DETERMINING THE SPECIFIC GROUND CONDUCTIVITY AIDED BY THE HORIZONTAL ELECTRIC DIPOLE ANTENNA NEAR THE GROUND SURFACE

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Abstract—The ground conductivity is the most important factor in the transmitter's coverage area in ground wave propagation. Regarding the day-to-day increase in digital broadcasting, a lower sensitivity of this kind of broadcasting and ability to create single frequency networks, it seems necessary to increase the accuracy of ground conductivity to minimize fading zones. The higher the abovementioned conductivity, the lower the ground wave attenuation. Also in this case, the transmitted wave will tilt less towards the ground to satisfy the boundary conditions in electric conductivity and so-called will enter the earth. In most of the presented papers to determine the field strength, conductivity is considered as known, but it's dependent upon the soil genus, the annual/monsoon precipitation and the heat average. Here it is intended to provide a new method based on Mie algorithm to determine the conductivity based on the difference of Horizontal Electric Dipole near the ground. The previous conductivity measurements included determining it in a point by point manner in a low frequency and determining the conductivity based on the coverage area intensity. The new method holds the two methods advantages together.

1. INTRODUCTION

Determining the transmitter's Field Strength (FS) is influenced by Ground Conductivity (GC) especially in Medium Wave (FS> $60 \, dB \mu V/M$) [1]. In the aforementioned band and regarding the related recommendations [2] the GC is defined in 9 intervals (Table 1).

Standard values (S/M)	Limiting values of the range (S/M)		
	Upper limit	Lower limit	
5	7	3	
3e-2	5.5e-2	1.7e-2	
1e-2	1.7e-2	5.5e-3	
3e-3	5.5e-3	1.7e-3	
1e-3	1.7e-3	5.5e-4	
3e-4	5.5e-4	1.7e-4	
1e-4	1.7e-4	5.5e-5	
3e-5	5.5e-5	1.7e-5	
1e-5	1.7e-5	5.5e-6	

 Table 1. Standard values and ranges of GC.

The conductivity and permittivity effect on the environment's propagation constant, which itself determines the field structure and propagation path attenuation, is in a way that conductivity is the most dependent. For example in the Fig. 1 the propagation constant (K2) has been drawn in three frequencies 0.5, 1 & 1.5 MHz based on the permittivity (up) and conductivity (down). It is obvious that the propagation constant is not sensitive to permittivity changes, but fully dependent on conductivity.

The related permittivity is considered regarding previous figures and after determining the GC. The simulated electric field by Finite Difference Time Domain (FDTD) is drawn in Fig. 2. The tilting effect of electric field is observed in the common surface. The FS of the short monopole antenna introduced by ITU [3] in the Fig. 3 can be observed in 1 MHz based on distance. Considering the Fig. 3, one degree increase between 20–100 KM in GC is equal to a somehow increase of 8–10 dB in the transmitter power.

1.1. Determining Electric Field

Zenneck was the first to do a study on determining the ground wave FS [4]. Zenneck's hypothesis was the flattening of the phase plane in a reference as a source and vertical on the interface. He was also the first

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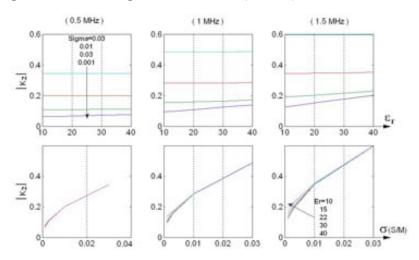


Figure 1. Propagation constant vs. permittivity (up) and GC (down).

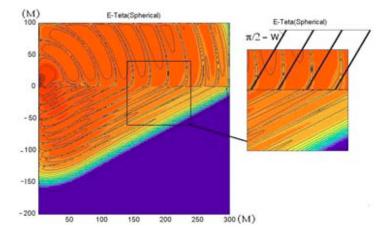


Figure 2. FS of antenna and tilt effect on the interface.

to measure the wave tilt. In the Fig. 4 the wave tilt angle towards the ground has been drawn based on frequency of different conductivities.

Sommerfeld provided an answer for electric field obtained from a current element in 1907 in which to determine the electric field the solution to the integral should be obtained in (1) [5].

Norton later in 1936 and 1937 provided a relatively simple approximation to what was considered later as the approximate solution to the aforementioned integral. Today in most cases this

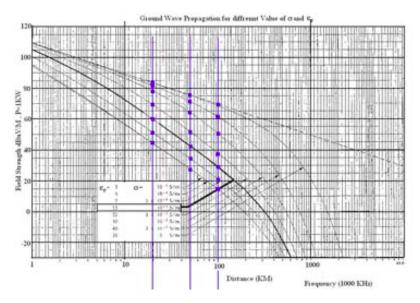


Figure 3. FS of 1 KW short monopole vs. distance in different GC.

