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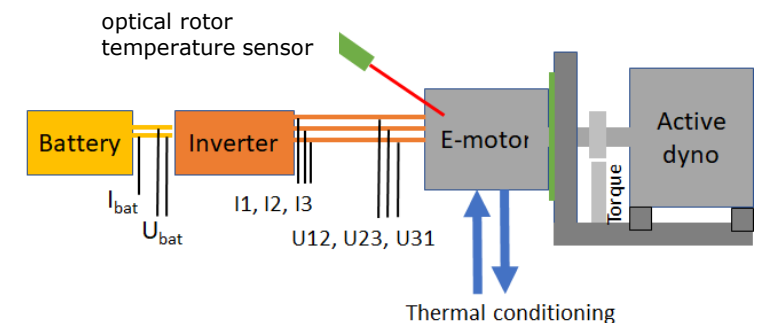
„Give me a non-contact rotor temperature sensor without any thermal inertia“

The need to exploit an e-motor's thermal capabilities arises from

- Protection from thermal damage
- Creation and calibration of temperature – torque maps
- Exploiting the thermal limits even in transient operation
- Simulation and fine tuning of a digital twin

Needed:

A simple to use and robust sensor with minimum installation requirements for continuous real-time temperature measurement





Temperature Torque dependence - PMSM

Torque equation:

$$T_i = \frac{3}{2} p \cdot (\psi_d \cdot i_q - \psi_q \cdot i_d)$$

Electrical power:

$$P_{el} = \frac{3}{2} (u_d \cdot i_d - u_q \cdot i_q)$$

$$u_d = R_S i_d + \underbrace{\frac{d\psi_d}{dt}} - \omega_{el} \psi_q$$

Flux linkage:

$$\psi_d = L_d i_d + \psi_{PM}(T)$$

Temperature Torque dependence – ASM

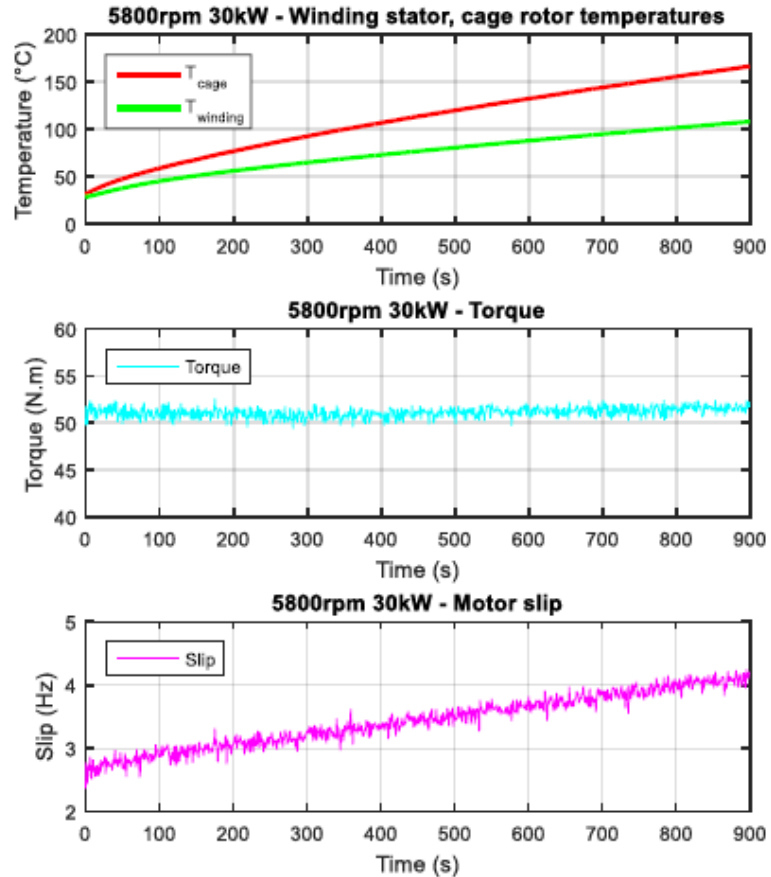


Figure 1. The 30 kW operating point with slip compensation using infrared pyrometer for measurement of rotor cage temperature.

Tran, Tuan-Vu; Nègre, Eduard, (Renault) *Electronics* 2020

DC Rotor resistance changes with temperature

- Direct effect on torque
- Slip compensation to keep torque stable as offered by Renault
 - IR measurement for rotor cage temperature

$$R_R(T) = R_R(20^\circ\text{C}) \cdot (1 + \alpha \cdot (\vartheta - 20^\circ\text{C}))$$

α : temperature coefficient for aluminum or copper [%/°C]

- AC component is not considered



Rotor Temperature Sensor

Measurement technique	Characteristics	Result	Comment
Telemetry	Sensor installation in rotor	Local temperature	High mechanical effort and cost
Pyrometer	Space and free optical path needed	Only front surface of non-cooled rotors	Cheap
Back-EMF	Only at synchronous motors	Average rotor temperature	Only in free-wheeling mode possible
Fiber optic pyrometer	For all type of e-motors	Rotor surface temperature	Minimum installation effort



