

# PHYSICS MATTERS

## On-line Colloquia Series

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# IRAN

## Establishment history

- Median Empire c. 678 BC
- Achaemenid Empire 550 BC
- Parthian Empire 247 BC
- Sasanian Empire 224 AD<sup>[4]</sup>
- Buyid dynasty 934
- Safavid Iran 1501<sup>[5]</sup>
- Afsharid dynasty 1736
- Zand dynasty 1751
- Qajar Iran 1796
- Pahlavi Iran 15 December 1925
- Islamic Revolution 11 February 1979
- Current constitution 3 December 1979
- Latest amendment 28 July 1989

## Area

- Total 1,648,195 km<sup>2</sup>  
(636,372 sq mi) (17<sup>th</sup>)
- Water (%) 1.63 (as of 2015)<sup>[6]</sup>

## Population

- 2019 estimate ▲ 83,183,741<sup>[7]</sup> (17<sup>th</sup>)
- Density 48/km<sup>2</sup> (124.3/sq mi)  
(162<sup>nd</sup>)





The city Tehran

# Establishment of the first modern university

## University of Tehran



1851:

As a teacher training center

1934:

As the first modern university of Iran

Department of physics  
as part of the Faculty of  
Science.

# Sharif University of Technology



1966:

Engineering Departments

Plus

3 Basic science Departments,  
Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry

# In 1983

- 15 Universities (~ Physics departments)
- Less than 80 physicists (PhD degree) (some had left the country after revolution)
- A couple of universities had graduate programs (just M.Sc.)
- No PhD Program
- Published papers:  $< 10/\text{year}$



