TESTING METHODOLOGIES FOR THERMO-MECHANICAL FATIGUE EVALUATION IN ADVANCED AEROSPACE ALLOYS

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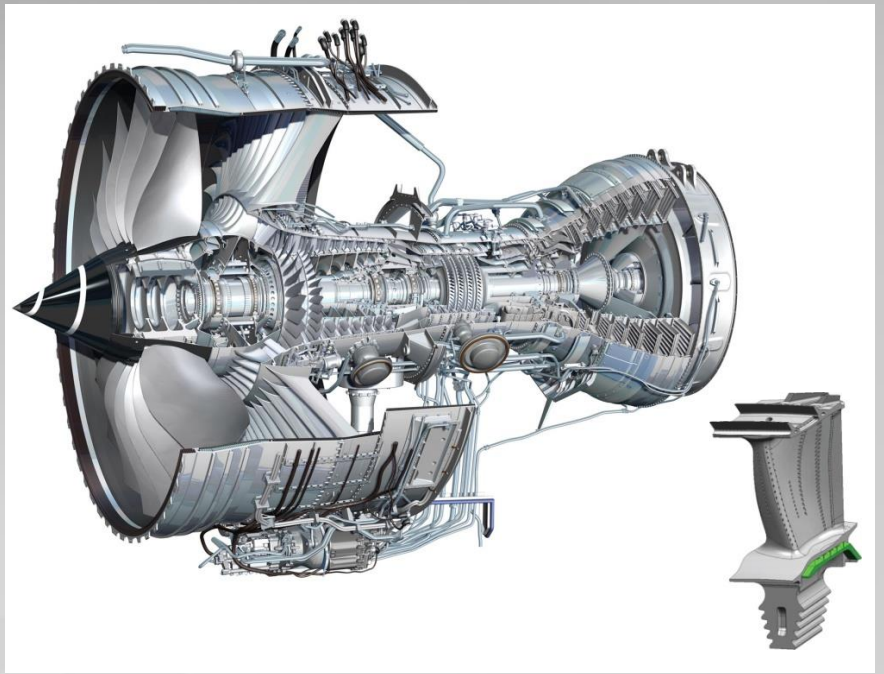
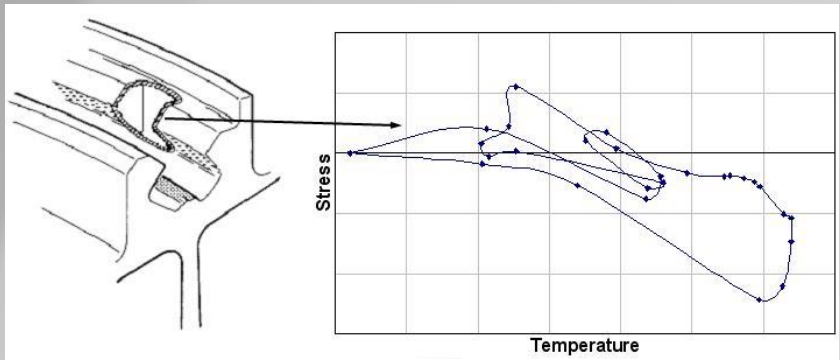
Industrial Motivation

- Increased turbine entry temperatures
- Thinner disc rims and advanced cooling systems leading to larger thermal gradients
- Complex loading regimes within the gas turbine leading to diverse phasing between temperature and strain





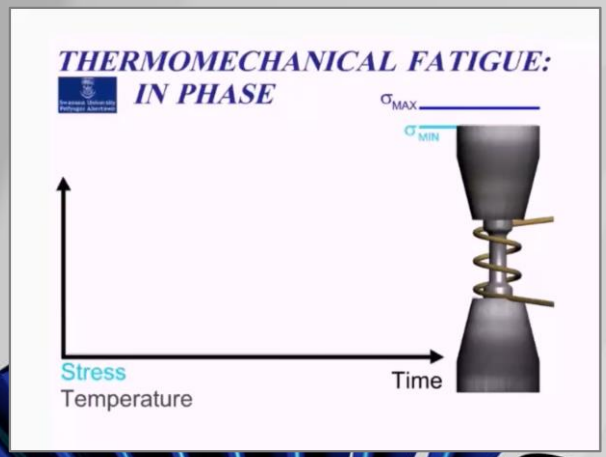
- Extrapolation of isothermal fatigue (IF) results to incorporate these effects show limited success
- Generation of TMF data is required to allow the development of lifing methodologies under TMF loading

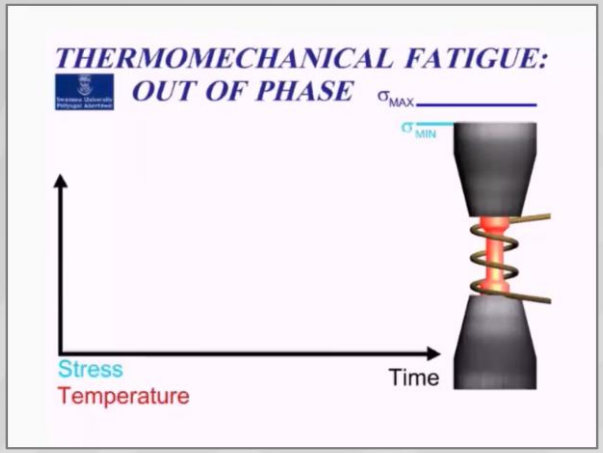
Thermo-Mechanical Fatigue (TMF)

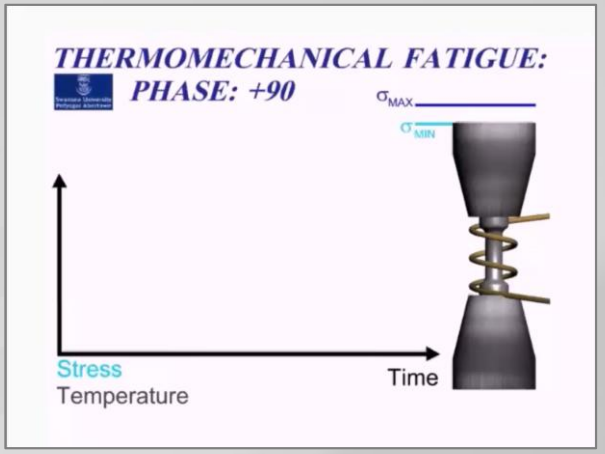
- Diverse mechanisms are involved, Primarily . . .

Fatigue Creep Oxidation

- TMF loading can be more damaging than isothermal fatigue at an equivalent T_{max}
- Complex interaction within diverse *phase angles* between peak temperature and strain range
- Resulting in strain R ratios varying between 0 and -∞ depending on the phase angle, ϕ.



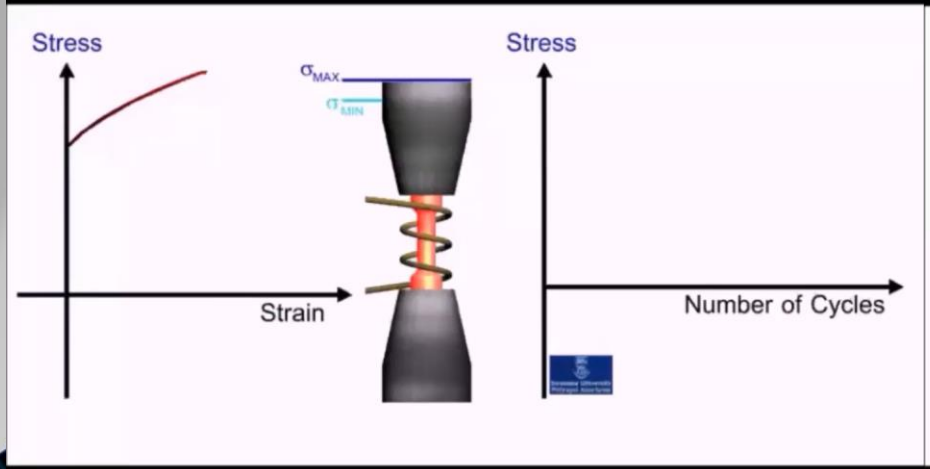




Typical TMF Hysteresis Behaviour

- Initial material behaviour may change significantly during the test.
- Understanding the stress/strain evolution throughout the test is often critical in order to be able to predict life.
- Cycle may evolve to very different stress conditions due to the interaction of plasticity and creep which often makes TMF tests differ significantly from isothermal fatigue.
- However without accurate temperature control, reliable test data for component lifing cannot be achieved.

