



Temporal Response of Ultrafast Inorganic Scintillators

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A beam test carried out at the APS 10-ID-B site on July 2 -3, 2018



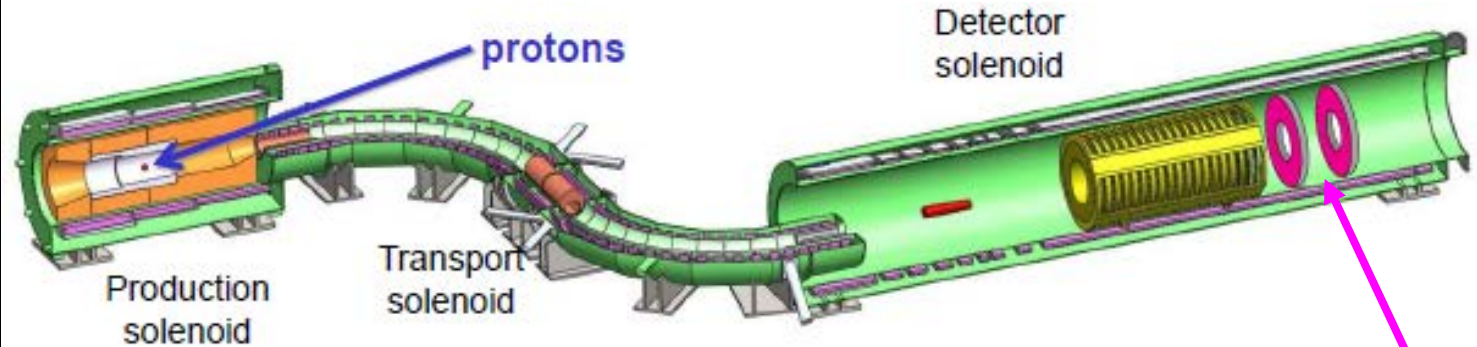
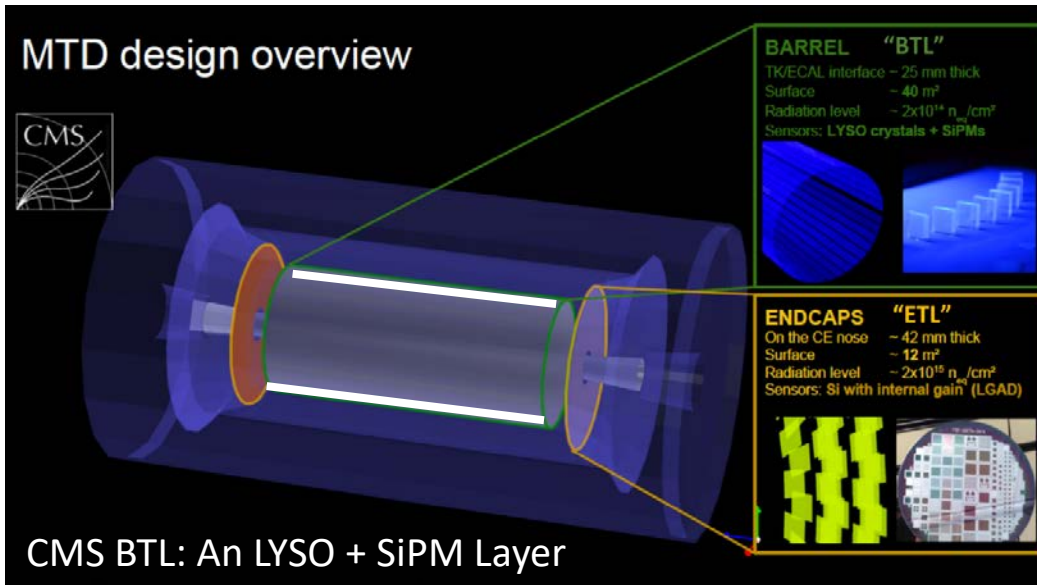
Why Ultrafast Crystals?



- **Precision photons and electrons measurements enhance physics discovery potential in HEP experiments.**
- **Performance of crystal calorimeter in e/γ measurements is well understood:**
 - The best possible energy resolution;
 - Good position resolution;
 - **Good e/γ identification and reconstruction efficiency.**
- **Ultrafast and rad hard crystals for HEP & NP experiments:**
 - At the energy frontier (LYSO BTL & Shashlik Cal for CMS at HL-LHC);
 - At the intensity frontier (BaF₂:Y calorimeter for Mu2e-II);
 - **For GHz hard X-ray imaging (Ultrafast front imager for MaRIE at LANL).**

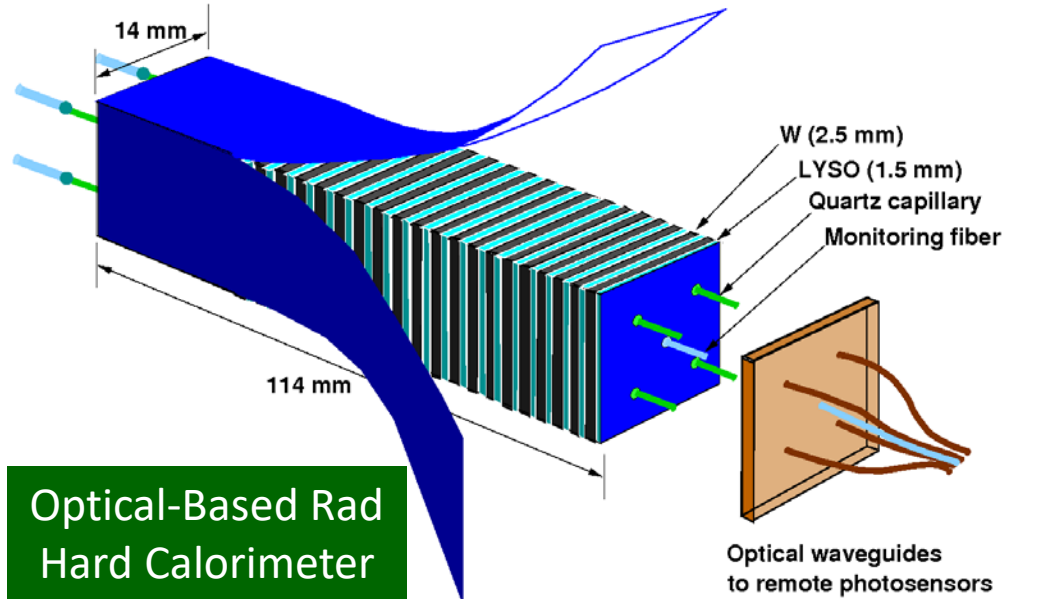


Application of Ultrafast Crystals

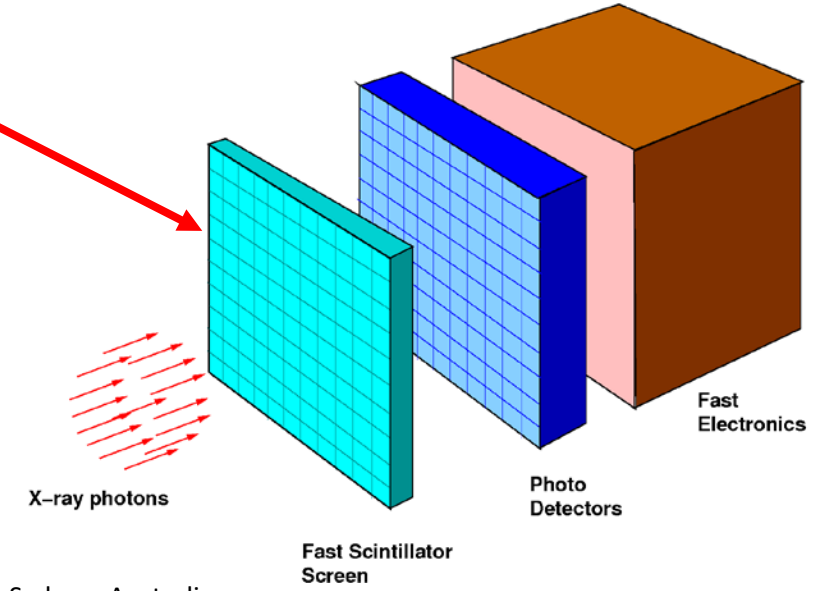


Mu2e-II: [arXiv:1802.02599](https://arxiv.org/abs/1802.02599)
 See papers N21-4, N37-4

Mu2e-I: 1,348 CsI of 34 x 34 x 200 mm
 Mu2e-II: 1,940 BaF₂:Y of 30 x 30 x 218 mm



A BaF₂ crystal based ultrafast front imager proposed for GHz hard X-ray imaging for the proposed MaRIE project in the 2016 workshop at Santa Fe





Fast and Ultrafast Inorganic Scintillators



	BaF ₂	BaF ₂ :Y	ZnO:Ga	YAP:Yb	YAG:Yb	β-Ga ₂ O ₃	LYSO:Ce	LuAG:Ce	YAP:Ce	GAGG:Ce	LuYAP:Ce	YSO:Ce
Density (g/cm ³)	4.89	4.89	5.67	5.35	4.56	5.94 ^[1]	7.4	6.76	5.35	6.5	7.2 ^f	4.44
Melting points (°C)	1280	1280	1975	1870	1940	1725	2050	2060	1870	1850	1930	2070
X ₀ (cm)	2.03	2.03	2.51	2.77	3.53	2.51	1.14	1.45	2.77	1.63	1.37	3.10
R _M (cm)	3.1	3.1	2.28	2.4	2.76	2.20	2.07	2.15	2.4	2.20	2.01	2.93
λ _l (cm)	30.7	30.7	22.2	22.4	25.2	20.9	20.9	20.6	22.4	21.5	19.5	27.8
Z _{eff}	51.6	51.6	27.7	31.9	30	28.1	64.8	60.3	31.9	51.8	58.6	33.3
dE/dX (MeV/cm)	6.52	6.52	8.42	8.05	7.01	8.82	9.55	9.22	8.05	8.96	9.82	6.57
λ _{peak} ^a (nm)	300 220	300 220	380	350	350	380	420	520	370	540	385	420
Refractive Index ^b	1.50	1.50	2.1	1.96	1.87	1.97	1.82	1.84	1.96	1.92	1.94	1.78
Normalized Light Yield ^{a,c}	42 4.8	1.7 4.8	6.6 ^d	0.19 ^d	0.36 ^d	6.5 0.5	100	35 ^e 48 ^e	9 32	115	16 15	80
Total Light yield (ph/MeV)	13,000	2,000	2,000 ^d	57 ^d	110 ^d	2,100	30,000	25,000 ^e	12,000	34,400	10,000	24,000
Decay time ^a (ns)	600 0.6	600 0.6	<1	1.5	4	148 6	40	820 50	191 25	53	1485 36	75
LY in 1 st ns (photons/MeV)	1200	1200	610 ^d	28 ^d	24 ^d	43	740	240	391	640	125	318
40 keV Att. Leng. (1/e, mm)	0.106	0.106	0.407	0.314	0.439	0.394	0.185	0.251	0.314	0.319	0.214	0.334