Our solution

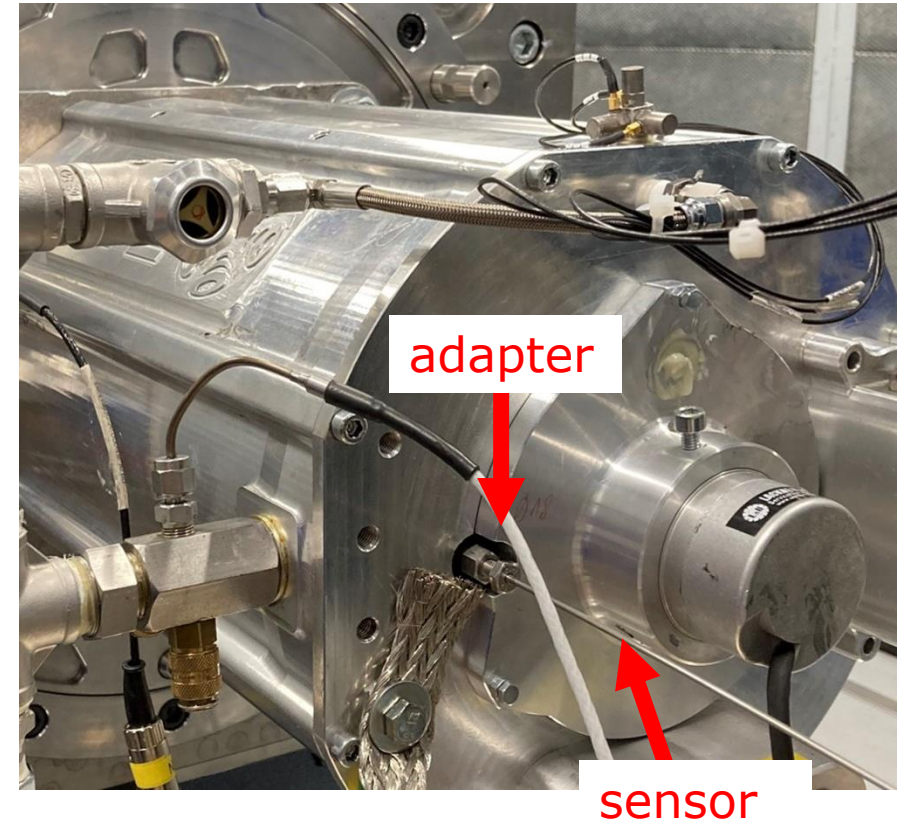


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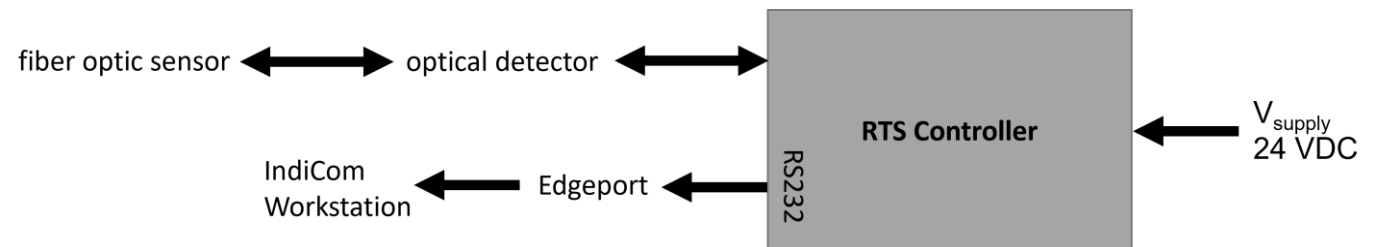
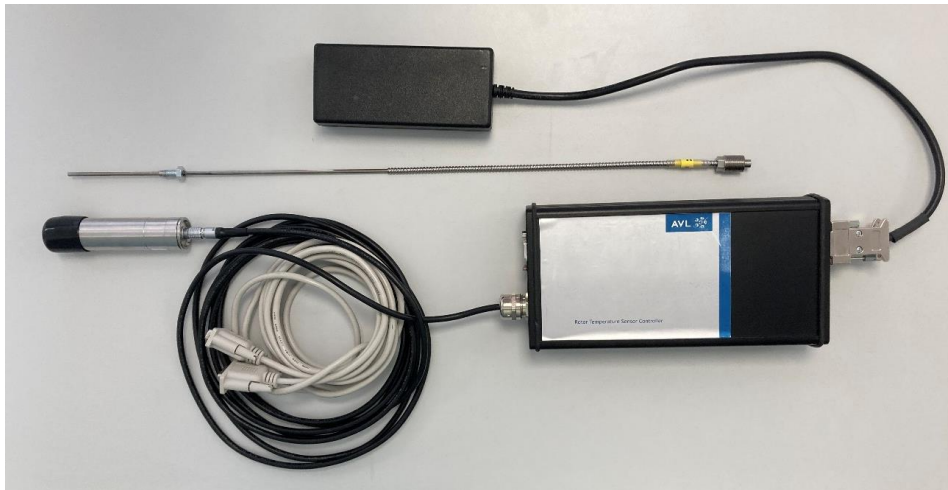
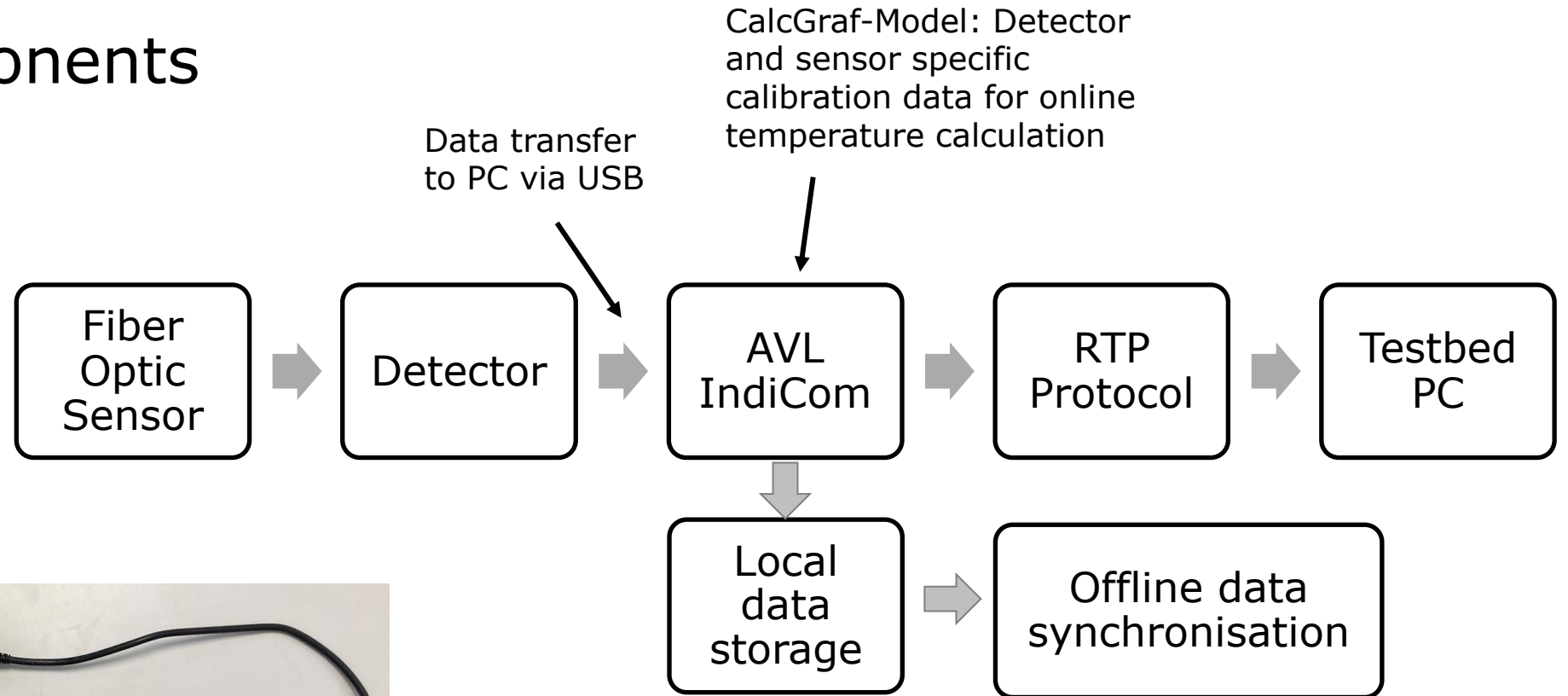


