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Exploring Perovskite Scintillators: Potential and Properties for Radiation Detection

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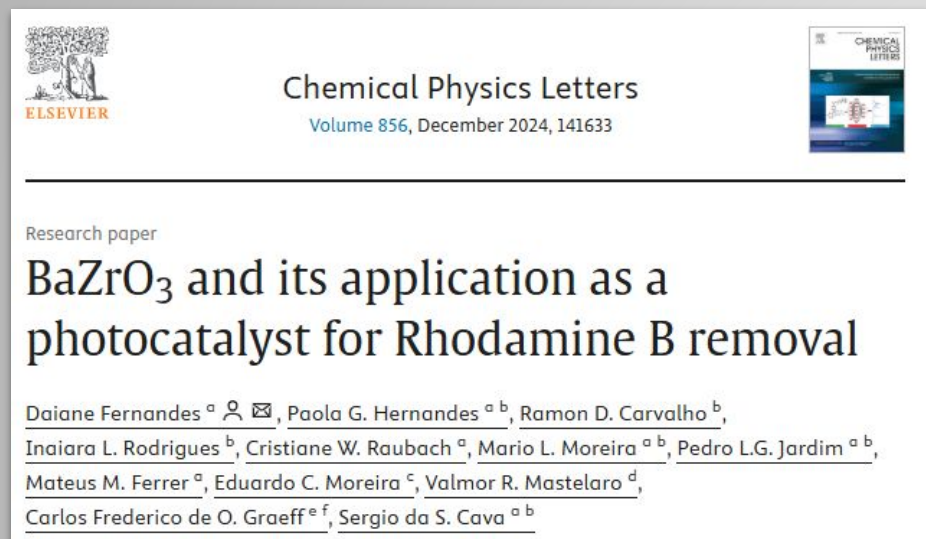
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Predicting Wetting Properties for Surfaces with Stochastic Topography

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Physical and Chemical Approaches of Photovoltaic Parameters in Dye-Sensitized Solar Cells to ZnO/ZnS:rGO-Based Photoelectrodes

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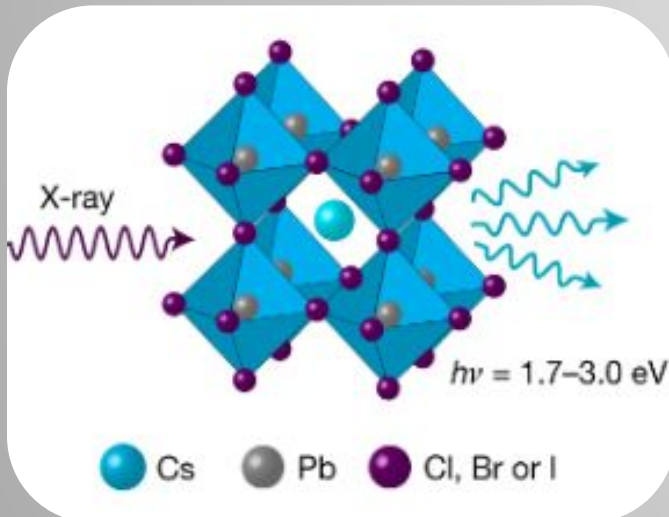
Perovskite Scintillators

The interest in perovskites has extended to the field of **radiation detectors and scintillators**.

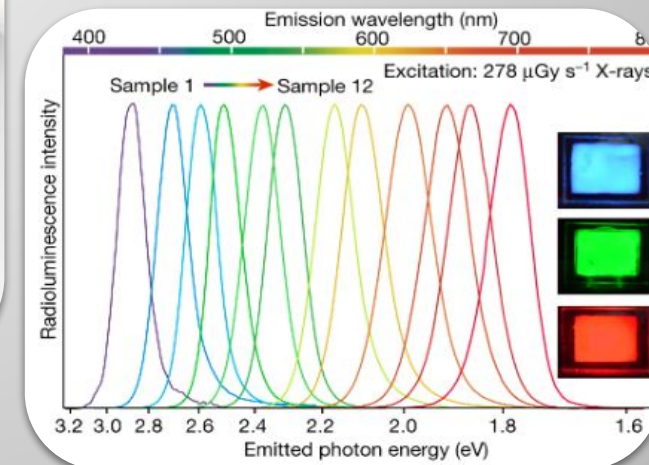
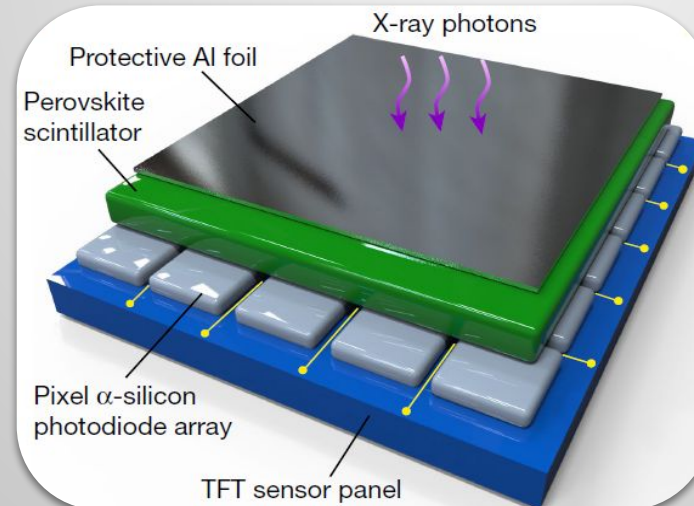
Their characteristics, such as **high light yield, fast response time, and tunable emission**, make them promising candidates to replace conventional scintillators in medical imaging, nuclear security, and high-energy physics applications.

Material	Decay time (ns)
CsI:Tl	1000
LSO:Ce	40
LYSO:Ce	33
LaBr ₃ :Ce	15
LuI ₃ :Ce	31/140/1000
LuAP:Ce	17
BGO	300
BaF ₂ ^a	0.8/630
CsPbBr ₃ NCs	44.6
CsPbBr ₃ (7 K)	1 (Fast component) ^b
MAPbBr ₃ (77 K)	0.1/1
PhePbBr ₄	9.4
	9.9
	11 (81%)/36 (18%)/236 (1%)
CsPbBr ₃ :Cs ₄ PbBr ₆	3 ^c
	1.4 (88%)/6.7 (12%)

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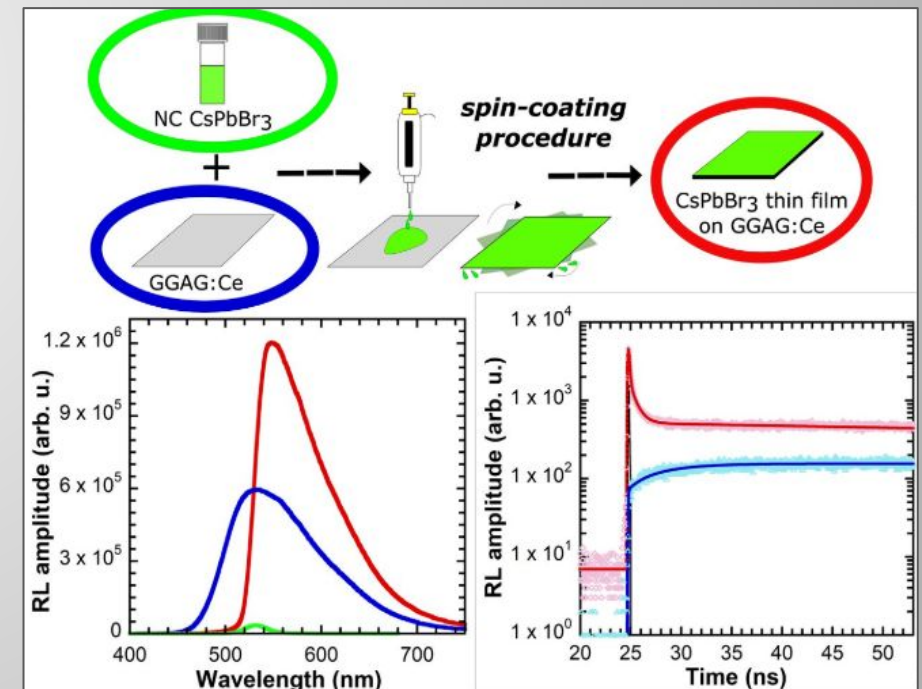
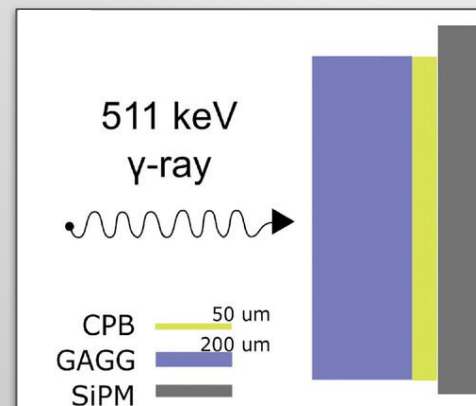


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Lead Halide Perovskites CsPbX_3

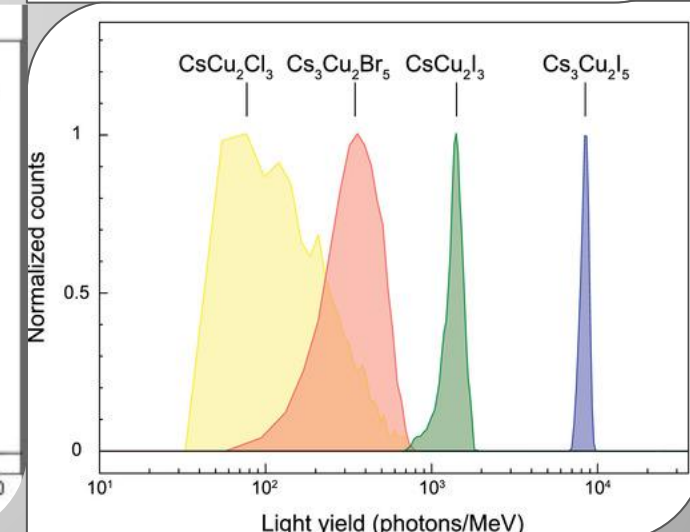
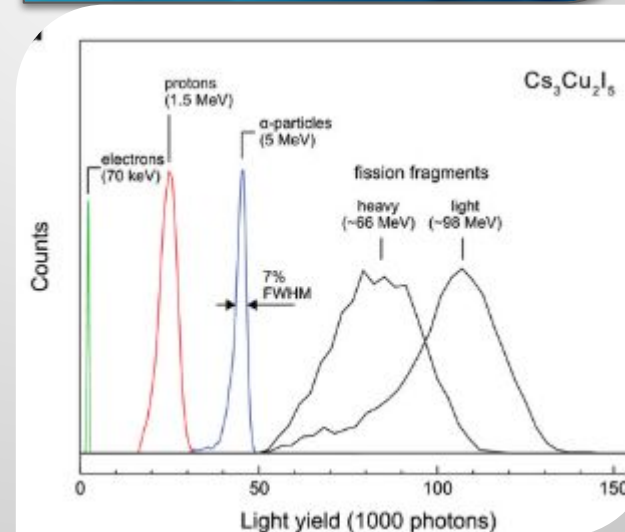
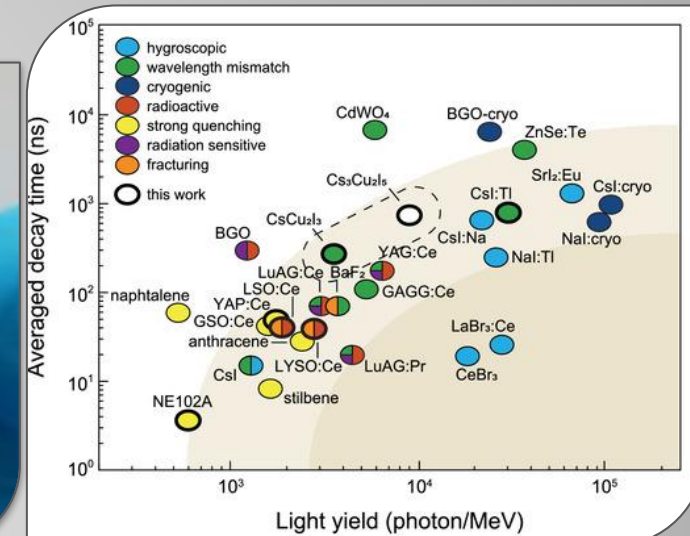
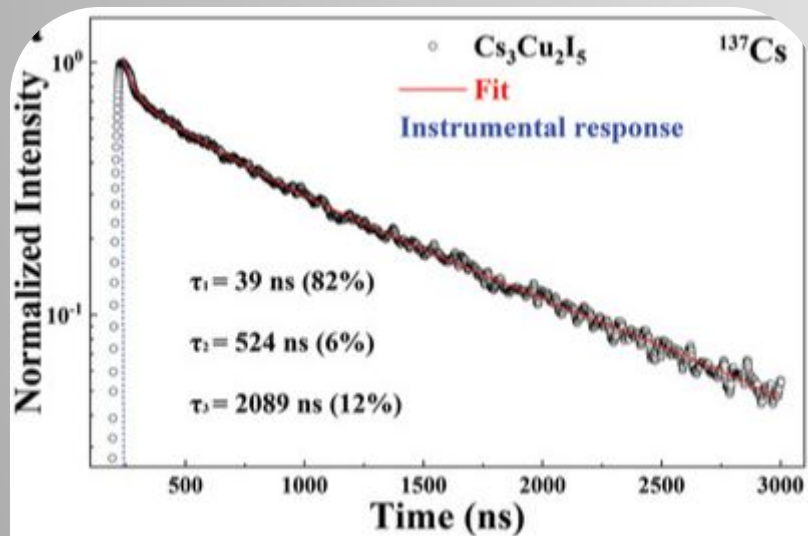
- These materials have been investigated as hybrid detectors to enhance the energy efficiency from scintillator as GGAG, LYSO and BGO.
- Promoting the increase in light intensity and consequently affecting the decay time.
- Also in a recent research the author made a deposition in this same scintillator investigating the time resolution by time-of-flight, achieving more than double the improvement in timing performance.
- But, to growth this kind a material exposure to a significant toxicity and other perovskites starts to be improved.



