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NuPECC Long Range Plan 2024 for European Nuclear Physics (LRP 2024)

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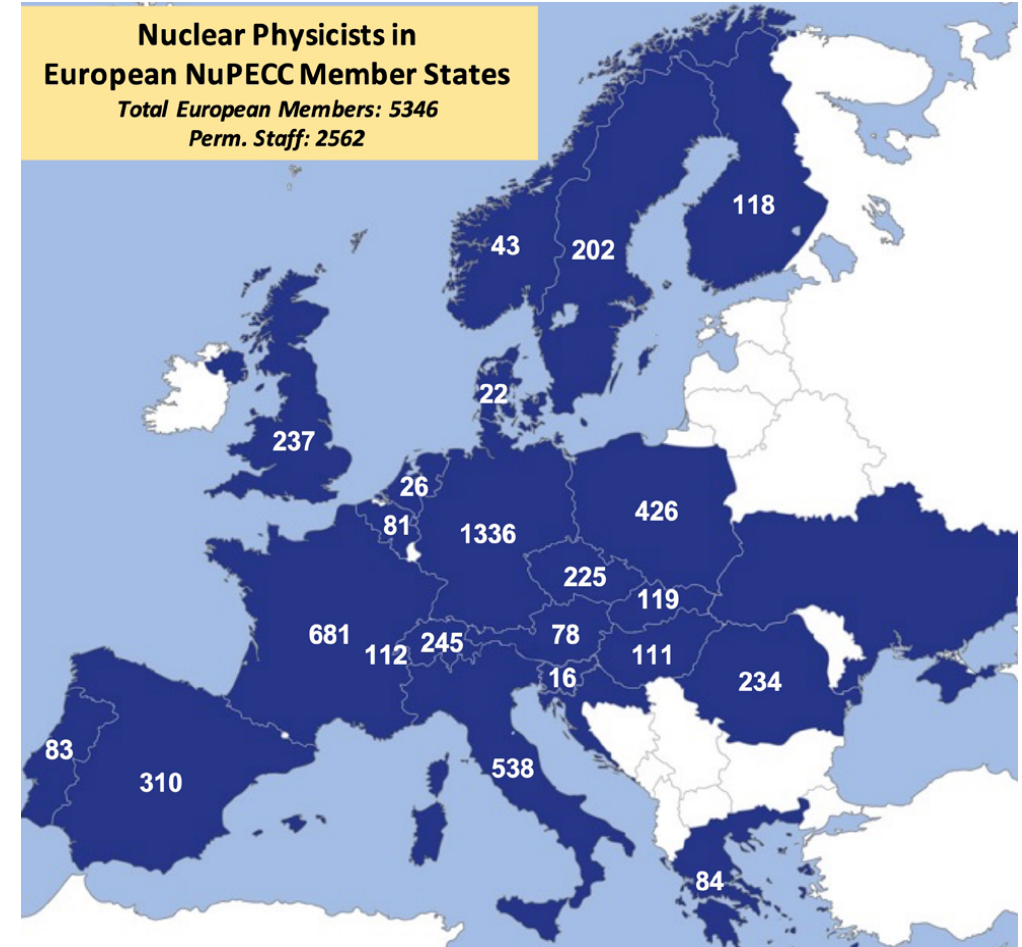


2025



NuPECC represents

- the nuclear physics community from 23 countries,
- the European Strategy Forum for Research Infrastructures (ESFRI) of nuclear physics,
- the European Centre for Theoretical Studies in Nuclear Physics and Related Areas (ECT*),
- associated members including CERN,
- 10 observers.



European Nuclear Physics Landscape
in numbers of researchers

Numbers on the Long Range Plan 2024 (LRP 2024)

- Steering Committee included the chairs of the Astroparticle Physics European Consortium (**APPEC**) and the European Committee for Future Accelerators (**ECFA**).
- Steering Committee adopted a bottom-up approach with an open call kickoff.
- **159** contributions received.
- Contributions from **400+** individual scientists , collaborations, research infrastructures, and institutions in Europe.
- Steering Committee formed **11** thematic working groups (TWG).
- **29** members of NuPECC in the **11** TWG.
- LRP draft involved **35** members of NuPECC, **250+** TWG conveners and members.
- LRP 2024 has **184** pages.



Topics covered by the LRP 2024

Hadron Physics;

Properties of Strongly Interacting Matter at Extreme Conditions (Temperature and Baryon Number)

Nuclear Structure and Reaction Dynamics;

Nuclear Astrophysics;

Symmetries and Fundamental Interactions;

Applications and Societal Benefits;

Research Infrastructures;

Open Science and Data;

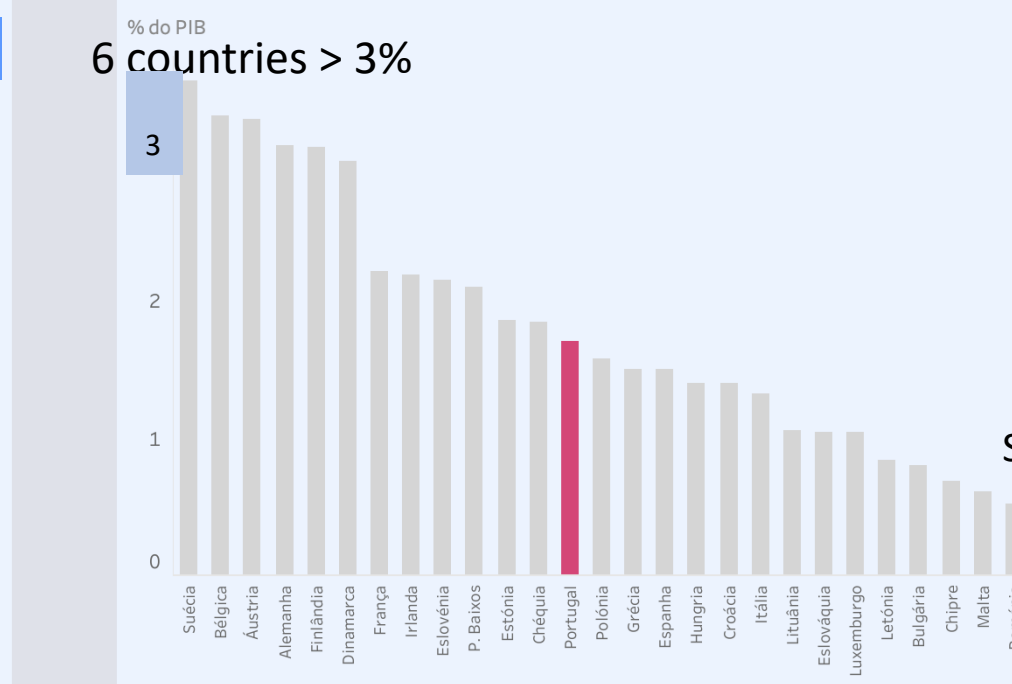
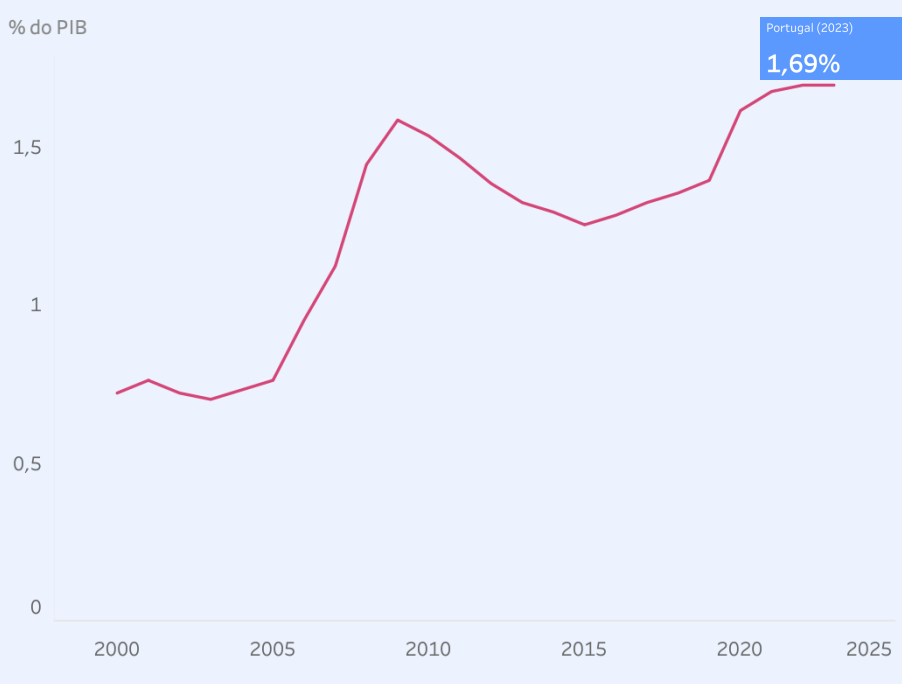
Nuclear Science—People and Society

Nuclear Physics Tools*—Machine Learning, Artificial Intelligence, and Quantum Computing;

Nuclear Physics Tools*—Detectors and Experimental Techniques.

