

# Simulation of Wall-Corrosion of High-Energy-Discharge Lamps

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# Hoch – Energie – Entladungslampen

#### Corrosion effects in the lamp burner limit the life time









## The lamp burner





The formation of aluminum iodide

 $Al_2O_3(s) + Cel_3(l) \leftrightarrow CeAlO_3(s) + All_3(g)$ Gas phase Salt melt (Nal, Cal<sub>2</sub>, Cel<sub>3</sub>) Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> Lamp wall



#### **The transport - cycle**





# Scheme of the transport program





# Input of the salt mixture and the Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>





## **Equilibrium reactors**





# Amount of the gas phase components





# **Example: Nal – Cel<sub>3</sub> – Mixture**





# Salt free annealing vessel1400℃1200℃

#### > Material: polycrystalline aluminum oxide (PCA)

- Metrics: Length 26cm; Diameter 1cm
- Closing: Platinum-Niobium-Conductor
- Atmosphere: Argon (Salt)
- Salt filling: 200mg



#### Scheme of the annealing furnace



Destruction-free X-ray analysis of a annealing vessel with 47,5% Nal, 47,5% Cal<sub>2</sub> and 5% Cel<sub>3</sub>:





#### SEM – Analysis with 90,48% Cal<sub>2</sub> and 9,52% Cel<sub>3</sub>







#### **Comparison between experiments and simulations**

Nal – Cal<sub>2</sub> - Mixture

Composition Nal, Cal<sub>2</sub>

75% Nal, 25% Cal<sub>2</sub> 50% Nal, 50% Cal<sub>2</sub> 25% Nal, 75% Cal<sub>2</sub>

<u>Simulation [mol Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>]</u>: 1,22 · 10<sup>-9</sup> < 2,55 · 10<sup>-9</sup> < 7,16 · 10<sup>-9</sup>

**Experimental certification:** 





 $\rightarrow$  Agreement for NaI – CaI<sub>2</sub> – Mixture



#### **Comparison between experiments and simulations**

 $Cal_2 - Cel_3 - Mixture$ 

	<u>Composition Cal<sub>2</sub>, Cel<sub>3</sub></u>		
	90,48%, 9,52%		87,1%, 12,9%
Simulation [mol Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> ]:	5,08 · 10 <sup>-8</sup>	<	5,58 · 10 <sup>-8</sup>

Experimental certification:

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What causes this difference?



# **Formation of secondary phases**

 $Al_2O_3$ Ce<sub>2</sub>O Signal = SE, EHT = 16 kV

 $Al_2O_3$ \_ca(s)  $Cal_2_l(liq)$  $Al_2O_3$ \_cc(s2)  $Cal_2$  ci(s) CeOI ci(s) Cel<sub>2</sub> (liq)  $Al_2O_3_l(liq)$  $CeAlO_3_ci(s)$ CeAl<sub>11</sub>O<sub>18</sub>\_ci(s) Cel<sub>3</sub>\_ci(s)  $CeAlO_3_l(liq)$  $Ce_2Al_2O_6_ci(s)$  $CeAl_{11}O_{18}$  [(liq)]  $CaAl_4O_7_ci(s)$  $CaAl_2O_4$  ci(s) Al\_l(liq) Al ci(s) CaO ci(s) All<sub>3</sub>\_l(liq)  $CeO_2$ \_ci(s) AI  $Ce_2O_3_ci(s)$ 

Calculated Activity

1.0000E+00 9.4561E-01 4.9718E-01 2.4571E-01 1.1649E-01 5.4007E-02 3.5536E-02 2.0447E-02 1.3446E-02 1.1285E-02 5.4999E-03 4.1199E-03 3.4167E-03 3.0990E-03 7.1260E-04 6.7438E-04 4.0705E-04 1.4573E-05 2.7872E-06 1.6025E-06 9.3713E-07 6.0181E-07



# **Example:** $Nal - Cal_2 - Cel_3 - Mixture$





# Summary

- Corrosion- and rearrangement effects of the wall material limit the life time of High-Energy-Discharge-Lamps
- Cooperative Transport Model was programmed with SimuSage
- Simulations of the corrosion speed of lamp relevant salt mixtures
- Comparison of the experiments and simulations
- Next simulation step are ternary salt systems



# Have you any questions?



#### Thanks for your attention.