

$^{159}\text{Sm } \beta^- \text{ decay }$ [1987Wi14](#)

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Parent: ^{159}Sm : E=0; $J^\pi=5/2^-$; $T_{1/2}=11.37$ s [15](#); $Q(\beta^-)=3805$ 65; % β^- decay=100.0

Additional information 1.

^{159}Sm produced by thermal-neutron fission of ^{235}U ([1986Ma12](#)) and spontaneous fission of ^{252}Cf ([1987Wi14](#)). In both cases identification was by mass separation and the genetic relation to the ^{159}Eu daughter activity.

The γ data and decay scheme are from [1987Wi14](#).

[1986Ma12](#): produced by thermal-neutron fission of ^{235}U with mass separation in TRISTAN; report half-life and 2 γ 's (114, 190).

[1987Gr12](#): same as [1987Wi14](#); report half-life.

[1987Wi14](#): produced by spontaneous fission of ^{252}Cf with mass separation; report half-life and 16 γ 's and all in scheme. Deduce $I\beta^-$ and some multipolarities and mixing ratios.

[1990An31](#): repeat half-life from [1987Wi14](#).

 ^{159}Eu Levels

E(level) [†]	J [‡]
0.0	(5/2 ⁺)
75.41 4	(7/2 ⁺)
172.00 6	(9/2 ⁺)
189.80 5	(5/2 ⁻)
254.54 5	(7/2 ⁻)
333.61 12	(3/2 ⁺)
1051.79 12	(7/2 ⁻)

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

[‡] From ^{159}Eu Adopted Levels and based on the (t, α) assignments of [1979Bu05](#), except that for the 1052 level, which is based on this decay. See the Adopted Levels for the band assignments.

 β^- radiations

With a Q value of 3805 keV and levels reported only to 1052 keV, the scheme is not complete. The computed log ft values may be lower than might otherwise be expected. The effect of higher-energy levels would be to reduce these $I\beta^-$ values and increase the log ft values.

E(decay)	E(level)	$I\beta^{-\dagger\ddagger}$	Log ft	Comments
(2.75×10^3 7)	1051.79	32.1	5.0	av $E\beta=1103$ 30
(3.47×10^3 7)	333.61	2.3	6.5	av $E\beta=1432$ 30
(3.55×10^3 7)	254.54	23	5.6	av $E\beta=1468$ 30
(3.62×10^3 7)	189.80	21	5.6	av $E\beta=1498$ 30
(3.63×10^3 7)	172.00	1.3	8.4 ^{1u}	av $E\beta=1483$ 30
(3.73×10^3 7)	75.41	10	6.0	av $E\beta=1550$ 30
(3.81×10^3 7)	0.0	10	6.0	av $E\beta=1585$ 30

[†] From γ intensity balances. Value for ground-state branch is assumed to be equal to that to the 75 level. Since the scheme is incomplete, no uncertainties are given.

[‡] Absolute intensity per 100 decays.

¹⁵⁹₆₃Sm β^- decay 1987Wi14 (continued) $\gamma(^{159}\text{Eu})$

I γ normalization: calculated to give 100% feeding of the ground state, with I β^- (0)=I β^- (75). If I β^- (0)=0, the normalization factor would be ≈ 0.51 .

