

Combinatorial Inorganic Chemistry

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Introduction

Combinatorial chemistry-a technology for creating molecules en masse and testing them rapidly for desirable properties-continues to branch out rapidly. Compared with conventional one-molecule-at-a-time discovery strategies, combinatorial chemistry is a better way to discover new drugs, catalysts, and materials.

History

Combinatorial chemistry began with amino acids. In 1963, R. Bruce Merrifield developed a way to make peptides by solid-phase synthesis. But the field in its modern dimensions only began to take shape in the 1980s, when H. Mario Geysen, developed a technique to synthesize arrays of peptides on pin-shaped solid supports and Houghten developed a technique for creating peptide libraries in tiny mesh "tea bags" by solid-phase parallel synthesis.

It becomes the basis for the explosion of solid phase organic synthesis, whereby molecular diversity can be introduced by producing a nearly infinite variety of heterocycles, steroids, carbohydrates, and soon, organometallics, all while tethered by one reversible link to a suitable polymeric support.

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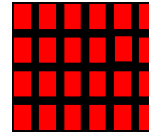
The mass of a protein library....would exceed that of the universe by more than two hundred order of magnitude.

Combinatorial approach to inorganic materials

Soon after the discovery of high $-T_c$ superconductors (HTSC), a huge number of investigators in many fields of science and technology expended huge amounts of energy and time on the preparation and characterization of mixed and sintered compounds with the presumed possibility of a higher T_c . Some groups started applying the combinatorial approach to identify the superconductive materials. Thus the application of combinatorial chemistry to inorganic materials started here.

Common terms

➤ **Combinatorial Library**



➤ **Substrate**

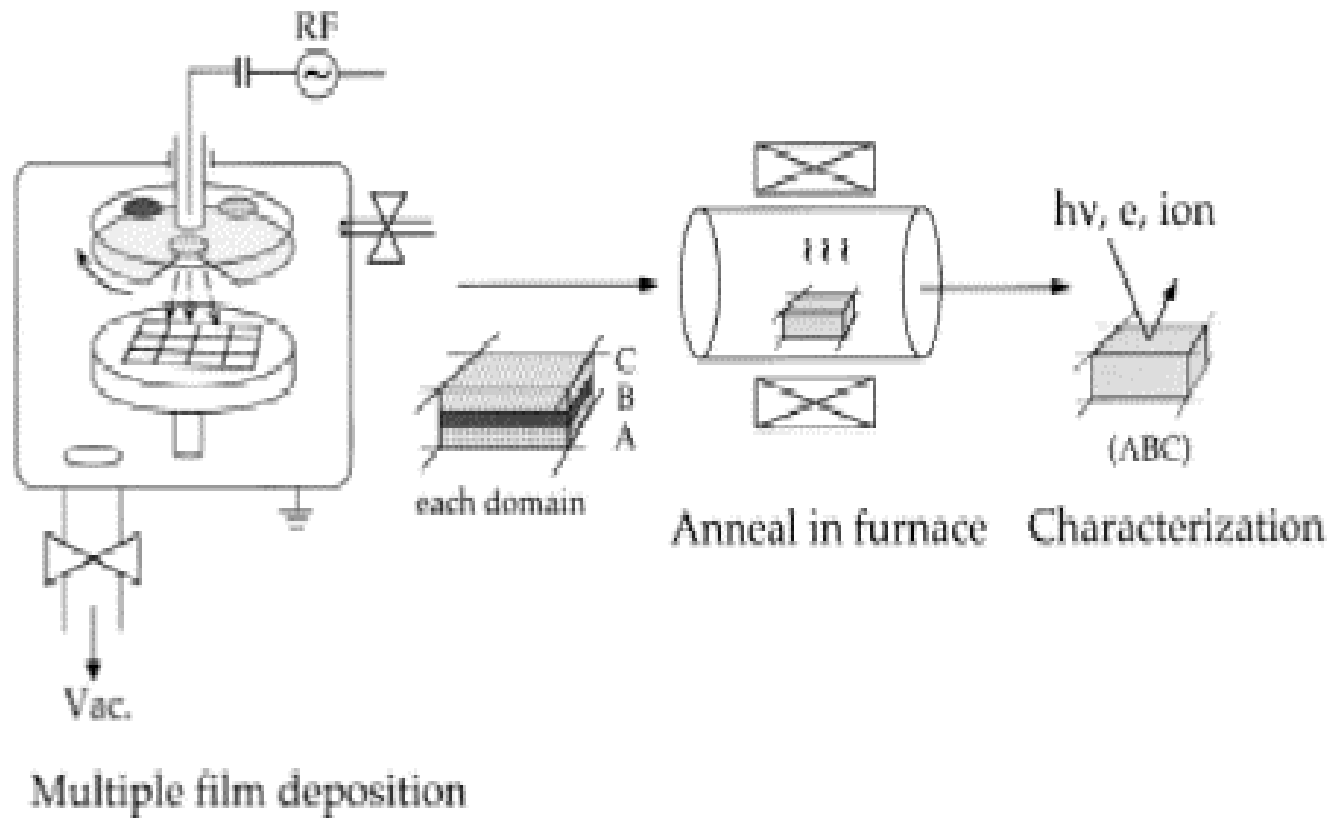


➤ **Physical Mask**



Process

- **Deposition of multiple solid state materials as thin - films**
- **Thermal processing of the Library**
- **High – throughput screening**



Reaction sequence for the conventional Combinatorial synthesis of oxide films

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Combinatorial Approach to Discover

