

[252Cf SF decay](#) [2006Hw04,1997Ha64,2002Sm10](#)

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^{252}Cf -%SF decay: %SF=3.092 8 for ^{252}Cf SF decay from the Adopted Levels of ^{252}Cf .

[2006Hw04](#) and Erratum published in PRC 106, 069901(E) (2022): ^{252}Cf source was sandwiched between two Fe foils at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. γ rays were detected with the Gammasphere array of 102 Ge detectors. Measured $E\gamma$, $I\gamma$, $\gamma\gamma$ -coin. Deduced levels, band structures.

[1997Ha64](#) (also [1995HaZT](#), [1995HaZZ](#)): three measurement were carried out at Oak Ridge with 20 Ge detectors, at Gammasphere and at Idaho with two LEPS and two large Ge detectors, respectively. Measured $E\gamma$, $I\gamma$, $\gamma\gamma$ -coin. Deduced levels, band structures. This work is from the same group as [2006Hw04](#) and superseded by latter.

[2006Hw01](#): measured level lifetimes by time-gated triple γ coincidence method using Gammasphere array with 72 Ge detectors.

[2002Sm10](#): measured lifetimes by differential plunger method using the EUROBALL and SAPHIR arrays consisting of 48 square solar cells. Data for g.s. band up to 12^+ .

[2004Sm04](#) (also [2005Sm08](#)): measured g factor of first 2^+ state by integral perturbed angular correlation method (IPAC) using Gammasphere array.

[2005Ja12](#): measured $E\gamma$, $I\gamma$, $\alpha\gamma$ and $\gamma\gamma$ coin for α -accompanied ternary fission, deduced intensity ratios.

[2010SmZZ](#): measured $E\gamma$, $\gamma(\theta)$.

[2008RaZY](#): measure g factor of first 2^+ state by integral perturbed angular correlation method (IPAC) using Gammasphere array.

[2008GoZL](#): measured g factor by IPAC method using Gammasphere.

Other: ^{254}Cf SF decay: [1980ChZM](#).

Earlier references:

[1974KhZV](#), [1974JaYY](#), [1974CIZX](#), [1972Wi15](#), [1972CIZN](#), [1972Ho08](#), [1971Ho29](#), [1971Ch44](#), [1970Ch11](#), [1970Jo20](#), [1966WaZX](#).

Others: [1983MaYT](#), [1987BoZN](#), [1992ZhZT](#).

In pre 1990 papers, the following measurements were reported for four γ rays linking g.s. band members up to (8^+) : prompt and delayed γ rays and conversion electrons; coincidence measurements using (x ray) γ , $\gamma\gamma$, (fragment)(γ), (fragment)(fragment)(γ) techniques; lifetime measurements by recoil-distance Doppler-shift and delayed coincidence methods. But the 614.2γ from (8^+) level is not confirmed in later studies. According to [1997Ha64](#), a 625.0γ deexcites the 8^+ level, instead.

Level scheme is as proposed in [2006Hw04](#), with revisions in Erratum to this work published in Phys. Rev. C 106, 069901(E).

[100Zr Levels](#)

A 2496 level decaying by a 1434.7γ in [2006Hw04](#) is omitted in the Erratum in PRC 106, 069901(E) (2022).

Q_t =Transition quadrupole moment given under comments are deduced by [2002Sm10](#) from their measured lifetimes.

| E(level) [†] | J^π [‡] | $T_{1/2}$ [#] | Comments |
|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|--|
| 0.0@ | 0^+ | | |
| 212.4@ 3 | 2^+ | 0.68 ns 3 | $g=+0.30$ 3 (2004Sm04) $T_{1/2}$: weighted average of 0.64 ns 5 (2002Sm10), 0.71 ns 3 (1974JaYY), 0.62 ns 10 (1980ChZM), and 0.52 ns 10 (1970Ch11 , 1972Wi15), all measured using Doppler-shift recoil distance method (RDM). Others: 0.20 ns 3 (1983MaYT , RDM). The (fragment)(γ)(t) method gives poor results: 7 ns 2 (1970Jo20), 2.8 ns 9 (1972CIZN), <3 ns (1974CIZX). g factor measured by $\gamma(\theta, H)$ technique (IPAC) using 352γ - 213γ and 497γ - 213γ correlations. Other: +0.32 5 (2008RaZY), 0.33 7 (2008GoZL). Both 2004Sm04 and 2008RaZY have used a lifetime of 0.78 ns 3 (1997Si09 evaluation) for deducing the g factor, while 2008GoZL use $T_{1/2}=0.59$ ns 3 from 2008Si01 evaluation. $Q_t=3.19$ 14 (2002Sm10). |
| 330.9 ^a 4 | 0^+ | | |
| 564.3@ 4 | 4^+ | 37.0 ps 4 | $Q_t=3.16$ 2 (2002Sm10). Uncertainty of 0.14 in table 1 of 2002Sm10 is a misprint as confirmed in an e-mail reply of July 4, 2002 from one of the authors (A.G. Smith) of 2002Sm10 . |
| 878.5 ^a 4 | 2^+ | | |