Lead-Free Halide Perovskites CsCuX

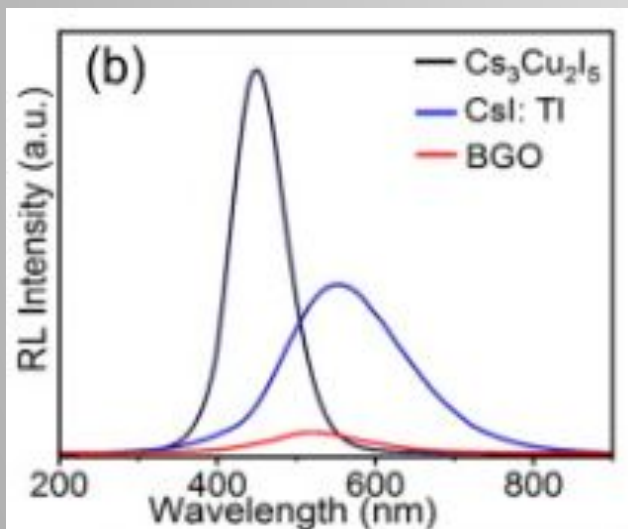
- Perovskites of the CsCuX halide type are being investigated with a great LY, exhibiting reasonable energy resolution and decay time.

High-Quality $\text{Cs}_3\text{Cu}_2\text{I}_5$ Single-Crystal is a Fast-Decaying Scintillator.

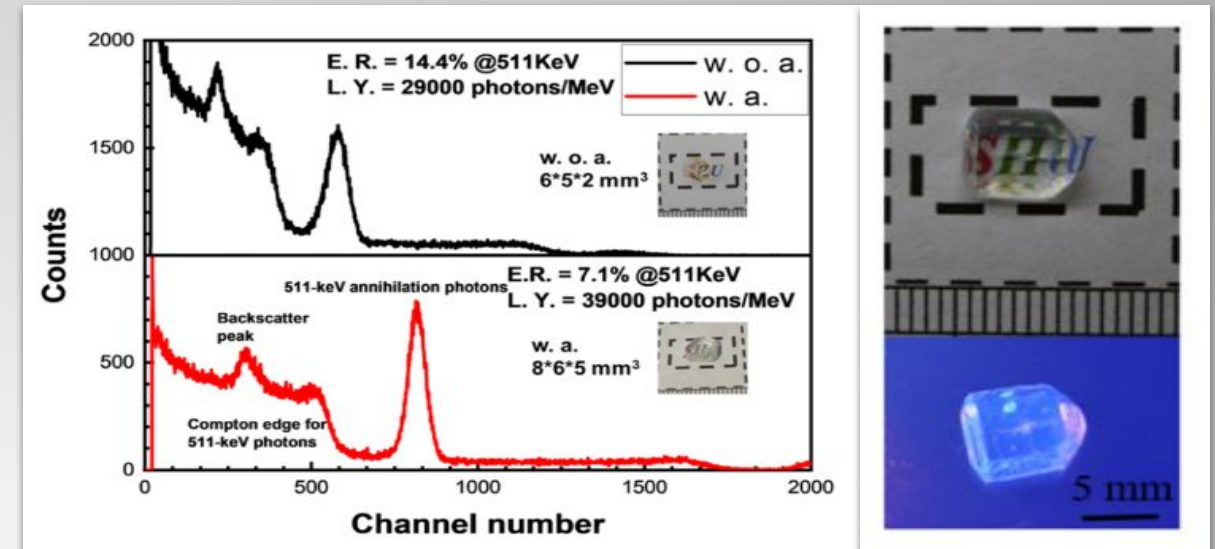


Lead-Free Halide Perovskites CsCuX

- Achieved better energies resolution, the decay time is more slow.
- Studies on time coincidence are still scarce.



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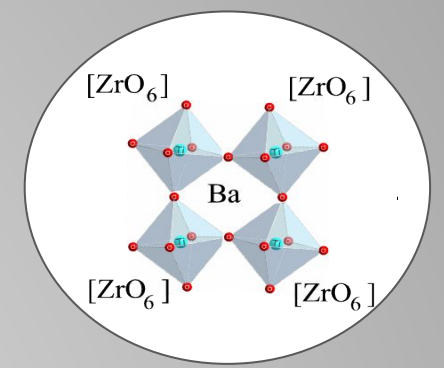
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Source	Channel number	Energy (keV)	Resolution (%)
²⁴¹ Am	30	59	20.54 ± 0.02
¹³³ Ba	73	81	17.50 ± 0.09
²² Na	904	511	7.30 ± 0.04
¹³⁷ Cs	1160	662	5.80 ± 0.05
²² Na	2326	1274	4.50 ± 0.15

Achieved the time resolution about 1082.03 ± 13.29 ns.

Nuclear Inst. and Methods in Physics Research, A 1069 (2024).

BaZrO₃ Perovskita Scintillator



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Radioluminescence properties of decaoctahedral BaZrO₃

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Microwave Assisted
Hydrothermal Method

140 °C

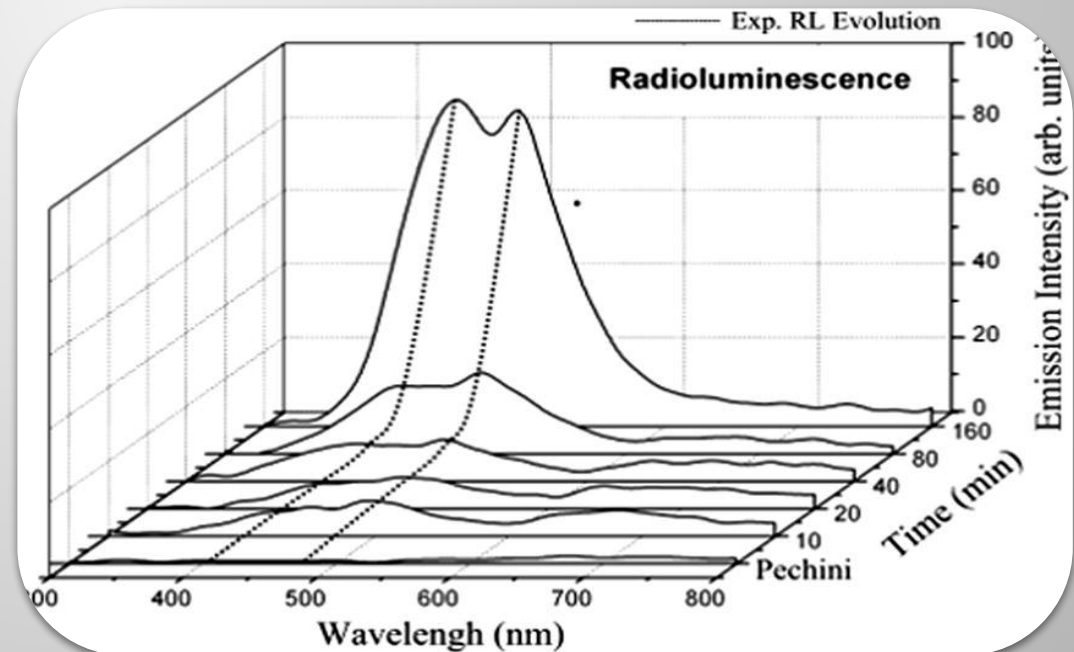


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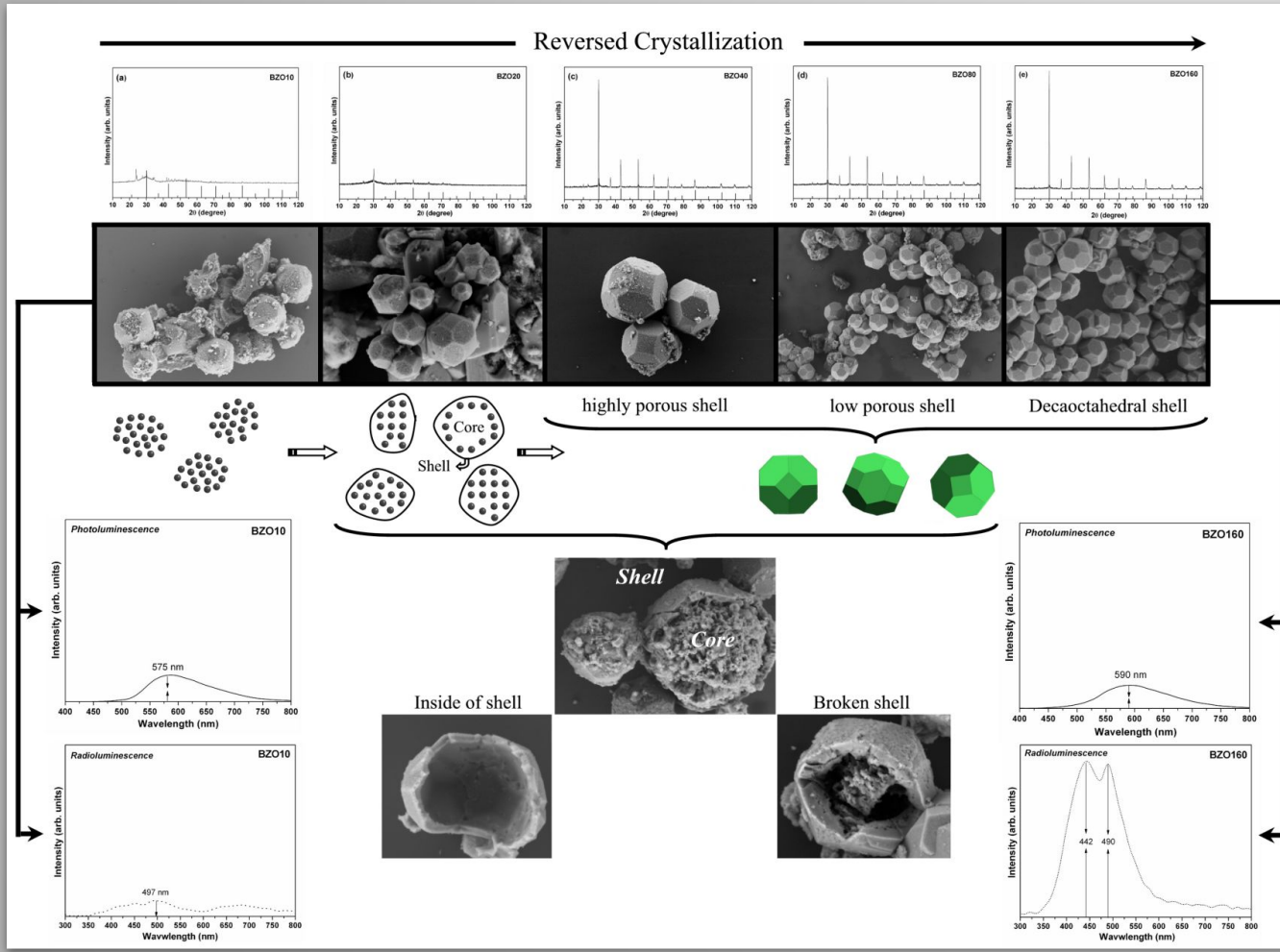


RL Emission

The search for new materials in this area has led to the identification of the radioluminescent properties of barium zirconate perovskite (BaZrO₃).

