Status and Gaps in Thermodynamic Metrology of Materials in Extreme Environments

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Outline

- Status of Thermodynamic Metrology
  - Measurement: Experimental Techniques
  - Data Availability
  - Data-Driven Models: Equation of State

- Individual Contribution
  - Measurement: High $T$, High $P$ Liquid Speed of Sound Instrument
  - Data-Driven Model: Creating Fundamental Equation of State

- Gaps + Implications of Gaps $\rightarrow$ Opportunities
- Open Questions in the Field
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• Workshop attendees
Status of Thermodynamic Metrology:
State-Of-The-Art Overview

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What is a thermodynamic property?

- In 1914 P.W. Bridgeman (1946 Nobel Prize in Physics) defined ten fundamental thermodynamic quantities
- Thermodynamic properties are interrelated
- Example with Speed of Sound (SoS), $c$

\[
c = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial \rho}\right)_s}\]

- $P = \text{Pressure}$
- $\rho = \text{density}$
- $s = \text{entropy}$

\[
c^2 = \left[\left(\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial P}\right)_T - \left(\frac{T}{\rho^2 c_p}\right)\left(\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial T}\right)_P\right]^{-1}
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- Independent variables: $T, P$

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### Table I. The Fundamental Ten Quantities.

In this table are given the notation and the definition of the fundamental ten thermodynamic quantities. It is to be understood that all the quantities refer to unit amount of the substance. This unit is usually chosen either as 1 gm., or as the quantity that at 0°C and atmospheric pressure occupies a volume of 1 c.c.

- $p = \text{pressure per unit area}$.
- $\tau = \text{temperature on the absolute thermodynamic scale}$.
- $v = \text{volume of the unit quantity of the substance}$.
- $s = \text{entropy, defined by the integral, } \int dQ/\tau$.
- $Q = \text{heat absorbed, measured in the mechanical units appropriate to } p \text{ and } v$. A physical meaning can be given only to $dQ$, the heat absorbed during a given change.
- $W = \text{work done by the substance, in the appropriate mechanical units}$. Here again, only $dW$ has a physical meaning.
- $E = \text{the internal energy of the substance in mechanical units}$. $E$ may be changed by an additive constant without changing its physical meaning. $E$ is one of the thermodynamic potential functions.
- $H = E + pv$, the “total heat,” also one of the potential functions.
- $Z = E + T^2 - T_s$, the Gibbs thermodynamic potential.
- $\Psi = E - T_s$, also a thermodynamic potential, the “free energy” of Helmholtz.

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Interrelation of Thermodynamic Properties

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\[
\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial p}_T = -\frac{1}{c^2} + \frac{T \alpha^2}{c_p}
\]

Density, \( \rho \)

Isobaric heat capacity, \( c_p \)

\[
\frac{\partial c_p}{\partial p}_T = -T \left(\frac{\partial^2 \nu}{\partial T^2}\right)_p
\]

Isobaric expansivity, \( \alpha \)

\[
\alpha = -\rho^{-1}\left(\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial T}\right)_p
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Thermodynamic Measurement Techniques

**Features of Measurement Technique**

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State Variables: Temperature

- Other workshop speakers discussed a lack of temperature standards in extreme conditions
- There are temperature standards in extreme conditions\(^1,2\) (\(>1500\) K) \(\rightarrow\) Lack of USING standards
- Temperature standards development leadership by US is decreasing as the support for standards involvement diminishes (and people retire)
  - Lack of credit given, although the value is understood
- Knowledge transfer and collaboration between US standards institutions + academic institutions is low
- Dear community, *Do hard things*. Sincerely, The Future
  - Easy = not calibrating thermocouples/temperature measurement equipment
  - Easy = not being aware of standards activities
  - Easy = not completing knowledge transfer to the next generation of scientists (example: how to calibrate a thermocouple)

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*Note: uncertainties at approximately a 95% coverage probability.*

“**It is proposed that these values could be used as the basis of thermodynamic temperature measurement at high temperatures (above 1300 K).**”

- 11 International Metrology Institutes, including NIST\(^3\)

1. E R Williams *et al* 2015 Phil. Trans. R. Soc. A. 374 004420150044
2. A D W Todd *et al* 2021 Metrologia 58 035007
3. D H Lowe *et al* 2017 Metrologia 54 390

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Speed of Sound via Pulse Techniques

Example: Pulse-Echo Method

\[ c = \frac{2\Delta L}{\Delta t} \]

Current Operation Limits of Method

- Upper Temperature Limit: 1900 K
- Upper Pressure Limit: 0.1 MPa
- Measurement Uncertainty: 0.1 - 1%

Features of Measurement Technique

- Size of Sample: Large
- Measurement of Sample Conditions During the Experiment: Direct
- Time Sample is at Experimental Conditions: Long
- Measurement of Property: Absolute
- Uncertainty of State Variables (T, P, V): Low