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^{252}Cf SF decay 2006Hw04, 1997Ha64, 2002Sm10 (continued) **^{100}Zr Levels (continued)**

| E(level) [†] | J [‡] | T _{1/2} [#] | Comments |
|---------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| 1061.6 [@] 4 | 6 ⁺ | 4.9 ps 11 | Q _t =3.50 40 (2002Sm10). |
| 1414.6 ^a 4 | 4 ⁺ | | |
| 1687.1 [@] 5 | 8 ⁺ | 1.73 ps 17 | Q _t =3.23 16 (2002Sm10). |
| 1855.9 5 | | | |
| 1910.9 5 | | | |
| 1961.6 ^a 4 | (6 ⁺) | | |
| 2259.6 ^{&} 4 | (6 ⁺) | 2.5 ns 7 | J ^π : (5 ⁻) suggested for this band head in earlier work (1997Ha64). T _{1/2} : from time-gated triple γ coin method (2006Hw01). The authors quote also an uncertainty of 0.4 ns in the text of the paper. |
| 2315.6 5 | | | |
| 2426.2 [@] 5 | 10 ⁺ | | |
| 2467.0 5 | | | |
| 2478.9 ^{&} 5 | (7 ⁺) | | |
| 2525.9 5 | | | |
| 2579.2 ^a 5 | (8 ⁺) | | |
| 2729.1 ^{&} 6 | (8 ⁺) | | |
| 2754.4 ^b 6 | | | |
| 2859.0 5 | | | |
| 3013.4 ^{&} 6 | (9 ⁺) | | |
| 3019.3 5 | | | |
| 3021.6 ^b 6 | | | |
| 3268.0 [@] 6 | 12 ⁺ | | |
| 3323.3 ^b 7 | | | |
| 3328.4 ^{&} 6 | (10 ⁺) | | |
| 3635.0 6 | | | |
| 3659.4 ^b 7 | | | |
| 3672.0 ^{&} 6 | (11 ⁺) | | |
| 4205.7 [@] 7 | 14 ⁺ | | |

[†] From least-squares fit to E γ data, assuming $\Delta(E\gamma)=0.3$ keV for γ s with definite placements, and 1.0 keV for γ s with uncertain placements.

[‡] As given in Fig. 1 of 2006Hw04 and its Erratum in Phys. Rev. C 106, 069901(E) (2022). See also Adopted Levels for revised values for some of the levels.

[#] From differential plunger method (Doppler-shift recoil-distance method) in 2002Sm10, unless otherwise stated. The uncertainties are purely statistical.

[@] Band(A): g.s. band.

[&] Band(B): $K^\pi=(6^+)$, $\nu 9/2[404]\otimes 3/2[411]$. Probable configuration from 2004Hu02 in (α ,F γ) and 1995Du10 in ^{248}Cm SF decay.
Earlier in 1997Ha64 this band was interpreted as $K^\pi=5^-$ band with configuration= $\pi 5/2[422]\otimes \pi 5/2[303]$.

^a Band(C): Excited 0⁺ band.

^b Band(D): Band based on 2754 level.

 $\gamma(^{100}\text{Zr})$

Following γ rays are removed by authors of 2006Hw04 in Erratum published in Phys. Rev. C 106, 069901(E) (2022): 438.8 γ from 2755 level, 1434.7 γ from 2497 level, and 1698.9 γ from 1911 level.

