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**HCS L36 BASIC/
ADVANCED/ULTIMATE**

Hall-Effect
**Characterization
System**



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Hall-Effect Characterization System

The LINSEIS HCS (Hall-Effect Characterization System) enables the characterization of semiconductor devices in terms of their electrical transport properties, particularly Hall mobility, charge carrier concentration, resistivity and Seebeck coefficient.

The integrated desktop setups offer a complementary range of products, from a basic manually operated Hall characterization stage to an automated high-temperature stage (HCS L36 Ultimate) and an innovative Halbach configuration (HCS L36 Advanced) for characterising the most challenging samples.



Measurement features

- Charge Carrier Concentration (Sheet [1/cm²]/ Bulk [1/cm³])
- Hall-Mobility [cm²/Vs]
- Sheet resistance [Ω]
- Resistivity [Ωcm]
- Conductivity [S/cm]
- Alpha (horizontal/vertical ratio of resistance)
- MAGNETO resistance
- Seebeck Coefficient [μV/K]

HALL EFFECT CHARACTERIZATION



DC or AC Hall Effect Measurements

Product Line



HCS L36 Basic -
For Routine Measurements

Only DC measurement
Resistivity: 10⁻⁴ up to 10⁷ Ω·cm
Charge carrier concentration: 10⁷ up to 10²¹ cm⁻³
Mobility: 0.1 up to 10⁷ cm²/V·s



HCS L36 Advanced -
For high-precision Thin Film Research

DC and AC measurement
Resistivity: 10⁻⁴ up to 10⁷ Ω·cm
Charge carrier concentration: 10⁷ up to 10²³ cm⁻³
Mobility: 10⁻² up to 10⁷ cm²/V·s



HCS L36 Ultimate -
Complete Research Platform

DC and AC measurement
Resistivity: 10⁻⁴ up to 10⁷ Ω·cm
Charge carrier concentration: 10⁷ up to 10²¹ cm⁻³
Mobility: 0.01 up to 10⁷ cm²/V·s

Unique features

Halbach Magnet for exceptional field homogeneity

The optimised Halbach magnet array produces an exceptionally homogeneous magnetic field across the entire measurement area. This results in stable field conditions that minimise systematic measurement errors and enable highly accurate and reproducible determination of the Hall coefficient, carrier concentration and mobility.

Intelligent Sample Holder Recognition

Standard sample holders equipped with an integrated EPROM are automatically recognized by the software. Measurement parameters are loaded instantly, enabling fast setup, minimizing user interaction and reducing the risk of configuration errors.

One Measurement - Four Parameters

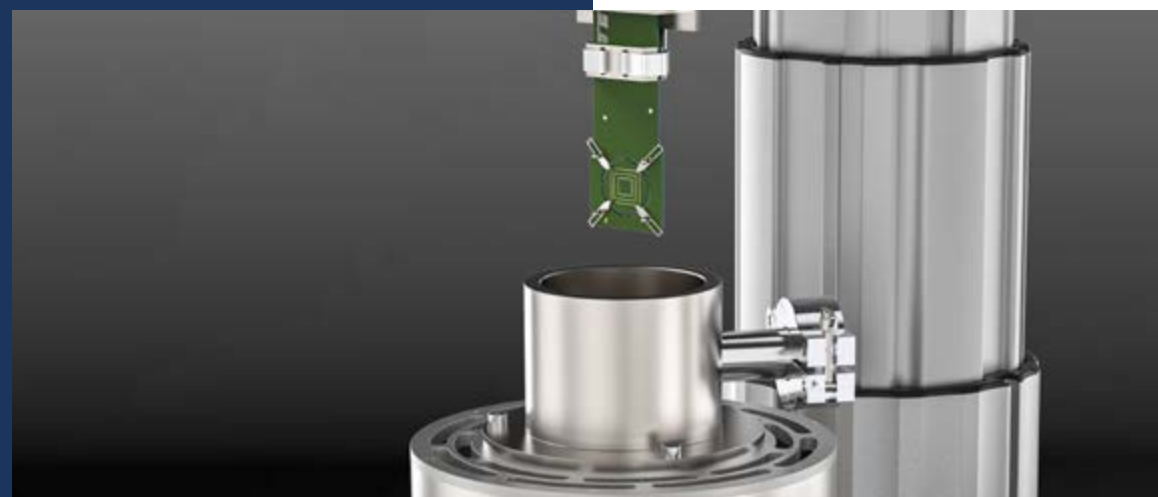
Simultaneous determination of the Hall coefficient, electrical resistivity, carrier concentration and Hall mobility within a single measurement for complete electrical material characterization.

Large sample compatibility

Compatible with standard sample holders for samples up to $12.5 \times 12.5 \text{ mm}^2$, eliminating the need for dedicated sample carriers and simplifying sample preparation for a wide range of materials.

Modern Modular Instrument Design

The instrument architecture has been completely redesigned to combine an optimised mechanical layout with improved accessibility and streamlined operation for everyday laboratory use.



UNIQUE FEATURES

Temperature range -160 °C up to 600 °C

The **LINSEIS HCS L36** system is capable of performing applications at temperatures of up to 600 °C in a single run.

Automatic calibration

The integrated automatic calibration function in both software and hardware significantly simplifies operation. The HCS L36 automatically determines and applies the required calibration factor, which is displayed transparently to the user. This minimizes user intervention and reduces the risk of calibration errors.

Customization

Close collaboration with customers to develop customized solutions, leveraging LINSEIS's expertise to meet their specific requirements.

Service

Our international presence across every continent enables us to deliver the best and fastest service possible.

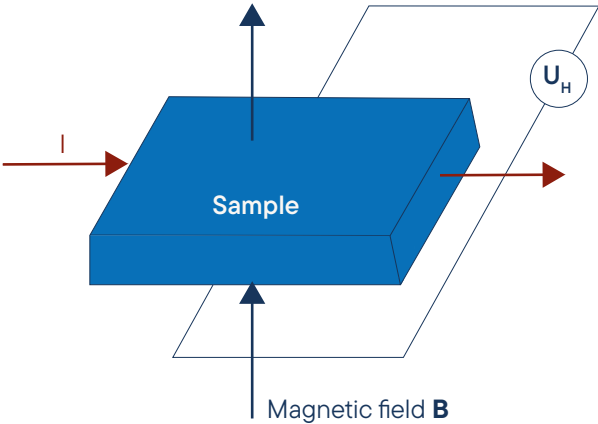


Hall Effect

The **Hall effect** provides the physical basis for determining key transport parameters in solids. The Hall voltage, which is induced by a perpendicular magnetic field, is directly related to the type, density, and mobility of the charge carriers, thereby enabling the comprehensive characterization of materials.

