

Touching Horizons with lasers at SIBOR



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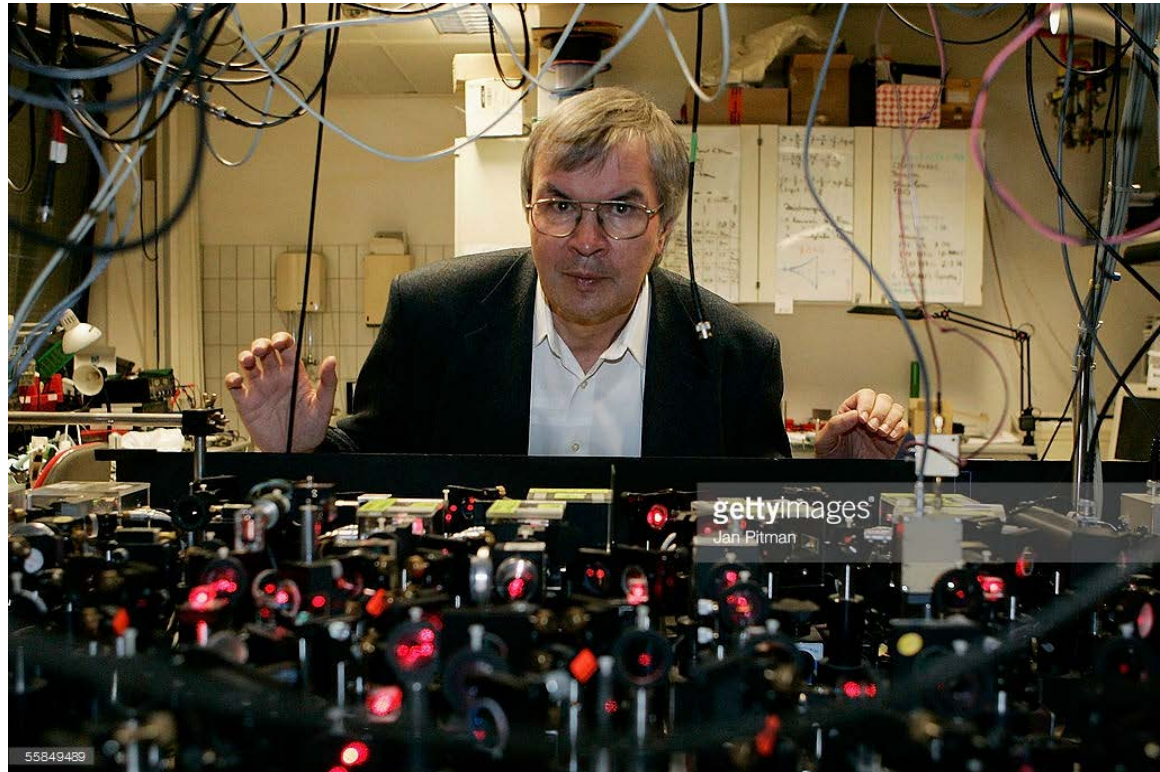
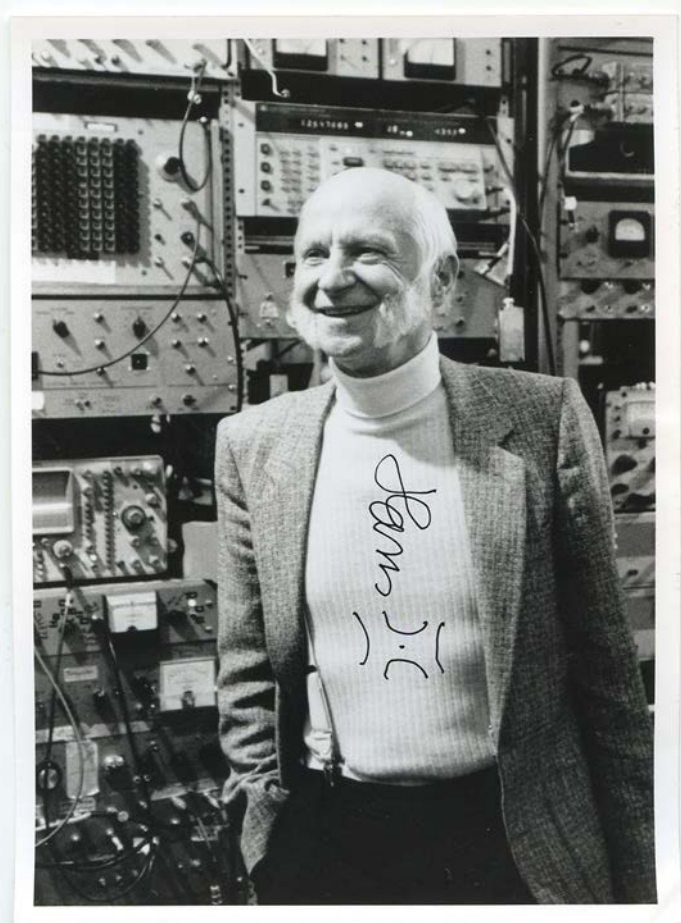
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Hans Dehmelt (Nobel prize 1989)

Ted Haensch (Nobel prize 2005)



laser spectroscopy

Petroleum reservoir characterization

Enhanced oil recovery

Nuclear moments of short-lived isotope

Exotic nuclei

Extrasolar planet searches

Dating of ground water

Mud logging

On-line-to accelerators

Reference lines for astronomical spectrographs

Tracers

Nuclear physics

Astrophysics

Isotopic ratios

Fundamental constants

Tests of special relativity

Geology

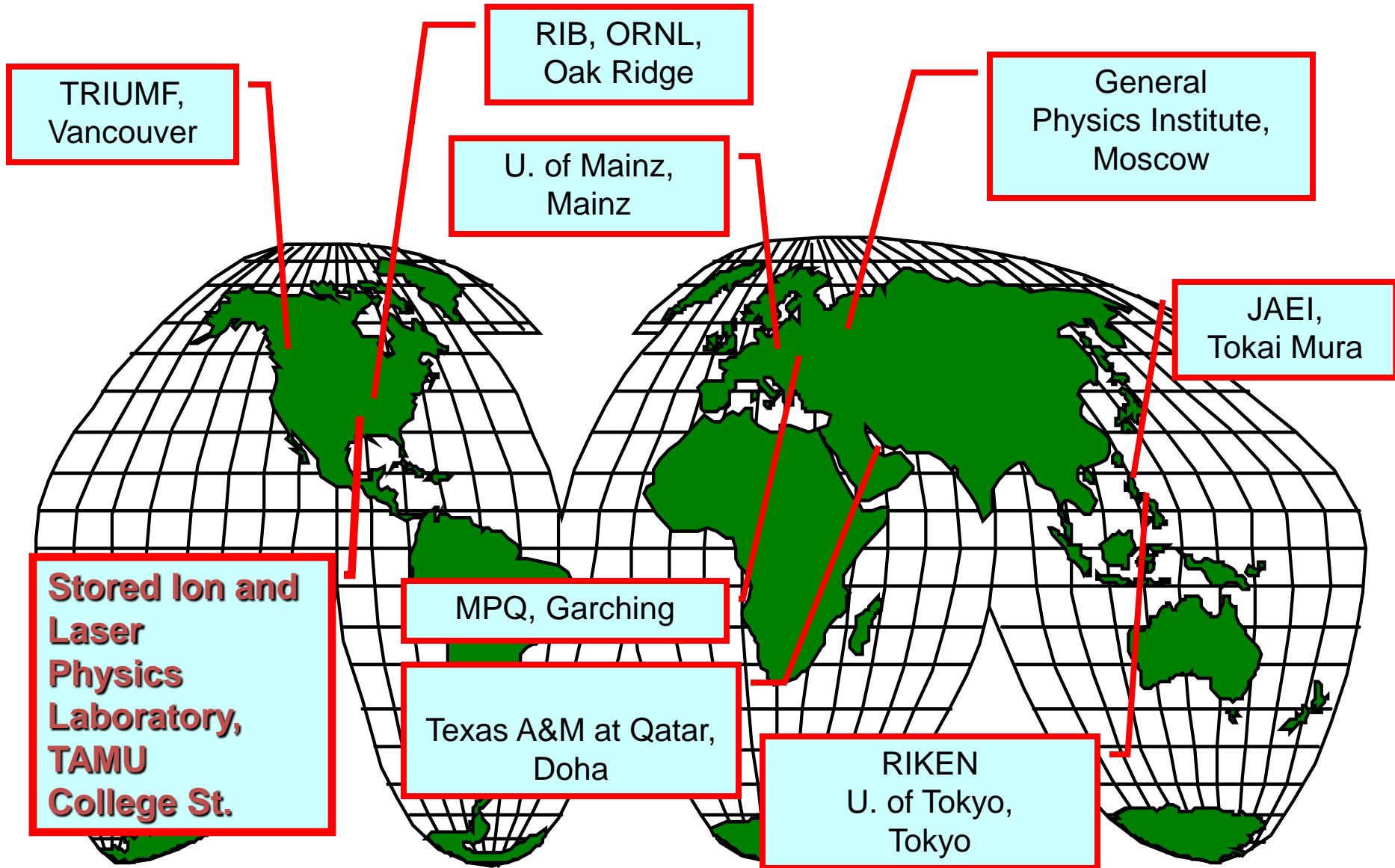
Velocity bunching kinetic isotope shift

Optical precision spectroscopy

High voltage measurements

UV to IR lasers

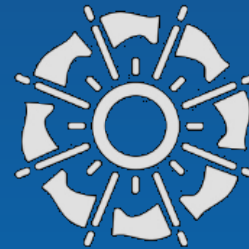
World collaborations



Outline

- SIBOR = **S**tored Ion **B**io**O**ptical **R**esearch
- The International Year of Light 2015
- Atoms, the Periodic Table, and Molecules
- LASER = **L**ight **A**mplification by **S**timulated **E**mission of **R**adiation
- Touching Horizons
 - In Atomic and Molecular Physics
 - In Nuclear Physics
 - In Astro Physics
 - In Environmental Physics
 - In the Biosciences
- Movie of Ion Trapping
 - Movie of Myosin walking on Tubulin

The International Year of Light and Light-based Technologies 2015



INTERNATIONAL
YEAR OF LIGHT
2015

Health Communications Economy Environment Social



Opportunity for the future

The Proclamation of an International Year of Light is a tremendous opportunity to coordinate international activities and promote new initiatives to support the revolutionary potential of light technologies

How?

Clear themes, cross-cutting activities, communication with the public, such as **Saturday Physics at TAMU**



2015 celebrates major anniversaries

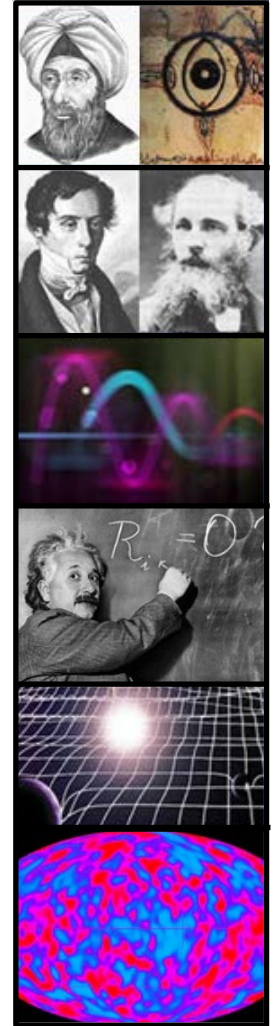
1015 Ibn Al Haythem *Book of Optics*

1815 Fresnel and the wave nature of light

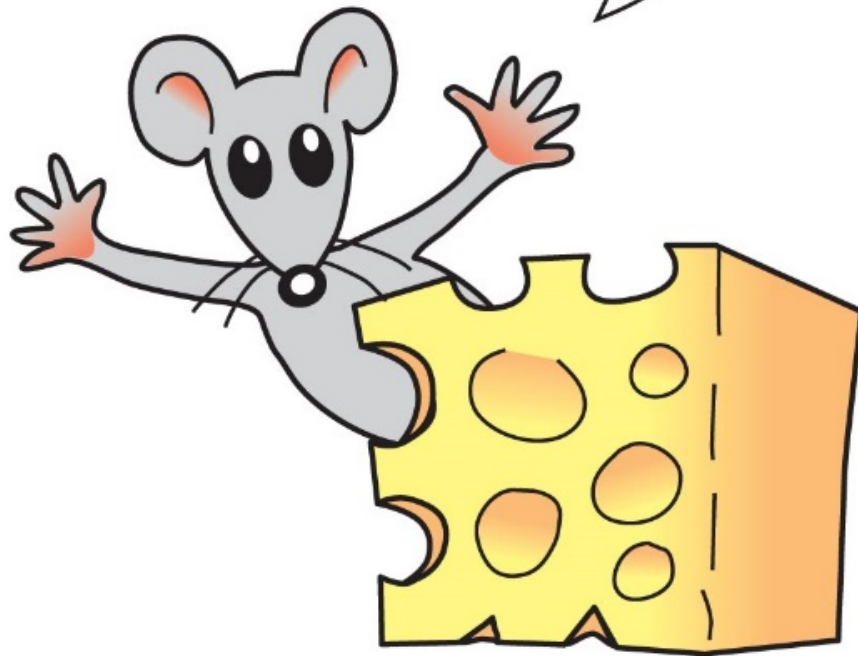
1865 Maxwell and electromagnetic waves

1915 General relativity – light in space and time

1965 Cosmic microwave background, Charles Kao and optical fibre technology



**Physics is in everything
you do and see.**



Atoms, the Periodic Table, and Molecules

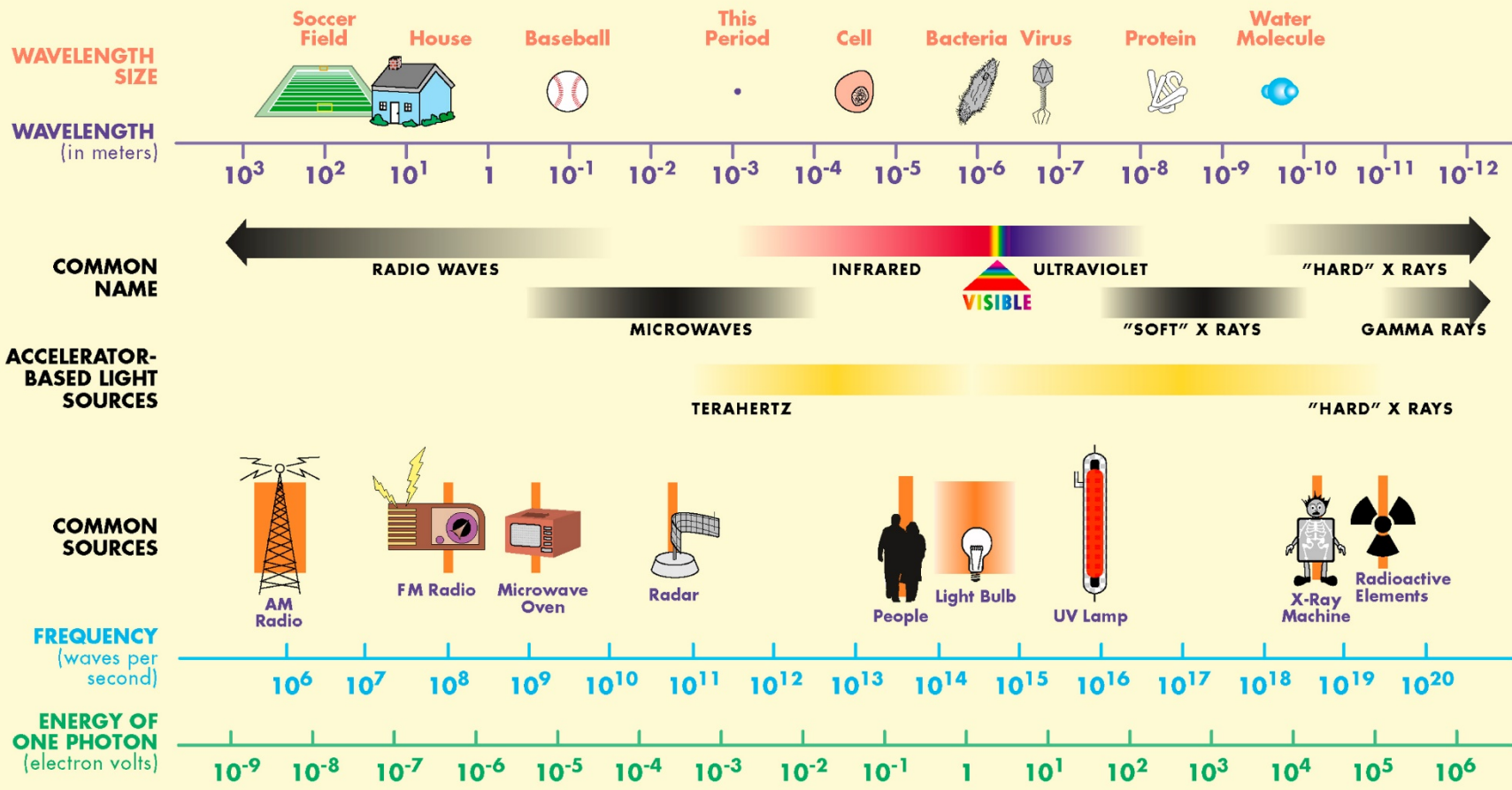


Is the micro
world similar to
the macro
world?

Macro: Solar System

Micro: Atoms and Molecules

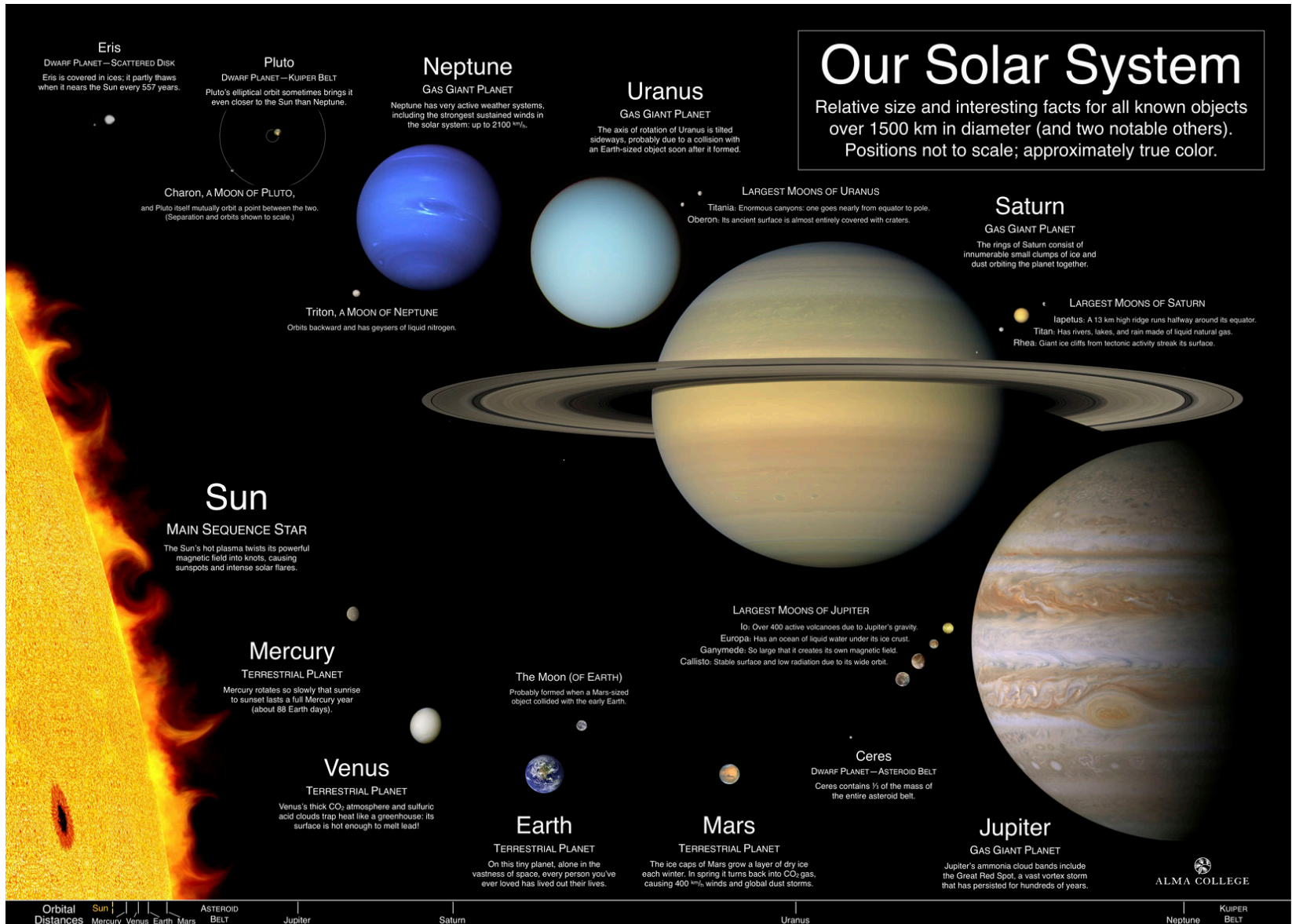
THE ELECTROMAGNETIC SPECTRUM



Solar System

Our Solar System

Relative size and interesting facts for all known objects over 1500 km in diameter (and two notable others). Positions not to scale; approximately true color.



4.4: The Bohr Model of the Hydrogen Atom

Bohr's dramatic general assumptions:

- A. "Stationary" states or orbits must exist in atoms, i.e., orbiting electrons *do not radiate* energy in these orbits. These orbits or stationary states are of a fixed definite energy E .
- B. The emission or absorption of electromagnetic radiation can occur only in conjunction with a transition between two stationary states. The frequency, f , of this radiation is proportional to the *difference* in energy of the two stationary states:

C.
$$E = E_1 - E_2 = hf$$

where h is Planck's Constant

- D. Classical laws of physics do not apply to transitions between stationary states.

