

⁹⁶Tc

The discovery of ⁹⁶Tc is credited to Edwards and Pool from Ohio State University, for their 1947 paper “Radioactive Isotopes of Mo and Tc” ([1947Ed01](#)). Deuterons bombarded molybdenum targets and the isotopes were identified by β -decay curves, γ -ray spectra and X-ray photographs following chemical separation: “The decay characteristics from Mo+p, Mo+d (Tc fraction), and Cb+ α (Tc fraction) all show half-lives of nearly 4.3 days. This 4.3 day activity can thus be definitely assigned to Tc⁹⁶.”

Adapted from reference ([2012Ny02](#))

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