Superconductive

Magnetoresistance and

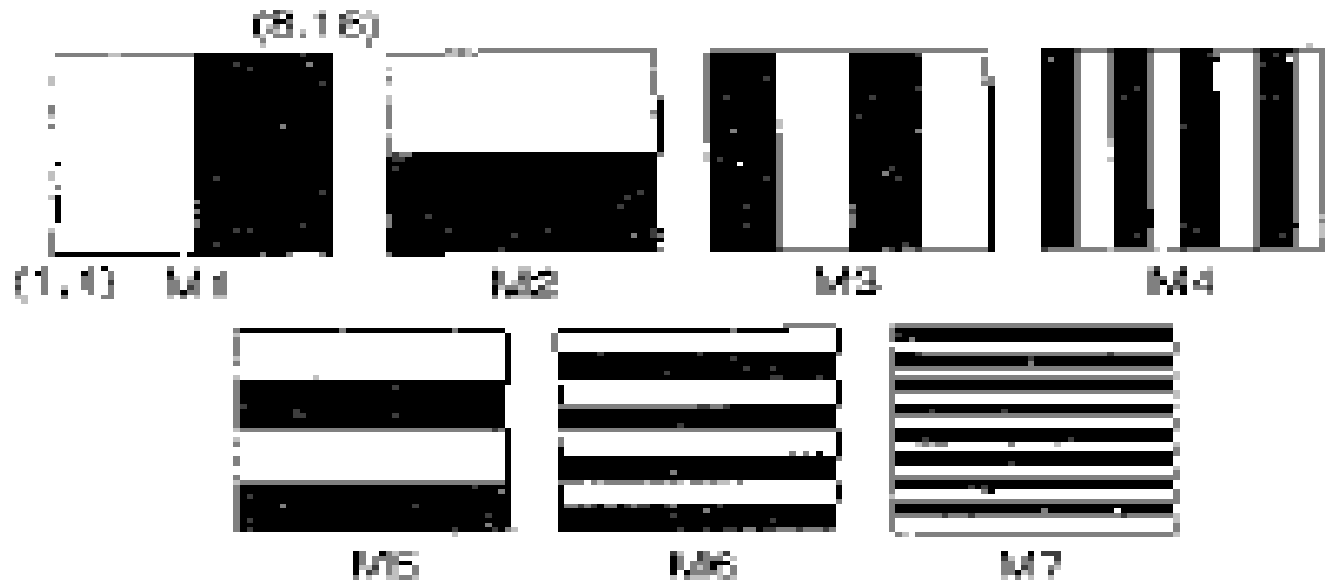
Luminescent Materials

Identification of Superconducting Materials

Substrates : MgO , LaAlO_3

Sputtering targets : CuO , Bi_2O_3 , CaO , PbO , SrCO_3 , Y_2O_3
 BaCO_3

Masks :



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Synthesis of 16-Member Library

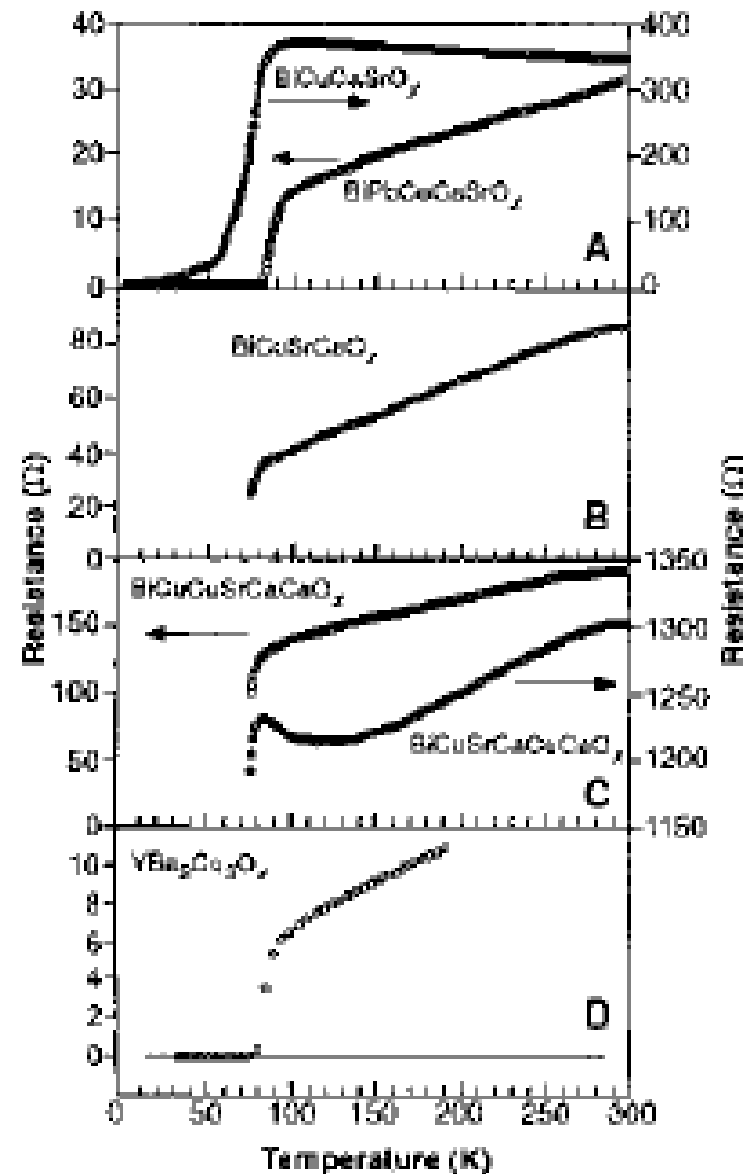
- **1, Bi, M1; 2, Pb, M2; 3, Cu, M0; 4, Ca, M3; 5, Sr, M4.**
(deposition step, element, mask number).
- **Each site 2mm by 2mm size**
- **1:1 ratio relative to Cu**
- **Sintered at 840°C**

➤ Superconductivity found in BiCuCaSrO_x ($T_c=80\text{K}$) and BiPbCuCaSrO_x ($T_c=90\text{K}$).

➤ Then 128 member library was generated for further examine deposition sequence on the properties of BiSrCaCuO_x .

