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Reliability and Life Prediction Algorithms of Insulated Cables Based on Wireless Network Communication

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Since the size of the power system is getting larger, the power of the transmission and electrical power generation also increase, and the safety operation of the transmission and electrical power is becoming more and more important. This article is intended to study algorithm for reliability and life prediction based on wireless network communication. This paper first studies the energy consumption of wireless network communication, analyzes the maximization of network life, and then evaluates the thermal aging characteristics and life of XLPE cable insulation based on wireless communication. Through model establishment and analysis, when the reliability is below 50%, the reliability of the cable is basically not guaranteed. It is necessary to formulate an update and replacement plan to ensure the safe and stable operation of the power grid.

1. Introduction

Electricity is the heart of the coal industry. Only a good power supply environment and reliable power quality can lead the strong development of the coal industry. For load transmission, good cable quality is of great significance for ensuring power quality and safe production. Among them, the long service life of the cable and the efficiency of the cable are very important. Taking into account the particularity of coal mine areas, cables often run under dirty and humid conditions. According to the needs of different occasions, the cables are different; no matter the material or the site environmental, they are completely different from the cables buried in the power grid. In addition, many coal mining companies often allow cables to run at full load or even overload, which has a great impact on the remaining working life of the cable. These special effects make the cable generally unable to reach its normal service life. This paper firstly studies the energy consumption of wireless network communication, analyzes the network life maximization problem model, and performs curve fitting on the aging life of the insulated cable. At the same time, the building model of the reliability of the insulated cable is given, and then the thermal aging characteristics and life of the XLPE cable insulation material are evaluated according to wireless communication, and the insulation state of the XLPE cable is evaluated and predicted and reliability is evaluated.

In order to detect the occurrence of cable defects early and ensure the safe operation of the cable, it is necessary to determine the reliability of the cable and obtain the reliability of the cable at different times so as to determine the best time for cable maintenance and maintenance. Minimizing grid failures from a “macroscopic” perspective is of great significance for ensuring the safe, stable, and reliable operation of the power system.

According to the research progress at home and abroad, different scholars have also made corresponding investigations in wireless network communication and cables. Yasui et al. investigated the use of insulated cable-type down conductors as lightning protection measures for these facilities. The study found that the overvoltage caused by the lightning current in the cable can be assessed by using the lightning current reflection of the public grounding system. In addition, the overvoltage value can be estimated by the steepness of the lightning current, the surge impedance and speed of the cable, and the length of the cable [1]. He et al.
showed that in order to gain insight into the space charge accumulation in cable accessories, under the AC voltage of 26.1 kV and the temperature of 103°C and 114°C, the 10 kV cross-linked polyethylene (XLPE) insulated cable sample with stress cone was subjected to accelerated aging; the space charge distribution in the cable insulation layer was tested in different aging stages. The research provides insights into the important role of semiconductors in the accumulation of electrical charges in cable accessories, which will help to optimize and extend the life of cable accessories [2]. Ohki and Hirai studied how the fault location ability depends on the type, structure, and insulation material of the cable. For the location of the location heated by the heater, the cable insulated with PVC provides higher signal strength than the cable insulated with XLPO [3]. Du et al. proposed advanced materials with good thermal and electrical properties to improve the performance of electric vehicle charging cables. The test results show that modified EPDM insulation materials have good electrical and mechanical properties. In addition, the calculated theoretical current carrying capacity of the cable shows an improvement, and the use of high TC insulation and sheath seems to have great benefits in reducing the temperature of the EV charging cable and increasing the current carrying capacity [4]. Parise et al. discussed a simplified model of a low-voltage (LV) cable system with one and two time constants to evaluate cable temperature behavior and the impact of environmental and installation conditions. In addition, a device for calculating the “life loss hours” of low-voltage power cables for main/critical circuits is proposed [5]. Callender et al. simulate the discharge by changing the surface charge density at the boundary of the gap using a logistic function distribution then use this model to study the influence of single-phase energization on the partial discharge activity in the three-phase PILC cable joints. The model can describe the measured values obtained from the high-voltage equipment in operation [6]. However, these scholars did not combine wireless network communication to predict and analyze the reliability and life of insulated cables.

The innovations of this paper are mainly reflected in the following: (1) Research on the energy consumption of wireless communication networks, and propose a model for maximizing network lifetime. (2) At the same time, curve fitting was performed on the aging life of insulated cables, and the life of XLPE insulated cables was evaluated and reliability was analyzed based on the wireless communication network.

