

## Non-Perturbed Photoluminescent Thermometry (PLT) Suitable for Microwave Hyperthermia in Cancer Patients

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A new concept of Photoluminescent Thermometry (PLT) for non-perturbing measurement of temperature in the presence of electromagnetic fields is presented. PL spectroscopic studies demonstrate CaS(Eu,Sn) phosphors to have optimum properties for a hyperthermia probe. Several PLT probes have been constructed and tested to demonstrate that real-time temperature as measured with these probes remain unperturbed in microwave fields at power densities  $>325 \text{ mW/cm}^2$ . Temperature resolution of 0.1 degree C has been achieved in the range of 37-47 degrees C and the calibration stability over periods of months is found excellent for use invivo during hyperthermia treatment.

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