

temined for the extraction of $\text{U}(\text{IV})$ by 30% TBP-kerosene from $\text{U}(\text{IV})\text{-HNO}_3$ solution, $c(\text{U}(\text{IV}))_{\max}$ decreases gradually with increase of concentration of HNO_3 and reaches a minimum value at $4.0 \sim 5.0 \text{ mol/L}$ HNO_3 , then increases gradually. $c(\text{U}(\text{IV}))_{\max}$ increases proportionally with the temperature. $c(\text{U}(\text{IV}))_{\max}$ in 30% TBP-diluent is determined too, $c(\text{U}(\text{IV}))_{\max}$ decreases with increase of carbon numbers of linear chain saturated hydrocarbon. The curve of critical concentration of $\text{U}(\text{IV})$ vs concentration of HNO_3 is obtained. If initial concentration of HNO_3 is 3.0 mol/L at of 20°C , critical initial concentration of $\text{U}(\text{IV})$ is 0.158 mol/L . However, when critical initial concentration of $\text{U}(\text{IV})$ is more than 0.158 mol/L in 3.0 mol/L nitric acid, the third phase will be formed for extraction of $\text{U}(\text{IV})$ with 30% TBP-kerosene. Distribution ratio of uranium ($D(\text{U}(\text{IV})))$ and nitric acid ($D(\text{H}^+))$ are determined, and effects of concentration of uranium (IV), nitric acid and different diluents on $D(\text{U}(\text{IV}))$ are discussed.

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科技简讯

核科学家向超重元素“稳定岛”迈出了一大步

1998年11、12月间,俄罗斯杜布纳核子联合研究所在进行 $^{244}\text{Pu}(^{48}\text{Ca}, 3n)^{289}_{114}\text{M}$ 实验时,观察到由114号元素及其子、孙体112号、110号元素连续放出的3个 α 粒子和108号元素的自发裂变。令人极感兴趣的是 $^{289}_{114}\text{M}$ 的半衰期长达30 s,其子核 $^{285}_{112}\text{M}$ 的半衰期则长达15.4 min。可见他们已达到了在30多年前就预言的超重元素“稳定岛”的边缘。紧接着他们又通过 $^{242}\text{Pu} + ^{48}\text{Ca}$ 反应合成了114号元素的另一个同位素 $^{287}_{114}\text{M}$,其半衰期约为5 s,这一工作已发表在近期的《自然》杂志上。

另据悉,美国贝克莱实验室在1999年4、5月间,进行了 $^{208}\text{Pb}(^{86}\text{Kr}, n)^{293}_{118}\text{M}$ 反应,合成了更重的118号新元素及其子体116号新元素。他们在11 d的轰击实验中,共观察到了3个118号元素的原子及其子、孙体形成的3条重元素的 α 衰变链: $^{293}_{118}\text{M} \rightarrow ^{289}_{116}\text{M} \rightarrow ^{285}_{114}\text{M} \rightarrow ^{281}_{112}\text{M} \rightarrow ^{277}_{110}\text{M} \rightarrow ^{273}_{108}\text{M}$ 。他们测量了链上的6个 α 粒子的能量和半衰期。其中 $^{293}_{118}\text{M}$ 的半衰期为120~260 μs 。

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