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Detecting materials for HEP applications: future of inorganic scintillators

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What is the role of the ionizing radiation detectors in the progress of this century?

Three lasting tasks:

- Future compacting, storage and extraction of the energy; Chemical-Nuclear-?
- Signature for the industrial progress; Ruler-Microscope-?
- A frontier between living and non-living .

Downfall-Ordering-Chaos-?

Outline

- Scintillation & Scintillators;
- Modern trend in development;
- Engineering of the properties;
- Toward fast timing;
- On the radiation tolerance of the materials;
- Toward the photo-sensor free detecting technologies;
- Implementations;

What is a scintillation ?

Сцинтилляция- люминесценция, возникающая в прозрачной среде при взаимодействии с ионизирующим излучением.

- В случае фотонов и частиц, взаимодействующих с ядрами среды, необходимым условием возникновения сцинтилляций является прохождение через среду.
- В случае заряженных частиц условием возникновения сцинтилляций является прохождение через среду либо вблизи среды.
- Сцинтилляция-слабый оптический сигнал, поэтому требуются чувствительные фотоприемники либо фотоприемники с значительным усилением.



Lead tungstate crystalline material is the most widely applied scintillator at experiments at colliders

density: 8,28gcm³; decay time constant-10 ns; Light Yield 200 ph/MeV





Development of scintillation in a dielectric material





Interaction of neutrons with nuclei of some elements

Interaction of gamma-quanta with matter





Parameters of scintillation

Scintillation yield:

$$Y = \frac{E_{\gamma}}{\beta E_g} SQ$$

(In a case of gamma-quanta)

Kinetics of scintillations: The kinetics of scintillation I(t) is defined as the law of time variation of the scintillation light intensity, and its magnitude $I = \int I(t) dt$ is proportional to *Y*.

Radio-luminescence spectrum: This is the wavelength (or frequency/energy) distribution of the scintillation light when the medium is excited by ionizing radiation.

Photo-luminescence spectrum: This is the wavelength (or frequency/energy) distribution of the scintillation light when the medium is excited by photons of energy below the ionization energy of the atoms.



Classification of the luminescence mechanisms



Mechanisms of the luminescence creation.

$$e + h \rightarrow h v,$$

$$e + h \rightarrow ex \rightarrow h v,$$

$$A \rightarrow A^* \rightarrow A + h v,$$

$$e + h + A \rightarrow ex + A \rightarrow A^* \rightarrow A + h v,$$

$$e + h + A \rightarrow A^{1+} + e \rightarrow A^* \rightarrow A + h v,$$

$$e + h + A \rightarrow (A^{1-})^* + h \rightarrow A + h v.$$



Classification of the scintillation materials

Scintillator	Q, g/cm ³	Z_{eff} /photo absorp. coeff., 511 keV,cm ⁻¹ / X_0 ,cm	Y, ph/MeV	τ _{sc} , ns	λ _{мax} , nm	Ref.
Fluorides						
Cross-luminescent materials						
LiBaF ₃	5.2	49/0.079/2.1	1400	0.8	190,2	30107
KMgF ₃	3.2	14.3/0.0007/8.4	1400	1.3	140-1	90107
KCaF ₃	3	16.7/0.001/7.7	1400	2	140-1	90107
KYF ₄	3.6	30/0.011/4.6	1000	1.9	170	107
$BaLu_2F_8$	6.94	63/0.22/1.25	870	1+slow	313	108,109
BaF ₂	4.88	53/0.085/2	1430	0.6	220	110
			9950	620	310	
CsF	4.64	53/0.086/2.7	1900	2–4	390	111
RbF	3.6	35/0.016/3.6	1700	1.3	203,2	34107
Self-activated materials						
CeF ₃	6.16	53/0.11/1.8	4500	30	330	112,
						113
Activated						
$BaY_2F_8:Ce$	4.97	44/0.04/2.5	980	45+slow	329	108,109
BaLu ₂ F ₈ :Ce	6.94	63/0.22/1.35	400	35+slow	330	108,109
CaF ₂ :Eu	3.18	16.4/0.045/3.7	21 500	940	435	114
LaF ₃ :Ce	5.9	50.8/0.09/1.7	2200	26.5	290,3	40115
LuE·Co	83	61 1/0 31/1 1	8000	23 telow	310	115

