



An Amazing First Ten Years For The Nuclear Technology Education Consortium

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UK Nuclear Sites

DECOMMISSIONING

26 Magnox Reactors

2 Fast Reactors

OPERATIONAL

14 AGRs

1 PWR

9.6 GWe Total Capacity

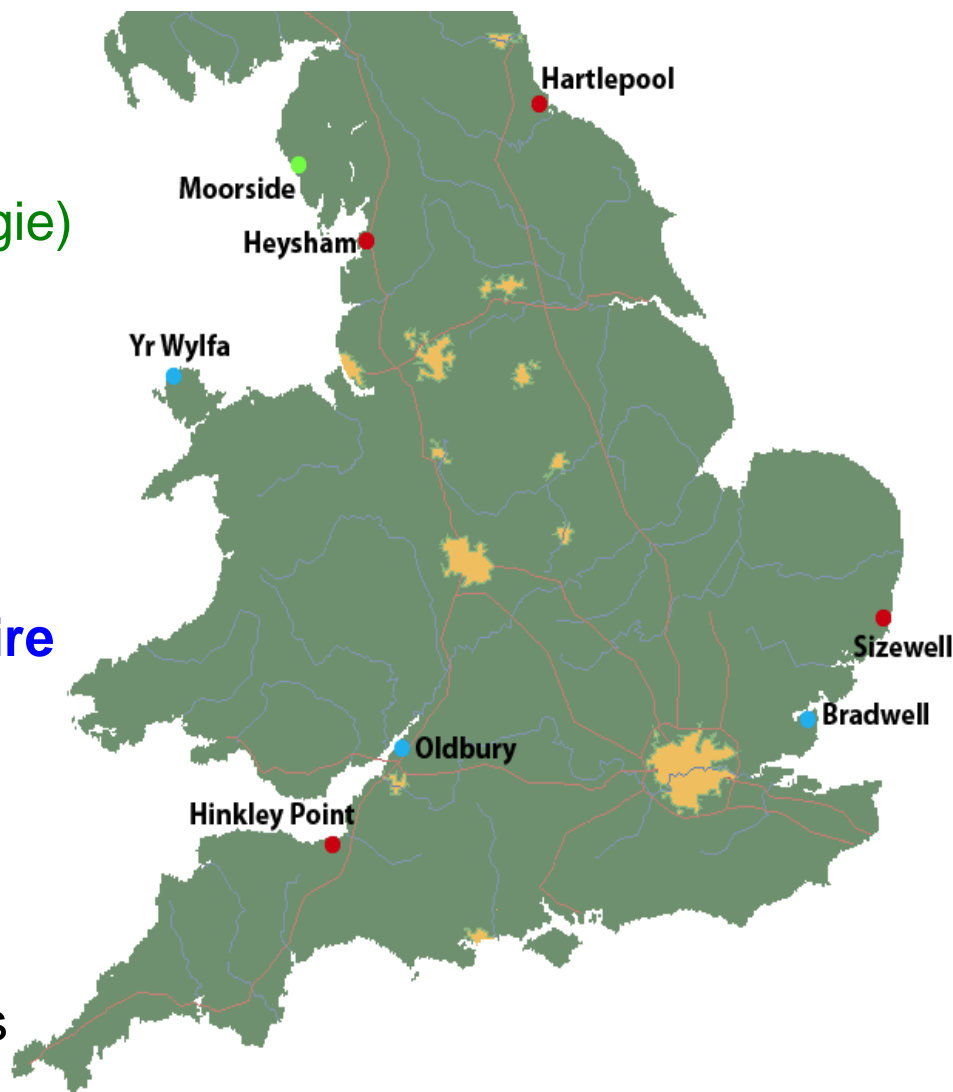


21st Century UK Reactors

EDF (Areva, CGN, CNNC)
Horizon (Hitachi)
NuGeneration (Toshiba and Engie)

Bradwell, Essex
Hartlepool
Heysham, Lancashire
Hinkley Point, Somerset
Oldbury, South Gloucestershire
Moorside, Cumbria
Sizewell, Suffolk
Wylfa, North Wales

~ 16 GW (?) of new capacity
~ 3 GW on each of the five sites
2 EPR or 3 AP1000 or ABWRs





