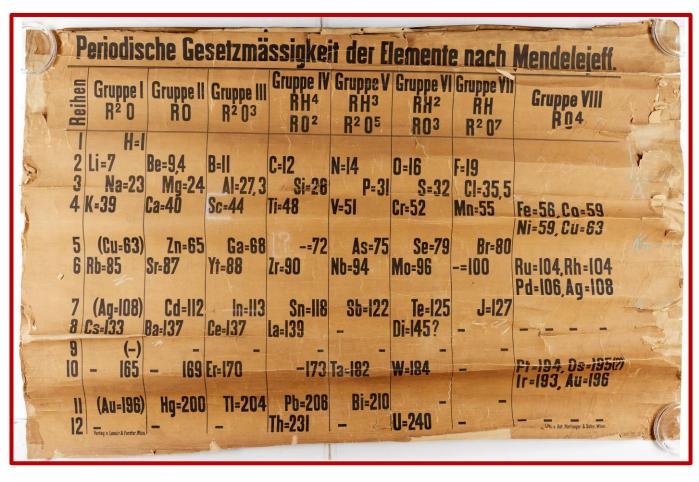


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Discovering the oldest known wallchart of the Periodic Table



- Discovery
- Conservation
- Provenance



Discovery

R. Alan Aitken, David O'Hagan. University of St Andrews, School of Chemistry.

- Discovered in 2014 during a clear out of a storage area in the School of Chemistry.
- The Table was in a fragile condition at the time of discovery, including chalk additions to fill in the noble gases.
- In consultation with experts, the Table was dated to between 1879-1886, just 8-15 years after Mendeleev's paper that included the description of the Periodic Table (1871).



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Reihen	Grappe I.	Groppe II.	Gruppe III.	Gruppe 1V. RB ⁴ R0 ²	Gruppe V.	Gruppe VI. RB ² BØ ³	Gruppe VII.	Groppe VIII.
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2	Li=7	Bc = 9,4	B=11	C=12	N=14	0=16	F = 19	
3	Na = 23	Mg = 24	Al=27,3	8i=28	P==31	8=32	C1=35,5	1
4	K=39	Ca = 40	-=44	Ti == 48	V=51	Cr=52	Mn=55	Fe=56, Co=59, Ni=69, Cu=63.
5	(Ca=63)	Zn = 65	-=68	-=72	A+=75	Se=78	Br == 80	
6	Rb == 85	Sr == 87	?Yt=88	Zr == 90	Nb == 94	Mo=96	-=100	Ku=104, Kh=104, Pd=106, Ag=108
7	(Ag=108)	Cd=112	In=113	So=118	8b=122	Te=125	J=127	
8	Ce = 133	Ba=137	7Di = 138	?Co=:140	-	-		
9	(-)	-	-	-	_	_	-	
10	-	-	7Ec == 178	7La == 180	T4 = 182	W=184	-	On=195, Ir=197, Pt=198, An=199.
11	(Au = 199)	Hg = 200	Ti=204	Pb== 207	Bi = 208	_	_	
12	- 1	_		Th=231	_	U=240	<u> </u>	

Reihen	Gruppe I R ² O	Gruppe II R O	Gruppe III R ² O ³	RH4 RO ²	RH3 R2 O5	RH ² RO ³	Gruppe VII RH R ² O ⁷	Gruppe VIII R 0 4
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						Cr=52		Fe=56, Co=59 Ni=59, Cu=63
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9	(-)	-	-	-				
10	- 165	- 169	Er=170	-173	Ta=182	W=184	-	Pt=194, Os=195(?) Ir=193, Au=196

Mendeleev's 1871 Table II published in the Zhurnal Russkoe Fiziko-Khimicheskoe Obshchestvo 3, 25 (1871); German version, "Die periodische Gesetzmässigkeit der chemischen Elemente,"
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"Periodische Gesetzmässigkeit der Elemente nach Mendelejeff"

The St Andrews Periodic Table chart after conservation.

Erica Kotze, 2018



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Mendeleev's 1871 Table II

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Dating of the St Andrews Periodic Table:

Galium (Ga) was discovered in 1875, Scandium (Sc) in 1879, Germanium (Ge) was discovered in 1886.

Based on these discoveries Professor Eric Scerri dated the Table within a 7 year span: 1879-1886

Eric Scerri is the author of "The Periodic Table: Its story and significance" Oxford University Press, New York, 2007

The St Andrews Periodic Table chart after conservation. Erica Kotze, 2018



Discovery

The St Andrews table may be the earliest surviving example of a lecture room periodic table in the world.



