^{59}Cu

Leith et al. reported the first observation of ^{59}Cu in the 1947 paper "Radioactivity of Cu^{60}" (1947Le07). Protons from 5 to 15 MeV from the Berkeley 37-in. frequency-modulated cyclotron bombarded separated ^{58}Ni and ^{60}Ni targets. Activities were measured with an ionization chamber and Ryerson-Lindemann electrometer. They tentatively assigned ^{59}Cu: "The 81-second and 7.9-minute positron activities produced by proton bombardment of Ni, observed by Delsasso, et al., and tentatively assigned to either Cu^{58} or Cu^{60}, correspond to 81-second and 10-minute activities after bombarding Ni^{58} with protons in the 37-in. cyclotron. These are tentatively assigned to Cu^{59} and Cu^{58}, respectively, on the basis of threshold and excitation considerations." The half-life for ^{58}Cu was not verified.

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