

$^{157}\text{Sm } \beta^- \text{ decay }$ **1994WiZZ,1997Gr09,1996Gr20**

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Parent: ^{157}Sm : E=0.0; $J^\pi=(3/2^-)$; $T_{1/2}=8.03 \text{ min } 7$; $Q(\beta^-)=2781 \text{ 6}$; % β^- decay=100.0

For these decay scheme studies, ^{157}Sm has been produced by the $^{160}\text{Gd}(n,\alpha)$ reaction, n fission of ^{235}U with isotope separation, and spontaneous fission of ^{252}Cf with chemical separation. Measurements have included γ singles and $\gamma\gamma$ -coincidence spectra with Ge detectors, β - spectra with plastic and anthracene detectors, and $\gamma\beta$ - coincidences.

Experimental methods:

1960Wi10: Produced by $^{160}\text{Gd}(n,\alpha)$, but $T_{1/2}$ reported as 0.5 min *I*, so isotope probably misassigned.

1972Mo28: Produced by $^{160}\text{Gd}(n,\alpha)$ with $E_n=14.7 \text{ MeV}$ on enriched (96.5%) target. Report γ of 121 keV and E_{β^-} of 2.83 MeV *I*, but report $T_{1/2}=83 \text{ s } I$, so isotope probably misassigned.

1973Da05: Produced by $^{160}\text{Gd}(n,\alpha)$ reaction with $E_n=14.8 \text{ MeV}$ on natural target. γ measured with Ge detector, β - with anthracene detector, and $\gamma\beta$ - coincidences. Report 7 γ 's, but report isotope assignment is not certain.

1973Ka23: Produced by $^{160}\text{Gd}(n,\alpha)$ reaction with fast n on enriched (95.2%) target. γ measured with Ge detectors, $\gamma\gamma$ coincidences with Ge detectors, and β - with plastic detectors. Report 14 γ 's.

1980Ba51: Produced from ^{252}Cf spontaneous fission with chemical separation. γ measured with Ge detector. Report 23 γ 's, but no decay scheme.

1986Ma12: Produced by n fission of ^{235}U with isotope separation. γ singles and $\gamma\gamma$ coincidences measured with Ge detectors. $T_{1/2}$ measured.

1994WiZZ: Produced from ^{252}Cf spontaneous fission with chemical separation. γ measured with Ge detector. Same authors as **1980Ba51**.

1993Gr17: Produced from ^{252}Cf spontaneous fission with isotope separation. Measured β - end-point energy with Ge detector.

1996Gr20: Produced from ^{252}Cf spontaneous fission with isotope separation. Measured β - intensity for "ground-state" branch with total absorption γ -ray spectrometer.

1997Gr09: Produced from ^{252}Cf spontaneous fission with isotope separation. Measured β - branch intensity as a function of the excited level energy with total absorption γ -ray spectrometer.

 $^{157}\text{Eu Levels}$

| E(level) [†] | J^π [‡] | E(level) [†] | J^π [‡] | E(level) [†] | E(level) [†] |
|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 0.0 @ | $5/2^+$ | 850. # | | 1377.32 12 | 1950 # |
| 76.709 @ 6 | $7/2^+$ | 971.99 <i>b</i> 9 | $3/2^+$ | 1382.94 8 | 2050 # |
| 197.863 & 6 | $5/2^-$ | 988.38 10 | | 1418.47 18 | 2150 # |
| 263.228 & 14 | $7/2^-$ | 1021.27 10 | | 1463.12 7 | 2250 # |
| 394.334 <i>a</i> 9 | $3/2^+$ | 1050 # | | 1550 # | 2350 # |
| 453.500 <i>a</i> 12 | $5/2^+$ | 1150 # | | 1650 # | 2450 # |
| 670.419 25 | | 1250 # | | 1750 # | 2550 # |
| 716.31 5 | | 1360.92 13 | | 1850 # | |

[†] From least-squares fit to γ energies.

