

## **<sup>156</sup>Hf**

“Alpha decay studies of very neutron deficient isotopes of Hf, Ta, W, and Re” was published in 1979 by Hofmann et al. describing the observation of <sup>156</sup>Hf ([1979Ho10](#)). Targets of <sup>103</sup>Rh, <sup>nat,108,110</sup>Pd, and <sup>107,109</sup>Ag were bombarded with beams of <sup>58</sup>Ni from the GSI UNILAC linear accelerator. Evaporation residues were separated with the high-velocity SHIP separator. “The correlation method gave a half life of (25±4) ms for <sup>156</sup>Hf and an alpha branching ratio of 100% (>81%).” Previously only an upper limit of 30 ms was reported for the half-life of <sup>156</sup>Hf ([1965Ma14](#)).

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