

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



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# Outline

- 1. The GS-HCAL of CEPC;
- 2. The Motivation and Design of GS ;
- 3. The progress of the R&D of GS;
- 4. Summary and Next Plan;



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# 1.1. The GS-HCAL of CEPC

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

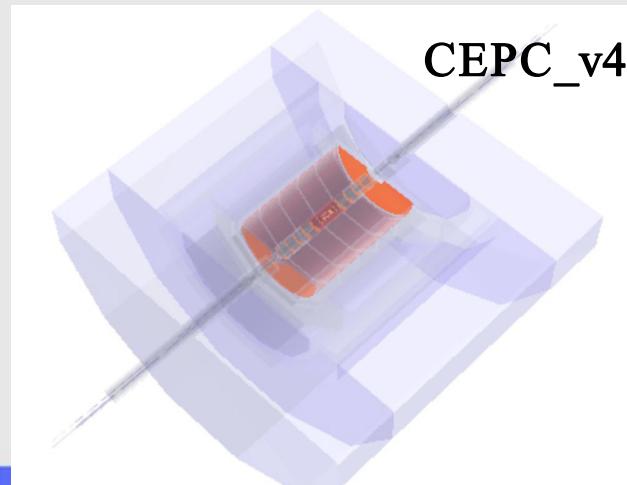
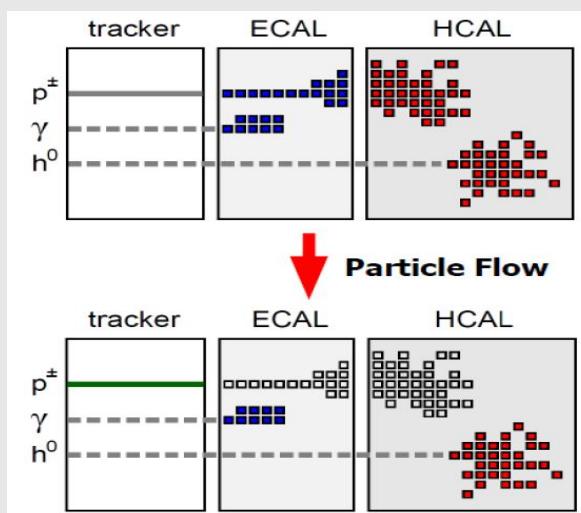
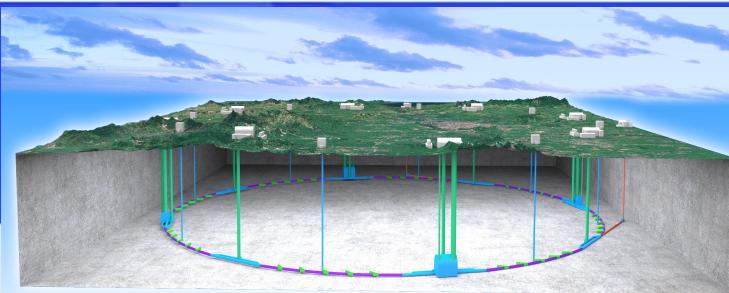
- Main physical goals: precision measurements of the Higgs and Z/W bosons
- Challenge: unprecedented jet energy resolution  $\sim 30\%/\sqrt{E(GeV)}$

## CEPC detector: highly granular calorimeter + tracker

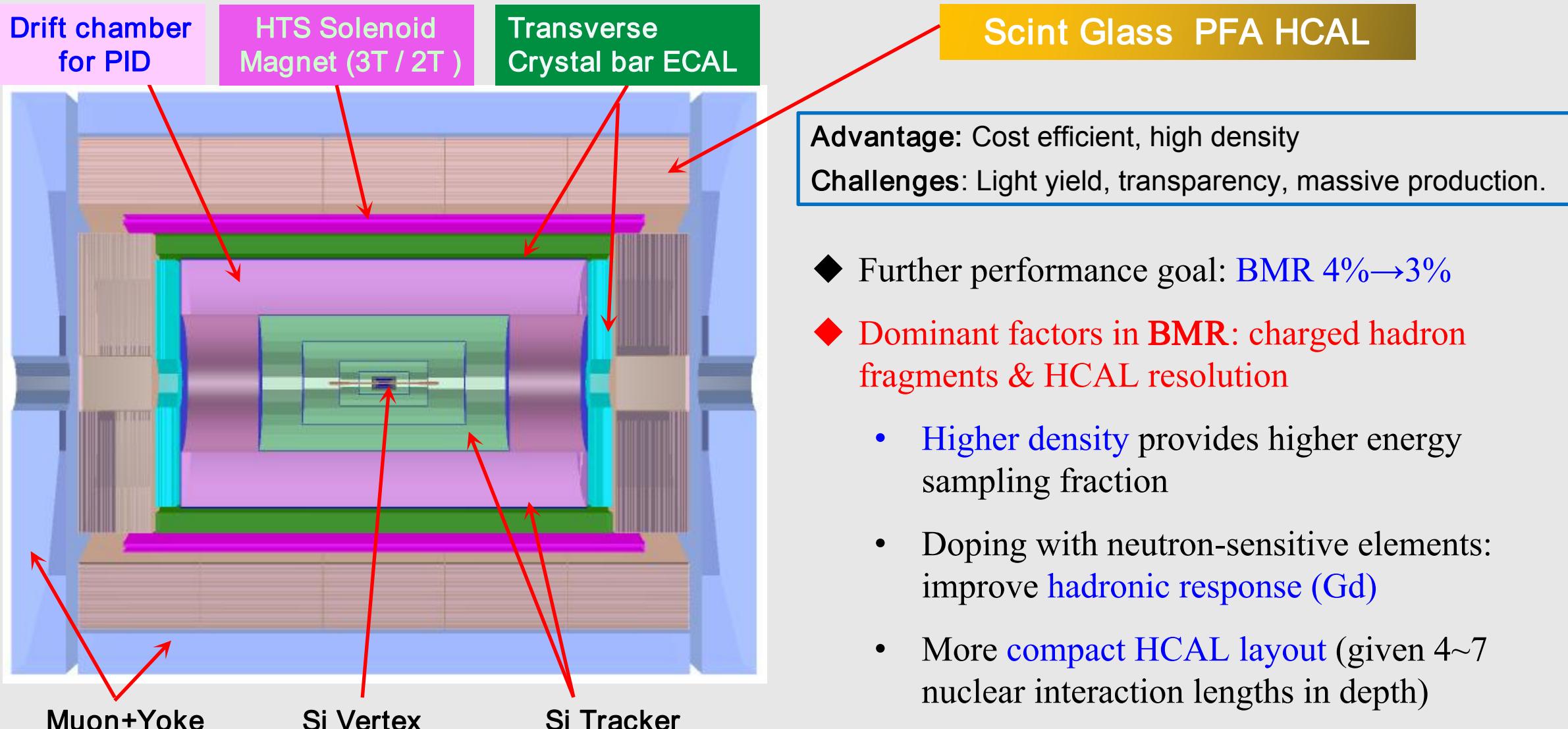
- Boson Mass Resolution (BMR)  $\sim 4\%$  has been realized in this baseline design
- Further performance goal:  $BMR\ 4\% \rightarrow 3\%$
- Dominant factors in BMR: charged hadron fragments & HCAL resolution

