



### Crystal Clear Collaboration and HEP applications

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# Scintillating crystals used in HEP before 1990



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Crystal ball, 1979

	Before 1990			
	NaI(Tl)	CsI(Tl)	BGO Bi <sub>4</sub> Ge <sub>3</sub> O <sub>12</sub>	
Ko [cm]	2.59	1.86	1.12	
$[g/cm^3]$	3.67	4.53	7.13	
[ <b>ns</b> ]	230	1050	340	
[nm]	415	550	480	
Ref index	1.85	1.80	2.15	
n@  <sub>max</sub>				
LY	100	85	10	
%NaI]				

BGO



L3 electromagnetic calorimeter, 1989

#### Not appropriate for LHC working conditions

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### History



In 1990 CERN launched the Detector Research and Development Committee (DRDC) to finance the R&D on future detectors for future LHC accelerator
In April 1991 DRDC approved the R&D proposal initiated by P. Lecoq for the study of new fast and radiation hard scintillators for calorimetry at the LHC
=> Birth of Crystal Clear Collaboration





### Crystal 2000





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The workshop is intended to review the present use, the needs and the future developments of heavy inorganic scintillating crystals and glasses for applications in the following fields :



High Energy Physics,
Nuclear Physics,
Nuclear Medicine,

Astrophysics,Industrial uses.



The present understanding of the fluorescence phenomena will be discussed, as well as the readout of heavy scintillators and engineering issues.

The workshop is intended for Experts and Users of heavy scintillators in the mentioned fields and for relevant production firms. The attendance will be limited to 250 participants. To receive registration 1 forms (Bulletin n<sup>e</sup> 1), please contact our secretariat. Deadline for registration 1 june 1, 1992.

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First conference on inorganic scintillators (SCINT conf) Birth of the scintillator community

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### The Crystal Clear Collaboration



#### **Initial Objective:**

Develop scintillating materials suitable for use at the future LHC collider From 1991 to 1994: R&D on several types of scintillator





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### CeF<sub>3</sub>: a new fast scintillator

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#### Properties of the High-Density Scintillator Cerium Fluoride

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A new radiation-hard scintillator, CeF<sub>3</sub>, has been found. It has a density of 6.16 g/cm<sup>3</sup> and a radiation length of 1.7 cm. Two scintillation decay constants have been detected with time constants of ~2 ns and 31 ns peaking at 310 nm and 340 nm, respectively. The amount of scintillation light from our present samples is about 50% that of BGO.

#### Introduction

In both the fields of high energy physics and positron emission tomography (PET) there is always an interest in a new fast, highdensity scintillator. The material CeF<sub>3</sub> is such a scintillator, which we discovered while examining various crystal samples at Optovac, Inc., North Brookfield, MA. CeF<sub>3</sub> has also been discovered independently by W.W. Moses and S.E. Derenzo (see these proceedings) from the same source of crystals.

At present, the two major scintillators used for PET are BGO and BaF2. Because of its high density and high atomic number, BGO is the workhorse of high-resolution, non-time-of-flight PET. It has the best total absorption efficiency of any of the crystal sused. It does have one drawback: its relatively long scintillation decay constant of 300 ns somewhat limits its application at high rates.

For time-of-flight PET, BaF<sub>2</sub> is the crystal of choice. About 20% of its light is in the "fast component" with a decay constant of only about 0.8 ns<sup>1</sup>. This makes it the fastest inorganic scintillator known. For high rate applications the "slow component," with a decay constant of 620 ns, can be removed electronically. The major drawback of BaF<sub>2</sub> is that the fast component has its peak emission at 225 nm; thus, quartz photomultipliers (PMT) must be used. This greatly increased the cost of a PET camera. In high-energy physics, this scintillator in the uv is sometimes used to advantage by the use of photosensitive wire chambers (see ref 2 for a review of the subject).

