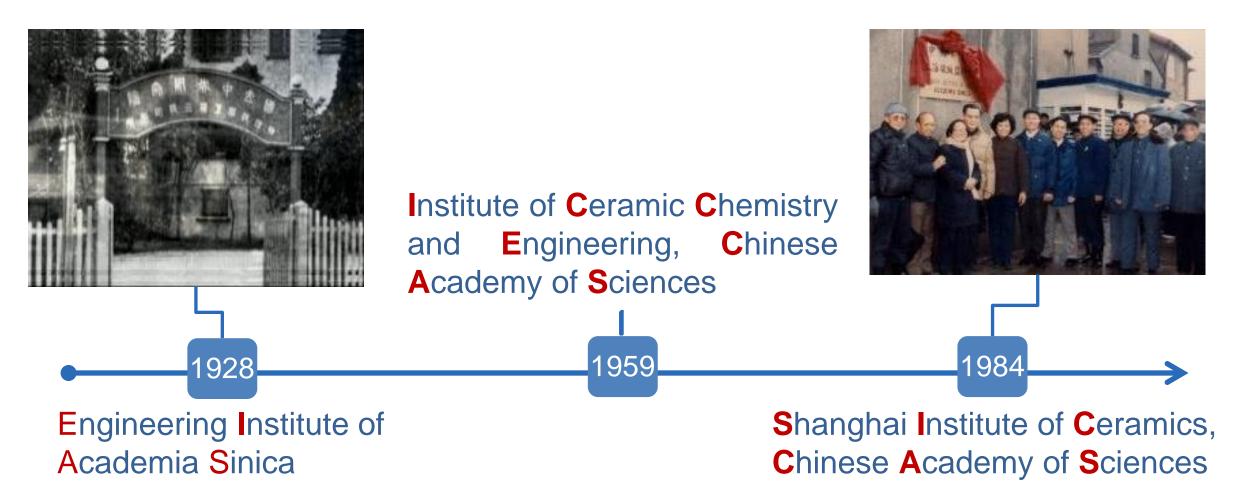


Crystal Research at SIC

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June 17th, 2024





Shanghai Institute of Ceramics (SIC), CAS traces its origins back to the Engineering Institute of Academia Sinica established in 1928, which was designated as the Institute of Metallurgy and Ceramics under the auspices of the Chinese Academy of Sciences in 1953, and then was divided to two branches in 1959. The ceramic branch evolved into the Shanghai Institute of Ceramic Chemistry and Technology, subsequently rechristened the Shanghai Institute of Ceramics in 1984.

About SIC: Campus and location



CAMPUS



SIC has three campus: Headquarter campus in Jiading District (Shanghai), Academic exchange center campus in Changning District (Shanghai), and Pilot plant campus in Taicang city (Jiangsu Province).

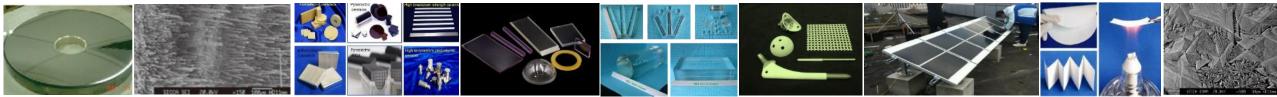
About SIC: Research areas





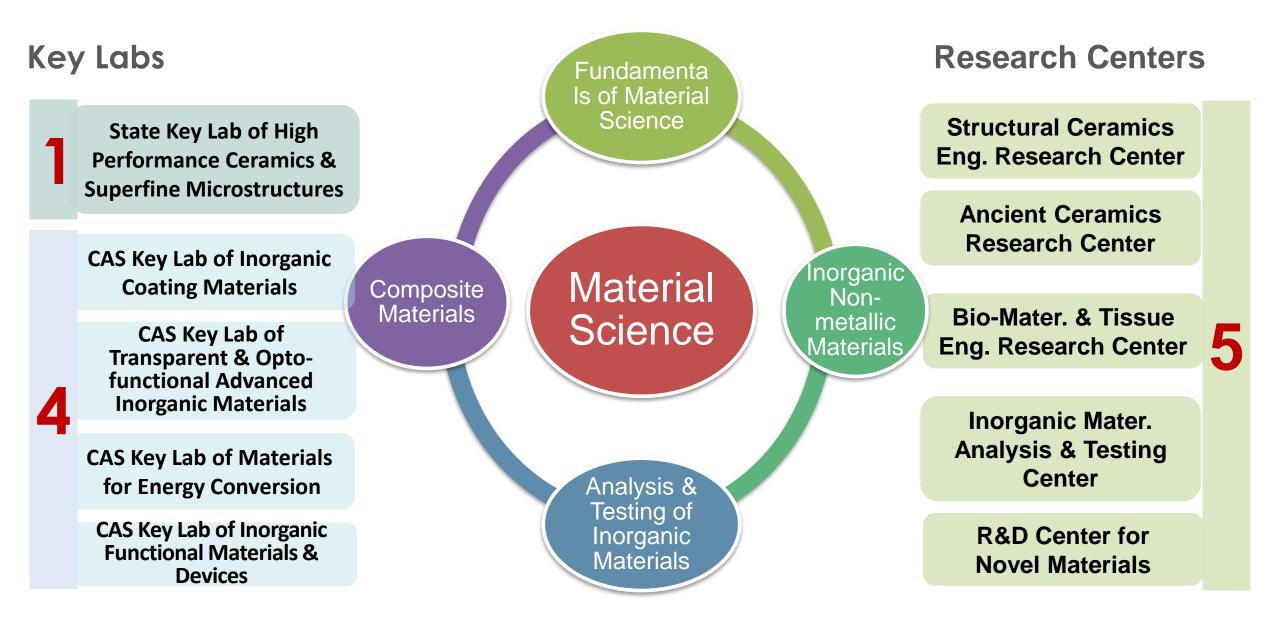
Research areas

- Structural ceramics
- Functional ceramics
- Transparent ceramics
- Artificial crystals
- Inorganic coatings
- Bio-medical materials
- Analysis and testing



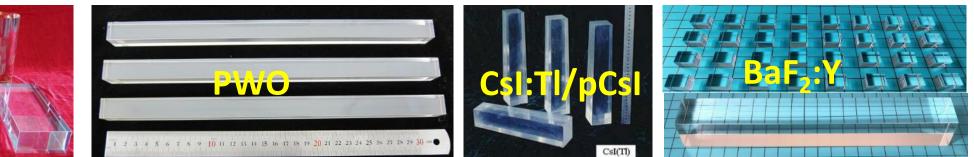
SIC is focused on the inorganic non-metallic materials science and engineering







Scintillation crystals



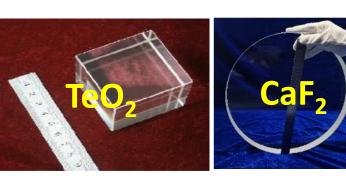
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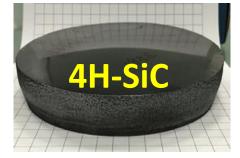
Piezoelectric and ferroelectric crystals



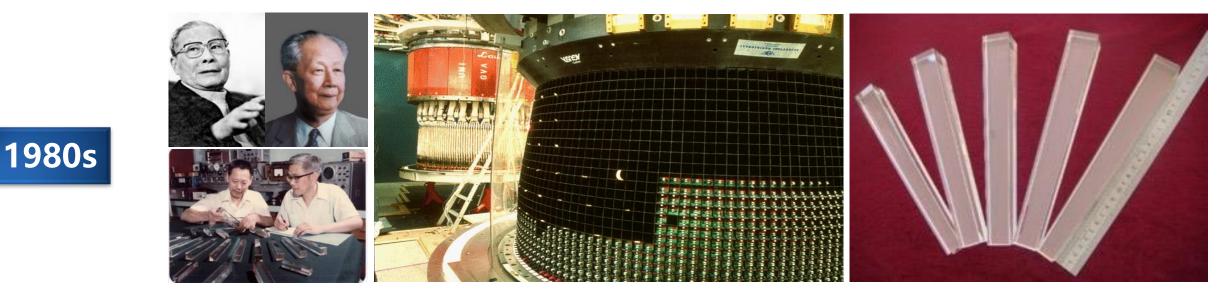




semiconductor crystals

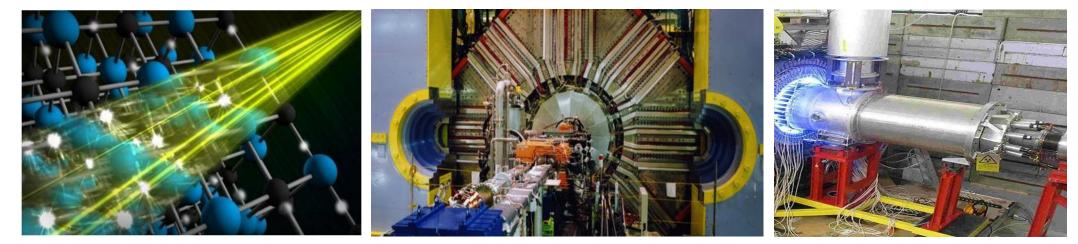






24cm-long BGO crystals for LEP L3 experiment (CERN, 11,000 kg)



