



DOSIMETRY + RADON

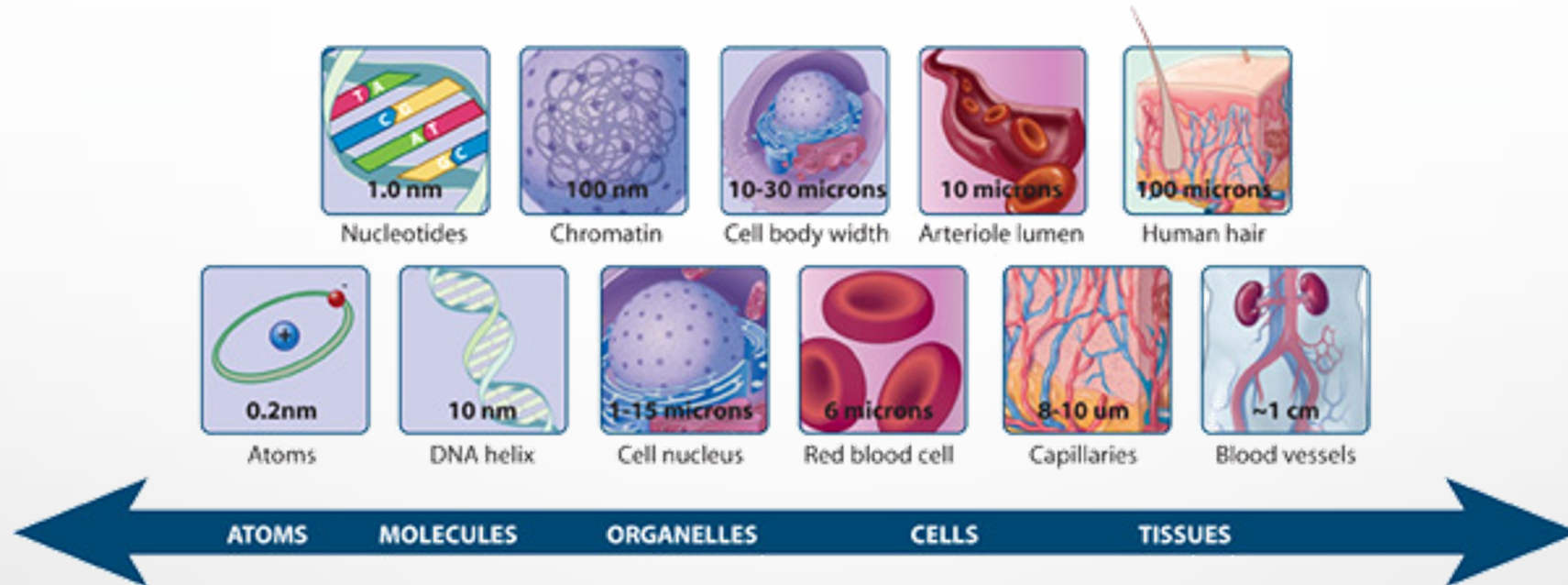
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GOALS OF THE DOSIMETRY GROUP



- High-resolution dosimetry for QA in new RT modalities
- Measure energy deposition at subcellular scale
- Relate dosimetric quantities with radiation effects in biological systems

PEOPLE

- **Researchers: 6 (1.6 FTE)**
- **Ph.D. students: 10**
- **Master students: 10**
- **Trainees/undergraduate: 8**

Ph.D degree



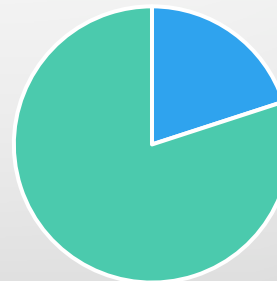
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Ph.D. grants



■ ProtoTera ■ PT-CERN

M.Sc degree



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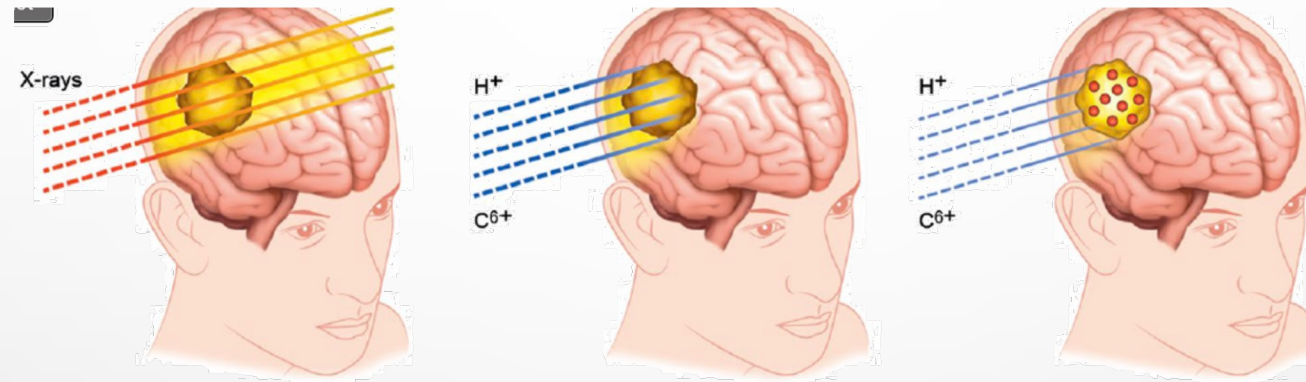
M.Sc status



