

Mathematical Modeling And Validation Of Thermosyphon With Permafrost Used On Solar Radiation With Moisture

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ABSTRACT:

The scope of the investigation is to validate the combined functioning of double phase thermosyphon –soil-atmosphere in arctic area. In this area permafrost phases the considerable amount of problem on account of geometrical consideration with moisture. Defrosting process helps to reduce volume and irregular foundation. In order to overcome this two phase vertical type thermosyphons are introduced. It transfer low temperature with moisture from atmosphere to the ground surface without consumption of power. Here an attempt is made to develop a mathematical model for average film thickness of refrigerant available on all inner portion of the thermosyphon such as over and underground heat insulated pipe , evaporator etc. Mathematical analysis and study predicts that the resistance of refrigerants have been two times lesser then the condenser. Thus the experimental calculations of soil temperature at different regime made possible without consideration of refrigerant film thickness. The relation for solar radiation components for condenser and over ground pipe is developed. A comparative analysis of two models of system double phase thermosyphon – soil – atmosphere predicts that the introduced model lowers the freezing radius the maximal distance in between thermosyphons is about 18.6 %.

Key words and phrases. Permafrost, heat transfer mechanism in soil, thermosyphon, solar radiation, freezing radius.

INTRODUCTION

An attempt is made to analyze the performance of combined operation of system: 2-phase thermosyphon – soil – atmosphere. 2- phase thermosyphons are used to lowered the temperature of permafrost in areas with arctic climate & to stabilize the subsidence of foundations at different structures: buildings & pipelines [1-5]. The design is used to reduce energy consumption in the winter time in areas with hot climate [6].

The researchers and scientists have been contributed towards the area of vertical thermosyphons, which are discussed in review articles of Jafari, and Jadhav. [7-8]. Haan investigated the methods of thermodynamic computation of vertical thermosyphons [9-10]. Özba investigated the influence of study of fluid to the performance of thermosyphon [11]. Gorelik investigated the influence offering to the heat transmission and performance of thermosyphon [12]. AliK.et al. studied the influence of channel shape to heat transmission [13-15]. On the basis of extensive study there is a gap in the study of their efficiency in permafrost. There is no estimates of the influence of liquid refrigerant film on the soil freezing radius taking into the account real climatic conditions. In the same way, there is no valid formulas & studies that allow to estimate the effect of solar radiation i.e. (Direct, diffuse, & reflected) on the freezing radius. This is probably due to the fact that the value of solar radiation in the Arctic is low. The micro level work to calculate the freezing radius is the work of Gorelik Ya.B. [12]. Therefore, everywhere, the comparison of the introduced model and the model in [12] was developed.

In present study the mathematical model is developed to investigate the model:

- 1) Mathematical model developed to analyze the thermal regime of the soil around of a vertical two-phase thermosyphon with moisture.
- 2) Method for calculating the absorbed solar radiation by the condenser & overground pipe taking into account the available irradiance data;
- 3) Investigating the analytical deviation of soil freezing near thermosyphon excluding thermal resistance of liquid film of refrigerant near the inner place of the surface.
- 4) Estimating the difference in the calculation of soil freezing radius around different type of radiation [12].

2. MATERIAL AND METHODS

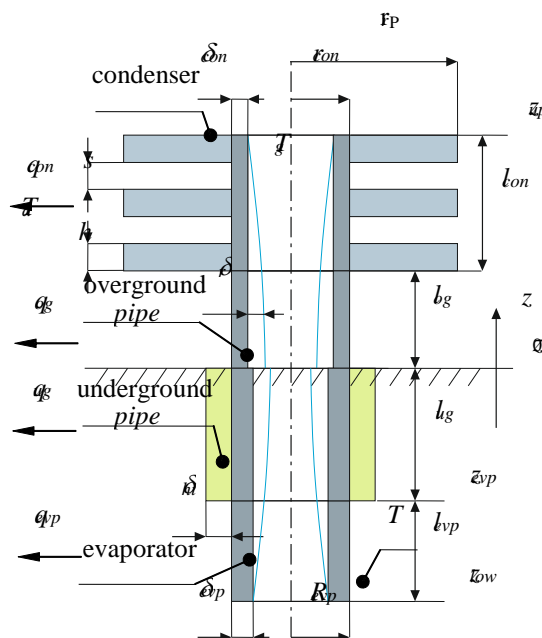


Figure 1. Figure of modified two-phase thermosyphon

The mathematical model is represented here on the basis of given assumption:

- 1) The nature of heat transfer in the thermosyphon is quasi-stationary.
- 2) Nusselt number is the deciding factor of quantity of liquid film.
- 3) Refrigerant vapor is insignificant on account of supercooling, interns it is possible to equate the heat flux to the rate of evaporation-condensation taking into account the heat of phase transition.

