

CHRISTIAN AHLHOLM

SHORT RESUME

Christian has more than 15 years' experience in the field of high voltage technology. He has been involved in earthing studies, inductive coordination studies, pollution severity assessments and dimensioning of insulation with respect to pollution. From numerous field inspections Christian has inspected hundreds of composite insulators in service. Since 2023 Christian is also a member of SEK TK 99 - System design and insulation coordination of high voltage installations, and has been assigned to CLC/TC 99X/WG 02 being involved in the following tasks related to the annexes of EN 50522:

- Methods for calculating permissible touch voltages (annex A, B)
- Measurements for and on earthing systems (annex H, L)
- Global earthing (annex O)



MAIN FIELDS OF COMPETENCE

- Earthing design and fault current calculation
- Inductive coordination and risk assessments
- Step and touch voltages
- Pollution severity assessment
- Dimensioning of insulation with respect to pollution
- Corona and field effects
- Assessment of composite insulators
- Software development involving inductive coordination, earthing and step and touch voltages.

WORK EXPERIENCE

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| 2024 – | Independent Insulation Group Sweden AB
<i>Senior Specialist.</i> |
| 2017 – 2023 | Independent Insulation Group Sweden AB
<i>Specialist.</i> |
| 2011 – 2017 | STRI AB , Ludvika, Sweden.
<i>Senior Engineer, High voltage technology</i>
Employed as engineer with focus on insulation. Involved in a range of projects including dimensioning of outdoor insulation, field and laboratory inspections and failure cause investigations of outdoor insulation especially composites. Software responsible of the STRI developed TPE software used for calculation of induction and earthing effects. |

2009 – 2011 **ABB Components AB**, Ludvika, Sweden.
Design engineer at the bushing department.

EDUCATION

2004-2008 **Master of Science in Physics**
University of Lund, Lund, Sweden.

2006-2007 **Exchange studies**
University of Waterloo, Canada.

2001-2004 **High school degree – Science with focus on energy and technology**
Forsmarks gymnasium at that time was owned by Forsmarks kraftgrupp AB which is a part of Vattenfall AB.

COURSES

2020 **Active Electrical Networks - ET2011, 7,5 hp, Dalarna University**
Construction of smart grids and how these should be optimized for efficient power transmission, including modelling in Powerfactory and short circuit calculations.

2020 **Electrical installations, Authorization B - ET1028, 15 hp, Dalarna University**
Low voltage installation rules and laboratory work.

2020 **EBR Earthing design**
Planning, design, construction of earth electrodes.

2019 **ESA - 19 - Fackkunning repetition**
Webb course

2016 **ESA - 14 - Tillträde**
Webb course

2012 **ESA 05 och skötselåtgärderna**

LANGUAGES

Swedish (native), English (professional level)

MEMBERSHIP OF TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

2023 - ongoing SEK TK 99 - System design and insulation coordination of high voltage installations (IEC TC 99 and CENELEC TC 99X)

LIST OF PROJECTS

2025	<i>High-Voltage Induction & Energization Studies (130–220 kV)</i> Advanced calculations of induction, ground potential rise, reduction factors, and mitigation measures for power cables and overhead lines.
2025	<i>Earthing Design for Energy Infrastructure</i> Earthing system design studies for wind farms, BESS installations, substations, and grid connection projects.
2025	<i>Pollution monitoring for HVDC Cable Terminations</i> Technical calculations, measurements, installation support for HVDC cable termination projects.
2025	<i>Development and Testing, Commissioning & Field Support for the High voltage method</i> Design and final testing, prototype testing, high-voltage testing, and commissioning support, including extensive on-site work performing Heavy current injection measurement with the High voltage method developed. Evaluation of time synchronized test results and testing of measurement system. Development of test circuit and High voltage resistors for 400 kV both with water and ceramic as resistive medium to achieve suitable test current. Evaluation of test results acquired during 2025 to determine measurement repeatability and plausible limitations of method.
2025	<i>Simulation, Modelling & Technical Tool Development</i> Electric field simulations, model validation, and development of internal calculation and import tools supporting HV and earthing analyses.
2025	<i>Expert Consulting & Technical Reviews</i> Short expert assignments, technical reviews, and specialist support to clients and stakeholders.
2024	<i>Earthing System Design Studies</i> Grounding studies for wind farms, solar parks, substations, and grid-connected facilities across Sweden.
2024	<i>High-Voltage Systems & Induction Analysis</i> Calculations related to induction, spänningsättning (energization), and safety assessments for high-voltage installations.
2024	<i>Large-Scale Energy Projects</i> Technical studies for major wind power and grid expansion projects
2024	<i>HVDC & Power Transmission Support</i> Calculations, measurements, and reporting related to HVDC systems and power transmission infrastructure.
2024	<i>Simulation, Modelling & Technical Reporting</i> Electric field simulations, grounding calculations, and preparation of detailed technical reports.
2024	<i>Training, Presentations & Knowledge Transfer</i> Guest lectures, preparation of training material, and technical presentations for TSOs and internal teams.
2023	<i>Soil resistivity measurement for 100 MW solar power plant</i> Measurement of soil resistivity for pre-design of earthing system.
2023	<i>Field testing of a new method for measurement of touch voltages without de-energization (High voltage method)</i>

