

# 9<sup>th</sup> Micropattern Gaseous Detectors Conference 2026 in Prague

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- Central Europe,
- Very good air and ground connections.



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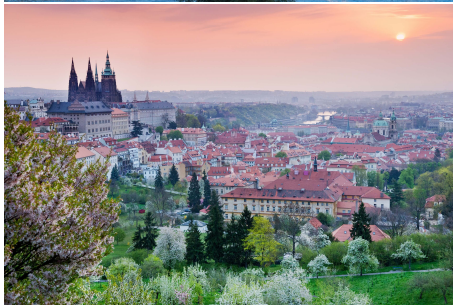
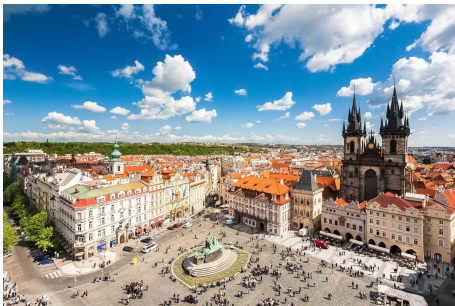
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Tycho Brahe



(1599–1601)

Johanes Kepler



(1600–1609)

Christian Doppler



(1835–1847)

Albert Einstein

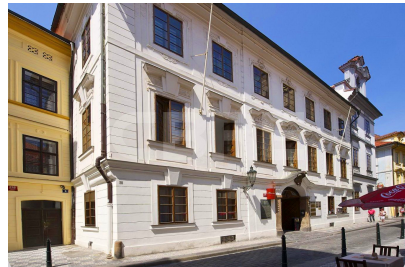
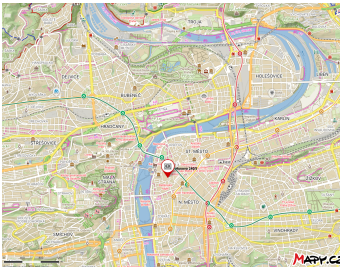


(1911–1912)



Institute of Experimental and Applied Physics, Czech Technical University in Prague:

- Located in the center of Prague in historical building of Bethlem Palace.
- Founded in May 2002 as an experimental unit of the CTU for research namely on particle and nuclear physics,
- 90 employees divided in 5 departments (Electronics and Software; Experimental Physics; Applied Physics and Technology; Theory and Modelling; Administrative and Technical Services),
- Most of the R&D dedicated to pixellated solid state detectors (Founding member of Medipix2/3/4 collaborations),
- Development of large are scintillators for neutrino and astroparticle experiments,
- MPGD group started 4 years ago,



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Astronaut Chriss Cassidy in the ISS with a USB powered TPX particle tracker  
The tracker for ISS has been completely developed at IEAP and delivered to NASA in 2012.



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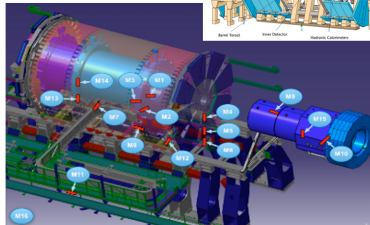
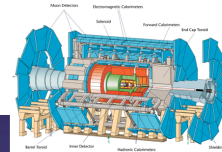
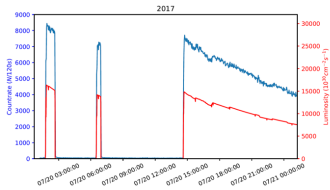
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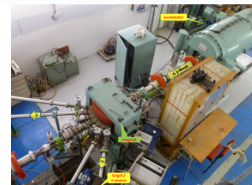
## ATLAS

- ATLAS-TPX network - radiation fields measurement and luminosity monitoring  
ATLAS hybrid pixel detector networks ATLAS-MPX/TPX gradually installed in the ATLAS experiment starting in 2008 and then in 2014 in the MoEDAL experiment
- Tau-trigger contribution
- AFP/ALFA upgrade



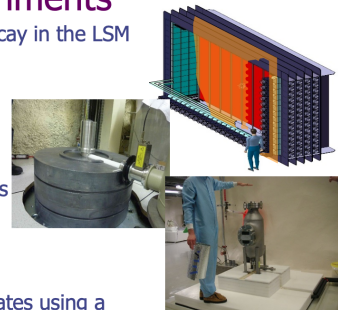
## Van de Graaff accelerator

- Proton and  $^4\text{He}$  up to 2 MeV/A
- works also as a source of monoenergetic neutrons from 300 keV to 17MeV
- VdG department hosts the MPGD lab.



## Neutrino and underground experiments

- Experiments for the measurement of double beta decay in the LSM underground laboratory in Modane, France
  - NEMO 3, SuperNEMO, SPT, TGV, OBELIX
- Technologies for underground experiments
  - Ultra-low background technologies
  - Development of plastic scintillating detectors
- Theory for double beta decay.
- PICO experiment
  - SNOLAB underground laboratory.
  - Detection of neutralinos as dark matter candidates using a bubble detector.



