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### SYSTEME DE DETERMINATION D'UNE QUANTITE D'EMISSIONS DE DIOXYDE DE CARBONE RESULTANT DE L'ECHAUFFEMENT D'UN CONDUCTEUR ELECTRIQUE D'UN CABLE ELECTRIQUE PAR EFFET JOULE

#### Abstract

A system for determining a quantity of emissions of carbon dioxide resulting from the heating of an electrical conductor of an electric cable by the Joule effect, said determination system includes an electrical cable including at least one electrical conductor and at least one layer of material surrounding said at least one conductor, a measuring unit associated with the electrical cable, said measuring unit including at least one temperature sensor, a calculation unit being configured to communicate information with the measurement unit, the calculation unit being configured to determine the conductor temperature  $\Theta_{\text{sub.cond}}$  by means of said at least one temperature sensor, said calculation unit being further configured to determine an quantity of emissions of carbon dioxide resulting from the heating of the electrical conductor by the Joule effect as a function of the conductor temperature  $\Theta_{\text{sub.cond}}$ .

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#### Background/Summary

##### TECHNICAL FIELD

[0001] The present invention concerns a system for determination of a quantity of emissions of carbon dioxide resulting from the heating of an electrical conductor of an electrical cable by the Joule effect.

[0002] The invention more specifically concerns a non-invasive determination system.

##### TECHNOLOGICAL BACKGROUND

[0003] In an electrical distribution network, heating of the electrical conductor of an electrical cable is produced by the Joule effect when a current flows in the electrical conductor. With this increase in temperature, the resistance of the electrical conductor increases, which leads to an increase in the power loss.

[0004] This annual power loss directly impacts the quantity of emissions of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>sub.2</sub>).

[0005] At present there exist no integrated or add-on solutions for determination of these emissions of carbon dioxide resulting from the heating of an electrical conductor of an electrical cable by the Joule effect.

[0006] There is therefore a need for a system for determination of a quantity of emissions of carbon dioxide resulting from the heating of an electrical conductor of an electric cable by the Joule effect directly integrated into an electric cable or added thereto.

##### SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0007] To this end, the invention provides a system for determination of a quantity of emissions of carbon dioxide resulting from the heating of an electrical conductor of an electrical cable by the Joule effect, said determination system comprising: [0008] an electrical cable comprising at least one electrical conductor and at least one layer of material surrounding said at least one conductor, [0009] a measurement

unit associated with the electrical cable, said measurement unit comprising at least one temperature sensor, [0010] a calculation unit being configured to communicate information with the measurement unit, the calculation unit being configured to determine the conductor temperature  $\Theta_{\text{sub.cond}}$  by means of said at least one temperature sensor, said calculation unit being further configured to determine an quantity of emissions of carbon dioxide resulting from the heating of the electrical conductor by the Joule effect as a function of the conductor temperature  $\Theta_{\text{sub.cond}}$ .

[0011] It has appeared that the measurement of temperature is a particularly simple and advantageous means for determining the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions induced by heating of the electrical conductor. The measurement of temperatures makes it possible, for example, to determine a heat flux (or thermal power) from which the emissions of CO<sub>2</sub> can be deduced.

[0012] Preferably, the calculation unit is configured to determine an electrical intensity  $I_{\text{sub.cond}}$  of the electrical conductor as a function of the conductor temperature  $\Theta_{\text{sub.cond}}$ . The configuration of the calculation unit for determination of the electric intensity  $I_{\text{sub.cond}}$  from the conductor temperature  $\Theta_{\text{sub.cond}}$  makes it possible to obtain a measurement system that is particularly simple to implement and inexpensive since it does not comprise any sensor other than the temperature sensor(s).

[0013] In accordance with one embodiment of the determination system, the calculation unit is configured to determine an electrical resistance  $R_{\text{sub.c}}$  of the electrical conductor as a function of the conductor temperature  $\Theta_{\text{sub.cond}}$ .

[0014] This electrical resistance  $R_{\text{sub.c}}$  is in particular determined as follows:

$$[00001] R_c = R_0 \times (1 + \alpha_{\text{cond}} (\Theta_{\text{cond}} - 20)) \times (1 + y_s + y_p)$$

[0015] In accordance with one embodiment of the determination system, the calculation unit is configured to determine a power loss  $P_{\text{sub.oL}}$  as a function of the electrical intensity  $I_{\text{sub.cond}}$  in the electrical conductor and the electrical resistance  $R_{\text{sub.c}}$  of the electrical conductor, the calculation unit being configured to determine the quantity of emissions of carbon dioxide as a function of said power loss  $P_{\text{sub.oL}}$ .

[0016] This power loss  $P_{\text{sub.oL}}$  is in particular determined as follows:

$$[00002] P_{\text{oL}} = R_c \times I_{\text{cond}}^2$$

[0017] In accordance with one embodiment of the determination system, the latter further comprises a measurement module mounted on the electrical cable, said measurement module comprising at least the temperature sensor.

[0018] In accordance with one embodiment of the determination system, the measurement module further comprises the calculation unit.

[0019] In accordance with one embodiment of the determination system, the measurement module is configured to be removably mounted on the electrical cable.

[0020] In accordance with one embodiment of the determination system, the measurement module comprises a device for fixing it to the electrical cable.

[0021] In accordance with one embodiment of the determination system, said at least one temperature sensor comprises a temperature sensor that is disposed on an external surface of said at least one layer of material to measure a peripheral temperature  $\Theta_{\text{sub.b1}}$  at the level of the external surface of said at least one layer of material, the calculation unit being configured to determine the conductor temperature  $\Theta_{\text{sub.cond}}$  as a function of the peripheral temperature  $\Theta_{\text{sub.b1}}$ .

[0022] The use of one or more temperature sensors external to the electrical cable enables determination of the conductor temperature  $\Theta_{\text{sub.cond}}$  in a non-invasive and non-destructive manner.

[0023] In accordance with one embodiment of the determination system, the latter further comprises: [0024] an additional layer of material disposed around said at least one layer of material and covering said at least one temperature sensor, [0025] at least one additional temperature sensor disposed on an external surface of said layer of additional material to measure an additional peripheral temperature  $\Theta_{\text{sub.b2}}$  at the level of the external surface of said at least one additional layer of material.

[0026] In accordance with one embodiment of the determination system, the calculation unit is configured to determine the conductor temperature  $\Theta_{\text{sub.cond}}$  as a function of the peripheral temperature  $\Theta_{\text{sub.b1}}$  and the additional peripheral temperature  $\Theta_{\text{sub.b2}}$ .

[0027] Said at least one layer of material of the electric cable has a layer thermal resistance  $T_{\text{sub.1}}$ .

[0028] The calculation unit may comprise a unit for determination of the conductor temperature  $\Theta_{\text{sub.cond}}$ . Thus, the determination unit is configured to determine the conductor temperature  $\Theta_{\text{sub.cond}}$  as a function of the measured peripheral temperature  $\Theta_{\text{sub.b1}}$ , the layer thermal resistance  $T_{\text{sub.1}}$  and the thermal flux  $W_e$  generated by the circulation of an electric current in the electrical conductor.

[0029] The conductor temperature  $\Theta_{\text{sub.cond}}$  is determined here by means of a physical model using the measured peripheral temperature  $\Theta_{\text{sub.b1}}$ , and the layer thermal resistance  $T_{\text{sub.1}}$  and the heat flux  $W_{\text{sub.c}}$  generated by the circulation of an electric current in the electrical conductor.

[0030] The electrical intensity  $I_{\text{sub.cond}}$  is determined by means of the temperature value of the conductor  $\Theta_{\text{sub.cond}}$  and knowledge of the geometry of the associated conductor.

