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# Periodic Laser Heating-

Eine Erweiterung der Laser Flash Methode zum Messen der thermischen Eigenschaften dünner Proben



# Agenda

1 Introduction and Motivation

2 From classic LFA to PLH

3 Measurement Examples

4 Specifications and Benefits

4 Theoretical Considerations

# Linseis Messgeräte GmbH in Germany

- **Founded in 1956 by Dr. Maximilian Linseis** in Selb (Bavaria/Germany)
- **Production in Selb/Germany**, subsidiaries in the USA, China, India, more than 65 distributor worldwide



## Business area:

- Laboratory instruments for thermal analysis, thermophysics and dilatometry
- Service Lab



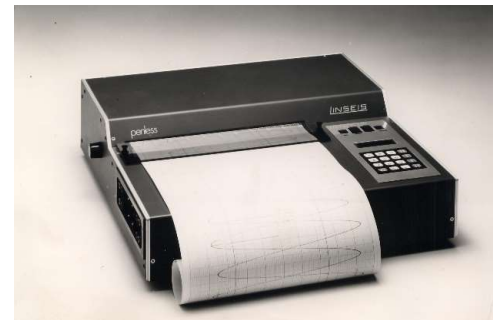
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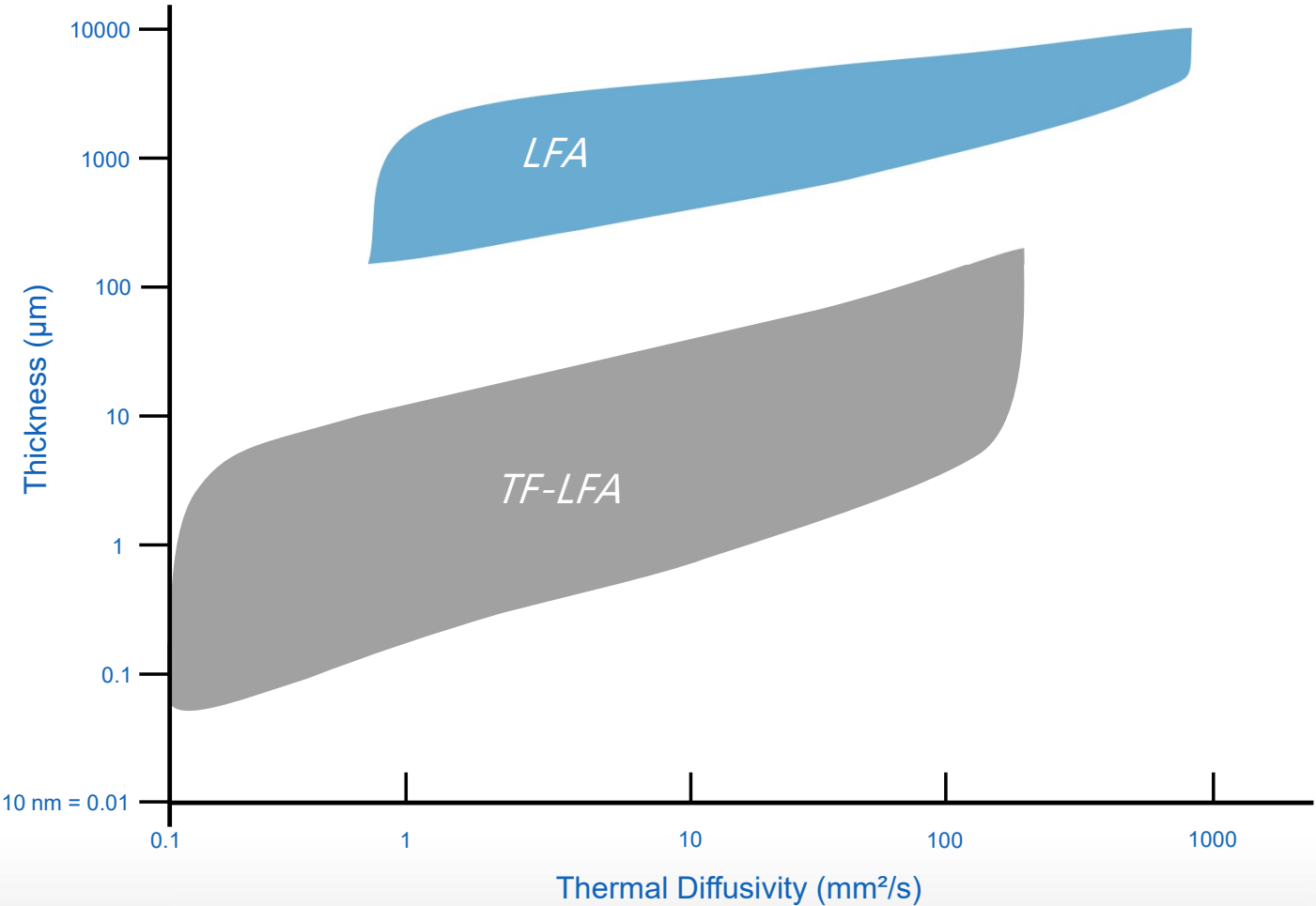


Linseis started up with Data Logger

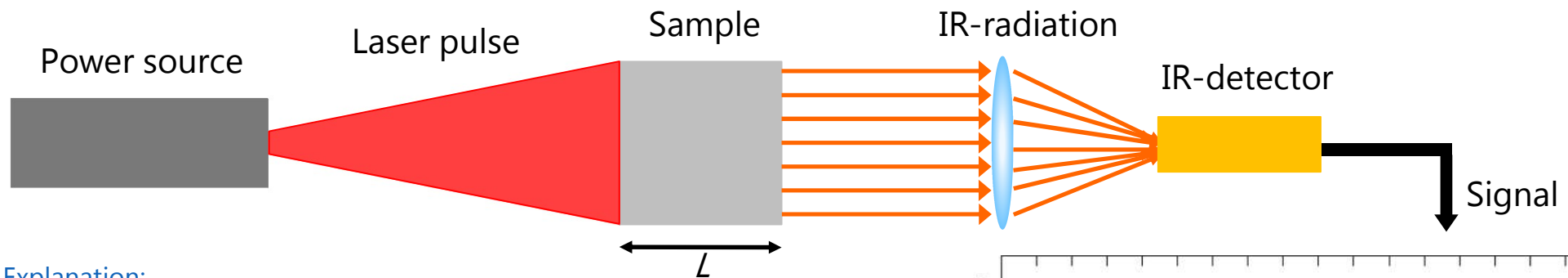


Dilatometer Lab in Germany

# Laser Flash Measurement ranges

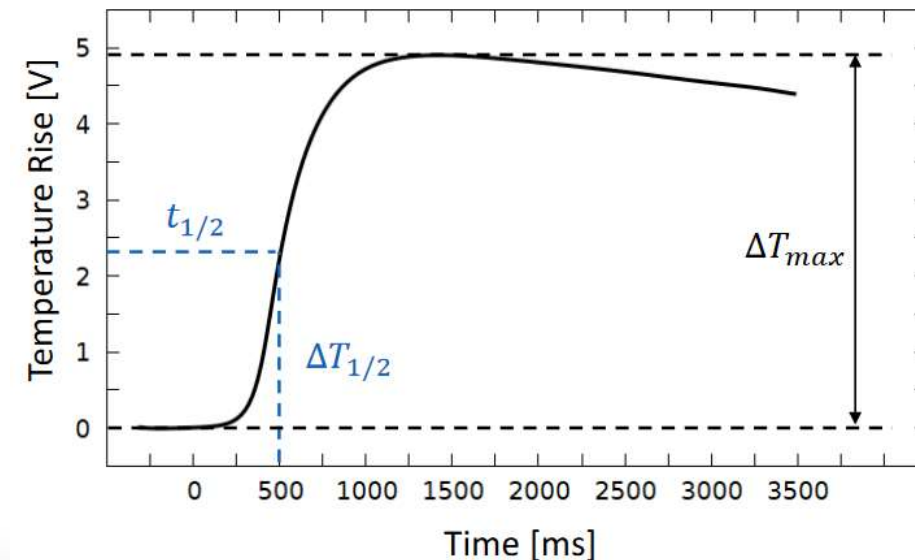


## Laser Flash- Working Principal

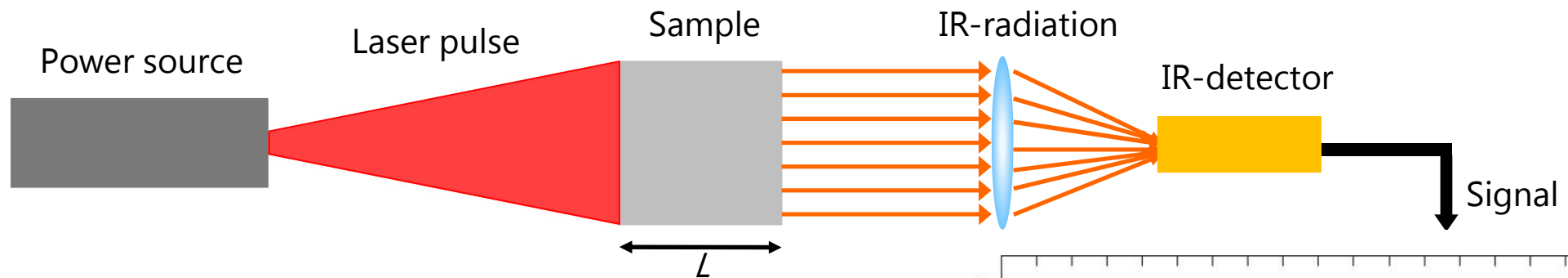


### Explanation:

- Short and high intensity Laser pulse excites (heats) the front side of the sample
- Energy is absorbed by the sample
- Thermal wave propagates through the sample to its rear side
- Thermal energy emitted via radiation with a wavelength in the IR-range
- IR-Detector detects the signal as a function of time
- Signal corresponds to the temperature rise at the rear face
- Time required to reach the half of the maximum temperature:  $t_{1/2}$
- Time  $t_{1/2}$  + thickness of the sample  $L$  = Thermal diffusivity  $\alpha$



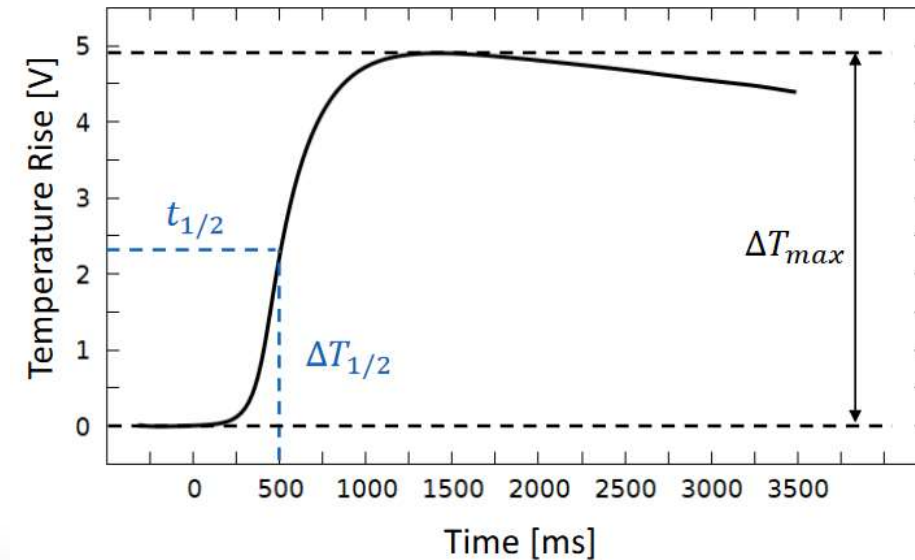
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Determination of the thermal diffusivity with

