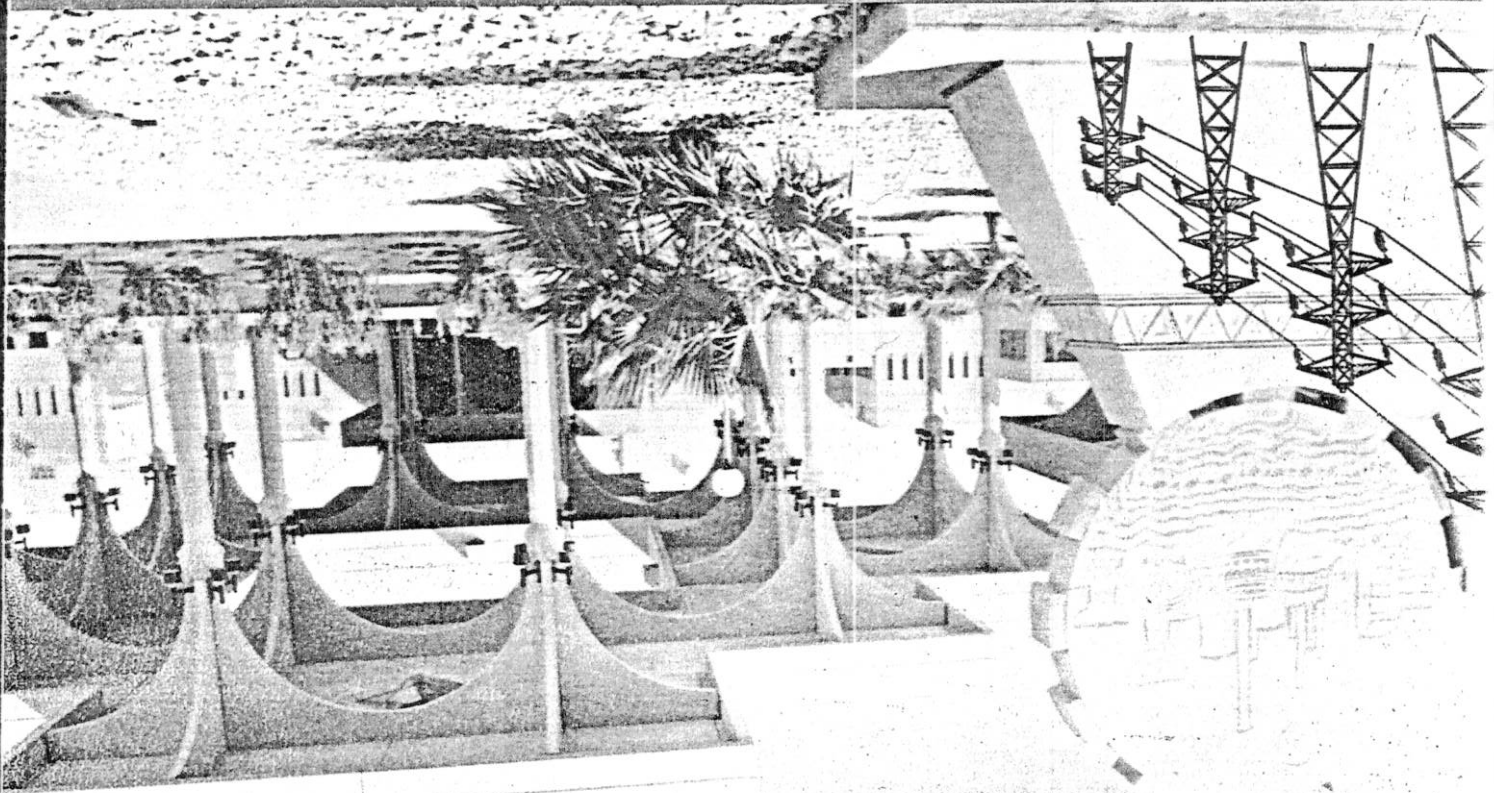


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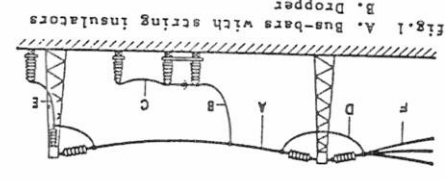


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Summary - This paper proposes a calculation method for the flexible components (cables) of H.V. networks (lines, flexible busbars in substation) which are required to operate at a short-circuit current intensity higher than 20 kA. A simplified model allows an initial fast yet cheap approach. Another model based on the finite element method is able to adjust, when appropriate to a large extent the options previously taken. Experimental full scale tests have confirmed the results obtained by the numerical approach. The proposed method may include all the components indicated in figure 1.



