

The Open Access advantage

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Open Access

- Immediate
- Free (to use)
- Free (of restrictions)
- Access to the peer-reviewed literature (and data)
- Not vanity publishing
- Not a 'stick anything up on the Web' approach
- Moving scholarly communication into the Web Age



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Advantages from Open Access

- Visibility
- Usage
- Impact
- Profiling and marketing
- Economic advantages



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Visibility



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An author's own testimony on open access visibility

“Self-archiving in the PhilSci Archive has given instant world-wide visibility to my work. As a result, I was invited to submit papers to refereed international conferences/journals and got them accepted.”



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Professor Martin Skitmore

School of Urban Design, QUT

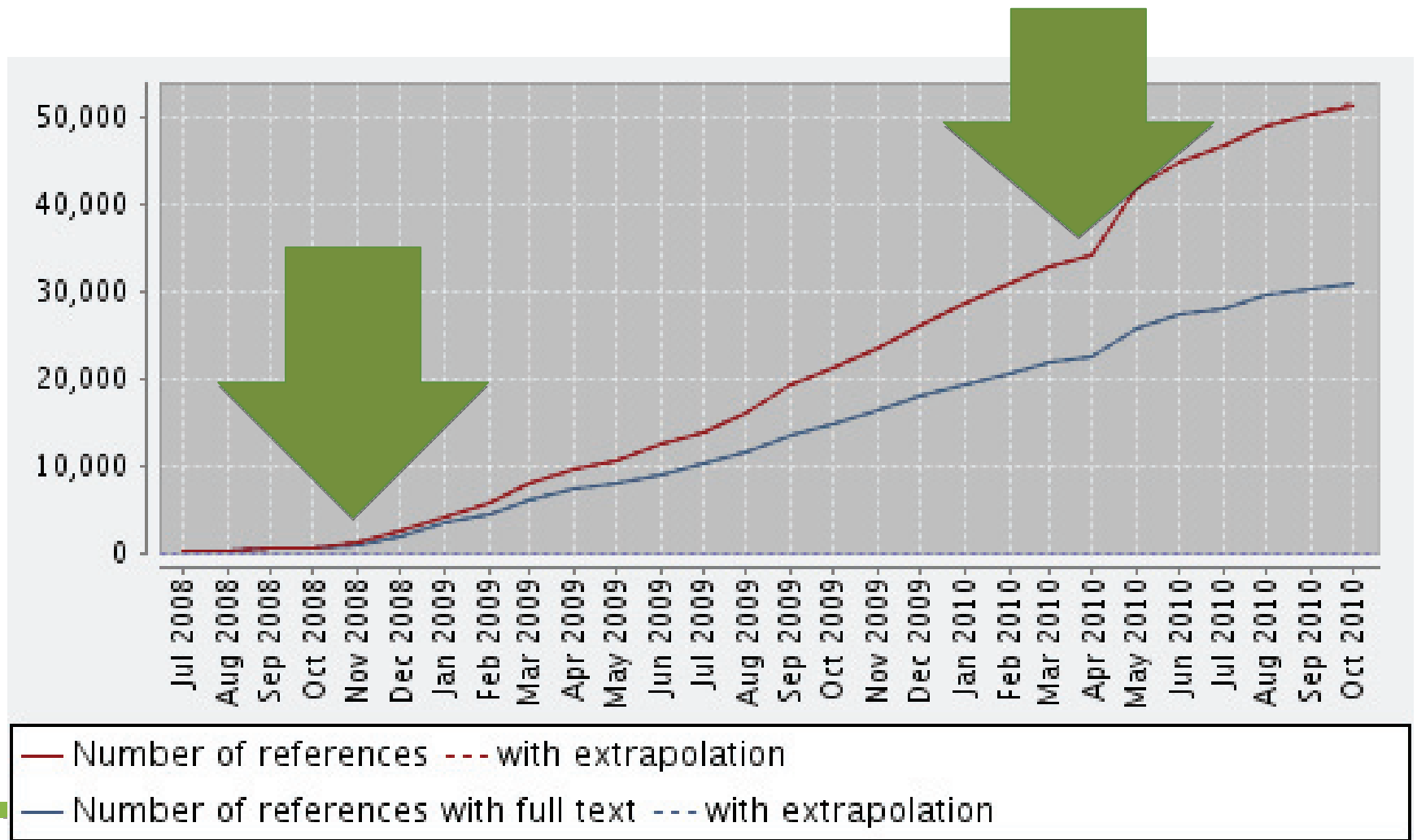
“There is no doubt in my mind that ePrints [his university repository] will have improved things – especially in developing countries such as Malaysia ... many more access my papers who wouldn’t have thought of contacting me personally in the ‘old’ days.

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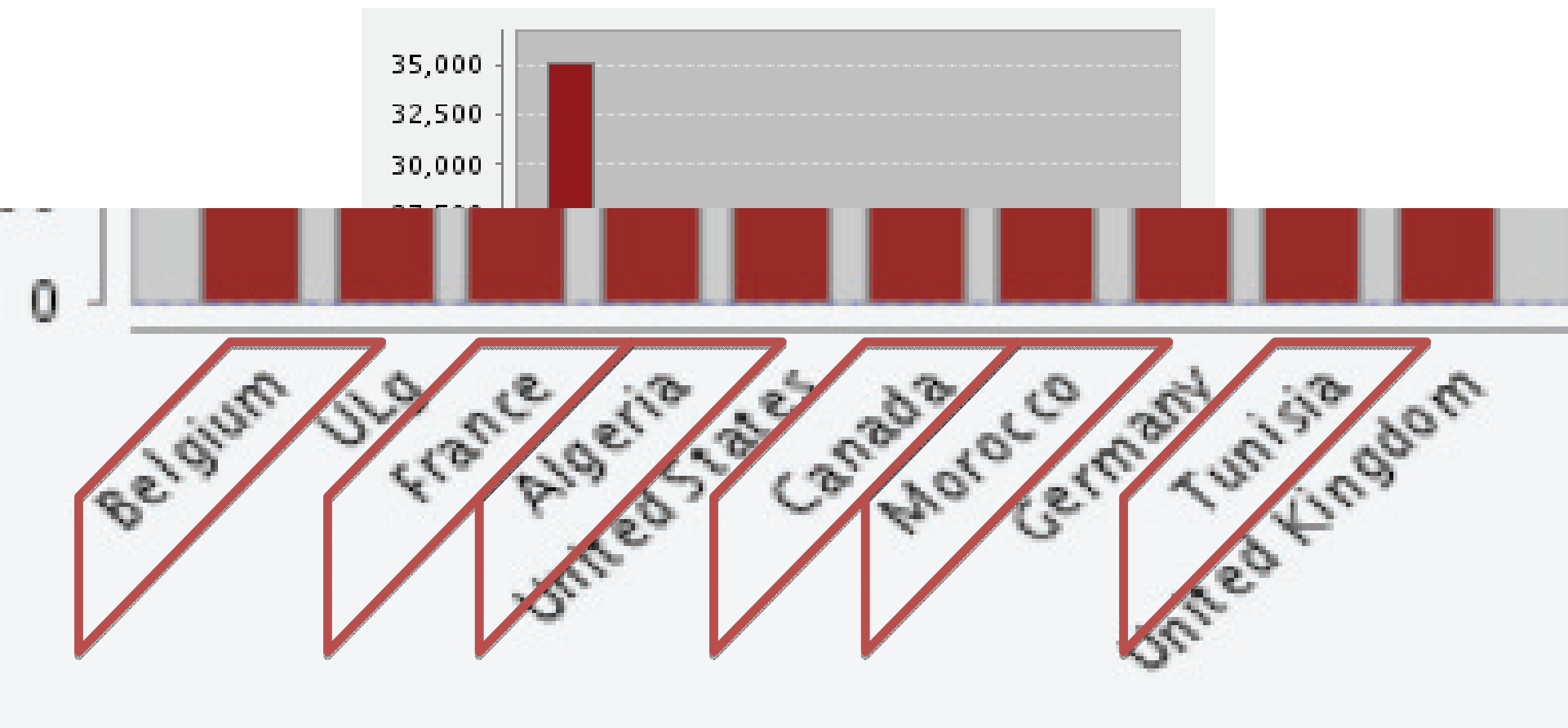


