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# Surface Pressure Measurements on a Free-Flying Cone at Mach 7 using Pressure Sensitive Paint

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# Scope:

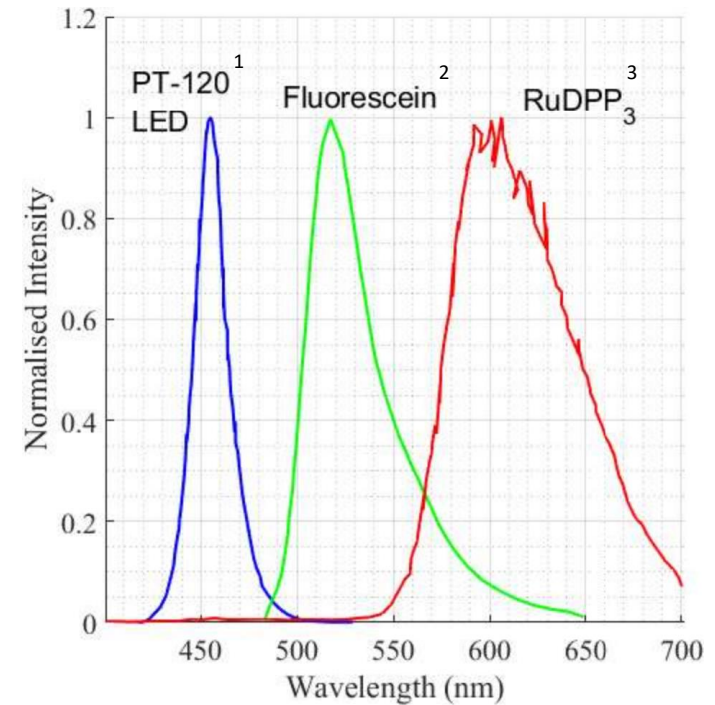
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# Introduction:

- Measuring aerodynamic phenomena experimentally is required to validate computational models and understand efficiency of flight.
- Realistic force measurement in short-duration hypersonic test facilities is non-trivial and can affect results.
- Free-flight can provide a more accurate testing regime.
- PSP offers a non-intrusive, high-quality method of obtaining surface pressure measurements.
- **Aim: Assess feasibility of using a cost-effective, binary-PSP on a free-flying model in the University of Oxford High Density Tunnel (HDT)**

# In-house Binary Formulation:

Based off Recipe 3 of *Fast PSP (PC-PSP)*  
from *PRESSURE AND TEMPERATURE  
SENSITIVE PAINTS*, Liu and Sullivan, 2021



Data from: [1], [2] and [3]

## Components:

<b>Pressure Luminophore:</b>	RuDPP <sub>3</sub>
<b>Reference Luminophore:</b>	Fluorescein
<b>Polymer Binder:</b>	RTV-118 Silicone
<b>Ceramic Binder:</b>	TiO <sub>2</sub> , 32 nm nanoparticles
<b>Solvents:</b>	Toluene, DCM

# High Density Tunnel (HDT) Experimental Setup:

**HDT:** Heated Ludwig tube mode.

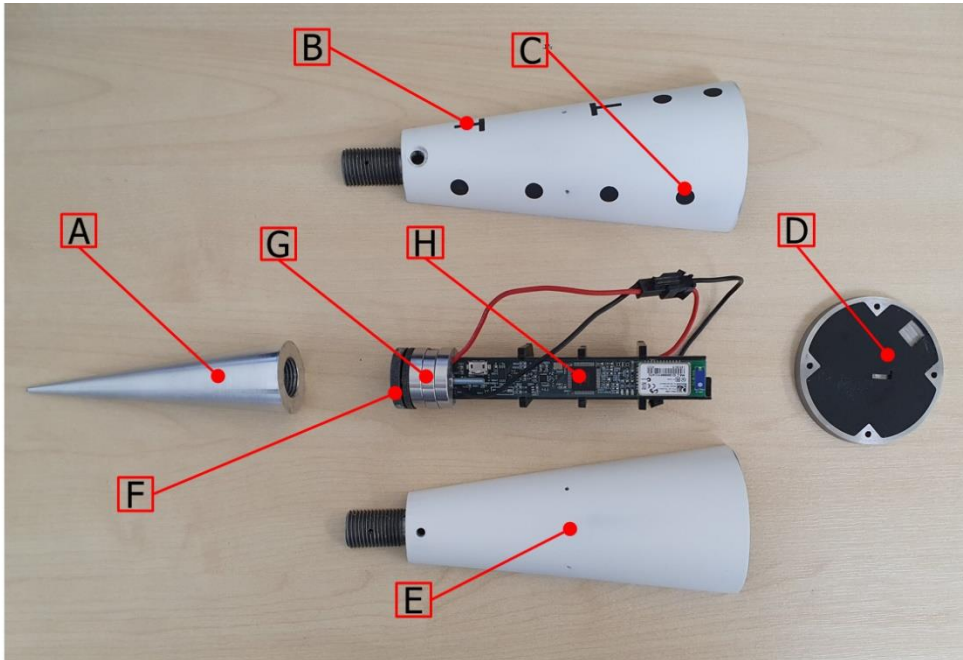
- 17.4 m long
- 6" barrel
- 350 mm exit diameter (Mach 7 nozzle)

## Test Flow Condition

	<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Uncertainty</b>
Measured	$p_0$	kPa	3375	$\pm 7$
Assumed	$p_p/p_0$	-	0.0149	$\pm 0.0002$
	$T_0$	K	555	$\pm 15$
Calculated Freestream	$M$	-	7.05	$\pm 0.02$
	$p$	Pa	780	$\pm 16$
	$T$	K	51	$\pm 1.4$
	$u_x$	m/s	1006	$\pm 14$
	$Re_u$	$10^6/\text{m}$	16.5	$\pm 0.8$