2. Methods on the Reliability and Life Prediction Algorithm of Insulated Cables Based on Wireless Network Communication

2.1. Energy Consumption of Wireless Network Communication. The rapid development of information and communication technology has brought great convenience to people’s lives [7], but with the rapid expansion of user groups, the scale of business has also grown rapidly, which has brought an increasing burden on the field of communication networks [8]. At the same time, energy consumption has gradually become an important factor restricting global economic development and environmental protection, and the information and communication industry has become one of the industries with the largest energy consumption [6]. Figure 1 shows the distribution of energy consumption in wireless communication networks [9]. It is imperative to build an energy-saving, green, and environmentally friendly communication network, and it is also an effective way to promote industry growth and promote the sustainable development of global energy [10].

Before exploring the power allocation of wireless network communication, we must first understand the wireless network architecture, pay attention to the high power consumption part, and optimize the energy-saving methods in a targeted manner to achieve the best energy-saving effect [11].

Although the wireless communication system has undergone many major upgrades from 1G to 4G systems, with the introduction of new technologies such as smart antennas and more investment and productivity, the systems are still similar. It can be divided into three main components of mobile terminal, network access, and network, as shown in Figure 2. Among them, the mobile terminal is a mobile user, that is, terminal applications such as mobile phones and computers; the access network has a variety of transmission applications such as business conference catalogs and user network interfaces and is responsible for connecting users to the business network segment. The wireless access network is located between the base station and the user and moves the wireless user to the switch; the core network connects to different access networks and is responsible for connecting and managing users and the data transmission of the back-end network [12]. Obviously, the entire source power of the wireless communication network occurs in three parts: the end user, the access network, and the main network.

At the same time, when planning the overall energy-saving process, three aspects can be planned: equipment-level energy-saving, link energy-saving, and network energy-saving [13]. Equipment-level energy-saving mainly includes measures such as improving power amplifier efficiency, base station power management, and equipment dispersion; link-level energy-saving mainly includes measures such as reducing overhead and control signals, intermittent transmission, and base station idle; network-level energy-saving includes measures such as network deployment and network management [14].

2.2. Data Processing and Aging Life Curve Fitting of Insulated Cables

2.2.1. Data Processing. According to IEEE standards, the life of solid insulating materials obeys the two-parameter Weibull distribution [15]. Usually, the failure time when the failure probability is 64.1% is used as the aging life of the test piece. The Weibull division method is used for data processing, and the least square analysis method and MATLAB graphical method are used to obtain the Weibull measurement value.
Figure 1: Distribution of energy consumption in wireless communication networks.

Figure 2: Wireless communication system structure.
The Weibull two-parameter distribution equation is shown below, where $u_k \geq 0$:

$$R(u_k) = 1 - \omega^{-(u_k)^\phi}.$$  

(1)

Arrange the failure time in ascending order, and the cumulative probability of the $h$th value can be approximated by the following formula:

$$R(u_h) = \frac{h}{m + 1}$$  

(2)

where $n$ is the total number of samples.

For the calculation of Weibull parameters, the following methods are used for comparison.

(1) Least Squares Regression Analysis Calculation Method. Arrange the Weibull two-parameter equation:

$$\omega^{-(u_k)^\phi} = 1 - R(u_k).$$  

(3)

Take the logarithm of both sides of the formula and sort out the formula

$$\ln \left( \frac{u_k}{\phi} \right)^\phi = \ln \left( \frac{1}{1 - R(u_k)} \right).$$  

(4)

Take the logarithm of both sides again and sort out the formula

$$\ln u_k = \frac{1}{\sigma} \ln \ln \left( \frac{1}{1 - R(u_k)} \right) + \ln \phi. \quad (5)$$

Finally, the linearized formula is obtained:

$$f_h = \frac{1}{\sigma} k + \theta. \quad (6)$$

For the linearized Weibull formula, there are many related calculation methods. This article uses the most classic least squares regression analysis method as follows:

$$D \left( \frac{f}{Kh} \right) = \frac{1}{\sigma} k + \theta. \quad (7)$$

In

$$\frac{1}{\sigma} = \frac{m \sum k_h f_h - \sum k_h \sum f_h}{m \sum k_h^2 - (\sum k_h)^2},$$

$$\theta = \frac{\sum k_h \sum k_h f_h - \sum k_h^2 \sum f_h}{m \sum k_h^2 - (\sum k_h)^2} = \ln(\phi). \quad (8)$$

(2) Based on MATLAB Graphic Method. Weibull’s solution has two automated methods, namely, graphical scale method and iterative statistical method. The graphical method is to track the cumulative error probability percentage of the Weibull parameter on the graph paper—the error time point—and draw a straight line following the trend change. This method is not only inefficient, but also has large errors. Therefore, according to the principle of the graph estimation method, MATLAB graphs are used to process data [16]. According to different voltage levels, through polynomial line compatibility matching the data of the corresponding reactor failure probability and failure time, the performance signals corresponding to different voltage levels are obtained.

