

Diamonds are transparent: Open finances as a pillar of open access



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Journals at SciPost



Guiding principles

Copyright to Authors

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license for content



Non-Profit

Genuine
Diamond



Community Ownership

Community steering
Collegial policymaking



Open finances

Public data
Yearly reports



Open Infrastructure

Free and Open Source
Community project



Two-way Open Access

Free for readers
Free for authors



Peer-witnessed Refereeing

Publicly visible refereeing process
Invited and Contributed reports



Collegial Decisionmaking

Collective editorial decisions
by community of experts



Business model



Key concepts:

- APEX:
Average Publication EXpenditure
- NAP:
Number of Associated Publications
- PubFracs:
Publication Fractions

APEX

$$\text{APEX} = \frac{\text{€ operations}}{\text{\# publications}}$$

Calculated per journal, per year

APEX

2025

Journal	Nr of publications	Expenditure per publication	Total expenditures
JRobustRep	3	315	945
SciPostPhys	378	630	238140
SciPostPhysCore	95	630	59850
SciPostPhysLectNotes	20	945	18900
SciPostPhysProc	59	315	18585
SciPostPhysCodeb	40	630	25200
SciPostPhysCommRep	10	630	6300
SciPostChem	1	630	630
MigPol	6	630	3780
Total publishing expenditures			372330

NAP

publications linked to an organisation
(via author affiliation, grant) per year

The PubFrac Business Model

An antidote to APCs



Introduction

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The PubFrac business model apportions publishing expenditures equitably between organizations, through author affiliations...

Publication



Split by Authors



Split by Affiliations



Compiled Fractions



× publishing expenditures



Summed across publications



→ Required levels of support

Public data: Organization level

 [NL] Netherlands

Institute of Physics, University of Amsterdam [IoP, UvA]

Parent: University of Amsterdam

Parent of: Institute for Theoretical Physics Amsterdam

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Support history

Direct support

List of the subsidies (in one form or another) which SciPost has received from this Organization. Click on a row to see more details.

Type	Amount	Date
Donation	€2500	Nov. 4, 2024 until Nov. 4, 2024
Sponsorship Agreement	€100000	Jan. 1, 2024 until Dec. 31, 2028
Donation	€3000	Jan. 1, 2023 until Dec. 31, 2023
Donation	€300	Nov. 21, 2022 until Nov. 21, 2022
Sponsorship Agreement	€30000	Jan. 1, 2021 until Dec. 31, 2023
Sponsorship Agreement	€10000	Sept. 1, 2017 until Dec. 31, 2018
Total support obtained:	€145800	

Public data: Organization level

Balance of SciPost expenditures versus support received

The following **Expenditures (Institute of Physics, University of Amsterdam)** table compiles the expenditures by SciPost and weighed by this Organization's PubFrac.

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Year (click to toggle details)	NAP ⓘ	Total associated expenditures	PubFrac share	Subsidy support	Impact on reserves
Cumulative	111	€66056	€28081	€105800	€77719
Per year:					
2026 (ongoing)	3	€2100	€601	€20000	€19399
2025	17	€10710	€1089	€20000	€18911
2024	11	€8800	€3792	€22500	€18708
2023	9	€4455	€1646	€13000	€11354
2022	11	€4884	€2157	€10300	€8143
2021	22	€14298	€7651	€10000	€2349
2020	16	€9920	€4374	€0	€-4374
2019	4	€1980	€558	€0	€-558
2018	8	€5840	€3708	€5000	€1292
2017	7	€2247	€1738	€5000	€3262

Public data: Organization level

2025

17

€10710

€1089

€20000

€18911

The following table give an overview of expenditures , compiled for all Publications which are associated to Institute of Physics, University of Amsterdam for 2025.

You can see the list of associated publications under the *Publications* tab.

Expenditures (Institute of Physics, University of Amsterdam)

Journal	APEX	NAP	Total associated expenditures	PubFracs	PubFracs expenditures share
SciPostPhys	€630	14	€8820	1.565	€985
SciPostPhysCore	€630	1	€630	0.0	€0
SciPostPhysCodeb	€630	2	€1260	0.166	€104

Public data: Country level

Finances

Country-Level Financial Data

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This table presents our cumulative financial balance information, broken down per country. Top of the list are our champions; those at the bottom of the list threaten our sustainability.

