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Discovered in 1878



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Used in solid-state
lasers for non-
invasive medical
procedures



The name is
derived from the
Latin name for
Stockholm,
'Holmia'

Holmium is a good absorber of neutrons,
so it is used in nuclear reactors to keep a
chain reaction under control.