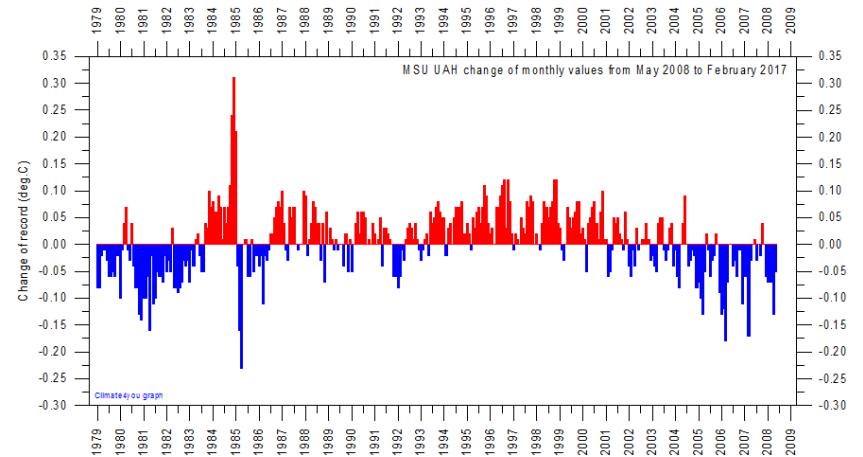


# Temperature Measurement

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# Motivation



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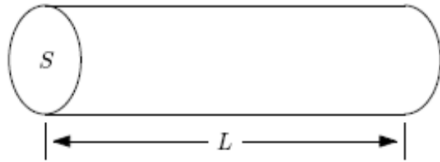
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# 1.1 Resistance Temperature Detectors (RTDs)

- Principle:



$$R = \rho \cdot \frac{L}{S}$$

- $R(\Delta T) = R_0 \cdot (1 + \alpha_R \cdot \Delta T)$
- Measurement of electric resistance → Determination of temperature

- General:

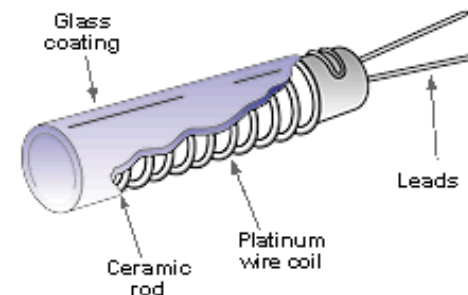
- Based on the temperature dependent electric resistance of metals
- Metals: platinum, tungsten, nickel
- Types: positive/negative temperature coefficient

- Performance:

- Measurement range:  $-200\text{ °C} - 850\text{ °C}$
- Response time:  $<10\text{ ms}$  (Ni on polymer film)
- Linearity: depending on type, range from 0.1 to 5%

# 1.1 Resistance Temperature Detectors (RTDs)

- Example: Pt100:
  - Platinum wire coil
  - Nominal resistance for 0°C: 100  $\Omega$
  - Temperature range: -200°C – 850°C
  - Temp. coefficient:  $\alpha_R \approx 4 \cdot 10^{-3}$  (1/K)
  - Accuracy (high quality sensors):  $\Delta T = \pm (0.15 + 0.002 \times T)$
- Other platinum elements: Pt500, Pt1000, etc.
  - Higher accuracy, higher price
- Other temp. coefficient:



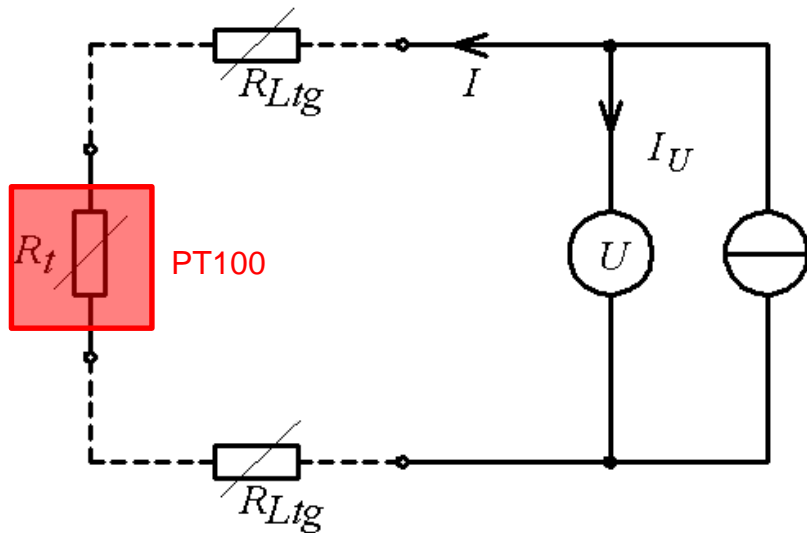
Material	Temperature Coefficient (1/K)
Platinum	0.00392
Tungsten	0.0048
Nickel	0.0067
Copper	0.0043
Gold	0.004
Silver	0.0041

Source: [http://www.engineeringtoolbox.com/rtd-termal-resistive-d\\_498.html](http://www.engineeringtoolbox.com/rtd-termal-resistive-d_498.html)

# 1.1 Resistance Temperature Detectors (RTDs)

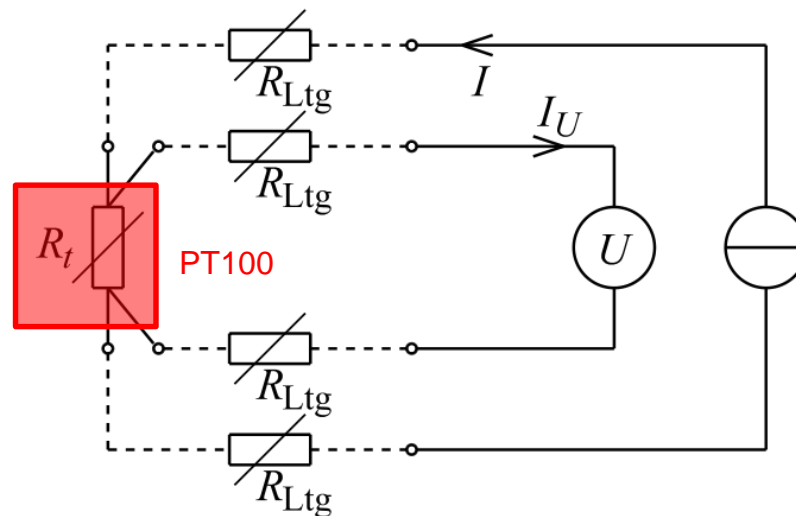
- Measurement of  $R(\Delta T)$ : 2-wire vs. 4-wire configuration

2-wire configuration



$$U = I \cdot (R_t + 2 \cdot R_{Ltg})$$

4-wire configuration



$$I_U \ll I$$
$$U \approx I \cdot R_t$$

→ Tradeoff between costs (wires) and accuracy

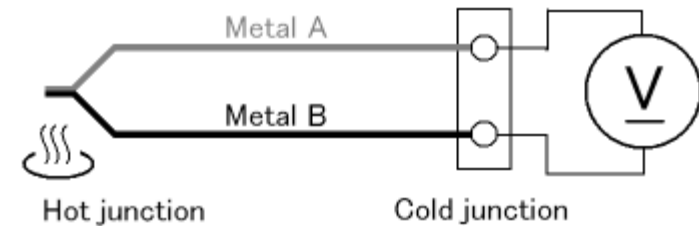
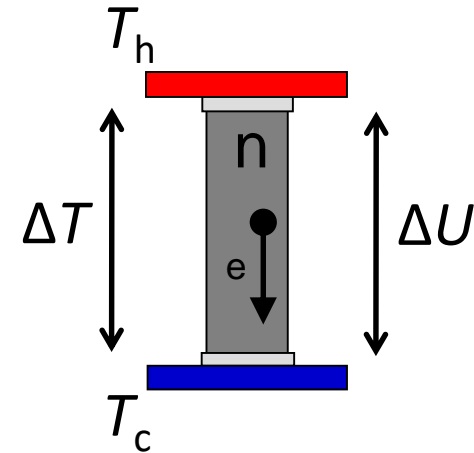
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# 1.2 Thermocouples

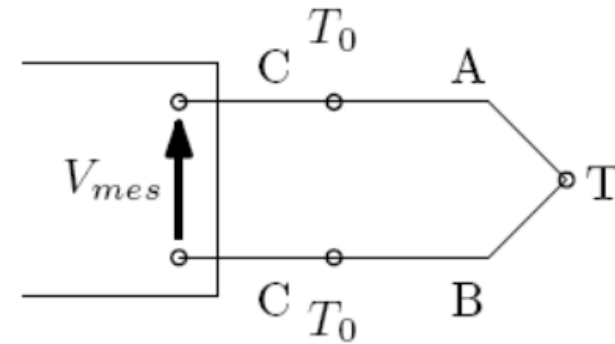
- Seebeck effect:
  - Discovered by Th. Seebeck in 1821
  - Temperature difference induces electron gradient
  - Seebeck effect:  $\Delta V = S \cdot \Delta T$
- Principle of thermocouple («junction»):
  - Based on Seebeck effect
  - Combination of two different metals
- Performance:
  - Precisions: 0.1 – 3°C
  - Response time: 0.05 s or higher



# 1.2 Thermocouples

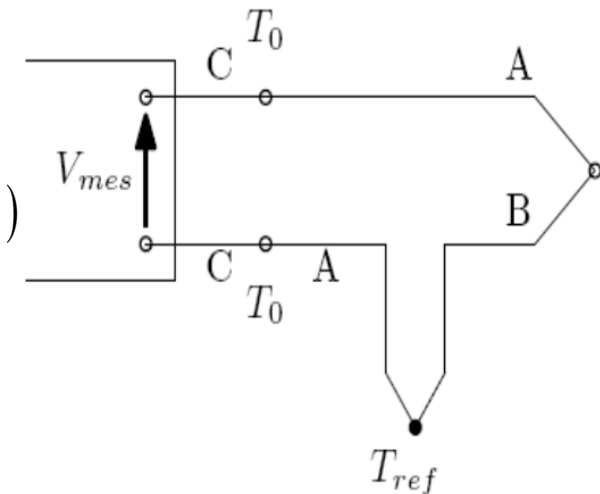
- Problem of cold junction compensation:

- $T_0$  is unknown
- Temperature difference only
- $$V_{mes} = S_C \cdot (T_0 - T_m) + S_A \cdot (T - T_0) + S_B \cdot (T_0 - T) + S_C \cdot (T_m - T_0)$$
- $$V_{mes} = S_A \cdot (T - T_0) + S_B \cdot (T_0 - T)$$



- Compensation by reference temperature  $T_{ref}$

- Known temperature  $T_{ref}$
- Two thermocouples of the same type
- $$V_{mes} = S_C \cdot (T_0 - T_m) + S_A \cdot (T - T_0) + S_B \cdot (T_{ref} - T) + S_A \cdot (T_0 - T_{ref}) + S_C \cdot (T_m - T_C)$$
- $$V_{mes} = S_A \cdot (T - T_{ref}) + S_B \cdot (T_{ref} - T)$$



- Compensation without reference temperature:

- Measurement of  $T_0$  by sensors
- Integrated circuit with electronic compensation
- Standard data acquisition has  $T_0$  compensation on board

# 1.2 Thermocouples

- Thermocouples types:

Type	Couples	Seebeck coeff ( $\mu\text{V}/\text{K}$ )
E	Chromel-Constantan	60
J	Iron-Constantan	51
T	Copper-Constantan	40
K	Chromel-Alumel	40
N	Nicrosil-Nisil	38
S	Pt (10% Rh)-Pt	11
B	Pt (30% Rh)-Pt (6% Rh)	8
R	Pt (13% Rh)-Pt	12

