

# Effect of Melting at Different Temperatures on the Structure and Mechanical Properties of Solder Alloy (Sn -Ag -In).

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## Abstract

The aim of the present work is to prepare some samples of the alloy solders (Sn-2Ag-18In) at different temperatures (923, 873, 823, 773 and 723K) to investigate some of their structure and different Mechanical properties as function of load and temperature. The X-ray diffraction analysis of the samples ensures the formation of single phase hexagonal. The average particle size estimated is (23.016 – 35.664) nm. Values of stress exponents (n) were found to be in the range of 0.575 to 3.822 for all alloys. Values of activation energy (Q) of alloys were found to be in the range of 0.287 to 1.899 eV. The average activation energy for the sample at different temperature's prepared, creep resistance and electrical conductivity of samples is calculated at room temperature (289K), its values found to be in the range of (900.6 - 10113.7) ( $\Omega \cdot \text{cm}$ )<sup>-1</sup>.

**Keywords:** Sn-Ag-In alloy solders ; Nano crystal ; Mechanical properties.

## ملخص

تأثير درجة حرارة الصهر على الخواص التركيبية ومقاومة الزحف والموصلية الكهربائية لسبيكة (القصدير - 2 فضة - 18 انديوم). قيس الخواص التركيبية ومقاومة الزحف والموصلية الكهربائية لسبائك (القصدير - 2 فضة - 18 انديوم) باستخدام جهاز حيود الاشعة السينية وجهاز اختبار الزحف الميكانيكي ودائرة التيار المستمر، على التوالي. تم تحضير العينة بنقاوة عالية (99.99%) باستخدام تقنية الصهر في انابيب بيركس عند درجات حرارة مختلفة (923, 873, 823, 773 الى 723 كلفن). وقد اظهرت تحليل جهاز حيود الاشعة السينية للسبيكة الثلاثية (قصدير - 2 فضة - 18 انديوم) انها تتكون من طور احادي (طور سداسي). متوسط الحجم الحبيبي لهذه العينات يتراوح بين (23.016 – 35.664) نانومتر بينما كثافة الانخلاعات تتزايد مع زيادة إضافة الفضة. وخصائص الزحف درست عند درجات حرارة مختلفة 298, 323, 353 كلفن) تحت تأثير ثلاثة احمال (6.2, 8.7, 12.5 ميجا باسكال). تم الحصول على قيم أس الاجهاد في نطاق (0.575 الى 3.822) لجميع السبائك. تم الحصول على متوسط قيم طاقة التنشيط للسبائك في حدود 0.287 الى 1.899 إلكترون فولت. وزحف المقاومة و الموصلية الكهربائية قيس عند درجة حرارة الغرفة (298 كلفن) قيمها تتراوح بين (900.6 الى 10113.7) (أوم-سنتمتر)<sup>-1</sup>.

## 1.Introduction:

The toxic nature of lead has prompted the electronic packaging industry to seek environment alloy friendly Pb-free alloys as replacement to Pb-Sn solder alloy. Sn-Ag solders alloys have been considered as one of the most attractive lead free system that can replace toxic Sn-Pb solders without increasing the soldering temperature (Ahmed et al., 2010). Alloys solders (Sn-Pb) have been widely used in the field of electronic packaging because of its excellent characteristics, such as low melting point (183 °C), strong mechanical properties, low cost and low price (Peng et al., 2019, Zhang and Tu, 2014). Sn-Pb alloy welders, however are toxic. With the growing recognition of environmental protection and the issuance of the 'lead restriction order' by several countries, the use of Pb has been significantly reduced (Vuong et al., 2018, Zhu et al., 2019, Peng et al., 2019) . Lead-free solder alloys are typically Sn-based alloys due to the high corrosion resistance and good solder ability of tin (Sn) (S. Farina et al., 2014) . The Sn-Ag binary eutectic solder is one possible lead-free solder replacement for Sn-Pb. This alloy system is quite important because it is generally recognized as the first choice for lead-free solders, ( M.M. EL-Bahay et al., 2004). It is well characterize the eutectic composition and temperature as Sn-3.5 wt.% Ag and 494 K,

respectively. It possesses good ductility and better creep and thermal resistance than Sn-Pb solders. Although Sn-Ag eutectic solder melts at 494K compared to 458K of Sn-Pb eutectic solder, this may be acceptable for high temperature applications (D.R. Flanders et al.,1997). The tin-silver eutectic alloy has already been used in electronics soldering to a limited extent (Report Lead-Free Solders NASA Part., 1996). In addition, it is used for soldering of stainless steel for food processing applications. The Sn-In and Sn-Ag investigated solder alloys are already in practical use, but only in exactly determined conditions. Considering these, it could be expected that Ag-In-Sn ternary system might be one among the proper substitutes for common solders (A. Milosavlevic, et al.,2008). Although the Sn-Ag and Sn-Ag-Cu solders are the most widely studied solder systems because of their high strength, creep resistance, and excellent machinability. However, due to their high cost, they cannot be applied to large-scale production and processing (D.R. Frear .,2001) Previous investigation have shown that adding indium can decrease the melting point of the Sn-Ag and enhance the wettability between Sn-Ag-In solder alloy,(McAllister. W.D .2007) . This study investigates the effect of prepared temperatures on the microstructural and mechanical properties of the eutectic Sn-Ag-In solder alloy.

## 2. Experimental procedures

High purity metals Sn ,Ag ,and In were mixed together in molar ratio prepare mixed solder with the composition 80Sn-2Ag-18In to investigate some of their structure and some of their different mechanical properties. Alloys were prepared at different temperatures (923k ,873k, 823k,773k , and 723k) . The purity of Sn, Ag and In elements are about 99.99%. Every sample was put in electric furnace at ( T=923k, 873k, 823k,773k , and 723k , about 2 hrs.) with shaking to achieve homogenization. To obtain samples fully precipitated phases, samples were left inside the furnace to solidify slowly to room temperature. The samples were polished using grades of silicon paper and then washed in a solution of (CH<sub>3</sub>COCH<sub>3</sub>), (Sh. Alsowidy., et al 2021). After that, the samples were drawn into two groups by using the rolling mechanism technique;. The first group was as wires of a diameter (D= 1 mm) and a length (L= 70 mm) for the creep properties testing. The second group

was as small sheets for structural investigations (XRD). The samples were polished using grades of silicon paper and then washed in a solution of (CH<sub>3</sub>COCH<sub>3</sub>)(Sh. Alsowidy.,etal2021) . In order to remove residual stress and defects . X-ray Shimadzu DX-720 model with CuK $\alpha$  radiation with ( $\lambda=1.54056 \text{ \AA}$ ) was used for XRD analysis. The XRD curves of the samples were constructed in the  $2\theta$  range of 5–75°. The operating source was under an accelerating voltage of 40 kV and a tube current 2 mA, with a constant scanning rate of 0.02/1sec. The tensile creep tests were implemented on all samples at different temperatures (298, 323, and 353K) under constant loads (6.2 , 8.7 and 12.5 ) MPa using a computerized vertical tensile technique. Electrical and conductivity are measured using a simple circuit (DC) of Ohm's law at room temperature

