

Adopted Levels, Gammas

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$Q(\beta^-) = -2950$  SY;  $S(n) = 6969.4$  I2;  $S(p) = 5419.6$  4;  $Q(\alpha) = 6215.63$  8 [2021Wa16](#)  
 $\Delta Q(\beta^-) = 140$  (syst, [2021Wa16](#)).  
 $S(2n) = 13063.2$  I7,  $S(2p) = 9899.6$  4 ([2021Wa16](#)).

For references on theory, refer to the NSR file at the Web site given in the abstract.

 $^{242}\text{Cm}$  LevelsCross Reference (XREF) Flags

- A**  $^{242}\text{Am}$   $\beta^-$  decay (16.01 h)
- B**  $^{242}\text{Bk}$   $\epsilon$  decay
- C**  $^{246}\text{Cf}$   $\alpha$  decay
- D**  $^{241}\text{Am}$  ( $^{209}\text{Bi}$ ,  $^{208}\text{Pb}$ )

E(level)	$J^\pi$	$T_{1/2}$	XREF	Comments
0.0 <sup>†</sup>	0 <sup>+</sup>	162.88 d 8	<b>A CD</b>	<p><math>\% \alpha = 100</math>; <math>\% \text{SF} = 6.2 \times 10^{-6}</math> 3; <math>\% ^{34}\text{Si} = 1.0 \times 10^{-14}</math> +4-3  <math>\% \text{SF}</math>: Deduced from the adopted <math>T_{1/2}(\text{SF})</math>; <math>\% ^{34}\text{Si}</math> was determined by <a href="#">2000Og01</a>.  <math>T_{1/2}</math>: The measured values (in units of days) are 162.5 20 (<a href="#">1950Ha14</a>), 162.46 32 (<a href="#">1954Gl37</a>), 163.0 18 (<a href="#">1954Hu32</a>), 162.7 1 (L.N.Treiman, R.A.Penneman, B.Bevan quoted in <a href="#">1957Ho71</a>), 163.2 2 (<a href="#">1975Ke02</a>), 163.1 4 (<a href="#">1965Fl02</a>, revised by <a href="#">1977Di04</a>), 162.76 8, (<a href="#">1977Di04</a>), 163.02 18 (<a href="#">1979Ch41</a>), 161.35 30 (<a href="#">1981Us03</a>), 163.17 11 and 162.82 26 (<a href="#">1982Ag02</a>), 163.0 2 (<a href="#">1984Wi14</a>). The uncertainties given for <a href="#">1954Gl37</a>, <a href="#">1977Di04</a>, <a href="#">1979Ch41</a>, <a href="#">1981Us03</a>, and <a href="#">1982Ag02</a> are reassignments by <a href="#">1986LoZT</a> of the authors' original values. The evaluators consider the value of <a href="#">1981Us03</a> to be an outlier. A weighted average of the other values is 162.877 63. The evaluators adopt 162.88 8 where the uncertainty is the smallest of the input values.</p> <p><math>T_{1/2}(\text{SF}) = 7.0 \times 10^6</math> y 2 is recommended by <a href="#">2000Ho27</a> from measured partial half-lives of <math>7.2 \times 10^6</math> y 2 (<a href="#">1951Ha87</a>), <math>6.82 \times 10^6</math> y 18 (<a href="#">1967Ar09</a>, revised value; see <a href="#">2000Ho27</a>), <math>7.46 \times 10^6</math> y 6 (<a href="#">1979Ch41</a>), <math>7.15 \times 10^6</math> y 15 (<a href="#">1982Ra33</a>), <math>6.89 \times 10^6</math> y 17 (<a href="#">1982UmZZ</a>), <math>6.98 \times 10^6</math> y 33 (<a href="#">1986Ze06</a>; revised value; see <a href="#">2000Ho27</a>), <math>6.96 \times 10^6</math> y 18 (<a href="#">1989Us04</a>).</p> <p>The partial half-life for <math>^{34}\text{Si}</math> decay was deduced by <a href="#">2000Og01</a> as <math>1.4 \times 10^{23}</math> s +5-3. Their earlier results were reported in JINR-E7-93-57, p.48 (1993) and in <a href="#">1997Tr17</a>.</p>
42.13 <sup>†</sup> 5	2 <sup>+</sup>		<b>A CD</b>	$J^\pi$ : E2 $\gamma$ to 0 <sup>+</sup> .
137 <sup>†</sup> 2	4 <sup>+</sup>		<b>A CD</b>	$J^\pi$ : energy fit to the band; $\gamma$ to 2 <sup>+</sup> ; $\alpha$ hindrance factor.
288 <sup>†</sup> 6	6 <sup>+</sup>		<b>A CD</b>	$J^\pi$ : energy fit to the band; $\gamma$ to 4 <sup>+</sup> ; $\alpha$ hindrance factor.
489.1 <sup>†</sup> 13	8 <sup>+</sup>		<b>D</b>	$J^\pi$ : energy fit to the band; $\gamma$ to 6 <sup>+</sup> .
735.9 <sup>†</sup> 14	10 <sup>+</sup>		<b>D</b>	$J^\pi$ : energy fit to the band; $\gamma$ to 8 <sup>+</sup> .
1026.2 <sup>†</sup> 15	12 <sup>+</sup>		<b>D</b>	$J^\pi$ : energy fit to the band; $\gamma$ to 10 <sup>+</sup> .
1355.2 <sup>†</sup> 15	14 <sup>+</sup>		<b>D</b>	$J^\pi$ : energy fit to the band; $\gamma$ to 12 <sup>+</sup> .
1720.8 <sup>†</sup> 16	16 <sup>+</sup>		<b>D</b>	$J^\pi$ : energy fit to the band; $\gamma$ to 14 <sup>+</sup> .
2119.5 <sup>†</sup> 17	18 <sup>+</sup>		<b>D</b>	$J^\pi$ : energy fit to the band; $\gamma$ to 16 <sup>+</sup> .
0+x		40 ps 15		<p><math>\% \text{SF} = 100</math>  Only SF decay observed. 100% SF branching is consistent with systematics of spontaneously fissioning isomer half-lives (see <a href="#">1975Me28</a>, <a href="#">1976Sl01</a>).</p>

