

⁴⁸Ca

Nier from Harvard University reported the discovery of ⁴⁸Ca in 1938 in his paper “The Isotopic Constitution of Calcium, Titanium, Sulfur and Argon” (1938Ni04). Calcium metal was baked in a small furnace in front of a mass spectrometer, and positive ion peaks were observed at 550 °C including a peak identified as ⁴⁸Ca. “One sees here, in addition to the previously known isotopes 40, 42, 43, and 44, two new peaks, one at mass 48 and one at mass 46.”

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