**Energy
Review:
new build
of
reactors**



**International
collaborations
such as GenIV
and GNEP**



**Replacement
of Royal
Navy's Astute
propulsion
reactors**



**National
Nuclear
Laboratory**



**Nuclear
education
& training**



**Decommiss-
ioning and
clean-up**



**Operation
and life
extension
of existing
plant**



**Waste
Disposal
and
possible
repository**

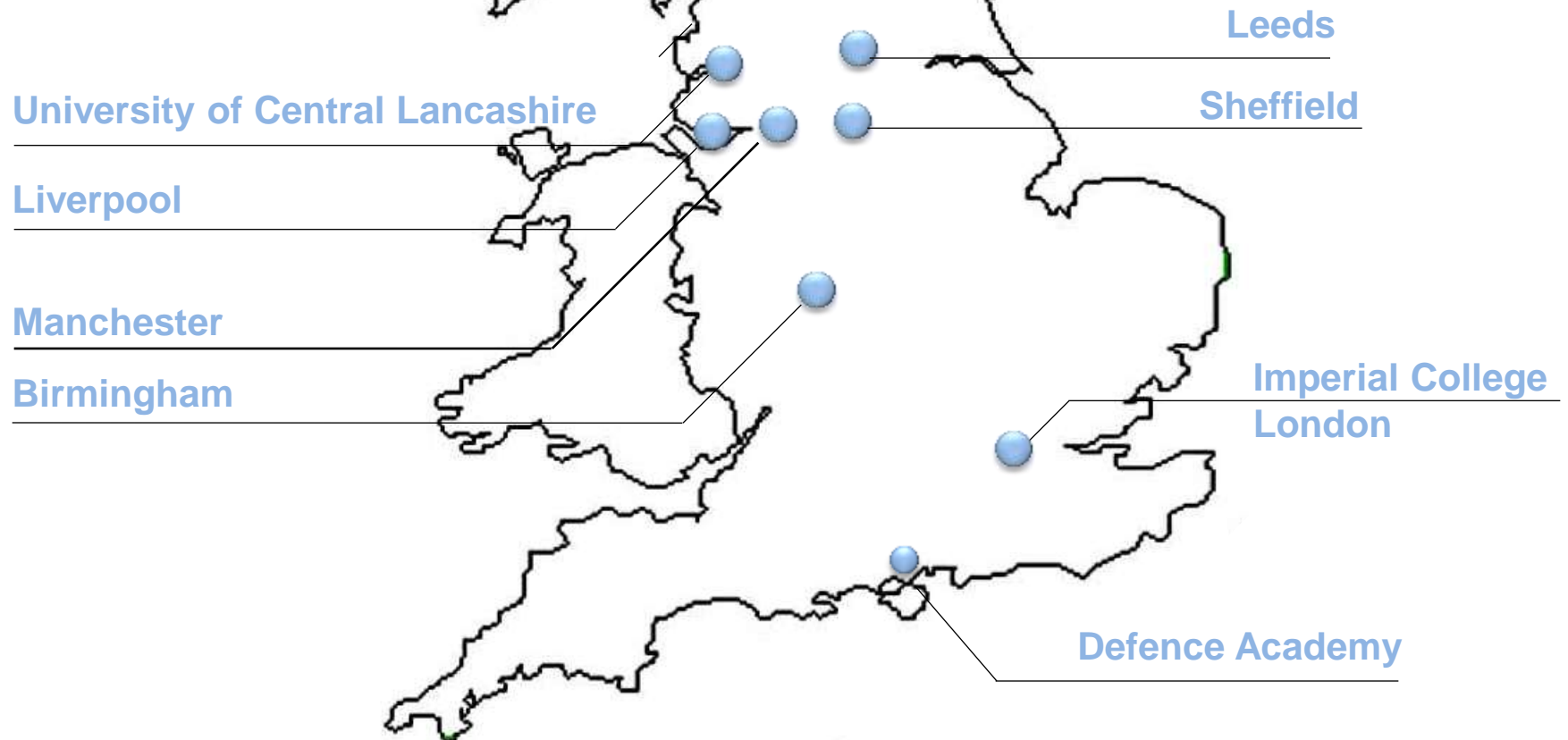


**Fusion
programme
and ITER**

- **THE ISSUE in 2005**
 - A lack of highly educated scientists and engineers entering the UK nuclear industry
- **THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE**
 - Pockets of nuclear expertise within UK universities
 - High quality educational programmes
 - Science, technology and engineering
- **THE STAKEHOLDER ANALYSIS**
 - Modular courses suitable for full-time and part-time students
- **THE SOLUTION PUT FORWARD**
 - NTEC M.Sc. Nuclear Science and Technology