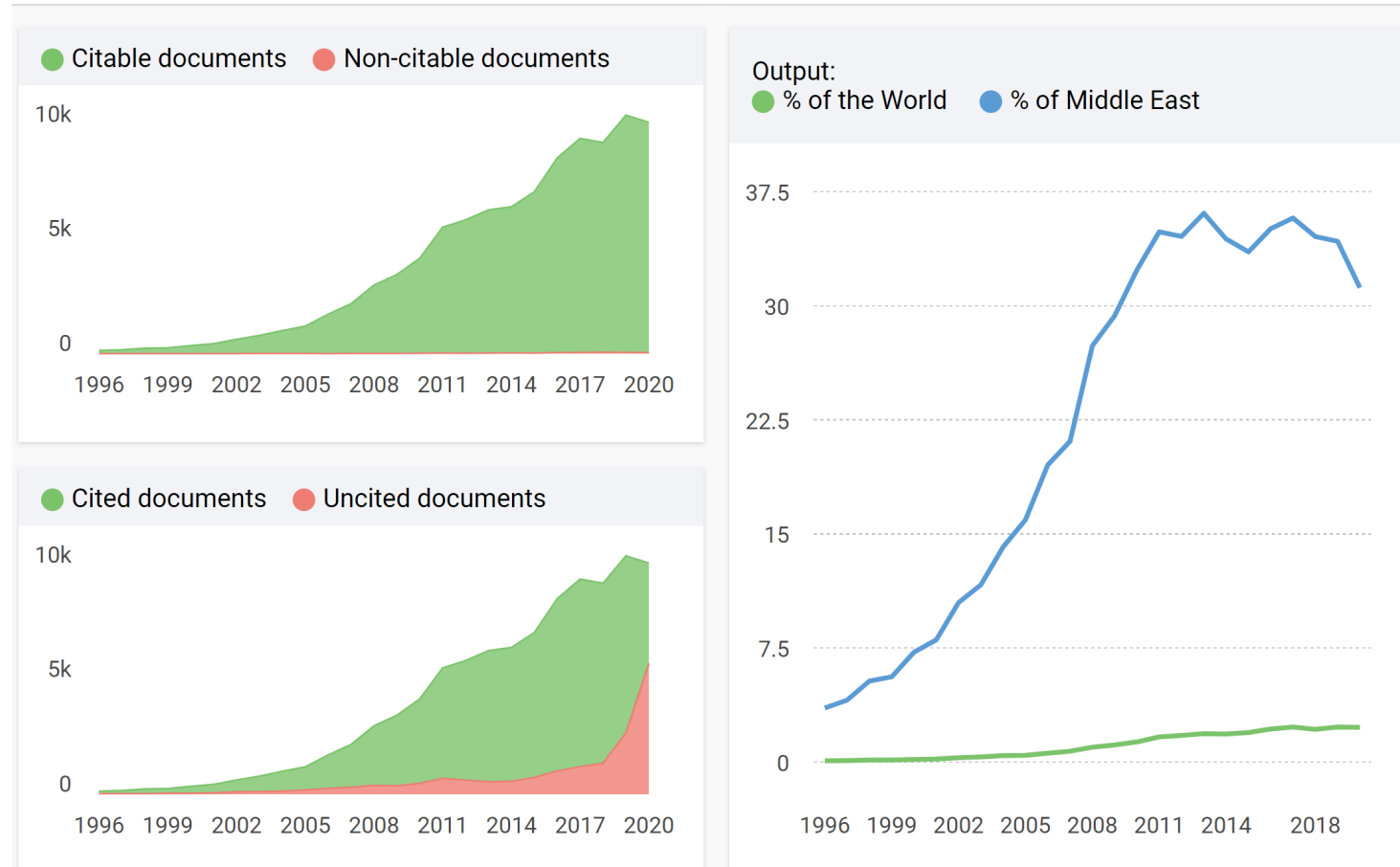
# The first PhD graduates in Physics



1993

Sharif University of Technology

# New Physicists arrive!



Ranked 14 in the world according to SJR for the numbers of documents, and 16 for citations.



# Physics Society of Iran (PSI)

PSI with more than 12000 members (just compare to 43 in 1983).

- More than 3000 members with a university degree of Master or PhD.
- Many spinoffs societies:
  - Astronomical Society of Iran
  - Vacuum Society of Iran
  - Iranian Society for Optics and Photonics
  - Geophysical Society of Iran
  - Society for Nuclear Physics and Technology

