

# Chemistry of Elements

## CHEM-E4130 (5 cr)

**Lectures (14 x):** Monday (Ke4) 12.15 – 14.00  
Wednesday (Ke2) 10.15 – 12.00  
Friday (Ke4) 10.15 – 12.00

**Lecturers:** Maarit Karppinen  
Antti Karttunen (one lecture)  
Linda Sederholm (one lecture)

- Lectures: 15 x 2 h
- Home problem solving 30 h
- Independent homework 60 h
- Exam 3 h

### MARKING

- **Exam:** 50 points
- **Lecture exercises:** 25 points  
14 x 2 p → 28; 3 extra points possible!
- **Seminar:** 25 points

The course covers the basics of the chemistry of elements.

**Emphasis on the d-block transition metals and lanthanides.**

After the course the student will be able to:

1. Explain the basic features of the transition metal chemistry
2. Derive the basic chemical and physical properties of d-block and f-block transition metals from their electron structures
3. Describe different types of metal complexes and metal-organics
4. Describe the most important compounds of transition elements and name their applications
5. Find and read basic scientific literature on a given topic related to the chemistry of elements

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by Eeva Rautama

### REFERENCE BOOKS

- Descriptive Inorganic Chemistry, G. Rayner-Canham & T. Overton, W.H. Freeman and Company.
- Chemistry of the Elements, N.N. Greenwood & A. Earnshaw, Pergamon Press.
- Inorganic Chemistry, C.E. Housecroft & A.G. Sharpe, Pearson.

## **INSTRUCTIONS for LECTURE EXERCISES**

- These are simple questions/small exercises meant to help you to follow the lecture and to test your learning
- The questions/exercises are given to you in MyCourses at the same time as the lecture slides
- You should be able to easily answer to the questions during the lecture or just after the lecture; this should typically not take more than 15 ~ 20 min
- Then the deadline for returning your answer file is next day by the noon.
- Each exercise is evaluated in the scale: 0 ~ 2 points
- All together you can collect  $14 \times 2 = 28$  (3 extra!) points in maximum

## INSTRUCTIONS for SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

- Presentation (~20 min) is given in a group of (two or) three persons
- It is evaluated in the scale: 15 ~ 25 points
- Presentation is given in English, and the slides are put up in MyCourses afterwards
- Content of the presentation:
  - **ELEMENT:** discovery, origin of name, abundancy, world production, special features if any, etc.
  - **CHEMISTRY:** position in Periodic Table, electronic configuration, oxidation states, metal and ionic sizes, reactivity, etc.
  - **COMPOUNDS:** examples of important compounds, their properties and applications, etc.
  - **SPECIFIC FUNCTIONALITIES/APPLICATIONS:** Two or three examples of exciting functionalities/applications of the element or its compounds. Here the meaning is to discuss why this specific element is needed in each selected application. You will be given one scientific article for a reference, and you should search for couple of more (recent) articles to be discussed in the presentation.

# TENTATIVE LECTURE SCHEDULE

Mon (Ke4) 12.15 – 14.00  
Wed (Ke2) 10.15 – 12.00  
Fri (Ke4) 10.15 – 12.00

	Date	Topic
1.	Wed 07.09.	Course Introduction & Short Review of the Elements
2.	Fri 09.09.	Periodic Properties & Periodic Table & Main Group Elements (starts)
3.	Mon 12.09.	Short Survey of the Chemistry of Main Group Elements (continues)
4.	Fri 16.09.	Zn + Ti, Zr, Hf & Atomic Layer Deposition (ALD)
5.	Mon 19.09.	Transition Metals: General Aspects & Pigments
6.	Wed 21.09.	Redox Chemistry
7.	Fri 23.09.	Crystal Field Theory (Linda Sederholm)
8.	Mon 26.09.	V, Nb, Ta & Metal Complexes & MOFs
9.	Wed 28.09.	Cr, Mo, W & 2D materials
10.	Fri 30.09.	Mn, Fe, Co, Ni, Cu & Magnetism & Superconductivity
10.	Mon 03.10.	Ag, Au, Pt, Pd & Catalysis (Antti Karttunen)
11.	Fri 07.10.	Lanthanoids + Actinoids & Luminescence
12.	Mon 10.10.	EXTRA
14.	Wed 12.10.	Resources of Elements & Rare/Critical Elements & Element Substitutions
15.	Fri 14.10.	Inorganic Materials Chemistry Research

**EXAM: Oct. 18, 9:00-12:00**

# PRESENTATION TOPICS/SCHEDULE

**Fri 16.09. Ti:  
Zn:**

**Mon 26.09. Nb:**

**Wed 28.09. Mo:**

**Fri 30.09. Mn:  
Cu:  
Ru:**

**Fri 07.10. Eu:  
Nd:  
U:**

**Wed 12.10. Co:  
In:  
Te:**

## QUESTIONS: Lecture 1

Name your file Exe-1-Familyname; Return by noon tomorrow into MyCourses drop-box

**Which element(s) was/were discovered**

- As a result of huge interest in burning reactions in 1700s
- Based on accurate measurements of air in 1890s
- Thanks to the progress in electrochemical techniques in 1800-1810
- Thanks to the progress in spectroscopy techniques in 1860s
- For the first time from outside of the Earth (1868)
- Much earlier in South America by native Indians than in Europe (in 1750~1850)
- By a Finnish professor
- The discovery was rewarded by a Nobel prize in 1906
- Based on quantum chemical considerations

