

# Thermodynamic temperature determination with absolutely calibrated filter radiometers in the temperature range from 419 °C to 962 °C

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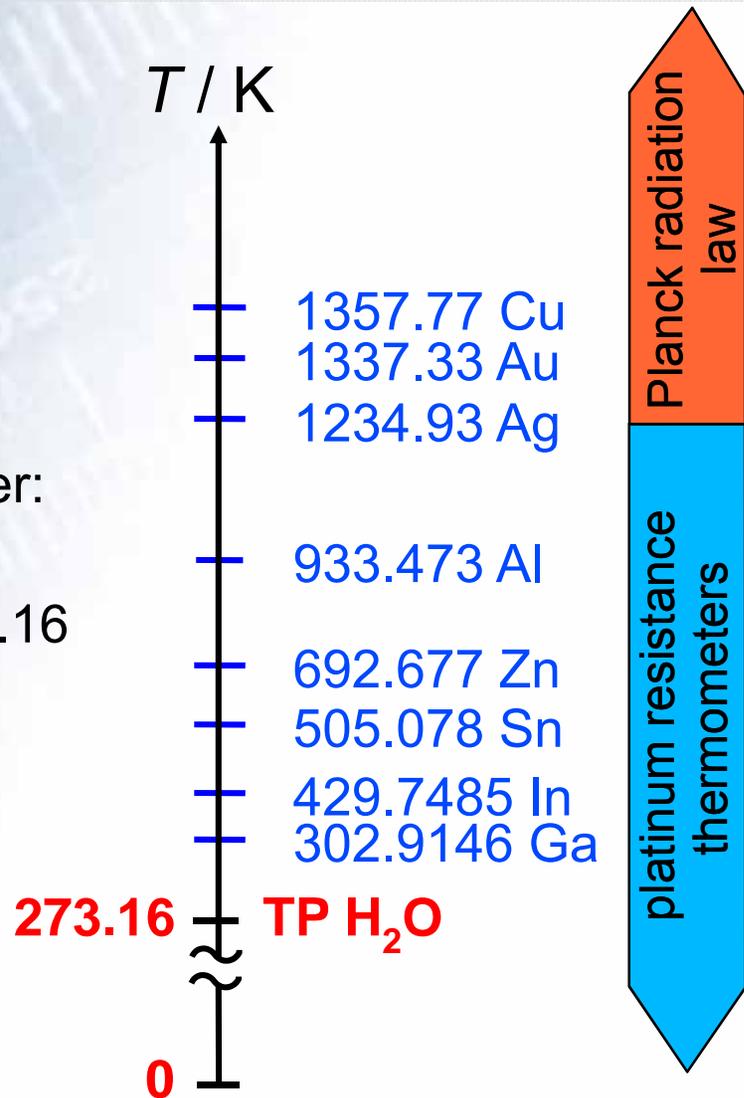
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# Introduction: Temperature scales

## Thermodynamic Temperature Scale

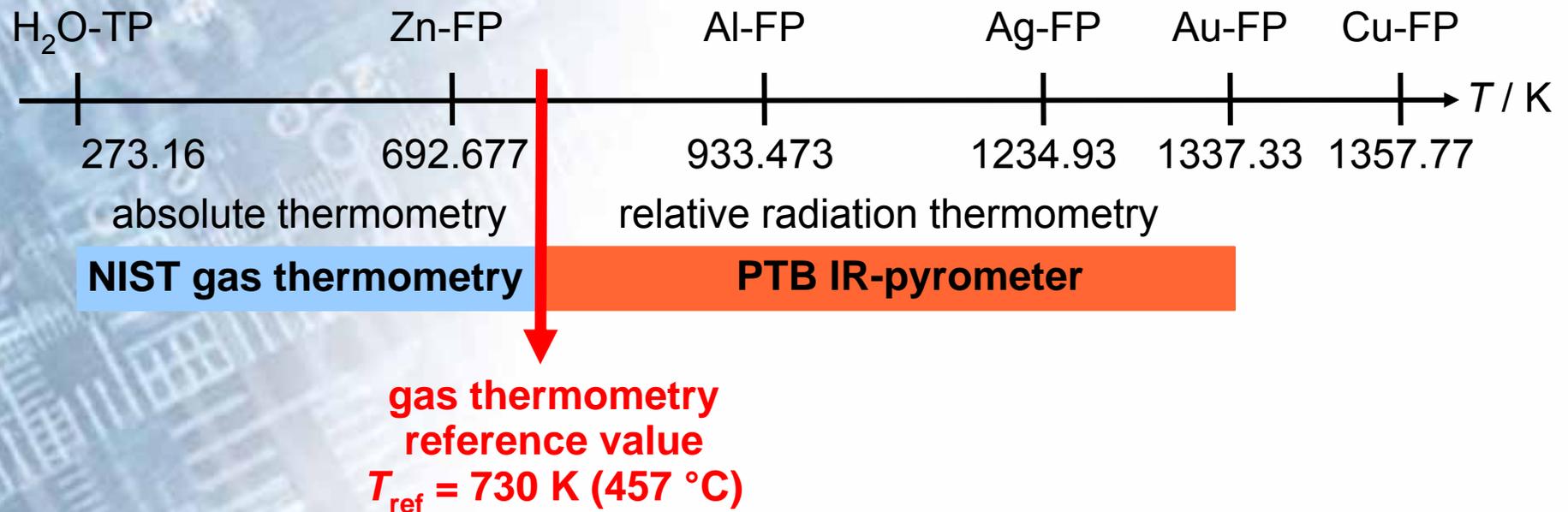
- Absolute Zero
- Triple Point of Water: **273.16 K exact**
- Unit: fraction 1/273.16 of H<sub>2</sub>O-TP



## The International Temperature Scale of 1990 (ITS-90)

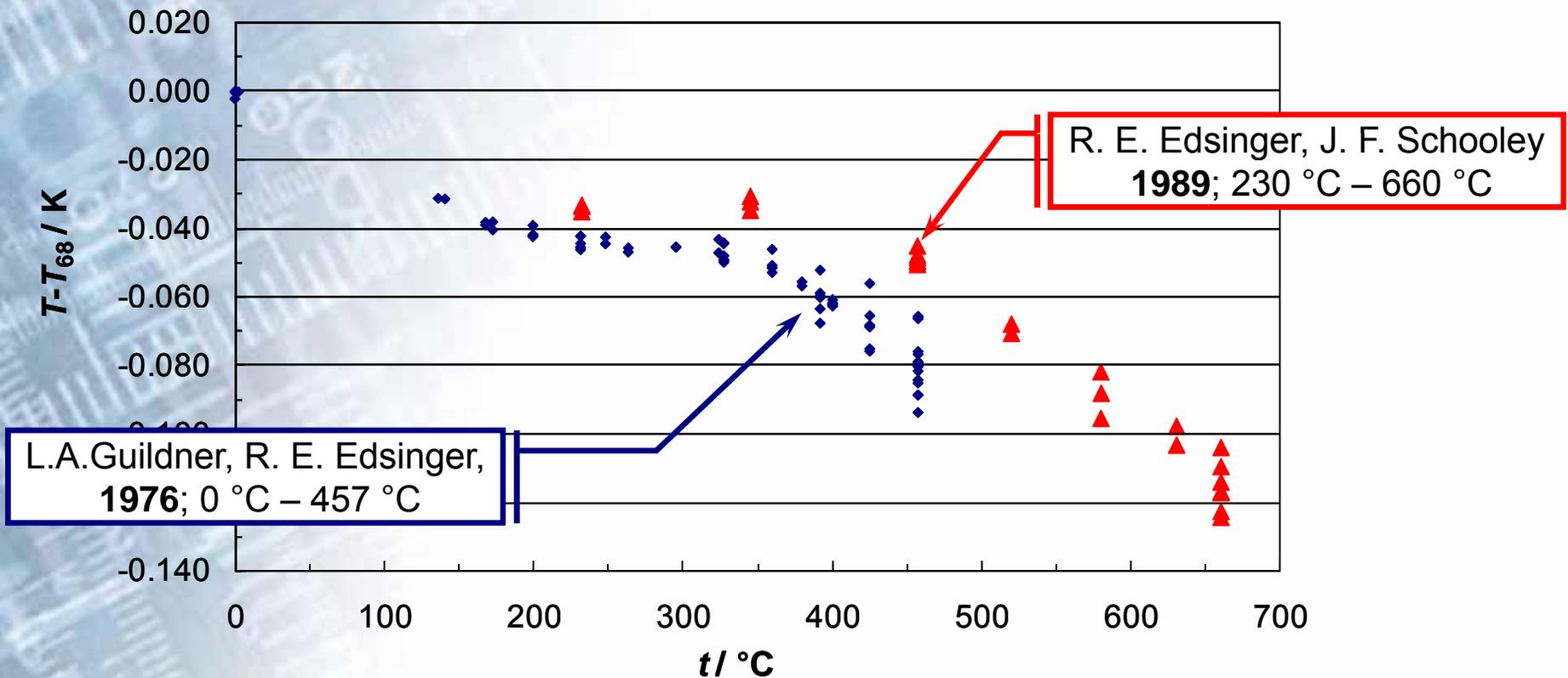
- Defining Fixed Points
- Interpolation Instruments

# Introduction: Thermodynamic Basis of the ITS-90



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- Preparatory Thermodynamic Temperature Measurements for the ITS-90: Constant Volume Gas Thermometry (CVGT) at NIST
- Two, independent data sets for the intermediate temperature range

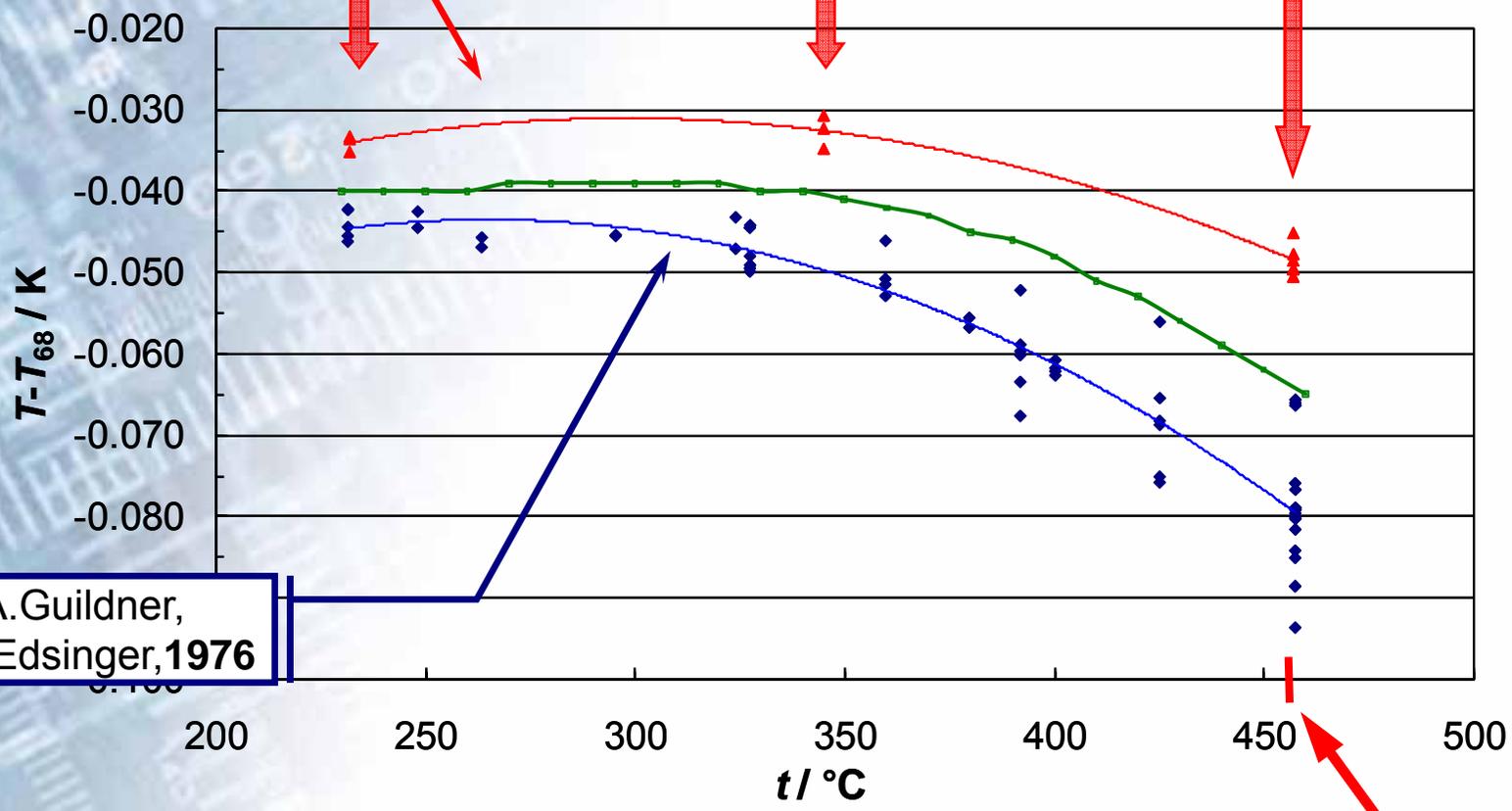


# Introduction: Thermodynamic Basis of the ITS-90

**Solution (CCT WG 4): „...mid-way between the two sets of results“**

R. E. Edsinger,  
J. F. Schooley, 1989

(Metrologia 1991, 28, 9-18)



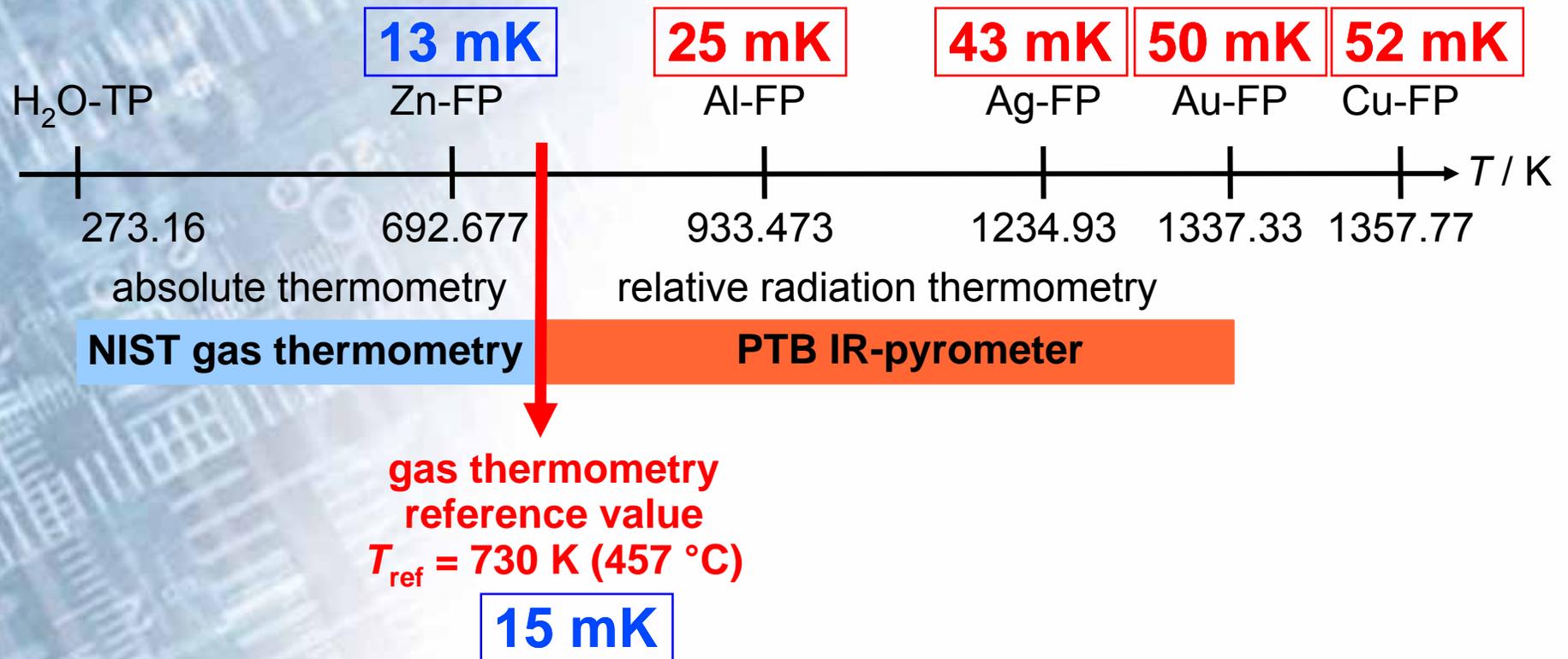
L.A. Guildner,  
R. E. Edsinger, 1976

457 °C

# Introduction: Thermodynamic Basis of the ITS-90

thermodynamic uncertainty  
of the ITS-90 fixed points

quadratic error propagation



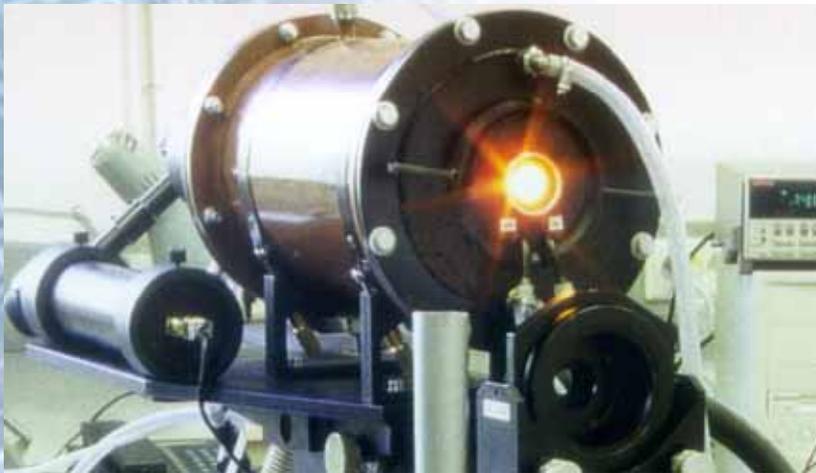
# Introduction: Thermodynamic Basis of the ITS-90