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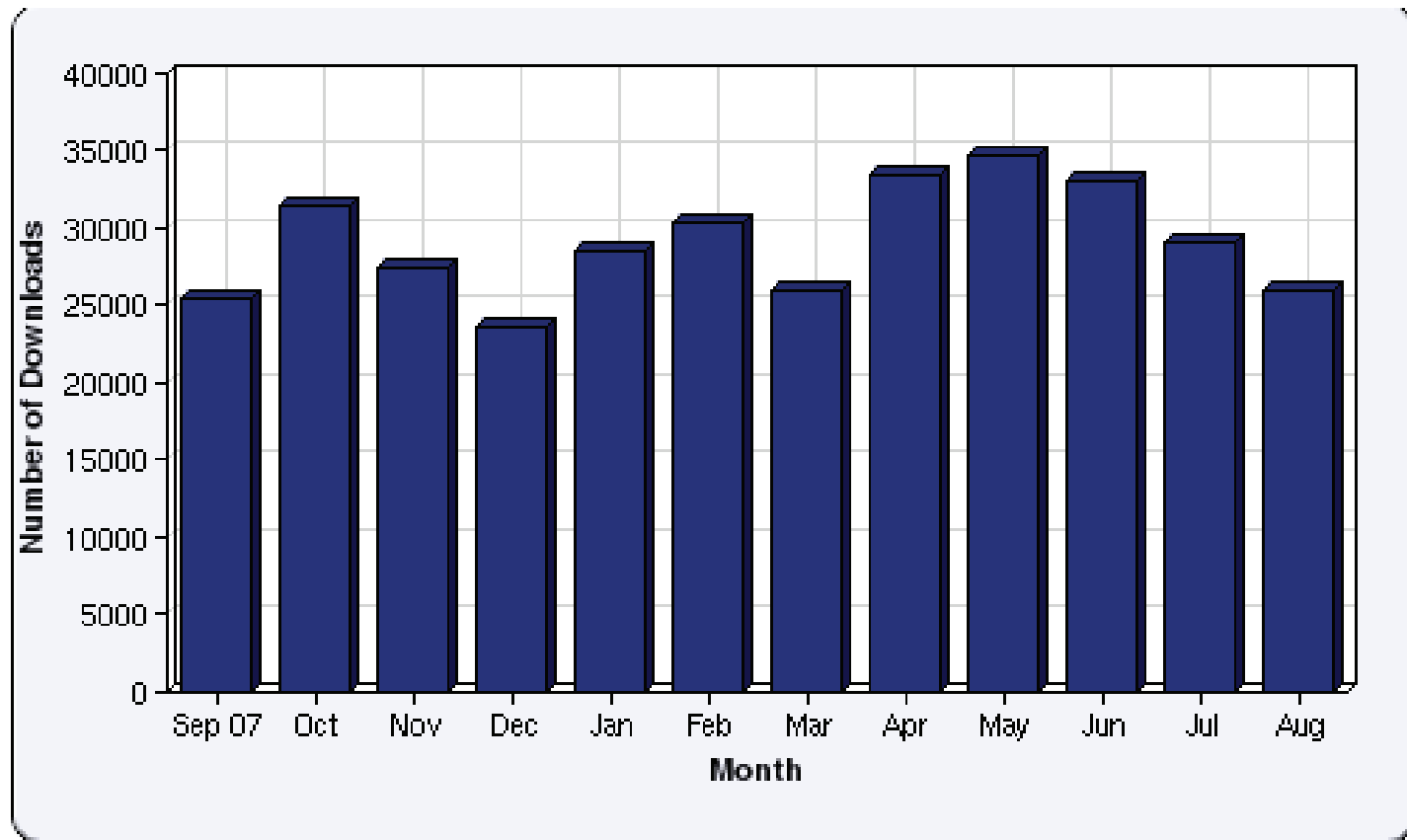
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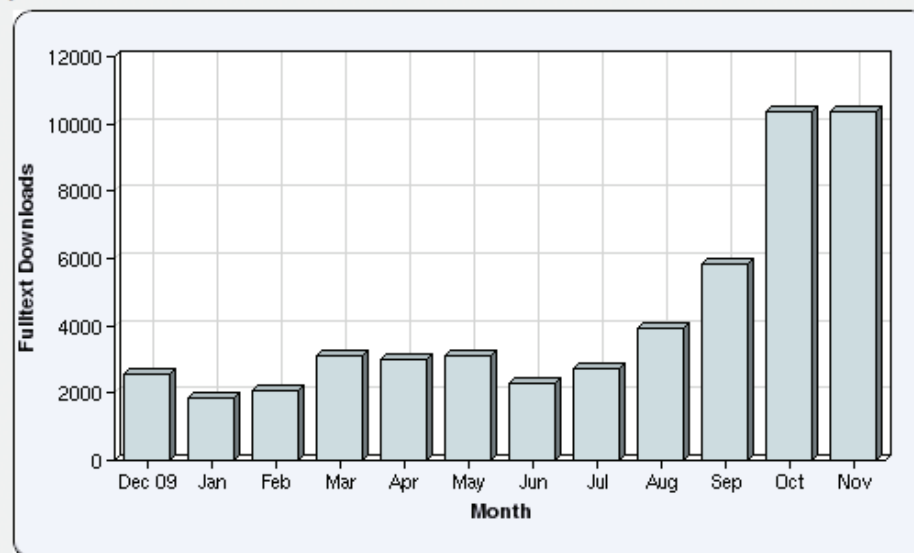
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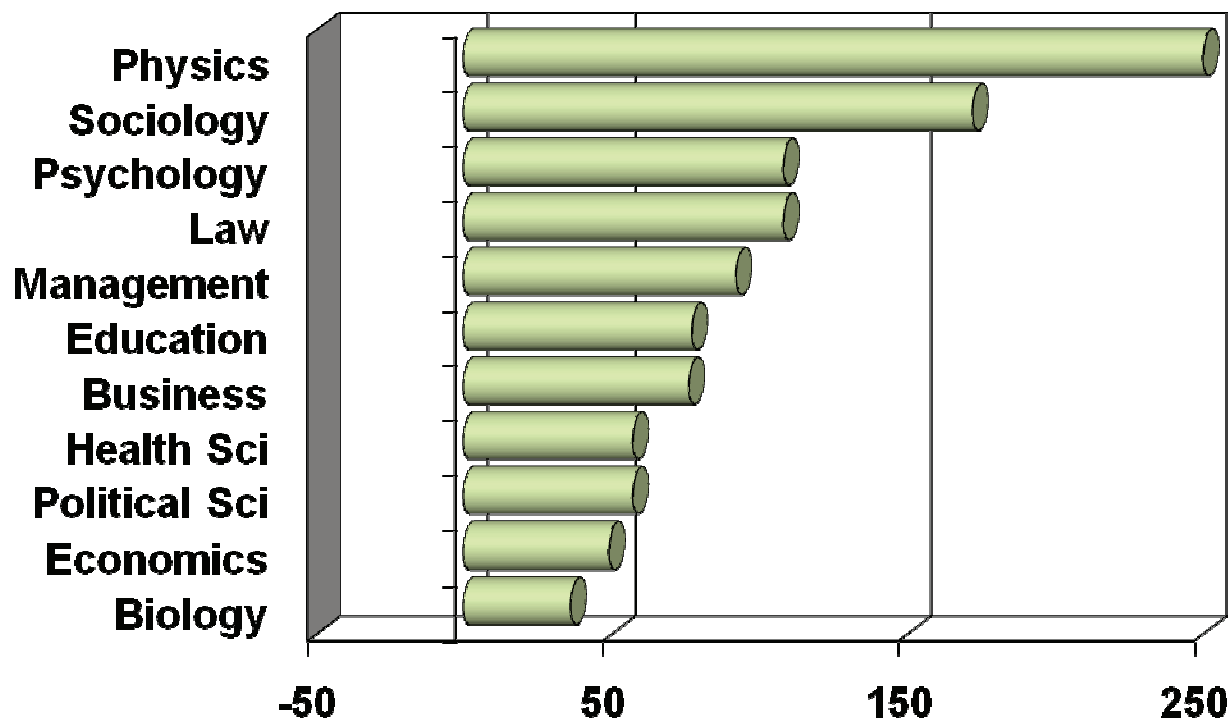
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% increase in citations with Open Access

