

Good practice guide on selection, preparation and calibration of temperature sensors to be used in HTGHP



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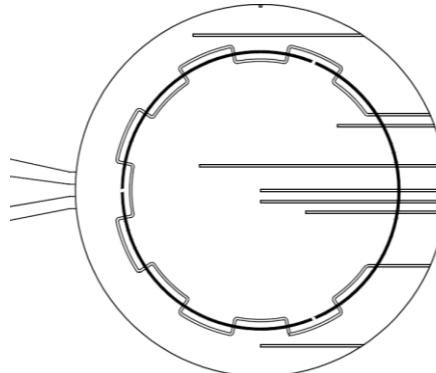
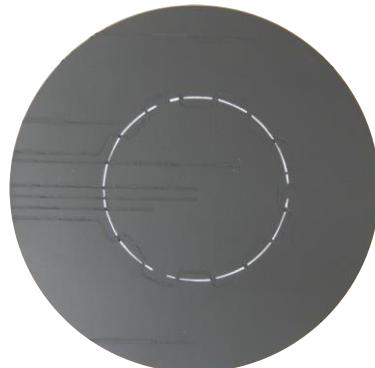
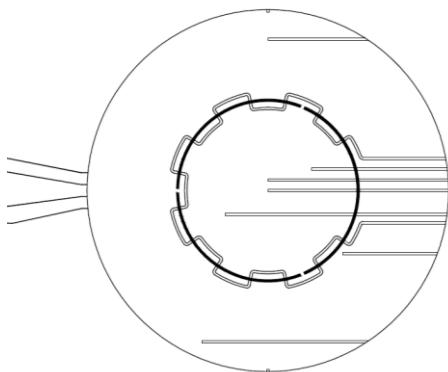


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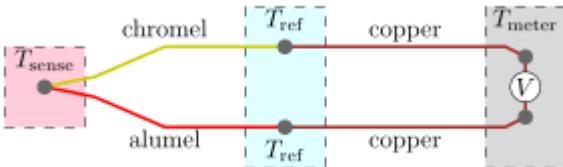
# Temperature measurement

- Range to 850 °C
- Because of range – thermocouples are selected
- Requirements and limitations
  - High accuracy, precision and long-term stability at upper temperature limit
  - Minimal disruption of temperature profile
  - A small as possible x drift -> Thermocouples 1-2 mm



# Temperature measurement

- Base metal thermocouples
  - Type K (Chromel-Alumel)
  - Type N (Nicrosil-Nisil), better stability than Type K
- Noble metal thermocouples
  - Type R (PtRh (13% Rh)/Pt)
  - Type S (PtRh (10% Rh)/Pt)
  - Type B (PtRh (30% Rh)/PtRh (6% Rh)) ( $t > 250$  °C)
  - Au/Pt
  - Pt/Pd