Source: <https://www.electronics-cooling.com/2006/11/the-seebeck-coefficient/>

# 1.2 Thermocouples

- Thermocouples types:

Type	Temperature range (°C)				Tolerance class (°C)		Color code		
	Continuous		Short-term		One	Two	IEC <sup>[23]</sup>	BS	ANSI
	Low ⇄	High ⇄	Low ⇄	High ⇄					
T	-185	+300	-250	+400	-40 – 125: ±0.5 125 – 350: ±0.004×T	-40 – 133: ±1.0 133 – 350: ±0.0075×T			
S	0	+1600	-50	+1750	0 – 1100: ±1.0 1100 – 1600: ±0.003×(T – 767)	0 – 600: ±1.5 600 – 1600: ±0.0025×T			Not defined
R	0	+1600	-50	+1700	0 – 1100: ±1.0 1100 – 1600: ±0.003×(T – 767)	0 – 600: ±1.5 600 – 1600: ±0.0025×T			Not defined
N	0	+1100	-270	+1300	-40 – 375: ±1.5 375 – 1000: ±0.004×T	-40 – 333: ±2.5 333 – 1200: ±0.0075×T			
<b>K</b>	0	+1100	-180	+1300	-40 – 375: ±1.5 375 – 1000: ±0.004×T	-40 – 333: ±2.5 333 – 1200: ±0.0075×T			
J	0	+750	-180	+800	-40 – 375: ±1.5 375 – 750: ±0.004×T	-40 – 333: ±2.5 333 – 750: ±0.0075×T			
E	0	+800	-40	+900	-40 – 375: ±1.5 375 – 800: ±0.004×T	-40 – 333: ±2.5 333 – 900: ±0.0075×T			
Chromel/AuFe	-272	+300	N/A	N/A	Reproducibility 0.2% of the voltage. Each sensor needs individual calibration.				
B	+200	+1700	0	+1820	Not available	600 – 1700: ±0.0025×T	No standard	No standard	Not defined

Source: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thermocouple>

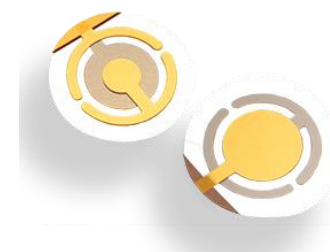
→ Check datasheet of manufacturer

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## 1.3 Others

- Thermistors
  - Similar to Resistance Temp Detectors
  - Material: metals, semiconductors etc.
- Silicon bandgap temperature sensors
  - Integrated circuits
  - Related to electrical engineering
- Quartz sensors
  - Quartz crystal
  - Temperature dependent frequency



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# 1.4 Summary

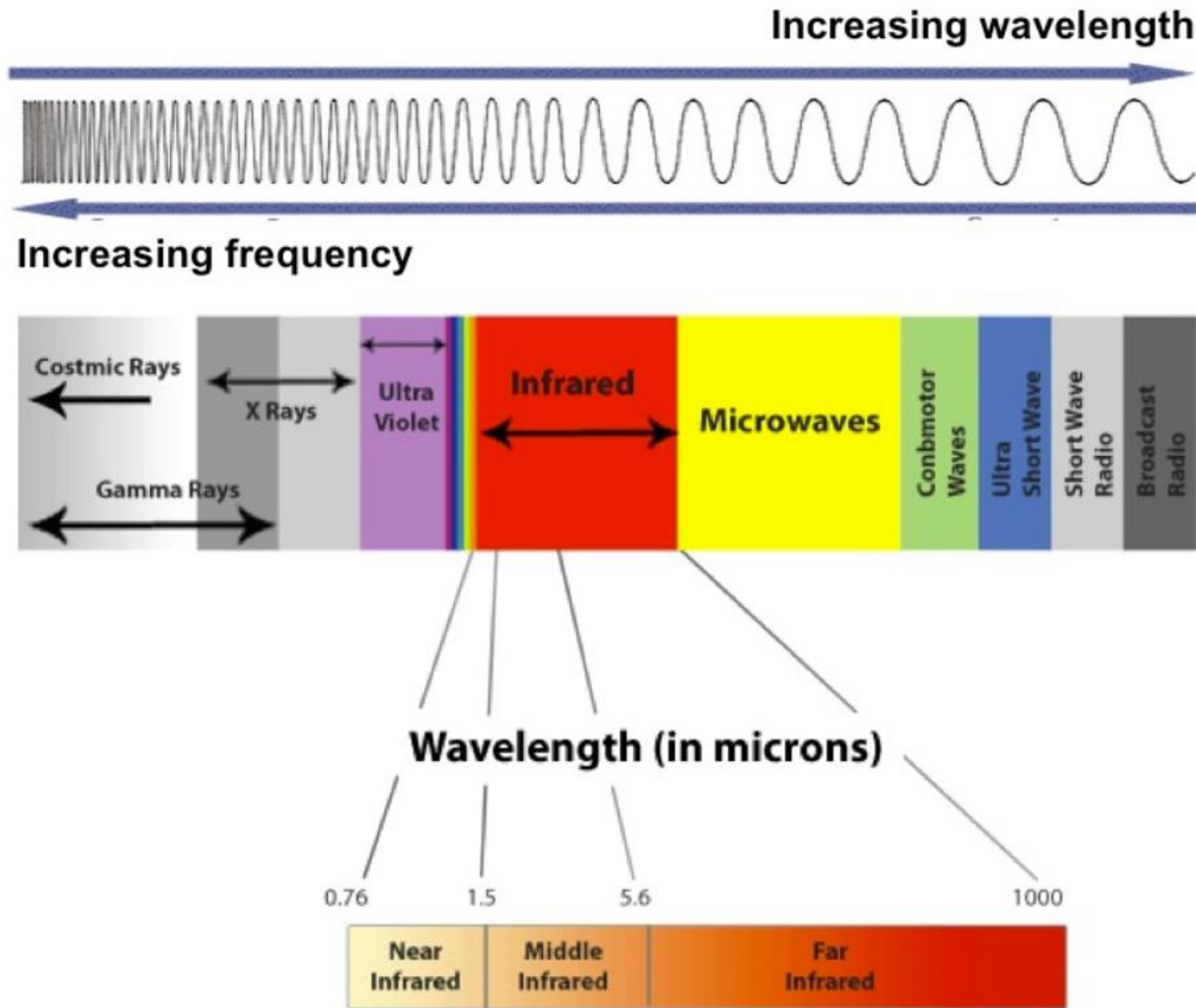
	RTDs	Thermocouples
Price	High	Moderate
Temp. range	-200°C – 850°C	-270°C – 1700°C
Accuracy	Good (<2°C)	Moderate (~3°C)
Linearity	High	Moderate
Sensitivity	High	Moderate
Applications	Technical	Technical



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# 2.1 Electromagnetic spectrum



## 2.1 Electromagnetic spectrum

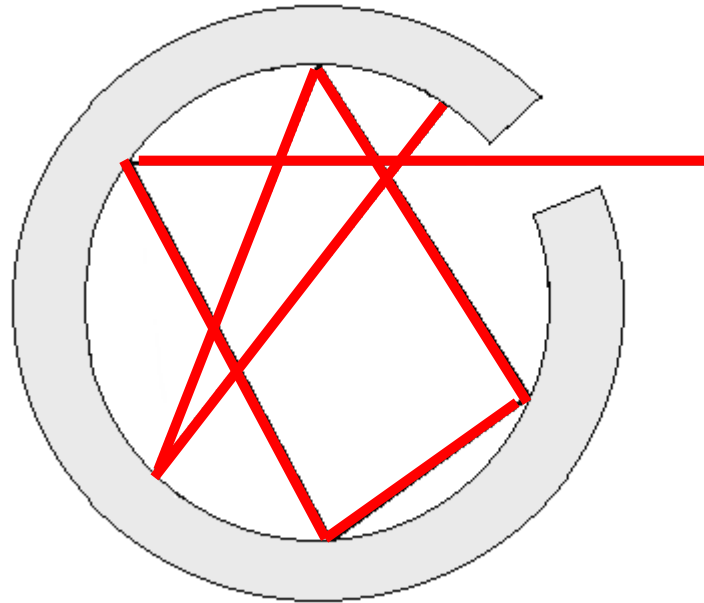
- Matter emits and absorbs electromagnetic radiation permanently
- For temperature ranges as found on earth the emitted radiation of matter corresponds to the infrared spectrum
- The visible range corresponds to wave lengths from 0.4 – 0.8  $\mu\text{m}$
- The IR band spans from 0.8 – 1000  $\mu\text{m}$ , with following subranges:
  - Near infrared (NIR): 0,8 à 1.5  $\mu\text{m}$
  - Mid infrared (MIR): 1.5 à 6  $\mu\text{m}$
  - Far infrared (FIR): 6 à 1000  $\mu\text{m}$
- In thermography normally the spectrum from 2 – 15  $\mu\text{m}$  is used, in particular within the band **7 – 15  $\mu\text{m}$** .

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## 2.2 Black body

- A blackbody absorbs all incident radiation, regardless of wavelength and direction → **perfect absorber**
- For a prescribed temperature and wavelength, no surface can emit more energy than a blackbody → **perfect emitter**
- A blackbody is an idealized body, which does not exist in reality, but is used for the fundamentals of radiation



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## 2.3 Planck's law

$$E_{b\lambda}(T, \lambda) = \frac{C_1}{n^2 \lambda^5 \left[ e^{C_2/(n\lambda T)} - 1 \right]}, \quad n = \text{const} \quad (\text{W m}^{-2} \mu\text{m}^{-1})$$

$$\lambda = \frac{\lambda_0}{n}$$

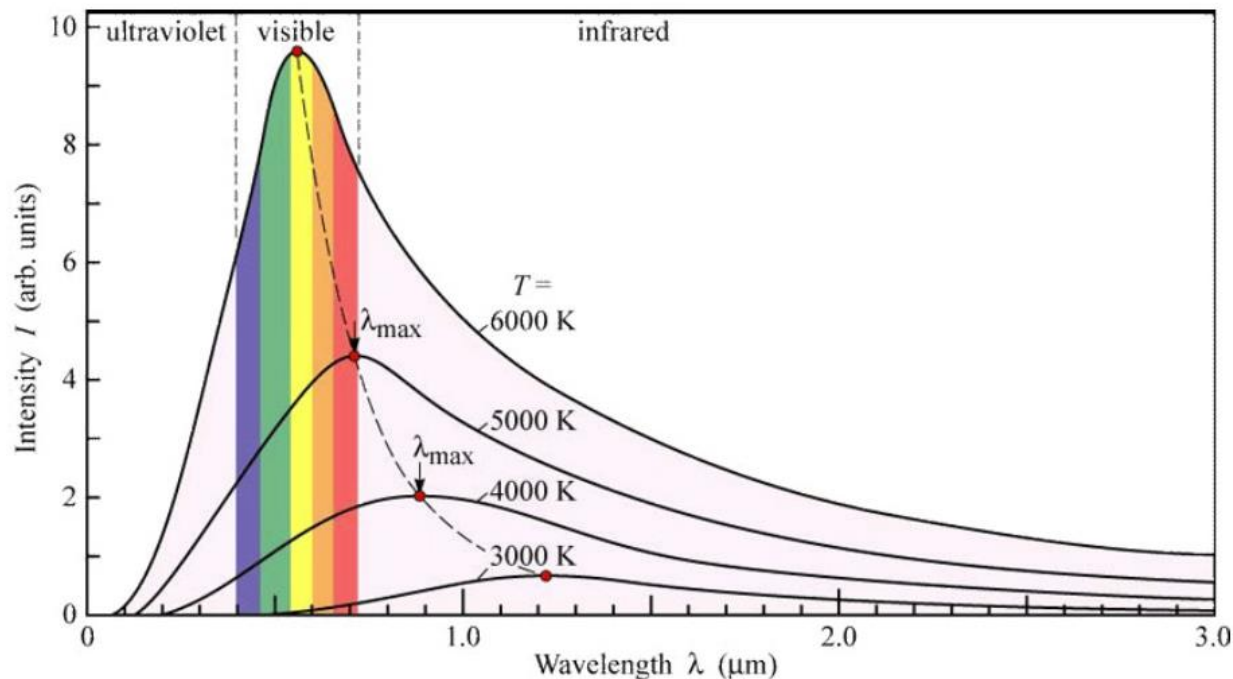
$C_1$  First radiation constant ( $= 2\pi hc_0^2 = 3.7418 \times 10^{-16} \text{ W m}^2$   
 $= 3.7418 \times 10^8 \text{ W } \mu\text{m}^4 \text{ m}^{-2}$ )