NTEC

Nuclear Technology Education Consortium



NTEC Modules

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| • <i>N01 Reactor Physics, Criticality & Design</i> | <i>The University of Birmingham</i> |
| • <i>N02 Nuclear Fuel Cycle</i> | <i>University of Central Lancashire</i> |
| • <i>N03 Radiation & Radiological Protection</i> | <i>The University of Manchester</i> |
| • <i>N04 Decommissioning / Waste / Environmental Management</i> | <i>University of Central Lancashire</i> |
| • N05 Water Reactor Performance and Safety | Imperial College London |
| • N06 Reactor Materials & Lifetime Behaviour | The University of Manchester |
| • <i>N07 Nuclear Safety Case Development</i> | <i>Defence Academy</i> |
| • N08 Particle & Colloid Engineering in the Nuclear Industry | University of Leeds |
| • N09 Policy, Regulation & Licensing | The University of Manchester |
| • <i>N10 Processing, Storage & Disposal of Nuclear Waste</i> | <i>The University of Sheffield</i> |

Modules available in eLearning format in blue

NTEC Modules

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| • N11 Radiation Shielding | The University of Liverpool |
| • <i>N12 Reactor Thermal Hydraulics</i> | <i>Defence Academy</i> |
| • <i>N13 Criticality Safety Management</i> | <i>Defence Academy</i> |
| • N21 Geotechnical Aspects of Radioactive Waste Disposal | University of Central Lancashire |
| • N23 Environmental Impact Assessment | The University of Manchester |
| • <i>N29 Decommissioning Technology & Robotics</i> | <i>TBD</i> |
| • <i>N31 Management of the Decommissioning Process</i> | <i>The University of Birmingham</i> |
| • N32 Experimental Reactor Physics | The University of Manchester
(Atomic Institute of the Vienna
University of Technology or
Czech Technical University, Prague) |

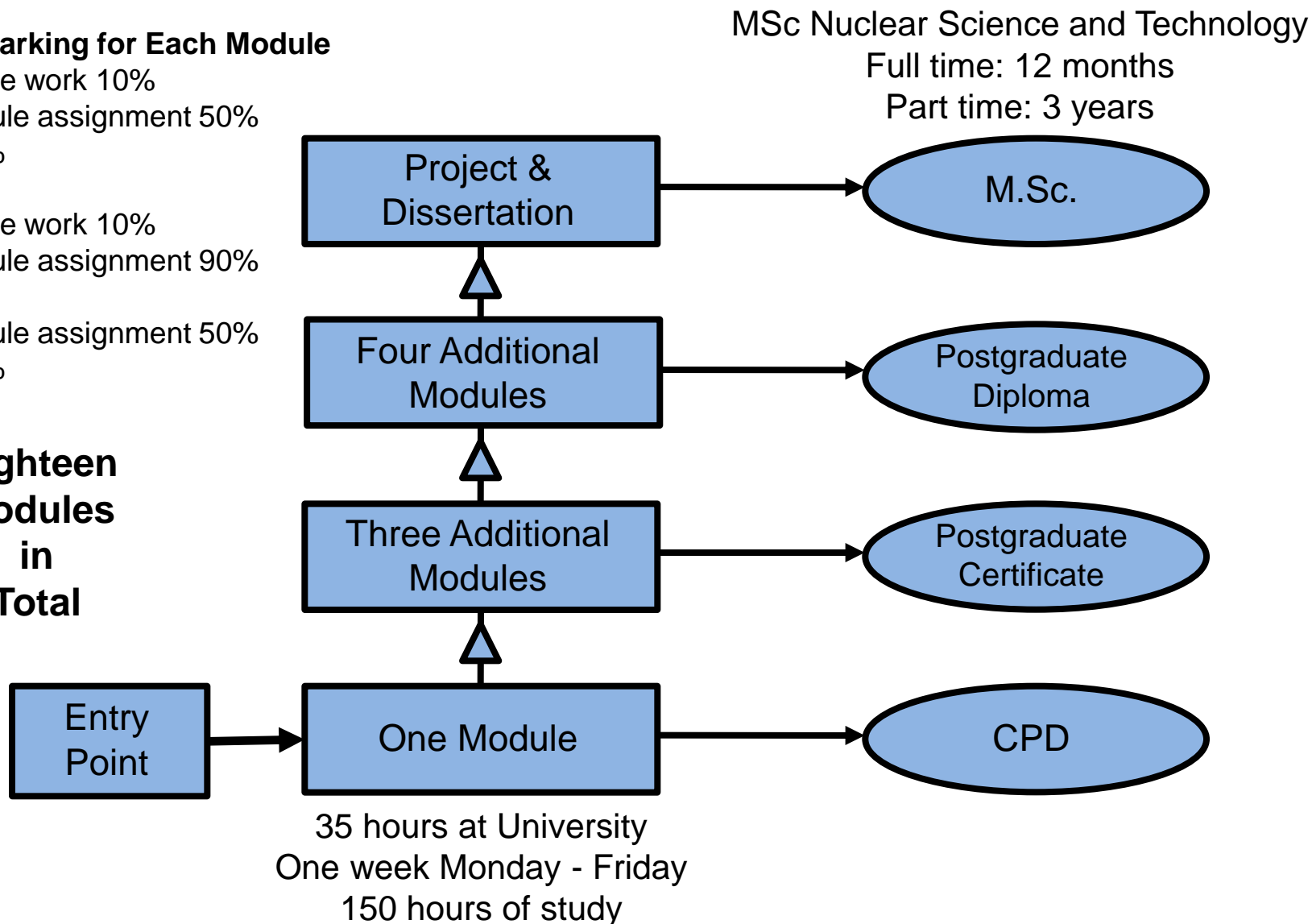
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NTEC Programme Structure

