

⁸³Br

In 1937, Snell discovered ⁸³Br as reported in “The Radioactive Isotopes of Bromine: Isomeric Forms of Bromine 80” (1937Sn02). The Berkeley cyclotron was used to accelerate deuterons and α -particles to produce neutrons which were then used to irradiate samples of arsenic, selenium and bromine. A variety of reactions were used to assign the three previously observed half-lives of 18 min., 4.5 h and 35 h to the correct bromine isotopes. ⁸³Br was proposed to be produced in the decay of ⁸³Se. “...By growth from a hitherto unknown selenium 83; i.e., the bromine 83 would be the second member in a pair of successive β -emitters, the reactions being $\text{Se}^{82}(\text{D,p})\text{Se}^{83}$, $\text{Se}^{83} \rightarrow \text{Br}^{83} + e^{-}$, $\text{Br}^{83} \rightarrow \text{Kr}^{83} + e^{-}$.”

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