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# INFRARED THERMOGRAPHY: FUNDAMENTALS AND APPLICATIONS

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## INTRODUCTION

### Fundamentals of infrared thermography

1. Infrared thermography is a technique that allows the visualisation of **thermal images in real time** and without direct contact.
2. Infrared thermography is used in **many areas of maintenance** since many incidents are manifested thermally.



## FUNDAMENTALS

### Instrumentation for non-contact temperature measurement

#### ➤ Optical pyrometers:

- \* They allow temperature to be measured at a only point.
- \* They are suitable for working safely in places that are difficult to access, with electrical voltage or very high temperatures.



#### ➤ Thermographic cameras:

- \* They obtain a thermal image using an array of sensors.
- \* They allow quick visual checks of the surface temperature of bodies.



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### Features of infrared thermography

- **No need for direct contact**
  - \* It keeps the user out of danger.
  - \* It is non-intrusive. Does not affect in any way the target being measured.
- **It is two-dimensional**
  - \* It allows easy comparison of different areas of the object being characterized.
  - \* It provides a global image of the object under study.
- **It is carried out in real time**
  - \* It allows very fast visualisation of stationary targets.
  - \* It enables the capture of transient thermal processes.

## APPLICATIONS

- Maintenance.
- Investigation and development.
- Medicine and veterinary.
- Quality control and process monitoring.
- Non destructive tests.
- And many more...

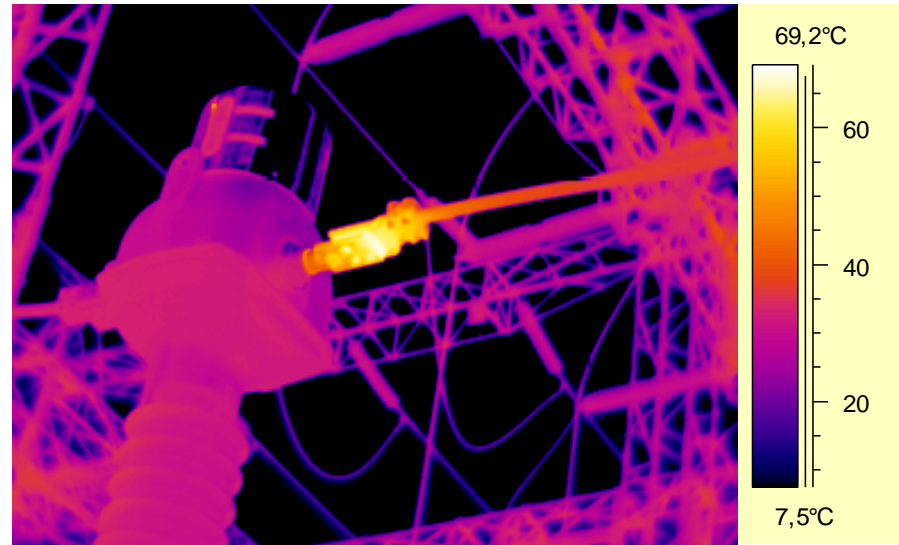
## APPLICATIONS

### ➤ Maintenance

- Electrical maintenance.
- Edification.
- Furnaces and boilers.
- Mechanics and friction.
- Flow visualization.
- Tanks and reservoirs.

## APPLICATIONS

### High voltage electrical substation

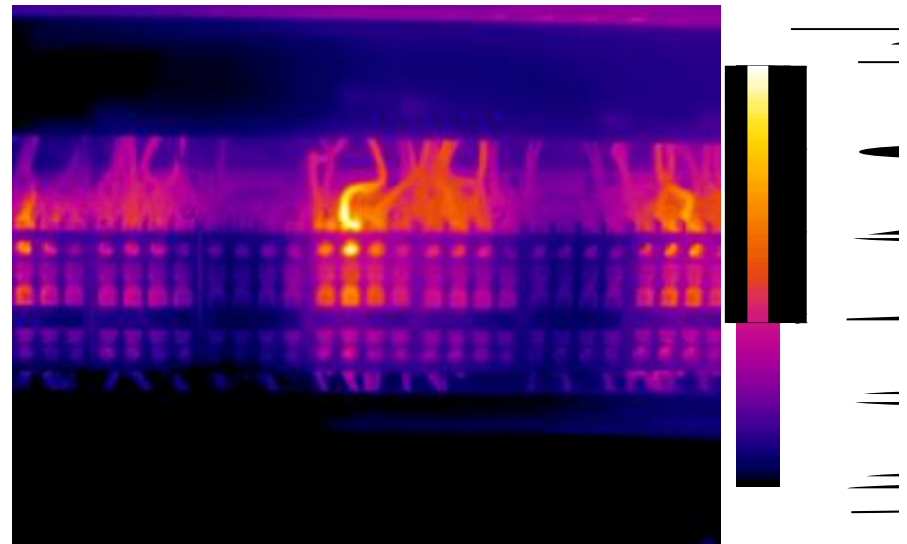


- \* Connection at excessive temperature.



