Case Study: Institute of Physics Publishing A Review of Open Access Initiatives 1998 – 2007

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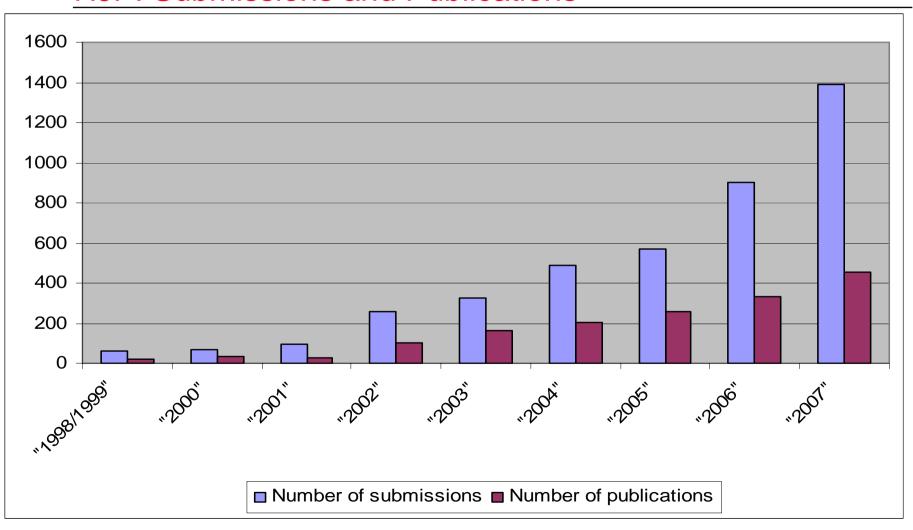
Open Access Publishing

- Funding models for the journal owner
 - 100% subscriber pays
 - 100% author pays
 - Hybrid model
 - Authors and subscribers pay
 - Benefit for authors

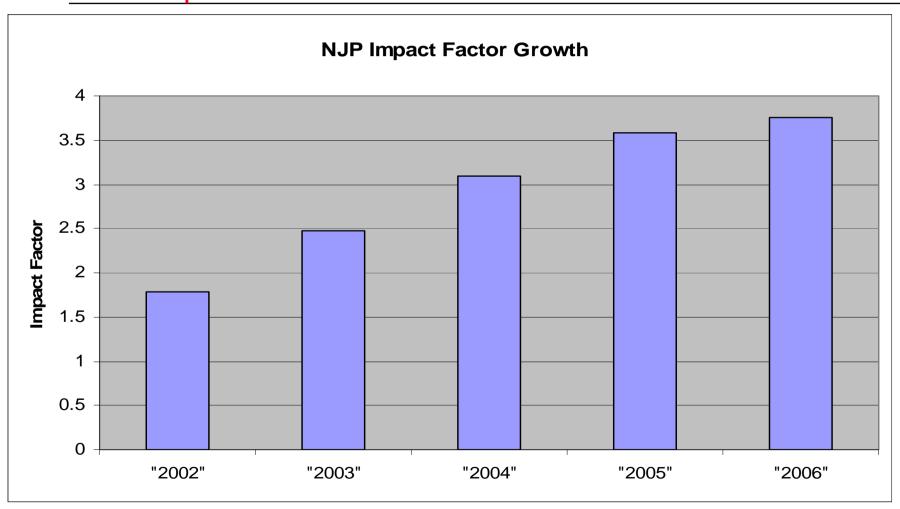
IOP Publishing and Open Access

- Open Access journal since 1998
- New Journal of Physics
- One of the first in the sciences
- One of the longest established OA journals
- NJP: \$1,280 per accepted article
 - ERL author: \$1,970