[‡] From ^{157}Eu Adopted Levels and in agreement with J^π and band assignments of **1994WiZZ** and those in the $^{158}\text{Gd}(\text{pol t},\alpha)$ study (**1979Bu05**). See **1990Ja11** for review of band assignments.

Pseudo levels, which are artificially introduced, the placement and number of which is quite arbitrary and merely indicates that in those energy regions a certain amount of β -feeding is required to fit the measured spectrum.

a Band(A): $5/2[413]$ band.

& Band(B): $5/2[532]$ band.

a Band(C): $3/2[411]$ band.

b Band(D): $1/2[411]$ band.

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| E(decay) | E(level) | $I\beta^-$ ^{†‡#} | Log $f\beta^-$ | Comments |
|--|----------|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| (231 6) | 2550 | 0.2 | | av $E\beta=63.9$ 19 |
| (331 6) | 2450 | 0.2 | | av $E\beta=94.9$ 20 |
| (431 6) | 2350 | 0.3 | | av $E\beta=127.8$ 21 |
| (531 6) | 2250 | 0.4 | | av $E\beta=162.3$ 22 |
| (631 6) | 2150 | 0.3 | | av $E\beta=198.1$ 22 |
| (731 6) | 2050 | 0.5 | | av $E\beta=235.2$ 23 |
| (831 6) | 1950 | 1.2 | | av $E\beta=273.3$ 24 |
| (931 6) | 1850 | 1.2 | | av $E\beta=312.3$ 24 |
| (1031 6) | 1750 | 0.7 | | av $E\beta=352.2$ 25 |
| (1131 6) | 1650 | 0.6 | | av $E\beta=392.8$ 25 |
| (1231 6) | 1550 | 0.4 | | av $E\beta=433.9$ 25 |
| (1318 6) | 1463.12 | 3.8 7 | 6.2 3 | av $E\beta=470.2$ 26 |
| (1363 6) | 1418.47 | 0.7 2 | 6.9 3 | av $E\beta=489.0$ 26 |
| (1398 6) | 1382.94 | 1.2 4 | 6.7 3 | av $E\beta=504.0$ 26 |
| (1404 6) | 1377.32 | 1.0 2 | 6.8 3 | av $E\beta=506.3$ 26 |
| (1420 6) | 1360.92 | 1.2 2 | 6.8 3 | av $E\beta=513.3$ 26 |
| (1531 6) | 1250 | 1.0 | | av $E\beta=560.5$ 26 |
| (1631 6) | 1150 | 0.7 | | av $E\beta=603.6$ 26 |
| (1731 6) | 1050 | 1.6 | | av $E\beta=647.0$ 27 |
| (1760 6) | 1021.27 | 0.8 2 | 7.3 2 | av $E\beta=659.5$ 27 |
| (1793 6) | 988.38 | 1.9 5 | 7.0 3 | av $E\beta=673.9$ 27 |
| (1809 6) | 971.99 | 0.7 2 | 7.4 3 | av $E\beta=681.0$ 27 |
| (1931 6) | 850. | 0.2 | | av $E\beta=734.6$ 27 |
| (2065 6) | 716.31 | 1.7 4 | 7.3 2 | av $E\beta=793.8$ 27 |
| (2111 6) | 670.419 | 2.6 5 | 7.2 2 | av $E\beta=814.2$ 27 |
| (2328 6) | 453.500 | 17 7 | 6.5 3 | av $E\beta=911.1$ 27 |
| (2387 6) | 394.334 | 13 7 | 6.7 3 | av $E\beta=937.7$ 27 |
| (2583 6) | 197.863 | 43 8 | 6.3 2 | av $E\beta=1026.3$ 28 |
| E(decay): From $\gamma\beta^-$ coincidences $E_{\beta^-}(197)=2400$ 200 which implies $Q_{\beta^-}=2600$ 200 (1973Da05,1973Ka23) compared singles measurement of $Q_{\beta^-}=2734$ 50 (1993Gr17). | | | | |
| (2704 6) | 76.709 | 2.5 25 | $\geq 8.5^{1u}$ | av $E\beta=1065.1$ 27 |
| $I\beta^-$: From log $f_{1u}t \geq 8.5$ from systematics (1998Si17) as well as from $I_{\beta^-}(0+77)=0.3 +29-3$ (1996Gr20). | | | | |
| (2781 6) | 0.0 | ≤ 3 | ≥ 7.1 | av $E\beta=1116.0$ 28 |
| $I\beta^-$: From $4\pi\gamma\beta$ coincidence data (1996Gr20), $I_{\beta^-}(0+77)=0.3 +29-3$. | | | | |

