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## Vacuum Systems and Metal-Ceramic Joints in Advanced Accelerators

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Vacuum-tight metal-ceramic joints are widely used in particle accelerators as important connections – especially for Ultra High Vacuum (UHV) systems, RF systems, electro-magnetic systems, beamlines as Insulators, feedthroughs, windows, vacuum chambers, etc.

There are many technologies for ceramic to metal vacuum tight connections (vacuum brazing, welding, soldering, etc.). Existing brazing and welding technologies for vacuum-tight ceramic-metal joints have many disadvantages and unsolved problems. Especially some laws and equations were received based on combination of experimental and theoretical calculations and experiments. Some fundamental (chemical, physical and mechanical) processes totally not described yet for ceramic to metals bonding. There are many non standard and new metal-ceramic joints in charged particle accelerators.

Design and fabrication of new reliable and effective vacuum-tight metal-ceramic joints and development and improvement of new and existing bonding technologies for vacuum systems are modern tasks-problems.

- Design and investigation of vacuum-tight ceramic-metal joints for electromagnetic vacuum systems of accelerators – including thermo-mechanical design, diffusion brazing and welding technologies, experimental investigations, thermoregulation systems, UHV design, testing and evaluation methods, etc.

- UHV system of AREAL linear accelerator – main schematic view, Ti e-beam windows, achieved vacuum level, materials specifications, vacuum-tight ceramic-metal joints, etc.

- UHV test stand main purposes, schematic view, etc.
- Thermoregulation systems of AREAL linear accelerator thermoregulation system of RF gun, thermoregulation system of klystron and cooling system for solenoid magnet.
- Review of materials and brazing technologies for vacuum-tight ceramic-metal.
- Experimental results of ceramic to metal brazing based on different brazing technologies (moly-manganese, active brazing technologies).
- Thermo-mechanical simulations for ceramic-metal joints.
- New brazing method for dissimilar material brazing in different geometries was developed for UHV systems.
- New bonding technology for dissimilar cylindrical item bonding was developed.
- The vacuum RF window was mechanically developed and designed, including special ceramic/metal brazing technics and mechanical structure of RF window.
- Vacuum RF window test stand was developed and designed for testing of mechanical sealed and brazed ceramic/metal joints, including coated ceramic materials.
- Thermo-mechanical simulations of pillbox type RF window.

➢New brazing method for dissimilar material brazing with difficult geometries. This new brazing method was published as patent in Intellectual Property Agency of the Republic of Armenia – patent number AM201453.

≻New bonding method for (diffusion welding or brazing) cylindrical materials item bonding, especially ceramic to metals by using locally heating and pressure receiving. This new method was registered as patent in Intellectual Property Agency of the Republic of Armenia– paten number AM20170070.

➢Pillbox type vacuum RF window was developed and mechanically designed, including development of brazing technologies.

➢RF window test stand was developed for testing brazed ceramic-metal joints and ceramic to metal sealing technologies in UHV, RF, thermal conditions. 1.1. AREAL Linear accelerator for fundamental and experimental research

- 1.2. Ultra High Vacuum (UHV) system for AREAL linear accelerator
- 1.3. UHV test stand
- 1.4 Ti E-beam window
- 1.5 Thermoregulation systems for AREAL test facility
  - 1.5.1. Materials for thermoregulation systems
  - 1.5.2. Thermoregulation system for RF Gun
  - 1.5.3. Thermoregulation system for RF klystron
  - 1.5.4. Cooling system for solenoid magnet
- 1.6 Water purification systems and water purification level
- 1.7 Vacuum-tight metal-ceramic joints in AREAL linear accelerator (Klystrons, Insulators, RF windows, feedthroughs, etc.)1.8 Summary

## UHV and Thermoregulation systems of AREAL linear accelerator.





#### **UHV test stand**





#### Main parameters

Vacuum levelUp to 10-10 TorrMain construction material304 stainless steelMax. temperatureUp to 450 °CVacuum gaugesInverted magnetronVacuum gaugesPenningPiraniIon pumpsVacuum pumpsTPS pump

The main purposes of UHV test stand are the testing of all UHV components, control systems, devices, vacuum-tight joints (metalmetal, metal-ceramic) in vacuum movers, bake out processes of UHV components, etc., before installation in the main acceleration system.

