

Periodic Trends



Chemistry

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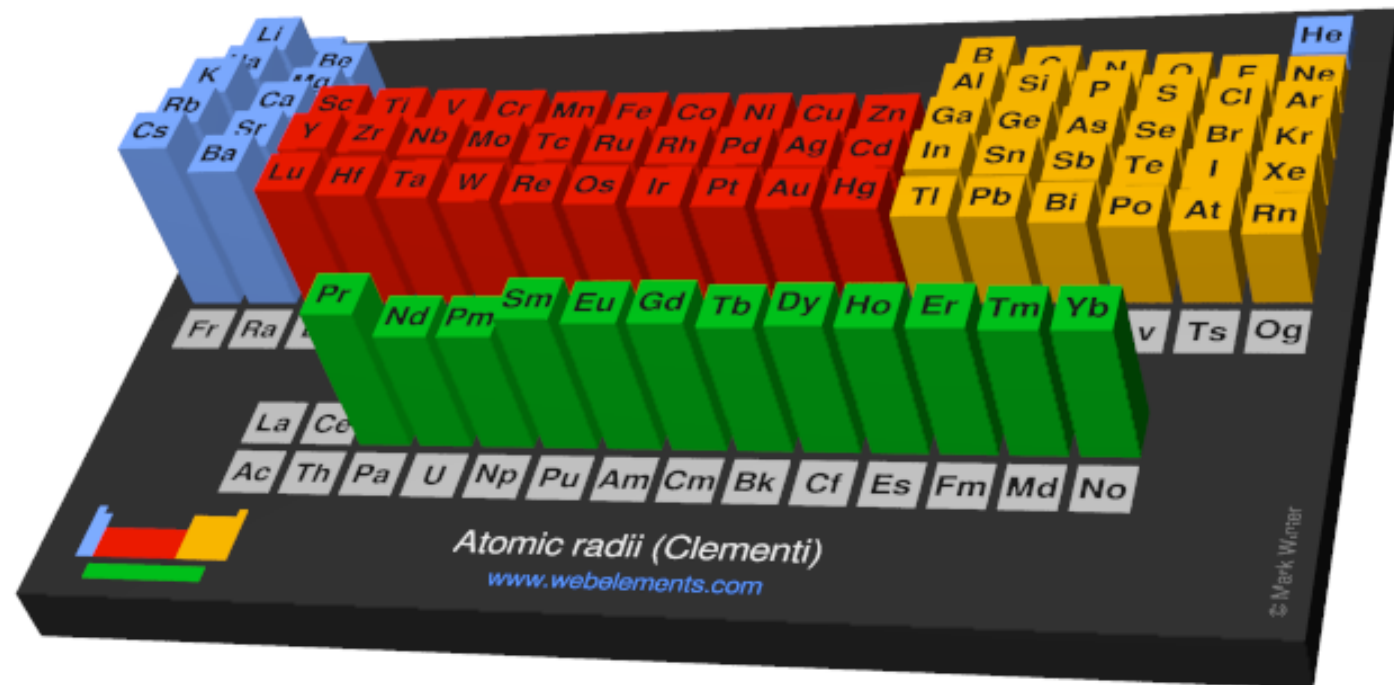
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By end of this lesson I can...

- AS3: calculate the charge of an element in order write an ion.
- AS4: use the atomic number and atomic mass number of an isotope, to draw and label a model of the isotope's atomic structure.
- AS7: use the periodic table to find elements based on their properties, explain their positions and show trends that explain how and why elements will form bonds.

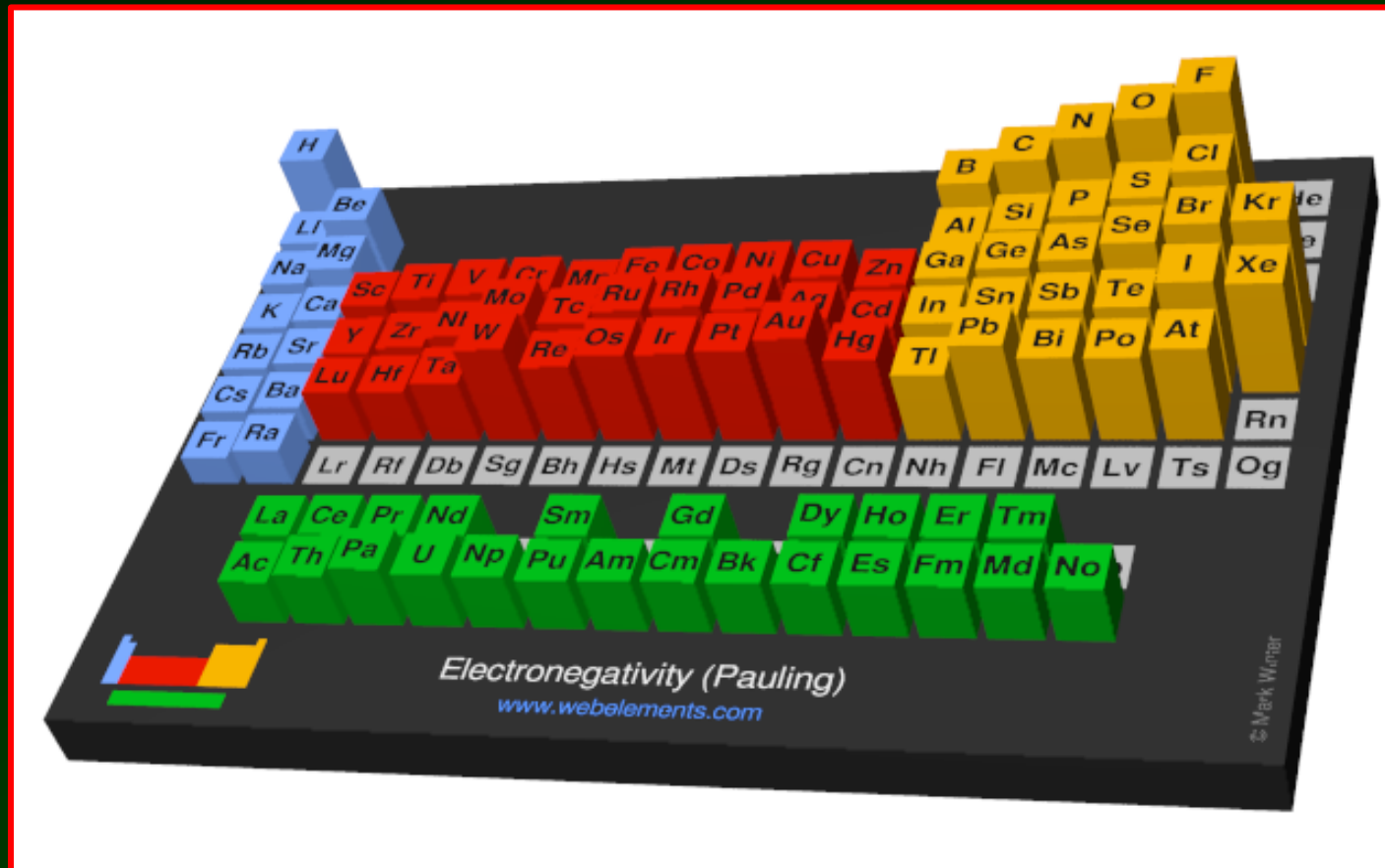
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- **Atomic Radii:** The distance from the center of the nucleus to the outer e^- .