## Problem:

- increased thermodynamic uncertainty of the ITS-90 high temperature fixed points

$$\text{Au-FP: } u(T_{\text{Au-FP}}) = 0.050 \text{ K}$$

Application: High temperature blackbodies (HTBB) as primary standards for the UV-precision radiometry



$$T_{\text{HTBB}} = 3500 \text{ K}$$

$$\rightarrow u(T_{\text{HTBB}}) \approx 0.345 \text{ K}$$

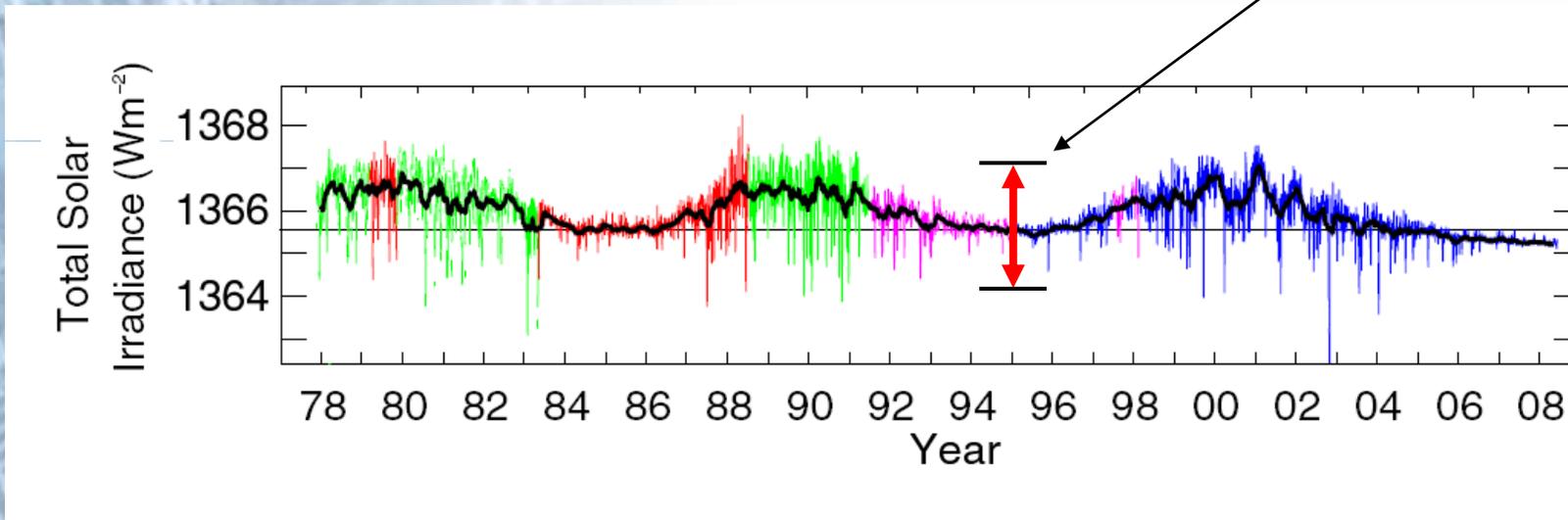
- relative uncertainty of the realized spectral irradiance

$$\frac{\Delta E_{\lambda}}{E_{\lambda}} = 0.2\% \quad \lambda = 200 \text{ nm}$$

# Introduction: Thermodynamic Basis of the ITS-90

- Measurement of the Total Solar Irradiance  
**critical factor in climate prediction**

**0.2% !**



Source:  
Physikalisch-  
Meteorologisches  
Observatorium Davos /  
World Radiation Center  
(PMOD/WRC)

# Motivation

**Decision:** Which of the two NIST gas thermometry series is closer to the thermodynamic temperature ?

## PTB approach:

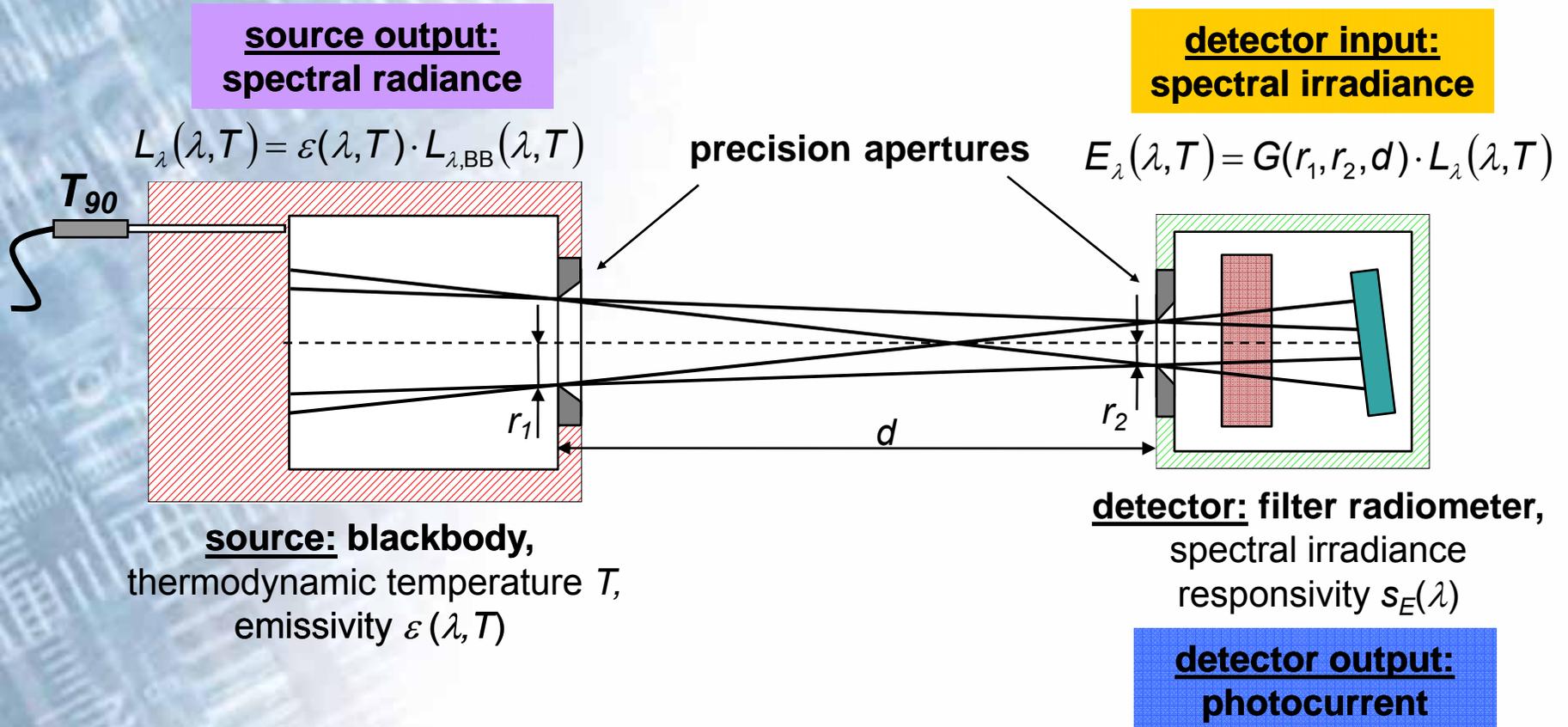
- Absolute radiometric determination of thermodynamic temperatures of blackbodies with lowest possible uncertainties and comparison with the ITS-90 ?
- **Instrumentation:** Absolutely calibrated filter radiometers

Task: 15 mK @ 730 K

$$\frac{\Delta L}{L} = \frac{C_2}{\lambda \cdot T^2} \cdot \Delta T \quad \xrightarrow{\lambda=1000 \text{ nm}} \quad \frac{\Delta L}{L} \approx 4 \cdot 10^{-4} \quad !$$

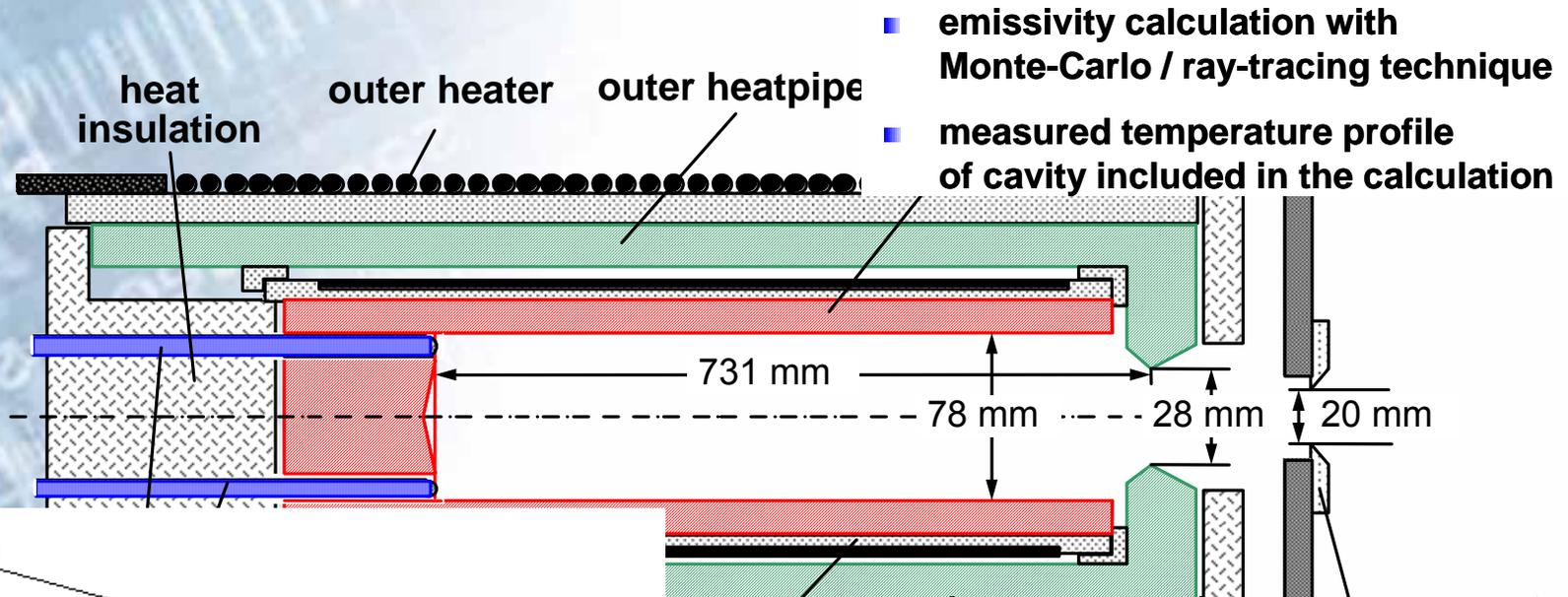
# Thermodynamic temperature determination

## ■ Schematic experimental setup

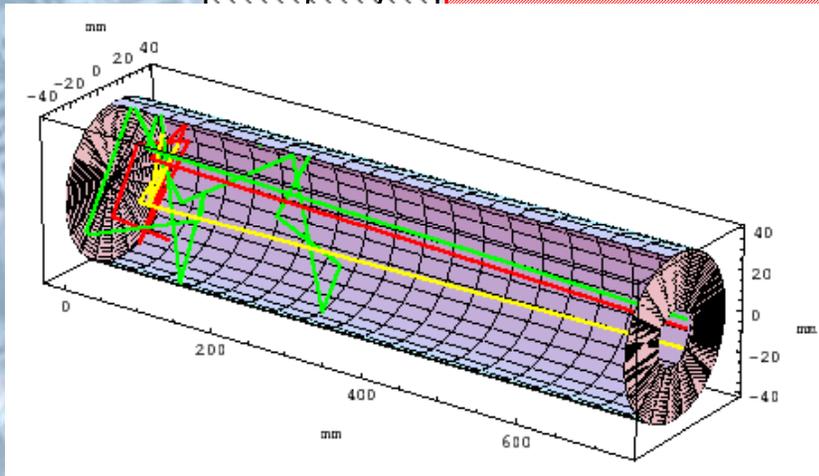


$$I_{\text{photo}}(G, T) = \int E_{\lambda}(\lambda, T) \cdot s_E(\lambda) d\lambda = G(r_1, r_2, d) \int \varepsilon(\lambda, T) \cdot L_{\lambda, BB}(\lambda, T) \cdot s_E(\lambda) d\lambda$$

# Large area blackbody (LABB) – schematic view

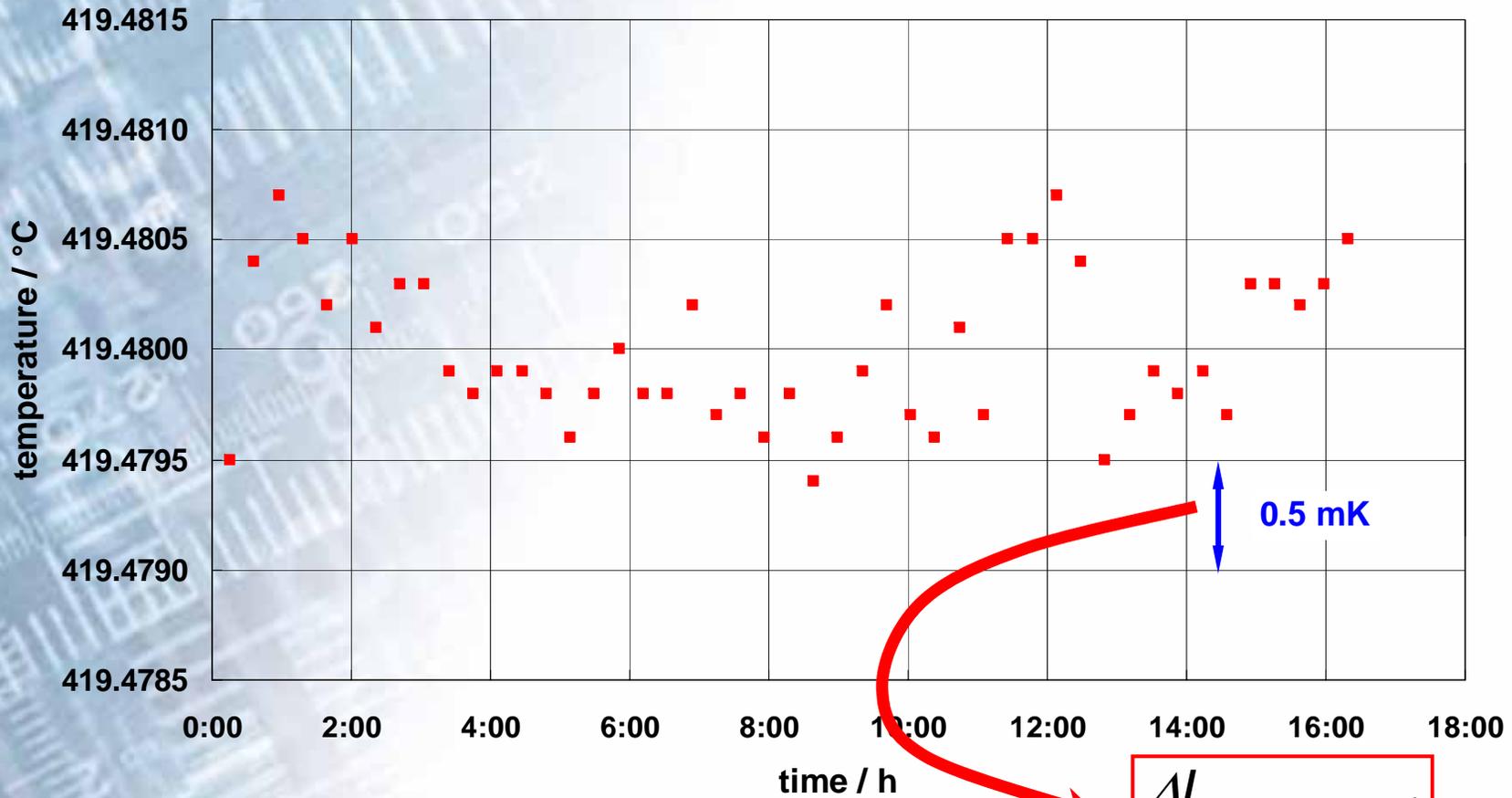


- emissivity calculation with Monte-Carlo / ray-tracing technique
- measured temperature profile of cavity included in the calculation



$t_{\text{LABB}} / ^\circ\text{C}$	$\epsilon$ isothermal	$\epsilon$ non-isothermal
415	0.99990	0.99959
450	0.99991	0.99987
480	0.99990	0.99989
510	0.99991	0.99988

