

²⁵⁹Rf

Ghiorso et al. discovered ²⁵⁹Rf in 1969 in “Positive identification of two alpha-particle-emitting isotopes of element 104” (1969Gh01). ¹²C and ¹³C beams with energies of up to 10.4 MeV/u from the Berkeley heavy ion linear accelerator (Hilac) bombarded ²⁴⁹Cf targets. ²⁵⁹Rf was formed in the (¹³C,3n) fusion-evaporation reactions. Recoil products were swept by helium gas to a wheel, which rotated periodically. Alpha-decay and spontaneous fission was recorded with four Si-Au surface-barrier crystal detectors. “²⁵⁹104 is likewise an alpha emitter with a half-life of 3 sec.”

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