

Rubidium

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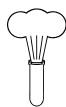
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Discovered in 1861



Discovered by Gustav Kirchhoff and Robert Bunsen



Rubidium ignites in air and reacts violently with water



The name of the element is derived from the Latin 'rubidius', meaning deepest red

Rubidium is slightly radioactive and is used to locate brain tumors. Tumor cells collect Rubidium but normal cells don't.