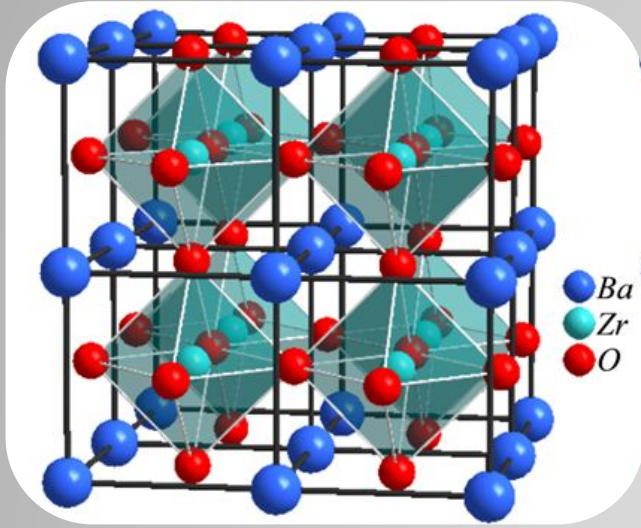


Microwave Assisted Hydrothermal Growth



- Hybrid Route - electromagnetic radiation in heat conduction;
- Temperature Homogeneity;
- High frequency E-field (~ 2.45 Ghz), that induces rotation of water polarization.

Polycrystalline growth methods



Solid State Reaction

- ▶ Temperatures: 1200 to 400 °C
- ▶ Time: 2 – 4 h

Polymer method

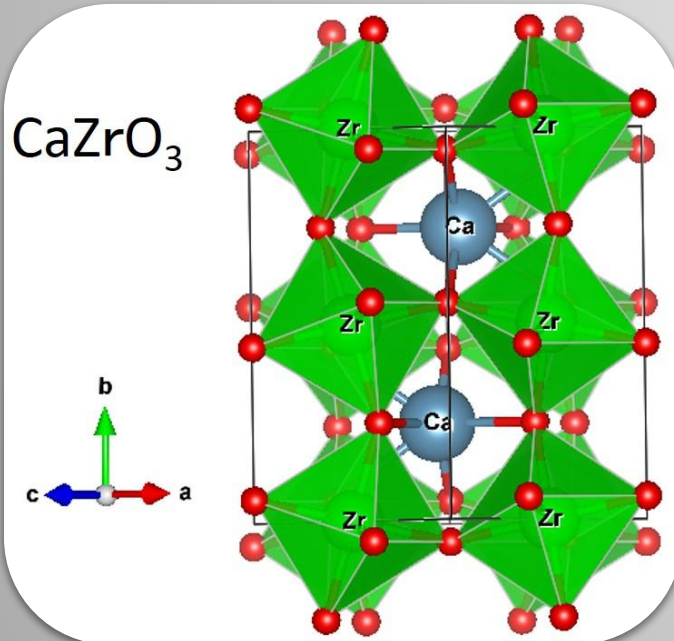
- ▶ Temperatures: 650 hasta 800 °C
- ▶ Time: 1 – 4 h

Hydrothermal

- ▶ Temperatures: 180 till 260 °C
- ▶ Time: 2 – 240 h

Microwave Assisted Hydrothermal method

- ▶ Temperatures: 100 till 180°C
- ▶ Time: 1 – 240 min



BaZrO₃ Perovskita Scintillator

- Have been investigated with RE-doped
- Exhibits structural stability under high doses of irradiation
- Investigated as a UV detector

Inorganic Chemistry

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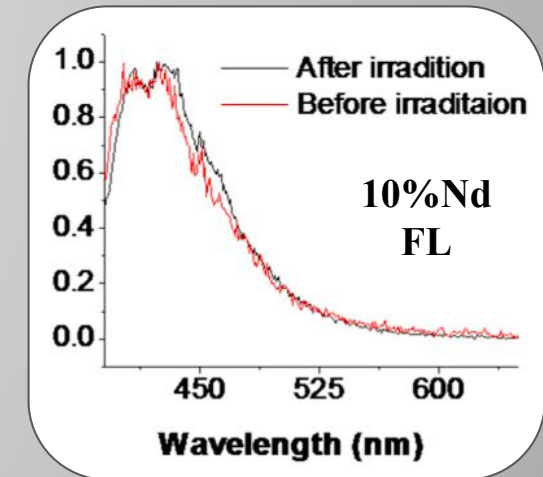
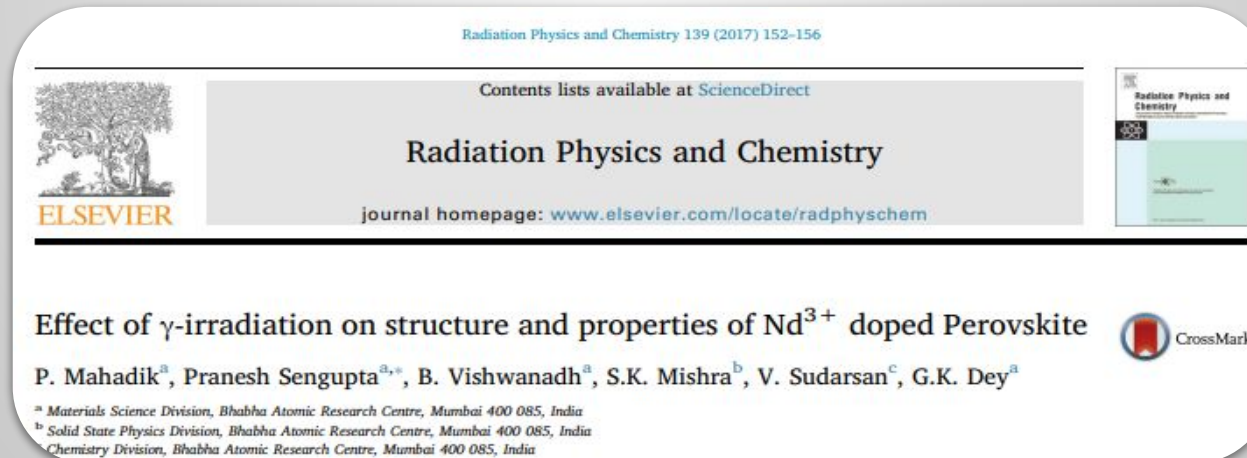
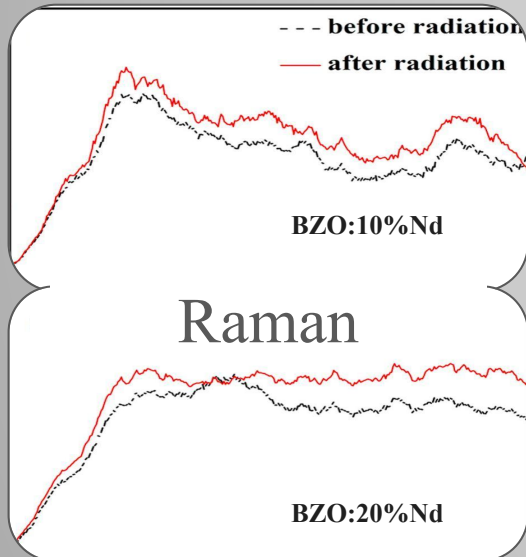
Article

Variable Photoluminescence Intensity Ratio with the Excitation Wavelength in Eu³⁺-Doped Perovskite-Type Alkaline Earth Zirconates—Possibility of a Unique Visualization of Ultraviolet Light

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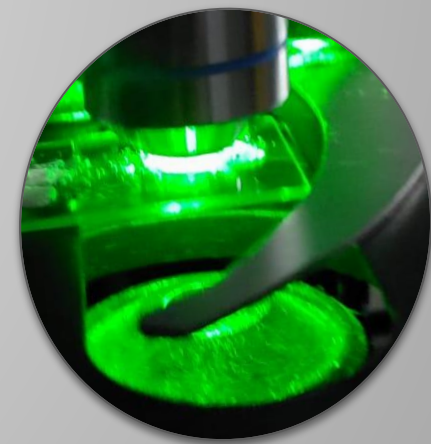
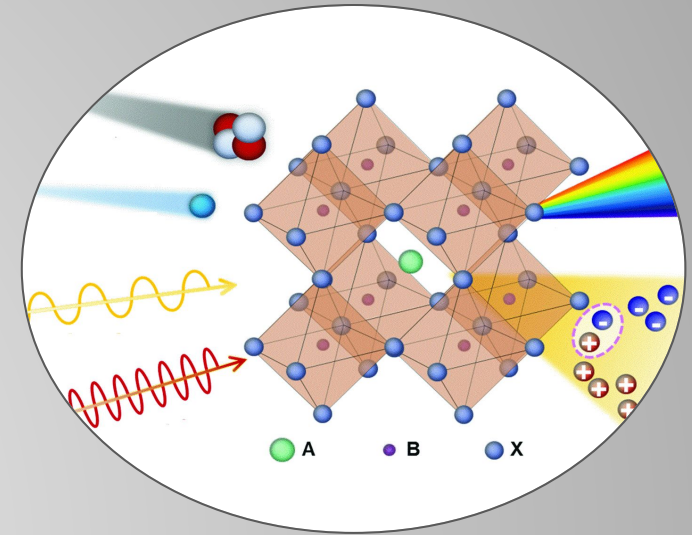
Powder samples (growth by solid state) irradiated with ⁶⁰Co source of 175 kGy with a rate about 2.6 kGy/h.