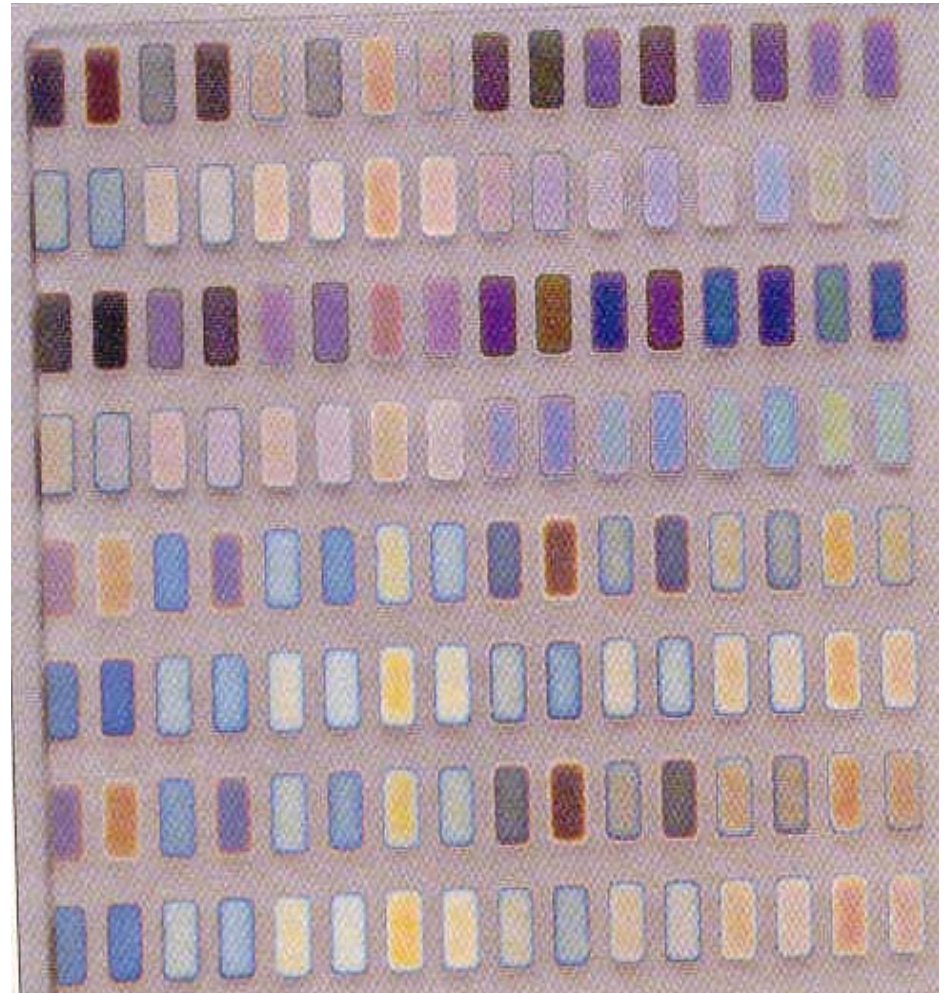
➤ Some films displayed distinct profiles of resistance Vs temperature.

Ex; BiCuSrCaCuCaO_x and BiCuCuSrCaCaO_x .



Deposition sequence

- 1, Bi, M0; 2, Bi, M1;
- 3, Cu, M0; 4, Cu, M2;
- 5, Cu, M3; 6 Sr, M0;
- 7, Sr, M5; 8, Ca, M6;
- 9, Cu, M4; 10, Ca, M7;



Identification of Magnetoresistance Materials

- Colossal Magnetoresistance (CMR), with MR ratios $[R(H=0)-R(H)]/R(H=0)$



- Combinatorial method is applied to examine the Mn analog of Co compounds

Synthesis of 128-Member Library

- **Substrate: LaAlO_3 (001)**
- **Sputtering targets : La_2O_3 , Y_2O_3 , BaCO_3 , SrCO_3 , CaCO_3 and Co.**
- **Site Size : 1mm by 2mm**
- **L1 : RT to 200°C; 300°C 12h; cooled to RT; 650°C 1h; 850°C 3h; 900°C 3h; cooled to RT.**
- **L2 : RT to 200°C; 300°C 15h; Cooled to RT; to 650°C 2h; to 740°C 13h; to 850°C 1h; to 900°C 0.5 h.**

		La				Y			
Ba	1.38	1.14	0.89	0.64	0.5	1.0	0.74	1.24	
	0.62	0.62	0.62	0.62	0.62	0.62	0.62	0.62	
	1.0	0.83	0.65	0.45	0.36	0.72	0.54	0.9	
	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	
Φ	0.73	0.6	0.47	0.34	0.26	0.52	0.4	0.66	
	0.33	0.33	0.33	0.33	0.33	0.33	0.33	0.33	
	0.61	0.5	0.39	0.28	0.22	0.45	0.33	0.55	
	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.27	
Ca	1.38	1.14	0.89	0.64	0.5	1.0	0.74	1.24	
	0.62	0.62	0.62	0.62	0.62	0.62	0.62	0.62	
	1.0	0.83	0.65	0.45	0.36	0.72	0.54	0.9	
	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	
Pb	0.73	0.6	0.47	0.34	0.26	0.52	0.4	0.66	
	0.33	0.33	0.33	0.33	0.33	0.33	0.33	0.33	
	0.61	0.5	0.39	0.28	0.22	0.45	0.33	0.55	
	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.27	

- **Computer controlled multichannel switching system used for resistivity measurements as a function of magnetic field and temperature**
- **Large giant – MR effect identified in $\text{La}_x\text{M}_y\text{CoO}_\delta$;
M=Ca,Sr,Ba**
- **The largest MR ratio measured in this library was 72%, obtained for sample L1 (15, 2) at $T = 7\text{K}$ and $H = 10\text{T}$.**
- **The MR of the Co – containing compounds increases as the size of the Alkaline earth ion increases, in contrast to Mn containing compounds.**

