

The University of Manchester



A New University for the 21st Century

- Established on 1st October 2004
- Royal Charter granted on 22nd October 2004
- 34 000 students from over 150 countries (1/3 postgraduate)
- 2000 academic staff & 1200 research staff
- £504M turnover (2004-5)
- £300M capital investment programme
- Manchester 2015 Agenda launched

Organisational Structure

- 4 Faculties (led by Vice-Presidents and Deans)
 - Engineering & Physical Sciences
 - Medical & Human Sciences
 - Life Sciences
 - Humanities
- Cross-Faculty Research Institutes
- Vice-Presidents for: Innovation & Economic Development; External Relations, Research; Teaching

Agenda for Excellence

To make The University of Manchester, already an internationally distinguished centre of research, innovation, learning and scholarly inquiry, one of the leading universities in the world by 2015.



An Inclusive Agenda

- To make the University of Manchester the UK's most accessible research-intensive university
- Primary Vision
- New access agreement to benefit almost 2000 students

Research Agenda

- >£4M from NWDA for:
 - NW Composites Centre
 - UK Centre for Tissue Regeneration
 - NW Embryonic Stem Cell Centre
- £11M from EPSRC for collaborative industrial postgraduate training

Research Agenda

- £1M from EPSRC for the Nuclear Technology Education Consortium
- Launch of ESRC National Centre for e-Social Science
- CoEBio3: Centre of Excellence in Biocatalysis, Biotransformations and Biomanufacture

Research Agenda

- 15 new Professorial appointments
- Rolls Royce UTC for Electrical Systems in Extreme Environments
- Partner in £7M Cockcroft Institute for Accelerator Science
- New magnetic resonance scanner

Economic Agenda

- £1.4 billion injected into the economy of NW in 2004-5
- University employs 9000 people, and directly responsible for >15000 jobs in the region
- 100 spin-off companies, with current capitalisation of £300M

Economic Agenda

- 2015 Agenda will deliver:
 - Additional £1.4 billion pa injected into goods and services in the regional economy
 - Additional >15000 jobs created
 - Additional 250 spin-off companies as direct result of commercialisation of University IP

Cultural Agenda

- 370 000 visitors pa to cultural assets – Museum, Whitworth Art Gallery, Jodrell Bank
- Stan the T-Rex
- John Casken's Symphony *Broken Consort* premiered July 2004



MANCHESTER
1824

The University
of Manchester



Combining the strengths of UMIST and
The Victoria University of Manchester



The School of Chemistry: Past Present and Future

Paul O'Brien

Head School of Chemistry

I know the chemical profession best, I devised two questions, for instance, to tell a chemist from a nonchemist. Here they are:

(1) How do you pronounce UNIONIZED?

(2) What is a mole?

- In response to the first question, the nonchemist is bound to say "YOO-yun-ized," which is the logical pronunciation,*
- and the dictionary pronunciation, too.*
- The chemist, however, would never think of such a thing; he would say without a moment's hesitation: "un-EYE-on-ized."*

(2) What is a mole?



How Important is Chemistry?

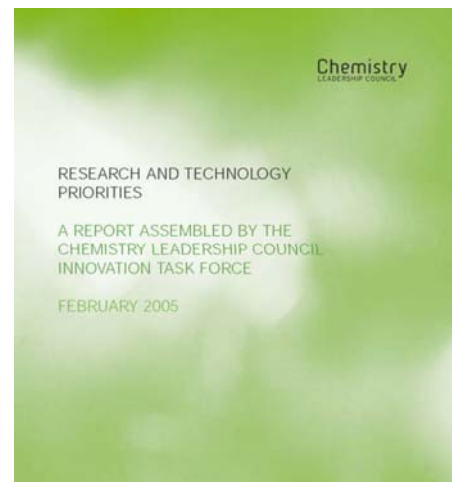
In 2002

- £26 billion of products from the chemical industry
- £2.4 billion to the balance of trade or 7% of added value in manufacturing

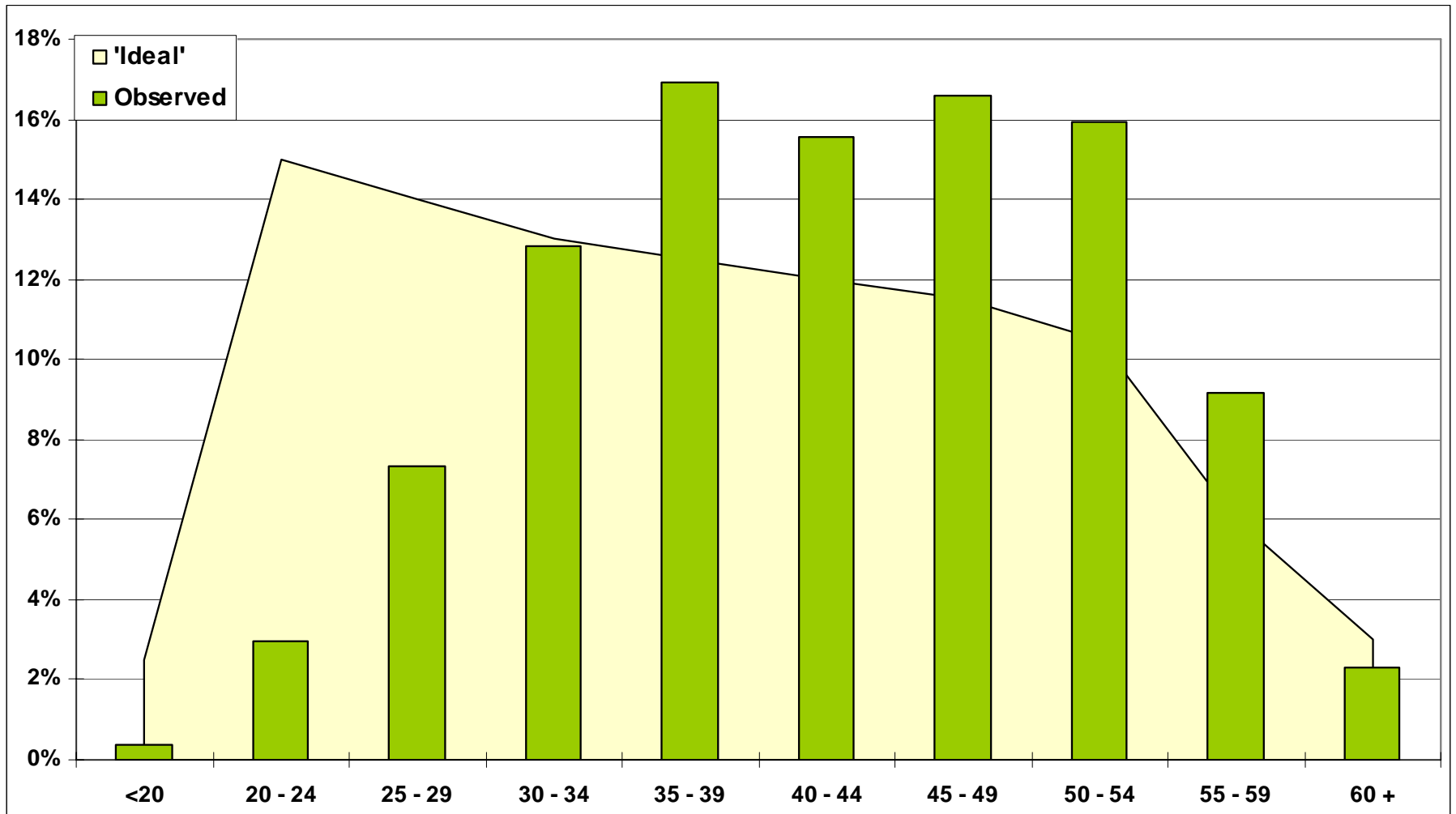
But more

- £51 billion in 2002 from 'chemical using industries in 2002, 11% of manufacturing segment of economy

*Source Research and Technology Priorities-
a Report Assembled by the Chemistry Leadership
Council Innovation Task Force Feb 2005*



