

## $^{223}\text{Np}$

In 2017,  $^{223}\text{Np}$  was discovered in “New short-lived isotope  $^{223}\text{Np}$  and the absence of the Z=92 subshell closure near N=126” by Sun et al. (2017Su18).  $^{40}\text{Ar}$  was accelerated with the Sector-Focusing Cyclotron (SFC) of the Heavy Ion Research Facility in Lanzhou (HIRFL) to 188 MeV and bombarded an enriched  $^{187}\text{Re}$  target.  $^{223}\text{Np}$  was formed in the fusion-evaporation reaction  $^{187}\text{Re}(^{40}\text{Ar},4n)$  and implanted in a double-sided silicon strip detector located after the recoil separator SHANS. “The half-life of  $^{223}\text{Np}$  was determined to be  $2.15^{+100}_{-52}\mu\text{s}$  by averaging the time differences between  $^{223}\text{Np}$  implantations and decays...”

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