- Fig. 1 A. Bus-bars with string insulators
B. Dropper
C. Connection between apparatus
D. Jumper between two spans
E. Dropper next to structure
F. Dead-end aerial span

1. INTRODUCTION

The magnitude of fault currents continue to increase in power systems. Short circuit currents of 40 to 100 kA are being predicted in the near future (40 kA in Belgium, 63 kA in France, 100 kA in Germany and Canada). Such high currents impose severe equivalent mechanical loads in the system components and also produce large conductor displacements. The knowledge of the transient mechanical response of complete structure (conductors, insulators, sections, supports, ...) is necessary to evaluate the applied forces (electromagnetic, gravity, inertial, elastic) and secondly the motion of the cables with the recognition that this may lead to the likelihood of breakdown of the air insulation. In H.V. substations, the busbars are either rigid or flexible. When the currents distribution is known, the transient response of rigid busbars can be determined using the classical method of linear structures. The case of flexible conductors is a very complex problem that needs non linear theories to take into account the "large displacements" [1],[2],[3],[4]. Moreover, the significant displacement modifies the initial electromagnetic forces and adds a second non-linearly. From the mechanical point of view, due to the very low probability of heavy faults, it is important to know their consequences with sufficient accuracy in order to avoid excessive overdimensionning based on empirical laws.

2. ELECTRICAL CONSIDERATIONS

During fault, the current intensity may be determined by the following simplified expression:

$$i(t) = \sqrt{2} I_{rms} [\sin(\omega t + \phi) - e^{-\frac{t}{T}} \sin \phi] \quad (1)$$

where :

- ω angular motion (rad/s)
- T equivalent time constant of the network at the fault location (s)
- ϕ angle related to the instant when fault appears in accordance with the e.m.f. sine wave of the equivalent network (maximum asymmetry when e.m.f. is zero, that means $\phi = -\frac{\pi}{2}$ (rad))

2.1 Influence of the type of fault on the electromagnetic (EM) forces.

Current multiplication appears in the EM forces representation. The influence of phase differences is very important especially for the continuous component. The mechanical eigenfrequencies of cables in electrical installations are relatively low (about one Hertz). From that time, the mechanical response is practically unaffected by high frequencies induced by the electrical parameters. The d.c. component will be fundamental in defining the motion. The peak value is of secondary importance so far as low frequencies are concerned compared with those between phases. In these circumstances, the phase-to-phase fault isolated from ground or the three phase fault outer phase will be the most severe in general. In fact, it is only in these two situations that the force is one-way (Fig. 2). The figure 3, from tests performed in Czechoslovakia [5], shows the continuous component effect in a three-phase situation. The centre phase is not affected by the force and remains undisturbed. Taking into account this particular effect, the electrical stresses (i.e. the distance between phases) will be more important with the two-phase fault.

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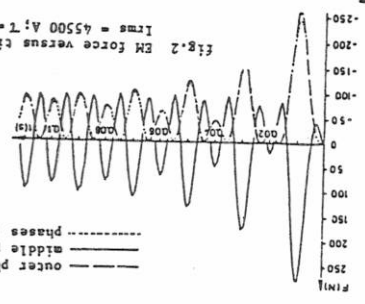


Fig. 2 EM force versus time with maximum asymmetry. $I_{rms} = 45500$ A; $T = 0.03$ s; $a = 7.5$ m.

----- phases for a two-phase isolated fault
----- middle phase for a three-phase fault
----- outer phase for a three-phase fault

(6) $x(\xi) = P(\xi) \cdot W$

(5) $u(\xi) = P(\xi) \cdot q$

and functions ; generalized quantities (nodal values) by the same shape displacements and coordinates are related to the

The discretization is made at the element level, following the assumptions. The technique uses isoparametric elements ;

The structure is cut into finite dimensional elements. Each finite element must have a simple behaviour in order that the displacement field on one element may be approximated in each direction by a polynomial function guided by the element nodal values. The more this function has a higher degree, the more the element is a reasonable representation of a large cable segment (the degree is of course imposed by the number of element nodes : degree 1 for 2 nodes, degree 2 for 3 nodes, ...). An optimum exists between the element degree and the computing time for a constant and satisfactory degree of accuracy in the results.