Purpose of this investigation

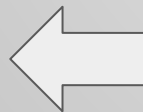
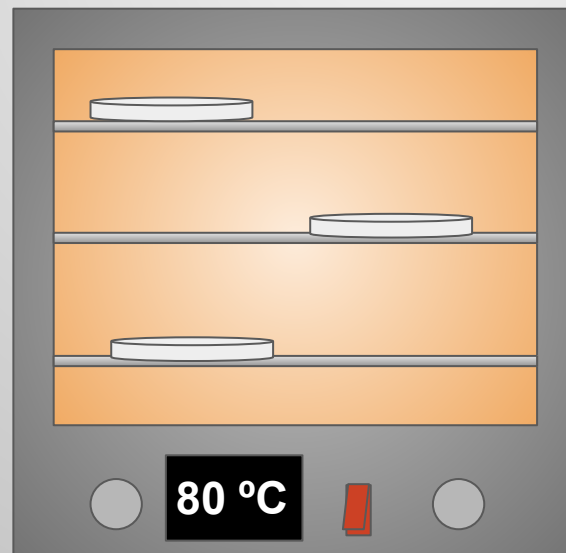
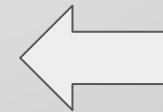
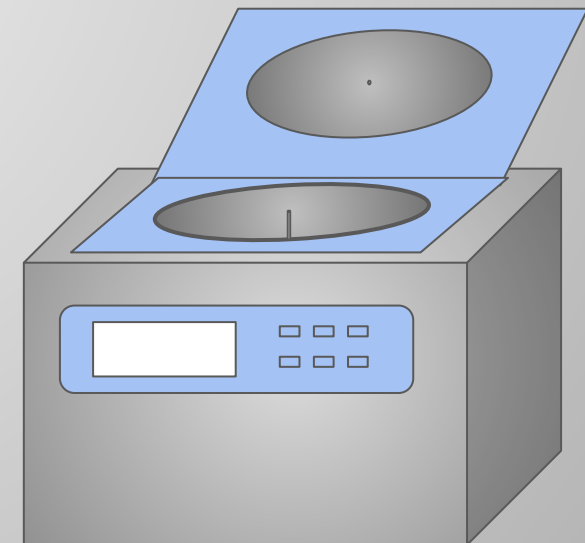
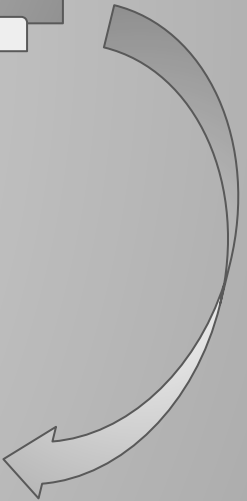
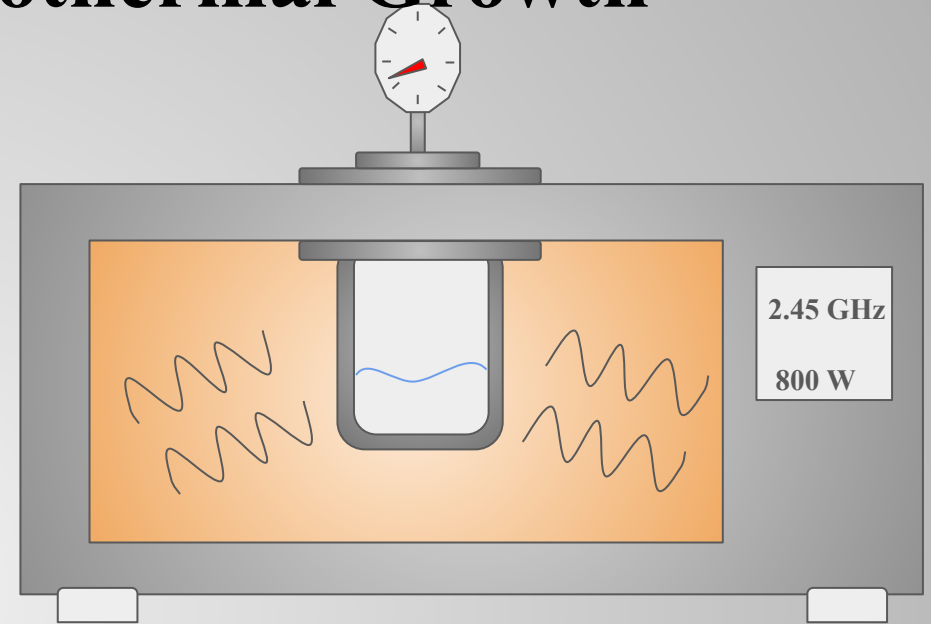
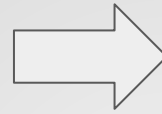
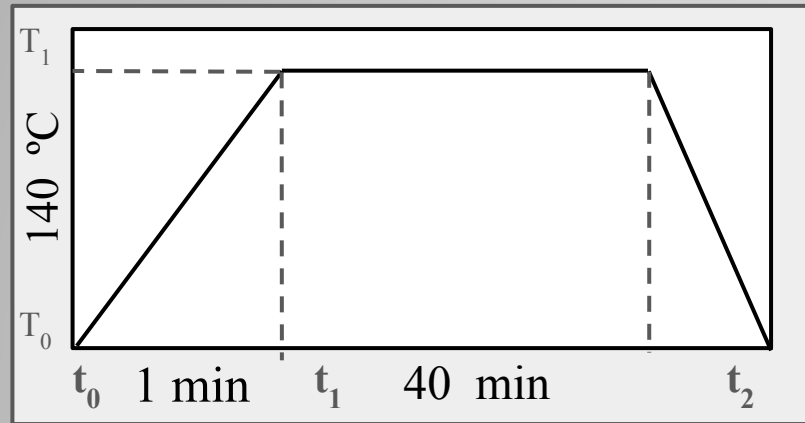
→ To identify the viability of the BaZrO_3 as scintillator detector, this work aims to explore BaZrO_3 as an innovative material for ionizing radiation detection free-lead.

→ Pure BaZrO_3 and rare-earth-doped BaZrO_3 materials were grown using the microwave-assisted hydrothermal method and characterized through:

1. Structural Analysis (XRD, SEM and Rietveld Refinement)
2. Optical Analyses: Gap Energy and Radioluminescence
3. TOF



Microwave Assisted Hydrothermal Growth

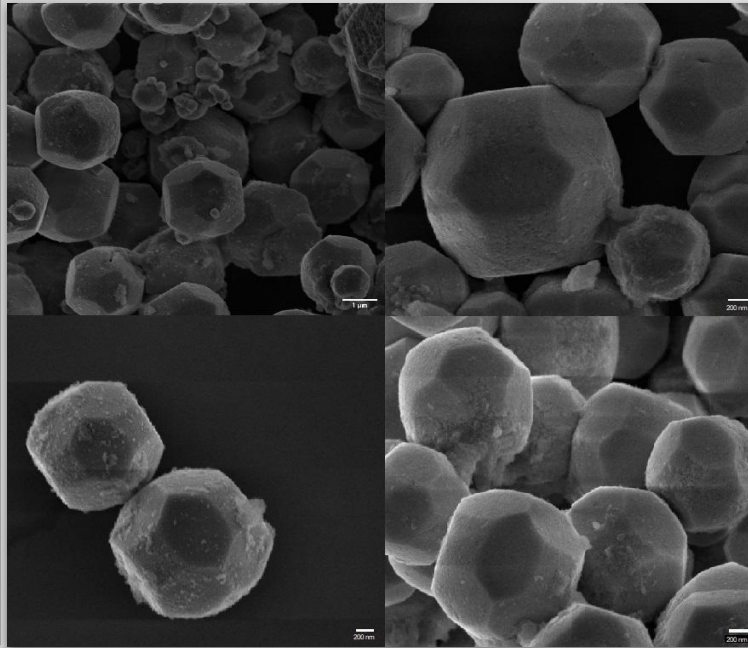


Structural Analysis

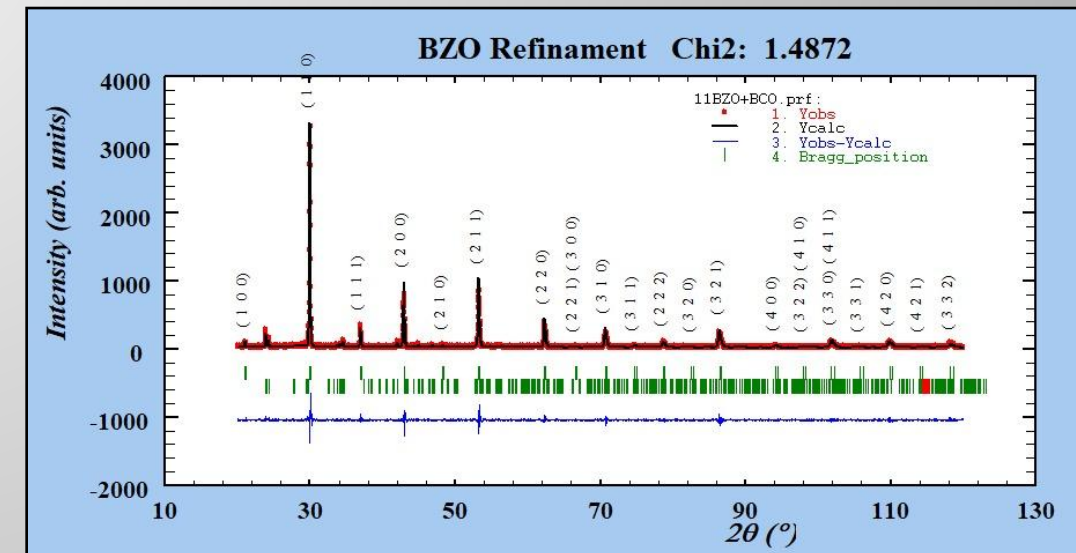
Scanning Electron Microscope

Sample	Diâmeter (μm)
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BaZrO ₃	2.3 ± 0.4
0,5%Ce	2.06 ± 0.2
1%Ce	2.6 ± 0.5
2%Ce	2.7 ± 0.4
4%Ce	1.4 ± 0.4
0,5%Er0,5%Ce	1.1 ± 0.2
0,5%Er1%Ce	1.3 ± 0.3
0,5%Er2%Ce	1.3 ± 0.3
0,5%Er4%Ce	1.3 ± 0.3

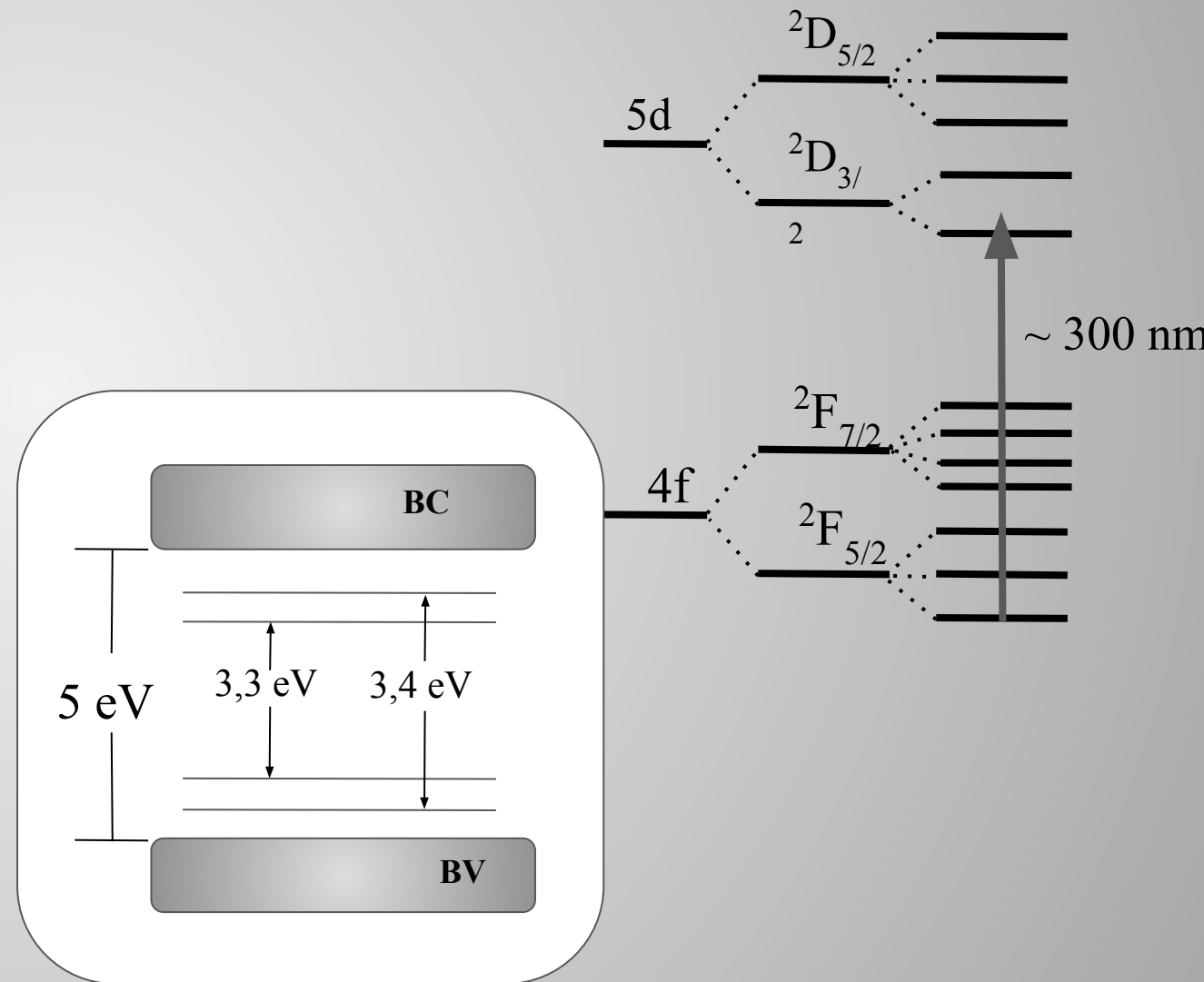
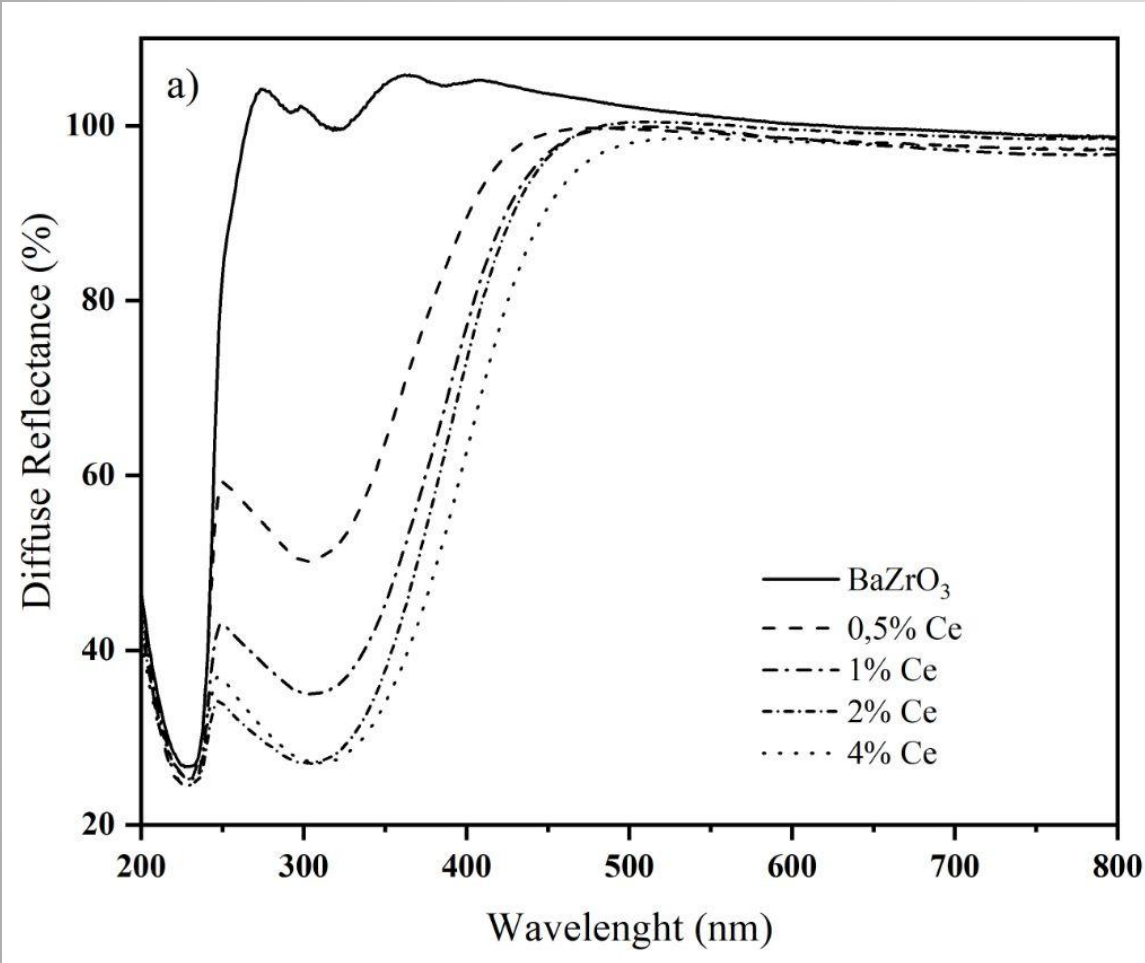