## 3. Results and discussion

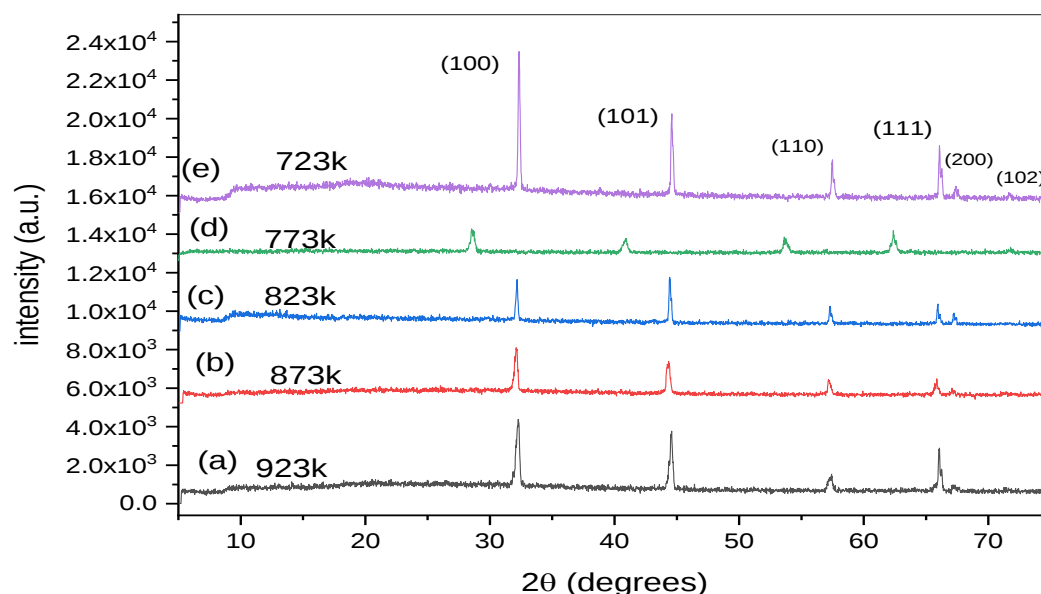
The findings of this study are classified to structural, Mechanical and electrical properties of Sn-2Ag -18In alloys in concentrations as follows:

**3.1. Structural analysis :** The x-ray diffraction patterns for Sn-2Ag-18In at different temperature (T= 923k,873k,823k,773k , and 723k) were obtained at room temperature, using Cu-K $\alpha$  at different temperature . The values of  $2\theta$ -Bragg's angle , d-spacing for the recorded peaks and the corresponding relative intensities  $I/I_0$  (where  $I_0$  is the maximum intensity peak ) for each pattern , and those obtained from JCPDS for 80Sn -20In are tabulated in the table (1). The prepared samples are tabulated in the tables (2,3,4,5,and 6). Accordance with values in JCOFDS in table (1) , it could be concluded that all prepared

alloys were found to have single phase hexagonal structure . The x-ray diffraction patterns for the sample with prepared temperature 773k , it is found that ,the measured values of  $2\theta$ -Bragg's angle shifted to the lower angle by 3.5°. The density decrease of this sample , intermetallic particles with in the matrix is due to grain – boundary segregation or dissolution of the Sn Ag intermetallic . According to investigated materials structural, figure 1 (a, b , c ,d , and e ) showed) respectively. The x-ray diffraction

(XRD) curves for ( Sn-2Ag-18 In) solder at different prepared temperatures (923k,873k,823k,773k , and 723k) . The obtained diffraction patterns have been compared with standard powder diffraction data (pdf) using search / match process of measured data with appropriate reference file using the phase with (JCPDS-ICDD) Reference card no PDF#48-1547 . Figure 1(a) showed the XRD results of80Sn-2Ag-18In alloy, which show: (i) large peaks intensity of primitive hexagonal , (ii) With single phase . The structure of Alloy , Phases Fig. 1(a ,b ,c ,d ,and e ) . The phases respectively are marked in

Figure 1(a, b ,c ,d and e). The particle sizes and dislocation density were studied as function of temperature as showed in Fig. (2). The particle size for the 80Sn-2Ag-18In alloys were calculated according to Scherer Formula (Williamson and Hall, 1953) :  $D = \frac{0.9 \lambda}{\beta \cos \theta}$  ---- (1),where:  $\beta$  is the broadening of diffraction line measured at half its maximum intensity (radians), D is the diameter of crystal particle,  $\theta$  is the Bragg's angle and  $\lambda$  is the wavelength of x-ray.



( Fig.,1) : XRD patterns for all the sample Sn-2Ag-18In , at (a) 923k , (b) 873k, (c) 823k ,(d) 773k and (e) 723k

| 2θ    | d(A°)  | I%  | (hkl) |
|-------|--------|-----|-------|
| 32.06 | 2.7894 | 100 | (100) |
| 44.32 | 2.0421 | 80  | (101) |
| 57.18 | 1.6096 | 15  | (110) |
| 65.84 | 1.4173 | 15  | (111) |
| 67.08 | 1.3941 | 10  | (200) |
| 71.41 | 1.3197 | 15  | (102) |

Table (1): X-ray diffraction patterns for 20%In-80%Sn Stander (JCPDS-ICDD) (PDF # 48-1547)

| 2Theta (°) | d (Å)              | I %  | (hkl) | FWHM (°) | Grain size D (nm)         | $D^2(\text{nm})^2$     | $\delta = 1/D^2 \text{nm}^{-2}$ |
|------------|--------------------|------|-------|----------|---------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 32.12      | 2.784 <sub>3</sub> | 100  | (100) | 0.331    | 26.08496                  | 680.4250 <sub>3</sub>  | 0.00147                         |
| 44.5       | 2.034 <sub>3</sub> | 79.5 | (101) | 0.317    | 28.27967                  | 799.7400 <sub>1</sub>  | 0.00125                         |
| 57.38      | 1.604 <sub>5</sub> | 21.9 | (110) | 0.406    | 23.29644                  | 542.7242 <sub>4</sub>  | 0.00184                         |
| 66.22      | 1.410 <sub>1</sub> | 55.8 | (111) | 0.285    | 34.75645                  | 1208.011 <sub>01</sub> | 8.27807E-4                      |
| 67.38      | 1.388 <sub>3</sub> | 8.6  | (200) | 0.39     | 25.6314                   | 656.9686 <sub>9</sub>  | 0.00152                         |
| 71.881     | 1.3124             | 4    | (102) | 0.836    | <b>Average= 27.609784</b> |                        |                                 |

Table (2): The details of the XRD analysis particle size, dislocation density and lattice parameters.at temperature 923k.

| 2Theta (°) | d (Å)  | I %  | (hkl)     | FWHM (°) | Grain size D (nm)         | $D^2(\text{nm})^2$     | $\delta = 1/D^2 \text{nm}^{-2}$ |
|------------|--------|------|-----------|----------|---------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 32         | 2.7946 | 100  | (100)     | 0.33     | 26.15613                  | 684.1432 <sub>6</sub>  | 0.00146                         |
| 44.28      | 2.0439 | 80   | (101)     | 0.31     | 28.89561                  | 834.9560 <sub>3</sub>  | 0.0012                          |
| 57.3       | 1.6066 | 35.8 | 110)<br>( | 0.315    | 30.01507                  | 900.9041 <sub>9</sub>  | 0.00111                         |
| 65.94      | 1.4154 | 30.8 | 111)<br>( | 0.351    | 28.17624                  | 793.9003 <sub>5</sub>  | 0.00126                         |
| 67.28      | 1.3905 | 10.9 | 200)<br>( | 0.303    | 32.89153                  | 1081.853 <sub>03</sub> | 9.2434E-4                       |
|            |        |      |           |          | <b>Average= 29.226916</b> |                        |                                 |

Table (3): The details of the XRD analysis particle size, dislocation density and lattice parameters.at temperature 873k

| 2Theta (°) | d (Å)  | I %  | (hkl) | FWHM (°) | Grain size D (nm)         | $D^2(\text{nm})^2$ | $\delta = 1/D^2 \text{nm}^{-2}$ |
|------------|--------|------|-------|----------|---------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| 32.06      | 2.7895 | 77.5 | (100) | 0.258    | 33.46055                  | 1119.60817         | 8.9317E-4                       |
| 44.42      | 2.0378 | 100  | (101) | 0.262    | 34.20649                  | 1170.08371         | 8.5464E-4                       |
| 57.38      | 1.6045 | 38.2 | (110) | 0.261    | 36.23891                  | 1313.25867         | 7.61465E-4                      |
| 66.1       | 1.4124 | 45   | (111) | 0.256    | 38.66732                  | 1495.16177         | 6.68824E-4                      |
| 67.4       | 1.3883 | 25.6 | (200) | 0.279    | 35.74584                  | 1277.76517         | 7.82616E-4                      |
|            |        |      |       |          | <b>Average= 35.663822</b> |                    |                                 |