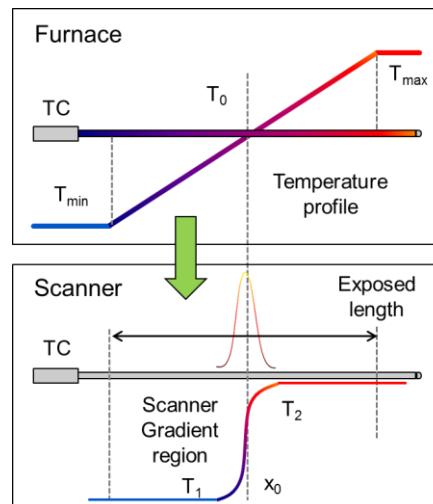
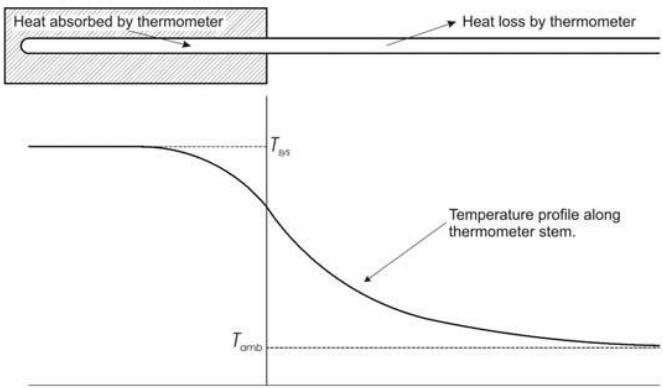
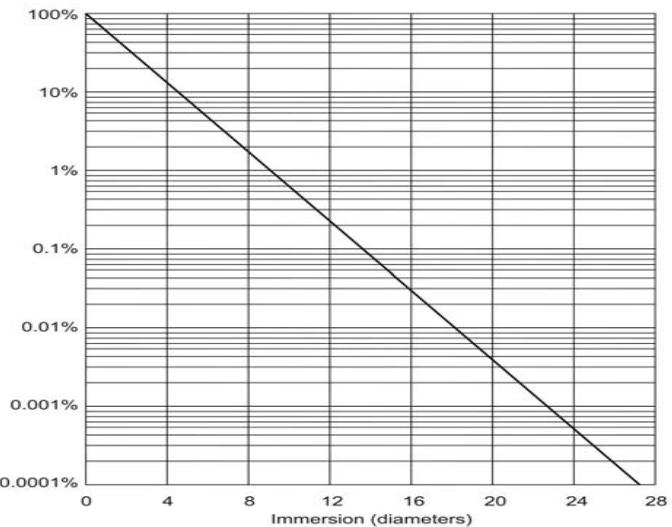
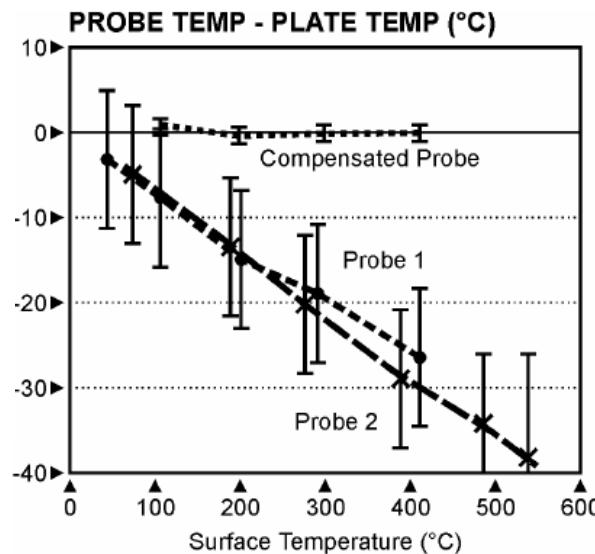
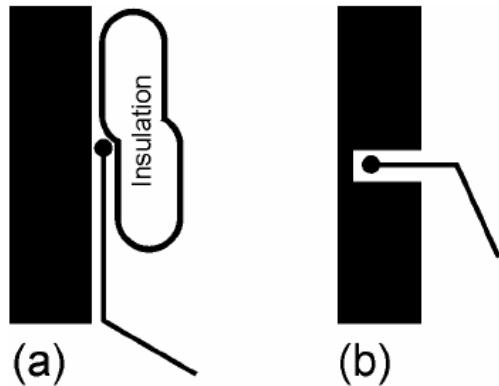
$$\nabla V = -S(T) \nabla T,$$

$$V = \int_{T_{ref}}^{T_{sense}} (S_+(T) - S_-(T)) dT,$$

Thermoelectric voltage values, sensitivity values and class 1 tolerances at 850 °C for selected thermocouple types (EN 60584)

Thermocouple	Thermoelectric voltage ( $\mu\text{V}$ )	Sensitivity ( $\mu\text{V}/^\circ\text{C}$ )	Class 1 tolerance ( $^\circ\text{C}$ )
Type K	35313.1	40.5	±3.4
Type N	30415.6	39.2	±3.4
Type R	8571.4	12.6	±1
Type S	7892.7	11.0	±1

