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It's getting hot in here: Luminescence thermometry and the anomalies of liquid water

The emergence of luminescent nanothermometry during the last decade opened up the possibility of measure thermal flows at spatial scales below 10 μm , unreachable by conventional electrical methods. Diverse phosphors capable of providing a contactless thermal reading through their light emission properties have been examined, e.g., polymers, DNA or protein conjugated systems, organic dyes, quantum dots, and trivalent lanthanide (Ln^{3+}) ions incorporated in organic-inorganic hybrids, and nanoparticles.

In the last couple of years, the focus of luminescence thermometry has gradually shifted from the fabrication of more sensitive nanoarchitectures towards the use of the technique as a tool for thermal bioimaging and the unveiling of properties of the thermometers themselves and their local surroundings.

After a general perspective of the work done on luminescence nanothermometry since the explosion of the field one decade ago, the lecture will be focused on recent examples illustrating the potential of the technology to measure the anomalies of liquid water.

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