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Materials Information Pack





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mRefCem and mRefFerro

- mRefCem and mRefFerro are fine powder materials produced by the milling of spent refractory linings from the cement and steel industries.
- Both materials present the option of improved sustainability of materials. The carbon footprint of products can be reduced by utilisation of a product originating from a secondary source.
- Both materials can be functionalised with silanes, designed for specific applications.



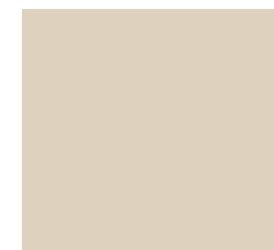
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mRefCem



Technical Data Sheet mRefCem

Form	Fine powder
Colour	Cream (L: 84.70; a: 0.85; b: 10.73)
Average particle size, D_{50} / μm	6
Particles > 20 μm size / %	0.12
Bulk density / gcm^{-3}	0.6
Skeletal density / gcm^{-3}	2.9
Residual moisture content / %	0.35
Specific surface area (BET, N_2 , 77K) / m^2g^{-1}	9
Mineral composition	<p>Main mineral: Periclase, MgO (55 - 65 %)</p> <p>Secondary minerals: Brucite, $\text{Mg}(\text{OH})_2$ (20 – 25 %) Calcite, CaCO_3 (5 – 10 %) Spinel, MgAl_2O_4 (5 – 10 %)</p>
TGA Loss (1000 °C) / %	< 15