[0031] The use of this physical model makes it possible to dispense with the utilisation of a temperature internal to the electrical cable, i.e. measured via a component disposed in the proximity of the conductor, or more generally inside the external sheath of the electrical cable.

[0032] The physical model used enables estimation of the conductor temperature  $\Theta_{\text{sub.cond}}$  by means of the measured peripheral temperature  $\Theta_{\text{sub.b1}}$ , and the layer thermal resistance  $T_{\text{sub.1}}$  and the heat flux  $W_{\text{sub.c}}$  generated by the circulation of an electric current in the electrical conductor.

[0033] In accordance with one embodiment of the determination system, the determination system further comprises: [0034] at least one additional layer of material disposed around said at least one layer of material and covering said at least one temperature sensor, said additional layer of material having an additional thermal resistance  $T_{\text{sub.b}}$ , [0035] at least one additional temperature sensor disposed on an external surface of said additional layer of material to measure an additional peripheral temperature  $\Theta_{\text{sub.b2}}$  at the level of the external surface of said at least one additional layer of material.

[0036] In accordance with one embodiment of the determination system, said additional layer of material extends around said at least one layer of material over only a portion of the length of the electrical cable.

[0037] In accordance with one embodiment of the determination system, the at least one additional layer of material comprises: [0038] a first additional layer portion having a first additional thermal resistance  $T_{\text{sub.b}}$ , and [0039] a second additional layer portion having a second additional thermal resistance  $T'_{\text{sub.b}}$ , the first  $T_{\text{sub.b}}$  and second  $T'_{\text{sub.b}}$  additional thermal resistances being different,

and in which said at least one additional temperature sensor comprises: [0040] at least one first additional temperature sensor disposed on an external surface of the first additional layer portion to measure a first additional peripheral temperature  $\Theta_{\text{sub.b2}}$ , [0041] at least one second additional temperature sensor disposed on an external surface of the second additional layer portion to measure a second additional peripheral temperature  $\Theta'_{\text{sub.b2}}$ , [0042] the determination unit being configured to determine the conductor temperature  $\Theta_{\text{sub.cond}}$  as a function of the first  $T_{\text{sub.b}}$  and the second  $T'_{\text{sub.b}}$  additional thermal resistances as well as the first  $\Theta_{\text{sub.b2}}$  and the second  $\Theta'_{\text{sub.b2}}$  additional peripheral temperatures.

[0043] In accordance with one embodiment of the determination system, said at least one first additional layer and said at least one second

additional layer are disposed on different angular sectors around the electrical conductor.

[0044] Said at least one first additional layer and said at least one second additional layer may overlap at least partially.

[0045] In accordance with one embodiment of the determination system, said at least one first additional layer and said at least one second additional layer together form a layer extending continuously around the electrical conductor in a plane perpendicular to the longitudinal axis along which the electrical conductor extends.

[0046] In accordance with one embodiment of the determination system, said at least one temperature sensor comprises: [0047] at least one first sensor disposed on the external surface of said at least one layer of material, between said external surface and the first additional layer portion, to measure a peripheral temperature  $\Theta_{\text{sub.b1}}$  at the level of the external surface of said at least one layer of material, [0048] at least one second sensor disposed on the external surface of said at least one layer of material, between said external surface and the second additional layer portion, to measure a peripheral temperature  $\Theta'_{\text{sub.b1}}$  at the level of the external surface of said at least one layer of material.

[0049] In accordance with one embodiment of the determination system, the determination unit is configured to determine the conductor temperature  $\Theta_{\text{sub.cond}}$  on the basis of the following equation:

[00003] 
$$\Theta_{\text{conductor}} = \frac{(b_1 T_b - b_2 T_b) \times ((b_1 - b_2))}{T_b (b_1 - b_2) - T_b (b_1 - b_2)}$$
 [0050] T.sub.b being the first additional thermal resistance of the first additional layer of material, [0051] T'.sub.b being the second additional thermal resistance of the second additional layer of material, [0052]  $\Theta_{\text{sub.b1}}$  is the peripheral temperature measured by said at least one first temperature sensor, [0053]  $\Theta_{\text{sub.b2}}$  is the additional peripheral temperature measured by said at least one first additional temperature sensor, [0054]  $\Theta'_{\text{sub.b1}}$  is the peripheral temperature measured by said at least one second temperature sensor, [0055]  $\Theta'_{\text{sub.b2}}$  is the additional peripheral temperature measured by said at least one second additional temperature sensor.

[0056] In accordance with one embodiment of the determination system, the first and second additional layer portions are made of a different material.

[0057] In accordance with one embodiment of the determination system, the first and second additional layer portions have a different thickness perpendicular to a longitudinal axis along which the electrical cable extends.

[0058] In accordance with one embodiment of the determination system, said at least one layer of material comprises an external sheath forming said external surface, said at least one temperature sensor being disposed on said external sheath.

[0059] In accordance with one embodiment of the determination system, the determination unit is configured to determine a conductor temperature  $\Theta_{\text{sub.cond}}$  as a function of the measured peripheral temperature  $\Theta_{\text{sub.b1}}$  and the layer thermal resistance T.sub.1 and the thermal flux W.sub.c generated by the circulation of an electrical current in the electrical conductor.

[0060] In accordance with one embodiment of the determination system, the determination unit is configured to determine the conductor temperature  $\Theta_{\text{sub.cond}}$  on the basis of the following equation:

$$[00004] \Theta_{\text{cond}} = b_1 + W_c * T_1$$

[0061] The determination unit can be disposed in the proximity of the electric cable or at a distance from the latter.

[0062] In accordance with one embodiment of the determination system, said at least one layer of material comprises an external sheath forming said external surface, said at least one temperature sensor being disposed on said external sheath.

[0063] In accordance with one embodiment of the determination system, the latter further comprises: [0064] an additional layer of material disposed around said at least one layer of material and covering said at least one temperature sensor, said additional layer of material having an additional thermal resistance Tb [0065] at least one additional temperature sensor disposed on an external surface of said layer of additional material to measure an additional peripheral temperature  $\Theta_{\text{b2}}$  at the level of the external surface of said at least one additional layer of material.

[0066] In accordance with one embodiment of the determination system, said additional layer of material extends around said at least one layer of material over only a portion of the length of the electrical cable.

[0067] In accordance with one embodiment of the determination system, the determination unit is configured to determine the conductor temperature  $\Theta_{\text{sub.cond}}$  on the basis of the following equation:

[00005] 
$$\Theta_{\text{cond}} = b_1 + \frac{(b_1 - b_2)}{T_b} \times T_1$$
 [0068]  $\Theta_{\text{sub.b1}}$  is the peripheral temperature measured by said at least one temperature sensor, [0069]  $\Theta_{\text{sub.b2}}$  is the additional peripheral temperature measured by said at least one additional temperature sensor, [0070] T.sub.b being the additional thermal resistance of the additional layer of material, [0071] T.sub.1 being the thermal resistance of said at least one layer of material.

[0072] In accordance with one embodiment of the determination system, the determination unit is configured to determine the conductor temperature  $\Theta_{\text{sub.cond}}$  as a function of a heating W.sub.d from a dielectric loss in the at least one layer of material.

[0073] In accordance with one embodiment of the determination system, the determination unit is configured to determine the conductor temperature  $\Theta_{\text{sub.cond}}$  on the basis of the following equation:

$$[00006] \Theta_{\text{cond}} = b_1 + T_1 \times (W_c - \frac{W_d}{2})$$
 [0074] W.sub.d being the heating from a dielectric loss in said at least one layer of material.

