

# Exploring Perovskite Scintillators: Potential and Properties for Radiation Detection

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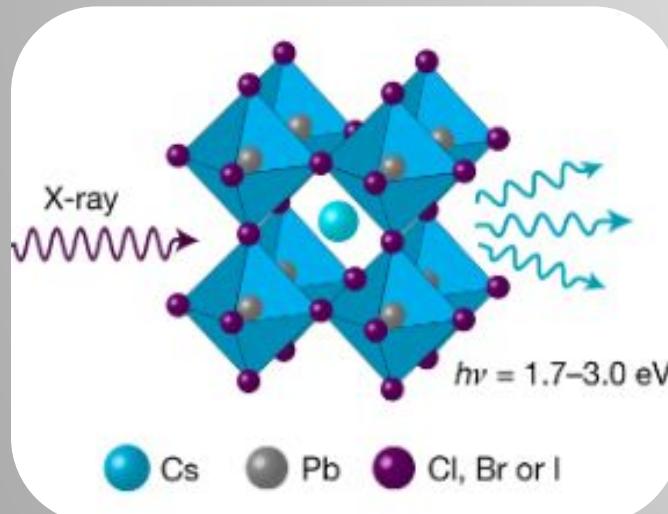
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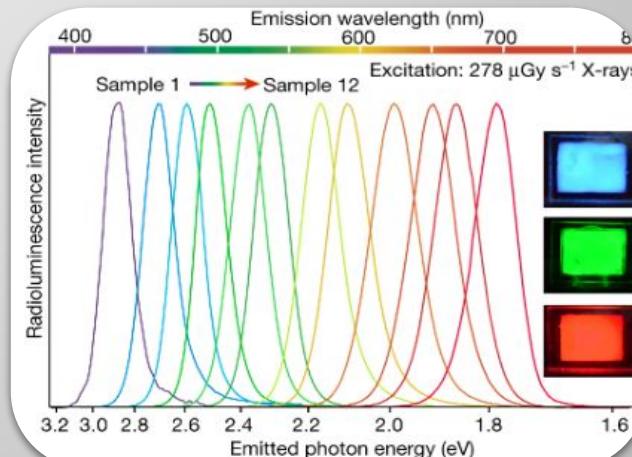
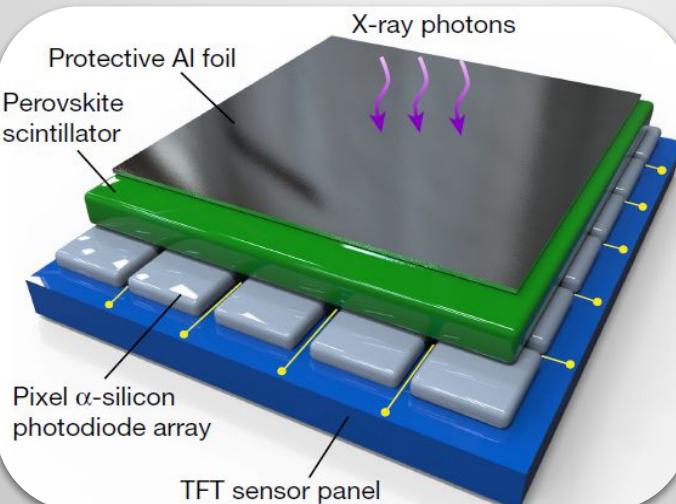
# Perovskite Scintillators

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.



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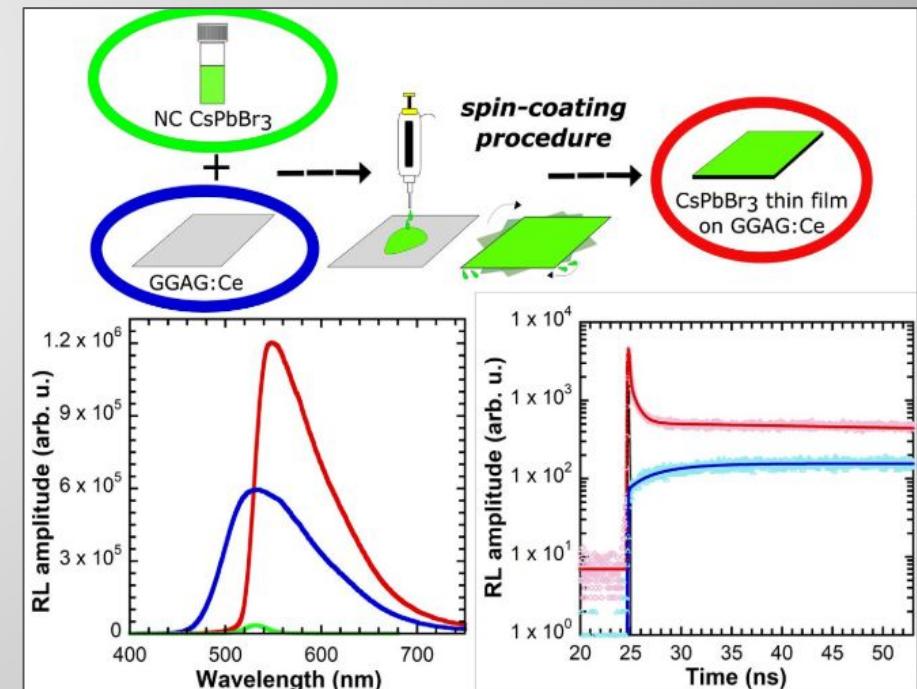
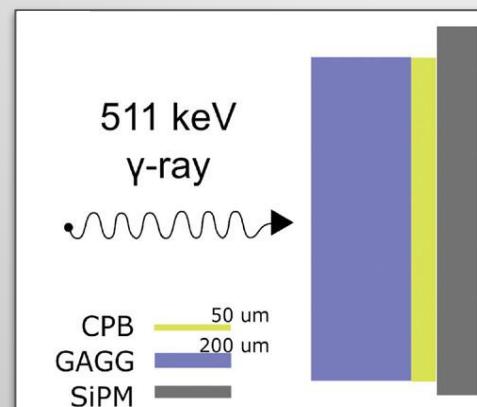


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Material	Decay time (ns)
CsI:Tl	1000
LSO:Ce	40
LYSO:Ce	33
LaBr <sub>3</sub> -Ce	15
LuI <sub>3</sub> -Ce	31/140/1000
LuAP:Ce	17
BGO	300
BaF <sub>2</sub> <sup>a</sup>	0.8/630
CsPbBr <sub>3</sub> NCs	44.6
CsPbBr <sub>3</sub> (7 K)	1 (Fast component) 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

# Lead Halide Perovskites $\text{CsPbX}_3$

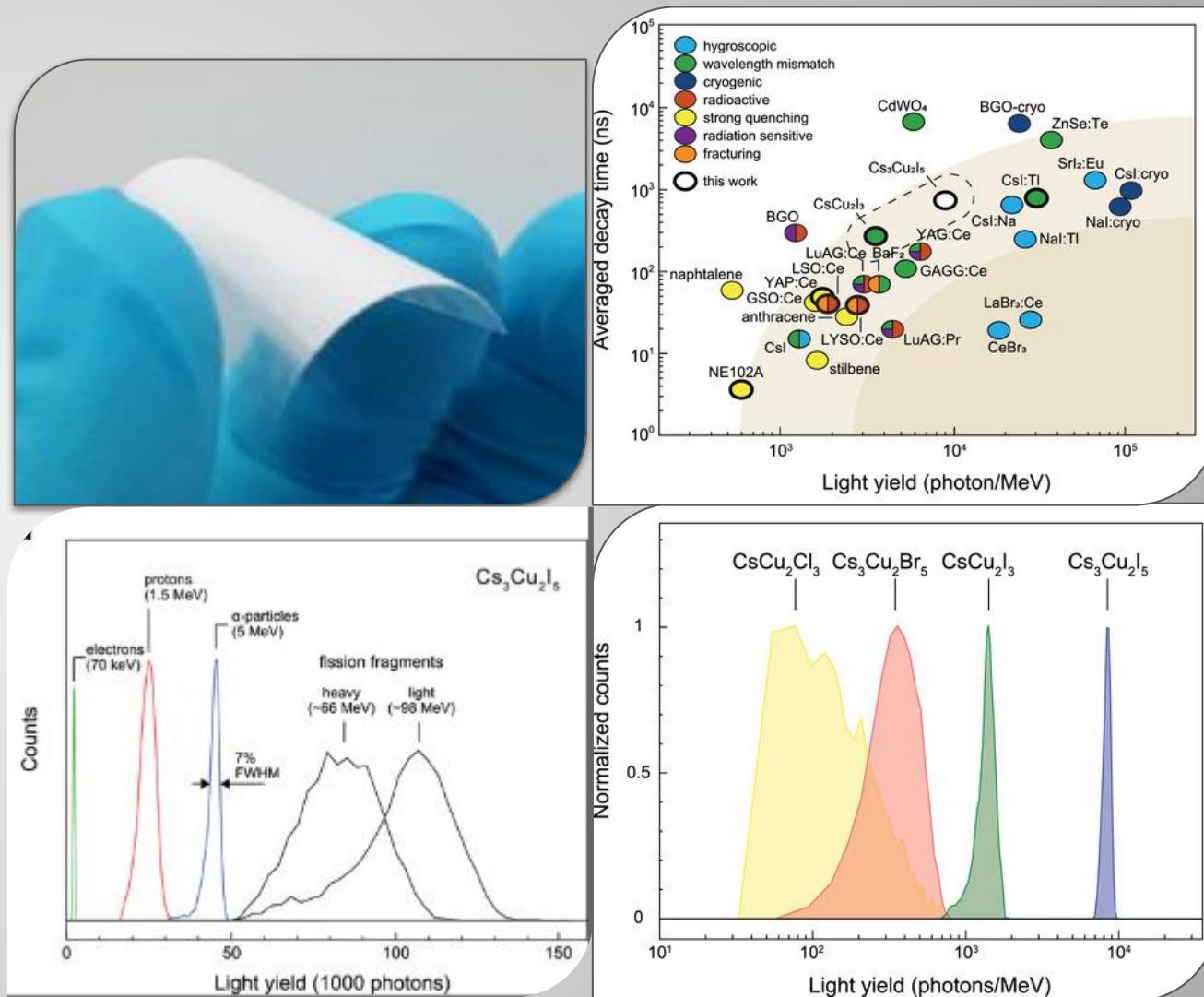
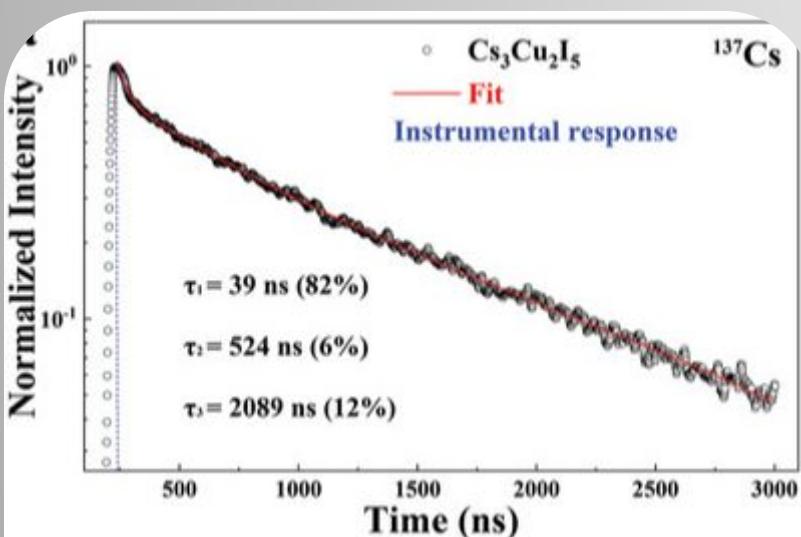
- These materials have been investigated as hybrid detectors to enhance the energy efficiency from scintillator as GGAG, LYSO and BGO.
- Promoting the increase in light intensity and consequently affecting the decay time.
- Also in a recent research the author made a deposition in this same scintillator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



# Lead-Free Halide Perovskites $\text{CsCuX}_3$

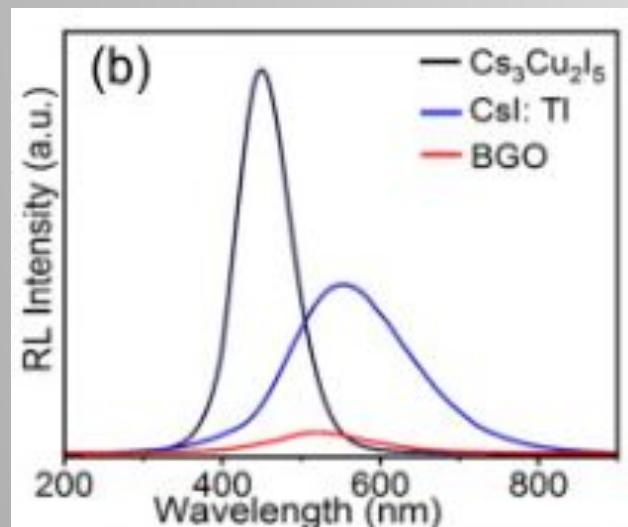
- Perovskites of the  $\text{CsCuX}$  halide type are being investigated with a great LY, exhibiting reasonable energy resolution and decay time.

