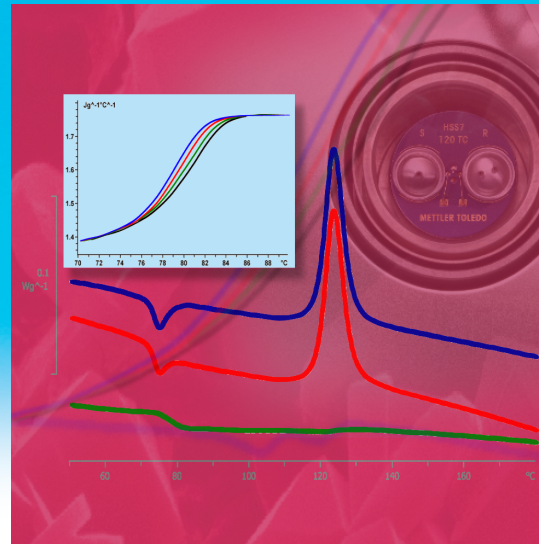
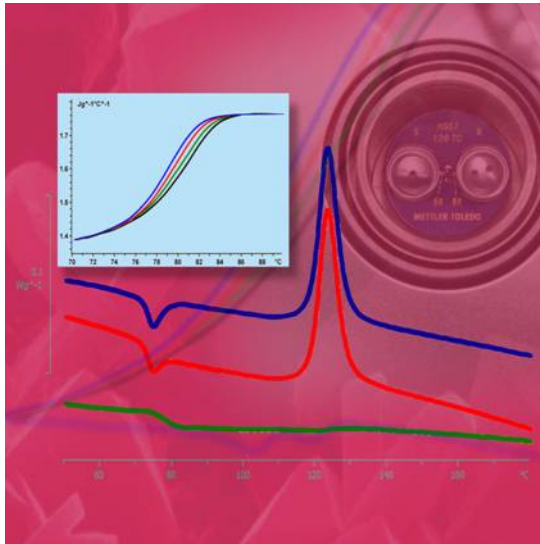


TOPEM® - Measuring program and evaluation parameters



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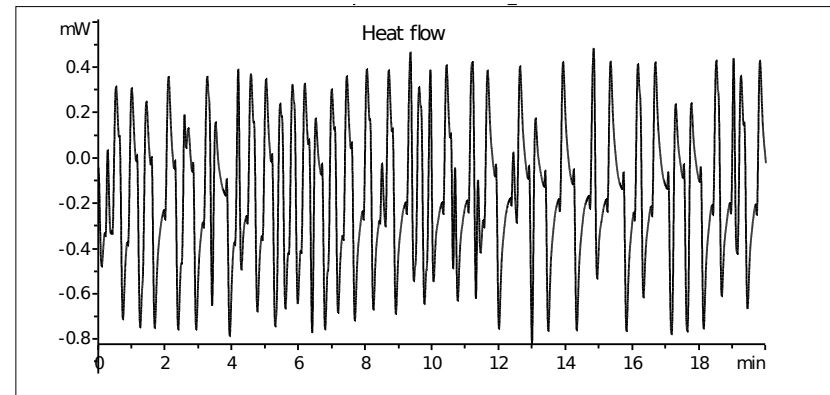
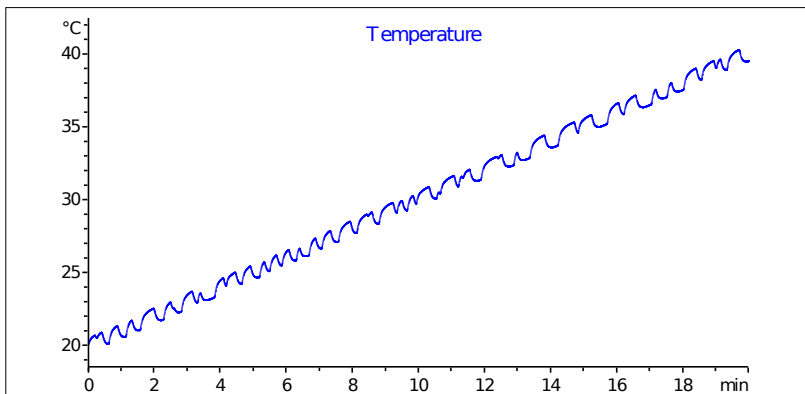
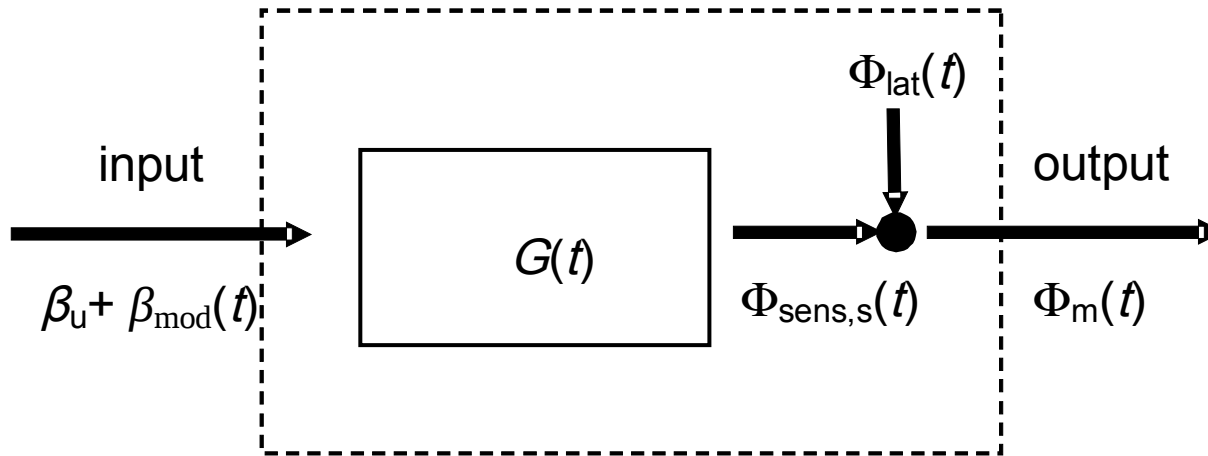