REGIONAL DEMOGRAPHICS

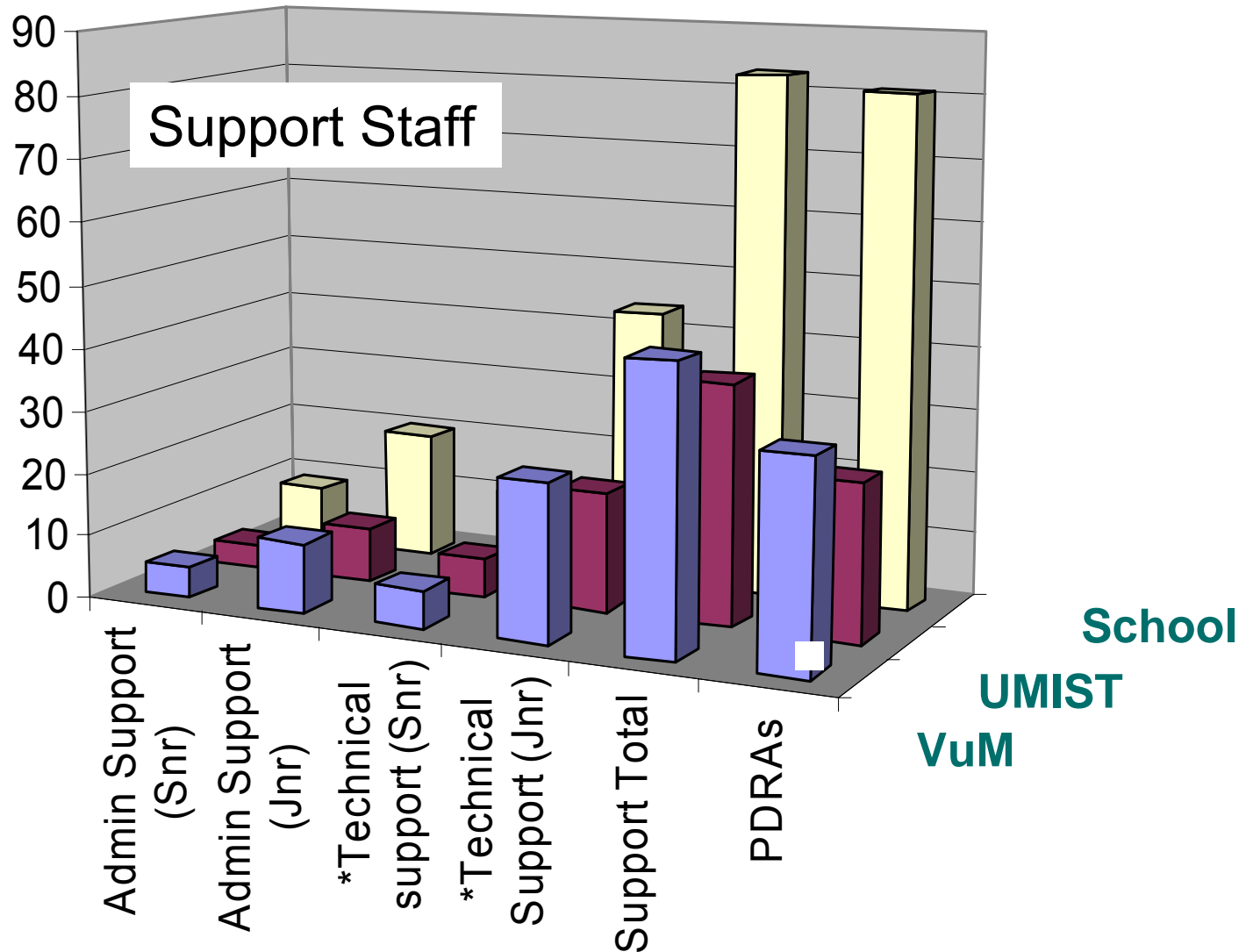


Based on a Report to the NWCI Steering Group, Dec. 2002

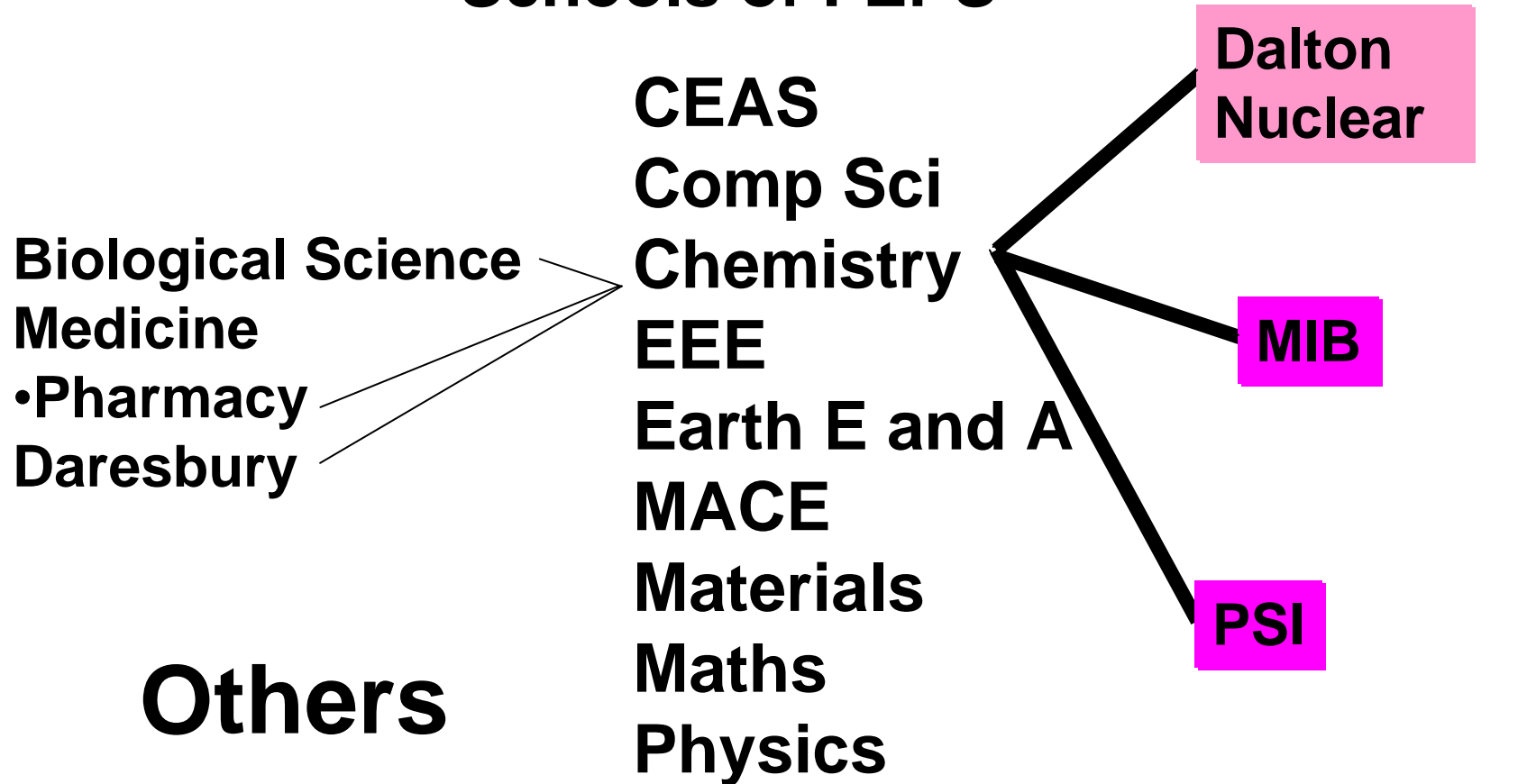
Introduction

- Origins of the School of Chemistry
 - Historical
 - On the formation of the New University and new School
- The challenges we face

The Present School two Components People and Estate



Schools of FEPS



Joint academic appointments with 4 Schools

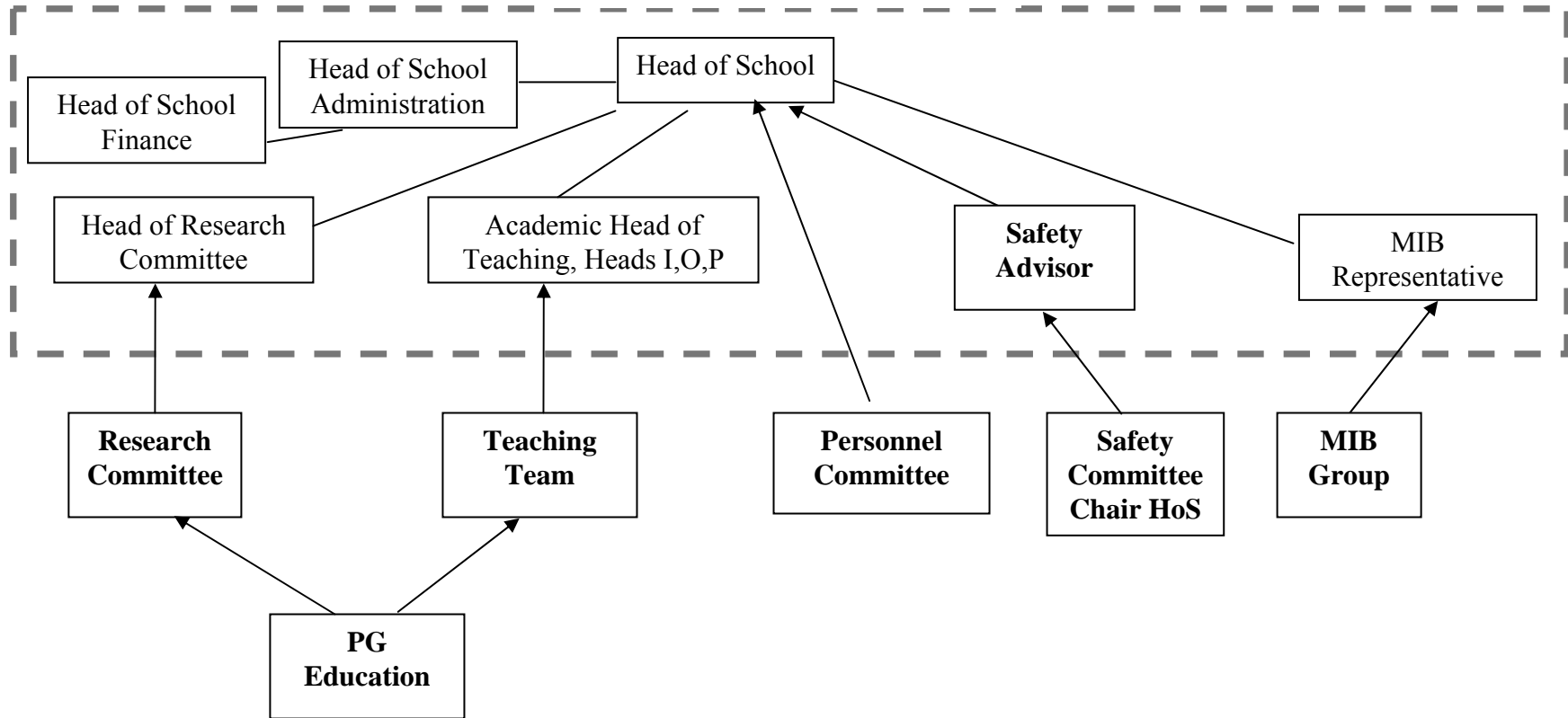
The School at a Glance

Indicator	Value 2004	Value 2005
Turnover	17 M	17 M
Number of Academic Staff	59	58
Percentage of Academic Staff on Fellowships	10	7
Number of EPSRC Grants	48	45
Value of EPSRC Grants (inc.DTA)	>£ 13.5 M	>£13M
Number of BBSRC Grants	20	22
Value of BBSRC Grants	>£ 7.5 M	>11.6M
Number of Support Staff	93	81
Number of Undergraduate Students	604	623
Percentage of Overseas UG Students	4	4
Percentage of Students reading for M.Chem	81	9
Number of PGT Students	30	23
Percentage of Overseas PGT Students	13	13
Number of PGR Students	179	170
Percentage of Overseas PGR Students	18	20
Number of PDRA workers	78	75

