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In this paper we report about the demonstration of the nuclear track imaging capabilities of Ag-activated phosphate glass. A 375 nm laser and confocal laser scanning microscopy (CLSM) were respectively used for track excitation and detection. Specifically, the blue and orange radiophotoluminescent (RPL) tracks and dose distributions observed after irradiation with soft X-rays, gamma rays and heavy charged particles (HCPs) are examined. In addition, the origins of the reductions in RPL efficiency for high-dose X-ray irradiation and for irradiation with HCPs with high linear energy transfer (LET) values are investigated via a CLSM and a conventional fluorescent reader and discussed.

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Research Highlights

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- > 3D track images are demonstrated using a confocal laser microscopy.
- > Fluorescent track detectors are based on RPL Ag-doped phosphate glass.
- > The dose distributions are examined for X-ray, gamma ray and HCP irradiations.
- > The origins of the reduction in RPL efficiency are investigated and discussed.

1. Introduction

Silver-activated phosphate glass, the most widely known radiophotoluminescent (RPL) material [1-4], can be used not only in personal, environmental and clinical dosimeters but also in two-dimensional (2D) and three-dimensional (3D) dose imaging detectors [5-7]. These accumulating passive detectors are based on radiation-induced, optically active Ag-related atomic-scale defects; therefore, the ultimate intrinsic spatial resolution of these detectors is several nanometres [7]. All materials that exhibit RPL phenomena, such as the F_2^+ (2Mg) centres in $Al_2O_3:C,Mg$ [8] and the Ag^0 and Ag^{2+} centres in Ag-activated phosphate glass (hereafter, Ag-glass) [3, 9], have certain prominent features: wide dynamic ranges, high sensitivity, low energy responses and the capability of multiple non-destructive readouts. Other materials that are known to exhibit RPL phenomena include lithium fluoride (LiF) [10] and CsBr:Sm crystals [11].

Fluorescent nuclear track detectors (FNTDs) based on $Al_2O_3:C,Mg$ crystals, developed by Landauer, Inc [12], represent one of the most attractive technologies for passive solid-state dosimetry as a novel tool of replacing CR-39 plastic nuclear track detectors (PNTDs) [13]. New technology combining confocal laser scanning microscopy (CLSM) with this novel type of FNTD has been developed for use in neutron detection and dosimetry, proton and heavy ion radiobiology, ion beam cancer therapy and space radiation dosimetry as well as nuclear and particle physics research [14-18]. Recently Kodaira et al. [19] demonstrated the utilisation of Ag-glass as a PNTD. The study opened a new stage to the material for RPL dosimeter as for a nuclear track etch detector. Here we have challenged the utilisation of RPL Ag-glass for a FNTD for the first time to reconstruct 2D and 3D track images of the material irradiated with X-rays, gamma-rays and HCPs.

In this paper, the 2D and 3D images determined based on the distributions of radiation-induced Ag^0 and Ag^{2+} defects throughout the entire sample volume in Ag-glass exposed to different X-ray irradiation doses (1, 10 and 100 Gy) are presented. 3D track imaging results for Ag-glass after irradiation with gamma ray (^{137}Cs) and heavy charged particles (HCPs) (protons and Fe ions) are examined via CLSM. In addition, the origins of the reductions in RPL efficiency for high-dose X-ray irradiation and for high-LET HCP irradiation are investigated via CLSM and a conventional fluorescent reader and discussed.

2. Experimental procedures

2.1 Samples

Commercially available Ag-glass plates with dimensions of approximately $8.5 \times 8.5 \times 1.5 \text{ mm}^3$ were used for all the measurements, including absorption, excitation, emission and fluorescent nuclear track imaging. All facets of the samples were optically polished. The composition of the material by weight was the same as that of FD-7 (AGC Techno Glass Co., Ltd., Japan), i.e., 31.55% P, 51.16% O, 6.12% Al, 11.00% Na and 0.17% Ag. The mass density, photon effective atomic number and refractive index of this material are 2.61 g/cm^3 , 12.57 and 1.52 [6], respectively. After irradiation, all of the samples were preheated to 100°C for 10 min to promote and complete the ‘build-up’ kinetics [9, 20].

2.2 X-rays, gamma rays and heavy charged particles

Soft X-ray irradiations were performed using an X-ray unit with a copper target operating at a voltage of 30 kV and a current of 20 mA. The X-ray radiation covered the narrow spectral interval of the part of the soft X-ray region by adding filtration, i.e., quasi-monochromatic

radiation, strongly peaked at approximately 8.04 keV ($K\alpha_1$ and $K\alpha_2$ lines) with a minor contribution at 8.9 keV ($K\beta_1$ line). The absorbed doses delivered to the samples were 1, 10 and 100 Gy. The samples were placed at a distance from the tube of approximately 10 cm.

Gamma irradiations were performed at a distance of 50 cm from a ^{137}Cs (662 keV) source that delivered a dose of 1 Gy at the Oarai Research Center, Chiyoda Technol Corporation, Japan.

5 Gy irradiations with a variety of high-energy heavy ions (detailed in Section 3.) were performed at the Heavy Ion Medical Accelerator (HIMAC) of the National Institute of Radiological Sciences (NIRS) in Chiba, Japan. X-ray beams were incident perpendicular to the sample surface ($8.5 \times 8.5 \text{ mm}^2$ plane).

2.3 Steady-state optical properties of the samples

The steady-state optical absorption spectra were determined at room temperature (RT) using a Hitachi U-3900H spectrophotometer with a 1 nm step. All excitation (EXC) and emission (RPL) spectra were recorded at RT using a Hitachi F-2500 fluorescence spectrophotometer. The ionoluminescent spectra were collected with a resolution of 2.5 nm and detected by a R928 photomultiplier (PMT) (Hamamatsu Photonics, Japan). All the spectra were corrected for the instrumental calibration. In this work, the blue and orange RPL signals were acquired through a long-pass filter passing all wavelengths longer than 400 nm (#84-754, Edmund Optics, USA).