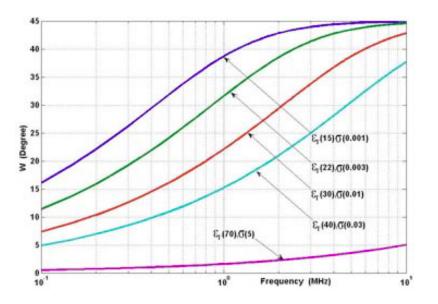


Figure 4. Tilt angle vs. frequency.

method is used [6]. The above mentioned approximation is used for flat earth which is considered as a coefficient to extra degradation in distances more than 70 km.

$$E_{0r} = \frac{\partial^2 U_0}{\partial z \partial r}$$

$$E_{0z} = \left(k^2 + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2}\right) U_0$$

$$H_{\varphi} = j\varepsilon_0 \omega \frac{\partial U_0}{\partial r}$$

$$U_0 = \frac{Idl}{(4\pi j\varepsilon_0 \omega)} \int_0^\infty \frac{e^{(-u_0|z-h|)} + R_e(g)e^{(-u_0|z+h|)}}{u_0} J_0(gr)gdg \quad (1)$$

$$u_0 = \sqrt{g^2 + \gamma_0^2}, \quad u = \sqrt{g^2 + \gamma^2}$$

$$\gamma_0 = j\omega \sqrt{\varepsilon_0 \mu_0}, \quad \gamma_0 = \sqrt{j\omega \mu_0 (\sigma + j\varepsilon_r \varepsilon_0 \omega)}$$

$$K_0 = \frac{u_0}{(j\varepsilon_0 \omega)}, \quad K = \frac{u}{(\sigma + j\varepsilon_r \varepsilon_0 \omega)}$$

$$R_e(g) = (K_0 - K)/(K_0 + K)$$

Wait provided a solution for this integral in 1953 which led to figuring out the error function by complex argument [7]. King presented a method to solve the integral in 1969 and 1998 which led to the determination of Fresnel functions [8]. It should be noted that King solved the problem in two cases of flat earth and spherical earth. Of course King Relations are more accurate in high frequencies ($f \geq$ 1.5 MHz) and high GC ($\sigma > 0.03$ S/M). Collin proposed a method in 2004 in which solution of the integral led to computation of error function by complex argument [9]. In this method the earth is also considered flat. Fig. 5 demonstrate these three methods in case of short vertical antenna on earth of characteristics ($\varepsilon = 30$, $\sigma = 0.01$ S/M) in f = 1 MHz.

It is observed that Collin's and Norton's methods are too close, but there is no sign of earth curve after 100 km in King's method the earth curve can be observed, but the electric field is less than the previous two methods due to the King's definition of relation in f = 1-30 MHz. The fracture effect is due to the change of flat earth to spherical earth. In the above mentioned methods the observation point is distant from the antenna, e.g., Collin has used this approximation.

$$H_0^1(kr) \approx \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi kr}} e^{\left(jk - \frac{\pi}{4}\right)} \tag{2}$$

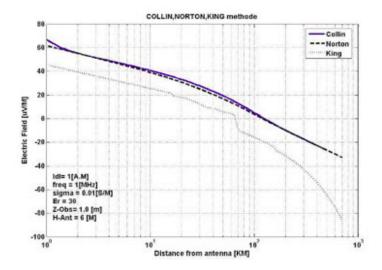


Figure 5. FS of current element in Collin, Norton & King method.

In which the Hankel function holds the first order for great argument approximation, but to determine antenna impedance it is necessary to compute the FS near antenna together with earth effect which is not possible in this method. Here Mie method is used to determine the FS near antenna, which is the base to compute antenna impedance, and Sommerfeld's integral is not involved.

Accurately determining the GC by the use of correctly locating the transmitter's position has an effective effect on increasing the coverage area of the transmitter. For example, if there are two similar (+) transmitters in area A, one (--) near the northern mountains and the other (-) in distance of 150 kM from the previous transmitter, the two transmitters' difference of coverage area is 4.51% which includes an area of 9025 kM² of the southern areas. The mountains of the northern area are the reason to the phenomenon; they will cause the field's contours compress (Fig. 6).

The only reference to GC is the ITU-R P 832-1 [2]. For example, coverage and measurement computation is considered for the transmitters in the desert border. The difference of measurement and computation by the use of the related atlas of the two transmitters in north-eastern (Biaarjomand) & center (Arak) of Iran can be observed in Fig. 7.

The difference of measurement and computation in plateaus areas (the almost congenial areas) has been the highest and the reason has been the true difference of the conductivity and the conductivity in the

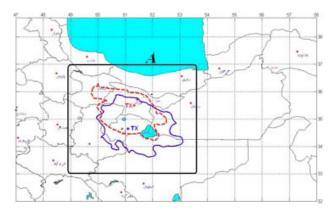


Figure 6. Different between coverage of the same transmitter in two points.

