

Chapter 6: Surface Thermometry – Thermographic Phosphors

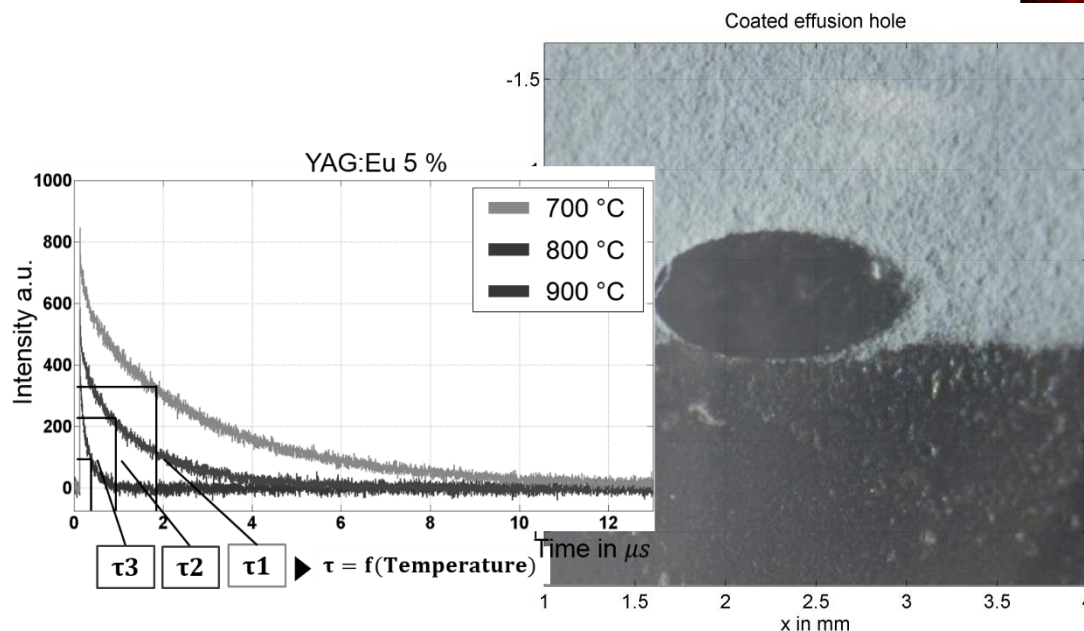
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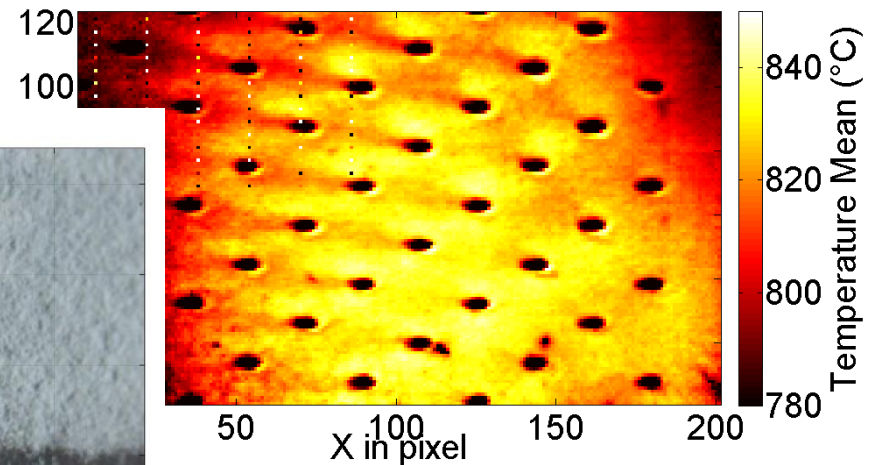
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Outline phosphor thermometry

- Introduction & Motivation
- “Decay-Time Method” versus “Ratio Method”: comparing precision and accuracy
- Error treatment for decay-time method
- Application examples



Thermocouples

- Invasive, limited spatial and temporal resolution, only point measurements

Pyrometry (Infrared thermometry)

- Emission coefficient generally unknown
- Sensitive against chemiluminescence and stray light

Temperature sensitive paints (TSP - coated), thermoliquid crystals (TLC)

- Temperature range $< 380 \text{ K}$

Heat sensitive paints (HSP - coated)

- No temporal resolution

Thermographic phosphors (TGP – coated)

- + Broad temperature sensitive range (7 K -1870 K)
- + Insensitive against blackbody radiation, stray light and chemiluminescence
- + High spatial and temporal resolution, 2D diagnostics



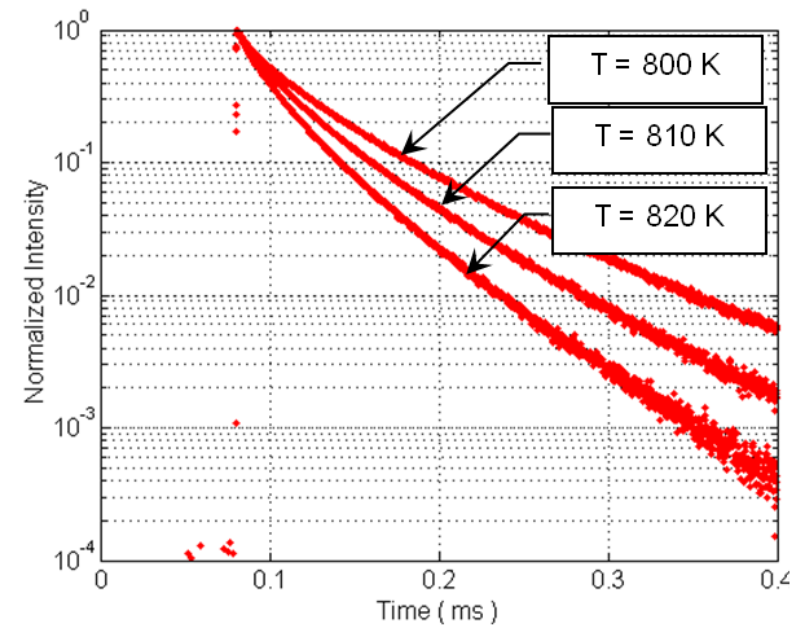
Thermographic phosphors:

- Rare-earth or transition metal doped ceramic materials
- Exploit temperature dependent spectroscopic properties following electronic excitation

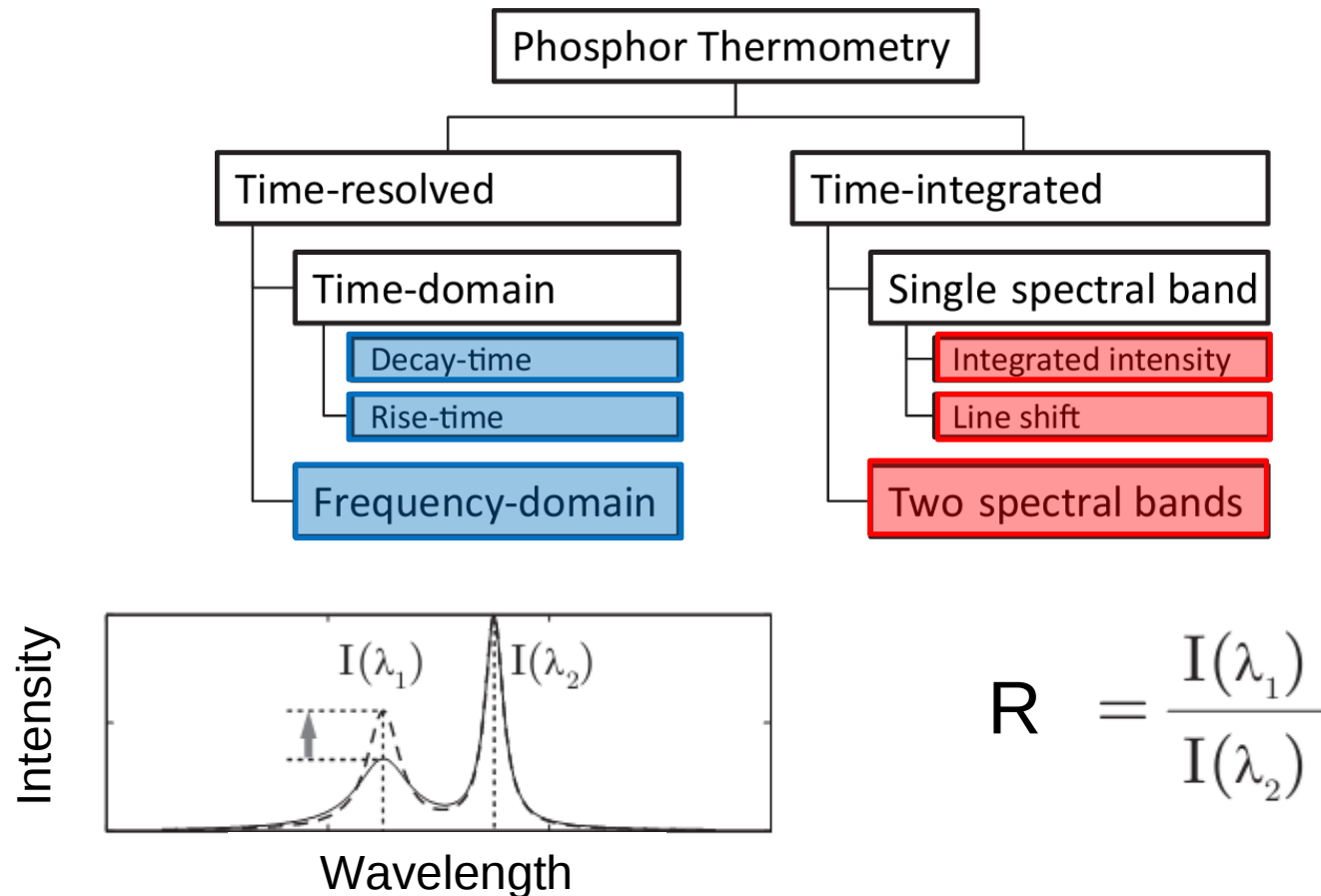
Introduction & Motivation I

Principle of Phosphor Thermometry:

- Coat surface with thermographic phosphor
- Excite coating with UV-light source
- Detect emission with appropriate device either
 - time-resolved (fixed spectral range) or
 - Time-integrated and spectrally resolved (fixed temporal range)

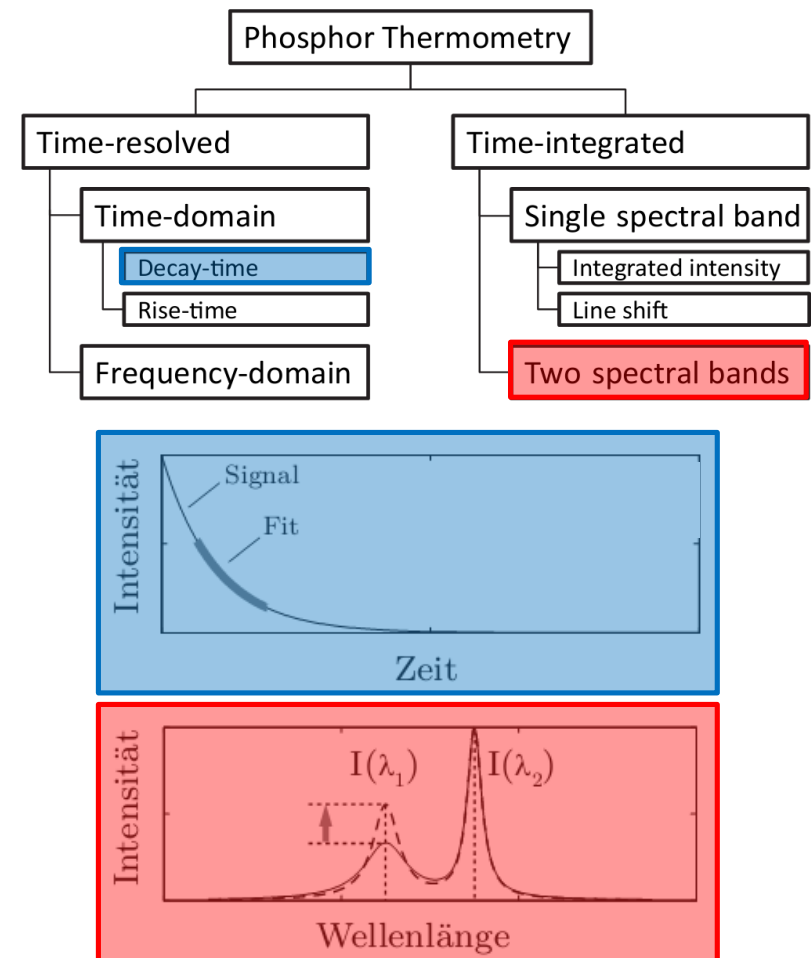


Approaches of Phosphor Thermometry



Introduction & Motivation III

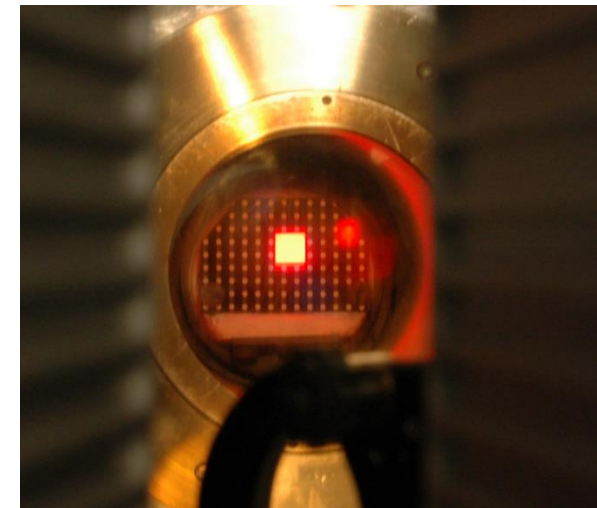
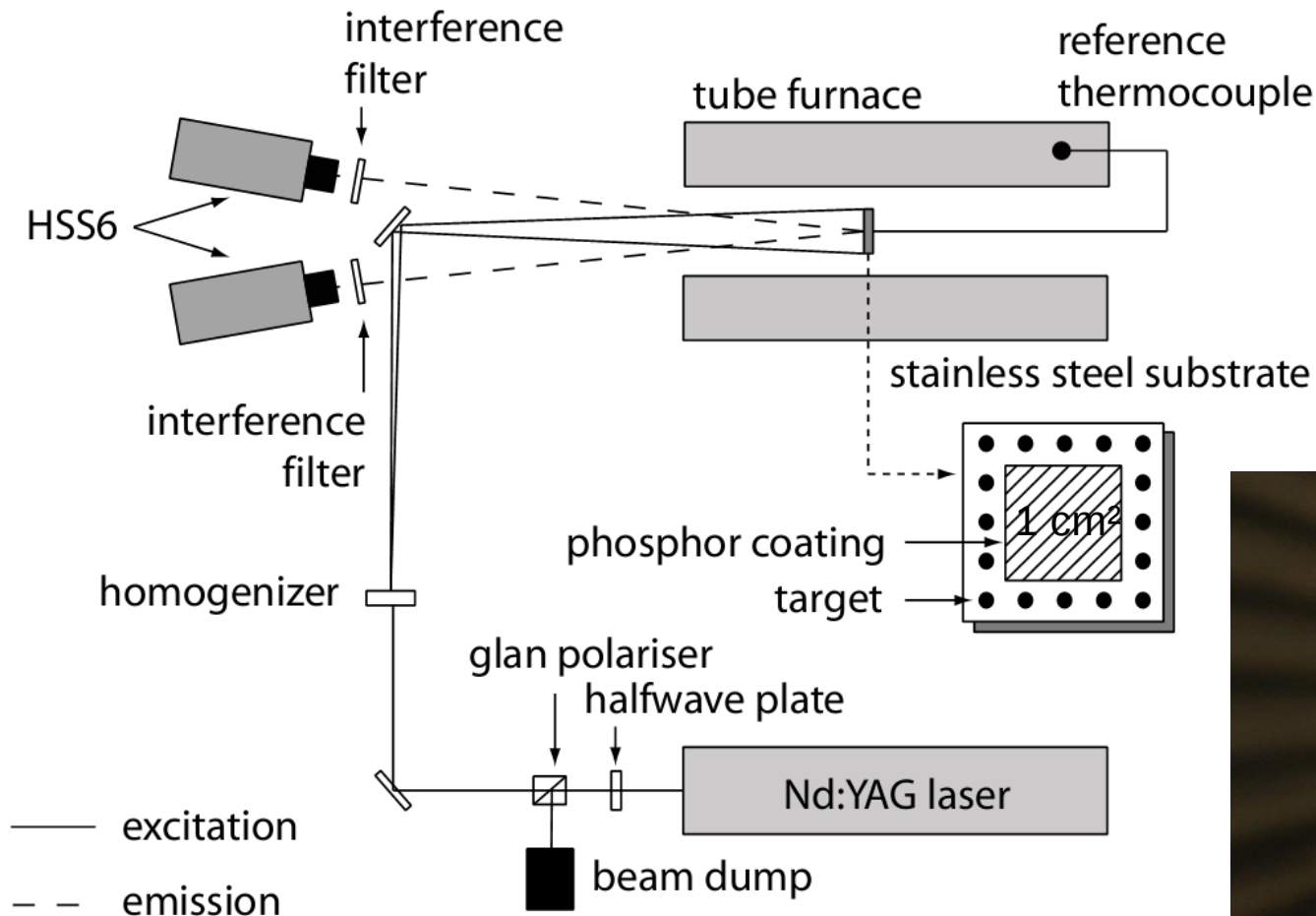
- Comparison of the two most popular approaches:
 - Luminescence Lifetime (Decay-time)
 - Intensity Ratio (Two-line)
- Motivation:
 - Decision support required for users
 - Comparison to highlight pros vs cons
 - Investigation of sensitivities, precision, accuracy and application
- Procedure
 - Use two CMOS high-speed cameras (same data-set)
 - Exemplified for phosphor which exhibits sensitivities in both approaches: $\text{Mg}_4\text{FGeO}_6\text{:Mn}$



Experimental Setup



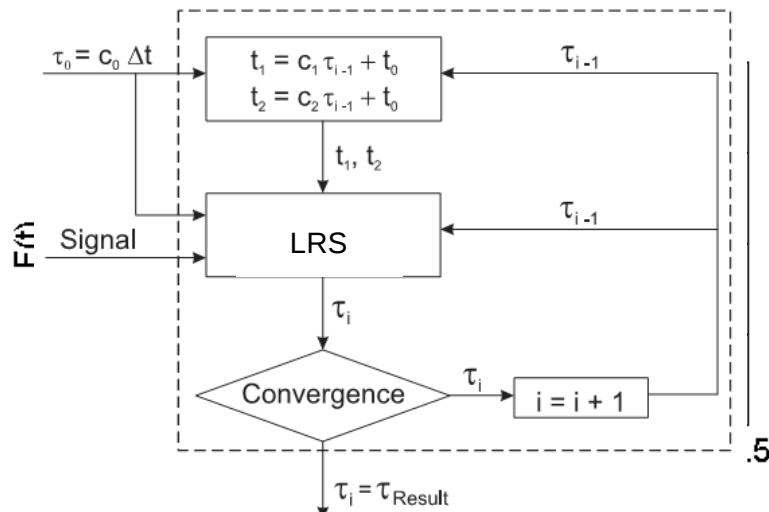
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- Nonlinearity intensity-correction of the CMOS Chip
- Image matching by pinhole model (Software: Davis 7)

Lifetime

- Pixelwise fitting of waveforms
- Brübach Algorithm + Linear Regression of the Sum (LRS)



Intensity ratio

- Pixelwise temporal integration:

$$R = \frac{\int_{t_1}^{t_2} I_{633 \text{ nm}}(t) dt}{\int_{t_1}^{t_2} I_{660 \text{ nm}}(t) dt}$$

- Two ratios R1 and R2 used:

- R1: $t_1 = t_0 + 100 \mu\text{s}$
 $t_2 = t_0 + 120 \mu\text{s}$
(corresponds to 1 image @50kHz)

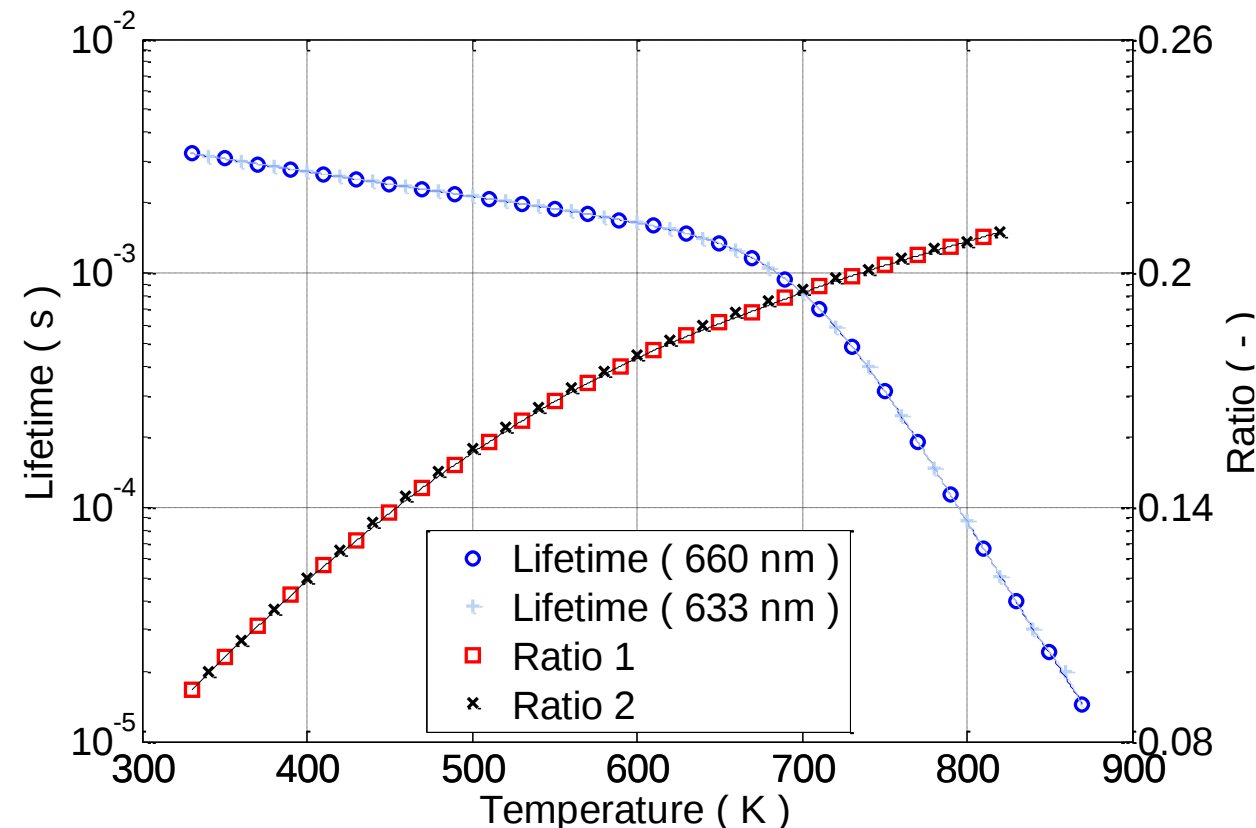
- R2: $t_1 = t_0 + 100 \mu\text{s}$
 $t_2 = t_0 + 1100 \mu\text{s}$
(corresponds to 50 images @50kHz)

Brübach, J. et al., Opt. Laser Eng., 47 (1), 2009

Everest, M. A. et al., Rev. Sci. Instrum., 79, 2008

Results: Temperature dependent characteristics

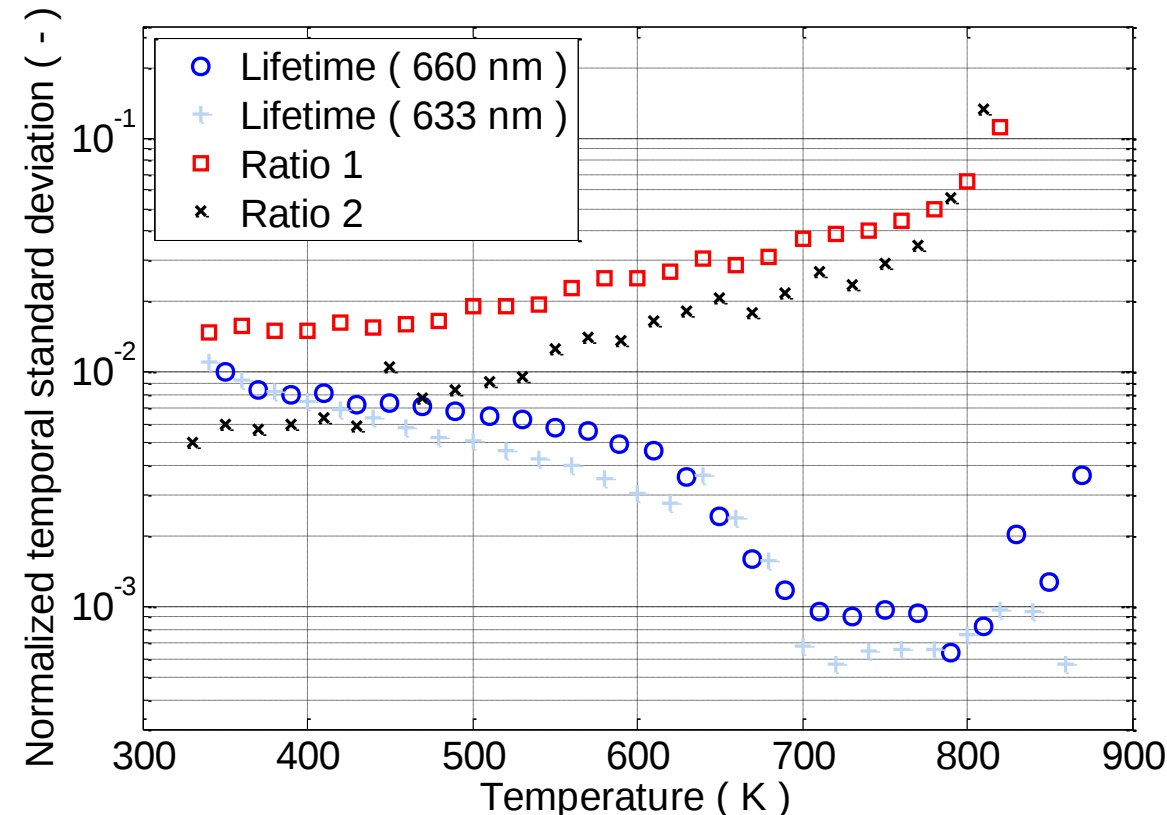
- Temperature-Lifetime / Temperature-Ratio characteristics