Example Marking for Each Module

- Pre-module work 10%
 - Post-module assignment 50%
 - Exam 40%
- or
- Pre-module work 10%
 - Post-module assignment 90%
- or
- Post-module assignment 50%
 - Exam 50%

**Eighteen
Modules
in
Total**



Distance Learning / Residentials

Module	Residential Day	Residential Location
N01 Reactor Physics, Criticality & Design	N/A	N/A
N02 Nuclear Fuel Cycle	12 Nov 2014	UCLan Preston
N03 Radiation & Radiological Protection	11 Sept 2014	Manchester
N04 Decommissioning, Radioactive Waste and Environmental Management	18 Sept 2014	UCLan Westlakes
N12 Reactor Thermal Hydraulics	16 Oct 2014	Manchester
N07 Nuclear Safety Case Development	30 Apr 2015	Manchester
N10 Processing, Storage and Disposal of Nuclear Wastes	14 Apr 2015	Sheffield
N13 Criticality Safety Management	5 Feb 2015	Manchester
N29 Decommissioning Technology & Robotics	25 Feb 2015	Lancaster
N31 Management of the Decommissioning Process	18 Mar 2015	Birmingham

NTEC Delivery Structure

Full Time	One Year	Part Time	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
September		September			
October		October			
November		November			
December		December			
January		January			
February		February			
March		March			
April		April			
May		May			
June		June			
July		July			
August		August			

