

[252Cf SF decay](#) [2015Wa28](#)

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Parent: ^{252}Cf : E=0.0; $J^\pi=0^+$; $T_{1/2}=2.647 \text{ y}$ 3; %SF decay=3.102 3

$^{252}\text{Cf-T}_{1/2}$: From ^{252}Cf Adopted Levels in the ENSDF database (Jan 2021 update).

^{252}Cf -%SF decay: %SF=3.102 3 for ^{252}Cf SF decay.

Includes prompt γ -ray study from $^9\text{Be}(^{238}\text{U},\text{F}\gamma)$ reaction from [2015Wa28](#).

[2015Wa28](#): data from two experiments have been combined: 1. ^{252}Cf SF decay: measured $E\gamma$ and $\gamma\gamma$ using GAMMASPHERE array comprised of 101 Compton-suppressed Ge detectors at LBNL facility 2. $^9\text{Be}(^{238}\text{U},\text{F}\gamma)$, E=6.2 MeV/nucleon, measured $E\gamma$, $I\gamma$, Z- and A- gated $\gamma\gamma$ coincidences with isotopically identified fission fragments using VAMOS++ and EXOGAM array at GANIL facility. Deduced high-spin levels.

Others:

[2000Hw03](#) (also [2001Ha14](#), [1998Hw08](#)): measured $E\gamma$ and $\gamma\gamma$ using GAMMASPHERE array comprised of 72 Compton-suppressed Ge detectors. Band assigned to ^{149}Pr in [1998Hw08](#) actually belongs to ^{151}Pr .

Others:

[1974CIZX](#) (also [1972CIZN](#)): fission fragment isomers populated before β decay in deexcitation of fission fragments observed through (x-ray) γ and $\gamma\gamma$ coin. Mass assignments, energies and lifetimes measured in 6-parameter experiment with two fission, one Ge(Li) and one Si(Li) detectors.

[1970Wa05](#) (also [1966WaZX](#) from the same group): ce data.

[149Pr Levels](#)

E(level) [†]	J^π [‡]	$T_{1/2}$	Comments
0.0	(5/2 ⁺)		Possible configuration= $\pi5/2[413]$ from quasiparticle-rotor model calculations (2015Wa28).
58.5 [#] 3	(7/2 ⁻)	22.9 ns 18	$T_{1/2}$: (fragment)(fragment)(x-ray) $\gamma(t)$ (1974CIZX). Other: 26 ns 4 from $\gamma\gamma(t)$ (2010Rz02) in ^{252}Cf SF decay. See also the Adopted Levels, where the $T_{1/2}$ values from ^{149}Ce β^- decay, shorter by a factor of ≈ 3 from those in SF decays are discussed.
86.5 ^{&} 5	(7/2 ⁺)		
161.7 [#] 4	(11/2 ⁻)		
174.9 [@] 5	(9/2 ⁺)		
365.0 ^{&} 7	(11/2 ⁺)		
381.5 [#] 5	(15/2 ⁻)		
407.3 [@] 5	(13/2 ⁺)		
711.8 [#] 6	(19/2 ⁻)		
736.6 ^{&} 9	(15/2 ⁺)		
752.0 [@] 6	(17/2 ⁺)		
1127.9 [#] 6	(23/2 ⁻)		
1174.0 ^{&} 10	(19/2 ⁺)		
1189.3 [@] 6	(21/2 ⁺)		
1607.8 [#] 7	(27/2 ⁻)		
1664.7 ^{&} 12	(23/2 ⁺)		
1695.6 [@] 7	(25/2 ⁺)		
2130.3 [#] 9	(31/2 ⁻)		
2192.0 ^{&} 13	(27/2 ⁺)		
2230.8 [@] 8	(29/2 ⁺)		
2664.8 [#] 10	(35/2 ⁻)		
2722.5 [@] 9	(33/2 ⁺)		
3185.1 [#] 11	(39/2 ⁻)		
3724.0 [#] 12	(43/2 ⁻)		