# High Density Tunnel (HDT) - Experimental Setup:

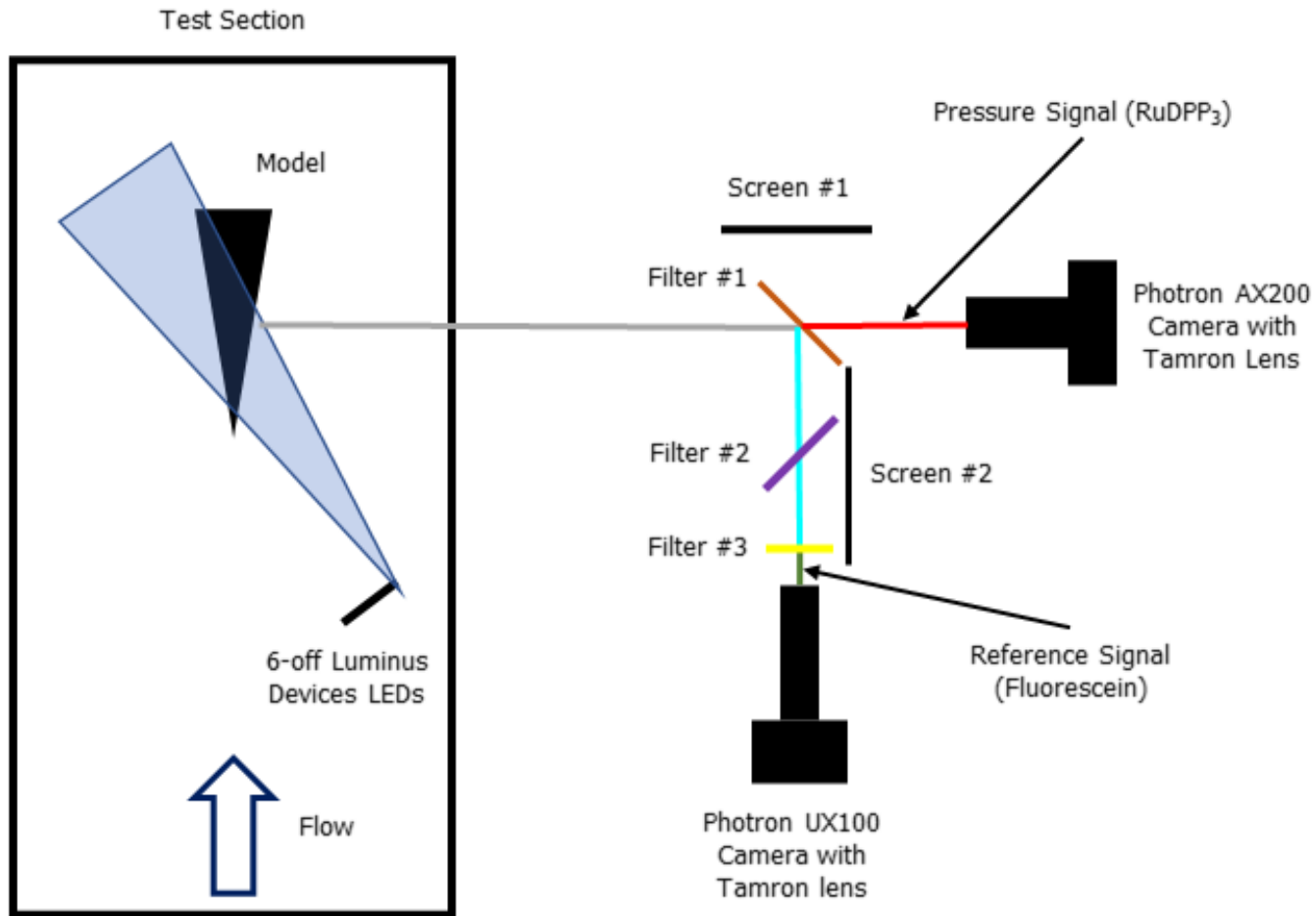
## 7° half angle cone



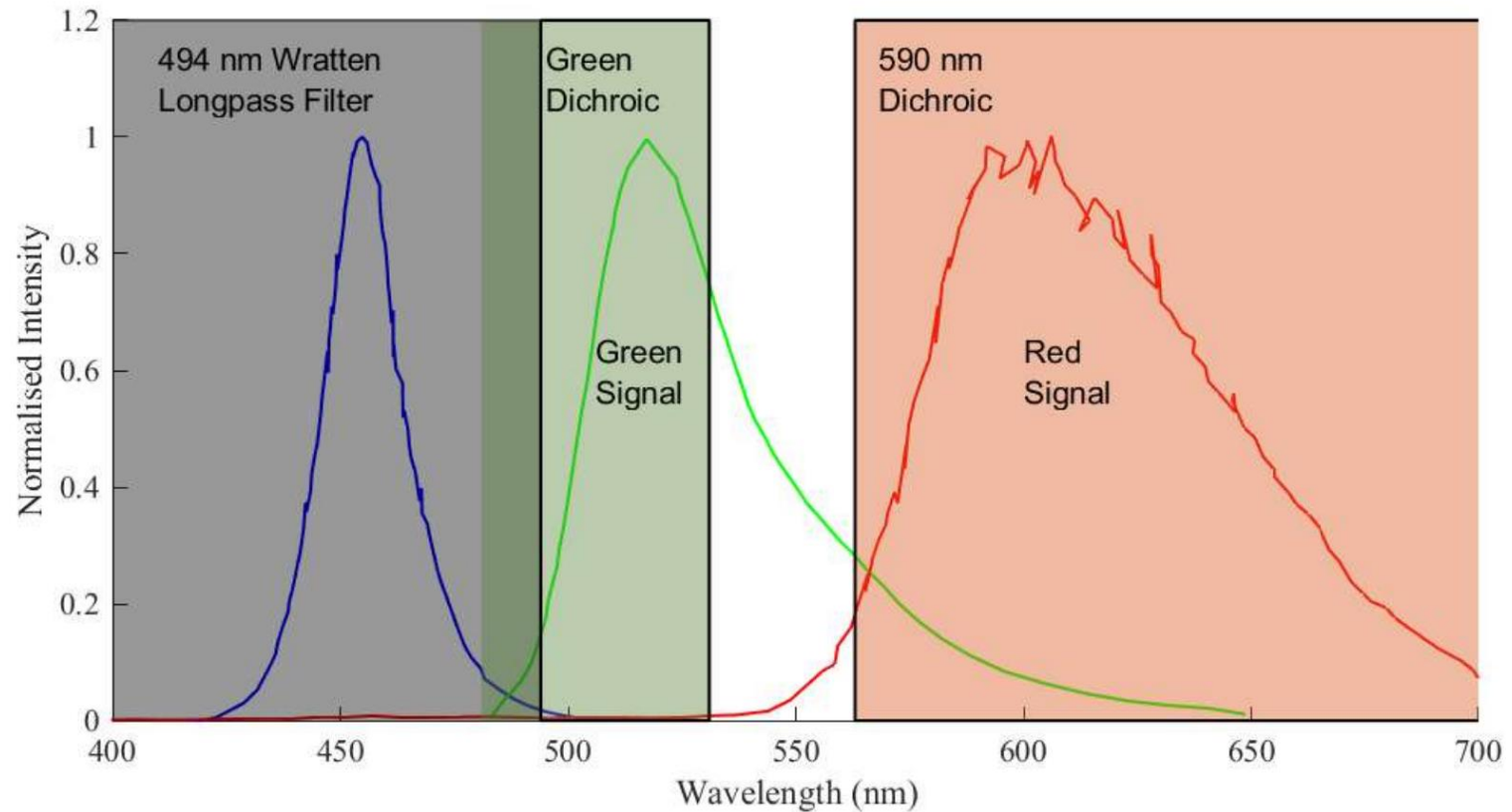
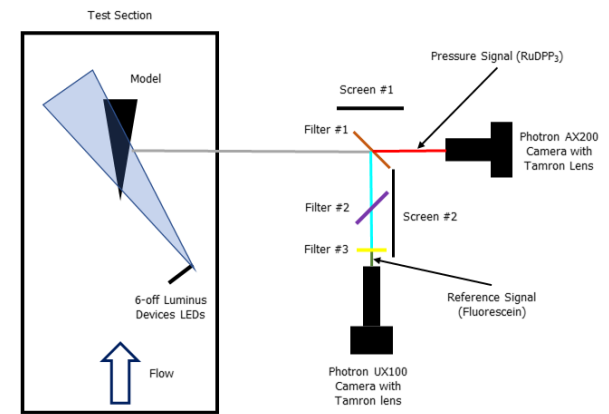
- A. Aluminium nose
- B. Electromagnetic alignment marker
- C. Optical Tracking Dots
- D. Steel rear with 3D printed insert
- E. Steel cone half
- F. 3D printed DAQ mount
- G. Tungsten ballast
- H. DAQ

Hyslop *et al.* (2022)  
doi:10.2514/6.2022-1324

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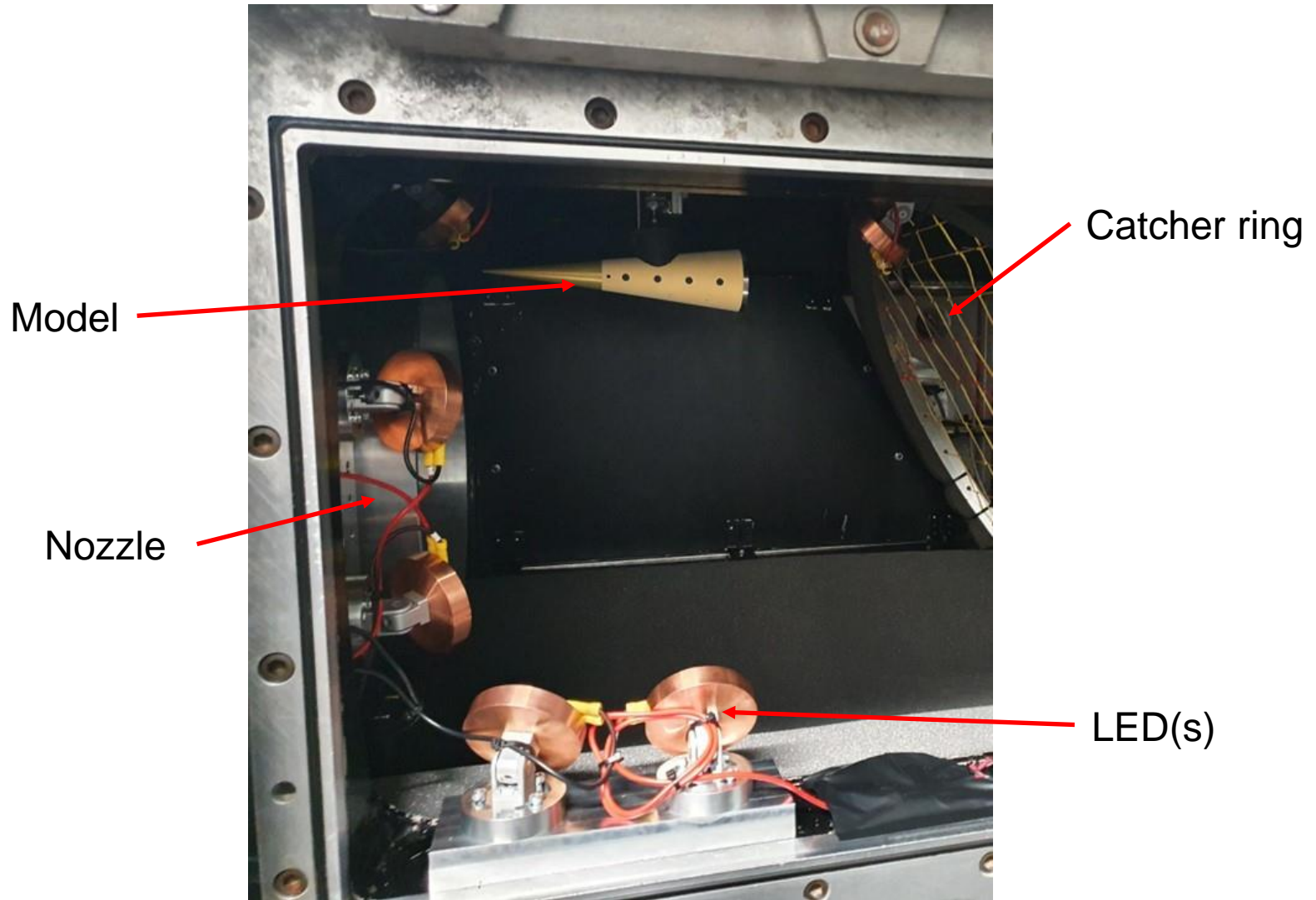


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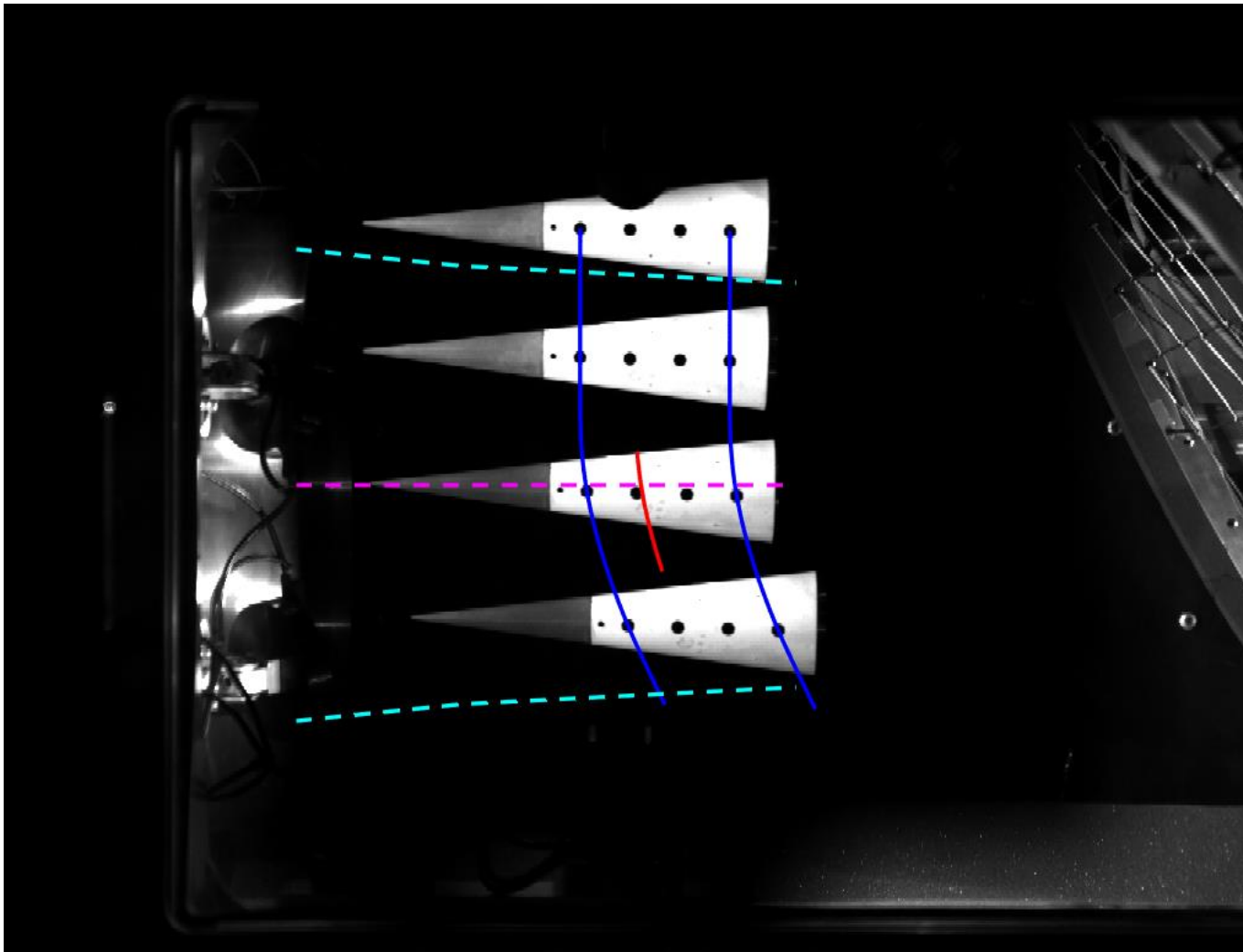




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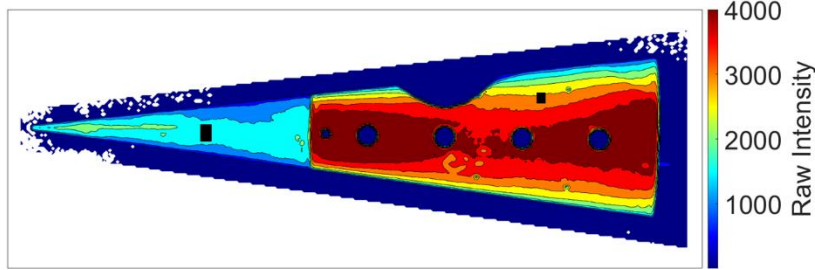
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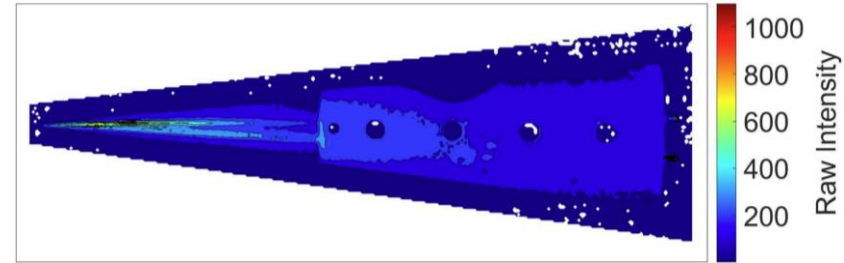
- Detected Circle Centre Points
- Calculated Centre of Mass
- Facility Nozzle Centreline
- Core-flow Extent