- A. The mean kinetic energy of the electron-nucleus system is $K = nhf_{\text{orb}}/2$, where f_{orb} is the frequency of rotation. This is equivalent to the angular momentum of a stationary state to be an integral multiple of $h/2\pi$

$$L = mvr = nh/2\pi$$

Bohr Radius

- The diameter of the hydrogen atom for stationary states is

$$r_n = \frac{4\pi\epsilon_0 n^2 \hbar^2}{me^2} \equiv n^2 a_0$$

Where the **Bohr radius** is given by

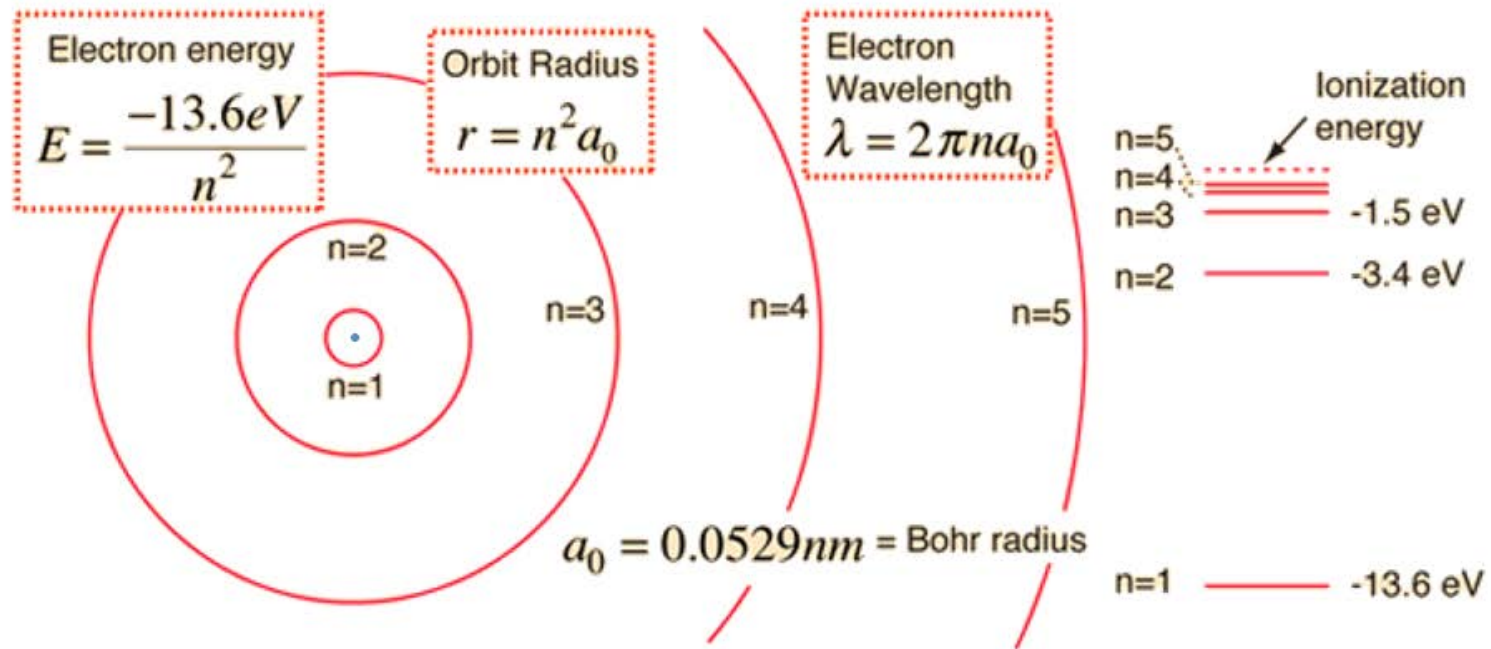
$$a_0 = \frac{4\pi\epsilon_0 \hbar^2}{me^2} = \frac{(1.055 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s})^2}{(9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg})(1.6 \times 10^{-16} \text{ C})^2} \left(8.99 \times 10^9 \frac{\text{N}\cdot\text{m}^2}{\text{C}^2} \right) = 0.53 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}$$

- The smallest diameter of the hydrogen atom is

$$2r_1 = 2a_0 \approx 10^{-10} \text{ m}$$

- $n = 1$ gives its lowest energy state (called the “ground” state)

Hydrogen atom

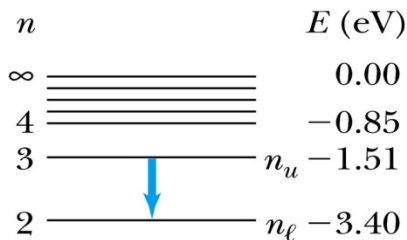


The Hydrogen Atom

- The energies of the stationary states

$$E_n = -\frac{e^2}{8\pi\epsilon_0 r_n} = -\frac{e^2}{8\pi\epsilon_0 a_0 n^2} \equiv -\frac{E_0}{n^2}$$

where $E_0 = 13.6$ eV



- Emission of light occurs when the atom is in an excited state and decays to a lower energy state ($n_u \rightarrow n_l$).

$$hf = E_u - E_l$$

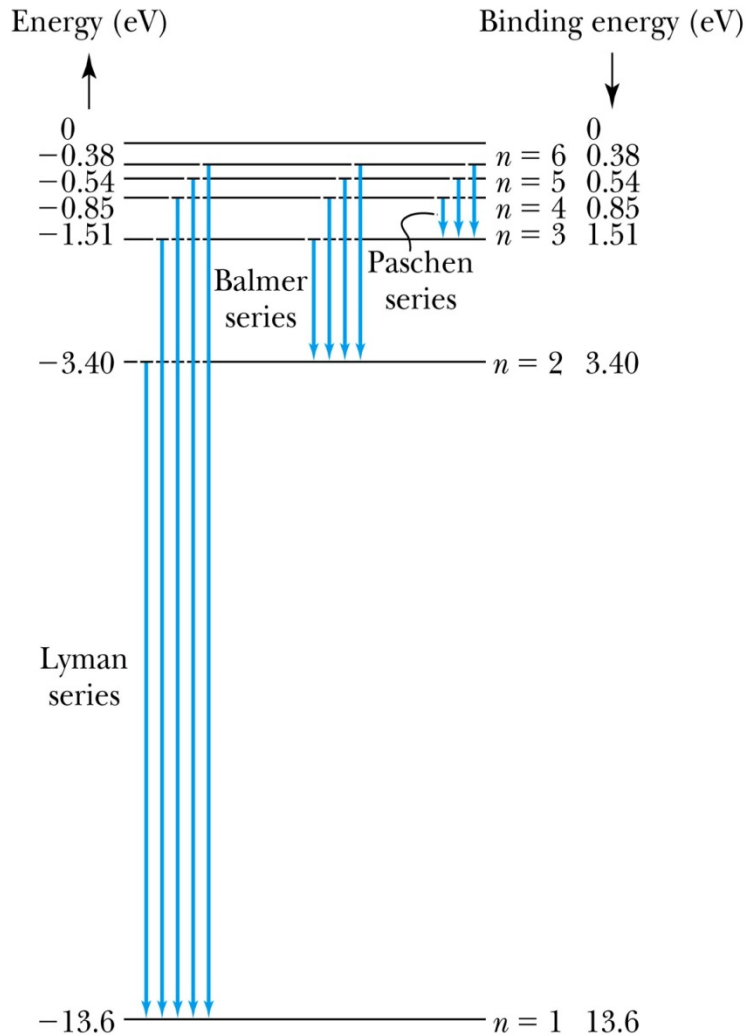
where f is the frequency of a photon.

$$\frac{1}{\lambda} = \frac{f}{c} = \frac{E_u - E_l}{hc} = R_\infty \left(\frac{1}{n_l^2} - \frac{1}{n_u^2} \right)$$

R_∞ is the **Rydberg constant**.

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Transitions in the Hydrogen Atom



Lyman series

The atom will remain in the excited state for a short time before emitting a photon and returning to a lower stationary state. All hydrogen atoms exist in $n = 1$ (invisible).

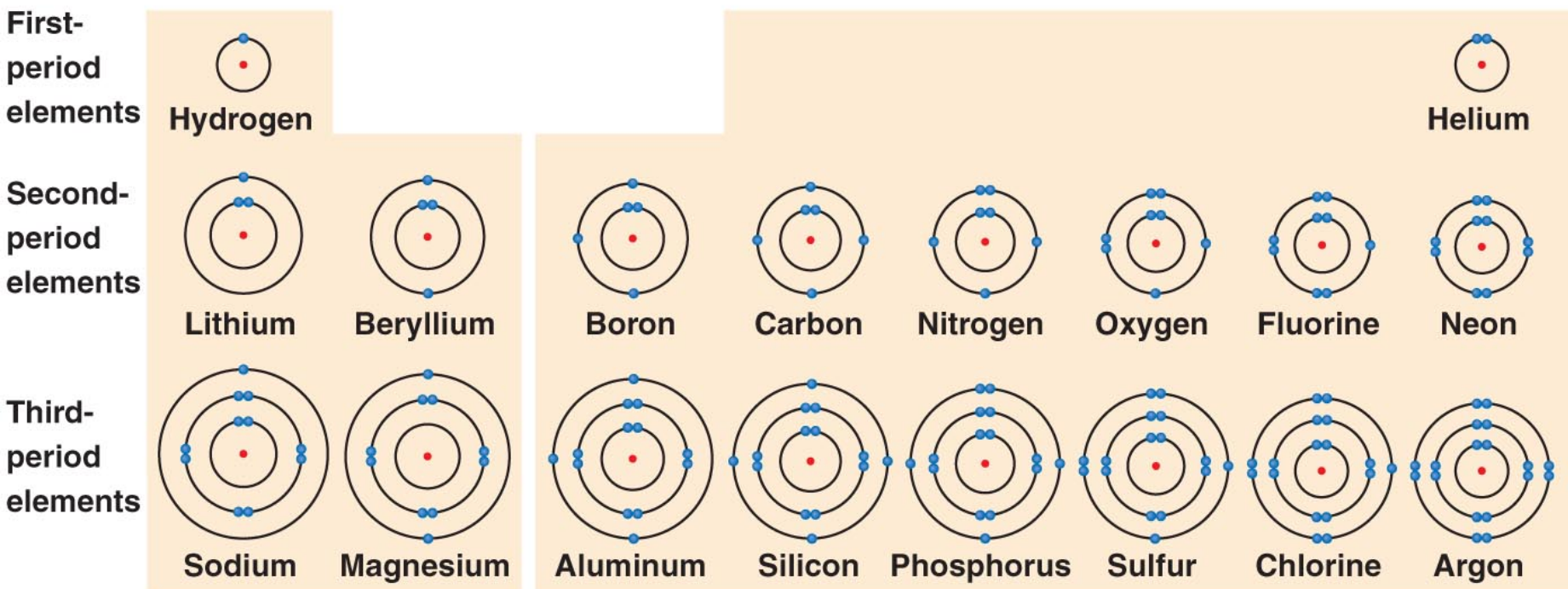
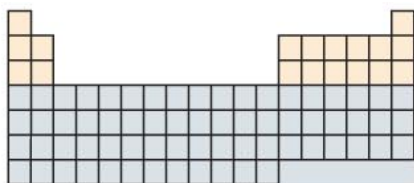
Balmer series

When sunlight passes through the atmosphere, hydrogen atoms in water vapor absorb the wavelengths (visible).

If a typical atom were expanded to a diameter of 3 km, about as big as a medium-sized airport, the nucleus would be about the size of a basketball. Atoms are mostly empty space.



Successive filling of the electron shells in the periodic table



The Periodic Table

Periodic Table of Elements

Closed shells	Alkaline Alkalis	carths	Transition elements										Rare Halogens gases						
Groups:	1	2											13	14	15	16	17	18	
	1																		2
	H																		He
	$1s^2$																		$1s^2$
	3	4											5	6	7	8	9	10	
	Li	Be											B	C	N	O	F	Ne	
	$2s^1$	$2s^2$											$2s^2 2p^1$	$2s^2 2p^2$	$2s^2 2p^3$	$2s^2 2p^4$	$2s^2 2p^5$	$2s^2 2p^6$	
	11	12											13	14	15	16	17	18	
	Na	Mg											Al	Si	P	S	Cl	Ar	
	$3s^1$	$3s^2$											$3s^2 3p^1$	$3s^2 3p^2$	$3s^2 3p^3$	$3s^2 3p^4$	$3s^2 3p^5$	$3s^2 3p^6$	
	19	20											31	32	33	34	35	36	
	K	Ca											Ga	Ge	As	Se	Br	Kr	
	$4s^1$	$4s^2$											$3d^{10} 4s^2$	$3d^{10} 4s^2$	$3d^{10} 4s^2$	$3d^{10} 4s^2$	$3d^{10} 4s^2$	$3d^{10} 4s^2$	
	37	38											49	50	51	52	53	54	
	Rb	Sr											In	Sn	Sb	Te	I	Xe	
	$3d^{10} 4s^2 4p^6$												$4d^{10} 5s^2$	$4d^{10} 5s^2$	$4d^{10} 5s^2$	$4d^{10} 5s^2$	$4d^{10} 5s^2$	$4d^{10} 5s^2$	
	55	56											81	82	83	84	85	86	
	Cs	Ba											Tl	Pb	Bi	Po	At	Rn	
	$4d^{10} 5s^2 5p^6$												$4f^{14} 5d^{10}$	$4f^{14} 5d^{10}$	$4f^{14} 5d^{10}$	$4f^{14} 5d^{10}$	$4f^{14} 5d^{10}$	$4f^{14} 5d^{10}$	
	87	88											111	112					
	Fr	Ra											Rg	Cn					
	$4f^{14} 5d^{10} 6s^2 6p^6$												$5f^{14} 6d^0$	$5f^{14} 6d^0$					
	$7s^1$	$7s^2$											$6s^1$	$6s^2$					

Lanthanides

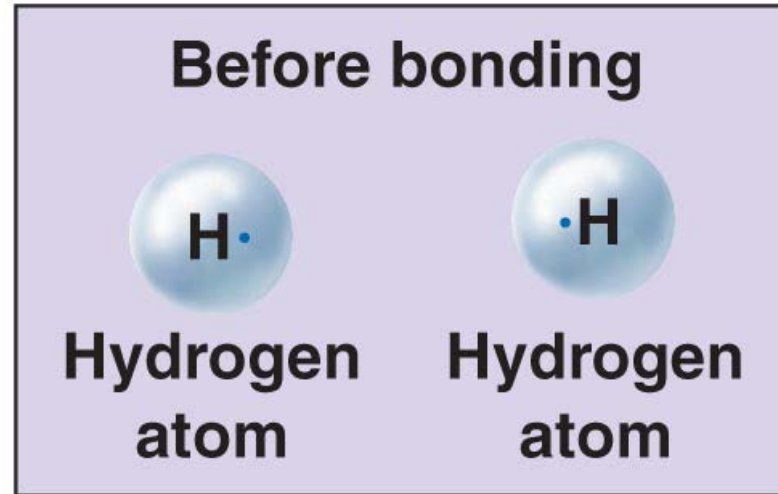
58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71
Ce	Pr	Nd	Pm	Sm	Eu	Gd	Tb	Dy	Ho	Er	Tm	Yb	Lu
$4f^2 6s^2$	$4f^3 6s^2$	$4f^4 6s^2$	$4f^5 6s^2$	$4f^6 6s^2$	$4f^7 6s^2$	$4f^7 6s^2$	$4f^9 6s^2$	$4f^{10} 6s^2$	$4f^{11} 6s^2$	$4f^{12} 6s^2$	$4f^{13} 6s^2$	$4f^{14} 6s^2$	$4f^{14} 5d^1 6s^2$

Actinides

90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100	101	102	103
Th	Pa	U	Np	Pu	Am	Cm	Bk	Cf	Es	Fm	Md	No	Lr
$6d^2 7s^2$	$5f^2 6d^1 7s^2$	$5f^3 6d^1 7s^2$	$5f^4 6d^1 7s^2$	$5f^6 7s^2$	$5f^7 7s^2$	$5f^7 6d^1 7s^2$	$5f^8 6d^1 7s^2$	$5f^{10} 7s^2$	$5f^{11} 7s^2$	$5f^{12} 7s^2$	$5f^{13} 7s^2$	$5f^{14} 7s^2$	$5f^{14} 6d^1 7s^2$

Simplest molecule

- Covalent Bond-
 - A chemical bond formed by the sharing of one or more electrons between atoms



Covalent bond formed



Hydrogen molecule, H₂

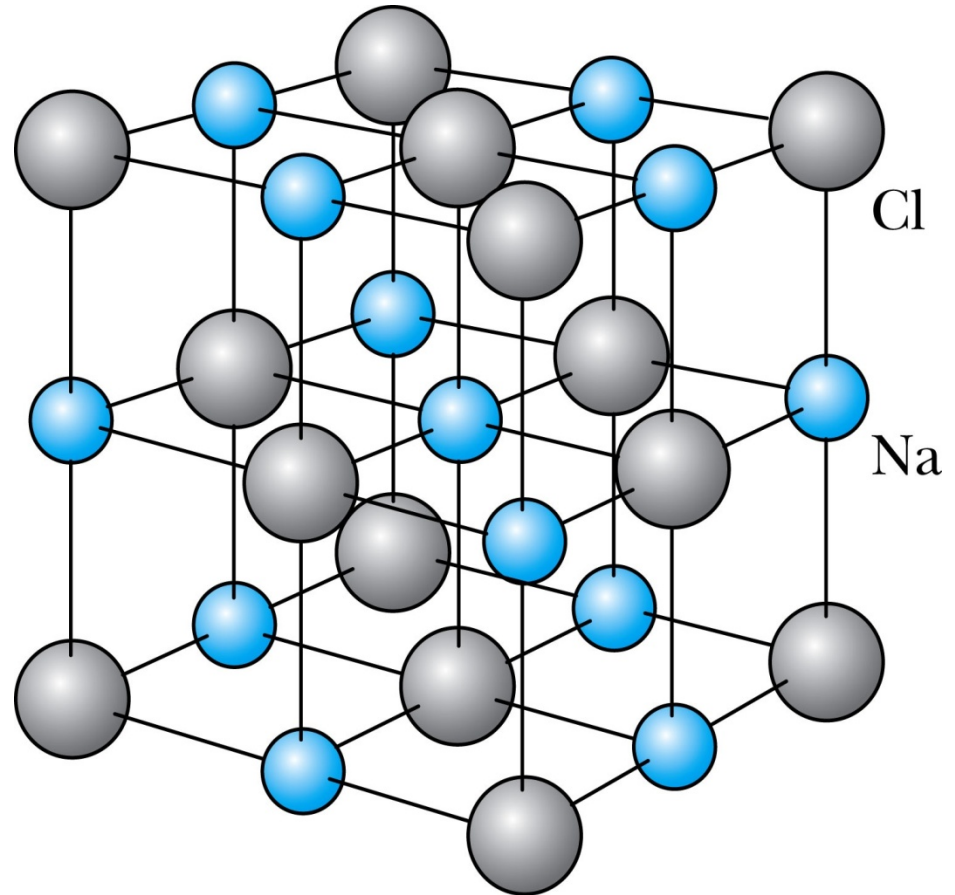
A solid Sodium chloride = salt



 Sodium ion, Na^+

 Chloride ion, Cl^-

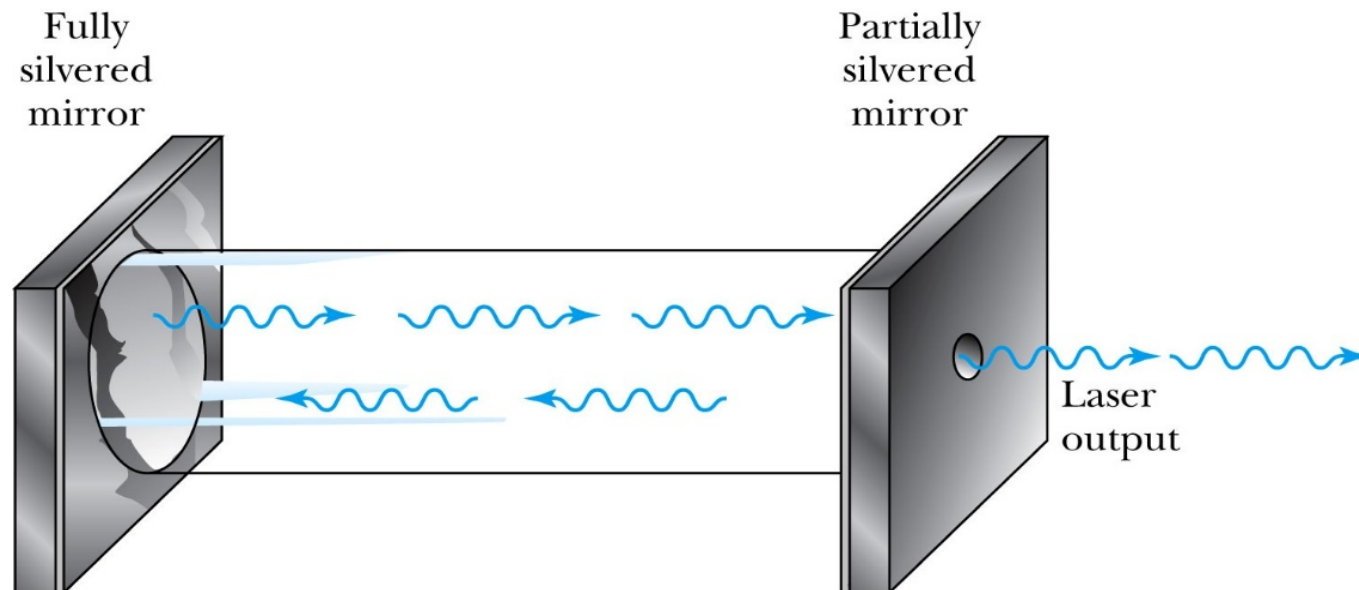
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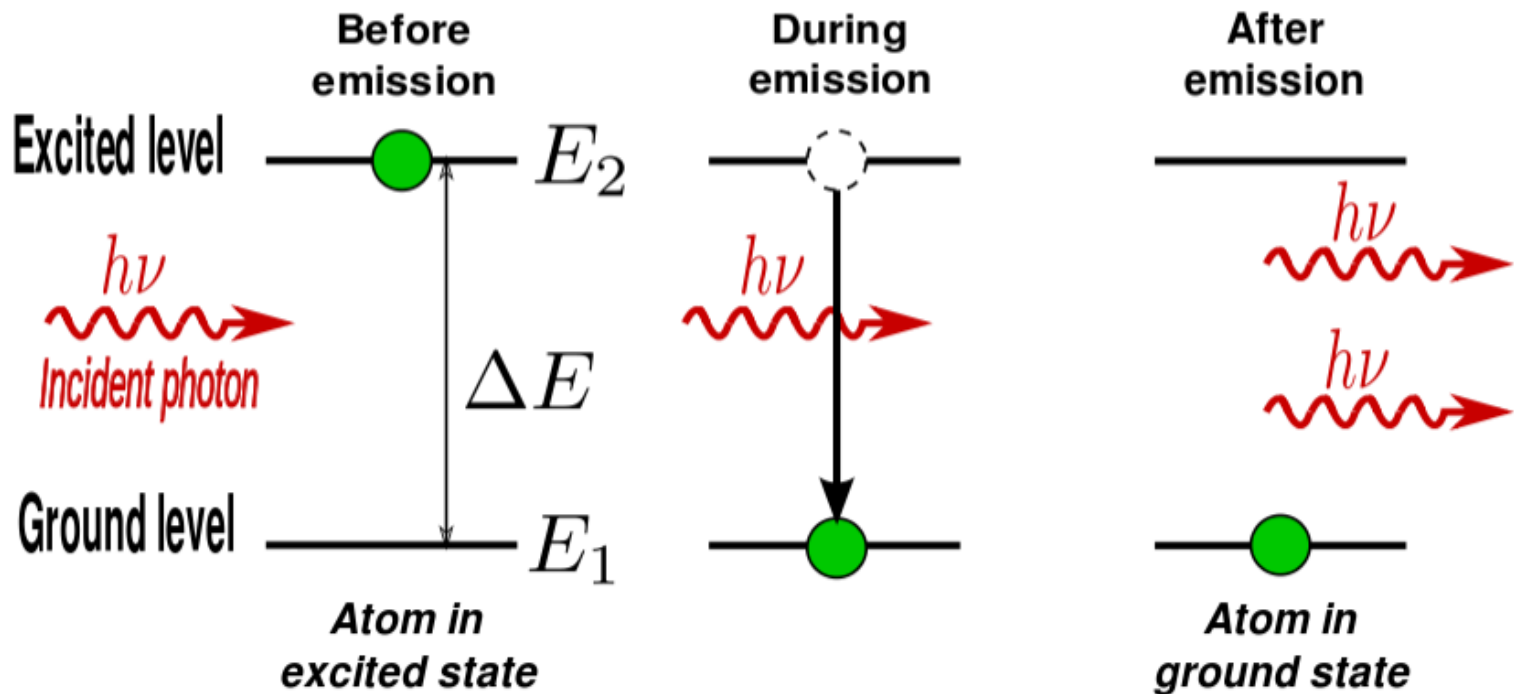
Laser

Laser:

- An acronym for “light amplification by the stimulated emission of radiation”
- The first working laser by Theodore H. Maiman in 1960



