

Electromagnetic Processing of Materials

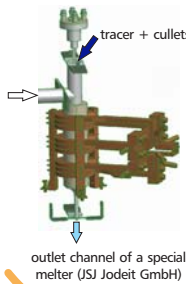
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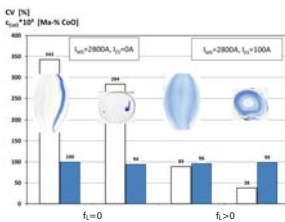
Electromagnetic Module for the Production of High-tech Glass (EMoGla)

- Lorentz force \vec{f}_L created by electric current density \vec{j} and magnetic flux density \vec{B}

$$\vec{f}_L = \vec{j} \times \vec{B}$$



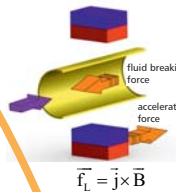
- homogenization of CoO-doped glass
- flakes and droplets (cross section)
- concentrations C_{CoO} and coefficient of variation (CV) in dependence of Lorentz force



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Lorentz Force Velocimetry

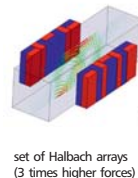
- design, test and optimization of sophisticated magnet systems for Lorentz Force Velocimetry in electrically low conducting fluids
- assembling using carbon fibre material
- optimization with automated FEM-Optimizers
- test on a first LFV-prototype for electrolytes



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standard design with two magnets (easy to construct)

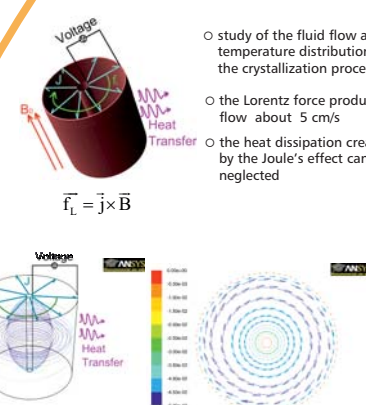


set of Halbach arrays (3 times higher forces)

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Numerical study of EM controlled flow in crystallizers of inorganic materials

- study of the fluid flow and temperature distribution for the crystallization process
- the Lorentz force produces a flow about 5 cm/s
- the heat dissipation created by the Joule's effect can be neglected

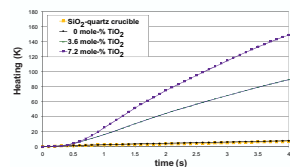
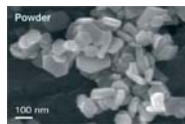
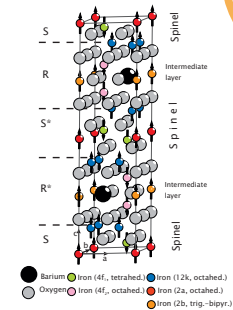


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flow manipulation, velocity measurement

electro-magnetic absorption

- Partial substitution of Fe^{3+} by Ti^{4+} in Barium hexaferrite powders to absorb electromagnetic waves in the GHz range.

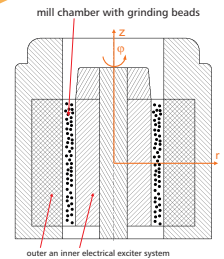


- heating of the undoped and Ti-doped Barium hexaferrite at the same tempering conditions in a microwave oven (2.45 GHz)

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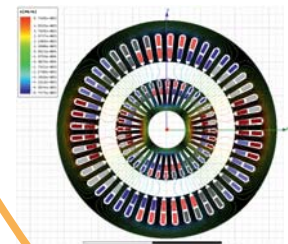
magnetic fields

fine grinding



- reduce the specific energy consumption during mechanical grinding:
 - + direct movement of hard magnetic grinding beads with varying magnetic field
 - + optimization of the design of winding

- fine milling of raw materials:
 - + $d_{0.3} < 10 \mu m$, $> 5,000 \text{ cm}^3/\text{g}$ (according to Blaine)



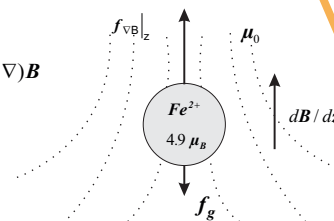
simulation of the magnetic field distribution

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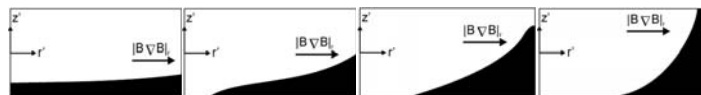
ion manipulation

Magnetic gradient force density (Kelvin force)

$$f_{VB} = \frac{\chi}{\mu_0} (\mathbf{B} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{B}$$



- influence of magnetic field gradients on the distribution of paramagnetic ions in aqueous solutions and glass melts
- creation of graded glasses or glass ceramics from glass melts
- e.g. tuning of the refraction index during the creation of glass fibres



- schematics of solutions (black) with different Fe^{2+} concentrations - influence of magnetic (gradient) field (magnetic flux density $B = 5$)
- solutions move in the direction of the highest gradient
- surface of the solution forms characteristic shapes

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