

⁹³Mo

Wiedenbeck described the observation of ⁹³Mo at the Randall Laboratory of Physics of the University of Michigan in the 1946 paper “Radioactive isotopes in the columbium region” (1946Wi02). Columbium (niobium) metal foils were bombarded with 10 MeV deuterons. Beta and γ -ray spectra as well as absorption curves were measured. Short bombardments of columbium metal foils with 10-Mev deuterons produced the 6.6-minute β^- -activity in Cb⁹⁴ as well as 18-minute and 6.5-hour positron activities. The latter periods can be assigned to isomeric states of Mo⁹³ produced in the Cb⁹³(d,2n) process.”

While the first half-life was incorrect the second half-life (6.5 h) correspond to an isomeric state. The $3.0(6) \times 10^3$ y ground state was reported 21 years later (1967Dm01).

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