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Lasers in Chemistry

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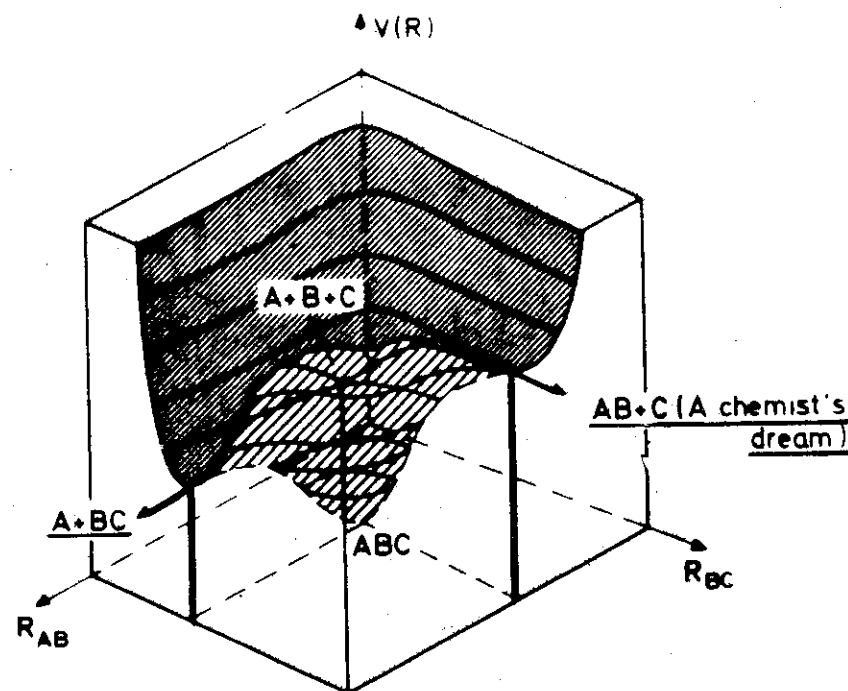
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Outline

- 1) Laser chemistry - philosophical
- 2) fixed frequency UV & IR Laser sources
- 3) tunable "
- 4) vitamin-D synthesis
chemical activation with I_2^*
- 5) mechanisms of IR-multiphoton excitation
- 6) scaling of laser-isotope separation
- 7) kinetic spectroscopy of
multiphoton excitation in benzene
- 8) multiphoton dissociation of OsO_4
- visualized
- 9) gain measurements in electrical
chemi-luminescence

Routes of dissociation of a triatomic molecule ABC



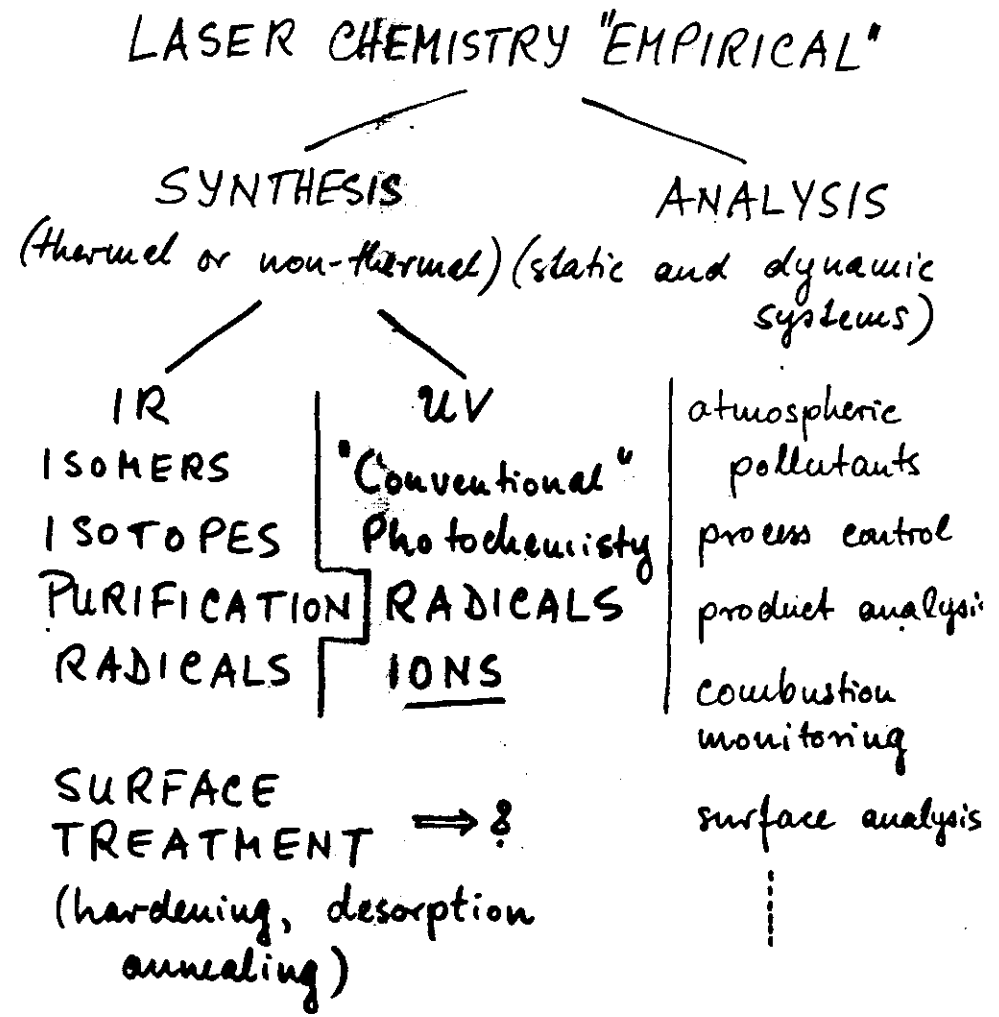
techniques to activate molecules

- (1) photons
- (2) electrons (plasma chemistry
electro-chemistry)
- (3) heat bath
- (4) collisional activation
with certain groups
- (i) catalysts (--- hot surfaces ---
--- inorganics ---
--- biological ---) .

3 topics in Laser-chemistry

- (1) selective activation of molecules
- (2) new chemical processes
- (3) diagnostic with lasers

LASER SOURCE PROPERTY	TYPES OF APPLICATIONS	TYPICAL EXAMPLES
MONOCHROMATICITY/ TUNABILITY	STATE SELECTIVE EXCITATION/PROBING	BASIC CHEMICAL DYNAMICS (SMALL MOLECULES, BEAMS/JETS) LASER ASSISTED COLLISIONAL INTERACTION
HIGH POWER/ENERGY	MULTIPHOTON EXCITATION, HIGH EXCITATION RATES	SEPARATION/PURIFICATION (ISOTOPES), CONTROLLED RADICAL FORMATION, PHOTOIONIZATION,
SHORT PULSES	HIGH TEMPORAL RESOLUTION	psec PHENOMENA (CONDENSED PHASES; BIOPHYSICS)
DIRECTIONALITY/ FOCUSABILITY	HIGH SPATIAL RESOLUTION; REMOTE HEAT TRANSFER	HIGH TEMPERATURE CHEMISTRY and THERMAL PROCESS CONTROL; MICROCHEMISTRY



LASER CHEMISTRY "SYSTEMATIC"

Laser Synthesis (= Preparation of Reagents)

Vib-Rotational State

Selection

Small molecules, beams
no preparative scale

Electronic State

Selection

Gases and condensed
phases, ionization

Vibrational Mode (Group)

Selection

In Gases (?) and on
surfaces (?)

Species (Compound)

Selective Excitation in

Mixture

Isotope Separation,
Isomers, Purification
Laser Thermal Chemistry

Special Gradients in
Temp., Space, Time

Laser Analysis (= Probing of Molecules)