Conservation

Erica Kotze, Rachel Hart, Gabriel Sewell. *University of St Andrews, Special Collections.*

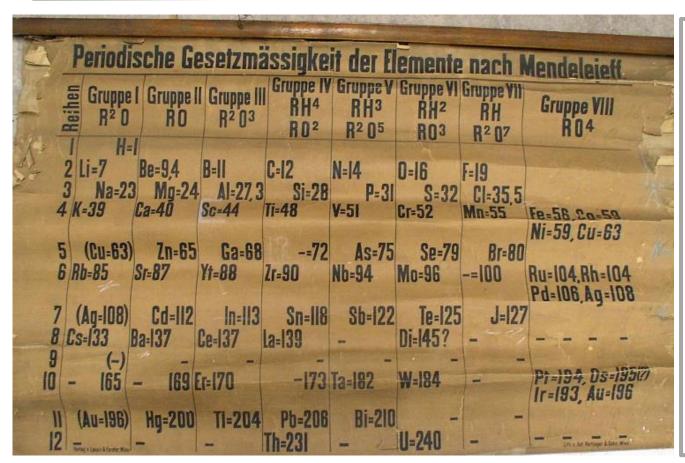
Richard Hawkes.

Artworks Conservation.

- At the time of the discovery, the chart was brittle and in a fragile condition.
- It was stored rolled-up and retained a tendency to curl. It had several horizontal creases and fractures in the paper.
- The paper was discoloured overall suggesting acid conditions and the presence of lignin (wood pulp) in the material.
- There was surface dirt both ingrained in the paper and as loose dirt and dust on the surface.
- Chalk additions reflected the use of the periodic table for teaching and include the addition
 of the noble gases on the right hand side.



Conservation



- After the discovery, the chart was handed to the University of St Andrews Special Collections for preservation and storage in their environmentally controlled building.
- The University's Special Collections
 was awarded a funding grant from the
 National Manuscripts Conservation
 Trust (NMCT) for the conservation of
 the chart.

The St Andrews Periodic Table as discovered, June 2014 R. A. Aitken, 2014



Conservation: treatments.

- The paper was surface cleaned using a brush to remove loose surface dirt and debris.
- The canvas backing was peeled away gradually, scrapping away the adhesive (flour paste) after swelling with methyl cellulose.
- To remove the soluble discolouration and some of the acidity, the paper was washed in deionised water adjusted to a neutral pH with calcium hydroxide.
- When humidified, the paper gave off a strong chemical smell possibly picked up from the environment of the Chemistry Department.
- The paper was de-acidified and left with an alkaline reserve to counter future acidity by immersing in a bath of 0.1M magnesium hydrogen carbonate (pH 6.5).
- Strips of Japanese, 100% kozo paper were applied with wheat starch paste to repair tears and losses.



Conservation





Conservation



The St Andrews Periodic Table chart after conservation.
R. Hawkes, 2018

- The periodic table has been rehoused in conservation grade material and is stored in Special Collections' climate-controlled stores in the University.
- A full-size facsimile is now on display in the School of Chemistry.





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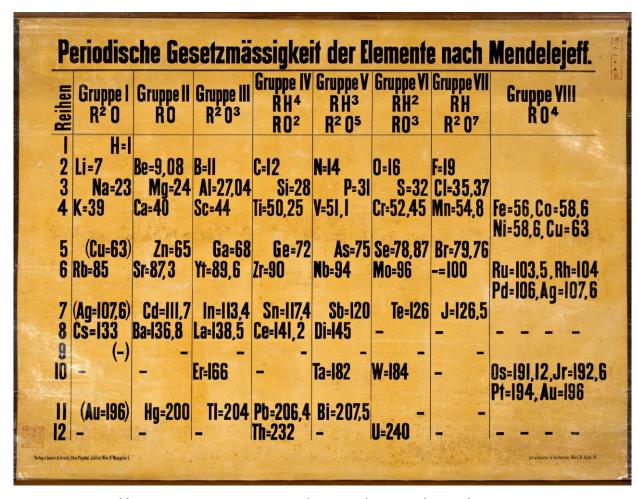
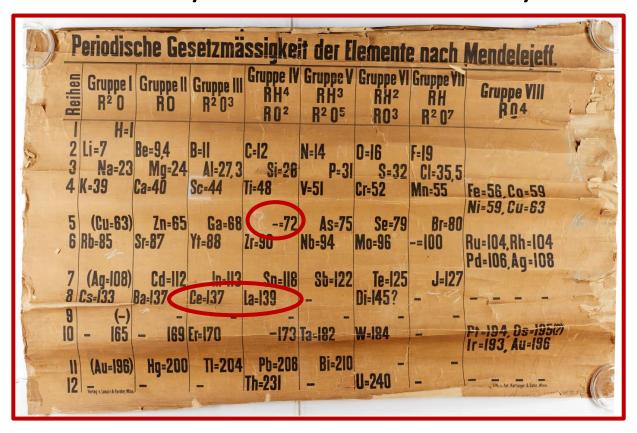


