



# RADART



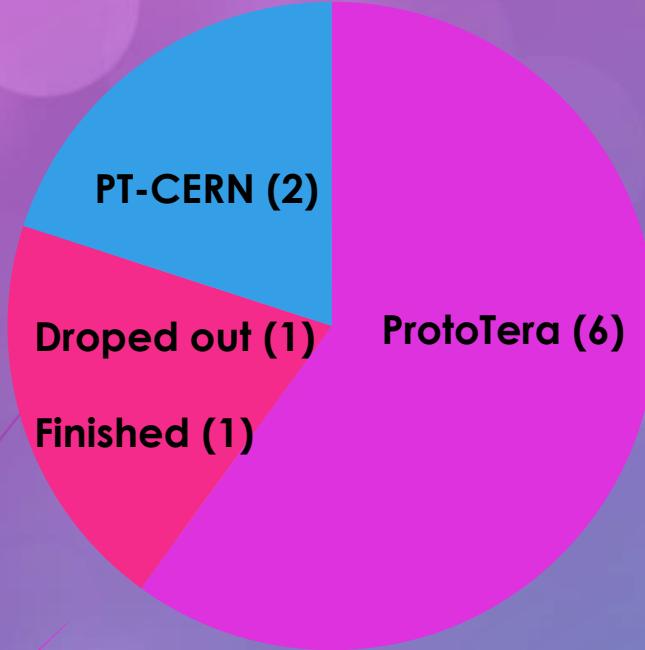
2023 – 2024

Researchers = 7

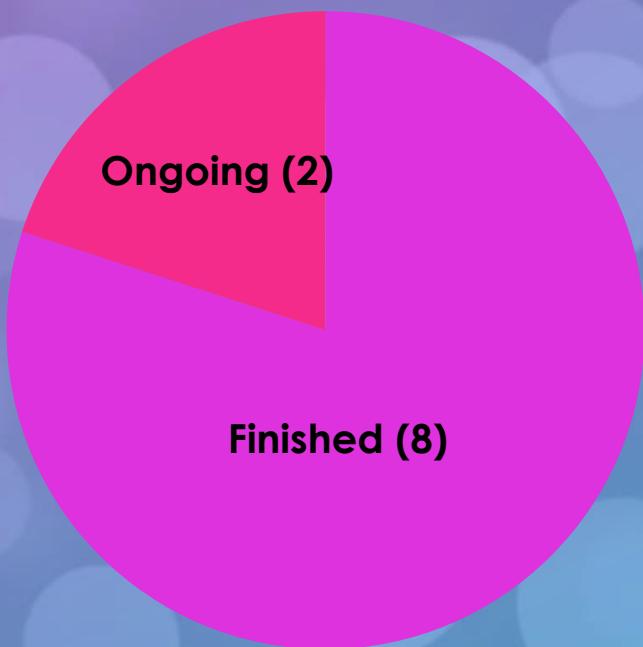
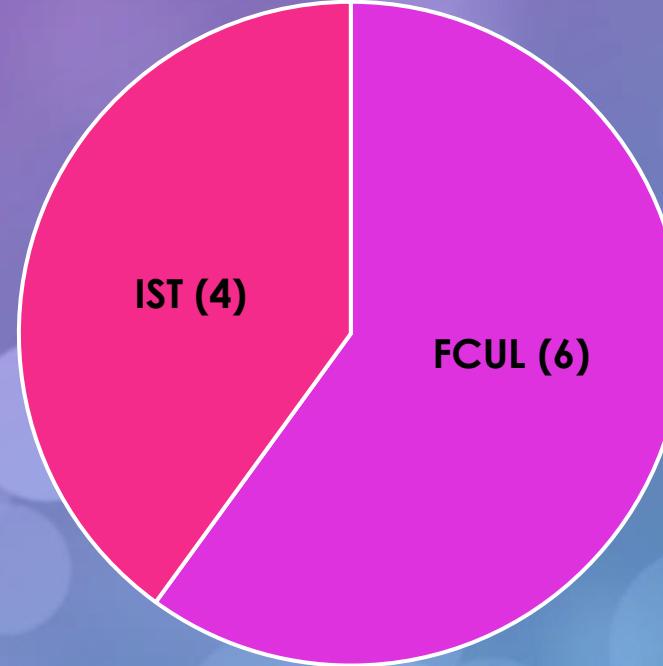
Trainees = 8