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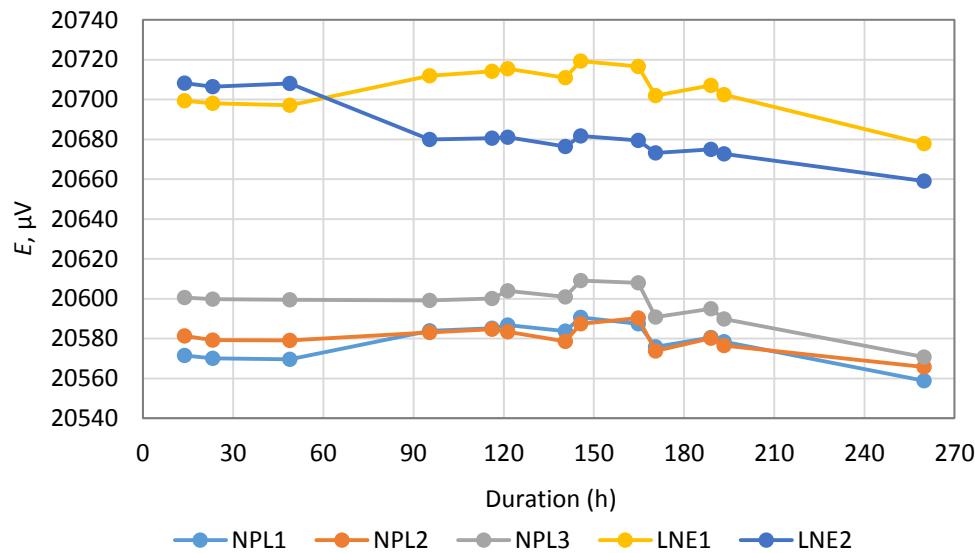


## Description of measurements

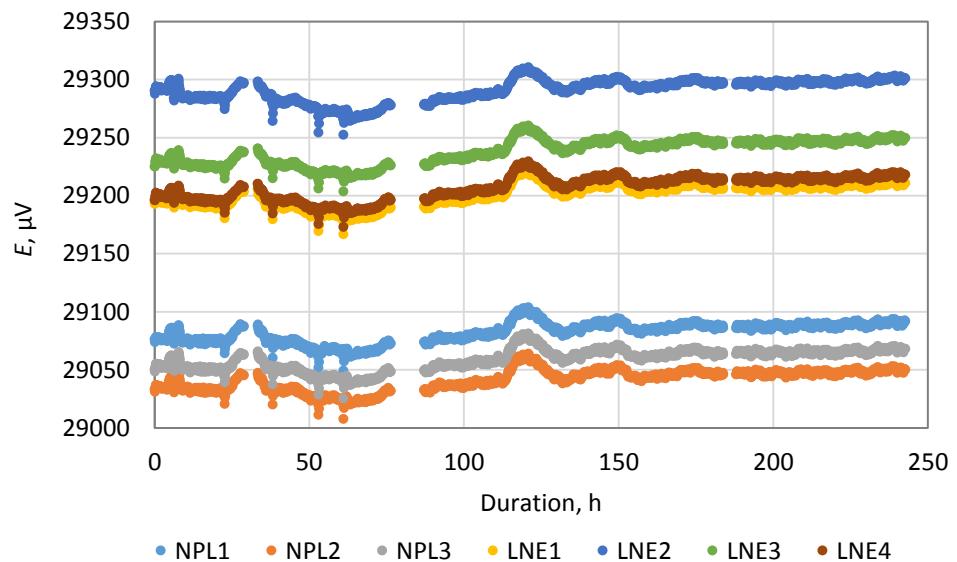
- Two batches of thermocouples
- Annealing of thermocouples at 850 °C
- Measurement of thermocouples homogeneity at 200 ° in oil bath
- Stability measurements at 600 °C (only 1st batch)
- Stability measurements at 815 °C (1st batch), at 825 °C (2nd batch)
- Reference junction: isothermal box (1st batch) or ice-point (2nd batch)
- Investigated thermocouples
  - MIMS type N thermocouples (1 mm diameter, different suppliers)
  - MIMS type S thermocouples (1.5 mm diameter)
  - (Reference S type thermocouple)

