

# The R&D of the New Glass Scintillator for HCAL of CEPC



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# Outline

- 1. The GS-HCAL of CEPC;
- 2. The Motivation and Design of GS ;
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# 1.1 HCAL Design Options (Before)

## □ Several HCAL design options have been proposed

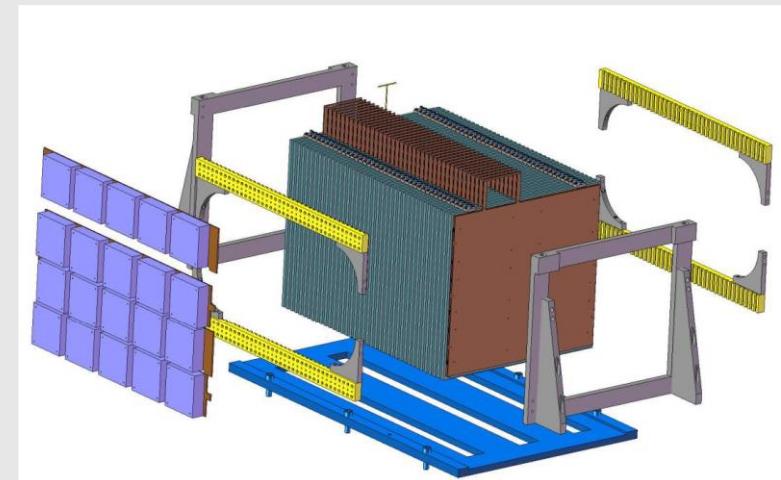
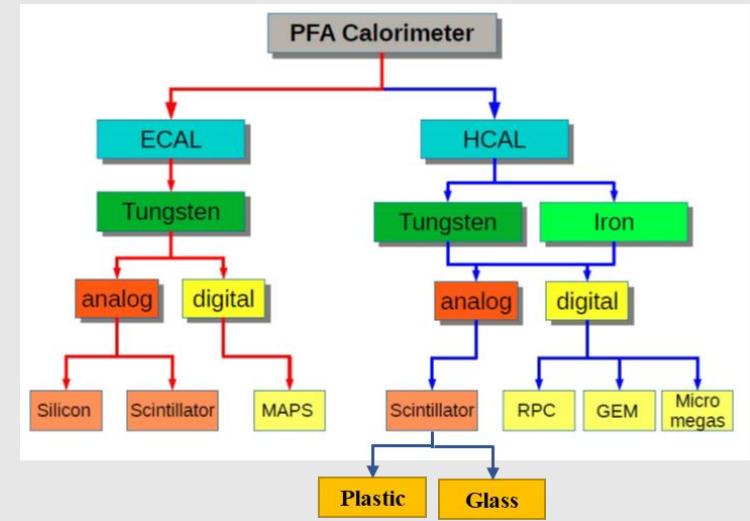
- Based on **Gaseous Detector**
  - e.g. CALICE SDHCAL [doi:10.1088/1748-0221/11/04/P04001](https://doi.org/10.1088/1748-0221/11/04/P04001)
- Based on **Liquid Argon**
  - e.g. ATLAS LAr Endcap HCAL [doi:10.1016/j.nuclphysbps.2011.03.150](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.nuclphysbps.2011.03.150)
- AHCAL: **Plastic Scintillator** & SiPM readout
  - e.g. CEPC AHCAL [doi:10.1088/1748-0221/17/11/P11034](https://doi.org/10.1088/1748-0221/17/11/P11034)



➤ CALICE SDHCAL Prototype

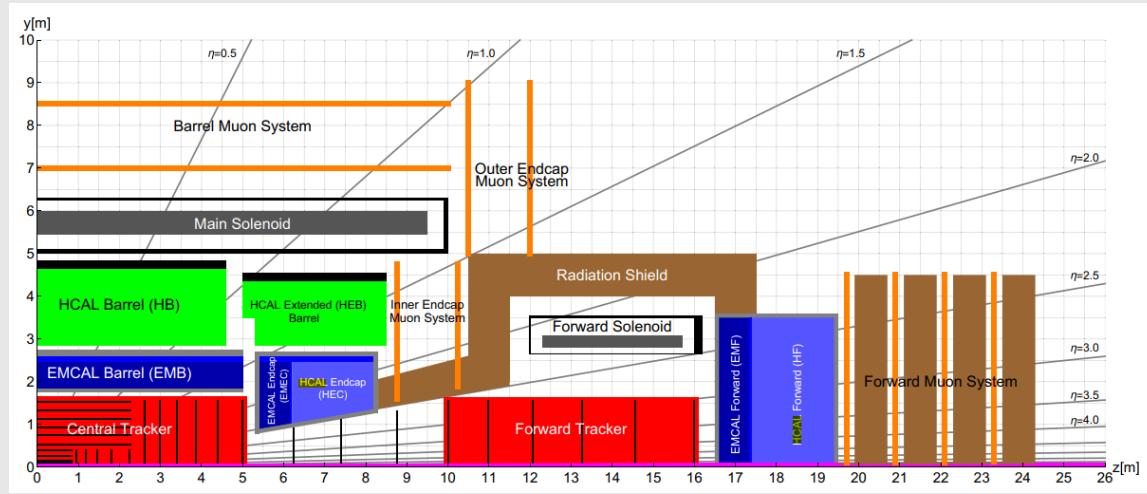


➤ ATLAS LAr Endcap HCAL

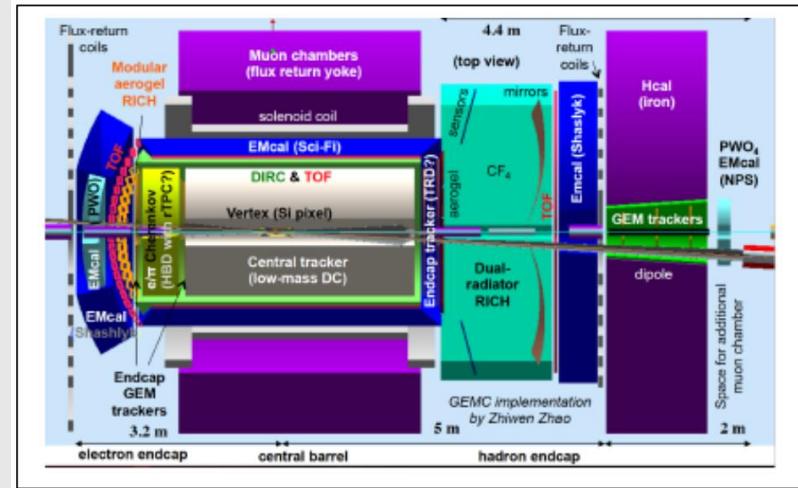


➤ CEPC AHCAL Prototype

# 1.2 HCAL Design Options (After)



Longitudinal cross-section of the FCC-hh reference detector



Example layout of the EIC detector base design

## Task 1.2: Hadronic section with optical tiles

Subtask 1.2.1: AHCAL Scintillating plastic tiles/Steel

Subtask 1.2.2: ScintGlassHCAL Heavy glass tiles/Steel

## Task 1.3: Hadronic section with gaseous readout

Subtask 1.3.1: T-SDHCAL Resistive Plate Chambers/Steel

Subtask 1.3.2: MPGD-HCAL Multipattern Gas Detectors/Steel

Subtask 1.3.3: ADRIANO3 Resistive Plate Chambers+Scintillating plastic tiles/ Heavy Glass