Uncertainty of Measurement

- Low (<0.1%)
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- High (≥10%)

Type K Thermocouple

Figure from: B. Li, and R. C. Liebermann, Physics of the Earth and Planetary Interiors, 2014, 233, 135-153
Speed of Sound via Diamond Anvil Techniques

Example: High-Pressure, High-Temperature Diamond Anvil Cell

Current Operation Limits of Method

• Upper Temperature Limit: 6,000 K
• Upper Pressure Limit: 500 GPa
• Measurement Uncertainty: 3-10%

Uncertainty of Measurement

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- Medium (~3%)
  - Size of Sample: Small
  - Measurement of Sample Conditions During the Experiment: Indirect
  - Time Sample is at Experimental Conditions: Short
  - Measurement of Property: Relative
  - Uncertainty of State Variables ($T, P, V$): High

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Data Availability

• Know the difference: Collected vs. Calculated vs. Curated

**Collected**: Repository; burden of growth on community, minimal oversight on data quality (missing method information is tolerated)

**Calculated**: From theory (DFT, ML, AI, CALPHAD, etc.) or simulation

**Curated**: Experimental data focus, assigned uncertainty associated with data, differentiates between measured data and calculated data
## Data Availability

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<td>Atomwork Advance</td>
<td>Japan</td>
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• Standard Development Organizations (SDOs): ASME, API, ASTM, AVS, ISO, etc.

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"To provide for more effective integration and coordination of standard-reference data activities, the Secretary, in consultation with other interested Federal agencies, shall prescribe and publish in the Federal Register such standards, criteria, and procedures for the preparation and publication of standard reference data as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act."

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In 1968, Congress passed the Standard Reference Data Act, a law that authorized and directed the Secretary of the Department of Commerce to provide or arrange for the collection, compilation, critical evaluation, publication, and dissemination of SRD. The definition of SRD was limited, and in 2017 Congress passed the Standard Reference Data Act Update with an expanded definition of SRD.

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3. NIST Structural Ceramics Database (SCD) Database (NIST Standard Reference Database 30), NIST, 2021
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Data Availability: SoS of Metal Elements

• Using NIST Alloy Database\(^1\), all phases, all compositions

All data Metal SoS measurements (11,262)

Pure elements (48% of all Metal SoS, Hg = 34%)

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1. B. Wilthan, NIST alloy data, National Institute of Standards and Technology Public Data Resource, 2019
Data Availability: SoS of Metal Elements

- Using NIST Alloy Database → Single-Component Metal Elements

State-of-the-art for materials in extreme environments is in the early stages of development.

As data availability grows, a challenge is holding authors accountable for good publishing practices (what, where, how).

An example of setting publishing requirements can be seen in ACS’s JCED Editor in Chief J. Ilya Siepmann.

Increased outlining in detail journal requirements is needed.

A potential issue is researchers migrate away from such journals and submit to more “hot topic” journals that do not have such rigorous requirements.

Note: JCED is 1 of 5 journals directly connected with NIST data curation efforts.
Data-Driven Models: Using the data

- Other speakers will address properties via computation: ML/ AI/ MD-MC/ CALPHAD, or data-driven simulations of the process
  - These methods need (reliable/good) data\(^1\)

- Equation of State (EoS) is an algebraic relationship between pressure, temperature, and volume
  - The simplest form is Ideal Gas Law\(^2\)
  - More complex forms have increased accuracy across larger ranges of temperature, pressure, and states
  - Other properties from thermodynamic relations

\[ PV = RT \]

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Data-Driven Models: EoS Modeling

• Equation of State (EoS)
  • Solid Phase in the form of Gibbs Energy, $G = f(T, P)$
    • Metal elements, ceramics
  • Liquid, Gas, Supercritical Phase in the form of Helmholtz Energy, $A = f(T, \rho)$
    • Organic fluids, natural gases, etc.
  • Implementation into commercial multi-physics simulation software like ANSYS, SolidWorks, COMSOL, Aspen‡

• EoS is an empirical (“data-driven”) model for thermodynamic properties
• Advancement in EoS modeling only possible with more reference quality experimental data

‡ Any mention of commercial products is for information only; it does not imply recommendation or endorsement by NIST
Individual Contribution:

Measurement: High $T$, High $P$ Liquid Speed of Sound Instrument

Model: Creating Fundamental Equation of State
Motivation for Speed of Sound Instrument

- Liquid Metal Material Properties
- Create Cloud Database (like REFPROP)
- Empower High-Fidelity Simulations
- Data-Driven Additive Manufacturing of Metals
- Ultra Accurate Equation of State

Blast Furnace (“Giga-Scale”)
- Planetary Exploration
- Fusion Energy
- Semiconductor Manufacturing

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Motivation for Speed of Sound Instrument

From a metrology perspective determining speed of sound can be done rapidly and automatically across wide range of temperatures and pressures with low uncertainty (0.04% for organic materials in our group)

Why speed of sound? A four-for-one property!

