## **Custom High-Temperature Reference Electrodes**

Robust thermodynamic high-temperature reference electrodes (HTREs) for performing electrochemical molten salt R&D are required, but are not commercially available

Researchers make their own HTREs with inherent variability due to differences in design and fabrication methods. HiFunda will provide custom HTREs for your application so your team can focus on electrochemical R&D and process/product development.

HiFunda has developed and demonstrated the HTRE technology as part of DOE SBIR projects where we teamed with Idaho National Laboratory and the University of Utah to develop and demonstrate HTREs for operation in molten chloride and fluoride salts

HiFunda's custom Ag/AgCl, Ag/AgF, and Ni/NiF<sub>2</sub> HTREs are designed, built, and characterized for your application. Each HTRE has three-fold functionality 1) stable thermodynamic reference potential, 2) integral temperature sensor, 3) redox sensor.

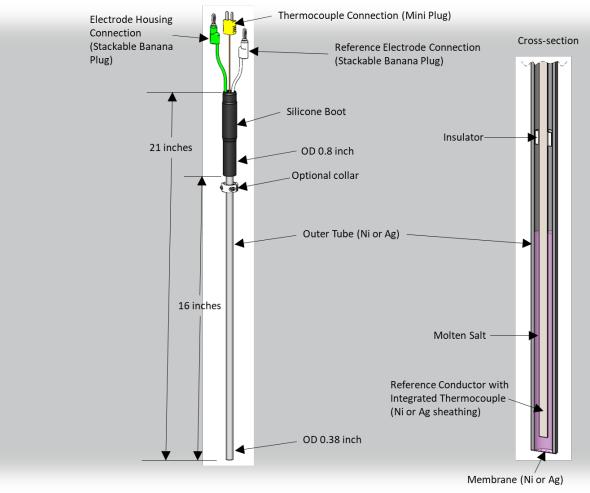




- Robust, Standardized High-Temperature Molten Chloride Salt Reference Electrodes, DE-SC0021439 https://www.sbir.gov/sbirsearch/detail/2056865
- Stable High-Temperature Molten Salt Reference Electrodes, DE-SC0020579 https://www.sbir.gov/sbirsearch/detail/2104123
- 3. "Robust and Standardized High-temperature Molten Chloride Salt Reference Electrode," 2022 TMS Annual Meeting & Exhibition
- 4. "Long Term Stability of Ag/AgCl Reference Electrode in Molten Chloride Salt," Log 254, 12<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Methods and Applications of Radioanalytical Chemistry 2022



## **Customized HTREs for Your Molten Salt Applications**



HTRE Wire Length length Max Use Depth HTRE Reference Wire Housing Membrane Reference Melt (inches) Thermocouple (inches) T (°C) Interface Type (Inches) Part No. AgF/FLiNaK 21 Collar Ag/AgF-1112-123-222-1111 Ag99.9 Ag99.9 Ag99.9 36 750 4 Ag/AgF Type K Ni/NiF-Ni201 Ni201 Ni201 NiF2/FLiNaK 36 Type K 21 750 4 Collar Ni/NiF2-2223-223-222-1111 Ag/AgCl Ag99.9 Ag99.9 Ag99.9 AgCl/MgCl2, NaCl, KCl 36 Type K 21 750 4 Collar Ag/AgCl-1112-323-222-1111 Ni/NiCl<sub>2</sub> Ni201 Ni201 NiCl<sub>2</sub>/MgCl2, NaCl, KCl 750 Collar Ni/NiCl2-2223-423-222-1111 Ni201 36 21 Type K HTRE Customization Options 8 Feature Description Comments other customer specified Options highlighted in green correspond to Ni201 Reference conductor (OCS) standard Ag/AgF HTRE В Housing Ag99.9 Ni201 OCS Membrane type Ag99.9 Ni201 Mullite  $\mathbf{C}$ MgO OCS Mullite and MgO are not compatible with fluorides Membrane leak rate Ni, Ag, and MgO MLR can be customized. Mullite (MLR, sccm) 10 OCS MLR = 0NiCl2/Chloride solar AgCl/Chloride solar salt Nitrate solar AgF/FLiBe Reference melt AgF/FLiNaK NiF<sub>2</sub>/FLiNaK Test melt plus reference salt (Future2B) salt (Future 2b) salt (Future2B) Reference salt composition (mol%) 100 OCS Reference salt = AgF, NiF<sub>2</sub>, AgCl, or AgNO<sub>3</sub> Wire length (inches) OCS 12 Thermocouple Type Immersion depth Immersion depth and total length are linked. (inches) Total HTRE length (inches) 19 Total length is linked to maximum use temperature Isolated OCP of HTRE housing independent of piping OCP Nonisolated swagelok when isolated and the same as piping when OCP for height swagelok K HTRE Interface adjustment fitting not isolated fitting CV at 550°C included with 3 sweeps, additional T=750°C T=550°C T=650°C Characteristic CV cost for other temperatures М Verification testing 12 24 100 Additional cost for verfiication testing (~\$100/hr) Additional cost for CofC (~\$50) Not required Required Custom development services (CDS) available to benchmark or optimize the RE for each customer's salt mixture of interest Turnkey services available to design and build HT electrochemical test setups



HiFunda works with customers to solve their most demanding technical challenges to develop and commercialize new materials and technologies

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