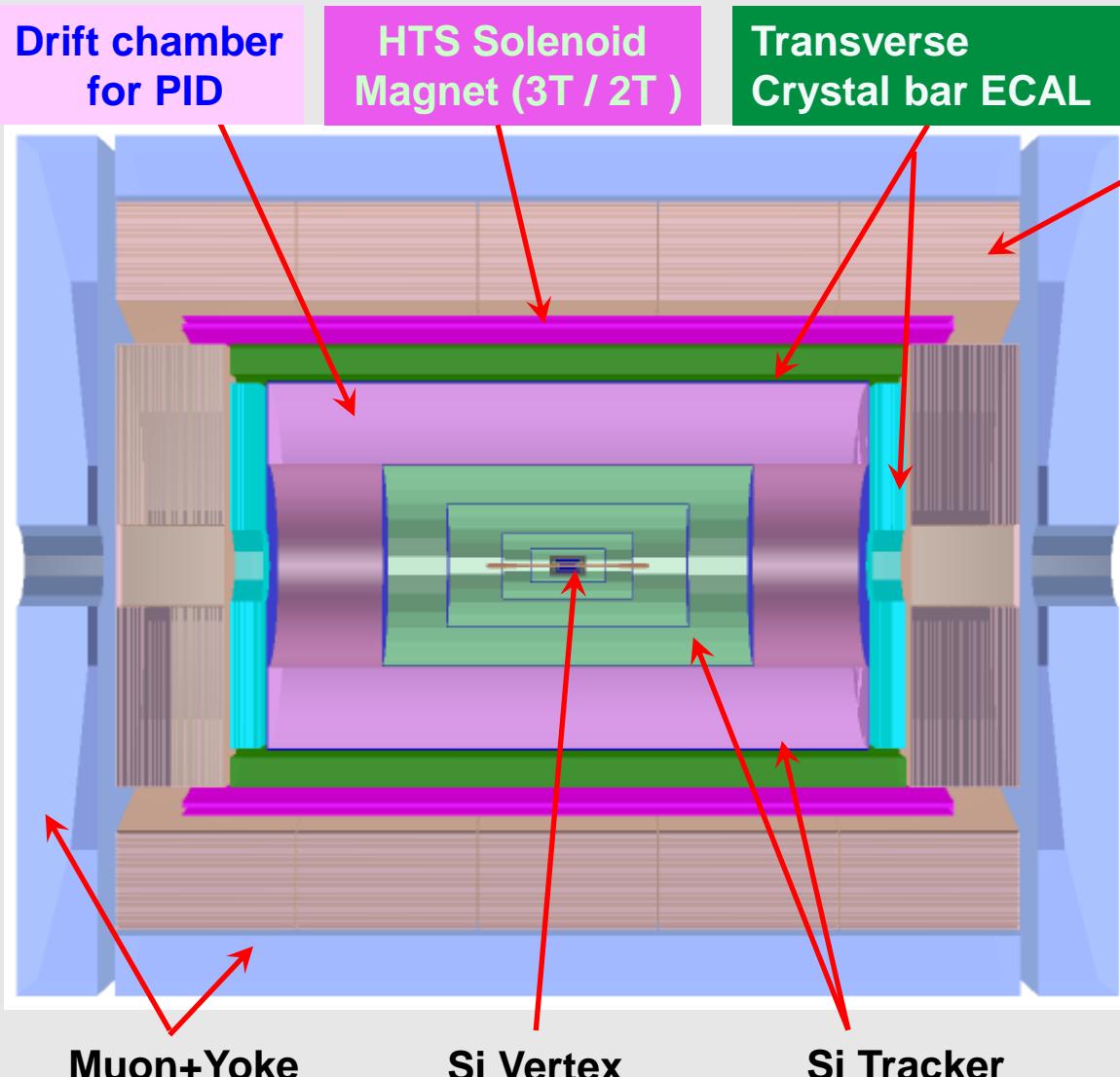
## Task 1.2

- AHCAL: Concept for continuous readout
- ScintGlass HCAL: cm scale tiles

## Task 1.3

- T-SDHCAL: Study of the impact of timing on the PFA performance
- MPGD-HCAL: Completion of 6 layer 20x20 cm<sup>2</sup> proto
- ADRIANO3: Small scale test layers

# The 4<sup>th</sup> Conceptual Detector Design



Scint Glass PFA HCAL

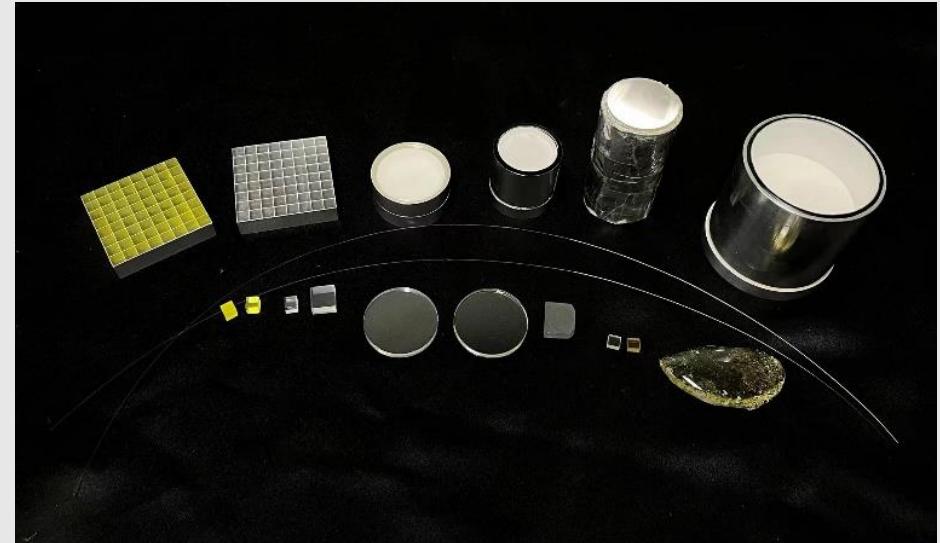
**Advantage:** Cost efficient, high density

**Challenges:** Light yield, transparency, massive production.

- ◆ Further performance goal: **BMR**  $4\% \rightarrow 3\%$
- ◆ Dominant factors in **BMR**: charged hadron fragments & HCAL resolution
  - Higher density provides higher energy sampling fraction
  - Doping with neutron-sensitive elements: improve hadronic response (**Gd**)
  - More compact HCAL layout (given 4~7 nuclear interaction lengths in depth)

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## 2.0 What is the Glass Scintillator?



Plastic Scintillator



Glass Scintillator



Crystal Scintillator

**High light yield**



**Fast decay**



**Low cost**



**Large Density**



**Energy resolution**



**Large size**



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**Fast decay**



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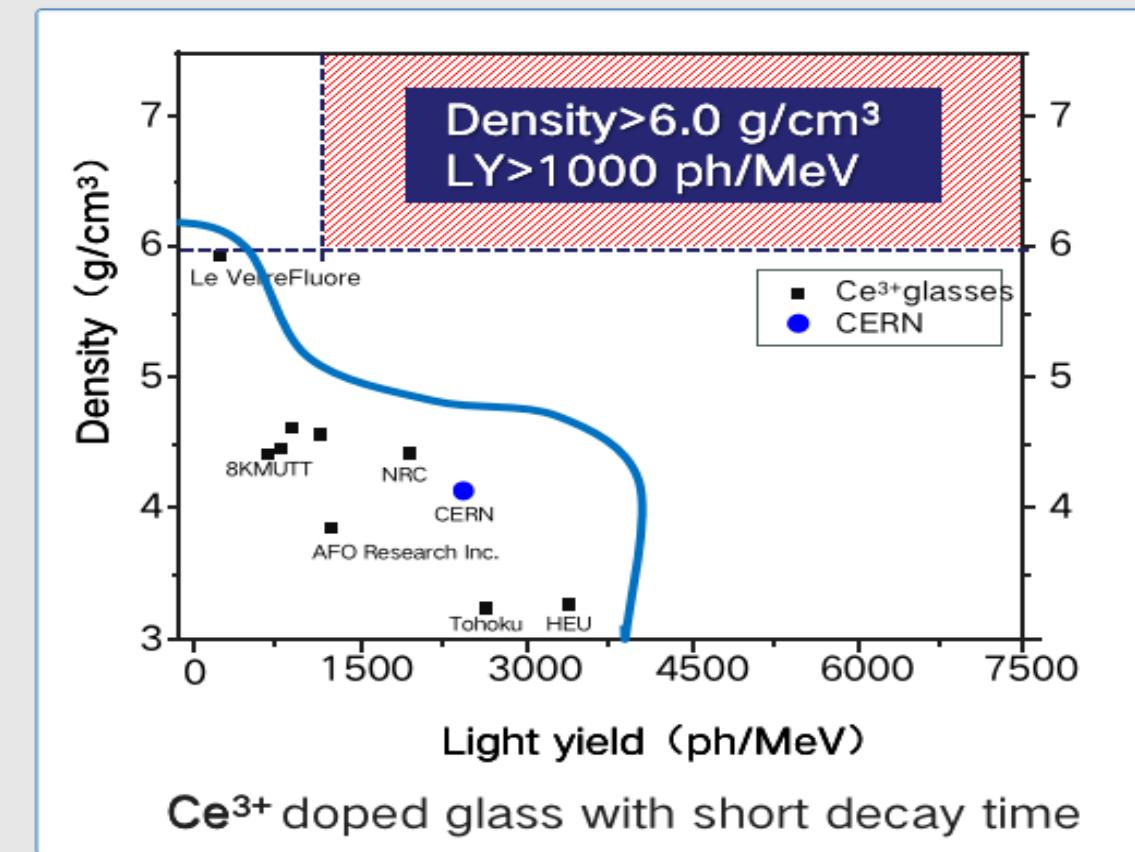
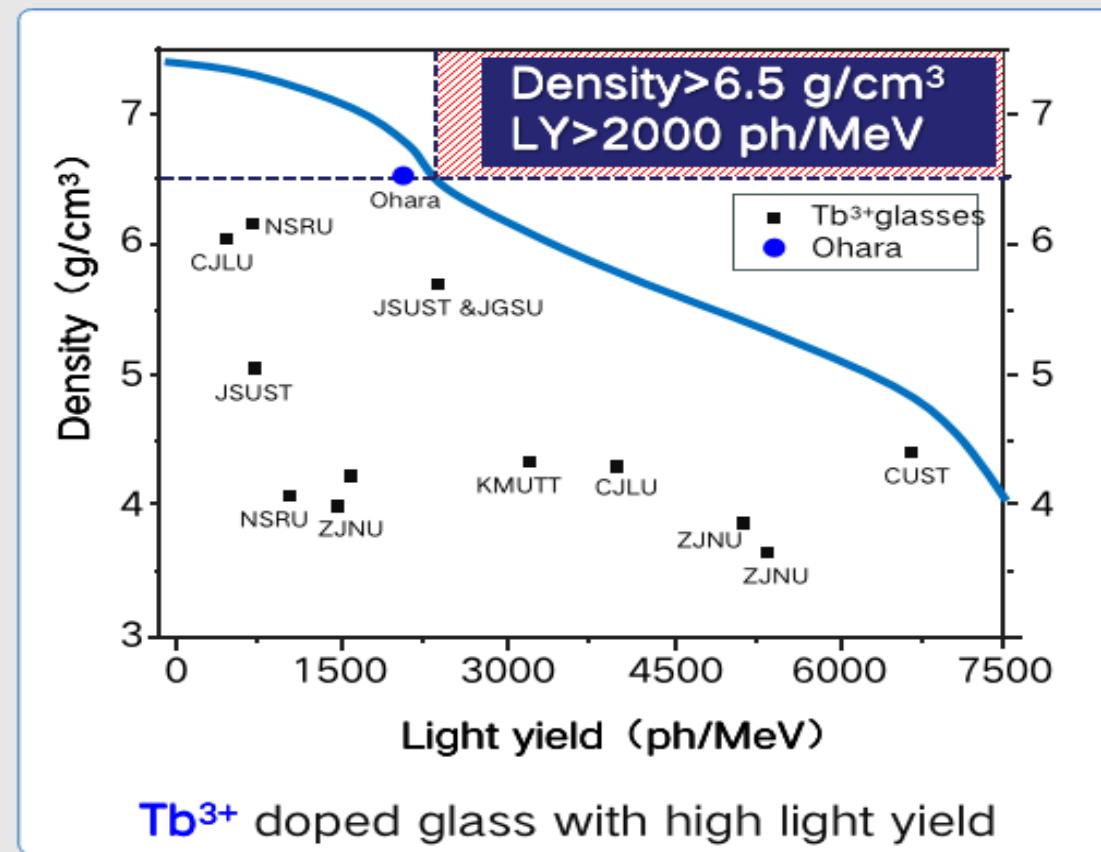