Range = 36%-200%

(Data: Stevan Harnad and co-workers)



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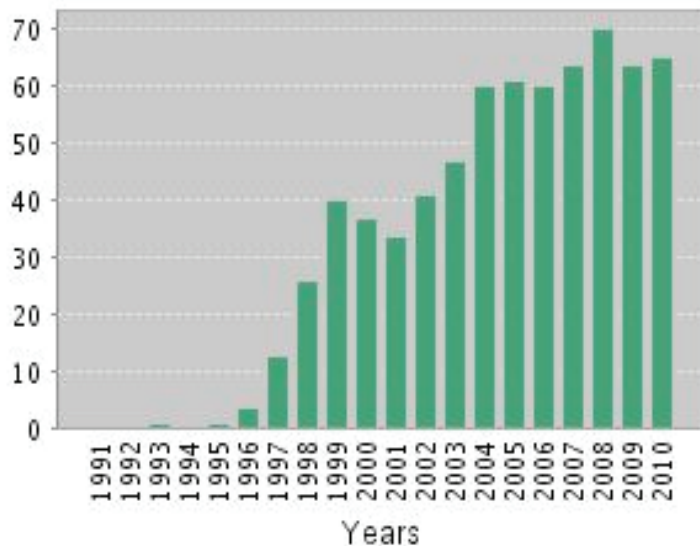
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Ray Frost's impact

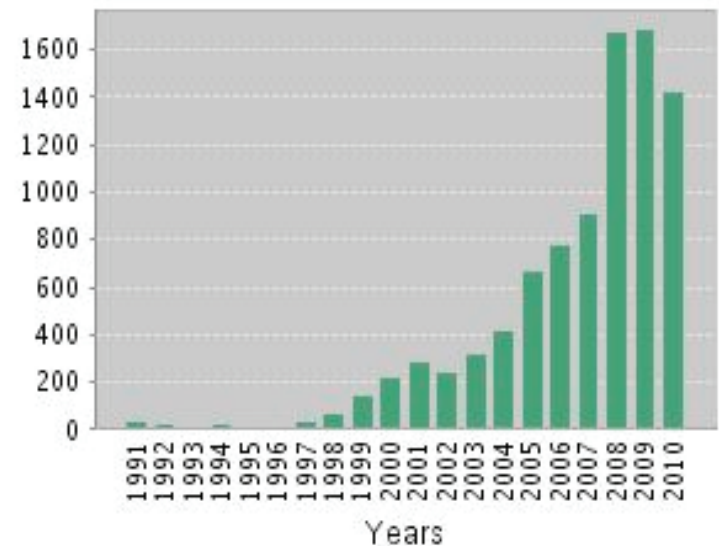
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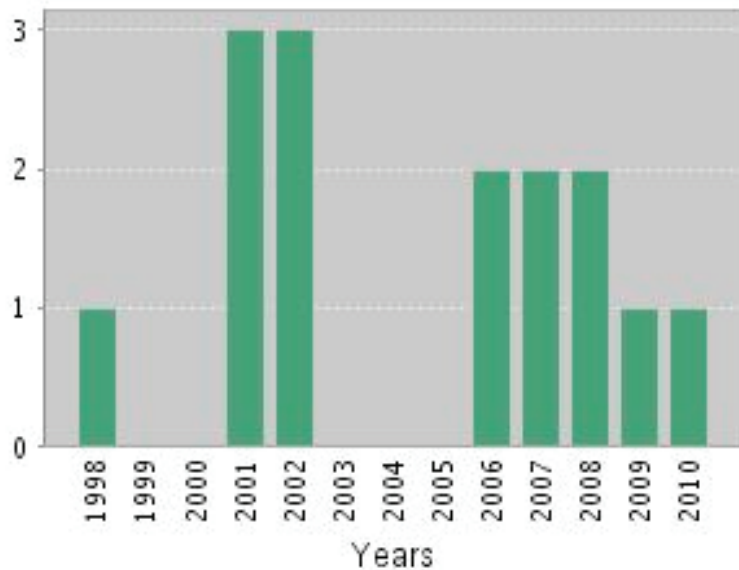
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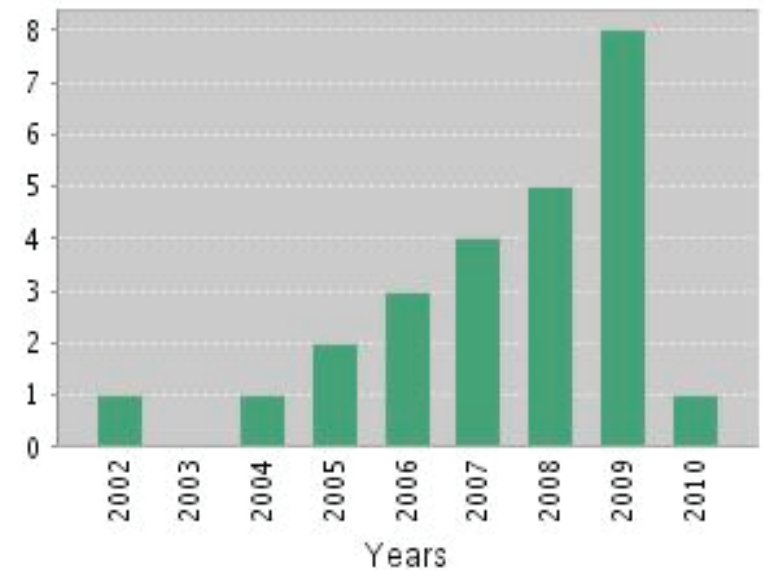
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Martin Skitmore (Urban Design)

