

²⁴⁶Bk ε+β⁺ decay 1976Ah03

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Parent: ²⁴⁶Bk: E=0.0+x; J^π=2⁽⁻⁾; T_{1/2}=1.80 d 2; Q(ε)=1350 60; %ε+%β⁺ decay=100

²⁴⁶Bk-Q(ε): From 2021Wa16.

1976Ah03: ²⁴⁶Bk was produced from the irradiation of ²⁴³Am with 34 MeV α particles at the Argonne 152 cm cyclotron. The chemically mass separated ²⁴⁶Bk was then processed into a thin source. The electron capture decay of ²⁴⁶Bk was investigated by measuring the gamma-rays and conversion-electron spectra with Ge(Li) and Si(Li) detectors, respectively. Measured T_{1/2} of ²⁴⁶Bk, Eγ, Iγ, E(ce), Ice, cey-coin, Deduced levels, multipolarity, J^π and logft. See earlier report: 1966Ah02.

Other: 1966Or01.

Using program RadiationReport, the evaluator has calculated from the decay scheme, x-ray intensities as follows: Kα₂ x ray=19.7 24, Kα₁ x ray=30.9 38, Kβ₁₂ x ray=15.6 19. These values are compared with experimental results (1976Ah03) of Kα₂ x ray=19.0 13, Kα₁ x ray=29.0 2, and (Kβ₁ x ray=11.0 8 + Kβ₂ x ray=4.0 3)= 15.0 8. This agreement confirms the quality of the data and the consistency of the decay scheme.

²⁴⁶Cm Levels

E(level) [‡]	J ^π [†]	T _{1/2} [†]
0.0	0 ⁺	4706 y 40
42.85 10	2 ⁺	123.2 ps 23
142.06 12	4 ⁺	
841.55 12	2 ⁻	
876.36 12	3 ⁻	
1078.83 9	1 ⁻	
1104.85 14	2 ⁻	
1124.28 9	2 ⁺	
1128.09 12	3 ⁻	
1165.49 11	3 ⁺	

[†] From Adopted Levels.

[‡] Deduced by the evaluator from least-squares fit to Eγ data.

ε,β⁺ radiations

E(decay)	E(level)	I _ε ^{†‡}	Log ft	Comments
(1.9×10 ² 6)	1165.49	0.55 11	7.4 6	εK=0.3 3; εL=0.49 18; εM+=0.21 12
(2.2×10 ² 6)	1128.09	0.27 5	8.0 5	εK=0.4 3; εL=0.40 18; εM+=0.17 10
(2.3×10 ² 6)	1124.28	10.8 9	6.4 5	εK=0.4 3; εL=0.39 17; εM+=0.16 9
(2.5×10 ² 6)	1104.85	2.97 29	7.1 4	εK=0.49 20; εL=0.36 13; εM+=0.15 7
(2.7×10 ² 6)	1078.83	5.6 5	6.9 4	εK=0.53 14; εL=0.33 9; εM+=0.13 5
(4.7×10 ² 6)	876.36	21.5 22	7.03 16	εK=0.673 22; εL=0.237 16; εM+=0.090 7
(5.1×10 ² 6)	841.55	50 6	6.74 15	εK=0.682 18; εL=0.231 13; εM+=0.087 6
(1.21×10 ³ 6)	142.06	≤0.56	≥10.2 ^{1u}	εK=0.704 5; εL=0.215 4; εM+=0.0804 16
(1.31×10 ³ 6)	42.85	≈7.5	≈8.5	εK=0.7484 17; εL=0.1850 12; εM+=0.0666 6
(1.35×10 ³ 6)	0.0	≤3	≥9.7 ^{1u}	εK=0.714 4; εL=0.209 3; εM+=0.0774 12

I_ε: -6 % 9 deduced by the evaluator from I(K x ray), Q(ε), ε branchings, theoretical K/ε ratios of the proposed level scheme and the experimental K-shell fluorescence yield ω=0.976 (1976Ah03). Negative feeding -9 % 10 was also deduced by 1976Ah03. A limit of I_ε≤3 is given by the evaluator.

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ε, β^+ radiations (continued)

† From level scheme intensity balance, unless otherwise noted. In order to generate an output from the LOGFT code, the evaluator had set the E(parent)=0.0.

‡ Absolute intensity per 100 decays.