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### Low voltage (indoors)

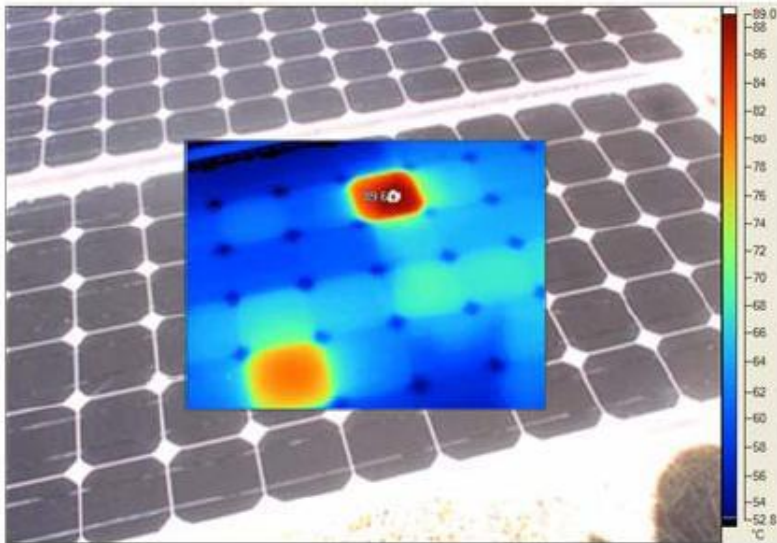


- Locating problems impossible to find with other techniques due to high concentration of wiring.

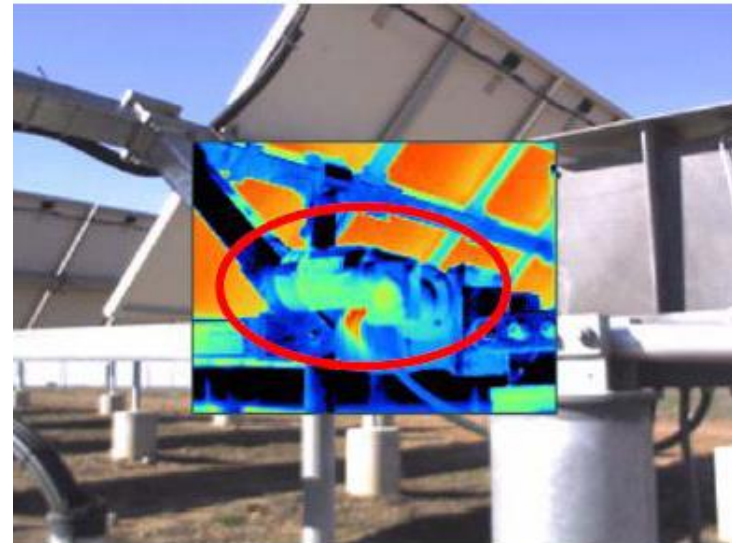


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### Photovoltaic installations



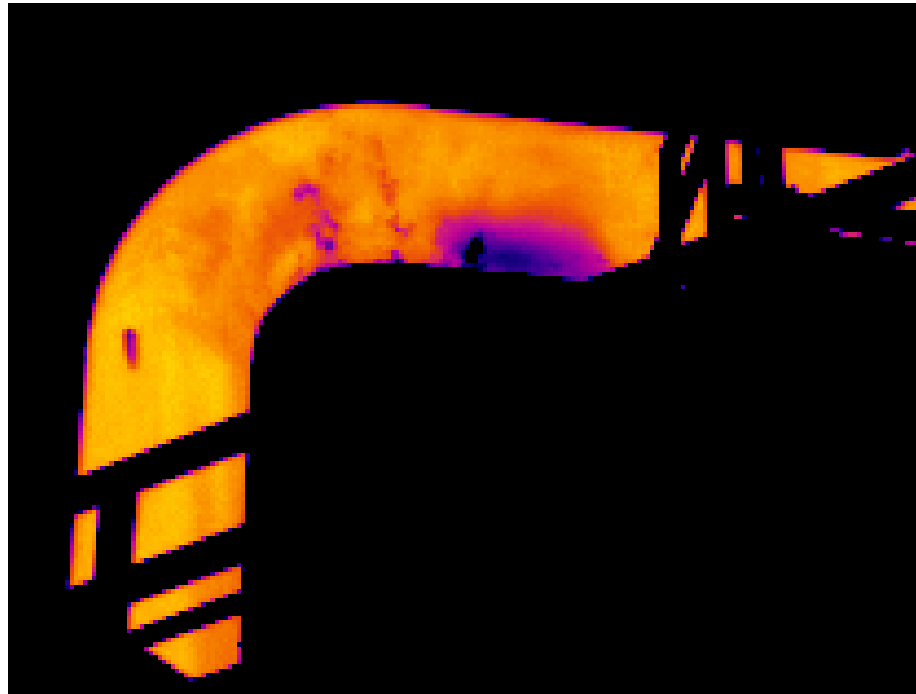
- \* Hot cells in photovoltaic module.