Introduction

Temperature program

Evaluation parameters

Conclusion



characterization of the system by a test-signal with a wide frequency range
 test-signal: **stochastic temperature** perturbation $\delta T(t)$

Step 1

Measured curves, $T(t)$ and $\phi(t)$

Step 2

TOPEM evaluation
(system characterization)

Step 3

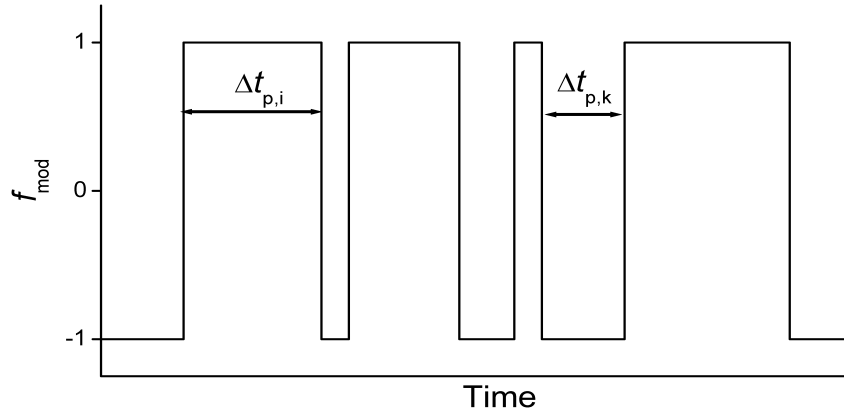
Quasi static curves
 C_{p0} , ϕ_{total} , $\phi_{reversing}$, $\phi_{non-reversing}$

Step 4

Frequencies

Frequency dependent curves
 $C_p^*(\omega)$ (C_p' , C_p'' , ϕ)

Modulation function (switching times)



FRS5: $\Delta t_{\min} = 15 \text{ s}$; $\Delta t_{\max} = 30 \text{ s}$
(default)

HSS7: $\Delta t_{\min} = 30 \text{ s}$; $\Delta t_{\max} = 60 \text{ s}$
low frequency measurements.

