

Needs for standardisation of condition monitoring methods

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Round robin test 1998

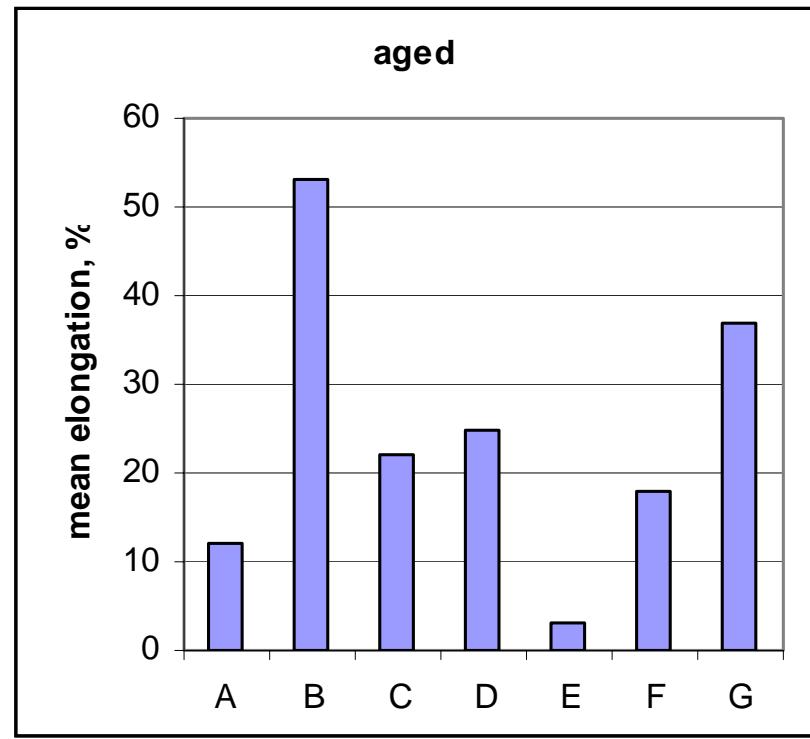
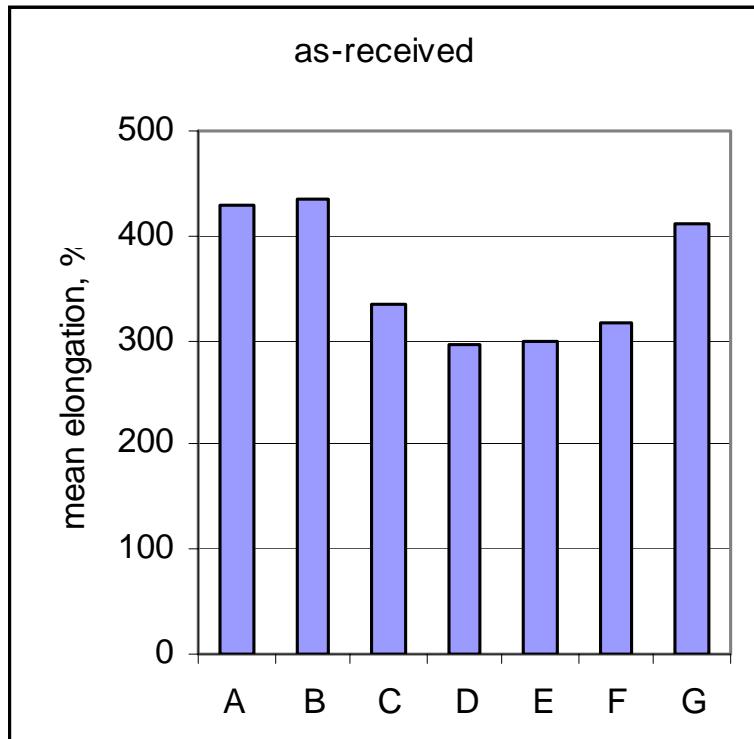
- 14 cable manufacturers
- Sheath materials: PVC, CSPE, EVA, SiR
- Insulation materials: PVC, PE, EPDM, EPR, CSPE, XLPE, EVA, SiR
- Unaged/ thermally aged identical samples sent to 12 laboratories for condition measurements
- Thermal ageing: PE 100°C, XLPE 110°C, others 120°C, ageing time 1008 hours