$C_2$  Second radiation constant ( $= hc_0 / k = 14,388.69 \mu\text{mK}$ )

$h$  Planck constant ( $= 6.6260755 \times 10^{-34} \text{ Js}$ )

$c_0$  speed of light in vacuum ( $= 2.998 \times 10^8 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ )

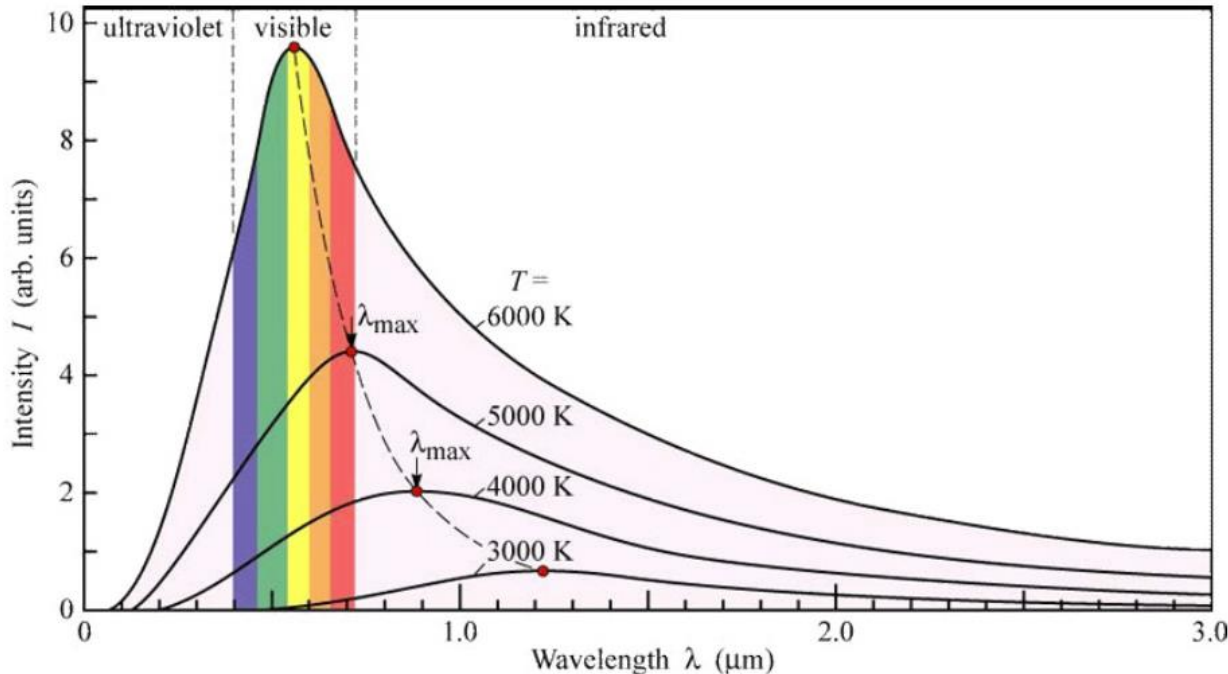
$k$  Boltzmann constant ( $= 1.380658 \times 10^{-23} \text{ JK}^{-1}$ )



Source: Lecture «Advanced heat transfer», Prof. Sophia Haussener, Feb 2016

## 2.3 Wien's displacement law

- Idea: find maxima of emission as function of wave length
  - Derivative of Planck's law with respect to  $\lambda$  must equal zero



$$(n\lambda T)_{\text{max}} = C_3 = 2897.8 \mu\text{mK}$$

«The higher the temperature the lower the max. wave length»





## 2.3 Stefan-Boltzmann law

- Total power emitted a blackbody (for all wave lengths):

$$E_b(T) = \int_{\lambda=0}^{\infty} E_{b\lambda}(T, \lambda) d\lambda$$

$$= C_1 n^2 T^4 \int_0^{\infty} \frac{d(n\lambda T)}{(n\lambda T)^5 \left[ e^{C_2/(n\lambda T)} - 1 \right]}$$

$$= \left[ \frac{C_1}{C_2^4} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\xi^3 d\xi}{e^{\xi} - 1} \right] n^2 T^4$$

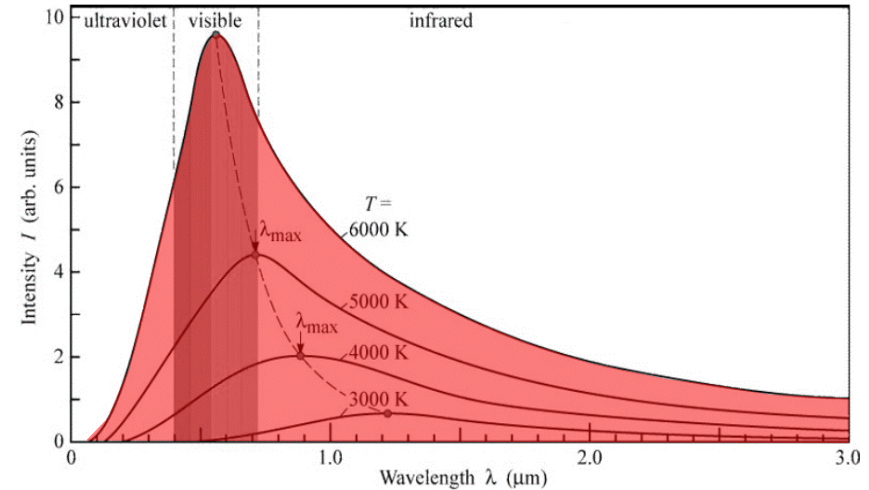
$$\xi = \frac{C_2}{n\lambda T}$$

$$= \frac{\pi^4 C_1}{15 C_2^4} n^2 T^4$$

$$= n^2 \sigma T^4$$

for  $n = 1$

$$E_b(T) = \sigma T^4$$



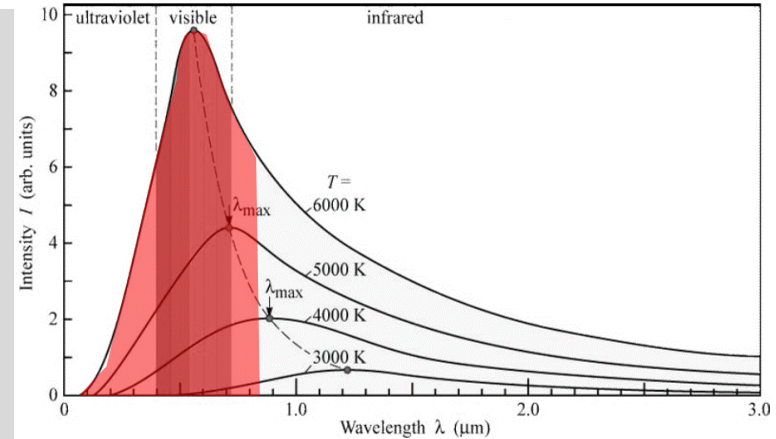
Stefan-Boltzmann constant

$$\sigma = 5.6704 \times 10^{-8} \text{ (W m}^{-2}\text{K}^{-4}\text{)}$$

# 2.3 Blackbody emission within a spectral band

- Fraction of blackbody emissive power (blackbody fractional function)

$$f(n\lambda T) = f_{0-n\lambda T} = \frac{\int_0^\lambda E_{b\lambda}(T, \lambda) d\lambda}{\int_{\lambda=0}^\infty E_{b\lambda}(T, \lambda) d\lambda}$$



$$= \frac{\int_0^\lambda E_{b\lambda}(T, \lambda) d\lambda}{n^2 \sigma T^4} = \int_0^{n\lambda T} \frac{E_{b\lambda}(T, \lambda)}{n^3 \sigma T^5} d(n\lambda T) = \frac{15}{\pi^4} \int_{\xi=C_2/(n\lambda T)}^\infty \frac{\xi^3 d\xi}{e^\xi - 1} = \frac{15}{\pi^4} \sum_{m=1}^\infty \left[ \frac{e^{-m\xi}}{m} \left( \xi^3 + \frac{3\xi^2}{m} + \frac{6\xi}{m^2} + \frac{6}{m^3} \right) \right]$$

$$\xi = \frac{C_2}{n\lambda T} \quad \sigma = \frac{\pi^4 C_1}{15 C_2^4}$$

$$(e^\xi - 1)^{-1} = e^{-\xi} + e^{-2\xi} + e^{-3\xi} + \dots$$

$$f_{n\lambda_1 T - n\lambda_2 T} = f_{0-n\lambda_2 T} - f_{0-n\lambda_1 T} = f(n\lambda_2 T) - f(n\lambda_1 T)$$

$$E_{b, \lambda_1 - \lambda_2}(T) = E_{b, n\lambda_1 T - n\lambda_2 T} = \int_{\lambda=\lambda_1}^{\lambda_2} E_{b\lambda}(T, \lambda) d\lambda = [f(n\lambda_2 T) - f(n\lambda_1 T)] n^2 \sigma T^4$$

$n\lambda T$ ( $\mu\text{m}\cdot\text{K}$ )	$f(n\lambda T)$
1'448	0.01
2'898	0.25
4'107	0.50
6'148	0.75
22'890	0.99

## 2.3 Kirchhoff's law

- A real body is « non-black » or « gray »

### **Emissivity**

$$0 < \varepsilon < 1$$

= Ratio of the flux emitted by a **real surface** to that emitted by a **blackbody**

### **Absorptivity**

$$0 < \alpha < 1$$

= Ratio of the flux absorbed by a surface to the incident flux (opaque materials)

### **Reflectivity**

$$0 < \rho < 1$$

= Ratio of the flux reflected by a surface to the incident flux

### **Transmissivity**

$$0 < \tau < 1$$

= Ratio of the flux transmitted through an interface of a semitransparent material to the incident flux

- Kirchhoff:  $\alpha = \varepsilon$ : «A good emitter is also a good absorber»
- Energy conservation:  $\alpha + \rho + \tau = 1$
- The laws from the previous slides have to be extended, e.g.:
  - $E_{\lambda}(T, \lambda) = \varepsilon(T, \lambda) \cdot E_{b, \lambda}(T, \lambda)$