- Temperature-Lifetime characteristics of both spectral bands similar
- Temperature-Ratio characteristics for both ratios similar as well
- Very different sensitivities for lifetime approach and only slightly differing sensitivities for ratio approach

Results: Precision I

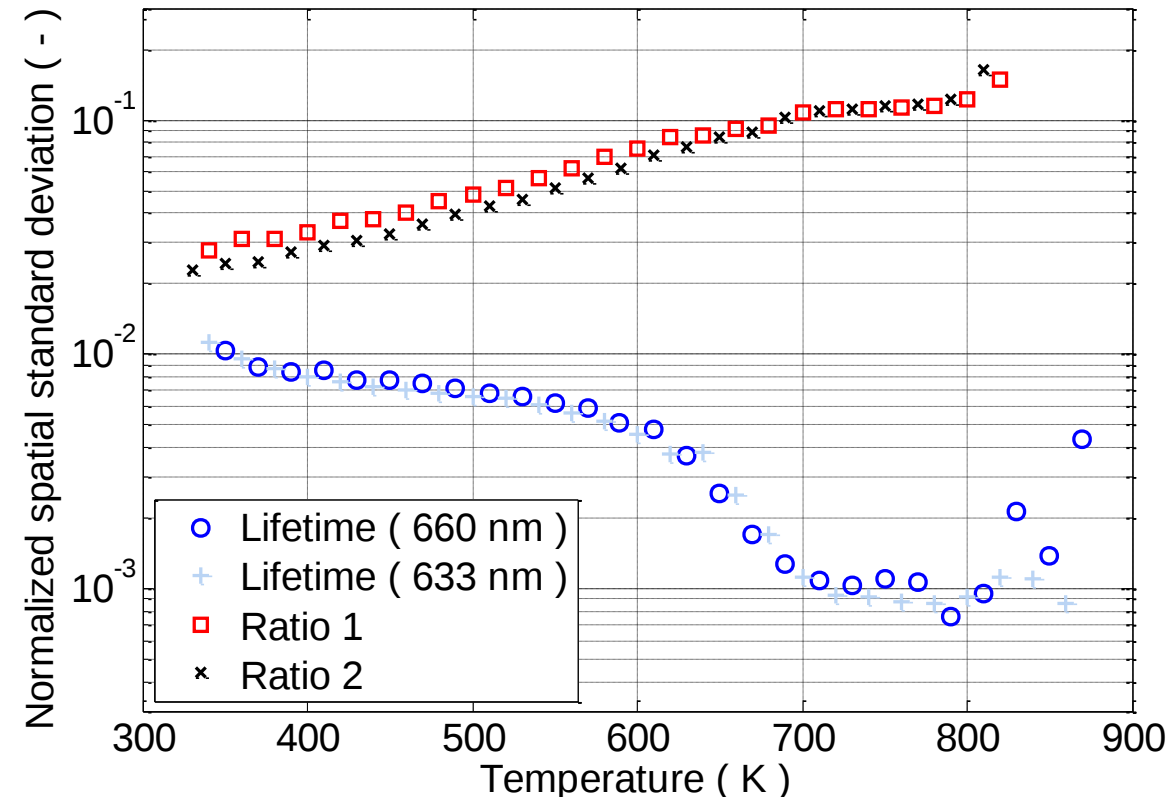
- Shot-to-Shot (**temporal**) standard deviations



- Comparable precision of both techniques at lower temperatures
- Lifetime method ~2 orders of magnitude better at higher temperatures

Results: Precision II

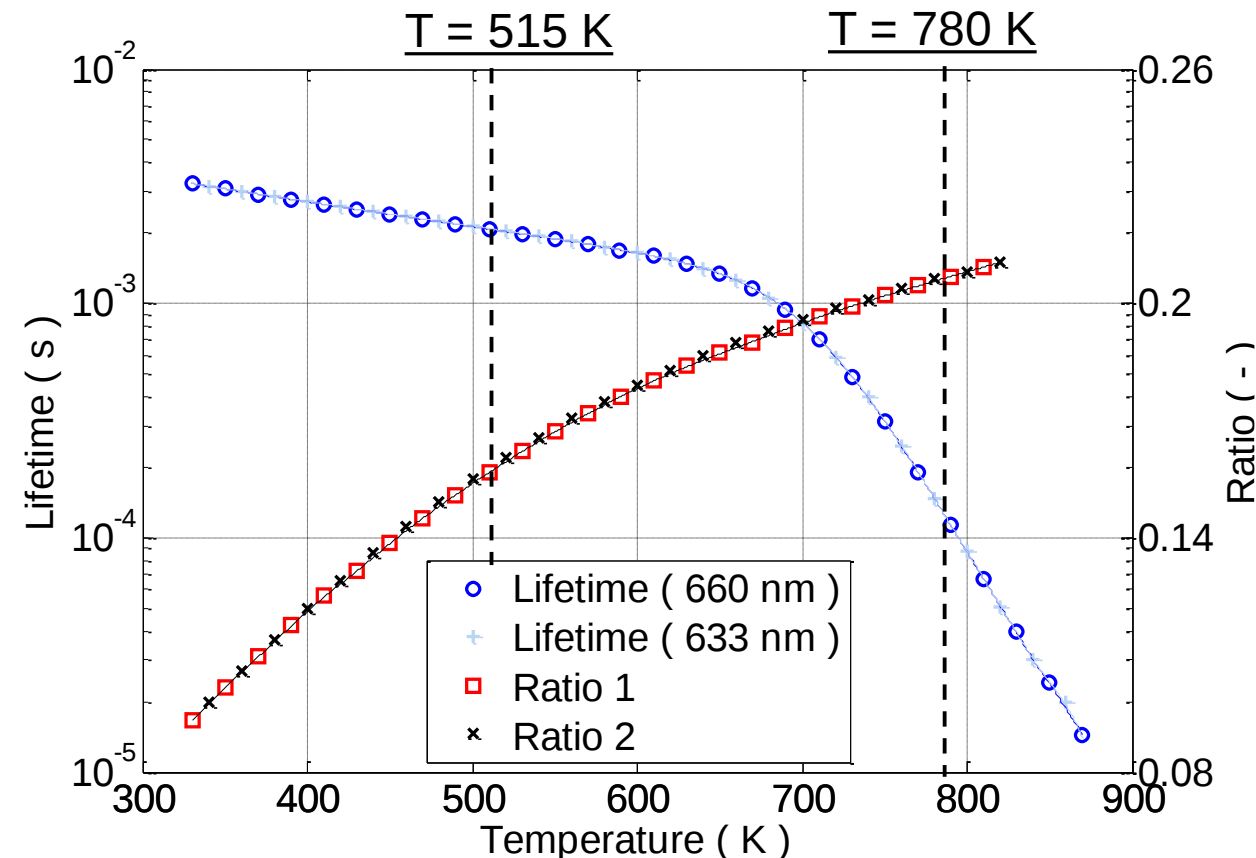
- Pixel-to-pixel (**spatial**) standard deviations



- Huge difference in spatial precision between the two techniques
- Spatial precision of lifetime method superior over the entire temperature range

Results: Accuracy I

- Evaluation of systematic errors

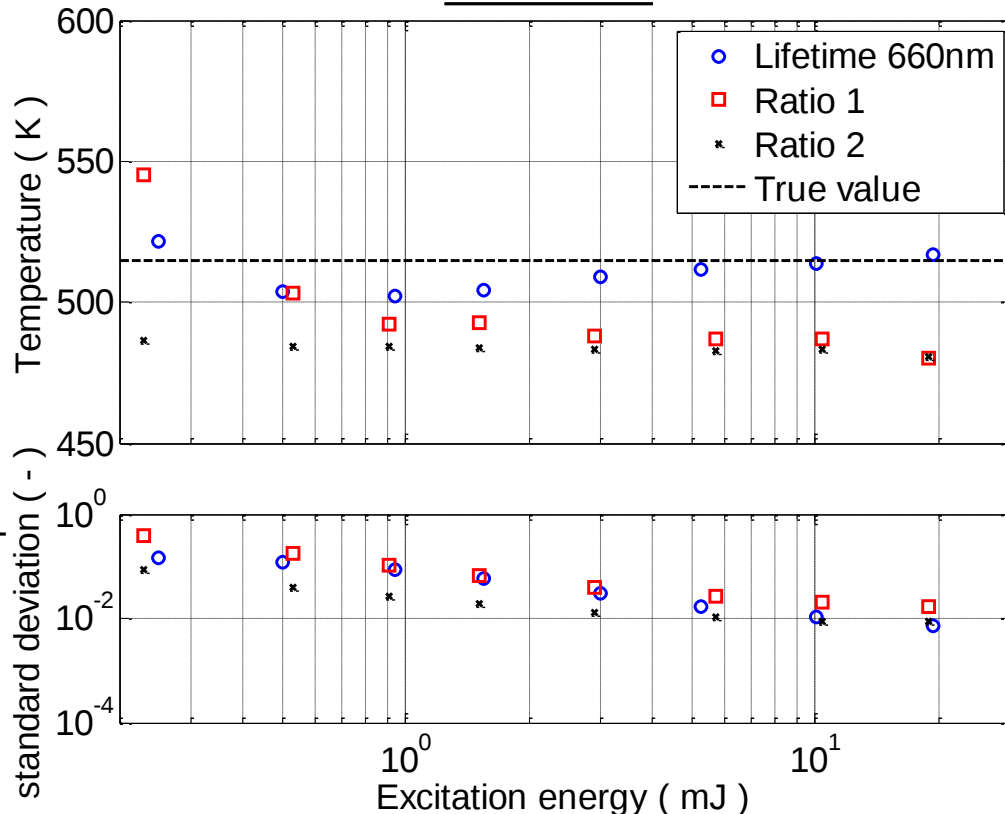


- Evaluated at two different temperatures corresponding to two different sensitivities in the temperature lifetime characteristic
- Calibration at fixed conditions and then parametric variation:
 - Energy variation
 - Changing settings in optical setup

Results: Accuracy II

- Dependency on excitation energy at $T = 515\text{K}$

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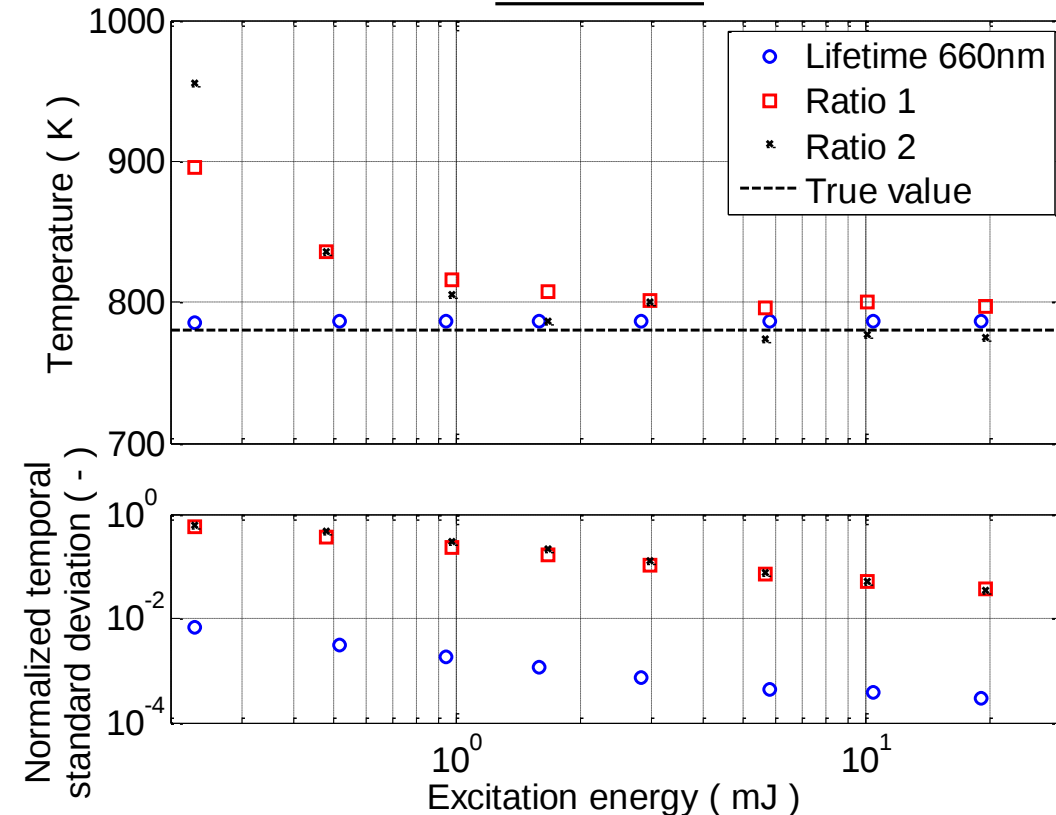


- Inaccuracy for too low excitations energies of lifetime approach well known (i.e. Brübach et al. 2008)
- Ratio 2 rather robust against energy variations, but inaccuracy over whole energy range

Results: Accuracy III

- Dependency on excitation energy at $T = 780\text{K}$

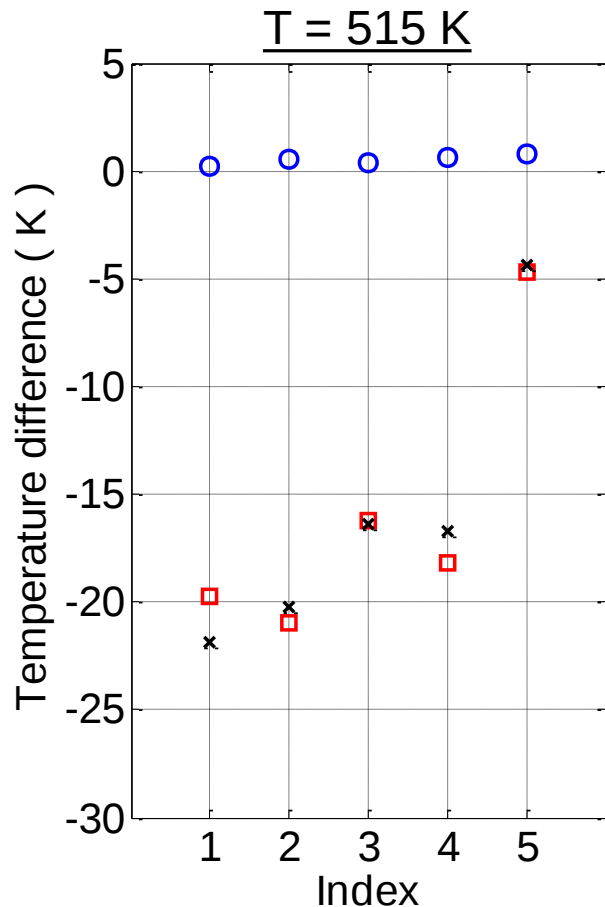
$T = 780\text{ K}$



- Lifetime approach very accurate due to high sensitivity
- Ratio 1 & 2 show overestimation of more than 100 K at lower energies

Results: Accuracy IV

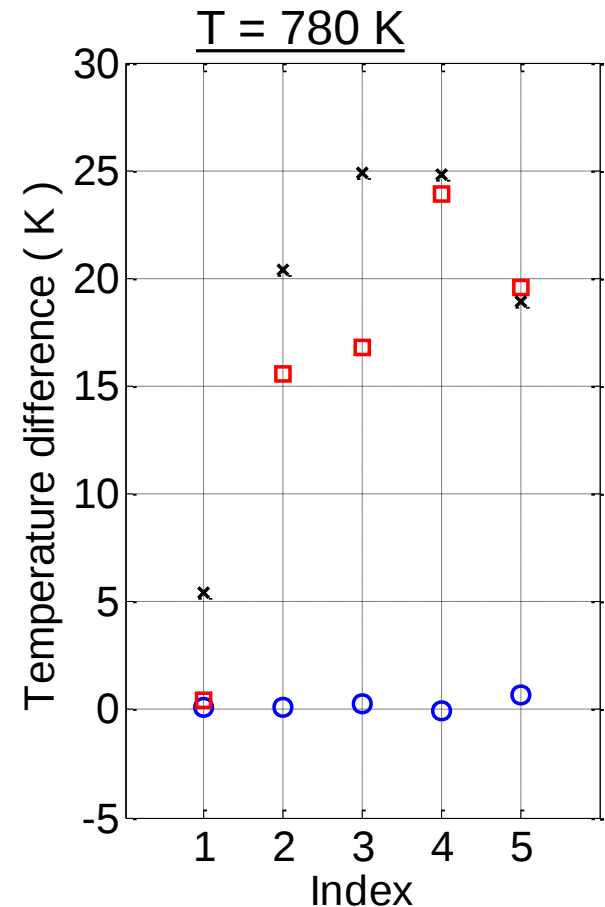
- Accuracy due to changes of settings in the optical setup



○ Lifetime (660 nm)
□ Ratio 1
× Ratio 2

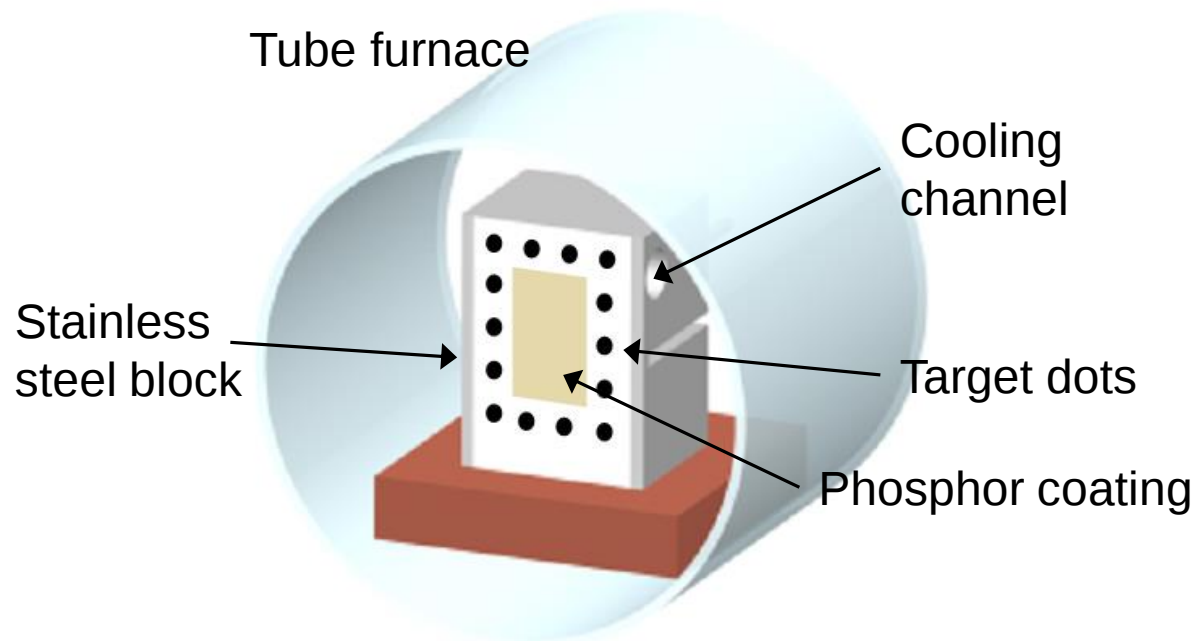
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1 – Filter rotation
2 – Increase distance (1cm)
3 – Increase distance (2cm)
4 – Increase distance (4cm)
5 – Change camera angle



Results: Cooling device I

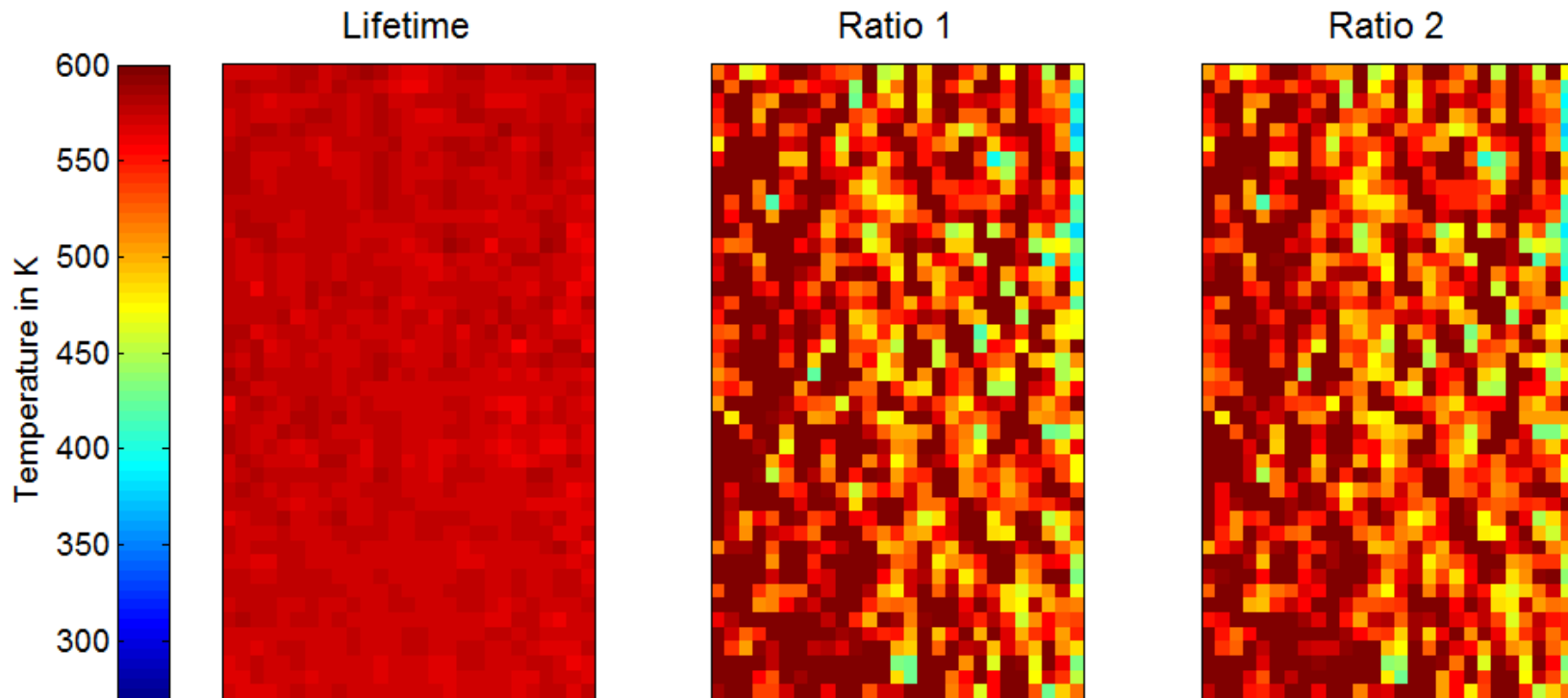
- Stainless steel block with cooling channel placed inside oven
- When block is at designated temperature, cold water is pumped through cooling channel
- For image mapping purposes target dots have been transferred to device



Kissel, T., PhD Thesis, TU Darmstadt, 2011

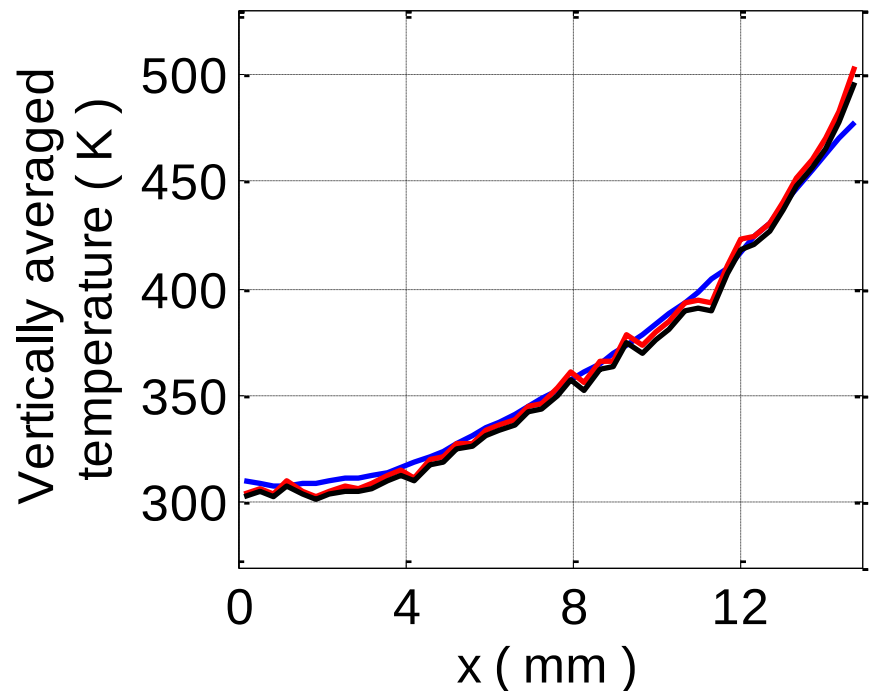
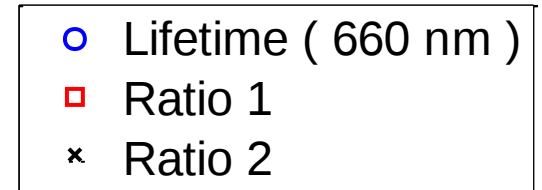
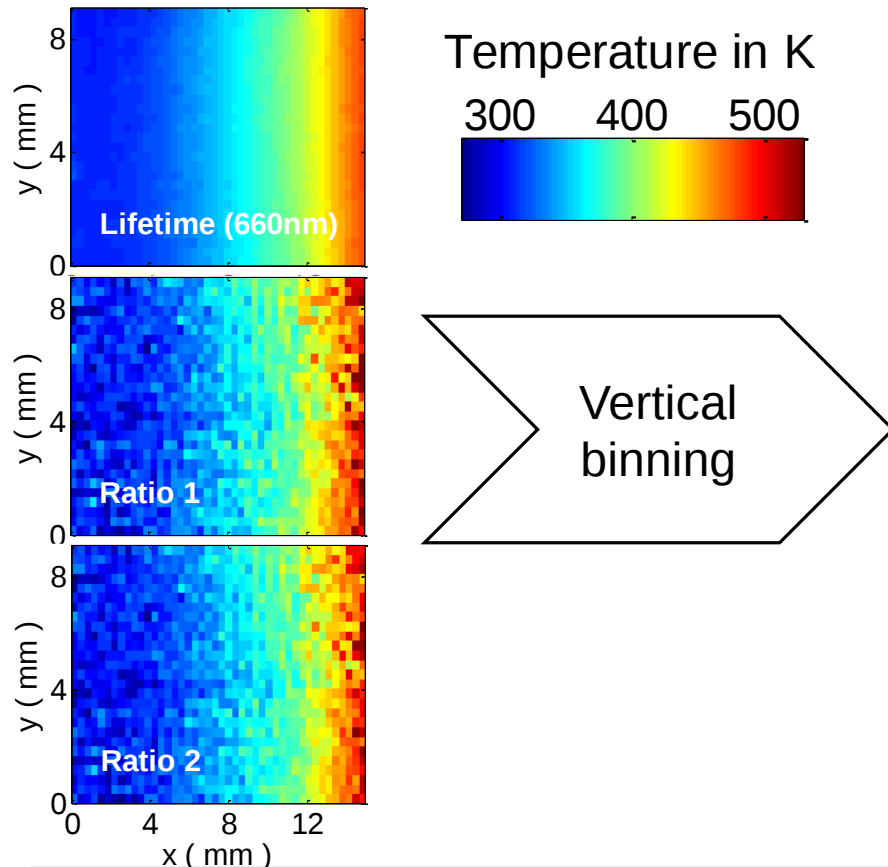
Results: Cooling device II