Table (4): The details of the XRD analysis particle size, dislocation density and lattice parameters.at temperature 823k

| 2Theta (°) | d (Å)  | I %  | (hkl) | FWHM (°) | Grain size D (nm)        | D <sup>2</sup> (nm) <sup>2</sup> | δ =1/D <sup>2</sup> nm <sup>-2</sup> |
|------------|--------|------|-------|----------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 28.44      | 3.1357 | 100  | (100) | 0.385    | 22.23225                 | 494.27297                        | 0.00202                              |
| 40.76      | 2.2119 | 61.4 | (101) | 0.416    | 21.27694                 | 452.70814                        | 0.00221                              |
| 53.7       | 1.7055 | 61.7 | (110) | 0.421    | 22.08964                 | 487.95228                        | 0.00205                              |
| 62.42      | 1.4865 | 85.8 | (111) | 0.412    | 23.54652                 | 554.43853                        | 0.0018                               |
| 71.82      | 1.3133 | 16.3 | (102) | 0.395    | 25.9346                  | 672.60344                        | 0.00149                              |
|            |        |      |       |          | <b>Average= 23.01599</b> |                                  |                                      |

Table (5):The details of the XRD analysis particle size, dislocation density and lattice parameters.at temperature 773k)

Table (6):The details of the XRD analysis particle size, dislocation density and lattice parameters.at temperature 723k)

| 2Theta (°) | d (Å)  | I %  | (hkl) | FWHM(°) | Grain size D (nm)         | D <sup>2</sup> (nm) <sup>2</sup> | δ =1/D <sup>2</sup> nm <sup>-2</sup> |
|------------|--------|------|-------|---------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 32.22      | 2.776  | 100  | (100) | 0.262   | 32.96295                  | 1086.55634                       | 9.20339E-4                           |
| 44.56      | 2.0317 | 61.6 | (101) | 0.259   | 34.62                     | 1198.5441                        | 8.34346E-4                           |
| 57.54      | 1.6004 | 28.1 | (110) | 0.262   | 36.12824                  | 1305.24942                       | 7.66137E-4                           |
| 66.22      | 1.4101 | 42.4 | (111) | 0.26    | 38.09842                  | 1451.48956                       | 6.88947E-4                           |
| 67.56      | 1.3854 | 9.1  | (200) | 0.365   | 27.34903                  | 747.96929                        | 0.00134                              |
| 71.84      | 1.313  | 4    | (102) | 0.433   | <b>Average= 33.831728</b> |                                  |                                      |

### 3.2. Particle size, dislocation density and lattice distortion :

The average particle size values were described in Table (7) The dislocation density calculated by using :  $-(\delta = \frac{1}{D^2} \dots \dots (2) \text{ (Williamson and Hall, 1953) . Its values were listed in table (7) The lattice distortions were studied and calculated according to (Williamson and Hall, 1953, Cullity, 1978). } \beta = \frac{1}{D} + 5 \leq \epsilon^2 \geq \frac{1}{2} \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{\lambda} \text{---(3), where: D is the crystallite size, and } \epsilon \text{ is local lattice distortion in the hexagonal matrix .}$

| Temperatures:       | Average (D)(nm) | $\delta = \frac{1}{D^2} \text{ nm}^{-2}$ |
|---------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------------|
| Sn-2Ag-18In at 923k | 27.60978        | 0.00131                                  |
| Sn-2Ag-18In at 873k | 29.22692        | 0.00117                                  |
| Sn-2Ag-18In at 823k | 35.66382        | 7.8622E-4                                |
| Sn-2Ag-18In at 773k | 23.01599        | 0.00189                                  |
| Sn-2Ag-18In at 723k | 33.83173        | 8.73678E-4                               |

Table (7):The particle size, and dislocation density as function of prepared temperatures.

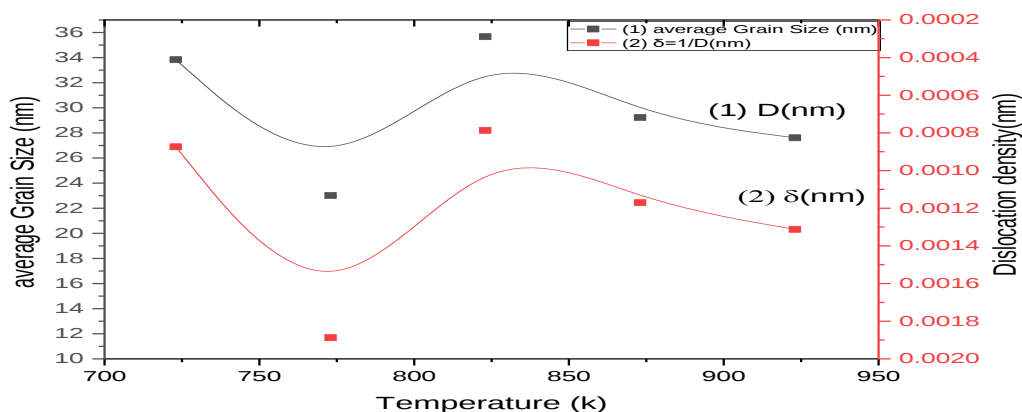


Fig (2): The particle size and dislocation density as function of prepared temperatures of the sample .

### 3.3.The X-ray density( $D_x$ ) and bulk density ( $D_b$ ) :-

| Sample no : | temperatures | $D_x \text{ gm/cm}^{-3}$ | $D_b \text{ gm/cm}^{-3}$ | a(nm)  | c(nm)  |
|-------------|--------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------|--------|
| Sn-2Ag-18In | 923k         | 7.33                     | 7.15                     | 0.3215 | 0.2929 |
| Sn-2Ag-18In | 873k         | 7.23                     | 7.23                     | 0.3227 | 0.2996 |
| Sn-2Ag-18In | 823k         | 7.30                     | 7.05                     | 0.3221 | 0.2981 |
| Sn-2Ag-18In | 773k         | 6.61                     | 6.6                      | 0.3621 | 0.2604 |
| Sn-2Ag-18In | 723k         | 7.37                     | 7.08                     | 0.3205 | 0.2981 |

Table(8):The X-ray density( $D_x$ ) and bulk density ( $D_b$ ) . As a function of preparation at room temperature .

