

²⁴⁹Md α decay 2005He27,2008Ga25,2009He20

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Parent: ²⁴⁹Md: E=0.0; J ^{π} =(7/2⁻); T_{1/2}=24.8 s 10; Q(α)=8441 syst; % α decay=75 5

²⁴⁹Md-J ^{π} : From Adopted Levels for ²⁴⁹Md in 2011Ab07.

²⁴⁹Md-T_{1/2}: From weighted average of 26 s 1 (2019Br06), 23 s 3 (2009He20), 23.8 s +38-29 (2008Ga25), 19 s +3-2 (2001He35), 25 s +14-7 (1985He22), and 24 s 4 (1973Es01). The current Adopted Levels in the ENSDF database for ²⁴⁹Md (2011Ab07) gives T_{1/2}(²⁴⁹Md)= 21.7 s 20 based on references available at the time of the evaluation.

²⁴⁹Md-Q(α): 8441 18 (2021Wa16).

²⁴⁹Md-% α decay: % α from 2019Br06. The current Adopted Levels of ²⁴⁹Md (2011Ab07) gives % α >60 based on references available at the time of the evaluation.

2019Br06: ²⁴⁹Md source was produced via ²⁰³Tl(⁴⁸Ca,2n) reaction at the Accelerator Laboratory of the University of Jyväskylä (JYFL). Fusion-evaporation residues were separated and selected using the recoil ion transport unit (RITU) gas-filled separator. Separated residues were first detected in a position-sensitive multiwire proportional counter (MWPC) and then implanted into two adjacent double-sided strip detector (DSSDs). Measured energy spectra of subsequent α decays of residue recoils, recoil- α -correlations, recoil- α (t). Deduced α -decay T_{1/2}, and branching ratio.

2009He20: Improved decay data from previous experiments by this group. ²⁴⁹Md produced in the α decay chain: ²⁵⁷Db \rightarrow ²⁵³Lr \rightarrow ²⁴⁹Md. ²⁵⁷Db was produced by the ²⁰⁹Bi(⁵⁰Ti,2n) reaction at the UNILAC accelerator, GSI, Darmstadt. Evaporation residues from the heavy-ion fusion reaction were separated from the projectile beam by the velocity filter SHIP and implanted into a position-sensitive 16 strip Si PIPS detector surrounded six Si-wafers. Measured E α , I α , T_{1/2}, and excitation functions.

2008Ga25: ²⁴⁹Md produced in the α decay chain: ²⁵⁷Db \rightarrow ²⁵³Lr \rightarrow ²⁴⁹Md. The ²⁵⁷Db activity was produced by the ²⁰⁹Bi(⁵⁰Ti,2n) and ²⁰⁸Pb(⁵¹V,2n) reactions at 4.7 – 5.1 MeV/nucleon beams of ⁵¹V and ⁵⁰Ti provided by the 88-Inch Cyclotron at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. Evaporation residues were separated from the beam and other unwanted reaction products in the Berkeley Gas-filled Separator. The Db recoils were implanted at the focal plane detector consisting of silicon cards that were able to detect the alphas.

2005He27: ²⁴⁹Md was produced in two reactions:

i) ²⁰⁹Bi(⁵⁰Ti,2n)^{257m,g}Db \rightarrow α decay \rightarrow ^{253m,g}Lr \rightarrow α decay \rightarrow ²⁴⁹Md.

ii) ²⁰⁹Bi(⁴⁸Ca,4n) ^{253m,g}Lr \rightarrow α decay \rightarrow ²⁴⁹Md.

The experiment was performed at the UNILAC accelerator, GSI, Darmstadt. Evaporation residues from the heavy-ion fusion reaction were separated from the projectile beam by the velocity filter SHIP and implanted into a position-sensitive 16 strip Si PIPS detector. Measured (fragments) α coin, $\alpha\gamma$ coin, prompt and delayed γ rays, K-x rays. A ‘Clover’ detector was used for γ rays.

1985He22: ²⁴⁹Md produced in the α decay chain: ²⁵⁷Db \rightarrow ²⁵³Lr \rightarrow ²⁴⁹Md. ²⁵⁷Db was produced by the ²⁰⁹Bi(⁵⁰Ti,2n) reaction at the UNILAC accelerator, GSI, Darmstadt. Evaporation residues from the heavy-ion fusion reaction were separated from the projectile beam by the velocity filter SHIP and identified after implantation into an array of position-sensitive surface-barrier detectors by analyzing their α -decay chains. Measured E α , I α , T_{1/2}, branching ratio and excitation functions.