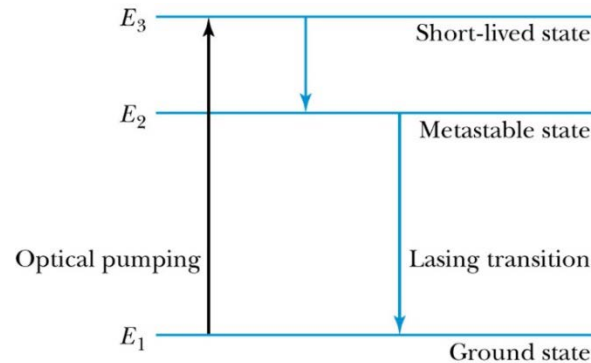
Stimulated Emission



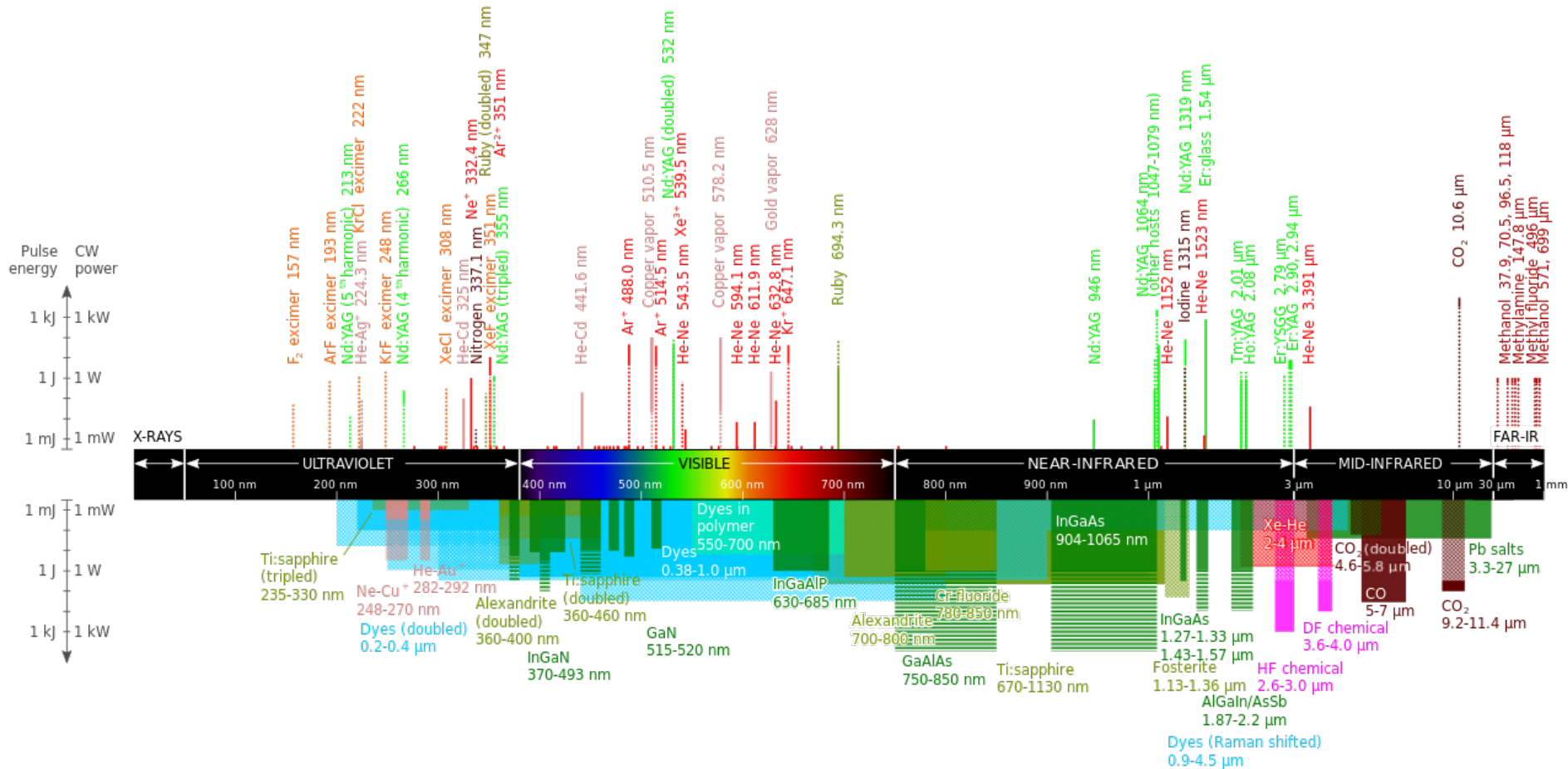
$$E_2 - E_1 = \Delta E = h\nu$$

Stimulated emission and lasers

- **Three-level system**



- 1) Atoms in the ground state are *pumped* to a higher state by some external energy.
- 2) The atom decays quickly to E_2 .
The transition from E_2 to E_1 is forbidden by a $\Delta\ell = \pm 1$ selection rule.
 E_2 is said to be *metastable*.
- 3) *Population inversion*: more atoms are in the metastable than in the ground state



TOUCHING HORIZONS

In Atomic and Molecular Physics

Seeing is believing,
but can we see an
atom?

$$c = 299,792,458 \text{ m}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$$

$$\hbar = 1.054571596(82) \times 10^{-34} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s}$$

$$G = 6.673(10) \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}^3\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}\cdot\text{s}^{-2}$$

$$m_e = 9.10938188(72) \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$$

$$m_p = 1.67262158(13) \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$$

$$m_n = 1.67492716(13) \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$$

$$e = 1.602176462(63) \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$$

Dimensionless ratios characterize the strength of an interaction

$$\alpha_{EM} \equiv \frac{q^2}{\hbar c} \sim 1/137.03599976(50)$$

$$\alpha_W \equiv \frac{G_F m_p^2 c}{\hbar^3} \sim 1.03 \times 10^{-5}$$

$$\alpha_s(E) \equiv \frac{g_s^2(E)}{\hbar c}$$

$$\alpha_G \equiv \frac{G m_p^2}{\hbar c} \sim 5 \times 10^{-39}$$

$$\mu \equiv \frac{m_e}{m_p} \sim 5.44617 \times 10^{-4}$$

History of Hydrogen Spectroscopy

Planetary model

(Bohr)

Quantum mechanics

(Schroedinger)

Relativistic quantum mechanics

(Feynman, Schwinger, Tomonaga)

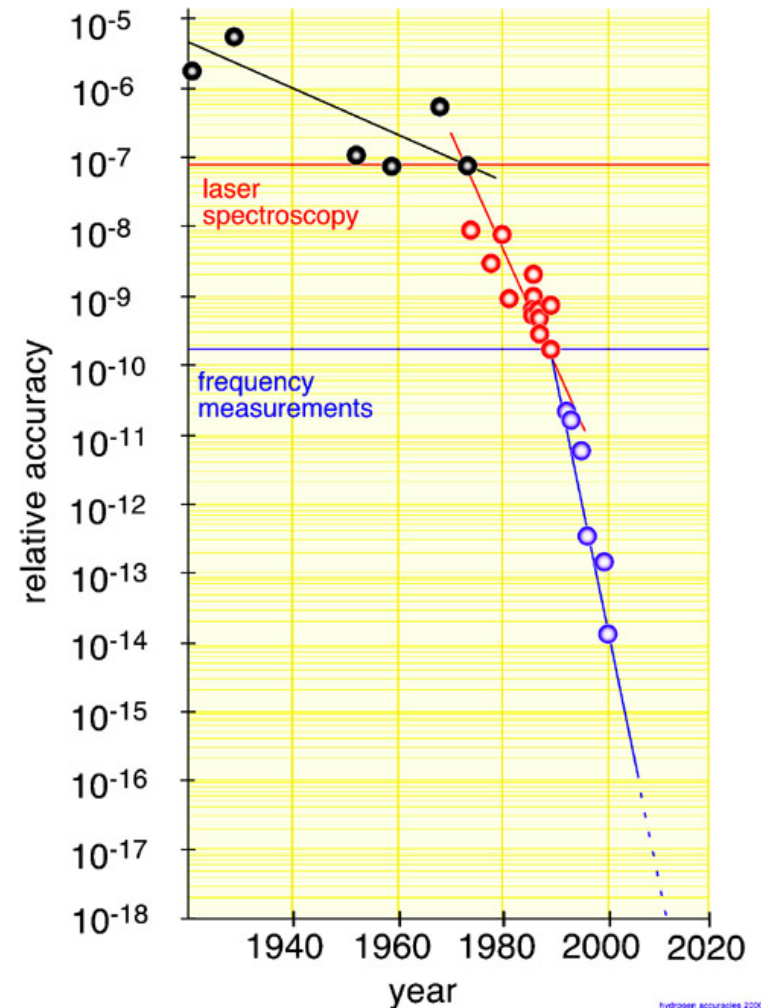
Relativistic quantum field theory

(Lamb)

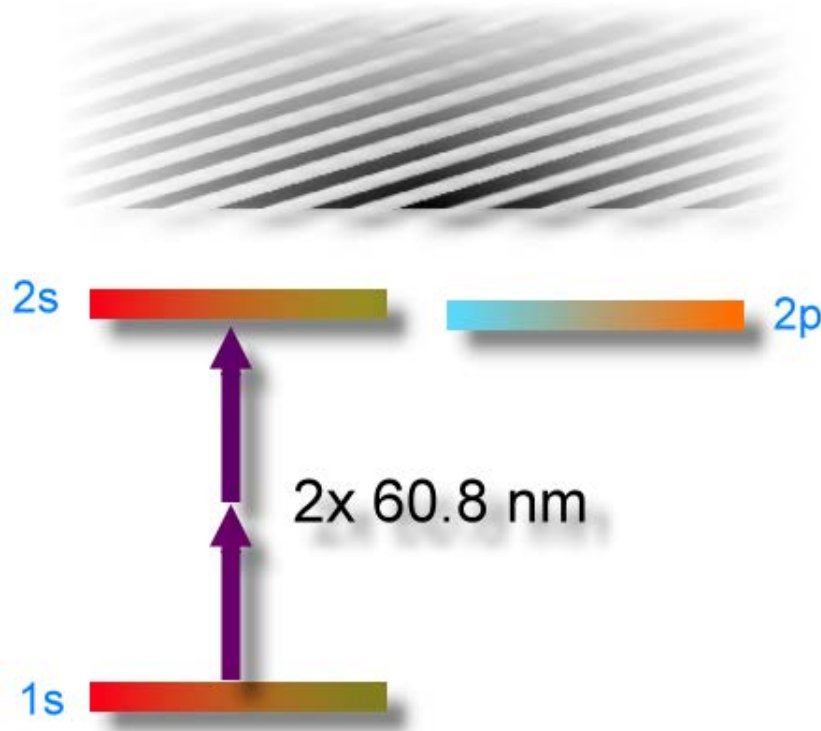
Standard model

(Glashow, Weinberg, Gell Mann)

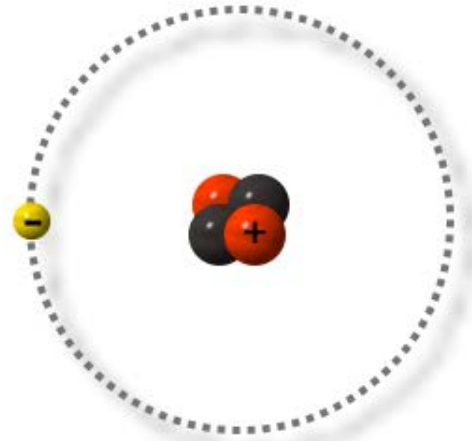
Optical Spectroscopy of Hydrogen



What?



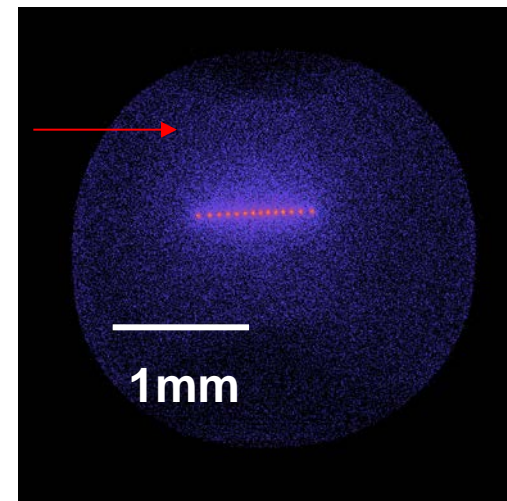
He⁺



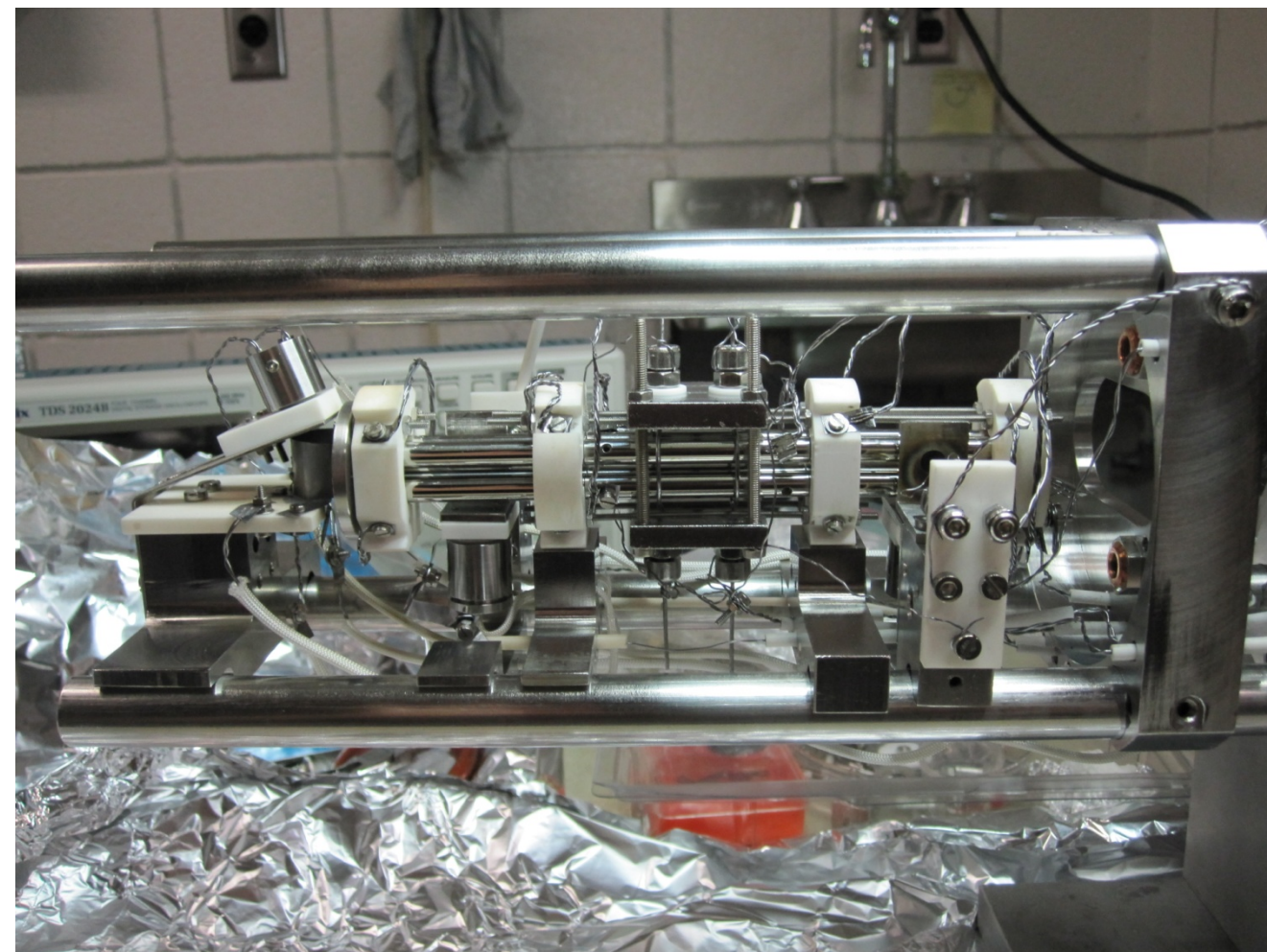
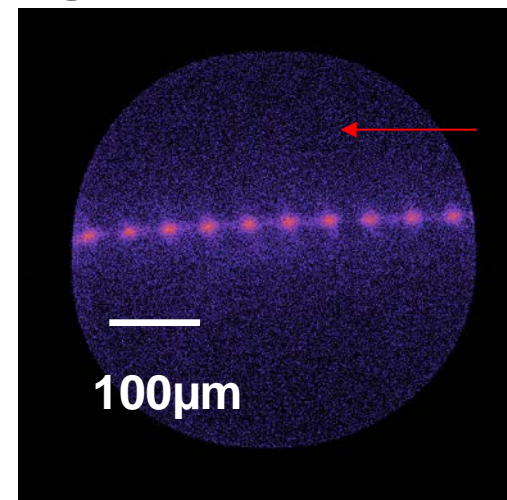
- Perform 2 photon precision spectroscopy on narrow (83Hz) transition in XUV on hydrogen like He⁺

Ion Trap

Magnification $\times 6$



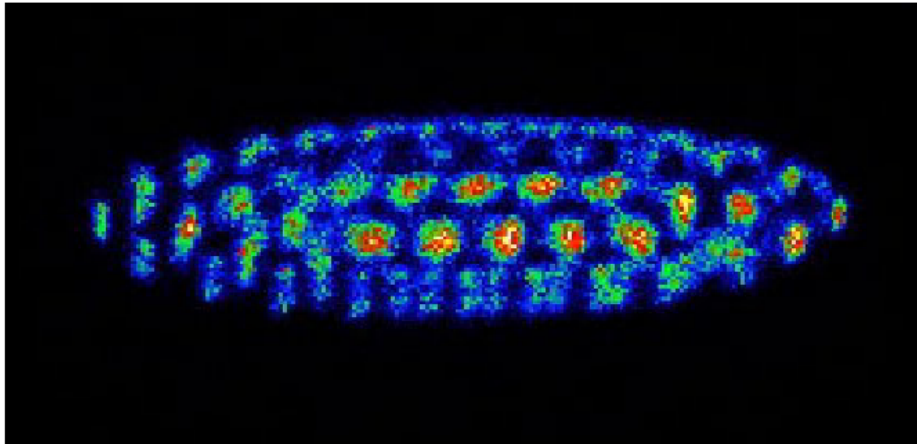
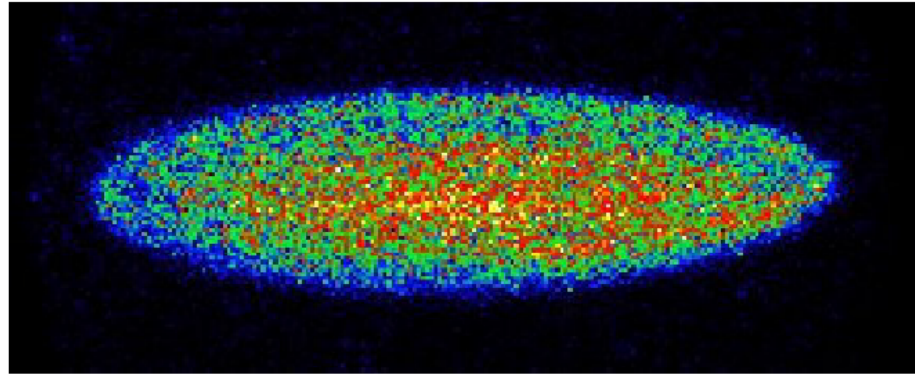
Magnification $\times 6 \times 8$



Results: Endcap Trap

Isotope selective Mg loading, imaging with very high time resolution (SPC)

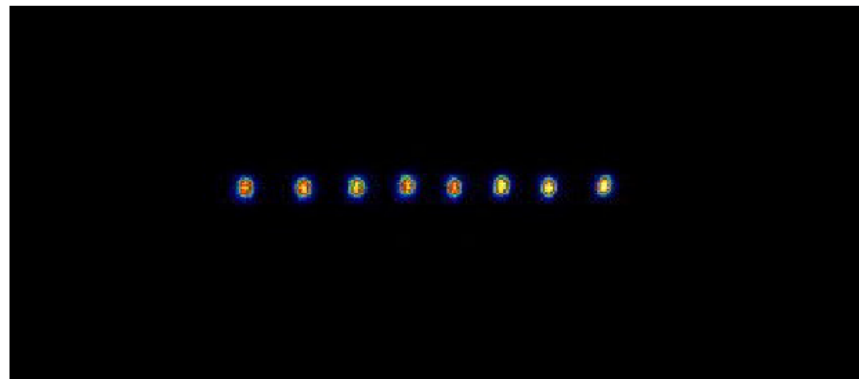
$^{24}\text{Mg}^+$ cloud
consisting of
 ~ 100 ions,
cooling laser
detuning $\sim \text{GHz}$
to the red \rightarrow no
crystallization



same cloud,
cooling laser
detuning
 $\sim 100\text{MHz}$ to red
 \rightarrow crystallized
state

Chain of 8 ions

Resolution of
imaging optics $\sim 1\mu\text{m}$



Generation of Atto-second pulse

zs
 10^{-21} s

as
 10^{-18} s

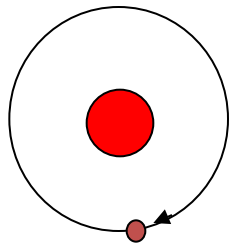
fs
 10^{-15} s

ps
 10^{-12} s

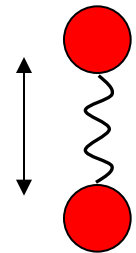
Time Scale



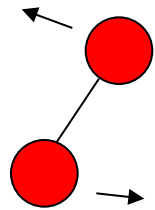
Inside
Nucleus



Electronic
dynamics

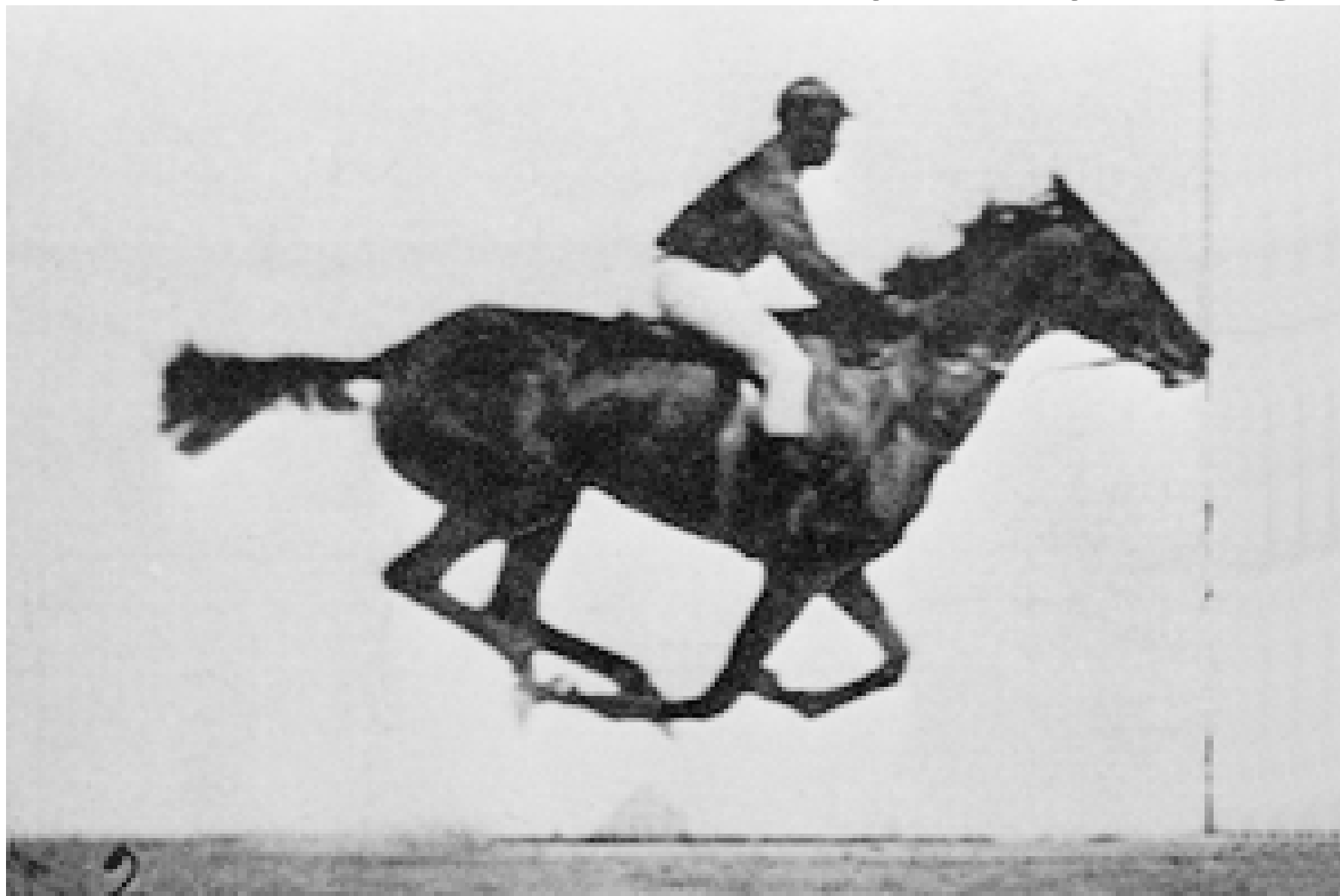


Inter-atom
Vibration

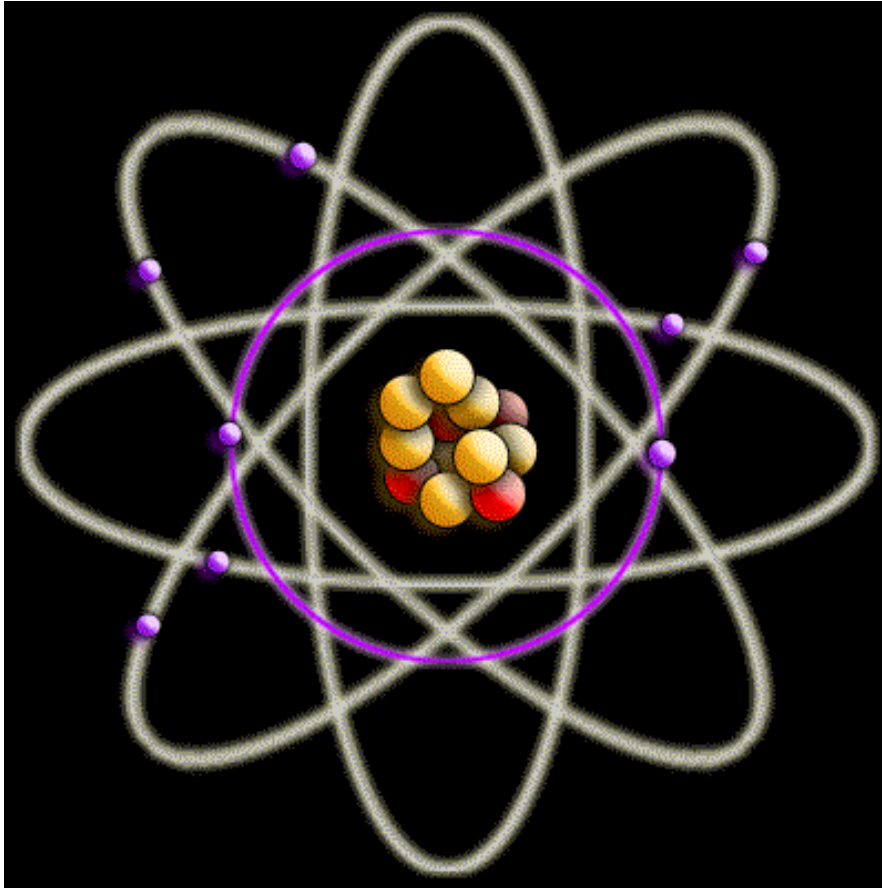


Molecular
Rotation

The Horse in Motion by Muybridge



Time-scale of electrons : attoseconds



Characteristic time scale

Bohr-orbit time in hydrogen:

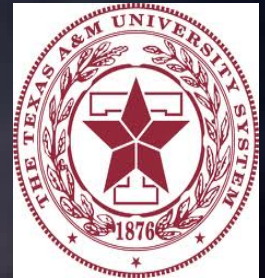
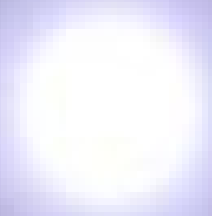
152 attoseconds

TOUCHING HORIZONS

In Nuclear Physics

Seeing is
believing, but can
we see a
nucleus?