As can be seen in Table 1, CeF<sub>3</sub> falls somewhere between BGO and BaF<sub>2</sub> in many aspects such as density, absorption length at 511 keV<sub>3</sub> and index of refraction with values of 6.16 g/cm<sup>3</sup>, 1.9 cm, and 1.68, respectively. Like BaF<sub>2</sub>, it also has two emission components, and although CeF<sub>3</sub> is not as fast as the fast component of BaF<sub>2</sub> has slow component is a factor of 20 faster than the slow component of BaF<sub>2</sub> and a factor of 10 faster than BGO. We hope to demonstrate in this work that in the field of nuclear medicine, the role of CeF<sub>3</sub> is for relatively inexpensive, high-rate (and possibly lime-of-flight) PET cameras using glass PMTS. There may also be a role for CeF<sub>3</sub> as a high resolution calorimeter in high-energy physics.

#### Transmission, Emission, and Light Yield

#### Pure CeF3

The information that is presented here must be taken as somewhat preliminary, since we have only two samples of pure CeF<sub>3</sub>. The sample of highest optical quality is 5x10x11 mm<sup>3</sup> (hereafter crystal no. 1) cut from a 10 mm diameter rod, and the other is a 1-cm cube (hereafter crystal no. 2), which is slightly cloudy.

In order to measure the emission spectrum of CeF<sub>2</sub>, we excited the samples with a uv light source passed through a narrow transmission filter with peak transmission at 254 nm. Figure 1 shows the transmission and temission of crystal no. 1. The emissionline is a broad continuum extending from about 290 nm to about 500 nm with peak emission at around 340 nm. When the first surface of the crystal was illuminated with the uv light source there was a little emission on the short-wavelength wide that is removed by Physical and timing properties of some scintillators

	CeF3	$BaF_2$	BGO <sup>1</sup>	CsF1
Density	6.163	4.87	7.13	4.64
Absorption length	1.9	2.3	1.1	2.3
(1/e in cm, at 511 keV)				
Radiation length (cm)	1.7	2.1	1.1	2.0
Decay constant -short	≃2	0.8	300	2.5
(n sec) -long	31	620		
Peak emission -short	310	225	480	390
(nm) -long	340	310		
Index of refraction	$1.68^{4}$	1.57	2.15	1.48
Timing resolution (ps FWHM)	522*	300	2500	450
(crystal 2 cm d x 4 cm)				
Light yield	3	5	7	6
(NaI(Ti)=100]		16		
Hygroscopic	No	No	No	Very

\* crystal 1-cm cube used



Fig. 1 Transmission and emission as a function of wavelength for pure CeF3.

the cutoff of the material.

The uv cutoff of CeF<sub>3</sub> is about the same as that of the window of a glass PMTs. In comparing the light output of CeF<sub>3</sub> with quartz and glass PMTs, the number of photons detected with the quartz PMT was only 15% larger. If there were a reason to try to get this small additional amount of light, uv glass could be used, which adds little to the cost of the PMT.

It is always difficult to estimate the absolute light output of a sontillator. In the case of CeF, the best we could do is compare the light yield with that of a BGO crystal of the same geometry. Crystal no. 2 was therefore compared with a similar 1-cm cube BGO crystal. Boti crystals were wrapped in Tellon tape and coupled to a quartz PMT with silicon oil. The pulse height of the CeF<sub>2</sub> crystal was almost exactly 50% that of the BGO. The resolution of the BGO crystals for 662-keV gamma rays was 11.3% FWHM, demonstrating that the BGO is of high quality.

#### Temperature Dependance of Pure CeF3

As will be discussed later in the section on scintillation decay constants, CeF<sub>3</sub> has two decay constants and two emission spectra.

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Abstract	
We describe the sci- ride (CeF <sub>3</sub> ), a newly organic scintillator.	

Its fluorescence decay lifetime, measured with the delayed coincidence method, is described by a single exponential with a  $27 \pm 1$  ns time constant. The emission spectrum peaks at a wavelength of 340 nm, and drops to less than 10% of its peak value at 315 nm and 460 nm. When a 1 cm optical quality cube of CeF3 is excited with 511 keV photons, a photopeak with a 20% full width at half maximum is observed at approximately half the light output of a Bismuth Germanate (BGO) crystal with similar geometry. We also present measurements of the decay time and light output of CeF3 doped with three rare-earth elements (Dy, Er, and Pr). The short fluorescence lifetime, high density, and reasonable light output of this new scintillator suggest that it would be useful for applications where high counting rates, good stopping power, and nanosecond timing are important, such as medical imaging and nuclear science.