MSc. Students = 10

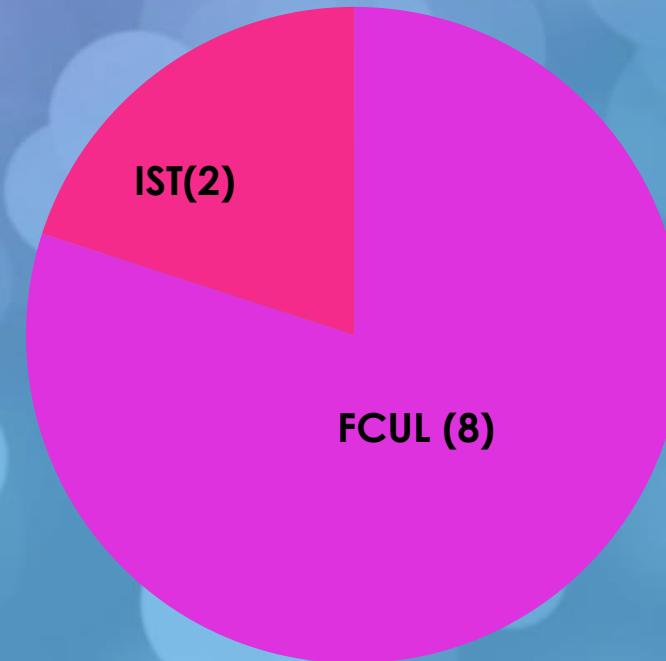
PhD. Students = 9



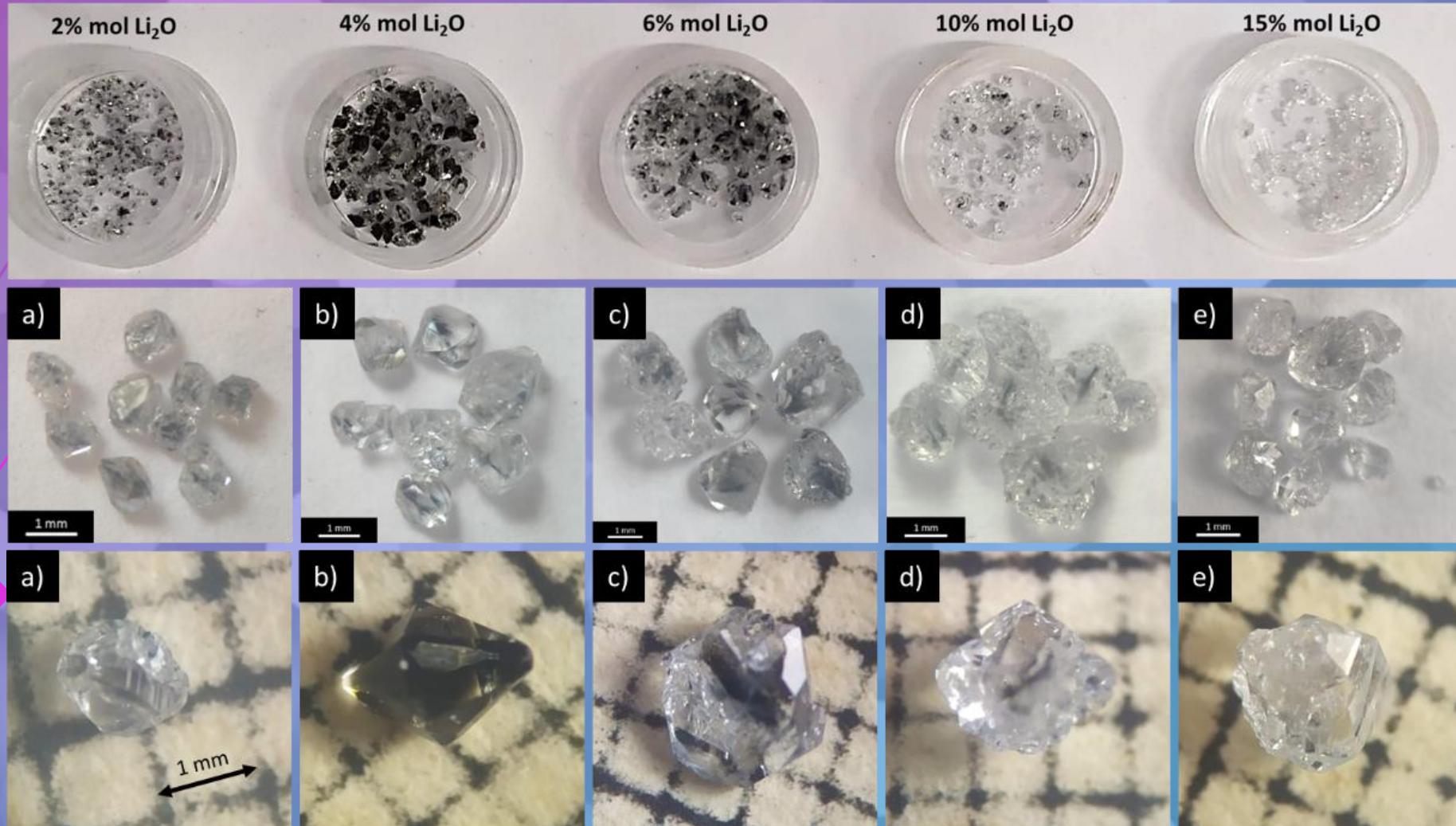
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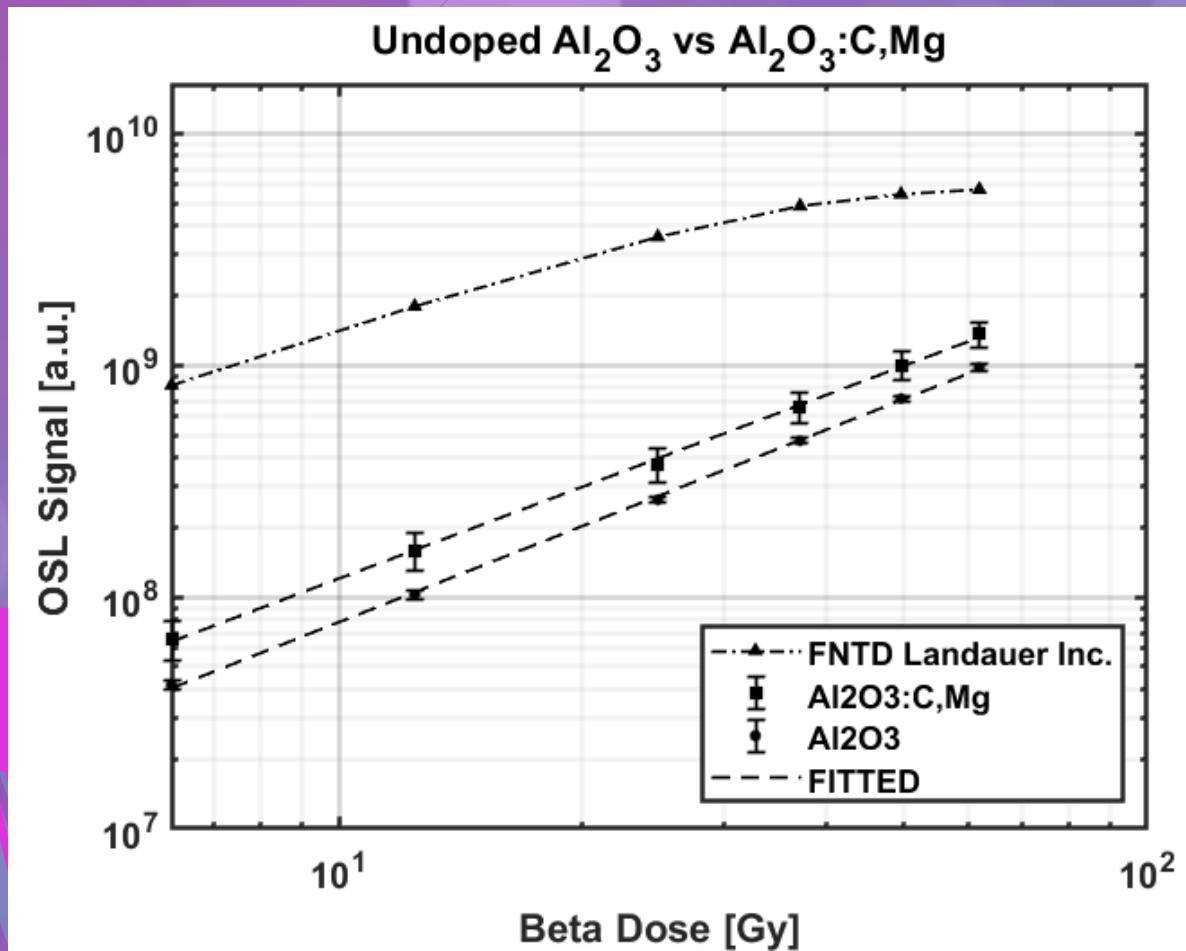
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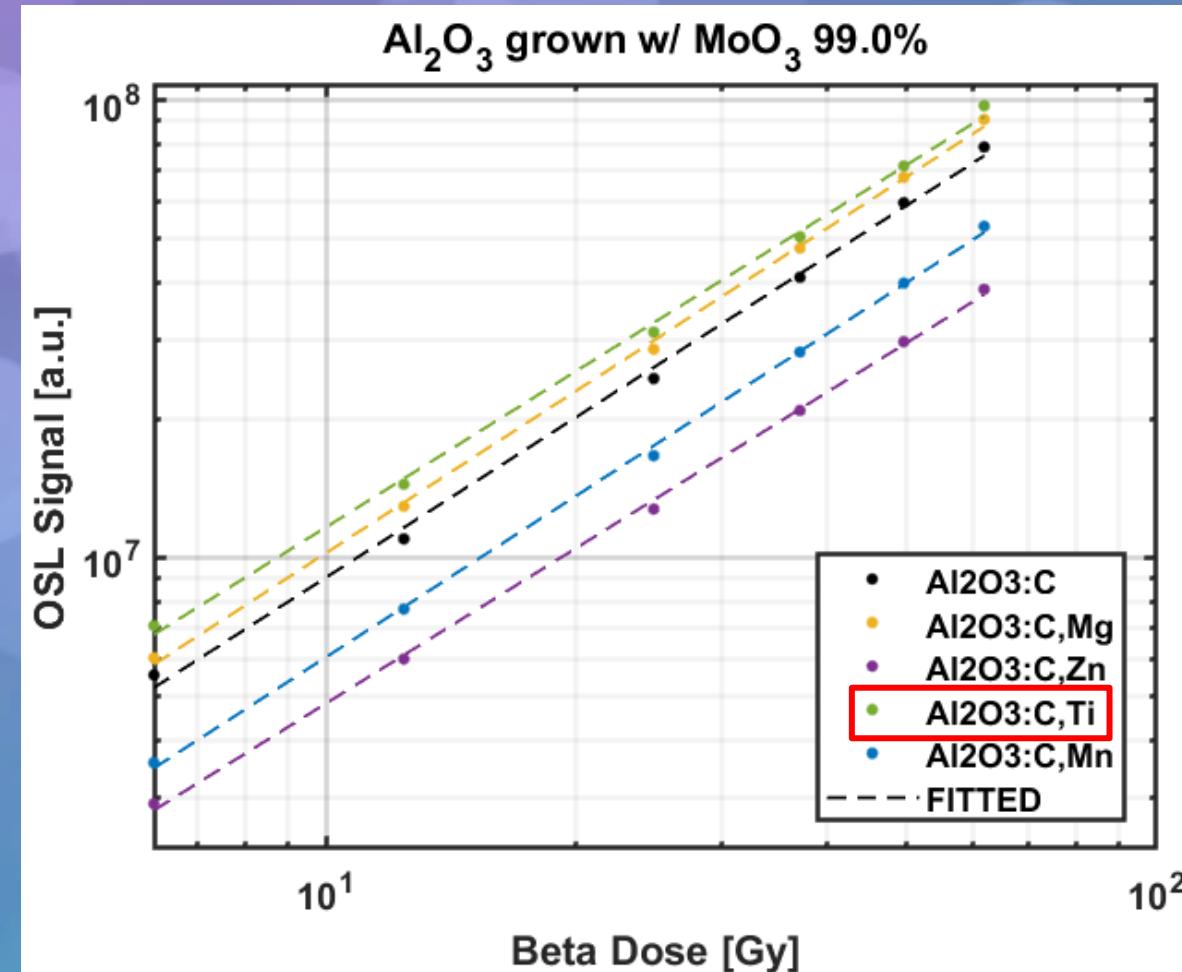
# Sapphire detectors for radiotherapy (Cristiana Rodrigues)



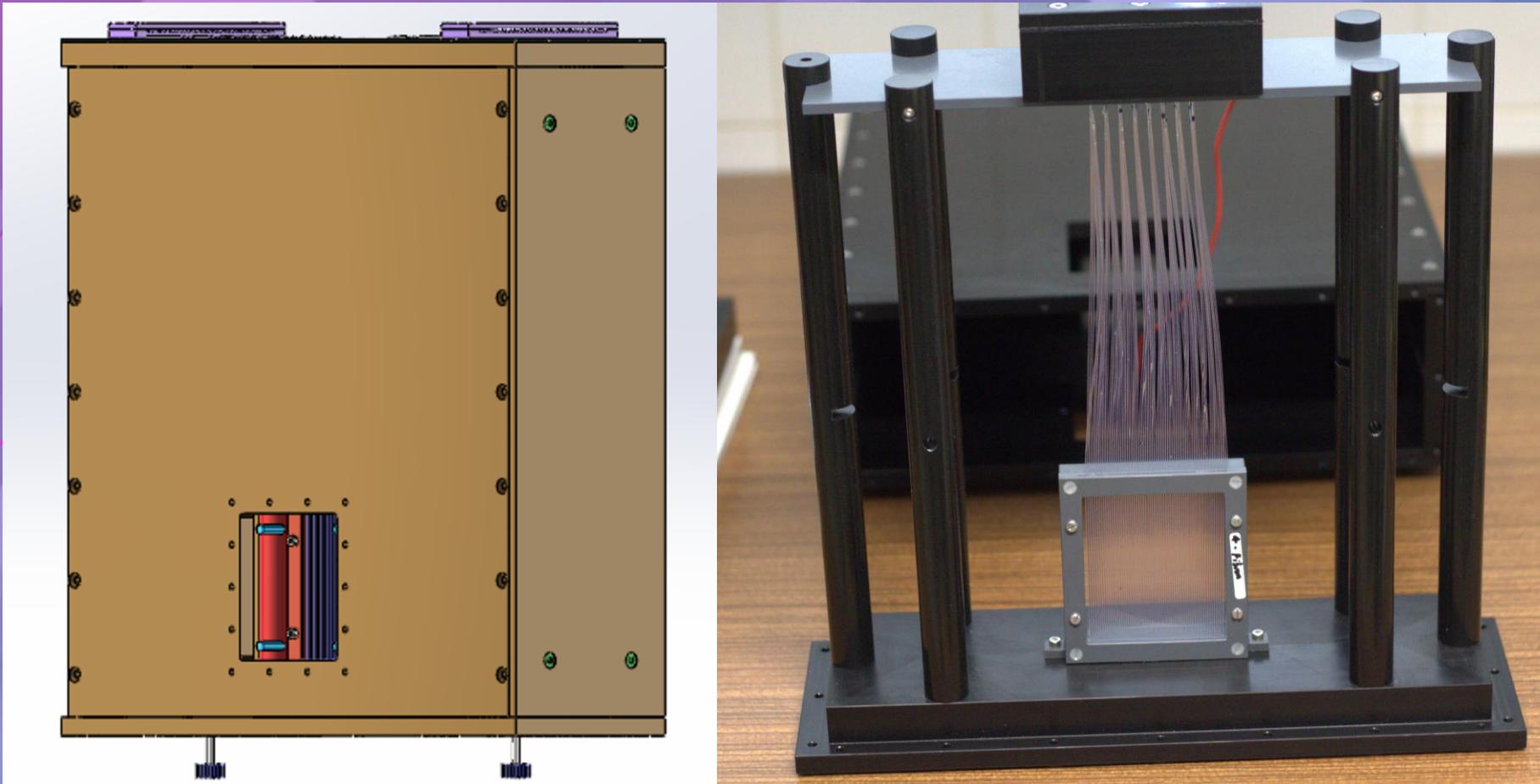
$\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  vs  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3:\text{C,Mg}$  grown w/  $\text{MoO}_3$  p. 99.5%



