

**<sup>251</sup>Cf  $\alpha$  decay 2003Ah07,1968Ch03,1970BrZN**

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Parent: <sup>251</sup>Cf: E=0.0; J <sup>$\pi$</sup> =1/2<sup>+</sup>; T<sub>1/2</sub>=898 y 44; Q( $\alpha$ )=6177.0 9; % $\alpha$  decay=100

<sup>251</sup>Cf-T<sub>1/2</sub>: From Adopted Levels in <sup>251</sup>Cf.

<sup>251</sup>Cf-Q( $\alpha$ ): From 2012Wa38. E $\alpha$  (to 404.90 level)=5679.3 16 yields Q $\alpha$ =6176.2 16.

2003Ah07: Produced <sup>251</sup>Cf from  $\alpha$  decay of <sup>255</sup>Fm. Measured level T<sub>1/2</sub>,  $\gamma$ ,  $\alpha$ ,  $\alpha$ - $\gamma$  coincidence, and electron spectra with high resolution spectrometers such as the passivated, implanted, planar silicon Detector (PIPS) (FWHM=10.5 and 9.2 keV). The latter being also measured by the PIN diode.

1970BrZN: Studied alpha spectrum decay of <sup>251</sup>Cf with a Au-Si surface barrier detector (FWHM=15 keV) and ZnS-photomultiplier tube. Measured  $\gamma$ 's with 5 cm<sup>3</sup> Ge(Li) detector and electrons with Si(Li) detector. Measured  $\alpha$ -particles energies,  $\gamma$  energies, intensities,  $\alpha$ - $\gamma$  coincidence, and conversion electrons.

1968Ch03:  $\alpha$  decay of <sup>251</sup>Cf along with  $\alpha$ - $\gamma$  coincidence measurements were done using Si(Au), Ge(Li) and NaI(Tl) detectors. Measured E $\alpha$ , I $\alpha$ , E $\gamma$ , I $\gamma$ ,  $\alpha$ - $\gamma$  coincidences. Deduced J <sup>$\pi$</sup> , T<sub>1/2</sub> and identified rotational bands.

Other measurements: 1966Rg01.

<sup>247</sup>Cm Levels

E(level) <sup>†</sup>	J <sup><math>\pi</math></sup>	T <sub>1/2</sub>	Comments
0.0 <sup>‡</sup>	9/2 <sup>-</sup>	1.56×10 <sup>7</sup> y 5	T <sub>1/2</sub> : From Adopted Levels.
61.67 <sup>‡</sup> 4	11/2 <sup>-</sup>		
134.66 <sup>‡</sup> 6	13/2 <sup>-</sup>		
219.02 <sup>‡</sup> 7	15/2 <sup>-</sup>		
227.379 <sup>#</sup> 19	5/2 <sup>+</sup>	26.3 $\mu$ s 3	T <sub>1/2</sub> : From 2003Ah03. Others: 25 $\mu$ s 3 (1968Ch03).
265.86 <sup>#</sup> 4	(7/2 <sup>+</sup> )		
285.41 <sup>@</sup> 5	(7/2 <sup>+</sup> )		
318.31 <sup>#</sup> 5	9/2 <sup>+</sup>		
345.89 <sup>@</sup> 6	(9/2 <sup>+</sup> )		
404.90 <sup>&amp;</sup> 3	1/2 <sup>+</sup>	100.6 ns 6	T <sub>1/2</sub> : From 2003Ah03.
432.98 <sup>&amp;</sup> 23	(3/2 <sup>+</sup> )		
448.8 <sup>&amp;</sup> 13	(5/2 <sup>+</sup> )		
516.68 <sup>&amp;</sup> 11	(7/2 <sup>+</sup> )		
518.59 <sup>a</sup> 7	(3/2 <sup>+</sup> )		
581.67 <sup>a</sup> 8	(5/2 <sup>+</sup> )		

<sup>†</sup> From least-squares fit to E $\gamma$ 's.

<sup>‡</sup> Band(A): 9/2[734].

<sup>#</sup> Band(B): 5/2[622].

<sup>@</sup> Band(C): 7/2[624].

<sup>&</sup> Band(D): 1/2[620].

<sup>a</sup> Band(E): 1/2[631].

$\alpha$  radiations

E $\alpha$ <sup>†</sup>	E(level)	I $\alpha$ <sup>‡@</sup>	HF <sup>#</sup>	Comments
5505 2	581.67	0.27 5	33 7	I $\alpha$ : 0.060 17 from I( $\gamma$ +ce) imbalances.
5567 2	518.59	≤1.9	≥10	E $\alpha$ : From E $\alpha$ (404.9 level)=5679.3 16 and the level energy difference from least-squares fit to E $\gamma$ 's (recoil energy is taken into account). E $\alpha$ =5568 2, measured by 2003Ah07, is assumed by the evaluator to be a doublet, feeding the 516.7- and 518.6-keV levels. I $\alpha$ : 1.9 1 was measured by 2003Ah07 for the doublet.