Light scattering

Mie, Rayleigh,
Raman, Identity
and Concentration
Absorption

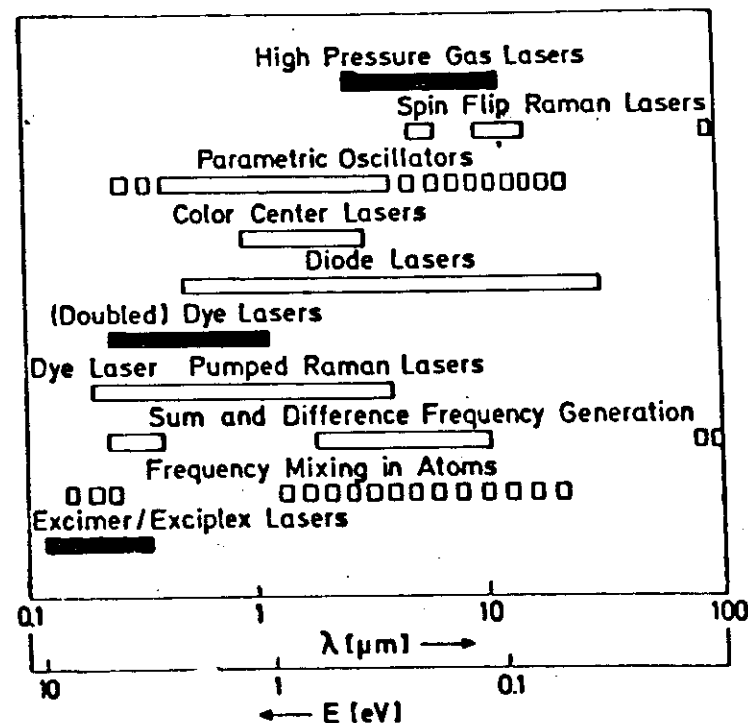
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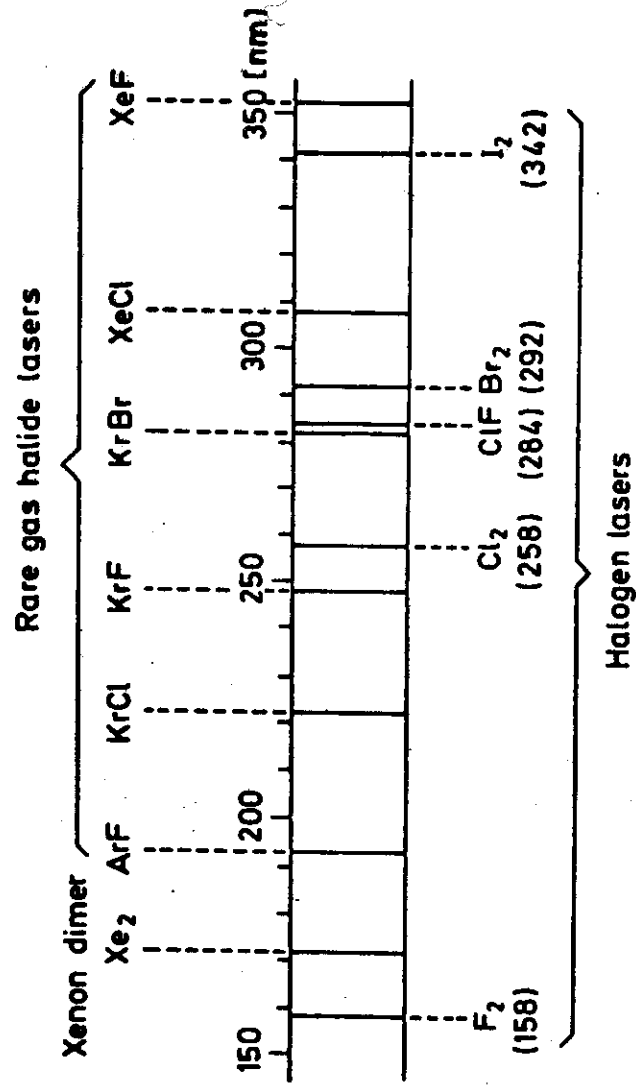
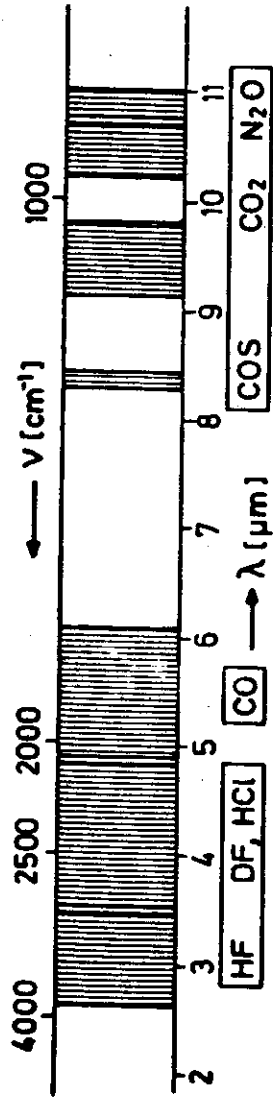
Differential Abs.
LIF, Identity, Conc.,
Temperature
Velocimetry

Transport and
Motion, Temperature

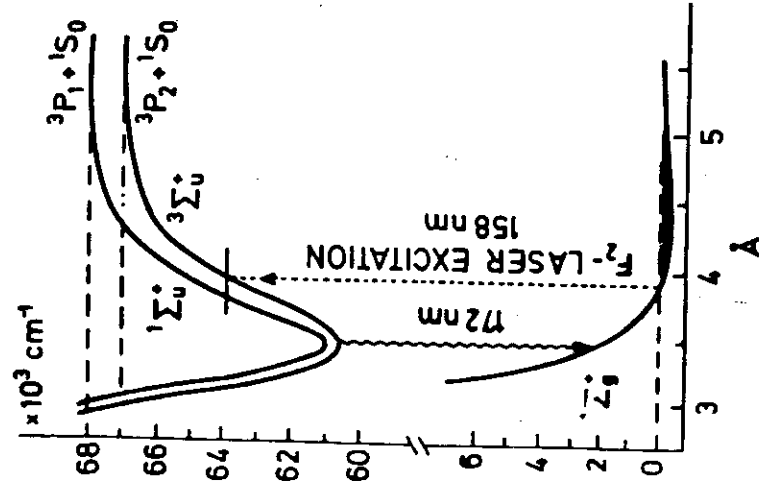
Ionization

Mass Spectrometry
Identification

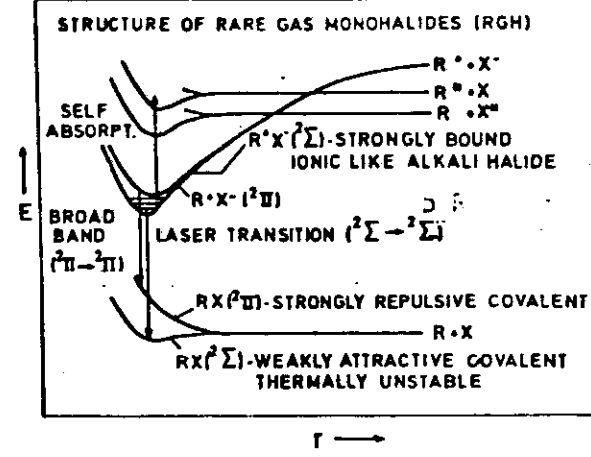
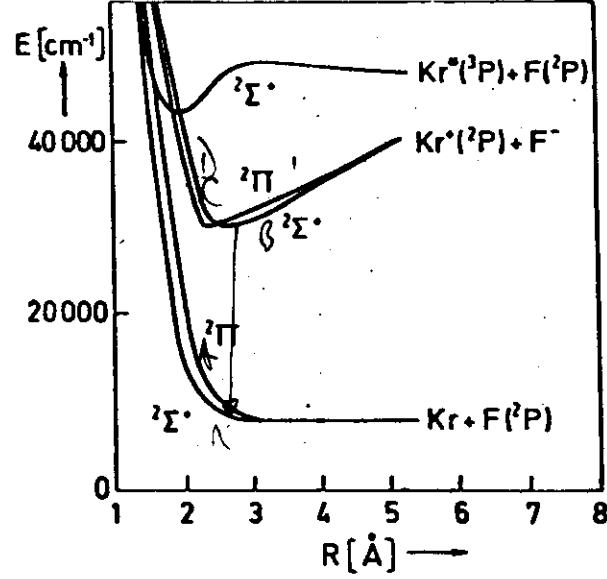
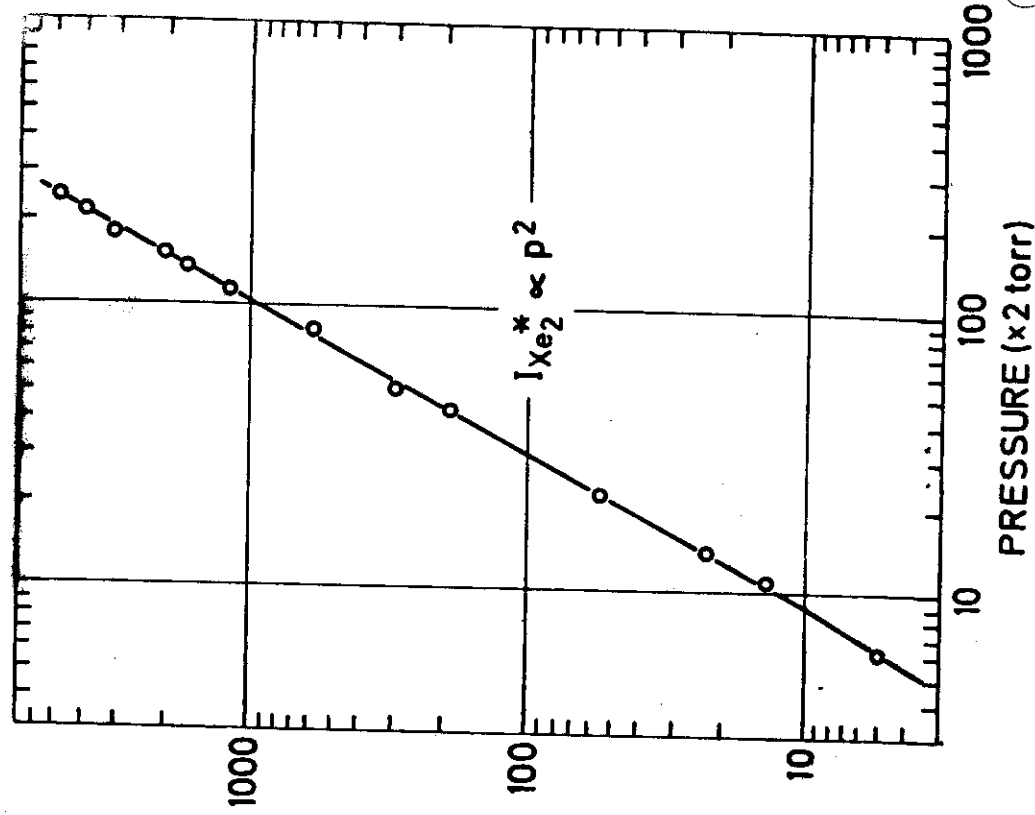