	Field testing and analysis of results for an alternative method to the heavy current injection method for measuring step and touch voltages.
2023	Study of induction and earth potential rise A DSO intends to convert their high-impedance earthed 70 kV grid into a low-impedance earthed 130 kV system. The study was focused on addressing potential problems related to induction and earth potential rise.
2023	Testing of earth electrodes Resistance measurement of earth electrodes
2023	Earthing study of battery energy storage stations (Several projects) Design of earthing system and lightning protection.
2023	Assessment of magnetic field exposure from 220 kV OHL Calculation of B-field exposure to along 220 kV OHL
2023	Risk assessment of induced voltages from reconstruction 400 kV OHL Calculation of induced voltages at worksites along the right of way and mitigation strategies for areas with high risk.
2023	Earthing study of wind farms (Several projects) Fault current calculation and design of earthing system.
2022	Analysis of induced currents on 130 kV OHL Calculation of induced currents which caused unintended tripping of 130 kV OHL.
2022	Pollution measurements in Austria Installation of pollution measurement stations and training of personnel for analyzing pollution samples.
2022	Calculation of induced voltages Calculation of induced voltages in insulated shield wires.
2022	Dimensioning of earthing equipment Calculation of induced current in earthing equipment during normal operation. Dimensioning of the earthing equipment from the results.
2022	Measurement of touch voltages without de-energization with the High voltage method Feasibility study of an alternative method to the heavy current injection method to measure touch voltages
2022	Earthing study of wind farm (several projects) Fault current calculation and design of earthing system.
2021	Risk assessment of induced voltages from 400 kV OHL near Barsebäck Calculation of induced voltages at worksites along the right of way and mitigation strategies for areas with high risk.
2021	Risk assessment of induced voltages in cable system from 400 kV OHL near Stor-Skälsjön Calculation of induced voltages at worksites along the right of way and mitigation strategies for areas with high risk.
2021	Evaluation of Wind turbine earthing system design Calculation of step and touch voltages and analysis of earthing system during lightning current.

2021	Earthing study of wind farm Fault current calculation and design of earthing system.
2020	Heating of shield wires for de-icing Feasibility study of using resistive losses for de-icing of shield wires
2020	Evaluation of site pollution severity in Norway Evaluation of pollution measurement and service experience in to determine the site pollution severity.
2020	Assessment of magnetic field exposure from 400 kV OHL Calculation of B-field exposure to along 400 kV OHL
2020	Risk assessment of induced voltages from 400 kV OHL near Storfinnforsen Calculation of induced voltages at worksites along the right of way and mitigation strategies for areas with high risk.
2020	Inspection of composite station post insulators Several composite station post insulators were inspected with IR and UV-camera.
2020	Risk assessment of exposure to electrical fields during work in 400 kV substation Calculation of electrical field at different worksites withing the substation and mitigation strategies for handling areas with high risk of exposure.
2020	Measurements of electric and magnetic field within a 130 kV substation Measurement of electric and magnetic field at several heights and location beneath substation busbar.
2019	Review of earthing study Review of report for evaluating of step and touch voltages after reconstruction of earthing system.
2019	Software development Update of VBA macro for reading overhead line database files to automatically create case files Tower/Pole earthing program which is used for calculation of induction and earthing impact on low voltage systems.
2019	Evaluation of site pollution severity in Germany Evaluation of pollution measurement and service experience in to determine the site pollution severity
2019	Dimensioning DC cable terminations, Germany Evaluation of pollution measurement and service experience in to determine required specific creepage distance for DC cable termination insulators.
2019	Development and verification of software for motion detection Validation and creation of software for analyzing vibration from video recordings of overhead line conductors.
2019	Biological growth on composite insulators Inspection of composite insulators with biological growth and evaluation of performance of composite insulator with biological growth.
2018	Evaluation of site pollution severity at Haugesund, Norway Evaluation of pollution measurement and service experience in to determine the site pollution severity.
2018	Course instructor Course instructor on induction and earthing calculations with Tower/Pole earthing program which is used for calculation of induction and earthing impact on low voltage systems