- Transient Experiment
- Same set of data for all three methods



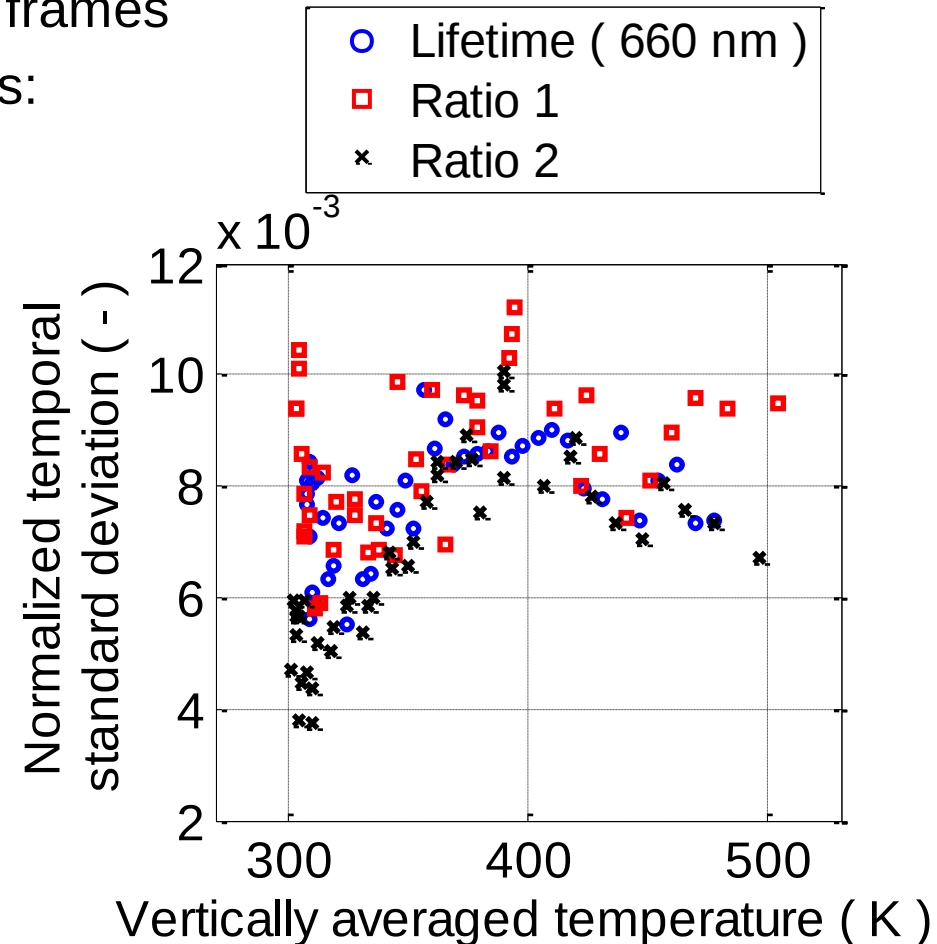
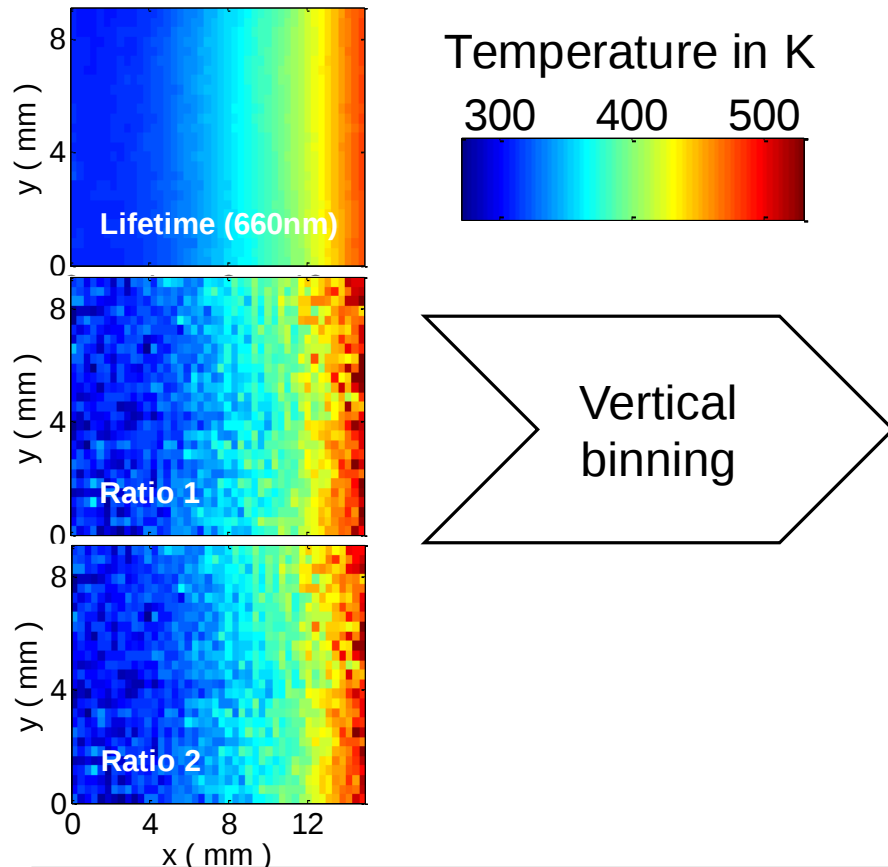
Results: Cooling device III

- Stationary T-distribution over last 16 frames
- Statistics for these temperature maps:



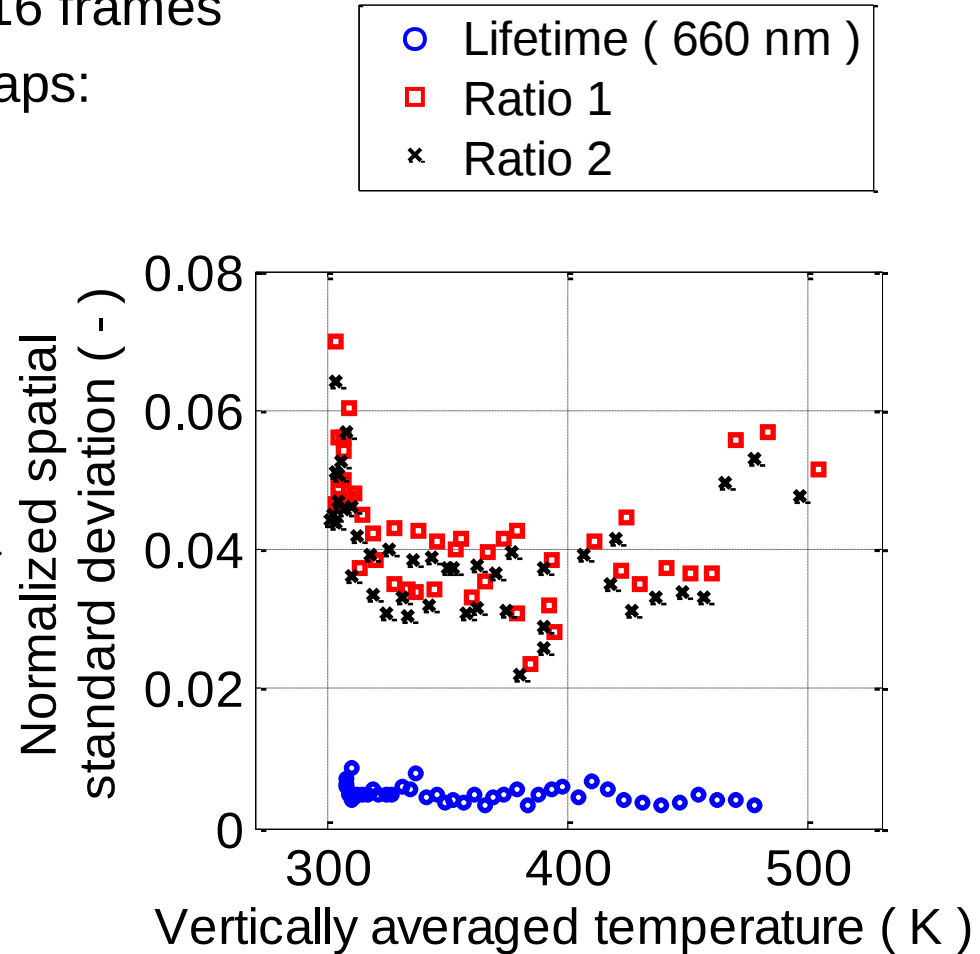
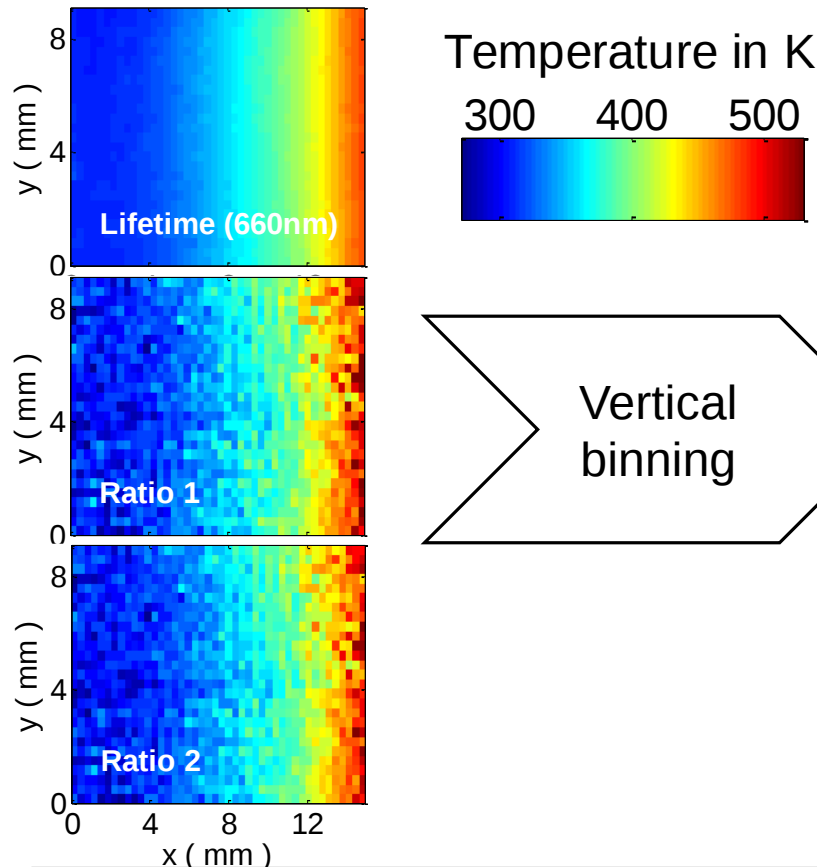
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Summary & Conclusions

Comparison of Mg_4FGeO_6 : Mn for the lifetime and the intensity ratio method in terms of

- Precision
- Accuracy
- Application (cooling device)

Main results

- High temperature range ($>650\text{K}$): Lifetime method is superior in all aspects
- Low temperature range: Lifetime method superior for spatial standard deviation and for accuracy, similar temporal standard deviations
- Only valid for the phosphor under consideration
- For other phosphors similar investigations required

Fuhrmann et al. PCI 34, 2013

1. Introduction
2. Measurement chain / Error sources
3. Applications
4. Summary

For **details** see: Brübach, Pflitsch, Dreizler, Atakan. Prog. Energy Combust. Sci. 39, 37 – 60 (2013)



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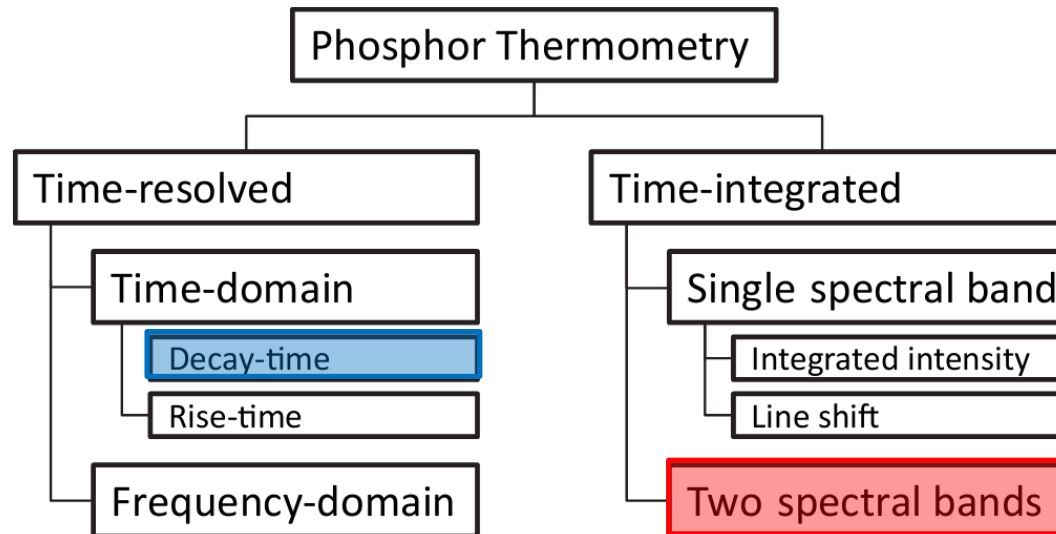
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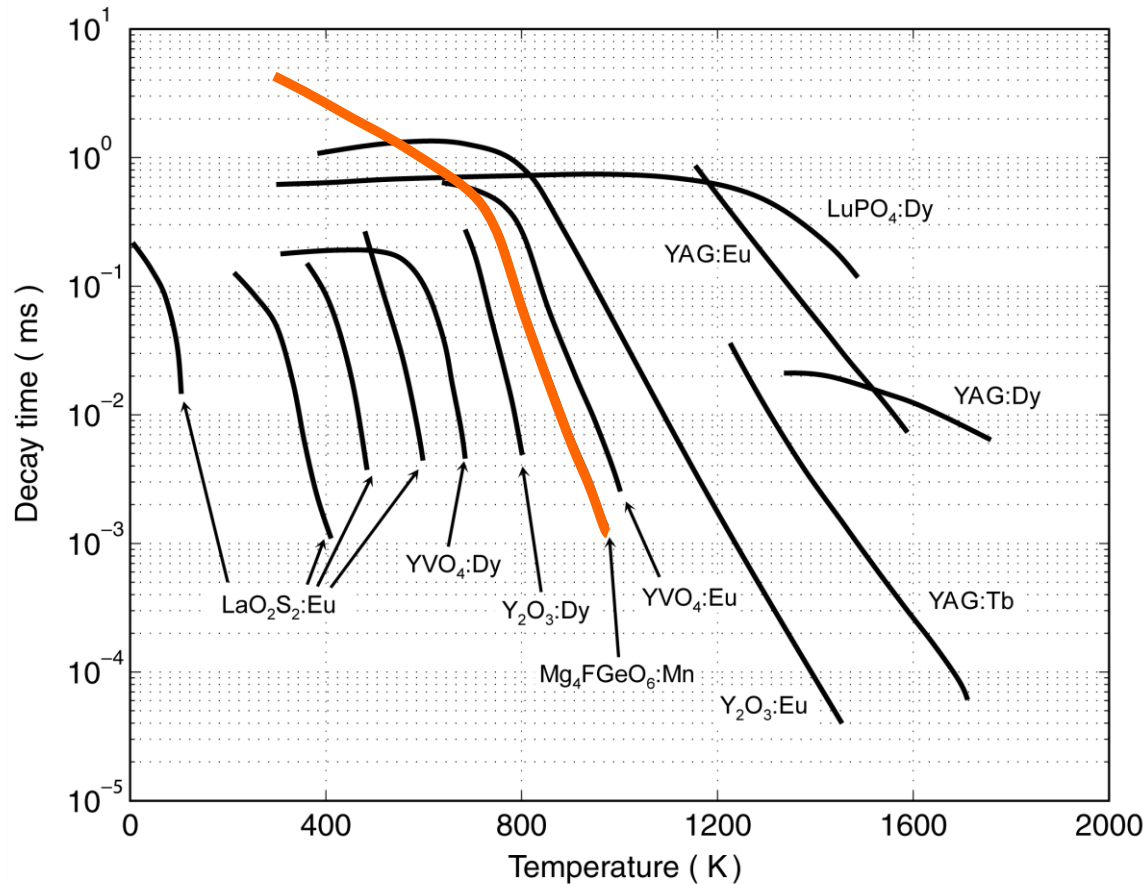
4. Summary

Combustion applications: mostly used approaches

- Most often used approaches are decay-time and two-spectral-band-method
- As discussed: Decay-time method does have the potential for superior precision and accuracy (especially in 2D application); see Fuhrmann, Brübach and Dreizler, PCI 33, 2013
- Decay-time varies with temperature due to varying energy transfer processes



Thermographic Phosphors: materials showing temperature dependent decay times



Approx. 100 different phosphors
documented in literature
See Brübach et al. PECS 2013

Magnesium-Fluorogermanate doped
with manganese:





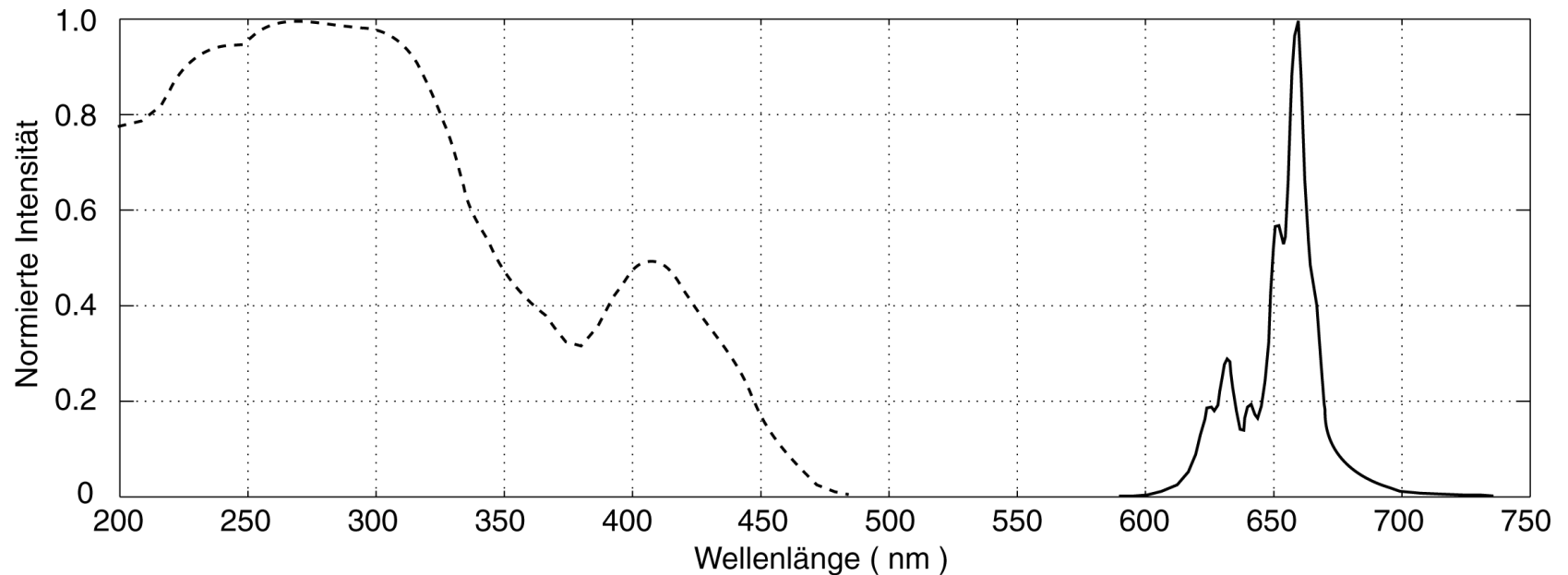
Excitation

Possible by standard laser wavelength



Emission

may interfere with luminous combustion

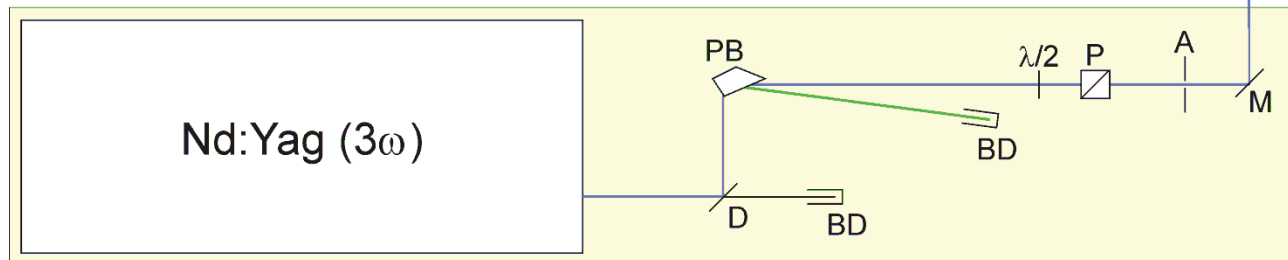
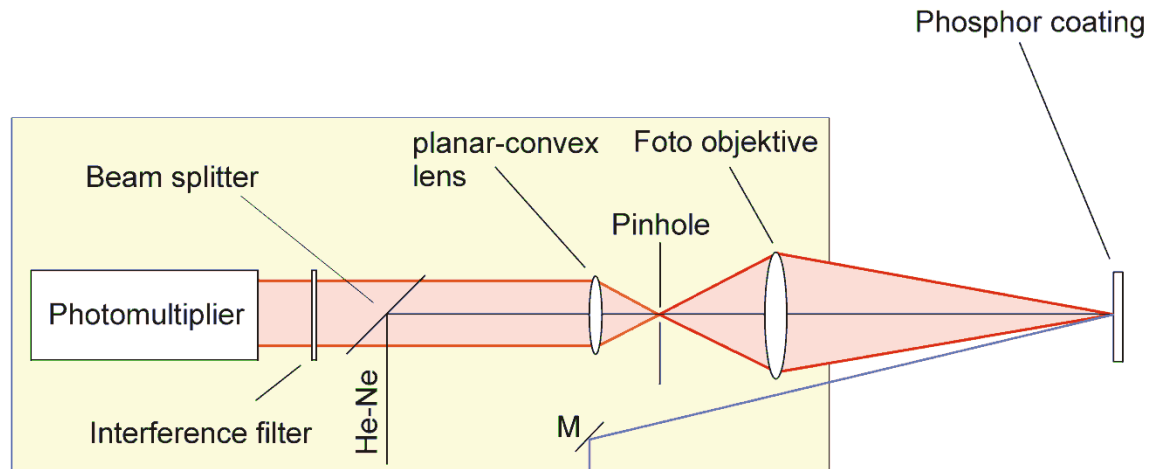


Experimental Setup – 0D



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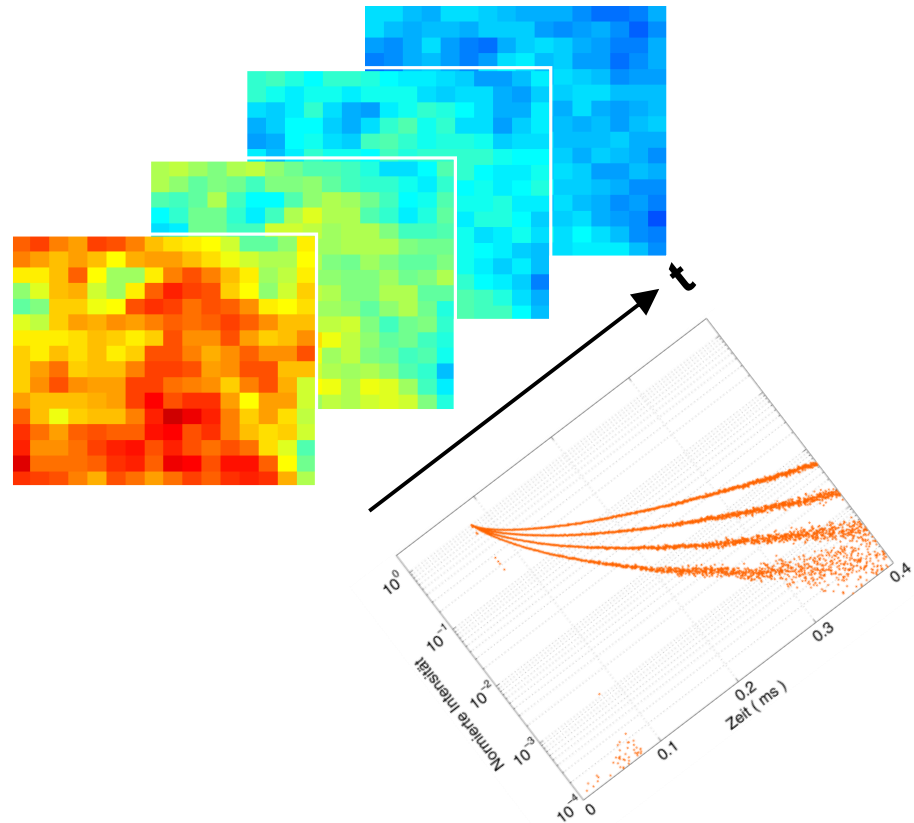
A - Aperture
BD - Beam dump
D - Dichroitic mirror
He-Ne - Helium neon laser
M - Mirror
P - Polarizator
PB - Pellin-Brocca prism
 $\lambda/2$ - Halfwave plate