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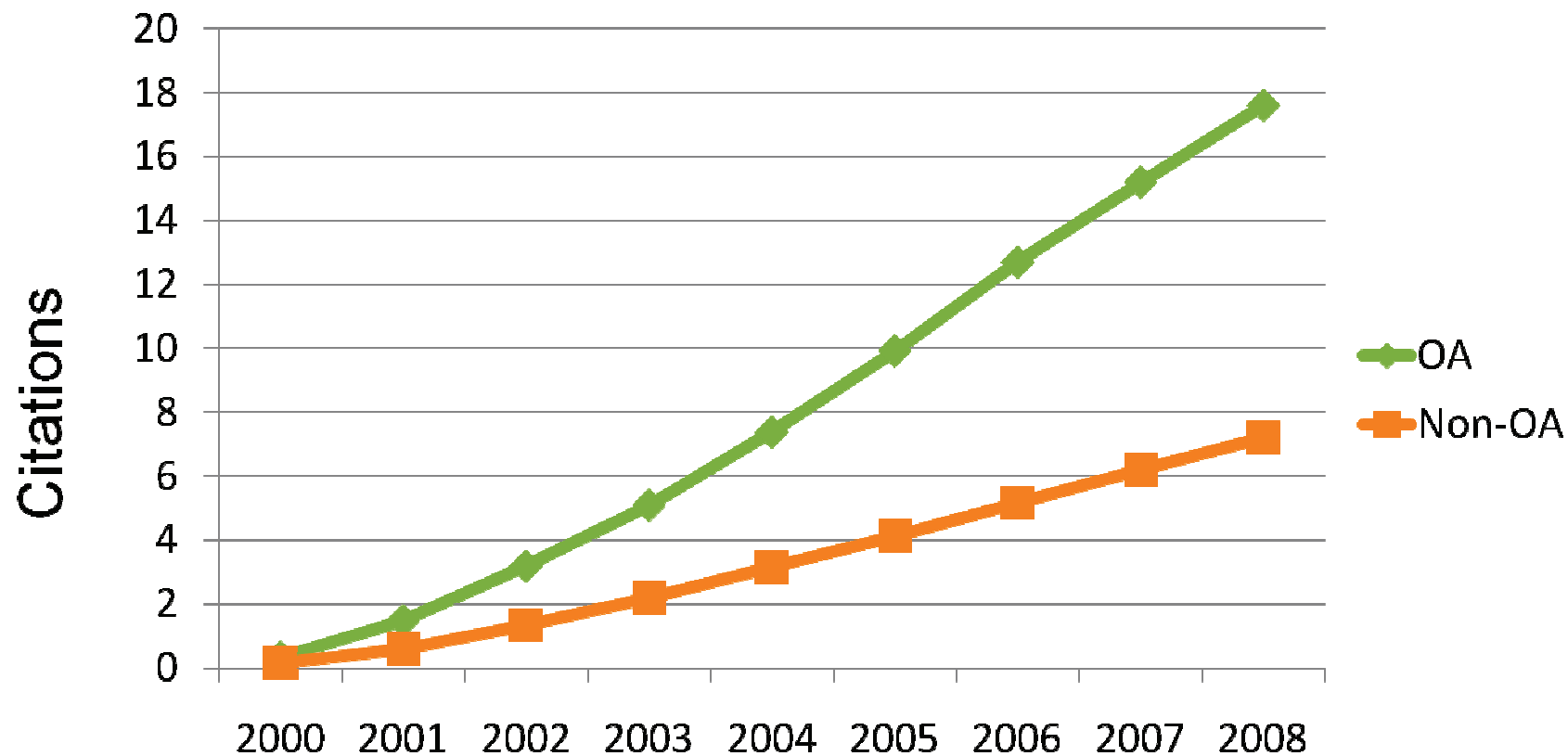


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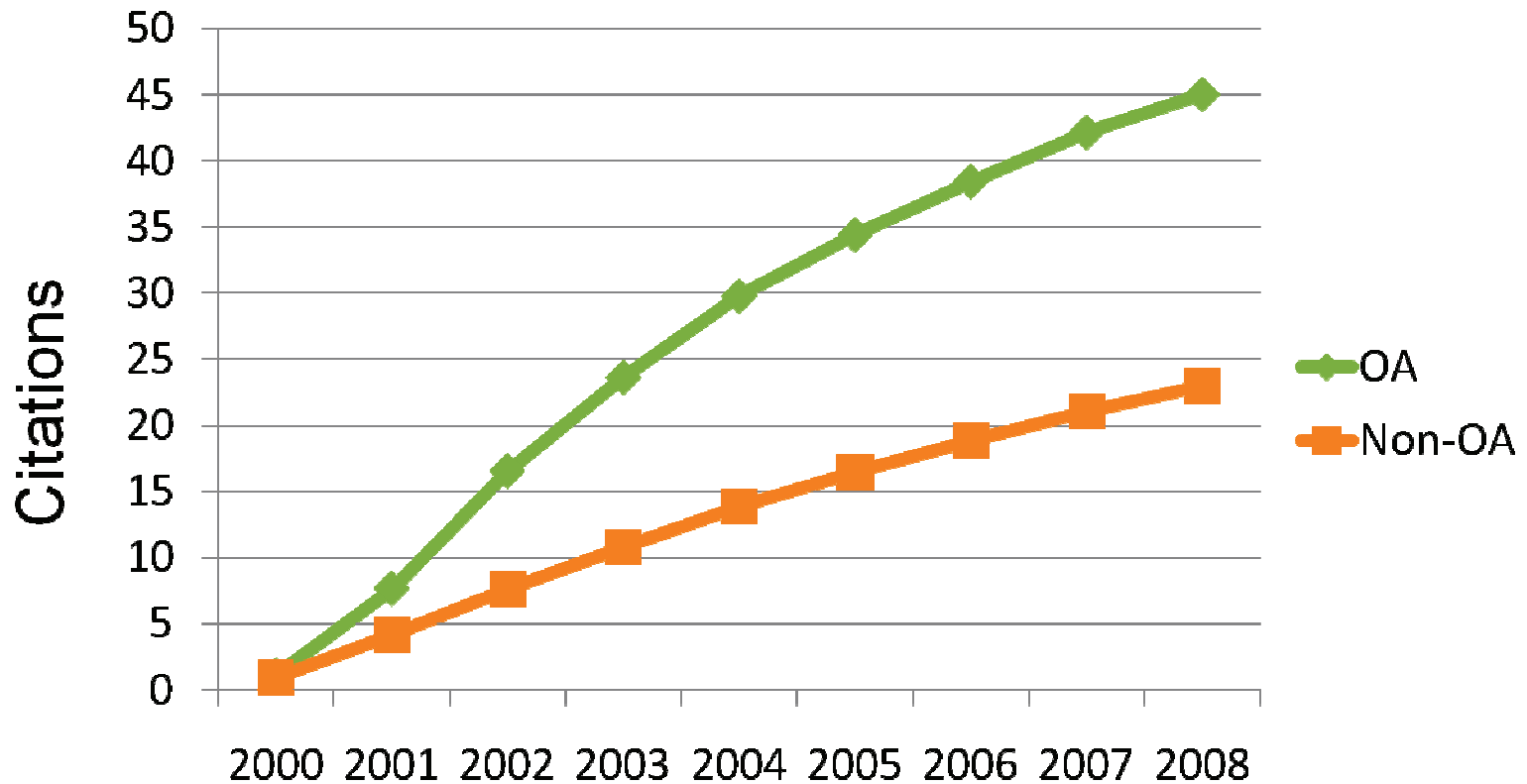