## Thermoregulation systems for AREAL linear accelerator.



- 1. Thermoregulation system of RF gun,
- 2. Cooling system of solenoid magnet,
- 3. Thermoregulation system of Klystron,
- 4. Klystron,
- 5. Linear accelerator,
- 6. Feed water pipes for RF gun and solenoid magnet water input and output pipes).

## Thermoregulation System of RF Gun





| Characteristics            | Value                            |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Cooling capacity (W)       | 500                              |
| Temperature range (°C)     | 30-55                            |
| Temperature stability (°C) | +/-0.1                           |
| Water flow rate (l/min)    | 2-15                             |
| Pressure                   | Not exceed 4.2kg/cm <sup>2</sup> |
| Coolant                    | De-ionized water                 |
| De-ionization level        | 5.6 MΩ·cm                        |

## Cooling system of Solenoid Magnet



| Temperature range                     | 20-40 °C            |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Temperature stability                 | +/-1 °C             |
| Temperature sensor type               | Pt100               |
| Temperature regulation type           | PID                 |
| Coolant                               | Demineralized water |
| Water deionization range $\Omega$ ·cm | 50 Ω·cm             |
| Cooling capacity                      | 2'000 W             |
| Nominal pressure (bar)                | 3.3                 |
| Water flow rate                       | 2-30 l/min          |
|                                       |                     |

## Thermoregulation System of Klystron



| Characteristics                | l v       | /alue     |
|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
|                                | Resonator | Magnet    |
| Cooling capacity (W)           | 500       | 0-1500    |
| Temperature range              | 3         | 0-55      |
| Temperature stability °C       | +/-0.5    | +/-1      |
| Water flow rate (I/min)        | 3.64      | 20.5      |
| Pressure (kg/cm <sup>2</sup> ) |           | <4.2      |
| Temperature sensor             | Р         | t100      |
| Coolant                        | Distil    | led water |
| Water deionization range       | 501       | ⁄I Ω·cm   |
| Nominal pressure (bar)         |           | 3.3       |





# Chapter 2. Experimental investigations of ceramic-metal brazing technologies for accelerators UHV systems.

- 2.1. Requirements for vacuum-tight ceramic/metal joints
- 2.2. Materials properties for vacuum tight ceramic/metal joints
  - 2.2.1. Vacuum compatibility of materials
  - 2.2.2. Materials reproducibility and structure stability
  - 2.2.3. Materials brazeability and weldability
  - 2.2.4. Electromagnetic characteristics of materials
  - 2.2.5. High mechanical characteristics
  - 2.2.6. Coefficients of Linear Thermal Expansion
  - 2.2.7. Materials homogeneity
  - 2.2.8. Surface characteristics
  - 2.2.9. Materials selection
- 2.3. Comparing of ceramic to metal bonding technologies for UHV conditions
  - 2.3.1. Active brazing technology
  - 2.3.2. Brazing based on ceramic metallization technology
  - 2.3.3. Thermo-compression bonding technology (diffusion welding)
  - 2.3.4. Gluing technics
  - 2.3.5. Mechanical sealing technics
- 2.4. Experimental Section Experimental investigations
  - 2.4.1. Experiment 1. Alumina to copper active brazing
  - 2.4.2. Experiment 2. Brazing based on ceramic metallization technology
  - 2.4.3. Thermo-compression bonding technologies
  - 2.4.4. Experiment 3. Gluing technics
  - 2.4.5. Mechanical sealing technics
- 2.5. Summary

## Materials for vacuum-tight ceramic-metal joints.

## **Main requirements**

- Low outgassing rate,
- Thermal shock resistance,
- Low material penetration,
- High mechanical strength,
- High weldability and brazability,
- High machinability,
- Reliable during long time,
- Repeatability and Dimentional stability,
- Appropriate electro-mechanical characteristics,
- Absorbtion and desorbcion characteristics,
- Surface oxidation characteristics,
- Corrosion resistance,
- Metallization characteristics.



Without dislocations, content inhomogeneities, cracks, inner impurities, etc.