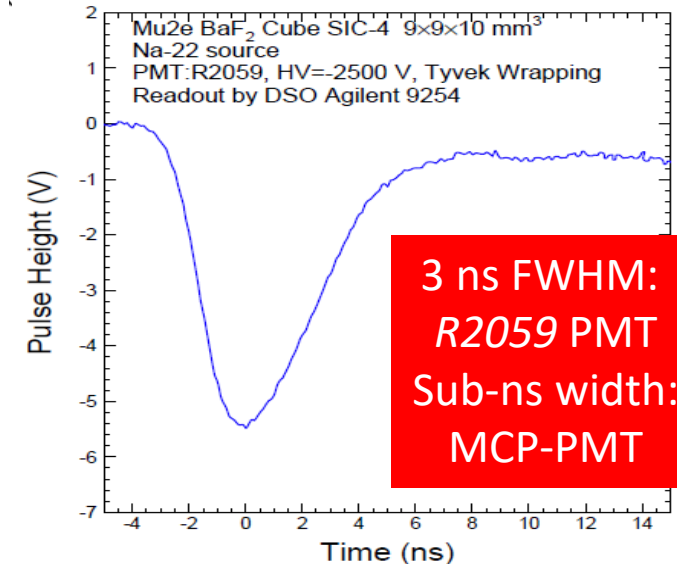
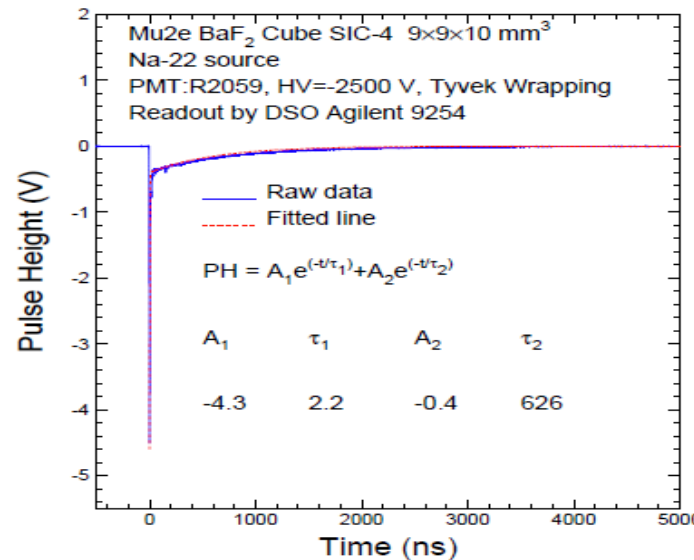
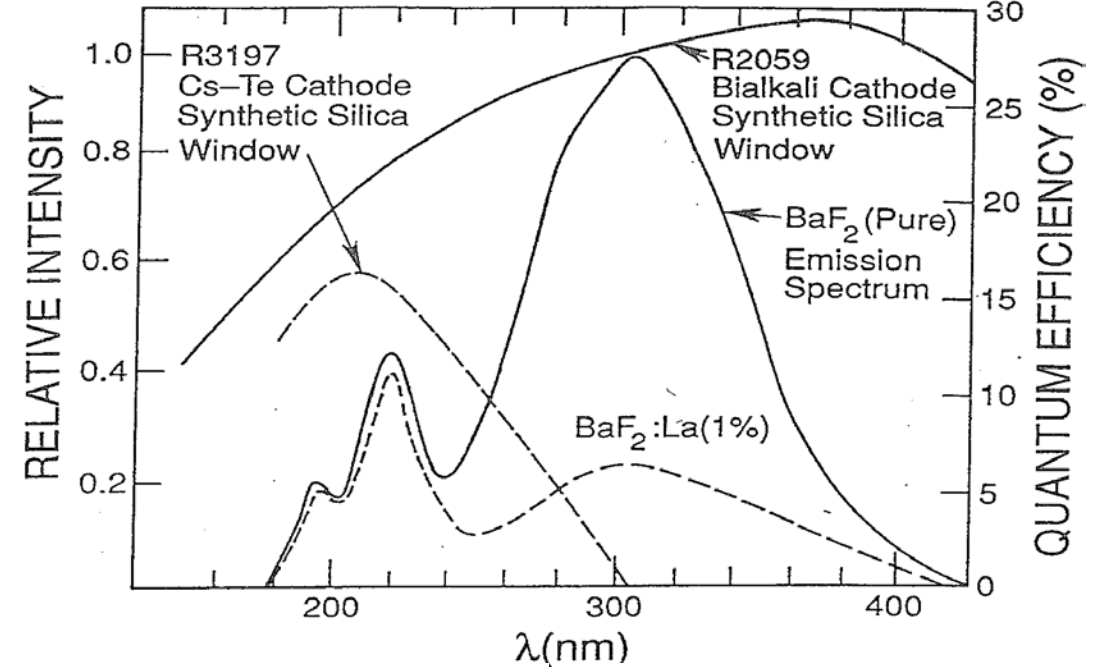


Ultrafast and Slow Light from BaF₂

BaF₂ has a fast scintillation component with sub-ns decay time, and a 600 ns slow component.

The amount of the fast light is similar to undoped CsI, and is 1/5 of the slow component.

Spectroscopic readout of the fast component may be realized by (1) selective doping with rare earths or (2) a solar blind photodetector.



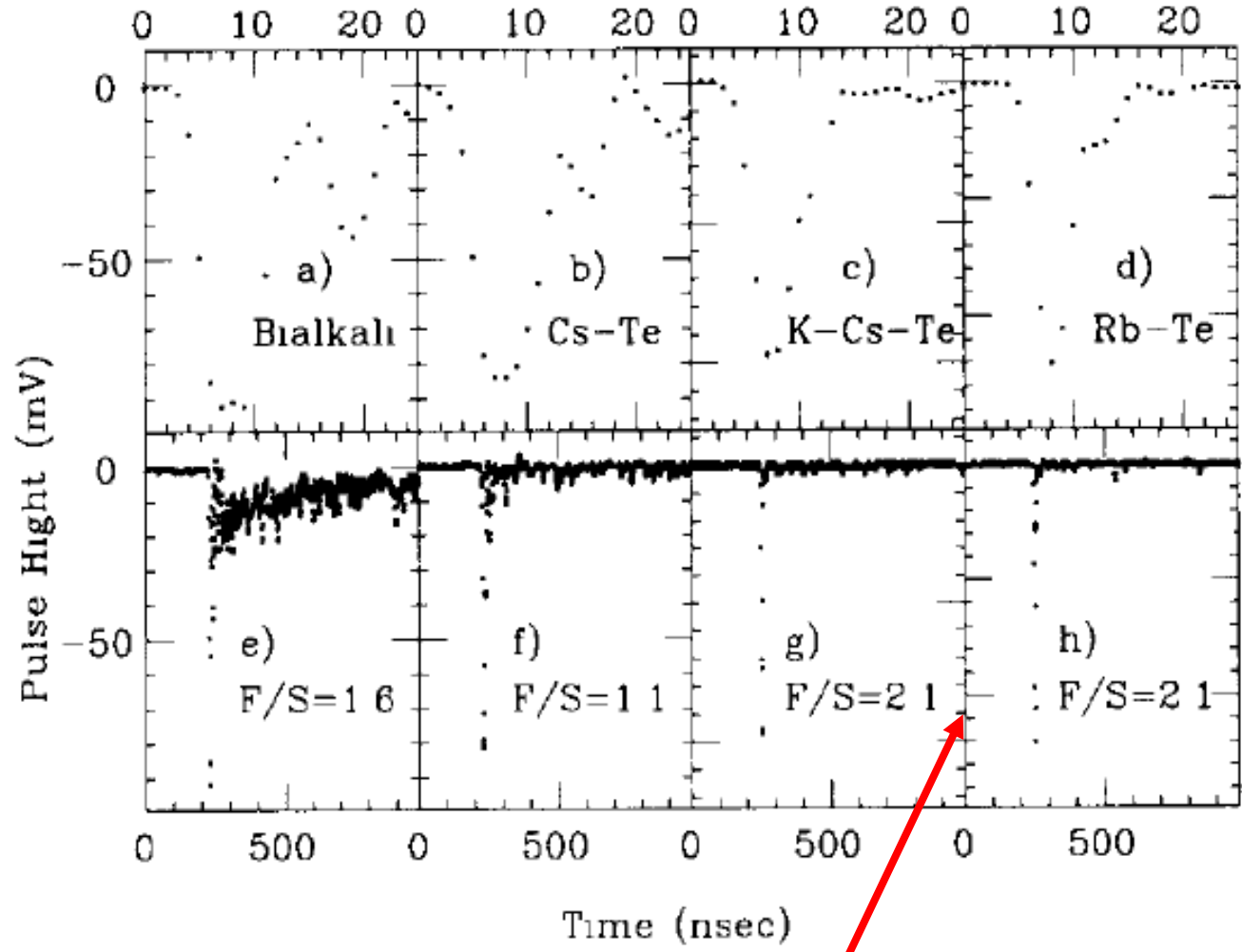
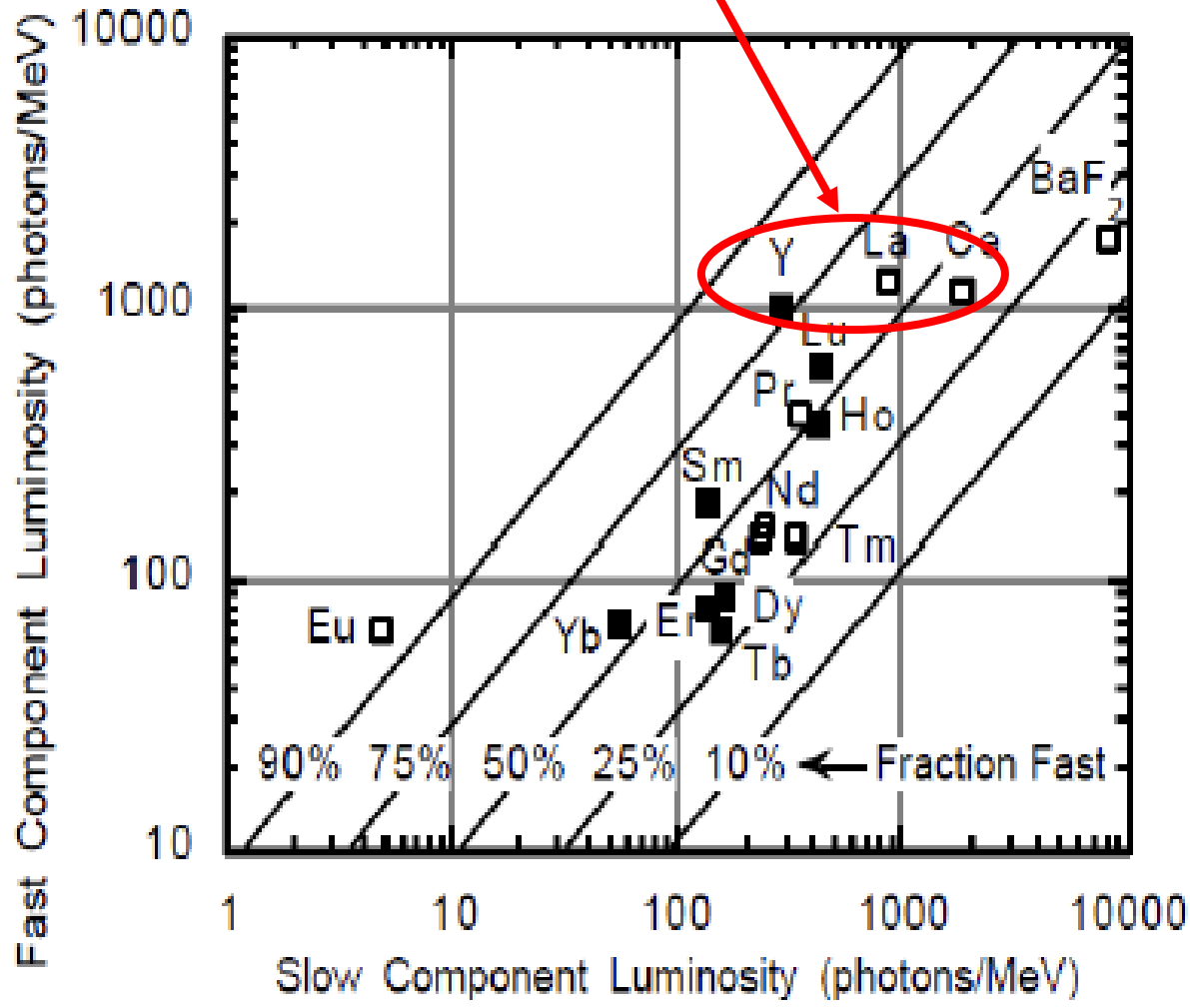
3 ns FWHM:
R2059 PMT
Sub-ns width:
MCP-PMT