In-Phase (ϕ = 0°)



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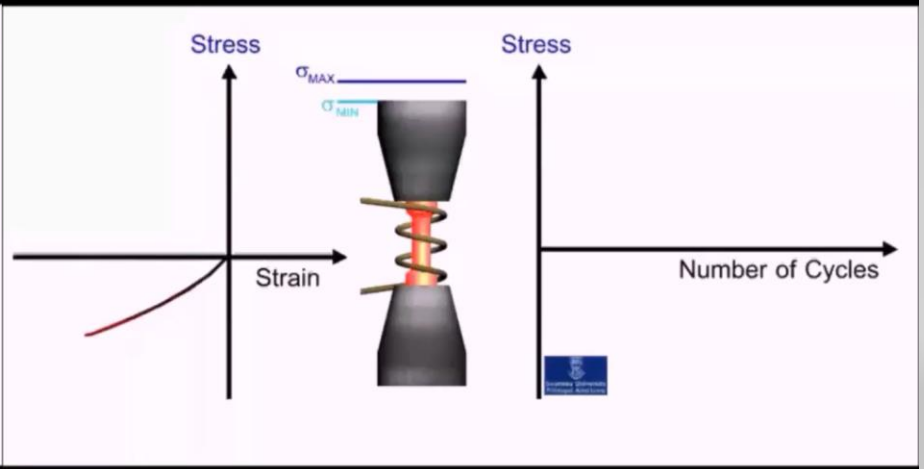
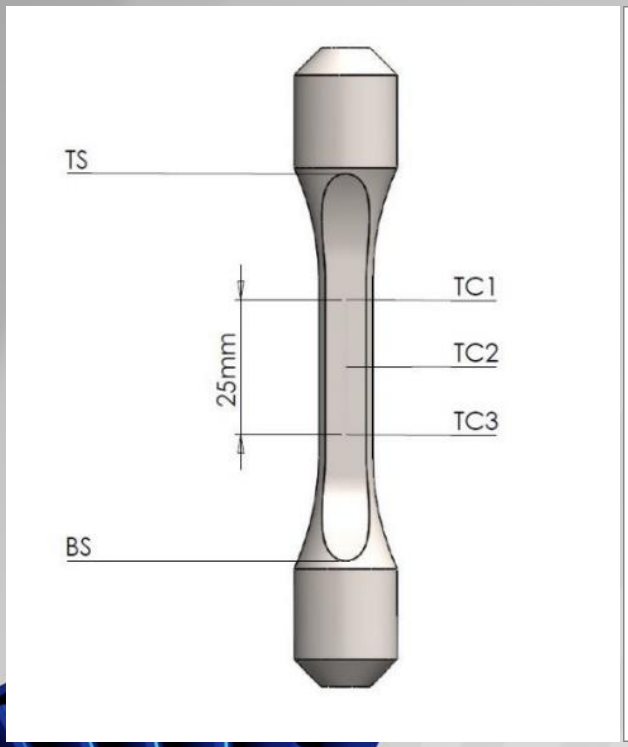
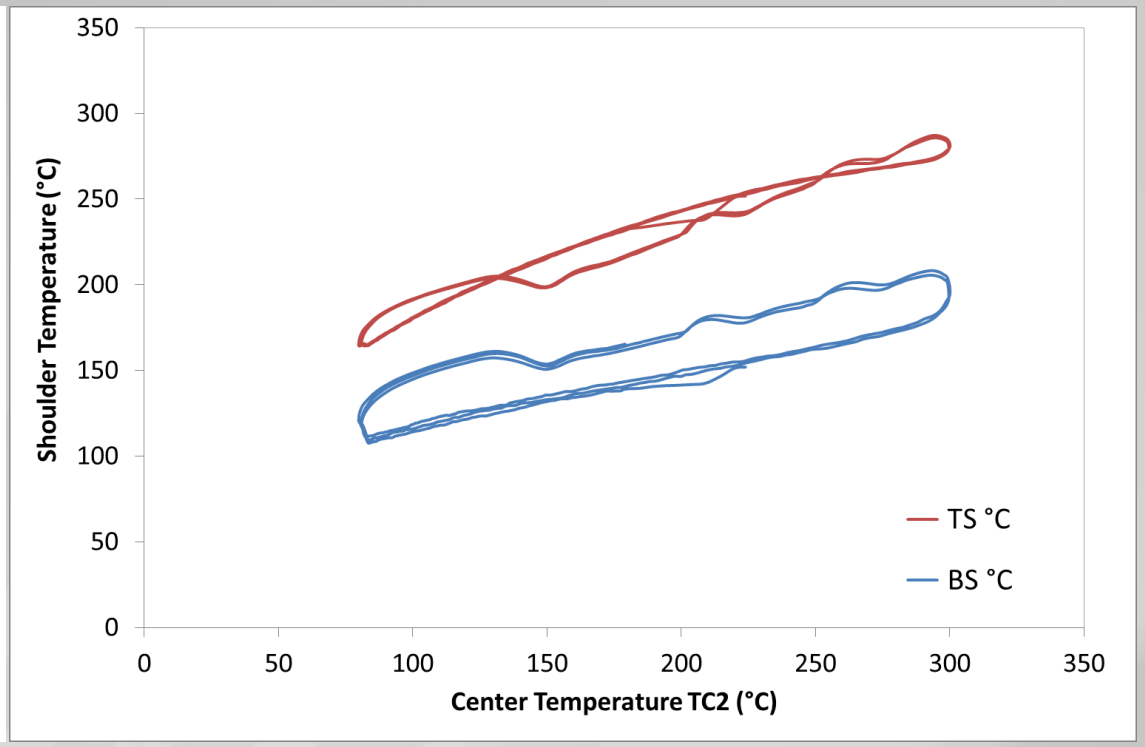


Thermocouple Shoulder Control

- Unfavourable to weld on the specimen gauge length – Nucleation of cracks
- Contact temperature measurement can be achieved at the specimen shoulder.
- Complex setup and often temperatures at either shoulder are not stable with loops overlapping and drifting, unacceptable for temperature control purposes.