Some Observations Stop Press

- School of Chemistry has the highest number of current EPSRC grants (Chemistry) and the 2nd highest value.
- Largest BBSRC portfolio for a Chemistry Department or School
- The New School has >200 FTE Graduate Students
- Ca 60 Academic Staff with >10% on prestigious fellowships or externally funded posts

School Management Team



Principal Connectivities Between Academic Management and Leadership and Administrative Structures

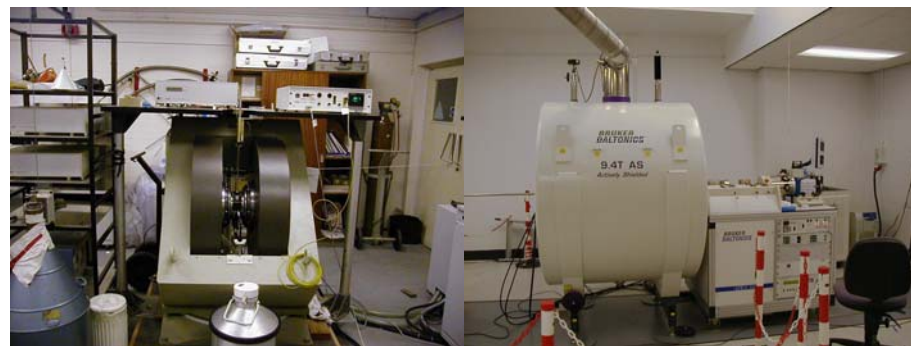
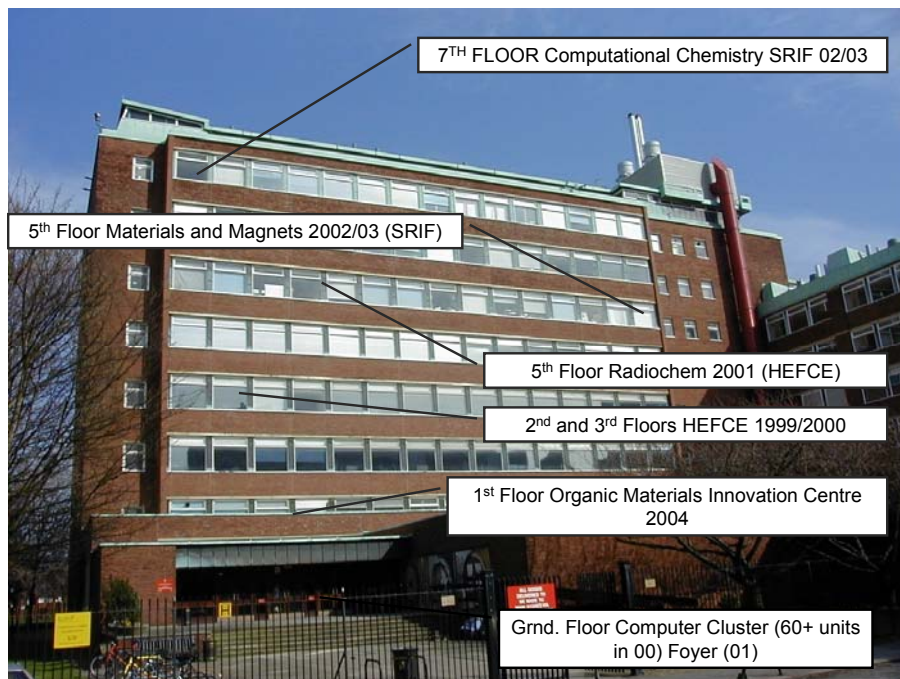
The School at Present

- Geographical context

- **Facts and Figures:**
 - *one of the largest chemistry schools in the UK, with international profile*
 - *ca. 60 research active academics*
 - *> 200 postgraduate students*
 - *> 600 undergraduate students*
 - *ca. 6000+ m² of refurbished labs*
 - **A >£13M new build and refurbishment in 2004 – 2006 (Project Unity)**
- Home to several research centres with extensive industry/RC support**
- **BNFL centre for radiochemistry**
 - **EPSRC national epr service**
 - **OMIC organic materials centre**
 - **Centres for mesoporous materials (CMM), mass spec. (MBCMS)**
 - **Michael Barber Centre for Mass Spectrometry**
 - **Links with interdisciplinary institutes: bioscience (MIB), photonics (PSI), Dalton**

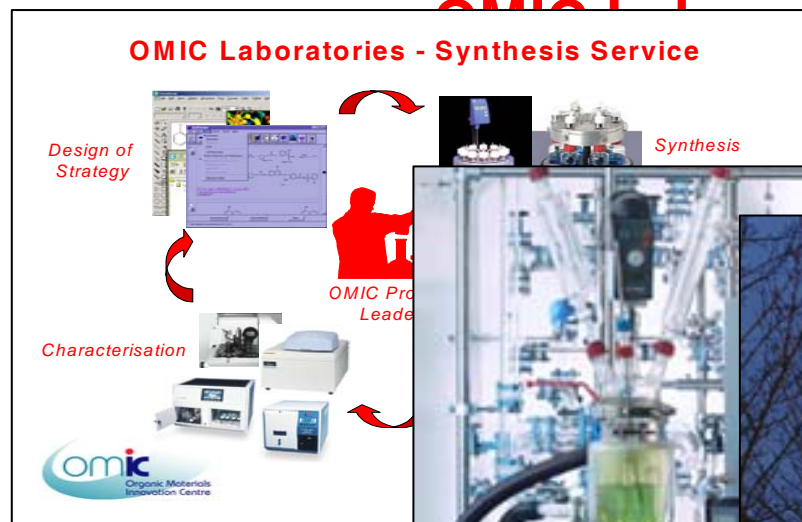
School of Chemistry

www.manchester.ac.uk/chemistry



→ New U has 2nd largest value of current EPSRC grants, largest current value BBSRC grants

OMIC Laboratories - Microscale to Pilot Plant



Laboratory Scale

Characterisation Large Laboratory Scale



Laboratory Scale

OMIC Laboratories - Synthesis Service



Pilot Plant – CEMIST facility THE UNIVERSITY of MANCHESTER



Before

OMIC Laboratories



Most Recently
Completed Project

After!



Engagement with industry

Collaborative research

- CASE studentships
- Fully-funded studentships
- PDRAs
- Research council co-applications
- RAIS
- KTPs
- Centres/Institutes
- Contract research
- Facility access
- Analytical services
- Startup companies
- External advisory board
- Consultancy
- Embedded research groups
- CPD / training
- U/g sponsorship, prizes
- Endowed chairs

