



LABORATÓRIO DE INSTRUMENTAÇÃO
E FÍSICA EXPERIMENTAL DE PARTÍCULAS
partículas e tecnologia

Medical and Space Applications

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Medical and Space applications

- Use of Beam lines and accelerators
- Detector design and development
- Radiation analysis and dosimetry
- Detector Simulation
- Data Analysis / Image reconstruction techniques


Medical Applications

In 2018 the Portuguese Government approved the strategic orientations for the creation of a health unit for the treatment of cancer with charged particle beams



Resolução do Conselho de Ministros n.º 28/2018

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SUMÁRIO

Aprova as orientações estratégicas para a criação de uma unidade de saúde para o tratamento de doentes com cancro com recurso a terapias de feixes de partículas de elevada energia

Medical Applications

An association, Prototera, was then funded

The ProtoTera Association aims to promote and develop a national research and teaching network in advanced therapies and associated technologies, enhancing research infrastructures, training and healthcare associated with the treatment of patients with cancer using new technologies, namely in:

- A) Effects of high energy radiation on biological and material systems
- B) High energy particle beam therapies (eg protons)
- C) Theranostic for the increment of a precision and customized medicine
- D) Accelerators, beam lines, planning systems, imaging
- E) Advanced Medical Imaging

SUPPORT

The ProtoTera is a joint collaboration between:



Instituto Português de
Oncologia



CTN - Campus Tecnológico e
Nuclear do Instituto Superior
Técnico



ICNAS - Instituto de Ciências
Nucleares Aplicadas à Saúde



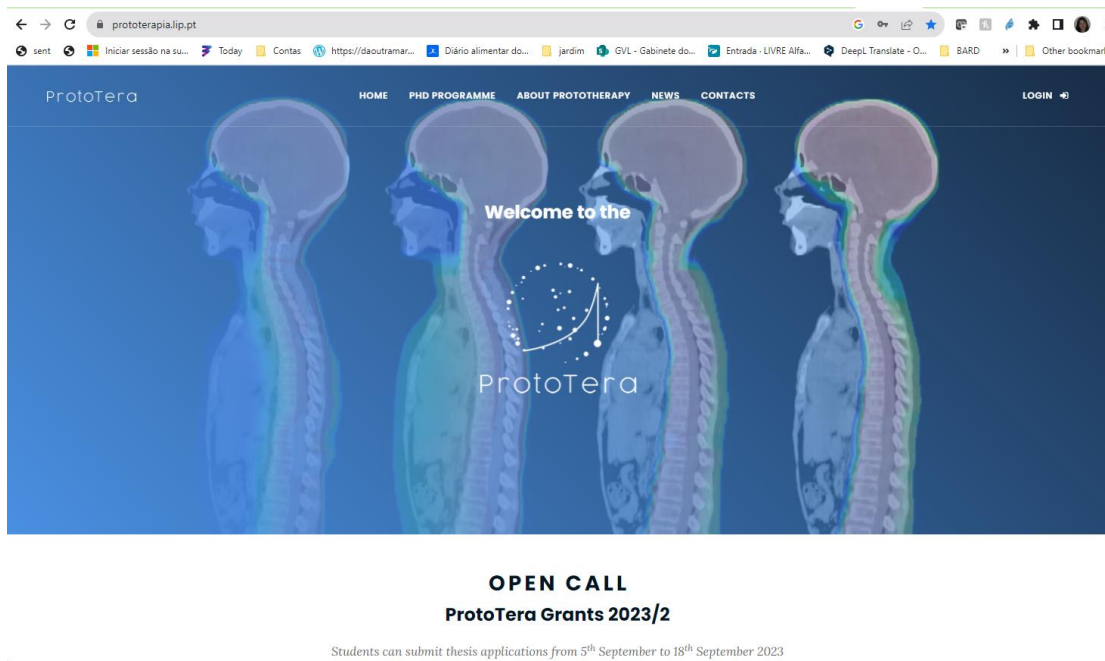
LIP - Laboratório de
Instrumentação e Física
Experimental de Partículas

Medical Applications

The Prototera Grant Programme

A PhD Program to constitute a community of PhDs with multidisciplinary training in the areas of medicine, technology and physics that support the installation and operation in Portugal of cancer treatment centres using proton beam therapy.

The grants are funded by FCT and managed by LIP under the Agreement signed between FCT and the ProtoTera Association



Last call – Programme will be discontinued

1 st call - fall 2020	– 4 grants
2 nd call - spring 2021	– 4 grants
3 rd call - fall 2021	– 5 grants
4 th call - spring 2023	– 6 grants
5 th call - fall 2023	– 11 grants (*)

