

## $^{248}\text{Cf}$

Ghiorso et al. discovered  $^{248}\text{Cf}$  in 1954 as reported in “Reactions of  $\text{U}^{238}$  with cyclotron-produced nitrogen ions” (1954Gh12). The Berkeley 60-inch cyclotron was used to bombard a  $^{238}\text{U}$  target with  $^{14}\text{N}$  beams. Resulting activities were measured following chemical separation. No further details were given and the results were summarized in a table. “The following transmutation products have been observed:  $^{99}\text{247(?)}$ ,  $^{99}\text{246}$ ,  $\text{Cf}^{244}$ ,  $\text{Cf}^{246}$ ,  $\text{Cf}^{247(?)}$ ,  $\text{Cf}^{248}$ ,  $\text{Bk}^{243}$ , and other berkelium isotopes not yet identified.” The measured half-life was 225 days for  $\text{Cf}^{248}$ .

Adapted from reference (2013Fr02)

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