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### **From Modest Beginnings**



**Dmitri Ivanovich Mendeleev** was born on February 8th, 1834 in Verhnie Aremzyani near Tobolsk, Russian Empire

From modest beginnings in a small village in Siberia an extraordinary Russian chemist conceived of a profound and revolutionary scientific contribution to modern science: the Periodic Table of the Elements.

#### The Greek Periodic Table ~ 400 BC



As with most profound discoveries a number of important developments and observations were made prior to that discovery

# **Definition of an Element**



Robert Boyle 1627-1691

- In 1661 Boyle criticized the experiments of "alchemists"
- Chemistry is the science of the composition of substances - not merely an adjunct to the art of alchemy
- Elements are the un-decomposable constituents of material bodies
- Understanding the distinction between mixtures and compounds, he made progress in detecting their ingredients - which he termed *analysis*

# **The Atomic Theory**



Democritus of Abdera 460-370 BC

The Greek philosopher Democritus first proposed the atomic theory but centuries later John Dalton established the scientific foundation:

- All atoms of a given element are identical
- The atoms of different elements can be distinguished by their relative weights



John Dalton 1766-1844

#### **Early Knowledge and Discovery**



The elements gold, silver, copper, tin, lead, mercury, and others were known from antiquity.



Searching for the "Philosopher's Stone" German alchemist Henning Brand discovered **phosphorous** in 1669

### **Discovery of New Elements**



Martin Klaproth (1743-1817) Ti, Zr, U, Te, Sr, Ce, Cr



Jöns Berzelius(1779-1848) Si, Se, Ce, Li, V, Th

The lanthanide elements were discovered by many scientists between 1803 and 1907



### "Electrifying" Discoveries



Sir Humphrey Davy 1778-1829

Using electrochemistry he discovered several **alkali** and **alkaline earth metals** and the elemental nature of **carbon**, **chlorine**, and **bromine**.



Michael Faraday 1791-1867

He electrochemically investigated **chlorine**, invented the system of oxidation numbers, and popularized the terms anode, cathode, electrode, and ion.

# **More New Elements Discovered**

Robert Bunsen and Gustav Kirchhoff contributed to the fundamental understanding of spectroscopy and discovered two alkali metals, **cesium** and **rubidium**, with the aid of the spectroscope they had invented the year before. This inaugurated a new era in the means used to find new elements.



# **Emerging Patterns Recognized**

**Dobereiner's Law of Triads (1817)** 





#### Alexandre-Emile Béguyer de Chancourtois' Cylinder (1862)



#### Newland's Law of Octaves (1863)





# Mendeleev's Periodic Table (1869)

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                   Ti - 50
                                   7-180.
                          Zr = 90
                   V=51 Nb= 94 Ta=182.
                   Cr-52 Mo- 96 W-186.
                         Rh-104,4 Pt= 197,4
                  Mn= 55
                   Fe=56 Rn-104.4 Ir-198.
                         PI=106.5 0-=199.
               NI=Co=59
 H = 1
                  Cu-63.4 Ag-108 Hg-200.
     Be = 9,1 Mg = 24 Zn = 65,2 Cd = 112
      B=11 A1=27.1 ?=68 Ur=116 Au=197?
      C=12 Si-28 ?=70 Sn=118
     N=14
             P-31 As=75 Sb=122 BI=210?
     0=16 5-32 Se=79.4 Te=128?
     F=19 Cl=35, Br=80 1-127
Li=7 Na=23 K=39 Rb=85,4 Cs=133 T1=204.
            Ca-40 Sr-87. Ba-137 Pb=207.
             ?-45 Ce-92
           ?Er=56 L1=94
           ?Y1=60 Di=95
           ?In-75, Th-118?
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His table including 63 known elements that incorporated triads, octaves, and diagonals



Dmitri Ivanovich Mendeleev 1834-1906

### **Mendeleev's Bold Predictions**





Only Mendeleev recognized that the table was a natural phenomenon and not just a convenient tabulation. Because he considered atomic weights as an independent variable he deduced far-reaching and logical consequences. He included "holes" in his table for as yet undiscovered elements and predicted their properties!