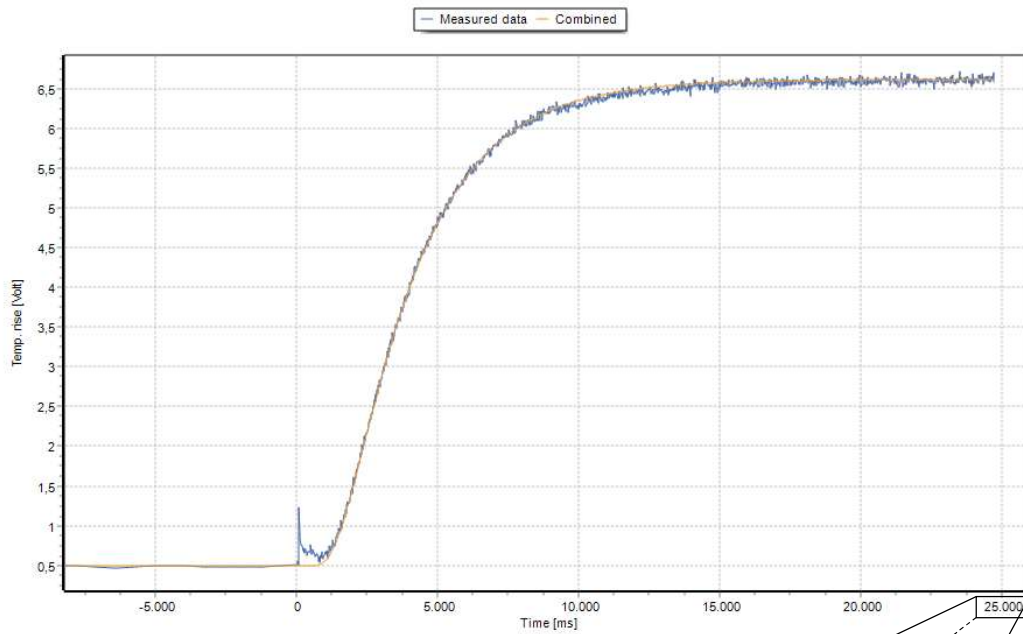
$$\alpha = 0.13879 \cdot \frac{L^2}{t_{1/2}}$$

$\alpha$  = Thermal diffusivity [ $\text{m}^2/\text{s}$ ],  $L$  = Sample height [m],  
 $t_{1/2}$  = Half time rise [s]

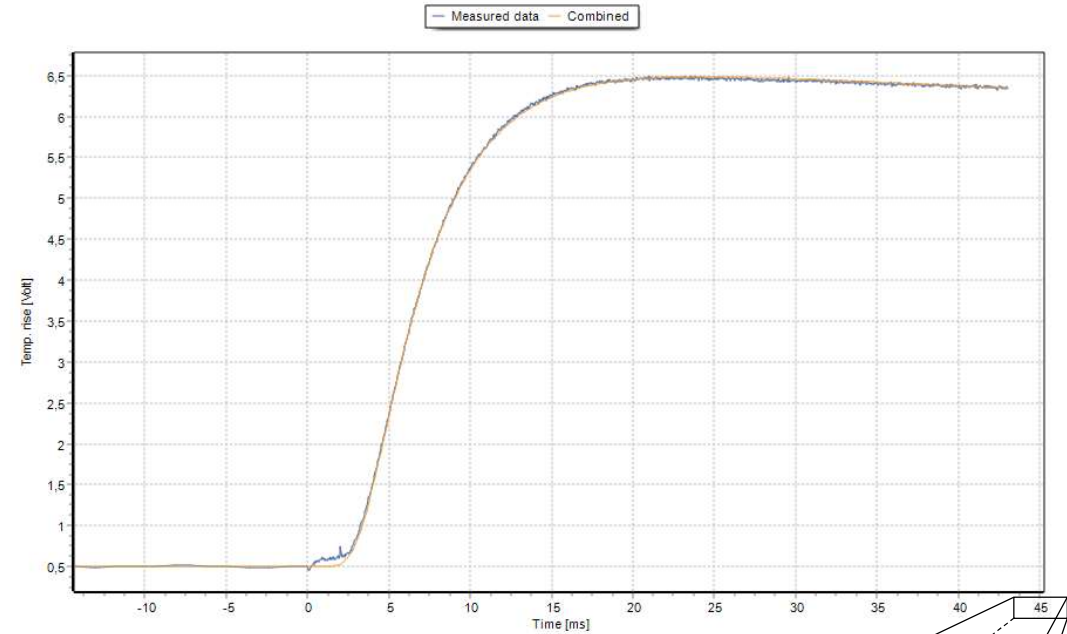


# LFA – Time Domain

*“Slow” Measurement*



*“Fast” Measurement*



Wide range of measurement times depending on the sample

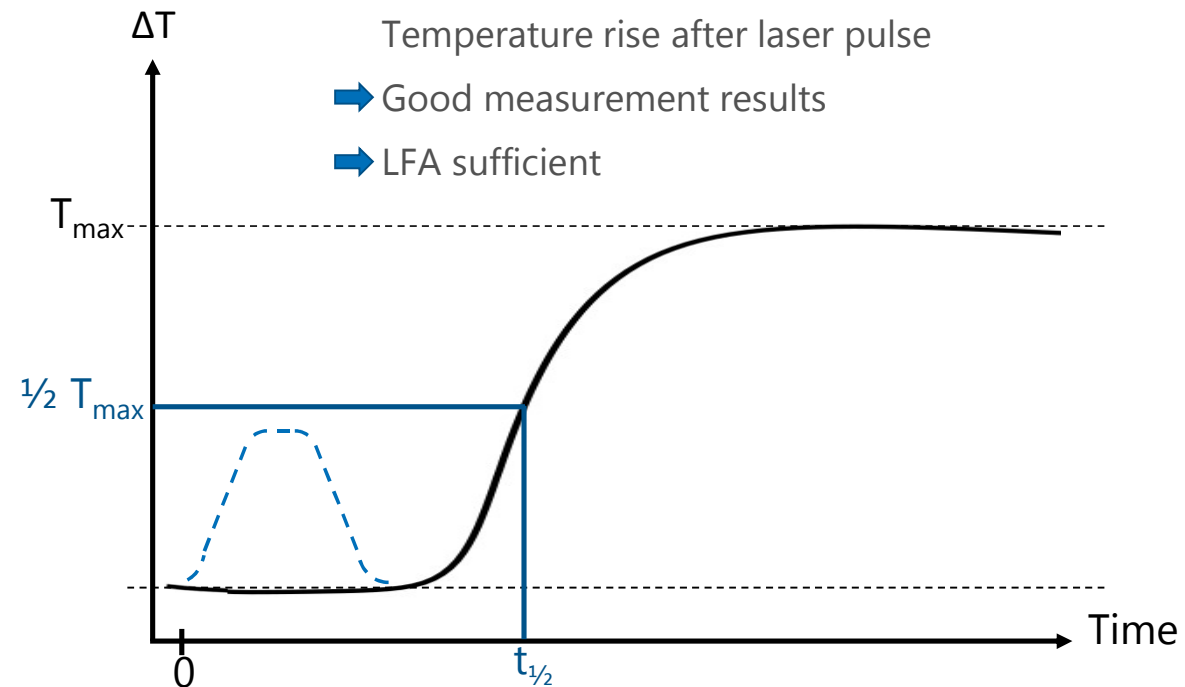
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## LFA – Limitations in the Time Domain

Minimal sample thickness depends on:

1. Acquisition rate of the instrument/detector  
(number of measurement points)
2. Duration of the laser pulse  
(overlay of laser pulse and resulting sample temperature rise)

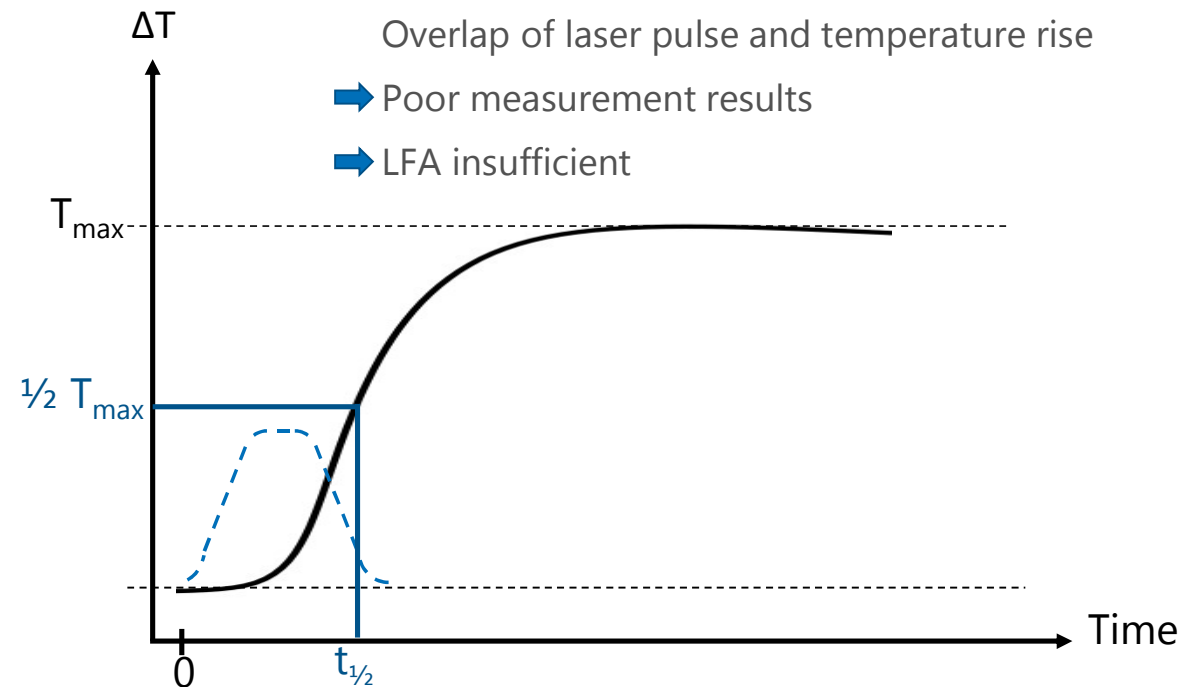




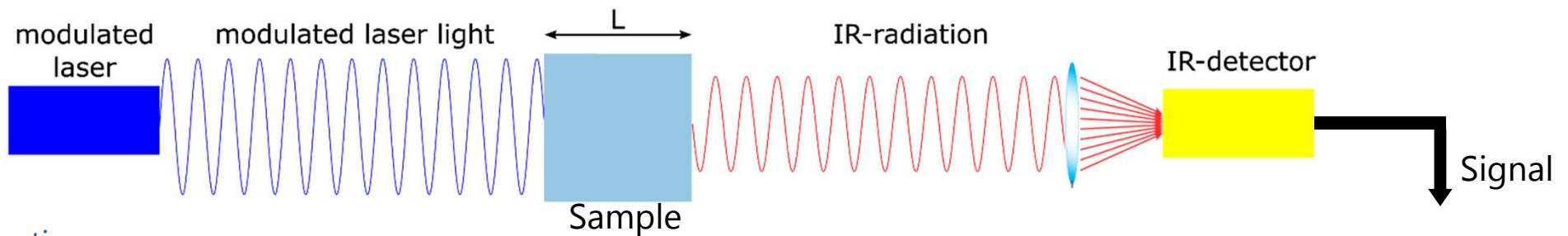
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- Need for a different approach!
  - Periodic Laser Heating



