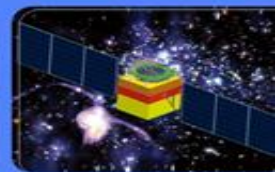


# The R&D of the New Glass Scintillator with high density and high light yield



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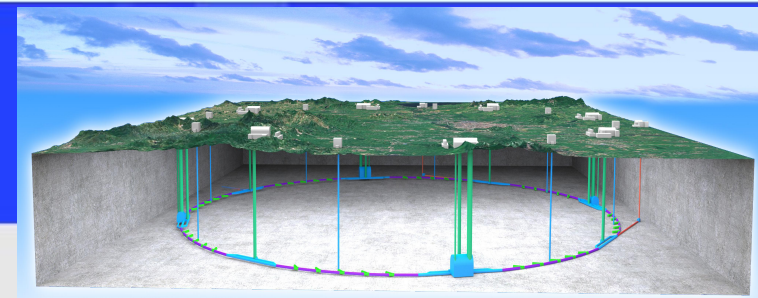
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# 1.1. The GS-HCAL of CEPC



## Future electron-positron colliders (e.g. CEPC)

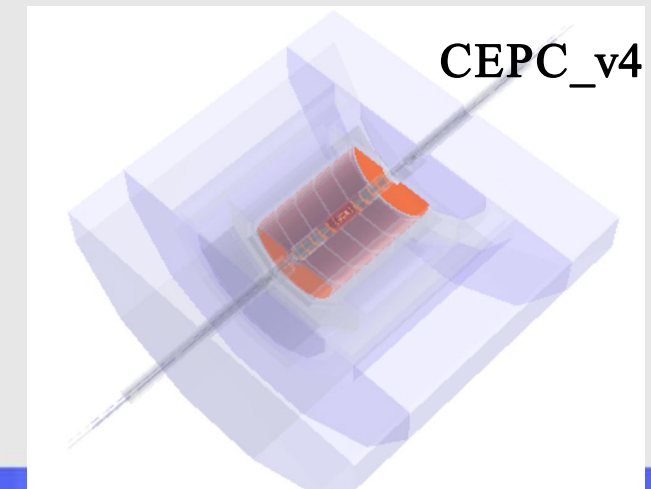
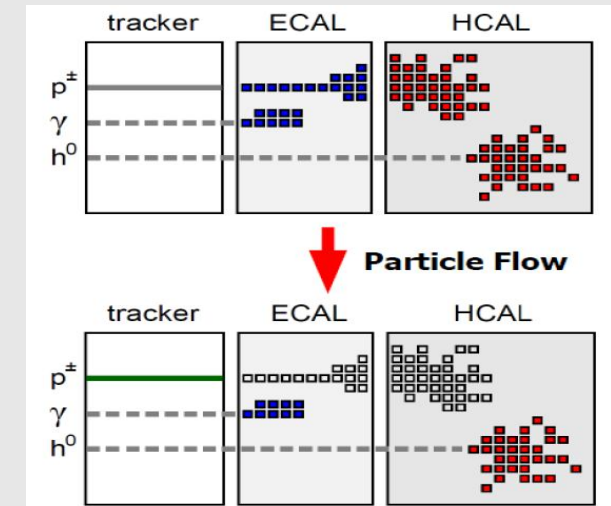
- Main physical goals: precision measurements of the Higgs and Z/W bosons
- Challenge: unprecedented **jet energy resolution**  $\sim 30\%/\sqrt{E(\text{GeV})}$

## CEPC detector: highly granular calorimeter + tracker

- Boson Mass Resolution (BMR)  $\sim 4\%$  has been realized in this baseline design
- Further performance goal: **BMR 4%  $\rightarrow$  3%**
- Dominant factors in BMR: charged hadron fragments & HCAL resolution

## New Option: Glass Scintillator HCAL (GS-HCAL)

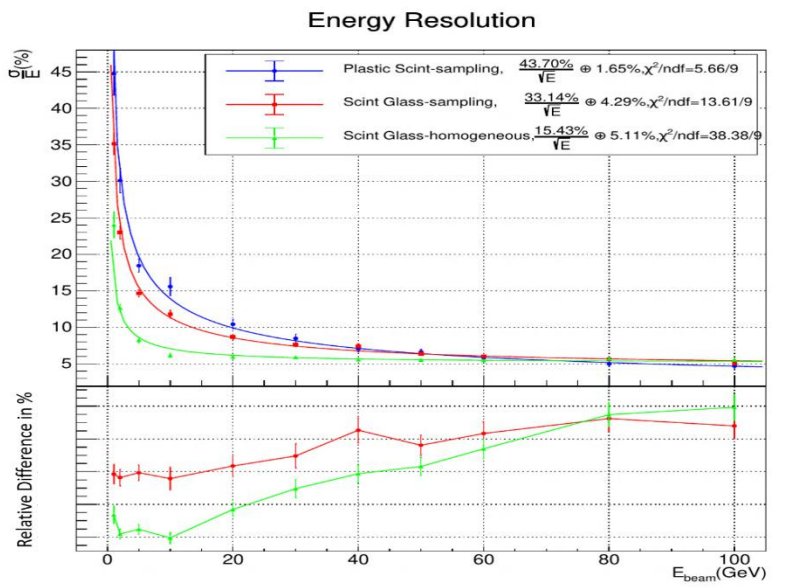
- **Higher density** provides higher energy sampling fraction
- Doping with neutron-sensitive elements: improve **hadronic response (Gd)**
- More **compact HCAL layout** (given 4~5 nuclear interaction lengths in depth)



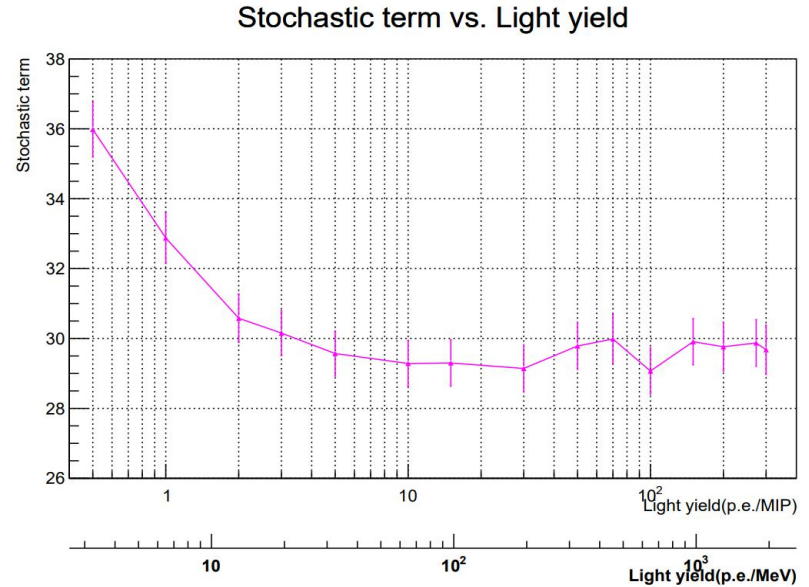
# 1.2 The Simulation for GS-HCAL

How to achieve the optimized energy resolution (Boson Mass Resolution, BMR)

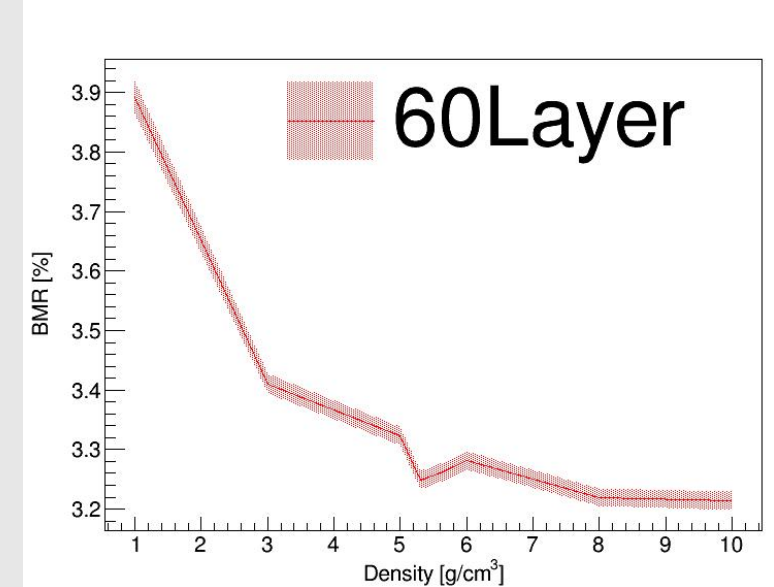
➤ Impact of Scintillator type



➤ Impact of Light Yield



➤ Impact of Density



Plastic Scintillator vs Glass Scintillator:  
GS has better hadronic energy resolution in low energy region (<30GeV)

A light yield of 100 p.e./MIP or 1000p.e./MeV seems to be good enough for better BMR;

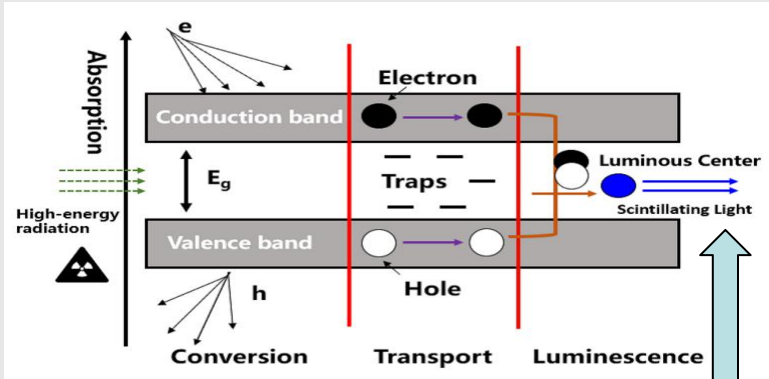
Glass density  $\sim 6$  g/cm<sup>3</sup> is a relatively reasonable target, which can guarantee a good BMR ( $\sim 3.3\%$ ) and feasibility in R&D