## 2.1 Target of Glass Scintillator

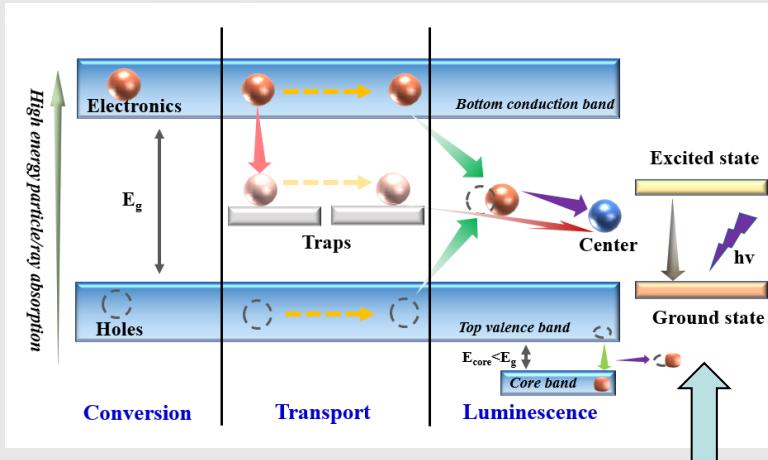
Key parameters	Value	Remarks
➤ Tile size	$\sim 40 \times 40 \text{ mm}^2$	Reference CALICE-AHCAL, granularity, number of channels
➤ Tile thickness	$\sim 10 \text{ mm}$	Energy resolution, Uniformity and MIP response
➤ Density	<b>6-7 g/cm<sup>3</sup></b>	More compact HCAL structure with higher density
➤ Intrinsic light yield	<b>1000-2000 ph/MeV</b>	Higher intrinsic LY can tolerate lower transmittance
➤ Transmittance	$\sim 75\%$	
➤ MIP light yield	$\sim 100 \text{ p.e./MIP}$	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	$<300 \text{ ns}$	Mitigation pile-up effects at CEPC Z-pole (91 GeV)
➤ Emission spectrum	Typically 350-600 nm	To match SiPM PDE and transmittance spectra

## 2.2 Current Research Status of the GS

- Before 2000, the high-density GS is mainly based on Pb (plumbum) or Bi (bismuth), with poor scintillation light;
- After 2000, GS with rare-earth elements (Tb,Terbium; Ce,Cerium) attract more attention for improved LY
- However, it's a great challenge to realize a **high density** and **high light yield** at the same time



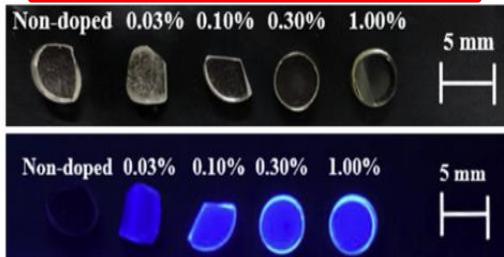
## 2.3 The Design of the Glass Scintillator



### ➤ Scintillation mechanism---- **Luminescence Center**

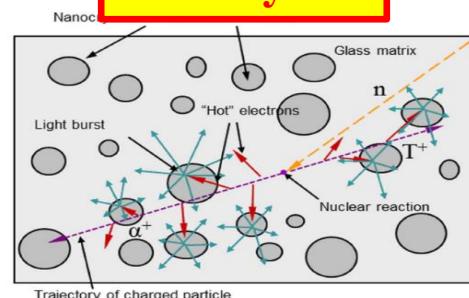
- **Conversion**—photoelectric effect and Compton scattering effect;
- **Transport**—electrons and holes migrate;
- **Luminescence**—captured by the luminescent center ions

### **Lanthanide elements**



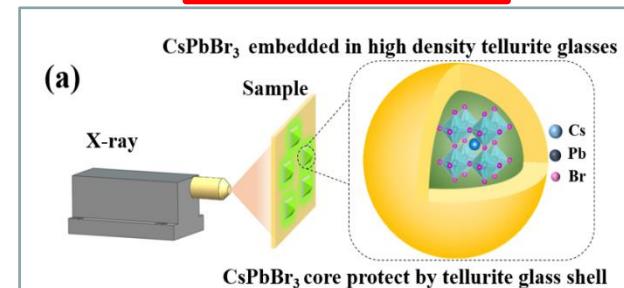
[Journal of Alloys and Compounds 782 \(2019\) 859-864](#)

### **Nanocrystals**



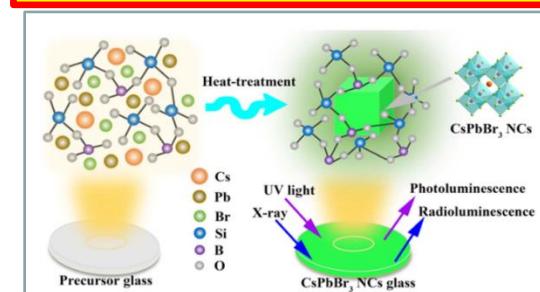
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### **Quantum Dots**



[Optics Letters 46\(14\) 3448-3451 \(2021\)](#)