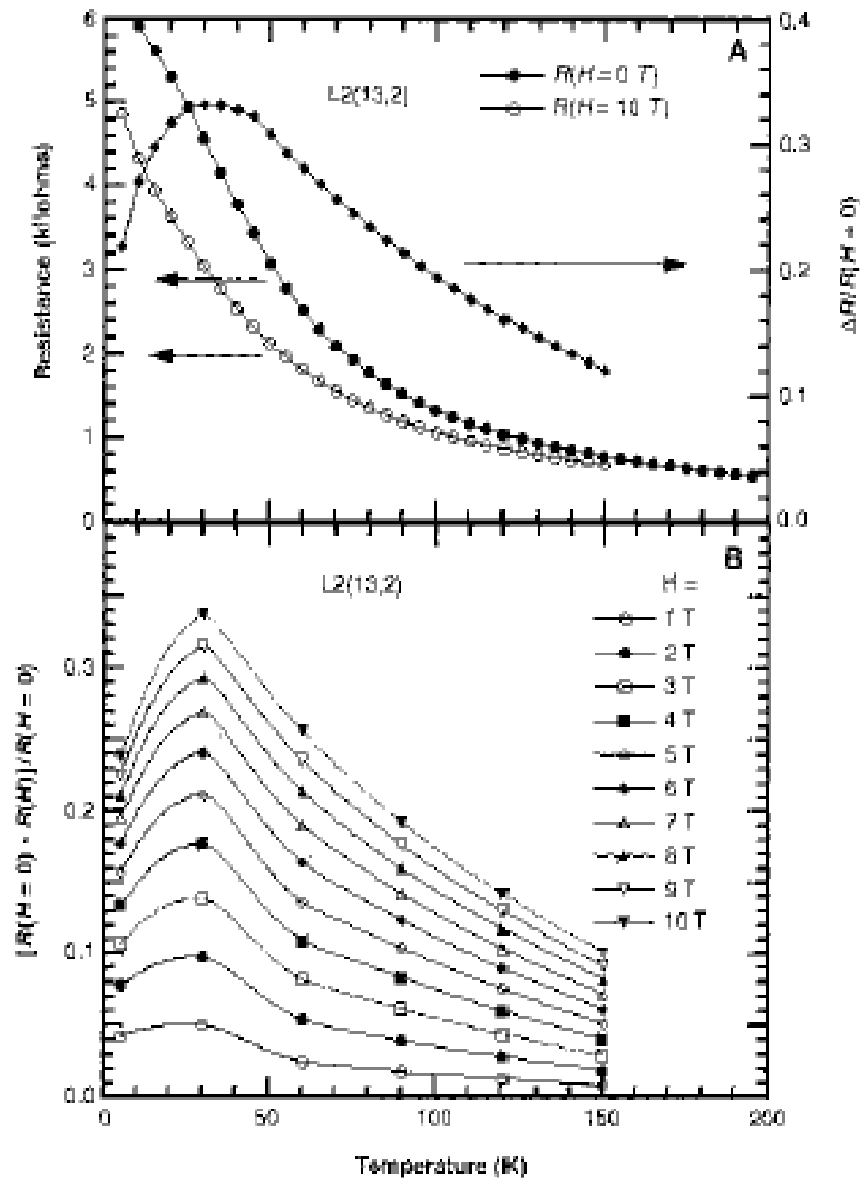
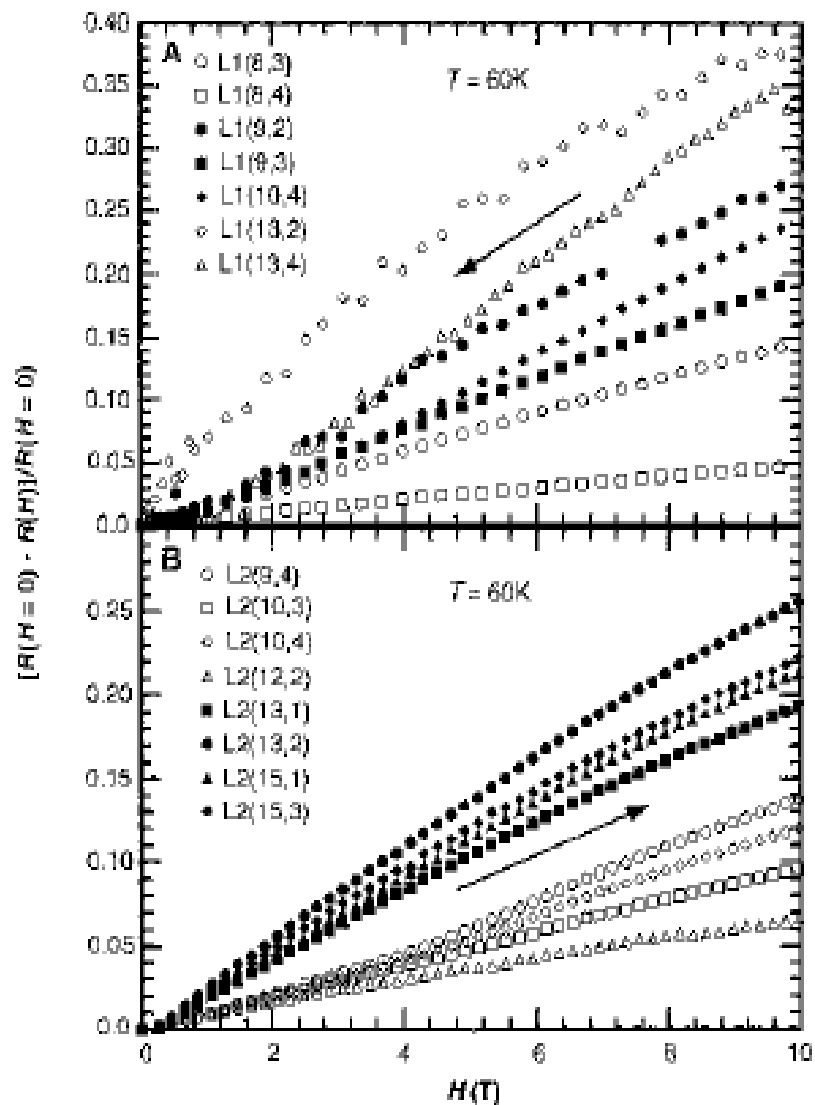
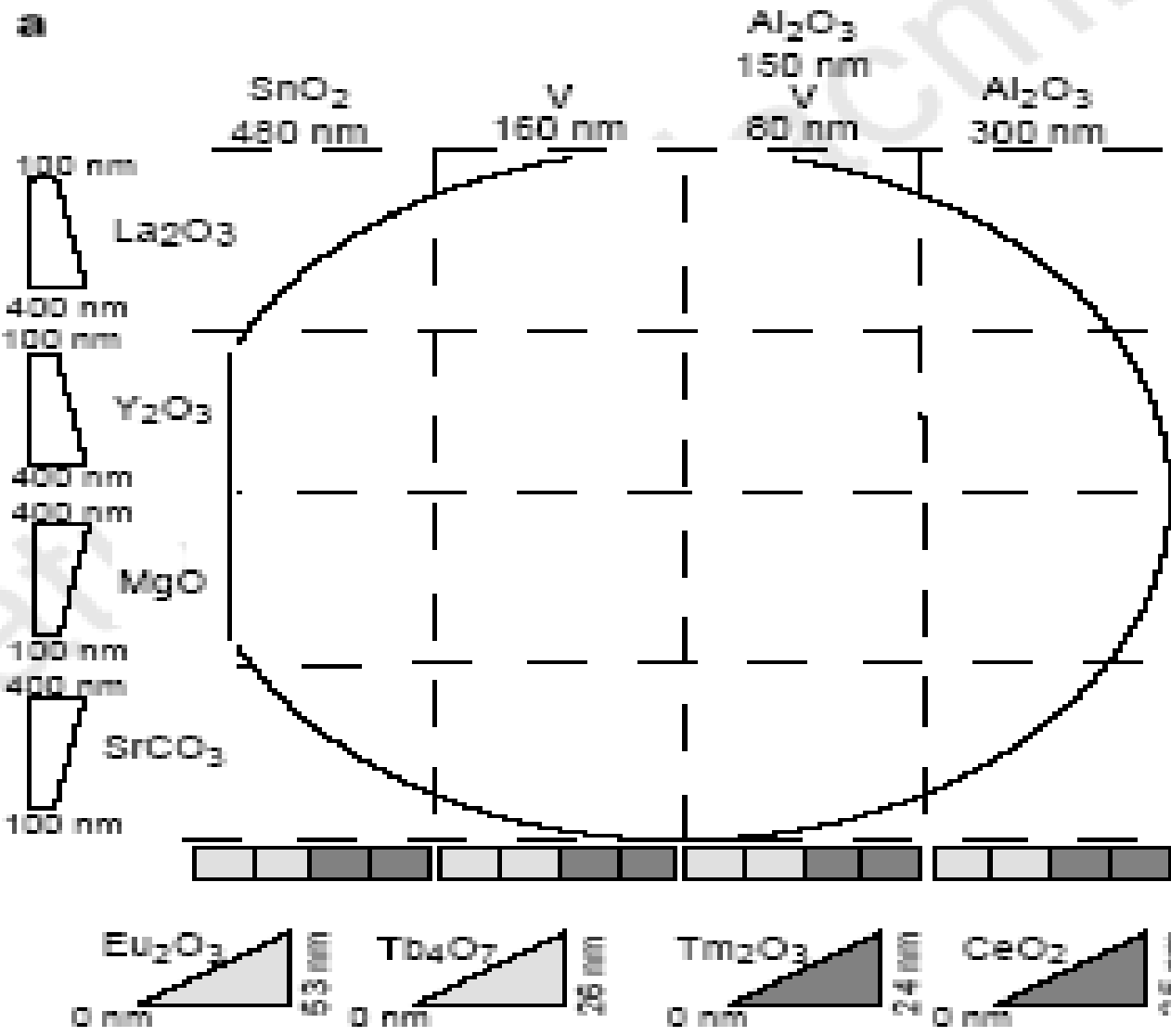


