

³⁴Ar

Miller and Kavanagh from the California Institute of Technology reported the observation of ³⁴Ar in the 1966 paper “Decay of ³⁴Ar” (1966Mi11). A 10 MeV ³He from the ONR-CIT tandem accelerator bombarded a Sb₂S₃ target and ³⁴Ar was produced in the reaction ³²S(³He,n). The resulting activities were measured with a NaI(Tl) crystal. “The bottom spectrum of [the figure] shows the difference in yields between the first and second seconds after beam turn-off. Only three statistically significant peaks remain. They are located at energies (in MeV) of 0.51, 0.67 and 1.02. The 0.51 and 1.02 peaks are due to annihilation quanta, singly and in random coincidence. The remaining peak, at 0.67 MeV, was found to have a half life of 1.2±0.3 s and is attributed to the decay of ³⁴Ar to the 0.67 MeV state of ³⁴Cl.”

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