## Materials

## Review Part

|               | Austenitic Stainless Steels |        |                  |       |       |           |           |          |           |
|---------------|-----------------------------|--------|------------------|-------|-------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| ANSI<br>Grade | C<br>max                    | Si max | <u>Mn</u><br>max | S max | P max | Ni        | Cr        | Mo max   | N max     |
| 316           | 0.08                        | 1.0    | 2.0              | 0.045 | 0.03  | 10.0-14.0 | 16.0-18.0 | 2.0-3.0  | -         |
| 316L          | 0.03                        | 1.0    | 2.0              | 0.045 | 0.03  | 10.0-14.0 | 16.0-18.0 | 1.2-2.75 | -         |
| 316LN         | 0.03                        | 1.0    | 2.0              | 0.045 | 0.03  | 10.5-14.5 | 16.5-18.5 | 2.0-3.0  | 0.12-0.22 |
| 3105          | 0.08                        | 1.2    | 2.0              | 0.045 | 0.03  | 19.0-22.0 | 24.0-26.0 | -        | -         |
| 304           | 0.08                        | 1.0    | 2.0              | 0.045 | 0.03  | 8.0-10.5  | 18.0      | -        | -         |
| 304N          | 0.08                        | 1.0    | 2.0              | 0.045 | 0.03  | 8.0-10.5  | 18.0-20.0 | -        | 0.1-0.16  |

| Curie Temperature |      |  |  |  |
|-------------------|------|--|--|--|
| Material Temp. K  |      |  |  |  |
| Iron (Fe)         | 1043 |  |  |  |
| Cobalt (Co)       | 1400 |  |  |  |
| Nickel (Ni) 627   |      |  |  |  |



| Kovar contant % |                  |    |       |     |     |  |
|-----------------|------------------|----|-------|-----|-----|--|
| Fe              | Fe Ni Co C Si Mn |    |       |     |     |  |
| 53.49           | 29               | 17 | <0.01 | 0.2 | 0.3 |  |

## Solders

| Solder      | M. T. <sup>0</sup> C | Sn | Zn           | In | Ag        | Pd | Cu        |
|-------------|----------------------|----|--------------|----|-----------|----|-----------|
| Palcusil®10 | 850                  | -  | -            | -  | 58.5      | 10 | 31.5      |
| Palcusil®5  | 814                  | -  | -            | -  | 58.5      | 5  | 26.5      |
| Ag72 Cu28   | 780                  | -  | -            | -  | 72        | -  | 28        |
| Incusil 10  | 730                  | -  | -            | 10 | 63        |    | 27        |
| Cusiltin    | 718                  | 10 | -            | -  | 60        |    | 30        |
| ПСр-45      | 665-725              | -  | 25.85        | -  | 45        | -  | 30.5      |
| ПСр-65      |                      | -  | 14.1 - 15.85 | -  | 64.5-65.5 | -  | 19.5-20.5 |

## Materials

## **Review Part**





Phase diagram CU-Ag

Vapour Pressure Curves for the Common Materials.

## Main requirements for vacuum-tight ceramic-metal joints.

- High mechanical strength (wide range of temperature);
- Thermal shock resistance (numerous thermal cycles);
- Low outgassing level (corresponding bake-out, adsorption, desorption level);
- Low material penetration for gasses (H<sub>2</sub>, Ar, N<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O, etc.);
- Corresponding electromagnetic features;
- High reliability and durability (geometry and structure stability during operation);
- Reproducibility geometry, structure;
- Non-magnetic properties of brazed materials (depends on operational environment);

## Bonding Technologies for Vacuum-tight Ceramic-metal joints.

- Active brazing technology;
- Brazing based on ceramic metallization technology;
- Thermo-compression bonding technology (diffusion welding);
- Gluing technics;
- Mechanical sealing technics.

