



# MINISTRY OF RESEARCH, INNOVATION AND DIGITALIZATION



## INSTITUTUL DE FIZICĂ ATOMICĂ INSTITUTE OF ATOMIC PHYSICS

"Ar fi o fericire sa se inteleaga odata temeinic ca unul din factorii  
cei mai importanți de formare economică a unei țări este  
cercetarea științifică pură, [...] oricât de paradoxal ar parea la  
prima vedere."

Horia Hulubei  
Fondatorul IFA (1956)



## Participation of Romania in CERN experiments

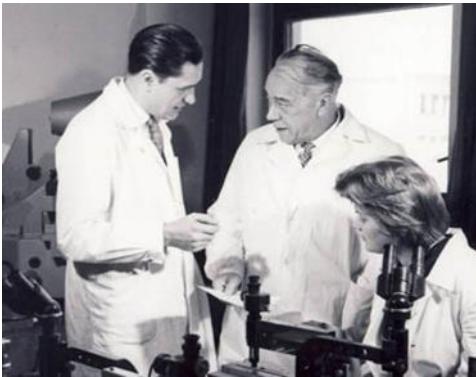
**Florin-Dorian BUZATU,**  
Institute of Atomic Physics

11 January 2023

*: from the cradle of the Romanian physics research  
to funding agency and integrating role*



- 1949 Inst. Phys. Acad.
- 1956 IFA (Inst. At. Phys.) IFB
- 1968 IFA → CEN
- 1973 ICEFIZ: IFA, ITN Pitești, I. Iz. St. Cluj, IFB, INCREST, Lab. Fiz. CCTF Iași



Horia Hulubei (1896-1972)  
IFA founding father

- 2022/2023 DFG
- 2016 AUF & JINR (-> 2021)
- 2014 ELI-NP & FAIR
- 2012 EURATOM Fission
- 2011 CERN
- 2010 F4E (-> 2016)
- 2009 CEA (-> 2019) / Appl. host. ELI
- 2008 Re-organisation
- 2006 CEEX (-> 2008)
- 2001 CERES (-> 2006)
- 2000 EURATOM Fusion
- 1996 National R&D Institutes  
IFIN-HH, INFIPR, INFM, INFP spun off from IFA
- 1990 IFA (~~CSEN, ICEFIZ~~ -> IFA), IRNE -> Min. El. Energy
- 1977 ICEFIZ (Re-organisation): ~~IFA, IFB, CMS, Astr. Observatory~~  
~~IFIN, IFTAR, IFTM, CFPS, CASS, FAN, IRNE Pitești,~~  
ITIM Cluj-Napoca, CFT Iași



*International  
cooperation in atomic  
and subatomic field*



# Romania and CERN



- Since the early 1990s direct collaboration with CERN
- December 2008: CERN Council granted Romania the status of **Candidate for Accession to Membership**
- 11 February 2010: Romanian Minister of Education, Research, Youth and Sport, Daniel Petru Funeriu, and CERN Director General, Rolf Heuer, **sign an agreement that formally recognizes Romania as a Candidate for Accession to Membership of CERN.**
- 13 October 2010: **agreement was unanimously ratified by the Romanian parliament.**
- Romania became **CERN's 22<sup>nd</sup> Member State** on 17 July 2016;
- Romania's flag raised at CERN on 5 September 2016; His Excellency Mr. Klaus Werner Iohannis, **President of Romania** and Fabiola Gianotti, Director General at CERN;
- Visit of the **Romanian Minister** of Research and Innovation of Romania, Nicolae Hurduc, at CERN on 27 November 2018;
- RECFA visit to Romania on 23 March 2018.



# Current involvement in 11 CERN experiments

**LHC:**



Basic building blocks of matter; fundamental forces; Higgs boson; physics beyond the Standard Model, super-symmetry.



Heavy-ion physics; strongly interacting matter at extreme energy densities; quark-gluon plasma.



antimatter asymmetry; "beauty quark".



GRID computing



Magnetic monopole; exotic particles.

Significant contributions to detectors, readout electronics, GRID computing, data analysis and physics

**SPS:**



Rare kaon decays; CKM mixing matrix.