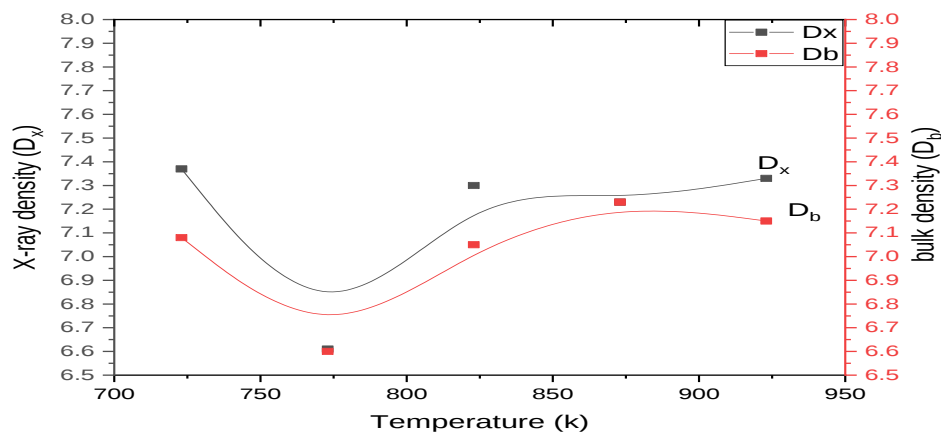


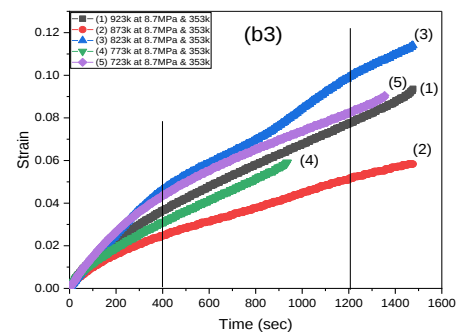
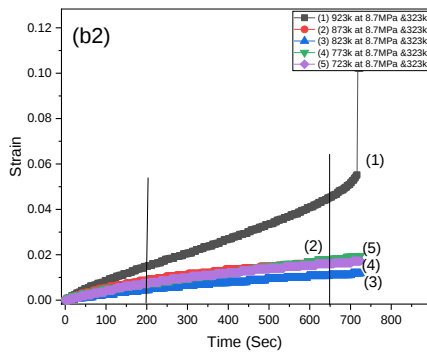
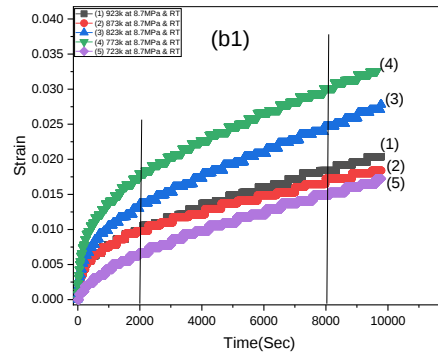
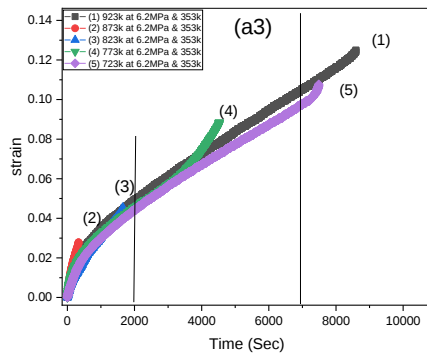
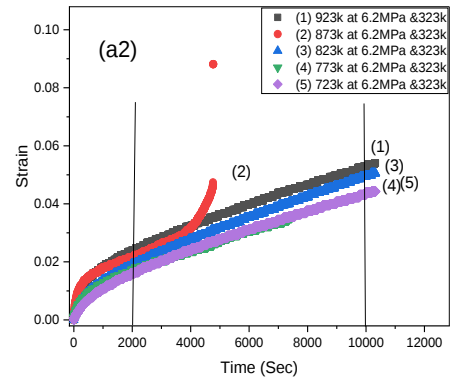
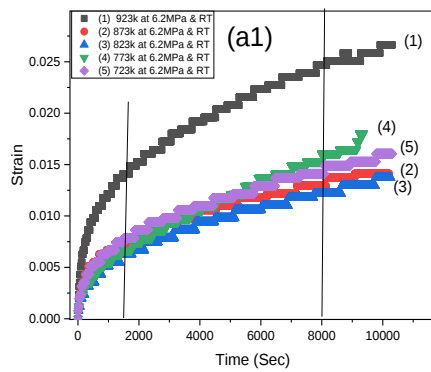
Fig (3): The X-ray density( $D_x$ ) and bulk density ( $D_b$ ) as a function of preparation at temperature .

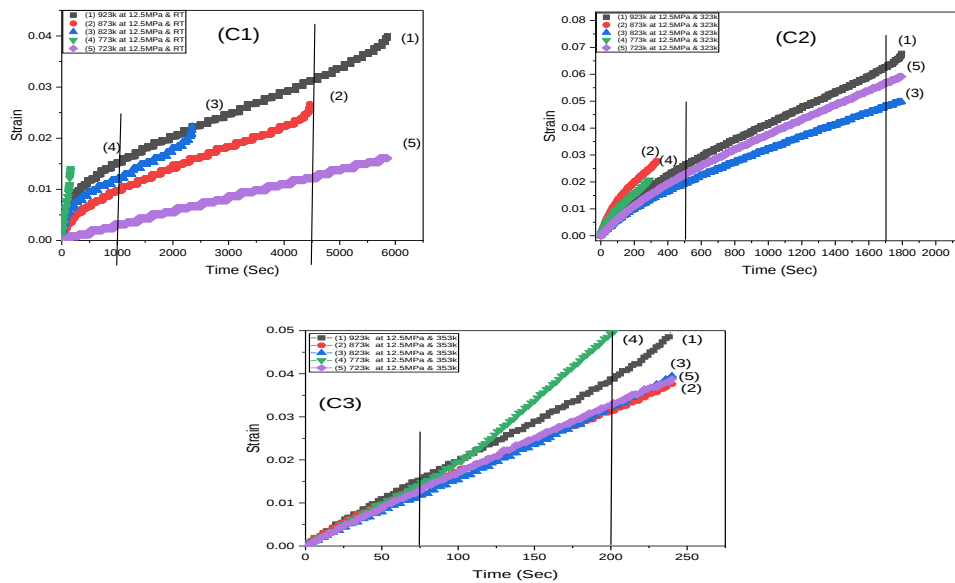
### 3.4. Mechanical Properties

#### 3.4.1 Creep Strain- Tim

With regards to mechanical properties for the investigated materials, figures 4 (a , b & c ) showed the creep strain-time curves for Sn-2Ag-18In alloys. The samples were investigated after.( $T=923k, 873k, 823k, 773k$  , and  $723k$ )and testing at temperatures of ( $T= 298k, 323k$  and  $353k$ ) under three different constant stresses ( $= 6.2$  ,  $8.7$ and  $12.5$  MPa). From figs 4 ( $a_1$  and  $b_1$  ), its presented that the creep time and resistance of Sn-2Ag-18In alloy with  $6.2$  MPa load and room temperature are the longest compared to other that of Sn-2Ag-18In alloys. Figs.4 (  $b_2$  ), the creep time and resistance of Sn-2Ag-18In alloy with  $8.7$ MPa load are the lowest compared to other that of the Sn-2Ag-18In alloys. In general, the creep resistance of Sn-2Ag-18In alloys was higher than of alloy, may be due to the

refinement of structure and formation, and these mechanical improvements are attributed to the high structural stability of Sn-2Ag-18In alloys . The formations in the ternary alloys can result in impeding the dislocation movement more efficiently, and produce an alloy with lower creep rate. Similar phenomena that agree with Mahmudi et al, (Mahmudi et al., 2009) can be found for Sn-9Zn alloy with addition of Ag and AL . The creep strain rate of the Sn-2Ag-18In alloys was calculated by using the slope between Strain-Time Curves in the secondary stage as shown in Figures 4 .For three Alloys showed the three fold Stage of creep, while from Figs 4 the behavior of creep for Five Alloys were showed only in three creep stages. From Table(9) and Table(10)