More details in: P. Lecoq, A. Gektin, M. Korzhik, Inorganic Scintillators for Detector Systems, Springer 2017, P.408



The story of the scintillation materials





Major trends and results. New Eu doped alkali halides

Crystal	ρ g/cm ³	Lum λ, nm	LY ph/Mev	R, % Cs ¹³⁷	Decay, ns	Hygroscopicity
CaI ₂ :Eu ²⁺	3.96	467	110.000	5,2	1000	strong
SrI ₂ :Eu ²⁺	4.55	435	115.000	2.6	1500	strong
Ba ₂ CsI ₅ :Eu ²⁺	4.9	435	102.000	2.55	383; 1500	medium
SrCsI ₃ :Eu ²⁺	4,25	458	73.000	3.9	2.200	medium
BaBrI :Eu ²⁺	5.2	413	97.000	3,4	500	low
LaBr ₃ :Ce ³⁺	5.3	356, 387	75.000	2,6	16	strong





Pulse height spectra of CsBa₂I₅:Eu scintillators (137 Cs source)

Pulse height spectra of BaBrI:Eu scintillators (137 Cs source)



Overlapping of absorption and luminescence spectra of Eu2+ in alcali halides



Mixed crystals



Scintillation parameters of main elpasolites for neutron detection

	CLYB	CLYC	CLLC	CLLB	CLLBC
Light yield,					
gamma, ph/MeV	24 000	20 000	35 000	45 000	45 000
neutron, n/MeV	90 000	70 000	110 000	150 000	150 000
ER, %@662 keV	4.1	4.0	3.4	2.9	3
Emission, nm	410	370	380	410	410



First GYAGG ceramics, obtained in NRC "Kurchatov Institute"



First GAGG crystal, was grown in Russia

Toward the multicomponent materials for scintillators!

Toward the best time resolution. Binary crystalline systems versus mixed crystals

Engineering of scintillation materials



Valence band

Binary crystal

Flat bottom of the conduction band. Fast migration of excitations. Mixed crystal with band gap fluctuations

Modulated due to disordering bottom of the conduction band. Slower migration of excitations.

Engineering of electronic excitations transfer process



Energy-level diagram for GAGG crystal doped with Ce and codoped with Mg (a) and for LYSO doped with Ce and codoped with Ca (b)

Control of scintillation rise time

Ce³⁺ luminescence rise in GAGG solely doped with Ce and codoped with Mg



The initial part of photoluminescence response to a short excitation pulse at 343 nm in GAGG:Ce without (green) and with Mg codoping (blue). Instrumental response function is also presented

M. Korzhik, G.Tamulaitis et al. Excitation transfer engineering in Ce-doped oxide crystalline scintillators by codoping with alkali-earth ions, phys. stat. solidi (a), 1700798 (2018)

Probing of the nonequilbrium carriers absorption in dielectrics





Dynamics of the populating of radiating level of Ce3+ in GAGG crystal



Differential absorption of Ce-doped (a) and Ce,Mg-codoped (b) GAGG as a function of probe photon energy and delay between pump and probe pulses at pump photon energy of 3.63 eV. Note the scale change from linear to logarithmic at 1 ps.



Differential absorption kinetics at 1.4 eV of GAGG samples with different level of codoping pumped at 3.63 eV



Materials of interest: scintillators on a base of Ce-doped inorganic crystalline oxides

Most of the oxides are multifunctional materials:

- have applications in medical imaging and industry;
- technology is well developed, a few suppliers are available for each crystal
- technology is well developed, no additional investment is required;
- easy handled and radiation tolerant

