

²³⁵Bk

The discovery of ²³⁵Bk was reported by Wang et al. in the 2026 article “Decay properties of new isotopes ²³⁵Bk and ²³¹Am” ([2026Wa21](#)). 182.4 MeV and 187.5 MeV ⁴⁰Ar beams were accelerated by the China Accelerator Facility for superheavy Elements (CAFE2) at the Institute of Modern Physics in Lanzhou, China and impinged on a 60 μg/cm² ¹⁹⁷Au target. ²³⁵Bk was produced in the evaporation reaction ¹⁹⁷Au(⁴⁰Ar,2n). Recoil products were separated and identified with the gas-filled recoil separator SHANS2. “Three correlated α-decay chains were attributed to ²³⁵Bk. The α-particle energies were determined to be 7632(17) keV for ²³⁵Bk and 7109(18) keV for ²³¹Am.”

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