# 1.3 Target of Glass Scintillator

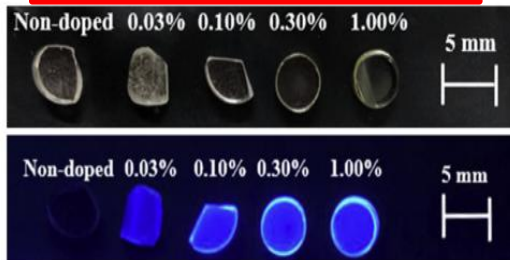
| Key parameters                 | Value  | Remarks  |
|--------------------------------|--|--|
| ➤ Tile size                    | $\sim 30 \times 30 \text{ mm}^2$             | Reference CALICE-AHCAL, granularity, number of channels    |
| ➤ Tile thickness               | $\sim 10 \text{ mm}$                         | Energy resolution, Uniformity and MIP response             |
| ➤ <b>Density</b>               | <b><math>5-7 \text{ g/cm}^3</math></b>       | More compact HCAL structure with higher density            |
| ➤ <b>Intrinsic light yield</b> | <b><math>1000-2000 \text{ ph/MeV}</math></b> | Higher intrinsic LY can tolerate lower transmittance       |
| ➤ Transmittance                | $\sim 75\%$                                  |  |
| ➤ MIP light yield              | $\sim 150 \text{ p.e./MIP}$                  | Needs further optimizations: e.g. SiPM-glass coupling      |
| ➤ Energy threshold             | $\sim 0.1 \text{ MIP}$                       | Higher light yield would help to achieve a lower threshold |
| ➤ Scintillation decay time     | $\sim 100 \text{ ns}$                        | Mitigation pile-up effects at CEPC Z-pole (91 GeV)         |
| ➤ Emission spectrum            | Typically 350-600 nm                         | To match SiPM PDE and transmittance spectra                |

# 1.4. The Design of the Glass Scintillator



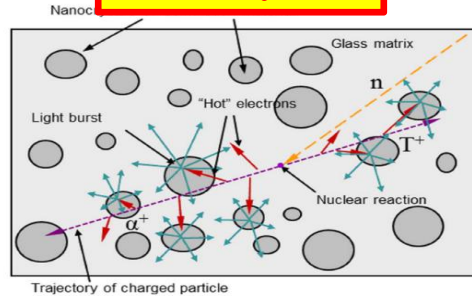
- Scintillation mechanism---- **Luminescence Center**
- Conversion—photoelectric effect and Compton scattering effect;
- Transport—electrons and holes migrate;
- Luminescence—captured by the luminescent center ions

## Lanthanide elements



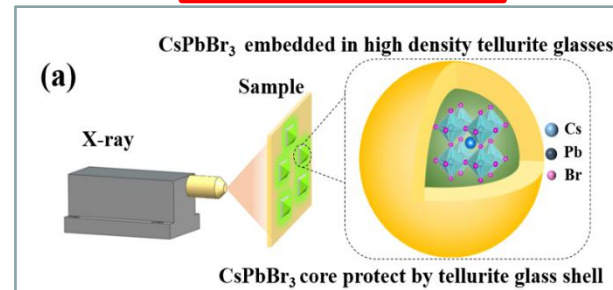
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## Nanocrystals



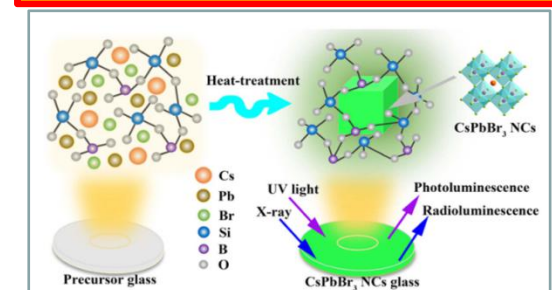
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## Quantum Dots



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## Lanthanide + Quantum Dots



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- High Light Yield: Lanthanide for the Luminescence Center: Cerium (Ce) ;
- High Density and Low radioactivity background: Gadolinium (Gd) ;

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# 2.1 The GS R&D Collaboration Group

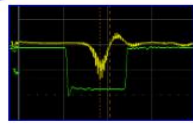
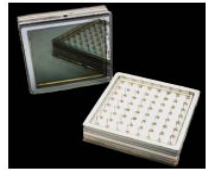


- The Glass Scintillator Collaboration Group established in Oct.2021;
- The Experts of the GS in the University, Institute and Industry are still welcomed to join us ([qians@ihep.ac.cn](mailto:qians@ihep.ac.cn)).

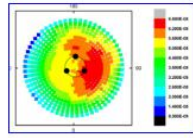
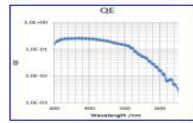
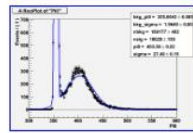


# 2.2 Test Facilities -- (1) the PMT Lab in IHEP

## ➤ PMT



- Anode Pulse Rise Time;
- Pre/Late/After Pulse;
- Dark Count
- The Single Photoelectron Spectrum;
- The voltage distribution (BASE) ;
- The Supply voltage;
- Typical Gain Characteristic;
- Anode Dark Current



- Spectral Response;
- Wavelength of Maximum Response;
- Cathode Sensitivity: Luminous(2856K);
- Quantum efficiency with  $\lambda$



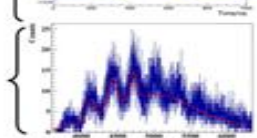
- Photocathode efficiency Area;
- Photocathode efficiency Uniform;
- The position of the Sb, K, Cs;
- The linearity of the PMT
- Magnetic characteristics;
- Transit Time Spread (FWHM)

Others  
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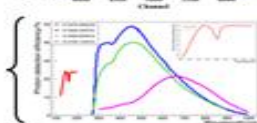
## ➤ SiPM



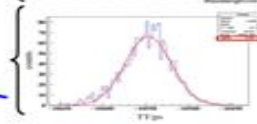
- Pixel Number;
- Photosensitive Area;
- Breakdown Voltage;
- Over Bias



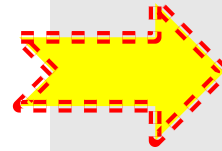
- Typical Gain Characteristic;
- Dark Count;
- Optical Crosstalk;
- Dynamic Range and Linearity



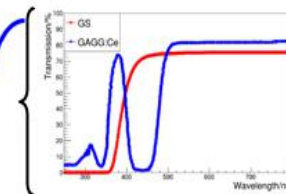
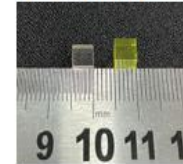
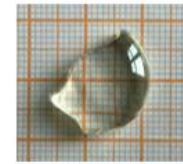
- The Single Photoelectron Spectrum;
- Photon Detection Efficiency;
- Pulse Width;
- Amplitude



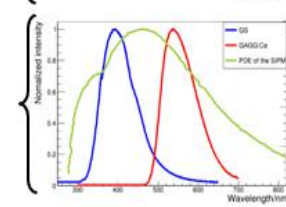
- Pulse Rise Time;
- Fall Time;
- Transit Time;
- Transition Time Spread



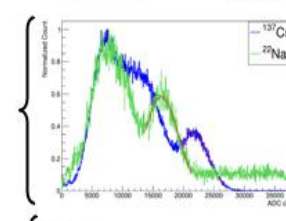
## ➤ The Scintillator Test System



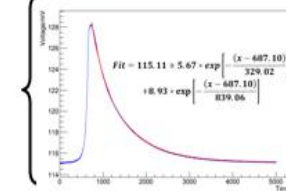
- Density;
- Elastic Modulus;
- Refractive Index;
- Transmission Spectrum



- Absorbance;
- Excitation Spectrum;
- Emission Spectrum;
- PL QY



- Light Yield;
- Energy Resolution;
- Decay time;
- Afterglow



- Coincidence Time Resolution;
- Neutron/Gamma Discrimination;
- Irradiation Damage

Others  
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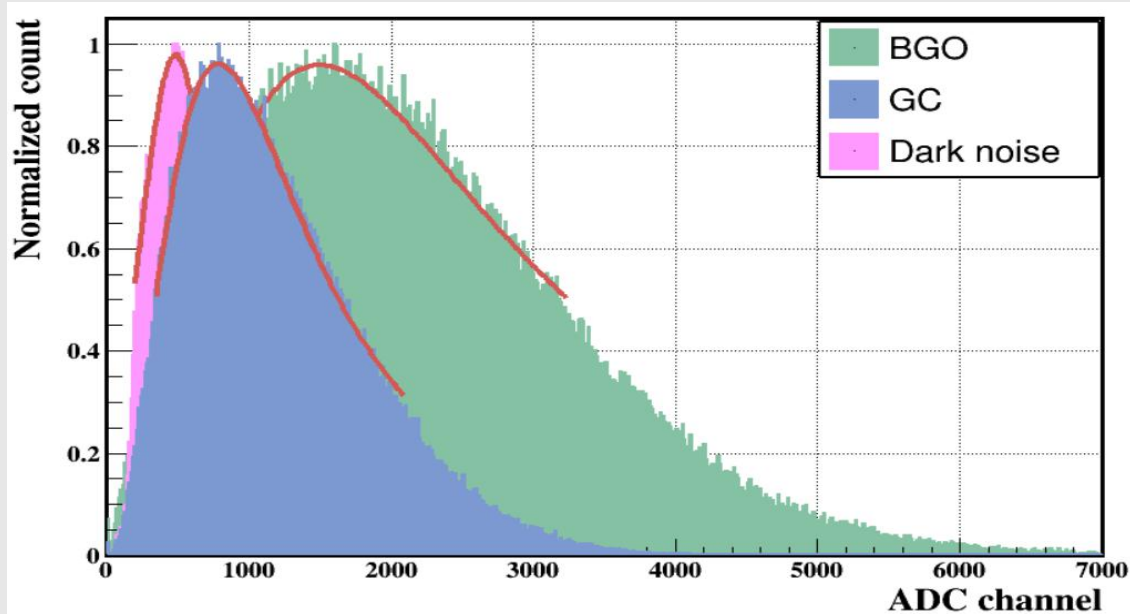
- XPS
- XRD

