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²⁰⁷Th was discovered in the 2022 paper “New isotope ²⁰⁷Th and odd-even staggering in alpha-decay energies for nuclei with $Z > 82$ and $N < 126$ ” by Yang et al. (2022Ya15) Isotopically enriched ¹⁷⁶Hf ($116\text{--}360\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$) were irradiated with $197\text{--}199\text{ MeV}$ ³⁶Ar beams accelerated by the Sector Focusing Cyclotron of the Heavy Ion Research Facility in Lanzhou (HIRFL), China. Reaction products were separated by the Spectrometer for Heavy Atoms and Nuclear Structure (SHANS) and implanted in three $300\text{-}\mu\text{m}$ -thick position-sensitive silicon strip detectors (PSSDs). Subsequent correlated α decays were recorded in these and eight additional non-position-sensitive silicon detectors surrounding the implantation detectors. “The α decay of ²⁰⁷Th, measured with an α -particle energy of $8167(21)\text{ keV}$ and a half-life of $9.7^{+46.6}_{-4.4}\text{ ms}$, is assigned to originate from the ground state.”

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