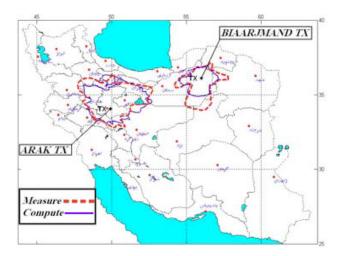


Figure 7. Coverage area (Measure and Compute) of Arak & Biaarjmand.

related atlas. The high attenuation due to the two step variation of the GC in mountainous areas is the reason to the congenial converges in the mountainous areas (north) not accuracy in determining GC.

Millington proposed a method to determine FS in inhomogeneous areas [14] which is based on the staircase variation of GC in propagation path. The FS in Y point in the Fig. 8 resulting from the transmitter in the X point is defined as per the below relations.

$$E_{YX} = E_2(d_1 + d_2) + E_1(d_1) - E_2(d_1)$$
(3)

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Figure 8. Propagation path with changing GC in O.

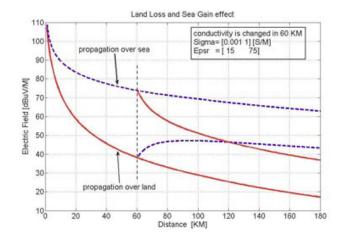


Figure 9. FS over Sea or Land and changing media in 60 KM.

$$E_Y = 0.5(E_{YX} + E_{XY})$$

In this method, En(dn) is the field from the dn on a surface with n characteristics, computable or based on the curves of P 368-7 recommendations [3].

The E1(d1)-E2(d1) value based on $\sigma 2 < \sigma 1$ or $\sigma 2 > \sigma 1$ is known as Sea Gain (SG) or Land Loss (LL). In GC atlas one can find paths with quick conductivity and multi step variation, but for sure the variation is constant and through several kilometers. If a GC variation in a distance from 30 kM varies 3 levels, the difference of FS in conductivity variations will be constant and as follows in the staircase (Fig. 10).

GC increase (improvement) in an area which has no accurate map and tables can cause increase (or creation) in extra coverage area for example existence of an area which hasn't been in Iran's GC atlas has caused a coverage area behind the mountains between the transmitter and the coverage area (Fig. 11) [15].

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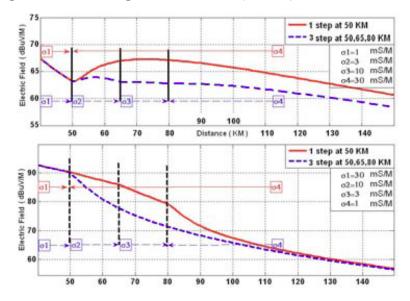


Figure 10. FS (dBuV/M) vs. distance for changing the GC (1– $30\,\mathrm{mS/M}).$

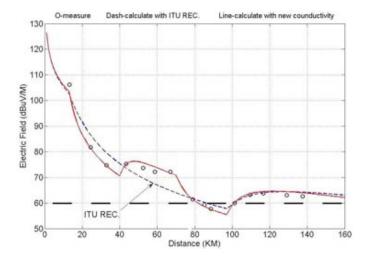


Figure 11. Meas. (o), compute with ITU Rec. (--) and compute with modification value for Rec. (-).

Table 2. Earth conductivity in Sirjan.

Dip/Distance of probes (M)	0.2/4	0.3/6	0.3/6	0.3/6	0.3/6
σ(mS/M)	2.09	3.87	7.37	6.93	8.19

Table 3. Earth conductivity in Maahidasht.

Dip/Distance Of probes (M)	0.3/6	0.1/2 0.2/4 0.3/6	0.1/2 0.2/4 0.3/6	0.1/2 0.2/4 0.3/6
σ(mS/M)	49.1	25.84 40.19 44.21	15.16 33.44 45.73	20.1 36.84 45.73

2. METHODS TO MEASURE EARTH CONDUCTIVITY

2.1. Measuring Earth Resistivity

The direct measurement of earth resistivity is the first method to measure conductivity [16]. One can mention the following points as the disadvantages of the above method in measuring GC: (A)-Attention is not paid to frequency and its effect. (B)-It cannot analyze parameters like rough earth.

If the aforementioned method is used, there will be a need for modification of relations and making them dependent on frequency. Table 2 shows Sirjaan plateau conductivity with the defined value $(\sigma = 10 \text{ mS/M})$ in 29° 30–34' latitude and 55° 43–51' longitude, Table 3 shows Maahidasht plateau conductivity with the $(\sigma = 3 \text{ mS/M})$ defined value in 34° 8–15' latitude and 46° 1–57' longitude and table 4 shows Kermanshah plateau conductivity with $(\sigma = 3 \text{ mS/M})$ defined value in 34° 23–28' latitude and 47° 0–10' longitude (it should be mentioned that in Table 4, the measurement points head the mountains from plateau which causes decrease in conductivity).