The PMTs information could be see the talk in WG7 <The R&D of the MCP based PMTs for High Energy Physics Detectors>

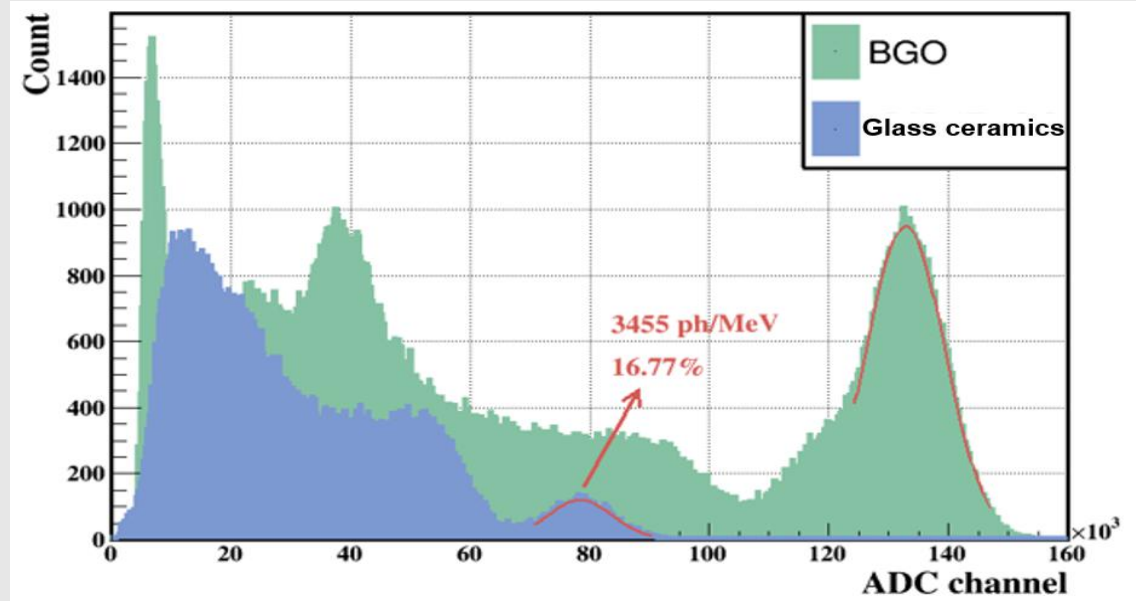
## 2.3 Energy Spectra--Light Yield

### Light Yield @gamma-ray VS @X-ray

➤ X-Ray Energy Spectra

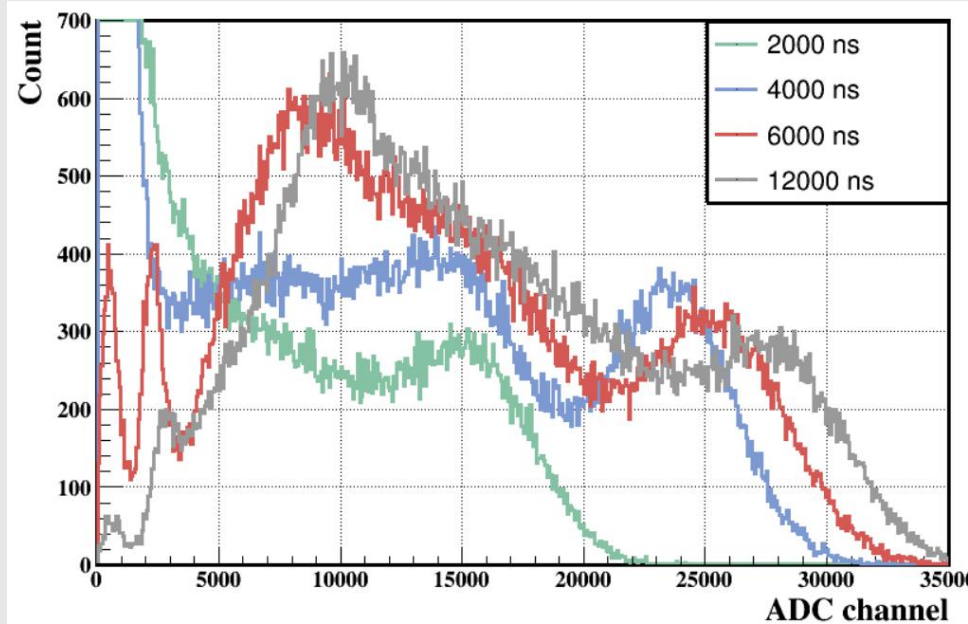
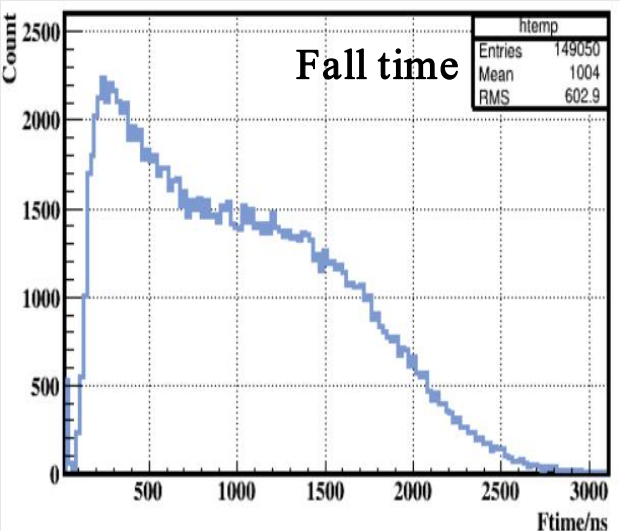
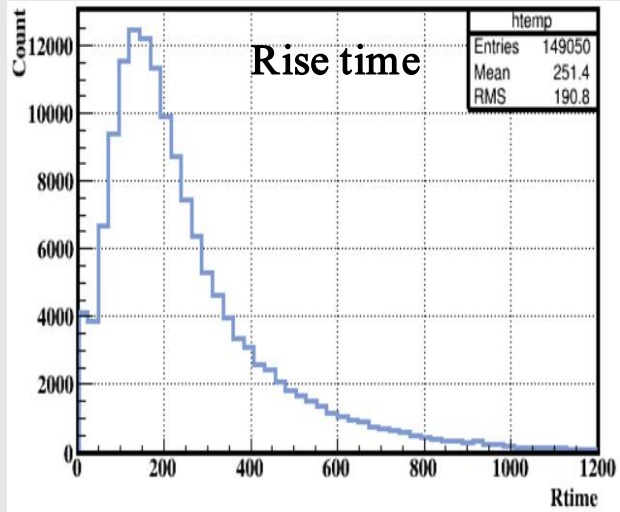


➤  $^{137}\text{Cs}$   $\gamma$ -Ray Energy Spectra



- Under X-ray, the photon number of the GC detected by SiPM is about **32%** of BGO crystal;
- Under  $^{137}\text{Cs}$ , the photon number of the GC detected is about **59%** of BGO crystal;
- Therefore, the relative light yield of glass scintillator under X rays is not equal to  $\gamma$  rays.

# 2.4 Effect of integral time on glass scintillator

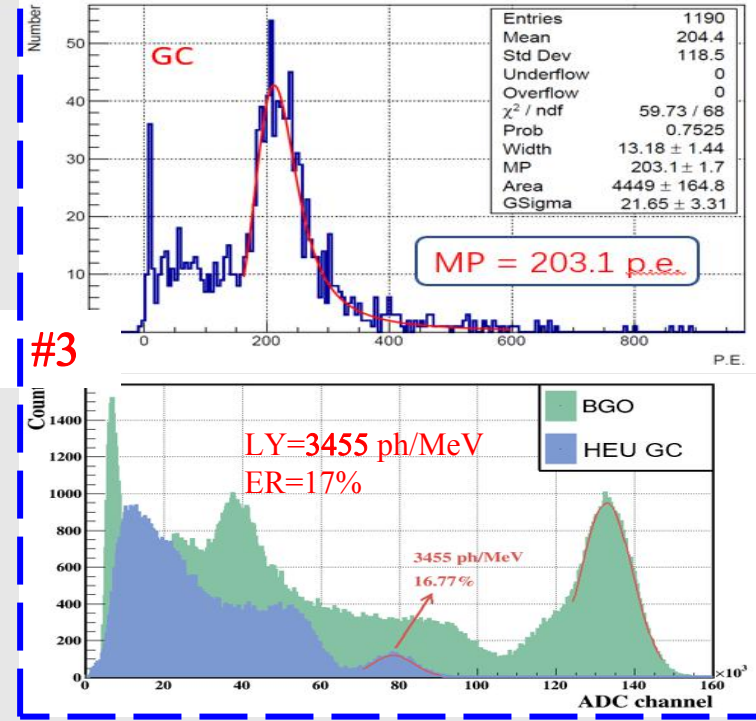
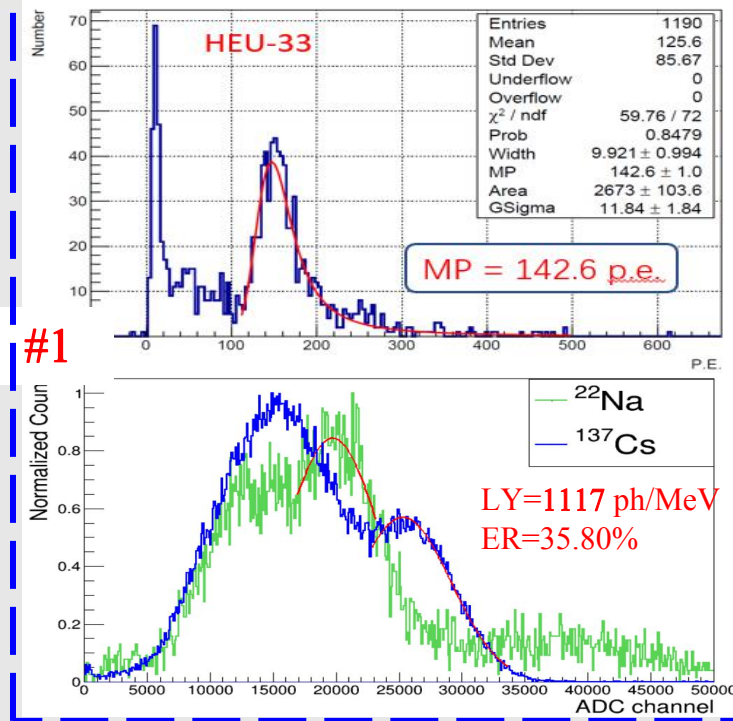
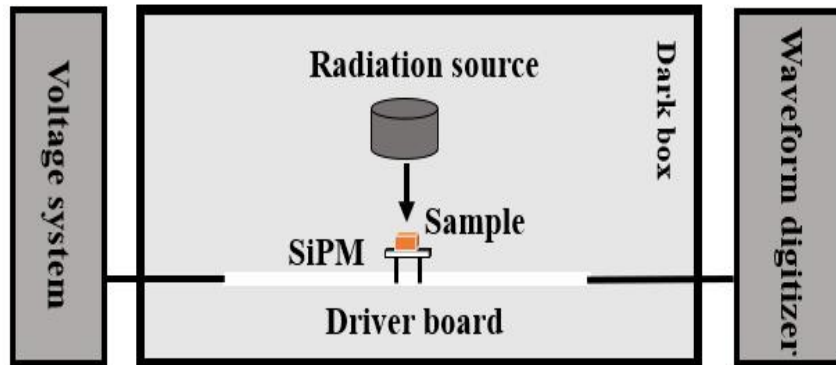
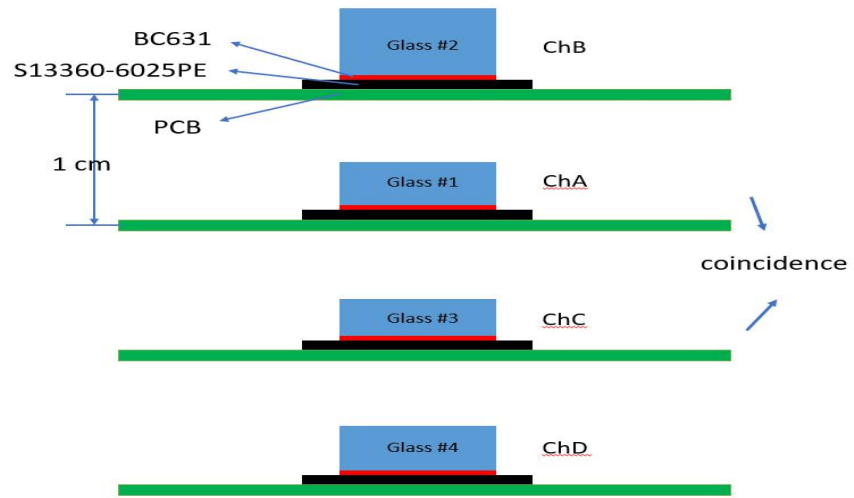