Tau neutrino decay; lepton flavour universality.

**PS:**



Pulsed neutron source; neutron-nucleus interactions; time-of-flight measurements



Radioactive ion-beams; exotic nuclei; nuclear structure and models

**Neutrino Platform:**



ProtoDUNE-DP

Neutrino physics

**R&D:**



Hard semiconductor devices for very high luminosity colliders

# Team leaders of the 12 current projects



Prof. Mihai  
PETROVICI, IFIN-HH



Dr. Alexandru Florin  
DOBRIN, ISS



Prof. Călin ALEXA  
IFIN-HH



Dr. Florin MACIUC  
IFIN-HH



Dr. Mihnea DULEA  
IFIN-HH



Dr. Vlad POPA  
ISS



Dr. Constantin MIHAI,  
IFIN-HH



Dr. Alexandru  
NEGRET, IFIN-HH



Dr. Alexandru Mario  
BRAGADIREANU, IFIN-HH



Prof. Ionel LAZANU  
UB-FF

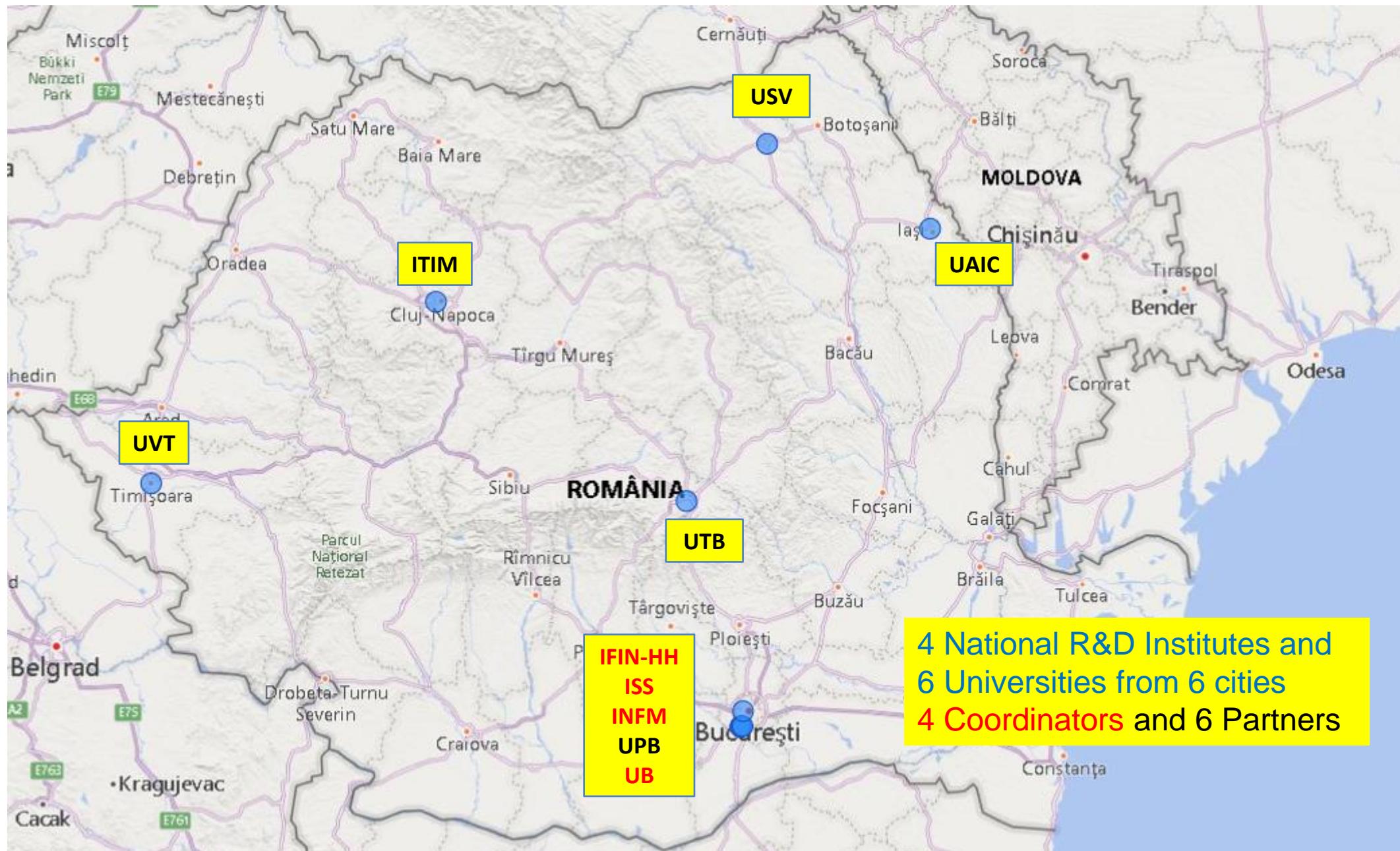


Dr. Ioana PINTILIE  
INFN



Dr. Elena FIRU  
ISS

# Geographical distribution of the Romanian institutions participating in CERN experiments



# International Scientific Advisory Board (ISAB)

## ISAB members:

**Dr. Cristinel DIACONU** - *Chair*  
CPP Marseille, CNRS, France  
(2011)

**Dr. Christian JORAM**  
CERN Physics Dept. (2019)

**Prof. John HARRIS**  
Yale Univ., USA (2011)

**Prof. Thomas LOHSE**  
Humboldt Univ., Germany (2016)

**Prof. Clara MATTEUZI**  
INFN, Milano Univ., Italy (2015)



November 2011 – 1<sup>st</sup> ISAB meeting



November 2018

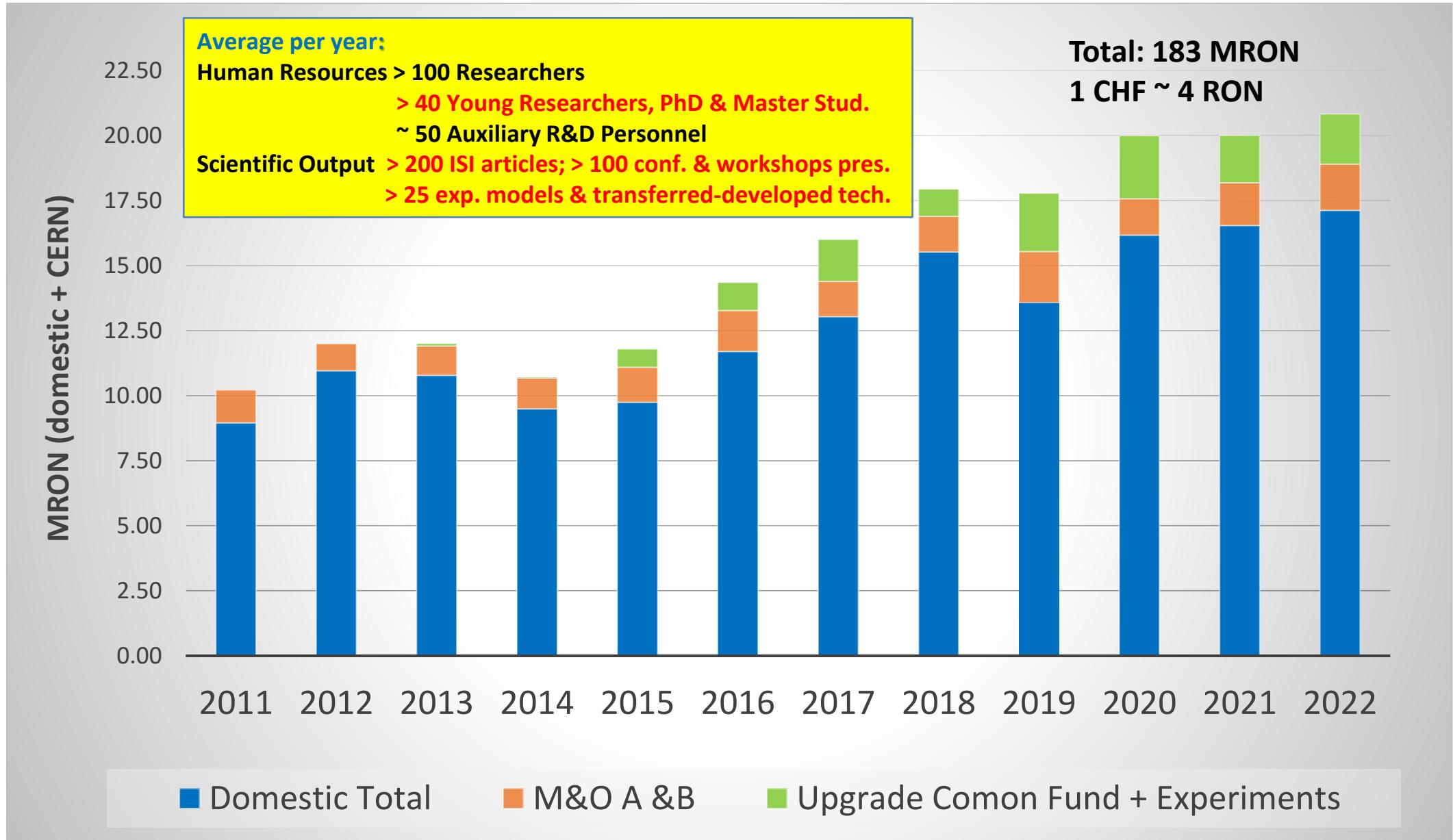
## Former members:

**Dr. Philippe BLOCH**  
CERN Physics Dept. (2011-2017)

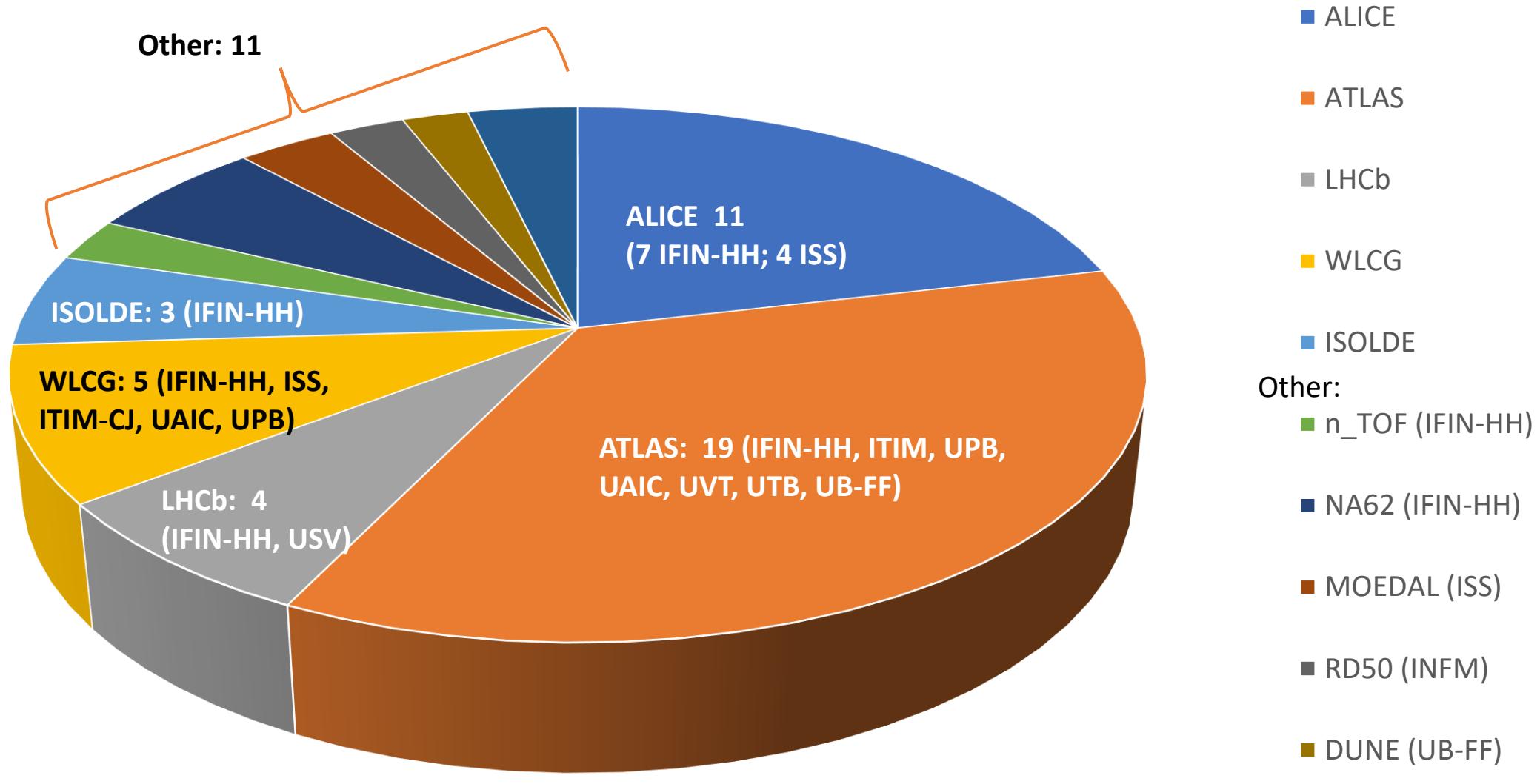
**Prof. François LE DIBERDER**  
Univ. Paris VII, France (2011-2014)