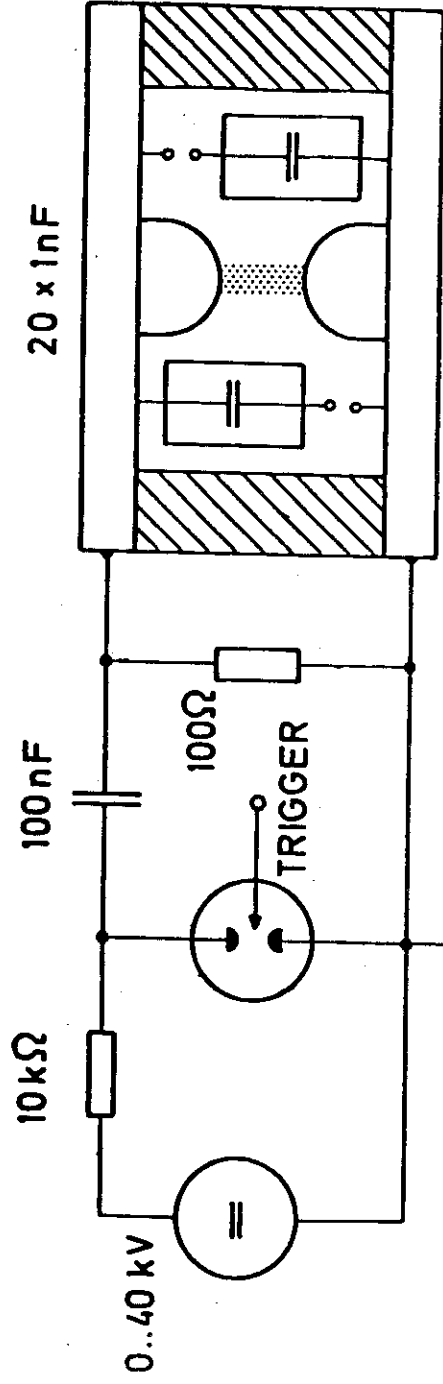


Xe-COLLISION PAIR EXCITATION



FLUORESCENCE OF $\text{Xe}_2^* - 172 \text{ nm}$



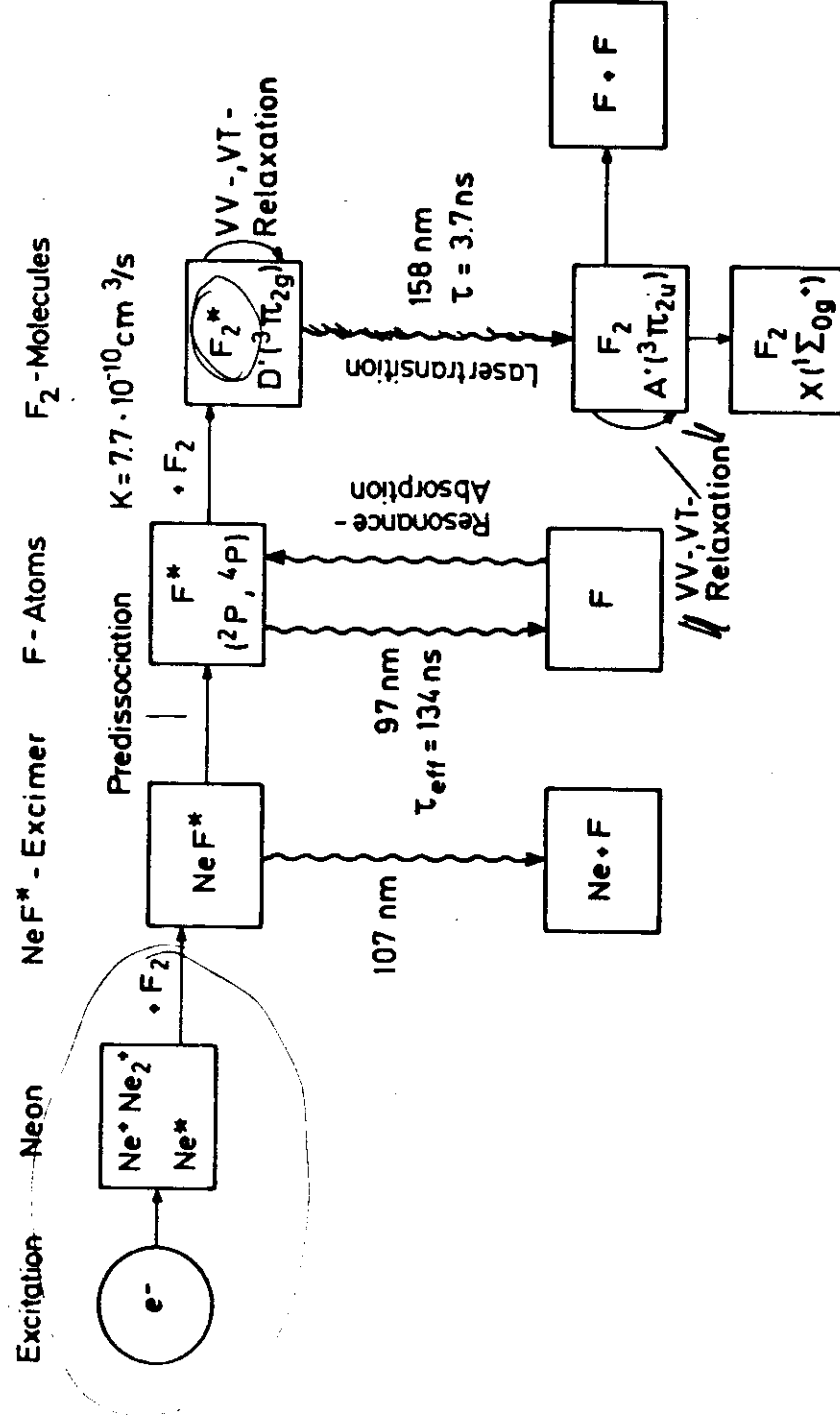


PULSE CHARGING CIRCUIT

TEA-LASER-CHAMBER

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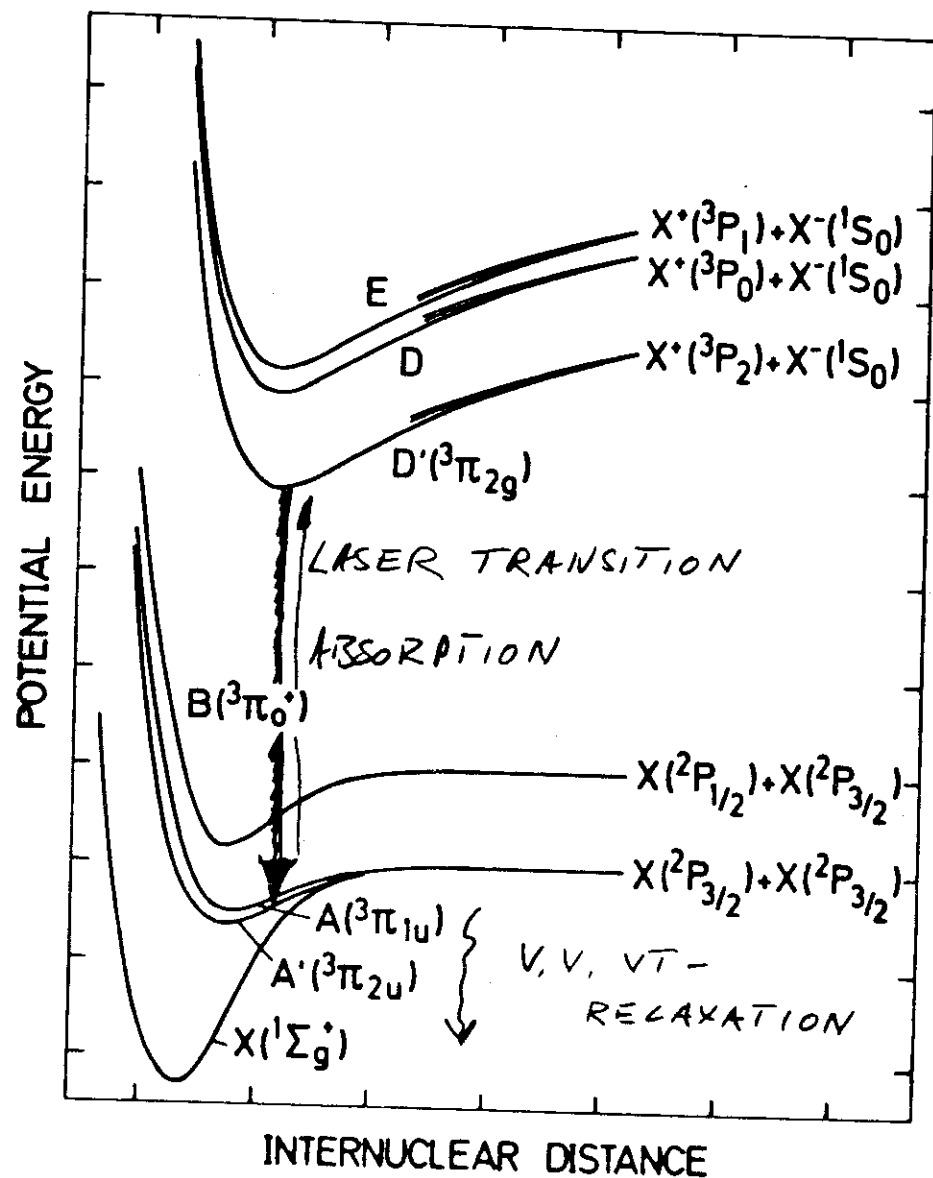
TRANSIENTS