Total	30 grants
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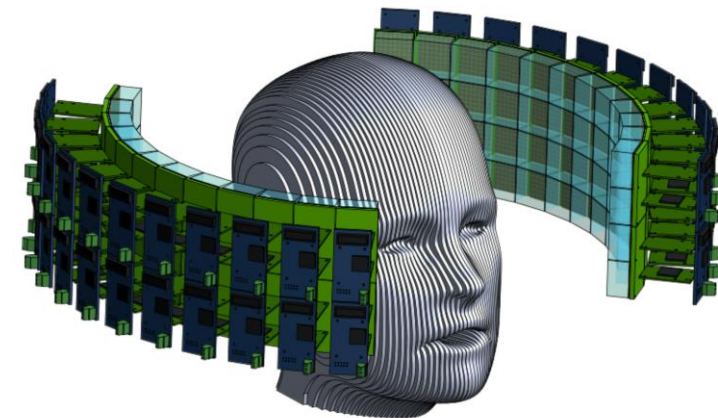
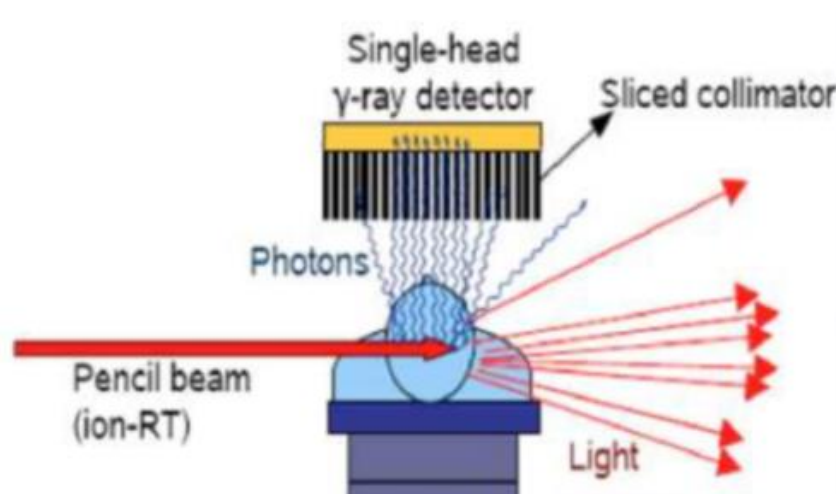
OR-Imaging

Orthogonal Gamma Imaging

LIP Coimbra pole
PI : Paulo Crespo

Themes

1. Ortho CT - Orthogonal Computed Tomography for X-Ray Therapy)
2. O-PGI - Orthogonal Prompt-Gamma Imaging for Proton Therapy)
3. TPPT - In-Beam TOF-PET for Proton Therapy)



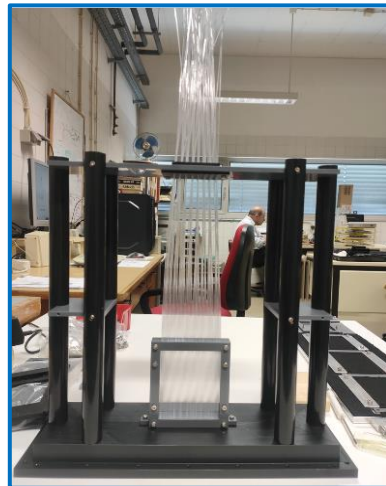
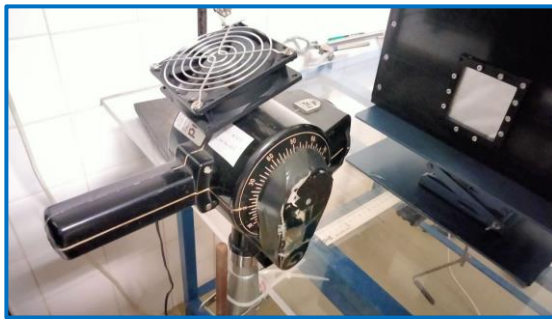
Dosimetry / RADART

Radiation dosimetry to Advance RadioTherapy

LIP Lisboa pole
Group created in 2018
PI: Jorge Sampaio

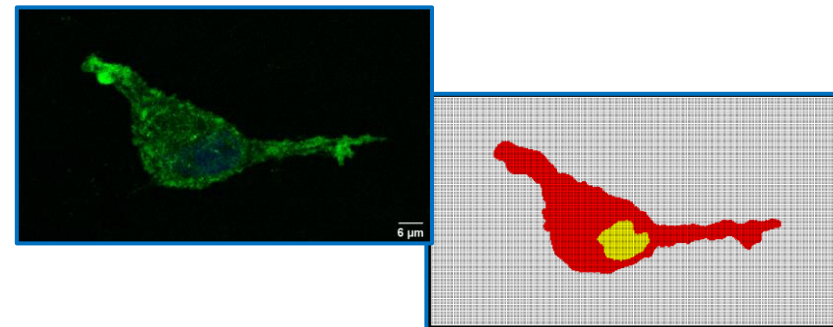
Detectors and materials for high-resolution dosimetry

- SPOF array for high-res dosimetry
- Development of materials for micro and nanodosimetry



New modalities and applications in RT

- Modeling radiobiological effects of Nano Particles
- Advance charged-particle MBRT
- Advance FLASH-RT
- Effects of PT in NeuroDegenerative Disorders



Funding

Average funding (k€)	Group	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
TPPT (PT-Austin)	OR-Imaging				55.5	55.5	55.5	55.5
CERN FIS 2019	OR-Imaging & RADART				45.0	45.0		
CERN FIS 2021	OR-Imaging & RADART						45.0	45.0
Total		0	0	0	100.5	100.5	100.5	100.5

