

# Phase transition heat in MoRuB

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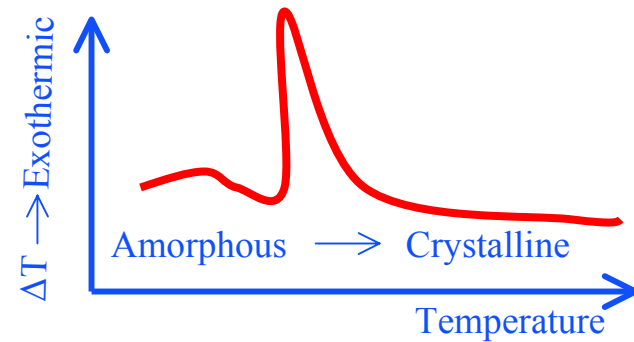
# Introduction

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- Production of glassy metal
  - » Fusion of alloy
  - » Rapid quenching
- Phase transition heat as a function of percentage of Boron in MoRuB
  - » Transition Temperature
  - » Differential Thermal Analyzer (DTA)

# PRODUCTION

- $(\text{Mo}_{0.6} \text{Ru}_{0.4})_{1-x} \text{B}_x$



- Glassicity range from  $x=14$  to  $x=24$

# FUSING THE ALLOY

Mini-Arc Melter



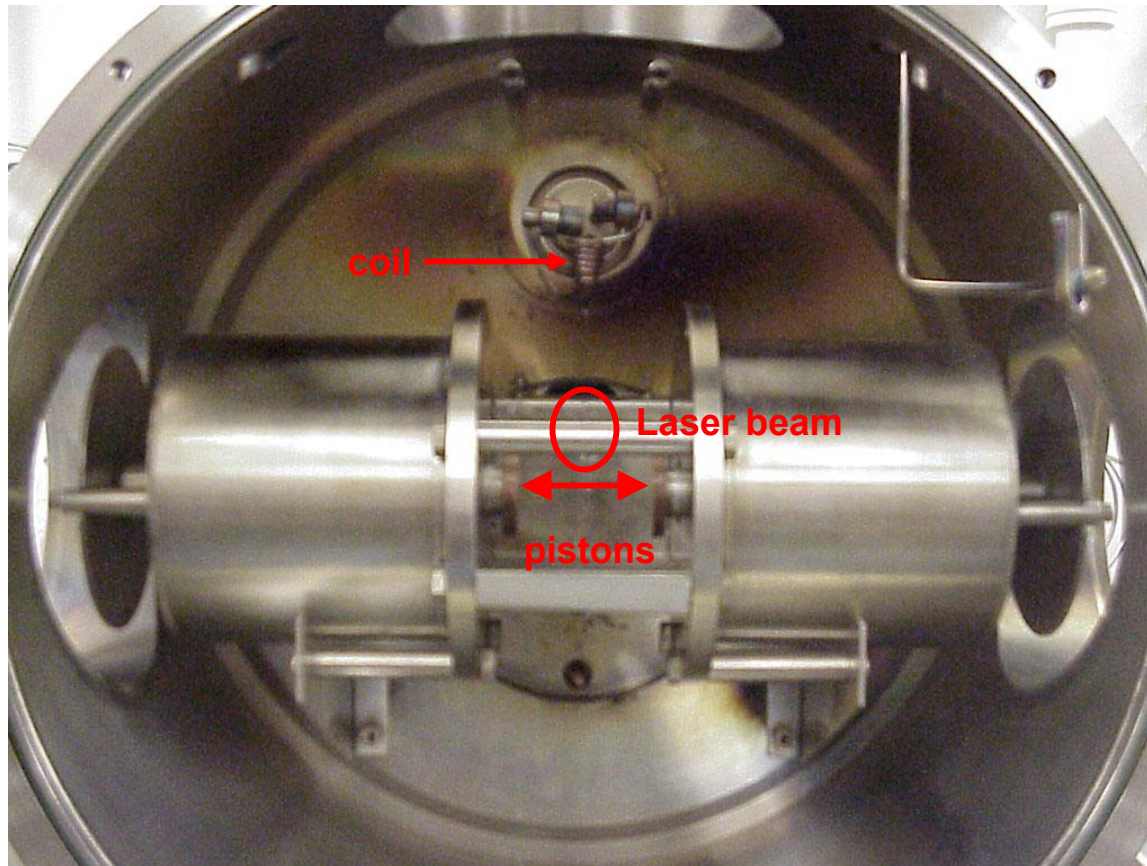
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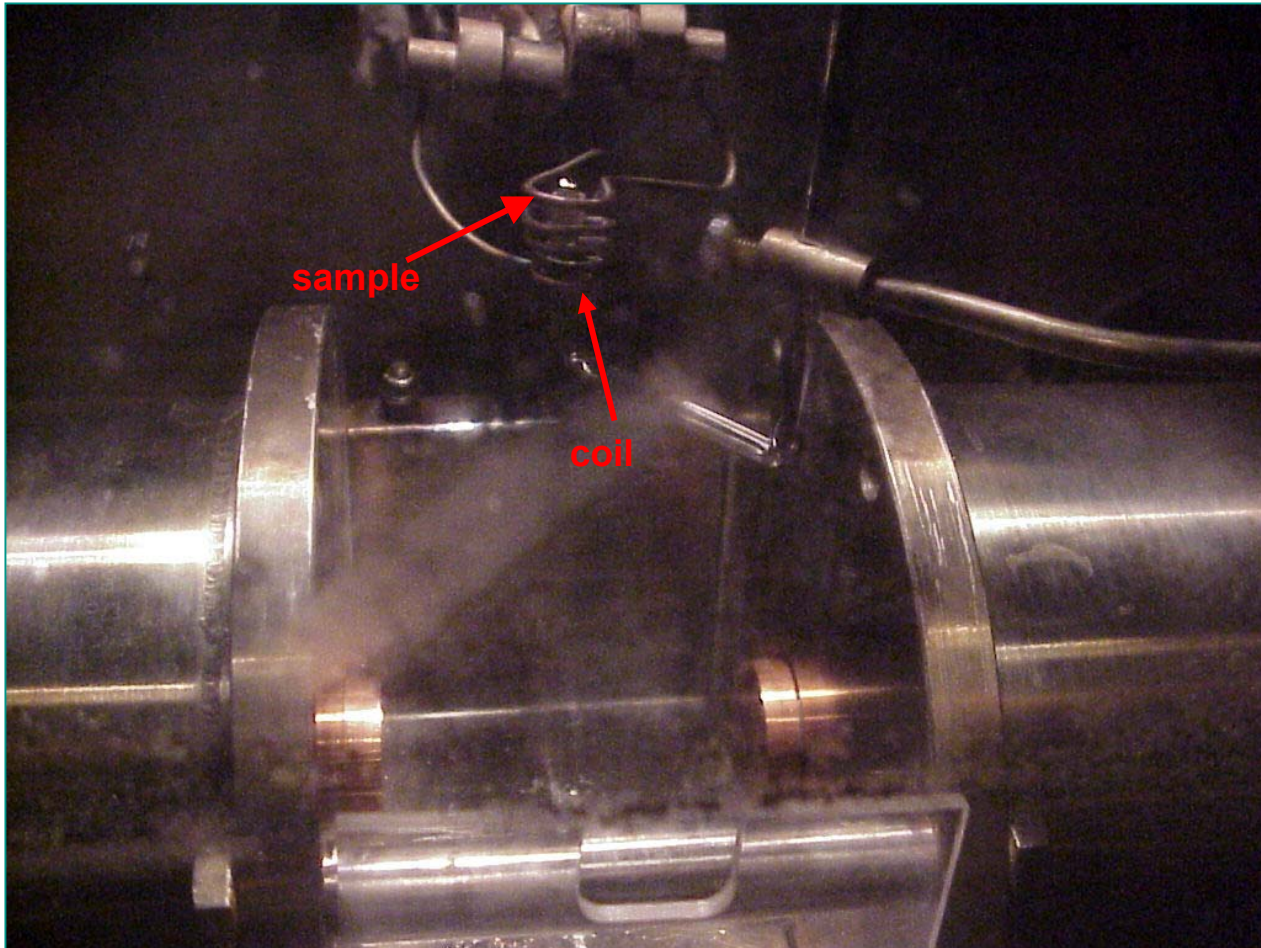