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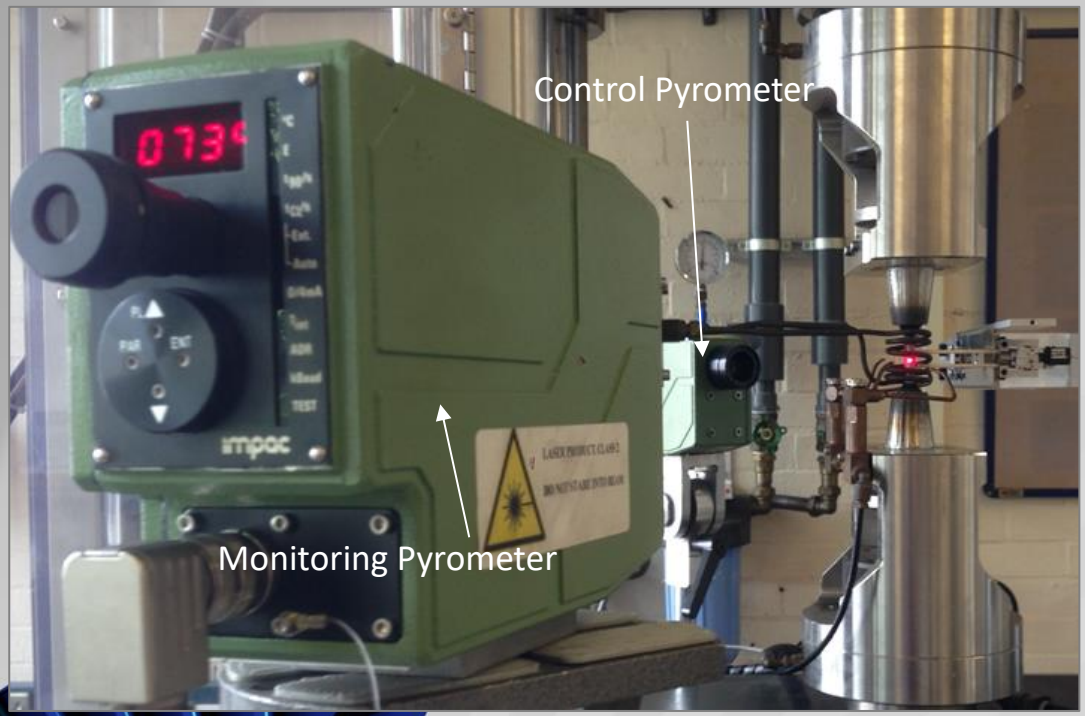
Pyrometer Control

- Non-invasive temperature control can be acheived using pyrometry
- High temperature pre-exposure to produce a constant surface emissivity, ε.



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Pyrometer Control

- High temperature pre-exposure can reduce Fatigue life

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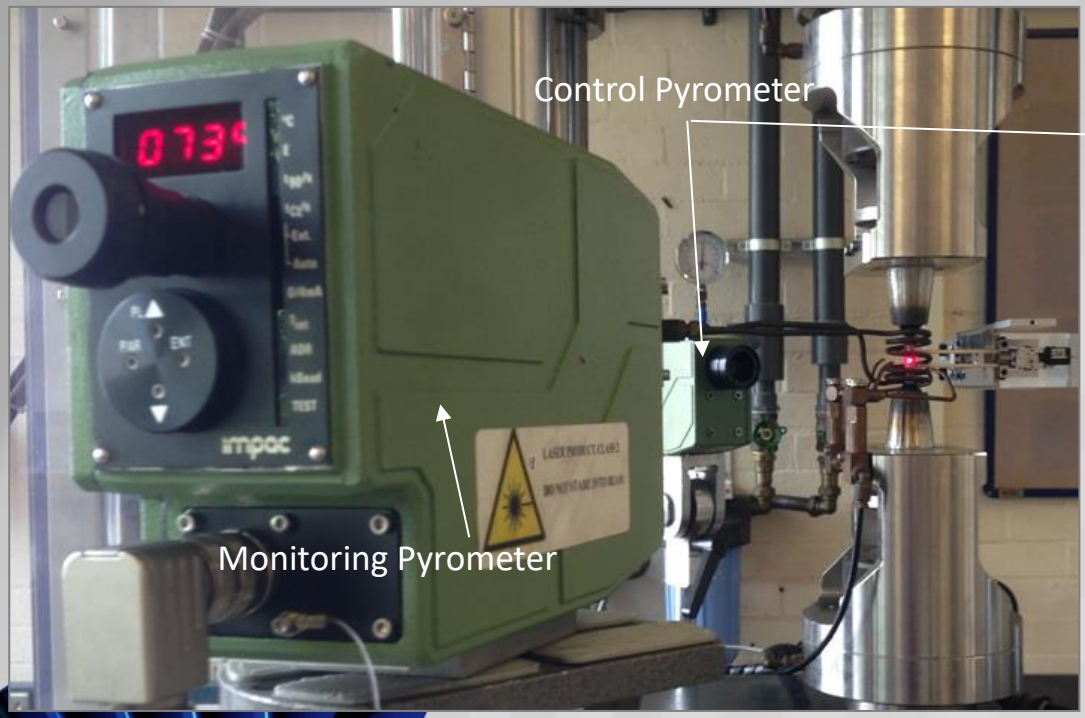
- Thermal Profiling still achieved using thermocouples



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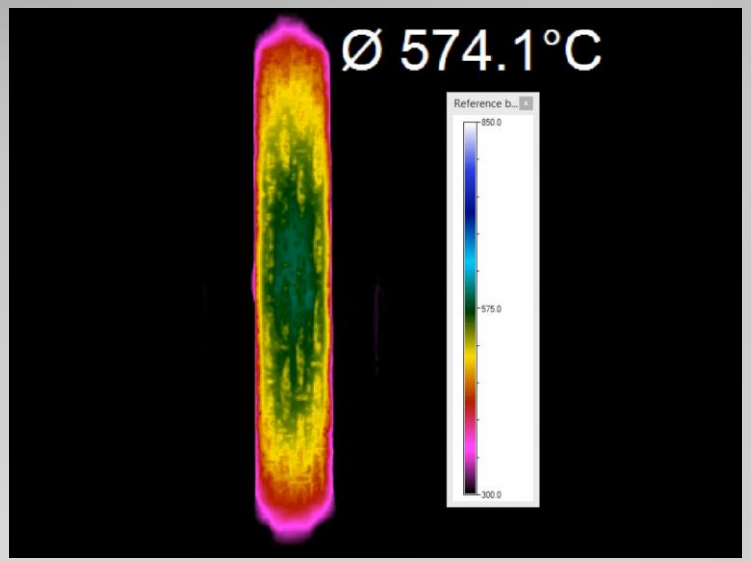
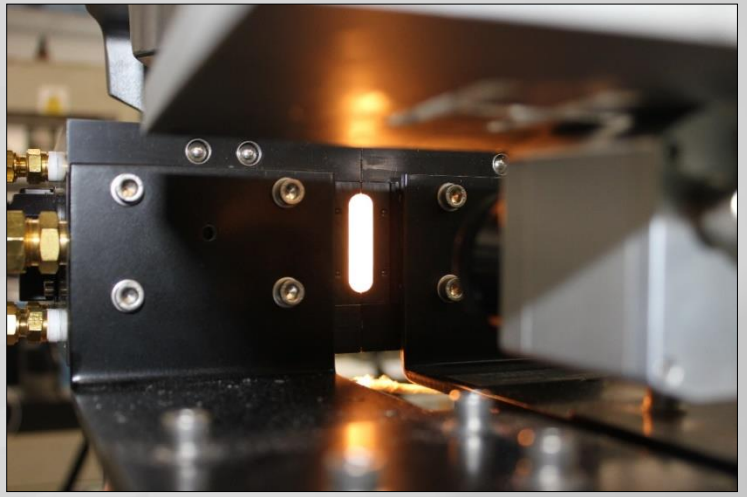
Introduction - Thermography

- Technique that can deliver….
  - Accurate Temperature control
  - Incorporates Thermal Profiling
  - Not influenced by Surface emissivity
  - Completely Non-Invasive
  - Metallic and non-metallic materials
  - Robust and repeatable
- Infra-red, Thermography?





