

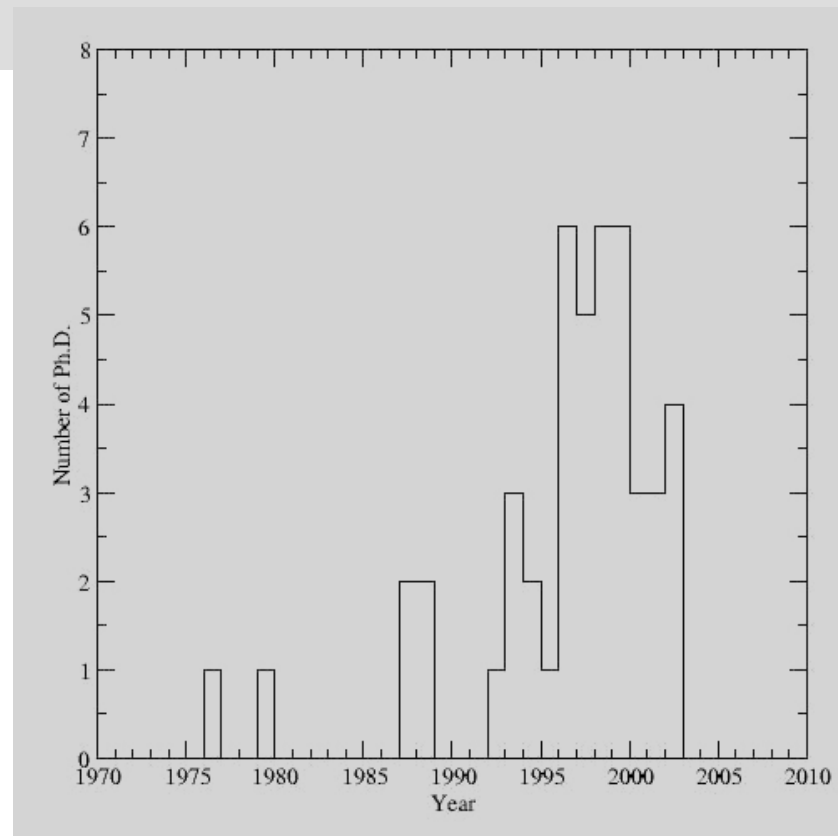
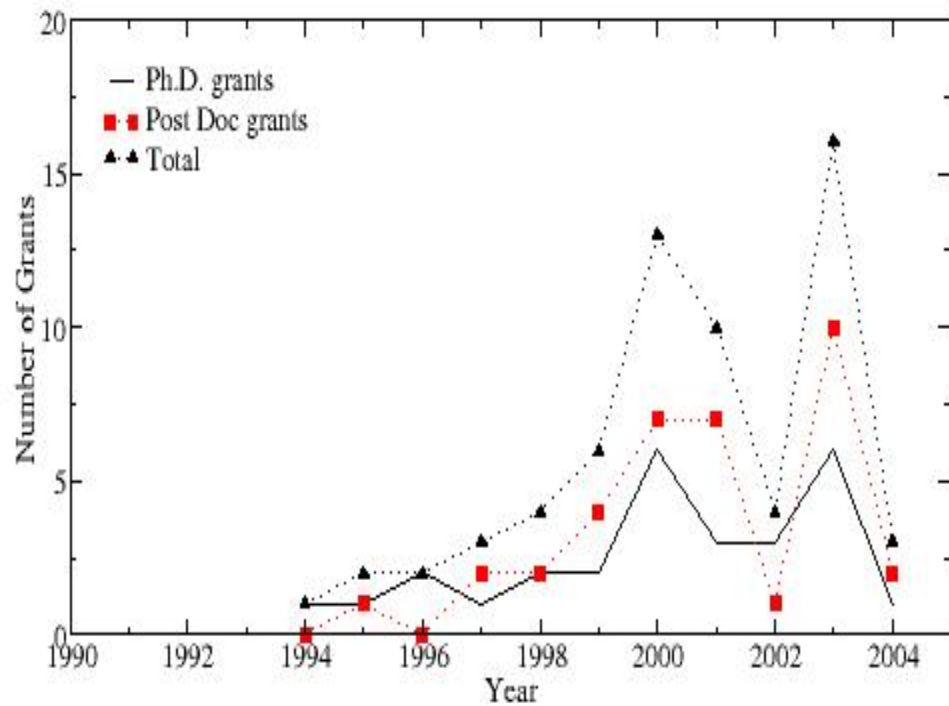
ASTRONOMY IN PORTUGAL