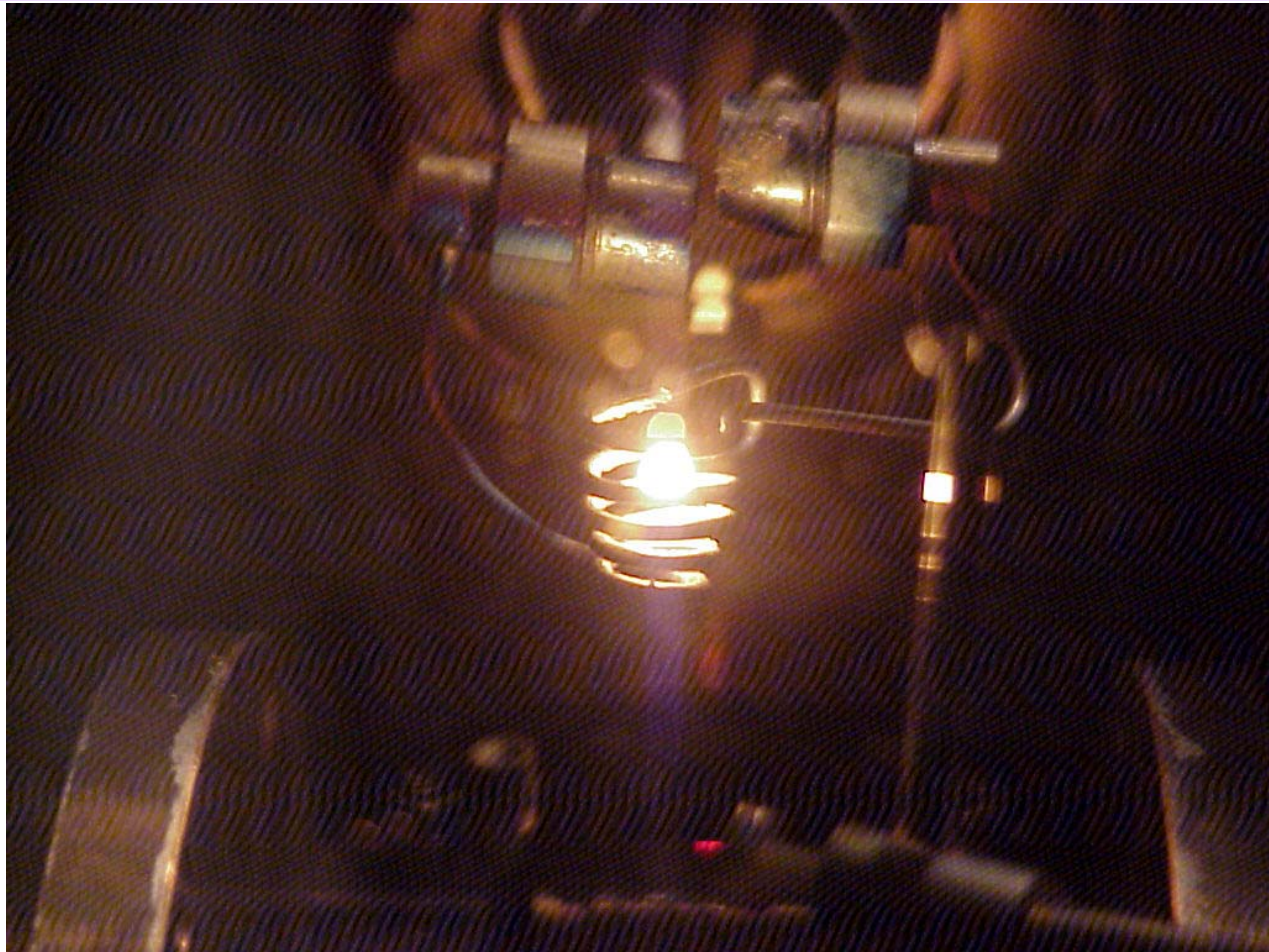
# RAPID COOLING AMORPHOUS STAGE

- Rapid quenching of MoRuB
  - » Employed cooling rates up to  $10^6$  K/sec
- Crystallization time
  - Hours for Fused Silica
  - Seconds for Glassy Metals

