

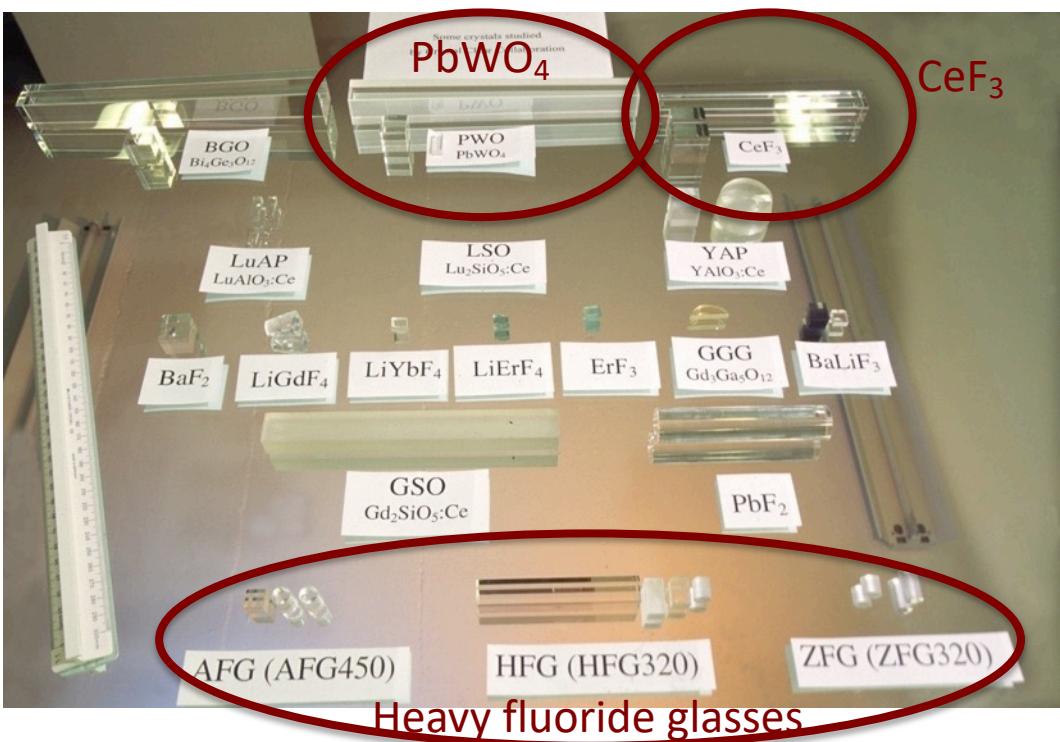
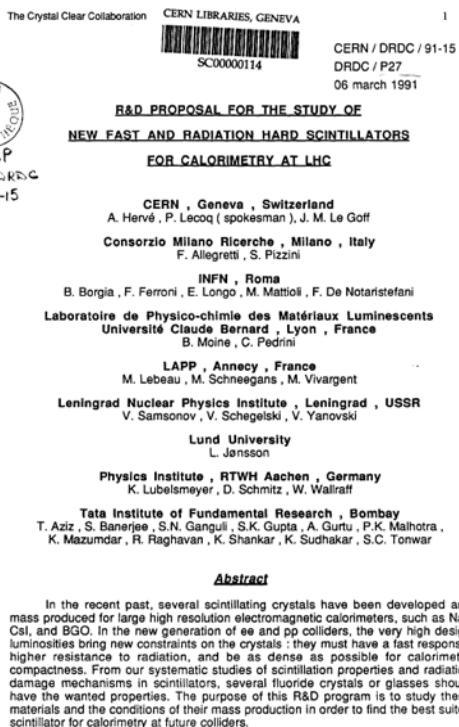
# R&D ACTIVITIES ON SCINTILLATORS IN CRYSTAL CLEAR COLLABORATION (RD18)

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Crystal Clear Collaboration Spokesperson

# History of RD18 Crystal Clear collaboration

- Initiated @CERN in 1990 by P. Lecoq
- Approved in April 1991 by DRDC @ CERN for R&D for future LHC detectors
- **Initial Aim:** Develop scintillating materials suitable for use at the future LHC collider.

After 4 years of extensive studies of several crystals



# Choice of PWO crystal



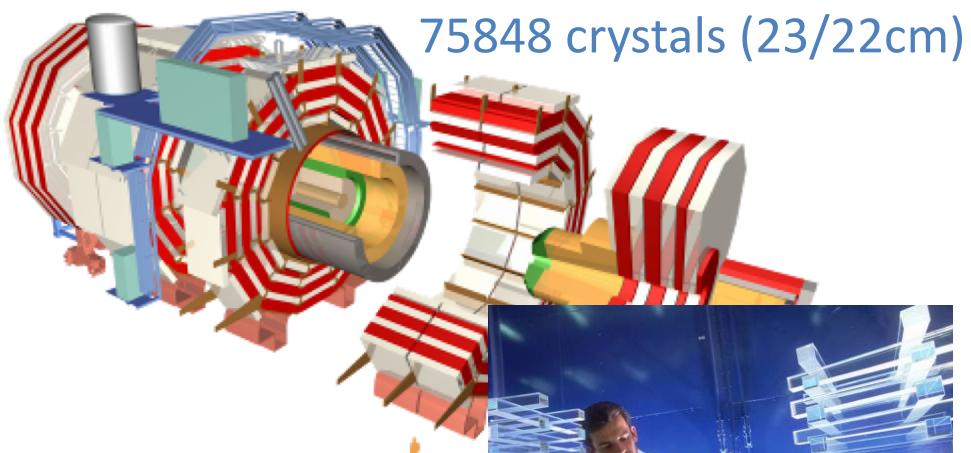
for 2 LHC experiments in 1994

CMS

ALICE : 17920 crystals (18 cm)



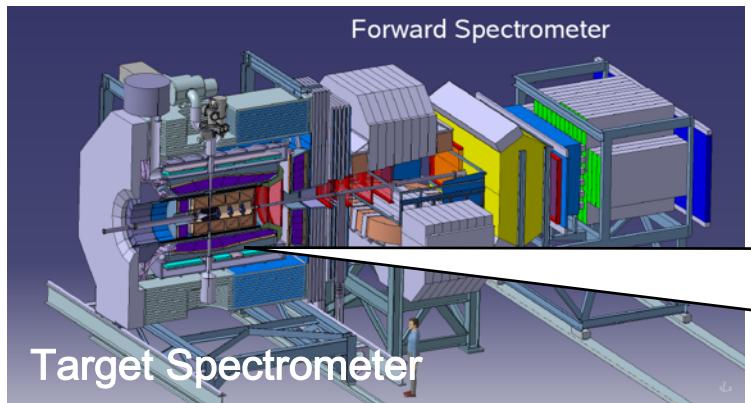
Alice



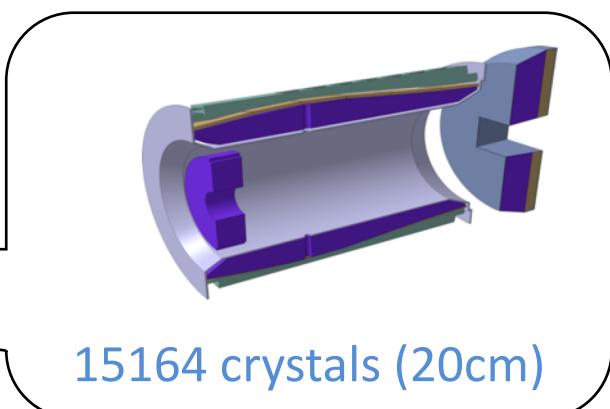
75848 crystals (23/22cm)



Later for Panda at Fair (GSI) :



Target Spectrometer



15164 crystals (20cm)

# Today: after 30 years

**CCC: 31 institutes all over the world, mainly in Europe**

In last years involved in many European projects:

EndoTOFPET, PICOSEC\_MCNet, TICAL, AIDA2020, ASCIMAT, Intelum, FAST, ATTRACT,

Recently: AIDAnova, IPR CNRS project : ScintLab

4 Institutes from France:

CEA/IRFU (D. Yvon)

CELIA (P. Martin)

CPPM Marseille ( C. Morel)

ILM Lyon (C. Dujardin)



# Broad expertise

Scintillators

Crystal growth

Photo-detection

Electronics

Detector design and  
implementation

# Today main CCC activities:

- Generic R&D on inorganic scintillators:
  - Scintillation mechanism, timing properties, radiation hardness
  - Novel crystal production technologies (eg: calorimeter concepts based on fibers)
  - Multifunctional scintillator systems
- Generic R&D activities on photo-detectors
- Several applications (focus on HEP and medical imaging)
- Bring together the scintillator community since 1992:

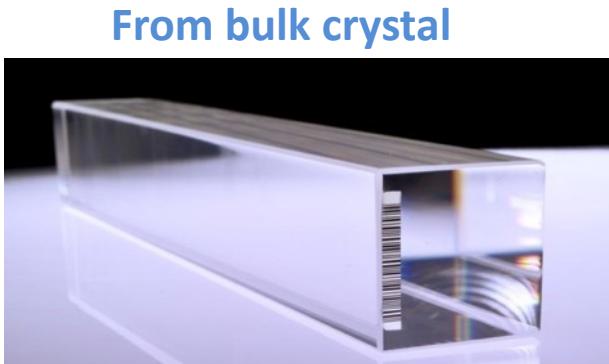
## SCINT Conferences and Schools



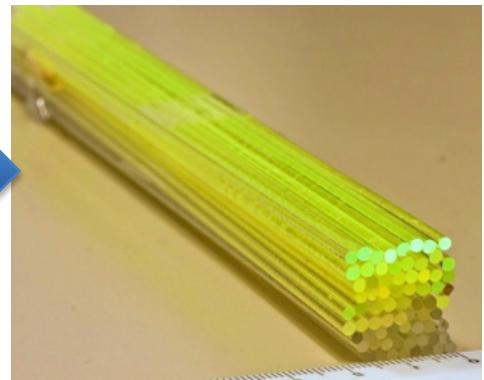
# Development of crystal fibers allows for flexibility in the calorimeter design

## Homogeneous calorimeter

=> Requires large volume of fibers with high density



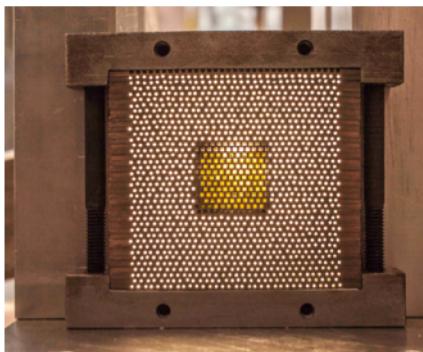
To bloc of fibers



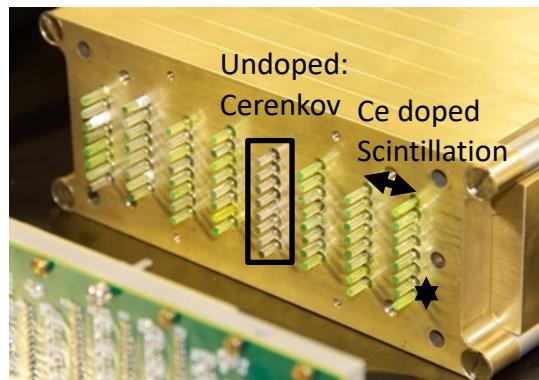
## Sampling calorimeter

⇒ requires less fibers, possibility to use materials with lower density

### Pointing Fibers : SPACAL



### Layers of crystal fibers



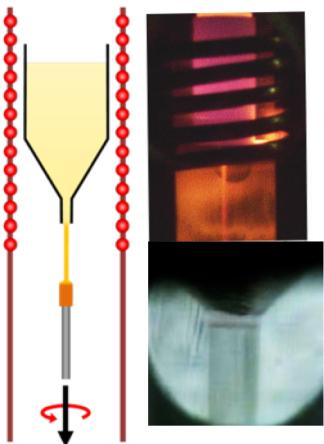
Could be multifunctional: mixed type of fibers

