

Temperature Distribution in High Voltage Dummy Cable

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High Voltage Cable



- **Highest power ~ 2500 MVA**
- **High voltage ~ 1000 kV**
- **High current ~ 1000 A**

Energy Loss in High Voltage Cable

- **Voltage-dependent**

for AC power system

$$P_v = U^2 \cdot \omega \cdot \varepsilon_0 \cdot \varepsilon_r \cdot C \cdot \tan \delta$$

U: voltage, ω : angular frequency

ε_0 : permittivity of vacuum, ε_r : relative permittivity of insulator

C: capacity of insulator, $\tan \delta$: dissipation factor of insulator

- **Current-dependent**

$$P_i = I^2 \cdot R$$

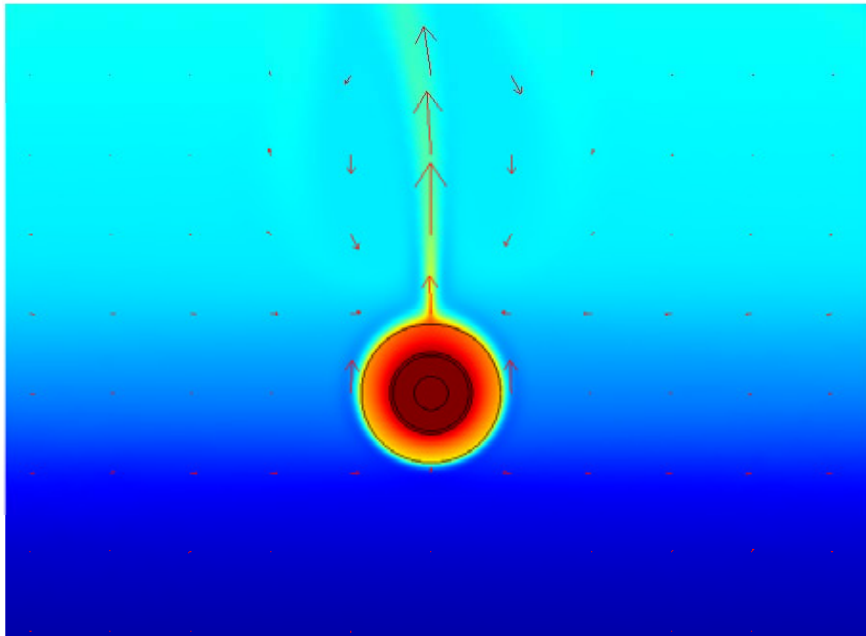
I: current, R: resistance of conductor

Limited Operating Temperature of High Voltage Cable

- **High temperature**
 - increases energy loss
 - $\rho = \rho_0 * (1 + \alpha * (T - T_0))$
 - accelerates thermal ageing of cable
- **Permissible operating temperature**

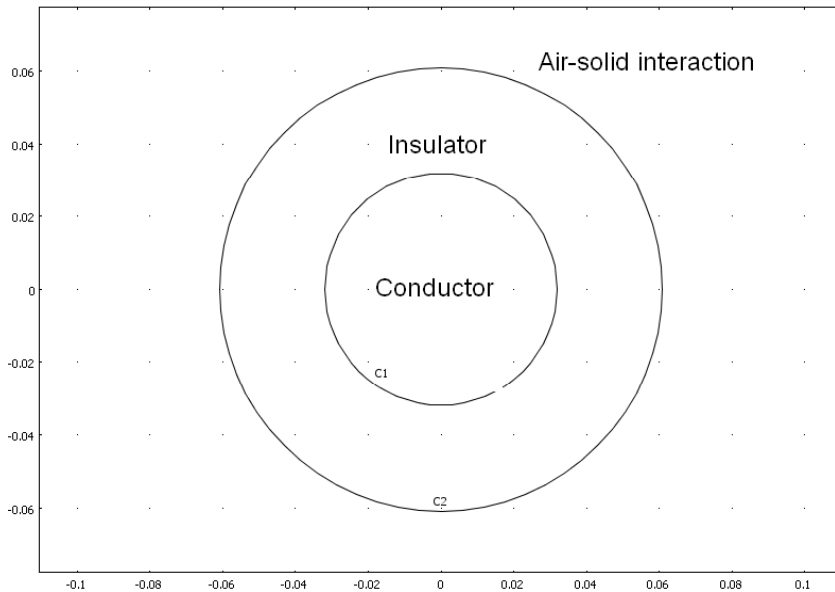
Insulator	Impregnated Paper	HDPE	XLPE	EPR
Temperature °C	85/90	80	90	90