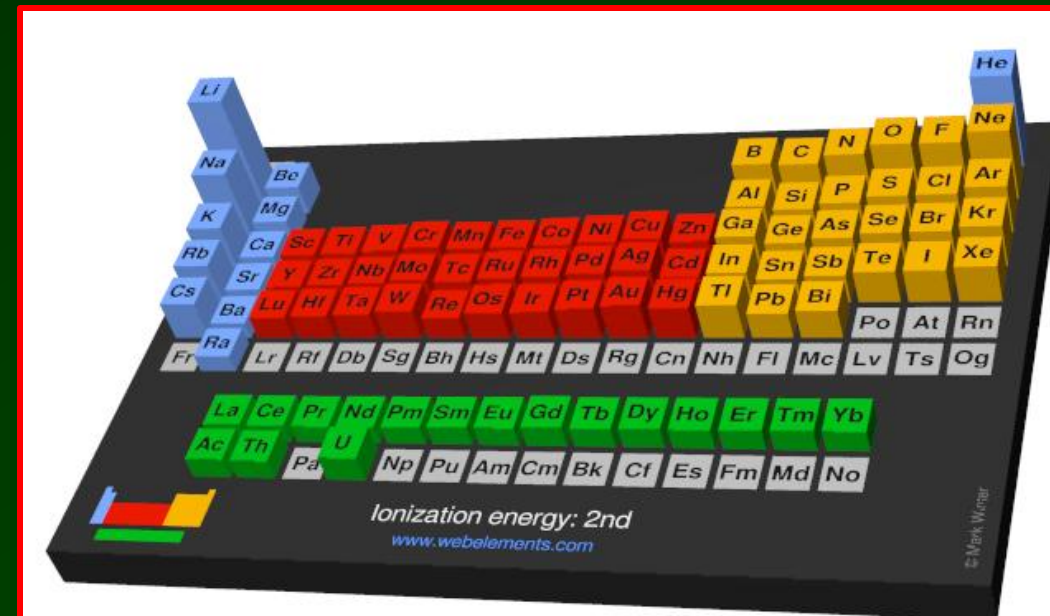
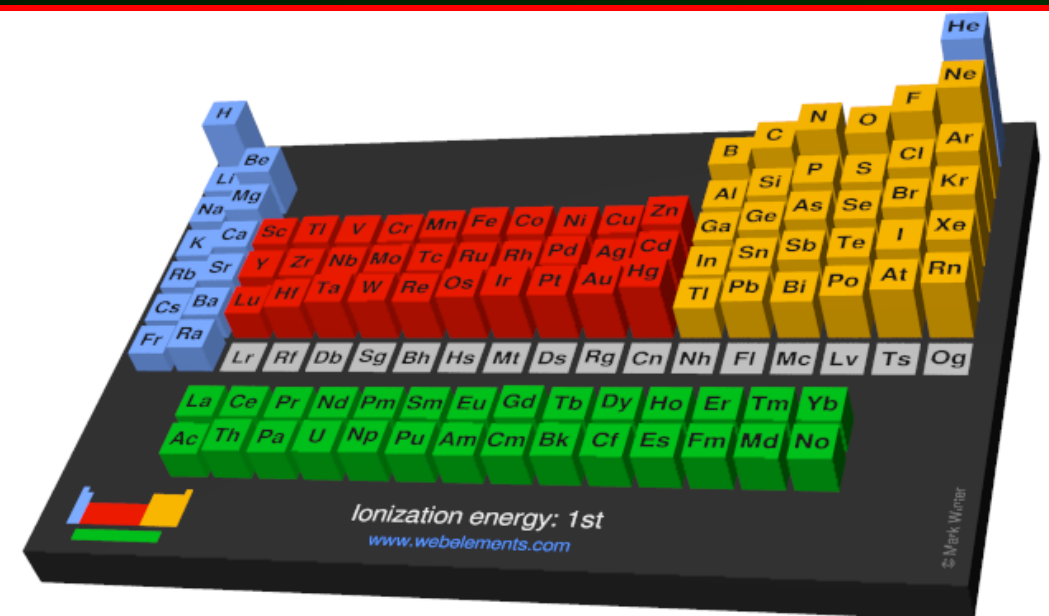
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- **Electronegativity:** The power of an atom when in a molecule to attract electron's to itself.



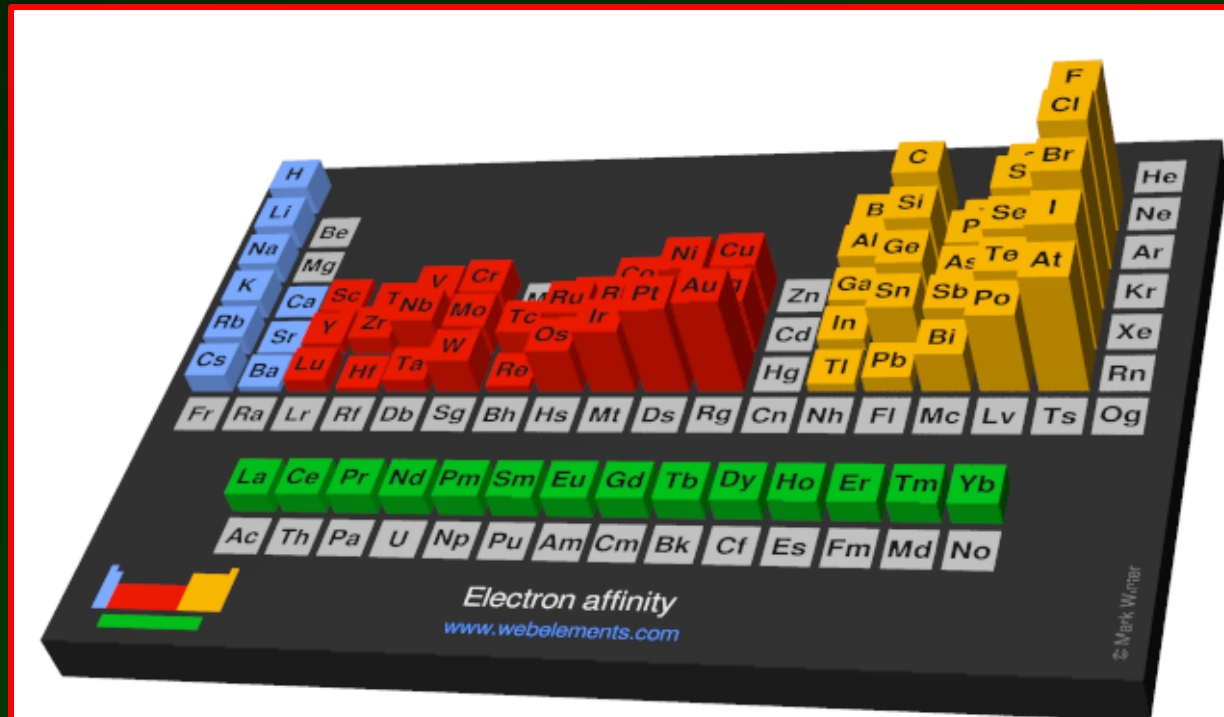
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- **Ionization Energy:** The amount of energy needed to remove an e^- . (In Joules)
 - Removing more e^- increases the IE level...
- (Sulfur: 1st IE: 999-J, 2nd IE: 2260-J)