**Dr. Eckhard ELSEN**  
DESY, Germany (2011-2015)

# Funding & Scientific Output of Romanian participation in CERN experiments



# FTE per CERN Experiment 2022



Full Time Equivalent (FTE): **53** (rounded value)

Participants: **217** (ATLAS 87; ALICE 27 - 18/IFIN-HH + 9/ISS; ISOLDE 24; WLCG 24; LHCb 15; Other 40)

# Dissemination & Outreach



2009-2011



2012



2009-2015



R

o

Romanian research projects  
at CERN

2016 - 2019



2022 - ISS@RN



2022 - ISS@RN



**2014 School Presentation  
ATLAS, 2014**

**2012 Higgs Team RN**

**Simpozion** ifa Institutul de Fizică Atomică PROGRAMUL CERN-RO 2018

**Simpozion** ifa Institutul de Fizică Atomică PROGRAMUL CERN-RO 2019

**Simpozion** ifa Institutul de Fizică Atomică PROGRAMUL CERN-RO 2021 Realizări și perspective ale participării României la experimentele CERN

Simpozionul este dedicat în principal prezentării celor mai recente rezultate obținute în cadrul proiectelor de cercetare prin care se realizează participarea României la programul științific al CERN – laboratorul mondial de fizica particulelor elementare.

România participă în prezent, prin 4 institute naționale de cercetare dezvoltări și la universitate, la 10 experimente CERN. Simpozionul include prezentări ale proiectelor finanțate în perioada 2020-2021 prin Programul CERN-RO condus de ifa, prezentările ale unor proiecte noi și o scurtă sesiune de comunicări dedicată tinerilor cercetători participanți la proiecte.

15 Noiembrie 2021, 14:20 – 18:10 Sesiunea Plenară

14:20 – 16:05 Deschidere Simpozionul

ATLAS IFIN-HH (Conducător proiect), IFIN-CL, UPR, IJCL, LUT, ULB (Partener)

LHCb IFIN-HH (Conducător proiect), USV (Partener)

Alice IFIN-HH, ISU

TOF IFIN-HH

WLCG IFIN-HH (Conducător proiect), IBS, ITIM-CL, IJCL, UPR (Partener)

ISOLDE IFIN-HH

NA62 IJCL, IFIN-HH

RD-TOF IJCL, IFIN-HH

RO-DUNE UPR

RO-MODA IBS

NA6

17 Noiembrie 2021, 10:00 – 11:30 Sesiune de comunicări dedicată tinerilor

Simpozionul are loc cu cca. 100 invitați anulați a Comitetului Științific Internațional Consultativ (SAB) CERN-RO, comitet care are rolul de a sprijini FA și Ministerul Cercetării, Inovării și Digitalizării în procesul decizional privind participarea României la experimentele CERN.

Eveniment ONLINE, Zoom Meeting ID: 87836949985, Passcode: 00684771

Image: Maureen Birza and Julian Orlea CERN

# Thank you!



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