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In the 2015 paper “Observation and Spectroscopy of New Proton-Unbound Isotopes ³⁰Ar and ²⁹Cl: An Interplay of Prompt Two-Proton and Sequential Decay” Mukha et al. identified ³⁰Ar for the first time (2015Mu13). A secondary ³¹Ar was produced in projectile fragmentation from a 885 MeV/nucleon ³⁶Ar beam from the SIS facility at GSI and separated with the FRS fragment separator. ³⁰Ar was produced in one-neutron removal reactions on a secondary beryllium target located at the midplane of the FRS. In-flight decay products were measured with four large-area microstrip silicon detectors. “Previously unknown isotopes ³⁰Ar and ²⁹Cl have been identified by measurement of the trajectories of their in-flight decay products ²⁸S + p + p and ²⁸S + p, respectively. The analysis of angular correlations of the fragments provided information on decay energies and the structure of the parent states. The ground states of ³⁰Ar and ²⁹Cl were found at $2.25^{+0.15}_{-0.10}$ and 1.8 ± 0.1 MeV above the two- and one-proton thresholds, respectively.”

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