Methods tested

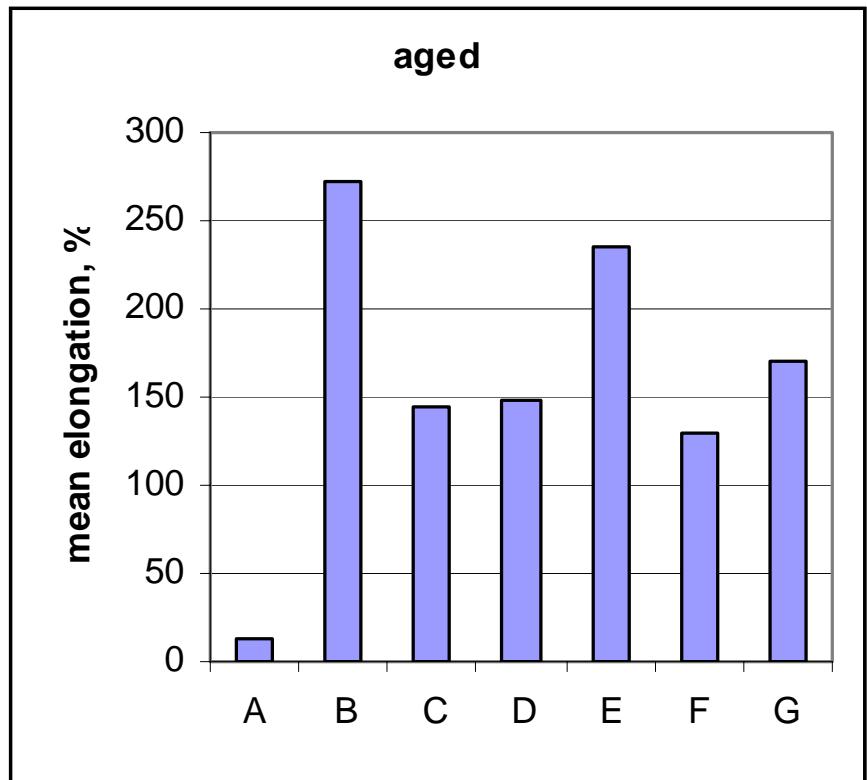
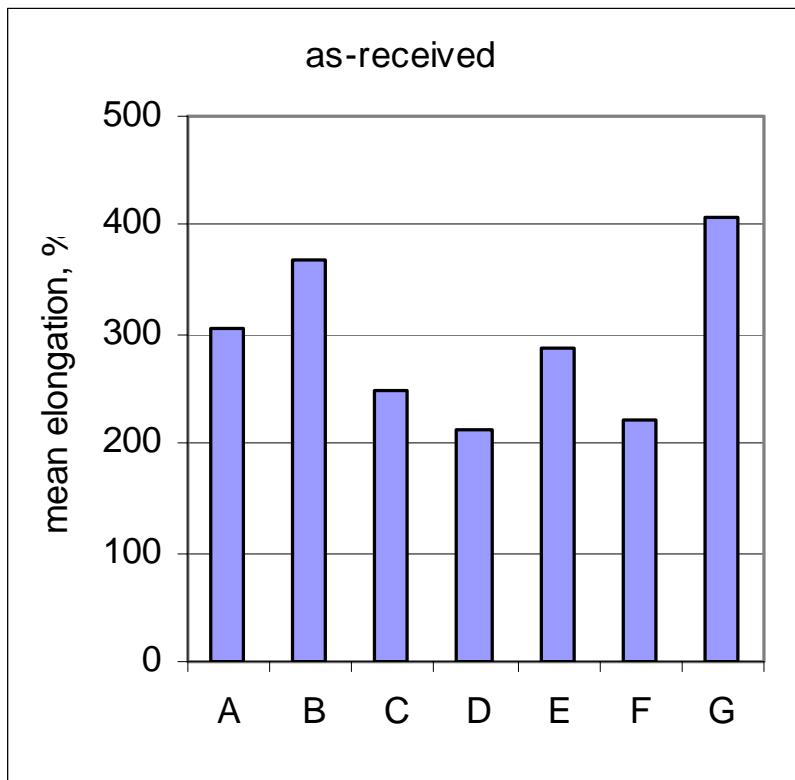
- Tensile (elongation at break): 9 laboratories
- Indenter: 6 laboratories
- OIT: 5 laboratories
- OITP: 4 laboratories
- TGA: 4 laboratories
- Torque: 1 laboratory

Laboratories noted as A,B,C,...

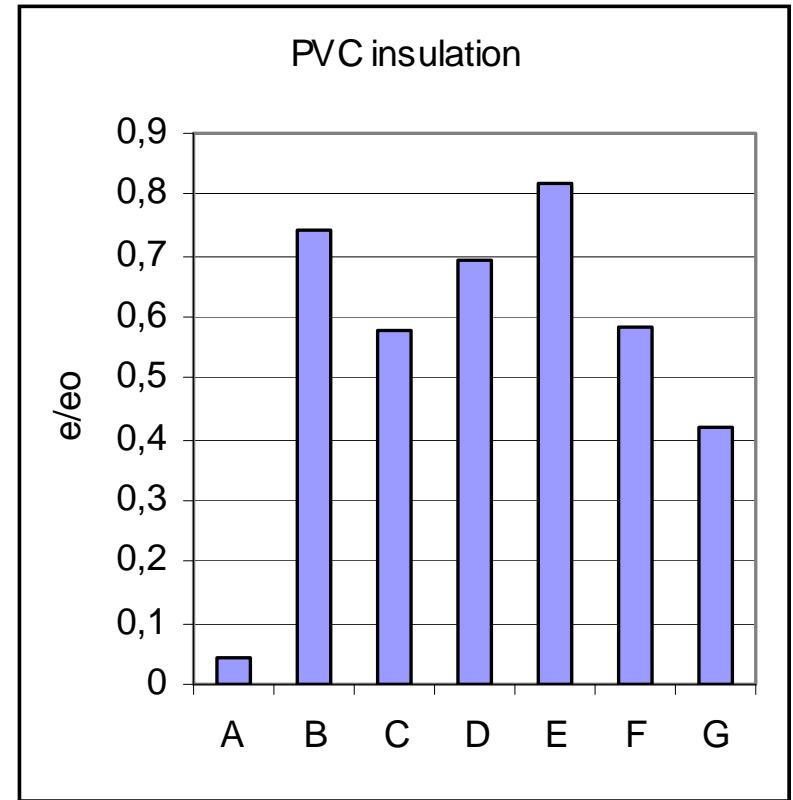
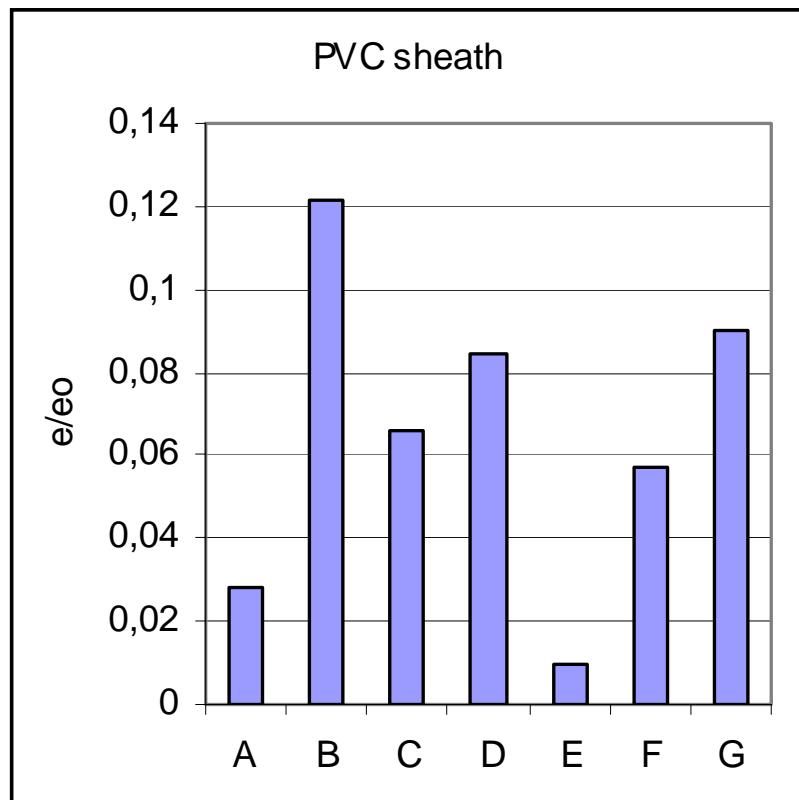
IAEA round robin test. Tensile test, PVC sheath



