

Materials of interest for IN2P3

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Why materials?

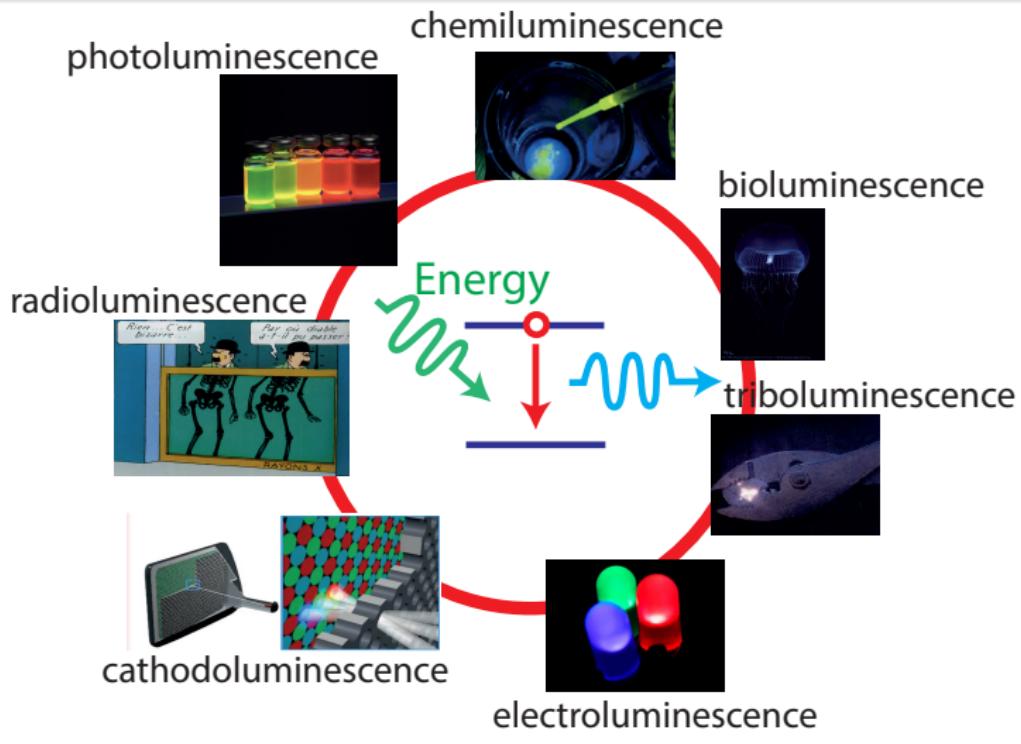
Materials contribute to transform

- ideas into reality
- hypothesis into theories



PbWO₄ @ CERN

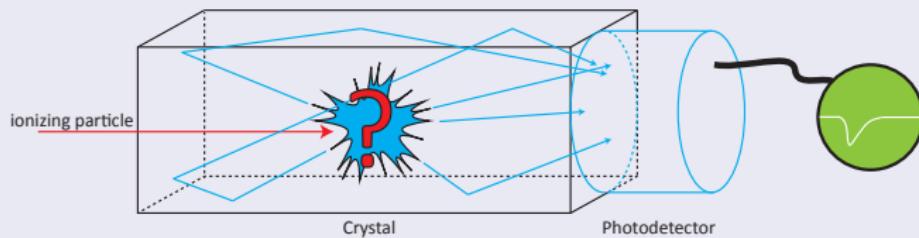
Introduction/Luminescence/Scintillation



Scintillation is one of the luminescence types

Scintillator: processes and materials developments

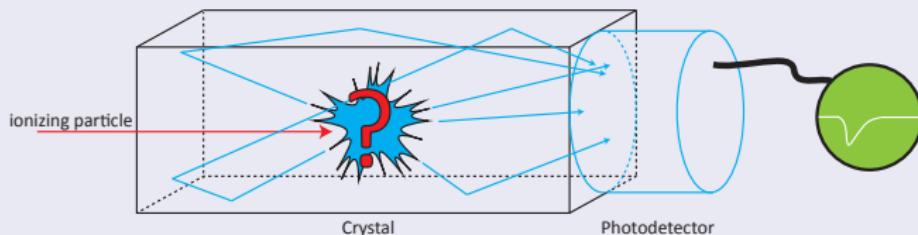
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Multiscale Physics

- As cutting a 10km string in pieces of a few cm!
- First steps in the ps range, last ones can be in the s time range
- Energy deposition is structured at the nm and mm scale

