Photonics 2064

Shaping the Future of Optics & Photonics

The International Year of Light and Light-based Technologies 2015

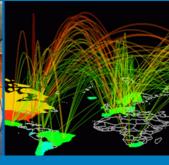






INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF LIGHT 2015











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Why 2015?

1015: 1000 years of Arabic optics

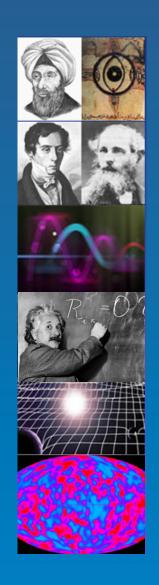
1815: 200 years of Fresnel's theory of diffraction

1865: 150 years since Maxwell's electrodynamics

1915: Einstein Centenary, General Relativity.

1965: CMB, Penzias & Wilson

Optical Fibre Technology, Charles Kao







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ABOUT THE YEAR OF LIGHT **EVENT PROGRAMME**

2015 INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF LIGHT AND LIGHT-BASED TECHNOLOGIES

WHY LIGHT MATTERS

LEARN ABOUT LIGHT

HANDS ON INVOLVEMENT COSMIC LIGHT

LIGHT FOR DEVELOPMENT **SCIENCE STORIES**







IYL2015 Photo Contest







EVENT CALENDAR

8th International Conference on Photonics and Applications Aug 12.

SPIE Optics & Photonics Aug 17.

2nd International Symposium on Optics and its Applications Sep **1**.

Founding Partners

- 19-20 January

2015







































We will only have one chance

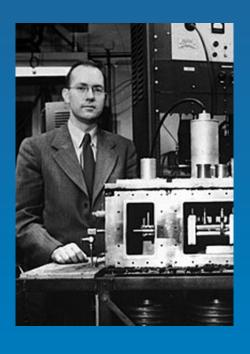
2015 represents a unique opportunity for the optics community to show its vision for the future

Outreach to students and the public is important, but also important is the more difficult task of political engagement

If we miss this chance to promote the importance of science to a political audience, we will only have ourselves to blame...

Engaging more widely

The example of Charles Townes



I have always felt that scientists should provide public service from time to time, and so I agreed to go to Washington to help monitor American scientific work....

How the Laser Happened: Adventures of a Scientist.

Advice is most credible when delivered by working scientists

Independent non-partisan values are increasingly rare

Resistance to basic research



SCIENCE AND THE BOMB

University professors who are opposed to organizing, planning and directing research after the manner of industrial laboratories because in their opinion fundamental research is based on "curiosity" and because great scientific minds must be left to themselves have something to think about. A most important piece of research was conducted on behalf of the Army by precisely the means adopted in industrial laboratories. And the result? An

invention is given to the world in three years which it would have taken perhaps half a century to develop if we had to rely on prima donna research scientists who work alone. The internal logical necessities of atomic physics and the war led to the bomb. A problem was stated. It was solved by team work, by planning, by competent direction and not by a mere desire to satisfy curiosity.

How will funding evolve by 2064?

1945 - Vannevar Bush

Manhattan Project

Science: The Endless Frontier

1945 report (Roosevelt – Truman)



"Basic research is the pacemaker of technological progress"

Basic Research

Applied Research

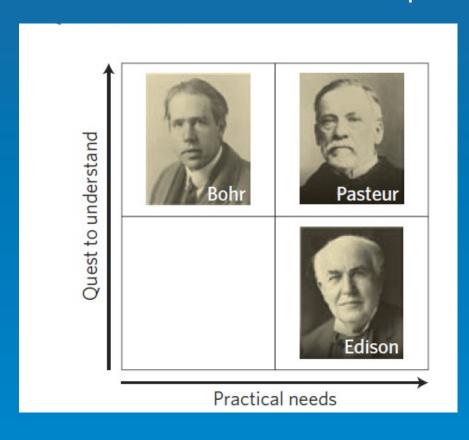
Development

Production

In today's terminology – the value chain ...