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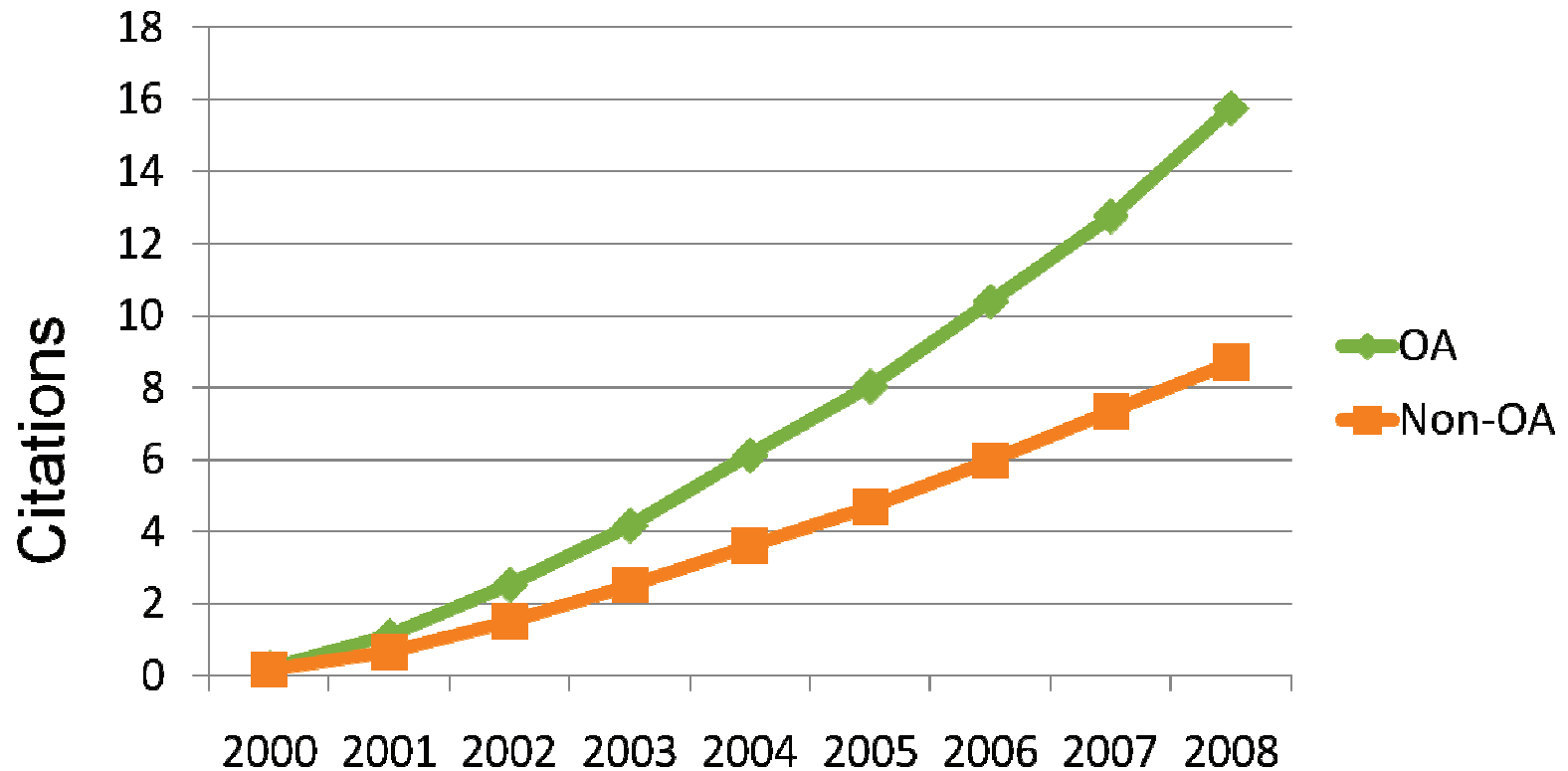


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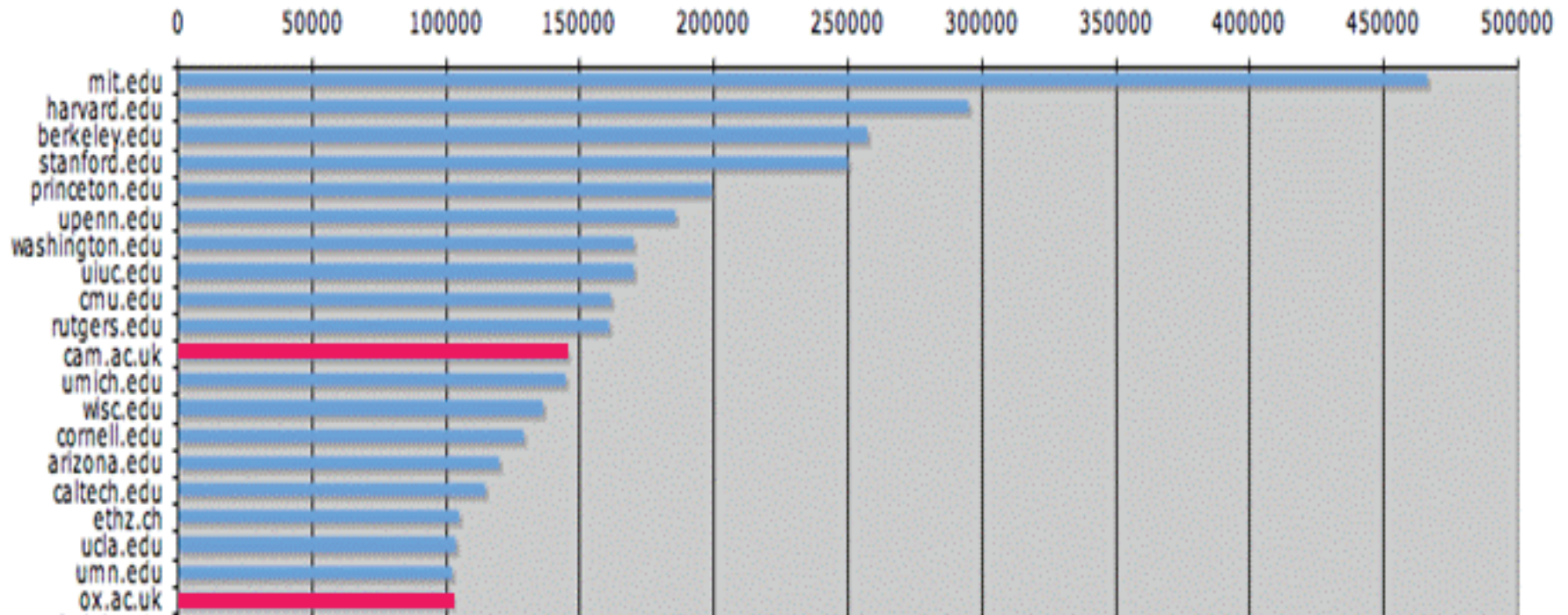
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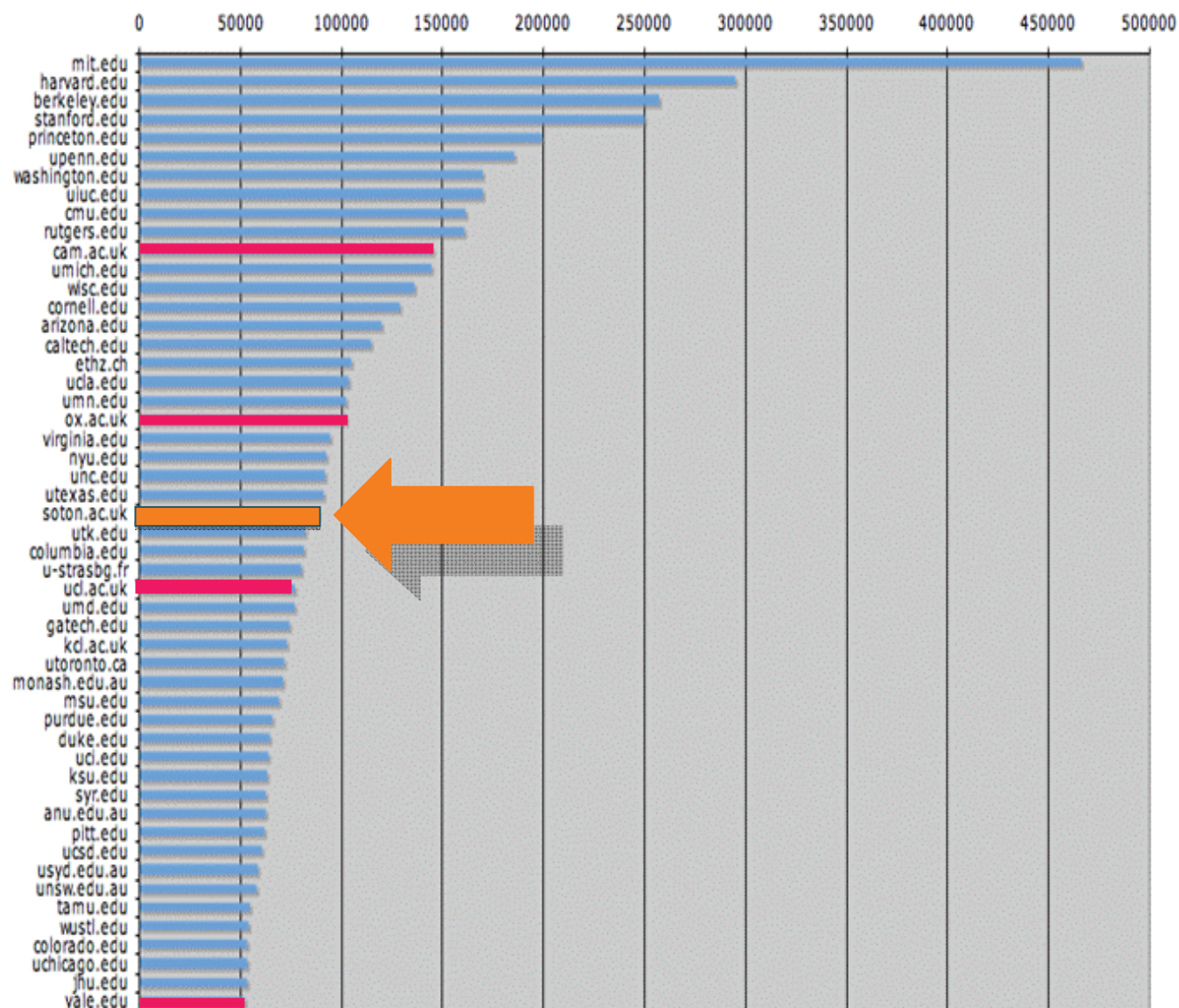
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The U.Southampton conundrum