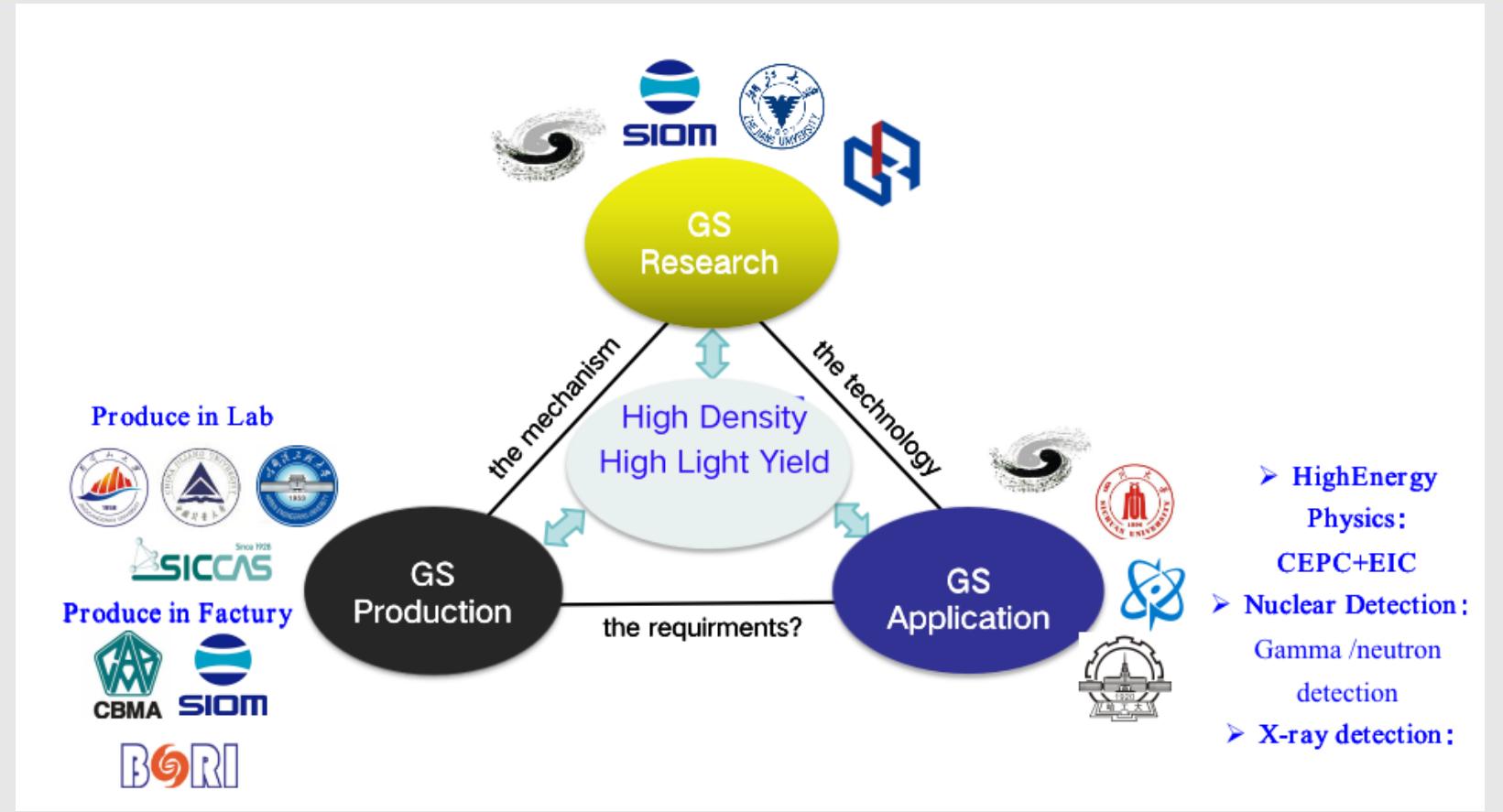
### **Lanthanide + Quantum Dots**



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

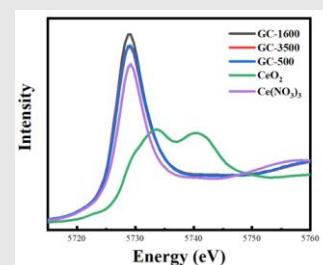
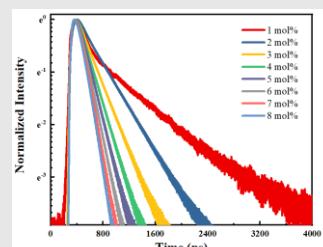
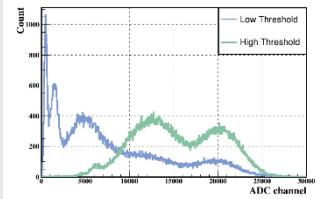
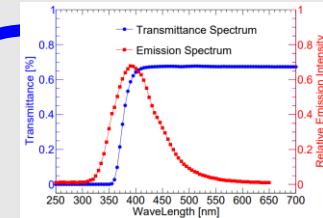
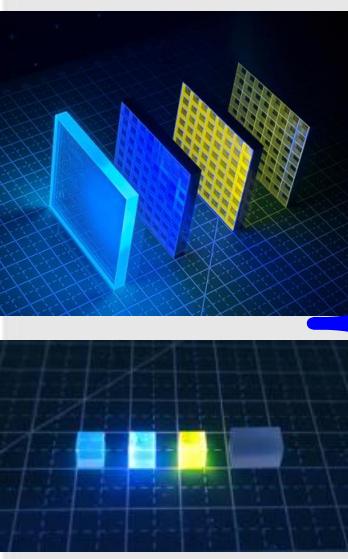
## 2.4 Large Area Glass Scintillator Collaboration



**Spokesperson: Sen QIAN**

- The GS collaboration was established in 2021, it focuses on the large-area & high-performance glass scintillator for applications in nuclear and particle physics.
- The GS collaboration is organized by IHEP and the members include 4 Institutes of CAS, 6 Universities, 3 Factories currently.

# 2.5 The Scintillator Test Facilities for GS



Others  
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- Transmittance
- Absorbance
- Refractive index
- Emission peak
- Light yield
- Energy resolution
- MIP response
- Neutron discrimination
- Rise time
- Fall time
- Decay time
- Afterglow
- Coincidence time
- Valence state
- Coordination
- Elemental analysis
- Structural analysis
- Faraday effect
- Radiation resistance
- Homogeneity

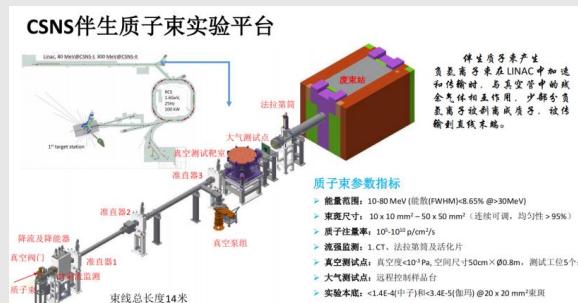
## ➤ IHEP--PMT Lab for Scintillator Test



## ➤ IHEP--Radioactive Test



## ➤ IHEP-CSN-- P Beam



## ➤ IHEP--XAFS



## ➤ CERN-MUON Beam

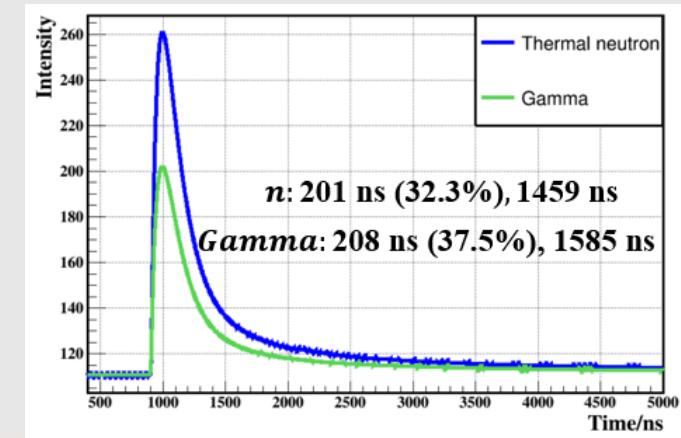
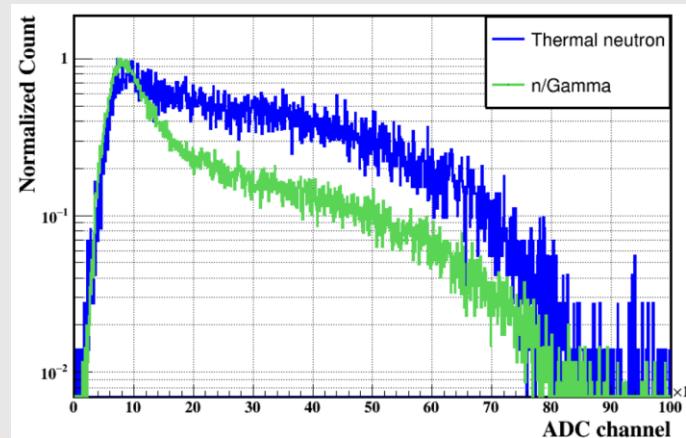
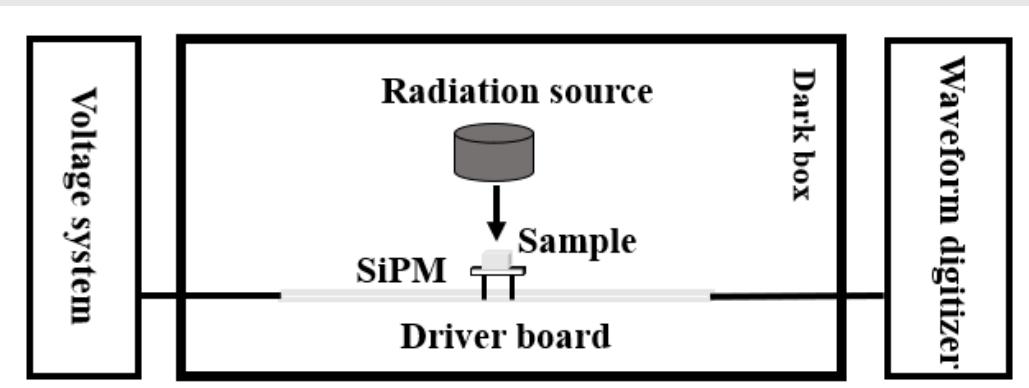