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

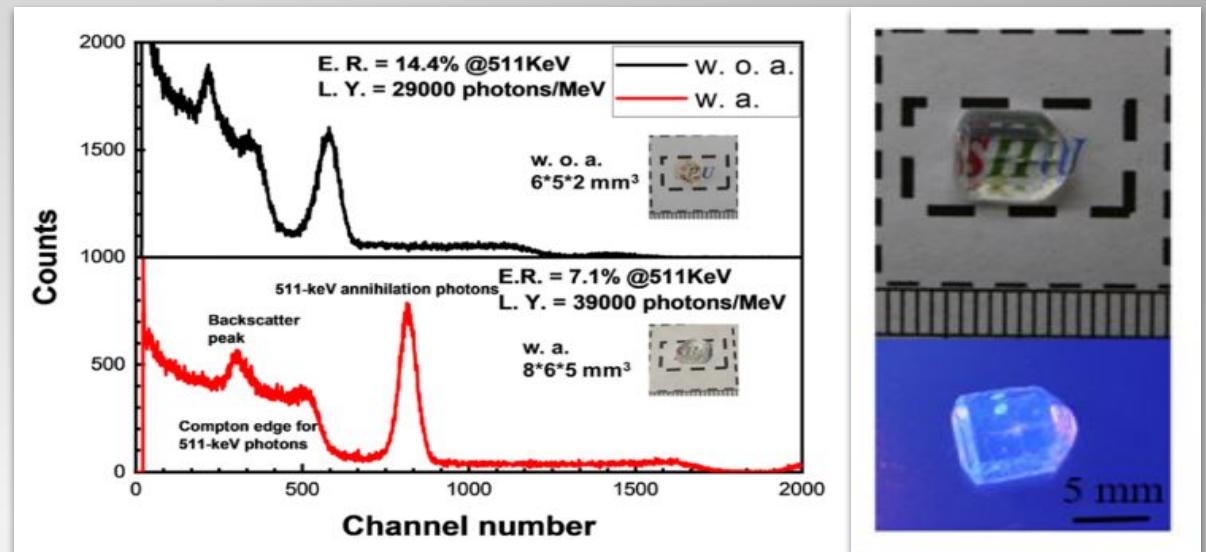


# Lead-Free Halide Perovskites $\text{CsCuX}$

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



Journal of Energy Chemistry 79, 382–389 (2023).



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

Achieved the time resolution about  $1082.03 \pm 13.29$  ns.

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

# BaZrO<sub>3</sub> Perovskita Scintillator



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## Radioluminescence properties of decaoctahedral BaZrO<sub>3</sub>

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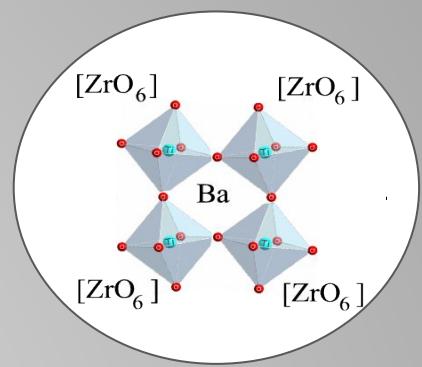
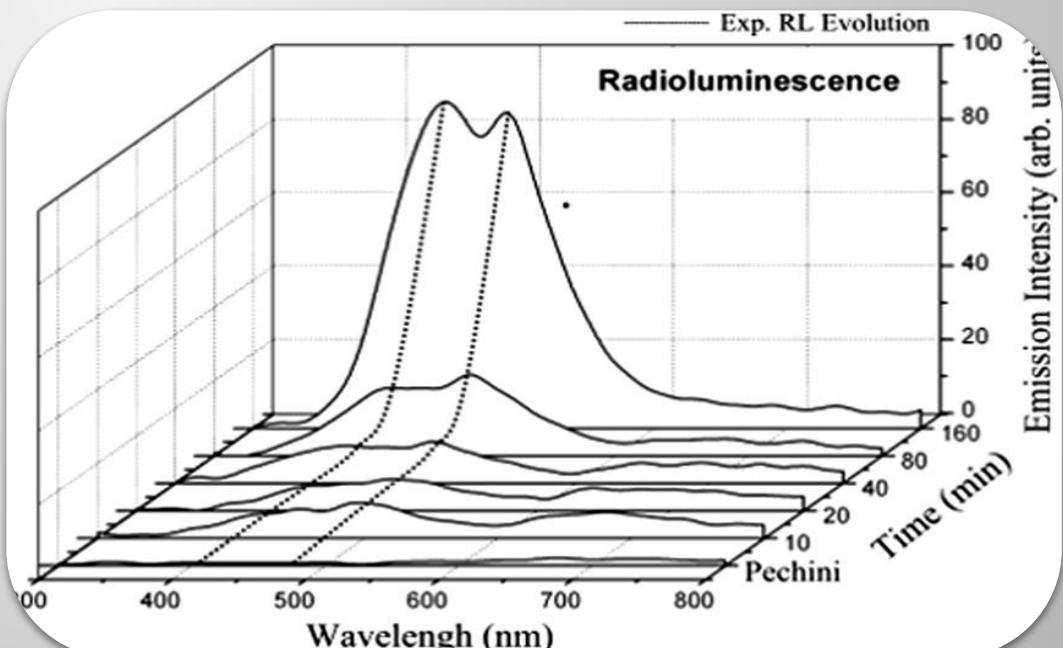
Microwave Assisted  
Hydrothermal Method

140 °C

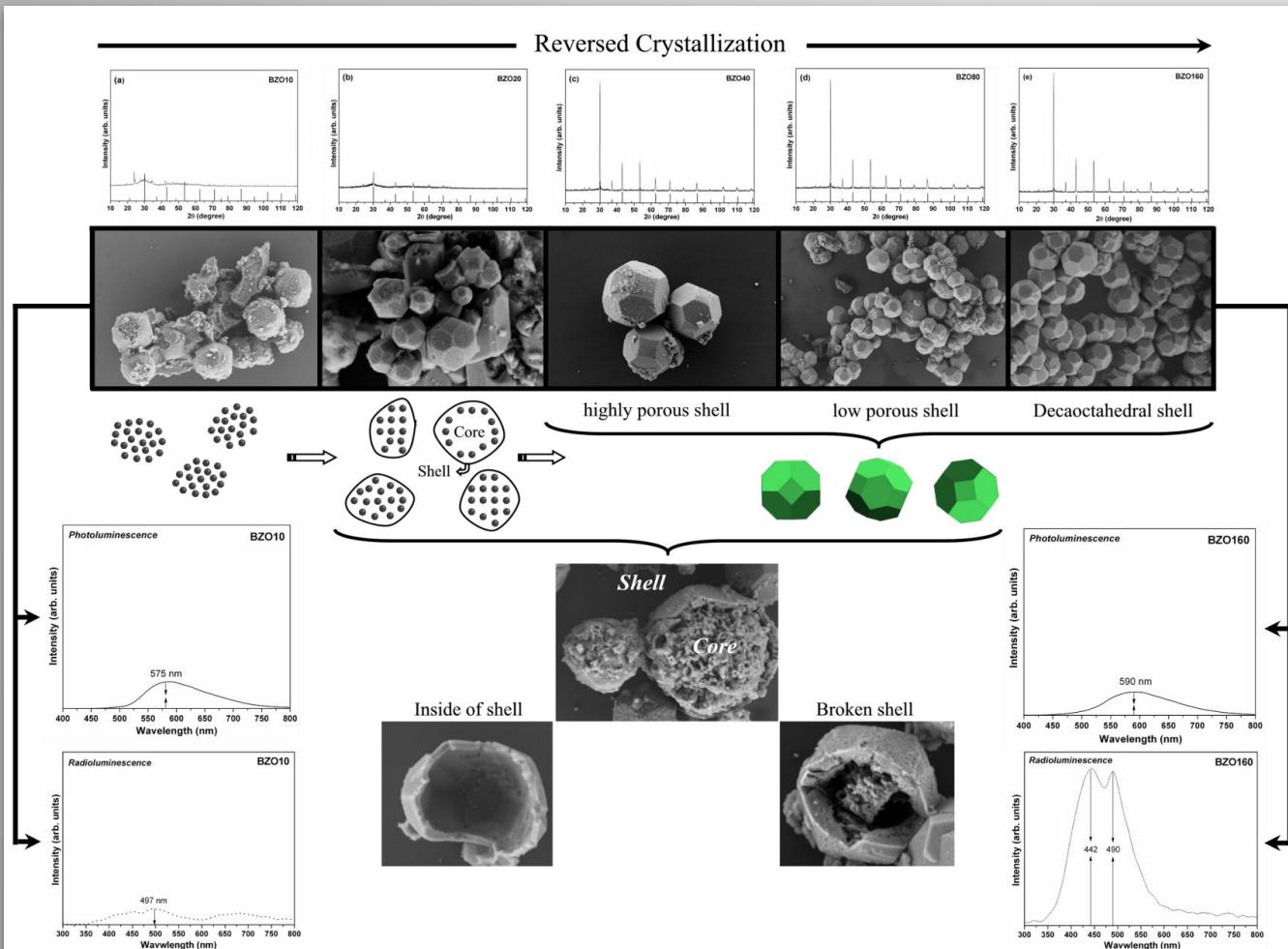


RL Emission

The search for new materials in this area has led to the identification of the radioluminescent properties of barium zirconate perovskite (BaZrO<sub>3</sub>).

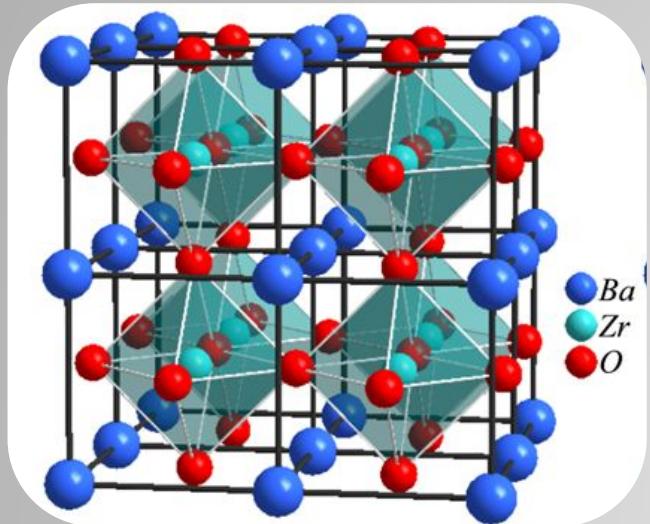


# Microwave Assisted Hydrothermal Growth



- 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

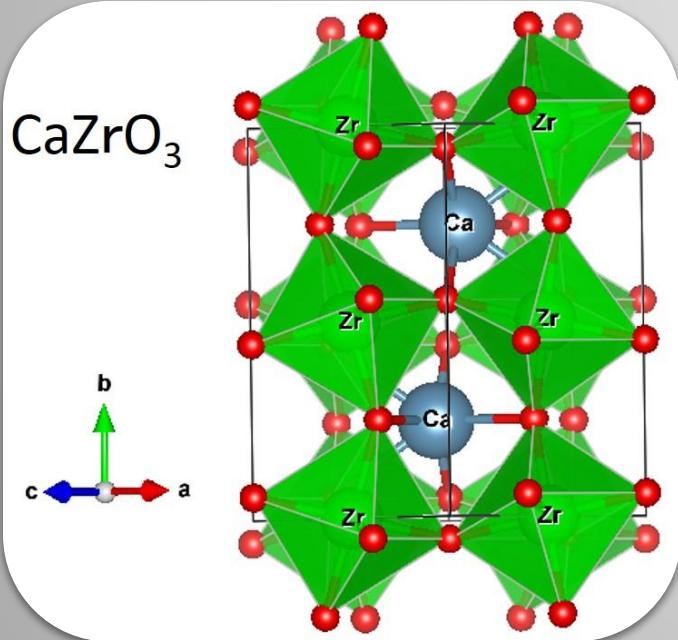
- Temperatures: 1200 to 400 °C
- Time: 2 – 4 h

