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²⁰¹Ra was first observed by Uusitalo et al. and the results were published in the 2005 paper “ α decay studies of very neutron-deficient francium and radium isotopes” (2005Uu02). A ¹⁴¹Pr target was bombarded with 278-288 MeV ⁶³Cu beams from the Jyväskylä K-130 cyclotron forming ²⁰¹Ra in the fusion-evaporation reaction ¹⁴¹Pr(⁶³Cu,3n). Reaction products were separated with the gas-filled recoil separator RITU and implanted in a position-sensitive silicon detector which measured subsequent α decay. “... and thus the activity with $E_\alpha = 7905$ keV and $T_{1/2} = 2$ ms can be identified to originate from a new even-odd radium isotope ²⁰¹Ra. ” This half-life corresponds to an isomeric state and the half-life of the ground state of 8_{-4}^{+40} s was measured nine years later by Kalaninova et al. (2014Ka23).

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