[0075] In accordance with one embodiment of the determination system, the determination unit is configured to determine the conductor temperature  $\Theta_{\text{sub.cond}}$  on the basis of the following equation:

$$[00007] \Theta_{\text{cond}} = b_1 + T_1 \times (\frac{b_1 - b_2}{T_b} - \frac{W_d}{2})$$
 [0076] W.sub.d being the heating from a dielectric loss in said at least one layer of material.

[0077] In accordance with one embodiment of the determination system, said at least one additional layer of material and said at least one additional temperature sensor are carried by the measurement module.

[0078] This measurement module is preferably removable from the electrical cable in such a manner as to carry out a point and localised measurement on the electrical cable. This unit is for example a measurement accessory.

[0079] The measurement module preferably has a dimension along the longitudinal axis of the electrical cable such that it extends over only a portion of the length of the electrical cable.

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## Description

### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE FIGURES

[0080] The following description given with reference to the appended drawings, provided by way of non-limiting example, will clearly explain in what the invention consists and how it may be carried out. In the attached figures:

[0081] FIG. 1, represents a perspective view of a determination system comprising an electrical cable, a measurement unit, a calculation unit for determining a quantity of emissions of carbon dioxide resulting from the heating of an electrical conductor of the electrical cable;

[0082] FIG. 2 represents a perspective view of one embodiment of the determination system from FIG. 1 comprising a measurement module

mounted on the electric cable, the measurement module comprising in particular the measurement unit;

[0083] FIG. 3 represents a view in section of the electrical cable in a first configuration comprising an electrical conductor and at least one layer of material;

[0084] FIG. 4 represents a view in section of the electrical cable from FIG. 3 comprising a plurality of sensors on an external surface of said at least one layer of material;

[0085] FIG. 5 represents a diagram of a first model of the electric cable;

[0086] FIG. 6 represents a view in section of the electrical cable of FIG. 3 in which the determination system comprises an additional layer of material around the electrical cable and a plurality of additional sensors disposed on an external surface of that additional layer of material;

[0087] FIG. 7 represents a diagram of a second model of the electrical cable;

[0088] FIG. 8 represents a third model of the electric cable in which the dielectric losses in said at least one layer of material are taken into account;

[0089] FIG. 9 represents a fourth model of the electrical cable in which the dielectric losses in said at least one layer of material are taken into account, according to the second mode of determination;

[0090] FIG. 10 represents a sectional view of the electrical cable in a second configuration comprising an electrical conductor, one or more layers of material surrounding the electrical conductor and a screen surrounding said layers of material;

[0091] FIG. 11 represents a fifth model of the electric cable in which the dielectric losses in said at least one layer of material are taken into account as well as the dielectric losses in the screen;

[0092] FIG. 12 represents a sixth model of the electrical cable to determine the conductor temperature  $\Theta_{\text{sub.cond}}$  in a manner independent of the surrounding environment;

[0093] FIG. 13 represents a sectional view of the electrical cable of FIG. 6 in which the determination system comprises an additional layer of material formed of first and second additional layer portions and a plurality of additional sensors disposed on an external surface of each of the first and second additional layer of material portions;

[0094] FIG. 14 represents a diagram of a seventh model of the electric cable using the first additional layer portion of FIG. 13;

[0095] FIG. 15 represents a diagram of the seventh model of the electrical cable using the second additional layer portion of FIG. 13;

[0096] FIG. 16 represents an equation for determining the conductor temperature according to the seventh model;

[0097] FIG. 17 represents a diagram of an eighth model of the electrical cable using the first additional layer portion of FIG. 13;

[0098] FIG. 18 represents a diagram of the eighth model of the electrical cable using the second additional layer portion of FIG. 13;

[0099] FIG. 19 represents an equation for determining the conductor temperature according to the eighth model.

#### DESCRIPTION OF EMBODIMENT(S)

[0100] For reasons of clarity, the same references denoting the same elements according to the prior art and according to the invention are used for all the figures.

[0101] The concept of the invention is described more fully below with reference to the accompanying drawings, in which embodiments of the concept of the invention are shown. In the drawings, the size and the relative sizes of the elements may be exaggerated for reasons of clarity. Similar numbers refer to similar elements in all the drawings. However, this concept of the invention can be executed in numerous different forms and should not be interpreted as being limited to the embodiments discussed herein. Rather than that, these embodiments are proposed so that this description is complete, and communicate the extent of the concept of the invention to persons skilled in the art.

[0102] Any reference throughout the specification to “an embodiment” signifies that a functionality, a structure, or a particular feature described with reference to one embodiment is included in at least one embodiment of the present invention. Thus the occurrence of the expression “in one embodiment” at various places throughout the specification does not necessarily refer to the same embodiment. Furthermore, the functionalities, the structures or the particular features may be combined in any appropriate manner in one or more embodiments. Furthermore, the term “comprising” does not exclude other elements or steps.

[0103] A system **100** for determination of a quantity of emissions of carbon dioxide resulting from the heating of an electrical conductor of an electrical cable by the Joule effect is depicted in FIG. 1.

[0104] This determination system **100** comprises an electric cable **10** comprising at least one electrical conductor **12** and at least one layer of material surrounding said at least one conductor. This layer of material is for example an insulative layer.

[0105] The electrical cable **10** extends along a longitudinal axis A.

[0106] This determination system **100** comprises a measurement unit **110** associated with the electrical cable **10**. The measurement unit includes at least one temperature sensor **20**.

[0107] The determination system **100** further comprises a calculation unit **120** configured to communicate information with the measurement unit **110**.

[0108] The calculation unit **120** is configured to determine the conductor temperature  $\Theta_{\text{sub.cond}}$  and here also the electrical intensity  $I_{\text{sub.cond}}$  of the electrical current circulating in the conductor **12** by means of said at least one temperature sensor.

[0109] The calculation unit **120** is configured to determine the electrical intensity  $I_{\text{sub.cond}}$  as a function of the conductor temperature  $\Theta_{\text{sub.cond}}$  and the geometry of the conductor **12**.

[0110] The IEC60287 standard enables to obtain the value of the resistance of an electrical conductor ( $R_{\text{sub.c}}$ ) from its temperature and from at least one element of the geometry of the conductor. The geometry element(s) comprises at least one of: the diameter of the conductor; the shape of the section of the conductor; the number of component(s) (wires for example) that make up the conductor; the diameter of these components; the shape of the section of the components; the way in which these components are disposed, etc.

[0111] For a given conductor, it is therefore possible to define a table, stored in a memory of the calculation unit, that associates resistance values  $R_{\text{sub.c}}$  of the conductor **12** with values of the temperature  $\Theta_{\text{sub.cond}}$  of the conductor **12**.

[0112] The measurement of temperatures in a material the thermal resistance of which is known enables to determine a heat transfer flux or thermal power representative of the power produced by the Joule effect. From  $P=R_{\text{sub.c}}I_{\text{sub.cond}}^2$ , the intensity  $I_{\text{sub.cond}}$  of the current circulating in the conductor **12** is calculated.

[0113] The calculation unit **120** is configured to determine the emissions of carbon dioxide. There are tables providing emissions of carbon dioxide as a function of thermal power. It is therefore possible to store in a memory of the calculation unit **120** such a table associating values of emissions of carbon dioxide with values of the thermal power given off by the conductor **12**.

[0114] Preferably, said at least one temperature sensor **20** is disposed outside the electrical cable, i.e. on an external surface of this electrical cable **10**. In this configuration, the conductor temperature  $\Theta_{\text{sub.cond}}$  is determined by means of a physical model described below in connection with FIGS. 4 to 12.