# Ultra- rapid Quenching

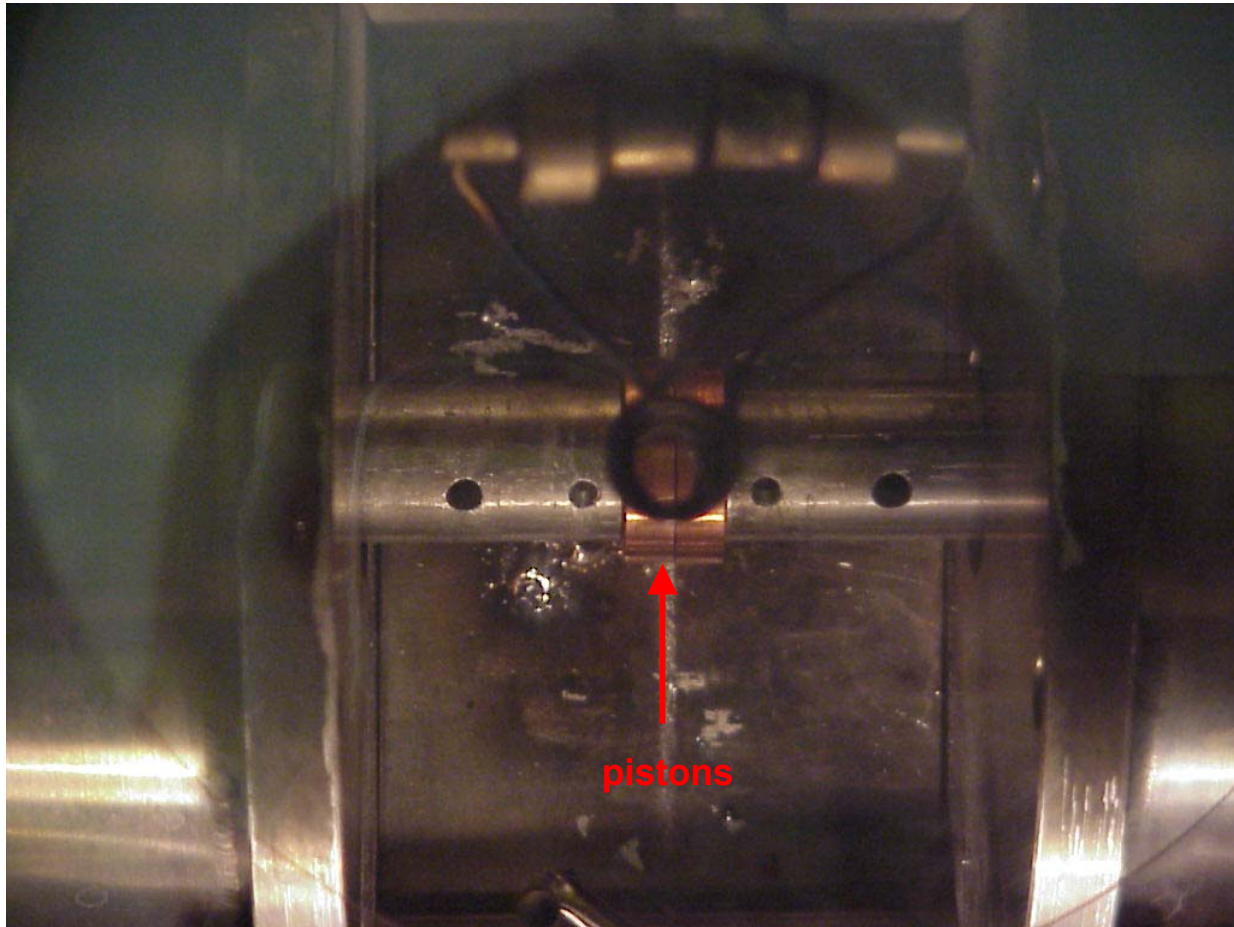






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# The Glass Transition Temperature