The HFS of the halo nucleus $^{11}\text{Be}^+$ by laser microwave spectroscopy of stored ions



1. SLOWRI -- universal slow RI-beam facility

2. 10^{-15} -fold reduction of kinetic energy



3. Spectroscopy of trapped Be ions and the
neutron halo

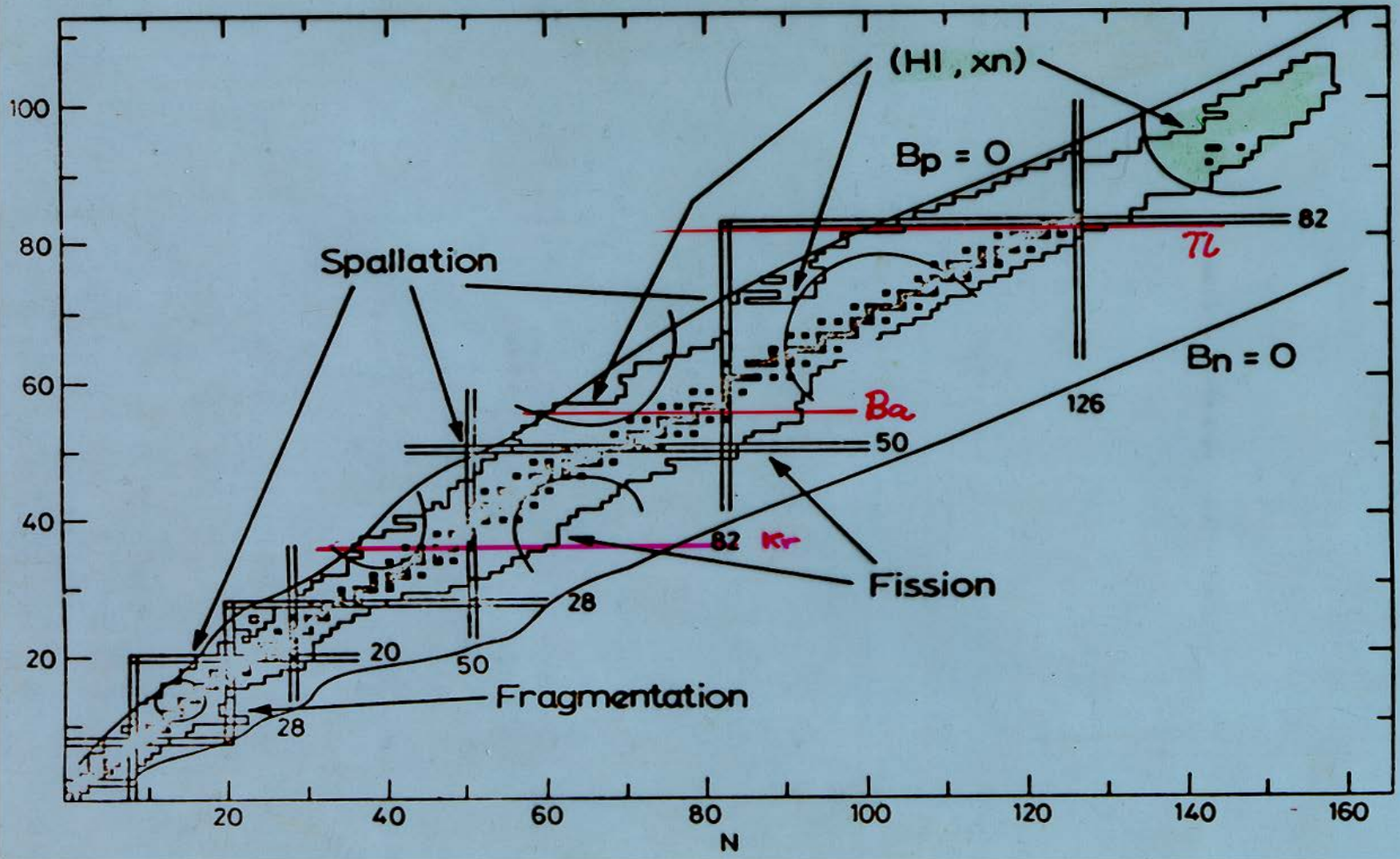


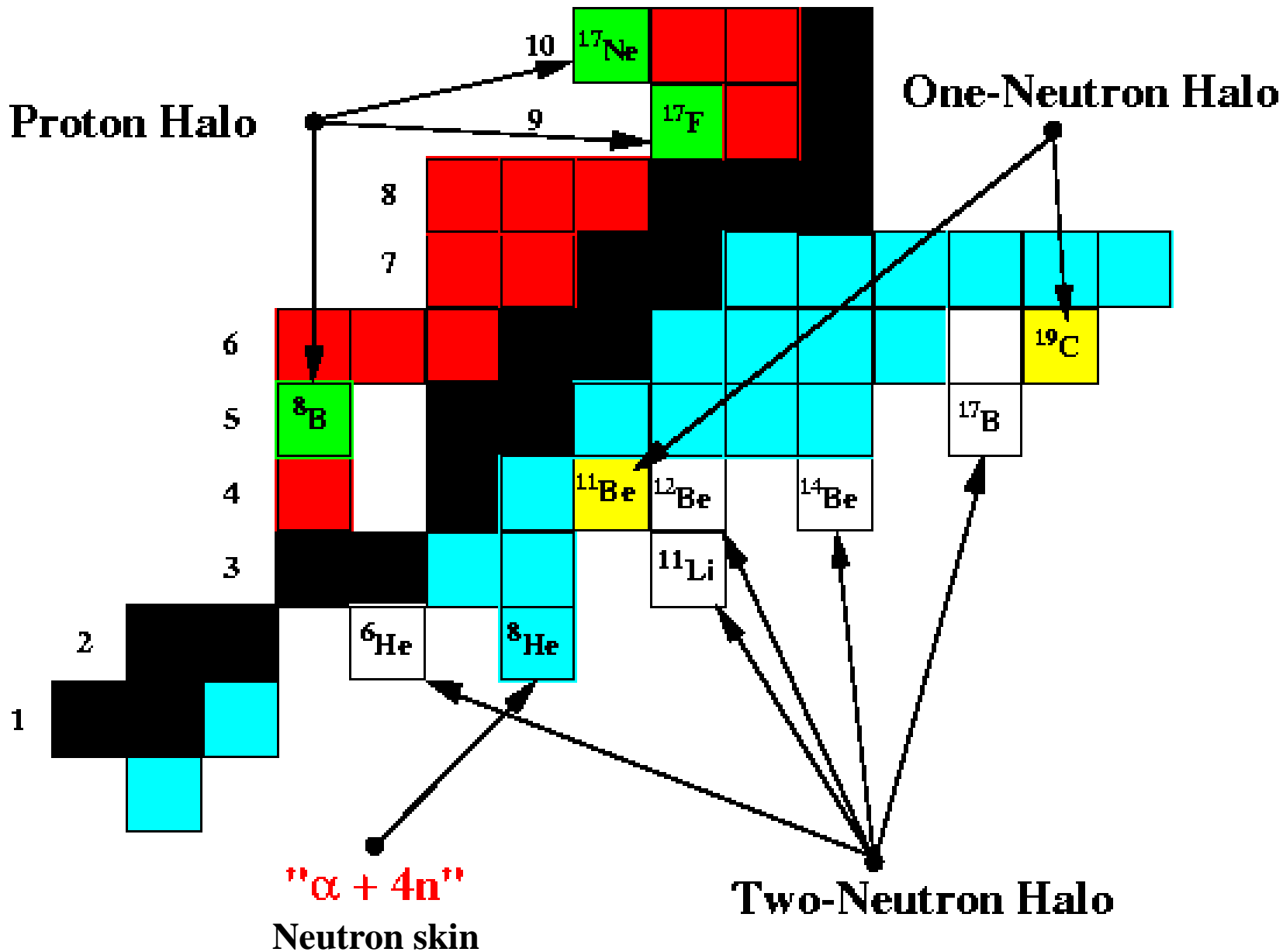
Chart of nuclei

physics today

FEBRUARY 1981



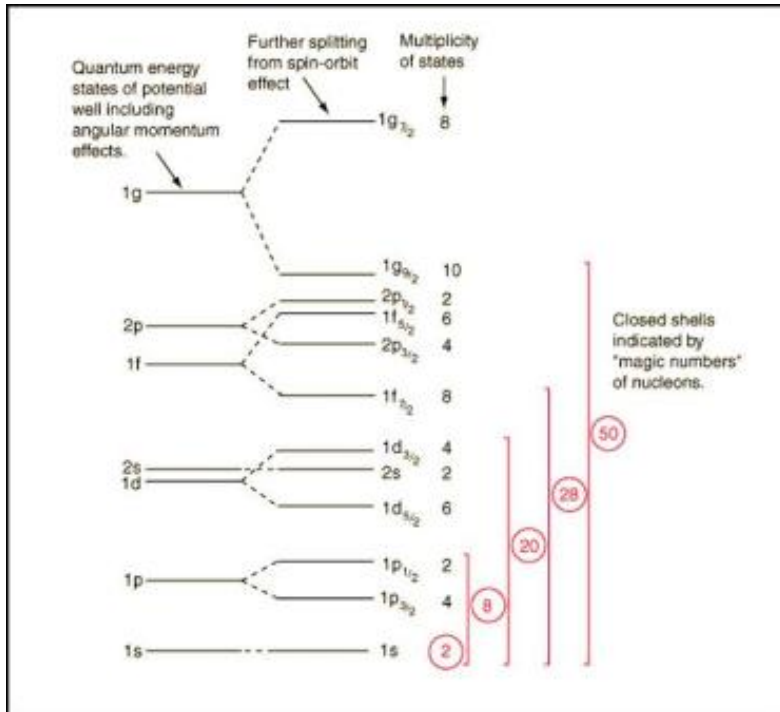
NUCLEAR SHAPES



$$R = R_0 A^{1/3}$$

Shell Structure

Magic Numbers



⁷Be



⁸Be



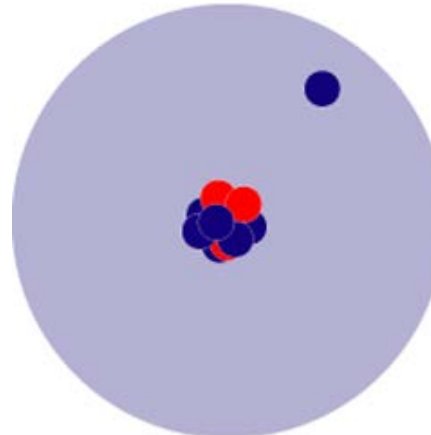
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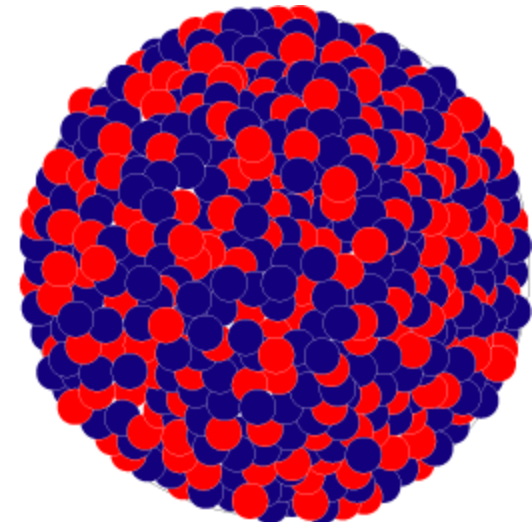
¹⁰Be



¹¹Be

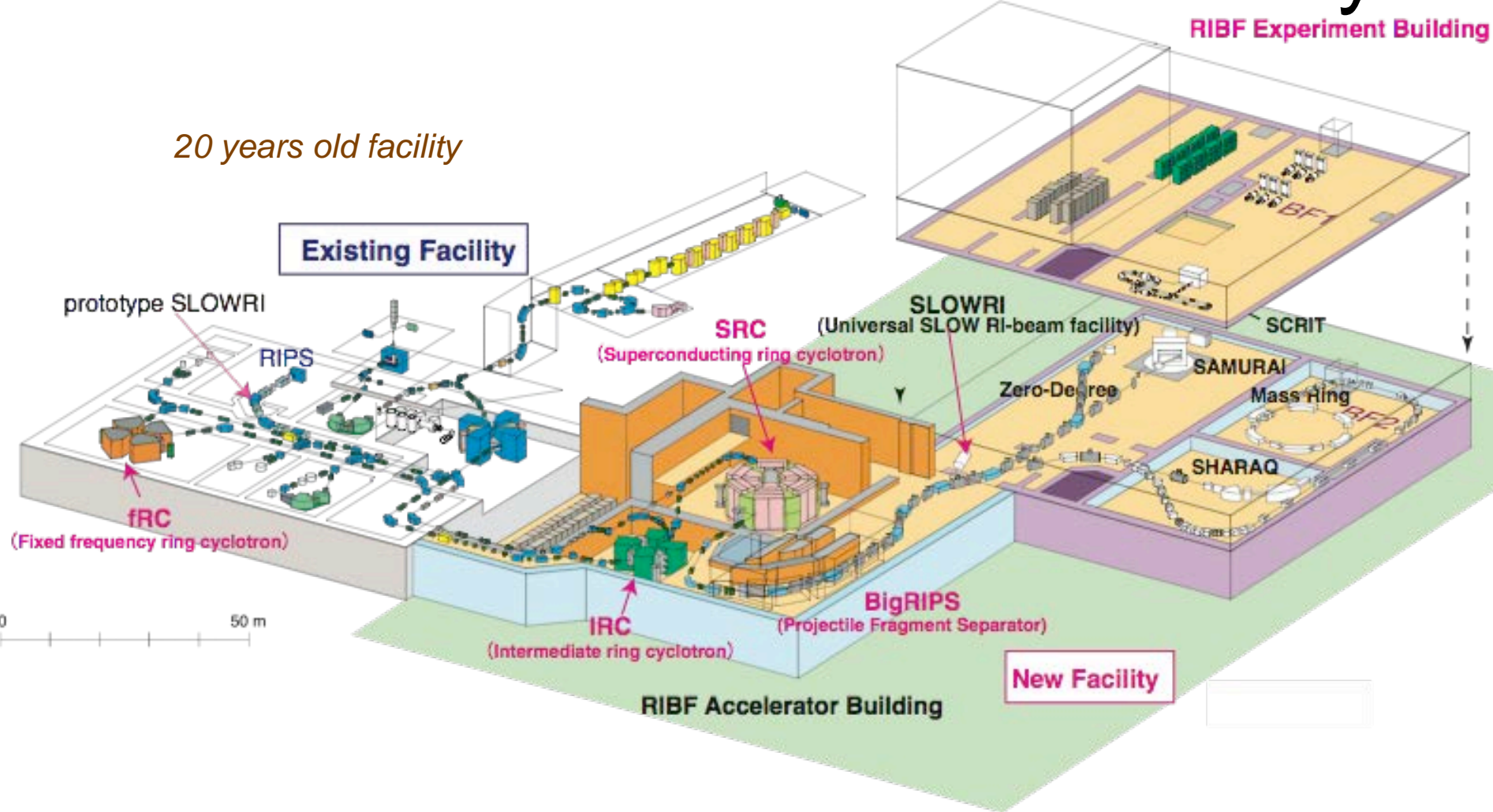


²⁰⁸Pb

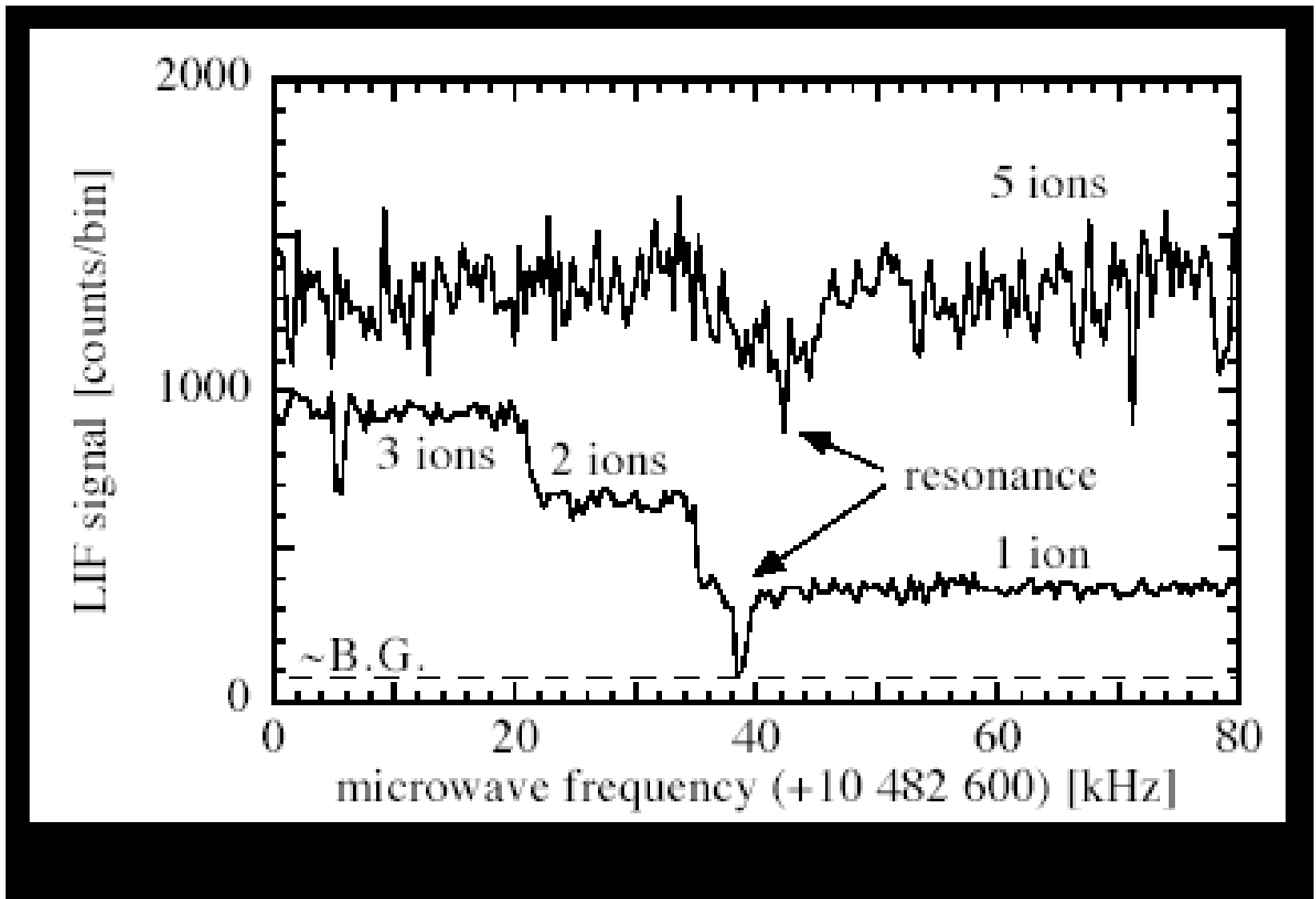


SLOWRI @ RIBF

- A universal slow RI beam facility -



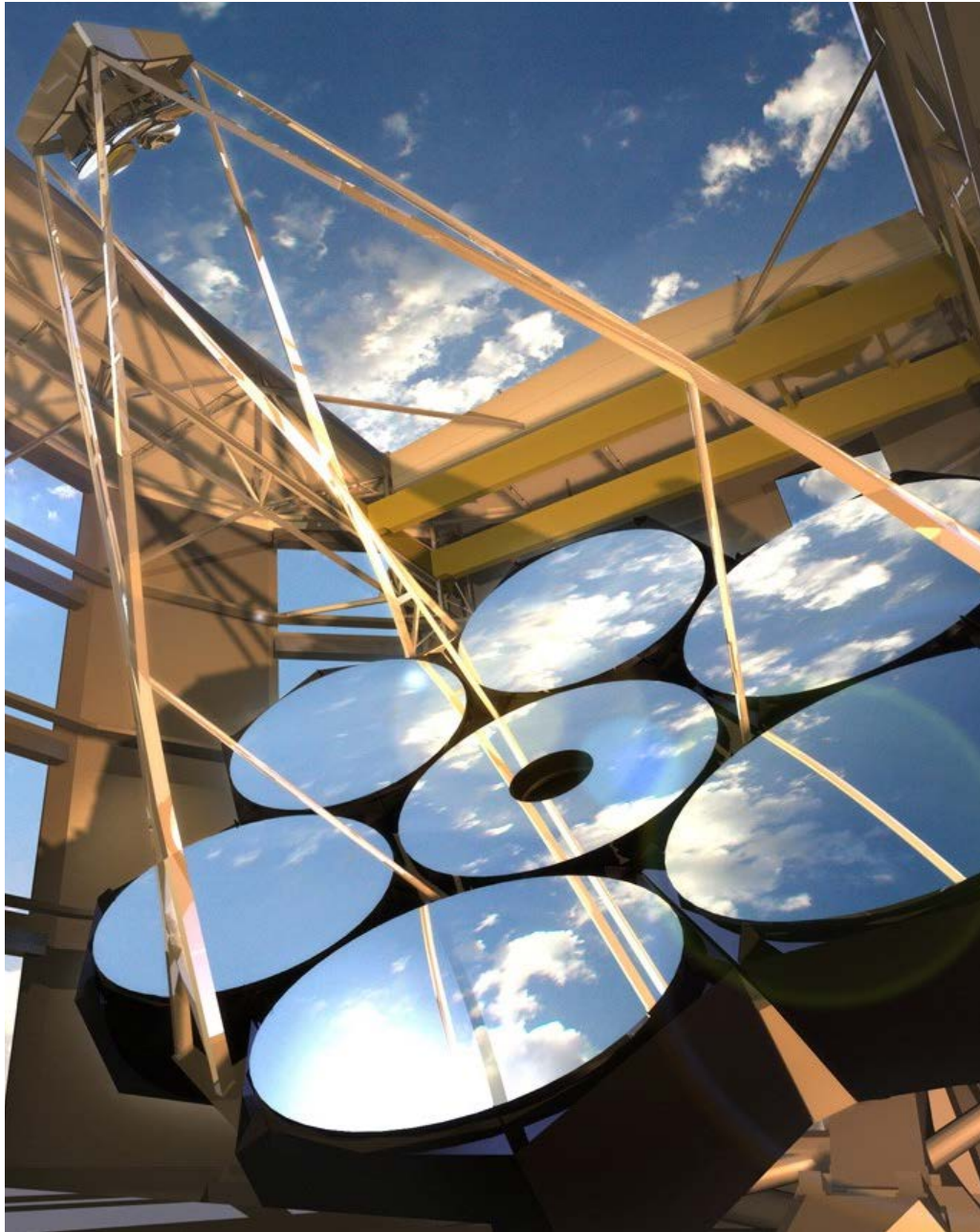
Electron spin-flip microwave spectroscopy of a single ion in a combined trap



TOUCHING HORIZONS

In Astro Physics

Seeing is believing,
but can we see an
Extrasolar Planet?