2.2.2. Fitting of the Aging Life Curve. The electrical aging test obtains the aging life data of the electrode with a diameter of 2 mm and the oleoresin insulation under four aging voltages. In the test, the number of samples for each electrode system under each test voltage is three. Arrange from small to large, calculate according to Weibull summation probability formula, get the failure time of each group of two electrode processors under each group’s summation probability. The data distribution is shown in Table 1.

Use MATLAB graphical method to process the data, according to different voltage levels to match the big row data in the total failure probability table and the time failure table, and get the performance signals corresponding to different voltage levels [17].

In the aging life assessment method, we believe that the aging effect of aging factors on epoxy protective materials is consistent with the antiaging energy model. Among them, epoxy resin is a kind of high-molecular polymer, which refers to the general name of a class of polymers containing two or more epoxy groups in the molecule. It is the polycondensation product of epichlorohydrin and bisphenol A or polyol. Therefore, we use a representative energy law model to match the aging life model, and the data has been replaced with a power recovery model. And use the Curve Fitting Tool application in MATLAB to adjust the fit to suit the service life of the 2 mm electric shock absorber, as shown in Figure 3.

The expression is as follows:

$$M = 1.498 \times 10^{15} \times Q^{-9.5923}. \quad (9)$$

The goodness of fit $P^2$ is 0.9798.

2.3. Network Lifetime Maximization Problem Model. In many types of wireless sensor networks, the power of sensor components is mainly used for listening, processing, transmitting, and receiving data [18]. Generally speaking, the power consumption of sending and receiving data streams accounts for most of the total energy consumption. Therefore, this article ignores the power consumption of sensors and data processing and only considers the power consumption of the communication module in the sensor node. The energy consumption per unit time of sensor node $t$ can be expressed as follows:

$$q_t = \sum_{k \in Y_{it}} \sum_{i \in T(k)} q_{t,k} d_i + \sum_{k \in Y_{in}} \sum_{i \in T(k)} q_k d_i. \quad (10)$$

Here, $q_{t,k}$ represents the energy consumption of node $t$ receiving unit data from link $k$. In this article, it is assumed that its value is constant; $q_{t,k}$ represents the energy consumption of node $t$ sending unit data through link $k$, and its value can be calculated by the following expression:
Here, $\phi$ and $\delta$ represent constants related to physical layer functions and environmental factors; $m_{t,k}$ represents the length of the logical link $k$, and $\theta$ represents the path loss constant ($2 \leq \theta \leq 4$).

Assuming that the initial energy of the sensor node is represented by $e_t$, the lifetime of the node $t$ can be expressed as follows:

$$B_t = \frac{e_t}{q_t}.$$  

(12)

In this article, the life cycle of the network is defined as the life cycle of the first sensor node whose energy has been exhausted. Therefore, maximizing the network life cycle means maximizing the minimum life cycle of sensor nodes in the network. If $B$ is used to represent the lifetime of the wireless sensor network, then $B = \min_{t \in T} B_t$. The problem of maximizing network lifetime can be expressed as follows:

$$\text{maximize} \min_{t \in T} B_t.$$  

(13)

It is very difficult to solve this problem in a distributed manner because each sensor node needs to interact with all other nodes to know their power consumption [19].

The following method is used to approximate the network lifetime maximization problem [20]. Consider the utility function $f^\phi(\cdot)$, which is defined as follows:

$$f^\phi(a) = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll}
\log a, & \phi = 1, \\
\frac{1}{1 - \phi^{1 - \phi}}, & \phi > 1.
\end{array} \right.$$  

(14)

When the utility function is shown in (17), and when $\phi \to \infty$, the problem of maximizing the minimum rate allocation of each source node can be achieved by maximizing the total utility [21]. The network lifetime maximization problem shown in (13) is to maximize the minimum lifetime of sensor nodes, which is similar to the problem of maximizing the minimum rate allocation of each source node [22]. Therefore, a lifetime utility function $f^\phi(B_t)$ is introduced for each sensor node $t$, which is defined as follows:

$$f^\phi(B_t) = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll}
\log B_t, & \phi = 1, \\
\frac{1}{1 - \phi^{1 - \phi}}, & \phi > 1.
\end{array} \right.$$  

(15)

Figure 3: Aging life curve.
Therefore, maximizing the network lifetime can be achieved by maximizing the total lifetime utility; namely,\[ \max \sum_{t \in T} f^p_t(B_t) \].