Slow Suppression: RE Doping & SB Readout



MRS Proceedings (1994) 277: Slow suppression by RE doping



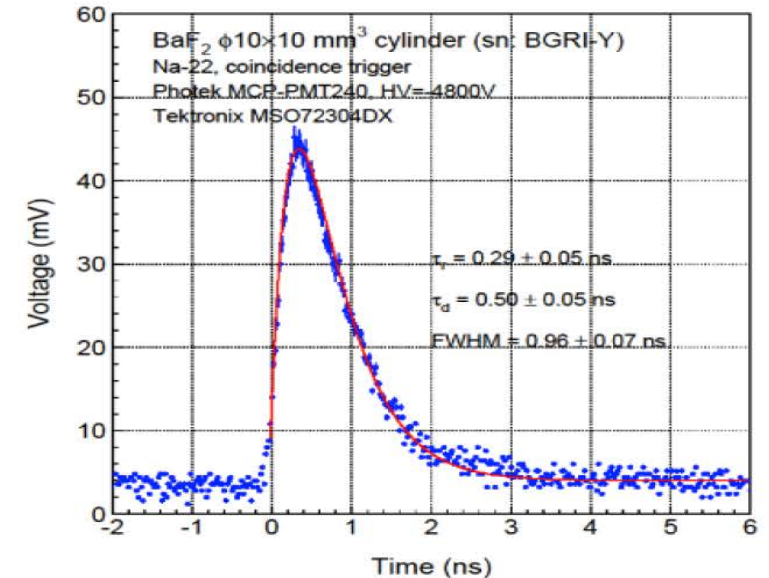
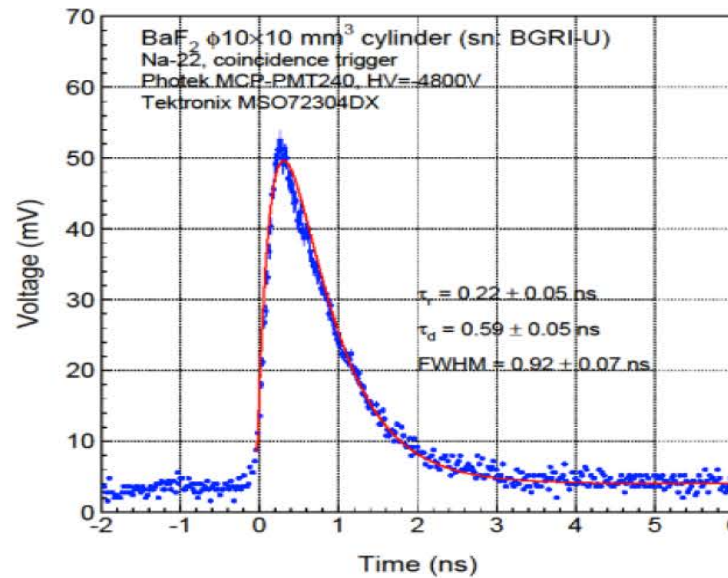
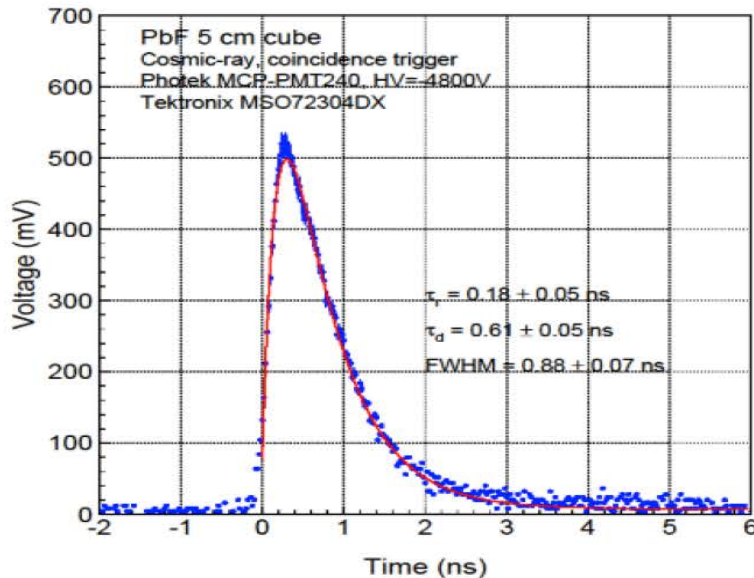
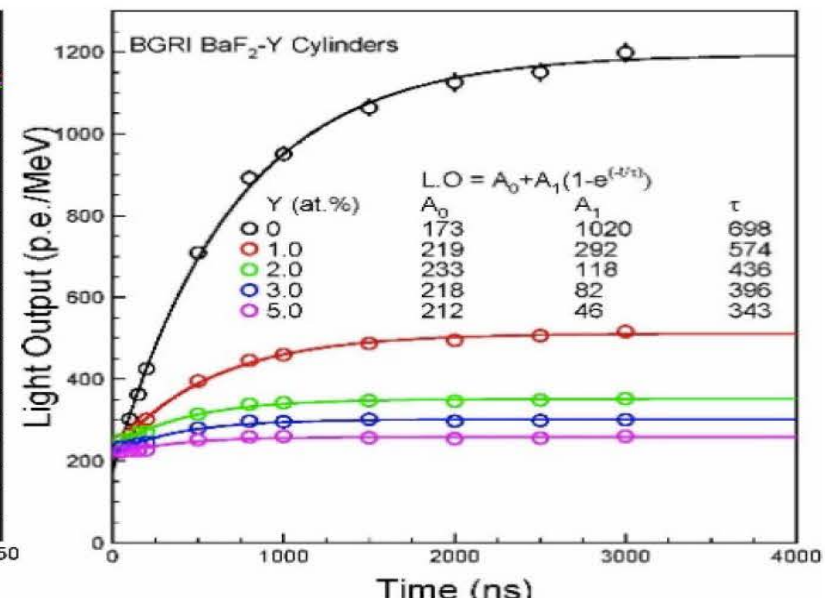
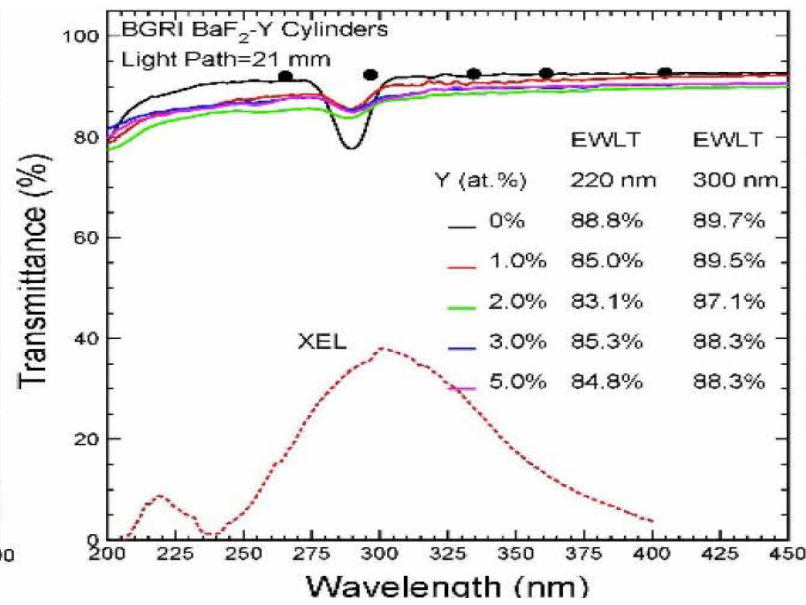
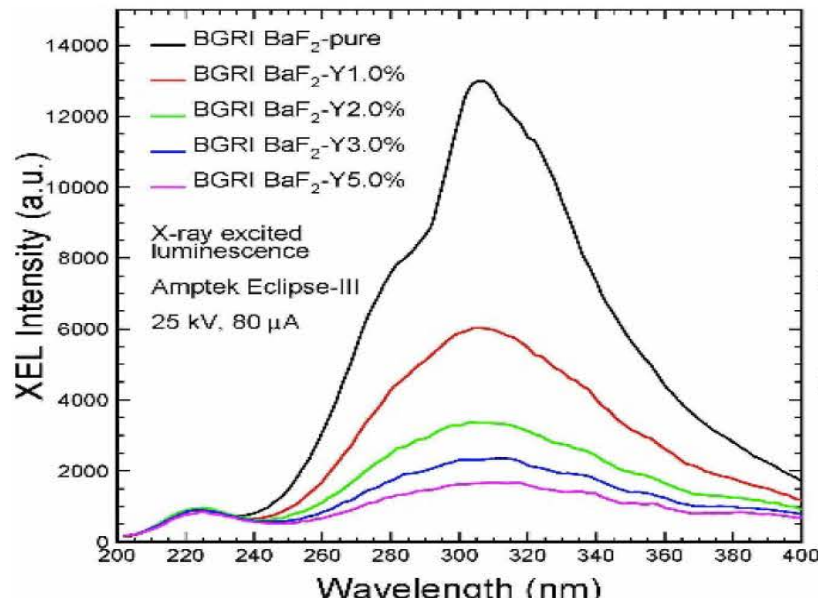
NIM 240 (1994) 442: Cs-Te, K-Cs-Te and Rb-Te cathode achieved F/S = 2/1