| Integral time (ns) | LY (ph/MeV) | ER (%) | Decay time (ns)      |
|--------------------|-------------|--------|----------------------|
| 1000               | /           | /      | 619.9                |
| 2000               | 708         | 44.2   | 279.4 (0.3%), 3594.7 |
| 4000               | 1126        | 26.4   | 198.7 (0.9%), 1708.0 |
| 6000               | 1204        | 28.6   | 165.8 (0.6%), 1652.2 |
| 8000               | 1247        | 28.8   | 152.2 (0.5%), 1653.5 |
| 10000              | 1278        | 28.6   | 167.5 (0.6%), 1649.0 |
| 12000              | 1296        | 30.0   | 166.0 (1.0%), 1642.4 |

- According to RT+FT, the integral time should be set to more than 4000 ns.
- Taking 0.5 mol% Ce<sup>3+</sup>-doped glass as an example, the calculated light yield increases with the increase of the integral time due to large slow component decay time, and the longer the integral time, the worse the energy resolution.
- Therefore, the appropriate integral time should be set up according to different decay of the glasses.



# 2.5 The Light Yield--Cosmic Ray VS Gamma Ray



- Considering the density and thickness of the glasses, the MIP response by the cosmic ray is consistent with the light yield of the glass scintillator by gamma ray.

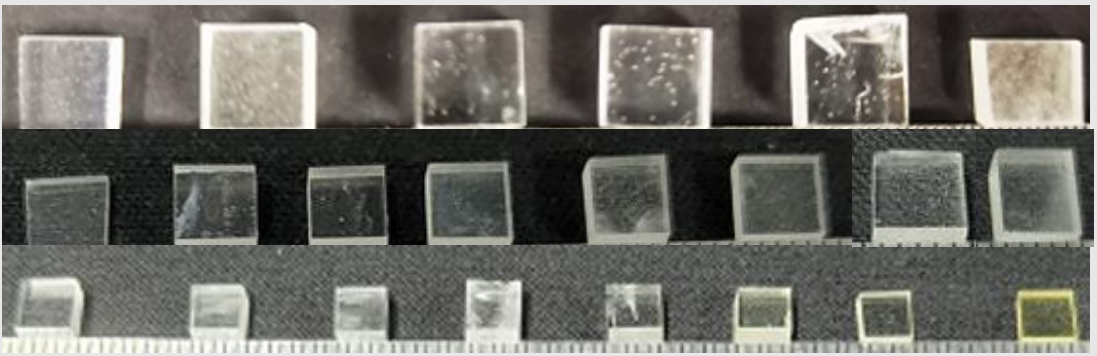
|         | MIP (p.e.) | LY (ph/MeV) | Thicknes (mm) | Density (g/cm <sup>3</sup> ) | mip/(Thi*Den) | LY/MIP |
|---------|------------|-------------|---------------|------------------------------|---------------|--------|
| #1      | 143        | 1117        | 2.6           | 5.4                          | 10.2          | 110    |
| #3 (GC) | 203        | 3455        | 2             | 3.3                          | 30.6          | 113    |



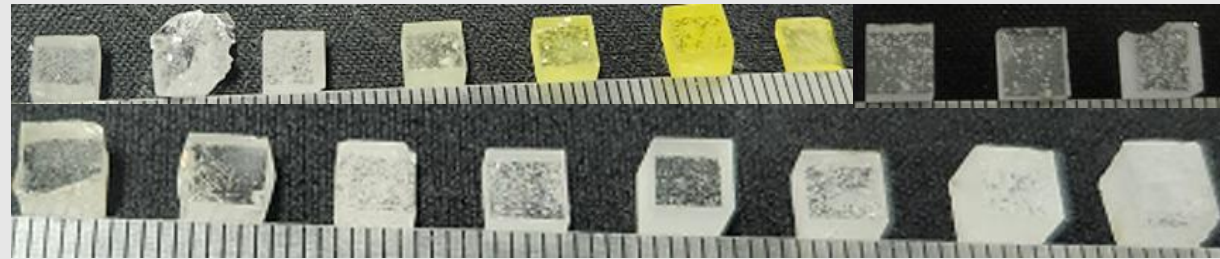
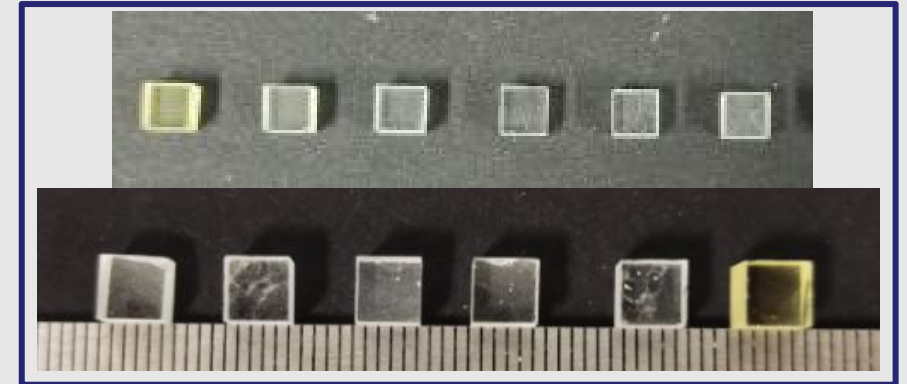
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# 3.0 The GS Samples produced in one year (>200)



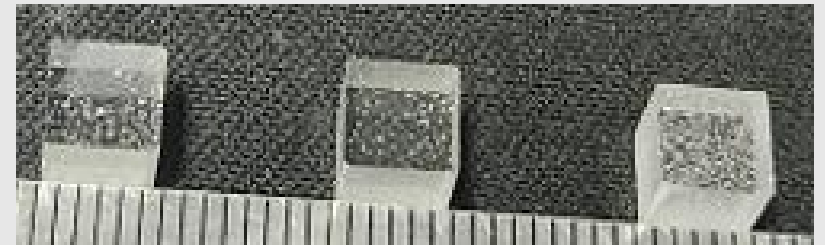
Gd-Ga-B-Ce<sup>3+</sup> glass  
20mm\*20mm\*12mm