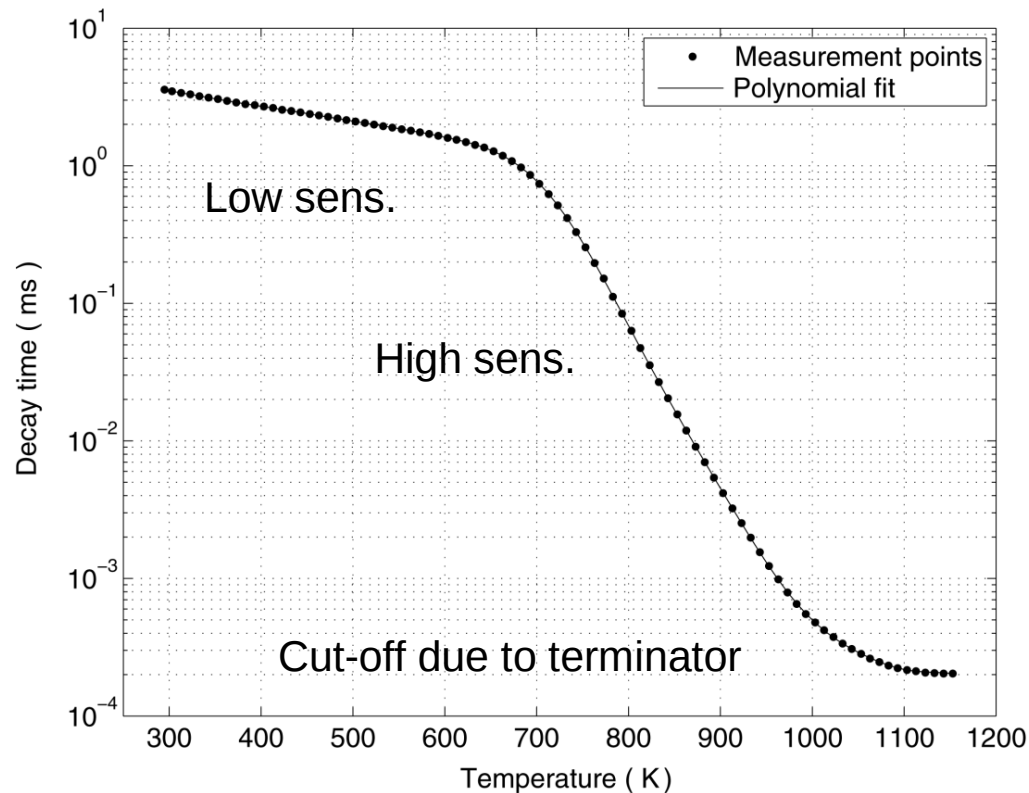
Experimental Setup – 2D

CMOS Kamera LaVision HSS6:

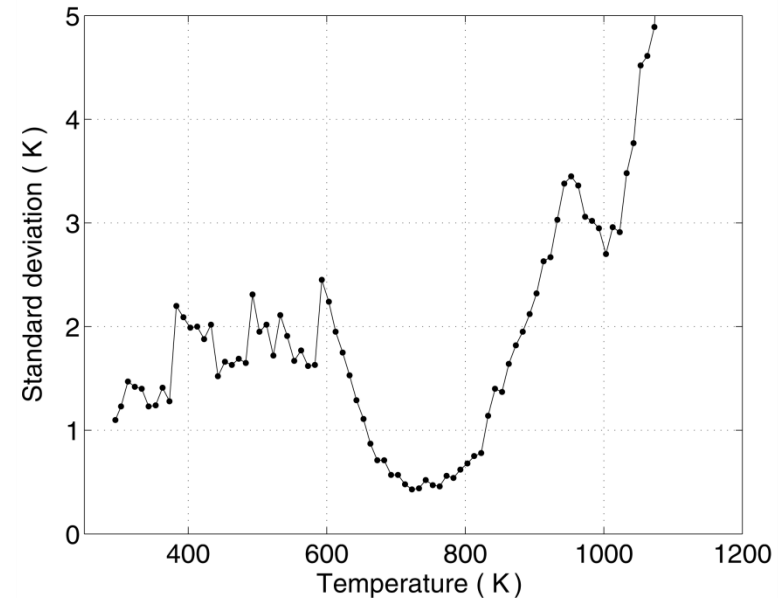
- Dynamic Range: 12 bit
- max. frame rate of 675 kHz at a resolution of 64 x 16 Pixels



Calibration in well-controlled environments (oven)



- Phosphor: $\text{Mg}_4\text{FGeO}_6\text{:Mn}$
- Substrate: Stainless Steel (1.4301)
- Gas phase pressure: 1 bar (air)
- Detection: PMT at 500 Ω





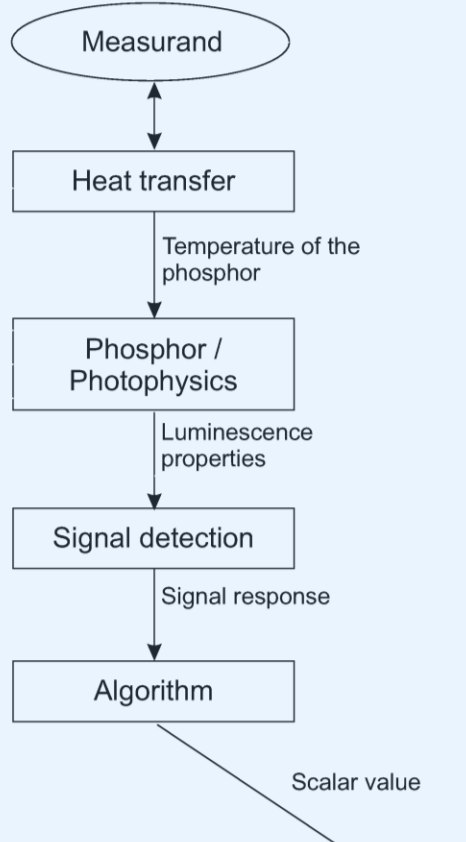
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Measurement chain

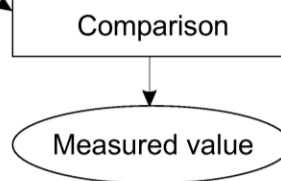
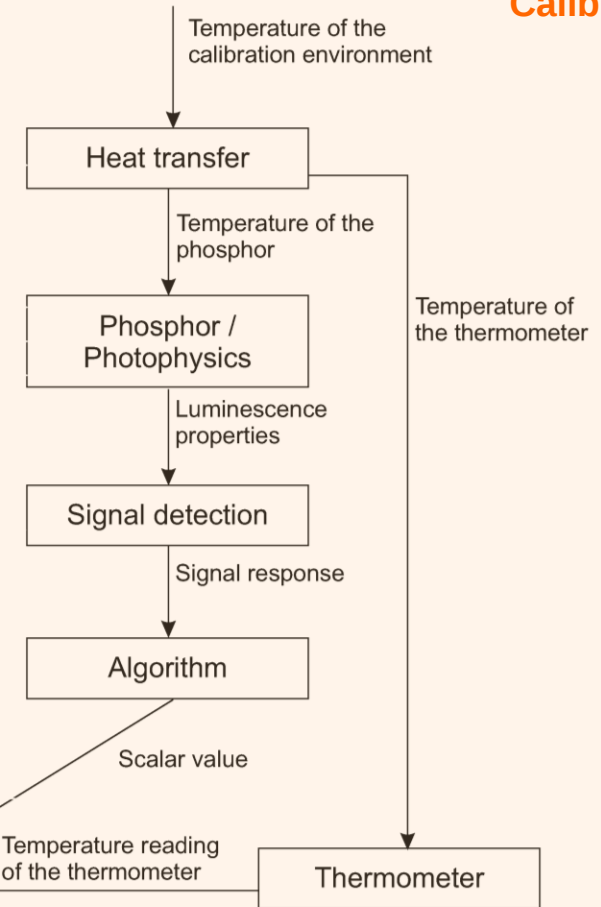


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Actual Measurement



Calibration

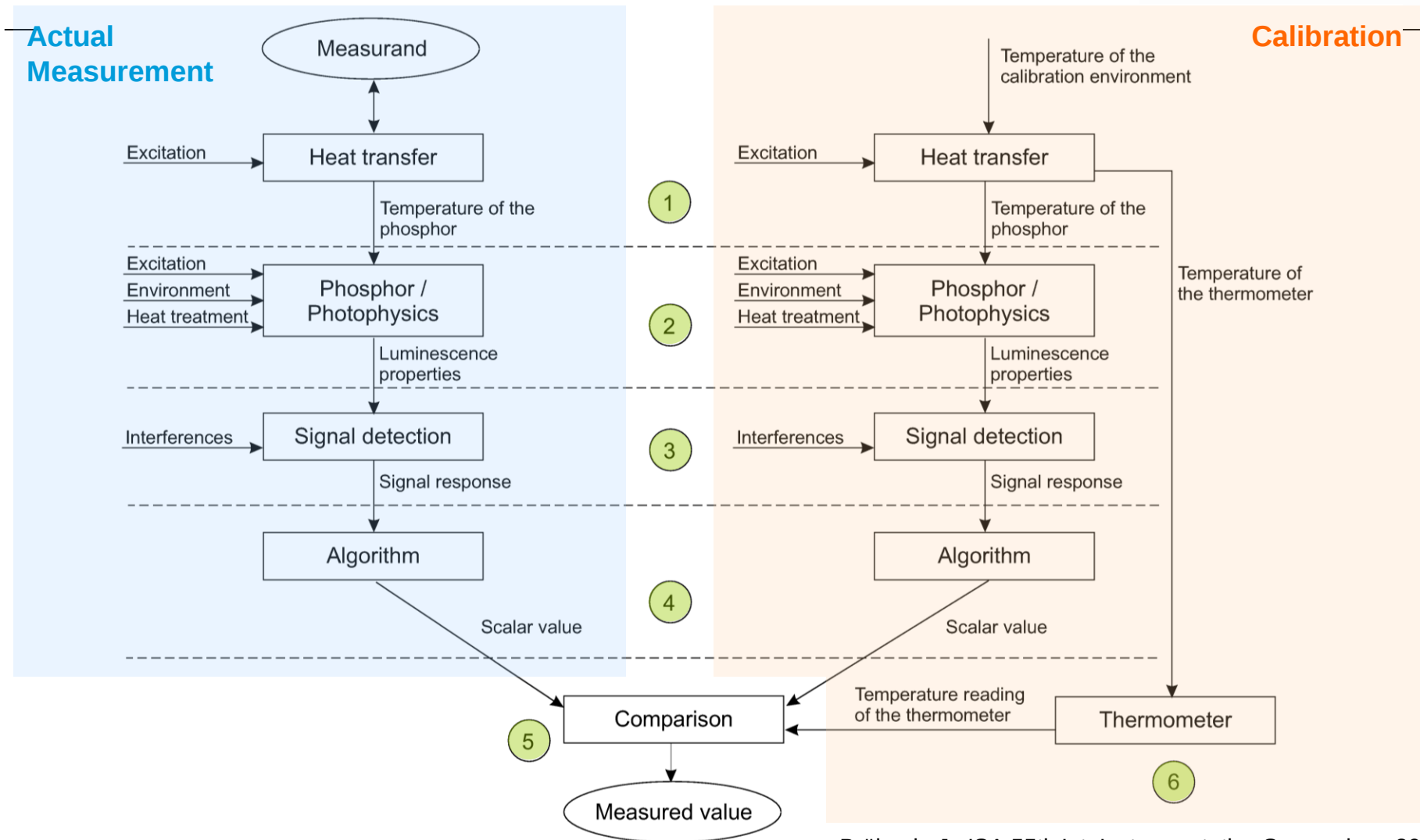


Brübach, J.; ISA 55th Int. Instrumentation Symposium, 2009

Measurement chain

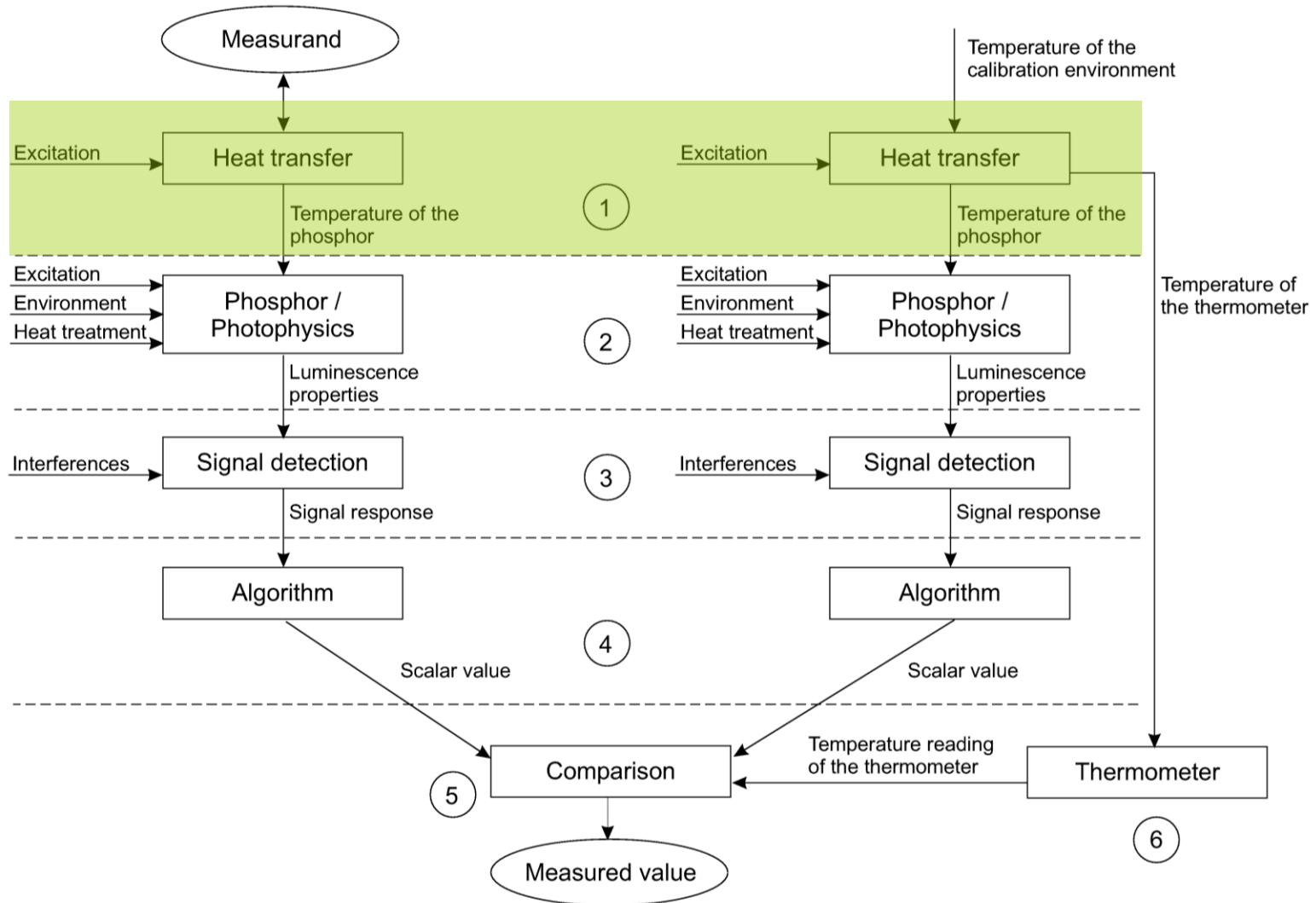


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Error class 1:

Thermal interactions



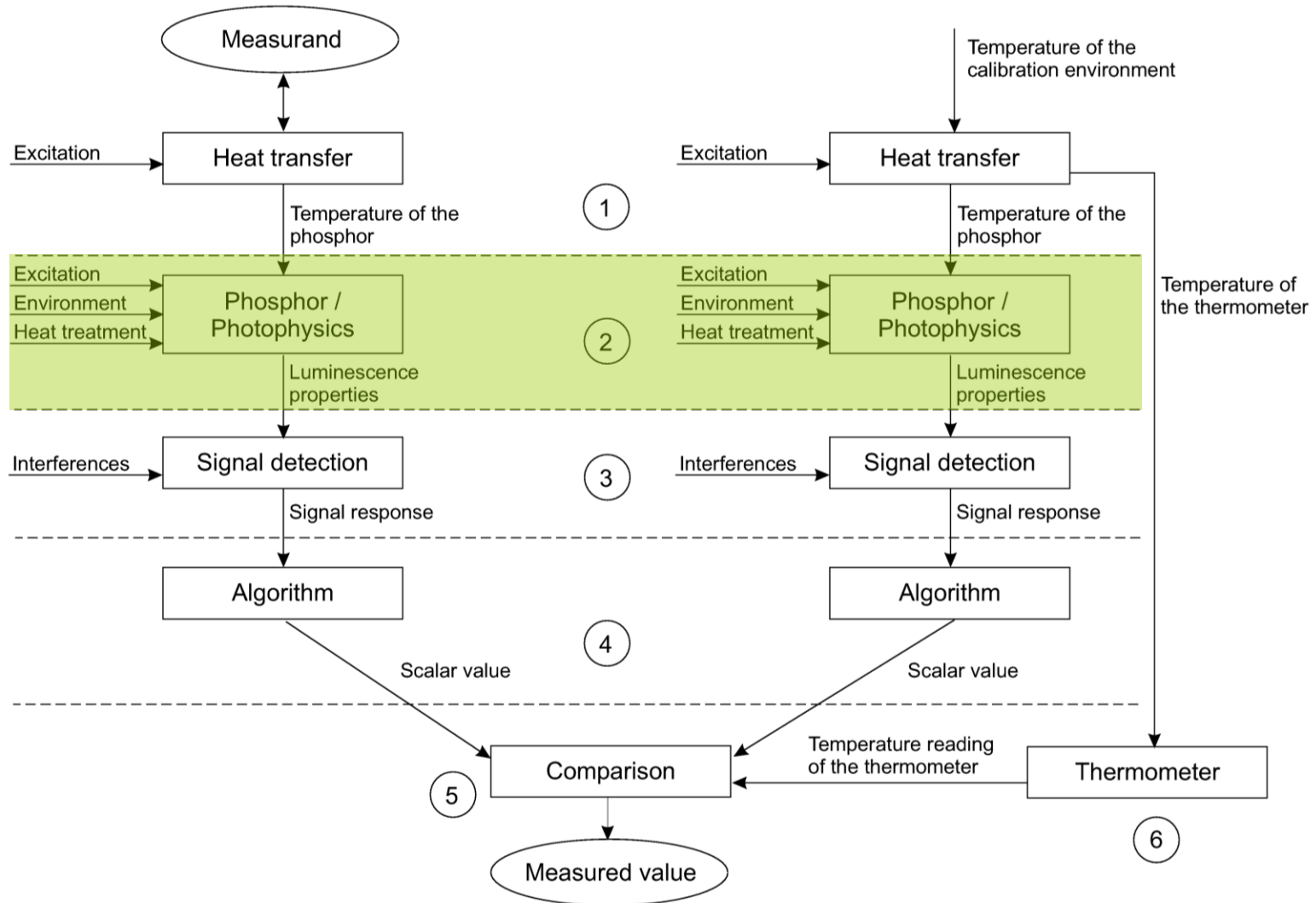
Error class 1:

Thermal interactions

- Device under test (DUT) and phosphor or phosphor and calibration thermometer are not in thermal equilibrium
- Impact of the presence of the phosphor on the thermal state of the DUT (e.g. heat insulation) → “semi-invasive” method
- Excitation induced heating of the phosphor → check by power scan

Error class 2:

Photophysical properties of the phosphor

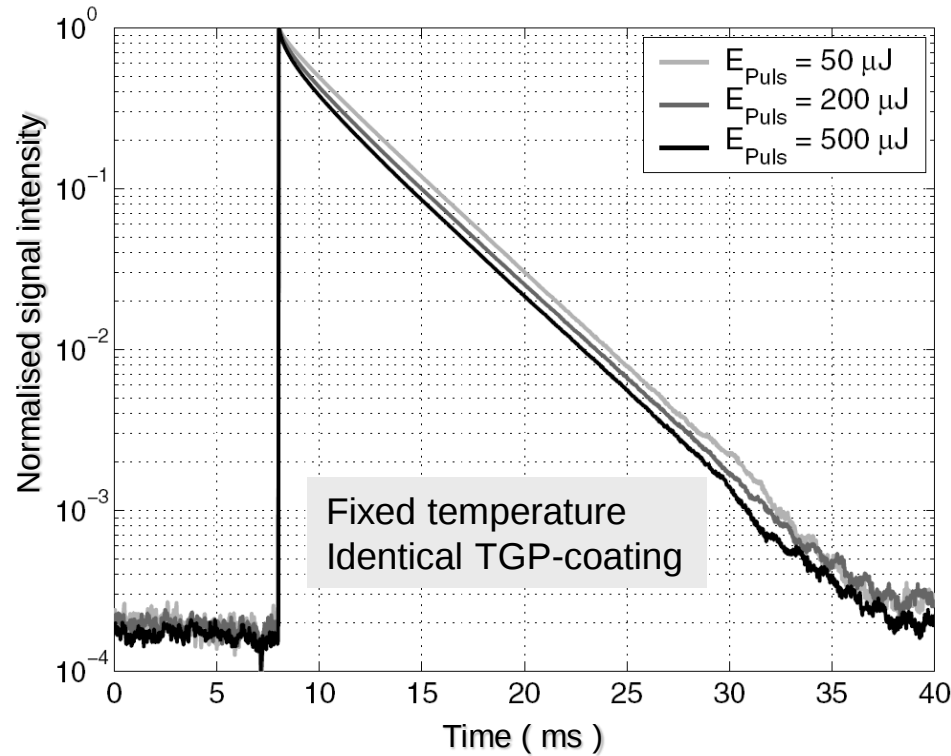


Error class 2:

Photophysical properties of the phosphor

- Impact of the transfer function of the phosphor
 - ➔ Temperature sensitivity, varies with temperature
 - ➔ Temporal low pass character due to finite decay time (thermal inertia versus decay time)
- Parameters that manipulate the transfer function of the phosphor
 - ➔ Diffusion processes between the phosphor material and the substrate due to heat treatments
 - ➔ Chemical and physical environment (oxygen quenching)
 - ➔ Laser excitation (variations with intensity)

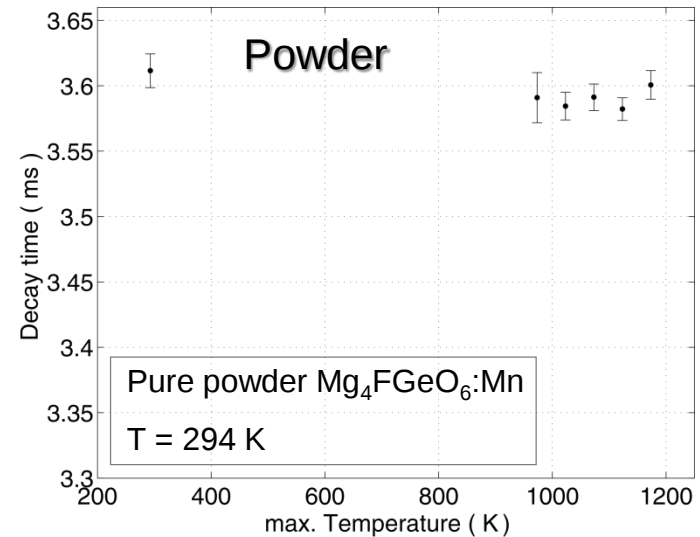
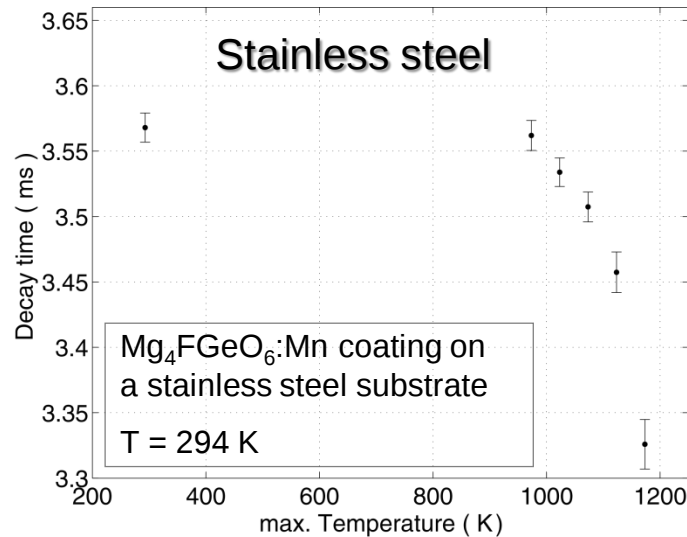
Error class 2: Excitation irradiance



- Decay behaviour “more multi-exponential” at higher laser intensities
- Significant influence of the position of the fitting window