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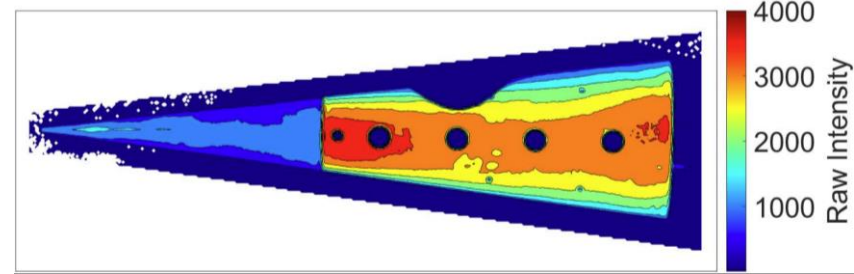
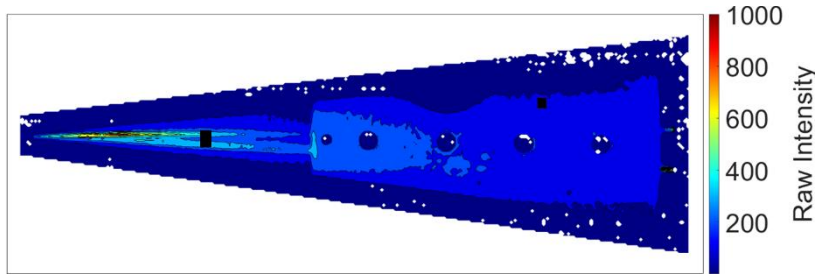
Red reference



Green



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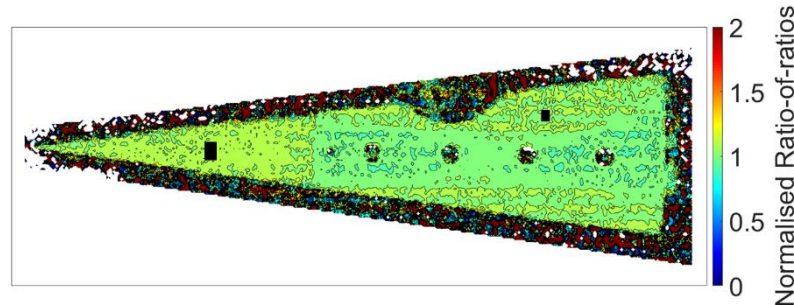


Green reference

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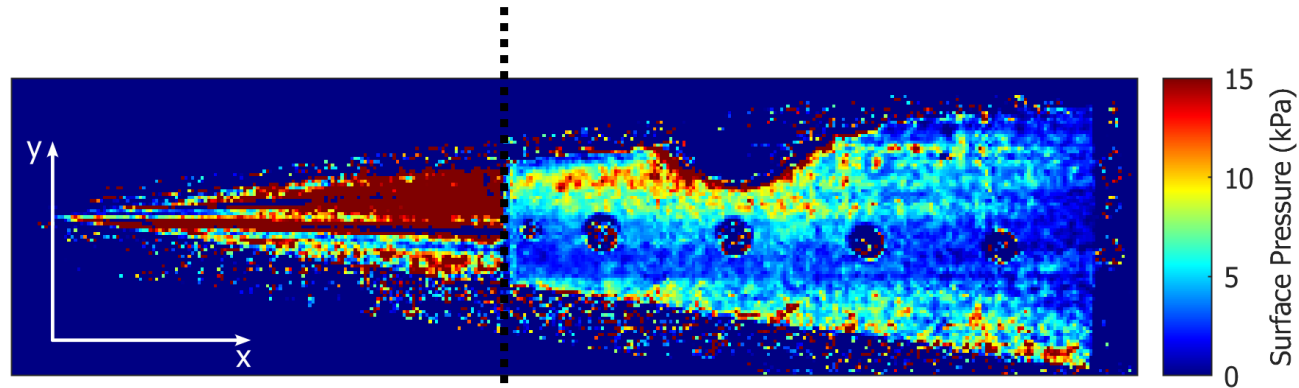
Red

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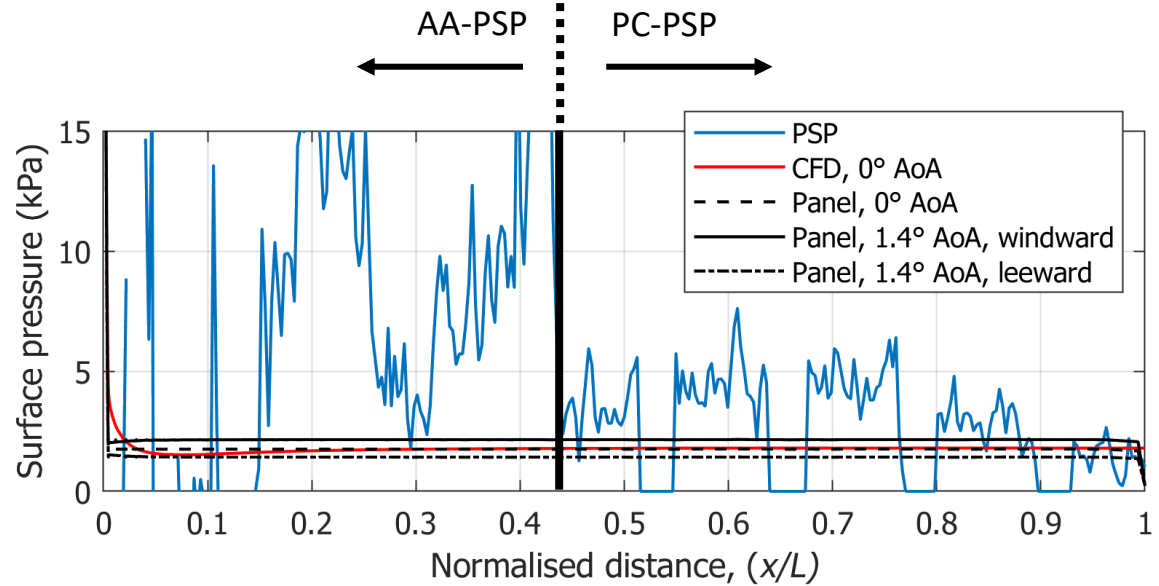


# High Density Tunnel (HDT) - Results:

Cone surface pressure during steady test flow period – mid core flow



Comparison of PSP and Numerical pressure distributions along cone mid-line



# Summary:

- Cost-effective Binary PSP method was developed for the Oxford HDT, that was able to resolve intensity maps on a free-flying model.
- Pressure data demonstrated significant non-uniformities.
- Overall the method shows promise as a valid measuring technique.

## Further Work:

- Re-analyse post processing technique
- Analyse further Tunnel Runs – possibly static tests
- Investigate effect of desaturating the cameras

# References:

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- [2]: A. Bioquest, Spectrum [fluorescein] (2021). URL <https://www.aatbio.com/fluorescence-excitation-emission-spectrum-graph-viewer/Fluorescein>
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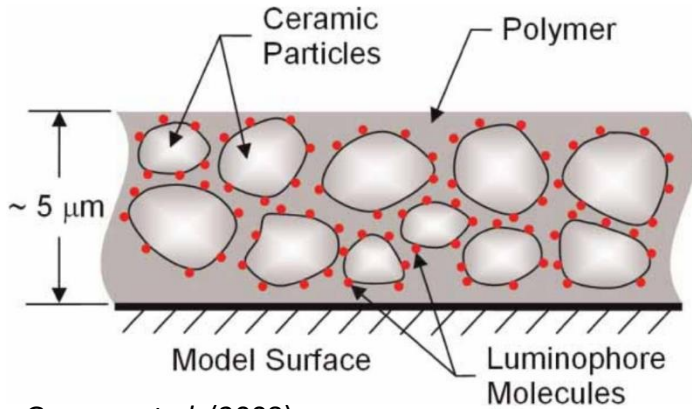
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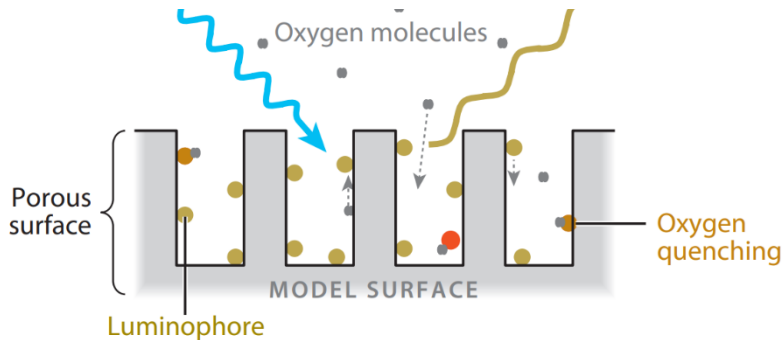
# Questions?



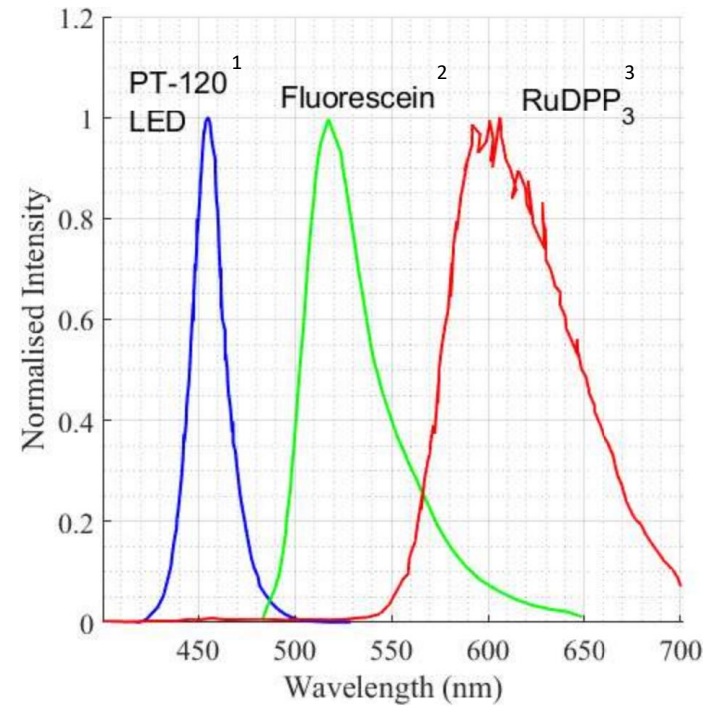
# PSP Theory:



Gregory *et al.* (2008)  
doi:10.1243/09544100jaero243



Gregory *et al.* (2014)  
doi:10.1146/annurev-fluid-010313-141304



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## Stern-Volmer:

$$\frac{I_{ref}}{I} = A(T) + B(T) \frac{p}{p_{ref}}$$

## Intensity ratio:

$$\frac{I_{ref}}{\bar{I}} = \frac{I_{p,ref}}{I_p} \frac{I_{r,ref}}{I_r}$$

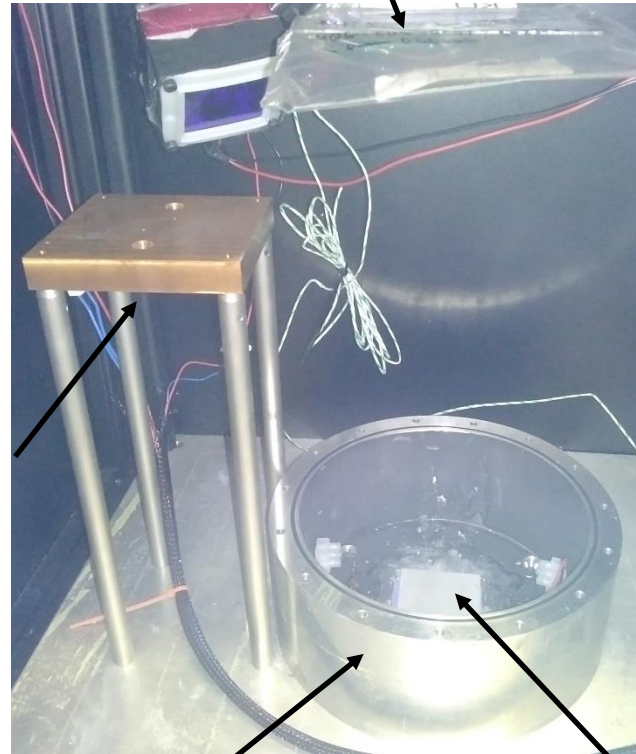
# Benchtop Testing:

Vacuum pump  
(Edwards E2M1.5)



Hand pump  
(Additel 914)

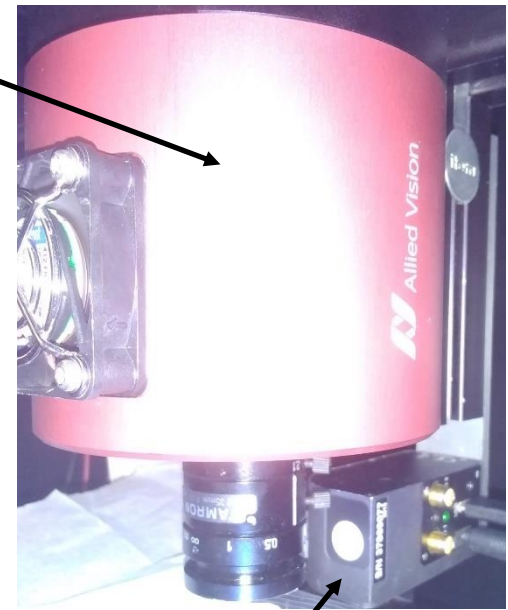
LED  
(Luminus  
PT-120-B)



Pressure vessel

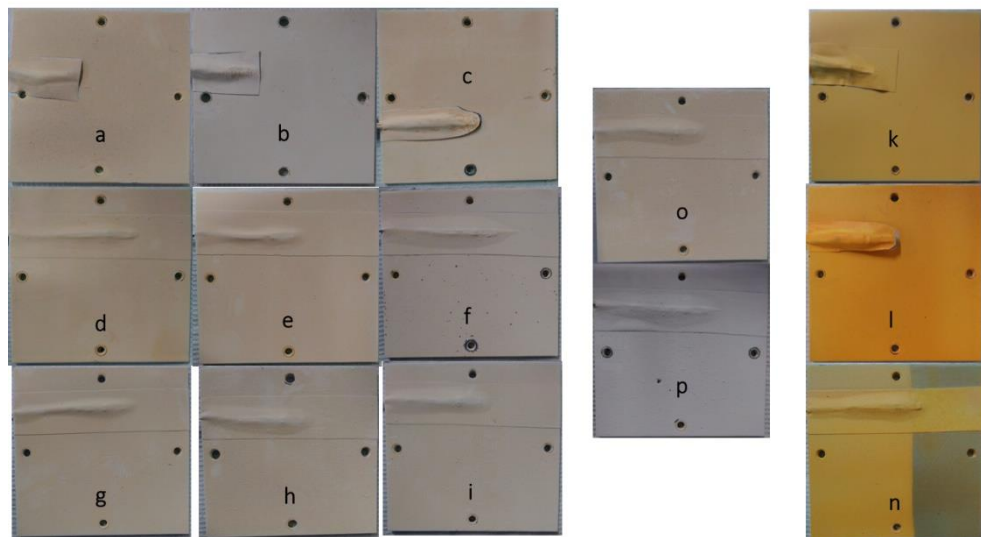
Peltier Cooler  
(Adaptive ET-127)

CCD Camera  
(Bigeye G-283B  
Mono)



Filter Flipper  
(Thorlabs MFF102)

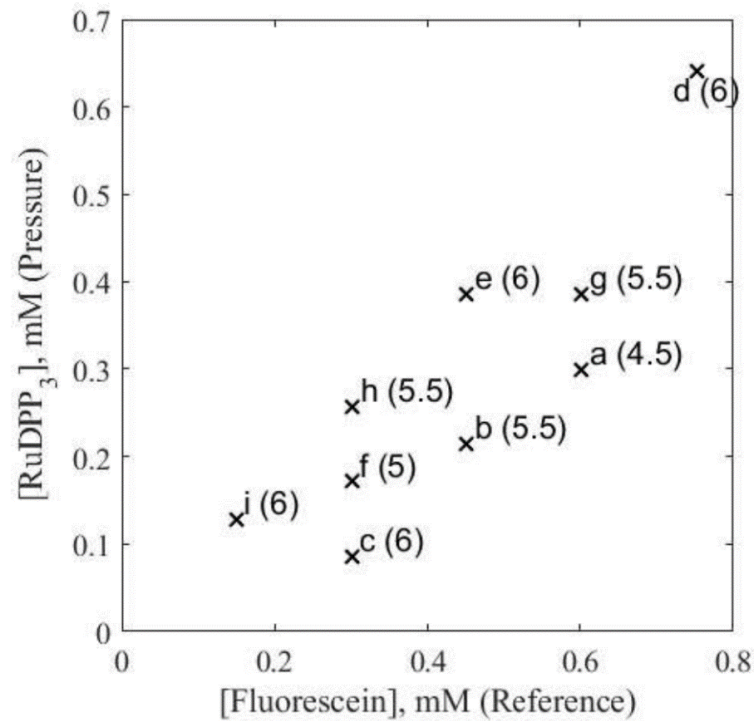
# Benchtop Testing:



Single-component

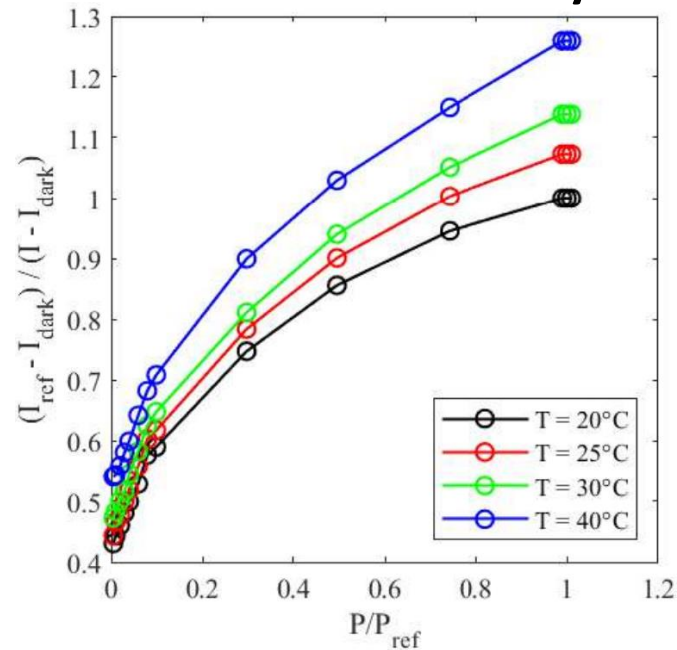
PC-PSP

AA-PSP

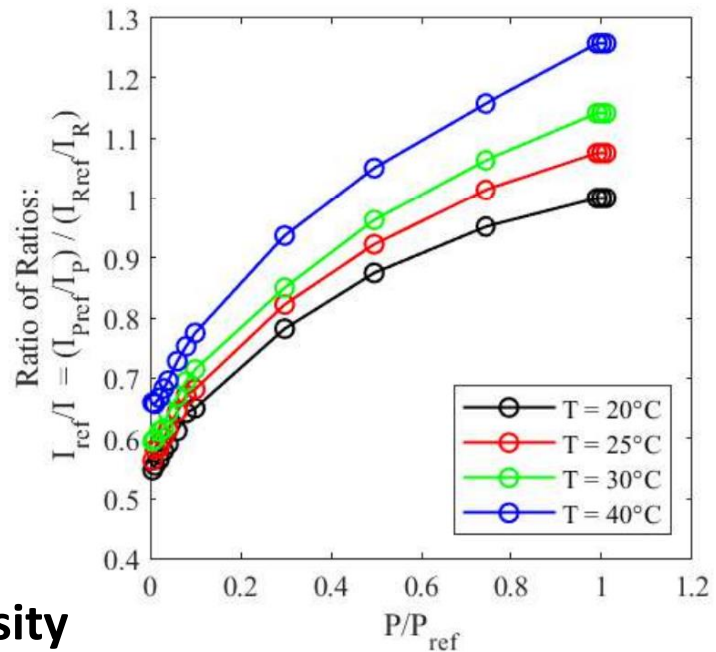


# Benchtop Testing - Results

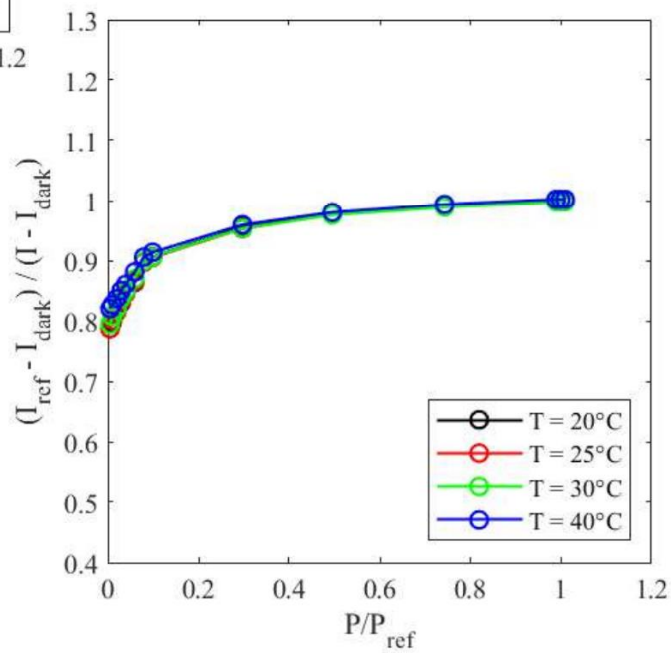
## RuDPP3 Luminosity



## Ratio-of-ratios

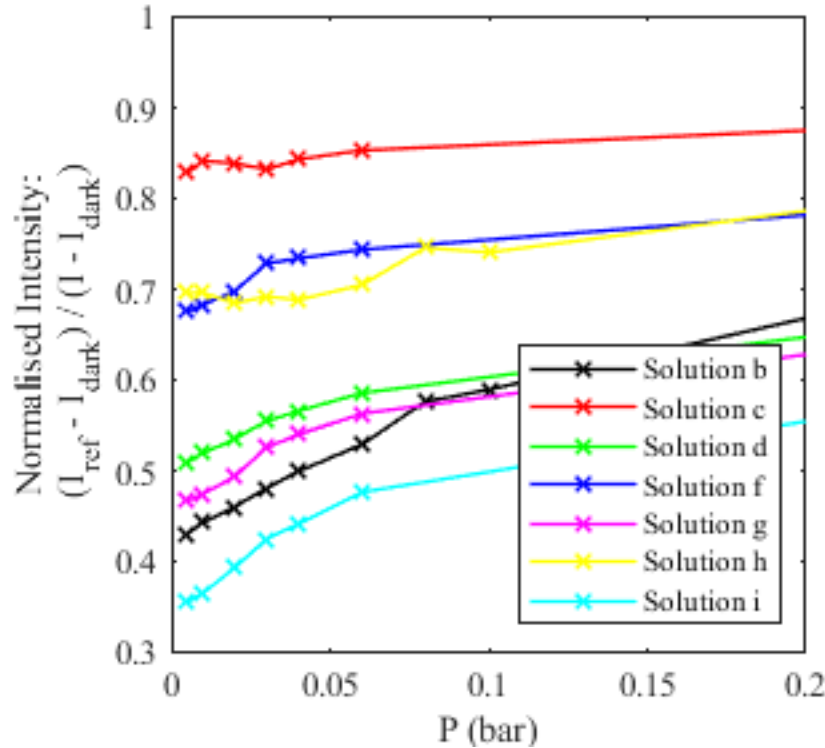


## Fluorescein Luminosity

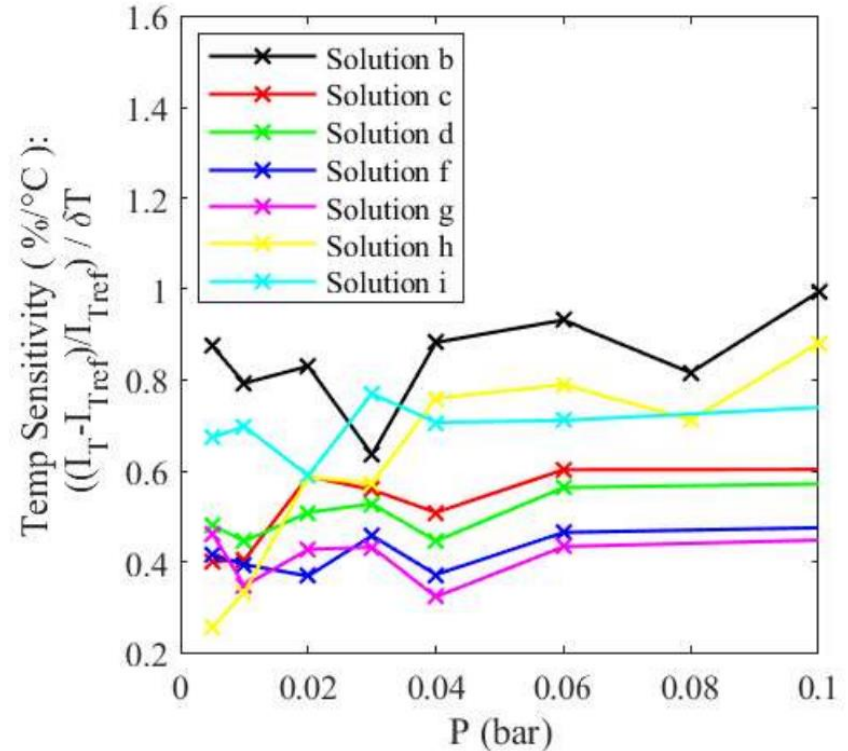


Sample calibration results for coupon *b*.  
 $P_{\text{ref}}$  is 100 kPa.

# Benchtop Testing - Results

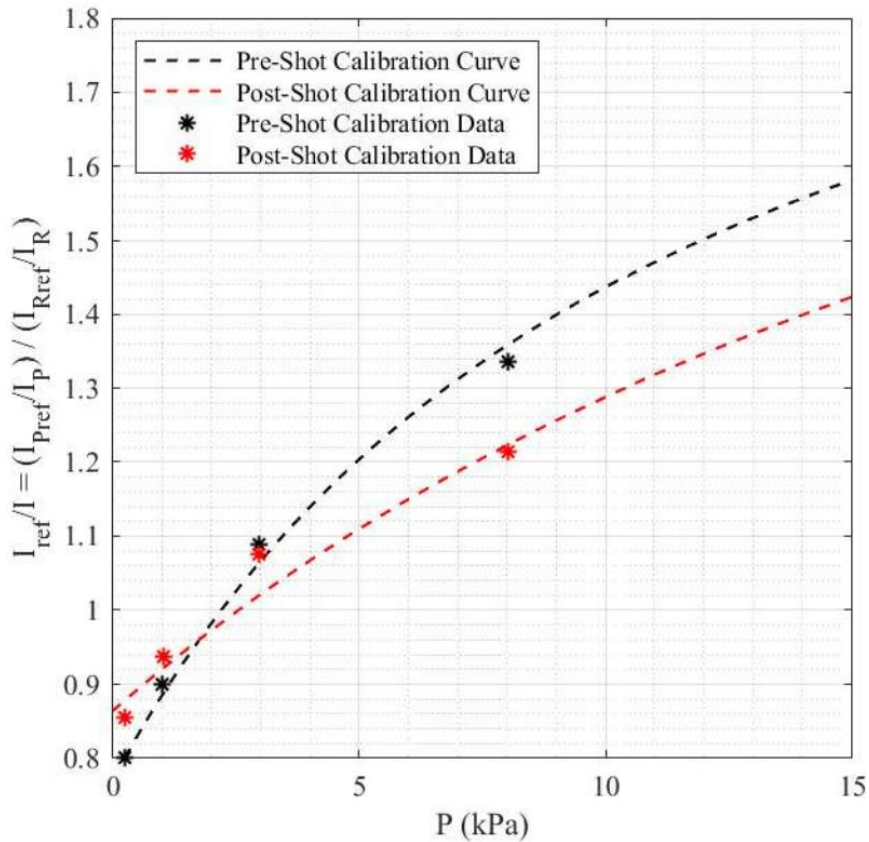


$$\frac{I_{ref} - I_{dark}}{I - I_{dark}} \quad \text{Pressure signal sensitivity}$$

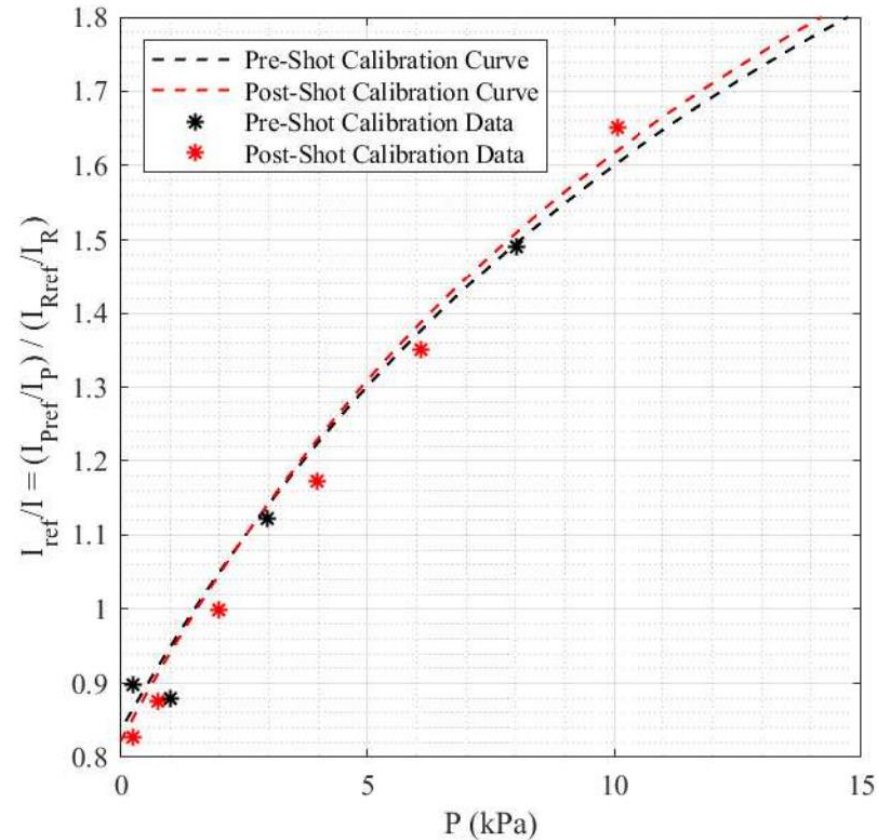


$$\frac{I_T - I_{T,ref}}{I_{T,ref}} \quad \text{Temperature sensitivity (between 20 and 30 °C)}$$

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PC-PSP

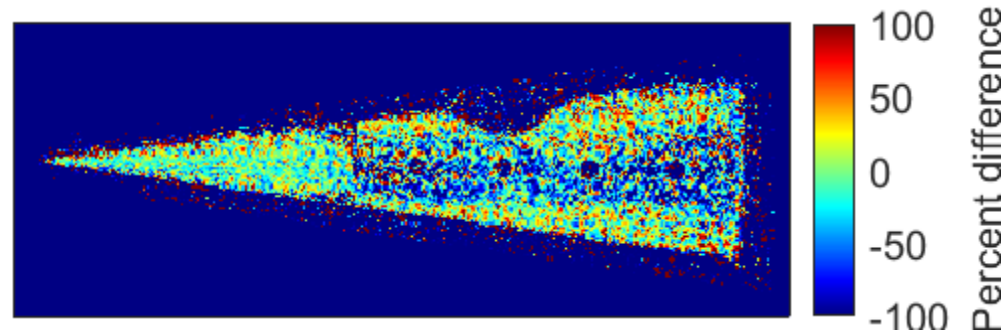


AA-PSP

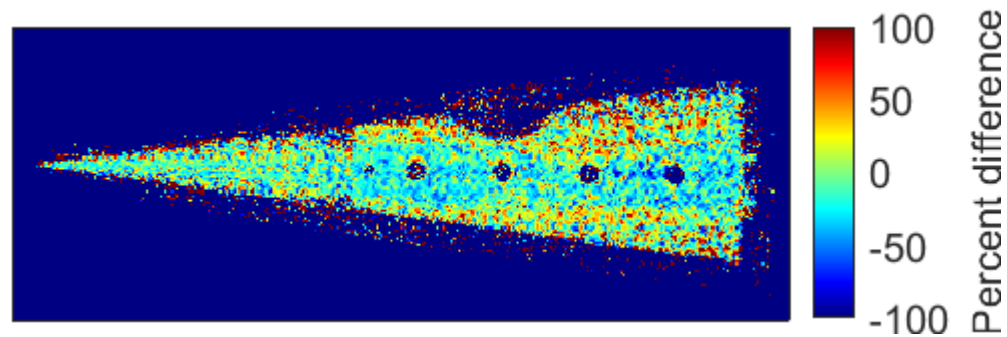
$$\frac{\overline{I_{ref}}}{\overline{I}} = \frac{I_{p,ref}}{I_p} = \frac{K_1 - K_2 p}{K_3 - K_4 p}$$