# LABB - Temperature stability

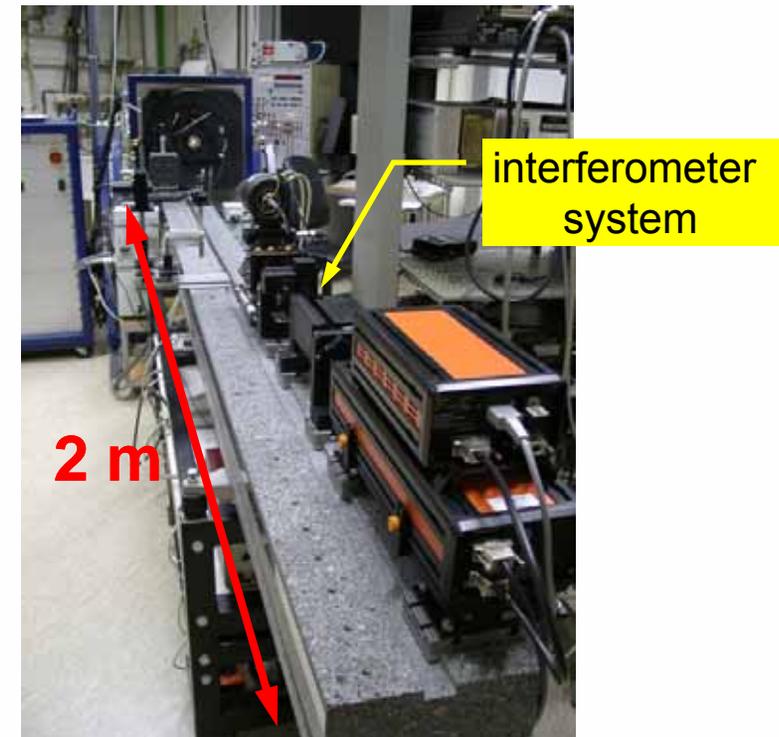
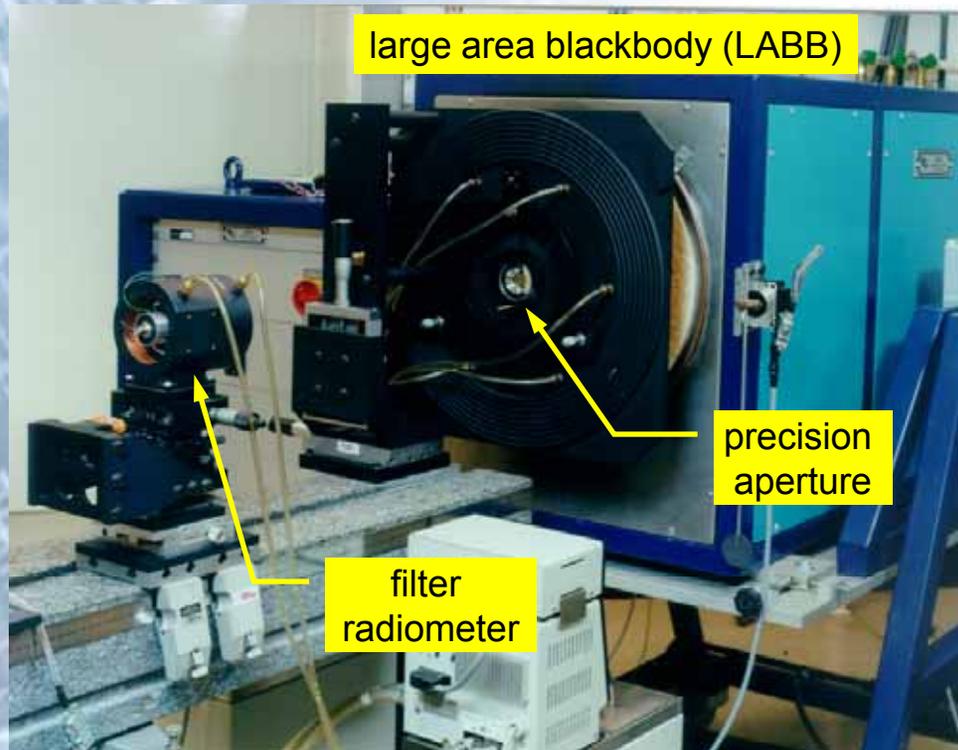


$$\frac{\Delta L}{L} < 1 \cdot 10^{-4}$$

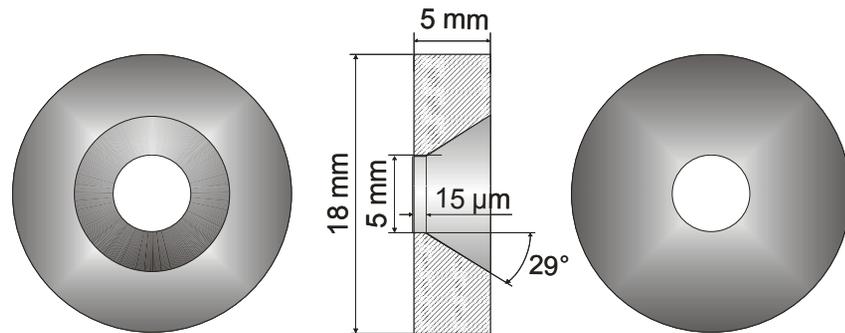
# Thermodynamic temperature determination

## ■ PTB experimental setup

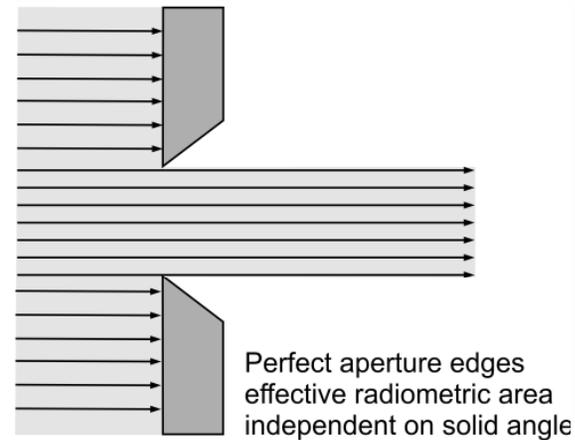
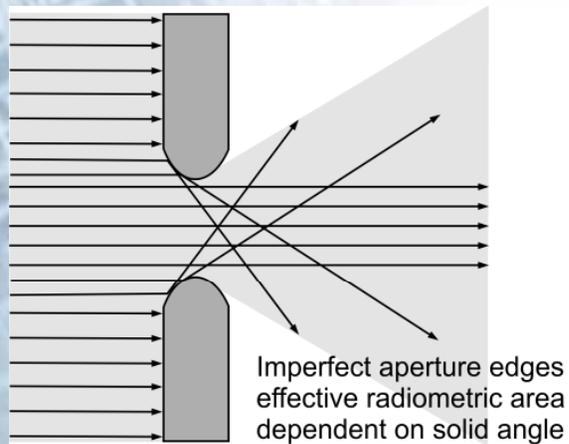
- thermodynamic accuracy of ITS-90 ( $T - T_{90}$ )
- temperature range: Zn-FP (419.527 °C) to Ag-FP (961.78 °C)



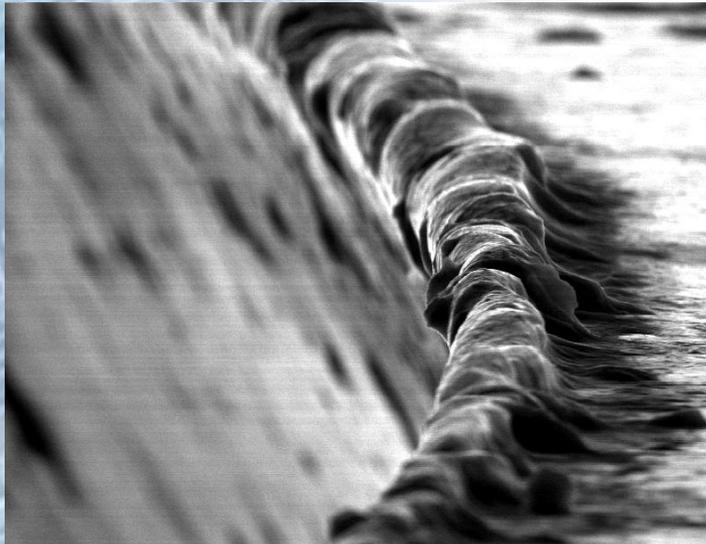
# Precision apertures



- diamond turned (Al, Cu)
- thin, „knife like“-edges
- non-contact measurement of the aperture diameter
- absolute uncertainty ( $k=1$ ):  $< 0.5 \mu\text{m}$



# Precision apertures



AlZn2, 85° gekippt; seiltl. Sicht

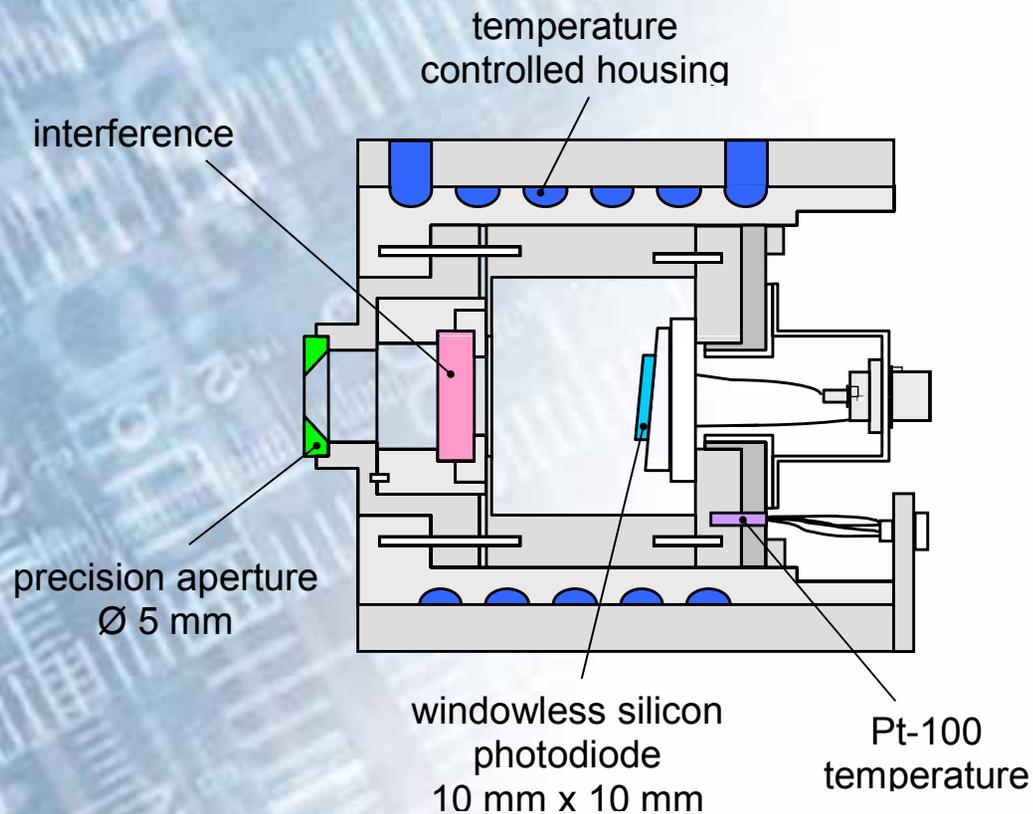
10 µm



Al9, 85° gekippt, seitliche Sicht

10 µm

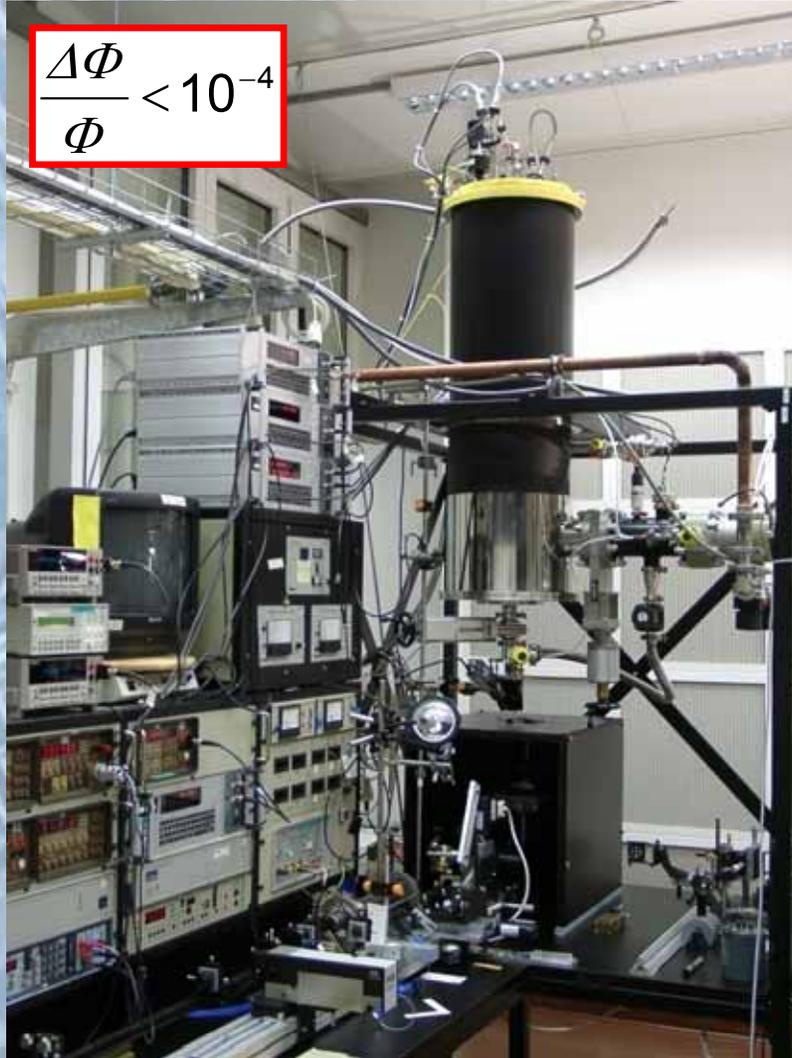
# Filter Radiometer – schematic view



## Absolute calibration

- **spectral irradiance responsivity**
- relative standard uncertainty:  $\sim 10^{-4}$
- primary detector standard: **cryogenic radiometer**
- two step procedure

# Filter radiometer absolute calibration: step 1



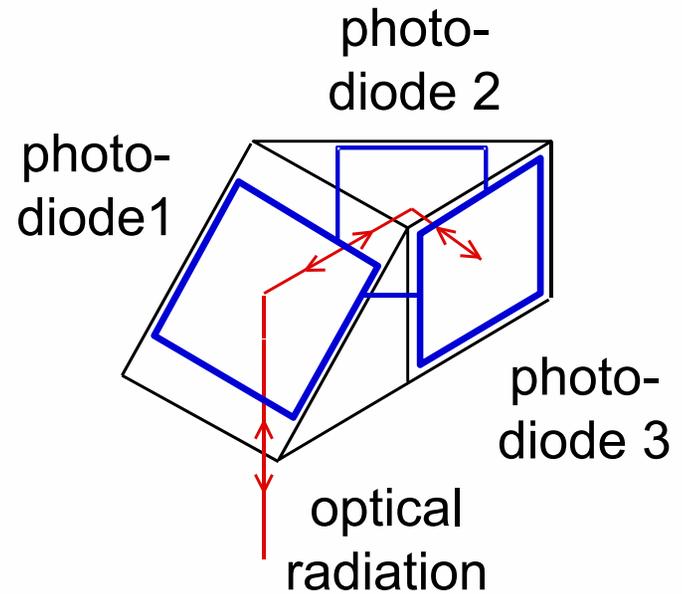
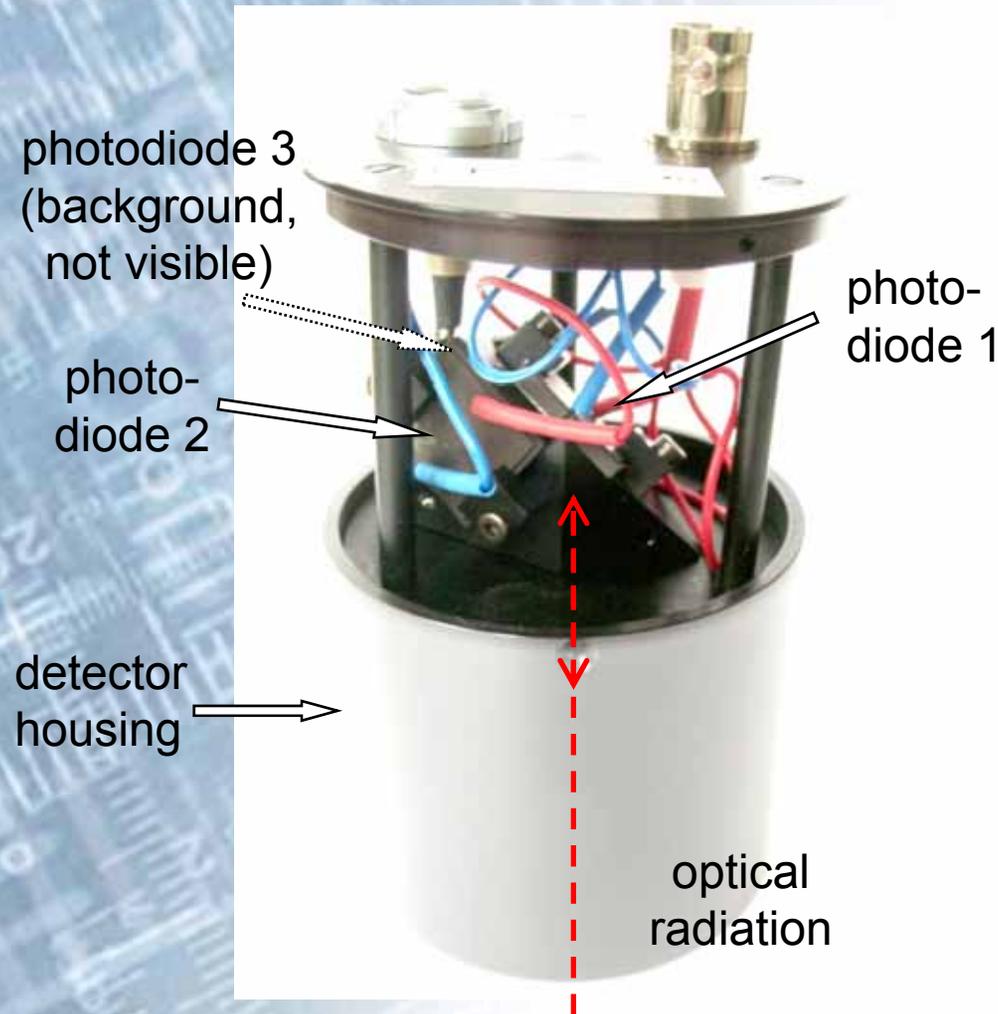
**cryogenic radiometer RTCR**  
**PTB** detector primary standard  
optical power  $\Phi$  [ W ]

calibration at discrete laser lines

**transfer standard**  
spectral responsivity  $s(\lambda)$  [A·W<sup>-1</sup>]

silicon photodiode based  
trap detector

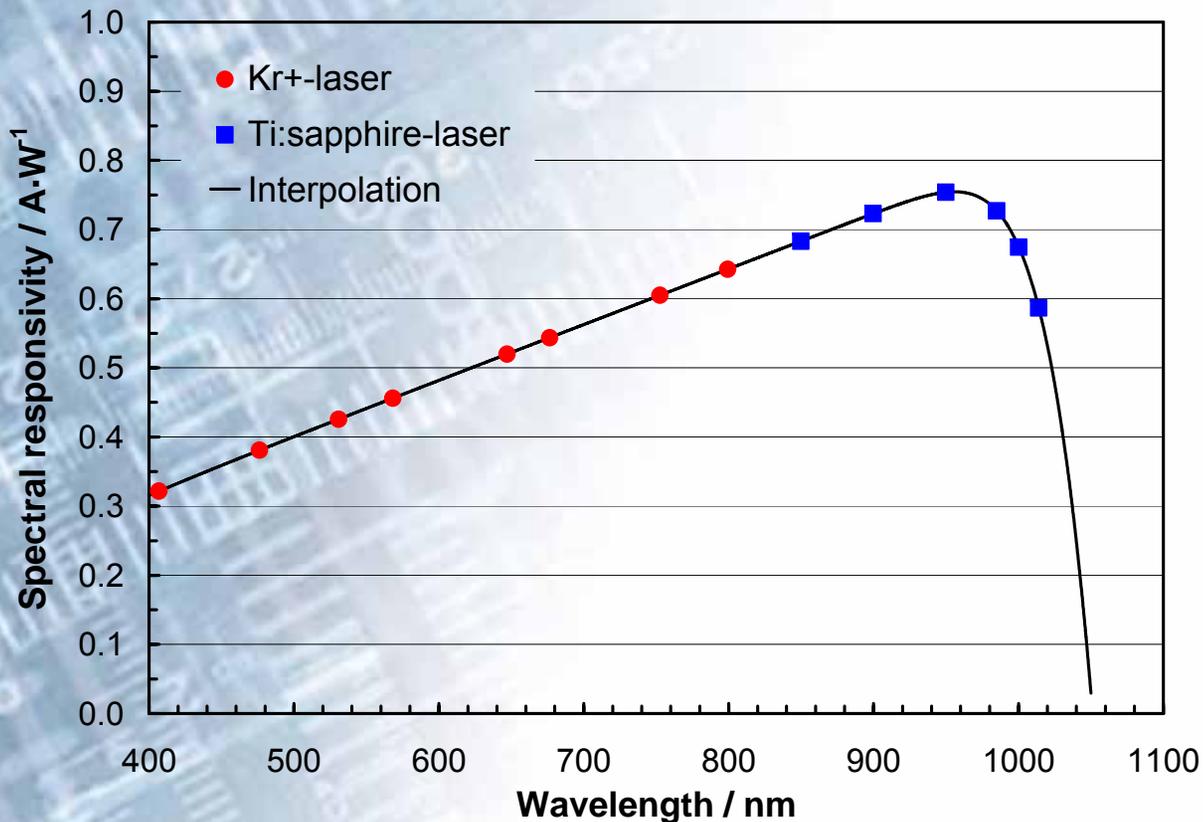
# Spectral responsivity transfer standard: trap detector