## Polymer method

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

## Hydrothermal

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

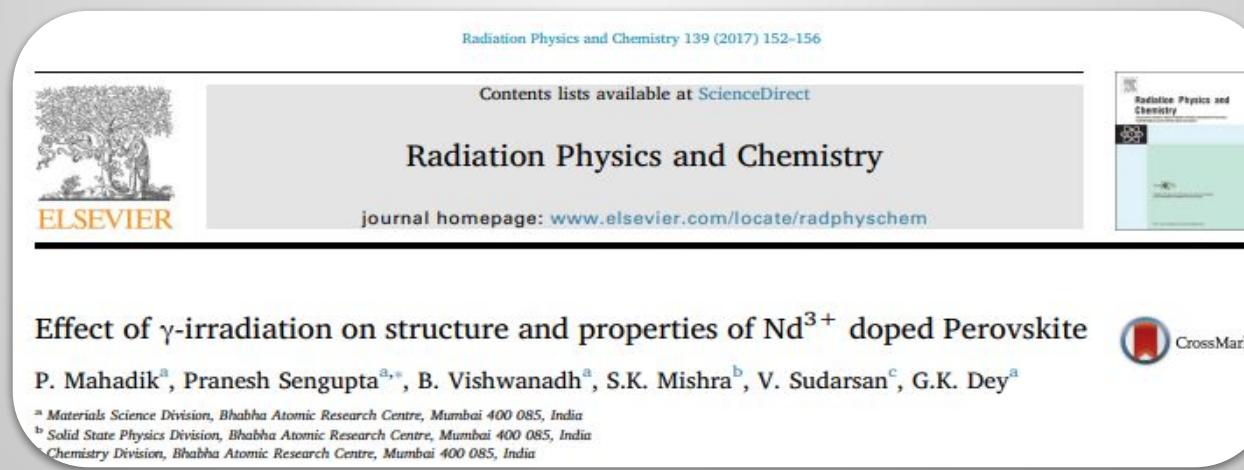
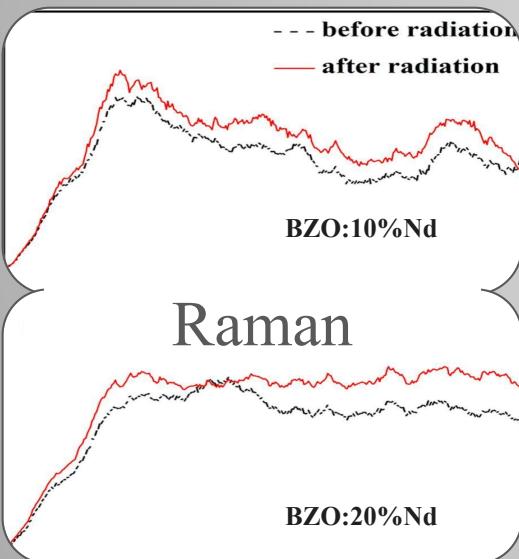


## Microwave Assisted Hydrothermal method

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

# BaZrO<sub>3</sub> 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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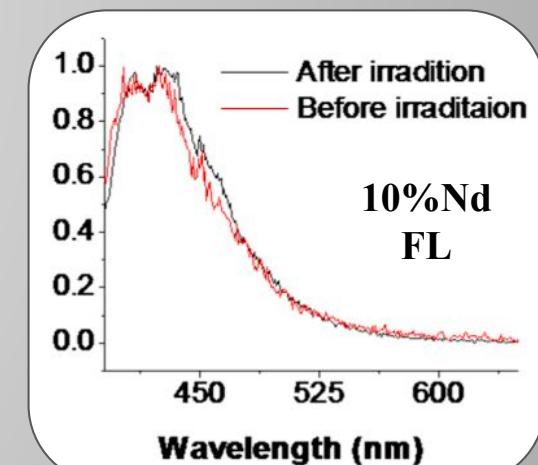
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### Variable Photoluminescence Intensity Ratio with the Excitation Wavelength in Eu<sup>3+</sup>-Doped Perovskite-Type Alkaline Earth Zirconates—Possibility of a Unique Visualization of Ultraviolet Light

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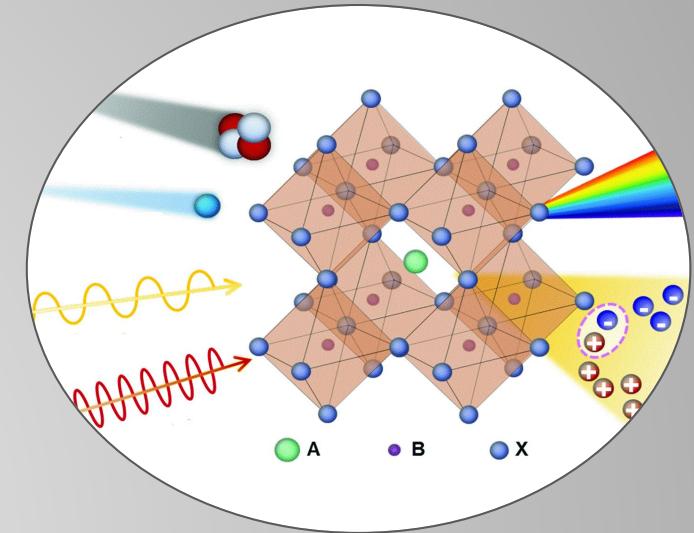
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Powder samples (growth by solid state) irradiated with <sup>60</sup>Co source of 175 kGy with a rate about 2.6 kGy/h.

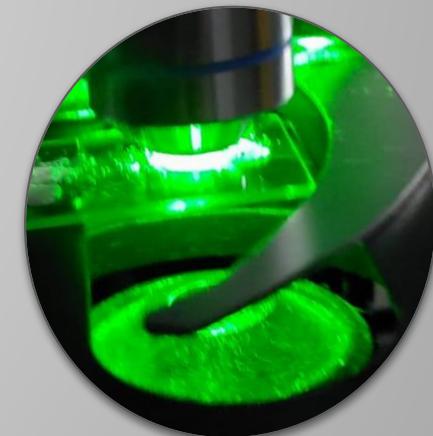
# Purpose of this investigation

→ To identified the viability of the  $\text{BaZrO}_3$  as scintillator detector, this work aims to explore  $\text{BaZrO}_3$  as an innovative material for ionizing radiation detection free-lead.

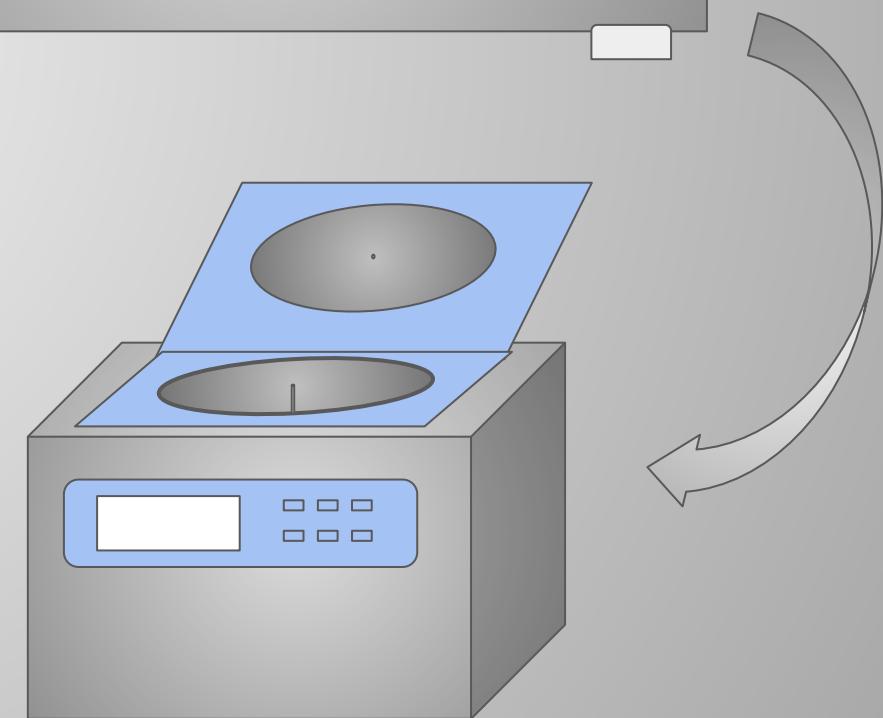
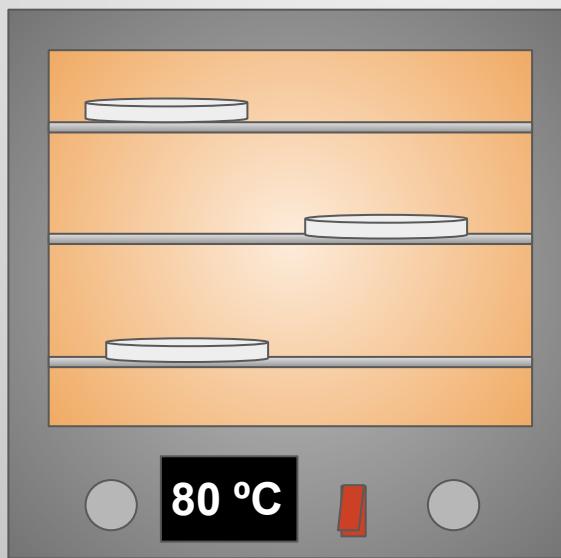
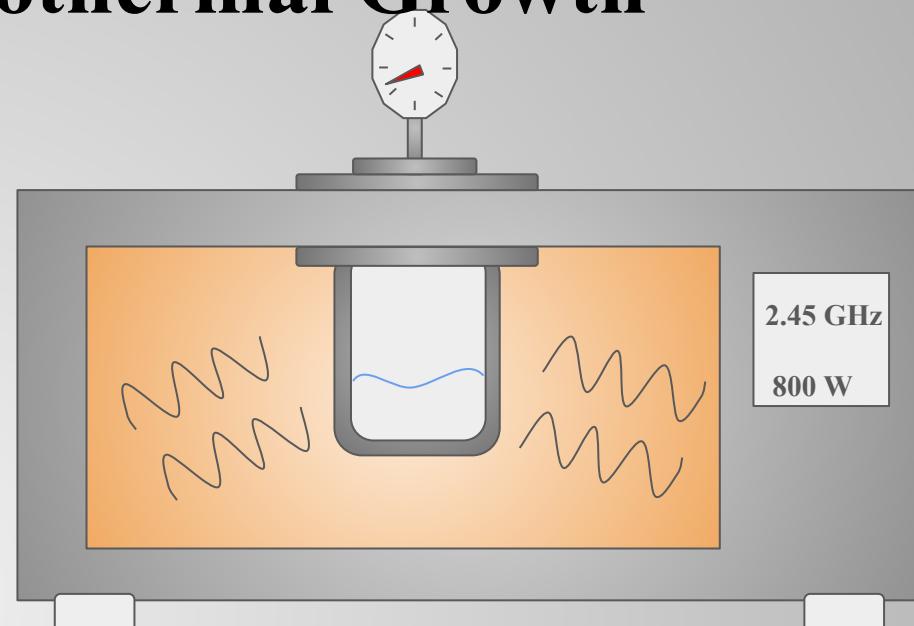
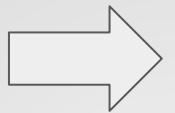
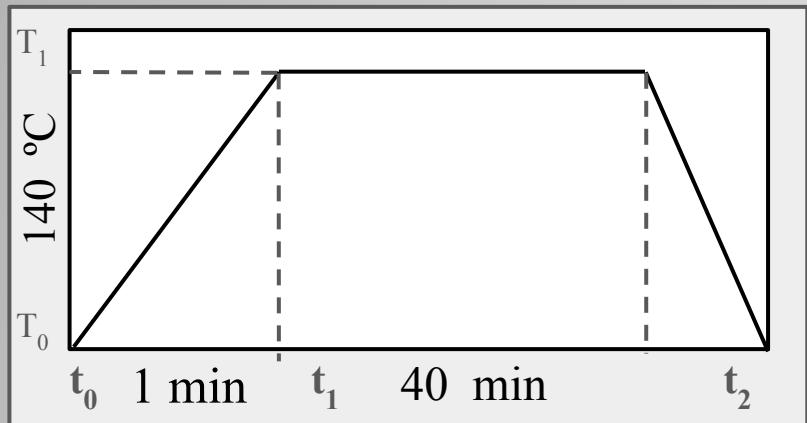