Novel Doped  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  grown w/  $\text{MoO}_3$  p. 99.0%

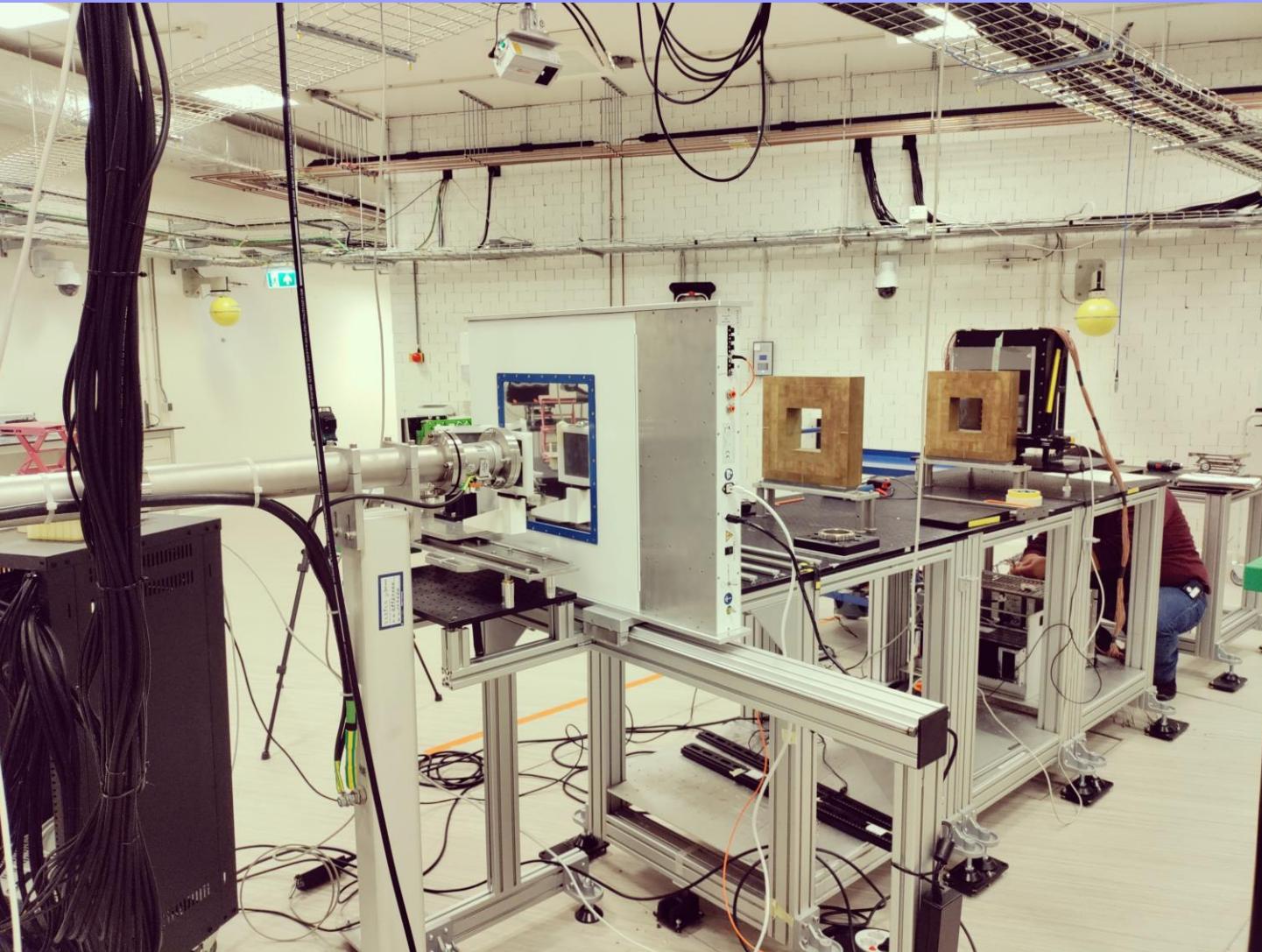


# Proton Scintillating Fiber Array Detector (Duarte Guerreiro)

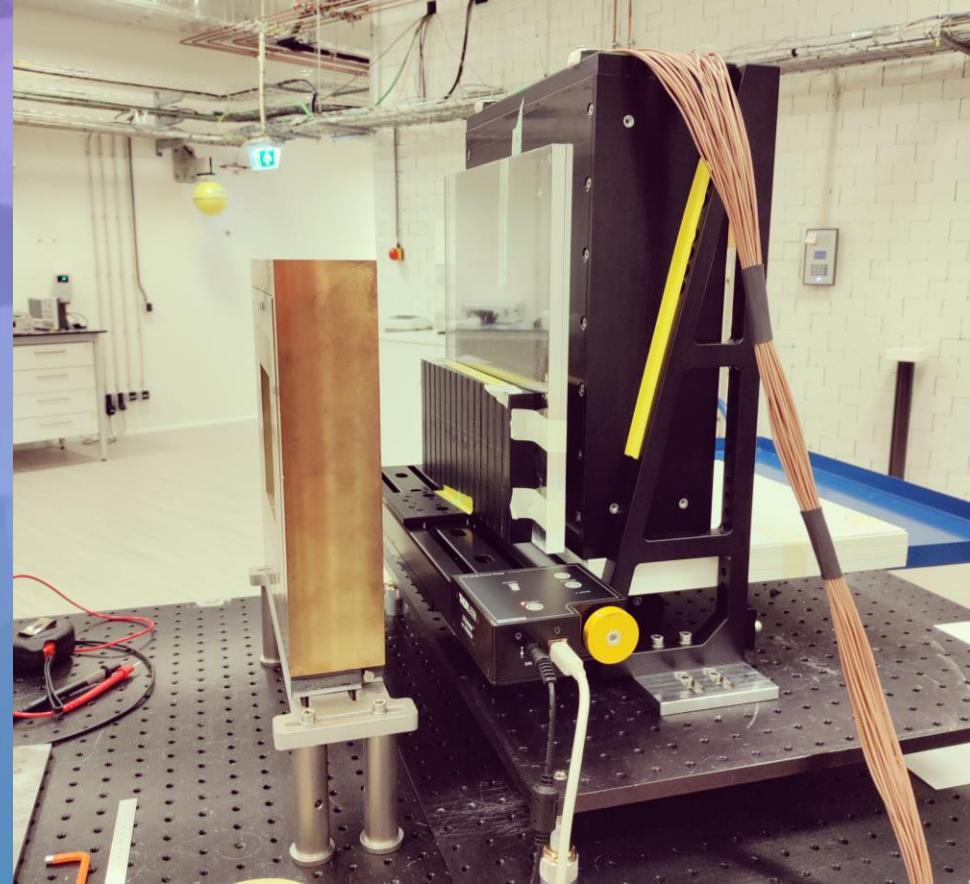
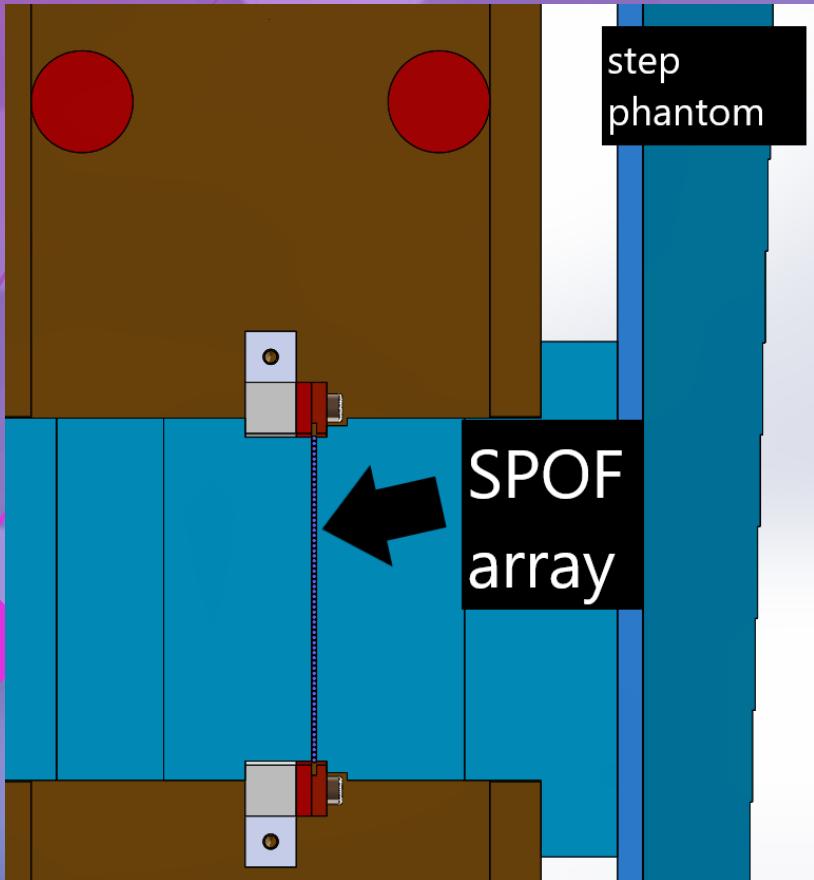