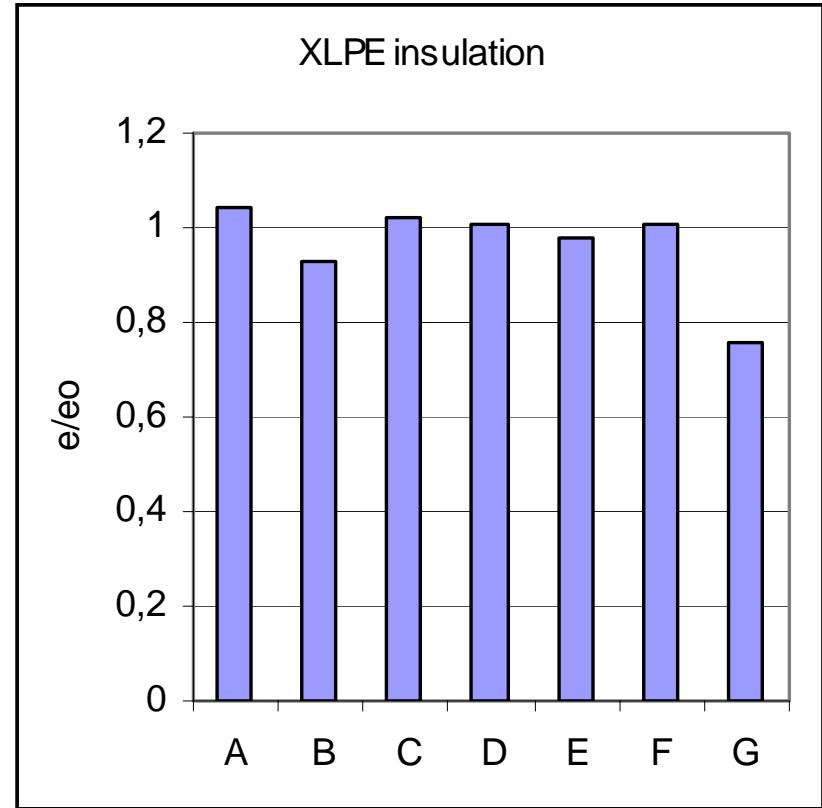
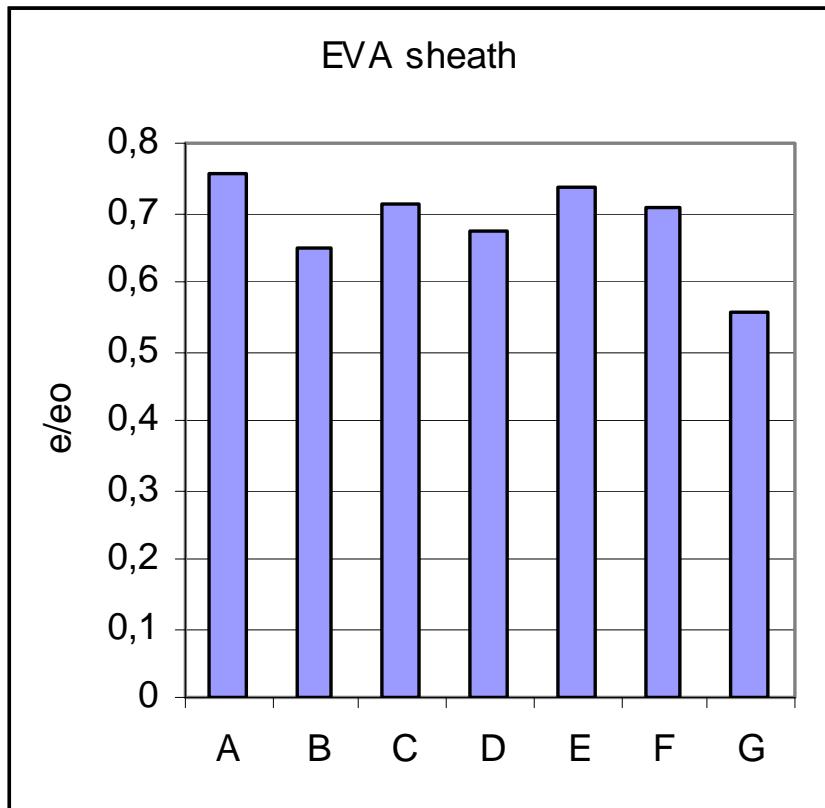
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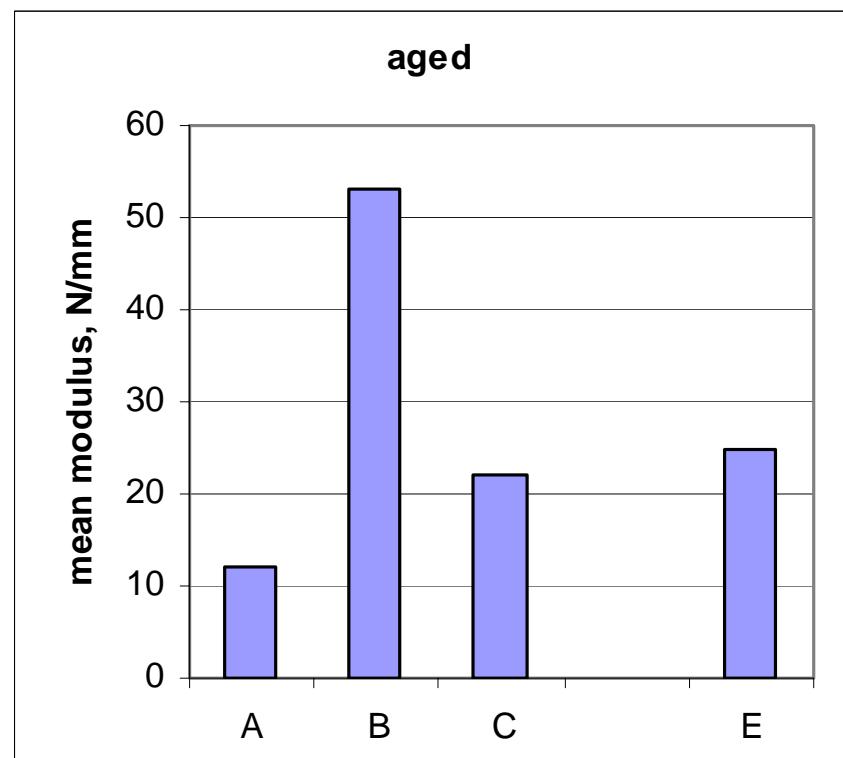
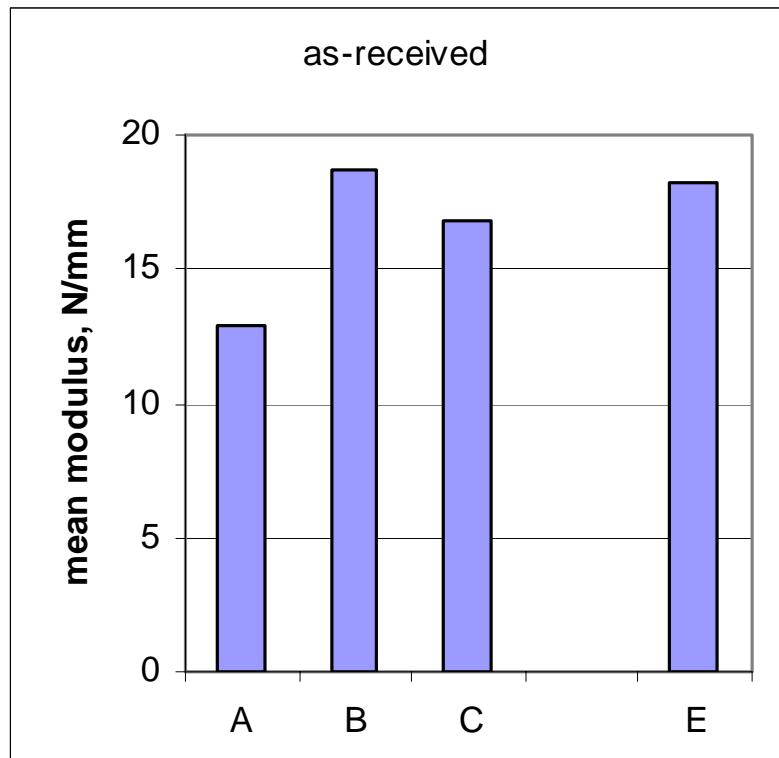