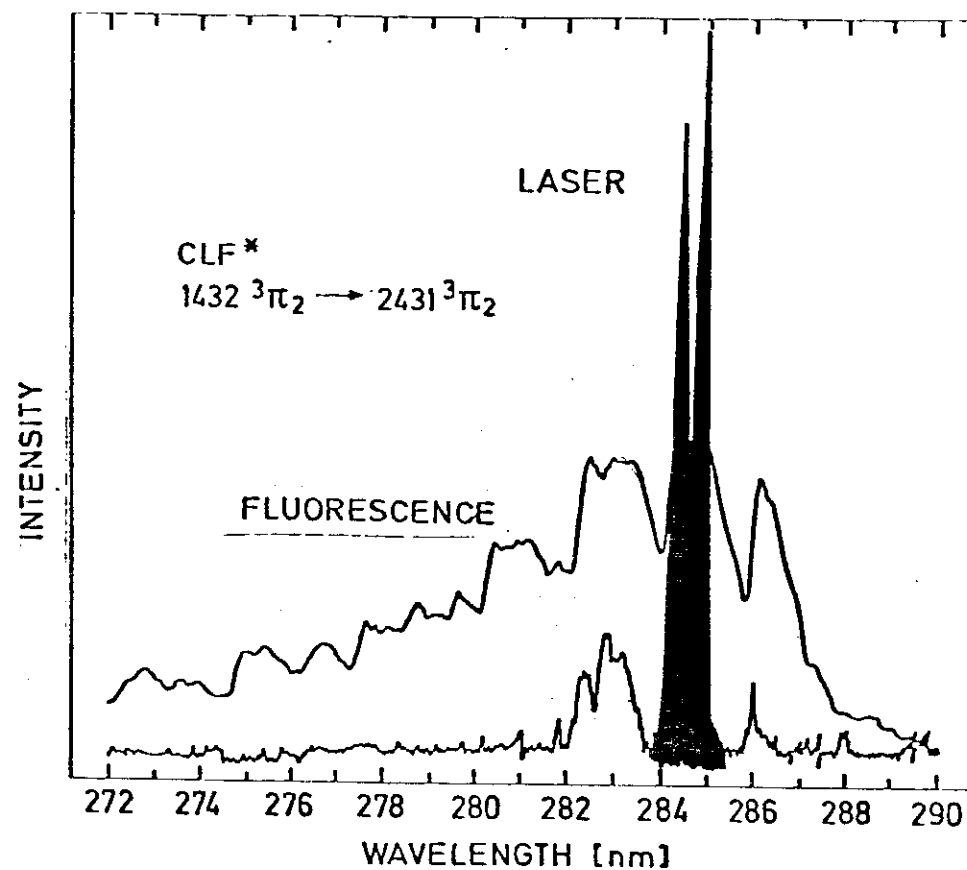
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F_2 potential surface

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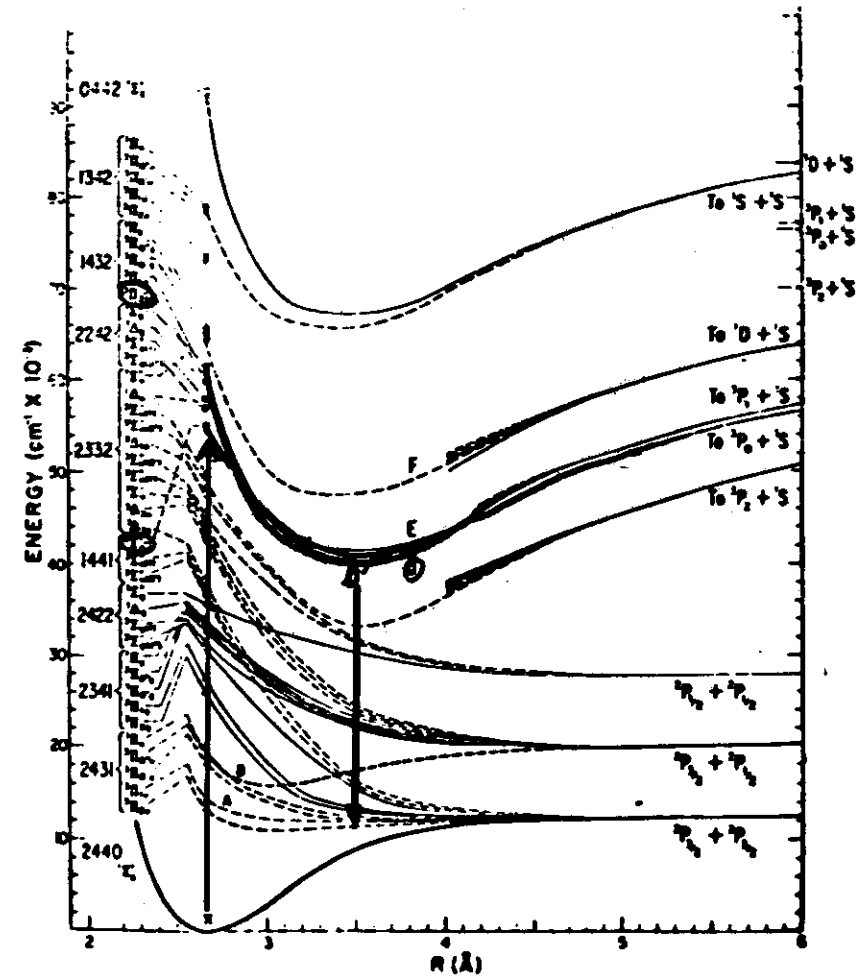
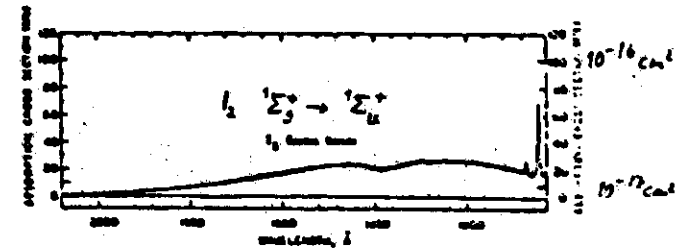
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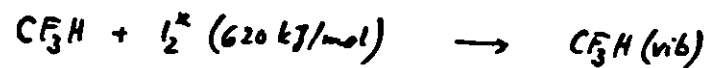
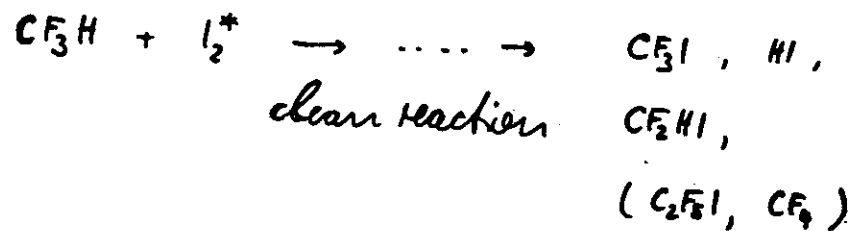
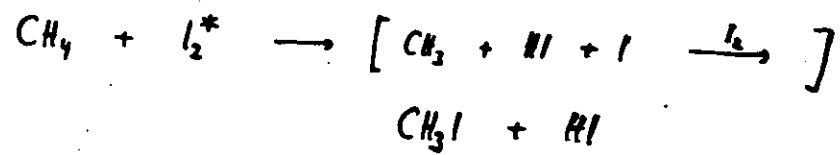


	F	Cl	Br	I
I	490.8 nm F*, L*	431.3 nm F	385.7 nm F*	342.4 nm F, L
Br	394.5 nm F*, L*	314.2 nm F*	292.0 nm F, L	
Cl	284.4 nm F*, L*	257.7 nm (F), K, L		
F	157.6 nm (F), L			

← 292 nm

- F = Fluoreszenzspektrum bekannt
 F* = Fluoreszenzspektrum in dieser Arbeit erstmalig aufgenommen
 K = Kinetik in dieser Arbeit untersucht
 L = Laser bekannt
 L* = Laser in dieser Arbeit erstmalig demonstriert



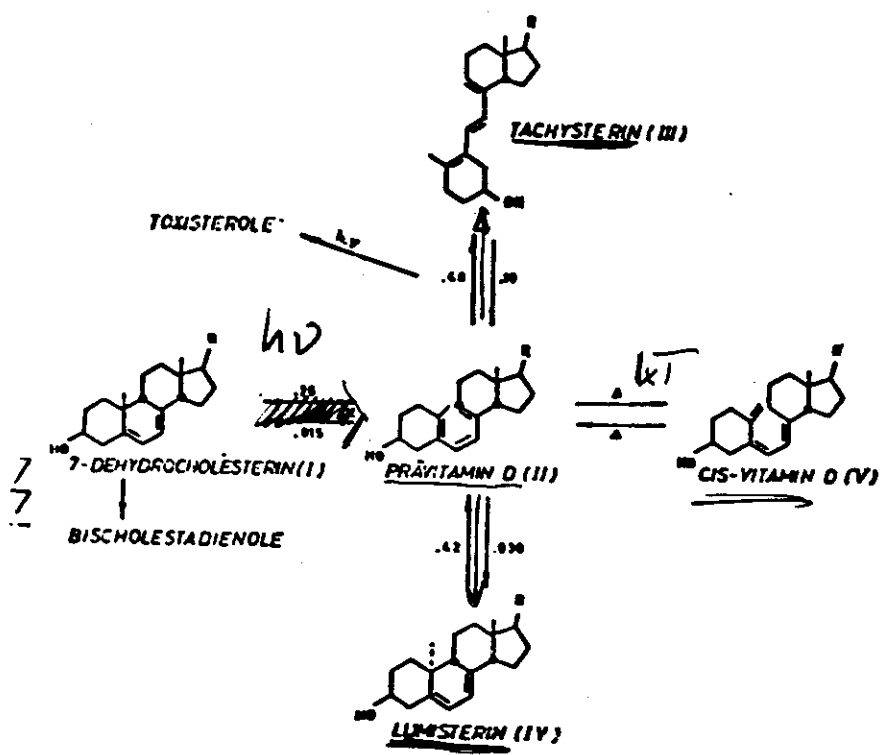


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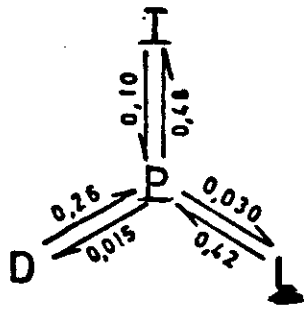
Problem in botanical
vitamin synthesis:

The ideal frequency!