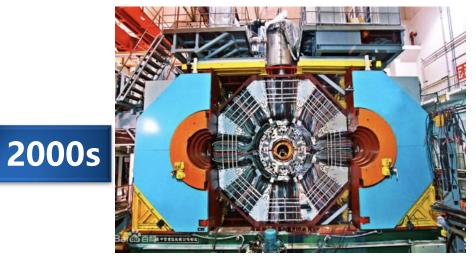


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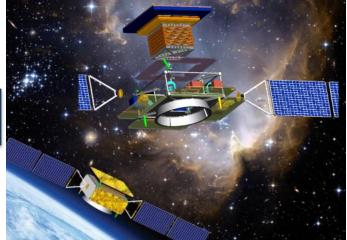
Belle ECAL (CsI:TI)

MAMI (PbF₂)



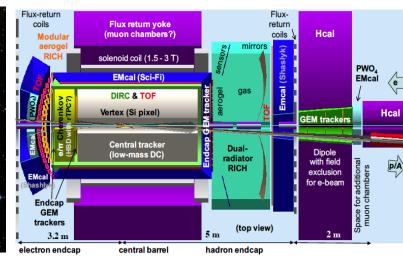


BEPC-II (BESIII) (CsI:TI)



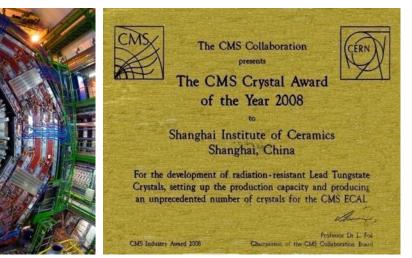
DAMPE (BGO)

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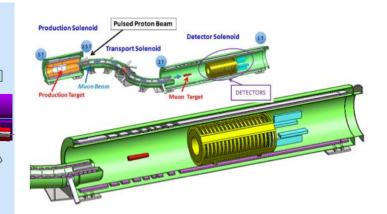


CEBAF/PANDA/CMS (PWO)

Jefferson Lab (PWO)



CMS Crystal Award



Fermi Lab Mu2e (pCsl)





Story begin from BGO crystal

INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON HEAVY SCINTILLATORS FOR SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL APPLICATIONS





A scintillator community exists since 1992



- NT International Conference on Scintillating Materials and their Applications (SCINT)
- Crystal2000, 22th-26th September 1992, Chamonix (France, 1st)
- MRS94, San Francisco (USA)
- SCINT95, 28th August-1st September 1995, Delft (The Netherlands)
- SCINT97, 22th-25th September 1997, Shanghai (China)
- Scint99 16th-20th August 1999, Moscow (Russia)
- Scint01, 16th-21th September 2001, Chamonix (France)
- Scint03, 8th-12th September 2003, Valencia (Spain)
- Scint05, 19th-23th September 2005, Kharkov (Ukraine)
- Scint07, 4th-8th June 2007, Winston-Salem (USA)
- Scint09, 8th-12th June 2009, Jeju (Korea)
- Scint11, 12th-16th September 2011, Giessen (Germany)
- Scint13, 15th-19th April 2013, Shanghai (China)
- Scint15, 7th-12th June 2015, Berkeley (USA)
- Scint17, 18th-22th September 2017, Chamonix (France)
- Scint19, 29th September -4th October , 2019, Sendai (Japan)
- Scint22, 18th-23th September , 2022, Santa Fe (USA)
- Scint24, 8th-12th July 2024, Milan (Italy, 17th, coming)

17 times3 times in France2 times at SIC



Properties of Heavy Crystals With Mass Production Capability

Crystal	NaI(Tl)	CsI(Tl)	CsI	BaF ₂	CeF ₃	BGO	PbWO ₄	LSO/LYSO(Ce)	PbF ₂
Density (g/cm ³)	3.67	4.51	4.51	4.89	6.16	7.13	8.3	7.40	7.77
Melting Point (°C)	651	621	621	1280	1460	1050	1123	2050	824
Radiation Length (cm)	2.59	1.86	1.86	2.03	1.70	1.12	0.89	1.14	0.93
Molière Radius (cm)	4.13	3.57	3.57	3.10	2.41	2.23	2.00	2.07	2.21
Interaction Length (cm)	42.9	39.3	39.3	30.7	23.2	22.7	20.7	20.9	21.0
Refractive Index ^a	1.85	1.79	1.95	1.50	1.62	2.15	2.20	1.82	1.82
Hygroscopicity	Yes	Slight	Slight	No	No	No	No	No	No
Luminescence ^b (nm) (at Peak)	410	560	420 310	300 220	340 300	480	425 420	420	?
Decay Time ^{b} (ns)	245	1220	30 6	$\begin{array}{c} 650 \\ 0.9 \end{array}$	30	300	30 10	40	?
Light Yield ^{b,c}	100	165	3.6 1.1	36 4.1	7.3	21	$\begin{array}{c} 0.30\\ 0.077\end{array}$	85	?
$d(LY)/dT^{b,d} (\%/^{\circ}C)$	-0.2	0.4	-1.4	-1.9 0.1	${\sim}0$	-0.9	-2.5	-0.2	?
Experiment	Crystal	CLEO	KTeV	TAPS	-	L3	CMS	Mu2e	A4
-	Ball	BaBar				BELLE	ALICE	SuperB	HHCAL?
		BELLE					PrimEx	HL-LHC?	
		BES III					Panda		

a At the wavelength of the emission maximum.; b Top line: slow component, bottom line: fast component.

c Relative light yield of samples of 1.5 X and with the PMT quantum efficiency taken out.; d At room temperature.

IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON NUCLEAR SCIENCE, 59 (5), 2012: 2229-2236.

SIC is deeply involved in growing the above heavy crystals with mass production capability



Inorganic crystals for present and future HEP optical calorimeter concepts

Project	Scintillator/WLS	Photodetector	\mathbf{DRDTs}	Target			
Task 3.1: Homogeneous and quasi-homogeneous EM calorimeters							
HGCCAL	BGO, LYSO	SiPMs	6.1, 6.2	e ⁺ e ⁻			
MAXICC	PWO, BGO, BSO	SiPMs	6.1, 6.2	e^+e^-			
\mathbf{Crilin}	PbF_2 , PWO-UF	SiPMs	6.2, 6.3	$\mu^+\mu^-$			
Task 3.2: Innovat	ive Sampling EM calor	imeters					
GRAiNITA	$ZnWO_4$, BGO	SiPMs	6.1, 6.2	e^+e^-			
\mathbf{SpaCal}	GAGG, organic	MCD-PMTs, SiPMs	6.1, 6.3	$\mathrm{e^+e^-/hh}$			
RADiCAL	LYSO, LuAG	SiPMs	6.1,6.2,6.3	$\rm e^+e^-/hh$			
Task 3.3: (EM+)Hadronic sampling calorimeters							
DRCal	PMMA, plastic	SiPMs, MCP	6.2	e^+e^-			
${f TileCal}$	PEN, PET	SiPMs	6.2, 6.3	e^+e^-/hh			
Task 3.4: Materials							
ScintCal	-	_	6.1, 6.2, 6.3	$e^+e^-/\mu^+\mu^-/hh$			
CryoDBD Cal	TeO, ZnSe, LiMoO	n.a.	-	DBD experiments			
	NaMoO, ZnMoO						

• High-granularity crystal calorimeter (HGCCAL)

https://indico.cern.ch/event/1386879/

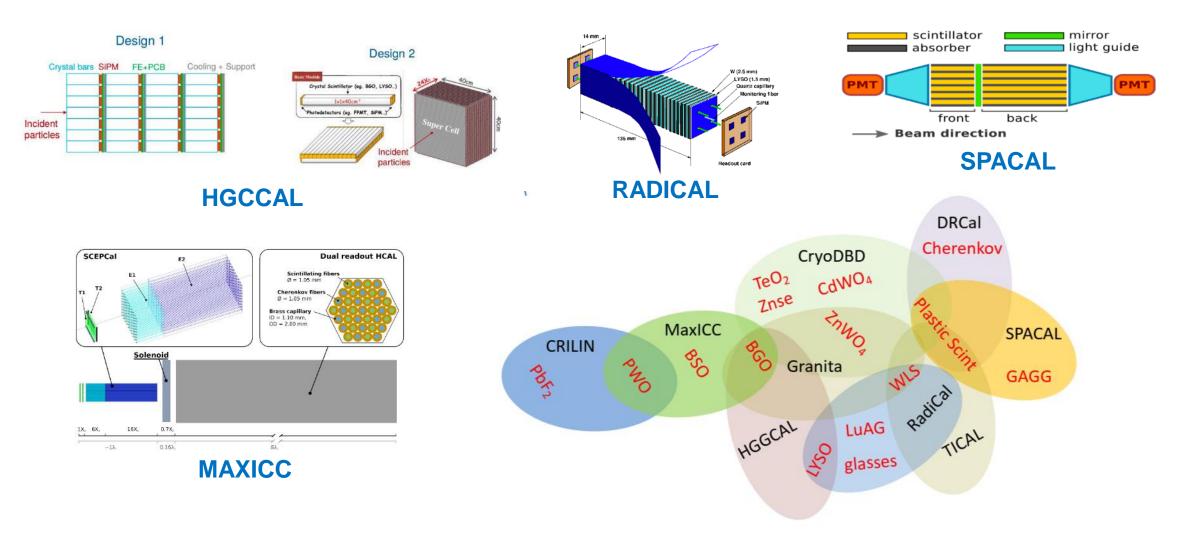
Homogeneous and quasi-homogeneous calorimeters (MAXICC)

