CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS

International Temperature Scale of 1990

Tin Freezing-Point Cell
Pond Engineering Model K23C
Serial Number Sn 98355

Tested for
Instituto Nacional de Tecnica Aerospacial
Madrid, Spain

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Subject: Quality evaluation of Sn FP cell (s/n Sn 98355)
Purchase Order No.: 7230-127/1.998
Test No.: 836/261097-99

Dear Dr. Benyon:

A direct comparison of your tin freezing-point cell (Pond Engineering Model K23C, s/n Sn 98355) was made against our laboratory standard tin freezing-point cell (Sn 88A). The measurement system included an ASL Model F18 operating at a frequency of 30 Hz with a 100 Ω Tinsley Model 5685 reference resistor, temperature controlled to within ± 8 mK, and a 25.5 Ω SPRT. The depth from the mid-point of the SPRT sensor to the liquid surface of your fixed-point cell is stated to be 16.5 cm; the depth of our cell is 18 cm. The pressure in your fixed-point cell and our cell was set to 101.3 kPa. Corrections were made to account for the difference in immersion depth. As shown in figure 1, the freezing-point temperature of your cell is 0.34 mK lower than that of the NIST reference cell Sn 88A cell. We assign an expanded uncertainty (k=2) of 0.24 mK on the realized value of our cell to account for impurities and measurement errors.

Figures 2 and 3 give an example of a freezing and melting curve for your cell, respectively. Figure 4 gives an example of the immersion characteristics of an L&N 8167 SPRT in your cell relative to the ITS-90 assigned hydrostatic-head effect for tin. A thermometer must track the hydrostatic-head effect over the bottommost 3 cm of the reentrant well to exhibit proper immersion in a fixed-point cell.

Sincerely,

Dr. B. W. Mangum
Leader, Thermometry Group
Process Measurements Division

Figure 1: Direct Comparison of the INTA Sn Cell (s/n Sn 98355) with the NIST Reference Sn Cell (Sn 88A), ASL F18, 30 Hz, 0 mA

