

⁷²Kr

First reported in the article “A New N = Z Isotope: Krypton 72”, Schmeing et al. made the discovery of ⁷²Kr in 1973 using the upgraded Chalk River MP tandem (1973Sc17). Production of the isotope occurred by the fusion-evaporation reaction of ¹⁶O at 55 MeV with a ⁵⁸Ni target, ⁵⁸Ni(¹⁶O,2n)⁷²Kr. The reaction products were thermalized in the helium target cell and periodically swept to a shielded counting cell where β -delayed γ -rays were observed. “We determine the half-life of ⁷²Kr to be 16.7 ± 0.6 s.” It should be mentioned that within a month of the submission by Schmeing, Davids et al. submitted their results reporting the observation of ⁷²Kr (1973Da22).

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