# High Density Tunnel (HDT) - Results:



Pixel-by-pixel calibration



"Single-Curve" calibration

# Benchtop Testing:



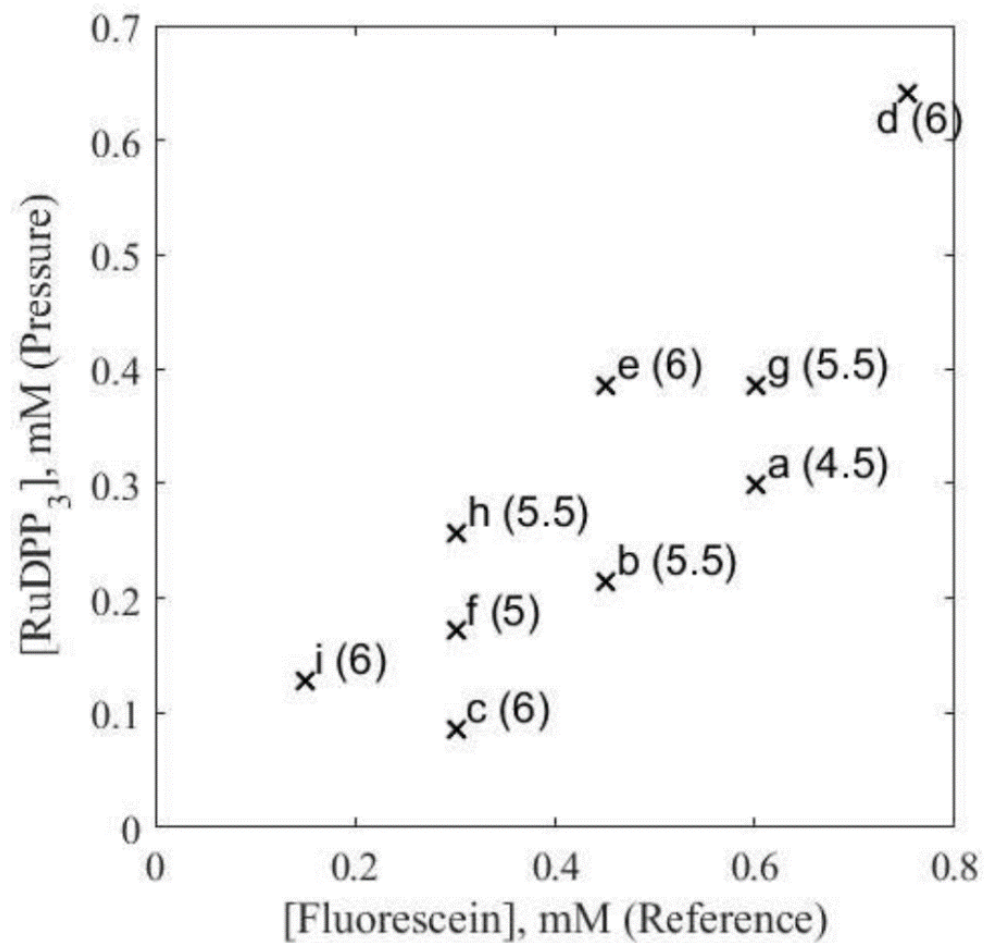
Single-component

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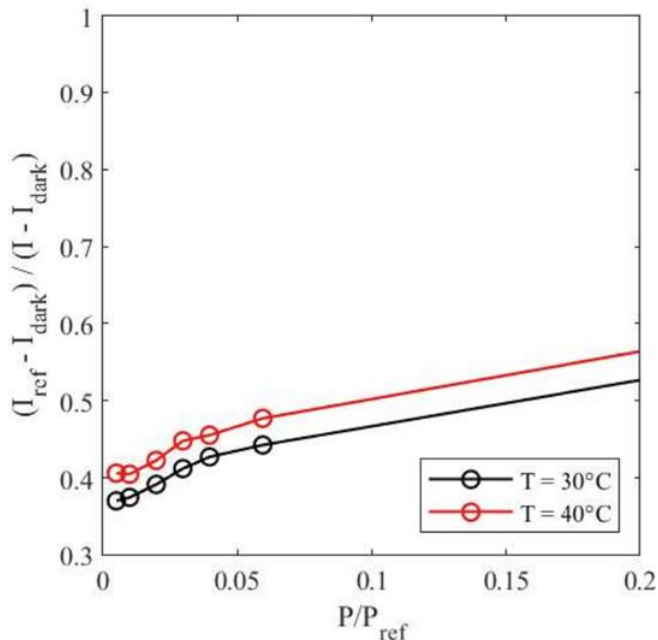


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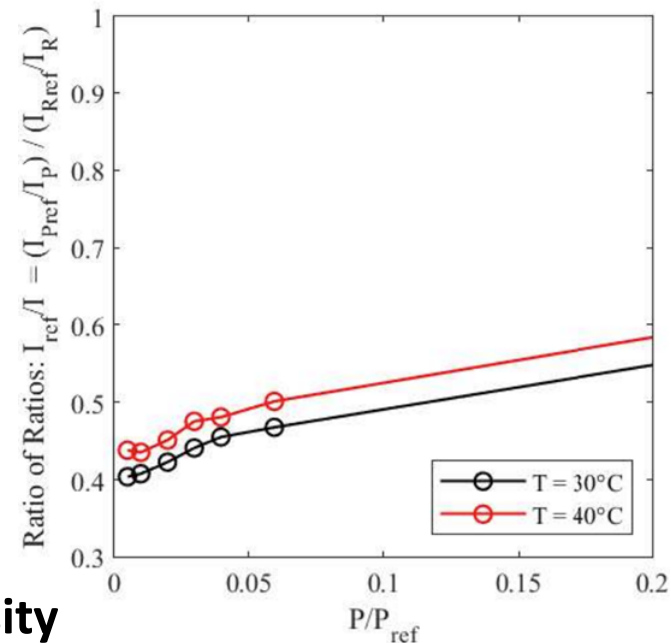


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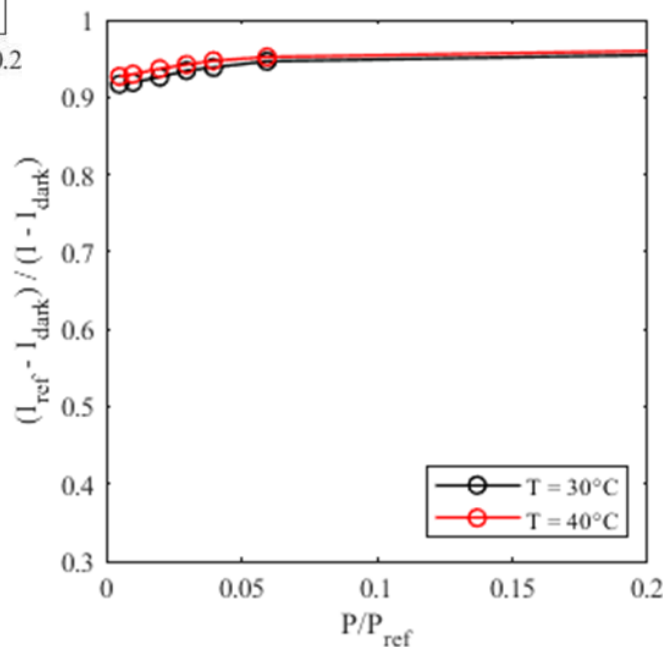
## RuDPP3 Luminosity



## Ratio-of-ratios



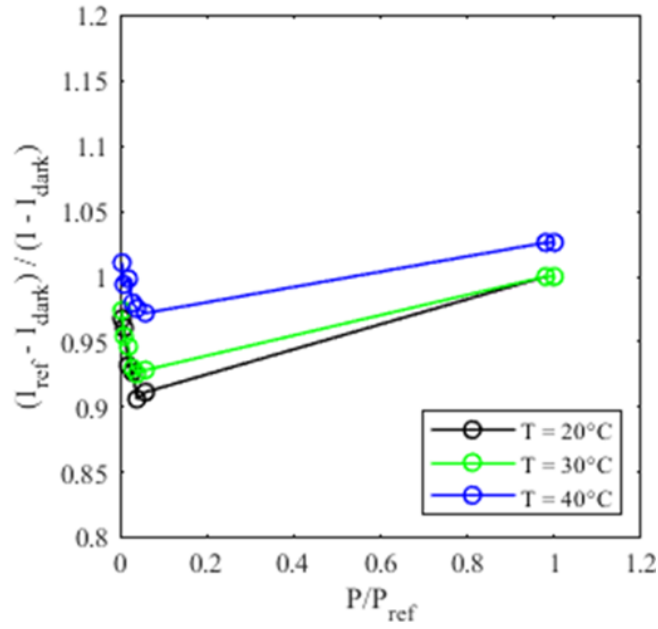
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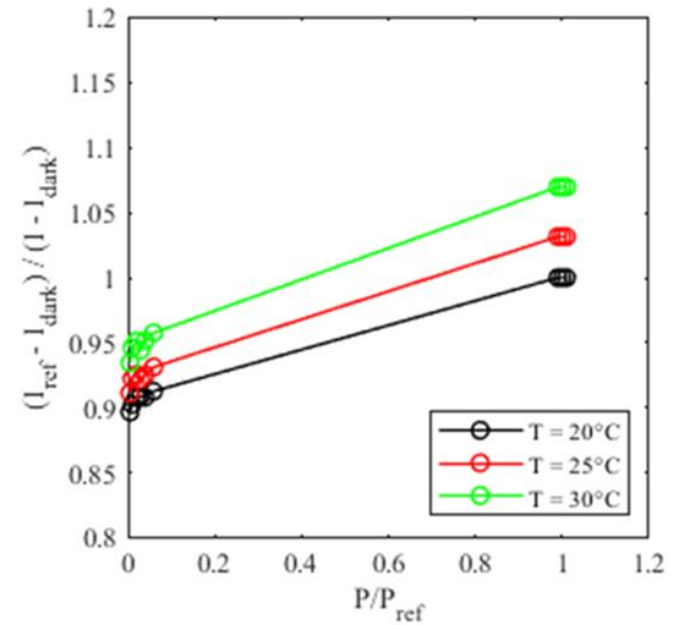
Sample calibration results for coupon  $i$ . Green dichroic filter held at  $45^\circ$  for reference signal.

# Benchtop Testing - Results

## Coupon *k*

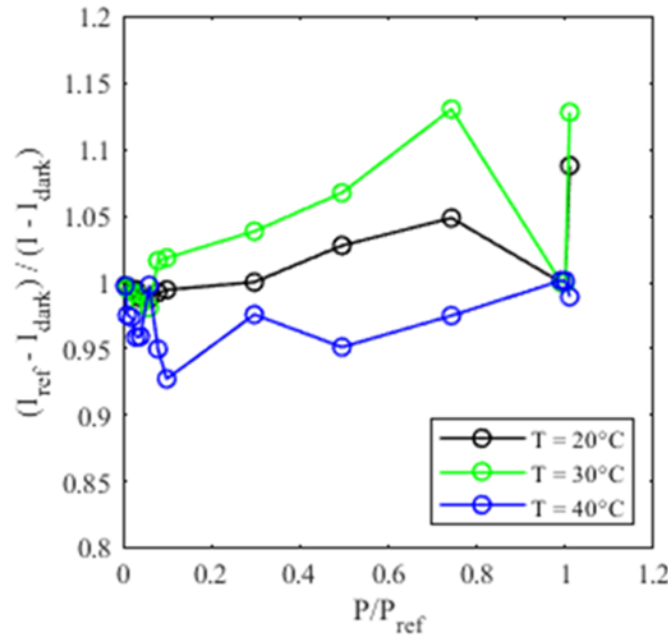


## Coupon *n*

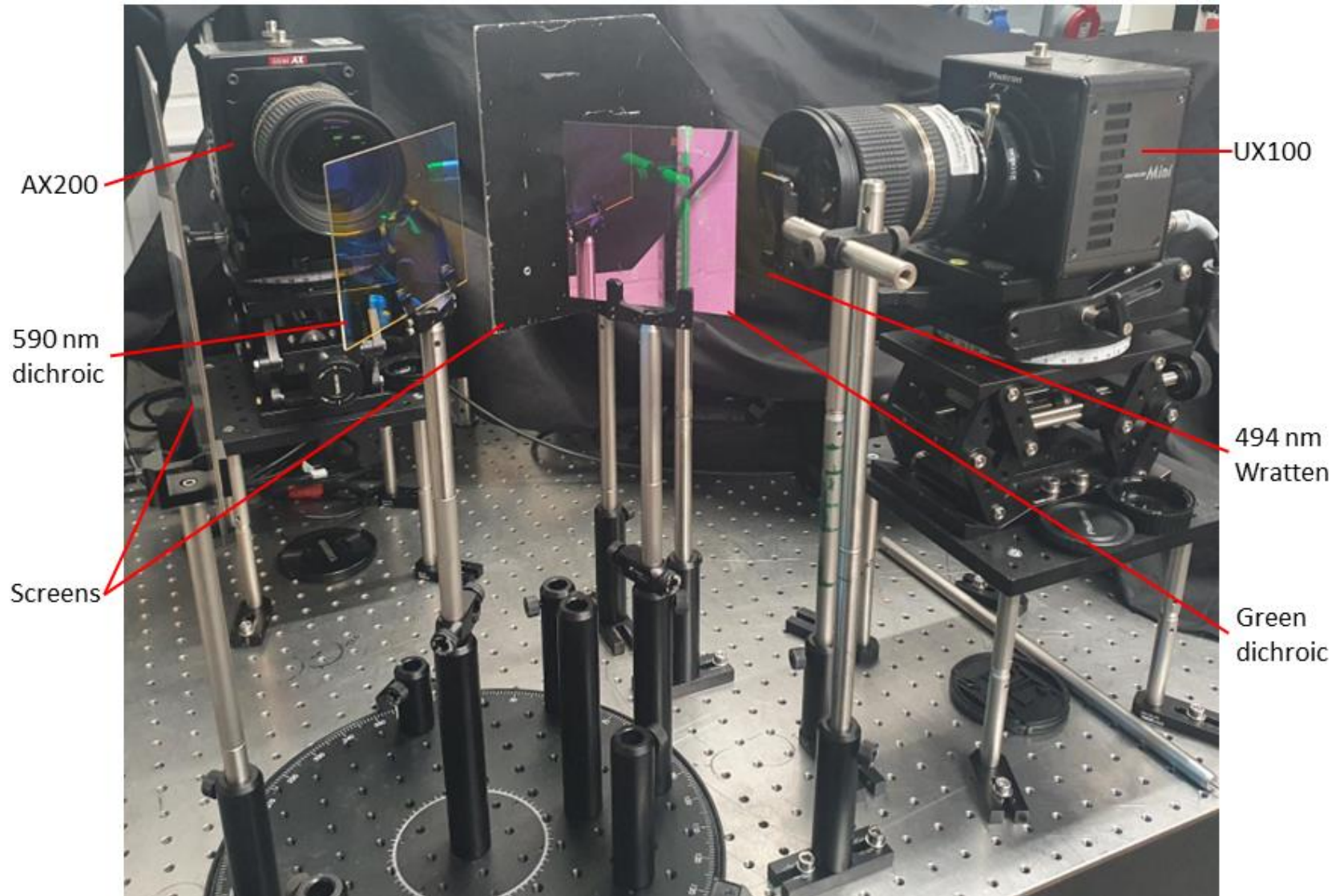


Sample calibration results for AA-PSP coupons – pressure signals (RuDPP3).