It is realized from tables that GC varies in different depths leading to the point that the method needs modification.

2.2. Measuring Conductivity Based on FS

The next methods do not have the previous shortcomings, but is relatively long, vast and dependent upon transmitter's frequency Table 4. Earth conductivity in Kermanshah.

Dip/Distance of probes (M)	0.1/2 0.2/4 0.3/6	0.1/2 0.2/4	0.1/2 0.2/4
σ (mS/M)	31.207 76.517 106.103	6.49 8.921	3.014 1.878

(variation of which was not a much easy task). The points around a transmitter in transmitting defined circumstances based on measuring FS, production of an information bank of FS and optimized interpolation are as follows. Then GC is determined based on tables and curves presented [3] from near points assuming the ground around the transmitter as homogenous and determining distant points conductivity based on information of previous points, considering the necessity to use Millington's algorithm in points where there is unusual variation of electric field. Of course, GC's staircase variation should be considered too (the above assumption would be problematic regarding the slow variation of GC). The significant points of this method: (1) -Accuracy in transmitter's important and temporary quantities (transmitter power, antenna gain, antenna and transmitter matching, feeder and antenna system efficiency etc.). (2) -Ground elements existing between the transmitter and the observation point (civil points-rough ground, vegetation cover, etc.) which will be effective in received field.

The information used in this method were applied to transmitter's related to Tables 2 (two frequency transmitter) and 3 (Figs. 12, 13). The conductivity rate has been drawn regarding distance assuming the homogeneity of the area (which is relatively accurate).

It is observed that going far from the transmitter the method variation (error) increases. The outstanding point is that GC is not the same in two frequencies which were not mentioned before, and else that the above obtained information do not conform to the previous method and is not compatible with the resources' information regarding GC. The obtained GC in Sirjaan plateau is about 0.5-1 mS/M which is about 10 mS/M in recommendations and it is about 5-7 mS/M in Maahidasht plateau which is introduced 3 mS/M in recommendation.

3. THE NEW METHOD TO MEASURE CONDUCTIVITY

In the new method GC is determined based on determining HED antenna impedance near the ground in a way that comparison of antenna impedance in free space and near the ground will provide a criterion to determine GC. To determine GC use is made of an antenna wire which is located near the ground. The antenna impedance variation to antenna impedance in free space is the criterion to determine GC. In the first case the antenna was considered Vertical

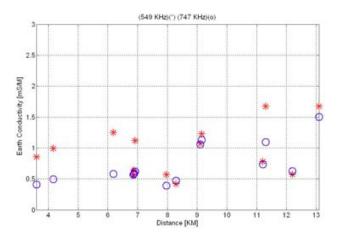


Figure 12. GC (mS/M) vs. distance (KM) (ITU ref. 10 mS/M).

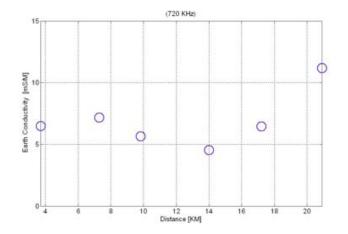


Figure 13. GC (mS/M) vs. distance (KM) (ITU ref. 3 mS/M).

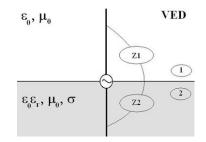


Figure 14. Vertical electric dipole on the ground.

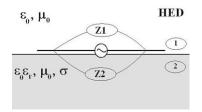


Figure 15. Horizontal electric dipole near the ground.

Electric Dipole (VED) which is the common structure used in radio transmitters and the antenna impedance are influenced by two half spaces (the free space & the ground). It can be hypothesized that antenna impedance includes free half space impedance in series with media half space (ground with attenuation) impedance (due to the monopoles in a separate half space) Fig. 14. But as a result of a low impedance obtained from half space 2 in opposition to free space 1 (two impedance series) the GC variation will have a low effect on antenna impedance.

Practically, in radio transmitter to decrease earth effect on antenna impedance and increase radiation power a wire network is set under the antenna so that with increase of conductivity.

In the second case, the antenna is assumed in the form of HED near the (electric isolated) ground, thus two monopoles (covered wire) are set on the ground (with a fixed distance). In this case, there are also two half spaces around the antenna, the dipole is at the edge of each one. Contrary to the previous case, the impedances influenced by the two medias act parallel and due to the small value of media2 impedance, the GC effect on antenna impedance is great and observable. To determine horizontal antenna impedance near the ground, it is necessary to determine electric field around antenna Fig. 15.

