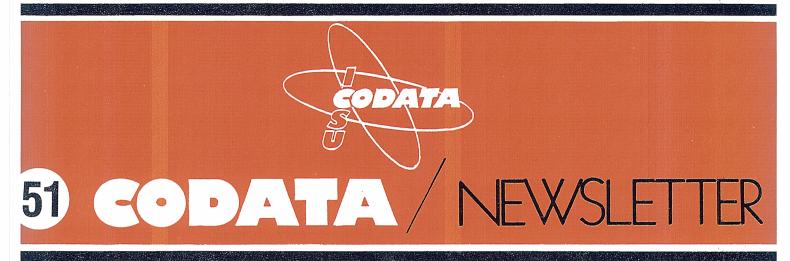
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International Temperature Scale of 1990 (ITS-90) -- B. W. Mangum

A new temperature scale, the International Temperature Scale of 1990 (ITS-90), was officially adopted by the Comité International des Poids et Mesures (CIPM), meeting 26-28 September 1989 at the Bureau International des Poids et Mesures (BIPM). The ITS-90 was recommended to the CIPM for its adoption following the completion of the final details of the new scale by the Comité Consultatif de Thermométrie (CCT), meeting 12-14 September 1989 at the BIPM in its 17th Session. The ITS-90 became the official international temperature scale on 1 January 1990. The ITS-90 supersedes the present scales, the International Practical Temperature Scale of 1968 (IPTS-68) and the 1976 Provisional 0.5 K to 30 K Temperature Scale (EPT-76).

The ITS-90 extends upward from 0.65 K, and temperatures on this scale are in much better agreement with thermodynamic values than are those on the IPTS-68 and the EPT-76. The new scale has subranges and alternative definitions in certain ranges that greatly facilitate its use. Furthermore, its continuity, precision and reproducibility throughout is ranges are much improved over that of the present scales. The replacement of the thermocouple with the platinum resistance thermometer at temperatures below 961.78 °C resulted in the biggest improvement in reproducibility.

The ITS-90 is divided into four primary ranges:

(1) Between 0.65 K and 3.2 K, the ITS-90 is defined by the vapor pressure-temperature relation of 3 He, and between 1.25 K and 2.1768 K (the λ point) and between 2.1768 K and 5.0 K by the vapor pressure-temperature relations of 4 He. T_{90} is defined by the vapor pressure equations of the form:

$$T_{90}/K = A_0 + \sum_{i=1}^{9} A_i \left[\{ \ln(p/Pa) - B \} / C \right]^i,$$

The values of the coefficients A_i , and of the constants A_0 , B and C of the equations are given in the reference cited.

- (2) Between 3.0 K and 24.5561 K, the ITS-90 is defined in terms of a ³He or ⁴He constant volume gas thermometer (CVGT). The thermometer is calibrated at three temperatures--at the triple point of neon (24.5561 K), at the triple point of equilibrium hydrogen (13.8033 K), and at a temperature between 3.0 K and 5.0 K, the value of which is determined by using either ³He or ⁴He vapor pressure thermometry.
- (3) Between 13.8033 K (-259.3467 °C) and 1234.93 K (961.78 °C), the ITS-90 is defined in terms of the specified fixed points given below, by resistance ratios of platinum resistance thermometers obtained by calibration at specified sets of the fixed points, and by reference functions and deviation functions of

resistance ratios which relate to T_{90} between the fixed points.

(4) Above 1234.93 K, the ITS-90 is defined in terms of Planck's radiation law, using the freezing-point temperature of either silver, gold or copper as the reference temperature.

Full details of the calibration procedures and reference functions for various subranges are given in:

"The International Temperature Scale of 1990," by B. W. Mangum, *Metrologia* **27**, 3 (1990).