The spatial discretization of eq. (4) enables a limited number of degrees of freedom of the structure ; the nodal unknown (3 displacements) or "generalized displacements".

4.2 Spatial Discretization. [2], [7], [8]

Where δ_g is the variation of the Green's measure (strain state) and N the tensile force in the cable.

$$\int_0^{l_0} [(-\sigma_0) u_t + f_t^1 + f_t^2 + f_t^3] \delta u_t - N \delta g ds_0 = 0 \quad (4)$$

These definitions are explained in the appendix. Carrying out the variation of expressions taken again in appendix, the equation (3) becomes the virtual work expression that can be applied to transient problems :

where I : cable kinetic energy
 U : total potential energy : $U = U_1 + U_2$
 with U_1 : cable strain energy
 U_2 : external conservative loads
 I_0 : cable length without strain
 ...)

$$\int_0^{t_1} \int_0^{l_0} (T-U) dt + \int_0^{t_1} \int_0^{l_0} f_t^1 \delta u_t - N \delta g ds_0 = 0 \quad (3)$$

Hamilton's principle provides that in a conservative system undergoing displacement variations regarding the real trajectory of the system. We add times t_1 and t_2 , the Lagrangian action is stationary δu_t kinetically admissible and in such a way $\delta u_t = 0$ at phase during a three phase fault if Z_0 (Zero Sequence impedance) is greater than Z_d (direct impedance). In other cases (where Z_d is higher than Z_0) the phase-to-ground fault becomes more serious [2].

4.1 Variational formulation of the motion equations. Finite elements and second by taking discrete time elements using step direct integration methods.

We have chosen the so called fully Lagrangian approach (reference to the structure without strain(initial configuration) at any instant rather than reference to the previous instant). The solution of the system equations is obtained first by taking discrete spatial elements in high order isoparametric

4. FLEXIBLE CABLES ELASTODYNAMIC. [2], [7]

Internal and external damping may also be neglected as these values have a small effect upon the maximum values of the response which occurs generally during the first two oscillation periods. These damping coefficients are also very difficult to obtain. Finally, no account is taken of the possible clash between conductors. We cannot therefore evaluate the conductors are clashing. However this phenomenon only changes the behaviour of the phase during the first moments and the proposed method remains valid for the following motion. We shall return to this problem in our conclusions.

Moreover it is difficult to obtain realistic experimental data for them.

The flexional and torsional stiffnesses of cables may be neglected as these parameters have a very low influence on the phenomenon owing to the magnitude, the direction and the type of the applied force.

It is necessary to take into consideration in the computation of large displacements of the cables, the elasticity and inertia of the cables and their anchoring structures (gantry, tower, insulator supports, ...), conductor heating, gravity and wind, and possible droppers (towards apparatus, ...) and insulator chains (rigid or semi rigid), concentrated masses (pantograph isolator mechanism, ...) and sizes, electromagnetic force variations caused by the movement (Laplace's law), phase-to-phase or three phase faults, and a realistic assessment of current flow.

3. MECHANICAL CONSIDERATIONS

Regarding the importance of the continuous component as discussed previously, we can define the following quantity

$$i(t) = \sqrt{2} I_{rms} \sqrt{\frac{1}{Z} + e^{-2t/\tau} \sin^2 \phi} \quad (2)$$

2.2 Definition of an equivalent intensity in the phase-to-phase isolated fault.

Regarding the importance of the continuous component as discussed previously, we can define the following quantity

In the bundle configuration, as clashing occurs during the 10 to 80 ms following the short-circuit [6], the snatch effect will be more important on the centre phase during a three phase fault if Z_0 (Zero Sequence impedance) is greater than Z_d (direct impedance). In other cases (where Z_d is higher than Z_0) the phase-to-ground fault becomes more serious [2].

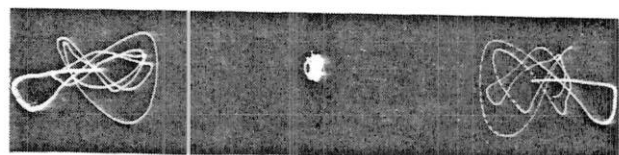


Fig.3 Cable oscillations at mid-span for a three-phase fault. $\lambda = 1340$ mm; $a = 2.5$ M; $I_{rms} = 39000$ A; $t_{c-0} = 0.9$ s; $T_0 = 11800$ N; $s = 40$ m.