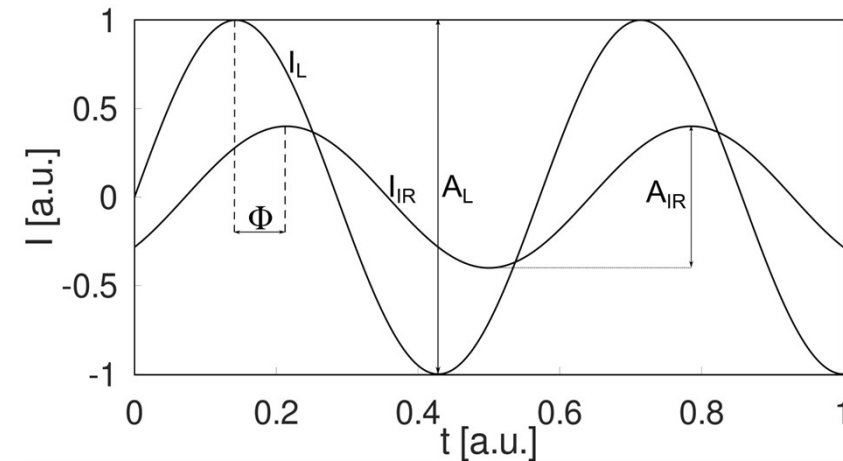
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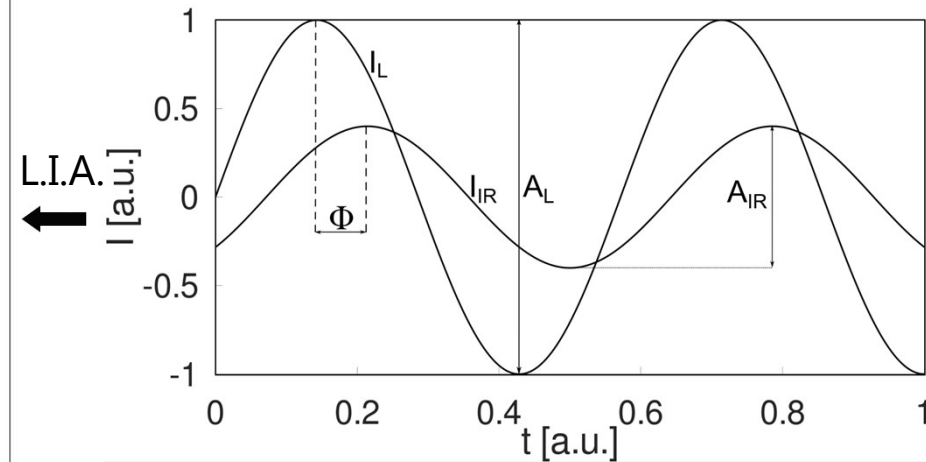
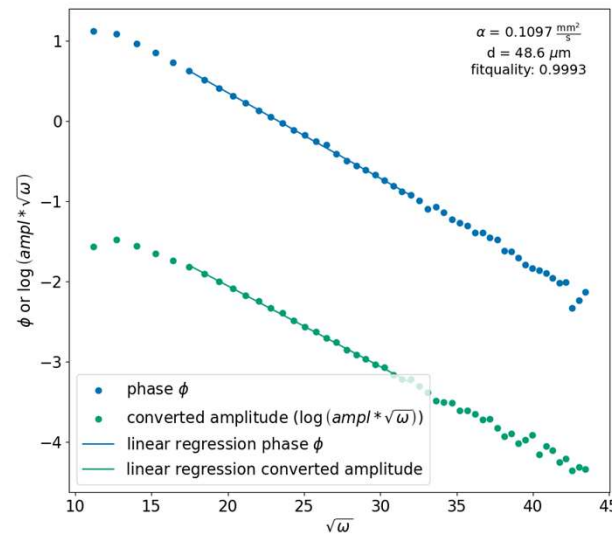
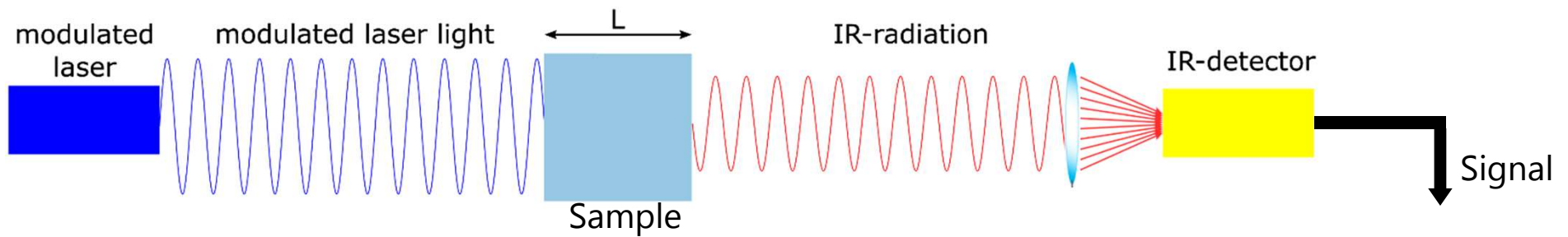
Explanation:

- Periodic modulated laser beam excites (heats) the front side of the sample
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- Thermal wave propagates through the sample to its rear side
- Thermal energy is emitted via radiation with a wavelength in the IR-range
- IR-Detector detects the signal which is amplified by a Lock-In-Amplifier
- Amplitude and phase shift is monitored
- Frequency of the laser is tuned and Phase and Amplitude is saved

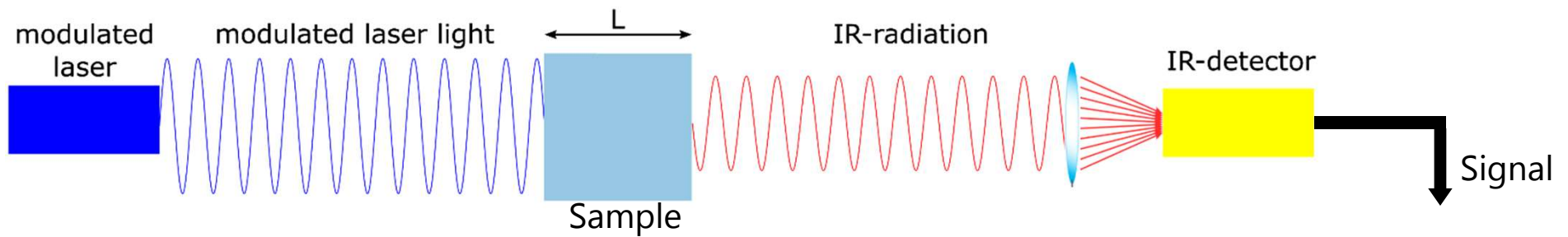
→ **Measurement in the frequency domain**



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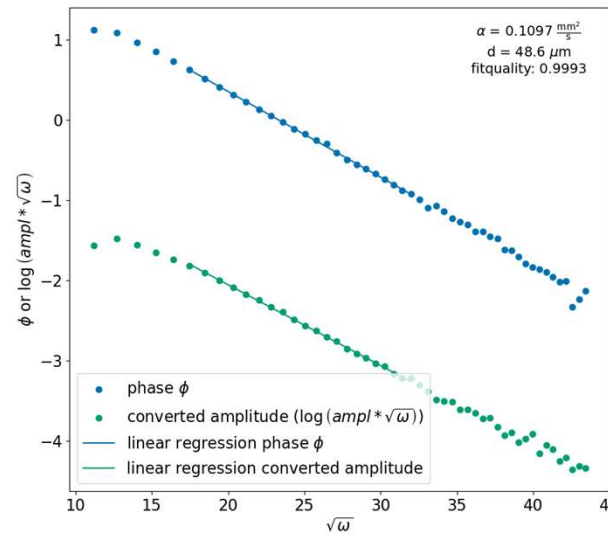


Calculation of the thermal diffusivity with

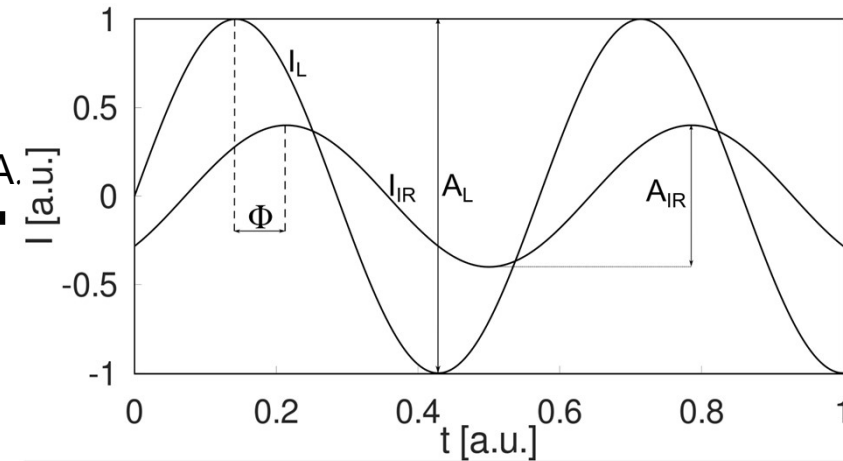
$$\alpha_{\phi,amp} = \frac{L^2}{2m_{\phi,amp}^2}$$

$\alpha$  = Thermal diffusivity [m<sup>2</sup>/s],  
 $L$  = Sample height [m],  
 $m$  = Slope of the linear range [ $\sqrt{s}$ ]

$$\alpha = \sqrt{\alpha_{\phi} \alpha_{amp}}$$

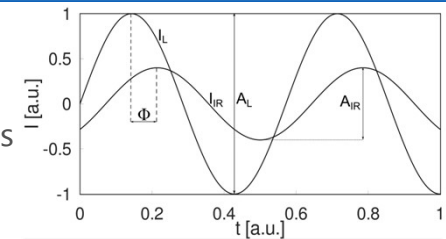
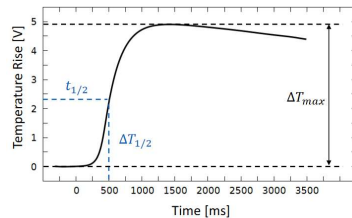


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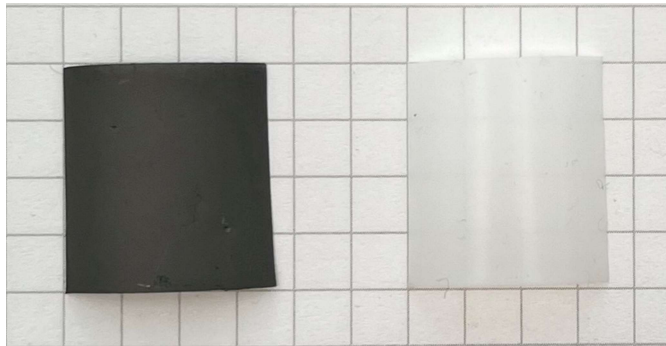
# LFA & PLH Comparison

LFA	PLH
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sample is subjected by thermal disturbance (Pulse)</li> <li>• Disturbance is observed as function of time <b>(Time Domain)</b></li> <li>• Typical measurement range: mm</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sample is subjected by a periodic thermal disturbance</li> <li>• Disturbance is observed as a function of frequency <b>(Frequency Domain)</b></li> <li>• Typical measurement range: <math>\mu\text{m}</math></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Short measurement time</li> <li>+ Broad <math>\lambda</math>-range</li> <li>+ Broad temperature range</li> <li>- Complicated theory</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Thinner samples</li> <li>+ "Model free" evaluation</li> <li>- Little bit longer measurements</li> <li>- Limited temperature range</li> </ul>

