Title of Proposal: Electro-optical voltage transducer with analogue or digital outputs

Proposed Technical Approach

Electro-optical Voltage Transducer used to convert instantaneous values of primary (high) AC or pulse voltage into the proportional values of secondary (low) voltage or into SV (Sampled value) data is based on electro-optical effect of electro-gyration. The transducer consists of an optical sensor (electro-gyration cell made of a specially grown centrosymmetric crystal) and opto-electronic unit.

Overview of the proposed technology

Photo of the prototype:
Block diagram:

**Optical (electro-gyration) cell:**

- *Polarizers*
- *Lenses*
- *Fiber optic guides* (provide galvanic isolation and optical connection between the electro-gyration cell and electronic unit)

**Design and operating principle of optical voltage sensor (optical cell):**

- **Optical voltage sensor**
- **Fiber guides**
- **Analogue signal**
- **Opto-electronic unit**
- **Merging Unit**

*Can be added for Digital Substation applications*

- $U_{\text{nom}} = 35 \text{ kV}$
- 4 V
- 100/3 V

*Digital output (IEC 61850)*
Operation of the optical voltage sensor is based on electro-optical effect of electro-gyration – a phenomenon of a change in optical activity of centrosymmetric monocrystals under an external electric field induced by the measured voltage.

**Electro-gyration effect (linear type)** - electric-field induced excitation or change in optical activity of some crystals that causes rotation of polarization plane of linearly polarized light, propagating through the crystal, by an angle that depends on the strength of electric field, length of the light path in the crystal, and electro-gyration constant.

The rotation angle can be expressed by the formula:

$$\varphi = G\int_1^2 \vec{E}d\vec{l} = G \times U$$

- $G$ — electro-gyration constant of the crystal;
- $\vec{E}$ — vector of electric field strength;
- $d\vec{l}$ — elementary part of the path on the interval between the electrodes

**Unique design feature:**

Higher measurement accuracy (in comparison with the existing electro-gyration sensors) is achieved owing to Faraday effect compensation, namely:

Additional polarization rotation angle caused by the Faraday effect (induced by magnetic fields of large currents passing through the circuits) is compensated in the optical path designed so that “electro-gyration” polarization rotation angles of oppositely directed light beams are forced to be of the same sign, and “Faraday” polarization rotation angles become opposite in sign.

**Design benefits:**

1. Measured voltage is directly applied to the centrosymmetric crystal ends.

2. No piezoelectric effect.
Two fiber optic guides provide:
- Optical connection between optical sensors and opto-electronic unit;
- Galvanic isolation between high-potential and low-potential sides.

Electro-optical (electro-gyration) cell for voltage measurements or Magneto-optical (Faraday) cell for current measurements – depending on the optical sell in use the module can be used either for voltage or current measurements.

Opto-electronic unit located on low-potential side (the desired signal is picked out from its output).
## Basic specifications

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<td>35 kV</td>
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<td>Thermal and electrodynamic withstand</td>
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### Unique Selling Point

- The crystal selected as an optical cell material provides high temperature stability of the electro-gyration constant and exhibits no piezoelectric effect, which gives the possibility to create a voltage sensor operating in wide temperature and frequency ranges;
- High measurement accuracy owing to Faraday effect compensation;
- The transducer can also be used for current measurements – the only thing to do is to replace the voltage (electro-gyration) optical cell with the current (Faraday) one.

### Development level

Applied research or development]

### Development plan

Further steps:
1. Adaptation of the design and output signal level to transformer applications according to IEC 60044-8;
2. Improving measurement accuracy characteristics;
4. Testing of the transducer and preparation for serial production.

Conditions to submit sample
The sample can be provided according to the agreement signed by the parties.

Desired form of collaboration
Cooperation in bringing up the transducer to serial production.

Intellectual property conditions
To be negotiated

Patents
Utility model patent N 144464 granted by FIPS (Federal Institute of Industrial Property, Russia); registered in State Registry of Utility Models on 17 July 2014.