3.1. Determining Electric Field by Mie Method

At first, it is reminded to determine the GC with the considered electric characteristics (flat earth along with horizontal antenna, in general solving the not so simple Sommerfeld's integral) the horizontal antenna is set near the surface of the dielectric sphere with attenuation (ε_r, σ) of big radius. If the sphere radius is big enough, the answer to the two problems will be the same. The difference is that solving the problem with the second case is simpler. Mie presented a solution to wave propagation in spherical coordinate in 1908. The electric incident and reflection field (from sphere) resulted from hertz dipole antenna with Icurrent, Δl length and *ad* orientation in $(r_0, \theta_0, \varphi_0)$ point near dielectric sphere with a radius and electric characteristics (ε_r, σ) in $a < r < r_0$ area are obtained using the relations below (Appendix A).

$$\boldsymbol{E}^{i} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-n}^{m=n} \left(A_{mn}^{(4)} M_{mn}^{1}(r,\theta,\phi) + B_{mn}^{(4)} N_{mn}^{1}(r,\theta,\phi) \right)$$
(4)

$$\boldsymbol{E}^{s} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-n}^{m=n} \left(A_{mn}^{s} M_{mn}^{4}(r,\theta,\phi) + B_{mn}^{s} N_{mn}^{4}(r,\theta,\phi) \right)$$
(5)

3.2. HED Simulation

The horizontal antenna near the ground was simulated with much smaller horizontal electric currents of to convert the relations above to an applicable mode $\Delta l \approx 0.01 \lambda$ wave length. To equalize the figure above with the HED problem, also, the sphere radius was considered $a = 5 - 10\lambda$. The half wave dipole antenna including two monopoles (a quarter of the wave) was located near the sphere (e.g., sphere radius 7 λ , each monopole length $0.25\lambda/7\lambda = 0.0357 \ rad = 2.05^{\circ}$ which shows the problem's proper accuracy in flat earth approximation). Antenna is located in $a\varphi$ orientation on z = 0 plate with x axis centrality or in $a\varphi$ orientation on y=0 plate with x axis centrality or any figure with symmetrical state if the antenna distance from the sphere is small enough, $d < (\lambda/500)$, the antenna can be considered parallel to the surface. The antenna distance (d) from the surface is about $3 \,\mathrm{mm}$. After determining electric field with E_i incident and E_s scattering parts, antenna impedance includes inherent impedance (Z_i) and the mutual impedance (Z_s) . The $\lambda/2$ dipole inherent impedance value is equal to $Z_i = 72 + j46\Omega$ which can be computed and known for other antenna lengths. The Z_s varying the antenna impedance and dependent upon GC is obtained from computations (computing the E_s alone is simpler and involves no problem to clear any vagueness).

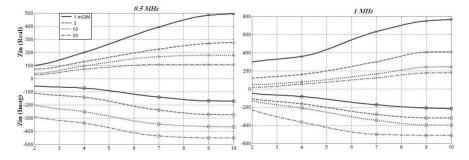


Figure 16. HZin vs. Sph. Radius (real(x) imag(o)).

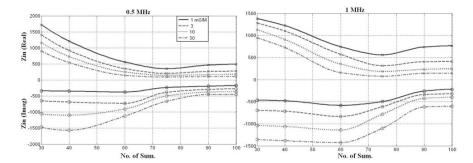


Figure 17. Zin vs. No. of Sum (real(x) image(o)).

In this case antenna impedance is equal to:

$$Z_{in} = -\frac{1}{I_m^2} \int_{-\lambda/4}^{\lambda/4} I_{ant} E_{ant}^t \cdot dl, \quad E_{ant}^t = E_{ant}^i + E_{ant}^s \tag{6}$$

$$Z_{in} = 72 + j46 - \frac{1}{I_m^2} \int_{-\lambda/4}^{\lambda/4} I_{ant} E_{ant}^s \cdot dl$$
(7)

In Fig. 16, antenna impedance is drawn in different conductivities for two frequencies based on the dielectric sphere radius (100 constant addition numbers instead of infinity).

In Fig. 17, antenna impedance is drawn for two frequencies in different conductivities based on number of addition (constant dielectric sphere radius $a = 10\lambda$). Increase in impedance results in decrease of real and imaginary value of the antenna; in general convergence is higher in the real part. Considering figures 10λ radius

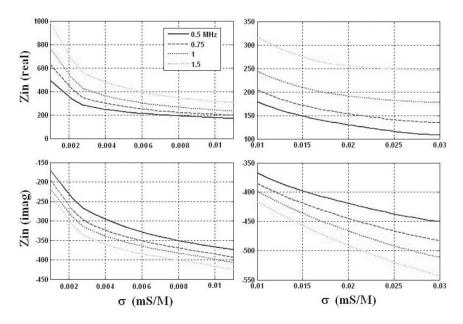


Figure 18. impedance based on conduct. (S/M).

and 100 addition number suffices convergence (in extremely specific grounds $\sigma \leq 0.0003 \,\text{S/M}$ radius and addition number should be higher which of course are very rare). In Fig. 18 horizontal antenna impedance is drawn based on GC in different frequencies using Mie method.