## 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)

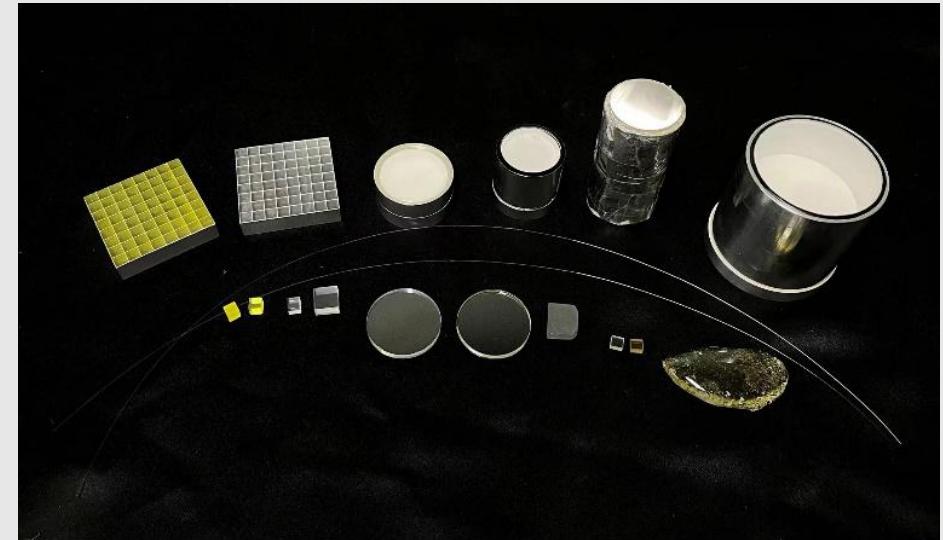


# The 4<sup>th</sup> Conceptual Detector Design



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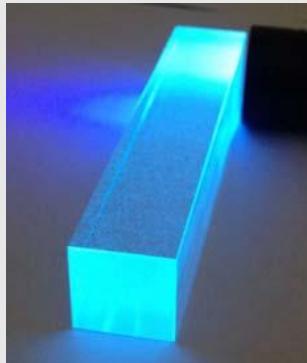
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## 2.0 What is the Glass Scintillator?



Plastic Scintillator



Glass Scintillator



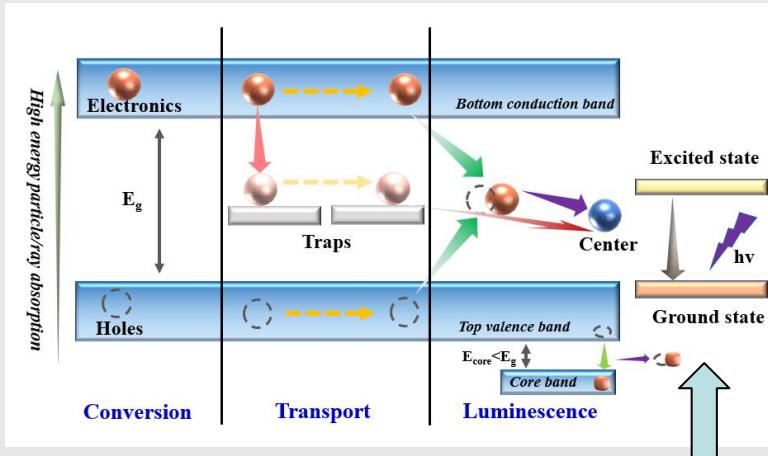
Crystal Scintillator

High light yield	★★	High light yield	★	High light yield	★★★★★
Fast decay	★★★★★	Fast decay	★★	Fast decay	★★
Low cost	★★	Low cost	★★★★★	Low cost	★
Large Density	★	Large Density	★★★★★	Large Density	★★★★★
Energy resolution	★★	Energy resolution	★★	Energy resolution	★★★★★
Large size	★★★	Large size	★★★★★	Large size	★

## 2.1 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
➤ Density	<b>5-7 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	$\sim 150 \text{ p.e./MIP}$	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	$<300 \text{ ns}$	Mitigation pile-up effects at CEPC Z-pole (91 GeV)
➤ Emission spectrum	Typically 350-600 nm	To match SiPM PDE and transmittance spectra

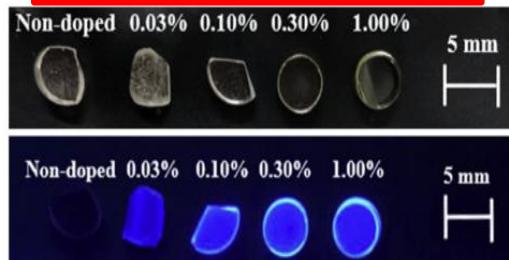
## 2.2 The Design of the Glass Scintillator



### Scintillation mechanism---- Luminescence Center

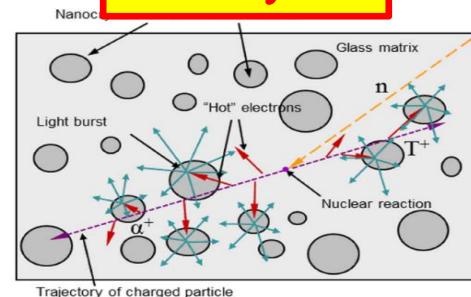
- Conversion—photoelectric effect and Compton scattering effect;
- Transport—electrons and holes migrate;
- Luminescence—captured by the luminescent center ions

### Lanthanide elements



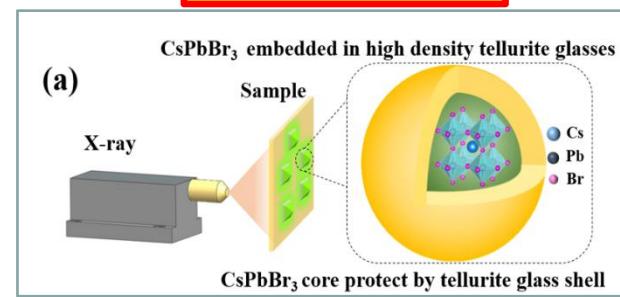
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### Nanocrystals



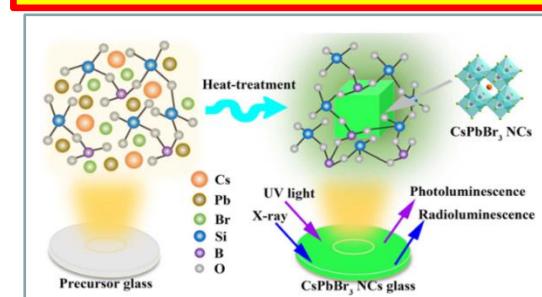
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### Quantum Dots



