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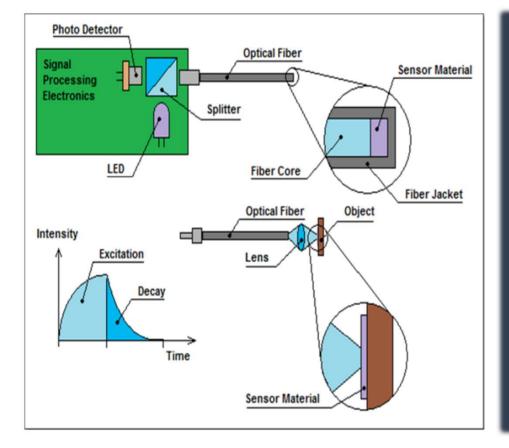
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Condition Based Real Time Switchgear Temperature Monitoring Solution With Fiber Optic Sensor





PRINCIPLE

The fiber optic temperature sensors are based fluorescence decay technology. Upon being stimulated by a light source, electrons inside the sensitive rare earth material absorbs photons, which move from a low to a high state of energy. When they return to the low state, they fluoresce. When the stimulation stops, the fluorescence begins to attenuate exponentially. The duration of attenuation is temperature dependent only. And the temperature can be found out by monitoring the duration of the fluorescence.





With ever-increasing power demands, electric utilities find themselves in a race to maximize the reliability of their electrical assets while minimizing downtime. As a critical junction point in power distribution, switchgear represents one of the most vulnerable links in the power grid. These valuable assets are subject to overheating due to overloaded circuits, unbalanced loads, or loose or damaged. If left unattended, these conditions can lead to failures resulting in costly damage to switchgear and surrounding equipment, power production loss, and in extreme cases, severe injury or death.



Condition-based monitoring has been in practice for some time, but mostly through periodic manual inspection while the switchgear is powered down. Implementing continuous monitoring gives electric utilities the ability to collect data generated during switchgear's normal operating conditions, thereby providing

awareness to problems in real time of asset failure resulting in unplanned downtime. Real-time trending during full load electrical stresses, vibration, insulation breakdown, and environmental influences, quickly provides insight into the health of the utility's asset. When performing continuous monitoring, it is not critical to identify the exact location of degradation, but to understand the trend of the defect over time. Possessing the ability to monitor and trend the most common failure modes allows for planned maintenance events to assess the health of the asset over time versus running the risk.





• IR Sensor

Contactless measurement, measurement limitations are present when adjacent surfaces have different emissivity or reflections. The mounting locations are limited, cannot perform monitoring procedures behind bus insulators and cable shrouds because line of sight is required. Finally, the proper alignment of the single-pixel camera is difficult to achieve and is susceptible to misalignment when subject to vibration and shock.

• Wireless Sensor

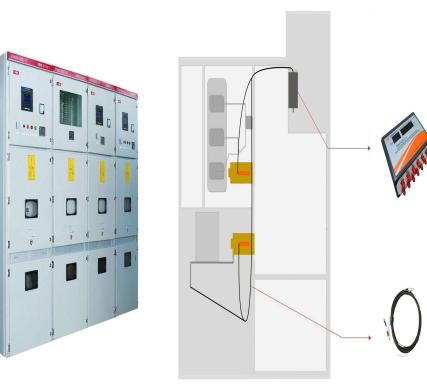
Indirect contact measurement due to metal sensor, System is powered by batteries which have a limited life span. The associated cost of taking the switchgear out of service to replace batteries is untenable from an operational perspective. Biggest problem is easy to be interfered in electromagnetic environment, data lost happens often.

• Fiber-Optic System

The fiber optic is made of glass, due to material feature, it is of high dielectric performance and long lifetime, immune to EMI, can be put onto the (hard to reach) measuring point for the direct contact & real time measurement and measurement accuracy is high.

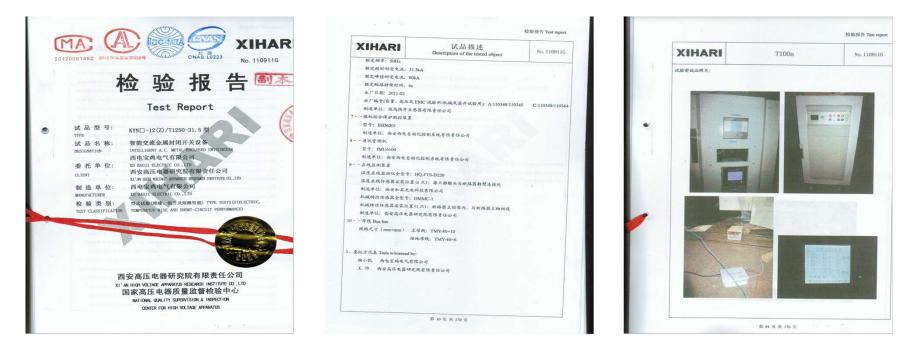
Conclusion: Fiber optic temperature monitoring system is the most reliable and easy to deploy condition based, real time monitoring solution for switchgears.





Temperature Range	-40°C-200°C (depends on probe)
Temperature Accuracy	±1℃
Temperature Resolution	0.1°C
Number of Channels	Up to 12 channels
Temperature Unit	°C
Display Mode	Digital tube display
Response Frequency	1 second per channel
Temperature Frequency	1Hz
Optic Interface	ST Optic Connector
Power Supply	220VAC 24V DC
Digital Interface	Two RS-485
Power Consumption	< 6W
Communication Protocol	Modbus
Fiber Optic Length	To confirm





Type Tested in China's XIHARI Lab with Switchgear Manufactured by China XD Group





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