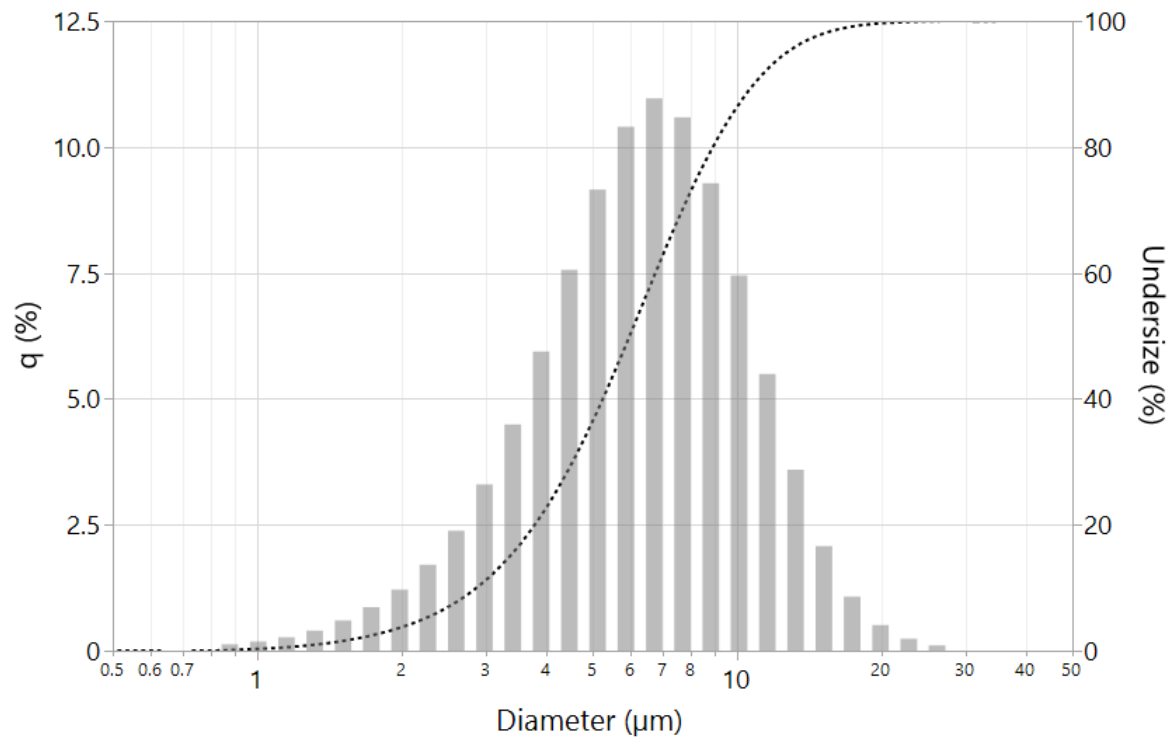
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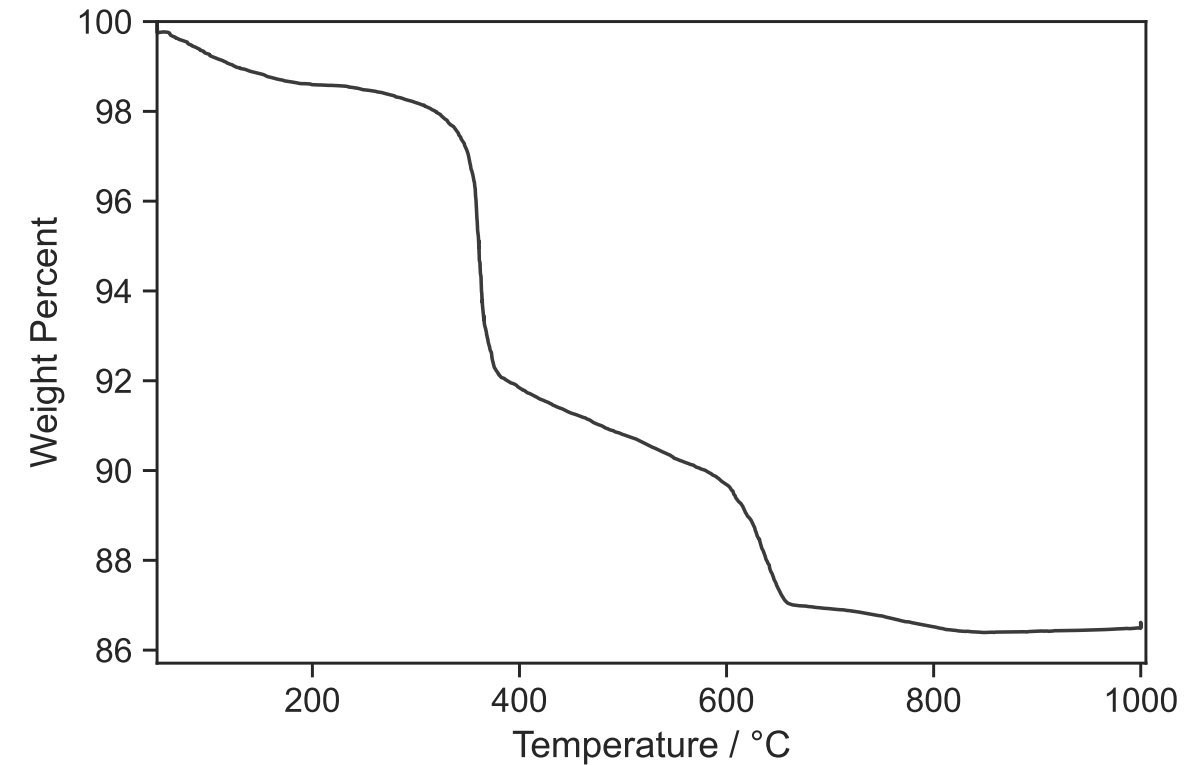
Mineral	Hardness (Mohs)
Periclase	6
Brucite	2.5 - 3
Calcite	3
Spinel	8

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PSD:



TGA (air):



Properties of the initial material (0 – 5 mm) RefCem

	Thermal Conductivity	Electrical Resistivity	Dielectric Properties	Magnetic Properties
	Graphene 5300 W/mK	Quartz powder $7.5 \times 10^{17} \Omega\text{m}$	Barium titanate nanoparticles $\epsilon_r : 220$ (at 1 MHz)	Iron Max $\mu_r : 5000$
RefCem	Insulator: 0.2 – 0.6 W/mK	Insulator: 870 Ωm	Dielectric: (at 1 MHz) $\epsilon_r' : 102$ $\epsilon_r'' : 112$	Paramagnetic: (at 1 MHz) $\mu_r' : 1.15$ $\mu_r'' : 0.23$
	Silica powder 0.013 – 0.04 W/mK	Copper $1.68 \times 10^{-8} \Omega\text{m}$	Boron Nitride $\epsilon_r : 1.78$ (at 1 MHz)	Copper $\mu_r : 0.999994$





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Potential Applications mRefCem