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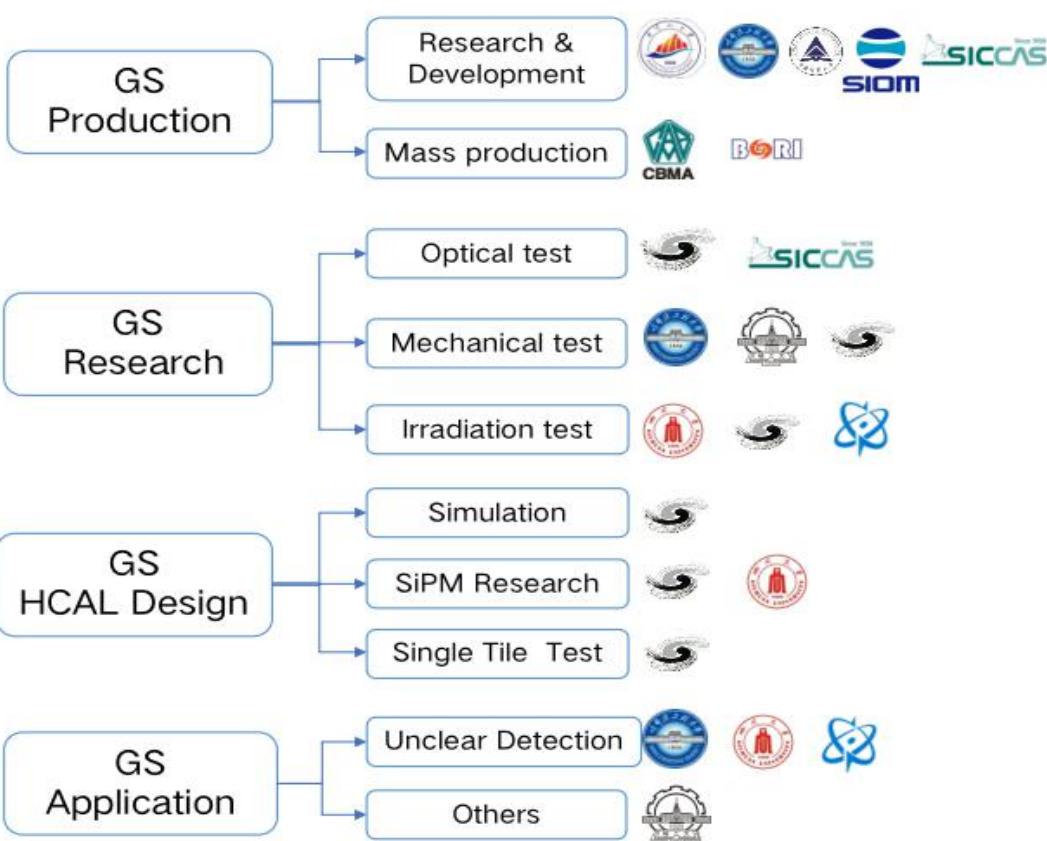
### Lanthanide + Quantum Dots



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

## 2.3 Large Area Glass Scintillator Collaboration



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	China Building Materials Academy 中国建筑材料研究院
	China Jiliang University 中国计量大学
	Harbin Engineering University 哈尔滨工程大学
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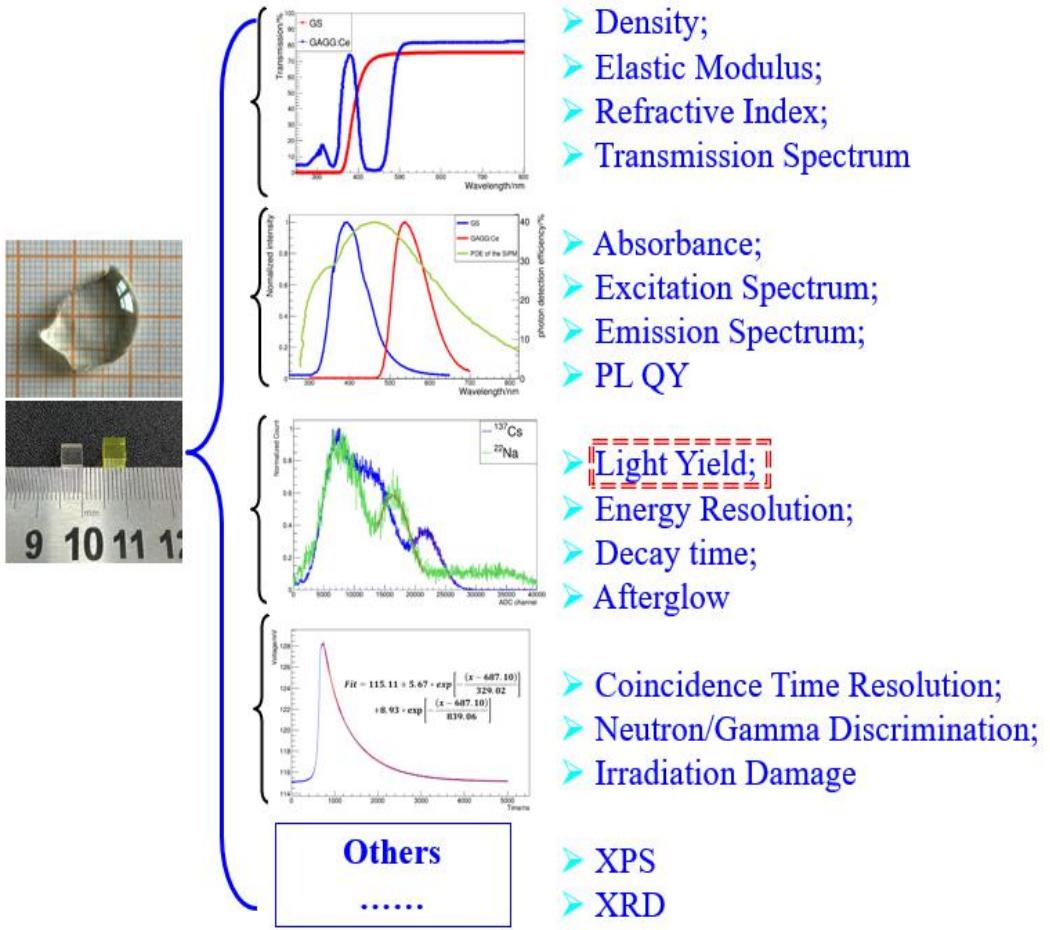


Spokesperson: QIAN Sen

- The Glass Scintillator Collaboration Group established in Oct.2021, only 5 groups join together;
- There are 3 Institutes of CAS, 5 Universities, 3 Factories join us for the R&D of GS;
- 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)).

# 2.4 The Scintillator Test Facilities

## ➤ The Scintillator Test System



- Spectroscopy: Transmission/Absorption、PL-PLE、XEL
- Nuclear radiation detection: Light yield、Energy resolution、MIP response、n/γ Discrimination
- Time characteristics: Rise time、Decay time、Afterglow、Coincidence time resolution
- Reliability: Aging test、Radiation resistance characteristics