*For the 1st time in a NuPECC LRP

Evolution & Distribution, by execution sector, of expenditure in R&D (%GDP)



Total expenditure %GDP

Portugal (2023)

1,69%

Source: <https://www.pordata.pt/pt>

Companies (mostly Applied Science)

Portugal (2023)

1,06%

Portugal (2023)

0,51%

HE institutions

Portugal (2023)

0,08%

State

Portugal (2023)

0,04%

Non-profit

State 0,63

Nuclear Physics Research at LIP and at CfisUC

LIP

Nuclear Reactions, Instrumentation and Astrophysics

(NUC-RIA)

Nuclear Physics and Strong Interaction Group

(NPStrong; pQCD)



Staff 11



PhD students 11

CFisUC

Centre for Physics of the

University of Coimbra



Staff 12



PhD students 8

Explored Domains

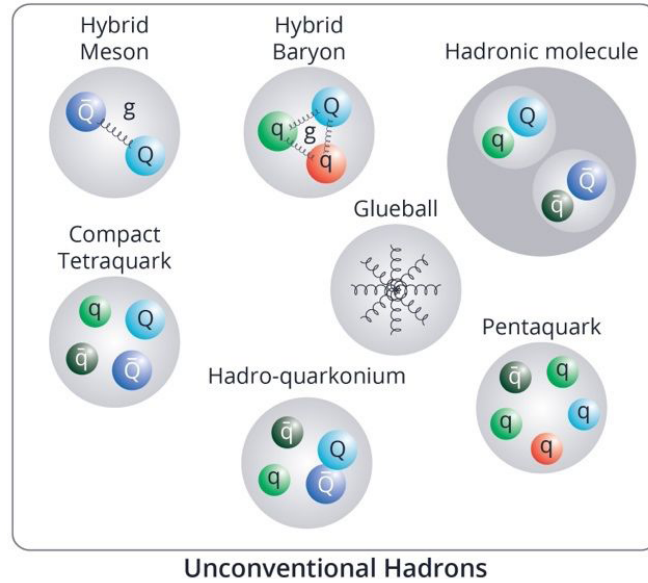
Nuclear Structure and Reactions **NSR**

Nuclear Astrophysics **NAP**

Hadronic Physics **HAD**

Theory Research

LIP



HAD

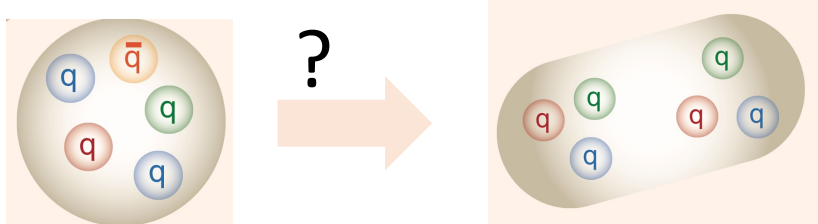
Hadron spectroscopy and structure:

Pentaquarks;

Baryon diquark components and

clustering;

Deuteron as a six-quark state;



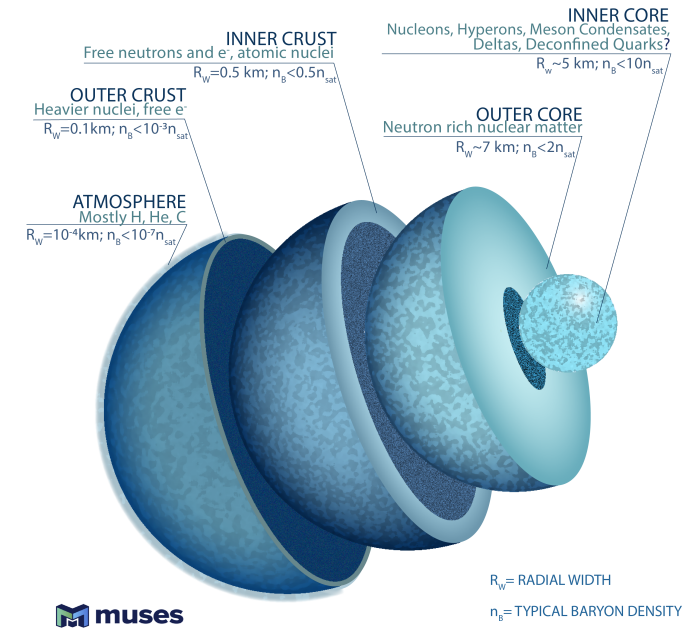
Strangeness and Hyperon form factors.

Theory Research

CFisUC

NAP

Neutron star EOS:



Empirical constraints on symmetry energy.

HAD

Quantum Chromodynamics on the Lattice:

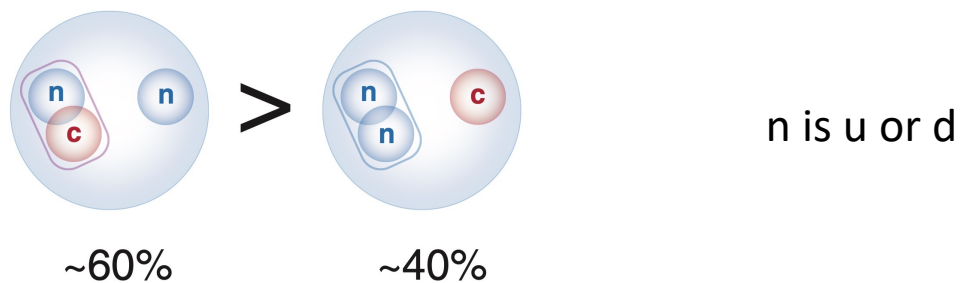
Quark propagator and quark-gluon vertex

from lattice QCD at finite temperature.

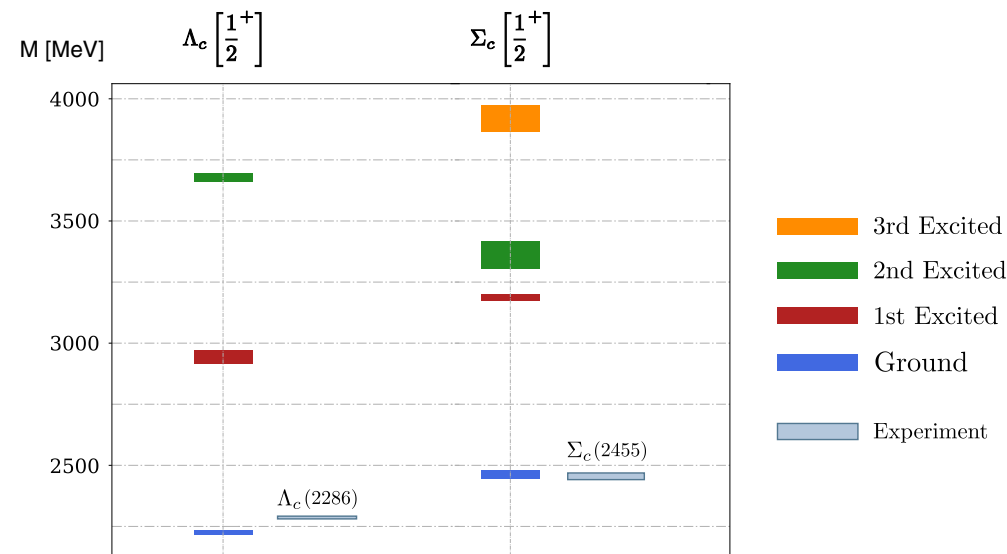


Challenges

1. Hadron and Nuclear Physics phenomena extend from the tiniest to the largest scales of the universe and determine the attributes of astrophysical objects.
2. Experiment & Theory: Role and signatures of diquarks.
3. Theory: Predictive power and uncertainty control.



