

**<sup>223</sup>Th  $\alpha$  decay (0.60 s)    [1992Li09](#),[1987E102](#),[1989An13](#)**

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Parent: <sup>223</sup>Th: E=0.0; J <sup>$\pi$</sup> =(5/2<sup>+</sup>); T<sub>1/2</sub>=0.60 s 2; Q( $\alpha$ )=7567 4; % $\alpha$  decay=100

<sup>223</sup>Th-J <sup>$\pi$</sup> ,T<sub>1/2</sub>: (5/2<sup>+</sup>) in <sup>223</sup>Th Adopted Levels in the ENSDF database (May 2001 update), based on analogy with 5/2<sup>+</sup> g.s. of isotonic <sup>221</sup>Ra, and also theoretical calculations by [1987Sh24](#). No new references for T<sub>1/2</sub> of <sup>223</sup>Th decay are available after the 2001 evaluation. Evaluators place the assignment in parentheses.

<sup>223</sup>Th-Q( $\alpha$ ): From [2021Wa16](#).

<sup>223</sup>Th-% $\alpha$  decay: % $\alpha$ =100 for <sup>223</sup>Th  $\alpha$  decay.

[1992Li09](#): <sup>223</sup>Th produced in <sup>208</sup>Pb(<sup>18</sup>O,3n),E=82 MeV, using >99% enriched <sup>208</sup>Pb target. Measured E $\alpha$ , I $\alpha$ , E $\gamma$ , %I $\gamma$ ,  $\alpha\gamma$  coin. Deduced  $\gamma$ -ray multipolarities from  $\gamma$ -ray transition intensity balances and I(K x-ray)/I $\gamma$  ratios. Revised decay scheme, in view of the results from in-beam gamma-ray spectroscopy, is given by [2001Sh14](#) (also [1993Sh43](#)), together with a detailed theoretical analysis of structure of <sup>219</sup>Ra.

[1987E102](#): <sup>223</sup>Th produced in <sup>208</sup>Pb(<sup>18</sup>O,3n),E=83 MeV. Measured E $\alpha$ , E $\gamma$ , I $\gamma$ , Ice,  $\alpha\gamma$  coin,  $\alpha$ (ce)-coin using Ge(Li) and Si(Li) detectors. Assignment of  $\alpha$ -particle groups to <sup>223</sup>Th is based on agreement with E $\alpha$  values from [1970Va13](#), and on the observation of Ra x-rays in coincidence with  $\alpha$  particles.

[1989An13](#): <sup>223</sup>Th produced in <sup>208</sup>Pb(<sup>22</sup>Ne, $\alpha$ 3n),E=100-130 MeV. Measured E $\alpha$ , I $\alpha$  using semiconductor detector.

[1990An19](#): <sup>223</sup>Th produced in <sup>205</sup>Tl(<sup>22</sup>Ne,p3n), E=100-109 MeV. Measured E $\alpha$ , I $\alpha$  using semiconductor detector.

[1970Va13](#): <sup>223</sup>Th produced in <sup>208</sup>Pb(<sup>18</sup>O,3n),E=108-130 MeV; <sup>205</sup>Tl(<sup>22</sup>Ne,p3n),E $\approx$ 100 MeV; <sup>208</sup>Pb(<sup>19</sup>F,p3n),E=100-130 MeV. Measured E $\alpha$ , I $\alpha$  using semiconductor detector.

[2001Sh14](#) (also [1993Sh43](#)): analyzed spectroscopic data from reaction and  $\alpha$ -decay experiments. Deduced levels, J,  $\pi$ , configurations.

The decay scheme presented here is from [1992Li09](#), as modified by [2001Sh14](#) on the basis of <sup>208</sup>Pb(<sup>14</sup>C,3n $\gamma$ ) results in [2000Ri12](#).

Evaluators' assignment of (5/2<sup>+</sup>) for 140-keV level, consistent with the favored  $\alpha$  decay (HF=2.7) from <sup>223</sup>Th parent J <sup>$\pi$</sup> (g.s.)=(5/2<sup>+</sup>) This decay scheme supersedes that of [1987E102](#), which included  $\gamma$  rays of 57.1-, 68.2-, and 75.2 keV that defined levels at 57-, 68.2-, and 145 keV. [1992Li09](#) did not see these  $\gamma$  rays in a  $\gamma$ -ray spectrum with about ten times better statistics.