## Technologies for ceramic to metal bonding.



## Technologies

## **Review Part**

#### Moly-Manganese Metallization

| Ceramic - Type                       |            | Metallization Past  | Concentration %   |
|--------------------------------------|------------|---|---|
| Cearmaic Steatit, K-1                |            | Mo : Fe   | 98:2  |
| Сеramic Forsterit, ФС-5Л, АФ-<br>555 |            | Mo : Mn<br>Mo : TiH <sub>2</sub> : Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>                                     | 96 : 4<br>63.8-74,0.8-6.1   |
| Alumina silicate                     | ceramic    | WC : TiC : Fe   | 60:10:30  |
|                                      | 22X, 22XC  | Mo<br>Mo : Mn<br>Mo : Mn : Si<br>Mo : Mn : TiH <sub>2</sub><br>Mn : Mo <sub>2</sub> B <sub>5</sub> Mo | 100<br>80 : 20<br>80:20 (+5)<br>80 :20 : 10<br>20 : 10-15 : 70-65 |
| Alumina                              | M7         | Mo ; Mn : MoB<br>Mo : Mn : MoSi <sub>2</sub><br>Mo ; Mn : C-48  | 62.5 : 20 : 17.5<br>77 : 20 : 3<br>75 : 20 :5                     |
|                                      | ВГ - 4     | Mo : Mn : Si  | 75-78:20:5-3  |
|                                      | A-995      | Mo : Mn : Mo <sub>2</sub> B <sub>5</sub> : БД-22  | 74:15:5:6   |
|                                      | Sapphirite | Mo : Mn : V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>   | 75:20:5   |
|                                      | Policore   | Mo : Mn : Si  | 80 : 20 : (+5)  |
| Monocrystal                          | sapphire   | Mo : Mn : Mo <sub>2</sub> B <sub>5</sub> : БВ22   | 74:15:5:6   |
|                                      | Rubine     | Mo : glass CT-1   | 70:30   |
| Beryllium ceram                      | ic         | Mo : Mn : Si  | 80 : 20 : (+5%)   |

#### Metallization process

|                                    |                   | •        |                                     |  |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|----------|-------------------------------------|--|
| Coating type                       | Temperature<br>°C | duration | Cooling speed<br><sup>0</sup> C/min | Environment  |
| Mn, Mo (22X, 22XC, A-<br>995, M-7) | 1 270 – 1 400     | 20 - 40  | 5 - 10                              | N <sub>2</sub> : H <sub>2</sub> = 2 : 1<br>N <sub>2</sub> : H <sub>2</sub> = 3 : 1<br>dew point<br>+15 - +25°C |
| Mo, Mn, Si                         | 1 280 – 1 320     | 40       | Cooling - 4.2                       | N <sub>2</sub> : H <sub>2</sub> = 3 : 1<br>dew point<br>+15 - +25 <sup>o</sup> C                               |

## **Chemical Nickel Plating**

- 1. Nickel chloride 45g/l
- 2. Ammonium chloride 50 g/l
- 3. Sodium citrate 45g/l
- 4. Sodium hypophosphite 20g/l
- 5. Ammonia water 25% 50g/l pH level – 8.0-8.5

Galvanic Nickel Plating Electrochemical Ni plating

Composition - g/l

- Sulfuric acid nickel 200-250
- Magnesium sulphate 17-25
- boric acid 10-20
- lemon acid -2
- Sodium chloride 0.5 -1
- Sodium citrate 45
- Electrolit pH 5.2-5.8

## Laboratory equipment

#### Vacuum Furnace



| Max. temperature          | 2000 ºC               |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Vacuum level              | 10⁻ <sup>6</sup> Torr |
| Heater                    | Tungsten              |
| Power                     | 35KW                  |
| Working chamber size      | 150/150/460mm         |
| Chamber cooling           | Water                 |
| Chamber shielding         | Molybdenum            |
| Heater voltage increasing | By hand               |
| and decreasing            |                       |
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#### Ceramic machining system



Mixing machine (metal powders)

## Metallurgical microscope

| Increasing level - times | 50x - 1600x                 |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Eyepiece                 | WF 10x/20mm, WF 10x/20mm    |
|                          | (With a scale), WF 16x/13mm |
| Planochromatic           | 5x/0,12 20x/0,35 40x/0,65   |
| Objective lenses         | 100x/1,25                   |
| Table size               | 180x165                     |
| Range of movement        | 50x40mm                     |
| Light filter             | Blue, green, red, white     |
| Digital camera           | CMOS 9Mn                    |
| Transmitted permission   | 4096x3288                   |
| Software                 | Micam (Netherlands)         |



#### **Experimentation: Active Brazing Technology**



## Temperature dependence on time for brazing process











## Metallurgical Microscopy



Alumina (99.5%)-copper structure zone - x200

## Phase Diagrams

#### **Review Part**



## **Experimentation: Molybdenum-Manganese Technology**





#### Metallization regime

Phase diagram of Mo-Mn

## 95 % Alumina to SS (Stainless Steel) brazing



## 95 % Alumina to SS brazing







#### **Mn-Mo metallization process**



Time dependence on vacuum.