A. Torcato, A. Arriaga, G. Eichmann, T. Peña
Few Body Syst. 64 (2023) 3, 45

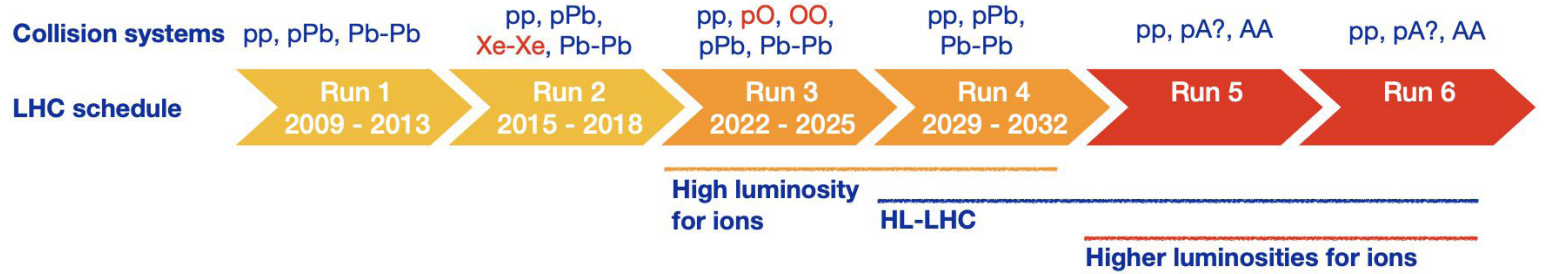


- ✓ Spectroscopy not enough;
 Femtoscopy and structure studies add essential information (e.g cluster correlations or clustering).
- ✓ Comparison of complementary theoretical approaches (e.g. QCD based vs models).
- ✓ Merging lattice QCD, nuclear physics, gravitational wave astrophysics, relativistic hydrodynamics, and computer science in front-end development.

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opportunities at HL-LHCb@CERN
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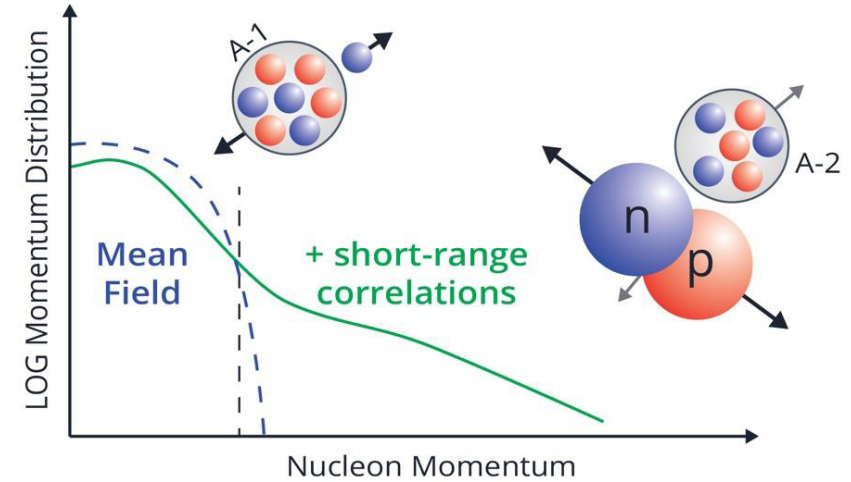
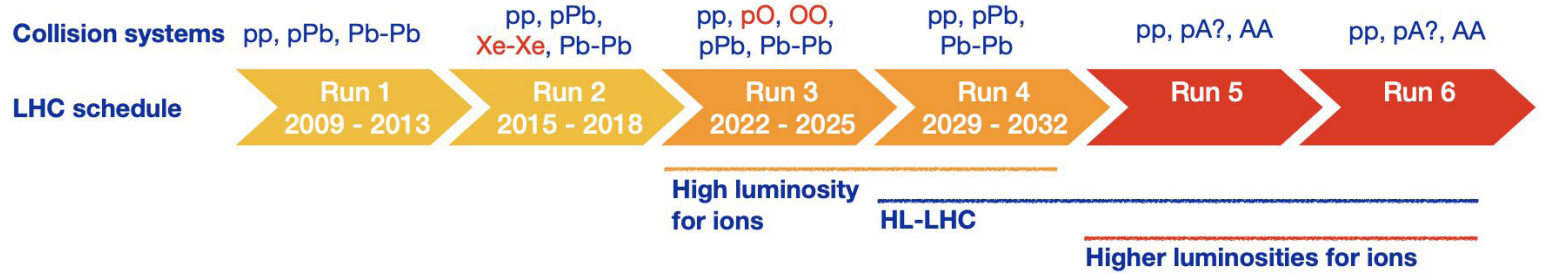
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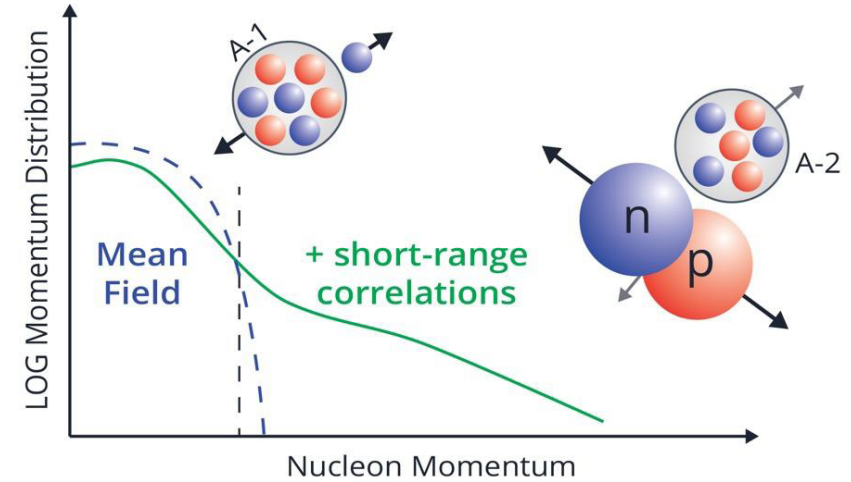
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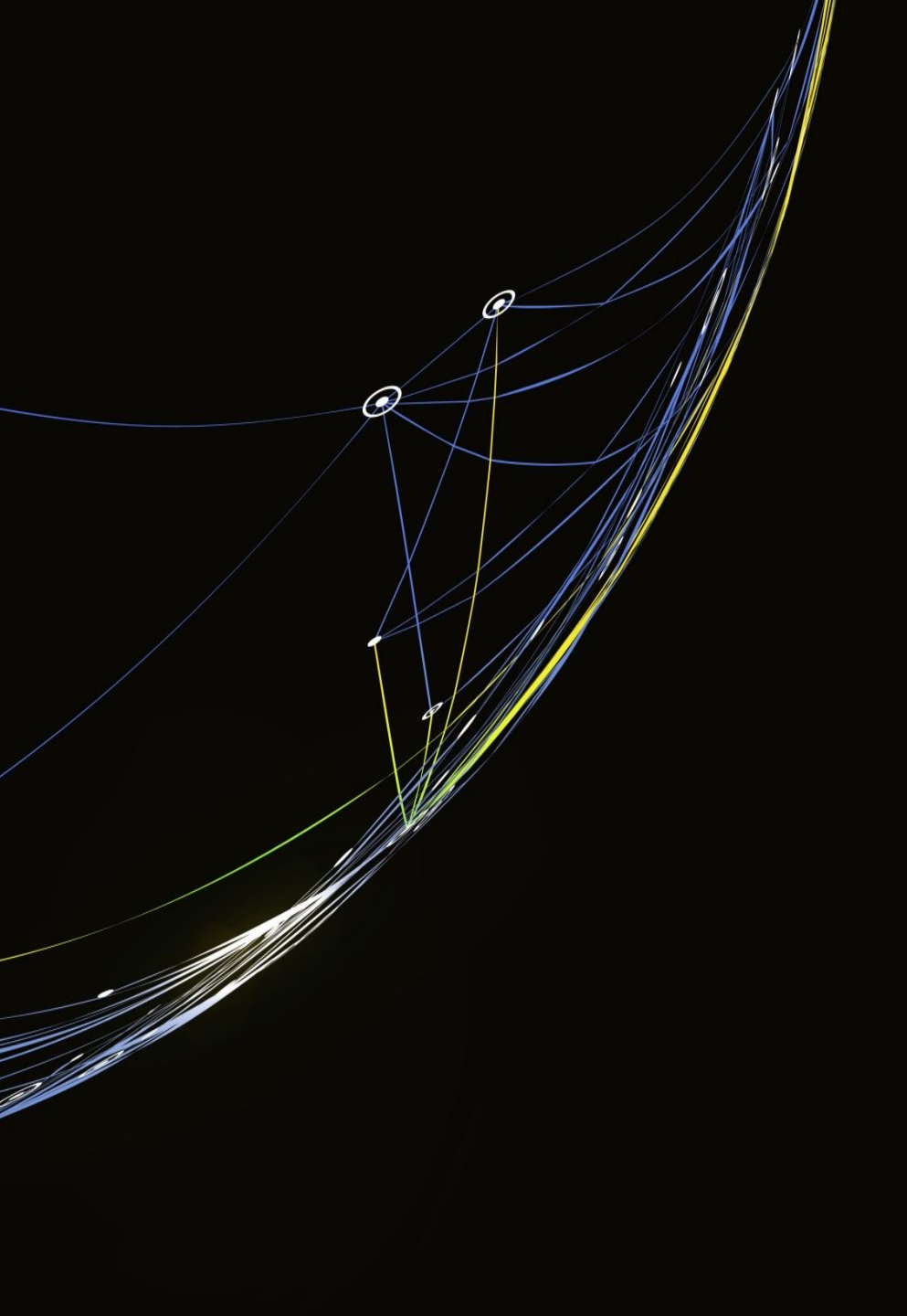
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- **Short Range Correlations:** bridge Hadron Physics&Nuclear Physics; Radioactive beam facilities connect nuclear and hadron physics since they also measure short-range correlations enabling us to link QCD and low energy nuclear physics;

customised instrumentation and beam time availability should be guaranteed for HIE-ISOLDE.