# Meyer's Periodic Table (1870)



Julius L. Meyer 1830-1895

Julius	s Lotha	ar Mey	er (1830	-1895	)			
Table from	m Annalen	der Chen	uie, Suppleme	ntband 7,	354 (1870).			
		Pen	odic table acc	ording to	Lothar Mey	er, 1870		
I.	II.	III.	IV.	v.	VI.	VIL	VIII.	IX.
	B=11.0	A1=27,3				7In=113.4	TI=202.7	
	C=11,97	Si=28				Sn=117,8		Pb=206,4
			Ti=48		Zr=89,7			
	N=14,01	P=30,9		As=74,9		Sb=122,1		Bi=207,5
			V=51,2		Nb=93,7		Ta=182,2	
	O=15,96	31,98		Se=78		Te=128?		
			Cr=52,4		Mo=95,6		W=183,5	
	F=19,1	Cl=35,38		Bt=79,75		J=126,5		
			Mn=54,8		Ru=103,5		Os=198,6 ?	
			Fe=55,9		Rh=104,1		Ir=196,7	
			Co=Ni=58,6		Pd=106,2		Pt=196,7	
Li=7,01	Na=22,99	K=39,04		Rb=85,2		Cs=132,7		
			Cu=63,3		Ag=107,66		Au=196,2	
7Be=93	Mg=23,9	Ca=39,9		Sr=87,0		Ba=136,8		
	-		Zn=64,9		Cd=111.6		Hg=199.8	

Julius Meyer was a contemporary and competitor of Mendeleev. He made an abbreviated table with half the known elements in 1864 - the first time that elements had been grouped according to their *valence*.

He later constructed an extended table but unfortunately published it after Mendeleev's table was in print!

### **Discovery of Noble Gases**





William Ramsay (1852-1916)



John William Strutt *Third Baron Rayleigh* (1842-1919)

- Lord Rayleigh and William Ramsay discovered the "inert gases."
- In 1895 Rayleigh reported the discovery of **argon** a new gaseous element that was chemically inert that did not fit any of the known periodic groups.
- Ramsey discovered the rest of the inert gases and positioned them on the right side of the periodic table according to their atomic weights.

### **Discovery of New Elements**



Marie Curie (1867-1934)



Pierre Curie (1859-1906)

In 1898 Madam Curie and her husband Pierre isolated the new elements **polonium** and **radium** from the uranium ore pitchblende - filling additional holes and adding new elements to Mendeleev's table.

# **The Theory of Atomic Structure**



- Rutherford proposed that all of the mass of the atom was in the nucleus surrounded by nearly empty space.
- Bohr adapted Rutherford's theory to Planck's quantum theory and stated that electrons travel in discrete orbits around the nucleus

# **Moseley's X-ray Experiments**



In 1913 Moseley subjected the known elements to x-rays and derived the relationship between x-ray frequency and number of protons.

When the elements were arranged according to increasing **atomic numbers** and not **atomic masses**, the inconsistencies in Mendeleev's table were eliminated!

# **Quantum Mechanics**



The uncertainty principle combined with the Bohr atom and the duality of wave and particle properties resulted in the quantum mechanical description of the atom through the collaborative effort of some of the most brilliant minds of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century

# **Probability Functions**

Electron "probability" orbitals as described by quantum numbers *n*, *I*, *m*, *s* replaced the simple Bohr atom description

	s (l=0)		p (l=1)	)			d (l=2)						<b>f</b> (l	-3)		
	<b>m=0</b>	<b>m=0</b>	m	=±1	m=0	m	=±1	m	=±2	<b>m=0</b>	m	=±1	n	n=±2	m	=±3
	5	pz	<i>px</i>	Py	$dz^2$	dxz	dyz	dxy	$dx^2-y^2$	Sz3	fxz2	Siz2	Jage	$\int z(x^2-y^2)$	$\int x(x^2-3y^2)$	$\int y(3x^2-y^2)$
n=1																
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n=6	9	3	••	0		•••		•••			•••	•••			•••	
<b>n=</b> 7	0															

