also observed temperature differences within the sample up to 10 K.

The essential modifications we made are the following (see Fig. 1).

(i) In order to suppress the temperature ripple the body of the sample compartment (1) is enlarged; it is made out of copper.

(ii) A wide flange (2) makes thermal contact with the bottom of the Dewar (3) over a large area.

(iii) In order to attain temperatures down to 82 K, a nut (4) around the heating element (5) can be used. In the upper position it short-circuits the heat resistance (6).

(iv) The standard sample frames (7) are forced to make thermal contact with the body of the sample compartment by means of screws (not shown). This also keeps the sample secured at the correct position.

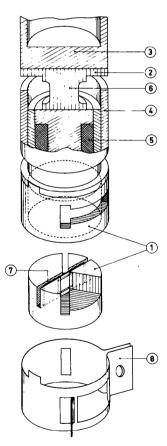


Fig. 1. Schematic view of the cold finger.
(1) Sample compartment; (2) copper flange; (3) Dewar bottom; (4) short-circuit nut; (5) heating element; (6) heat resistance; (7) sample frame; (8) clamp for heat shield.

(v) A heat shield of aluminum foil (10 μ m) keeps the sample from 'seeing' any part of the 'hot' camera wall. It is wrapped around the sample compartment and kept in place with clamp (8).

(vi) The cold junction of the thermocouple is inserted deeply in the copper body, close to the sample.

The thermocouple has been calibrated in situ using the melting points of acetone and methyl cyclohexane and the boiling points of nitrogen and oxygen. The temperature differences within the sample were investigated with very thin thermocouples.

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