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## INTRODUCTION

The Cu/Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn superconductive composite wires are multifilamentary composite materials. They are manufactured in different ways. The first method is the bronze route, where fine Nb / Nb alloy filaments are embedded in a bronze matrix, a barrier and a copper stabilizer. The second is the internal-tin method, where fine multifilaments are composed with copper matrix including Sn reservoirs, a barrier, and a copper stabilizer. The third is the powder-in-tube method, where Nb / Nb alloy tubes are filled with Sn rich powders and are embedded in a Cu stabilizing matrix.

Common to all types of Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn composite wires is that the superconducting A15 phase Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn has been formed at final wire dimension by applying one or more heat treatments for several days with a temperature at the last heat treatment step of around 640 °C or above. This superconducting phase is very brittle and failure of filaments occurs – accompanied by the degradation of the superconducting properties.

Commercial composite superconductors have a high current density and a small cross-sectional area. The major application of the composite superconductors is to build superconducting magnets. This can be done either by winding the superconductor on a spool and applying the heat treatment together with the spool afterwards (wind and react) or by heat treatment of the conductor before winding the magnet (react and wind). While the magnet is being manufactured, complicated stresses are applied to its windings. Therefore the react and wind method is the minority compared to the wind and react manufacturing process.

In the case that the mechanical properties should be determined in the unreacted, non-superconducting stage of the composite, one should also apply this standard or alternatively IEC 61788-6 (*Superconductivity– Part 6: Mechanical properties measurement – Room temperature tensile test of Cu/Nb-Ti composite superconductors*).

While the magnet is being energized, a large electromagnetic force is applied to the superconducting wires because of their high current density. In the case of the react and wind manufacturing technique, the winding strain and stress levels are very restricted.

It is therefore a prerequisite to determine the mechanical properties of the superconductive reacted Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn composite wires of which the windings are manufactured.

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#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC61788 covers a test method detailing the tensile test procedures to be carried out on reacted Cu/Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn composite superconducting wires at room temperature.

The object of this test is to measure the modulus of elasticity and to determine the proof strength of the composite due to yielding of the copper and the copper tin components from the stress versus strain curve.

Furthermore, the elastic limit, the tensile strength, and the elongation after fracture can be determined by means of the present method, but they are treated as optional quantities because the measured quantities of the elastic limit and the elongation after fracture have been reported to be subject to significant uncertainties according to the international round robin test.

The sample covered by this test procedure should have a bare round or rectangular cross-section with an area between 0,15 mm<sup>2</sup> and 2,0 mm<sup>2</sup> and a copper to non-copper volume ratio of 0,2 to 1,5 and should have no insulation.

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ISO 376, *Metallic materials – Calibration of force-proving instruments used for the verification of uniaxial testing machines*

ISO 6892-1, *Metallic materials – Tensile testing – Part 1: Method of test at room temperature*

ISO 7500-1, *Metallic materials – Verification of static uniaxial testing machines – Part 1: Tension/compression testing machines – Verification and calibration of the force-measuring system*

ISO 9513, *Metallic materials – Calibration of extensometer systems used in uniaxial testing*

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