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ABSTRACT

An electrified railway network is one of the solutions for Colombo traffic congestion

due to high population density and high daily passenger flow into the city from the

suburbs. Although the initial cost of a railway electrification project is higher

compared with other alternatives such as improvements to bus transport, energy,

maintenance and operational costs can be lower if the system is designed, maintained

effectively and used efficiently. System failures or, delays in system operations should

be minimized to reduce the time wasted in traveling.

Reliability and punctuality are the major factors to attract more passengers to use

public electrified transport facilities for their daily travel. Power supply is a critical

factor to maintain a higher reliability in an electrified railway system.

Designs to upgrade the 230 km long Colombo suburban railway network commenced

in 2017 and currently in progress in four stages. Different options for the power supply

configuration and the back-up power systems have been identified, qualitatively

evaluated and then recommended for implementation. A quantified reliability

assessment has not been reported in the design.

A standardized procedure and a reliability assessment model would be required to

evaluate the reliability of each optional configuration to supply power and backup

power. In this research, optional configurations to supply power to the future

electrified railway system of the Colombo Suburban Railway Project area were

developed. Reliability assessment was conducted for each optional configuration using

the models developed and simulated using Monte Carlo simulation technique.

Reliability worth analysis was done to weigh the costs and benefits of configurations

with higher reliability.

The model developed can be used for reliability assessment of the power supply to any

suburban electrified railway system in Sri Lanka.

Keywords: Electrified Railway, Monte Carlo simulation, Reliability Assessment

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List of Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Description
AC	Alternative Current
BB	Bus Bar
CB	Circuit Breaker
CEB	Ceylon Electricity Board
CMR	Colombo Metropolitan Region
CSRN	Colombo Suburban Railway Network
CSRP	Colombo Suburban Railway Project
CT	Current Transformer
CVT	Capacitive Voltage Transformer
DMU	Diesel Multiple Unit
ET	Earthing Transformer
EDNS	Expected Demand Not Supplied
EENS	Expected Energy Not Supplied
EMU	Electric Multiple Unit
ES	Earth Switch
ETF	Earthing Transformer
FTA	Fault Tree Analysis
G&T	Generation and Transmission
GSS	Grid Sub Station
HL	Hierarchical Levels
HV	High Voltage
IEC	International Electro technical Commission
IEEE	Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineering
ISO	Isolator
KV	Kelani Valley
LA	Lightning Arrester
LCC	Life Cycle Cost
LOLF	Loss of Load Frequency

LOLP Loss of Load Probability

LV Low Voltage

MCS Monte Carlo simulation
MTTR Mean Time to Repair

MV Medium Voltage

NCRE Non-Conventional Renewable Energy

NCT Neutral Current Transformer

O&M Operation and Maintenance

OCS Overhead Contact System

PPTA Project Preparatory Technical Assistance

RSI Railway System Index

SCADA Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition

SCC System Control Centre

SL Sri Lanka

TSS Traction Substation
VT Voltage Transformer