Scintillator	$\begin{array}{c} \mathbf{\varrho},\\ \mathbf{g/cm}^3 \end{array}$	Z _{eff} /photo absorp. coeff., 511 keV,cm ⁻¹ / X ₀ ,cm	Y, ph/MeV	τ _{sc} , ns	λ _{мax} , nm
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Gd ₃ Al ₂ Ga ₃ O ₁₂ :Ce	6.67	50.6/0.12/1.61	46,000	80	520
				800	
(Gd_Y) ₃ (Al-Ga) ₅ O ₁₂ :Ce	5.8	45/0.08/1.94	60,000	100,600	560
Y ₃ Al ₅ O ₁₂ :Ce	4.55	32.6/0.017/3.28	11 000	70	550
YAlO ₃ :Ce	5.35	32/0.019/2.2	16 200	30	347
(Y _{0.3} -Lu _{0.7}) AlO ₃ :Ce	7.1	60/0.21/1.3	13 000	18/80/450	375
Lu ₂ SiO ₅ :Ce	7.4	66/0.28/1.1	27 000	40	420
(Lu-Y) ₂ SiO ₅ :Ce	7	60/0.20/1.35	30 000	37	420

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MIP detection

Ionization losses per 1 mm of the media for 10GeV e^ and 50Gev $\,\pi^{-}$

Material	Density $ ho$, g/cm ³	dE/dx @ e ⁻ , MeV/mm	dE/dx @ π⁻, MeV/mm
Plastic scintillator	1.032	0.154	0.154
(vinyltoluene based)			
Y ₃ Al ₅ O ₁₂ (YAG)	4.55	0.591	0.589
Y ₃ (Al _{0.5} -Ga _{0.5}) ₅ O ₁₂	4.80	0.614	0.612
YAIO ₃ (YAP)	5.50	0.708	0.705
Gd ₃ Al ₂ Ga ₃ O ₁₂ (GAGG)	6.63	0.808	0.804
Lu ₂ SiO ₅ (LSO)	7.4	0.879	0.873
(Lu _{0.8} -Y _{0.2}) ₂ SiO ₅ (LYSO)	7.2	0.85	0.85

Light output per MIP (10GeV e⁻⁾ per 1 mm in different scintillation materials

Material	LY, Ph/MeV	dE/dx @ e ⁻ , MeV/mm	Yield, ph per 1 mm per MIP
Plastic scintillator (vinyltoluene based)	10000	0.154	1540
Y ₃ Al ₅ O ₁₂ (YAG)	11000	0.591	6500
Y ₃ (Al _{0.5} -Ga _{0.5}) ₅ O ₁₂	30000	0.614	18420
YAIO ₃ (YAP)	16000	0.708	11350
Gd ₃ Al ₂ Ga ₃ O ₁₂ (GAGG)	46000	0.808	37200
Lu ₂ SiO ₅ (LSO)	27000	0.879	23700
(Lu _{0.8} -Y _{0.2}) ₂ SiO ₅ (LYSO)	30000	0.85	25500

Time and energy resolution at 511keV

Crystal		Time resolution CTR a	at 511 keV, FWHM, ps			
GAGG:Ce		48	480			
GAGG:Ce, Mg		20	00			
GAGG:Ce, Mg, Ti		155				
LYSO:Ce		1:	30			
LSO:Ce		12	22			
LYSO:Ce, Ca		9	5			
LuAG:Ce		53	30			
LuAG:Ce, Ca		230				
LuAG:Pr		300				
т, °С	+20	0 -20				
GAGG:Ce, Mg, Ti Energy resolution at 511 keV, % FWHM	7,2	7,0	6,8			
LYSO:Ce, Ca Energy resolution at 511 keV, % FWHM	8,2	8,3	8,6			

Light yield at different temperatures. LSO gated light yield at different T



Time gate, ns

LSO:Ce light yield measured within different time gates in the temperature range from +20 to -45°C. Sample size 10x10x1 mm³ LSO:Ce light yield normalized to that at 20°C, measured within different time gates in the temperature range from +20 to -45°C. Sample size 10x10x1 mm³

Light Yield at different temperatures. GAGG:e, Mg, Ti gated light yield at different T



GAGG light yield measured within different time gates in the temperature range from +20 to -45°C. Sample size 10x10x1 mm³ GAGG light yield normalized to that at 20°C, measured in different time gates in the temperature range from +20 to -45°C. Sample size 10x10x1 mm³