In the mathematical modeling the basic heat balance equation for thermosyphon is used :

$$\int_{z_{low}}^{z_{up}} Q_t dz - e_{sun} - m = 0 \quad (1)$$

On the basis of construction shown in fig 1 , the thrmosyphon is divided in to four parts :

- 1) At the condition of refrigerant vapor condensation , heat transfer to the atmosphere through condenser
 - 2) A considerable small amount of heat transfer to the atmosphere from the ground pipe surface it helps to rise condensates over the snow cover.
 - 3) The transfer of liquid refrigerant to the bottom without heat losses is possible by underground pipes.
 - 4) When refrigerant evaporates, Evaporator extract heat from the soil.

Then equation (1) can be termed as the sum of heat balance :

$$\left(Q_{con} L_{con} + Q_{og} L_{og} \right) + \int_{z_{evp}}^{z_0} Q_{ug} dz + \int_{z_{down}}^{z_{evp}} Q_{ug} dz - e_{sun} - m = 0 \quad (2)$$

Through Newton's law of cooling equation 2 can be written as based on the parameter like change in temperature in between primary temperature and gaseous phase of refrigerant :

$$\left(k_{con} L_{con} + k_{og} L_{og} \right) (t_g - t_{air}) + k_{ug} \left(t_g L_{ug} - \int_{z_{evp}}^{z_0} t dz \right) + k_{evp} \left(L_{evp} t_g - \int_{z_{down}}^{z_{evp}} t dz \right) - e_{sun} - m = 0 \quad (3)$$

From equation (3) one can obtain the temperature of gaseous phase of refrigerant:

$$t_g = \frac{\left(k_{con} L_{con} + k_{og} L_{og} \right) t_{air} + k_{ug} \int_{z_{evp}}^{z_0} t dz + k_{evp} \int_{z_{low}}^{z_{evp}} t dz + e_{sun}}{k_{con} L_{con} + k_{og} L_{og} + k_{ug} L_{ug} + k_{evp} L_{evp}} \quad (4)$$

By using equation (4), calculate the heat flux in the zone of interaction between the thermosyphon & soil:

$$Q_{evp} = k_{evp} (t_g - t_{soil}) \quad (5)$$

$$Q_{ug} = k_{ug} (t_g - t_{soil}) \quad (6)$$

The basic equations for heat transfer coefficients k_{con} , k_{og} , k_{ug} , k_{evp} at all segment of thermosyphon:

$$k_{con} = \left(\frac{L_{con}}{N(\tau_n s_n + 2\pi r_{con} H \lambda r \vartheta \omega)} + \frac{1}{2\pi \eta_{con}} \ln \left(\frac{r_{con}}{r_{con} - \psi_{con}} \right) + \frac{1}{2\pi \eta_{rf}} \ln \left(\frac{r_{con} - \psi_{con}}{r_{con} - \psi_{con} - \psi_{rca}} \right) \right)^{-1} \quad (7)$$

$$k_{og} = \left(\frac{1}{2\pi\eta_{con}} \ln \left(\frac{r_{con}}{r_{con} - \psi_{con}} \right) + \frac{1}{2\pi\eta_{rf}} \ln \left(\frac{r_{con} - \psi_{con}}{r_{con} - \psi_{con} - \psi_{roa}} \right) \right)^{-1} \quad (8)$$

$$k_{ug} = \left(\frac{1}{2\pi\eta_{Hi}} \ln \left(\frac{r_{evp} + \psi_{hi}}{r_{evp}} \right) + \frac{1}{2\pi\eta_{evp}} \ln \left(\frac{r_{evp}}{r_{evp} - \psi_{evp}} \right) + \frac{1}{2\pi\eta_{Rf}} \ln \left(\frac{r_{evp} - \psi_{evp}}{r_{evp} - \psi_{evp} - \psi_{rua}} \right) \right)^{-1} \quad (9)$$

$$k_{evp} = \left(\frac{1}{2\pi\eta_{evp}} \ln \left(\frac{r_{evp}}{r_{evp} - \psi_{evp}} \right) + \frac{1}{2\pi\eta_{rf}} \ln \left(\frac{r_{evp} - \psi_{evp}}{r_{evp} - \psi_{evp} - \psi_{rea}} \right) \right)^{-1} \quad (10)$$