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²⁵²Cf SF decay 2015Wa28 (continued)**¹⁴⁹Pr Levels (continued)**[†] From least-squares fit to E_γ data.[‡] As proposed by 2015Wa28. Note that spins were two units higher in their previous work 2000Hw03, for band based on (7/2⁻).# Band(A): Band based on (7/2⁻). Possible octupole band. Bands 1 and 2 in Figure 14 of 2015Wa28 possibly form alternating-parity bands.@ Band(B): Band based on (9/2⁺). Possible octupole band. Bands 1 and 2 in Figure 14 of 2015Wa28 possibly form alternating-parity bands.& Band(C): Band based on (7/2⁺). **$\gamma(^{149}\text{Pr})$**

E_γ^{\dagger}	I_γ^{\ddagger}	$E_i(\text{level})$	J_i^π	E_f	J_f^π	Mult.	$\alpha^\#$	Comments
(13.2)		174.9	(9/2 ⁺)	161.7	(11/2 ⁻)			
(25.8)		407.3	(13/2 ⁺)	381.5	(15/2 ⁻)			
^x 54.7 1								T _{1/2} =5.8 ns 11 from (fragment)(fragment)(x ray) $\gamma(t)$ (1974CIZX), γ probably a precursor of the 58.0 γ .
58.5 3	<500	58.5	(7/2 ⁻)	0.0	(5/2 ⁺)			I γ /100 fissions=0.183 27 (1974CIZX).
86.5 5		86.5	(7/2 ⁺)	0.0	(5/2 ⁺)	M1	1.96 4	E γ : 58.0 I (1974CIZX), 58.5 (2000Hw03). I γ /100 fissions=0.421 7 (1974CIZX).
103.2 3	<80	161.7	(11/2 ⁻)	58.5	(7/2 ⁻)			$\alpha(\text{exp})=1.63$ 22 (2015Wa28)
116.4 5		174.9	(9/2 ⁺)	58.5	(7/2 ⁻)			E γ : 103.2 (2000Hw03).
^x 143 1								E γ : from ce(K)=100 keV (1970Wa05). Mult.: consistent with E2 from K/L=3.6 (1970Wa05).
219.8 3	100 5	381.5	(15/2 ⁻)	161.7	(11/2 ⁻)			T _{1/2} =1.8 ns 4 (1970Wa05) from (fragment)(fragment)(x ray)ce(t).
232.4 3	20 1	407.3	(13/2 ⁺)	174.9	(9/2 ⁺)			I(ce)/100 fissions=0.32 (1970Wa05).
245.6 3	20 1	407.3	(13/2 ⁺)	161.7	(11/2 ⁻)			E γ : 220.3 (2000Hw03).
278.5 5	15 1	365.0	(11/2 ⁺)	86.5	(7/2 ⁺)			
330.3 3	79 5	711.8	(19/2 ⁻)	381.5	(15/2 ⁻)			E γ : 330.8 (2000Hw03).
344.7 5	6.9 5	752.0	(17/2 ⁺)	407.3	(13/2 ⁺)			
370.5 5	10 1	752.0	(17/2 ⁺)	381.5	(15/2 ⁻)			
371.6 5	10 1	736.6	(15/2 ⁺)	365.0	(11/2 ⁺)			
416.0 3	41 3	1127.9	(23/2 ⁻)	711.8	(19/2 ⁻)			E γ : 415.8 (2000Hw03).
437.4 [@] 5	4.2 [@] 4	1174.0	(19/2 ⁺)	736.6	(15/2 ⁺)			
437.4 [@] 5	11 [@] 1	1189.3	(21/2 ⁺)	752.0	(17/2 ⁺)			
477.6 5	3.3 4	1189.3	(21/2 ⁺)	711.8	(19/2 ⁻)			
479.8 3	21 1	1607.8	(27/2 ⁻)	1127.9	(23/2 ⁻)			E γ : 480.0 (2000Hw03).
490.7 5	1.4 2	1664.7	(23/2 ⁺)	1174.0	(19/2 ⁺)			
491.7 5	2.7 3	2722.5	(33/2 ⁺)	2230.8	(29/2 ⁺)			
506.4 5	7.5 6	1695.6	(25/2 ⁺)	1189.3	(21/2 ⁺)			
520.3 5	2.4 5	3185.1	(39/2 ⁻)	2664.8	(35/2 ⁻)			E γ : 520.3 (2000Hw03).
522.5 5	7.8 5	2130.3	(31/2 ⁻)	1607.8	(27/2 ⁻)			E γ : 522.5 (2000Hw03).
527.3 5	1.1 1	2192.0	(27/2 ⁺)	1664.7	(23/2 ⁺)			
534.5 5	5.7 11	2664.8	(35/2 ⁻)	2130.3	(31/2 ⁻)			E γ : 534.5 (2000Hw03).
535.5 5	4.0 4	2230.8	(29/2 ⁺)	1695.6	(25/2 ⁺)			
538.9 5	1.1 2	3724.0	(43/2 ⁻)	3185.1	(39/2 ⁻)			
568.0 5	2.0 2	1695.6	(25/2 ⁺)	1127.9	(23/2 ⁻)			
622.7 5	<0.5	2230.8	(29/2 ⁺)	1607.8	(27/2 ⁻)			