## Results of stability measurements – 1<sup>st</sup> batch

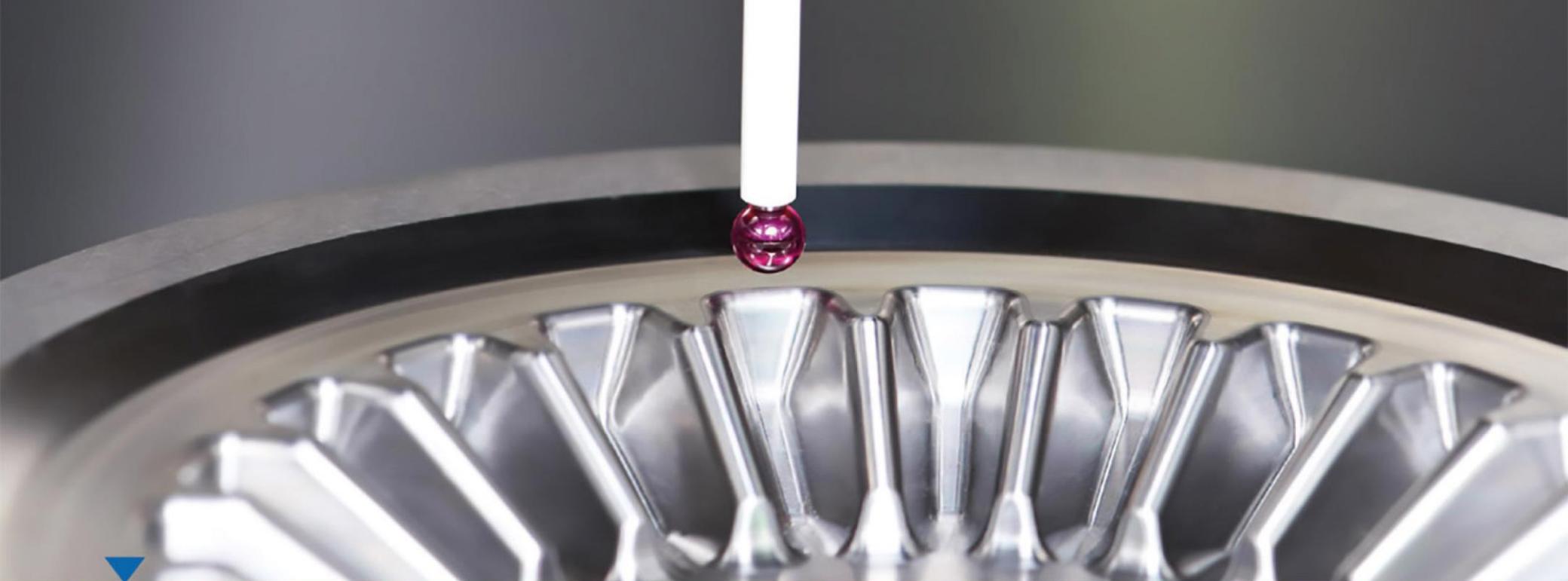
Stability measurements at nominal temperature 600 °C



Stability measurements at nominal temperature 815 °C



- 6 type N thermocouples (NPL1, NPL2, NPL3, LNE1, LNE2, LNE3, LNE4)
- measurements reveal temperature drift of air furnace
- to filter out the influence of furnace thermocouples were compared to thermocouple LNE1
- temperature drift < 10 μV (~ 0.26 °C) within 250 hours



