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Aiming at reliable luminescence thermal sensing: basic strategies to overcome the problem of light attenuation in tissues

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• Luminescence thermometry is becoming quite popular!



• This interest pushed forward some significant advancements in their *in vivo* applications.



Ximendes et al., Advanced Functional Materials, 2017, 27 (38), 1702249



• Its reliability, however, is now being put to a thorough test.



 \bigstar Absorption structures \longrightarrow Light (λ_1) \longrightarrow Light (λ_2)

• Biological tissues could completely distort the thermal readout provided by LNThs.



Shen et al, ACS Nano, **2020**, 14, 4122

• As a result, new strategies are already being proposed to overcome such a problem.



Shaohua Yu et al., Advanced Science, **2020**, 21, 2001589

• We need to think of ways of reducing this problem.



Concept

Multiparametric thermal sensing:

One probe, multiple ways of measuring temperature Intensity Intensity Normalized Intensity Wavelength Wavelength Wavelength Λmax Calibration 2 1 808 nm **NIR-II** luminescence $T_{R} = f(R); R = \frac{12}{12}$ Emission Ag₂S $T_{\lambda} = g(\lambda_{\max})$ Itot $T_1 = h(I_{tot})$ Heat λ_{em}

Concept

The attenuation of light could still affect many parameters. So what's the advantage?



Concept



But what if you found thermometric parameters whose **sub-tissue** thermal readouts agree by considering only the intrinsic calibration?

Concept - Analogy

Do you think that this man is dangerous?



Marie- p4

Saul- p5

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Depiction of the experiment



An arbitrary selection of the thermometric parameters will provide conflicting termal readouts.



What seems to be the most reliable witness in our case?



We found other parameters that agree with the trusted one.



We found other parameters that agree with the trusted one.



We can find three thermometric parameters, computed in three different ways, whose termal readouts differ in only 0.5 °C.



• Besides impressive agreement, what makes you trust that your witnesses are not in a plot?



Conclusions/Perspectives

- The strategy of multiparametric thermal sensing can be reasonably applied to cases where there is at least a clue about the minimal interference of the tissue over a specific thermometric parameter.
- For the case of Ag2S NPs found in superficial tumors, this parameter seemed to be the peak position.
- Similar thermal readouts were iteratively found and, through ex vivo calibration, it was found that they were also minimally affected by the tissues.
- The approach, though not universal, could still be applied in many situations.

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Appendix