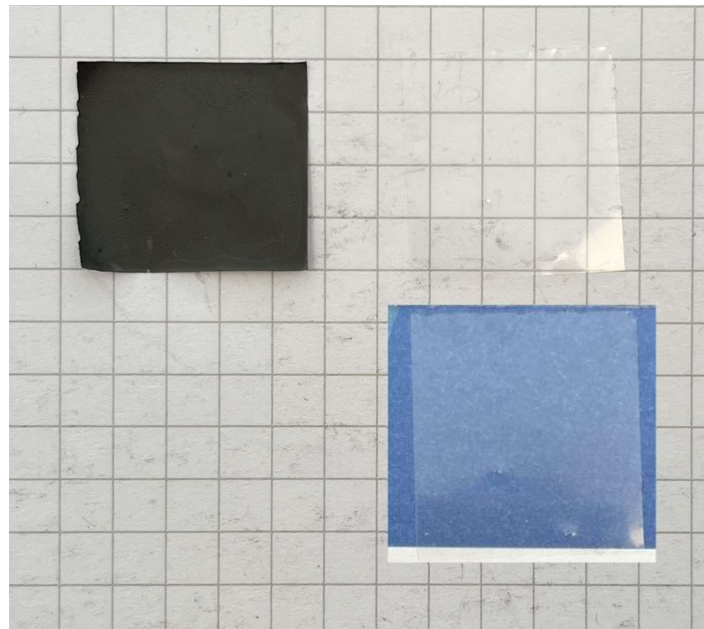


## Measurement Examples

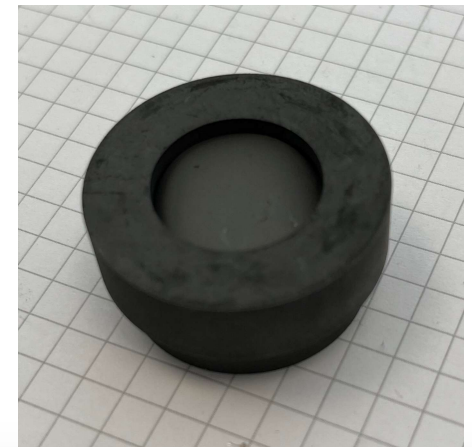
*PTFE foil (100  $\mu\text{m}$ )*



*PE foil (25  $\mu\text{m}$ )*

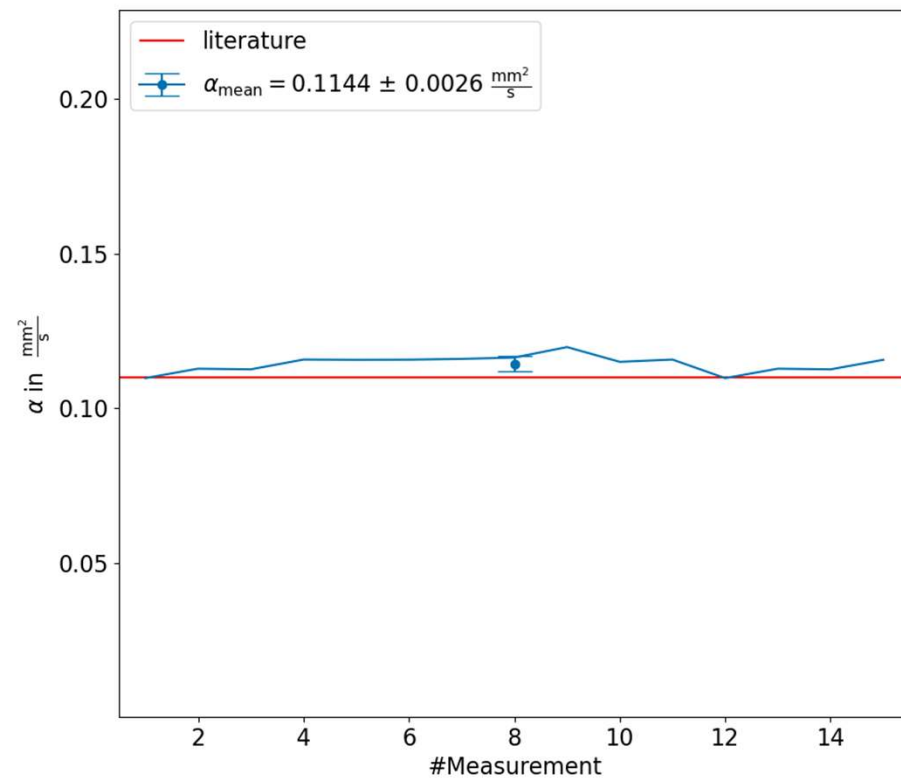
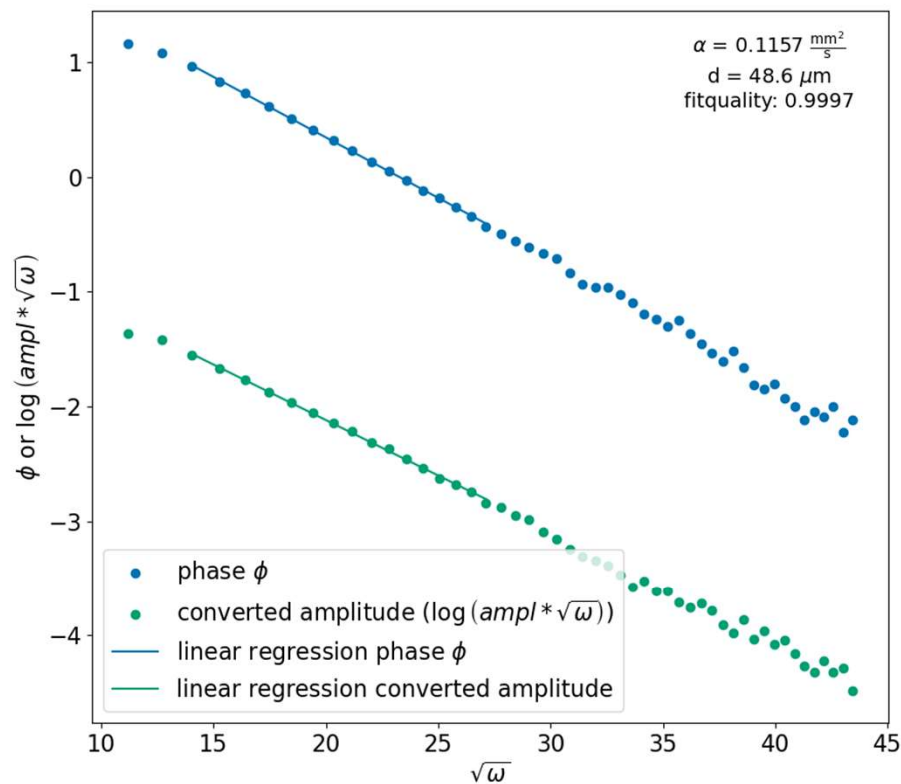


*Samples have to be sprayed or coated with carbon*



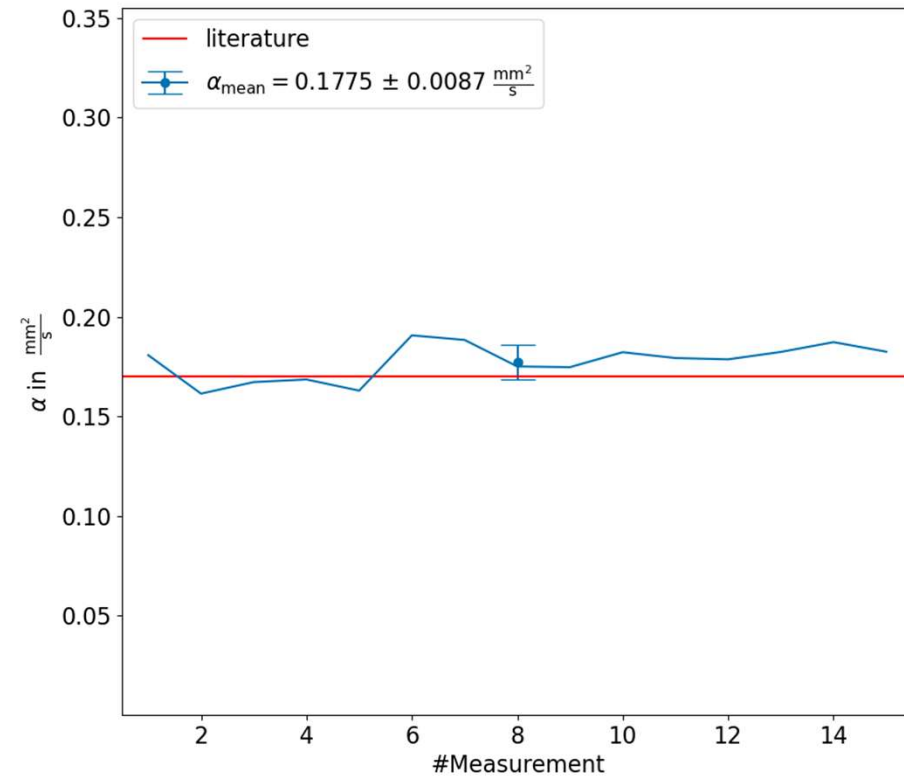
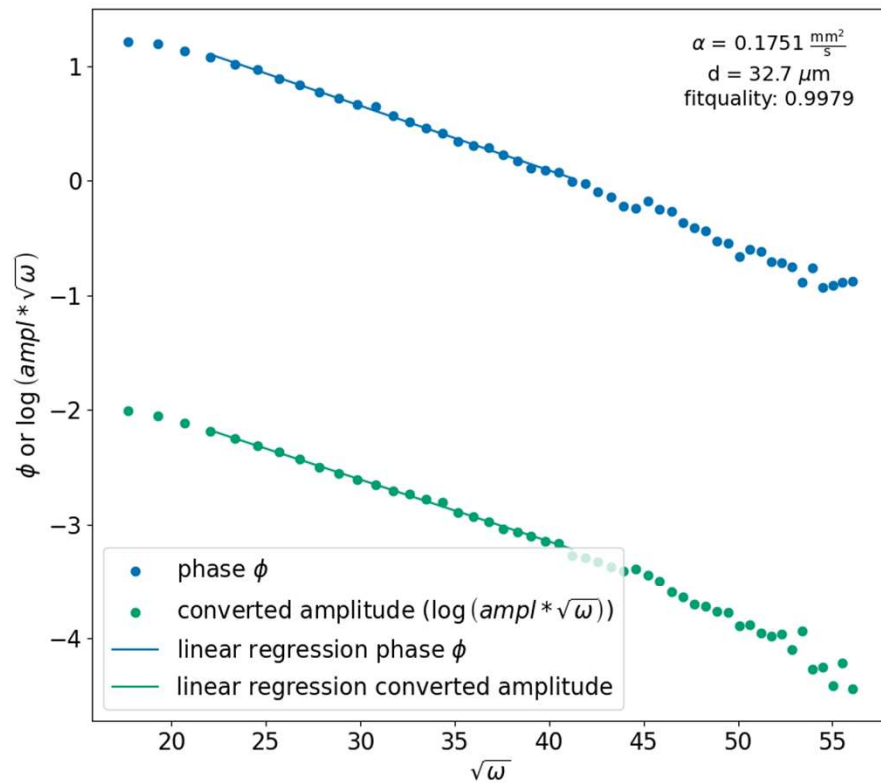
# Measurements – Polymers

## Polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) 50 $\mu\text{m}$



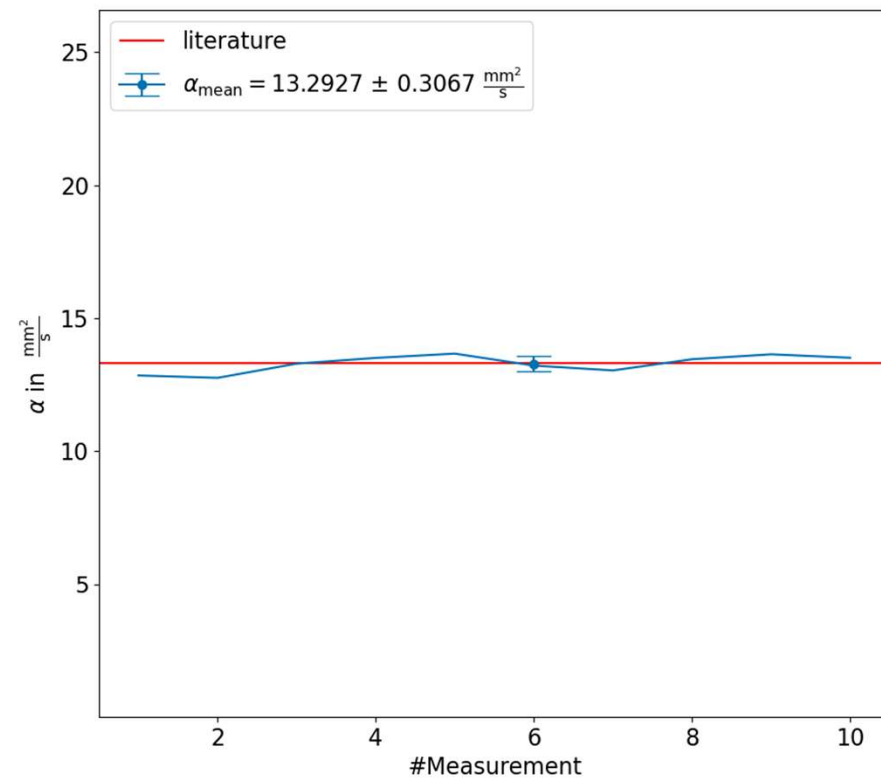
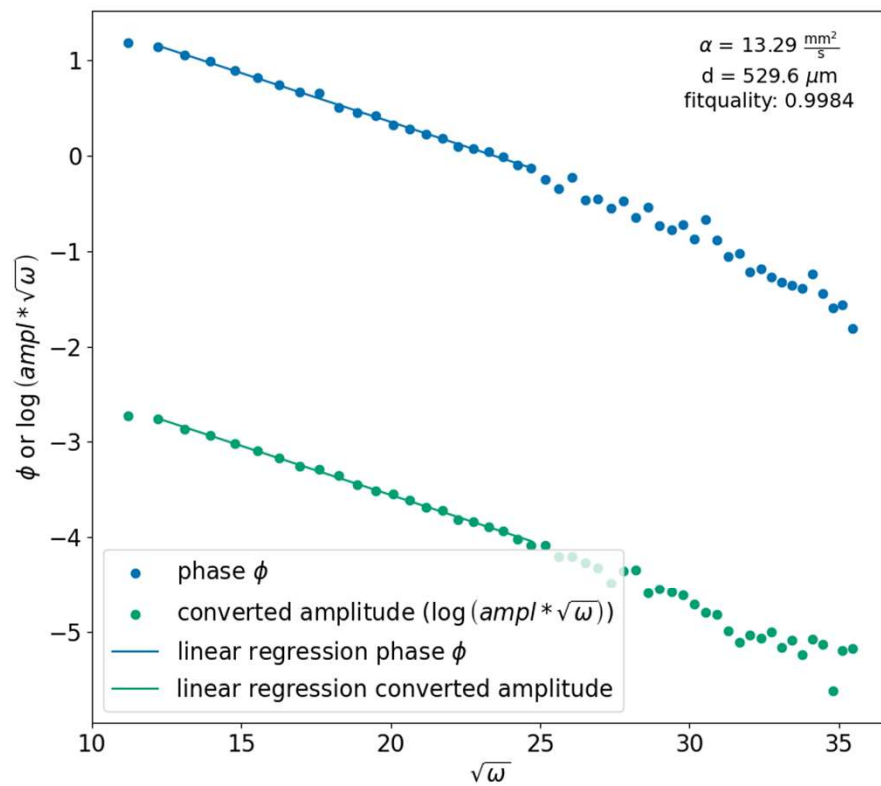


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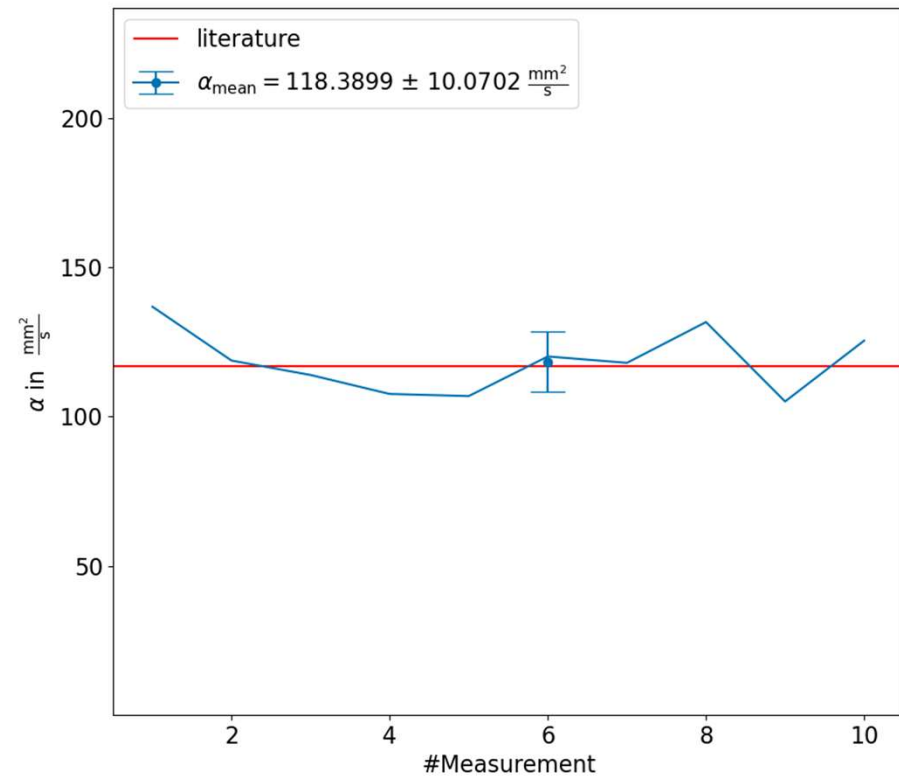
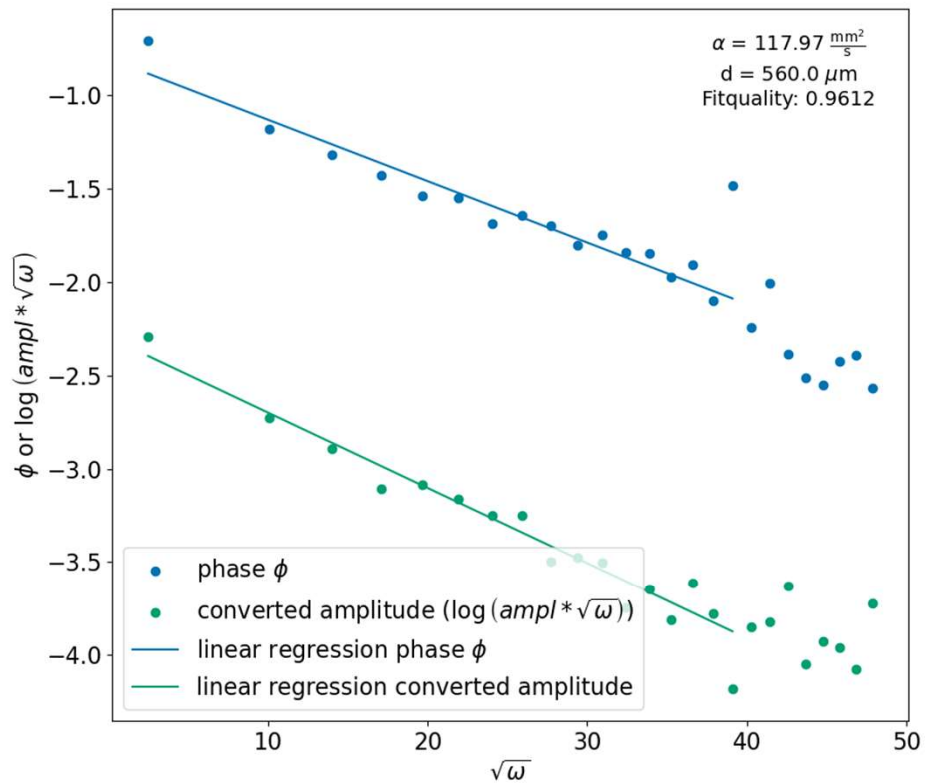




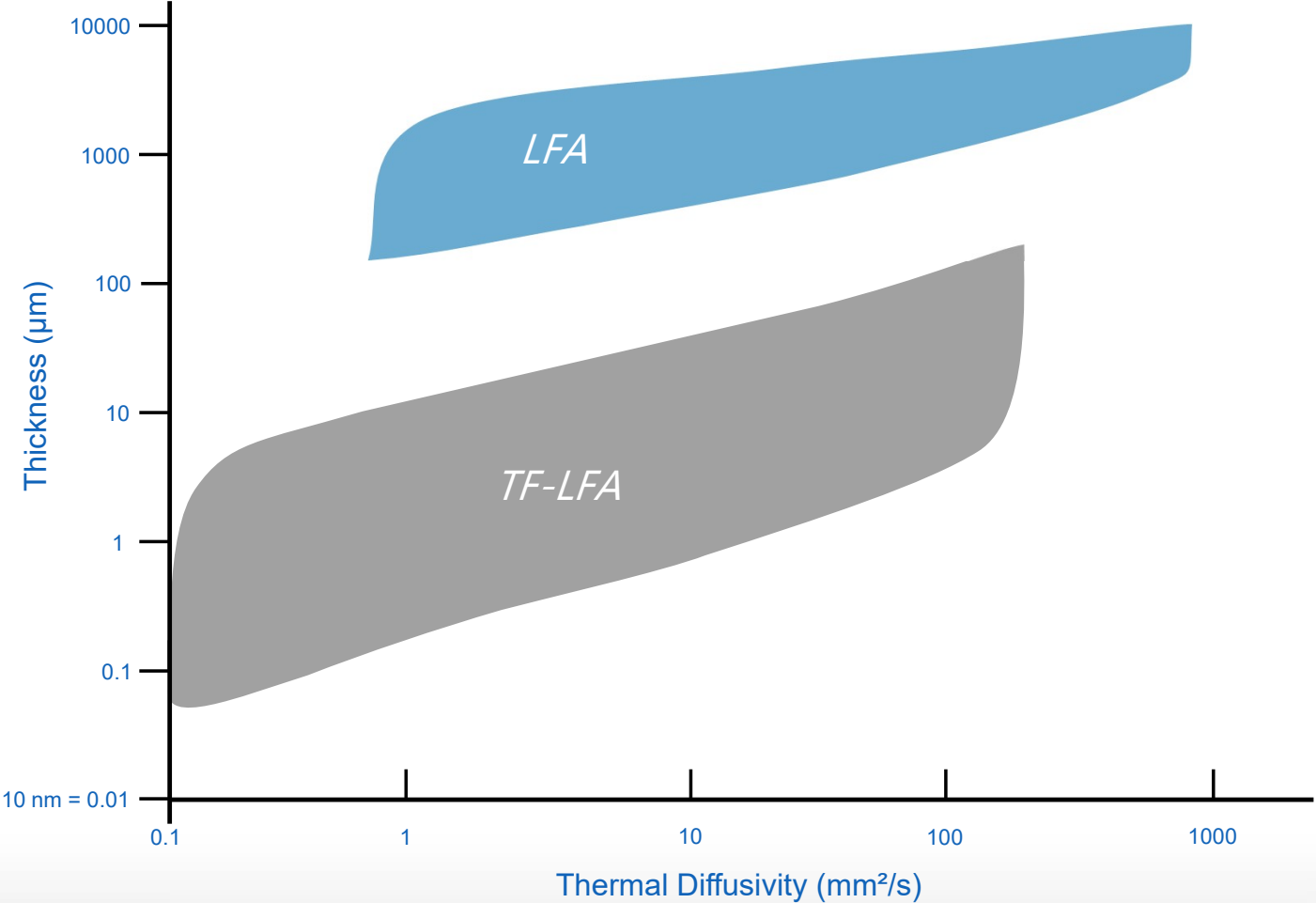
# Measurements – Ceramics: Sapphire 500 $\mu\text{m}$