# **The Periodic Table 1938**

н																	Не
Li	Ве											в	с	Ν	ο	F	Ne
Na	Mg											AI	Si	Ρ	s	СІ	Ar
к	Са	Sc	Ti	v	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	Zn	Ga	Ge	As	Se	Br	Kr
Rb	Sr	Y	Zr	Nb	Мо	Тс	Ru	Rh	Pd	Ag	Cd	In	Sn	Sb	Те	Γ	Xe
Cs	Ва	La	Hf	Та	w	Re	Os	Ir	Pt	Au	Hg	TI	Pb	Bi	Ро	At	Rn
Fr	Ra	Th	Ра	U													

	Lanthanides	Ce	Pr	Nd	Pm	Sm	Eu	Gd	Tb	Dy	Но	Er	Tm	Yb	Lu
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# **Modern Alchemy by Transmutation?**



Leo Szilard (1898-1964)



- In 1934 Enrico Fermi and Leo Szilard proposed using neutron bombardment to cause a "chain reaction."
- They also attempted synthesizing new elements by neutron bombardment of uranium with mysterious and inconclusive results.

# **Discovery of Fission**



Otto Hahn (1879-1968) Lise Meitner (1878-1968)



Fritz Strassman (1902-1980)

In the 1930's Hahn, Meitner, and Strassmann bombarded uranium atoms with neutrons and eventually concluded that they had "fissioned" or split the uranium atom into radioactive daughter elements!



# **Discovery of Neptunium**



Edwin McMillan (1907-1991)



Philip Abelson (1913-2004)

With excitement about fission reaching the University of California, Berkeley, McMillan and Abelson bombarded uranium with moderated (slow) neutrons, resulting in "fusion" of the reactants:

 ${}^{238}_{92}U + {}^{1}_{0}n = {}^{239}_{92}U = {}^{239}_{93}Np + \beta^{-} + E$ 

Announced in 1940, the new man-made element was named neptunium (Np) after Neptune, the planet beyond Uranus.

# **The Discovery of Plutonium**

McMillan was called away to work on the new wartime device called "RADAR."

In 1940-1941 Berkeley professor Glenn Seaborg and graduate student Art Wahl bombarded uranium with deuterons to make neptunium and followed its beta decay:

$$^{238}_{92}U_{+1}^{2}H_{-}^{238}_{93}Np + 2^{1}_{0}n + E$$
  
 $t_{1/2}^{238}Np = 2.1days$   
 $^{238}_{93}Np \rightarrow ^{238}94 + \beta^{-} + E$   
 $t_{1/2}^{238}94 = 87.7years$ 

#### **The Discovery of Plutonium**

Seaborg named the new element **plutonium** after the next planet, Pluto and assigned it the symbol **Pu**.

The announcement of the discovery was withheld because of security when the unusual nuclear behavior of this element was determined.



#### **The Periodic Table 1945**

н																	Не
Li	Ве											в	С	Ν	ο	F	Ne
Na	Mg											AI	Si	Ρ	s	СІ	Ar
к	Са	Sc	Ti	v	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	Zn	Ga	Ge	As	Se	Br	Kr
Rb	Sr	Y	Zr	Nb	Мо	Тс	Ru	Rh	Pd	Ag	Cd	In	Sn	Sb	Те	Ι	Xe
Cs	Ва	La	Hf	Та	w	Re	Os	Ir	Pt	Au	Hg	TI	Pb	Bi	Ро	At	Rn
Fr	Ra	Th	Ра	U	Np	Pu											

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#### The Discovery of Americium and Curium



In 1944/1945, Seaborg and coworkers synthesized two new elements:

- Element 95, americium was named after it's continent of discovery

*- Element 96, curium* honors Madame Curie

Seaborg inadvertently announced these discoveries on the "Quiz Kids" radio program!