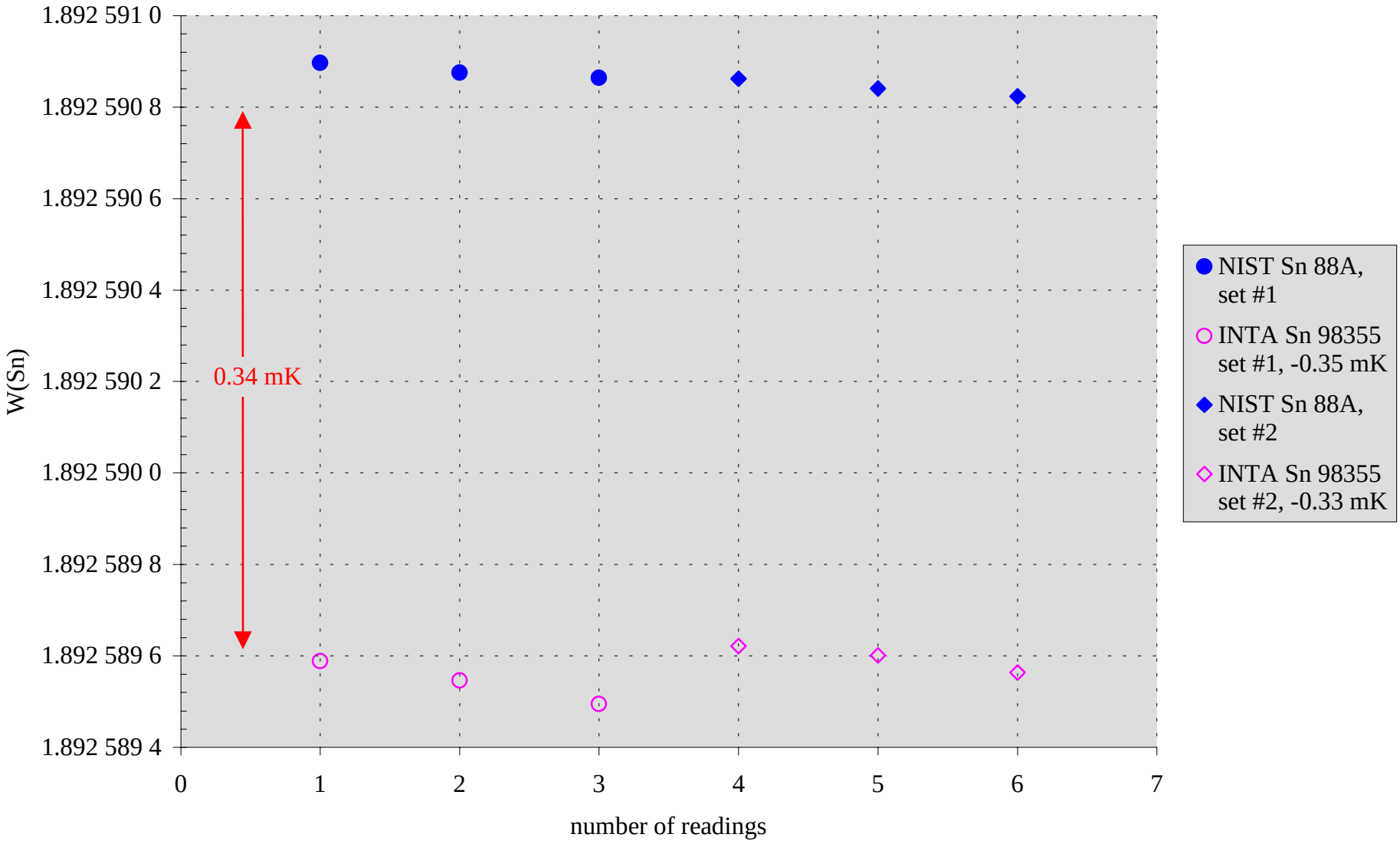

Figure 2: Freezing Curve of the INTA Sn fixed-point cell (s/n 98355)
ASL F18, 30 Hz, 1 mA

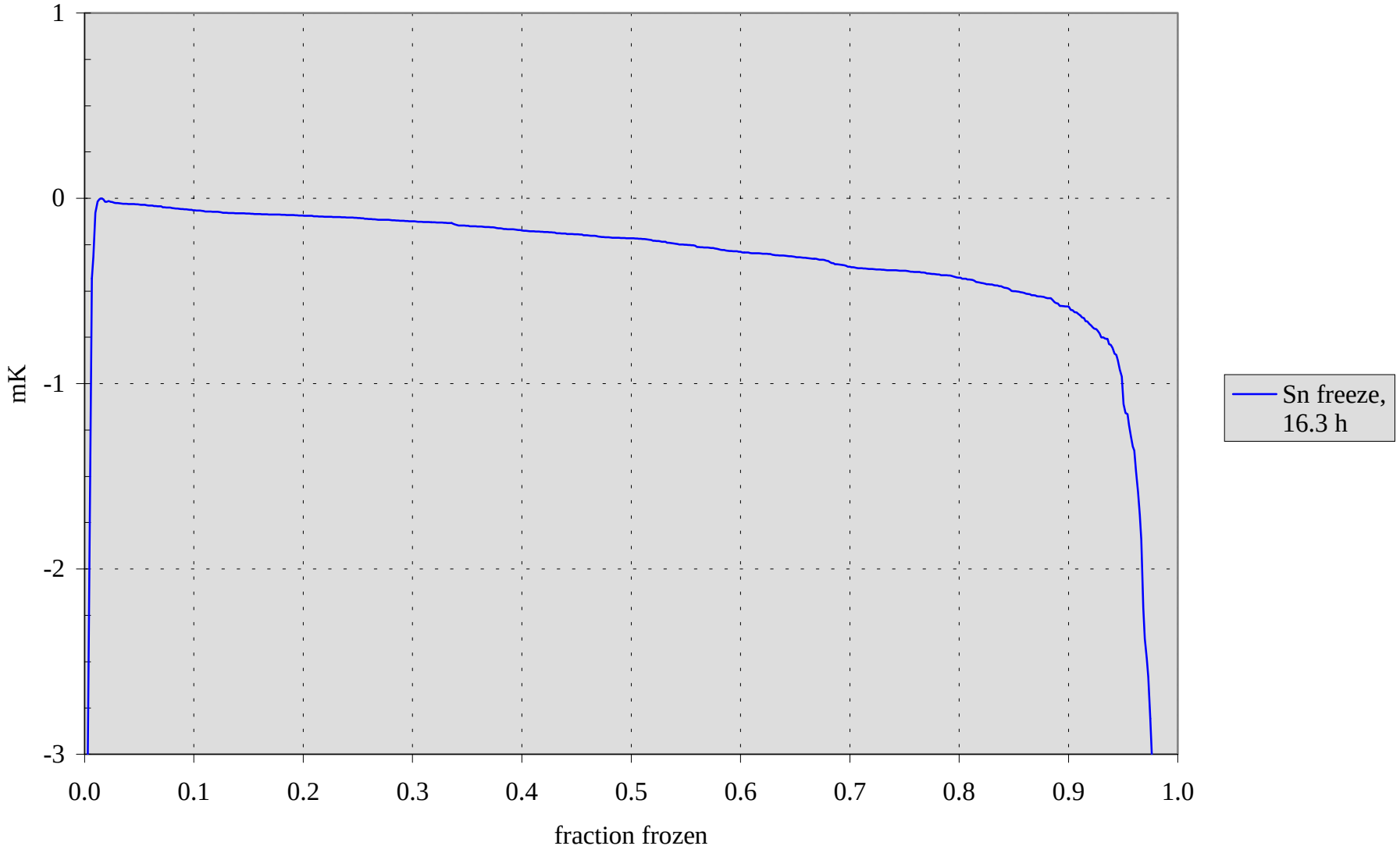

Figure 3: Melting curve of the INTA Sn fixed-point cell (s/n 98355)
ASL F18, 30 Hz, 1 mA