Yttrium Doped Barium Fluoride: BaF₂:Y



Significant increased F/S ratio in BaF₂:Y; Sub-ns FWHM by MCP-PMT

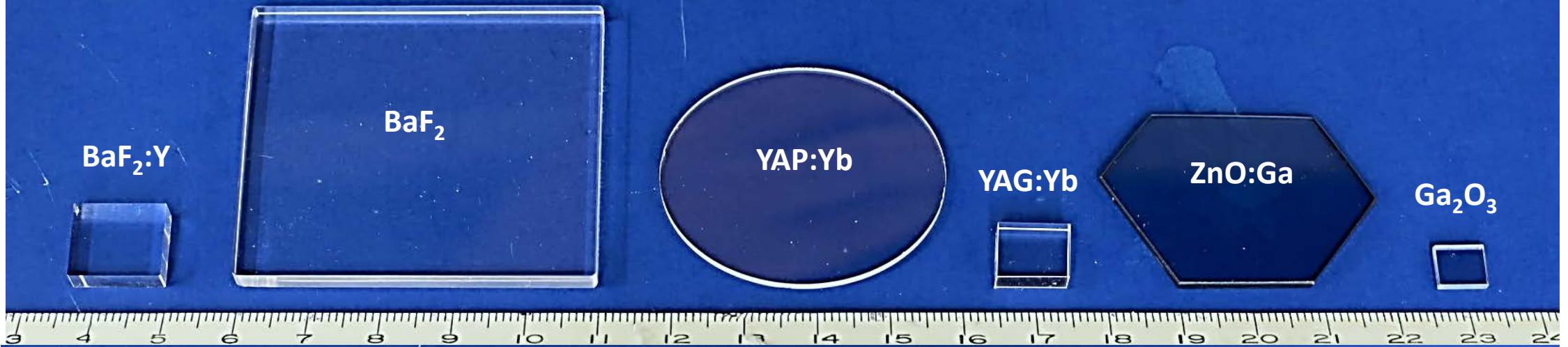




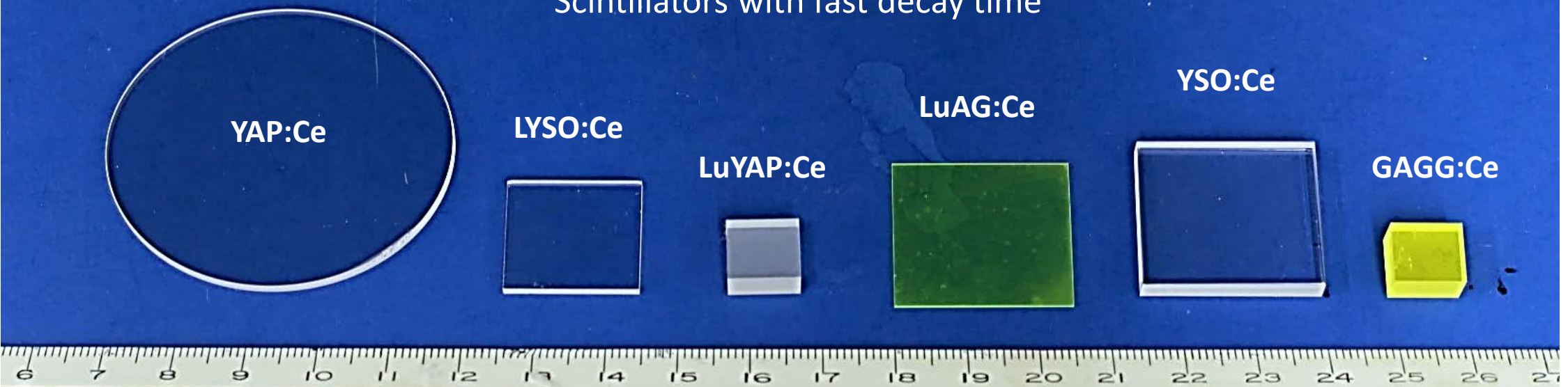
Temporal Response Measured at APS



Scintillators with ultrafast decay time



Scintillators with fast decay time

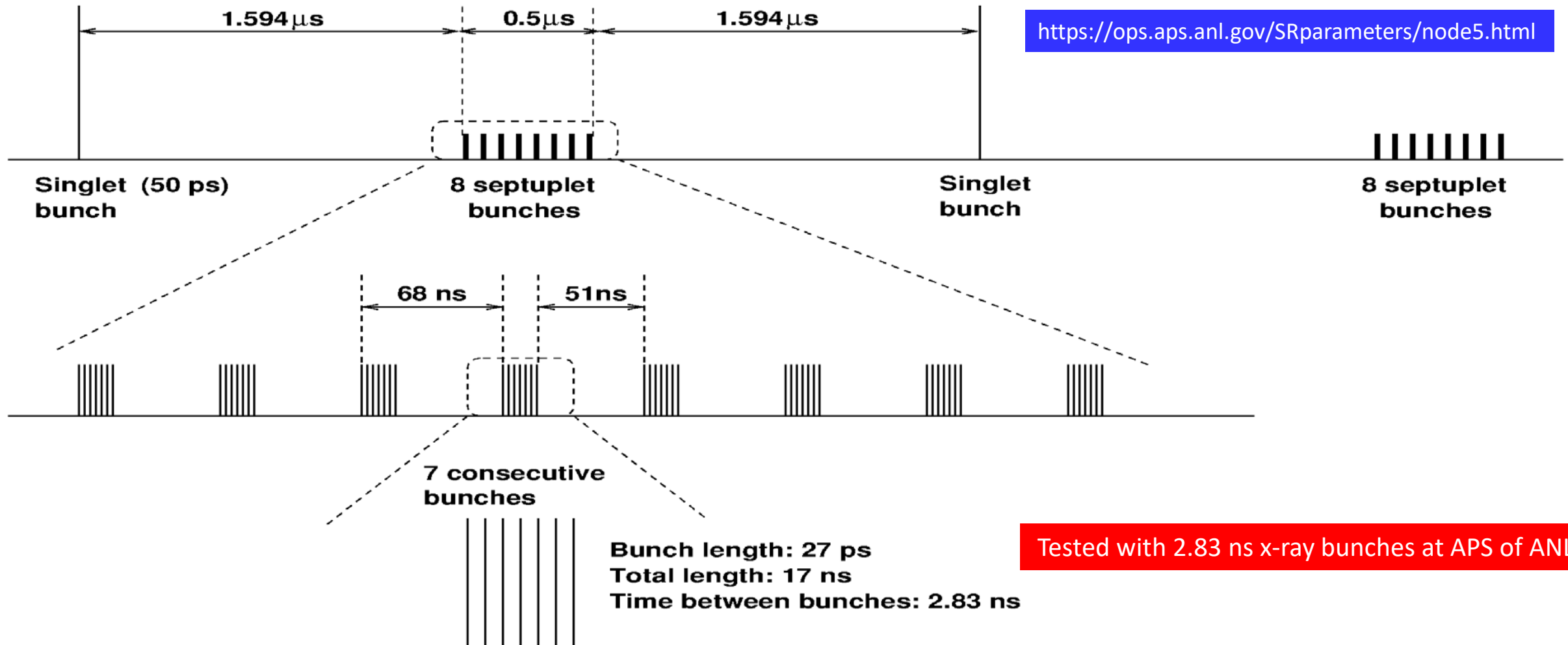




APS 30 keV X-Ray Hybrid Beam



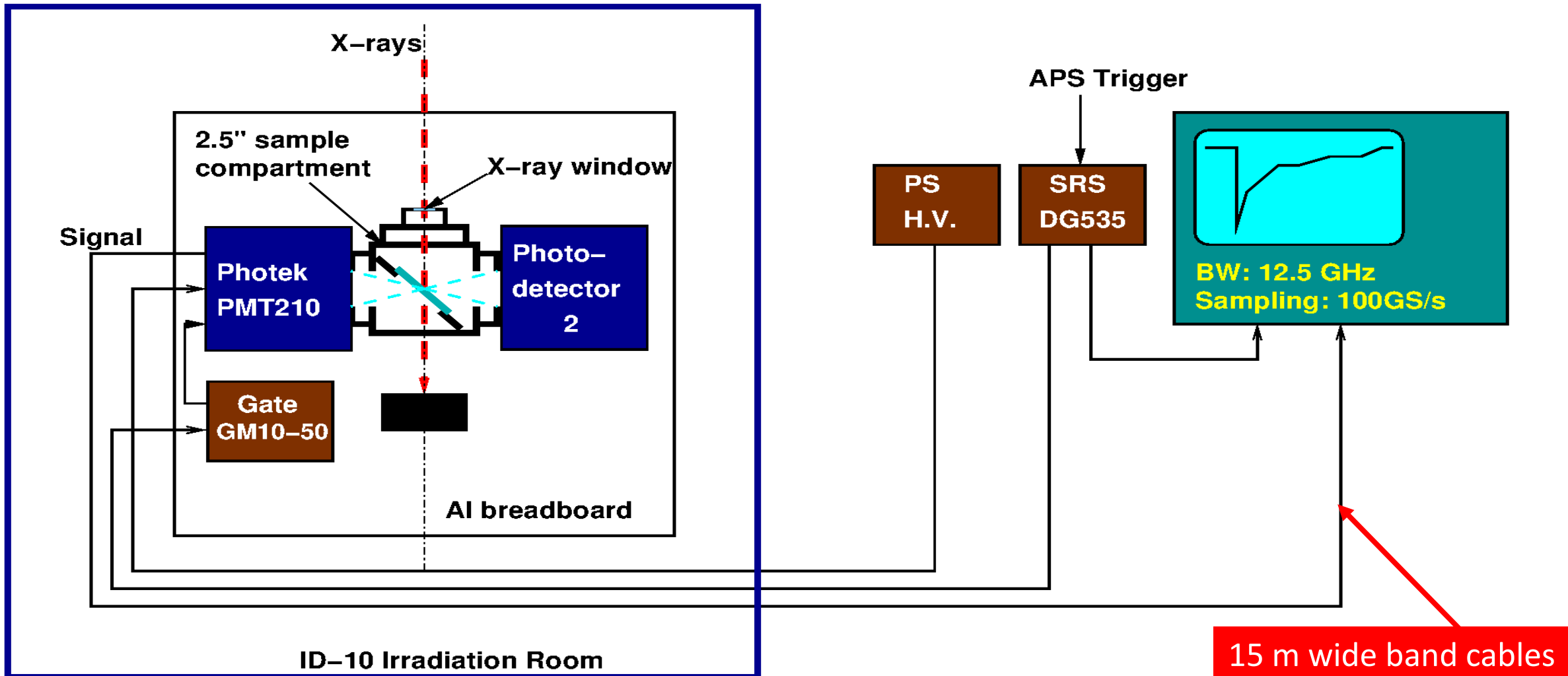
Singlet (16 mA, 50 ps) isolated from 8 septuplets (88 mA) with 1.594 μ s gap; 8 septuplets (88 mA) with a 68 ns period and a 51 ns gap; Each septuplet of 17 ns consists of 7 bunches (27 ps) and 2.83 ns apart; Total beam current: 102 mA, rate: 270 kHz, period: 3.7 μ s.





