text{fl}} \cdot Z_{g4} \approx 0$$

$$\Delta V_{f2} = I_a \cdot Z_{g5} + I_b \cdot Z_{g6} + I_c \cdot Z_{g7} + I_{\text{fl}} \cdot Z_{g8} \approx 0$$

We can deduced the induced currents in the earth wires.

$$I_1 = -I_a \cdot \frac{x_{g1} + x_{g2}}{x_{g1} + x_{g2}} - I_c \cdot \frac{x_{g3}}{x_{g3} + x_{g4}} - I_{\text{fl}} \cdot \frac{x_{g5}}{x_{g5} + x_{g6}}$$

$$I_2 = -I_a \cdot \frac{x_{g1} + x_{g2}}{x_{g1} + x_{g2}} - I_c \cdot \frac{x_{g3}}{x_{g3} + x_{g4}} - I_{\text{fl}} \cdot \frac{x_{g5}}{x_{g5} + x_{g6}}$$

Substituting these values into Eq. (26) above, and combining terms, we obtain the equation of the induced electromotive force.

$$\varepsilon_{\text{ind}} = -I_a \cdot Z_1' - I_b \cdot Z_2' - I_c \cdot Z_3'$$

With,

$$Z_1' = Z_{pa} - \frac{x_{g1}}{x_{g1} + x_{g2}} \cdot \frac{y_{g1}}{y_{g1} + y_{g2}} - \frac{x_{g3}}{x_{g3} + x_{g4}} \cdot \frac{y_{g3}}{y_{g3} + y_{g4}}$$

$$Z_2' = Z_{pb} - \frac{x_{g1}}{x_{g1} + x_{g2}} \cdot \frac{y_{g1}}{y_{g1} + y_{g2}} - \frac{x_{g5}}{x_{g5} + x_{g6}} \cdot \frac{y_{g5}}{y_{g5} + y_{g6}}$$

$$Z_3' = Z_{pc} - \frac{x_{g1}}{x_{g1} + x_{g2}} \cdot \frac{y_{g1}}{y_{g1} + y_{g2}} - \frac{x_{g7}}{x_{g7} + x_{g8}} \cdot \frac{y_{g7}}{y_{g7} + y_{g8}}$$

The induced voltage on the pipeline for a length $L_p$ can be found by the following equation [2,15,16],

$$V_p = \varepsilon_{\text{ind}} \cdot L_p$$

For this case study, we consider a 400 kV single-circuit transmission line, with two earth wires and an above ground metallic pipeline installed in close vicinity [5]; the geometrical data of the overhead line circuit and pipeline are shown in Fig. 4. The three-phase currents on the power line have been assumed under balanced operation with the magnitude of 1000 A, at nominal frequency $f = 50$ Hz. The earth is assumed to be homogeneous with a resistivity of 100 $\Omega m$. The AC resistance for the phase conductor is 0.0684 $\Omega/km$, for the earth wire is 0.0643 $\Omega/km$ and 1 $\Omega/km$ for the pipeline. The pipeline is parallel to the axis of the power line at a distance of 40 m. It has an outer radius of 0.3 m and a height above ground of 1 m. The length of parallel exposure of the pipeline and power line is 5 km. Resistivity of steel pipeline $\rho_g = 0.17 \times 10^{-6} \Omega m$, relative permeability of the steel $\mu_r = 300$.

### 6. Results and discussions

The first step is to determine the induced currents in earth wires, as given in Eq. (4) cited above, in order to take into account the effect of these currents in the magnetic induction intensity calculation, $I_{a1} = 77.4A$, $I_{a2} = 76.9A$.
voltage obtained during the simulation is 115.7 V; it is greater than the permissible limit value (safe threshold).

The variation of the current flowing in a person’s body coming into contact with the pipeline as a function of the pipeline location is illustrated in Fig. 7. The shock current profile obtained is similar to that of the induced voltage; this current is proportional to the touch voltage on the aerial pipeline. The higher the touch voltage, the higher is the shock current. In this case study, the current passing through the man for accidental contact with the pipeline is 100.2 mA. This level of current is very high and the person cannot survive this electric shock. Therefore, from a personnel safety viewpoint, it is necessary to protect against this hazard by implementing an appropriate mitigation technique.

The used mitigation system consists to install a single or double loop between the lowest phase and the ground of conductive or ferromagnetic material. The loop's location must be optimized to ensure a good efficiency of electromagnetic shielding.

The variation of objective function that is used to evaluate the optimal location of loops with number of generations is given in Fig. 8. The change in value of this function illustrates the searching and optimization processes undertaken by the PSO algorithm. The objective is to maximize this function given by Eq. (25), as illustrated in this figure. The evolution of the algorithm is increased in order to determine the smallest value of the induced voltage on the pipeline according to the search area.

The simulation results for the shielding loops position are presented in Figs. 9 and 10, where it becomes obvious that the search algorithm converge quickly to these optimum values.