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(14)

$$\gamma = \frac{2}{1 - \alpha}$$

(13)

$$\beta = (1 - \alpha)^{2/4}$$

With the particular choice of β and δ :

(12)

$$q_{n+1} = q_n + h q'_n + \frac{1}{2} h^2 q''_n + \beta h^2 (q_{n+1} - q_n)$$

(11)

$$q_{n+1} = q_n + (1 - \gamma) h q'_n + \gamma h q''_{n+1}$$

5.2 Example 2 (Fig 12 to 14)

With a span similar to that in example 1, the conductor area was 1144 mm² (ACSR) and the short circuit current 63 kA (150 kA max) for a duration of 0.242 sec. The supply droppers side is located on the north side and the short-circuit was realized with a jumper between the ends of the insulators. The insulator chains were very heavy (300 kg) in relation with real 400 kV substations. Structural stiffness was also greater than in example 1 (by about 10 times) and the first mode of structural oscillation was about 2.5 Hz.

We utilize the Newmark's formulations :

4.3 Temporal discretization. [2], [9], [10], [11]

where h is the time step, ζ a functional parameter of the temporal integration scheme, M the mass matrix and K_T the tangent stiffness matrix.

(10)

$$\left[\frac{\zeta h^2}{1} M + K_T \right] \cdot \Delta q = -r(q^k)$$

and also (see appendix)

(9')

$$IT \cdot \Delta q = -r(q^k)$$

which may be written

(9)

$$r(q^{k+1}) = r(q^k) + IT \cdot (q^{k+1} - q^k) = 0$$

where k characterizes the iteration within a time step and r the residual vector of the forces called "out of balance". G_{int} and G_{ext} are evaluated in function of q^k

(8)

$$r(q^k) = M \dot{q}^k + G_{int} - G_{ext}$$

Put down
 where M is the (consistent) mass matrix, G_{int} is a non linear function of the generalized displacements q . The solution of (7) needs generally an iterative procedure owing to the high non-linearities of the phenomena. Also by series development we can establish this incremental formulation :

(7)

$$M \dot{q} = G_{ext} - G_{int}$$

After some development the classical matrixal equation for the discretized form of the dynamic equilibrium is obtained :

This choice allows an easy union of adjacent elements. The integrals are calculated by numerical quadrature by Gauss's method.

P is the shape function matrix, q and w the displacements and coordinate generalized vectors. (see appendix).

5. COMPARISON BETWEEN CALCULATIONS AND TESTS. [1], [2], [12], [13]

Remark : the computation strategy will be guided by user experience. It is established that 0.1 sec of problem concerned, the time step chosen is 0.01 sec. [2].

(15)

$$\zeta = \frac{4}{(1 - \alpha)^2} = \beta$$

With the proposed scheme, in the equation (10) ζ is equal to :

where $\alpha < 0$ assures an unconditionally stable scheme (i.e. independent of the time step h). This scheme introduces a distortion in the frequency response and an artificial damping which may be determined for each system pulsation. We recommended for α values between -0.1 and -0.3 for the cases studied in this paper. These values have a very small damping effect for low frequencies and the damping of the high frequencies is very favourable for the numerical stability (limitation of round-off errors). We have opted for this scheme because of this.

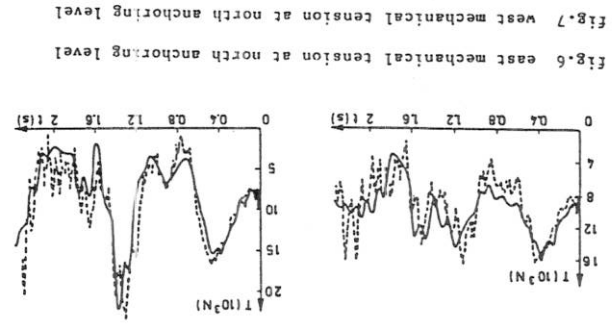


Fig. 6 to 11 comparison between experimental (continuous line) and numerical (dashed line) results with time.

