

³⁸K

Hurst and Walke reported the observation of ³⁸K in “The induced radioactivity of potassium” in 1937 at the University of California at Berkeley ([1937Hu01](#)). Lithium chloride was bombarded with 11 MeV α particles and ³⁸K was formed in the reaction ³⁵Cl(α ,n). Decay and absorption curves as well as γ -ray spectra were measured following chemical separation. “The precipitate had a strong activity decaying to half-value in 7.75 ± 0.15 minutes as shown in [the figure]. The particles emitted were positrons having a maximum energy as determined by Feather’s rule from the thickness of aluminum required to stop them of 2 Mev.”

Adapted from reference ([2012Th10](#))

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