# Radioactive Sources Test -- Energy Spectrum --Light Yield



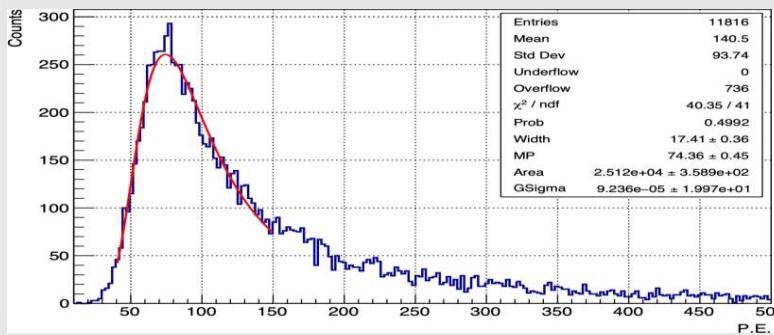
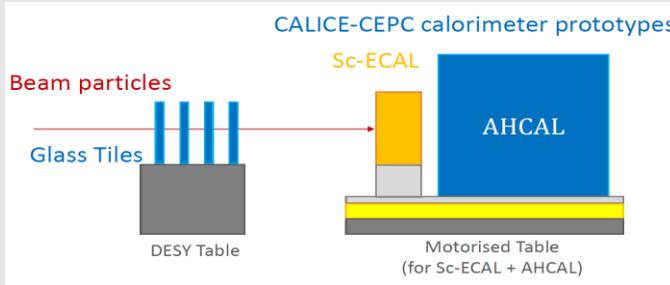
- In IHEP Radioactive Sources Station;
- gamma:  $^{137}\text{Cs}$ ,  $^{60}\text{Co}$ ,  $^{133}\text{Ba}$ ,
- neutron:  $^{252}\text{Cf}$ , Am-Be
- electron:  $^{90}\text{Sr}$ - $^{90}\text{Y}$ ,  $^{22}\text{Na}$

Through the waveform sampling data acquisition system, we can obtain **Light Yield, Energy Resolution and Decay Time** of the scintillator.

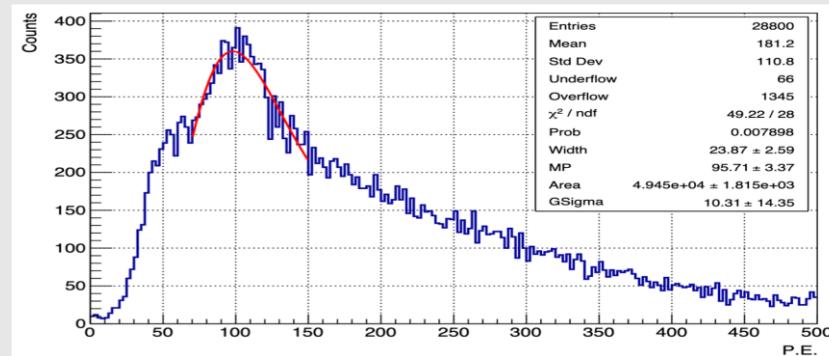
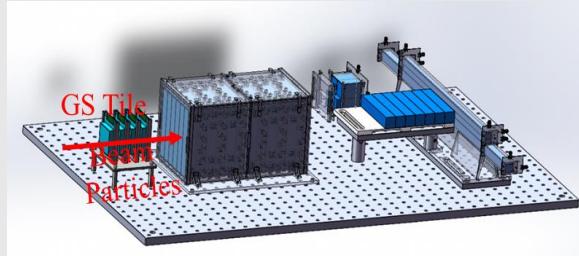


# Special Condition TEST Platform

**CERN Muon-beam (10 GeV muon)**  
11 glass tiles tested at CERN (2023/5)

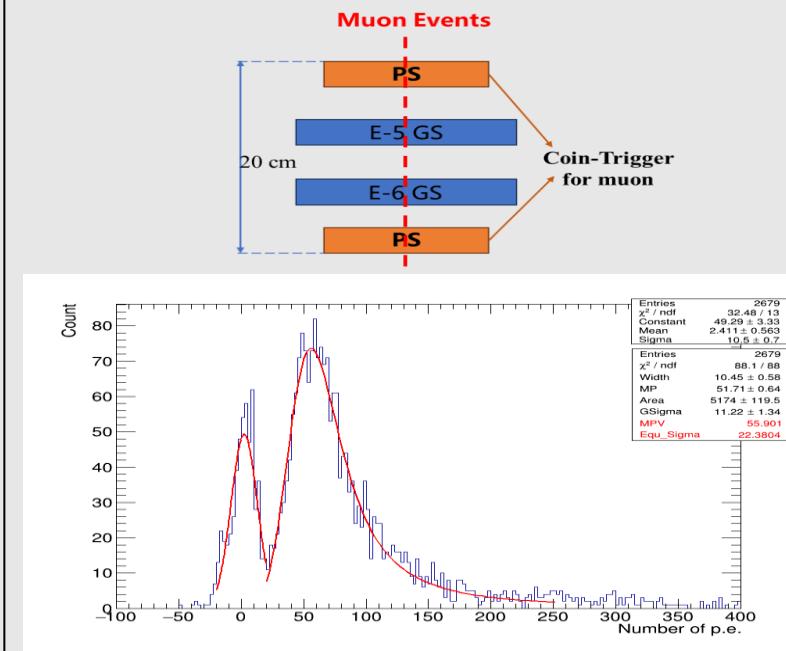


**DESY Electron-beam (5 GeV electron)**  
9 glass tiles tested at DESY (2023/10)



- Typical light yield: 500 – 600 ph/MeV
- Typical MIP response: 60 – 100 p.e./MIP