Gd-Al-B-Si-Ce<sup>3+</sup> glass  
42mm\*51mm\*10mm



Gd-Al-B-Si-Ce<sup>3+</sup> glass  
37mm\*30mm\*9mm



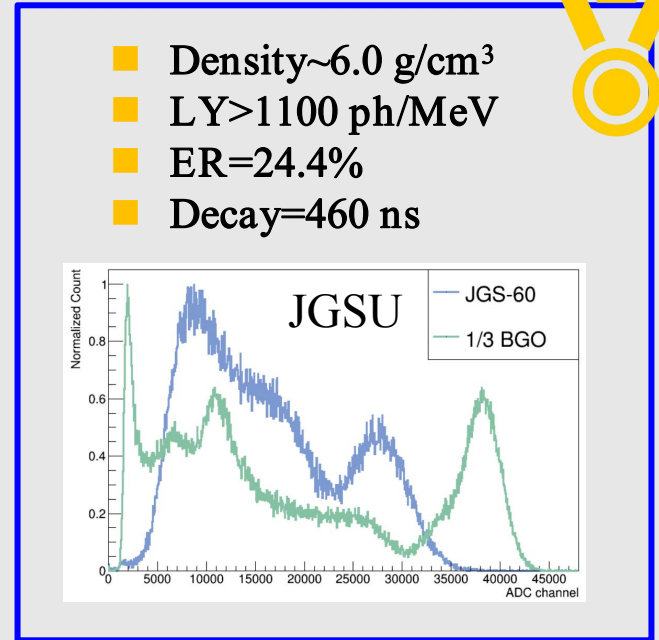
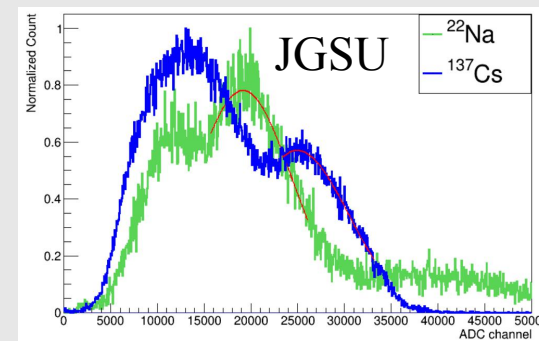
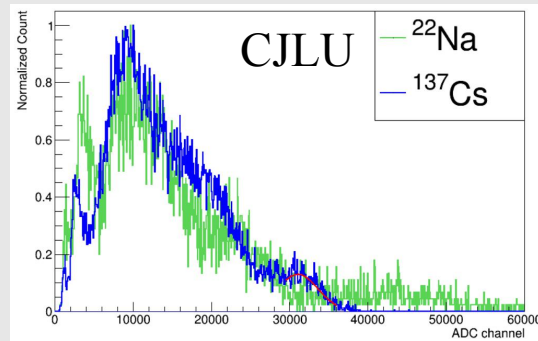
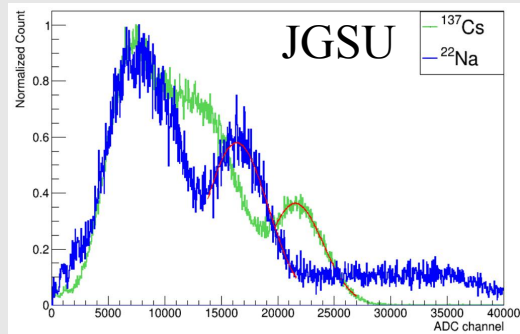
# 3.1 Borosilicate Glass (Gd-Al-B-Si-Ce<sup>3+</sup>) --GS1

- Density~4.5 g/cm<sup>3</sup>
- LY=802 ph/MeV
- ER=26.8%
- Decay=262 ns (18%), 1235 ns

- Density~4.0 g/cm<sup>3</sup>
- LY>1200 ph/MeV
- ER=23.2%
- Decay=231 ns (10%), 1897 ns

- Density~6.0 g/cm<sup>3</sup>
- LY>1000 ph/MeV
- ER=49.6%
- Decay=847 ns

- Density~6.0 g/cm<sup>3</sup>
- LY>1100 ph/MeV
- ER=24.4%
- Decay=460 ns

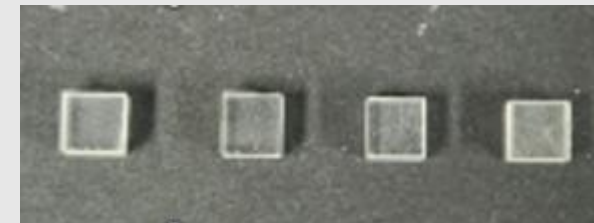
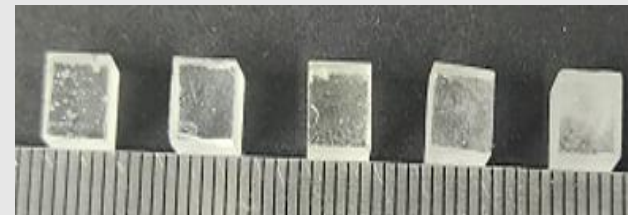
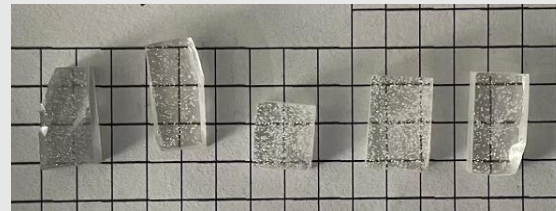
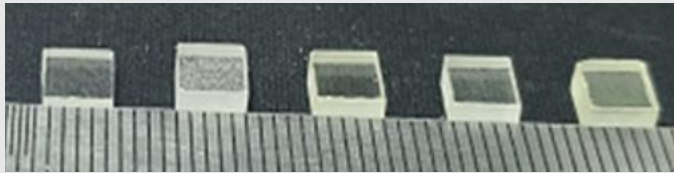


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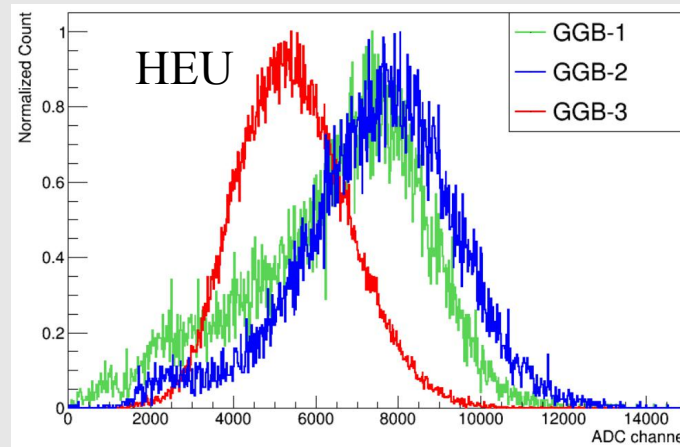
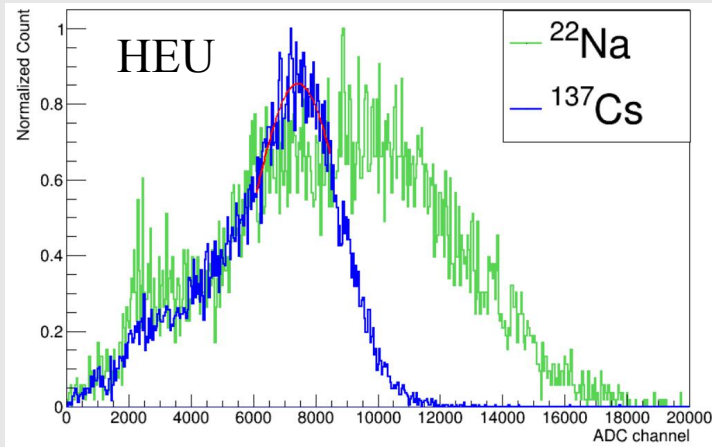
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# 3.2 Borate glass (Gd-Ga-B-Ce<sup>3+</sup>) --GS2

- Density=5.9 g/cm<sup>3</sup>
- LY=550 ph/MeV
- ER=None
- Decay=148 ns (16%), 1076 ns

- Density=6.0 g/cm<sup>3</sup>
- LY=570 ph/MeV
- ER=None
- Decay=277 ns

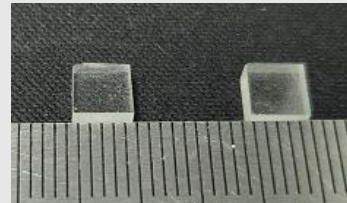
Large size  
20mm\*20mm\*12mm



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■ New glass system

- Large size
- Fast decay

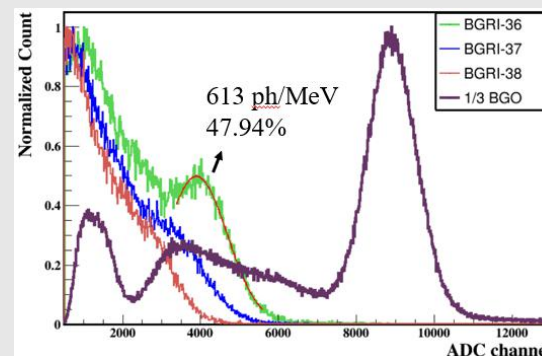
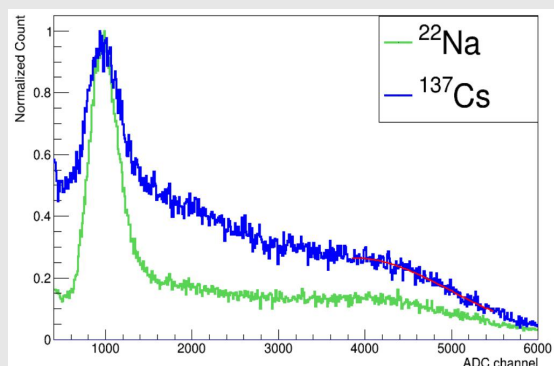
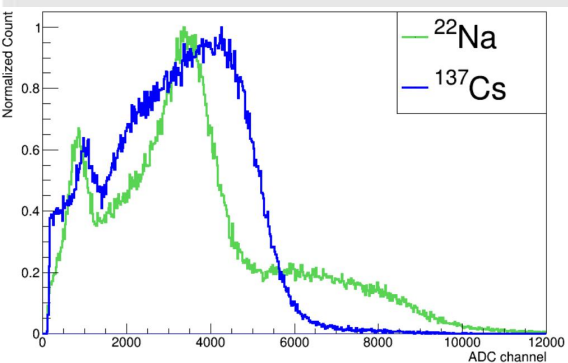


# 3.3 The Large size glass

- Size=30\*27.5\*9 mm<sup>3</sup>
- Density=5.1 g/cm<sup>3</sup>
- LY=466 ph/MeV
- ER=None

- Size=30\*30\*10 mm<sup>3</sup>
- Density=5.2 g/cm<sup>3</sup>
- LY~600 ph/MeV
- ER=None

- Size=28\*28\*10 mm<sup>3</sup>
- Density=5.2 g/cm<sup>3</sup>
- LY=613 ph/MeV
- ER=47.9%