- \* Maintenance of electric motors in installations with solar tracking.

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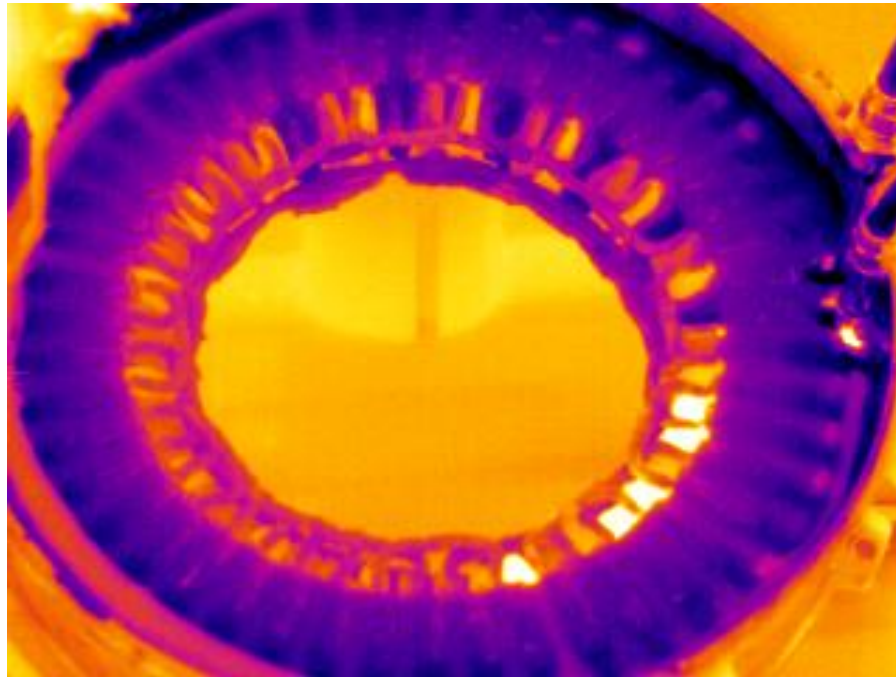
### Sedimentation in pipelines



- \* Sedimentation in pipes is shown as a zone at different temperatures.

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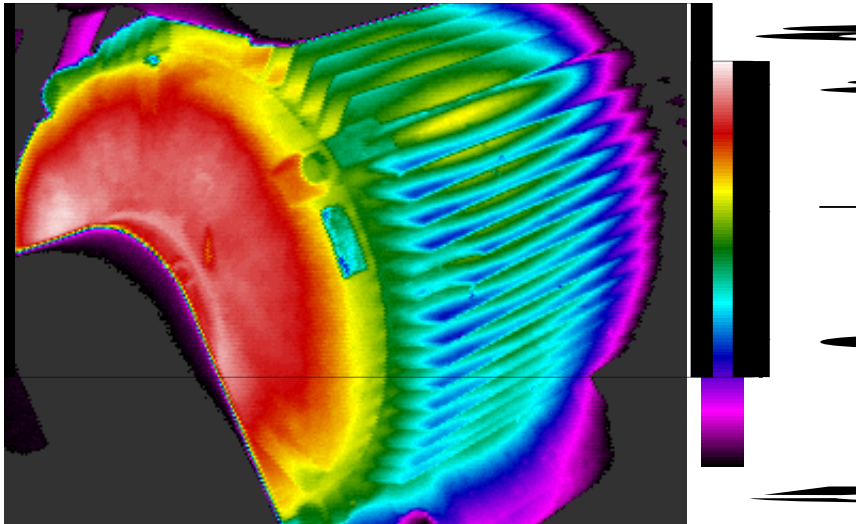
### Electric motor windings



- Hot spots and short circuits in the winding.