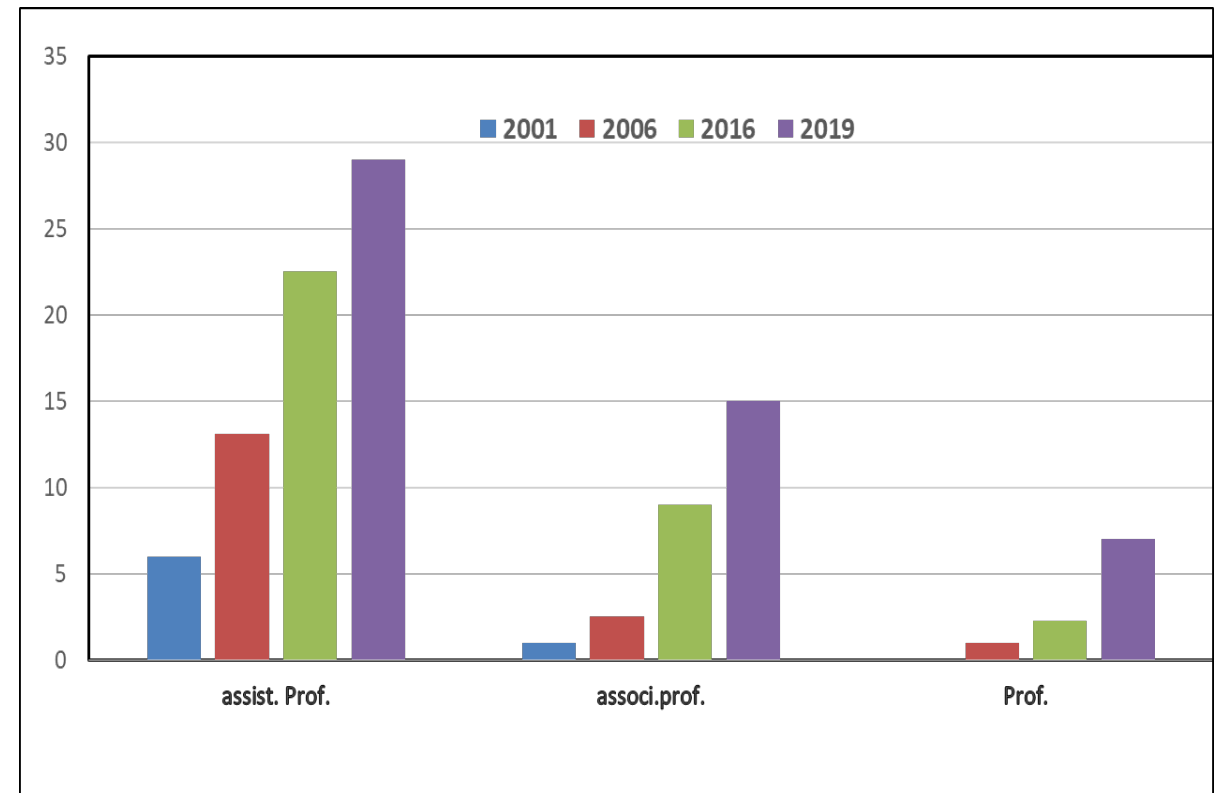
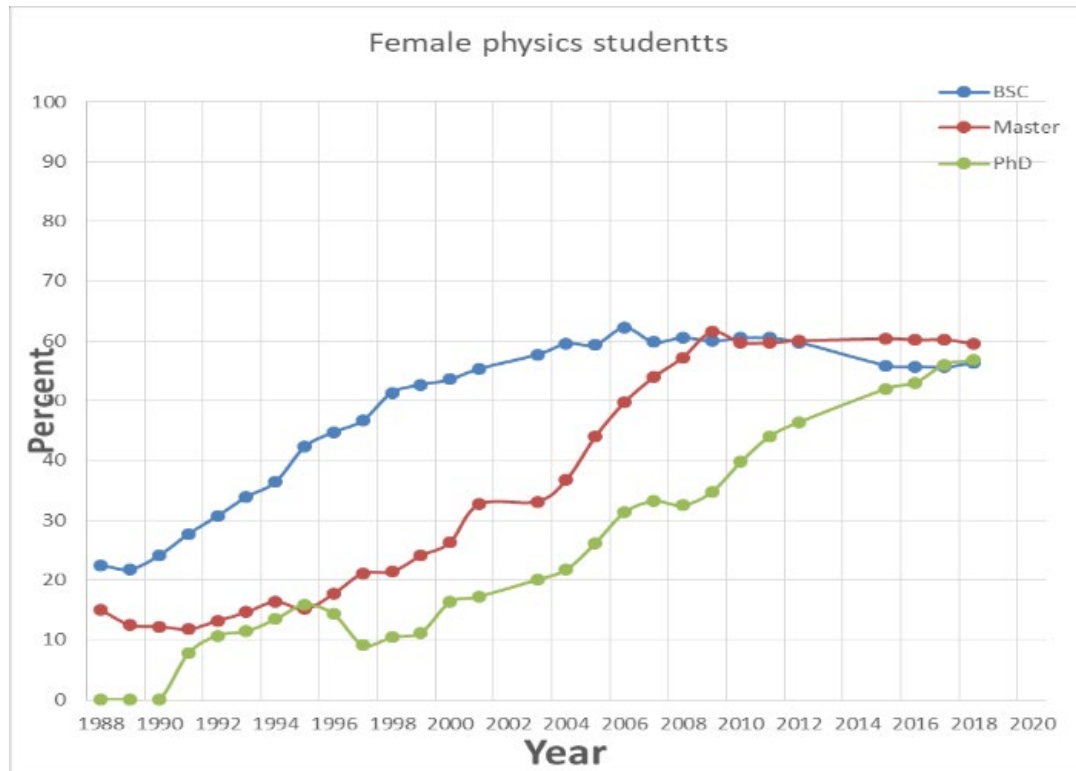
# Some data on PSI activities

- Number of annual meetings, workshops, and webinars: ~100
- Number of PSI prizes: 7
- Number of Committees: 6
- Number of divisions and forums:
  - Forum of Women in Physics



# Women in Physics?

From the report presented in IUPAP  
meeting by: Azam Irajizad, Saba Mosivand



# Professional Life in Iran as a physicist is hard!

- Hard and time consuming visa process to attend international activities.
- Almost no way to transfer fees for conferences, open access journals, or societies membership.
- Very difficult ways to buy material or instrument. Sometimes impossible.
- In case of international supports, no way to receive them.
- Rejection of papers with an affiliation in Iran is not an exception.

# Just to imagine:

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