

¹⁹³Os

Zingg reported the observation of ¹⁹³Os at the Physikalisches Institut der E.T.H. Zürich, in the 1940 paper “Die Isobarenpaare Cd-In, In-Sn, Sb-Te, Re-Os” (1940Zi01). Neutrons from a Ra-Be source irradiated osmium targets and X-rays were measured. “Weil beim Osmium die Isotopen der Massenzahlen A = 186, 187, 188, 189, 190 und 192 existieren, können durch langsame Neutronen nur die instabilen Kerne Os₇₆¹⁹¹ und Os₇₆¹⁹³ entstehen, und weil Os₇₆¹⁹² das häufigste Isotop ist, wird man folgende Zuordnung treffen: T= 30 h Os₇₆¹⁹² + n₀¹ → Os₇₆¹⁹³ → Ir₇₆¹⁹³ + e⁻, T = 10 d Os₇₆¹⁹⁰ + n₀¹ → Os₇₆¹⁹¹ → Ir₇₆¹⁹¹ + e⁻.” [Because the existing osmium isotopes have mass numbers 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, and 192, only the unstable nuclei Os₇₆¹⁹¹ and Os₇₆¹⁹³ will be produced and because Os₇₆¹⁹² is the most abundant isotope, the following assignment is made: T= 30 h Os₇₆¹⁹² + n₀¹ → Os₇₆¹⁹³ → Ir₇₆¹⁹³ + e⁻, T = 10 d Os₇₆¹⁹⁰ + n₀¹ → Os₇₆¹⁹¹ → Ir₇₆¹⁹¹ + e⁻.] In 1935, Kurchatow et al. reported an osmium half-life of 40 h without a mass assignment (1935Ku01).

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