

^{239}Cm ε decay [1952Ca42,1958Va37](#)

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Parent: ^{239}Cm : $E=0$; $J^\pi=(7/2^-)$; $T_{1/2}=2.7$ h 8; $Q(\varepsilon)=1756.54$; $\% \varepsilon + \% \beta^+$ decay=100.0

^{239}Cm - $T_{1/2}$, $Q(\text{g.s.})$ From ^{239}Cm Adopted Levels.

[Additional information 1.](#)

[2008Qi03](#): ^{239}Cm was produced via the fusion reaction $^{232}\text{Th}(^{12}\text{C}, 5n)$, $E=70\text{--}74$ MeV. Curium was chemically separated.

Measured E_γ , I_γ . Determined upper limit on α emission from ^{239}Cm : $\% \alpha / \% \varepsilon < 0.00001$.

The decay scheme is based on [2008Qi03](#), on unpublished results in [1952Ca42](#), [1958Va37](#), and ^{243}Bk α decay.

 ^{239}Am Levels

E(level)	$J^\pi^\dagger$
0	$(5/2^-)$
42	$(7/2^-)$
188	$(5/2^+)$

† From Adopted Levels.

 ε, β^+ radiations

E(decay)	E(level)	Comments
$(1.57 \times 10^3 \text{ } \delta)$	188	I_ε: ε feeding to g.s. $((5/2^-))$ and 42-keV $((7/2^-))$ level is expected. Log ft: $I_\varepsilon < 100\%$ yields $\log ft > 6.3$. This value is consistent with a $5/2^+, 5/2[642]$ configuration assignment for this level. Similar transitions in neighboring nuclei have: $\log ft = 6.59$ in ^{239}Np $(5/2^+, 5/2[642])$ β^- decay to the 391-keV level $(7/2^-, 7/2[743])$, $\log ft \leq 6.8$ in ^{237}Pu $(7/2^-, 7/2[743])$ ε Decay to ^{237}Np (g.s., $5/2^+, 5/2[642])$ Analogy to ^{237}Pu ε Decay suggests that ^{239}Cm ε Decay to ^{239}Am (g.s., $5/2^-, 5/2[523])$ should be $\approx 12\%$ ($\log ft = 7.3$), and to ^{239}Am (220 keV, $7/2^+, 5/2[642])$, $\approx 9\%$ ($\log ft = 7.4$).
$(1.71 \times 10^3 \text{ } \delta)$	42	
$(1.76 \times 10^3 \text{ } \delta)$	0	

 $\gamma(^{239}\text{Am})$

I_γ normalization: Measured in [2008Qi03](#).

E_γ	$I_\gamma^{\ddagger\#}$	$E_i(\text{level})$	J_i^π	E_f	J_f^π	Mult.	$\alpha^\dagger$	Comments
42 @		42	$(7/2^-)$	0	$(5/2^-)$			
146.4 @	33	188	$(5/2^+)$	42	$(7/2^-)$	[E1]	0.215	Additional information 2.
188	100	188	$(5/2^+)$	0	$(5/2^-)$	[E1]	0.122	Additional information 3.

† [Additional information 4.](#)

‡ From [2008Qi03](#).

$^\#$ For absolute intensity per 100 decays, multiply by 0.36.

@ Placement of transition in the level scheme is uncertain.

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