

**Adopted Levels**

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$Q(\beta^-) = -2300$  SY;  $S(n) = 7115$  SY;  $S(p) = 3403$  4;  $Q(\alpha) = 6874$  4 (2012Wa38)  
 $\Delta Q(\beta^-) = 114$ ;  $\Delta S(n) = 200$  (2012Wa38).  
 $S(2n) = 13485$  syst 200;  $S(2p) = 8823$  4 (2012Wa38).

First identification: 1950Th52 in  $\alpha$  particle bombardment of Americium, chemical separation.

Theoretical calculations:

- 2013Zd01:  $T_{1/2}$  for  $\alpha$  decay calculated with a phenomenological model based on Gamow theory with WKB approximation for Coulomb barrier penetration.
- 2012Ni16:  $\alpha$  decay  $T_{1/2}$  and fine structure calculated with Multichannel cluster model.
- 2012Po01: calculated  $\alpha$  decay  $T_{1/2}$  with a universal decay law using  $\alpha$ -like R matrix theory.
- 2012Sa05, 2011Sa40: calculated  $T_{1/2}$  and  $\alpha$  decay fine structure using Coulomb and proximity potential model.
- 2012Zh01:  $\beta_2, \beta_4$ , moment of inertia, and alignments calculated with a particle conserving method based on the cranked shell model.
- 2011Zh36: partial  $\alpha$  decay  $T_{1/2}$  to members of favored band calculated with a microscopic quantum tunneling theory.
- 2010Ni02:  $T_{1/2}$  and branching ratios calculated using generalized density dependent cluster model.
- 2008Do12: calculated binding energies with additional terms beyond standard Bethe Weizsacker formula.
- 2004Pa40: deformation parameters, pairing gap, and single particle energy levels calculated with a macroscopic-microscopic model.
- 2002Lo05: calculated binding energies,  $Q(\alpha)$ , pairing gap, ground state deformation and single-particle levels with a relativistic mean field approach.
- 1985Lo17, 1978Po09: calculated spontaneous-fission half-life of ground state.
- 1984Ku05: systematic study of fission-barrier parameters.
- 1980Ka41: hindrance factors for alpha's from <sup>243</sup>Bk were calculated with R-matrix method.

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Cross Reference (XREF) Flags

**A** <sup>247</sup>Es  $\alpha$  decay (4.55 min)

E(level)	$J^\pi$	$T_{1/2}$	XREF	Comments
0.0	(3/2 <sup>-</sup> )	4.6 h 2		$\% \epsilon + \% \beta^+ \approx 99.85$ (1953Hu60, 1956Ch77); $\% \alpha \approx 0.15$ $T_{1/2}$ : from 1950Th52. Others: 4.5 h 1 (1953Hu60), 4.5 h 3 (1956Ch77); note that both are unpublished reports. $J^\pi$ : analogy with <sup>245</sup> Bk suggests 3/2 <sup>-</sup> , 3/2[521] assignment; see also footnote on $J^\pi$ of (7/2 <sup>+</sup> ), $\approx 18$ -keV level. Partial half-life for spontaneous-fission decay calculated by 1985Lo17 and 1978Po09: $\log[T_{1/2}(\text{SF in years})] \approx 3.6$ and $\approx 5.0$ from plots in 1985Lo17 and 1978Po09, respectively, yield spontaneous fission branchings $\approx 1.3 \times 10^{-5} \%$ and $\approx 5.1 \times 10^{-7} \%$ .
$\approx 18^{\ddagger}$	(7/2 <sup>+</sup> ) <sup>†</sup>		<b>A</b>	E(level): $\Delta E = 20$ keV with level energy derived from $Q\alpha$ and $E\alpha$ . This allows the possibility of the (7/2 <sup>+</sup> ) state being the ground state, although systematics suggest the ground state is (3/2 <sup>-</sup> ).
$67^{\ddagger} 20$	(9/2 <sup>+</sup> ) <sup>†</sup>		<b>A</b>	
$131^{\ddagger} 20$	(11/2 <sup>+</sup> ) <sup>†</sup>		<b>A</b>	
$\approx 2200$		5 ns		$\% \text{SF} \leq 100$ $T_{1/2}$ : from 1972Ga42. Assignment: <sup>241</sup> Am( $\alpha, 2n$ ) systematics (1972Ga42). Spontaneously fissioning shape isomer, only SF decay has been observed.

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Adopted Levels (continued) ${}^{243}\text{Bk}$  Levels (continued)

<u>E(level)</u>	<u>J<math>\pi</math></u>	<u>T<math>_{1/2}</math></u>	<u>XREF</u>	<u>Comments</u>
				E(level): <a href="#">1972Vy07</a> deduced level energy from ${}^{241}\text{Am}(\alpha,2n)$ excitation function and reaction threshold; suggested E=2.2 MeV 2 as the best level energy.

<sup>†</sup> Hindrance factors for  $\alpha$  decay from  $(7/2^+)$   ${}^{247}\text{Es}$  and the level spacings imply that these levels are probably members of a rotational band. From the unhindered character of the  $\alpha$  transition ( $\text{HF}\approx 2.4$ ) to the  $\approx 18$  keV level, the bandhead member should be the same state as that of the parent. Systematics of Nilsson states (see, for example, [1972E121](#)) suggest either the  $3/2[521]$  or the  $7/2[633]$  orbital for  ${}^{247}\text{Es}$  g.s. If the  $\alpha$  decay was to the  $3/2[521]$  orbital, the band parameter would be 9.4 which would not fit the local trend. By assuming a rotational band built on the  $7/2[633]$  state, the rotational band parameter of 5.7 is consistent with band parameters for  $7/2[633]$  bands in the region.

<sup>‡</sup> Band(A):  $7/2[633]$  band.  $\alpha=5.7$  for  $\beta=0.0$ .

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