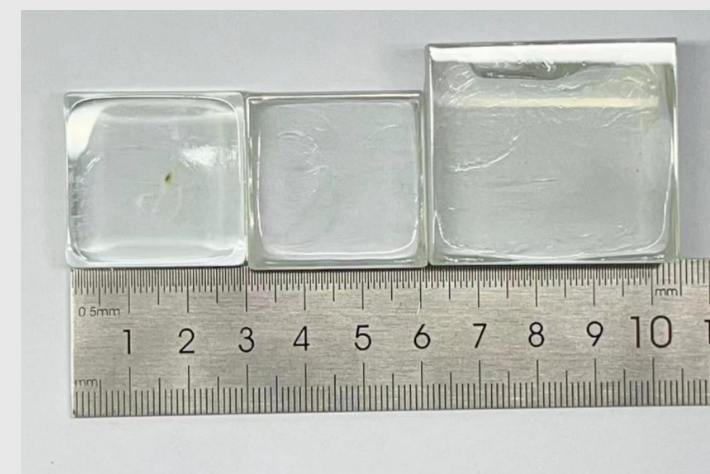
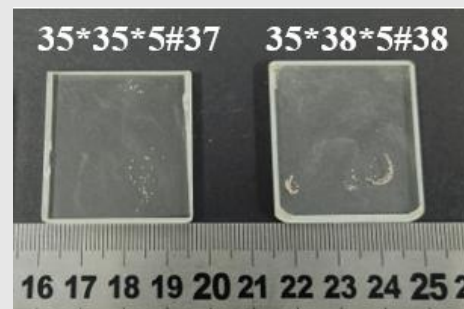
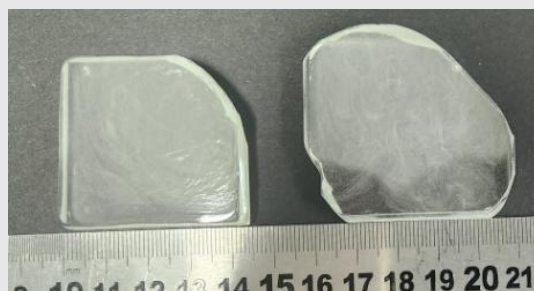
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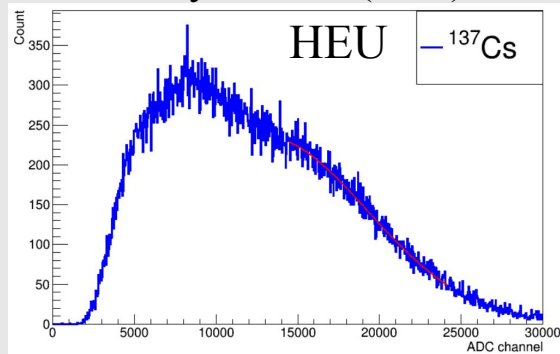


# 3.4 Glass Ceramic (Gd-Y-K-Si-Ce<sup>3+</sup>) --GC

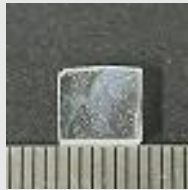


About Glass Ceramic could be seen in these Ref.  
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 (2021.11) J. Mater. Chem. C, 2021, 9, 17504;  
 (2022.11) J. Eur. Ceram. Soc., 2022;

- Density~ 3.3 g/cm<sup>3</sup>
- LY=519 ph/MeV
- ER=None
- Decay=240 ns (47%), 1752 ns

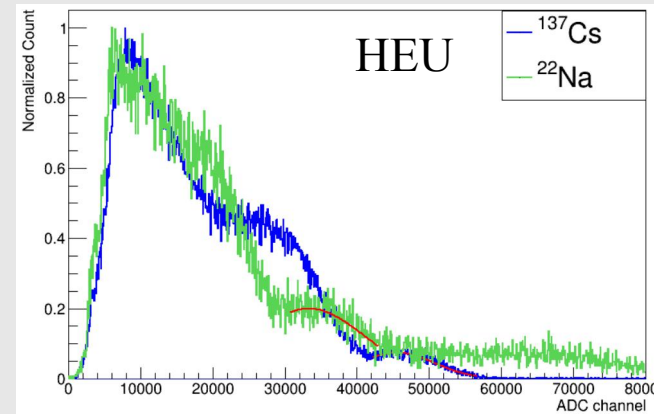


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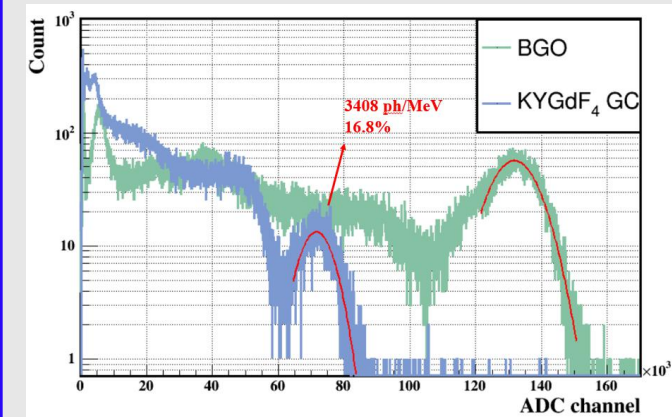
- Density~ 3.3 g/cm<sup>3</sup>
- LY>1600 ph/MeV
- ER=27.3%
- Decay=210 ns (53%), 1622 ns



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- Density~3.3 g/cm<sup>3</sup>
- LY>3400 ph/MeV
- ER=16.8%
- Decay= 321 ns (33%), 1606 ns



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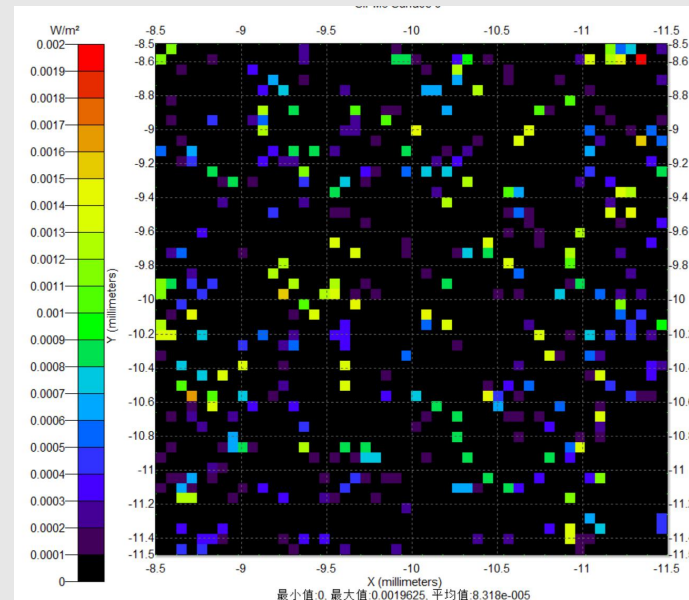
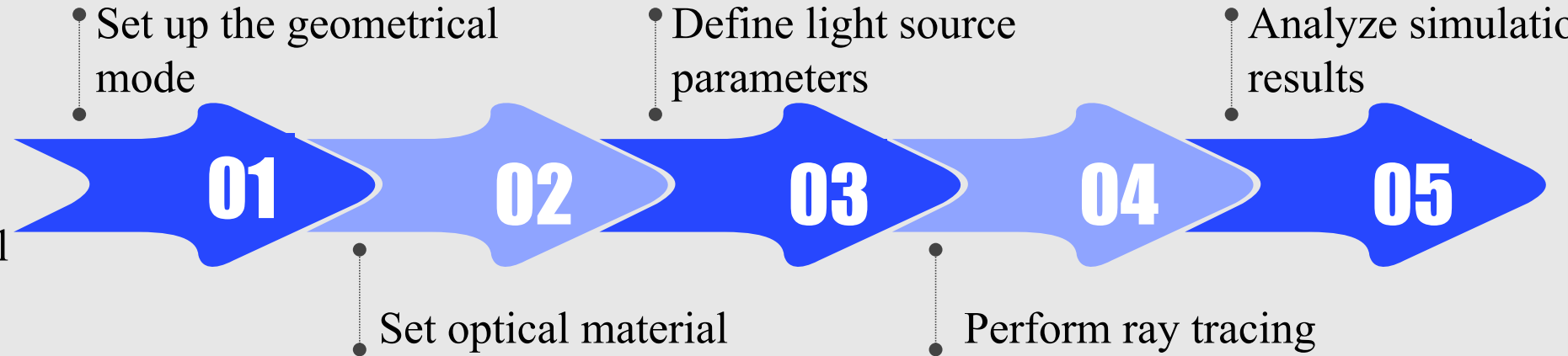
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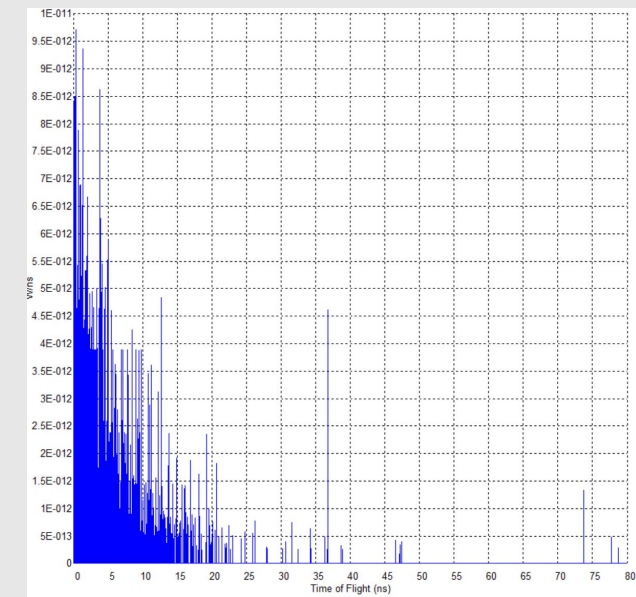
# 4.0 Simulation setting ( --> next to G4 )