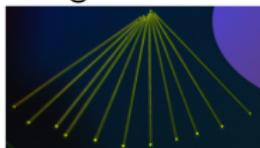
Material side: many shapes are existing

Single Crystal



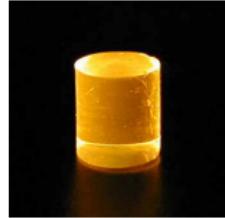
Many applications

Inorganic Fibers



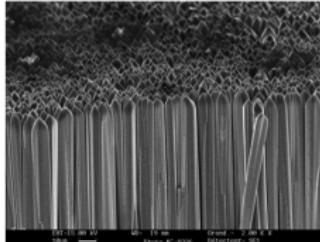
Calorimetry, other?

ZnS:Mn NP in PMMA



<http://chm.tu-dresden.de>

CsI:TI Needles



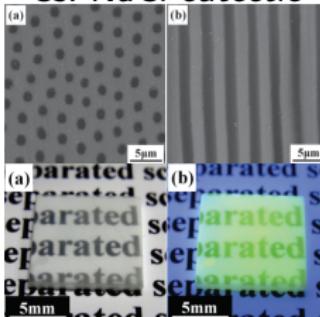
Medical x-ray imaging

Thin films



High resolution x-ray imaging

CsI-NaCl eutectic



@Canon, Adv. Mat. 2012

Phosphor powder



x-ray imaging

Crystal growth at ILM (K.Lebbou)

The aim is to develop new phases, to optimize them up to the functional product. It includes the process and scale up.

Application fields: laser materials, substrates, piezo... and scintillating materials



Illustration with inorganic scintillating fibers (K.Lebbou)

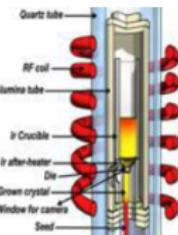
It allows to grow shaped fibers of many compositions including garnets
 diameters $300\mu\text{m}$ up to 2 mm, lengths up to 1 m
circular, square, plates, hollow, multi-fiber-pulling....



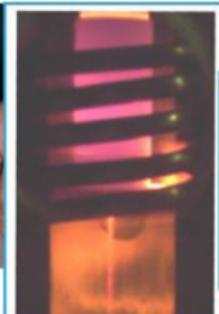
RF Machine using metal chamber



RF machine using Quartz tube chamber



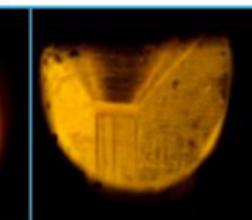
Seed, crucible and thermal insulation



RF Heating



Seeding



Connection and fiber growth

Illustration with inorganic scintillating fibers

interest for fibers emerged more than 10 years ago

JOURNAL OF APPLIED PHYSICS 108, 013510 (2010)

LuAG:Ce fibers for high energy calorimetry

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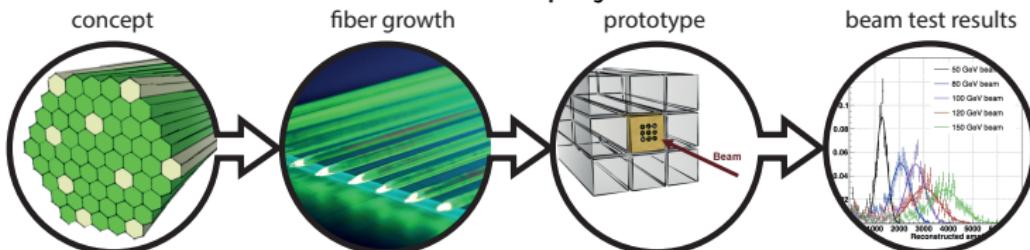
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→ It led to the ANR project "INFHINI"



tracking the defects

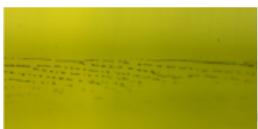
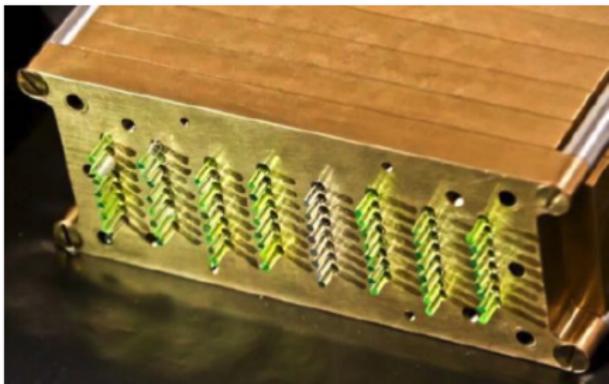