[†] Relative values are from γ -ray intensity balances for levels with deexciting γ 's, except for the 76 level. These values are converted to absolute values by including the values from the total absorption γ spectra, TAGS, for the ground state (1996Gr20) and the pseudolevels (1997Gr09). The values from the intensity balances and TAGS data are in good agreement. The β^- intensity distribution from the total absorption γ spectra (TAGS) (1997Gr09) indicate that $\approx 9.4\%$ of the decays are to levels that are not in the γ -ray decay scheme, namely, ≈ 850 , 1050 – 1250, and above 1500 keV. These decays are represented here by pseudolevels which do not have any depopulating γ 's. These pseudolevels represent the sum of the β^- feeding to all the actual levels in an energy range. Where the pseudolevels are adjacent, this range is half of the distance between the adjacent levels; and where a pseudolevel is between discrete levels, the range is between these levels. No uncertainties are included for the I_{β^-} to the pseudolevels, and no log $f\beta^-$'s are given since this intensity is expected to be distributed over several actual levels.

[‡] The inability to include the unknown γ decays from the upper levels will, in principle, cause the I_{β^-} values deduced from the γ intensity balances to be incorrect; however, since most of these unknown γ 's are expected to populate the strongly fed levels below 460 keV, the changes in the log $f\beta^-$ values are probably small. The uncertainties in the I_{β^-} and log $f\beta^-$'s do not include any contributions from the incompleteness of the decay scheme.

[#] Absolute intensity per 100 decays.

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I γ normalization: computed to give 100% β^- decay; the uncertainty does not include any contribution due to the incompleteness of the $\gamma\gamma$ portion of the decay scheme.

The $\gamma\gamma$ coincidences noted in the decay-scheme drawing are those of 1973Ka23.

The unplaced γ 's are those of 1994WiZZ.