• Sampling calorimeter: RADiCAL(Shashlik), GRAiNITA (CRystal), SpaCal (Single crystal fiber+W/Pb absorber)

Hadronic Dual-readout sampling calorimeter: Scintillating and Cherenkov fibres, SiPM or MCP-PMT

Various crystals for present and future HEP optical calorimeter concepts are grown in SIC

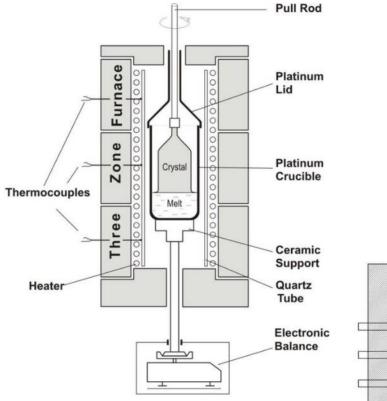




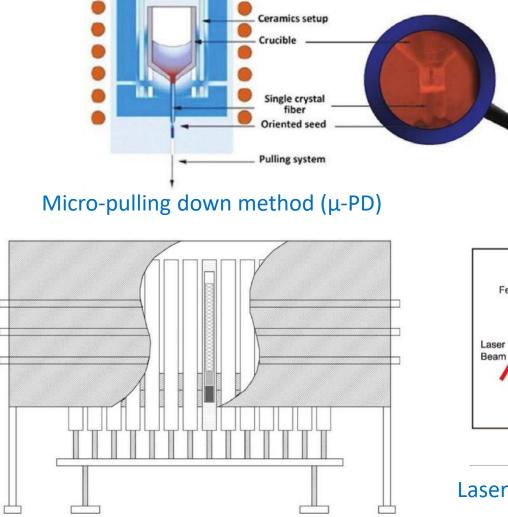
Cost-effective and fast/ultrafast scintillation crystals, including single crystal scintillator fibers;
Cherenkov radiator, and low radioactive background crystals.



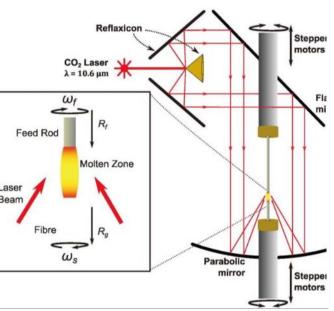
Crystal Growth Techniques



Czochralski Method (Cz)



- Induction heating



Laser Heated Pedestal Growth (LHPG)

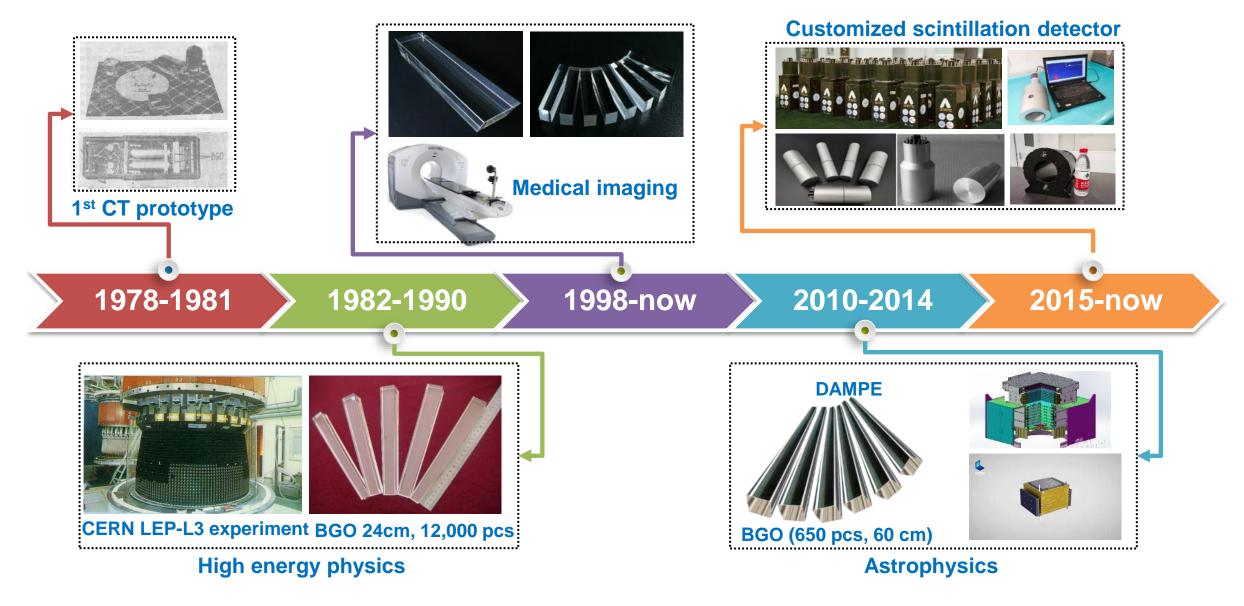
Mult-Crucible Modified Bridgman method (MCMB)



Cost-effective and fast/ultrafast scintillation crystals

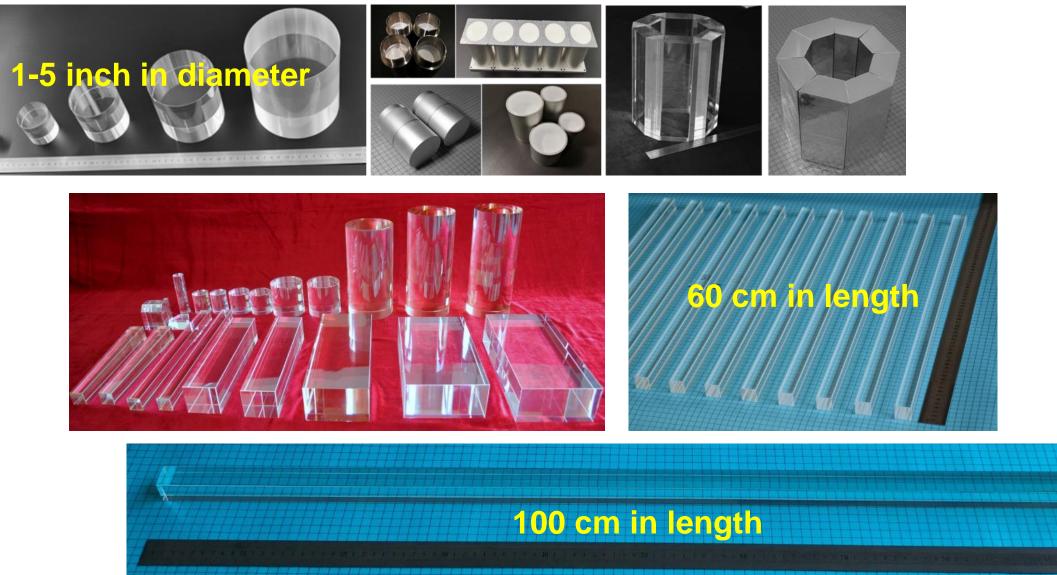


All the SIC's scintillation and Cherenkov crystals' story start from R&D on BGO...



Cost-effective and fast/ultrafast scintillation crystals: BGO

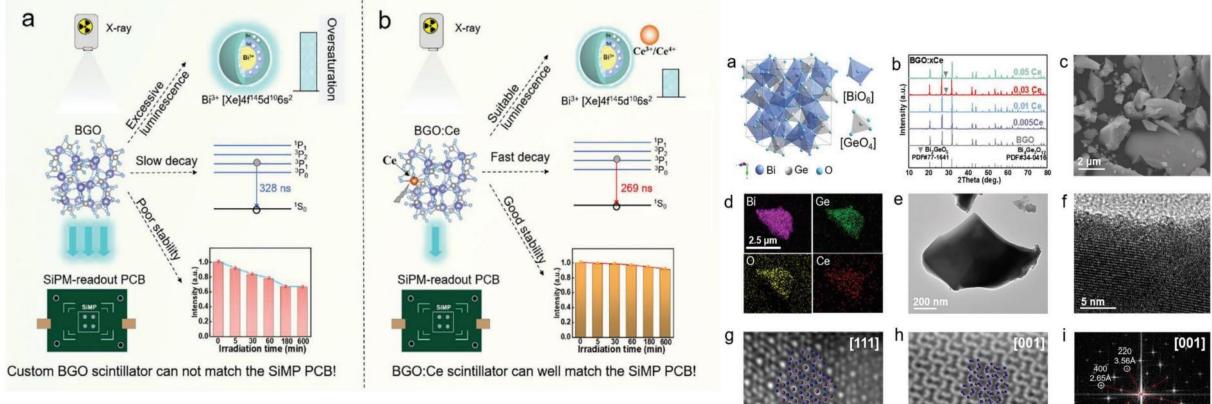




BGO Crystals as large as 5 inch in diameter and 100 cm in length is routinely produced at SIC.