64 scintillating fibers  
MultiAnode PMT

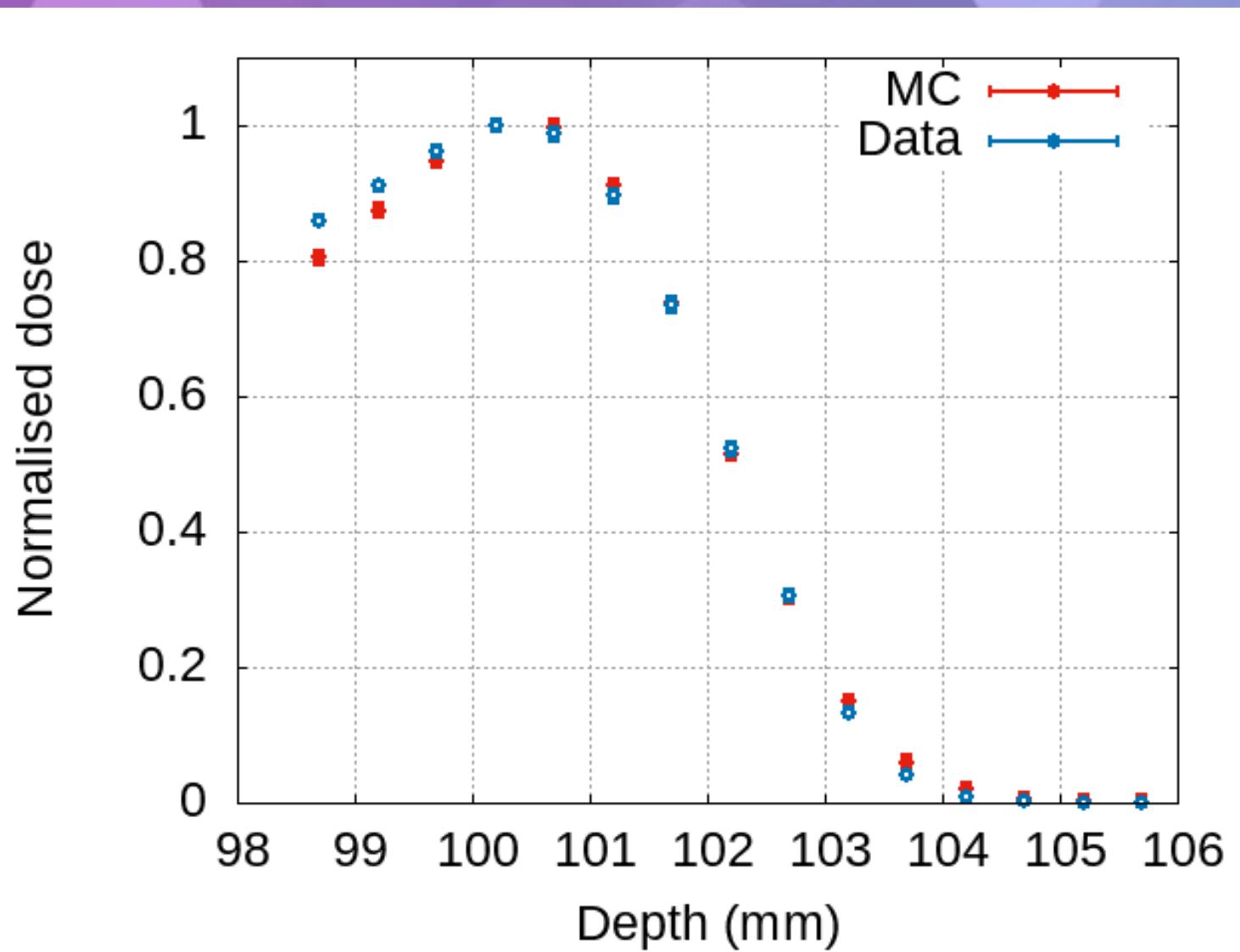
# Proton beam tests at HollandPTC - 130 MeV



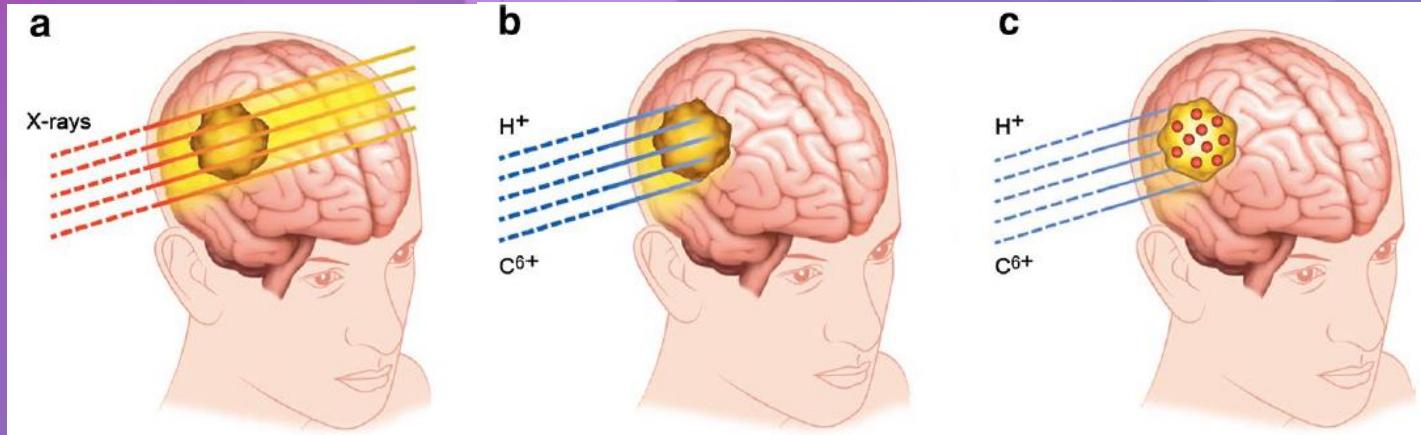
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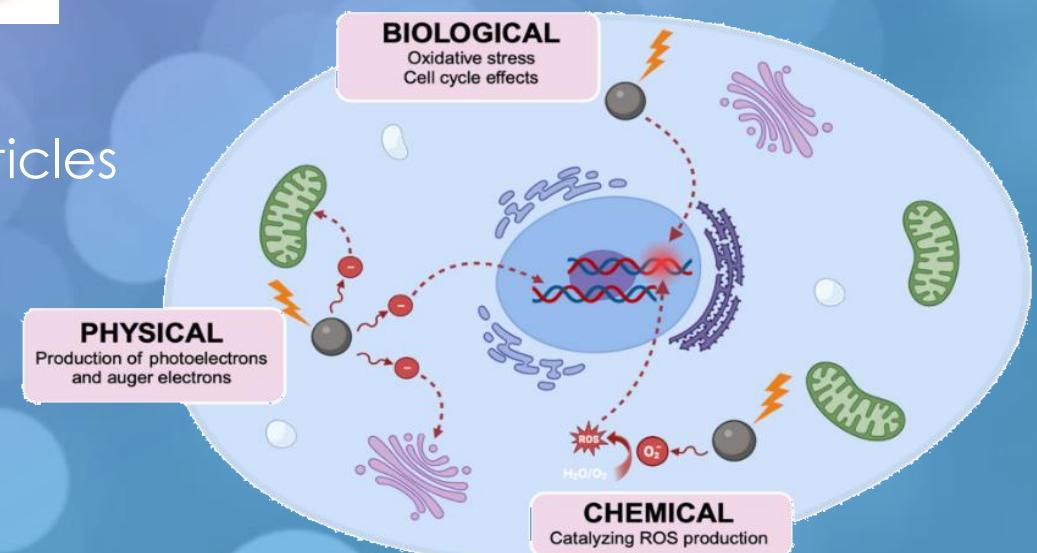
## Bragg peak detection capability



# Radiotherapy combined with Gold nanoparticles (Joana Antunes)



- Increase production of secondary particles
- Increase production of Reactive Oxygen Species



Mechanisms of high-Z NP radiosensitization.

Jackson, N. et al., "Application of High-Z Nanoparticles to Enhance Current Radiotherapy Treatment", *Molecules*, 2024

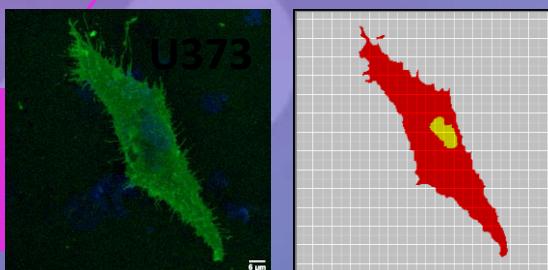
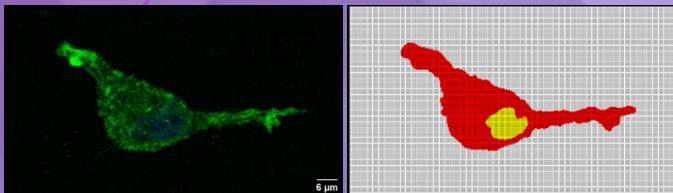
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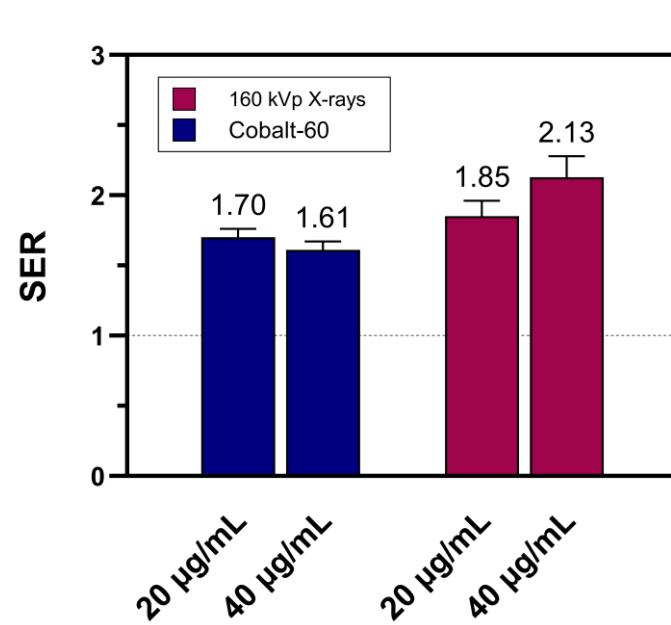
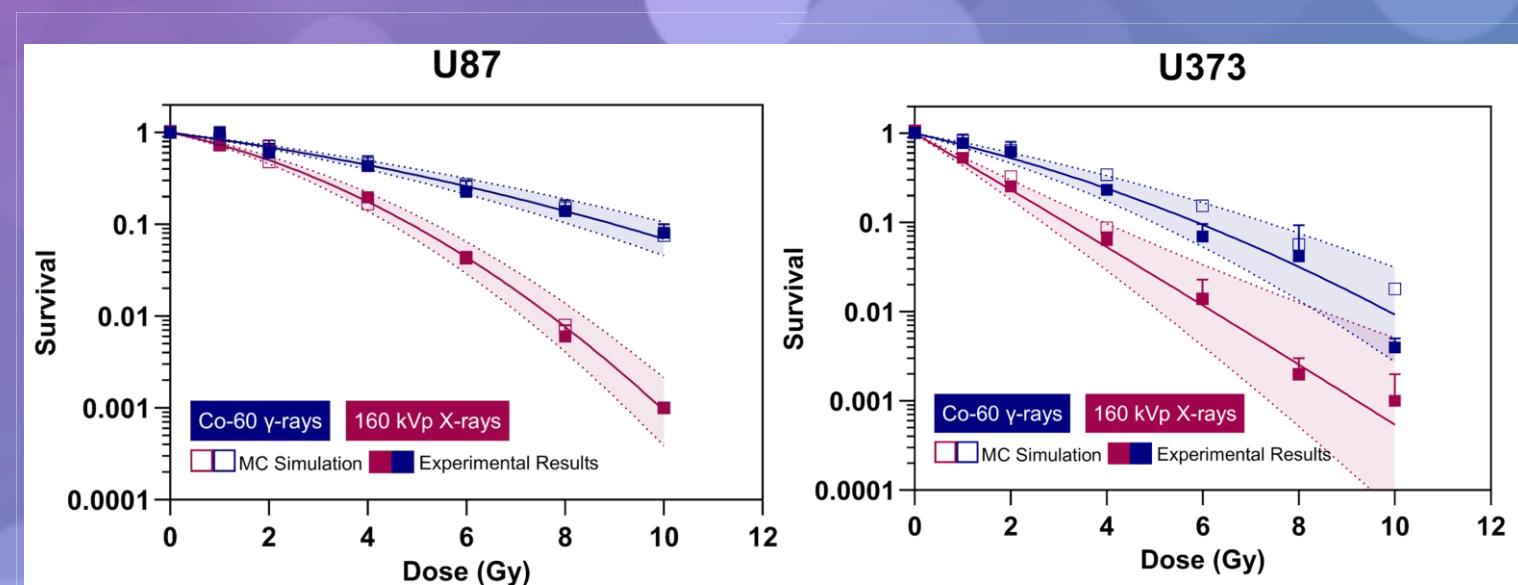
# Radiobiological Effects of AuNPs in glioblastoma



