

5 Meeting Groups of Interest Spectrometry Years Mass 60 at

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Fundamental & Theoretical Aspects of Mass Spectrometry New Instruments & Techniques Study of Solids High Molecular Weight Mass Spectrometry

As part of the ASTM Committee E-14 (the precursor to ASMS), sub-committees collected topical bibliographies to be published in the annual meeting program. In 1962, four subcommittees noted 571 published and unpublished works. Since their formation, the major function in the Society, with meeting space reserved for them each year.

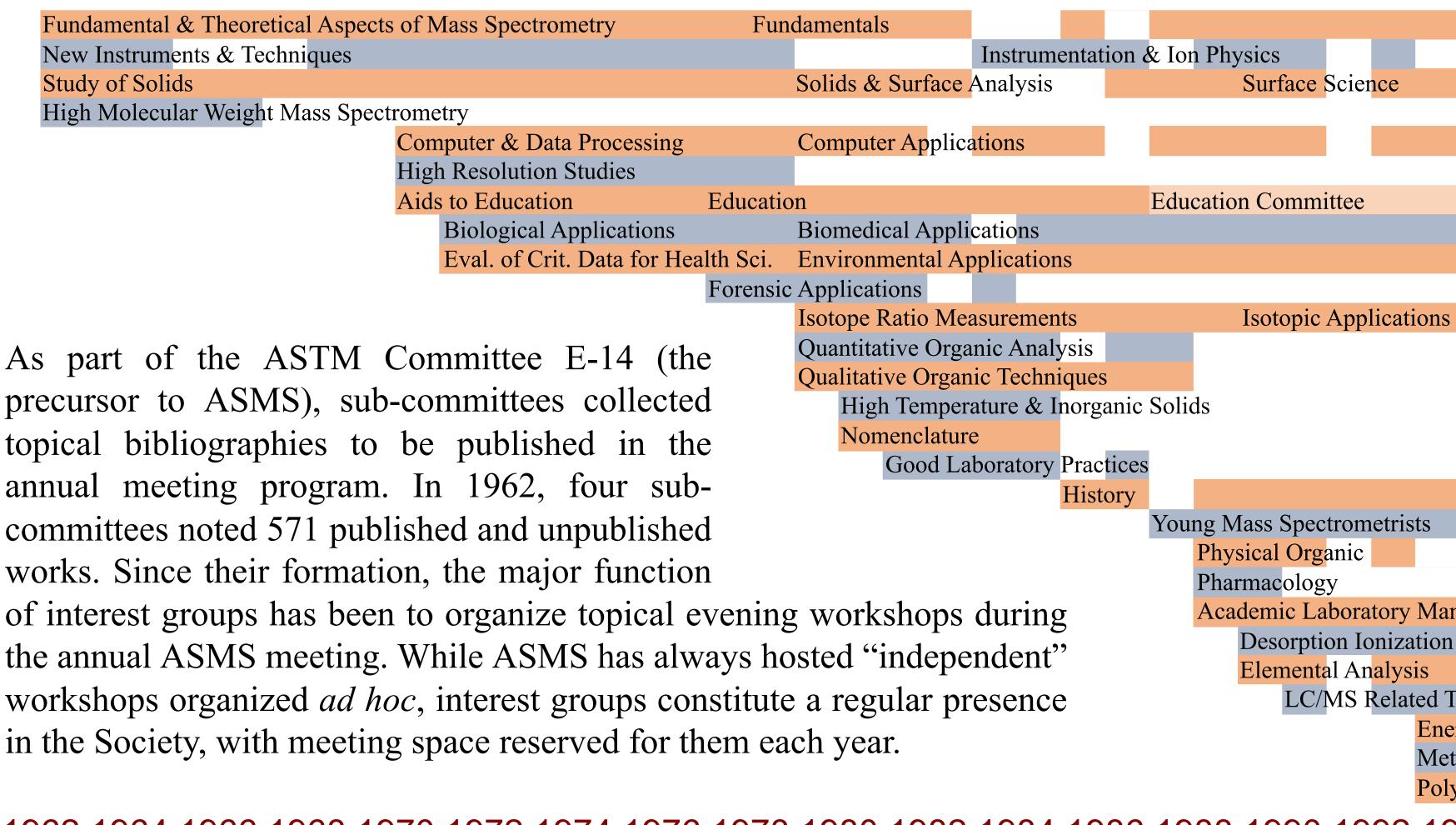
ASTM Sub-committees organized into "ASMS Committees"

The formation of a new interest group is something of a lagging indicator of a developing field. Novel and applications need to build an audience at the annual ASMS meeting and in the literature before the a room full of workshop attendees at the end of an already-full day of scientific program. Often a v organized for several meetings before it is recognized as an interest group.

The appearance and disappearance of interest groups shows how attendance at ASMS has changed over also changed to reflect updated focus. Some groups have merged to stay relevant ("Isotopic Applicati split into multiple topics ("Education" \rightarrow the ASMS Education Committee, "Young Mass Spectron become so ubiquitous, e.g. "Computer Applications", that they cease to make sense as stand-alone topi

Two interest groups have been converted back into ASMS committees that meet throughout the year: " "History" in 2017. Some regular interest groups have begun to organize activities outside ASMS meeti

Sometimes active groups miss a year, or even many years. Groups can also dissolve and later con-"Forensics" group re-formed after an 18-year gap. Every group active in 2022 returned in 2023, joined Libraries" and the return from hiatus of "Oligonucleotides & Nucleic Acids".



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