■ Finished (2021) ■ Ongoing (2022)

NANOPARTICLES RADIATION THERAPY

Combine external RT with high-Z NPs



S. Lacombe et al. *Cancer Nanotechnol* 8(1) (2017)

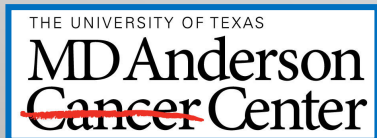
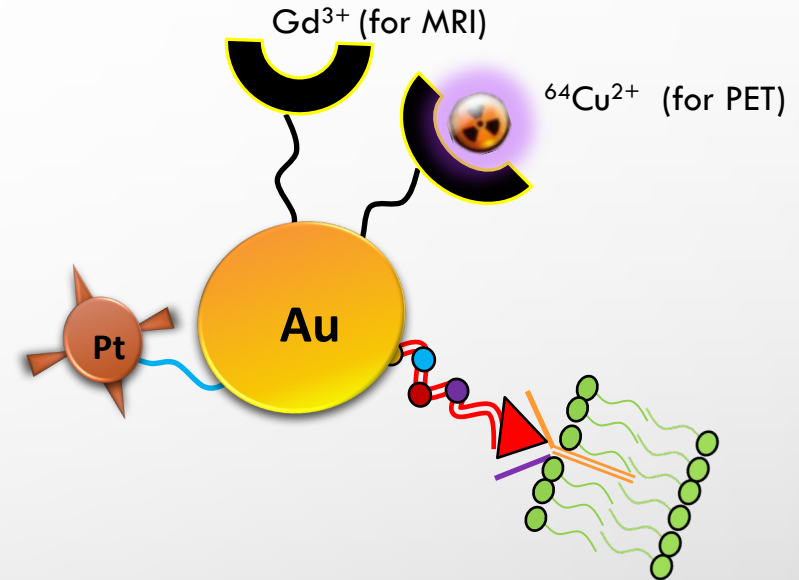
- Increase production of secondary particles
- Increase production of ROS

Enhancement of the therapeutic effect

PARTICIPATION IN THE TPPT PROJECT

To develop, characterize and pre-clinically evaluate multifunctional AuNPs as radiosensitizers in proton therapy of GBMs.

- Cellular uptake
- Irradiation studies (^{60}Co , X-rays, protons)
- Dosimetry studies
- Evaluation and modeling of biological effects



Heavy use of LIP FARM₅

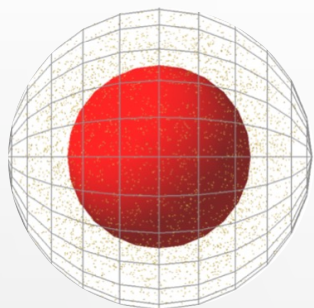
MODELING THE RADIOBIOLOGICAL EFFECTS OF AuNPs IN GBMs

Reconstructed computational models

Monte Carlo simulations with



+ Radiobiological models



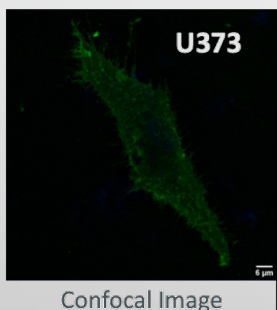
From a spherical cell model to ...

