



FIG 8.8 Oxygen annealing characteristic for silver contacts on bare bulk-sintered thallium-based superconductors; annealing time was 1 h, and oxygen was supplied at atmospheric pressure, flowing at a rate of about $2 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ ($\sim 0.3 \text{ scfh}$). (Ekin, unpublished data.)