FIG. 3. Field-induced anisotropy of the Hall effect in the L1 and L2 compounds.

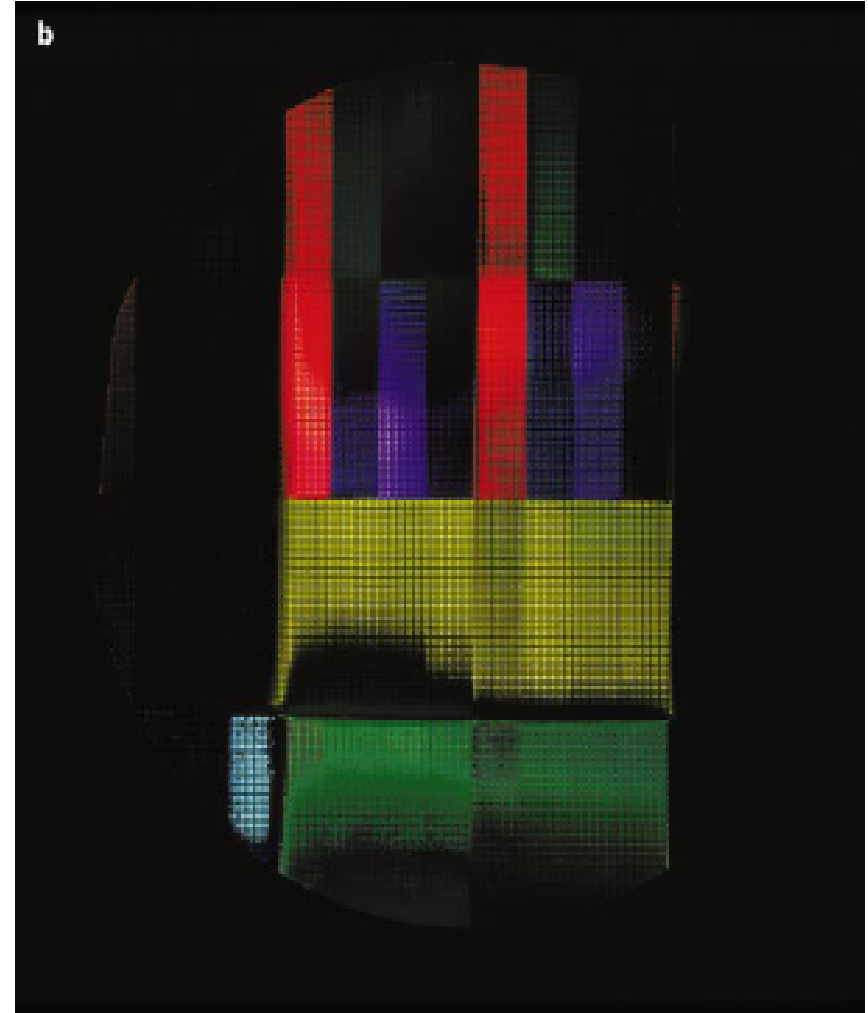
Discovery and optimization of Luminescent Materials