Frequency Comb Lasers for Astrophysics

Hans Schuessler

Texas A&M University

Department of Physics and
Astronomy

Detecting Extrasolar Planets

- Great effort is made to discover earth-like planets in distant solar systems
- Various techniques to detect Exoplanets via:
 - the additional redshift caused by the star's motion around a common center of gravity
 - the induced change in position of its star
 - the dimming of the star's brightness during the transition of a planet
 - the induced change of a another planet's orbit



Habitable Earth-like exoplanets?

StoRy of GoldiLocks & the 3 bears

Once upon a time, there was a little girl named Goldilocks. She went for a walk in the forest. Pretty soon, she came upon a house. She knocked, and when no one answered, she walked right in...

At the table in the kitchen, there were three bowls of porridge.

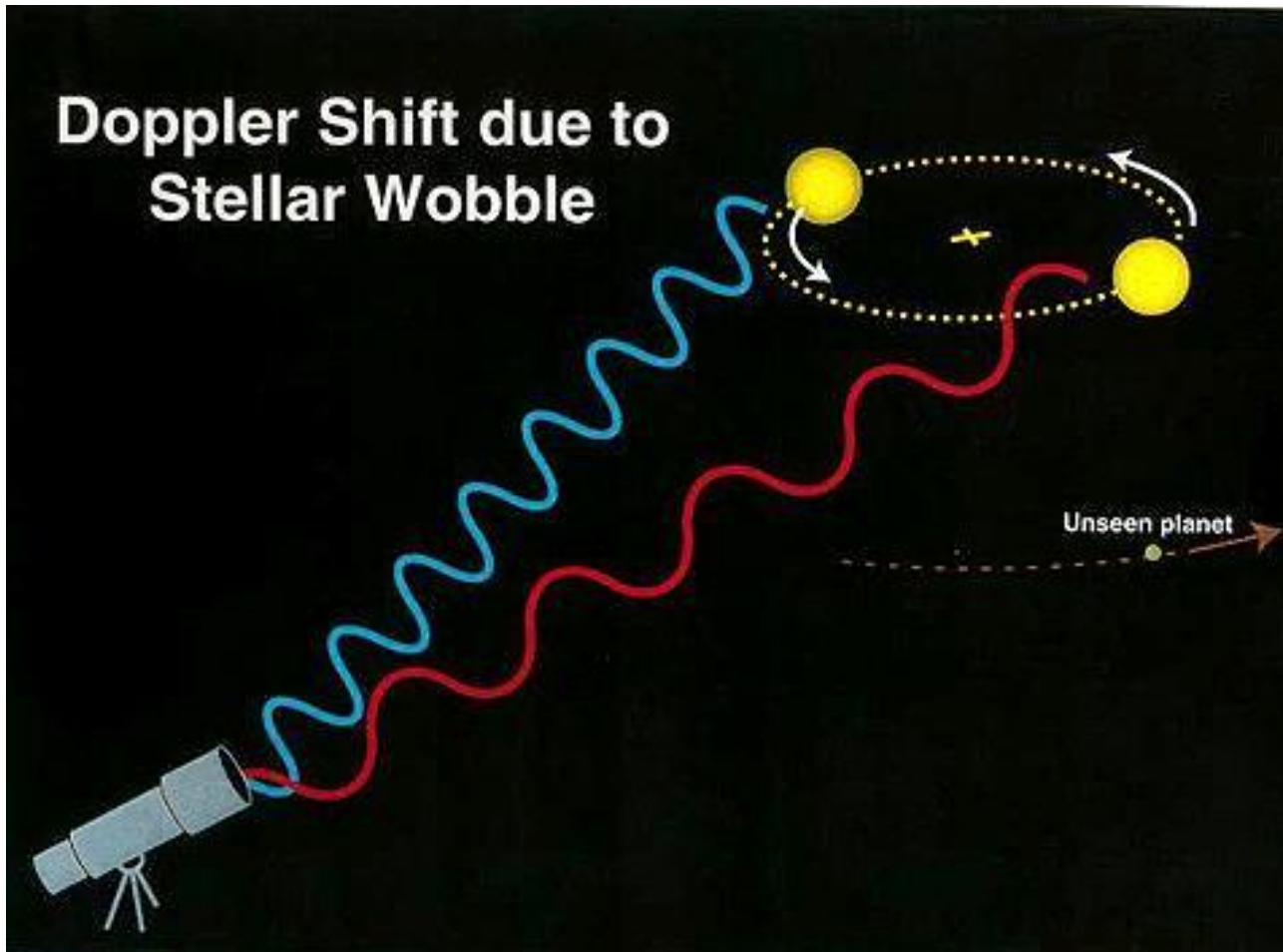
- “This porridge is **too hot!**”
- “This porridge is **too cold!**”
- “This porridge is **just right!**”

She also tried out each of the three chairs and three beds.

- Too big, Too small, Too hard, Too soft, and Just Right**

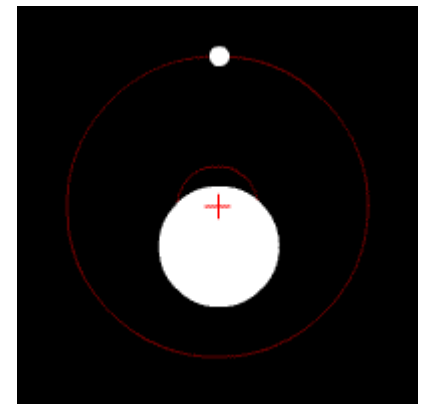


RV search for exo - Planets



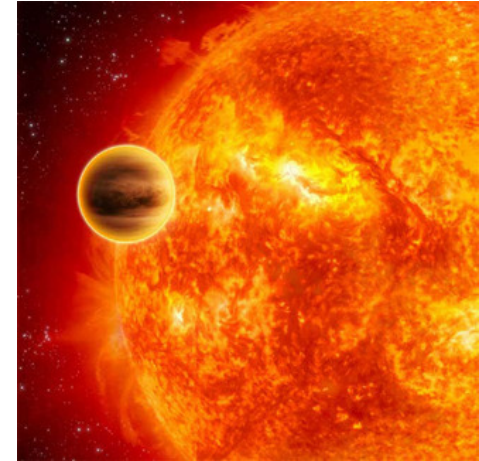
Radial Velocity
Variations induced
by exo-planets

~200 discovered
in 10 years
with RV technique



Detecting Extra Solar Planets

- As of February 5, 2015 there are 1,813 exoplanets discovered
- smallest planet detected so far: 5-Earth-mass
- corresponding precision: **60 cm/s** required
- precision for an Earth-mass object in an Earth-like orbit around a Sun-like star:
5 cm/s (50 kHz)
- long term stability **over years**

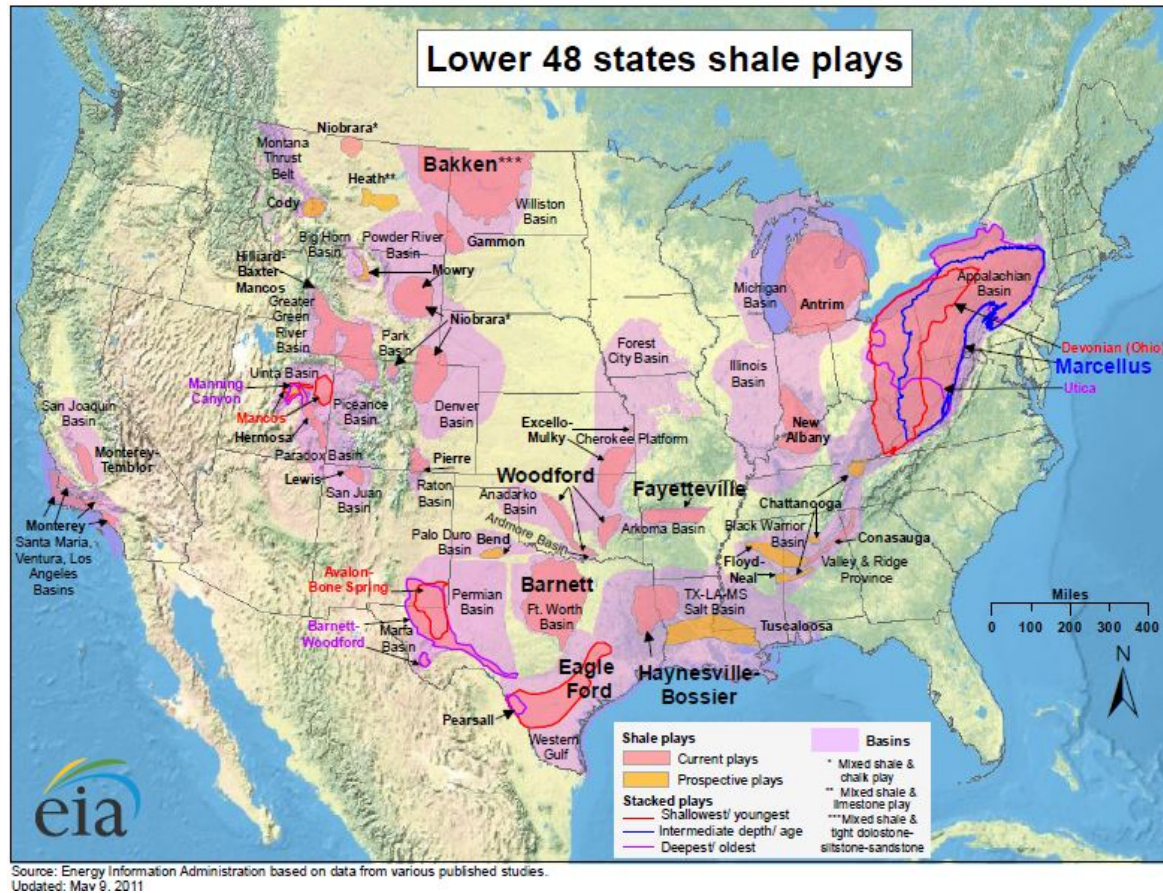


TOUCHING HORIZONS

In Environmental Physics

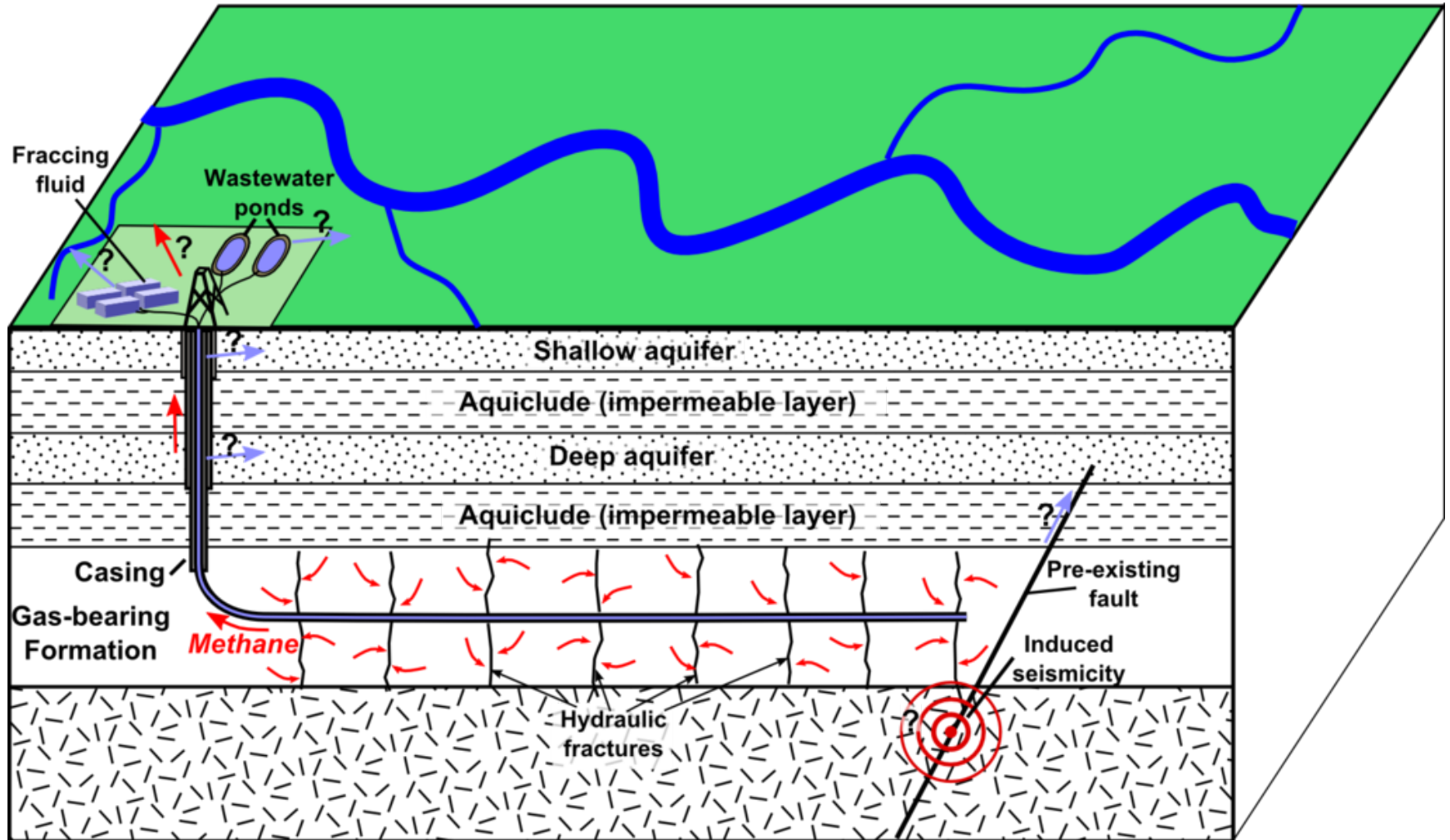
Seeing is believing, but
can we see Air Pollution?

Shale gas basins in the United States

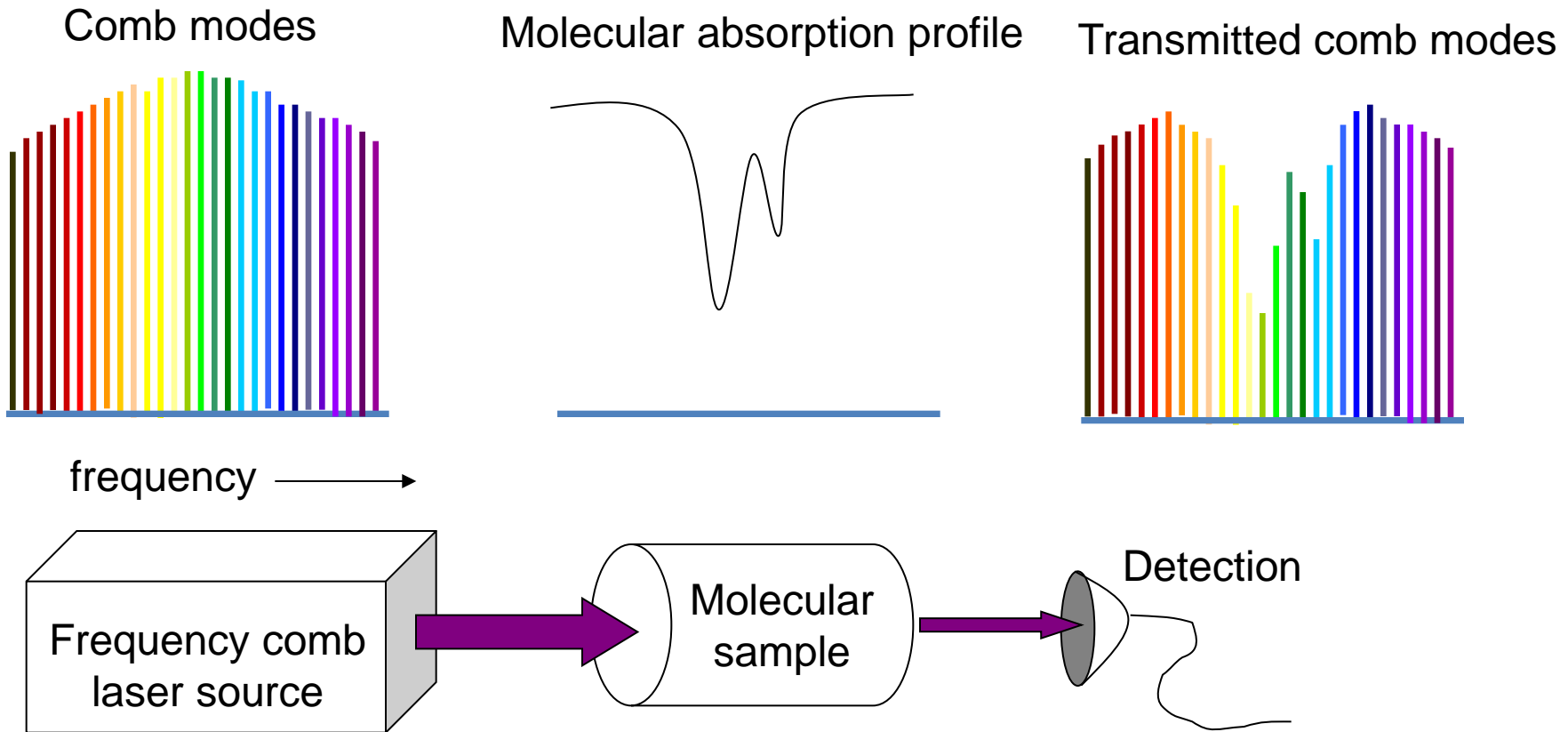


Shale gas formations in North America hold trillions of cubic feet of natural gas. The U.S. has enough reserves of clean natural gas to power our homes and even our vehicles for years to come. The shale basins shown above will be a major source of that natural gas. According to the A.A.P.G. shale gas will account for more than 51% of our gas supply this decade.

Schematic of petroleum reservoir fracking



Frequency comb for gas detection

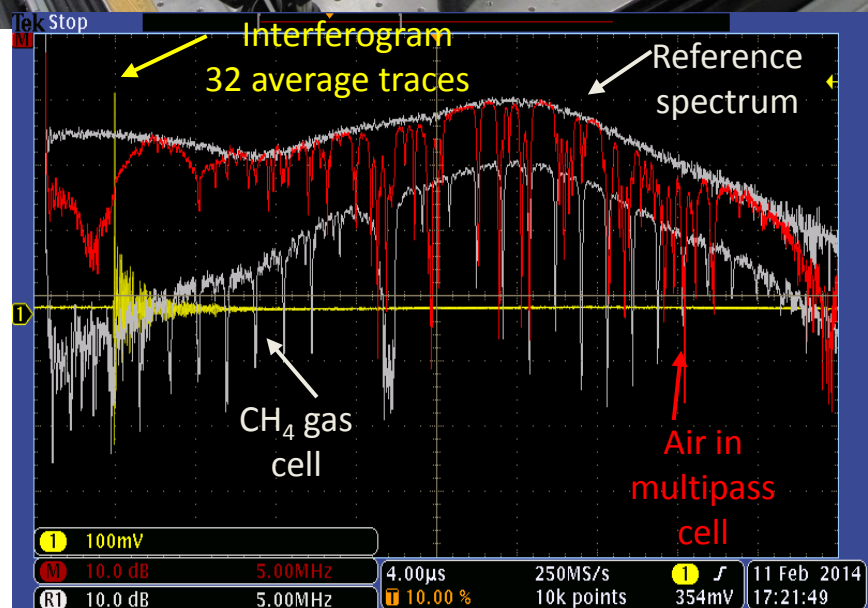
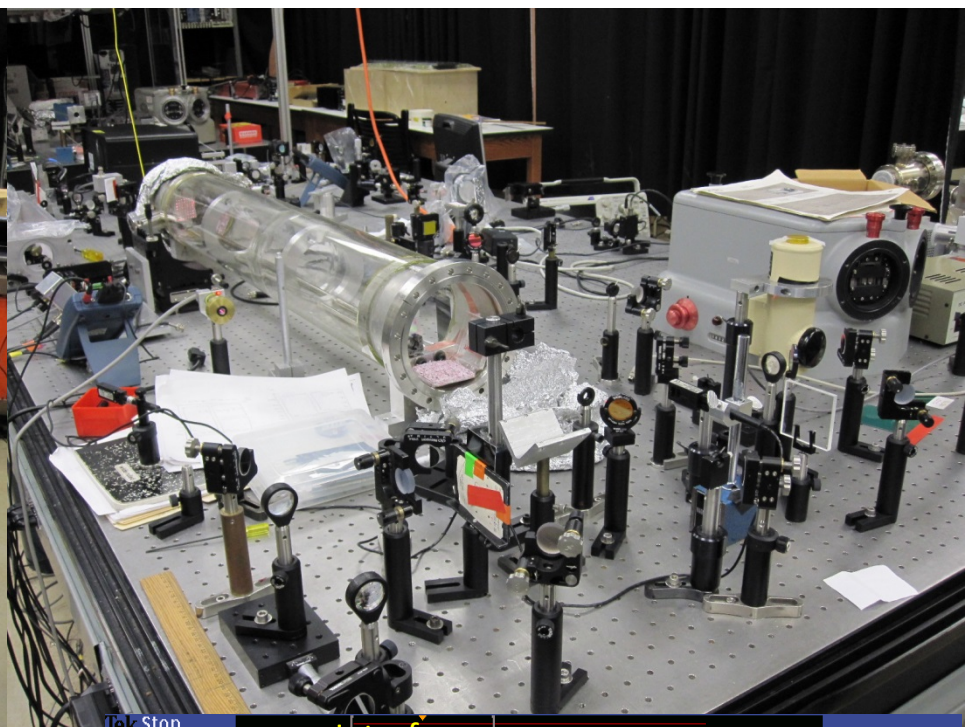
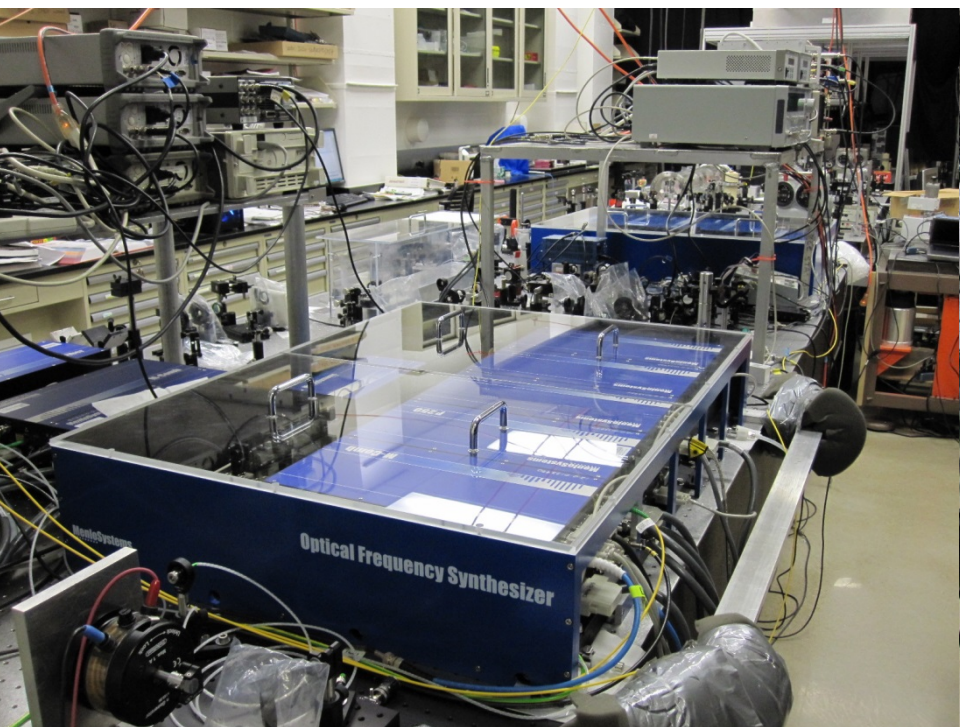


