^{99}Nb

^{99}Nb was first observed by Duffield et al. in 1950 and reported in their paper "Radioactivities of Nb^{99}, Ta^{185}, and W^{185}, and the Relative (γ,n) and (γ,p) Cross Sections of Mo^{100}" (1950Du54). Irradiation of enriched ^{100}Mo with 23 MeV X-rays at the University of Illinois betatron produced ^{99}Nb in the reaction (γ,p). "This hitherto unknown isotope has a half-life of 2.5 min. and decays by the emission of 3.2 MeV β^--rays." This half-life corresponds to an isomeric state and the ground state half-life of 10(2) s was measured 13 years later by Troutner et al. (1963Tr01).

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