2.4 Fluorescent nuclear track image acquisition

Preliminary investigations of fluorescent nuclear track imaging were performed after the

exposure of the samples to various types of radiation, including X-rays, gamma-rays and HCPs, at RT. A Nikon C2+ CLSM instrument (along with its software, NIS Elements version 4.40) was used to acquire and plot fluorescent 2D and 3D images of the Ag-glass samples after irradiation with photons and HCPs. In this work, instead of the 405 nm line which is the shortest available excitation wavelength for a normal C2+ CLSM instrument [7], 375 nm light emitted from a continuous wave (CW) laser diode with a nominal output power of 16 mW (less than 1 mW at the sample) (CUBE 375-16C, Coherent, Inc., USA) was used to excite the Ag^{2+} and Ag^0 absorption bands in the Ag-glass.

For the C2+ CLSM instrument, three objective lenses (Nikon Plan Apo) with different magnifications, numerical apertures (NA) and working distances (WD in mm) as well as different immersion liquids were used: the applied configurations were $10\times/0.45\text{NA}/4.0\text{WD}$, $40\times/1.25\text{NA}/0.16\text{WD}$ /water immersion (refractive index $n=1.33$), and $60\times/1.40\text{NA}/0.13\text{WD}$ /oil immersion ($n=1.52$). The microscope resolution used in this work are defined by the system's point spread function (PSF) and the lateral size of the PSF (FWHM) d_{xy} and the axial size d_z are estimated for an excitation wavelength given 375 nm: $d_{xy}=508$ nm, $d_z=1850$ nm for the $10\times/0.45\text{NA}$ objective lens, $d_{xy}=183$ nm, $d_z=319$ nm for the $40\times/1.25\text{NA}$ lens and $d_{xy}=163$ nm, $d_z=126$ nm for the $60\times/1.40\text{NA}$ lens, respectively. The blue RPL signals attributed to Ag^0 centres and the orange RPL signals attributed to Ag^{2+} centres were acquired using a band-pass filter (450 ± 25 nm) and a long-pass filter passing all wavelengths longer than 561 nm, respectively. Moreover, a pinhole of 40 μm in diameter was installed in front of the detector. Such a confocal detection scheme allowed for high spatial and depth resolution under the condition of one-photon absorption at 375 nm, even when areas of the sample adjacent to the focal spot of the excitation light produce fluorescence.

3. Results and discussion

Fig. 1 presents the steady-state optical absorption spectra, including background (BG, non-irradiated) spectra (a) as well as excitation (EXC) (b) and emission (RPL) (c) spectra of Ag-glass samples after X-ray irradiation at an energy of 8 keV. The samples were exposed to doses of 1, 10 and 100 Gy to examine and compare the effects of the dose on the optical curves. The observed absorption features are attributed to the superposition of a number of individual absorption bands in the range from 200 to 700 nm, corresponding to single Ag^+ ions, neutral Ag atoms, charged Ag_n^{m+} clusters, neutral Ag_n clusters, metal Ag nanoparticles and phosphorus-oxygen-hole centres, as previously reported [9, 20, 21].

Among them, two bands are dominant: one is the 310 nm absorption band attributed to the hole-trapped Ag^{2+} centres, and the other is the 340 nm band attributed to the electron-trapped Ag^0 centres [1-3]. Exciting the former band results in emission at 630 nm (the so-called ‘orange RPL’ signal) with a slow, 2300 ns decay time, whereas exciting the latter band results in emission at 450 nm (the so-called ‘blue RPL’ signal) with a fast, 4.5 ns decay time [9]. Note that blue and orange RPL signals are simultaneously emitted at excitation wavelengths ranging from 310 to 380 nm because of the overlap between the broad excitation bands of the Ag^0 and Ag^{2+} centres, as shown in Fig. 1(b), although the intensity ratio between the orange and blue RPL signals ($= I_o/I_b$) varies.

As shown in Fig. 1(a), the individual absorption bands at 310 and 340 nm gradually increase in intensity while retaining their shapes as the absorbed dose increases, up to the maximum investigated dose of 100 Gy. However, the intensities of the corresponding EXC and RPL spectra drastically decrease at a dose of 100 Gy, as shown in Figs. 1(b) and (c). The

overall results, including the data presented on the Chiyoda Technol Corporation website [22], indicate good linearity of the dose response from $<20 \mu\text{Gy}$ to 10 Gy for an Ag-glass dosimeter.

Figs. 2(a) and (b) show 2D and 3D fluorescent noise ('background') images acquired after X-ray irradiation at a dose of 1 Gy, which may be primarily attributed to the shot noise of the PMT used as the detector. The noise distribution generally appears at a low intensity level for the maximum bit depth of 12 bits (4096 colours) used here. To eliminate this noise distribution, the look-up table (LUT) provided by the CLSM software was effectively used. These 3D images of X-ray-irradiated samples, with a $1.27 \times 1.27 \text{ mm}^2$ field of view and a total of 136 image layers separated by increment of $7.56 \mu\text{m}$ at depths ranging from 0 to 1.02 mm below the sample surface, were acquired and reconstructed using the $10\times/0.45\text{NA}/4.0\text{WD}$ objective lens. With regard to the noise images, one must also consider the following factors: Greilich et al. [18] have reported, based on measurements performed using single-crystalline $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3\text{:C,Mg}$ -based FNTDs and a commercial CLSM instrument, that the 'background' varies significantly both within a single crystal and from crystal to crystal because of dust, auto-fluorescent particles and imperfections on the FNTD surface as well as vibrations and electromagnetic interference.

As shown in Fig. 3, 3D fluorescent images of Ag-glass samples irradiated with X-ray doses of 1 (a), 10 (b) and 100 Gy (c) were reconstructed using a CLSM instrument. The images were acquired using two different optical filters: a band-pass filter with a range of $450 \pm 25 \text{ nm}$ for the acquisition of the blue RPL signals and a filter that transmits wavelengths longer than 561 nm for the acquisition of the orange RPL signals. The bright blue ('blue RPL') and pink ('orange RPL') tracks represent the RPL signals from X-ray-induced luminescent Ag^0 and Ag^{2+} defects, respectively. The noise distribution, as shown in

Fig. 2(b), was completely eliminated from each of these images. Note that these 3D images were scanned from the back surface (with a starting point of $z=0\text{ }\mu\text{m}$) of the X-ray irradiated Ag-glass because the excitation laser beam (at 375 nm), the blue RPL signals (at 430 - 480 nm) and the orange RPL signals (600 - 650 nm) could not transmit through the impinging surface, especially in the case of the highest irradiation dose of 100 Gy. These reconstructed 3D images, with a field of view of approximately $1.27 \times 1.27\text{ mm}^2$ and a total of 136 layers separated by increments of $7.56\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ at depths ranging from 0 to 1.0 mm, were obtained using the $10\times/0.45\text{NA}$ objective lens. As shown in Fig. 3(c), the periodic structures corresponding to the concentrations of the Ag^0 and Ag^{2+} CCs with pitches ranging from 30 to $50\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ (see, Fig. 4(c)), were observed for the first time in the case of X-ray irradiation at a dose of 100 Gy. In order to show the periodic structures clearly, 2D images along the lateral (XY) and axial (XZ and YZ) directions were installed in Fig. 3(d), however, the origins of these structures are now under consideration.