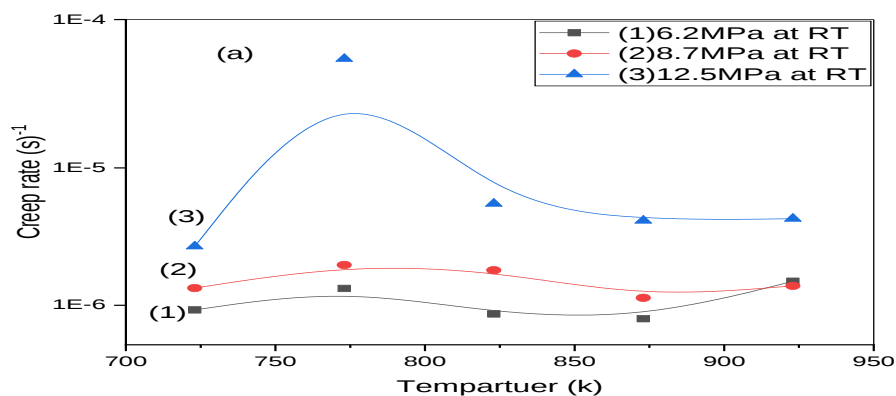




Figs. (4) Creep strain-time curves for Sn-2Ag-18In at a) (a1 , a2 , a3 ), b) (b1, b2, b3 ) C) (C1, C2, C3), at (298k, 323k and 353k), at (6.2, 8.7 and 12.5 MPa)

| Samples<br>in Wt. % | Creep rate(S-1)<br>at 6.2 MPa |            |            | Creep rate(S-1)<br>at 8.7 MPa |            |            | Creep rate(S-1)<br>at 12.5 MPa |            |            |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|------------|------------|-------------------------------|------------|------------|--------------------------------|------------|------------|
|                     | 298k                          | 323k       | 353k       | 298k                          | 323k       | 353k       | 298k                           | 323k       | 353k       |
| Sn-2Ag-18In at 923k | 1.51428E-6                    | 3.68236E-6 | 1.10395E-5 | 1.39908E-6                    | 6.42265E-5 | 5.0066E-5  | 4.35207E-6                     | 2.97674E-5 | 1.82397E-4 |
| Sn-2Ag-18In at 873k | 7.90551E-7                    | 4.32112E-6 | 1.10395E-5 | 1.13685E-6                    | 8.42905E-6 | 3.07712E-5 | 4.21547E-6                     | 3.21357E-5 | 1.42265E-4 |
| Sn-2Ag-18In at 823k | 8.59275E-7                    | 3.89082E-6 | 2.12905E-5 | 1.82922E-6                    | 8.06241E-6 | 6.02183E-5 | 5.57578E-6                     | 2.45012E-5 | 1.74156E-4 |
| Sn-2Ag-18In at 773k | 1.33764E-6                    | 3.39682E-6 | 1.2167E-5  | 1.99933E-6                    | 8.46086E-6 | 5.30073E-5 | 5.54106E-5                     | 5.51278E-5 | 3.04225E-4 |
| Sn-2Ag-18In at 723k | 9.22718E-7                    | 3.36534E-6 | 1.04889E-5 | 1.34602E-6                    | 7.90594E-6 | 4.8368E-5  | 2.73807E-6                     | 2.92909E-5 | 1.49455E-4 |

Table (9): The variation of creep rate of five samples(Sn-2Ag-18In) with Temperature (923k, 873k, 823k, 773k, and 723k).



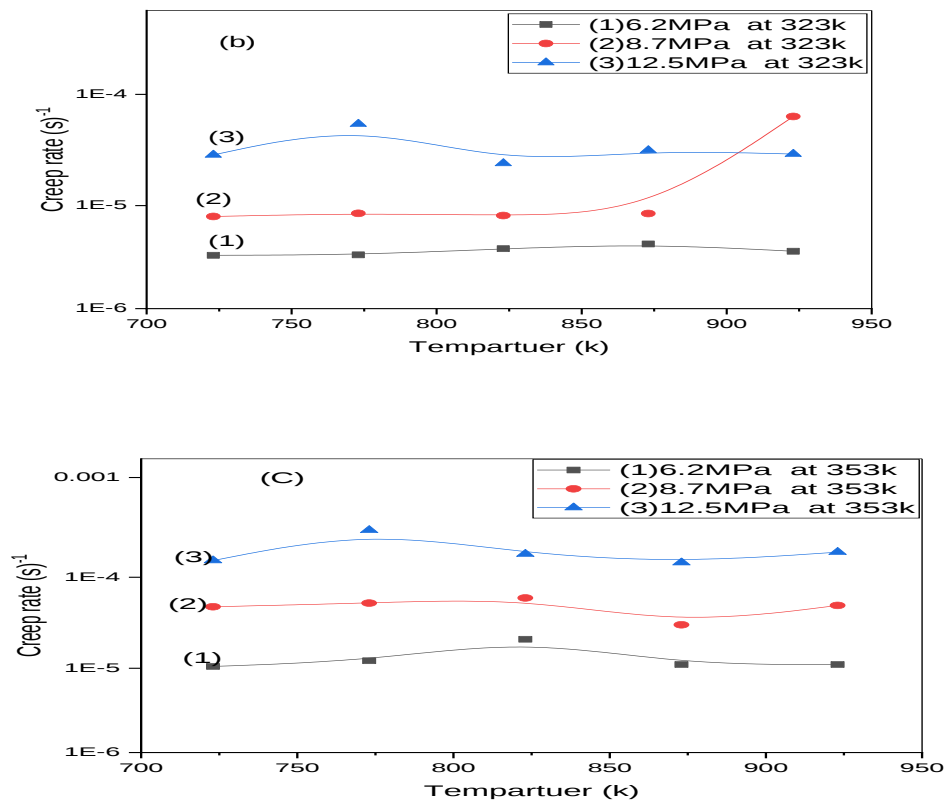


Fig. (5) The creep rate ( $S^{-1}$ ), (a), (b), (C) for Sn-2Ag-18In at  $T = 298k, 323k$  and  $353k$  under 6.2, 8.7 and 12.5 Mpa

Table (10): The variation of elongation of three samples with Temperatures addition

| Sample no:          | EL(%)   |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
|---------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Temperature         | 6.2MPa  |         |         | 8.7 MPa |         |         | 12.5MPa |         |         |
| Tem .               | 298k    | 323k    | 353k    | 298k    | 323k    | 353k    | 298k    | 323k    | 353k    |
| Sn-2Ag-18In at 923k | 0.60168 | 0.84893 | 1.79099 | 0.33297 | 1.2576  | 1.55606 | 0.00825 | 0.23153 | 0.19895 |
| Sn-2Ag-18In at 873k | 0.4321  | 0.83627 | 1.44635 | 1.20112 | 1.22168 | 0.67195 | 0.10783 | 0.2503  | -       |
| Sn-2Ag-18In at 823k | 0.45765 | 1.00918 | 0.54466 | 0.84276 | 0.69317 | 1.12462 | 0.54469 | -       | -       |
| Sn-2Ag-18In at 773k | 0.59456 | 1.48237 | 2.25052 | 0.66248 | 0.87462 | 1.02144 | 0.4571  | 0.83491 | 0.19943 |
| Sn-2Ag-18In at 723k | 1.12106 | 1.48237 | 2.25052 | 0.64621 | 0.0264- | 1.16244 | 0.94444 | 0.77651 | 0.07494 |

The Elongation (EL.%) was calculated for all the figures 6(a to c), by using equation:  $(EL.\% = \text{Strain} \times 100)$  --- (4). The El.% plots are drawn in Fig (6), and its values were listed in the Table (10) for three alloys. The Elongation of Sn-2Ag-18In alloy at  $T = 289, 323$  and  $353k$  with 6.2, 8.7

and 12.5MP as shown in Fig.(6). The EL.%( a), (b) of Sn-2Ag-18In at  $T = 298k, 323k$  and  $353k$  under 6.2, 8.7 and 12.5 MPa are increasing compared to The EL.% of Sn-2Ag-18In at the same load as shown in fig.(6) (a, b, c).