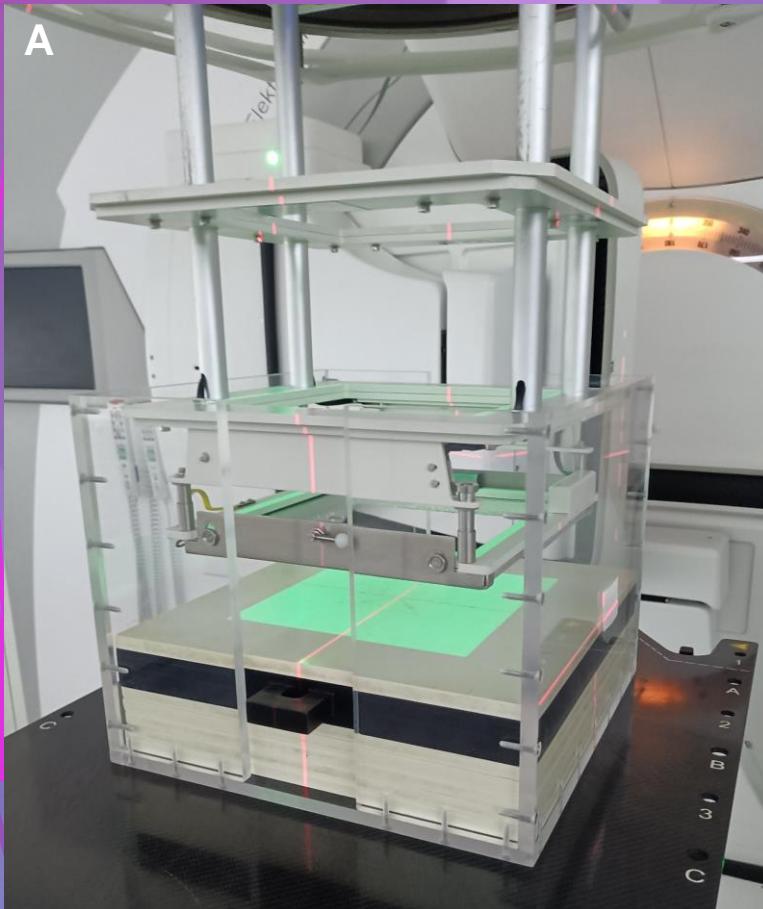
Reconstructed  
computational GBM models



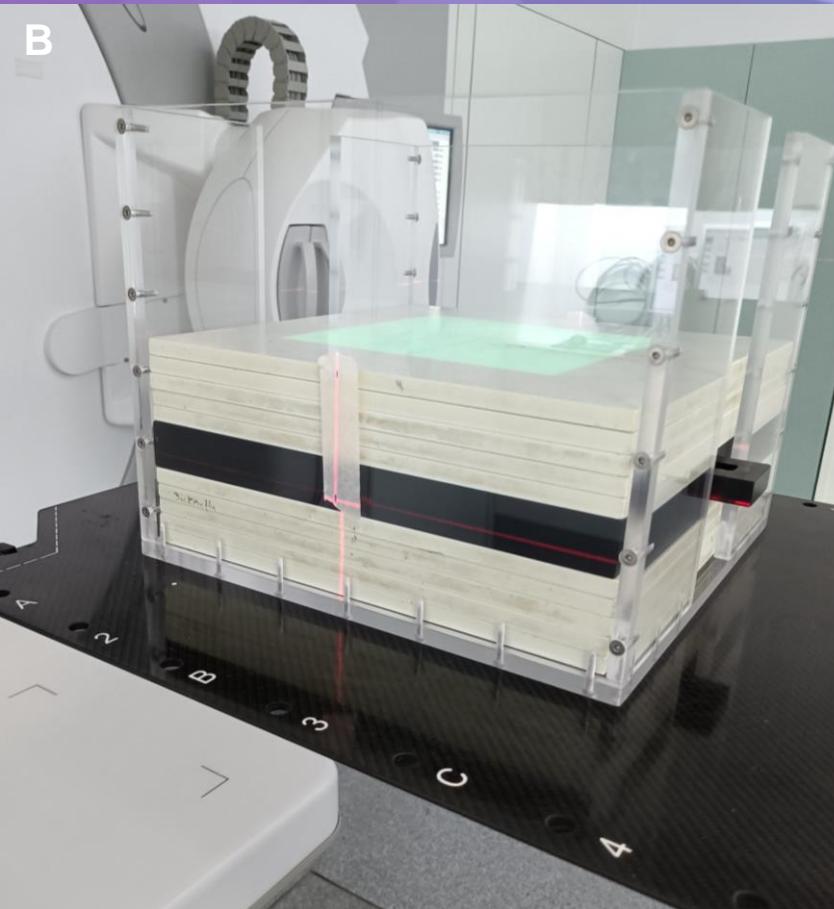
Radiobiological Models:  
LEM and MKM



# Proton Therapy in Neurodegenerative Disorders (Carina Coelho)



electron beam

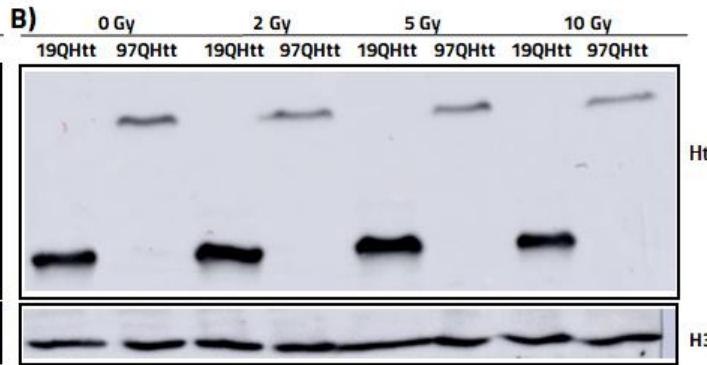
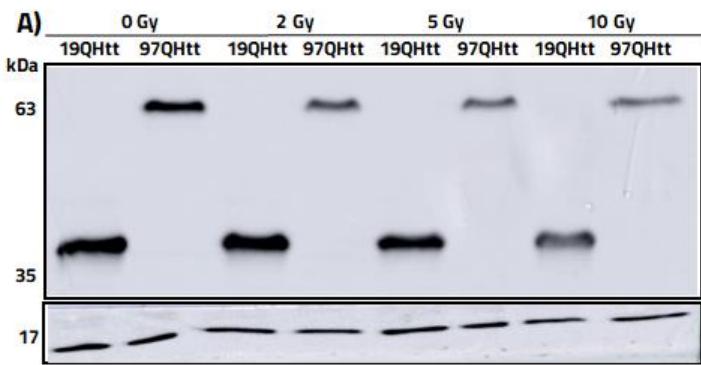


