## THIN-FILM CONVERTER BASED ON <sup>10</sup>B<sub>4</sub>C FOR NEUTRON DETECTORS

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A promising material for use as a converter of slow neutrons in large-area detectors are thin-film coatings of boron carbide  $B_4C$  enriched with  ${}^{10}B$  isotope deposited on large-area substrates. Thin-film coatings  ${}^{10}B_4C$  on aluminum plates, on aluminum foil, on lavsan films (Mylar) and polyimide films (Kapton) are presented. The results of the study of adhesion, density and structure of  ${}^{10}B_4C$  coatings, optical and electrical properties of coatings are presented.