Figs. 4(a), (b) and (c) present the depth dose distribution profiles of 3D images corresponding to Figs. 3(a), (b) and (c), respectively. Fixed wavelengths of 420 and 590 nm were selected to probe the blue and orange RPL signals, respectively, using 32 channel-arrayed-PMT detectors [23] of the CLSM instrument with a resolution of 10 nm. The blue and orange RPL intensity profiles in Fig. 4 were acquired with a limited field of view (in this work, 30×30 pixels) using ROI (Regions of Interest) functions in Ar (Advanced research) packages of NIS-Elements. It was found that in this case in which we acquire for the whole volume (512×512 pixels, $1.27\times 1.27\times 1.0\text{ mm}^3$), the maximum intensity values of the profiles decreased considerably in comparison with that of the limited region. The blue and orange RPL intensities on each of the layers at different depths (in this work, $7.56\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ pitch) are considered to be representative of the corresponding concentrations of radiation-

induced Ag^0 and Ag^{2+} CCs. Therefore, these results suggest that the blue and orange RPL CCs may be non-uniformly distributed in the sample. Note that the RPL intensity a linear behaviour up to 10 Gy in the CLSM images, but at the used highest doses of 100 Gy saturation effects take place. Therefore, the RPL intensity profiles in Fig. 4(c) do not reflect the accurate maximum values, especially at the vicinity of the surface within the sample.

In addition, it was found that a dense radiation-induced defect distribution formed within the region of the sample extending from the surface on which the X-rays were incident to approximately 350 μm in depth. The X-ray attenuation length, at which the RPL intensity decreases to a factor of $e^{-1}=0.368$ with respect to its peak value at the surface, in phosphate glass at the utilised X-ray energy of 8 keV has been calculated to be 340 μm [24] in good accordance with the experimental results obtained with 1 and 10 Gy irradiation doses.

Yasuda et al. [25] have noted that the reduction in RPL efficiency in an Ag-glass detector for high-dose ^{60}Co gamma-ray irradiation in the range of 1 – 60 Gy (H_2O) can be primarily attributed to the attenuation of the UV radiation at 337 nm caused by the colouring of the material rather than to the saturation of the trapping or recombination centres in the dosimeter. Moreover, the reduction in RPL efficiency with an increasing gamma-ray dose was reported to begin at approximately 6 Gy.

In our case examined via CLSM, although similar behaviour was observed in Ag-glass irradiated with X-rays, the reason for the reduction in RPL intensity is quite different. In our case, the excitation laser beam (at 375 nm) and the two RPL signals cannot transmit through the impinging surface, especially in the case of a high X-ray dose of 100 Gy, as shown in Fig. 4(c). Therefore, it is considered that the drastic reduction of the RPL intensity is caused

by the saturation of the dense trapping CCs produced at the vicinity of the surface because of the short X-ray attenuation length.

In addition to X-ray irradiation, the observation of the RPL track images in Ag-glass irradiated with gamma-rays and HCPs was also carried out. Fig. 5(a) shows the blue and orange RPL track images acquired from Ag-glass irradiated with a ^{137}Cs gamma-ray with the unrestricted LET (LET_∞) value in water of approximately $0.48 \text{ keV}/\mu\text{m}$ at a dose of 1 Gy. This 3D image, with a $22.6 \times 22.6 \mu\text{m}^2$ field of view and a total of approximately 77 layers separated by increments of $0.527 \mu\text{m}$ at depths ranging from 0 to $40.1 \mu\text{m}$ below the sample surface (with a starting point of $z=0 \mu\text{m}$), was reconstructed using the CLSM instrument with the $40\times/1.25\text{NA}$ objective lens configuration.

In addition, Figs. 5(b) and (c) show 3D images acquired via CLSM after irradiation with two types of HCPs, namely, protons (160 MeV/u) and Fe ions (500 MeV/u), at a dose of 5 Gy. The LET_∞ values in Ag-glass for protons and Fe ions have been calculated to be 1.13 and $5154 \text{ keV}/\mu\text{m}$, respectively, using the SRIM-2013 software package [26]. In the case of Fig. 5(b), the 3D image, with a $21.3 \times 21.3 \mu\text{m}^2$ field of view and a total of approximately 179 layers separated by increments of $0.264 \mu\text{m}$ at depths ranging from 0 to $47.0 \mu\text{m}$ below the sample surface, was reconstructed using the $40\times/1.25\text{NA}$ objective lens configuration. Similar image was also acquired for an Fe-ion-irradiated Ag-glass sample. In the case of Fig. 5(c), the 3D image, with a $21.2 \times 21.2 \mu\text{m}^2$ field of view and a total of approximately 346 layers separated by increments of $0.132 \mu\text{m}$ at depths ranging from 0 to $45.6 \mu\text{m}$ below the sample surface, was reconstructed using the $60\times/1.40\text{NA}$ objective lens configuration. In order to support the evidence of FNTDs, a 2D image for Fe-ion-irradiation was also acquired using the same objective lens configuration, as shown in Fig. 5(d). Each RPL fluorescent image of Fe-ion-tracks was clearly visualized with high spatial resolution of smaller than

~100 nm. It was found that the HCPs with the higher LET value (i.e., the Fe ions) produced a higher density of CCs within the same sample volume.