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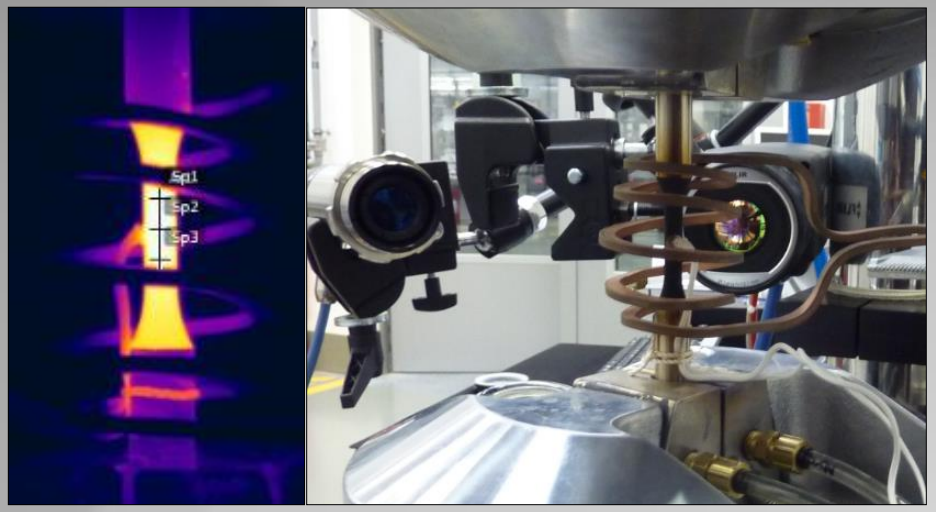
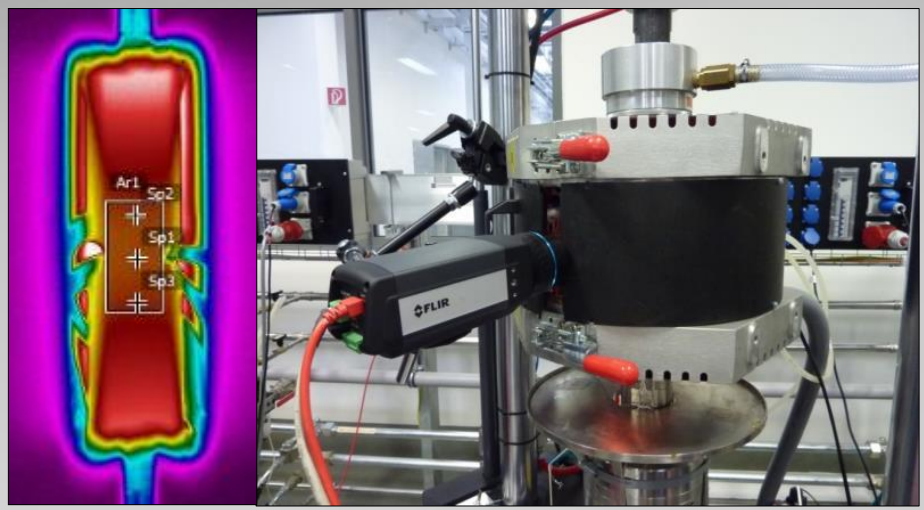
Induction Heating

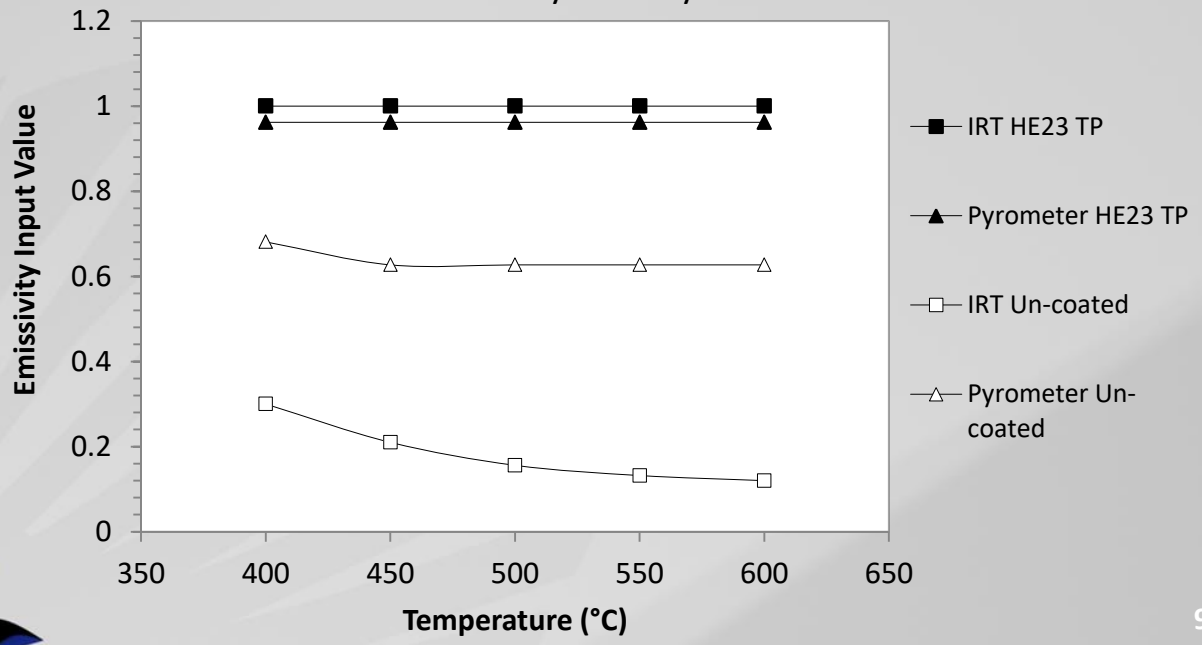


Radiant Lamp Furnace Heating



HE23 Thermal Paint

Surface Emissivity Stability



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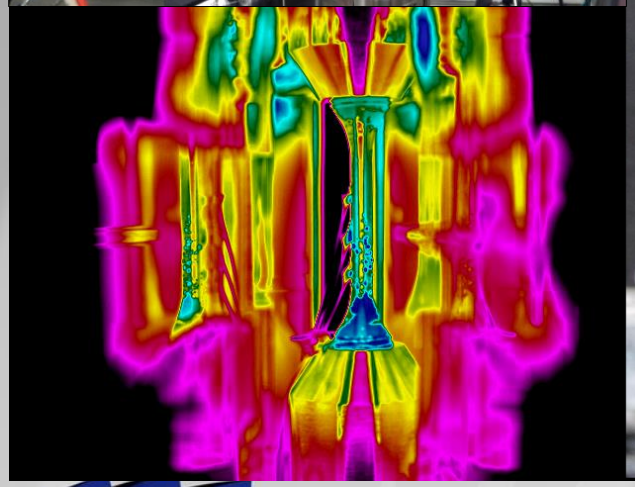