^{252}Cf SF decay 2006Hw04,1997Ha64,2002Sm10 (continued) $\gamma(^{100}\text{Zr})$ (continued)

| E_γ^\dagger | I_γ^\ddagger | $E_i(\text{level})$ | J_i^π | E_f | J_f^π | Mult. | δ | Comments |
|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------|--------|-----------|---------|-----------|--|
| 118.4 | | 330.9 | 0^+ | 212.4 | 2^+ | | | E_γ : from Erratum to 2006Hw04 . |
| 212.4 | 100 | 212.4 | 2^+ | 0.0 | 0^+ | (E2) | | I_γ : 1.7 3 per 100 fissions of ^{252}Cf (1971Ch44). Mult.: from $\gamma(\theta)$ and RUL. $A_2=+0.46$ 9, $A_4=+0.56$ 19, or $A_2=+0.33$ 18 with $A_4=0$ in (fragment) $\gamma(\theta)$ (1972Wi15); $A_2=+0.192$ 29 with $A_4=0$ (2010SmZZ); $A_2=+0.26$ 4, $A_4=+0.02$ 5 (1976Wo04). |
| 219.3 | 5.5 | 2478.9 | (7^+) | 2259.6 | (6^+) | | | |
| 250.1 | 2.4 | 2729.1 | (8^+) | 2478.9 | (7^+) | | | |
| 267.2 | 1.0 | 3021.6 | | 2754.4 | | | | |
| 275.5 | 2.6 | 2754.4 | | 2478.9 | (7^+) | | | |
| 284.1 | 2.1 | 3013.4 | (9^+) | 2729.1 | (8^+) | | | |
| 301.9 | 0.8 | 3323.3 | | 3021.6 | | | | |
| 314.6 | 1.0 | 3328.4 | (10^+) | 3013.4 | (9^+) | | | |
| 336.3 | 0.3 | 3659.4 | | 3323.3 | | | | |
| 343.3 | 0.5 | 3672.0 | (11^+) | 3328.4 | (10^+) | | | |
| 351.8 | 84 | 564.3 | 4^+ | 212.4 | 2^+ | | | I_γ : 1.26 19 per 100 fissions of ^{252}Cf (1971Ch44). $A_2=+0.085$ 6, $A_4=+0.010$ 10 from 352γ - 213γ -correlation (2008GoZL). |
| 391.9 | 0.3 | 2859.0 | | 2467.0 | | | | |
| 403.7 | 0.5 | 2259.6 | (6^+) | 1855.9 | | | | |
| 440.0 | 0.4 | 3019.3 | | 2579.2 | (8^+) | | | |
| 441.1 [#] | 0.9 | 1855.9 | | 1414.6 | 4^+ | | | |
| 469.5 [#] | 0.1 | 2729.1 | (8^+) | 2259.6 | (6^+) | | | |
| 495.6 [#] | | 3021.6 | | 2525.9 | | | | |
| 496.3 [#] | 0.9 | 1910.9 | | 1414.6 | 4^+ | | | $I_\gamma(497)/I_\gamma(352)=0.47$ (2005Ja12). |
| 497.3 | 65 | 1061.6 | 6^+ | 564.3 | 4^+ | | | I_γ : 0.57 14 per 100 fissions of ^{252}Cf (1971Ch44). $A_2=+0.095$ 8, $A_4=+0.013$ 13 from 497γ - 352γ -correlation (2008GoZL). |
| 534.7 | 0.5 | 3013.4 | (9^+) | 2478.9 | (7^+) | | | |
| 536.0 | 6.8 | 1414.6 | 4^+ | 878.5 | 2^+ | | | |
| 547.0 | 3.0 | 1961.6 | (6^+) | 1414.6 | 4^+ | | | |
| 547.6 | 1.1 | 878.5 | 2^+ | 330.9 | 0^+ | | | E_γ : from Erratum to 2006Hw04 . I_γ : from 1997Ha64 and 1995HaZT ; not listed in 2006Hw04 . |
| 556.0 | 0.5 | 2467.0 | | 1910.9 | | | | |
| 564.4 | 0.3 | 2525.9 | | 1961.6 | (6^+) | | | |
| 569.1 [#] | 0.1 | 3323.3 | | 2754.4 | | | | |
| 599.3 | 0.2 | 3328.4 | (10^+) | 2729.1 | (8^+) | | | |
| 615.7 | 0.1 | 3635.0 | | 3019.3 | | | | |
| 617.6 | 0.6 | 2579.2 | (8^+) | 1961.6 | (6^+) | | | |
| 625.6 | 26 | 1687.1 | 8^+ | 1061.6 | 6^+ | | | $I_\gamma(625)/I_\gamma(352)=0.19$ (2005Ja12). |
| 637.6 | 0.1 | 3659.4 | | 3021.6 | | | | E_γ : from Table 1 in Erratum, 638.2 in Fig. 1 of Erratum. (E_γ confirmed with author of Erratum, Dec 12, 2022). |
| 658.9 | 0.2 | 3672.0 | (11^+) | 3013.4 | (9^+) | | | |
| 666.1 | 7.0 | 878.5 | 2^+ | 212.4 | 2^+ | | | E_γ : 738.6 (2002Sm10). |
| 739.1 | 5.2 | 2426.2 | 10^+ | 1687.1 | 8^+ | | | E_γ : other: 846.6 (2002Sm10). |
| 841.8 | 2.1 | 3268.0 | 12^+ | 2426.2 | 10^+ | | | E_γ : from Level-scheme Fig. 1 in Erratum, not listed in Table I of Erratum. (E_γ confirmed with author of Erratum, Dec 12, 2022). |
| 845.0 | 8.8 | 2259.6 | (6^+) | 1414.6 | 4^+ | | | |
| 850.2 | 9.5 | 1414.6 | 4^+ | 564.3 | 4^+ | (M1+E2) | +1.4 +4-2 | Mult., δ : 2008GoZL report $\delta(E2/M1)=+1.4 +4-2$ |