Innovation

- + Small sensor diameter (≤ 5 mm)
- + Low installation effort
- + data transfer via AVL IndiCom™ to AVL PUMA™
- + No mechanical machining or painting of the rotor
- + Applicable on all types of e-motors
 - + PMSM, EESM, ASM, induction motor,...
 - + cooled / non-cooled



System components



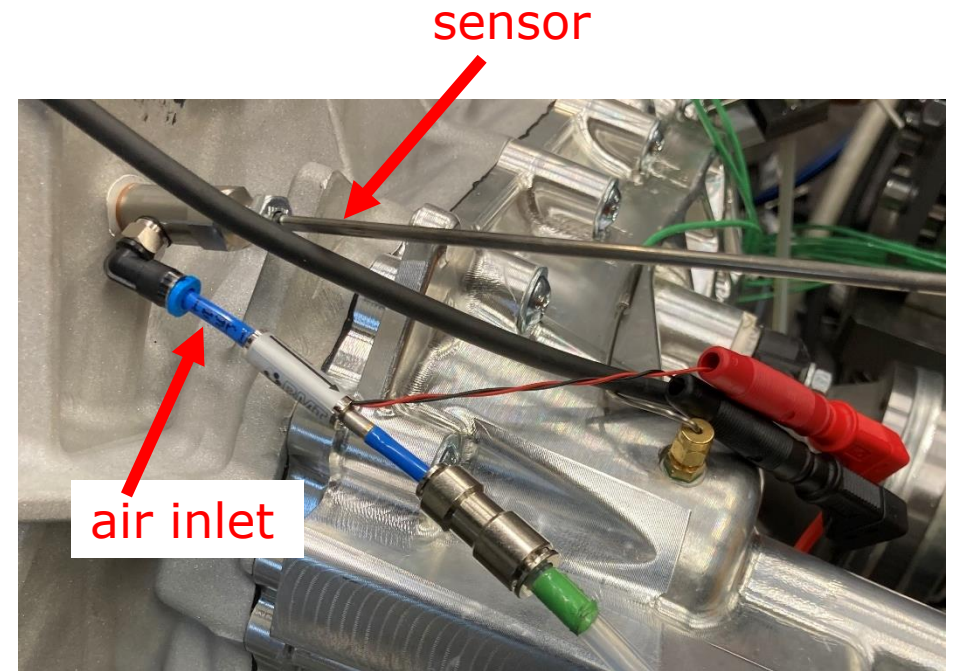
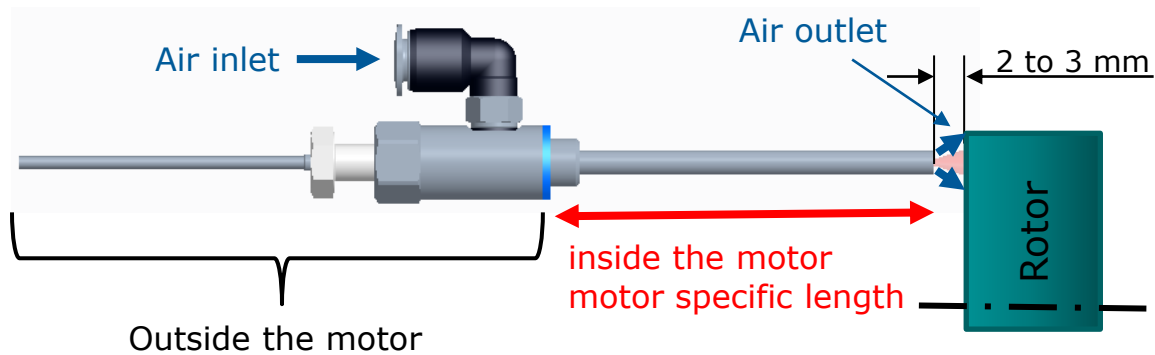


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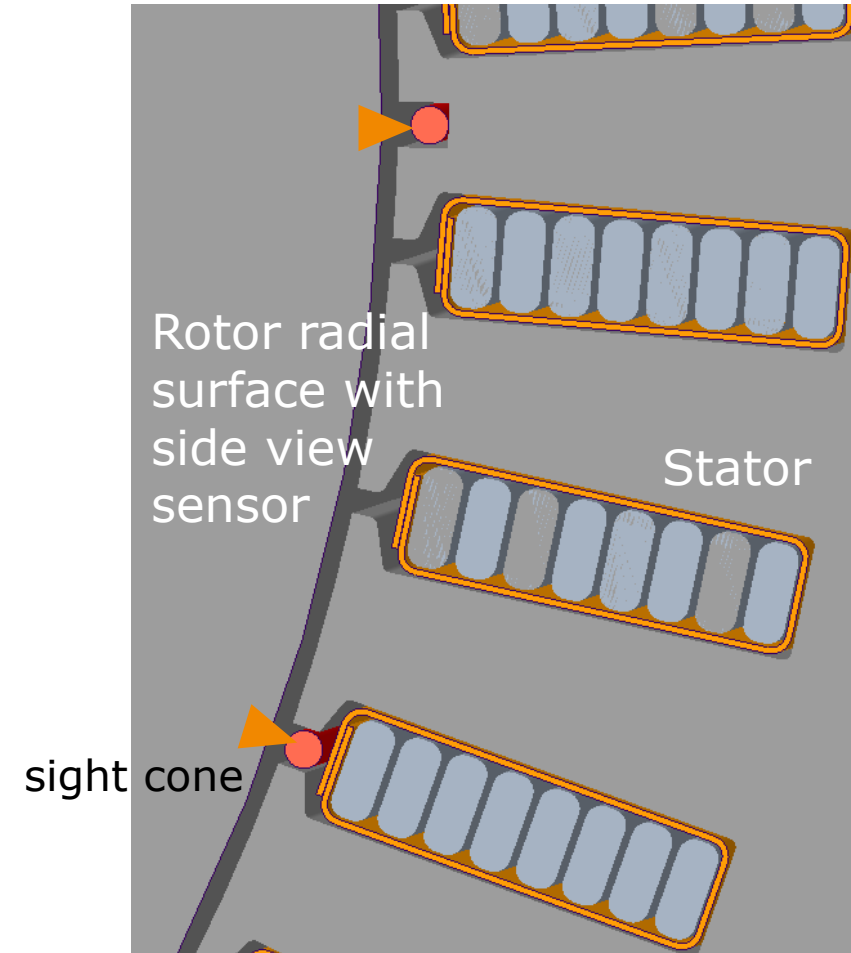
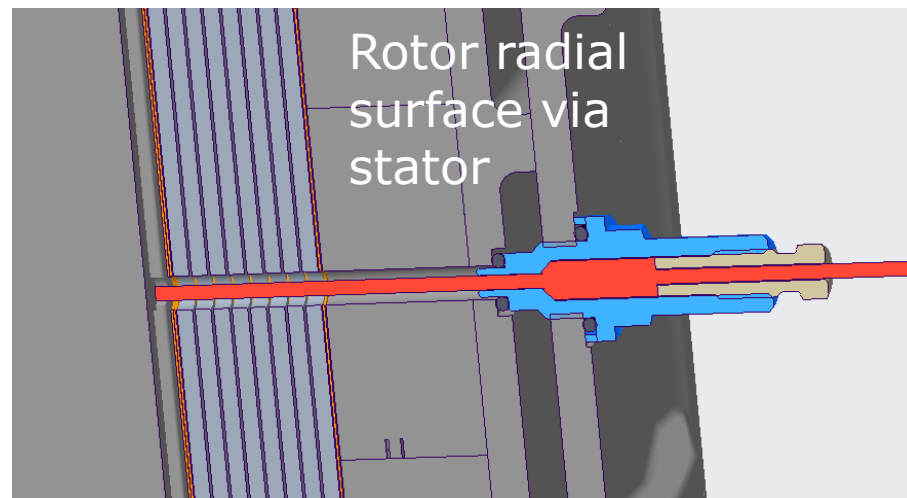
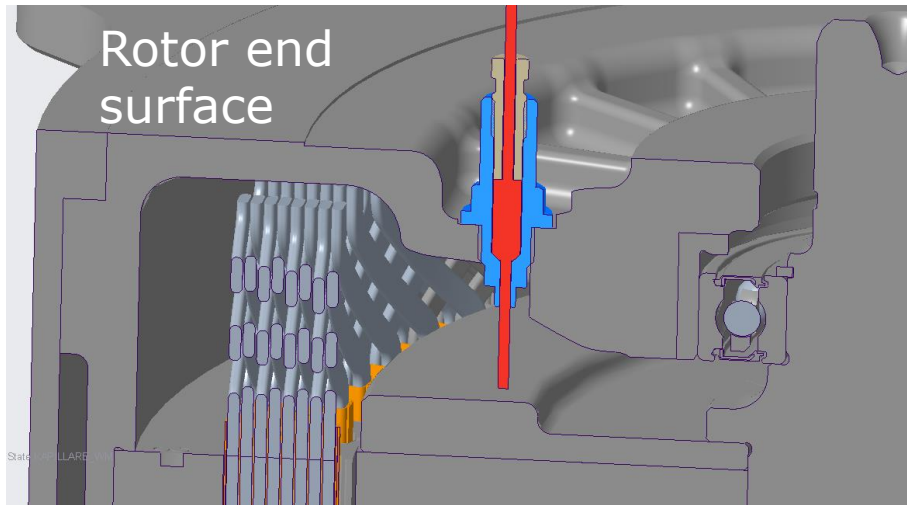
Our Solution and Patent

