

^{294}Ts

In the 2010 paper “Synthesis of a new element with atomic number $Z = 117$ ”, Oganessian et al. reported the first observation of ^{294}Ts (2010Og01). A ^{249}Bk target was bombarded with 252 MeV and 247 MeV ^{48}Ca beam from the Dubna U400 cyclotron to form ^{294}Ts in (3n) evaporation reactions. The residues were separated with a gas-filled recoil separator and implanted in a semiconductor detector array. Subsequent α particle decay and spontaneous fission events were recorded in this array and in eight detectors arranged in a box configuration around the implantation detector. “The data are consistent with the observation of two isotopes of element 117, with atomic masses 293 and 294. These isotopes undergo α decay with $E_\alpha = 11.03(8)$ MeV and 10.81(10) MeV and half-lives 14(+11,−4) and 78(+370,−36) ms, respectively, giving rise to sequential α -decay chains ending in spontaneous fission of ^{281}Rg ($T_{SF} \sim 26$ s) and ^{270}Db ($T_{SF} \sim 1$ d), respectively.” One chain for ^{294}Ts was observed. Further experimental details were included in a subsequent publication (2011Og04).

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