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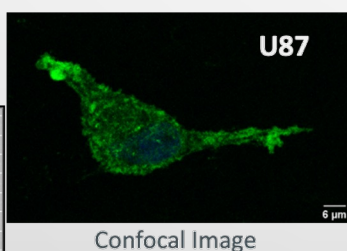
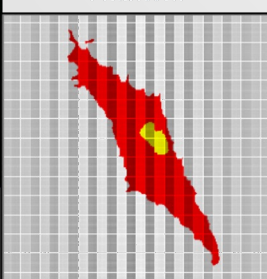
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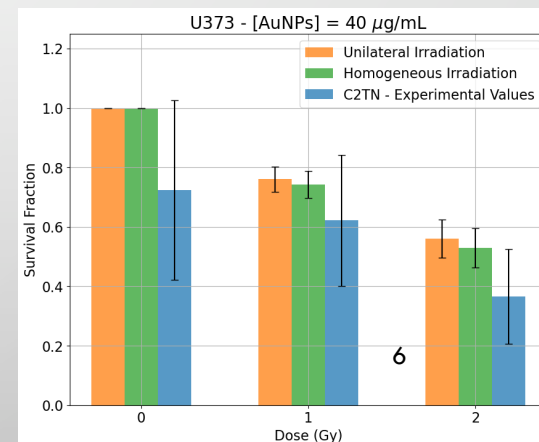
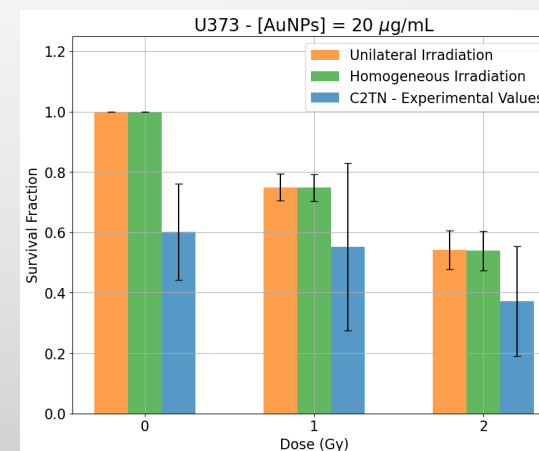
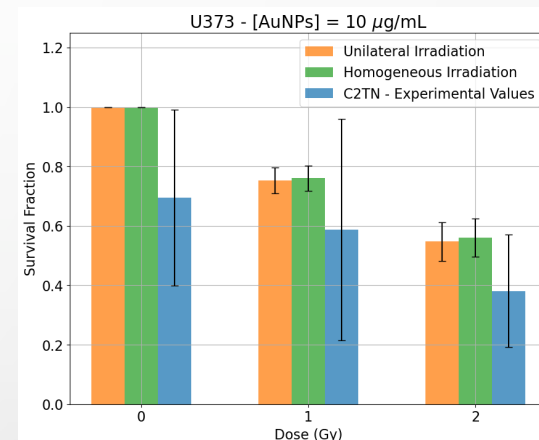
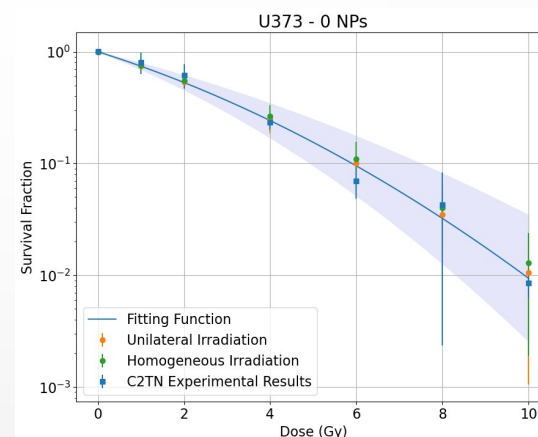
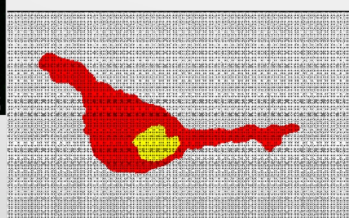
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Reconstructed Cell Phantom