E $_{\gamma}$	I $_{\gamma}^{\pm}$	E $_i$ (level)	J $^{\pi}_i$	E $_f$	J $^{\pi}_f$	Mult.	δ	$\alpha^{\#}$	Comments
64.76 6	2.5 3	254.54	(7/2 $^-$)	189.80	(5/2 $^-$)	[M1,E2]	10 3		$\alpha(K)=4.3$ 12; $\alpha(L)=4$ 4; $\alpha(M)=0.9$ 8; $\alpha(N+..)=0.24$ 20 $\alpha(N)=0.21$ 18; $\alpha(O)=0.029$ 23; $\alpha(P)=0.00042$ 19 Mult.: from expected reduced M1 transition probabilities and a reasonable value for the intrinsic quadrupole moment, 1987Wi14 deduce that this transition is primarily M1 with only a few percent E2.
75.44 4	9.6 6	75.41	(7/2 $^+$)	0.0	(5/2 $^+$)	[M1+E2]	0.50 18	4.7 4	$\alpha(K)=3.28$ 15; $\alpha(L)=1.1$ 4; $\alpha(M)=0.25$ 9; $\alpha(N+..)=0.066$ 21 $\alpha(N)=0.057$ 19; $\alpha(O)=0.0081$ 25; $\alpha(P)=0.00035$ 3 δ : 0.50 18 (1987Wi14) from the constancy of the ratio of intrinsic M1 matrix element within the rotational band to its intrinsic quadrupole moment and $\delta(96)$.
82.58 5	1.7 3	254.54	(7/2 $^-$)	172.00	(9/2 $^+$)	[E1]		0.475	$\alpha(K)=0.398$ 6; $\alpha(L)=0.0609$ 9; $\alpha(M)=0.01312$ 19; $\alpha(N+..)=0.00342$ 5 $\alpha(N)=0.00295$ 5; $\alpha(O)=0.000438$ 7; $\alpha(P)=3.23 \times 10^{-5}$ 5
96.65 8	1.8 4	172.00	(9/2 $^+$)	75.41	(7/2 $^+$)	[M1+E2]	0.48 18	2.17 9	$\alpha(K)=1.64$ 6; $\alpha(L)=0.41$ 11; $\alpha(M)=0.093$ 25; $\alpha(N+..)=0.024$ 6 $\alpha(N)=0.021$ 6; $\alpha(O)=0.0031$ 7; $\alpha(P)=0.000172$ 12 δ : 0.48 18 deduced (1987Wi14) from calculation of E2 portion from Alaga rules and I γ (172).
114.42 6	7.9 4	189.80	(5/2 $^-$)	75.41	(7/2 $^+$)	[E1]		0.197	$\alpha(K)=0.1662$ 24; $\alpha(L)=0.0244$ 4; $\alpha(M)=0.00524$ 8; $\alpha(N+..)=0.001374$ 20
143.90 12	2.1 3	333.61	(3/2 $^+$)	189.80	(5/2 $^-$)	[E1]		0.1060	$\alpha(N)=0.001181$ 17; $\alpha(O)=0.000179$ 3; $\alpha(P)=1.413 \times 10^{-5}$ 20 $\alpha(K)=0.0896$ 13; $\alpha(L)=0.01285$ 19; $\alpha(M)=0.00276$ 4; $\alpha(N+..)=0.000728$ 11
172.09 12	3.4 4	172.00	(9/2 $^+$)	0.0	(5/2 $^+$)	[E2]		0.358	$\alpha(N)=0.000625$ 9; $\alpha(O)=9.53 \times 10^{-5}$ 14; $\alpha(P)=7.86 \times 10^{-6}$ 12 $\alpha(K)=0.241$ 4; $\alpha(L)=0.0903$ 13; $\alpha(M)=0.0208$ 3; $\alpha(N+..)=0.00530$ 8
179.09 9	12.5 6	254.54	(7/2 $^-$)	75.41	(7/2 $^+$)	[E1]		0.0588	$\alpha(N)=0.00463$ 7; $\alpha(O)=0.000651$ 10; $\alpha(P)=1.99 \times 10^{-5}$ 3 $\alpha(K)=0.0499$ 7; $\alpha(L)=0.00704$ 10; $\alpha(M)=0.001513$ 22; $\alpha(N+..)=0.000400$ 6
189.79 9	100	189.80	(5/2 $^-$)	0.0	(5/2 $^+$)	[E1]		0.0504	$\alpha(N)=0.000343$ 5; $\alpha(O)=5.26 \times 10^{-5}$ 8; $\alpha(P)=4.49 \times 10^{-6}$ 7 $\alpha(K)=0.0427$ 6; $\alpha(L)=0.00601$ 9; $\alpha(M)=0.001291$ 19; $\alpha(N+..)=0.000341$ 5
254.43 8	21.2 9	254.54	(7/2 $^-$)	0.0	(5/2 $^+$)	[E1]		0.0233	$\alpha(N)=0.000293$ 5; $\alpha(O)=4.50 \times 10^{-5}$ 7; $\alpha(P)=3.88 \times 10^{-6}$ 6 $\alpha(K)=0.0198$ 3; $\alpha(L)=0.00274$ 4; $\alpha(M)=0.000589$ 9; $\alpha(N+..)=0.0001563$ 22
333.20 26	2.5 4	333.61	(3/2 $^+$)	0.0	(5/2 $^+$)	[M1,E2]	0.054 13		$\alpha(N)=0.0001337$ 19; $\alpha(O)=2.07 \times 10^{-5}$ 3; $\alpha(P)=1.85 \times 10^{-6}$ 3 $\alpha(K)=0.045$ 12; $\alpha(L)=0.0075$ 4; $\alpha(M)=0.00165$ 6; $\alpha(N+..)=0.000437$ 22 $\alpha(N)=0.000375$ 16; $\alpha(O)=5.8 \times 10^{-5}$ 5; $\alpha(P)=4.7 \times 10^{-6}$ 16

