

# A Nobel prize timeline light, masers and lasers, and their applications



1901	Physics <b>Röntgen</b> X-rays	1967	Physiology or Medicine <b>Granit, Hartline, and Wald</b> Physiological and Chemical Visual Processes in the Eye
1902	Physics <b>Lorentz and Zeeman</b> The Zeeman Effect, Electron Oscillator Model	1971	Chemistry <b>Eigen, Norrish, and Porter</b> Flashlamp Pump-probe Studies of Chemical Reactions
1903	Physiology or Medicine <b>Finsen</b> Phototherapy-use of UV Light to Treat Lupus	1981	Chemistry <b>Herzberg</b> Molecular Spectroscopy
1907	Physics <b>Michelson</b> The Michelson Interferometer & Precision Measurements	1989	Physics <b>Gabor</b> Holography
1908	Physics <b>Lippmann</b> Colour Photography Based on Interference	1997	Physics <b>Bloembergen and Schawlow</b> Laser Spectroscopy
1911	Physiology or Medicine <b>Gullstrand</b> Description of the Refractive Optics of the Eye	1999	Physiology and Medicine <b>Hubel and Wiesel</b> Information Processing in the Visual System
1912	Physics <b>Dalén</b> Solar-Based Regulator for Buoys and Lighthouses	2000	Physics <b>Ramsey, Dehmelt, and Paul</b> Atomic Clocks, the Ion Trap
1918	Physics <b>Planck</b> Energy Quanta	2001	Physics <b>Chu, Cohen-Tannoudji, and Phillips</b> Laser Cooling and Trapping
1919	Physics <b>Stark</b> The Stark Effect	2005	Chemistry <b>Zewail</b> Femtochemistry
1921	Physics <b>Einstein</b> Photoelectric Effect & Services to Theoretical Physics	2008	Physics <b>Alferov and Kroemer</b> Optoelectronics, Semiconductor Heterostructures
1922	Physics <b>Bohr</b> Atomic Structure and the Nature of Radiation	2009	Physics <b>Cornell, Ketterle, and Wieman</b> Bose-Einstein Condensation
1923	Physics <b>Millikan</b> Elementary Charge and the Photoelectric Effect	2012	Physics <b>Glauber, Hall, and Hänsch</b> Quantum Optics, Spectroscopy, Optical Frequency Comb
1927	Physics <b>Compton</b> The Compton Effect	2014	Chemistry <b>Shimomura, Chalfie, and Tsien</b> Green Fluorescent Protein GFP
1930	Physics <b>Raman</b> Raman Scattering	2018	Physics <b>Kao, Boyle, and Smith</b> Optical Fiber Communications; Imaging and the CCD
1932	Physics <b>Heisenberg</b> Creation of Quantum Mechanics	2018	Physics <b>Haroche and Wineland</b> Individual Quantum Systems
1933	Physics <b>Schrödinger and Dirac</b> New Productive Forms of Atomic Theory	2014	Physics <b>Akasaki, Amano, and Nakamura</b> The Blue LED and Energy-saving White Light Sources
1945	Physics <b>Pauli</b> Pauli Exclusion Principle	2022	Chemistry <b>Betzig, Hell, and Moerner</b> Super-resolution Microscopy
1953	Physics <b>Zernike</b> Phase Contrast Microscope	2018	Physics <b>Ashkin, Mourou, and Strickland</b> Optical Tweezers & Biophotonics
1954	Physics <b>Born</b> Statistical Interpretation of the Wavefunction	2022	Physics <b>Chirped Pulse Amplification</b>
1955	Physics <b>Lamb</b> Fine Structure of the H Spectrum (Lamb Shift, QED)	2022	Physics <b>Aspect, Clauser, and Zeilinger</b> Quantum Entanglement
1964	Physics <b>Townes, Basov, and Prokhorov</b> Maser-Laser Principle	2023	Physics <b>Agostini, Krausz, and L'Huillier</b> Attosecond Pulses
1966	Physics <b>Kastler</b> Precision Studies of Optical Resonances	2023	Chemistry <b>Bawendi, Brus, and Ekimov</b> Quantum Dots