Inlight of

- the impact of the recent discoveries by LHCb, of new QCD bound states that escape the conventional standard quark model explanation,
- the established know-how, leadership and volume of the Hadron and Nuclear Physics community in Portugal,
- the possibilities of the HL-LHC,
- the guidelines and science cases of the NuPECC Long Range Plan 2024 for European Nuclear Physics,

we propose a consistent and predictable funding for the activities Hadron Physics, by FCT for

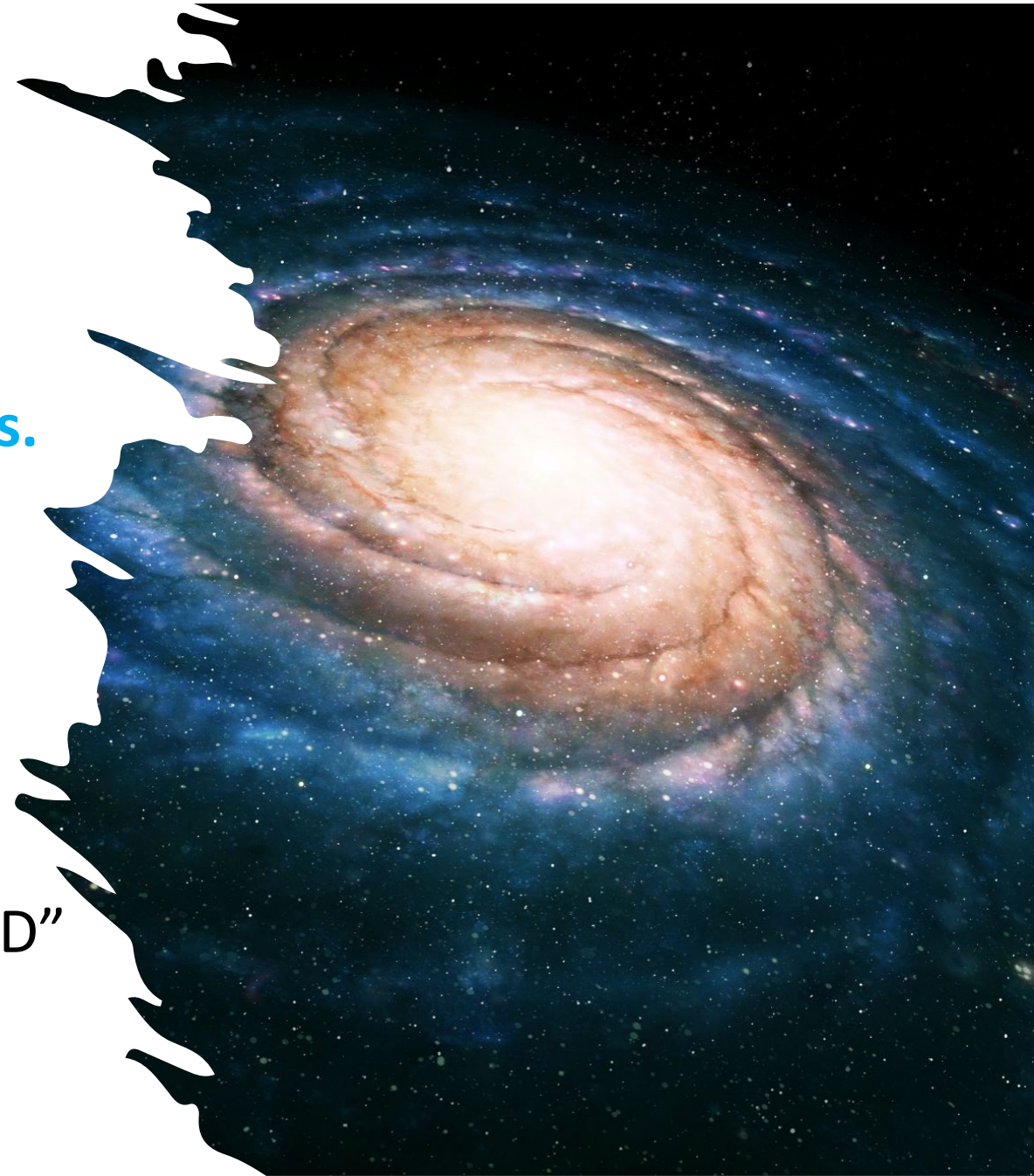
- sustainable theoretical projects,
- international partnerships and collaborations with CERN and other facilities for structure studies going beyond spectroscopical data analysis,
- a PhD grant program, interfacing Nuclear and Particle Physics,
- renewal and capture of talent.

Takeaway:

QCD is paramount in the connection of
Particle, Astro, Hadron and Nuclear Physics.

It has the double role of
source and **sink** of knowledge:

“Research **streams flow into and out** of QCD”



END

Portugal's Nuclear Physics research

Three main institutions: LIP, CFisUC, and CTN.

LIP and CFisUC: theoretical and experimental research in nuclear reactions, astrophysics, hadron spectroscopy and structure, lattice QCD.

CTN: Nuclear Physics applications for society (health sector, new materials, energy technology, environment).

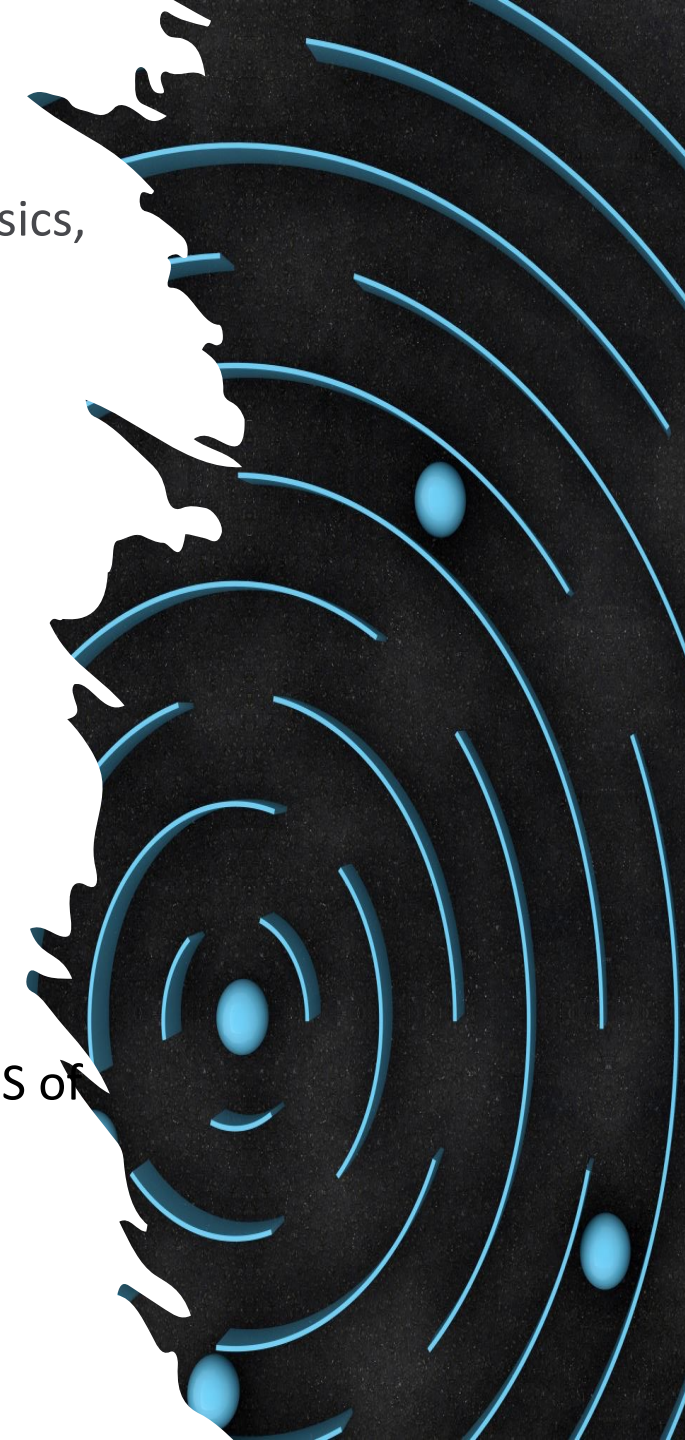
Portugal has a record of participation in experimental collaborations, including theory support.

