

# SAFETY OF ELECTRICAL LOAD ON THE HELIX LAMPS FOR REPEATED START OPEN GAS GENERATOR UNDER WATER

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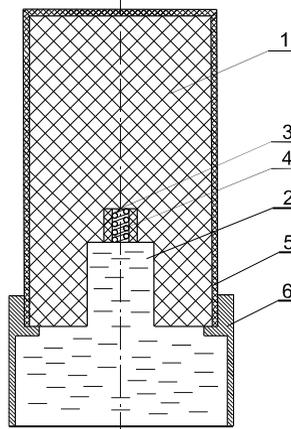
**Abstract.** The method for the automated calculation of safe electrical load on the spiral bulbs was developed for multiple start for the open gas generator under water.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Ignition of high-energy materials (HEM) often performed with wires and coils of filament (HF) [1] in the laboratory conditions. These elements are used in electrical systems initiating explosives [2], when running underwater solid propellant gas generator that are used to create the lift force [3], thermal and chemical influence on the bottom zone of oil-bearing formation [4], definition of the metal thermal conductivity at high temperatures by the method of the thin wire [5].

In the development of sources of buoyancy shells filling the gas generator (GG) with an open design, which was represented as checker made of HEM, was developed by cooled combustion products HEM [3]. It was covered by the solid composition of the side surface and upper end.

At the bottom of checker there was a cavity. At the side part had recess for HF. HEM ignited when voltage 25 ... 40 V was given from an external power supply (Figure 1).



**Figure 1.** Scheme of the open gas generator:

1 – fuel; 2 – thimble; 3 – recess for igniting device; 4 – coil of filament; 5 – inhibitor; 6 – jamb.

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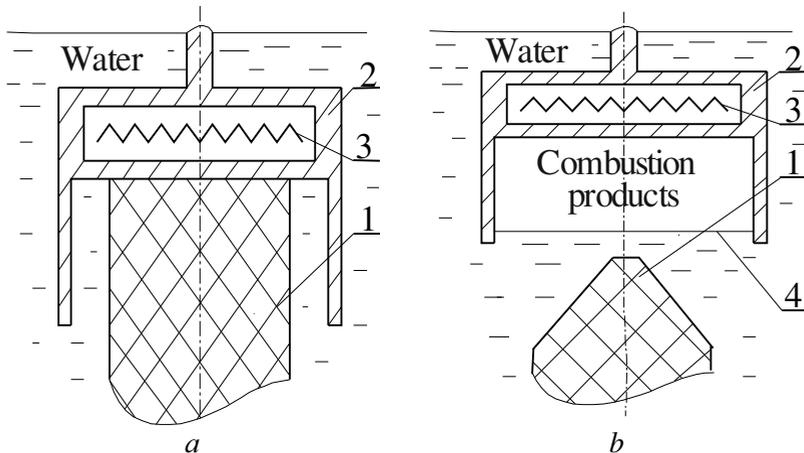
However, such GG can not be stopped in case of an emergency situation.

To eliminate these, the method of burning underwater is provided [6], according to which 1 block is located in a liquid in a vertical position (Figure 2).

Localization of the alleged burning zone at the upper end is achieved by using the heat-resistant glass (HRG) 2, at the bottom of which is located HF 3. HRG is set covering its sidewalls on the top of checkers, allowing the liquid to completely fill a gap formed between the walls and sword.

Before the ignition bottom part HRG is heated to a temperature exceeding the ignition temperature  $T_{com}$ , and then, the temperature is maintained during the combustion process.

After HEM ignition on the upper end of the forced movement of the vehicle is carried out down, to stop the burning of the HRG either it is stopped or is diverted (Figure 2).



**Figure 2.** Arrangement checkers and heat-resistant part in various stages of the ignition and combustion: a) when the ignition; b) at spontaneous termination combustion.

Stop or diversion HRG provides stopping of the burning process.

At the top end of the checker 1 there is a stratum combustion products which are displacing residual liquid from the gap with free surface forming. 4. Then combustion products flow out and up.

