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Progress in materials and processes at PSI

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Burning stuff *a route to «cleaner» magnets*

A glass ceramic coating for stainless steel improved insulation

The Box programm fast turnaround testing of impregnation systems

Filled impregnation systems

lower CTE and increased modulus









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Burning stuff - motivation

before heat treatment



after heat treatment



Courtesy D. Arbelaez, LBNL.

after impregnation and cool-down



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Adhesion– polluted surfaces







Polluted surface on a fractured epoxy fragment

significant drop in adhesion

prior cleaning is not sufficient

burn organic residues during heat treatment





combustion vs. oxidation of copper



TGA in air





Build up of CuO layer at various temperatures in atmosphere, calculated with a parabolic rate law, Ea = 92.5 kJ/mol.



Equipment - oven and sensors

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Inlet:

- Chamber:
 - single cable in a channel
- 02

- measure resistivity
 - between cable and channel

Exhaust:

- O2 probe, Zirox XS22
- CO2 sensor, MH-Z19C
- gas flow meter
- vacuum line



quartz tube furnace – reactive gases and vacuum



single cable in a channel









250-400 °C

665°C in vacuum

reference in argon

	252/10	
Reference	532	-
250-400 °C	521	2%
665°C in vacuum	443	16%*
	:	

RRR_{202/18} RRR reduction

* in line with the reduction in cross-section due to the oxide layer

Many more process parameters

- with or without vacuum
- dedicated isotherm for cleaning
- cleaning at multiple temperatures
- post reduction with H₂

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Conclusion and Outlook

- · Carbon residues can be removed with limited oxidation of the copper
- Optimization potential
 - $-\,$ improve CO_2 and R detection
 - explore other temperatures and conditions
 - reduction of copper oxide with H_2
- Conduct further analysis
 - XPS measurements of braid surface
 - SEM/EDX to check the oxide layer thickness
 - measure contact resistance between wires
 - check if adhesion and mechanical performance is better composite



Glass ceramic coating



glass ceramic coating on box channel

Various commercial ceramic coatings were tested as an alternative to line of sight coating methods **Aremco SGC4000-HT** was chosen as a suitable coating

- temperature resistance to 760 °C, requires glazing at 720 °C
- 40 V/μm dielectric breakdown strength
- simple dilution with solvents (adjustable viscosity)
- suitable for spraying (fine particles), dip-coating, spin-coating etc.
- good adhesion to stainless steel
- survives the reaction cycle and cool-down



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Spin coating channels



>10 G Force DBS measurements 40 V/μm breakdown expected layer thickness (µm) DBS value (V) voltage (V) 490 444 11 21 750 822 32 1160 1244

coating of high aspect ratio channels is possible

tested in a BOX and BigBOX D. *M.* Daly et al., 2021 *M.* Daly et al., 2022 *S.* Otten et al., 2023

D. M. Araujo et al. 2023



Box program - concept



BOnding eXperiment

- cable in a channel
- bonding of the composite to structure
- assess conductor limits
- 9T background field
- training behavior can be adressed





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BOX program – fast turnaround

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the chance to explore and compare a vast amount of impregnation systems

BOX program – procedure improvement UNIVERSITY OF TWENTE.

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along the channel







Stycast 2850 FT + Cat 23 LV



Advantages and obstacles of filled systems







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Pre trials - filled systems – Epoxy (MY750)

Label	Shape	Size, D50	Specific surface
		μm	m²/g
A-2μm	Spheres	2.18	1.27
B-1µm	Spheres	1.08	1.69
C-1µm	Shards	1.05	2.4
D-0.1µm	Spheres	0.1	7.5

Submicron particles can pass through the glass fiber insulation but **viscosity was too high**



BOX cable without mica



40 vol% filler content



Filled wax – up to 45 vol% of particles

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filled wax: wax with well dispersed submicron alumina particles which go through the glass fiber insulation.









Preliminary results - processing

Sedimentation

500 mm high column filled with wax at 90 °C for 3 hours

cool down and cut sections for density measurements



no visible sedimentation over 3 hours, longer times are being tested



Compression Box

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Critical current vs. transverse stress



Degradation:

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- submicron particles work with the Box cable insulation
 - size distribution is important
 - shape should be spherical/round
- specific surface area has to be kept low (< 4m²/g)
 - keeps the relative viscosity reasonable

Standard PB products (Typical values)	PB4MAR	
Crystalline phase (%)		
Specific Surface Area (m²/g	4	
PSD (um)	d ₁₀	0.64
Laser diffraction	d _{so}	0.77
Horiba LA950	d ₉₀	0.91

Baikowski

- for each particle and matrix system the dispersion process may change
 - mixing techniques
 - mixing sequence
 - dispersing aids
 - $-\eta_s$ has to be below 30 mPas