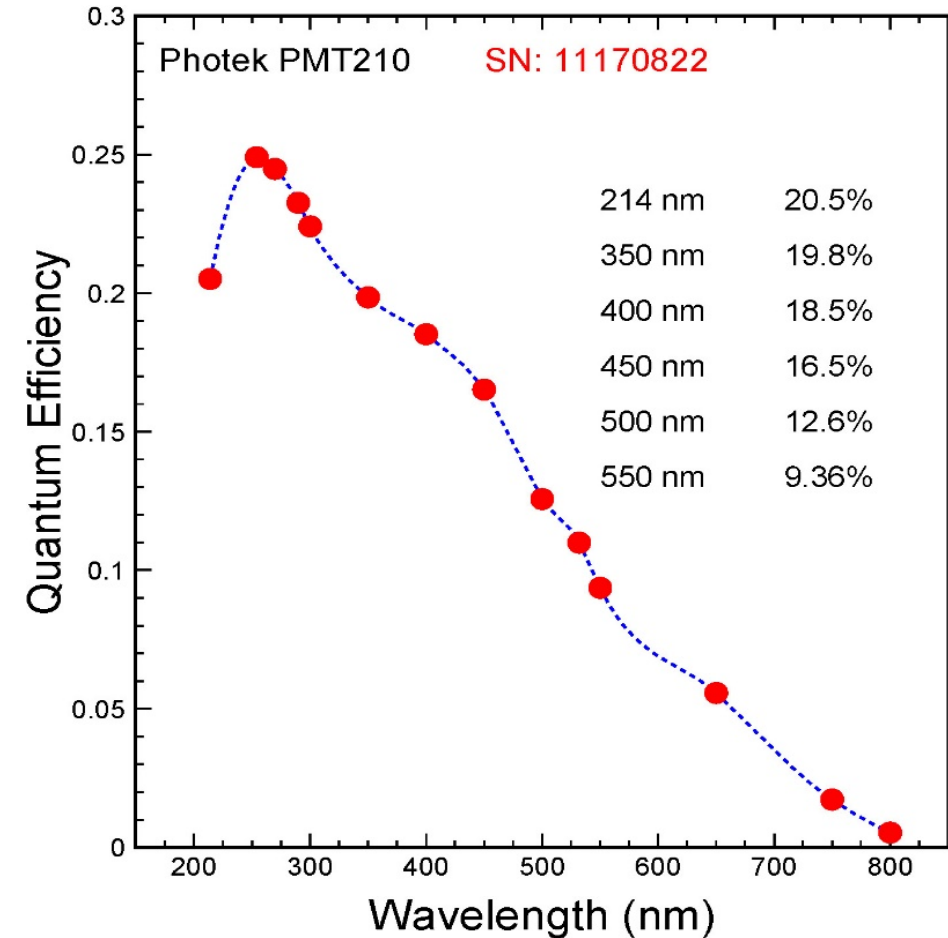
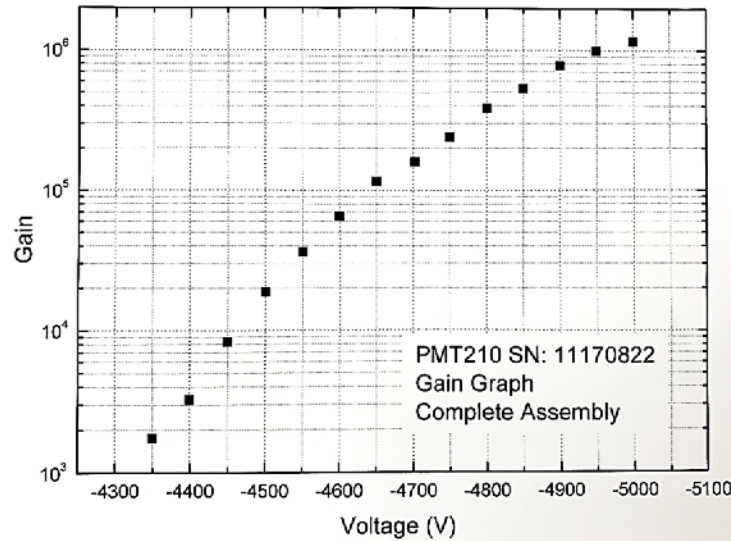
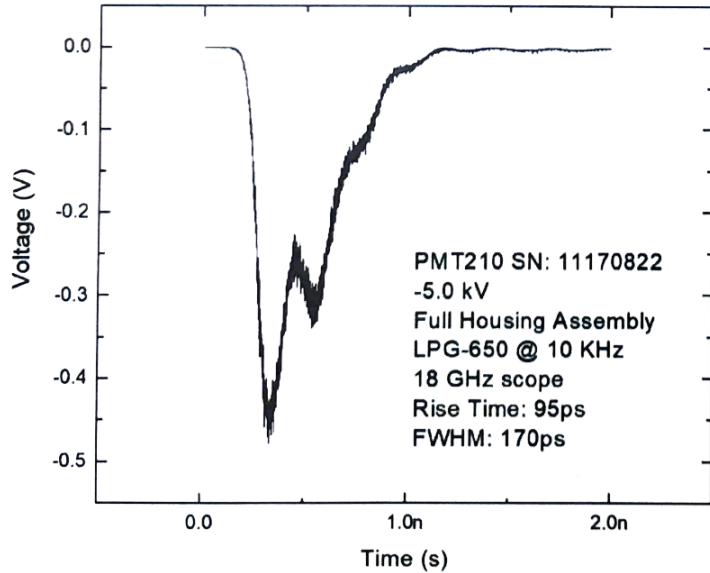
Test Setup at Advanced Photon Source

Crystals, MCP-PMT and gate unit were in the hutch of the APS 10-ID site; DPO, delay generator and HV power supplier were in the control room; MCP-PMT signal went through a 15 m wideband SMA cable to DPO





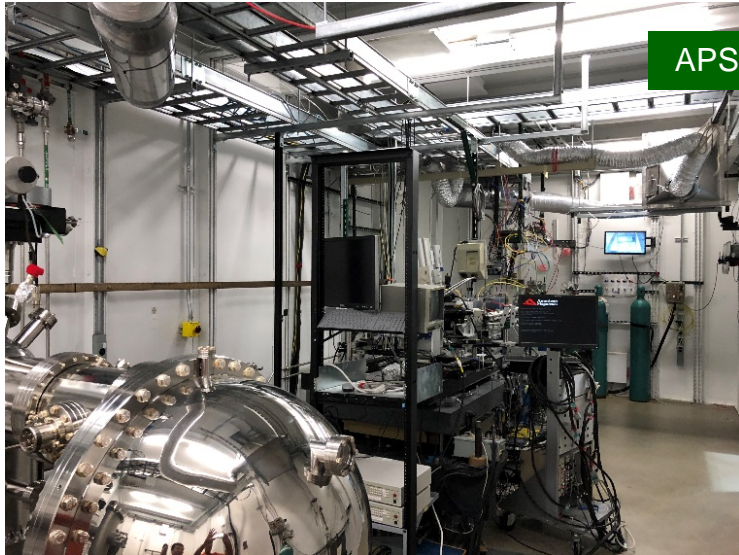
Photek MCP-PMT 110, 210, 240



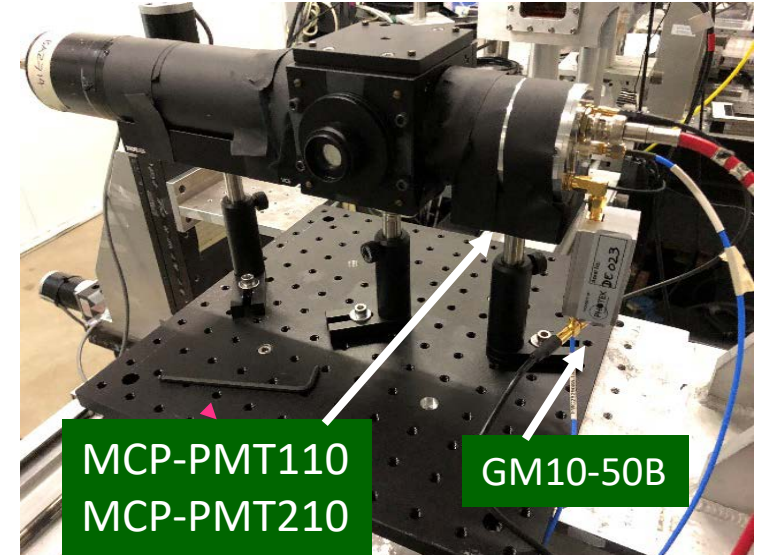
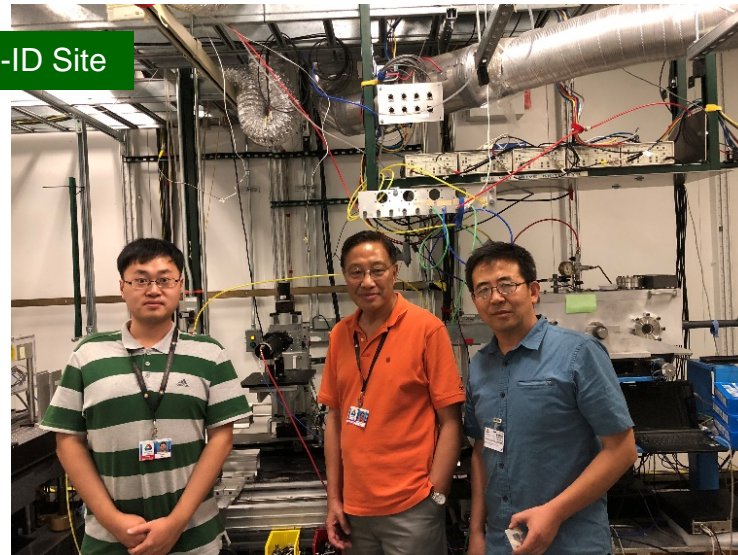
PD	Active area (mm ²)	Spectral range (nm)	Peak sensitivity (nm)	Gain	Rise time (ns)	FWHM (ns)
Hamamatsu PMT R2059	Φ46	160-650	450	2×10 ⁷	1.3	3
Photek MCP PMT110	Φ10	160-850	280-450	1×10 ⁴	0.065	0.11
Photek MCP PMT210	Φ10	160-850	280-450	1×10 ⁶	0.095	0.17
Photek MCP PMT240	Φ40	160-850	280-450	1×10 ⁶	0.18	0.85



Caltech Team at APS of ANL (July 2 -3, 2018)



