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The temperature coefficient of resistivity is a critical element of many AC-based hot-wire measurements of thermal properties. At cryogenic temperatures, most metallic materials suitable for wire and film-based forms have either a temperature coefficient or absolute resistivity that is too small to enable practical, accurate measurements. Invar (36% Ni 64% Fe) controlled thermal expansion alloy has a significant temperature coefficient of resistance while also maintaining significant absolute resistivity at cryogenic temperatures, and so has seen some use in low temperature 3-omega measurements. Prior data on the temperature coefficient of resistivity of invar is limited and the uncertainty is high. In this work, we present high-accuracy resistance and temperature coefficient data for this material from 4-300K.

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