M. BRAUN et al.

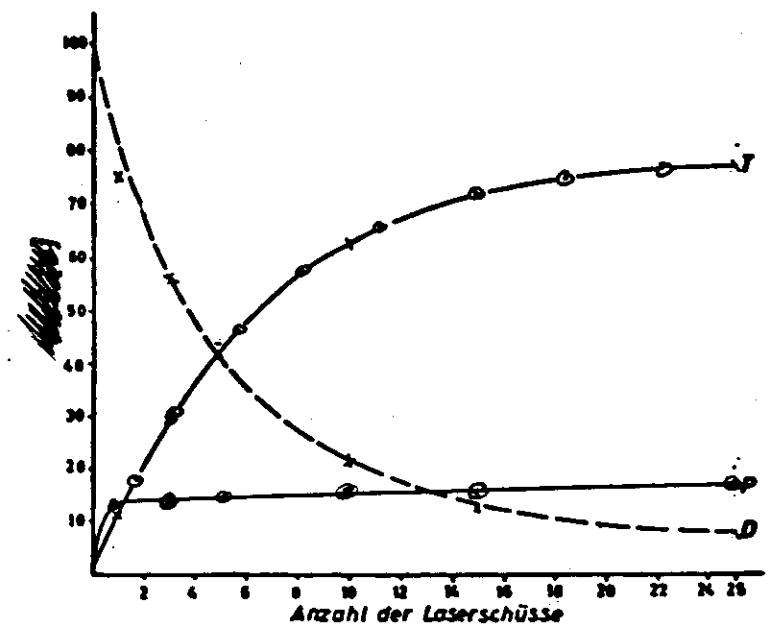


Photochemische Isomerisierungen von 7-DHC

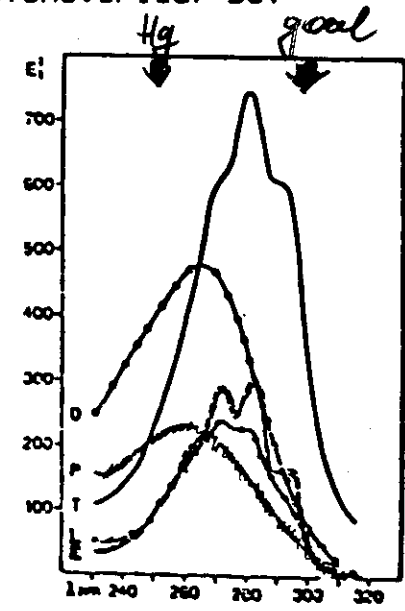


Vereinfachtes Reaktionsschema

COMPOSITION



Reaktionsverlauf bei $\lambda = 248 \text{ nm}$ (KrF-Laser)

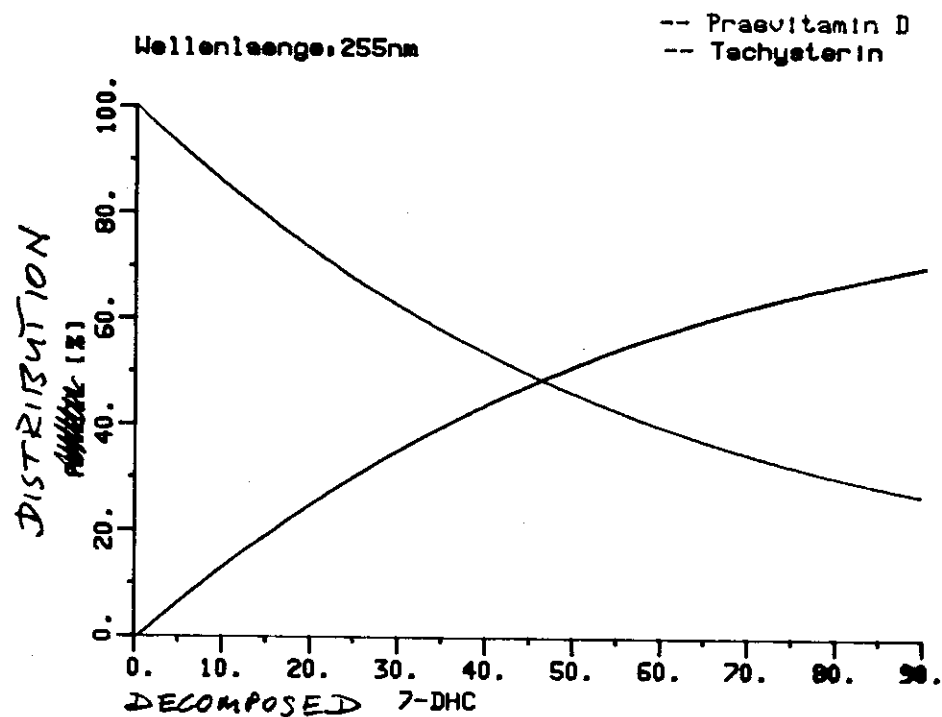


Spektren in Ethanol von

- E = Ergosterol bzw. 7-DHC II
- P = Prävitamin D
- I = Tachysterin
- L = Lumisterin

(nach K. Pfoertner, und J.P. Weber, Helv. Chim. Acta 55, 921 (1972))

bad run



good run with a laser

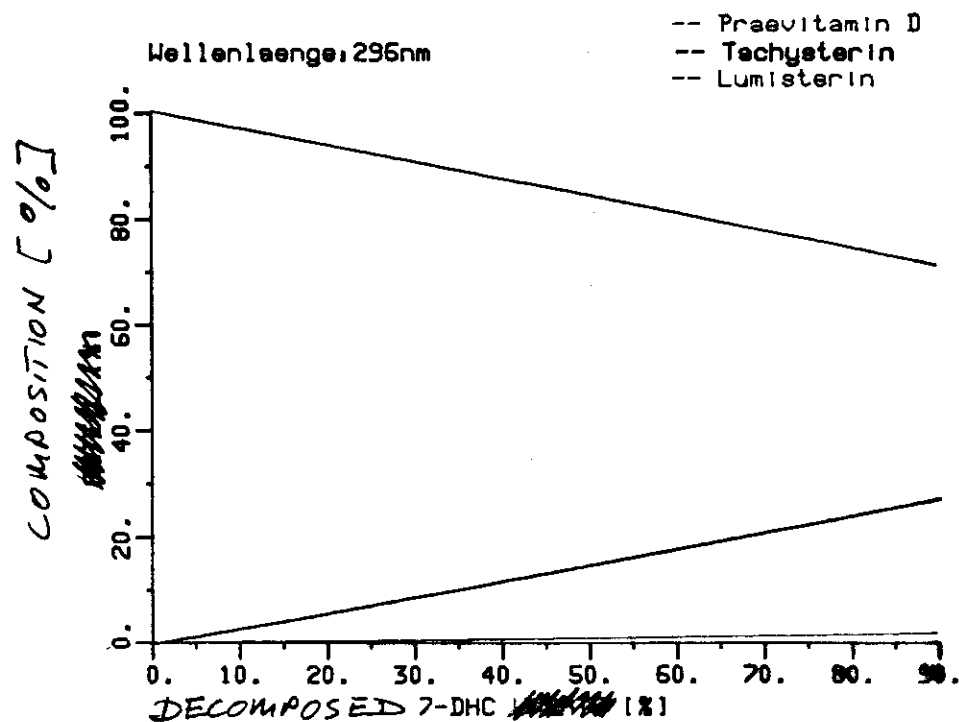


TABLE I; (Ref. 7)

Compound	Plant Capacity 10 ⁶ kg/yr	% of Total Manufacturing Cost			
		Raw Materials	Operation	Costs Fixed	Energy*
Aniline	3.3	84.9	9.8	2.7	2.6
p-Phenylene-diamine	0.1	84.5	5.9	4.4	5.2
DDT	4.5	59.2	13.6	20.4	6.8
Sulfonated Dodecylbenzene	2.0	87.6	7.6	2.9	1.9
Phenol	22.7	85.6	7.6	4.2	2.6
Urea	40.8	70.0	11.1	13.4	5.5
HCN	10.4	71.3	8.7	14.1	5.9

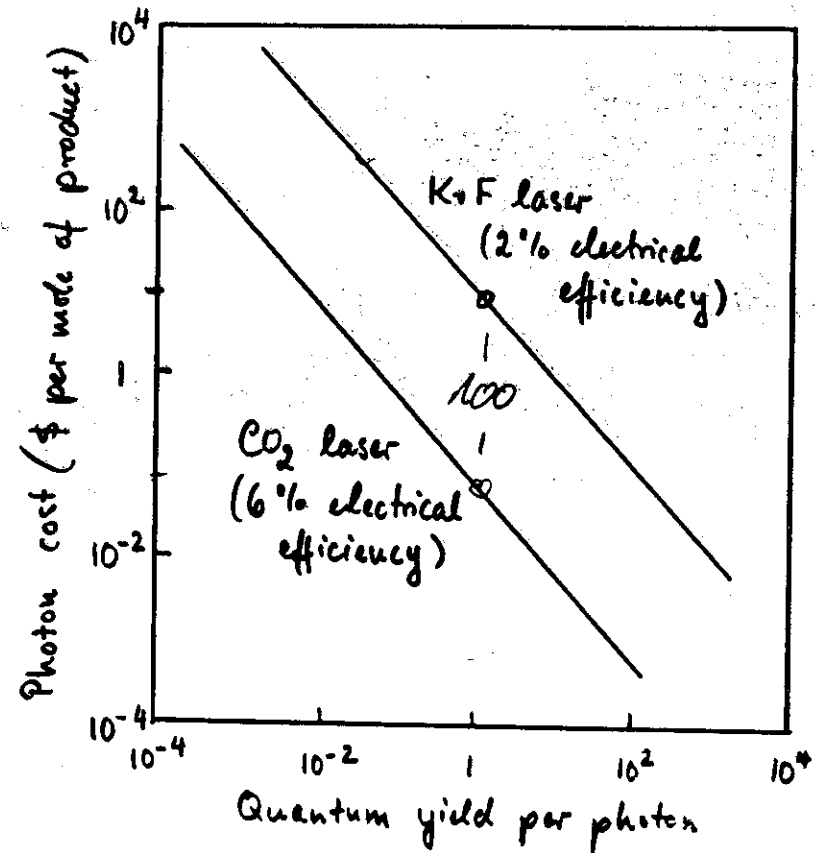
*Includes steam, electricity and cooling water.