The published papers of different Scintillator samples tested in Lab

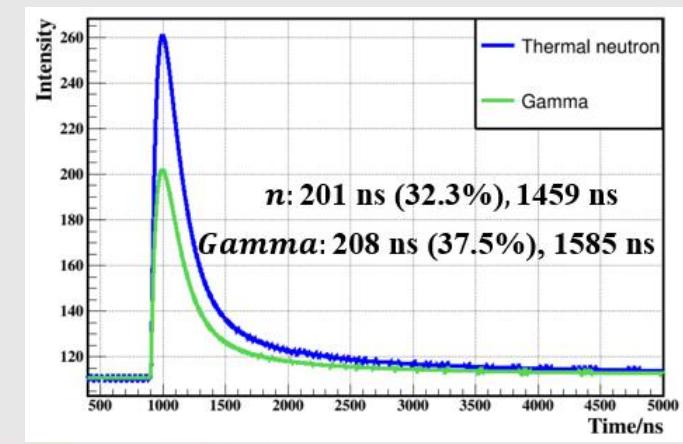
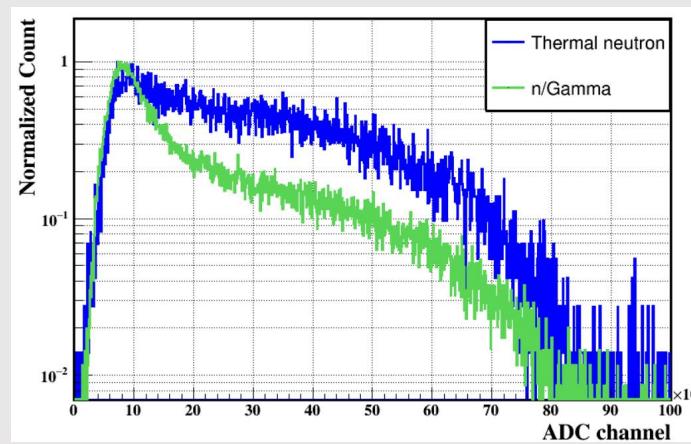
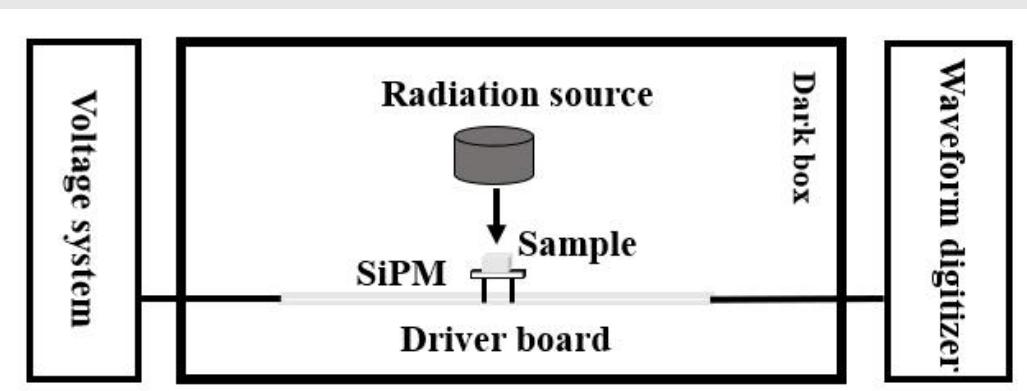
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- 4.Journal of Instrumentation; 17 T08001; 2022; CLLB
- 5.Journal of Instrumentation; 17 T09010; 2022; LYSO

# 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.

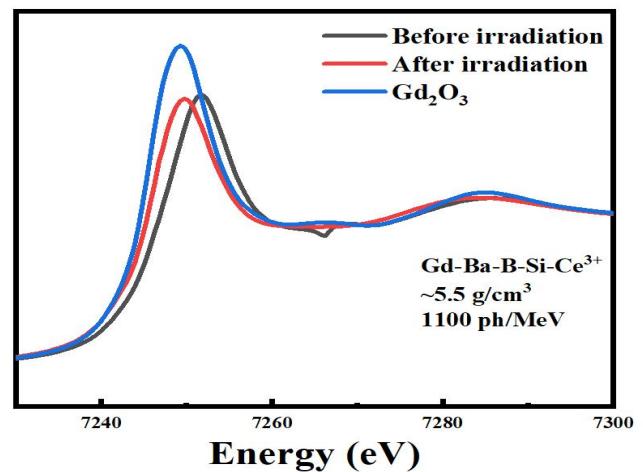


# Special Condition TEST Platform

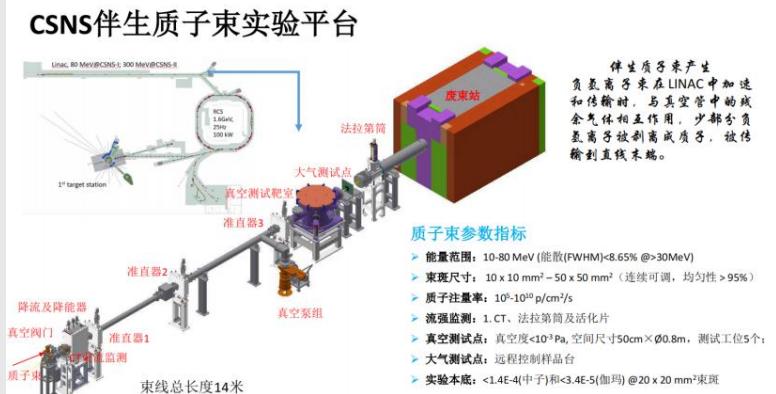
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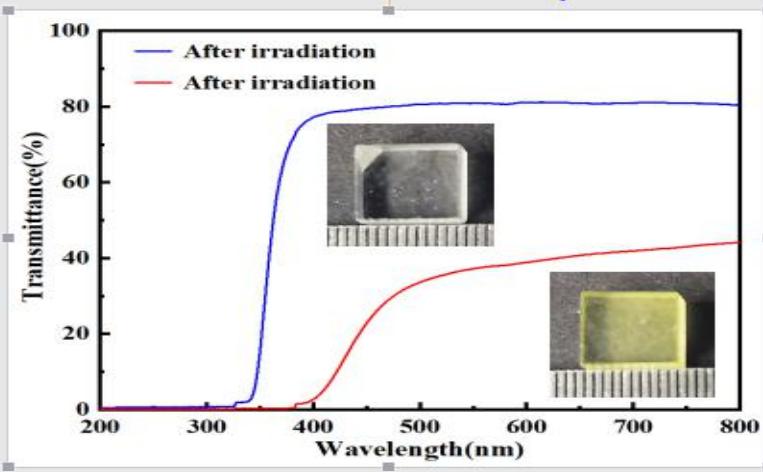
Study the **elements influence** of GS sample



## ➤ IHEP-CSN-- P Beam



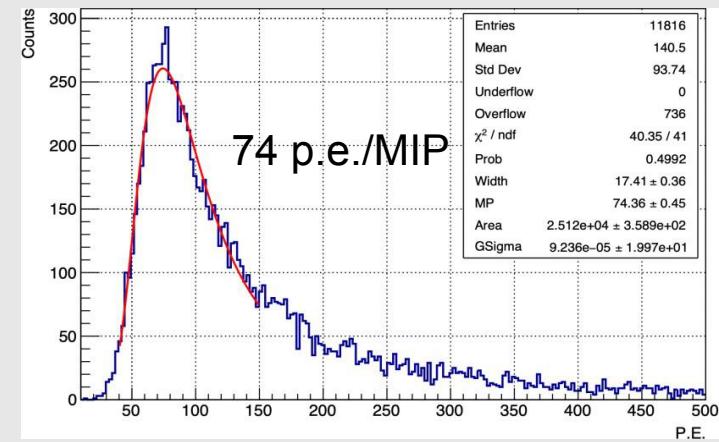
Study the **anti-irradiation** characteristics of samples;



## ➤ CERN-MUON beam



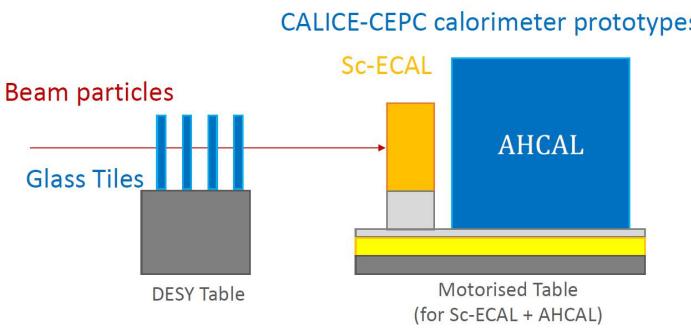
Study the **particle interaction** in GS sample with MUON