- Speed of sound, $c$
- Isobaric expansivity, $\alpha$
- Density, $\rho$
- Isobaric heat capacity, $c_p$
Instrument Overview

Instrument to perform reference quality speed of sound measurements of liquid phase materials up to 1700 K and 0.2 GPa with ~0.1% uncertainty

\[ c = \frac{2\Delta L}{\Delta t} \]

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1. E. G. Rasmussen, M. O. McLinden, In Preparation.
**Instrument Operation**

1. Insert filled crucible + transducer stack into high-pressure vessel
2. Assemble vessel body inside furnace with ends outside
3. Seal, pressurize, and heat the vessel assembly
4. Measure speed of sound for liquid metal sample

Schematic of the four-step experiment procedure to collect speed of sound (SoS) reference data of liquid samples using the SoS instrument.¹

- Instrument and method configured for automated operation via control software
  - Will run for days without needing human intervention
- Built for longevity: Should be operational for 10+ years
- High pressure vessel design inspiration from geology studies by Orville Frank Tuttle²,³
- Invention disclosure submitted (I.P. protection)

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3. O. F. Tuttle, 1948 American J. of Sci., 246 (10) 628-635
EoS For Elements

- With instrument will be able to create new reference data for liquid elements with melting points over 200 K
- Given ‘anchor points’ of density and specific heat capacity as a function of temperature from literature, one can calculate all thermodynamic properties in the form of an EoS
- Reference EoS can be useful for Multiphysics simulations
- Few EoS exist for elements, fewer for multi-component systems (alloys, ceramics, compounds, etc.)
Gaps, Consequences, & Opportunities

1. Techniques
2. Data
3. Theory
Gap 1: Data + Experimental Methods

Gap
1. Few measurement techniques and facilities *globally* to generate reference quality data in extreme conditions
2. Lack of innovation in methods to measure properties

Implication
1. Lack of accurate data available
2. Mindset that we have reached limits of experimental availability so ‘have to’ generate properties with simulations

Opportunity
• Encourage reference quality experimental pursuits
• Reward high-quality experimental pursuits with a currency of choice (citations, awards, money, promotions, stability)
• Define promote educating standards and instrument innovation
Gap 2: Use of Standards, Understanding Uncertainty

**Gap**

1. Lack of community using standards in extreme conditions
2. Lack of understanding implication of uncertainties at extreme conditions

**Implication**

1. Increased uncertainty in data
2. Decrease to theory computation usefulness

**Opportunity**

- Where standards exist, use them (carbon eutectic fixed points for $T$)
- Support standards creation at extreme conditions
- Hold each other accountable for uncertainty reporting, calibration, and consideration in computations
Gap 3: Empirical Computations → Simulations

Gap
1. Lack of reference thermodynamic models (EoS) for condensed matter at extreme conditions’
2. Using computed property data to compute property data

Implication
1. Less accurate simulation and models
2. Failure to translate simulations to real world environments

Opportunity
• Advanced thermodynamic theory and modeling from reliable experimental data
• Create data-driven simulations to guide design of systems in extreme environments
Who does what?

**National Metrology Institutes (NIST):** (1) Innovate in metrology, (2) capture reference-quality data, curate and distribute reference data

**Academic Institutes:** (1) Train the next generation of scientists on standards, (2) capture high throughput data, and (3) collaborate with NIST on projects to ensure knowledge transfer

**Industry:** (1) Engage with NIST and Academia to communicate material needs and scalability insights

**Funding Agencies:** (1) Support metrology pursuits, (2) require publishing in journals collaborating with NIST to support organized data capture in the US, (3) avoid funding research that creates ‘new’ programs that should operate/collaborate inside of current programs (4) support your PI’s to use NIST’s standard reference data, help us help them to help you
Conclusions and Open Questions in the Field
Conclusions

Accurate measurement instrumentation enables the ability to create accurate datasets which enables the ability to create data-driven models which enables Leadership in materials for extreme environments.

Vision: Execution of Advanced Systems in Extreme Environments

Optimized Advanced System Design: Multiphysics Simulations

Accurate Simulations: Data-Driven/ Empirical Reference Models

Reference Data

Reference Instruments

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Status and Gaps in Thermodynamic Metrology of Materials in Extreme Environments
1. To what extent do computations base on data with over 5% uncertainty impact advancement in extreme environments?

2. How does one prioritize materials to analyze?
   - For curated databases, calculated databases, and data measurements

3. How will we hold the community accountable to using standards in materials experiments, dissemination, collection, calculation, and curation?

4. How can we eliminate creating (and funding) “parallel programs” or programs that have to claim “novel” standalone product when it would be more appropriate to collaborate with established programs?
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