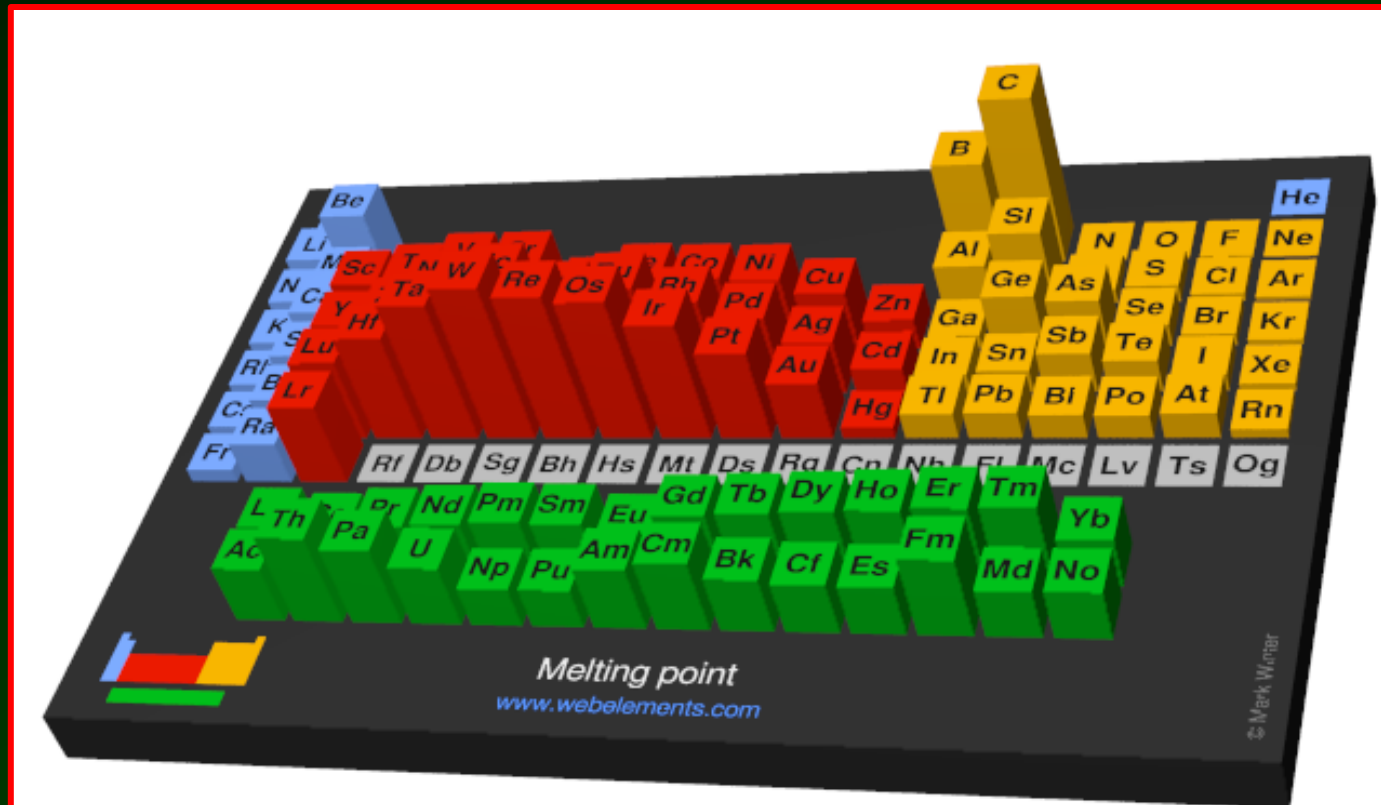
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- **Electron Affinity:** The amount of energy released by adding an e^- . (In Joules)
 - This is for neutral elements becoming ions.



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- **Melting Point:** Temperature at which the solid and liquid forms of a pure substance can exist in equilibrium



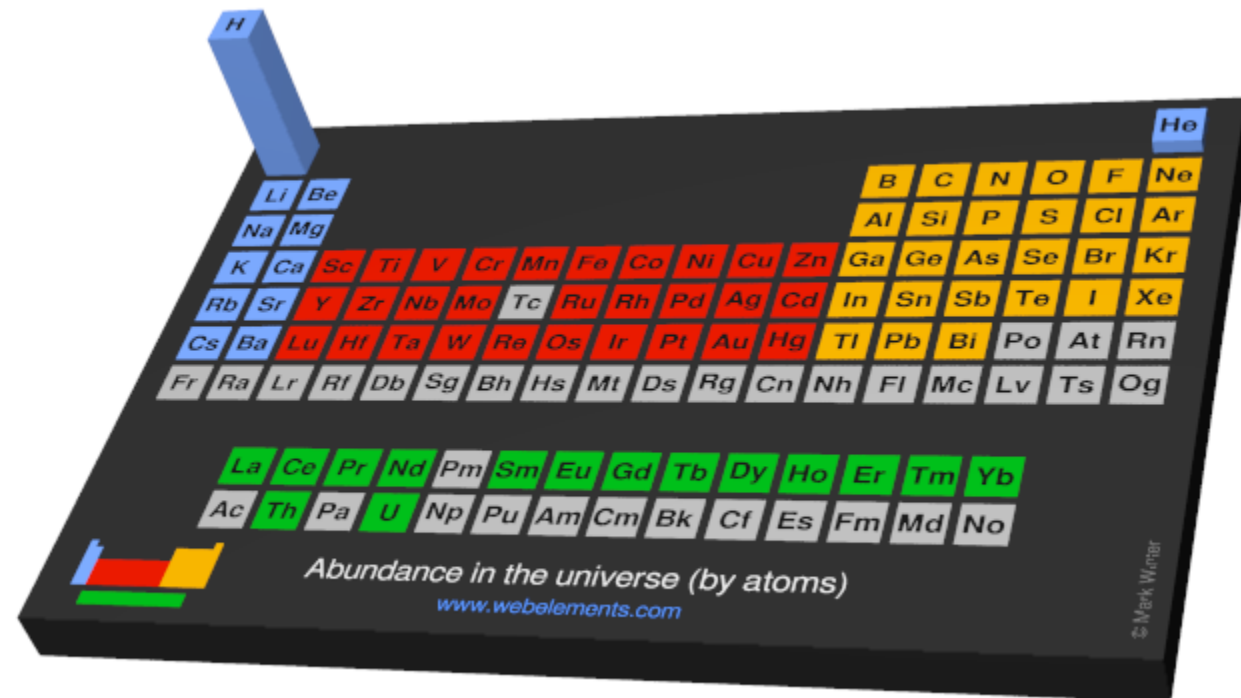
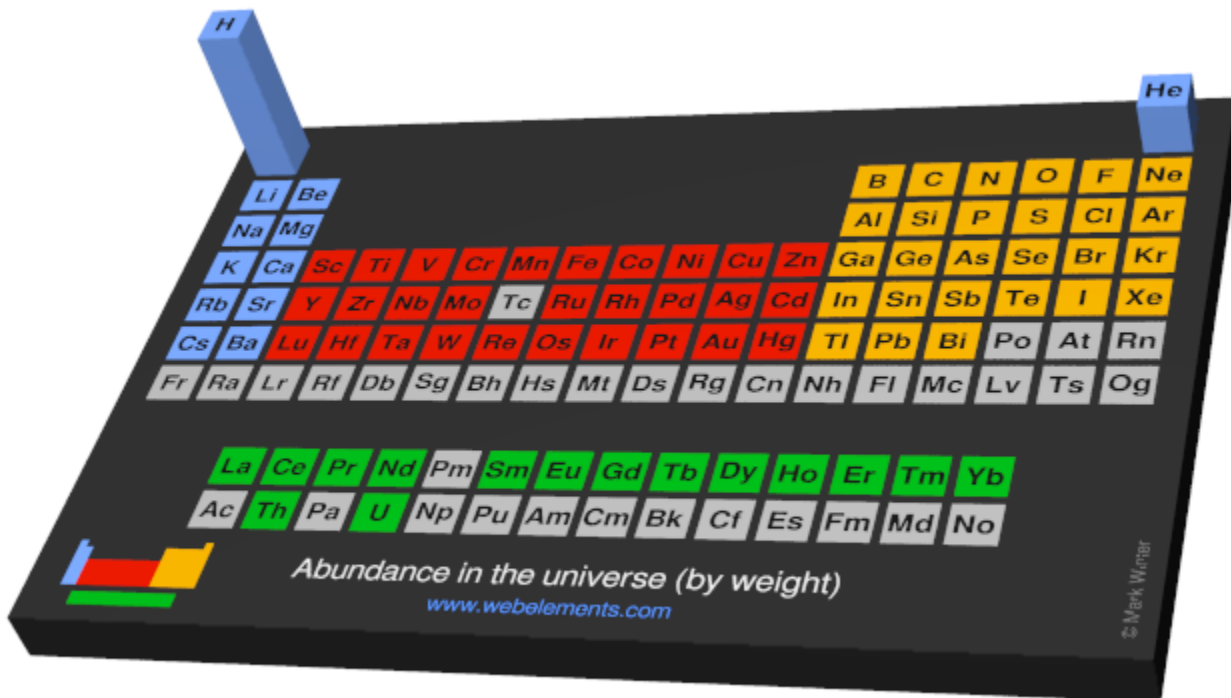
All in the Family