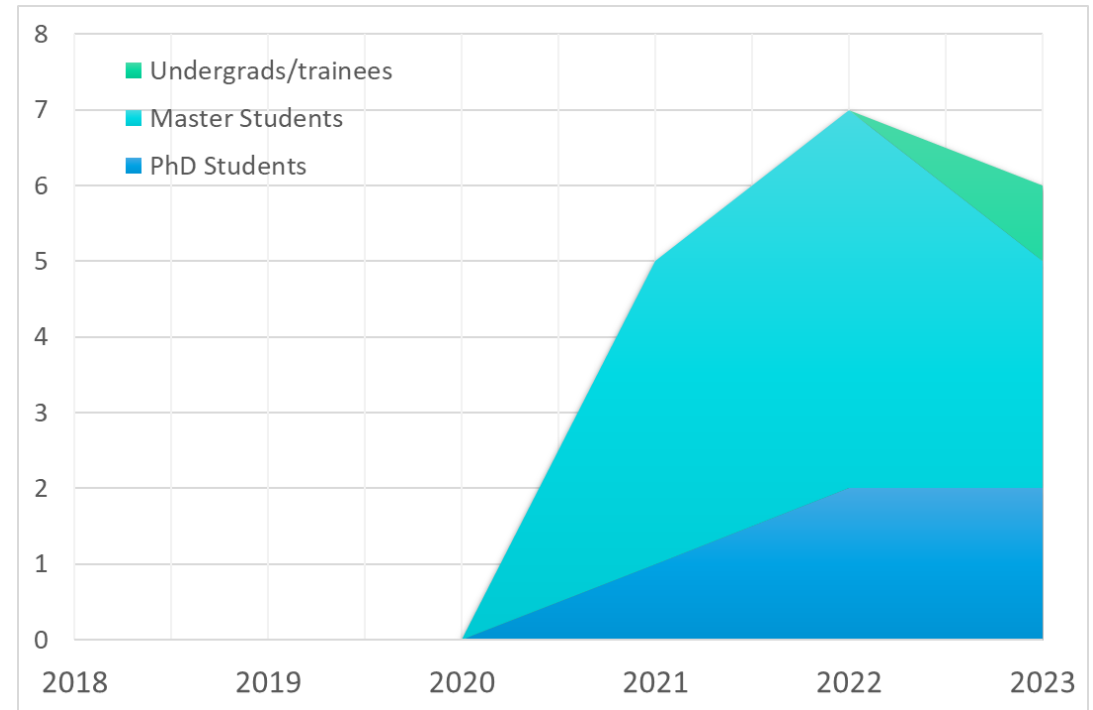
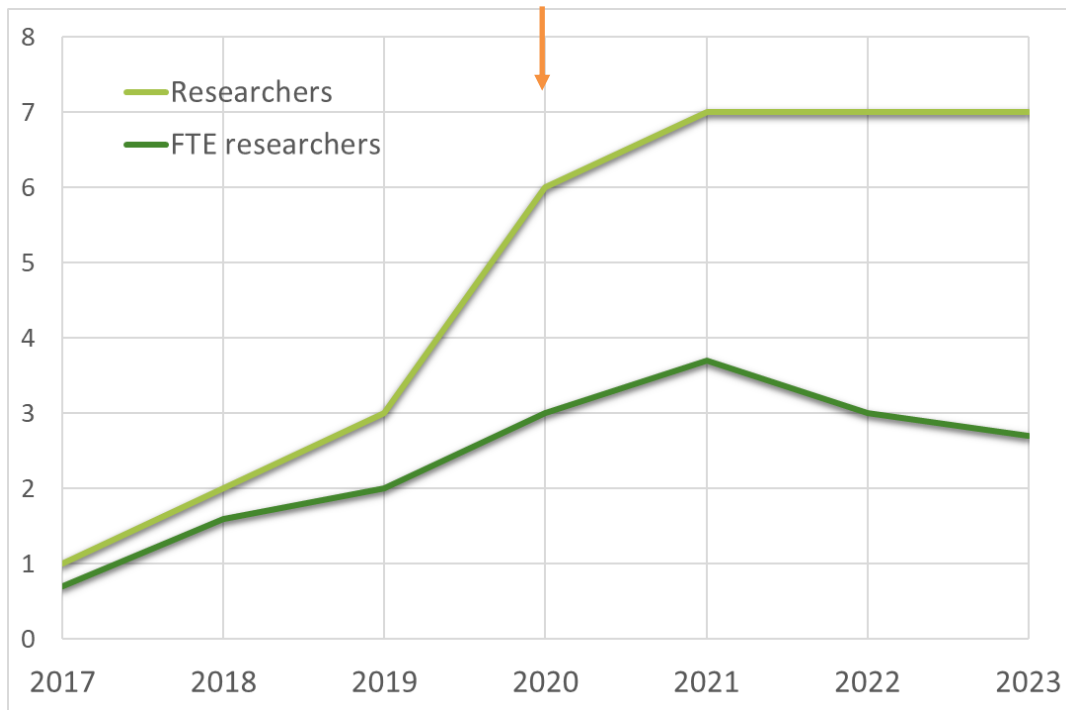
For 2024 - ...

- OR- Imaging -> Application to a NIH (USA) call:
FLASH beam studies using PET/PGI/SPECT imaging and dosimetry
 311 k€ for a 5-year project == 1 researcher
- LIP is Joining a COST Action on
"Anatomy and Biomarker-Based Adaptive Particle Therapy for Cancer Patients across Europe."
- CERN FIS 2023 ? 2023 generic call for project funding ? **November/December 2023 ?**