The G-Factor (universitymetrics.com)



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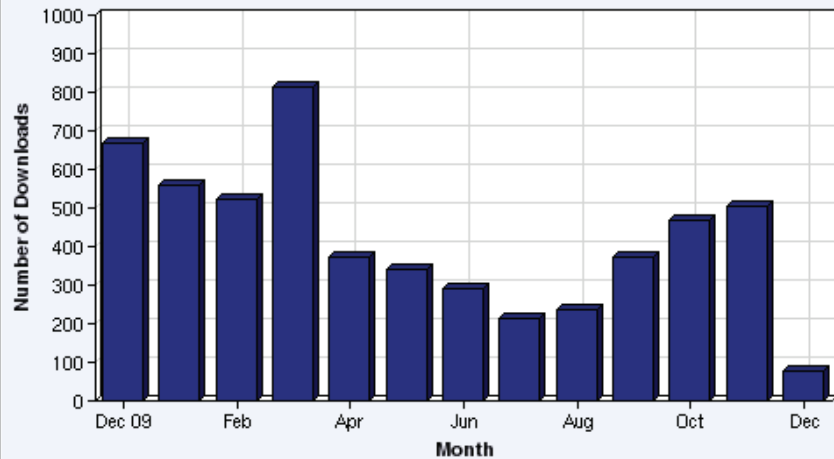
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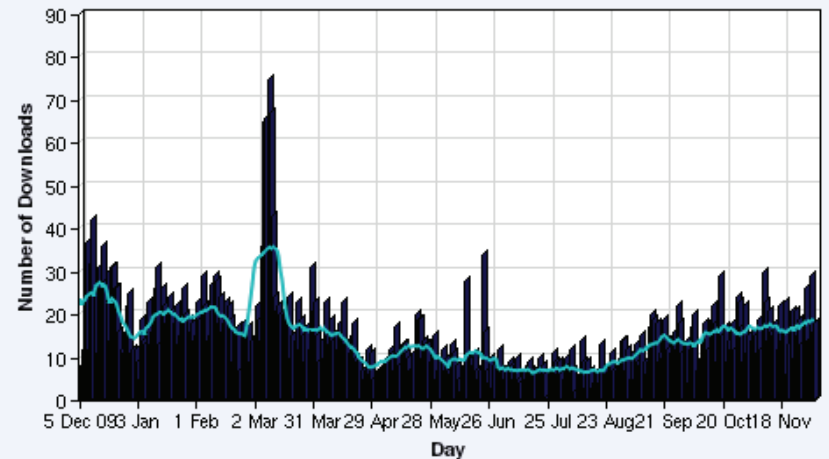
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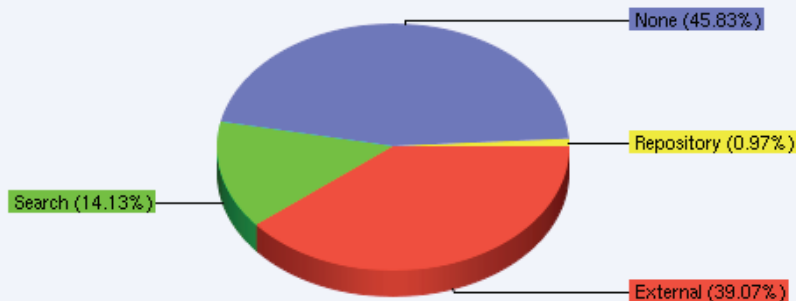
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Economic advantages I: Open Access offers savings