MIB

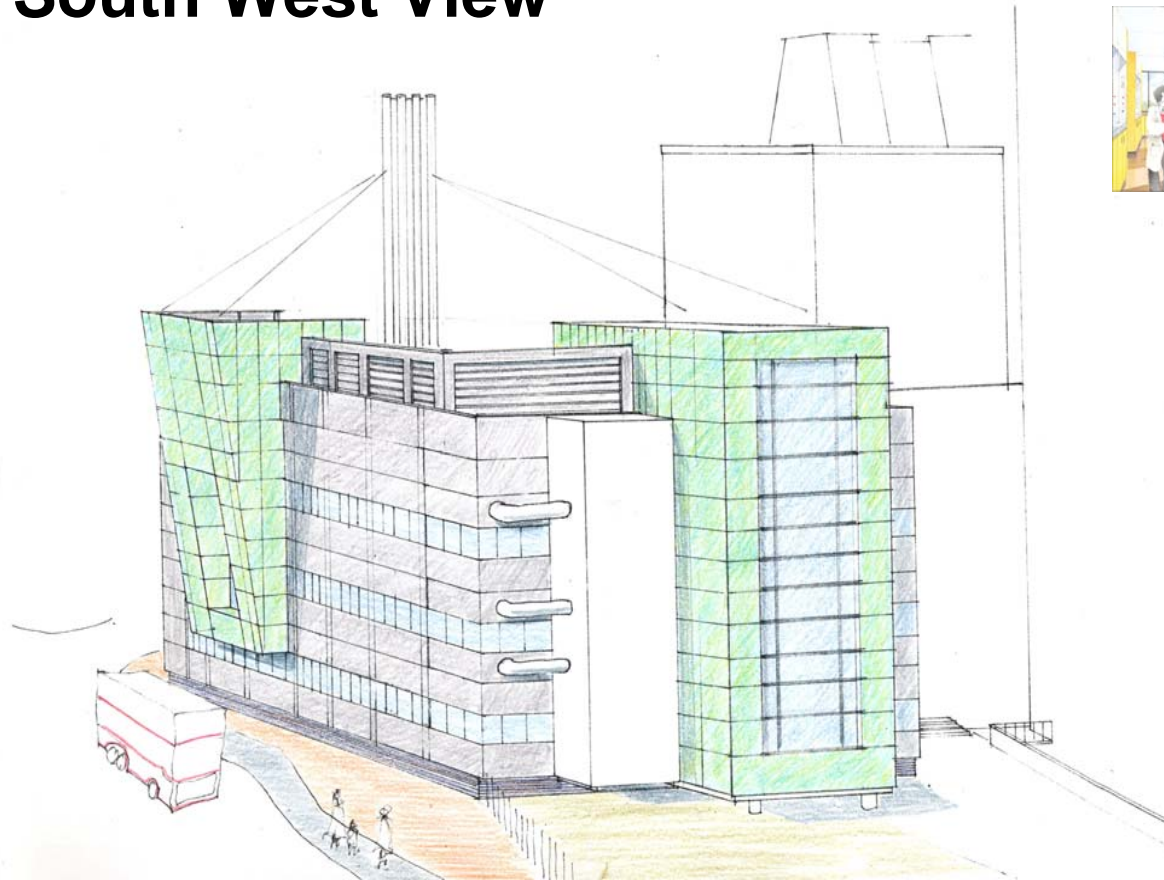


CoEBio3 launch

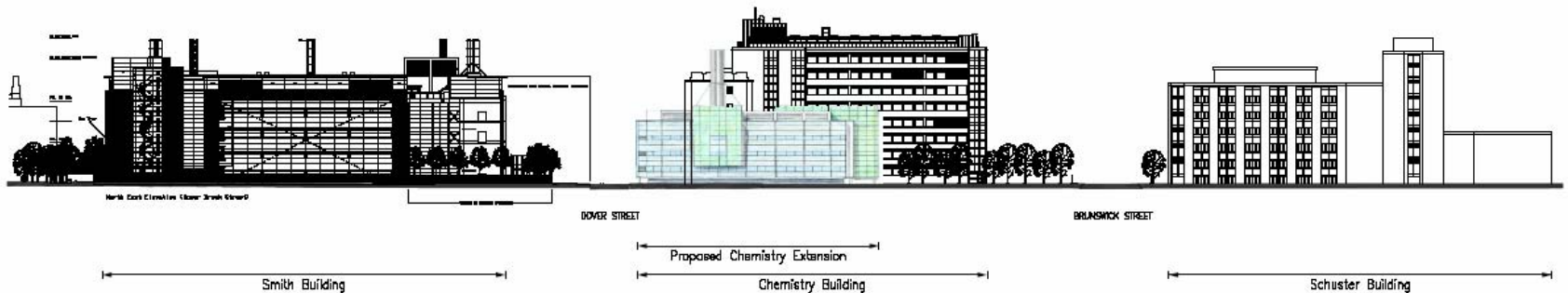
- Centre of Excellence for Biocatalysis



South West View



**A New Wing
Mainly for
Teaching**









News review

FUNDING Good news for chemists at Manchester

Manchester merger completed



Multi-million pound boost for Manchester's School of Chemistry

HM the Queen was preparing to join freshers in Manchester, UK, for the official launch of The University of Manchester just as this issue went to the press. The institution, formed by the union of UMIST and the Victoria University of Manchester, will support 34 000 students, making it the largest single-site university in the UK. Its inauguration marks the first time that two British research-led universities have joined together. The move has given

rise to one of the largest chemistry departments in the UK, supporting around 60 researchers, over 200 postgraduates, over 600 undergraduates (second only to the University of Oxford), 6000m² of refurbished lab space and a two-year £13 million building project to include a suite of brand new teaching labs. The new School of Chemistry is home to several research centres with extensive industry and research council

support, including the British Nuclear Fuels (BNFL) centre for radiochemistry and the recently opened Organic Materials Innovation Centre, an independently-managed partnership between industry and academia. The new university overall has the third largest number of current EPSRC grants and the largest current value of BBSRC grants.

Strategic targets, outlined by head of school Paul O'Brien, include consolidating the school's position as a top 5* or equivalent UK chemistry school (5* may disappear in the next Research Assessment Exercise); forging stronger links with business and industry; increasing research spinout and commercial activity; and regional, national and international strategic research planning for new and emerging science and technology. In 2001, the last RAE before the two universities joined forces, the Victoria University of Manchester scored five in chemistry, while UMIST scored four. *Bea Perks*

INDUSTRY

Fantastic plastic



BASF wish you plastic dreams

German-owned chemicals company BASF has put out a call to specialists and 'interested amateurs' to enter a competition to suggest exciting ideas for new plastics, applications for plastics or processes for producing plastics.

The competition is not only open to people who work with plastics, says Thomas Fritzsche, a plastics sales manager at BASF. Anyone and everyone with an idea is welcome. Don't limit yourself by

- A GOOD START!
- THES
- Chemistry World
- BBC1 Politics Show
- UniLife

The Present and the Future

- We have a single entry from September 2005
- Now teaching a fully unified course across all years from September 2005
- Split site operation will cease with co-location in the Chemistry Building from September 2006 and the opening of the new Teaching Laboratory Extension

School of Chemistry, University of Manchester

<http://www.ch.man.ac.uk/> and <http://www.umist.ac.uk/departments/chemistry/>

- **Undergraduate Courses**

- *Chemistry*
- *Chemistry with Industrial Experience*
- *Chemistry with Study in Europe*
- *Chemistry with Study in N. America*
- *Medicinal Chemistry*
- *Chemistry with Patent Law*
- *Chemistry with Forensic Science*
- *Analytical Chemistry*
- *Chemistry with Business & Management*
- *Chemistry with Computing & IT*

ca 30 industrial placements per annum

- **Postgraduate**

- Full time and part time study

- **Taught MSc courses (MTPs) in:**

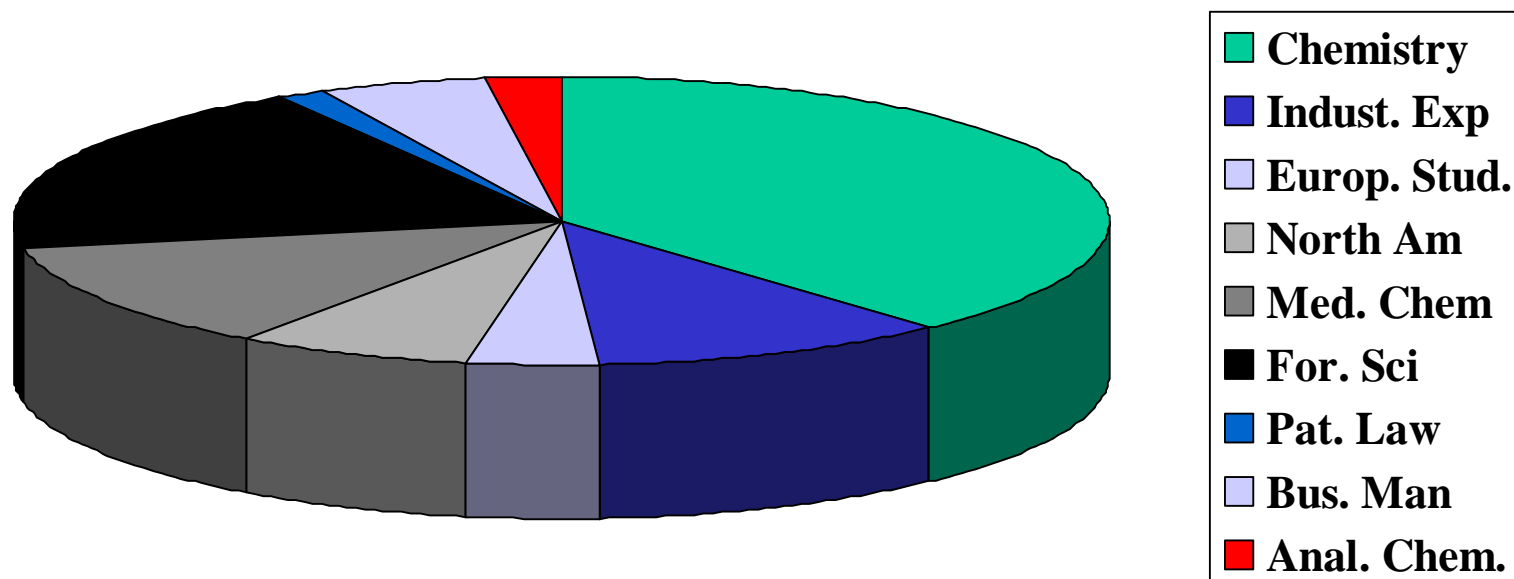
- Cheminformatics
- Polymers
- Post-genomic science

