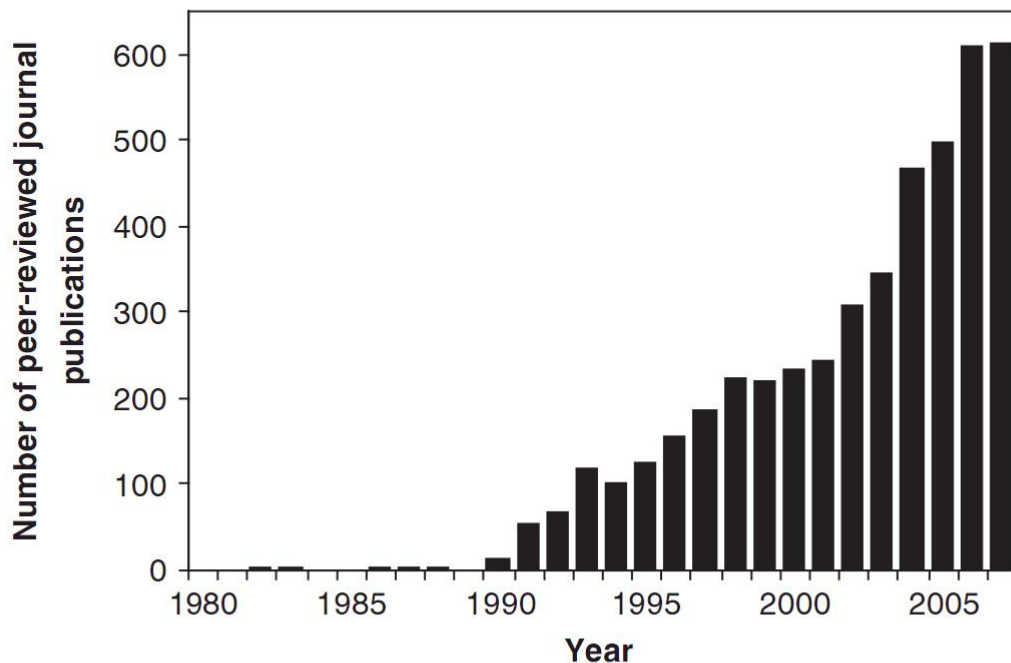


**VPESM technique began to develop since the 1950s. It is notable that the annual number of peer-reviewed journal publications has grown steadily over the past decade.**



Graph to show the number of peer-reviewed journal publications on the subject of VPESM. Source: ISI Web of Knowledge (D. J. Stokes VPESM book).