XDR and rietveld refinement
The density (volumic mass)
of phase 1 is estimated by
 6.154 g/cm^3



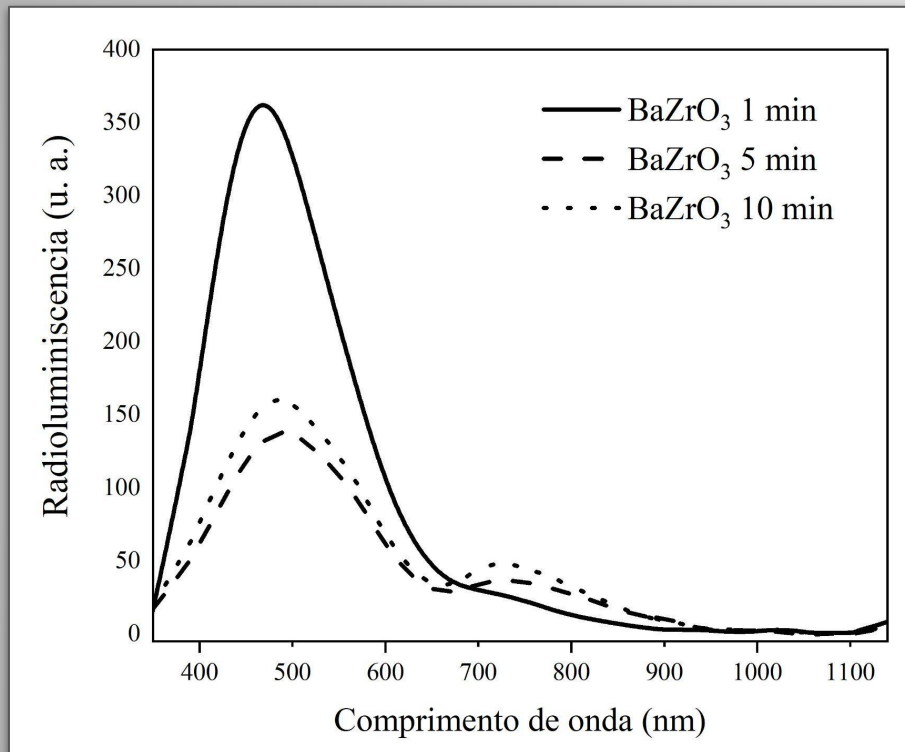
Optical Analysis

Diffuse Reflectance to estimate the band gap

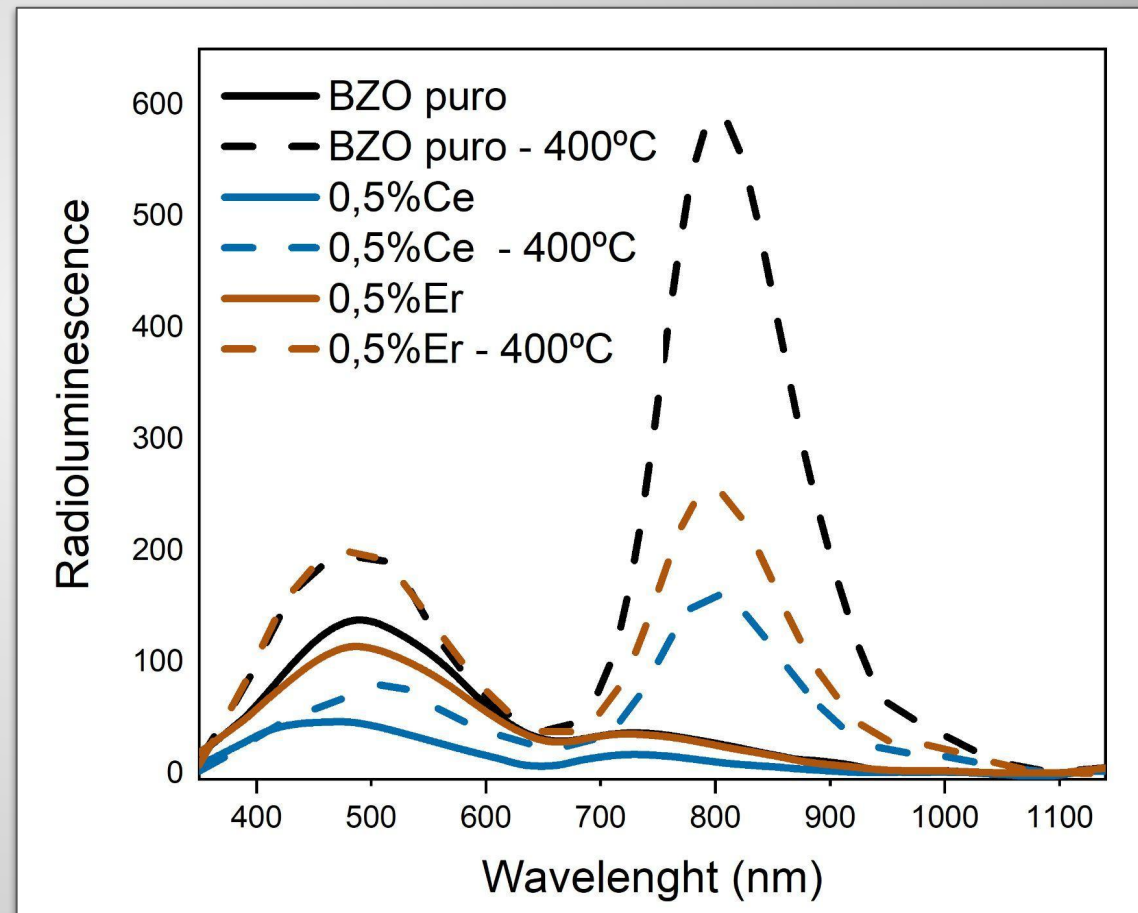


Radioluminescence a room temperature

X-RAY 45 KeV

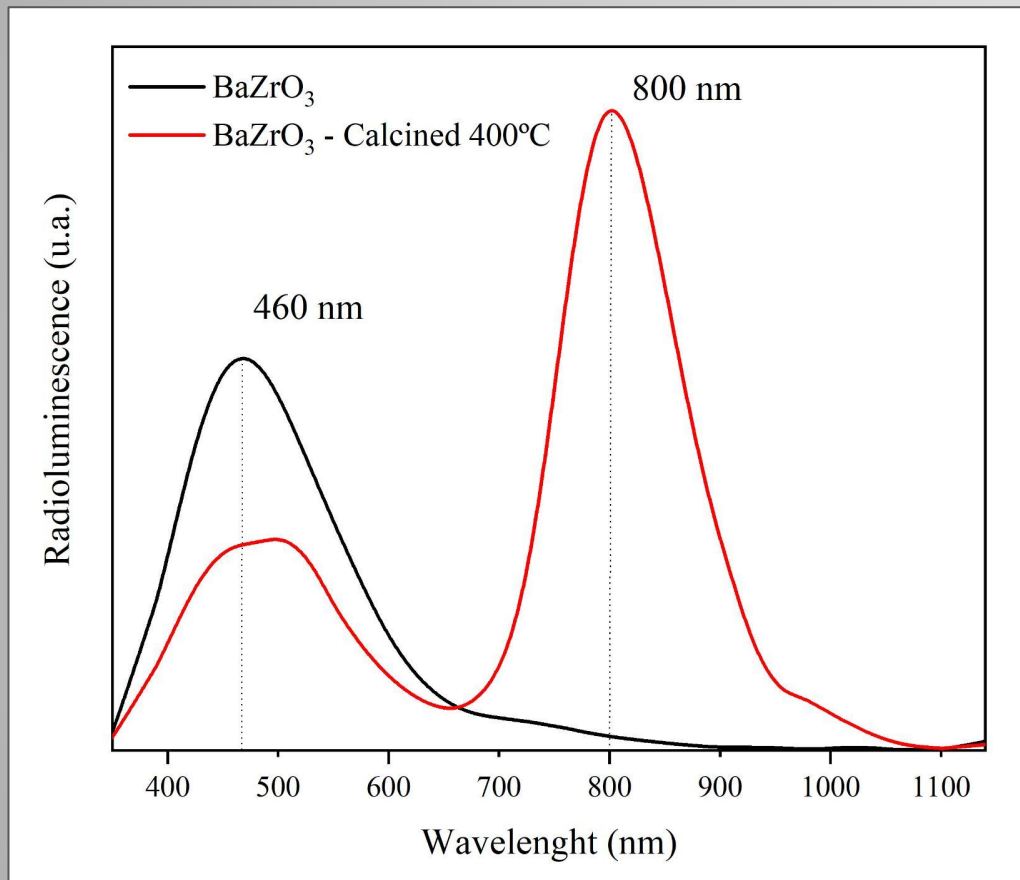


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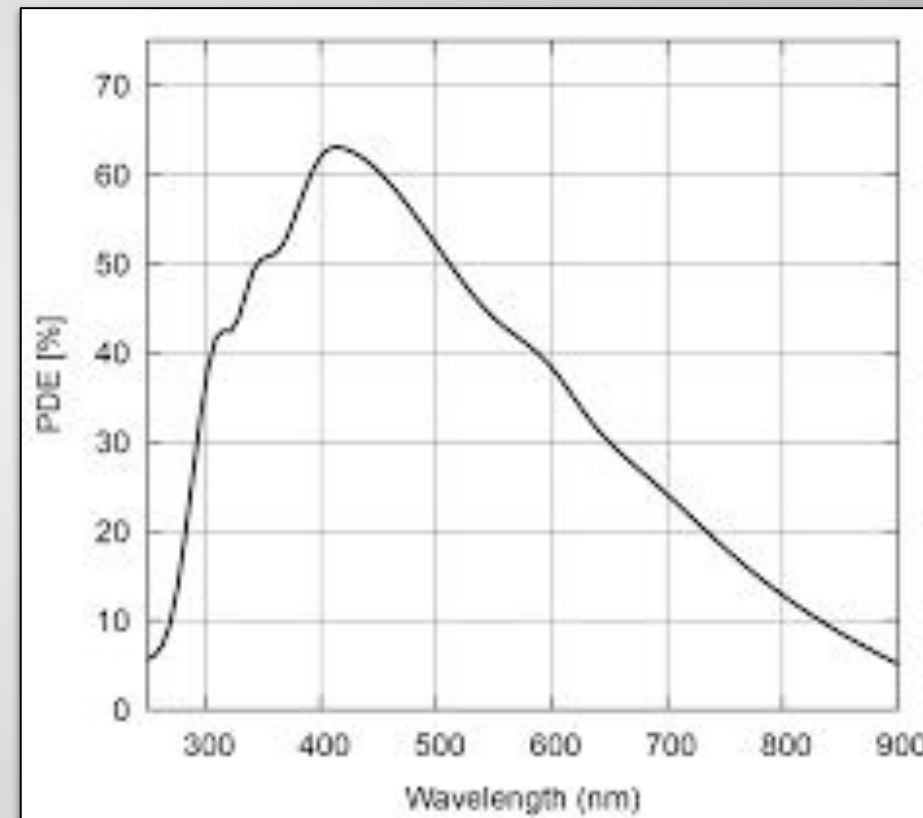


Radioluminescence a room temperature

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Spectroscopy
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SiPM Photon Detection
Efficiency



Rayos-x ✓
BUT
Nuclear Radiation?