Directly oil-cooled rotors → patent pending sensor





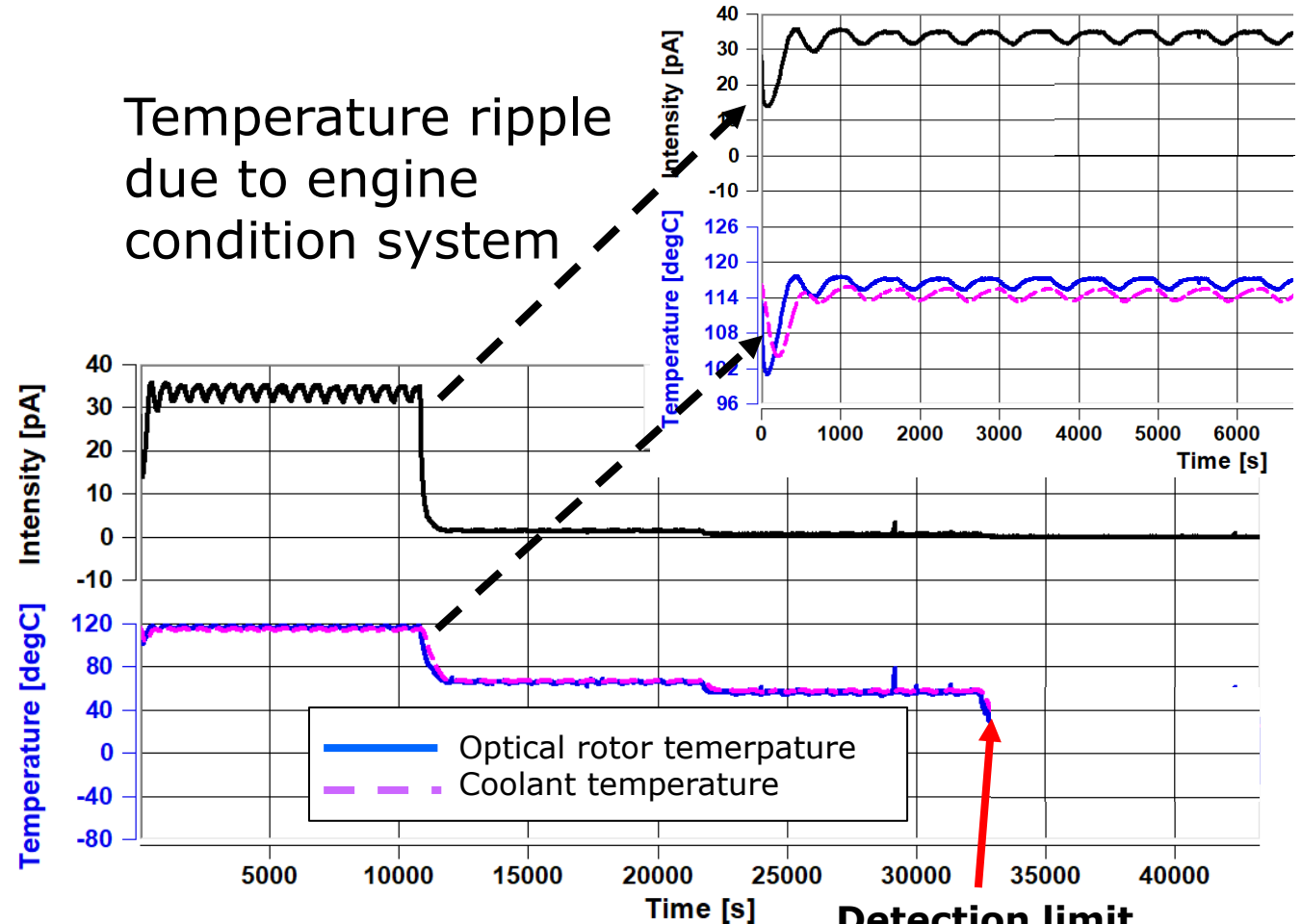
3 adaption examples



Calibration for oil cooled rotor

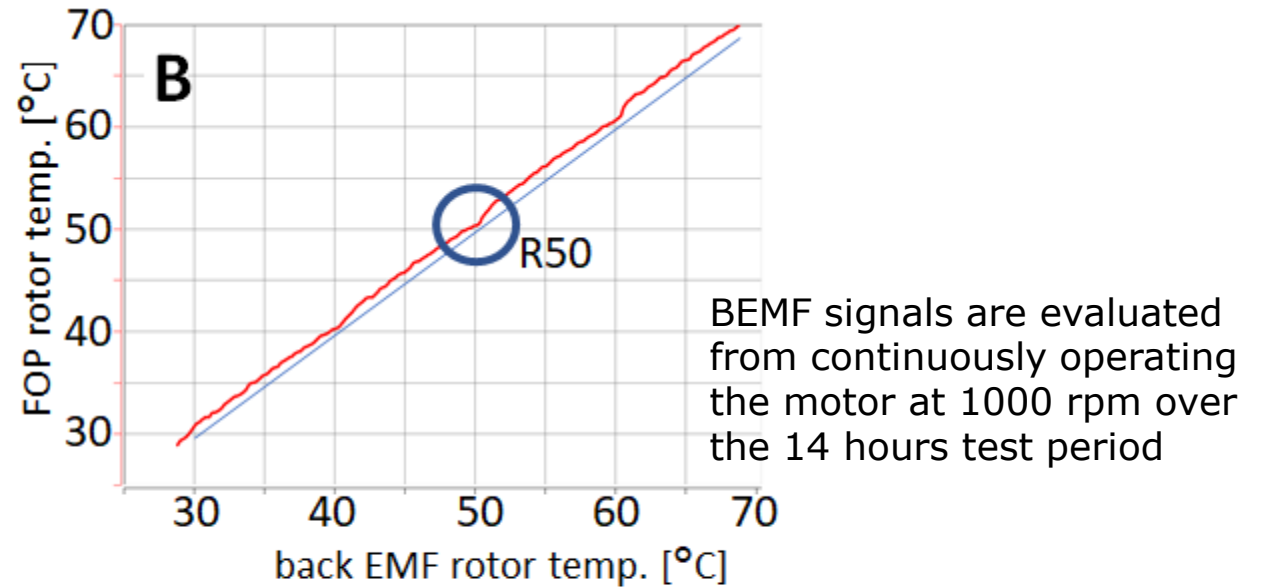
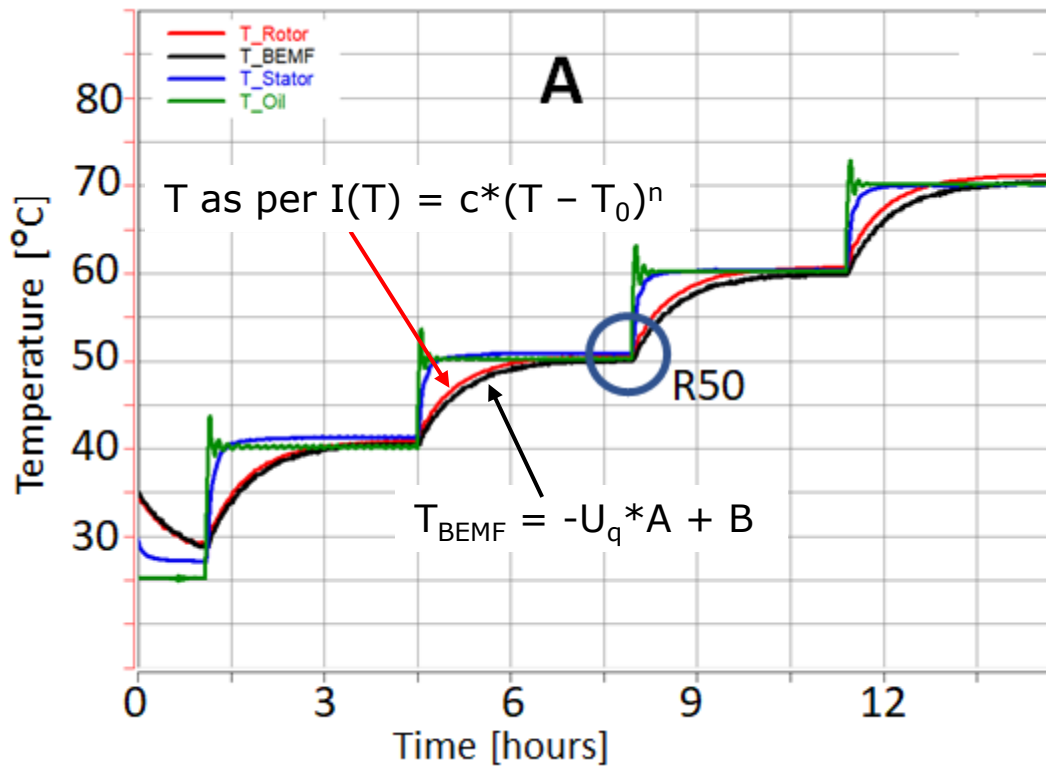
Procedure:

- Condition the motored engine to at least 3 different temperatures
- Operate the motor until the temperature is stable
- Measure intensity and temperature
- Determine intensity-temperature relation