#### 1 Introduction

This paper describes the scintillation properties of Cerium Fluoride ( $CeF_3$ ), a newly discovered inorganic scintillator. It begins with measurements of the fluorescent decay time, light output, emission spectrum, and coincidence timing resolution for undoped CeF<sub>3</sub>, then explores the effect that several rare-earth dopants have on these scintillation properties. The paper concludes with a description of a technique that uses synchrotron radiation x-rays to rapidly measure the scintillation decay time and light output of powdered compounds. All measurements described in this paper were made with crystals provided by Optovac, Inc. of N. Brockfield, MA.

The physical characteristics of CeF<sub>3</sub> are well suited for use as a radiation detector. It has a density of  $6.16 \text{ g/cm}^3$ [1], is not hygroscopic [1], and has an index of refraction of 1.62 [2]. The crystal structure is hexagonal [1], and it

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CERIUM FLUORIDE,

A NEW FAST, HEAVY SCINTILLATOR

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Figure 1: Delayed-Coincidence Apparatus

is colorless, transmitting wavelengths between 5000 nm and 300 nm [2].

#### 2 Undoped Cerium Fluoride

#### 2.1 Fluorescent Decay Time

The fluorescent decay lifetime was measured using the delayed-coincidence method of Bollinger and Thomas [3], as modified by Moszyński and Bengtson [4]. A diagram of this set-up is shown in Figure 1. A piece of Pilot-U plastic scintillator coupled to a Hamamatsu R-2055 photomultiplier tube provides a start signal, and another guartz-windowed Hamamatsu R-2055 photomultiplier tube placed 13 cm away from the CeFa sample provides the stop signal. A 10 µCi 22 Na source provided the 511 keV photon pairs that excited both the plastic scintillator and the scintillator sample. Timing signals from both photomultiplier tubes are generated using Ortec 437A constant fraction discriminators, and the time difference between the start and stop signals was digitized with an Ortec 457 time to amplitude converter and a Tracor-Northern TN-1705 multi-channel analyzer.

The results of this measurement are shown in Figure 2.

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### 1991-1995: R&D on CeF<sub>3</sub>





#### Understanding of radiation damage



Many CCC papers E. Auffray, PhD thesis 1995 E. Auffray et al (CC collaboration, Nucl. Instr. Meth. Phys. Research **A380**, 524-536 (1996) M. Nikl (review paper), phys.stat.sol. (a) **178**, 595-620 (2000). M. Nikl, C. Pedrini, Sol.St.Comm. **90**, 155-159 (1994))

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### Achievements on CeF<sub>3</sub>



## In 1989: 1 crystal of 1 cm<sup>3</sup> => in 1993 large crystals (length > 20cm) produced by several companies



#### Improvement of LY of a factor 2



#### **Excellent radiation hardness**





### CeF<sub>3</sub> Test beam in 1994



Fig. 1. The CeF<sub>3</sub> 9-tower matrix geometry. The positioning of a "blind" SiPD with respect to a SiPD seeing the crystal light is shown.





H. Hillemanns, PHD Thesis, 1995 E. Auffray et al., NIMA 378 (1996) 171-178





### CeF<sub>3</sub> Test beam





#### Energy resolution of the CeF<sub>3</sub> matrix

Energy resolution of the central crystal of the CeF<sub>3</sub> matrix with photodiode and PMT



H. Hillemanns, PHD Thesis, 1995 E. Auffray et al., NIMA 378 (1996) 171-178



Courtesy R. Novotny





### Study of several types of heavy glasses



pure and 5%Ce doped glasses

Extensive work with Le verre fluoré, Rennes, France

AFG became coloured at Ce doping (AFG413, d=1mm) ZFG did not scintillate HFG selected to study possible improvements

> E.Auffray, I.Dafinei, P.Lecog, M.Schneegans, MRS94, vol348, San Francisco, (1994) 217-224 E. Auffray, et al, NIM A 380 (1996) 524-536



### Main results on HFG glasses







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A. Vasiliev, Proceedings of The SCINT99 conference, Moscow, Faculty of Physics, Moscow State University, 2000, p. 43-52



## INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON HEAVY SCINTILLAT FOR SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL APPLICATIONS

### CHAMONDX, France, September 22-26, 1992

#### 4 first papers on PWO for High Energy Physics applications

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#### STUDY OF CHARACTERISTICS OF REAL-SIZE PbWO4 CRYSTAL CELLS FOR PRECISE EM-CALORIMETERS TO BE USED AT LHC ENERGIES

V.A. Kachanov IHEP Protvino, CIS

Y.D. Prokoshkin V.G. Vasilchenko L.L. Nagornaya

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#### PbWO4 SCINTILLATOR AT ROOM TEMPERATURE

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FAST SCINTILLATORS BASED ON LARGE "HEAVY" TUNGSTATE SINGLE CRYSTALS.

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L.Nagornaya, V.Ryzhikov, ISC, Kharkov, Ukraine

#### PbWO<sub>4</sub> : A HEAVY, FAST AND RADIATION RESISTANT SCINTILLATOR FOR EM CALORIMETRY

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> L.L.Nagornaya, Y.Ia.Vostresov, I.A.Tupitsina Monocrystal Institute, Kharkov, Ukraine



### The promoters of PWO







I. Dafinei, E. Auffray, P. Lecoq, M. Schneegans, MRS94, vol348, San Francisco, (1994) 99 P. Lecoq et al., NIM A, 365, Issues 2–3, (1995) 291

E. Auffray et al. Scint95 conference

Crystal Clear, hdy 94

Wavelength (nm)

PW31c PW0754 Hiallonel

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CRYSTAL



### **Crystal choice in 1994**



#### From 1991 to 1994:

- Birth of the "scintillator community"
- Many progress in the understanding of the properties of 3 materials:
- CeF<sub>3</sub> had very good scintillation and radiation hardness properties but no capability for large production
- Heavy Glasses had good scintillation properties, low cost but were not enough radiation hard for LHC
- ⇒ In 1994: Choice of PWO by CMS for the electromagnetic calorimeter
- ⇒ Choice of PWO for PHOs detector in ALICE

	Developed for LHC Crystal Clear/CMS			
	CeF <sub>3</sub>	PWO PbWO <sub>4</sub>	HFG Glass	
Xo [cm]	1.66	• 0.89	1.6	
r [g/cm <sup>3</sup> ]	6.16	<b>e</b> 8.2	6	
t [ns]	30	<b>e</b> <sup>15</sup>	25	
[nm]	310 340	<b>•</b> <sup>420</sup>	320	
Ref index n@  <sub>max</sub>	1.68	2.3	1.5	
LY [%NaI]	5	0.5	0.5	



### PWO crystals @CERN in LHC

## CRYSTAL

#### 2 LHC experiments use Lead tungstate crystals

#### ALICE :17920 crystals





#### 75848 Crystals = 100 tons





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### 15 years of CMS ECAL construction

CRYSTAL CLEAR

- 1994 : Choice of PWO for CMS electromagnetic calorimeter
- 1994-1998 : extensive R&D on PWO with strong participation of crystal clear
- 1998-2000 : Preproduction of 6000 crystals in BTCP
  - Increase production rate
  - Make crystal quality consistent over a large amount of crystals
- 2001 : Start of the Production in BTCP, Russia
- 2005 : Start of the Production in SIC, China
- 2007 : Barrel installation in CMS
- 2008 : Endcaps installation in CMS
- 2009 : First data taken in LHC
- 2012: Higgs discovery



### From R&D to Production 1994 to 1998



#### **Optical properties improvement**





#### **Transmission improvement**



#### Radiation hardness improvement



#### Delivery of the first 100 PWO Crystals Sept 98



### Main results on PWO radiation hardness improvement



Radiation damage mainly due to host structure defects :

- Primary defects : Lead vacancy V<sub>k</sub>(Pb) Oxygen vacancy V(O)
- Optimisation of growth conditions, stoichiometry





Secondary defects created for charge compensation for  $V_k(Pb)$  : O<sup>--</sup> + h, Pb<sup>2+</sup> + h for V(O) : F and F<sup>+</sup> centres