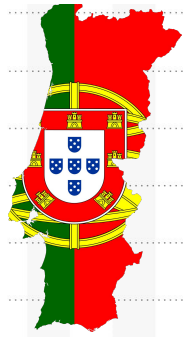
Challenges for the future:

Nuclear Physics phenomena extends to the largest of scales and determine the attributes of astrophysical objects.

Theoretical methods are ready for a unified description of hadrons and nuclei and EoS of nuclear matter.

Different Experimental Programs/Facilities provide complementary needed data; Funding is very limited, keeping talent in Portugal is difficult. International collaborations may mitigate these two problems.





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- Area is 92256 m²
 - Population is 10 467 366
 - GDP is 250 thousand million euros
 - Public expenditure in R&D is 0.63% of GDP

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We propose a consistent and predictable funding for the activities in the scientific domain of Hadron Physics, by the Portuguese Fundação para a Ciência e Tecnologia (FCT) to support

- sustainable theoretical projects,
- international collaborations with CERN and also with complementary facilities allowing structure studies going beyond spectroscopical data analysis
- PhD grants, interfacing Nuclear and Particle Physics.
- renewal and capture of talent.

In **Portugal**, Nuclear Physics Research runs mainly across across **3** Units:

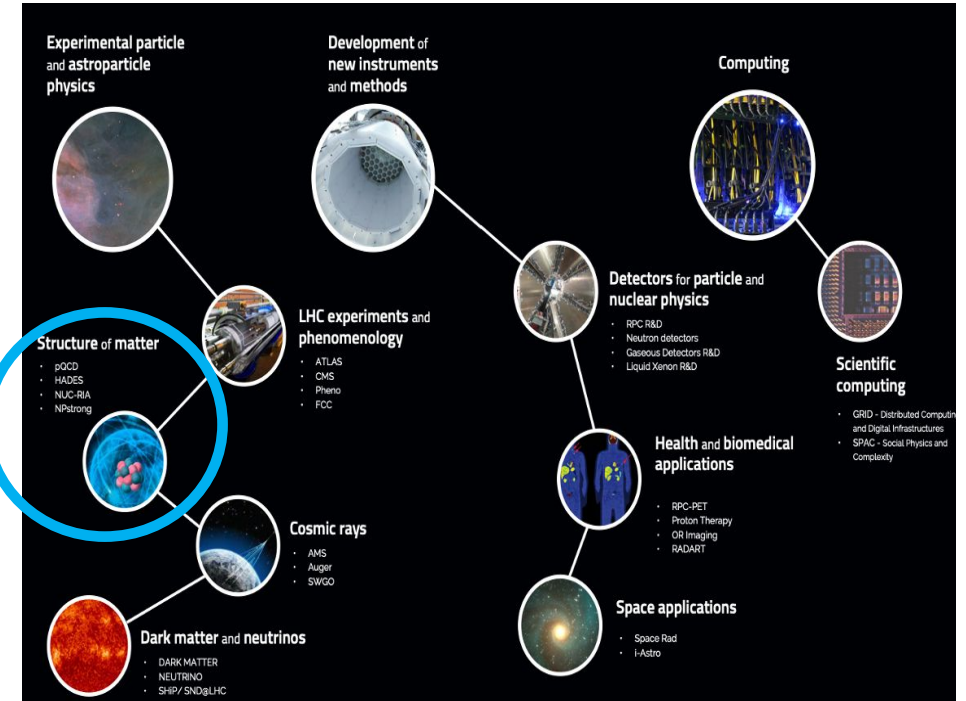
LIP
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CTN
Campus Tecnológico e Nuclear IST Nuclear Applications



<https://www.lip.pt>



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Staff

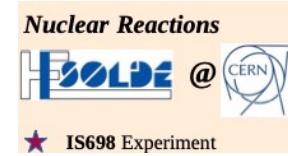


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PhD Students

✓ **NSR: NUSTAR; FAIR-GSI phase-0 R³B collaboration,**

Complementary to low energy radioactive beams



Probes regime of extreme n to p ratios as in neutron stars;

short-range correlations (p,ppn) (p,ppp) reactions with ¹⁶C beams

✓ **NAP: CBM FAIR-GSI**

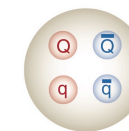
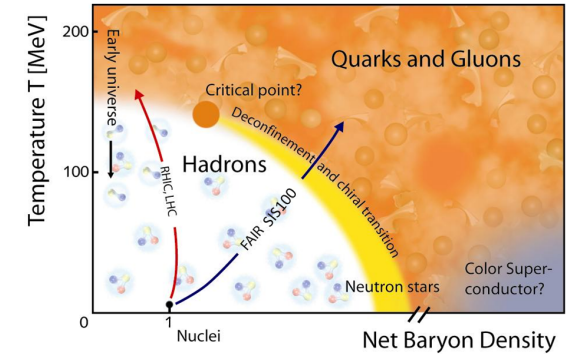
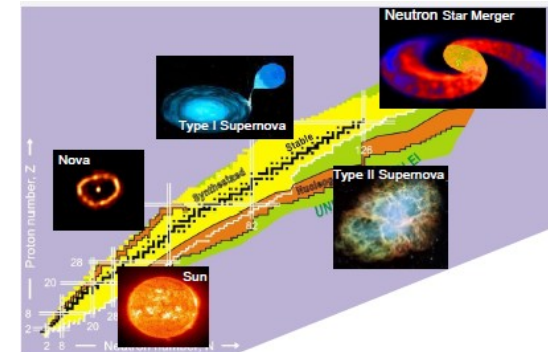
Complementary to LHC

Probes QCD phase diagram in the region of high baryon densities; EOS neutron stars

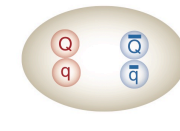
✓ **HAD: PANDA pillar (reconfigured);**

Interaction rates are orders of magnitude higher than in other heavy-ion experiments

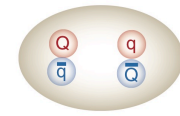
Probes QCD spectrum and exotic hadrons; strangeness sector



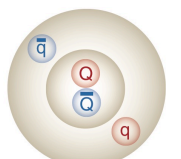
compact tetraquark



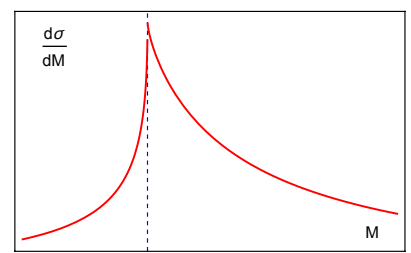
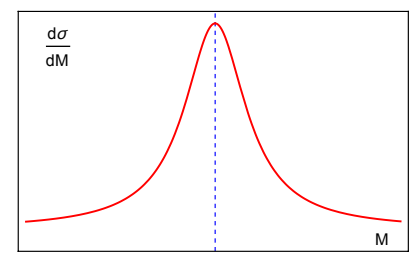
diquark-antidiquark



meson molecule



'hadro-quarkonium'



Compact versus molecular near threshold line shapes



CTN

Centro Tecnológico e Nuclear

Applied Nuclear Physics in Portugal

CTN

Campus Tecnológico e Nuclear, IST, ULisboa

Hosts the infrastructure **LA** (two small **A**ccelerators)

two
electrostatic
accelerators

an ion implanter,
an ion microprobe,
a micro-AMS
system

a high-resolution high-
energy (HRHE) particle-
induced X-ray emission
(PIXE) setup