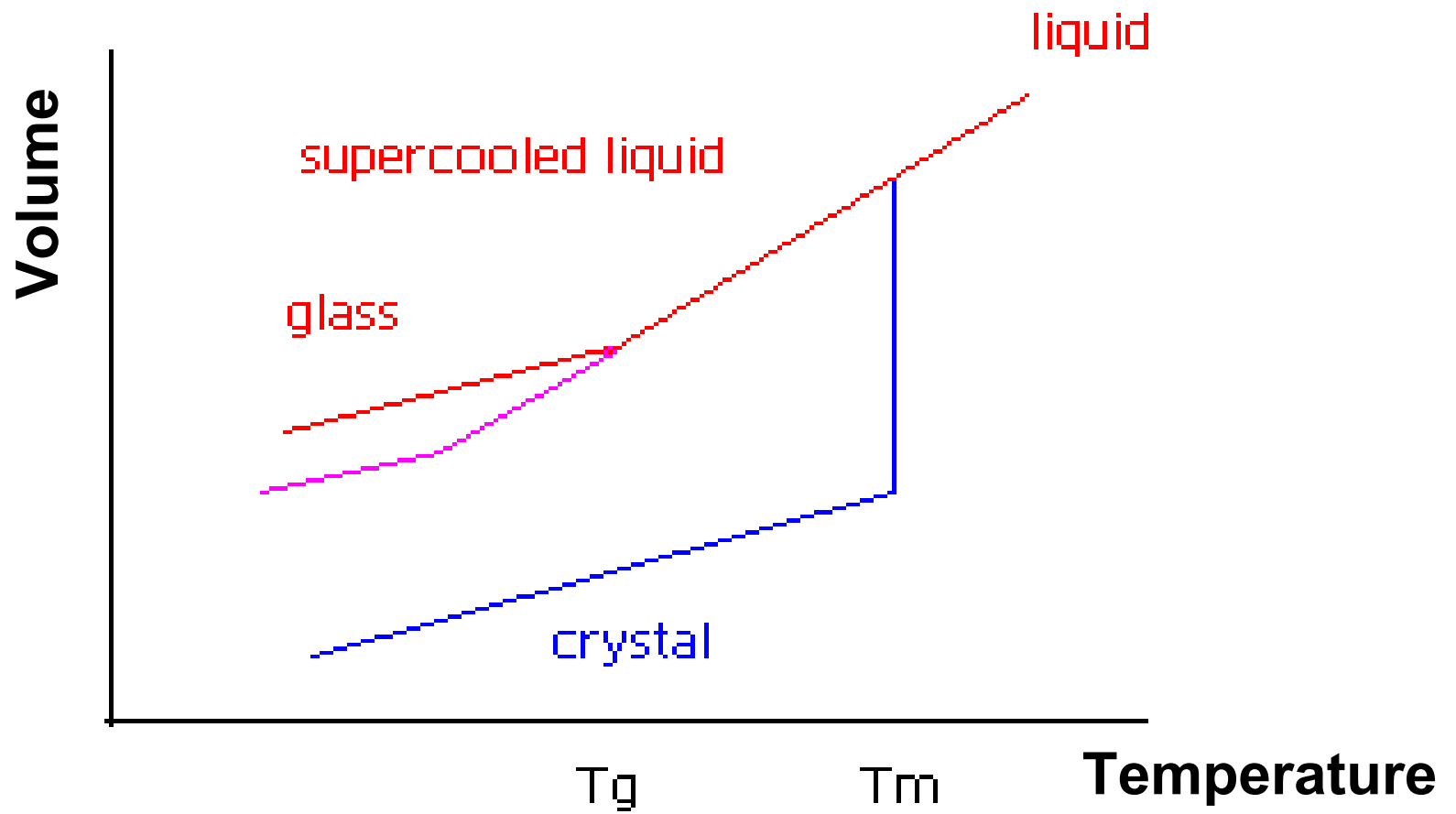
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When a liquid is cooled one of two events may occur:

a. Crystallization at the melting point ( $T_m$ )

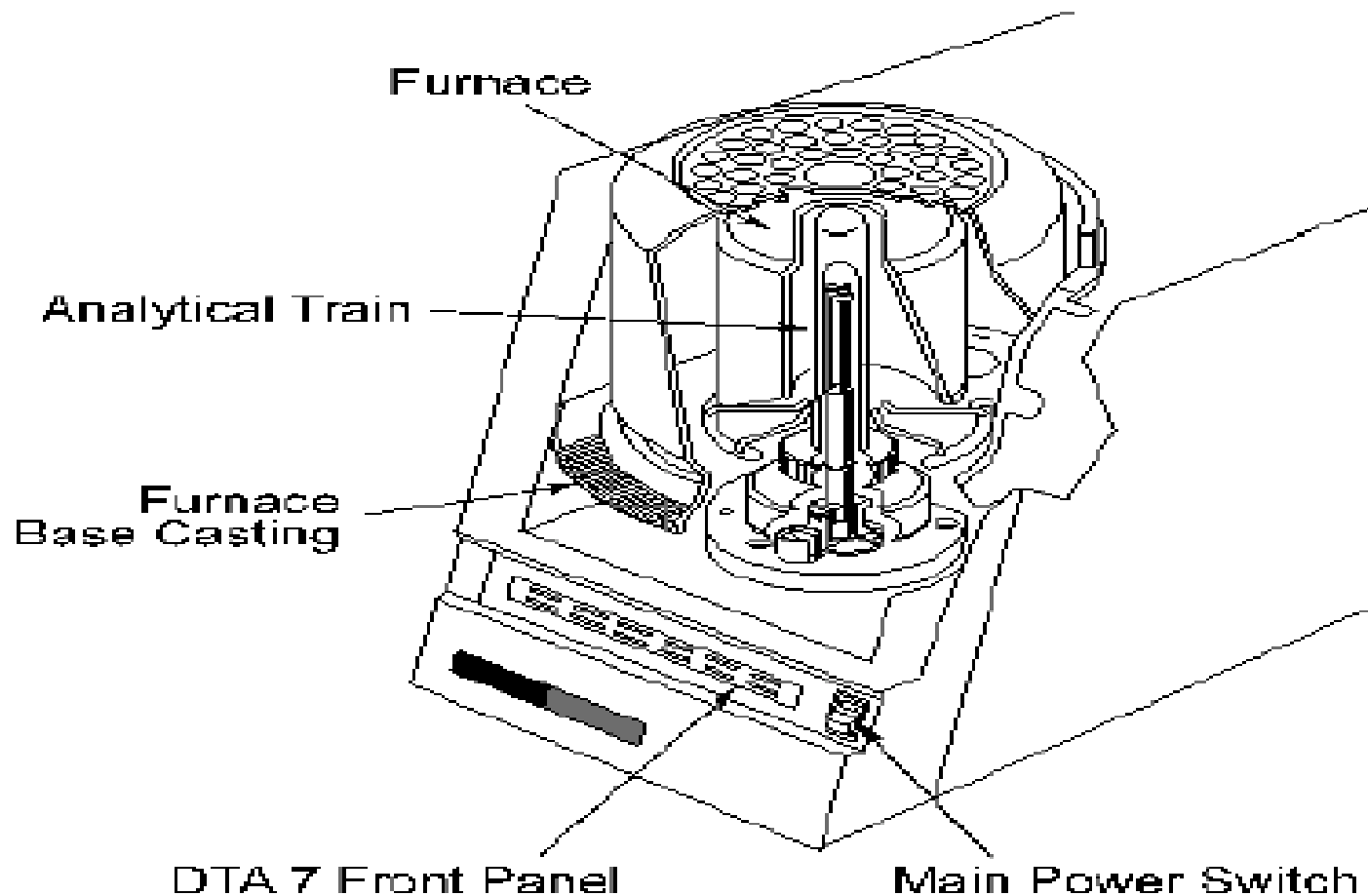
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b. Increasingly viscous 'Supercooled' liquid at temperature below  $T_m$  turns to glass