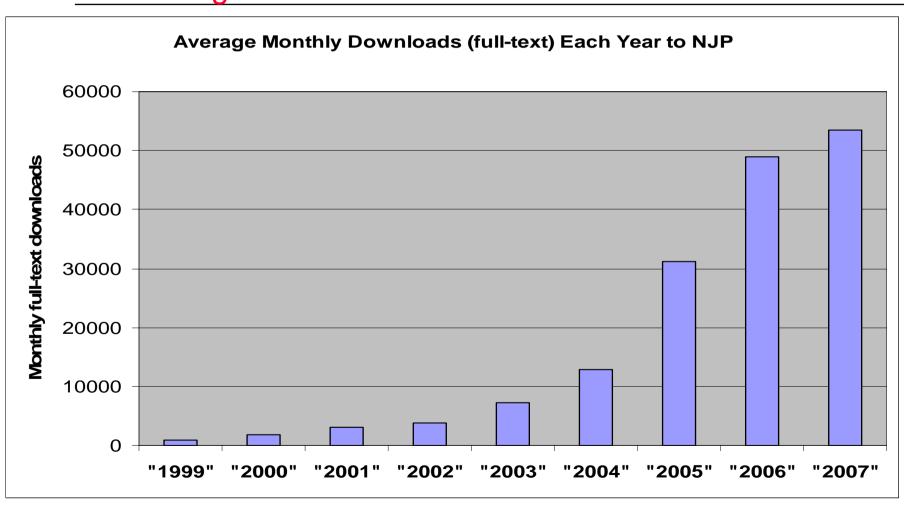
NJP: Submissions and Publications



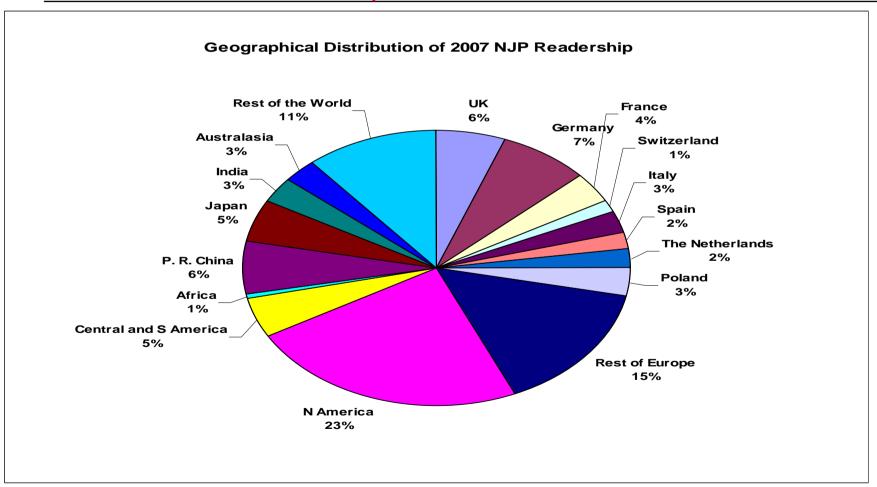
NJP: Impact Factor



NJP: Usage

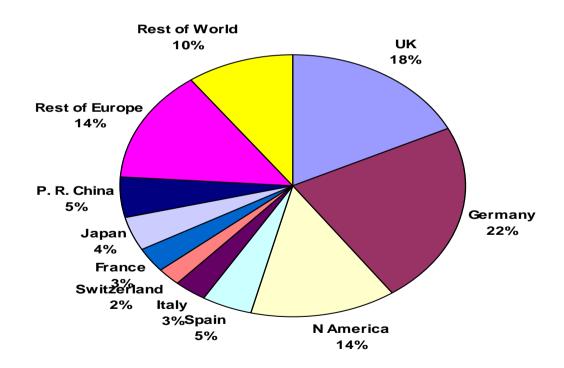


NJP: Global Readership



NJP: Global Authorship

Geographical Distribution of 2007 NJP Authors



So what's the problem?

- Sustainability
- Long term investment
 - Cost of running the journal
 - Full time publisher (PhD Physicist) working with community
- Acceptance by the community
- Affect on other journals

NJP: A Success

- Costs now covered by revenue
- One of the top Impact Factors in all Physics
- Established high quality, prestigious journal
- World class authors
- Top 3 most downloaded IOP journal
 - 2007: one paper received 20,000+ full text downloads

Open Access

- Environmental Research Letters
 - Launched 2006
 - First paid for papers Q1 2007
 - Prestigious editorial board
 - Financial viability
- Science and Technology of Advanced Materials
 - National Institute of Material Science (Tsukuba)
 - Published by Elsevier till 2007
 - OA journal from IOP Publishing

Other Initiatives

- SISSA Trieste, Italy
 - International School of Advanced Studies
- Four titles
 - JHEP
 - 100% free 1997-2002
 - JCAP, JSTAT, JIST
- Institutional membership fee
 - Includes free subscription
 - Covers annual cost of publication
 - All papers from these institution free to all readers

Summary

- OA has risks
- OA is expensive
- There is no guarantee of success

- However....
- It can work!
 - You need deep pockets and a lot of patience
 - It must be properly resourced

• Thank you.