Cost-effective and fast/ultrafast scintillation crystals: BGO





Design strategy of optimizing comprehensive performance of BGO (luminescence intensity, decay time, and irradiation stability) by Ce ion doping

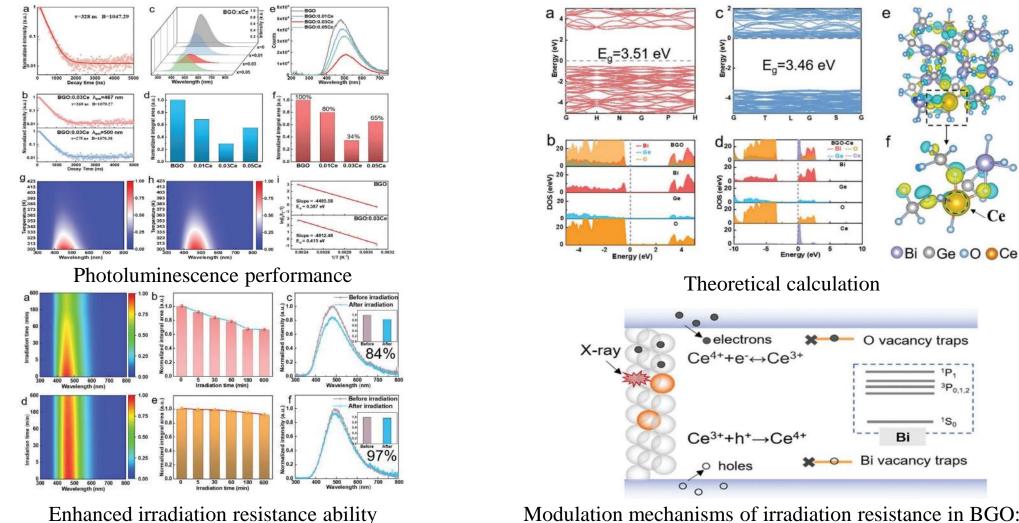
Structure and morphological characterizations of BGO:Ce powder

BGO crystal is too slow (~300 ns), it radiation hardness is yet to be improved, and yield more scintillation light for HEP facilities such as CEPC, FCC etc. at intensity frontier. Cerium ion doping in BGO crystal is proposed to handle the above issues.

3.53Å

Cost-effective and fast/ultrafast scintillation crystals: BGO





Modulation mechanisms of irradiation resistance in BGO:Ce

Ce ion doping in BGO crystal is proposed and has shown great potential in polycrystalline BGO scintillator. The effect of cerium doping in BGO single crystal is yet to be investigated in the future.

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Cost-effective and fast/ultrafast scintillation crystals: PbWO₄





CMS (LHC)

- Prof. Yan and visitors from CERN
- PWO:Y crystals

CMS Crystal Award

Sample, 05/1998 Sample, 12/1998 SIC-L411 BTCP-2456 L.O.= 11.6 p.e./MeV (200 ns, 18.0°C) L.O.= 6.3 p.e./MeV (200 ns, 18.0°C) Output Normalized Light Output Output 0.8 Light 0.9 Light 0.9 dose rate : rad/h dose rate : rad/h Normalized I Normalized 100_____500_ 15 →, 100 , 500 , 50 100 150 50 100 Sample, 11/1999 Sample, 08/2000 ++++ 0.6 dose rate (rad/h): dose rate (rad/h): 0.8 0.5 100 → 1,400, 50 100 150 200 250 300 50 150 200 250 0 Time (hours) 100 200 300 400 500 600 100 150 200 Time (hours) Time (hours)

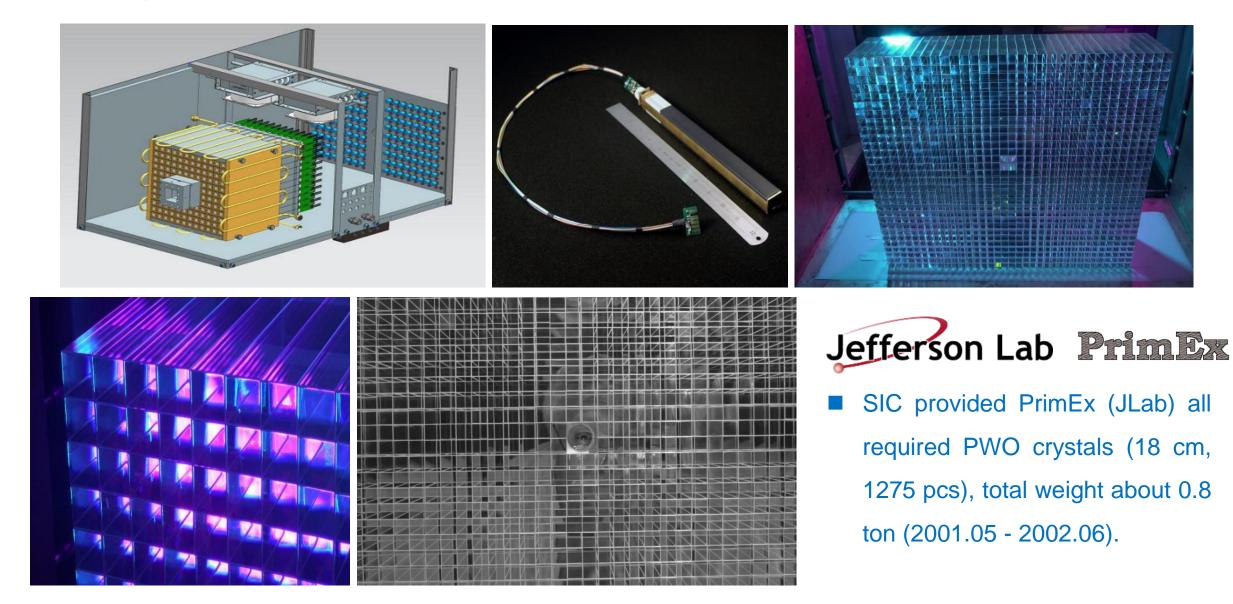
Improved radiation hardness, light output, light response uniformity of PWO crystals by Y-doping at SIC;

SICCAS has also provided ~5000 pcs PWO:Y crystals with a total weight of 7.6 ton and total volume of 0.92 m³.

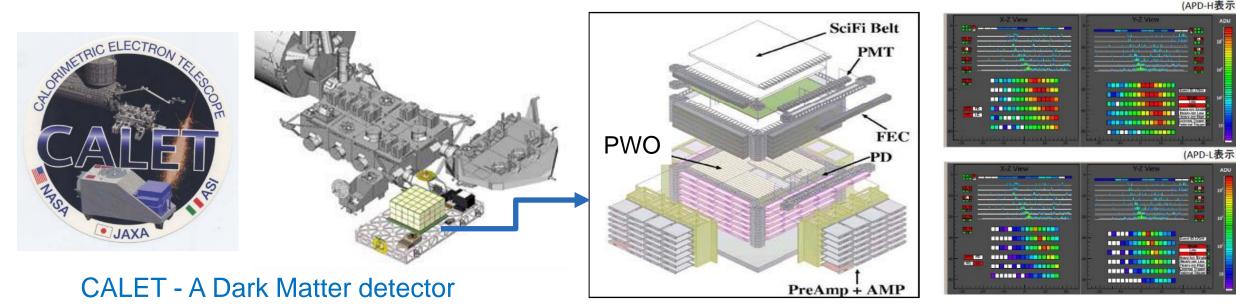
Improved radiation hardness and light output by Y-doping in PWO crystals



PWO crystals for PrimEx at JLAB (USA)



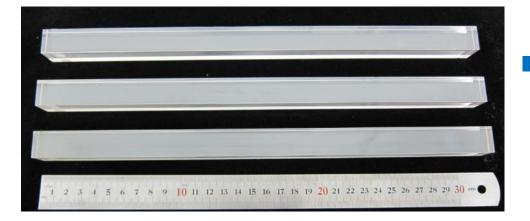




on ISS by Wasada Univ/JAXA



Data taking of CALET



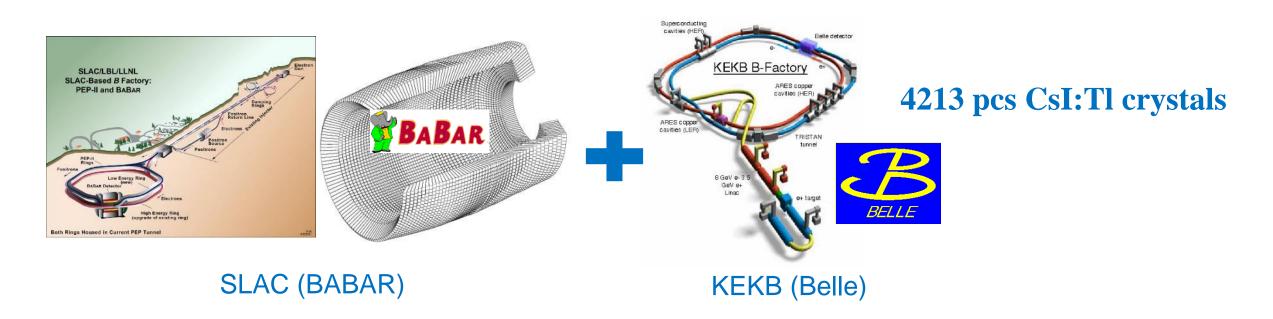
SIC had provided Wasada Univ/JAXA totally 210 pcs PWO crystals with a length of 32.8 cm for CALET facility, which was launched and installed on the ISS in 2015.