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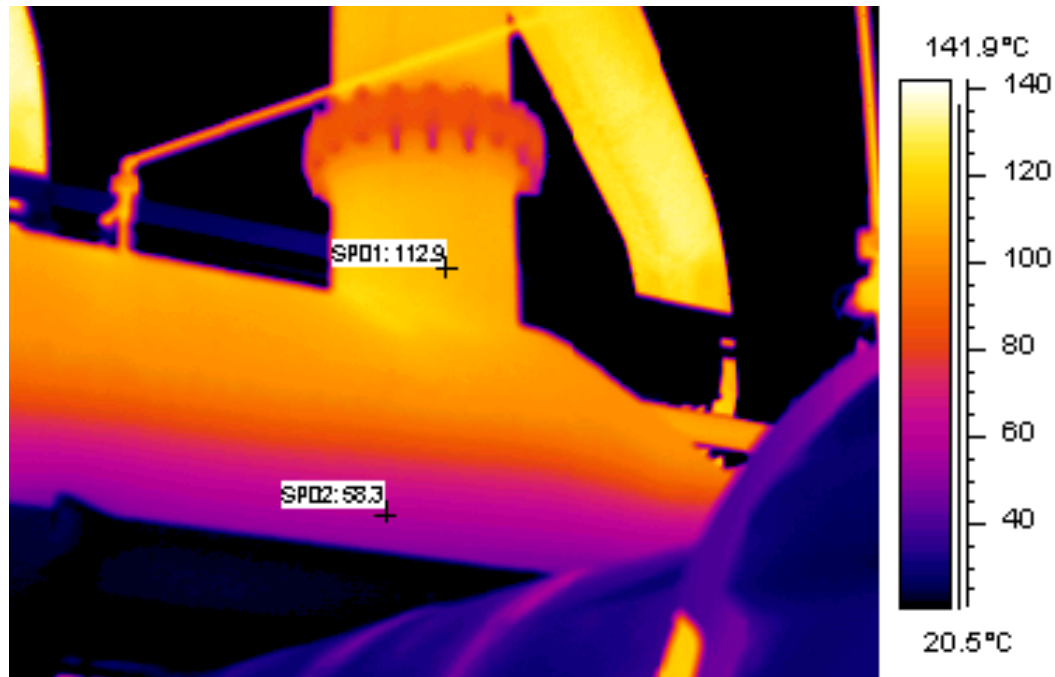
### Electric motor bearings



- Bearings of an overheated engine.

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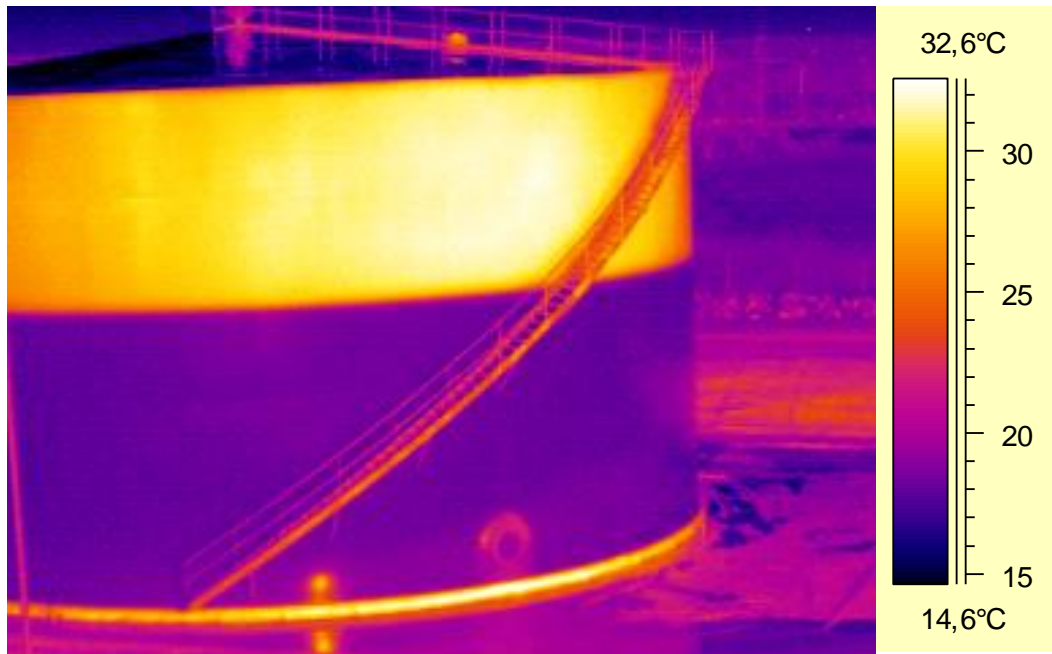
### Sedimentation in pipelines



- Sedimentation is shown as a colder zone along the length of the pipe.