A criterion of the (average) area conductivity is obtained measuring antenna impedance in several points (pilot) in the considered area and determining GC based on curves or tables. To ease the use of them, (as recommendation) previous curves are introduced as Table 5.

What should be mentioned before discussing the measurement results is that as a result of layered structure of GC, frequency is not the same through the band. Soil humidity is increased with increase of depth leading to higher conductivity. Therefore the average conductivity is influenced by depth and in this way impedance is dependent upon frequency. Due to this fact measurement was done in three frequencies (0.75, 1, 1.5 MHz), but in recommendation conductivity is defined constant in frequency band.

~ (SA)	HED Antenna Impedance [R + j X]			
σ (S/M)	0.5 MHz	0.75	1	1.5
0.001	493 – j 170	630 – j 195	765 – j 218	985 – j 234
0.002	358 – j 231	449 – j 260	545 – j 279	713 – j 299
0.003	274 – j 274	335 – j 304	408 – j 320	541 – j 342
0.004	249 – j 296	300 – j 324	365 – j 339	482 – j 360
0.006	214 – j 328	252 - j 351	303 – j 365	397 – j 384
0.008	193 – j 350	222 – j 370	266 – j 382	345 – j 400
0.010	178 – j 367	204 - j 385	244 – j 398	317 – j 416
0.014	154 – j 393	177 – j 413	215 – j 429	281 – j 449
0.018	137 – j 411	160 – j 435	197 – j 455	261 – j 478
0.022	124 – j 427	148 – j 454	188 – j 477	253 – j 503
0.026	114 – j 440	139 - j470	181 – j496	248 – j 525
0.030	108 – j 450	135 – j483	178 – j 512	246 – j 543

Table 5. GC vs. HED impedance base on frequency.

3.3. Measurement Results

The plain and rocky mountains slope of Kermaanshaah area (table 4) were chosen as the practical example. It is reminded that the plain conductivity was several times higher that the mountain slope and the mountain slope measurements are closer to introduced conductivity in recommendation. Measuring was done in 3 frequencies 0.75, 1, 1.5 MHz (each monopole's length 100, 75, 50 M). To determine the impedance the below antenna measurement set was used. A- Signal Generator RG-4 (Delta Electronics). B- RF BRIDGE 1606B (General Radio Company). C- FS meter FIM-41 (Potomac Instruments Inc.)

Two wires are set in one direction like a dipole. To increase accuracy, antenna average impedance was measured in two measurements perpendicularly (on the ground). Measurements were done after the last spring rain (May 31, 2007) with a gap of seven days. There was no rain during measurement which could change the ground electric characteristic. Fig. 19 shows area's measurement points.

Table 6 shows the impedance and related conductivity in three frequencies. Dependence of the conductivity upon the frequency was higher in plain that in mountain slope and the reason was that clay kept more humidity. Since the distance of the wire from the ground was changed (several millimeters), the illusive value was less accurate; however, one can consider the conductivity as the two values' average.

σ (mS/M)				
Points & Freq. (MHz)		Week1 May 31	Week2 Jun 7	Week3 Jun 14
А	0.75	8.6	8.2	7.8
	1	7.7	7.2	6.4
	1.5	6.2	5.6	5
В	0.75	27.1	26.3	24.4
	1	24.3	23.1	20.8
	1.5	22.4	19.2	16.6

Table 6. GC in two points base on time.



Figure 19. Measurement points A and B.

4. CONCLUSION

Use of the aforementioned method to determine pilot points GC in the considered area and after that two dimensional interpolations can determine the area conductivity model. In the above method the attenuation influences of crossing rough earth are not predictable.

Through measurement it was observed for dipole near wave length the impedance real part is Minimum and of the same amount imaginary part is (near) the zero. Determining the above mentioned values and considering antenna's VSWR also can be a new method to measure GC in specific frequency. In addition changes in conductivity resulting from rain and season changes can be the subject of further considerations. In digital broadcasting structure, the minimum receivable field and difference of the same channel transmitters' surface is lower than that of analogue broadcasting to prevent intervention [18]. Besides, it requires higher accuracy of the GC atlas than the present condition to be able to create one frequency channels and to control cover area by the transmitter's power.

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APPENDIX A.