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<b>H</b> <sup>1</sup>											<b>He</b> <sup>2</sup>						
<b>Li</b> <sup>3</sup>	<b>Be</b> <sup>4</sup>											<b>B</b> <sup>5</sup>	<b>C</b> <sup>6</sup>	<b>N</b> <sup>7</sup>	<b>O</b> <sup>8</sup>	<b>F</b> <sup>9</sup>	<b>Ne</b> <sup>10</sup>
<b>Na</b> <sup>11</sup>	<b>Mg</b> <sup>12</sup>	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	<b>Al</b> <sup>13</sup>	<b>Si</b> <sup>14</sup>	<b>P</b> <sup>15</sup>	<b>S</b> <sup>16</sup>	<b>Cl</b> <sup>17</sup>	<b>Ar</b> <sup>18</sup>
<b>K</b> <sup>19</sup>	<b>Ca</b> <sup>20</sup>	<b>Sc</b> <sup>21</sup>	<b>Ti</b> <sup>22</sup>	<b>V</b> <sup>23</sup>	<b>Cr</b> <sup>24</sup>	<b>Mn</b> <sup>25</sup>	<b>Fe</b> <sup>26</sup>	<b>Co</b> <sup>27</sup>	<b>Ni</b> <sup>28</sup>	<b>Cu</b> <sup>29</sup>	<b>Zn</b> <sup>30</sup>	<b>Ga</b> <sup>31</sup>	<b>Ge</b> <sup>32</sup>	<b>As</b> <sup>33</sup>	<b>Se</b> <sup>34</sup>	<b>Br</b> <sup>35</sup>	<b>Kr</b> <sup>36</sup>
<b>Rb</b> <sup>37</sup>	<b>Sr</b> <sup>38</sup>	<b>Y</b> <sup>39</sup>	<b>Zr</b> <sup>40</sup>	<b>Nb</b> <sup>41</sup>	<b>Mo</b> <sup>42</sup>	<b>Tc</b> <sup>43</sup>	<b>Ru</b> <sup>44</sup>	<b>Rh</b> <sup>45</sup>	<b>Pd</b> <sup>46</sup>	<b>Ag</b> <sup>47</sup>	<b>Cd</b> <sup>48</sup>	<b>In</b> <sup>49</sup>	<b>Sn</b> <sup>50</sup>	<b>Sb</b> <sup>51</sup>	<b>Te</b> <sup>52</sup>	<b>I</b> <sup>53</sup>	<b>Xe</b> <sup>54</sup>
<b>Cs</b> <sup>55</sup>	<b>Ba</b> <sup>56</sup>	<b>La</b> <sup>57</sup>	<b>Hf</b> <sup>72</sup>	<b>Ta</b> <sup>73</sup>	<b>W</b> <sup>74</sup>	<b>Re</b> <sup>75</sup>	<b>Os</b> <sup>76</sup>	<b>Ir</b> <sup>77</sup>	<b>Pt</b> <sup>78</sup>	<b>Au</b> <sup>79</sup>	<b>Hg</b> <sup>80</sup>	<b>Tl</b> <sup>81</sup>	<b>Pb</b> <sup>82</sup>	<b>Bi</b> <sup>83</sup>	<b>Po</b> <sup>84</sup>	<b>At</b> <sup>85</sup>	<b>Rn</b> <sup>86</sup>
<b>Fr</b> <sup>87</sup>	<b>Ra</b> <sup>88</sup>	<b>Ac</b> <sup>89</sup>	<b>Rf</b> <sup>104</sup>	<b>Db</b> <sup>105</sup>	<b>Sg</b> <sup>106</sup>	<b>Bh</b> <sup>107</sup>	<b>Hs</b> <sup>108</sup>	<b>Mt</b> <sup>109</sup>	<b>Uun</b> <sup>110</sup>								

58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71
<b>Ce</b>	<b>Pr</b>	<b>Nd</b>	<b>Pm</b>	<b>Sm</b>	<b>Eu</b>	<b>Gd</b>	<b>Tb</b>	<b>Dy</b>	<b>Ho</b>	<b>Er</b>	<b>Tm</b>	<b>Yb</b>	<b>Lu</b>
90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100	101	102	103
<b>Th</b>	<b>Pa</b>	<b>U</b>	<b>Np</b>	<b>Pu</b>	<b>Am</b>	<b>Cm</b>	<b>Bk</b>	<b>Cf</b>	<b>Es</b>	<b>Fm</b>	<b>Md</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Lr</b>