## TracePro

- The Monte Carlo method
- To solve various statistical calculation problems
- Accurately simulate the randomness of diffuse reflection
- Trace and record each photon from its creation to its disappearance



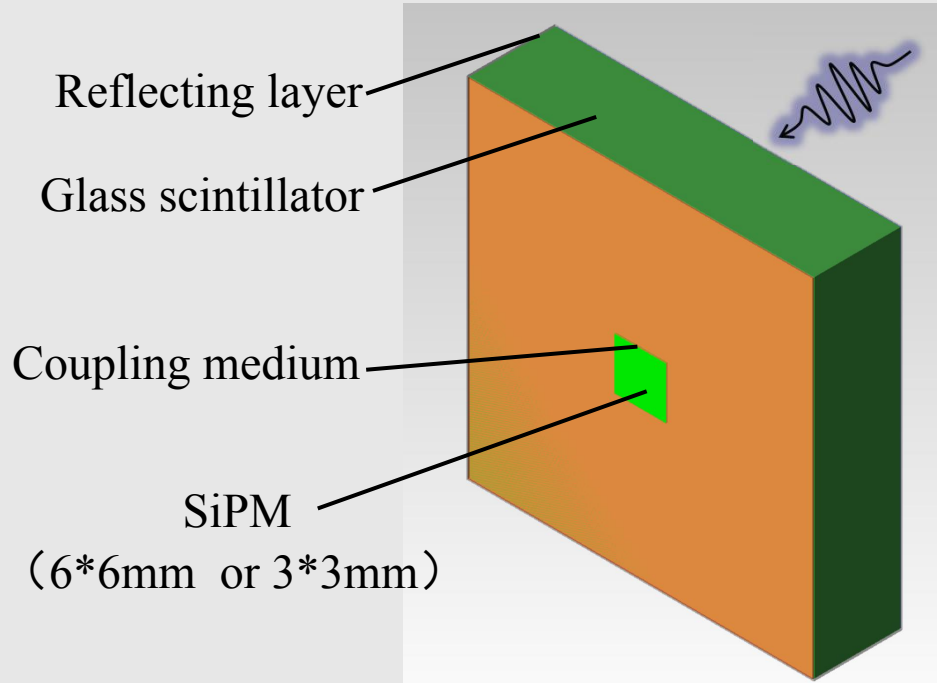
➤ the Uniformity of light yield



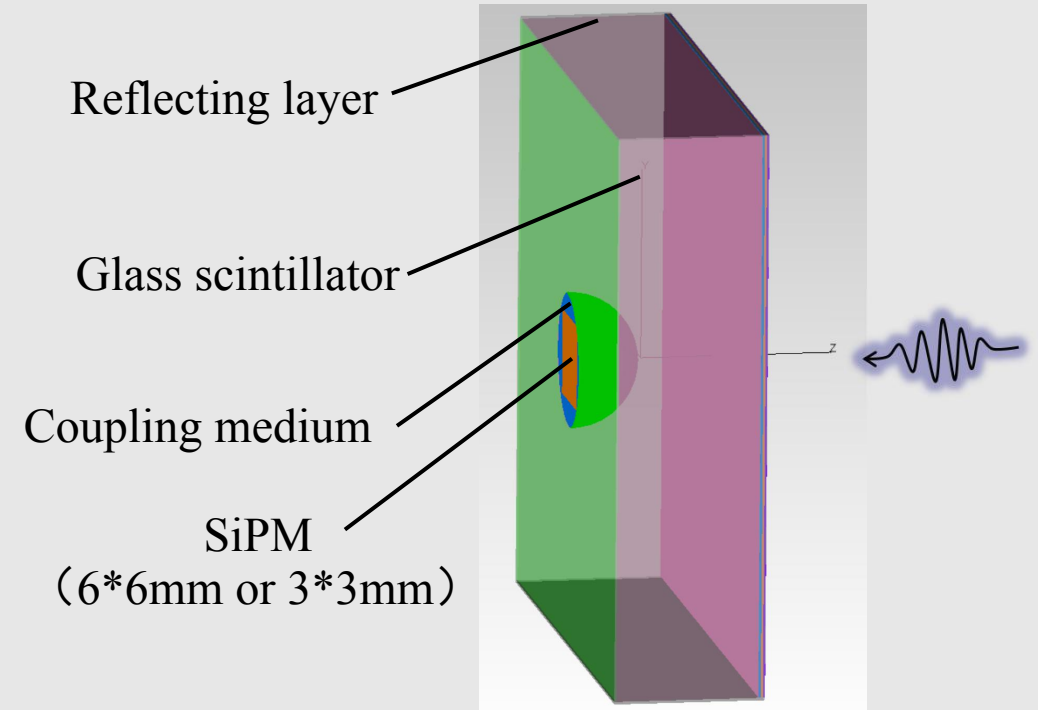
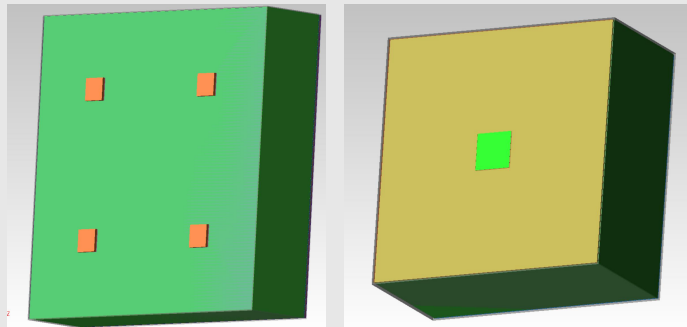
➤ the output light with time



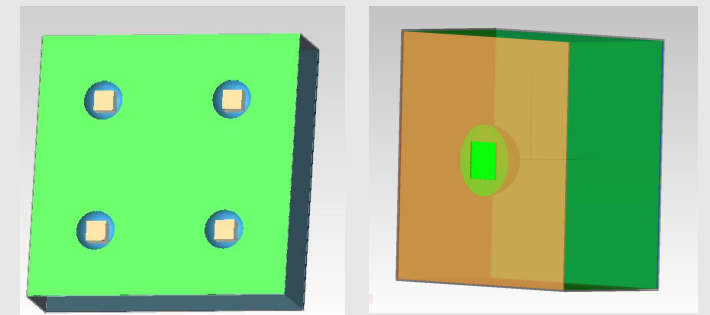
# 4.1 Module (1) Coupling mode of GS and SiPM



➤ Direct detection

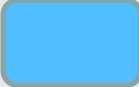



➤ Hemisphere detection

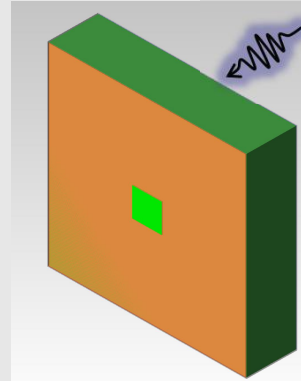


# 4.1 Module (2) The Reflection Film

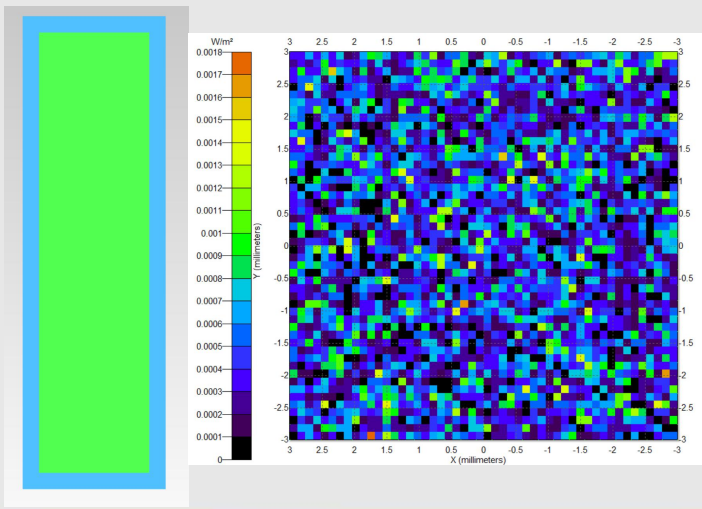
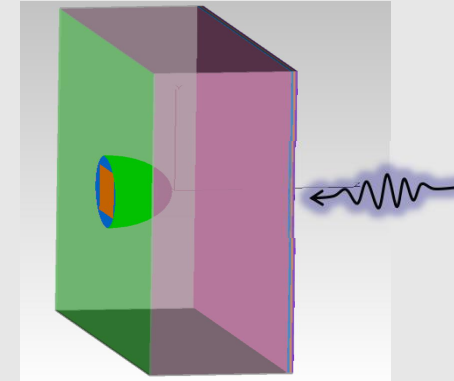
Aluminum / ESR film

 (specular reflection)  
ref.ratio = 80% / 99%

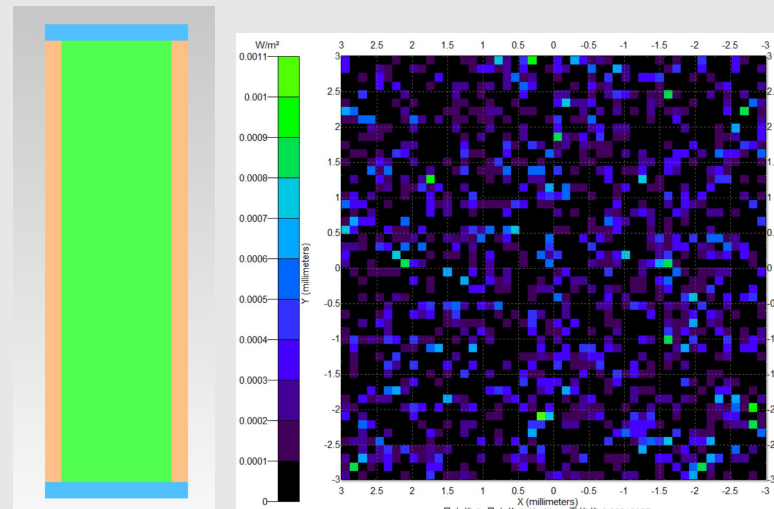
 Teflon/  
(diffuse reflection)  
ref.ratio = 98%