**IHEP Cosmic-Muon- (3GeV muon)**  
4 glass tiles tested at IHEP (2024/4 )

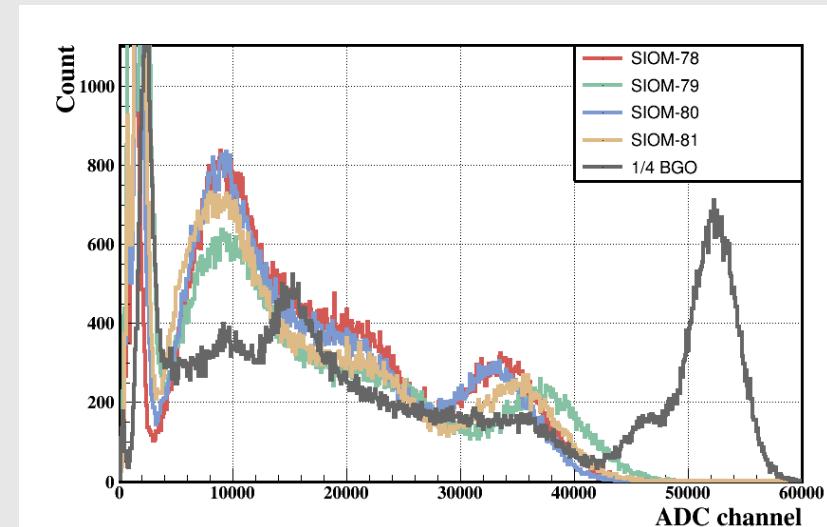


- Typical light yield: 600 – 700 ph/MeV
- Typical MIP response: 80 – 90 p.e./MIP

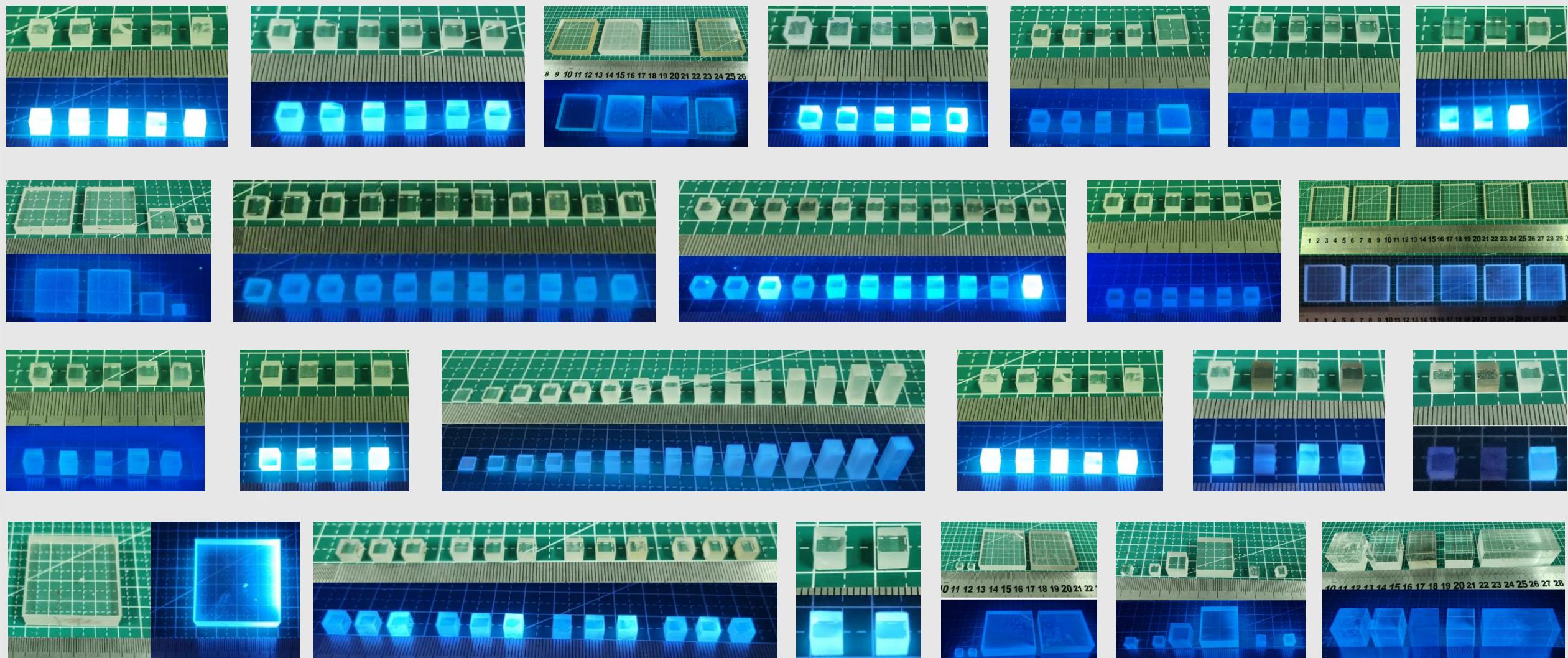
- Typical light yield: 600 – 700 ph/MeV
- Typical MIP response: 50 – 60 p.e./MIP

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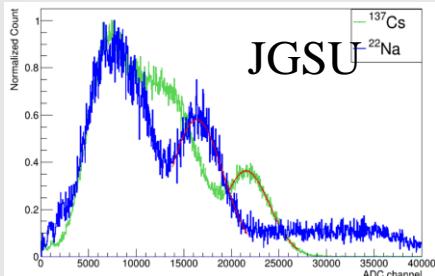


### 3.0 The GS Samples produced (>1000)



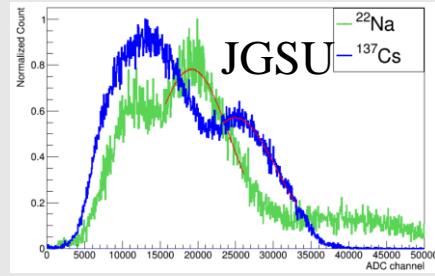
# 3.1 Borosilicate Glass (Gd-Al-B-Si-Ce<sup>3+</sup>) --GS1

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



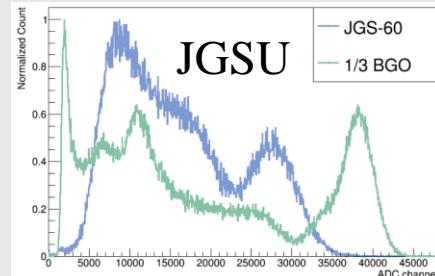
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- Density~6.0 g/cm<sup>3</sup>
- LY>1000 ph/MeV
- ER=49.6%
- Decay=847 ns



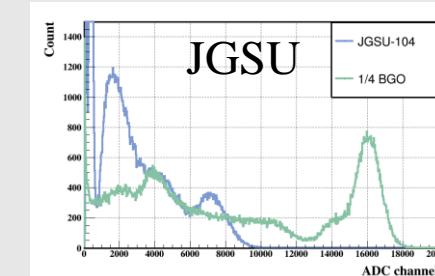
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- Density~6.0 g/cm<sup>3</sup>
- LY~1100 ph/MeV
- ER=24.4%
- LO in 1μs=899 (84%)
- Decay=92 (8%)  
473 ns



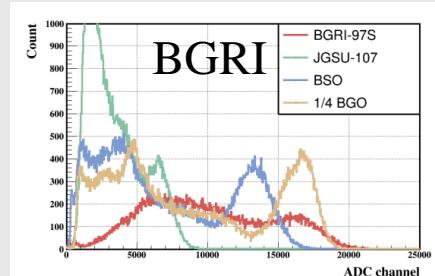
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- Density~6.0 g/cm<sup>3</sup>
- LY=985 ph/MeV
- ER=30.3%
- LO in 1μs=982 (99%)
- Decay=36 (8%)  
105 ns

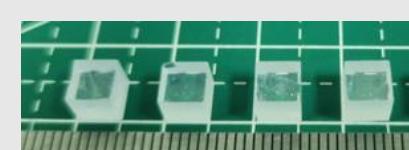
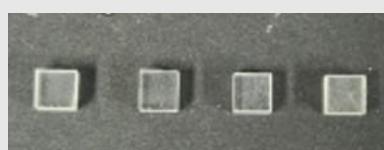
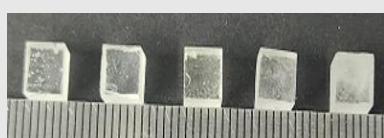


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- Density~6.0 g/cm<sup>3</sup>
- LY=2455 ph/MeV
- ER=25.8%
- LO in 1μs=1074 (44%)
- Decay=101 (2%)  
1456 ns



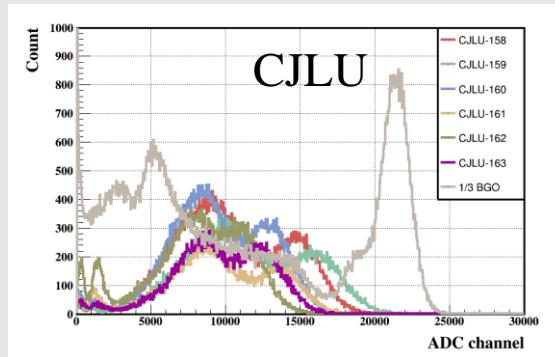
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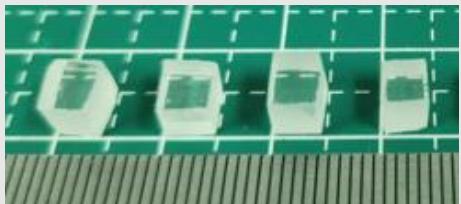
- There are 5 types of GS for the study, and focus on the GS1, **Borosilicate Glass** for better performance;
- Now, the **Density~6.0 g/cm<sup>3</sup>, LY>2400 ph/MeV, ER=25.8%**, could be accept to be the candidate for GS-HCAL;

# GS1—LY>2000 ph/MeV

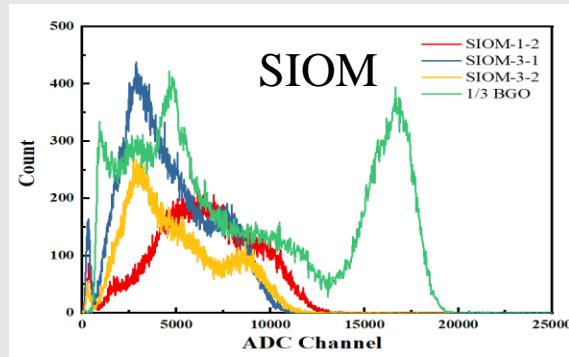
- Density~5.6 g/cm<sup>3</sup>
- LY=2202 ph/MeV
- ER=27.7%
- Decay=129 (6%), 2466 ns