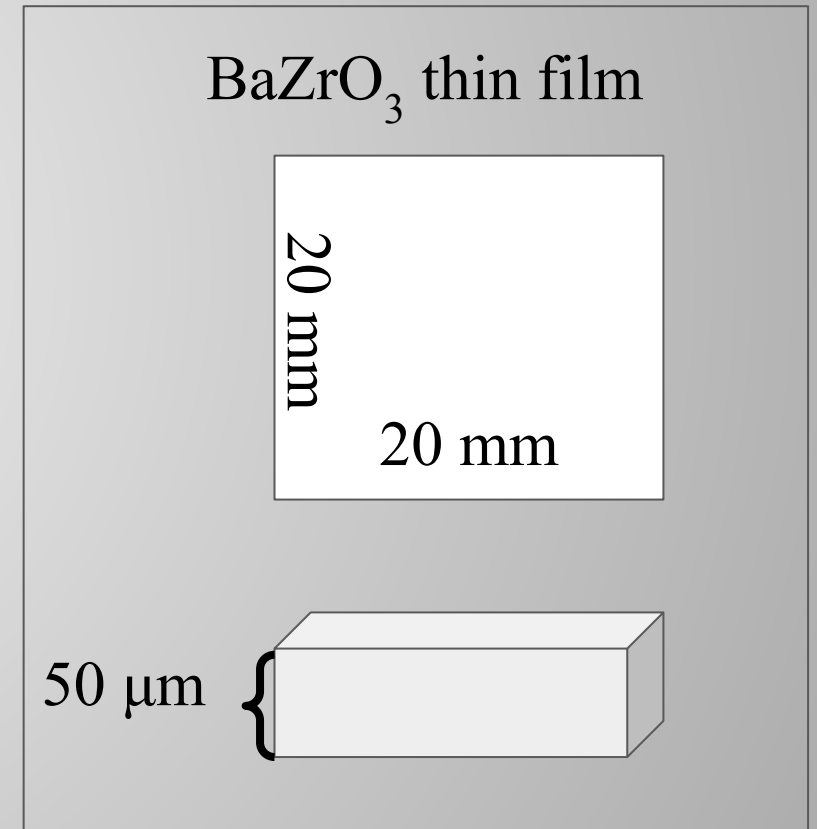
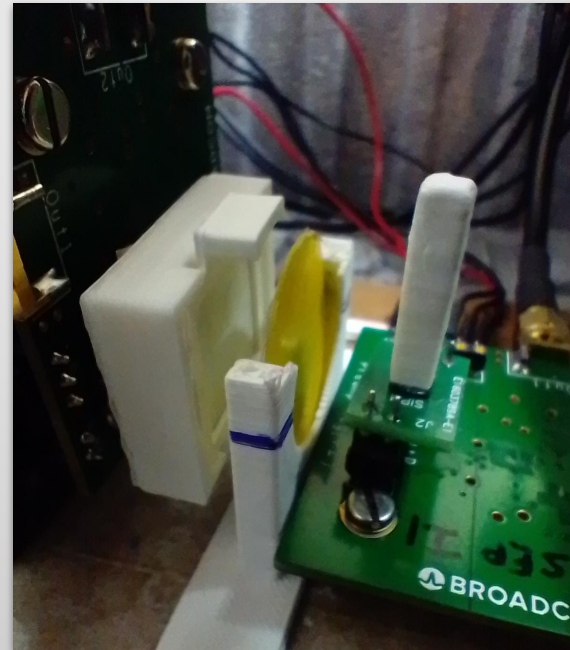
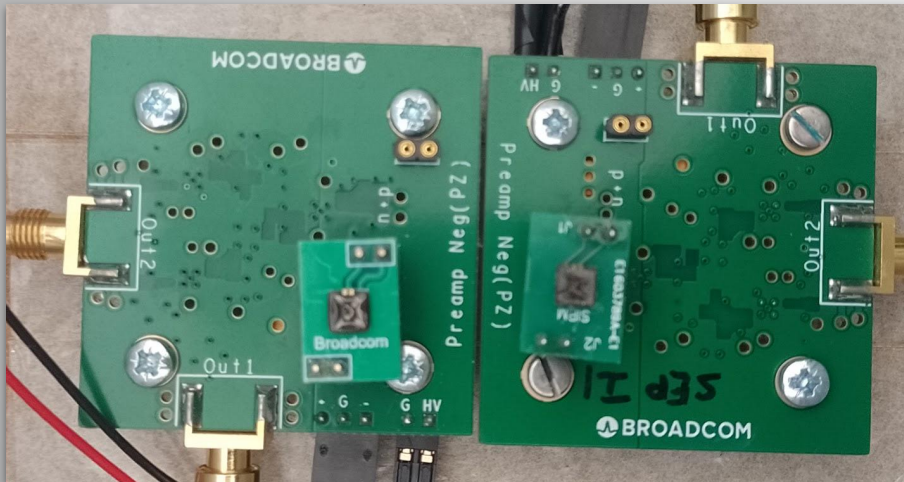
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SiPM 4x4 mm

Time-of-Flight Na-22 Source Polycrystalline Thin Film x LYSO

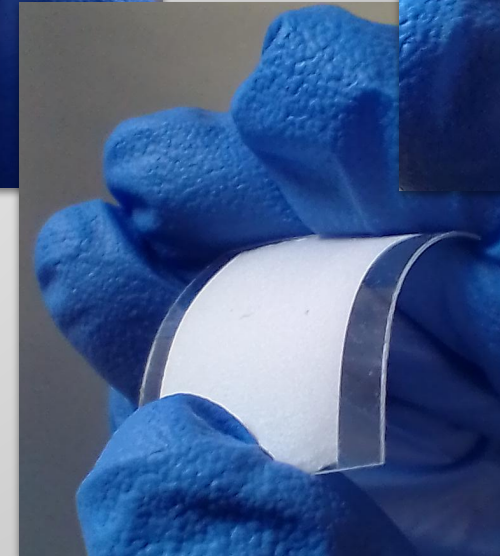
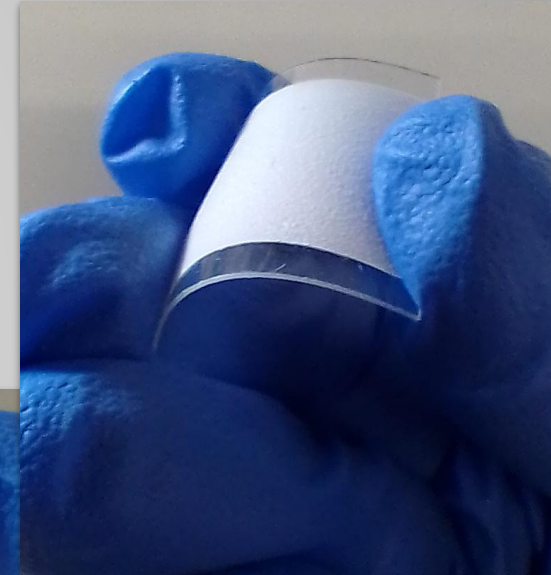
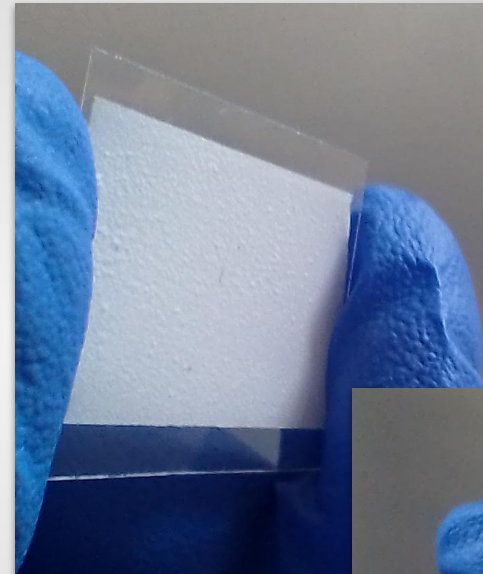
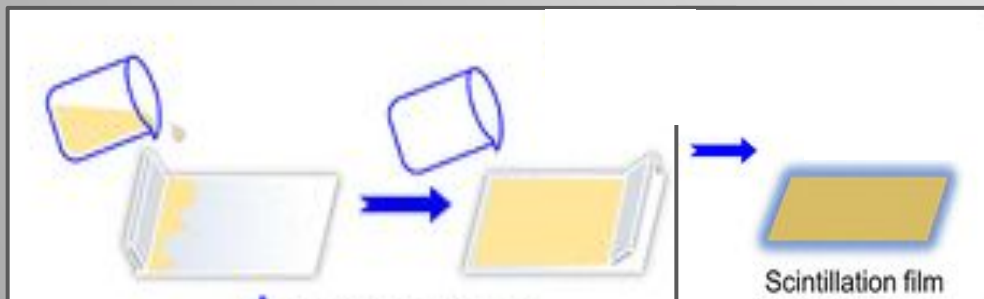
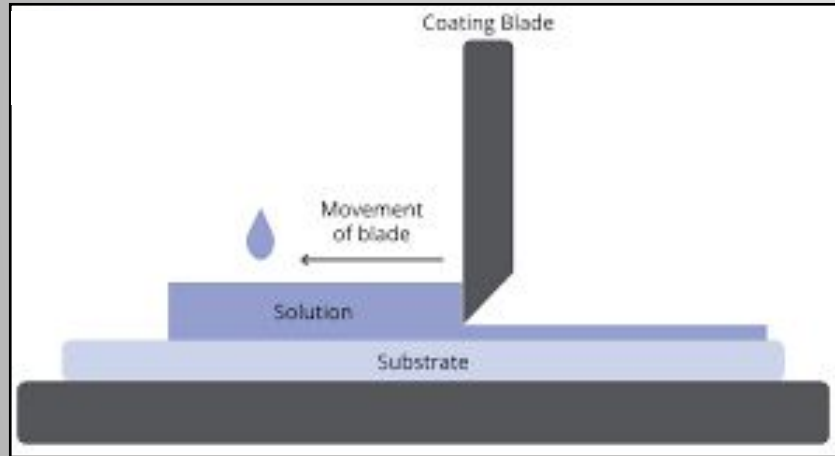
LYSO 4x4x30 mm