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### Level of tanks

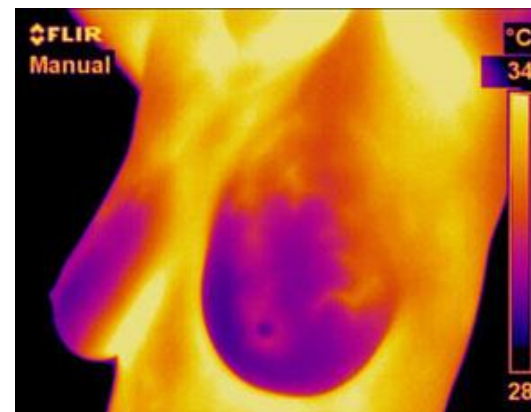
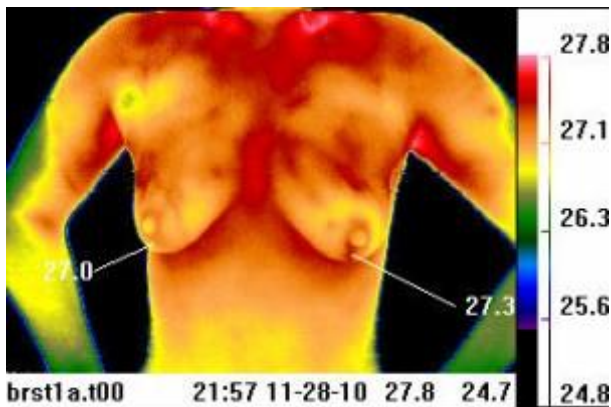
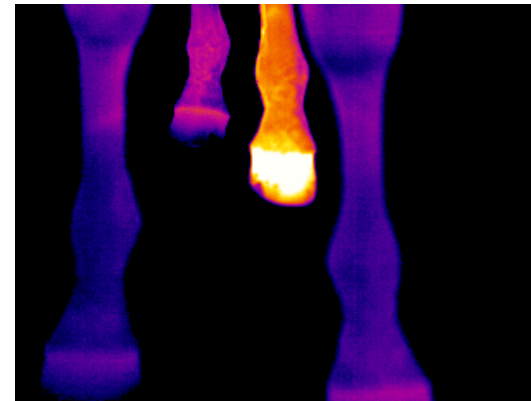
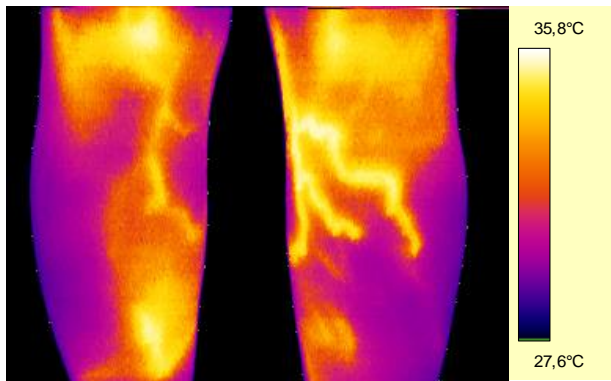


- \* Visualisation of the liquid level in a storage tank.



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### Medicine and veterinary

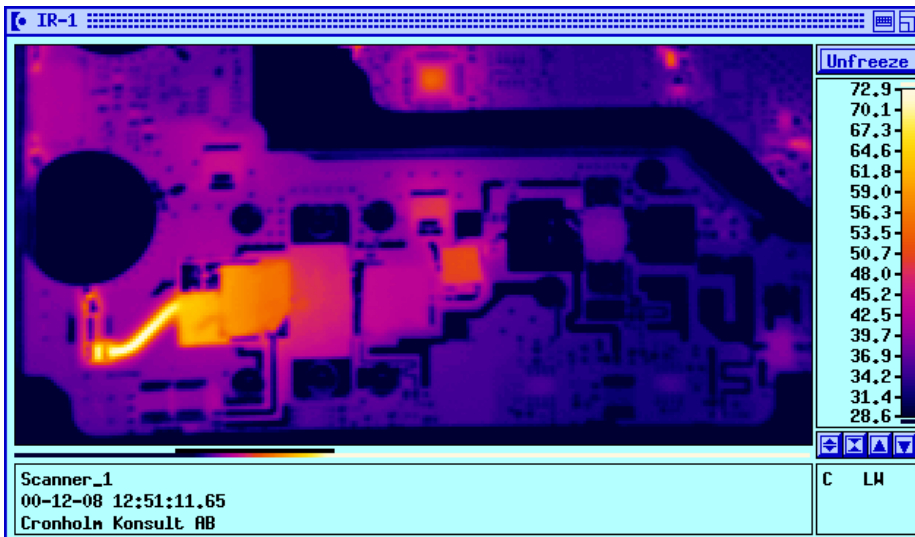


- Diagnosis of varicose veins and breast pathology.

