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CONTACT BETWEEN INDIUM ALLOYS AND HIGH T_c SUPERCONDUCTORS. A. Kaplan, M.Z. Tahar, and G.O. Zimmerman, Physics Department, Boston University. - We have measured the resistance of contacts between indium alloys, with low melting point, and high temperature superconductors using the four-plus-two-point method. The excitation current ranged from $50\mu A$ to 20mA, and was swept in a logarithmic and/or linear manner. The measurements were carried out at room, nitrogen, and helium temperatures. The I-V plots show a slight positive curvature that depends on the alloy and is enhanced as the temperature is lowered to 77K and to 4.2K. In some cases, at 4.2K, both the alloy and the high T_c material were superconducting. For the runs where the current is varried in regular steps the $\frac{dI}{dV}$ characteristics were also studied. Both the the I-V and the $\frac{dI}{dV}$ vs. I will be presented along with a model of the contact between the alloys and the high T_c superconducting materials.

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