30
Staff



10
PhD Students

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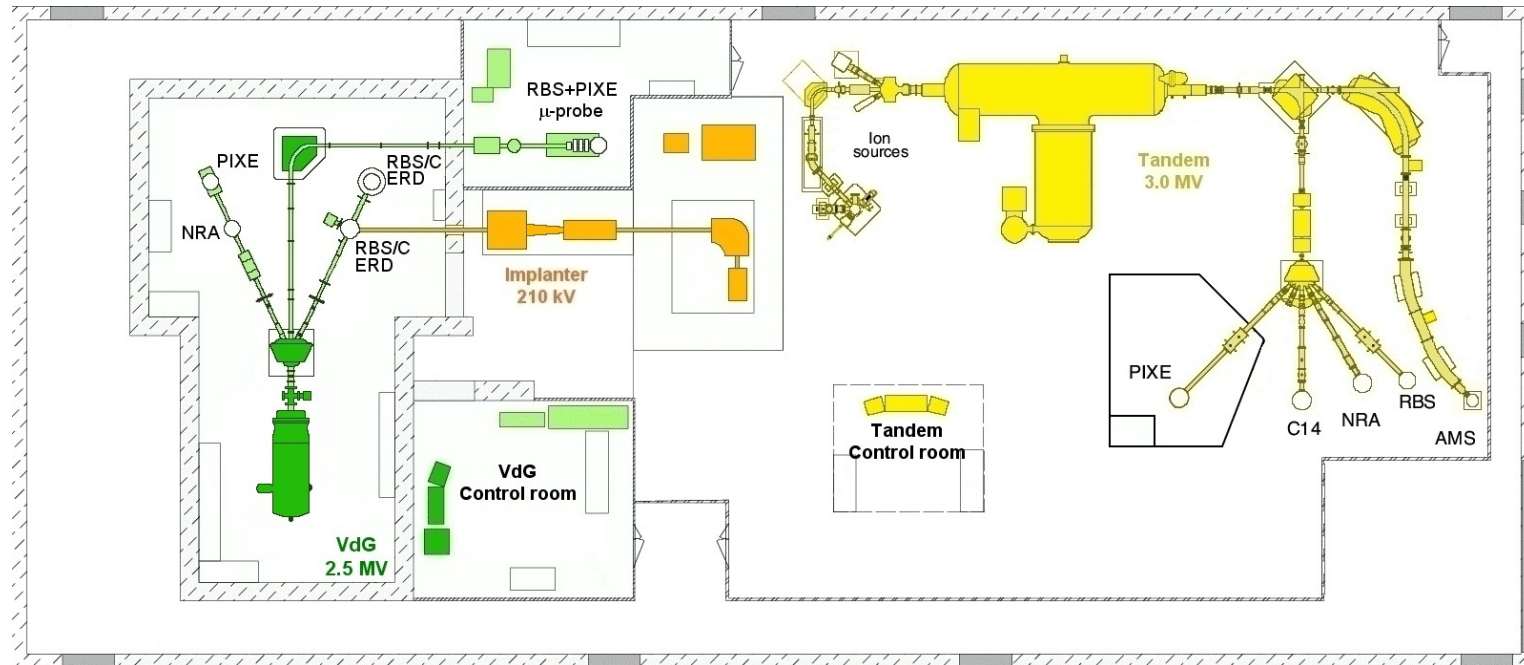
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Regular Article



An insider view of the Portuguese ion beam laboratory

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LA@CTN

Provides expert assistance to IAEA projects.

Develops applications of nuclear engineering and analytical techniques in 4 areas:

Materials Characterization and Innovation:

Semiconductors, sensors, electronics and opto-electronics, new energy sources.

Participation in the EUROfusion project *Application of Ion Beam Techniques for Materials Irradiation and Characterisation relevant to Fusion Technology.*

Environment:

Geo/bio-environmental and cultural heritage studies.

Decontamination of food and farming products.

Health:

Dosimetry and radiobiology.

Radiation Protection Safety:

Environmental radioactivity and radio-ecology. Radioactive waste management.

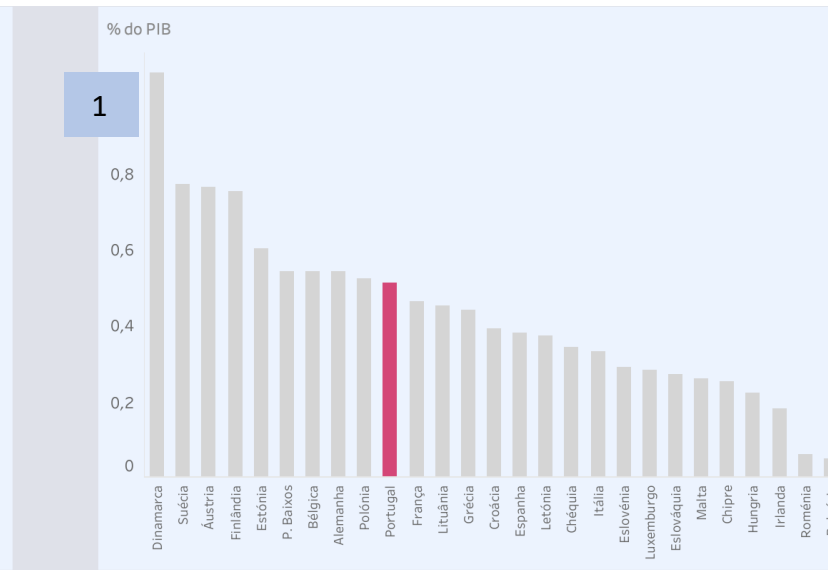
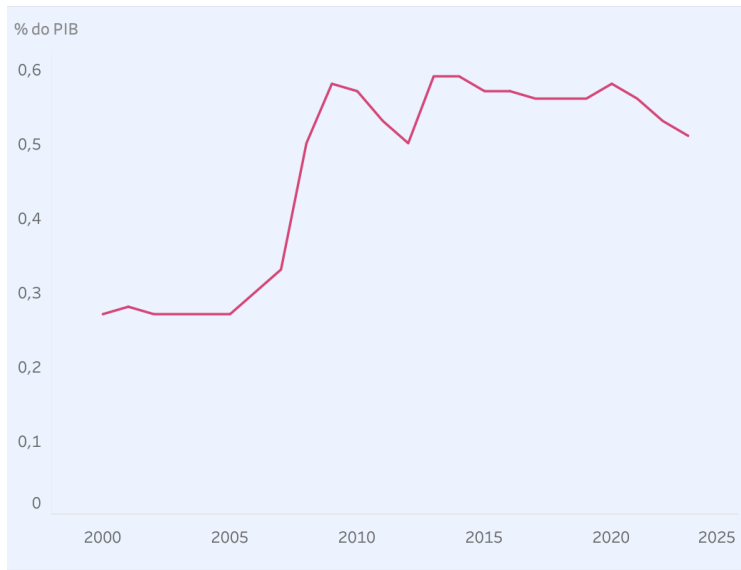
Metrology of ionizing radiations. Preparedness for radiological & nuclear accidents.

CTN

Networks, Collaborations

- PIANOFORTE (the European Partnership for Radiation Protection Research)
- Projects, such as EURADOS, MEDICIS, EURAMET, in collaborations with CERN
- European Radioecology Alliance, a Research Platform
- ISOLDE-CERN



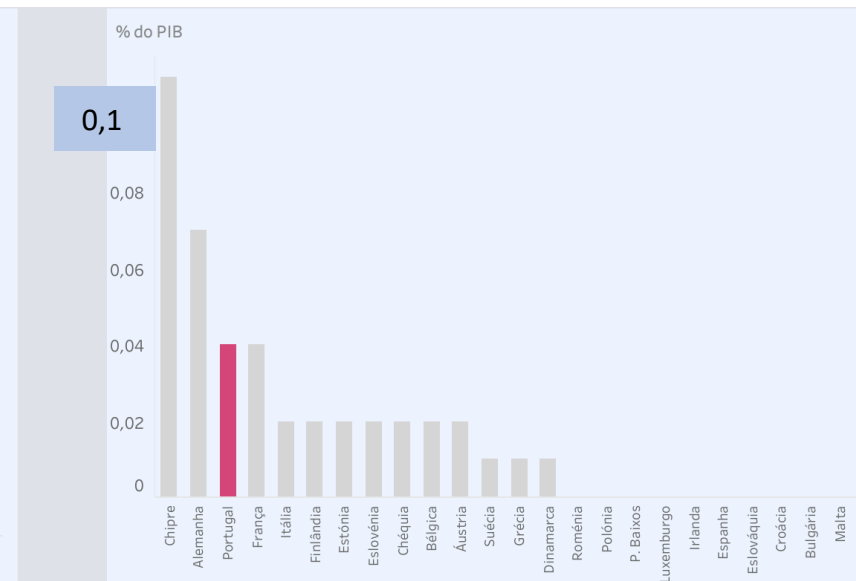
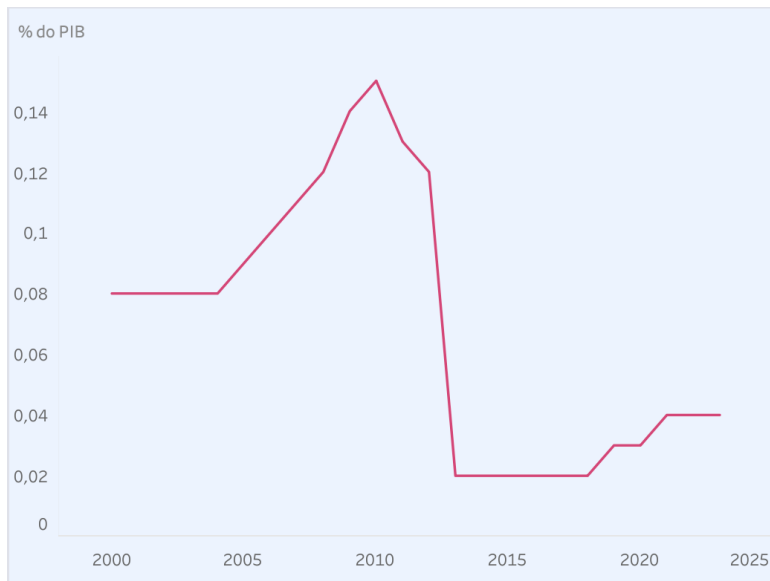