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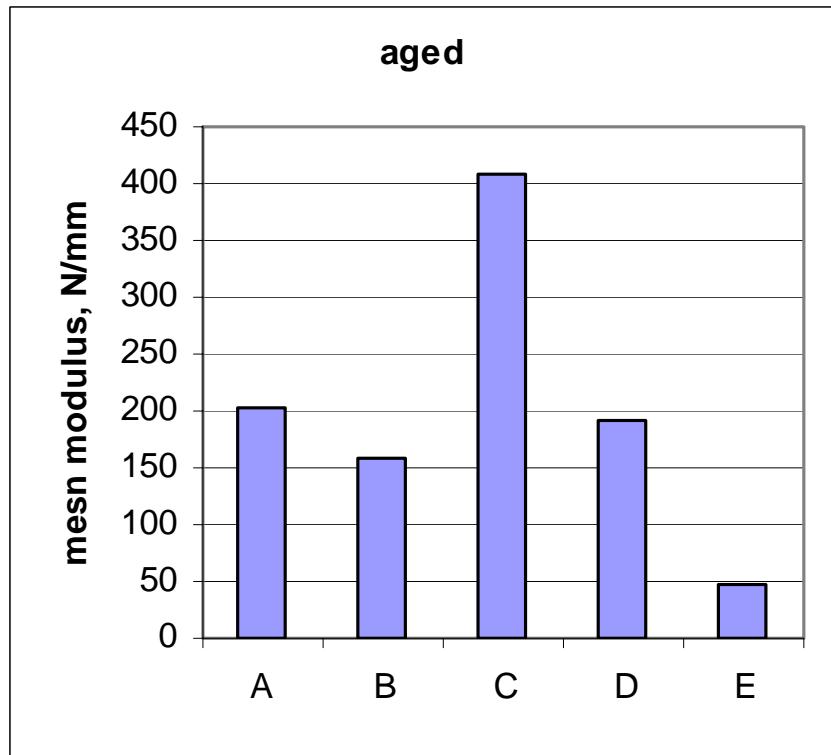
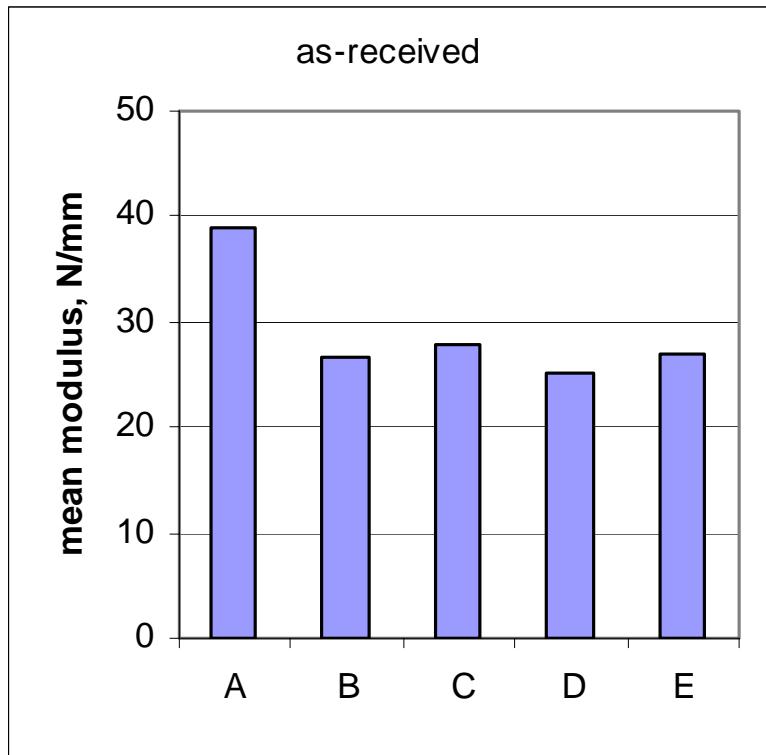
IAEA round robin test. Tensile test, e/e_0 EVA sheath/XLPE insulation