Compensation by doping :Y, La, Lu, Nb, Sb optimum codoping Y-Nb

S. Baccaro et al, phys. stat. sol. (a) 160, R5 (1997) /A.Annenkov et al., NIM A426 (1999 486

M. Kobayashi et al., NIM A404 (1998) 149. / X. Qu et al., NIM 486 (2002) 102 P. Lecoq et al., NIM A402(1998) p75





### CMS ECAL assembly: 1998-2007



61200 crystals



Caracterisation des cristaux/



Collage des photodétecteurs sur les cristaux

6120 sub-modules



Montage des sous-modules









Montage des Supermodules





Installation du système de refroidissement

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## CMS ECAL: Higgs bosons discovery







#### Installation in CMS in 2007&2008











After the choice of PWO by CMS many others experiments proposed to use PWO

- Alice: 17920 crystals 18cm length, produced in Apatity
- BTeV: 10000 crystals, 22cm length
- **CEBAF**: (measure of electron beam polarization) 25 crystals
- **PRIMEX** (precise measurement of the neutral pion lifetime): HYCAL: 1200 crystals, 18cm length
- Neutral particle spectrometer (NPS) in JFLab (hall12): 1116 Xtals, 18cm length
- Panda: Target Spectrometer @ PANDA:
- **CLAS2** at Jlab: (study the light meson spectrum) :forward tagger detector: 332 crystals, 20cm length
- Inner Crystal Calorimeter for EIC @JLab & BNL



### Some examples



#### Module of PHOS in Alice experiment



#### Forward tagger, Class2, JFlab





Courtesy M. Battaglieri

#### HYCAL, Primex, JFlab



http://arxiv.org/abs/physics/0609201v1

NPS, JFlab



Calor2014, JP, conference seies 587 (2015)012048



- photon detection with high resolution over a large dynamic range:  $10MeV < E_{\gamma} < 15GeV$
- high count-rate capability (2.107 Annihilations/s)
- nearly  $4\pi$  coverage
- sufficient radiation hardness
- timing information for trigger-less DAQ concept

Need 15164 PWO crystals
8000 produced in BTCP
⇒ Need new producer
⇒ Crytur company coming back

R. Novotny, IEEE 2016



### **PWO production in Crytur in 2016**







production based on Czochralski technology

R. Novotny, IEEE 2016

- use of existing pre-mixture of raw material (*NeoChem*, Moscow) (BTCP)
- Preproduction starts in 2016







### New interest for CeF<sub>3</sub>



For CMS upgrade endcap calorimeter: Sandwich calorimeter CeF3/W proposed by ETHZ Group: F.Nessi et al.



F. Ness.-T. et al., CALOR 2014, JoP Conf. Ser. 587 (2015) 012039 F. Ness.-T. et al., IPRD 2016, 14th Topical Seminar on Innovative Particle and Radiation Detectors, Siena, Italy



### **CCC Impact on HEP**



- Creation of the scintillator community
- Cerium understanding
- Radiation hardness study:
  - Understanding of radiation damage mechanisms,
  - Acquire knowledge of different investigation technics
- More recently
- Engineering of scintillator: mixed materials, codoping
- New crystal growth development: micro pulling down technic
- Timing properties



#### Since 2010: investigations of radiation hardness under gamma and hadrons radiations for HL-LHC



#### List of the scintillation materials studied at different irradiations

Y-quanta 60Co(1.22MeV), absorbed doses 10-2000Gy	24 GeV & 150 MeV protons	reactor neutrons
PWO, PWO-II	PWO, PWO-II	PWO, PWO-I
LSO:Ce(LYSO:Ce)	LSO:Ce(LYSO:Ce)	
LuAG:Ce	LuAG:Ce	Plastics:
BSO	BSO	EJ260
PbF <sub>2</sub>	PbF <sub>2</sub>	EJ200
BaF <sub>2</sub>	BaF <sub>2</sub>	
GSO:Ce	GSO:Ce	
YSO:Ce	YSO:Ce	
YAG:Ce(Pr)	YAG:Ce(Pr)	
YAP:Ce (Pr)	YAP:Ce (Pr)	
DSB:Ce(glass and glass-ceramics)	DSB:Ce(glass and glass ceramics)	
$Y_2O_3$ (micro-ceramics)	$Y_2O_3$ (micro-ceramics)	
LiF	LiF	
Plastics	Plastics	