MSc, MPhil and PhD by research

- **Outreach Activities**

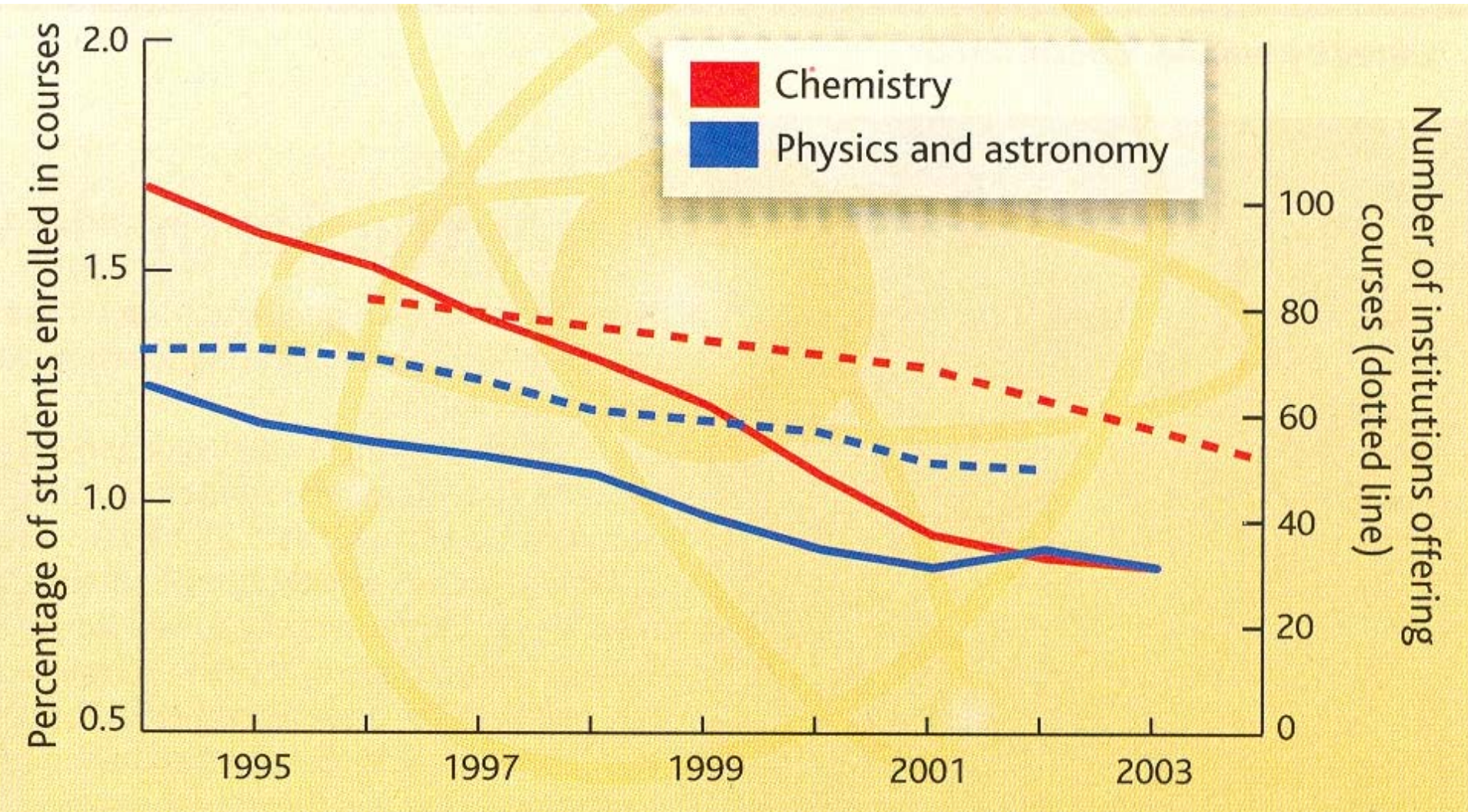
- schools liaison (primary → secondary)
 - Salters'
 - RSC
 - IOMMM
 - Aimhiger/WP
- specialist taught courses
- OMIC
- BNFL Centre

Applications 2005/6



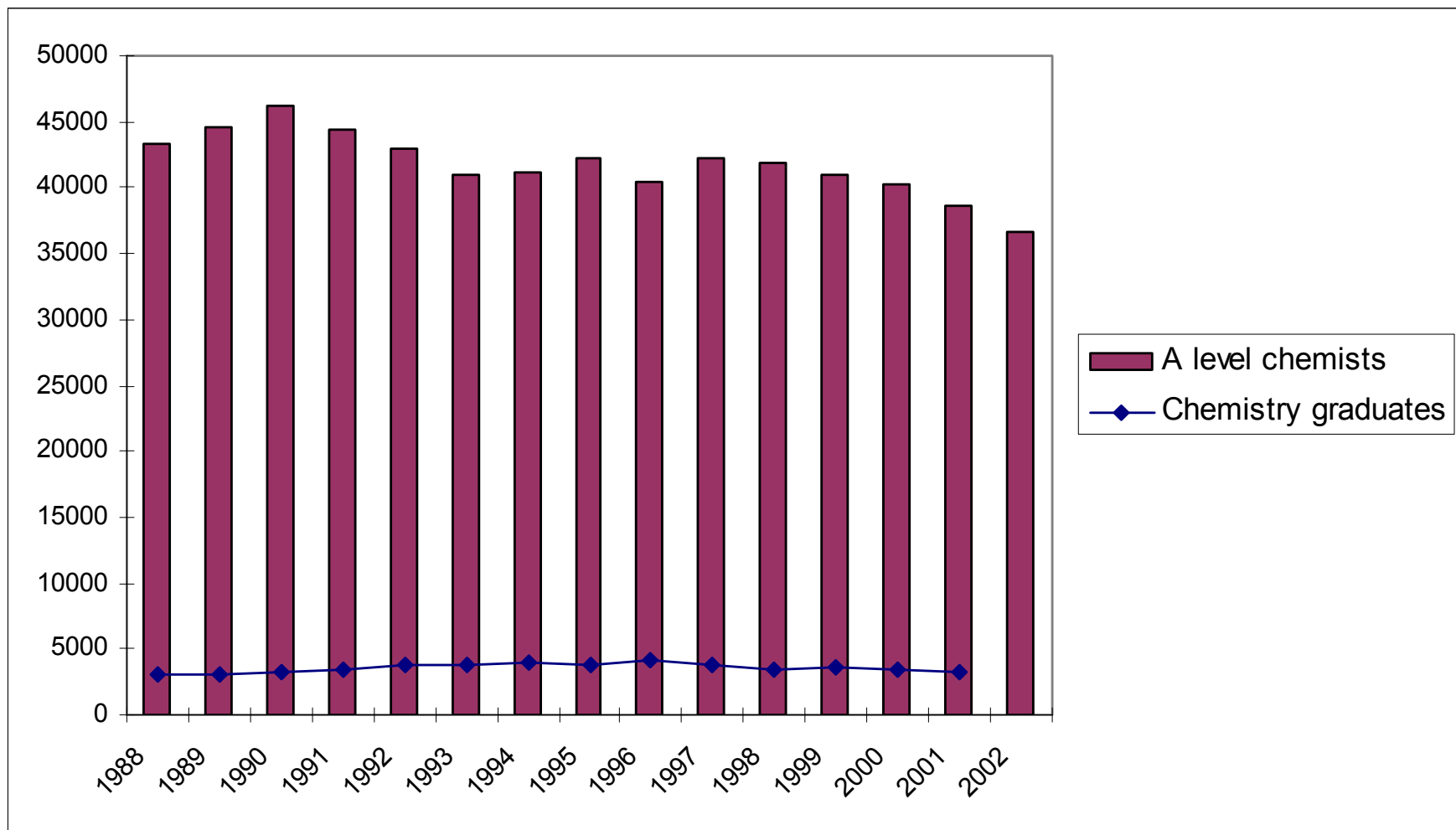
New course developments commented on favourably by EAB (CLC)

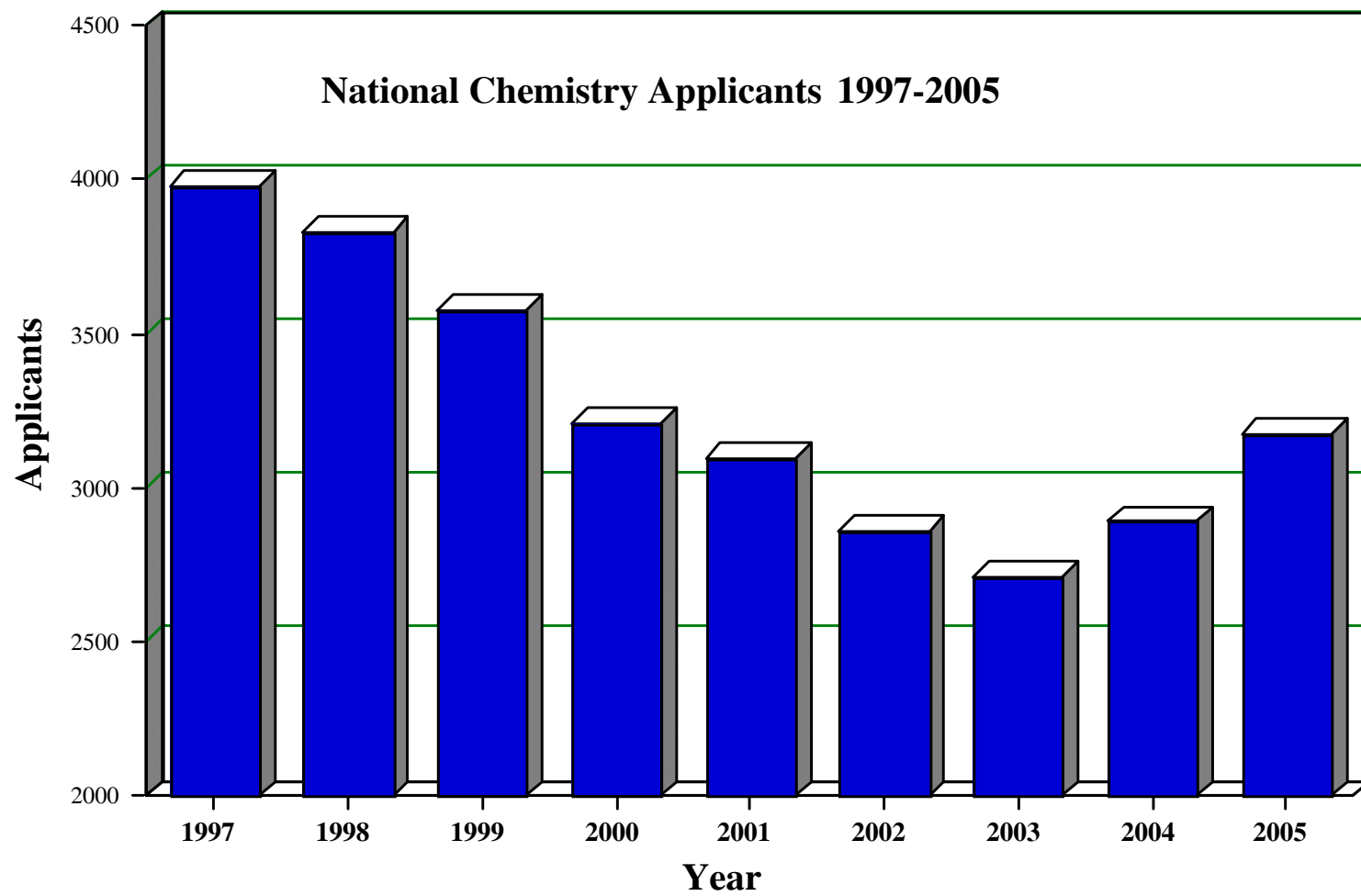
The Decline of Popularity of the Physical Sciences ?