$$\omega = \frac{k_1(\phi r_{con})a_\phi - i_1(\mathcal{G}r_{con})b_\omega}{K_0(\mu R_{con})a_\psi + I_0(\phi r_{con})b_\omega} - m \quad (11)$$

$$A_\omega = \eta_r \phi i_1(\phi r_R) + \tau_R i_0(\phi r_R) \quad (12)$$

$$B_\omega = \eta_r \omega k_1(\mathcal{G}r_R) - \tau_R k_0(\mathcal{G}r_R) \quad (13)$$

$$\phi = \sqrt{2\tau_r / \eta_R H} \quad (14)$$

$$s_N = 2\pi r_{con} S \quad (15)$$

$$\tau_r = 0.036 \frac{\eta_a}{2r_R} \left(\frac{2r_R v_a}{v_a} \right)^{0.8} (pr_a)^{0.42} \quad (16)$$

$$\tau_r = 0.022 \frac{\eta_a}{2r_R} \left(\frac{2r_R v_a}{v_a} \right)^{0.8} (Pr_a)^{0.4} \quad (17)$$

$$\tau_n = 0.025 \frac{\eta_a}{2r_{con}} \left(\frac{2r_{con} v_a}{v_a} \right)^{0.8} (pr_a)^{0.38} \quad (18)$$

Equations (11) - (14) are generated based on heat equation in thin ring plate, under boundary conditions, first type on the inner radius of the ring & third one on the other surfaces.

In equations (7) - (10), the average thickness of the film of the refrigerant in different parts of the thermosyphon δ_{rca} , δ_{roa} , δ_{rua} , δ_{rea}

The Nusselt no for film thickness:

$$\frac{\partial j}{\partial z} = - \frac{q_t}{L_{jf}} \quad (19)$$

The flow of liquid refrigerant can be found as a result of solving the approaching of Navier-Stokes equation for the free movement of fluid by gravity on a vertical surface:

$$J = \rho_{RF} 2\pi(r - \psi) \frac{g\psi_r^3}{3\nu_{RF}} \quad (20)$$

The expression for the film thickness:

$$\psi_r = \left\{ \psi_{r0}^3 + \frac{-3Qv_{RF}(Z-Z_0)}{\rho_{RF}g2\pi(r-\psi)l_{RF}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{3}} \quad (21)$$

The average film thickness can be found from equation (21):

$$\psi_{RA} = \frac{\rho_{RF}g2\pi(r-\psi)l_{RF}}{-3Qv_{RF}(Z-Z_0)} \left(\frac{3}{4} \left\{ \psi_{r0}^3 + \frac{-3Qv_{RF}(Z-Z_0)}{\rho_{RF}g2\pi(r-\psi)l_{RF}} \right\}^{\frac{4}{3}} - \frac{3}{4} \psi_{r0}^4 \right) \quad (22)$$

Then we derived the average film thickness for each section:

$$\psi_{rca} = \frac{3}{4} \left\{ \frac{3k_{og}(t_g - t_{air})v_{rf}l_{con}}{\rho_{RF}g2\pi(r_{con} - \psi_{con})l_{rf}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{3}} = \frac{3}{4} \psi_{rc} \quad (23)$$

$$\psi_{roa} = \frac{\rho_{RF}g2\pi(r_{con} - \psi_{con})L_{rf}}{3Qv_{RF}L_{og}} \cdot \left(\frac{3}{4} \left\{ \psi_{rc}^3 + \frac{3k_{og}(t_g - t_{air})v_{rf}l_{og}}{\rho_{rf}g2\pi(r_{con} - \psi_{con})l_{RF}} \right\}^{\frac{4}{3}} - \frac{3}{4} \psi_{rc}^4 \right) \quad (24)$$

$$\psi_{rua} \approx \psi_{roa} \quad (25)$$

$$\psi_{rea} = \frac{3}{4} \psi_{rua} \quad (26)$$

Equation (25) considers that the section is insulated & very small heat flow. Equation (26) y obtained from (22) here the direction of integration is changed: at the stationary region the film thickness at bottom is 0.

Thus, all the unknown value from equations (7) - (10) can be obtained . It is noted that the calculation sequence is : equations (7) - (18), & (4), then (23) - (26). At this stage , the iteration cycle is repeated, until the values (23) - (26) stop changing. Statement No 1 solved.