Cost-effective and fast/ultrafast scintillation crystals: CsI:TI



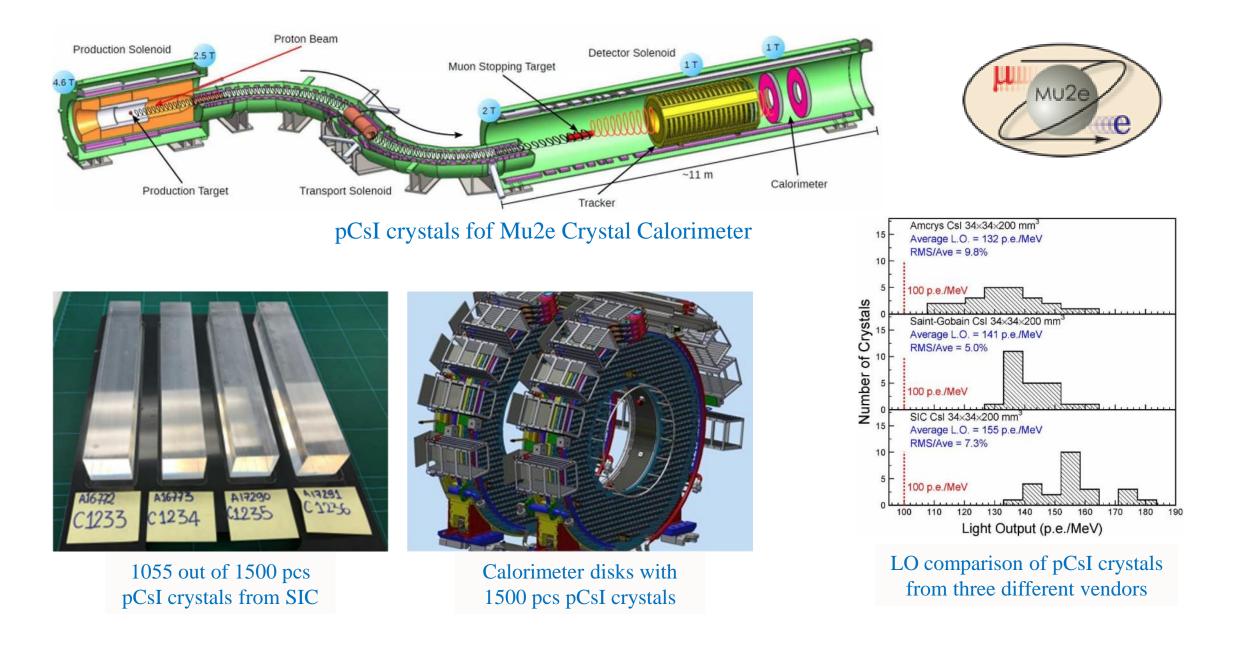


BEPC-BESIII: 1920 pcs large CsI:Tl crystals (28 cm) between 2004-2005

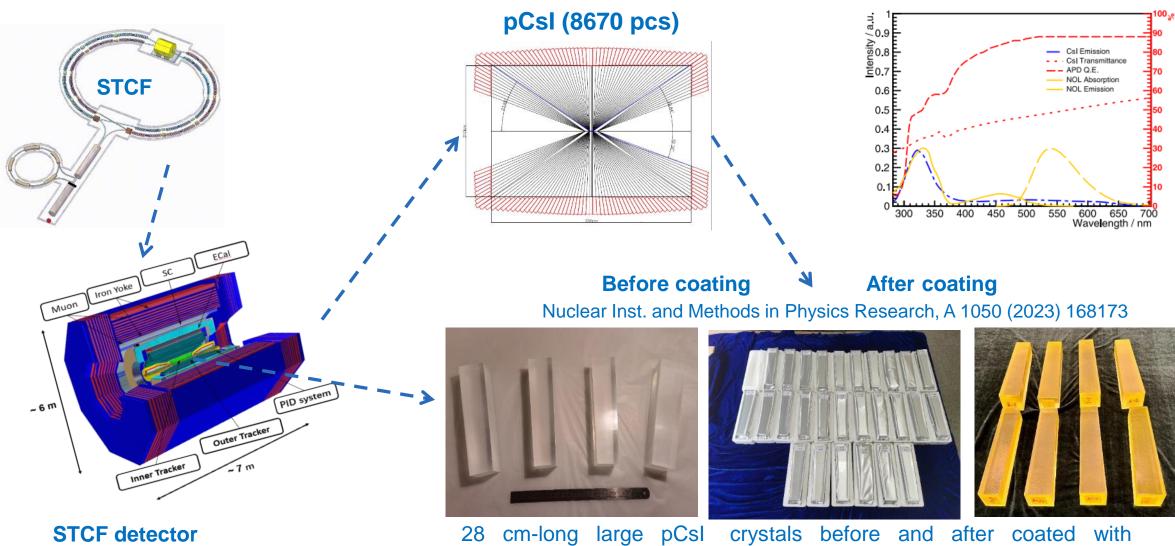


Cost-effective and fast/ultrafast scintillation crystals: pCsl





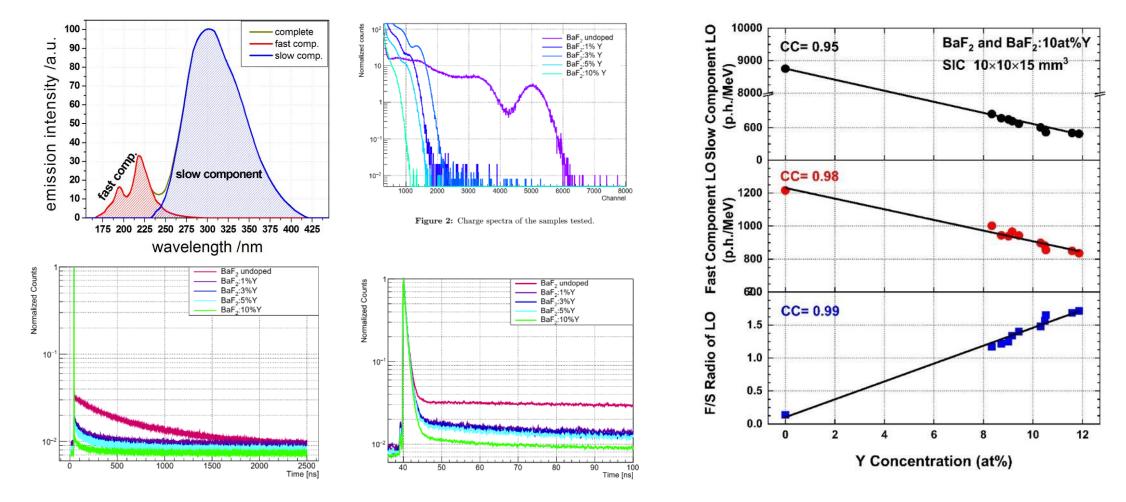




28 cm-long large pCsI crystals before and after coated with nanostructured organosilicon luminophore (NOL) as wavelength shifter

SIC had provided all the pCsI crystals with NOL coating for STCF pre-study.





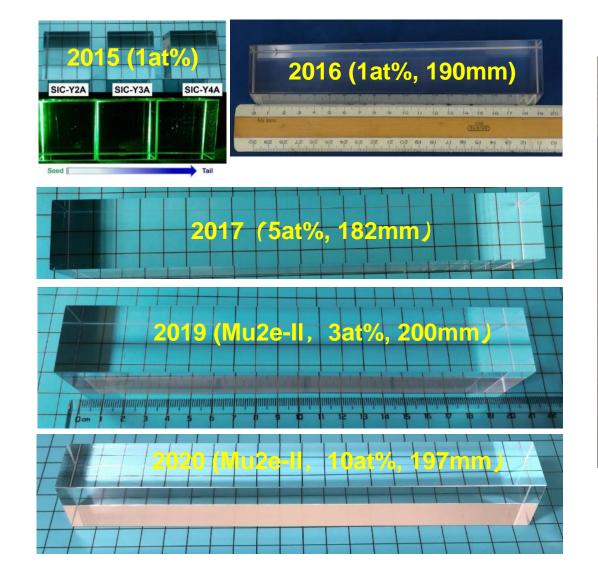
BaF₂ crystal is an ultrafast scintillator with slow component, which will cause at high counting events.
Yttrium doping can effectively suppress the 0.6 us slow component in BaF₂ crystal.