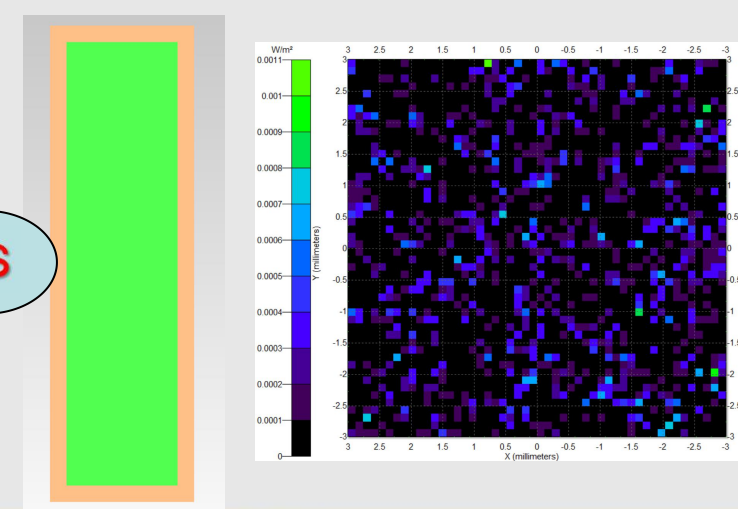
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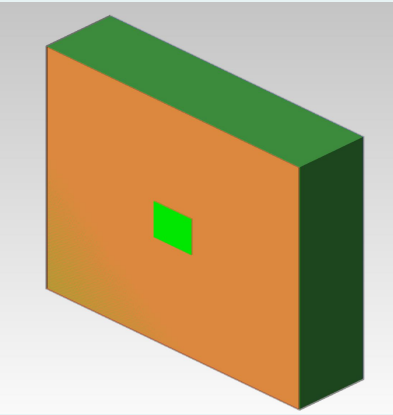
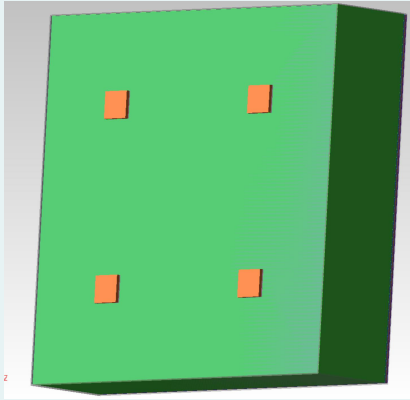
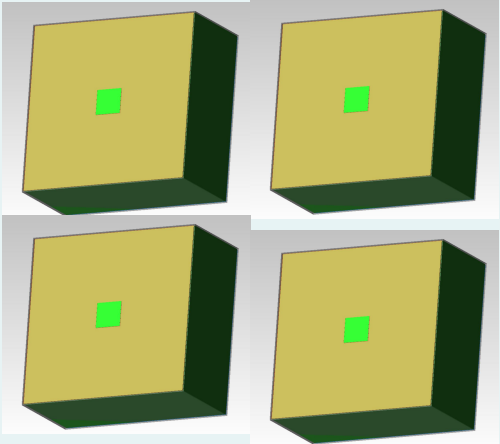
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# 4.2 The Results

|                  | GS=40mm*40mm<br>SIPM= 6mm*6mm   | GS=40mm*40mm<br>SIPM= 3mm*3mm X 4   | GS=20mm*20mm X 4<br>SIPM= 3mm*3mm X 4   |
|------------------|---|---|---|
| Direct detection |  |  |  |
| Al               | 32777ph 3.63ns  | 33310ph 3.65ns  | 30764ph 3.69ns  |
| Teflon           | 6634ph 0.55ns   |   | 7036ph 0.64ns   |
| Teflon+Al        | 9364ph 0.67ns   | 9637ph 0.78ns   | 8740ph 0.66ns   |

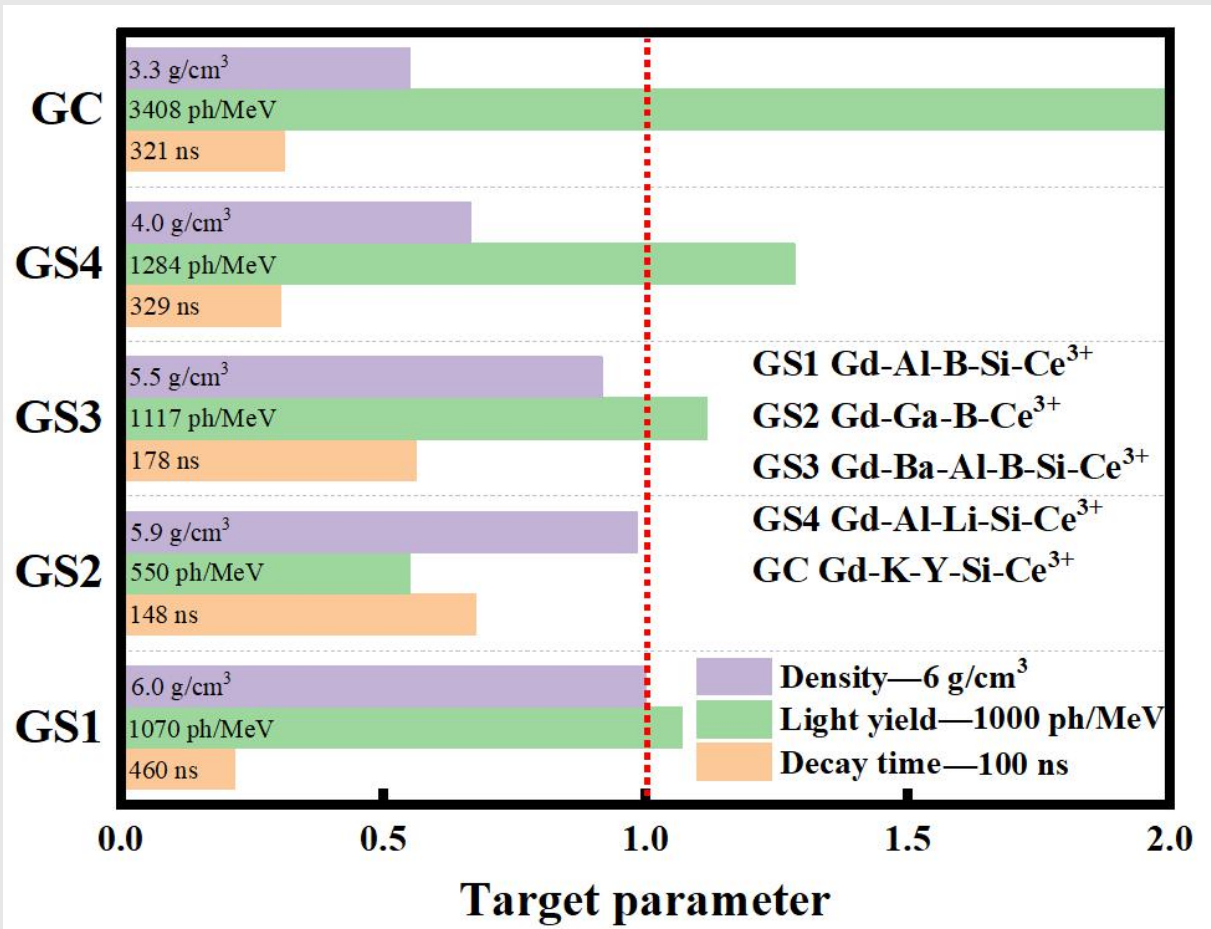
**Preliminary Results!**

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# 5.1 Summary



Glass scintillator of good energy resolution, fast decay, high density and light yield

■ 6.0 g/cm<sup>3</sup> & 1072 ph/MeV with 24.4% @662keV & 460 ns —Gd-Al-B-Si-Ce<sup>3+</sup> glass

■ Ultra-high density Tellurite Glass—6.6 g/cm<sup>3</sup>

■ High light yield Glass Ceramic—3400 ph/MeV

■ Fast scintillating Decay Time—100 ns

■ Large size Glass—42mm\*51mm\*10mm

# 5.2 The Scintillator data

| Typy   | Composition                                    | Density (g/cm <sup>3</sup> ) | Light yield (ph/MeV) | Decay time (ns) | Emission peak(nm) | Price/1 c.c (RMB) |
|--|--|------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Glass Scintillator in Paper                      | Ce-doped high Gadolinium glass <sup>[1]</sup>  | 4.37                         | 3460                 | 522             | 431               | ~10               |
|  | Ce-doped fluoride hafnium glass <sup>[2]</sup> | 6.0                          | 2400                 | 23.4            | 348               | 150               |
| Plastic Scintillator                             | BC408 <sup>[3]</sup>                           | ~1.0                         | 5120                 | 2.1             | 425               | 60                |
|  | BC418 <sup>[3]</sup>                           | ~1.0                         | 5360                 | 1.4             | 391               | 80                |
| Crystal  | GAGG:Ce <sup>[4]</sup>                         | 6.6                          | 50000                | 50              | 560               | 2400              |
|  | LYSO:Ce <sup>[5]</sup>                         | 7.1                          | 30000                | 40              | 420               | 1200              |
|  | BGO <sup>[6]</sup>                             | 7.3                          | 8000                 | 300             | 480               | 800               |
| Glass Scintillator for CEPC (preliminary target) | ?  | >7                           | >1000                | < 100           | 350-500           | ~1                |
| Stuaus of Glass Scintillator                     | ?  | >6                           | >1000                | < 200           | 350-500           | ~?                |

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# 5.3 Next plan

**Gd-(Ba/Al)-B-Si -Ce<sup>3+</sup> glass will be the focus of future research.**

- The glass scintillators were prepared repeatedly to ensure its performance stability;
- The properties of the glasses will be further improved through **raw material purification**;
- To reduce the scintillation decay time of the glasses (<100 ns);
- To produce the large size and mass preparation samples(4cm\*4cm);
- Test the **radiation resistance** and **mechanical properties** of the glasses (MDI);
- Explore the structural properties of the glasses.



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The Innovation

**THANKS**