

²⁴¹Pu

In 1949, Seaborg et al. reported the observation of ²⁴¹Pu in the paper “The new element americium (atomic number 95)” ([1949Se02](#)). 38 MeV α particles bombarded ²³⁸U targets from the Berkeley 60-in. cyclotron forming ²⁴¹Pu in the ²³⁸U(α ,n) reaction. Absorption curves were recorded and α and β activities were measured following chemical separation. “From these considerations the half-life of Pu²⁴¹ for β -particle emission is approximately 10 years.”

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

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