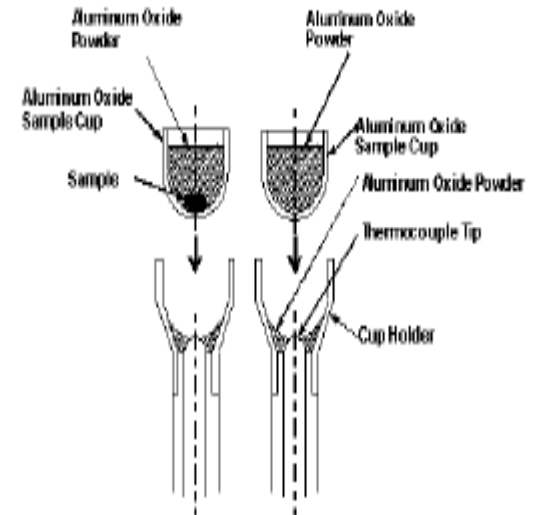
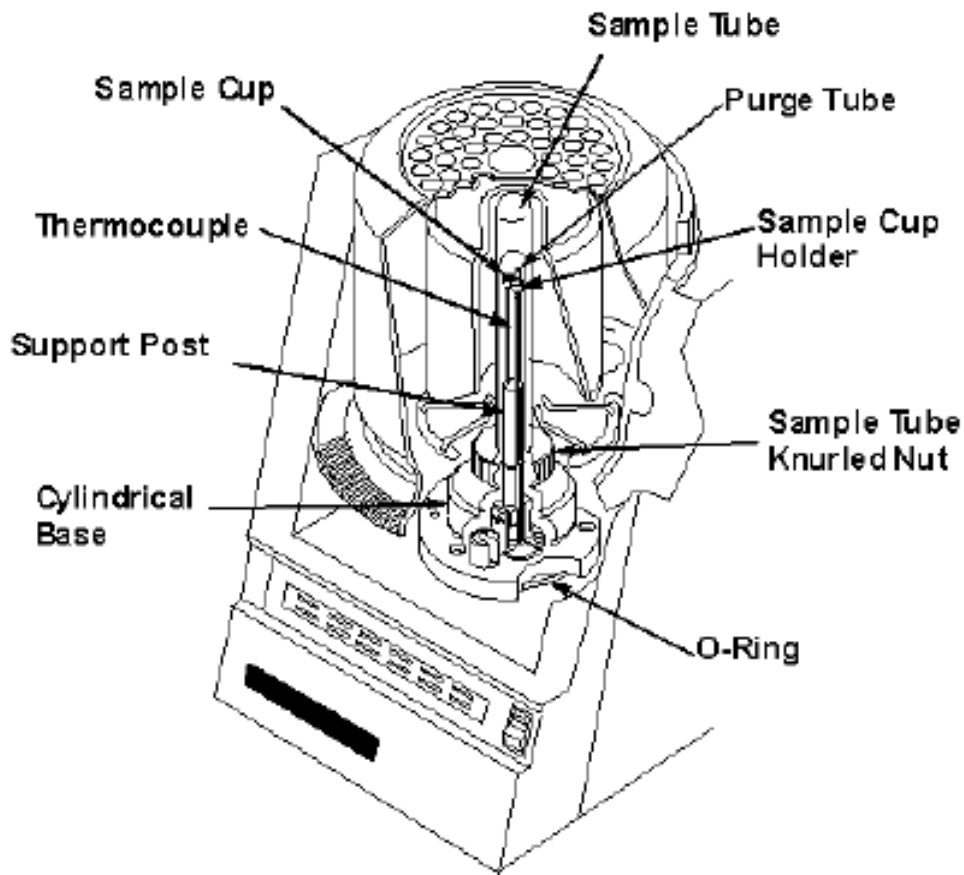