- Electron gun with La_2O_3 , Y_2O_3 , MgO , SrCO_3 , SnO_2 , V , Al_2O_3 , Eu_2O_3 , Tb_4O_7 , Tm_2O_3 and CeO_2 Solid pellet target was used.
- Each site size $230\mu\text{m}$ and $420\mu\text{m}$ apart from each other.
- TP: 500°C 2h; 850°C 5h.



➤ **Screening of Library was performed by imaging the visible emission of library with a CCD camera While exciting Luminescence with a 254nm source.**

➤ **Regions of library with the highest Luminescence were selected.**



Compositions, relative intensities, CIE chromaticity coordinates of selected red, green, blue phosphors

Table 1 High-throughput screening results for extrinsic phosphor properties

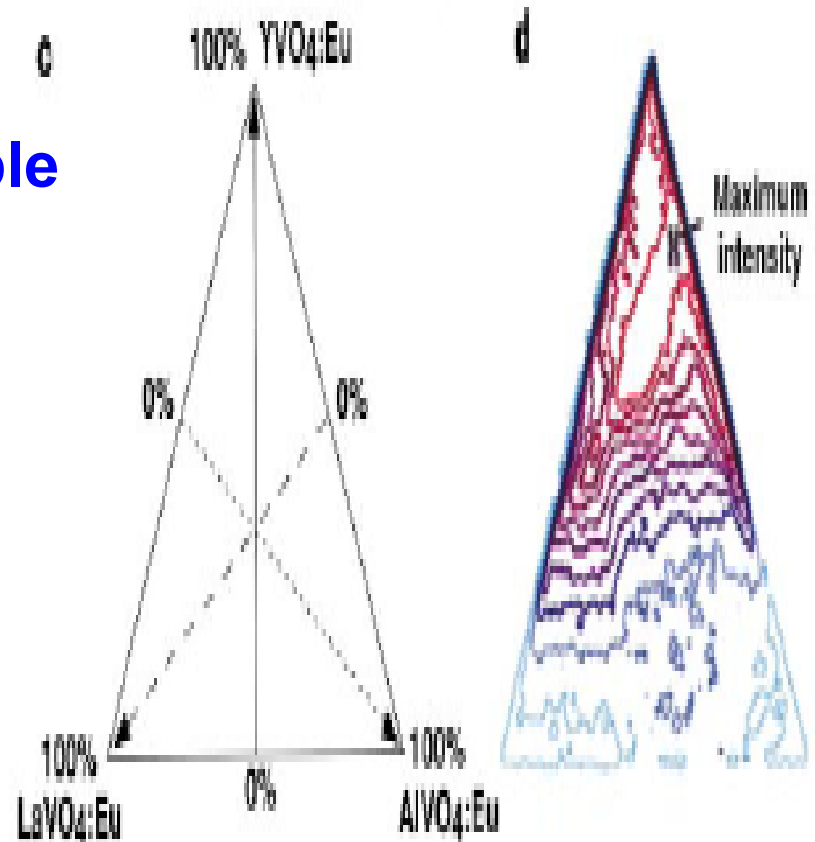
CIE Chromaticity (x, y)	Ranks in library within colour group	Relative luminosity	Location in library (i, j)	Elemental components (molar ratio)
Red (x = 0.6-0.7, y = 0.3-0.4)				
(0.65, 0.35)	1 (out of 1,754)	1.00	72, 58	Y:V:Eu (0.34:0.60:0.06)
(0.65, 0.35)	4	0.95	73, 58	Y:V:Eu (0.35:0.59:0.06)
(0.64, 0.35)	149	0.53	66, 106	Y:V:Eu (0.37:0.29:0.30:0.04)
(0.64, 0.34)	380	0.27	26, 110	Al:La:V:Eu (0.34:0.31:0.28:0.07)
(0.64, 0.35)	516	0.21	4, 606	La:V:Eu (0.51:0.43:0.06)
Green (x = 0.0-0.4, y = 0.4-0.8)				
(0.40, 0.51)	1 (out of 121)	1.00	102, 140	Al:Mg:V:Ce (0.21:0.61:0.17:0.01)
(0.38, 0.53)	1	1.00	103, 115	Al:Mg:V:Tb (0.22:0.60:0.17:0.01)
(0.37, 0.51)	6	0.73	144, 54	Mg:V:Eu (0.34:0.63:0.03)
(0.36, 0.44)	44	0.59	51, 119	Al:Y:V:Tb (0.43:0.19:0.35:0.03)
(0.35, 0.41)	93	0.50	42, 117	Al:La:V:Tb (0.32:0.26:0.40:0.02)
Blue (x = 0.0-0.3, y = 0.0-0.2)				
(0.18, 0.09)	1 (out of 728)	1.00	82, 78	Y:V:Tm (0.41:0.57:0.02)
(0.18, 0.08)	3	0.94	84, 78	Y:V:Tm (0.42:0.56:0.02)
(0.19, 0.11)	29	0.76	68, 126	Al:Y:V:Tm (0.38:0.31:0.30:0.01)
(0.19, 0.11)	37	0.73	70, 126	Al:Y:V:Tm (0.37:0.30:0.32:0.01)
(0.21, 0.13)	307	0.32	70, 80	Y:V:Tm (0.35:0.63:0.02)

The highest efficiency materials with desirable chromaticity identified in the initial high-density exploration library were red phosphors with (Eu³⁺ doped)Y_{1-m}Al_mVO₄ as the host.