[0115] In a variant compatible with the invention, said at least one temperature sensor may be disposed inside the electrical cable **10**. In this variant, the conductor temperature  $\Theta_{\text{sub.cond}}$  is measured directly in the proximity of the electrical conductor **12**.

[0116] The calculation unit **120** is further configured to determine a quantity of emissions of carbon dioxide resulting from the heating of the electrical conductor by Joule effect as a function of the conductor temperature  $\Theta_{\text{sub.cond}}$  and of the electrical intensity  $I_{\text{sub.cond}}$  in the electrical conductor.

[0117] Referring to FIG. 2, the determination system **100** may comprise a measurement module **130** in which are accommodated at least one of the at least one temperature sensor.

[0118] The entire measurement unit **110** is preferably carried by the measurement module **130**.

[0119] The calculation unit **120** is configured to be in communication with the measurement unit **110**. The calculation unit **120** can be dissociated from the measurement module **130** as illustrated in FIG. 2 or integrated into this measurement module **130**.

[0120] This measurement module **130** is, for example, mounted in such a manner as to be removable from the electrical cable **10** order to produce a point and localised measurement on the electrical cable **10**. This measurement module **130** is for example a portable measurement accessory.

[0121] The measurement module **130** has a dimension along the longitudinal axis A such that it extends over only a portion of the length of the electric cable **10**. The measurement module **130** extends preferably around the electrical cable **10**, i.e. about the longitudinal axis A.

[0122] The measurement module **130** may also comprise an additional structure described hereinafter, notably with reference to FIGS. 6 and **10**.

[0123] For the determination of the emissions of CO<sub>sub.2</sub>, the calculation unit **120** is configured to determine an electrical resistance  $R_{\text{sub.c}}$  of the electrical conductor as a function of the conductor temperature  $\Theta_{\text{sub.cond}}$ .

[0124] This electrical resistance  $R_{\text{sub.c}}$  is notably determined as follows:

[00008]  $R_c = R_0 \times (1 + \alpha_{\text{sub.20}} \times (\Theta_{\text{sub.cond}} - 20)) \times (1 + y_s + y_p)$  [0125] with [0126]  $R_{\text{sub.0}}$  being the direct current resistance of the conductor at 20° C., in Ohm, [0127]  $Y_{\text{sub.s}}$  being the skin effect factor, no units, [0128]  $Y_{\text{sub.p}}$  being the proximity effect factor, no units, [0129]  $\alpha_{\text{sub.20}}$  being the coefficient of electrical resistivity, in K<sup>-1</sup> (i.e. per kelvin).

[0130] The calculation unit **120** is then configured to determine a power loss  $P_{\text{sub.oL}}$  as a function of the electrical intensity  $I_{\text{sub.cond}}$  calculated in the electrical conductor and the electrical resistance  $R_{\text{sub.c}}$  of the electrical conductor that has been determined.

[0131] This power loss  $P_{\text{sub.oL}}$  is in particular determined as follows:

[00009]  $P_{\text{oL}} = R_c \times I_{\text{cond}}^2$

[0132] The calculation unit **120** is configured to then determine the annual power losses induced by the heating of the electrical conductor **10**. The quantity of emissions of carbon dioxide is then determined as a function of these annual power losses.

[0133] To determine the quantity of emissions of CO<sub>sub.2</sub> as a function of these annual power losses, it is possible to use a scale factor multiplied by the annual power losses.

[0134] Generally speaking, the quantity of emissions of CO<sub>sub.2</sub> as a function of these annual power losses can be determined using a relation defined by a distribution system operator.

[0135] Referring to FIG. 3, an electrical cable **10** comprises an electrical conductor **12**, a first layer of material **14** around the electrical conductor **12**, and a second layer of material **16** around the first layer of material **14**.

[0136] The electrical conductor **12** extends along a longitudinal axis A.

[0137] The first layer **14** of material and the second layer **16** of material extend along the longitudinal axis A around the electrical conductor **12**.

[0138] The first layer **14** of material is for example a layer formed of an electrically insulating material. The first layer **14** of material can therefore be considered as an insulative layer.

[0139] The second layer **16** of material here forms an external layer of the electrical cable **10**. The second layer **16** of material forms an external surface **18** of the electrical cable **10**.

[0140] The second layer **16** of material is for example an external sheath.

[0141] More generally, the electrical cable **10** may include one or more layers of material surrounding the electrical conductor **12**. The electrical cable **10** may notably comprise one or more of the following: a screen, a semiconductor layer, an insulative layer, an external sheath.

[0142] In a preferred configuration the electrical cable **10** comprises around the conductor, in order of disposition from the centre to the periphery: a semiconductor layer, an insulative layer, a screen and an external sheath. This configuration corresponds for example to an electrical cable configured for a medium-voltage (between 1 and 52 kV) network.

[0143] In one embodiment, the determination system **100** is preferably non-invasive and/or non-destructive. In other words, the temperature sensor(s) **20** are not disposed inside the electric cable.

[0144] In this embodiment, the calculation unit **120** comprises a determination unit **22** configured to determine the conductor temperature  $\Theta_{\text{sub.cond}}$  by means of a physical model notably using a peripheral temperature  $\Theta_{\text{sub.b1}}$  measured by said at least one temperature sensor **20** disposed on an external surface of the electric cable **10**.

[0145] The determination of this conductor temperature  $\Theta_{\text{sub.cond}}$  by means of this physical model is described below in connection with FIGS. 4 to **12**.

[0146] As depicted in FIG. 4, the determination system **100** comprises said at least one temperature sensor **20** and a determination unit **22**.

[0147] The determination unit **22** belongs to the calculation unit **120**.

[0148] The determination system **100** may comprise a plurality of temperature sensors **20** distributed around the longitudinal axis A in a same plane transverse to this longitudinal axis A. In the example of FIG. 4, the determination system **100** comprises 9 temperature sensors **20**.

[0149] The temperature sensor(s) **20** are configured to measure a peripheral temperature  $\Theta_{\text{sub.b1}}$ . In this configuration in which the temperature sensors **20** are disposed at the external surface **18** of the electric cable, the peripheral temperature  $\Theta_{\text{sub.b1}}$  corresponds to the surface temperature of the electric cable **10**.

[0150] The temperature sensor or sensors **20** are connected to the determination unit **22** in such a manner as to communicate the peripheral temperature  $\Theta_{\text{sub.b1}}$  to this determination unit **22**.

[0151] The temperature sensors **20** are preferably equally distributed around the longitudinal axis A. The determination system **100** may provide one or more temperature sensors **20** further distributed along the longitudinal axis A in such a manner as to measure the peripheral temperature  $\Theta_{\text{b1}}$  at different locations along the electrical cable **10**.

[0152] This determination unit **22** is configured to determine the conductor temperature  $\Theta_{\text{sub.cond}}$ , i.e. the temperature of the electrical conductor **12**.

[0153] This determination is performed in a non-invasive and non-destructive manner. Thus, no component is inserted under the material layers or in the proximity of the electrical conductor **12** to determine its conductor temperature  $\Theta_{\text{sub.cond}}$ . Furthermore, no layer of material of the electric cable **10** is damaged or pierced to carry out this determination. No third-party component is integrated in the fabrication of the

electric cable **10** such as an optical fibre or a sensor in one of the layers of the electric cable **10** or between the layers of material.

[0154] This enables determination of the conductor temperature in an existing electrical cable, for example already installed in situ, without having to damage it or insert any measuring tool.

[0155] It is considered here that the addition of measurement components or additional layers of material is not invasive or destructive.