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^{252}Cf SF decay 2006Hw04,1997Ha64,2002Sm10 (continued) $\gamma(^{100}\text{Zr})$ (continued)

| E_γ^\dagger | I_γ^\ddagger | E_i (level) | J_i^π | E_f | J_f^π | Comments |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------|-------------------|--------|-----------------|---|
| 892.1 | 1.0 | 2579.2 | (8 ⁺) | 1687.1 | 8 ⁺ | from 850 γ -352 γ -correlation with $A_2=-0.156$ 22, $A_4=+0.082$ 34. Large mixing ratio and in-band transition favors M1+E2 over E1+M2. |
| 900.0 | 2.3 | 1961.6 | (6 ⁺) | 1061.6 | 6 ⁺ | |
| 937.7 | 0.5 | 4205.7 | 14 ⁺ | 3268.0 | 12 ⁺ | |
| 1171.9 | 0.8 | 2859.0 | | 1687.1 | 8 ⁺ | |
| 1197.9 | 1.8 | 2259.6 | (6 ⁺) | 1061.6 | 6 ⁺ | |
| 1202.3 | 1.9 | 1414.6 | 4 ⁺ | 212.4 | 2 ⁺ | |
| 1208.9 | 0.5 | 3635.0 | | 2426.2 | 10 ⁺ | |
| 1254.0 | 2.0 | 2315.6 | | 1061.6 | 6 ⁺ | |
| 1291.6 | 0.2 | 1855.9 | | 564.3 | 4 ⁺ | |
| 1332.2 | 1.1 | 3019.3 | | 1687.1 | 8 ⁺ | |
| 1346.6 | 2.9 | 1910.9 | | 564.3 | 4 ⁺ | |
| 1397.3 [#] | 0.7 | 1961.6 | (6 ⁺) | 564.3 | 4 ⁺ | This γ is not confirmed in ^{248}Cm , ^{252}Cf SF decay (2019Ur02), also not reported in ^{100}Y β^- decay (0.94 s); thus omitted in the Adopted dataset. |
| 1405.4 | 1.1 | 2467.0 | | 1061.6 | 6 ⁺ | |
| 1464.3 | 1.8 | 2525.9 | | 1061.6 | 6 ⁺ | |
| 1695.4 | 4.9 | 2259.6 | (6 ⁺) | 564.3 | 4 ⁺ | |
| 1751.3 | 1.7 | 2315.6 | | 564.3 | 4 ⁺ | |

[†] From Erratum to 2006Hw04, published in Phys. Rev. C 106, 069901(E) (2022). Values are also available in 1997Ha64, but superseded by those from 2006Hw04 and Erratum to 2006Hw04 of the same group.

[‡] From 2006Hw04, unless otherwise stated. Intensity uncertainties vary from 5% for strong transitions to 30% for weak ones, as stated by 2006Hw04. Values are also available in 1997Ha64 and superseded by those from 2006Hw04 of the same group.

[#] Placement of transition in the level scheme is uncertain.

