

¹⁹²Pb

The first observation of ¹⁹²Pb was reported by Le Beyec et al. in 1974 in “New neutron deficient Pb and Bi nuclides produced in cross bombardments with heavy ions” (1974Le02). Fluorine and oxygen beams with energies up to 10.4 MeV/nucleon were accelerated by the Berkeley HILAC and bombarded self-supporting tantalum foils and WO₃ targets enriched in ¹⁸²W, respectively. Excitation function were recorded and α -decay energies and half-lives were measured. “¹⁹²Pb: $E_{\alpha}=5.06\pm 0.03$ MeV, ($t_{1/2}=2.3\pm 0.5$ min) In the case of Bi, the excitation energy necessary for the emission of eight neutrons was around 100 MeV. Since the neutron binding energies for ¹⁹²Pb to ²⁰⁰Pb are very close to binding energies for ¹⁹³Bi–²⁰¹Bi, one might deduce that at $E^* = 105$ MeV, the peak of the excitation function of the 5.06-MeV α ray obtained in the ¹⁸¹Ta(¹⁹F,xn)-induced reaction corresponds to $x=8$, and therefore to ¹⁹²Pb.” Similar results were already included in an overview article by Eskola (1967Es05), quoting a private communication by Siivola.

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