1973Es01: ²⁴⁹Md was populated in the ²⁴¹Am(¹²C, α 4n) reaction at the Berkeley heavy-ion linear accelerator. Alpha spectrum was measured with a series of Si-Au surface barrier detectors. Measured excitation function, T_{1/2}, E α , I α .

²⁴⁵Es Levels

E(level) [‡]	J ^{π} [†]	T _{1/2} [†]	Comments
0.0	(3/2 ⁻)	66.6 s 60	J ^{π} : Systematics of Nilsson orbitals suggests either the 3/2[521] or the 7/2[633] state. 3/2[521] and 7/2[633] orbitals are close in energy and either could be the g.s. However, 2005He27 estimate that 7/2 ⁺ bandhead of 7/2[633] band lies \approx 30 keV above the 3/2 ⁻ bandhead of 3/2[521] band, hence the g.s is assigned (3/2 ⁻).
0.0+x	(7/2 ⁺)		E(level): x \approx 30 keV 15 (2005He27). x=30 keV 21 deduced by evaluator (see comments at Ex=253.2+x. Configuration=7/2[633].
52.8+x	(9/2 ⁺)		
253.2+x 3	(7/2 ⁻)		E(level): x=30 keV 21 deduced by evaluator using Q α (g.s.)=8441 keV 18 and E α =8026 keV 10. Configuration=7/2[514].

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²⁴⁵Es Levels (continued)

† From Adopted Levels.

‡ From level scheme in [2005He27](#).

α radiations

<u>Eα</u> [†]	<u>E(level)</u>	<u>Iα</u> [#]	<u>HF</u> [‡]	<u>Comments</u>
8026 10	253.2+x	100	≈1.10	E α : From 2009He20 . Others: 8030 keV 20 (1973Es01), 8026 keV 20 (1985He22). I α : From 2009He20 . Intensity per 100 alpha decays.

† Two additional α lines may be attributed to the α decay of ²⁴⁹Md. 8087 keV 7956 keV ([2009He20](#)). From α - γ coincidence, [2009He20](#) suggests that the former 8087-keV could be interpreted as a result of summing with conversion electrons from the transition of 9/2⁺ → 7/2⁺.

‡ The nuclear radius parameter r₀(²⁴⁵Es)=1.4945 65 as specified by the user. The nuclear radius parameter r₀(²⁴⁵Es) is the unweighted average of adjacent even-even nuclides r₀(²⁴⁴Cf) and r₀(²⁴⁶Fm) The r₀(²⁴⁴Cf)=1.4945 65 ([2020Si16](#)) but evaluator is unable to estimate the r₀(²⁴⁶Fm). Hence r₀(²⁴⁵Cf)=1.4945 65 is used in the estimation of HF.

For absolute intensity per 100 decays, multiply by 0.75 5.

γ (²⁴⁵Es)

<u>Eγ</u> [†]	<u>Iγ</u> [†]	<u>E_i(level)</u>	<u>J_i^{π}</u>	<u>E_f</u>	<u>J_f^{π}</u>	<u>Mult.</u>	<u>α</u> [‡]	<u>Comments</u>
200.4 7	20 8	253.2+x	(7/2 ⁻)	52.8+x	(9/2 ⁺)			E γ : Transition into the 9/2 ⁺ level assigned by 2005He27 .
^x 223.2 5	10 5							E γ : Was seen in coincidence with E α =8029 keV 10 by 2009He20 . Due to low statistics of events, the evaluator considers this gamma unplaced.
253.2 5	100	253.2+x	(7/2 ⁻)	0.0+x	(7/2 ⁺)	E1	0.0673 10	α (K)=0.0518 8; α (L)=0.01155 17; α (M)=0.00285 4 α (N)=0.000786 12; α (O)=0.0002014 30; α (P)=3.62×10 ⁻⁵ 5; α (Q)=1.544×10 ⁻⁶ 22 Mult.: From α (K)exp≤0.09; α (L)exp≤0.034 deduced from ratio of K x ray, L x ray and I γ (2005He27).

† From [2005He27](#). I γ have been normalized to I(253.2 γ)=100.

‡ [Additional information 1](#).

^x γ ray not placed in level scheme.

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Decay Scheme

Intensities: Relative I_γ

Legend

- $I_\gamma < 2\% \times I_\gamma^{max}$
- $I_\gamma < 10\% \times I_\gamma^{max}$
- $I_\gamma > 10\% \times I_\gamma^{max}$