# Differential Thermal Analyzer (DTA)

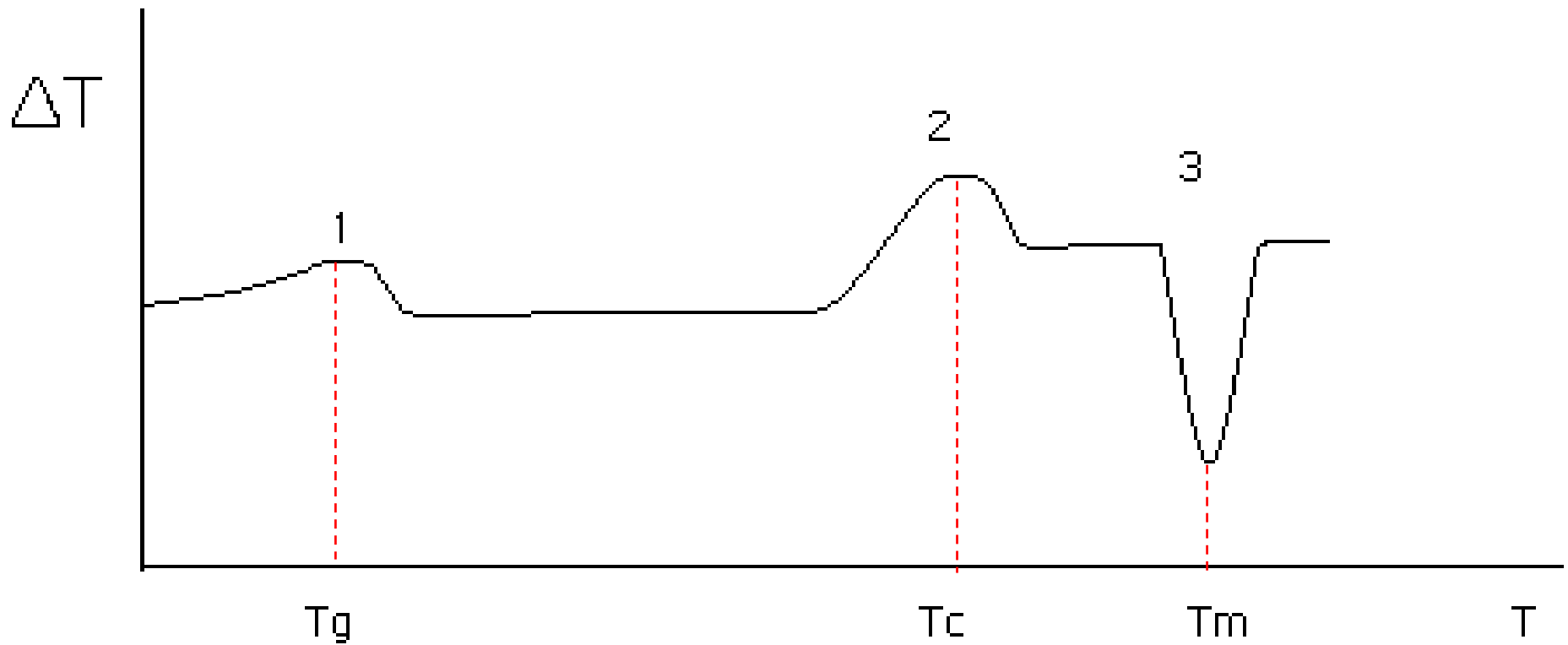
Interior View of the DTA 7



# DTA SAMPLE AREA



# Differential Thermal Analyzer





# CALIBRATION

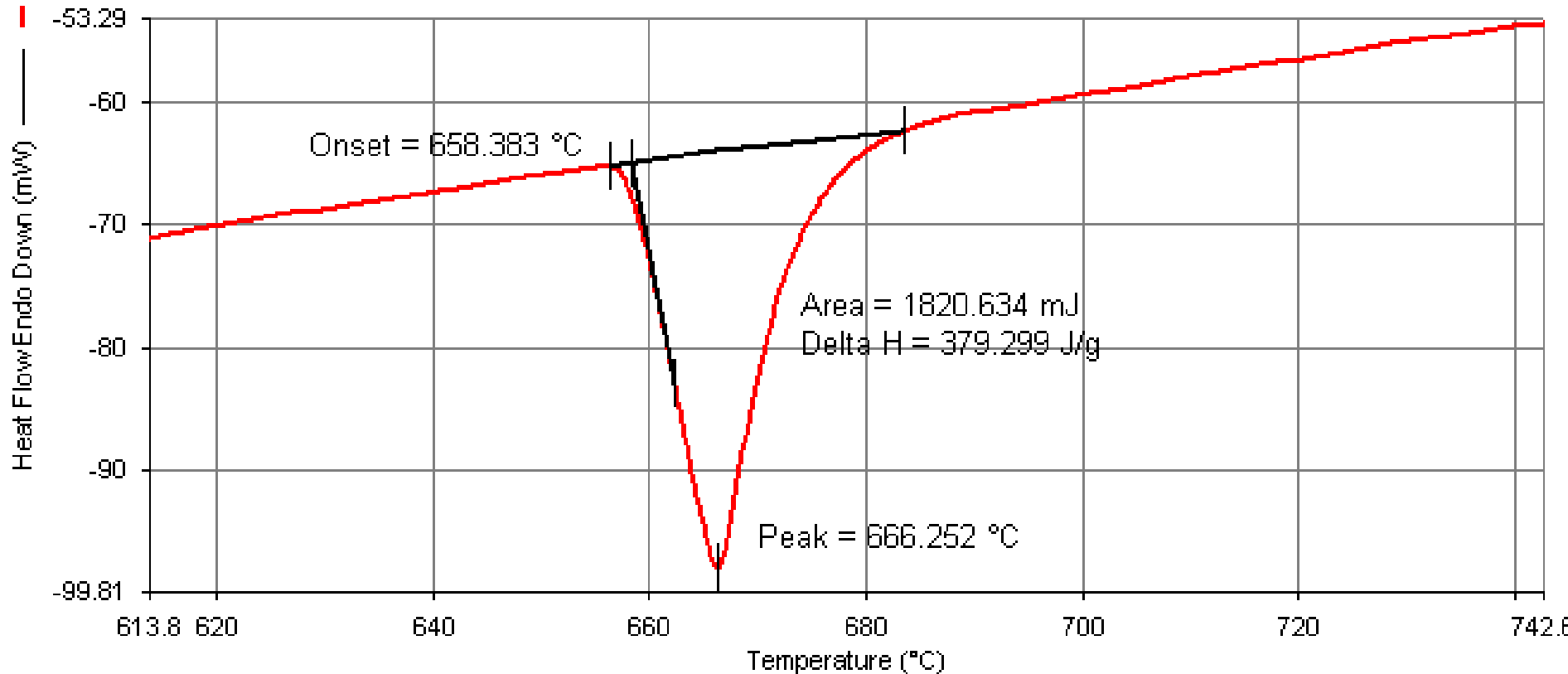
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**Three types of calibration:**