OR-Imaging

Orthogonal Gamma Imaging

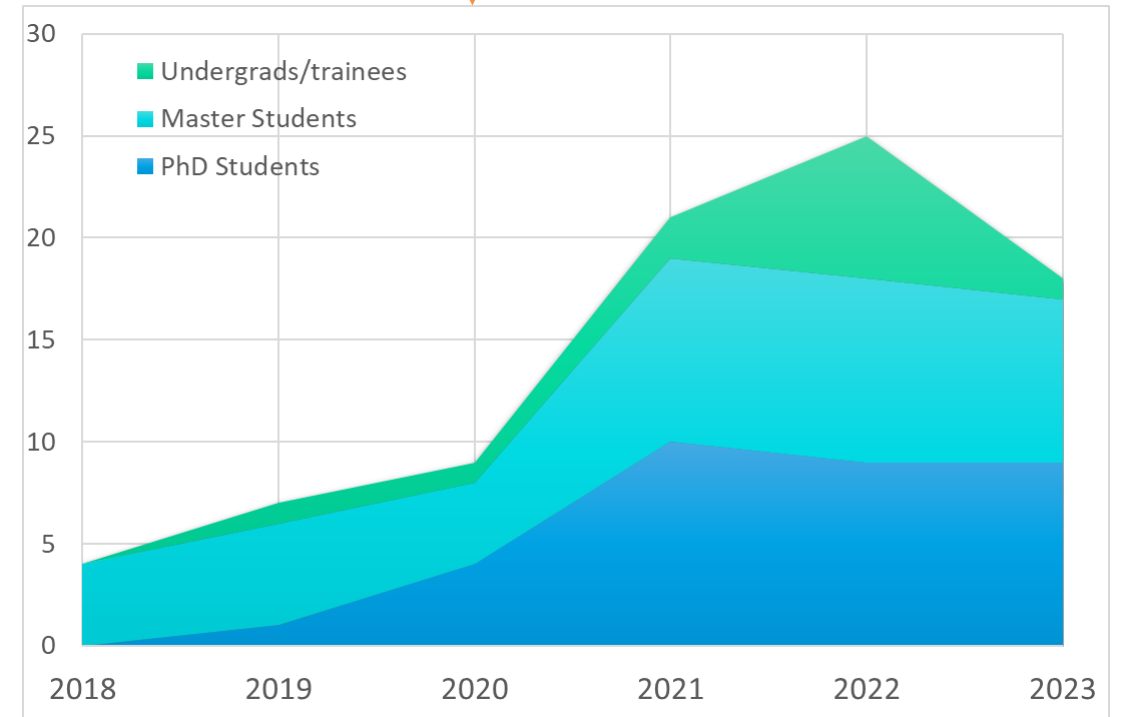
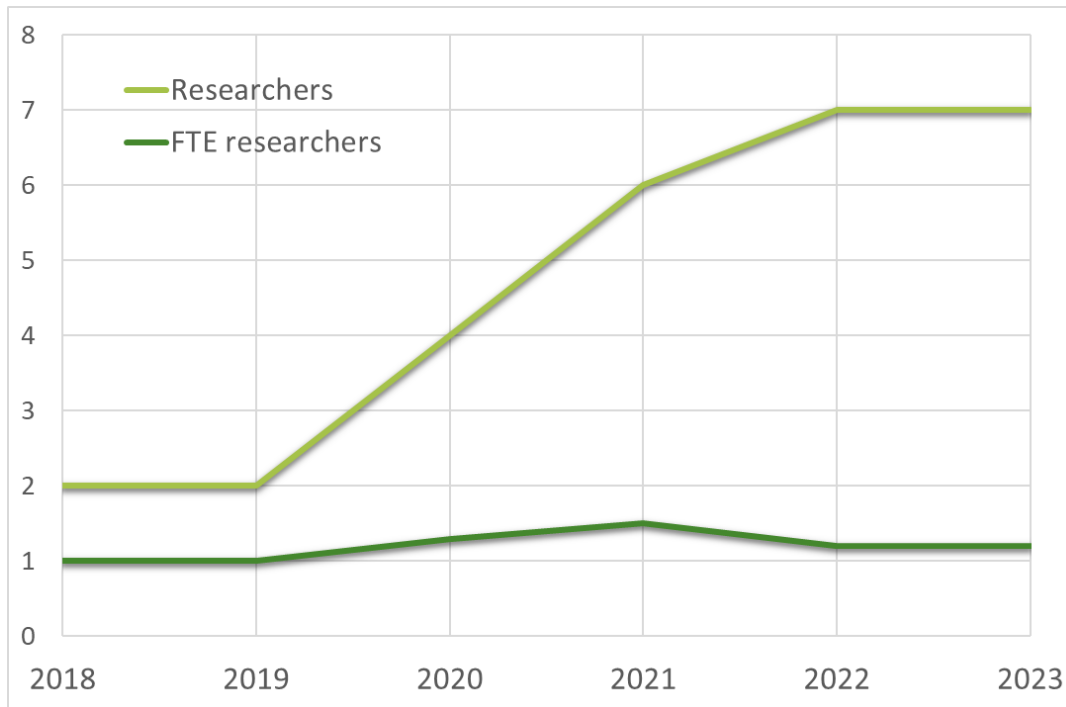
2020 - Start of 2 projects