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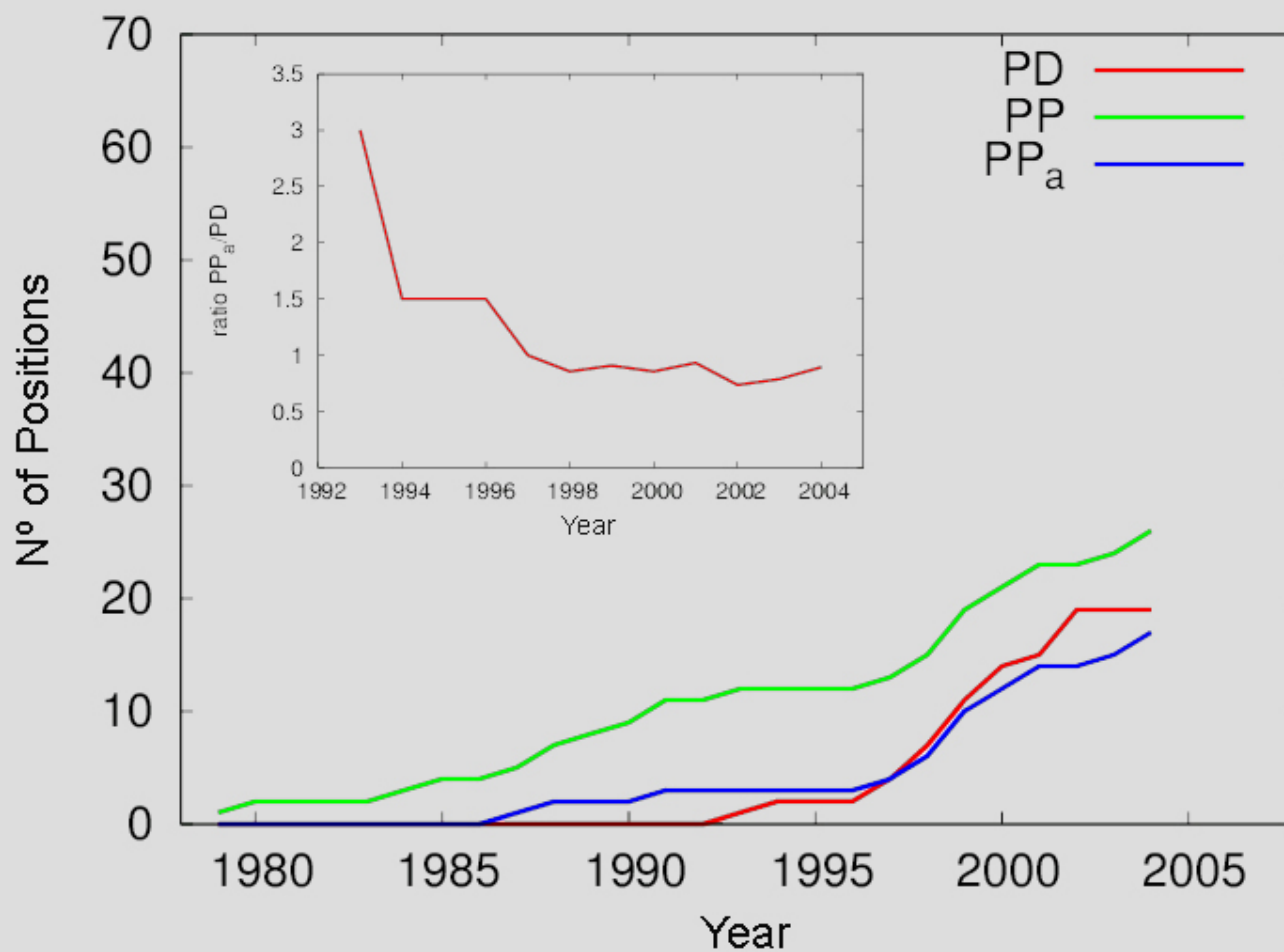
- Huge development of Astronomy in the 80's, highly related with the creation of:
 - Degree in Astronomy, Oporto University, 1984
 - Centre for Astrophysics Oporto, in 1989
- Portugal become member of:
 - ESO in 1990 – Full member in 2000
 - ESA in 2000
- Astronomy considered as a priority area by the National Science Foundation, in the 90's.