Another method to analyze the absorbed solar radiation E_{sun} is discussed here. At the initial stage source data is required. Under the normal cloud condition, direct solar radiation on horizontal plane normal to the surface & diffuse only on horizontal surface. [16]

Direct solar radiation flux on the vertical surface :

$$s_v = \sqrt{s_{sun}^{\prime 2} - s_{sun}^2} \quad (27)$$

One can analyse direct vertical irradiance as :

$$e_s = \gamma_{con} 2r_R L_{con} \sqrt{s_{sun}^{\prime 2} - s_{sun}^2} \quad (28)$$

The analysis of the flux of diffuse & reflected solar radiation is very difficult. Consider the schematic on Fig. 2: A condenser with radius R_r is irradiated by diffuse solar radiation from the height H_a . At this stage it is not assume the value of H_a .

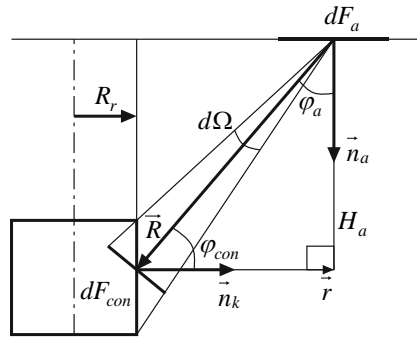


Figure 2. The fig for calculation of absorbed sun radiation by condenser & overground pipe

The area of the infinitesimal element of the cylindrical surface of the condenser:

$$df_{con} = r_R d\theta dl_{con} \quad (29)$$

In accordance with Lambert's law, one can obtained the density of the energy flow on a condenser:

$$de_d^2 = \varepsilon_{con} \frac{G_{sun}}{\pi} df_a \cos(\varphi_a) d\Omega \quad (30)$$

The solid angle :

$$d\Omega = \frac{\cos(\varphi_{con})}{|r|^2} df_{con} \quad (31)$$

After integrating (30) & taking in account (29) upon the surface of the sky in the direction where solar radiation fall on the dF_{con} surface:

$$de_d = \varepsilon_{con} \frac{G_{sun}}{\pi} \left\{ \int_0^\infty \int_0^\pi \frac{\cos(\varphi_a) \cos(\varphi_{con})}{|r|^2} d\omega r dr \right\} df_{con} \quad (32)$$

After integration:

$$de_d = \frac{\pi}{4} \varepsilon_{con} G_{sun} df_{con} \quad (33)$$

Absorbed energy of diffuse solar radiation from relation (33) & (29):

$$e_d = \frac{\pi}{4} \varepsilon_{con} G_{sun} (2\pi r_R L_{con}) \quad (34)$$

The flux of reflected solar radiation:

$$e_{ref} = \frac{\pi}{4} \varepsilon_{con} a_{surf} q_{sun} (2\pi r_R L_{con}) \quad (35)$$

$$q_{sun} = G_{sun} + s_{sun} \quad (36)$$

Energy absorbed by condenser butt is:

$$e_r = \varepsilon_{con} q_{sun} \pi r_R^2 \quad (37)$$

On Summation of (28), (34), (35) & (37) for condenser & the over ground pipe, It provides the for absorbed solar radiation by thermosyphon:

$$e_{sun} = \varepsilon_{con} q_{sun} \pi r_R^2 + 2\sqrt{s_{sun}^2 - s_{sun}^2} (\gamma_{con} r_R L_{con} + \gamma_{og} r_{con} L_{og}) +$$

$$+\pi \frac{\pi}{2} (G_{sun} + a_{surf} q_{sun}) (r_R L_{con} \gamma_{con} + r_{con} L_{og} \gamma_{og}) \quad (38)$$

Equation (38) consider the absorption as direct, diffuse & reflected solar radiation over ground part of thermosyphon. ProblemNo 2 solved.

Another, a mathematical analysis for the soil freezing radius around thermosyphon, Is performed by using the classical example (Fig. 3). By reducing the temperature ($t_{BF} - 0.5$)°C increases the strength & deformation properties of soil & is necessary for foundation in zone of discontinuous distribution of permafrost soils.

The aim of the analysis is determine the freezing radius r_{ft} The calculations is performed by using the introduced model & method, [12].