Thin Film - Blade coating technique

Powder + Varnish + Etanol blade coating in Polyvinyl sheet substrate

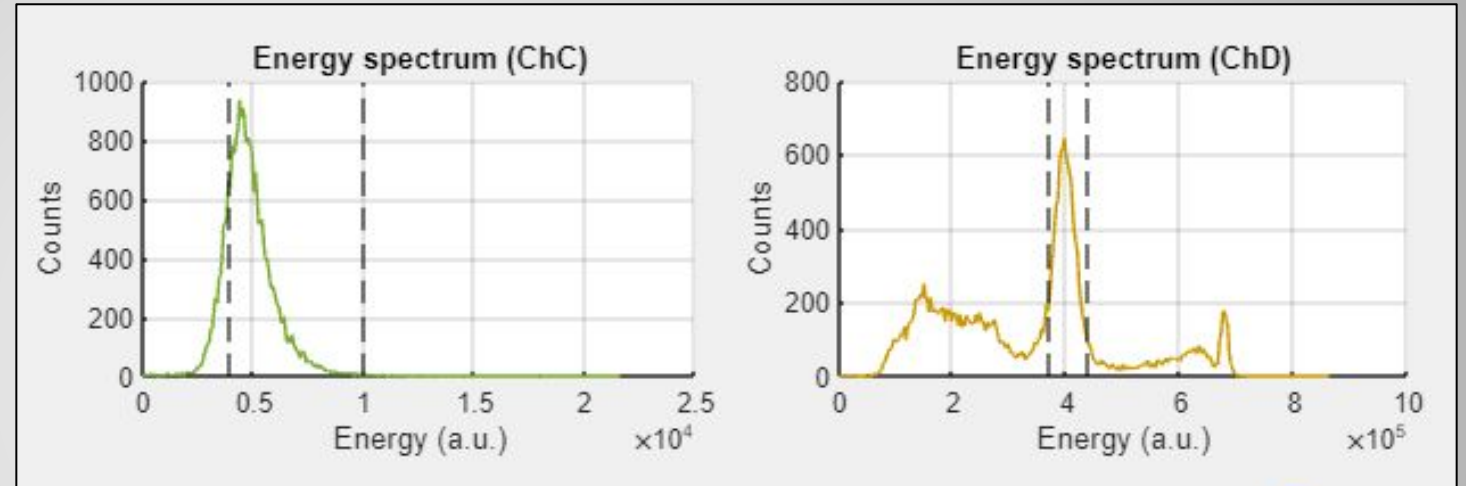




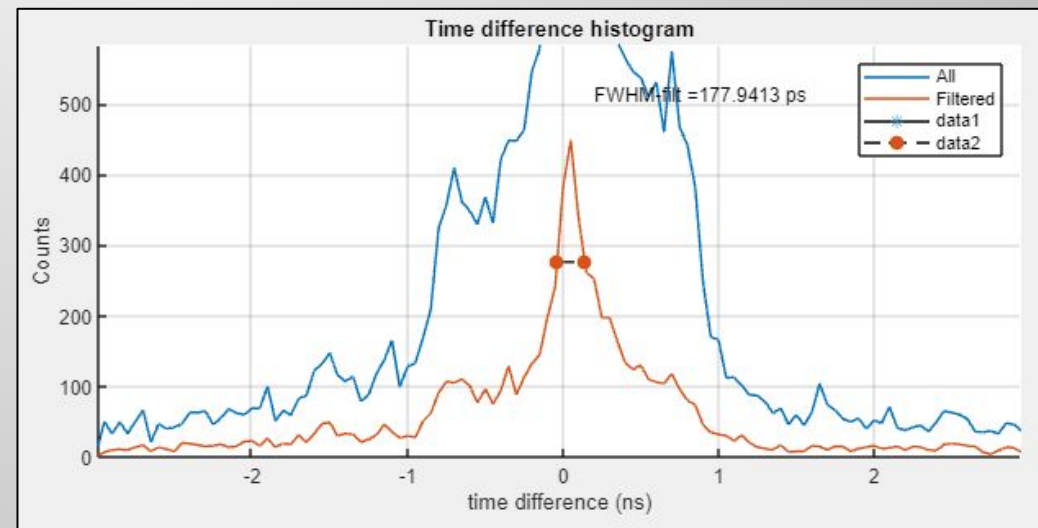
Time-of-Flight

Na-22 Source

Thin Film BaZrO₃ 80 μm x LYSO 20mm



Timing
resolution
 ~ 153 ps

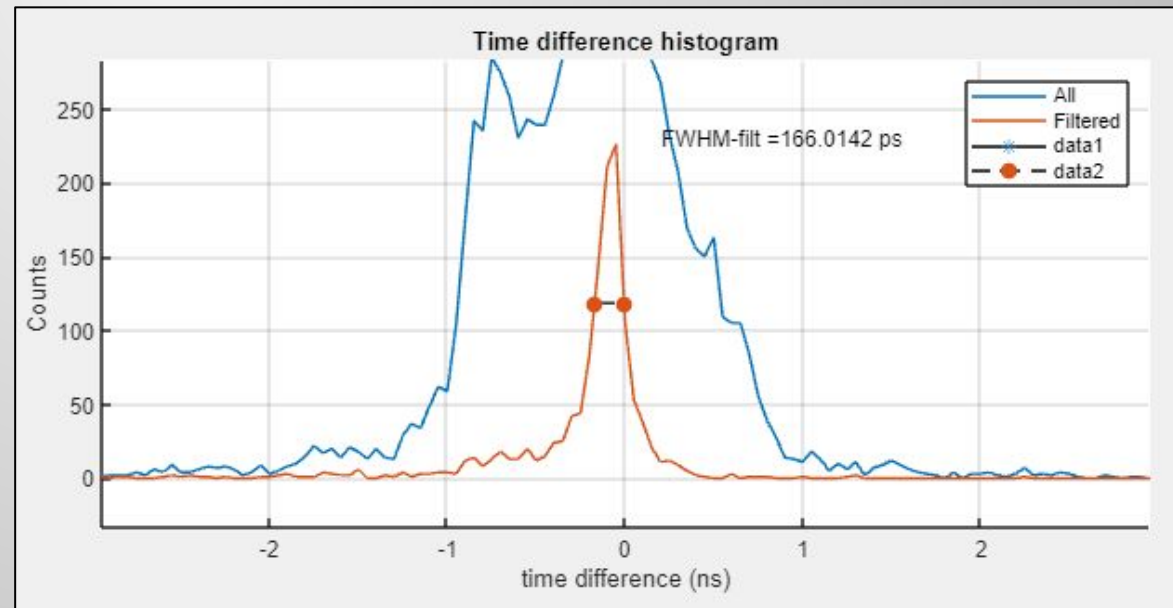
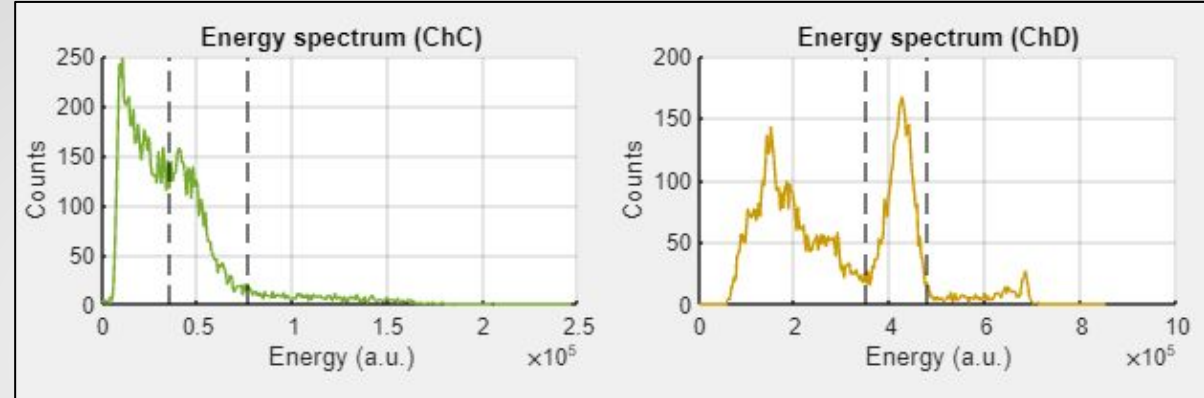
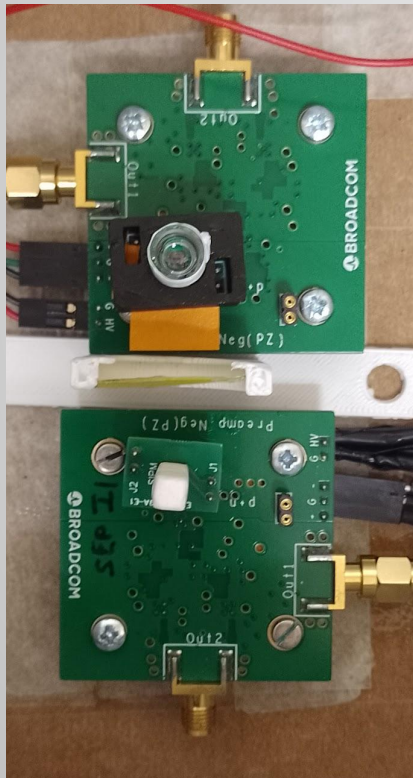


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Liquid Scintillator PPO x LYSO 20mm

