

²¹³Th

²¹³Th was discovered in 1968 by Valli and Hyde in “New isotopes of thorium studied with an improved helium-jet recoil transport apparatus” (1968Va18). ¹⁶O beams with a maximum energy of 166 MeV from the Berkeley heavy ion linear accelerator HILAC bombarded ²⁰⁶Pb targets to produce ²¹³Th in (9n) fusion-evaporation reactions. Recoil products were deposited on a metallic surface in front of a semiconductor detector with a helium gas jet. “Thorium-214 and Thorium 213: ...At a beam energy of 142 MeV an α energy of 7.680 ± 0.010 MeV and a half-life of 125 ± 25 msec were found and assigned to ²¹⁴Th. At a beam energy of 157 MeV an α energy of 7.690 ± 0.010 MeV and a half-life of 150 ± 25 msec were obtained and assigned to ²¹³Th.”

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