The measured K x-ray intensity of 49% 3 ([1992Li09](#)) agrees well with 50% 5 deduced by evaluators (using the RADLST computer program), and confirms the self-consistency of the decay scheme adopted here. The total average radiation energy of 7572 keV 40, deduced using the RADLST code, agrees with Q( $\alpha$ )=7567 keV 4 from [2021Wa16](#).

<sup>219</sup>Ra Levels

E(level) <sup>†</sup>	J <sup><math>\pi</math></sup> <sup>‡</sup>	T <sub>1/2</sub>	Comments
0.0 <sup>#</sup>	(7/2 <sup>+</sup> )	9 ms 2	T <sub>1/2</sub> : from Adopted Levels.
16.6 <sup>#</sup> 2	(11/2 <sup>+</sup> )	10 ms 3	% $\alpha$ $\approx$ 100 ( <a href="#">2018Sa45</a> ); %IT=? Only the $\alpha$ decay to <sup>215</sup> Rn has been observed by <a href="#">2018Sa45</a> . T <sub>1/2</sub> : from Adopted Levels. The existence of this level is based upon the observation of 97-keV $\gamma$ rays in coincidence with 7323 keV $\alpha$ particles that populate the 113.7-keV level ( <a href="#">1992Li09</a> ). The isomeric character of this state, with an estimate of half-life, and its $\alpha$ decay mode, has been first proposed by <a href="#">2018Sa45</a> .
52.0 <sup>#</sup> 3	(3/2 <sup>+</sup> )		
113.74 <sup>@</sup> 11	(9/2 <sup>+</sup> )		
140.02 <sup>@</sup> 9	(5/2 <sup>+</sup> )		
151.97 <sup>@</sup> 9	(7/2 <sup>+</sup> )		
271.6? 8			J <sup><math>\pi</math></sup> : very tentative (9/2 <sup>-</sup> ) ( <a href="#">2001Sh14</a> ).
320.6 4	(3/2 <sup>+</sup> ,5/2,7/2 <sup>+</sup> )		J <sup><math>\pi</math></sup> : (5/2 <sup>-</sup> ) from systematics in <a href="#">2001Sh14</a> .
328.3 5	(1/2 <sup>+</sup> to 7/2 <sup>+</sup> )		J <sup><math>\pi</math></sup> : very tentative (3/2 <sup>-</sup> ) ( <a href="#">2001Sh14</a> ).
404.75 16	(3/2 <sup>+</sup> ,5/2,7/2 <sup>+</sup> )		J <sup><math>\pi</math></sup> : (5/2 <sup>-</sup> ) from systematics in <a href="#">2001Sh14</a> .
421.7 12			J <sup><math>\pi</math></sup> : very tentative (7/2 <sup>-</sup> ) ( <a href="#">2001Sh14</a> ).
445.0 3	(5/2 <sup>+</sup> ,7/2,9/2 <sup>+</sup> )		J <sup><math>\pi</math></sup> : (7/2 <sup>-</sup> ) from systematics in <a href="#">2001Sh14</a> .

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<sup>223</sup>Th  $\alpha$  decay (0.60 s) **1992Li09,1987E102,1989An13 (continued)**

<sup>219</sup>Ra Levels (continued)

E(level) <sup>†</sup>	J <sup>π</sup> <sup>‡</sup>	Comments
470.7 5	(5/2 <sup>+</sup> to 11/2 <sup>+</sup> )	J <sup>π</sup> : (9/2 <sup>-</sup> ) from systematics in <a href="#">2001Sh14</a> .
515.4 10		J <sup>π</sup> : very tentative (11/2 <sup>-</sup> ) ( <a href="#">2001Sh14</a> ).

<sup>†</sup> Deduced from least-squares fit to  $\gamma$ -ray energies.

<sup>‡</sup> From Adopted Levels, based mainly on proposed assignments by [2001Sh14](#) (also [1993Sh43](#)) from their analysis of in-beam  $\gamma$ -ray data, band assignments, and analogy with band structures in <sup>221</sup>Ra and <sup>223</sup>Ra.

# Member of K<sup>π</sup>=(1/2<sup>+</sup>) structure.

@ Member of K<sup>π</sup>=(5/2<sup>+</sup>) structure.