Cerenkov + scintillation +neutrons sensitive

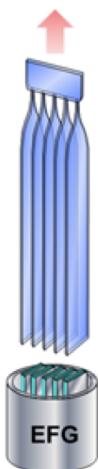
Could play on sampling fraction

# Crystal fiber production

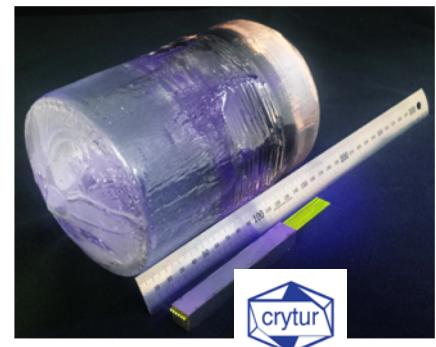
Micropulling down technique



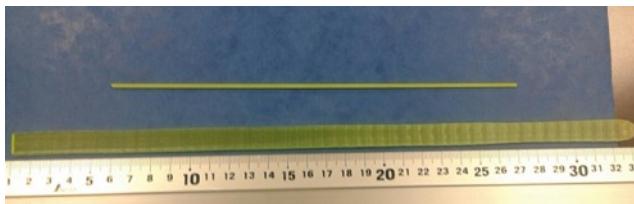
EFG



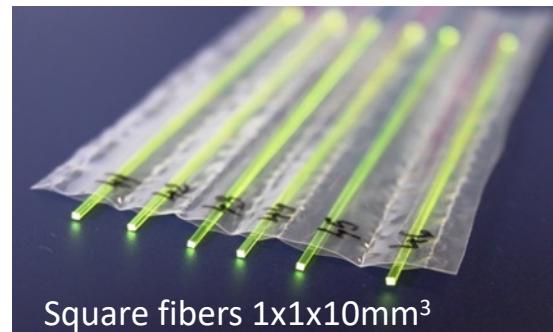
Czochralski method  
Cut from large ingot



Several types of Fibers from ILM; Lyon



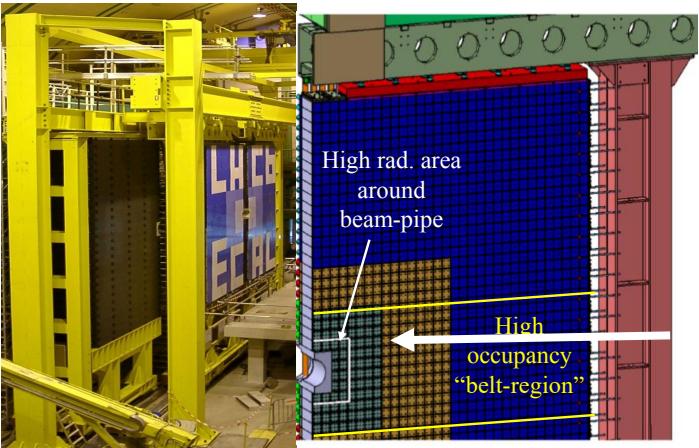
EFG-grown plate & fiber of LuAG:Ce  
from Adamant Namiki Co , Japan



Square fibers 1x1x10mm<sup>3</sup>

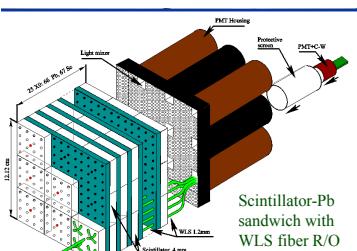
⇒ Feasibility study: in an ANR project INFINI (ILM Lyon, CERN) and Intelum project (European Rise grant 644260) with 16 Partners (many from CCC) from 12 different countries: 11 academia and 5 companies

# Potential use of Crystal fibers for LHCb upgrade phase II



## Shashlik ("skewer") technology:

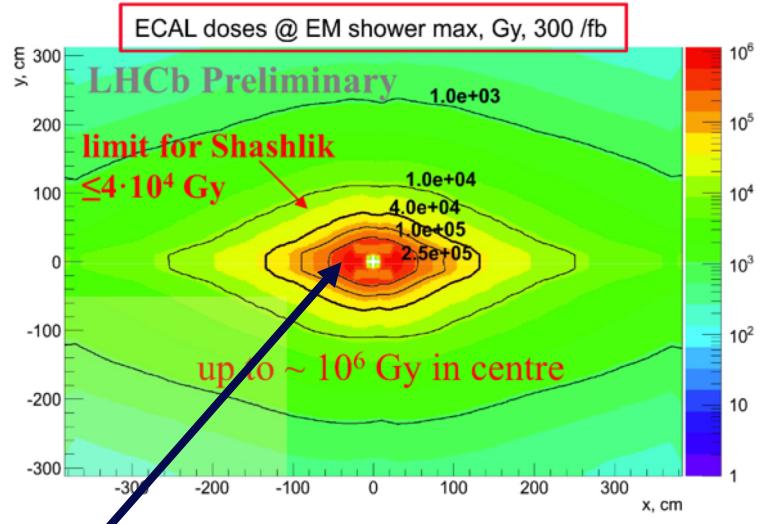
- 4mm thick plastic scintillating tiles (white)
- 2mm thick Pb tiles (blue)
- WLS fibers running through the tiles



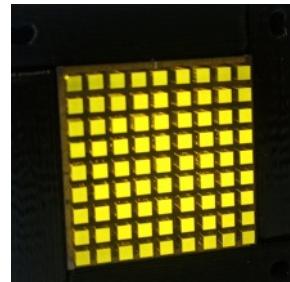
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M. Pizzichemi, CHEF 2019.

[https://indico.cern.ch/event/818783/contributions/3598444/attachments/1950327/3237342/CHEF2019\\_Spacal\\_RD.pdf](https://indico.cern.ch/event/818783/contributions/3598444/attachments/1950327/3237342/CHEF2019_Spacal_RD.pdf)



High radiation level in central Part  
Need to replace shashlik in central part  
by a radiation hard and dense material  
=> Crystals.  
=>R&D on SPACAL design with garnet fibers



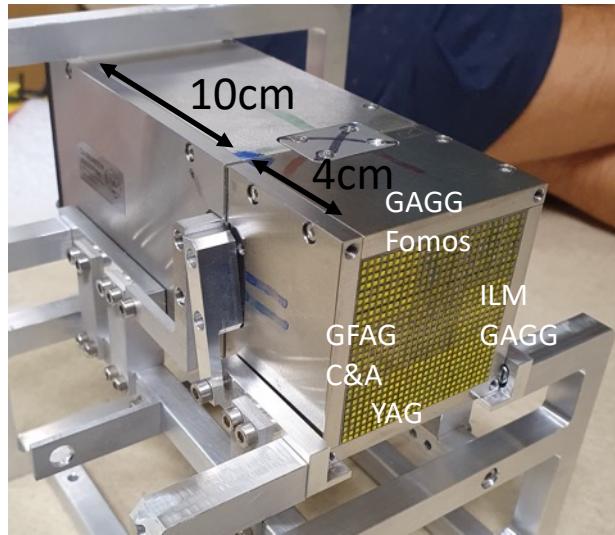
# SPACAL R&D with garnet fibers & Tungsten

In frame of EP-RD WG3 calorimetry and in collaboration with LHCb:

Aim:

- Sustain radiation doses of up to  $\sim 1\text{MGy}$  &  $\leq 6 \cdot 10^{15}\text{cm}^{-2}$  for  $1\text{MeV neq}/\text{cm}^2$  at  $300\text{ fb}^{-1}$
- Increase granularity
- Energy resolution of order  $\sigma(E)/E \sim 10\%/\sqrt{E} \oplus 1\%$
- Very fast timing component of few  $\vartheta(10)$  ps for pile-up mitigation

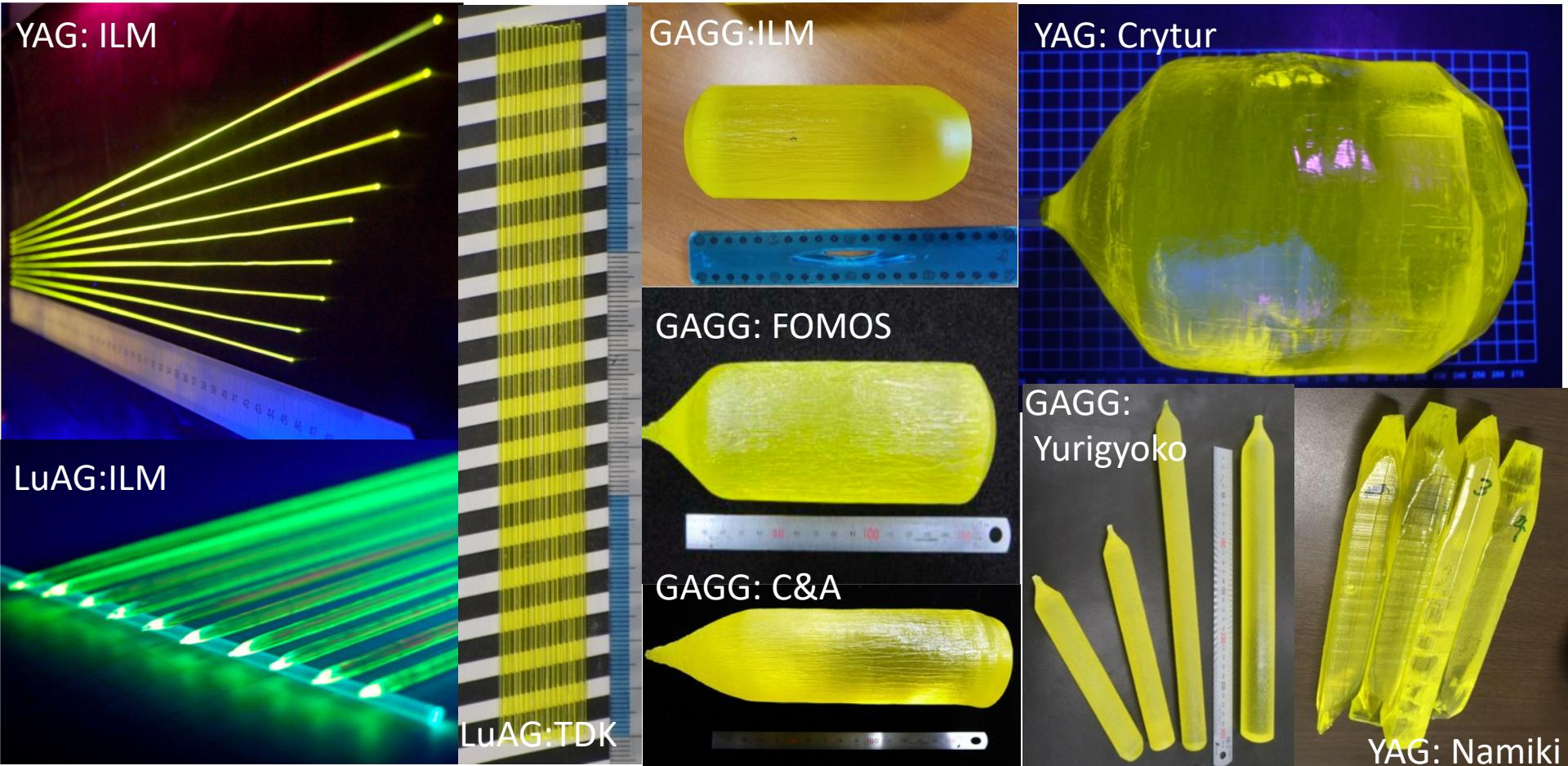
SPACAL Prototype with various garnet fibers  
tested in DESY Nov20220