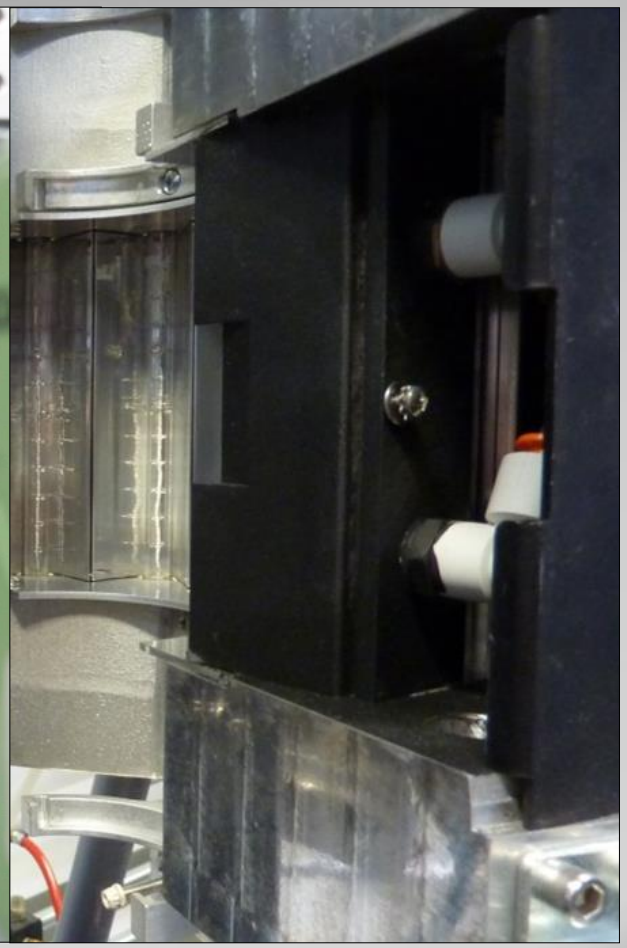

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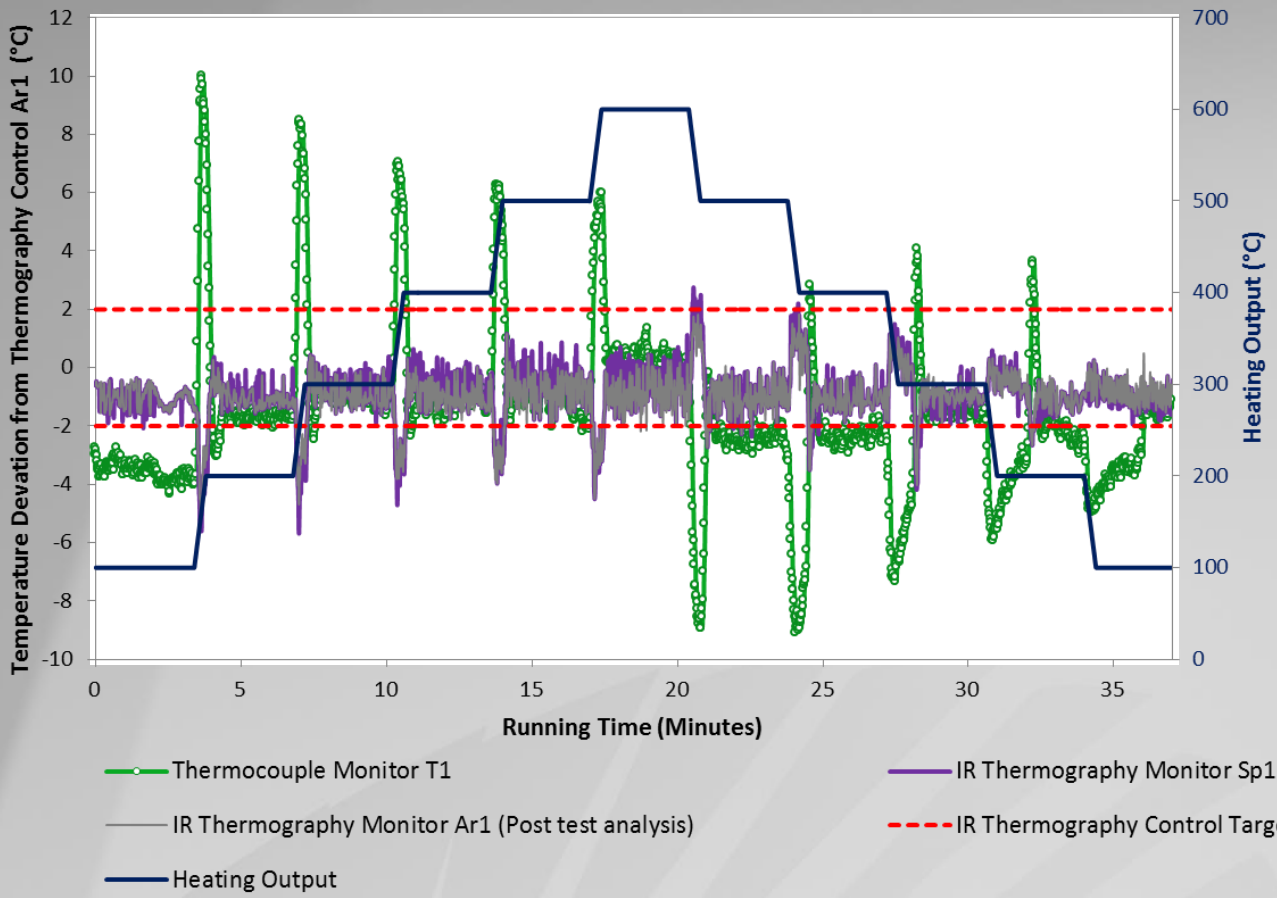

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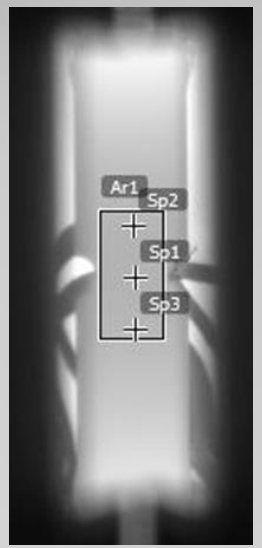

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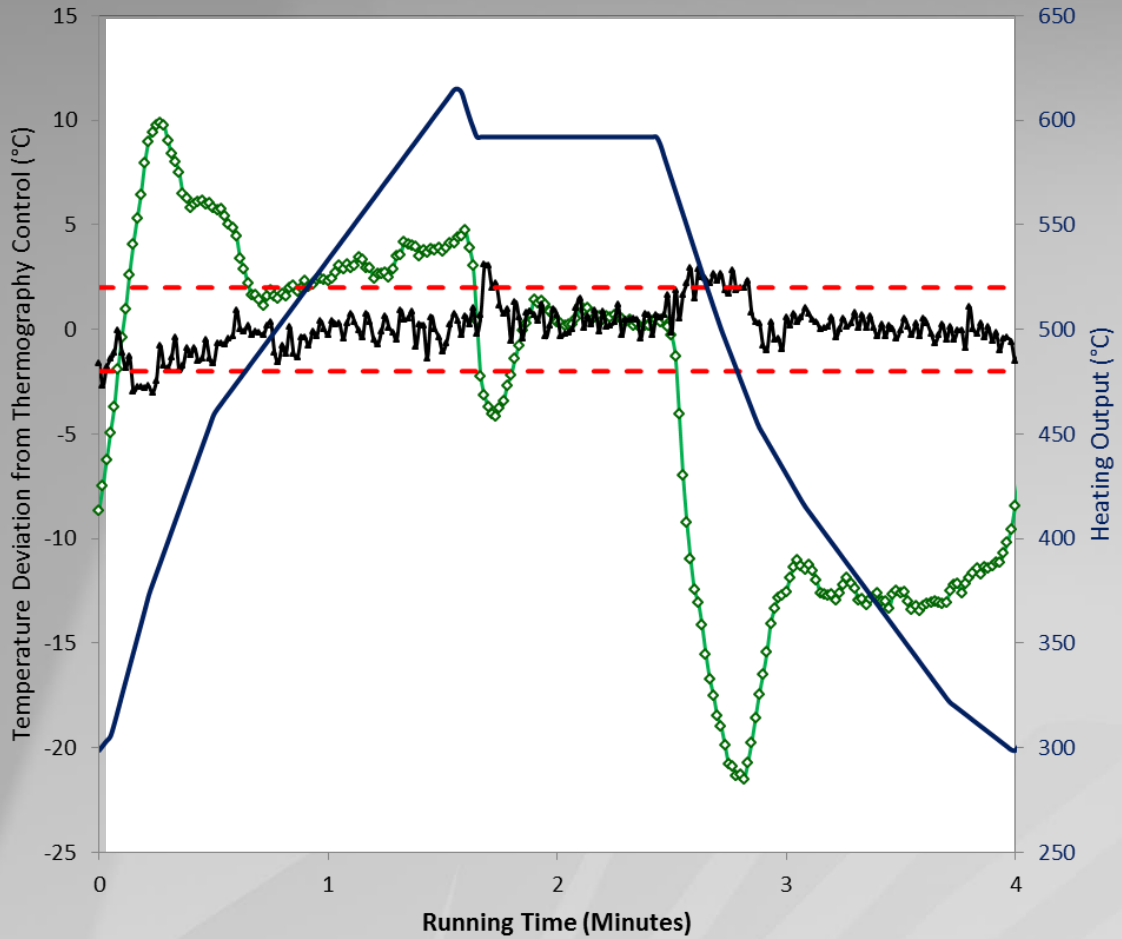