- high stability
- low reflectivity
- polarization insensitive
- homogenous responsivity

# Trap detector: spectral responsivity

- calibration at 14 laser lines
- interpolation with a physical model

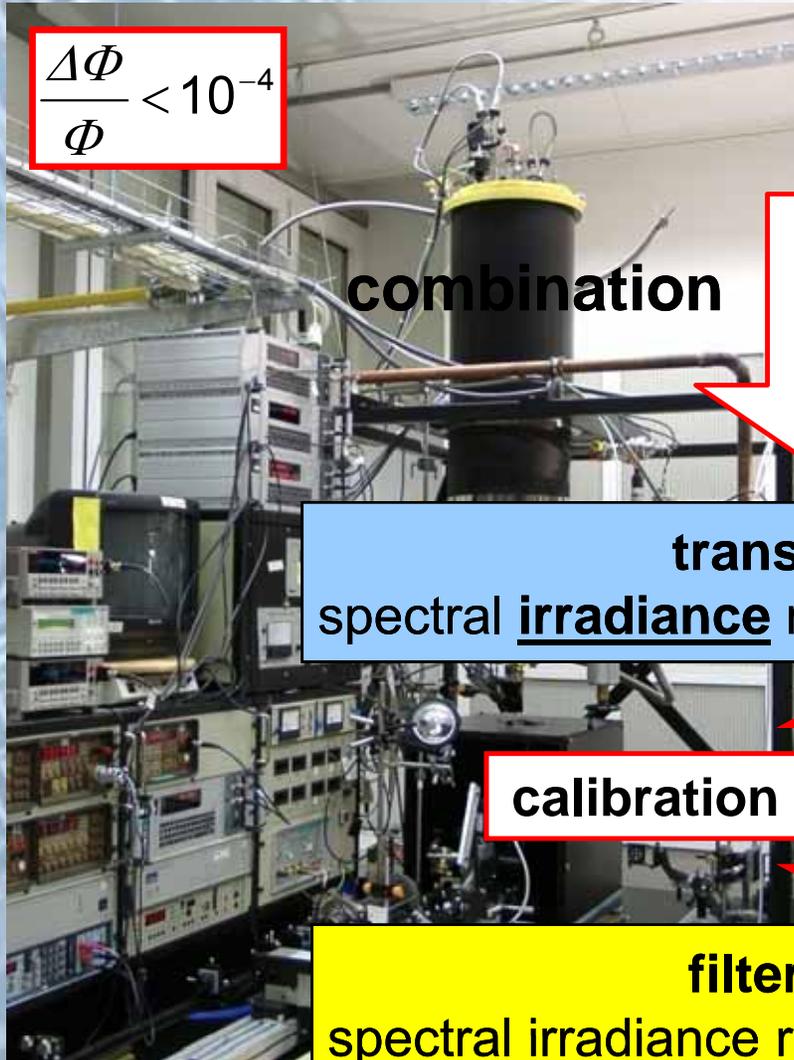


**relative uncertainty ( $k=1$ )**  
**(400 nm to 950 nm)**

- $1 \cdot 10^{-4}$  at the laser lines
- $2 \cdot 10^{-4}$  to  $1 \cdot 10^{-3}$  continuous scale

Werner et al., *Metrologia*, 2000, **37**, 279-284

# Filter radiometer absolute calibration: step 2



$$\frac{\Delta\Phi}{\Phi} < 10^{-4}$$

combination

cryogenic radiometer RTCP  
**PTB** detector primary standard  
 optical power  $\Phi$  [ W ]

precision aperture

calibration at discrete laser lines

transfer standard  
 spectral irradiance responsivity  $s_E(\lambda)$  [A·W<sup>-1</sup>·m<sup>2</sup>]

standard  
 spectral responsivity  $s(\lambda)$  [A·W<sup>-1</sup>]

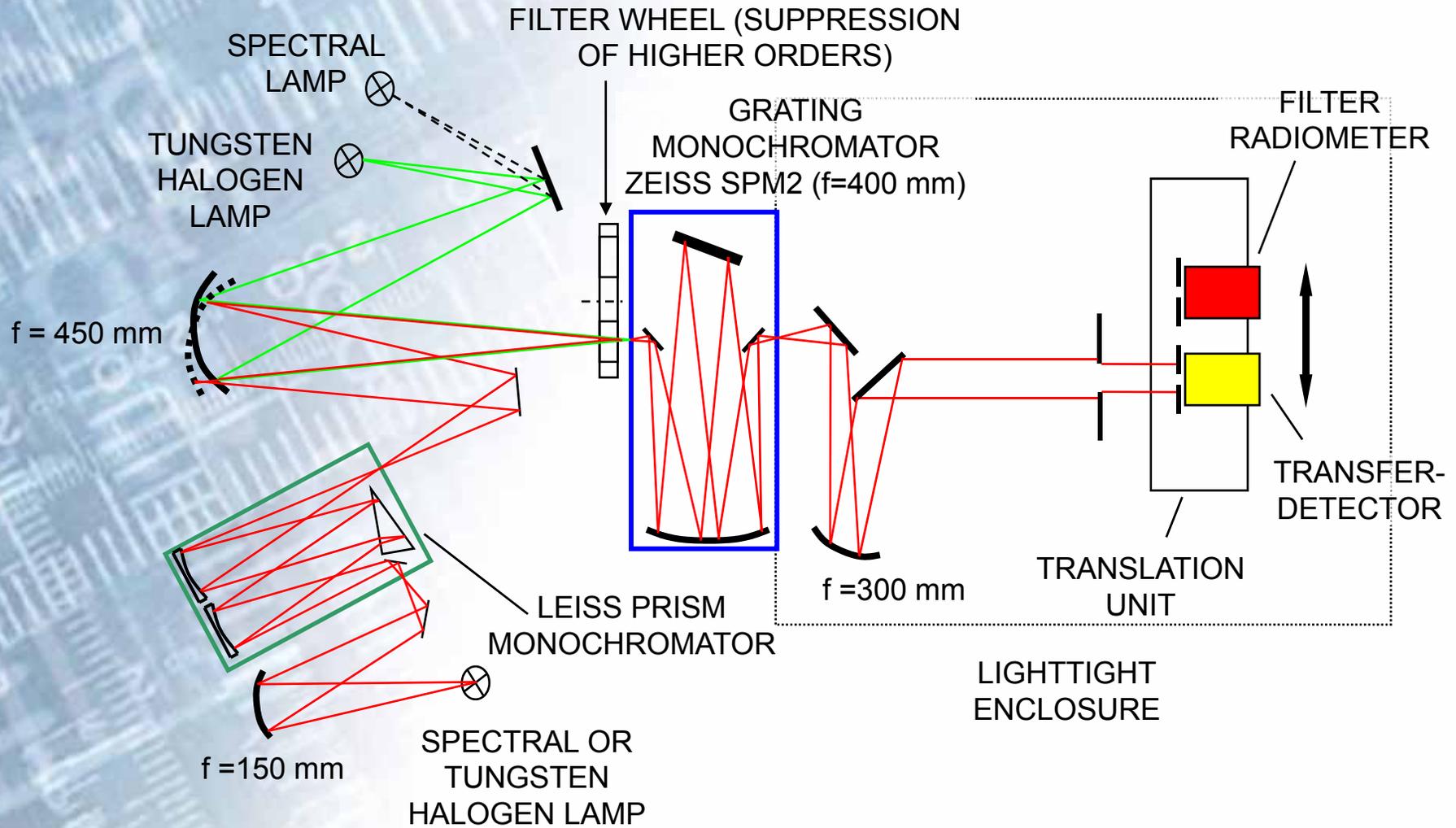
calibration by comparison

**PTB** Spectral  
 Comparator Facility

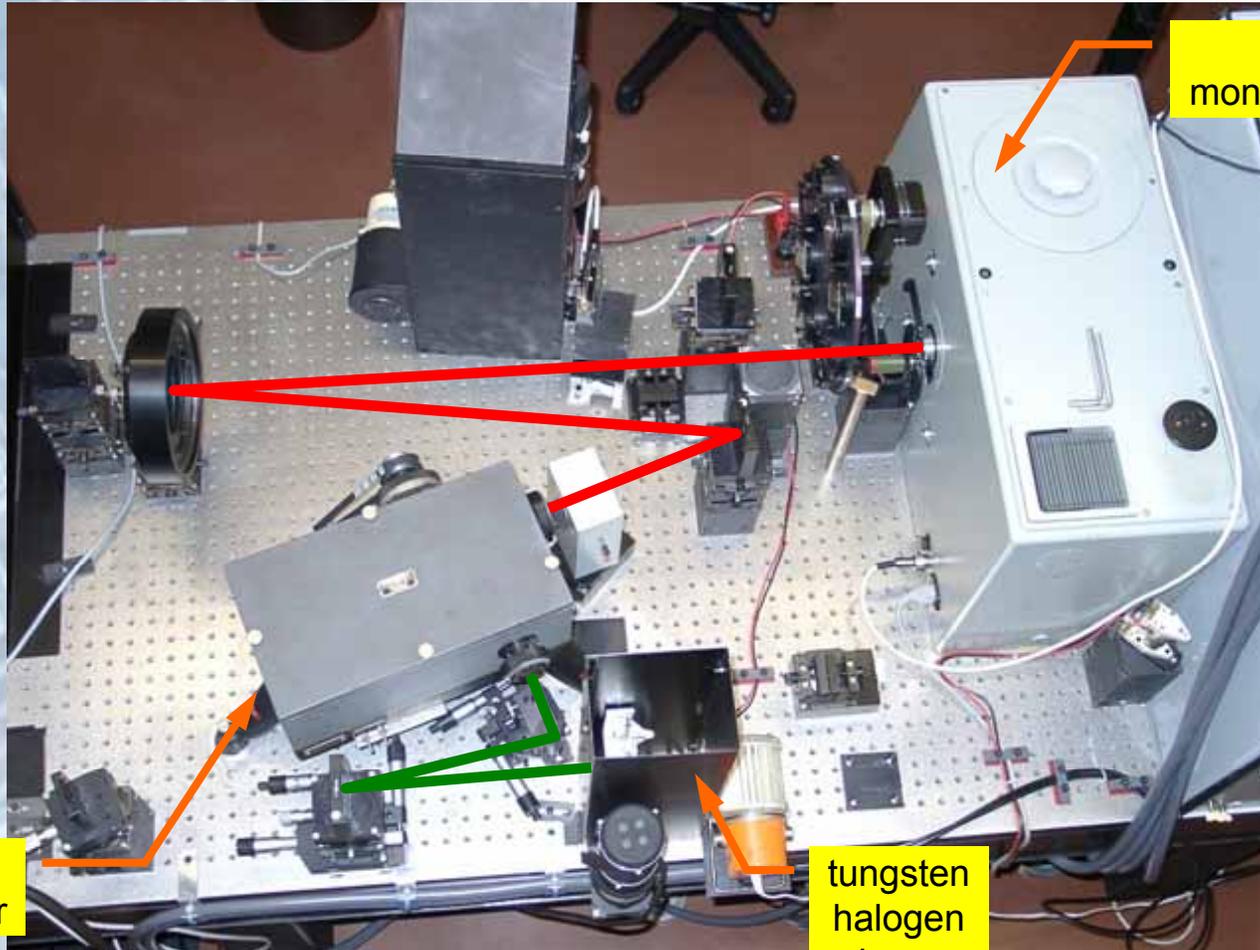
silicon photodiode based

filter radiometer  
 spectral irradiance responsivity  $s_E(\lambda)$  [A·W<sup>-1</sup>·m<sup>2</sup>]