$\alpha$  radiations

E $\alpha$ <sup>†</sup>	E(level)	I $\alpha$ <sup>‡#</sup>	HF <sup>‡</sup>	Comments
6928	515.4	0.4	17	
6972	470.7	0.6	16	
6998	445.0	1.5	8.2	
7021	421.7	0.3	50	
7037	404.75	1.9	9	
7107	328.3	<0.1	>310	
7120	320.6	0.7	49	
7286 10	151.97	26.4	5.1	I $\alpha$ =28% 10 from $\gamma$ -transition intensity balance. E $\alpha$ : others: E $\alpha$ =7285 10, measured in coincidence with 152 $\gamma$ ( <a href="#">1987E102</a> ); E $\alpha$ =7287 10 (original E $\alpha$ increased by 2 keV because of a change in the energy of the <sup>215</sup> Po calibration standard ( <a href="#">1970Va13,1977Ma30</a> )); E $\alpha$ =7290 10 ( <a href="#">1990An19</a> ). I $\alpha$ : others: 60 10 ( <a href="#">1970Va13,1977Ma30</a> ); 41 5 ( <a href="#">1990An19</a> ).
7298 7	140.02	55.3	2.7	E $\alpha$ : other E $\alpha$ =7296 13 ( <a href="#">1987E102</a> ). I $\alpha$ =46% 8 from $\gamma$ -transition intensity balance.
7323 5	113.74	13.2	14	E $\alpha$ ,I $\alpha$ : other values: E $\alpha$ =7320 20, I $\alpha$ =81 8, multiplet ( <a href="#">1989An13</a> ). E $\alpha$ =7317 10, I $\alpha$ =40 10 (original E $\alpha$ has been increased by 2 keV because of a change in the energy of the <sup>215</sup> Po calibration standard ( <a href="#">1970Va13,1977Ma30</a> )). E $\alpha$ =7320 10, I $\alpha$ =29 5 ( <a href="#">1990An19</a> ). E $\alpha$ =7324 10 ( <a href="#">1987E102</a> ). Others: <a href="#">1952Me13</a> , <a href="#">1969Ha32</a> . I $\alpha$ =10% 9 from $\gamma$ -transition intensity balance.
7383 @	52.0	<0.5	>570	I $\alpha$ =0% 7 from $\gamma$ -transition intensity balance.
7418 @	16.6	<0.5	>750	
7435 5	0.0	≈1	≈440	E $\alpha$ : value deduced by evaluators from E $\alpha$ =7323 and E(level)=113.7, E $\alpha$ =7298 and E(level)=140.0, and E $\alpha$ =7286 and E(level)=152.0 ( <a href="#">1992Li09</a> ). E $\alpha$ =7432 reported by <a href="#">1992Li09</a> .

<sup>†</sup> From [1992Li09](#), unless otherwise specified. Uncertainty of 5 keV in energy is estimated by evaluators. Values of I $\alpha$  deduced by evaluators from  $\gamma$ -transition intensity balances are given under comments.

<sup>‡</sup> The nuclear radius parameter r<sub>0</sub>(<sup>219</sup>Ra)=1.5478 22 is deduced from interpolation (or unweighted average) of radius parameters of the adjacent even-even nuclides from [2020Si16](#).

# Absolute intensity per 100 decays.

@ Existence of this branch is questionable.

$\gamma$ (<sup>219</sup>Ra)

I $\gamma$  normalization: Absolute  $\gamma$ -ray intensities (per 100 decays of parent) are reported by [1992Li09](#).