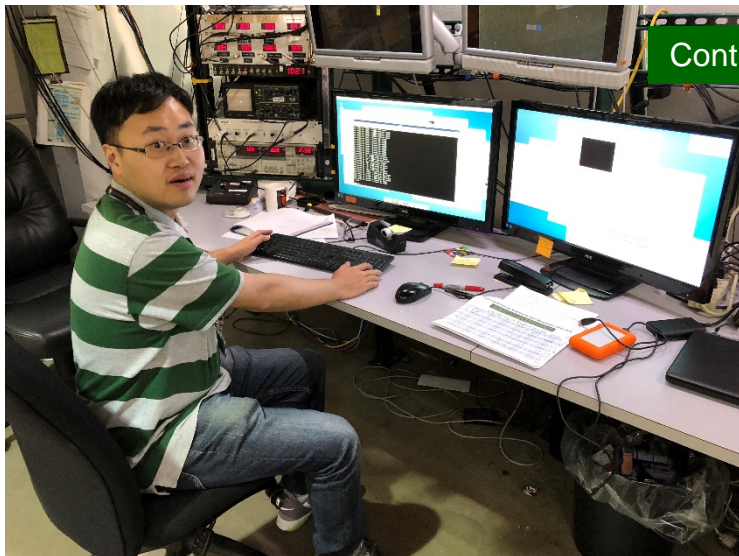
APS 10-ID Site



MCP-PMT110
MCP-PMT210

GM10-50B

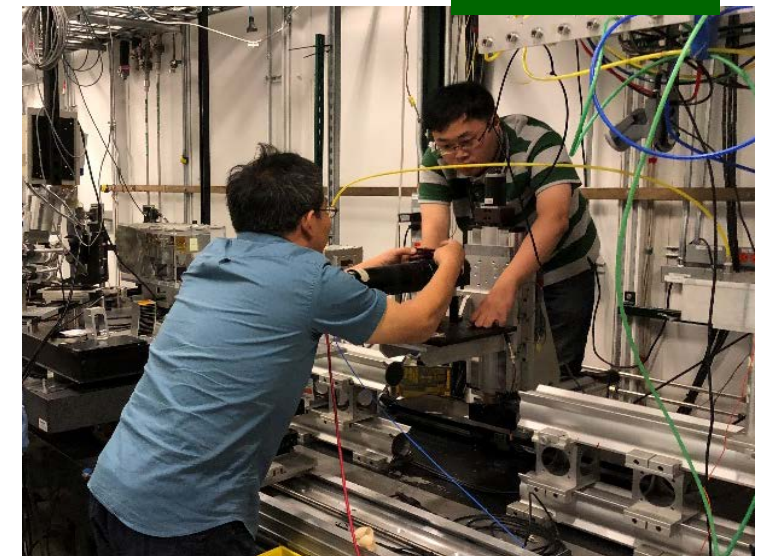
APS 10-ID Site



Control Room



DPO71254C



APS 10-ID Site

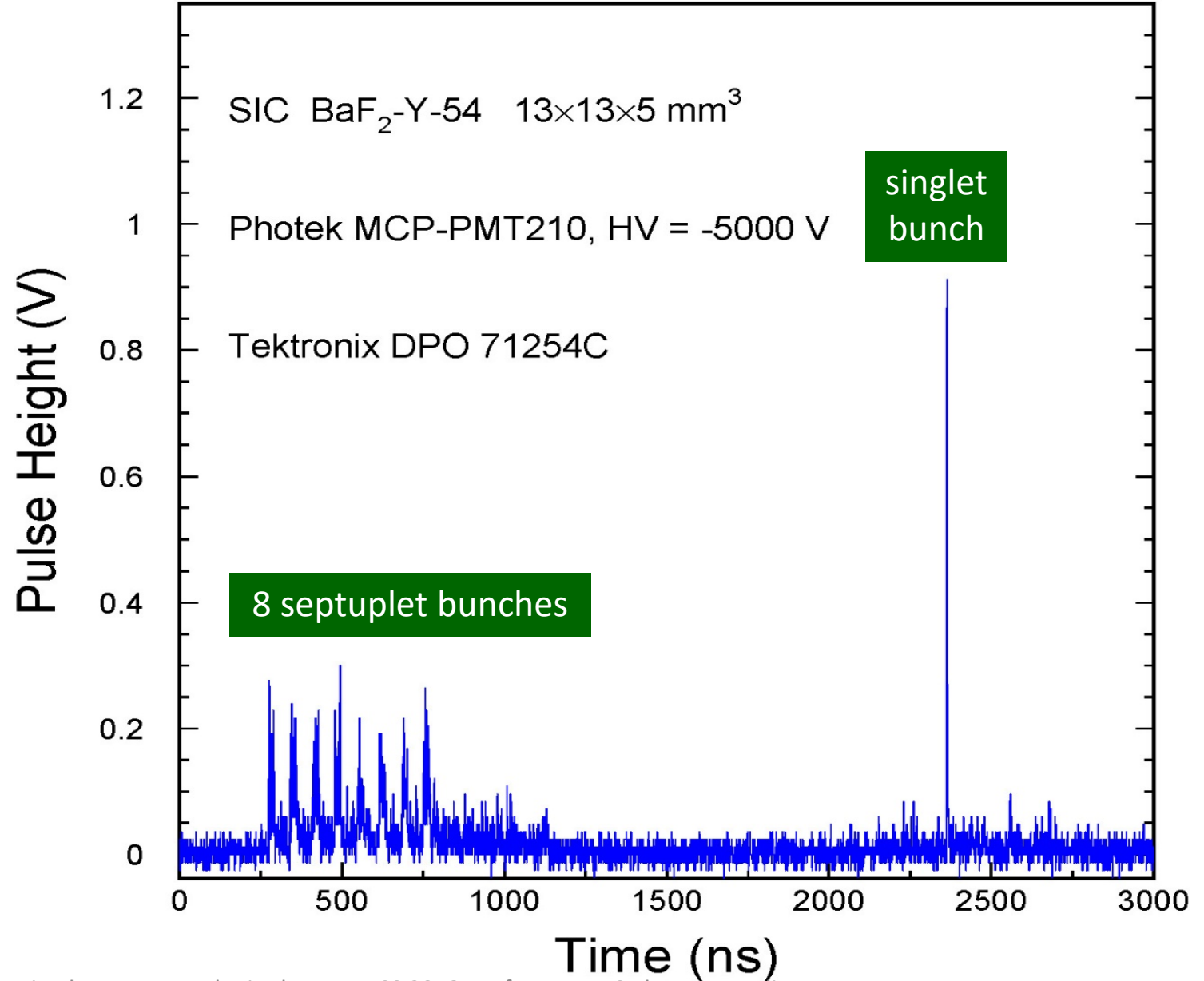


BaF₂:Y Response to Hybrid Beam



Data taken with Photek PMT & gate unit for septuplet bunches show BaF₂:Y's capability for hard X-ray imaging with 2.83 ns bunch spacing.

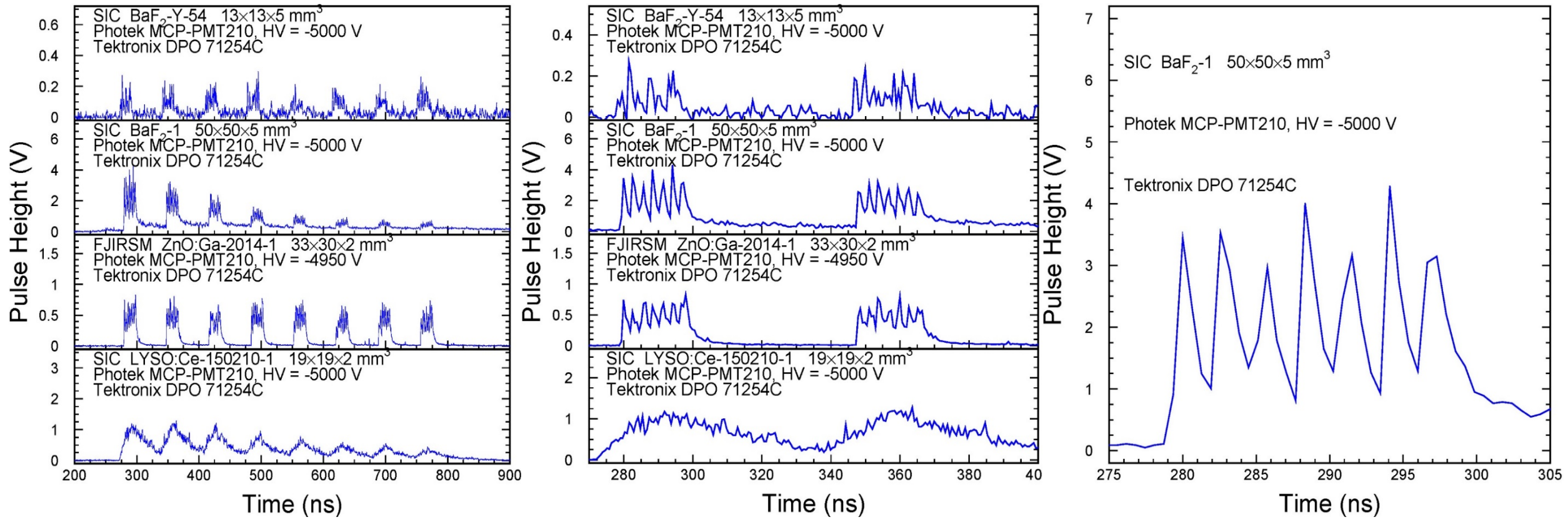
Data were also taken for singlet bunches to show various crystal's temporal response.





Septuplets: $\text{BaF}_2:\text{Y}$, BaF_2 , $\text{ZnO}:\text{Ga}$ & LYSO

X-ray bunches with 2.83 ns spacing in septuplet are clearly resolved by ultrafast $\text{BaF}_2:\text{Y}$ and BaF_2 crystals, showing a proof-of-principle for the type -I imager



