^{237}Cf

^{237}Cf was discovered in 1995 by Lazarev et al. and the results were reported in the paper "Spontaneous fission of light californium isotopes produced in ^{206,207,208}Pb + ^{34,36}S reactions; new nuclide ^{238}Cf" (1995La09). Enriched ^{206}Pb, ^{207}Pb and ^{208}Pb targets were bombarded with 215 MeV ^{34}S and ^{36}S beams from the Dubna U400 cyclotron. ^{237}Cf was formed in the fusion evaporation reactions ^{206}Pb(^{34}S,4n) and ^{207}Pb(^{34}S,3n). Mica fission-fragment detectors arranged around a rotating target cylinder detected spontaneous fission events. "We identified a new spontaneously fissioning isotope ^{238}Cf with $T_{sf} \approx T_{1/2}$=21±2 ms and obtained evidence of the production of a new isotope ^{237}Cf with $T_{1/2}$=2.1±0.3 s."

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