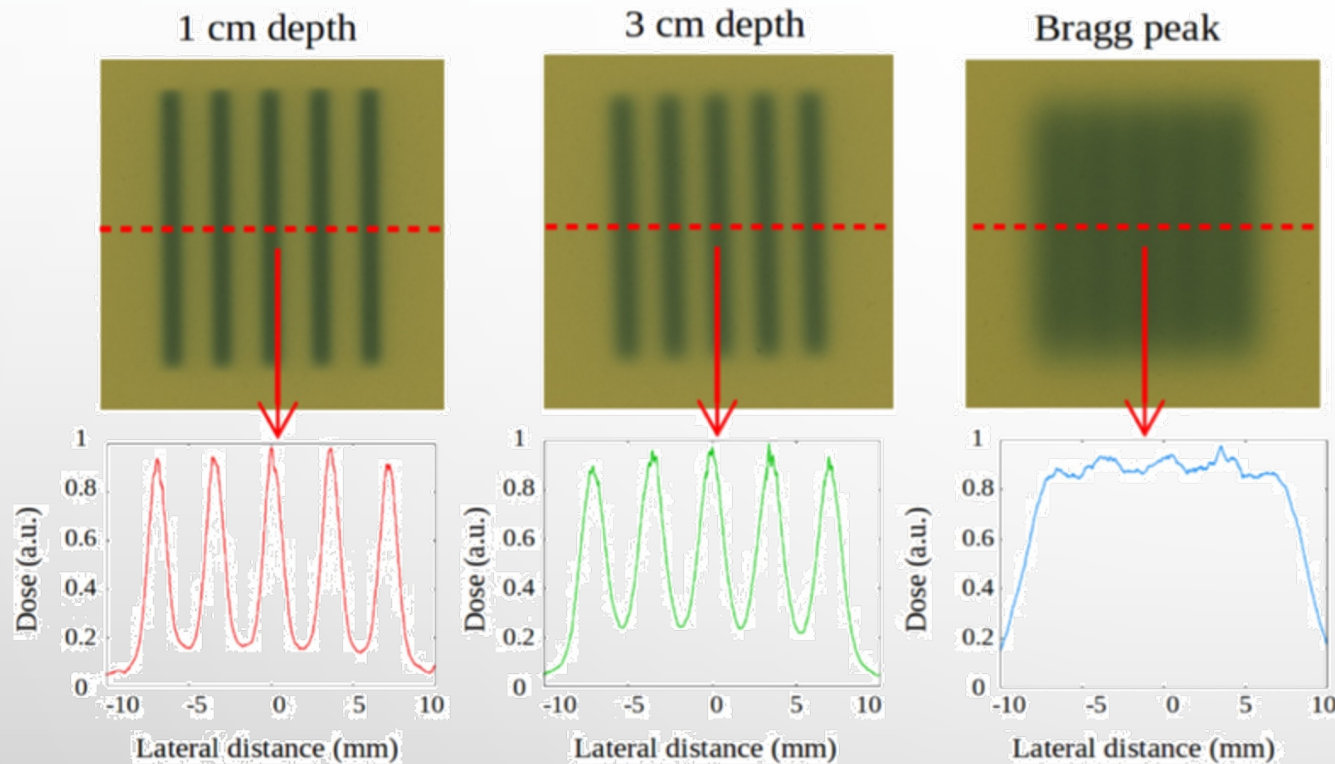
Reconstructed Cell Phantom



See poster by Joana Antunes (#21)

Survival curves for the ^{60}Co irradiation of U373 cell lines

(PROTON) MINIBEAM RADIOOTHERAPY



Peucelle C et al., *Med Phys.* 42(12) 2015

Pre-clinical studies with pMBRT show

- No/reversible skin damage in rats
- Significant reduction of brain damage
- Higher tumor control and tumor eradication for high-grade gliomas

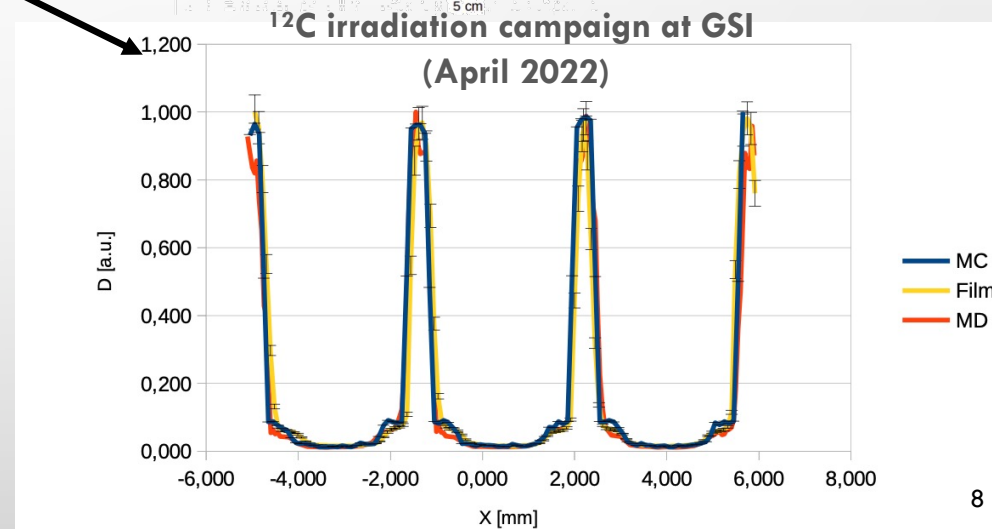
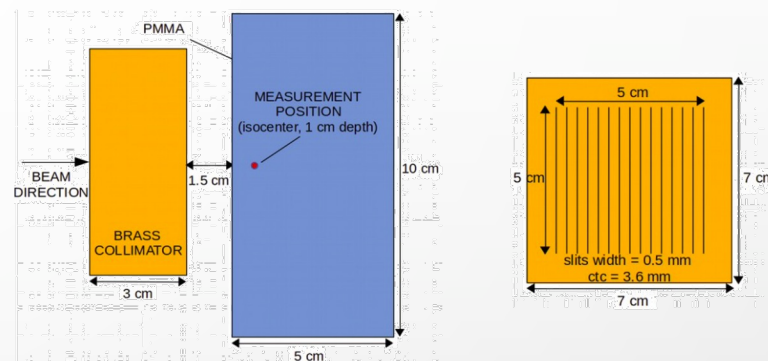
Prezado Y et al., *Sci Rep* 8 (2018)