Defining Fixed Points of the ITS-90

Material ^a	Equilibrium State ^b Tem	perature $[T_{90}(K)]$
Не	VP	3 to 5
e-H ₂	TP	13.8033
e-H ₂ (or He)	VP (or CVGT)	~17
e-H ₂ (or He)	VP (or CVGT)	~20.3
Ne*	TP	24.5561
O_2	TP	54.3584
Ar	TP	83.8058
Hg*	TP	234.3156
H_2O	TP	273.16
Ga*	MP	302.9146
In*	FP	429.7485
Sn	FP	505.078
Zn	FP \	692.677
Al*	FP `	933.473
Ag	FP	1234.93
Au	FP	1337.33
Cu*	FP	1357.77

 $^{^{\}rm a}$ e-H $_{\rm 2}$ indicates equilibrium hydrogen, that is, hydrogen with the equilibrium distribution of its ortho and para states. Normal hydrogen at room temperature contains 25% para hydrogen and 75% ortho hydrogen.

^b VP indicates vapor pressure point: CVGT indicates constant volume gas thermometer point; TP indicates triple point (equilibrium temperature at which the solid, liquid and vapor phases coexist); FP indicates freezing point and MP indicates melting point (the equilibrium temperatures at which the solid and liquid phases coexist under a pressure of 101 325 Pa, one standard atmosphere). The isotopic composition is that naturally occurring.

^{*} Previously, these were secondary fixed points.

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Statistical and Scientific Database Management

The 5th International Conference on SSDBM, April 3-5, 1990, Charlotte, North Carolina, USA, continues the series started nine years ago in California (1981 and 1983), then in Europe (Luxembourg, 1986, and Rome, 1988). Its purpose is to bring together database researchers, users, and system builders, working in this specific area of activity, to discuss the particular issues of interest, to propose new solutions to the problems of the area, to extend the themes of the previous conferences, both from the theoretical and from the application point of view, and to foster the cross-fertilization of ideas in the following areas: semantic modeling, statistical expert systems, graphical interfaces, distributed databases, query optimization, database security, object oriented databases, temporal data, and implementational issues on statistical/scientific databases.

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21-22 CODATA Referral Database Task Group. Paris, France

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15 CODATA Microbial Strain Data Network Task Group. Columbus, OH, U.S.A.

15-19 12th International CODATA Conference, "Data for Discovery," Columbus, Ohio, U.S.A.

20-21 17th CODATA General Assembly, Columbus, Ohio, U.S.A.

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Dr. Brian W. Petley of the CODATA Fundamental



Constants Task Group was awarded the Sir George Thomson Gold Medal by the Institute of Measurement and Control late in 1989, for his contributions to measurement science which have resulted in fundamental improvements to the understanding of the nature of the physical world. Dr. Petley works in the Division of

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THE NASA MASTER DIRECTORY AND THE INTEROPERABLE EARTH AND SPACE SCIENCE DATA INFORMATION SYSTEM

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ECO-ENVIRONMENT CHANGE MONITORING IN CHINA

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OPTIMAL PLANNING OF A GLOBAL SYSTEM FOR ECOLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS K.Y. Kondratyev and O.M. Pokrovsky, U.S.S.R.

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INFORMATION SYSTEM ON LAND RESOURCES OF THE WUWEI REGION AND LAND USE PLANNING Cao Ligeng, National Land Planning Office of Planning, Committee of Gansu Provincial People's Government, Lanzhou, Gansu, China

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PROBLEMS AND EXPERIENCES IN NUCLEAR DATA EVALUATION, PROCESSING AND INTEGRAL TESTING IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

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LASER PROCESSING TECHNIQUES IN MATERIAL SCIENCE

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HOW TO INTRODUCE COMPUTERIZED MATERIALS INFORMATION: A SMALL COUNTRY'S POINT OF VIEW

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Post Scriptum

From the Program Committee:

The poster session indicating country activities in the Global Change Program on the first day of the Conference will feature an oral wrapping-up and summation by Thomas Malone. It is presumed that this will take place on July 15th, 1530-1700, at a site to be designated in the final program.

Finally, for the benefit of those who have lately come to CODATA and have a need to know--and for those with experience just wishing to reminisce--an illustrated "history piece" on CODATA progress and achievement through the years is to be presented at the closing session by Edgar Westrum.

Forthcoming CODATA Work on Materials Data Management

A CODATA Bulletin (No. 22-1) to be available this spring summarizes the presentations made at the two-day September 1989 Novosibirsk Symposium of the CODATA Task Group on Materials Database Management. The consequently important hundred plus page text covers global collaboration, standards and accessing materials databases (Barrett, Kaufman); regional collaboration--CEC, COMECON, VAMAS--(Swindells, Kozlov, and Reynard); as well as representative national acctivities-including those of France, Japan, U.K., and U.S.S.R.--(Vinard, Nishijimi, Jackson, Bogomolnij, and others).