# Spectral comparator facility — schematic view



# Spectral comparator facility

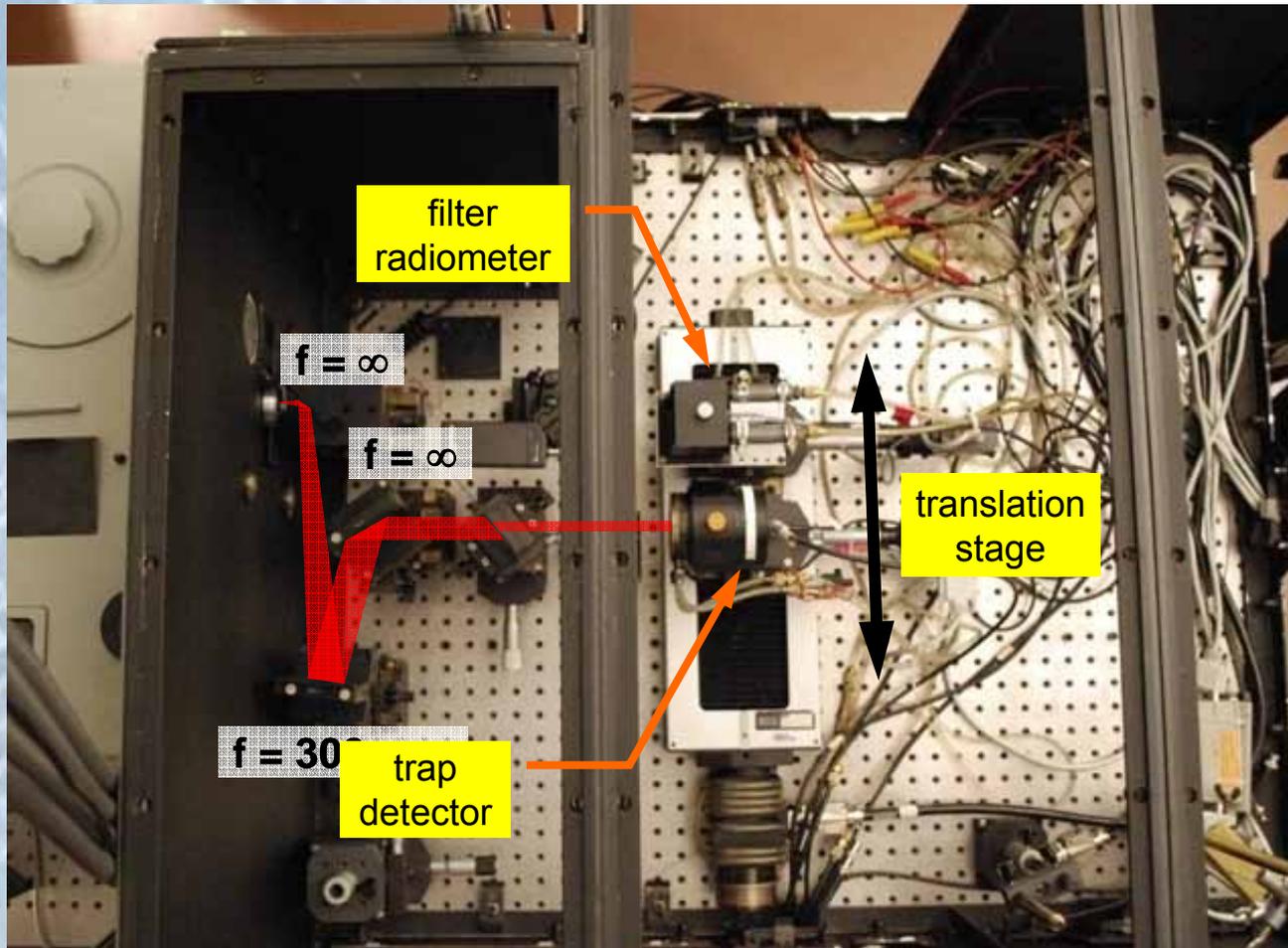


grating monochromator

prism pre-disperser

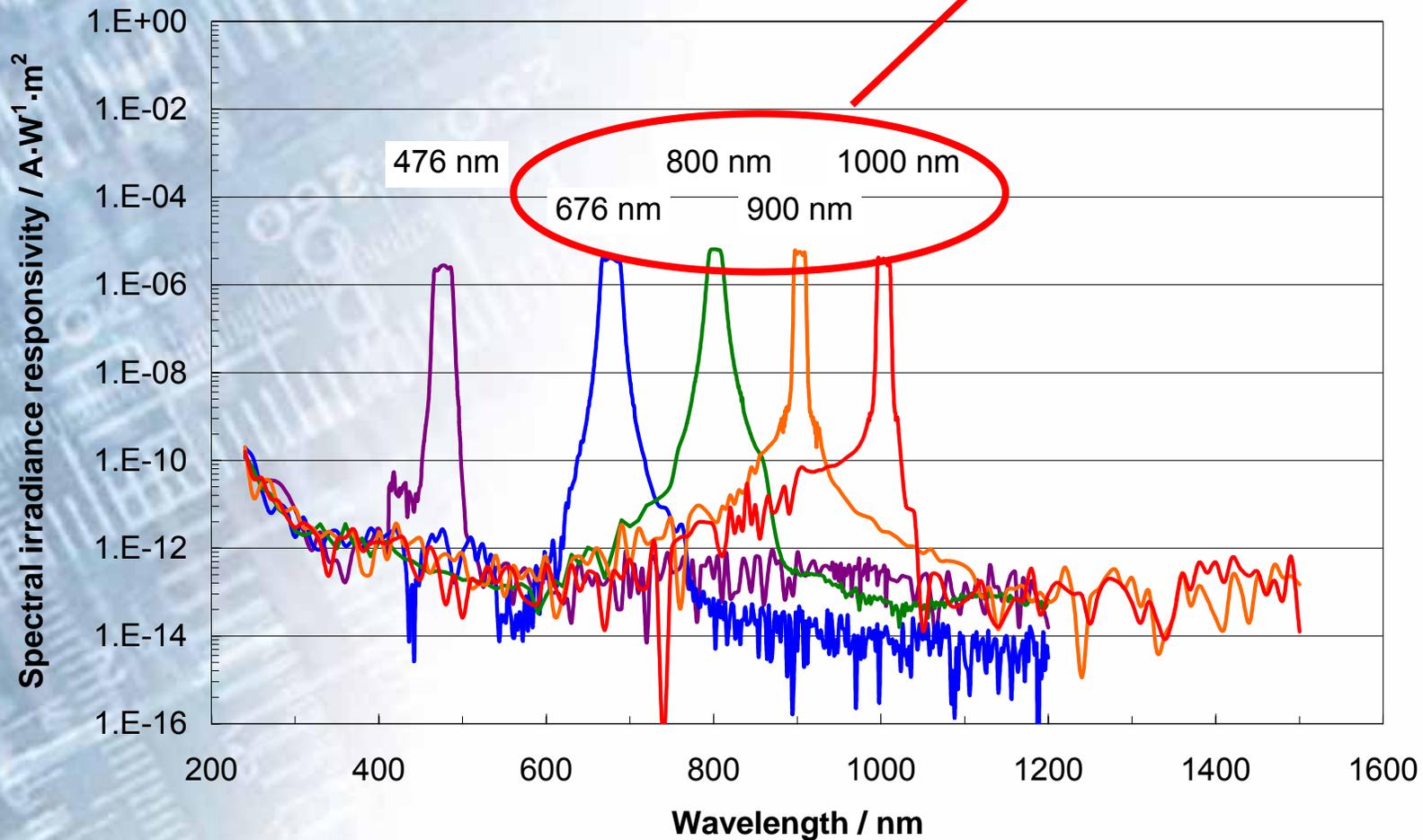
tungsten halogen lamp

# Spectral comparator facility

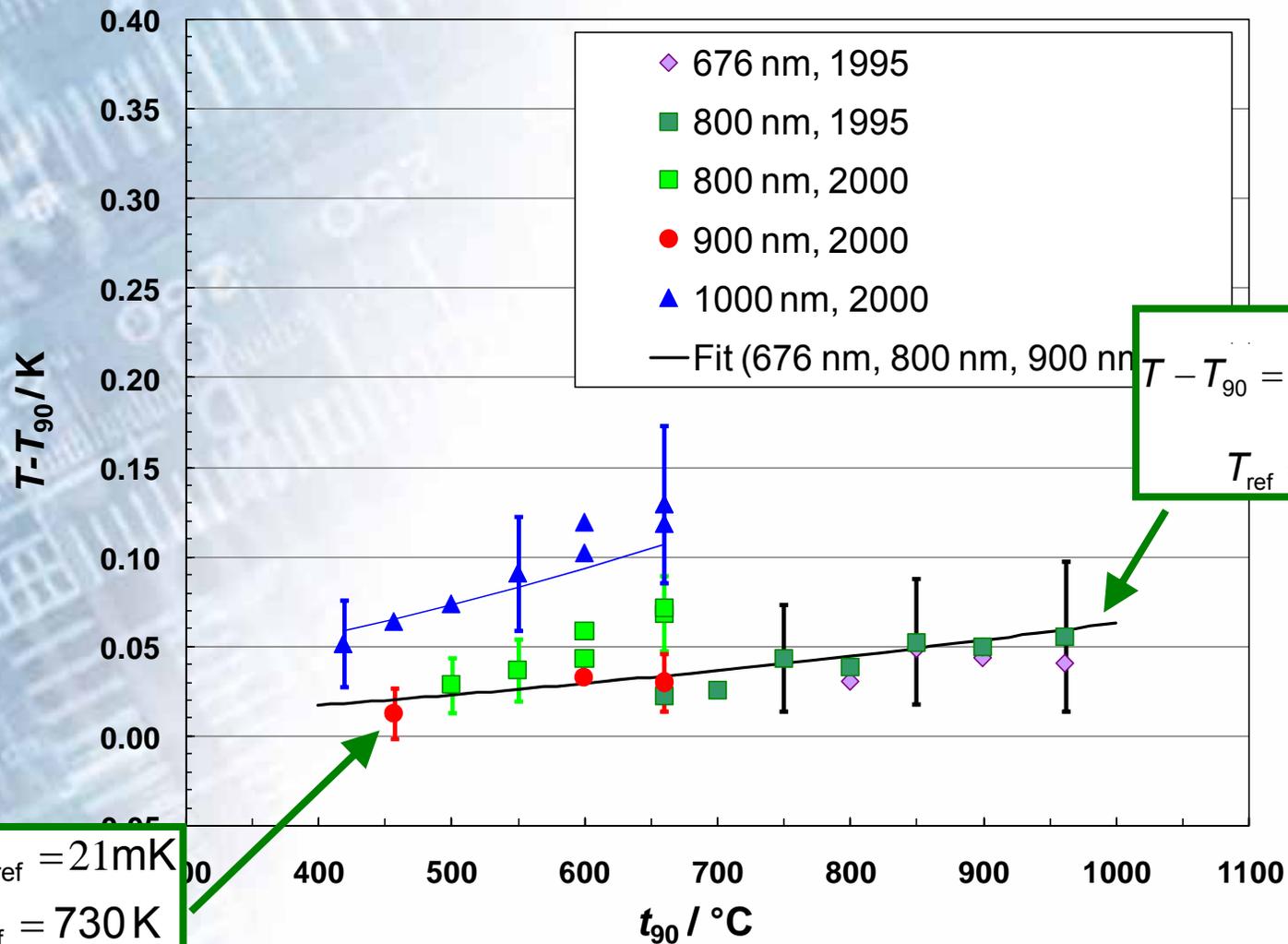


# Filter radiometer calibration - results

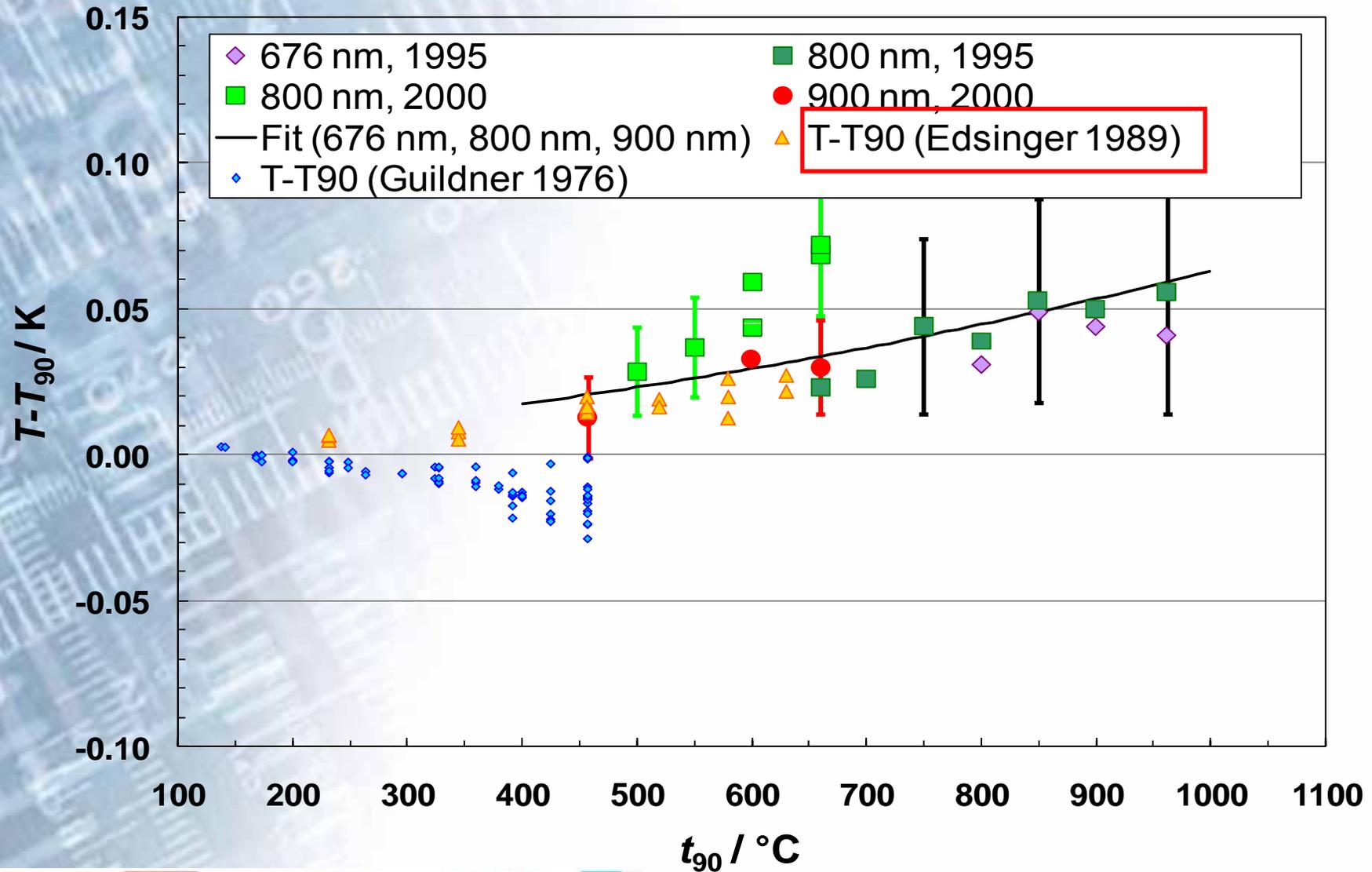
investigation of the thermodynamic accuracy of the ITS-90 from 419 °C to 962 °C !



# Results for $T-T_{90}$ (Si filter radiometer)



# Results for $T-T_{90}$ – comparison with gas thermometry



# Results for $T-T_{90}$ – uncertainty

	filter radiometer					
	800 nm		900 nm		1000 nm	
	500 °C	660 °C	450 °C	660 °C	419 °C	660 °C
<b>geometry</b>						
area aperture LABB	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
thermal expansion aperture LABB	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
diffraction correction	1.6	1.6	1.8	1.8	2.0	2.0
aperture distance (50 $\mu\text{m}$ @ 1000 mm)	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
<b>total</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>2.1</b>
<b>ITS 90</b>						
realization ITS 90 ( 9.9 mK @ 660 °C)	2.4	1.6	2.3	1.8	1.9	1.6
temperature stability LABB ( $\pm 2$ mK)	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.3
<b>total</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>1.7</b>
<b>measurement of <math>T</math></b>						
photo current $I_{photo}$	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
calibration $I/U$ -converter	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
calibration digital voltmeter	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
numerical integration photocurr. integral	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
$n$ refraction index air	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
$k$ Boltzman constant (CODATA 1998)	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.3
emissivity LABB (0.99994 $\pm$ 0.00008)	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	1.2	0.8
<b>total</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>1.5</b>

■ in units of  $10^{-4}$

# Results for $T-T_{90}$ – uncertainty

■ in units of  $10^{-4}$

	filter radiometer					
	800 nm		900 nm		1000 nm	
	500 °C	660 °C	450 °C	660 °C	419 °C	660 °C
<b>geometry</b>						
<b>total</b>	1.7	1.7	1.9	1.9	2.1	2.1
<b>ITS 90</b>						
<b>total</b>	2.5	1.7	2.4	1.9	2.0	1.7
<b>measurement of <math>T</math></b>						
<b>total</b>	1.6	1.5	1.6	1.5	1.8	1.5
<b>filter radiometer calibration</b>						
calibration spectral comparator	2.0	2.0	2.3	2.3	5.3	5.3
diffraction correction	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
central wavelength	2.3	1.8	1.9	1.3	1.0	1.0
<b>total</b>	3.1	2.7	3.0	2.7	5.4	5.4
<b>total uncertainty</b>	4.6	4.0	4.6	4.1	6.4	6.2
<b>temperature equivalent (mK)</b>	15	19	15	22	21	38

# NIR InGaAs photodiode filter radiometer

Si photodiode  
based filter radiometer



InGaAs photodiode  
based filter radiometer



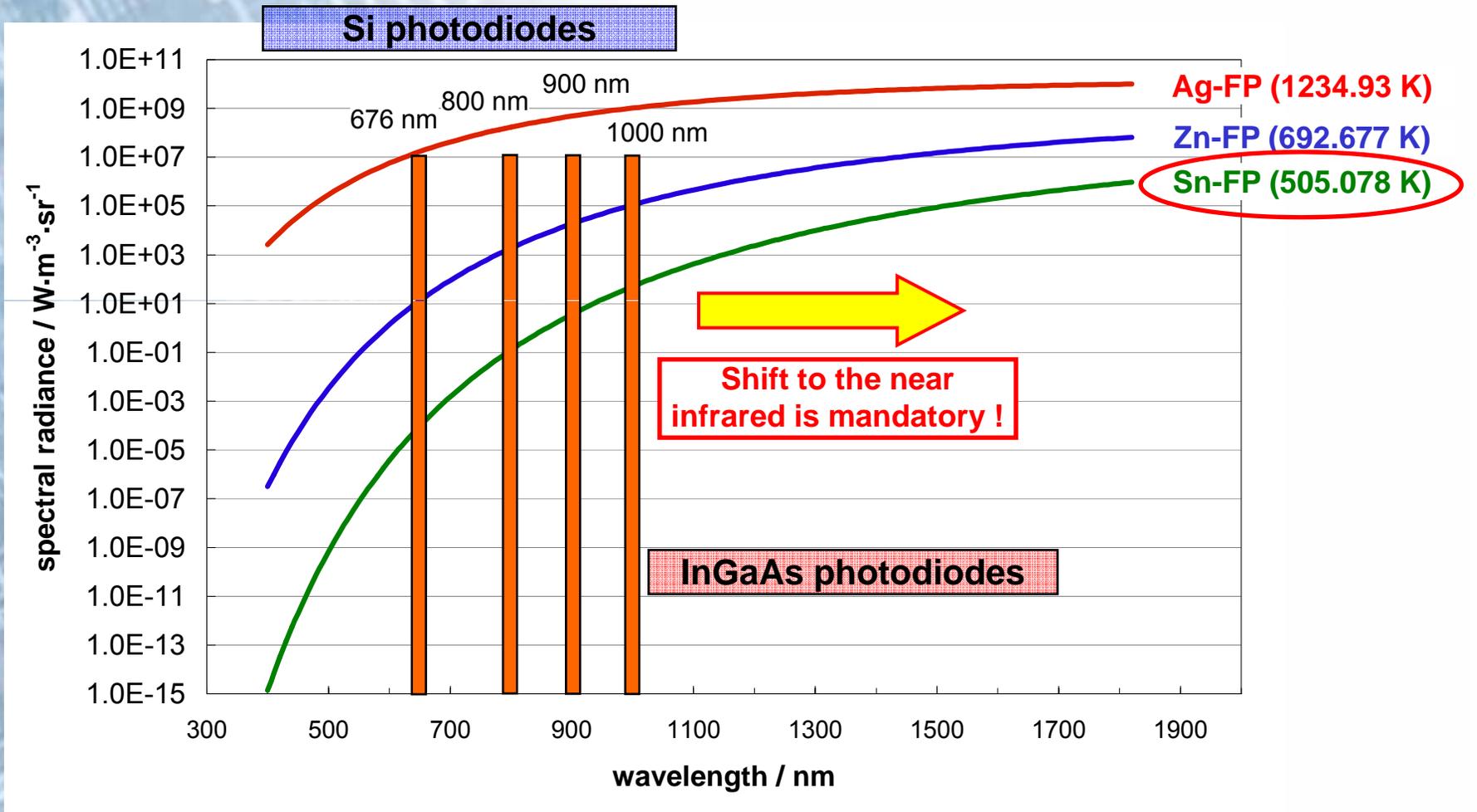
thermodynamic temperature determination in the range 419 °C – 660 °C

**uncertainty: 100 mK @ 457 °C !**

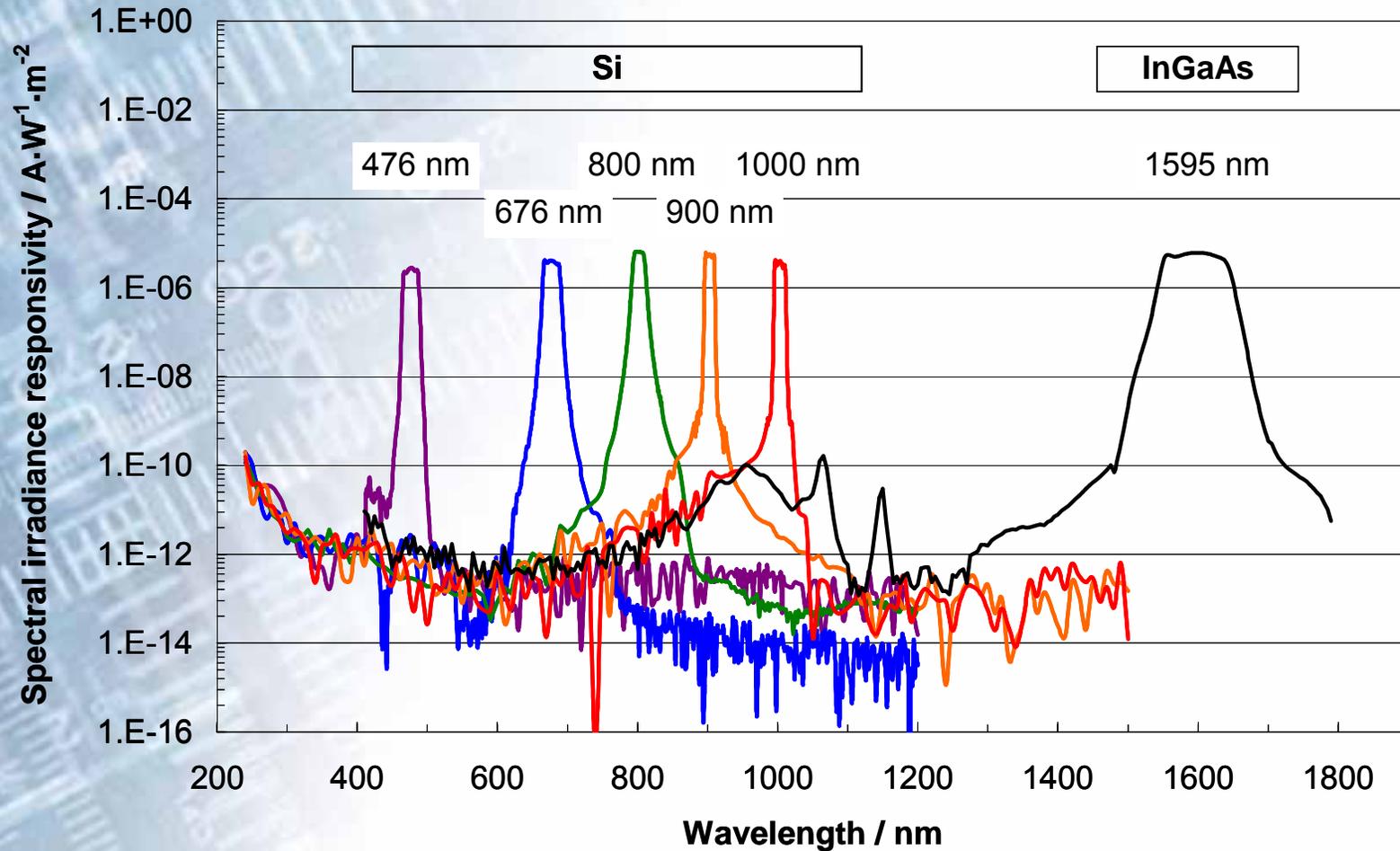
main contribution: uncertainty of the  
spectral responsivity in the  
NIR wavelength range (0.95  $\mu\text{m}$  – 1.65  $\mu\text{m}$ )

- thermodynamic temperature determination of blackbodies
- 419 °C up to 3000 °C
- below 500 °C a difficult task, even at  $\lambda_c=1000$  nm 
- centre wavelength: 1595 nm 
- spectral bandwidth (FWHM): 100 nm

# NIR InGaAs photodiode filter radiometer



# NIR InGaAs photodiode filter radiometer – PTB first approach



# NIR InGaAs photodiode filter radiometer

**PTB** objective : improvement of thermodynamic temperature determinations in the Zn-FP (419 °C) temperature range / extension down to Sn-FP (232 °C)

- improvement of the spectral responsivity scale in the near infrared

Si trap detectors:  $u_{\text{rel}}(s) \approx 0.02 \%$  (500 nm – 850 nm)



one order of magnitude !