Time dependence on temperature

## Metallization (Mn-Mo) and Ni plating

## Metallization samples



## Ni Plated Samples





## Silver Soldering.





x200

Alumina – Cu Brazed joint



#### **Brazing of Alumina to Metals – Fixation Technologies**



#### **Thermo-compression Bonding Technology**



## Diffusion Welding Machine

## **Gluing technics**





## Alumina to Cu



Disadvantages

- -Low mechanical strength,
- -Low working temperature, -Short lifetime,

95% Alumina to Alumina Joint

- 3.1. New diffusion brazing method for dissimilar items with difficult geometries.
- 3.2. Experimentation of new diffusion brazing method for dissimilar items with difficult geometries.
- 3.3. New diffusion bonding method for cylindrical materials .
- 3.4. Diffusion bonding process based on molybdenum foil.
- 3.5. Thermo-mechanical simulation of ceramic-metal joints for vacuum systems.
  - 3.5.1. Thermo-mechanical simulations of ceramic disc Cu ring system.
  - 3.5.2. Thermo-mechanical simulations of vacuum break.
  - 3.5.3. Thermo-mechanical simulations of vacuum break with conical joint zone.
- 3.6. Summary.

## **New Diffusion Brazing Method.**

## New Diffusion Brazing Method for Dissimilar Items and Difficult Geometry.

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Diffusion brazing method for dissimilar and difficult geometry items.

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## **Experimental results**







## Experimental machine

Pressure difference 10<sup>-3</sup> Torr and atmospheric or 0.5 Atm

New bonding method (diffusion brazing or welding) for cylindrical materials.



- 1. Ceramic,
- 2. Metal,
- 3. Ceramic (BeO),
- 4. Molybdenum wire,
- 5., 6. Wire fixators.

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The temperature was regulated by supplied electrical current.



Advantages

- local heating;
- local pressure;
- Fluent regulation of temperature and pressure;
- Equal Pressure exert

## Fixation Method by Metal Foil Usage – (Molybdenum foil).



## Thermo-Mechanical Simulations – (Preliminary)



## Thermo-Mechanical Simulations (Preliminary)



#### **Thermo-Mechanical Simulations**



# Chapter 4. Vacuum-tight ceramic-metal joints in particle accelerators – RF window.

- 4.1. Variety of vacuum RF windows
- 4.2. Pillbox type RF windows
- 4.3. Requirements for pillbox type RF windows
- 4.4. Pillbox type RF window mechanical design
  - 4.4.1. Materials for pillbox type RF window
  - 4.4.2. Brazing of ceramic disc to metal ring for RF windows
  - 4.4.3. Brazing of RF window
- 4.5. Mechanical and thermal simulation of waveguide for brazing process
- 4.6. Thermoregulation system for RF window
- 4.7. Test stands for ceramic windows
  - 4.7.1. Test Stand for testing sealed ceramic/metals joints for RF windows
  - 4.7.2. Test stand for testing brazed ceramic/metal joints for RF window
- 4.8. Development and investigation of brazing process of copper to copper and copper to stainless steel for RF window
- 4.9. Thermo mechanical simulation of RF window during vacuum brazing
- 4.10. Surface features of alumina ceramics
- 4.11. Leak detection and mass spectrometry
- 4.12. Summary

| Frequency band name | Frequency (GHz) | Size (mm)     | Waveguide name |
|---------------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|
| L-Band              | 1.15 — 1.72     | 165.1 × 62.55 | WR650          |
| S-Band              | 2.60 — 3.95     | 72.14 × 34,94 | WR284          |
| C-Band              | 3.95 — 5.85     | 47.55 × 22.2  | WR187          |





#### Pill box type RF window





## Requirements

- High mechanical strength;
- High transparent level for electro-magnetic waves;
- Lower secondary electron emission;
- High conductivity of walls (metal);
- Reliability and durability;
- Outgassing low level;
- Higher reproducibility;

- High level of homogeneity of materials structures;