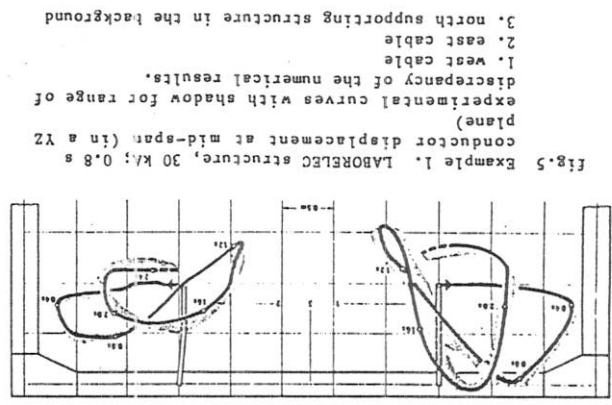


Fig. 5 Example 1. LABORELEC structure, 30 kA; 0.8 s conductor displacement at mid-span (in a YZ plane) experimental curves with shadow for range of discrepancy of the numerical results.
 1. west cable
 2. east cable
 3. north supporting structure in the background

Fig. 4 exterior switch bay 150KV substation, tested in LABORELEC.
 A. current feeding point
 B. short-circuit connection
 1...4. 324 mm² copper conductor
 1. east span (maximum sag 1 m.)
 2. west span (maximum sag 1 m.)
 3. east dropper, length: 5.6 m.
 4. west dropper, length: 4.0 m.
 5. arrangement with a length 1.4 m, weight 8 kg, EA = 18000, KN and an insulator chain of length 1.54 m, weight 52.3 kg, EA = 30000,KN, supporting insulators C8-750 (IEC standard) on rigid foundation, height: 2.3 m.
 7. north supporting structure
 8. south supporting structure
 N.B. 1) for 7 and 8 with EURONORM 53-62 : supports : HE-B260 cross-arms : HE-B240 and supports : 62.2 kg
 2) additional masses between cross-arms

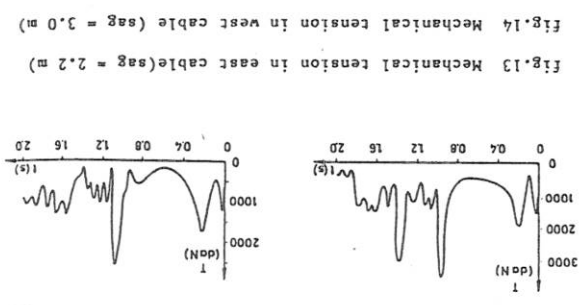


Fig. 13 Mechanical tension in east cable (sag = 2.2 m)
 Fig. 14 Mechanical tension in west cable (sag = 3.0 m)

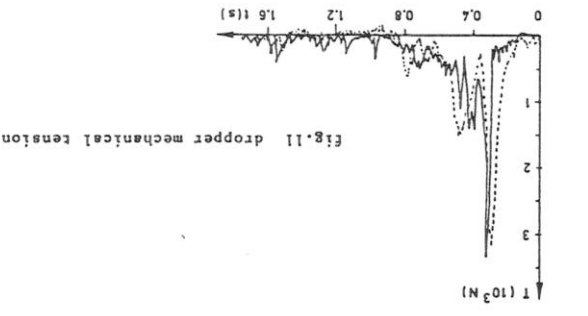
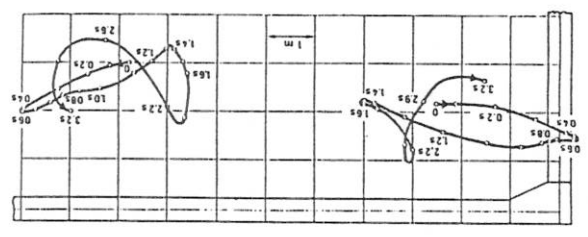


Fig. 11 dropper mechanical tension

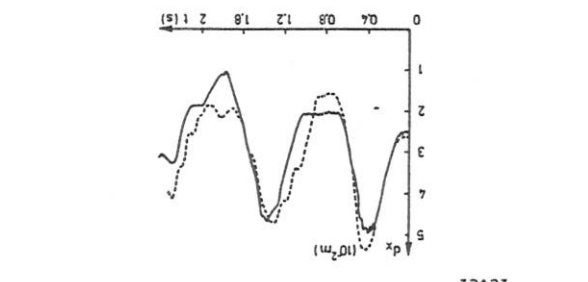


Fig. 10 displacement of north-east phase anchoring point

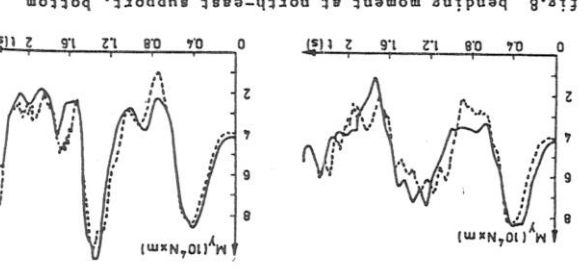


Fig. 8 bending moment at north-east support, bottom level
 Fig. 9 bending moment at north-west support, bottom level

Fig. 16 conductors oscillations in a YZ plane of points A and B from fig. 15.