Although the volume will be sent routinely to *CODATA Bulletin* subscribers, the publishers anticipate a considerable sale of separate copies.

The issue (Vol. 22, No. 1) is entitled *The Provision of Materials Property Data via Computerized Systems* (A CODATA Symposium held at the Institute of Inorganic Chemistry of the Siberian Division of the USSR Academy of Sciences, Novosibirsk, 6th and 7th September, 1989) xii + 106 pp., Hemisphere Publishing Corporation, 1101 Vermont Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20005. ISSN 03666-757x, CODBA4, 22(1), 1-106 (1990), US\$33.00.



Task Group on Materials Database Management

Materials Database Newsletter

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The Task Group held its 6th Meeting on 28th November, 1989, at Lake Buena Vista, Florida, prior to the Second ASTM International Symposium on Computerization of Materials Property Data. Members from six CODATA nations were present. Ongoing projects were reviewed; these included the *Newsletter*, progress in the production by other groups in CODATA and ICSTI of directories of materials data sources and numeric databases, and the project on evaluating the benefits of materials databases. Feedback is being collected on *CODATA Bulletin 69*, *Guide to Material Property Database Management*. This was edited by J. G. Kaufman to whom comments should be sent so that they may be reviewed to determine whether a need exists for an updated version of the guide.

Papers presented at the Task Group's Symposium held in Novosibirsk in September 1989 (see *Newsletter No. 8*) are to be published as a *CODATA Bulletin* early in 1990. A wide range of materials database sources was revealed at the Symposium. Accordingly, the Task Group recommended that CODATA co-sponsor an international workshop to study the rapidly changing technical, political, and economic aspects of the trans-border flow of materials property data on a global scale. At its most recent meeting, the Task Group reviewed the plans for this workshop which is scheduled to take place in the spring of 1991. Professor Alexander Kozlov is chairman of the programme subcommittee. A further new items of business is a proposal to establish a standard for the description of materials property databases. A draft paper clarifying the issues involved is being prepared by Dr. Norman Swindells for discussion by the Task Group. The next meeting will take place on 14th and 15th July 1990 in Columbus, OH, immediately preceding the 12th International CODATA Conference.

NETWORKS

The CEC's *Materials Database Demonstrator Programme* was concluded at a major workshop held at the Petten Research Centre in the Netherlands from 6th to 8th December 1989. The Workshop was attended by over 70 users and providers of materials data and representatives in and outside the EC, including the USA and Japan. The purposes of the workshop were to review the lessons learned in the Demonstrator Programme, to consider these in the light of developments elsewhere and to define the scope for follow-up actions. The participants reached a consensus on the need for continuing joint action by the CED, national governments, and industries of the Member Countries in the areas of: promotion of computerized materials information and its application, standardization of information products, integration of information products, sources of data, user support agencies, and international collaboration. The Workshop proceedings will be published early in 1990.

DATABASES

An updated version of the *MPR Structural Materials Selector* has been released. Designed to run on IBM PC, XT, or compatible machines, the package includes property data for other 750 powder metallurgy materials. FURTHER INFORMATION: MPR Publishing Services Ltd., Old Bank Buildings, Bellstone, Shrewsbury, England, SY1 1HU.

The National Association of Corrosion Engineers (NACE) and the US National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) have released *CHEM.COR 1* and *CHEM.COR 1 PLUS*, expert systems that provide reliable corrosion engineering advice to assist the user in the shipping, handling, and storage of concentrated sulphuric acid (70-100%) and oleum (100% sulphuric acid plus free sulphur trioxide). Minimum system requirements include IBM PC-XT compatibility. FURTHER INFORMATION: T. S. Lee, NACE, P. O. Box 218340, Houston, TX 77218, USA.