These 3D images indicate that in the case of proton irradiation, the tracks are far away from each other and the overlapping track area is very small, whereas in the case of Fe-ion irradiation, the mean distance between adjacent tracks decreases and the overlapping track area increases. As a result, the attenuation of the RPL luminescence intensity at the same dose of 5 Gy may be primarily attributed to the so-called ‘concentration quenching’ of the large number of overlapping tracks rather than to the saturation of the radiation-induced CCs in the sample. This behaviour is explained and supported by the analytical model proposed by Sawakuchi et al. [27] to describe the radial dose distribution (RDD) created by the passage of HCPs through matter.

The projected ranges for protons and Fe ions in Ag-glass can also be calculated using the SRIM-2013 code [26] and range from approximately 81.8 mm for 160 MeV/u ^1H particles and approximately 79 μm for 500 MeV/u ^{56}Fe particles. In order to observe the Bragg peak, micrometre-scale responses of Ag-glass to focused ionized particle radiation were evaluated by proton beam writing using a 3 MeV focused proton micro-beam. In this case, a 3 MeV proton beam stopped at the estimated projected range ($\sim 75 \mu\text{m}$ depth, figures not shown here).

In addition, irradiation was performed with a variety of HCPs with a dose of 5 Gy at the NIRS HIMAC, as shown in Fig. 6, which presents a plot of the relative RPL efficiency as a function of the LET_{∞} value in Ag-glass: samples were exposed to 160 MeV/u ^1H ions, with an LET of 1.13 keV/ μm ; 150 MeV/u ^4He ions, with an LET of 13.4 keV/ μm ; 290 MeV/u ^{12}C ions, with an LET of 166 keV/ μm ; 490 MeV/u ^{14}Si ions, with an LET of 1133 keV/ μm ; 500

MeV/u ^{40}Ar ions, with an LET of 2320 keV/ μm ; 500 MeV/u ^{56}Fe ions, with an LET of 5154 keV/ μm ; 400 MeV/u ^{84}Kr ions, with an LET of 10390 keV/ μm ; and 290 MeV/u ^{132}Xe ions, with an LET of 18150 keV/ μm .

In this case, the RPL efficiency of the orange RPL signal in the irradiated Ag-glass was measured using a conventional fluorescent reader (FGD-702, Chiyoda Technol Corporation, Japan) through a band-pass filter (with transmission between 600 nm and 650 nm) placed in front of the PMT under stimulation by a pulsed 337 nm laser. The curve indicates that the RPL efficiency drastically decreased with a 10 keV/ μm increase in the LET value and that the luminescence efficiency depends on the LET values of HCPs, which drastically decreases at the high LET region ranging from 13.4 to 18150 keV/ μm . This result is in good agreement with those of Yasuda and Fujitaka [28] for Ag-glass and Yukihiro and McKeever [8] for $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3\text{:C}$.

In addition to the ‘concentration quenching’, the ‘fluence saturation’ must also be taken into consideration [29]. In general, as increasing in size of radionuclide, then the corresponding fluence becomes lower for the same absorbed dose of 5 Gy. The fluence values in this work are estimated to be $\sim 5.9 \times 10^9$ particles/ cm^2 with an LET value (water) of 0.53 keV/ μm for 160 MeV/u ^1H ions and $\sim 1.6 \times 10^7$ particles/ cm^2 with an LET value (water) of 196 keV/ μm for 500 MeV/u ^1H ions. As a result, the reduction in RPL efficiency for HCP irradiation with higher LET values is closely related to this effect. Further measurements are currently underway.

4. Conclusions

The data obtained in this study yielded the following conclusions:

- (1) For the first time, 2D and 3D track images were successfully recorded and reconstructed from RPL Ag-activated phosphate glasses after irradiation with soft X-rays, gamma-rays (Cs) and HCPs (protons and Fe-ions) under laser stimulation at a wavelength of 375 nm using a commercial CLSM instrument.
- (2) For Ag-glass samples exposed to various X-ray doses (1, 10 and 100 Gy), the 3D track images and the profiles of energy deposition attributed to radiation-induced Ag^0 and Ag^{2+} defects throughout the entire sample volume were examined via CLSM (see, Figs. 3, 4). As a result, data suggested that the drastic reduction of the RPL intensity is caused by the saturation of the dense trapping CCs produced at the vicinity of the surface because of the short X-ray attenuation length. Moreover, the periodic structures with pitches ranging from 30 to 50 μm were observed in the case of X-ray irradiation at a dose of 100 Gy, however, the origins of these structures are now under consideration.
- (3) The RPL efficiency for HCP irradiations with high LET values ranging from 1.13 to 18150 keV/ μm were investigated to clarify the origins of the reductions in RPL efficiency (see, Figs. 5, 6). As a result, it was found that the origins of the RPL efficiency reduction are closely related to the ‘concentration quenching’ and/or the ‘fluence saturation’ from the experimental results obtained via a CLSM instrument and a conventional fluorescent reader.

A future study will be conducted to measure 3D fluorescent tracks in Ag-glass by utilising a multiphoton CLSM instrument combined with femtosecond (fs) laser pulses generated by a mode-locked Ti:sapphire laser operating at 700 nm.

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Figure Captions

Fig. 1. (Colour online) Steady-state absorption spectra including BG spectra (a) as well as excitation spectra (b) and emission spectra (c) of Ag-glass after X-ray irradiation at various doses.

Fig. 2. 2D (a) and 3D (b) fluorescent noise images acquired from Ag-glass irradiated with X-rays at a dose of 1 Gy.

Fig. 3. (Colour online) Reconstructed 3D images based on the blue and orange RPL tracks in Ag-glass irradiated with X-ray doses of 1 (a), 10 (b) and 100 Gy (c). Each 3D image was scanned from the back surface (with a starting point of $z=0\text{ }\mu\text{m}$) of the sample. The 2D dose distributions in the lateral and axial directions are also shown for the sample irradiated with an X-ray dose of 100 Gy (d).

Fig. 4. (Colour online) Blue and orange RPL dose distribution profiles from the top to bottom surfaces within samples exposed to X-ray irradiation at doses of 1 (a), 10 (b) and 100 Gy (c).

Fig. 5. (Colour online) Blue and orange RPL track image of Ag-glass irradiated with Cs gamma-rays at a dose of 1 Gy, acquired via CLSM (a). Similar 3D RPL tracks of Ag-glass samples irradiated with a dose of 5 Gy of protons (b) and Fe ions (c) and 2D image of Fe-ion-irradiation (d).