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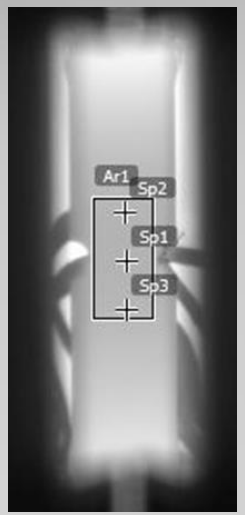

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IR Thermography Monitor Sp1 (Post test analysis)

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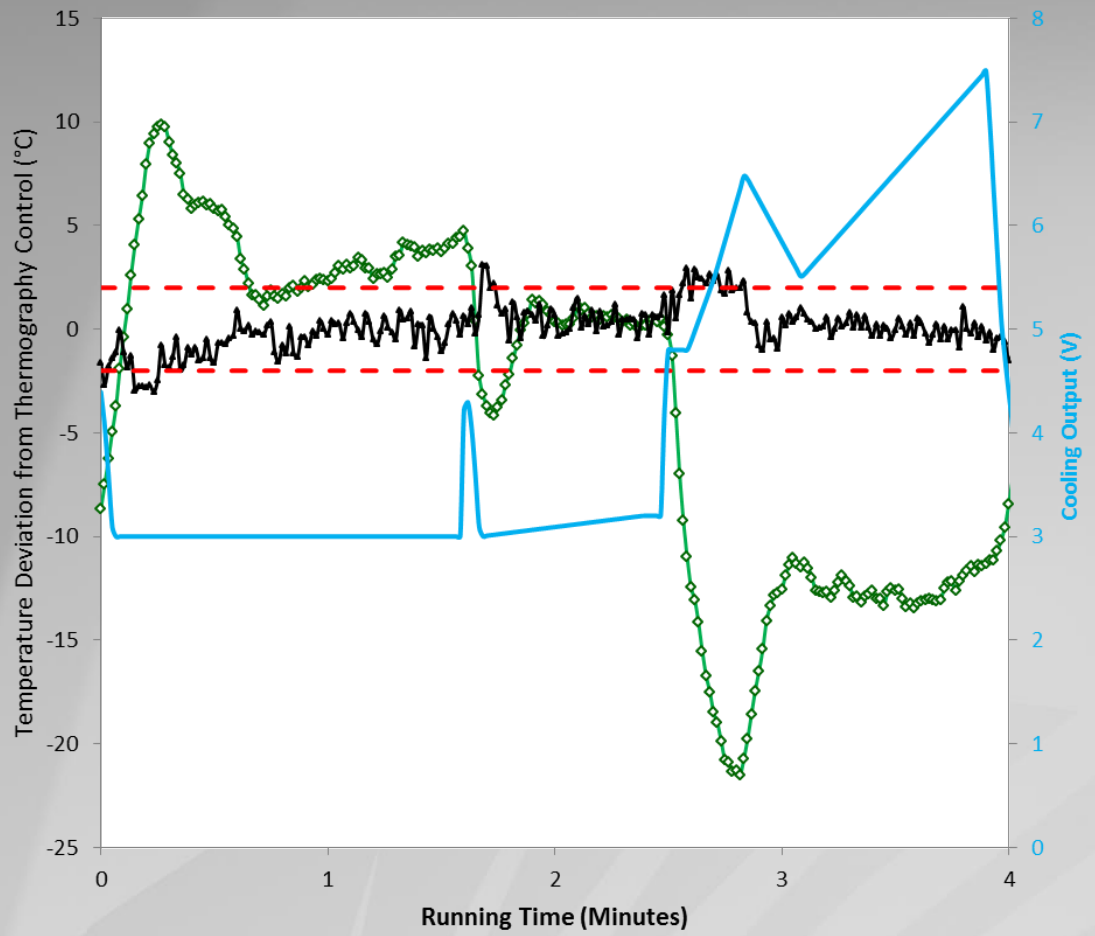

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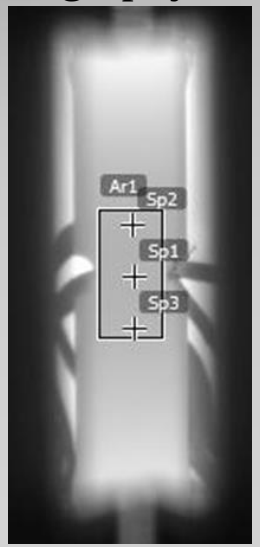

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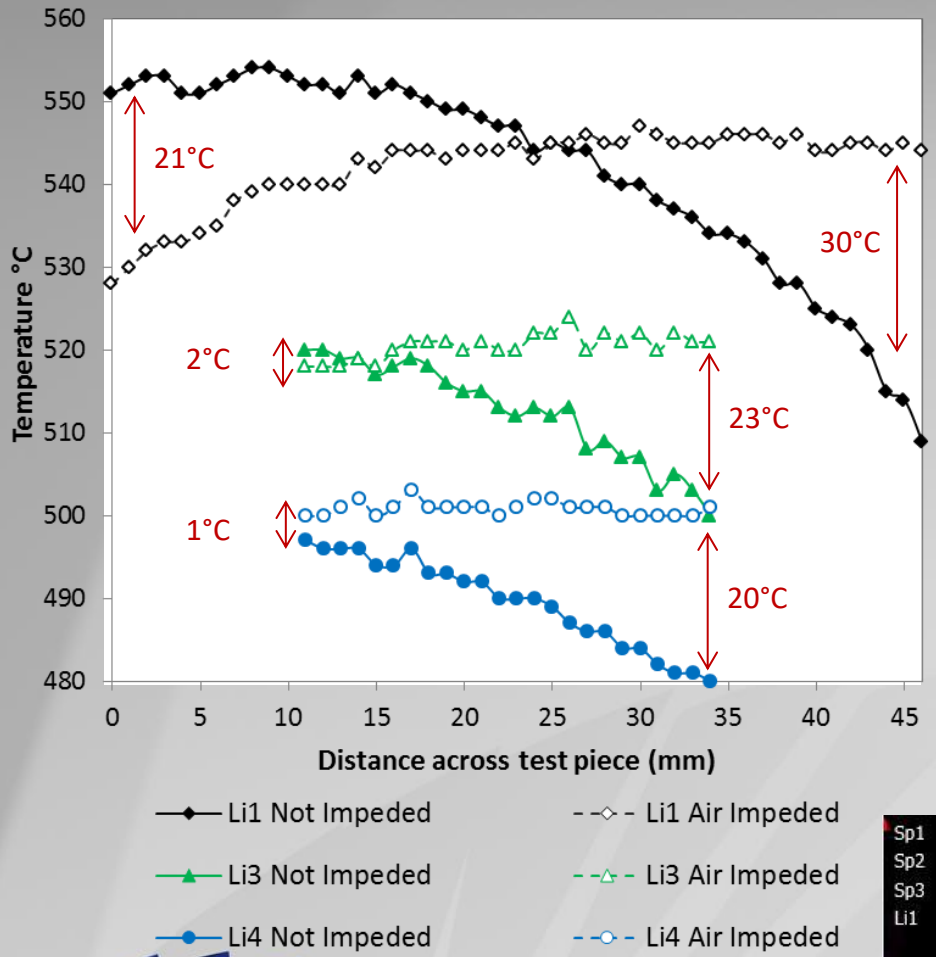