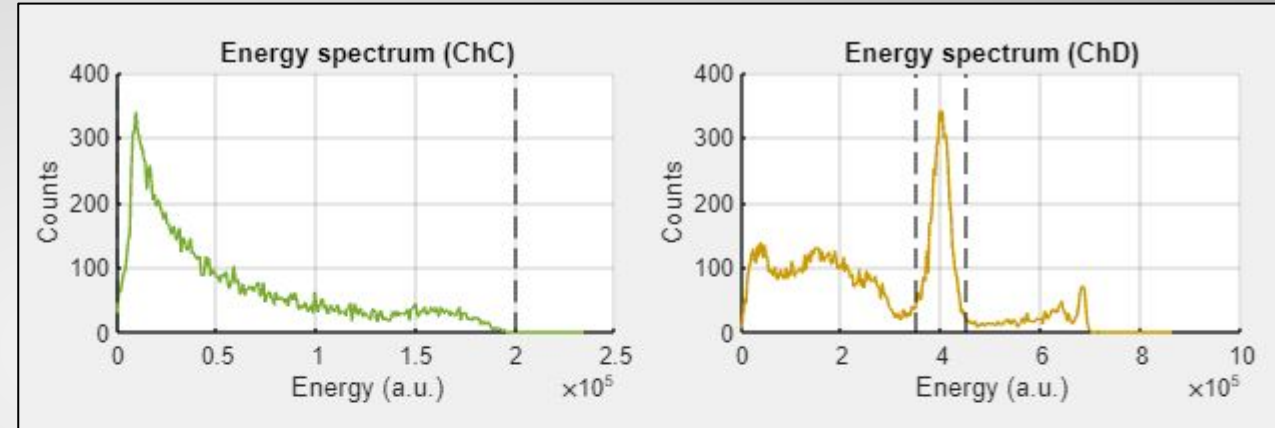
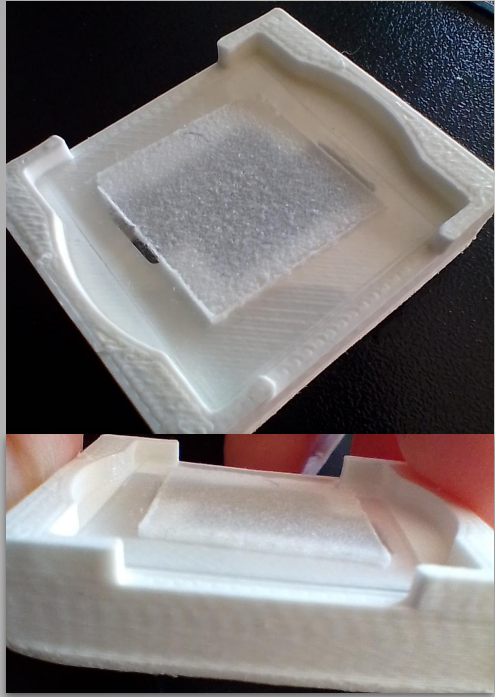
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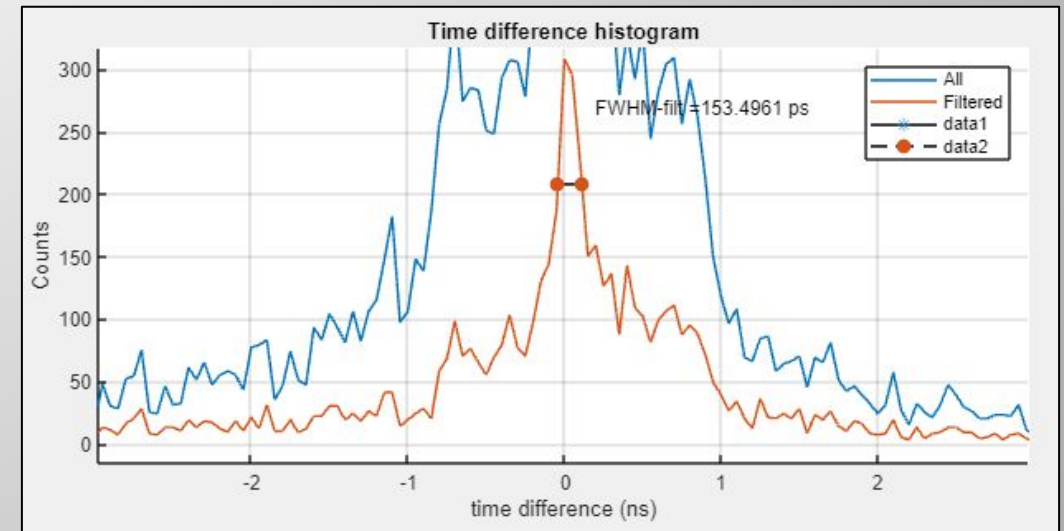
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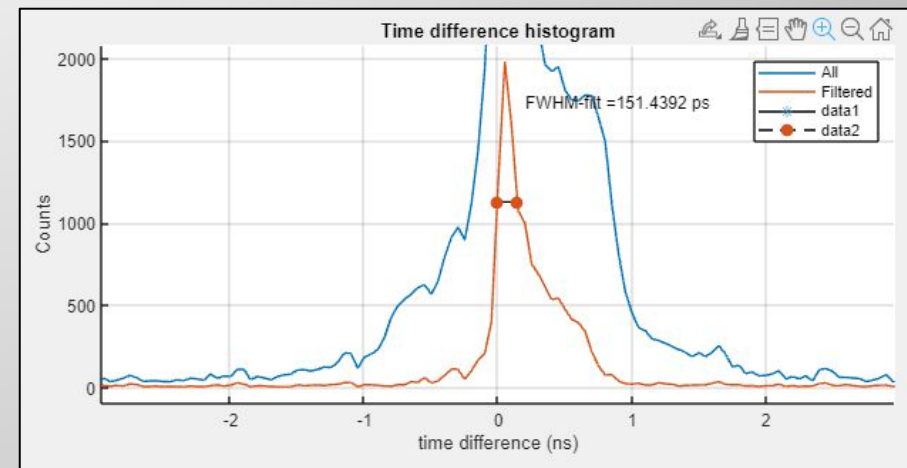
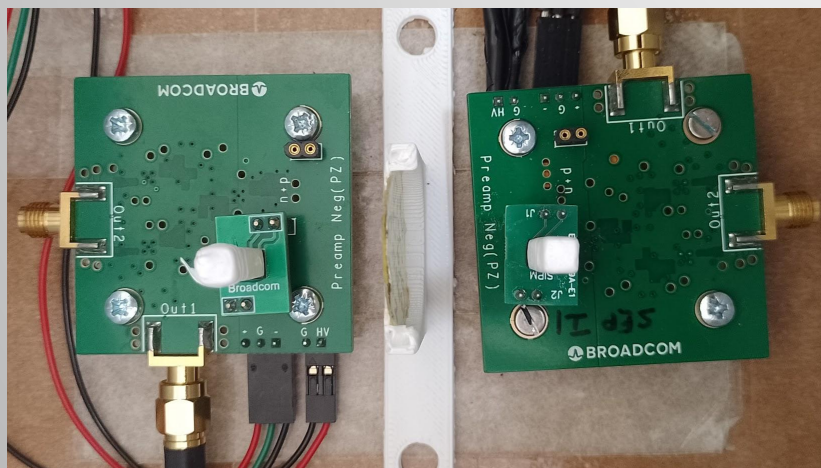
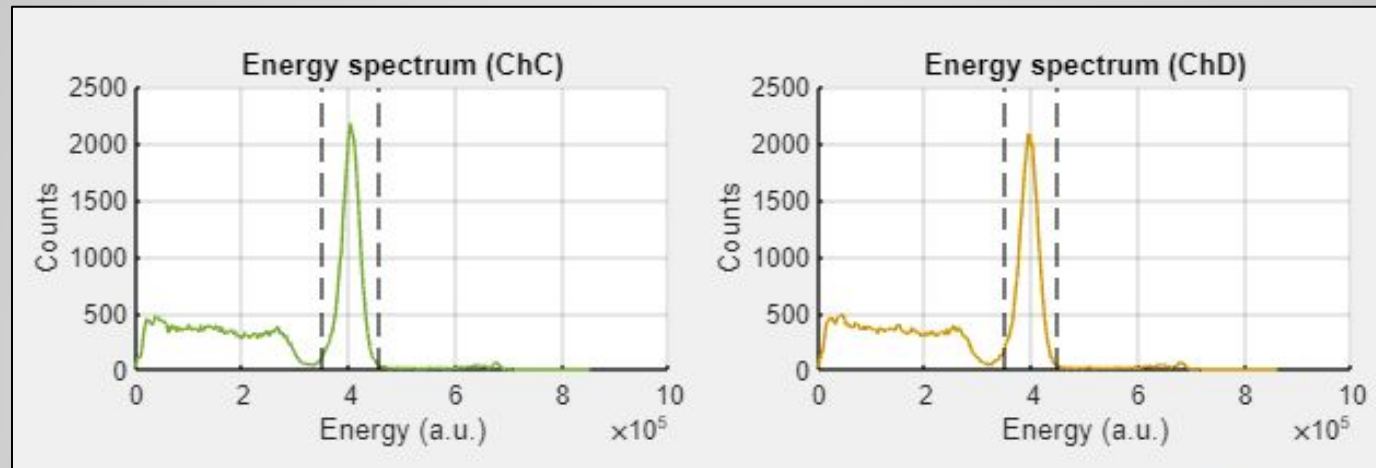


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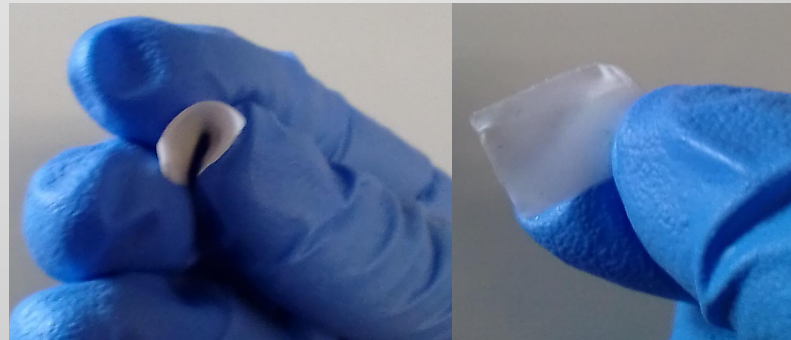
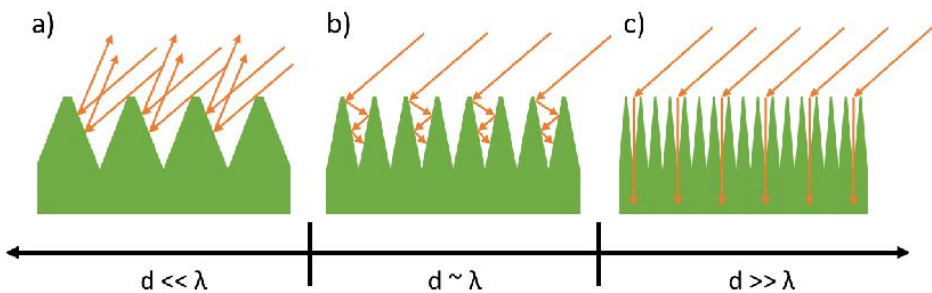
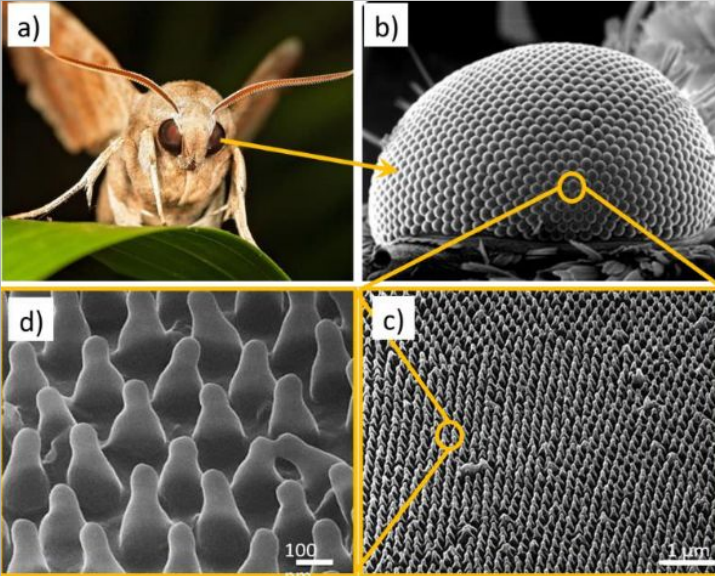
LYSO 20mm x LYSO 20mm

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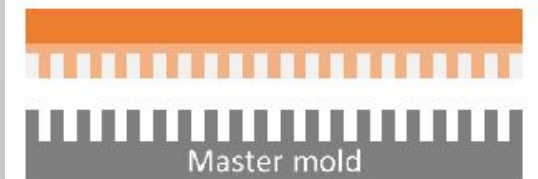


Working in Progress

Decreases reflexive light between interfaces with nanostructured anti-reflective surfaces



Demolding of composite PDMS mold



Next Steps

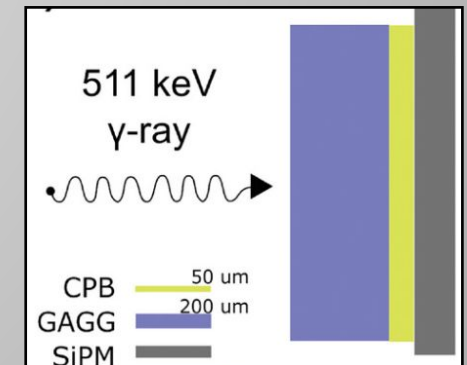
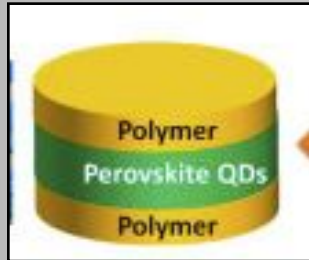
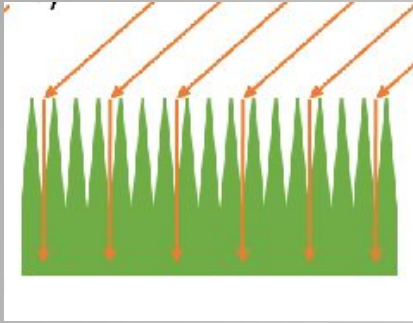
Improve the luminescence emission and transmission to SiPM

Investigate LY and Decay time

Heterojunction detector

Growth new crystals, others Perovskites and correlates

New analysis and devices in the SIRIUS facilities
(Brazilian Synchrotron)



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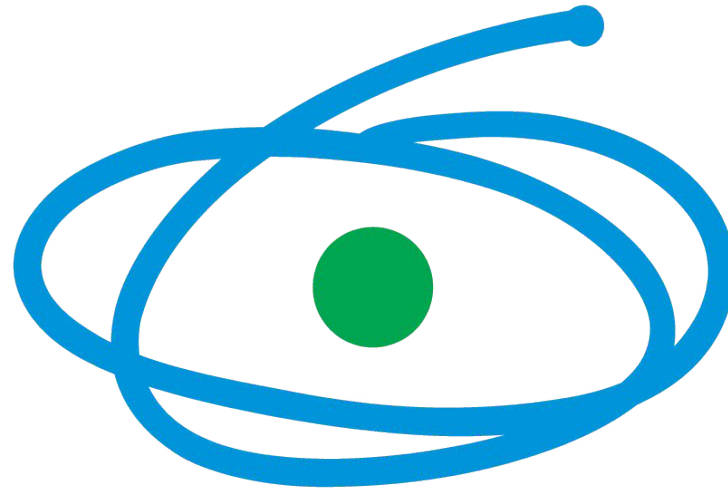
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