Project

Project

Communication

Assessment

Learning Resources

Course Contacts

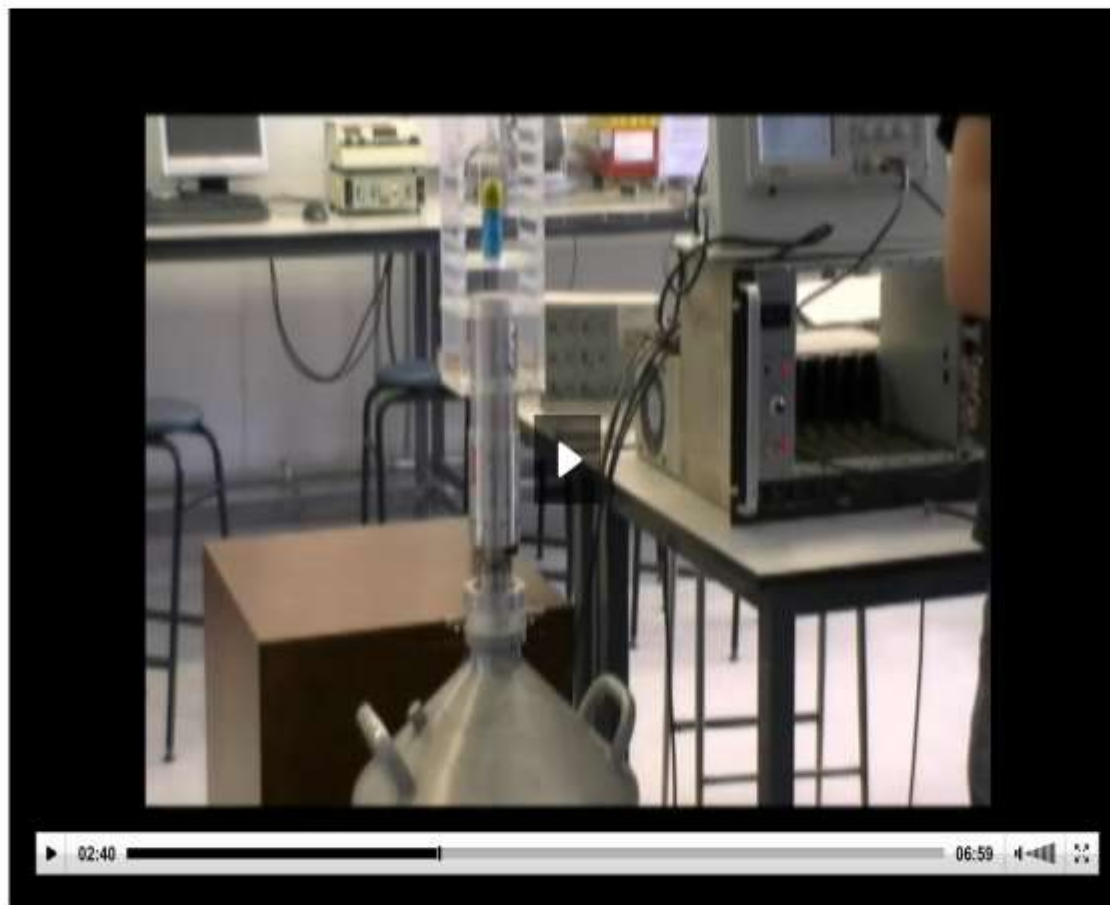
Staff Area

eLearning Support

COURSE MANAGEMENT

- Control Panel
- Content Collection
- Course Tools
- Evaluation
- Grade Centre
- Users and Groups
- Customisation
- Packages and Utilities

This section analyses the basic properties of gamma rays using a high-resolution germanium detector and Multi-Channel Analyser (MCA). These detectors are relatively expensive and must be kept cold in operation.



1.2 Basic operation of a germanium detector

Energy values of various fuels

Table 3: Energy conversion: the heat values and carbon coefficients of various fuels

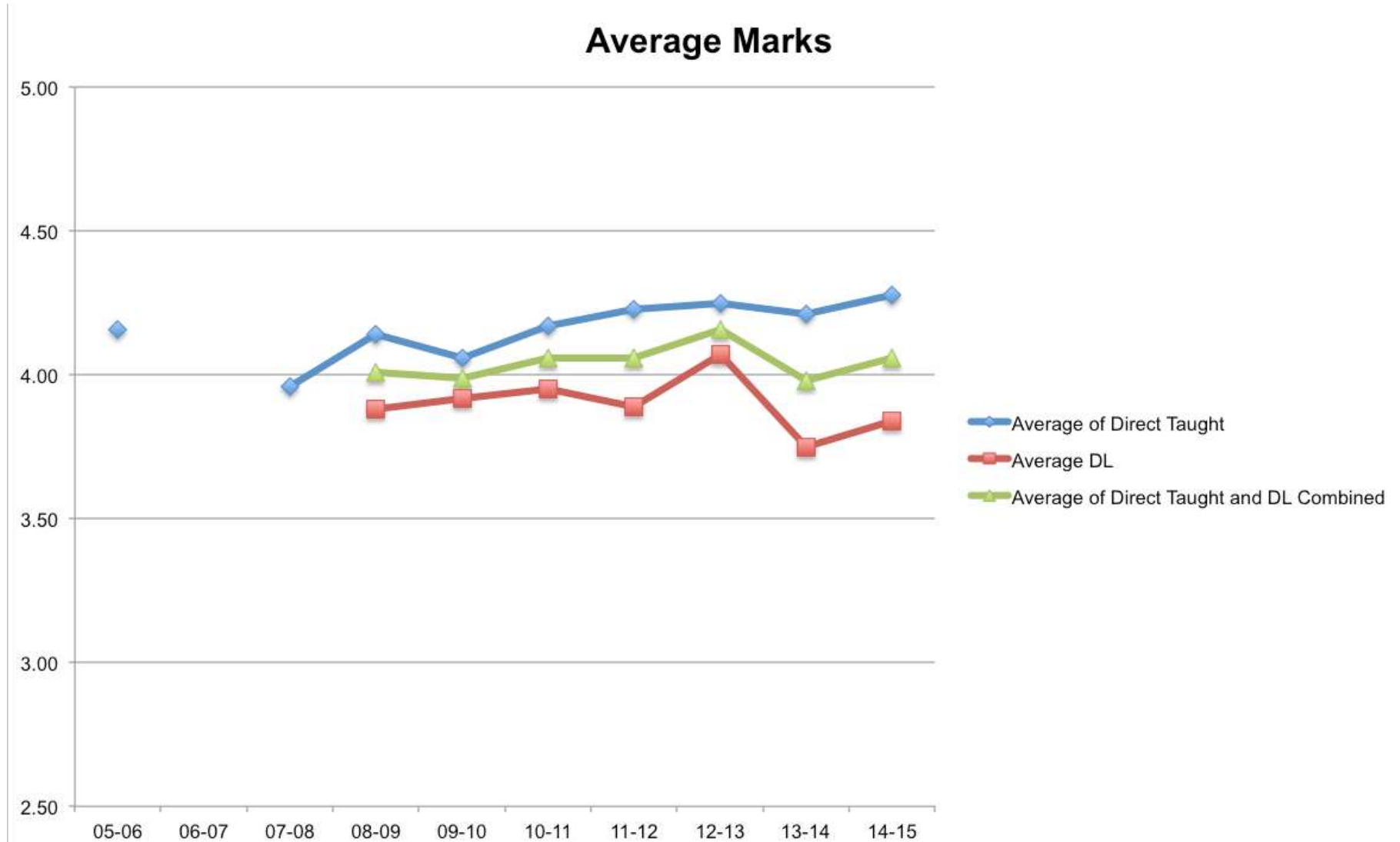
	heat value	% carbon	CO ₂
Hydrogen	121 MJ/kg	0	0