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VAMAS Technical Working Area 14: *The Technical Basis for a Unified Classification System for Advanced Ceramics* was established in September 1988 with the aims of: 1. identifying and assessing the issues inherent in developing a classification system for advanced ceramics; 2. establishing a building-block structure for international use; and 3. developing mechanisms and institutional links for system implementation. Participation by interested persons is encouraged. A classification workshop will be held at the Petten Research Centre in June 1990 (see Calendar listing). FURTHER INFORMATION: Samuel Schneider, NIST, Gaithersburg, MD 20899, USA.

RECENT LITERATURE

ASTM has published STP10170 *Computerization and Networking of Materials Data Bases*, a comprehensive review of international developments in materials databases. 31 peer-reviewed papers cove the following aspects: standards for materials databases, national and international activities, emerging issues, impact of materials databases, materials database projects, and cooperative data programs in the United States. Glazman, J. S. and Rumble, J.R., eds. *Computerization and Networking of Materials Data Bases*, 360 pp, \$66; \$52.80 to ASTM members; available from ASTM, 1916 Race Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103, USA.

Tietokoneperusteiset Materiaalitietojärjestelmät (Computerized Materials Information Systems) is the report of a prestudy designed to enhance decision making in Finland in the area of computerized materials information systems by providing the necessary background information along with an analysis of the options available. The prestudy involved interviews and system demonstrations in seven Western countries, participation in international workshops, acquisition, and analysis of several small materials information systems, theoretical conceptual analyses, and a national seminar. The report was compiled by Aki Valkonen and is published in Finnish with an English summary. It is available from KY-Palvelu Oy Kirjakauppa, Runeberginkatu 14-16 B, 00100 Helsinki, Finland.

CALENDAR

13-14 March 1990, Le Bourget, FRANCE

Symposium on COMPOSITE MATERIALS: PRODUCTION, UTILIZATION AND DATA BANKS. Organized by CODATA France and Agence Francaise pour le Maitrise de l'Energie. CONTACT: Mr. Bernard Marx, MENJS, 3 Boulevard Pasteur, 75015 Paris, France. Tel: +33 1 40656097.

21-22 June 1990, Petten, THE NETHERLANDS

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15-19 July 1990, Columbus, OH, USA

12th International CODATA Conference DATA FOR DISCOVERY. CONTACT: CODATA, '90, P. O. Box 23, Amlin, OH 43002, USA.

November 1990, Petten, THE NETHERLANDS

CEC/CODATA Workshop on MATERIALS DATA FOR COMPUTER AIDED ENGINEERING. CONTACT: Mr. H. Kröckel, CEC-JRC Petten, P. O. Box 2, 1755 ZG, Petten, The Netherlands.

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CODATA Guides for Data Publication Revisited

The last issue (21-4) of the CODATA Bulletin for 1989 compiled most of the CODATA Guides for Data Publication to bring these to the attention of a new generation of scientists. Although neither time nor funding for convening updating working groups was available, such an endeavor might prove profitable in making the world more hospitable for data over the next several years. CODATA Guides for Data Publication, viii + 107 pages, Hemisphere Publishing Corporation, ISSN 03666-757x, CODBA4 21(4), 1-107 (1989) US\$33.00.

Switzerland--The newest CODATA Member

The Swiss Academy of Engineering Sciences (SATW) has made overtures to CODATA for membership and has been unanimously accepted to CODATA as a Country member. Dr. Peter Schönholzer is the Acting Chairman of the Swiss National Committee for CODATA. Mail contact may be made through Secretariat SATW, Swiss Academy of Engineering Sciences, c/o Mrs. S. Müller, Postfach, CH-8034 Zurich, Switzerland.

Conference on Thermodynamic Data Systematics

A conference dealing with the experimental data and systematic theoretical relationship on phase equilibria leading toward a systematic database is planned for June 10-14, 1990, by Professors Surendra Saxena and H. Annersten at Uppsala, Sweden.

The focus of the Conference will involve new developments on metamorphic phase equilibria; high-temperature and high-pressure experimental phase equilibria; data systematics on metals, oxides, sulfides, silicates, melts, and fluids; new data from calorimetric and *P-V-T* measurements; recent accessments of thermodynamic data; and calculation of thermodynamic properties, together with assessment and critical evaluation techniques. The meeting will be held at the Castle of Wik, situated 15 Km from Uppsala in a beautiful country setting.

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