Experimental research of the method for VEM combusting in a liquid performed on samples made of HEM sticks type H of 20 mm diameter, set in upright position on a stand in a container filled with water [7]. At the upper end of checkers HRG was placed upside down in the bottom part of which HF was mounted. HRG was suspended on a block and could move freely in the vertical directions. The gap between the sample surface and the inner surface of the glass is (1 ... 2) mm and was filled with the liquid in the initial position-

After applying a voltage, surface of the sample started heating and igniting. Current was (5 ... 6) A at 15 W power and the time of ignition was in the range (10 ... 20) seconds. After reaching steady state, HRG was pulled up and burning process stopped for a second. The test results showed that the method of HEM burning provides failsafe inflammation, reliable burning interruption.

HF parameters [7] were chosen, and they were provided with the ignition checkers of used sizes. It remains an open question of permissible temperatures HF and places of its connection to connecting wires to ensure they remain in the closed state of the circuit for multiple HEM ignition when voltage is applied from the power source.

While working time, [8] the ignition timing delay HEM ignition of the flat moderate power HF held by the simplified procedure, the temperature of which in the contact zone with the HF reaches  $T_{com} \approx 500$  K [1].

When you want to reduce the startup time open the generator, it is necessary to use powerful power supply or manufacture of CH thin and short wires. The temperature of the wire can reach

temperatures comparable to  $T_{mel}$  corresponding alloy with high specific resistance. Thermal properties of alloys with high electrical resistivity were presented in the Table 1 [9].

**Table 1.** Thermal properties of alloys with high electrical resistivity

| Alloy      | $\rho_h$ ,<br>kg/m <sup>3</sup> | $c_h$ ,<br>J/kg·°K | $\rho_0 \cdot 10^8$ ,<br>Ohm·m | $T_{mel}$ ,<br>°K | $\gamma \cdot 10^4$ ,<br>1/°K | $(\rho_h c_h / \rho_0)$<br>10 <sup>12</sup> |
|------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| Constantan | 8900                            | 410,33             | 49                             | 1533              | 0,10                          | 7,45  |
| Nickel     | 8900                            | 468,84             | 7,24                           | 1426              | 0,54                          | 57,6  |
| Nichrome   | 8400                            | 460,57             | 110                            | 1683              | 4,0                           | 3,86  |

Key assumptions methodology. It is assumed that the wire is placed horizontally. It's heated by the strength of current  $I$ , and it's cooled by radiant and heat transferring convection in the free flow of air ( $t_w = 0$  °C) [5], [10]. Wire diameter  $d_p$ , given the degree of blackness alloy  $\epsilon_{pr} = 0,75$ ; electric resistivity depends on the temperature  $\rho_{el} = \rho_0(1 + \gamma T_s)$ , where  $\rho_0$  - electrical resistivity at 0 °C,  $\gamma$  - temperature coefficient of resistance of the alloy, 1/K,  $T_s$  - surface temperature of the wire. If the alloy has a temperature coefficient of resistance nichrome or less, its effect is not significant [11]. This effect will be amplified in the extended temperature range for HF.

We will use the energy conservation equation and write the thermal balance for the portion of the HF.

## 2. METHODOLOGY

The heat is released during the passage of an electric current through a conductor. It can be calculated by the formula Joule-Lenz. If HF cylindrical shape with a diameter  $d_p$  and length  $l_p$ , resistance  $R_{el}$ , then:

$$Q = I^2 R_{el} = I^2 \cdot l_p \cdot 4 \rho_{el} / \pi d_p^2 .$$

What is the maximum current that can pass through the heater if the allowable temperature HF  $T_{mel} = 1683$  °K?

Cooling conductor at the expense of free convection and radiation to the environment. It has a temperature  $T_w$ , and can be recorded as [10]:

$$\frac{4 \rho_0 [1 + \gamma(T_s - 273)] I^2}{\pi d_p^2} = \left\{ \epsilon_{pr} \cdot c_0 \left[ \left( \frac{T_s}{100} \right)^4 - \left( \frac{T_w}{100} \right)^4 \right] + \alpha_k (T_s - T_w) \right\} \pi d_p .$$

Here  $c_0$  - coefficient of blackbody radiation.

