^{178}Pt

Siivola first observed ^{178}Pt in 1966 and reported his results in "Alpha-active Platinum Isotopes" (1966Si08). The Berkeley Heavy Ion Linear Accelerator HILAC was used to bombard ^{168,170,172}Yb and ^{162,164}Er targets with beams of ^{16}O and ^{20}Ne, respectively. The reaction products were deposited on an aluminum plate by helium gas flow. Alpha-particle decay was measured with a surface barrier counter and the isotopes were identified by excitation function measurements. "We conclude that the reaction observed in the ^{16}O + Yb bombardments at 106 MeV excitation energy is (^{16}O,8n), and the others, with their maxima at 93 and 80 MeV, are (^{16}O,7n) and (^{16}O,6n), respectively. This and the regular behaviour of the Yb(^{16}O,xn) reactions give unambigously the mass numbers down to ^{176}Pt."

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