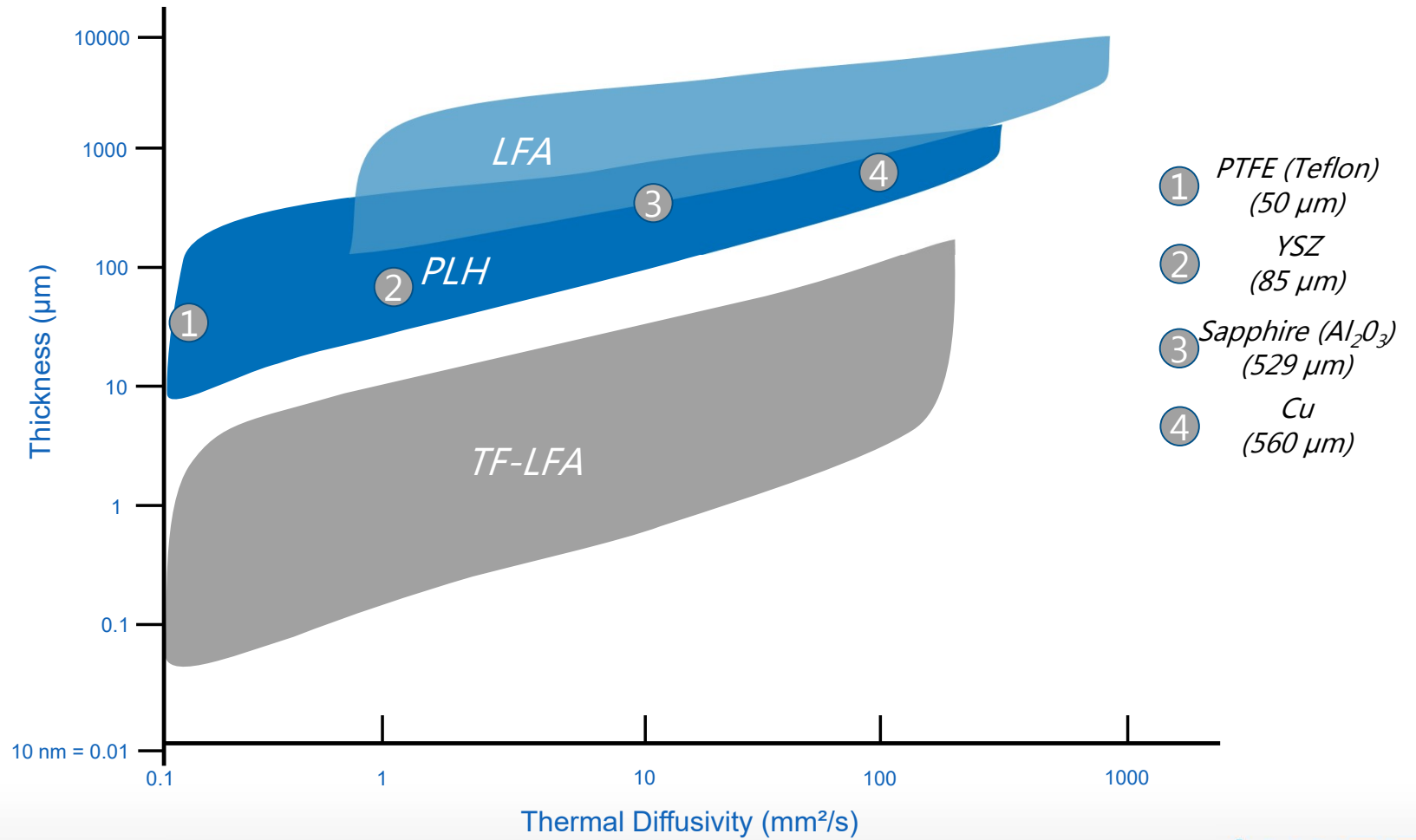
# Measurements – Metals: Copper 500 $\mu\text{m}$



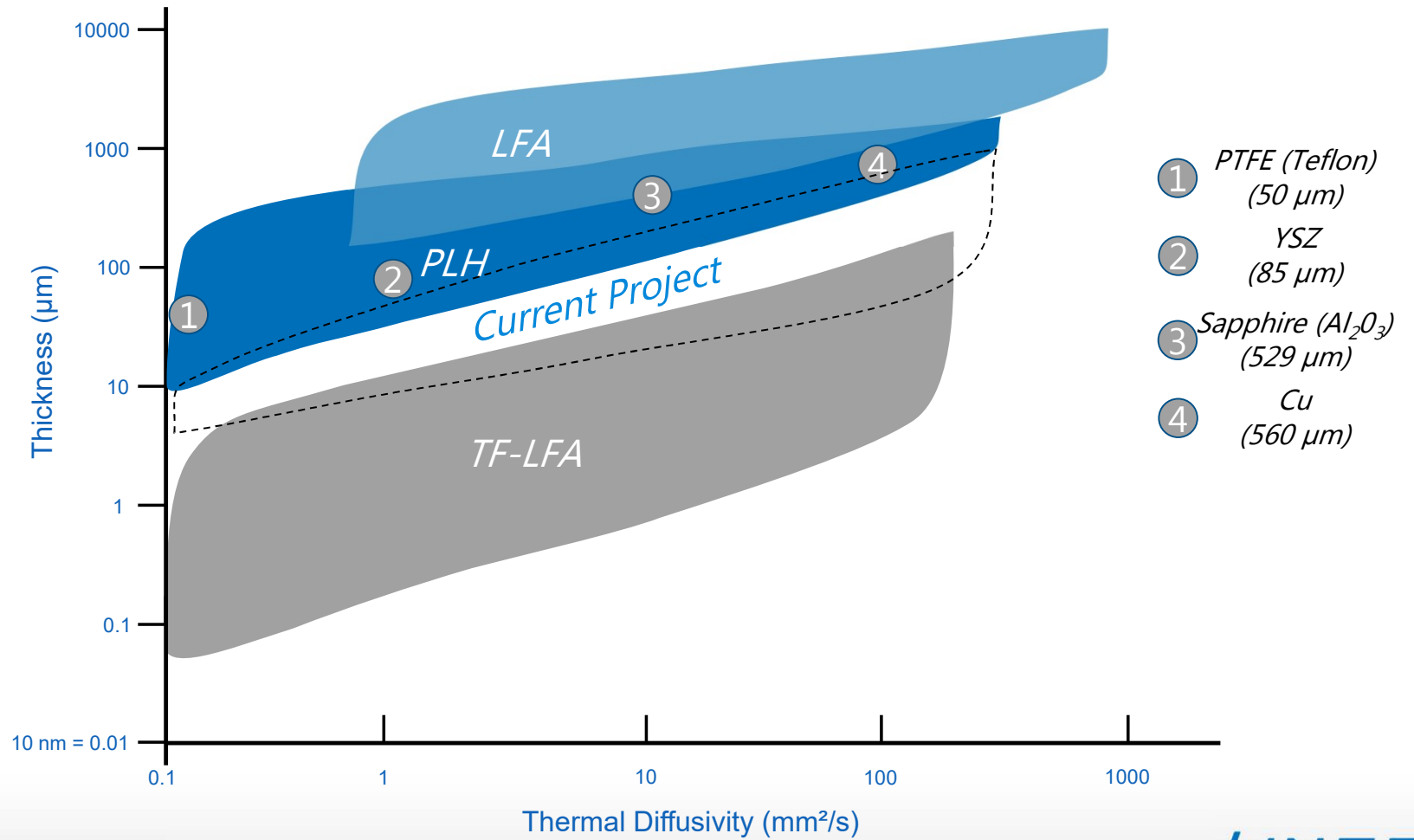
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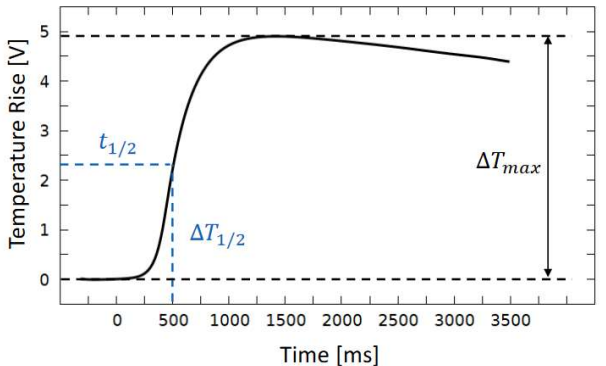
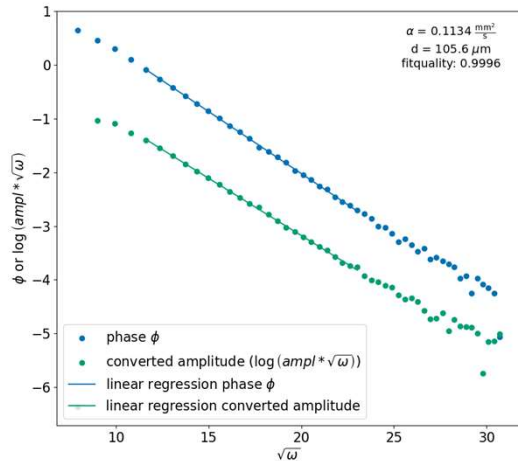
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# Linseis Product Lineup

Laser Flash Analyzer	LFA + PLH (combined Version)	Periodic Laser Heating
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PLH add-on for Laser/Xenon-Flash instruments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two measurement techniques combined in one instrument</li> <li>Same outer dimensions</li> <li>2 in 1 measurement system</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New LFA can be upgraded with PLH option</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Worldwide unique combined measurement system                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <i>Combination Patent pending</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>Broadest measurement range</li> </ul>	

## Specification PLH

**Periodic  
Laser-  
Heating** | **PLH**

**Most advanced tool**

Free standing films,  
membranes and more

Automatic sample throughput

10 – 500  $\mu\text{m}$  / Up to +300°C

Up to 5 W cw power

Model free evaluation



## Specification LFA & PLH

**Combined  
Solution** | **LFA & PLH**

### Unique combination

Solid, liquids, pastes, powders, PCM,  
Free standing films, membranes

Automatic sample throughput

10 – 6000  $\mu\text{m}$  / Up to +2800°C

Up to 25J/puls / 5 W cw power

Advanced Evaluation





# PLH – Theoretical Considerations

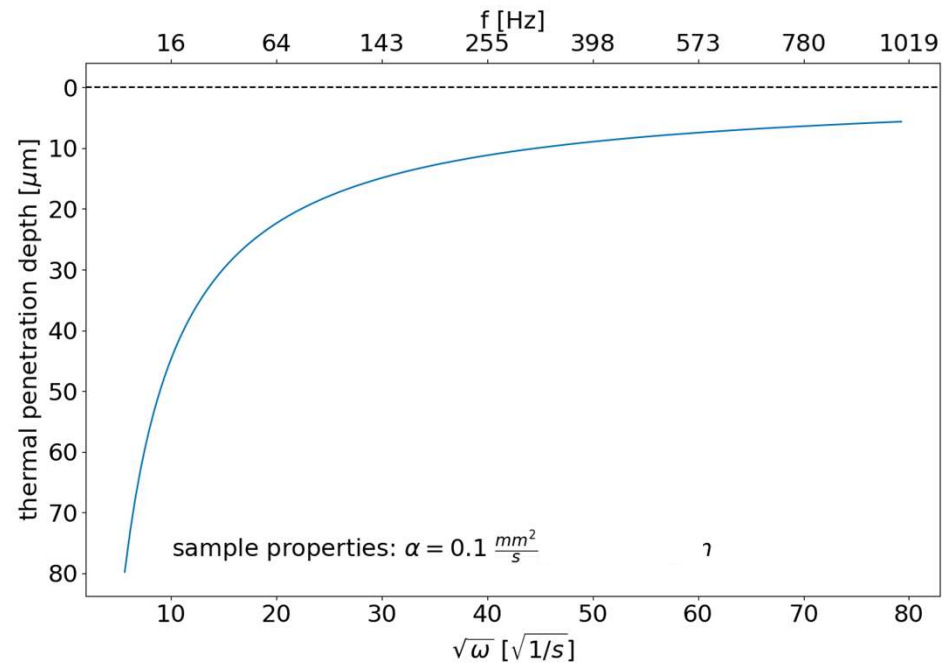
Thermal Penetration Depth (TPD)  $\mu$ :

$$\mu = \sqrt{\frac{\alpha}{\pi f}} = \sqrt{\frac{2\alpha}{\omega}}$$

$\alpha$  : thermal diffusivity [ $\frac{\text{mm}^2}{\text{s}}$ ]