TABLE II Filled wax - 100 ml at RT

FRP wax	45.5 g
Carnauba	5.0 g
alumina	180 g

Outlook - higher melting point wax

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filled with 45 vol% alumina particles



burning organic material during RHT followed by RRR measurements

clean magnets are feasible

a glass ceramic coating, which survives a dT of 900 °C, as an insulation for steel parts.

primary or secondary insulation

the box program

an excellent tool to investigate impregnation systems

impregnation of filled hot wax of a 4-stack shows a promising route to better properties at cold

increased modulus and lower CTE









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Questions



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Particle shape and dispersant concentration





Viscosity and particle size



Fig. 5. Relative viscosity change with alumina load at 60 $^\circ C$ and a shear rate of 100 s^{-1}

https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ceramint.2007.08.007

Table 1

Specifications of the used micro- and nanosized alumina

Туре	Vendor	Specific surface	Measured particle sizes (µm)			
		area (m²/g)	d_{10}	d_{50}	d_{90}	
CT3000SG	Almatis	6–8 ^a	0.071	0.266	1.002	
RCHP	Baikowski	7–9 ^a	$0.242 (d_{20})$	0.335	0.575	
TM DAR	Taimei	12.8	0.104	0.165	0.297	
Nanotek	Nanophase	34	0.125	0.155	0.192	
С	Degussa	107	0.125	0.155	0.205	

^a Vendor's data.





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Preliminary results - DMA and 3 PB at -100 °C



at -100 °C, 4 GPa for pure Wax, 19 GPa for the filled wax – 4.75 times higher

Literature

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Figure 2. Experimental and predicted elastic modulus variation with glass content.

Kerner model more apropriate







3.3 Carbon 1s

Regarding carbon, fitting for three peaks also gives the most sensible results (see figure 9)). When looking at the reference peak 2 is most likely an overlap of C-C and C-O bonds [10]. Peak 3 seems to be the C-Si bonds from the silane [10]. Peak 1 looks to be the carboxyl groups from fatty acid residues in lubricants that are used when braiding the GFs.



Figure 9: Reference Carbon 1s peak in the spectrum. Averaged over 5 cycles.

For sample 1, the carbon peak has the most significant reduction in intensity. First of all, peak 1 stemming from the carboxyl groups of fatty acids seems to have completely disappeared. Furthermore, peak 2 representing C-C and C-O bonds is significantly smaller. Only peak 3, the silicon-bound carbon, is still close to the same, if not more intense (see figure 10).

The same can be said for sample 2. However

there is a strange 3rd peak that only

appeared here and we could not assign with

sufficient certainty. It is most likely some

form of contamination.



Figure 10: Sample 1 Carbon 1s peak in the spectrum. Averaged over 5 cycles.



Figure 11: Sample 2 Carbon 1s peak in the spectrum. Averaged over 5 cycles.



 Rutherford cable made of 21 strands of Bruker OST RRP 108/127 Nb3Sn 0.85 mm in diameter following the LARP QXF specification 150505 and insulated with fibreglass braid. The 21-strand CCT cable was manufactured by the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL) and delivered to the Paul Scherrer Institute (PSI) as part of a collaboration between PSI and LBNL.



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Oven data and TGA





Glass fiber braid Information

is shown in Figure 1.10. The pictured cable is a MQXF cable without mica. The applied yarn is a Type 933 S2 glass by AGY with numerous filaments of $9\,\mu\text{m}$ diameter forming a 145 μm thick glass insulation. The Type 933 S2 glass comes with a thermally stable inorganic sizing that eases the braiding process and remains on the fibreglass after braiding. The electrical magnet insulation is completed with the vacuum pressure

S-2 Glass® Yarns

	Filan US	nent D)iameter Micron	Sliver	Const	Twi	st Nor (yds/	ninal Y lb) (′ield TEX)	Denier	Average Stre (Ibs)	e Tensile ength (N)	Sizing	
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Ī		493	SG150 and SG75		0.4	5	Resin		Directly of	compatible with Res Systems	in	Industrial	Epoxy	/ Polyester
		550	SG150 and SG75		0.5	0	Resin		Directly of	compatible with Res	in Aer	ospace Industrial	High T	emperature Thermoplas
		636	SG150 and SG75		1.2	0	Starch / Lube		G	eneral Purpose	l We	eaving Industrial	Genera	al purpose, good proces
		762	SE225		0.4	2	Resin		Directly of	compatible with Res Systems	in	Industrial	Rubbe	r Compatible
		933	SG75		0.2	3	Resin		Directly o	Systems	in	Aerospace	Poor B	iened Epoxy / Thermopia Broken Filament Resistar



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Resin

Directly compatible with Resin

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Nominal

Filament

Diameter



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Filled Wax – lower boundaries

CTE and E-modulus at 77K



 $E_m = 4.4 \qquad CTE_m = E_f = 375 \qquad CTE_f = 7$





Ceramic coating – DBS test setup



Layerthickness measured with a Testboy 70 Voltage applied with a Megger MIT515 in steps