# Status of Stripline Feedthrough Prototype Development

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- Summary of the first prototype test @ J-PARC
- Test of pre-treatment using simple test piece
- Status of prototype modification





• 0.05 MPa gauge He pressure applied





# He Leak Test



• He leak observed from stripline surface



#### Sylgard detached from stripline



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• Another He leak point at stripline



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### **He Leak Rate**









- High voltage applied to the prototype
  - Leakage current is measured







- All electrodes vs ground
- Leakage current suddenly increased at ~3.5 kV



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- Positive-side vs negative-side electrodes
- Leakage current suddenly increased at ~3.0 kV







#### • Test at manufacturing company

- Actually 0.15 MPa gauge N<sub>2</sub> pressure applied
- The prototype once evacuated which might break the sealing
- 0.05 MPa He pressure applied to the prototype
  - Observed He leakage at least from two points
  - Observed leak rate =  $1.83 \times 10^{-2} \text{ Pa} \cdot \text{m}^{3}/\text{s}$

#### High voltage test

- Withstand voltage to be ~3 kV which doesn't satisfy requirement of 5 kV
- Proposed countermeasures
  - Pretreatment of aluminum surface needed
    - Apply a primer between striplines and Sylgard
    - Roughing aluminum surface
  - These pretreatment should be tested with simple test pieces



### **Test Piece**



- Sylgard tests performed with some simple test pieces in the company
  - Test item
    - Sylgard only
    - Primer (RTV-157) + Sylgard
    - Roughed surface + Sylgard
  - Applied N<sub>2</sub> 0.05 MPa (0.5 atom) gauge pressure to the test pieces









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### **Pretreatment #1**





Window piece

RTV applied to the surface and wait for 24 hours

- RTV actually got hard in a short time
- Difficult to make a smooth surface



### **Pretreatment #2**





Sylgard only



**RTV + Sylgard** 

- Sylgard applied
- Evacuation
- Wait 48 hours for curing





#### **Pretreatment #3**





Blast finished surface



Blast + Sylgard

- Blast finishing
- Slygard applied
- Wait 48 hours for curing



#### **Pressure Test**





**Pressure vessel** 



#### View from bottom

 Window piece attached to the pressure vessel





# **Sylgard Only**





- Pressure applied gradually, but large sound heard around 0.04 MPa
- Then pressure dropped immediately
- Due to a clean surface Sylgard didn't withstand that pressure



# **RTV + Sylgard**









↓ After 24 hours

Setup

During pressure applied

- 0.05 MPa pressure applied for 24 hours
- Sylgard surface didn't move during this period
- No pressure drop observed after 24 hours



# **Blast + Sylgard**





Under pressure



Sylgard moved a bit



After 24 hours



- 0.05 MPa pressure applied for 24 hours
- A slight pressure drop (~0.002 MPa) observed
- Sylgard surface inside the vessel moved a bit





Condition	Result	OK/NG
Sylgard only	Cannot withstand 0.04 MPa	NG
RTV + Sylgard	Withstand 0.05 MPa for 24 hours	OK
Blast + Sylgard	0.05 MPa pressure applied for 24 hours but 0.002 MPa pressure drop observed	NG

- RTV + Sylgard is promising
- Longer-term tests will be performed at KEK





- Long-term pressure test performed at J-PARC
  - Pressure gauge : measures absolute pressure 0~300kPa
  - Infrared thermo-meter to measure temperature ⇒ measure temp. at outer case
  - At first, He leakage test with blank flange to check any leakage other than test piece
    - No visible pressure drop observed







- Pressure test performed during August 21-26
- 0.05 MPa gauge pressure applied to the test piece with Sylgard + RTV
  - 149.1 kPa @ August 22 5:00am
  - 146.8 kPa @ August 26 9:00am
  - -2.3 kPa for 100 hours
  - Temperature variation during this period 2.5°C
- Measured leak rate to be 6.3x10<sup>-7</sup> Pa•m<sup>3</sup>/s







#### • Modifications

- Width of G10 plates to be same as that of striplines
- Application of RTV before filling Sylgard
- Improved bottom sealing for pouring Sylgard





### **Prototype Modification**





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# **Prototype Modification**









#### Current status

- Parts production completed
- RTV primer applied to the striplines
- Assembly of sealing parts already done
- Initial Sylgard filling done, additional filling tomorrow

#### • To do

- Pressure test at company to be done next week
- Pressure test at J-PARC in November





- RTV primer applied to the aluminum surface
  - The surface where G10 plates are attached are masked







# **Prototype Modification**





• Assembly completed









• Bottom sealing plates attached





### **Prototype Modification**





• The feedthrough to be inserted in the vacuum chamber









- Vacuum degassing of Sylgard
- Sylgard filled to the feedthrough







# **Prototype Modification**





- Vacuum degassing in the chamber
- Tiny leakage of Sylgard occurred
  - But significant improvement on sealing
- Then waited 48 hours for curing
- Add small amount of Sylgard to the leaked point





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- Corona discharge test is suggested
  - Apply 8kV(peak) AC voltage and measure corona charge
- Dedicated instruments are needed
  - Fujikura Dia Cable B010
    - Cost is \$40k too expensive
  - Looking for a possibility to rent the instrument

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Fujikura Dia Cable B010