InGaAs photodiodes:  $u_{\text{rel}}(s) \approx 0.17 \%$  (0.95  $\mu\text{m}$  – 1.65  $\mu\text{m}$ )

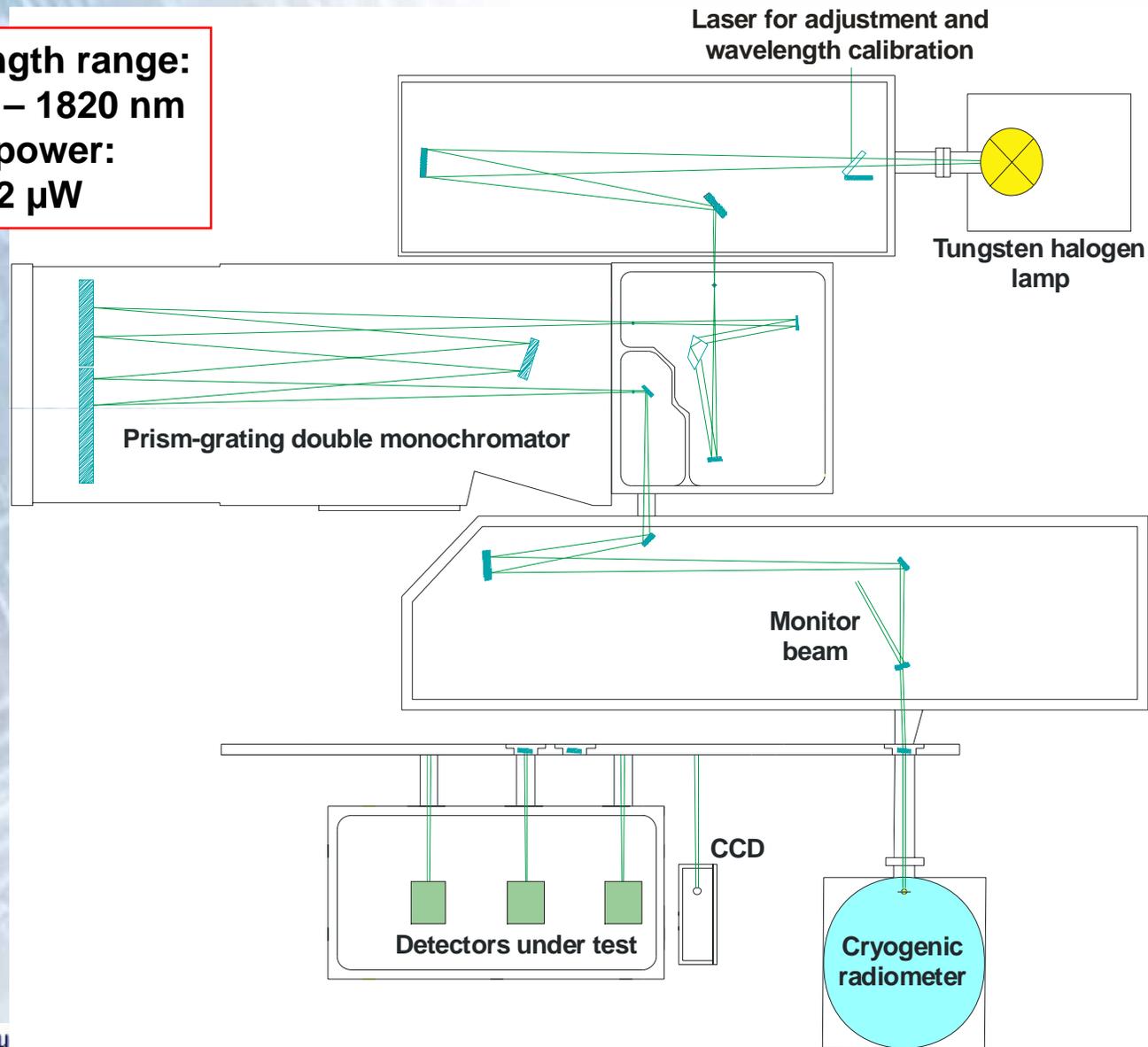


Establishment of a new, cryogenic radiometer facility for the high accuracy calibration of InGaAs transfer detectors

- design and calibration of new InGaAs-photodiode based filter radiometer

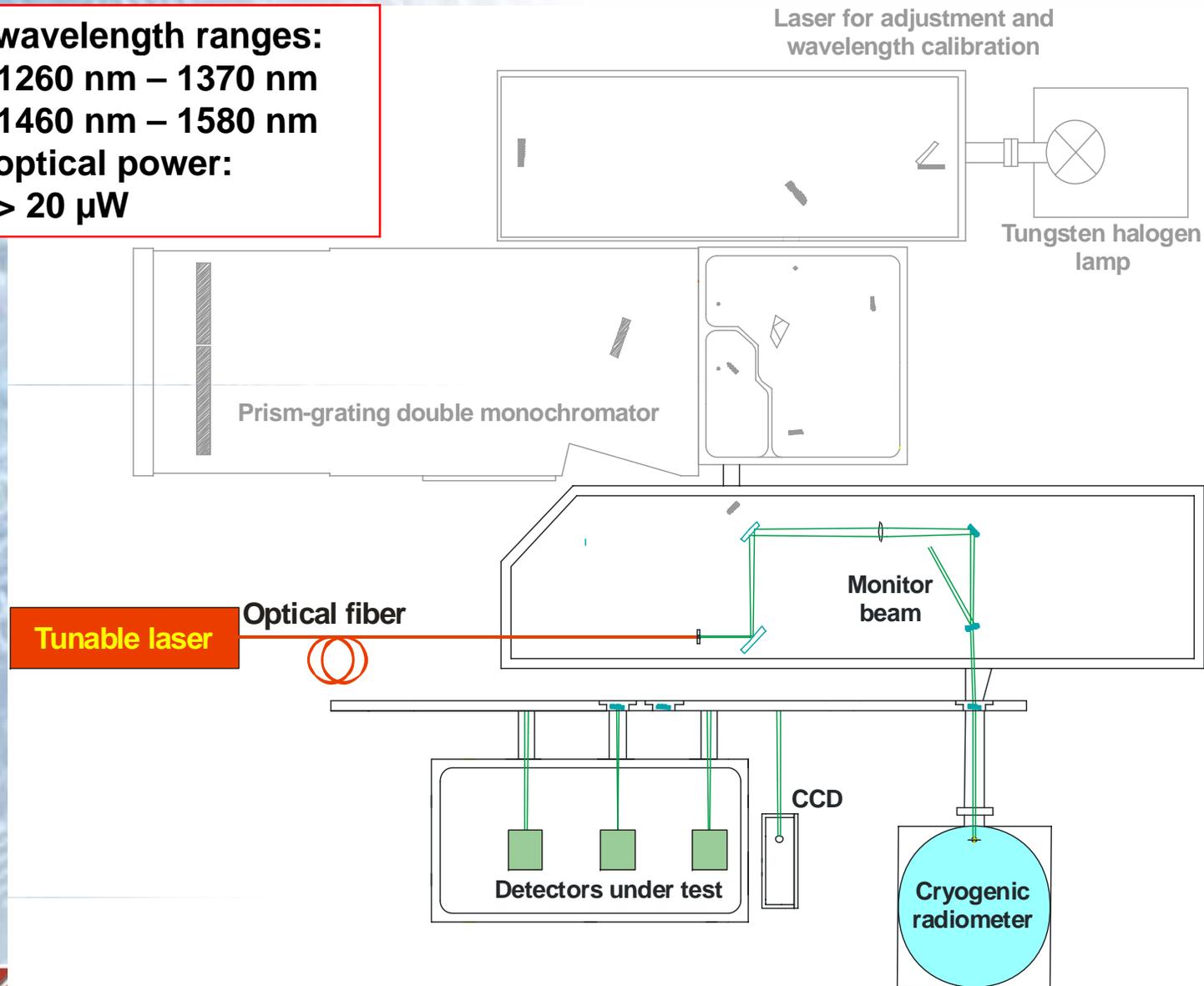
# NIR-Detector calibration facility: monochromator source

- wavelength range: 900 nm – 1820 nm
- optical power: 1  $\mu$ W – 2  $\mu$ W

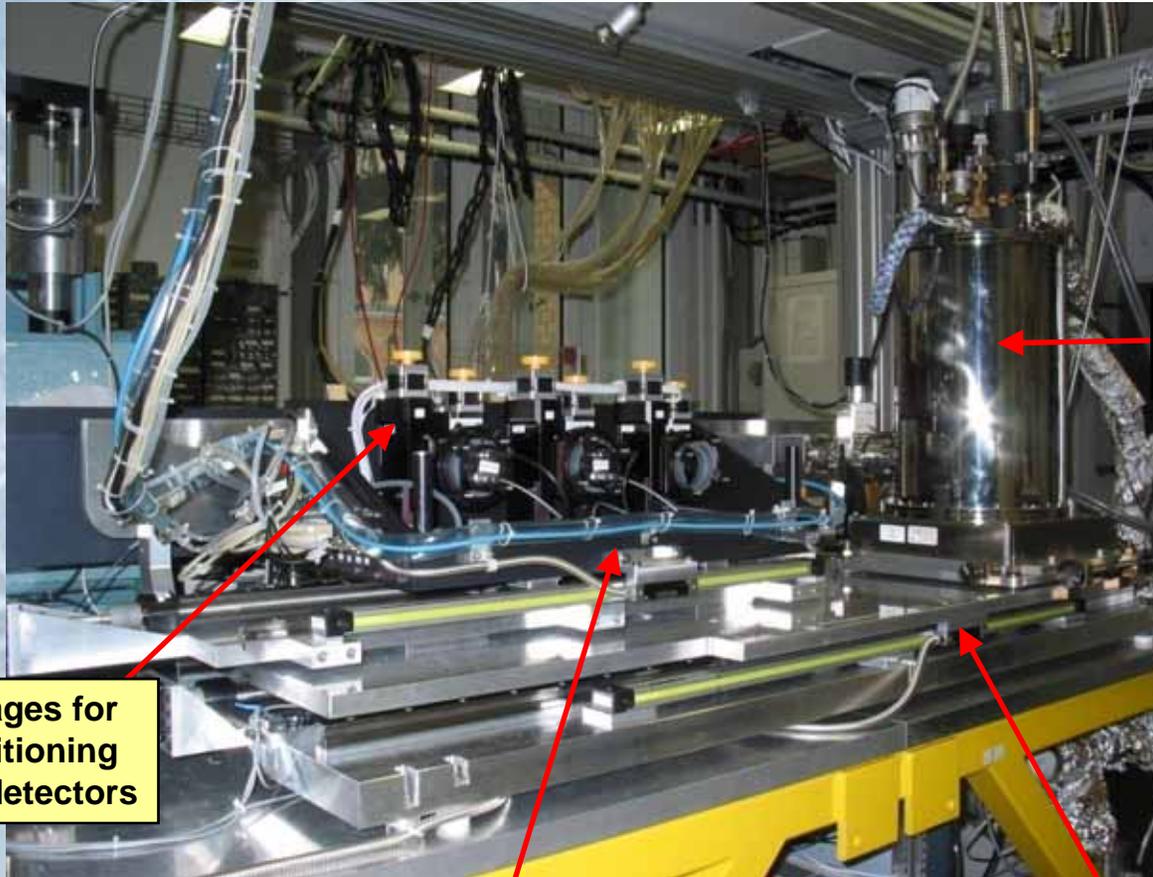


# NIR-Detector calibration facility: tunable laser source

- wavelength ranges:  
1260 nm – 1370 nm  
1460 nm – 1580 nm
- optical power:  
> 20  $\mu\text{W}$



# NIR-Detector calibration facility



Cryogenic radiometer  
CRI, CryoRad II

Motorized stages for  
• vertical positioning  
• rotation of detectors

Motorized stage 2

Motorized stage 2

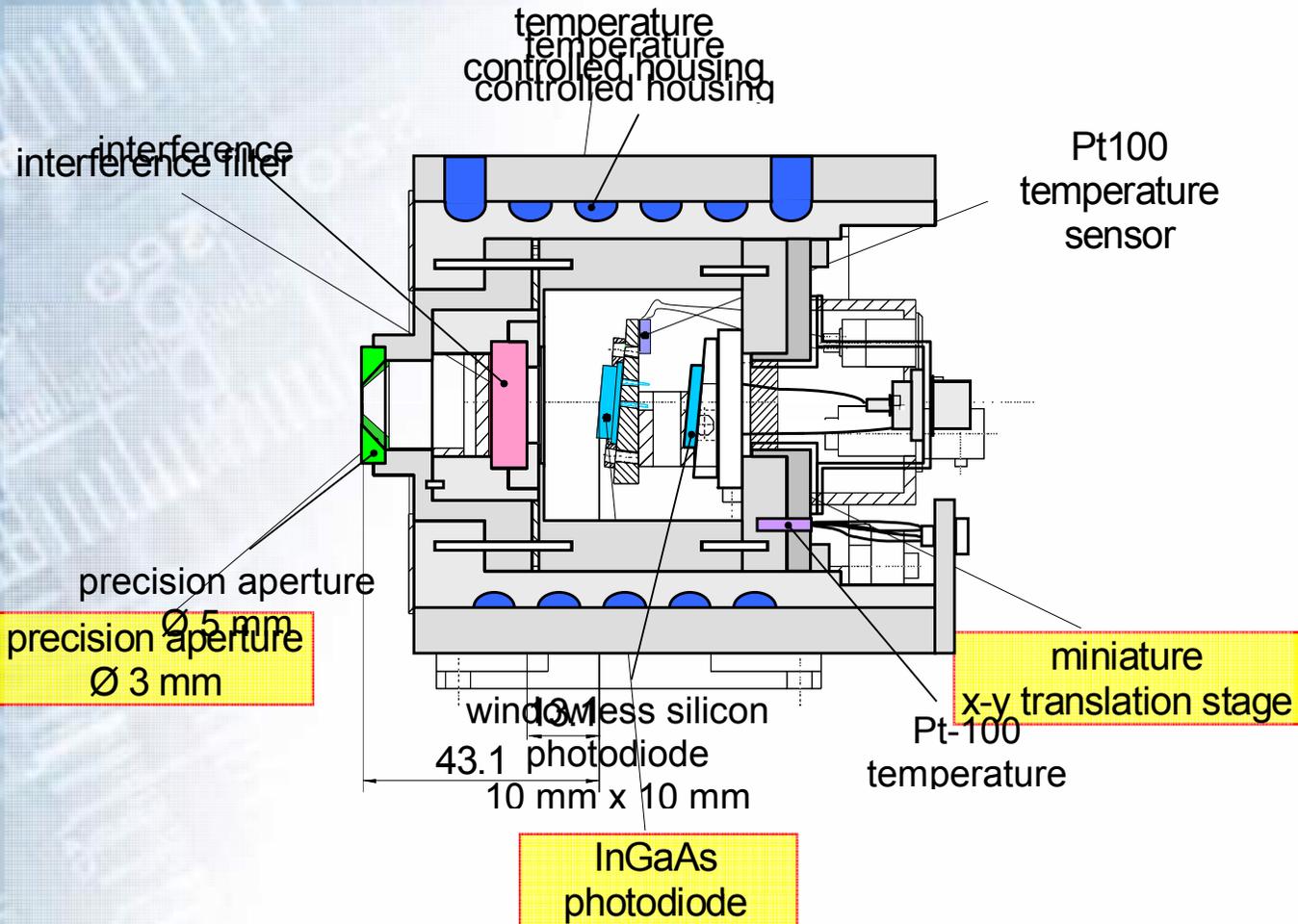
# Uncertainty budget: NIR spectral responsivity