- High peak-to-dose ratio (PVDR) in healthy tissues
- Homogeneous distribution at the Bragg peak

DOSIMETRY PROTOCOL FOR CHARGED-PARTICLE MBRT

Implementation of fast MC simulation of charged-particle MBRT treatment plans

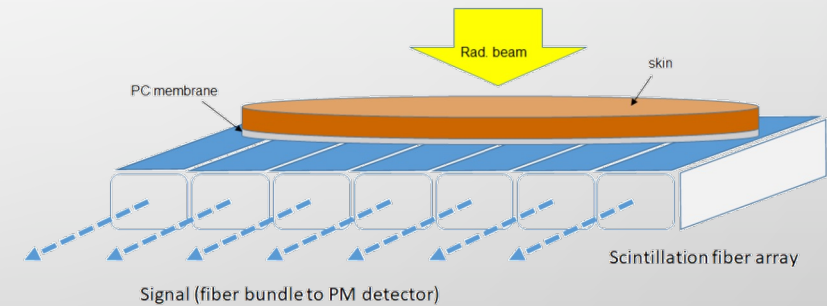
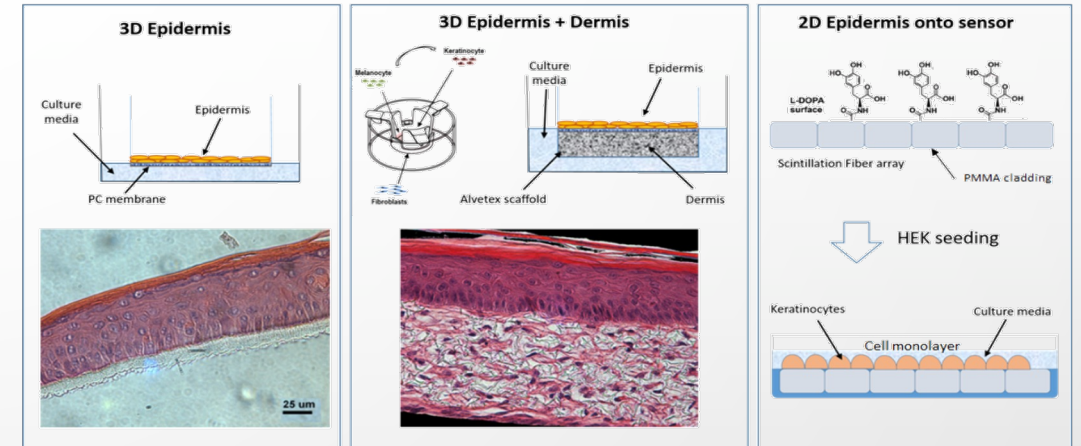
- Benchmarking of simulations with dosimetry measurements for ^{12}C MBRT
- MC simulations of MBRT treatment plans from CT images
- GPU-based MC simulations



HIGH RESOLUTION DOSIMETRY WITH SPOFs

Relate biological effects of ion with dose measurements at the microscale

- Scintillating detector development
- Cell growth on the detection surface
- Radiobiology experiments

