

²⁰¹Rn

Valli et al. reported the discovery of ²⁰¹Rn in the 1967 article “Alpha-decay properties of neutron-deficient isotopes of emanation” (1967Va17). Platinum, gold, mercury, and thallium targets were bombarded with ¹⁶O, ¹⁴N, and ¹²C beams from the Berkeley HILAC. Alpha-particle spectra were measured with a Si(AU) detector following chemical separation. “Emanation-201: ...The most prominent of the groups, at 6.768 MeV, had a half-life of 3±1 sec. We tentatively assign it to ²⁰¹Em on the following incomplete evidence...” This half-life corresponds to an isomeric state and the ground state half-life of 7.0(4) s was measured four years later by Hornshoj et al. (1971Ho01).

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