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Development of superconducting joints between bronze-route Nb₃Sn multifilamentary wires for persistent-mode operation

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Abstract: Superconducting joints are essential for persistent-mode operation in a superconducting magnet system, the resistance has to be around 10^{-14} - 10^{-12} Ω thus to produce an ultra-stable magnetic field. Based on the national collaboration program of the MRI for small animals, the development of superconducting joints between bronze-route Nb₃Sn multifilamentary wires manufactured by Furukawa is launched. In this paper, we report the rational design of the Nb₃Sn superconducting joints in detail. To qualify the properties of the Nb₃Sn superconducting joints, their critical current and resistance are examined through four-lead and current decay methods, respectively, at 4.2 K in a background magnetic field. The investigation aim to provide a feasible approach of Nb₃Sn superconducting joints for the small animal MRI magnet systems.

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