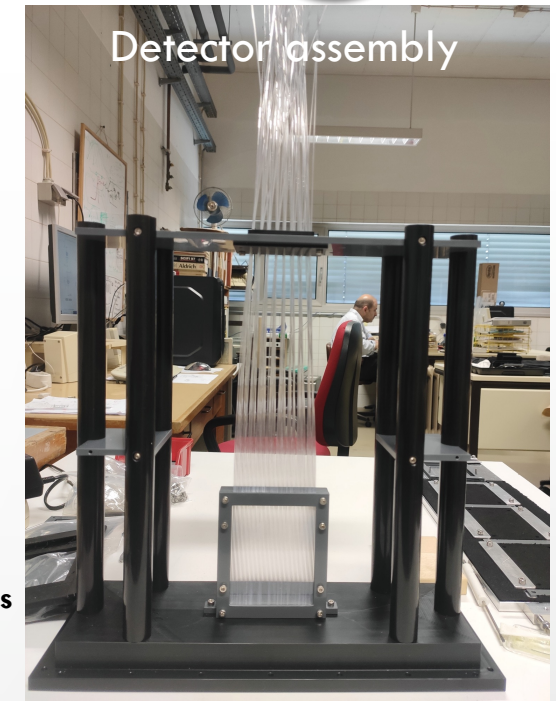
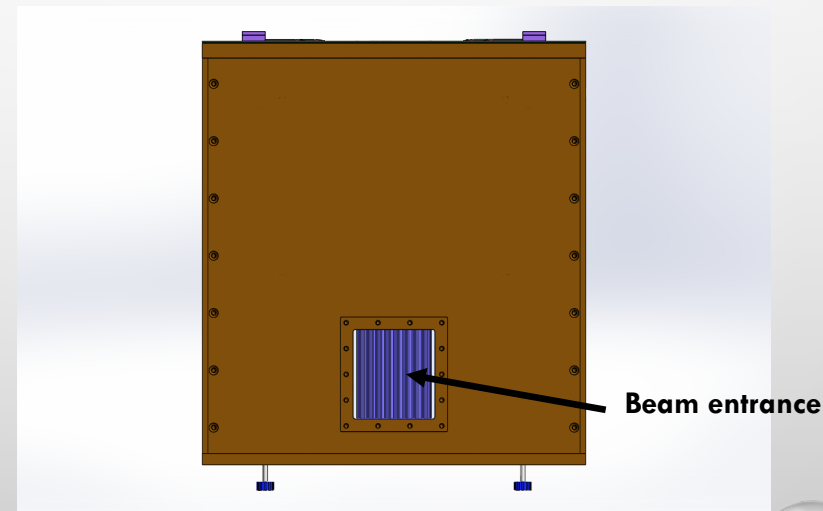
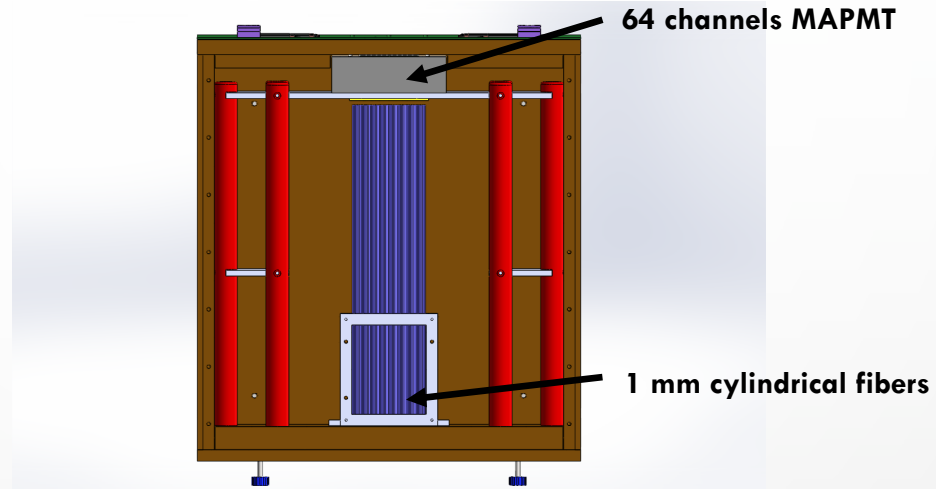


DETECTOR DEVELOPMENT

Requirements

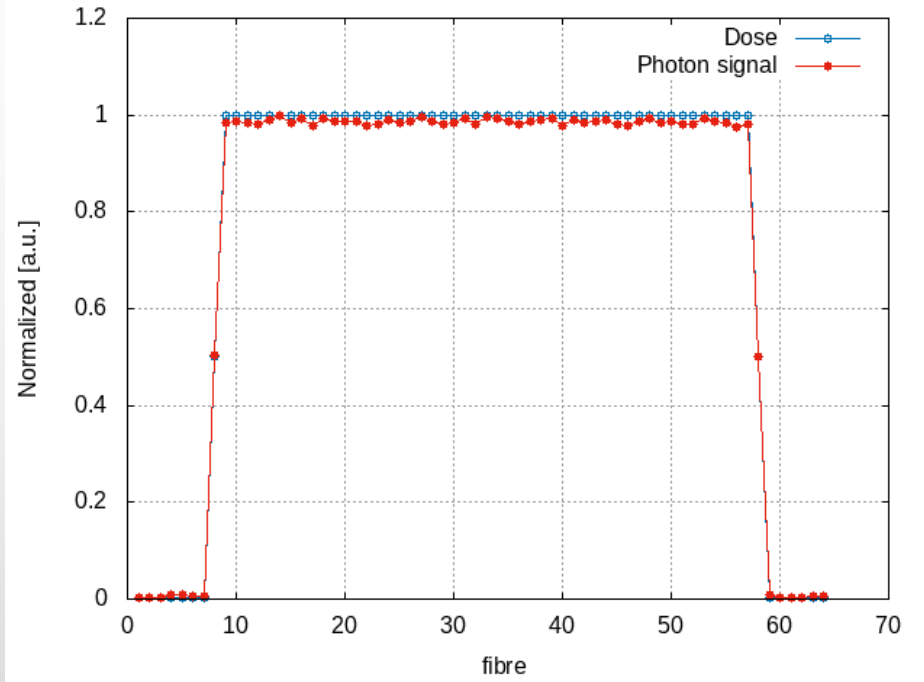
- Light-tight
- Radiation hard
- Portable/transportable
- Good tissue-equivalence
- Practical use

