

## <sup>93</sup>Zr

Steinberg and Glendenin from Argonne National Laboratory published evidence for <sup>93</sup>Zr in their 1950 paper “A Long-Lived Zirconium Activity in Fission” (1950St90). Uranium was irradiated in a pile for ten months and <sup>93</sup>Zr was chemically separated four years after the end of the irradiation. The activity was then measured with a thin end-window proportional counter and an internal Geiger counter. “In the present investigation, we have isolated from uranium fission a zirconium activity of  $\sim 5 \times 10^6$ -yr. half-life, emitting beta-rays of  $60 \pm 5$  kev maximum energy, which is probably Zr<sup>93</sup>... Thus, the true half-life of Zr<sup>93</sup> should lie in the range 1.5 to  $8.5 \times 10^6$  yr.” Previously the 63(5) d half-life of <sup>95</sup>Zr was incorrectly assigned to <sup>93</sup>Zr (1940Sa08).

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