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### Novel Material Studies and Characterizations @ JLU Giessen

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### Scintillators



**Standard Scintillators** 

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Fig. 1. SEM of YAG:Ce ceramics: a) surface, b) scale.

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Fig. 2. Photography of translucent YAG:Ce ceramics under visible light (a) and illuminated with 460 nm LED from below (b).

#### Translucent garnet ceramics (NRC Kurtchatov)

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Stochiometric optimization of garnets

![](_page_1_Picture_10.jpeg)

GAGG grown ingods and cut crystals

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Optimize matching with SiPM Photosensors

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![](_page_1_Picture_15.jpeg)

Courtesy of Crytur (CZ) YAG:Ce fibers (cut or drawn by μ-PD)

glass ceramics

![](_page_1_Picture_17.jpeg)

Optimized Organic scintillators

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**Minicalorimeter arrays** 

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## Scintillators

Material	ρ, g/cm <sup>3</sup>	Z <sub>ef</sub> / radiation length X <sub>a</sub> ,cm	Yield, nh/MeV	τ <sub>dec</sub> ,	λ <sub>max</sub> , nm
Glass ceramics BaO*2SiO,:Ce (DSB)	3.8	51/ 3.0	300	22/ 72/ 450	440
PbWO <sub>4</sub> (PWO II)	8.3	75.6/ 0.89	100	6	420
$     Gd_{3}Al_{2}Ga_{3}O_{12}:Ce     (GAGG) $	6.67	50.6/ 1.61	46,000	80/ 800	520
(Gd-Y) <sub>3</sub> (Al-Ga) <sub>5</sub> O <sub>12</sub> :Ce	5.8	45/ 1.94	60,000	100/ 600	560
Y <sub>3</sub> Al <sub>5</sub> O <sub>12</sub> :Ce (YAG)	4.55	32.6/ 3.28	11,000	70	550
YAlO <sub>3</sub> :Ce (YAP)	5.35	32/ 2.2	16,200	30	347
(Y <sub>0.3</sub> -Lu <sub>0.7</sub> ) AlO <sub>3</sub> :Ce (LuYAG)	7.1	60/ 1.3	13,000	18/ 80/ 450	375
Lu <sub>2</sub> SiO <sub>5</sub> :Ce (LSO)	7.4	66/ 1.1	27,000	40	420
(Lu-Y) <sub>2</sub> SiO <sub>5</sub> :Ce (LYSO)	7	60/ 1.35	30,000	37	420
Plastic (Polyvinyltoluene/ N-tolylcarbazole)	1.023	4.5/ 45	9,200	9.2	420/490
PEN (Polyethylene- Naphtalate)	1.33	?/?	Up to 10,500	35	430

### Scintillator Characterization

![](_page_3_Figure_1.jpeg)

### **DSB Glass Ceramics**

![](_page_4_Figure_1.jpeg)

Early samples JLU Gi & INP Minsk

### **DSB Glass Ceramics**

![](_page_5_Figure_1.jpeg)

#### Light yield vs temperature 40 35 Light Yield / phe/MeV 30 25 →-#1, T = +20° C 20 ---- #1, T = -25° C 15 -+-#5, T = +20° C 10 -⊖-#5, T = -25° C -- #7, T = +20° C 5 ----#7, T = -25° C 0 0 1000 2000 3000 4000 5000 Integration time / ns

#### Radiation induced transmittance change

![](_page_5_Figure_5.jpeg)

- 150 MeV protons + <sup>60</sup>Co gammas
- Int. p fluence: 5x10<sup>13</sup> p/cm<sup>2</sup>

### **DSB Glass Ceramics**

![](_page_6_Figure_1.jpeg)

![](_page_6_Picture_2.jpeg)

### Much more Details in talk of Valera Dormenev

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![](_page_6_Figure_5.jpeg)

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## **Garnet Scintillators**

Garnets are good candidates for future HEP applications (fast, bright, rad hard)

Garnet scintillation materials like

Y<sub>3</sub>Al<sub>5</sub>O<sub>12</sub> (YAG), Y<sub>3</sub>Al<sub>2</sub>Ga<sub>3</sub>O<sub>12</sub>, Gd<sub>3</sub>Al<sub>2</sub>Ga<sub>3</sub>O<sub>12</sub>, (Gd-Y)<sub>3</sub>(Al-Ga)<sub>5</sub>O<sub>12</sub>

co-doped with divalent ions of group-II elements

are candidates to improve the scintillation response.

Aims:

- Improve scintillation kinetics by suppressing slow scintillation component(s)
- Suppress deterioration due to radiation damage
- Applicability of stimulated radiation damage recovery

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GYAGG:Ce (var bulk conc. of Gd, Y)

#### Some current DUTs:

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#### YAG:Ce (fixed dopant conc.)