→ Pure  $\text{BaZrO}_3$  and rare-earth-doped  $\text{BaZrO}_3$  materials were grown using the microwave-assisted hydrothermal method and characterized through:

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



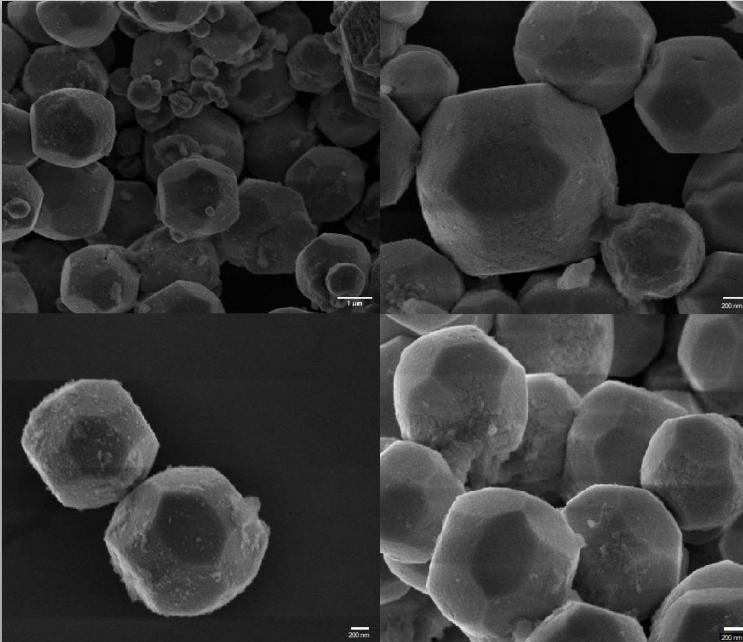
# Microwave Assisted Hydrothermal Growth



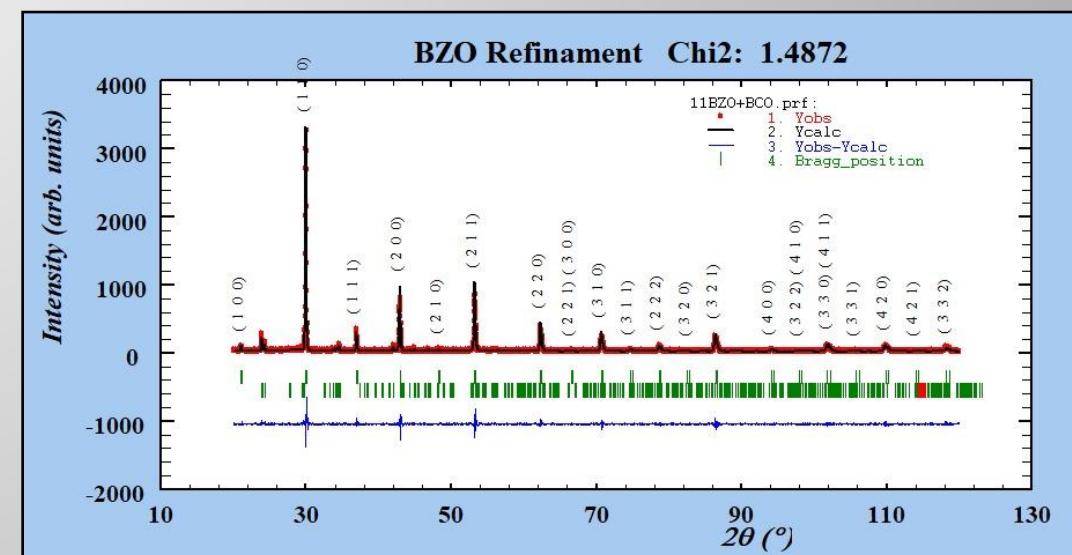
# Structural Analysis

## Scanning Electron Microscope

Sample	Diâmetro ( $\mu\text{m}$ )
BaZrO <sub>3</sub>	$2.3 \pm 0.4$
0,5%Ce	$2.06 \pm 0.2$
1%Ce	$2.6 \pm 0.5$
2%Ce	$2.7 \pm 0.4$
4%Ce	$1.4 \pm 0.4$
0,5%Er0,5%Ce	$1.1 \pm 0.2$
0,5%Er1%Ce	$1.3 \pm 0.3$
0,5%Er2%Ce	$1.3 \pm 0.3$
0,5%Er4%Ce	$1.3 \pm 0.3$

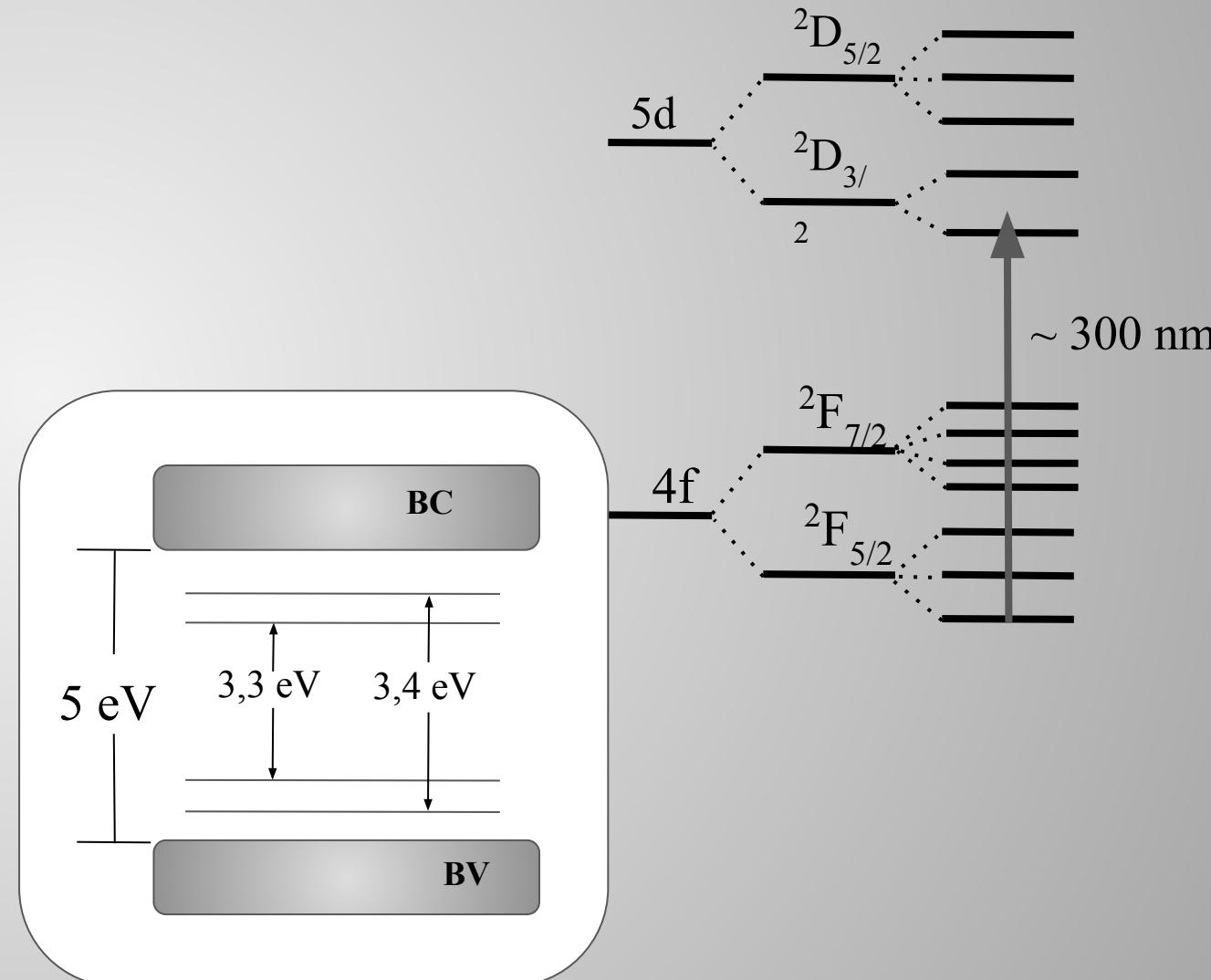
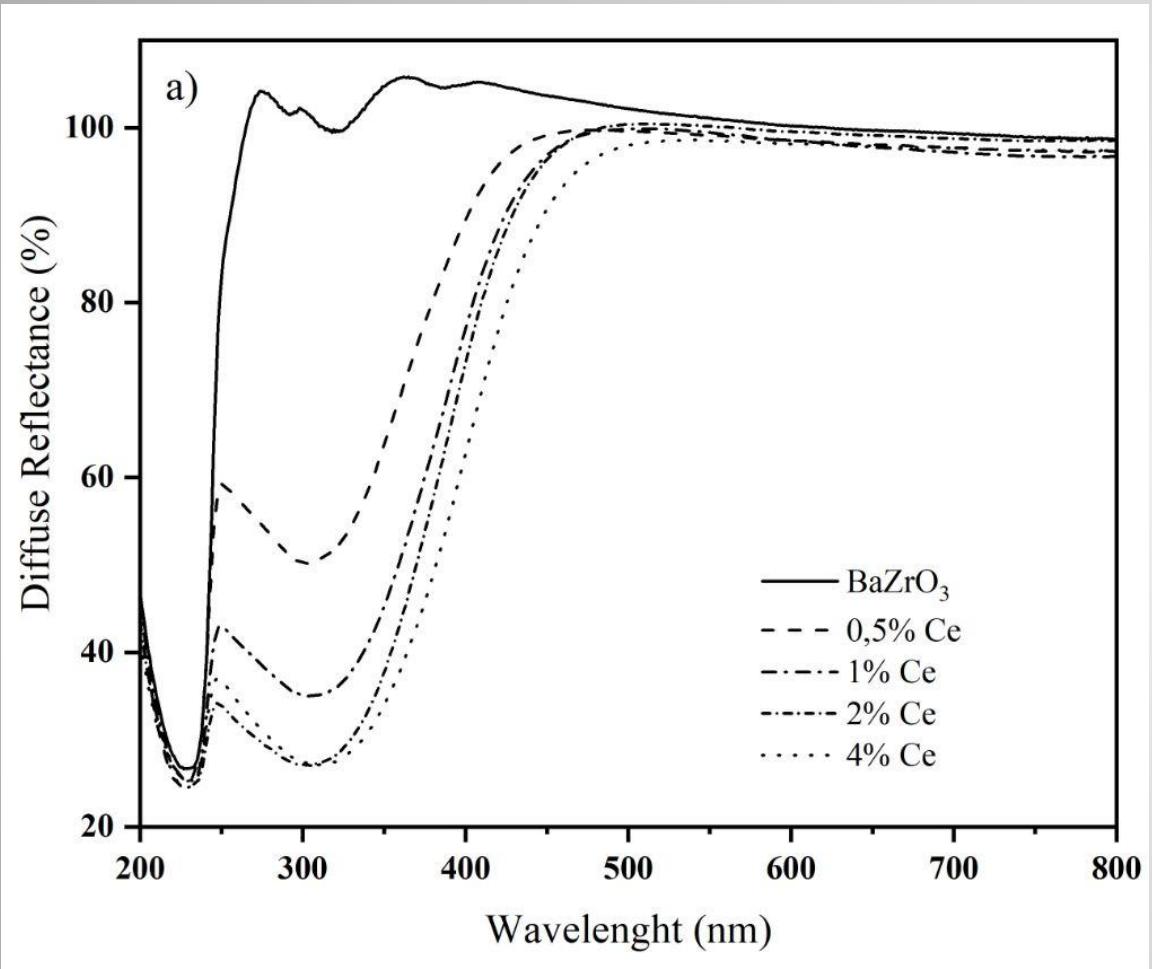