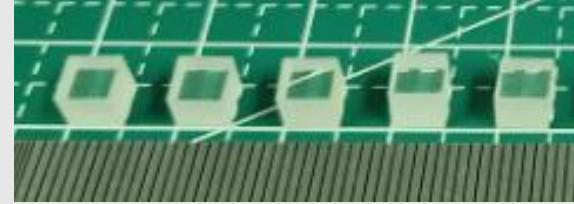
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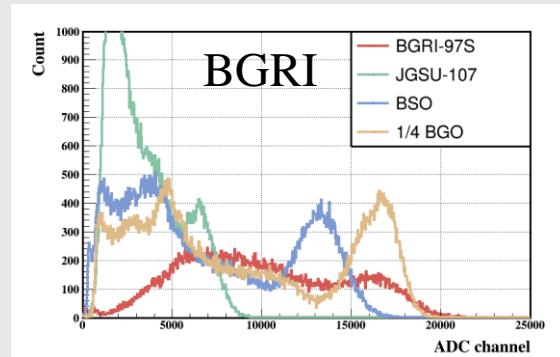
- Density~6.0 g/cm<sup>3</sup>
- LY=2005 ph/MeV
- ER=37.6%
- Decay=111 (5%), 1063 ns



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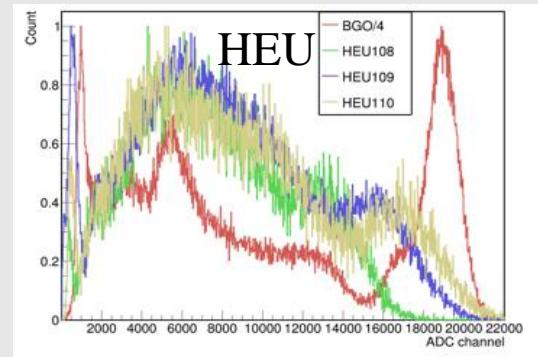
- **Density~6.0 g/cm<sup>3</sup>**
- **LY=2455 ph/MeV**
- **ER=25.8%**
- **Decay=101 (2%), 1456 ns**



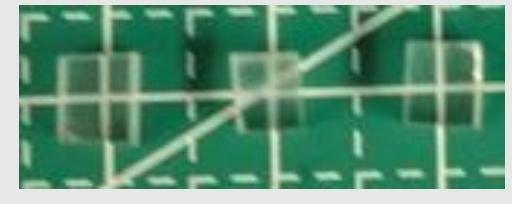
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- Density~5.1 g/cm<sup>3</sup>
- LY=2066 ph/MeV
- ER=30.2%
- Decay=125 (4%), 1782 ns

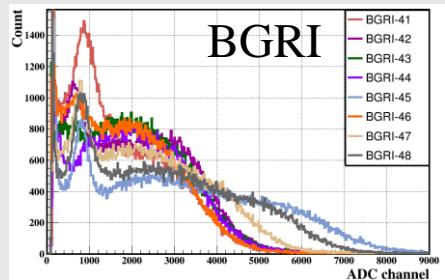


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# 3.2 Large size glass (Gd-Al-B-Si-Ce<sup>3+</sup>) --GS1

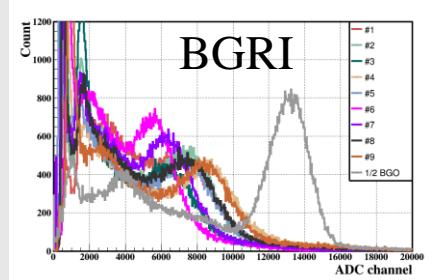
- Size=30\*30\*9 mm<sup>3</sup>
- Density=5.1 g/cm<sup>3</sup>
- LY=767 ph/MeV
- ER=None



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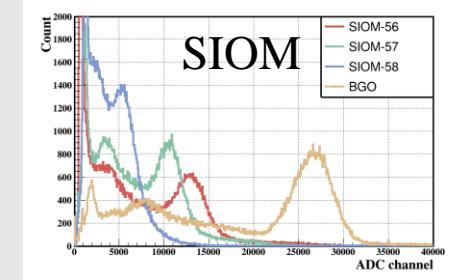
- Size=40\*40\*10 mm<sup>3</sup>
- Density=6.0 g/cm<sup>3</sup>
- LY=788 ph/MeV
- ER=48.4%
- Decay=87 (2%), 1024 ns



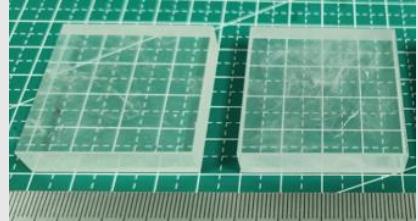
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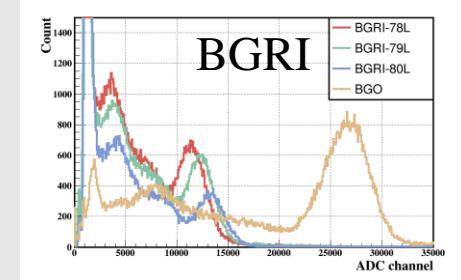
- Size=40\*40\*10 mm<sup>3</sup>
- Density=6.0 g/cm<sup>3</sup>
- LY=1198 ph/MeV
- ER=33.0%
- LO in 1μs=607 (51%)
- Decay=117 (3%), 1368 ns



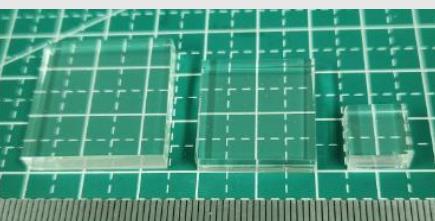
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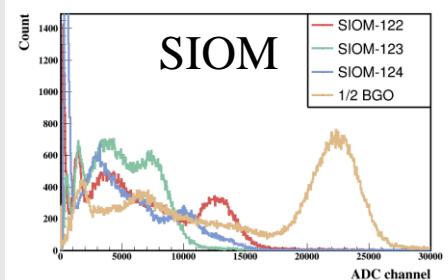
- Size=10\*10\*5 mm<sup>3</sup>
- Density=6.0 g/cm<sup>3</sup>
- LY=1235 ph/MeV
- ER=24.0%
- LO in 1μs=897 (73%)
- Decay=89 (6%), 588 ns



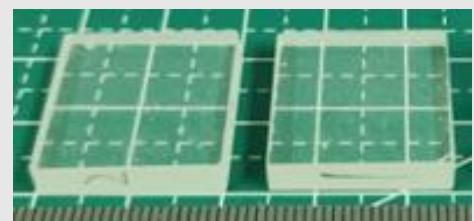
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- Size=20\*20\*10 mm<sup>3</sup>
- Density=6.0 g/cm<sup>3</sup>
- LY=961 ph/MeV
- ER=30.0%
- LO in 1μs=749 (78%)
- Decay=103 (9%), 621 ns



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## The Bottleneck:

1. How to ensure the performance stability of large size glass sample?
2. How to improve the light collection efficiency when coupling large size glass and SiPM?