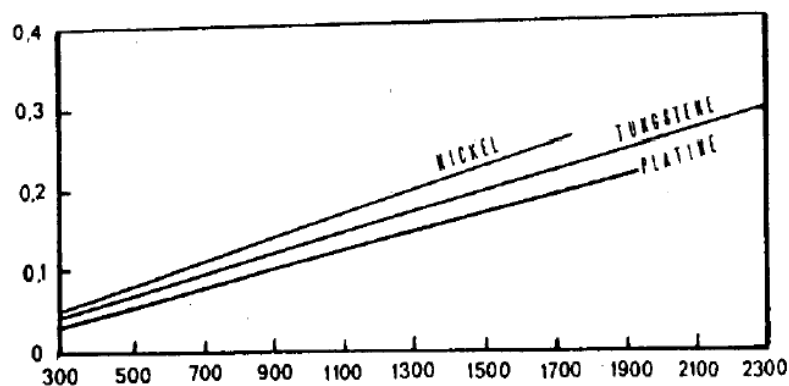
## 2.3 Emissivity dependencies

- **Material:**

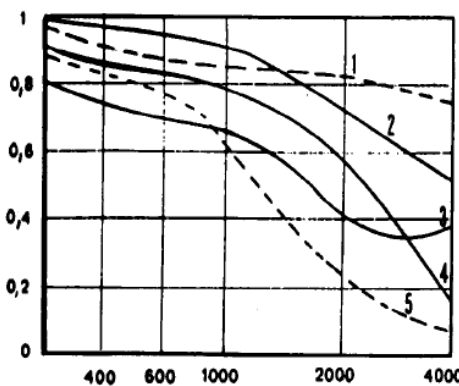
- Metals have generally low emissivities
- Other, non-metallic materials have often  $\varepsilon(\lambda) > 0.8$
- Surfaces with high roughness have higher emissivities

- **Temperature:**

- For metals:  $\varepsilon$  increases with the temperature
- Other, non-metallic materials:  $\varepsilon$  decreases with the temperature



*Emissivité totale  $\varepsilon$  (métaux)*



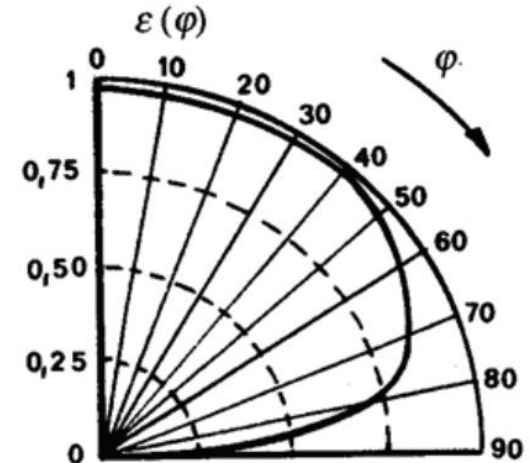
*Emissivité totale  $\varepsilon$  (diélectriques)*

1. Caoutchouc
2. Ceramics
3. Cork
4. Paper
5. Clay

## 2.3 Emissivity dependencies

- **Wave length:**
  - The emissivities are selective, i.e. in some ranges the emissivity is high whereas in others it is low.  
Example: snow is in the IR spectrum a good absorber, in the visible spectrum a good reflector
  - Wave length dependent emissivities are often approximated as spectral bands where  $\varepsilon = \text{const}$   
→ Use of fractional functions!

- **Direction:**
  - The emissivity varies with angle of view
  - Often  $\varepsilon \approx \text{const}$  for  $\varphi = 0 - 50^\circ$

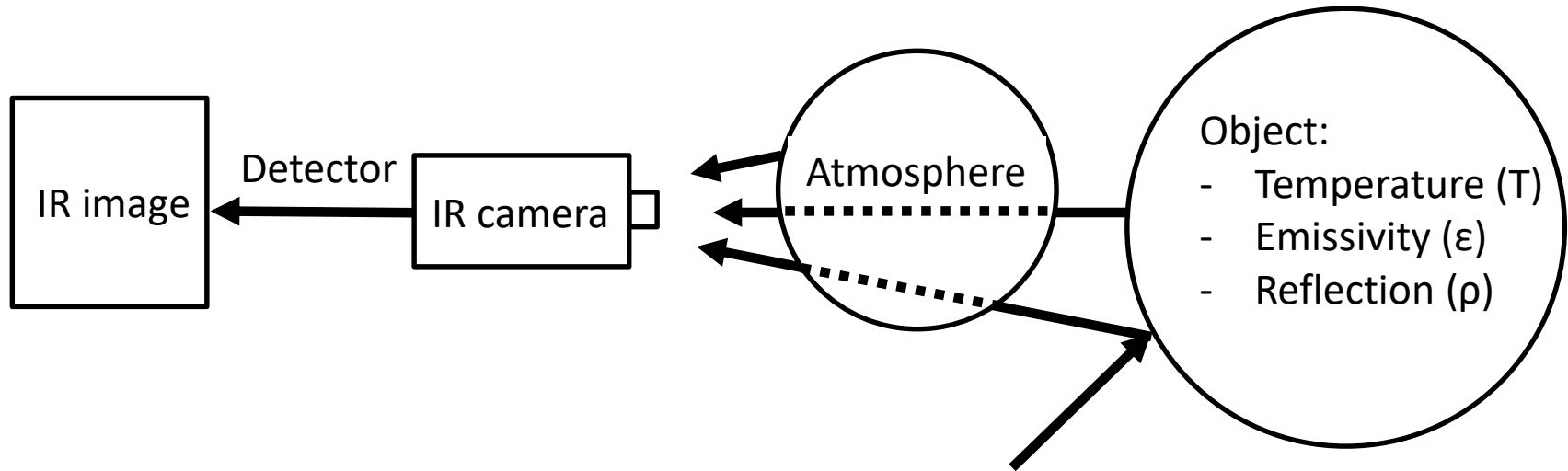


Emissivity of water for  $\lambda = 10 \mu\text{m}$  as a function of angle of view

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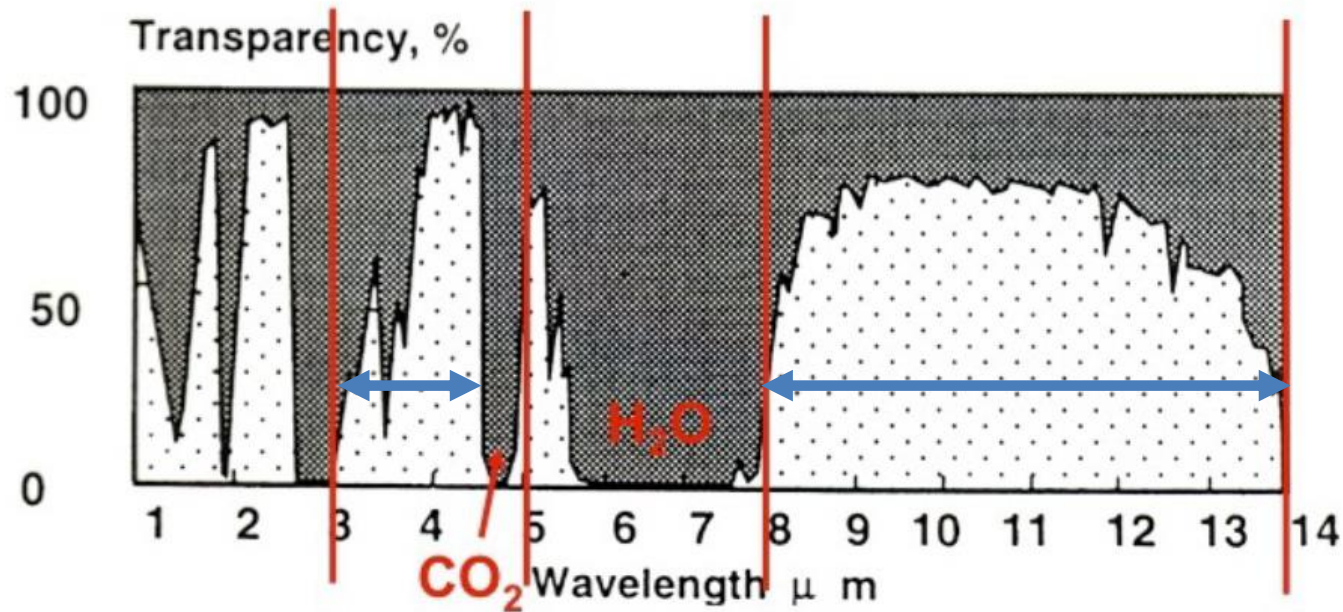
# 3.1 Measurement principle



- Measurement of object with temperature  $T$
- Interfering magnitudes:
  - Unknown emissivity of object
  - Reflection from object
  - Atmosphere

# 3.1 Atmospheric Influence

- Water vapor and CO<sub>2</sub> attenuate radiation
  - CO<sub>2</sub> (4.5 – 5 μm) and H<sub>2</sub>O (5.5 – 7.5 μm)
  - Two transmission bands: 3 – 4.5 μm and 8 – 14 μm
  - Depending on weather conditions



- In general, IR measurements are done in atmospheric conditions:
  - For technical applications negligible as only short distance

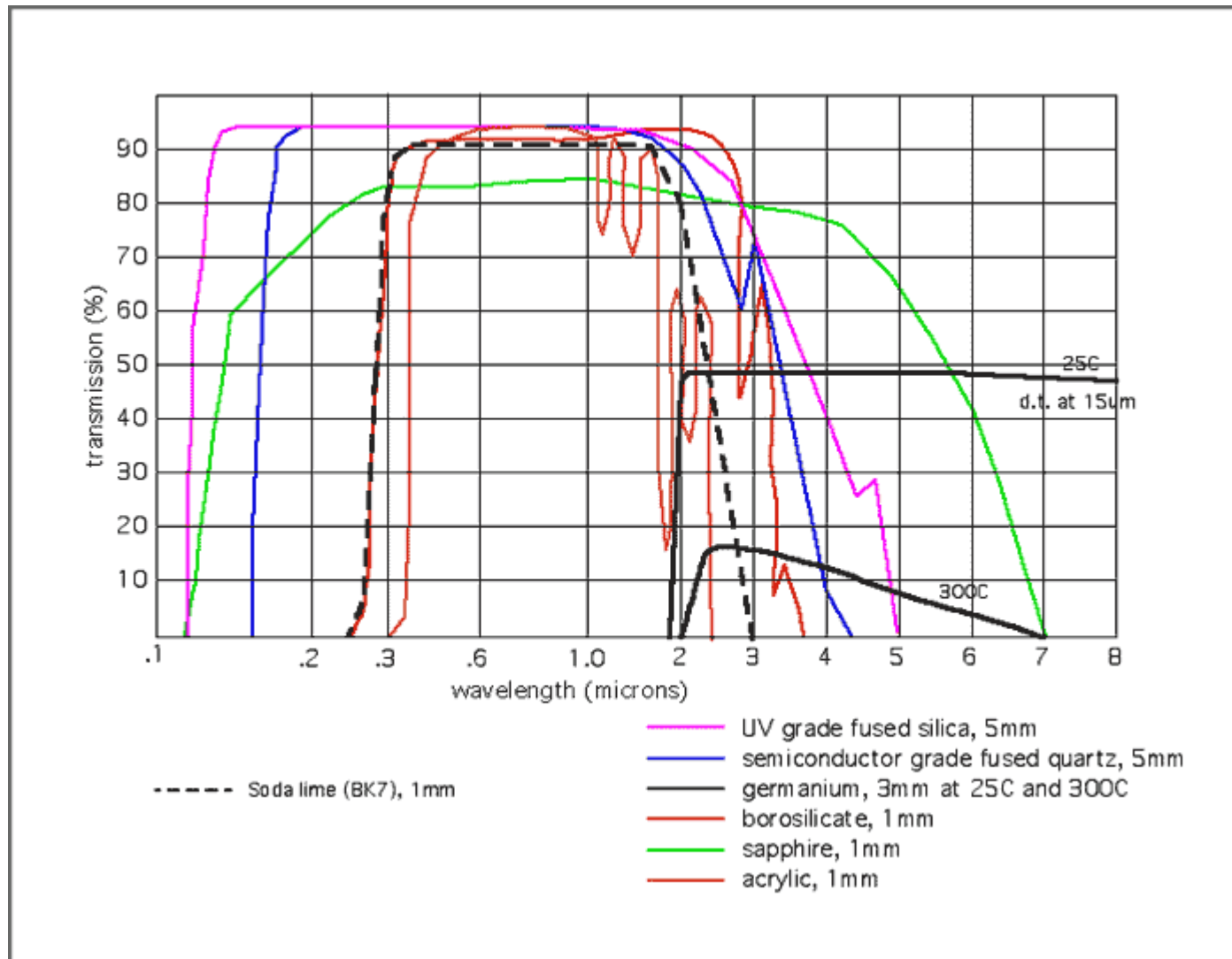


# 3.1 Emissivity of different materials

- Variety of materials:

Material	Temp (°C)	Range $\lambda$ ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Emissivity (-)
Aluminium, laminated foil	100	2 – 5	0.09
Concrete	20	2 – 5	0.94
Gold	30	8 – 12	0.01 / 0.10
Ice	<0	8 – 12	0.95
Skin, human	30	2 – 5	0.98
Soil, dry	20	2 – 5	0.90
Steel, oxidized	100	2 – 5	0.74
Steel, polished	100	2 – 5	0.07
Textile	30	8 – 12	0.95
Water	0 – 100	2 – 5, 8 – 12	0.93 – 0.95
Wood	20	2 – 5	0.83

# 3.1 Transmissivity of various glasses



Source: <https://www.encole.com/articles/about-sight-glass/>

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## 3.2 IR detector types

- Two type of detectors exist
- Thermal sensors:
  - Absorption of IR radiation induces temperature change, which is converted into an electric output signal
- Photon or quantum sensors:
  - The electric output signal is proportional to the number of photons of the absorbed IR radiation
- Qualitative overview:

	Thermal	Quantum
Price	Moderate	High
Cooled to ca. 80 K	No	Yes
Resolution	Low	High
Frame rate	Up to 100 Hz	Up to GHz
Sensitivity	Low	High

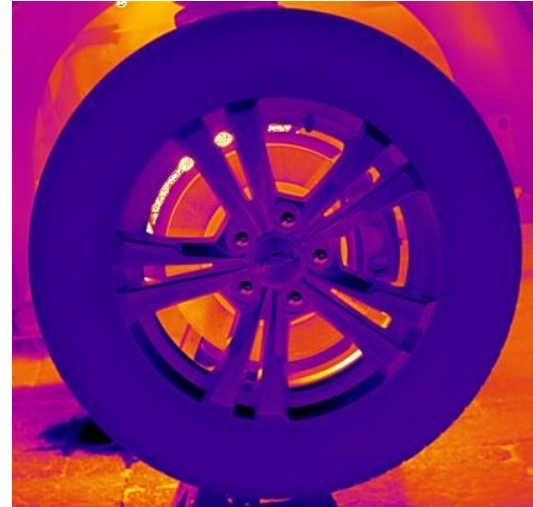
## 3.2 IR detector types

- Thermal vs. quantum detectors

Speed

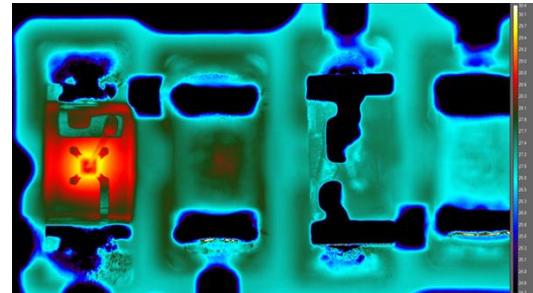
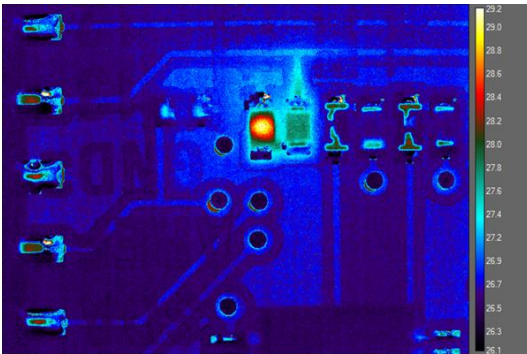


Rotating Tire at 20mph



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Spatial resolution

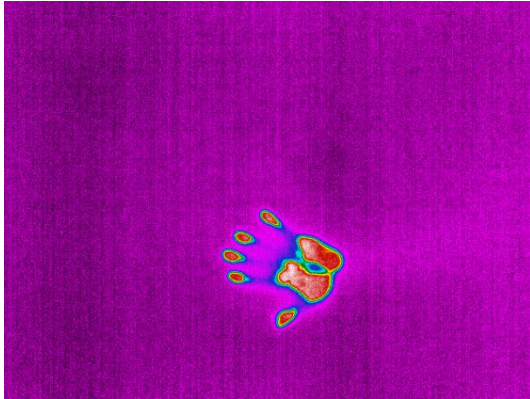


Close-up 4x

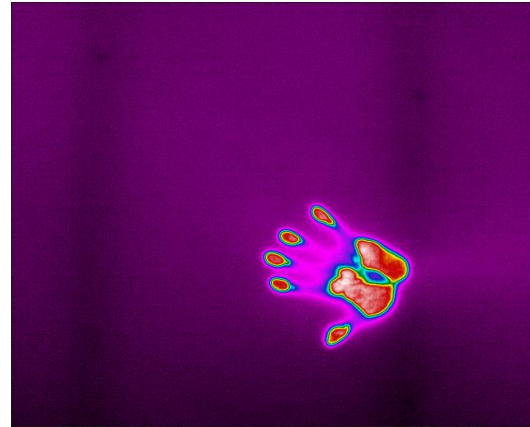
## 3.2 IR detector types

- Thermal vs. quantum detectors

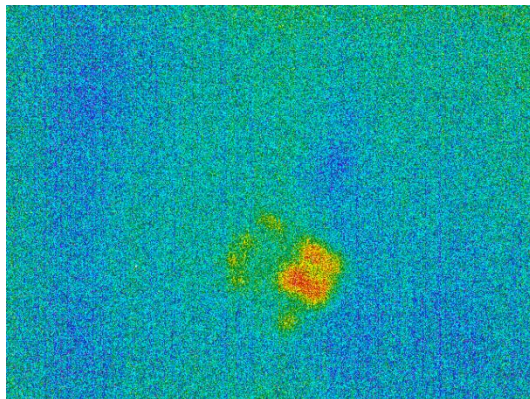
Sensitivity



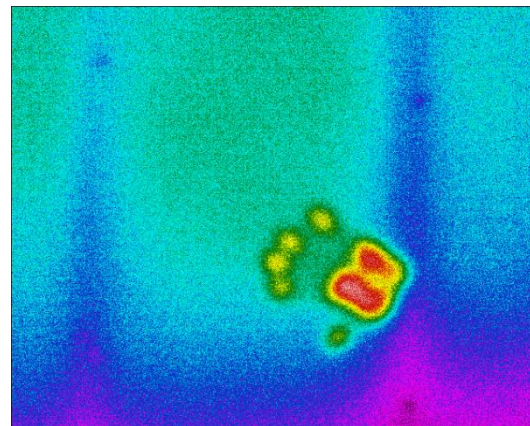
t = 0 min



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t = 2 min

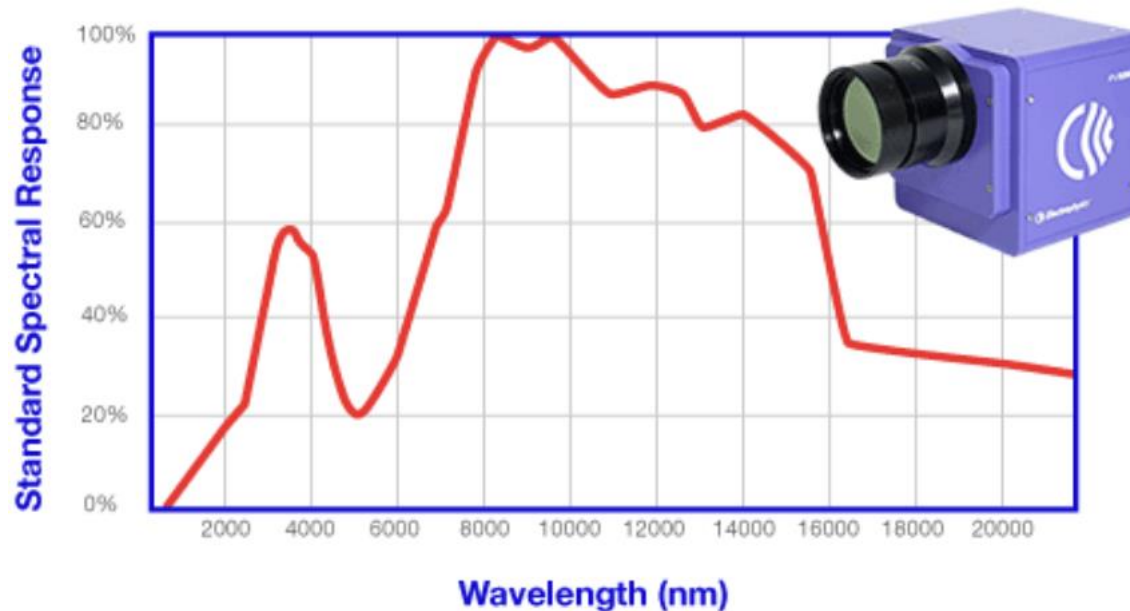


t = 2 min

Source: <http://www.flir.com/science/display/?id=65982>

## 3.2 IR detector sensitivity

- The spectral sensitivity  $s(\lambda)$  is the response  $dV(\lambda)$  to a flux  $d\Phi\lambda(\lambda)$
- $s(\lambda)$  depends on:
  - Wave length
  - Sensor type: quantum or thermal, material, temperature
- Best operation point for highest sensitivity



