

²⁰⁸Ac

The discovery of ²⁰⁸Ar was reported by Leino et al. in the 1994 paper “Alpha decay of the new isotopes ^{207,208}Ac” (1994Le05). A ¹⁷⁵Lu target was bombarded with 5.2–5.6 MeV ⁴⁰Ar beams from the Jyväskylä K-130 heavy-ion cyclotron producing ²⁰⁸Ar in(7n) fusion-evaporation reactions, respectively. Residues were separated with the gas-filled recoil separator RITU and implanted in a position sensitive PIPS detector which also recorded subsequent α decay. “The alpha energy and half-life of ²⁰⁸Ac were determined to be (7572 ± 15) keV and (95_{-16}^{+24}) ms, respectively. A new alpha line with a half-life of (25_{-5}^{+9}) ms and an energy of (7758 ± 20) keV is assigned to the decay of an isomeric state in ²⁰⁸Ac.”

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