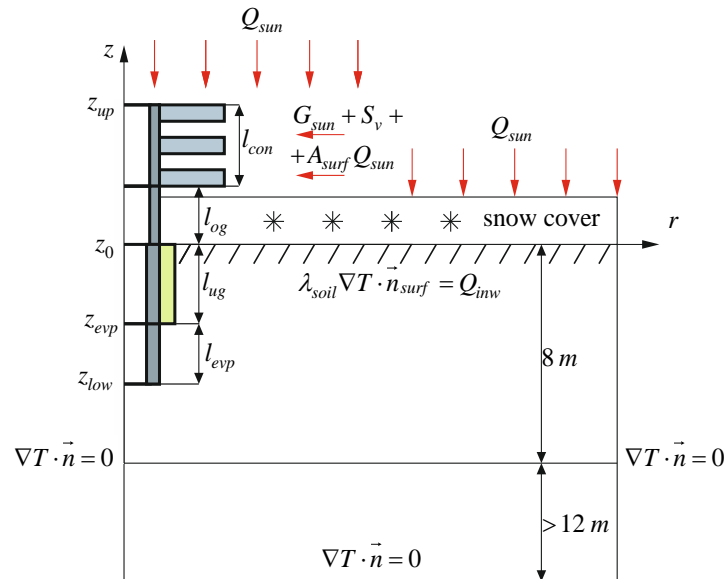


Figure 3. The calculation scheme for determining the radius of freezing around thermosyphon

The statement is analyzed by axis symmetric methodology. Thermosyphon is on the axis $r = 0$. The parameters of the thermosyphon are given in Table 1. The thermosyphon in total length of 8m, built up of MS, & filled up by ammonia. Soil properties are given in Tables 2-3. Atmospheric conditions as in Delhi & are shown in Table 4. The solar radiation parameters are given in Table 5.

Nonlinear heat equation is used for the mathematical investigation [17]:

$$\left(\rho_{soil} C_{soil} + l_w \frac{\partial \rho_w}{\partial T} \right) \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \nabla \cdot (\eta_{soil} \nabla T) \quad (39)$$

$$\bar{Q}_{inw} \cdot (-\bar{n}_{surf}) = A_{surf} (t_{air} - t) + (1 - a_{surf}) q_{sun} + \gamma_{surf} \sigma_0 (b_{air} t_{air}^4 - t^4) \quad (40)$$

The methodology for analyzing thermal conductivity & isobaric heat capacity using equations [18-20].

Table 1. Thermosyphon construction parameters.

L_{con}	L_{og}	L_{Ug}	l_{evp}	r_R
1.0	1.0	4.0	3.0	0.2
r_{con}	δ_{con}	r_{evp}	δ_{evp}	H
0.0168	0.0035	0.0168	0.0035	0.002
5		5		

s	γ_{con}	γ_{og}	η_{con}	η_R
0.01	0.9	0.9	40	40
η_{evp}	η_{hi}	δ_{hi}	η_{rf}	ρ_{rf}
40	0.06	0.02	0.50	639
		5	6	
ν_{rf}	L_{rf}			
2.73	1.26			
e-7	2e+6			

Table 2. Thermal properties of soils.

Soil	Type	c_{th}	c_{fr}	η_t	η	η	t
				$_h$	$_fr$	$_b$	$_i$
						$_f$	$_n$
							$_t$
1	Sand	1	9	2.	2.	-	0
		2	5	5	8	0	.
		6	0	7	3	.	3
		0				3	
2	Clay loam	1	1	1	1	-	0
		4	1	.	.	0	'
		8	2	5	8	.	8
		7	5	5	8	1	8

Table 3. Physical properties of soils.

Soil	Type	ρ_s	ρ_s	ρ_w	ρ_w	ρ
		oil	ok	$_{,tot}$	$_{,max}$	$_w$
						$_n$
						$_f$
1	Sand	2	1	3	3	
		1	8	2	2	0
		2	0	5	5	
		5	0			
2	Clay loam	2	1	3	3	1
		1	8	5	5	2
		5	0	7	7	0
		7	0			

Table 4. Climate & show cover.