# 2.5 Beam Test Experiments

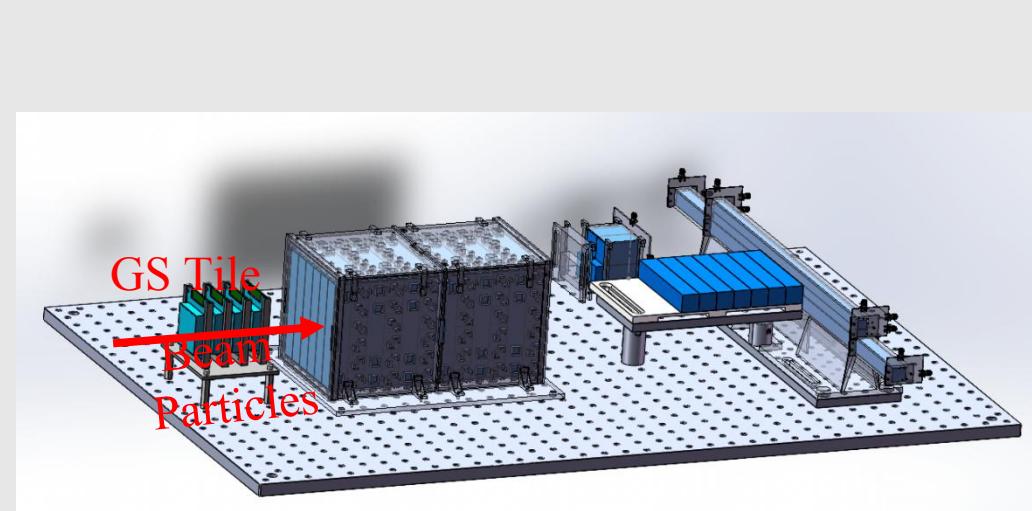
## CERN Muon-beam

- 11 glass tiles tested at CERN (2023, May 16)
- CERN Proton Synchrotron (10 GeV muon beam)
- Measure the MIP response of glass samples



## DESY Electron-beam

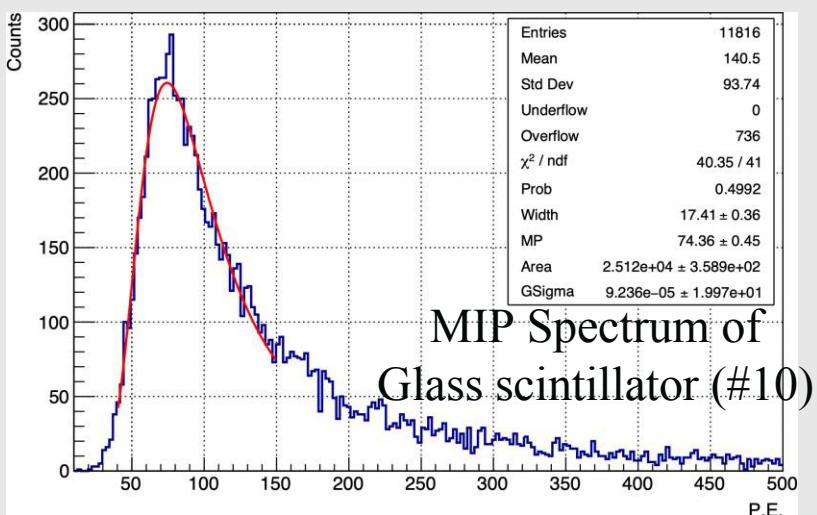
- 4+9 glass scintillator (CERN8-11 + DESY1-9) (2023, Oct 2)
- DESY II Electron Synchrotron (5 GeV electron beam)
- Measure the MIP response of new glass samples



# (1) MUON Beam Test of GS Samples

## Beam test results at CERN

- Each glass sample was covered by the Teflon tape and readout by an individual SiPM ( $6*6\text{ mm}^2$ )
- The density and composition of these glass samples are the same:  $\sim 5.1\text{ g/cm}^3$  & Gd-Al-Ba-B-Si-Ce
- Preliminary results look promising: **typical MIP response (in 10 mm) is 60 – 100 p.e./MIP**

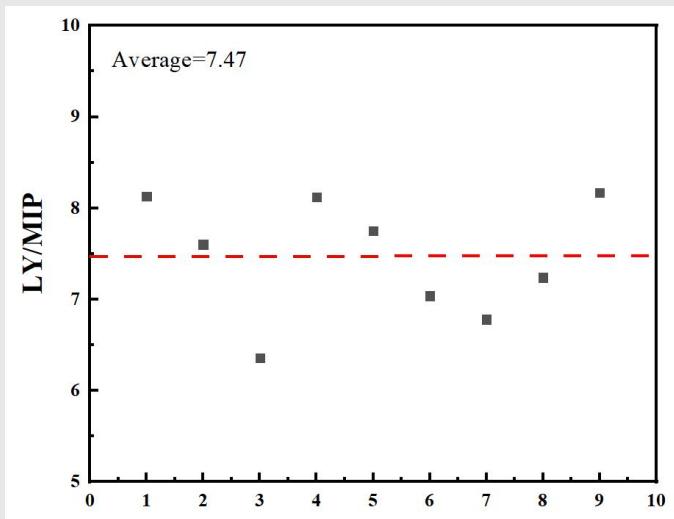


CERN	Size (mm <sup>3</sup> )	T@420 nm (%)	LY (ph/MeV)	MIP_LO (p.e./MIP)	Normalized MIP_LO (10 mm)
#1	33.5*27.6*5.1	69	551	15	29
#2	30.2*29.5*6.6	61	645	35	53
#3	29.9*28.1*10.2	70	617	66	65
#4	37.2*35.1*5.3	80	571	31	59
#5	40.0*35.1*4.2	78	571	38	91
#6	30.3*29.8*9.4	55	484	67	71
#7	34.8*34.8*7.5	65	505	60	80
#8	27.8*25.6*5.0	81	840	41	82
#9	34.6*34.7*7.5	49	352	69	92
#10	34.7*35.2*7.4	64	524	74	100
#11	30.5*30.0*8.7	81	767	73	84

# (2) Electron Beam Test of GS Samples

## Beam test results at DESY

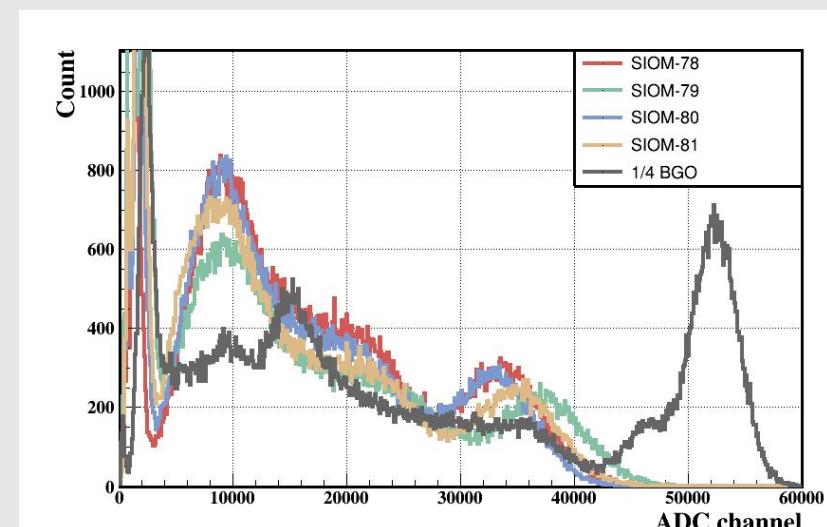
- Each glass sample was covered by the Teflon tape and readout by an individual SiPM ( $6 \times 6 \text{ mm}^2$ )
- The density, cell size and composition of these glass samples are the same:  $\sim 6 \text{ g/cm}^3$  &  $40 \times 40 \times 10 \text{ mm}^3$  & Gd-Al-B-Si-Ce
- Typical MIP response is 80 – 90 p.e./MIP, the average ratio between the LY and MIP light output is  $\sim 7.5$