9-cells of  $1.5 \times 1.5\text{cm}^2$  with  
GAGG and YAG fibers in W-absorber

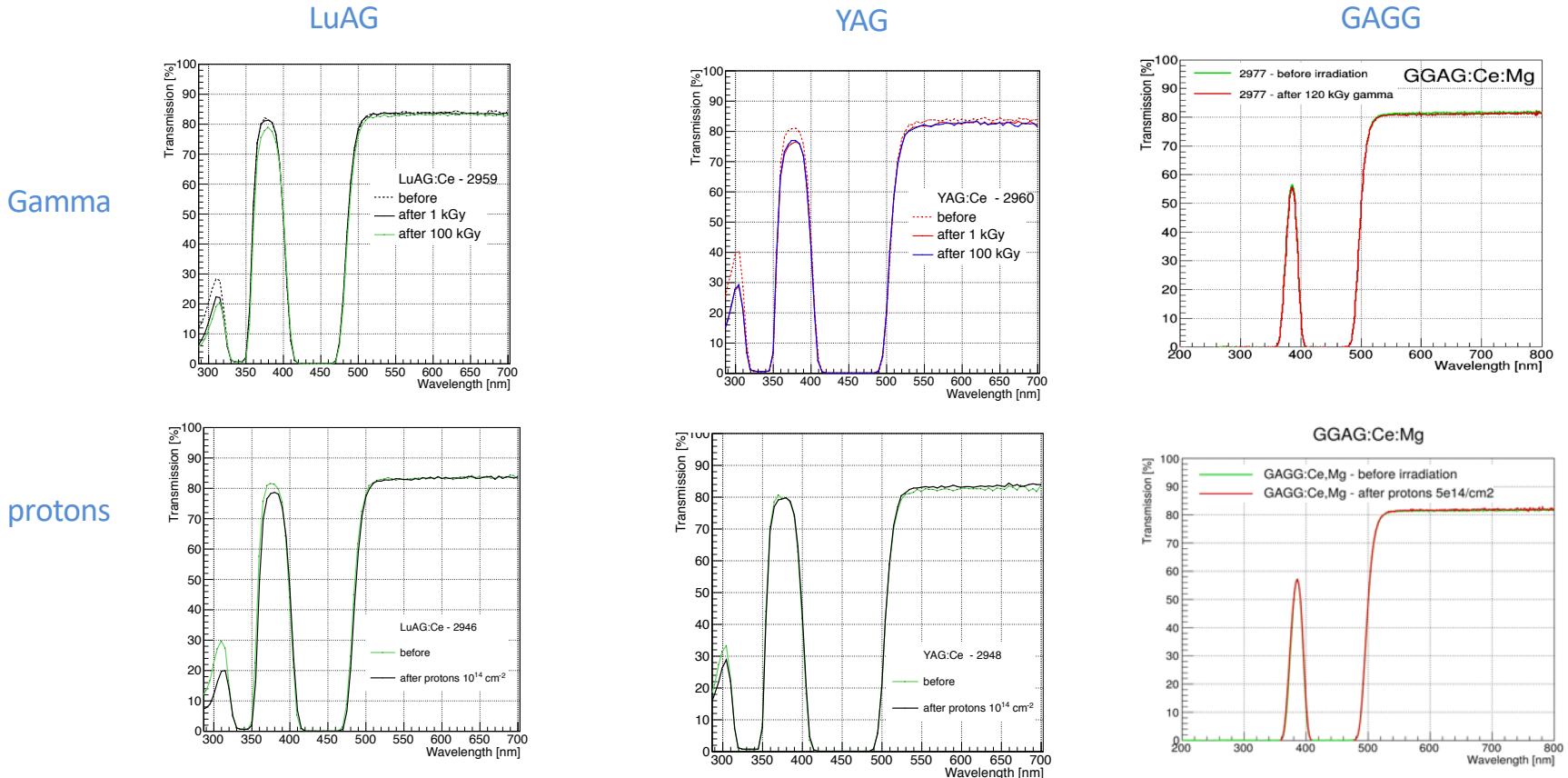
Analysis on going: preliminary results very encouraging

# Garnet production



# Radiation hardness of garnet scintillators

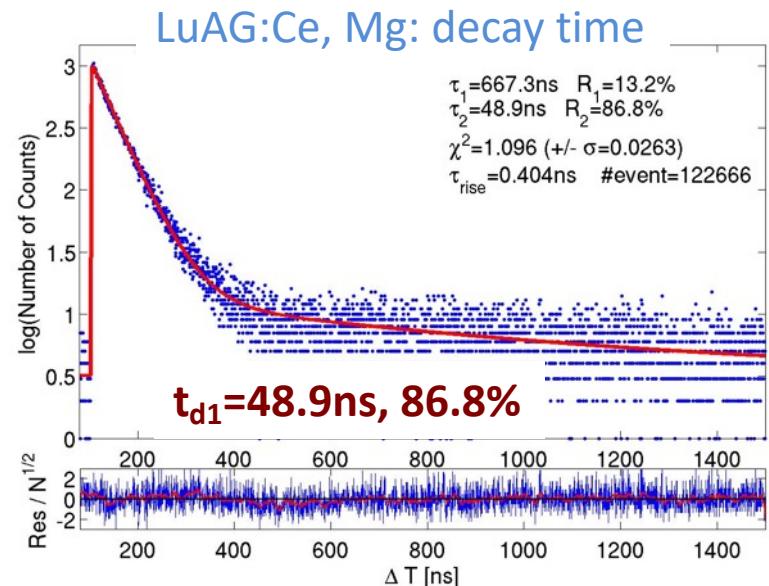
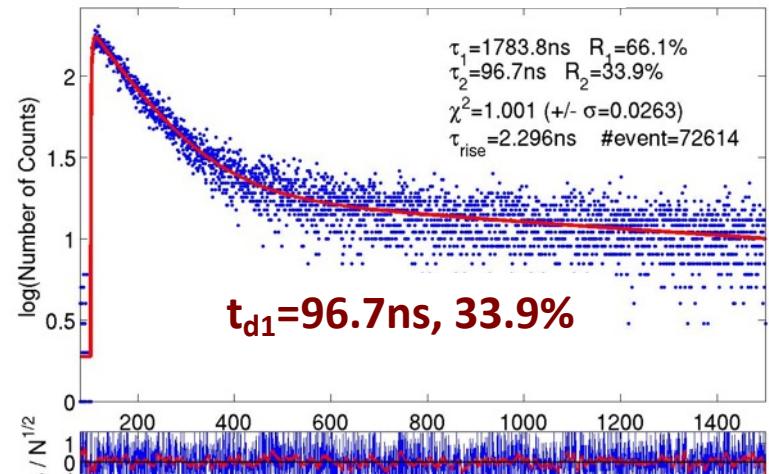
Very Good radiation tolerance under gamma & proton radiations



M. T. Lucchini, et al., IEEE Transactions on Nuclear Science (2016), 63, 2  
 E. Auffray, et al, Rad. Phys.Chem. (2019), 164, 108365  
 V. Alenkov, et al., NIM A (2019), 916, 418 226{229}

# Improvement of timing properties

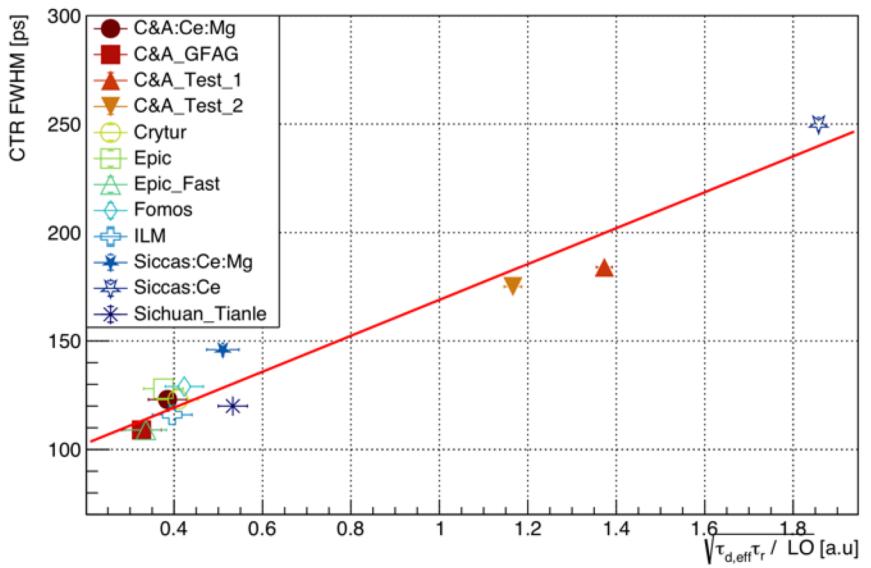
## LuAG:Ce: decay time



S. Gundacker et al., Phys. Med. Biol. 61 (2016) 2802–2837

S. Gundacker et al., NIMA A 891 (2018) 42–52

## Time resolution @ 511 KeV versus photon density

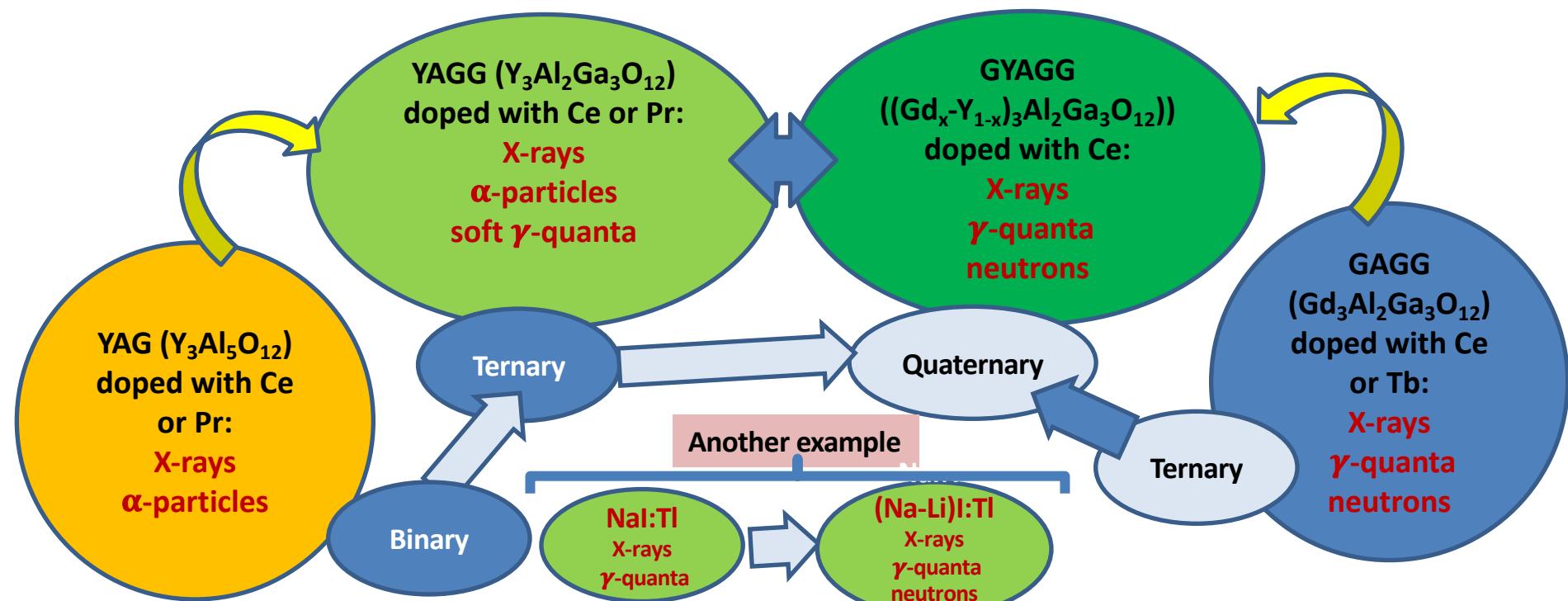


M. Lucchini et al, NIM A Volume 816 (2016), pp 176–183,  
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# Concept of multipurpose scintillation materials