XDR and rietveld refinement  
The density (volumic mass) of phase 1 is estimated by  
 $6.154 \text{ g/cm}^3$



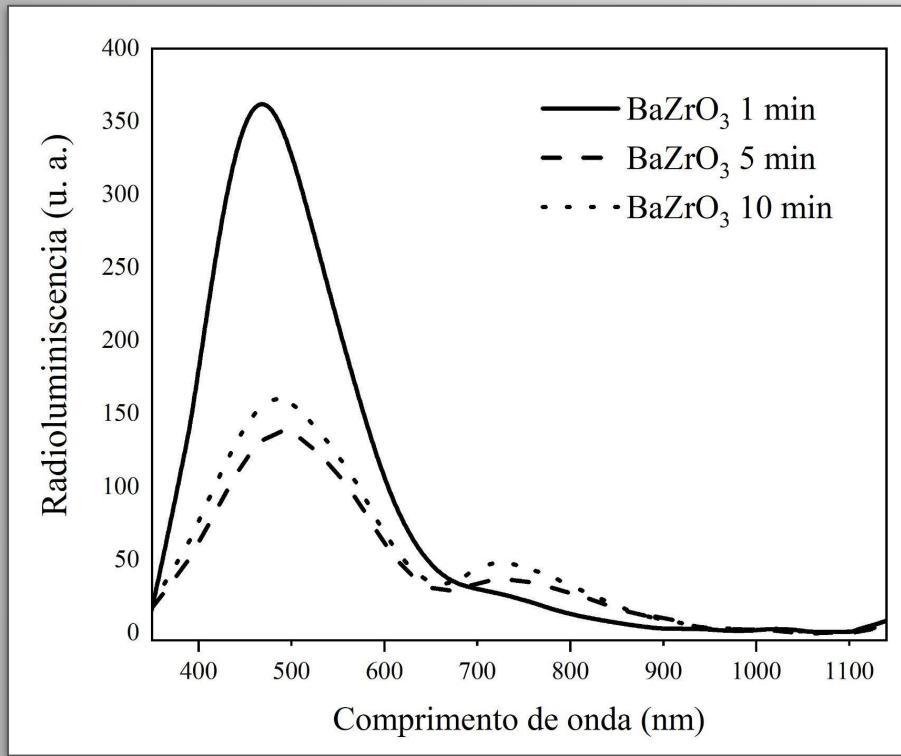
# Optical Analysis

## Diffuse Reflectance to estimate the band gap

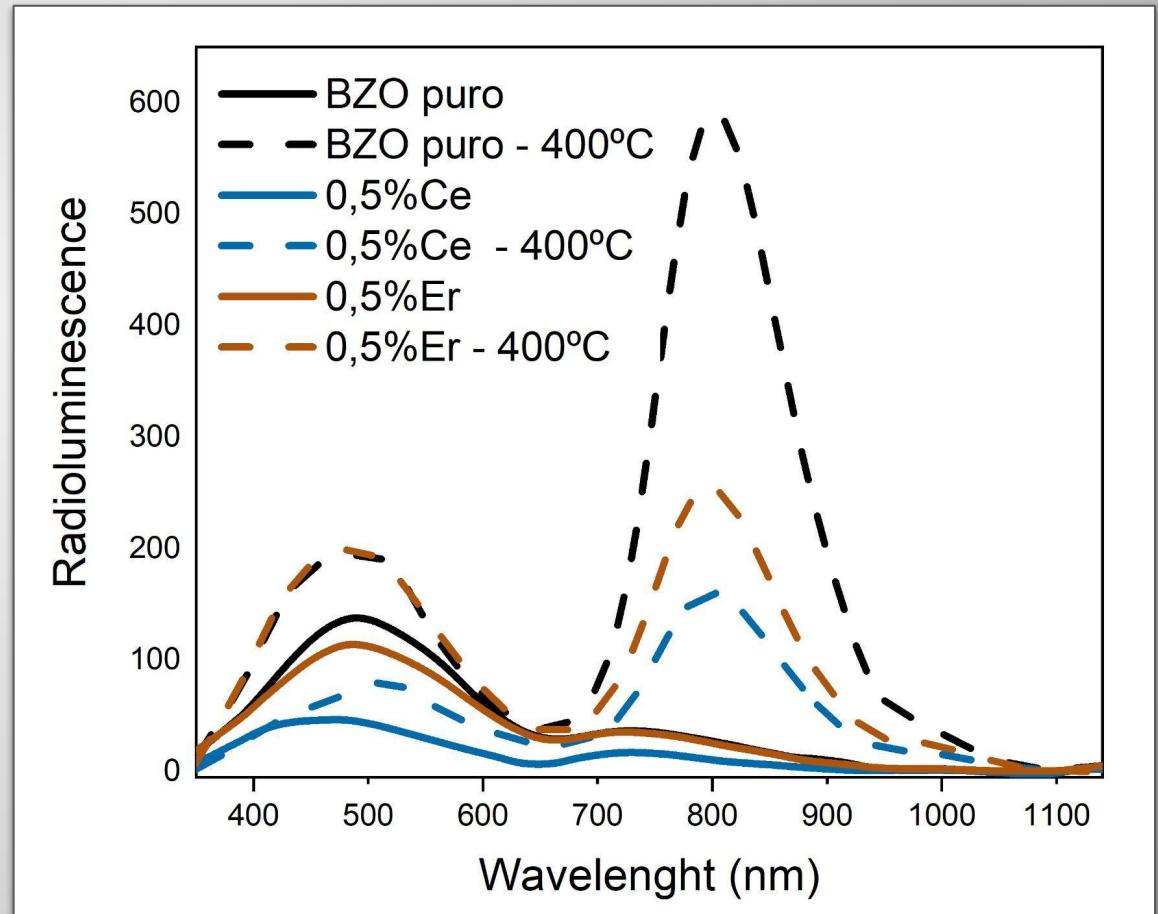


# Radioluminescence a room temperature

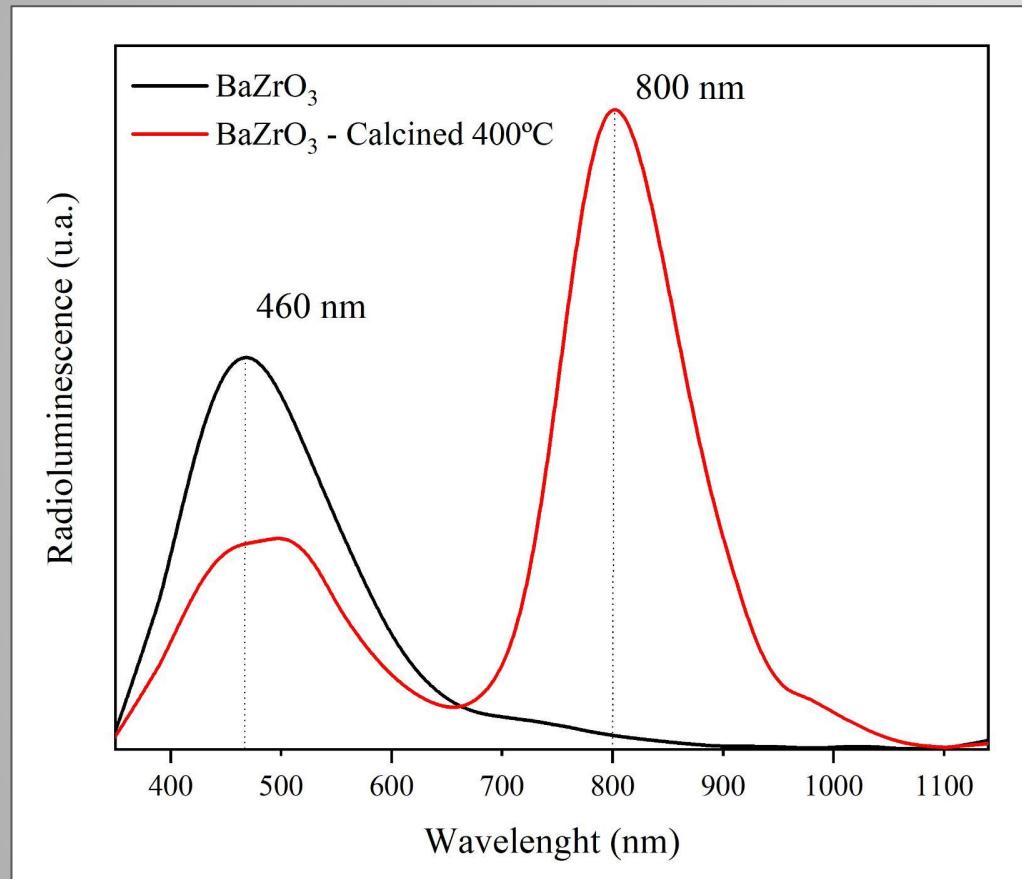
## X-RAY 45 KeV



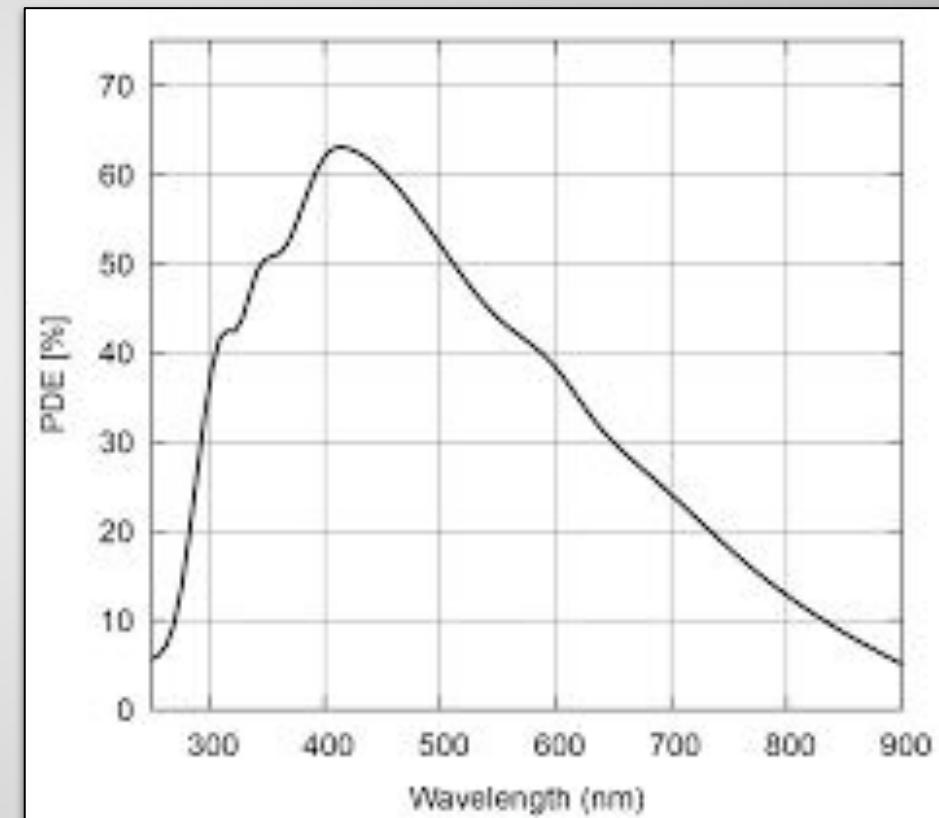
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Ocean Optics QE 6500 Pro



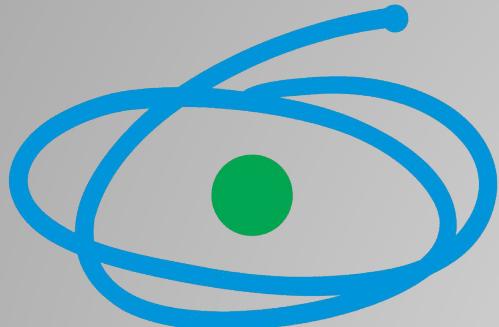
# Radioluminescence a room temperature X-RAY 45 KeV