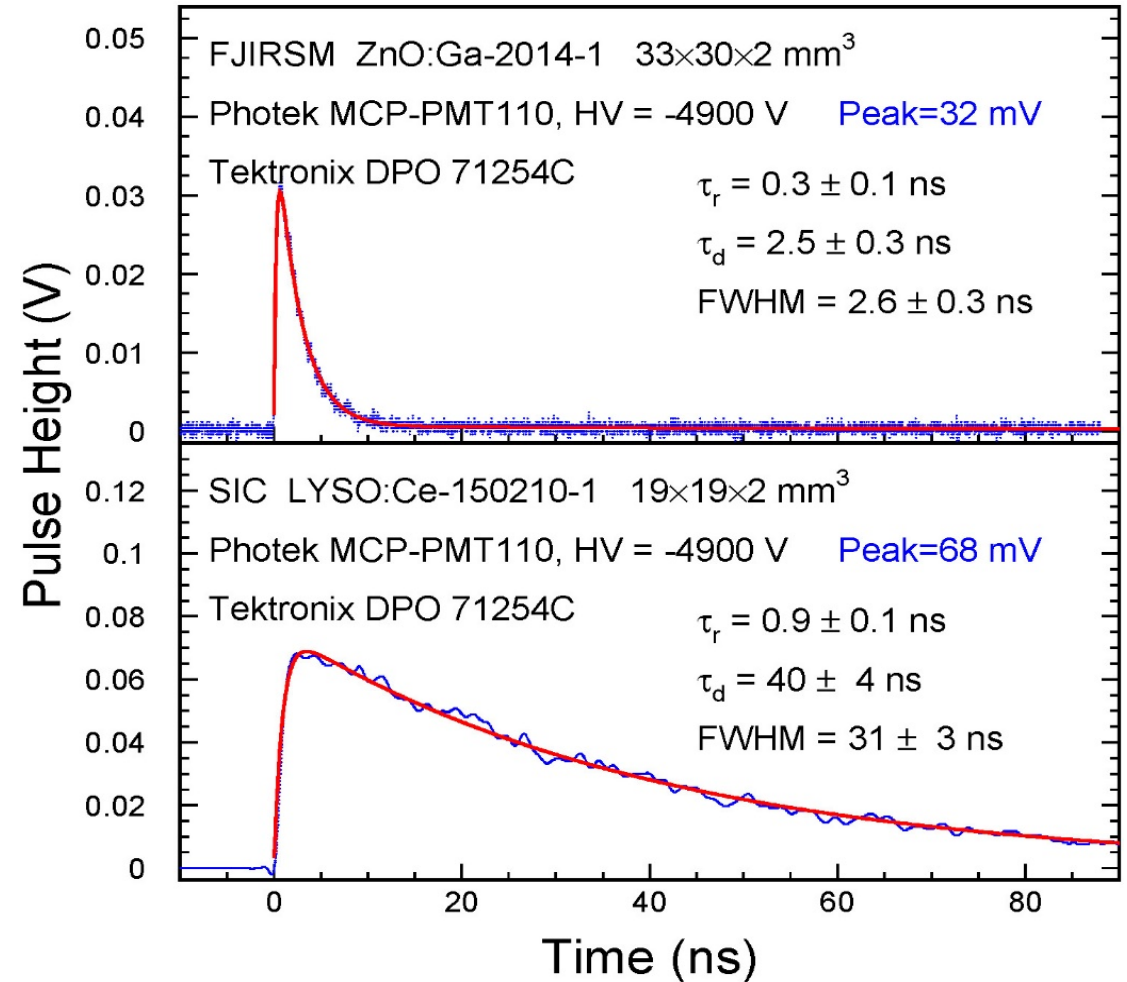
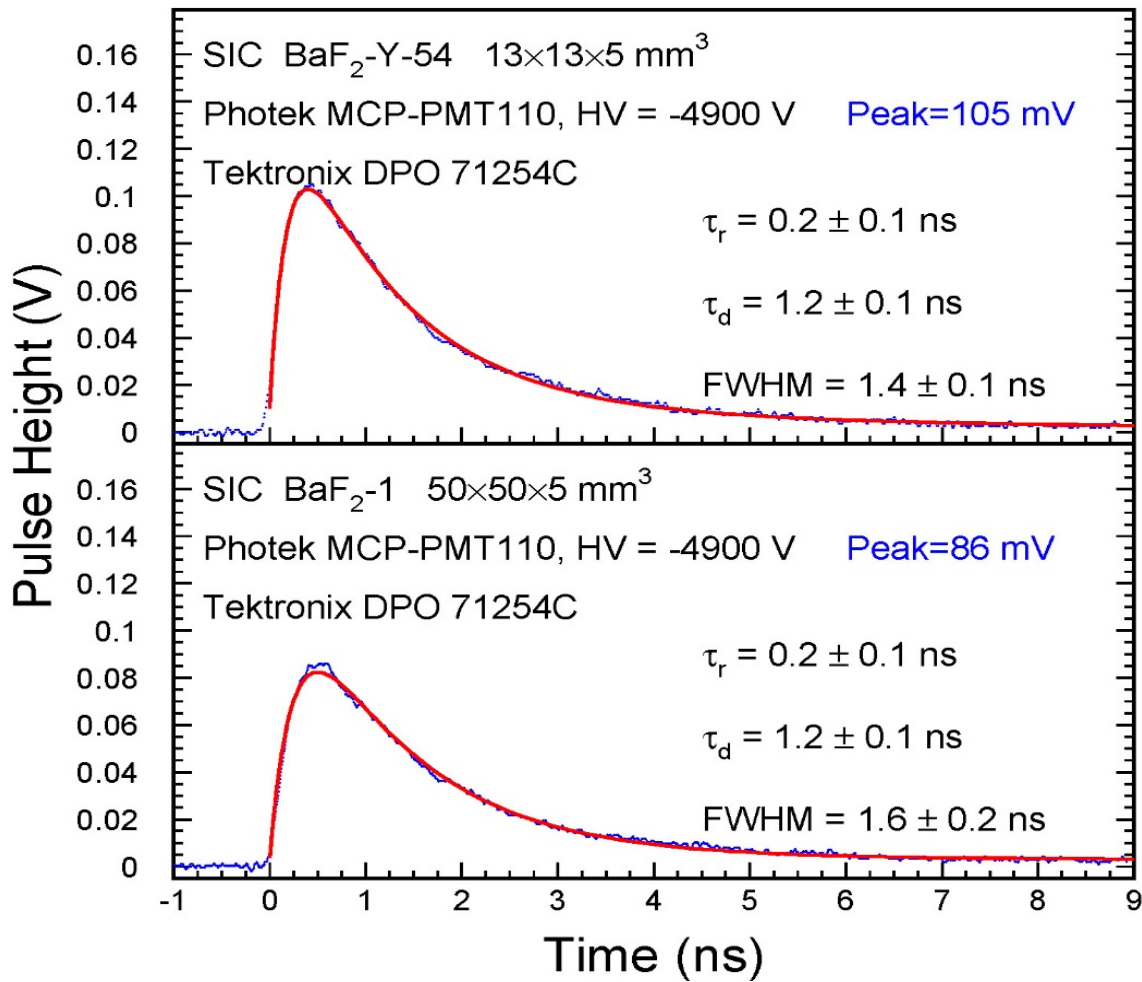
Amplitude reduction in BaF_2 and LYSO due to space charge in PMT from slow scintillation, but not in $\text{BaF}_2:\text{Y}$
Reducing the 15 m cable length reduces BaF_2 pulse width to sub-ns for a much better bunch separation



Singlet: BaF₂:Y, BaF₂, ZnO & LYSO



Amplitude of BaF₂:Y and BaF₂ higher than LYSO and ZnO:Ga, expected as light output in the 1st ns



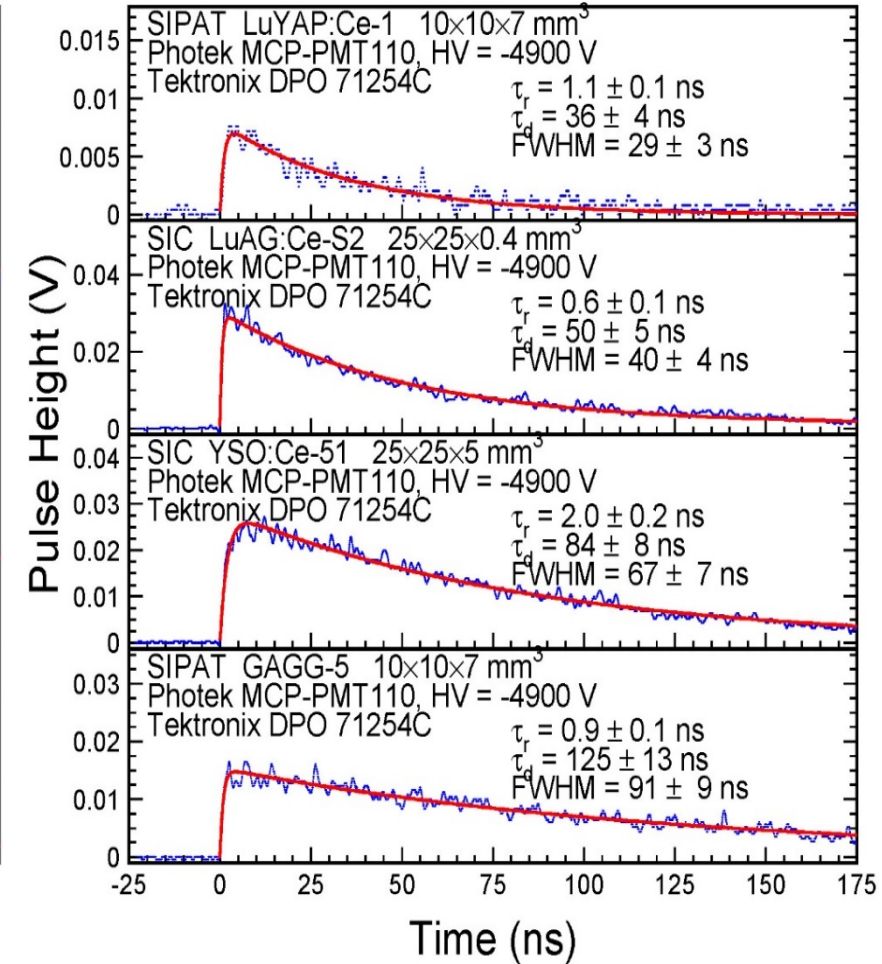
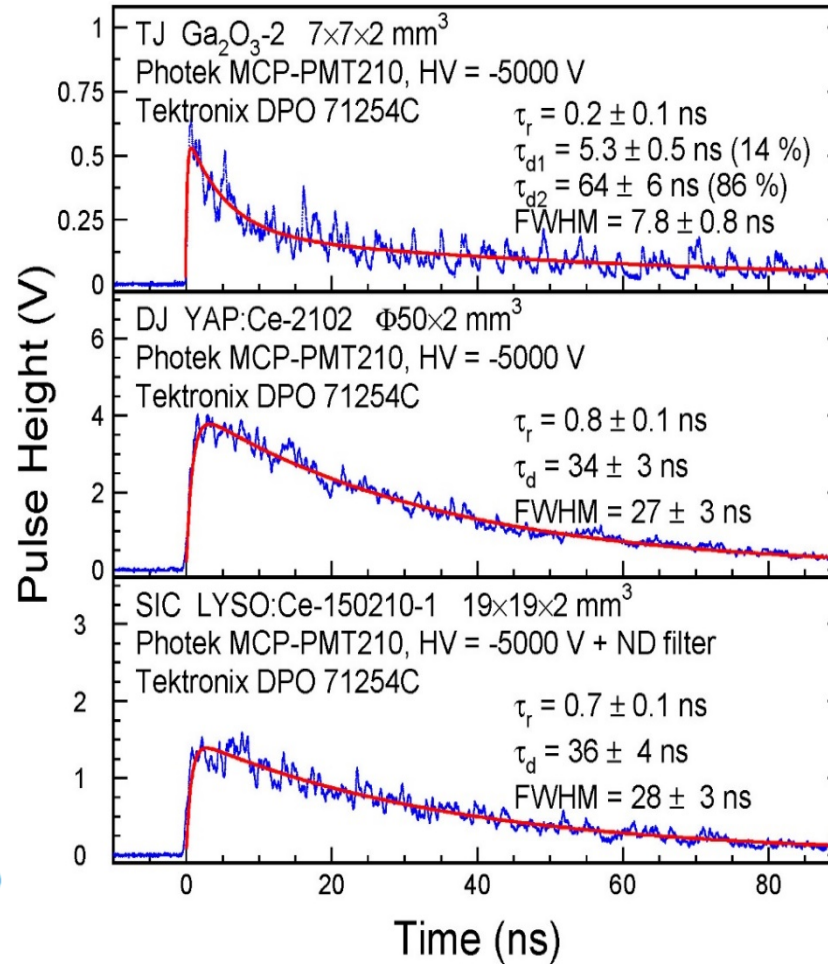
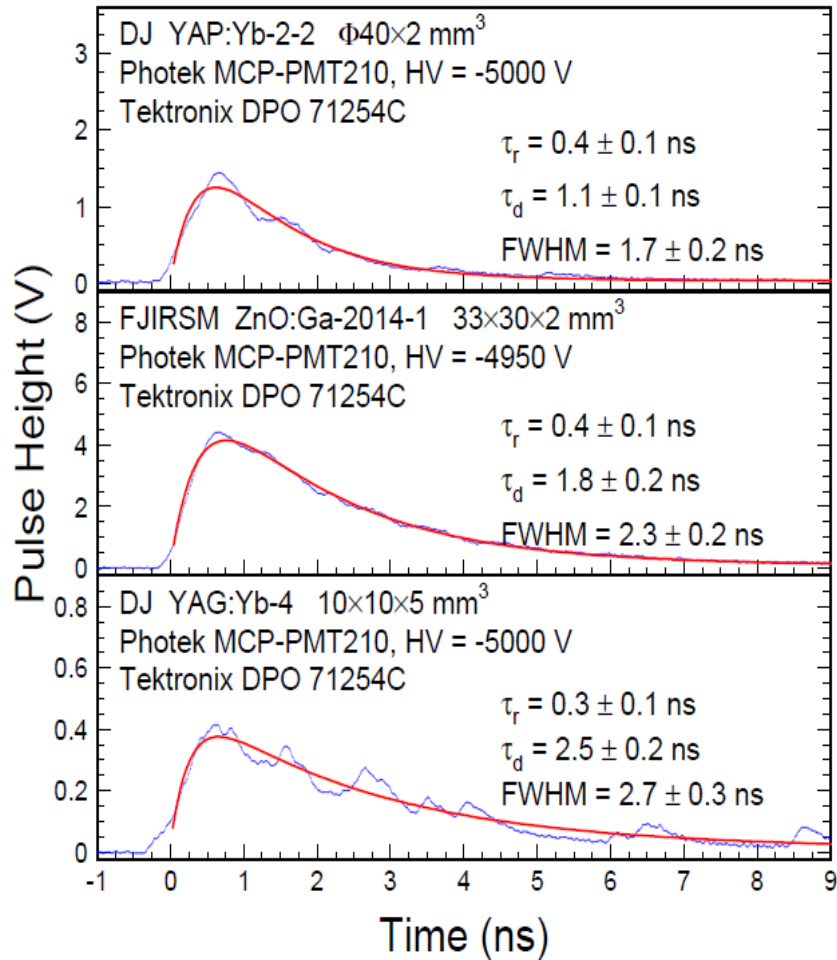
Decay of BaF₂:Y and BaF₂ shorter than ZnO:Ga, but longer than γ -ray data due to the 15 m cable