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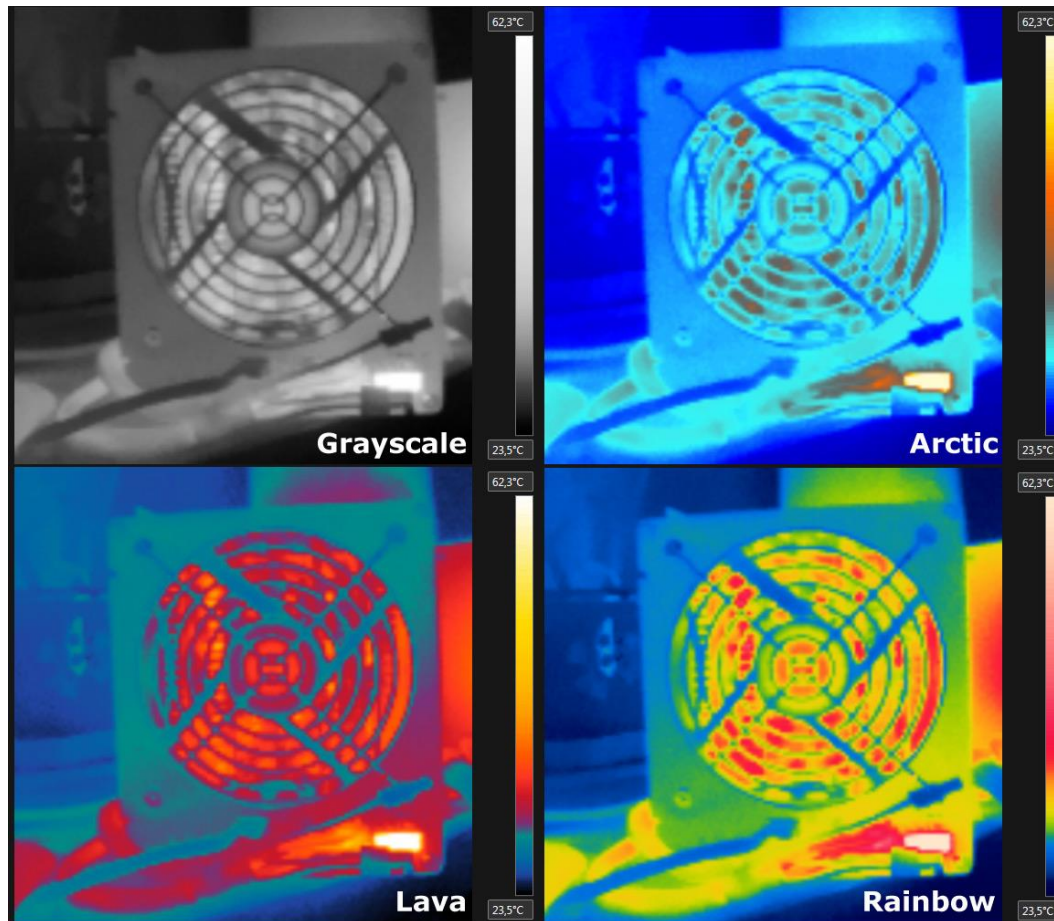
## 3.3 Live-Demo

- Model FLIR A35sc:
  - Sensor (thermal): Uncooled VoX micro bolometer (7.5 – 13  $\mu\text{m}$ )
  - Spatial resolution: 320 x 256
  - Frame rate: 60 Hz
  - Focal length:  $f = 9\text{mm}$
  - Field of view (lens):  $48^\circ \times 39^\circ$
  - Temperature range:  $-40^\circ\text{C}$  to  $550^\circ\text{C}$
  - Price:  $\sim 6'000$  CHF



## 3.3 False color images

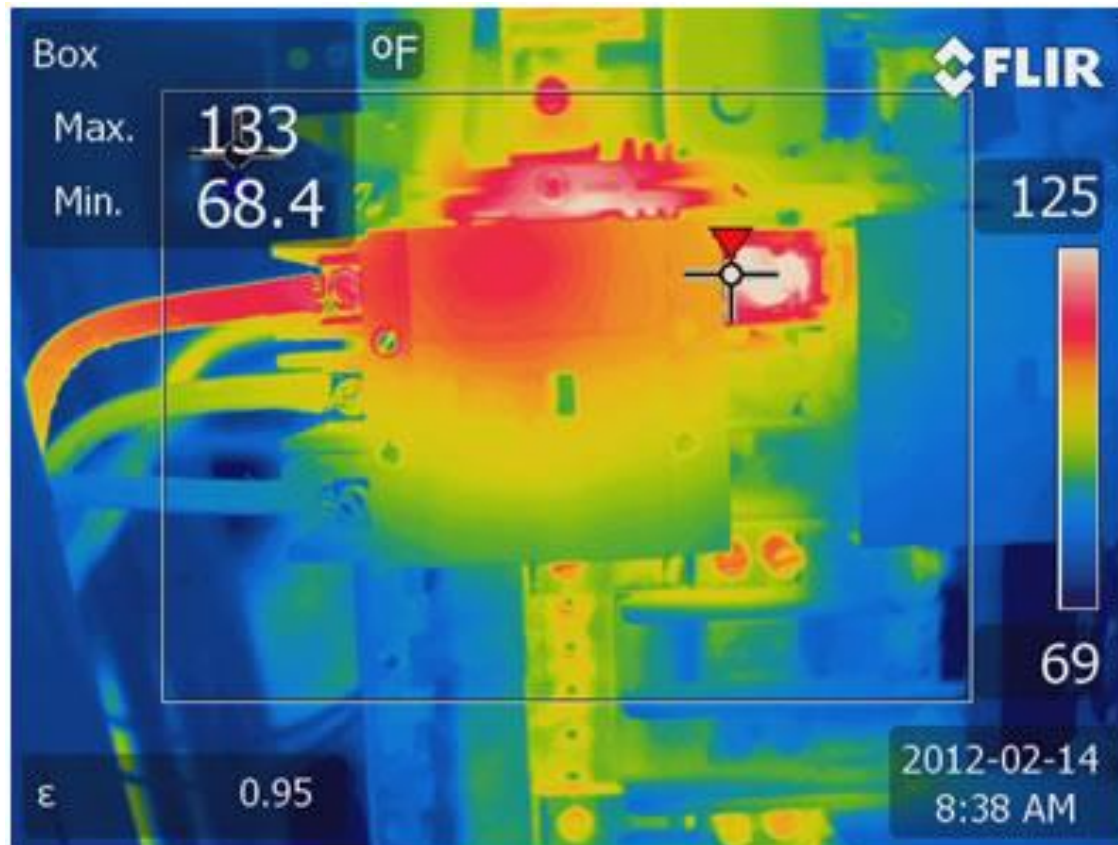
- IR images indicate temperature differences
- For easier distinction often «colored» images are used without any correspondence to true colors.



Source: <http://thermalimaging-blog.com/tag/grayscale-palette/>

## 3.3 Applications

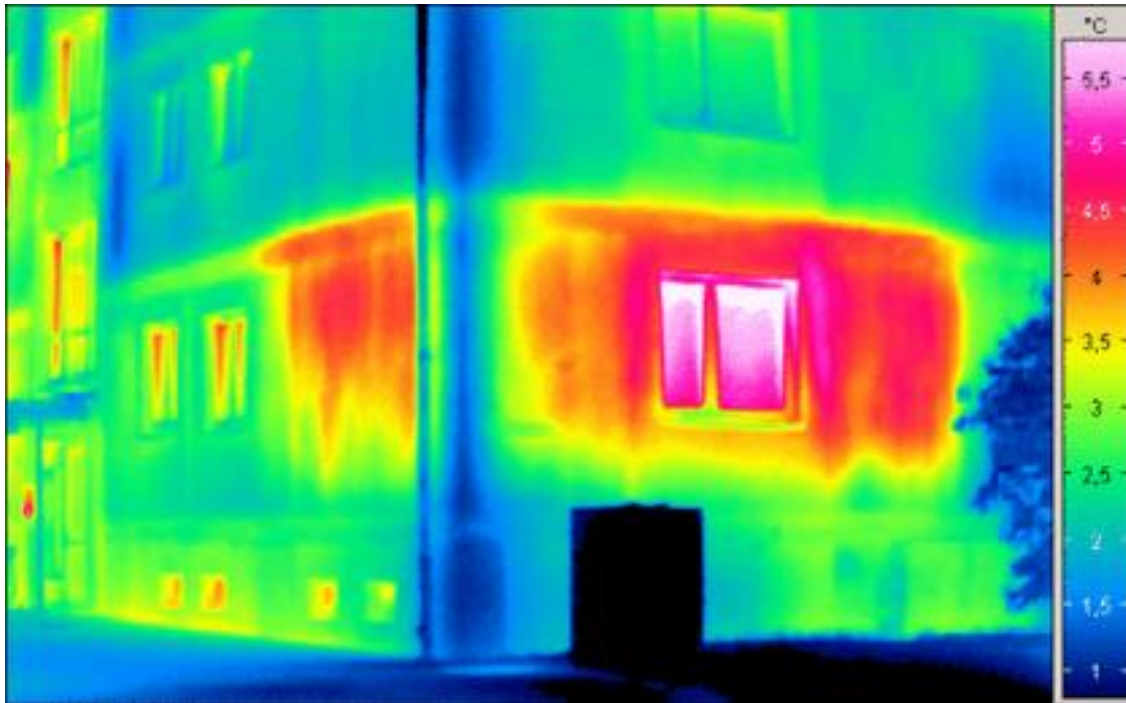
- **Electric inspections:**
  - Qualitative check of electric components during operation
  - Prevention of malfunctions



Source: <http://www.tp-eur.com/thermography-electrical-inspection//>

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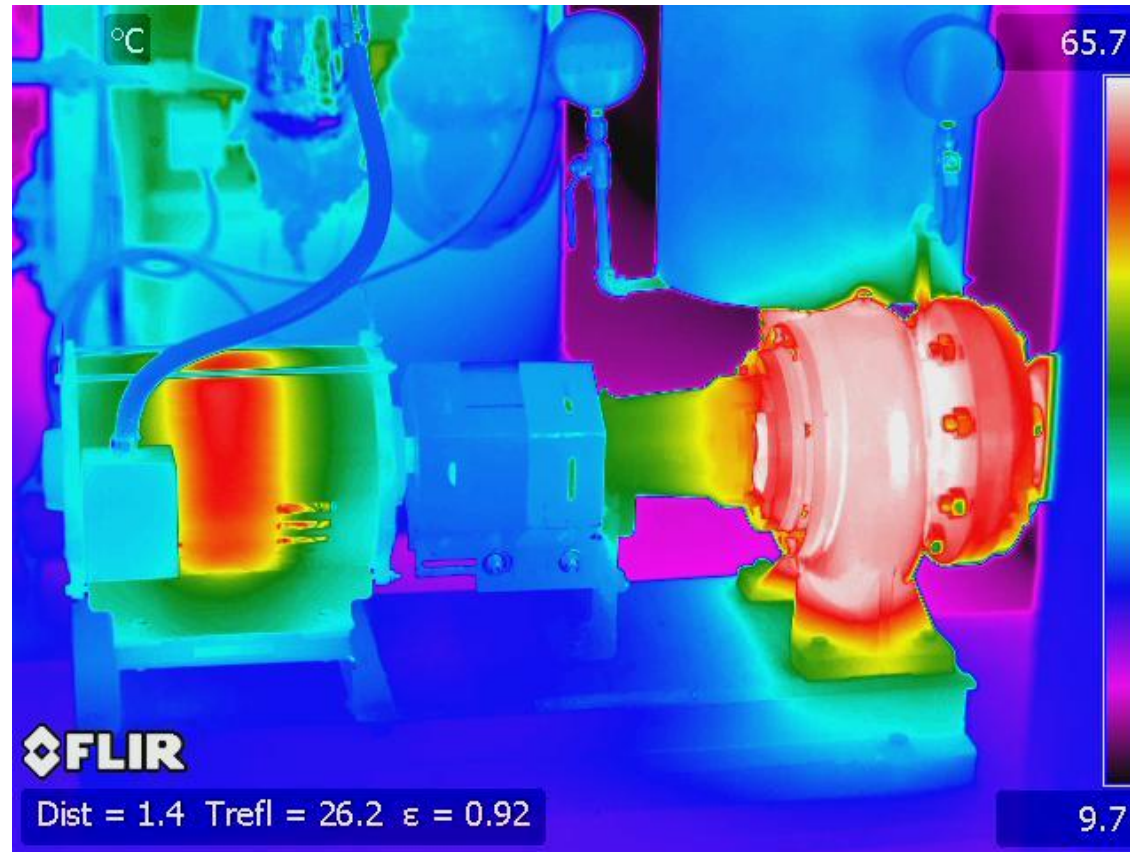
- **Inspections of buildings:**
  - Qualitative check of facade
  - «Hot spots» indicate high heat losses, e.g. windows



Source: <http://www.infratec-infrared.com/thermography/application-area/building-thermography.html>