Month	t_{air}	ν_{air}	Ψ_{sn}	ρ_{sn}
1	22	5.2	39.	220
2	1	7	3	2
	7	.	8	3
	.	9	.	5
	6		0	
3	1	5	4	2
	8	.	3	4
	.	2	.	4
	6		0	

4	1 2 . 7	4 . 9	3 5 . 0	2 7 2
5	3 . 7	3 . 0	7 . 2	3 4 2
6	4 . 9	7 . 7	0 . 0	0
7	1 1 . 0	3 . 7	0 . 7	1 3 7
8	9 . 9	5 . 5	0 . 4 4	2 0 3
9	4 . 5	5 . 5	1 . 1	0
10	3 . 8	7 . 7	3 . 4	1 4 5
11	1 2 . 5	7 . 8	2 1 . 3	1 7 8
12	1 7 . 7	4 . 4	2 7 . 5	2 2 9

Table 5. Solar radiation parameters.

M ont h	s'_{sun}, J/m²	s_{sun}, J/m²	G_{sun}, J/m²	q_{sun}, J/m²	a_{sur} f_s u.f.
1	23	5	15	13	0.7 7
2	12 3	22	54	68	0.7 2
3	33 9	11 2	13 2	25 1	0.7 5
4	45 1	21 1	24 2	44 1	0.6 7
5	48 2	23 3	35 3	61 1	0.4 2
6	47 3	25 3	29 1	55 2	0.2 3
7	55 4	32 0	22 3	55 9	0.2 2
8	32 2	15 1	21 1	35 5	0.2 3
9	17	71	12	18	0.2

	5		7	8	7
10	10 2	23	7	95	0.6 1
11	44	7	19	25	0.7 3
12	7	3	3	5	0.7 9

The temperature of soil at zero depth yearly amplitudes is 0.68 °C. To get the required temperature, Thickness coefficient of snow cover is 1.079, ie. Little increases the snow cover thickness (Table 4). The span of the analysis is 5 years. The statements were solved through FDA Methodology.

3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

In this investigation to solve the governing equations by using Newton mathematical technique and various combination of parameters of heat transfer obtain from sugar radiation are analyzed. The moisture contains surrounding the equipment results negligible amount of impact over the performance. Fig. 4 show that predicts the nature of time dependence of the average refrigerant film thickness in condenser.

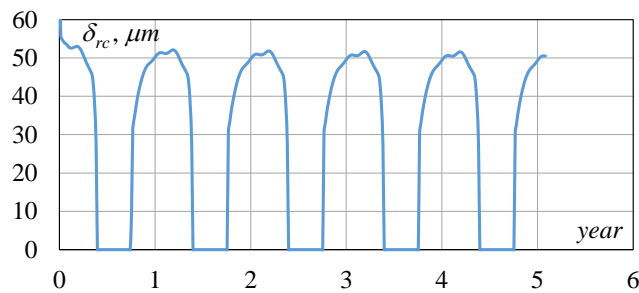


Figure 4. The time dependence of the average refrigerant film thickness in condenser

Investigation of dependence in above Figure predicts that maximum thermal resistance to the condensate film is not higher than 1.039e-4 m²·K/W. This amount is significantly lower than the thermal resistance of the condenser, that is about 2.383e-2 m²·K/W. The error was developed by the absence of a film in the analysis is within the error of mathematical investigation method .

Thermal resistance of refrigerant film does not affect the freezing radius. The condition of the isotherm of 0.69 °C in the calculation without the film is not shown here, so that no visible differences during comparison to the calculation where the film was taken into account. ProblemNo 3 solved.

Fig. 5 predicts the estimated temperature distribution, in the soil around the thermosyphon. Freezing radius r_{fr} at a depth of $z=-4.9m$ is shown. A cold temperature zone is formed near the thermosyphon.

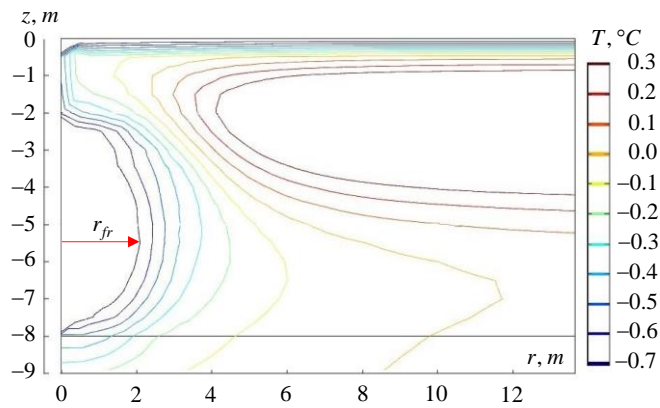


Fig. 5. The expected temperature distribution in the soil around the thermosyphon.

Fig.6 Temperature dynamics at the points $r=r_{fr}$ for proposed model & the model given in [12].