## Coupon *l*



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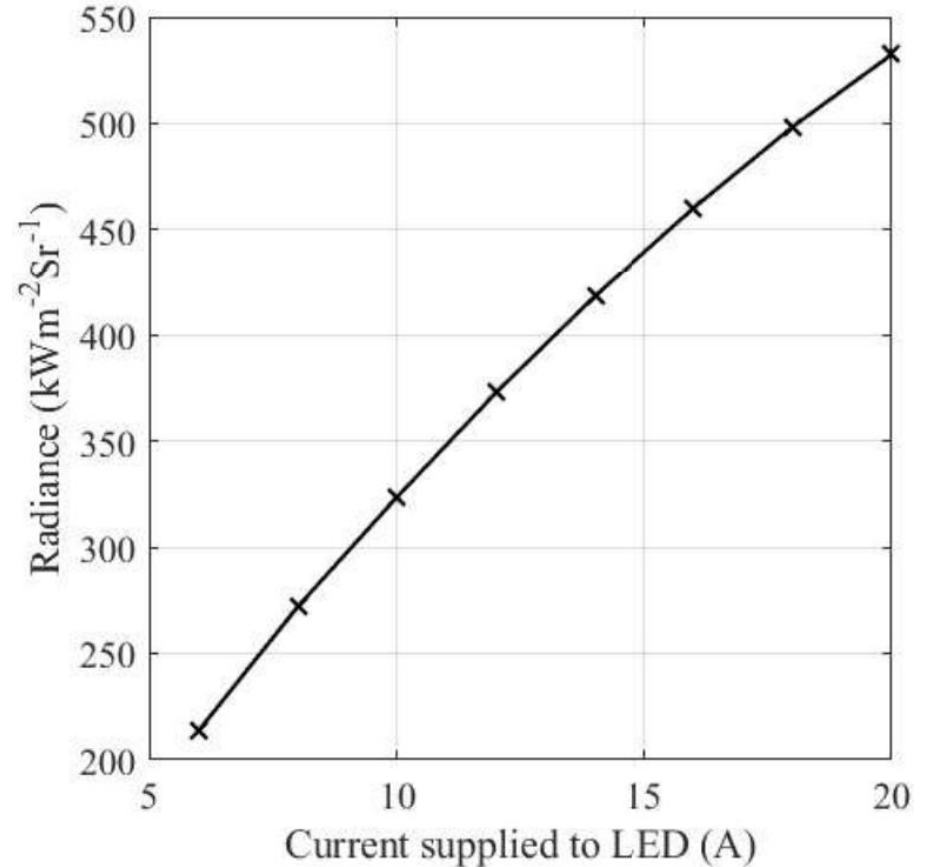
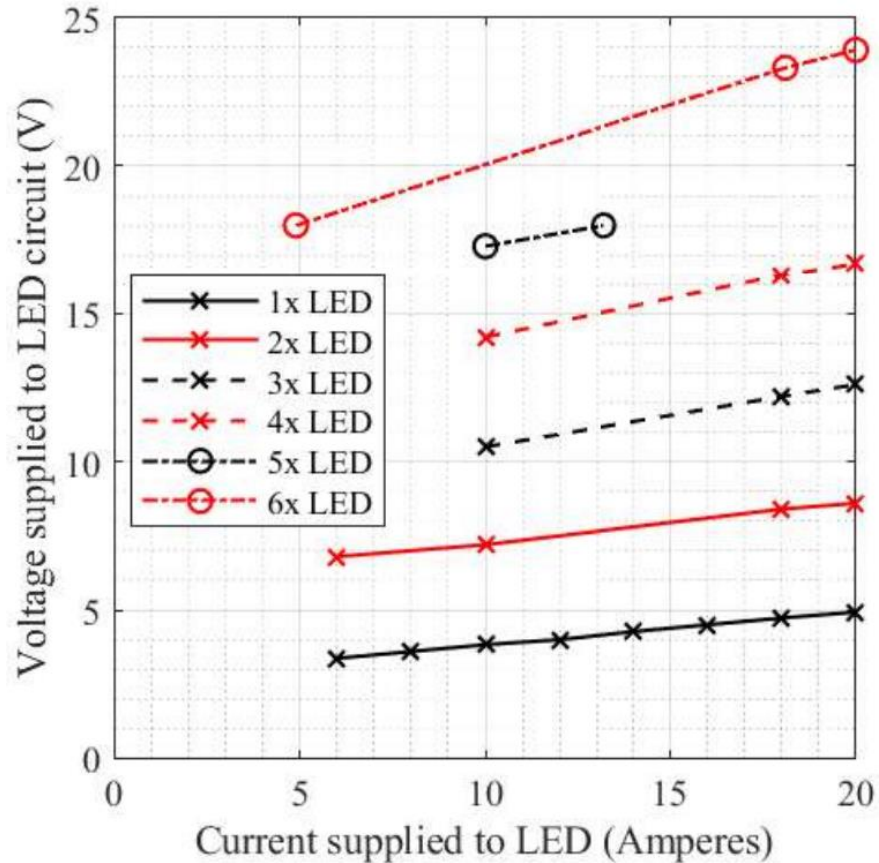
Solution:		(1)			(2)			Luminophore Concentration			
No:	Type:	RuDPP <sub>3</sub> (X mg)	Fluorescein (Y mg)	DCM (ml)	RTV-118 (mg)	TiO <sub>2</sub> (g)	Toluene (ml)	Ru:F (1:x)	[Fluores] [mM]	[RuDpp <sub>3</sub> ] [mM]	[Ru + F] [mM]
j (cone)	PC-PSP	37.41	15.95	24	1200	6.8	56	1.5	0.6	0.4	1.0
m (tip)	AA-PSP	7.02	3.99	30	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.3	0.4	0.2	0.7

AA-PSP  
(Cone tip)

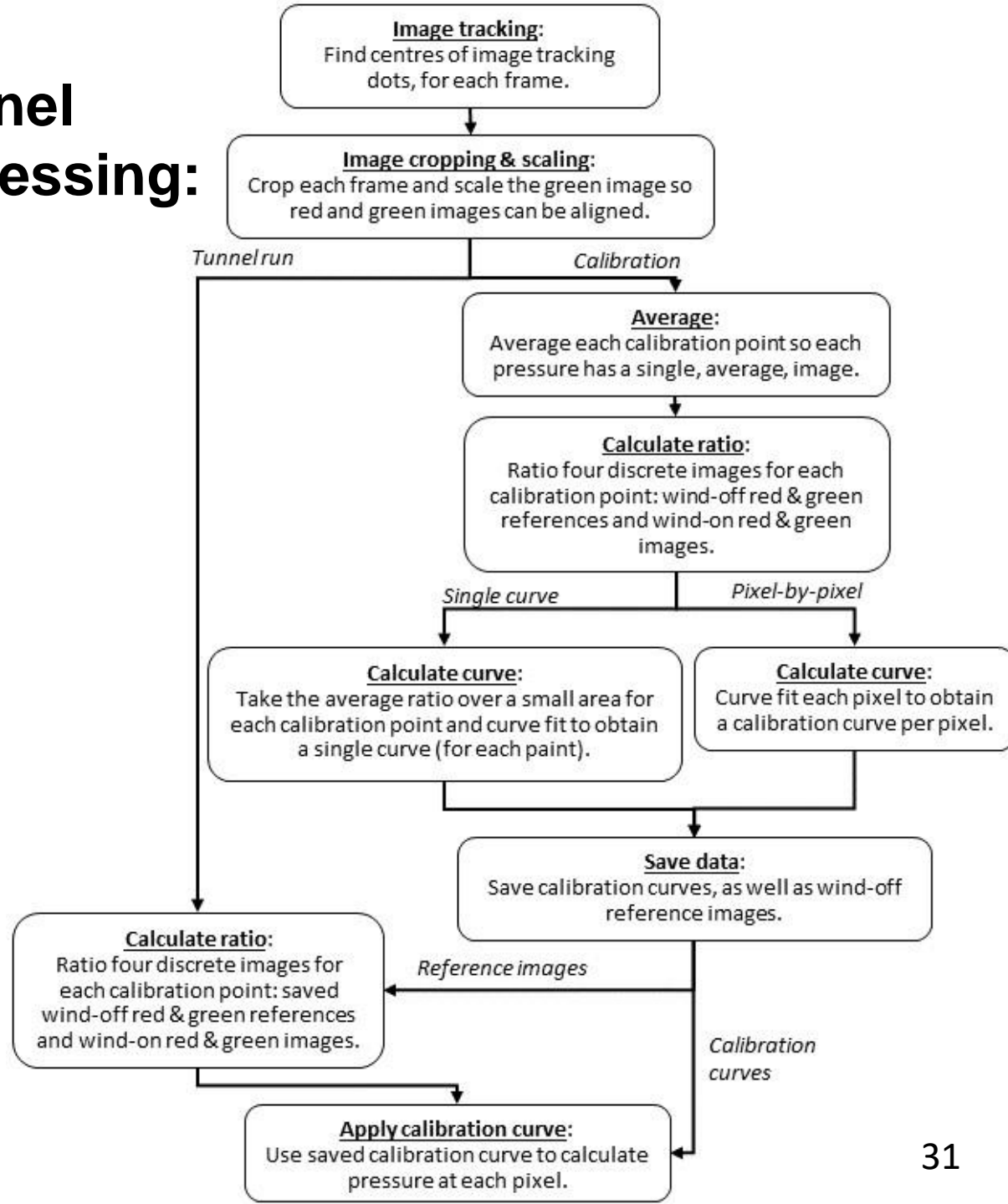


PC-PSP  
(Cone base)