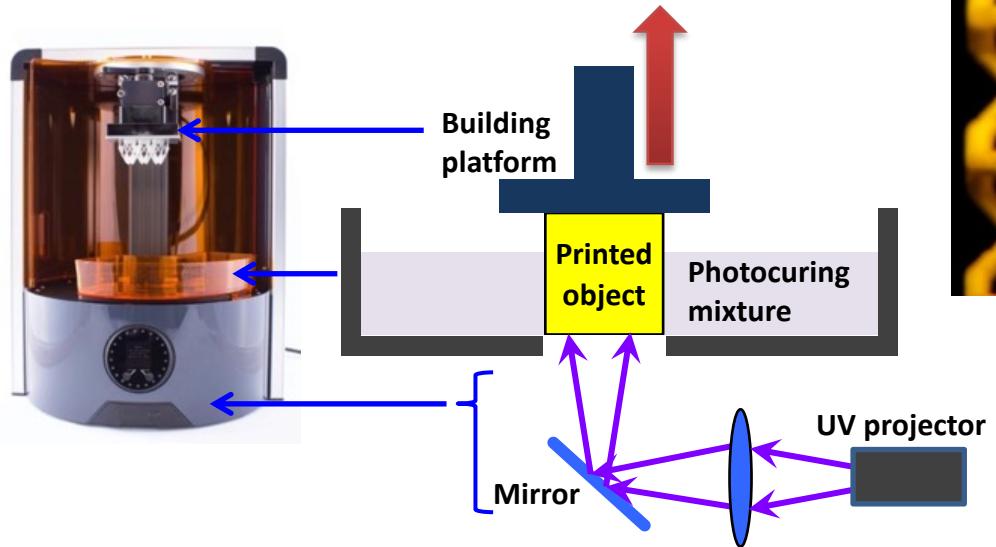
Possibility with garnet material to modify crystal composition  
=> the detection of different kinds of the ionizing radiation



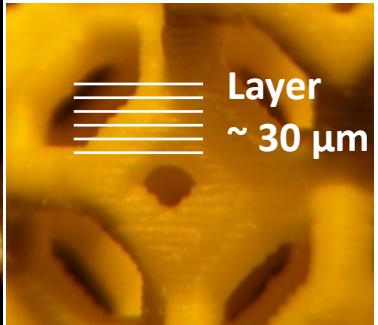
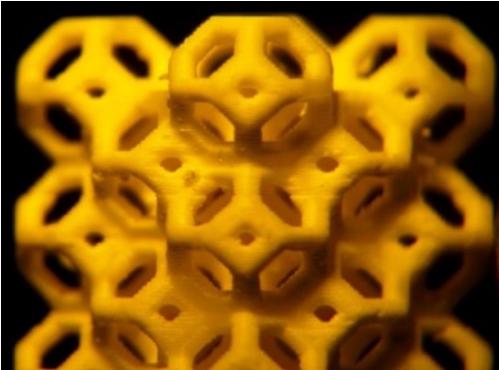
Courtesy M. Korzhik, RINP,

# New production method: 3D printing

## A way to design detector with unconventional shape



Printing is done layer-by-layer  
Voxel size is  $\sim 50 \times 50 \times 10-50 \mu\text{m}$

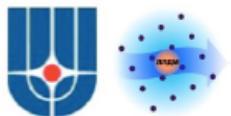


YAG



YAGG

Hole  $\varnothing < 400 \mu\text{m}$



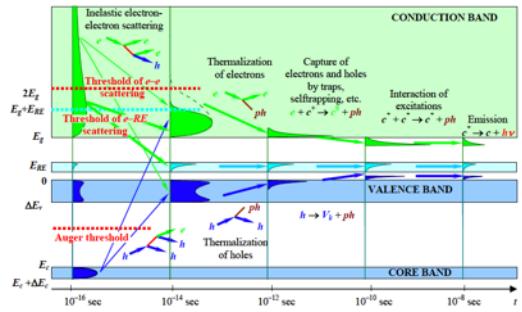
Courtesy of G. Dossovitsky, Kurchatov Institute

# R&D on ultrafast scintillators: light mechanisms and light transport & collection

- Study of various emission types:**

- Excitonic emission (STE, excitations of anion complexes)
- Emission of activators (Ce, Pr, ...)
- Crossluminescence**
- Quantum confinement driven luminescence**
- Hot intraband luminescence (HIL)**
- Cerenkov radiation**

Slow  
↓  
Ultra fast



- Study of Light transport and collection**

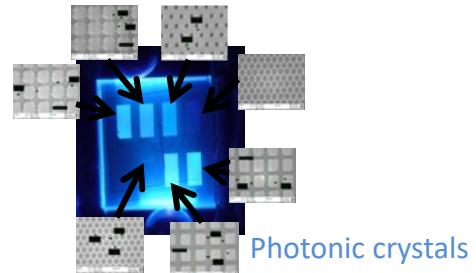
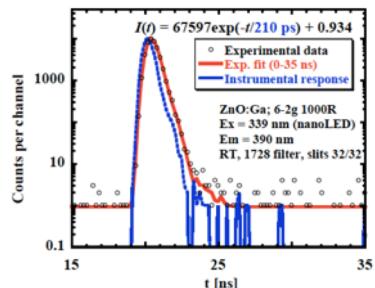
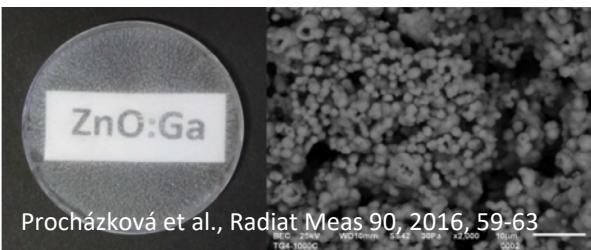
- R&D on innovative ways to transport the light
- R&D on increase light collection

work on going surface treatment, photonic crystals, light guide

⇒ **Multifunctional heterostructure concept** (slides)

- Eg Combined bulk material with nanomaterial

ZnO:Ga  
nanopowders  
embedded in a  
thin layer of SiO<sub>2</sub>



# Cerenkov emission

## 2 types of materials:

- Pure Cerenkov as  $\text{PbF}_2$ , undoped heavy materials (eg LuAG):

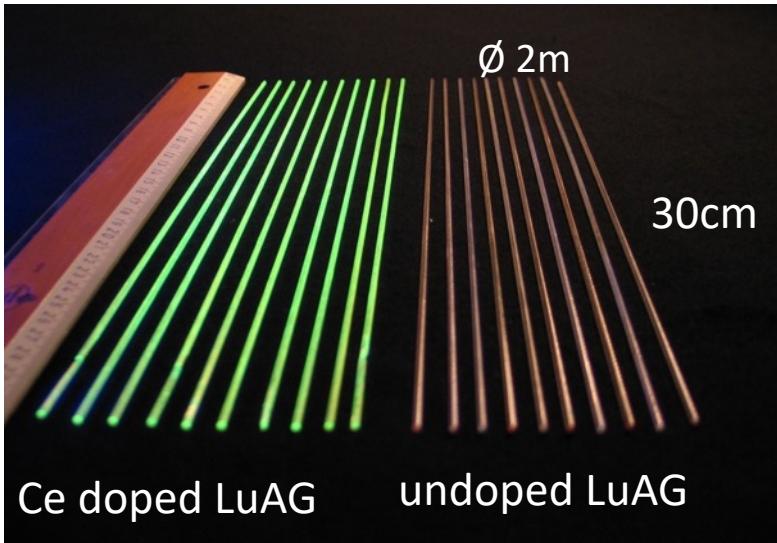
“A Cerenkov EM-calorimeter for CMS, using  $\text{PbF}_2$  crystals” proposed by J. L. Faure, 1992

- Cerenkov + Scintillation:

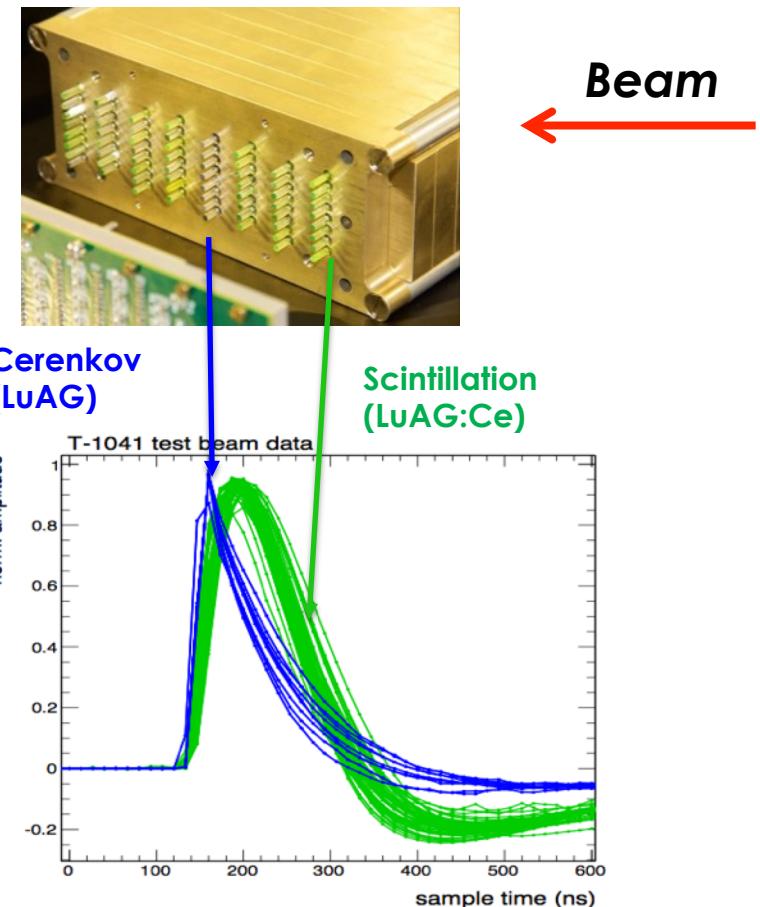
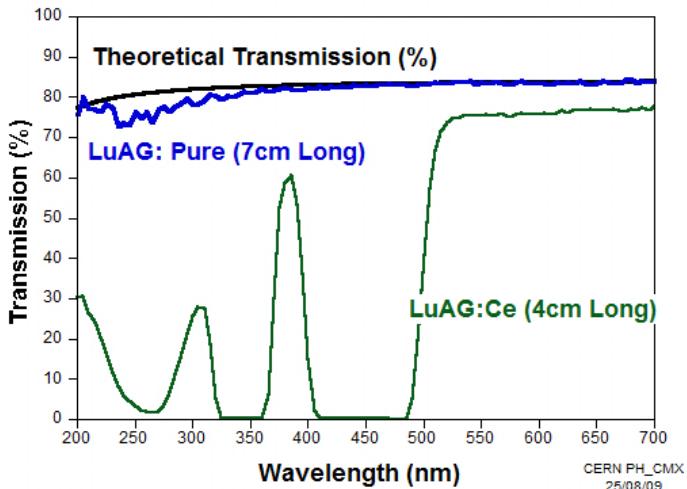
- heavy scintillator: eg PWO, BGO, BSO, LuAG:Ce, Pr
  - Light scintillator: Silica doped materials