Alkali metals

Alkaline earth metals

Halogens

Noble gases

Transition metals

Lanthanides

Actinides

# TRANSITION METALS

- A variety of possible oxidation states and spin-configurations  
→ exciting properties
- **d-block transition metals**
  - [Sc ~ Cu(Zn)] + [Y ~ Ag(Cd)] + [La ~ Au(Hg)]
- **f-block transition metals**
  - lanthanides [14 elements after La: Ce ~ Lu]
  - actinides [14 elements after Ac: Th ~ Lr]
  - lanthanoides (Ln): La + Lanthanides
  - rare earth elements (RE): Ln + Y + Sc



# Elements & Country of Discovery

1 H											2 He									
UK 23	Sweden 19	Germany 19	U.S.A. 17	France 17	Russia 6	Austria 2														
3 Li	4 Be											5 B	6 C	7 N	8 O	9 F	10 Ne			
													Known to ancients							
Denmark 2	Spain 2	Swit. 2	Finland 1	Italy 1	Romania 1											Known to ancients				
11 Na	12 Mg	19 K	20 Ca	21 Sc	22 Ti	23 V	24 Cr	25 Mn	26 Fe	27 Co	28 Ni	29 Cu	30 Zn	31 Ga	32 Ge	33 As	34 Se	35 Br	36 Kr	
									Known to ancients			Known to ancients	Known to ancients			Known to ancients				
37 Rb	38 Sr	39 Y	40 Zr	41 Nb	42 Mo	43 Tc	44 Ru	45 Rh	46 Pd	47 Ag	48 Cd	49 In	50 Sn	51 Sb	52 Te	53 I	54 Xe			
										Known to ancients			Known to ancients	Known to ancients						
55 Cs	56 Ba	57 La	72 Hf	73 Ta	74 W	75 Re	76 Os	77 Ir	78 Pt	79 Au	80 Hg	81 Tl	82 Pb	83 Bi	84 Po	85 At	86 Rn			
										Known to ancients	Known to ancients		Known to ancients	Known to ancients						
87 Fr	88 Ra	89 Ac	104 Rf	105 Db	106 Sg	107 Bh	108 Hs	109 Mt	110 Ds	111 Rg	112 Cn	113 Uut	114 Fl	115 Uup	116 Lv	117 Uus	118 Uuo			
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58 Ce	59 Pr	60 Nd	61 Pm	62 Sm	63 Eu	64 Gd	65 Tb	66 Dy	67 Ho	68 Er	69 Tm	70 Yb	71 Lu							
90 Th	91 Pa	92 U	93 Np	94 Pu	95 Am	96 Cm	97 Bk	98 Cf	99 Es	100 Fm	101 Md	102 No	103 Lr							

Credit given to both where joint or independently discovered. IUPAC recognised only.

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# PREHISTORIC METALS (= Metals of Antiquity)

- **Seven metals** known (and actively used) already since prehistoric times:
  - **Gold, Silver, Copper, Tin, Lead, Iron & Mercury**
- **Occurrence:**
  - Iron 4<sup>th</sup> (4.1 %), Copper 26<sup>th</sup> (50 ppm), Lead 37<sup>th</sup> (14 ppm), Tin 49<sup>th</sup> (2.2 ppm), Silver 65<sup>th</sup> (70 ppb), Mercury 66<sup>th</sup> (50 ppb), Gold 72<sup>nd</sup> (1.1 ppb)
- **Melting points (in °C):**
  - Mercury -38.8, Tin 231, Lead 327, Silver 961, Gold 1064, Copper 1084, Iron 1538
- **Extraction:**
  - Gold & silver occur frequently in native form
  - Mercury compounds reduced to elemental mercury by low-T heating (500 °C)
  - Tin & iron oxides reduced with carbon monoxide (CO known; from charcoal)
  - Copper & lead compounds roasted to oxides, then reduced with CO

Metal	Celestial body	Week day
Gold	Sun	Sunday
Silver	Moon	Monday
Iron	Mars	Tuesday
Mercury	Mercury	Wednesday
Tin	Jupiter	Thursday
Copper	Venus	Friday
Lead	Saturn	Saturday

## OXYGEN and NITROGEN

- End of 18th century (Priestley, Scheele, Lavoisier): **burning reactions** in air → discoveries of  $O_2$  &  $N_2$
- Oxygen: Greek *oxys genes* (= acid forming)
- Nitrogen: Greek *nitron genes* (= nitrate forming)

# NOBLE GASES

- End of 19<sup>th</sup> century (Ramsay & Rayleigh): All stable noble gases found through **accurate measurements**/experiments of air

■ Element	Year	Origin of name
Argon (Ar)	1894	Greek <i>argon</i> (= inert)
Krypton (Kr)	1898	Greek <i>krypton</i> (= hidden)
Neon (Ne)	1898	Greek <i>neos</i> (= new)
Xenon (Xe)	1898	Greek <i>xenon</i> (= strange)

# ALKALI and ALKALINE EARTH METALS

(mostly through **electrochemistry**)