Detection limit
@ 100 Hz time resolution
low SNR below 40°C

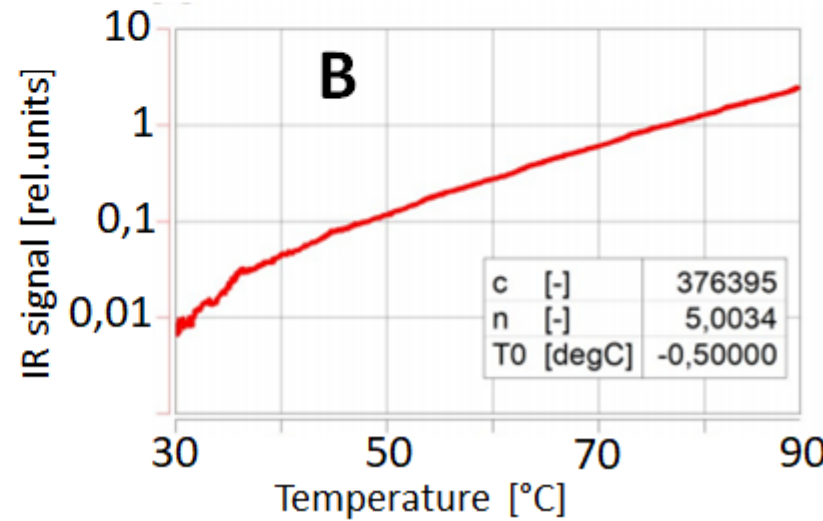
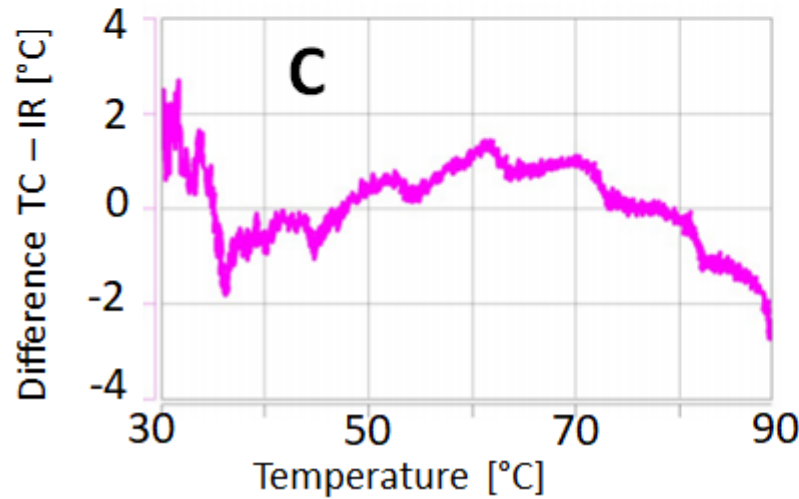
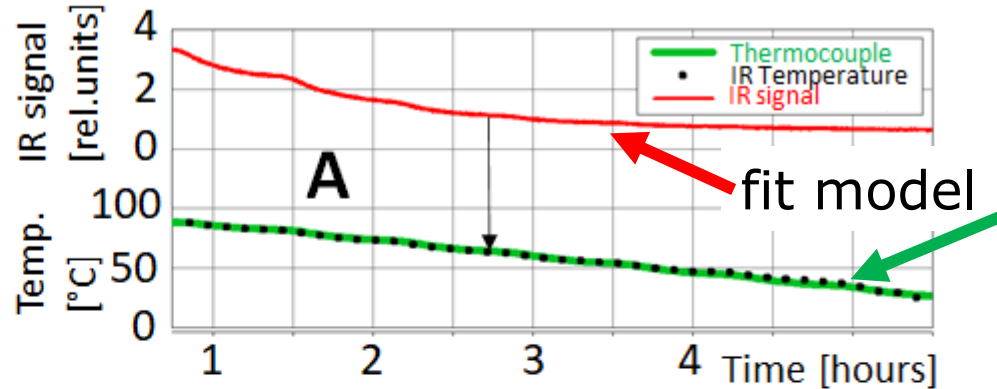
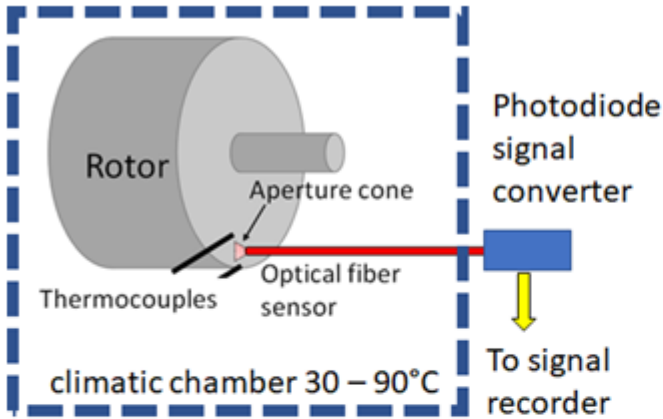
FOP calibration: confirm FOP calibration along temperature steps



Result: reliable and precise real time pyrometer signal at temperatures > 30°C

Notice that model coefficients (A, B, and c, T₀, n) for BEMF and radiation signal evaluation provide independent confirmations of rotor temperature response to heat input from stator conditioning.

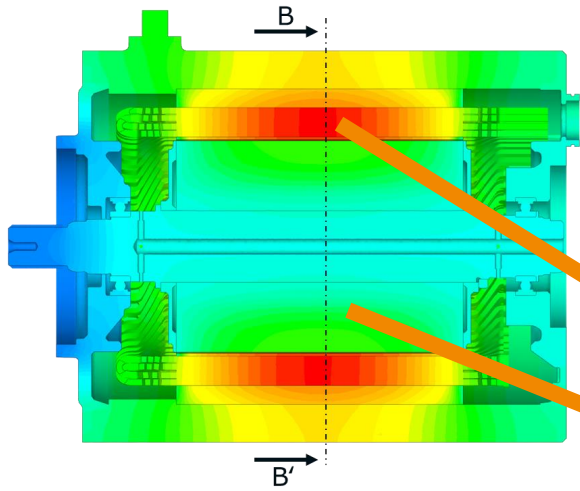
FOP calibration step 1: establish radiation to temperature relation



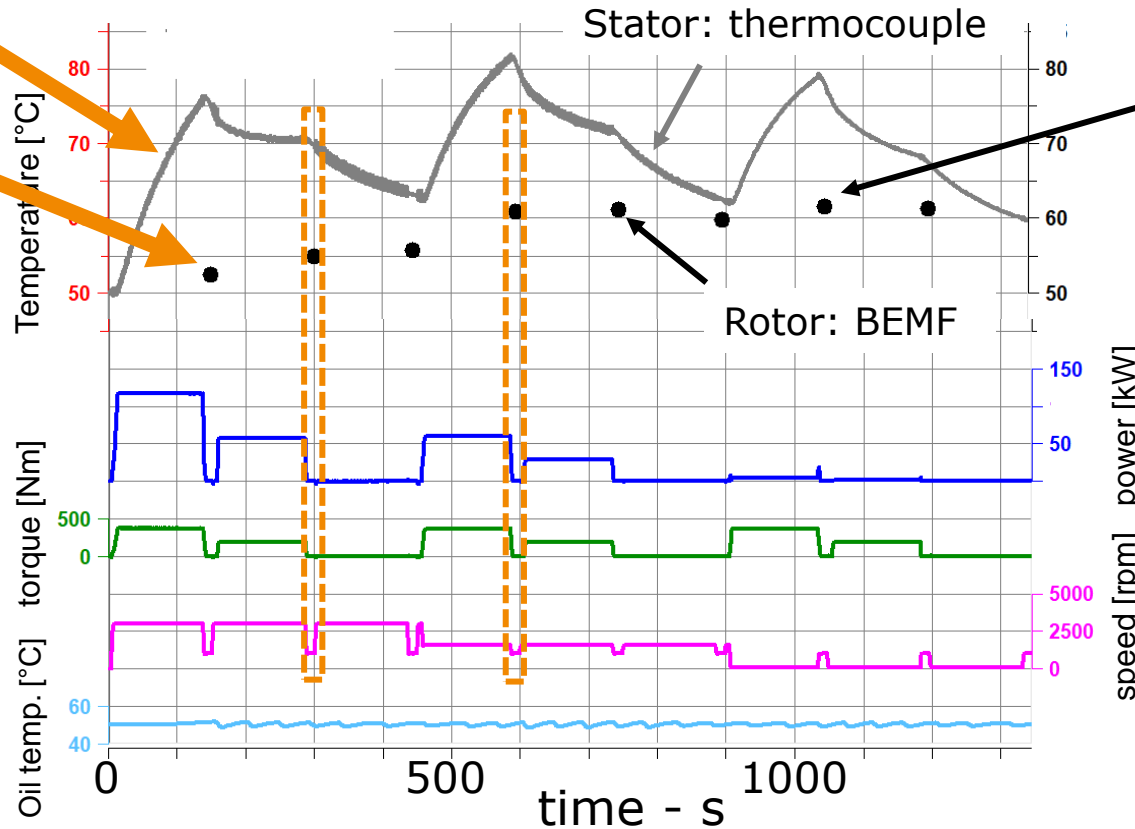
Primary FOP calibration:
Establish the radiation to temperature relationship and derive the fit parameters