| E $_{\gamma}^{\dagger}$ | I $_{\gamma}^{\dagger@}$ | E $_i$ (level) | J $_{i}^{\pi}$ | E $_f$ | J $_{f}^{\pi}$ | Mult. ‡ | $\alpha^{\#}$ | Comments |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|---------|----------------|---------------------|---------------|--|
| $^{x}31.07$ 7 | 0.29 7 | | | | | | | |
| $^{x}31.78$ 5 | 0.39 7 | | | | | | | |
| $^{x}37.30$ 8 | 0.85 6 | | | | | | | |
| 59.168 10 | 2.00 5 | 453.500 | 5/2 $^{+}$ | 394.334 | 3/2 $^{+}$ | [M1,E2] | 13 5 | $\alpha(K)=5.3$ 19; $\alpha(L)=6$ 6; $\alpha(M)=1.4$ 13 $\alpha(N)=0.3$ 3; $\alpha(O)=0.04$ 4; $\alpha(P)=0.0005$ 3 |
| $^{x}60.58$ 9 | 0.15 6 | | | | | | | |
| $^{x}61.40$ 11 | <1.2 | | | | | | | |
| $^{x}62.62$ 5 | 0.24 5 | | | | | | | |
| 65.44 10 | 0.13 4 | 263.228 | 7/2 $^{-}$ | 197.863 | 5/2 $^{-}$ | [M1,E2] | 9 3 | $\alpha(K)=4.2$ 12; $\alpha(L)=4$ 4; $\alpha(M)=0.9$ 8 $\alpha(N)=0.20$ 17; $\alpha(O)=0.027$ 22; $\alpha(P)=0.00041$ 18 |
| $^{x}74.88$ 15 | 0.08 4 | | | | | | | |
| 76.701 7 | 3.35 12 | 76.709 | 7/2 $^{+}$ | 0.0 | 5/2 $^{+}$ | [M1+E2] | 5.2 13 | $\alpha(K)=2.8$ 6; $\alpha(L)=1.9$ 14; $\alpha(M)=0.4$ 4 $\alpha(N)=0.10$ 8; $\alpha(O)=0.013$ 10; $\alpha(P)=0.00027$ 11 |
| $^{x}77.94$ 5 | 0.17 3 | | | | | | | |
| $^{x}81.11$ 5 | 0.19 3 | | | | | | | |
| $^{x}88.38$ 6 | 0.15 3 | | | | | | | |
| 121.147 7 | 8.50 16 | 197.863 | 5/2 $^{-}$ | 76.709 | 7/2 $^{+}$ | [E1] | 0.1689 | $\alpha(K)=0.1425$ 20; $\alpha(L)=0.0208$ 3; $\alpha(M)=0.00447$ 7 $\alpha(N)=0.001007$ 15; $\alpha(O)=0.0001526$ 22; $\alpha(P)=1.221\times 10^{-5}$ 17 |
| $^{x}186.00$ 16 | 0.44 17 | | | | | | | |