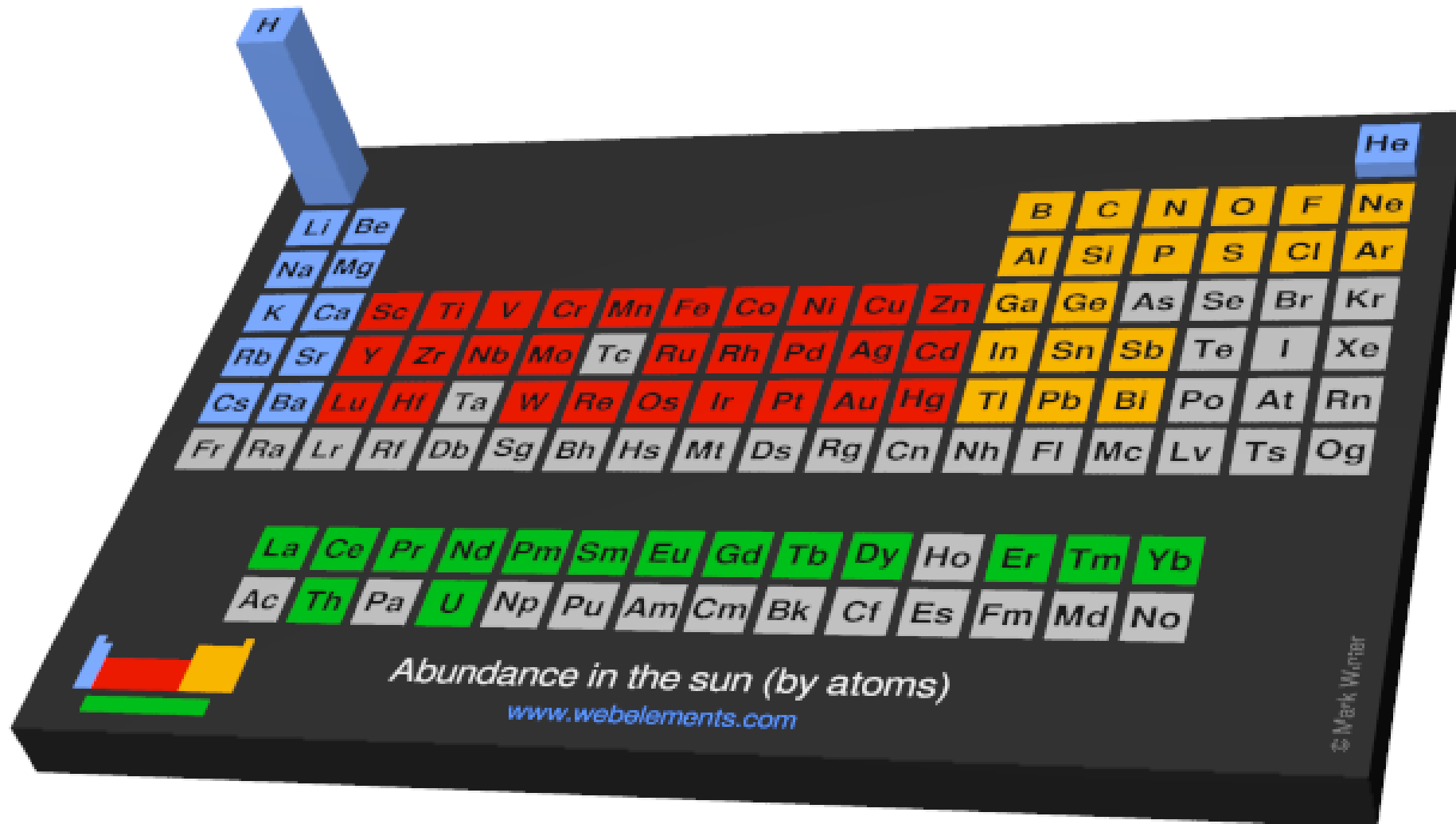
Review

- **Families/Groups are the up and down columns on the periodic table.**
- **While each element is unique in its own way, but much like real life families, elements have similar properties if they share a column.**

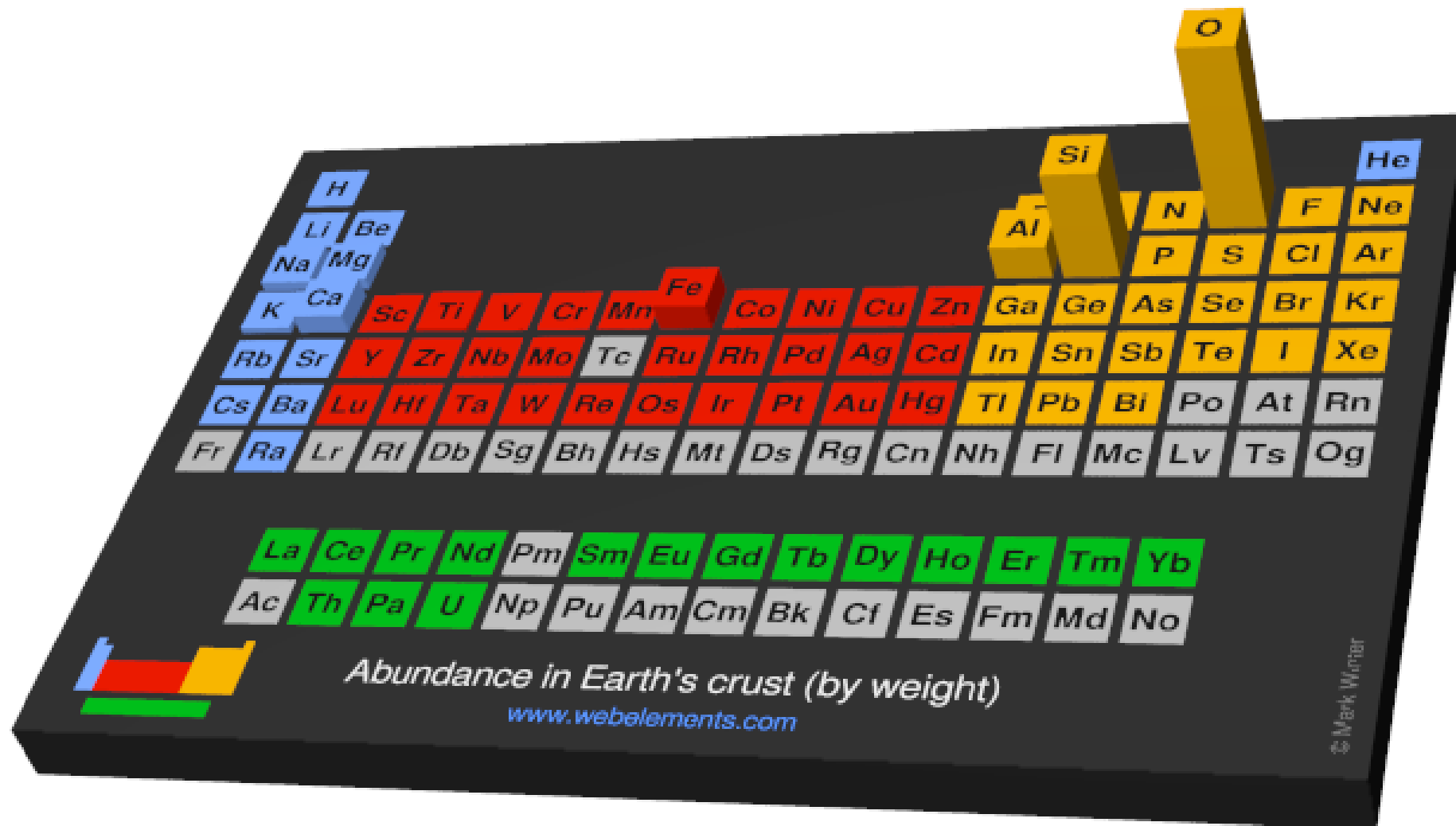
The Universe



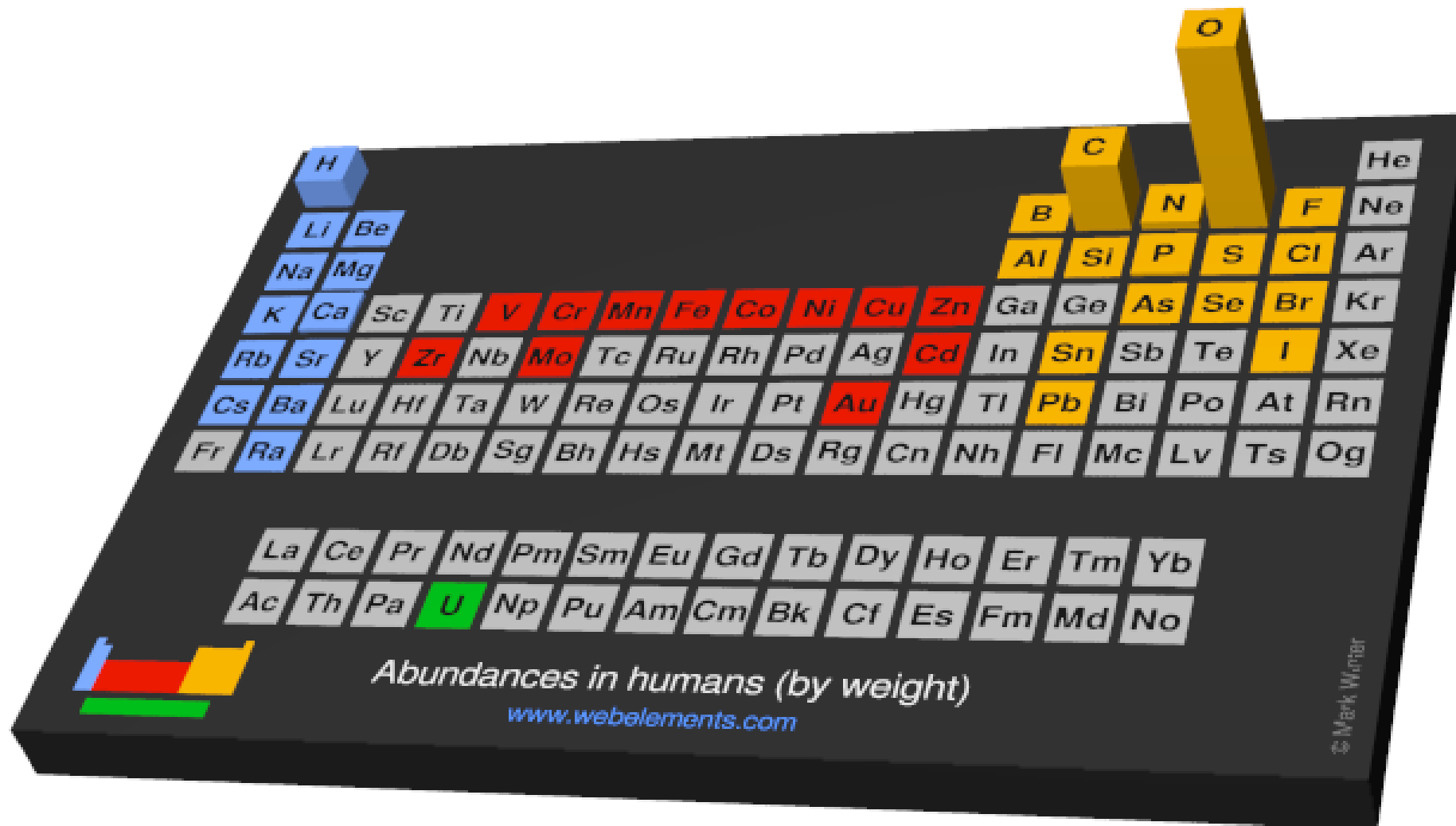
Mass Abundance: The Sun



Mass Abundance: Earth



Mass Abundance: Life

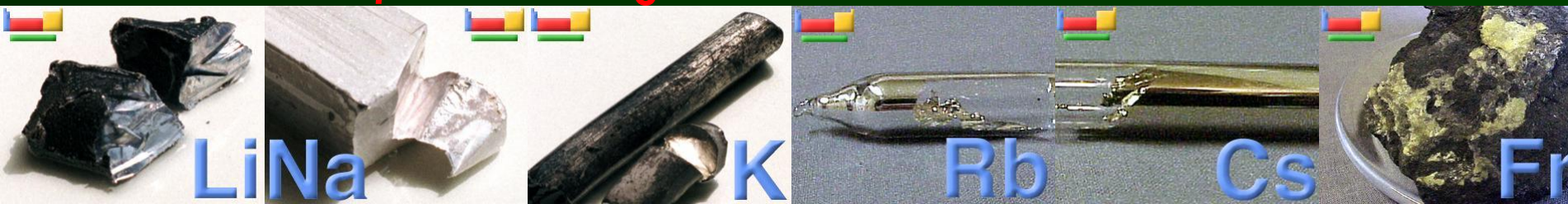


1 Alkali Metals

- **Arabic: From Ashes (Na/K are present in ash.)**
- **Form X^+ Ions: very reactive family.**
- **Shiny, malleable, ductile, oxidize.**
 - Oxidize: Surfaces exposed to Oxygen quickly tarnish.
- **Can be cut with a knife.**
- **Will react explosively with water.**
- **Bond easily with the Halogens (Family 7).**
- **Not found in pure form in nature.**

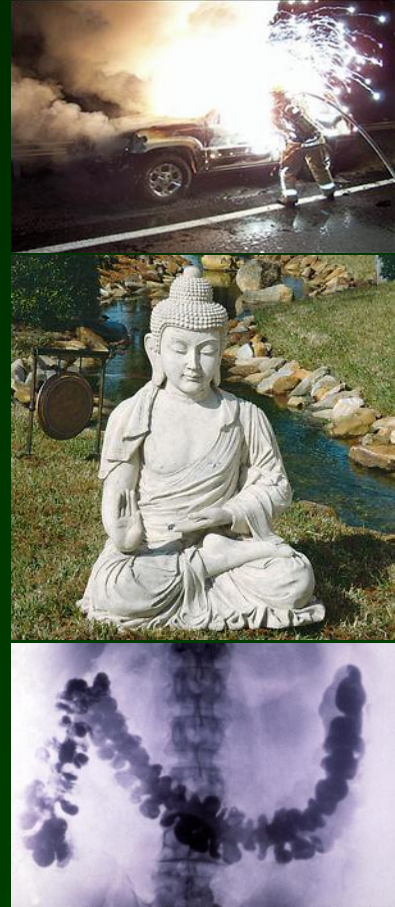


Salt money



2 Alkaline Earth Metals

- Middle Ages defined an earth as something which can not be burned.
- Form X^{2+} ions: very reactive family.
- Shiny, malleable, ductile, oxidize.
- Denser than the Alkali metals.
- Reacts explosively with water.
- Bond easily with Chalcogens (6).



Transition Metals

- Useful in living organisms and structurally strong. Form many alloys.
- Individual properties vary from family to family.
- Mostly shiny, ductile, malleable.
- High Densities.



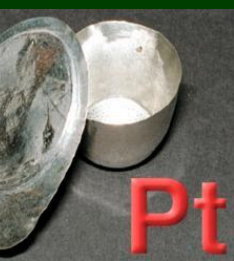
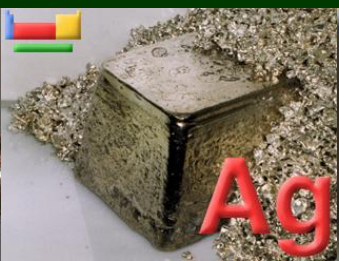
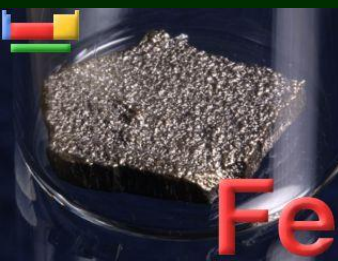
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64th

71st



Inner Transition Metals

- It is unsure where they are to be placed, after family 2, or after La and Ac.
- Lanthanides: Form 3+ ions, soft, silvery, tarnish, too reactive to be structural. They are difficult to separate and are found together.
- Actinides: Radioactive, Th and U are the only ones that are readily available in nature.

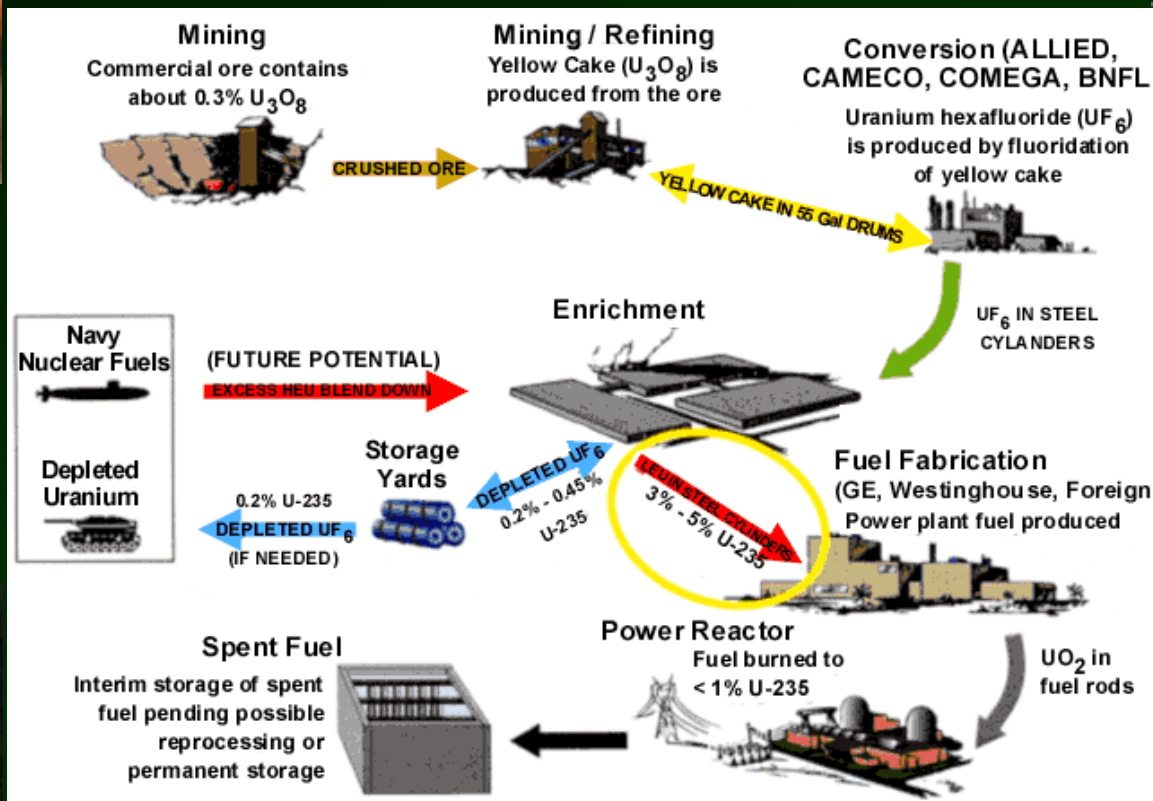




Yellow Cake
 U_3O_8



Fuel Pellet
 UO_2



Depleted Uranium
 DU_3O_2



Fiestaware (Glaze)
 UO_2

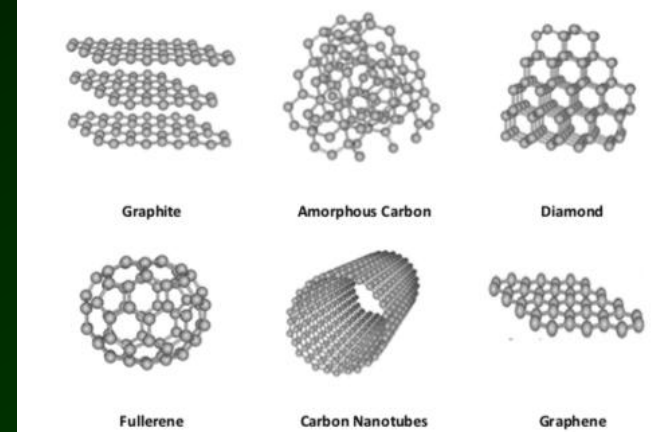
3 Boron

- **Serve some biologic roles.**
- **Al- key element in this family.**
 - Normally found as Si and O compounds.
 - Until late 1800's was costly due to separation process
 - Bayer Process much cheaper
 - Cheaper to recycle Aluminum rather than extract new Aluminum from bauxite (Al_2O_3).



4 Carbon

- This family is fairly unique.
 - C is non-metallic.
 - Si and Ge are metalloids.
 - Sn and Pb (Toxic) are metals.
- 50% of Carbon is bonded in Limestone.
- H and C bond to form hydrocarbons.
 - Coal, Petroleum, Natural Gas, Waxes.

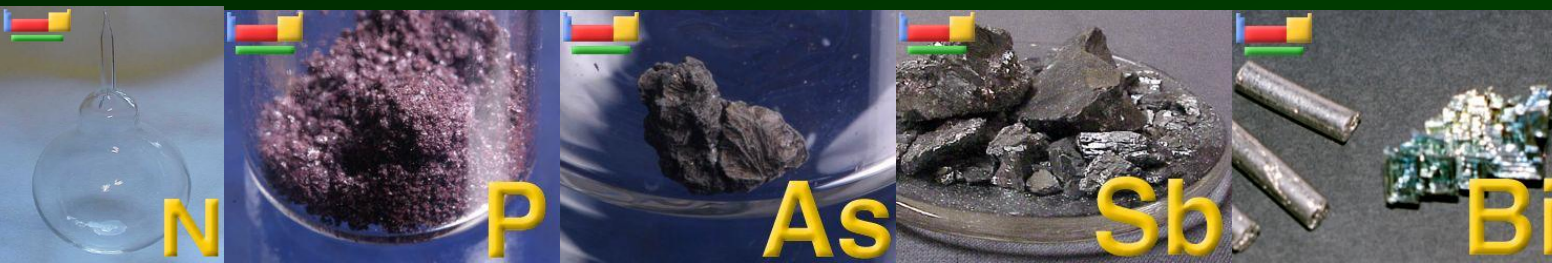
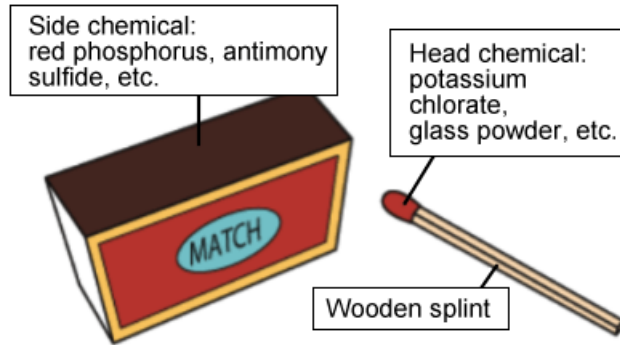
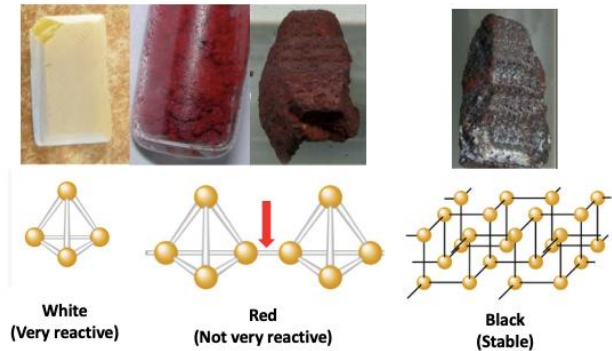
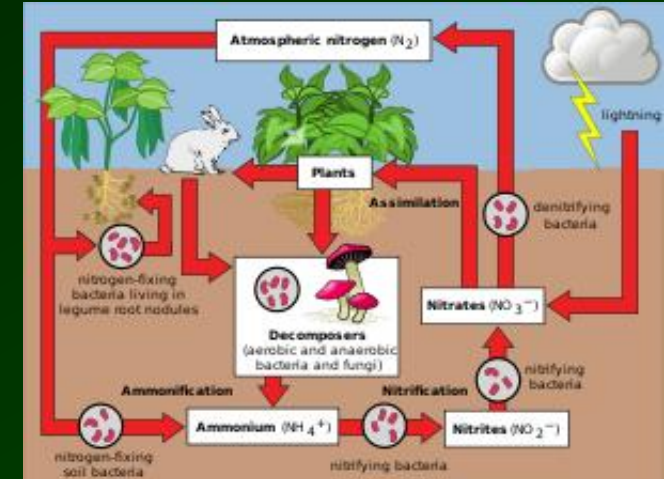


2nd



5 Pnictogen (Choke+Former)

- **This family is also fairly unique.**
 - N and P are non-metallic.
 - As and Sb are metalloids.
 - Bi is a metal.
- **Almost all Nitrogen is in gas form (80% of air)**
 - Most is not reactive; few living things use it directly.
 - Mainly used in fertilizers. NH_3 is Ammonia.
- **P: Three forms. White spontaneously ignites.**
 - H_3PO_4 diluted can add tartness to soda (Can leach Ca out of bones).



6 Chalcogen (Copper+Former)

- Need two e^- to be complete: X^{2-} .
- **O: Black sheep of family.**
 - By mass 23% air, 89% water, 46% crust.
 - Pure O is in either O_2 or O_3 form. Elemental O found only in space (Reactive!)
- **S: found bonded to Iron \rightarrow FeS_2 : Iron Pyrite.**
 - Most S is manufactured to make H_2SO_4 .
 - H_2S is added to Natural Gas as a warning by making it smell bad (rotten eggs).



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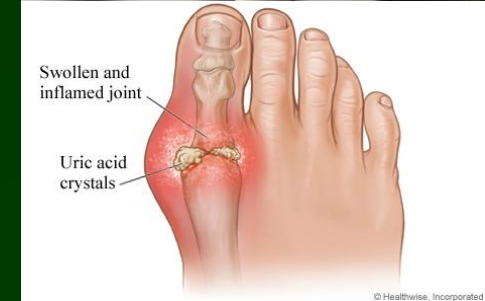


Smell rotten eggs?
It could be a natural gas leak.



7 Halogen (Salt+Former)

- **Need one e^- to be complete; very unstable.**
 - Each forms of Diatomic Molecules.
- **F: Most reactive element. Very corrosive gas.**
- **Cl: Industrially useful halogen**
 - Disinfects water and pools. Used in a bleach, and PVC.
- **I: Prevents Gout and as an antiseptic.**



8 Noble Gas

- **Complete shells and ‘fairly’ non-reactive.**
- **Ar: The most abundant in family (1% Earth's Air).**
 - First to be discovered in 1849.
 - Used in welding and between windows.
- **He: Most commercially important in family.**
- **Compounds like KrF_2 , XeF_2 , XeF_4 , and XeF_6 exist.**
- **Rn radioactive and unstable**
 - Natural decay: the gas enters cracked foundations.

Greek Roots.

He: Helios: Sun

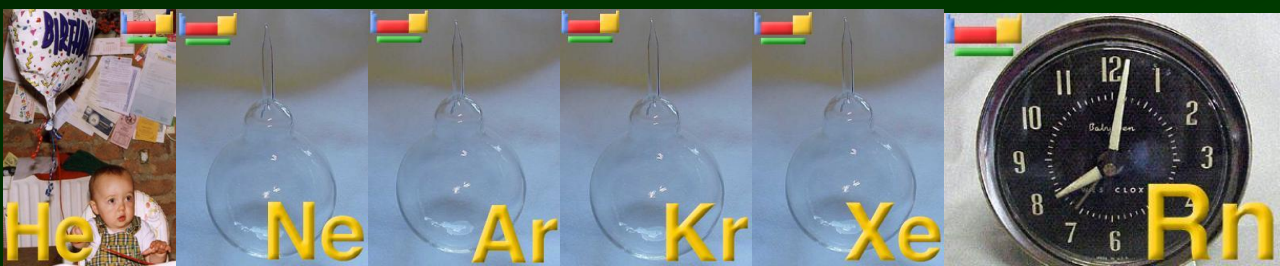
Ne: Neos: New

Ar: Argos: Lazy

Kr: Kryptos: Hidden

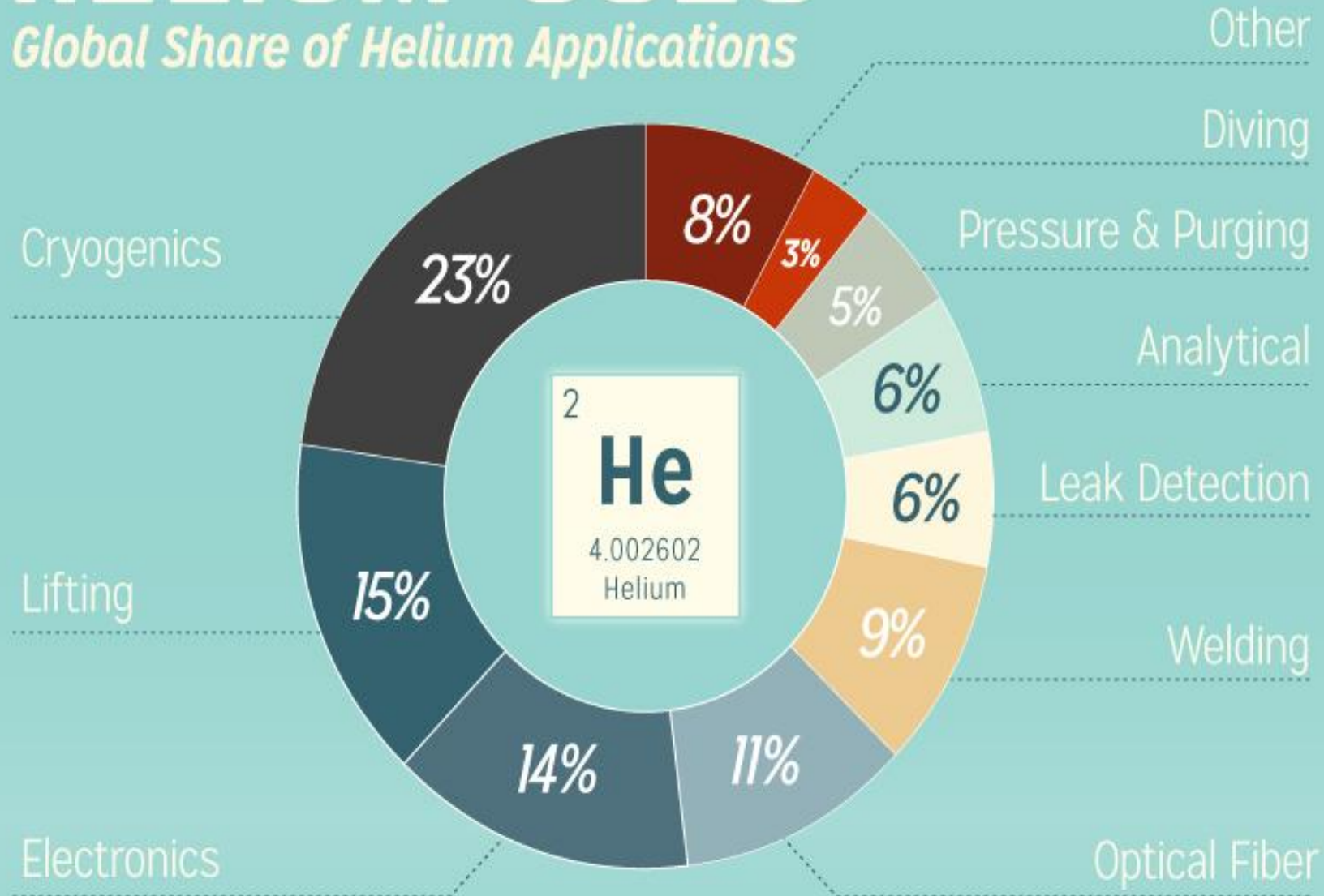
Xe: Ksenos: Stranger

Rn: Radius: Ray



HELIUM USES

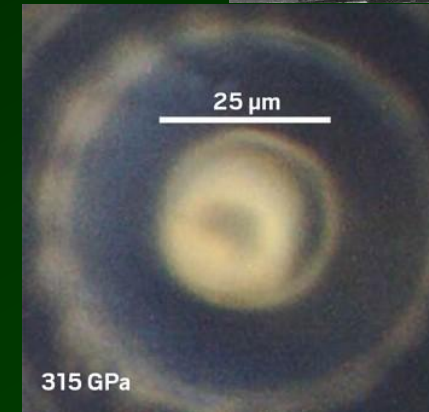
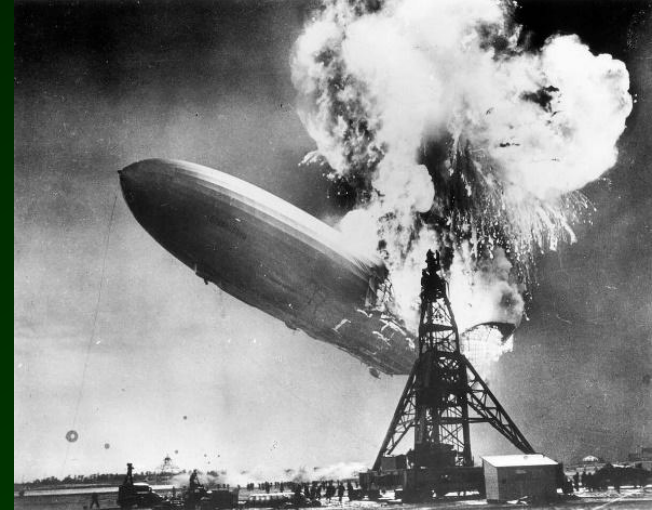
Global Share of Helium Applications



Source USGS

On its own: Hydrogen

- **Most abundant element in the universe.**
 - Not proportionately abundant since it escapes Earth.
- **Most bonded to Oxygen to form water.**
- **A precursor to being an Acid (H^+ ...)**
- **Large amounts are used to form organic compounds like methanol (racing fuel).**



9th