Temperature Distribution in Dummy Cable Laid in Free Air



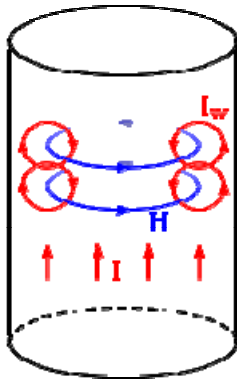
- **Dummy cable**
no voltage applied, $P_v=0$
- **Heat source**
resistive loss $P_I=I^2 \cdot R$
- **Natural convection cooling by free air**
- **Steady-state reached when heat balances**

COMSOL Modelling



- **2D model**
temperature change in
cable direction neglected
- **Coupled electric-thermal problem**
heat source $Q=J^2 \cdot \rho(T)$
actual temperature T depends on
heat source and natural convection
cooling

Perpendicular Induction Current, Vector Potential Mode

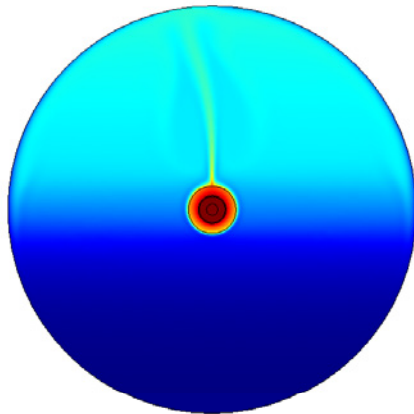
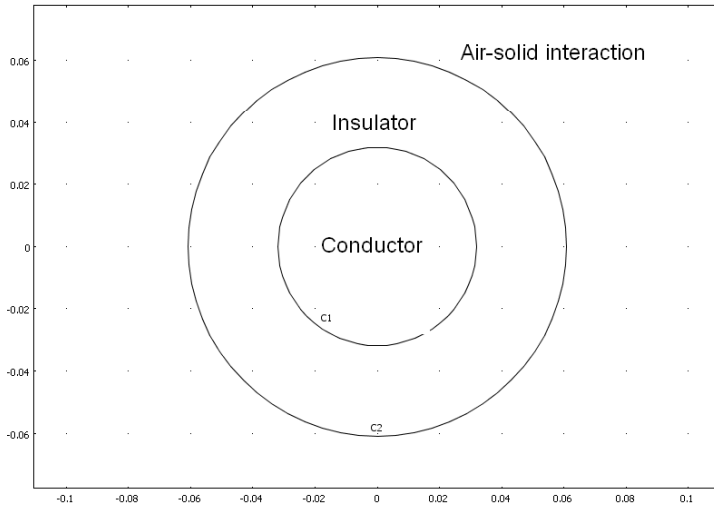


- **Analysis type: Transient**
heat source $Q(\rho(t))$
- **Skin effect**
enhances the current density near conductor surface, the effective resistivity increases
$$\rho_{AC}(T) = (1+Y_s) \cdot \rho_{DC}(T_0) \cdot (1+\alpha \cdot (T-T_0))$$
- **Skin effect factor**
$$Y_s = X_s^4 / (192 + 0.8 \cdot X_s^4)$$

$$X_s = \sqrt{(K_s \cdot \omega \cdot \mu) / (\pi \cdot R_{DC}(T_0))}$$

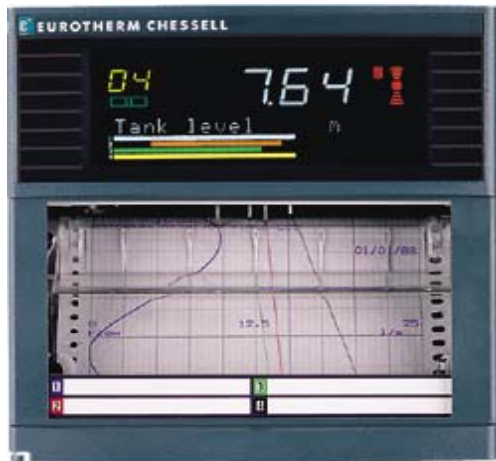
 μ : magnetic permeability
 K_s : correction factor for segmented cable

