

**Advanced Solder Materials for  
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*Experimental methods for investigations of  
thermophysical and  
structure-sensitive properties of Pb-free solder alloys*

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Laboratory of liquid metals of Ivan Franko National University of Lviv (LNU) can carry out the experiments in the frame of the Working Group 1 using the below listed equipment:

1. Original experimental technique for simultaneous electrical conductivity and thermoelectric power measurements in a wide temperature range (up to 1600 K) under high pressures (up to 50 MPa) by the contact 4-point-method.
2. Oscillating-cup viscosimeter for viscosity measurements.
3. Experimental arrangement based on the steady-state concentric cylinder method for the measurement of the thermal conductivity over a temperature range up to 1700 K under pressures (up to 1 MPa).
4. High-temperature microscope IMASH for investigation of mechanical, stress-strain, and other properties of solidified melts
5. Apparatus for the surface tension measurement by the sessile-drop method.
6. X-ray diffraction.
7. High-temperature furnaces for sample synthesis.

**Main investigated systems and phenomena by the above listed equipment:**

**Eutectics:** Sn-Ag, Sn-Cu, Sn-Ag-Cu, Ga-In-Sn, In-Bi, Pb-Sn, Pb-Bi, Pb-Mg, Pb-Li.

**Phase separation in monotectics:** Pb-Ga, Pb-Zn, In-Te, Tl-Te, In-Se, Tl-Se, In-Tl-Te, In-Tl-Se, In-Te-Se, Tl-Te-Se, Bi-Zn.

**Intermetallics:** Al-Ni, Al-Fe, Al-Cu.

**Industrial alloys:** Al-Si, Al-Si-Mg, Al-Si-Cu, Al-Cu-Ti-Mg, Mg-Al-Zn, Sn-Ti, Sn-Zr, Sn-Ti-Zr.

**Refractory alloys:** Nd<sub>2</sub>Fe<sub>14</sub>B<sub>1</sub>, YNi<sub>2</sub>B<sub>2</sub>C, Er<sub>2</sub>PdSi<sub>3</sub>.

**Metal-nonmetal transition:** Cu<sub>x</sub>(CuAsSe<sub>2</sub>)<sub>1-x</sub>, CuTiSe<sub>2</sub>, CuAsSe<sub>2</sub>, TlAsSe<sub>2</sub>, CuTiTe<sub>2</sub>, CuAsTe<sub>2</sub>, TlAsTe<sub>2</sub>, Se-Te.

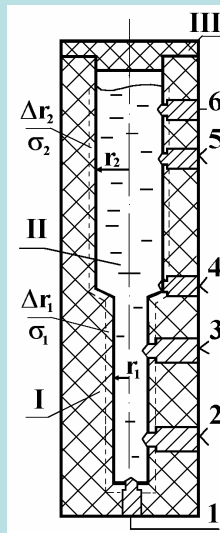
**Semiconductors:** Te(Se)+TM (TM = Ti, V, Cr, Mn, Fe, Co, Ni, Cu), CdTe, CdTe+Zn, CdTe+(In,Ge,Sn), CdTe+As, Tl<sub>2</sub>Te, Tl<sub>2</sub>Se, Ag<sub>2</sub>Te, Cu<sub>2</sub>Te, Cu<sub>2</sub>Se.

**26 years progressive scientific experience, more than 200 publications, the methods described in:**

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## Electrical conductivity, $\sigma(T)$ , and thermoelectric power, $S(T)$ \*

- A contact method in accordance with the 4-point scheme
- Argon atmosphere
- Graphite electrodes BN-ceramic measuring cell
- WRe-5/20 thermocouples in close contact with a liquid
- Temperature gradients of 3-4 ~K/cm along the cell
- The resultant error of  $\sigma(T)$  ~ 2%
- The resultant error of  $S(T)$  ~ 5%
- 2-radii cell

