

²³¹Pu

In the 1999 paper “New plutonium isotope: ²³¹Pu” Laue et al. reported the first observation of ²³¹Pu ([1999La14](#)). A stack of eleven ²³³U targets was irradiated with a 47.1 MeV ³He beam from the Berkeley 88-in. cyclotron. Alpha-particle correlations were measured with thirteen passivated ion implanted silicon (PIPS) detectors following chemical separation. “²³¹Pu was positively identified. The half-life was determined to be (8.6±0.5) min from the analysis of the α - α -correlations of the ²²³Th, ²¹⁹Ra, and ²¹⁵Rn daughters of its α -decay branch.”

Adapted from reference ([2013Fr02](#))

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