=> dual readout with same material by separation emission wavelength or pulse shape

# Dual readout with crystal fibers



Fibercryst (spin off from ILM), France

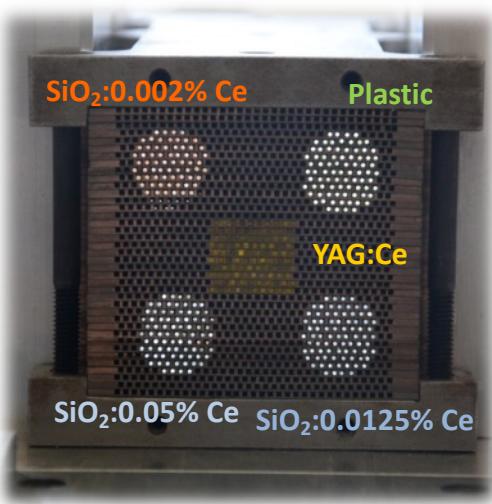
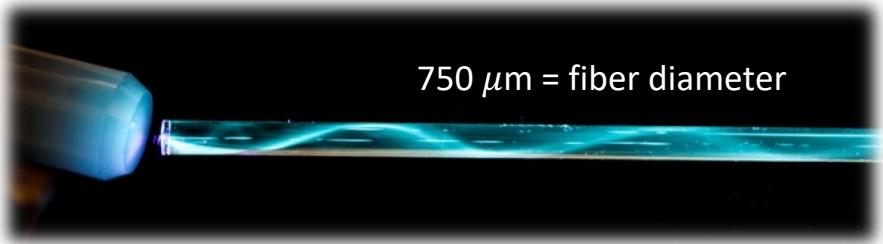


Good separation of  
Scintillation & Cerenkov

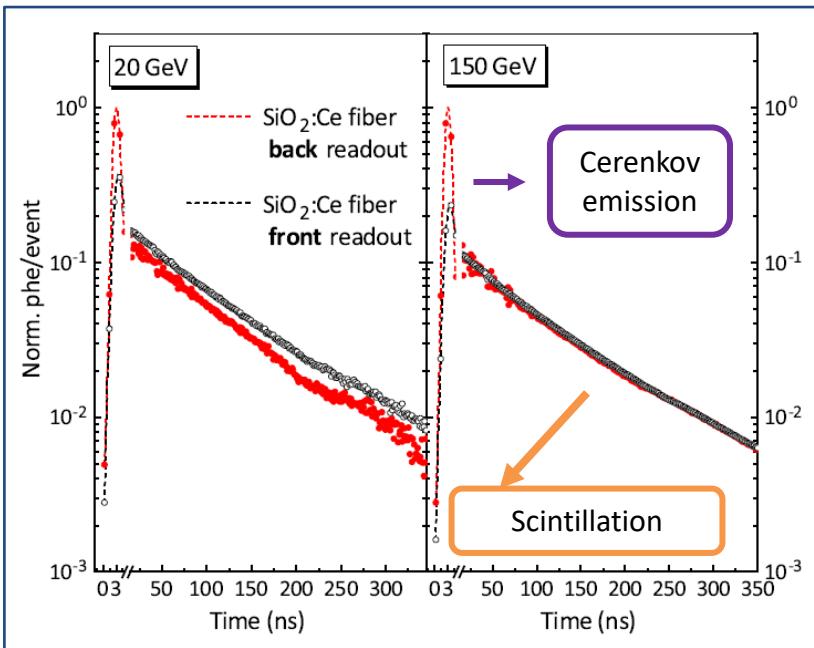
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A. Benaglia et al., JINST 11(5) 05004 (2016)

# Silica doped fibers

**SiO<sub>2</sub>:Ce fibers** Milano/Polymicro



Dual read-out of Cherenkov and scintillation  
light simultaneously  
with the same SiO<sub>2</sub>:Ce fiber



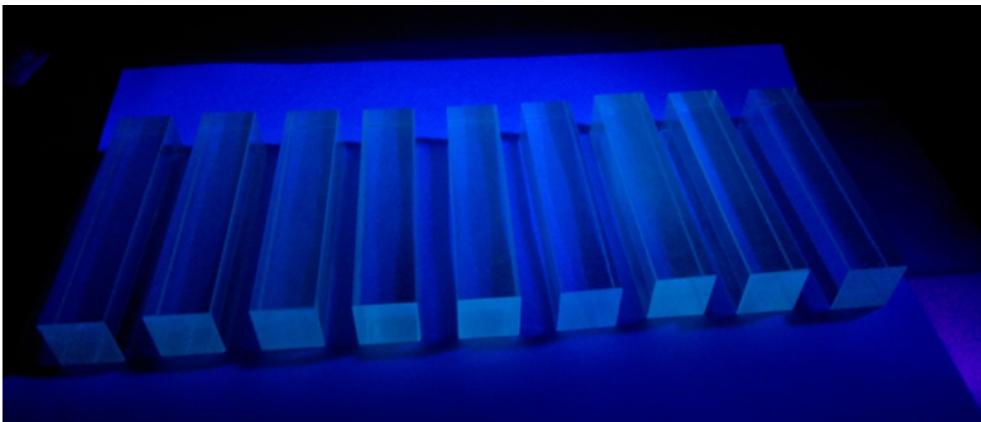
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# CERN

# Development of Barium Silica glasses: DSB

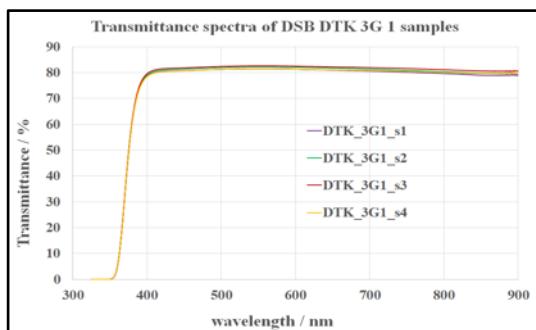


R&D started in RINP Minsk



first prototype detecting module  
made of rectangular fibres.

Industrial development via ScintiGlass Attract project with Preciosa Company

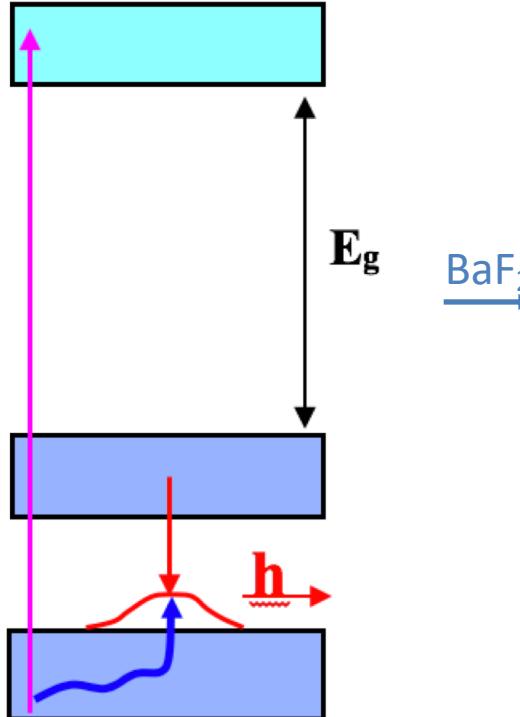


V. Dormenev et al, Presented at IEEE/NSSMIC2020  
V. Dorenev Attract web site

# Crossluminescence

Radiative transition between the core- and valence bands.

Many Materials available



Compilation of CL data at 293 K

	$E(C - V)$ (eV)	$E(G)$ (eV)	Theoretical	Observed (eV)	$\lambda$ (nm)	Light yield (photons/MeV)	$\tau$ (ns)	Density (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	References
KF	7.5–10.5	10.7	+	7.5–8.5	156	—	—	2.5	[13, 18]
KCl	10–13	8.4	—						
KBr	10–13	7.4	—						
KI	9.5–14	6.0	—						
RbF	0–7.5	10.3	+	3–6	203, 234	1700	1.3	3.6	[11–14, 18]
RbCl	4–9	8.2	+	5.5–7.5	190	1	—	2.8	[12]
RbBr	6.7–9.5	7.4	?						
RbI	5–10	6.1	?						
CsF	0–4.5	9.9	+	2.5–4	390	2000	2.9	4.1	[6, 11, 14]
CsCl	1–5	8.3	+	4–5.5	240, 270	900	0.9	4.0	[6, 14, 15, 17, 18]
CsBr	4–6	7.3	+	4.5–6.5	250	20	0.07	4.4	[6, 14, 15, 18]
CsI	0–7	6.2	?	—/STE					
CaF <sub>2</sub>	12.5–17.3	12.6	—	—/STE					[1]
SrF <sub>2</sub>	8.4–12.8	11.1	?	—/STE					[1]
BaF <sub>2</sub>	4.4–7.8	10.5	+	5–7	195, 220	1400	0.8	4.9	[1, 3, 4, 9]
K <sub>x</sub> Rb <sub>1-x</sub> F				5–6/8					[13, 18]
KMgF <sub>3</sub>				6–9	140–190	1400	1.3	3.2	[7–10]
KCaF <sub>3</sub>				6–9	140–190	1400	<2	3.0	[10]
KYF <sub>4</sub>					170	1000	1.9	3.6	[9, 16]
K <sub>2</sub> YF <sub>5</sub>				5.5–8.5	170	300	1.3	3.1	[8, 9]
KLuF <sub>4</sub>				5.5–8.5	170–200	~200	1.3	5.2	[8, 9, 16]
KLu <sub>2</sub> F <sub>7</sub>				5.5–8.5	165	~200	<2	7.5	[8]
K <sub>2</sub> SiF <sub>6</sub>				5–9	140–250				[21]
CsCaCl <sub>3</sub>					250, 305	1400	~1	2.9	[10, 17, 19]
CsSrCl <sub>3</sub>					260, 300		~1		[19, 21]
LiBaF <sub>3</sub>					190, 230	1400	0.8	5.2	[10]
BaMgF <sub>4</sub>					190, 220	1000		4.5	[21]
BaY <sub>2</sub> F <sub>8</sub>				4–7.5			0.9	5.0	[20]
K <sub>2</sub> LiGaF <sub>6</sub>				5–9	140–250				[21]
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C.W.E. Van eijk Journal of Luminescence 60&OI 1994! 9~694!