For a variable location of a pipeline along the power line corridor,
the magnetic induction profile without and with passive shielding loop in conductive material is presented in Fig. 11. It can be seen that the initial maximum magnetic induction is less intense at the power line center and increases to a maximum value at a location about 11 m and then gradually decreases as we get further away from this center. After optimizing the coordinates of passive loop for magnetic induction mitigation, on the same figure, we see a significant reduction in the peak value of the magnetic induction inside the passive loop and its immediate vicinity.

With the double passive loop as shown in Fig. 12, the use of double loop ensures effective and suitable reduction in the values of the magnetic induction along the power line corridor.

Fig. 13 shows the shapes of the polarization ellipses described by the magnetic induction vector as a function of its vertical and horizontal components at the pipeline’s location (y = 40 m, z = 1 m). It is clear that the ellipses do not rest in the same plane; the ellipse described by the vector of the original magnetic induction is ahead of the ellipses of the resulting magnetic induction with passive shielding with a decrease in the values of the vertical and horizontal components. As a result, the resulting magnetic induction is generally reduced thanks to the optimized coordinates of the passive magnetic shielding.

Induced voltage on the aerial pipeline by changing the pipeline’s location before and after the installation of passive shielding in conductive material is shown in Fig. 14. After applying the optimization method, as can be seen in this figure that the induced voltage is very small at power line center, then increases until it reaches a maximum. After this pipeline location, the induced voltage decreases continuously with increasing the pipeline’s location where it becomes almost negligible far from the power line center.

It is important to note that a considerable reduction in the values of the induced voltage is observed, with a simple loop, in a limited interval of pipeline location. The values of these voltages slightly exceed the limits allowed by the European standard, while with a double loop, and along the pipeline location interval, all calculated values of these voltages are below the threshold limit.

Induced voltage on the aerial pipeline as a function of its location without and with passive shielding in ferromagnetic material having a relative permeability $\mu_r = 5$ is presented in Fig. 15. It is obvious that a very significant reduction in the induced voltage can be effected; notably in the interior region of the loop shield. Consequently, the use of a magnetic material with a relative permeability $\mu_r$ much greater than 1 produces good shielding.

Accordingly, in our case study, when a shielding loop is installed above the ground, the induced voltage on the pipe is reduced; the
values obtained are shown in Table 1.

The effectiveness of the loop shielding is generally assessed as the ratio between the initial induced voltage, divided by the resulting induced voltage with the passive loop mitigation along the pipeline’s position. The result is illustrated in Fig. 16. In this case study, the pipeline is laid at a location of 40 m from the mid point of the right of way. For a conductive material constituting the passive loop, the simple passive loop reduces a maximum the induced voltage of its initial value with a ratio of 1.4, while the maximum induced voltage reduction for double passive loop is 1.56.

For a ferromagnetic material ($\mu_r = 5$), the simple passive loop provides a reduction factor equal to 1.8. On the other hand, the double passive loop causes an important factor, which is equal to 2.41.

The peak of the induced voltage reduction factor observed in the same figure is located at a lateral position of the pipeline of 13 m for the double passive loop. As a result, it is suggested that the pipeline be located at this position so that the induced voltage on the pipeline is very reduced.

Fig. 17 shows the variation of the induced voltage reduction factor on the pipeline at lateral position of 40 m, as a function of the different values of relative permeability of the passive loop conductor. The appearance of this figure shows a non-linearity, there is a rapid evolution in reduction factor for values of relative permeability less than 50. From this value the increase in the factor becomes slower.

To validate the simulation results obtained with the proposed method, the induced voltage can be calculated using the Carson’s method. A comparison between these two approaches is made and the results are presented in Fig. 18, the analysis of the graphs of this figure shows a perfect agreement between the simulation results with a maximum relative error which does not exceed 5%. This comparison makes it possible to confirm the results obtained. Furthermore, it validates the adopted method.

7. Conclusion

This paper presents a rigorous quasi-static modeling to evaluate the magnetic coupling and its mitigation between an overhead power line 400 kV and aerial metallic pipeline located near this power line. From
these results it is evident that the presence of metallic pipeline disturbs the magnetic induction distribution at pipeline location due to induced current which it generates. The induced voltage on the pipeline located at different distances from the power line center is presented. The induced voltage is less intense at the center, as the position of the pipeline is moved away from this center. The induced voltage increases to reach a maximum value, and then gradually reduces where it becomes very neglected far from the center of the power line. The shock current profile passing through the body of a person that touches the pipeline has a behavior similar to that observed for the induced voltage; the level obtained is high enough to cause damage.

The passive mitigation loop technique using conductive and ferromagnetic material with a Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO) algorithm is applied; the proposed mitigation effectively reduces the induced voltage on the pipeline. The shielding performance can be greatly increased by using a ferromagnetic material with high relative permeability. The result of the numerical simulation is compared to result obtained by Carson’s formulas. The comparison shows that a good correlation is reached which confirms the validity of the proposed method.

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