The chemistry of americium and curium was very perplexing and these elements were not behaving as was expected!

# **Seaborg's Actinide Hypothesis**

In 1945, with the discovery of the elements, *americium* and *curium*, and their *rare-earth-like* behavior, Glenn Seaborg proposed a radical rearrangement of the Periodic Table and proposed a new "actinide" series.

He was told by his major professor, G. N. Lewis, that if he published this theory, he would ruin his reputation.

Seaborg said he didn't have a reputation and published anyway! Seaborg' hypothesis was right on target!

### **Seaborg's Periodic Table 1946**

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Na	Mg							<b>9</b> /				AI	Si	Ρ	s	СІ	Ar
к	Са	Sc	Ti	v	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	Zn	Ga	Ge	As	Se	Br	Kr
Rb	Sr	Y	Zr	Nb	Мо	Тс	Ru	Rh	Pd	Ag	Cd	In	Sn	Sb	Те	Ι	Хе
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		Lanth	anides	Ce	Pr	Nd	Pm	Sm	Eu	Gd	Tb	Dy	Но	Er	Tm	Yb	Lu
		Act	inides	Th	Ра	U	Np	Pu	Am	Cm							

# **Quantum Explanation of Periodicity**

Quantum numbers *n*, *l*, *m*, *s* 

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Na	Mg					(	d					AI	Si	Р	s	СІ	Ar
к	Са	Sc	ті	v	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	Zn	Ga	Ge	As	Se	Br	Kr
Rb	Sr	Y	Zr	Nb	Мо	Тс	Ru	Rh	Pd	Ag	Cd	In	Sn	Sb	Те	I	Xe
Cs	Ва	La	Hf	Та	w	Re	Os	Ir	Pt	Au	Hg	ті	Pb	ві	Po	At	Rn
Fr	Ra		La HT Ia W Re OS IF PT AU HG II PD BI PO AT F														
		Lantha	anides	Ce	Pr	Nd	Pm	Sm	Eu	Gd	Tb	Dy	Но	Er	Tm	Yb	Lu
		Acti	inides	Th	Ра	U	Np	Pu	Am	Cm							

#### The Discovery of Berkelium and Californium



In 1949, Seaborg and coworkers at Berkeley synthesized elements 97 and 98 by nuclear bombardment and named them after the city and state of their discovery.

Street, Thompson, Seaborg, and Ghiorso

#### The Discovery of Einsteinium and Fermium

In 1952, a team led by Seaborg discovered einsteinium and fermium in debris from the first thermonuclear (fusion) explosion ("MIKE") detonated on Eniwetok Island in the South Pacific. The elements were named in honor of the famous scientists.

#### **The Discovery of Mendelevium**

Discovered in 1955 by Ghiorso, Harvey, Choppin, Thompson, and Seaborg at Berkeley by bombardment of Es with He ions.

Seaborg: "It was fitting that the element be named for the Russian chemist Mendeleev who developed the periodic table. In discovering transuranium elements we depended on his table for predicting their chemical properties based on their position in the table.

During the Cold War naming an element for a Russian was a bold gesture that did not sit well with some Americans. However, Md was approved by IUPAC in August 1997



Gregory Choppin, Glenn Seaborg, Bernard Harvey, and Albert Ghiorso at Berkeley Laboratory











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1949 -1999 Berkeley scientists synthesized more than a dozen elements beyond curium including berkelium through seaborgium along with many of their isotopes

#### **Element 106 Named Seaborgium**



Photographs showing the colors of the various oxidation states of plutonium in solution presented to Prof. Seaborg at the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Discovery

To Dave Hobald

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#### FLEROV LABORATORY OF NUCLEAR REACTIONS JOINT INSTITUTE FOR NUCLEAR RESEARCH DUBNA, RUSSIA







Georgy N. Flerov 1913-1990



Yuri Oganessian



Flerov Laboratory was acknowledged by naming Element 105 "DUBNIUM" They Synthesized super heavy elements at the "Island of Stability" for the first time - Thirty five new Superheavy nuclei with Z = 104 - 118.





