

¹⁵²Tb

Toth et al. discovered ¹⁵²Tb in the 1959 article “New terbium isotope, Tb¹⁵²” (1959To28). Enriched ¹⁵¹Eu and ¹⁵³Eu targets were bombarded with 37 and 48 MeV α -particles from the Berkeley 60-in. cyclotron. Gamma-ray spectra were measured with NaI(Tl) detectors following chemical separation. “A careful examination of photon and electron spectra from cyclotron-produced mixtures of light terbium isotopes has led to the identification of a new isotope, Tb¹⁵², with an 18.5-hr half-life.” Four months later a 4.0(5) min half-life corresponding to an isomeric state of ¹⁵²Tb was measured independently (1959O122). A 4.5 h half-life previously assigned to ¹⁵²Tb (1948Wi02) was incorrect.

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