The voltage is called **Hall voltage U_H**

Measuring Principle



The Hall voltage U_H is measured perpendicular to the direction of current flow. The sign of U_H allows the dominant charge carrier type (*n*-type or *p*-type) to be determined.

$$U_H = A_H \cdot \frac{I \cdot B}{d}$$

A_H : Material dependent Hall constant

I : Current through the conductor

B : Magnetic flux density

d : Thickness of the conductor parallel to the magnetic field direction

Derived parameters

Charge Carrier Concentration (*n* or CCC)

$$n = \frac{1}{A_H \cdot e}$$

e : elementary charge

Hall mobility (μ)

$$\mu = \frac{A_H}{\rho}$$

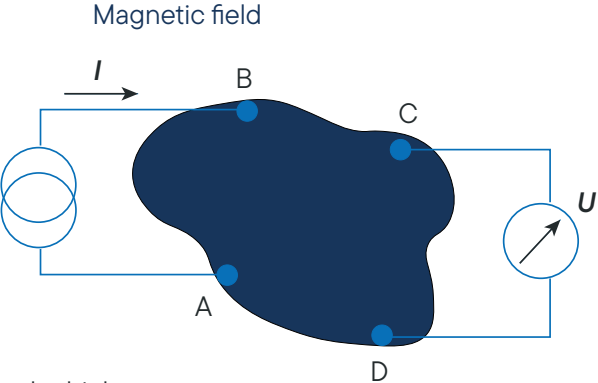
ρ : electrical resistivity

Van-der-Pauw method

The **Van-der-Pauw method** is used to determine the **electrical conductivity (σ)** and **Hall constant (A_H)** of the sample. After the sample has been deposited on the chip, it is connected to four electrodes (A, B, C and D) at its edge.

During the measurement process, a current is applied between two contacts, and the corresponding voltage between the remaining two contacts is measured. By changing the contacts clockwise and repeating the procedure, the resistivity of the sample can be calculated using the van der Pauw equation.

Measuring Principle



The Hall constant of the sample can be calculated by applying a magnetic field and measuring the corresponding change in the diagonal Van-der-Pauw resistance.

For resistivity:

$$\exp\left(\frac{\pi d}{\rho} \cdot R_{AB,CD}\right) + \exp\left(\frac{\pi d}{\rho} \cdot R_{BA,CD}\right) = 1$$

For Hall constant:

$$A_H = \frac{d}{\Delta B} \cdot \Delta R_{BD,CA}$$

where

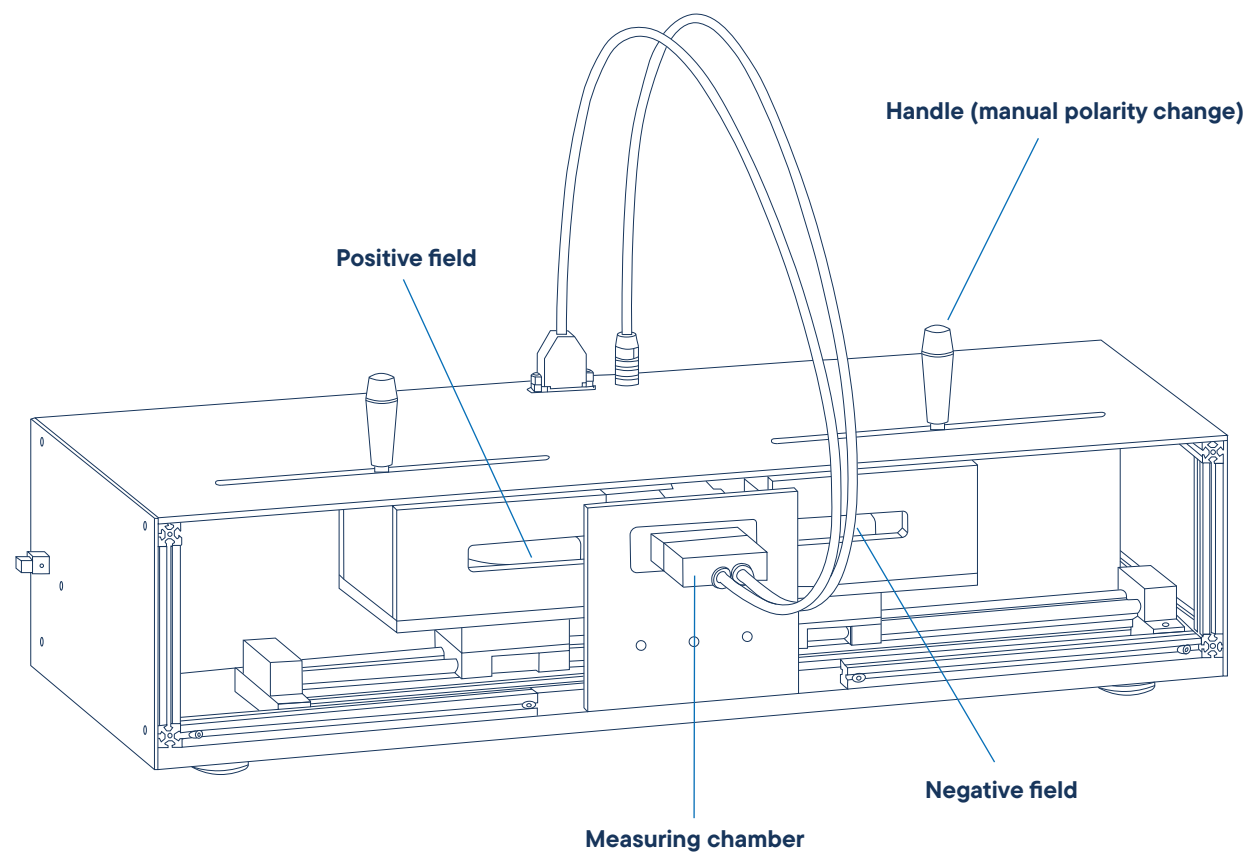
$$\Delta R_{BD,CA} = R_{BD,CA}(B_1) - R_{BD,CA}(B_0)$$