Source of uncertainty	Radiation source	
	Tungsten halogen lamp	Tuneable diode laser
Instability of cryogenic radiometer (noise, drift)	0.075%	0.011%
Uncertainty in wavelength	0.030%	0.001%
Window transmittance	0.030%	0.010%
Uncertainty of electric power measurement	0.015%	0.015%
Detector temperature	0.005%	0.005%
Cavity absorptance and nonequivalence of power measurement	0.003%	0.003%
Stray light	0.002%	0.002%
<b>Combined relative standard uncertainty of spectral responsivity at beam position</b>	<b>0.088%</b>	<b>0.022%</b>
Typical contribution of the nonuniformity of the transfer detector	0.030%	0.020%
<b>Combined relative standard uncertainty of spectral responsivity</b>	<b>0.093%</b>	<b>0.030%</b>

factor 5 improvement

# NIR filter radiometer – schematic view

**New design**

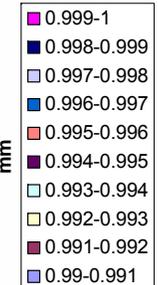
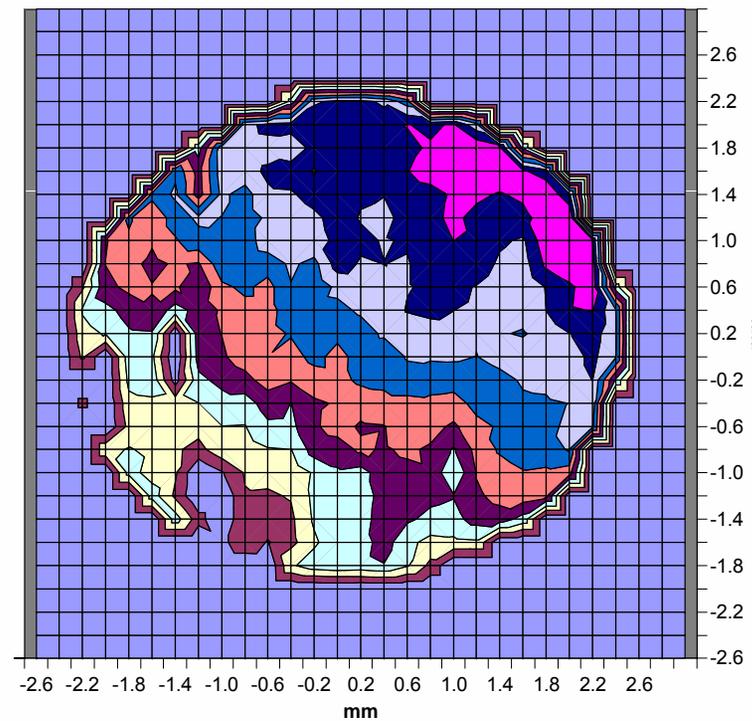
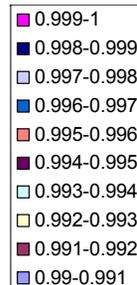
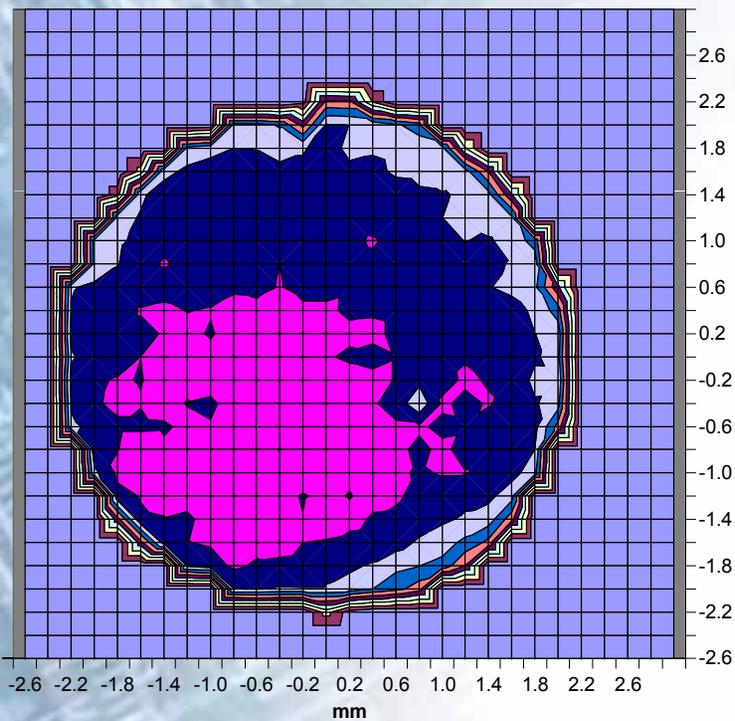


# NIR filter radiometer



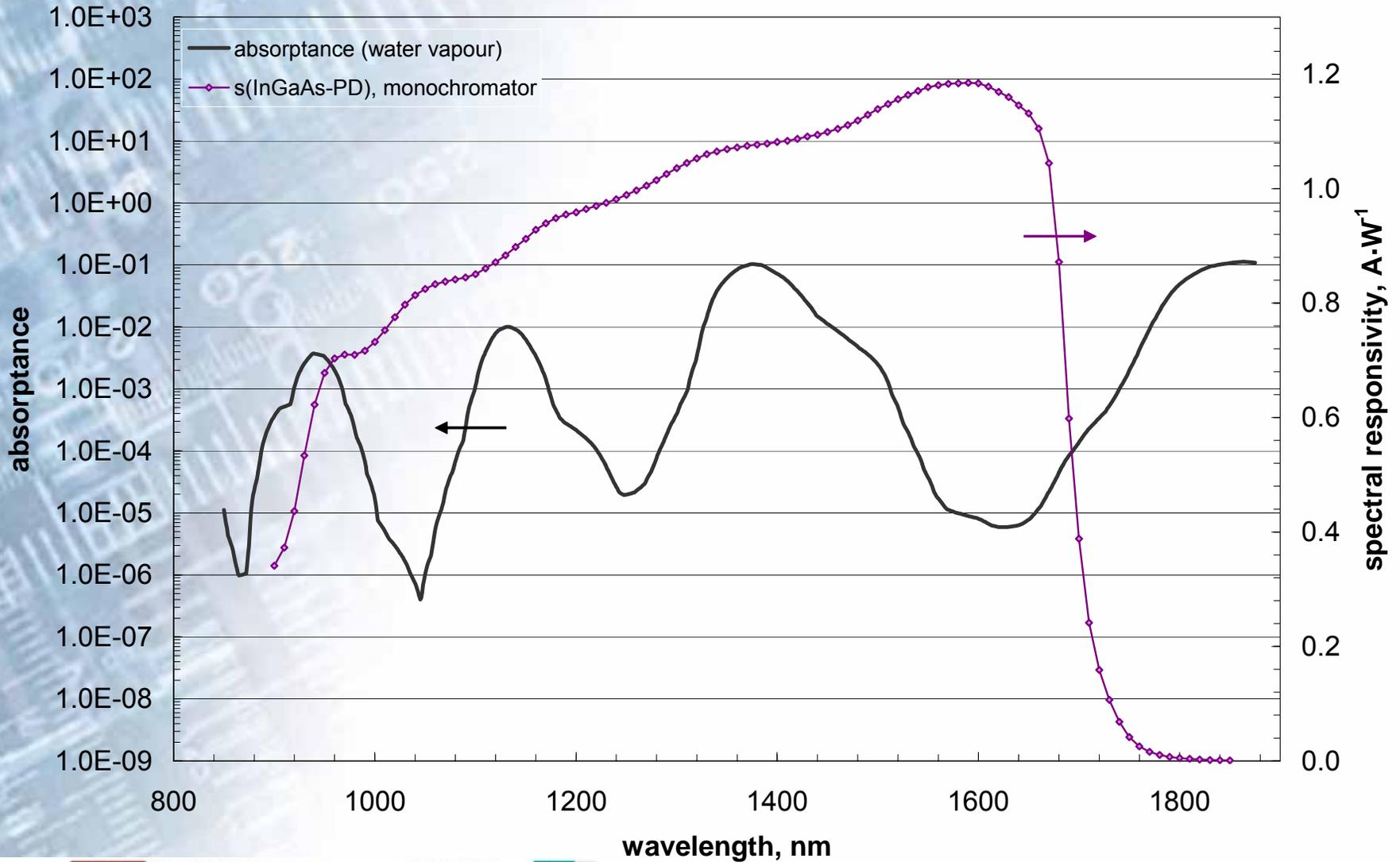
# NIR filter radiometer: Detector homogeneity characterization

- InGaAs photodiode:  $\varnothing = 5 \text{ mm}$ ; high shunt resistance, typ.  $> 20 \text{ M}\Omega$
- $\lambda = 1300 \text{ nm}$
- Measurement spot size:  $\varnothing = 0.3 \text{ mm}$

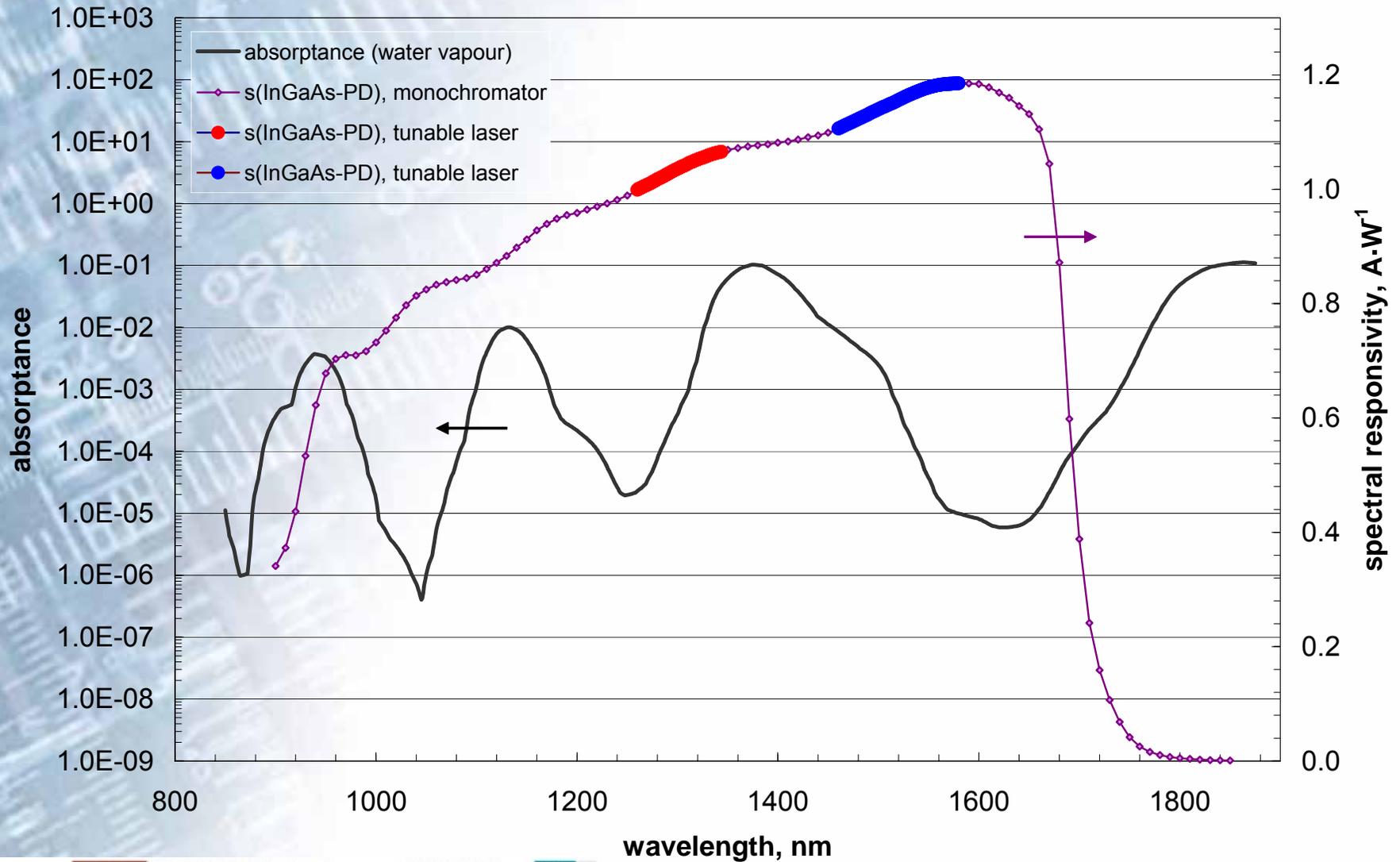


**One colour change:  $\Delta s/s = 1 \cdot 10^{-3}$**

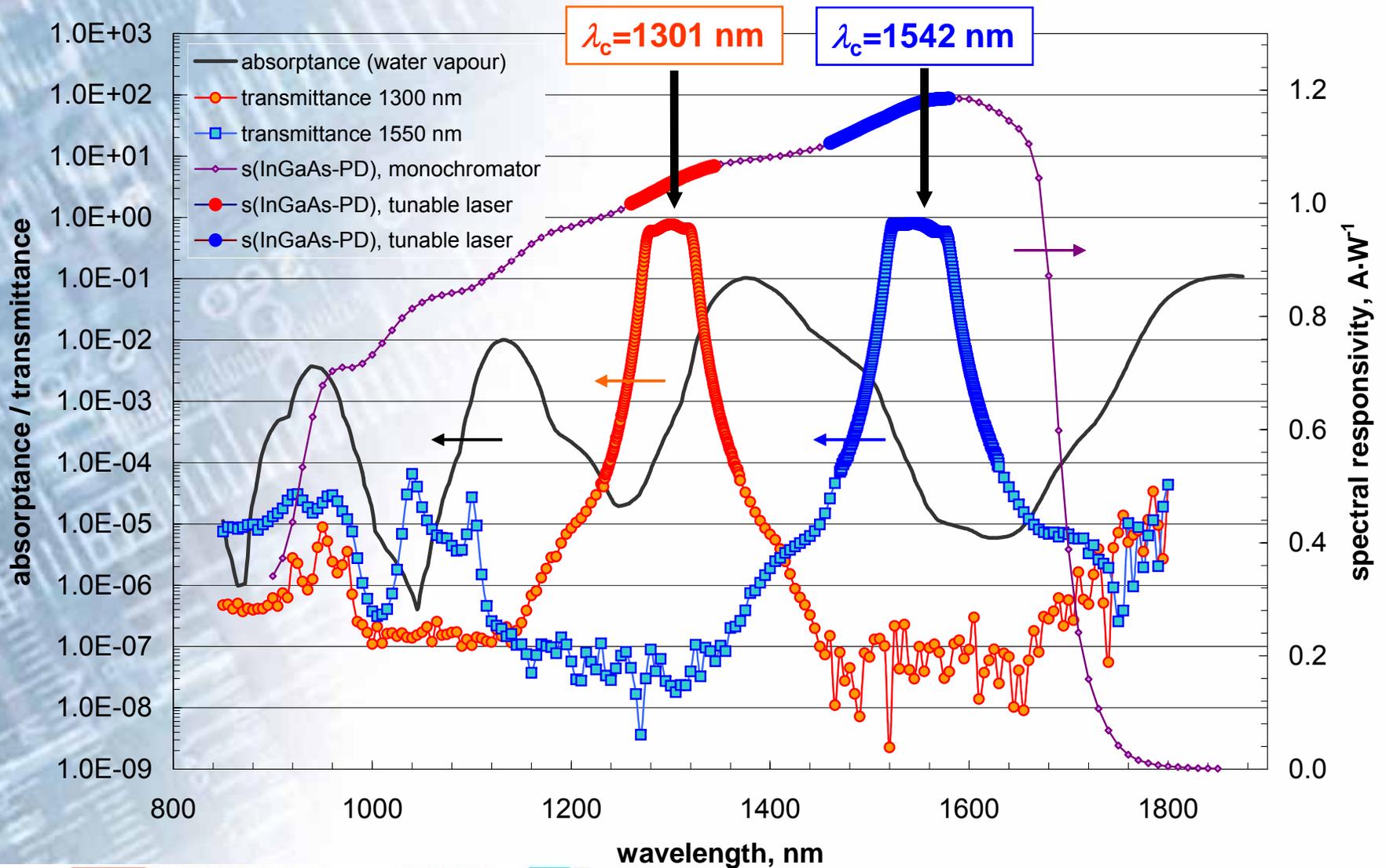
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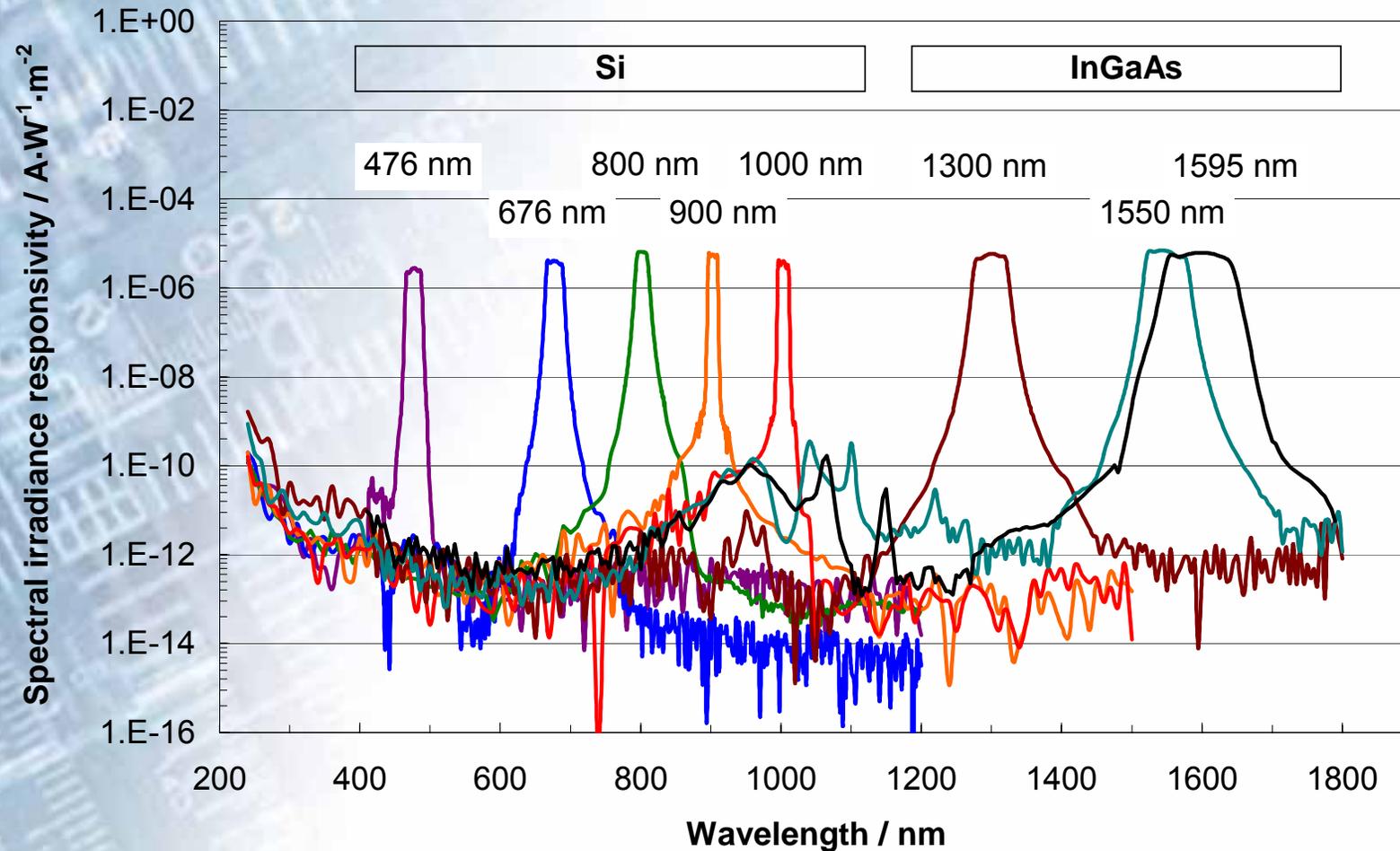
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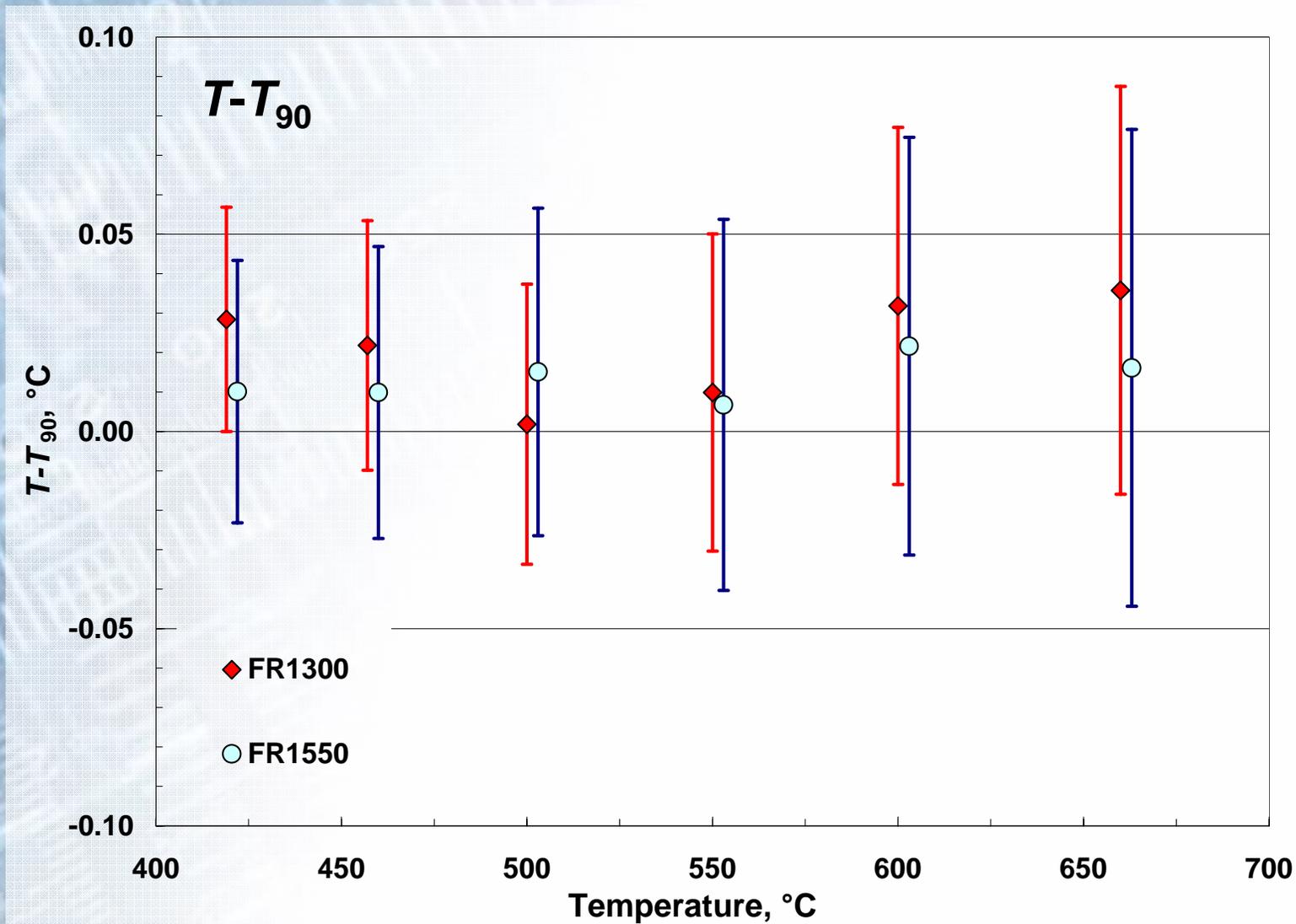
# NIR filter radiometer: interference filters