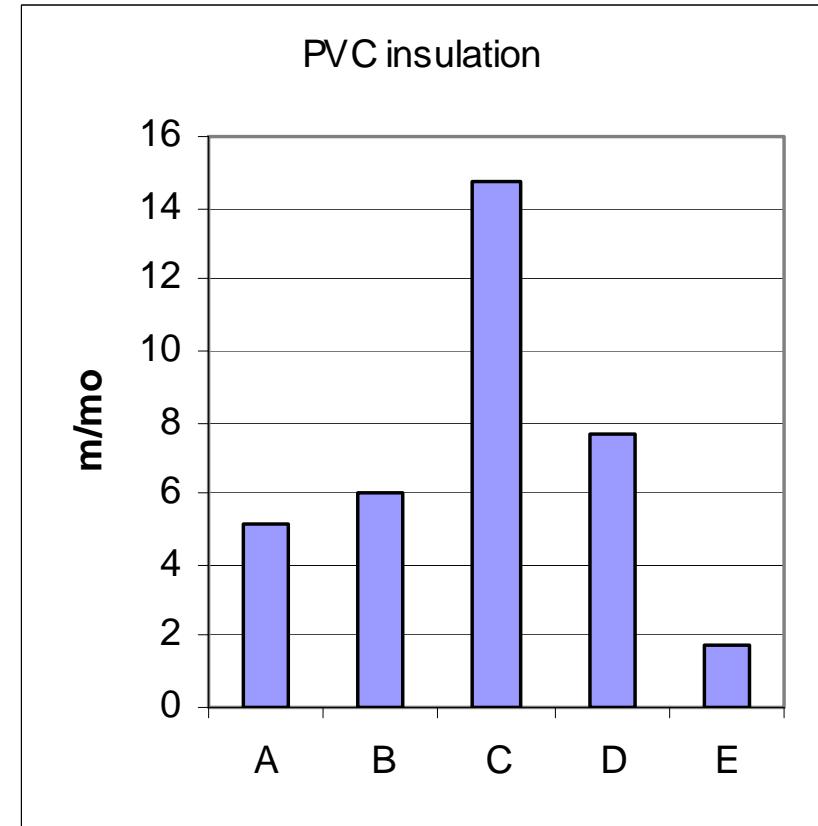
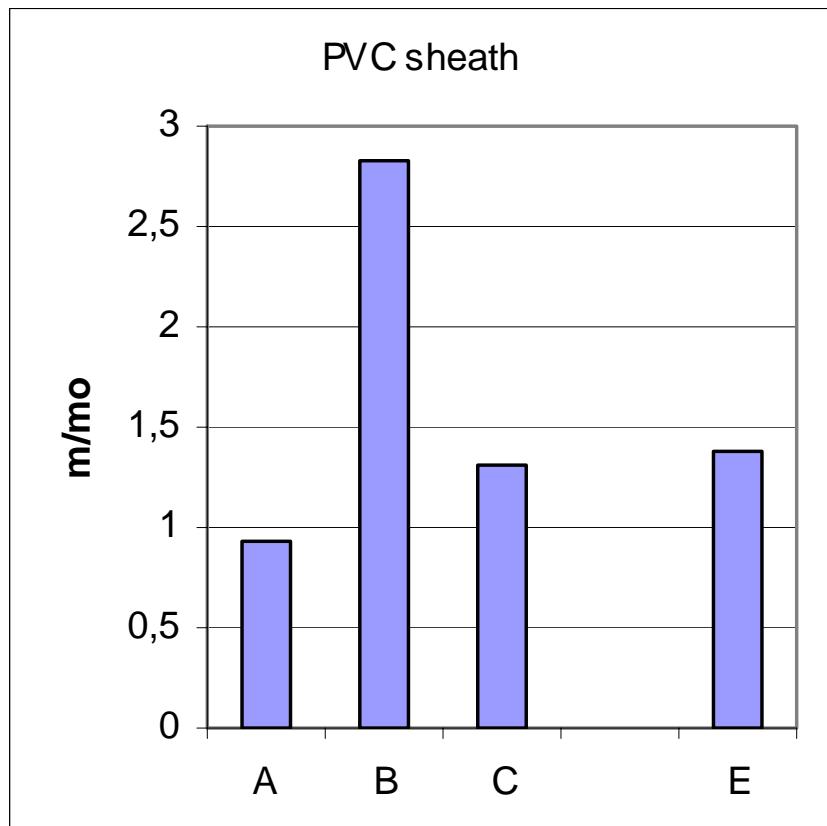
IAEA round robin test. Indenter test, PVC sheath