| 186.55 3 | 1.45 7 | 263.228 | 7/2 $^{-}$ | 76.709 | 7/2 $^{+}$ | [E1] | 0.0527 | $\alpha(K)=0.0447$ 7; $\alpha(L)=0.00630$ 9; $\alpha(M)=0.001353$ 19 $\alpha(N)=0.000307$ 5; $\alpha(O)=4.71\times 10^{-5}$ 7; $\alpha(P)=4.05\times 10^{-6}$ 6 |
| 190.273 17 | 2.01 7 | 453.500 | 5/2 $^{+}$ | 263.228 | 7/2 $^{-}$ | [E1] | 0.0500 | $\alpha(K)=0.0424$ 6; $\alpha(L)=0.00597$ 9; $\alpha(M)=0.001282$ 18 $\alpha(N)=0.000291$ 4; $\alpha(O)=4.47\times 10^{-5}$ 7; $\alpha(P)=3.85\times 10^{-6}$ 6 |
| $^{x}193.4$ 3 | 1.9 5 | | | | | | | |
| 196.461 9 | 29.7 4 | 394.334 | 3/2 $^{+}$ | 197.863 | 5/2 $^{-}$ | [E1] | 0.0459 | $\alpha(K)=0.0390$ 6; $\alpha(L)=0.00547$ 8; $\alpha(M)=0.001176$ 17 $\alpha(N)=0.000266$ 4; $\alpha(O)=4.10\times 10^{-5}$ 6; $\alpha(P)=3.55\times 10^{-6}$ 5 |
| 197.870 8 | 100.0 3 | 197.863 | 5/2 $^{-}$ | 0.0 | 5/2 $^{+}$ | [E1] | 0.0451 | $\alpha(K)=0.0383$ 6; $\alpha(L)=0.00537$ 8; $\alpha(M)=0.001153$ 17 $\alpha(N)=0.000261$ 4; $\alpha(O)=4.03\times 10^{-5}$ 6; $\alpha(P)=3.49\times 10^{-6}$ 5 |
| 216.95 6 | 0.57 7 | 670.419 | | 453.500 | 5/2 $^{+}$ | | 0.0214 | $\alpha(K)=0.0182$ 3; $\alpha(L)=0.00251$ 4; $\alpha(M)=0.000539$ 8 |
| 263.207 22 | 2.40 12 | 263.228 | 7/2 $^{-}$ | 0.0 | 5/2 $^{+}$ | [E1] | | $\alpha(N)=0.0001224$ 18; $\alpha(O)=1.90\times 10^{-5}$ 3; $\alpha(P)=1.705\times 10^{-6}$ 24 |
| 276.05 3 | 1.76 6 | 670.419 | | 394.334 | 3/2 $^{+}$ | | | |
| $^{x}315.2$ 4 | 0.42 6 | | | | | | | |
| 317.46 7 | 2.32 14 | 394.334 | 3/2 $^{+}$ | 76.709 | 7/2 $^{+}$ | [E2] | 0.0489 | $\alpha(K)=0.0381$ 6; $\alpha(L)=0.00846$ 12; |