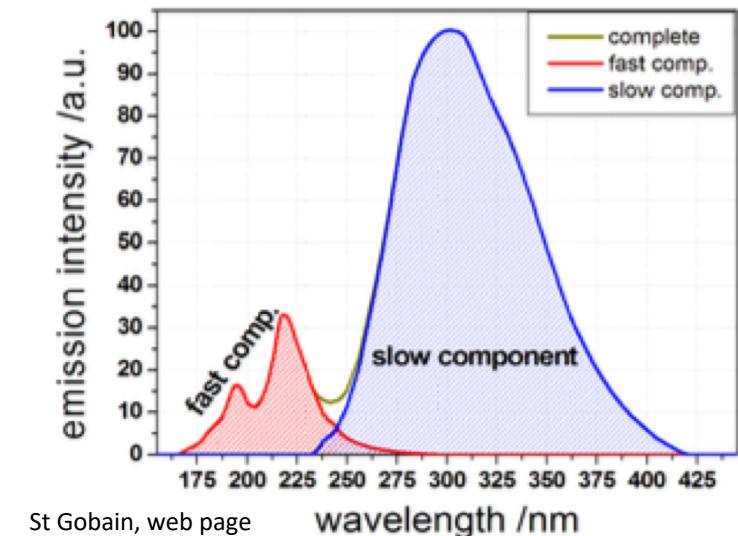
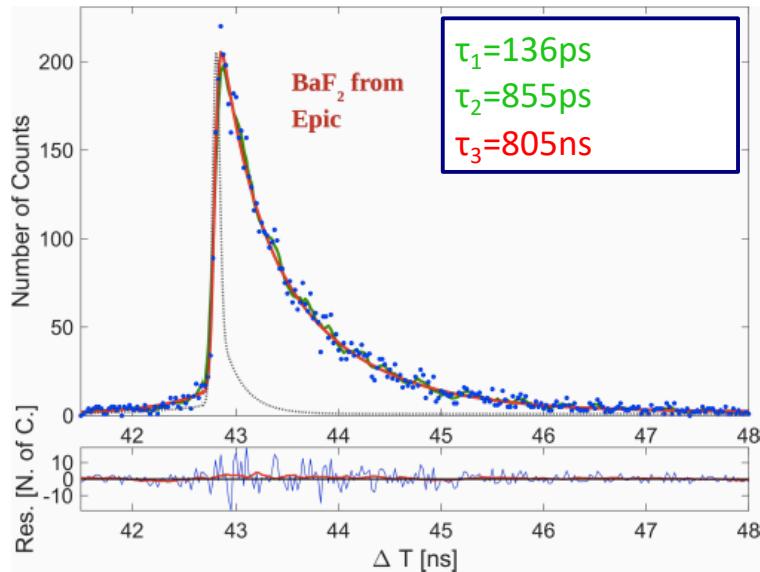
Very fast emission < 2ns but emission < 400nm

**BaF<sub>2</sub> was proposed in 90's for ECAL in L\* @SSC, L3P @LHC**

L\* Collaboration, Letter of Intent to the SSC Laboratory: <https://lss.fnal.gov/archive/other/ssc/sscl-sr-1154.pdf>  
 R. Zhu, NIMA A 340 (1994) 442–457

# Crossluminescence in BaF<sub>2</sub>

Sub ns emission but in UV & additional slow component



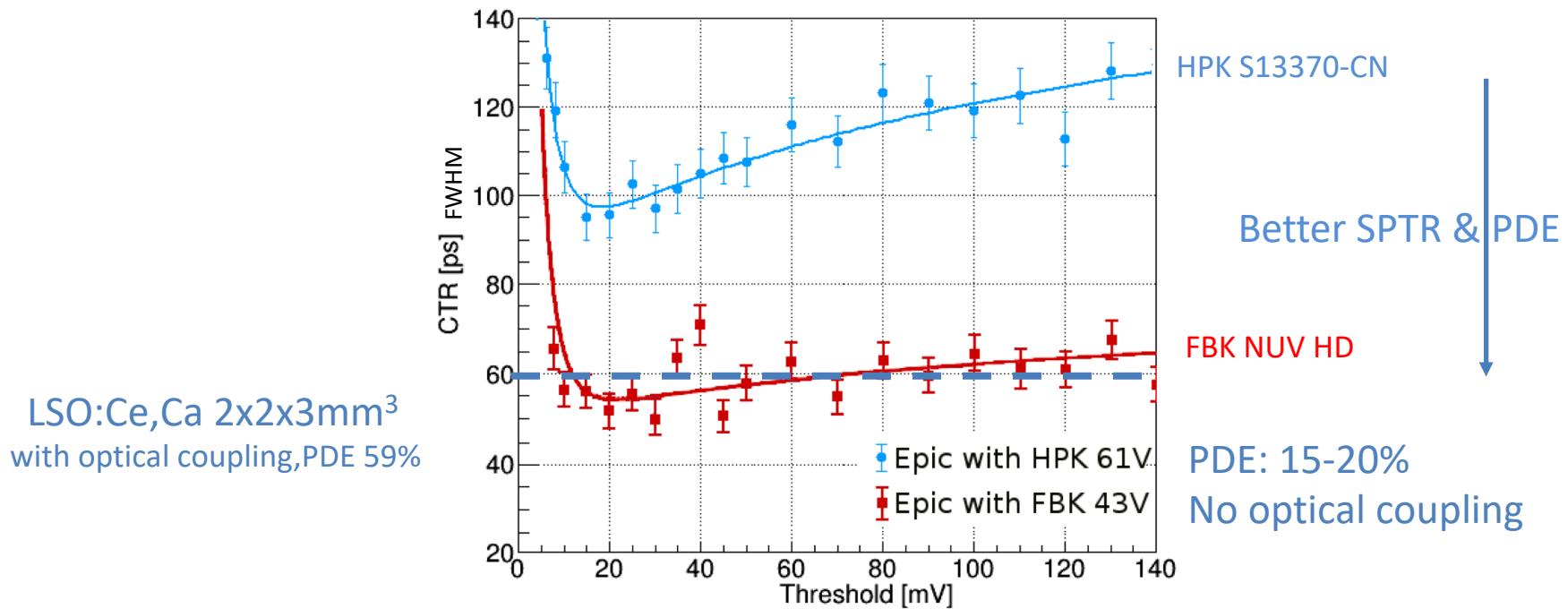
R&D on going on:

- VUV photodetector
- Optical coupling
- Reduction of slow component
- Search for material with crossluminescence toward visible

# Improvement of UV photodetection

Development on going on VUV SiPM both in Hamatmasu: HPK S13370-CN & FBK NUV HD (eg: for nEXO experiment (Xe liquid @175nm)\*)  
 ⇒ PDE about 20%

Time resolution measured @CERN with BaF<sub>2</sub> (2x2x3mm<sup>3</sup>) pixels @511keV



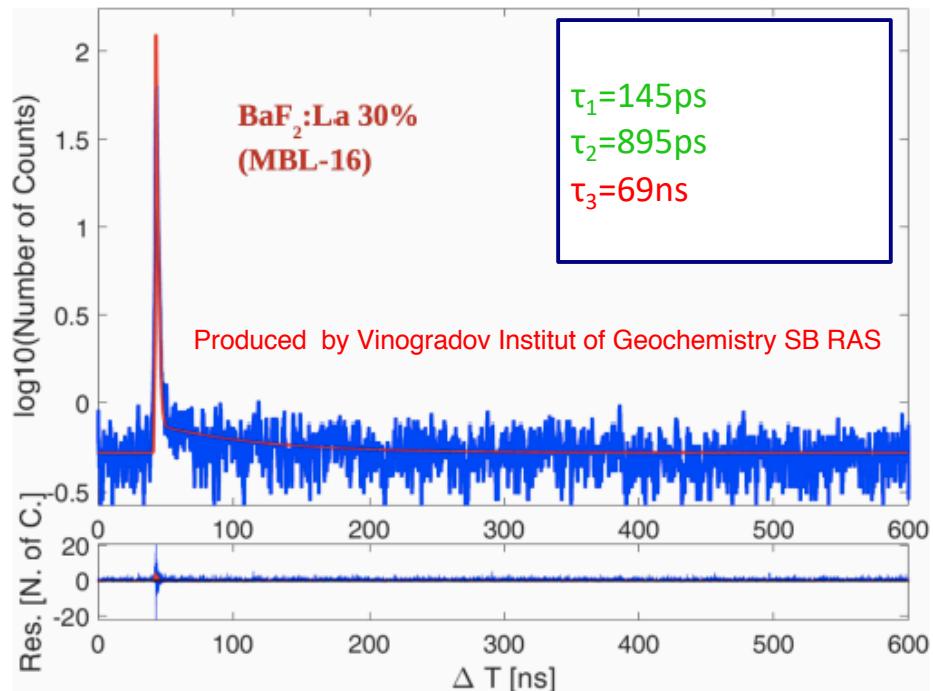
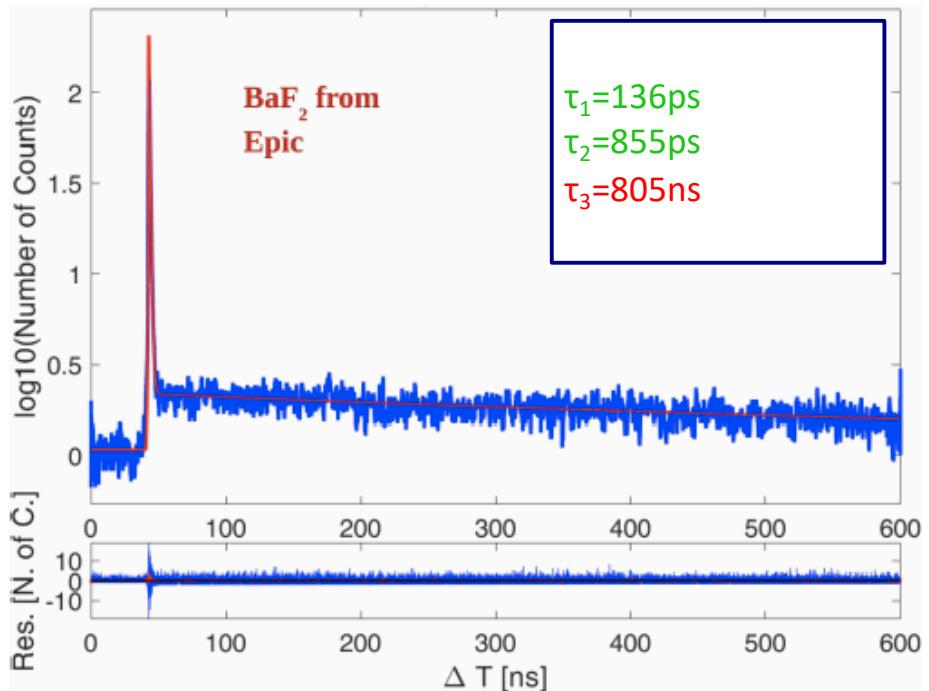
Further improvement of PDE in UV and optical coupling may improve time resolution

\* A. Jamil et al., in IEEE TNS, vol. 65, no. 11, pp. 2823-2833, 2018,  
 doi: 10.1109/TNS.2018.2875668.