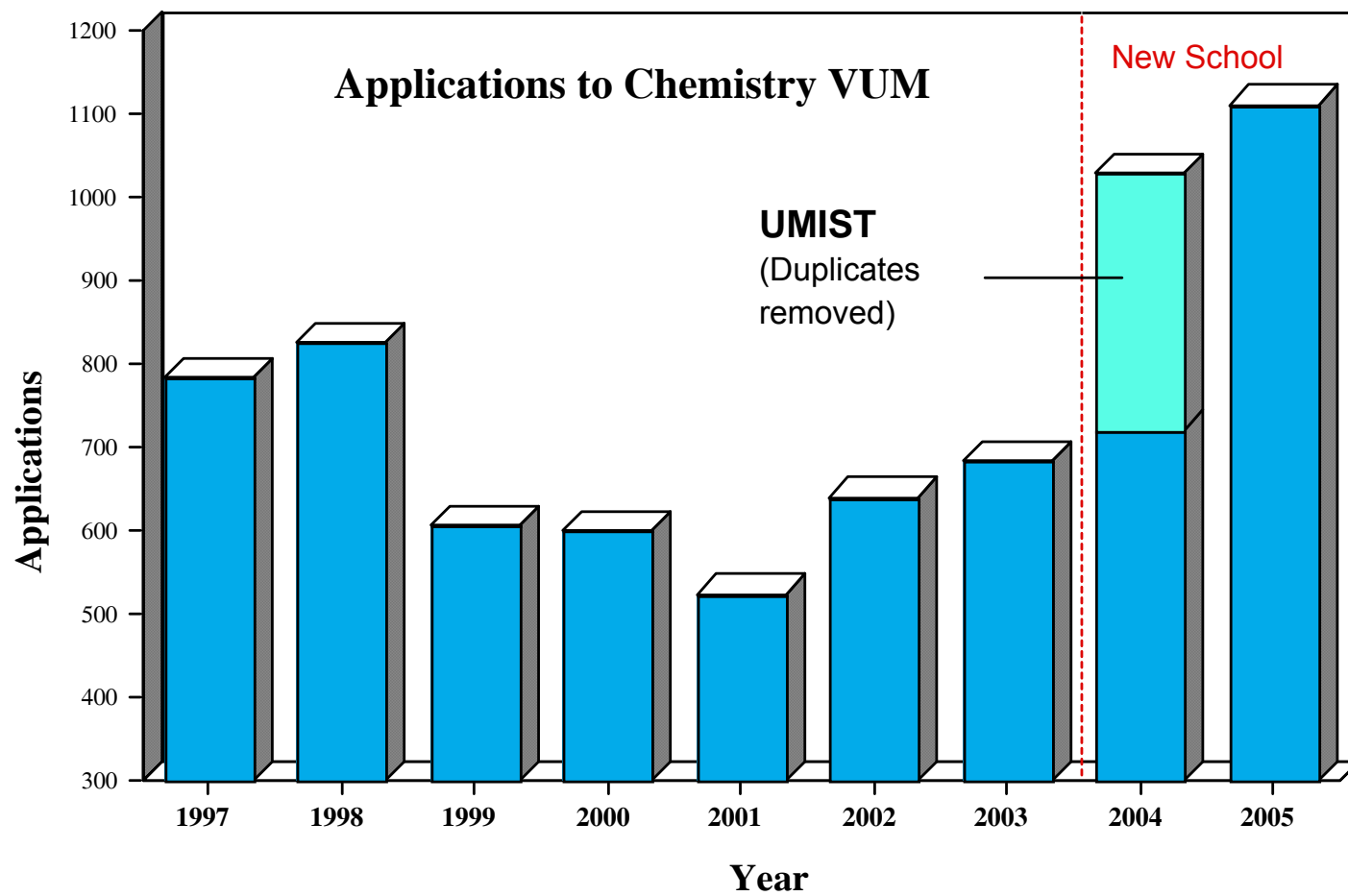


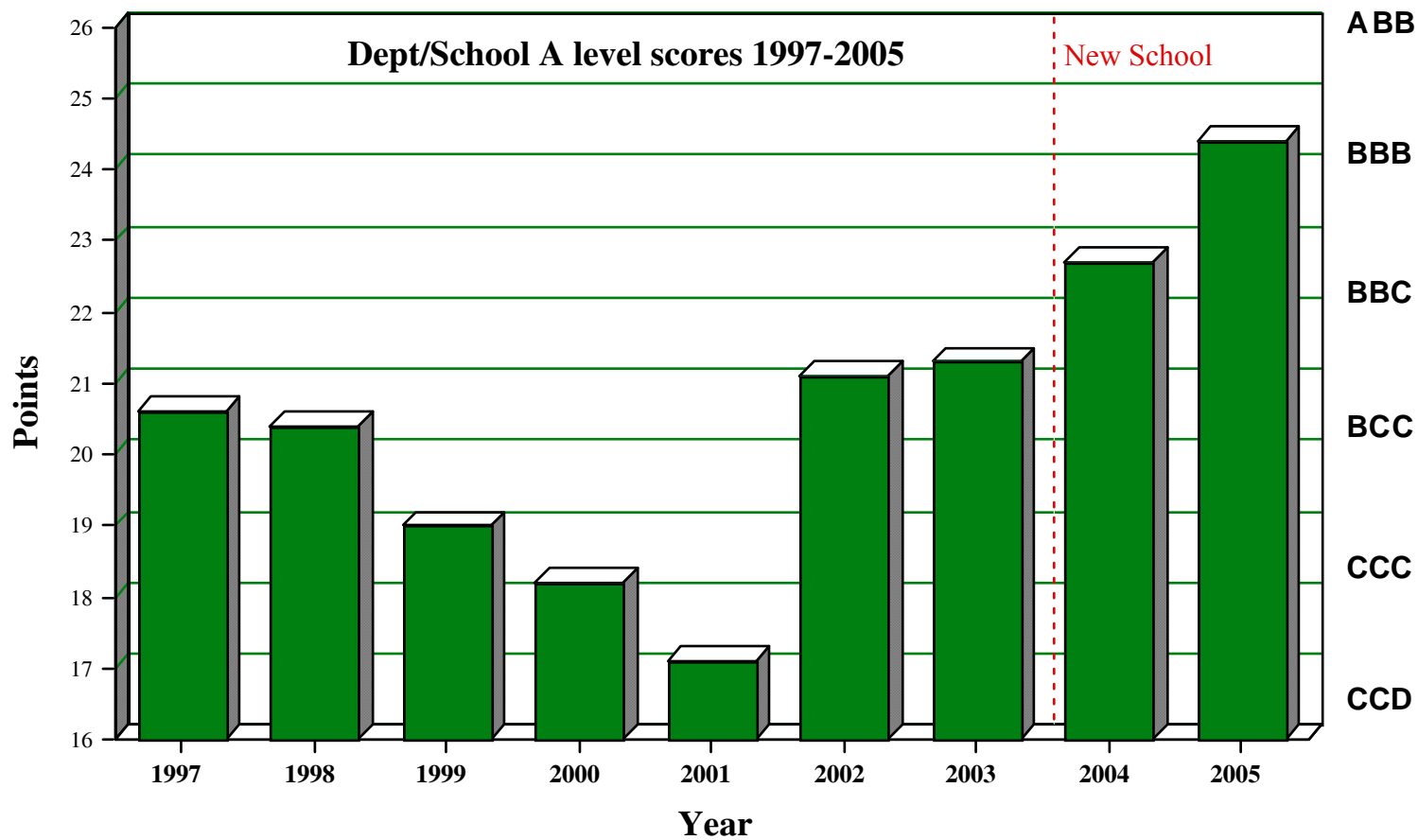
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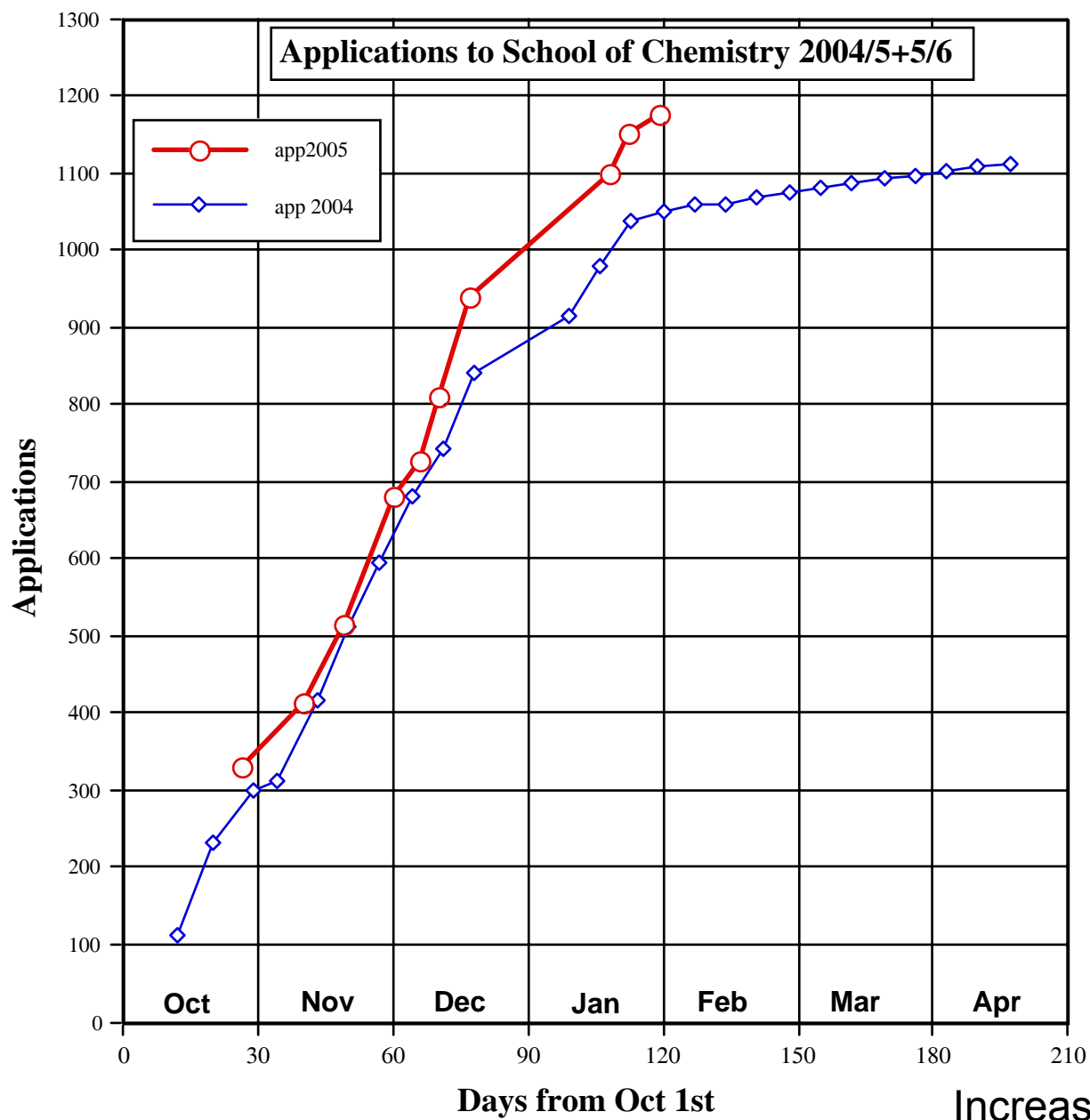
Trends in Student Numbers