TABLE II

Costs	w/o laser	w/laser (Single step case)
Raw materials	a	a
Energy	b	b + β
Fixed & operations	c	c + γ
Overall yield	$A \approx A_0 \alpha$	$A + \Delta A \approx A_0 (\alpha + \beta\alpha)$
Production cost-per unit	$\frac{(a+b+c)}{A_0 \alpha}$	$\frac{(a+b+c) + (\beta + \gamma)}{A_0 (\alpha + \beta\alpha)}$

$$\parallel \frac{\Delta\alpha}{\alpha} \gg \frac{\beta + \gamma}{\alpha + \beta\alpha} \parallel$$

Randbedingung: IR Laser i.a. nur in der Gasphase einsetzbar



Triatomic rare-gas halide
excimer lasers?

broad continuum emission Xe_2Cl
→ tunable UV-lasers

Prof. Ger et al. Ar_2F

goal: discharge for
high repetition rates
& simplicity
(different kinetics)

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tunable
THE GENERATION OF γ ULTRAVIOLET AND VACUUM-ULTRAVIOLET
RADIATION

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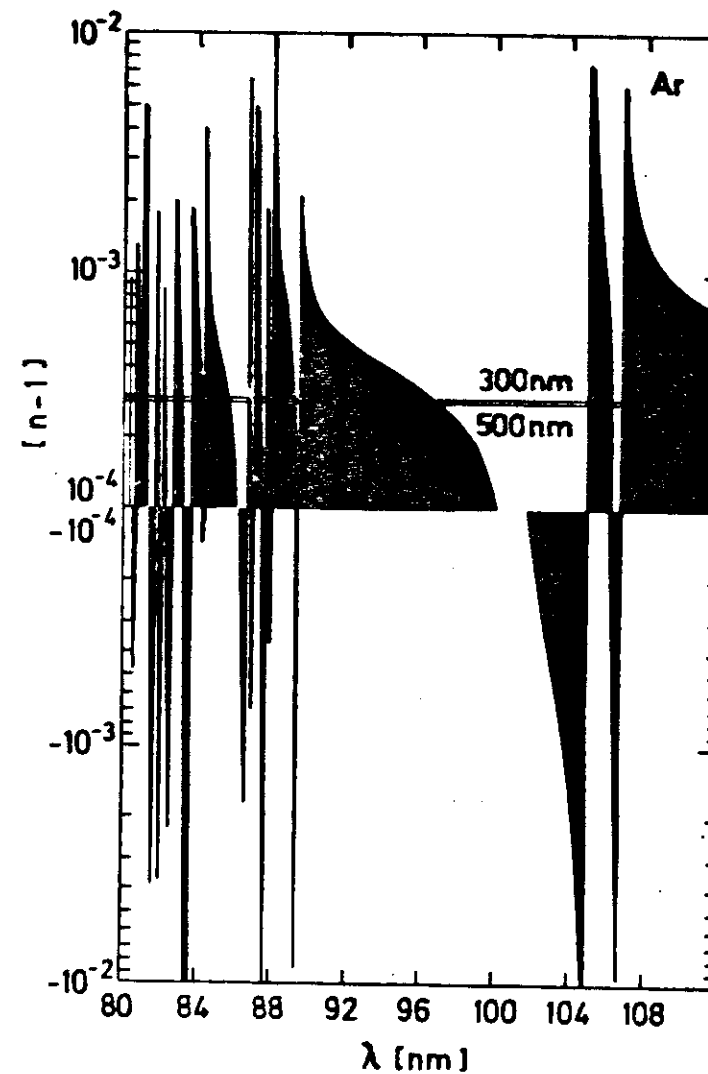
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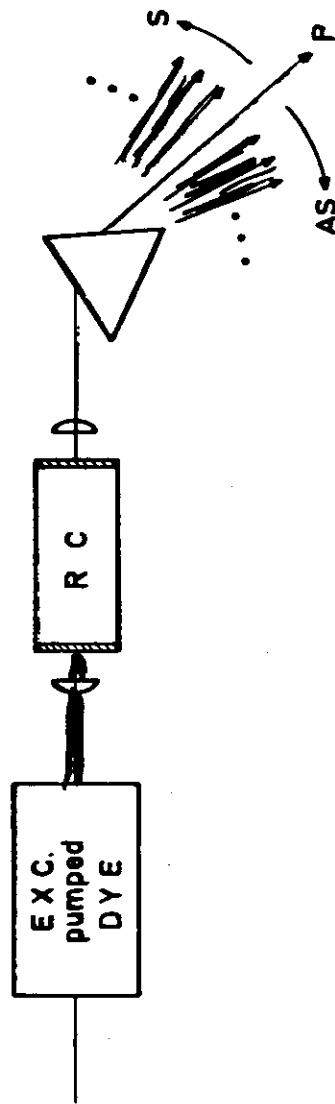
Experiments that we have in mind

- Photoionization
- Photofragmentation
- Ion-Molecule Reactions
- Initiation of Photochemical Reactions
- Photon Stimulated Desorption

Properties the laser should have

- Continuous Tunability $\geq 100\text{nm}$
- Output Power $\geq 1\text{kW}$
- Good Spatial Quality
- Narrow Bandwidth
- Reliable Performance,
Ease of Operation



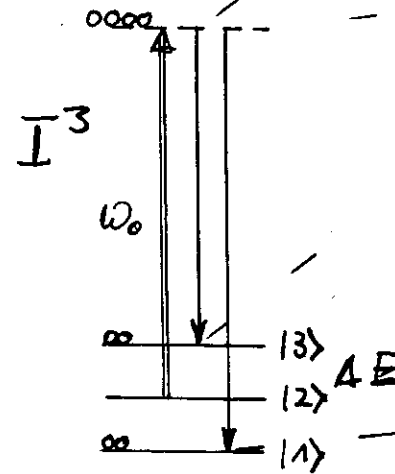


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STOKES LIGHT GENERATION

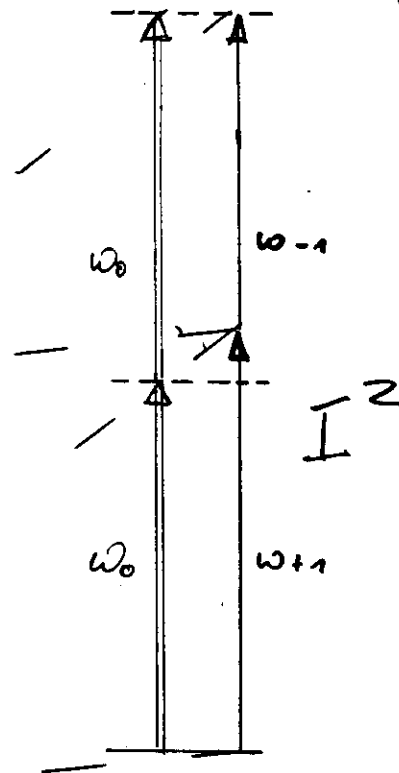
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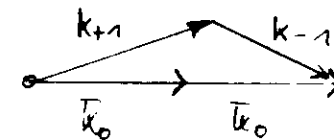
$$\omega_{\pm 1} = \omega_0 \pm \Delta E / \hbar$$