V.Korjik, V.Alenkov, et.al., <u>NIM A 871(2017)</u>42-46

Toward an increase the luminosity of LHC





Global trend in modern collider experiments: to replace plastic scintillators by more radiation hard materials

Essential problems of the plastic matrix:

-damage under irradiation by hadrons and the products of nuclear reactions; -low energy deposit by MIPs



V.Dormenev, K.T.Brinkmann, M.Korjik et al., Journal of Physics: Conference Series 928 (1), 012035

IRRADIATION WITH FAST NEUTRONS

Essential difference from the damage under protons – induced light scattering come up!

EJ200 Plastic Scintillator at 780 nm



Impact of radiation damage effects from different components of ionizing radiation on energy resolution of ECAL detecting module

$a_{phot} = \sqrt{\frac{F}{LY}}$ b)~	<u>No</u>	ise (electrons) LY (<u>pe</u>)	$c \sim \frac{1}{L}$	$\frac{1}{Y} \frac{\partial LY}{\partial z} \delta$	Ζ
$\frac{\sigma(E)}{\overline{a}} = \frac{a}{\sqrt{a}} \oplus \frac{b}{\overline{a}} \oplus c$			Essential effects	Υ- quanta	Charged hadrons	Neutral hadrons
$E \sqrt{E} E$	Г	1	Change of the thermodynamic equilibrium due to creation of colour centers	~	V	~
		2	Creation of new defects and dedicated colour centers	+/-	~	~
Time resolution deterioration	L	3	Creation of non recoverable damages		~	~
& photo receivers loading due to parasitic radio-luminescence from		4	Change of the material composition due to nuclear reactions (radio isotopes and fragments)		~	~
radio-isotopes						

Damage under ionizing radiation



List of the scintillation materials studied

Υ-quanta 60Co(1.22MeV), absorbed doses 10-2000Gy

PWO, PWO-II LSO:Ce(LYSO:Ce) LuAG:Ce BSO PbF₂ BaF₂ GSO:Ce YSO:Ce YAG:Ce(Pr) YAP:Ce (Pr) DSB:Ce(glass and glassceramics) Y_2O_3 (micro-ceramics) LiF

24 GeV & 150 MeV protons PWO, PWO-II LSO:Ce(LYSO:Ce) LuAG:Ce BSO PbF₂ BaF₂ GSO:Ce YSO:Ce YAG:Ce(Pr) YAP:Ce (Pr) DSB:Ce(glass and glass ceramics) Y_2O_3 (micro-ceramics) LiF

reactor neutrons

PWO, PWO-I

There is not too much of available Information up to now

May be also interesting for:

- (1) well logging tools;
- (2) Detectors at spallation sources.

Damage of the optical transmission of PWO crystals under gamma-irradiation and high energy protons



Change of the longitudinal transmission of 22 cm long PWO crystals after irradiation with Υ-quanta (60Co, 1000Gy) and 24GeV protons with fluence 3,6 · 10¹³ p/cm².

Recoverable and unrecoverable damage of the optical transmission of PbWO₄ crystals under irradiation with 24GeV protons



Comparison of damage of inorganic crystalline, glass and glass ceramic materials doped with Ce after irradiation with 150MeV protons and Y- irradiation



Induced absorption in several Ce doped inorganic scintillation materials:

- after Y- irradiation (60Co, 1,2 MeV, 100Gy),
- in 3 months after 150 MeV proton irradiation
- repeated Y- irradiation

Garnet crystals doped with Ce³⁺- are the most tolerant to irradiation scintillation materials



Transmission spectra of YAG:Ce 1 cm thick sample measured before irradiation and in one month after irradiation with 24 GeV protons with fluence 1_*10^{14} and 5_*10^{14} p/cm².

