

^{164}Ir

The first observation of ^{164}Ir was published by Drummond et al. in the 2014 paper entitled “ α decay of the $\pi h_{11/2}$ isomer in ^{164}Ir ” (2014Dr02). An isotopically enriched ^{92}Mo target was bombarded with ^{78}Kr beams of 428, 435 and 450 MeV from the K120 cyclotron at Jyväskylä. The recoils from the fusion evaporation reaction $^{92}\text{Mo}(^{78}\text{Kr},p5n)^{164}\text{Ir}$ were separated with the gas-filled separator RITU and identified in the GREAT spectrometer. “The yield of approximately 100 ^{164}Ir proton-decay events obtained in the present work allowed the half-life to be determined with improved precision. A half-life of $70 \pm 10 \mu\text{s}$ was obtained by using the method of maximum likelihood.” Drummond et al. did not consider the observation a discovery quoting previous results published in conference proceedings (2001Ke05, 2002Ma61). The measured half-life corresponds to the decay of an isomeric state and the ground state has not been observed yet.

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