In order to simplify the problem, we make the following transformation and introduce a new variable: \[ W_t = 1/B_t \], which can be understood as the normalized energy consumption of node \( t \). In summary, the problem of maximizing network lifetime is transformed into

\[ \max \sum_{t \in T} \frac{1}{1 - \varphi W_t^{\varphi - 1}}, \]

subject to \( q_t = e_t z_t, \quad \forall t \in T. \)

Figure 4: Cable reliability model.

2.4. Construction of the Reliability Model of Insulated Cables. The modeling process of the insulated cable reliability model is shown in Figure 4.

The implementation steps of the model are described in words as follows:

1. Analyze the statistical data of the fault data and obtain the statistical data that can be used for pre-configuration [23]
2. Preprocessing of statistical data
3. Use least squares fitting to fit the preprocessed data to find the shape parameters in Weibull

4. After obtaining the shape parameters of the Weibull distribution, the Weibull distribution is obtained
5. According to the Weibull distribution, the reliability is obtained, and combined with the state evaluation result, the final reliability evaluation result is obtained [24]

3. Experimental Results on the Reliability and Life Prediction Algorithm of Insulated Cables Based on Wireless Network Communication

3.1. Evaluation of Thermal Aging Characteristics and Lifespan of XLPE Cable Insulation Materials Based on Wireless Network Communication. We have studied and discussed the thermal aging parameters of cables, such as aging time and temperature. At the same time, the cables made of cross-linked polyethylene (XLPE) polymer materials are used as samples for analysis and research. In order to analyze the influence of different aging time on the OIT-induced oxidation time of the samples under pure heat conditions and the approximate heat in the aging perfusion, a total of 7 groups of samples were tested for the oxidation induction period. The test results of 7 groups of samples are shown in Figure 5.

The test results show that the induction time of the cross-linked polyethylene sample is very short after 2100 hours of heat shrinkage under the composite aging heat. The induction time of the new cross-linked polyethylene sample is 21 minutes. The induction time of the cross-linked polyethylene sample plus the aging time is longer than the short-term aging induction time, indicating that the average aging heat transfer rate is significant and the induction time is shorter. As the aging degree of the sample increases, the oxidation induction time decreases significantly. XLPE is a high-molecular polymer, which will decompose to produce a large number of free radicals in the aging environment of thermal oxygen oxidation. The free radicals act as a catalyst.
In the thermal oxidation aging stage, antioxidants mainly capture peroxide radicals in the aging reaction chain so that they no longer participate in the synthetic aging cycle caused by thermal oxidation and vibration oxidation, and at the same time prevent the material from undergoing thermodynamic oxidative decomposition. In the thermal aging stage of oxygen, the free radicals of the molecular chain react with oxygen to form peroxides, which are decomposed into free radicals and form free radicals with oxygen atoms. The production of peroxide increases, and the peroxide activity is high, and it can interact with atoms, molecules, or free radicals. The influx of molecular structure into the material leads to further reduction of long chains and formation of molecular products. Therefore, the corrosion behavior of the excitation material in the XLPE cable is improved and the induction time is reduced.

Due to the aging process, the heat and insulation of the insulating material will be reduced to a certain extent. Therefore, antiaging protection is characterized by power shortages and frequent changes in material life. The aging range is between mild and severe. Assuming that the protective activity is between 10% and 50%, each aging is calculated by reducing the parameter by 10%. Among them, Table 2 shows the changes in the aging temperature field of the cable main insulation.