Dosimetry / RADART

RAdition Dosimetry to Advance RadioTherapy

2020 – Start of Prototera Grants

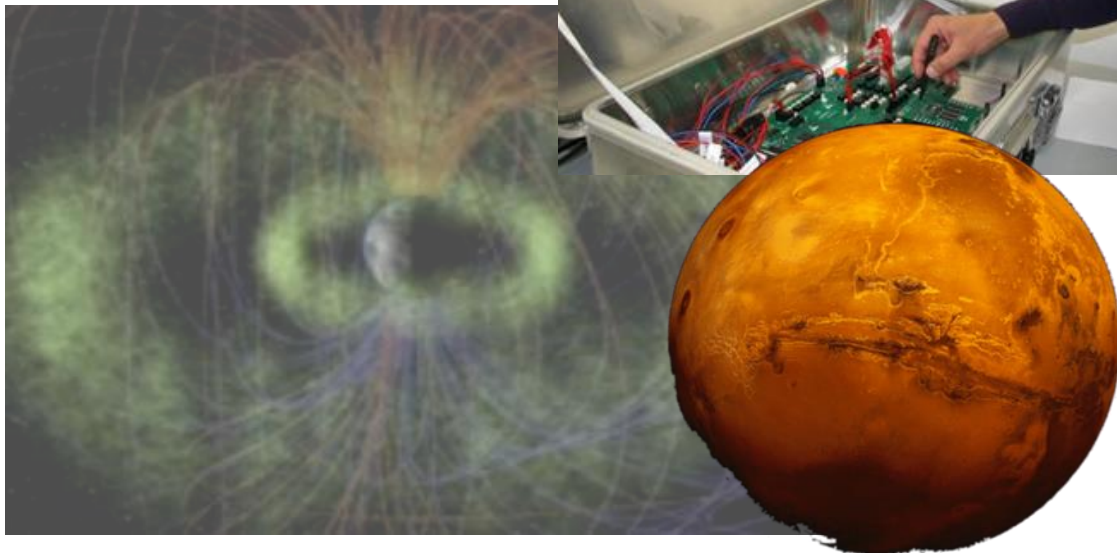


Space Applications

SpaceRad

Space Radiation Environment and Effects

LIP Lisboa pole
PI: Patrícia Gonçalves



Portugal Joined ESA in 2000

i-Astro

Instrumentation for high energy gamma ray astrophysics in Space

LIP Coimbra pole
PI: Rui Curado da Silva



LIP ESA SpaceRad contracts

ESA JUICE mission

- RADEM – Radiation Hard Electron Monitor (closed)
- EEE component testing for Jovian environment (closed)

ESA Mars Energetic Radiation Environment Models (closed)

Expert support to BERM and RADEM radiation monitors
From Mercury to Jupiter

GEO (Geosynchronous) Radiation Environment:

- Radiation Environment Measurement (MultiFunctional Spectrometer) (closed)
- EEE component test bed (Component Technology Test Bed) (closed)

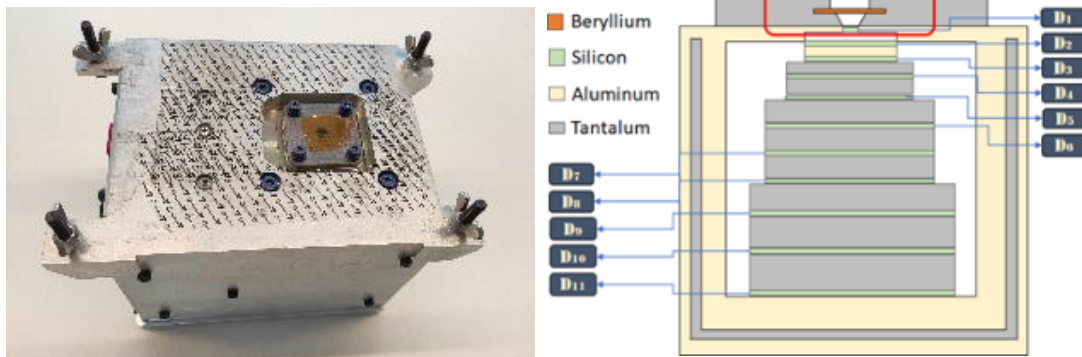
The radiation environment in the solar system: from Mercury to Jupiter

To Mercury – BepiColombo Mission (2018) BERM – BEpiColombo Radiation Monitor

Measurement

- electron, proton and ion spectra

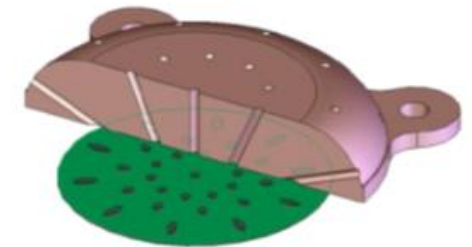
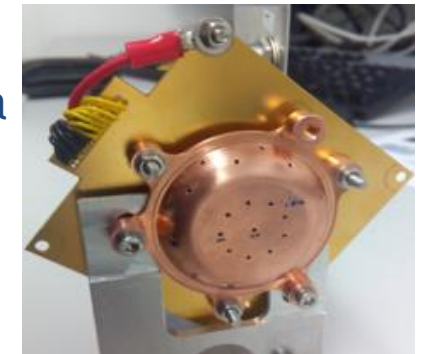
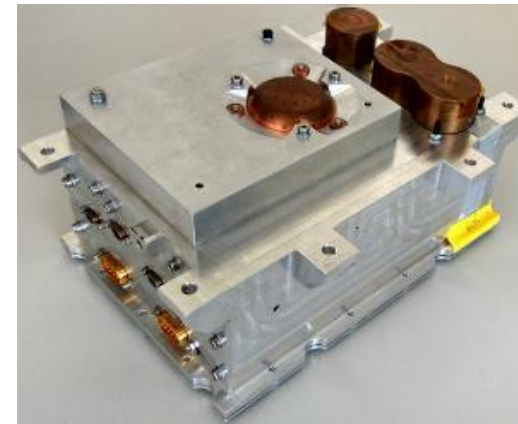
Earth radiation belts measurements in 2021
Now near Mercury