Heat Transfer by Conduction Mode



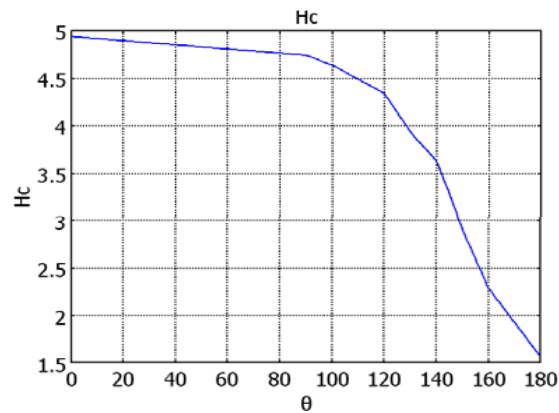
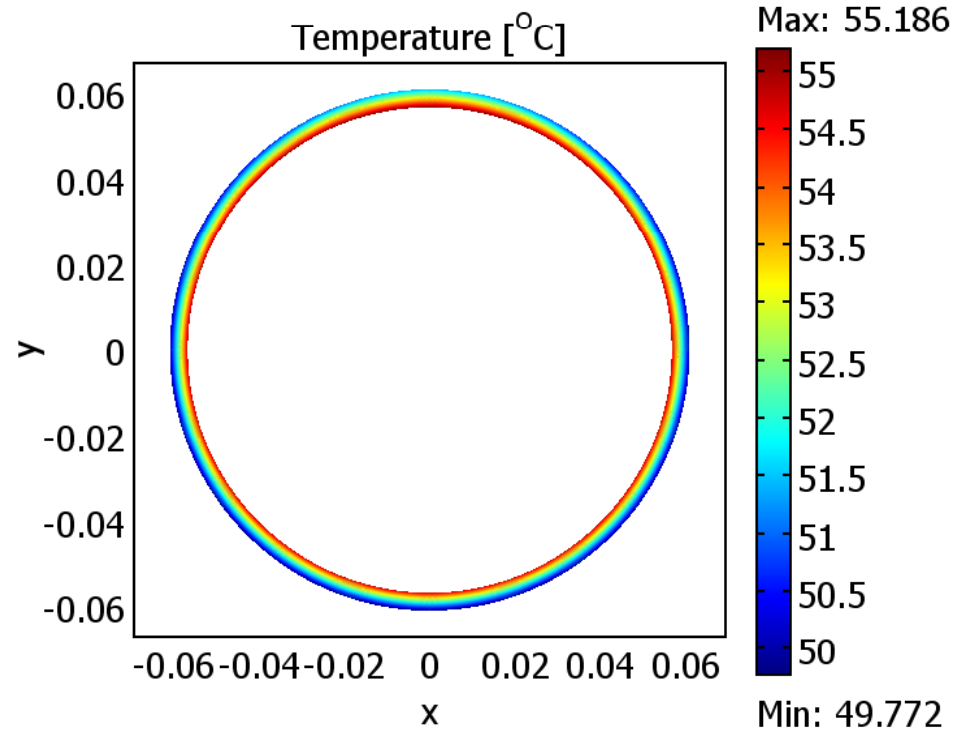
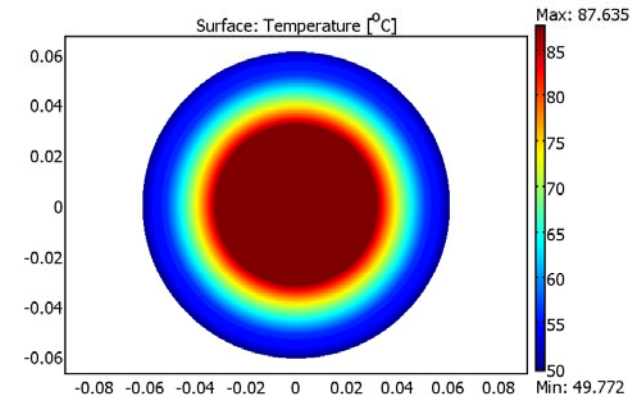
- **Analysis type: Transient**
 $T(t)$
- **Conductive inside cable**
 $\rho C_p \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} - \nabla \cdot (k \nabla T) = Q$
- **Heat transfer coefficient for air-solid interaction**
 $Q_{\text{transfer}} = Hc \cdot (T_{\text{inf}} - T)$
Hc: coefficient for natural convection around a cylinder
 $Hc = \kappa / D \cdot f(\theta) \cdot Gr^{1/4}$
Grashof number
 $Gr = \beta \cdot g \cdot (T - T_{\text{inf}}) \cdot D^3 / \nu^2$
COMSOL Library Model
"Cooling Flange"
- **Thermal radiation**
 $\varepsilon \cdot \sigma \cdot (T_{\text{inf}}^4 - T^4)$

