^{201}Fr

The first observation of ^{201}Fr was reported in "Alpha decay studies of new neutron-deficient francium isotopes and their daughters" by Ewan et al. in 1980 (1980Ew03). A uranium target was bombarded with 600 MeV protons from the CERN synchrocyclotron producing ^{201}Fr in spallation reactions. Alpha-particle spectra were measured with a silicon surface-barrier detector following mass separation with the isotope separator ISOLDE. "The only hitherto unreported line in the spectrum is the 7388±15 keV line, whose decay, as obtained from the measurement with the position-sensitive detector. This line is assigned to ^{201}Fr, for which a half-life of 48±15 ms thus was derived... "

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