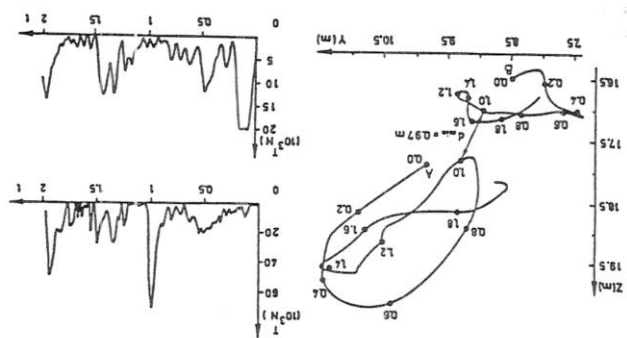
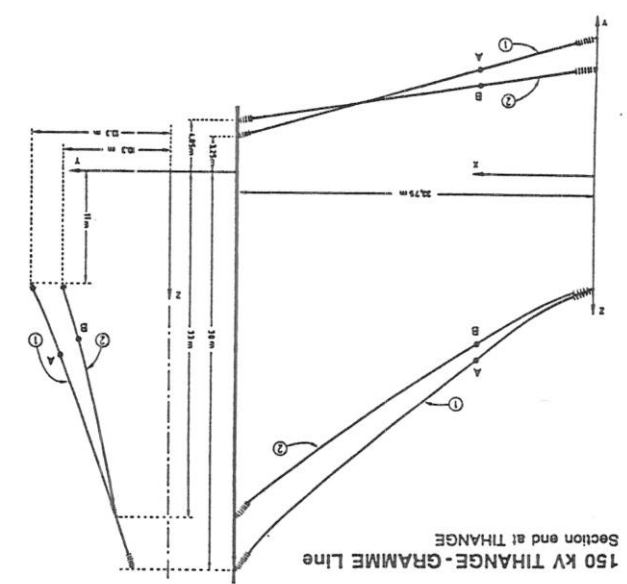


Fig. 15 Example 3. A 150 kV overhead line. Section end at Tihange. Only the two faulted phases are represented. Points A and B locate the minimum distance between phases.



This example concerns a dead-end span between the line and the substation. The conductor movement in a YZ plane, and hence the evolution of the minimum clearance, is shown in the fig 16. The disposition of the conductors and the imbalance between the anchors provoke a very different motion in the two phases. An important overstress appears in the upper phase during the swinging at about 1 sec.

5.3 Example 3 (fig 15 and 16)

The following figures show the evolution of the mid-point of the two phases. The asymmetry may be explained by the difference between initial sags (2.2 and 3 m). The stress evolution within the phases highlighted an important maximum towards 1 sec, at this moment a perceptible modification in the motion was observed. This phenomenon is related to the frequency excitation of one cable extension ("in plane" motion of the cable) which is about 10 Hz whereas the pendulum oscillation ("out of plane" motion of the cable) is much lower (nearly 0.35 Hz).

Fig. 17 mechanical tension in a phase, with time.

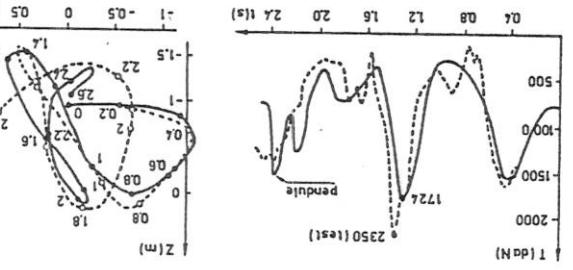


Fig. 17 and 18 comparison between tests (LABORELEC) and two-arms pendulum

It is interesting to note the important influence of the inertia of the insulator chains (see the position of the two arms at the critical moments, the upper arm corresponds to the chain displacements). It can be deduced whether the chains need to be taken into account even in a simplified model. The agreement with

6.2 Example 2 (fig 19 to 21)

The agreement is very satisfactory in the case of the west phase but much less for the other phase which has the same behaviour than the west phase when using the pendulum model (which is very different from fig 5 and 6). The shape no longer corresponds to the assumption when the cable moves downwards, the disagreement increases from this time onwards.