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E(level)	$J^\pi$	$T_{1/2}$	XREF	Comments
2549.3 <sup>†</sup> 18 2.8×10 <sup>3</sup> 4	20 <sup>+</sup>	180 ns 70	D	<p><math>T_{1/2}</math>: measured by 1976SI01.  Assignment: <math>^{240}\text{Pu}(\alpha,2n)</math> E(<math>\alpha</math>)=26 MeV, <math>^{243}\text{Am}(p,2n)</math> E(p)=13 MeV (1976SI01).  Calculations of 1972We09 yield E=1.83 MeV, <math>T_{1/2}</math>=4.6 ps for the energy and half-life of the SF isomer.</p> <p><math>J^\pi</math>: energy fit to the band; <math>\gamma</math> to 18<sup>+</sup>.  %SF=?; %IT=?  <math>T_{1/2}</math>: measured by 1971Re11.  Assignment: <math>^{240}\text{Pu}(\alpha,2n)</math> excit (1971Br39), <math>^{243}\text{Am}(p,2n)</math> E(p)=20 MeV (1971Re11).</p> <p>It is not established whether the level decays by <math>\gamma</math> transition to the spontaneously fissioning 40-ps isomer, or by spontaneous fission (or both).  E(level)=2.8 4 MeV deduced by 1973Br38 from threshold energy for production of the isomer through <math>^{240}\text{Pu}(\alpha,2n)</math> reaction. See also 1971Br39.  From the anomalously high isomer excitation energy for the longer-lived isomer, 1971Br39 proposed that the longer-lived isomer was an excited state in the second potential well.  1976SI01 suggested that analogous to <math>^{238}\text{Pu}</math>, a two-quasiparticle isomeric state would be expected at about 1 MeV higher excitation energy than the 40-ps state.</p>
3008.8 <sup>†</sup> 18	22 <sup>+</sup>		D	$J^\pi$ : energy fit to the band; $\gamma$ to 20 <sup>+</sup> .
3497.4 <sup>†</sup> 19	(24 <sup>+</sup> )		D	$J^\pi$ : energy fit to the band; $\gamma$ to 22 <sup>+</sup> .
4015.7? <sup>†</sup> 20	(26 <sup>+</sup> )		D	

<sup>†</sup> Band(A): K=0 g.s. Band.

 $\gamma(^{242}\text{Cm})$ 

$E_i(\text{level})$	$J_i^\pi$	$E_\gamma$ <sup>†</sup>	$I_\gamma$	$E_f$	$J_f^\pi$	Mult.	Comments
42.13	2 <sup>+</sup>	42.129 7	100	0.0	0 <sup>+</sup>	E2	$E_\gamma$ : from $^{242}\text{Am}$ $\beta^-$ decay. Other: 42 3 from $^{246}\text{Cf}$ $\alpha$ decay. Mult.: from conversion electron ratio in $^{242}\text{Am}$ $\beta^-$ decay.
137	4 <sup>+</sup>	96 3	100	42.13	2 <sup>+</sup>		$E_\gamma$ : From $^{246}\text{Cf}$ $\alpha$ Decay.
288	6 <sup>+</sup>	150.2 5	100	137	4 <sup>+</sup>	[E2]	$E_\gamma$ : from ( $^{209}\text{Bi},^{208}\text{Pb}\gamma$ ). Other: 147 5 from $^{246}\text{Cf}$ $\alpha$ decay.
489.1	8 <sup>+</sup>	200.8 5	100	288	6 <sup>+</sup>		
735.9	10 <sup>+</sup>	246.8 5	100	489.1	8 <sup>+</sup>		
1026.2	12 <sup>+</sup>	290.3 5	100	735.9	10 <sup>+</sup>		
1355.2	14 <sup>+</sup>	329.0 5	100	1026.2	12 <sup>+</sup>		
1720.8	16 <sup>+</sup>	365.6 5	100	1355.2	14 <sup>+</sup>		
2119.5	18 <sup>+</sup>	398.7 5	100	1720.8	16 <sup>+</sup>		
2549.3	20 <sup>+</sup>	429.8 5	100	2119.5	18 <sup>+</sup>		
3008.8	22 <sup>+</sup>	459.5 5	100	2549.3	20 <sup>+</sup>		
3497.4	(24 <sup>+</sup> )	488.6 <sup>‡</sup> 5	100	3008.8	22 <sup>+</sup>		
4015.7?	(26 <sup>+</sup> )	518.3 <sup>‡</sup> 5	100	3497.4	(24 <sup>+</sup> )		

<sup>†</sup> From ( $^{209}\text{Bi},^{208}\text{Pb}\gamma$ ), except as noted.