- Sodium (Na): Lat. *natrium*;  
Compounds known since ancient times,  
preparation in metallic form by Davy in **1807**
- Potassium (K): Lat. *kalium*, Arab. *qali* (= base); Davy **1807**
- Lithium (Li): Greek *lithos* (= stone); Arfwedson **1817**
- Magnesium (Mg): Greek *Magnesia* (name of a place)
- Calcium (Ca): Lat. *calx* (= Chalk); Davy **1808**
- Barium (Ba): Greek *baryta* (= heavy);  
Scheele showed in 1774 that the oxide made from  
baryte (raskassälpä) is different from calcium oxide,  
preparation in metallic form by Davy in **1808**
- Strontium (Sr): *Strontia* (Scottish town);  
Hope discovered in 1791 from Scotland ( $\text{SrSO}_4$   
mineral), metallic form by Davy in **1808**
- Beryllium (Be): Greek *beryllos*  
Vauguelin discovered in 1798 from beryllos mineral,  
preparation in metallic form in **1828** (reduction by K)

## ELEMENTS DISCOVERED by means of SPECTROSCOPY

- Cesium (Cs): Lat. *caesius* (= sky blue);  
Bunsen & Kirchoff in 1860 from mineral water,  
separation twenty years later
- Rubidium (Rb): Lat. *rubidius* (= deep red);  
Bunsen & Kirchoff in 1861
- Thallium (Tl): Greek *thallos* (= green spring); Crookes 1861
- Indium (In): *indigon* (blue/violet); Reich & Richter 1863
- Helium (He): Greek *helios* (= sun);  
- first discovered outside of the Earth  
(Janssen 1868; spectrum of the Sun);  
- then from the spectral line of material  
erupted from Mount Vesuvius (Palmieri 1881)

## PLATINUM METALS (Noble metals)

- Known in South America (**native Indians used in jewelry**) much before “discovered” in Europe

<u>Element</u>	<u>Discoverer</u>	<u>Origin of name</u>
Platinum (Pt)	de Ulloa 1748	<b>Spanish <i>platina</i></b>
Palladium (Pd)	Wollaston 1803	<i>Pallas</i> (asteroid)
Osmium (Os)	Tennart 1803	Greek <i>osme</i> (= smell)
Iridium (Ir)	Tennart 1803	Lat. <i>iris</i> (= rainbow)
Rhodium (Rh)	Wollaston 1804	Greek <i>Rhodon</i> (= rose)
Rutenium (Ru)	Claus 1844	Lat. <i>Rutenia</i> (= Russia)

# HALOGENS

- Chlorine (Cl): Greek *kloros* (= yellowish green);  
Scheele 1774: oxidation of HCl  
Davy 1807: understood as a new element
- Iodine (I): Greek *iodes* (= violet);  
Courtois: from seaweed ash
- Bromine (Br): Greek *bromos* (= to stink (bad smell));  
Balard 1861: from salt solutions
- Fluorine (F): Lat. *fluere* (= to flow);  
Use of fluorspar in metallurgy (flux agent) known since 1500s;  
Moissan 1886: elemental fluorine through electrolysis of HF  
(Nobel 1906)



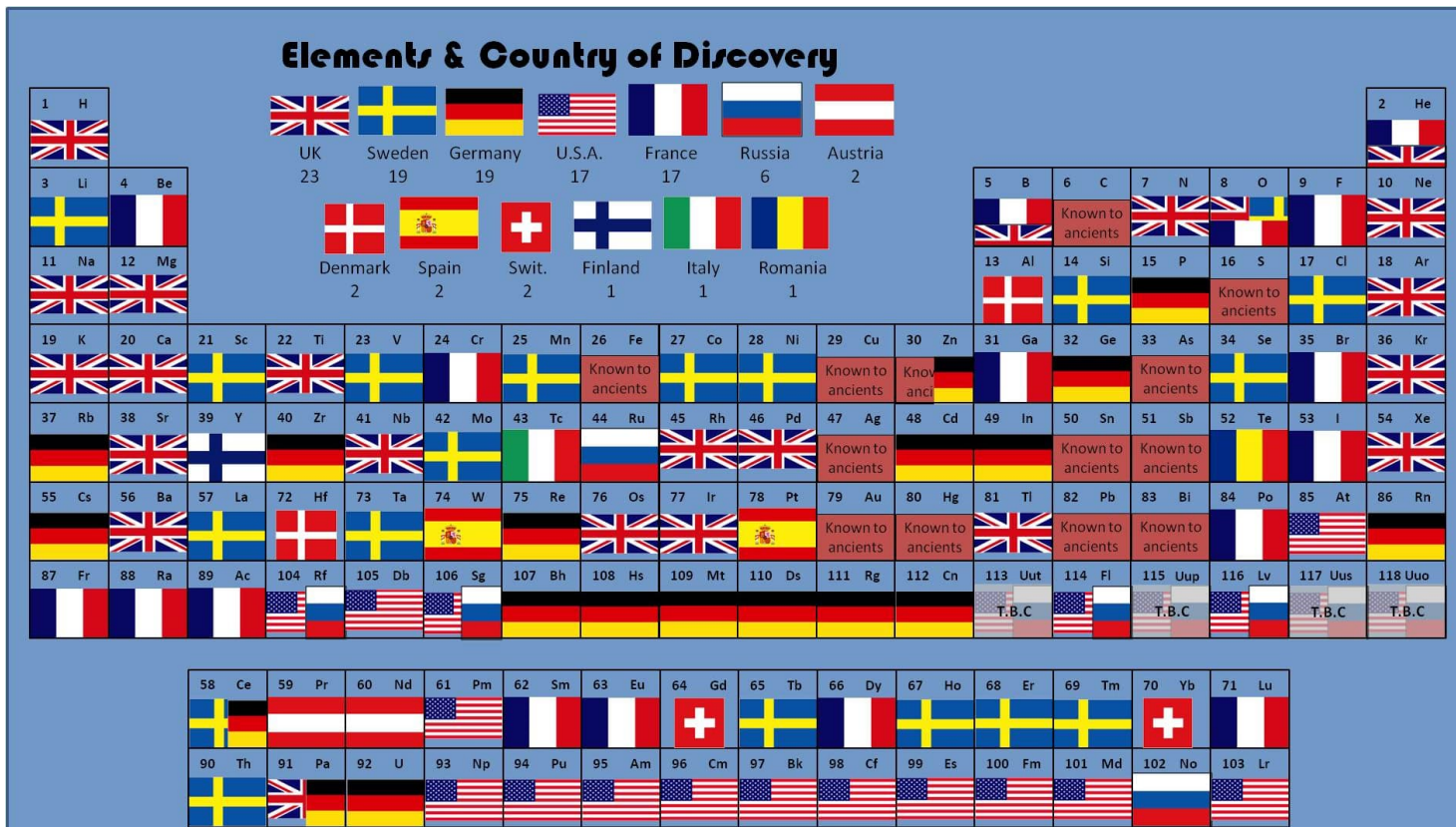
# RARE EARTH ELEMENTS (= METALS)

