CHEMISTRY PRIZE -- Two Americans and a Canadian were jointly awarded the 1986 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for work that opened a new field of research in chemistry and led to the demonstration of the first chemical laser. The two Americans are Taiwan-born Yuan Lee (left) of the University of California in Berkeley and Dudley Herschbach of Harvard University. They share the prize with John Polanyi of the University of Toronto. The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences said "Their research has been of great importance for the development of a new field of research in chemistry -- reaction dynamics -- and has provided a much more detailed understanding of how chemical reactions take place.

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