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This e-proceedings contains a collection of 59 exceptional papers chosen from the 4th International Conference on Telecommunication, Electronic and Computer Engineering (ICTEC'22), which was held on 1st & 2nd November 2022. Organized by the Faculty of Electronic and Computer Engineering (FKEKK) at Universiti Teknikal Malaysia Melaka (UTeM), in conjunction with the Centre for Telecommunication Research and Innovation (CeTRI), this conference has formed a collaboration with five other universities: Universitas Andalas, AMITY University, Universitas Sriwijaya, Vellore Institute of Technology, and King Mongkut's Institute of Technology in Ladkrabang.

ICTEC'22 brought together researchers, academics, and professionals from all over the world to share their new discoveries and findings in the fields of telecommunication, electronics, and computer engineering. The technical committee received an overwhelming response to the conference, with submissions from all over the world. Our hope is that this conference will strengthen academic and research collaborations between institutions both locally and internationally, inspiring and propelling engineering research and fostering beneficial collaborations between organizations.

All papers submitted underwent a rigorous peer-review process, with revisions made according to the reviewers' comments. Ultimately, 59 papers were selected for publication in this open access e-proceedings, which can be viewed or downloaded at <https://ictec.utem.edu.my/proceedings/2022>.

As editors-in-chief, we would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to the reviewers who worked tirelessly to review the submitted papers for this proceedings. We would also like to express our gratitude to all the authors for their prompt revision of their papers in accordance with the proceeding requirements. Our hope is that this e-proceedings will serve as a valuable reference for researchers, and that the event will sustain the research culture in universities and industries by bringing together educators, researchers, and practitioners to share their findings.

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The International Conference on Telecommunication, Electronics, and Computer Engineering 2022 (ICTEC'22) is the fourth conference organized by the Centre for Telecommunication Research and Innovation (CeTRI) and the Faculty of Electronic and Computer Engineering (FKEKK) at Universiti Teknikal Malaysia Melaka (UTeM). In collaboration with Universitas Andalas, AMITY University, Universitas Sriwijaya, Vellore Institute of Technology and King Mongkut's Institute Technology of Ladkrabang, ICTEC 2022 aims to provide a platform for researchers, academics, and industry professionals from around the world to share their latest research findings and discoveries in the fields of Telecommunication Engineering, Electronics Engineering, Computer Engineering, and Industrial Revolution (IR) 4.0.

The conference welcomes submissions of original extended abstracts that conform to the 4 conference themes: Telecommunication Engineering, Electronics Engineering, Computer Engineering and Industrial Revolution 4.0 (IR 4.0). Topics of interest include, but are not limited to, wireless communication systems, optical communication systems, signal processing, control systems, computer networks, software engineering, artificial intelligence, machine learning, robotics, IoT, cloud computing, big data analytics, cybersecurity, smart manufacturing, smart cities, autonomous systems, and human-machine collaboration.

ICTEC 2022 offers an opportunity for participants to exchange ideas, network with peers, and establish new collaborations. The conference also provides a platform for researchers to showcase their work and contribute to the advancement of knowledge in the fields of Telecommunication, Electronic, and Computer Engineering.

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A Review of the Basic Principle of Interferometry Lightning Detection System and Construction of Buffer Circuit for Measuring Lightning Vertical Electric Field

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ABSTRACT: This paper describes a VHF Interferometry system that can detect the direction or location of lightning strikes by measuring the phase difference in the frequency spectrum of a pair of antennas. The system uses a parallel plate antenna with a buffer circuit to measure the electromagnetic field, and the main component of the buffer circuit is an IC and impedance circuit. The system's accuracy depends on the quality and cleanliness of the analyzed signal. The paper also discusses various signal-denoising techniques such as linear fit, cross-correlation, and wavelet transform. The authors suggest that for the development of interferometry techniques to be successful, there should also be improvements in signal denoising techniques, increased data storage capacity, and reliable storage media.

Keywords: *Interferometry; Lightning Detection System; Buffer Circuit*

1. INTRODUCTION

Lightning is a natural phenomenon where lightning involves the movement of charge vertically due to the release of positive or negative charges and produces electromagnetic emissions with the frequency range of VLF to VHF [1]. The energy emitted by lightning's electromagnetic emission is so powerful that it can destroy items. Thus, to avoid or limit the impact of damage caused by lightning strikes, a method of detecting the lightning position and the direction from which the potential for lightning would hit is required. Electromagnetic emission is a parameter used to determine the direction of lightning strikes, known as lightning location systems.

