
 $^{242}\text{Bk } \varepsilon+\beta^+$ decay

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Parent: ^{242}Bk : $E=0.0$; $T_{1/2}=7.0$ min I_3 ; $Q(\varepsilon)=2950$ syst; $\% \varepsilon+\% \beta^+$ decay=99.5 5

$^{242}\text{Bk}-Q(\varepsilon)$: 2950 140 (2021Wa16).

The $\varepsilon+\beta^+$ decay mode of ^{242}Bk was established by 1979Wi03 from observation of curium $K\alpha_1$ x ray, $K\alpha_2$ x ray. No γ rays were identified due to intense background.

Probability of delayed fission following $\varepsilon+\beta^+$ decay of ^{242}Bk was studied by 1980Ga07 by measuring the ratio of SF counts to α counts from ^{242}Cm g.s. An upper limit of 3×10^{-7} for the delayed-fission probability was deduced.