with $R_{BD,CA} = U_{BD} / I_{CA}$

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Hall Effect

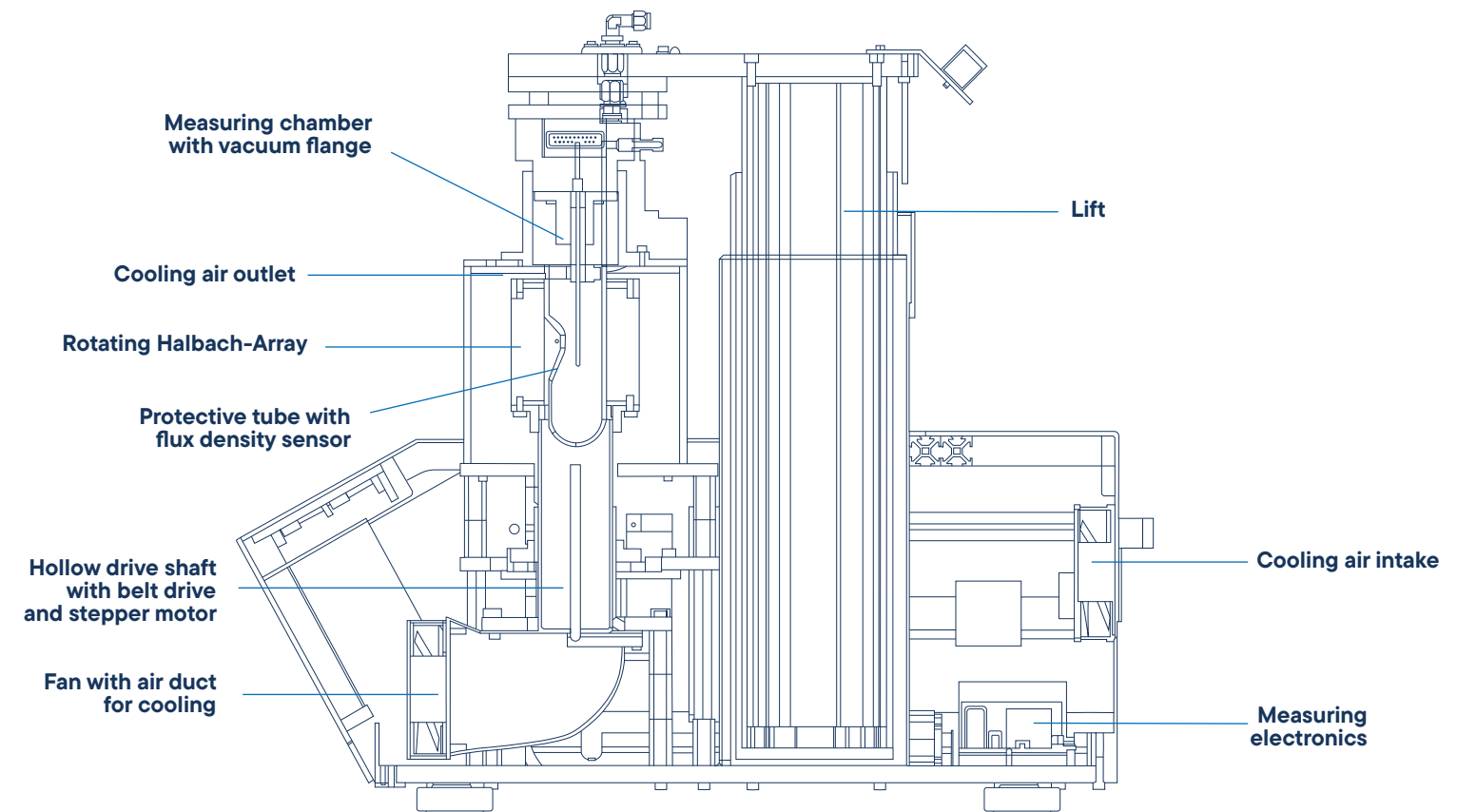


The **HCS L36 Basic** features two pairs of 120 mm diameter neodymium permanent magnets. These allow for a highly homogeneous magnetic field with a flux density of at least ± 0.6 T. The Hall coefficient sample is measured using a direct current (DC) excitation. The bipolar current source enables the Hall voltage to be separated from DC offsets, such as thermo-voltages.



Schematic illustration of the HCS L36 Basic

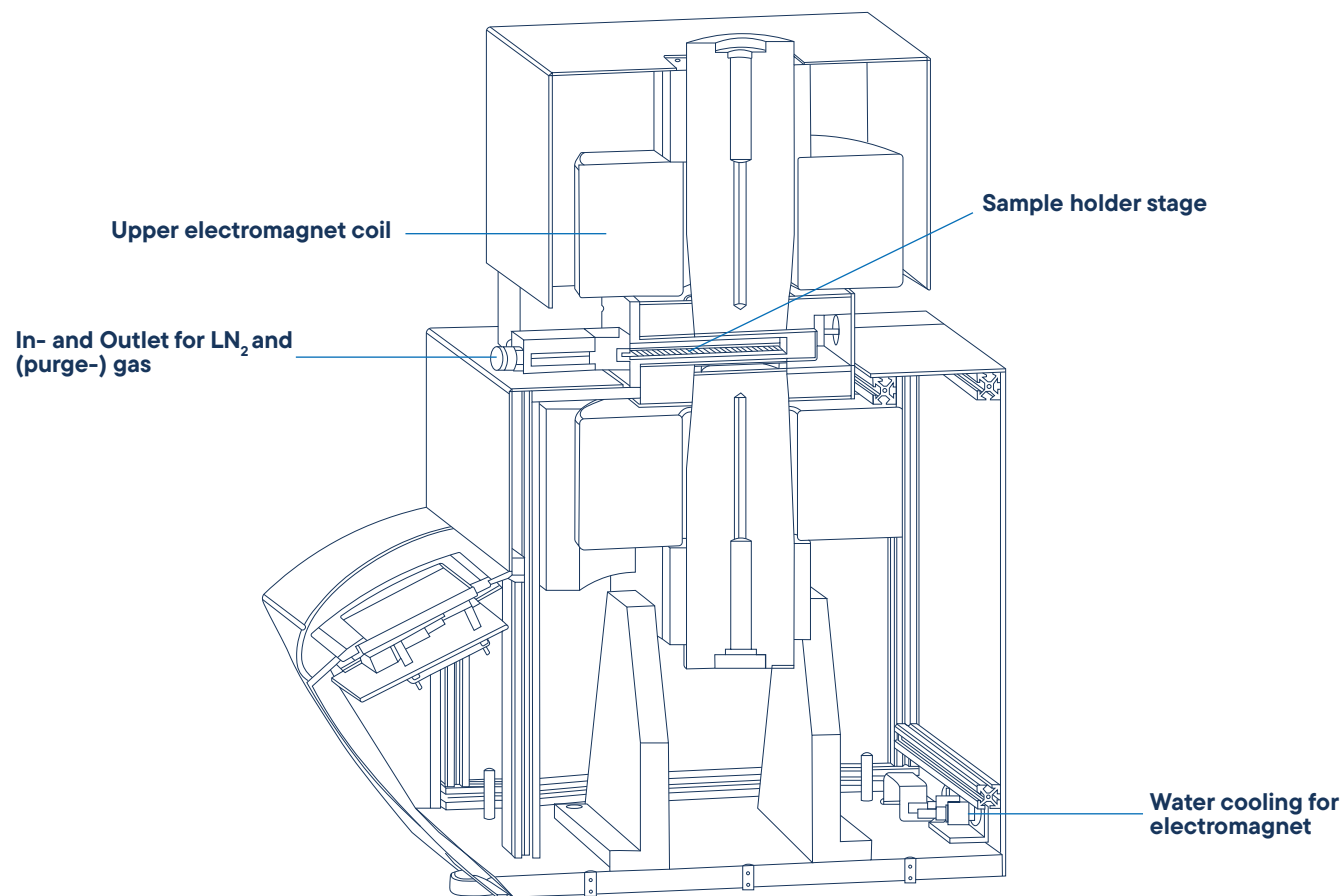
The **HCS L36 Advanced** system uses a Halbach magnet with ± 0.5 T and offers both DC and AC modes. The Halbach-Magnet is a magnet array consisting of multiple permanent magnet segments. Due to the specific two-pole layout of the magnets, a magnetic field with very homogenous flux density is formed in the center. By spinning the entire array around its own axis, the flow of flux density is $\sin(B)$ in the center, so it is alternating in a sinusoidal course. In addition, the flux density in the center is amplified, whereas the flux density on the outside is relatively weak.



Schematic illustration of the HCS L36 Advanced

The **HCS L36 Ultimate** is equipped with a water-cooled electromagnet. That allows for measurements under a user-adjustable DC magnetic flux density range. The device is also available with an AC power supply for the electromagnet. The alternating magnetic field generates an alternating hall voltage when a DC excitation current is used. The misalignment voltage caused by sample asymmetry and thermovoltages is meaningless for the AC Amplitude measured.