Majority of present day researchers got Ph.D. grants



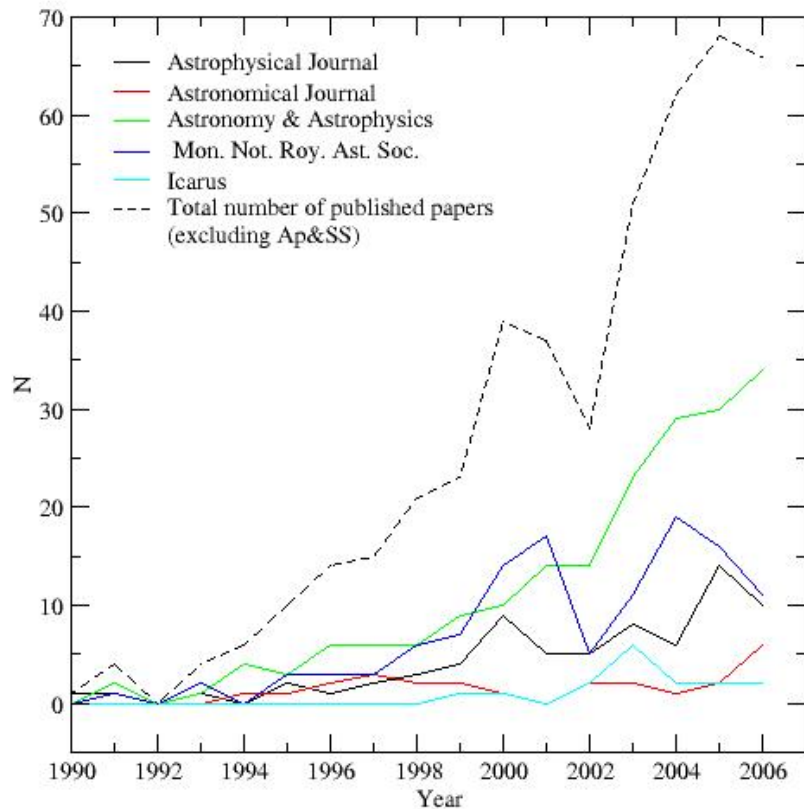
- Research infrastructure:
 - Institutes - 4
 - Observatories - 4
 - Groups with research in A&A in University departments - 3
 - Research in non-organized University structures - 8

Rate of increase of positions



- Average number of PP per 10 Millions in Europe = ~70
- Number of PP per 10 Millions in Portugal = 30. < 2.3 than European average

There is a small rate of increase of PP, but scientific production has increased with time!



- With a citation Impact
> 1.09 x average world impact in 98-02
- Being the third most cited research area in Portugal with a mean of 11.9 citations per paper.

Ahead of Physics, Chemistry, Maths...

- National Science Foundation – Through projects.
- European Funding – Through different networks
- Universities – Through their teaching staff and facilities.

- Small Society
- Young, created in December 1999
- A total number of 90 members
- 80% of the members with ages < 45 years old

Goals



- Promote and support A&A research
- Play an active role in Astronomy curriculum taught in schools.
- Support public astronomy awareness – IYA 2009