[0156] The determination unit **22** uses a physical model enabling the conductor temperature  $\Theta_{\text{sub.cond}}$  to be determined as a function of the peripheral temperature  $\Theta_{\text{sub.b1}}$  measured by the temperature sensor(s) **20**.

[0157] Referring to FIG. 5, the diffusion of heat through the electrical cable **10** is represented in diagrammatic form to depict the physical model utilised by the determination unit **22**.

[0158] This physical model is based on the fact that the diffusion of heat through the layers of an electric cable follows a behaviour close to that of the circulation of a current in an electric circuit including an electric resistance.

[0159] The physical model therefore establishes a relation between the thermal resistance **T1** of said at least one layer of material. The thermal resistance  $T_{\text{sub.1}}$  may correspond to the thermal resistance of one or more of the layers of material. In the example of FIG. 4, the thermal resistance  $T_{\text{sub.1}}$  represents the thermal resistance of the combination of the first layer **14** of material and the second layer **16** of material. In this physical model, the first layer **14** of material and the second **16** layer of material therefore form one and the same layer of material having a layer thermal resistance denoted  $T_{\text{sub.1}}$ .

[0160] The passage of the current inside the conductor generates heating inducing a heat flux  $W_{\text{sub.c}}$ .

[0161] In this physical model the voltage difference  $\Delta U$  at the boundaries of an electrical resistance is close to a temperature difference  $\Delta\Theta$  between the internal and external surfaces of said at least one layer of material (i.e. at the boundaries of this layer of material).

[0162] In the application of the electrical cable **10**, the temperatures at the boundaries of the thermal resistance  $T_{\text{sub.1}}$  are firstly the temperature of the conductor  $\Theta_{\text{sub.cond}}$  and secondly the peripheral temperature  $\Theta_{\text{sub.b1}}$ . Thus, the temperature difference  $\Delta\Theta$  is expressed as follows:  $\Delta\Theta = \Theta_{\text{sub.cond}} - \Theta_{\text{sub.b1}}$ .

[0163] In this physical model, a mathematical relation is established between the heat flux  $W_{\text{sub.c}}$ , the thermal resistance  $T_{\text{sub.1}}$  and the temperature difference  $\Delta\Theta$  at the boundaries of this thermal resistance. This relation is as follows:

$\Delta\Theta = T_{\text{sub.1}} * W_{\text{sub.c}}$  [0164] with [0165]  $\Delta\Theta$  is the temperature difference  $\Delta\Theta$  between the internal and external surfaces [000131] [0166] of said at least one layer of material, [0167]  $T_{\text{sub.1}}$  being the thermal resistance of said at least one layer of material, [0168]  $W_{\text{sub.c}}$  being the heat flux generated by the heating of the conductor.

[0169] The conductor temperature  $\Theta_{\text{sub.cond}}$  can therefore be expressed as follows:

[00010]  $\Theta_{\text{cond}} = \Theta_{\text{b1}} + W_{\text{c}} * T_1$  [0170] with [0171]  $\Theta_{\text{sub.cond}}$  being the conductor temperature, [0172]  $\Theta_{\text{sub.b1}}$  being the peripheral temperature.

[0173] The thermal resistance  $T_{\text{sub.1}}$  of said at least one layer of material is determined as follows:

[00011]  $T_1 = \frac{t}{2 * \rho_{\text{sub.T}}} \ln(1 + 2 * \frac{t}{d_{\text{c}}})$  [0174] with [0175]  $\rho_{\text{sub.T}}$  being the thermal conductivity of said at least one layer of material, [0176]  $d_{\text{sub.c}}$  being the internal diameter of said at least one layer of material, [0177]  $t_{\text{sub.1}}$  being the thickness of said at least one layer of material.

[0178] The determination system **100** comprises at least one additional layer **24** of material and at least one additional temperature sensor **26**.

[0179] This determination mode makes it possible to dispense with the measurement of the electrical intensity  $I_{\text{sub.cond}}$  of the current flowing in the conductor.

[0180] Said at least one additional layer of material **24** is disposed around said at least one layer of material. The additional layer(s) **24** of material covers the at least one temperature sensor **22**, as can be seen in FIG. 6.

[0181] This determination mode can be used for determining the conductor temperature  $\Theta_{\text{sub.cond}}$  according to different models of an electric cable **10**. These different models may involve different assumptions (e.g. taking dielectric losses into account or not) or different configurations of the electric cable **10**.

[0182] The determination unit **22** is configured to determine the conductor temperature  $\Theta_{\text{sub.cond}}$  according to one or more models, notably one or more of the models presented hereinafter.

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[0183] The determination unit **22** is configured to determine the conductor temperature  $\Theta_{\text{sub.cond}}$  according to first and second models respectively depicted in FIGS. 5 and 7.

[0184] In the first and second models, the dielectric losses in said at least one layer of material are not taken into account or are considered to be minimal.

[0185] In these first and second models, the electric cable **10** has no screen.

[0186] The first model applies to an electrical cable **10** comprising an electrical conductor **12** and one or more layers of material surrounding the electrical conductor **12**. One or more temperature sensors **20** is or are disposed on the external surface **18** of said at least one layer of material.

[0187] The electric cable **10** in FIG. 4 is an example compatible with this first model.

[0188] The determination unit **100** comprises an additional structure illustrated in FIG. 6. Thus, the determination system **100** comprises at least one additional layer **24** of material and at least one additional temperature sensor **26**.

[0189] Said at least one additional layer **24** of material has an additional thermal resistance  $T_{\text{sub.b}}$ .

[0190] Said at least one additional layer **24** of material is, for example, at least one electrically insulating layer.

[0191] The material of said at least one additional layer **24** of material preferably has a thermal resistance between 0.001 m.sup.2.Math.K/W and 0.1 m.sup.2.Math.K/W. In this thermal resistance range, said at least one layer **24** of material makes it possible to avoid overheating of the conductor while allowing a temperature difference that is large enough to be measured.

[0192] Said at least one additional temperature sensor **26** makes it possible to measure an additional peripheral temperature  $\Theta_{\text{sub.b2}}$  at the level of the external surface **28** of said at least one additional layer **24** of material.

[0193] The determination system **100** may comprise a plurality of additional temperature sensors **26** distributed around the longitudinal axis A in a same plane transverse to the longitudinal axis A. In the example of FIG. 6, the determination system **100** comprises 9 additional temperature sensors **26**.

[0194] The additional temperature sensor or sensors **26** are connected to the determination unit **22** in such a manner as to communicate the additional peripheral temperature  $\Theta_{\text{sub.b2}}$  to this determination unit **22**.

[0195] The additional temperature sensors **26** are preferably equally distributed around the longitudinal axis A. The determination system **100** may provide one or more additional temperature sensors **26** further distributed along the longitudinal axis A in such a manner as to measure the additional peripheral temperature  $\Theta_{\text{sub.b2}}$  at different locations along the electrical cable **10**.

[0196] Preferably, the number and/or the angular position and/or the longitudinal position of the temperature sensors **20** are respectively

identical to the number and/or the angular position and/or the longitudinal position of the additional temperature sensors **26**.

[0197] The electric cable **10** equipped with said at least one additional layer **24** of material and said at least one additional temperature sensor **26** is modelled by a second model in FIG. 7. Said at least one additional layer **24** of material is considered to be a resistance of value  $T_{\text{sub.b}}$  in series with the resistance of value  $T_{\text{sub.1}}$  corresponding to said at least one layer of material.

