

## <sup>205</sup>Hg

<sup>205</sup>Hg was discovered by Krishnan et al. in 1940 and published in “Deuteron Bombardment of the Heavy Elements. I. Mercury, Thallium and Lead” (1940Kr08). Mercury was bombarded with 9 MeV deuteron beams from the Cavendish cyclotron at Cambridge University. Resulting beta radiation “has been assigned to Hg<sup>205</sup> decaying to Tl<sup>205</sup> by the emission of continuous  $\beta$ -rays.” Previously a half-life measurement of 40 h half-life was incorrectly assigned to <sup>205</sup>Hg (1936An02).

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