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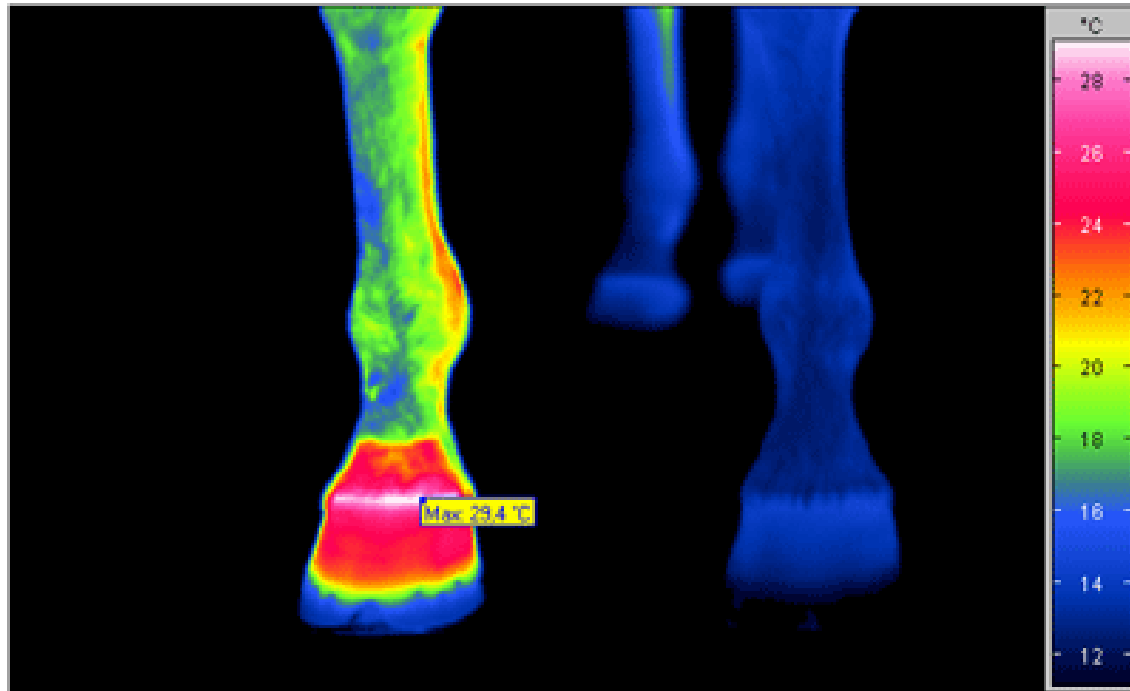
- **Inspections of mechanical systems:**
  - Qualitative check of mechanical components during operation
  - Prevention of malfunctions



Source: <https://irisdpdm.com/infrared-thermography-for-mechanical-systems-and-motors/>

## 3.3 Applications

- **Medical inspections:**
  - Check of body temperature
  - Detection of various disease patterns



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# 3.4 Summary



	Temperature sensors	IR thermography
Price	Low	High
Temp. range	High	High
Accuracy	High	Low
Sensitivity	High	High
Measurement	Selective point	Surface
Method	Invasive	Non-invasive
Applications	Technical	Technical, medical, etc.

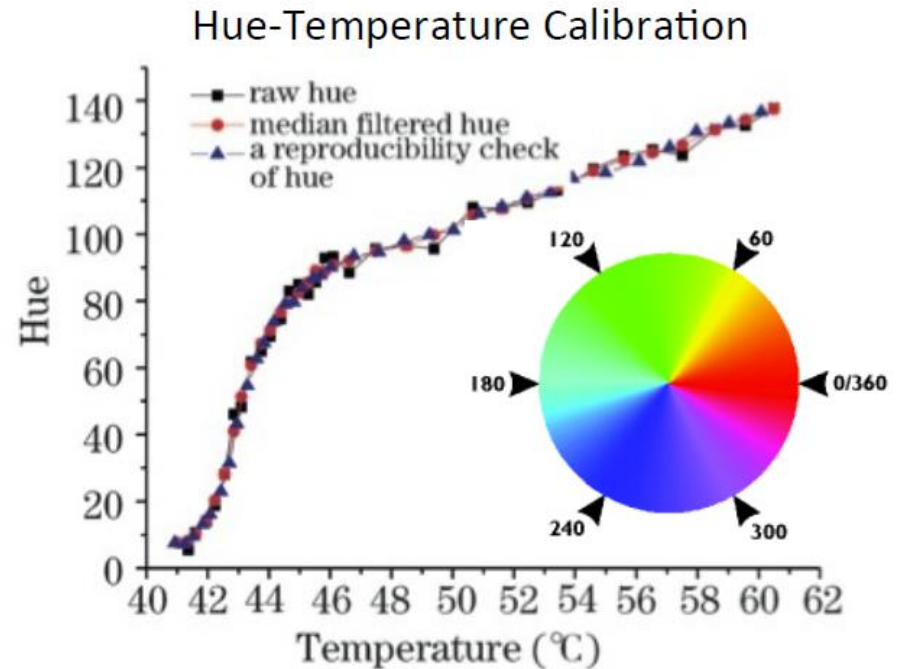
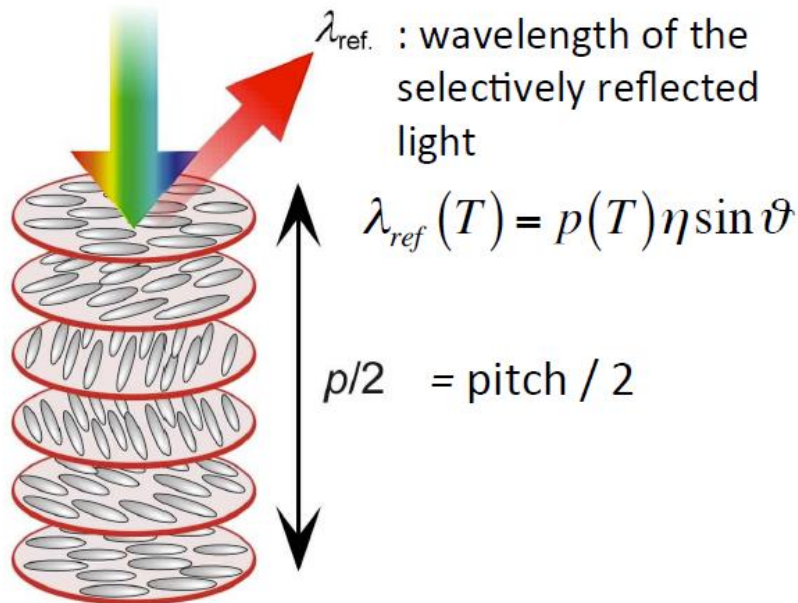


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# 4. Others

- Liquid Crystal Thermography (LCT)
  - Periodic layers with «rotating» orientation of crystals
  - Acts as 3D diffraction grating (Bragg type scattering)
  - Pitch length varies with temperature
  - Reflected wave length ( $\lambda_{ref}$ ) depends on temperature



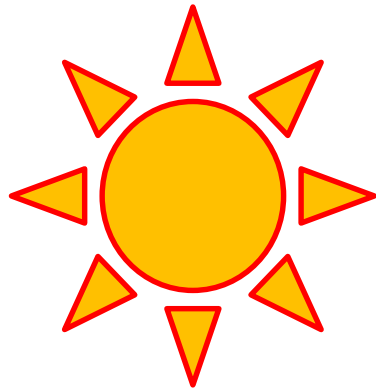
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# 5. Lab example

- High temperature measurement of ceramic foam samples:

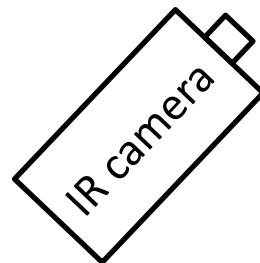
High flux solar simulator



Sample

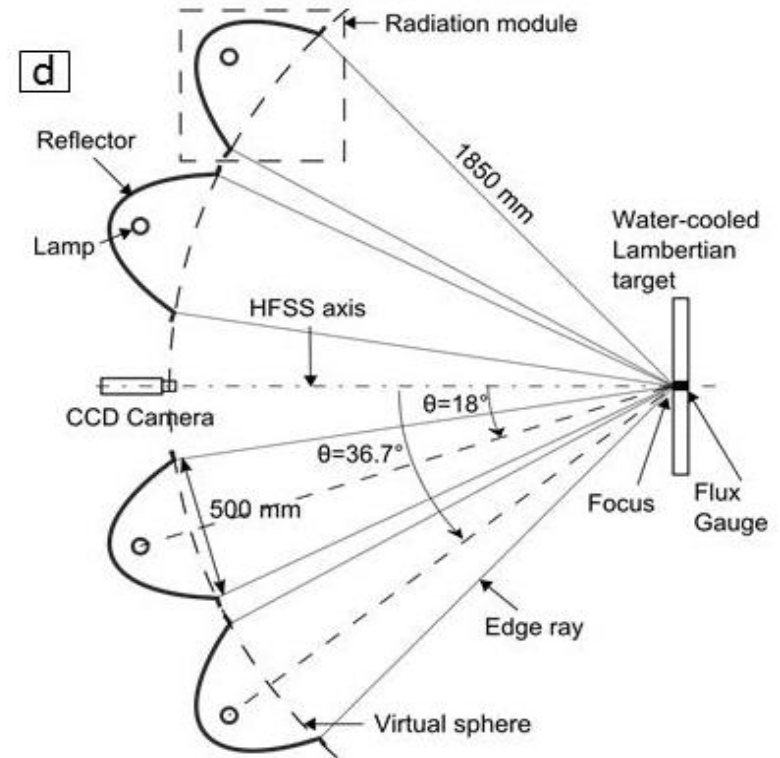
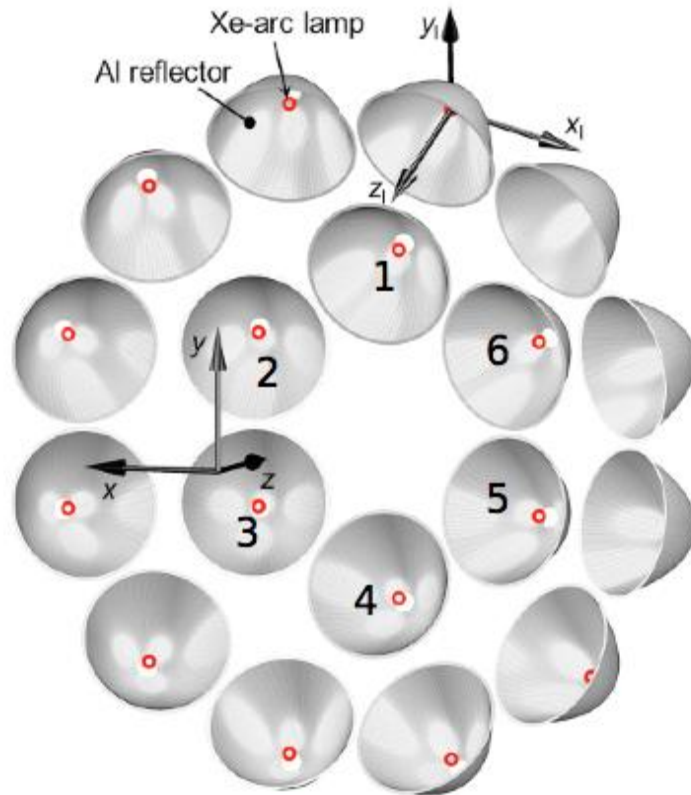