Petrol/gasoline	44-46 MJ/kg		
Crude oil	45-46 MJ/kg	89	70-73 g/MJ
	37-39 MJ/L		
Methanol	22 MJ/kg		
Liquefied petroleum gas (LPG)	49 MJ/kg	81	59 g/MJ
Natural gas (UK, USA, Australia)	38-39 MJ/m ³	76	51 g/MJ
(Canada)	37 MJ/m ³		
(Russia)	34 MJ/m ³		
as LNG (Australia)	55 MJ/kg		
Hard black coal (BA definition)	>23.9 MJ/kg		
(Australia and Canada)	24-30 MJ/kg	87	90 g/MJ
Sub-bituminous coal (BA definition)	17.4-23.9 MJ/kg		
(South & West Australia)	12.5-19.5 MJ/kg		
Lignite/brown coal (BA definition)	<17.4 MJ/kg		
(Australian average)	9.7 MJ/kg	25	
(Ley Yang, Australia)	8.15 MJ/kg		1.25 kg/Wh
Firewood (dry)	16 MJ/kg	42	94 g/MJ
Natural uranium, in LWR	500 GJ/kg	-	-
in LWR with U & Pu recycle	650 GJ/kg	-	-
in FBR	28,000 GJ/kg	-	-
Uranium enriched to 3.5%, in LWR	3900 GJ/kg	-	-