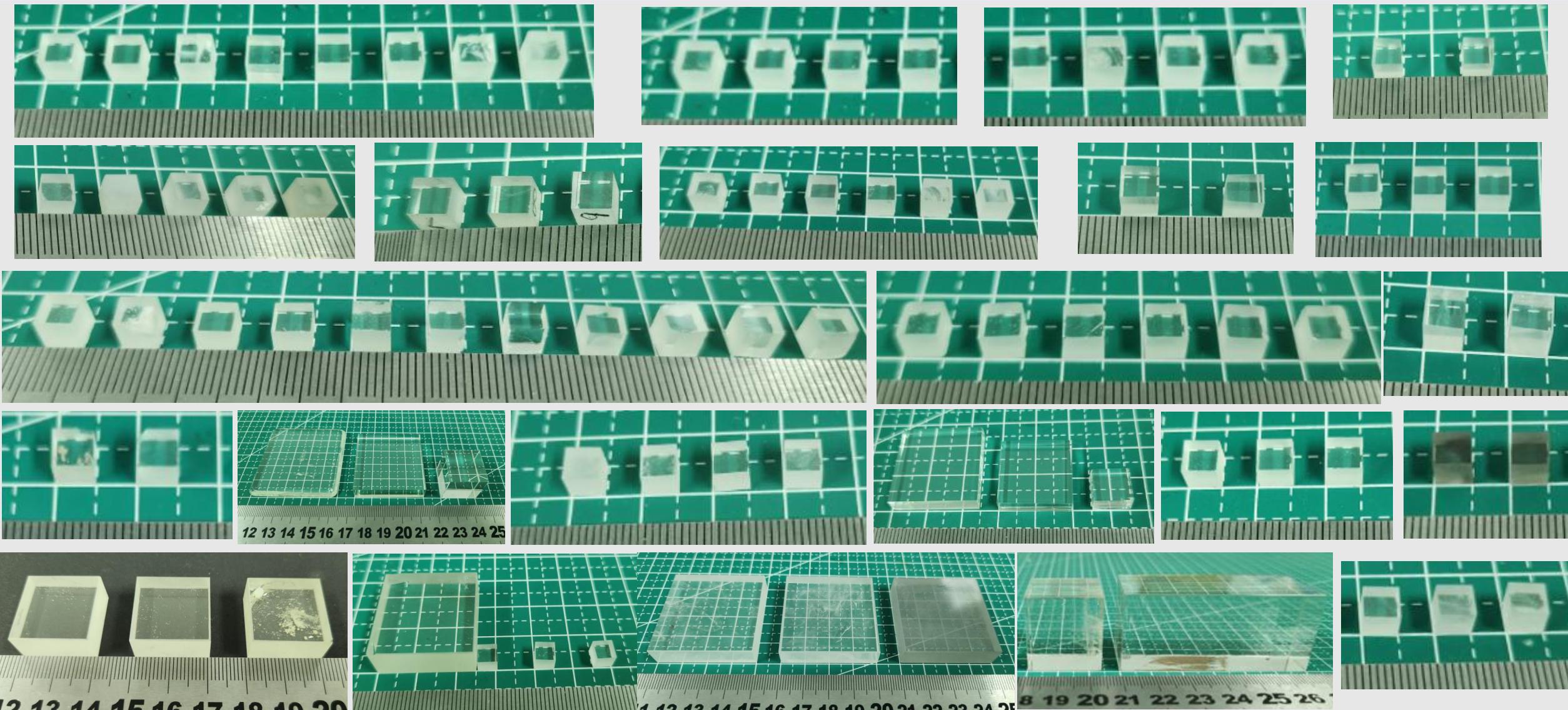
DESY	T @ 420 nm (%)	LY (ph/MeV)	MIP_LO (p.e./MIP)	LY/MIP_LO
#1	16.8	626	77	8.13
#2	77	684	90	7.6
#3	75	572	90	6.38
#4	84	788	97	8.12
#5	78	674	87	7.75
#6	64	507	72	7.04
#7	73	576	85	6.78
#8	81	673	93	7.24
#9	80	768	94	8.17

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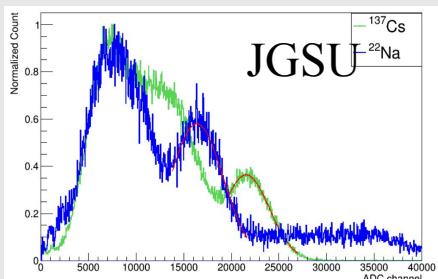


### 3.0 The GS Samples produced (>600)

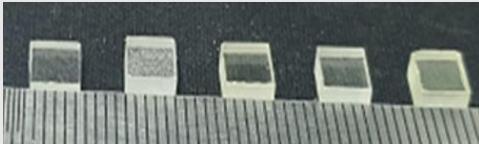


# 3.1 Borosilicate Glass (Gd-Al-B-Si-Ce<sup>3+</sup>) --GS1

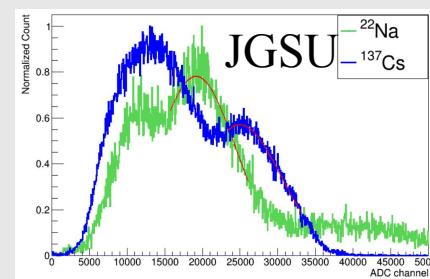
- Density~4.5 g/cm<sup>3</sup>
- LY=802 ph/MeV
- ER=26.8%
- Decay=262 (18%)  
1235 ns



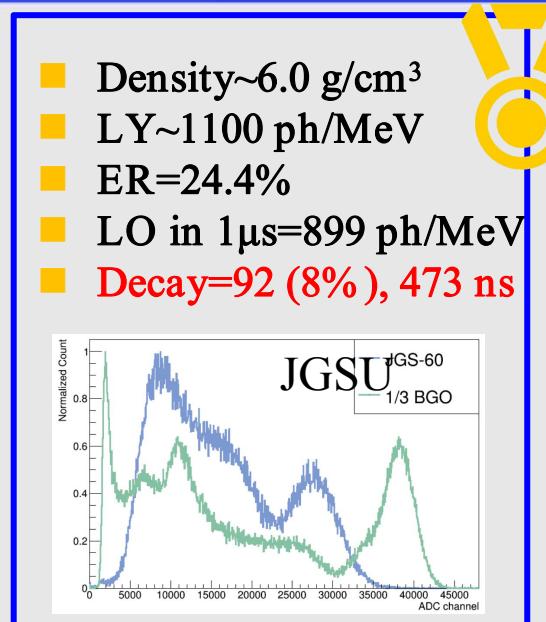
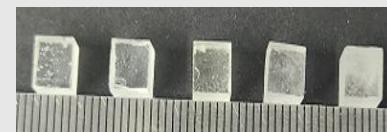
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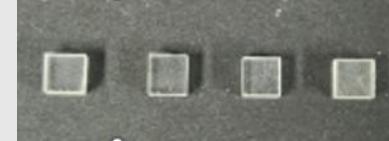
- Density~6.0 g/cm<sup>3</sup>
- LY>1000 ph/MeV
- ER=49.6%
- Decay=847 ns