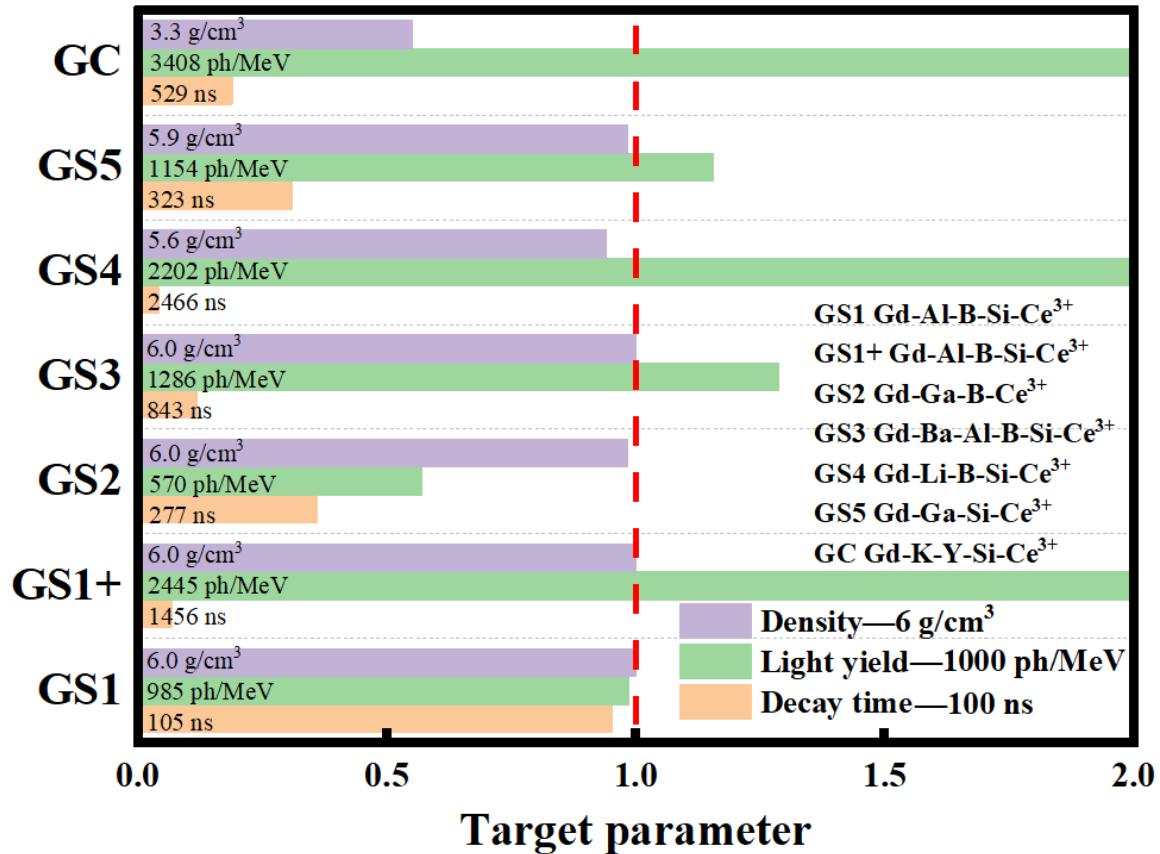
# Outline

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# 4.1 Summary of GS



Glass scintillator of high density and light yield

◆ **GS1: Gd-Al-B-Si-Ce<sup>3+</sup> glasses: (Borosilicate Glass)**

**6.0 g/cm<sup>3</sup> & 985 ph/MeV with 30.3%@662keV & 105 ns**

◆ **GS5: Gd-Ga-Si-Ce<sup>3+</sup> glasses: (Silicate glass)**

**5.9 g/cm<sup>3</sup> & 1154 ph/MeV with 25.4%@662keV & 323 ns**

■ Ultra-high density **Tellurite Glass**— $6.6 \text{ g}/\text{cm}^3$

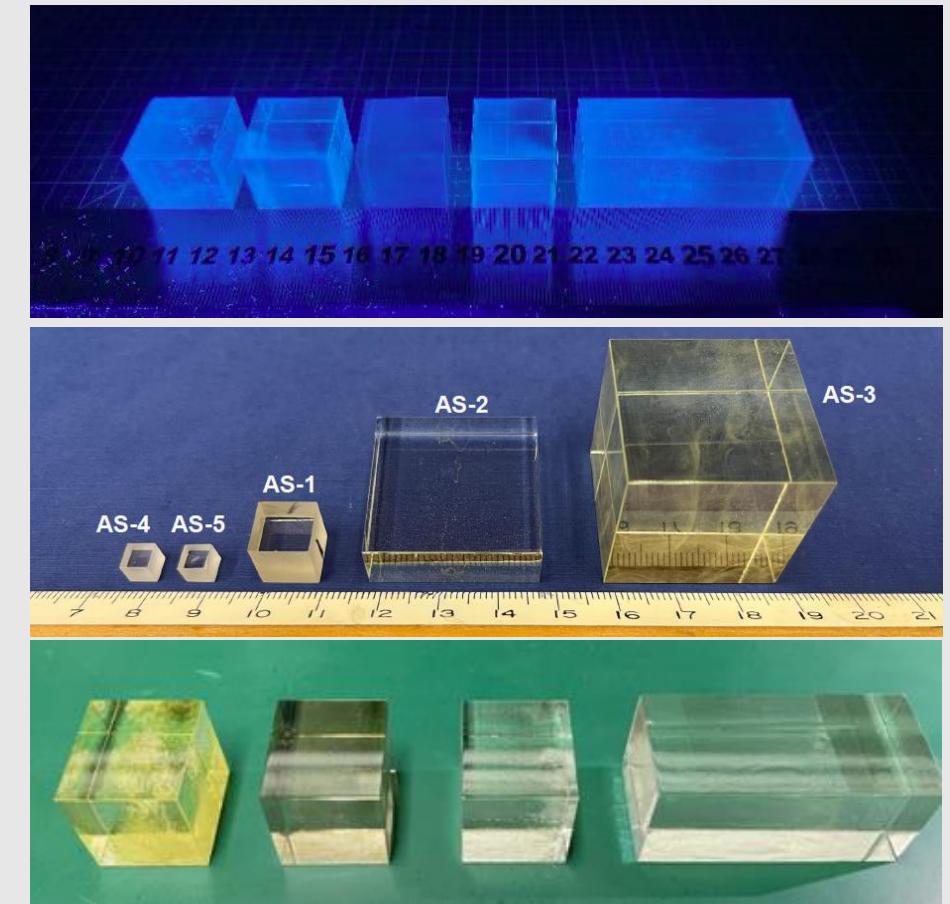
■ High light yield **Glass Ceramic**— $3500 \text{ ph}/\text{MeV}$

■ Fast Decay Time **Pr<sup>3+</sup>-doped Glass**—100 ns

■ Large size Glass— $51\text{mm} \times 51\text{mm} \times 10\text{mm}$

## 4.2 Summary of GS R&D

Parameters	Unit	BGO	GS1	GS1+	GS5
Cost		1	0.1 ?		
Density	g/cm <sup>3</sup>	7.13	6.0	6.0	5.9
Hygroscopicity	--	No	No	No	No
Radiation Length, $X_0$	cm	1.12	1.59	1.60	1.61
Transmittance	%	82	70	80	80
Refractive Index	--	2.1	1.74	1.71	1.75
Emission peak	nm	480	400	390	390
Light yield, LY	ph/MeV	8000	985	2445	1154
Energy resolution, ER	%	9.5	30.3	25.8	25.4
Decay time	ns	60, 300	36, 105	101, 1456	90, 300



- The data of the GS1 and GS5 come from the small size of 5mm\*5mm\*5mm, we need to produce the large size sample of 40mm\*40mm\*10mm for the CEPC-GSHCAL module.

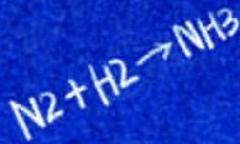
## 4.3 Next Plan for GS-HCAL

**Gd-R-B-Si-Ce<sup>3+</sup> (R=Al, Ga)** oxyfluoride is still the focus of future research

- Stable preparation of large size glass scintillator with light yield of 1000 ph/MeV
- Try to prepare large size glass scintillator with light yield of more than 2000 ph/MeV
- Design different glass system for different requirements
- Control the cost of glass scintillator

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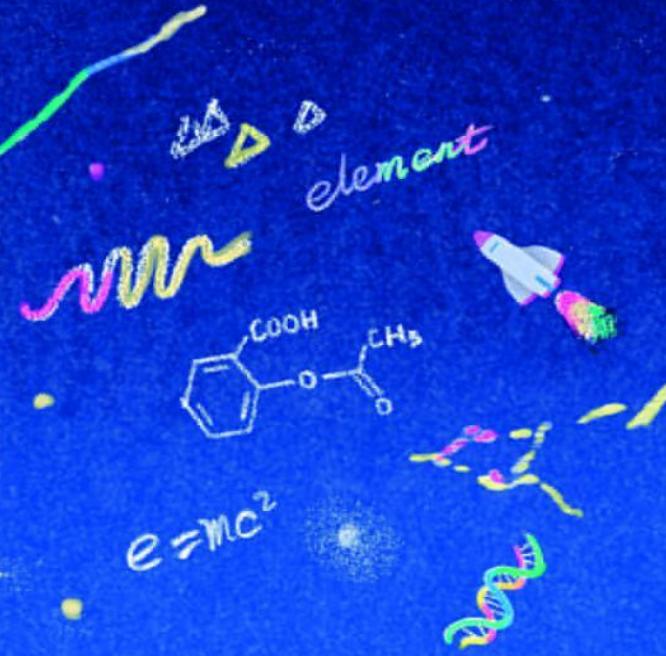
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