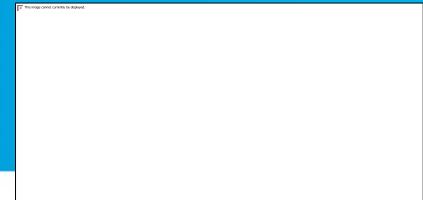
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## Results of measurements in oil bath at nominal temperature 200 °C

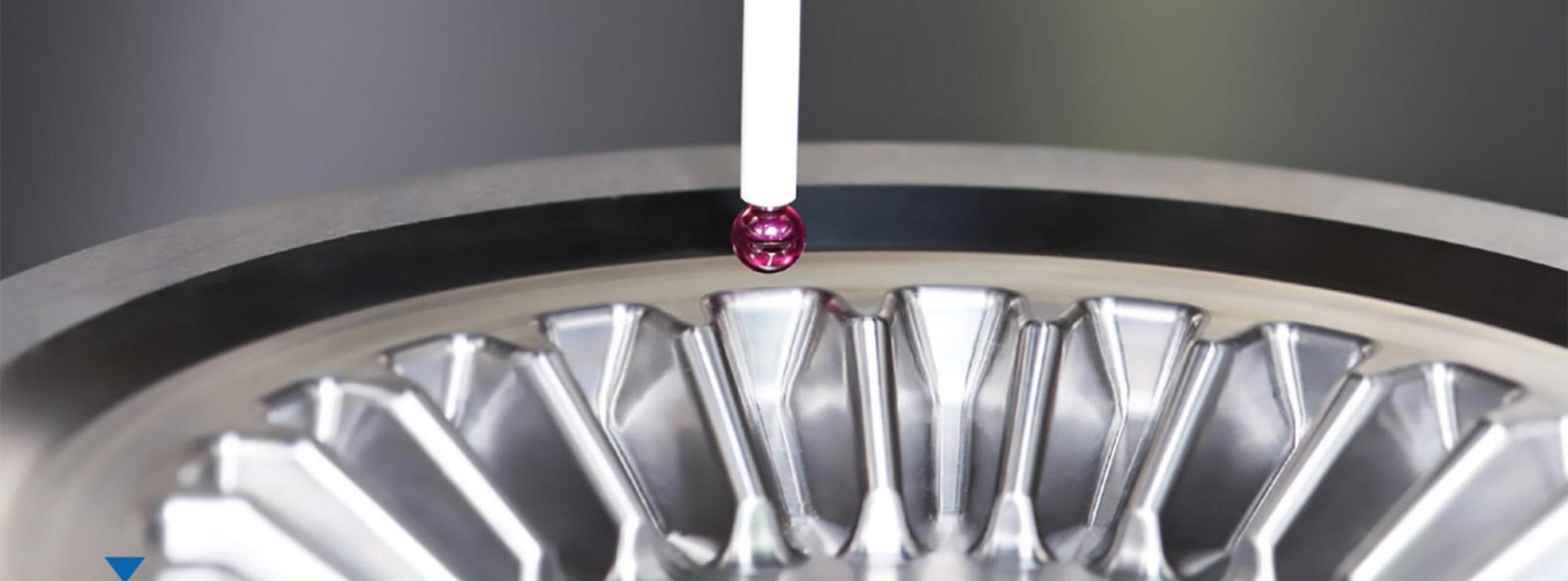
Label	t (°C)					
	1 <sup>st</sup> Batch		Difference	2 <sup>nd</sup> Batch		Difference
	Before (200.05 °C)	After (200.06 °C)		Before (200.00 °C)	After (200.03 °C)	
NPL1	199.1	199.9	0.8	-	200.3	0.4*
NPL2	199.2	199.8	0.6	-	200.2	0.4*
NPL3	199.2	200.2	1.0	-	-	-
LNE1	199.7	200.2	0.4	-	-	-
LNE2	199.8	200.3	0.5	-	-	-
LNE3	199.7	200.2	0.5	-	-	-
LNE4	199.7	200.0	0.3	-	-	-
LNE5	-	-	-	200.9	200.9	0.0
LNE6	-	-	-	200.8	200.8	0.0
CMI2	-	-	-	199.9	200.0	0.1
CMI3	-	-	-	199.9	199.9	0.0
S1	-	-	-	200.6	200.8	0.2
S2	-	-	-	200.7	200.7	0.0
S3	-	-	-	200.7	200.6	-0.1