![](_page_7_Picture_15.jpeg)

#### GAGG:Ce (var dopant conc.)

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YAG:C,Ce (dopant+codopant)

## **Optimization of Garnets - Ceramics**

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#### Nanopowder synthesis

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#### Compactification

- Pressing
- Casting
- Moulding
- 3d-printing

![](_page_8_Picture_11.jpeg)

#### Sintering

![](_page_8_Picture_13.jpeg)

![](_page_8_Picture_14.jpeg)

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### **Optimization of Garnets - Ceramics**

### Sample: 1.5 mm thick GYAGG ceramic plate

Cs-137, 662 keV

![](_page_9_Figure_3.jpeg)

Na-22, 511 keV, start-stop Scintillation kinetics

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![](_page_9_Picture_6.jpeg)

Ref.: GAGG crystal (2 mm thick) LY ~25k Ph/MeV, AE/E - 8.7% LY ~28k Ph/MeV, AE/E 13-15% Ref.: YAP,  $\tau = 28$  ns  $\tau_1 = 5$  ns (70%)  $\tau_2 = 40$  ns (30%)

## **Optimization of Garnets: Example YAG**

#### Influence of Dopant and Codopants: YAG:C,Ce

- Two YAG: Ce, C and two YAG: C samples produced by Czochralski method by ISMA (Kharkiv, Ukraine)
- Main dopant: C, secondary (co)dopant: Ce
- Samples were annealed at different conditions after production (see table below).

![](_page_10_Picture_5.jpeg)

Sample type	Dimensions, mm	Annealing conditions
top left –YAG: C (rectangular)	10x10x6	Annealing in air
bottom left – YAG: C (plate)	30x15x2	Optimized annealing in air
top right - YAG: Ce, C (cubic)	10x10x10	Annealing in Ar+CO
bottom right - YAG: Ce, C (plate)	25x13x2	Optimized annealing in air

### **Optimization of Garnets: Example YAG**

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 $\rightarrow$  Doping and codoping concentrations can be tuned to reduce the contribution of long-term component

### **Optimization of Garnets: Example YAG**

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### **Radiation Damage**

#### Current and future HEP detectors have to deal with significant radiation damage

- Loss in light output/transmittance
  - → degredation of enery resolution

#### Radiation damage in scintillators subdivided in:

Electromagnetic component

- Leads to saturation of deep traps
- Is recoverable (spontaneous and stimulated recovery) <u>Hadronic component</u>
- · Damages the crystal structure
- Is not recoverable

![](_page_13_Figure_10.jpeg)

### Criterion: Rad induced absorption coeff:

$$\Delta k = \ln \left( \frac{T_{bef}}{T_{after}} \right) \cdot \frac{1}{d}$$

![](_page_13_Figure_13.jpeg)

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### **Radiation Damage**

#### Example: PWO

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PbWO<sub>4</sub> irradiated by 150 MeV protons @*CART-KVI*, *Groningen*, *Netherlands* Fluence = 1.8x10<sup>13</sup> protons/cm<sup>2</sup>

![](_page_14_Figure_4.jpeg)

Mostly em damage  $\rightarrow$  recoverable

lower Z material required sampling calorimetry cheap for mass production

### PbWO<sub>4</sub> irradiated by 24 GeV protons @*CERN*, *Switzerland* Fluence = 3\*10<sup>13</sup> protons/cm<sup>2</sup>

![](_page_14_Figure_8.jpeg)

Permanent shift of absorption edge

more hadronic damage  $\rightarrow$  permanent effects visible

- creation of macro defects
- highly ionizing fission products
- ion displacements

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# Radiation Damage (example PWO)

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### **Stimulated Recovery**

Partial (hadronic) or total (em) recovery of radiation induced deterioration

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## **Organic Scintillators**

 Currently: active developments together with manufacturers of PS-based scintillators wrt/ radiation hardness

#### Detailed report later today by Valera Dormenev

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• Currently ongoing: PEN scintillation material characterization for alpha and neutron detector applications using thin foils

Problem with thick pieces: casting of clear samples in lab difficult → need to find partner for injection-moulding

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### G(Y)AGG as Neutron Detector

	Absorbing isotope content,	n absorptic cross-section for the isot	on on ope <i>,</i> b	Absorbing layer thickness,	Absorption for the give	efficiency n layer, %
	at./cm³	En = 0.025 eV	En = 1 MeV	mm	En = 0.025 eV	En = 1 MeV
<sup>3</sup> He tube (16 bar)	4,3*10 <sup>20</sup>	5319.6	2.9	20	98.96	0.25
<sup>6</sup> Li <sub>2</sub> O•2SiO <sub>2</sub> :Ce <sup>3+</sup> glass (90% <sup>6</sup> Li)	1,7*10 <sup>22</sup>	955.4	1.3	5	99.99	1.05
$Gd_{3}Al_{2}Ga_{3}O_{12}$ :Ce <sup>3+</sup> crystal (nat. Gd)	1,3*10 <sup>22</sup>	46095.4	5.1	5	99.99(99)	3.25

Neutron detection efficiency for 5 mm GAGG plate:

Thermal (0.025 eV) – 99.99% Fast (1 MeV) – ~3%

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### G(Y)AGG as Neutron Detector

GEANT4 modelling of neutron absorption in natural Gd (metallic)

![](_page_19_Figure_2.jpeg)

Neutron detection efficiency for 5 mm GAGG plate: Thermal (0.025 eV) - 99.99%Fast  $(1 \text{ MeV}) - \sim 3\%$ 

### G(Y)AGG as Neutron Detector

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## **GAGG** Minicalorimeter

### 64 GAGG pixels (3x3x40mm) + 64 channels SIPM array Read-out with high time and energy resolution

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GAGG rods inside reflective alveole receptacle: 100um thin, 3d printed

![](_page_21_Picture_4.jpeg)

Hamamatsu S13361-3050AS-8 8x8 SiPM Array

64 pixel GAGG+SiPM +preamp assembly

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Successfull In-beam test at MIT (Marburg) in Nov 2019, 220 MeV protons

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