Fig. 6. Relative orange RPL efficiencies as a function of the LET_{∞} value for the Ag-glass samples irradiated with different HCPs at the same dose of 5 Gy.

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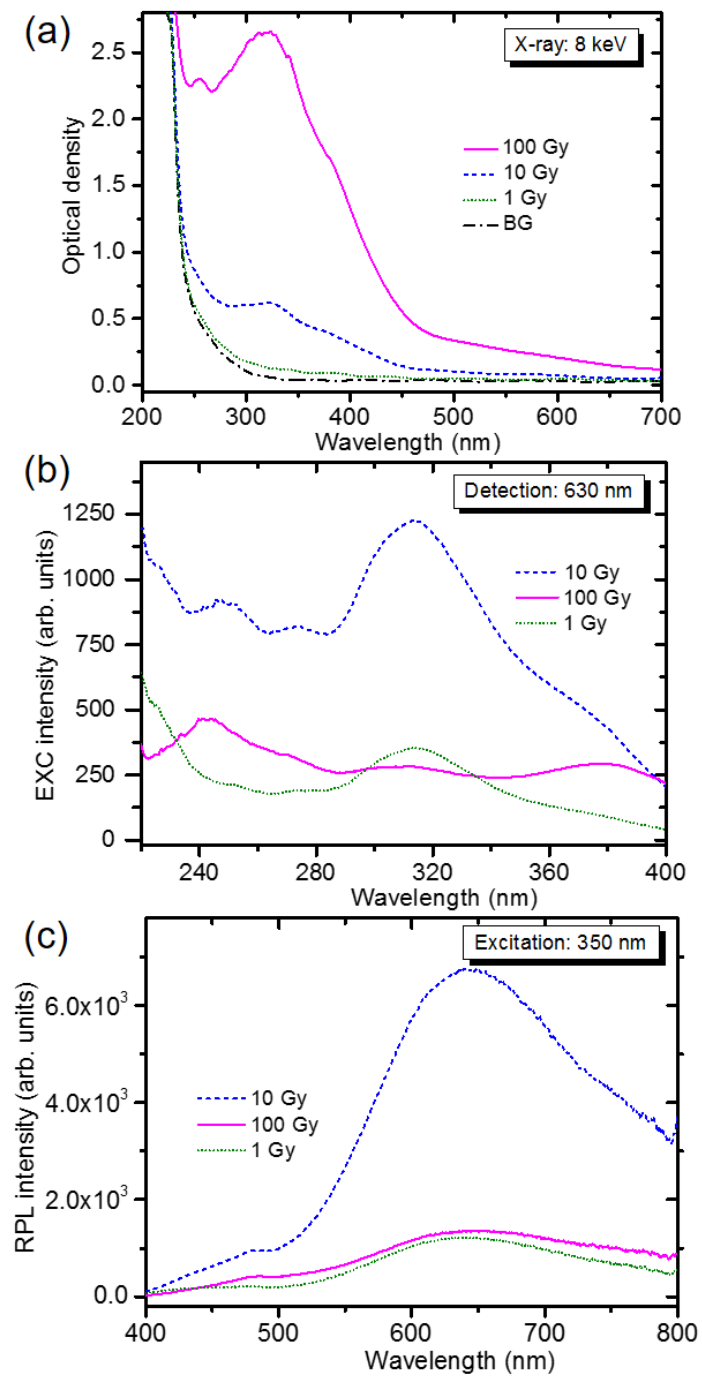


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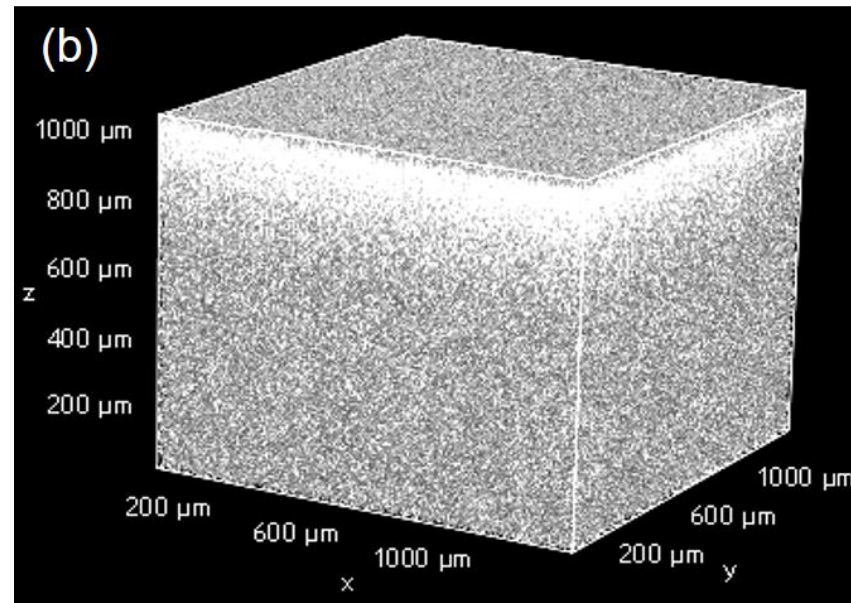
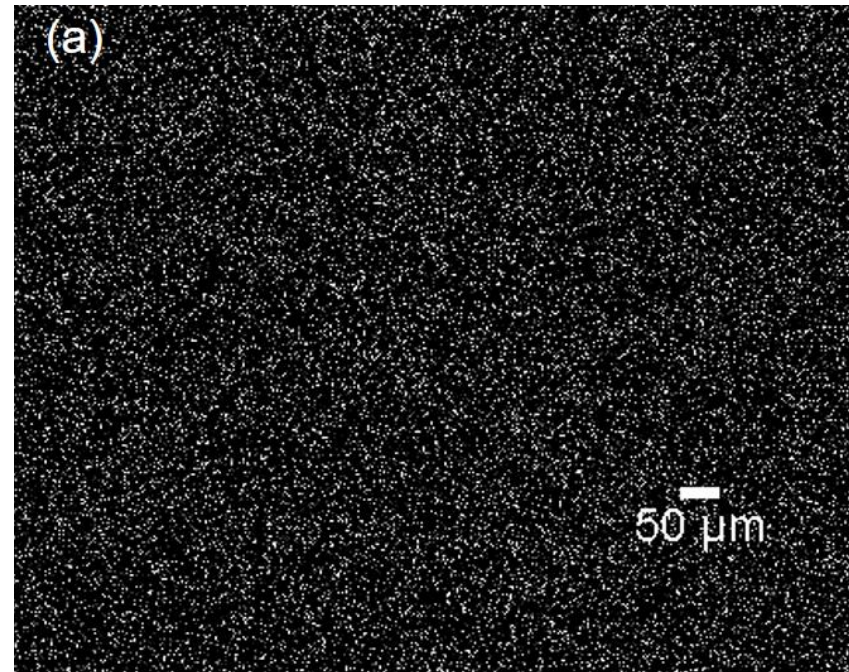


