

## <sup>195</sup>Po

The 1967 paper “<sup>193–200</sup>Po isotopes produced through heavy ion bombardments” by Siivola discussed the observation of <sup>195</sup>Po ([1967Si09](#)). Enriched <sup>185</sup>Re targets were bombarded with 150–185 MeV <sup>19</sup>F beams from the Berkeley linear accelerator forming <sup>195</sup>Po in (9n) fusion-evaporation reactions. Recoils were deposited on an aluminum plate with a helium jet and subsequent  $\alpha$  spectra were measured with a solid state counter. “<sup>195</sup>Po: In <sup>19</sup>F+<sup>185</sup>Re bombardments a pair of alpha groups was present with energies of  $6.624\pm 0.008$  MeV and  $6.710\pm 0.010$  MeV and half-lives of  $4.5\pm 0.5$  s and  $2.0\pm 0.2$  s... ” The former half-life corresponds to the ground state of <sup>195</sup>Po. Earlier measurements assigning significantly longer half-lives to <sup>193–195</sup>Po ([1958To25](#)), and <sup>196</sup>Po ([1959At78](#), [1964Br23](#)) were incorrect.

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