

^{203}Po

^{203}Po was discovered in 1951 and reported in “Polonium isotopes produced with high energy particles” by Karraker and Templeton ([1951Ka03](#)). Natural lead and bismuth targets were bombarded with helium beams and protons and deuterons, respectively, from the 184-in Berkeley cyclotron. Decay curves were measured following chemical separation. “47-min Po^{203} : ...The data indicated another polonium isotopes of a shorter half-life than Po^{204} . It must be at mass 203, since 52-hr Pb^{203} appeared in the decay curves of the first bismuth fractions, but not in the later ones.”

Adapted from reference ([2013Fr04](#))

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