

²⁵⁶No

Donets et al. described the observation of ²⁵⁶No in 1963 in “Synthesis of a new isotope of element 102” (1963Do12) with details of the experiment published in a subsequent paper (1964Do10). ²²Ne beams from the Dubna 3 m cyclotron bombarded a uranium target forming ²⁵⁶No in the fusion-evaporation reaction ²³⁸U(²²Ne,4n). Recoil nuclei were analyzed with a separator following α -decay and ²⁵⁶No was identified by measuring the α -decay of the ²⁵²Fm daughter with a high-resolution α -spectrometer. “At the Nuclear Reactions Laboratory of the Joint Institute for Nuclear Research, a new isotope of the element 102, having mass number 256, has been successfully synthesized. It was found that 102²⁵⁶ is α -active and has a half-life of \sim 8 sec.”

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