To Jupiter – ESA JUICE Mission (2023) RADEM – RADiation hard Electron Monitor

Measurement

- electron and proton spectra
- ion LET
- electron directionality
- **JUICE launched in April 23**

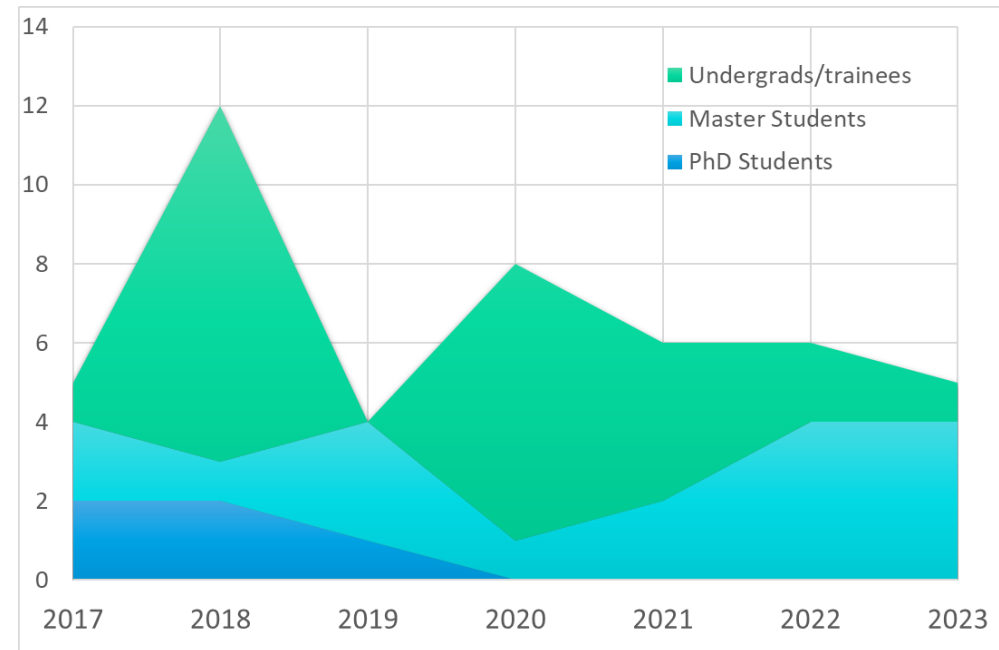
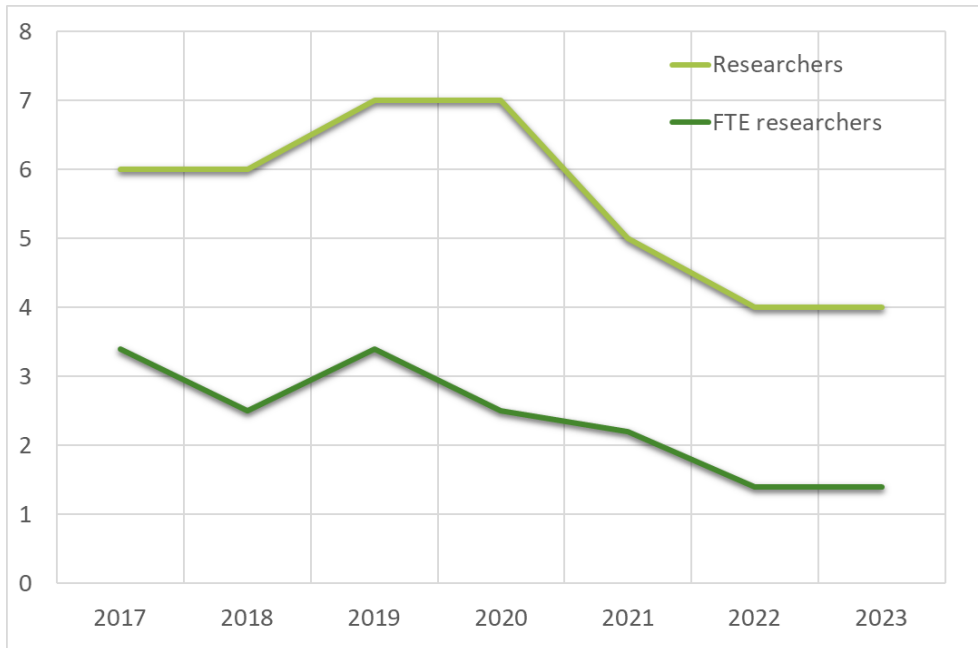


SpaceRad

Space Radiation Environment and Effects

Average funding (k€)	Period	Entity	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
ESA JUICE radiation monitor - RADEM (300 k€)	2014-2022	ESA	33.3	33.3	33.3	33.3	33.3	33.3	
ESA JUICE EEE testing - ECO-60 (200 k€)	2014-2019	ESA	50.0						
MFS Radiation Monitor Data analysis (60 k€)	2015-2019	ESA	12.0	12.0					
CTTB (component test bed) Data Analysis (80 k€)	2016-2019	ESA	20.0	20.0	20.0				
Expert Support to BERM and RADEM (75 k€)	2022-2024	ESA						25.0	25.0
Total			115.3	65.3	53.3	33.3	33.3	58.3	25.0