According to comparative analysis, the fiber loss is 50%, and the highest temperature in the fiber reaches 66.96°C, but the average diameter between the two layers and the temperature between the layers do not change. At the beginning of the loss (loss 10%–20%), the copper core temperature rises slightly (0.5%), and as the loss increases (loss 30%–50%), the copper core temperature rises significantly (4%). It shows that the decrease of insulation performance is nonlinearly related to the increase of temperature. Compared with conventional work, the electric field strength is much higher than the separation electric field. This is because the insulation activity and temperature of the cable will gradually decrease during the aging process, and the decrease of the insulation activity will aggravate the aging of the cable, which is a vicious circle. Therefore, when the cable ages to a certain extent, the cable needs to be replaced; otherwise, the insulation will break and cause greater harm. Figure 7 shows the aging life diagram of cables at different temperatures and different end-point levels. It can be seen from the figure that at 70°C and 40% of the end-point level, the aging strength of the cable is much stronger than that of other temperature levels. Through the establishment and analysis of the model, when the XLPE insulation material simulates the typical 0.5 m/s2 vibration acceleration in the actual working cable environment under the working temperature (90°C) environment, its expected life is 27.1 years.

In order to determine the influence of different impurity content on the aging of the circuit, 0.5 mm impurities are removed each time, and the software analyzes the temperature and light intensity, as shown in Table 3.

When there are impurities in the cable, there will be slight changes according to the location of the impurities, the highest temperature inside the cable, the average temperature between the two phases, and the temperature of the
filling material. However, the electric field where the impurity is located is very strong, and partial discharge is prone to occur at this time, and insulation failure will occur within a few seconds. In this case, the cable insulation completely fails, and short circuit and other faults may occur. However, this type of damage does not occur immediately after the cable is used because the insulation is poor and the efficiency value is reduced. Therefore, the presence of impurities should be avoided as much as possible.

It can be seen from Table 3 that the presence of impurities has a greater correlation with the highest internal field strength, a lower correlation with the internal temperature, and a lower correlation with the ambient temperature.

### Table 2: Changes in the temperature field of cable main insulation aging.

| Cable insulation performance loss | The highest temperature inside the cable (°C) | Average temperature between two phases (°C) | Filling material temperature (°C) | The highest electric field strength inside the cable (mV/m) |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Normal operations                | 52.01                                       | 46.95                                       | 44.01                            | 1.1398                                            |
| Loss 10%                         | 54.02                                       | 47.89                                       | 43.98                            | 1.1985                                            |
| Loss 20%                         | 55.98                                       | 49.01                                       | 44.29                            | 1.4698                                            |
| Loss 30%                         | 59.03                                       | 49.58                                       | 44.39                            | 1.8023                                            |
| Loss 40%                         | 62.97                                       | 51.08                                       | 45.03                            | 2.0035                                            |
| Loss 50%                         | 66.96                                       | 52.02                                       | 45.02                            | 2.1502                                            |

### Table 3: Thermal field and electric field distribution table of impurity in cables.

| Distance between impurity and conductor edge (mm) | The highest temperature inside the cable (°C) | Average temperature between two phases (°C) | Filling material temperature (°C) | Electric field distribution of cable impurities (mV/m) |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| 1.5                                             | 51.59                                       | 46.83                                       | 42.71                            | 4.98                                              |
| 2                                               | 51.41                                       | 46.33                                       | 42.89                            | 4.26                                              |
| 2.5                                             | 50.81                                       | 46.51                                       | 43.78                            | 3.99                                              |

3.2. Insulation State Evaluation Prediction and Reliability Evaluation of XLPE Cables Based on Wireless Network Communication. The Weibull distribution describes the damage chain reaction based on the calculation process. It is derived from the series model and the weak link model. It can fully illustrate the impact of material defects on the life of the material, and the damage of many faults to the safety of the cable. In addition, since the current simplified curve bathtub is widely used to simulate the failure rate of power system components, this object uses bath waves to calculate reliability. The shape of the bath curve during sporadic failure and aging failure is basically the same as the Weibull distribution, so this paper evaluates the cable reliability based on the Weibull distribution.
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Using statistical methods to deal with data line failures and calculate cable reliability is also a current and popular research guide in the era of big data. Figure 9 shows the reliability diagram of the Weibull distribution.

At the same time, it has also been observed that 80% of cable failures are caused by external damage in addition to their own reasons, and there is more than one reason for cable failure. Therefore, the probability of each independent failure cause is part of the calculation of the total failure probability of the cable.