HE institutions %GDP

Portugal (2023)

0,51%

Dived in the 2008 crisis,
and with recent trend to decrease



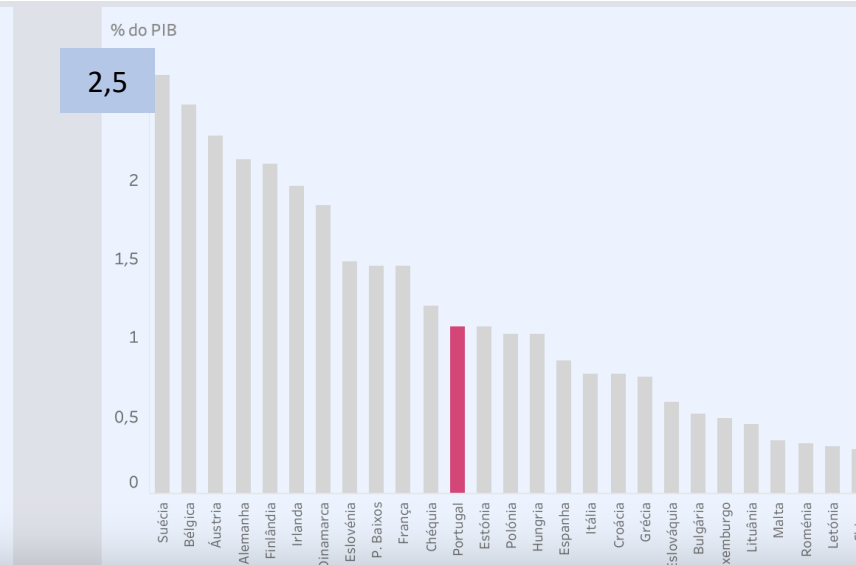
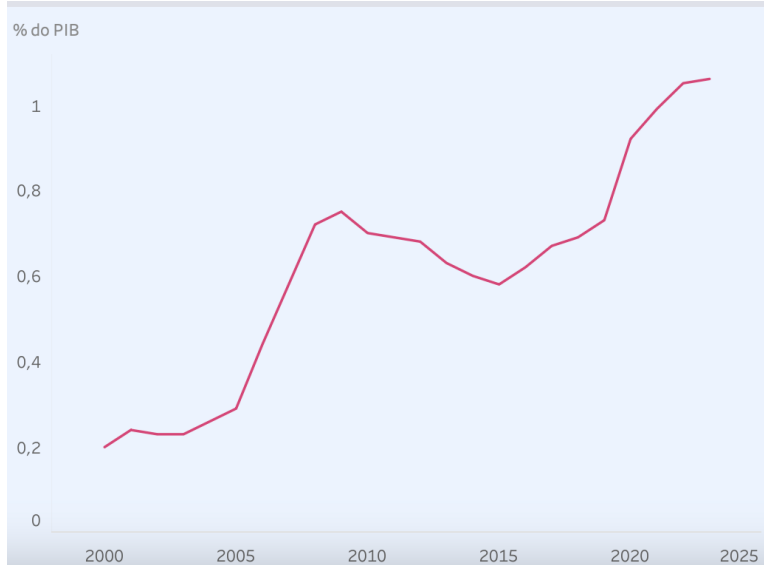
Non-profit institutions %GDP

Portugal (2023)

0,04%

Plunged in the 2008 crisis,
and with recent timid trend to
increase

Distribution, by execution sector, of expenditure in R&D (%GDP)

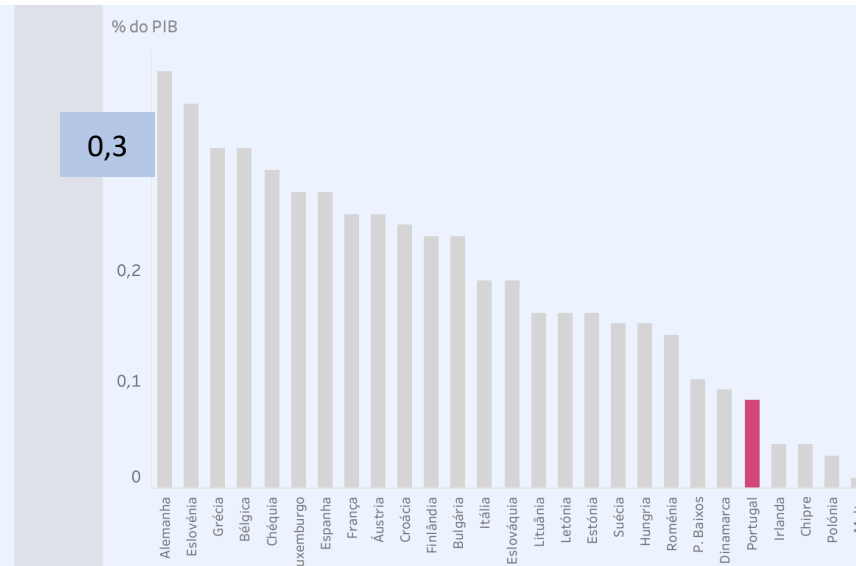
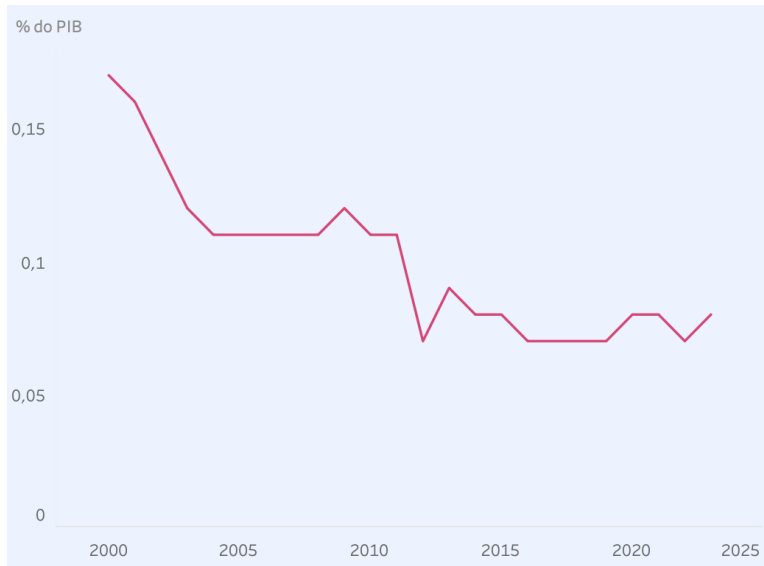


Companies

Portugal (2023)

1,06%

Dived in the 2008 crisis, with steady trend to grow in the last 5 years



State

Portugal (2023)