- Discovery history starts from Finland and ends in Finland:
  - **Johan Gadolin** (Univ. Turku) 1794: the new mineral found in Ytterby (Stockholm) contains a new metal oxide (“earth”) of an unknown element → **yttrium**
  - **Olavi Erämetsä** (Helsinki Univ. Tech.) 1965: small amounts of radioactive **promethium** from nature (first discovered in USA as a fission product in nuclear reactions) from nature

■ Element	Discoverer	Origin of name
Cerium (Ce)	Klaproth 1803	Ceres (asteroid)
Lanthanum (La)	Mosander 1839	Greek <i>lanthano</i> (= to hide)
Terbium (Tb)	Mosander 1843	Ytterby
Erbium (Er)	Mosander 1843	Ytterby
Ytterbium (Yb)	Mariqnac 1878	Ytterby
Holmium (Ho)	Cleve 1878	Holmia (= Stockholm)
Thulium (Tm)	Cleve 1879	Thule (= Nothern country)
Scandium (Sc)	Nilson 1879	Scandinavia
Samarium (Sm)	Boisboudran 1879	Samarskite (mineral)
<b>Gadolinium (Gd)</b>	<b>Marignac 1880</b>	<b>Johan Gadolin</b>
Praseodymium (Pr)	Welsbach 1885	Greek <i>didymos</i> (= green twin)
Neodymium (Nd)	Welsbach 1885	Greek <i>neos didymos</i> (= new twin)
Dysprosium (Dy)	Boisboudran 1886	Greek <i>dysprositos prasio</i> (= difficult to reach)
Europium (Eu)	Demarcay 1896	Europe
Lutetium (Lu)	Urbain 1907	Lutetia (= Paris)

# Which element(s) was/were discovered

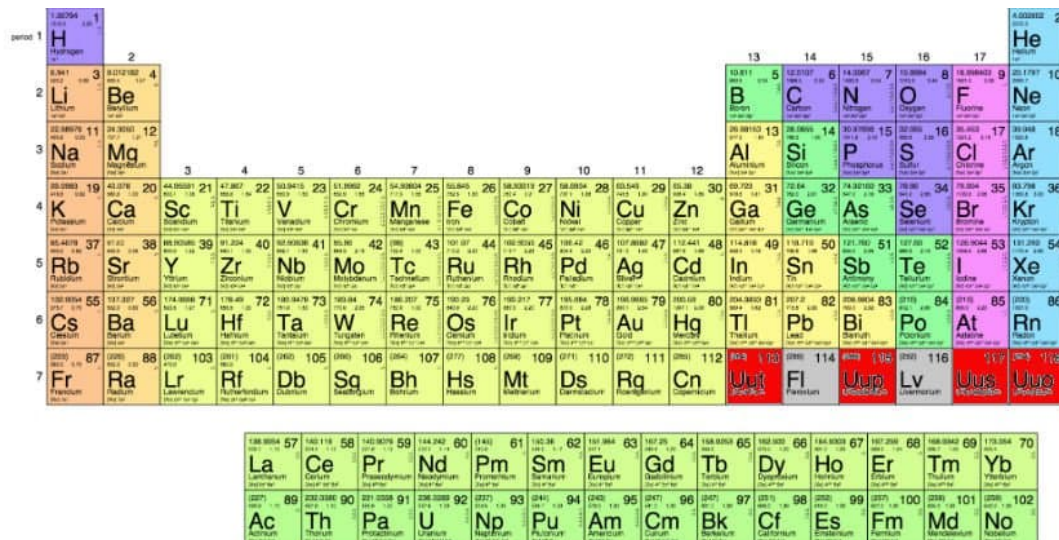
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- for the first time from outside of the Earth (1868)
- much earlier in South America by native Indians than in Europe (in 1750~1850)
- by a Finnish professor
- the discovery was rewarded by a Nobel prize in 1906
- based on quantum chemical considerations**