- . Temperature**
- . Heat Flow**
- . Furnace**



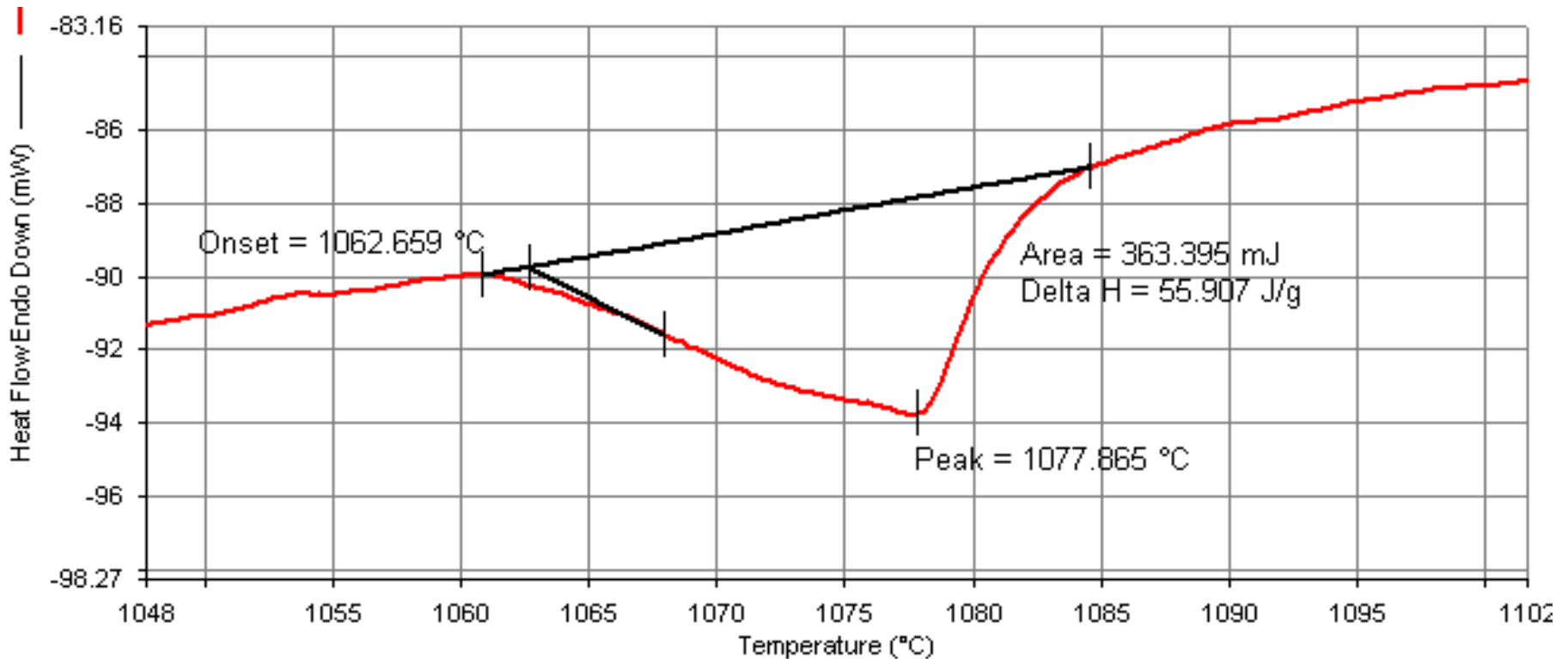
# ALLUMINUM CALIBRATION



Standard:  $T_m = 660.1 \text{ C}$

Heat of fusion =  $400.1 \text{ J/g}$

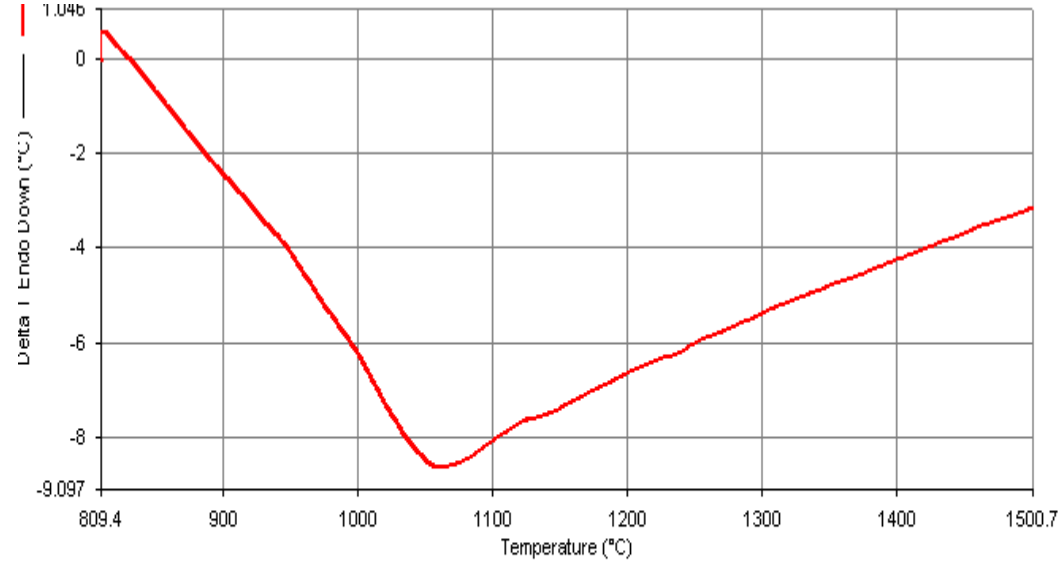
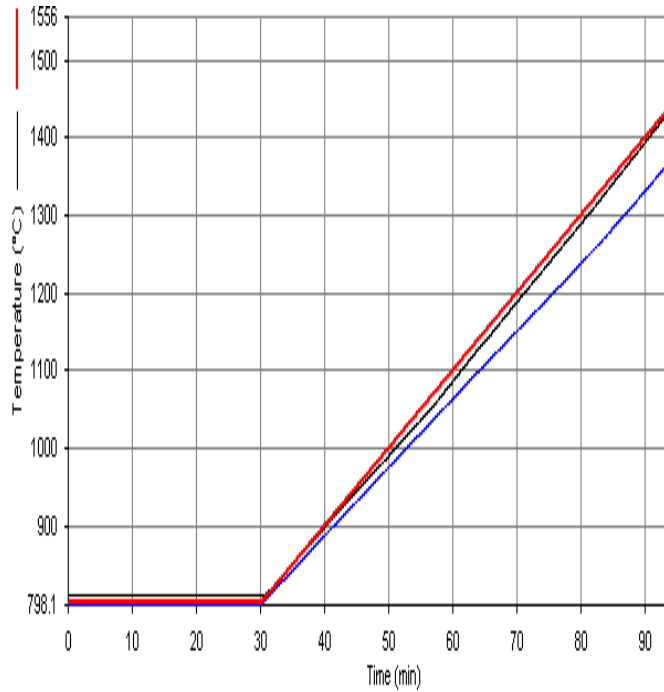
# GOLD CALIBRATION