4-wave mixing



$$\omega_0 + \omega_0 = \omega_{+1} + \omega_{-1}$$

$$\omega_{+1} = \omega_0 + \Delta E / \hbar$$





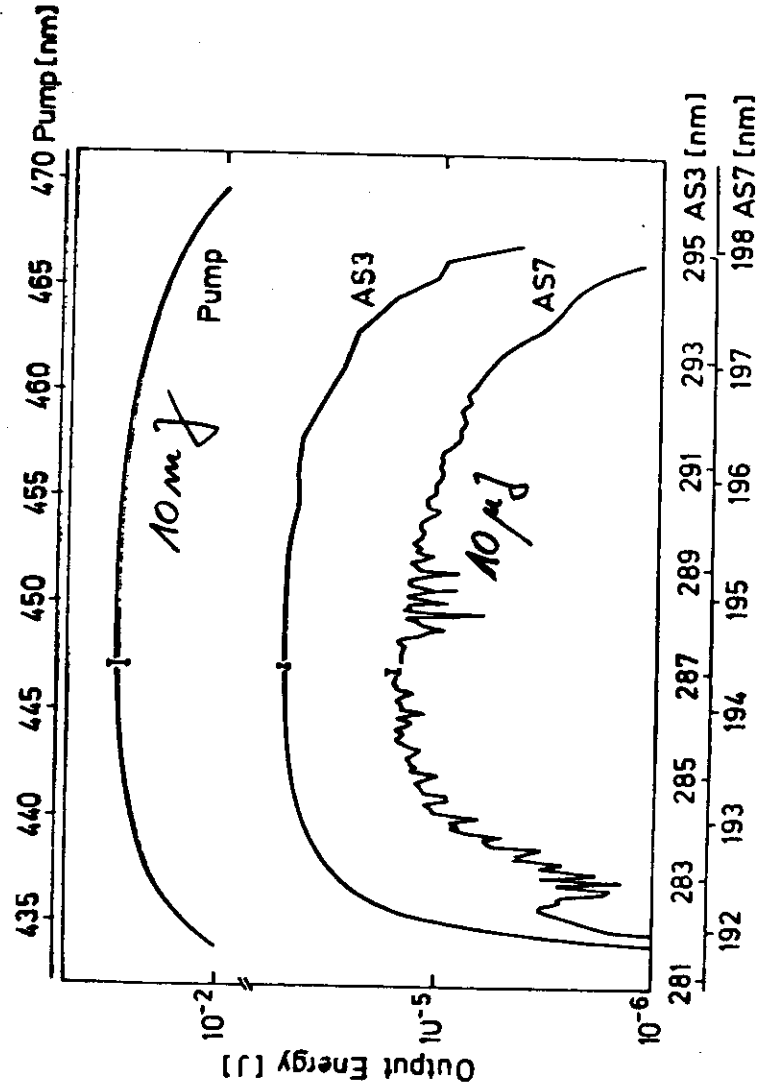
$$\Gamma_L = 0.04 \text{ cm}^{-1}$$



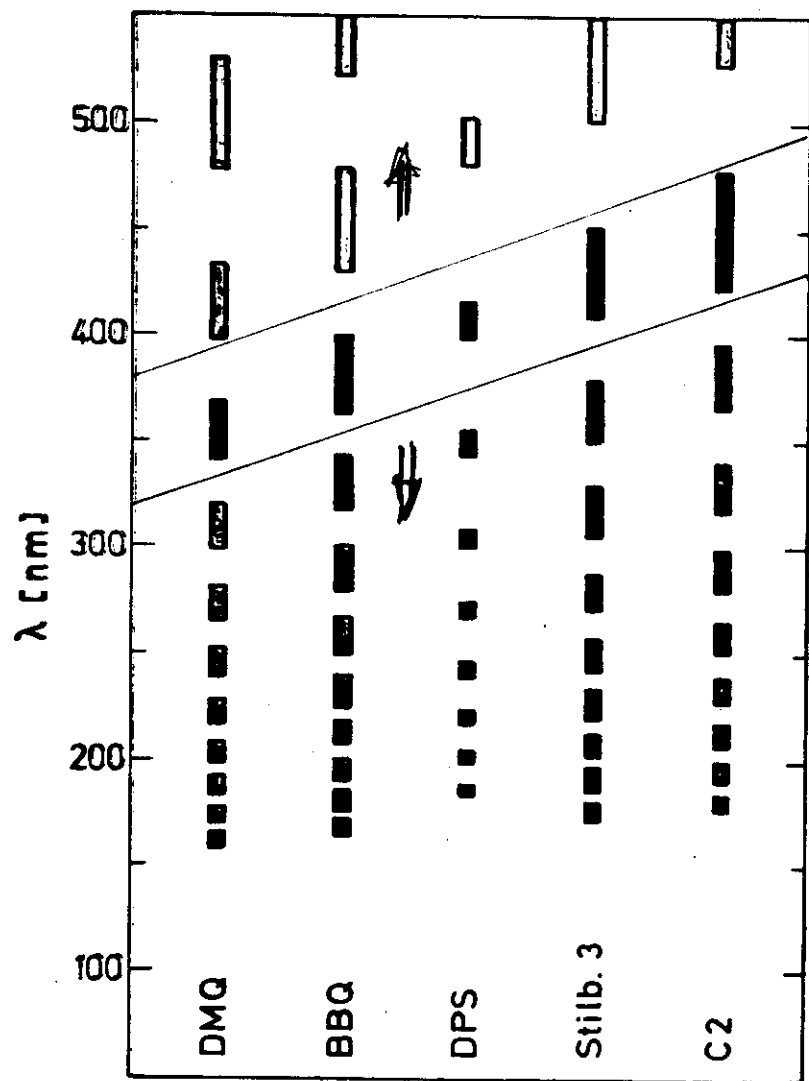
$$\Gamma_L = 0.2 \text{ cm}^{-1}$$

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$$g_{-1} = \omega_{-1} / (2 \epsilon^2 c^2 \hbar n_{-1} n_0) / |\vec{\alpha}|^2 (N/\gamma)$$

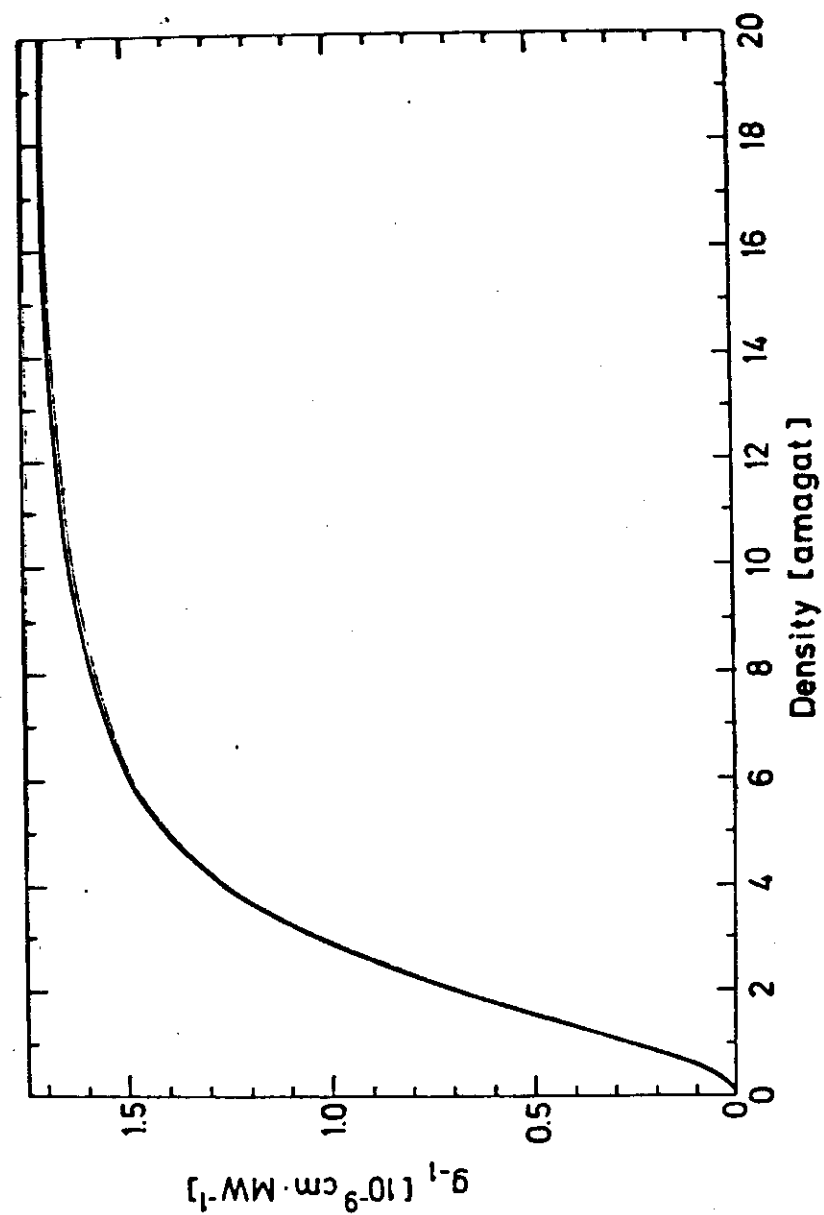
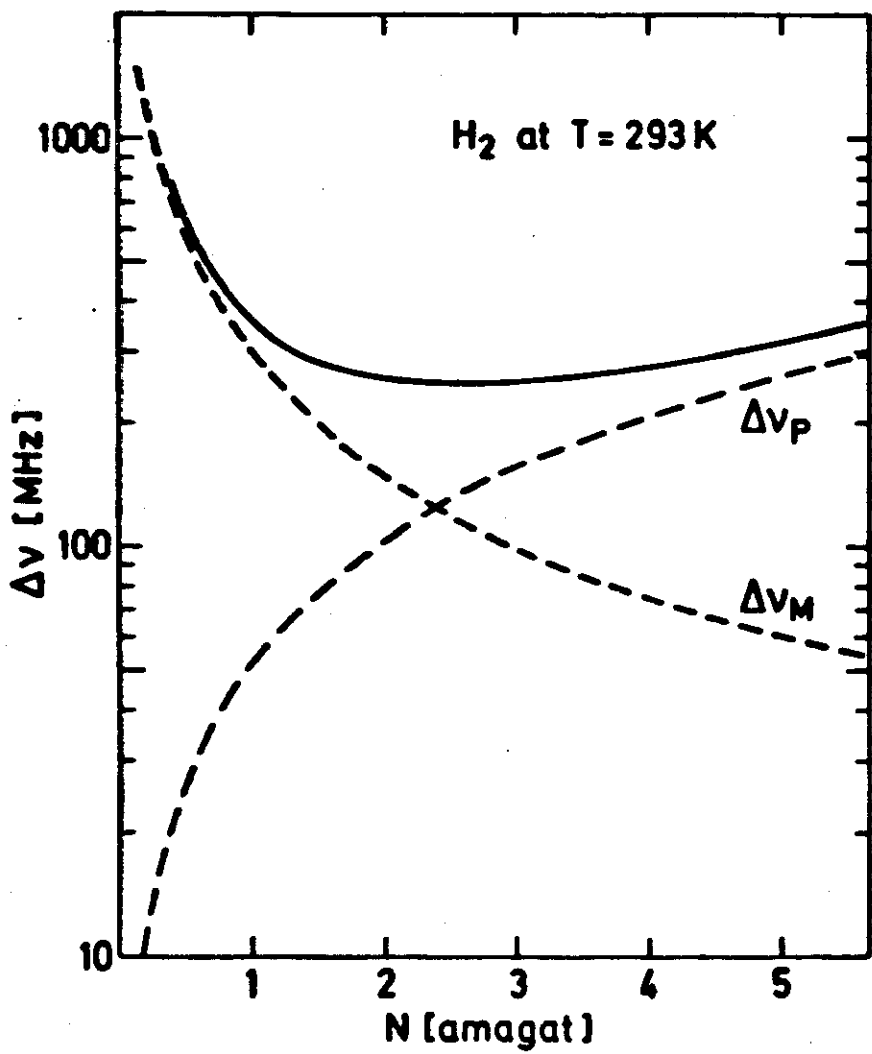
$$\gamma \propto \Delta\nu = D_0 K^2 / (\pi N) + \chi N = \Delta\nu_M + \Delta\nu_P$$