$E_\gamma$ †	$I_\gamma$ †#	$E_i$ (level)	$J_i^\pi$	$E_f$	$J_f^\pi$	Mult.	$\delta$	$\alpha$ @	$I_{(\gamma+ce)}$ #	Comments
38.2 3	0.07 3	151.97	(7/2 <sup>+</sup> )	113.74	(9/2 <sup>+</sup> )	(M1+E2)	0.31 15	132 62	9.3 19	$\alpha(L)=1.0 \times 10^2$ 4; $\alpha(M)=25$ 11 $\alpha(N)=6$ 3; $\alpha(O)=1.4$ 6; $\alpha(P)=0.22$ 8; $\alpha(Q)=0.0074$ 4 $I_{(\gamma+ce)}$ : from in-out intensity balance at 113.7 level. 20% uncertainty is assumed by the evaluators. $\delta$ : from $\alpha=132$ 62, deduced by evaluators from $\gamma$ -ray transition intensity balance at the 113-keV level using measured $\alpha$ intensity of 13.2% from <a href="#">1992Li09</a> .
52.0 3	0.03 1	52.0	(3/2 <sup>+</sup> )	0.0	(7/2 <sup>+</sup> )	[E2]		216 7		$\alpha(L)=159$ 5; $\alpha(M)=43.1$ 14 $\alpha(N)=11.4$ 4; $\alpha(O)=2.41$ 8; $\alpha(P)=0.345$ 11; $\alpha(Q)=0.000738$ 22
88.0 5	0.5 4	140.02	(5/2 <sup>+</sup> )	52.0	(3/2 <sup>+</sup> )	[M1+E2]		11 7	6.3 22	$\alpha(L)=8$ 5; $\alpha(M)=2.1$ 14; $\alpha(N)=0.6$ 4; $\alpha(O)=0.12$ 8; $\alpha(P)=0.018$ 10; $\alpha(Q)=0.0004$ 3 $I_{(\gamma+ce)}$ : from $\gamma$ -ray transition intensity balance at 52-keV level using $\% \alpha=0$ for 52-keV level ( <a href="#">1992Li09</a> ). $I_\gamma$ : from $I(\gamma+ce)$ and $\alpha$ (theory) for assumed mult=[M1+E2].
97.14 17	0.9 1	113.74	(9/2 <sup>+</sup> )	16.6	(11/2 <sup>+</sup> )	M1		3.39		$\alpha(L)_{exp}=1.4$ 3 ( <a href="#">1987Ei02</a> ) $\alpha(L)=2.57$ 4; $\alpha(M)=0.614$ 10; $\alpha(N)=0.1619$ 25; $\alpha(O)=0.0369$ 6 $\alpha(P)=0.00644$ 10; $\alpha(Q)=0.000506$ 8 $E_\gamma$ : weighted average of 97.2 2 ( <a href="#">1992Li09</a> ) and 97.10 17 ( <a href="#">1987Ei02</a> ). Mult.: $\alpha(L)_{exp}$ is $\approx 60\%$ lower than the theoretical value for M1 ( <a href="#">1987Ei02</a> ), however, no other multipolarity is consistent with this conversion coefficient, thus definite M1 is assigned for 97.14-keV transition.
113.74 11	1.6 2	113.74	(9/2 <sup>+</sup> )	0.0	(7/2 <sup>+</sup> )	M1‡		10.83		$\alpha(L)_{exp}=1.4$ 3 ( <a href="#">1987Ei02</a> ) $\alpha(K)=8.68$ 13; $\alpha(L)=1.627$ 24; $\alpha(M)=0.389$ 6 $\alpha(N)=0.1026$ 15; $\alpha(O)=0.0234$ 4; $\alpha(P)=0.00408$ 6; $\alpha(Q)=0.000320$ 5 $E_\gamma$ : weighted average of 113.8 1 ( <a href="#">1992Li09</a> ) and 113.55 17 ( <a href="#">1987Ei02</a> ).
119.6&		271.6?		151.97	(7/2 <sup>+</sup> )					

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$\gamma(^{219}\text{Ra})$  (continued)