Solving the Scalar wave equation in spherical coordinates leads to the below equation [19].

$$\Psi_{mn}^{g}(r,\theta,\phi) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-n}^{n} A_{mn}^{g} z_{n}^{(g)}(kr) P_{n}^{|m|}(\cos\theta) e^{jm\phi}$$
(A1)

If we define (M)TE and (N)TM modes as such:

$$M = \nabla \times (r\hat{a}_r \Psi)$$
$$N = \frac{1}{k} \nabla \times (M)$$

Each one will satisfy the vector wave equation in the spherical coordinates.

$$\nabla \times \nabla \times \begin{pmatrix} M \\ N \end{pmatrix} + k^2 \begin{pmatrix} M \\ N \end{pmatrix} = 0$$
$$\nabla \cdot \begin{pmatrix} M \\ N \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

In this way (the orthogonal characteristics of the modes to each other) the electric and magnetic fields become

$$E = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-n}^{m=n} (A_{mn} M_{mn}^g(r, \theta, \phi) + B_{mn} N_{mn}^g(r, \theta, \phi))$$
(A2)
$$H = \frac{j}{\eta_0} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-n}^{m=n} (A_{mn} M_{mn}^g(r, \theta, \phi) + B_{mn} N_{mn}^g(r, \theta, \phi))$$

In which M and N are in

$$\begin{split} M_{mn}^{(1),(4)}(r,\theta,\phi) &= M_{mnr}^{(1),(4)}\hat{a}_r + M_{mn0}^{(1),(4)}\hat{a}_0 + M_{mn\phi}^{(1),(4)}\hat{a}_{\phi} \\ N_{mn}^{(1),(4)}(r,\theta,\phi) &= N_{mnr}^{(1),(4)}\hat{a}_r + N_{mn0}^{(1),(4)}\hat{a}_0 + N_{mn\phi}^{(1),(4)}\hat{a}_{\phi} \\ M_{mnr}^{(1),(4)} &= 0 \\ M_{mn\theta}^{(1),(4)} &= \frac{jm}{\sin\theta}P_n^{|m|}(\cos\theta)z_n^{(1),(4)}(kr)e^{jm\phi} \\ M_{mn\phi}^{(1),(4)} &= -\frac{d}{d\theta}P_n^{|m|}(\cos\theta)z_n^{(1),(4)}(kr)e^{jm\phi} \\ N_{mnr}^{(1),(4)} &= \frac{n(n+1)}{kr}P_n^{|m|}(\cos\theta)z_n^{(1),(4)}(kr)e^{jm\phi} \\ N_{mn\theta}^{(1),(4)} &= \frac{d}{d\theta}P_n^{|m|}(\cos\theta)\frac{1}{kr}\frac{d}{dr}\left[rz_n^{(1),(4)}(kr)\right]e^{jm\phi} \\ N_{mn\phi}^{(1),(4)} &= -\frac{jm}{\sin\theta}P_n^{|m|}(\cos\theta)\frac{1}{kr}\frac{d}{dr}\left[rz_n^{(1),(4)}(kr)\right]e^{jm\phi} \\ z_n^{(1),(4)} &= -\frac{jm}{\sin\theta}P_n^{|m|}(\cos\theta)\frac{1}{kr}\frac{d}{dr}\left[rz_n^{(1),(4)}(kr)\right]e^{jm\phi} \\ z_n^{(1),(4)} &= -\frac{jm}{\sin\theta}(1)e^{jm\phi} \\ z_n^{(1),(4)} \\ z_n^{(1),(4)} &= -\frac{jm}{\sin\theta}(1)e^{jm\phi} \\ z_n^{(1),(4)} \\ z_n^{(1),(4)} \\ z_n^{(1),(4)} \\ z_n^{(1),(4)} \\$$

Here $j_n(x), h_n^2(x), j_n'(x), {h_n^2}'(x)$ are spherical Bessel function and related derivatives. Considering the existence of current element (hertz dipole) out of the sphere on $(r_0, \theta_0, \varphi_0)$ point with I current and Δl length and ad direction, then

$$P_0 = p_0 \hat{a}_d, \qquad p_0 = \frac{I\Delta l}{j\omega}$$

The field in $r < r_0$ is like

$$\boldsymbol{E} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-n}^{m=n} \left(A_{mn}^{(4)} M_{mn}^{1}(r,\theta,\phi) + B_{mn}^{(4)} N_{mn}^{1}(r,\theta,\phi) \right)$$
(A3)
$$\boldsymbol{H} = \frac{j}{\eta_{0}} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-n}^{m=n} \left(A_{mn}^{(4)} M_{mn}^{1}(r,\theta,\phi) + B_{mn}^{(4)} N_{mn}^{1}(r,\theta,\phi) \right)$$

And for $r > r_0$ is like

$$\boldsymbol{E} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-n}^{m=n} \left(A_{mn}^{(1)} M_{mn}^4(r,\theta,\phi) + B_{mn}^{(1)} N_{mn}^4(r,\theta,\phi) \right)$$
(A4)
$$\boldsymbol{H} = \frac{j}{\eta_0} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-n}^{m=n} \left(A_{mn}^{(1)} M_{mn}^4(r,\theta,\phi) + B_{mn}^{(1)} N_{mn}^4(r,\theta,\phi) \right)$$

