

⁸⁷Kr

In 1943, Born and Seelmann-Eggebert were the first to identify ⁸⁷Kr in Berlin in their paper “Über die Identifizierung einiger Uranspaltprodukte mit entsprechenden durch (n α)- und (np)-Prozesse erhaltenen Isotopen” (1943Bo01). Rubidium and strontium salts were irradiated with neutrons from the high-voltage facility of the Kaiser Wilhelm Institut für Physik and decay curves following chemical separation were measured. “Widerspruchslos läßt sich unter diesen Voraussetzungen das 75-Min.-Krypton der Masse 87 zuordnen.” [Without objections, the 75 m krypton can be assigned under these circumstances to mass 87.] A month earlier the authors detected the 75 m activity in the neutron-induced fission of uranium without assigning it to a specific mass (1943Se01). Even earlier, in 1937, Snell (1937Sn02) had also measured a 74(2) m activity, but could not assign it to a specific isotope. It also should be mentioned that Clancy had argued to assign the (⁸⁵Kr) 4 h activity to ⁸⁷Kr (1941Cl02, 1940Cl01).

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