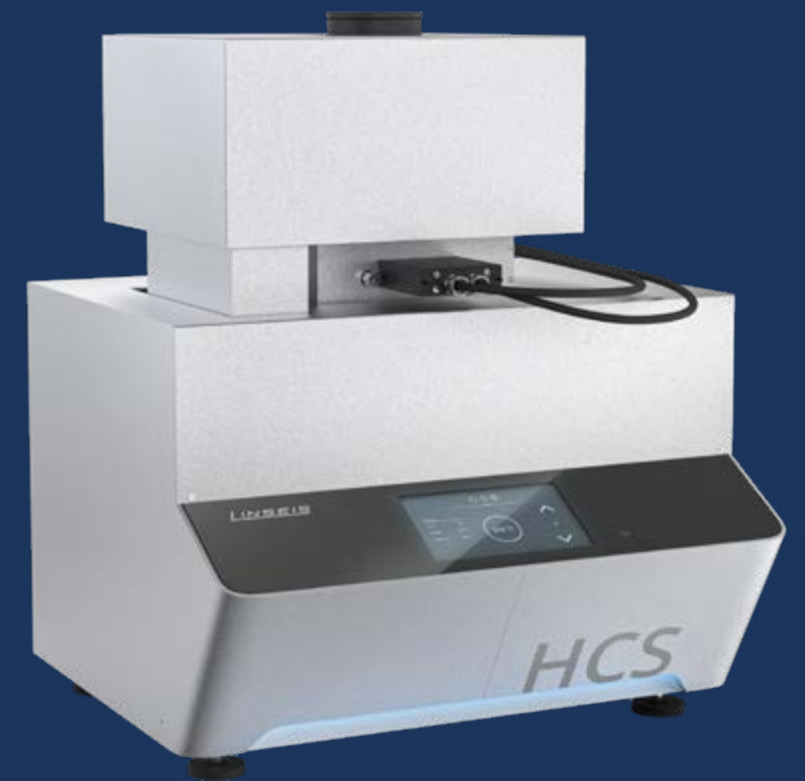
The AC-share of the measured voltage consists only of the hall voltage and a voltage induced into the conductor loops. The AC signal is processed by a lock-in Amplifier with the flux density measured by a sensor to eliminate the 90° out-of-phase induced voltage.



Schematic illustration of the HCS L36 Ultimate

The systems can be equipped with different sample holders to accommodate various geometries and temperature requirements. An optional low-temperature version using liquid nitrogen (LN_2) is available, as well as a high-temperature version of up to 600 °C, to ensure that all fields of application can be covered. Depending on the system configuration, a permanent magnet, a water-cooled electromagnet or a Halbach magnet can provide a magnetic field strength of up to 0.5 Tesla.

This comprehensive, Windows-based software offers a user-friendly graphical interface for controlling system parameters and defining measurement procedures and temperature profiles. It also allows for easy data evaluation and presentation.



HCS L36 Ultimate

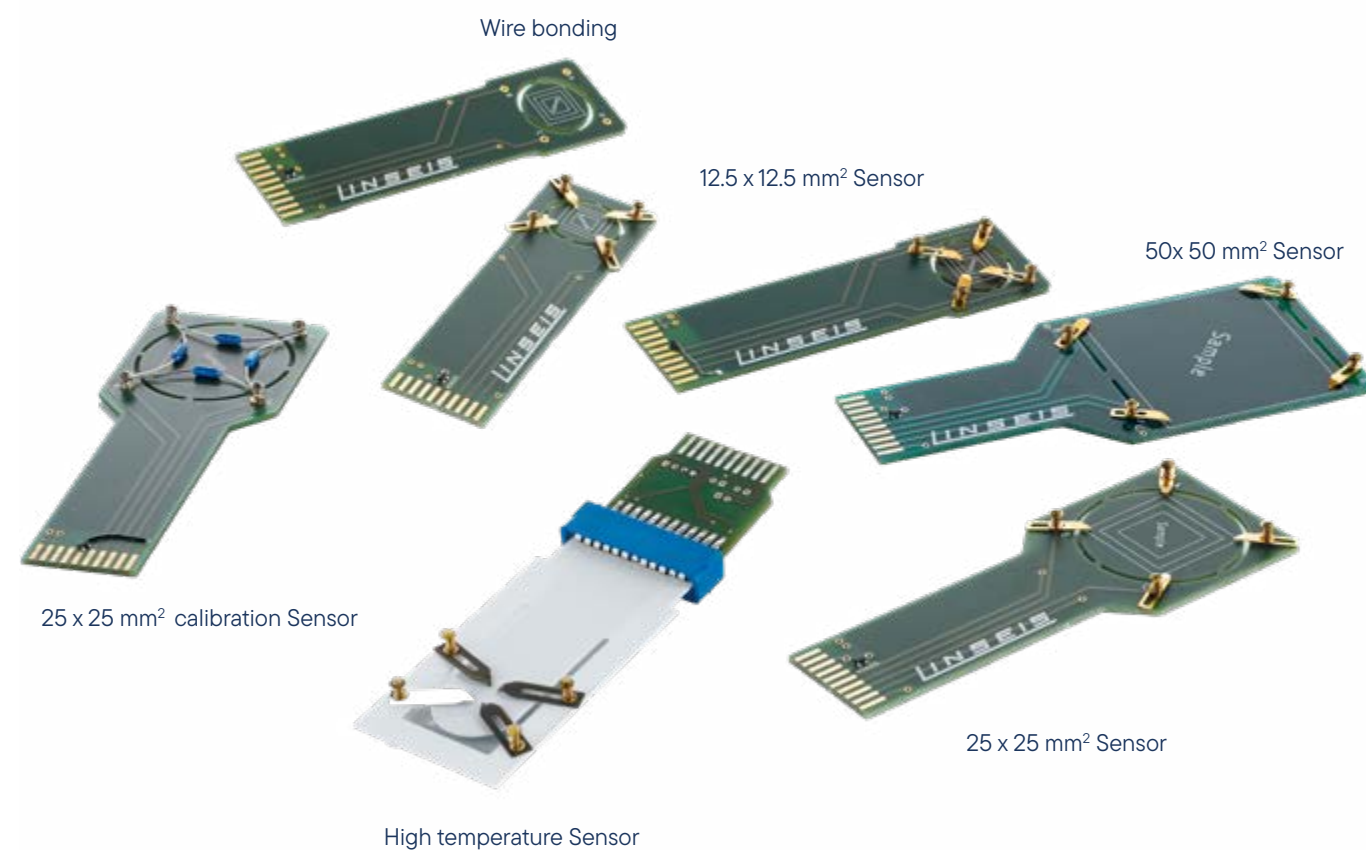
System features

- Gas tight measurement chamber which allows measurements under defined atmospheres or vacuum conditions
- 120 mm diameter magnets for highest field homogeneity and maximum accuracy as well as biggest measureable sample sizes
- Modular and upgradeable system design
- High temperature version up to 600 °C
- Lock-in amplifier upgrade for lowest noise measurements
- Connector for use of external electronics
- Integrated software package for easy handling
- Seebeck Coefficient option: typically up to 10 K

Sensors

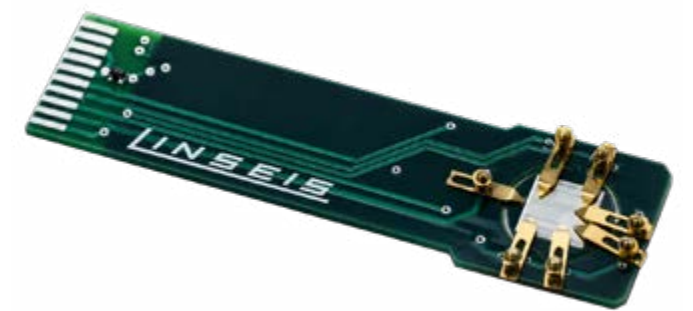
Thanks to their modular design, the **Linseis HCS systems** can be easily expanded to cover a wide range of applications. These include the Seebeck option, the gated Hall bar setup and the illumination option. The plug-and-play system of the sample boards allows the measurement mode to be changed quickly and easily.

Exchangeable sensor with intelligent recognition for plug-and-play-usage.