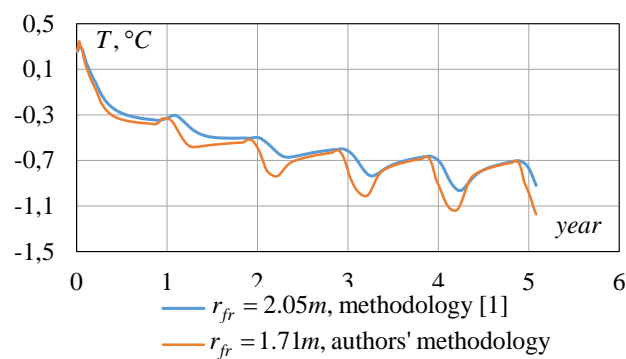


Figure 6. Temperature dynamic, distance $r=r_{fr}$ and $z=-5m$.

Mathematical investigation predicts that after 5 years, temperature of the soil in the proposed model, is 0.59 °C at a distance $r_{fr}=1.57$ m from the central axis. At the same time, the calculation according to the model in [12] give the distance $r_{fr} = 2.03$ m. Thus, the calculation according to the authors' model of thermosyphon leads to reduction in the radius of freezing by 18%..

4. CONCLUSION

The investigator have developed the formula for analyzing the average film thickness of liquid refrigerant used on the inner surface & in all parts of the thermosyphon: condenser, overground pipe, underground heat insulated pipe, evaporator (23) – (26). The mathematical investigation predicts the thermal resistance of refrigerant film is second orders less as compare the thermal resistance of the condenser. Thus the experimental analysis for the temperature regime of soil is possible without considering the refrigerant film thickness. The expressions for analyzing absorbed ,direct, diffuse & reflected solar radiation by the condenser & over ground pipe is obtained (38). Useful data for a formula coincide with meteorological parametric range: direct normal irradiance, direct horizontal irradiance, diffuse horizontal irradiance, albedo of ground surface. Comparison of present model with the model given in [12] is done. The considerable difference between the models is found in the method of calculation of absorbed solar radiation in condenser and over ground pipe of a thermosyphon. The outcome analysis of two models of system two-phase thermosyphon – soil – atmosphere gives that the proposed model minimizing the freezing radius & the maximal gap between thermosyphons by 17%.

Nomenclatures

A_{su}	albedo of ground surface, u.f.
r_f	
b_{ai}	back radiation factor of atmosphere, u.f.
r	
C_{fr}	isobaric heat capacity of frozen soil, $Jkg^{-1}K^{-1}$
C_{soi}	isobaric heat capacity of soil, $Jkg^{-1}K^{-1}$
l	
C_{th}	isobaric heat capacity of thawed soil, $Jkg^{-1}K^{-1}$
ed	absorbed diffuse solar radiation by condenser, W
$eref$	absorbed reflected solar radiation by condenser, W
er	absorbed solar radiation by condenser butt end, W
$esun$	Absorbed diffuse solar radiation by thermosyphon, W
fa	surface area of solar radiation diffusion in the atmosphere, m^2
f_{con}	condenser area, m^2
G	acceleration of gravity, $m s^{-2}$
G_s	diffuse horizontal irradiance, Wm^{-2}
un	
ha	vertical distance from the surface of the condenserto the surface of solar radiationdiffusion, m
J	flow of liquid refrigerant, $kg s^{-1}$
K_c	overall heat transfer coefficient of condenser, $Wm^{-1}K^{-1}$
on	
K_e	overall heat transfer coefficient of evaporator, $Wm^{-1}K^{-1}$
vp	
K_o	overall heat transfer coefficient of overgroundpipe, $Wm^{-1}K^{-1}$
g	
K_u	overall heat transfer coefficient of undergroundpipe, $Wm^{-1}K^{-1}$
g	
L_{rf}	heat of refrigerant vaporization, $J kg^{-1}$
L_w	heat of fusion, Jkg^{-1}
l_{con}	length of condenser, Wm^{-1}
l_{evp}	length of evaporator, Wm^{-1}
l_{og}	length of overgroundpipe, Wm^{-1}
l_{ug}	length of undergroundpipe, Wm^{-1}
n_a	inner ground-normal vector
n_{co}	condenser surface normal vector
n	
n_{su}	outward ground-normal vector
r_f	
Pr	Prundtl number of air, d.l.
a	
Q_i	inward heat flux on the surface of the ground, Wm^{-2}
nw	
Q_s	global horizontal irradiance, Wm^{-2}
un	
q_{co}	linearheatsourcein condenser, Wm^{-1}
n	
q_{ev}	linearheatsourceinevaporator, Wm^{-1}
p	
q_{og}	linearheatsourceinovergroundpipe, Wm^{-1}
q_t	linearheatsourceinthermosyphon, Wm^{-1}