Frequency comb can provide the advantages: - Broad Spectral coverage with high brightness - High frequency precision on each comb tooth

Strong molecular absorptions in mid-infrared (1.5-5 microns) - Requires frequency comb source in mid-IR - Requires broad detection over large comb range

Courtesy of Scott Diddams

Mid-IR Dual comb spectroscopy with a multipass cell

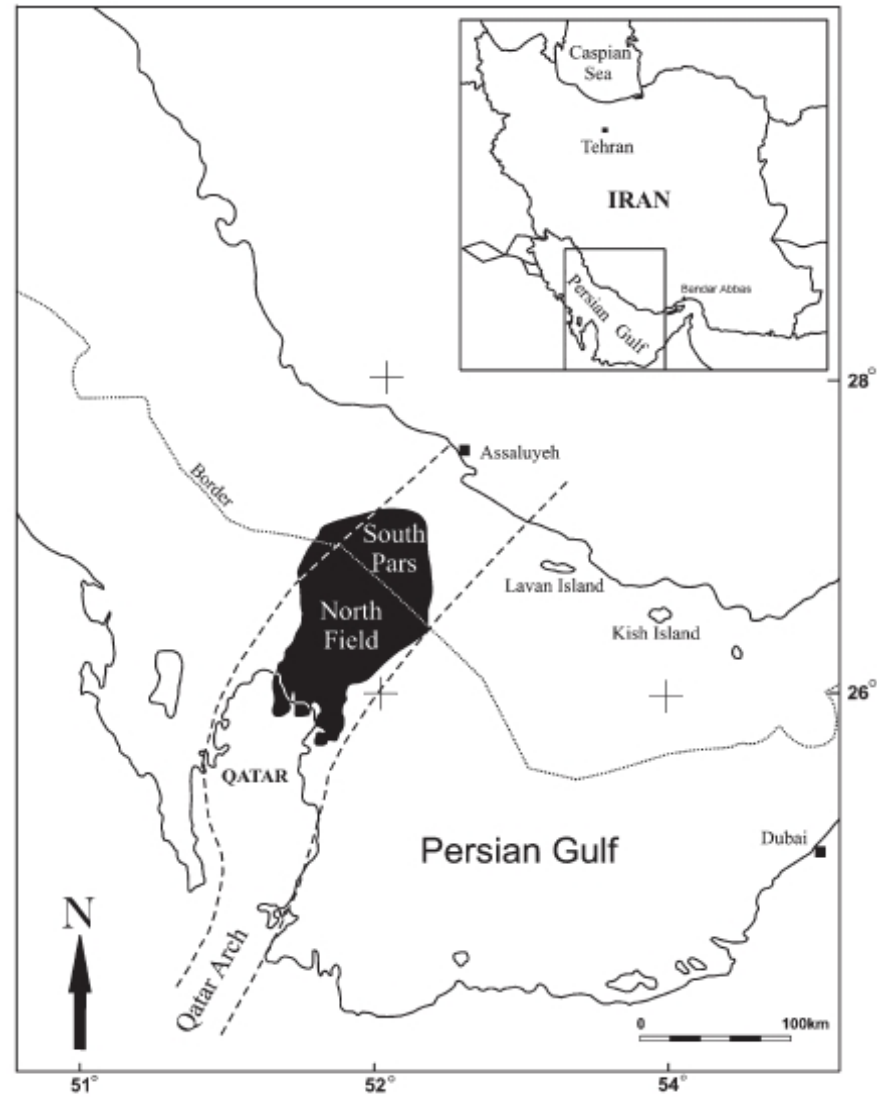


RV Pelican and collection apparatus

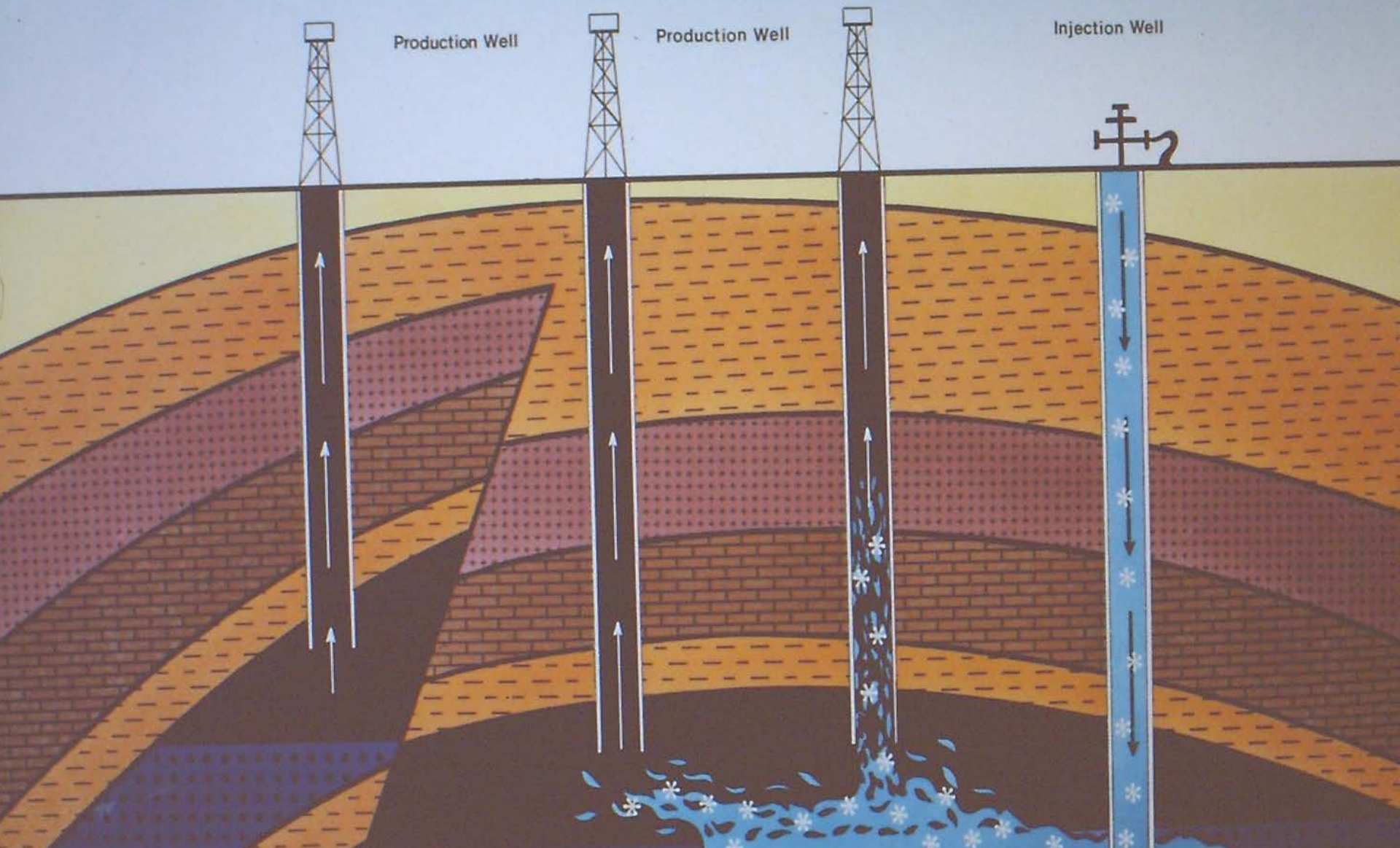




Qatari North Field



TRACING INTER-WELL COMMUNICATION IN OIL RESERVOIRS

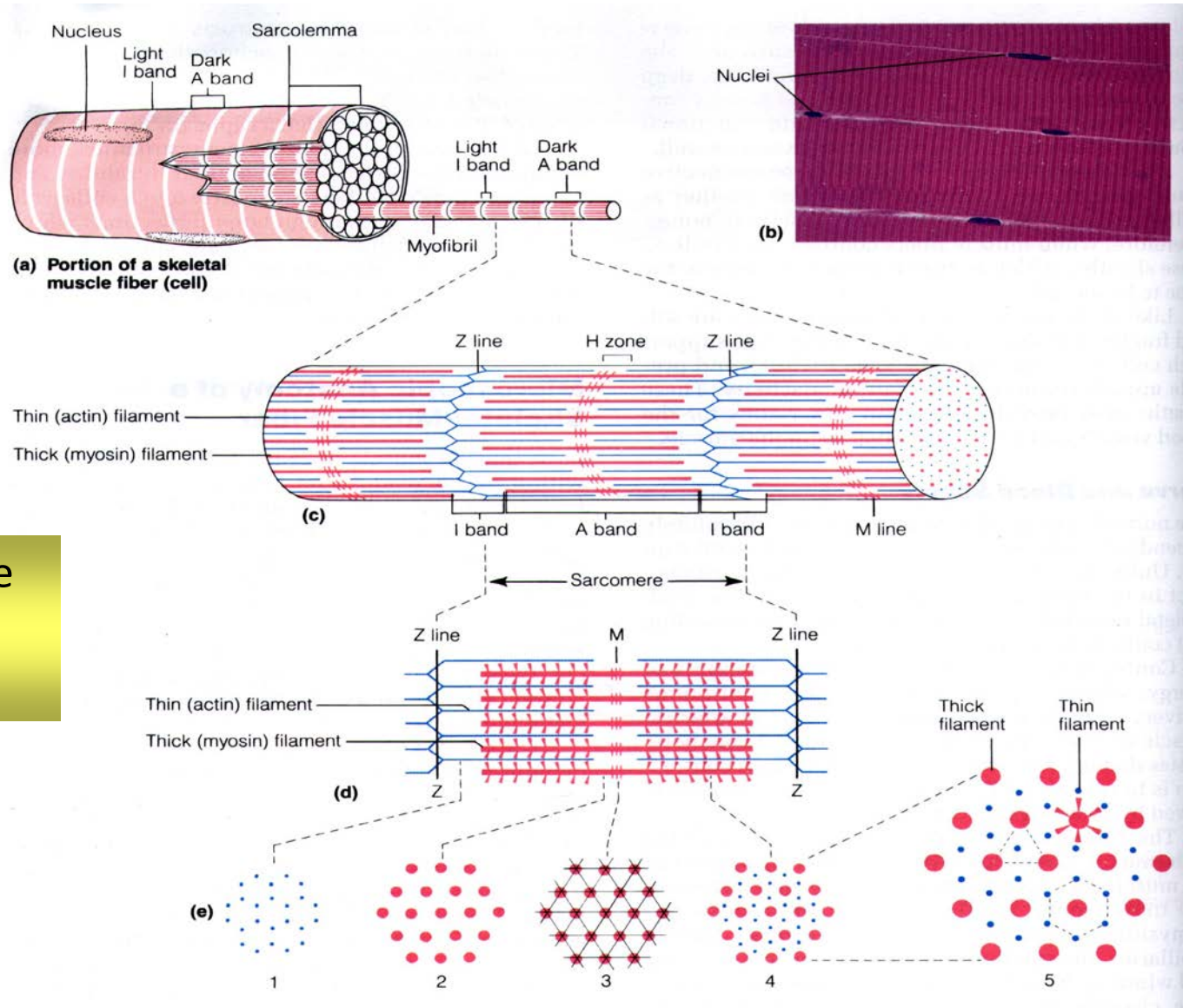


TOUCHING HORIZONS

In the Biosciences

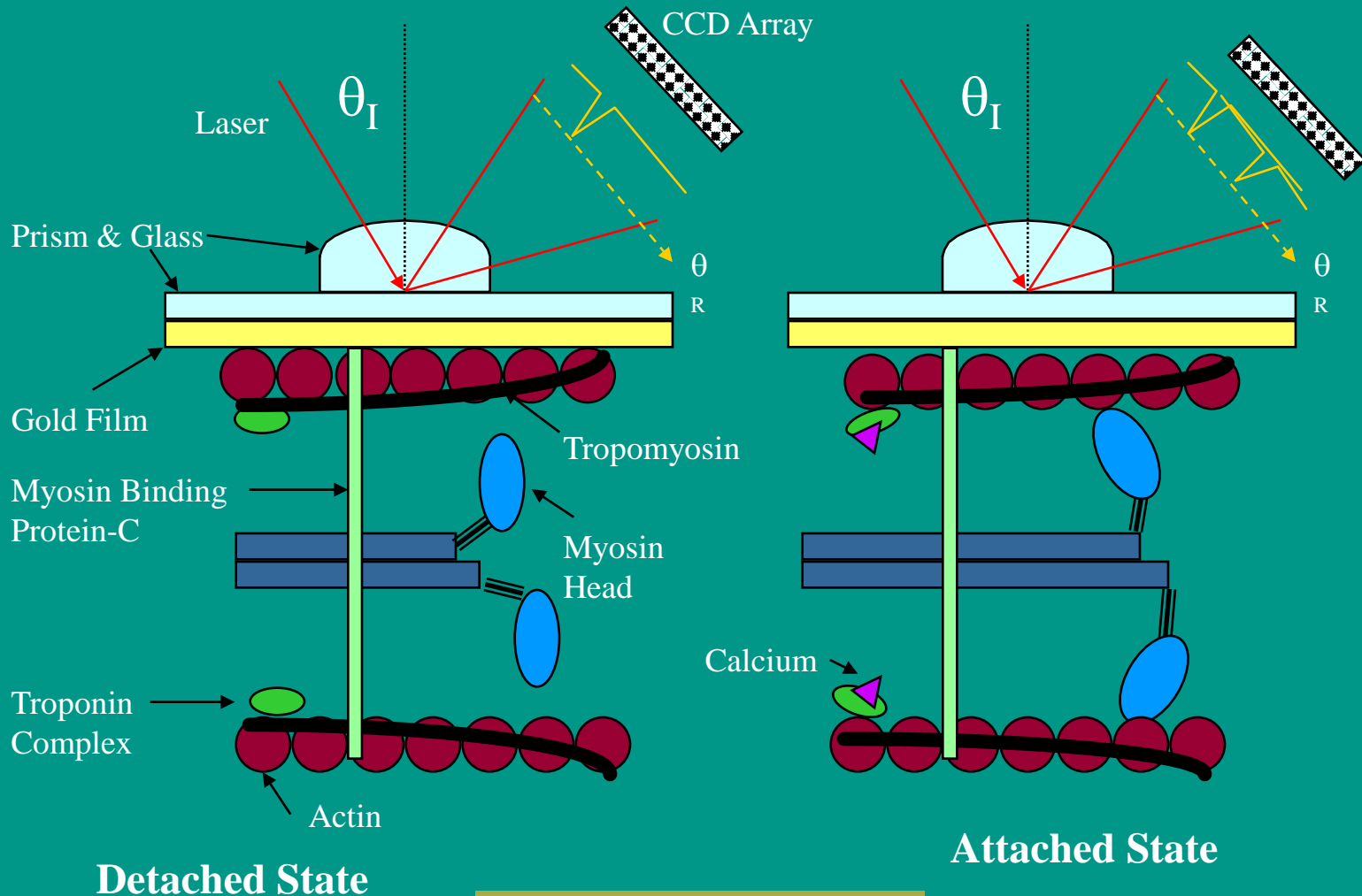
Seeing is believing, but can
we see a biomolecule?

Sarcomeres (actin-myosin contractile complexes)



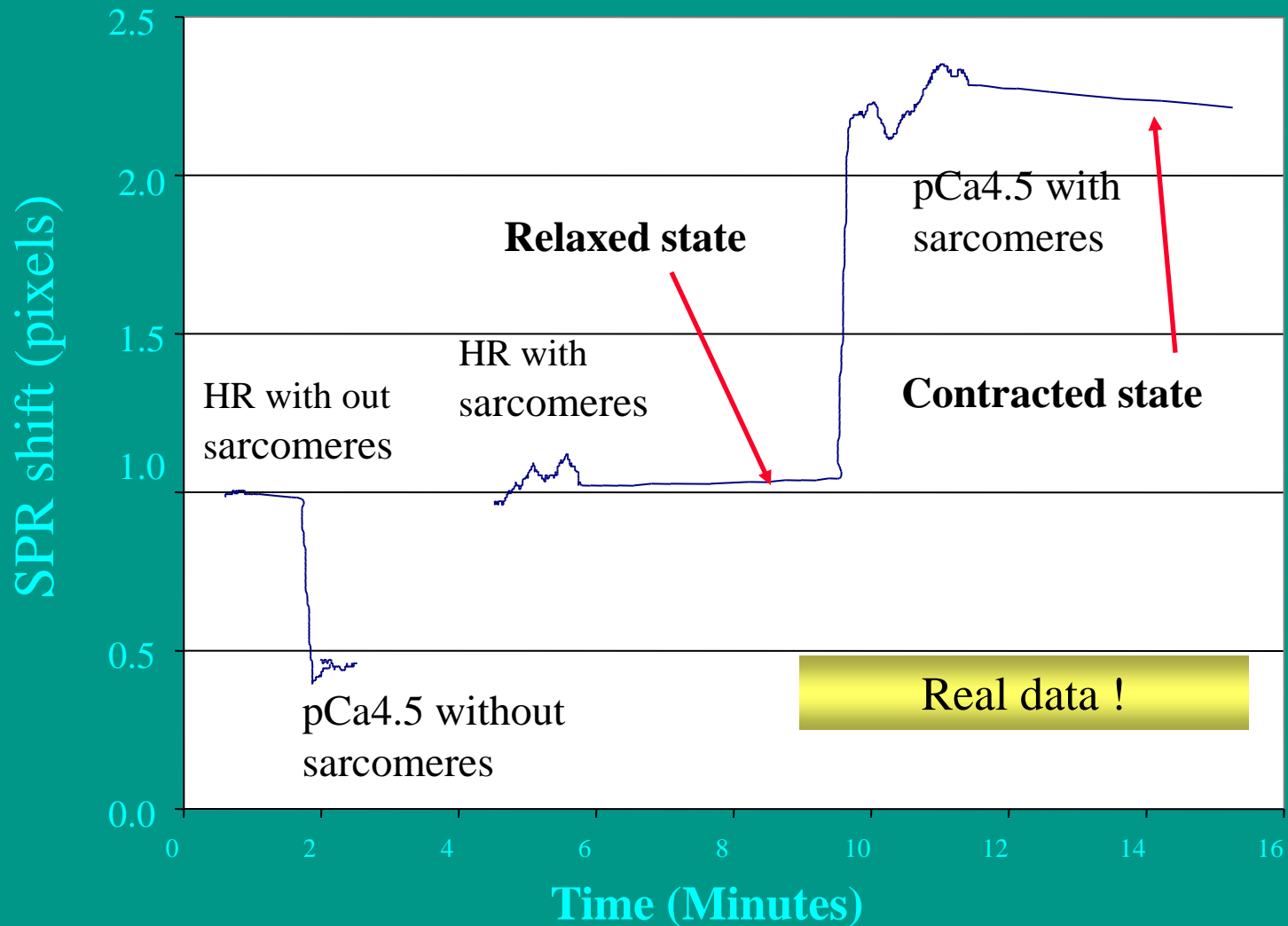
We monitored live sarcomere contraction....

SPR experiment with sarcomeres



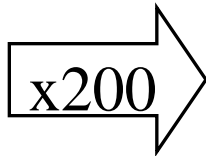
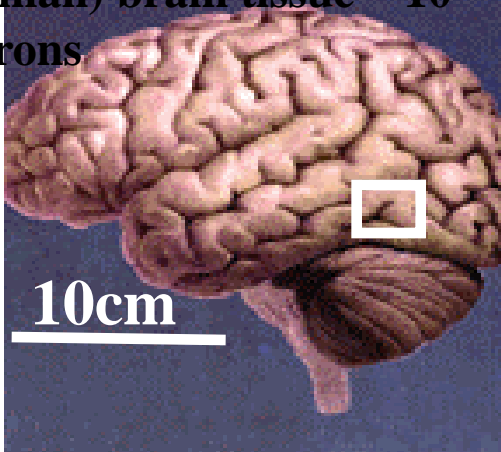
.... in real time

Response of contraction (HR to pCa4.5)

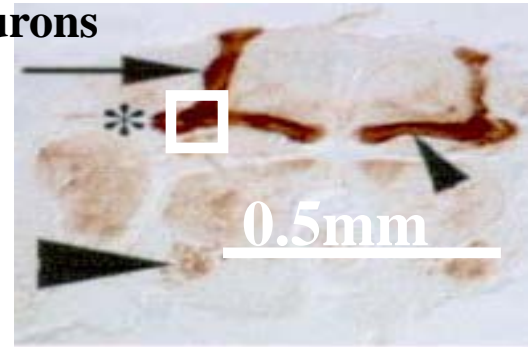


•Background: From the brain to tubulin

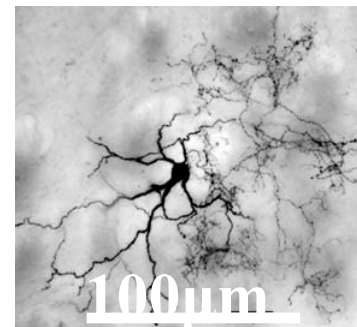
(Human) brain tissue ~ 10^{10} neurons



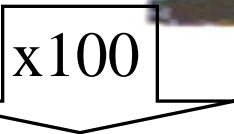
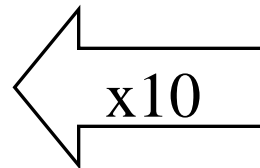
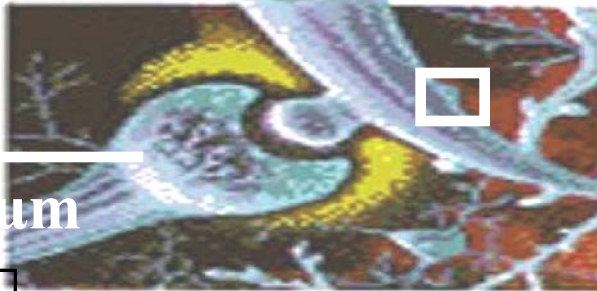
(Drosophila) 2 neural bundles ~ 2×2500 neurons



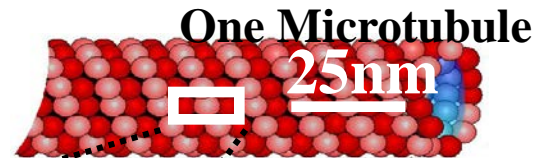
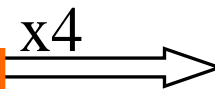
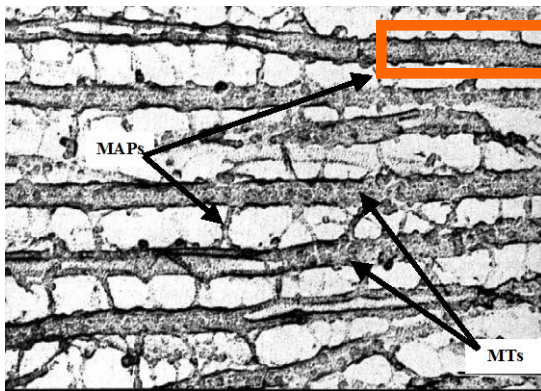
Neural net ~ 10 neurons



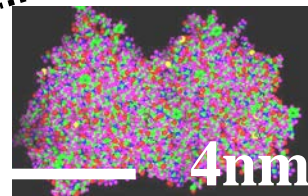
Neural synapse. ~ 10^4 synapses/cortical neuron



Axonal cytoskeleton
on
100nm



x6



One tubulin dimer

Summary and outlook

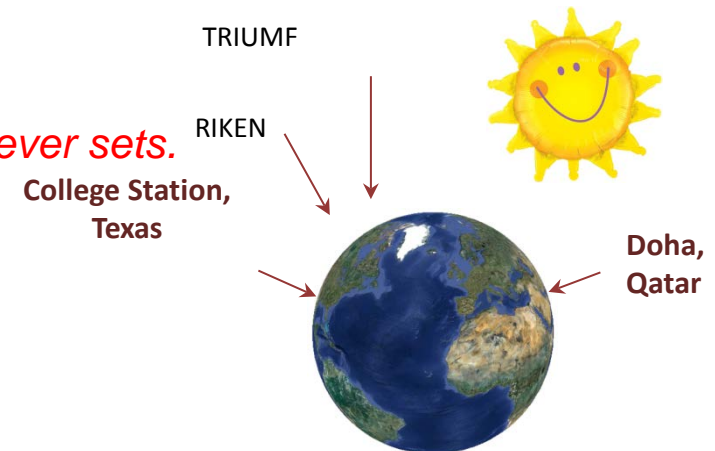
- **Selfie of the SIBOR**
- **We touched horizons in atomic and molecular physics, nuclear physics, astrophysics, environmental physics, and biosciences.**
- **Around the globe**
- **Two short movies of the macro and micro world follow**

私の研究室は太陽が沈まない *On my laboratories, the sun never sets.*

Sur mes laboratoires, le soleil ne se couche jamais.