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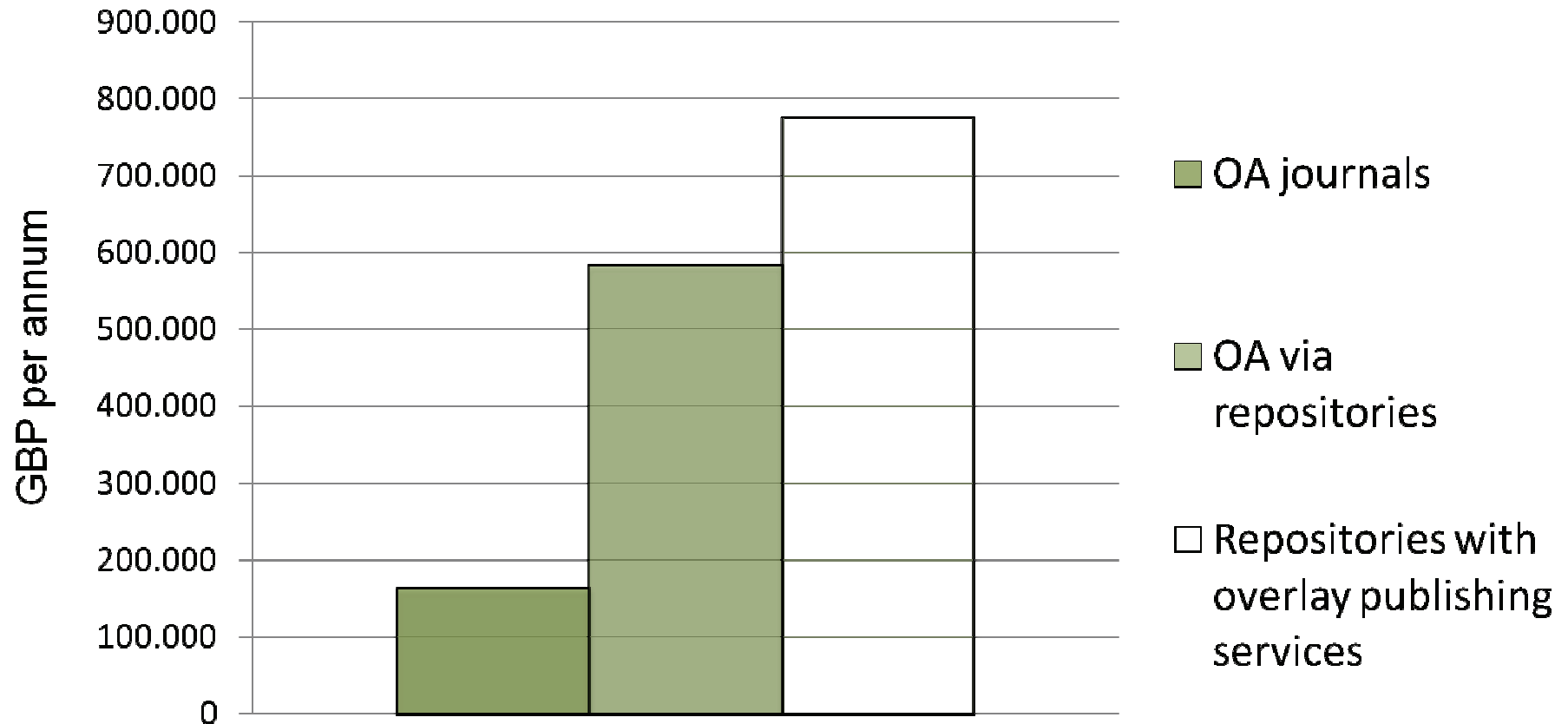
(Houghton et al, 2009, 2010)

Annual € savings from moving to:	UK	Netherlands	Denmark	US federal agencies
OA journals ('Gold' OA)	480 million	133 million	70 million	Value of benefit over 30 years amounts to some \$1 billion, 6 times the cost of archiving the material
OA repositories with subscriptions ('Green' OA)	125 million	50 million	30 million	
OA repositories with overlay services	Circa 480 million	Circa 133 million	Circa 70 million	



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University UK: Annual savings from OA



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Economic advantages II: knowledge transfer and collaborations



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EU CIS studies

Community Innovation Statistics

Weak link between innovative enterprises and
public research institutes/universities

This report puts the spotlight on two different facets of innovation among those screened by the Fourth Community Innovation Survey (CIS 4): the sources of information that are highly important for innovation, and the types of partners with which innovative enterprises cooperate.

The outcome for both aspects is similar: the link between publicly financed science and innovative industry is rather weak. Institutional sources are less frequently consulted than internal or market sources; and innovative enterprises find cooperation partners more easily among suppliers or customers than in universities or public research institutes.

Statistics

in focus

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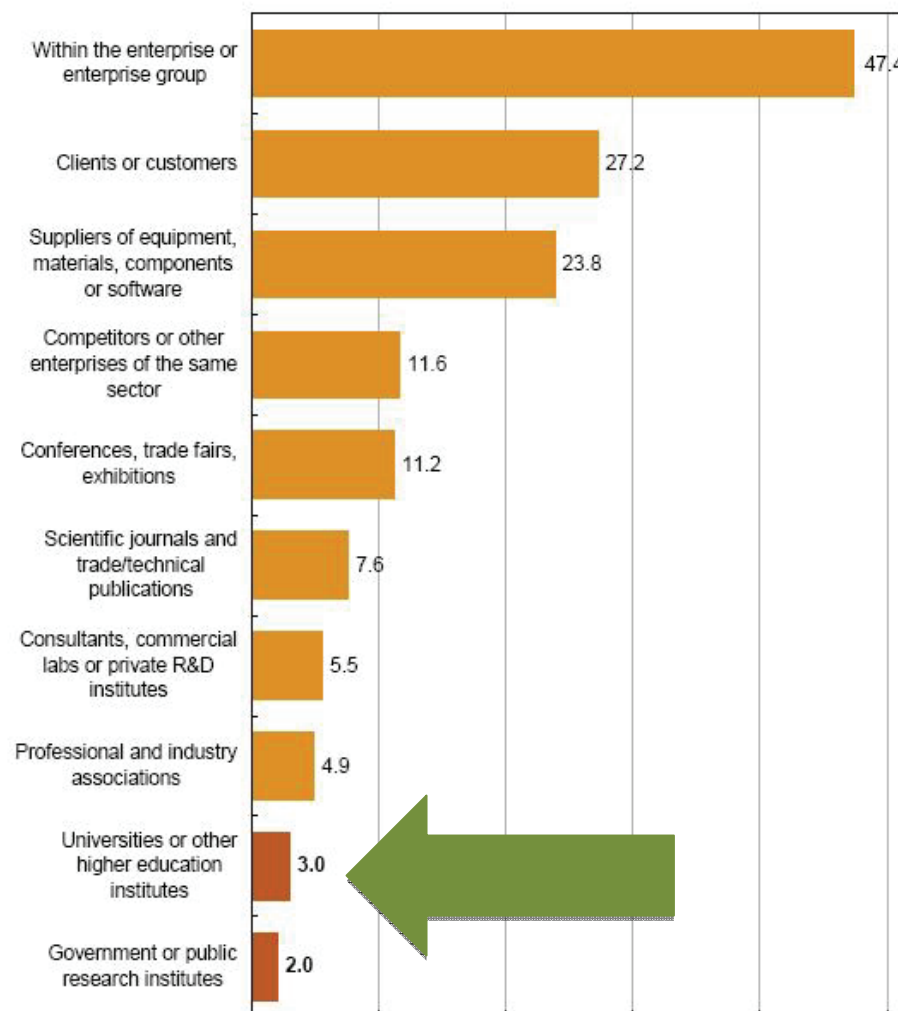
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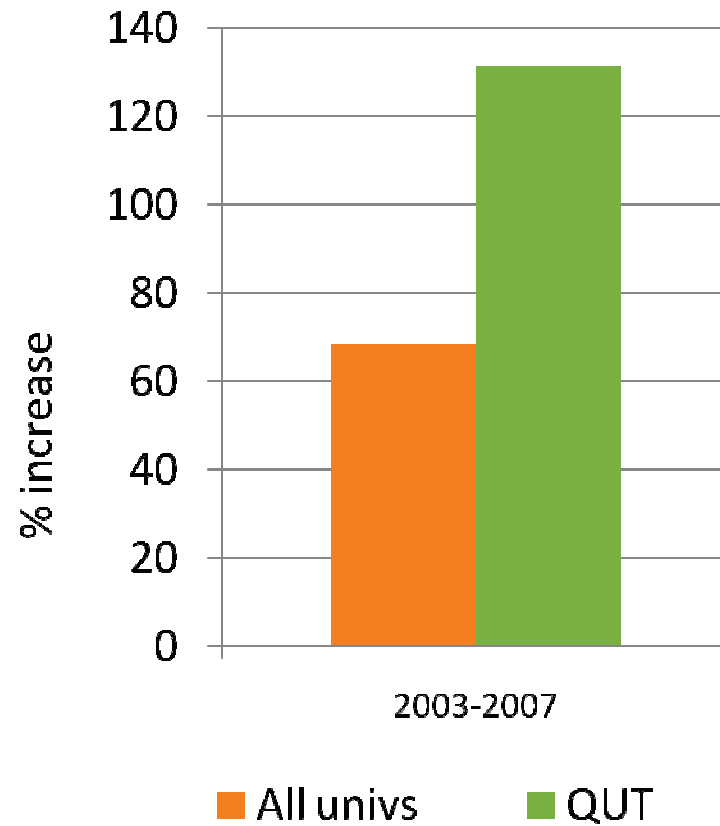
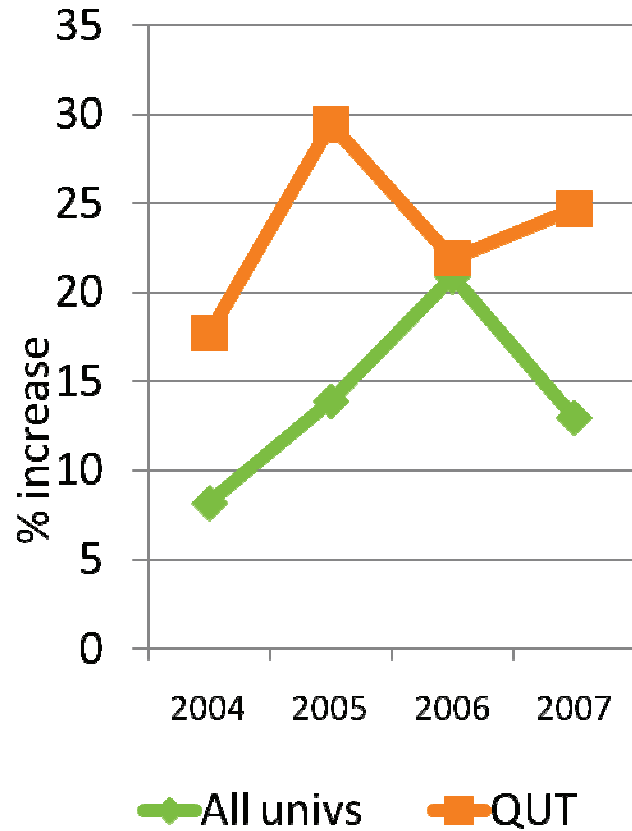