We've got a non-linear equation with respect to the surface temperature of HF  $T_s$ . It was solved by the method of bisection. Interval finding solutions wondered physical considerations:  $T_{s0} = 300$  °K,  $T_{s1} = 4000$  °K. Functions were calculated at these temperatures.

The algorithm for calculating the desired temperature has been executed on a computer. The coefficient of heat transfer by free convection  $\alpha_k$  was calculated by criterion equation [5], [10].

$$Nu_m = \frac{\alpha_k d_p}{\lambda_p} = C (Gr \cdot Pr)_m^n .$$

Grashoff number for gases:

$$Gr = g d_p^3 (T_s - T_w) / (\nu_b^2 T_m) .$$

Here  $g$  - acceleration of gravity;  $\lambda_b, \nu_b$  - coefficients of thermal conductivity and kinematic viscosity of air.

**Table 2.** The values of the interpolation coefficients of criterion equation.

| Gr·Pr | $<1,5 \cdot 10^{-3}$ | $<5 \cdot 10^2$ | $5 \cdot 10^2 \dots 2 \cdot 10^7$ |
|-------|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| $C$   | 0,5                  | 1,18            | 0,54                              |
| $n$   | 0                    | 0,125           | 0,25                              |

Calculation of the air thermal properties at different temperatures was carried out using interpolation formulas [12]:

Proposition has been reduced to a nonlinear equation with respect to  $T_s$ . It was decided by the bisection.

The coefficient of heat transfer by free convection  $\alpha_k$  was calculated by criterion equation. Calculation of air thermal properties of at different temperatures was carried out with the help of interpolation formulas [12]:

- density,  $\text{kg/m}^3$ ,

$$\rho_b = \rho_0 p / T_m,$$

Here  $\rho_0 = 3,4839$ ;  $p$  – density (kilopascal);

- heat capacity,  $\text{kJ}/(\text{kg} \cdot \text{Kelvin})$ ,

$$c_{pb} = c_1 + c_2 t_m,$$

Here  $c_1 = 1,0005$ ,  $c_2 = 1,1904 \cdot 10^{-4}$ ;

- coefficient of heat conductivity,  $\text{W}/(\text{m} \cdot \text{Kelvin})$ ,

$$\lambda_b = k_{21} T_m^{k_{22}},$$

Here  $k_{21} = 0,37 \cdot 10^{-3}$ ,  $k_{22} = 0,748$ ;

- coefficient of kinematic viscosity,  $\text{m}^2/\text{second}$ ,

$$\nu_b = 10^{-4} (n_{21} + n_{22} t_m) p_0 / p,$$

Here  $n_{21} = 13,7$ ,  $n_{22} = 0,101$ ,  $p_0 = 98,07$  kilopascal;

- Prandtl number,

$$\text{Pr}_b = \nu_b \cdot c_{pb} \cdot \rho_b / \lambda_b,$$

### 3. Results and discussion

The calculation results: the temperature of the nichrome HF was  $T_s = 1341$  °K, the following values of  $d_p = 1 \cdot 10^{-4}$  m,  $L_p = 0.015$  m, the voltage of 3.5 V. the strength of the current 1,16 A. power HF 4.05 watts. Current up to 1.04 A. power HF to 3.13 watts, the temperature  $T_s$  to 1167 °K down when we reduced the voltage at 0.5 V.

The HF length of 0.075 m and a diameter  $d_p = 1 \cdot 10^{-4}$  m at 16.5 V voltage has a temperature  $T_s = 1275$  °K. The current is 1.11 A, and the power of HF 18.33 watts.

### 4. Conclusion

Thus, a method for the automated calculation of safe electrical load on the spiral bulbs for multiple launch an open gas generator under water worked out.

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