

¹³⁹Pr

Stover from the University of California at Berkeley reported the observation of ¹³⁹Pr in the 1951 paper, “New neutron-deficient radioactive isotopes of the light rare-earth region” ([1951St03](#)). Cerium metal was bombarded with 10-, 20-, and 32-Mev protons and activities were measured with end-on type Geiger-Müller counters following chemical separation. “The 4.50-hr praseodymium activity was formed in bombardments of 20- and 32-Mev protons on cerium but did not appear at 10 Mev. It was thus assigned to Pr¹³⁹ as the product of a (p,2n) reaction on Ce¹⁴⁰. Confirmation of the mass assignment was made by showing it to be the parent of the 140-day Ce¹³⁹”

Adapted from reference ([2012Ma48](#))

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