One of the techniques used in lightning location systems is interferometry. This technique is the most promising method of determining the location of the strike since it does not require many antennas and sensors and is not susceptible to the noise that usually arises along with the signal to be recorded [2]. One of the current discussions in the VHF Interferometry lightning location system is the accuracy rate of the interferometry technique. In particular, this paper will examine a research question, such as what is the most factor that affects the accuracy of the VHF Interferometry Lightning Location System.

2. INTERFEROMETRY AND ELECTRIC FIELD MEASUREMENT SYSTEM

Interferometry is used to study lightning discharges by measuring the time difference between two antennas. Hayenga, in 1979 developed the VHF radio interferometry method to identify the various processes that occur during discharge [3] using a frequency of 34 MHz [4]. Numerous researchers have improved the technique since then.

The basic principle of interferometry is to estimate phase differences in the frequency spectrums of a pair of antennas [5], and the phase difference determines the direction of the electromagnetic field emission source [6]. Two antennas separated by a distance detect electromagnetic fields emitted by distant sources. The output signal from the two antennas will have a phase difference, denoted as $\phi = 2d \sin \theta / \lambda$. The method has a fringe ambiguity of 2π in the phase measurement with a baseline $d > \lambda/2$, which can be overcome by positioning two pairs of antennas with perpendicular baselines of $\lambda/2$ and 4λ [7]. This position allows the azimuth and elevation of the sources to be determined, and the lightning source can be located using two sets of identically separated antennae.

Interferometry systems typically use two frequencies: narrowband and broadband. Interferometry with broadband frequencies operates in a frequency range where electromagnetic emissions from lightning can be observed, and it can record high-resolution electromagnetic emissions, making it preferable to use than narrowband frequencies. The VHF broadband interferometer can describe the physical process during lightning flashes in greater detail [2].

However, large frequency ranges require a substantial amount of digital storage capacity. To address this, researchers have developed techniques such as sequential triggering, where memory storage is divided into segments that record one electrical broadband pulse for one microsecond [6]. Morimoto et al. developed a digital-based VHF-broadband interferometry system that produces accurate results [8].

In a lightning measuring system, noise or unwanted signals might impact some areas of the signal's frequency spectrum. A denoising technique is required to eliminate as much noise as possible while keeping the significant aspects of the studied signal. The linear fit approach is used in Shao and Krehbiel's interferometry system to

detect the direction of electromagnetic emission sources by integrating the results of measuring phase differences between antenna pairs in an array [9]. Mardiana and Kawasaki employed the cross-correlation approach to computing the phase difference of two fast-moving electromagnetic signals in their broadband [6]. The cross-correlation technique may combine with other techniques to improve accuracy. The wavelet transform is a multiresolution signal processing approach. It is better suited for non-stationary spectra observed in nature rather than the Fourier Transform.

A lightning detection system uses a parallel plate antenna with a buffer circuit as a sensor. Buffer circuits separate the high-impedance antennas, provide enough power to drive the signal from the antenna to the oscilloscope via the coaxial cable, and filter the frequency spectrum of the lightning flash signal without amplifying it. Galvan and Fernando pioneered the use of buffers to measure electrical elements [10], and other researchers have adopted this method. The IC must be a high-speed buffer, which enables accurate measurement of the amplitude and rise time of the lightning electric field, with unity gain characteristics and producing a high output current.

The accuracy rate of lightning location detection systems is affected by the "installation error" level, which can be corrected through calibration [11]. The efficiency of detection methods varies depending on the observed frequency band. The systems should carefully filter noise signals at the pre-processing stage to ensure that relevant lightning information is not omitted, improving lightning detection performance.

3. DISCUSSION

The interferometry technique for lightning detection has several advantages over other techniques. It can be operated with only one station, does not require many antennas, yet provides accurate observations. The accuracy of the technique is influenced mainly by the quality of the received signal, making the pre-processing stage and signal-denoising process crucial.

To overcome memory storage limitations, digital signal processing technology, sequential triggering techniques, and database management systems such as MySQL can be used. This method allows for real-time recording and display of lightning signal observation data. However, it is important to maintain signal cleanliness to generate valid data.

The parallel plate antenna equipped with a buffer circuit is a good choice for sensing lightning signals due to its construction being oriented perpendicular to the vertical electric field vector. Potential developments for this antenna include making it more compact and mobile for easier installation and transportation.

4. CONCLUSION

Interferometry is a technology that can deliver accurate detection results for a lightning location without needing many antennas or a large space. However, to improve the accuracy and expand storage capacity, developing signal processing techniques and storage

media technology is necessary. With these advancements, real-time monitoring and detection of lightning will be possible.

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