

¹⁷¹Ho

In 1989, the first observation of ¹⁷¹Ho was reported in “Identification of the neutron-rich isotope ¹⁷⁴Er” by Chasteler et al. (1989Ch05). Natural tungsten targets were bombarded with a 8.5 MeV/u ¹⁷⁶Yb beam from the Berkeley SuperHILAC and ¹⁷¹Ho was produced in multi-nucleon transfer reactions. X-, β - and γ -rays were measured with silicon, plastic scintillator, and germanium detector at the OASIS mass separation facility. “Based on our measurements of the Er x rays in coincidence with the β^- particles and the ¹⁷¹Er transitions, we can unambiguously assign the 49(5) s to the β^- decay of ¹⁷¹Ho and eliminate the ^{171m}Er alternative interpretation.” A month later Rykaczewski et al. assigned a 47(5) s half-life to either ¹⁷¹Ho or ^{171m}Er (1989Ry04).

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