

Research evaluation

REPORT ON THE RESEARCH UNIT:

Laboratoire de Physique Théorique et Hautes Énergies LPTHE

UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE FOLLOWING INSTITUTIONS AND RESEARCH BODIES:

Sorbonne Université Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique -CNRS

EVALUATION CAMPAIGN 2017-2018GROUP D



In the name of Hcéres¹:

Michel Cosnard, President

In the name of the expert committee²:

Stephen Shenker, Chairman of the committee

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UNIT PRESENTATION

Unit name: Laboratoire de Physique Théorique et Hautes Énergies

Unit acronym: LPTHE

Requested label: UMR

Application type: Renewal

Current number: UMR 7589

Head of the unit

(2017-2018): Mr Benoît Douçot

Project leader

(2019-2023): Ms Michela Petrini

Number of teams or themes: 4

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair: Mr Stephen Shenker, Stanford University, USA

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Mr Bertrand Meyer, Sorbonne Université

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INTRODUCTION

HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION OF THE UNIT

The LPTHE was created in 1966 by Maurice Lévy. We have celebrated recently its 50th birthday. The LPTHE is entirely located on the renovated Jussieu campus in the historical Latin Quarter, at walking distance from prestigious institutions such as École Normale Supérieure, Collège de France, Institut Poincaré.

MANAGEMENT TEAM

Mr Benoît Douçot

HCFRES NOMENCLATURE

ST Sciences and Technologies
ST2 Physics
ST1 Mathematics

SCIENTIFIC DOMAIN

Originally dedicated to high-energy physics, LPTHE has gradually broadened its spectrum, in tune with the worldwide evolution of theoretical physics. High-energy physics (including particle physics and string theory) gathers roughly half of the activity of the LPTHE, the other half being distributed among various subjects, including integrable models, quantum field theory, mathematical physics, statistical and condensed matter physics.



UNIT WORKFORCE

Unit workforce	Number 30/06/2017	Number 01/01/2019
Permanent staff		
Full professors and similar positions	6	5
Assistant professors and similar positions	3	3
Full time research directors (Directeurs de recherche) and similar positions	9	9
Full time research associates (Chargés de recherche) and similar positions	8	6
Other scientists ("Conservateurs, cadres scientifiques des EPIC, fondations, industries, etc.")	0	0
High school teachers	0	0
Supporting personnel (ITAs, BIATSSs and others, notably of EPICs)	2	2
TOTAL permanent staff	28	25
Non-permanent staff		
Non-permanent professors and associate professors, including emeritus	2	
Non-permanent full time scientists, including emeritus, post-docs	14	
Non-permanent supporting personnel	0	
PhD Students	13	
TOTAL non-permanent staff	29	
TOTAL unit	57	

GLOBAL ASSESSMENT OF THE UNIT

Based on the quality of its scientific output, international standing, and quality of intellectual life, the committee considers this to be an outstanding unit. The current director has played an essential role in developing and maintaining this exceptionally high quality.

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