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 ^{252}Cf SF decay 2015Wa28 (continued) **$\gamma(^{149}\text{Pr})$ (continued)**

[†] Uncertainty is stated as 0.5 keV for strong transitions and as much as 1 keV in prompt γ -spectra, whereas from ^{252}Cf SF decay, uncertainty is stated as 0.1 keV for strong γ rays and 0.5 for weaker lines. Evaluators assign 0.3 keV uncertainty for $I\gamma \geq 20$ and 0.5 for $I\gamma < 20$, or when $I\gamma$ not stated.

[‡] From ^{252}Cf SF decay, according to e-mail reply from the first author (E.H. Wang) of 2015Wa28 on Sept 17, 2015.

[#] Total theoretical internal conversion coefficients, calculated using the BrIcc code (2008Ki07) with Frozen orbital approximation based on γ -ray energies, assigned multipolarities, and mixing ratios, unless otherwise specified.

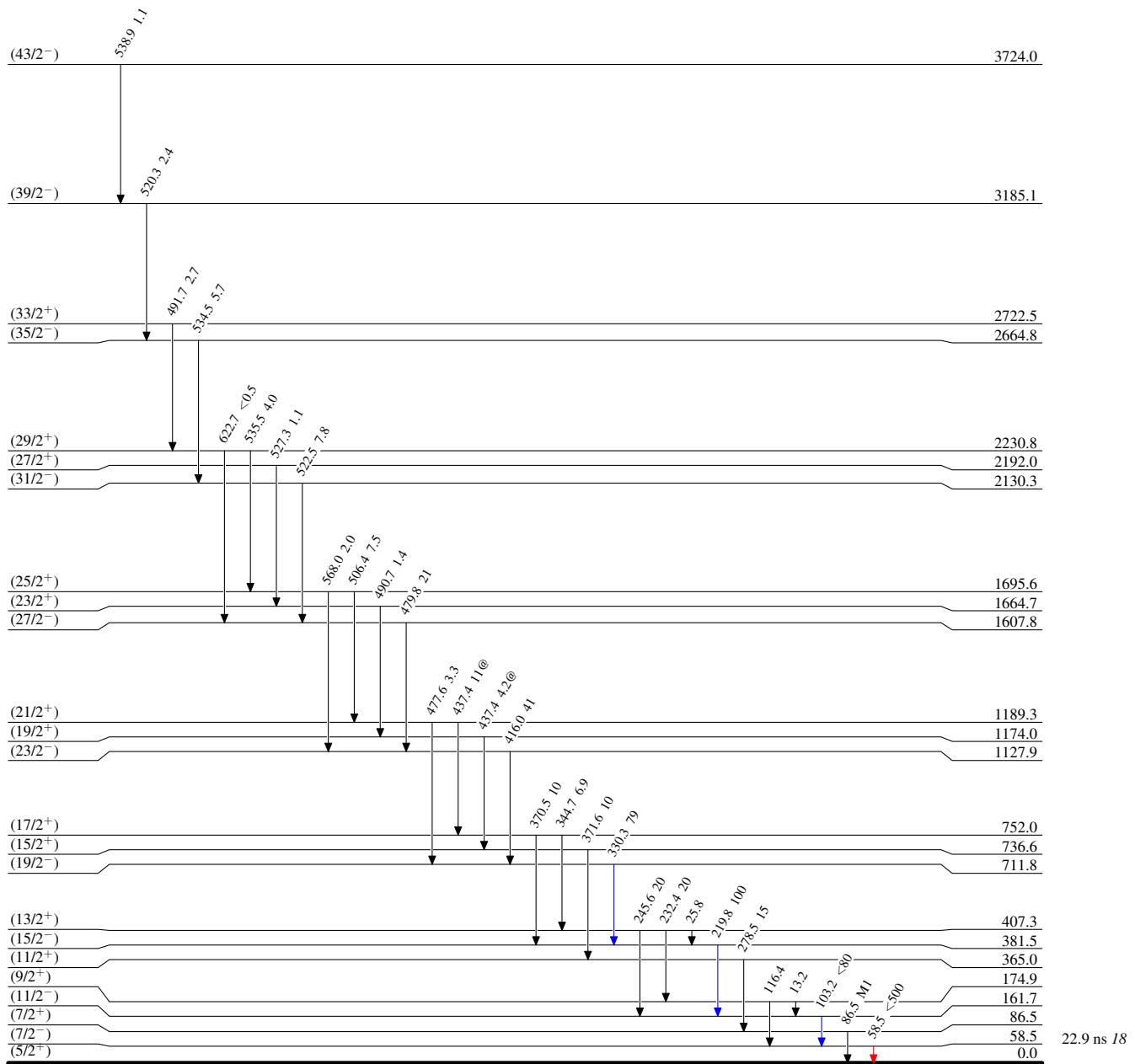
[@] Multiply placed with intensity suitably divided.