# IUPAC (International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry)

- Based on the Greek/Latin names of numbers
- For example: element no. **119**: un un enn → **Ununennium (Uue)**

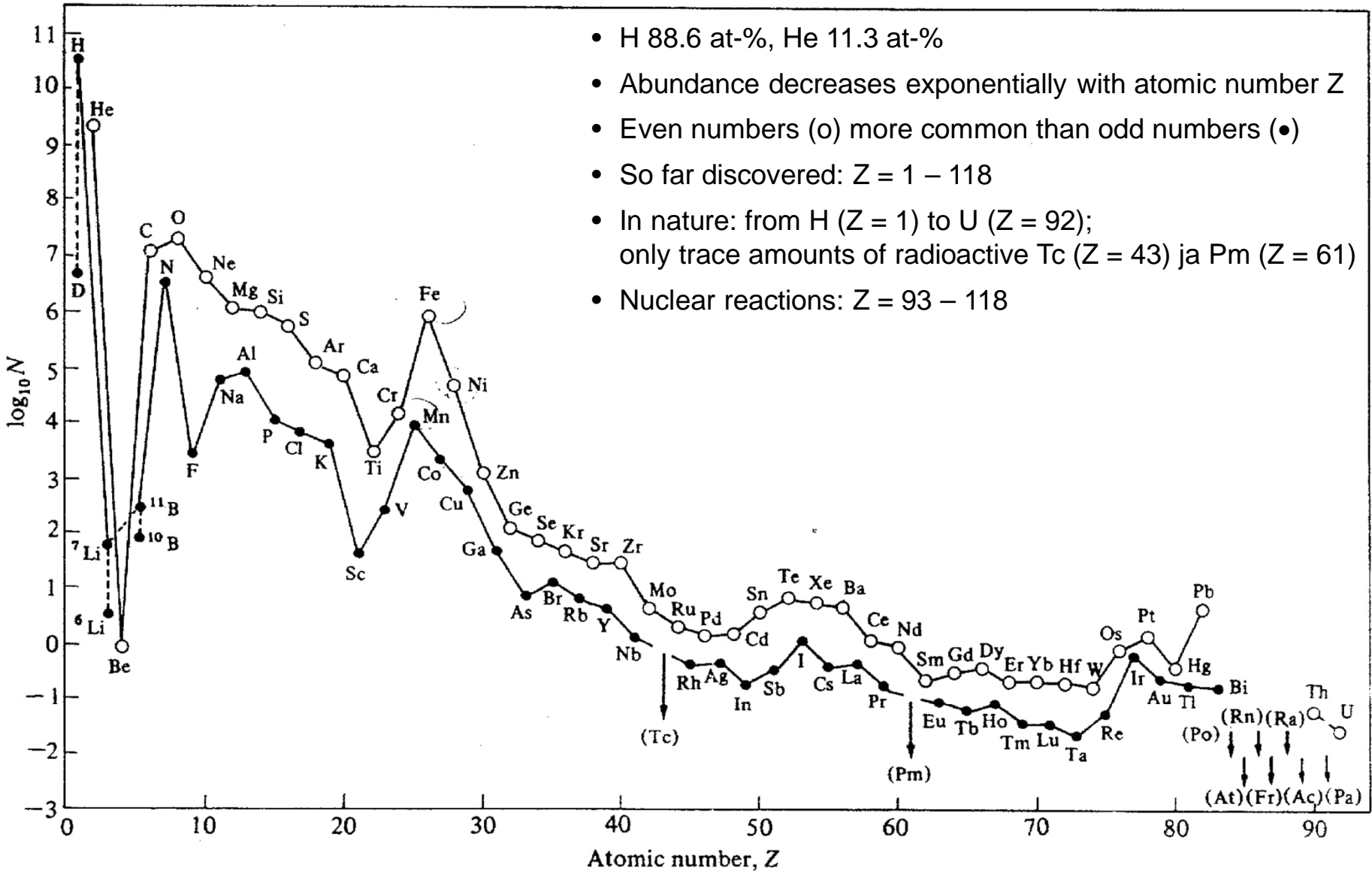
Number	Name	Number	Name
0	nil	5	pent
1	un	6	hex
2	bi	7	sept
3	tri	8	oct
4	quad	9	enn