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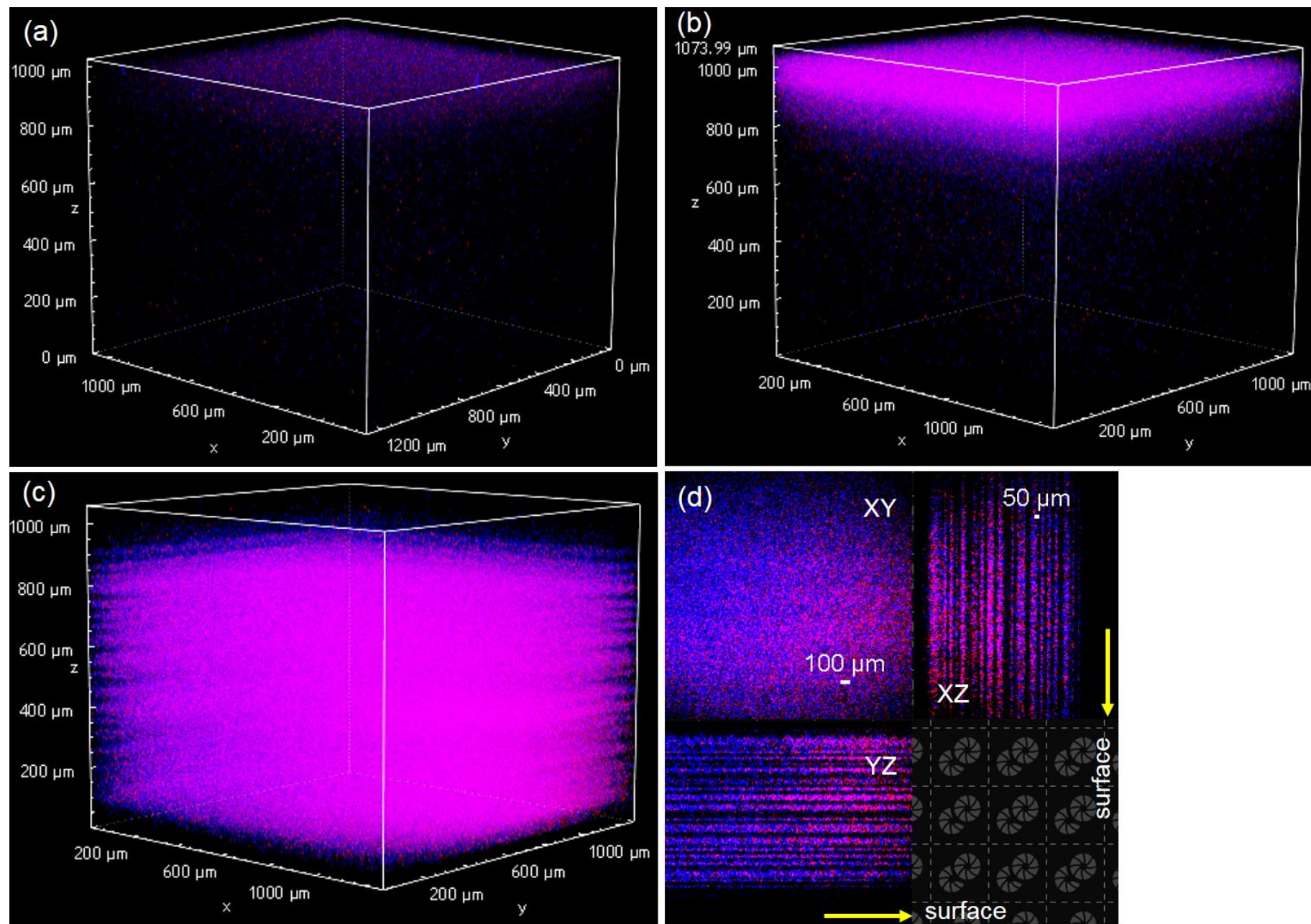