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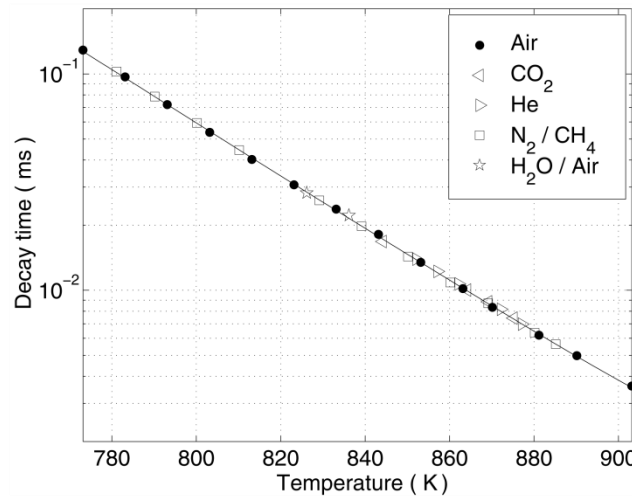
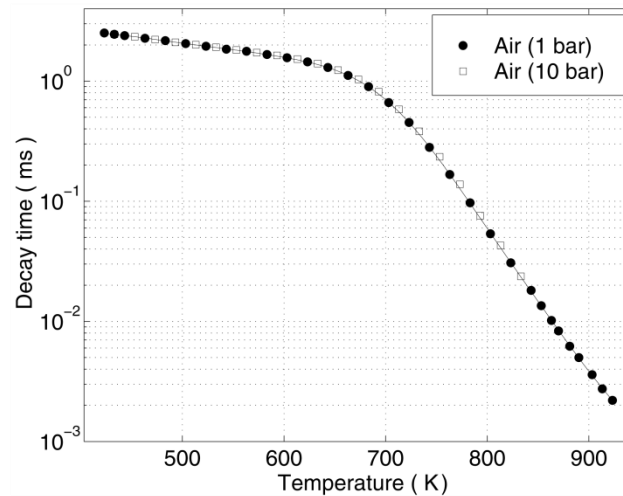
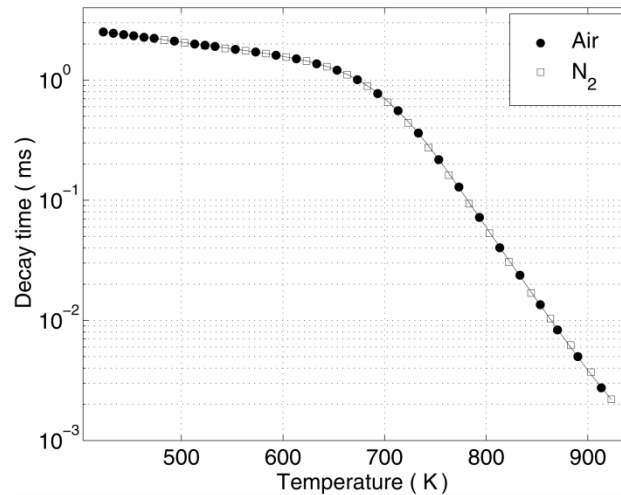
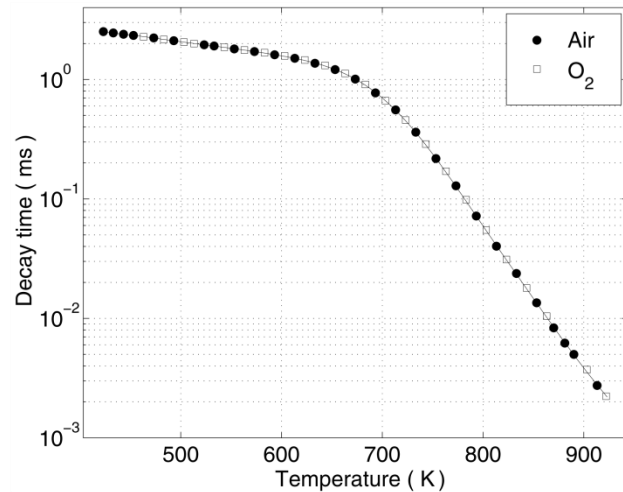
Decay time @ 294 K after heat treatment



- ➡ Dependency on:
- Substrate material
 - Duration of the heat treatment
 - Heat treatment temperature
- ➡ Diffusion process between phosphor und substrate

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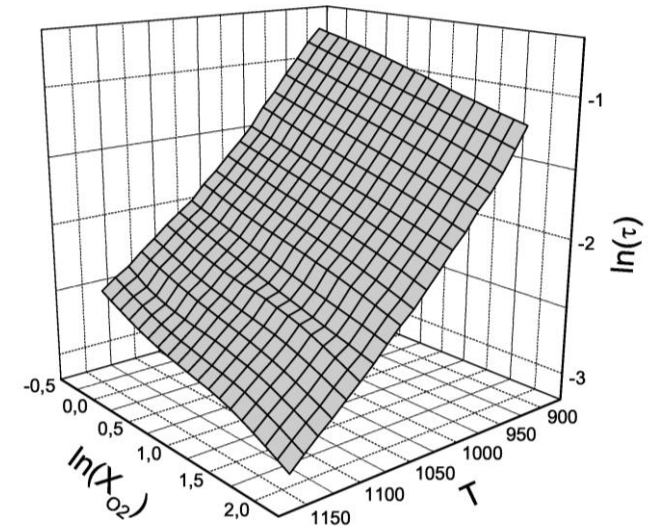
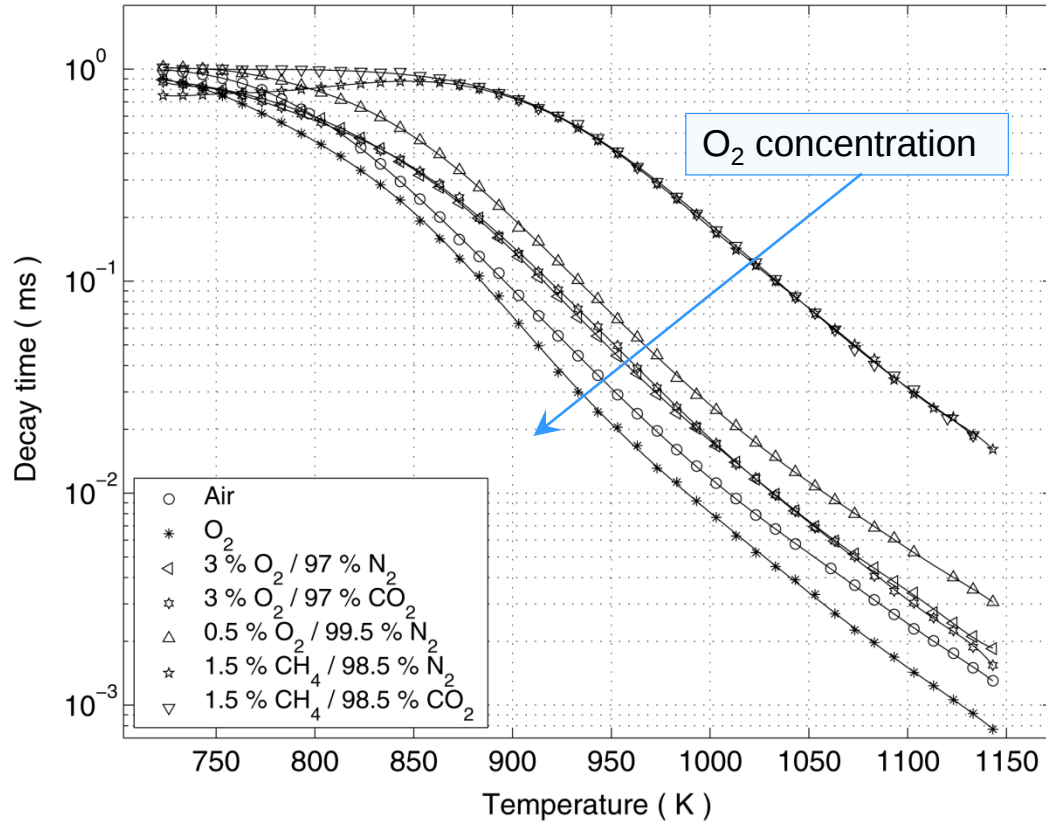
Surrounding gas phase



Mg₄FGeO₆:Mn

No significant dependency on the composition and pressure of the gas phase

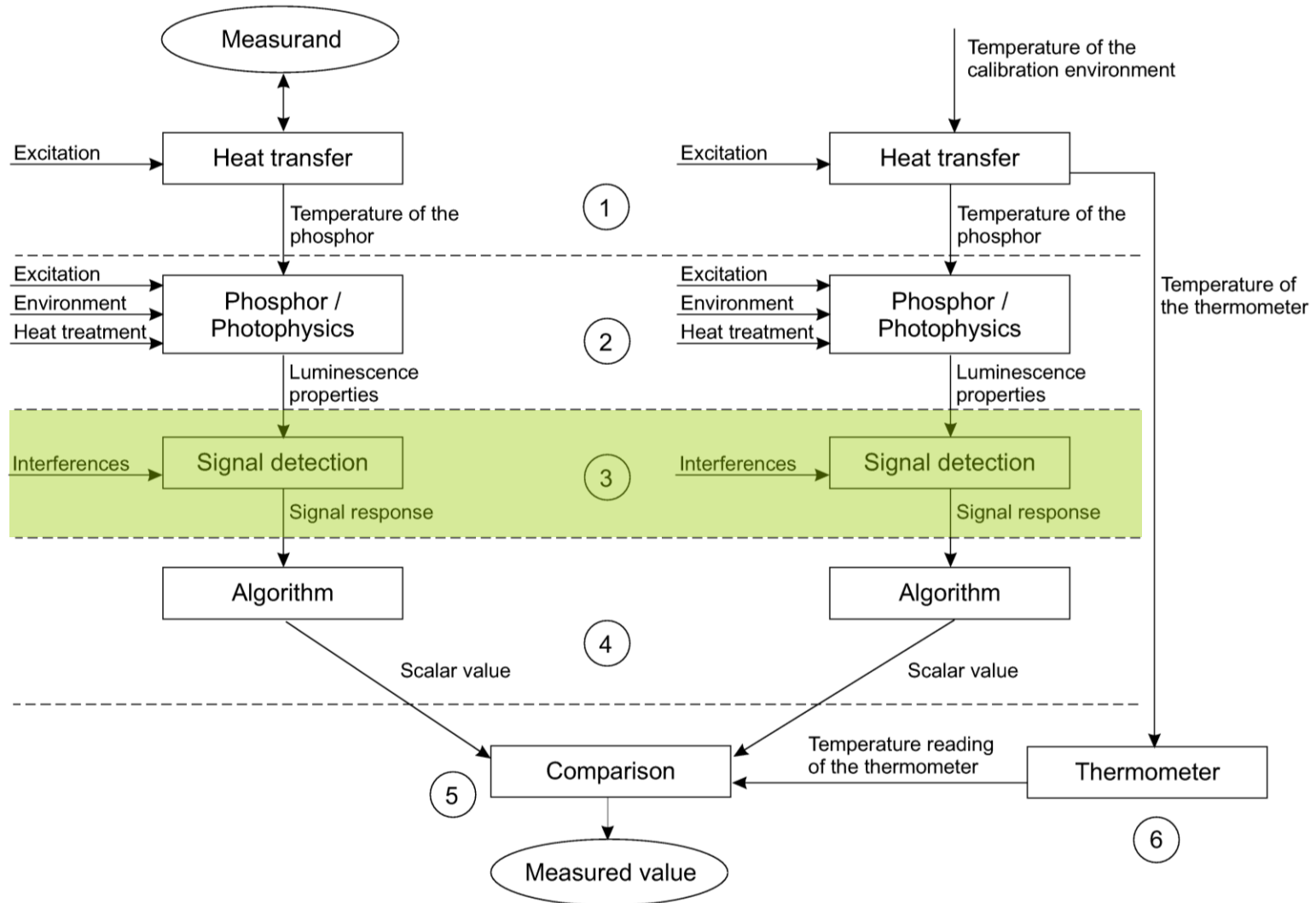
Error class 2: Surrounding gas phase



$Y_2O_3:Eu$

Dependency on the oxygen
concentration

Error class 3: Signal detection



Error class 3:

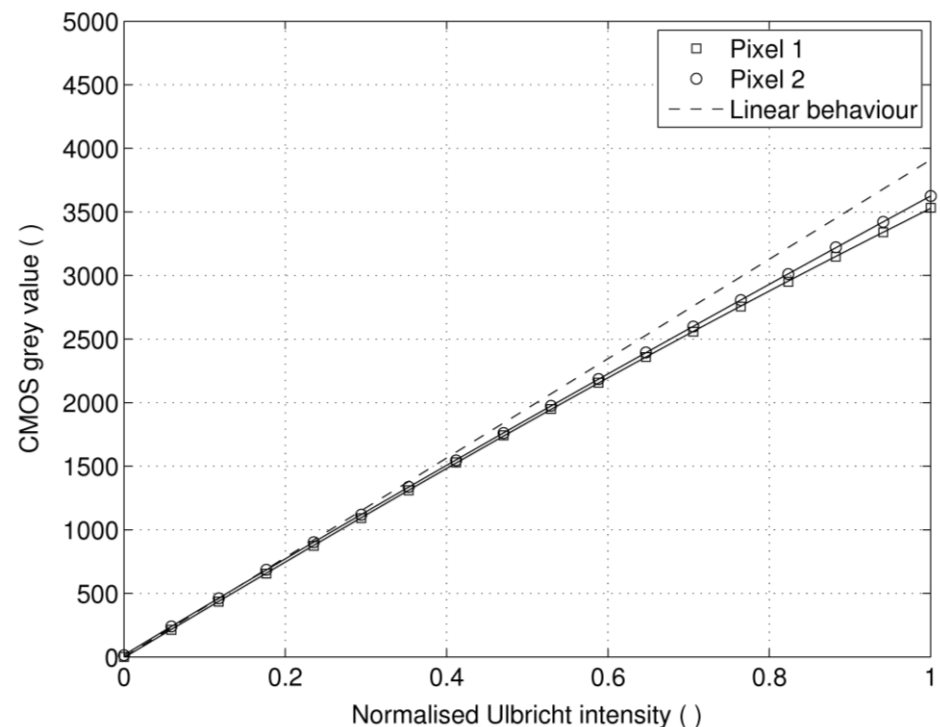
Signal detection – overview

- Impact of the transfer function of the detection system
 - ➔ limited spatial, temporal and spectral resolution
 - ➔ nonlinear behaviour of the detector (CMOS camera)
- Parameters that manipulate the transfer function of the detection system
 - ➔ small changes in the alignment (intensity ratio, see PCI 33-paper 2013)
 - ➔ terminating resistor, BNC length, amplifier (PMT, decay time)
- Optical and electrical interferences
 - ➔ optical interf. (e.g. background radiation, CL, fluorescence of substrate,...) most often temporally not correlated (worse precision)
 - ➔ electrical interf. (e.g. high voltage Q-switch electronics) might be temporally correlated (worse accuracy)
- Dynamic DUTs (e.g. moving surfaces)
 - ➔ signal decay might be superimposed by spatial variations of the absolute luminescence intensity; depending on the homogeneity of the excitation irradiance and the phosphor coating as well as on spatial temperature variation

Error class 3:

Signal detection – PMT versus CMOS

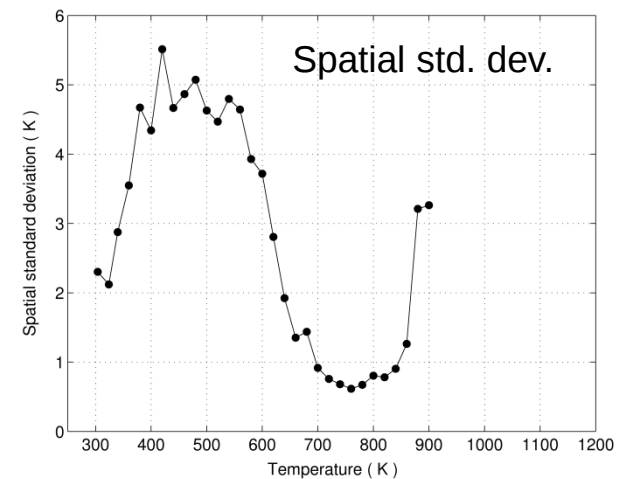
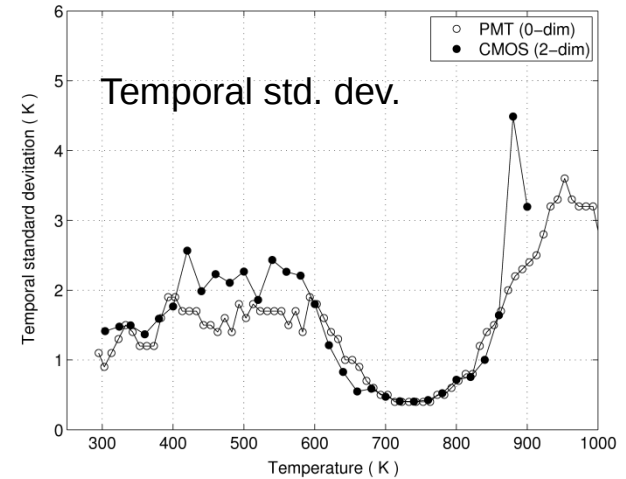
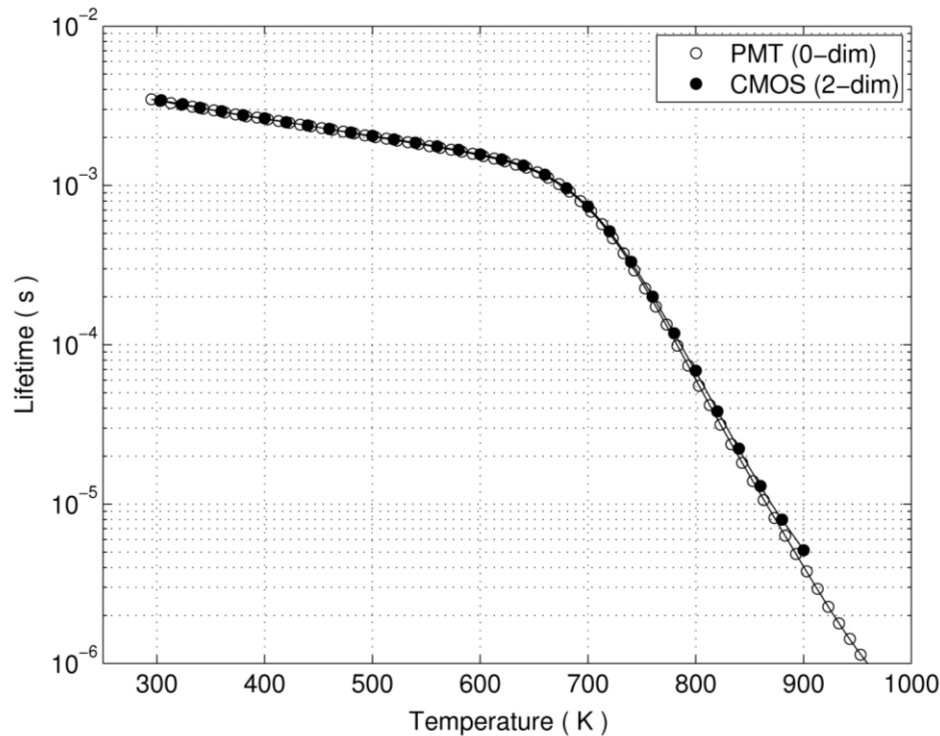
- Photomultiplier unproblematic
- CMOS camera shows problems regarding
 - ➔ Linearity
 - ➔ Pixel-to-pixel homogeneity
 - ➔ Offset stability



Kissel, T.; Baum, E.; Dreizler, A.; Brübach, J.: Appl. Phys. B, 96:731–734, 2009.

Error class 3: Non-linear detector behaviour

➔ Correction function for each pixel
fixes the problem



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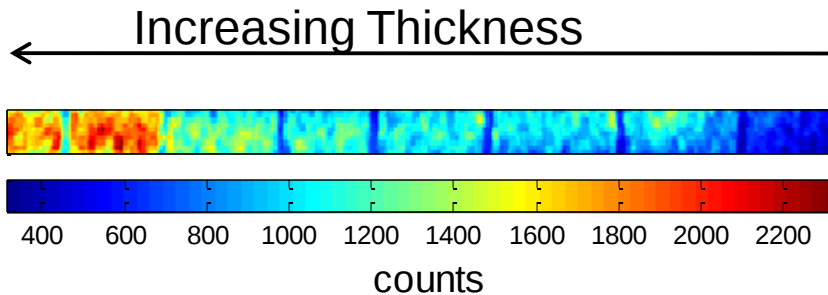
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Coating thickness and CMOS frame rate

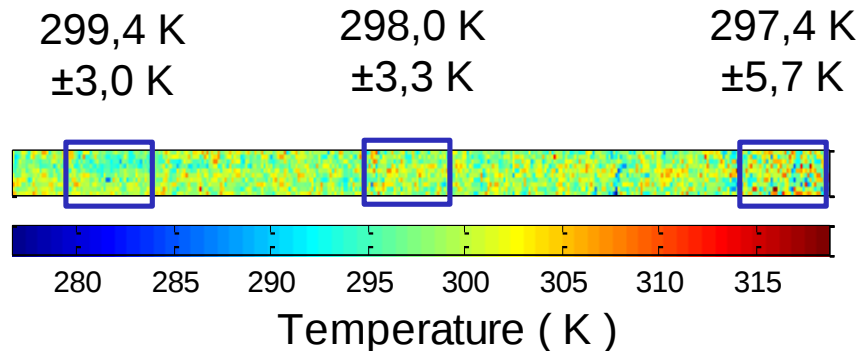


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Variation of coating thickness and luminescence intensity

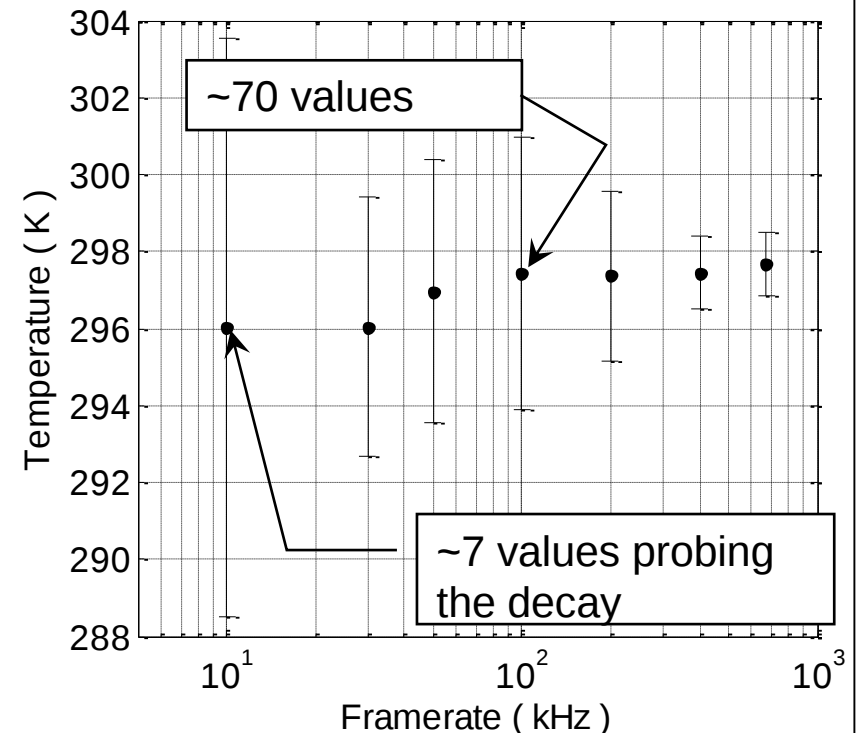


Resulting Temperature:



No significant influence!

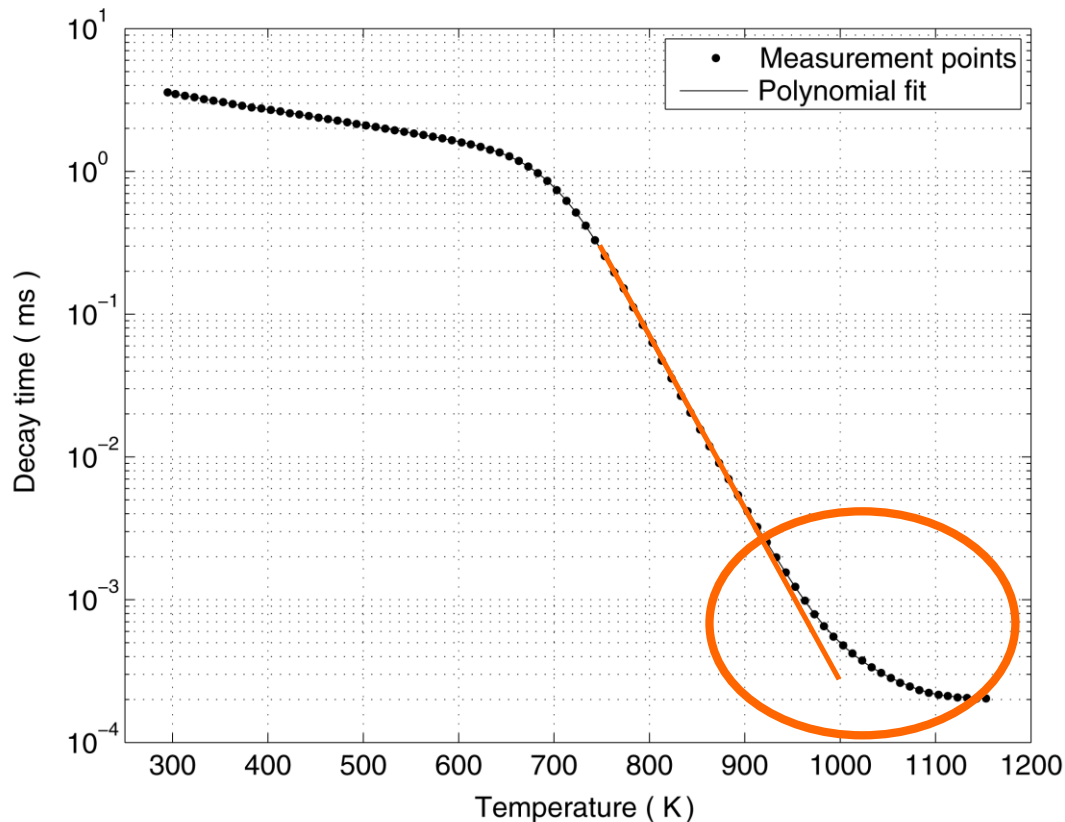
Variation of frame rate:



Minimum of standard deviation at
high temporal discretisation.