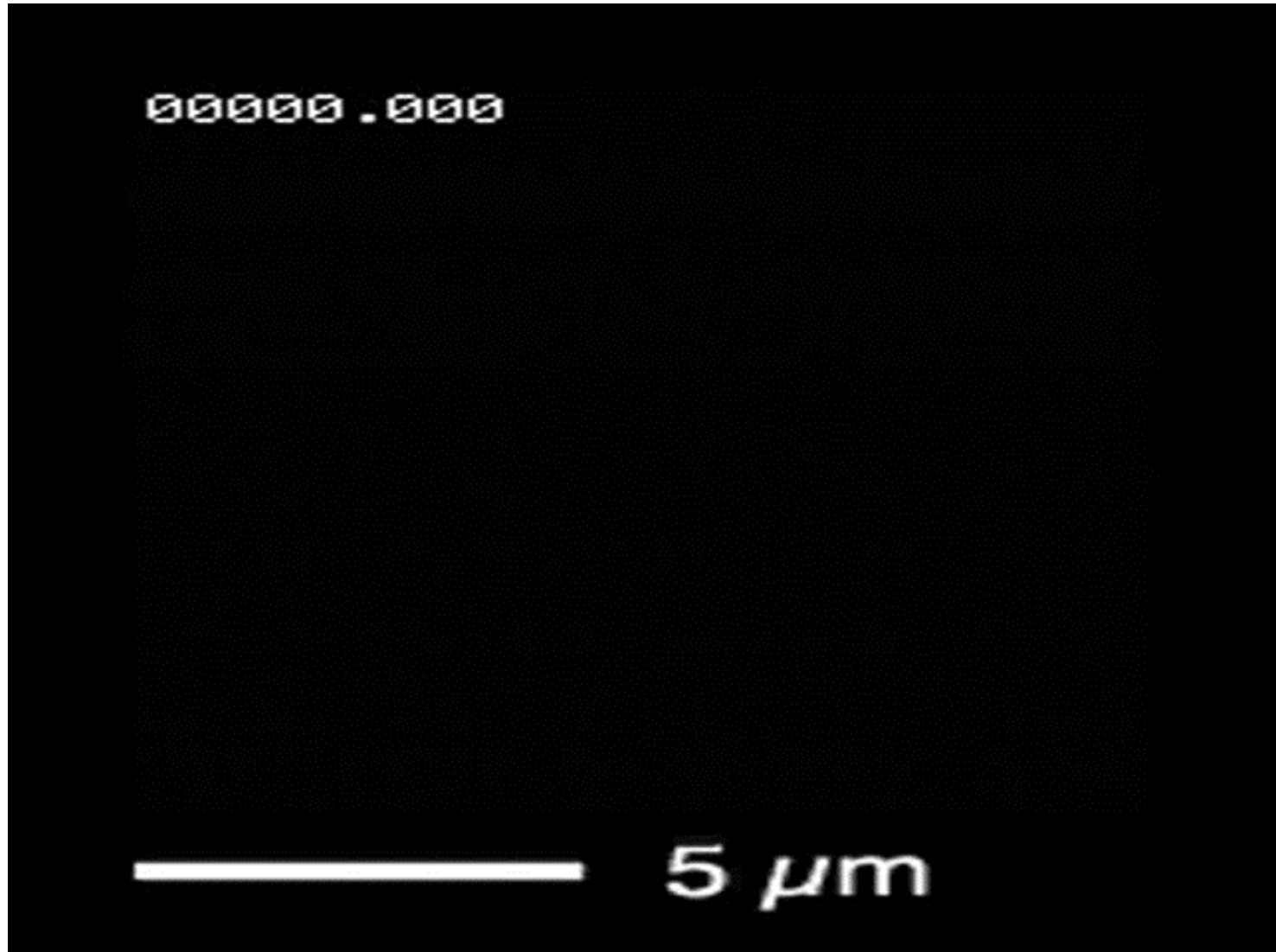
In meinem Labor geht die Sonne nicht unter.

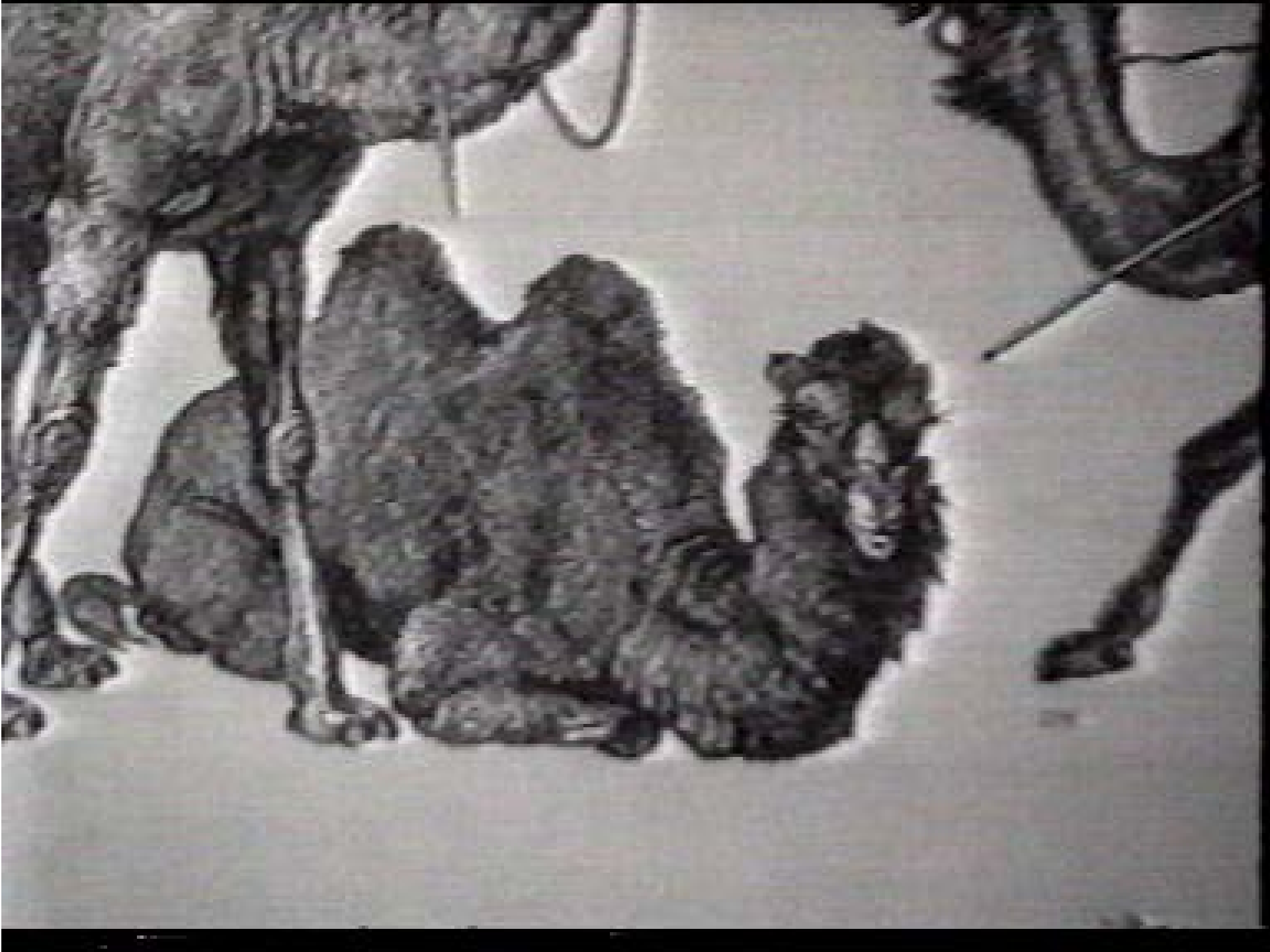
على مختبرات بلدي، لا تغيب عنها الشمس





Cooperative Binding of Myosin to Tubulin

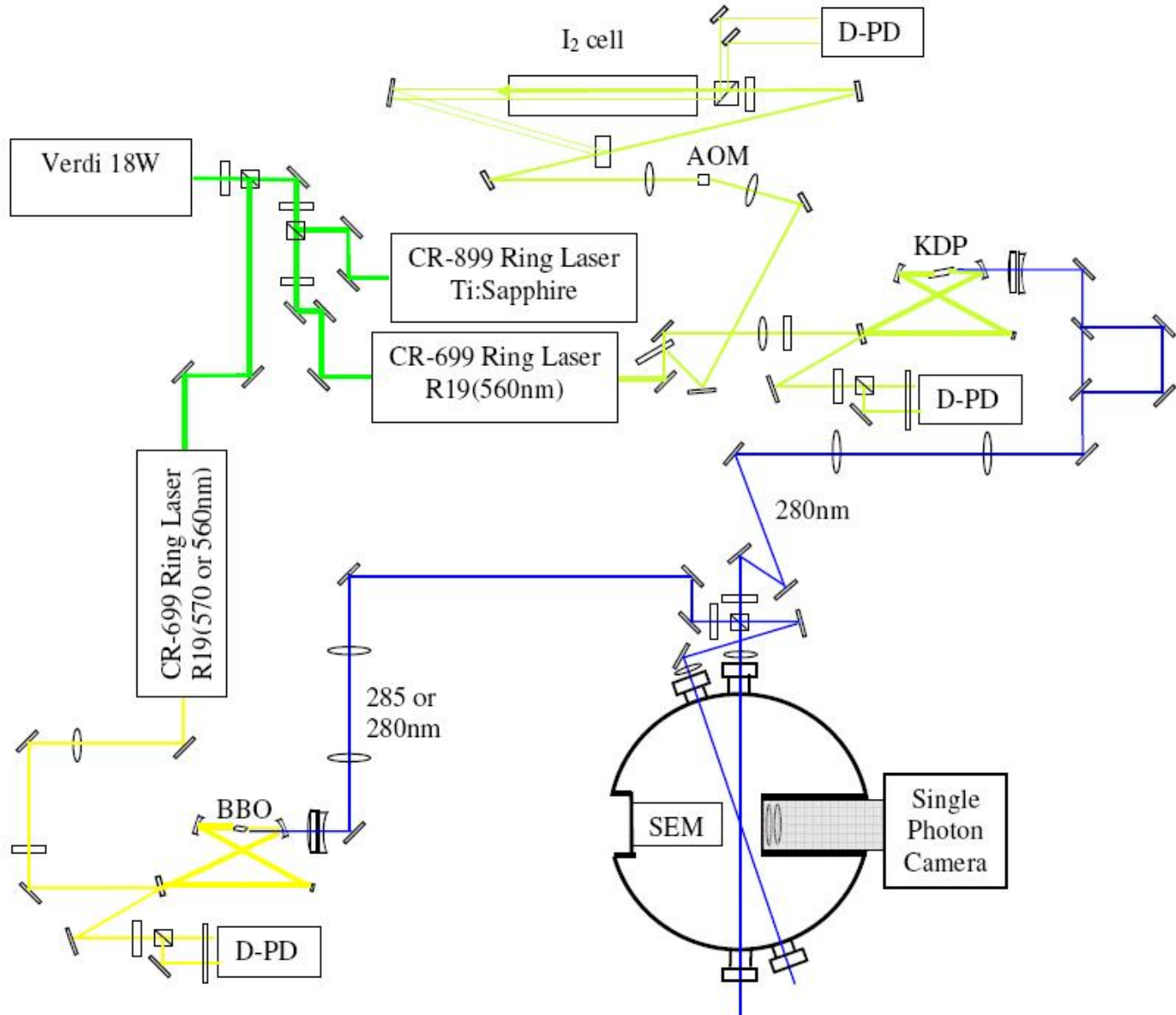


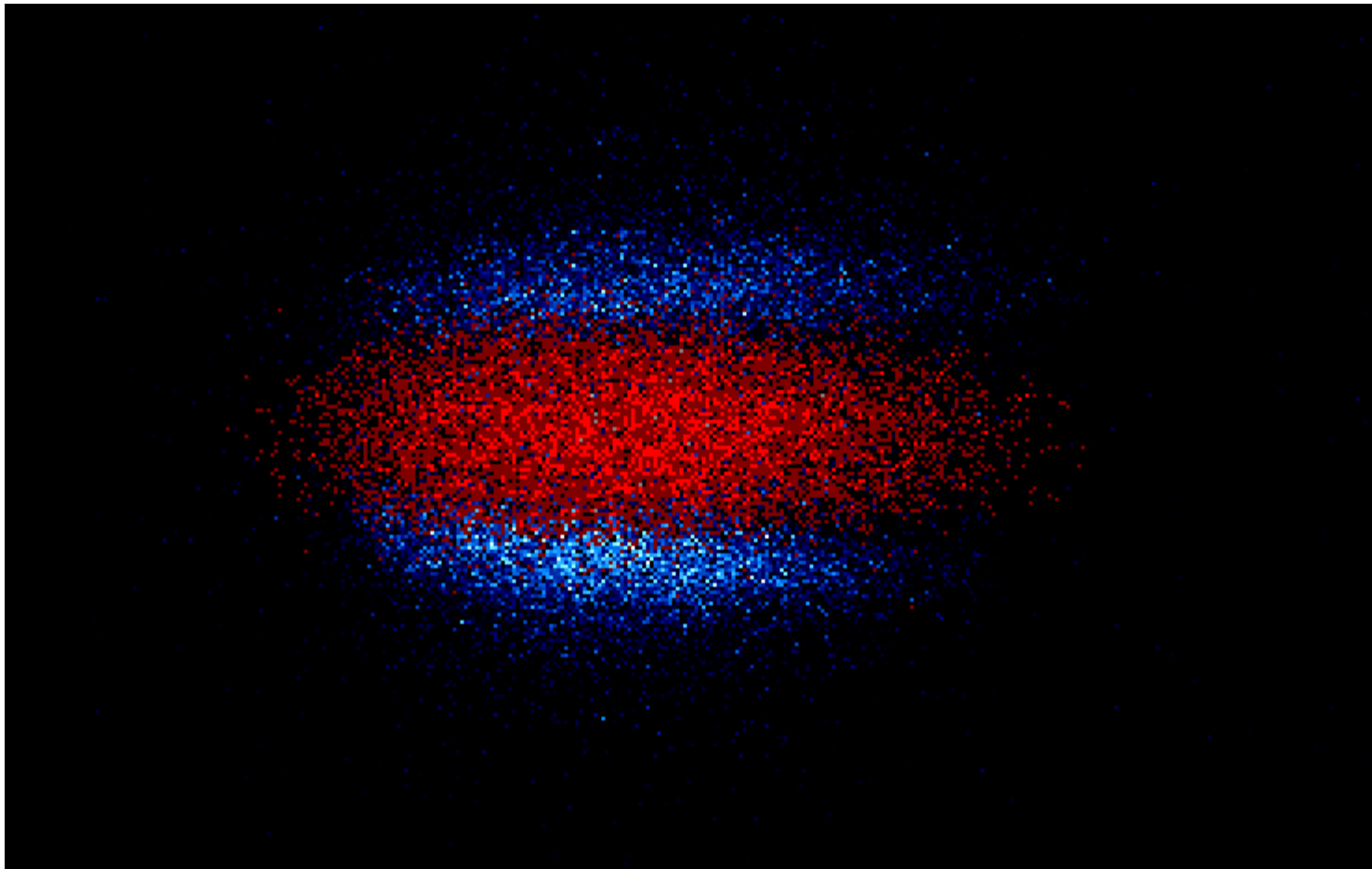


Novel Systems for Precision Spectroscopy

- Helium ion $1s-2s$
- HydrogenMolecule Ion and Isotopomers (highly excited states at 12eV)
- XUV Frequency Combs
- Detection Schemes

Lab Tour

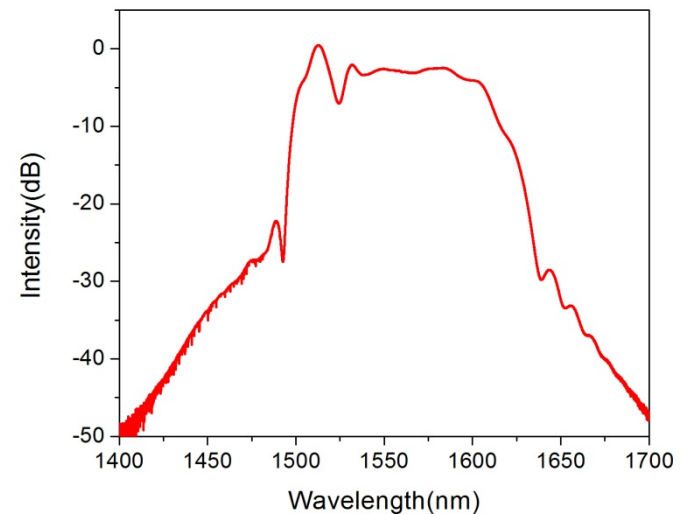
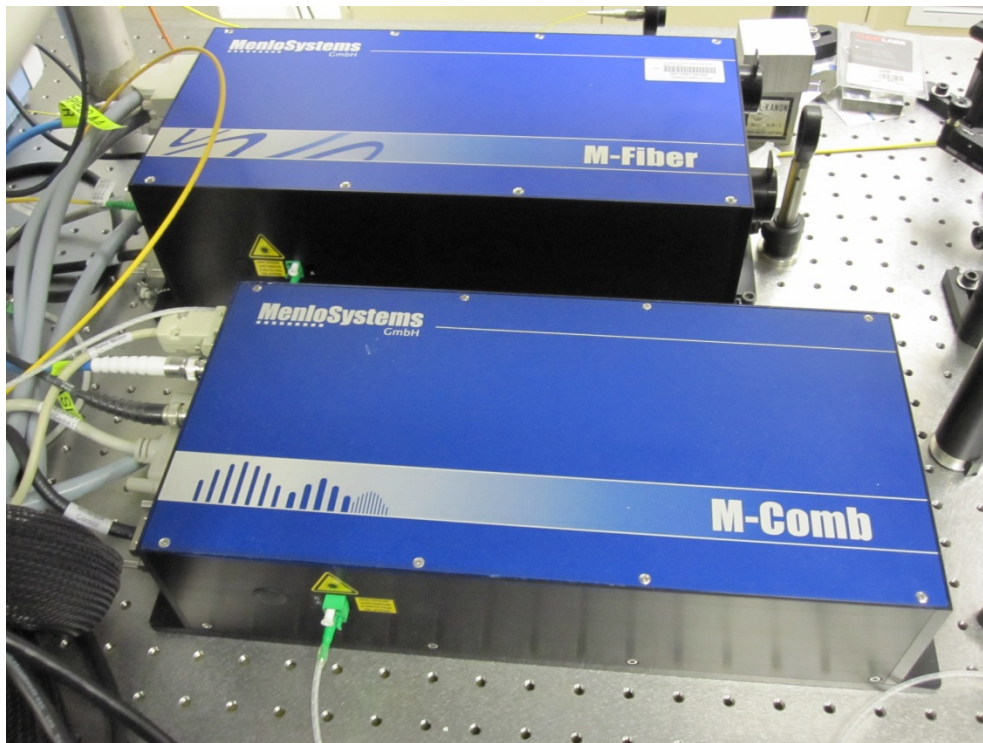
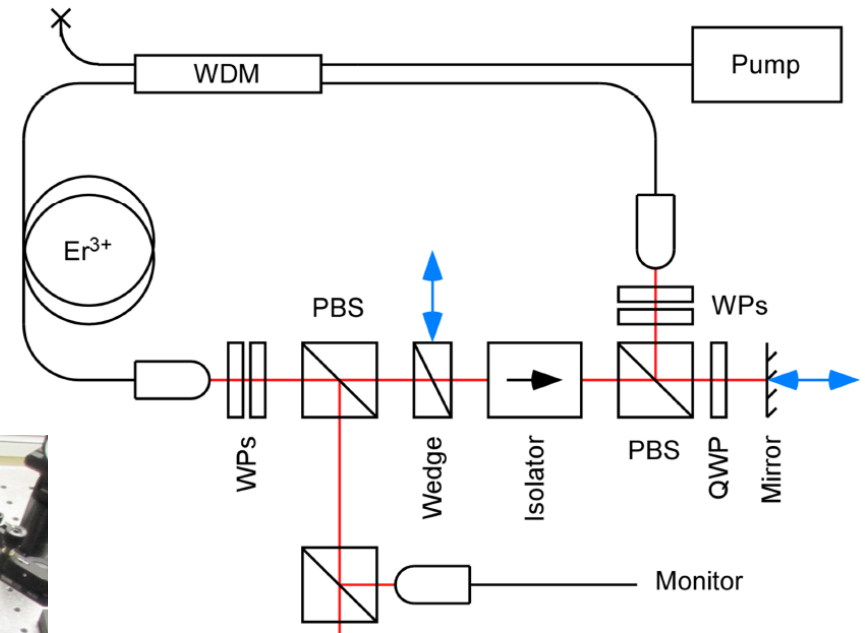




Large $^{24}\text{Mg}^+$ - $^{26}\text{Mg}^+$ ion crystal ($N \sim 10^4$)

The Current Er Laser

- Standard Er-Fiber Laser
 - $\lambda_c = 1570 \text{ nm}$ (FWHM $> 60 \text{ nm}$)
 - $f_{\text{rep}} = 250 \text{ MHz}$
 - $\tau < 90 \text{ fs}$
 - $P > 400 \text{ mW}$



Seawater samples collected in situ 7 miles from DH

- 40 L of seawater from DH area collected in specially cleaned containers
 - 25 L from closest station (previous slide)
 - 15 L from other adjacent stations

Primary Collection Site

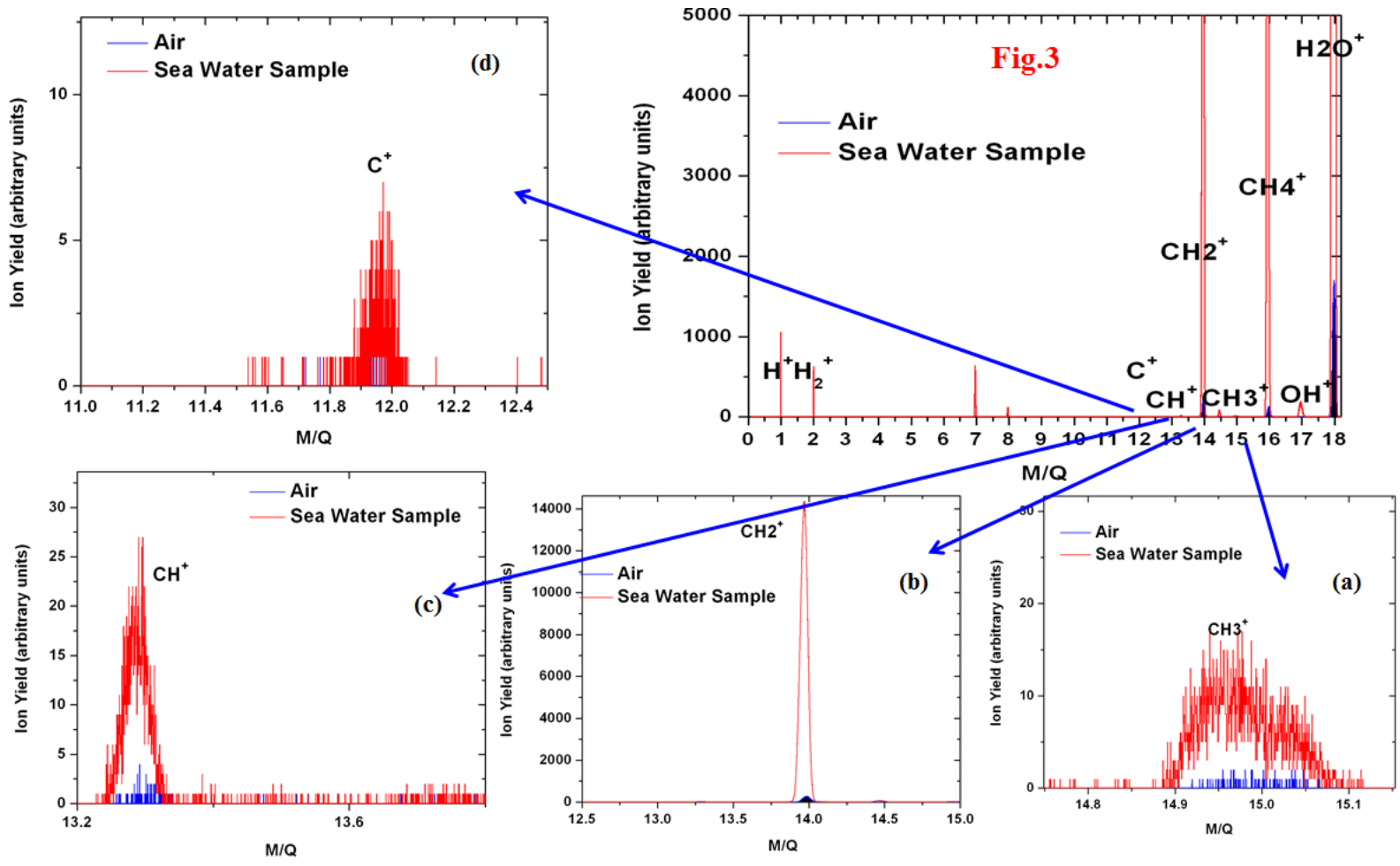
Deepwater Horizon

- Samples were treated with Sodium Azide to avoid changing of methane content by bacteria
- Samples were taken from the entire water column from ground zero (1500 m) to the surface.

