

⁷⁵Ge

Sagane identified ⁷⁵Ge in 1939 as reported in “Radioactive isotopes of Cu, Zn, Ga and Ge” (1939Sa02). Metallic germanium targets were irradiated by slow and fast neutrons produced by deuteron bombardments of lithium and beryllium from the Berkeley cyclotron. ⁷⁵Ge was produced by neutron capture reactions and the resulting activities were measured with a Lauritsen-type quartz fiber electroscope. “The 81-min. period was formed in strong intensity in each bombardment. This isotope emits negative electrons and is sensitive to slow neutrons. Because of the relative abundance of Ge⁷⁴ (37 percent) and Ge⁷⁶ (6.5 percent), the isotope in question is probably Ge⁷⁵.” Previously, Aston had incorrectly reported ⁷⁵Ge to be stable (1928As02, 1931As04).

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