Illustration with inorganic scintillating fibers

And then a EU-Rise project led by E. Auffray (CERN) has been granted

→ first "real" tests in beam



Benaglia et al. JINST 2016

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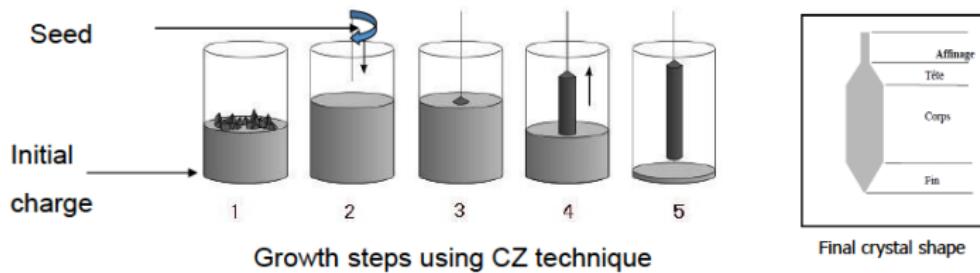
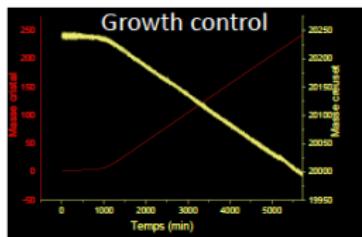
Alternative process, fibers from the bulk (better light transmission)



Machine Czochralski

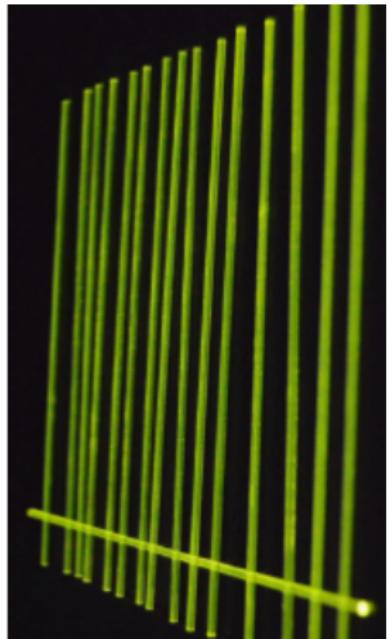


Ir Crucible



about crystals for scintillation

Fibers cut from the boule

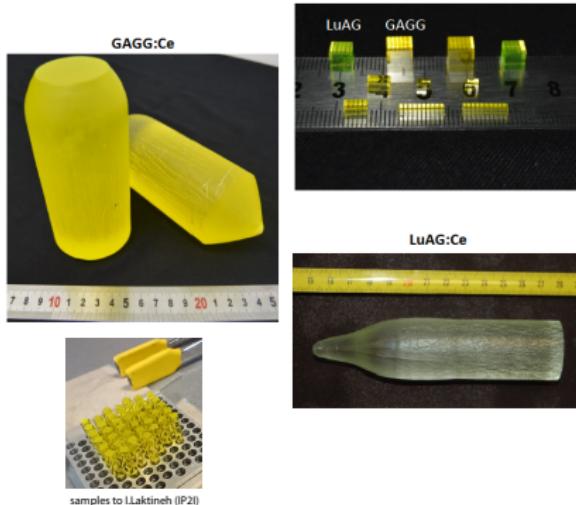


See M.Lucchini's talks for the latest results

growth technology, radiation hardness, performance, cost, ... and
reducing the decay (today's work)

about crystals for scintillation (K.Lebbou)

Concluding remark for crystals



- possibilities to develop projects (activity rather costly)
- discussions with S.Gascon, also with the C.Morel for the PEPR I2S2, project Chronography
- LMO for rare events search (M.Valasquez, ANR CLYMENE)

