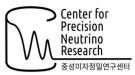


## Feasibility Studies on Computed Tomography Images and Hounsfield Unit Value Measurement Using a New Liquid Scintillator



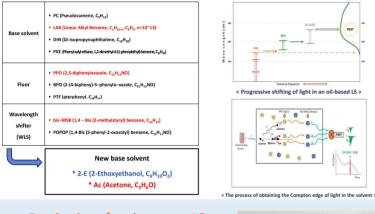
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### **Introduction & Motivation**

- Liquid scintillator (LS) is used in various fields such as nuclear, particle physics and medical physics.
- LS is diluted by mixing oil with the base solvent, and fluor is added to make the light emission
- In general, a surfactant (SF) is used to mix water and oil in the LS.
- Alcohol and acetone can be used to make LS without SF.
- Fluor is 2,5-diphenyloxazole (C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>11</sub>NO, PPO). Secondary wavelength shifter materials are 1,4-bis (5-phenyl-2-oxazolyl) benzene (C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, POPOP) & 1,4-bis(2-methylstyryl)benzene (C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>22</sub>, bis-MSB).
- Water has a density of 1.0 g/cm<sup>3</sup>, 2-Ethoxyethanol (2-E) is 0.93 g/cm<sup>3</sup>, and acetone is 0.79 g/cm<sup>3</sup>. Alcohol and acetone have similar densities to water when mixed with water.
- Contrast agent is a solution and mixes well with acetone. It also has good attenuation of X-ray. In addition, the contrast agent is harmless to the human body.
- Density can be measured using a density meter, but the uniform density can be known using Computed Tomography (CT) image.
- ▶ Finally, the physical characteristics of the LS can be measured using medical physics devices.

# What is the liquid scintillator (LS) ?



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# Synthesize of various new LS (with Contrast agent) using acetone

Sample	Compositions of CbLS *	PPO Solubility
#		
1	Contrast agent (80 mL), Acetone (20 mL), PPO (1.5 g/L)	Soluable
2	Contrast agent (90 mL), Acetone (10 mL), PPO (3 g/L)	Insoluable
3	[Contrast agent (80 mL) + PPO (3 g/L)], Acetone (20 mL)	Insoluable
4	Contrast agent (80 mL), [Acctone (20 mL) + PPO (3 g/L)]	Insoluable
5	Contrast agent (70 mL), Acetone (30 mL), PPO (3 g/L)	Soluable
6	Contrast agent (60 mL), Acetone (40 mL), PPO (3 g/L)	Soluable
7	Contrast agent (50 mL), Acetone (50 mL), PPO (3 g/L)	Soluable

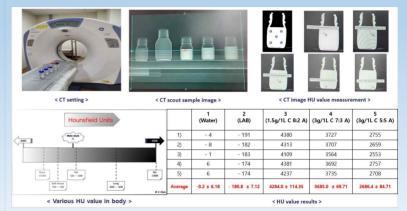
\* CbLS = Acetone - based LS + contrast agent

### UV irradiation test

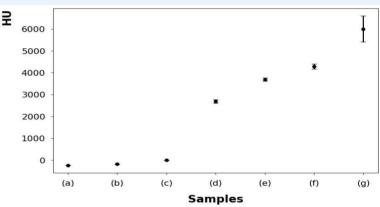


Light emission from (a) CbLS (left) and water (right) under visible light and (b) ultraviolet test conditions

## Measurement of CT image and House field Unit (HU) value at CbLS







(a) Acetone, (b) LAB, (c) Water, (d) CbLS(#7), (e) CbLS(#5), (f) CbLS(#1), (g) Contrast agent

## **Summary**

- 1. Investigate the possibility of using CbLS in dosimetry area of medical physics.
- 2. CT image & HU values were measured.
- 3. CbLS is expected to contribute to the improvement of particle therapy and genenal

X-ray methods or technique in medical physics.

4. Future plan : light output of CbLS and its applicator.

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