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**Extreme Light Infrastructure ERIC — ELI beamlines:** pan-European research Infrastructure hosting the world's most intense lasers.

**Nuclear Physics Institute, Czech Academy of Sciences:** cyclotrons, microtron, tandetron, research nuclear reactor.





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Proposed date: 7-11 September 2026

## Conference venue

The city hosts many conferences every year.

There are many possible venues (we show three here):

- Balling Hall of the National Library of Technology,
- Clarion Congress Hotel Prague,
- Café Louvre.

The IEAP has also several meeting rooms, the largest one for  $\sim 70$  participants.



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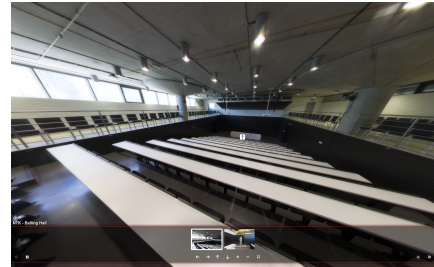
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- Situated in the campus of the CTU, administrated by the University.
- Capacity for 196 people (182 with direct access to 230 V sockets)
- Additional 50 balcony seats.
- The gallery area around the hall has space for poster presentation, coffee breaks, buffet...
- Fully accessible.

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- Congress centre fully adapted for this type of event.
- The conference service per participant is fixed and the room/hall is provided according to the number of participants (rooms Tycho and Kepler can be merged to hold 150 people).
- Coffee breaks and lunch provided in the venue and included in the price.
- Accommodation available on-site.
- Less personal venue (adapted for corporate environment).
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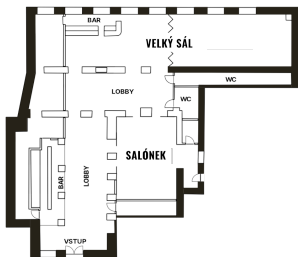
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- located in the centre of Prague at walking distance to most of the attractions.
- It has a conference centre with a large hall for up to 150 people (could be tight) and a small lounge for up to 35 people.
- The whole floor can be reserved for us.
- Lunch and coffee breaks on-site.
- Access through small staircase.

Karel Čapek, Albert Einstein, and Franz Kafka. Famous personalities from the cultural and political spheres visit us even today, just as they did in the past.



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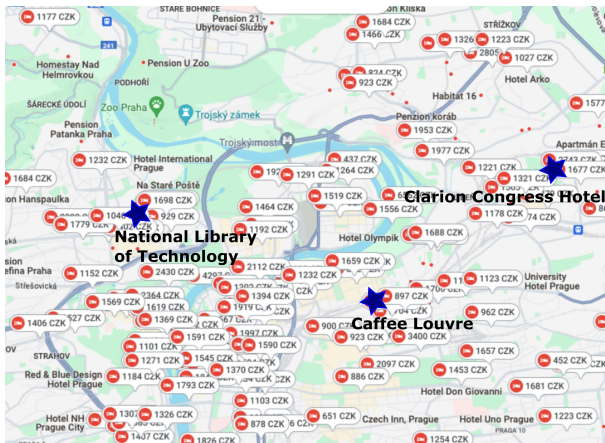
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Quick google search of hotels in Prague (1 Eur ~ 25 CZK):



- Finding cheap accommodation should not be a problem (neither finding expensive),
- Stars mark the three venues (Café Louvre is actually closer to the Vltava)

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Estimations for 130 participants (without sponsors):

- Conference space: 10 kEur
- Coffee breaks, lunch: 26 kEur
- Conference material: 3 kEur
- Proceedings: 15 kEur
- Social events (bus, tickets): 10 kEur

**Total:** ~ 490 Eur/participant

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## Limited personal experience (mainly from student and junior time)

- iWorld – International Workshop on Imaging Detectors – 2012, Figueira da Foz, Coimbra, Portugal (graphic design and some help in needed logistics),
- ISRP – International Symposium on Radiation Physics – 2006, Coimbra, Portugal (Assisting the editor of the proceedings),
- ICPS – International Conference for Physics Students – 1998, Coimbra, Portugal (Member of the organizing committee, around 350 participants).

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## Conferences organised recently in IEAP

- ANIMMA — Advancements in Nuclear Instrumentation Measurement Methods and their Applications, June 21-25, 2021 (296 participants).
- MEDEX — Matrix Elements for the Double beta decay Experiments, organized annually in our institute. Last edition in September 4-8, 2023, with 42 participants (it has counted with typically around 40 participants in previous editions).
- two SuperNEMO collaboration meetings, with 47 and 49 participants,
- EuCAPT – Astroneutrino Theory Workshop 2021, 49 participants.

## Other conferences organised by IEAP

- Medipix Collaboration Workshop in 2005 (~ 90 participants)
- RD50 Workshop in 2008 (~ 60 participants)
- iWorld Conference in 2009 (~ 300 participants)



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- Central location in Europe,
- Very accessible cost of living, promoting the participation of students,
- The city promotes socialisation and networking beyond the conference room,
- **Good opportunity to boost the implementation of MPGD R&D in the Czech Republic.**

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