Temperature measurement of the busbar of the distribution cabinet

Overview

The sensor is positioned at a safe distance from the busbar to avoid the risk of an electric arc, and will measure the surface temperature within a small spot.

Key Takeaways

Busbar temperature in distribution cabinets is best monitored using non-contact infrared sensors, fiber optic sensors, or embedded temperature sensors to ensure safety, accuracy, and continuous monitoring.

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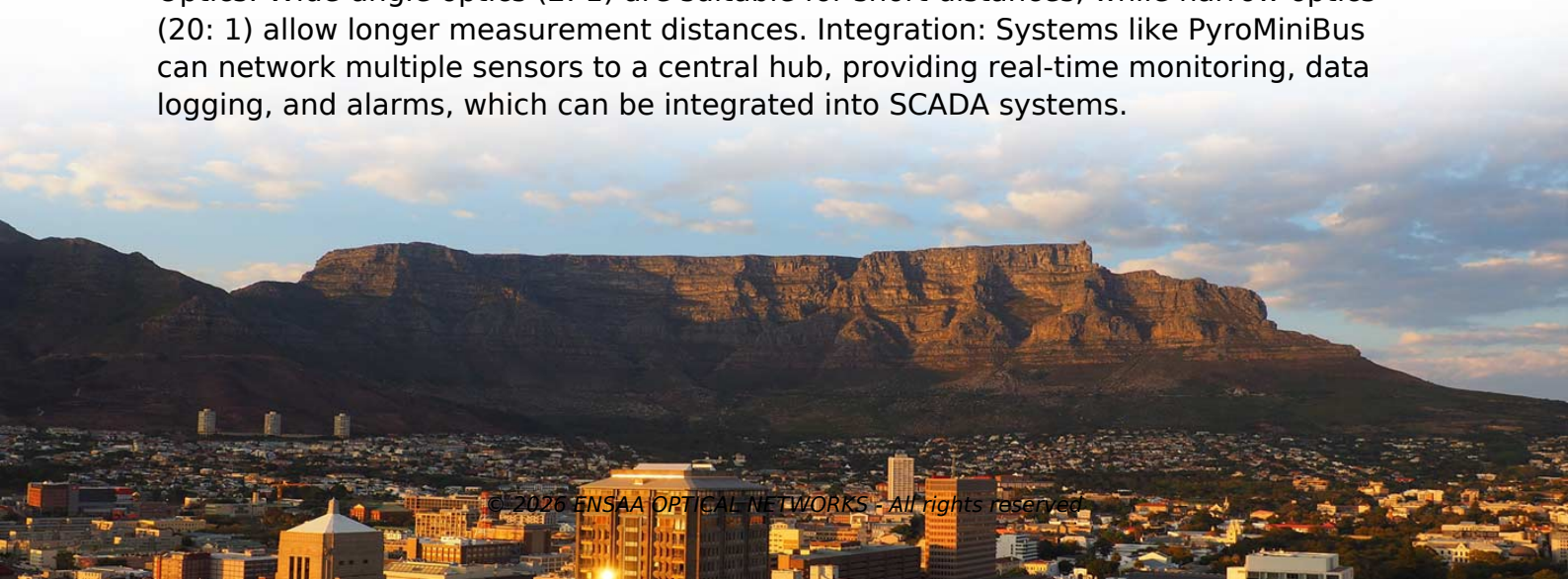
Contact Infrared (IR) SensorsNon-contact IR sensors are widely used for busbar temperature measurement because they provide instant readings without physical contact, reducing the risk of electric shock or arc hazards. Key points include: Installation: Sensors are mounted inside the switchgear cabinet at a safe distance from the busbar. Surface Preparation: Painting the busbar surface with high-emissivity paint improves measurement accuracy.

Optics: Wide-angle optics (2: 1) are suitable for short distances, while narrow optics (20: 1) allow longer measurement distances. Integration: Systems like PyroMiniBus can network multiple sensors to a central hub, providing real-time monitoring, data logging, and alarms, which can be integrated into SCADA systems.



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Fiber Optic Temperature Sensors

Fiber optic sensors, such as the DTSX system, are ideal for long bus ducts or complex routing where electromagnetic interference is high. Advantages include: Electromagnetic Immunity: Fiber optics are unaffected by strong electrical fields. Continuous Monitoring: They provide 24/7 temperature monitoring along the entire busbar length.

Localization: Abnormal hotspots can be pinpointed with high spatial resolution, enabling timely maintenance. Integration: Can be connected to control systems for alarms and historical data analysis.

Embedded Temperature Sensors

Embedded sensors, such as PT100 bolt sensors, can be permanently installed in drilled holes on the busbar to measure internal temperatures directly. Benefits include: Consistent Measurement: Always measures the same spot, reducing variability caused by ambient cooling. Automated Alerts: Sensors can trigger alarms when temperatures exceed thresholds.

Data Logging: Continuous recording allows trend analysis and predictive maintenance.

Best Practices

Monitor Critical Points: Focus on busbar joints and bolted connections, which are prone to overheating due to increased resistance. Preventive Maintenance: Early detection of temperature rise allows tightening of bolts or other corrective actions before failure occurs. Integration with SCADA: Centralized monitoring enables real-time visualization, alarm management, and historical analysis for maintenance planning.

Environmental Considerations: Ensure sensors can operate within the ambient temperature range of the cabinet, typically up to 120°C for IR sensors. By combining these methods, distribution cabinets can achieve safe, accurate, and continuous busbar temperature monitoring, reducing the risk of equipment failure, fire, and operational downtime.

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Busbar temperature

After drilling a small hole in the busbar, a Neuron PT100 Bolt sensor can be screwed into the hole to continuously measure the internal temperature of the busbar.

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Busbar circuit breaker wireless temperature measurement-Inductive

Wireless temperature measurement system, specially built for high voltage electrical contact temperature monitoring. It can accurately measure the temperature of exposed contacts, busbar

DTSX Application Note

Burnouts in a power bus bar can be prevented by quickly and accurately detecting abnormal rises in temperature and locating the hot spots. As bus bars are surrounded by strong electric fields,

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Busbar Junction Temperature Measurement in LT Distribution Panel

Objective / Requirement As a part of preventive and predictive maintenance of LT distribution panels in commercial and industrial application, it is also very much essential to measure the temperature of

Non-Contact Busbar Temperature Monitoring

Non-Contact Busbar Temperature Monitoring Busbars are critical in switchgear, substations, and power distribution units (PDUs) for reliable and efficient power

Busbar temperature

Both the high current and busbar temperature are safety hazards when performing manual measurements. IoT monitoring solves the issue.

Implementation of standard IEC 61439

The IEC 61439 series of standards sets out the regulations for power distribution boards as well as assemblies for power distribution in public networks, construction sites, and for prefabricated busbar

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To address these issues, we developed a smart, non-destructive system utilising thermal imaging for continuous monitoring of busbars. Thermal imaging offers non-invasive detection of

DTSX Application Note

The Yokogawa DTSX is a unique and innovative temperature monitoring solution that uses an optical fiber cable as a temperature sensor. Since the sensor is not affected by electromagnetic noise, the

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Switchgear and Busbar Temperature Monitoring

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