photon beam

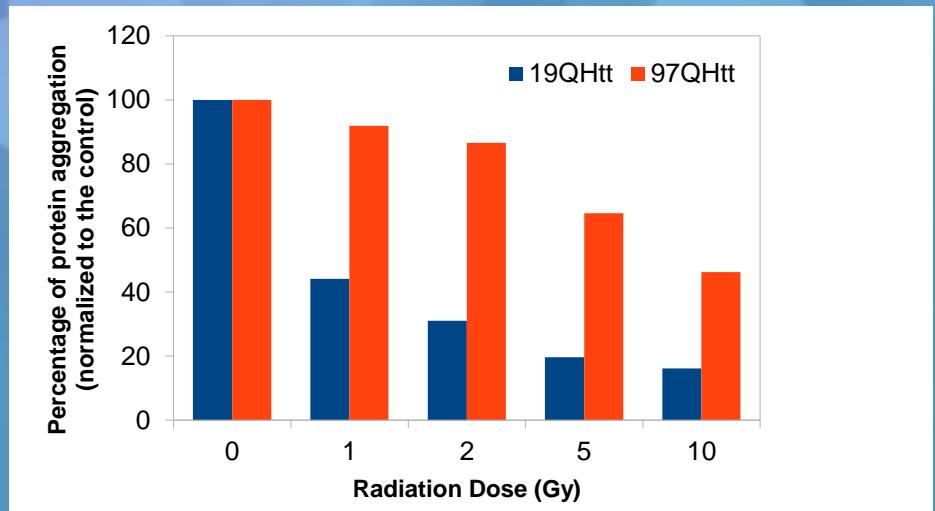
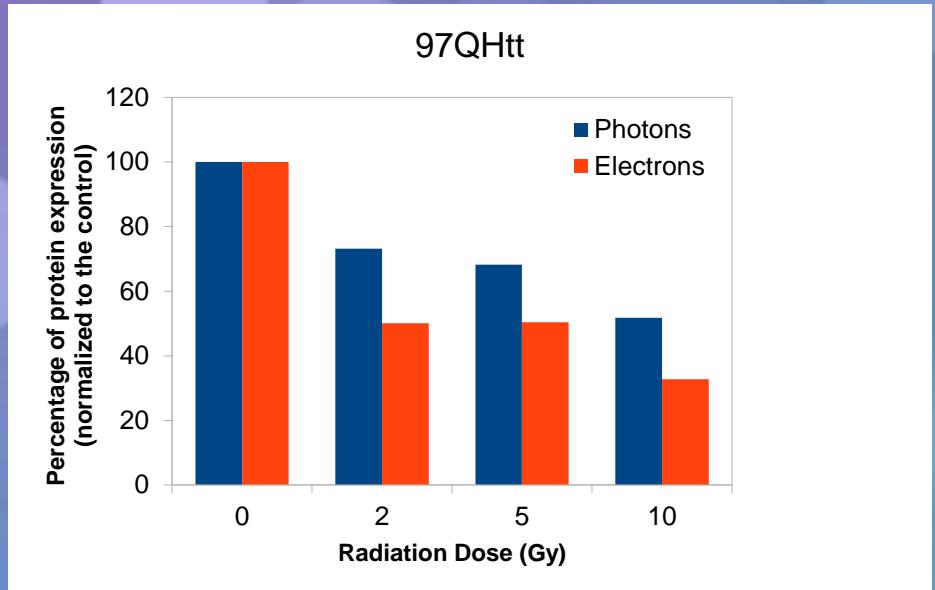
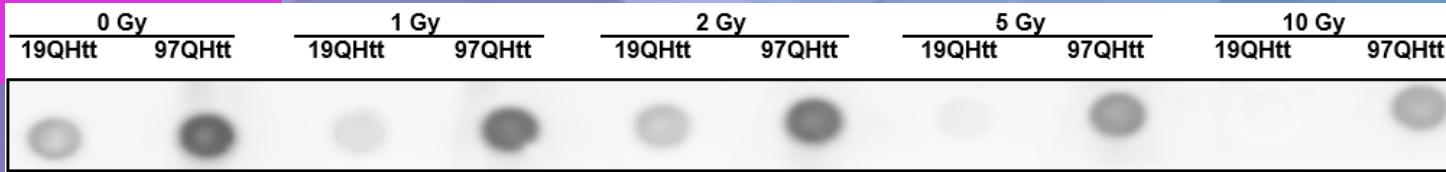


positioning of the cell samples

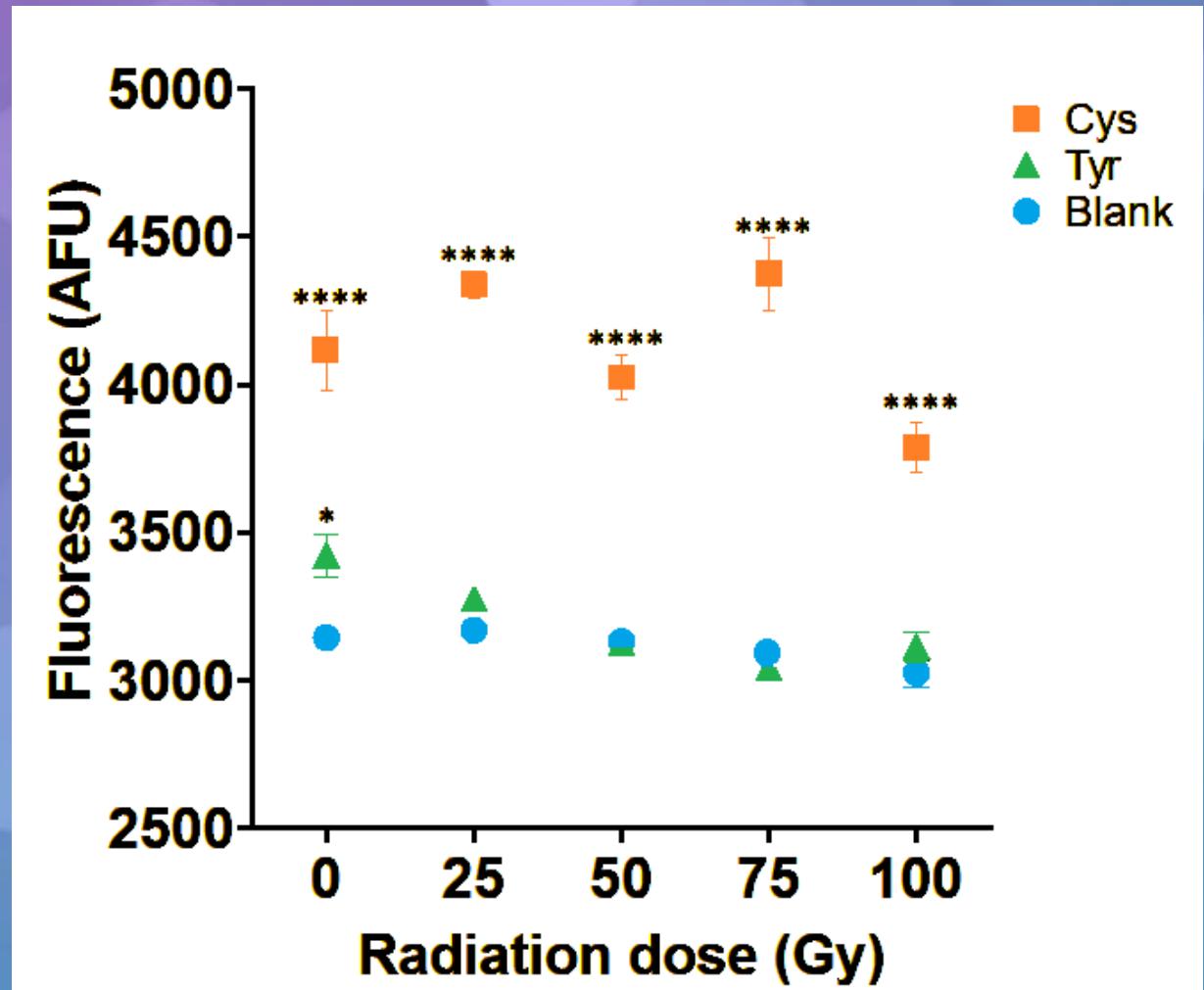
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Expression of the mutated protein 97Htt associated with Huntington disease



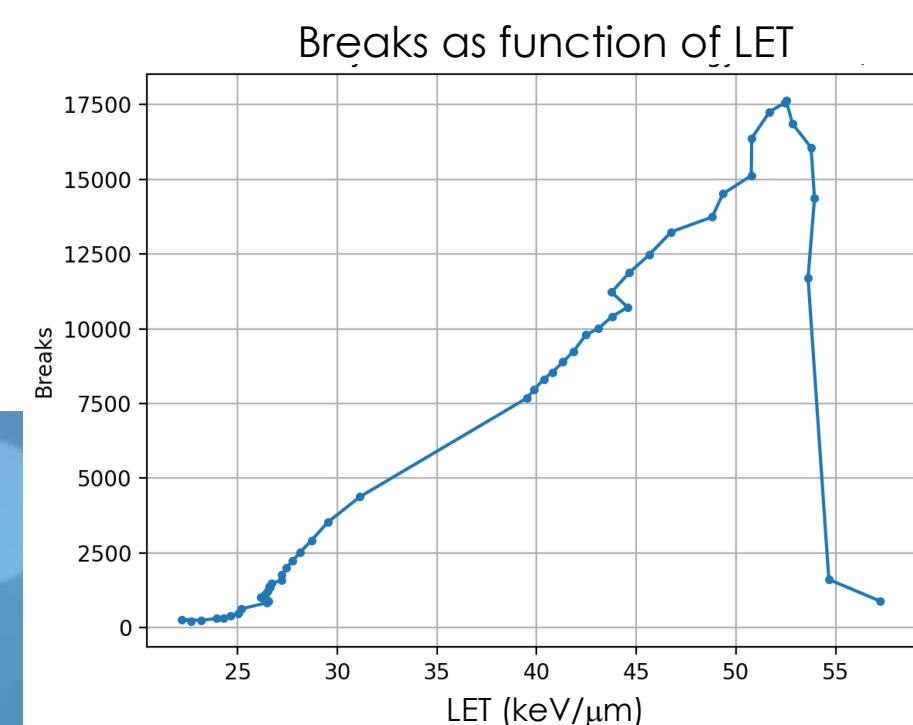
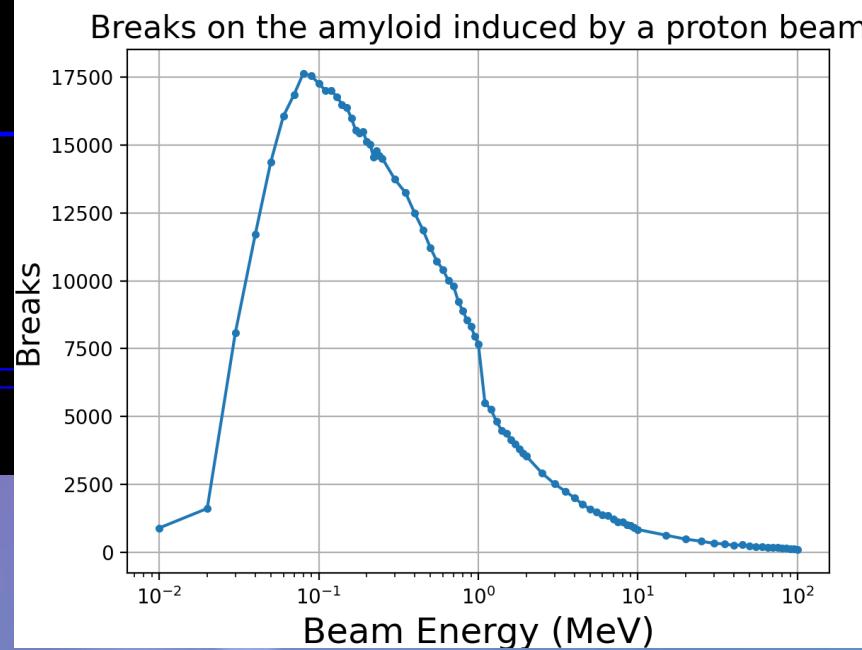
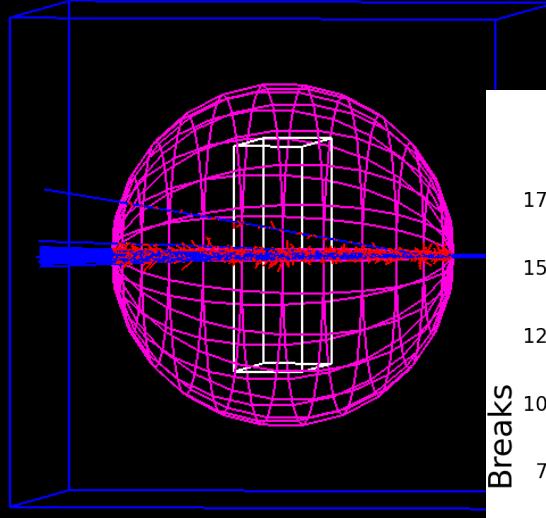
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High doses of  $\gamma$ -radiation diminish the formation of amino acids *in-vitro* amyloid fibrils