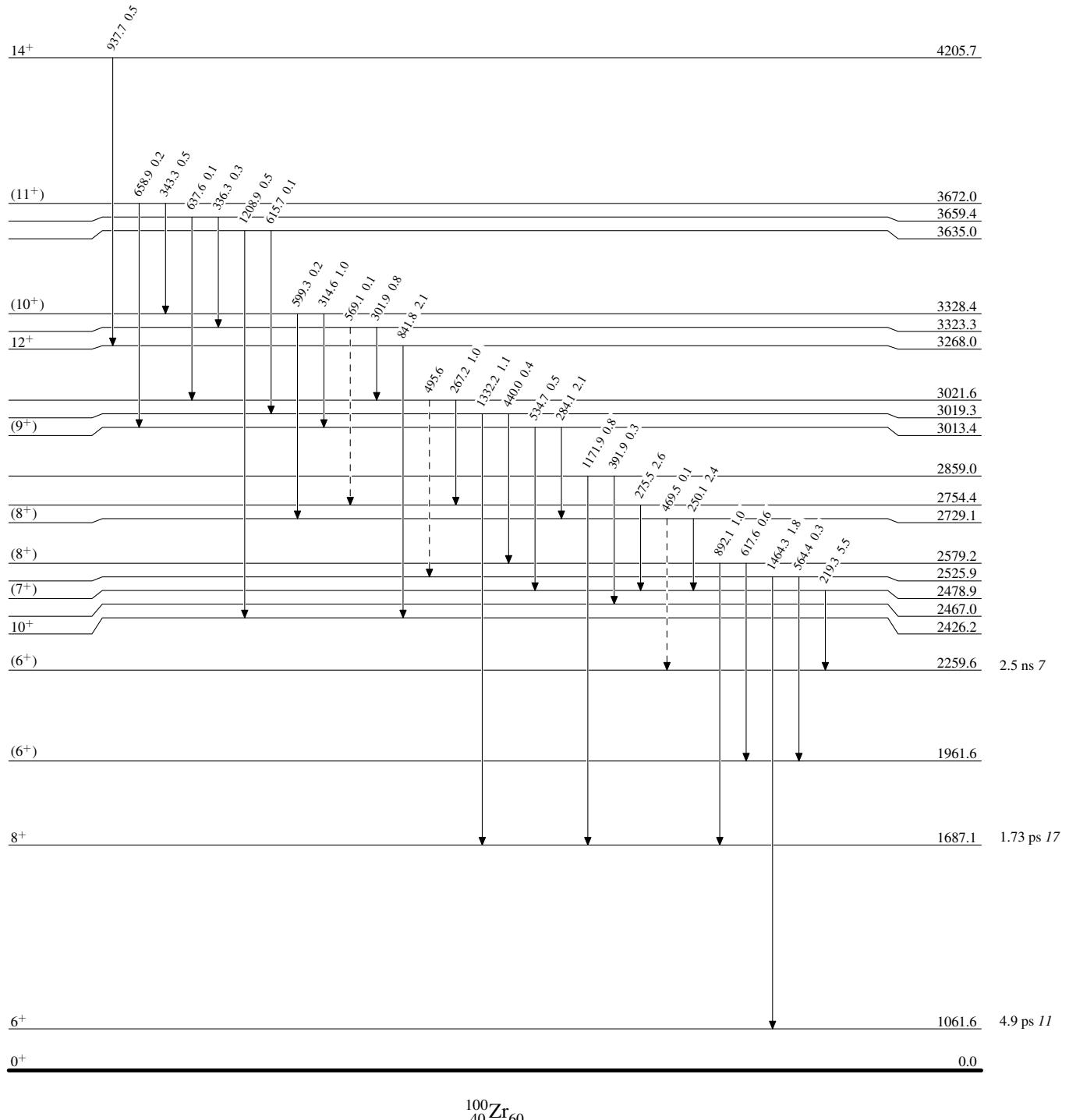
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Legend