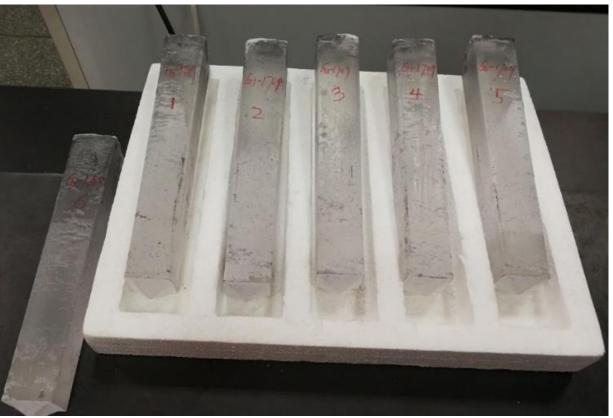
R&D on suppressing the slow component in BaF₂ by Y doping: no change in short decay, time resolution

J. Chen, et al., IEEE Trans. Nucl. Sci., vol. 65, no. 8, pp. 2147-2151, 2018; R. Cala et al, SCINT2022 conference SantaFe Sept2022

Cost-effective and fast/ultrafast scintillation crystals: **BaF**₂:**Y**



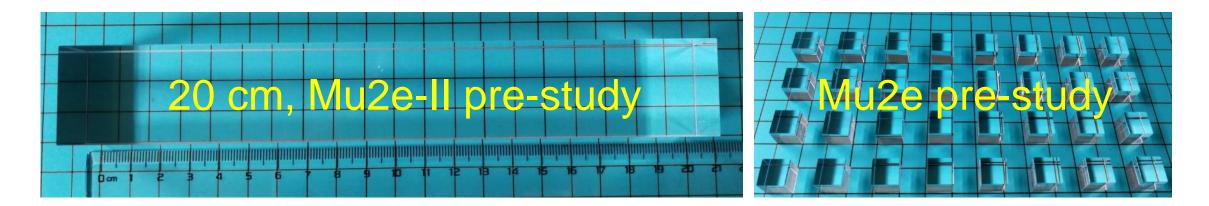


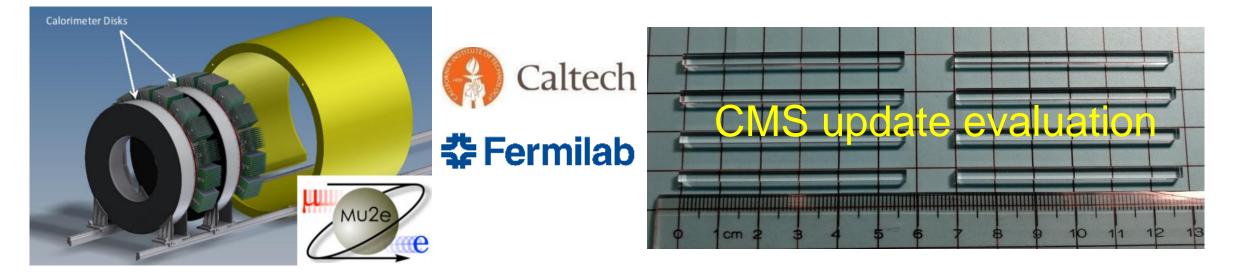


BaF₂:Y crystal boules up to 280 mm in length

Large BaF₂:Y crystals with high optical quality is available at SIC for future HEP pre-study



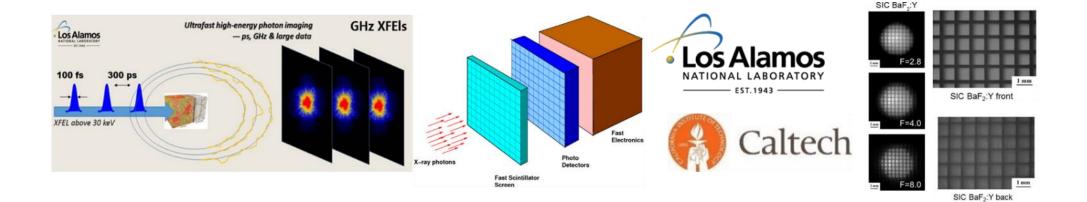




BaF₂:Y crystal is presently also considered for future Mu2e-II update and has been evaluated for CMS timing layer update (now LYSO crystal).



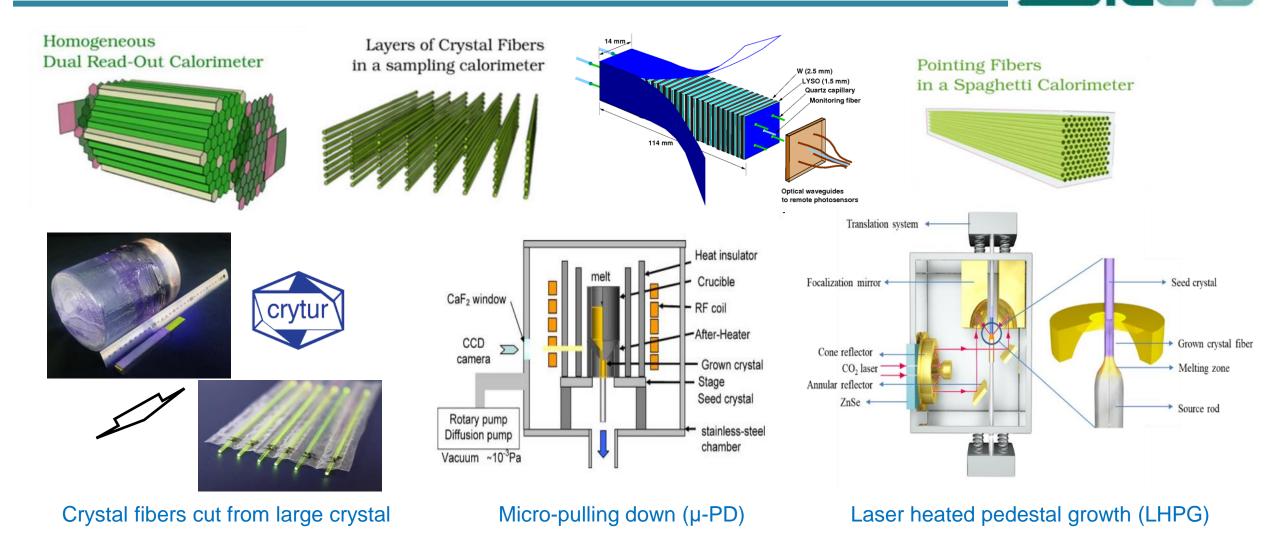
GHz Hard Xray imaging



22Na Source 24 and Samples 000000 HV **Positron** HV 246 -BaF2:Y -BaF2 Anode 244 Annihilation $\bigcirc \bigcirc$ CFDD CFDD 3 242 **Spectroscopy** length: λ=100 nm 240 £ 0 0 0 00 10001000× 238 Start Delay Delay TAC 236 ADC 234 MCA 1.1 1.2 1.3 0.5 0.6 0.7 0.8 0.9 1.0 y Intensity (MBq) PC

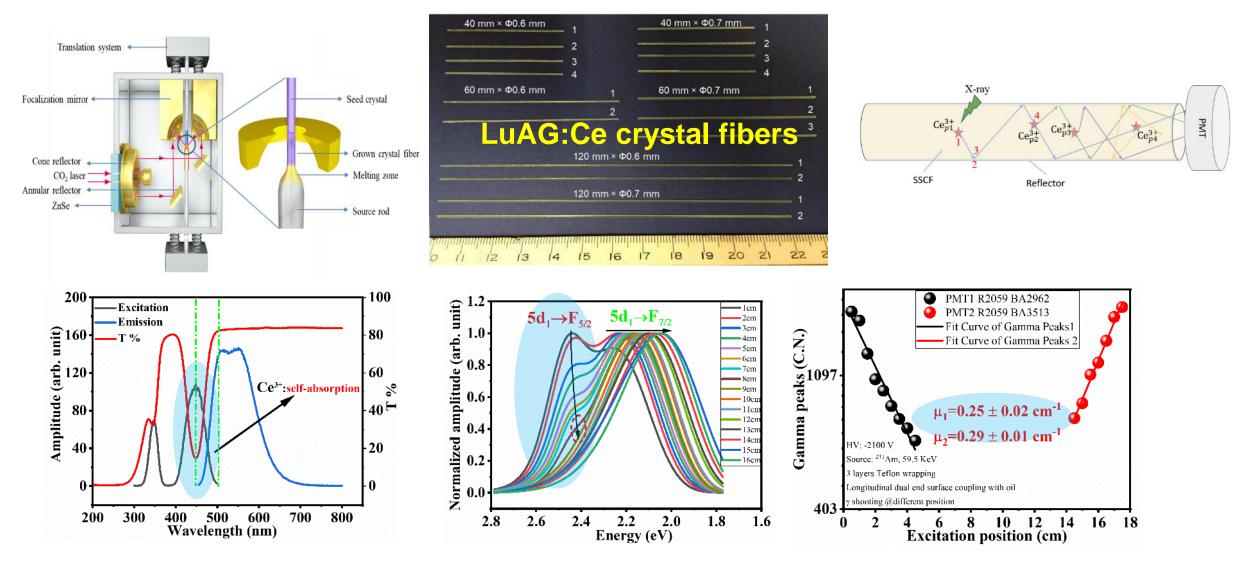
BaF₂:Y crystals are promising for GHz hard X-ray imaging and positron annihilation spectroscopy