(Gated) Hall bar

The sample holder can be used to characterise nanowires and transistors for Hall bar or gated Hall bar measurements, for example. It can be used to determine electrical conductivity and Hall mobility, as well as all quantities derived from these properties. Furthermore, it enables properties to be investigated in relation to an additional applied electric field, i.e. the gate. Please note that the sample structure (i.e. the contact scheme) differs between the gated Hall bar and Van der Pauw setups, so the sample must be prepared accordingly.



Illumination Option

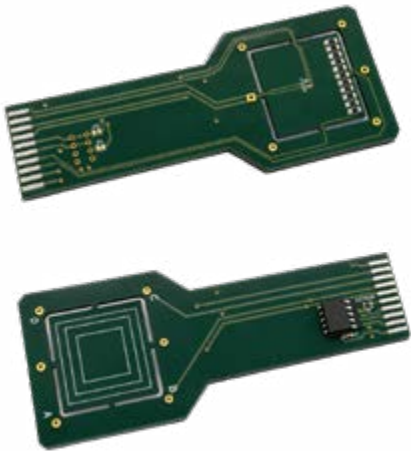
The illumination option allows Hall effect investigations to be conducted on illuminated samples. This allows the effects to be analysed by irradiating the sample with different wavelengths of light from the blue, green and red spectrum and varying the illuminance. It also means that additional sample holders can be used to study the photoelectric effect. Consequently, this option is particularly interesting for materials used in photovoltaic systems.



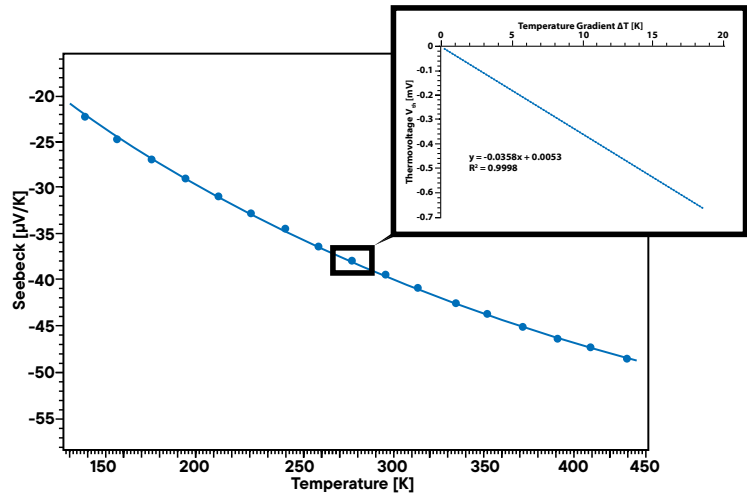
A wide variety of sample holders for different sample sizes and measurement types can be plugged into the sample holder socket. The vacuum-tight chamber allows samples to be measured under defined atmospheres.

Seebeck Option

	HCS L36 Basic, Advanced, Ultimate
Sample Geometry	length: 6 to 20 mm width: 1 to 20 mm height: thin film up to 2 mm
Seebeck Coefficient	-2500 $\mu\text{V/K}$ to 2500 $\mu\text{V/K}$
Measurement	Slope technique: eliminates errors caused by temperature gradient offset or Seebeck voltage offset
Gradient heater	Seebeck-Gradient typically 10 K
Thermocouples	Type K



Measurement of an Constantan reference sample



Measurement of the Seebeck coefficient on a Constantan reference sample from -140 °C to +180 °C. The Seebeck coefficient was measured using the slope technique (see inset) at each temperature. The results can be plotted as either the relative Seebeck coefficient against Pt or the absolute Seebeck coefficient.

Technical Specifications

	HCS L36 Basic	HCS L36 Advanced	HCS L36 Ultimate
Temperature range	LN ₂ up to 600 °C in different versions (continuously from LT to HT) -160 °C (controlled cooling) -196 °C (quench cooling)	-150 °C up to 200 °C (controlled cooling) and RT up to 600 °C	LN ₂ up to 600 °C in different versions (continuously from LT to HT) -160 °C (controlled cooling) -196 °C (quench cooling)
Magnet	Permanent magnets up to 0.70 T DC field Pole diameter 120 mm Two magnet setup for bi-polar measurement.	Multisegment cylindrical Halbach array up to 0.5 T, inner diameter 60 mm AC field up to 0.5 Hz or DC field	Electromagnet with 76 mm of pole diameter. AC power supply for measurements up to 0.1 Hz at up to +40 A
Current source	DC 1 nA up to 125 mA (8 decades / Compliance +/- 12 V)		
Voltage measurement	DC low noise / low drift 1 μV up to 2500 mV 4 decades amplification Digital resolution: 300 pV	DC low noise / low drift 1 μV up to 2500 mV 4 decades amplification Digital resolution: 300 pV AC 20 nV up to 1V Features: G Ω range input impedance, variable integration times and amplification	
Sensors / Sample geometry	Seebeck Sensor, Illumination Sensor, Gated hall bar from 5 x 5 mm ² to 12.5 x 12.5 mm ² Maximum sample height 3 mm from 17.5 x 17.5 mm ² up to 25 x 25 mm ² Maximum sample height 5 mm from 42.5 x 42.5 mm ² up to 50 x 50 mm ² Maximum sample height 5 mm High Temperature board from 10 x 10 mm ² , max. sample height 3 mm	Seebeck Sensor, Illumination Sensor, Gated hall bar from 5 x 5 mm ² to 12.5 x 12.5 mm ² Maximum sample height 3 mm High Temperature board from 10 x 10 mm ² , max. sample height 3 mm From 17.5 x 17.5 mm ² up to 25 x 25 mm ² , max. sample height 3 mm	Seebeck Sensor, Illumination Sensor, Gated hall bar from 5 x 5 mm ² to 12.5 x 12.5 mm ² Maximum sample height 3 mm from 17.5 x 17.5 mm ² up to 25 x 25 mm ² Maximum sample height 5 mm from 42.5 x 42.5 mm ² up to 50 x 50 mm ² Maximum sample height 5 mm High Temperature board from 10 x 10 mm ² , max. sample height 3 mm
Resistivity Range	10 ⁻⁴ up to 10 ⁷ (Ωcm)	10 ⁻⁴ up to 10 ⁷ (Ωcm)	10 ⁻⁴ up to 10 ⁷ (Ωcm)
Carrier concentration	10 ⁷ up to 5x10 ²² cm ⁻³	10 ⁷ up to 10 ²³ cm ⁻³	10 ⁷ up to 10 ²³ cm ⁻³
Mobility range	0.1 ~ 10 ⁷ cm ² /Vs	10 ⁻² up to 10 ⁷ cm ² /Vs	10 ⁻² ~ 10 ⁷ cm ² /Vs
Atmospheres	Vacuum, inert, oxidizing, reducing	Vacuum, inert, oxidizing, reducing	Vacuum, inert, oxidizing, reducing
Temperature resolution	0.001 °C	0.001 °C	0.001 °C

*The actual measurement range depends on the properties of the sample and the geometry



Software

All LINSEIS devices are PC controlled, where the individual software modules exclusively run under Microsoft® Windows® operating systems. The integrated software enables straightforward operation, temperature control, data acquisition and data evaluation.