¹⁵⁹Sm β^- decay 1987Wi14 (continued)

<u>$\gamma(^{159}\text{Eu})$ (continued)</u>									
E_γ	I_γ^\ddagger	$E_i(\text{level})$	J_i^π	E_f	J_f^π	Mult.	$a^\#$	Comments	
797.2 5	13.2 24	1051.79	(7/2 ⁻)	254.54	(7/2 ⁻)	[M1,E2]	0.0058 16	$\alpha(\text{K})=0.0049$ 14; $\alpha(\text{L})=0.00069$ 16; $\alpha(\text{M})=0.00015$ 4; $\alpha(\text{N+..})=4.0 \times 10^{-5}$ 9	
861.97 14	39.6 24	1051.79	(7/2 ⁻)	189.80 (5/2 ⁻)	[M1,E2]		0.0048 13	$\alpha(\text{N})=3.4 \times 10^{-5}$ 8; $\alpha(\text{O})=5.4 \times 10^{-6}$ 13; $\alpha(\text{P})=5.2 \times 10^{-7}$ 16 $\alpha(\text{K})=0.0041$ 11; $\alpha(\text{L})=0.00057$ 13; $\alpha(\text{M})=0.00012$ 3; $\alpha(\text{N+..})=3.3 \times 10^{-5}$ 8	
879.8 3	5.0 7	1051.79	(7/2 ⁻)	172.00 (9/2 ⁺)	[E1]		1.38×10^{-3}	$\alpha(\text{N})=2.8 \times 10^{-5}$ 7; $\alpha(\text{O})=4.5 \times 10^{-6}$ 11; $\alpha(\text{P})=4.3 \times 10^{-7}$ 13 $\alpha(\text{K})=0.001186$ 17; $\alpha(\text{L})=0.0001544$ 22; $\alpha(\text{M})=3.30 \times 10^{-5}$ 5; $\alpha(\text{N+..})=8.85 \times 10^{-6}$ 13	
976.6 3	5.7 8	1051.79	(7/2 ⁻)	75.41 (7/2 ⁺)	[E1]		1.13×10^{-3}	$\alpha(\text{N})=7.54 \times 10^{-6}$ 11; $\alpha(\text{O})=1.192 \times 10^{-6}$ 17; $\alpha(\text{P})=1.183 \times 10^{-7}$ 17 $\alpha(\text{K})=0.000972$ 14; $\alpha(\text{L})=0.0001260$ 18; $\alpha(\text{M})=2.69 \times 10^{-5}$ 4; $\alpha(\text{N+..})=7.22 \times 10^{-6}$ 11	
1051.7 3	6.0 14	1051.79	(7/2 ⁻)	0.0 (5/2 ⁺)	[E1]		9.86×10^{-4}	$\alpha(\text{N})=6.15 \times 10^{-6}$ 9; $\alpha(\text{O})=9.74 \times 10^{-7}$ 14; $\alpha(\text{P})=9.72 \times 10^{-8}$ 14 $\alpha(\text{K})=0.000847$ 12; $\alpha(\text{L})=0.0001095$ 16; $\alpha(\text{M})=2.34 \times 10^{-5}$ 4; $\alpha(\text{N+..})=6.27 \times 10^{-6}$ 9 $\alpha(\text{N})=5.34 \times 10^{-6}$ 8; $\alpha(\text{O})=8.47 \times 10^{-7}$ 12; $\alpha(\text{P})=8.48 \times 10^{-8}$ 12	

[†] Authors argue that the M1 component is “asymptotically unhindered and intrinsically quite strong”, so the transition is predominantly M1 (1987Wi14).

[‡] For absolute intensity per 100 decays, multiply by 0.46.

[#] 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.

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