Thin scintillating films - A.Pereira (ILM) & ESRF

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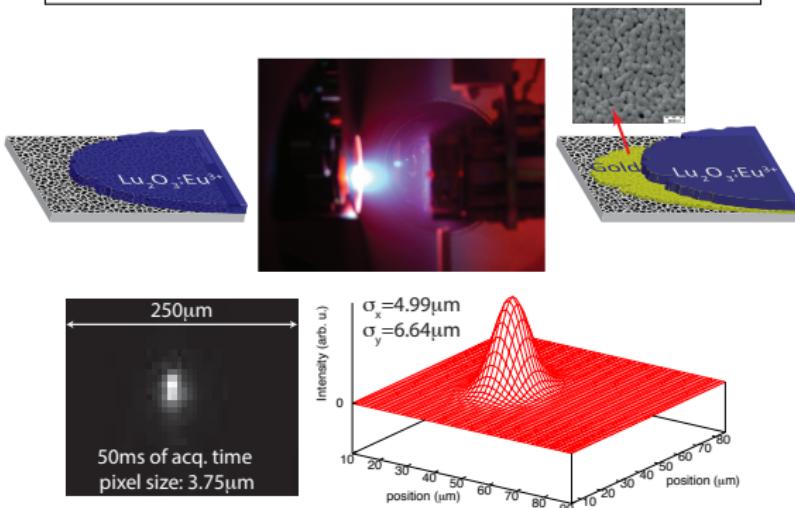
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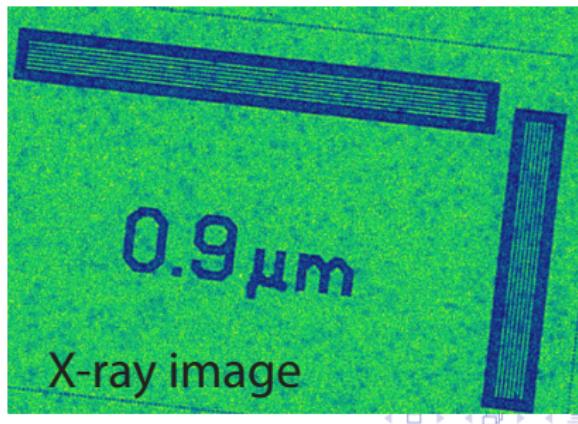
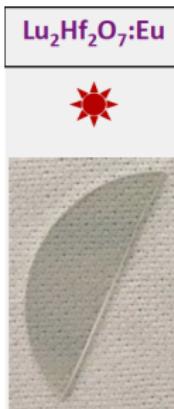
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Scintillating thin film design for ultimate high resolution X-ray imaging†

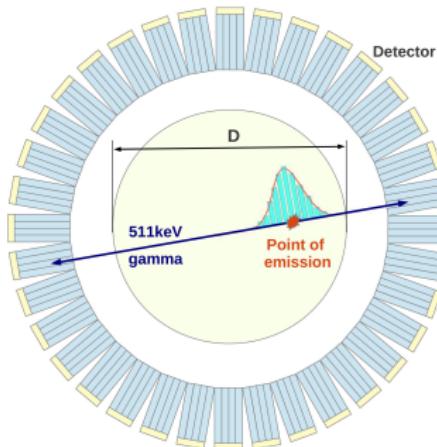
Laura Wollenzen,  ab Federica Riva,^{ab} Paul-Antoine Douissard,^a Kristof Pauwels,^a Thierry Martin^b and Christophe Dujardin   b

Prepared with Liquid Phase Epitaxy; density ≈ 10 ; thickness = $2.8\mu\text{m}$



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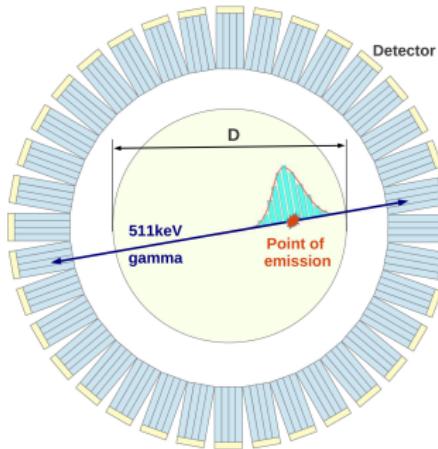
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combining the best of several
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→density, light and SPEED