It can be seen from Figure 10 that the cumulative failure rate of the cable follows the bathtub curve. In the first 1 to 2 years, due to early failures caused by poor production quality and improper installation, the press showed a slight downward trend; the service life was about 2 to 4 years, and
the probability of complete cable failure remained basically unchanged. After 4 years, the curve began to grow, and by about 30 years, the growth trend tended to be flat, which means that in about 30 years, cable maintenance activities are also going on simultaneously, avoiding an increase in the failure rate. It can be seen from the figure that the failure rate of the optical fiber increases with the increase of the operation time of the optical fiber, and the reliability decreases with the increase of the time, which is consistent with the previous analysis and data analysis of the optical fiber.

If we can get suitable working rope conditions at one time, we need to plan the working position of the rope before confirming the reliability of the working rope. From the results of line A in Table 4, the result of the reliability rating is 0.459. The reliability obtained directly from the reliability fitting chart is 82.9%. At this time, it can be seen from the statistical data that line A has failed, which is obviously inconsistent with the high reliability of 82.9%. After considering the status of line A, the confidence level becomes 45.9%, which is obviously more realistic. Likewise, the final result of line B is more tangible. It can be seen from Figure 10 that the reliability of line B after 22 years of operation is not high, only 60.1%. The statistical results show that line C ended in failure in August 2011 and November 2011. The reliability obtained directly from the reliability fitting chart is 33.9%,
which is also more realistic. Therefore, it can be seen that the model has certain feasibility.

Cable reliability analysis is to evaluate the health of cables from a “macro” perspective of the power grid and can provide important guidance for relevant operation and maintenance personnel from a “macro” perspective. Therefore, the fitting of cable reliability curve can provide maintenance advice for operation and maintenance personnel. For example, when the reliability is maintained at about 80%, the cable is less affected by the aging process, which can reduce the frequency of routine maintenance and prevent accidental failures such as external force impacts from causing cable failures; with the extension of the cable running time, the reliability continues to decline, and the influence of cable aging is also increasing. Once the external stress (mechanical force, heat, load, etc.) increases, the reliability will be greatly reduced. It is necessary to increase cable maintenance and control operating conditions to extend the service life of the cable. When the reliability is lower than 50%, the reliability of the cable cannot be basically guaranteed, and it is necessary to formulate an update and replacement plan to ensure the safe and stable operation of the power grid.

4. Discussion

This model is based on wireless network communication, combined with the analysis of aging average test results, and calculates the long-term reliability of XLPE protection applications under multiple parameters. By comparing heating and aging methods, the XLPE aging test under the thermal conditions of polymerization shows the long-chain characteristics and kinetic crystal control crystal structure of the aging polymer XLPE polymer and introduces the fluidity and crystals between molecular chains. At the same time, the power grid is the main interface between the power load picker and the power system and an important guarantee for decision-making reliability and power supply quality. In the actual operation of XLPE cable, due to the local heating of the conductor caused by the working current, the cable insulation has thermal aging under high temperature conditions for a long time, resulting in various complex physical and chemical changes in the XLPE insulation. Among them, thermal aging is an important part of various aging. Thermal aging reduces the mechanical properties of XLPE cable insulation such as tensile strength and elongation at break and damages the internal microstructure of the insulation. Moreover, thermal stress and other stresses act together to accelerate the aging of cable insulation. Temperature can increase the chemical reaction rate, so the relationship between degradation rate and temperature in thermal aging is similar to the chemical reaction rate equation.

5. Conclusions

The cable condition is to evaluate the cable from the cable itself compared with the reliable analysis; it is to analyze the operating condition of the cable from the “micro” perspective; from the perspectives of “macro” and “micro”, conduct simultaneous analysis and investigation of the operating status of the cable, as well as the relationship between cable failure and cable aging, accidental damage, and cable maintenance. Fully consider maintenance and collect cable performance more comprehensively and accurately. Provide more valuable reference for operation and maintenance personnel. For example, line A in this example, from a “macro” perspective, has 83% confidence when it runs to 8.45 years. If you consider this result alone, it can be considered that the cable will not fail; in fact, the cable has failed at this time. Comprehensive inspection of its operating status results in a reliability of 46%, which is very low. Operation and maintenance personnel can formulate relevant maintenance plans accordingly. Therefore, the model proposed in this chapter comprehensively considers a variety of factors, evaluates the reliability of the cable, and helps operation and maintenance personnel propose maintenance and replacement plans in a timely manner so that the reliability of the cable meets the requirements and realizes comprehensive management. Due to the limitations of time and technology, we will further analyze and study other properties of cables in the future in order to make certain contributions to the cause of social and public safety.

Data Availability

No data were used to support this study.

Conflicts of Interest

The authors declare no conflicts of interest.

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