$E_\gamma$ †	$I_\gamma$ †#	$E_i$ (level)	$J_i^\pi$	$E_f$	$J_f^\pi$	Mult.	$\delta$	$\alpha$ @	Comments
124.4 &		445.0	(5/2 <sup>+</sup> , 7/2, 9/2 <sup>+</sup> )	320.6	(3/2 <sup>+</sup> , 5/2, 7/2 <sup>+</sup> )				
140.01 9	5.8 6	140.02	(5/2 <sup>+</sup> )	0.0	(7/2 <sup>+</sup> )	M1 ‡		5.99	$\alpha(\text{L})_{\text{exp}}=0.9$ 1 $\alpha(\text{K})=4.81$ 7; $\alpha(\text{L})=0.895$ 13; $\alpha(\text{M})=0.214$ 3 $\alpha(\text{N})=0.0565$ 8; $\alpha(\text{O})=0.01288$ 19; $\alpha(\text{P})=0.00225$ 4; $\alpha(\text{Q})=0.0001761$ 25 $E_\gamma$ : weighted average of 140.0 1 ( <a href="#">1992Li09</a> ) and 140.02 9 ( <a href="#">1987El02</a> ). Mult.: $\alpha(\text{L})_{\text{exp}}$ is consistent with M1 ( $\delta(\text{E2/M1}) < 0.5$ ) ( <a href="#">1987El02</a> ).
151.99 10	3.7 4	151.97	(7/2 <sup>+</sup> )	0.0	(7/2 <sup>+</sup> )	M1+E2 ‡	0.95 +90-50	3.3 10	$\alpha(\text{L})_{\text{exp}}=0.77$ 14; $\alpha(\text{M})_{\text{exp}}=0.18$ 8 $\alpha(\text{K})=2.1$ 11; $\alpha(\text{L})=0.86$ 10; $\alpha(\text{M})=0.22$ 4 $\alpha(\text{N})=0.059$ 9; $\alpha(\text{O})=0.0128$ 18; $\alpha(\text{P})=0.00203$ 17; $\alpha(\text{Q})=8.E-5$ 4 $E_\gamma$ : weighted average of 152.0 1 ( <a href="#">1992Li09</a> ) and 151.98 12 ( <a href="#">1987El02</a> ). Mult., $\delta$ : from $\alpha=3.3$ 10 (deduced by evaluators from $\gamma$ -ray transition intensity balance at the 152-keV level using measured $\alpha$ intensity of 26.4% from <a href="#">1992Li09</a> ). $\alpha(\text{L})_{\text{exp}}$ and $\alpha(\text{M})_{\text{exp}}$ from <a href="#">1987El02</a> give $\delta(\text{E2/M1}) < 1.0$ .
157.8 &		271.6?		113.74	(9/2 <sup>+</sup> )				
168.8 5	0.06 3	320.6	(3/2 <sup>+</sup> , 5/2, 7/2 <sup>+</sup> )	151.97	(7/2 <sup>+</sup> )				
188.4 7	≈0.02	328.3	(1/2 <sup>+</sup> to 7/2 <sup>+</sup> )	140.02	(5/2 <sup>+</sup> )				
252.8 2	0.30 9	404.75	(3/2 <sup>+</sup> , 5/2, 7/2 <sup>+</sup> )	151.97	(7/2 <sup>+</sup> )				
264.7 2	0.7 2	404.75	(3/2 <sup>+</sup> , 5/2, 7/2 <sup>+</sup> )	140.02	(5/2 <sup>+</sup> )				
268.0 10	≈0.1	320.6	(3/2 <sup>+</sup> , 5/2, 7/2 <sup>+</sup> )	52.0	(3/2 <sup>+</sup> )				
276.1 6	0.04 2	328.3	(1/2 <sup>+</sup> to 7/2 <sup>+</sup> )	52.0	(3/2 <sup>+</sup> )				
293.0 5	0.20 5	445.0	(5/2 <sup>+</sup> , 7/2, 9/2 <sup>+</sup> )	151.97	(7/2 <sup>+</sup> )				
305.0 5	0.2 1	445.0	(5/2 <sup>+</sup> , 7/2, 9/2 <sup>+</sup> )	140.02	(5/2 <sup>+</sup> )				
318.8 7	0.06 3	470.7	(5/2 <sup>+</sup> to 11/2 <sup>+</sup> )	151.97	(7/2 <sup>+</sup> )				
320.6 8	≈0.02	320.6	(3/2 <sup>+</sup> , 5/2, 7/2 <sup>+</sup> )	0.0	(7/2 <sup>+</sup> )				
331.3 5	0.2 1	445.0	(5/2 <sup>+</sup> , 7/2, 9/2 <sup>+</sup> )	113.74	(9/2 <sup>+</sup> )				
353.0	≈0.02	404.75	(3/2 <sup>+</sup> , 5/2, 7/2 <sup>+</sup> )	52.0	(3/2 <sup>+</sup> )				
356.9 7	0.10 6	470.7	(5/2 <sup>+</sup> to 11/2 <sup>+</sup> )	113.74	(9/2 <sup>+</sup> )				
401.7 10	0.06 3	515.4		113.74	(9/2 <sup>+</sup> )				
421.7 12	≈0.03	421.7		0.0	(7/2 <sup>+</sup> )				

† From [1992Li09](#) unless otherwise stated.

‡ Deduced from K x ray/ $I_\gamma$  ratios in  $\alpha\gamma$  coin experiments ([1992Li09](#)).

$^{223}\text{Th}$   $\alpha$  decay (0.60 s) [1992Li09,1987El02,1989An13](#) (continued)

$\gamma(^{219}\text{Ra})$  (continued)

# Absolute intensity per 100 decays.

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

& Placement of transition in the level scheme is uncertain.