larger Δt_{\max} ($\Delta t_{\max} = 500 \text{ s}$); heating

rate

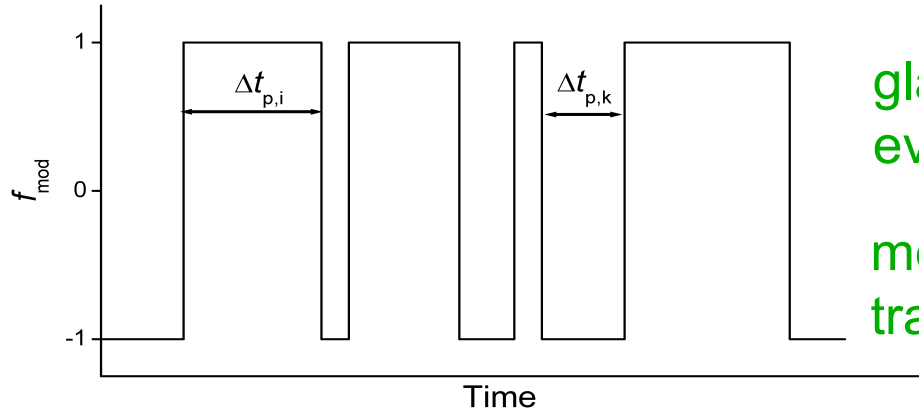
minimum switching time: high frequencies -> instrument behavior

maximum switching time: low frequencies -> sample behavior

Δt_{\min} too small --> less sample information (noisy results)

Δt_{\max} too long --> no switch in an evaluation window (noisy results)

Modulation function (pulse height)



glass transition, crystallization,
evaporation, etc: ± 0.5 K (default)

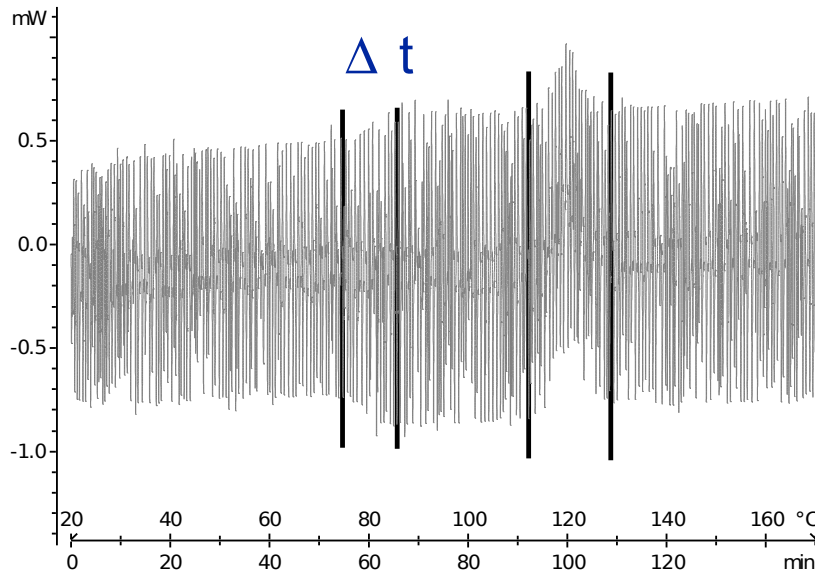
melting, 1st or 2nd order phase
transition: $\pm 0.05 < \pm 0.001$ K

The pulse height is determined by the thermal behavior of the sample (linearity)

pulse height too low --> noisy results

pulse height too large --> non linear conditions (possibly wrong results)

The maximum heating rate depends on the minimum width of the calculation window



Windows width $\leq \Delta t / 3$

Example:

calculation window: 120 s



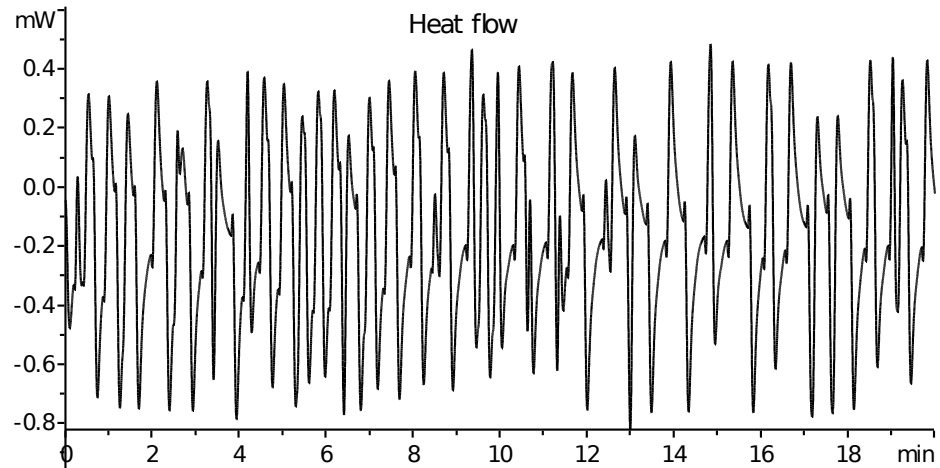
minimum duration of the thermal event: 6 min

width of the thermal event: 10 K



maximum heating rate:
10 K / 6 min = 1.7 K/min

Important parameters of the TOPEM evaluation:



Width of calculation window Δt_{calc}

Shift of calculation window Δt_s

Width of smoothing window Δt_{smooth}

Sample response parameter n_a

Instrument response parameter n_b

Sample response parameter n_a
Instrument response parameter n_b

Impuls response function

$$n_b \approx t_m / 0.1 \text{ s (sampling interval)}$$

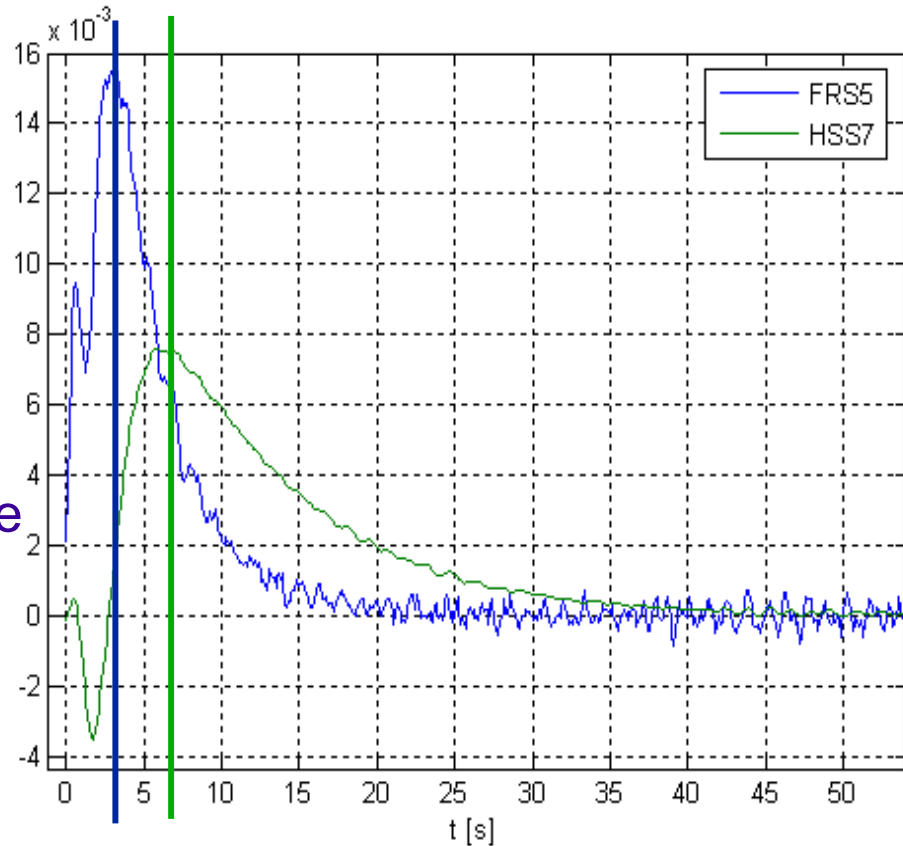
$$n_a \geq 2$$

n_a characterize the relaxation of the impulse response function.