Results have been published in 12 articles and reported regularly at IEEE NSS-MIC, SCINT and INTELUM Conferences



### Radiation tolerant crystals: Garnet crystals



Protons





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### Micro-Pulling down technology for crystal fiber growth









Fibers produced @ILM

#### Micro-pulling down (µPD) : multiple advantages

- Wide range of diameters 300 µm 3 mm
- Lengths up to 2 m
- Multiple geometries for capillary die
- Fast pulling rates
- Multi-fibers pulling possibilities (in parallel)

#### => Investigation of mass production capability

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### Scintillating crystal fibers: Flexibility for the calorimeter design

#### **Homogeneous calorimeter**

#### From bulk crystal

#### To bloc of fibers





=> Need large volume of fibers with high density

#### **Sampling calorimeter**

Pointing Fibers in a Spaghetti Calorimeter



Layers of Crystal Fibers in a sampling calorimeter



=> Need less fibers, possibility to use materials with lower density



### First calorimeter prototypes



### In the frame of the CMS HCAL/ECAL upgrade:

We performed several test beams with crystal fibers

in CERN H2 beam November 2012: 9 fibers





SiPM readout On 2 sides of each chanel

M. Lucchini et al, JINST 8 10017 (2013)

5 LuAG fibers with highest concentration of Cerium3 with lower Ce concentration1 undoped for Cherenkov signature

- in Fermilab March2014:
- 64 fibers (56 scint. 8 Cerenkov)



• At CERN August 2014:





A. Benaglia, et al., submitted to JINST



### First calorimeter prototypes with square fibers in 2015



ronPhys

Tile concept Test in CERN H2 150GeV muons SPACAL concept @ MAMI (Mainz) from 56 to 766 MeV

SPACAL concept Tagged photon beam Test in CERN H4 with e- beam 10GeV to 200GeV





### Few results tests @MAMI

photon beam from 56 to 766 MeV Readout PMT



CRYSTA







#### In HEP: Search for rare events implies high luminosity accelerators

- $\rightarrow$  Rate problems;
- $\rightarrow$  Pileup of >140 collision events per bunch crossing at High Luminosity-LHC;
- $\rightarrow$  Pileup mitigation for better vertex reconstruction via TOF requires TOF resolution < 50ps.





### **Time resolution with MIP**



## LSO:Ce:Ca crystal 2x2x5mm<sup>3</sup>– SiPM (FBK NUV-HD) with MIP (muon 150GeV) in H2



A. Benaglia et al, NIM. A, vol. 830, pp. 30-35, May 2016



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ENDO TOFPET US Endoscopic TOFPET & Ultrasound









## Understanding of the Scintillator limits for time resolution



### 1) The scintillation mechanism

- Light yield;
- Rise time;
- Decay time.

### 2) The light transport in the crystal

• Time spread related to different light propagation modes

### 3) The light extraction efficiency

- Light Yield → Light Output;
- Impact on photostatistics;
- Weights the distribution of light propagation modes.



P. Lecoq, A. Knapitsch, Int. J. of Mod. Physics A Vol. 2(2014) 1430070



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# Study of fast phenomena is scintillators



- Cerenkov
- Hot intraband luminescence
- Quantum confinement driven luminescence







The transient absorption kinetics of a CeF3 single crystal obtained at different wavelength of the probe pulse:

E. Auffray et al., JINST 9 (2014) P07017



# Study of fast phenomena is scintillators



- Cerenkov
- Hot intraband luminescence
- Quantum confinement driven luminescence



### colloidal quantum wells



#### ZnO based quantum dot

J. Grim et al. Nature nanotech. **9**, 891–895 (2014), R. M. Turtos et al. Submitted to JINST

L. Prochazkova et al. Opt Material R. M. Turtos et al. Submitted to Physica Status Solidi (RRL) 35



### Conclusion



Since 25 years Crystal Clear has been very active in the development of scintillators for HEP in particular:

- In the understanding of scintillation mechanisms and radiation hardness
- The development of new materials

The recent developments initiated in Crystal Clear:

- New production technology
- Engineering of the materials
- Fast timing

Open new promising perspectives for the future detectors