2018	Software development Software development project the Tower/Pole earthing program which is used for calculation of induction and earthing impact on low voltage systems.
2018	Minimum clearance between HV-cables and low voltage systems Determination of required minimum clearance between HV-cables and low voltage systems due to induction and earthing.
2011-2017	Failure analysis of insulators (several projects) Testing, dissection and analysis of insulator design to find root cause of failure
2014-2017	Inductive coordination and earthing studies (several projects) Mitigation of circulating currents in earthing systems. Induced voltage in pipelines and low voltage systems.
2015	Electromagnetic shielding Mitigation of excessive magnetic field at ground level above HV cable joint
2014	Laboratory test of a Long Line Cargo Hook for helicopter regarding sensitivity for electromagnetic fields Calculation of magnetic field from 400 kV line.
2011-2016	Site pollution severity assessment (several projects) Measurements and analysis, creation of pollution maps
2013-2015	Feasibility study – AC to DC conversion of transmission lines (several projects) Corona and field effects and dimensioning of insulation
2011-2016	Dimensioning and selection of insulation with respect to pollution (several projects) Both for AC and DC
2012	Worldwide survey of client's composite insulators in polluted environments Visual inspections and collection of pollution data at several different substations around the world
2011-2017	Inspections of composite insulators (several projects) Close-up inspections of composite insulators in substations
2011	Guidelines for Design of Controllable Compact Overhead Lines Setting up excel spread sheet for calculating electric and magnetic field from transmission lines

LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

J. Lundengård*, **C. Ahlholm**, (I2G, Sweden), A. Karlsson, K.-O. Jonsson, W. Marakbi (Svenska kraftnät, Sweden)

Step and touch voltage measurements: new approach for measurements on lines in service

2025 - CIGRE CSE N°33 June 2024

B. Adum, K.Å. Halsan, P. Sidenvall, **C. Ahlholm**, L. Carlshem, M. Jalonen, M Palsson

Measuring aeolian vibrations by video analysis

Second International Symposium on Dynamics and Aerodynamics of Cables - ISDAC 2021

Xidong Liang, Weining Bao, Yanfeng Gao, Shaohua Li, I. Gutman, **C. Ahlholm**, M. Radosavljevic, W. Vosloo
A new type of failure of composite insulators: service experience, degradation characteristics, root cause, experimental simulation and countermeasures

CIGRE-2020, D1-207

W. Chisholm, **C. Ahlholm**, I. Gutman

Dust & Sea Salt Pollution Mapping: Satellite versus Ground Truth Results

2019 World Congress, Tucson, USA, 20-23 October 2019

M. Radosavljevic, I. Gutman, **C. Ahlholm**, P. Sidenvall

Ageing and deterioration of composite post insulators exposed to high electric field in 220 kV and 400 kV switchyards in Swedish network

CIGRE SC B3 Colloquium in Racife, Brazil, 18-20 September, 2017

B. Thorsteinsson, K. Halsan, M. Abraha, P. Hagen, W. Troppauer, **C. Ahlholm**, D. Loudon

Design and engineering of a new 525 kV HVDC line in Norway

CIGRE B2-113, 2016

I. Gutman, **C. Ahlholm**, K. Halsan, L. Carlshem, W.L. Vosloo, J-F Goffinet

Application of weather models for the evaluation of design ESDD for harsh pollution conditions

CIGRE D1-212, 2014

I. Gutman, **C. Ahlholm**, U. Akesson, A. Holmberg, D. Wu, L. Jonsson

Long-term service experience and inspection results of HV equipment made of silicone rubber insulators

CIGRE Symposium 2013, 412