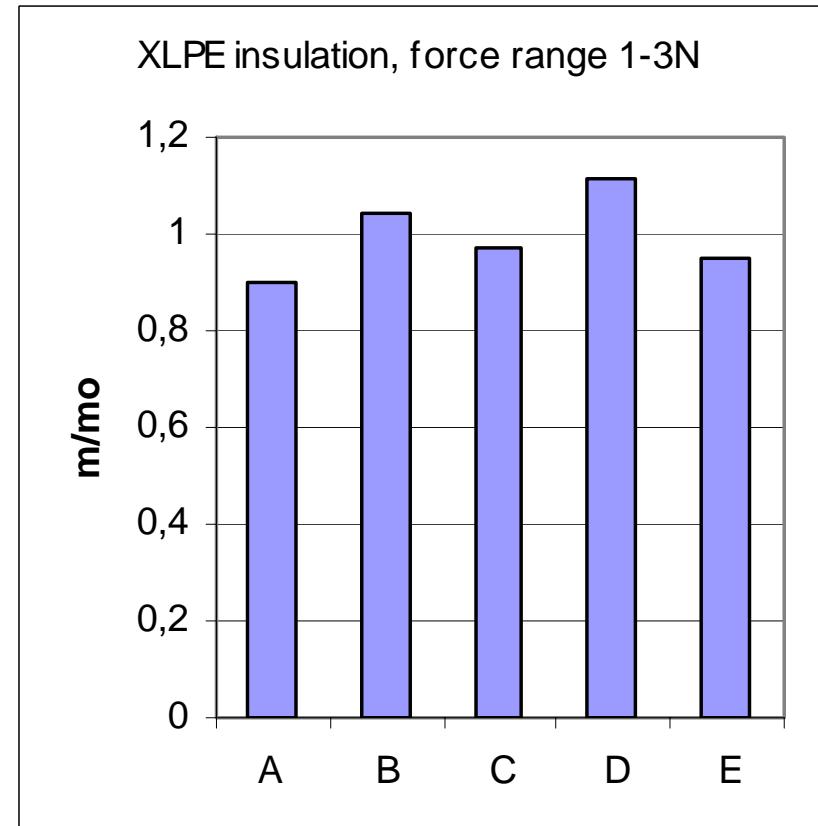
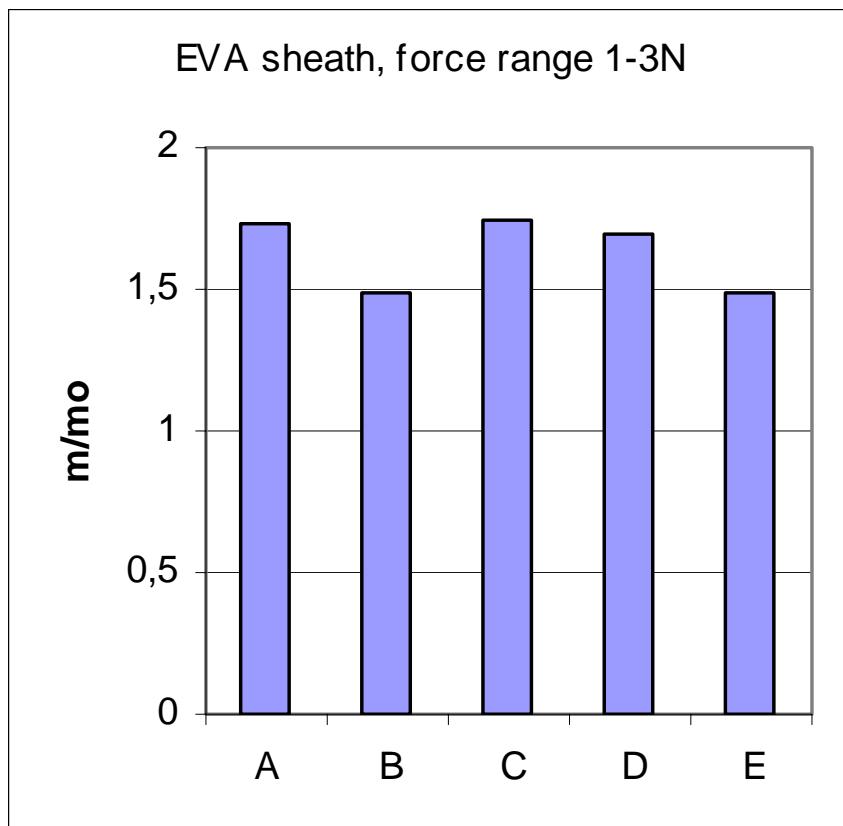
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IAEA round robin test. Indenter test, PVC, m/m₀