#### **Design Process**

- Desired required characteristics required documentation (RF parameters, vacuum and pressure levels, etc.);
- Electro-magnetic design (calculation, simulations for inner geometry and corresponding effective materials);
- Mechanical and thermal design (developing of effective mechanical structure and drafting including development of materials brazing and welding technologies, items machining specifications, heat removal cycle design thermoregulation unites, etc.);
- Selection of corresponding materials;
- Machining (rough & fine) of unit parts based on developed and designed technologies and drawings;
- Surface preparation treatment (cleaning, polishing, etc.);
- Precise assembly;
- Brazing and welding in corresponding accuracies (diffusion brazing and welding, thermocompression welding in vacuum or inert gas environments);
- UHV test residual gas analyzing, leak detection under high temperature conditions;
- Tuning;
- Pre-processing;
- High power conditioning;
- Conditioning with RF;
- Operation in real working environments In high RF power, UHV, pressured gas and cooling conditions;

## Pillbox type Vacuum RF window – Mechanical design



- 1. Flange
- 2. Waveguide
- 3. Pill box cover
- 4. Cylinder 1.
- 5. Water input and output pipes
- 6. Cylinder 2.
- 7. Ceramic disc

#### **Ceramic to Metal Fixation**



#### **Solder fixation**

Ceramic Disc to metal (Cu) Cylinder Brazing – Solder Fixation





1 – ceramic disc, 2- metal cylinder (Cu), 3- solder, 4- Mo wire

#### Mo Wire Fixation Methods



## RF Window – Mechanical Design





Section View of Pill Box Type RF Window



## First brazing part

- 1. Ceramic disc
- 2. Cu cylinder
- 3. Cu ring
- 4. SS cylinder
- 5. Water in and out ports

## Sequence of Brazing







Pill-box cover Material – stainless steel Coated surface - Cu

## Sequence of Brazing



#### **RF Window Test Stand**



For testing Ceramic to metal, metal to metal technologies for RF windows





1-flange 1, 2-flange 2, 3-viton or teflon, 4-ceramic



1-flange 1, 2-flange 2, 3-viton or teflon, 4-ceramic



1-flange 1, 2-flange 2, 3-viton or teflon with metals, 4-ceramic



1-flange 1, 2-flange 2, 3-viton or teflon, 4-ceramic

## **RF Window Test Bench**





Ceramic- Cu-Mo ring



Ceramic- Cu-SS-Mo ring

Ceramic-SS ring

## **RF Window Test Bench**



Cearamic - Ti



## Thermo-mechanical Simulation of RF windows









## Metals Brazing Technology for RF windows

## Thermoregulation for RF window





Cu to SS



T<sub>2</sub> Water Out

## Coolant – deionized water

SS – Stainless Steel

- Thermal tests;
- Vacuum tightness tests;
- Mechanical Tests;
- Vibration tests;
- Outgassing tests;
- Electro-mechanical tests;
- Humidity tests;
- Roughness measurement;
- Hardness measurement;
- Rotation test.





Leak detector

- The thermoregulation systems have been designed and fabricated for electromagnetic vacuum devices and systems of AREAL linear accelerator at CANDLE Synchrotron Research Institute – thermoregulation system for RF gun, thermoregulation system for klystron and cooling system for solenoid magnet.

- The UHV test bench has been designed and fabricated for developing UHV systems testing and design of UHV pumping system, vacuum tight joints, etc.
- Ceramic-metal joints have been designed and experimented based on molymanganese, active brazing and gluing technologies.
- Vacuum diffusion brazing technologies, machining, cleaning and investigation (including metallurgical microscopy) technologies have been developed and designed for vacuum-tight ceramic-metal joints.
- New diffusion brazing method for dissimilar items in difficult geometry has been developed and designed AM 20140053.
- New diffusion bonding method for bonding of cylindrical dissimilar items has been developed and designed AM 20170070.
- Thermo-mechanical simulations have been done for RF window.

- Different fixation methods have been investigated and developed for vacuum tight ceramic-metal joints – including thermo-mechanical simulations.

- Pill box type vacuum RF window has been investigated and mechanically designed.

- Based on reviews of scientific articles and other materials of RF test stand, for testing ceramic and ceramic-metal brazing systems in different conditions, has been mechanically designed.

- Different testing methods have been mentioned for evaluating the quality of vacuum-tight ceramic-metal joints.

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