**Z = 113: nihonium Nh**  
**Z = 115: moscovium Mc**  
**Z = 117: tennessine Ts**  
**Z = 118: oganesson Og**

Nuclear fusion: Dubna, RIKEN, OakRidge

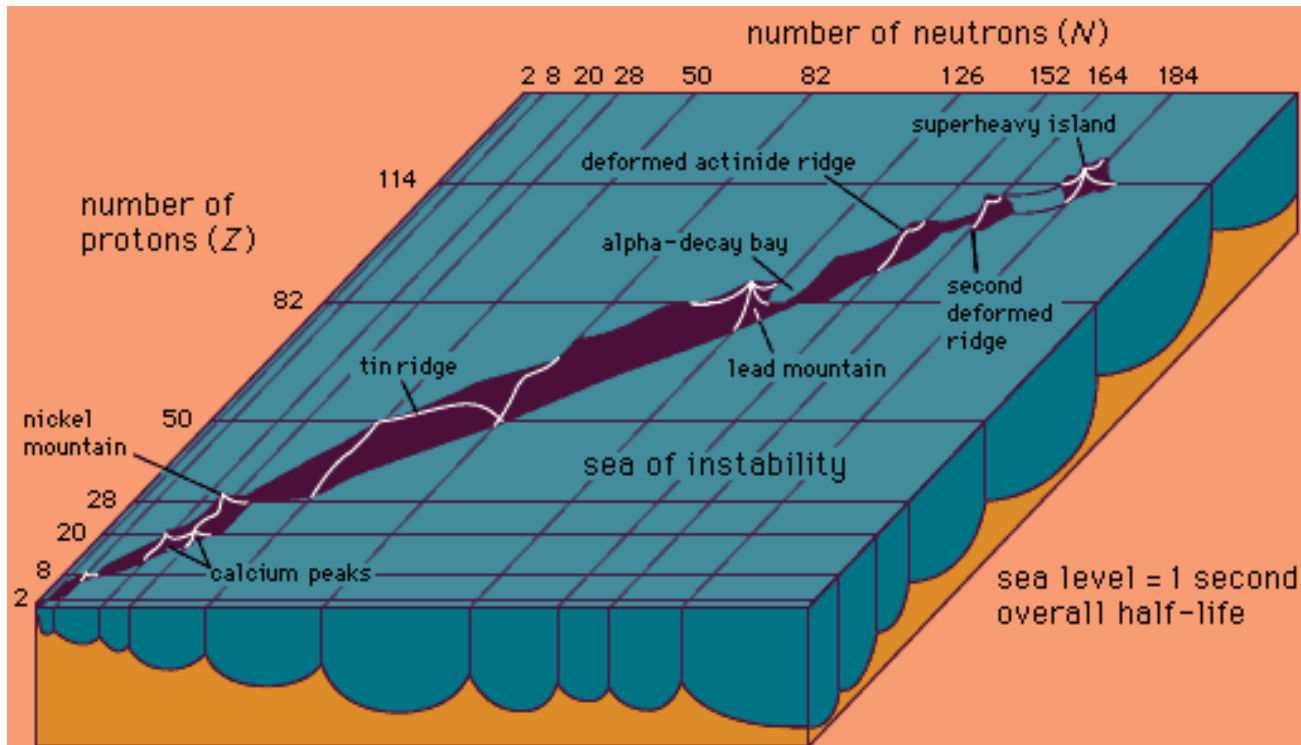
# RELATIVE ABUNDANCE OF ELEMENTS (in universe)



- H 88.6 at-%, He 11.3 at-%
- Abundance decreases exponentially with atomic number Z
- Even numbers (o) more common than odd numbers (•)
- So far discovered: Z = 1 – 118
- In nature: from H (Z = 1) to U (Z = 92);  
only trace amounts of radioactive Tc (Z = 43) ja Pm (Z = 61)
- Nuclear reactions: Z = 93 – 118

# MAGIC NUMBERS

- In nucleus fixed energy levels for protons and neutrons (c.f. electrons & orbitals)
- With certain atomic numbers (Z) and neutron numbers (N) more stable nuclides
- So-called magic numbers: Z or N = 2, 8, 20, 28, 50, 82, 126
- Most stable: both Z and N magic numbers:  ${}^4\text{He}$  (Z = 2),  ${}^{16}\text{O}$  (Z = 8),  ${}^{208}\text{Pb}$  (Z = 82)