General Features

- NIST routine to find the optimum measurement settings and achieve the most accurate results
- Extended connection test
- Possible integration of external electronics
- Optional database storage

- Optional lock-in amplifier integration
- Automatic sensor recognition (EPROM)
- Automatic evaluation
- Fully automatic cooling regulation

Type	Sample size	Visualisation	HCS L36 Basic	HCS L36 Advanced	HCS L36 Ultimate
12.5 x 12.5 mm	from 5 x 5 mm ² to 12.5 x 12.5 mm ² Maximum sample height 3 mm		😊	😊	😊
25 x 25 mm	from 17.5 x 17.5 mm ² to 25 x 25 mm ² Maximum sample height 5 mm		😊	😊	😊
50 x 50 mm	from 42.5 x 42.5 mm ² to 50 x 50 mm ² Maximum sample height 5 mm		😊	😞	😊
10 x 10 mm High Temperature	10 x 10 mm ² Maximum sample height 3mm		😊	😊	😊
12.5 x 12.5 mm Wire bonding	from 5 x 5 mm ² to 12.5 x 12.5 mm ² Maximum sample height 3 mm		😊	😊	😊
25 x 25 mm Seebeck	from 17.5 x 17.5 mm ² to 25 x 25 mm ² Maximum sample height 5 mm		😊	😊	😊
25 x 25 mm Illumination	from 17.5 x 17.5 mm ² to 25 x 25 mm ² Maximum sample height 3 mm		😊	😊	😊
12.5 x 12.5 mm (Gated) Hall bar	from 5 x 5 mm ² to 12.5 x 12.5 mm ² Maximum sample height 3 mm		😊	😊	😊

😊 available 😐 on request 😞 not available

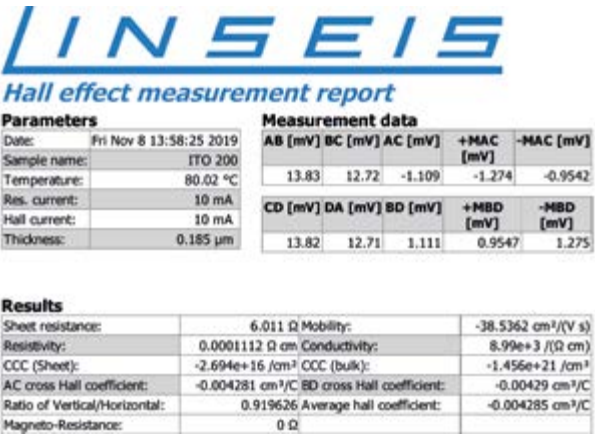


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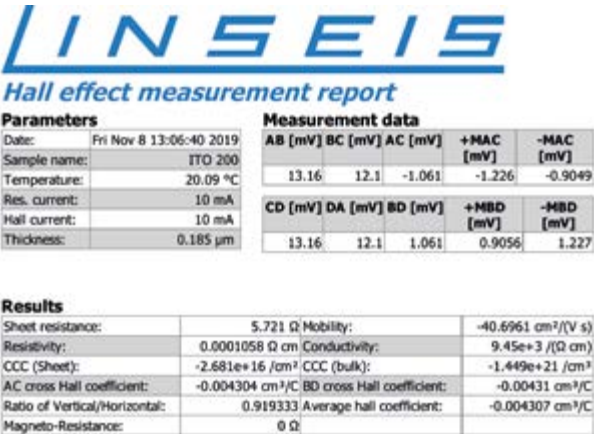
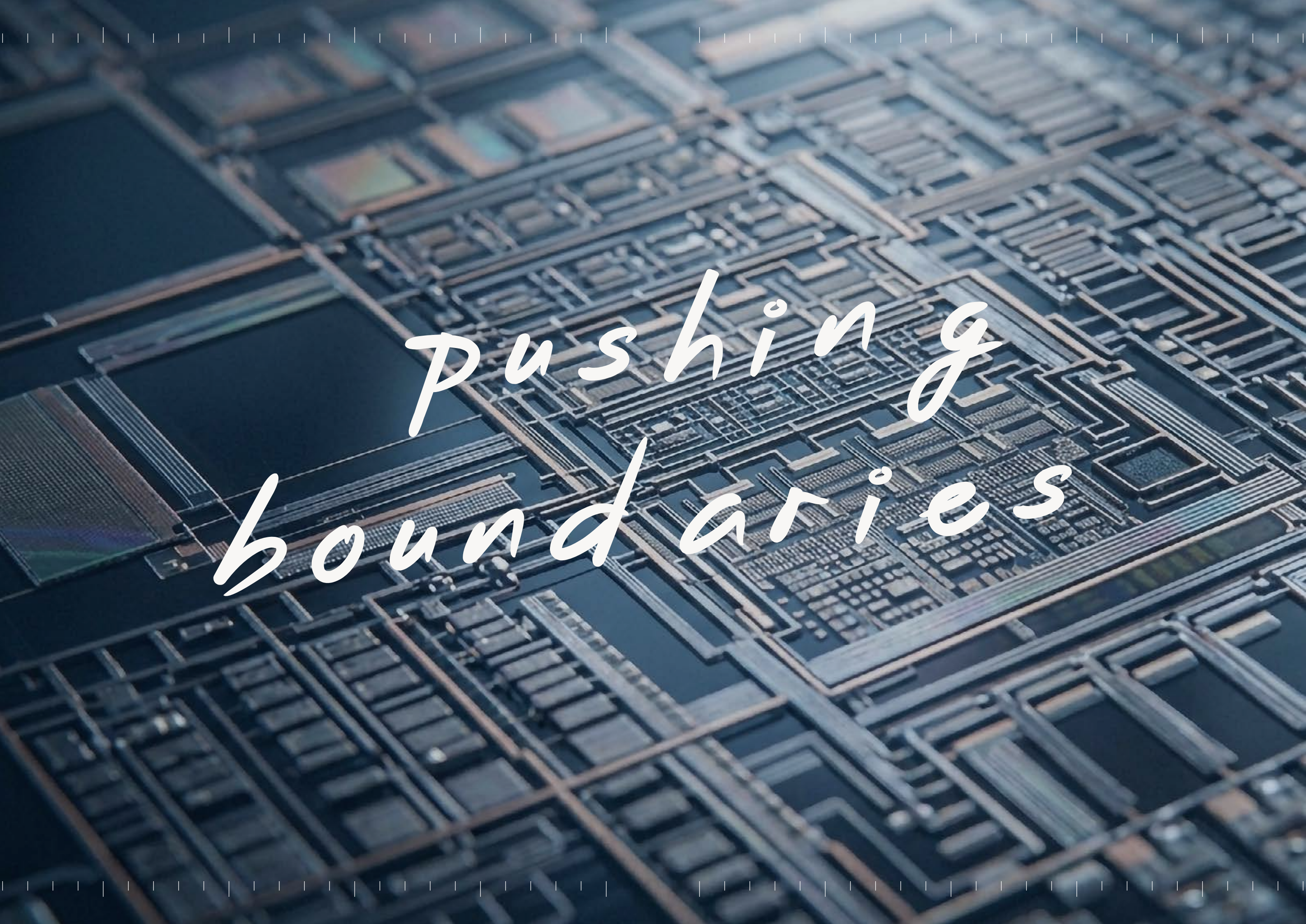