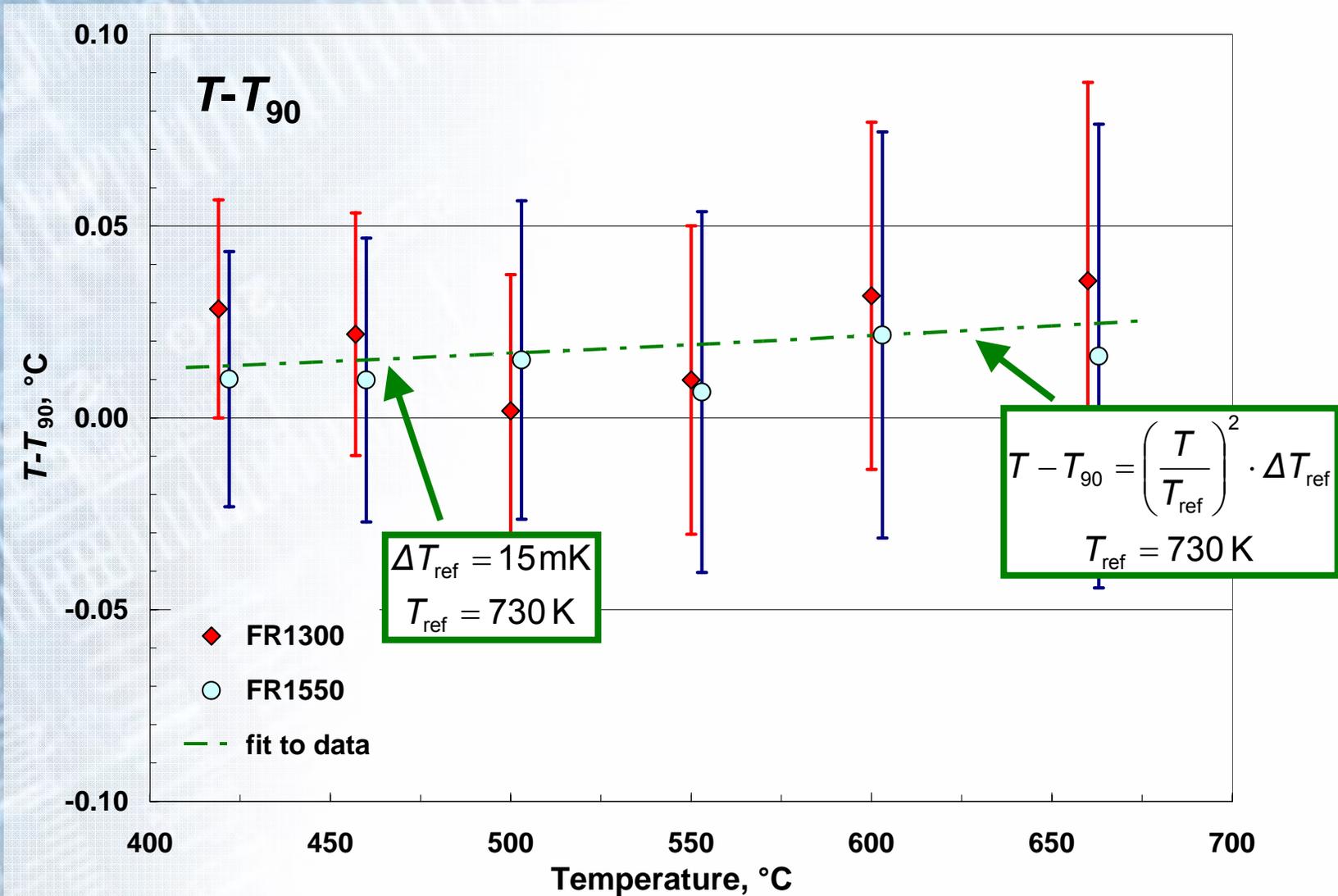
# NIR filter radiometer: spectral irradiance responsivity



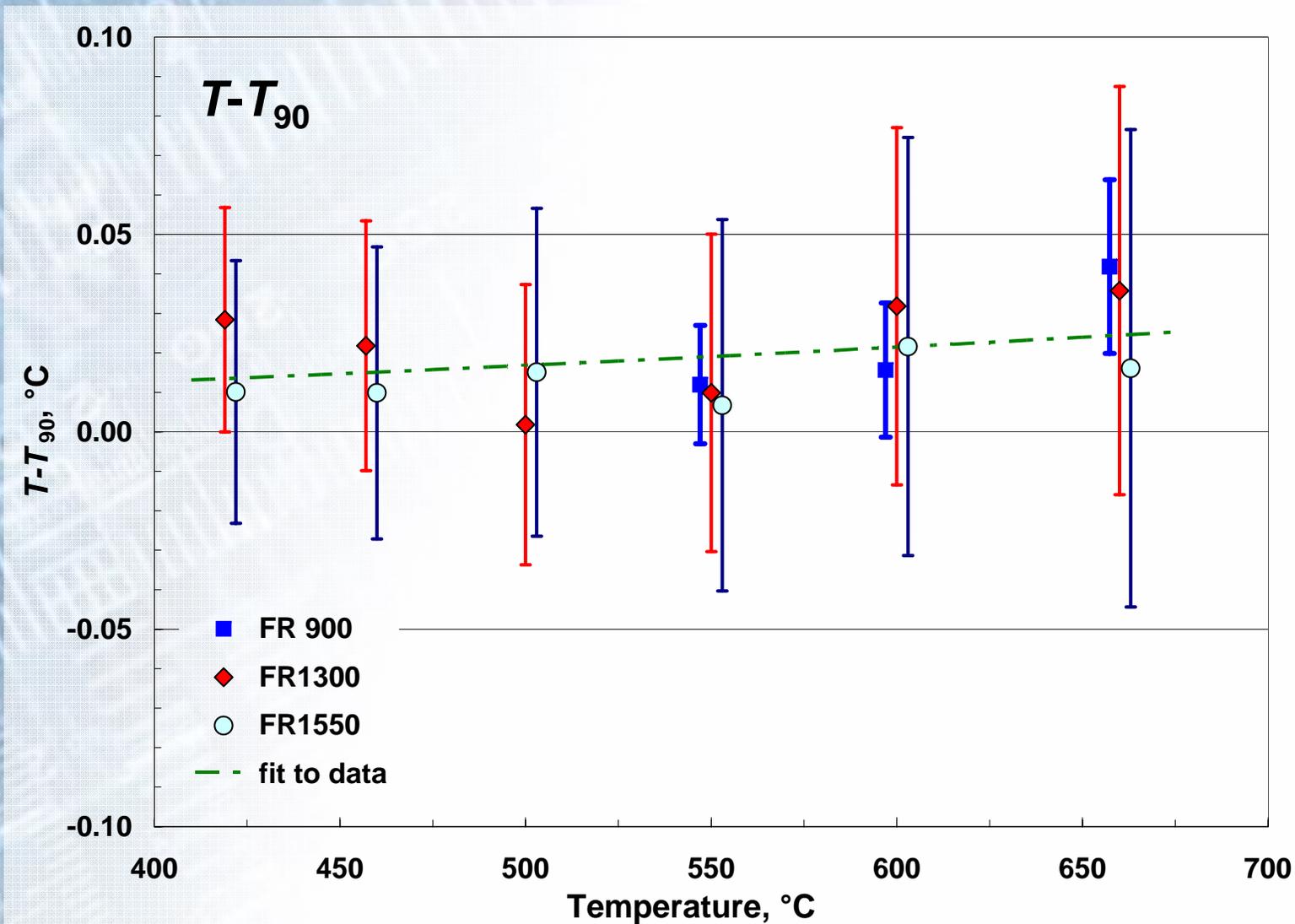
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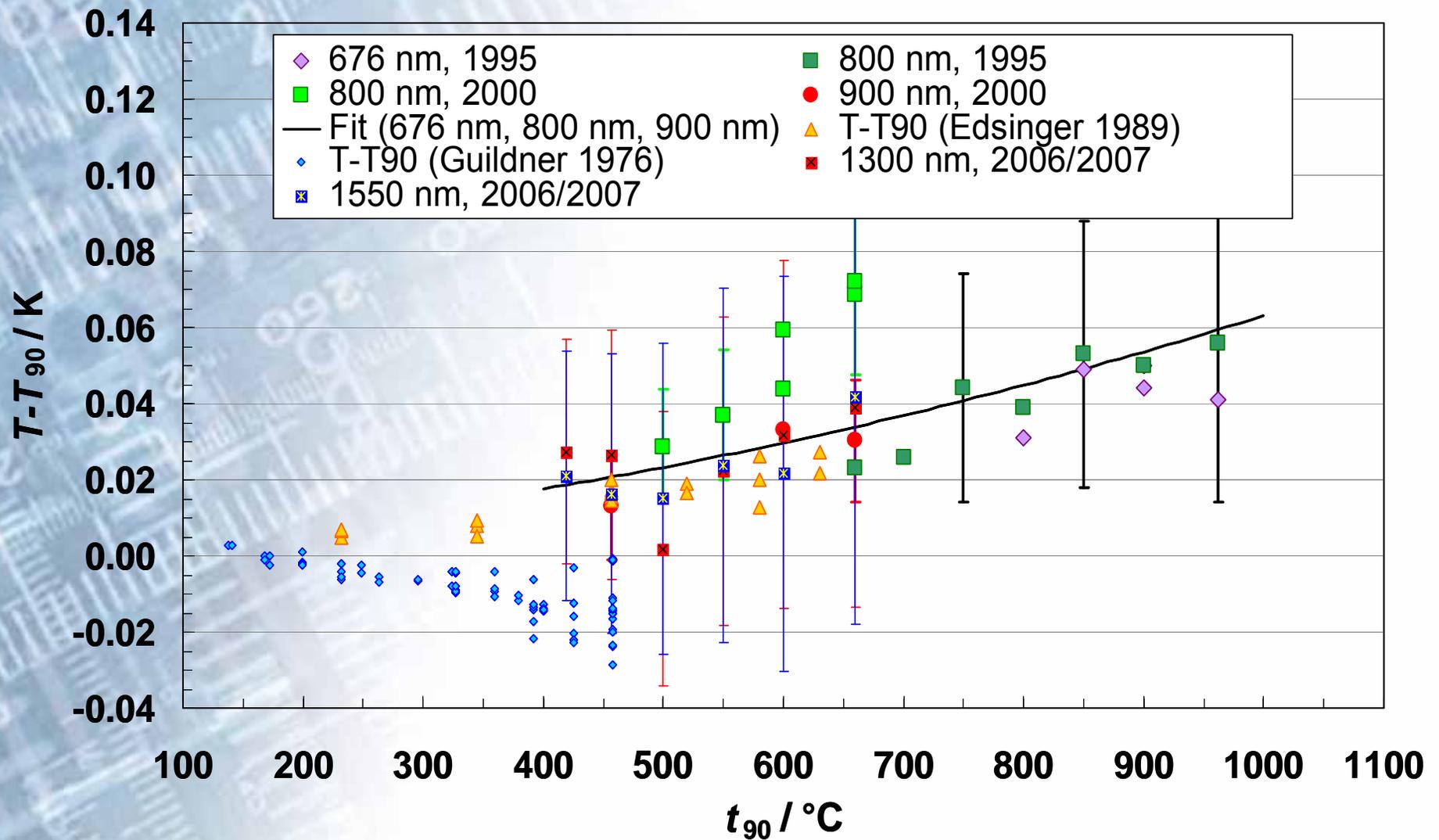
# Thermodynamic temperature determination: uncertainty

Source of uncertainty	Filter radiometer		
	FR1300	FR1550	FR1595
	$\Delta s_E/s_E (\times 10^4)$		
<b>Geometry</b>			
Aperture area	0.4	0.4	0.4
Thermal expansion aperture	0.3	0.3	0.3
Distance of the apertures	1.0	1.0	1.0
Diffraction correction	1.0	1.0	1.0
<b>Measurement of <math>T</math></b>			
Photocurrent noise	0.5	0.5	0.5
Calibration feedback resistors	1.0	1.0	1.0
Calibration DVM	0.2	0.2	0.2
Refractive index $n$	0.3	0.3	0.3
Boltzmann constant $k$	0.2	0.2	0.2
Numerical integration	0.5	0.5	0.5
Emissivity LABB	0.8	0.8	0.8
Homogeneity LABB	2.0	2.0	2.0
<b>Filter radiometer calibration</b>			
Calibration spectral comparator	5.8	5.5	13.5
Diffraction correction	1.0	1.0	1.0
<b>Combined relative standard uncertainty</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>13.9</b>

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Temperature equivalent	$u(T) / \text{mK}$		
419 °C	29	32	74
660 °C	52	59	134
Measurement of $T_{90}$	$u(T_{90}) / \text{mK}$		
419 °C	7	7	7
660 °C	10	10	10
	$u(T - T_{90}) / \text{mK}, k=1$		
419 °C	29	33	74
660 °C	53	60	134

# Results for $T-T_{90}$ (Si and InGaAs filter radiometer)



## Summary and Outlook

- PTB operates laser and monochromator based cryogenic radiometer calibration facilities
- Standard uncertainty ( $k=1$ ) of the spectral responsivity:
  - dissemination with Si trap detectors: 0.02 % to 0.1 %
  - dissemination with InGaAs photodiodes: 0.03 % to 0.1%
- Absolute calibration of filter radiometers at the Spectral Comparator Facility;  
standard uncertainty ( $k=1$ ) of the spectral irradiance responsivity:
  - Si photodiode filter radiometer: 0.03 % to 0.06 %
  - InGaAs-photodiode filter radiometer: 0.07 % to 0.14%

## Summary and Outlook

- Systematic  $T-T_{90}$  determinations with Si-/ InGaAs-photodiode filter radiometers in conjunction with a high accuracy sodium heat pipe blackbody in the temperature range from the Zn-FP (419 °C) to the Ag-FP (962 °C)
- Results for  $T-T_{90}$  of all applied filter radiometers are consistent within their uncertainties
- Results strongly indicate that the ITS-90 reference from gas thermometry value has been chosen about **15 mK to low**
- Near future:  $T-T_{90}$  determinations down to the Sn-FP (232 °C); source: cesium heat pipe blackbody

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