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He II heat transfer in electrical insulation for accelerator magnet

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Outline

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- He II heat transfer and electrical insulation
 - The classical insulation and heat transfer
 - The *ceramic* insulation and comparison
- saclay He II Heat transfer in confined geometry
 - Heat transfer in small tubes
 - Heat transfer in porous media
 - Heat transfer in coil models
 - NED activities
 - Activities @CERN
 - Propositions
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Reminder

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- Heat transfer from the conductor to the cold source define the temperature margin
- Electrical insulation is the largest thermal barrier against cooling
- Electrical insulation can be
 - Non-existent
 - Monolith
 - For LHC magnet
 - T_{conductor}=1.9 K or T_{conductor}~4 K [Burnod 1994]

- Previous works focused on the thermal paths (He II)
 - Creating paths between the conductors by wrapping different configurations and minimizing the glue...
 - No complete work on the solid material (holes, conductive insert or porosity)

The *classical* insulation

Historical insulation : 2 wrappings

fiberglass with gap

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- First wrapping in polyimide with 50% overlap

First wrapping in polyimide with 50% overlap

Second wrapping in epoxy resin-impregnated

 Second wrapping in polyimide with polyimide glue with gap





- Current LHC Insulation : 3 wrappings [Meuris 1999]
 - First 2 wrappings with no overlap
 - Last wrapping with a gap



Heat transfer in *classical* insulation (1/2)

• Epoxy Resin or glue on both side of the layer fills up the helium path

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- Dry fiber thermally decouples the conductors
- Very small He paths for polyimide insulations with gaps due to overlapping
- Importance of conductor decoupling







Heat transfer in *classical* insulation (2/2)

• Importance of conduction in the insulation

For Large ΔT , He II HT < Conduction HT

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[Kimura 1999] and [Baudouy 2001]







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The ceramic insulation

- For the next generation of high field magnets, Nb₃Sn is considered
- Higher heat deposition than in current magnets is expected
 - Beam losses : 10 mW/cm³ (LHC) and 50 to 80 mW/cm³ (LHC upgrade)
- Since 1997, development by J.M. Rey and F. Rondeaux
 - Ceramic materials are investigated in replacement for the classical insulation (Fiberglass + epoxy resin impregnated after heat treatment)
 - One step process
 - Obtain a coil after heat treatment (Same than Nb₃Sn) with no impregnation
 - Good wrapping and resistance to heat, reduce fabrication complexity and costs
 - Increase the volume of He in the insulation and the thermal path
 - · Higher enthalpy reserve and overall thermal conductivity
- Innovative insulation for Nb₃Sn magnet
 - Fiberglass tape + Ceramic precursor
 - (80%SiO₂ + argil) [Puissegur 2004]



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Heat transfer considerations

Ceramic

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	 Geometry 	Porous	Channels (slits)
	 Pore size, d 	~100 µm	10 μm at Saclay (determined) 100 μm at KEK (determined)
	 Porosity,ε 	4.5 to 29 %	~1 % (ratio of A _{Hell} /A _{total})

Conductivity, k

Kapitza conductance

≈4 10⁻² W/Km k_{kapton} ≈10⁻² W/Km @ 2 K h_k=3200 W/m²K h_k=4000 W/m²K @ 1.5 K

Classical (Polyimid)

- Thickness < 10 µm for a Kapitza resistance influence...
- → What is the influence of the geometry on the total HT?
- \rightarrow Helium + conduction = Insulation?



He II Heat transfer in confined geometry

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- Physical law in He II modified by the geometry?
 - Properties modified?

Landau regime

HT regimes modified?

- $\quad \mathsf{A}(\mathsf{T}), \, \rho_{\mathsf{s}}, \, \dots$
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Modeling sufficient?

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Coupling between solid and He II

Superfluid turbulence (fully developed?)

– Porous media model?



He II Heat transfer in small tubes/slits

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- Heat transfer in small channels [Kimura 1999]
 - $\ d_{eq} \in [56; \, 4800] \, \mu m$
 - $L \in [30; 40] \text{ mm}$
- Heat transfer in small slits? [Kimura 2005]
 - 53 µm x 16 mm
 - A_{GM} not modified
 - vortex spacing 1 µm
 - fully developed turbulence
- Heat transfer in d_{eq} of 1 µm range?
 - Modification of the Physical law?
 - Bulk properties?





He II Heat transfer in porous media



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Flow properties

• Permeability in pure Landau regime

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- Evidence that K is temperature dependent
- Analysis is based on the assumption that the Darcy law is valid
- Tortuosity in Gorter-Mellink regime





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- Tortuosity constant within 10% for both samples
- Concept of 1D tortuosity is valid in ZNMF



[Baudouy 2005] 12

Intermediate regime – Saclay model

 $\left|\vec{\nabla}T_{e}\right| = \frac{1}{K} \frac{\mu_{n}}{(\rho s)^{2}T} q_{e} + \omega^{4} \frac{A\rho_{n}}{s^{4}(\rho_{s}T)^{3}} q_{e}^{3}$

- Fair agreement between model and data
 - Extracted ω decreases with T
 - 10% permeability K variation induces 5% tortuosity ω variation
- Model fails to predict a constant ω over the entire range of temperature
- For T≤1.9 K ω =3.40.4, which corresponds to 10% variation





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Numerical simulation



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NED Program

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- Collaboration between CEA-Saclay, KEK, CERN and RAL
 - Tests in He II at CERN and Saclay
 - Tests in SHe at KEK
- Construction of a Double bath Cryostat (WUT and CEA-Saclay)
- Construction of molds by KEK (N. Kimura)
- saclay Construction of 1D HT drum



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NED Program

• Tests of Saclay stack sample

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• RAL (S. Canfer) *classical* Nb₃Sn insulation to be tested



- · Ceramic insulation stack samples to be constructed
 - KEK method
 - Help of N. Kimura at Saclay in March 2007







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NED Program

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- Test of 10 years old sample made @ Saclay
 - Untouched

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- 17 tones on the samples as specified
- Comparison with CERN results (untouched)



Program @ CERN

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- Comparison between High Ramp Rate Quench measurement at CERN and Saclay stacks results
 - For T>T_{λ}, Magnet_{CFRN}=0.5 Stack
 - Outer layer blocked
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- For T<T $_{\lambda}$, Coil_{CERN}=1.5 Stack

[Richter 2005]





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an LHC dipole coil

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Propositions

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- Fundamental HT understanding
 - Experimental work at characteristic dimension lower than 1 µm in porous media, slit and tube.
 - Numerical model more predictive (no entry parameters coming from exp.)
- Modeling heat transfer in the insulation
 - Study of HT coupling between conduction and He II
- Developing the insulation
 - Increasing the thermal conductivity of the solid matrix
- HT in coil model or magnet
 - Analysis of HRRQ to be continued at CERN
 - Experiment on coil segment at CERN is the missing link and has to be supported

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