



Discovered in 1949



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Berkelium is primarily  
used in research and  
has no significant  
applications at present



Named after  
Berkeley in California

Berkelium

# Bk

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Less than a gram of berkelium is made  
each year by the neutron  
bombardment of plutonium-239