

Protactinium

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Discovered in 1913



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Protactinium is
extracted from spent
fuel rods from nuclear
reactors



The name is
derived from the
Greek 'protos',
meaning first,

Protactinium is one of the rarest naturally occurring elements. It occurs in Earth's crust in average concentrations of a few parts per trillion. This rarity also makes it one of the most expensive natural elements.