Support from LOMAC, MW, eCR Lab

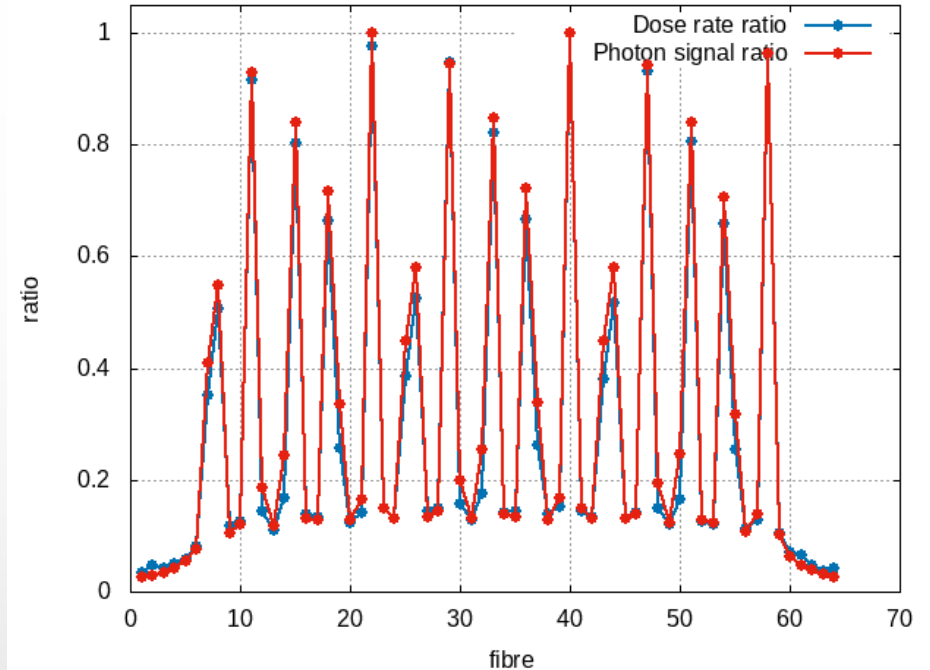


APPLICATION TO MBRT

Can we use this detector to measure the PVDR in ion MBRT?



180 MeV proton broad beam
(5 cm × 5 cm)



180 MeV proton minibeam
(brass collimator with 15 apertures with 5 cm height and 0.6 mm width)

GSI Bio-PAC proposal for beam time submitted in June 2022

PH.D. PROJECTS

Research area	Title	Students
High resolution dosimetry	SCINTILLATING ARRAY FOR REAL-TIME HIGH-RESOLUTION ION THERAPY DOSIMETRY	DUARTE GUERREIRO
	BRAGG PEAK MONITORING THROUGH PROMPT-GAMMA: DETECTION AND INSTRUMENTATION	JOSÉ VENÂNCIO
	DEVELOPMENT OF MICRODOSIMETRIC DETECTORS FOR RADIOBIOLOGY IN HADRON THERAPY FACILITIES	CRISTIANA RODRIGUES
Advances in new treatment modalities	EVALUATING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF MBRT IN CANCER THERAPY	MIGUEL MOLINA
	DEVELOPING MULTI-BEAM FLASH WITH PROTON BEAMS	JOANA LEITÃO
	ADAPTIVE DOSE RECONSTRUCTION WITH ONLINE IN-VIVO RANGE VERIFICATION IN PARTICLE THERAPY	MARIANA BRÁS
	ESTUDOS DOSIMÉTRICOS PARA SBRT/SRT DE PEQUENAS LESÕES DO CÉREBRO	DALILA MATEUS
	THE EFFECTS OF PROTON THERAPY ON PROTEIN SELF-ORGANIZATION: POTENTIAL BENEFITS FOR NEURODEGENERATIVE DISORDERS	CARINA COELHO
	MODELING THE RADIOBIOLOGICAL EFFECTS OF GOLD NANOPARTICLES IN PROTON THERAPY OF GLIOBLASTOMAS	JOANA ANTUNES
	DEVELOPMENT OF A DOSIMETRY PROTOCOL FOR PROTON MINIBEAM RADIOTHERAPY	MARIA GIORGI

