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Home Made Four-Point Probe: Case Studies of the Wobbly A and B Probes

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Abstract

A simulation on the effect of probe deviation on sheet resistivity value (R_s) of Cu/Ni thin film was carried out in a home-made four-point probe (HM-FPP) type. This began by solving the R_s formula for normal probes, and then for wobbly probe when it was either A, or both A and B. The formula was implemented on a thin layer of Cu/Ni, which was a low temperature sensor material obtained from electrodeposition for 60s assisted by a 200G magnetic field at a current density of 0.07A/mm². An electric current of 0.20118A was flown from probe A to D in order to produce a potential difference between probe C and D of 0.0005 volts. Furthermore, the distance between the probes was 5 mm and the deviation of each probe A and B were simulated from -0.5 mm to 0.5 mm. The maximum allowable limit for the relative error of R_s or S_{Rs} is 5%. The results showed that the ideal R_s value was 0.113 ohm/sq. Furthermore, for HM-FPP in which the wobbly probe only A, there is no problem encountered with the variation of the deviation because all S_{Rs} are less than 5%. For wobbly probes A and B, if they are on the same side of the center point of each probe, the maximum allowable deviation is 0.3 mm. The S_{Rs} for this case were 4.6%. However, if they are on different sides of the center point of each probe, the maximum allowable deviation is 0.1 mm with S_{Rs} of 2.9%. With these results, HM-FPP craftsmen must be more careful in making the size of the probe hole.

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