

¹⁸⁹Hg

N. Poffe et al. reported the observation of ¹⁸⁹Hg in “Réactions (p,xn) induites dans l’or par des protons de 155 MeV” in 1960 ([1960Po07](#)). Gold targets were bombarded with 155 MeV protons from the synchrocyclotron of the Paris Faculty of Sciences and ¹⁸⁹Hg was identified by half-life and γ -ray measurements following magnetic separation: “Half-lives and main γ -ray energies have been measured for ¹⁹⁰Hg, ¹⁸⁹Hg, ¹⁸⁸Hg and their daughter products.”

The assignment was changed ([2016Th03](#)) from the original compilation ([2011Me01](#)) which credited an earlier publication by Smith and Hollander ([1955Sm42](#)) with the discovery of ¹⁸⁹Hg. However, the tentatively reported half-life of about 20 min. is more than a factor of two larger than the correct value of 7.6(2) min ([2017Jo05](#)).

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