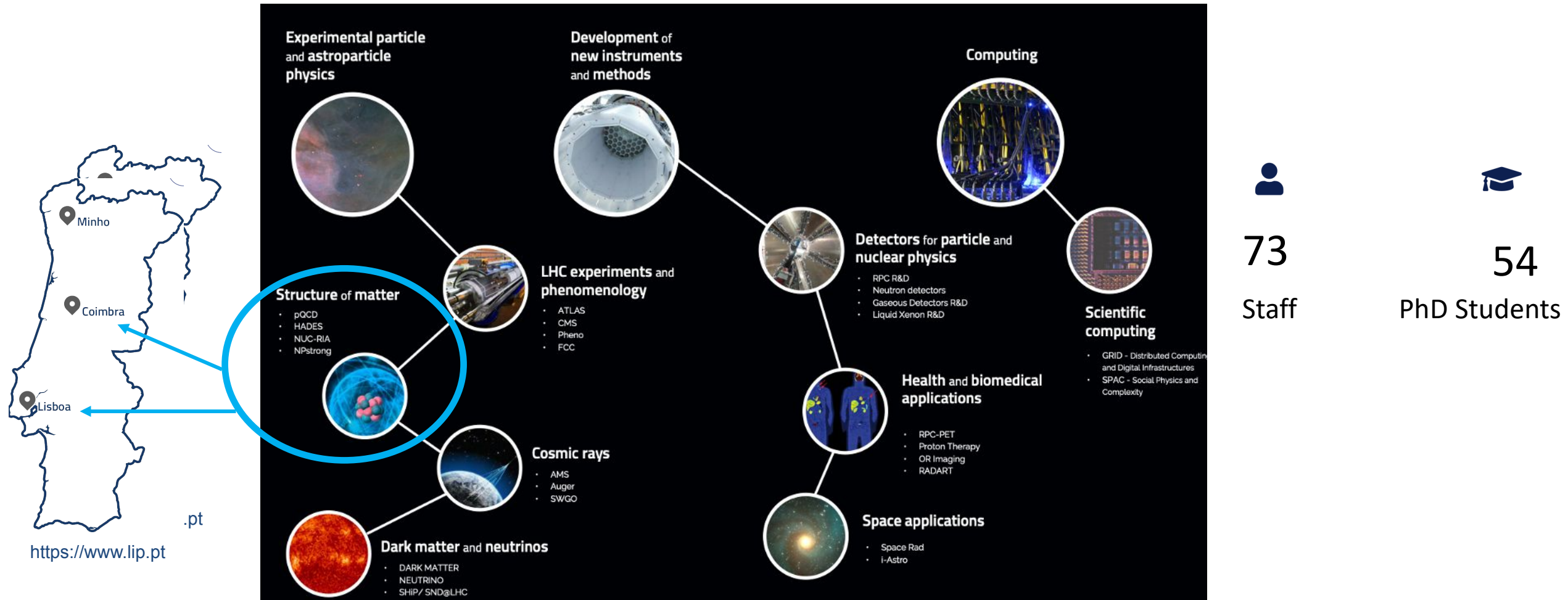
0,08%

Dived in the beginning of the century, with steady trend to flatten in the last decade

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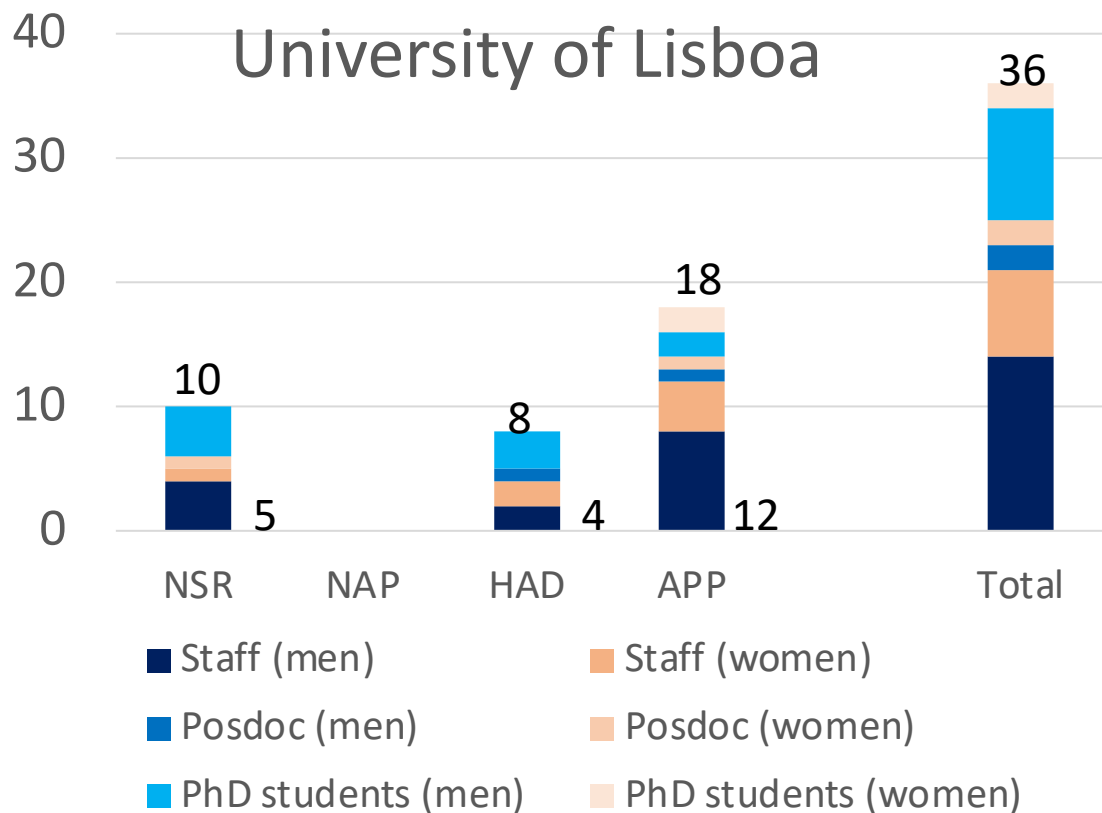
Staff 21

PhD students 11

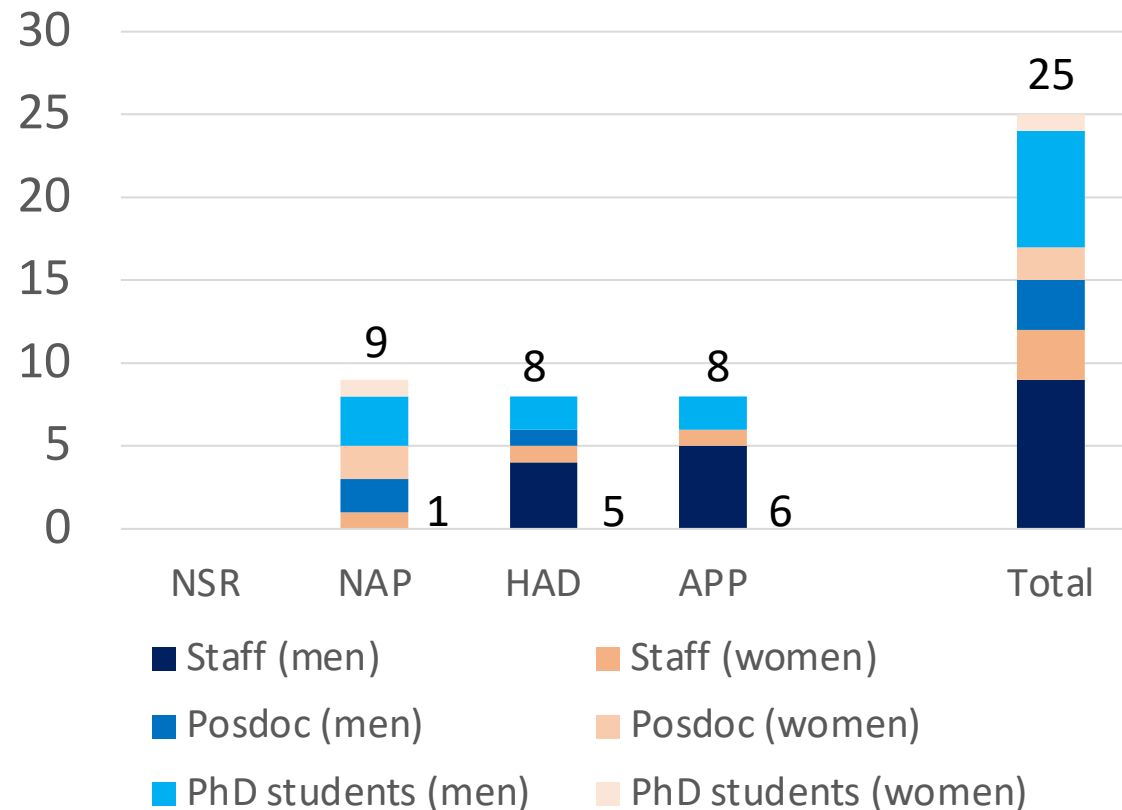
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LIP + part of CTN University of Lisboa



CFisUC University of Coimbra



Highlights of Theoretical Nuclear Physics

NAP

Group is member of **MUSES**
collaboration supported by NSF.

Support
from several institutions: DOE, GSI Helmholtz
Centre for Heavy-ion Research, São Paulo
Research Foundation (FAPESP),
MIT, Princeton, ...

HAD

Group Members are Portuguese
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Modular Unified Solver of the Equation of State (EoS)

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LIP and CFisUC conduct theoretical and experimental research in areas like nuclear reactions, astrophysics, and hadron spectroscopy.

CTN focuses on applied nuclear physics, utilizing accelerators for materials science, environmental studies, and healthcare applications.

Distribution of researchers across these institutions is presented.

Funding limitations and the need for talent retention are highlighted as challenges.



Adaptation of FAIR GSI plans to new conditions was imposed by the war and the suspension of the Russian federation from the collaboration.

Current Adaptation

- ✓ NUSTAR HEB (R³B) phase-0
- ✓ CBM
- PANDA
- ✓ APPA