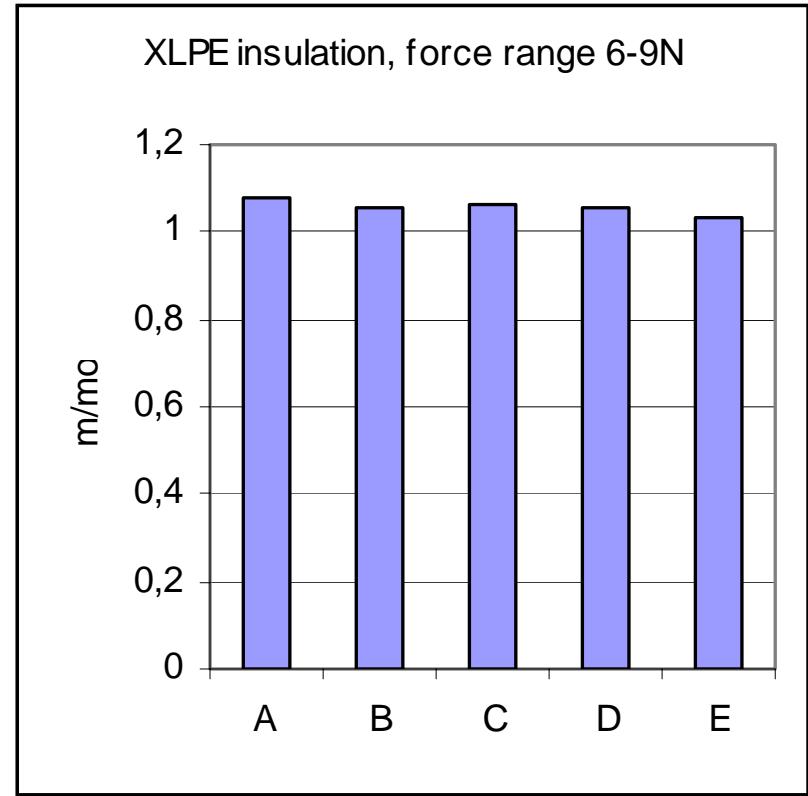
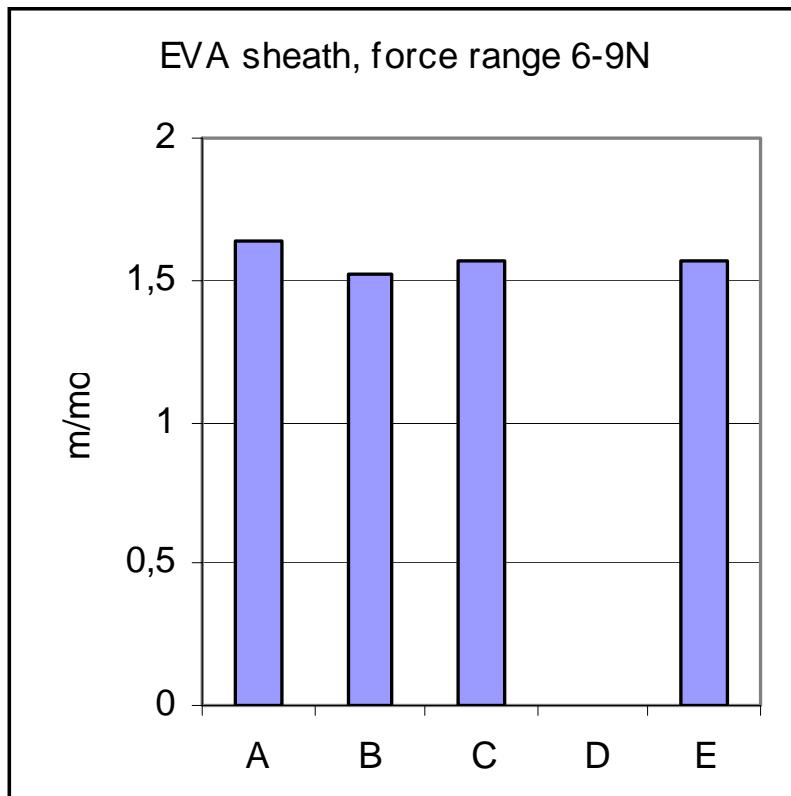


