

²⁴⁰Es

²⁴⁰Es was first reported in the 2017 paper “Towards saturation of the electron-capture delayed fission probability: The new isotopes ²⁴⁰Es and ²³⁶Bk” by Konki et al. (2017Ko02). A ³⁴S beam was accelerated to 174 and 178 MeV with the K-130 cyclotron of the Accelerator Laboratory of the Department of Physics, University of Jyväskylä, Finland and bombarded ²⁰⁹BiO₂ foils. Evaporation residues were separated with the gas-filled recoil separator RITU and identified with the GREAT focal plane spectrometer. “Four chains with $E_{\alpha_1} = 8.09$ MeV and one with $E_{\alpha_1} = 8.19$ MeV were observed. These chains were attributed to originate from the α decay of ²⁴⁰Es, which then proceeds to ²³⁶Cm through the EC decay of ²³⁶Bk.” The half-life for ²⁴⁰Es was extracted to be 6(2) s.

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