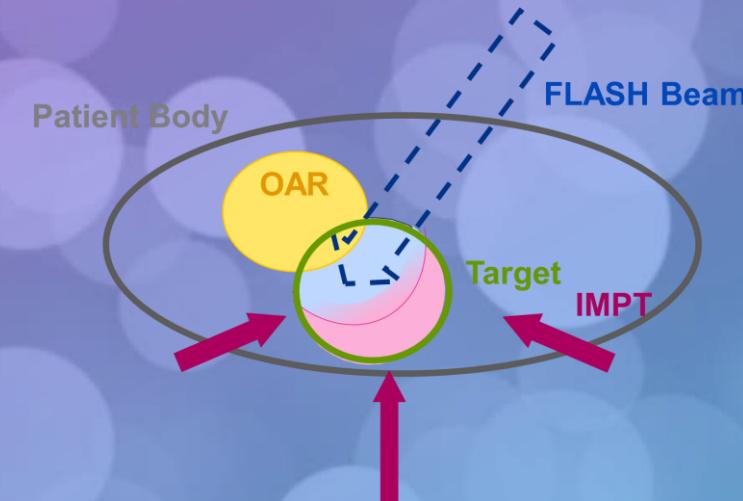
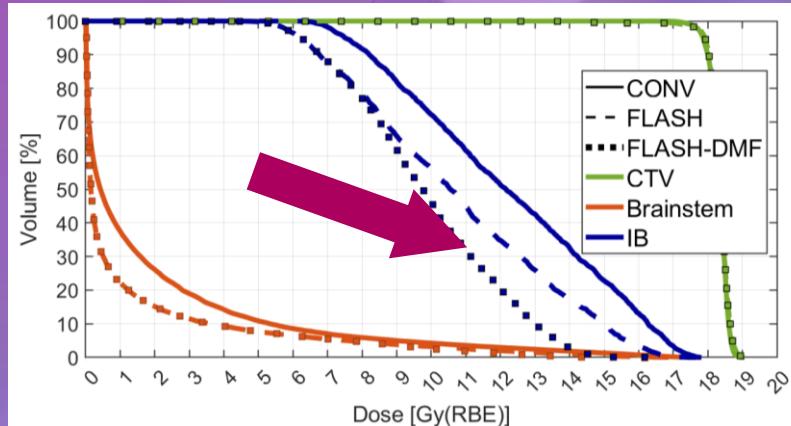
# Simulations of Bond Breakage in Amyloid- $\beta$ Proteins by proton beam (Francisca Afonso)

Geometry for simulation with  
TOPAS-nBio

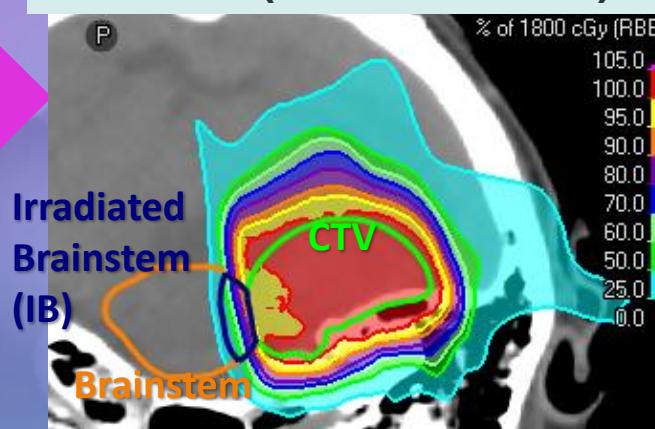


# Partial-volume proton-FLASH – meningioma case (Joana Leitão)

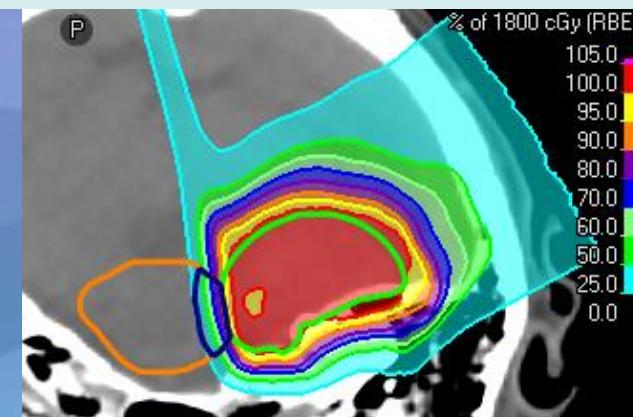
**FLASH:** Dose > 5 Gy, Dose-rate > 40 Gy/s



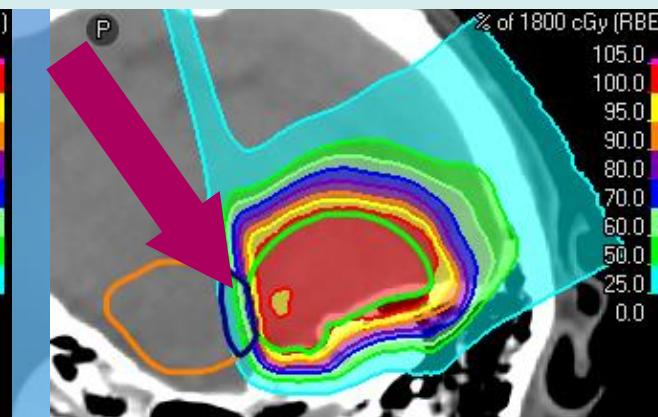
**CONV (Clinical in 2 fx)**



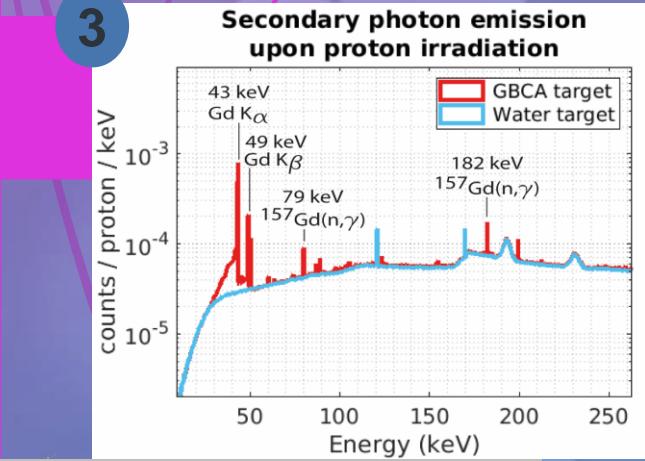
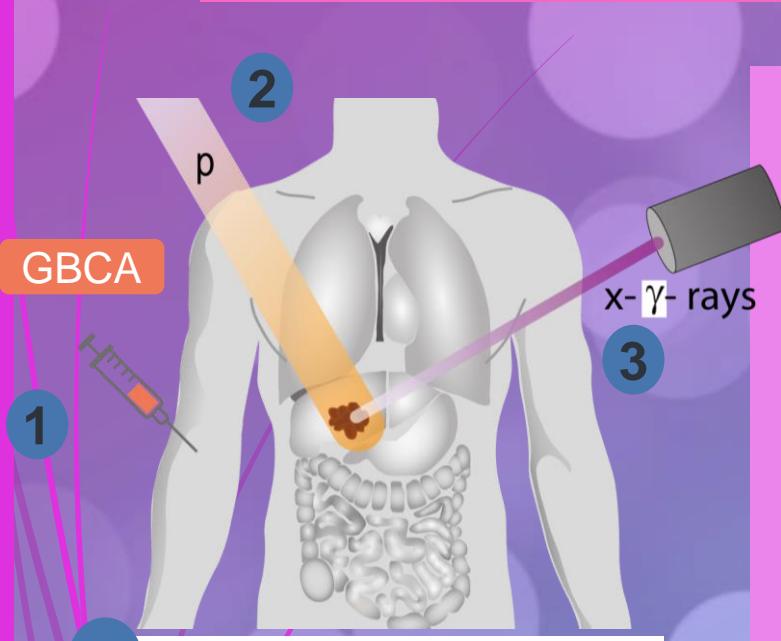
**FLASH – RBE-1.1**