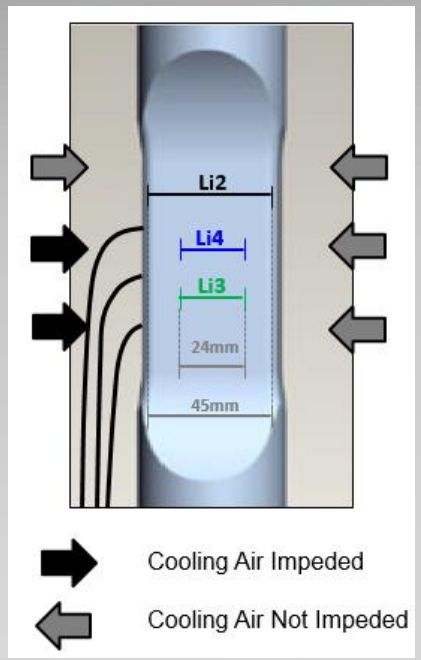

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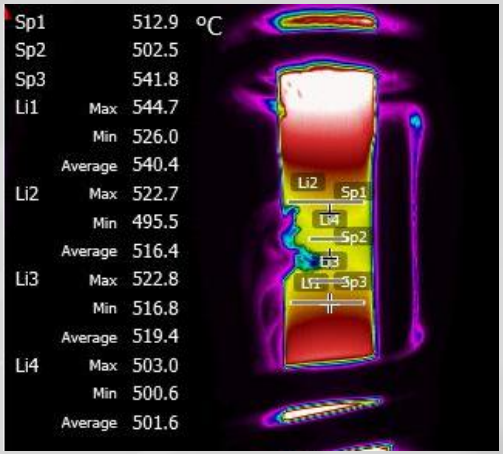

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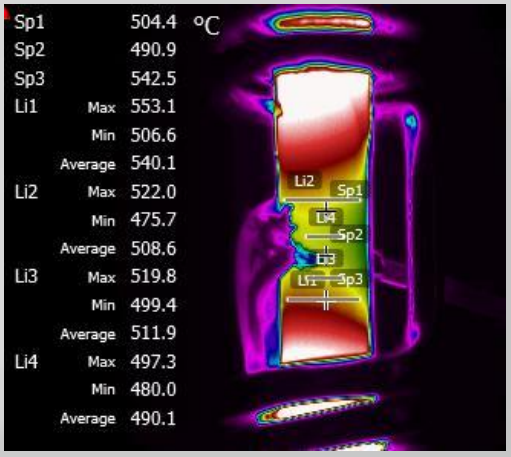

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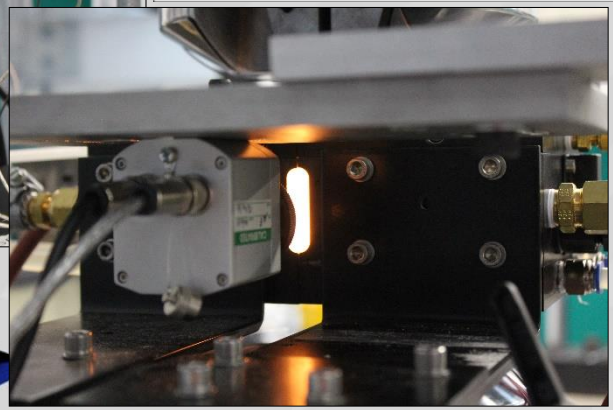

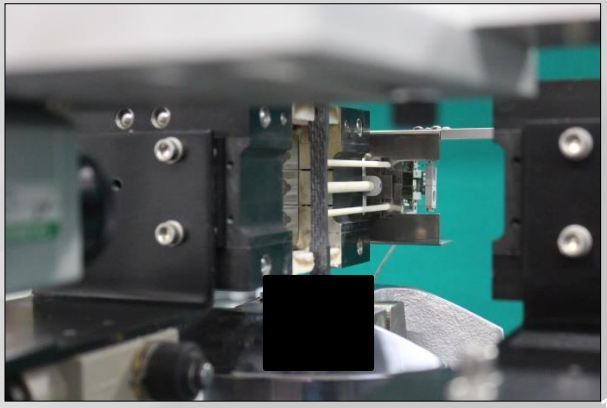

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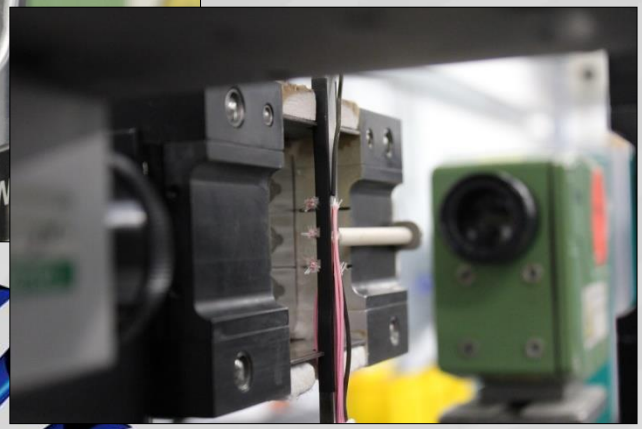

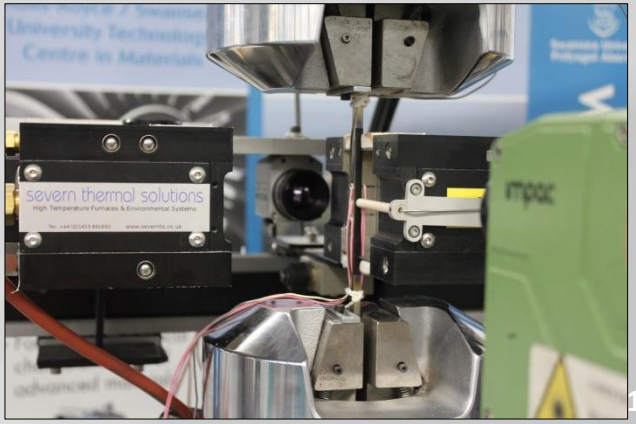

Control Method Comparison

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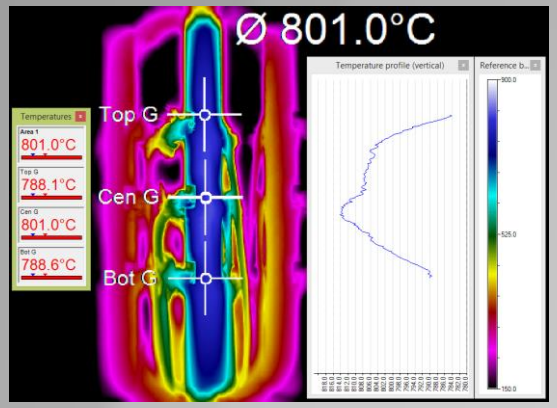