^x γ ray not placed in level scheme.

252Cf SF decay 2015Wa28**Legend****Level Scheme**Intensities: Relative I_γ

@ Multiply placed: intensity suitably divided

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



^{252}Cf SF decay 2015Wa28

Band(A): Band based on
 $(7/2^-)$

$(43/2^-)$ 3724.0

539

$(39/2^-)$ 3185.1

520

Band(B): Band based on
 $(9/2^+)$

$(35/2^-)$ 2664.8

534

$(33/2^+)$ 2722.5

492

$(31/2^-)$ 2130.3

522

$(27/2^-)$ 1607.8

480

$(23/2^-)$ 1127.9

416

$(19/2^-)$ 711.8

330

$(15/2^-)$ 381.5

220

$(11/2^-)$ 161.7

103

$(7/2^-)$ 58.5

$(29/2^+)$ 2230.8

536

$(25/2^+)$ 1695.6

506

$(21/2^+)$ 1189.3

437

$(17/2^+)$ 752.0

345

$(13/2^+)$ 407.3

232

$(9/2^+)$ 174.9

278

Band(C): Band based on
 $(7/2^+)$

$(27/2^+)$ 2192.0

527

$(23/2^+)$ 1664.7

491

$(19/2^+)$ 1174.0

437

$(15/2^+)$ 736.6

372

$(11/2^+)$ 365.0

278

$(7/2^+)$ 86.5