Spectroscopy  
Ocean Optics QE 6500 Pro



SiPM Photon Detection  
Efficiency



**CAPES**



**CSIC**

CONSEJO SUPERIOR DE INVESTIGACIONES CIENTÍFICAS

Rayos-x ✓

BUT

**Nuclear Radiation?**

**Collaboration:**

**BRAZIL X VENEZUELA X SPAIN**  
**UFPel X IVIC X CSIC**

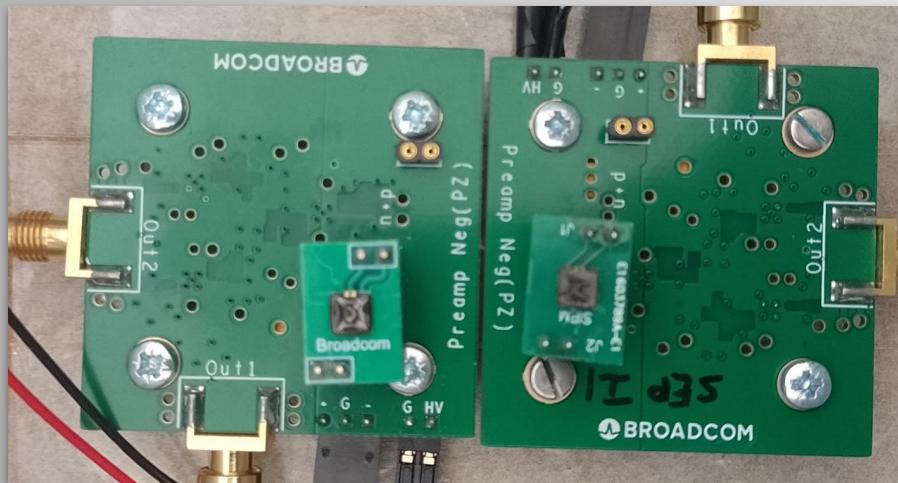


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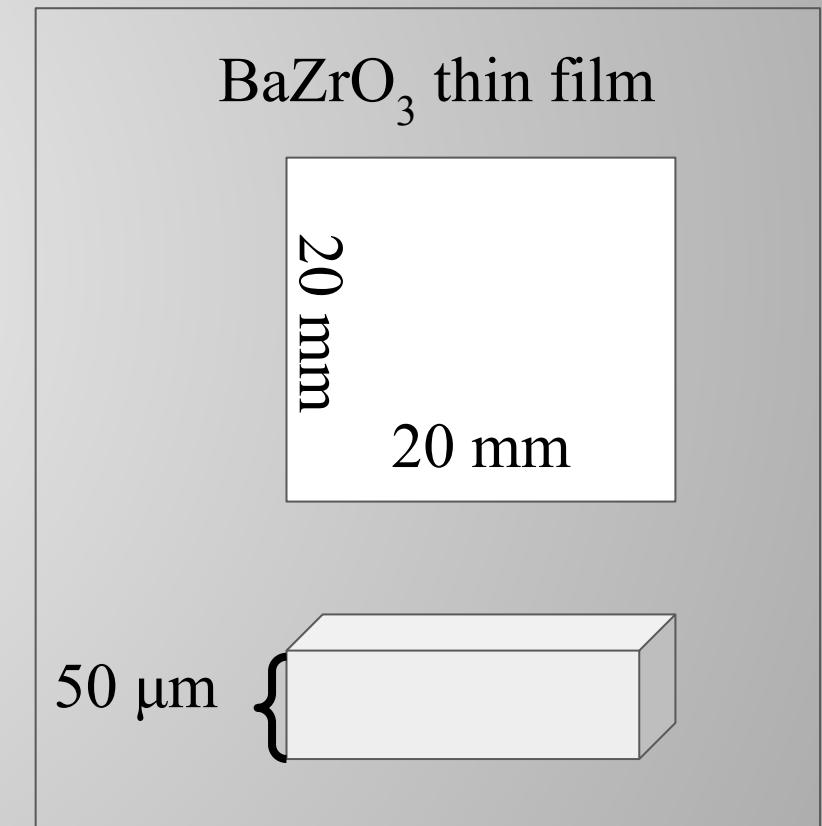


SiPM 4x4 mm

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



LYSO 4x4x30 mm



$\text{BaZrO}_3$  thin film

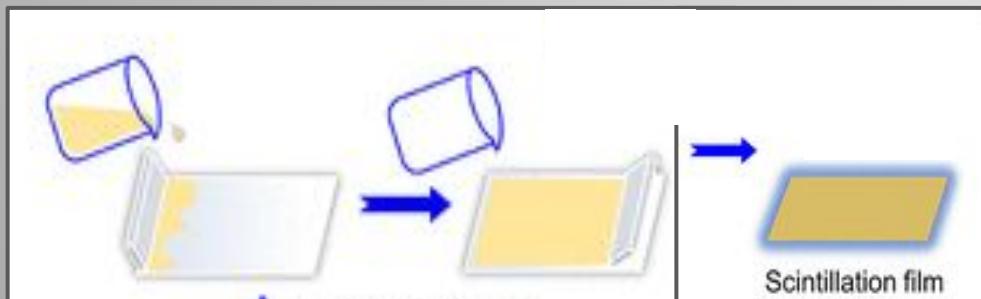
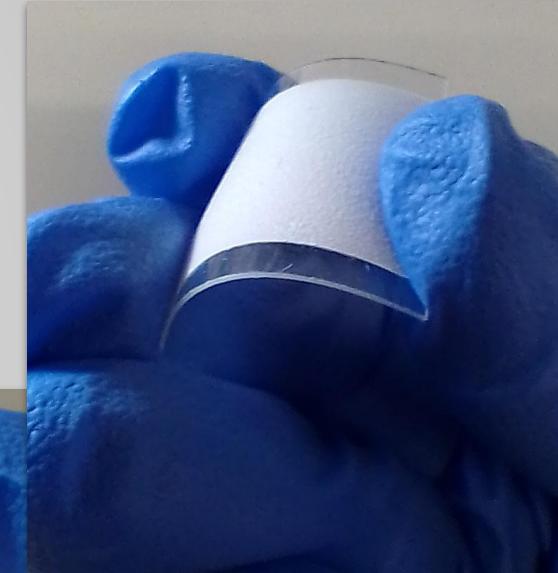
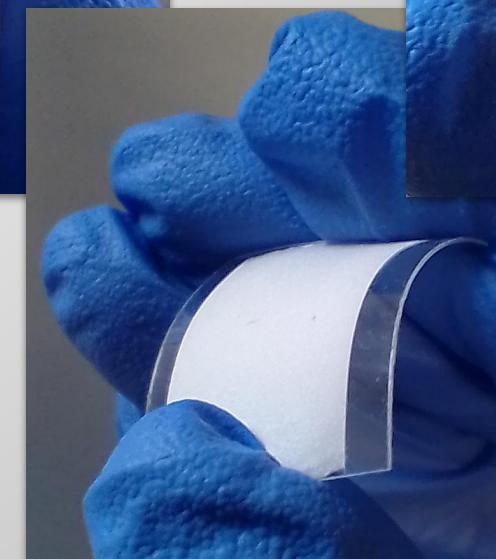
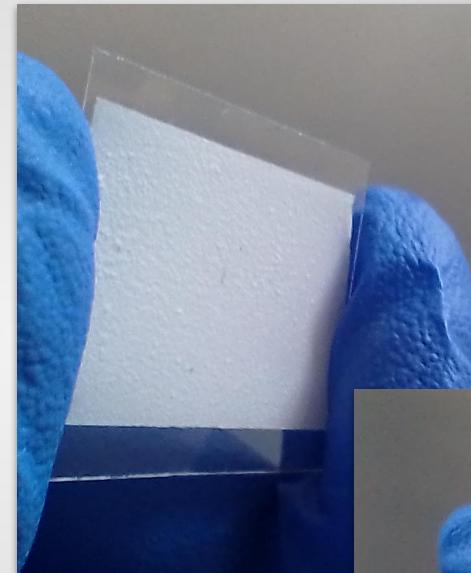
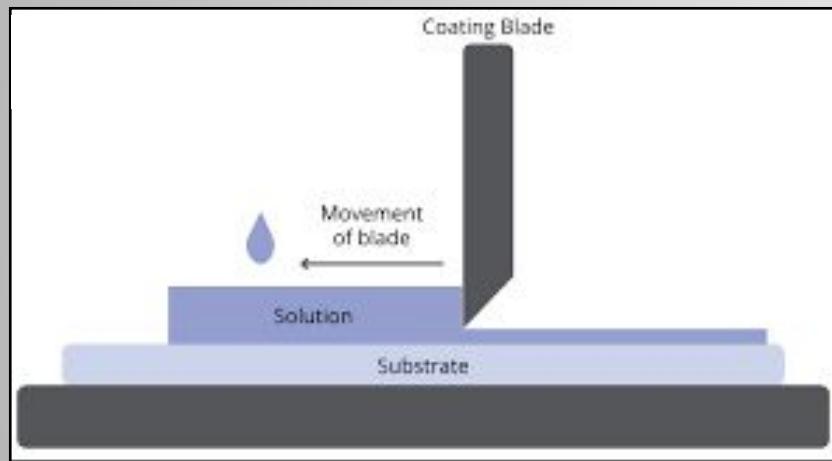
20 mm  
20 mm

