

## $^{212}\text{Po}$

In “Über einige Eigenschaften der  $\alpha$ -Strahlen des Radiothorium. I.”, a new activity ( $^{212}\text{Po}$ ) from thorium emanation was reported by Hahn from McGill University in 1906 ([1906Ha02](#)). Radium B ( $^{214}\text{Pb}$ ) sources were separated from thorium emanation ( $^{220}\text{Rn}$ ) and the ionization was measured as a function of distance. “Die komplexe Kurve zeigt also an, daß der aktive Beschlag an dem Draht zwei verschiedene Arten von  $\alpha$ -Partikeln mit verschiedenem Durchdringungsvermögen für Luft aussendet, also aus zwei verschiedenen  $\alpha$ -Strahlenprodukten besteht... Der von Rutherford gewählten Nomenklatur folgend, wird man das neue  $\alpha$ -Produkt des Thoriums ‘Thorium C’ zu nennen haben,” [The complex curve demonstrates that the active substance at the wire emits two kinds of  $\alpha$ -particles with different ranges in air, thus consisting of two different  $\alpha$ -sources... According to Rutherford’s convention, the new  $\alpha$ -product of thorium should be named “thorium C”.] Later it was renamed to thorium C’.

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