Figure 1: Sources of information identified by enterprises as highly important for the enterprise's innovation activities, as a percentage of innovative enterprises, EU-27 average



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Total Research Income: QUT and sector



Data: Tom Cochrane, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, QUT



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Dr Evonne Miller

Senior Lecturer, Design, QUT

“Just last week, the General Manager of Sustainable Development from an Australian rural industry called me – based on reading one of my research papers in ePrints.

He loved what he read and we are now in discussion about how we can help them measure their industry’s social impacts.”



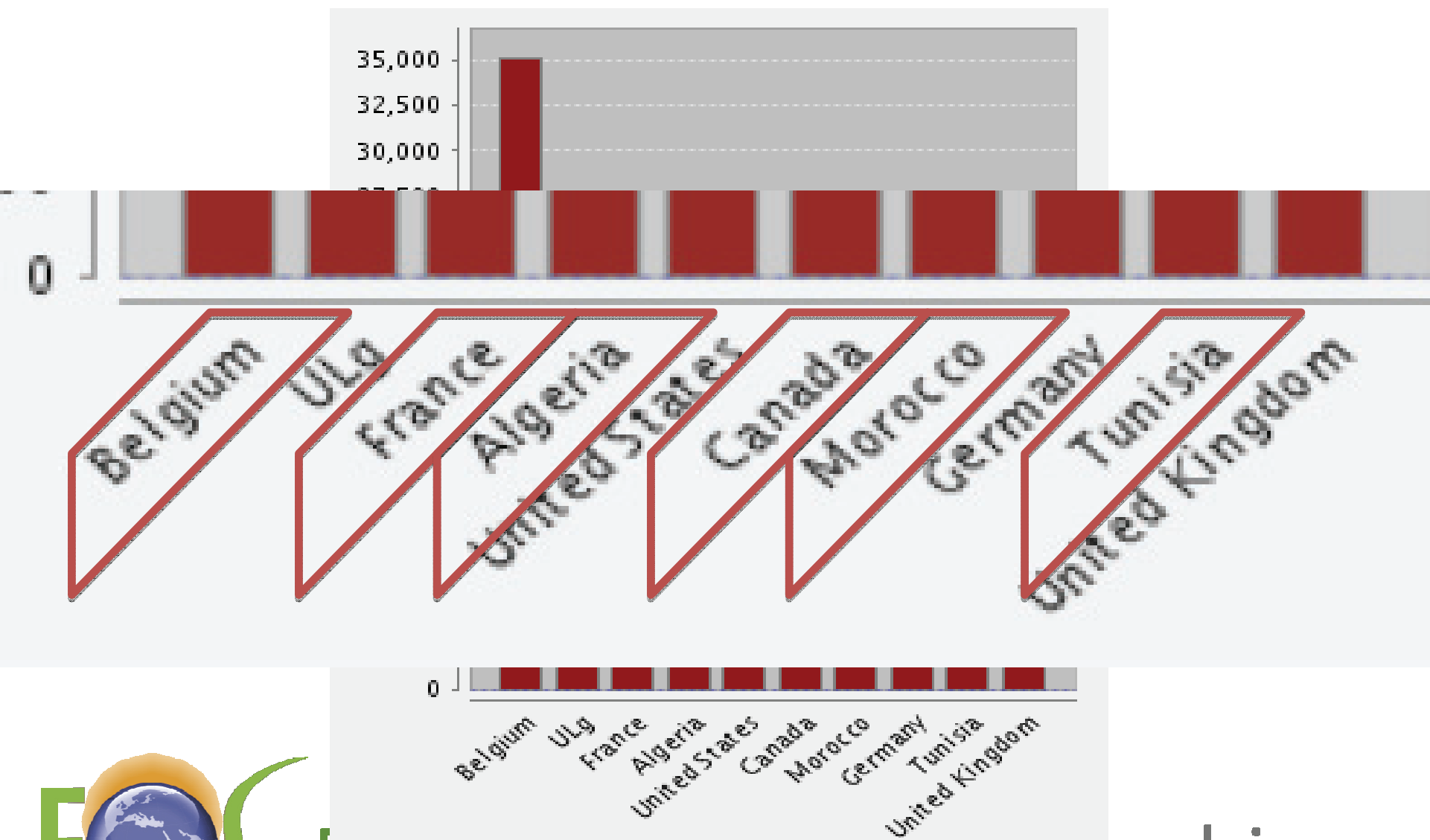
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Economic advantages III: better outreach, better sales



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