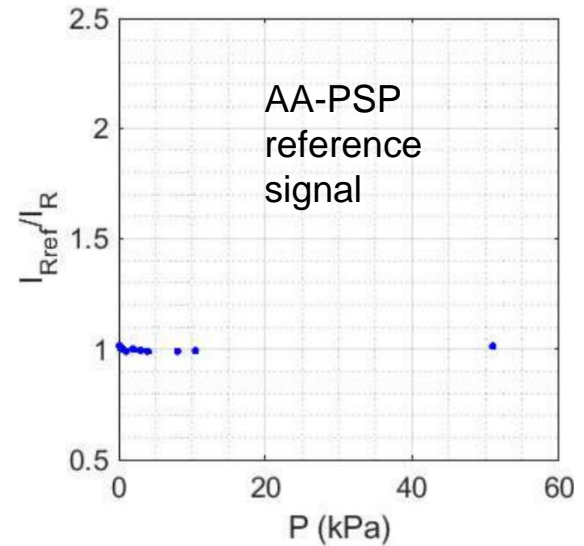
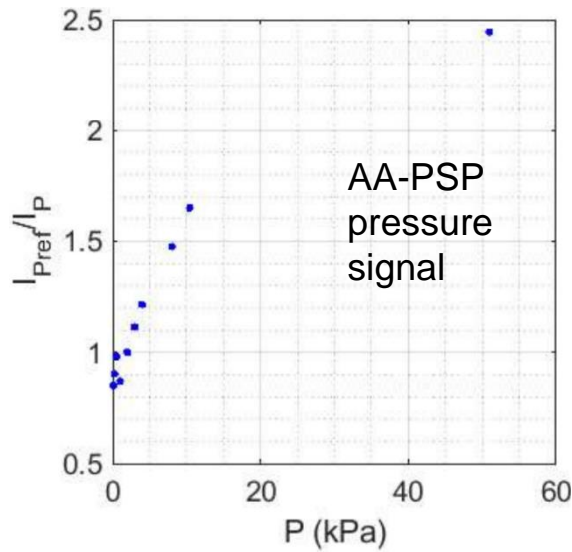
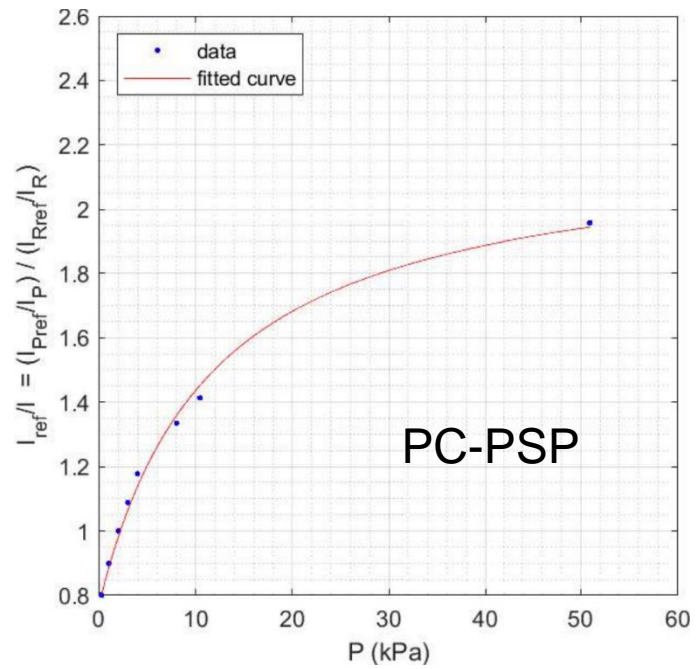
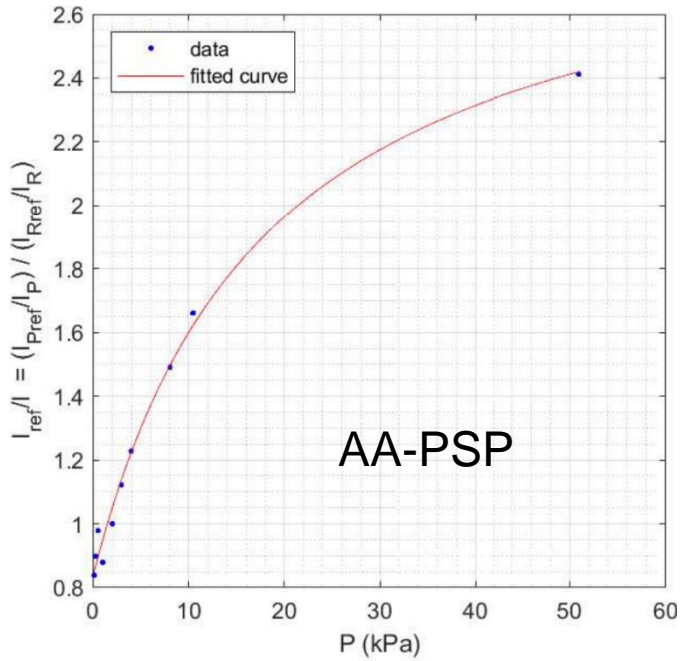
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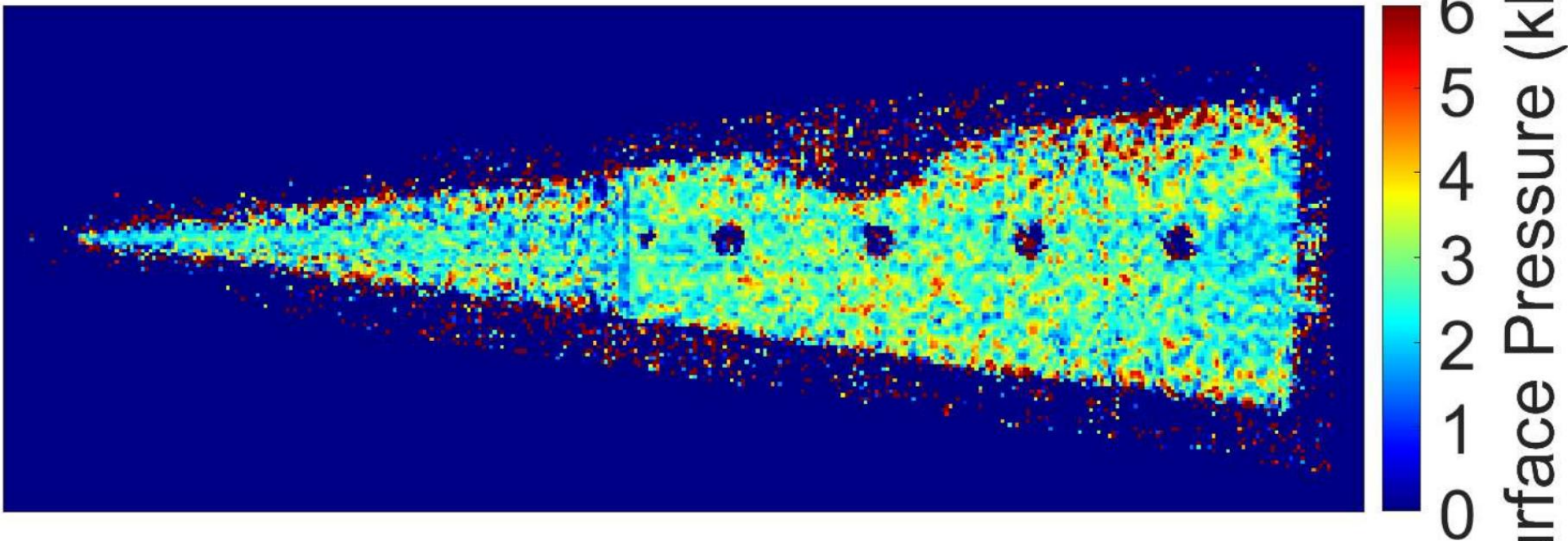


# In-situ Calibration:





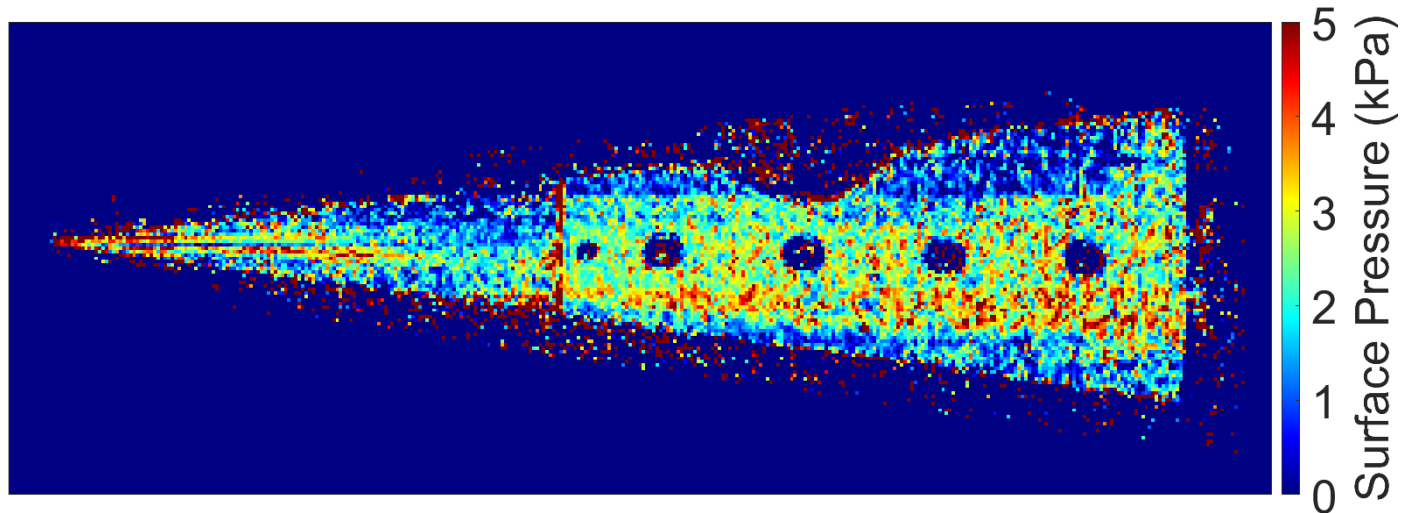
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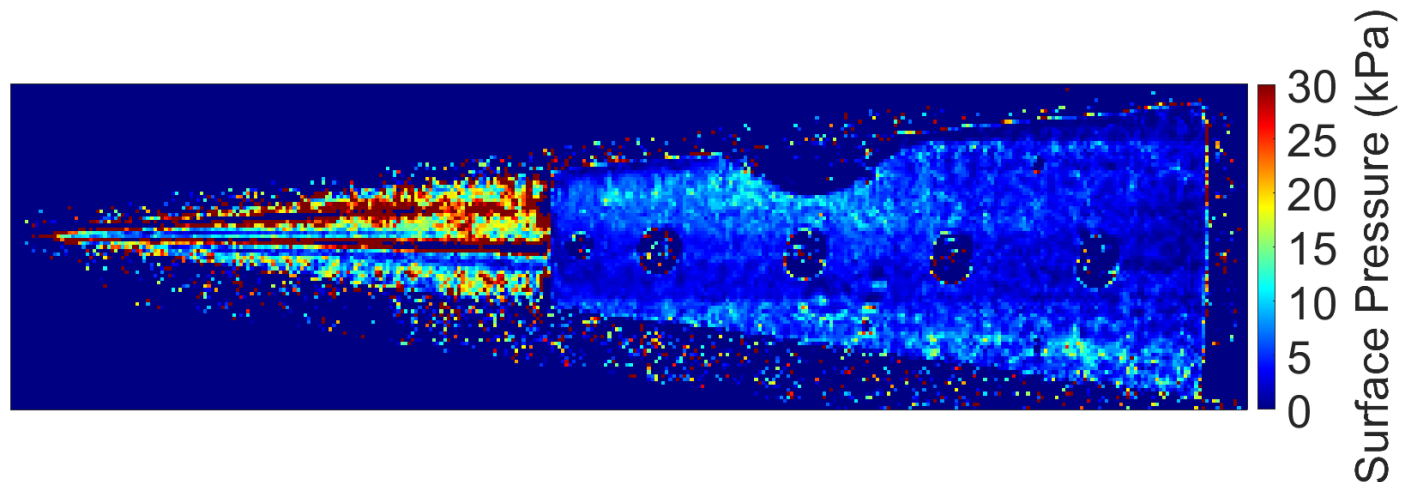
$p = 2.965$  kPa,  
*Reference:  $p = 2$  kPa*

# Free-flying Tunnel Run

$t = 3 \text{ ms}$ ,  
Reference:  $p = 2$   
kPa



$t = 200 \text{ ms}$ ,  
Reference:  $p = 2$   
kPa



# PSP Theory (Brief)

$$\frac{I_{\text{ref}}}{I} = \frac{\frac{I_{p,\text{ref}}}{I_p}}{\frac{I_{r,\text{ref}}}{I_r}} = \frac{A_p(T) + B_p(T) \frac{p}{p_{\text{ref}}}}{A_r(T) + B_r(T) \frac{p}{p_{\text{ref}}}} = \frac{A_p(T) + B_p(T) \frac{p}{p_{\text{ref}}}}{A_r(T)} = A'(T) + B'(T) \frac{p}{p_{\text{ref}}}$$