50  $\mu\text{m}$



# Thin Film - Blade coating technique

Powder + Varnish + Etanol blade coating in Polyvinyl sheet substrate

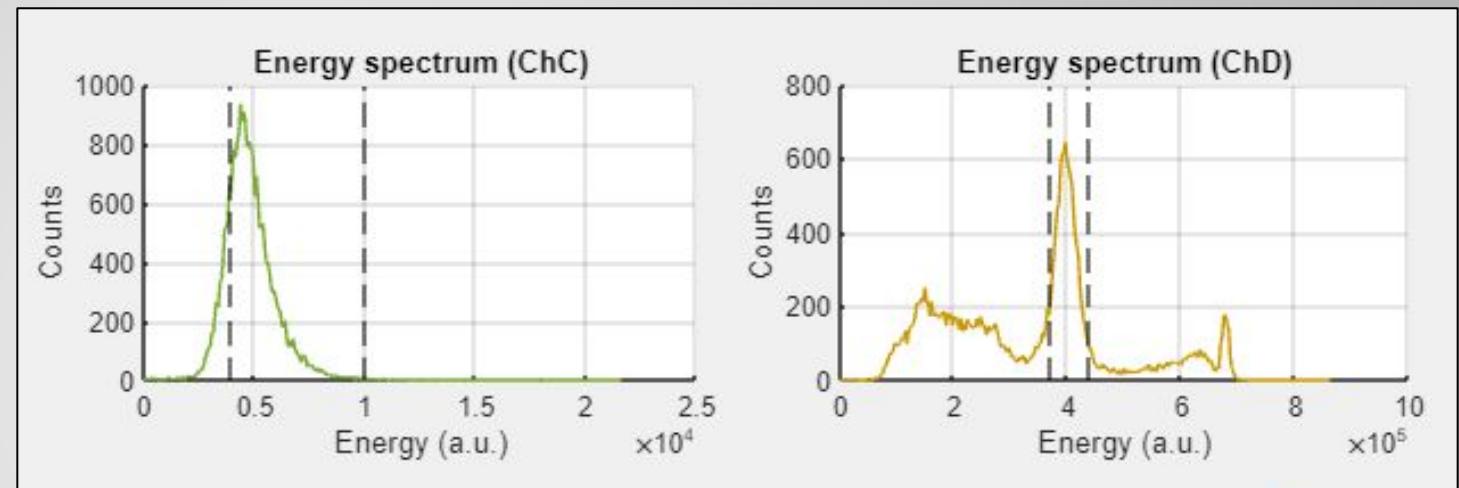




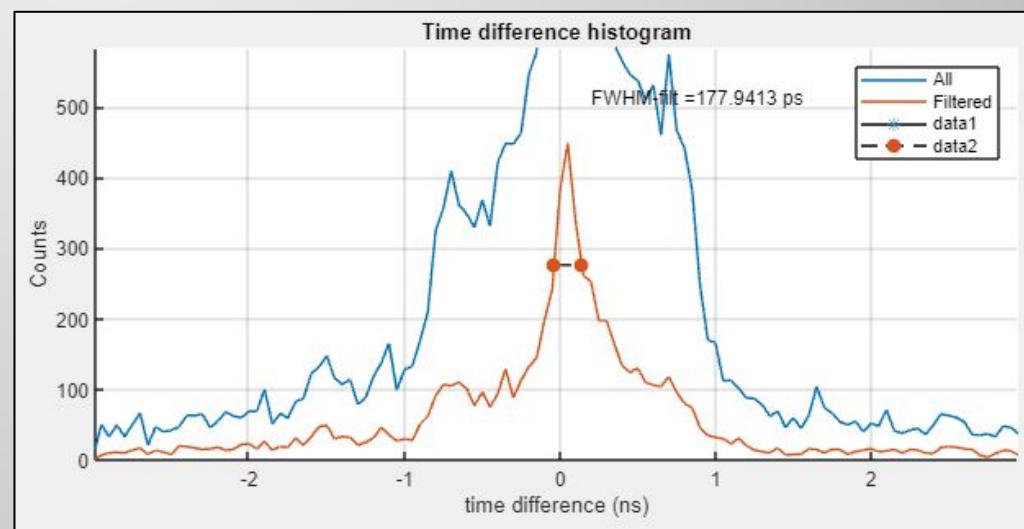
# Time-of-Flight

## Na-22 Source

Thin Film  $\text{BaZrO}_3$  80  $\mu\text{m}$  x LYSO 20mm

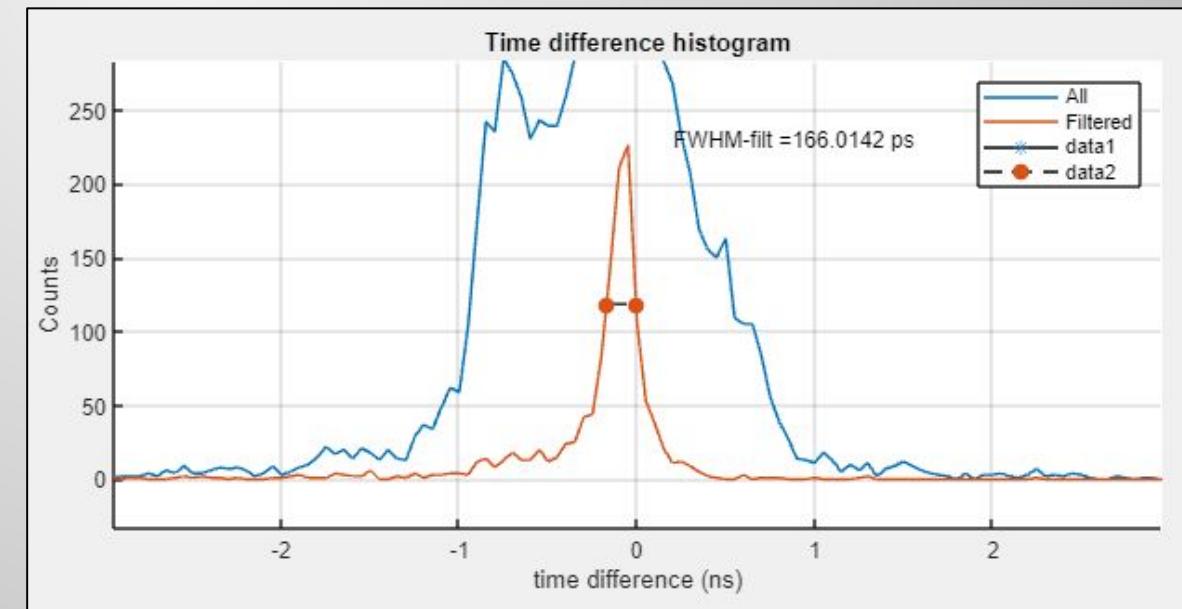
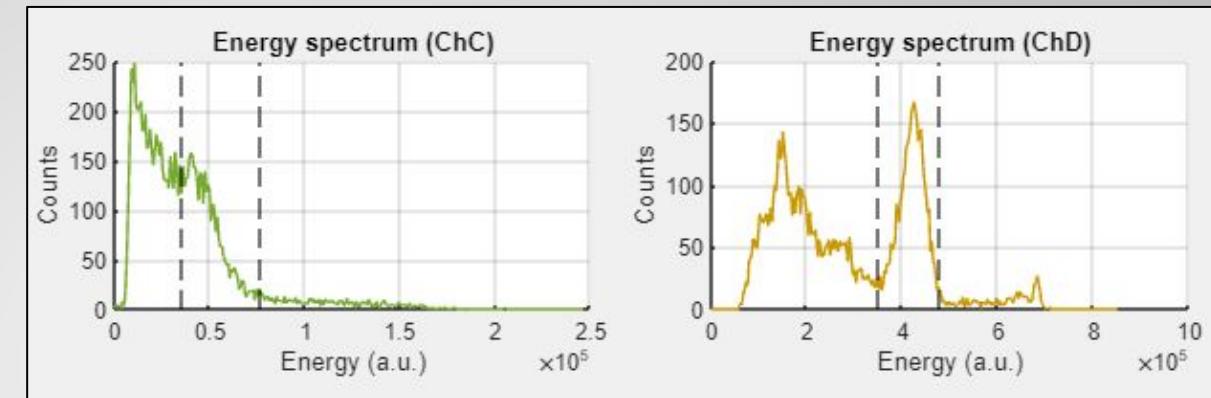


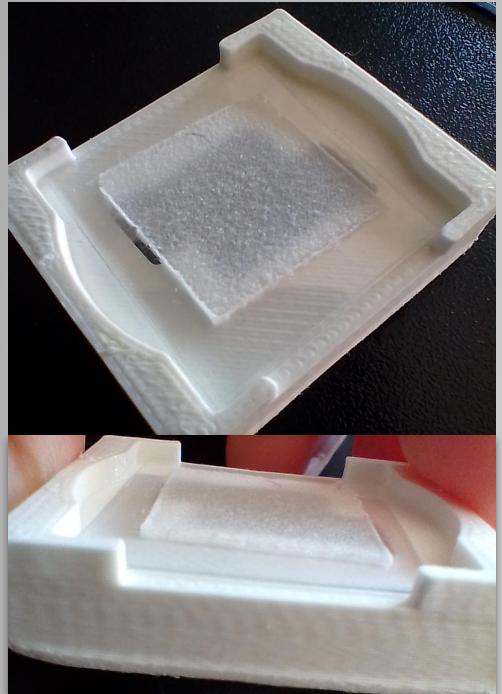
Timing  
resolution  
 $\sim 153$  ps



# Time-of-Flight Na-22 Source Liquid Scintillator PPO x LYSO 20mm

Timing  
resolution  
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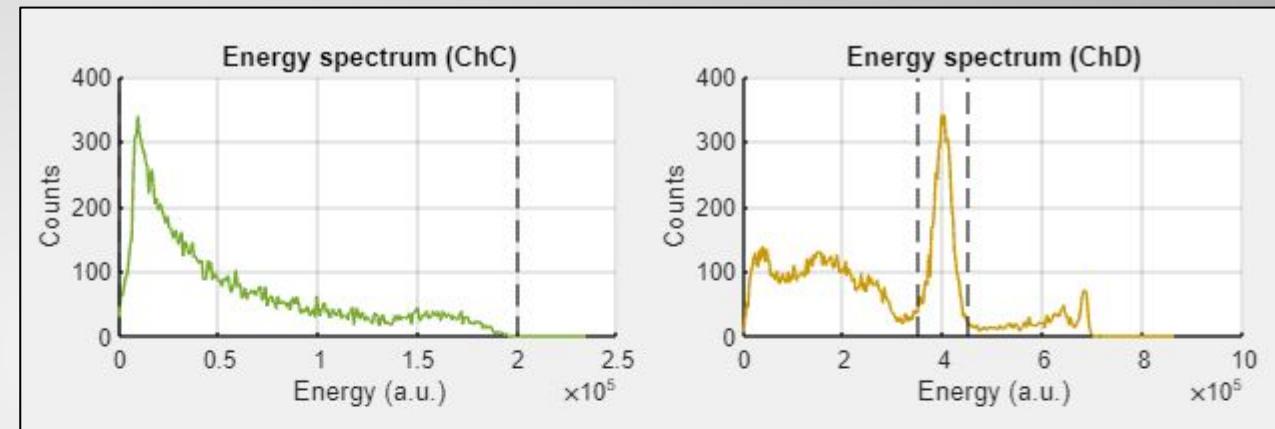




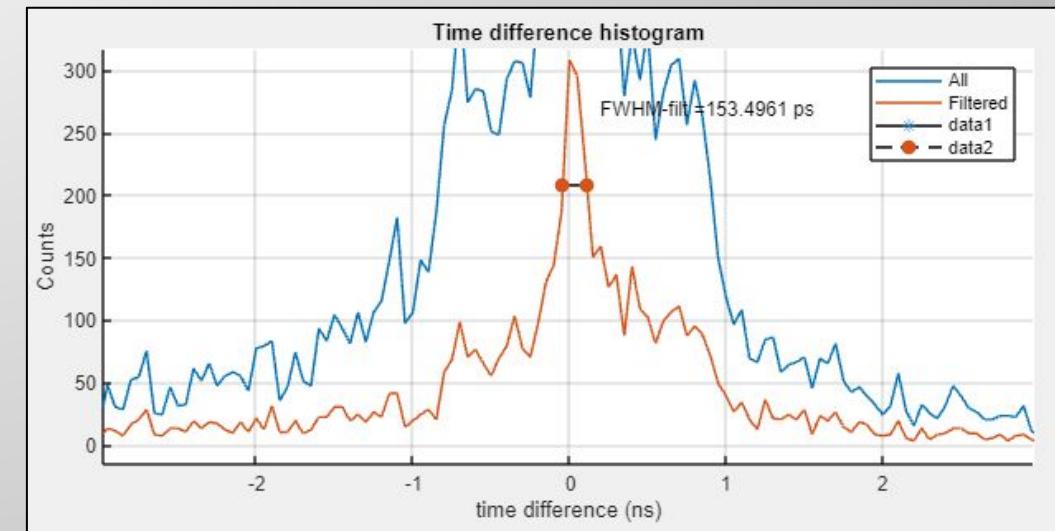
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LYSO Thin Film  $80\text{ }\mu\text{m} \times \text{LYSO } 20\text{mm}$