Click on flag to view that country's data

Country			Expenditures	[rank]	Subsidy income	[rank]	Impact on reserves	[rank]
				↑↓		↑↓		↑↓
	US	United States of America	€354619	[1/86]	€118748	[7/86]	€-235871	[86/86]
► Toggle details								
	DE	Germany	€279767	[2/86]	€400460	[3/86]	€120693	[3/86]
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	FR	France	€197811	[3/86]	€404728	[2/86]	€206917	[2/86]
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	GB	United Kingdom	€162407	[4/86]	€156944	[4/86]	€-5463	[61/86]
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Public data: Country level



DE

Germany

€279767 [2/86]

€400460 [3/86]

€120693 [3/86]

▼ Toggle details

The data in this table is compiled by summing over all Organizations in Germany 

	NAP	Expenditures	Subsidy income	Impact on reserves
Cumulative	935	€279767	€400460	€120693
2026	52	€18631	€66563	€47932
2025	143	€49976	€92000	€42024
2024	105	€47663	€72000	€24337
2023	167	€39834	€71833	€31999
2022	173	€39440	€33083	€-6357
2021	82	€30002	€30083	€81
2020	53	€19479	€13533	€-5946
2019	56	€15946	€7366	€-8580
2018	31	€16388	€8166	€-8222
2017	12	€2134	€5833	€3699
2016	1	€274	€0	€-274