γ(²⁴⁶Cm)

I_γ normalization: From ΣI(γ+ce)(to 0.0+43 level)= 91% 4. (I(γ+ce)(42.8γ) not included in this sum), since Iβ⁻(g.s.) + Iβ(42-keV state)=9% 4 (1976Ah03).

Uncertainty was not provided by authors (1976Ah03), but was assigned by the evaluator ε(g.s.)<8% from K x ray intensity (1976Ah03).

The evaluator calculated the number of K-shell holes due to internal conversions (0.49 2) and electron captures (69 8). The latter was deduced from ε branchings and theoretical K/ε ratios for Q+=1350 60 keV. Experimental K-shell fluorescence yield correction of 0.971 6 (1979Ah01) was used in the calculation to determine the total I(K x ray)= 68 % 8 which is in agreement with the measured value 63 % 4 by 1976Ah03.

Measured x-ray intensities (1976Ah03)

Energy	Intensity	x-ray
104.6 1	19.0 13	Cm Kα ₂
109.3 1	29.0 2	Cm Kα ₁
123.2 2	11.0 8	Cm Kβ ₁ '
127.1 2	4.0 3	Cm Kβ ₂ '
Σ I(K x ray)=63 4		(1976Ah03)

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E _γ [†]	I _γ ^{†b}	E _i (level)	J _i ^π	E _f	J _f ^π	Mult. [‡]	α ^a	I _(γ+ce) ^b	Comments
34.8 [#] 1	0.0084 [@] 7	876.36	3 ⁻	841.55	2 ⁻	(M1,E2)	1.5×10 ³ 14	12.9 16	α(L)=1.1×10 ³ 10; α(M)=3.1×10 ² 28 α(N)=9.E1 8; α(O)=21 19; α(P)=3.5 31; α(Q)=0.021 7 %I _γ =0.0086 9 Mult.: M:N+O=2.6 2:0.76 8(1976Ah03). M1,E2 given by 1976Ah03. Note that BrIccMixing code gives a high reduced χ ² . I _(γ+ce) : From I(ce(M))=2.6 2, Ice(N+O)=0.76 8, (1976Ah03).
42.8 [#]	≈0.085 [@]	42.85	2 ⁺	0.0	0 ⁺	E2	1070 15	≈91	ce(L)/(γ+ce)=0.723 8; ce(M)/(γ+ce)=0.204 4 ce(N)/(γ+ce)=0.0566 11; ce(O)/(γ+ce)=0.01368 27; ce(P)/(γ+ce)=0.00223 4; ce(Q)/(γ+ce)=5.49×10 ⁻⁶ 11 α(L)=774 11; α(M)=218.1 31 α(N)=60.6 8; α(O)=14.65 21; α(P)=2.393 34; α(Q)=0.00587 8 %I _γ ≈0.087 I _(γ+ce) : From Ice(L1+L2)≈35, Ice(L3)≈30, Ice(M)=18.5 14, and Ice(N+O)=7.3 6 (1976Ah03). Mult.: L1+L2:L3≈ 35:30 (1976Ah03) M:N+O= 18.5 14:7.3 6 (1976Ah03).
99.2 [#] 1	0.20 [@] 1	142.06	4 ⁺	42.85	2 ⁺	E2	19.43 29	4.0 2	ce(L)/(γ+ce)=0.687 7; ce(M)/(γ+ce)=0.1943 35

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γ(²⁴⁶Cm) (continued)