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In which the coefficients $A^{(1,4)}, B^{(1,4)}$ are like

$$A_{mn}^{(1),(4)} = \left(\frac{-jk_1^3 p_0}{4\pi\varepsilon}\right) \frac{(n-|m|)!}{(n+|m|)!} \frac{2n+1}{n(n+1)} \hat{a}_d \cdot M_{-mn}^{(1),(4)}(r_0,\theta_0,\phi_0)$$
$$B_{mn}^{(1),(4)} = \left(\frac{-jk_1^3 p_0}{4\pi\varepsilon}\right) \frac{(n-|m|)!}{(n+|m|)!} \frac{2n+1}{n(n+1)} \hat{a}_d \cdot N_{-mn}^{(1),(4)}(r_0,\theta_0,\phi_0)$$

Which shows application of boundary conditions in $r = r_0$. Now according to the equations, if dielectric sphere of *a* radius, ε_r insulation coefficient and σ conductivity are located in center in a way that the source is out of the sphere $a < r_0$ for $a < r < r_0$ area of the radiation field is obtained from the below relations

$$\boldsymbol{E}^{i} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-n}^{m=n} \left(A_{mn}^{(4)} M_{mn}^{1}(r,\theta,\phi) + B_{mn}^{(4)} N_{mn}^{1}(r,\theta,\phi) \right)$$
(A5)
$$\boldsymbol{H}^{i} = \frac{j}{\eta_{0}} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-n}^{m=n} \left(A_{mn}^{(4)} M_{mn}^{1}(r,\theta,\phi) + B_{mn}^{(4)} N_{mn}^{1}(r,\theta,\phi) \right)$$

And the reflected field of the dielectric sphere is obtained according to the relations below.

$$\boldsymbol{E}^{s} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-n}^{m=n} \left(A_{mn}^{s} M_{mn}^{4}(r,\theta,\phi) + B_{mn}^{s} N_{mn}^{4}(r,\theta,\phi) \right)$$
(A6)
$$\boldsymbol{H}^{s} = \frac{j}{\eta_{0}} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-n}^{m=n} \left(A_{mn}^{s} M_{mn}^{4}(r,\theta,\phi) + B_{mn}^{s} N_{mn}^{4}(r,\theta,\phi) \right)$$

Applying the boundary conditions to the sphere surface to make the tangential radiation E_i and reflected fields E_s with E_t crossing the B_{mn}^s, A_{mn}^s coefficients are obtained as below

$$A_{mn}^{s} = \frac{\frac{\mu_{2}}{\mu_{1}}\hat{J}_{n}'(\rho_{1})j_{n}(\rho_{2}) - j_{n}(\rho_{1})\hat{J}_{n}'(\rho_{2})}{h_{n}^{(2)}(\rho_{1})\hat{J}_{n}'(\rho_{2}) - \frac{\mu_{1}}{\mu_{2}}\hat{H}_{n}'^{(2)}(\rho_{1})j_{n}(\rho_{2})}A_{mn}^{4}$$
$$B_{mn}^{s} = \frac{\frac{\mu_{2}}{\mu_{1}}\left(\frac{k_{2}}{k_{1}}\right)^{2}\hat{J}_{n}'(\rho_{1})j_{n}(\rho_{2}) - j_{n}(\rho_{1})\hat{J}_{n}'(\rho_{2})}{h_{n}^{(2)}(\rho_{1})\hat{J}_{n}'(\rho_{2}) - \frac{\mu_{1}}{\mu_{2}}\left(\frac{k_{2}}{k_{1}}\right)^{2}\hat{H}_{n}'^{(2)}(\rho_{1})j_{n}(\rho_{2})}B_{mn}^{4}$$

In which

$$\rho_1 = k_1 a, \quad k_1 = \omega \sqrt{\mu_0 \varepsilon_0}$$

$$\rho_2 = k_2 a, \quad k_2 = \omega \sqrt{\mu_0 \varepsilon_2}, \quad \varepsilon_2 = \varepsilon_0 \left(\varepsilon_{r2} - \frac{j\sigma_2}{\omega \varepsilon_2}\right)$$

In this relation ε_2 is complex and $\hat{H}'^{(2)}_n(x), \hat{J}'_n(x)$ is the related Ricotti Bessel function.

$$\hat{J}'_{n}(x) = \frac{d}{dx} \left(\sqrt{\frac{\pi x}{2}} J_{n+\frac{1}{2}}(x) \right) = j_{n}(x) + x j'_{n}(x)$$
$$\hat{H}'^{(2)}_{n}(x) = \frac{d}{dx} \left(\sqrt{\frac{\pi x}{2}} H^{(2)}_{n+\frac{1}{2}}(x) \right) = h^{(2)}_{n}(x) + x h^{\prime(2)}_{n}(x)$$

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