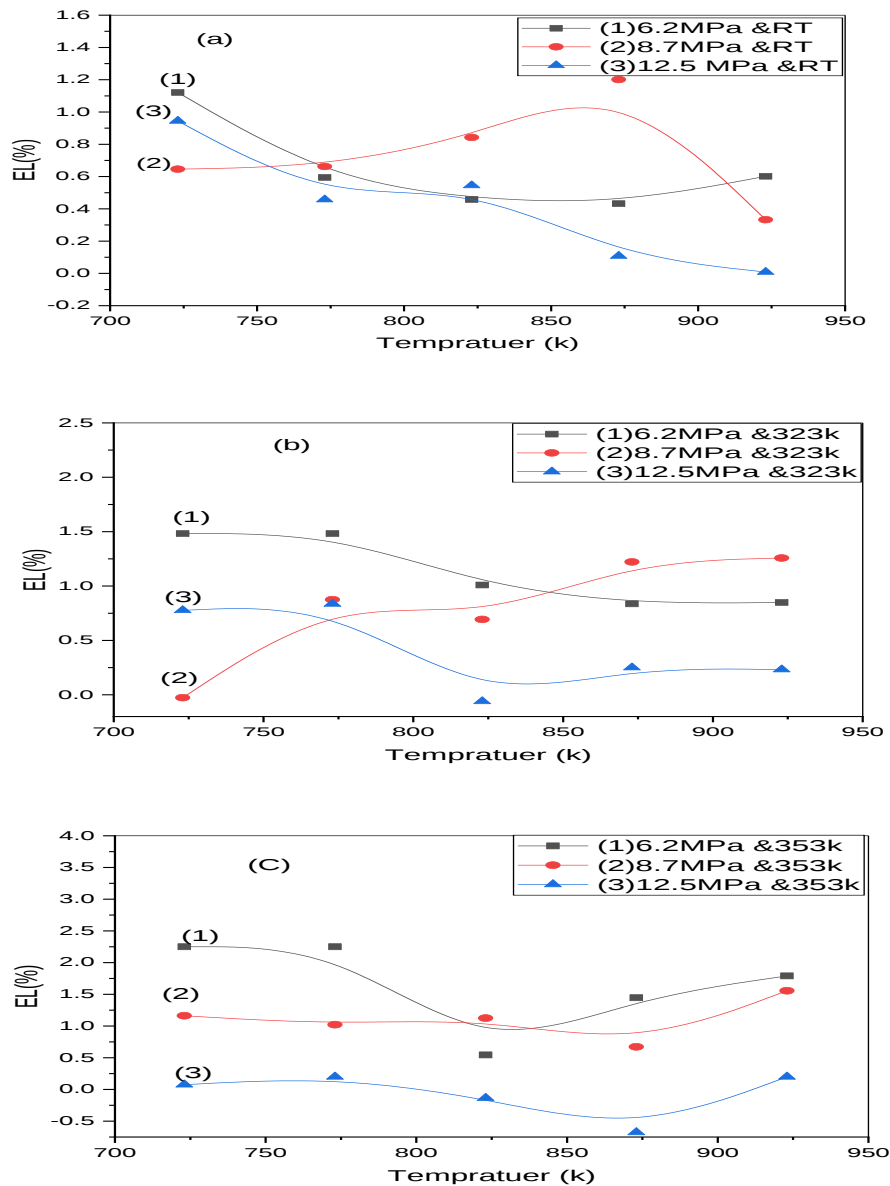


Fig. (6). The El. (%) , (a) , (b) and (c) for Sn-2Ag-18In at (T= 298k ,323k and 353k) under 6.2 , 8.7 and 12.5 MPa

### 3.4.2. Creep stress exponents and activation energy for Sn-2Ag-18In Alloys:-

The stress exponent (n) parameter and activation energy(Q) of steady state creep were calculated by using equations: (Rahman et al., 2009):  

$$n = \frac{\partial \ln(\dot{\epsilon})}{\partial \ln(\sigma)} \quad \text{-- (5)}$$

$$Q = -R \left( \frac{\partial \ln(\dot{\epsilon})}{\partial \ln\left(\frac{1}{T}\right)} \right) \quad \text{-- (6)}$$

. The calculated values of n and Q at

different temperatures and loads for the tested alloys are listed in the table (11 and 12) and, compared to the Alloy literature review. The differences between n and Q values may vary in the preparation method and the heat treatment method. The results of the

values of stress exponents, as shown in Fig.(7) and given in table (11) that compared with literature review for alloy, at different temperatures ( 923k, 873k, 823k, 773k , and 723k) its decrease from  $n=(2.2, 2.316, 5.66$  and  $2.9)$  at  $T=289k$ ,  $n=(3.003, 2.583, 2.695, \text{ and } 3.09)$  at  $T=323k$  and  $n=(3.991, 3.633, 2.812, \text{ and } 3.52)$  at  $T=353k$  for Sn-2Ag-18In respectively. The difference between  $n$  values for all alloys at different temperatures is due to the dislocation movement (climb- creep) mechanism, as documented by (Kanda and Kariya, 2012 and Wiese et al., 2008) While, at temperature ( $T=353k$ ) the  $n$  value of Sn-2Ag-18In alloy is due to the dislocation movement (slip-creep)

mechanism. Also, the activation energies in steady state creep of three alloys were calculated from the slope of relation between  $\ln(\text{Creep rate})$  and  $1000/T$  at ( $T=289k, 323k$  and  $353k$ ) in the Figs. 9 (a, b and c), with two different applied stresses. It is noticeable that  $Q$  decreases with the increase of applied stress that depends strongly on applied stress and temperatures (Wu and Huang, 2002). The  $Q$  increases with increasing  $\ln$  in addition to Sn-2Ag alloy. It was observed that Sn-2Ag-18In has the highest  $Q$  values depending on creep resistance, as documented by (Mahmudi et al., 2009, Khalifa et al., 2017 and El-Daly, Hammad, 2010).

| Sample no:<br>temperatures | n              |                |                | m              |                |                |
|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|                            | RT             | 323k           | 353k           | RT             | 323k           | 353k           |
| S2Ag-18In at 923k          | <b>1.58103</b> | <b>3.03116</b> | <b>2.19283</b> | <b>0.6325</b>  | <b>0.32991</b> | <b>0.45603</b> |
| S2Ag-18In at 873k          | <b>2.42065</b> | <b>2.89724</b> | <b>2.22075</b> | <b>0.41311</b> | <b>0.34516</b> | <b>0.4503</b>  |
| S2Ag-18In at 823k          | <b>2.69778</b> | <b>2.65479</b> | <b>1.48787</b> | <b>0.37068</b> | <b>0.37668</b> | <b>0.6721</b>  |
| S2Ag-18In at 773k          | <b>0.57514</b> | <b>1.30598</b> | <b>2.10606</b> | <b>1.73871</b> | <b>0.76571</b> | <b>0.47482</b> |
| S2Ag-18In at 723k          | <b>3.50052</b> | <b>3.12178</b> | <b>3.82269</b> | <b>0.28567</b> | <b>0.32033</b> | <b>0.2616</b>  |

Table (11) and stress exponent ( $n$ ) values for Sn-2Ag-18In solder alloys at temperatures (923k, 873k, 823k, 773k, and 723k). And ( $m$  values for Sn-2Ag-18In).

