

⁹⁷Y

In 1970, Eidens et al. described the first observation of ⁹⁷Y in “On-Line Separation and Identification of Several Short-Lived Fission Products: Decay of ⁸⁴Se, ⁹¹Kr, ⁹⁷Y, ⁹⁹Nb, ⁹⁹Zr, ^{100,101}Nb and ¹⁰¹Zr” (1970Ei02). Neutrons from the Jülich FRJ-2 reactor irradiated a ²³⁵U target and the fission fragments were identified with a gas-filled on-line mass separator. Beta- γ - and γ - γ -coincidences were recorded. “Two γ -lines with energies of 125 ± 3 keV and 810 ± 3 keV were found to be coincident in the γ - γ coincidence studies. They were assigned to ⁹⁷Y.” The measured half-life of 1.11(3) s corresponds to an isomeric state and the ground state half-life of 3.7 s was reported for the first time in the refereed literature by Stippler et al. eight years later (1978St02).

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