<sup>223</sup>Th α decay (0.60 s) 1992Li09,1987El02,1989An13

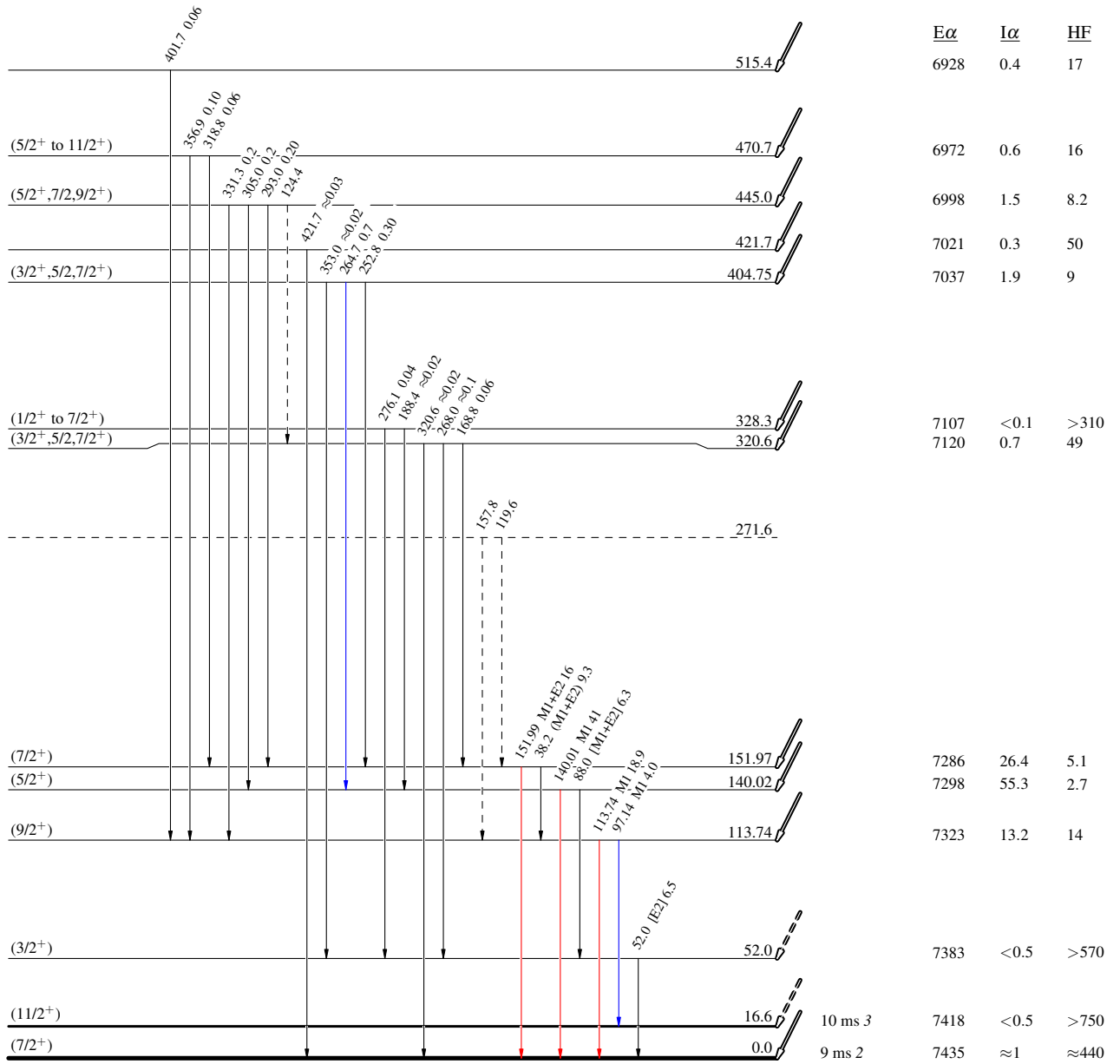
Decay Scheme

Legend

- I<sub>γ</sub> < 2% × I<sub>γ</sub><sup>max</sup>
- I<sub>γ</sub> < 10% × I<sub>γ</sub><sup>max</sup>
- I<sub>γ</sub> > 10% × I<sub>γ</sub><sup>max</sup>
- - - - -→ γ Decay (Uncertain)

Intensities: I<sub>(γ+ce)</sub> per 100 parent decays

(5/2<sup>+</sup>) 0.0 0.60 s 2  
 Q<sub>α</sub>=7567.4 %α=100  
<sup>223</sup>Th<sub>90</sub>



<sup>219</sup>Ra<sub>88</sub>