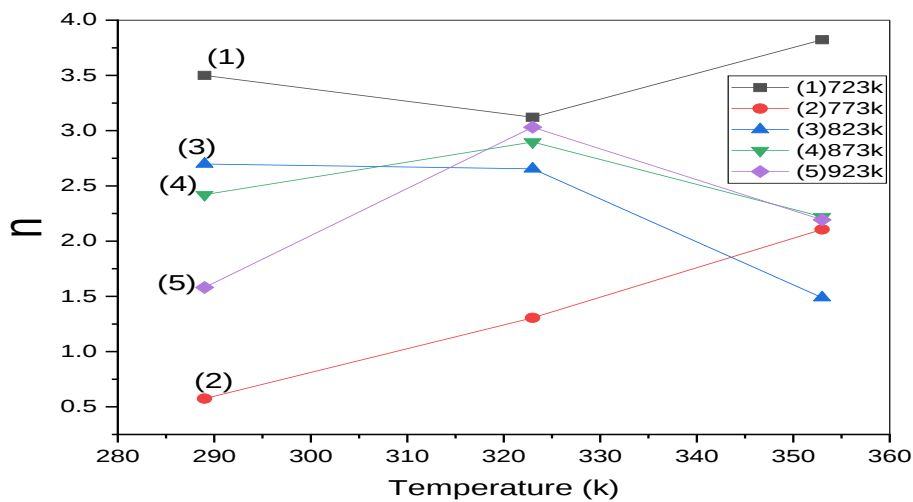
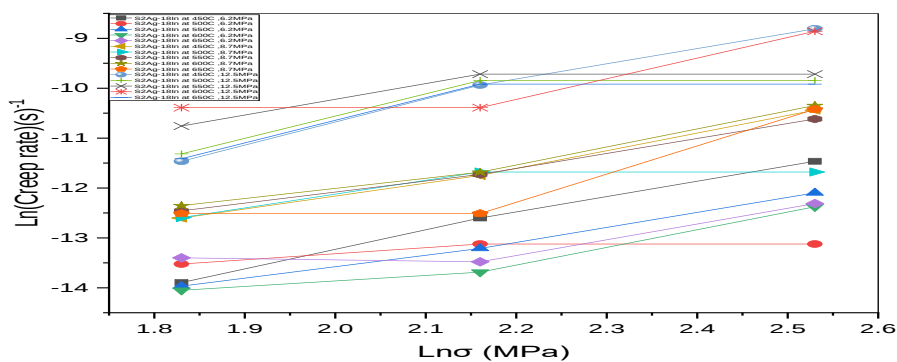
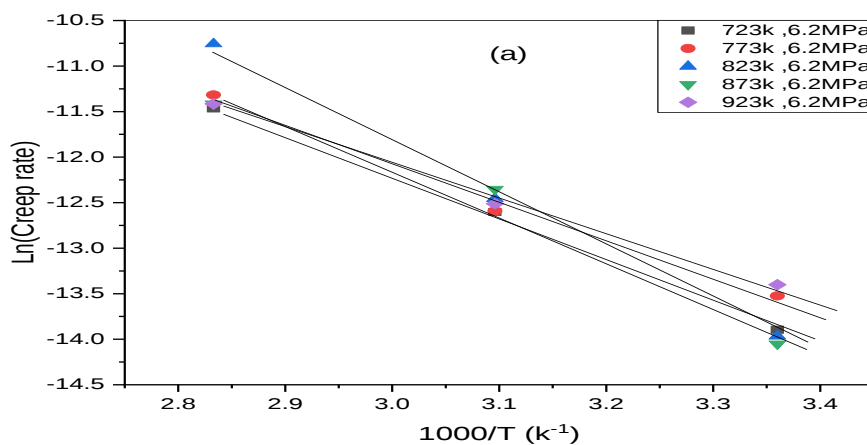


Fig. (7): The stress exponent(n) values at different temperature with Sn-2Ag-18In , at temperatures (923k,873k,823k,773k , and 723k).



Fig(8):Relay between Ln(Creep rate) versus Ln(Stress) at different temperatures ( 298 – 323 – 353 ) K for (Sn- 2Ag – 18In ) .



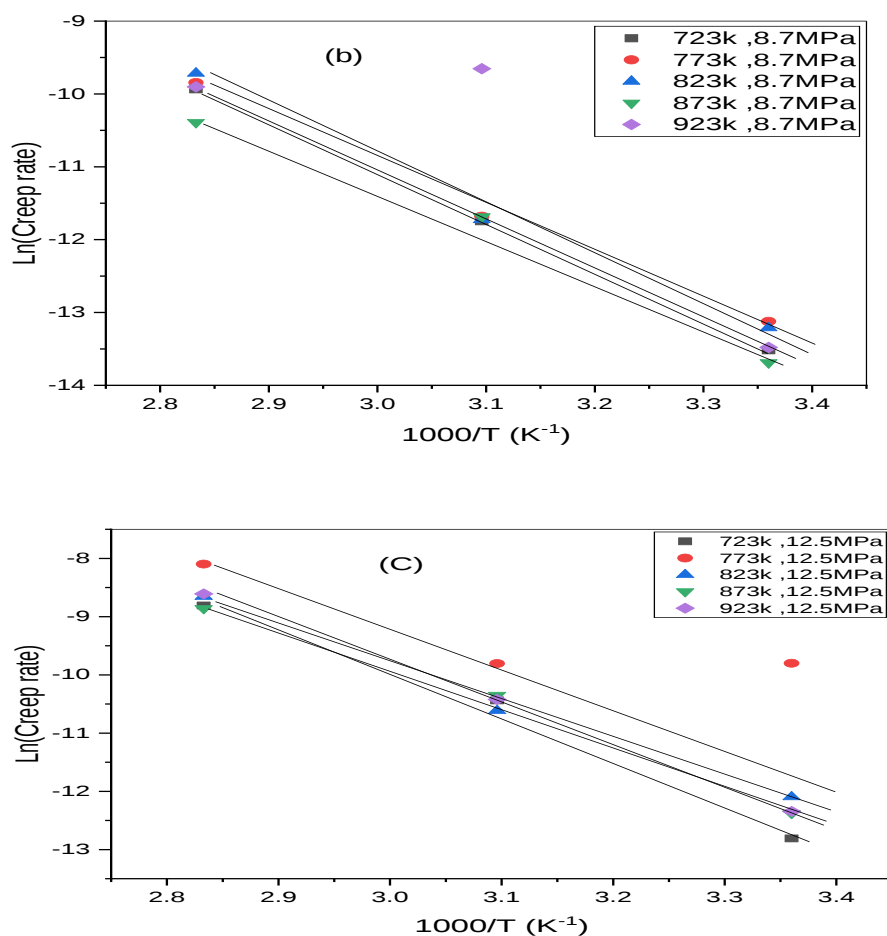


Fig. (9) The relation between  $\ln(\dot{\epsilon})$  and  $1000/T$  for Sn-2Ag-18In Alloys at (a) 6.2 MPa and (b) 8.7 MPa and (c) 12.5 MPa.

| Sample no :       | Q ( ev)        |                |                |
|-------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|                   | 6.2MPa         | 8.7MPa         | 12.5MPa        |
| S2Ag-18In at 923k | <b>0.7778</b>  | <b>1.49278</b> | <b>1.07062</b> |
| S2Ag-18In at 873k | <b>1.19591</b> | <b>1.43381</b> | <b>1.09367</b> |
| S2Ag-18In at 823k | <b>1.33649</b> | <b>1.31504</b> | <b>0.74361</b> |
| S2Ag-18In at 773k | <b>0.28744</b> | <b>0.6527</b>  | <b>1.05256</b> |
| S2Ag-18In at 723k | <b>1.73745</b> | <b>1.54633</b> | <b>1.89904</b> |
| <b>Average</b>    | <b>1.06702</b> | <b>1.28813</b> | <b>1.1719</b>  |

Table(12): Activation energy (Q)

Isothermal creep test for Sn-2Ag-18In solder alloys was carried out at three constant applied stresses (6.2 , 8.7 , and 12.5 MPa) and three test temperature ( 298 , 323 and 353K). The creep behavior observed at low temperature has three choral touristic stages .A region of initial (of elastic unsteady ) creep , in which the rat of creep varies rapidly , the second region in which the rat of creep remains constant (steady state) creep and finally a third region in which the rat of creep varies rapidly (rupture region ) which is followed by failure as shown in fig(9) The steady state creep rate  $\dot{\epsilon}_s$  calculated from the slopes of the linear regions of the creep curves ,increases with increasing applies stresses and test temperature the variation in strain rates (creep rates) is the result of changes in the internal structure of the material with creep strains and time . The relationship of y stress –strain of samples is visually expressed by the following equation with in the steady state region . $\dot{\epsilon}_s=A \sigma^n$  where **A** is a constant and **n** is stress exponent . A plot of logarithm of  $\dot{\epsilon}_s$  versus the logarithm **σ** yields a straight curve with slope (n)which determines the mechanism of creep deformation A commonly equation by design engineers for stress and temperature dependence of creep (strain )rate especially in the electronics industry is the Norton power law (D.mitlin et al )