[0198] The thermal flux  $W_{\text{sub.c}}$  is expressed as follows:

$$[00012] W_c = \frac{(b_1 - b_2)}{T_b}$$

[0199] The conductor temperature can thus be expressed as follows:

$$[00013] \text{cond} = b_1 + \frac{(b_1 - b_2)}{T_b} \times T_1$$

[0200] The determination of the conductor temperature  $\Theta_{\text{sub.cond}}$  can thus be determined without requiring the value of the intensity of the current circulating in the electrical conductor **12**. This determination is made possible by the addition of an additional layer and an additional sensor.

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[0201] The determination unit **22** is configured to determine the conductor temperature  $\Theta_{\text{sub.cond}}$  according to third and fourth models respectively depicted in FIGS. **8** and **9**.

[0202] .

[0203] In the third and fourth models, the dielectric losses in said at least one layer of material are taken into account.

[0204] In these third and fourth models, the electric cable **10** has no screen.

[0205] In these third and fourth models, the dielectric losses in said at least one layer of material are considered as a loss thermal flux  $W_{\text{sub.d}}$  at the level of resistance of value  $T_{\text{sub.1}}$  corresponding to said at least one layer of material. This loss thermal flux  $W_{\text{sub.d}}$  can be seen in FIGS. **8** and **9**.

[0206] The third model applies to an electrical cable **10** comprising an electrical conductor **12** and one or more layers of material surrounding the electrical conductor **12**. One or more temperature sensors **20** is or are disposed on the external surface **18** of said at least one layer of material.

[0207] The electric cable **10** according to FIG. **4** is an example compatible with this third model.

[0208] The determination unit **100** comprises an additional structure as illustrated in FIG. **6**. Thus, the determination system **100** comprises at least one additional layer **24** of material and at least one additional temperature sensor **26**.

[0209] The electric cable **10** equipped with said at least one additional layer **24** of material and said at least one additional temperature sensor **26** is modelled by a fourth model in FIG. **9**.

[0210] Said at least one additional layer **24** of material is considered to be a resistance of value  $T_{\text{sub.b}}$  in series with the resistance of value  $T_{\text{sub.1}}$  corresponding to said at least one layer of material.

[0211] The conductor temperature  $\Theta_{\text{sub.cond}}$  is expressed as follows:

$$[00014] \text{cond} = b_1 + T_1 \times \left( \frac{(b_1 - b_2)}{T_b} - \frac{W_d}{2} \right)$$

[0212] The preceding equation is obtained by considering the following equations:

$$[00015] \text{cond} = b_1 + T_1 \times (W_c + \frac{W_d}{2}) \text{ and } b_1 = b_2 + T_b \times (W_d + W_c)$$

[0213] The loss thermal flux  $W_{\text{sub.d}}$  is determined as a function of the voltage applied to the electrical conductor **12**, the frequency of the voltage applied to the electrical conductor **12** and the dielectric characteristics of said at least one layer of material.

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[0214] The determination unit **22** is further configured to determine the conductor temperature  $\Theta_{\text{sub.cond}}$  in a configuration of the electrical cable **10** comprising a screen **17**.

[0215] As depicted in FIG. **10**, the electric cable **10** comprises an electrical conductor **12**, one or more layers of material surrounding the electrical conductor **12**, and a shield **17** surrounding said layers of material.

[0216] Said layers of material are for example a dielectric layer **30** surrounding the electrical conductor **12** and an insulative layer **32** disposed between the dielectric layer **30** and the screen **17**.

[0217] The electrical cable **10** also comprises an external layer **34**, for example an external sheath, defining an external surface **38** of the outer layer **34**. The outer layer **34** may comprise a plurality of layers of material.

[0218] The outer layer **34** has a thermal resistance  $T_{\text{sub.3}}$ .

[0219] One or more temperature sensors **20** is or are disposed on the external surface **38** of the external layer **34**.

[0220] Losses in the screen **17** are modelled by a screen thermal flux  $W_{\text{sub.s}}$ . These losses are due to heating by the Joule effect in the screen **17**.

[0221] Determination of the screen thermal flux  $W_{\text{sub.s}}$  requires an invasive measurement of the electrical cable **10**. To avoid having to express the conductor temperature  $\Theta_{\text{sub.cond}}$  as a function of the thermal flux  $W_{\text{sub.s}}$ , it is provided here to express the conductor temperature  $\Theta_{\text{sub.cond}}$  as a function of the intensity  $I_{\text{sub.cond}}$  of the current circulating in the electrical conductor **12** and to utilise an additional structure comprising at least one additional layer **24** of material and at least one additional temperature sensor **26**, as can be seen in FIG. **10**.

[0222] Said at least one additional layer **24** of material has a thermal resistance  $T_{\text{sub.b}}$ .

[0223] A fifth model is depicted in FIG. **11** taking into account the screen losses (thermal flux  $W_{\text{sub.s}}$ ) as well as the dielectric losses in said at least one layer (thermal flux  $W_{\text{sub.d}}$ ) and comprising three resistors in series to model the thermal resistances of said at least one layer of material ( $T_{\text{sub.1}}$ ), of the external sheath **34** ( $T_{\text{sub.3}}$ ) and of said at least one additional layer **24** of material ( $T_{\text{sub.b}}$ ).

[0224] In this fifth model, the conductor temperature  $\Theta_{\text{sub.cond}}$  is expressed as follows:

$$[00016] \text{cond} = \frac{b_1 + T_3 \frac{\Delta \Theta_b}{T_b} + \frac{1}{2} T_1 W_d - (R_0 I^2) T_1 (1 - 20 \times \frac{20}{20})}{1 - R_0 I_{\text{cond}}^2 \frac{20}{T_1}} [0225] \Theta_{\text{sub.b1}} \text{ being the peripheral temperature measured by said at least one}$$

temperature sensor **20**, [0226]  $\Theta_{\text{sub.b2}}$  being the additional peripheral temperature measured by said at least one additional temperature sensor **26**, [0227]  $\Delta \Theta$  being the temperature difference  $\Theta_{\text{sub.b1}} - \Theta_{\text{sub.b2}}$ , [0228]  $T_{\text{sub.1}}$  being the thermal resistance of said at least one layer of material, [0229]  $T_{\text{sub.b}}$  being the thermal resistance of said at least one additional layer **24** of material, [0230]  $T_{\text{sub.3}}$  being the thermal resistance of the external layer **34**, [0231]  $R_{\text{sub.0}}$  being the direct current resistance of the conductor at 20° C., expressed in Ohms, [0232]  $Y_{\text{sub.s}}$  being the skin effect factor, no units, [0233]  $Y_{\text{sub.p}}$  being the proximity effect factor, no units, [0234]  $\alpha_{\text{sub.20}}$  being the electrical resistivity coefficient, expressed in  $\text{K}^{-1}$  (i.e. per kelvin).

[0235] The determination unit **22** is thus capable of determining the conductor temperature  $\Theta_{\text{sub.cond}}$  independently of the screen thermal flux  $W_{\text{sub.s}}$ .

[0236] This expression of the conductor temperature  $\Theta_{\text{sub.cond}}$  is obtained considering that:

[00017]  $\text{surf} = n(W_c + W_s + W_d)T_3 + (W_c + \frac{W_d}{2})T_1 n(W_c + W_s + W_d) = \frac{\Delta\theta_b}{T_b} \text{conductor} = b_1 + T_3 \frac{\Delta\theta_b}{T_b} + (W_c + \frac{W_d}{2})T_1$  [0237] with  $\Theta.\text{sub}.\text{surf}$  being the peripheral temperature at the level of the external surface of the electrical cable **10**, and [0238]  $n$  being the number of electrical conductors **12**.