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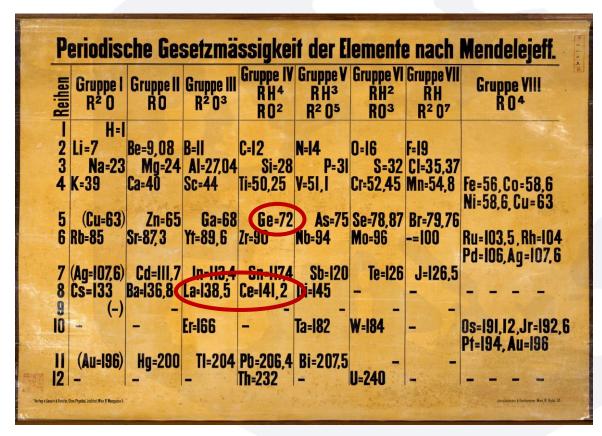
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- Exact date of publication
- How did the periodic table arrive in St Andrews?



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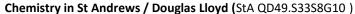
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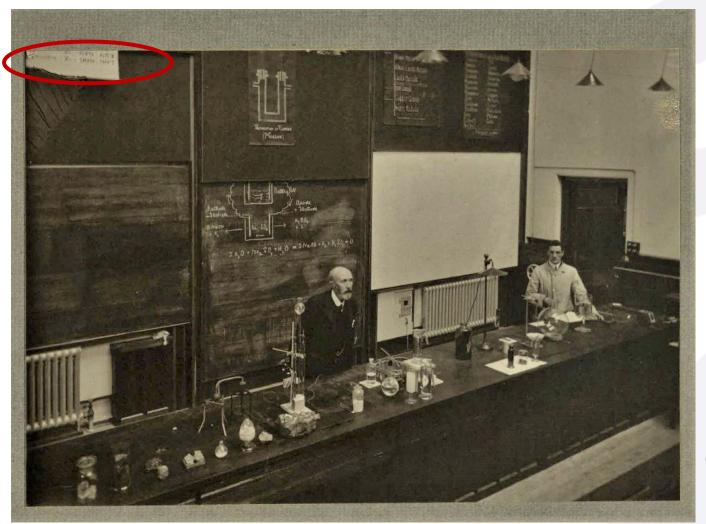
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Board showing atomic weights