$f$ : frequency [Hz]

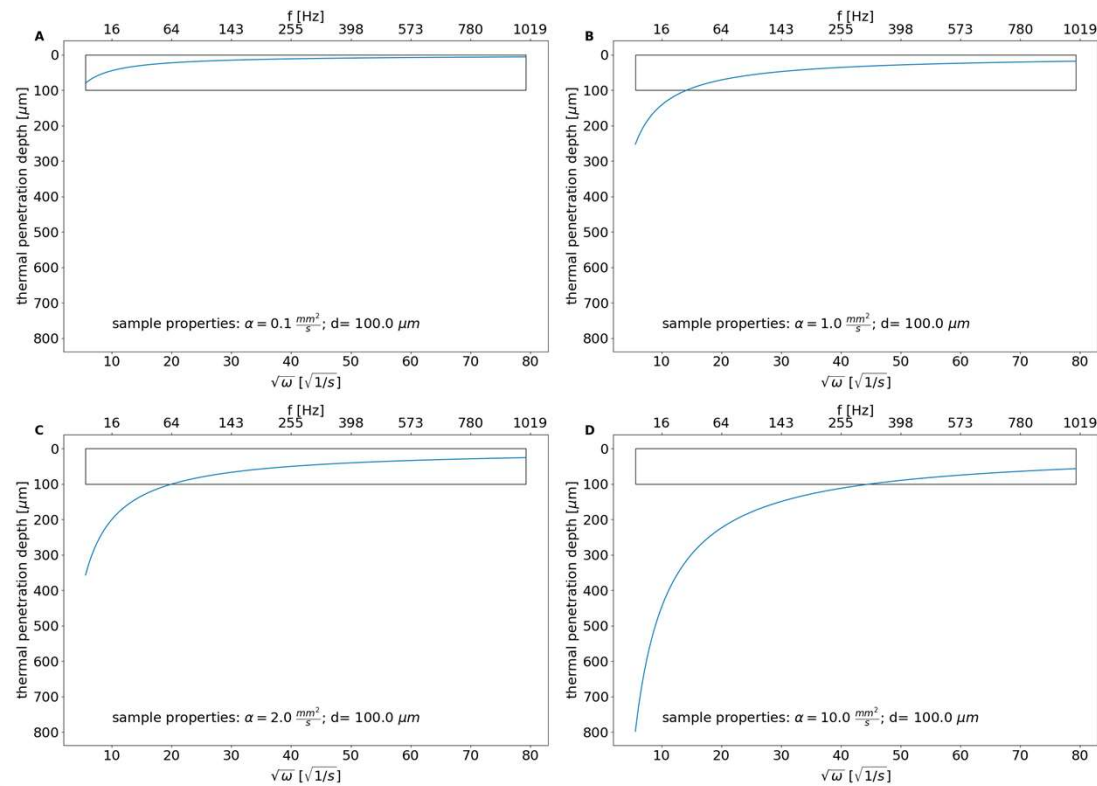
$\omega$ : angular frequency [rad]



Keep in mind: The higher the modulation frequency gets, the less the laser radiation penetrates the sample

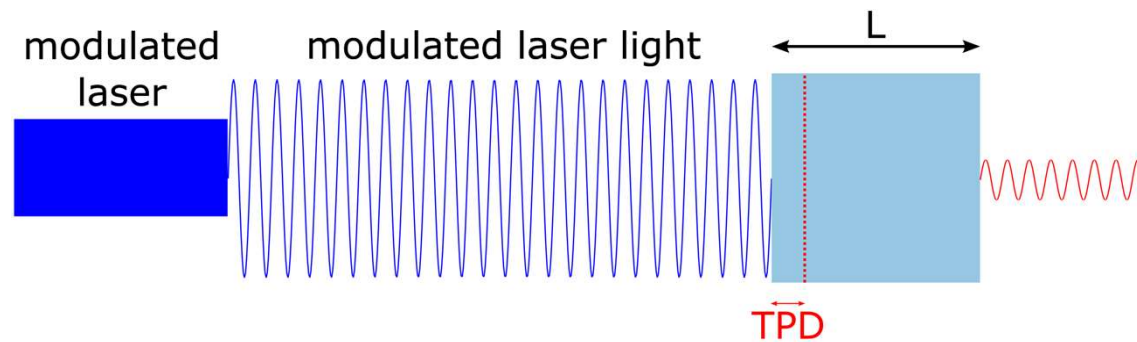
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*Different theoretical sample thermal diffusivities (sample thicknesses are the same):*



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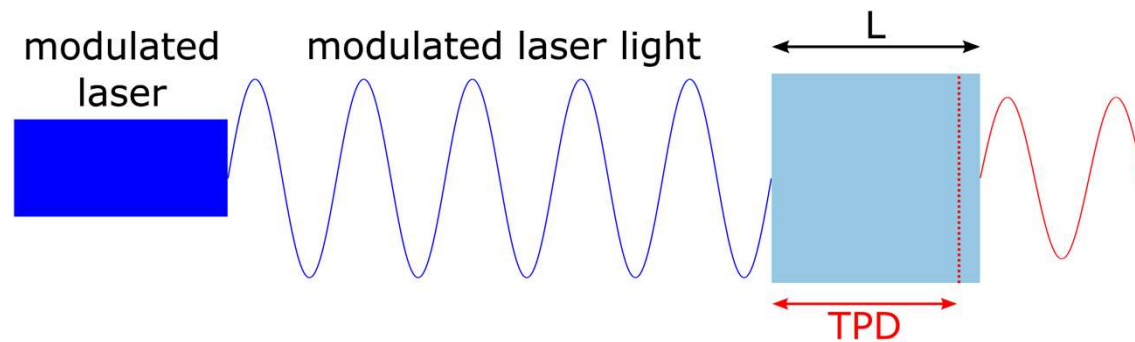


- ➔ Higher modulation frequency  $f$
- ➔ Lower thermal penetration depth  $\mu$

$$\mu \sim \sqrt{\frac{1}{f}}$$

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Low frequency  $f$ :



- ➔ Lower modulation frequency  $f$
- ➔ Higher thermal penetration depth  $\mu$

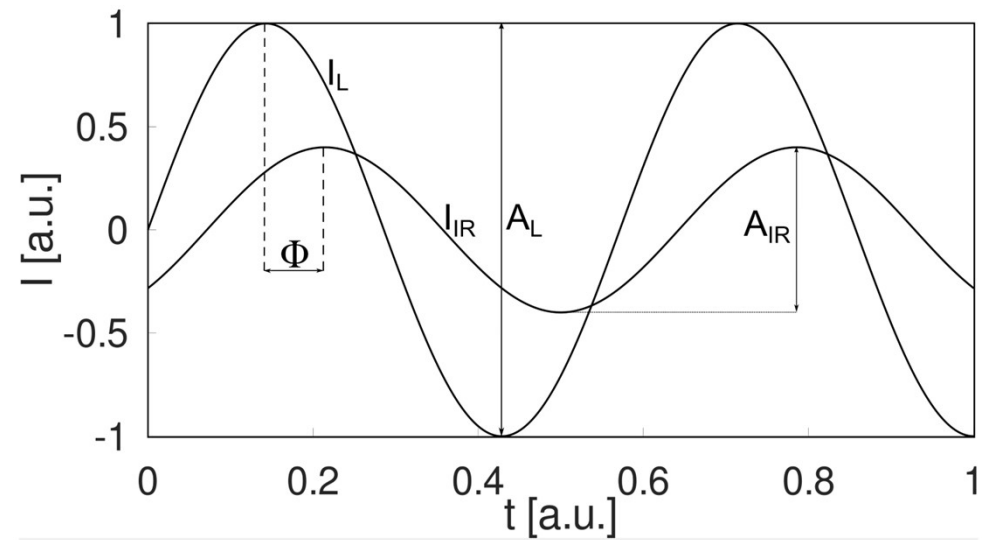
$$\mu \sim \sqrt{\frac{1}{f}}$$

# Theory PLH – Data Evaluation

Frequency dependence of phase shift and amplitude:

$$\Delta\phi = -\sqrt{\frac{\omega}{2\alpha}} d - \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\text{Amp} = A_L \frac{1}{\sqrt{\omega e}} \exp\left(-\frac{d}{\mu}\right); \mu = \sqrt{\frac{2\alpha}{\omega}}$$



