



The Friday Thing

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Over 100 Years of Spectrometry with Helium

Since the year 2000 celebrates 100 years of quantum physics, it may be appropriate to take an historical look at a subject in which Canadians have figured prominently. I shall review the early history of helium from its discovery in the solar spectrum (hence its name) in 1868, and its subsequent discovery on Earth, through its role in the early applications of quantum mechanics. A selection of topics thereafter will demonstrate the breadth and continuing interest of helium spectroscopy.

Date: Friday, January 26, 2001
Place: MacNaughton 222
Time: 12:30 p.m.

Cookies will be served. Don't forget to bring your lunch.