\*Difference from "After" measurement within 1<sup>st</sup> batch

- Period of calibration?
- Period of replacing temperature sensors?
- Detection of temperature sensor drift?
- Batch agreement for thermocouples
- In-situ x External

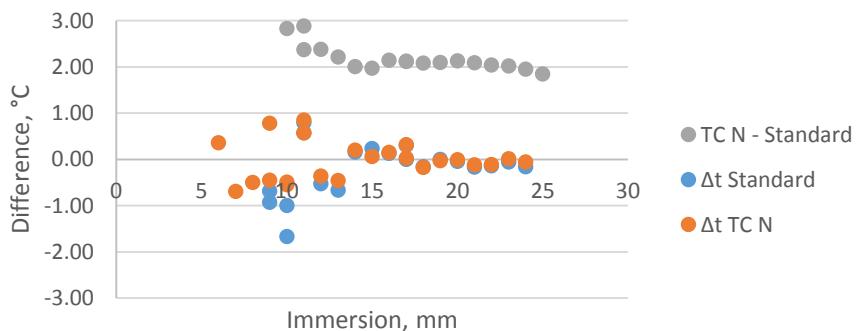
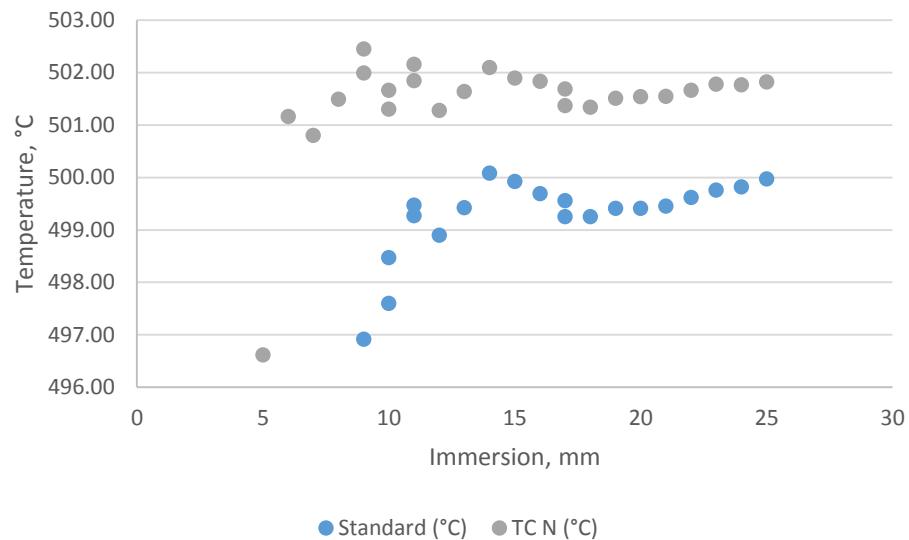
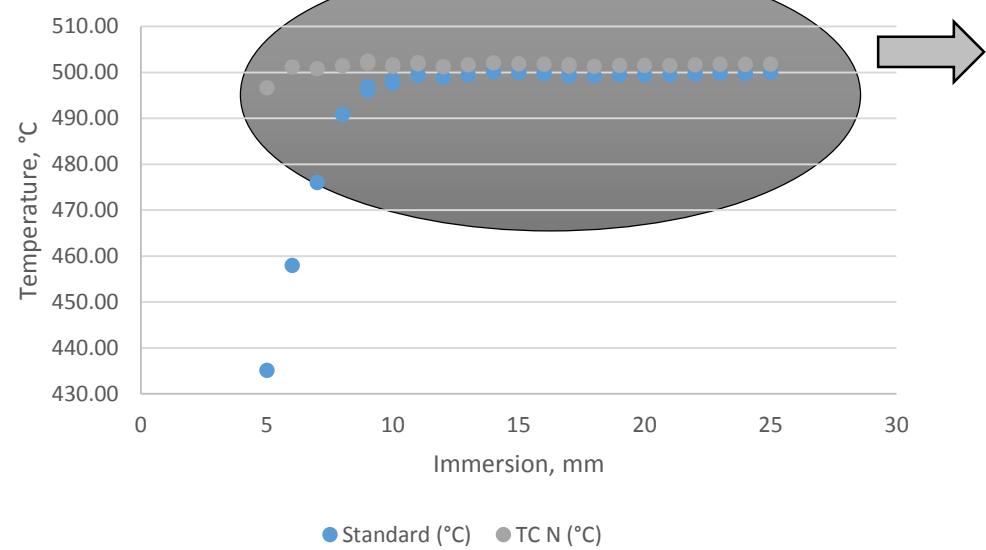


