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Measuring cable temperature inside the cable tray

Overview

Temperature Monitoring in Power Cables Monitoring Our temperature monitoring in power cables detects early hotspots and prevents insulation failure, Overhe.

Key Takeaways

Cable temperature inside a tray can be effectively monitored using distributed fiber optic sensors, thermocouples, or linear hot spot detectors for real-time detection and early warning of overheating.Fiber Optic Temperature Sensing

Distributed Fiber Optic Temperature Sensing (DTS) is widely used for monitoring cable trays. Fiber optic sensors can be installed along the tray in several ways:

• Surface Installation: Sensors are mounted directly on the tray surface to monitor ambient and cable surface temperatures.

• Suspension Installation: Sensors are suspended along straight sections of the tray, ensuring close contact with the tray surface.

• Cable Threading: Sensors are threaded through holes or ropes inside the tray, ideal for curved or complex sections, providing direct monitoring of the cable environment. This method allows continuous, real-time monitoring, early detection of hotspots, and remote monitoring over long distances, sometimes up to 50 km, with high spatial resolution (1-meter increments) and minimal maintenance requirements (Lightraman, Yokogawa) .
Thermocouple-Based Systems

Thermocouple systems, such as the Xco Continuous Thermocouple FTLD™, provide real-time temperature monitoring across large areas or long cable runs. These systems can detect temperatures from -40°C to 177°C and include pre-alarms, alarms, and rate-of-change alerts. They are particularly useful for early warning in the "dead band" range where conventional detectors may not respond, helping prevent cable insulation damage or fire hazards .

Linear Hot Spot Detectors

Systems like the Senkox TDS-CT use linear heat sensors to provide continuous coverage along the cable tray. These sensors are durable, flexible, and resistant to stretching or bending, making them suitable for various tray configurations. They detect the exact position, size, and rate of temperature change of hotspots in real-time, and are compatible with control panels for monitoring and data acquisition .

Integration and Monitoring

Modern cable temperature monitoring systems often integrate with SCADA, DCS, or APM platforms, providing:

• Real-time alerts and notifications

• Historical trend analysis

• Predictive maintenance capabilities

• Enhanced safety and reliability of power cable systems Fiber optic and linear sensor systems are immune to electromagnetic interference, making them suitable for high-voltage environments .
Summary

To measure cable temperature inside a cable tray effectively:

• Choose a sensor type based on tray configuration and environmental conditions (fiber optic, thermocouple, or linear heat detector).

• Install sensors to ensure close contact with cables or tray surfaces.

• Use real-time monitoring systems with early warning capabilities to detect hotspots and prevent insulation failure or fire hazards.

• Integrate with monitoring platforms for predictive maintenance and operational safety. This approach ensures continuous, accurate temperature monitoring, prolongs cable life, and enhances overall network reliability.

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