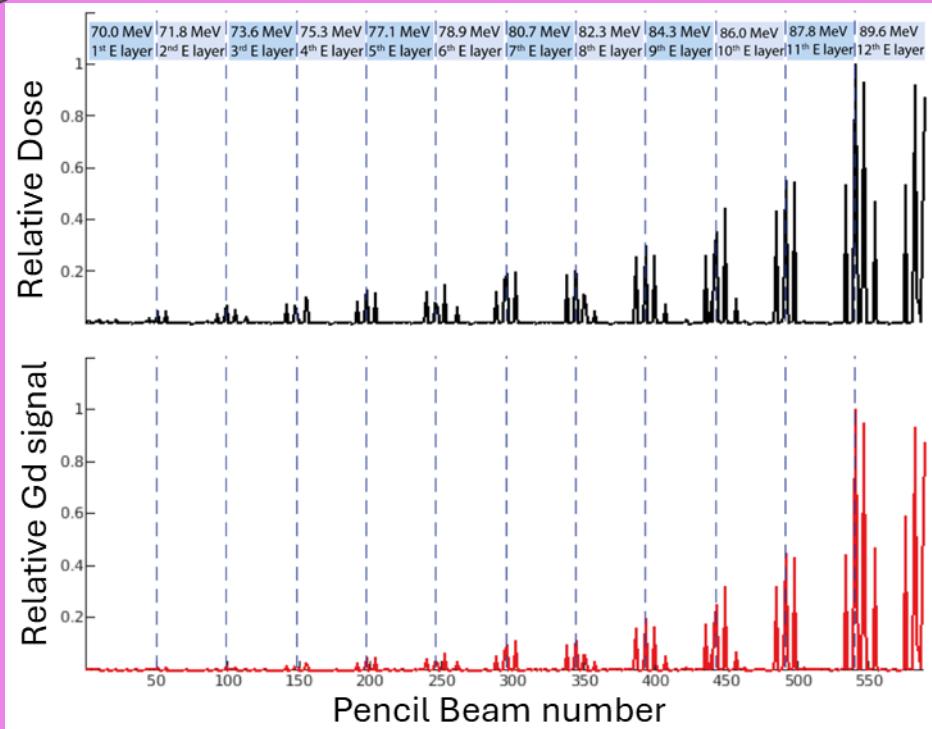
**FLASH-DMF – RBE-1.1**



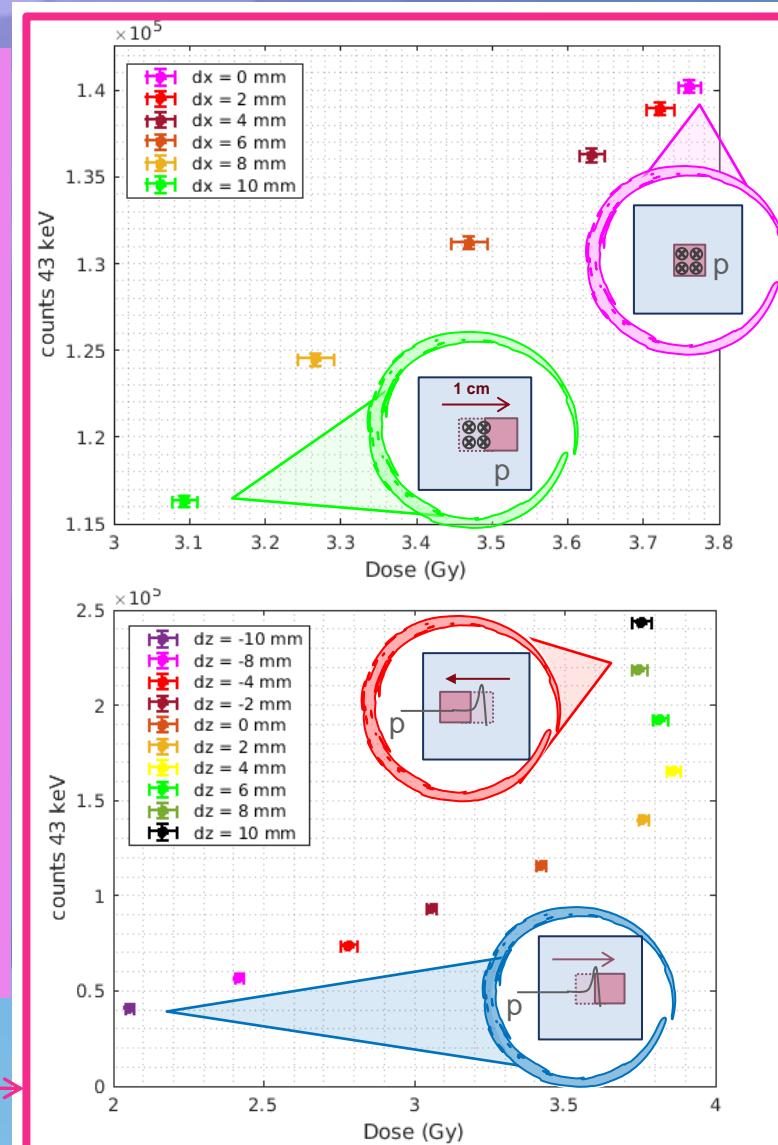
# Gadolinium-based contrast agents as surrogates for dose and proton range measurements (Mariana Brás)



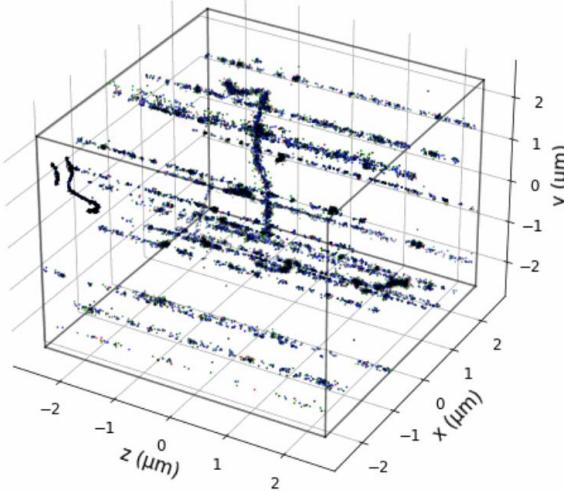
Correlation between dose delivered and Gd signal for each pencil beam of the TP



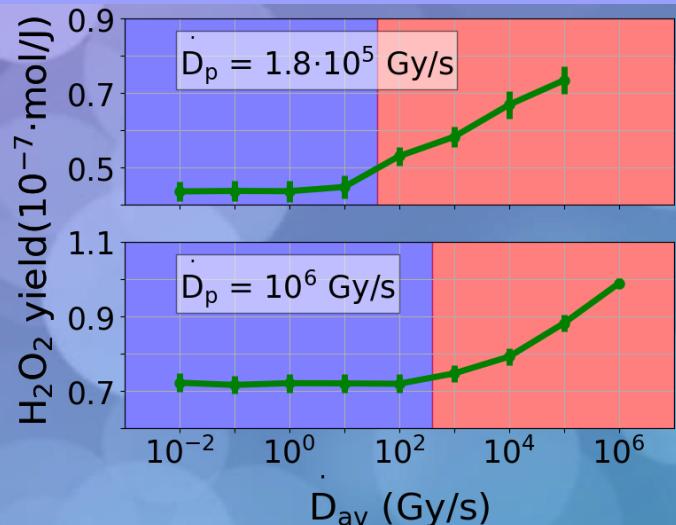
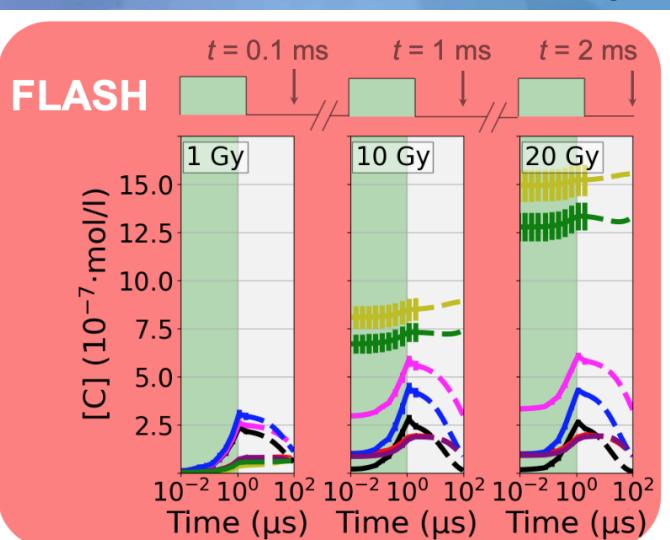
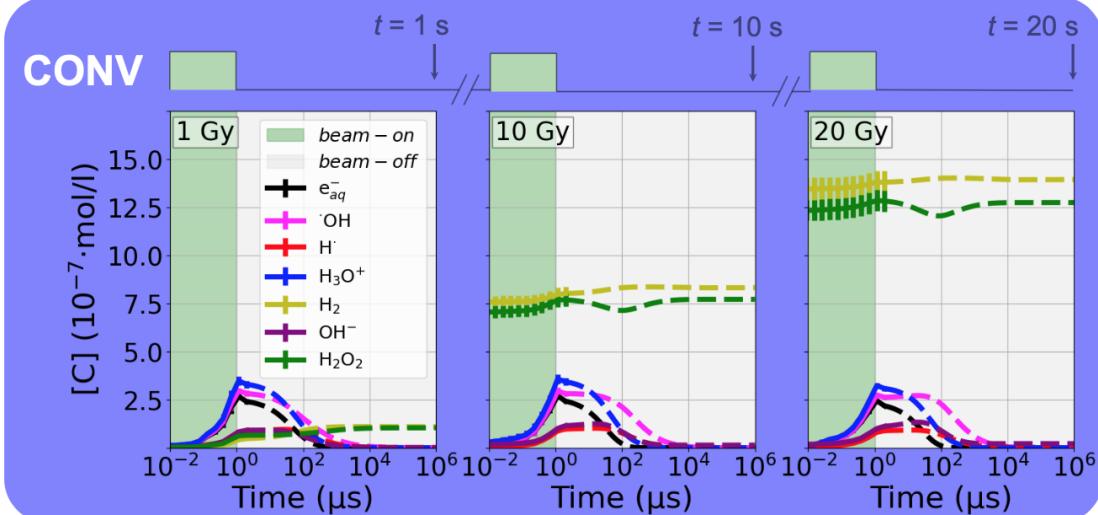
Response of Gd signal to anatomical uncertainties



# The key role of the background yield of chemical species during CONVENCIONAL vs. FLASH (Miguel Molina-Hernández)



The BGD yield drives  
chemical dose rate  
thresholds





# RADART team



## Hard working Staff (PhD students)



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Rodrigues



Duarte  
Guerreiro



Joana  
Antunes



Carina  
Coelho



Francisca  
Afonso



Joana  
Leitão



Mariana  
Brás



Miguel  
Molina-  
Hernández

## Senior Staff



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João  
Gentil



José  
Marques



Luis  
Peralta



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Patrícia  
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