<sup>‡</sup> Placement of transition in the level scheme is uncertain.

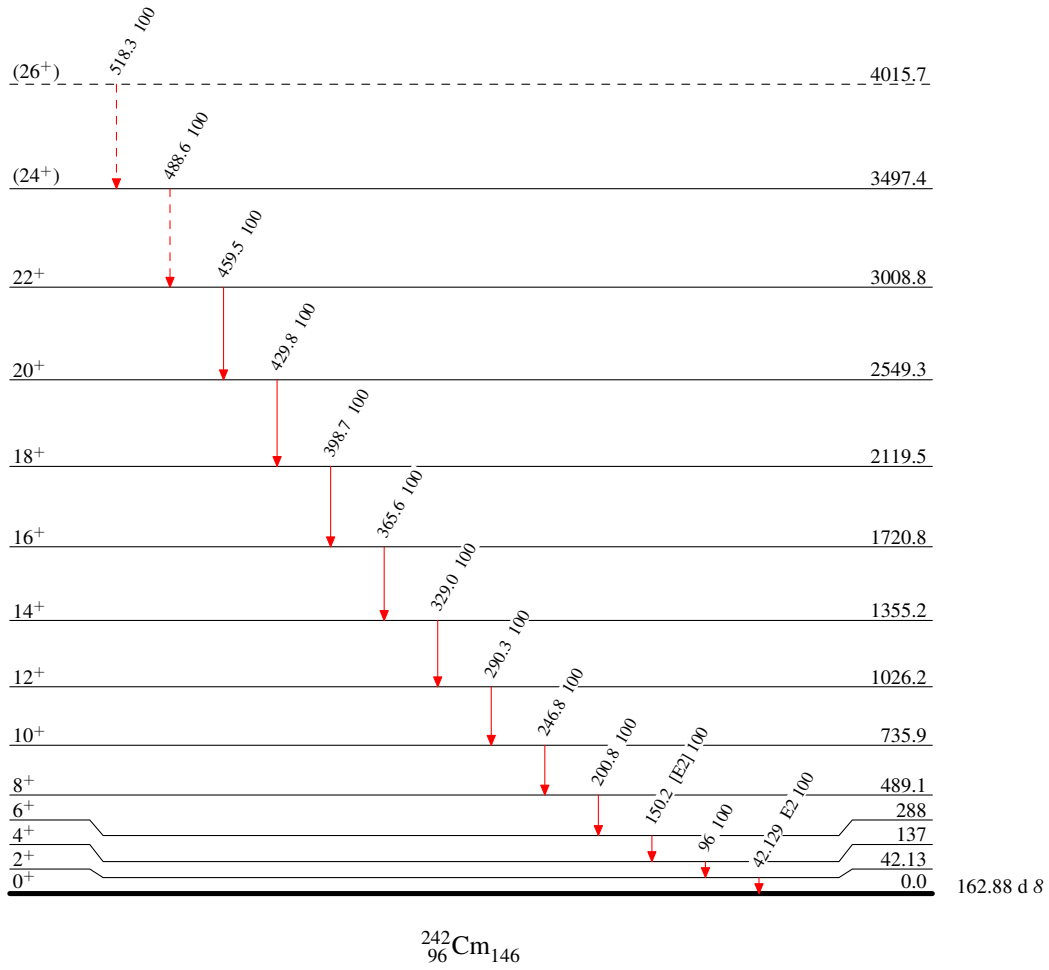
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## Legend

Level Scheme

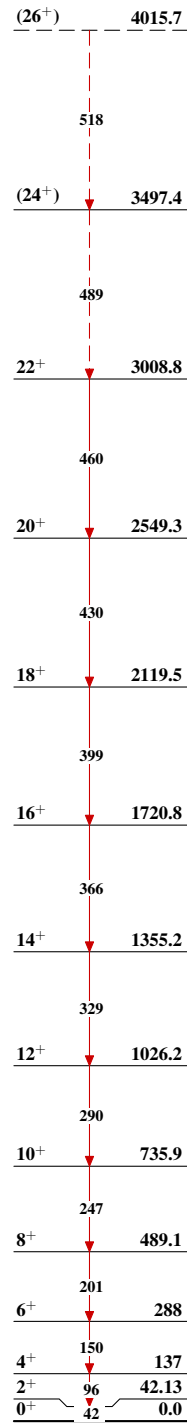
Intensities: Type not specified

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



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Band(A): K=0 g.s. Band

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