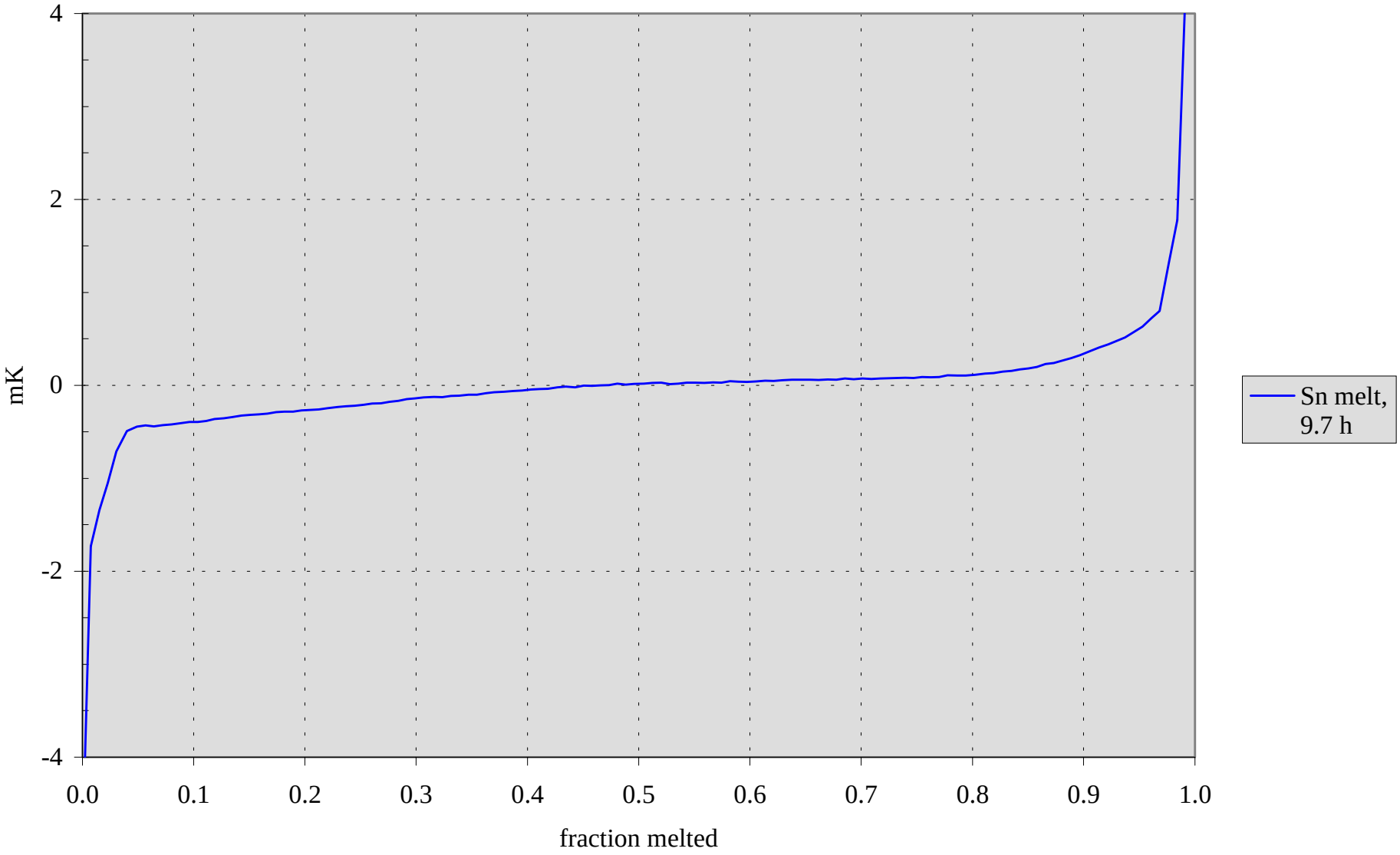

Figure 4: Immersion profile of the INTA Sn fixed-point cell (s/n In 98355) during a freezing-point realization using SPRT 004 (L&N 8167) ASL F18, 30 Hz, 0 mA