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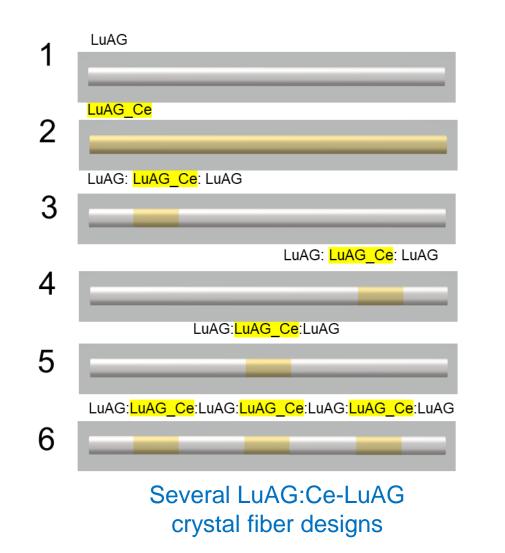
Garnet crystal fibers are promising for Dual-read-out, sampling, shashlik, Spaghetti calorimeters

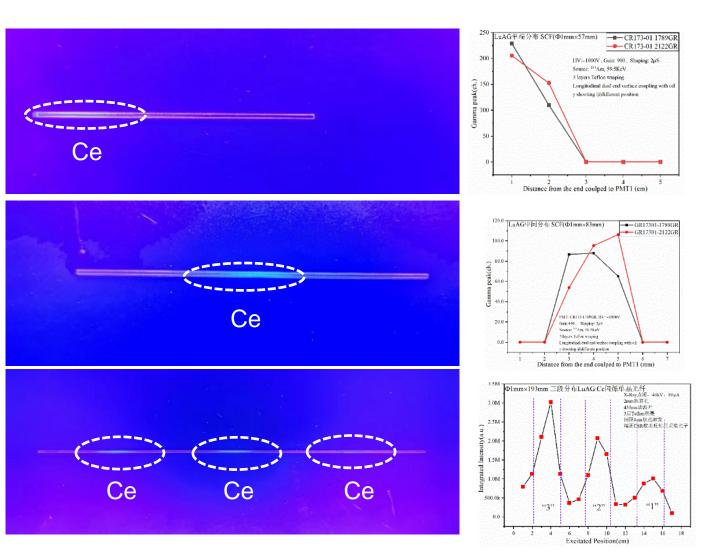
Instruments **2022**, *6*, 27. <u>https://doi.org/10.3390/instruments6030027</u> E. Auffray, Trends, Needs And Synergies In Scintillating Materials, the first DRD6 Collaboration Meeting at CERN



Since 1928

Serious Ce³⁺ self-absorption effect in garnet crystal fibers results in scintillation light attenuation during light transmission process Radiation Measurements 169 (2023) 107017

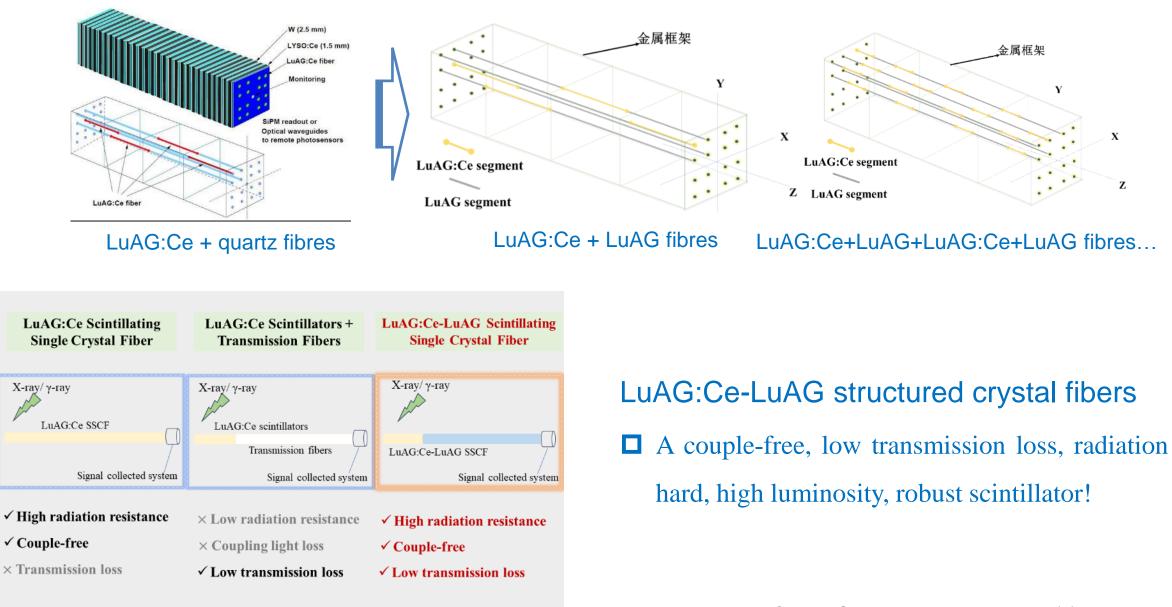




SIC proposes a novel fiber design: detection transmittance single scintillating crystal fibers (DTSSCF)

Crystal Growth & Design, 2024,24(8): 3333-3341

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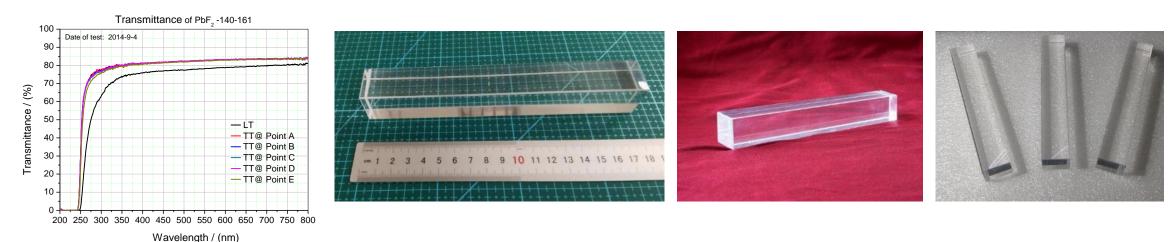


Cherenkov crystals

PbF₂, BSO, BGO, PWO

Cherenkov radiator: PbF₂

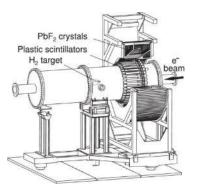




With a radiation length of 0.93 cm and an effective Molie're radius of 1.8 cm, lead fluoride (PbF₂) crystal is a well-known pure Cherenkov radiator with high transmission down to 270 nm.

Experiment	Crystal size	Number	Period
Mainz/MAMI A4	26^2*150-180*30^2 mm ³	1022 pcs	1996—1998
Jefferson Lab	30*30*180mm	100 pcs	2008—2009
Fermi Lab g2	25*25*140mm	1325 pcs	2014—2015
Japan, RIKEN	25*25*140mm	30 pcs	2018



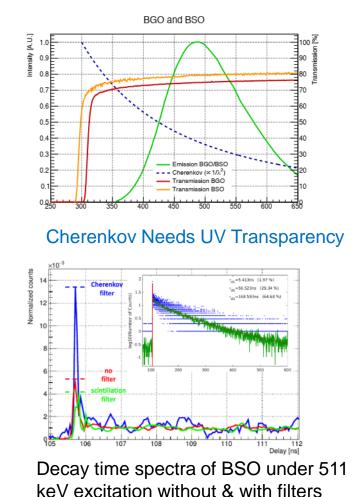


Muon g-2

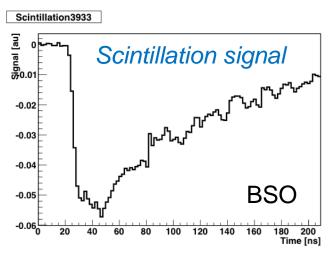
MAMI A4

SIC is the only supplier capable of mass-producing large PbF₂ crystals, and has supplied more than 2500 pcs large crystals for many important experiments, such as, Muon g-2, MAMI A4, etc.

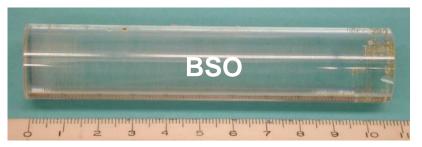
Cherenkov radiators: PWO, BSO, BGO



Cherenkov3933 [au] Signal Signal Cherenkov signal -0.1 -0.15 -0.2 -0.25 -0.3 BSO -0.35 0 20 100 120 160 180 200 40 60 80 140 Time [ns]



PbF2 BGO PWO



Property	BSO	BGO	PWO
Density (g/cm ³)	6.80	7.13	8.28
Radiation length (mm)	11.5	11.2	8.9
Decay time (ns)	~100	~300	~10
Peak emission (nm)	480	480	410-500
Relative light output	0.04	0.1	0.01
Refractive index	2.06	2.15	2.20
Cherenkov angle (°)	61	62	63

Exploitation of Cherenkov/scintillation signals in high density crystals: BSO/BGO/PbWO₄

R. Cala et al, NIMA 1032, 2022, 166527

Talk presented at Calor2012, Santa Fe, by Ren-Yuan Zhu, Caltech

N. Akchrin, Exploiting Cherenkov in Calorimetry, DRD6 Collaboration Meeting 9-12 April 2024, CERN

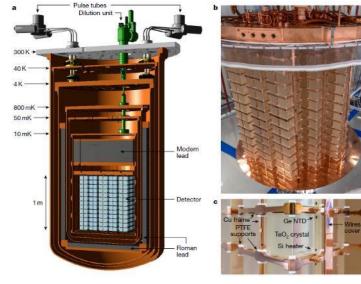


Low radioactive background crystals for rare events physics

pCsI, CsI:Na, SrI₂:Eu, NaI:TI, NaI, Li₂MoO₄...