<u>E_γ[†]</u>	<u>I_γ^{†b}</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^a</u>	<u>Comments</u>
								ce(N)/(γ+ce)=0.0541 11; ce(O)/(γ+ce)=0.01310 27; ce(P)/(γ+ce)=0.00217 4; ce(Q)/(γ+ce)=8.89×10 ⁻⁶ 18 α(L)=14.05 21; α(M)=3.97 6 α(N)=1.105 16; α(O)=0.268 4; α(P)=0.0444 7; α(Q)=0.0001817 26 %I _γ =0.204 17 I _(γ+ce) : From Ice(L1+L2)=1.86 14, Ice(L3)=1.25 9, Ice(M)=0.89 17 (1976Ah03). Mult.: L1+L2:L3:M= 1.86 14;1.25 9;0.89 7 (1976Ah03). α(K)=0.00606 8; α(L)=0.001100 15; α(M)=0.000265 4 α(N)=7.22×10 ⁻⁵ 10; α(O)=1.825×10 ⁻⁵ 26; α(P)=3.52×10 ⁻⁶ 5; α(Q)=2.327×10 ⁻⁷ 33 %I _γ =3.16 30 Mult.: α(K)exp=0.0061,α(L1+L2)exp=0.0013, K:L1+L2= 0.019 13:0.004 1 (1976Ah03); α(K)exp≤0.01 (1966Or01).
734.3 1	3.1 2	876.36	3 ⁻	142.06	4 ⁺	E1	0.00752 11	α(K)=0.00523 7; α(L)=0.000941 13; α(M)=0.0002260 32 α(N)=6.17×10 ⁻⁵ 9; α(O)=1.560×10 ⁻⁵ 22; α(P)=3.01×10 ⁻⁶ 4; α(Q)=2.017×10 ⁻⁷ 28 %I _γ =62 6 Mult.: K:L1+L2:L3:α(K)exp:α(L1+L2)exp:α(L3)exp:K/L= 0.32 2:0.055 4:0.005 1:0.0052:0.0009:0.000081:≈5.2.
798.7 1	61 4	841.55	2 ⁻	42.85	2 ⁺	E1	0.00648 9	α(K)=0.00486 7; α(L)=0.000870 12; α(M)=0.0002088 29 α(N)=5.70×10 ⁻⁵ 8; α(O)=1.443×10 ⁻⁵ 20; α(P)=2.79×10 ⁻⁶ 4; α(Q)=1.876×10 ⁻⁷ 26 %I _γ =5.1 5 Mult.: α(K)exp=0.0052 (1976Ah03); α(K)exp 0.004 2 (1966Or01). α(K)=0.01042 15; α(L)=0.00287 4; α(M)=0.000727 10 α(N)=0.0002001 28; α(O)=5.02×10 ⁻⁵ 7; α(P)=9.51×10 ⁻⁶ 13; α(Q)=5.00×10 ⁻⁷ 7 %I _γ =0.224 26
833.5 1	5.0 3	876.36	3 ⁻	42.85	2 ⁺	E1	0.00601 8	%I _γ =0.27 4 α(K)=0.00364 5; α(L)=0.000642 9; α(M)=0.0001539 22 α(N)=4.20×10 ⁻⁵ 6; α(O)=1.064×10 ⁻⁵ 15; α(P)=2.065×10 ⁻⁶ 29; α(Q)=1.417×10 ⁻⁷ 20 E _γ ,Mult.: From Adopted Gammas. Mult.: α(K)exp≤0.008 (1966Or01). α(K)=0.00971 14; α(L)=0.00260 4; α(M)=0.000657 9 α(N)=0.0001808 25; α(O)=4.54×10 ⁻⁵ 6; α(P)=8.62×10 ⁻⁶ 12; α(Q)=4.63×10 ⁻⁷ 6 %I _γ =0.153 23
982.2 2	0.22 2	1124.28	2 ⁺	142.06	4 ⁺	[E2]	0.01428 20	α(K)=0.00334 5; α(L)=0.000588 8; α(M)=0.0001409 20 α(N)=3.84×10 ⁻⁵ 5; α(O)=9.75×10 ⁻⁶ 14; α(P)=1.893×10 ⁻⁶ 27; α(Q)=1.306×10 ⁻⁷ 18 %I _γ =1.79 18 Mult.: α(K)exp=0.0037 (1976Ah03); α(K)exp≤0.003 (1966Or01). α(K)=0.00320 4; α(L)=0.000563 8; α(M)=0.0001348 19 α(N)=3.68×10 ⁻⁵ 5; α(O)=9.33×10 ⁻⁶ 13; α(P)=1.813×10 ⁻⁶ 25; α(Q)=1.254×10 ⁻⁷ 18 %I _γ =2.96 29
986.03 4	0.26 3	1128.09	3 ⁻	142.06	4 ⁺	(E1)	0.00449 6	Mult.: α(K)exp=0.0029 (1976Ah03); α(K)exp≤0.003 (1966Or01). α(K)=0.00312 4; α(L)=0.000548 8; α(M)=0.0001311 18
1023.4 2	0.15 2	1165.49	3 ⁺	142.06	4 ⁺	[E2]	0.01321 18	
1036.0 1	1.75 13	1078.83	1 ⁻	42.85	2 ⁺	E1	0.00412 6	
1062.0 1	2.9 2	1104.85	2 ⁻	42.85	2 ⁺	E1	0.00395 6	
1078.8 1	3.7 3	1078.83	1 ⁻	0.0	0 ⁺	E1	0.00385 5	