R. Pots et al, Front. Phys. | doi: 10.3389/fphy.2020.592875  
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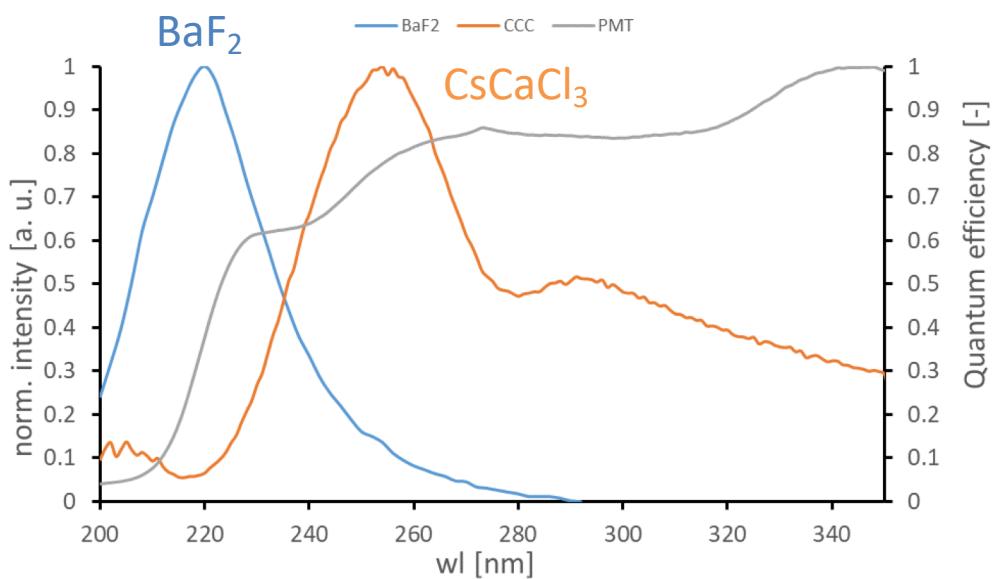
# Suppression of slow component with various doping

Example with La doping



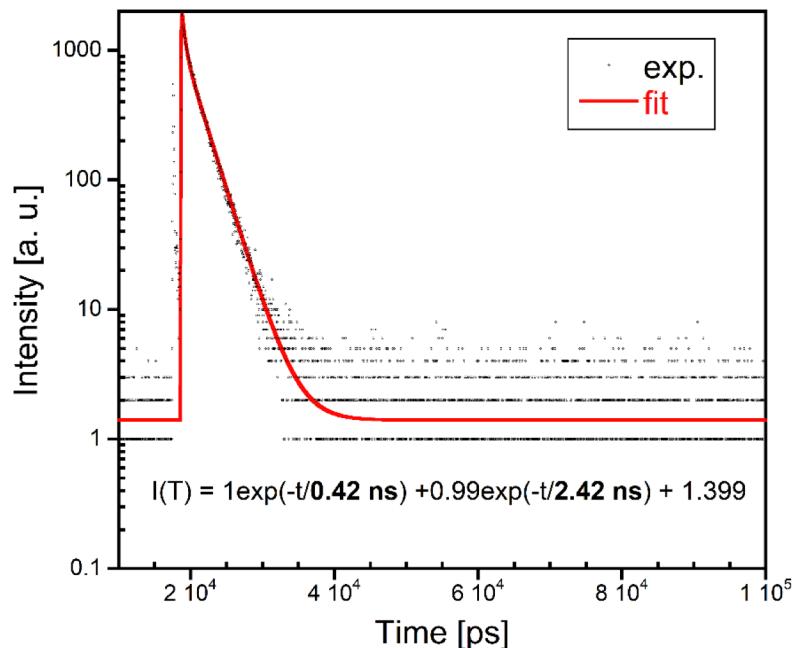
# Development cross luminescence material more in UV visible region

Emission spectra



Courtesy V. Vaněcek, M. Nikl, FZU Prague  
 Data for BaF<sub>2</sub> from M. Laval et al., NIM Phys. Res., 206 (1983) 169–176

Decay spectra

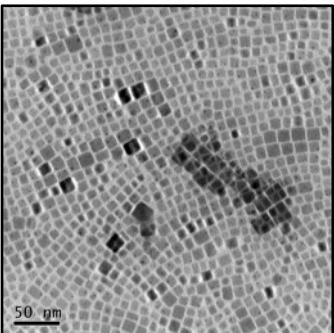


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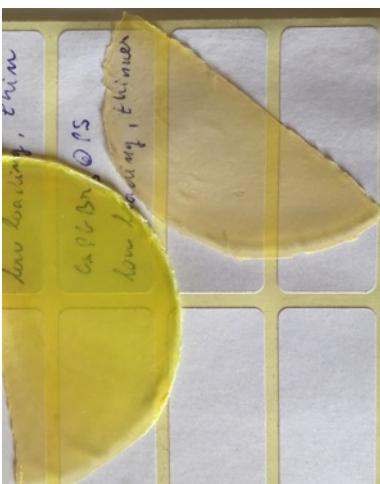
Emission @ 260nm  
 2 fast decay time 0.42ns, 2.42ns

# Perovskite nanocrystals

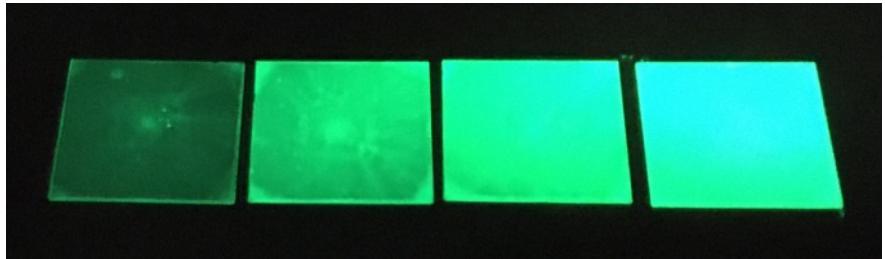
$\text{CsPbBr}_3$  nanocrystals



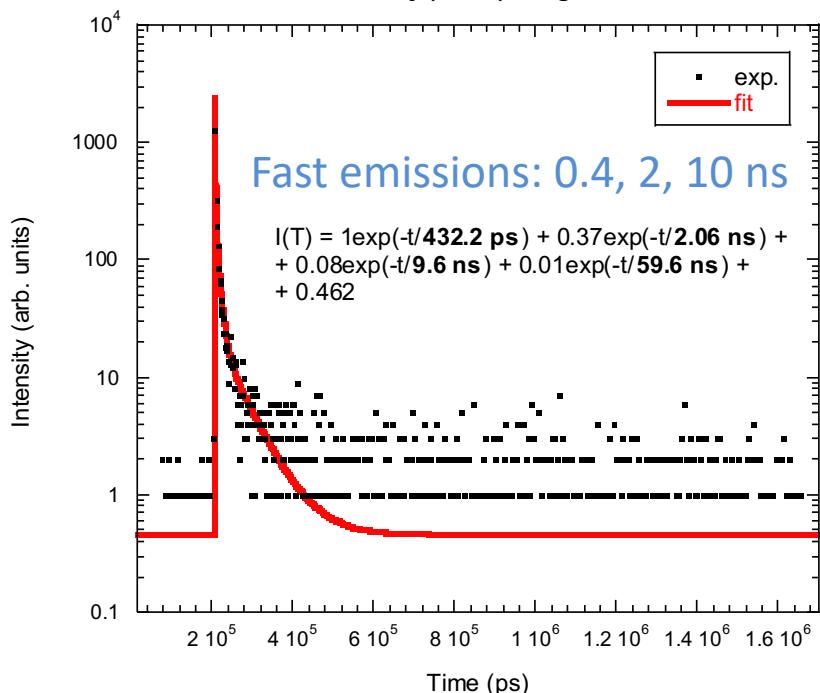
$\text{CsPbBr}_3$  nanocrystals  
imbedded in polystyrene



$\text{CsPbBr}_3$  thin films deposited on glass substrate



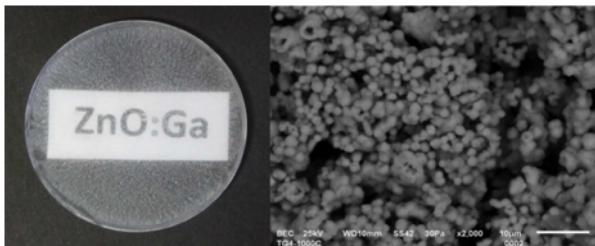
$\text{CsPbBr}_3$  big square on glass  
X-irradiated decay (40 kV); long time-window



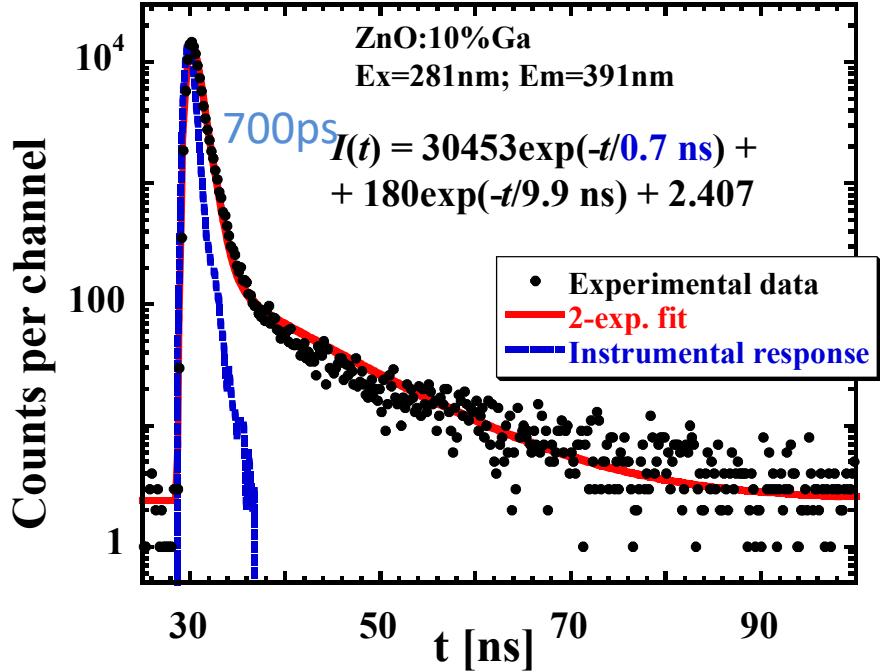
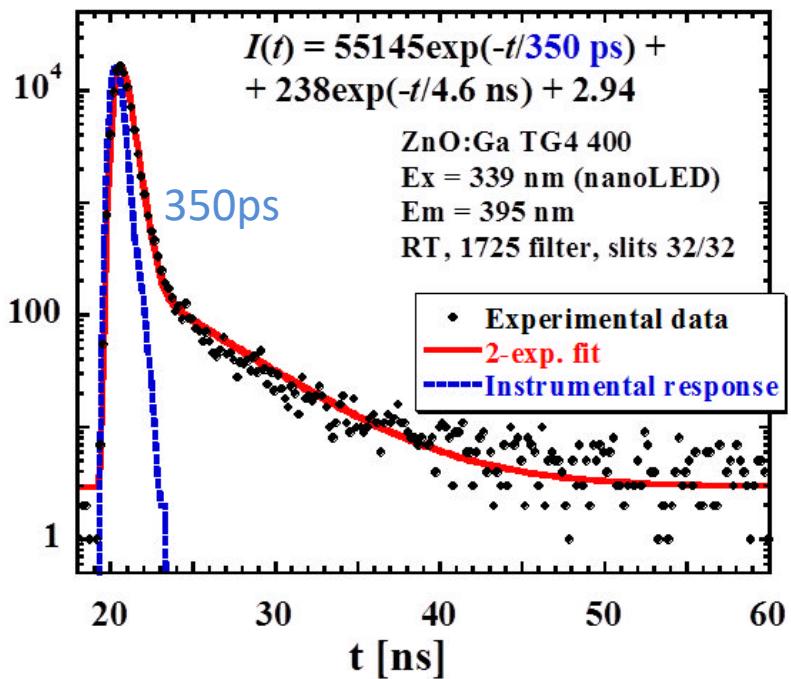
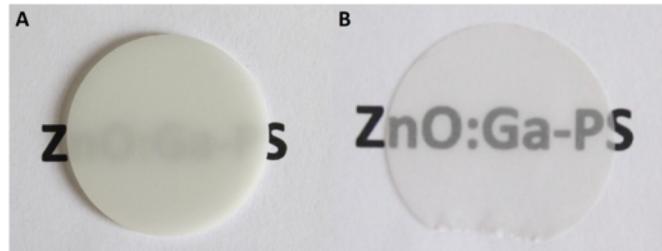
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# ZnO:Ga embedded: photoluminescence properties