#### LLNL'S HEAVY ELEMENT RESEARCH GROUP



- In 1999 and 2001 LLNL announced the discovery of elements 114 and 116.
- In 2004, LLNL working in collaboration with the Joint Institute for Nuclear Research (JINR) in Dubna, Russia observed the existence of elements 113 and 115.
- In 2005 the Livermore-Dubna team discovered element 118.









July 2009 - Credited with its discovery, the GSI-Darmstadt group of Sigurd Hofmann proposes the name **C**OPERNICIUM for element 112 - IUPAC approved the symbol "Cn".



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2	<sup>3</sup> Li	4 Be											5 <b>B</b>	<sup>6</sup> C	7 N	8 <b>O</b>	9 F	10 Ne
3	11 Na	12 Mg	IIIB	IVB	VB	VIB	VIIB -		— VII –		- IB	IIB	13 AI	<sup>14</sup> Si	15 P	16 S	<sup>17</sup> CI	<sup>18</sup> Ar
_	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36
2	к	Са	Sc	Ti	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	Zn	Ga	Ge	As	Se	Br	Kr
_	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54
1	Rb	Sr	Y	Zr	Nb	Мо	Тс	Ru	Rh	Pd	Ag	Cd	In	Sn	Sb	Те	1	Xe
	55	56	57	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86
°	Cs	Ва	*La	Hf	Та	w	Re	Os	Ir	Pt	Au	Hg	TI	Pb	Bi	Po	At	Rn
	87	88	89	104	105	106	107	108	109	110	111	112	113	114	115	116	117	118
,	Fr	Ra	**Ac	Rf	Db	Sg	Bh	Hs	Mt	Ds	Rg	Cn	113	114	115	116	117	118

	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71
*Lanthanides	Ce	Pr	Nd	Pm	Sm	Eu	Gd	ть	Dy	Но	Er	Tm	Yb	Lu
	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100	101	102	103
""Actinides	Th	Ра	U	Np	Pu	Am	Cm	Bk	Cf	Es	Fm	Md	No	Lr

## **Periodic Table Variations**





















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#### **Commemorative Stamps and First Day Covers**



### Coins and Medallions





# **Periodic Paraphernalia**



























#### **Rather Unusual Uses for the Periodic Table**



Action hero Chuck Norris destroys the Periodic Table because he only recognizes the "Element of Surprise"!



#### **Periodic Table Humor**

A moment in the life of the Mendeleev family ...



Translation: "One day, maybe we'll understand why Dimitri always arranges his blocks the same way".









# Dmitri Mendeleev "Renaissance Man"

Mendeleev was a great chemist but he was interested in many other fields of science. He promoted development of Russia's precious natural resources such as coal, petroleum, salt, metals, cheese, beer, and vodka!









He was an author, educator, government economist, inventor, adventurer, and..... In 1887 he ascended high above the clouds in a hot air balloon to observe a solar eclipse.





# **Mendeleev's Legacy**



If some universal catastrophe was to engulf the world and humankind could retain only one scientific concept to rebuild civilization, what would it be? The chemist's answer is almost invariably *the Periodic Table of the Elements*. (Richard P. Feynman)

"The Periodic Table encapsulates the concept of elements, organizes physical and chemical trends of substances, and compares the structure of the different atoms – an enormous amount of information in a small space." (James L. Marshall)

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Happy Birthday Dmitri Ivanovich Mendeleev