[0239] As described in detail above, the thermal resistance  $T.\text{sub}.1$  is determined as follows:

$$[00018] T_1 = \frac{T}{2\pi} \ln(1 + 2 * \frac{t_1}{d_c})$$

[0240] The thermal resistance  $T.\text{sub}.3$  of the external layer **34** is determined as follows:

[00019]  $T_3 = \frac{T}{2\pi} \ln(1 + 2 * \frac{t_3}{D_a})$  [0241] with  $t.\text{sub}.3$  being the thickness of the external layer **34**, [0242]  $D.\text{sub}.a$  being the inside diameter of the external layer **34**.

[0243] In a sixth model depicted in FIG. **12**, the determination unit is also configured to determine the conductor temperature  $\Theta.\text{sub}.\text{cond}$  in a manner independent of the surrounding environment, notably the temperature in that surrounding environment.

[0244] This sixth model applies to the same configuration of the electrical cable **10** as the fifth model. In other words, the sixth model applies to an electric cable of the type of the FIG. **10** type with an additional structure and a screen **17**.

[0245] Depending on the surrounding environment, the heat will be evacuated less or more from the electric cable **10**. The surrounding environment is modelled by a layer of material with a certain thermal resistance  $T.\text{sub}.5$  and a temperature  $\Theta.\text{sub}.a$  corresponding to the ambient temperature of the surrounding environment.

[0246] The conductor temperature  $\Theta.\text{sub}.\text{cond}$  may be expressed as follows:

$$[00020] \text{cond} = a + (W_c + \frac{W_d}{2})T_1 + n(W_c + W_d + W_s)T_3 + n(W_c + W_d + W_s)T_b + n(W_c + W_d + W_s)T_5$$

[0247] The temperature difference  $\Theta.\text{sub}.b1 - \Theta.\text{sub}.b2$  on either side of the additional layer **24** of material enables the conductor temperature  $\Theta.\text{sub}.\text{cond}$  to be expressed as follows:

$$[00021] \text{cond} = b_1 + (W_c + \frac{W_d}{2})T_1 + n(W_c + W_d + W_s)T_b \text{ and } b_1 - b_2 = n(W_c + W_d + W_s)T_b$$

[0248] The conductor temperature  $\Theta.\text{sub}.\text{cond}$  can therefore be determined by the determination unit **22** independently of the surrounding environment.

[0249] Referring to FIGS. **13** to **19**, the determination unit **22** is furthermore configured to determine the conductor temperature  $\Theta.\text{sub}.\text{cond}$  in a seventh model and an eighth model.

[0250] In the seventh and eighth models, the determination unit **22** is configured to determine the conductor temperature  $\Theta.\text{sub}.\text{cond}$  without necessitating determination of the thermal flux  $W.\text{sub}.c$  generated by the circulation of an electric current in the electrical conductor.

[0251] For these seventh and eighth models, the determination system **100** is similar to that of FIG. **6** with the difference that said at least one additional layer **24** comprises a first **60** and a second **62** additional layer portions, as depicted in FIG. **13**.

[0252] The first additional layer portion **60** has a first additional thermal resistance  $T.\text{sub}.b$ . The second additional layer portion **62** has a second additional thermal resistance  $T'.\text{sub}.b$ . The first additional thermal resistance  $T.\text{sub}.b$  and the second additional thermal resistance  $T'.\text{sub}.b$  are different.

[0253] This difference between the first additional thermal resistance  $T.\text{sub}.b$  and the second additional thermal resistance  $T b$  can be obtained by utilisation of a different material and/or one or more different geometric characteristics that differ between the first additional layer portion **60** and the second additional layer portion **62**. One example of a different geometric characteristic is a different thickness, taken along an axis perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of extension  $A$  of the electrical conductor.

[0254] This difference between the first additional thermal resistance  $T.\text{sub}.b$  and the second additional thermal resistance  $T.\text{sub}.b$  enables construction of two different equations having for unknown the conductor temperature  $\Theta.\text{sub}.\text{cond}$ . It is therefore possible to dispense with knowing the thermal flux  $W.\text{sub}.c$ .

[0255] A plurality of first temperature sensors **64** are disposed on the external surface **18** of said at least one layer of material, between said external surface **18** and the first additional layer portion **60**. The plurality of first temperature sensors **64** enable measurement of a first peripheral temperature  $\Theta.\text{sub}.b1$  at the level of the external surface **18** of said at least one layer of material.

[0256] A plurality of second temperature sensors **66** are disposed on the external surface **18** of said at least one layer of material, between said external surface **18** and the second additional layer portion **62**. The plurality of second temperature sensors **66** enable measurement of a second peripheral temperature  $\Theta'.\text{sub}.b1$  at the level of the external surface **18** of said at least one layer of material.

[0257] A plurality of first additional temperature sensors **68** are disposed on an external surface of the first additional layer portion **60** to measure a first additional peripheral temperature  $\Theta.\text{sub}.b2$ .

[0258] A plurality of second additional temperature sensors are disposed on an external surface of the second additional layer portion to measure a second additional peripheral temperature  $\Theta.\text{sub}.b2$ .

[0259] The determination unit **22** is configured to determine the conductor temperature  $\Theta.\text{sub}.\text{cond}$  as a further function of the first additional thermal resistance  $T.\text{sub}.b$  and the second additional thermal resistance  $T'.\text{sub}.b$  and the first additional peripheral temperature  $\Theta.\text{sub}.b2$  and the second additional peripheral temperature  $\Theta'.\text{sub}.b2$ .

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[0260] The seventh model is depicted in FIGS. **14** to **16**.

[0261] In the seventh model, the conductor temperature  $\Theta.\text{sub}.\text{cond}$  is expressed as follows:

$$[00022] \text{conductor} = \frac{(b_1 T_b - b_1' T_b') \times ((b_1 - b_2))}{T_b (b_1 - b_2) - T_b' (b_1' - b_2')}$$

[0262] This equation is obtained via the following expansions:

$$[00023] \frac{(\text{conductor} - b_1)}{T_1} = \frac{(b_1 - b_2)(\text{conductor} - b_1')}{T_b (b_1 - b_2) - T_b' (b_1' - b_2')} = \frac{(b_1 - b_2)(\text{conductor} - b_1')}{T_b (b_1 - b_2) - T_b' (b_1' - b_2')} = (\text{conductor} - b_1') \frac{T_b}{(b_1 - b_2) - \frac{T_b'}{T_b} (b_1' - b_2')} = \frac{b_1 T_b - b_1' T_b'}{(b_1 - b_2) - \frac{T_b'}{T_b} (b_1' - b_2')} = \frac{b_1 T_b - b_1' T_b'}{(\frac{T_b}{T_b} (b_1 - b_2) - \frac{T_b'}{T_b} (b_1' - b_2'))}$$

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[0263] The eighth model is depicted in FIGS. **17** to **19**.

[0264] In the eighth model, the conductor temperature  $\Theta.\text{sub}.\text{cond}$  is expressed as follows:

$$[00024] \text{conductor} = \frac{b_1 - \frac{W_d}{2}}{1 - \frac{W_d}{2A}} b_1$$

[0265] This equation is obtained via the following expansions:

$$[00025] \text{conductor} = b_1 + T_1 \times (\frac{b_1 - b_2}{T_b} - \frac{W_d}{2}) \text{conductor} = b_1 + T_1 \times (\frac{b_1 - b_2}{T_b} - \frac{W_d}{2}) A = (\frac{b_1 - b_2}{T_b} - \frac{W_d}{2}) B = (\frac{b_1 - b_2}{T_b} - \frac{W_d}{2}) [0266]$$

$\Theta.\text{sub}.b1'$  being the first peripheral temperature at the level of the external surface **18** of said at least one layer of material, [0267]  $\Theta.\text{sub}.b2'$  being the second additional peripheral temperature,  $T.\text{sub}.b'$  being the second additional thermal resistance.