Experimental



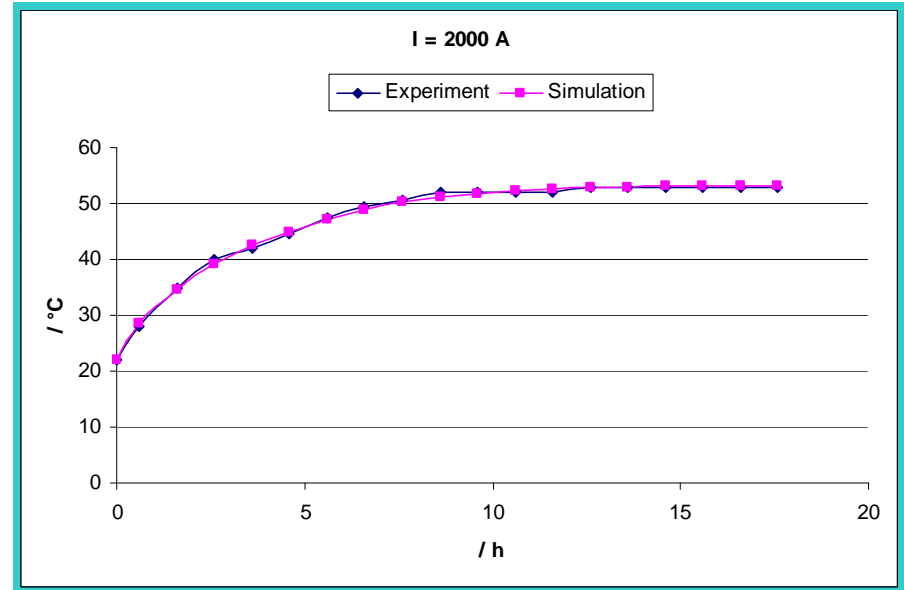
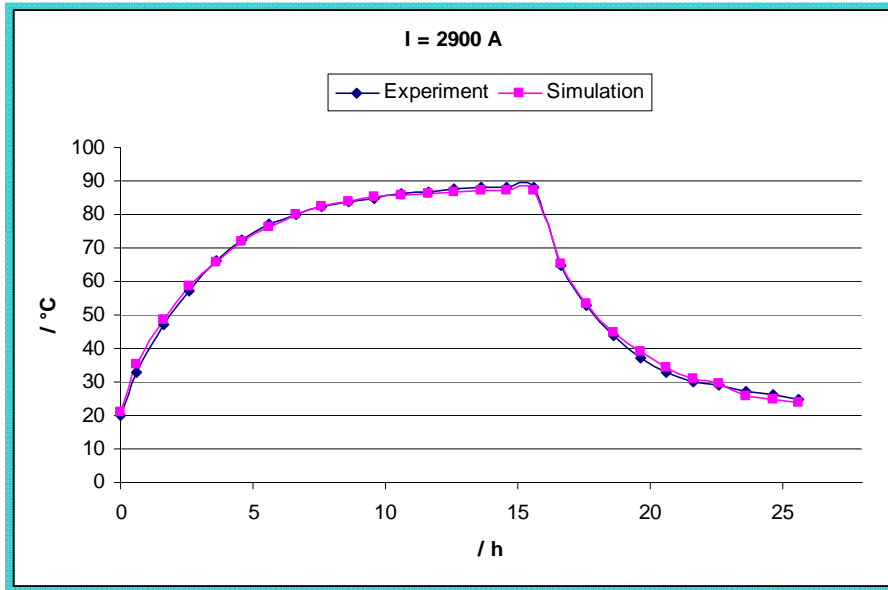
- **2500 mm² XLPE insulation segmented cable**
- **AC current, 50 Hz, 2900 A and 2000A separately**
- **Temperature measured and recorded by using a 6-Channel-Pointprinter from company Eurotherm Chessell**

Simulation Results



Temperature in the outer layer, T-sheath

Comparison of Simulation and Experimental Data



- **Results influenced very much by Ks:**
the skin effect correction factor for segmented cable, should be individually defined

**Thank You
for Your Attention**