$\dot{\epsilon}_s = A \sigma^n e^{\frac{-Q}{RT}}$  Where  $\dot{\epsilon}_s$  is the steady state strain rat A is a constant ,**σ** is the stress , n is the stress exponent , Q is the activation energy .**R** is the universal gas constant , and **T** is the absolute temperature. The stress exponent (n) determines the type of defamation mechanism (viscous glide , screw dislocation , climb mechanism , etc .) . The transition form viscous glide to dislocation climb ( $n \approx 1$  to  $n \geq 3$  ) .The values of  $\dot{\epsilon}_s$  increased with increasing the applied stress and the test temperature for all alloys . The increase of  $\dot{\epsilon}_s$  with increasing with increasing test temperature could be explained in view of an easier motion of dislocations already existing ,where the thermal energy introduced facilitates the dislocation motion by helping it to overcome the precipitates which act as barriers . The values of the stress exponent n for Sn-2Ag-18In between 0.5 and 3.8 .The activation energy of the stead creep of the alloys which were calculated .It is found that the value of the activation energy in the range (0.287-1.899 ev), which is depending on the prepared temperature of alloys and particularly in the case of rode-like microstructure . According to the data presented in the mechanical behavior of the solder alloys is affected by intermetallic precipitation .It is clear that due to the presence of intermetallic precipitation the activation energy for alloys creep shoulder be higher and lower .

### 3.4.3. Electrical resistivity and conductivity

With respect to electrical properties, electrical resistivity( $\rho$ ) and conductivity ( $\sigma$ ) were calculated by using equations:  $\rho = R \frac{A}{L}$  -- (7) and  $\sigma = \frac{1}{\rho}$  --- (8), respectively, Where L is length of the specimen, R is the ohm resistance and A is the cross-section area (Callister, 2007, La Barre, 2004). The electrical resistivity and conductivity of Sn-2Ag-18In alloys at room temperature (T=298k) are shown in table (12) and fig. 10( a& b), in general the  $\rho$  values have decreased with In additions, but

the  $\sigma$  values have increased with In additions. This decrease and increase for  $\rho$  and  $\sigma$  are may be due to enhancing the In<sub>0.2</sub>Sn<sub>0.8</sub> and Ag<sub>4</sub>Sn formation in Sn-2Ag Alloys with 18In-Additions. The eutectic temperature reaches about 473k when the In content 16Wt % Sn-3.5Ag-16In . (S.E.Negm et al ) . It can be suggested that the eutectic temperature of the samples prepared reaches about 470k when the In content 18Wt% which is the working melting point of the common soldering alloy .

| Sample no : | temperatures | $\rho (\Omega . \text{Cm}) * 10^3$ | $\sigma (\Omega . \text{Cm})^{-1} * 10^{-4}$ |
|-------------|--------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| S2Ag-18In   | 923k         | 1.135                              | 8.81                                         |
| S2Ag-18In   | 873k         | 1.241                              | 8.06                                         |
| S2Ag-18In   | 823k         | 1.147                              | 8.718                                        |
| S2Ag-18In   | 773k         | 1.156                              | 8.65                                         |
| S2Ag-18In   | 723k         | 1.130                              | 8.849                                        |

Table (13): The variation of ( $\rho$ ) and ( $\sigma$ ) for five samples with temperatures, at room temperature (T= 298k).

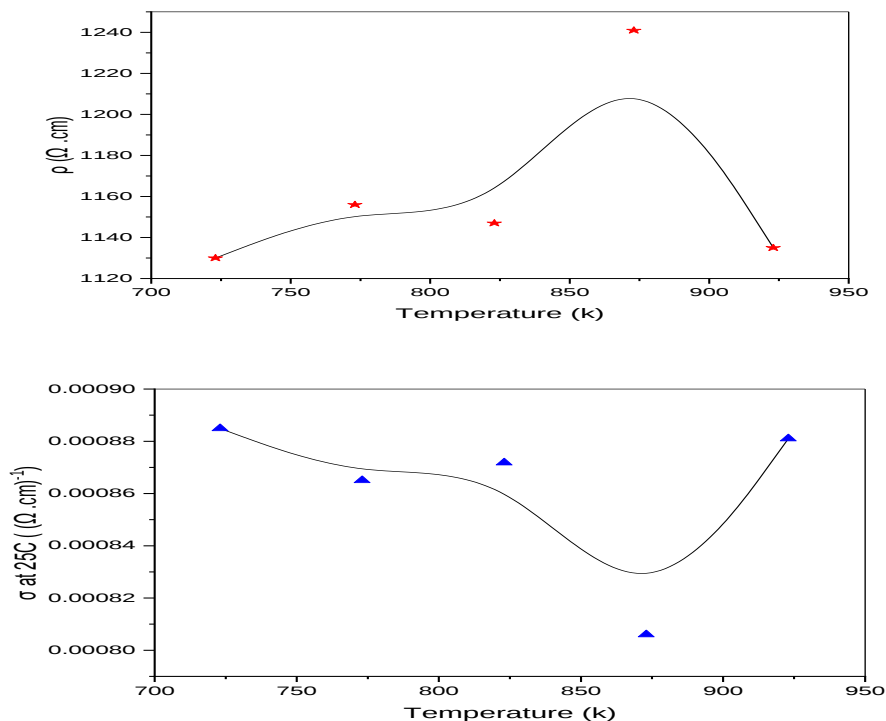


Fig. (10): (a) Electrical resistivity behavior for Sn-2Ag-18In alloys with temperatures at T= 298k and, (b) Electrical conductivity behavior for Sn-2Ag-18In alloy with temperatures additions at T= 298k

#### 4. Conclusions

This study has investigated the Indium(In) improvements in two concentrations (18wt.%) the alloy solders (Sn-Ag-In) at different temperatures (923k, 873k, 823k, 773k, and 723k) to investigate some of their structure and different Mechanical properties as function of load and temperature. The X-ray diffraction analysis of the samples ensures the formation of single phase tetragonal. The average particle size estimated is (23.016 – 35.664) nm. Values of stress exponents (n) were found to be in the range of 0.575 to 3.822 for all alloys. Values of activation energy (Q) of alloys were found to be in the range of 0.287 to 1.737 eV for  $\sigma = 6.2 \text{ MPa}$  and 0.652 to 1.546 eV for  $\sigma = 8.7 \text{ MPa}$  and 0.743 to 1.899 eV for  $\sigma = 12.5 \text{ MPa}$ . The electrical conductivity of samples was calculated at room temperature (298k), its values increased with In-additions. On the structural, Mechanical (Creep resistance) and electrical conductivity properties of Sn-2Ag-18In alloy. The results are summarized as follows. With the addition of 18In to Sn-2Ag alloys leads to the formation of hexagonal. The average particle size (D) of In<sub>0.2</sub>Sn<sub>0.8</sub> phases decreased continuously with addition of (18% In), while The

dislocation density ( $\delta$ ) increased with In-additions. The creep resistance of Sn-2Ag-18In Alloys are higher than that of at different temperature (923k, 873k, 823k, 773k, and 723k) loads due to the refinement structure and formation of new single phase. The n values are due to that the deformation mechanism and the dislocation climb for all alloys at different temperatures, except at T= 773k prepared temperature for Sn-2Ag-18In alloy, the dislocation movement (slip-creep) is controlling mechanism. In general, increasing of Q with (18In)-addition to Sn-2Ag Alloys depends on creep resistance. Also, the decrease of Q with the increase of applied stress depends strongly on applied stress and temperature. The decrease and increase for  $\rho$  and are may be due to enhancing precipitation formation in Sn-2Ag Alloys with In-additions. And the joint reliability of the Sn-2Ag-18In solder is comparable to that of Sn-Pb eutectic solder, thereby making this solder a potential candidate for extension of the lead-free circuit manufacturing process, (Guod et al., 2014).

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