Proton-irradiation-induced absorption spectrum of a YAG:Ce sample , fluence $5 \cdot 10^{14} \text{ p/cm2}$

Radiation damage. GAGG:Ce+codopings induced absorption after proton irradiation



Spectrum of induced absorption in GAGG:Ce,Mg,Ti after 24 GeV proton irradiation at fluence of 3.10¹⁵ p/cm². (Courtesy of LHCb Collaboration)

Lightweight of the material brings less radio-isotopes after irradiation with hadrons

	PbF ₂			PbWO ₄		(Lu _{0.8} -Y	(12)2SiO5:Ce (12)	at. %)	Y ₂ SiO ₅ :Ce (1 at. %)			
Nuclide	Halflife, days	Activity, Bq/unit	Nuclide	Halflife, days	Activity, Bq/unit	Nuclide	Halflife, days	Activity, Bq/unit	Nuclide	Halflife, days	Activity, Ba/unit	
Be-7	5,31E+01	3,12E+05	Be-7	5,31E+01	1,17E+04	Rb-83	8,62E+01	4,85E+01	Rb-83	8.62E+01	7.67E+02	
Sc-46	8,38E+01	1,29E+04	Sc-46	8,38E+01	5,30E+02				Rb-84	3,28E+01	3.57E+02	
			Ca-47	4,54	1,70E+02	Sr-85	6,48E+01	1,25E+02	Sr-85	6,48E+01	8,50E+02	
V-48	1,60E+01	4,36E+03	V-48	1,60E+01	1,74E+02	<u>Y-88</u>	1,07E+02	3,55E+02	Y-88	1,07E+02	3,33E+03	
Mn-54	3,13E+02	4,61E+03	Mn-54	3,12E+02	1,83E+02	E 146	1.50	1.075+00	Zr-88	8,34E+01	1.32E+02	
Co-56	7,71E+01	1,57E+03				Eu-146	4,59	1,27E+02				
Co-58	7,08E+01	1,37E+04	Co-58	7,09E+01	4,36E+02	Thi-138 Vb 160	9,51E+01	1,47E+02	-			
Fe-59	4,46E+01	1,21E+04	Fe-59	4,45E+01	3,13E+02	$\frac{10-109}{10-171}$	3,20E+01 8 24E+00	0,81E+02	-			
Co-60	1924,889	8,80E+02				Lu-172	6 70E+00	2.63E+02	-			
Zn-65	2,44E+02	5,40E+03	Zn-65	2,44E+02	2,33E+02	$\frac{Lu-172}{Lu-173}$	5.00E+02	2,03E+02	-			
As-74	1,78E+01	2,10E+04	As-74	1,78E+01	3,50E+02	Lu176(naturally	1.38E+13	1.39E+02	1			
Se-75	1,20E+02	3,99E+04	Se-75	1,20E+02	1,12E+03	present)	1,502-15	1,352102				
Rb-83	8,62E+01	4,11E+04	Rb-83	8,62E+01	8,77E+02	1)		1	-			
			Rb-84	3,28E+01	2,21E+02							
Sr-85	6,48E+01	4,85E+04	Sr-85	6,48E+01	1,38E+03							
Y-88	1,07E+02	2,27E+04	Y-88	1,07E+02	5,39E+02							
Zr-88	8,34E+01	3,72E+04	Zr-88	8,34E+01	1,22E+03		_					
Nb-95	3,50E+01	4,24E+04	Nb-95	3,50E+01	4,80E+02							
Zr-95	6,40E+01	1,50E+04	Zr-95	6,40E+01	2,29E+02							
Ru-103	3,93E+01	4,26E+04										
Ag-105	4,13E+01	3,27E+04						\ //	C A		21	Total operav
Ag-110	2,50E+02	3,15E+03				43	5.2 Ge	V/	6.4	GeV/(s	S·Cm ²)	iotai energy,
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			Ba-131	1,15E+01	1,56E+03					nomp	• Y	1cm2
Ce-139	1,38E+02	2,14E+04	Ce-139	1,38E+02	1,77E+03		•					TCIII2
Pm-143	2,65E+02	1,70E+04	Pm-143	2,65E+02	6,75E+02		rom B	+ ∕		emitte	rs	by induced
Eu-146	4,59E+00	1,01E+06	Eu-146	4,59E+00	3,76E+03			- I				by maacea
		0.00	Gd-146	4,83E+01	5,15E+03		mitta	rc				radiaicatones
Eu-147	2,40E+01	8,02E+04	Eu-147	2,40E+01	2,95E+03	e	<u>mille</u>	IS				radioisotopes
		4 845	Eu-148	5,45E+01	2,46E+02							
Yb-169	3,20E+01	1,71E+05	Yb-169	3,20E+01	9,77E+03							
Lu-171	8,24E+00	2,81E+04	Lu-171	8,24E+00	2,07E+03							
Lu-172	6,83E+02	1,5/E+04	Lu-172	6,83E+00	1,62E+03							
Lu-173	5,00E+02	3,46E+04	Lu-173	5,00E+02	3,06E+03							
Ht-175	7,00E+01	1,43E+05	Ht-175	7,00E+01	1,62E+04							
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Lightweight of the material does not mean tolerance to radiation