Sources: OECD/IEA Electricity Information 2004, for coal

Australian Energy Consumption and Production, Historical trends and projections, AEMU Research Report 1000



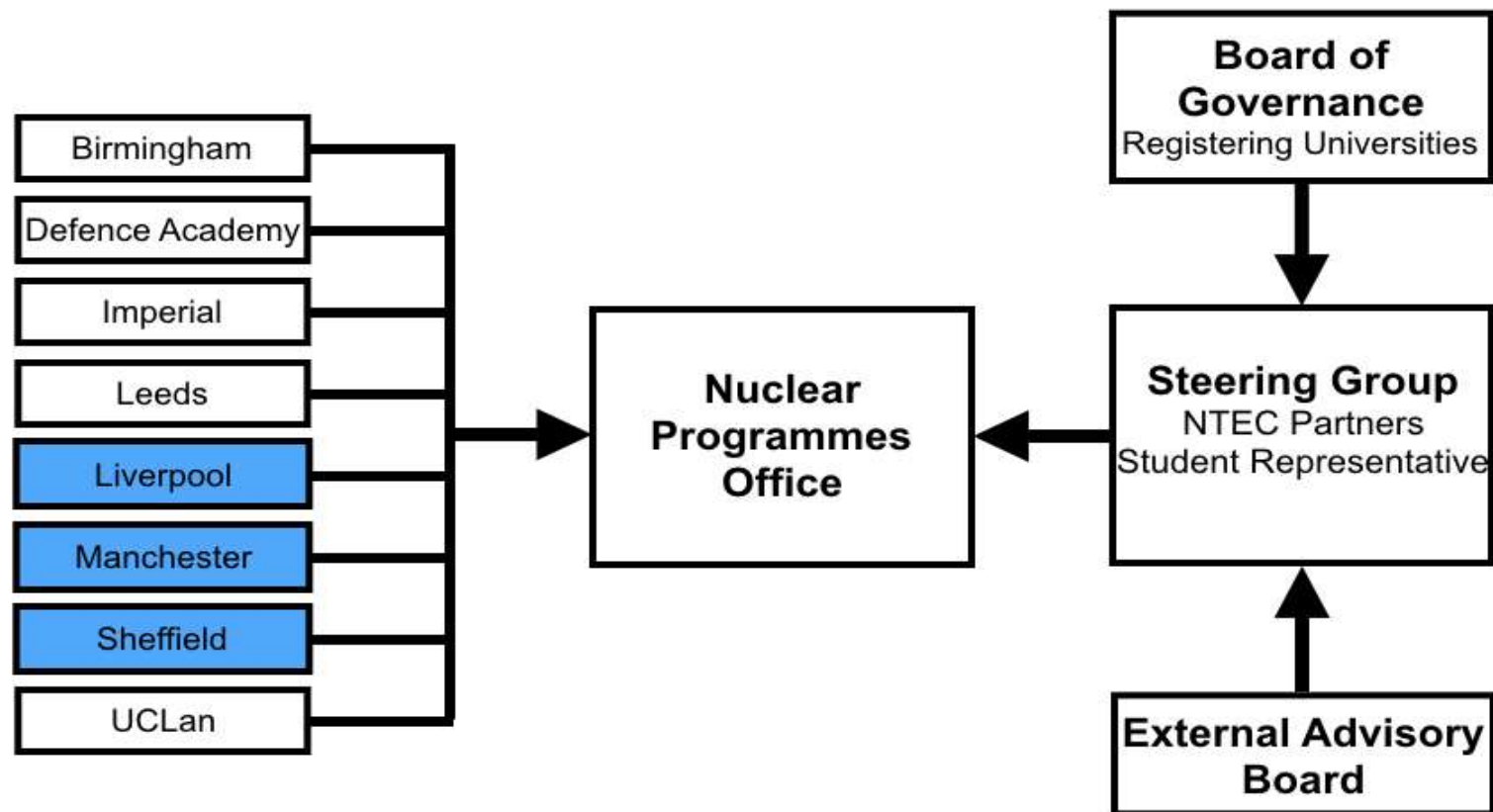
Distance Learning Comparison



Quality Control

- Comprehensive Student Feedback
 - Module Leaders have to respond
 - Feedback Analysis and Interpretation
- Part-time students also feedback through their company representative on the External Advisory Board
- Module Review
 - Each module is reviewed by a lecturer from one of the other partner universities
- Board of Governance

Management Structure



Registering Universities

Accreditation

- The NTEC MSc is accredited by
 - Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET)
 - Institution of Mechanical Engineers (IMechE)
 - Energy Institute (IE)
 - Institute of Materials, Minerals and Mining (IoM³).
- Accreditation Process with the IOP has started
- Endorsed by the Nuclear Institute

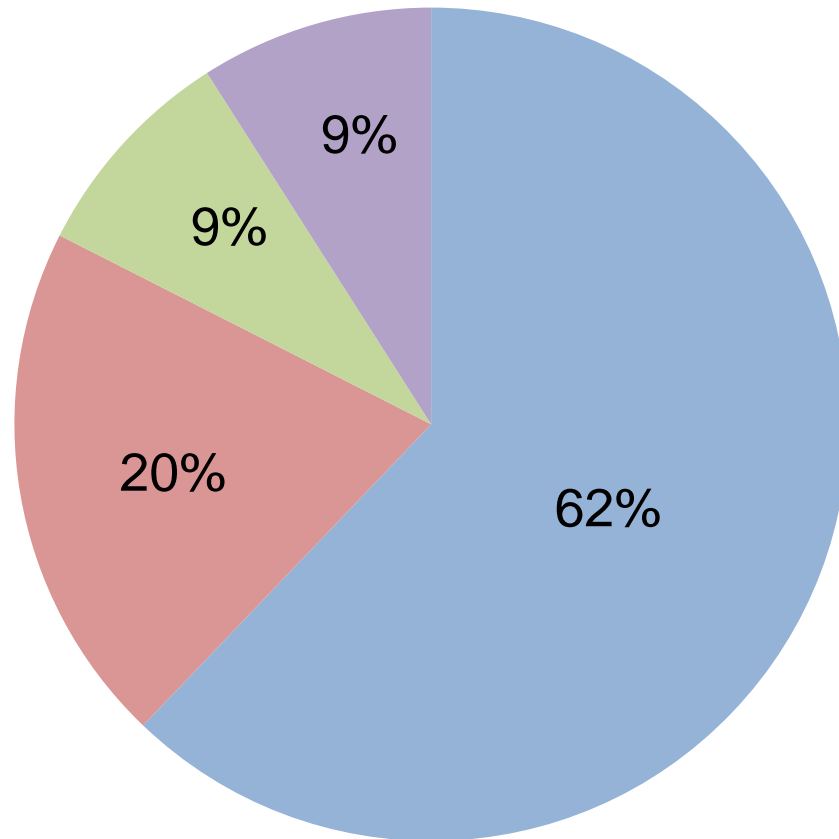


Partnership with Industry

- Modules designed in partnership with industry
- External Advisory Board
- Industry location for projects
- Short-course format optimised for industry
- Industry lecturers support the programme
- CPD income supports full-time students
- Industry recruitment of NTEC students is the real test