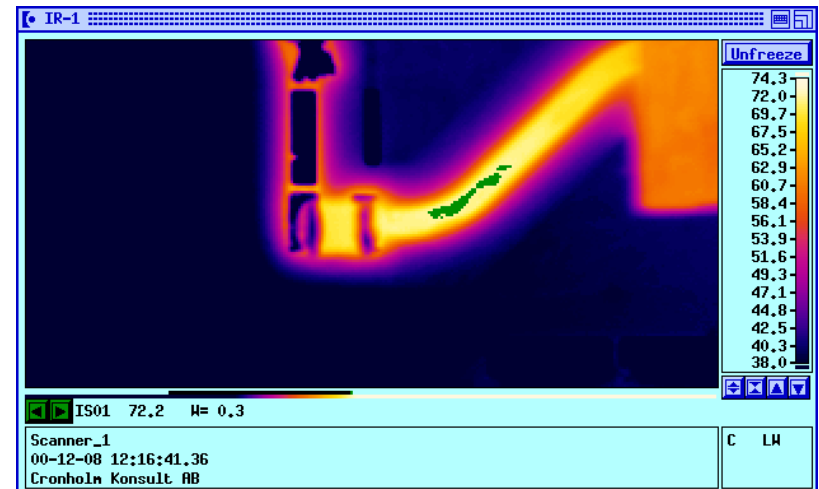


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### Electronic components

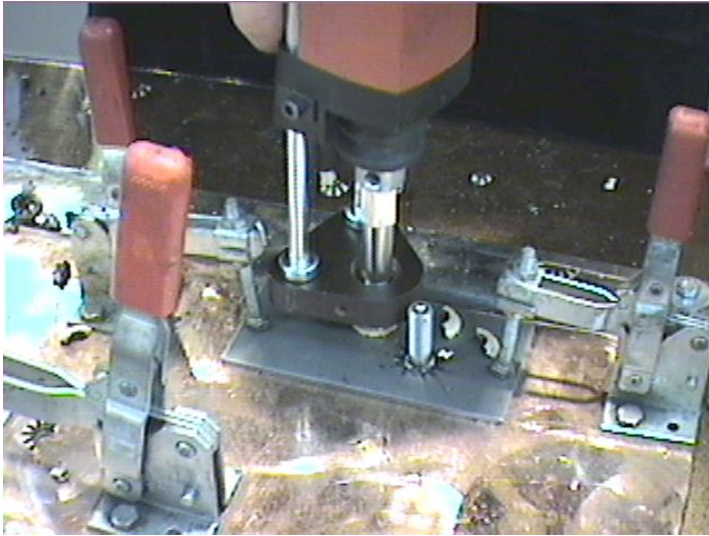


- Track of an overheated printed circuit board.

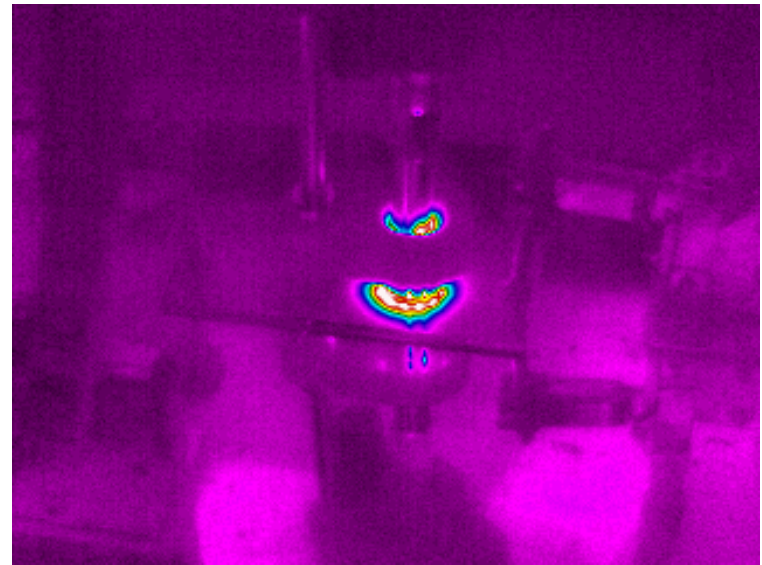


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### Quality control in welding