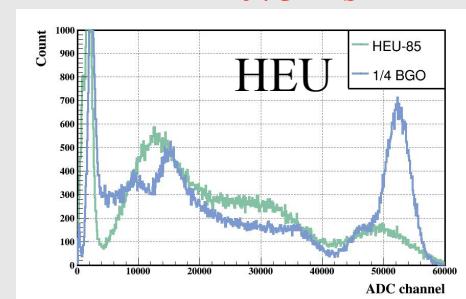
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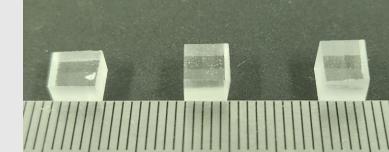
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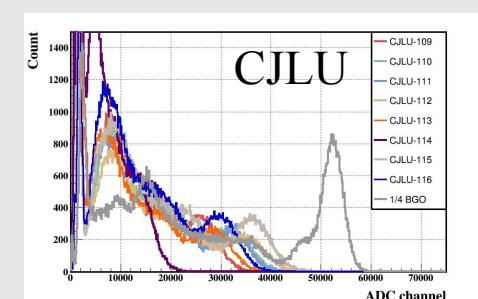
- Density~5.9 g/cm<sup>3</sup>
- LY~1620 ph/MeV
- ER=25.6%
- LO in 1μs=543 (34%)
- Decay=131 (5%),  
2073 ns



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- Density~6.0 g/cm<sup>3</sup>
- LY=1241 ph/MeV
- ER=23.8%
- LO in 1μs=859 (70%)
- Decay=87 (4%), 554 ns



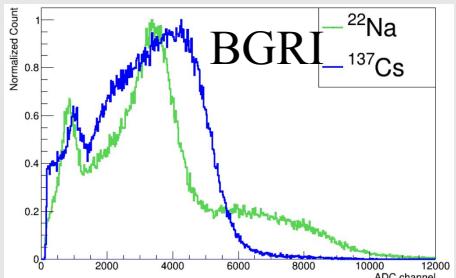
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- There are 5 types of GS for the study, and focus on the GS1, Borosilicate Glass for better performance;
- Now, the Density~6.0 g/cm<sup>3</sup>, LY>1200 ph/MeV, ER=23.8%, could be accept to be the candidate for GS-HCAL;
- But the Decay time ~ 500 ns, still need to improve.

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

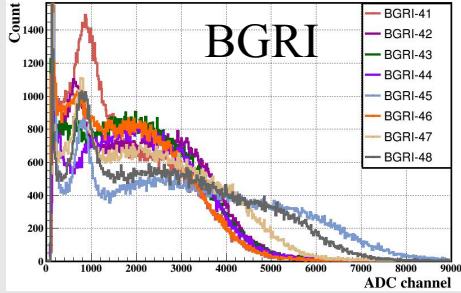
- Size=30\*27.5\*9 mm<sup>3</sup>
- Density=5.1 g/cm<sup>3</sup>
- LY=466 ph/MeV
- ER=None



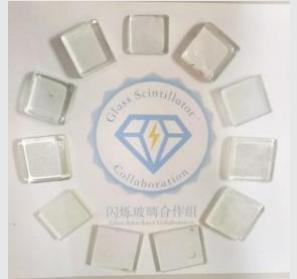
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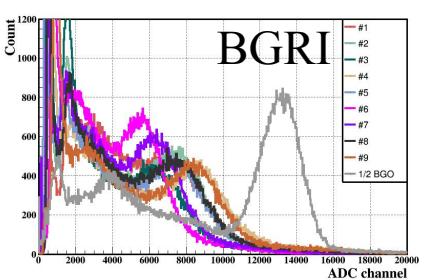
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- Density=5.1 g/cm<sup>3</sup>
- LY=767 ph/MeV
- ER=None



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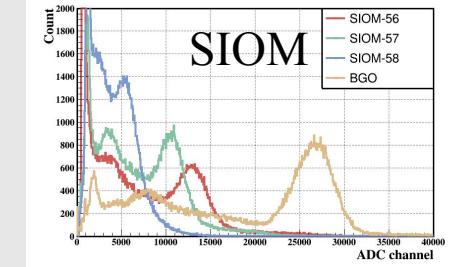


- Size=40\*40\*10 mm<sup>3</sup>
- Density=6.0 g/cm<sup>3</sup>
- LY=788 ph/MeV
- ER=48.4%
- Decay=87 (2%), 1024 ns



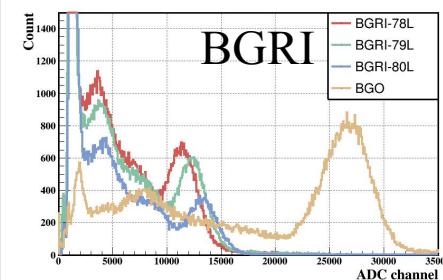
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- Size=40\*40\*10 mm<sup>3</sup>
- Density=6.0 g/cm<sup>3</sup>
- LY=1198 ph/MeV
- ER=33.0%
- LO in 1μs=607 (51%)
- Decay=117 (3%), 1368 ns

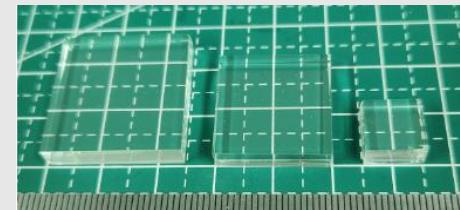


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- Size=10\*10\*5 mm<sup>3</sup>
- Density=6.0 g/cm<sup>3</sup>
- LY=1235 ph/MeV
- ER=24.0%
- LO in 1μs=897 (73%)
- Decay=89 (6%), 588 ns



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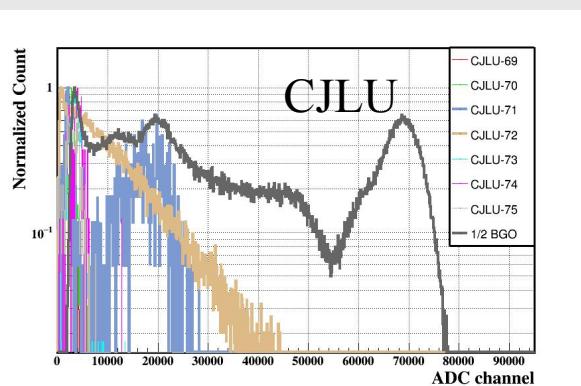


The Bottleneck:

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?

