

¹⁰⁹Te

In the 1967 paper “Proton emitters among Te isotopes”, Karnaukhov et al. identified ¹⁰⁹Te (1966Ka15). ⁹²Mo and ⁹⁴Mo targets were bombarded with a ²⁰Ne beam from the Dubna 300 cm heavy-ion cyclotron forming ¹⁰⁹Te in the (3n) and (5n) fusion-evaporation reactions, respectively. ¹⁰⁹Te was identified by measuring excitation functions of proton emitters which were detected with a charged-particle spectrometer consisting of a flat proportional counter and a silicon surface barrier detector. “Proton activities were observed with the half-lives 4.2±0.2, 19±0.7, 13±2, and 60-80 sec. The first two emitters are probably Te isotopes with the respective mass numbers 109 and 111.” Essential the identical paper was submitted to Nuclear Physics A about five months later (1967Ka01). A previous assignment of a 5.3(4) s half-life to ¹⁰⁸Te (1965Ma12, 1965Si04) was later changed to ¹⁰⁹Te (1973Bo20, 1977Ki11).

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