Increased applications

Russell Group Comparisons (2002/3)

Student FTEs 2002/2003	Total UG	TotalPG (R+T)	Total (ug+pg)	PGR	PGT
Oxford	667	257	924	256	1
Manchester + UMIST	601	239	839	198	41
Glasgow	462	57	519	55	2
Leeds	459	205	688	170	35
Bristol	454	205	658	202	3
Nottingham	390	156	546	156	0
Manchester	373	132	506	122	10
Edinburgh	361	114	475	114	0
Cambridge	351	244	597	244	0
Birmingham	316	152	468	70	82
Imperial	288	159	447	135	24
Sheffield	270	140	410	140	0
UCL	268	68	336	67	1
Warwick	241	86	328	71	16
Southampton	191	130	321	130	0
Liverpool	179	104	285	93	11
Newcastle	174	80	259	69	11

And the result? – and this is going to happen again and again.....

THE TIMES

HIGHER

EDUCATION SUPPLEMENT

King's punished for closure

Anna Fazackerley

The dangers of axing science departments were driven home to universities this week when it emerged that King's College London had lost out on a multi-million-pound research partnership because it had dropped chemistry.

For months, King's has been pitched against University College London to secure a groundbreaking merger with the Medical Research Council's National Institute for Medical Research.

Last week, the MRC announced that the prestigious

institute — which has produced five Nobel prizewinners — would move to UCL, with a new focus on patient-based research. Council members told *The Times Higher* this week that chemistry had been the deal breaker for King's.

Michael Wakelam, professor of molecular pharmacology at Birmingham University and a member of the MRC council, said: "There is a clear lesson for universities here. If you look at the most successful science-based universities in this country, they have a wide breadth of science."

He confirmed that while King's was "very impressive", its deci-

sion to close chemistry in 2003 had been a key reason for declining its bid.

King's tried to salvage the deal at the beginning of this year with a drive to recruit academics for a new chemical biology programme. But this was perceived as too little too late.

Professor Wakelam said: "My feeling and that of academics I spoke to around the world was that you need to build chemical biology out of very strong basic chemistry."

Although King's was offering a tempting £40 million package to develop the new NIMR site, UCL

was able to capitalise on its rival's scientific shortcomings because it has a thriving chemistry department as well as strong physics and engineering departments.

Kay Davies, professor of anatomy at Oxford University and another council member, said that universities such as King's needed to realise they could not do biological or medical research in isolation.

"It is shortsighted. Even medics need to have an understanding of the basic sciences," she said.

She warned that universities should think of their long-term research strategy rather than sim-

ply reacting to falls in student numbers by scything less popular science departments.

Chemistry at King's had always enjoyed a high profile due to its association with Rosalind Franklin, whose work at the university contributed to the groundbreaking discovery of the structure of DNA.

The news that a traditional research-based university was abandoning chemistry reverberated across the sector in 2003.

But it is far from an isolated case. The Royal Society of Chemistry reports that 28 institutions have dropped undergraduate

chemistry courses in the past nine years.

The picture is similarly bleak in physics, where 30 per cent of departments have been axed since 1992.

Simon Campbell, the president of the RSC, said: "We often hear of universities that want to put their efforts into medical schools and close chemistry, but that is a fundamental misunderstanding of how closely the two disciplines are linked."

He added: "Small molecules control many of the biological processes in the body and most of

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Research Areas

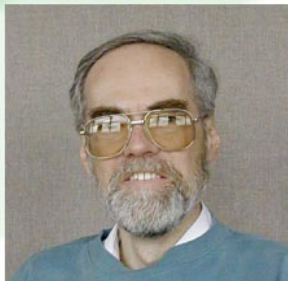
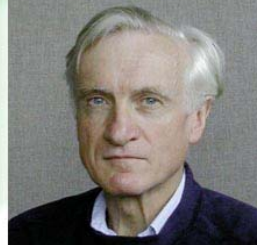




Research Groupings

- Biological Chemistry
- Inorganic Chemistry
- Materials Chemistry
- Organic Chemistry
- Physical Chemistry
- Theoretical Chemistry

Research Centres

- Radiochemical Centre
- Microporous Materials Centre
- Michael Barber Centre for Mass Spectrometry
- Organic Material Innovations Centre
- Molecular Materials Centre
- 3rd Generation Proteomics Centre