[0268] Naturally, the invention is not limited to the embodiments described, but includes any variant entering into the scope of the invention such as defined by the claims.



[0269] In particular, it is understood that, while it is advantageous to be able to calculate the intensity flowing in the conductor 12 from the temperature measurement (without the need for a dedicated current sensor), this calculation is not necessary to determine the emissions of carbon dioxide. The emissions of carbon dioxide can be determined solely from the temperature measurements by calculating the thermal power (or thermal flux) produced by the Joule effect by the current circulating in the conductor 12. It is indicated that tables relating emissions of carbon dioxide and thermal power are used for this purpose, but it is possible alternatively to use a numerical model, for example developed empirically.

[0270] The system may include one or more temperature sensors.

## Claims

1. A system for determination of a quantity of emissions of carbon dioxide resulting from the heating of an electrical conductor of an electrical cable by the Joule effect, said determination system comprising: an electrical cable comprising at least one electrical conductor and at least one layer of material surrounding said at least one conductor, a measuring unit associated with the electrical cable, said measuring unit comprising at least one temperature sensor, a calculation unit being configured to communicate information with the measurement unit, the calculation unit being configured to determine the conductor temperature  $\Theta_{\text{sub.cond}}$  by means of said at least one temperature sensor, said calculation unit being further configured to determine an quantity of emissions of carbon dioxide resulting from the heating of the electrical conductor by the Joule effect as a function of the conductor temperature  $\Theta_{\text{sub.cond}}$ .
2. The system according to claim 1, wherein the calculation unit is configured to determine an electrical intensity  $I_{\text{sub.cond}}$  of the electrical conductor as a function of the conductor temperature  $\Theta_{\text{sub.cond}}$ .
3. The system according to claim 1, wherein the calculation unit is configured to determine an electrical resistance  $R_{\text{sub.c}}$  of the electrical conductor as a function of the conductor temperature  $\Theta_{\text{sub.cond}}$ .
4. The system according to claim 3, wherein the calculation unit is configured to determine a power loss  $P_{\text{sub.oL}}$  as a function of the electrical intensity  $I_{\text{sub.cond}}$  in the electrical conductor and the electrical resistance  $R_{\text{sub.c}}$  of the electrical conductor, the calculation unit being configured to determine the amount of emissions of carbon dioxide as a function of said power loss  $P_{\text{sub.oL}}$ .
5. The system according to claim 1, further comprising a measurement module mounted on the electrical cable, said measurement module comprising at least said at least one temperature sensor.
6. The system according to claim 5, wherein the measurement module further comprises the calculation unit.
7. The system according to claim 5, wherein the measurement module is configured to be removably mounted on the electrical cable.
8. The system according to claim 7, wherein the measurement module comprises a device for fixing it to the electrical cable.
9. The system according to claim 1, wherein said at least one temperature sensor comprises a temperature sensor that is disposed on an external surface of said at least one layer of material to measure a peripheral temperature  $\Theta_{\text{sub.b1}}$  at the level of the external surface of said at least one layer of material, the calculation unit being configured to determine the conductor temperature  $\Theta_{\text{sub.cond}}$  as a function of the peripheral temperature  $\Theta_{\text{sub.b1}}$ .
10. The system according to claim 9, further comprising: an additional layer of material disposed around said at least one layer of material and covering said at least one temperature sensor, at least one additional temperature sensor disposed on an external surface of said layer of additional material to measure an additional peripheral temperature  $\Theta_{\text{sub.b2}}$  at the level of the external surface of said at least one additional layer of material.
11. The system according to claim 1, wherein the calculation unit is configured to determine the conductor temperature  $\Theta_{\text{sub.cond}}$  as a function of the peripheral temperature  $\Theta_{\text{sub.b1}}$  and the additional peripheral temperature  $\Theta_{\text{sub.b2}}$ .
12. The system according to claim 1, wherein the calculation unit is configured to determine the electrical intensity  $I_{\text{sub.cond}}$  as a function of the conductor temperature  $\Theta_{\text{sub.cond}}$  and the conductor geometry.
13. The system according to claim 10, wherein said at least one additional layer of material comprises: a first additional layer portion having a first additional thermal resistance  $T_{\text{sub.b}}$ , and a second additional layer portion having a second additional thermal resistance  $T'_{\text{sub.b}}$ , the first  $T_{\text{sub.b}}$  and second  $T'_{\text{sub.b}}$  additional thermal resistances being different, and in which said at least one additional temperature sensor comprises: at least one first additional temperature sensor disposed on an external surface of the first additional layer portion to measure a first additional peripheral temperature  $\Theta_{\text{sub.b2}}$ , at least one second additional temperature sensor disposed on an external surface of the second additional layer portion to measure a second additional peripheral temperature  $\Theta'_{\text{sub.b2}}$ , the determination unit being configured to determine the conductor temperature  $\Theta_{\text{sub.cond}}$  as a function of the first  $T_{\text{sub.b}}$  and the second  $T'_{\text{sub.b}}$  additional thermal resistances as well as the first  $\Theta_{\text{sub.b2}}$  and the second  $\Theta'_{\text{sub.b2}}$  additional peripheral temperatures.
14. The system according to claim 1, wherein said at least one first and at least one second additional layers are disposed on different angular sectors around the electrical conductor.
15. The system according to claim 1, wherein said at least one temperature sensor comprises: at least one first sensor disposed on the external surface of said at least one layer of material, between said external surface and the first additional layer portion, to measure a peripheral temperature  $\Theta_{\text{sub.b1}}$  at the level of the external surface of said at least one layer of material, at least one second sensor disposed on the external surface of said at least one layer of material, between said external surface and the second additional layer portion, to measure a peripheral temperature  $\Theta'_{\text{sub.b1}}$  at the level of the external surface of said at least one layer of material.
16. The system according to claim 1, wherein the determination unit is configured to determine the conductor temperature  $\Theta_{\text{sub.cond}}$  on the basis of the following equation: 
$$\Theta_{\text{sub.cond}} = \frac{(T_{\text{sub.b}} - T'_{\text{sub.b}}) \times ((\Theta_{\text{sub.b1}} - \Theta_{\text{sub.b2}}))}{T_{\text{sub.b}}(\Theta_{\text{sub.b1}} - \Theta_{\text{sub.b2}}) - T'_{\text{sub.b}}(\Theta_{\text{sub.b1}} - \Theta'_{\text{sub.b1}})}$$
  $T_{\text{sub.b}}$  being the first additional thermal resistance of the first additional layer of material,  $T'_{\text{sub.b}}$  being the second additional thermal resistance of the second additional layer of material,  $\Theta_{\text{sub.b1}}$  is the peripheral temperature measured by said at least one first temperature sensor,  $\Theta_{\text{sub.b2}}$  is the additional peripheral temperature measured by said at least one first additional temperature sensor,  $\Theta'_{\text{sub.b1}}$  is the peripheral temperature measured by said at least one second temperature sensor,  $\Theta'_{\text{sub.b2}}$  is the additional peripheral temperature measured by said at least one second additional temperature sensor.
17. The system according to claim 12, wherein the first and second additional layer portions are made of a different material.
18. The system according to claim 12, wherein the first and second additional layer portions have a different thickness, perpendicular to a longitudinal axis along which the electrical cable extends.