IAEA round robin test. Indenter test, m/m_0 EVA sheath/XLPE insulation

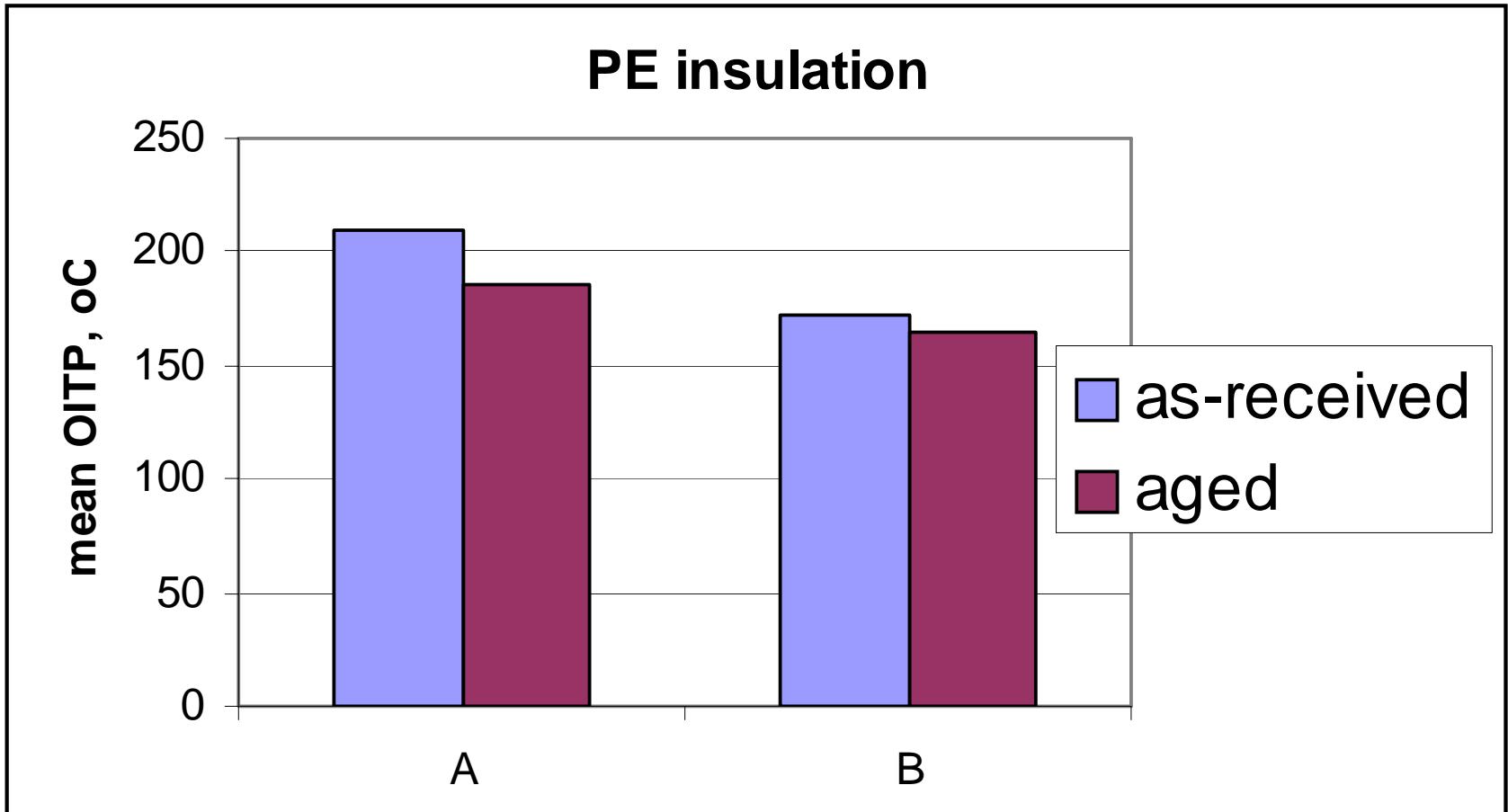


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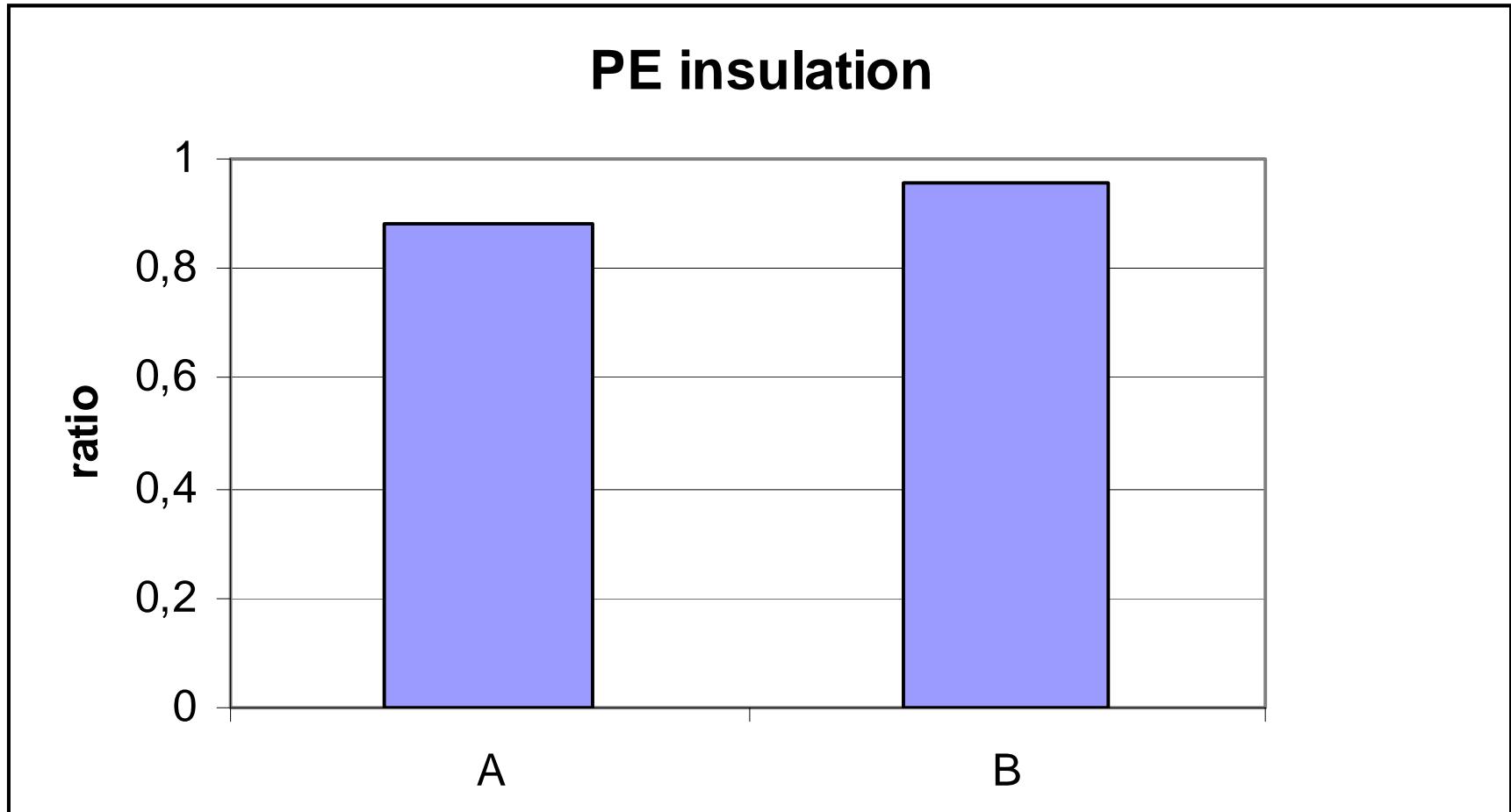
EVA sheath/XLPE insulation



IAEA round robin test. OITP measurements



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"The main conclusion that has come out of this series of round-robin tests has been the need for more detailed specification of the test procedures for condition monitoring methods"

IAEA TECDOC 1188 Recommendations on parameters needed to be specified/standardised

Tensile tests

Type of test machine used
Calibration procedure

Method of gripping samples and type of grip face
Test temperature
Cross-head speed
Method of measuring elongation

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Indenter tests

Test temperature

Probe speed

Force range used for analysis (standard ranges)

Calibration procedure

(Grip force?)

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OIT tests

Type of instrument used

Method of calibration

Sample weight and preparation method

Type of sample pan (open or closed)

Oxygen flow rate used

Temperature profile used to reach oxidation temperature

Method of establishing baseline (data plot)

Method of establishing oxidation onset

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OITP tests

Type of instrument used

Method of calibration

Sample weight and preparation method

Type of sample pan (open or closed)

Oxygen flow rate used

Temperature ramp rate and starting temperature

Method of establishing baseline (data plot)

Method of establishing oxidation onset

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TGA tests

Type of instrument used

Method of calibration

Sample weight and preparation method

Type of sample pan (open or closed)

Oxygen flow rate used

Temperature ramp rate and starting temperature

Method of establishing oxidation onset

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