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$^{157}\text{Sm } \beta^- \text{ decay }$ **1994WiZZ,1997Gr09,1996Gr20 (continued)** $\gamma(^{157}\text{Eu})$ (continued)

| E_γ^{\dagger} | $I_\gamma^{\dagger @}$ | $E_i(\text{level})$ | J_i^π | E_f | J_f^π | Mult. [‡] | $a^\#$ | Comments |
|-------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------------|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------|---------|---|
| 321.78 10 | 0.46 5 | 716.31 | | 394.334 3/2 ⁺ | | | | $\alpha(M)=0.00190 3$ |
| 376.70 11 | 0.52 6 | 453.500 | 5/2 ⁺ | 76.709 7/2 ⁺ | [M1,E2] | 0.039 10 | | $\alpha(N)=0.000427 6; \alpha(O)=6.29\times 10^{-5} 9;$ $\alpha(P)=3.58\times 10^{-6} 5$ |
| 394.351 16 | 21.3 3 | 394.334 | 3/2 ⁺ | 0.0 | 5/2 ⁺ | [M1,E2] | 0.034 9 | $\alpha(K)=0.032 9; \alpha(L)=0.0052 5;$ $\alpha(M)=0.00114 10$ |
| 453.1 4 | 0.54 14 | 716.31 | | 263.228 7/2 ⁻ | | | | $\alpha(N)=0.000259 23; \alpha(O)=4.0\times 10^{-5} 5;$ $\alpha(P)=3.4\times 10^{-6} 12$ |
| 453.47 6 | 0.72 20 | 453.500 | 5/2 ⁺ | 0.0 | 5/2 ⁺ | [M1,E2] | 0.024 7 | $\alpha(K)=0.029 8; \alpha(L)=0.0045 6;$ $\alpha(M)=0.00099 10$ |
| 472.65 6 | 1.37 8 | 670.419 | | 197.863 5/2 ⁻ | | | | $\alpha(N)=0.000226 24; \alpha(O)=3.5\times 10^{-5} 5;$ $\alpha(P)=3.0\times 10^{-6} 10$ |
| 518.46 & 11 | 0.57 & 6 | 716.31 | | 197.863 5/2 ⁻ | | | | |
| 518.46 & 11 | 0.57 & 6 | 971.99 | 3/2 ⁺ | 453.500 5/2 ⁺ | [M1,E2] | 0.017 5 | | $\alpha(K)=0.014 4; \alpha(L)=0.0021 4;$ $\alpha(M)=0.00046 8$ |
| 534.60 20 | 0.34 7 | 988.38 | | 453.500 5/2 ⁺ | | | | $\alpha(N)=0.000104 19; \alpha(O)=1.6\times 10^{-5} 4;$ $\alpha(P)=1.5\times 10^{-6} 5$ |
| ^x 557.54 10 | 0.75 7 | | | | | | | |
| 577.69 12 | 0.62 9 | 971.99 | 3/2 ⁺ | 394.334 3/2 ⁺ | [M1,E2] | 0.013 4 | | $\alpha(K)=0.011 4; \alpha(L)=0.0016 4;$ $\alpha(M)=0.00034 7$ |
| | | | | | | | | $\alpha(N)=7.8\times 10^{-5} 16; \alpha(O)=1.2\times 10^{-5} 3;$ $\alpha(P)=1.1\times 10^{-6} 4$ |
| 594.24 17 | 0.51 8 | 988.38 | | 394.334 3/2 ⁺ | | | | |
| ^x 641.46 16 | 0.40 6 | | | | | | | |
| 670.46 11 | 0.90 7 | 670.419 | | 0.0 | 5/2 ⁺ | | | |
| 716.40 7 | 1.39 8 | 716.31 | | 0.0 | 5/2 ⁺ | | | |
| ^x 724.19 19 | 0.45 8 | | | | | | | |
| 758.2 3 | 0.37 9 | 1021.27 | | 263.228 7/2 ⁻ | | | | |
| ^x 797.36 24 | 0.48 13 | | | | | | | |
| 823.39 10 | 1.00 8 | 1021.27 | | 197.863 5/2 ⁻ | | | | |
| ^x 844.0 3 | 0.45 12 | | | | | | | |
| ^x 846.0 3 | 0.58 12 | | | | | | | |
| ^x 868.52 14 | 0.58 13 | | | | | | | |
| ^x 909.3 3 | 0.51 13 | | | | | | | |
| ^x 911.7 3 | 0.61 3 | | | | | | | |
| 966.2 3 | 0.54 10 | 1360.92 | | 394.334 3/2 ⁺ | | | | |
| 988.2 1 | 0.9 4 | 1382.94 | | 394.334 3/2 ⁺ | | | | |
| 988.38 13 | 2.6 4 | 988.38 | | 0.0 | 5/2 ⁺ | | | |
| ^x 1028.16 11 | 1.02 9 | | | | | | | |
| 1155.04 24 | 0.64 12 | 1418.47 | | 263.228 7/2 ⁻ | | | | |
| 1163.14 14 | 1.52 12 | 1360.92 | | 197.863 5/2 ⁻ | | | | |
| 1185.65 12 | 1.24 11 | 1382.94 | | 197.863 5/2 ⁻ | | | | |
| 1220.82 25 | 0.57 11 | 1418.47 | | 197.863 5/2 ⁻ | | | | |
| 1300.1 3 | 0.57 13 | 1377.32 | | 76.709 7/2 ⁺ | | | | |
| ^x 1354.67 23 | 0.63 11 | | | | | | | |
| 1377.40 12 | 1.25 10 | 1377.32 | | 0.0 | 5/2 ⁺ | | | |
| 1386.35 10 | 1.76 11 | 1463.12 | | 76.709 7/2 ⁺ | | | | |