- From the composition and measured properties, we anticipate the material to have potential for applications including:
 - Dielectric materials *
 - Fire retardant materials *
 - Thermally insulating materials
 - Extender replacement for bulk moulding compounds *

* Ongoing investigations





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mRefFerro



Technical Data Sheet mRefFerro

Form	Fine powder
Colour	Dark grey (L: 47.73; a: -1.10; b: 1.03)
Average particle size, D_{50} / μm	7
Particles > 20 μm size / %	2.23
Bulk density / gcm^{-3}	0.5
Skeletal density / gcm^{-3}	2.7
Residual moisture content / %	0.97
Specific surface area (BET, N_2 , 77K) / m^2g^{-1}	30
Mineral composition	<p>Main mineral: Periclase, MgO (35 – 40 %)</p> <p>Secondary minerals: Graphite (30 – 35 %) Brucite, $\text{Mg}(\text{OH})_2$ (15 – 20 %) Corundum, Al_2O_3 (0 – 10 %) Calcite, CaCO_3 (2 – 5 %) Spinel, MgAl_2O_4 (0 – 5 %)</p>
TGA Loss (1000 °C) / %	< 26



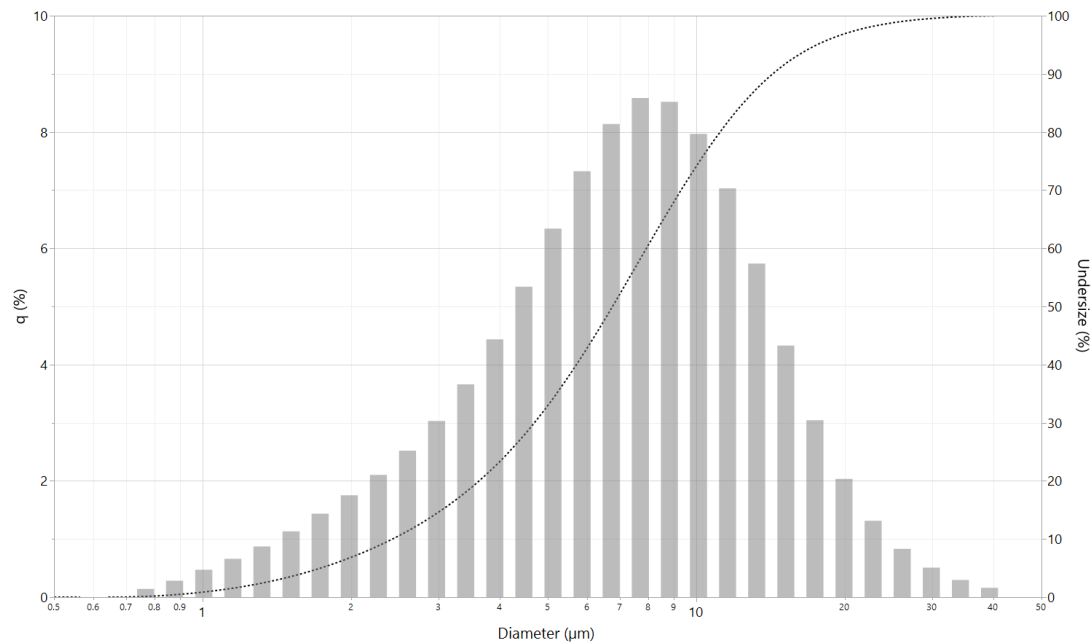
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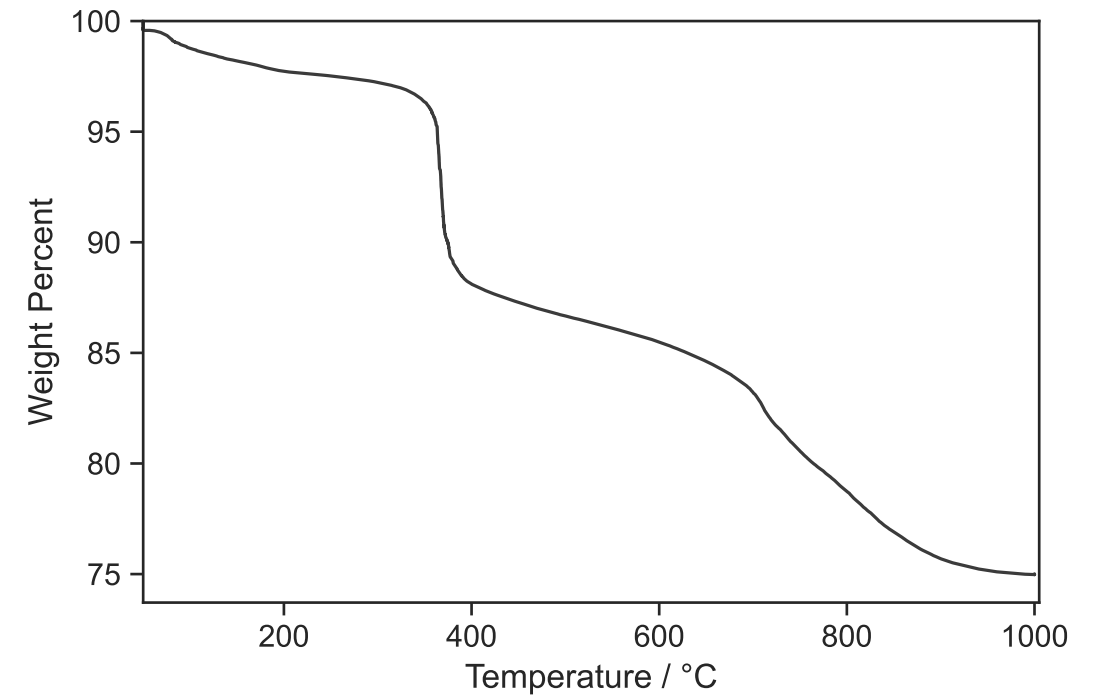
Mineral	Hardness (Mohs)
Periclase	6
Graphite	1-2
Brucite	2.5 – 3
Corundum	9
Calcite	3
Spinel	8

