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Canada's S&T community welcomes other countries' interest in partnering and networking—both formally and informally. Innovative ideas and technologies can originate anytime, anywhere in the world, with individuals, research networks, centres of excellence and companies. By networking with their counterpart groups in other countries, Canada's scientists ensure that our research institutions and companies have the opportunity to share their knowledge in a synergistic way and gain mutual access to vast knowledge networks. Such collaborations within our partnership and network programs are, in fact, an extension of The Canadian Way of pursuing excellent research globally.

International

Many international partnerships already in place

On an informal basis, Canadian scientists from universities, industry and government participate in many thousands of bilateral and multilateral collaborations with their counterparts around the world. Canada maintains active S&T agreements with **Germany, France, Japan** and the **European Union**. In addition, there are more than 500 bilateral or multilateral S&T arrangements in place between Canadian federal and provincial government departments and research organizations in other countries. Approximately 40 percent of these international scientific collaborations are with the **United States**.

Collaborations a "win-win" situation for all participants

Continuing and increasing this international R&D collaboration is one of Canada's key goals in S&T. Industrial R&D collaboration is one of the most important global sources of new and highly competitive product, process and services-production technologies. In fact, we consider collaboration crucial to strengthening our research base and our economy because it provides:

- interaction with the world's best minds and research organizations;
- creative stimulation through the friendly competition that exists among researchers in the international science community;

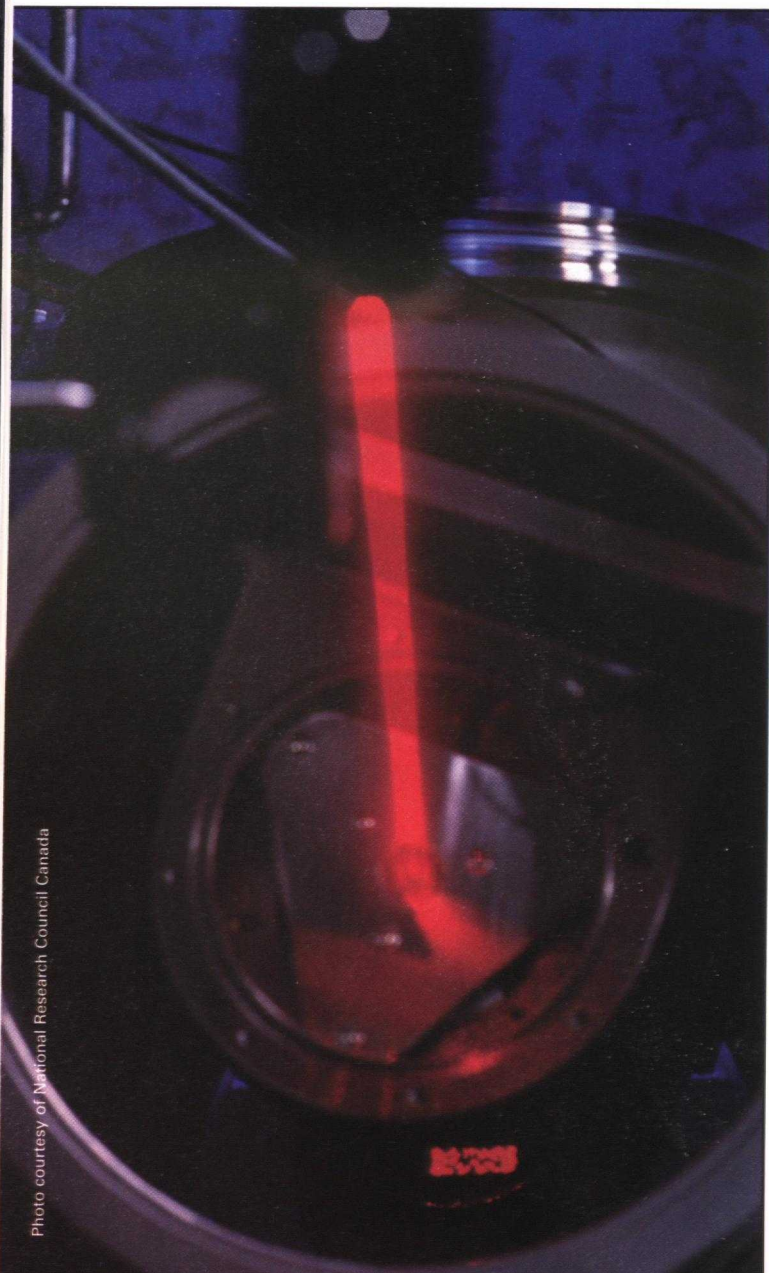


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