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γ(²⁴⁶Cm) (continued)

E_γ [†]	I_γ ^{†b}	$E_i(\text{level})$	J_i^π	E_f	J_f^π	Mult. [‡]	α^a	Comments
1081.4 1	5.8 4	1124.28	2 ⁺	42.85	2 ⁺	E2	0.01190 17	$\alpha(\text{N})=3.58 \times 10^{-5}$ 5; $\alpha(\text{O})=9.07 \times 10^{-6}$ 13; $\alpha(\text{P})=1.764 \times 10^{-6}$ 25; $\alpha(\text{Q})=1.222 \times 10^{-7}$ 17 %I γ =3.8 4 Mult.: $\alpha(\text{K})_{\text{exp}}=0.0041$ (1976Ah03); $\alpha(\text{K})_{\text{exp}} \leq 0.003$ (1966Or01). $\alpha(\text{K})=0.00884$ 12; $\alpha(\text{L})=0.002286$ 32; $\alpha(\text{M})=0.000575$ 8 $\alpha(\text{N})=0.0001581$ 22; $\alpha(\text{O})=3.98 \times 10^{-5}$ 6; $\alpha(\text{P})=7.57 \times 10^{-6}$ 11; $\alpha(\text{Q})=4.17 \times 10^{-7}$ 6 %I γ =5.9 6 Mult.: $\alpha(\text{K})_{\text{exp}}=0.0093$ (1976Ah03); $\alpha(\text{K})_{\text{exp}}=0.008$ 3 (1966Or01); K/L \approx 3.9 (1966Or01).
1122.64& 6	0.38& 7	1165.49	3 ⁺	42.85	2 ⁺	E2	0.01110 16	$\alpha(\text{K})=0.00829$ 12; $\alpha(\text{L})=0.002097$ 29; $\alpha(\text{M})=0.000526$ 7 $\alpha(\text{N})=0.0001446$ 20; $\alpha(\text{O})=3.64 \times 10^{-5}$ 5; $\alpha(\text{P})=6.94 \times 10^{-6}$ 10; $\alpha(\text{Q})=3.89 \times 10^{-7}$ 5 $\alpha(\text{IPF})=2.167 \times 10^{-7}$ 31 %I γ =0.39 8 E γ : From Adopted Gammas.
1124.3& 1	4.4& 3	1124.28	2 ⁺	0.0	0 ⁺	E2	0.01107 15	$\alpha(\text{K})=0.00827$ 12; $\alpha(\text{L})=0.002090$ 29; $\alpha(\text{M})=0.000524$ 7 $\alpha(\text{N})=0.0001441$ 20; $\alpha(\text{O})=3.63 \times 10^{-5}$ 5; $\alpha(\text{P})=6.92 \times 10^{-6}$ 10; $\alpha(\text{Q})=3.88 \times 10^{-7}$ 5 $\alpha(\text{IPF})=2.328 \times 10^{-7}$ 34 %I γ =4.5 4 Mult.: $\alpha(\text{K})_{\text{exp}}=0.0085$, K:L1+L2=0.041 3:0.0078 12 (1976Ah03).

[†] From 1976Ah03, unless otherwise noted.

[‡] From Adopted Gammas. α and ce-ratios from 1976Ah03 are given in comments. Normalization of I(ce) to I γ not stated (1976Ah03); normalized to $\alpha(\text{K})(799\gamma, \text{E1})=0.00524$ (1966Or01).

Observed in ce spectrum only (1976Ah03).

@ Deduced by the evaluator from I(γ +ce) and α .

& The 1124.3 γ appears to be a doublet from ²⁴⁶Am (25 min) decay. From ²⁴⁶Am (25 min) decay I γ (1122.64)/I γ (1023.44)=2.5 3, the evaluator deduced I γ (1122.64)=0.38 7 at E=1165-keV level and I γ (1124.3)=4.4 3 at E=1124-keV level.

^a Additional information 1.

^b For absolute intensity per 100 decays, multiply by 1.02 7.

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Decay Scheme

Legend

Intensities: I_γ per 100 parent decays

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