Technical Data Sheet mRefFerro

PSD:



TGA (air):

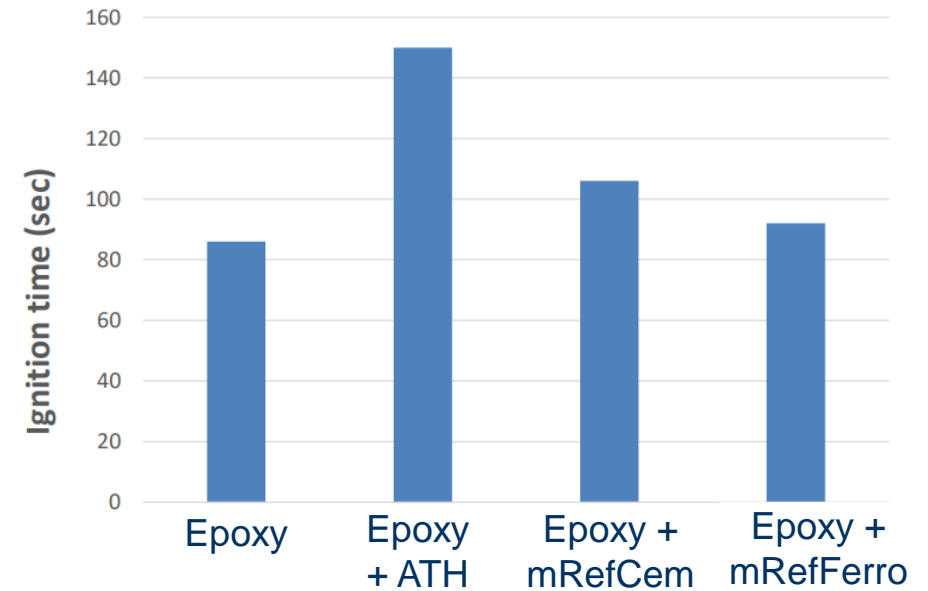
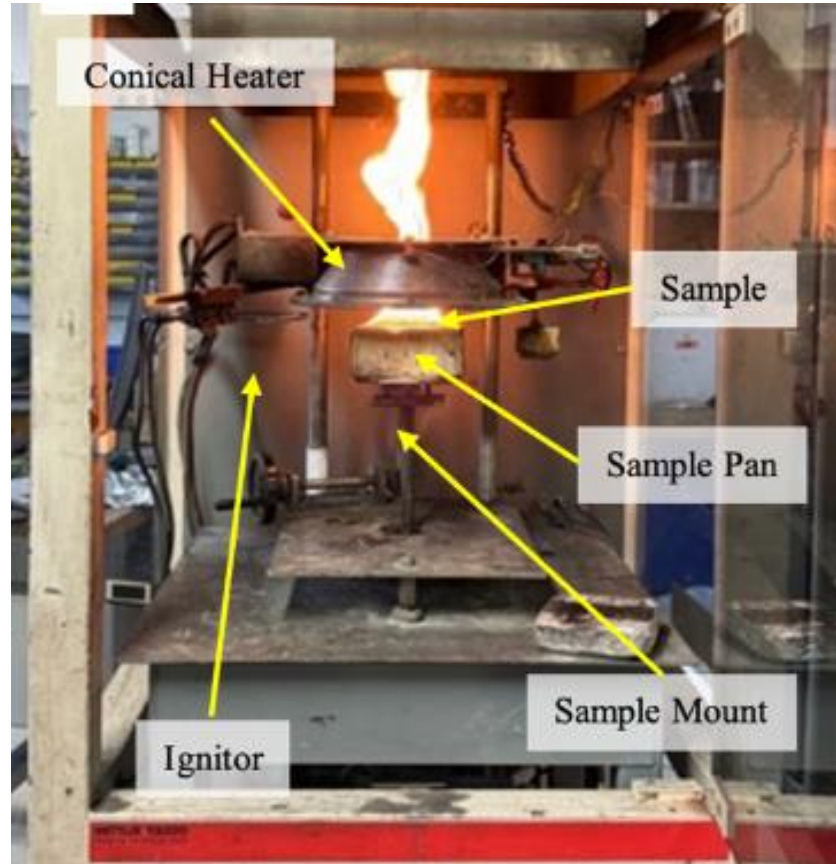