wavelength, nm

Comparison of induced absorption in LiF crystal after irradiation with 150MeV protons (green) and Y- irradiation (red)

From single crystals to composites

Key points- Proper choice of the dimensions of the grains; Proper packing and gluing of particles.

Change of the 1mm thick polymerized glue transmission at Irradiation wit gammas *Courtesy of A.Gektin and A.Boyarintsev)

¹CERN, Switzerland; ²RINP, Belarus; ³CRYTUR, Czech Republic; ⁴Institute of Physics, Czech Republic

YAG:Ce scintillator versus YAG:Ce/quartz composite

- Uniformity study performed using a
 ~ 3 mm thick Aluminum collimator to
 irradiate separately the center and corner
 of the scintillator volume.
- Single crystal show good uniformity of light output to 59 keV γ-rays from ²⁴¹Am source and variation of response is within ~ 1%.

- Uniformity study performed using a ~ 3 mm thick Aluminum collimator to irradiate separately the center and the corner of the scintillator volume.
- Composite scintillator shows a a small decrease of light output, about 10%, when excitation is close to the corner.

Irradiation with 24 GeV protons performed at CERN PS to a fluence of

 7×10^{13} cm⁻². Both single crystal and composite were placed after a 15 cm PWO crystal to emulate effect of secondary particles due to absorber in real calorimeter.

 A drop of about 7% in light output is observed for single crystal and small increase in radioactivity of the sample (background).

- Before irradiation, response of composite to alpha particles is smaller than single crystal due to surface energy deposition combined with a strong bulk attenuation.
- After proton irradiation composite scintillator shows a drop of light output of about 30% most likely due to a darkening of the optical glue due to interactions of protons with light elements (H,C).

On the way to prevent damage of photo-sensors. Two-photon absorption probing of the radiation excited media

Elastic polarization of the dielectric due to the local lattice distortion caused by the displacements of electrons and holes generated by the ionization.

Spatial separation of holes and electrons leads to creation of electric field which distortscrystal lattice.

This local distortion in the lattice results in redistribution of the density of states (DOS) of electron in the conduction band in close vicinity of the hole.

The key feature of the elastic polarization: short response time

- **One-photon absorption** is not convenient to explore changes in the DOS due to strong absorption of single photons via electronic transitions between valence and conduction bands.
- **Two-photon absorption** becomes preferable due to change of the selection rules for interband transitions

Two-photon absorption in PWO

Two photon(2,97+3.16eV) absorption in 1 cm thick PWO .

Spectra of differential optical transmittance in PWO induced by 500 mJ/cm² pump at 395 nm

Pump polarized along the crystal axis **b** (blue lines) and polarized at 75[°] to the crystal axis **b** (red lines) under (dashed lines) and without (solid lines) gamma irradiation. Delays of probe pulse are indicated.

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The second harmonic of their radiation can be used to produce the light in the wavelength range of 500-530 nm, which is optimal for PWO.

- 1. Fibers can have different refraction index to control light speed
- 2. Fibers can be also scintillating
- 3. Registration can be managed in a regime of standing or travelling wave

The light propagating along the scintillation crystal and reflected from the front face of the crystal could be used to observe the two-photon absorption.

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