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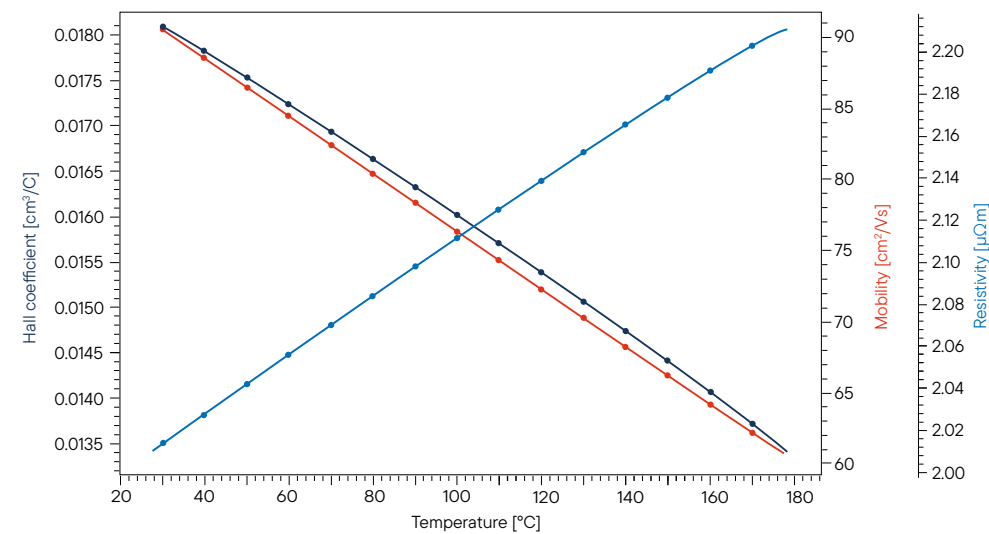


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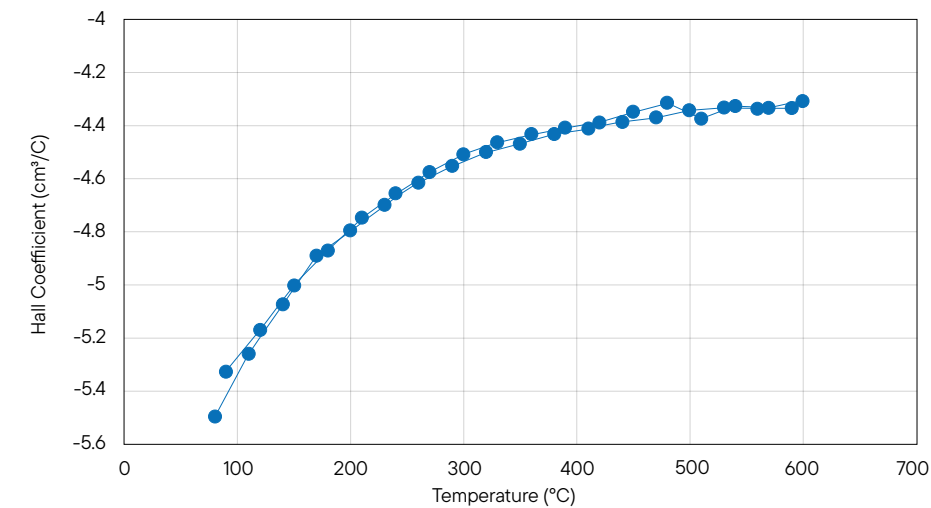
Applications

Antimony Thin Film (150 nm Sb)



Antimony (Sb) is a semimetal, which is widely used in the field of thermoelectrics (in form of alloys, e.g. Bi_{1-x}Sb_x) and as an emerging application is the field of microelectronics. Nevertheless, the largest applications for metallic antimony are lead antimony plates in leadacid batteries. The figure shows a full characterization of a thin film on SiO₂/Si substrate, prepared by sputter deposition, with the Linseis HCS L36 Basic (RT to 200 °C option).

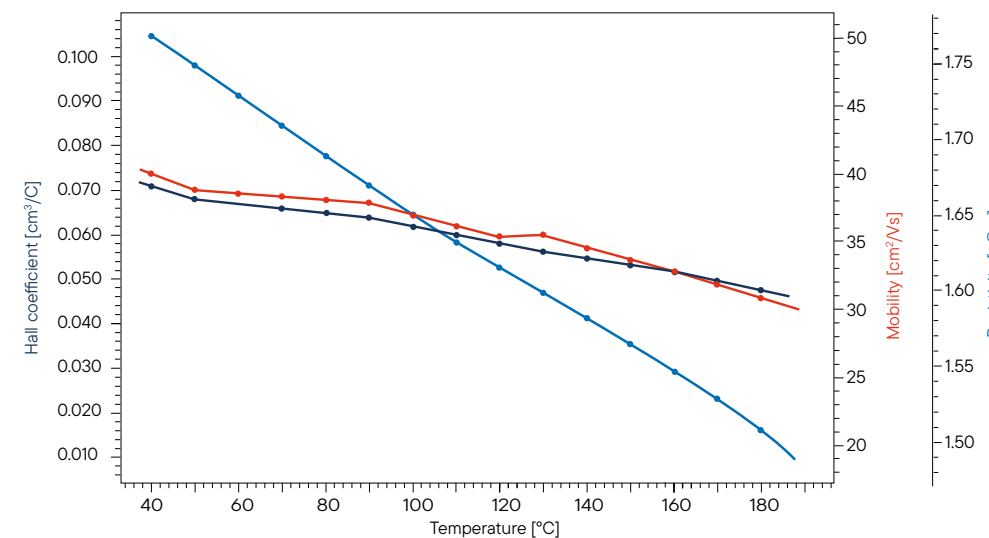
N-type gallium nitride (1μm) up to 600 °C



A 1 μm thick n-type gallium nitride (GaN) layer was characterized from room temperature up to 600 °C using the HCS L36 Basic.

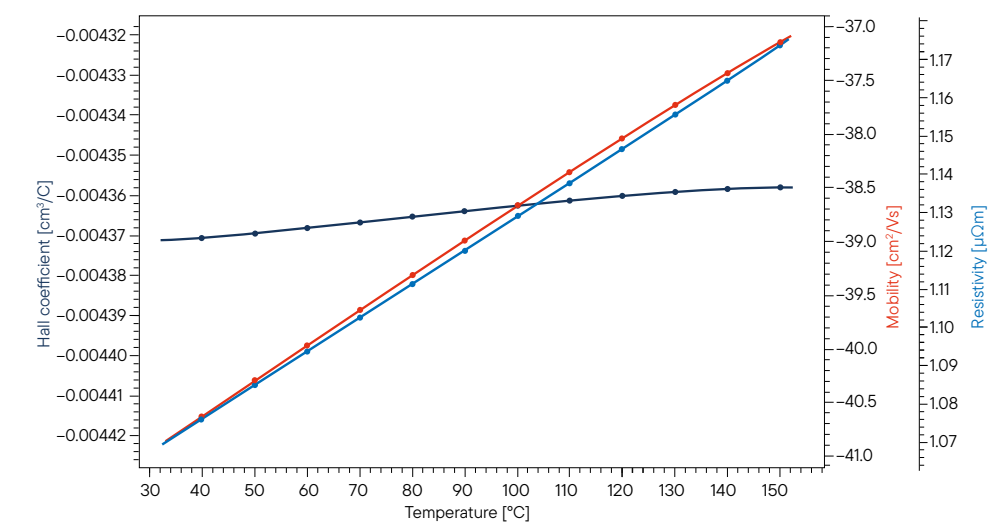
The temperature dependent Hall coefficient shows a continuous increase followed by a stable plateau at higher temperatures, demonstrating reliable and reproducible measurements across the entire temperature range.