Error Class 3:

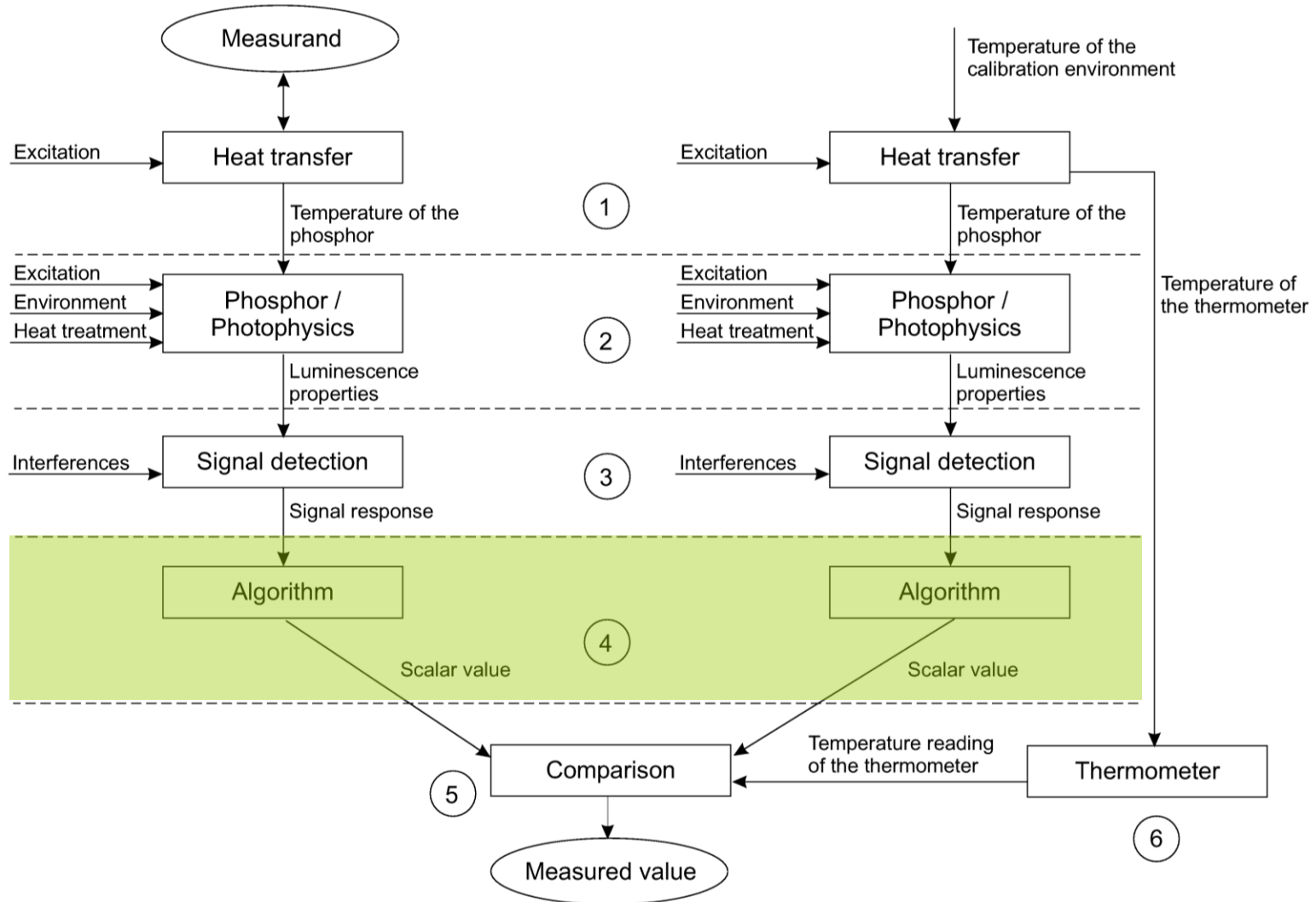
Parameters impacting the transfer function



- ➔ Modified low pass character of the detection system (PMT) due to terminating resistor
- ➔ might strongly change the calibration curve, especially at low decay times

Error class 4:

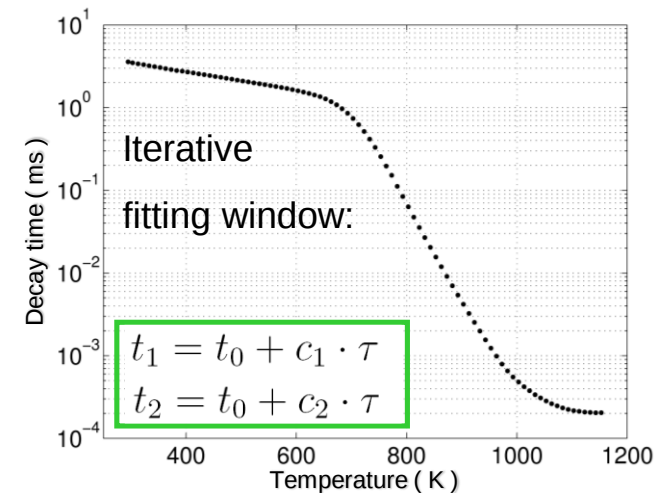
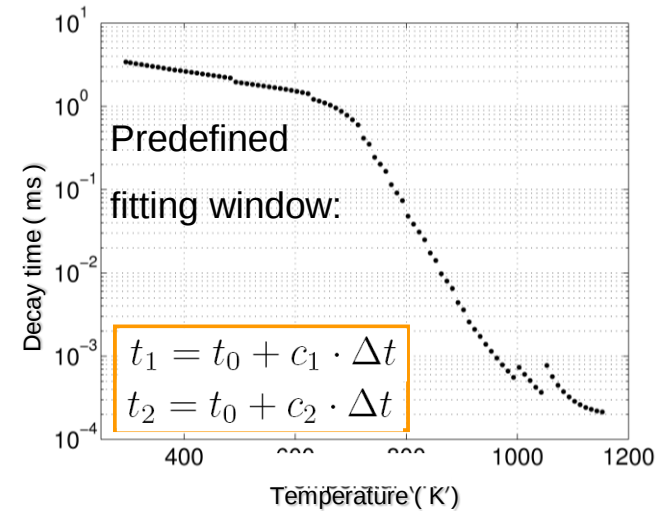
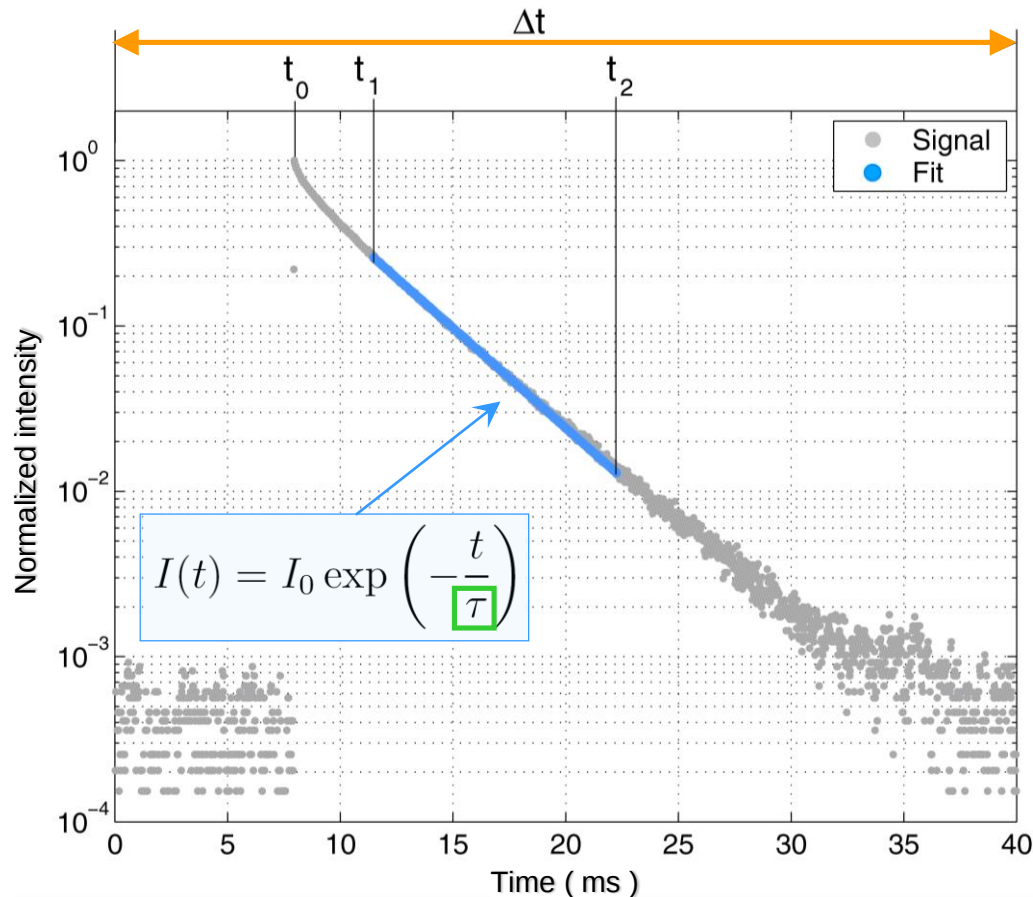
Algorithm for the data reduction



Error class 4:

Algorithm for the data reduction

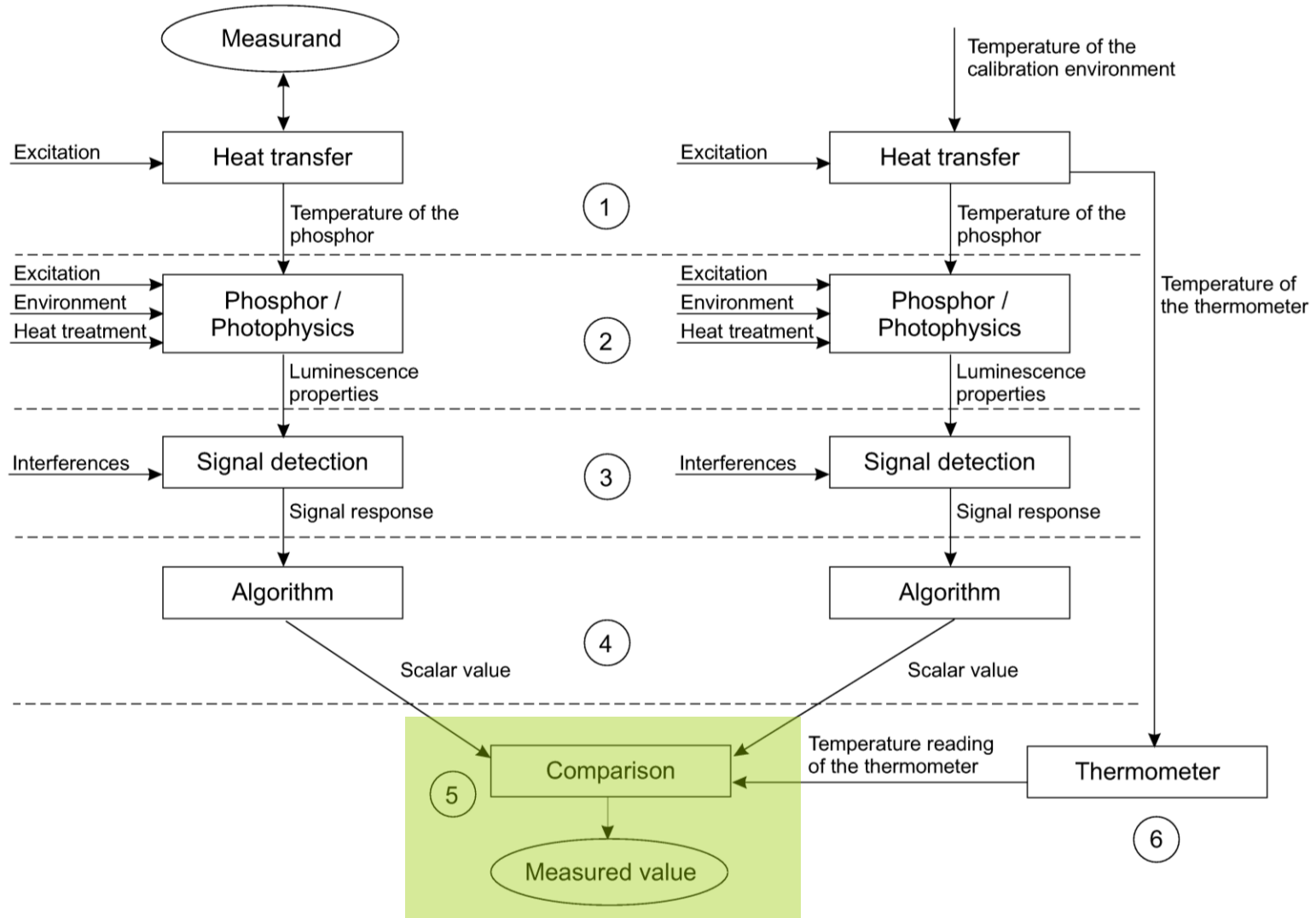
➔ **Problem:**
Decay characteristics are not single-exp.



Brübach, J.; Janicka, J.; Dreizler, A.: Opt. Laser Eng., 47(1):75–79, 2009.

Error class 5:

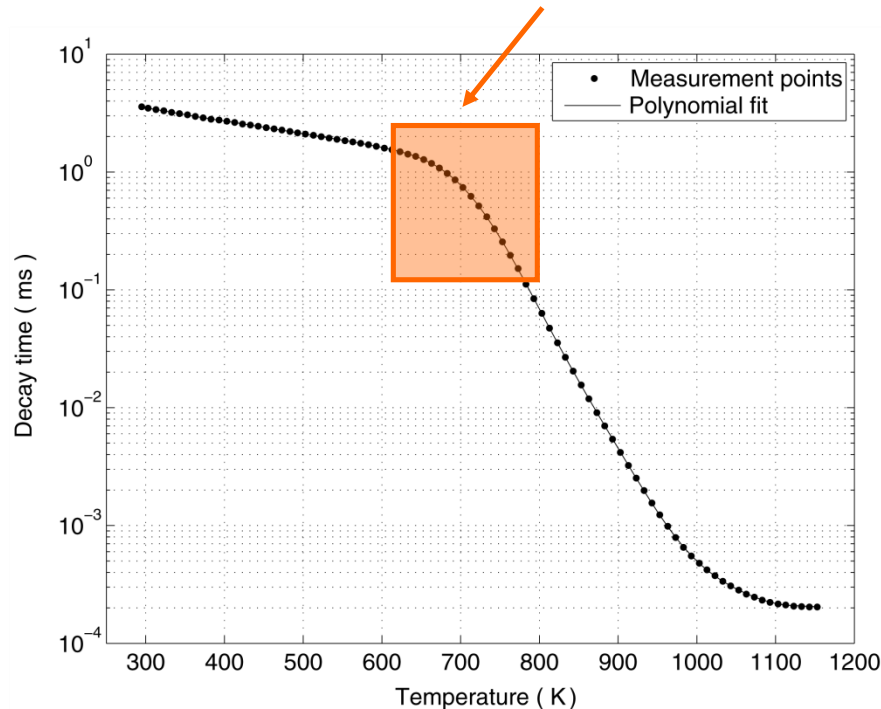
Comparison of the scalar values



Error class 5:

Comparison of the scalar values

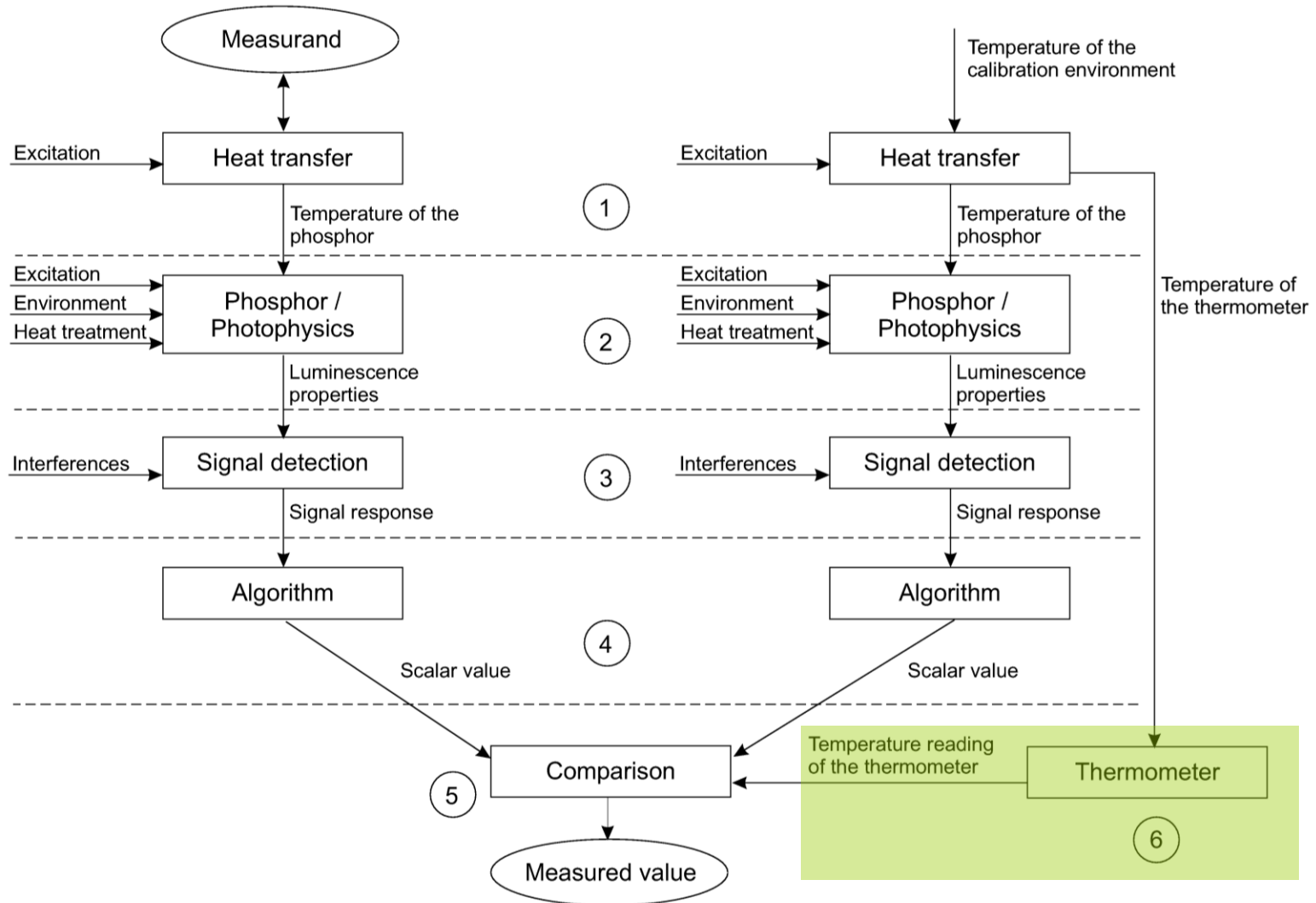
- Error depending on the calibration temperature intervals and the quality of the interpolation in between the calibration points.
- High error potential in **strongly curved** regimes of the calibration curve



- Calibration intervals of at least $\Delta T = 20\text{K}$ or even $\Delta T = 10\text{K}$ are recommended.

Error class 6:

Uncertainty of the calibration thermometer



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Uncertainty of the calibration thermometer

- Most often, thermocouples are employed
- High quality thermocouples offer an accuracy of better than 0.4 % of the absolute temperature.

Error Review



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Systematic Error:

Provided a careful practice:
→ Systematic Error < 1 %

Error class		max. error
1. Heat transfer		?
2. Photophysics	Excitation	$O(10^1 \text{ K})$
	Dopant concentration	$O(10^2 \text{ K})$
	Heat treatments	$O(10^1 \text{ K})$
	Surrounding gas phase	$O(10^2 \text{ K})$
3. Detection system		$O(10^2 \text{ K})$
4. Algorithm for data reduction		$O(10^1 \text{ K})$
5. Comparison of calibration and measurement		$O(10^1 \text{ K})$
6. Accuracy of the calibration thermocouple		$O(10^0 \text{ K})$

Statistical Error:

Shot-to-shot standard deviation: approx. 2 K

Brübach, J.; ISA 55th Int. Instrumentation Symposium, 2009

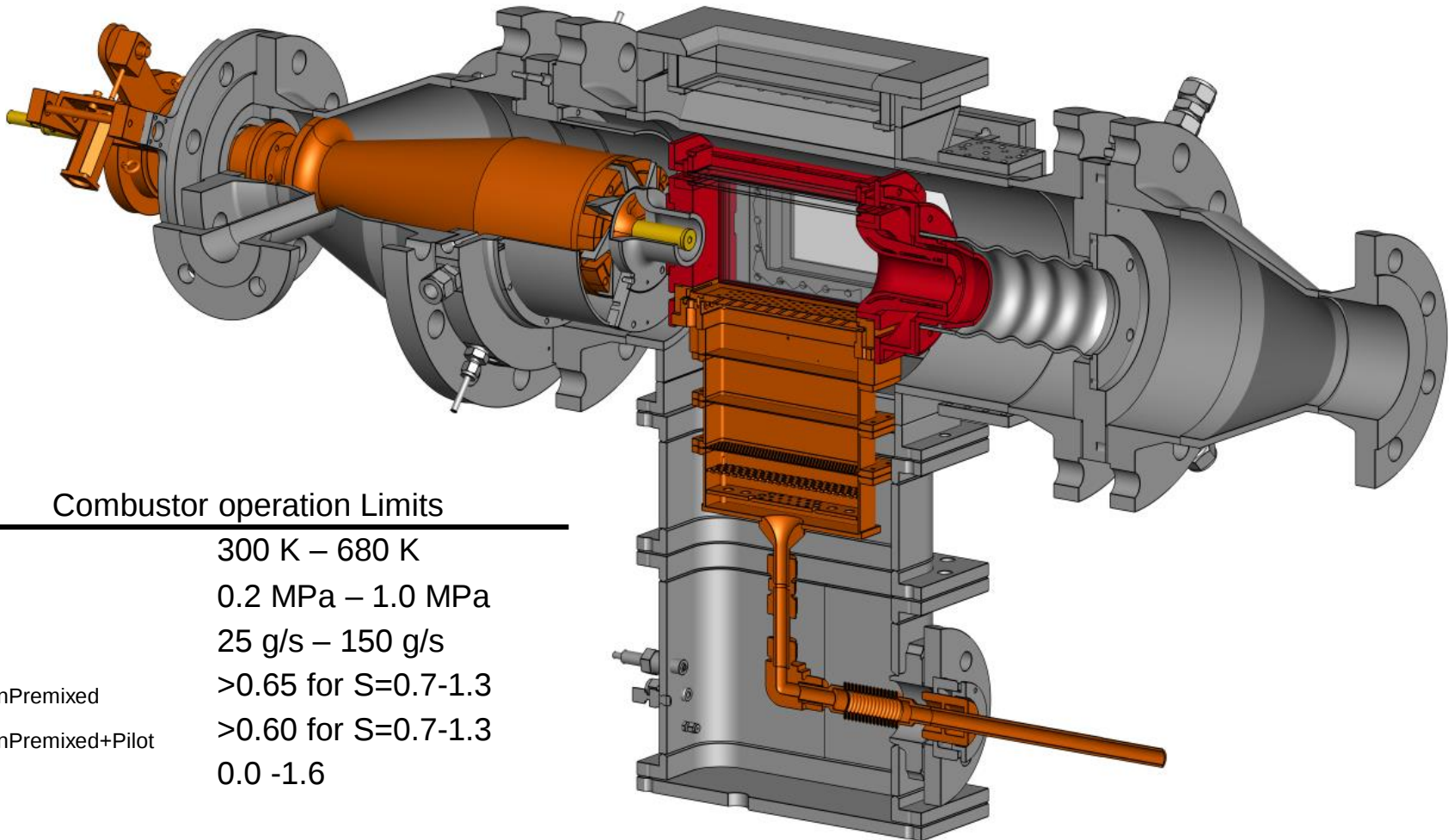


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RSM Combustor



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Combustor operation Limits

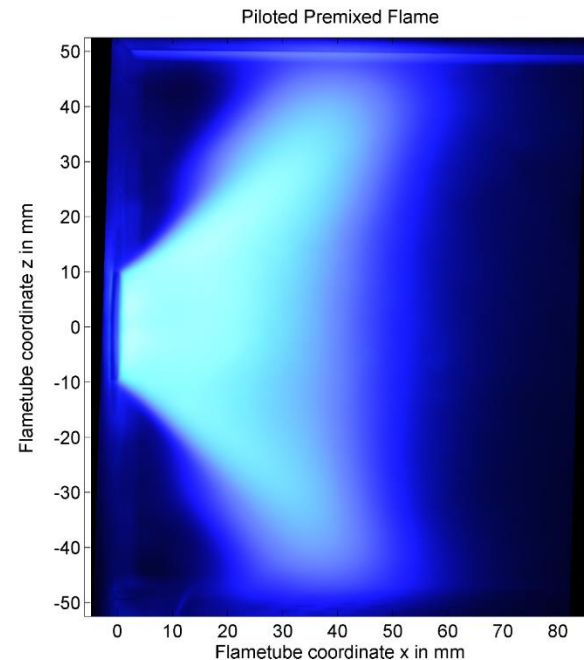
T_3	300 K – 680 K
P_3	0.2 MPa – 1.0 MPa
m_3	25 g/s – 150 g/s
$\Phi_{\text{LeanPremixed}}$	>0.65 for $S=0.7-1.3$
$\Phi_{\text{LeanPremixed+Pilot}}$	>0.60 for $S=0.7-1.3$
S	0.0 -1.6

Herrmann et al. Dreizler. Flow Turb. Combust. (2019) <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10494-018-9999-y>

- Standard operation point

Operation conditions

T_3	623K
P_3	0.25 MPa
$\dot{m}_3$	0.030kg/s
$\Phi_{\text{LeanPremixed}}$	0.65/0% Pilot
$\Phi_{\text{LeanPremixed+Pilot}}$	0.65/10% Pilot
S	0.7
$\dot{m}_5$	0.0125 kg/s
T_5	623 K



Low-pass (490nm) filtered
Chemiluminescence images from piloted and
premixed flames

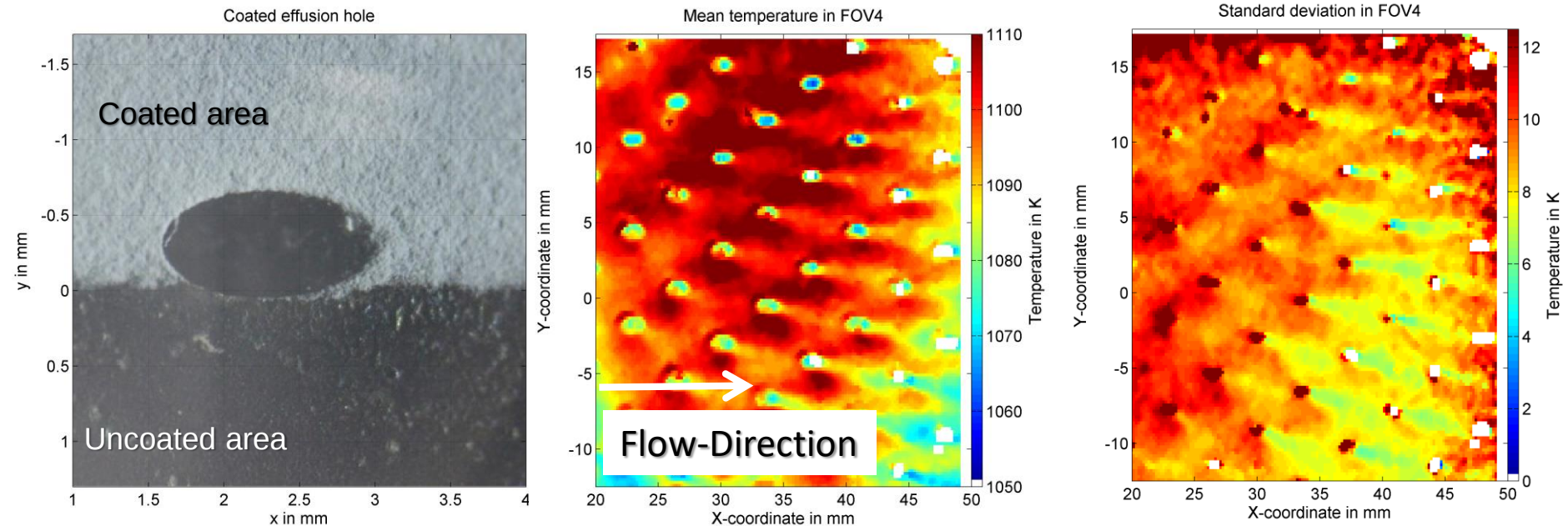
Selected results: wall thermometry

■ 2d wall temperature fields

Magnified view of the coated liner.