K-type  
thermocouples



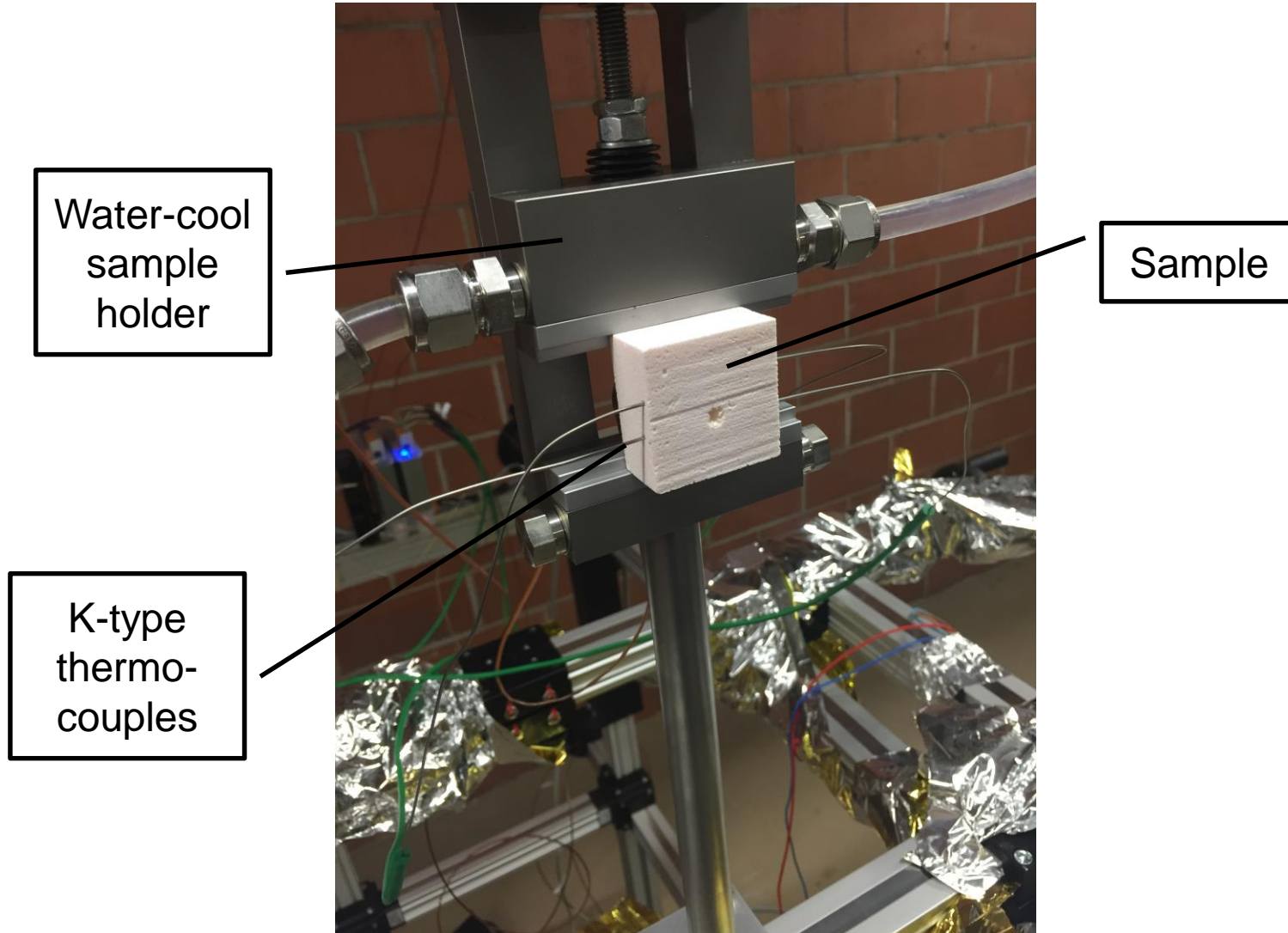
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- High flux solar simulator (HFSS):
  - 18 lamps
  - Power: 7.5 kW,
  - Peak flux: 20 MW m<sup>-2</sup>



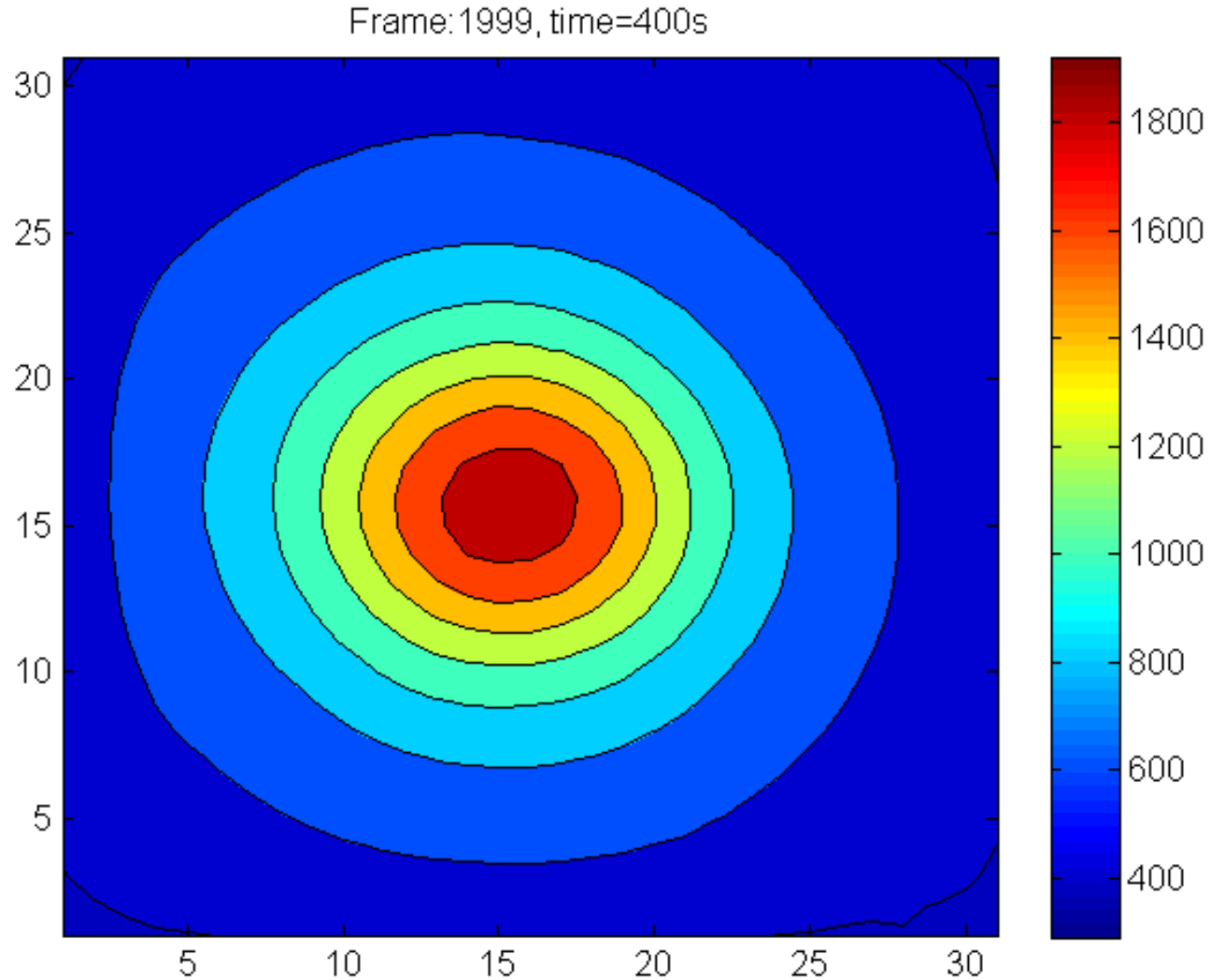
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- Experimental setup:



# 5. Lab example

- IR measurement of surface temperature

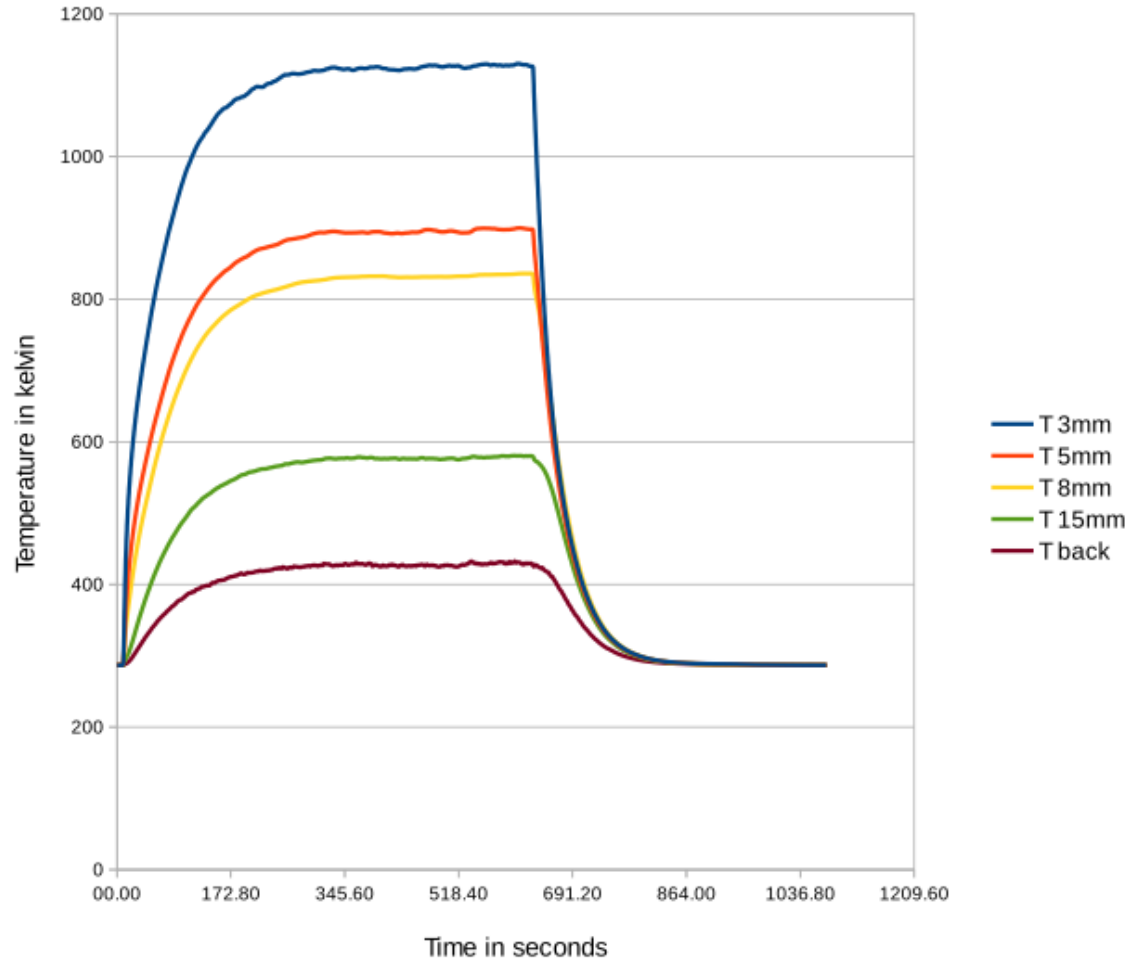


Lamps 3 and 6, 70A, heat flux approximately 1.5 MW/m<sup>2</sup>

Source: lrese.epfl.ch

# 5. Lab example

- Temperature measurement by k-type thermocouples





# 5. Lab example

- Goal of temperature measurement:
  - Material tests for finding max. allowed temperature
  - Better understanding of heat transfer coupling conduction, convection and radiation
  - Modelling of heat transfer in order to improve properties of ceramic foams, e.g. pore size