Bismuth-antimony Thin Film (150 nm Bi₈₇Sb₁₃)



Bismuth-antimony alloys, (Bi_{1-x}Sb_x) are binary alloys of bismuth and antimony in various ratios. In particular, the alloy Bi_{0.87}Sb_{0.13} was the first three-dimensional topological insulator to be observed experimentally. These materials have conducting surface states but an insulating interior. Various BiSb alloys are also used in low-temperature thermoelectric devices. The presented measurement was conducted on a thermally evaporated Bi₈₇Sb₁₃ thin film.

ITO (Indium tin oxide) up to 200 °C



Indium tin oxide (ITO) is a transparent conducting oxide (TCO) widely used in displays, touchscreens and photovoltaic devices. It combines high electrical conductivity with excellent optical transparency, making it an ideal material for optoelectronic applications. The sputter-deposited ITO film was characterized using the LINSEIS HCS L36 Basic over a temperature range from RT to 200 °C.



Double layer CuNi & Ti (300+60 nm)

A CuNi/Ti double-layer thin film (300 nm CuNi + 60 nm Ti) was characterized from room temperature to 200 °C using two different LINSEIS HCS instruments: HCS Basic and HCS Advanced. The measurements include temperature-dependent resistivity, Hall coefficient and carrier mobility.

Despite the different instrument configurations, both systems exhibit highly comparable trends across the complete temperature range. The measured electrical transport properties show excellent agreement, demonstrating the consistency and reliability of the HCS platform. Minor deviations are well within the expected range for thin-film Hall measurements and confirm the robustness of both instrument versions.

The results show that both HCS Basic and HCS Advanced deliver reliable and reproducible Hall characterization for thin metallic films, providing users with confidence when transferring measurement methods or comparing data across different systems.

- Direct comparison of HCS Basic and HCS Advanced
- CuNi/Ti double-layer (300 nm + 60 nm)
- Measurement range: RT to 200 °C
Determination of resistivity, Hall coefficient and mobility
- Excellent agreement between two independent instruments
- Reliable characterization of temperature-dependent electrical transport properties

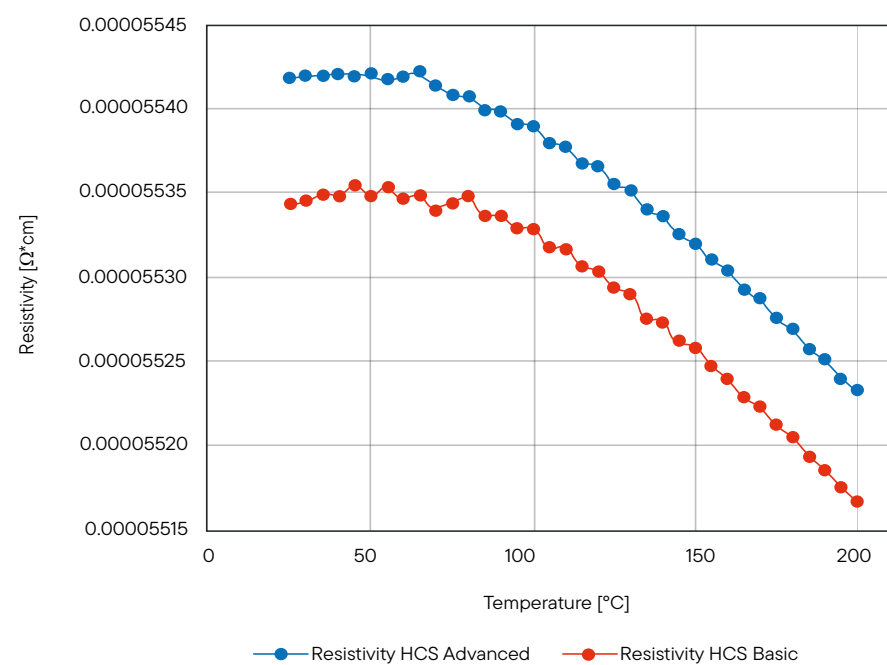


Fig. 1: Resistivity HCS Advanced/Basic

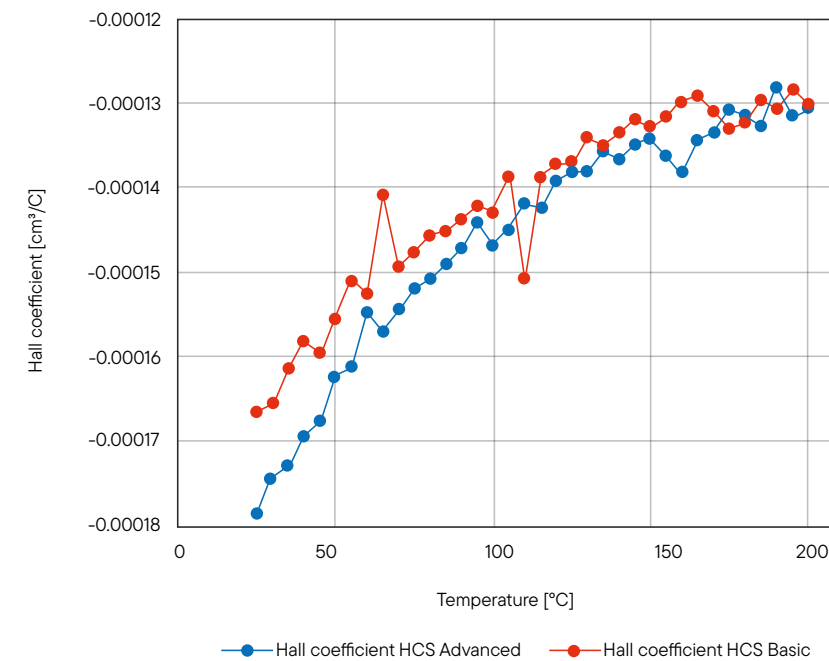


Fig. 2: Hall coefficient HCS Advanced/Basic

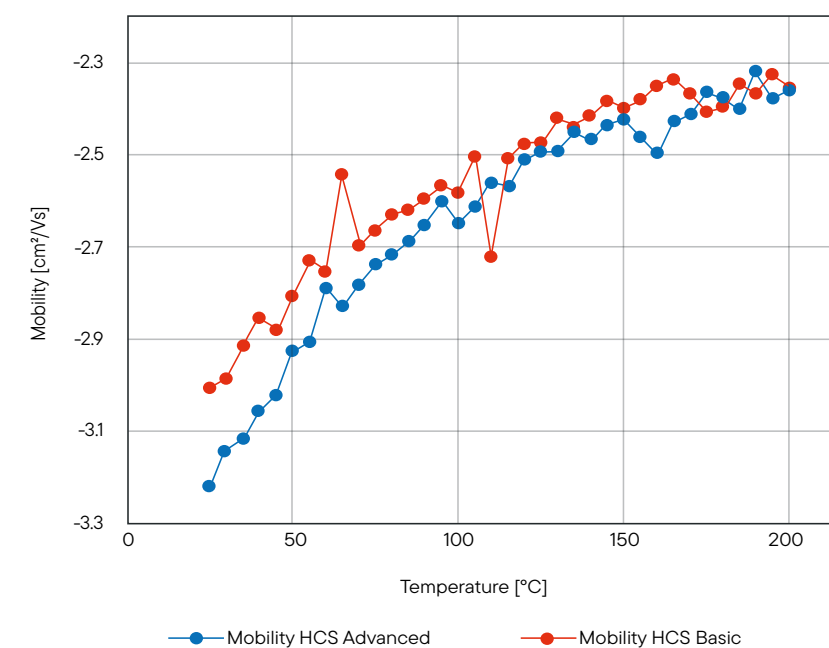


Fig. 3: Mobility HCS Advanced/Basic

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