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Plenary Lecture I

Sustainability Issues for Electric Transportation Systems



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Abstract: The Universe Powers let us discover a part of their laws. We can not change the Nature laws but we must know and respect them. The human engineering actions and the living nature can not anymore be separated because the future survival of the society is strongly depending on physical, environmental and human resources. Scientists and public authorities around the world are realizing that human actions have to be responsable regarding not only the social and economic matters, but also the environment issues. The environmental problems are mainly consequences from a too strong belief in traditional engineering and economic growth as the solution. The first human intelligence step against ignorance would be to understand that the real world processes involving energy and matter need to be linked both to the engineering design and operation, and to the environment issues. For the moment, our correct activities must be referred into the frame of Sustainable Development that is encompassing three general areas, concerning the economical development, the environmental issues and the social protection problems. On a broader front, an utmost human world priority should be the improvement of public transportation systems. The merit of an electric transportation system is based not only on technical performance, safety, energy efficiency, economic acceptance but also on sustainability and exergy efficiency. This study emphasizes a number of sustainability-based concepts, such achieved energy, embodied energy and exergy, related as tools in order to describe, analyse and optimize the energy conversion in the electric transportation systems. Costs should reflect value and value is not associated with energy but with exergy and sustainability. Hence, the main aim of this investigation is to assess the sustainability of modern electric transportation systems, based both on electrical engineering analysis and on further alternative knowledge. An Electric Railway System should be considered a component of the Sustainable Development architecture if it meets certain criteria: a strong train operation safety, a high reliability of the electric supply and an increased exergy efficiency of the transportation system. In the paper only the urban railway vehicles with electric motors at wheels, operating in traction and electric brake regimes are taken into account. This study aimed at examining an underground railway train viewed as a system where different energy forms occur, so that the successive energy conversion chain is emphasized and the energy and exergy efficiencies, respectively, are compared. The exergy dynamic approach in that case study assessed interesting results concerning the electric trains sustainability in traction and electric brake regimes, emphasizing the negative effects of exergy destruction and the corresponding longterm environmental impact.

Brief Biography of the Speaker: Cornelia Aida Bulucea is currently an Associate Professor in Electrotechnics, Electrical Machines and Environment Electrical Equipments in the Faculty of Engineering in Electromechanics and Environment, University of Craiova, Romania. She is graduate from the Faculty of Electrical Engineering Craiova and she received the Ph.D degree from Bucharest Polytechnic Institute. In Publishing House she is author of four books in electrical engineering area. Research work is focused on improved solutions for electrical networks on basis of new electric equipments and environmental impact of energy and electric transportation systems. She has extensive experience in both experimental and theoretical research work, certified by over 40 journal and conference

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Plenary Lecture II

Switching Transient Phenomena in Power Systems at the 400 KV High Voltage Unloaded Line



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Abstract: In this paper, there are evaluated the transient phenomena in power systems at the 400 kV high voltage operations, which appear at the unloaded line switching. In point of news, the paper presents the modelling and simulation of an unloaded three-phase line switching effect in Power System, using PSCAD Program and MathCAD Program. There were obtained the transient recovery voltages (TRV), the overcurrents (OC) in the 400 kV network and the electrical field (EF), according with the overvoltages (OV) at 400 kV. After that, a comparatively analyse of results is made. The paper presents the electrical field values, according to modelled and simulated disturbances. The simulation was performed using the EMTDC/PSCAD software package, in order to obtain the electromagnetic disturbances in the transmission line and in the busbars. The proposed simulation is applied for an unload transmission line connected between KEPEZ and YATAGAN in 380 kV Turkish National Power Transmission Systems. Also, in the paper are presented modelling, simulations, measurements and experiments performed for determination of switching overvoltages at the 400 kV unloaded lines switching in a Romanian Network (Tintareni-Sibiu). After that, a comparative analysis of results regarding switching overvoltages determined through modelling and experiments is made and conclusions about admissible limits recommended by the CIGRE and IEEE international norms are established.

Brief Biography of the Speaker: Petre Tusaliu is full professor at University of Craiova, Romania and President of the "High Voltages Engineering, Environment & Life" Scientific Professional Association. He is doctor in "switching transient phenomena". His Research activity is in area: high voltages engineering, transient phenomena, power systems, electromagnetic compatibility. He is author and joint author of over 150 works of their area, has 7 invention and innovation patents, 9 works for Education and 4 books published. He is Editor al "CHALLENGES IN POWER, HIGH VOLTAGES and MACHINES", published by WSEAS Press, Venice, Italy, November, 2007. He was CIGRE member (5 years) and their Curriculum vitae and activity have been included in "The International Directory of Distinguished Leadership, 1997", edited by "American Biographical Institute". Also, he have received the title "Man of the Year-1997", awarded by "American Biographical Institute-North Carolina-USA". He was specialising in Germany and, in last years, he has effectuated three International scientific research grants, in cooperation at the NATO Scientific Research Programmes in the European Universities. He has participated as member of many "Steering Committee", "Editorial Board", "Chairperson" and "Papers Reviewer" of the numerous International Conferences. He was plenary speaker at "the eighth IASTED International Conference on POWER AND ENERGY SYSTEMS, June 23-25, 2008, Corfu, Greece".

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