^{243}Np

In the 1979 paper "(t,α) reaction on actinide nuclei and the observation of ^{243}Np" Flynn et al. identified ^{243}Np (1979Fl02). A ^{244}Pu target was bombarded with 17 MeV tritons from the Los Alamos FN Van de Graaff facility populating ^{243}Np in (t,α) reactions. ^{243}Np was identified by measuring the ejectiles with a quadrupole-dipole-dipole-dipole spectrometer. "An extrapolation of ground state masses of the lighter neptuniums would suggest a Q value of 12.5±0.1. The observed Q value of the highest energy alpha group was 12.405±0.010 MeV, which corresponds to a ^{243}Np mass of 243.064330 u for this state." The first half-life measurement was reported eight years later by Moody et al. (1987Mo29) claiming discovery of ^{243}Np without quoting the work by Flynn et al.

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