

Solve this homework using Excel. Make your time stepsize equal to the travel time down the tower.

Problem. A 35kA, 1 x 20 (i.e., 35kA peak, rise time = 1 μ s, fall time = 20 μ s) lightning bolt hits the top of a 345kV steel transmission tower.

Part 1: Ignoring the bounce back from neighboring towers (100's of meters away), and assuming that the velocity of propagation is the speed of light (i.e., 300m per μ s), determine and plot

1. Voltage V_{top} at the tower top
2. Voltage V_{bottom} at the tower bottom
3. Voltage $V_{crossarm}$ at the crossarm (for this problem, it is adequate to approximate crossarm voltage using linear voltage division with distance as follows:

$$V_{crossarm} = V_{bottom} + \frac{20}{30}(V_{top} - V_{bottom})$$

4. Voltage across the insulator string (worst case, i.e., phase voltage wrt ground at negative peak)

Assume that 30% of the voltage on the ground wire is instantly induced on the phase wire, and that this induced voltage adds to the existing 60Hz phase-to-ground voltage (i.e., voltage coupling factor = 0.3)

Part 2: Determine and plot the 1m step potential, and the corresponding shock energy, starting at 1 - 2m from the tower, then in 1m increments up to 10-11 m from the tower. When determining the shock energy, assume that the person has body resistance 1k Ω , and that each shoe also has resistance 1k Ω .