# 3.3 Silicate glass ( Gd-Ga-Si-Ce<sup>3+</sup> glass ) —GS5

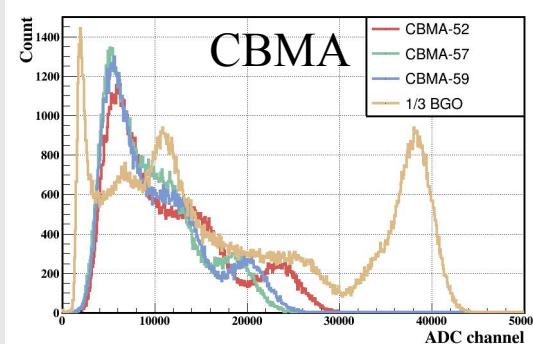
- Density~5.0 g/cm<sup>3</sup>
- LY>2000 ph/MeV?
- ER=None
- Decay=287 ns



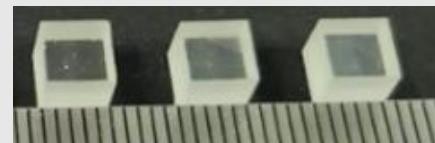
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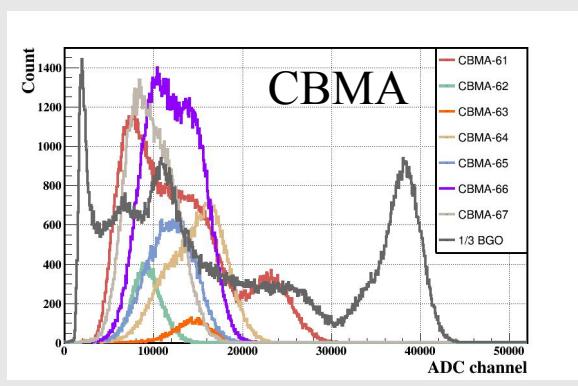
- Density~5.9 g/cm<sup>3</sup>
- LY=1058 ph/MeV
- ER=23.7%
- Decay=97 ns (44%), 352 ns



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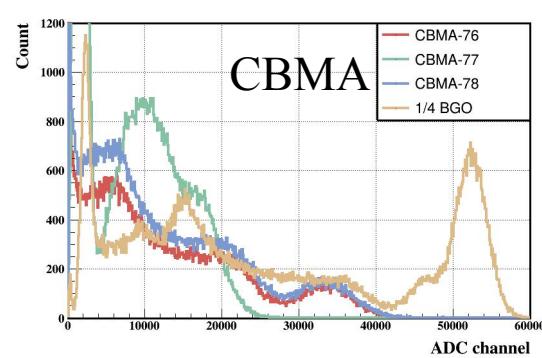
- Density~5.9 g/cm<sup>3</sup>
- LY=1040 ph/MeV
- ER=25.8%
- Decay=107 (43%), 450 ns



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- Density~5.9 g/cm<sup>3</sup>
- LY~1154 ph/MeV
- ER=25.4%
- LO in 1μs=1137 (98%)
- Decay=92 (39%), 323 ns



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- There are 5 types of GS for the study, and the GS5, Silicate Glass is to be the other option for us;
- Now, the Density~6.0 g/cm<sup>3</sup>, LY>1100 ph/MeV, ER=25.4%, could be accept to be the candidate for GS-HCAL;
- But the preparation and performance stability of glass still need to be further investigated.

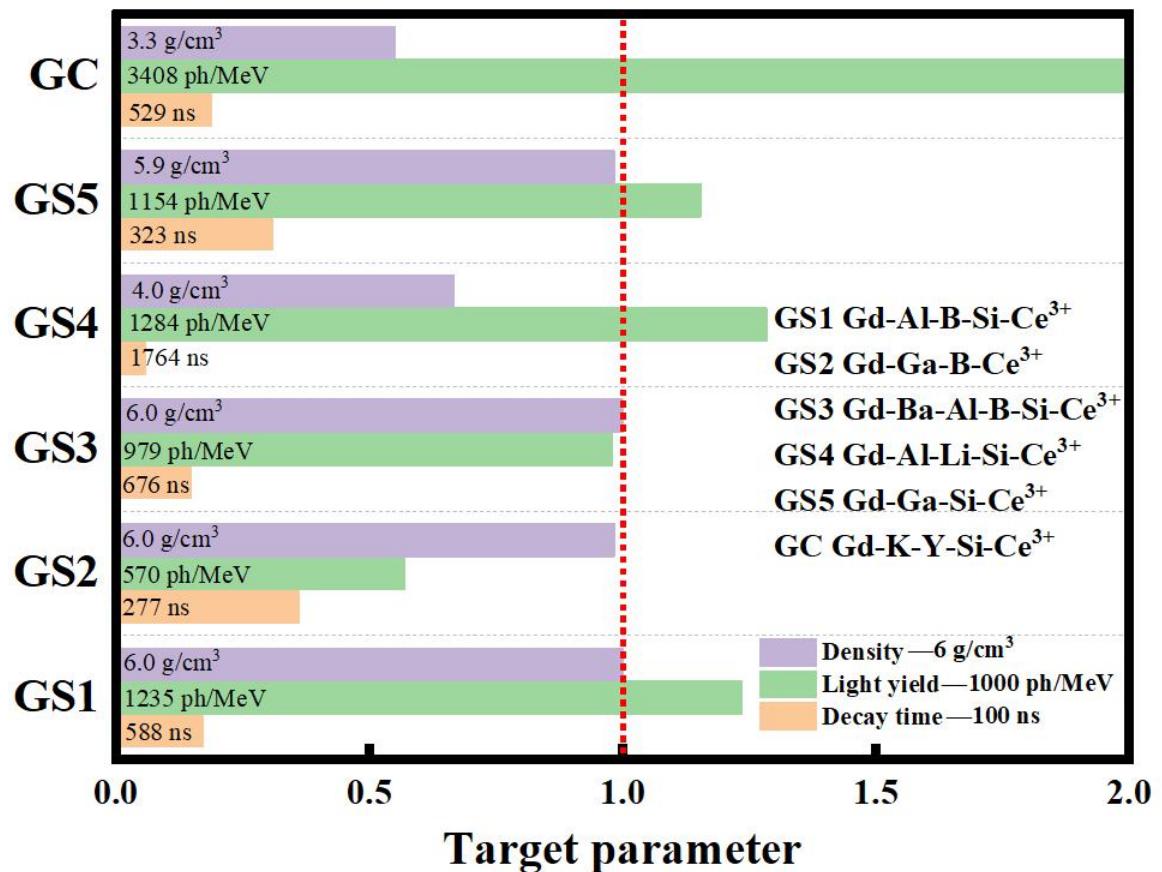
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# 4.1 Summary of GS



Glass scintillator of high density and light yield

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

6.0  $\text{g}/\text{cm}^3$  & 1235  $\text{ph}/\text{MeV}$  with 24.0% @662keV & 588 ns

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

5.9  $\text{g}/\text{cm}^3$  & 1154  $\text{ph}/\text{MeV}$  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—51mm\*51mm\*10mm

## 4.2 Next Plan for GS R&D

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

- The performance of glass is further improved from **energy band/composition engineering**;
- Shorten the **scintillation decay time** of the glasses (<300 ns);
- Repeated preparation and performance optimization of **large size glass**;
- Improve **raw material purity** → improve scintillation performance;
- Explore the **structure, radiation resistance and mechanical properties** of the glasses.

Promote Applied Research of GS in CEPC, FCC, .....

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