Properties of the initial material (0 – 5 mm) RefFerro

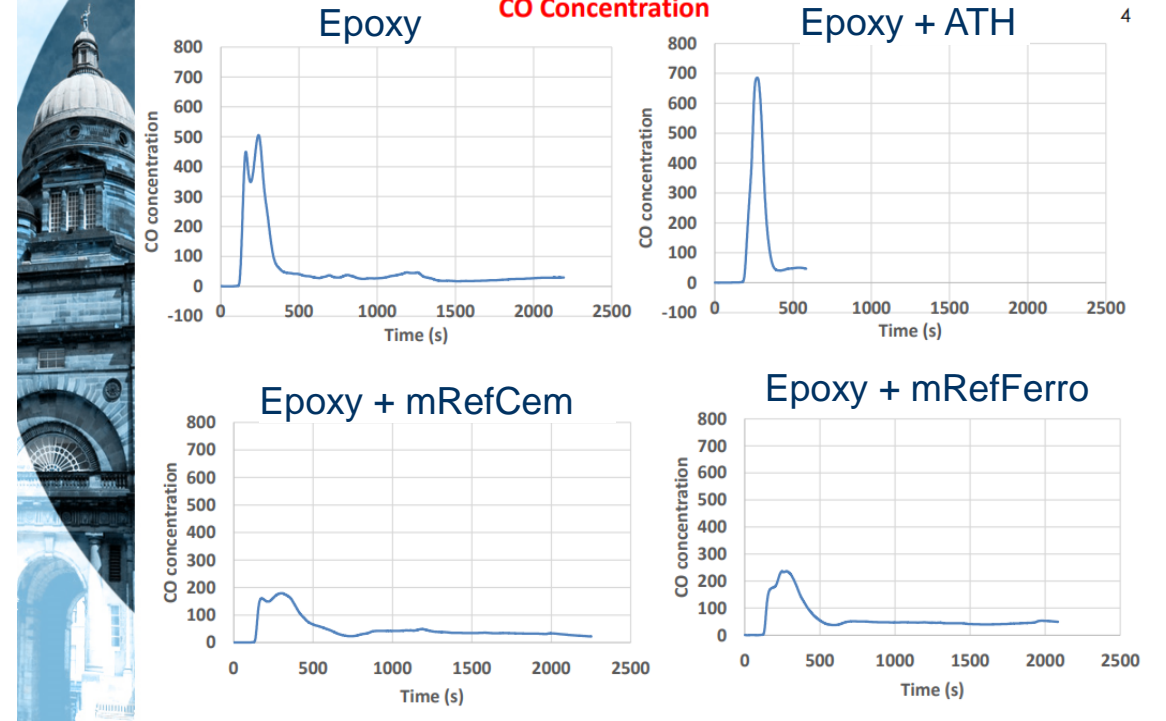
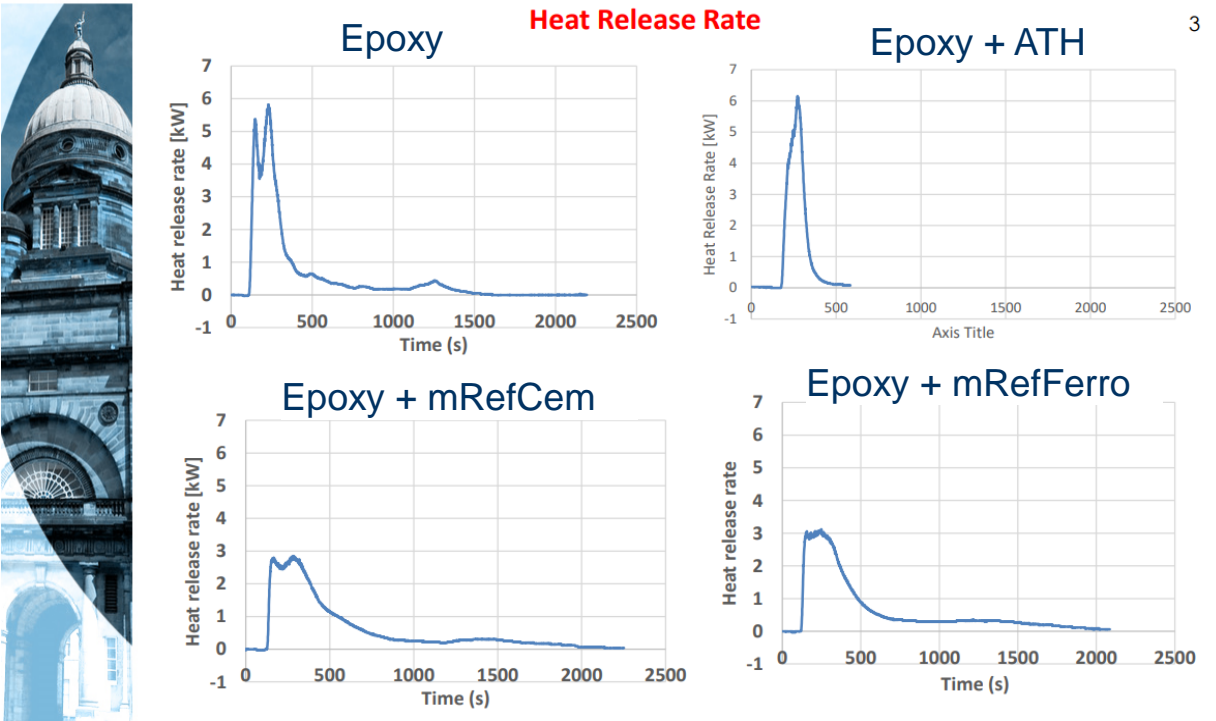
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	Graphene 5300 W/mK	Quartz powder $7.5 \times 10^{17} \Omega\text{m}$	Barium titanate nanoparticles $\epsilon_r : 220$ (at 1 MHz)	Iron Max $\mu_r : 5000$
RefFerro	Insulator: 0.2 – 0.5 W/mK	Conductor: 0.02 Ωm	Inductor: (at 1 MHz) $\epsilon_r' : - 2.2 \times 10^5$ $\epsilon_r'' : 1.7 \times 10^6$	Paramagnetic: (at 1 MHz) $\mu_r' : 1.1$ $\mu_r'' : 0.19$
	Silica powder 0.013 – 0.04 W/mK	Copper $1.68 \times 10^{-8} \Omega\text{m}$	Boron Nitride $\epsilon_r : 1.78$ (at 1 MHz)	Copper $\mu_r : 0.999994$



Burning test



Burning test





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Potential Applications mRefFerro

- From the composition and measured properties, we anticipate the material to have potential for applications including:
 - Conductive materials (electrostatic discharge applications)
 - Fire retardant materials *
 - Thermally insulating materials
 - Extender replacement

* Ongoing investigations





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