1997 - Donald Stokes

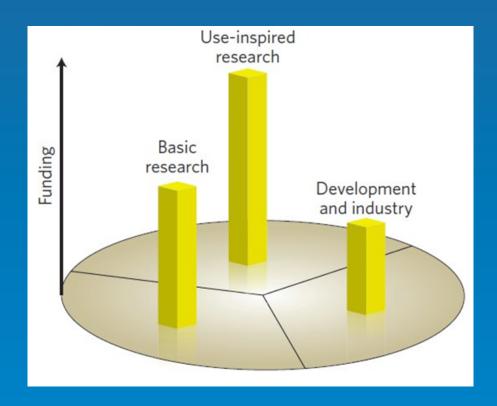
Pasteur's Quadrant - Basic Science & Technological Innovation Add an extra dimension to represent more complex interactions



This is the origin of "enduser inspired" research funding ... relevance, societal needs, impact etc

2014 – Horizon 2020

Realization that basic research can influence industry directly



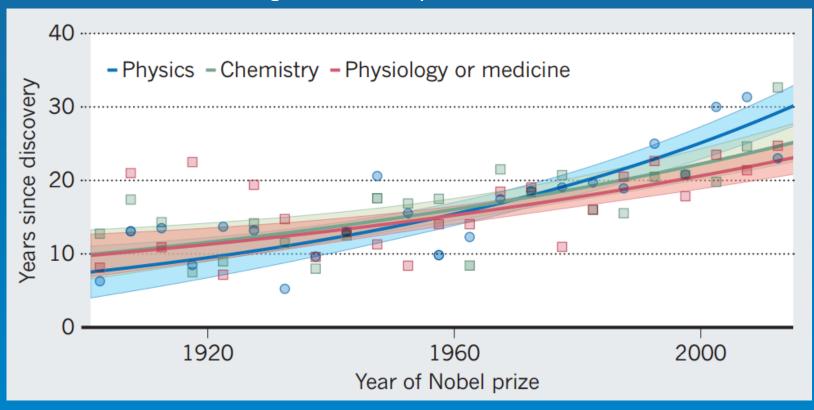
Removing the boundaries in practice is a lot more difficult

We need to remind decision-makers of the timescales involved

Peak of Hype **Pragmatism** Alternative solutions **PROGRESS** Hard Work, Realism **New Applications** Limited real world use **New Concept Depths** of Despair TIME Trigger

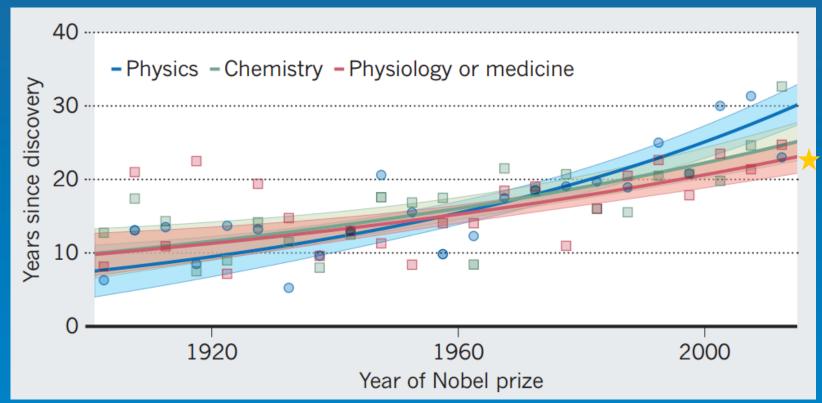
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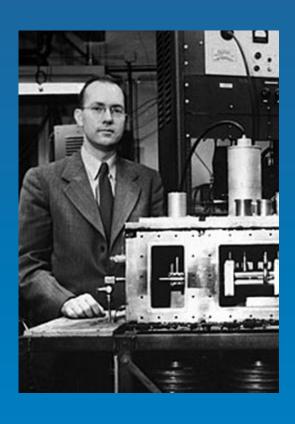


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What about the research process?



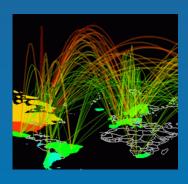
Discovery is multifaceted

What path to explore is important, as well as what we notice along the path. And there are always unturned stones along even well-trod paths.

And the really surprising discoveries will probably depend primarily on individuals, not teams or committees even though the individual may be part of a team.

Now is an ideal time to promote physics







The last International Year on any kind of physics theme for quite a while ...

We must make the most of this