Rule of thumb:
large n_a --> large frequency range

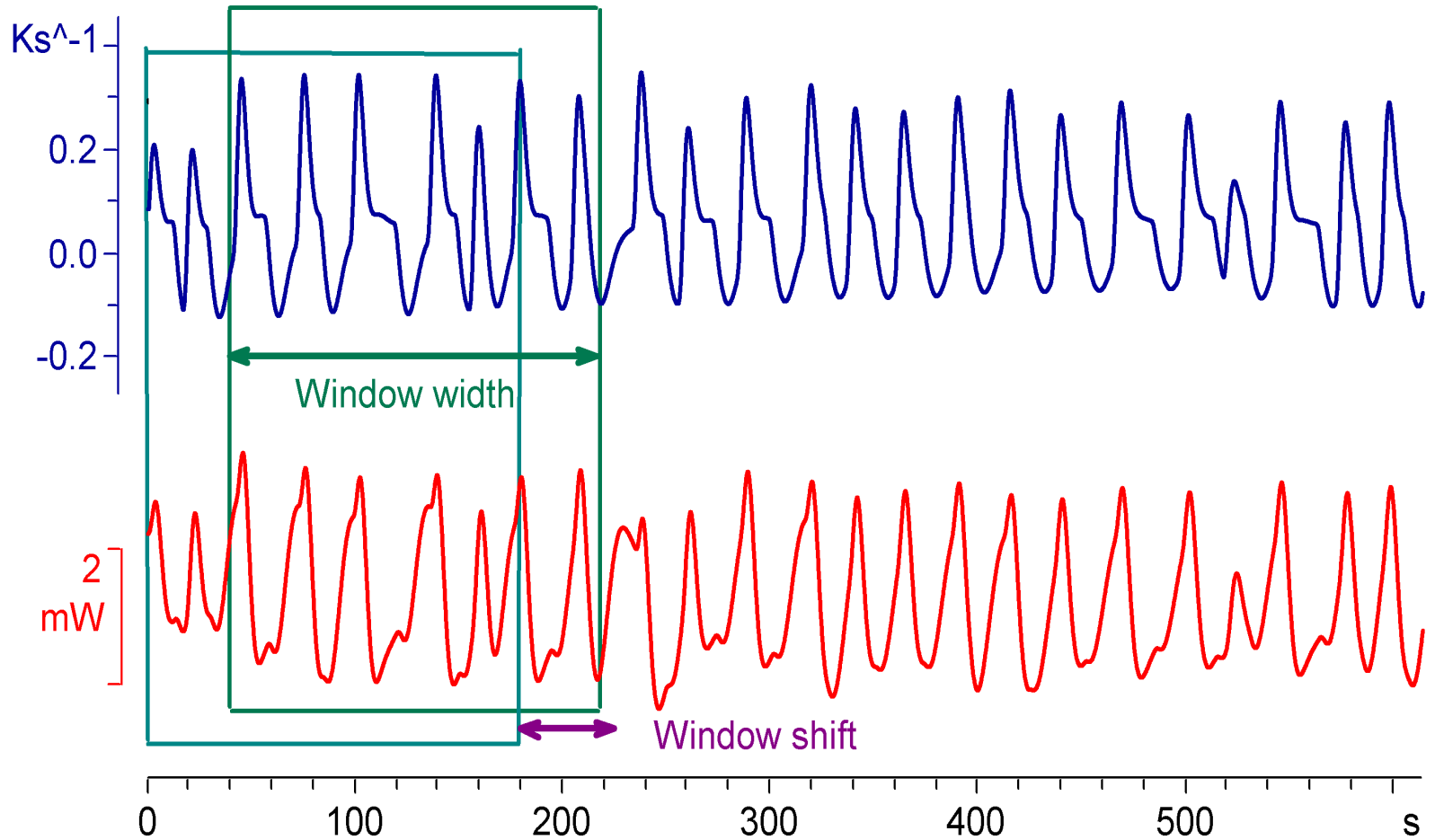
default: $n_a = 20$, $n_b = 45$
(FRS5, Al-crucible)

HSS7(Al-crucible):
 $n_b = 60$



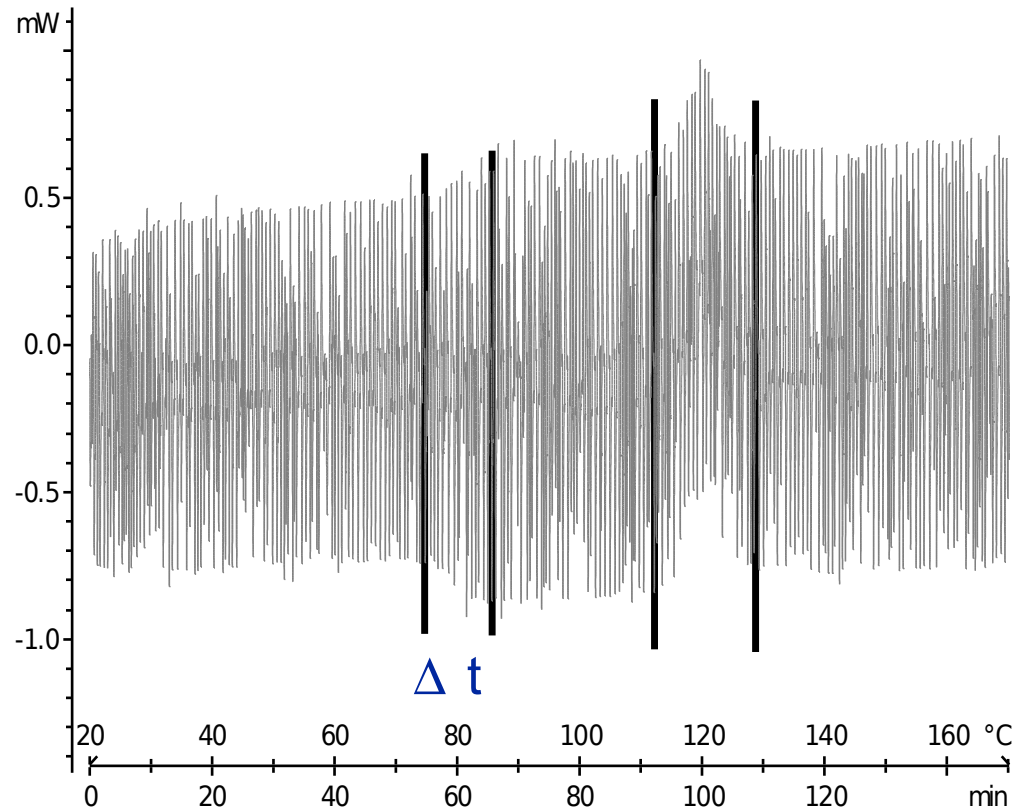
$$t_m = 4.5 \text{ s } 6.0 \text{ s}$$

calculation window



calculation window

windows width $t_{cw} \leq \Delta t / 3$



calculation window

windows width $t_{cw} \leq \Delta t / 3$

large $t_{cw} \rightarrow$ better signals

$$t_{cw}/si \approx 10 (n_a + n_b)$$

lower limit

$$t_{cw}/si \approx 20 (n_a + n_b)$$

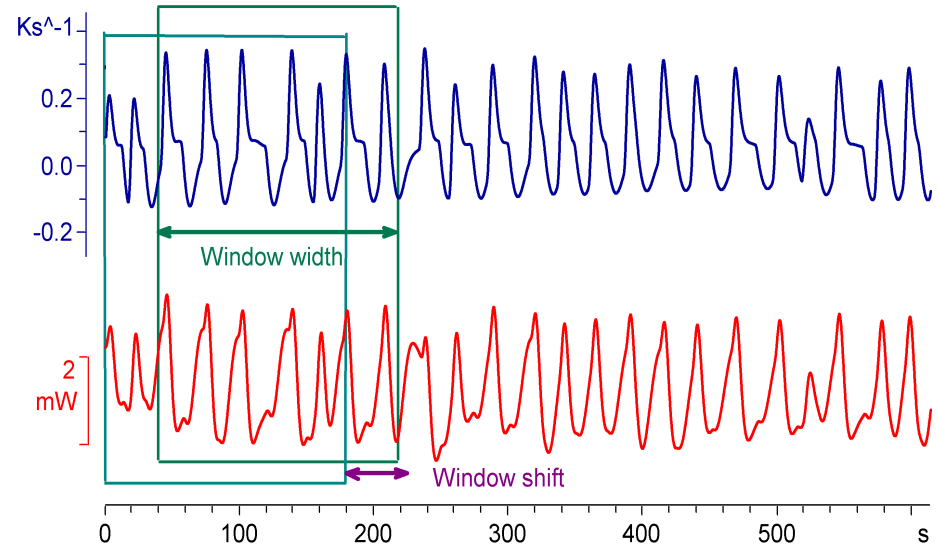
default

$$t_{cw}/si \approx 50 (n_a + n_b)$$

optimum

$$t_{cw}/si \gg 50 (n_a + n_b)$$

very low frequencies



si: sampling interval

default: si=0.1 s

FRS5 sensor and Al- crucibles

	method			evaluation				remarks
	β /K/min	Puls hight /K	Puls width /s	calcu lation window /s	Window shift /s	na	nb	
High precision with frequency evaluation	≤ 0.5	1 melting $\leq 0.1..0.002$	15..30 to very low frequencies 15..100 ..500	≥ 120 ≥ 1000	≥ 10	20..50 200	45	Calculation window: Three in a thermal event.
Fast processes	≤ 0.5	≤ 0.1	15..30	120	≥ 10	50	45	Best results: (na+nb)50*sampling interval
normal measurements	0.5..2	1...0.002	15..30	120	1.. 10	2..20	45	normal: (na+nb)20*sampling interval
Fast measurements	5..15	0.5..1 melting ≤ 0.1	5..15	15..30	1	2..5	45	not recommended