Interior of Chemistry lecture theatre.
Professor Purdie. Circa 1906

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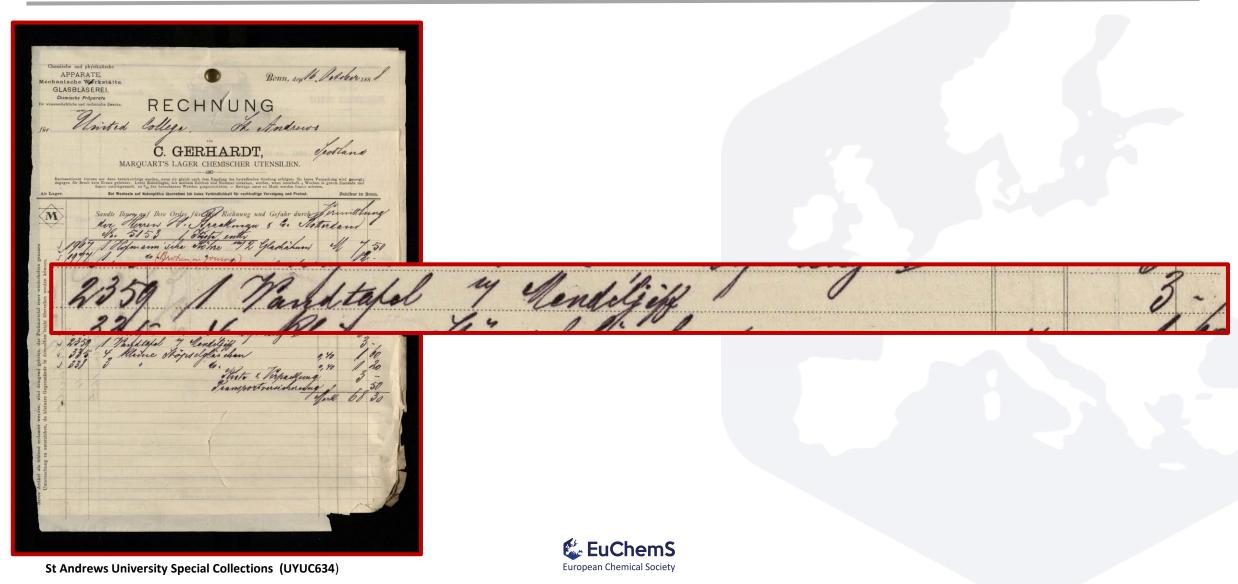
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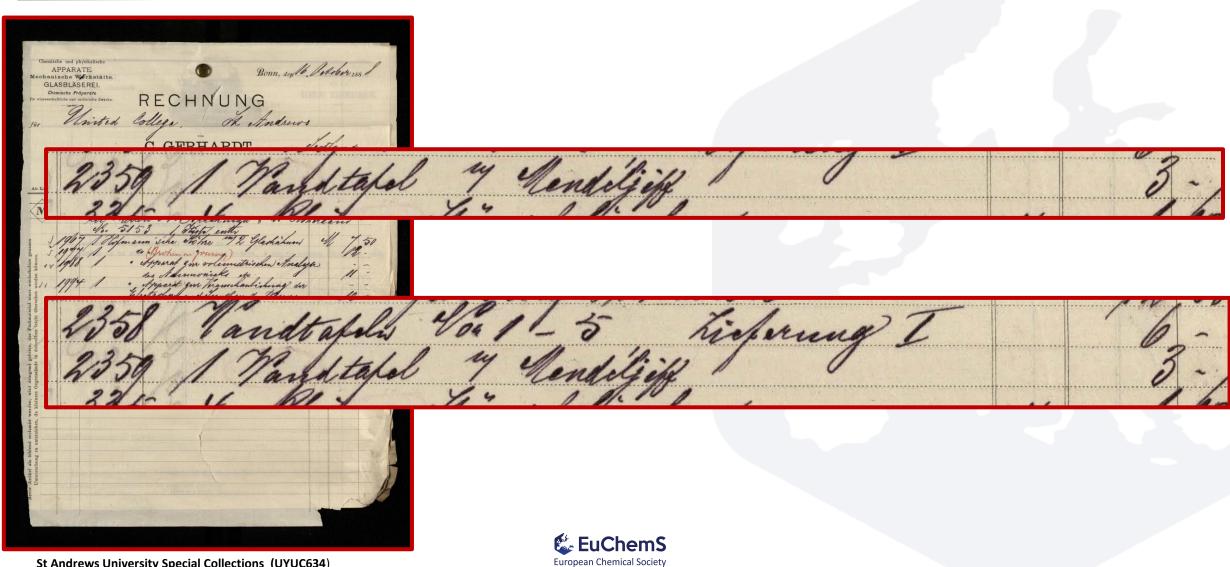
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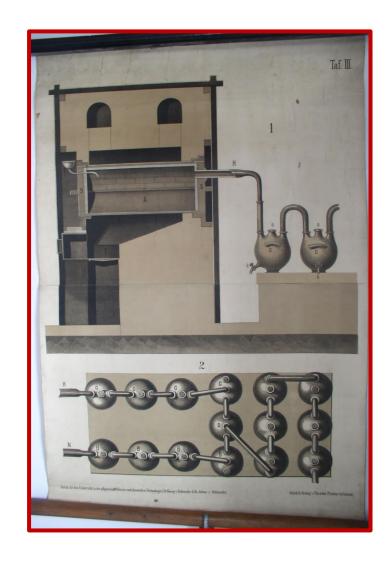




