^{154}Hf

In the 1981 paper "New neutron deficient isotopes in the range of elements Tm to Pt" Hofmann et al. reported the first observation of ^{154}Hf (1981Ho10). Neutron deficient isotopes of elements from molybdenum to tin and vanadium to nickel targets were bombarded with ^{58}Ni and ^{107}Ag at the GSI linear accelerator UNILAC. Reaction products were separated by the SHIP velocity filter and implanted into silicon detectors. "The time distances between parent and daughter of the 5 correlated events are between 2.0 s and 4.5 s. We explain these observations by the decay chain ^{158}W $\xrightarrow{\alpha}$ ^{154}Hf $\xrightarrow{\beta}$ ^{154}Lu $\xrightarrow{\beta}$ ^{154}Yb $\xrightarrow{\alpha}$ ^{150}Er. A half-life of (2$\pm$1) s can be deduced for the isotope ^{154}Hf."

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