SpaceRad

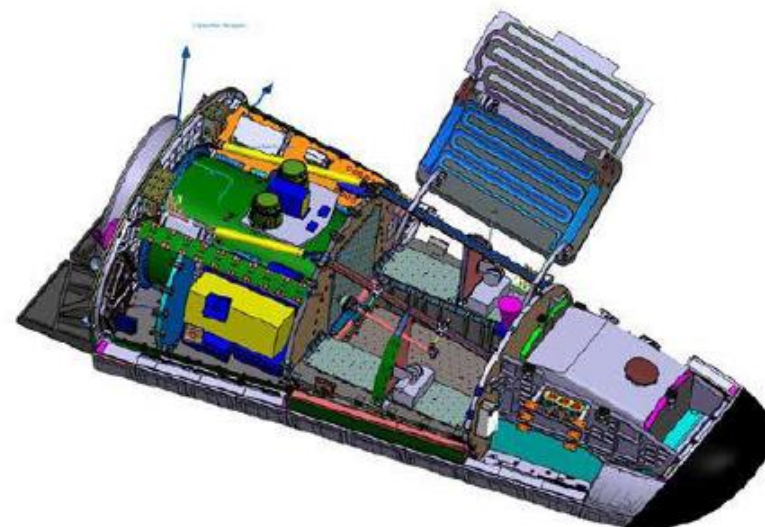


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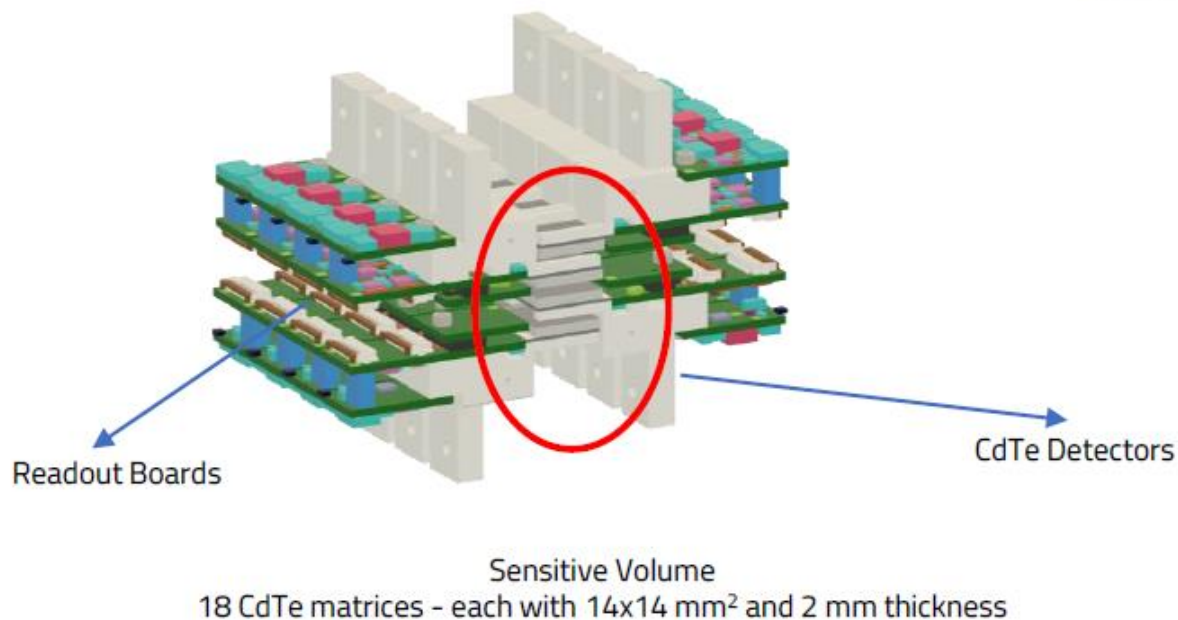


PRODEX
LIP: 470 k€ -> 2026

Industrial Partners



- High-energy Astrophysics Pathfinder Instrument
 1. High-energy Sources: Crab Nebula or GRB. Spectroscopy, Imaging, Time Variability and Polarization in all-sky mode.
 2. Particle environment measurements and Radiation ageing (Space Exposure Locker);
- TGF Science and Aviation Safety:
 3. TGF monitor test;
 4. TGF polarization: outstanding scientific measurement