Full-time Student Destinations



- Employment - Nuclear
- Nuclear Related Research
- Employment - Other
- Unknown/Did not respond

- 177 full time students;
- 110 Employment - Nuclear
 - 36 Nuclear Related Research
 - 15 Employment - Other
 - 16 Unknown/did not respond

Student Destinations

Since 2005

62% nuclear industry

20% further education

9% other professions



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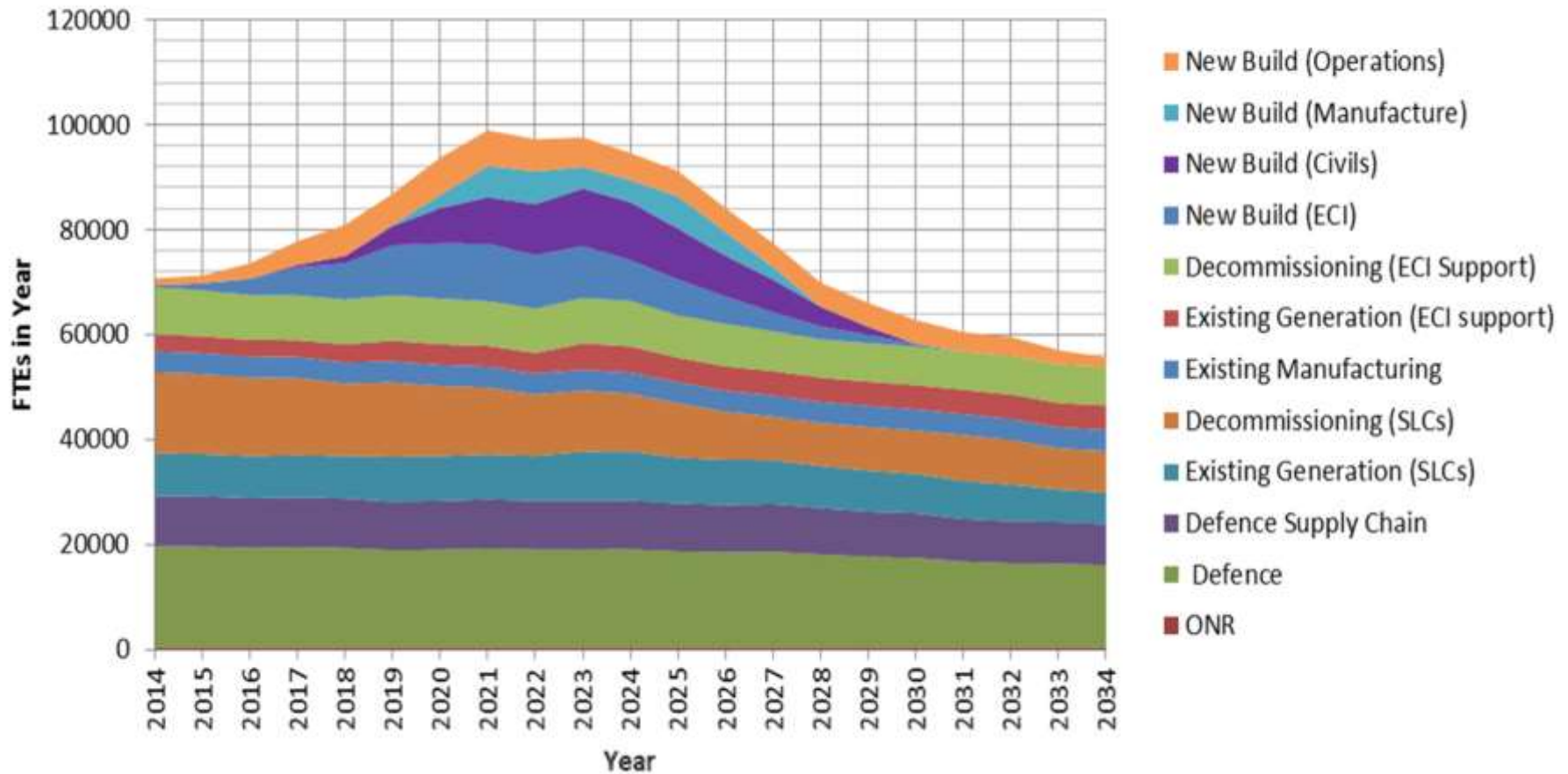
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