

¹⁰⁷Pd

The identification of ¹⁰⁷Pd was described by Schindewolf in the 1958 paper “Mass assignments of 23-sec Pd^{107m} and 4.8-min Pd^{109m}; search for <3-sec Pd^{105m}” (1958Sc03). Enriched ¹⁰⁶Pd targets were irradiated with slow and fast neutrons produced by bombarding beryllium with 15 MeV deuterons from the M.I.T. cyclotron and ¹⁰⁷Pd was formed in neutron-capture reactions. ¹⁰⁷Pd was also observed in (n,2n) reactions off enriched ¹⁰⁸Pd. Gamma- and beta-rays were measured with a NaI(Tl) scintillation counter and a β-proportional counter, respectively. “The formation of the 23-sec and 4.8-min Pd isomers by neutron activation of Pd¹⁰⁶ and Pd¹⁰⁸ samples leads to the mass assignments 23-sec Pd^{107m} and 4.8-min Pd^{109m}.” The 23(2) s half-life was observed to decay by a 210 keV internal transition populating the ground state. Previously, this half-life had been incorrectly assigned to ^{105m}Pd (1952F110). The 6.5(3)×10⁶ y half-life of the ground-state was measured eleven years later by Flynn and Glendenin (1969F104) after it had been previously been reported only in a classified report (1949Pa17).

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