^{98}Tc

In "Production and Identification of Long-Lived Technetium Isotopes at Masses 97, 98, and 99," published in 1955, Boyd et al. first observed ^{98}Tc (1955Bo97). The Oak Ridge 86-inch cyclotron was used to bombard molydenum metal with 22 MeV protons. ^{98}Tc was identified with a 60° mass spectrometer following chemical separation. "Weighable quantities of three long-lived technetium isotopes were produced, and technetium 95, 97, and 98 isotopes have been seen on a mass spectrometer for the first time. The 'missing' isotope, Tc^{98}, has been observed and hence must be long-lived." Within a month the observation of ^{98}Tc was independently confirmed (1955Ka26).

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