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Connecting the Super-Heavy Island to the Nuclear Mainland¹ K. RYKACZEWSKI, K. MIERNIK, ORNL, R. GRZYWACZ, UTK and ORNL, D. MILLER, UTK — The reactions between radioactive actinide targets and doublymagic ⁴⁸Ca beam led the identification of 6 new super-heavy elements (SHE) and 48 nuclei. Since the observed decay chains are ended by a fission process, these super-heavy nuclei are forming an isolated island in the nuclear chart. The HRIBF development of new detector system and digital data acquisition sensitive to very short-lived α -emitters made possible to attempt the studies extending the SHE island. The experiments aiming in new nuclei produced in the reactions with ²⁴⁸Cm and ^{239,242}Pu targets and ^{40,44,48}Ca projectiles and connecting the SHE island to the known nuclear mainland will be discussed.

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