



DEVELOPMENT OF RADIATION-HARD SCINTILLATORS AND WAVELENGTH-SHIFTING FIBERS



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Motivation for Radiation-Hard Scintillator and WLS Fiber Development

Future and upgrade colliders impose unprecedented challenges on the radiationhardness of the active media of the calorimeters. Scintillators play a central role as the active medium of calorimeters.



Intrinsically Rad-Hard Scintillators

Commercially Available Scintillating Materials:

- Polyethylene Naphthalate (PEN)
- Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET)

PEN:

✓ Intrinsic blue scintillation (425 nm)

PET:

- \checkmark A common type polymer
- ✓ Plastic bottles and as a substrate in thin film solar cells.
- ✓ Emission spectrum of PET peaks at 385 nm [Nakamura, 2013]









Intrinsically Rad-Hard Scintillators

HEM/ESR: sub-μm film stack of Poly(Ethylene-2,6-Naphthalate)/PEN, polyester, polyethylene terephthalate (PET): *intrinsic blue scintillation*! 425 nm; 10,500 photons/MeV;



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Evidence of deep-blue photon emission at high efficiency by common plastic

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Material	Polyethylene naphthalate	Organic scintillator (ref. [14])	Plastic bottle (ref. [13])
Supplier	Teijin Chemicals	Saint-Gobain	Teijin Chemicals
Base	$(C_{14}H_{10}O_4)_n$	$(C_9H_{10})_n$	$(C_{10}H_8O_4)_n$
Density	$1.33 {\rm g/cm^3}$	$1.03 {\rm g/cm^3}$	$1.33 {\rm g/cm^3}$
Refractive index	1.65	1.58	1.64
Light output	$\sim 10500 \text{ photon/MeV}$	10000 photon/MeV	$\sim 2200 \text{ photon/MeV}$
Wavelength max. emission	$425\mathrm{nm}$	$425\mathrm{nm}$	380 nm

Table 1: Prope	rties of the t	hree samples	used in the	present study.
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Intrinsically Rad-Hard Scintillators - PEN

100 MRad (1 MGy) Radiation Resistance!

N. Belkahlaa et al., Space charge, conduction and photoluminescence measurements in gamma irradiated poly (ethylene-2,6-naphthalate) Rad. Physics & Chem, V101, August 2014

Abstract: Polyethylene naphthalate (PEN) thin films were subjected to gamma rays at different doses and changes in both the dielectric and photophysical properties were investigated. Samples were irradiated in air at room temperature by means of a 60Co gamma source at a dose rate of \sim 31 Gy/min. Total doses of 650 kGy(344 h) & 1023 kGy(550 h) were adopted. The high radiation resistance of PEN film is highlighted.



PL intensity at peak maximum (relative units) versus irradiation dose.

Excitation wavelength	Reference-PEN	650 kGy	1023 kGy
$\lambda_e = 270 \text{ nm}$	1	0,98	0,95
$\lambda_e = 370 \text{ nm}$	1	0,98	0,96

Laboratory Measurements

Beam Test Results





• PET is faster but emits less light. PEN is radiation resistant up to 10 Mrad and it has a significant light yield but it is too slow.

PEN Performance in Beam Measurements

We tested 2 - 4 mm thick PEN and PET tiles read out with green wavelength shifting fibers with 150 GeV muons.





New SiX Scintillators

- The scintillators have a base material, primary fluor, and secondary fluor.
- The main scintillation comes from the primary fluor.
- The secondary fluor, or waveshifter, absorbs the primary's emissions and reemits to a wavelength that is desirable for optimum efficiency.







New SiX Scintillators

Lose only 7 % transmission after 40 Mrad proton radiation

Almost no change on emission and absorption after irradiation



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SiX Production Grooved Tiles

Finger Tiles





Modified Owen

Control Circuits





PEN Radiation Damage Studies (MSU)

Facilities:

- National Superconducting Cyclotron Laboratory
- Used ⁶⁰Co, 1.33 MeV Gammas

Two Samples:

- -1.7 MRad in Air
- -10 MRad in N₂

	Undamaged	10 MRad N2	1.7 MRad Air
Integral (300-450 ns)	20208	19012	17311
Relative % (damaged / Undamaged)	100%	94.1%	85.7%





Transmission

IRRAD facility at CERN PS



24 GeV protons , beam spot (FWHM) 15x15 mm² proton flux - ~6x10⁹ p cm⁻² s⁻¹

→ 75% loss at 40 Mrad.

- 10 x 10 cm PEN tile was placed in the PS accelerator IRRAD area .
- First batch perpendicular to the beam direction. Three different positions were selected to expose to protons
- Second batch tilted ~30 degrees to beam direction – three different position were exposed to the proton beam
- Samples were irradiated during one week. In average 30 Mrad was absorbed per spot



Radiation Damage Studies (Iowa)



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Summary of irradiation results

Initial damage

Permanent damage

Time for Recovery



• PET was damaged more than PEN initially



• Permanent damage was same at 14 MRad



• PEN was recovered in 5 days only and PET in 25 days – so slow

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LED Stimulated Recovery

Can we stimulate the recovery of scintillators damaged from radiation?

✓ By using an array of tri-color red, blue, green (RGB) LEDs



Laser pulse Sample Platform Coptical Fiber



Different Materials:

- Eljen brand EJ-260 (N) and overdoped version EJ2P.
- Lab produced plastic scintillator (SiX)

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LED Stimulated Recovery



 'Blue' scintillators respond to color spectrum but 'green' scintillators are affected very little.

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Quartz with Thin Film Coating

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Quartz alone is extremely radiation-hard but only a Čerenkov radiator \rightarrow very small amount of directional light

 \rightarrow Quartz plates coated with organic/inorganic scintillators/wavelength shifters ~ scintillators

Scintillator/WLS Films on Quartz Tiles

- Ptp, anthracene
- ZnO:Ga; CsI; CeBr3 emissions 375-450 nm; T<17ns
- CsI and CeBr3 will be protected with an overdeposited quartz film \geq 50 nm thick.







Radiation-Hard WLS Fibers

- ¹ Quartz rods with surface coating
- ² Capillaries

¹ Quartz Fibers with pTp Coating

³ Doped quartz rods

³ Cerium-doped Scintillating Glasses









Radiation-Hard WLS Fibers

3HF+Meltmount injected TeflonAF 800µm ID



3HF Core Quartz WLS Capillaries

- ¹ Quartz rods with surface coating
- ² Capillaries
- ³ Doped quartz rods







Expected Anthracene Fiber Pulse:

~200 KeV/mm x 0.25mm x 40 photons/KeV x 2% transmission x 20% QE ~ 8 p.e. **Typical Observed Pulse:** ~ 8-9 p.e.

Conclusions

- The options of intrinsically radiation-hard scintillators is being expanded with the addition of Scintillator-X. Different combinations e.g. PEN+PET and different variants of Scintillator-X can be probed.
- Quartz is extremely radiation-hard. With the correct combination of coating and readout, it can be the optimal option for forward region in all collider experiments. Coating is a relatively easy process nowadays. We need to probe different types of coatings and also their mixtures.
- Radiation-hard wavelength shifting fibers need to be studied in further detail. Need more and realistically sized samples tested in actual calorimeter environments.