In SiO<sub>2</sub>



In Polystyrene

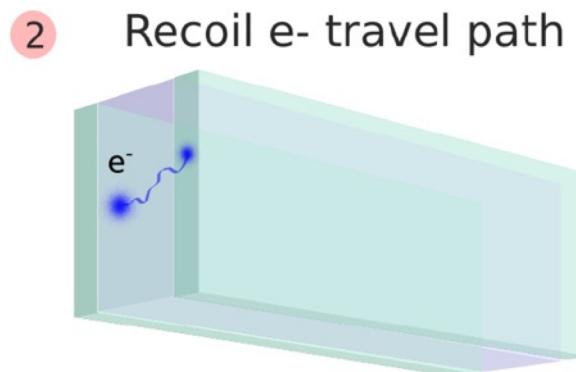
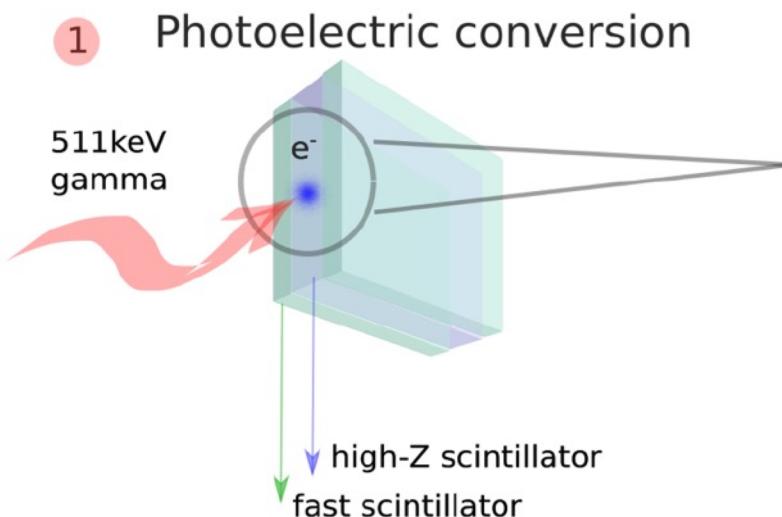


Procházková et al., Radiat Meas 90, 2016, 59-63

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# Heterostructure concept

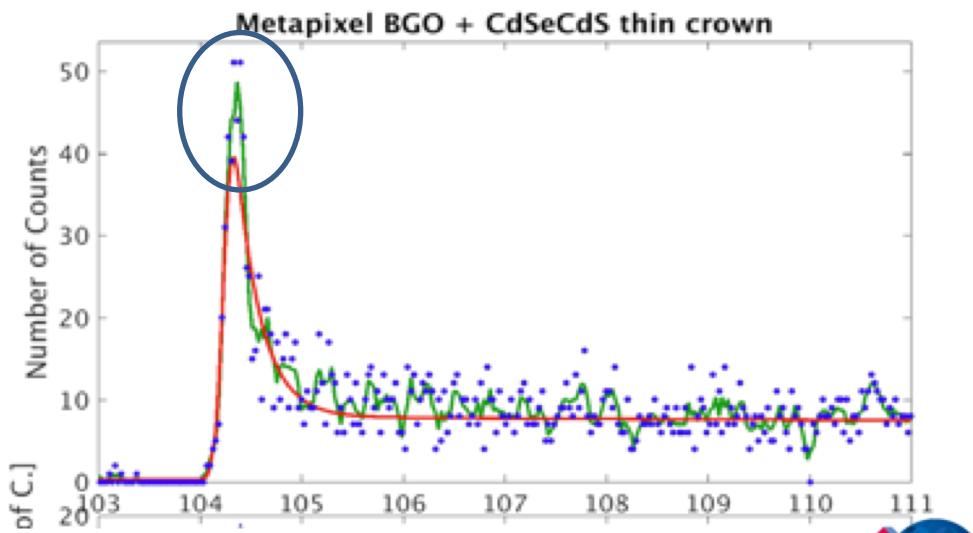
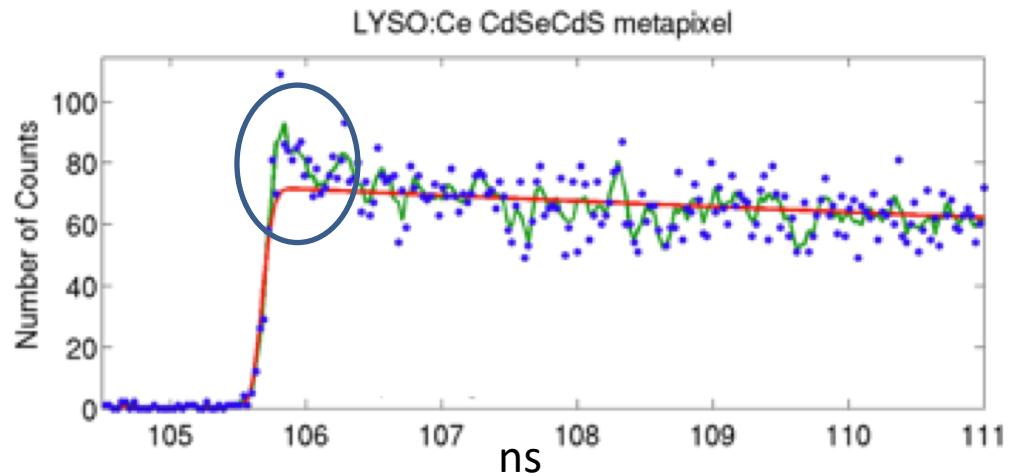
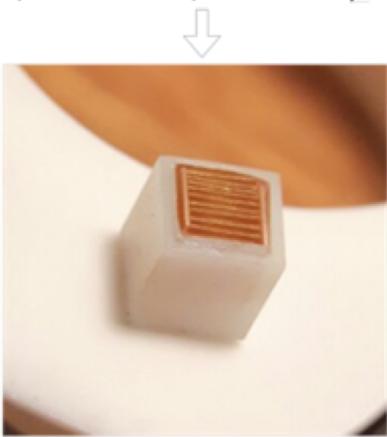
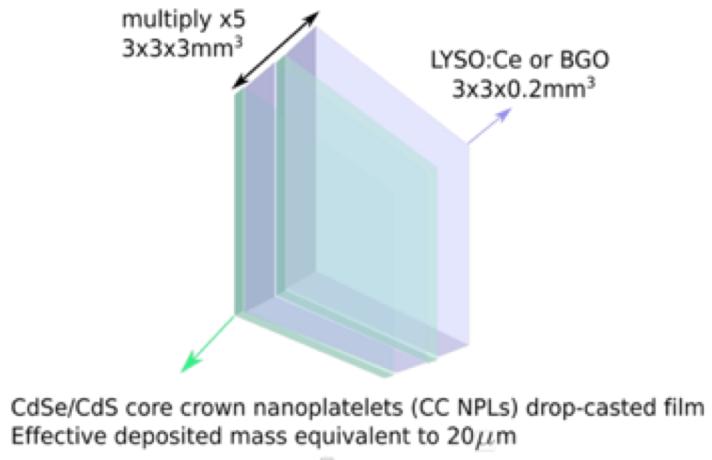
Combine scintillators with high light yield, high stopping power & material with prompt emission



$e^-$  For some events, the energy of the recoil  $e^-$  can be deposited in both materials

Energy sharing among multiple layers of standard and fast scintillators

# First attempt of heterostructure realized in our group



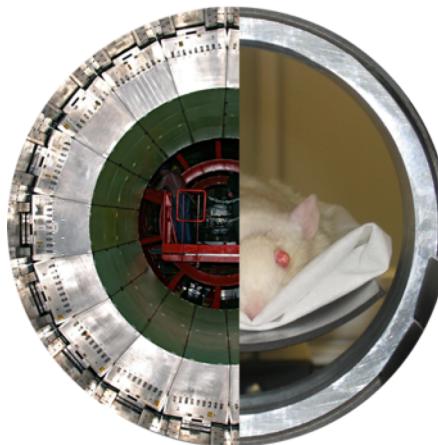
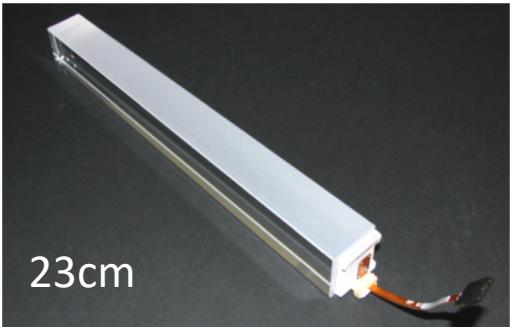
# Conclusion

- Many new emerging technologies exist in the field of scintillators, which open new perspectives for new innovative scintillating detector concepts with high granularity & high time resolution
- The Crystal Clear Collaboration (RD18) provides access to a huge expertise in light based detectors developed over the last 30 years through a wide international network of experts in different fields
- Development on scintillators, photodetectors, electronics for HEP has impact on many applications
  - ⇒ Strong cross fertilization between HEP and applied physics (eg medical and industrial apps).
  - ⇒ HEP can widely benefit from synergy effects achieved in common R&D projects carried out with research partners active in fields outside HEP

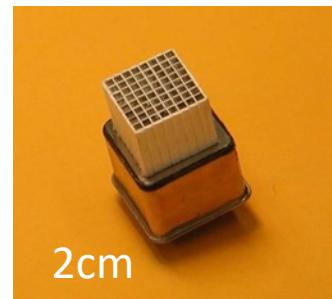
# Synergy with other applications

## Case of medical applications: PET

ECAL in CMS experiment



PET scanner



ClearPET module

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### Example of cross fertilization between HEP to Health:



ClearPEM:  
Used APD developed for CMS ECAL

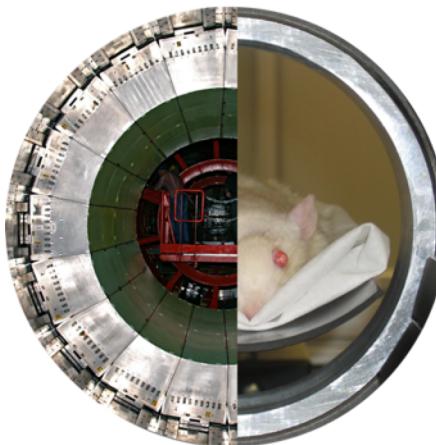
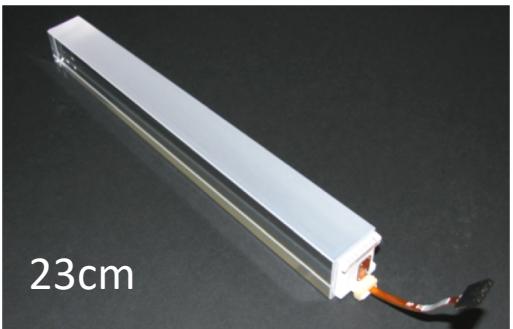
HEP → Health



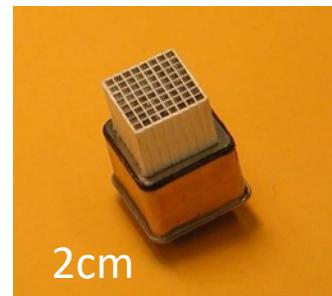
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HEP

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Future CMS barrel timing layer: LYSO/SiPM and  
electronic developed first for EndoTOFPET

# Crystal Clear Collaboration



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