

¹⁶⁹Re

“Copper ion induced reactions on ^{110–108–106}Cd, ^{109–107}Ag and ¹¹⁰Pd. New rhenium, osmium and iridium isotopes” was published in 1978 by Cabot et al. announcing the discovery of ¹⁶⁹Re ([1978Ca11](#)). A 400 MeV ⁶³Cu beam from the ALICE accelerator at Orsay, France, bombarded isotopically enriched ¹⁰⁸Cd, ¹⁰⁹Ag, and ¹¹⁰Pd targets to populate ¹⁶⁹Re in the fusion-evaporation reactions (⁶³Cu,2p), (⁶³Cu,p2n), and (⁶³Cu,4n), respectively. Alpha particles from fragments collected by a He-jet were detected to determine the decay energies and half-lives. “Our conclusion is that the 5.05 MeV emission is due to the ¹⁶⁹Re α -decay. Then ¹⁶⁹Re is the first identified α -emitter of this element.”

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