^{188}Pb

The first observation of ^{188}Pb was described by Gauvin et al. in 1972 in "α decay of neutron-deficient isotopes of bismuth and lead produced in (Ar,xn) and (Kr,xn) reactions" (1972Ga27). The ALICE accelerator at Orsay was used to bombard a ^{155}Gd target with 302−500 MeV ^{40}Ar beams forming $^{186-190}$Pb in (9n-5n) fusion-evaporation reactions. Recoil products were identified with a helium jet technique and α-decay spectroscopy. The observation of ^{188}Pb was not considered a discovery referring to an overview article by Eskola (1967Es05), who listed results for these isotopes based on a private communication by Siivola. The measured half-life was 23.6(45) s for ^{188}Pb.

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