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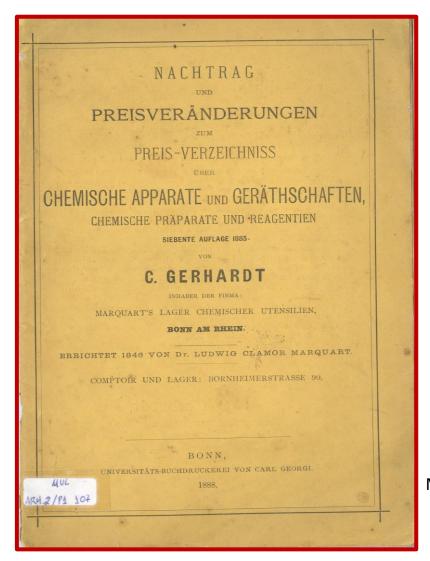
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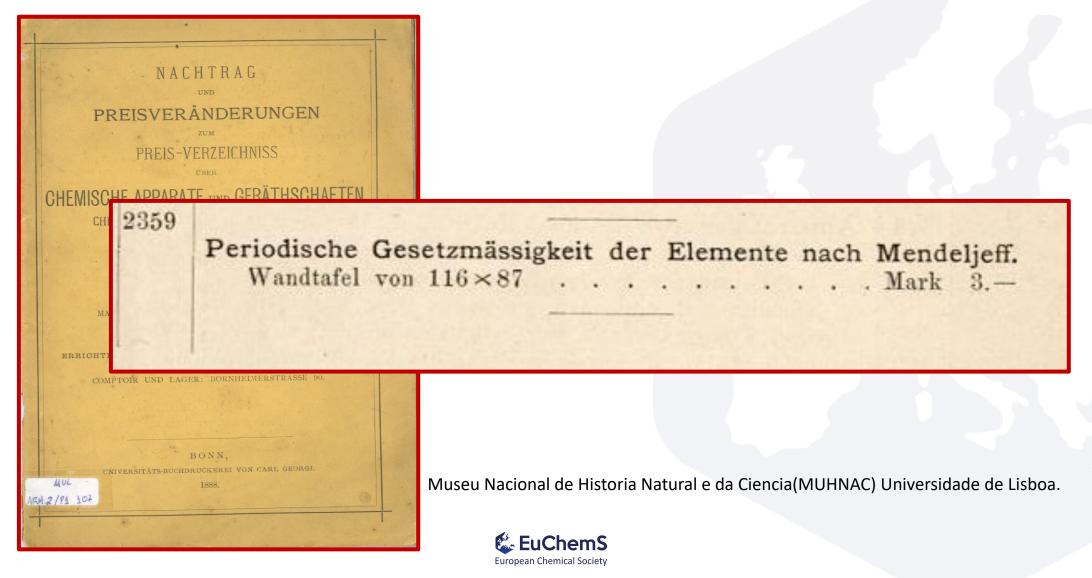
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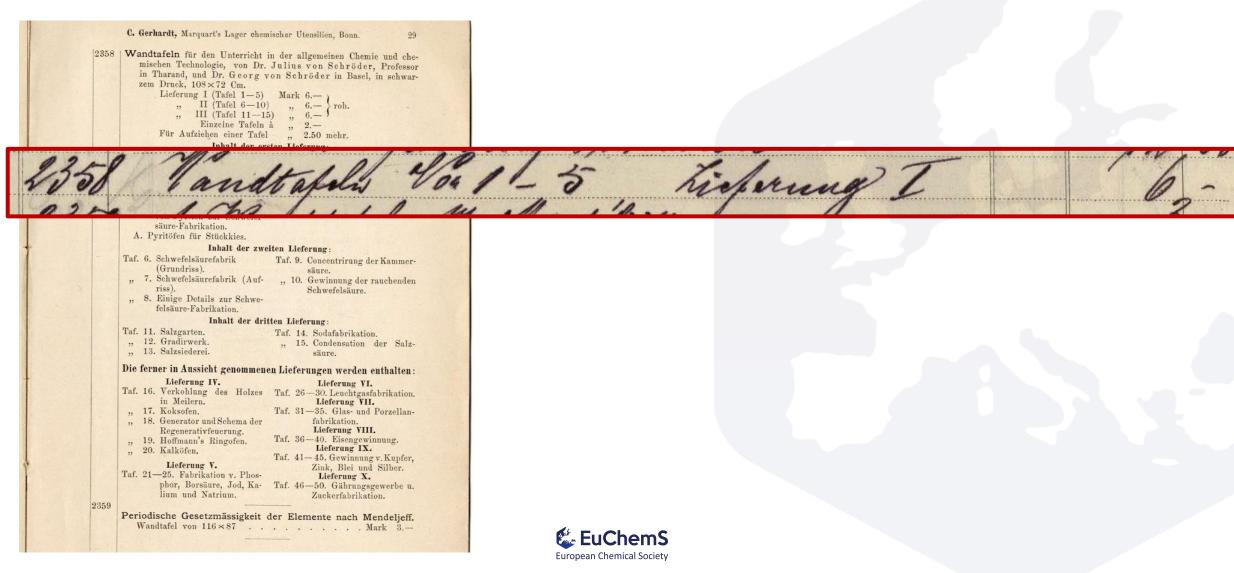












Provenance questions:

- Date of publication → Probably 1885
- How did the periodic table arrive in St Andrews?

An entry in the financial transaction archives in the St Andrews collection records the purchase of a periodic table by Thomas Purdie from the catalogue of C Gerhardt (Bonn) for the sum of 3 Goldmarks in October 1888. This was paid from the Class Account and included in the Chemistry Class Expenses for the session 1888-1889.



