Standard value for temperature accuracy of temperature sensing optical cable

Overview

In this article, the manual calibration approach was developed using the model-independent Parameters Estimation (PEST), together with the external temperature sensors as references for the DTS system.

Key Takeaways

Fiber optic temperature sensing systems, including DTS and FBG-based sensors, typically achieve temperature accuracies ranging from ±0. 1°C to ±1°C depending on technology, calibration, and environmental conditions. Distributed Temperature Sensing (DTS) AccuracyDTS systems use standard optical fibers to measure temperature along the cable length, often over tens of kilometers, with spatial resolutions down to one meter.

Raman-based DT

S systems determine temperature by analyzing the ratio of Stokes and anti-Stokes backscattered light. Typical temperature accuracy for Raman DTS systems is in the range of ±1°C, with temperature resolution (ability to detect small changes) often better than 0. 1°C over short distances.

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S systems, such as those combining Distributed Acoustic Sensing (DAS) with DTS, can improve response time and resolution, particularly for long-distance monitoring (>50 km) in applications like power cable or pipeline monitoring. Fiber Bragg Grating (FBG) SensorsFBG sensors are point-based or multiplexed along a single fiber and measure temperature by detecting shifts in reflected wavelength caused by thermal expansion of the fiber core. Typical wavelength accuracy is around 5 pm, corresponding to a temperature accuracy of ±0.

1°C to ±0. 5°C, depending on calibration and environmental conditions.

FB

Gs offer high spatial resolution and are suitable for high-definition temperature mapping over short to medium distances (up to several hundred meters per channel) with fast measurement frequencies (up to 6 kHz),. Fluorescent Point SensorsFluorescent-based optical fiber sensors measure temperature at a single point by detecting the decay time of a fluorescent material excited by a light source. These sensors are highly stable, immune to electromagnetic interference, and provide calibration-free, accurate readings with long-term reliability.

Accuracy is typically within ±0. 1°C, making them suitable for critical applications such as transformer hot-spot monitoring.

Standards and Guidelines

While there is no single universal standard for all fiber optic temperature sensors, multiple organizations provide guidance: IEEE, IEC, ASTM, ISHMII, SEAFOM, and SAE have developed standards for fiber optic sensors, covering performance, calibration, and environmental testing. Standards address accuracy, spatial resolution, response time, and environmental robustness, ensuring that developers and users can compare and implement fiber optic temperature sensing systems reliably. Users are advised to consult specific standards documents for detailed requirements, as these are often organization-specific and may need to be purchased from the respective standards body.

Practical Considerations

Environmental factors such as temperature extremes, mechanical stress, and electromagnetic interference can affect accuracy; protective coatings and proper installation mitigate these effects. Calibration is essential for achieving the stated accuracy, particularly for long-distance DTS systems or multiplexed FBG arrays. Application-specific selection: Raman DTS is preferred for long-distance monitoring, FBGs for high-resolution multipoint sensing, and fluorescent sensors for critical single-point measurements.

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In summary, temperature sensing optical cables can achieve accuracies from ±0. 1°C to ±1°C, depending on the sensing technology, calibration, and environmental conditions, with standards provided by IEEE, IEC, ASTM, and other organizations to guide performance and implementation.

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