**Standard:  $T_m = 1063 \text{ C}$**

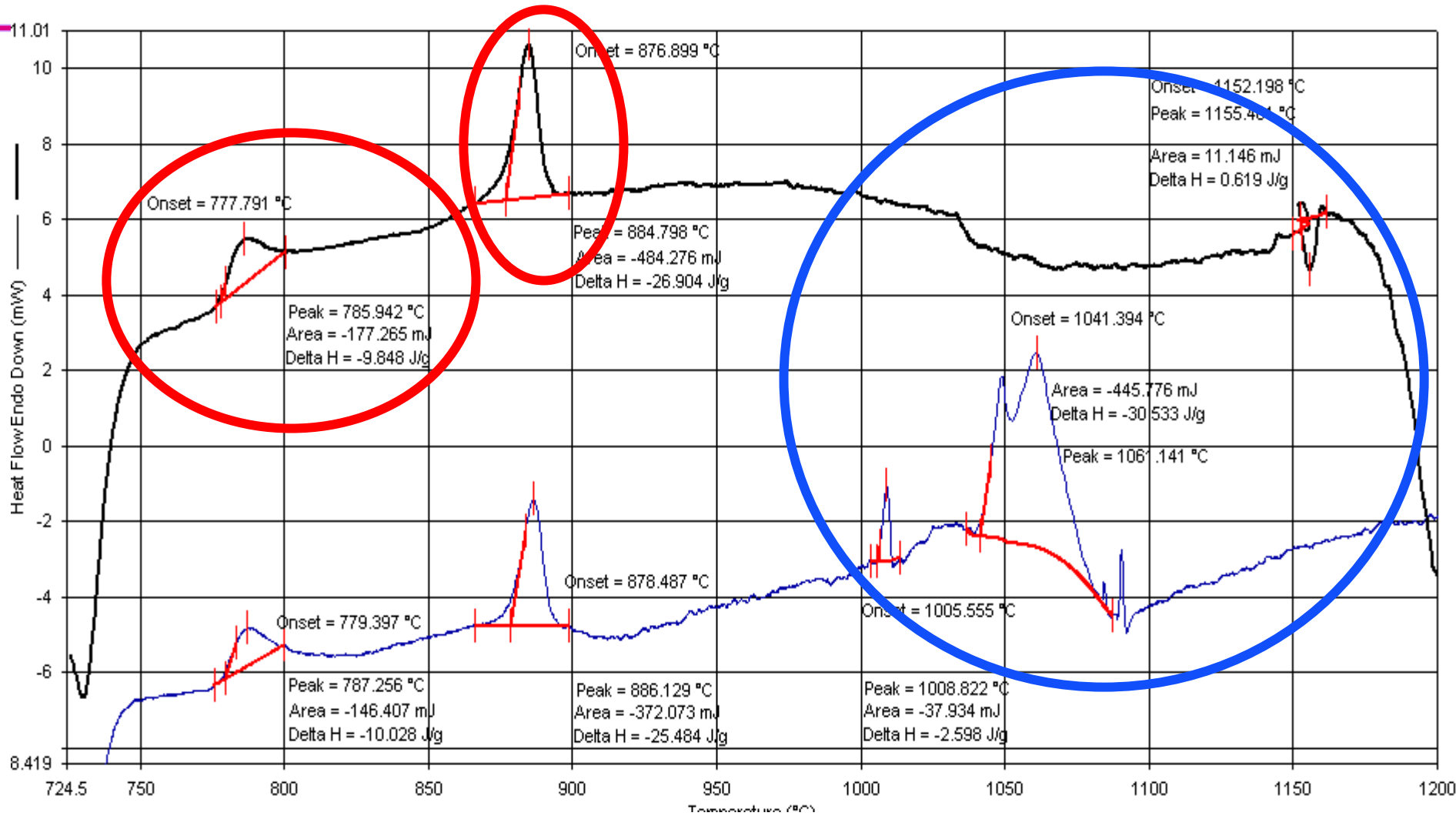
**Heat of fusion = 63.7 J/g**

# BASELINE



**Furnace temperature**  
**Sample temperature**  
**Program temperature**

# MEASUREMENT



# Conclusions

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- Confirmed the amorphous state
  - » By X-ray Diffraction (Brian)
- Confirmed composition
  - » Through thermal analysis on DTA
- Measured strength values (within 10%)
  - » Vicker Hardness test (Maddalena)

## Continuation of Work

- » Will characterize full amorphous range for MoRuB
- » Will study the changing trends of phase transitions with changing Boron percentage

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