Research Leadership

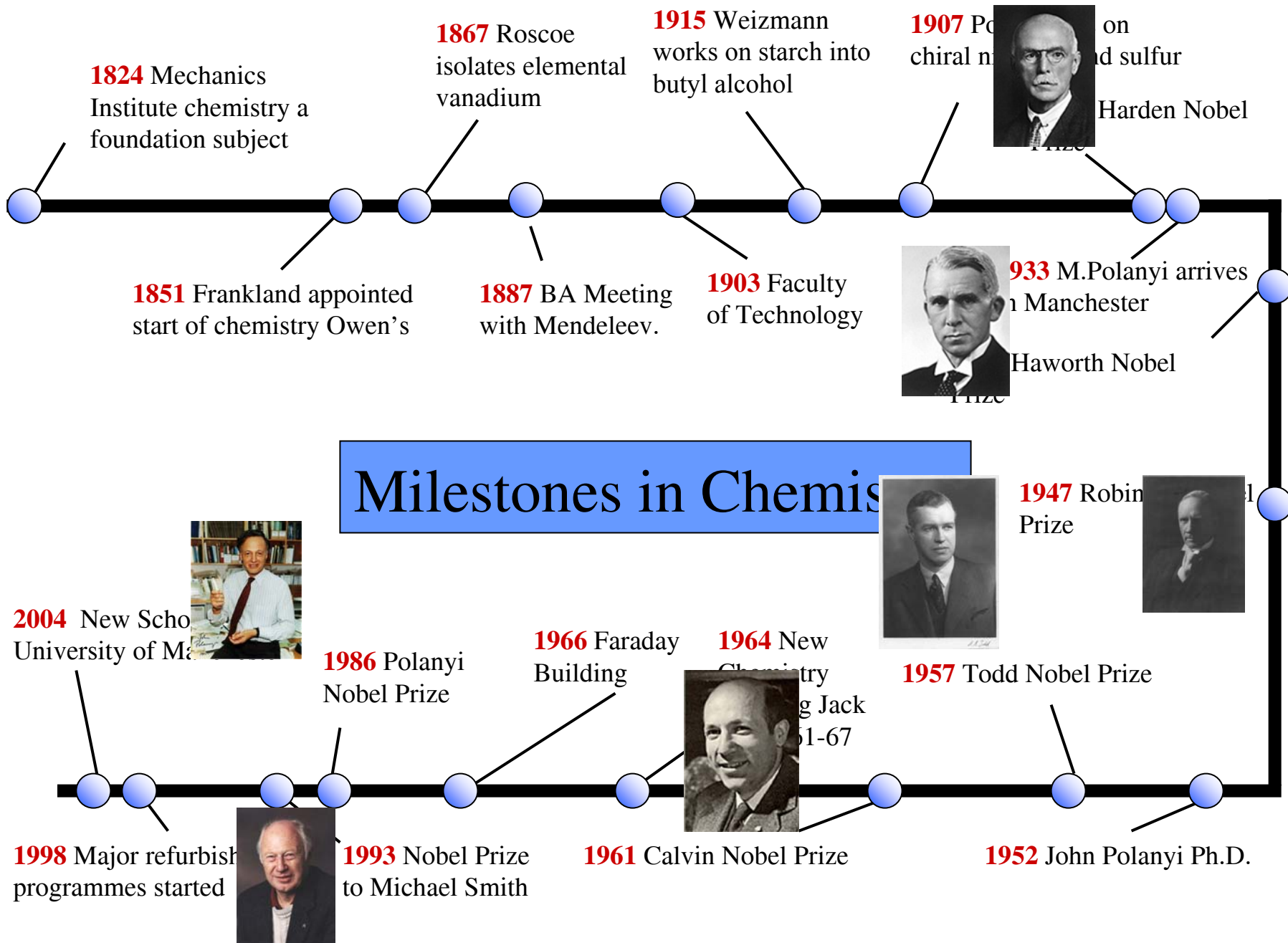
Biological Chemistry	Inorganic Chemistry	Materials Chemistry	Organic Chemistry	Physical Chemistry	Theoretical Chemistry
David Berrisford	Alan Brisdon	Michael Anderson	Pat Bailey	Robert Dryfe	Neil Burton
Sabine Flitsch	Nick Bryan	Martin Attfield	Jonathan Clayden	Peter Gorry	Jonathan Connor
Simon Gaskell	Ben Coe	Paul Christian	Daren Dixon	Andrew Horn	Richard Henchman
Roy Goodacre	David Collison	Peter Budd	John Gardiner	<i>Gareth Morris</i>	<i>Ian Hillier</i>
John Helliwell	Stephen Faulkner	Frank Heatley	David Procter	Gareth Morris (0.5)	Ian Hillier
<i>Douglas Kell</i>	Kevin Flower	Frank Mair	Peter Quayle	 PROFESSOR	 PROFESSOR
 PROFESSOR	Sarah Heath	Bob Munn	Andrew Regan		
	Francis Livens (.5)	Paul O'Brien	John Sutherland		
	Robin Pritchard	<i>Mike Turner</i>	<i>Jim Thomas</i>		
	Iain May		E. James Thomas		
	Eric McInnes		 PROFESSOR		
	Mark Whiteley				
	<i>Richard</i>				
	Richard Winpenny				
	 PROFESSOR				

School of Chemistry, University of Manchester

- **Initial targets:**
 - attain position as a top rated School 5 * or the equivalent in RAE
 - forging stronger links with business and industry (External Advisory Group/EAB)
 - increased research spinout and commercial activity
 - regional, national and international strategic research planning for new and emerging sci./tech.
 - to further improve our international profile
- **Teaching/Training targets**
 - excellence in UG and PGT
 - meeting the needs of regional and national industry (feedback)
 - outreach to SMEs, schools and the public

Achievements, Objectives, Milestones

- **2004** We have established a strong external advisory board (chaired by Jim Feast, chair of RAE 2001).
- **2004/5** Planning for the Chemistry with Forensic Science course
- **2005/6** Interactions with the Dalton Nuclear Institute plans for a funded appointment, probably in radiation chemistry. Collaborations with the Paterson group formalized. (panel meets Feb '06)
- **2005/6** Planning for the commissioning and fitting out of the new teaching wing.
- **2004-** A series of high profile lectures to follow on from the successful launch of the School; Sir Tom McKillop and Simon Campbell have both agreed to make presentations.
- **2006/7** New appointments in Physical Chemistry Chair
- **2006** Work with CEAS on funding work at the Chemistry / Chemical Engineering interface, especially in support of Physical Organic Chemistry.
- **2006** MIB established and functioning as a centre of excellence; staff have moved to MIB, financial model of MIB understood and transparent.
- **2006** CeBio3 functioning as a major new initiative with significant School involvement.



Milestones in Chemistry

*William J
Pope and S
Peachey*
make the
first splitting
of nitrogen-
,sulfur-, tin-
and tellurium
compounds
with their
optical active
compounds

1901 - 1908



BRITISH ASSOCIATION MEETING 1887
SOME DISTINGUISHED CHEMISTS IN MANCHESTER
STANDING LEFT TO RIGHT
WISLICENUIS, QUINCKE, SCHUNCK,
SCHORLEMMER, AND JOULE,
SEATED LEFT TO RIGHT
LOTHER MEYER, D.I. MENDELEEV,
AND SIR HENRY ROSCOE.

Metallic
vanadium
was not
made until
1867 when
Henry
Enfield
Roscoe
reduced
vandium
chloride
(VCl_3)

Walter Norman Haworth 1883-1950

- 1883. March 19th Born Chorley Lancashire Schooled to 14
- 1903 University of Manchester (Owen's College) a pupil of W.H. Perkin, Junior.
- 1906 1st class honours
- 1906- Studied in Wallach's laboratory at Göttingen.
- 1910 Doctor's degree
- 1911 Manchester D.Sc.
- 1911 Demonstrator at the Imperial College, London
- 1912 St. Andrews, Scotland, as Lecturer and Reader in Chemistry.
- 1920 Chair in Chemistry at the University of Durham 1921 Director.
- 1925 Professor and Director Department of Chemistry University of Birmingham February
- 1937 Nobel Prize in Chemistry with with Paul Karrer (1889-1971) for work on carbohydrates and the synthesis of vitamin C.
- 1947 Knighted.

Haworth was President of the Chemical Society (1944-1946), and Fellow (1928), and Vice-President (1947-1948) of the Royal Society. He received honorary science degrees from the Universities of Belfast, Zurich and Oslo, honorary Doctor of Law, University of Manchester, and foreign memberships of nine foreign scientific academies. He was the Longstaff Medallist (Chemical Society), 1933; Davy Medallist (Royal Society), 1934, and Royal Medallist, 1942.

WALTER N. HAWORTH

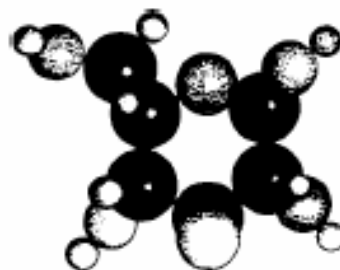
The structure of carbohydrates and of vitamin C

Nobel Lecture, December 11, 1937

STRUCTURE OF CARBOHYDRATES AND VITAMIN C 415

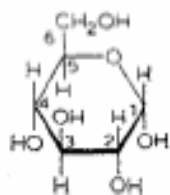


Skeleton model of glucose

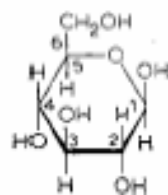


Model of β -glucose

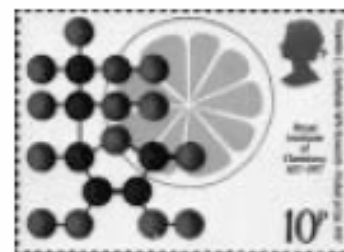
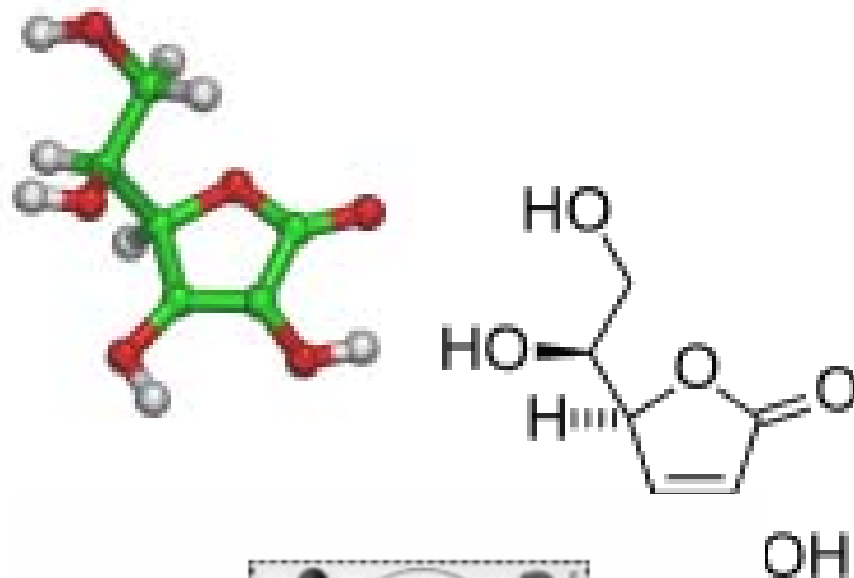
glucose it will be best to have this model in mind and represent it by perspective formulae.



α -Glucopyranose



β -Glucopyranose



Walter Haworth—Synthesis of Vitamin C

He was honoured on a stamp issued by Great Britain in 1977. The stamp shows the chemical structure of vitamin C and an orange, a source of the vitamin.

Run Video

