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C⁷LYC Scintillators and Fast Neutron Spectroscopy¹ P. CHOWD-HURY, T. BROWN, E. DOUCET, C.J. LISTER, G.L. WILSON, UMass-Lowell, N. D'OLYMPIA, Passport Systems Inc., M. DEVLIN, S. MOSBY, LANL — Cs₂LiYCl₆ (CLYC) scintillators detect both gammas and neutrons with excellent pulse shape discrimination. At UML, fast neutron measurements with a 16-element 1"x1" CLYC array show promise for low energy nuclear science. CLYC detects fast neutrons via the ${}^{35}Cl(n,p)$ reaction (resolution <10% at <8 MeV). In our ⁷Li-enriched C⁷LYC, the thermal neutron response from the ${}^{6}\text{Li}(n,\alpha)$ t reaction is virtually eliminated [1]. The low intrinsic efficiency of CLYC for fast neutrons (< 1%) is offset by increased solid angle with the array placed near the target, since TOF is not needed for energy resolution. The array was tested at LANL for measuring elastic and inelastic neutron scattering on ⁵⁶Fe. The incident energy from the white neutron source was measured via TOF, and the scattered neutron energy via the pulse height in CLYC. The array was also tested at CARIBU for measuring beta-delayed neutrons. Larger CLYC crystals are now a reality. Measurements with the first 3" x 3" C⁷LYC crystal are in progress at UML. Results will be discussed in the context of constructing a C⁷LYC array at FRIB for reaction and decay spectroscopy of neutron-rich fragments.

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