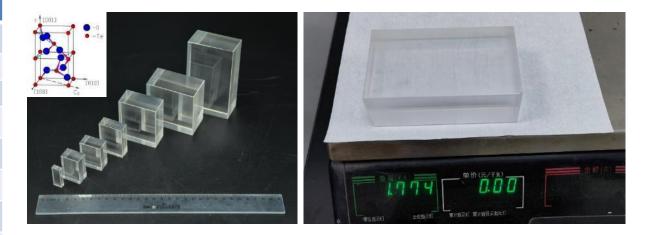
Low background crystals for rare events physics: TeO₂

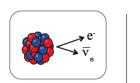




CUORE

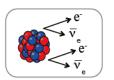
Isotope	A (%)
⁷⁶ Ge ₃₂	7.8
⁸² Se ₃₄	9.2
⁹⁶ Zr ₄₀	2.8
¹⁰⁰ Mo ₄₂	9.6
$^{116}\text{Cd}_{48}$	7.5
¹²⁸ Te ₅₂	31.7
¹³⁰ Te ₅₂	34.5
¹³⁶ Xe ₅₄	8.9





 ${}^{A}_{Z}X \rightarrow {}^{A}_{Z+1}X + e^{-} + \overline{\nu}_{e}$ $\beta \text{ decay}$

Well known weak process



2νββ

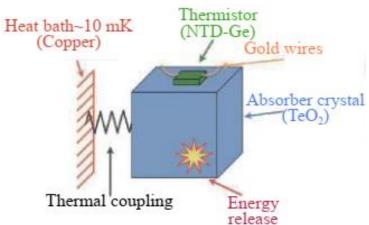
Observed, but rare

Only visible in nuclei with

forbidden single β

 $(T_{1/2}^{1/2} > 10^{19} \text{ yr})$

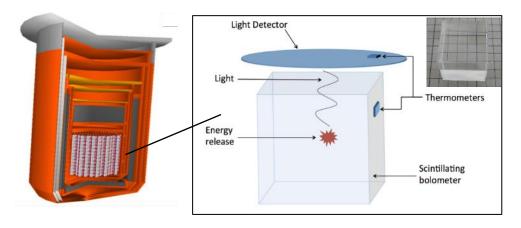
> Ονββ Even rarer than 2νββ (if it occurs at all) Never observed so far



SIC is the sole vendor providing 988 pcs TeO₂ crystals with low Th and U radioactive background for INFN CUORE experiment

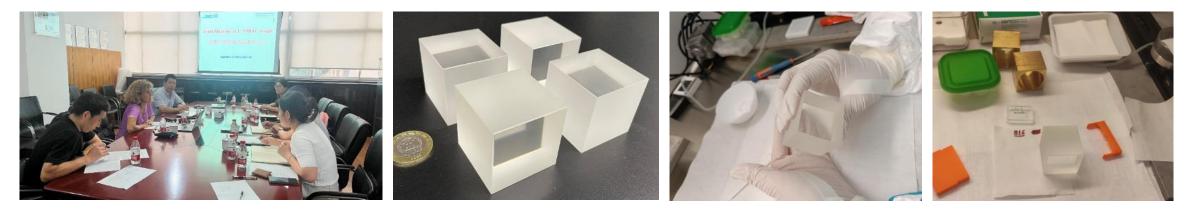
Search for Majorana neutrinos exploiting millikelvin cryogenics with CUORE, Nature, 2022.





Li₂MoO₄ crystals with ultra low background for CUPID

Raw material /crystal		²³² Th SINAP	²³² Th Italy	²³⁸ U	w	к
Item	Specs	ng/kg (ppt)			mg/kg	µg/kg
Powder	Aqueous solution	7282		10729	16	17349
Crystal	1 st growth	112	49.5	831	418	< 100
Crystal	2 nd growth	82	5.0	700	464	< 100



LMO meeting on September 25, 2023

¹⁰⁰Mo enriched LMO crystals (45*45*45mm³) developed in SIC

¹⁰⁰Mo enriched undoped and doped LMO crystals is prepared for the CUORE Upgrade with Particle Identification (CUPID) experiment

Low background crystals for rare events physics: NaI:TI

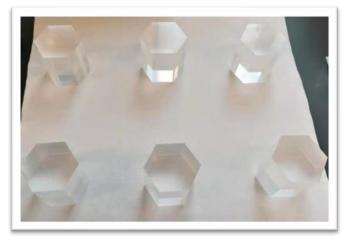




ICP-MS results of potassium (K in ppb g/g)

Nal powder	11	ТПр	owder	220
Nal crystal	TII doping (wt.%)	po	sition	Sampling position
		1	3	
2 inch in Diameter	0	2	5	
Diameter		3	12	
3 inch in	0	1	5	
Diameter		3	21	
3 inch in	0.2	1	6	
Diameter 1#		3	22	
3 inch in	0.2	1	9	
Diameter 2#		3	35]

As grown Φ135 mm large NaI(TI) crystals with low radioactive background are successfully grown at SIC

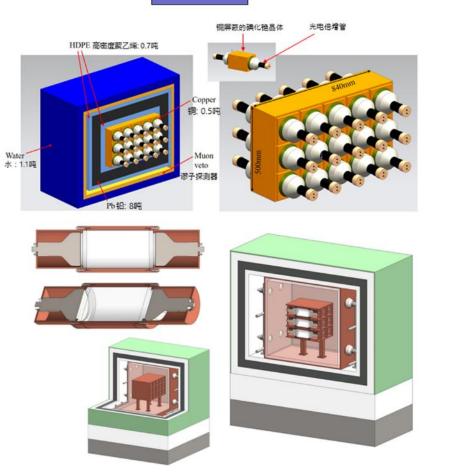




 Low radioactive background (~3 ppb
K) hexagonal Nal crystals are grown at SIC for COSINUS experiment



(CICENNS)



Isotopes	²³⁸ U	232 Th	87 Rb	$^{137}\mathrm{Cs}$	^{134}Cs
	(ppt)	(ppt)	(ppb)	(mBq/kg).	(mBq/kg).
CICENNS	$10{\pm}10$	$30{\pm}10$	~ 0.5	??	??
KIMS	$0.75{\pm}0.23$	$0.38{\pm}0.07$	$1.3{\pm}0.4$	$6.3{\pm}0.7$	14.1 ± 1.1
COHERENT	< 1000	< 1000	~ 20	$28 \pm 3.$	26 ± 2



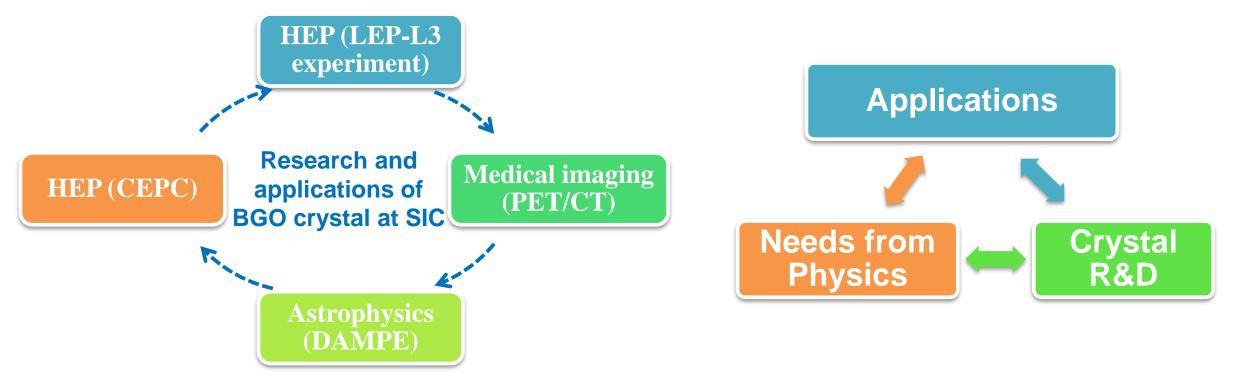
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R&D on large CsI:Na crystals (φ5 inch) with low background are carried out at SIC for Coherent Elastic Neutrino-Nucleus Scattering (CICENNS) experiment (total weight: 300 kg)



Development of "good" crystals needs multidisciplinary (MSE, Physical understanding and needs...,) collaborations and communications, which are mutually beneficial



Success examples in R&D of several important crystals:

- **BGO**: LEP(L3) -> R&D on 24 cm BGO crystal-> PET/CT -> DAMPE (60 cm) -> CEPC (40 cm?)
- **Csl**: Babar/Belle/BESIII -> Security Check -> Mu2e/Belle-II
- **Y-doping**: LHC(CMS) -> PWO:Y -> LYSO:Ce (PET/CT) -> BaF₂:Y -> future HEP(?).....





Thanks for your attention!

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