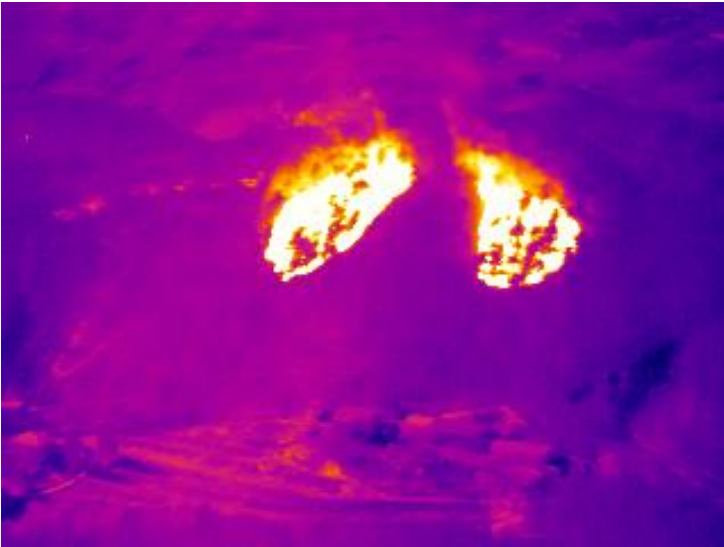


- Welding

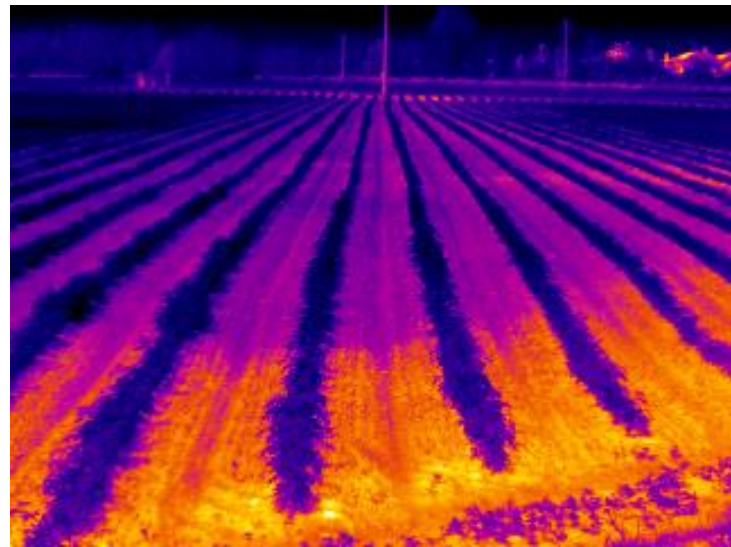


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### Aerial thermography applications



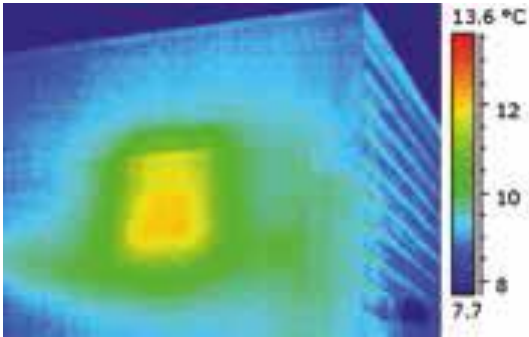
- Detection of forest fires.



- Irrigation control in fields.

## APPLICATIONS

### Insulation Defects in edification



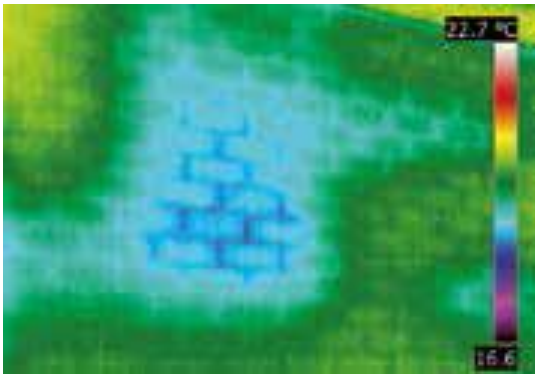
- It is a structure in which a section of insulation is missing.



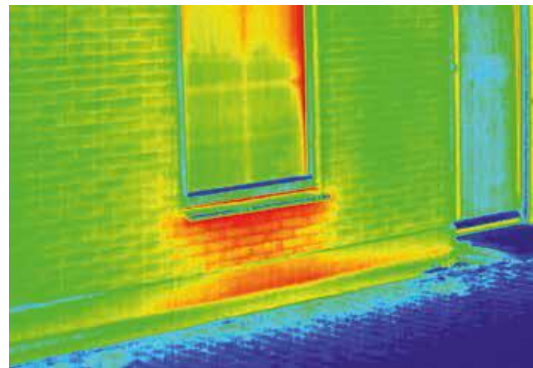
- In many of the sections there is a lack of insulation.

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### Insulation Defects in edification



- Lack of insulation in parts of the wall.

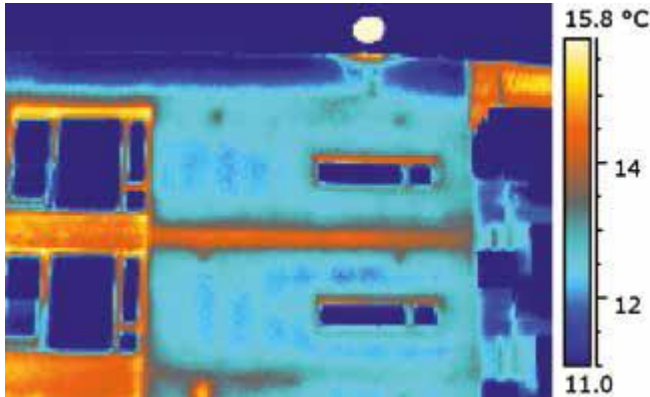


- Missing or faulty insulation.