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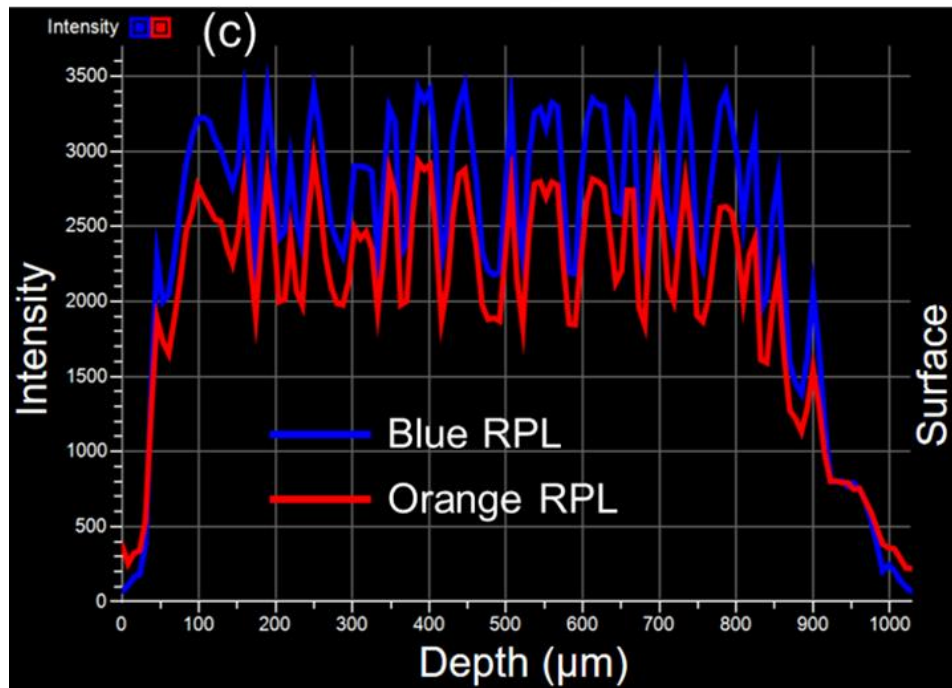
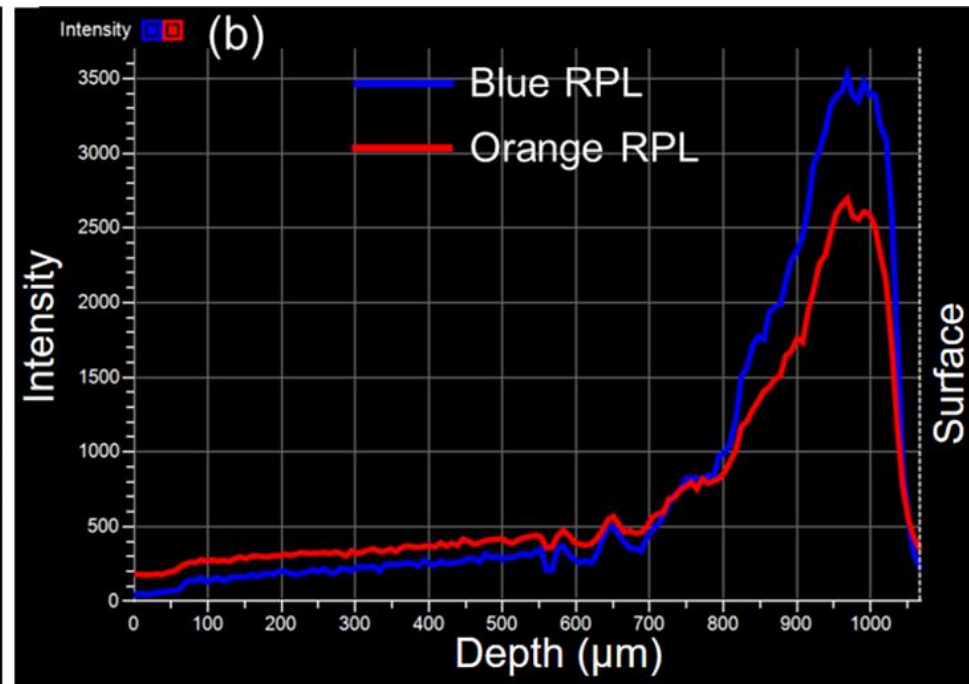
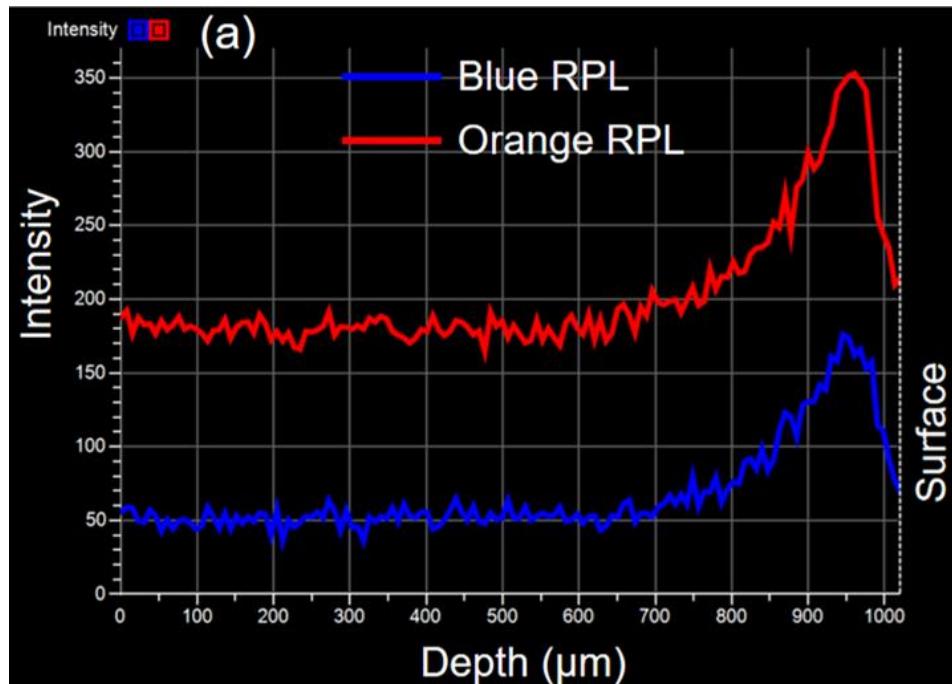