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 $\gamma(^{157}\text{Eu})$ (continued)

| E_γ^\dagger | $I_\gamma^\dagger @$ | $E_i(\text{level})$ | E_f | J_f^π |
|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-------|-----------|
| $^{x}1407.65\ 18$ | 0.61 8 | | | |
| 1463.16 9 | 5.1 3 | 1463.12 | 0.0 | $5/2^+$ |

\dagger From 1994WiZZ. Others: 1973Da05 and 1973Ka23.

\ddagger All assignments are deduced from the assigned J^π values. The intensity balance at 77 level supports the multipolarity of the 77 γ .

Additional information 1.

@ For absolute intensity per 100 decays, multiply by 0.56 10.

& Multiply placed with undivided intensity.

x γ ray not placed in level scheme.

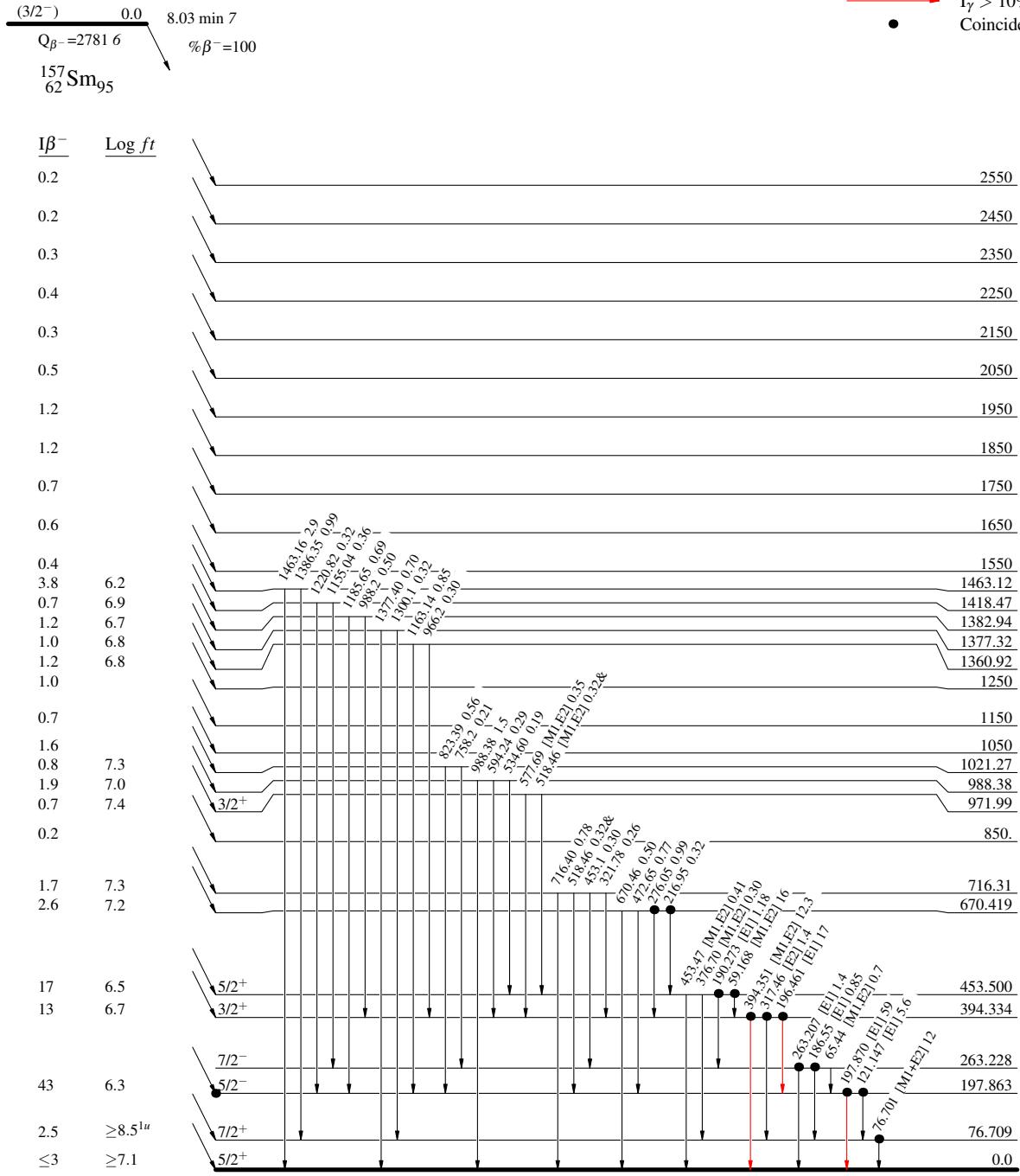
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Decay Scheme

Intensities: $I_{(\gamma+ce)}$ per 100 parent decays
 & Multiply placed: undivided intensity given

Legend

- $I_\gamma < 2\% \times I_\gamma^{\max}$
- $I_\gamma < 10\% \times I_\gamma^{\max}$
- $I_\gamma > 10\% \times I_\gamma^{\max}$
- Coincidence



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