

Plutonium

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Discovered in 1940

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Discovered by Glenn Seaborg and colleagues



Plutonium has been used as a source of energy for space probe, the New Horizons to observe the Pluto



Plutonium, is named after the then planet Pluto, following from the two previous elements.

A kilogram of plutonium produces about an explosion equivalent to over 10,000 tonnes of chemical explosive. It had been used in the first atomic bombs, and still in present day nuclear weapons.