Singlet: Temporal Response



YAP:Yb, ZnO:Ga, YAG:Yb and GaO have pulse width less than 10 ns



Decay time consists with our Lab data measured with source



Summary: Temporal Response



Crystal	Vendor	ID	Dimension (mm ³)	Emission Peak (nm)	EWLT (%)	LO (p.e./MeV)	Light Yield in 1 st ns (ph/MeV)	Rising Time (ns)	Decay Time (ns)	FWHM (ns)
BaF ₂ :Y	SIC	4	10x10x5	220	89.1	258	1200	0.2	1.2	1.4
BaF ₂	SIC	1	50x50x5	220	85.1	209	1200	0.2	1.2	1.6
YAP:Yb	Dongjun	2-2	Φ40x2	350	77.7	9.1*	28	0.4	1.1	1.7
ZnO:Ga	FJIRSM	2014-1	33x30x2	380	7	76*	157	0.4	1.8	2.3
YAG:Yb	Dongjun	4	10x10x5	350	83.1	28.4*	24	0.3	2.5	2.7
Ga ₂ O ₃	Tongji	2	7x7x2	380	73.8	259	43	0.2	5.3	7.8
YAP:Ce	Dongjun	2102	Φ50x2	370	54.7	1605	391	0.8	34	27
LYSO:Ce	SIC	150210-1	19x19x2	420	80.1	4841	740	0.7	36	28
LuYAP:Ce	SIPAT	1	10x10x7	385	\	1178	125	1.1	36	29
LuAG:Ce Ceramic	SIC	S2	25x25x0.4	520	52.3	1531	240	0.6	50	40
YSO:Ce	SIC	51	25x25x5	420	72.6	3906	318	2.0	84	67
GAGG:Ce	SIPAT	5	10x10x7	540	\	3212	239	0.9	125	91

Samples are ordered based on its FWHM to singlet bunches



Summary

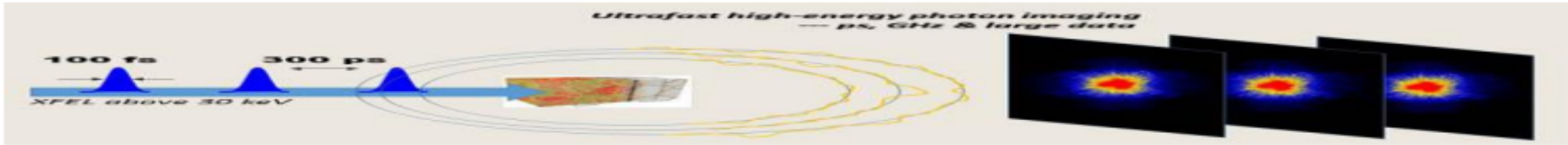


- Temporal response of a dozen fast and ultrafast inorganic scintillators was measured at the APS 10-ID test beam site by using 30 keV x-ray bunches with ps bunch length.
- Septuplet structure with 2.83 ns spacing are clearly observed by ultrafast inorganic scintillators, such as BaF₂:Y and BaF₂ coupled to ultrafast photodetectors, such as Photek MCP-PMT. This observation demonstrates the feasibility of the ultrafast scintillator-based front imager concept for aging for the proposed MaRIE project.
- Other ultrafast inorganic scintillators, such as YAP:Yb, ZnO:Ga and YAG:Yb, show a significantly wider pulse width than BaF₂. Conventional cerium doped fast inorganic scintillators, such as LYSO:Ce, LuAG:Ce and GAGG:Ce, are a way too slow to observe septuplet structure with 2.83 ns bunch spacing.
- BaF₂ shows the highest amplitude and fastest response to singlet, consisting with the calculated light output in the 1st ns. BaF₂:Y shows no pile-up for multiple septuplets, demonstrating importance of slow component suppression.

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MaRIE: GHz Hard X-Ray Imaging



High-Energy and Ultrafast X-Ray Imaging Technologies and Applications

Organizers: Peter Denes, Sol Gruner, Michael Stevens & Zhehui (Jeff) Wang¹
(Location/Time: Santa Fe, NM, USA /Aug 2-3, 2016)

The goals of this workshop are to gather the leading experts in the related fields, to prioritize tasks for ultrafast hard X-ray imaging detector technology development and applications in the next 5 to 10 years, see Table 1, and to establish the foundations for near-term R&D collaborations.

Table I. High-energy photon imagers for MaRIE XFEL

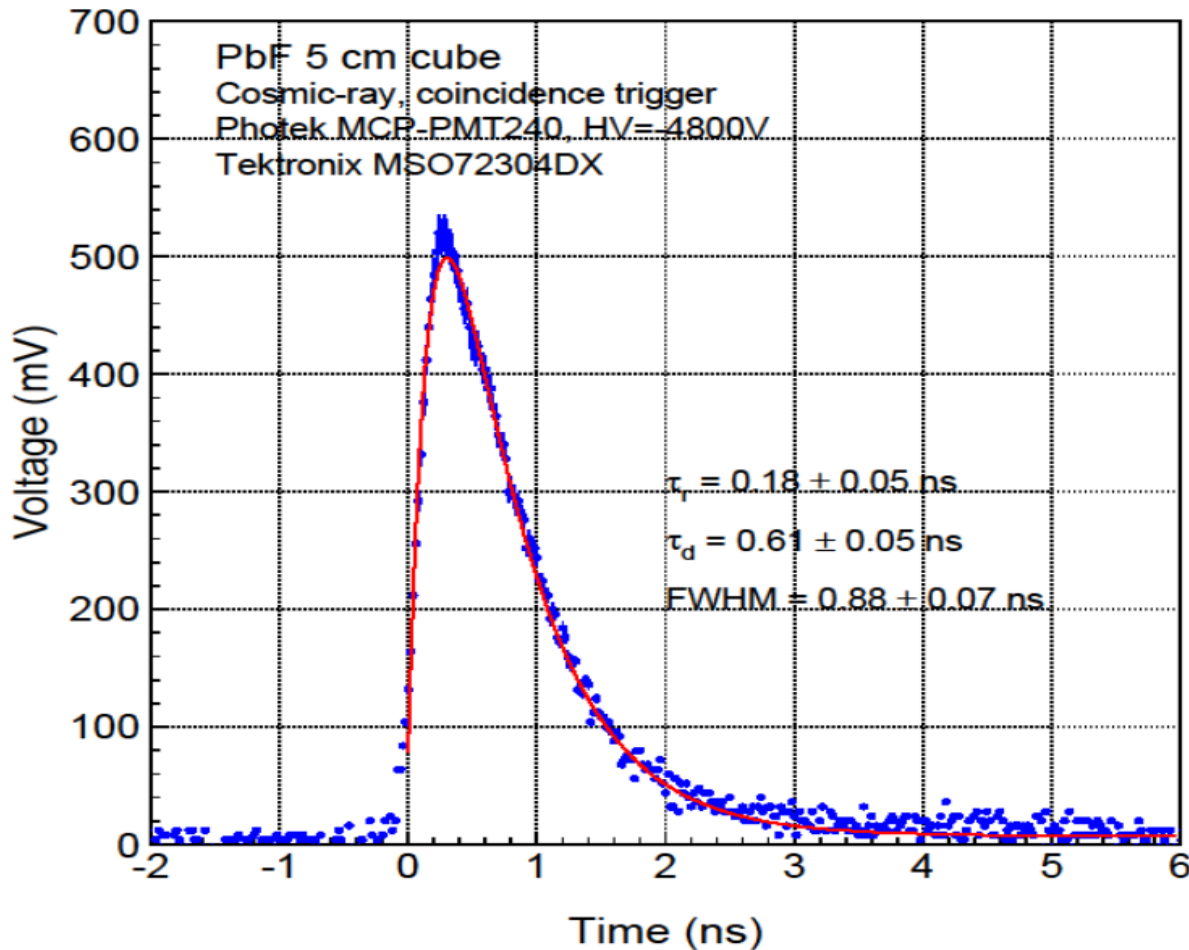
Performance	Type I imager	Type II imager
X-ray energy	30 keV	42-126 keV
Frame-rate/inter-frame time	0.5 GHz/2 ns	3 GHz / 300 ps
Number of frames	10	10 - 30
X-ray detection efficiency	above 50%	above 80%
Pixel size/pitch	$\leq 300 \mu\text{m}$	$< 300 \mu\text{m}$
Dynamic range	10^3 X-ray photons	$\geq 10^4$ X-ray photons
Pixel format	64 x 64 (scalable to 1 Mpix)	1 Mpix

2 ns and 300 ps inter-frame time requires very fast sensor



Fitting Temporal Response

Rise time, decay time and FWHM pulse width are estimated by a simple fit with two exponential components



Fitting:

$$V = A(e^{-\frac{t}{\tau_d}} - e^{-\frac{t}{\tau_r}}) + B$$

A: amplitude,

B: background noise

or slow component,

τ_r : rise time,

τ_d : decay time.

Sub-ns pulse observed by Photek MCP-PMT 240 for Cherenkov light



Temporal Response of BaF₂:Y



Significantly slower responses observed at APS with a 15 m cable as compared to pulses measured with a 1 m cable at Caltech

