

# NAMED CONCEPTS IN CHEMISTRY

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Nobel Prize Chemistry 1932

Langmuir-Blodgett film  
see Katherine Burr Blodgett

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## Sir Joseph Larmor



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Irish, b. Magheragall, Ireland

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Nobel Prize Physics 1914

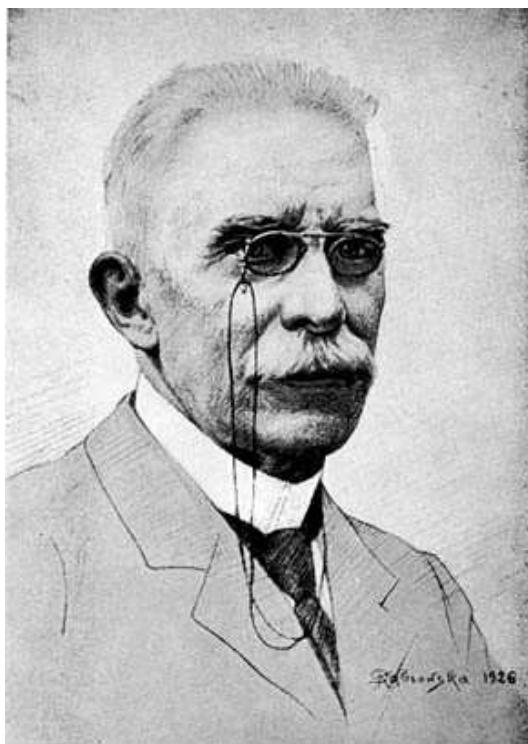
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## Henri Louis Le Châtelier



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Leffler hypothesis

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Lever ligand electrochemical parameters

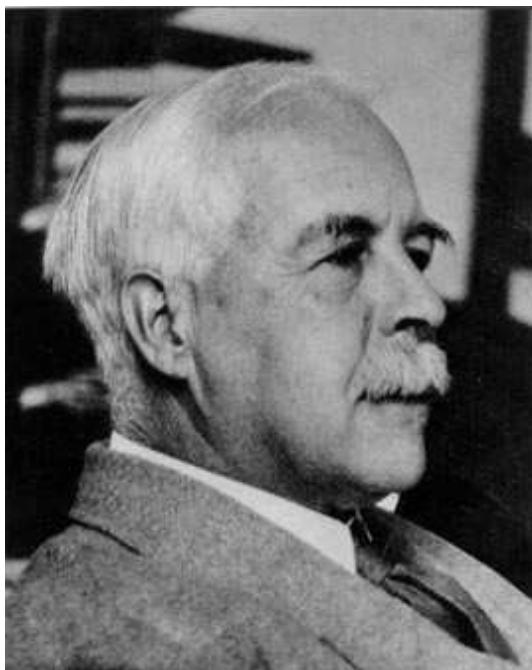
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German-American, b. Breslau, Germany, now Wroclaw, Poland

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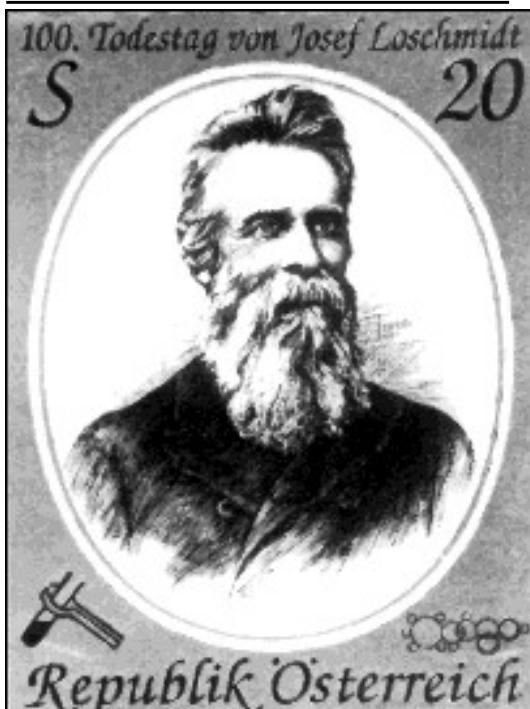
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## Johann Josef Loschmidt



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## Allan Marshall Maxam

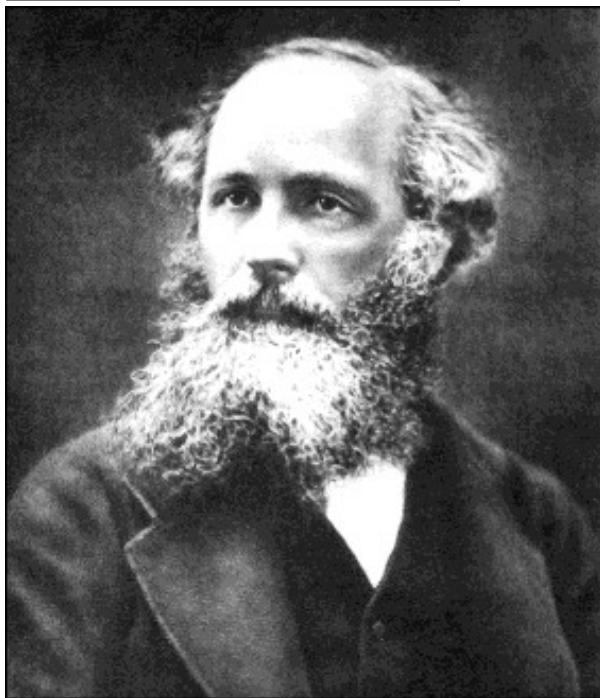
American, b. ?

Maxam-Gilbert DNA sequencing method

see Walter Gilbert

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13 June 1831 - 5 November 1879

Scottish, b. Edinburgh, Scotland

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## Robert Andrews Millikan



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Danish, b. Notmark, Denmark

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Pasteur effect

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**Wolfgang Pauli**



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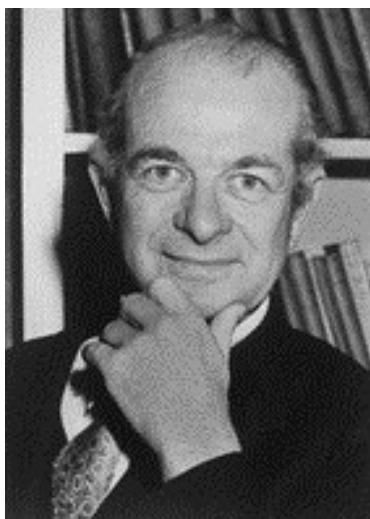
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