Sensors	Operation	Temperature level (°C)	Duration (h)	Immersion depth (mm)	
K1 to K5 & N1 to N5	Annealing	800	24	600	
K1 to K10 N1 to N10	Calibration 1	0 / 200 / 400 / 600 / 800	20	600	
	Heat cycling	Up to 800	33		
	Calibration 2	0 / 200 / 400 / 600 / 800	20		
	Heat cycling	Up to 800	96		
	Calibration 3	0 / 200 / 400 / 600 / 800	20		
	Heat cycling	Up to 800	48		
	Calibration 4	400 / 600 / 800*	20		
	Heat cycling	Up to 800	72		
	Calibration 5	200. 400 / 600 / 800	20		

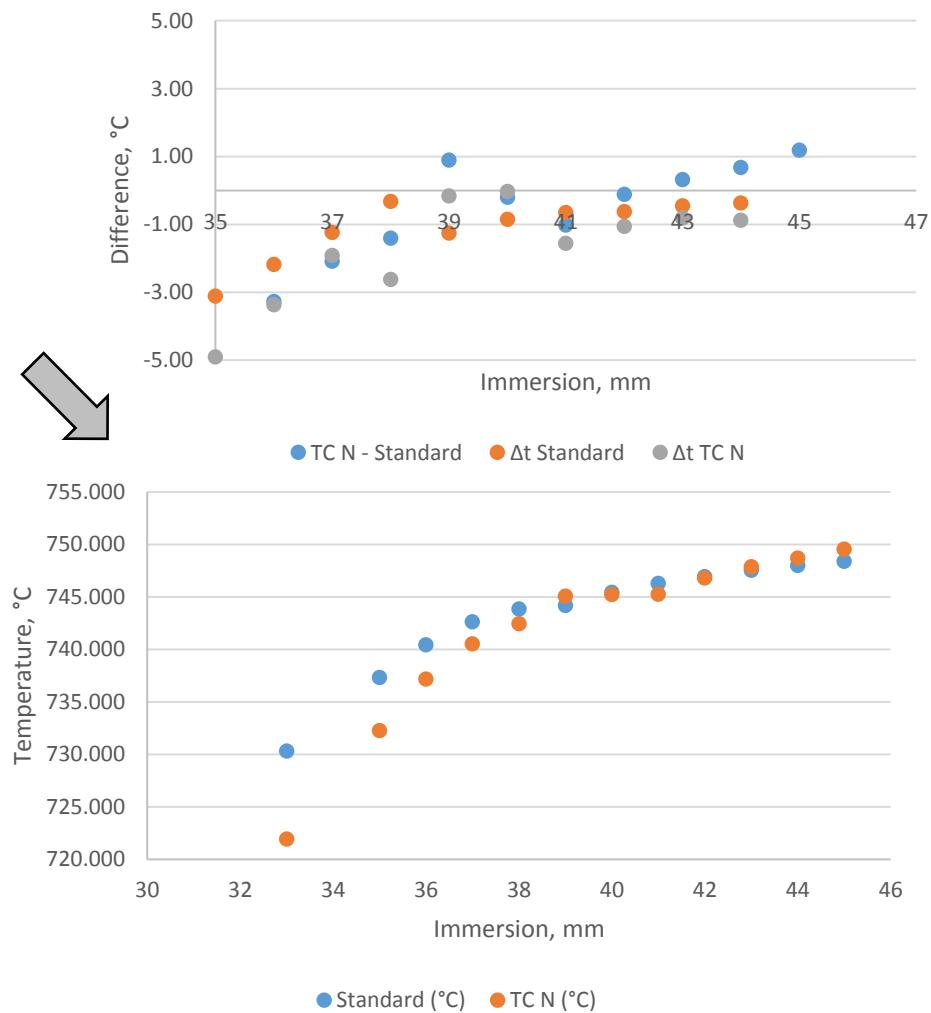
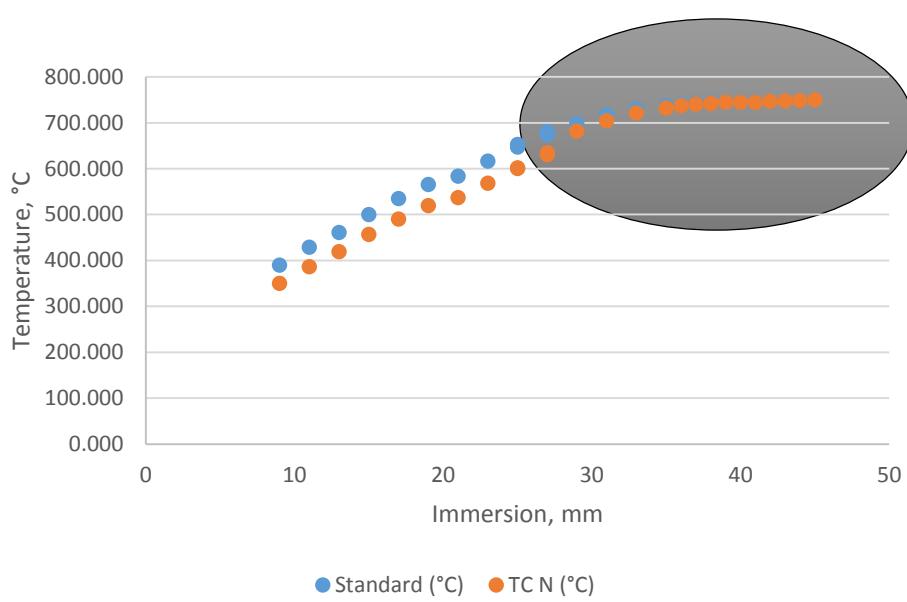


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- Calibration (tc and multimeter – reading device)
  - Best 0.2 °C
  - Normal 0.4 to 1.5 °C
- Drift (tc and multimeter)
  - 0.2 to 1 °C
- Homogeneity of TC and material
  - Around 0.5 °C
- Heat conduction
  - 0.3 to 2 °C
- Non ideality of wires (switch)
  - Negligible if good
- Cold junction
  - Stability and homogeneity – 0.1 to 0.6 °C
- Resolution



# Conclusion

- Type N, S thermocouple
  - 1-1.5 mm diameter
  - Calibrated in different immersion
    - Minimum 34 mm
    - ON-SITE calibration
- Uncertainty
  - Absolut – around 1-3 °C
  - Difference – several tens of degree



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