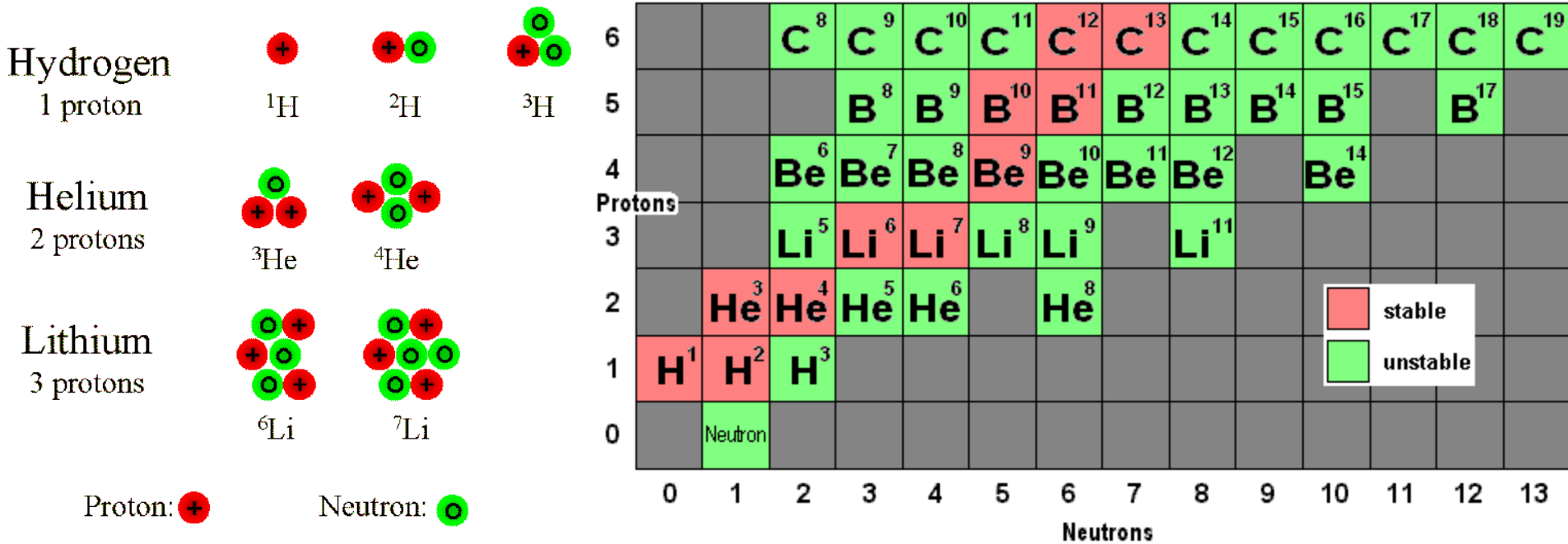
G.T. Seaborg, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, 1989

## Artificial Elements

- Preparation: fusion reactions in particle accelerators (Dubna, RIKEN, OakRidge, Hamburg)
- Life times typically less than second
- 1937: first artificially prepared element: Technetium (Tc) (Greek *teknetos* = artificial)

# ISOTOPES

- Known atoms (273 stable + radioactive) much more than elements (118) → many elements have different atoms → ISOTOPES
- Isotopes of the same element are **(MOSTLY)** chemically similar but the physical properties may be different
- With increasing atomic number Z the relative number of neutrons increases
- Natural isotope composition nearly constant for stable elements but varies for radioactive elements





# ATOMIC WEIGHTS

- Accuracy is continuously increasing

Element	1873–5	1903	1925	1959	1961	1995
H	1	1.008	1.008	1.0080	1.007 97	1.007 94(7)
C	12	12.00	12.000	12.011 15	12.011 15	12.0107(8)
O	16	16.00	16.000	<b>16</b>	15.9994	15.9994(3)
P	31	31.0	31.027	30.975	30.9738	30.973 761(2)
Ti	50	48.1	48.1	47.90	47.90	47.867(1)
Zn	65	65.4	65.38	65.38	65.37	65.39(2)
Se	79	79.2	79.2	78.96	78.96	78.96(3)
Ag	108	107.93	107.880	107.880	107.870	107.8682(2)
I	127	126.85	126.932	126.91	126.9044	126.90447(3)
Ce	92	140.0	140.25	140.13	140.12	140.116(1)
Pr	—	140.5	140.92	140.92	140.907	140.907 65(2)
Re	—	—	188.7 <sup>(b)</sup>	186.22	186.22	186.207(1)
Hg	200	200.0	200.61	200.61	200.59	200.59(2)

## SOURCES OF ERROR IN ATOMIC WEIGHTS

- accuracy of measurement
- natural isotope composition (B, S)
- "depleted" elements (in natural Li 7.5% <sup>6</sup>Li, commercially only 3.75 %)
- enriched elements (from nuclear reactors)
- radioactive elements (atomic weight changes as a function of time)

# LITHIUM ISOTOPES

- Lithium has **two stable isotopes**:  ${}^6\text{Li}$  and  ${}^7\text{Li}$  (92.5 %)
- Both isotopes have an uncommon property: **nuclear fission is possible** → Lithium is much **less common in the Solar System than expected**
- Besides the two natural isotopes, seven unstable Li radioisotopes are known, the most stable being  ${}^8\text{Li}$  (half-life of 838 ms)
- **The two natural isotopes behave differently** in many natural processes, such as mineral formation, metabolism and ion exchange
- For example:  ${}^6\text{Li}$  has **higher preference for octahedral coordination** (than  ${}^7\text{Li}$ ) →  ${}^6\text{Li}$  is **enriched when lithium ions substitute for octahedral Mg or Fe** in clay minerals
- ${}^6\text{Li}$  is important for **nuclear physics** and **nuclear weapons**:
  - absorber of neutrons in nuclear fusion reactions
  - source material for the production of tritium  ${}^3\text{H}$→ In commercial Li chemicals the  ${}^6\text{Li}$  content is often visibly low (7.5 → 3.75 %)
- Nowadays even in nature (e.g. rivers) lower  ${}^6\text{Li}$  contents detected (because of its long-lasting extraction)