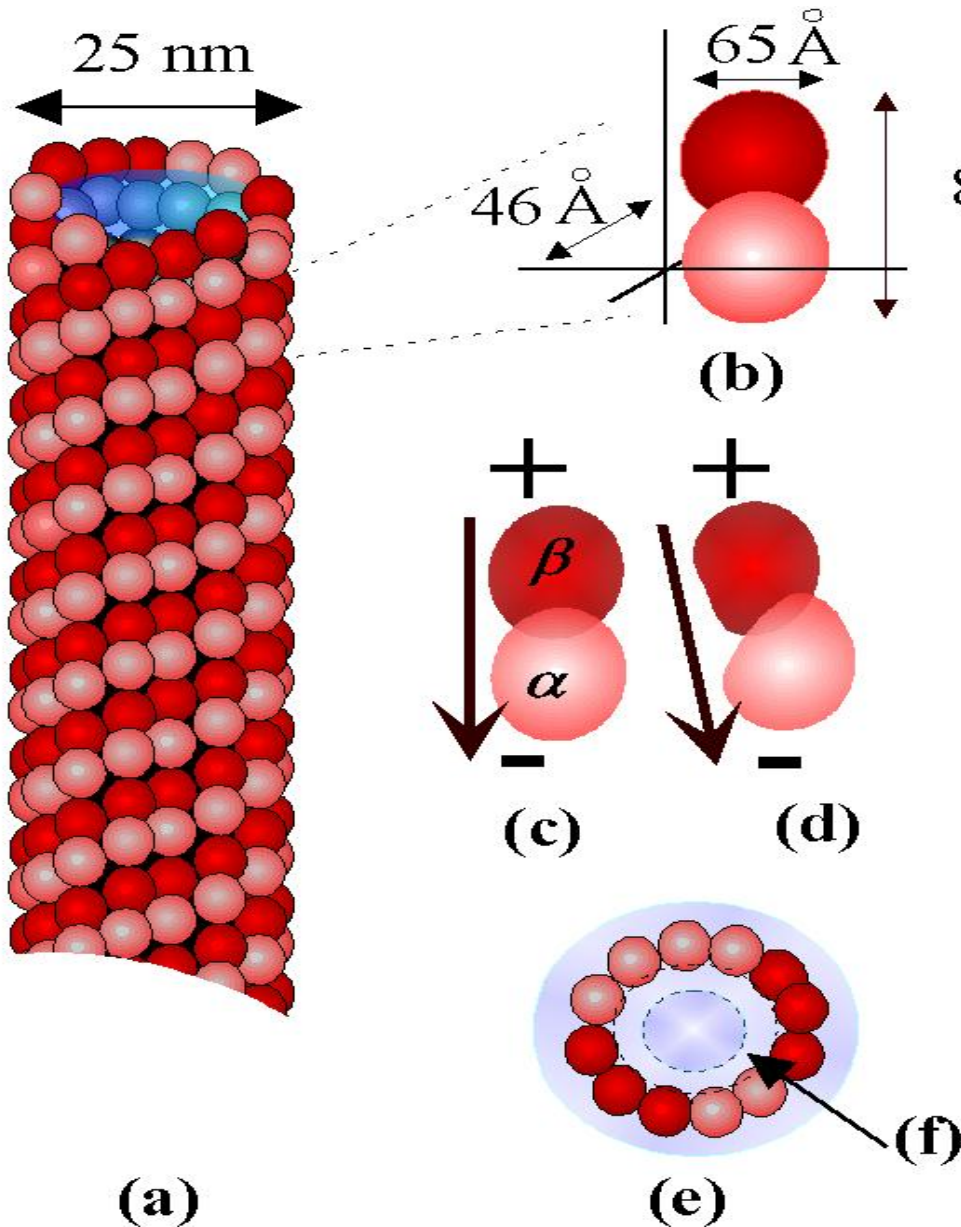
Google earth



Fragmentation signatures of methane extracted from a seawater sample near the Horizon well site obtained by TOF laser spectroscopy



Tubulin and Microtubule structure



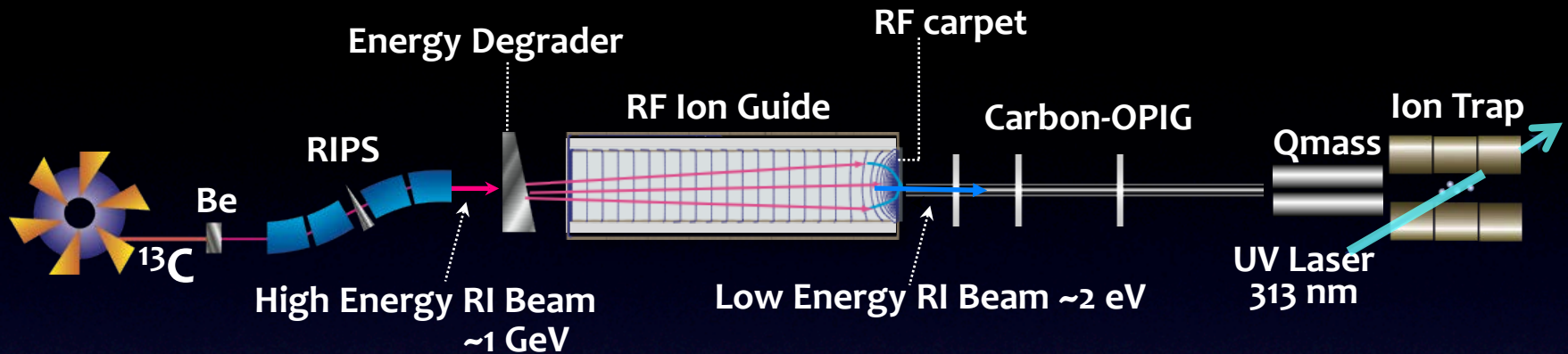
(a): Typical microtubule made of 13 tubulin protofilaments. (b): dimensions of the heterodimer as solved by electron crystallography of zinc-induced sheets note that the MT consists of (c): GTP-tubulin and (d): GDP-tubulin. Arrows indicates electric dipole moment for the two conformations. The percent change in the magnitude of the projection along the MT axis of the dipole moment (D_x) is expected to be readily detectable and roughly equal to 11% $\{ \Delta D_x = (1-\cos\theta)D_x = 190 \text{ Debye} \}$, where $\theta \sim 27^\circ$ and $D_x \sim 1700 \text{ Debye}$ (e): a cross section of the MT showing pitch (f) region where theoretical biophysicists have suggested is equivalent to a QED-cavity.

Monitoring actin-myosin similar to monitoring tubulin/microtubules

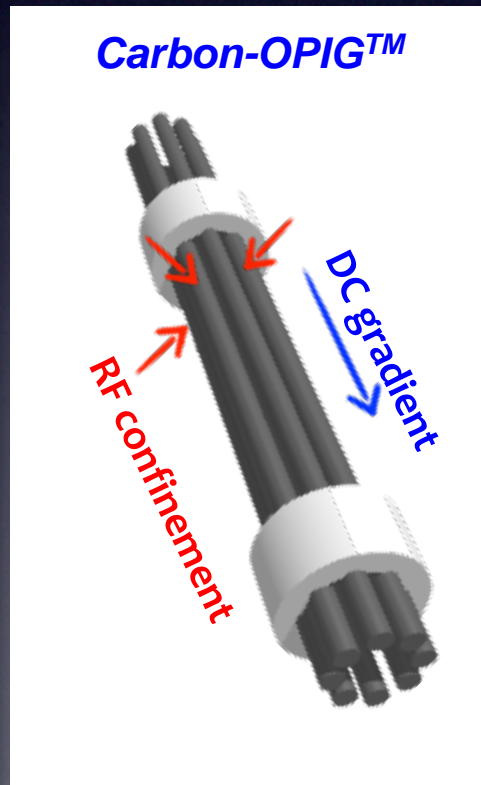
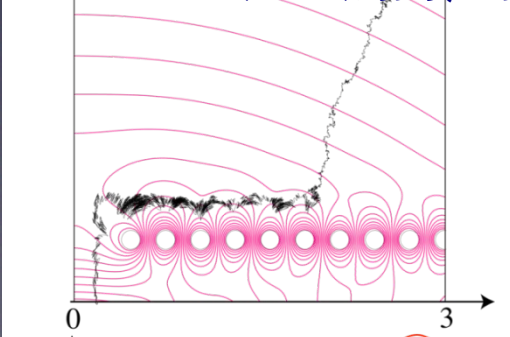




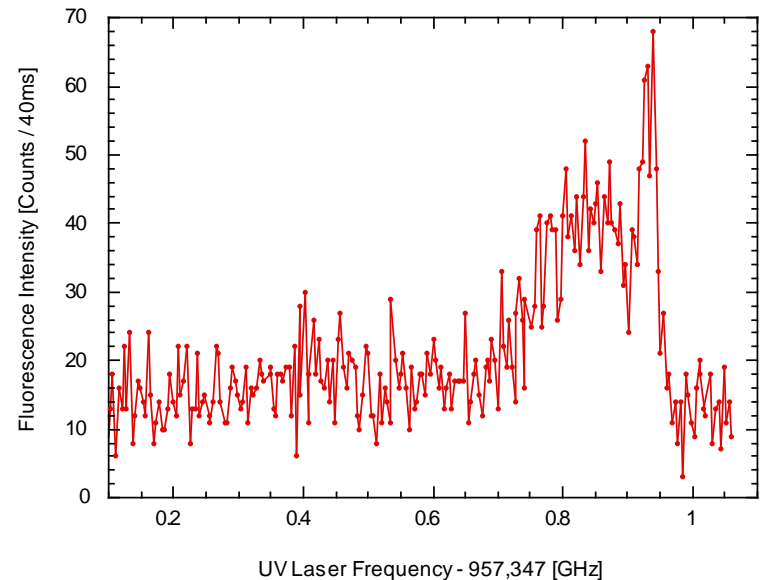
Experimental Setup : SLOWRI prototype @ RIBF, RIKEN



M. Wada et al., NIM B 204,570(2003)
 A. Takamine et al., RSI 76,103503(2005)

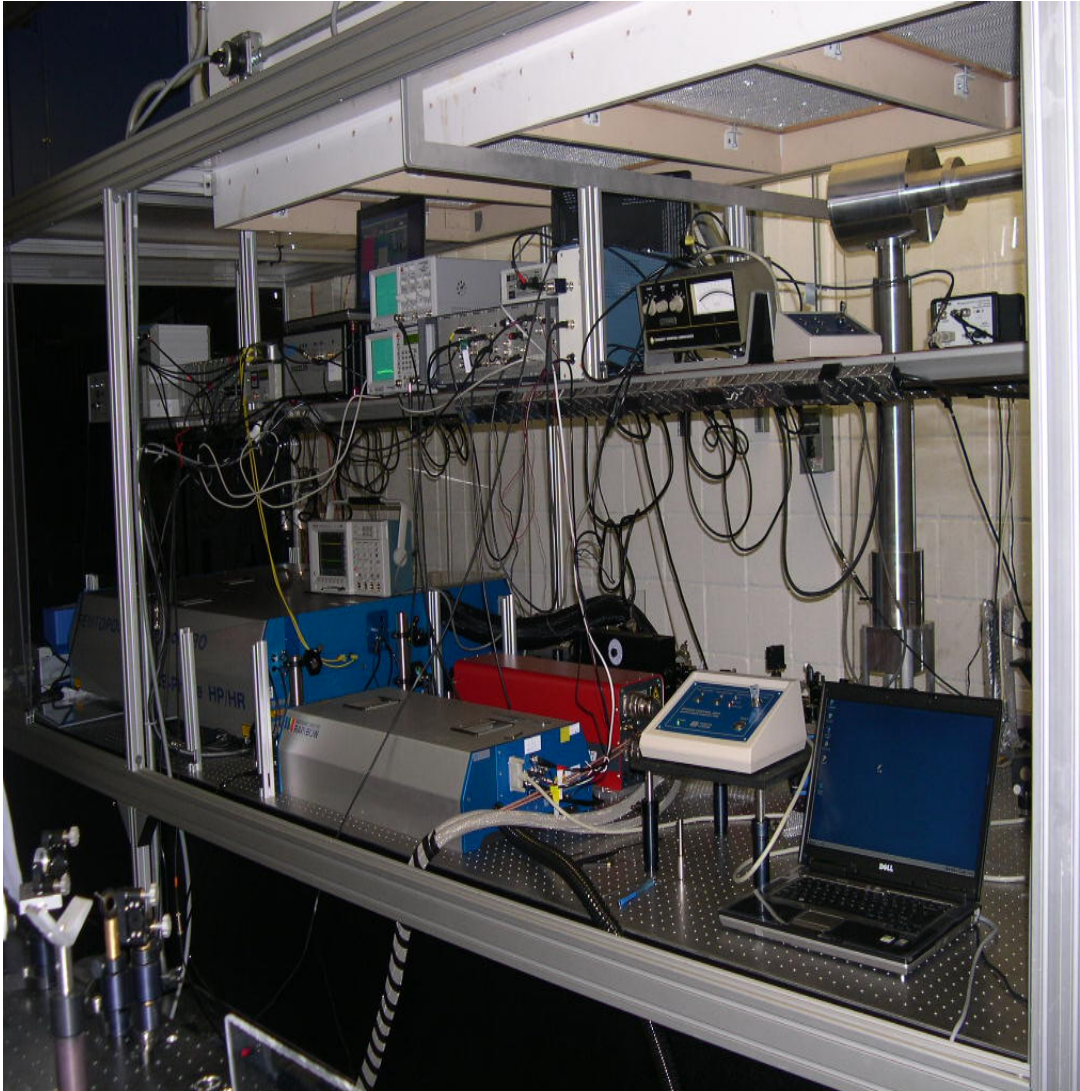


10^{-15} -fold reduction of kinetic energy!



T. Nakamura et al., PRA 74, 052503 (2004)
 K. Okada et al., PRL 101, 212502 (2008)

Carrier-Envelope Phase Stabilized Few-Cycle FEMTOLASERS System



Parameters

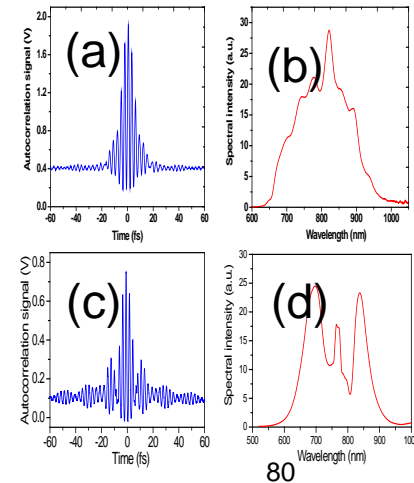
Pulse width = 6.5 fs

Output power =
4.5 W

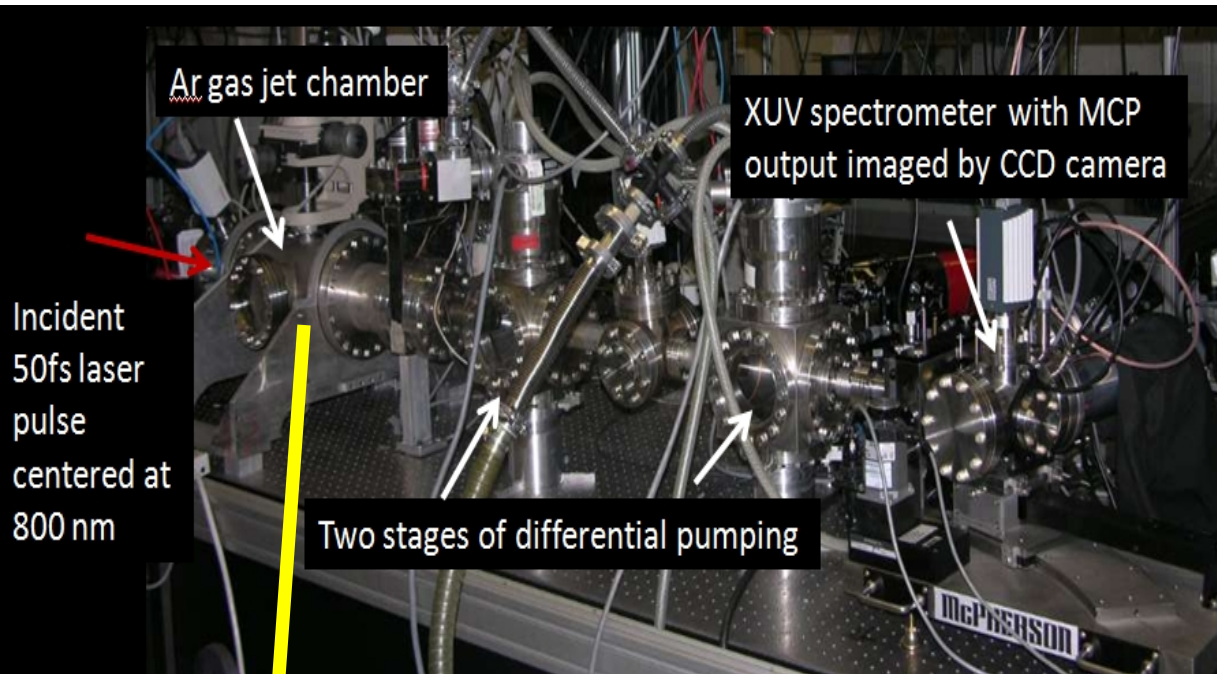
Rep rate = 5 KHz

Energy per pulse =

Auto-correlator traces and spectra:
oscillator (a), (b) and amplifier (c),(d).

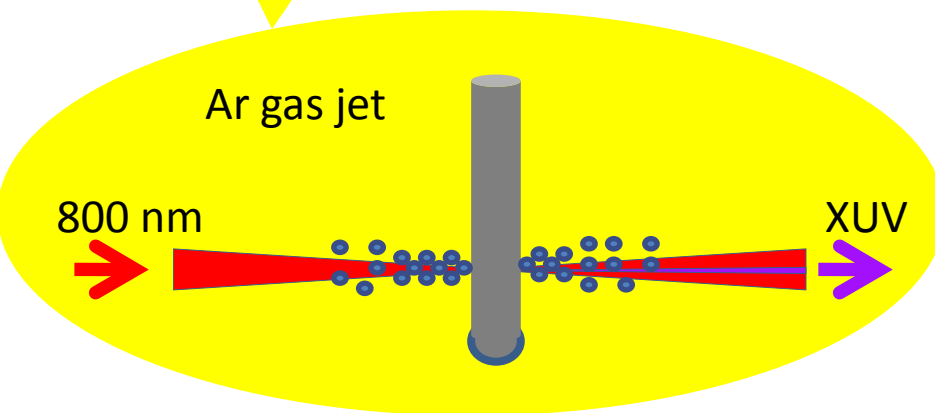


Experimental setup for XUV generation

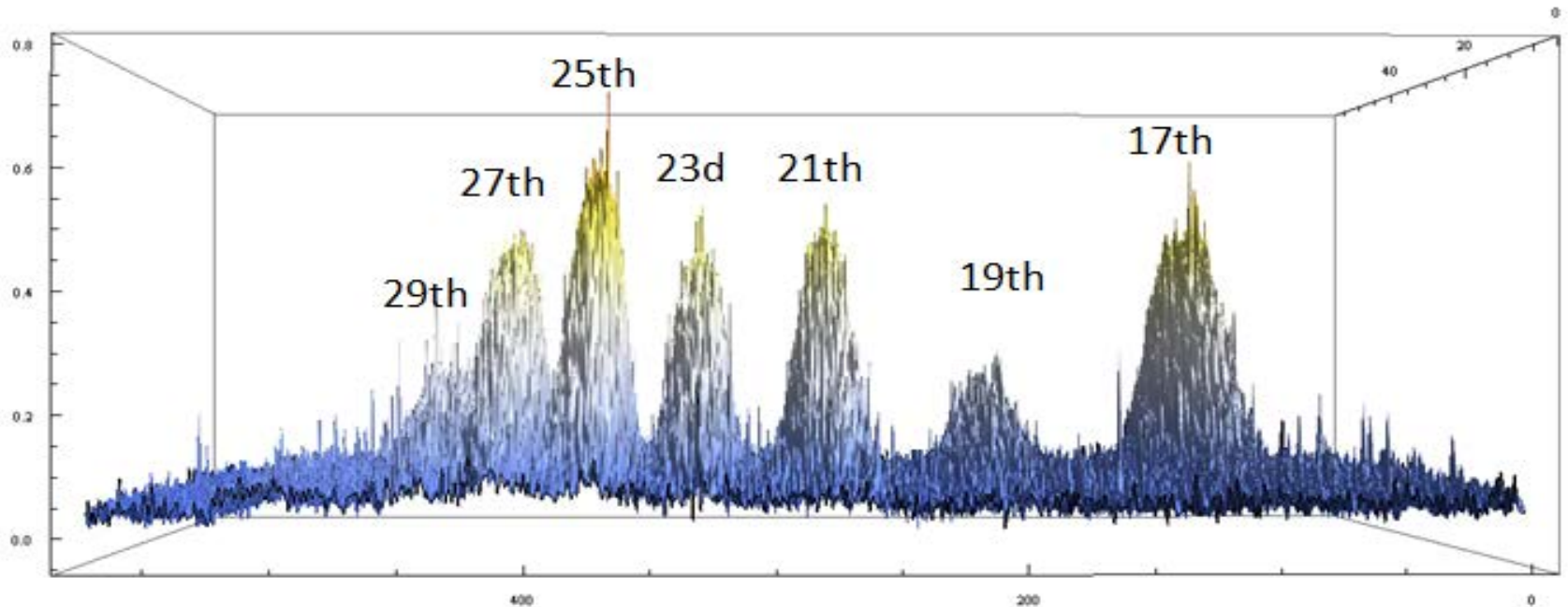


Typical experimental parameters:

- Energy/pulse at the fundamental wavelength from 0.5 mJ to 5mJ.
- Laser intensities from 5×10^{14} to 5×10^{15} W/ cm² .
- Repetition rate 1kHz for 0.5 mJ pulses and 10Hz for higher energy.
- Backing pressure for the gas jet: about 5 bar
- Pressure in the gas jet (calculated from the gas flow rate) about 100-mbar.



Intensity distributions of higher order harmonics generated in Ar gas and imaged on the CCD



The generated high harmonics extended to 29th order and were well separated for the used pulse, which contained about 20 periods of the fundamental field.

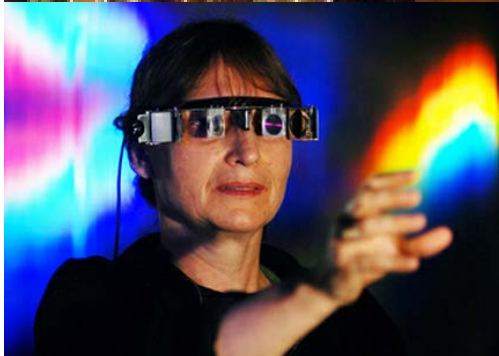
Drilling Rig Near Wyoming's Wind River Range



Deepwater Horizon well blowout



... and more than science



Cultural Heritage

Education for All

Nature

Light and Art



Activities are very broad - science...



Origin of Life

Healthcare

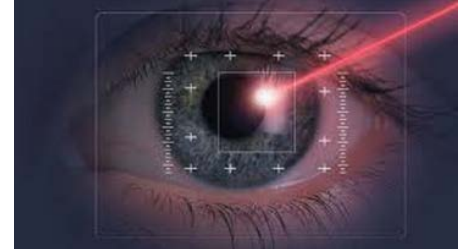


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Atomic Radii

Some properties of elements are compared by the **ionization energies** of elements and **atomic radii**:

