



Discovered by
French Chemist, Louis
Nicolas Vauquelin



Discovered in 1798



Nearly 18 hexagonal
Beryllium sections
were used for the
mirrors by NASA for
James Webb Space
Telescope



Named after beryllos,
the Greek name for
the mineral beryl from
which it was
discovered

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Louis Nicolas Vauquelin discovered Beryllium from beryl and a green-colored variety of beryl, emerald in its oxide form. The metal was isolated by two chemists, Friedrich Wöhler from Germany and Antoine Bussy from France independently in 1828. Beryllium is classified as a carcinogen and it can cause lung cancer in people who get exposed to beryllium on a daily basis. Despite this, it is highly useful because of its unique qualities:- one of the lightest metals and has one of the highest melting points among the light metals