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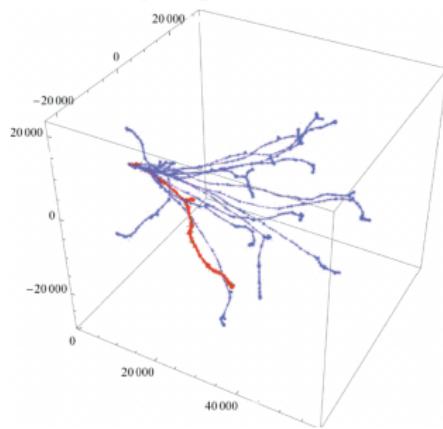
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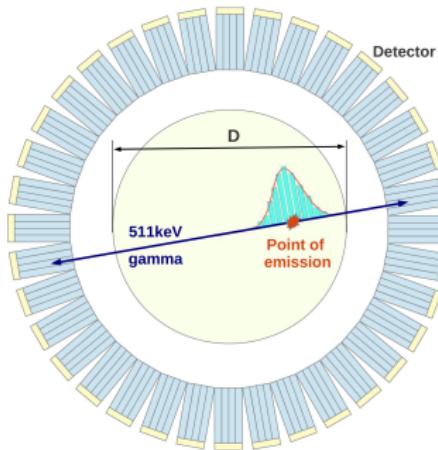
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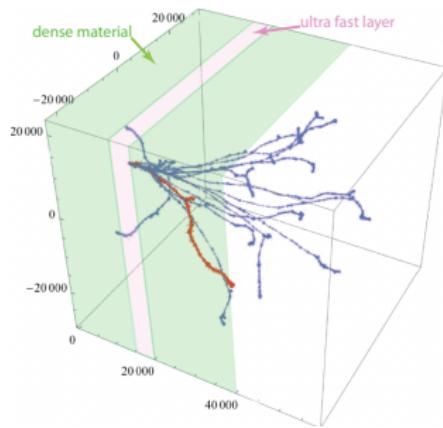
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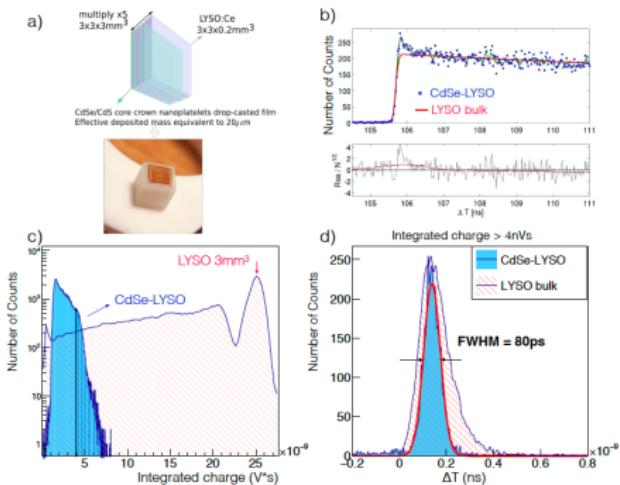
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An illustration with CdSe-CdS nanoplatelets



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ARTICLE OPEN

On the use of CdSe scintillating nanoplatelets as time taggers for high-energy gamma detection

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Another unusual material: porous scintillators

Target: detecting β radioactivity in gas (^{85}Kr , ^{133}Xe , ^3H , ^{37}Ar)

→ The concept of the scintillating sponge
(H2020 FET-OPEN granted in oct 2020)

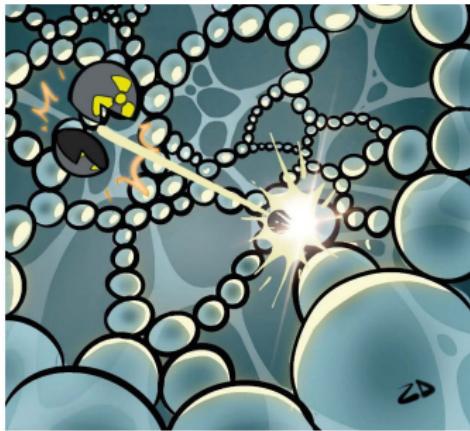
Requirements: Porous, transparent, bright and fast



This project has received funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under grant agreement No 899293

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→ aerogel made of scintillating nanoparticles



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The process: supercritical drying of a gel