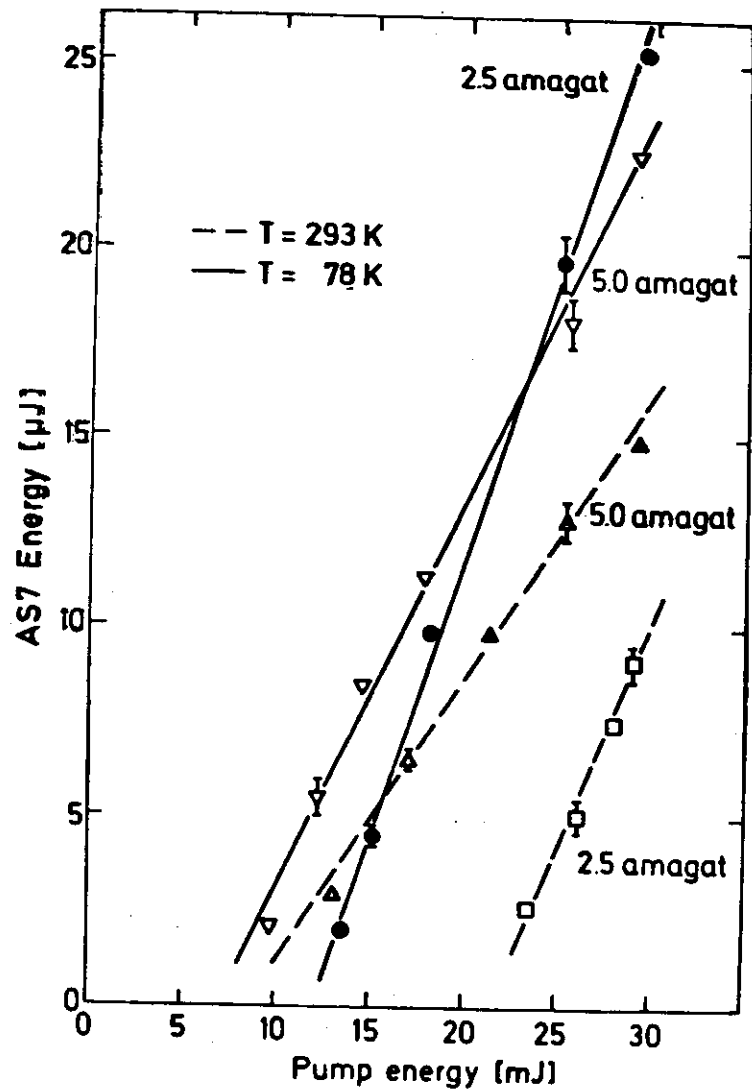
$\nearrow$ motional narrowing $\nearrow$ pressure broadening

$$D_0 \propto \bar{v} = (3kT/m)^{1/2}$$

$$\Delta\nu_P = 2N\sigma\bar{v} \propto T^{1/2}$$

$$\Rightarrow g_{-1} \propto T^{-1/2}$$





ACHIEVEMENTS, ... so far

$$\lambda_{\min} = 163 \text{ nm}$$

$$(\cong AS_8 \text{ of } 356 \text{ nm})$$

$$E_{163} \geq 1 \mu\text{J} @ \tau = 1.5 \text{ ns}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sim 1 \text{ kW}$$

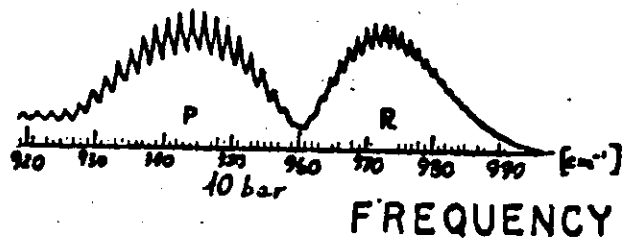
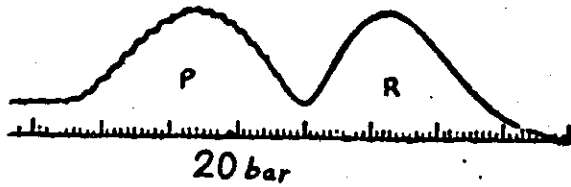
$$\text{Focusability: } \phi 100 \mu\text{m}$$

$$\Rightarrow > 10 \text{ MW/cm}^2$$

! These figures for $T=293\text{K}$!

HOCHDRUCK. HOCHLEISTUNG CO₂ LASER MIT ELEKTRONENSTRAHL VORIONISIERUNG

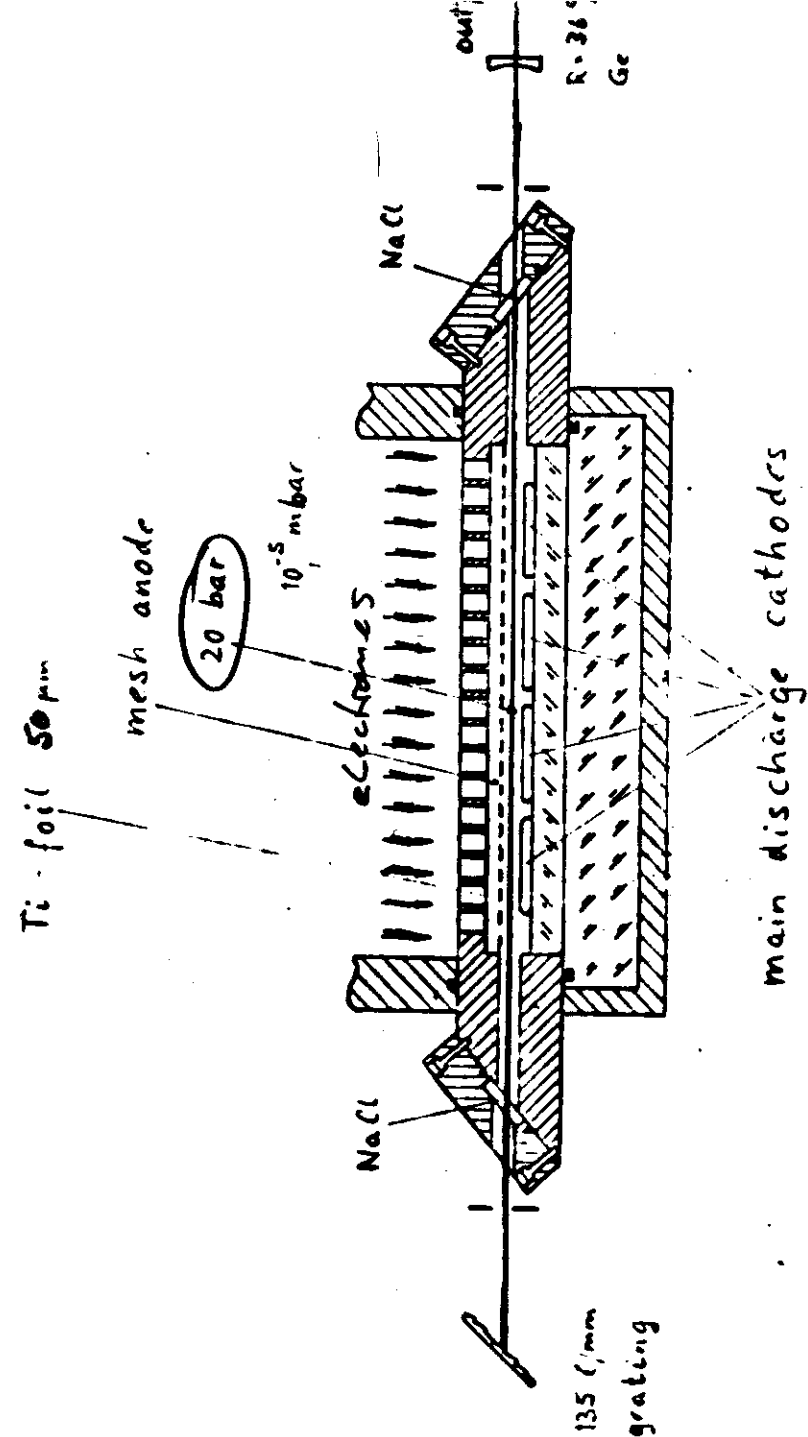
ANWENDUNG: IR. Vielfotonenanregung Spektroskopie
Chemie



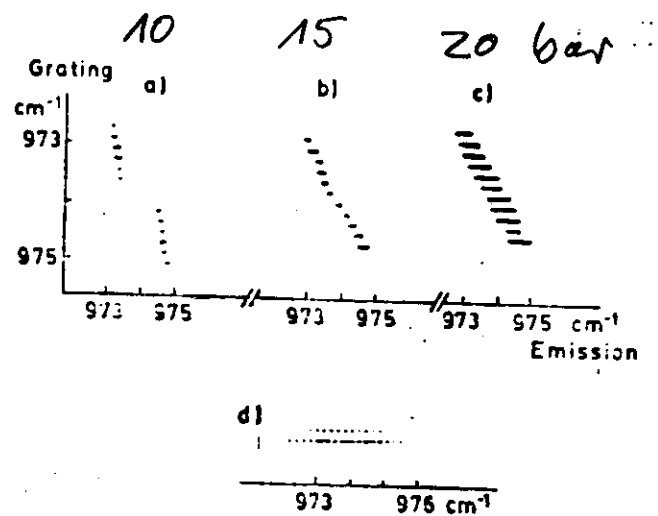
ENTFERNUNG ZWISCHEN LINIEN $\sim 1.8 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ (P)
 $\sim 1.2 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ (R)

LINIENABRÄTE MIT 20 bar: $\sim 2.6 \text{ cm}^{-1}$

L $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Stetigabstimmbarkeit} \\ \text{Vielefrequenzoperation} \end{array} \right.$



tunable high pressure CO₂ - laser



HW Fm = 50 mS

Energy ~ 1 J