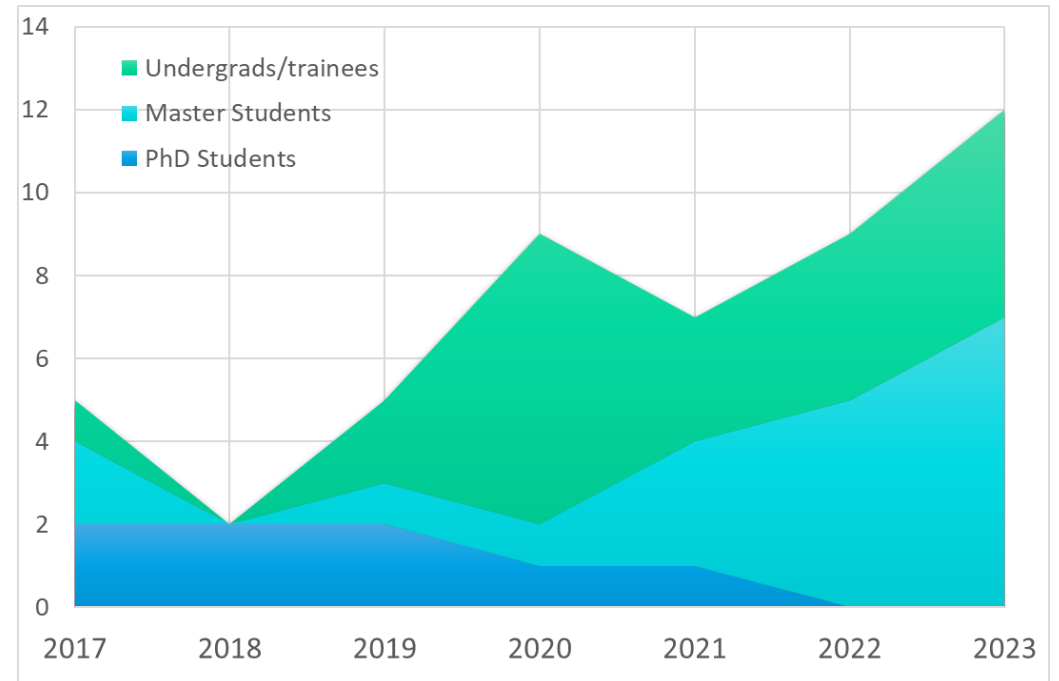
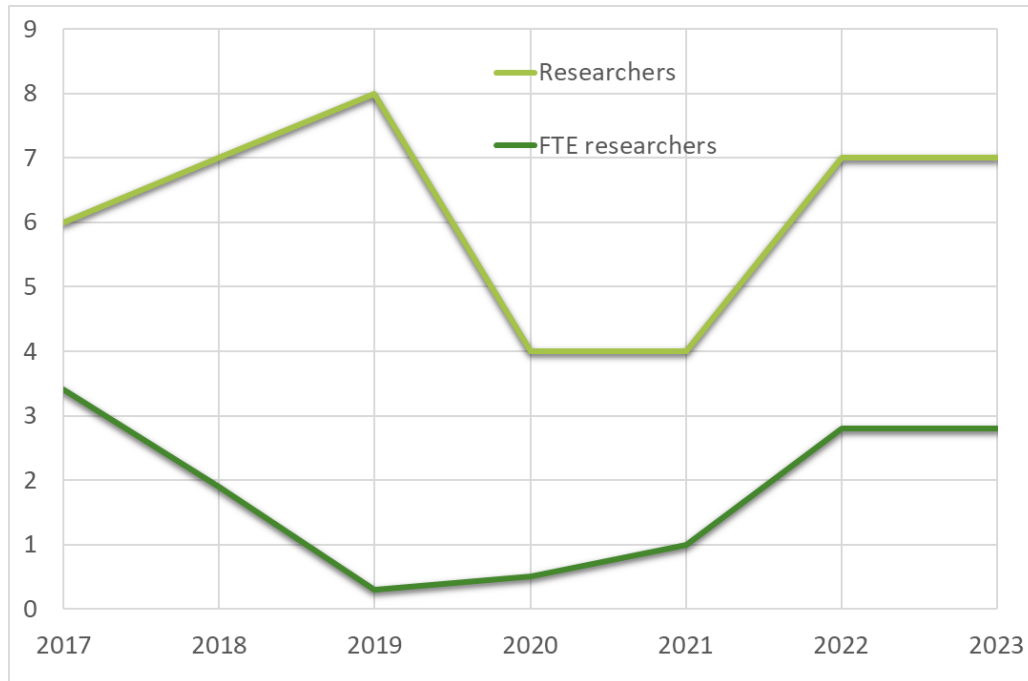
i-Astro

Space Instrumentation for Astrophysics

Average funding (k€)	Period	Entity	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
AHEAD 2015 (61 k€)	2015-2019	EU	12.2	12.2	12.2				
AHEAD 2019 (30 k€)	2020-2024	EU				6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0
GLOSS (106 k€)	2021-2024	ESA					26.5	26.5	26.5
Terrestrial Gamma Rays (50 k€)	2022-2023	FCT						25.0	25.0
THOR (232k€)	2023-2024	ESA							77.3
Total			12.2	12.2	12.2	6.0	32.5	57.5	134.8

i-Astro

Space Instrumentation for Astrophysics



Outlook

Health applications

Two research groups in Lisbon and Coimbra

2023 – 14 + 7.7 FTE

- 11 researchers (with varying FTE)
- 10 PhD students
- 11 MsC students

Funding (last 7 years)

Average of 100 k€/year from 2020-2023 from CERN fund and Portugal-UT Austin programme

2024:

- End of Prototera PhD Grant programme
- End of all ongoing Projects
- **funding is uncertain!**

Space applications

Two research groups in Lx and Coimbra

2023 – 5.4 + 9.8 FTE

- 10 researchers (with varying FTE)
- 0 PhD students
- 11 MsC students

Funding (last 7 years)

- Average 55 k€/year SpaceRad
- Average 40 k€/year i-Astro

2024:

- continuation of ongoing contracts
- SpaceRad: apply to additional funding
- **i-Astro PI contract finishes in April 2024**

From Particle Physics to Health & to Space

Particle and accelerator physics are often best known for the large-scale physics experiments performed at world-famous physics laboratories like CERN or Fermilab.

At these institutes, extremely high-energy accelerators are used to reconstruct, amongst other things, the conditions at the very beginning of our universe.

In addition to all the fundamental knowledge of nature, R&D in High Energy Physics has contributed to society with important spin-offs, applications, and multidisciplinary solutions in different fields such as Health and Space!