Coating thickness t $10\mu\text{m} < t < 50\mu\text{m}$

Mean and standard deviation from 500 single shots at the liner surface



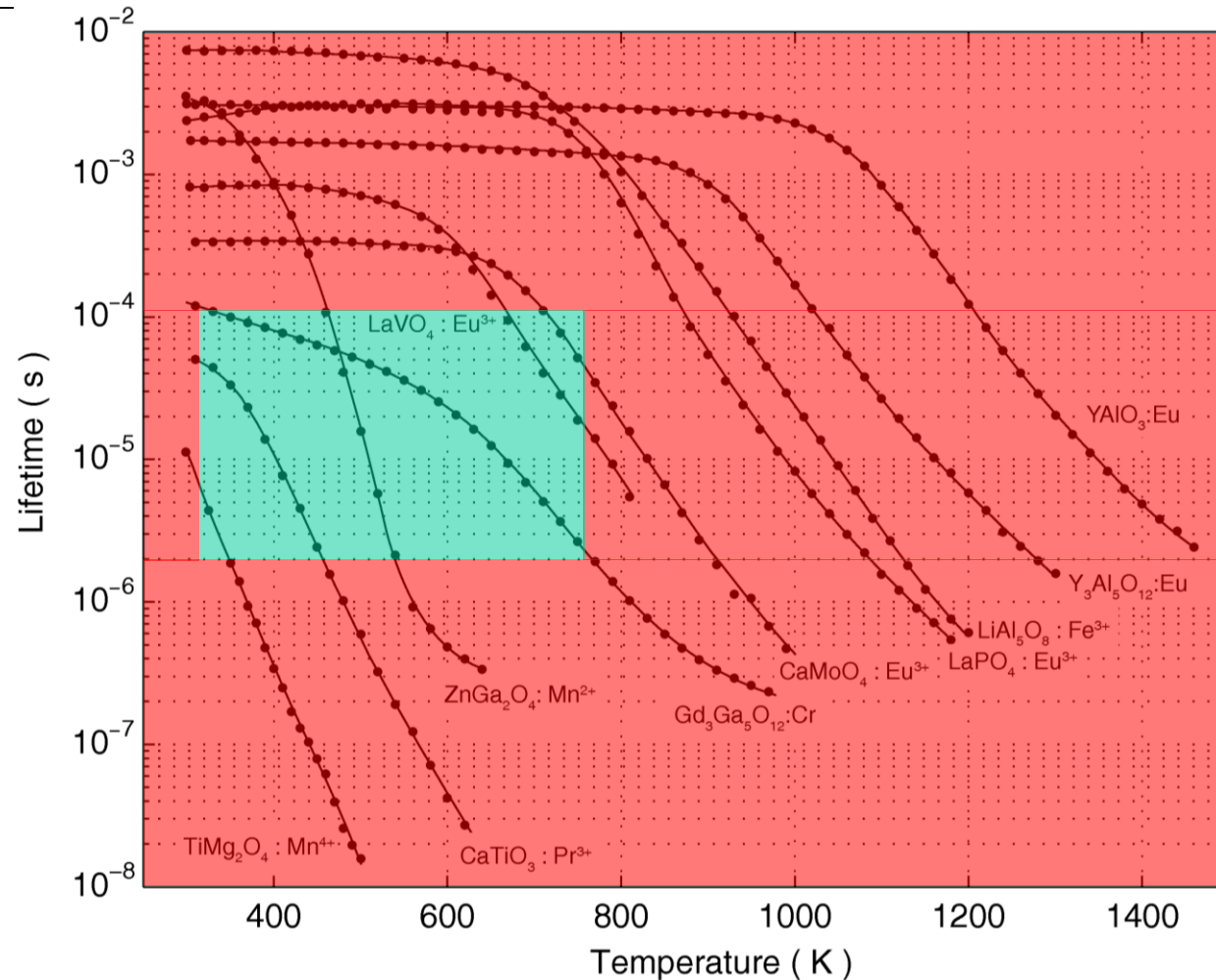
Greifenstein et al. Experiments in Fluids (2019) 60 (1):10

Optically accessible combustion engine



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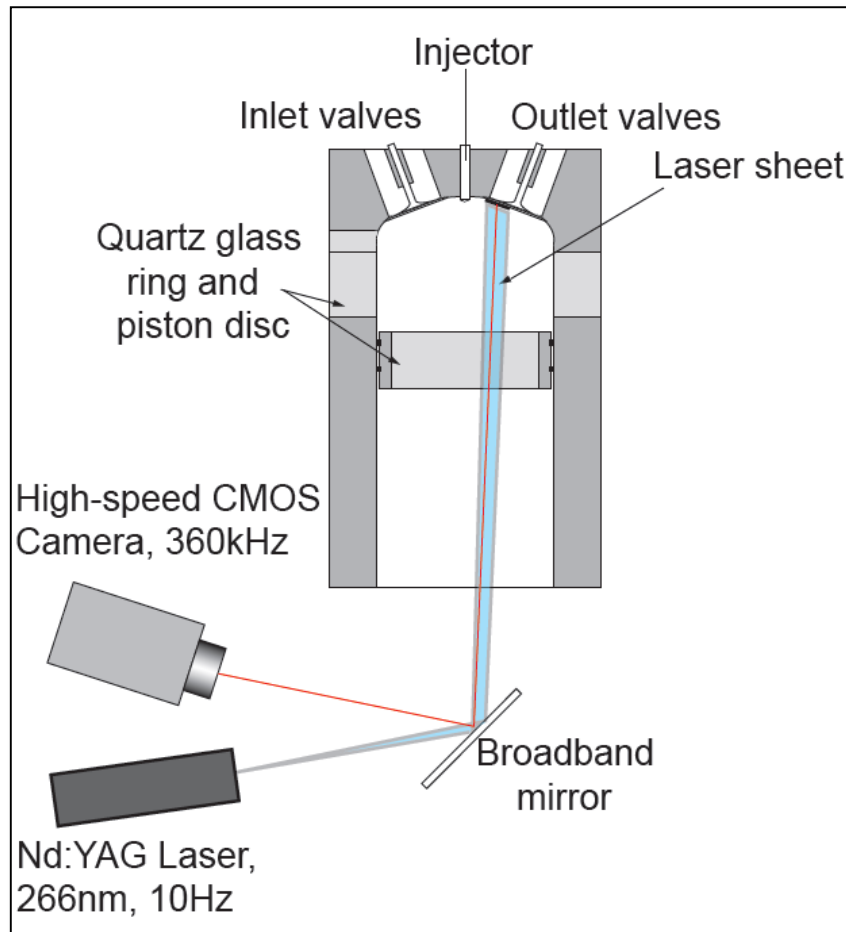


Fuhrmann, N. ; Kissel, T. ; Dreizler, A. ; Brübach, J. : Meas. Sci. Technol., Meas. Sci. Technol.22 045301 (2011)

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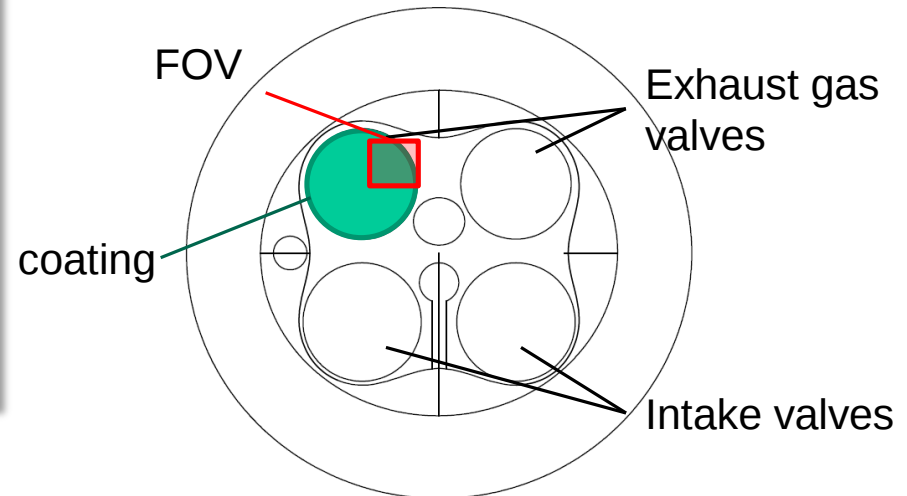
Optically accessible combustion engine

See Appl. Phys. B 2011, Fuhrmann et al.



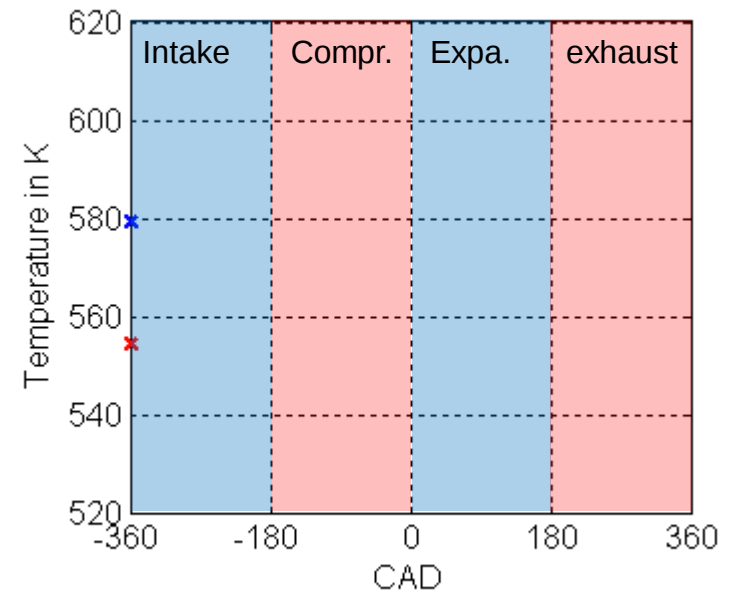
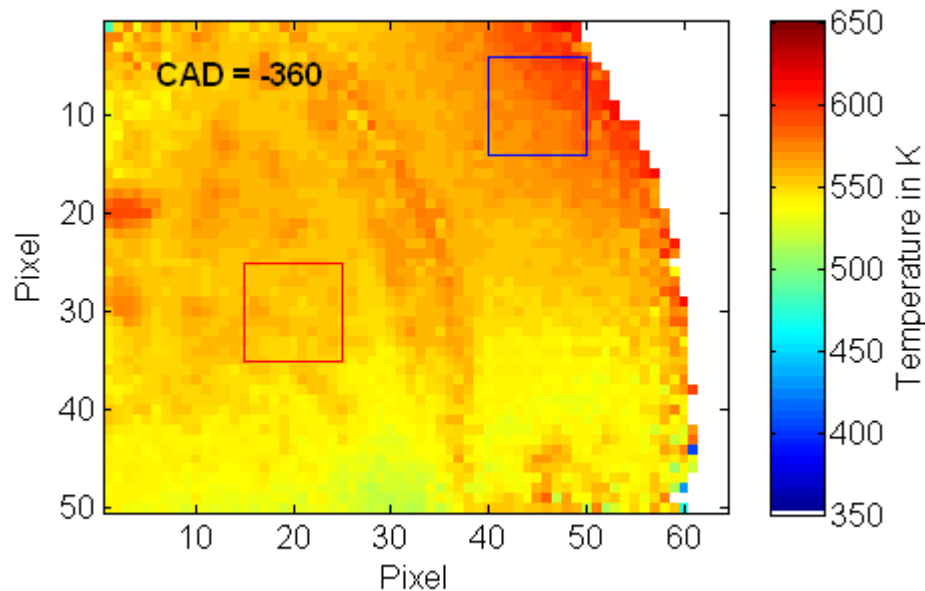
Temperatur at exhaust valve:

- DI-ICE @ 2000 min⁻¹
- Coating: Gd₃Ga₅O₁₂:Cr + Ufalux Ofenlack
- Spatial resolution: 188 μm/Pixel @ 64x64 Pixel (360 kHz framerate)



Fired engine operation:

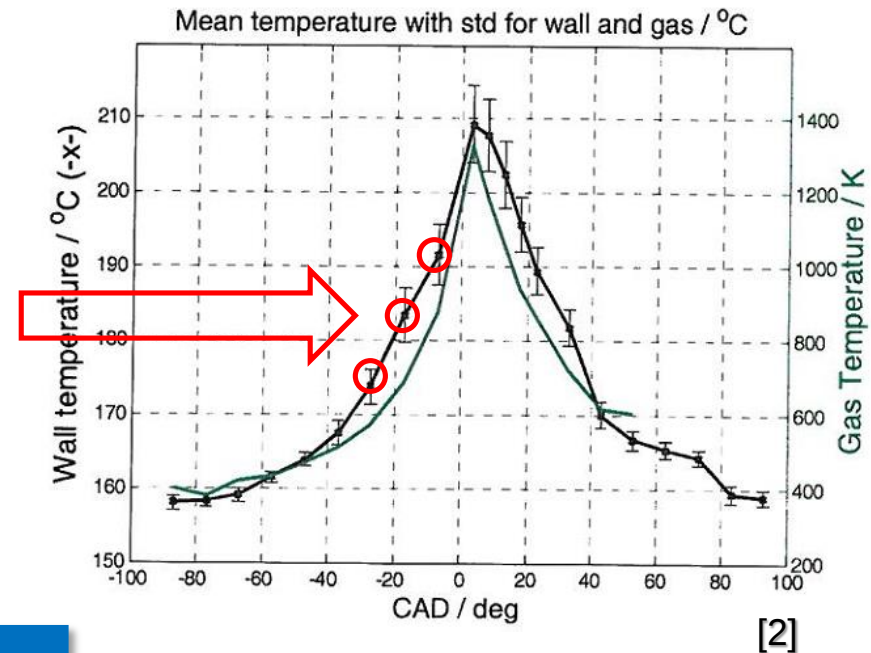
- Temperature measurement at selected CAD



N. Fuhrmann, M. Schild, D. Bensing, S.A. Kaiser, C. Schulz, J. Brübach, A. Dreizler: *Two-dimensional cycle-resolved exhaust valve temperature measurements in an optically accessible internal combustion engine using thermographic phosphors*; Applied Physics B, DOI 10.1007/s00340-011-4819-2.

Extension to high speed phosphor thermometry in ICE

- Former measurements use 10Hz laser-systems for phosphor thermometry
- Temperatures originate from different cycles → averaging of uncorrelated single shots

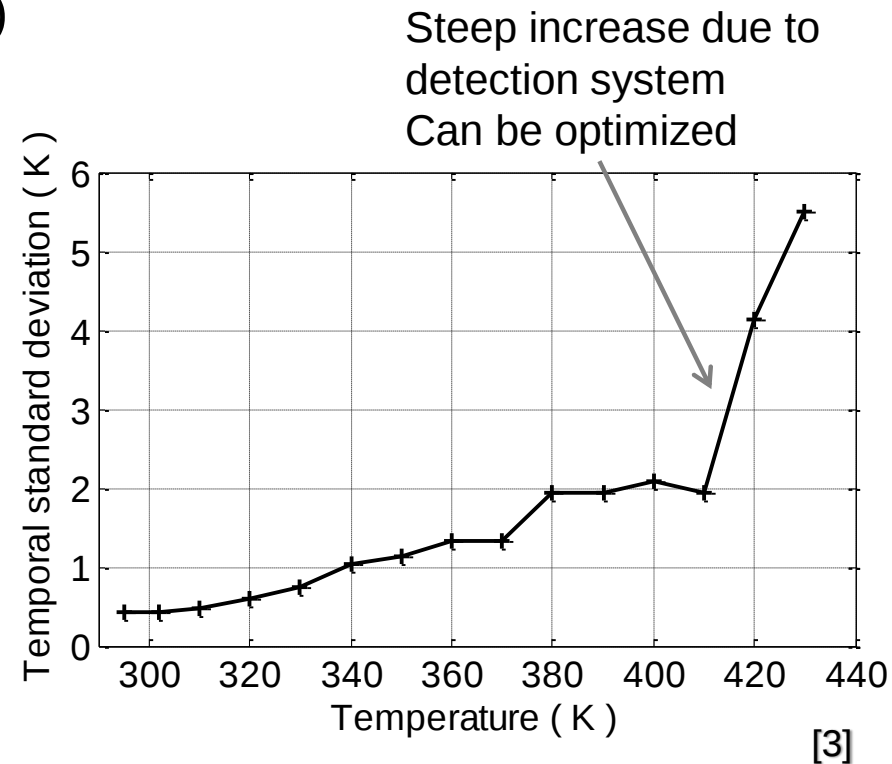
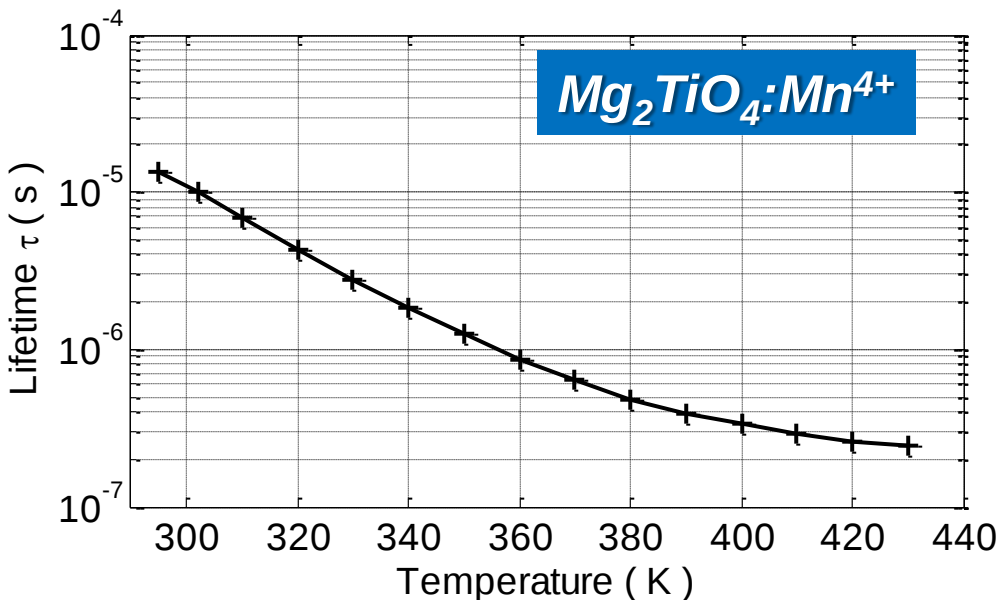


High speed phosphor thermometry

Use laser at high repetition rate to
resolve temperatures within cycles

Resolving singly cycles by high speed TGP

- High speed phosphor thermometry
- Very fast decaying phosphors
- Well below $167\mu\text{s}$ (1°CA at 1000 rpm)



Influence of laser-induced heating

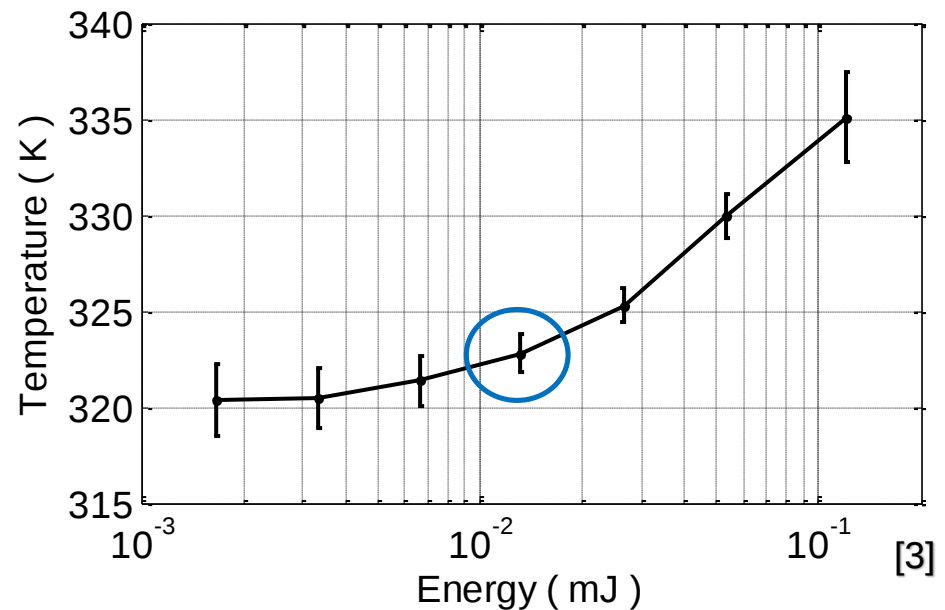
- Challenges when using High Speed Phosphor Thermometry:
 - → Laser-induced heating effects

- Due to high power delivered by laser
- Quantify by energy-scan
- Trade-off between precision and accuracy

Optimum at $E = 13\mu\text{J}$:

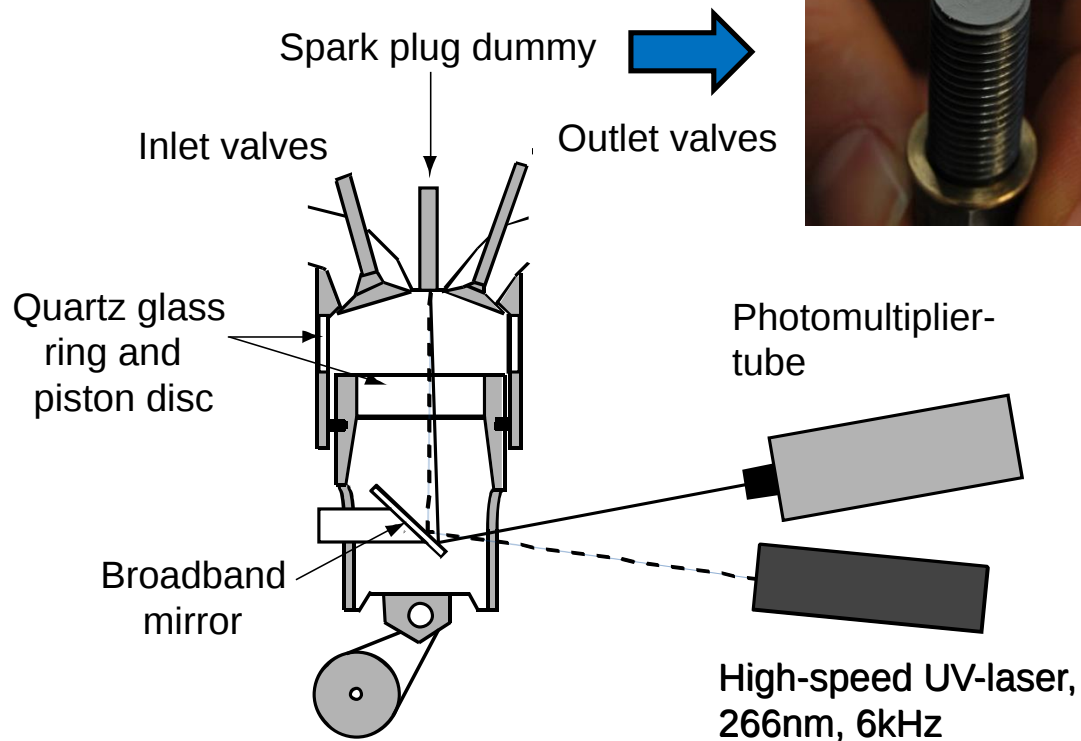
Standard deviation below 1K

Systematic error of 2.5K



Set-up and realization

■ Experimental Setup



Coating

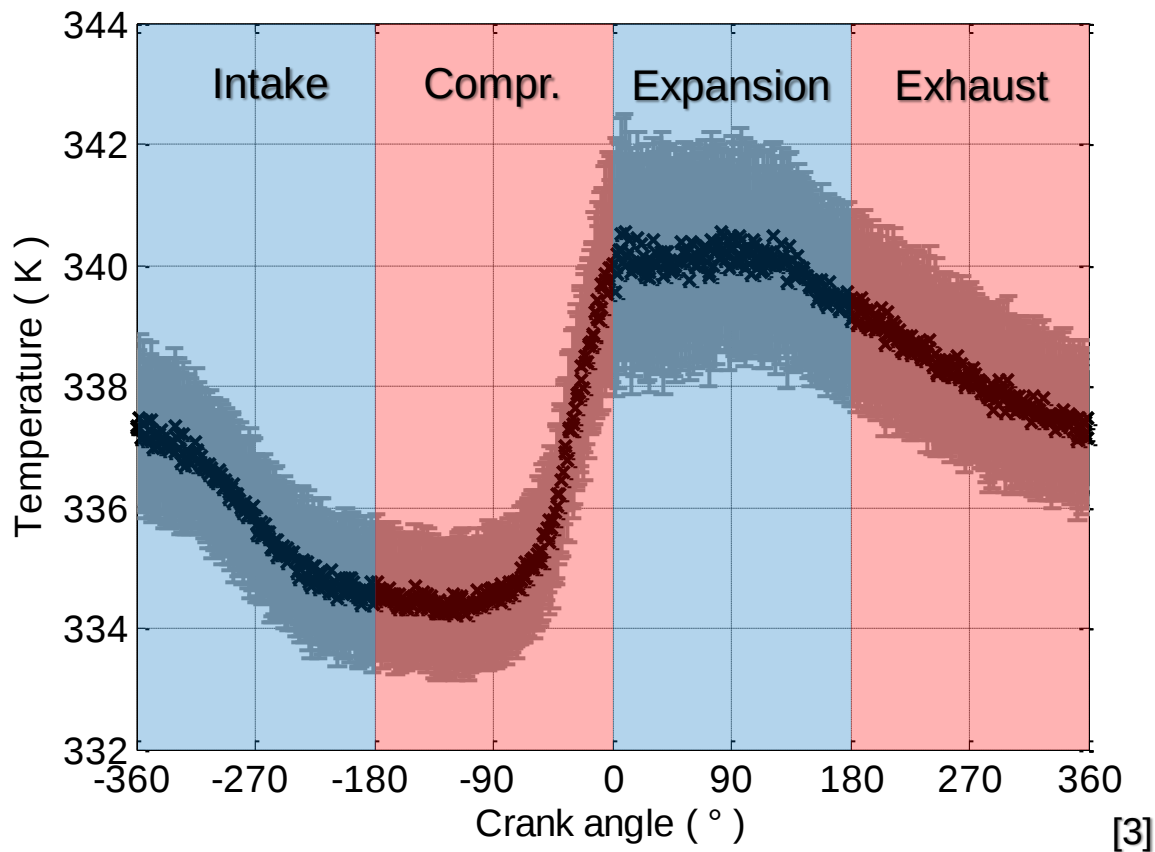
- Coated via airbrush
- Dispersion of binder and phosphor