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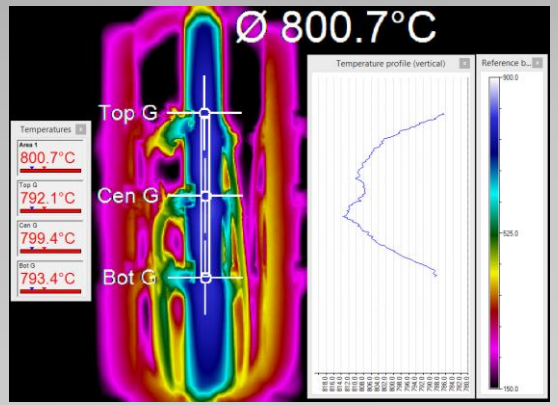

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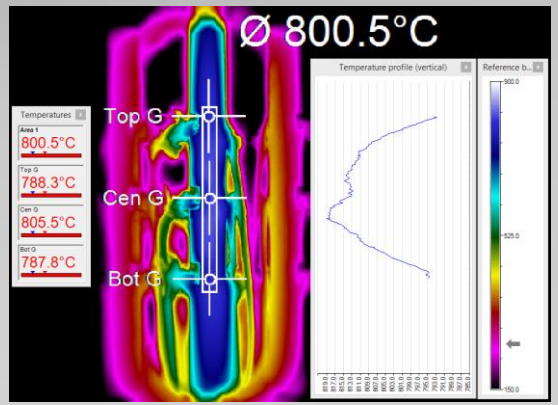
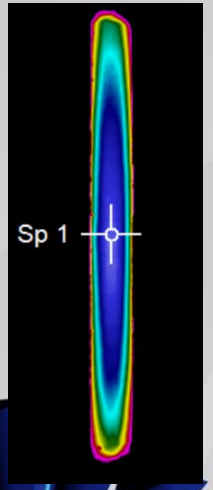
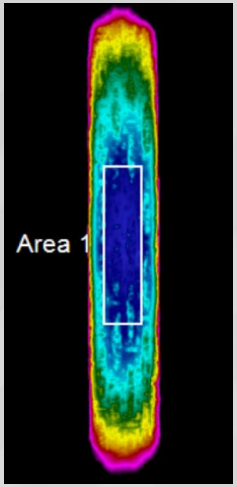
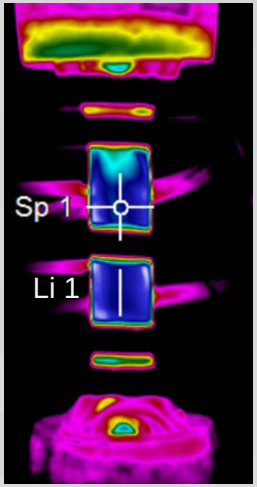
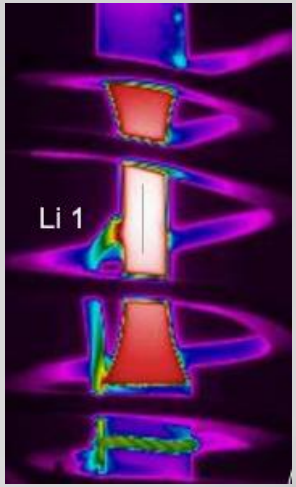




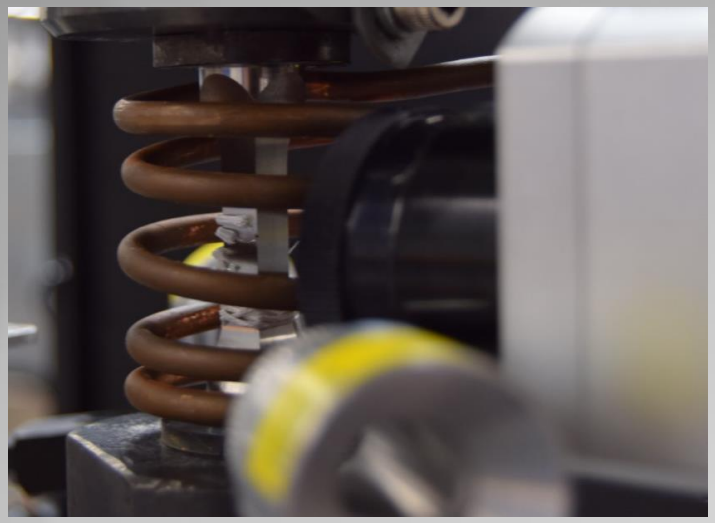






Crack Length Measurements

TMF Crack Growth Setup



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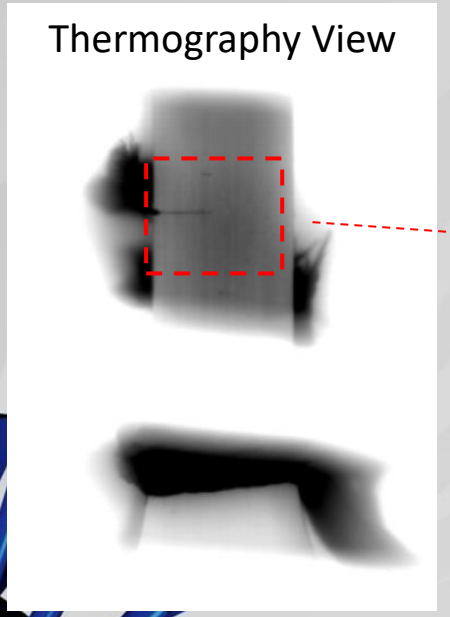
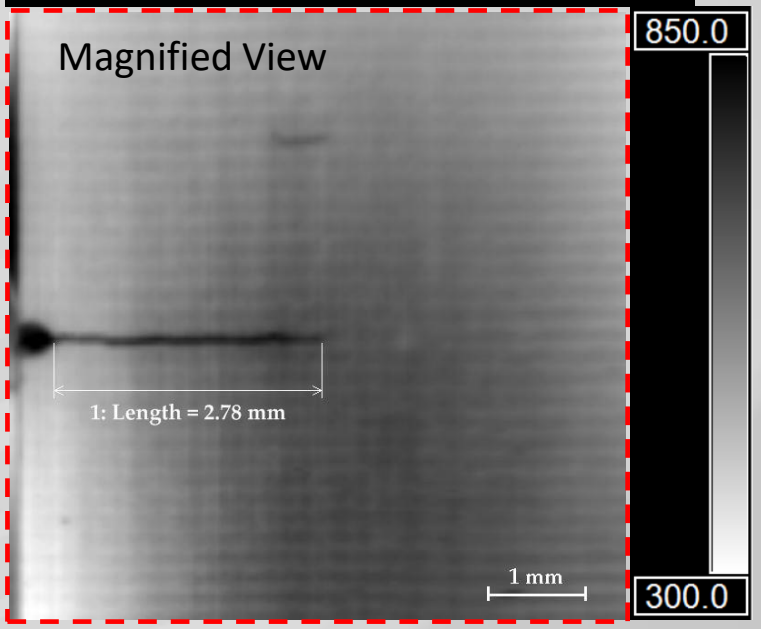


Magnified View



Conclusions: Advantages / Disadvantages

Measurement	Thermocouple	Pyrometer	Thermography
Mode	Invasive	Non Invasive	Non Invasive
Area	≈ 2mm²	≈ 2mm²	Entire Gauge Section
Dynamic Accuracy	Externally Influenced	Good	Good
Set up Time	Slow	Fast	Fast
Profiling	Thermocouple Based	Thermocouple Based	Thermography Based
Repeatability	Externally Influenced	Good	Good
Emissivity Influenced	No	Yes	Yes
Post Test Analysis	No	No	Yes
Shadowing Effects	Yes	No	No
Cold Spot Identification	No	No	Yes
In-Situ Adjustments	No	No	Yes
Initial Cost	Low	Ok	High
Calibration Cost	High	Low	Low

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