

¹⁶⁵Er

“Radioactive¹⁶⁵Er” by Butement reported the observation of ¹⁶⁵Er in 1950 ([1950Bu85](#)). A holmium oxide target was bombarded with 10 MeV protons from the Harwell cyclotron and ¹⁶⁵Er was produced in the ¹⁶⁵Ho(p,n)¹⁶⁵Er charge exchange reaction. The subsequent decay curve was measured with a Geiger counter following chemical separation. “The radioactivity of the erbium decayed entirely with a half-life of 10.0±0.1 hrs.” A previous assignment of a 1.1 min half-life ([1938Po05](#)) was incorrect. A 12 h half-life had been measured without a mass assignment ([1935He03](#)) or assigned to ¹⁶⁹Er ([1938Po05](#)).

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