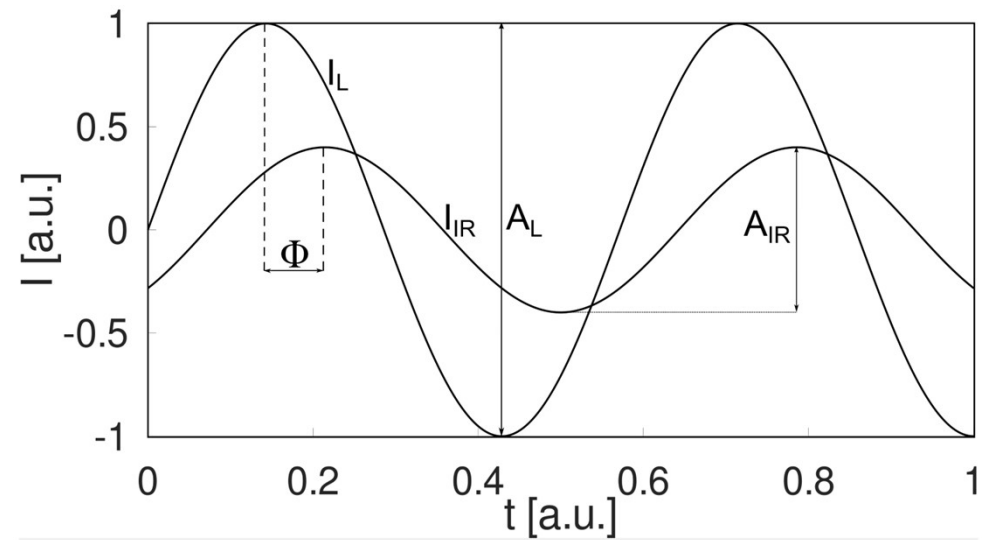
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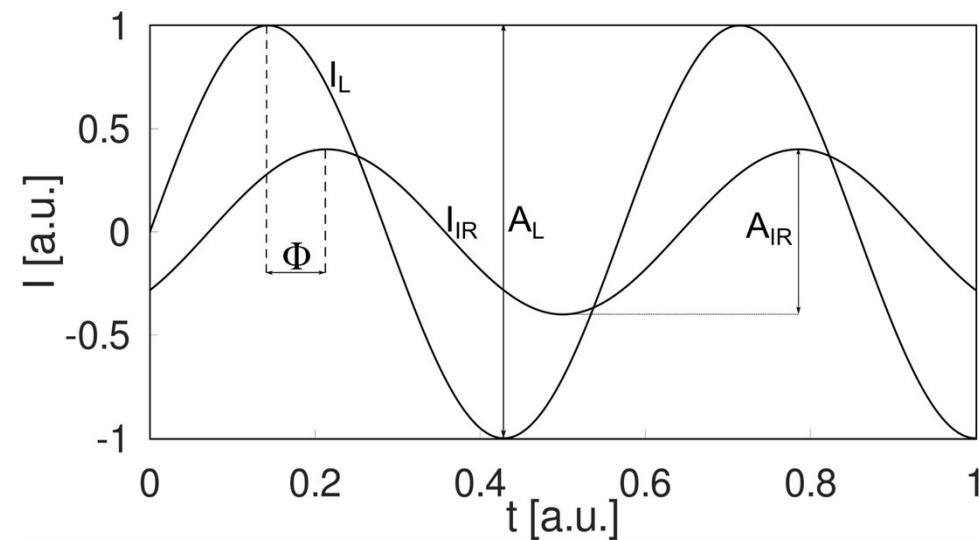
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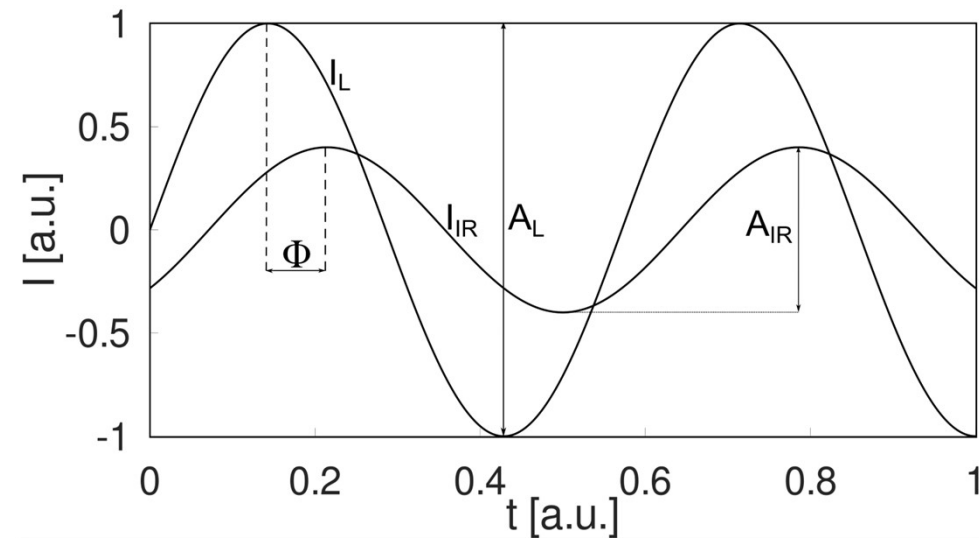
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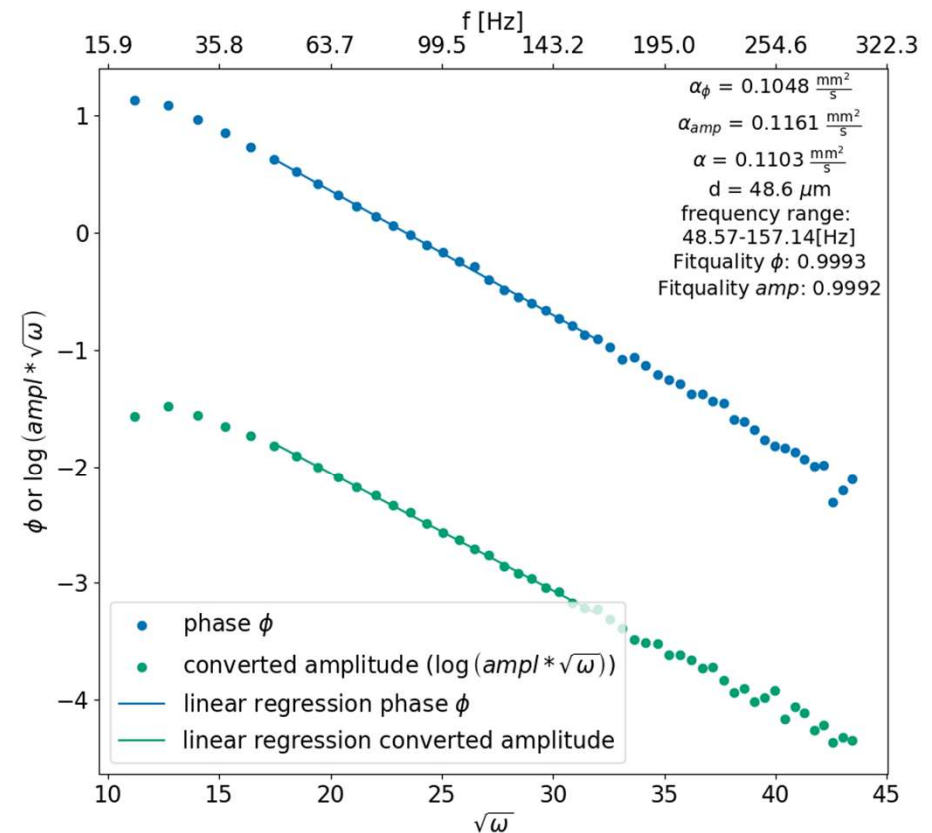
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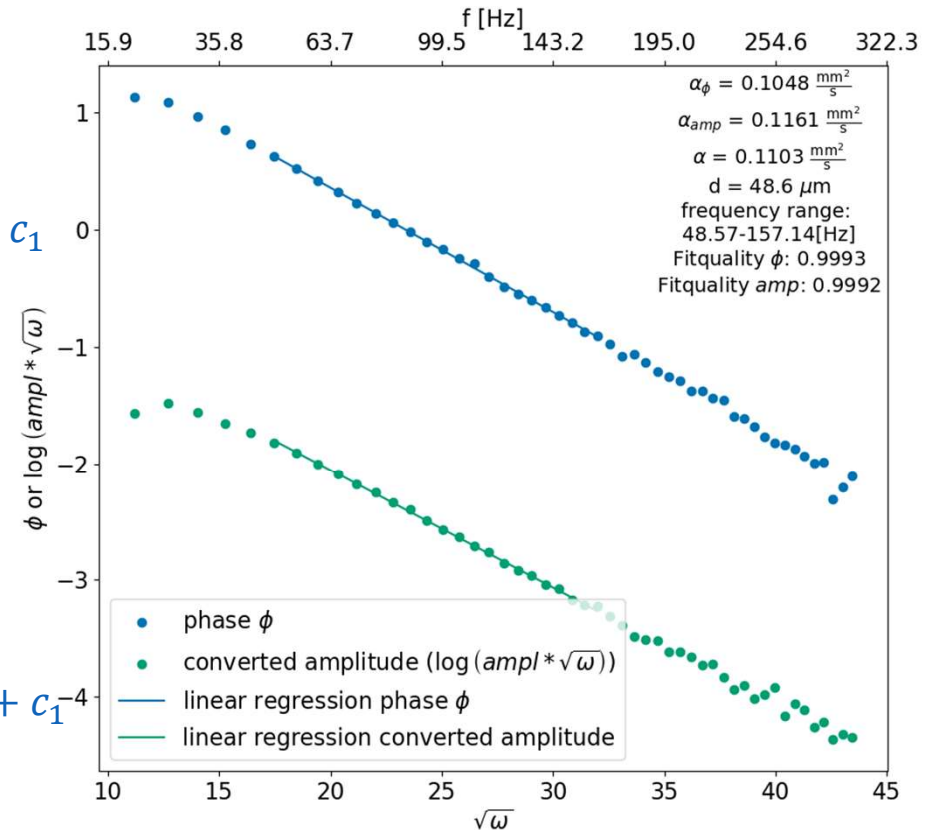
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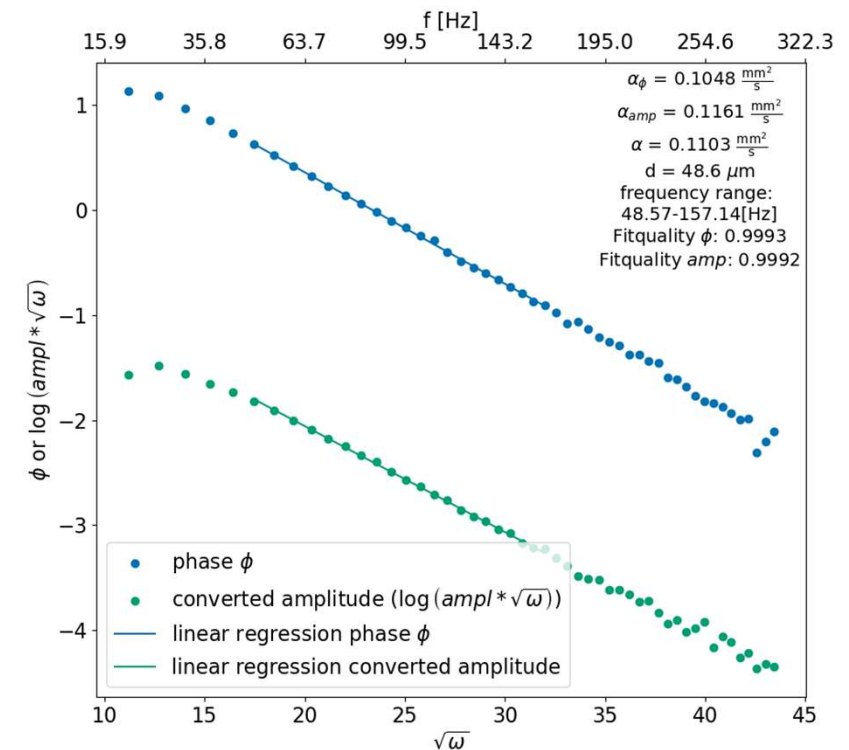
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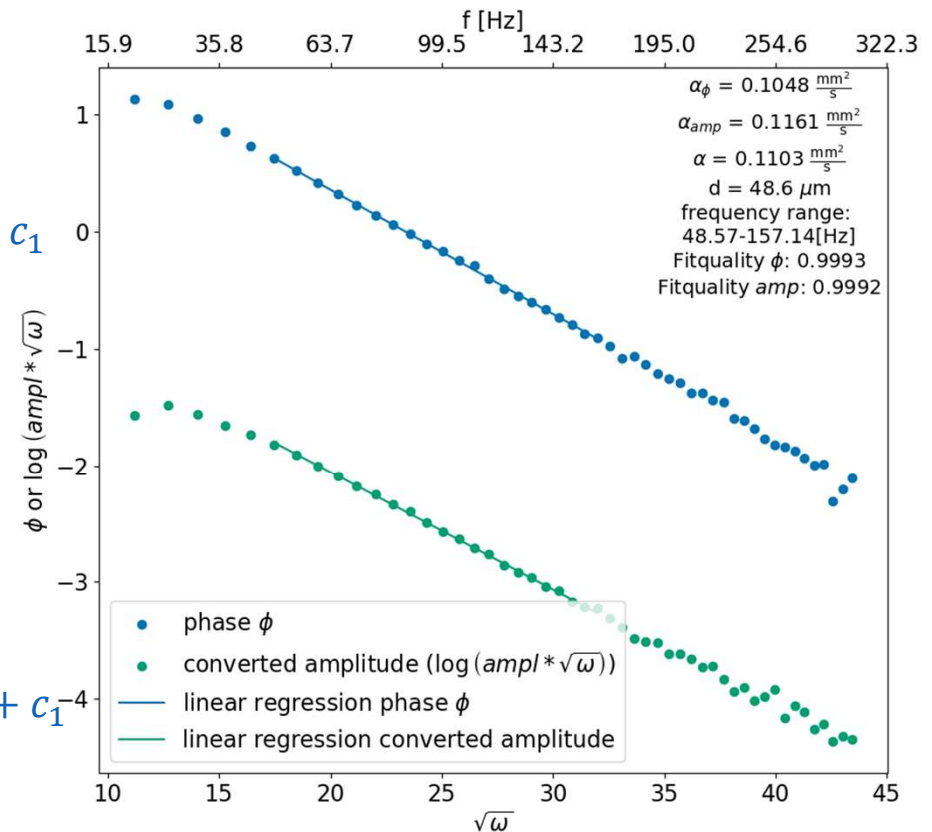
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$$\Rightarrow \alpha = \sqrt{\alpha_\phi \alpha_{amp}}$$





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