- A: Intensity and temperature measurement
- B: Intensity - temperature relation
- C: Quality of intensity temperature relation

Test example: BEMF temperature after each test point



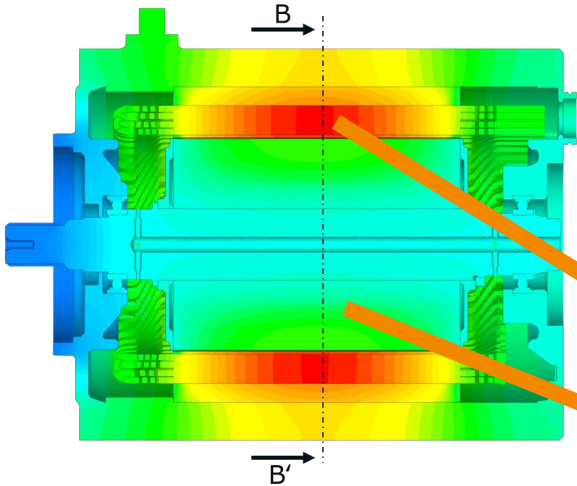
PMSM example



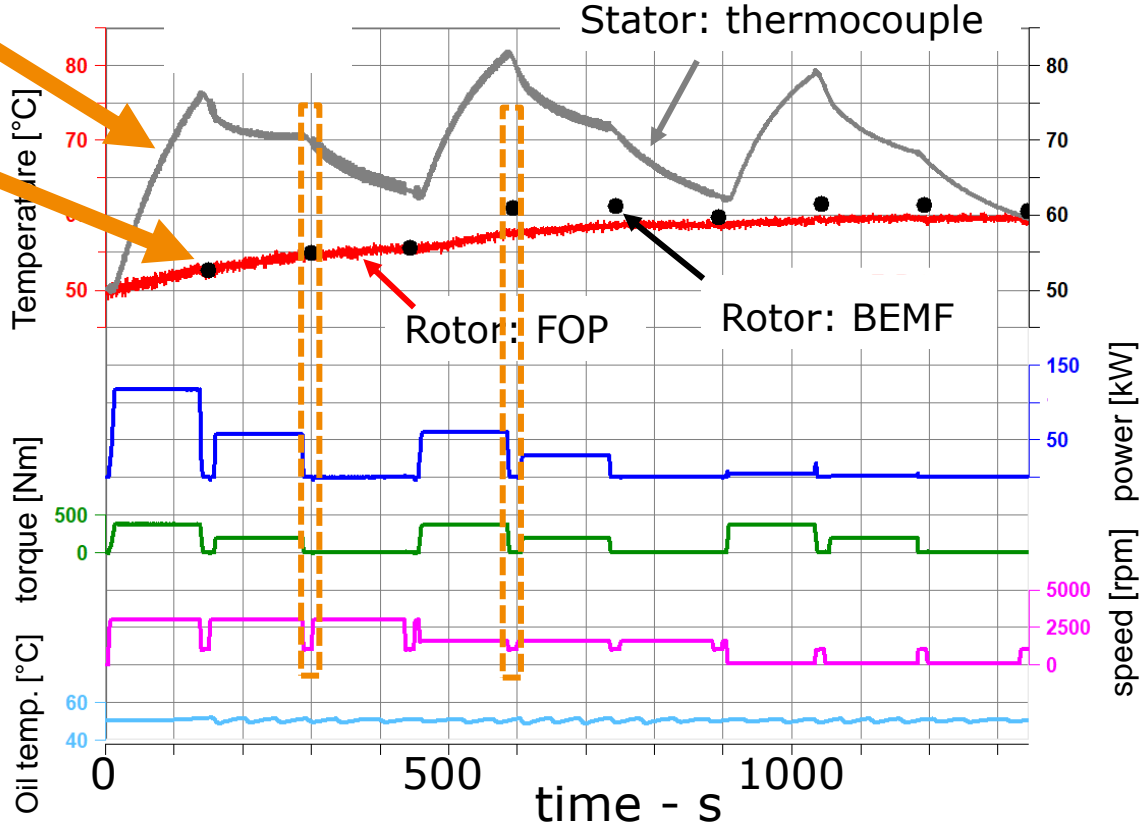
The back-EMF method needs regular test periods:

- 1000 rpm
- Zero load
- Open stator voltage lines

Test example: the real time FOP temperature signal



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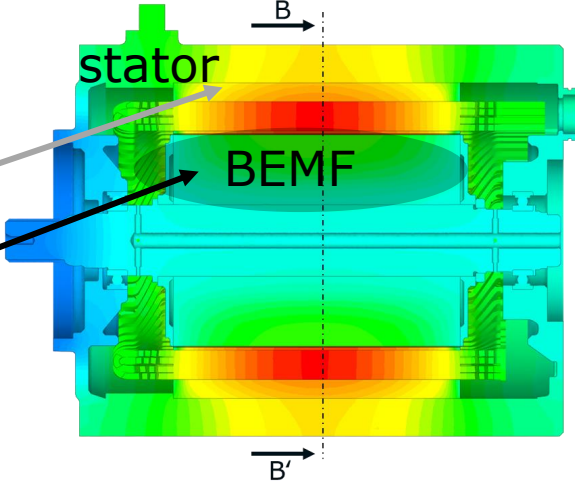
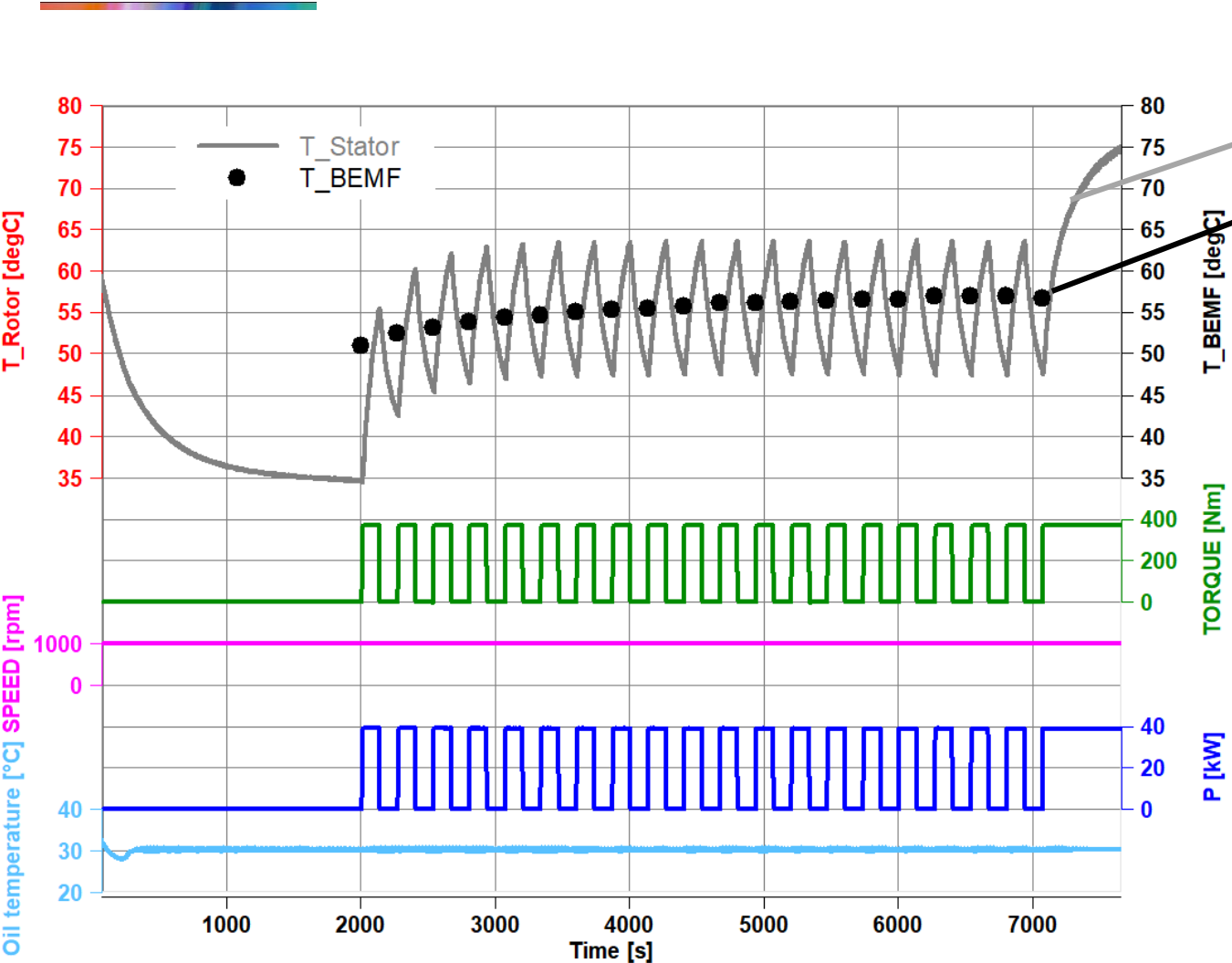


BEMF temperature: is an integral for the rotor's magnetic field effect

FOP: shows the local surface temperature near the sensor front

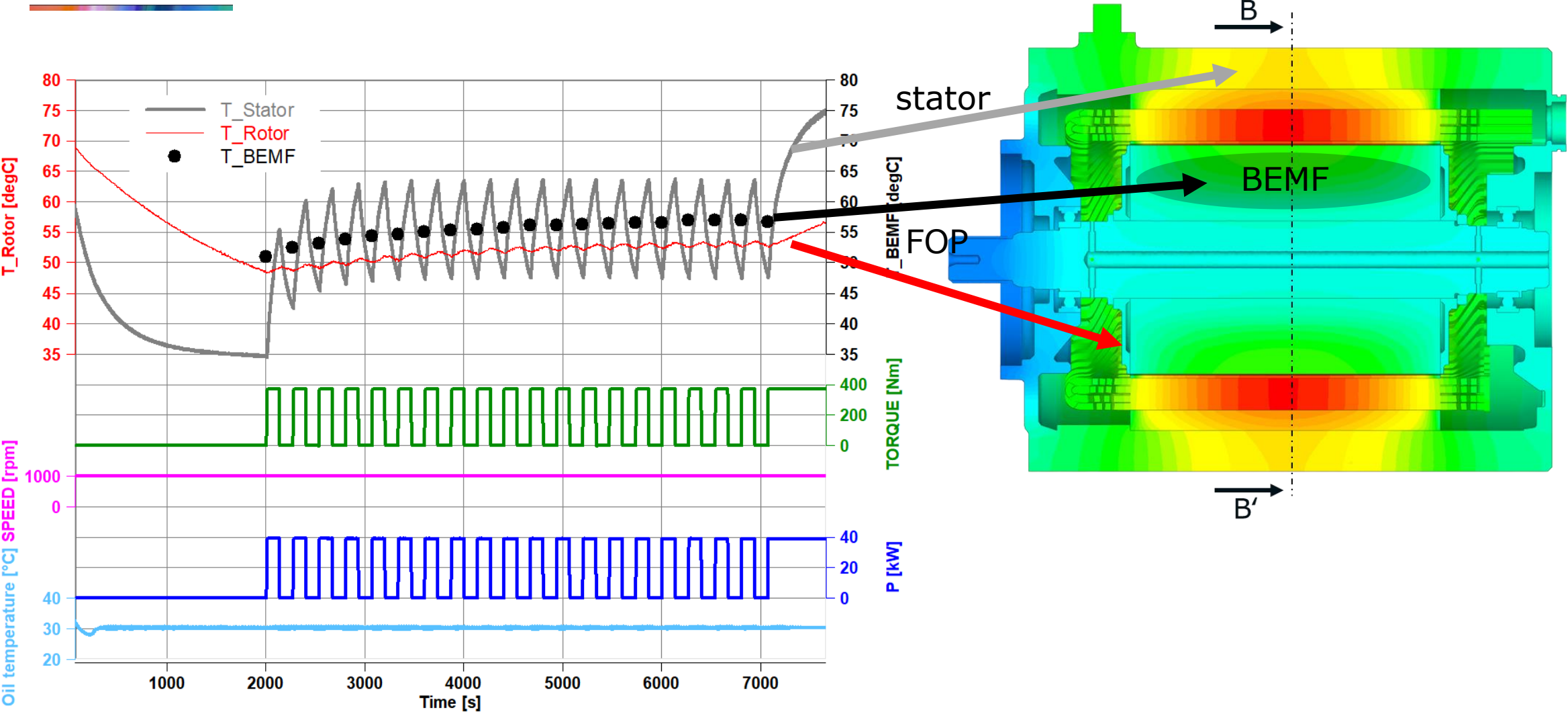
Differences are due to heat transfer effects in the rotor body

A time response test at moderate temperatures



Motor response to load repetitions:
Stator temperature sweeps with 15 °C amplitudes
Any response of the rotor ?

A time response test at moderate temperatures



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