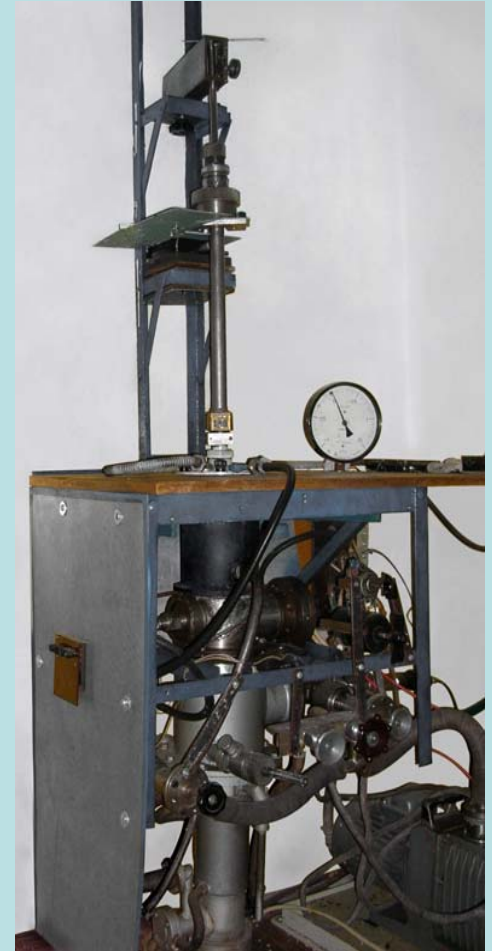


### Elimination of errors connected with:

- convective flows
- jamming signals
- systematic deviation of devices
- diffusion of the sample into ceramic

## Viscosity, $\eta(T)$ \*

- Computer-controlled oscillating-cup viscosimeter
- Roscoe equation
- He-atmosphere under pressure of  $\sim 0.02$ - $0.03$  MPa
- Sample composition accurate to 0.02 wt.%
- No loss of mass after the measurement
- WRe-5/20 thermocouple
- Accuracy  $\sim 3\%$



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## Thermal conductivity, $\lambda(T)$ \*

- Steady-state concentric cylinder method
- 2 coaxial cylinders (stainless steel, BN or graphite)
- WR5/20 thermocouples
- Temperature range between liquidus and 1700 K
- Argon pressure up to 1 MPa
- Heat leakage and convection heat flow minimization
- Analysis of different experimental errors
- Accuracy ~ 7%.

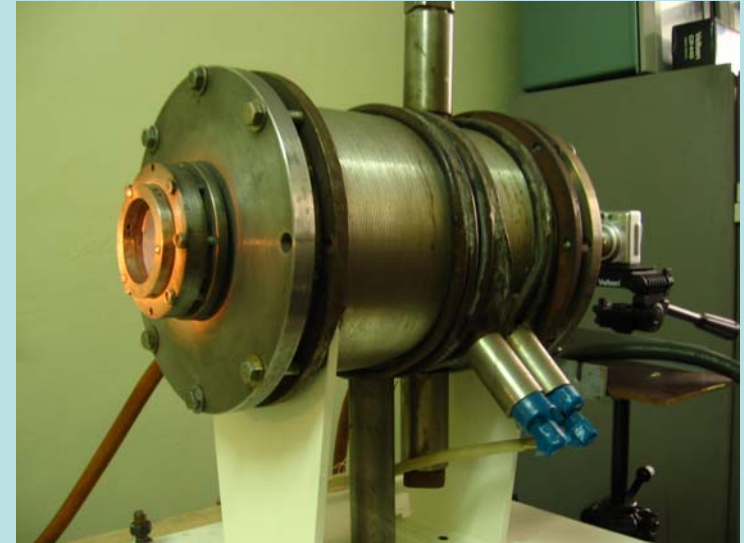


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## Surface tension, $\gamma(T)$

- "Large drop" method
- atmosphere of 90% Ar + 10% H<sub>2</sub>
- WRe5/20 thermocouple
- CCD camera and a computer-controlled equipment
- Laplace-Young equation
- Accuracy ~ 0.5%.

$$\Delta P = \gamma \left( \frac{1}{R1} + \frac{1}{R2} \right) = \rho g Z + C$$





High-temperature microscope IMASH for investigation of mechanical, stress-strain, and other properties of solidified melts





High-temperature X-ray diffractometer with horizontal axis



X-ray diffractometer

## Proposed field of Study:

Sn-Bi-Ag, Sn-Bi-Cu, Sn-Sb-Ag and Sn-Sb-Cu alloys for high-temperature soldering.

Measurements in a wide temperature range above liquidus of :  
electrical conductivity, thermal conductivity, thermoelectric power, viscosity, surface tension, density, X-ray.

## Cooperation with:

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