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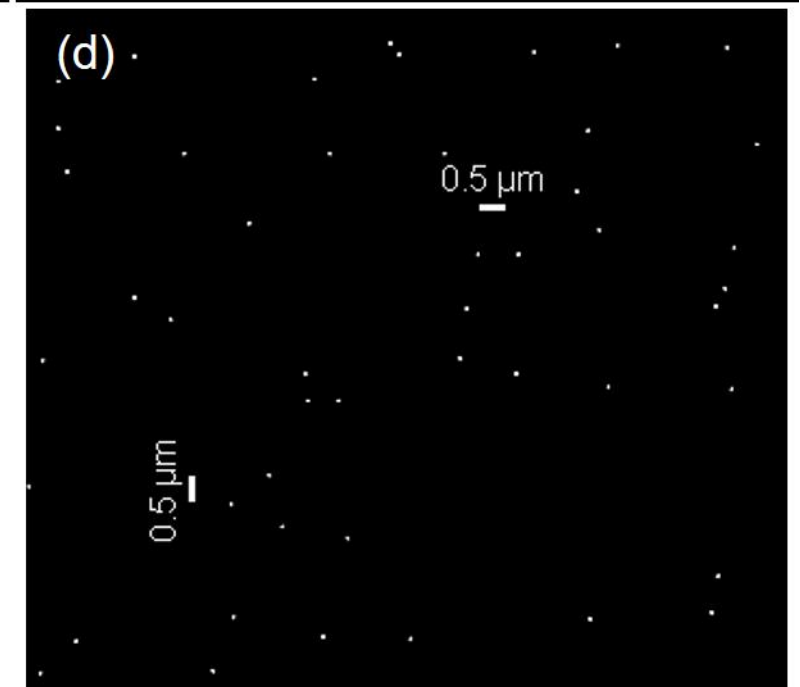
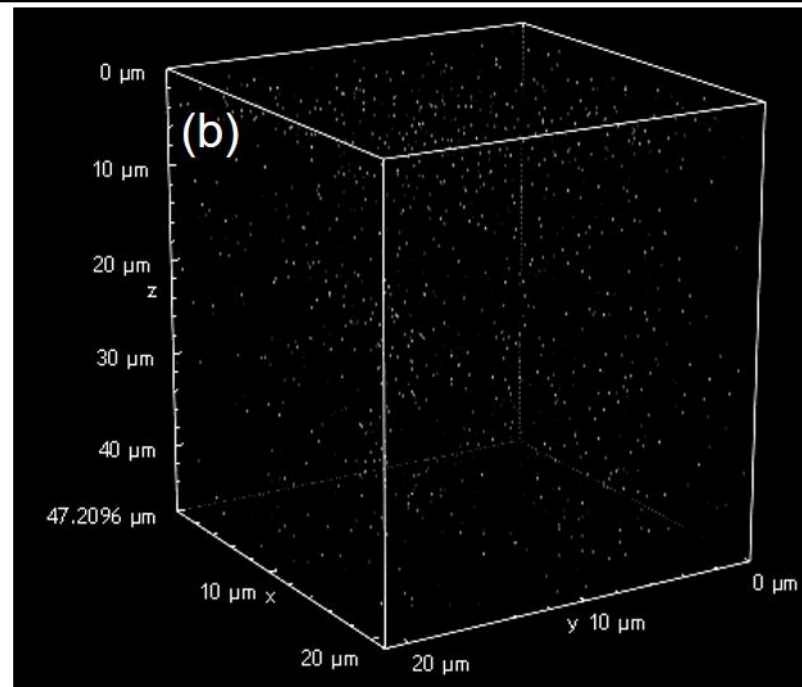
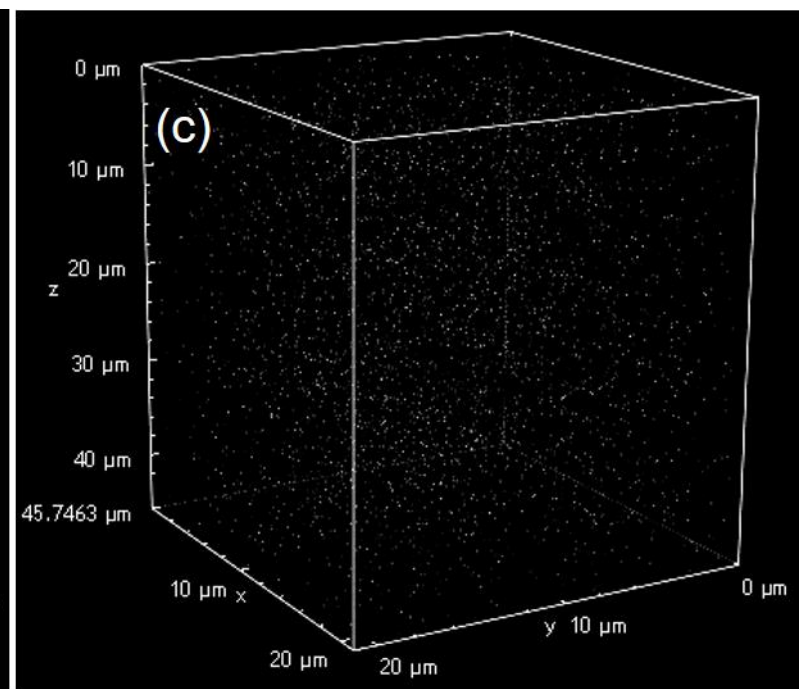
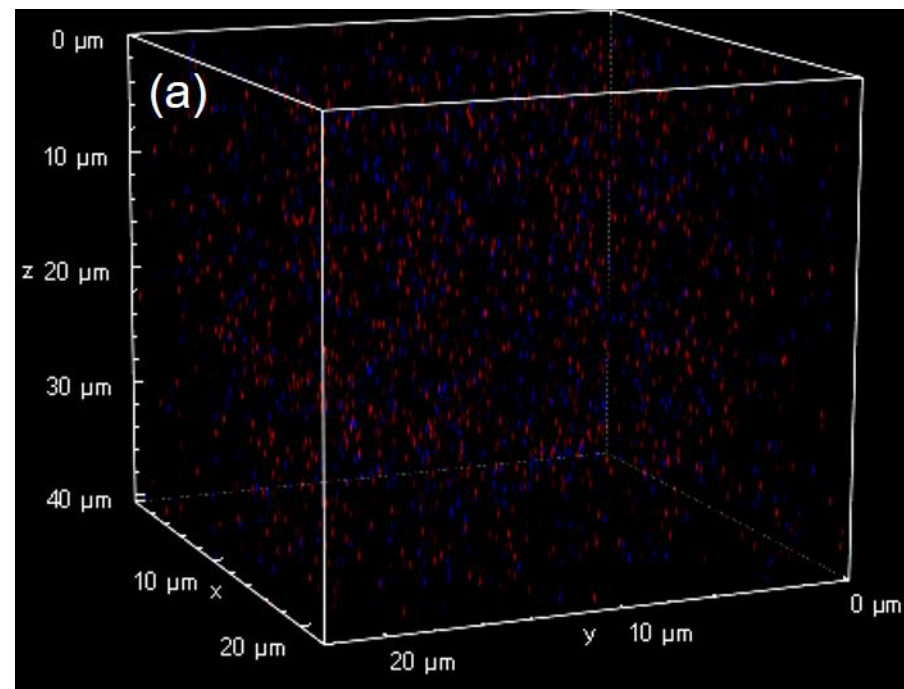


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