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### Thermal bridges in edification



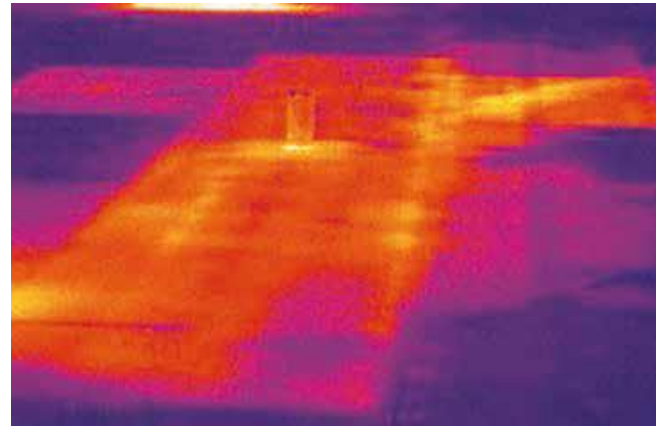
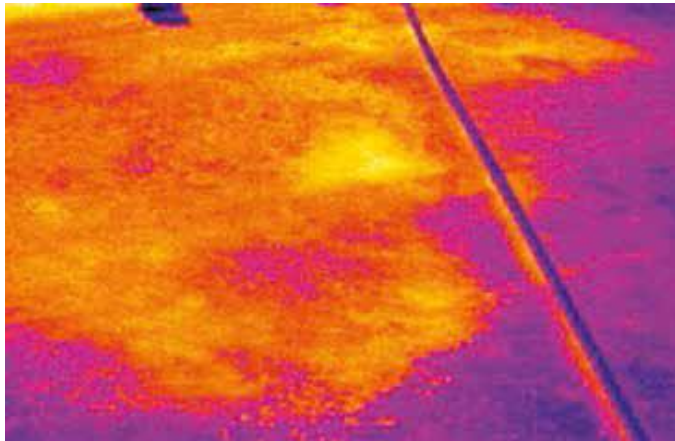
- Thermal bridge in one of the floors.



- Thermal bridge between roof joists and adjacent walls.

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### Roof water leaks in edification

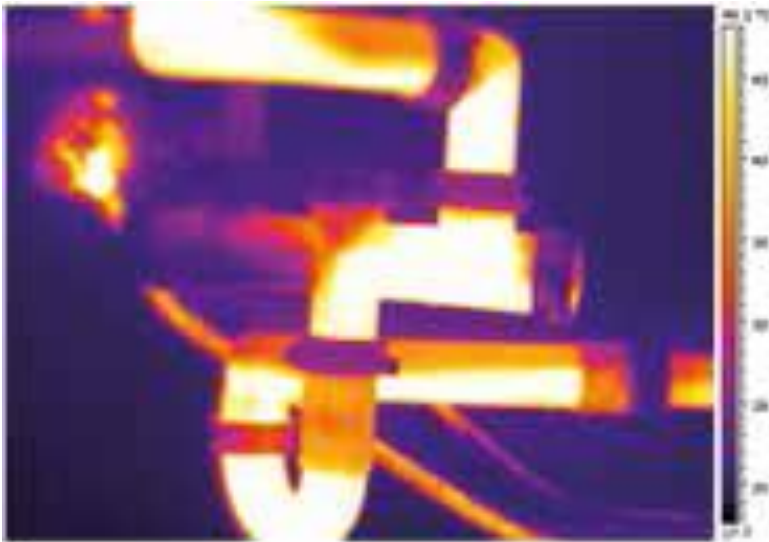


- Water leaks on flat roofs.



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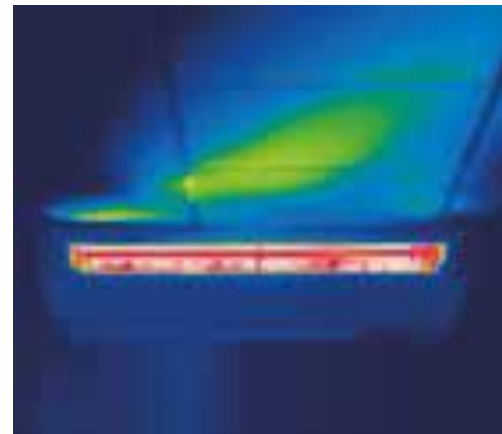
### Pipe fault detection



- Detection of blocked or broken pipe problems.

## APPLICATIONS

### Air conditioning installations



- Maintenance of air conditioning installations.

## CONCLUSION

- **Infrared thermography allows obtaining thermal images to characterize objects superficially.**
- **Its application to maintenance is highly developed but it also has other uses.**
- **Infrared thermography is a versatile and powerful tool.**



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