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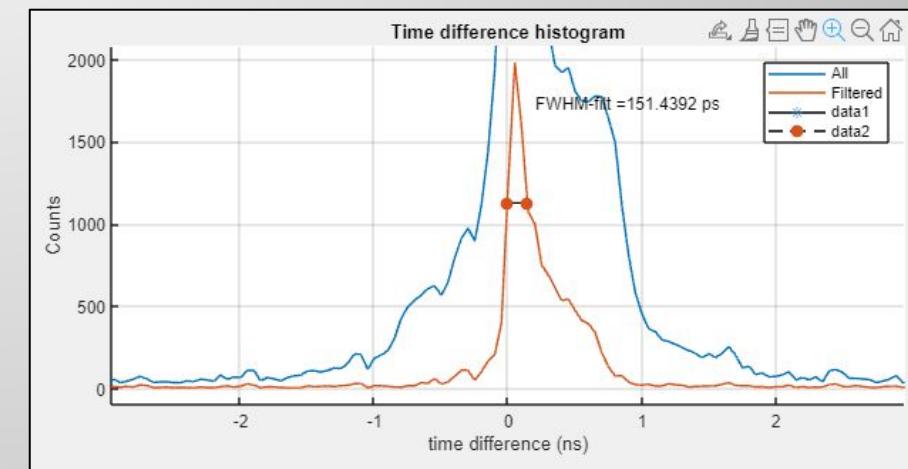
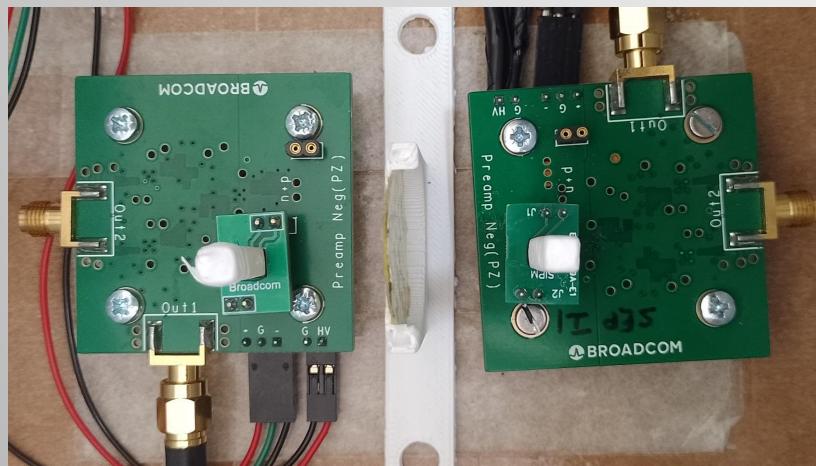
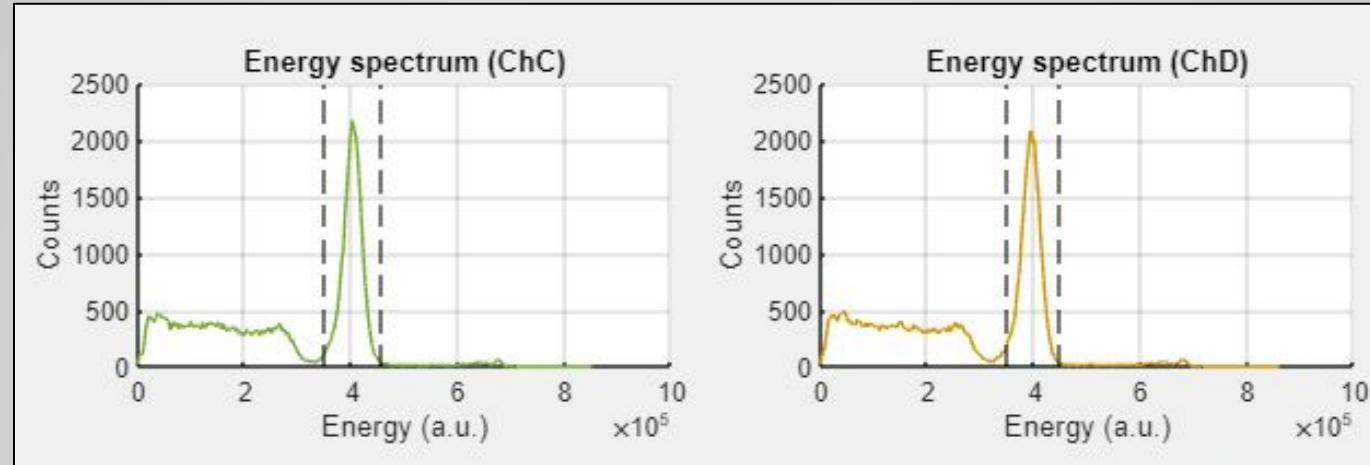


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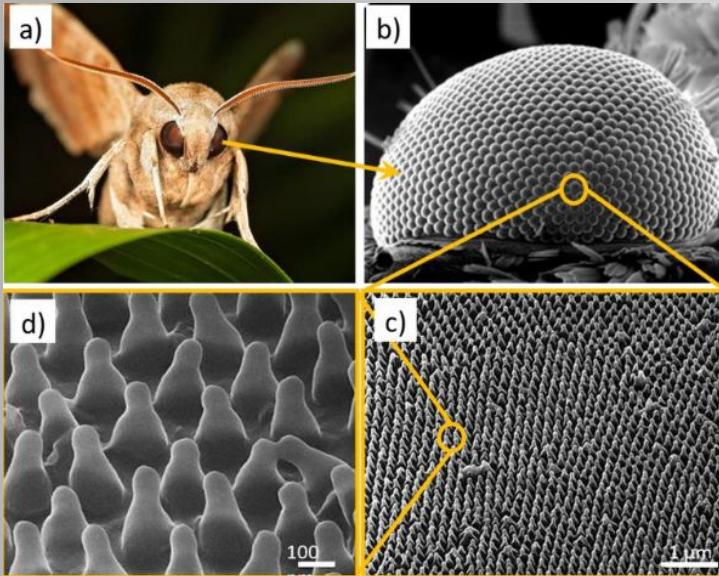
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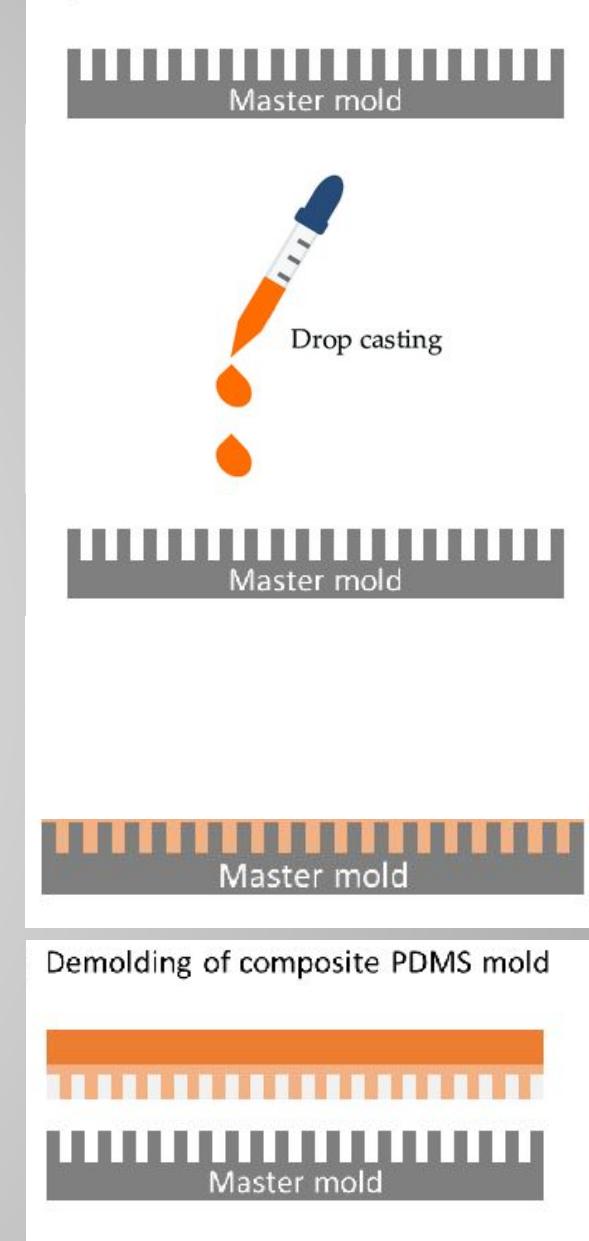
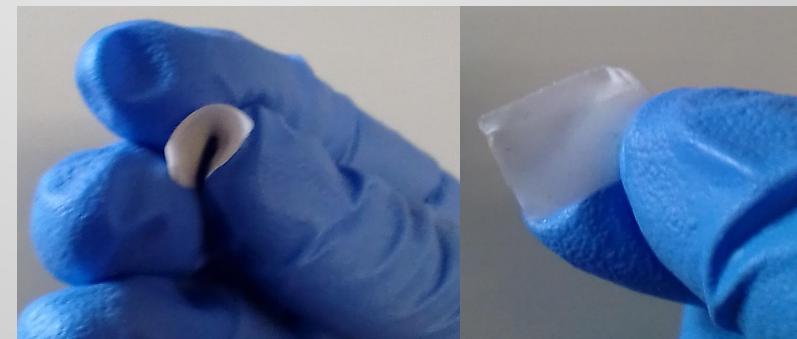
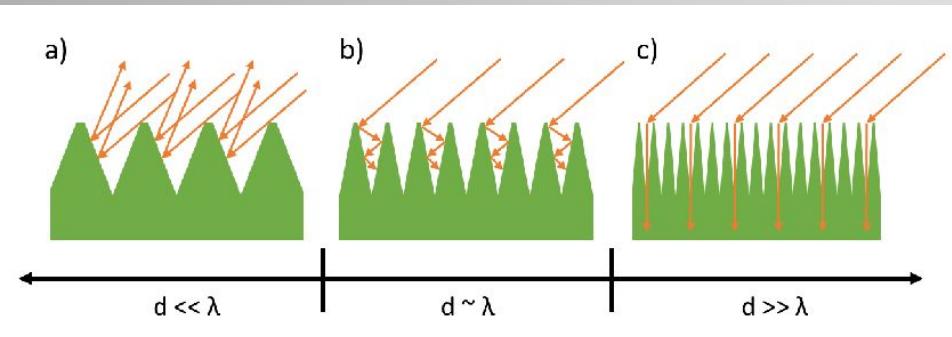
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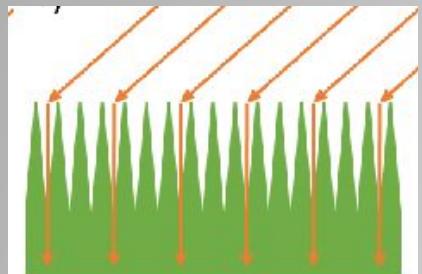
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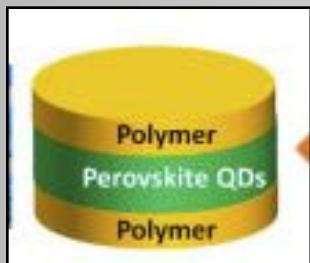
Decreases reflexive light between  
interfaces with nanostructured  
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# Next Steps



Improve the luminescence emission and transmission to SiPM



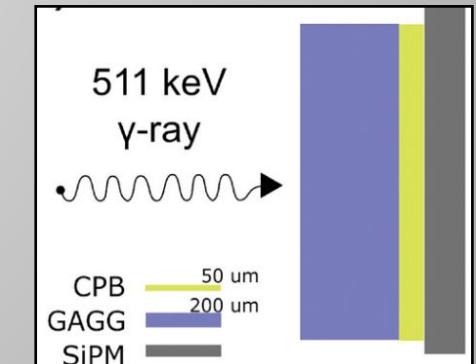
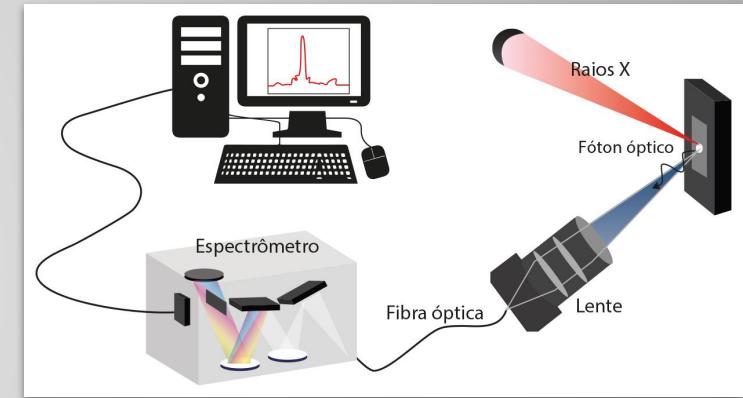
Investigate LY and Decay time

Heterojunction detector

Growth new crystals, others Perovskites and correlates



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



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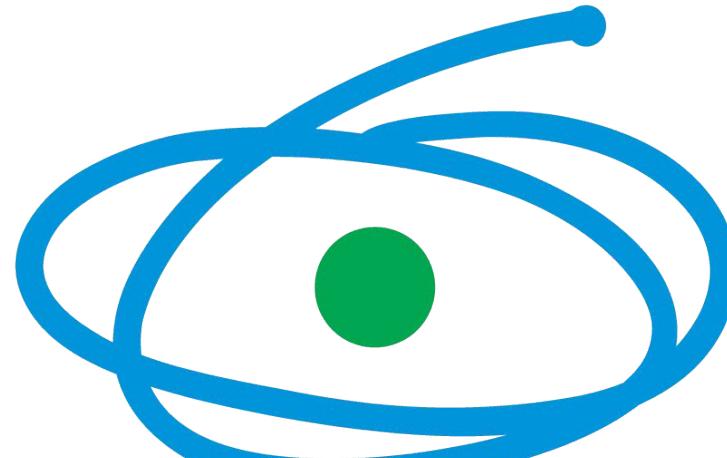


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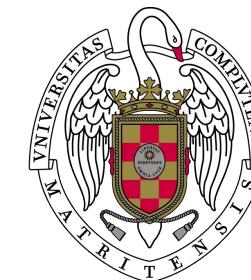


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