q_{ug}	linear heat source in underground pipe, Wm^{-1}
R	distance from the surface of the condenser to the surface of solar radiation diffusion, m
R_c	condenser radius, m
R_{ev}	evaporator radius, m
R_r	fin radius, m
R	projection of R on the surface of the ground, m
r_{fr}	radius of freezing, m
s	the distance between fins, m
S_N	surface of unfinned area of condenser, m^2
S_{su}	direct horizontal irradiance, Wm^{-2}
S'_s	direct normal irradiance, $W m^{-2}$
S_v	direct vertical irradiance, Wm^{-2}
T	time, s
T	temperature of soil, K
T_{ai}	temperature of air, K
T_{bf}	soil freezing point, K
T_g	temperature of refrigerant gaseous phase, K
T_{in}	soil freezing interval, K
V_a	wind speed, ms^{-1}
z_0	ground level, m
z_{ev}	top of evaporator, m
z_{lo}	bottom of thermosyphon, m
z_{up}	top of thermosyphon, m
reek Symbols	
α_N	convective heat transfer coefficient for overground pipe, $W \cdot m^{-2} \cdot K^{-1}$
α_r	convective heat transfer coefficient for condenser fin, $W \cdot m^{-2} \cdot K^{-1}$
α_R	convective heat transfer coefficient for side surface of condenser fin, $W \cdot m^{-2} \cdot K^{-1}$
α_{su}	convective heat transfer coefficient on the surface of the ground, $W \cdot m^{-2} \cdot K^{-1}$
ψ_c	condenser wall thickness, m
ψ_{ev}	evaporator wall thickness, m
ψ_r	refrigerant film thickness, m
ψ_{r0}	initial refrigerant film thickness, m
ψ_{ra}	average refrigerant film thickness, m
δ_{rc}	refrigerant film thickness in lowest point of condenser, m
ψ_{re}	average refrigerant film thickness in evaporator, m
ψ_{rc}	average refrigerant film thickness in condenser, m

a	
ψ_{ro}	average refrigerant film thickness in overground pipe, m
a	
ψ_{ru}	average refrigerant film thickness in underground pipe, m
a	
ψ_{sn}	snow thickness, m
ϵ_{ow}	
γ_{con}	emissivity of condenser surface, u.f.
γ_{og}	emissivity of overground pipe surface, u.f.
γ_{sur}	emissivity of ground surface, u.f.
f	
Θ	angle in a cylindrical coordinate system, rad
η_a	thermal conductivity of air, $W m^{-1}K^{-1}$
η_{co}	thermal conductivity of condenser material, $W m^{-1}K^{-1}$
n	
η_{evp}	thermal conductivity of evaporator material, $W m^{-1}K^{-1}$
η_{fr}	thermal conductivity of frozen soil, $W m^{-1}K^{-1}$
η_{hi}	thermal conductivity of heat insulation, $W m^{-1}K^{-1}$
η_R	thermal conductivity of material of finning, $W m^{-1}K^{-1}$
η_{rf}	thermal conductivity of refrigerant, $W m^{-1}K^{-1}$
η_{th}	thermal conductivity of thawed soil, $W m^{-1}K^{-1}$
ν_a	air viscosity, m^2s^{-1}
ν_{rf}	liquid refrigerant viscosity, m^2s^{-1}
ρ_{rf}	density of liquidrefrigerant, kgm^{-3}
ρ_{so}	density of soil, $kg m^{-3}$
il	
ρ_{sk}	density of dry soil, $kg m^{-3}$
ρ_w	content of water in the soil, $kg m^{-3}$
tot	
ρ_w	maximal content of water in the soil, $kg m^{-3}$
max	
ρ_w	content of non-freezingwater in the soil, $kg m^{-3}$
nf	
ρ_{sn}	density of the snow, $kg m^{-3}$
ϵ_{ow}	
σ_0	Stefan Boltzmann's constant, $W m^{-2} K^{-4}$
φ_a	angle between R and n_a
φ_{co}	angle between R and n_{con}
n	
∇	divergence operator
V	gradient operator

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