Public data: API

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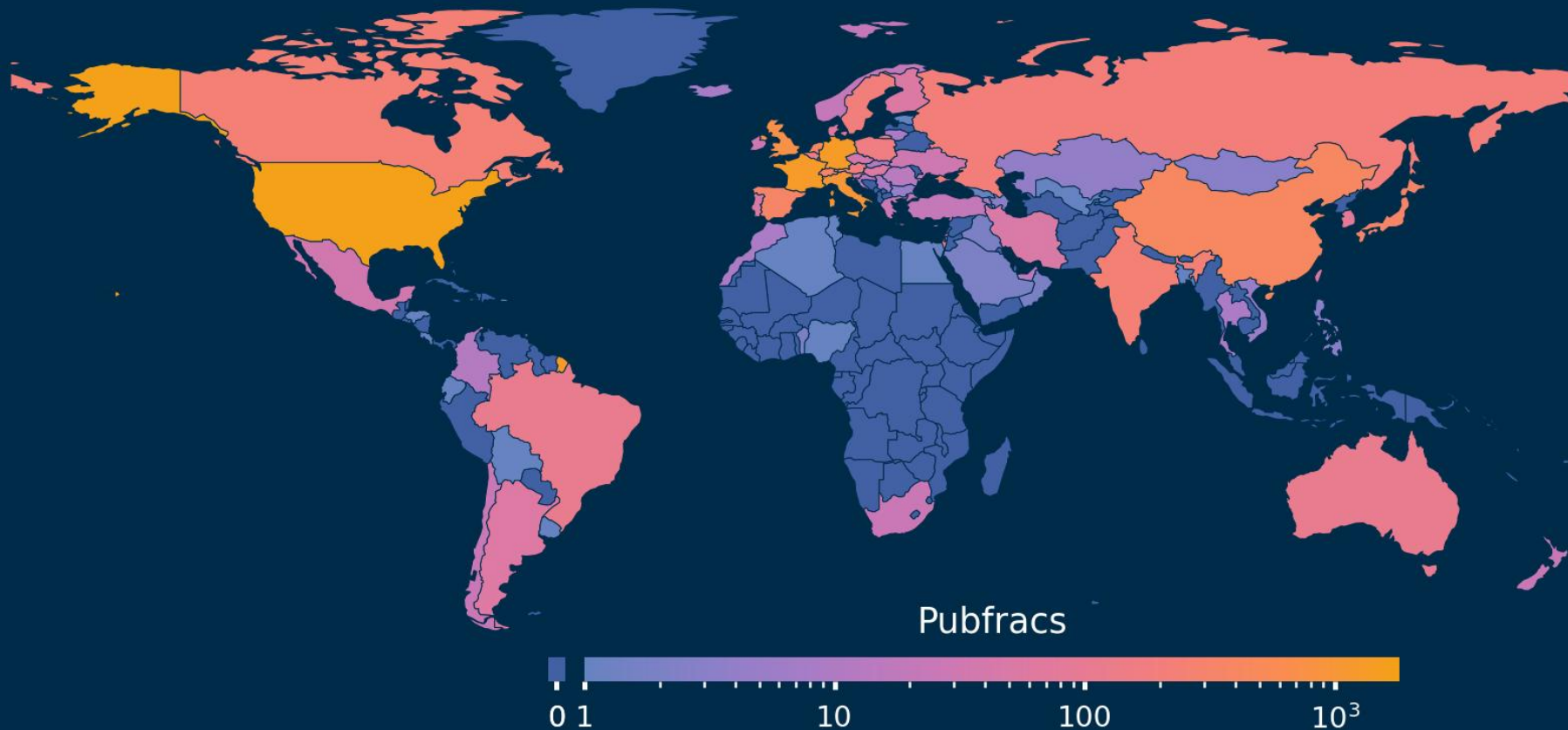
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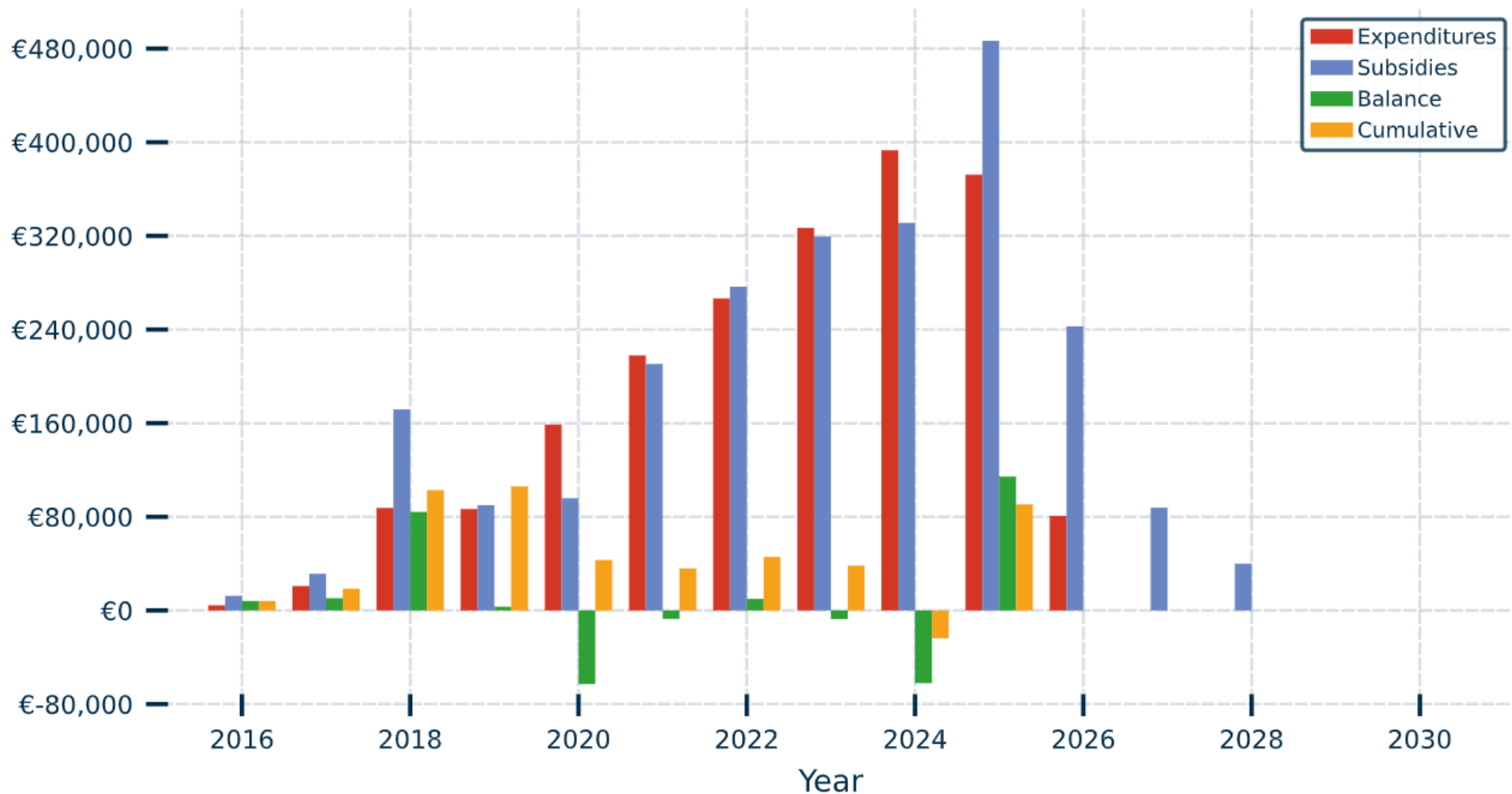

Public data: Graphs

Pubfracs per organization country



Public data: Graphs

Financial balance



Advantages of PubFracs

- Equitable distribution of expenses
- Simplified accounting
- Total transparency
- Authors not held hostage
- Researcher budgets freed from APCs
- No more wasted time/money in "negotiations"

Thank you!

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