Engine

- Motored at 1000rpm
- No injection and ignition
- Compression ratio 8.5:1

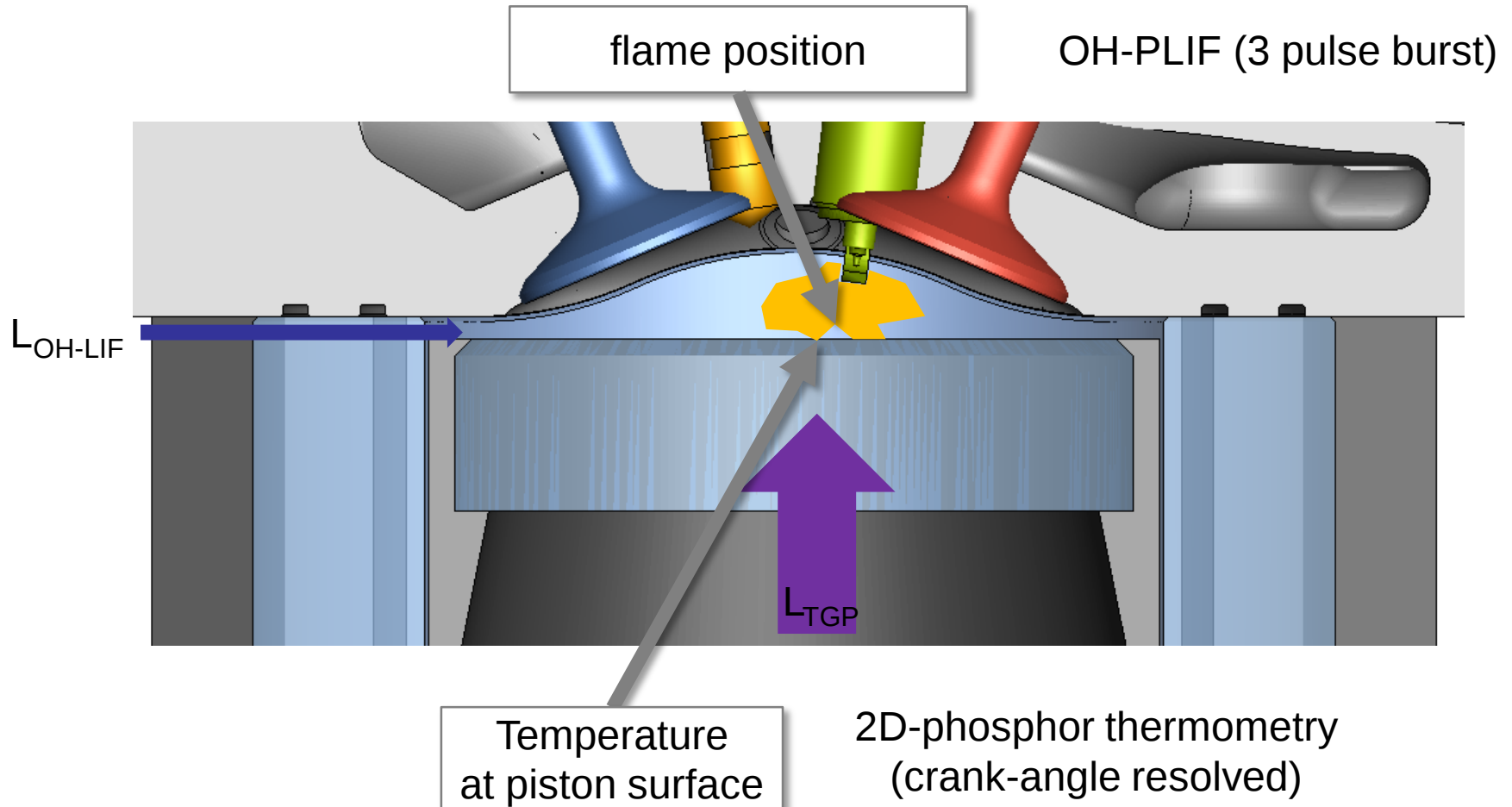
Results for motored engine (no combustion)

- Temperature progression of the spark plug dummy



- Mean values and temporal standard deviations of 100 cycles
- Resolution of 1 ° CA
- Precision of about 1-2 K

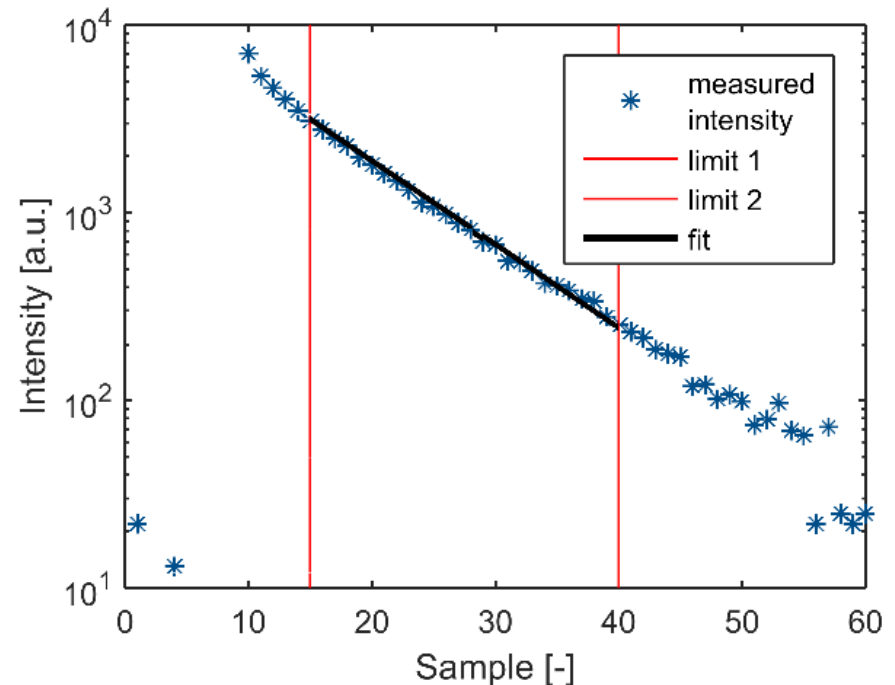
Wall temperature measurements during flame wall interactions in IC engine



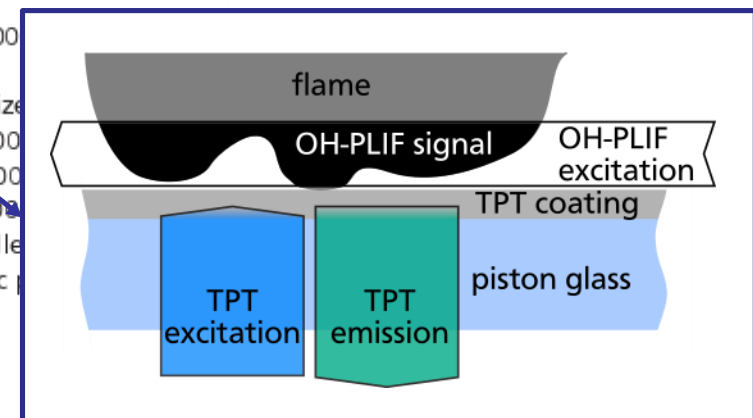
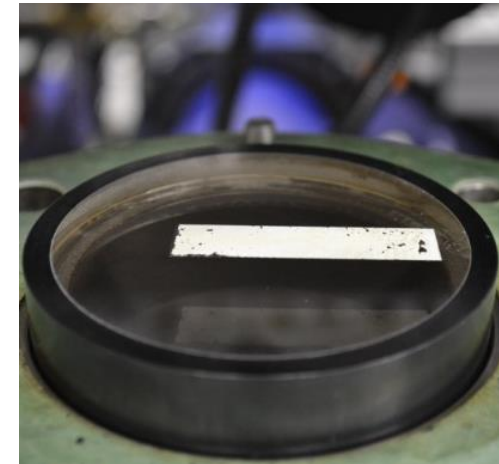
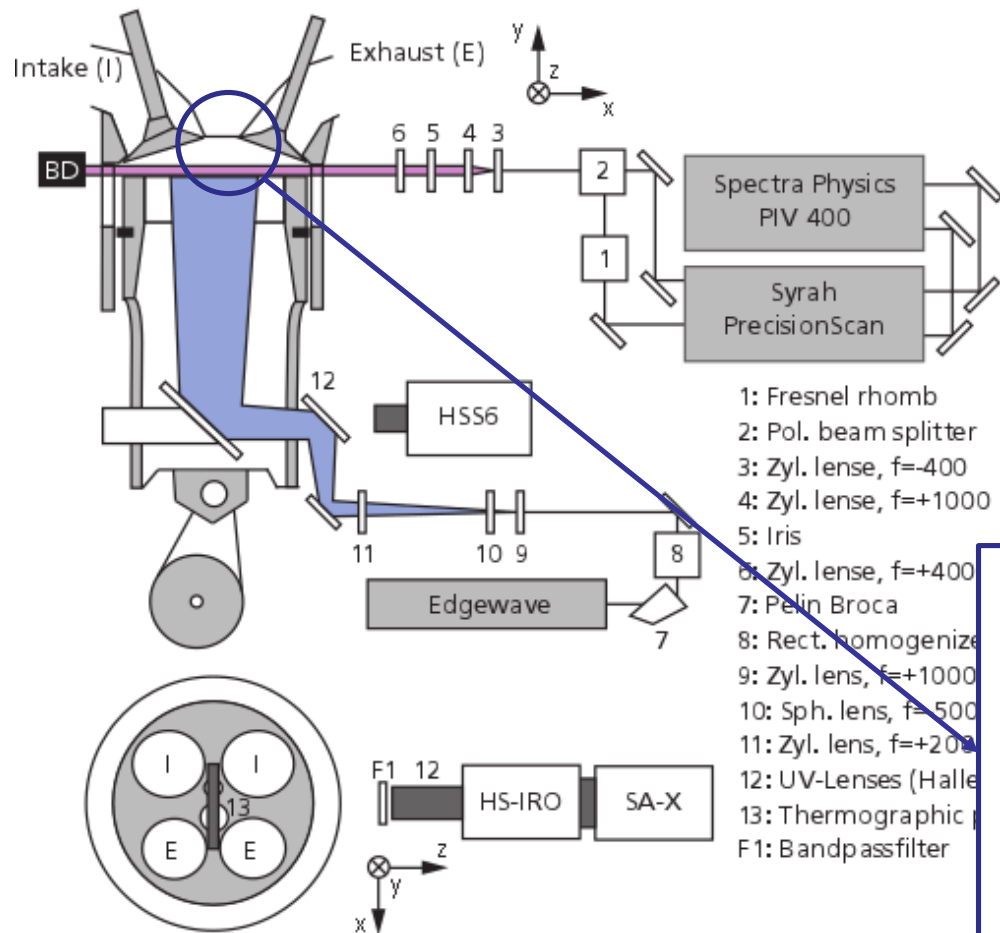
Ding et al. Dreizler, Böhm. Appl. Phys. B (2017) 123:110

Phosphor thermometry

- Decay-time method
 - Ex-situ calibration
- Engine requirements
 - Fast temperature measurements ($\sim 10\mu\text{s}$)
 - High sensitivity, high SNR ($\sim 5\text{K}$)
- Suitable thermographic phosphor: $\text{Gd}_3\text{Ga}_5\text{O}_{12}:\text{Cr},\text{Ce}$

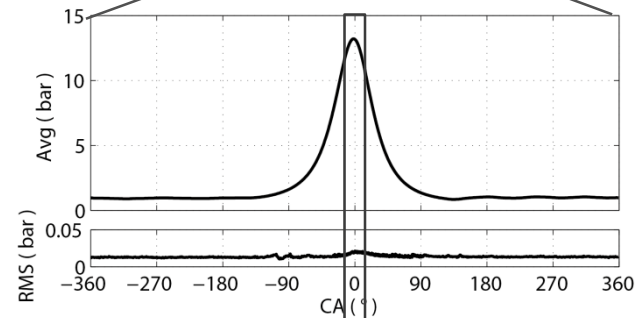
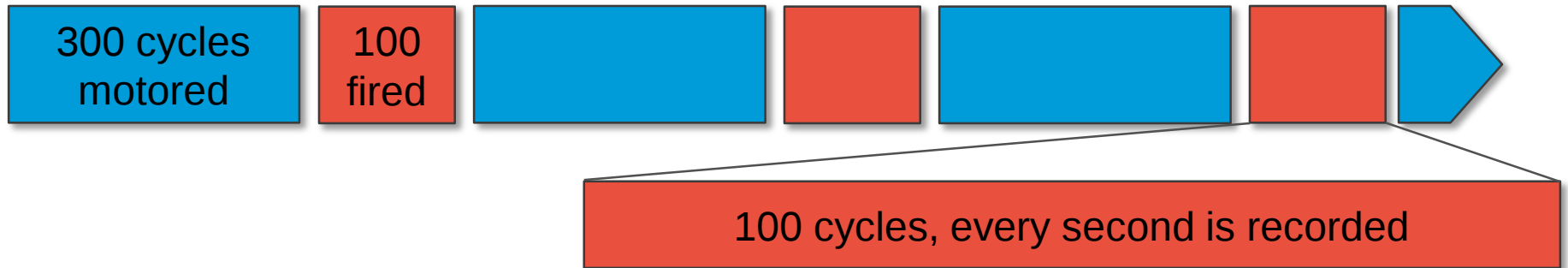


Experimental setup for studying flame-induced heating



Engine operational conditions

Heating up the engine for several runs → multiple runs recorded



HS-TPT

15 Images from -6.5 to 14.5 CAD aTDC

OH-PLIF

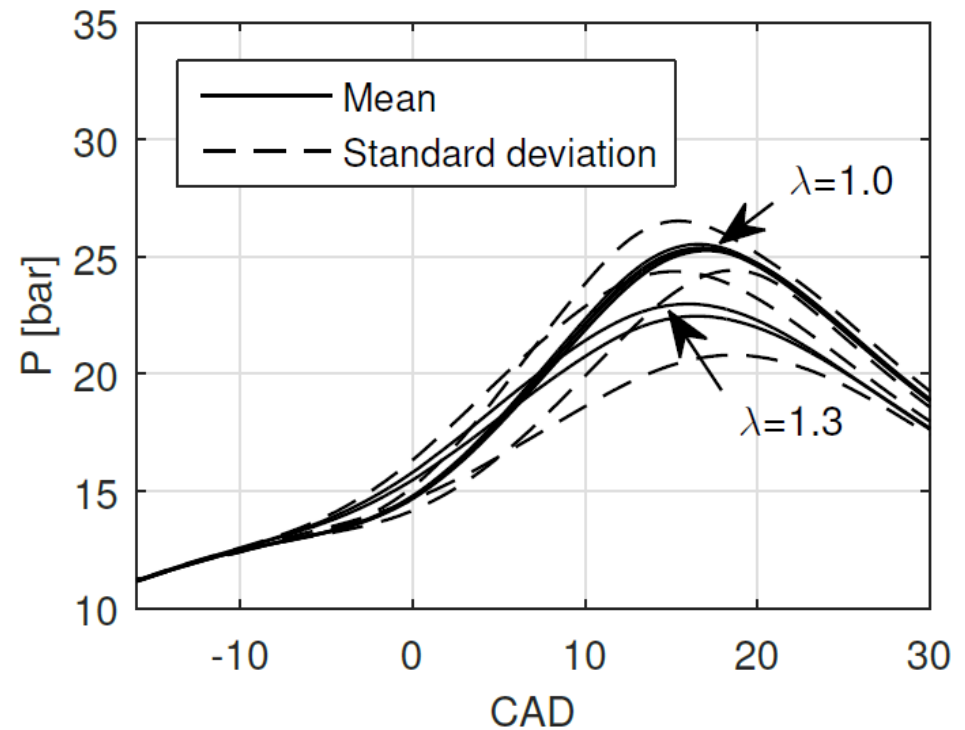
3 Images at -2, -0.5 and 1.0 CAD aTDC

Engine operational conditions

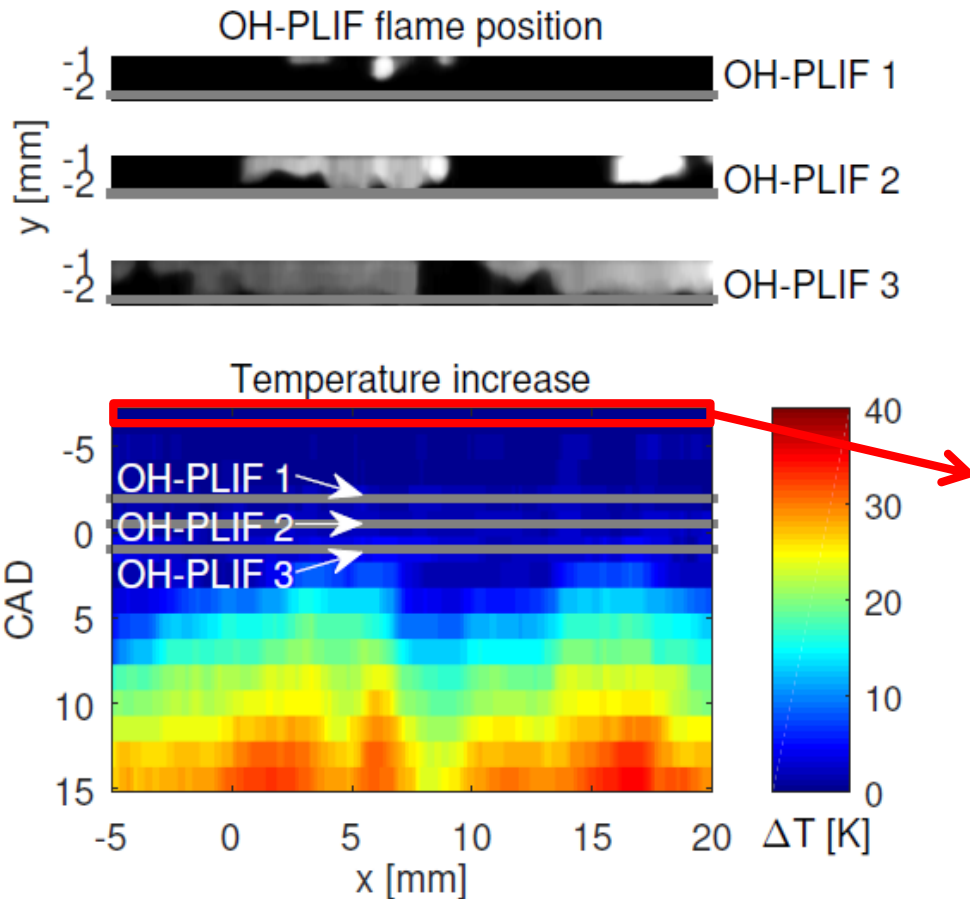
EXERCISE 1

Operating Point

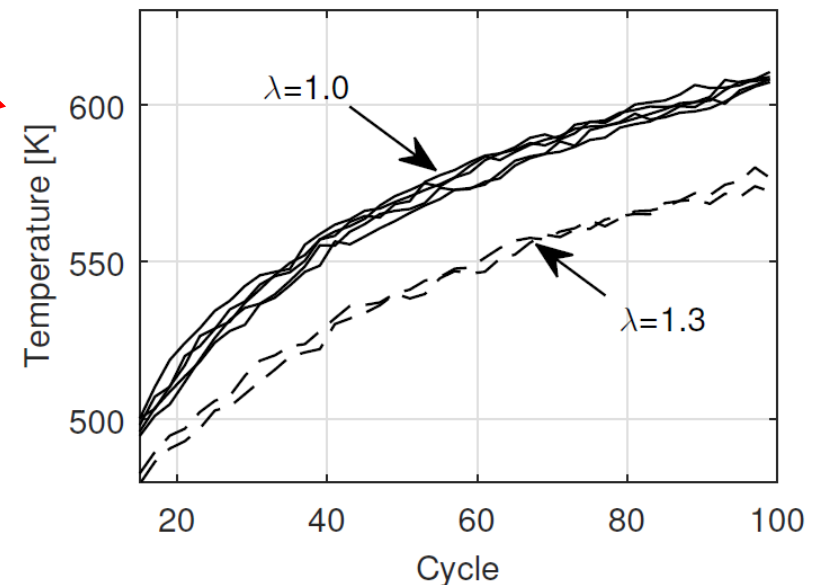
fuel	CH ₄
p _{in}	950 mbar
T _{in}	32°C
Speed	800 rpm
Imep	5.3 bar
lambda	1.0 and 1.3
t _{ignition}	-11 and -16 CAD aTDC



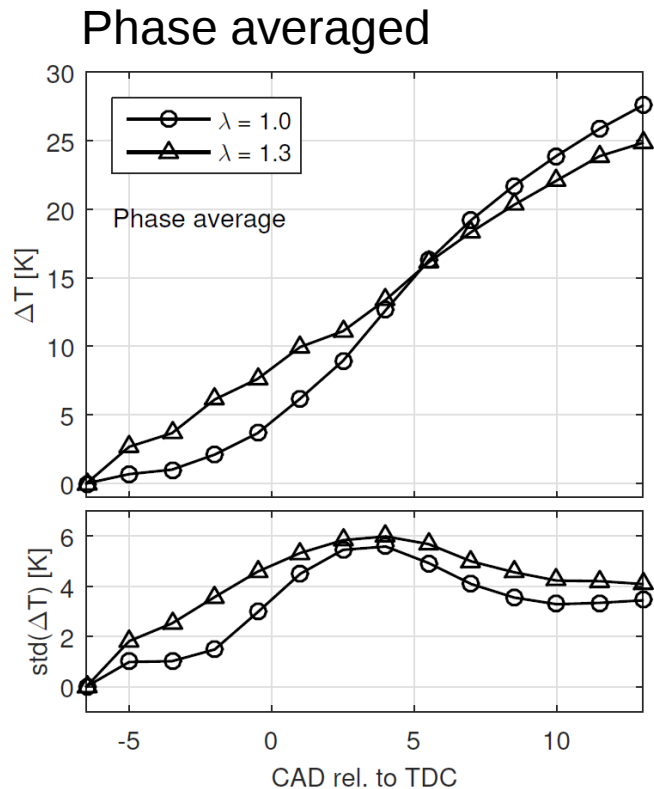
Flame position and wall temperature



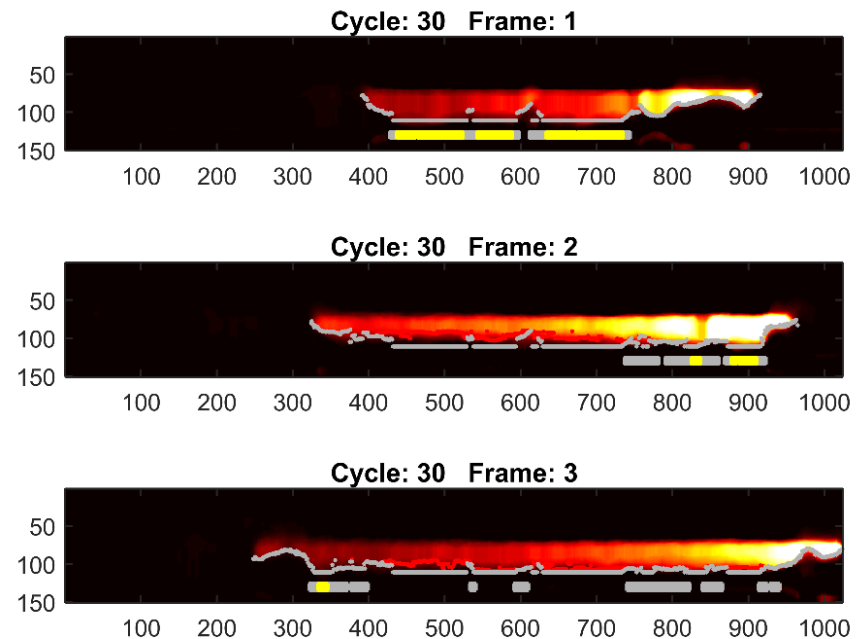
- coherence of flame impingement and wall temperature increase
- reproducible temperature evolution



Temperature rise during flame-wall interaction



Conditional averaged



- Maximum heating rates of up to 20,000 K/s



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- Systems for 0D und 2D phosphor thermometry
- Decay-time method superior compared to ratio method with respect to precision and accuracy
- Quantification of systematic and statistic error
- Application (relatively) straight forward, even to complex systems
- High potential for further applications