6.1 Example 1 (fig 17 and 18)

The following figures show the corresponding agreement between the results obtained by the model using the two-armed pendulum and the experimental tests, at the same level. The major advantage of this method is the short time required for execution but the model is limited to 3 or 4 degrees of freedom i.e. 3 or 4 frequencies. Moreover, this does not take into consideration the jumpers, the exact behaviour of the gantry, the masses which are located at specific points or are non-uniformly distributed. The assumption on the shape is very restrictive and the span has its anchoring points at the same level.

A very interesting research has been performed by G Ford et al [15]. We would propose a new model, slightly more sophisticated, which takes into account, in a more precise way, the self-inertial effect of the insulator chains. Assuming that the shape of the cable remains parabolic, that the anchors are at the same level and that cable points remain coplanar during the motion, it is possible to consider the cable as a two degrees of freedom problem. The insulator is assumed to be inextensible and rigid, its extremity is moving along the circle line of a conical base centered at the anchoring point. One degree of freedom is enough for into consideration in the instantaneous evolution of the span length but in order to include the corresponding inertia to take account of the first vibration mode, we can easily add a new degree of freedom. All the forces are assumed to have a uniform distribution on the cable.

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From our experience we can confirm that the simplified model (3 or 4 (symmetric case) 6 or 8 (asymmetric case) degrees of freedom) allows a good approach to the problem but the use of this method without interpretation can lead to considerable dimensioning errors.

The combined use of this model with a numerical program taking into account more parameters (inertia of gentry, droppers, complex geometry for the cable, etc...) and less assumptions (type of EM force calculation, etc...) will allow an optimal solution to be obtained which will satisfy the design requirements.

We have studied these two types of constraint. The first shows low frequency maximum values (for the bus-bars) related to the cable movement. With bundle configurations, we must add a high frequency maximum value which appears after the short-circuit occurrence. The subsequent behaviour is similar to a single conductor with a mass equal to the total for the bundle. It should be noted that it is convenient to reduce this very specific effect by using an adequate spacer disposition.

These values contribute to the overall dimensioning of the installation.

resulting from the movement which takes place both during and for a period well after the fault.

- the evolution of the distance between cables design of the supporting structures.

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7. CONCLUSIONS

In practice it is important to know the behaviour of structures such as substations and lines when faults occur. It is now possible to compute with a good degree of accuracy the behaviour of these types of structures. The following two points must be taken into consideration:

- the mechanical response of structures such as busbars themselves and also connections (droppers, jaspers, ...) to ground mounted apparatus (CT, PT, ...). These values contribute to the mechanical design of the supporting structures.

- the evolution of the distance between cables resulting from the movement which takes place both during and for a period well after the fault.

These values contribute to the overall dimensioning of the installation.

6.3 Example 3

This case is beyond the capability of the simplified model (anchoring points not at the same level, non-uniformity of distributed forces, ...).

Fig 12 to 14 is less good than previously, nevertheless the maximum value is approached very closely. The movement is strongly perturbed, due to interactions between the in plane frequency (about 0.35 Hz) and out of plane frequency (0.56 Hz for phase A and 0.84 Hz for phase B). Resonance would occur for a factor 2 between those two frequencies. This effect, as seen previously (section 5.2) has less importance due to the large frequency spectrum taken into consideration.

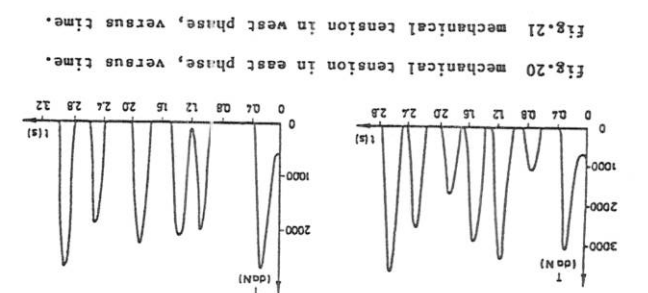
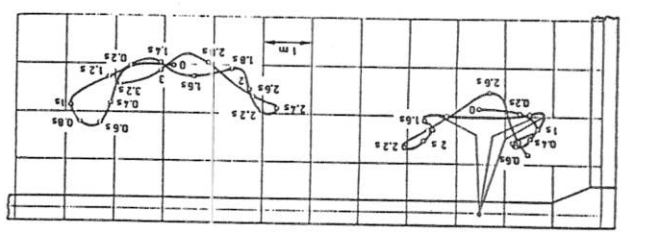