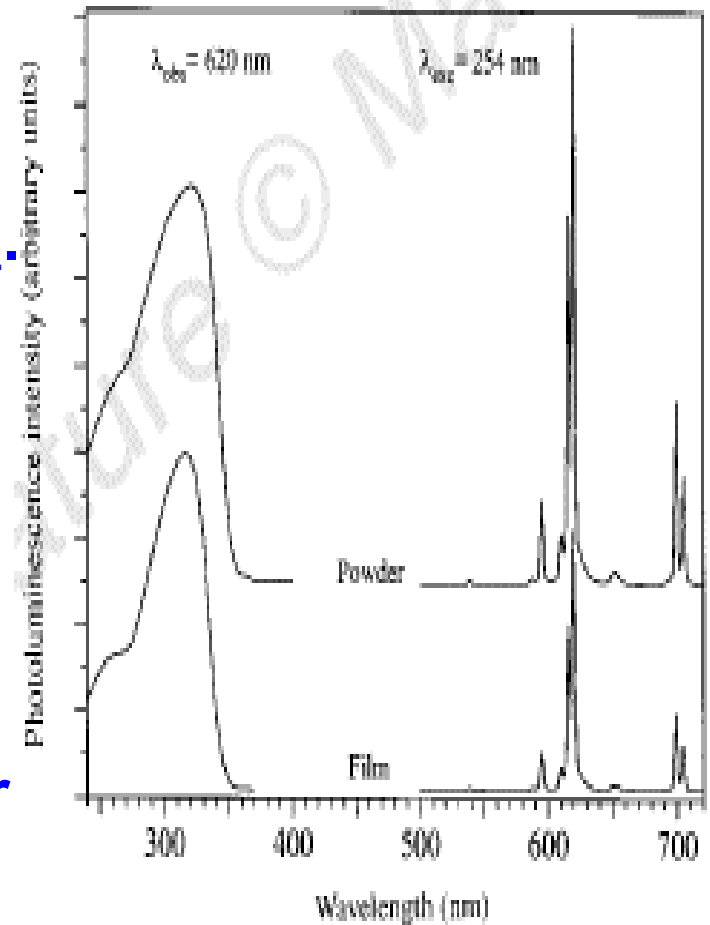
- To optimize these compounds second library was designed and synthesized to focus on best host compositions. It includes La.

- This library explored all possible $Y_{0.95-m-n}Al_nLa_mEu_{0.05}VO_4$.

- Maximum red chromaticity observed in $Y_{0.82}Al_{0.07}La_{0.06}Eu_{0.05}VO_4$

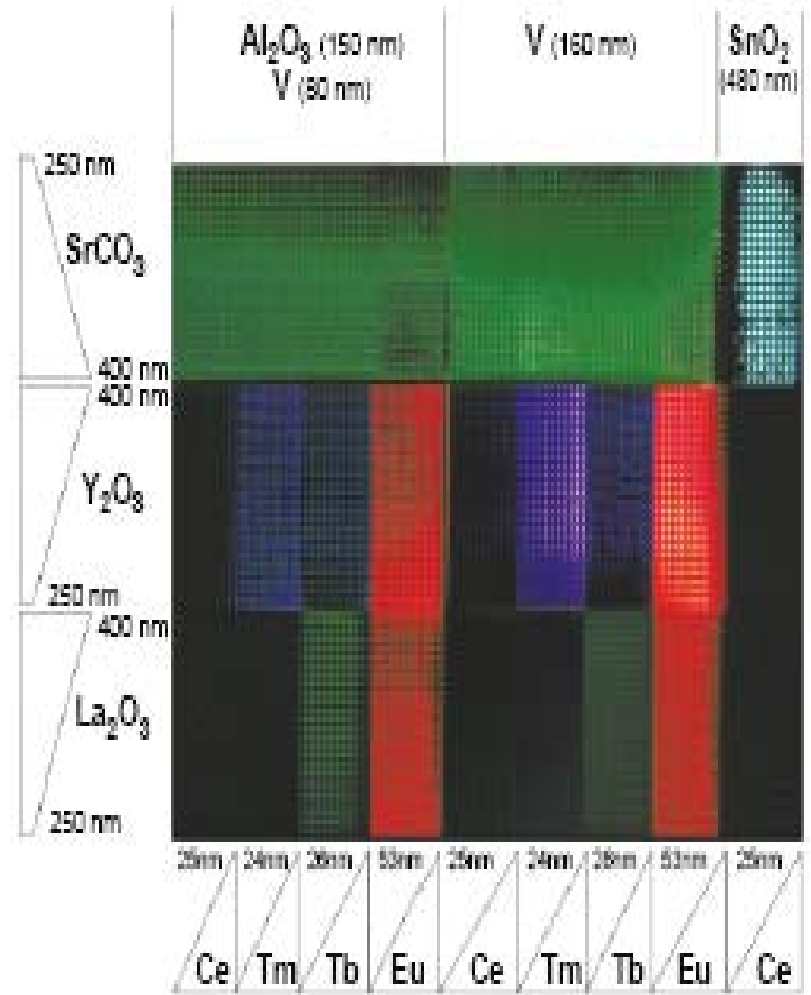


- On the host was optimized The activator concentration with third library with variable Eu^{3+} , in $\text{Y}_{0.87-m}\text{Al}_{0.07}\text{La}_{0.06}\text{Eu}_m\text{VO}_4$.
- In this library maximum red chromaticity observed in $\text{Y}_{0.845}\text{Al}_{0.07}\text{La}_{0.06}\text{Eu}_{0.25}\text{VO}_4$ ($x=0.67, y=0.32$).
- $\text{Y}_{0.845}\text{Al}_{0.07}\text{La}_{0.06}\text{Eu}_{0.25}\text{VO}_4$ powder contains single phase, iso structural with YVO_4 .