Level Scheme

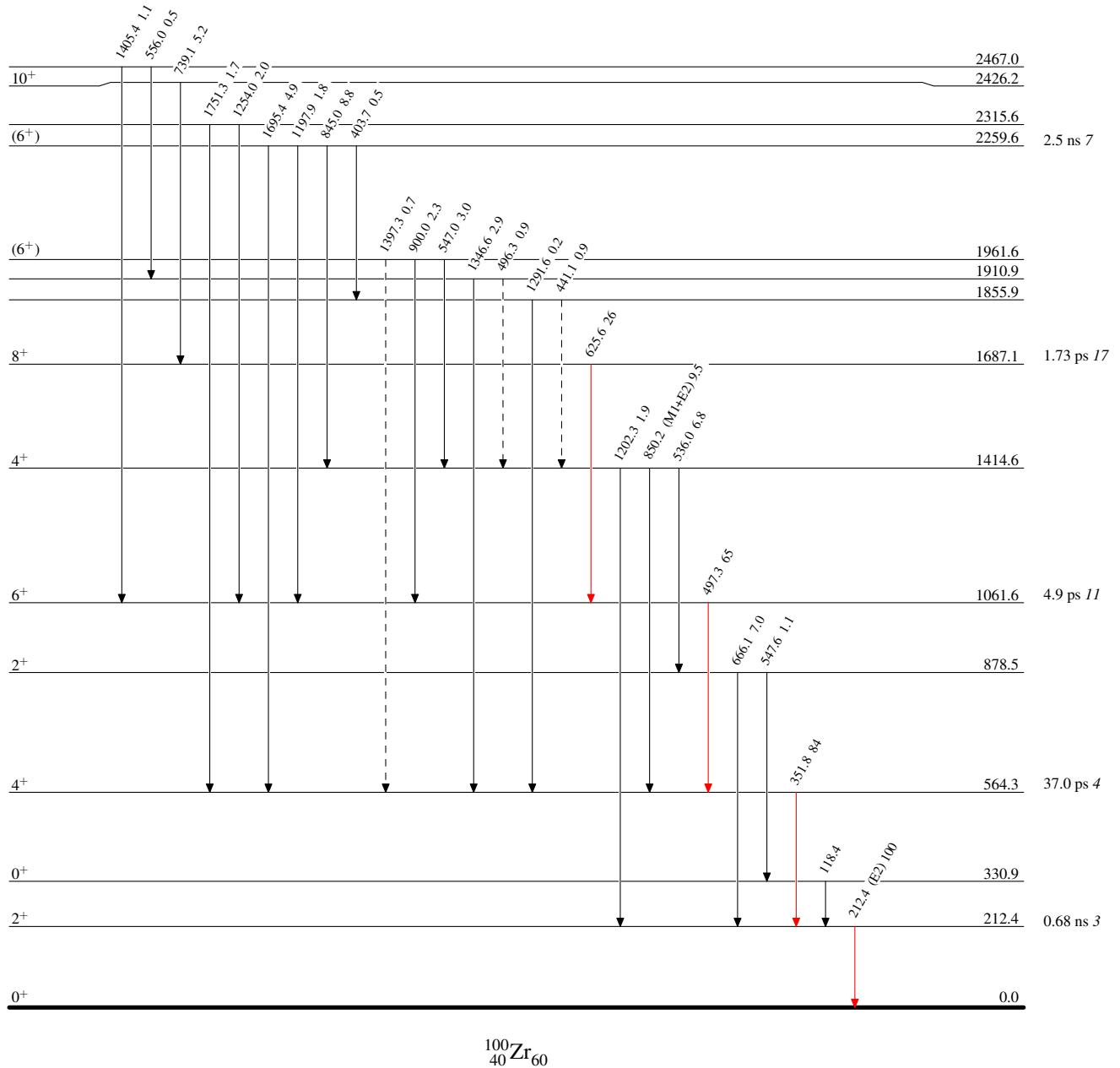
Intensities: Relative I_γ

- $I_\gamma < 2\% \times I_\gamma^{\max}$
- $I_\gamma < 10\% \times I_\gamma^{\max}$
- $I_\gamma > 10\% \times I_\gamma^{\max}$
- - - → γ Decay (Uncertain)



^{252}Cf SF decay 2006Hw04,1997Ha64,2002Sm10**Level Scheme (continued)**Intensities: Relative I_{γ} **Legend**

- $I_{\gamma} < 2\% \times I_{\gamma}^{\max}$
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- $I_{\gamma} > 10\% \times I_{\gamma}^{\max}$
- - - ► γ Decay (Uncertain)



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Band(A): g.s. band

 14^+ 4205.7 12^+ 3268.0 10^+ 2426.2 8^+ 1687.1 6^+ 1061.6 4^+ 564.3 2^+ 212.4 0^+ 0.0Band(B): $K^\pi = (6^+)$,
 $\nu 9/2[404] \otimes \nu 3/2[411]$ (11 $^+$) 3672.0(10 $^+$) 3328.4(9 $^+$) 3013.4(8 $^+$) 2729.1(7 $^+$) 2478.9(6 $^+$) 2259.6Band(C): Excited 0 $^+$ band(8 $^+$) 2579.2(6 $^+$) 1961.6(4 $^+$) 1414.6

Band(D): Band based on 2754 level

3659.4

3323.3

3021.6

2754.4

267

2579.2

2259.6

1961.6

1414.6

878.5

330.9