Colloidale
solution of YAG:Ce

gels of YAG:Ce

aerogels of YAG:Ce



F.Chaput
LC-ENS-Lyon

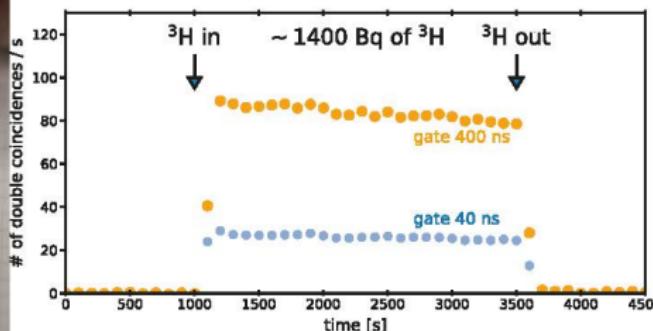
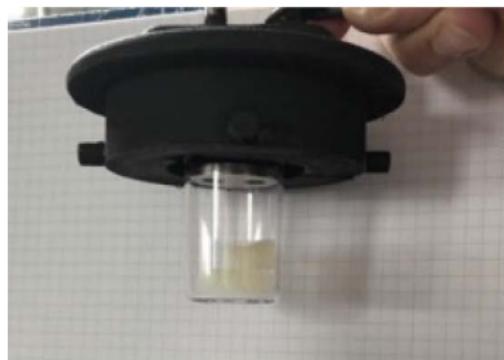


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The first real time ^3H measurement with an aerogel
estimated detection efficiency 7%
(With B.Sabot, CEA-LNE)



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follow the project: <https://www.sparte-project.eu>

still some open areas

An illustration with a new "object"

Water loaded with HfO_2 nanoparticles at 55 wt% and 80 wt%
(resp. densities: 1.83 and 2.86!)



(F.Chaput, LC-ENS-Lyon)

Any interest as liquid scintillator for high energy physics?

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A "recent" open access review paper

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Needs, Trends, and Advances in Inorganic Scintillators

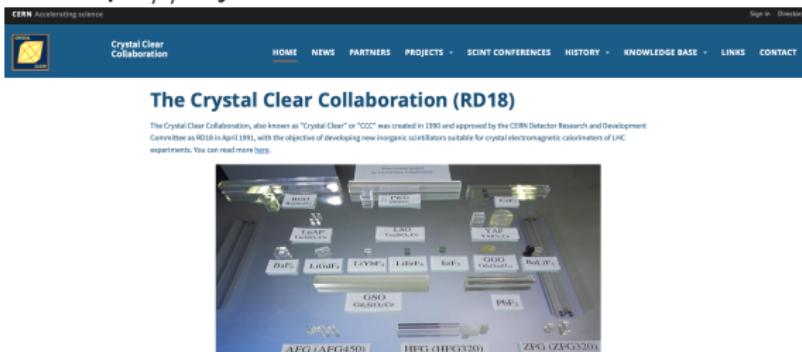
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A community

And then a community is needed.
We are lucky, it is already well organized

- The "Crystal Clear Collaboration", spokesperson E.Auffray, CERN
- more than 30 partners in EU
- gathering skills from chemistry to modeling and end users
- addressing various applications including HEP

<https://crystalclearcollaboration.web.cern.ch>



Since then, Crystal Clear is active in academic and applied researches on scintillating materials and on novel ionizing radiation detecting devices, including medical electronics and data acquisition, for particle physics and medical imaging - such as positron emission tomography, single photon emission computed tomography - and on the development of medical imaging prototypes. You can read more [here](#).

A community

We also have an international conference series

- Every 2 years
- 200-300 attendees
- gathering skills from chemistry to modeling and end users
- addressing materials, mechanisms and applications including HEP

<https://scint.univ-lyon1.fr>

The screenshot shows the homepage of the SCINT conference website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, Previous SCINT, Advisory Committee, and Useful Link. The main title "SCINT" is displayed in a large, bold, white font inside a circular logo. Below the logo, the text "INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SCINTILLATING MATERIALS AND THEIR APPLICATIONS" is written in a smaller, curved font. The main content area features a sub-headline "International Conference on Scintillating Materials and their Applications". To the left of the text is a small image showing various scintillating materials and components. The text below the sub-headline describes the conference's history and locations, mentioning that it has been held every two years since 1992 in various cities around the world. It also announces that the next conference, SCINT 2024, will be held in Milano, Italy, chairing by Prof Anna Veeda from University Milano Bicocca.

Beyond Scintillators

IDEX Breakthrough OSAG project (coord. G.Cagnoli)

Giant sapphire substrates - low T gravitational wave interferometry optics
(K.Lebbou, G.Cagnoli & Collaboration IP2I)

target: \varnothing 450mm x 200mm; C-axis
no diffusive defects and absorption < 50ppm/cm