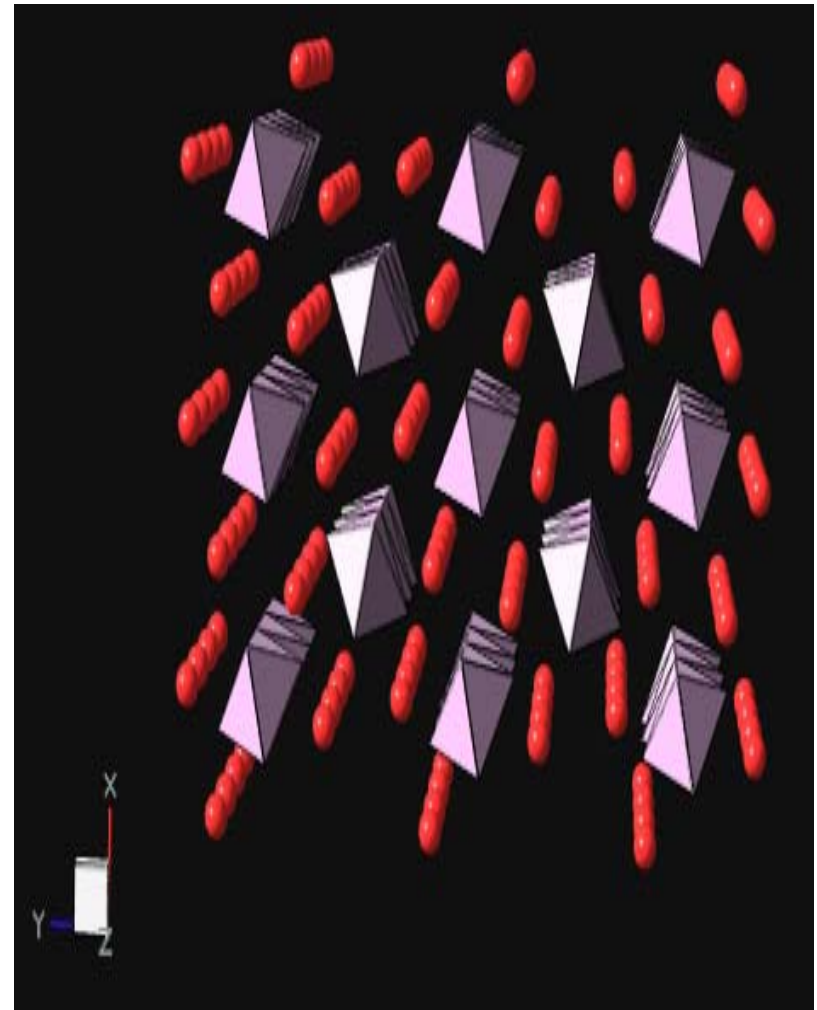


Sr_2CeO_4 An Unusual Luminescent Inorganic Oxide

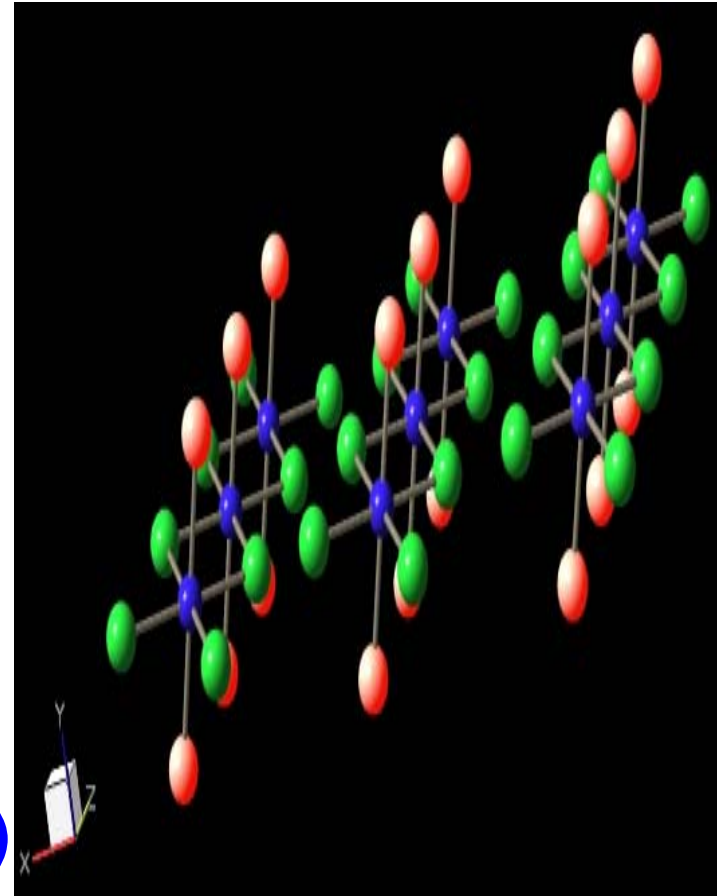
- Blue – white emission observed From Sr, Sn, Ce containing region.
- Second library containing Sr, Sn, Ce revealed Sn was not need for the observed emissive properties.



- Sr_2CeO_4 was prepared by solid state reaction.
- Orthorhombic cell with $a=6.11897$, $b=10.3495$, $c=3.5970$ and Pbam space group .
- Excitation-310nm, Emission-485nm Excited life time 51.3 μs CIE chromaticity coordinates $x=0.198$, $y=0.292$.



- **Magnetic susceptibility and ESR measurements confirm no Ce^{3+} .**
- **Excitation is due to charge transfer from O^{2-} to Ce^{4+} .**
- **Terminal Ce-O bond is shorter (0.1) than equatorial.**



Summary

- **Thin film deposition and physical masking techniques has been used for the spatially addressable libraries of Solid state materials.**
- **Combinatorial approach is successfully applied to discover the Superconductive, Magnetoresistance and Luminescent materials**

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