Fig 19 oscillations of the two phases at mid-span, in a YZ plane.



$$ds_0 = \int_0^1 ds$$

The relationship between ds and ds_0 is assumed by the Jacobian

ξ is a normalized variable along the element $[-1, +1]$
 w is the generalized coordinate vector for the same nodes
 where q is the generalized displacement vector

(coordinates)

$$x(\xi) = p(\xi) \cdot w$$

(A-6)

(displacements)

$$u(\xi) = p(\xi) \cdot q$$

(A-5)

Let us write the relations:

2. APPLICATION OF DISCRETE FINITE ELEMENTS

α : linear thermal expansion coefficient ($^{\circ}C$)
 θ : the temperature increase ($^{\circ}C$)
 F_i : conservative external forces in i -direction (N/m)
 u_i : displacement of a cable point in the i -direction from the reference configuration (m)

$$g = \frac{ds_0^2 - ds^2}{2}$$

(A-4)

N : axial tension in the cable (N)
 E_A : extensional stiffness of the unstrained cable (N)
 ϵ : measurement of the total strain (elastic and temperature)
 we have chosen the Green's measurement of strain which is an exact Lagrangian measurement of the strain situation.

$$u_2 = - \int_0^1 \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^2 \cdot u_1^2 ds_0$$

(A-3)

$$u_1 = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 \frac{E_A}{N^2} ds_0 = - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 \epsilon \cdot \alpha \cdot (\theta - \theta_0) ds_0$$

(A-2)

$$u = u_1 + u_2$$

ρ_0 : volumic mass of the unstrained cable (kg/m^3)
 A_0 : cross section of the unstrained cable (m^2)
 u_i : speed in the i direction of a cable point (m/s)
 ds_0 : element of unstrained cable length (m)
 l_0 : unstrained cable length (m)

$$T = \int_0^1 \rho_0 A_0 \frac{1}{2} u_i^2 ds_0$$

(A-1)

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$$J_0 = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\partial \xi}{\partial x}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial \xi}{\partial y}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial \xi}{\partial z}\right)^2}$$

(A-7)

P is the shape function matrix.
 In the case of the finite element of degree 2 (three nodes) we have:

$$\phi_1 = -\frac{1}{2} \xi \cdot (1 - \xi)$$

(A-8)

$$\phi_2 = \frac{1}{2} \xi \cdot (1 + \xi)$$

(A-9)

$$\phi_3 = (1 - \xi) \cdot (1 + \xi)$$

(A-10)

$$P(\xi) = \begin{bmatrix} \phi_1(\xi) & 0 & 0 & \phi_1(\xi) & \dots & 0 \\ \phi_2(\xi) & 0 & 0 & \phi_2(\xi) & \dots & 0 \\ \phi_3(\xi) & 0 & 0 & \phi_3(\xi) & \dots & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

(A-11)

3. ITERATION MATRIX DEFINITION

$$IT = \frac{\partial g}{\partial t} = M \frac{\partial g}{\partial \xi} + \frac{\partial g}{\partial \xi_{int}} - \frac{\partial g}{\partial \xi_{ext}}$$

(A-12)

each term of the iteration matrix is evaluated as a function of the displacements at the iteration k

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial \xi_{int}} = K_T$$

(A-13)

tangential stiffness matrix

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial \xi_{ext}} = 0$$

(A-14)

because the displacements during a time step are small as are the electromagnetic force variations.

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial q} = \frac{1}{2} \xi h$$

(A-15)

where h is the time step and ξ a function of temporal integration scheme used.

4. ERRORS INTRODUCED BY THE TEMPORAL INTEGRATION SCHEME.

With h the time step, the integration scheme parameter and w the true pulsation of a structure mode, we can find:

$$\xi = \frac{w}{\alpha} = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left[\frac{[4 + w^2 h^2 \alpha^2 (1 + \alpha)]^2 + 4w^2 h^2}{[4 + w^2 h^2 \alpha^2 (1 - \alpha)]^2 + 4w^2 h^2} \right]$$

(A-16)

- the critical damping percentage:

- the frequency distortion:

$$\frac{\omega}{\omega_0} = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{arctg} \left| \frac{4 + w^2 h^2 \alpha^2 - w^2 h^2}{4w^2 h^2} \right|$$

(A-17)