

²⁰¹At

In the 1963 paper “Alpha decay of neutron-deficient astatine isotopes”, Hoff et al. reported the first observation of ²⁰¹At ([1963Ho18](#)). A gold foil was bombarded with a ¹²C beam with energies up to 125 MeV from the Berkeley Hilac. Alpha-particle spectra were measured with a 180° double-focusing spectrograph. “An α -emitter with a half-life of 1.5 ± 0.1 min and an α -particle energy of 6.342 ± 0.006 MeV has been assigned to ²⁰¹At.” Earlier, Barton et al. reported half-lives of 43 s and 1.7 min, but were only able to assign them to astatine isotopes with $A < 202$ and $A < 203$, respectively ([1951Ba14](#)).

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