DOSIMETRY POSTERS

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TEAM

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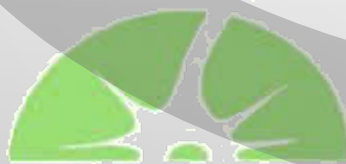
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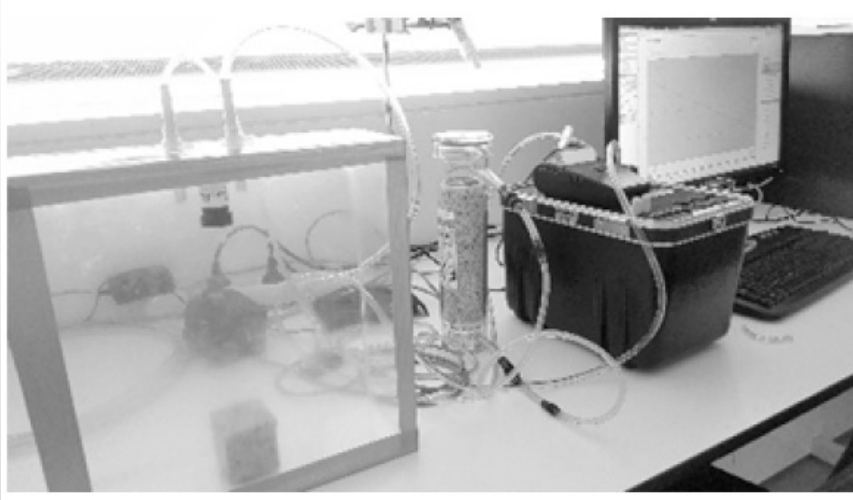
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RADIATION HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT



- The LabExpoRad laboratory sits in Covilhã, and is equipped for the detection of radon in water and air.
- The group joined the Expression of Interest in the participation of a National Radiological Network which includes main laboratories and institutions like the Cyclotron Center in Coimbra (ICNAS), the Portuguese Environment Agency (APA), etc.

- Radon mass exhalation rate measurements from building materials have been made



Existing chambers have some leakage, which affects results quality.

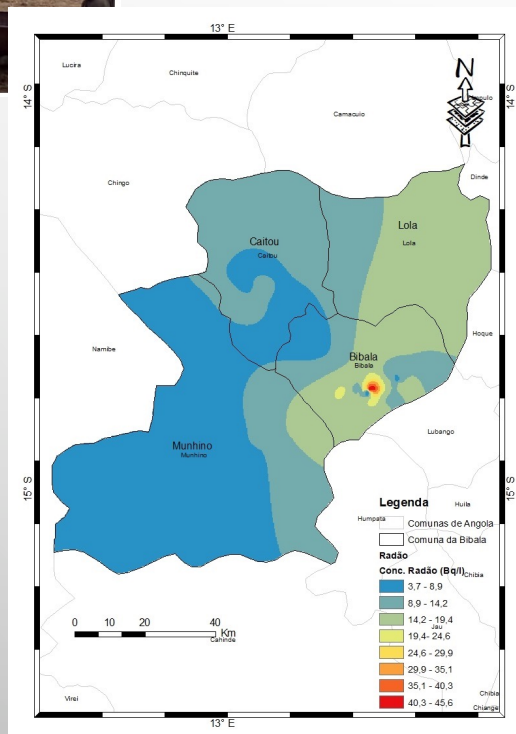


In order to improve results a new exhalation chamber with less leakage was build (new chamber under tests)

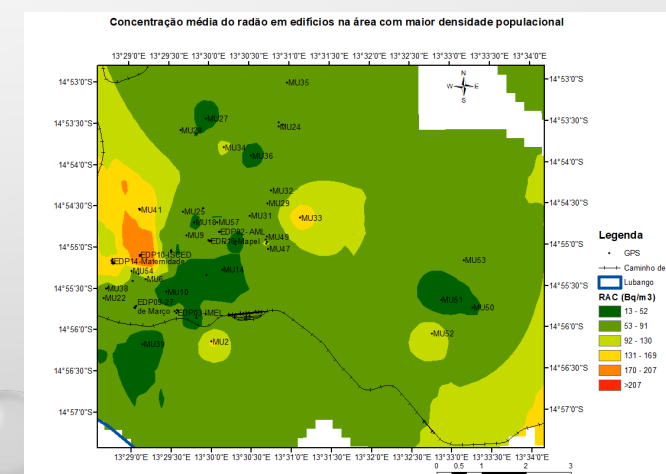
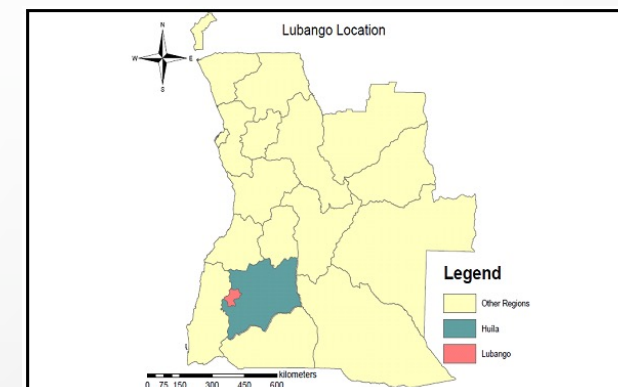
The Angola campaign (concluded)



Radon Concentration Potential in Bibala Municipality Water.



Radon Exposure in Buildings in Lubango city.





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