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$^{251}\text{Cf}$   $\alpha$  decay [2003Ah07](#), [1968Ch03](#), [1970BrZN](#) (continued) $\alpha$  radiations (continued)

$E\alpha^\dagger$	E(level)	$I\alpha^\ddagger@$	HF <sup>#</sup>	Comments
5569 2	516.68	$\leq 1.9$	$\geq 11$	$E\alpha$ : From $E\alpha(404.9 \text{ level})=5679.3 \text{ 16}$ and the level energy difference from least-squares fit to $E\gamma$ 's (recoil energy is taken into account). $E\alpha=5568 \text{ 2}$ , measured by <a href="#">2003Ah07</a> , is assumed by the evaluator to be a doublet, feeding the 516.7- and 518.6-keV levels. $I\alpha$ : 1.9 1 was measured by <a href="#">2003Ah07</a> for the doublet.
5635 2	448.8	4.9 2	10.7 8	
5651 2	432.98	3.3 2	19.5 17	
5679.3 16	404.90	35.4 5	2.62 16	$I\alpha$ : 44.2 24 from I( $\gamma+ce$ ) imbalances. $E\alpha$ : Recommended by <a href="#">1991Ry01</a> from $E\alpha=5680.3 \text{ 10}$ measured by <a href="#">1971Bb10</a> , 5667 10 by <a href="#">1968Ch03</a> , and 5667 3 by <a href="#">1970BrZN</a> . Adjustments were applied by <a href="#">1991Ry01</a> because of changes in calibration energies. $E\alpha=5679 \text{ 2}$ from <a href="#">2003Ah07</a> .
5738 2	345.89	0.8 1	248 34	
5766 2	318.31	3.6 2	78 7	
5798 2	285.41	2.5 2	170 17	
5817 2	265.86	4.0 2	136 11	
5854 2	227.379	27.6 5	31.7 19	
(5859)	219.02			From the $\gamma$ 's de-exciting the 219-keV level, existence of an alpha branch to the 219.0-keV level with $I\alpha=1.2\% \text{ 7}$ and $E\alpha=5862 \text{ 2}$ may be deduced from intensity balance. For $I\alpha\approx 1.2\%$ , $HF\approx 800$ .
5946 2	134.66	0.60 6	$4.52\times 10^3 \text{ 52}$	
6017 2	61.67	12.5 3	519 32	$I\alpha$ : 9.7 16 from I( $\gamma+ce$ ) imbalances.
6078 2	0.0	2.6 1	$5.15\times 10^3 \text{ 36}$	$I\alpha$ : 6 5 from I( $\gamma+ce$ ) imbalances.

<sup>†</sup> Measurements by [2003Ah07](#), except where noted otherwise.

<sup>‡</sup> Measurements of [2003Ah07](#) are adopted.

<sup>#</sup>  $r_0(^{247}\text{Cm})=1.4924 \text{ 88}$ , unweighted average of  $r_0(^{246}\text{Cm})=1.4836 \text{ 5}$  and  $r_0(^{248}\text{Cm})=1.5012 \text{ 6}$  ([1998Ak04](#)), is used in calculations of HF.

<sup>@</sup> Absolute intensity per 100 decays.

$\gamma(^{247}\text{Cm})$

<sup>251</sup>Cm x-rays: (2003Ah07)

E(x-ray)	I(x-ray)	Transitions		
104.57 2	12.6 7		K $\alpha_2$	x-ray
109.26 2	19.8 10		K $\alpha_1$	x-ray
122.31 2			K $\beta_3$	x-ray
	7.7 5			
	I(K $\beta_3$ )	x-ray+K $\beta_1$	x-ray)	
123.40 2			K $\beta_1$	x-ray
127.01 4			K $\beta_2$	x-ray+K $\beta_4$ x-ray
	2.6 2			
	I(K $\beta_2$ )	x-ray+K $\beta_4$	x-ray	
	+K $O_{23}$	x-ray)		
128.00 5			K $O_{23}$	x-ray

Others: 1966Rg01, 1968Ch03, 1970BrZN

$E_\gamma$ †	$I_\gamma$ ‡b	$E_i$ (level)	$J_i^\pi$	$E_f$	$J_f^\pi$	Mult. @	$\delta$	$\alpha^a$	Comments
(16# 3)		448.8	(5/2 <sup>+</sup> )	432.98	(3/2 <sup>+</sup> )				
(28# 2)		432.98	(3/2 <sup>+</sup> )	404.90	1/2 <sup>+</sup>				
38.48 5	0.038 6	265.86	(7/2 <sup>+</sup> )	227.379	5/2 <sup>+</sup>	(M1+E2)	0.21 @ 5	183 & 32	$\alpha(L)=1.4 \times 10^2$ 3; $\alpha(M)=35$ 8 $\alpha(N)=9.8$ 21; $\alpha(O)=2.4$ 5; $\alpha(P)=0.44$ 8; $\alpha(Q)=0.0202$ 4
(44# 2)		448.8	(5/2 <sup>+</sup> )	404.90	1/2 <sup>+</sup>				
52.45 5	0.048 5	318.31	9/2 <sup>+</sup>	265.86	(7/2 <sup>+</sup> )	(M1+E2)	0.27 @ 6	70 & 8	$\alpha(L)=51$ 8; $\alpha(M)=13.3$ 23 $\alpha(N)=3.7$ 7; $\alpha(O)=0.92$ 15; $\alpha(P)=0.169$ 24; $\alpha(Q)=0.00792$ 21
58.03 5	0.024 5	285.41	(7/2 <sup>+</sup> )	227.379	5/2 <sup>+</sup>	(M1+E2)	0.53 @ 11	80 & 22	$\alpha(L)=59$ 11; $\alpha(M)=16$ 4 $\alpha(N)=4.4$ 9; $\alpha(O)=1.08$ 21; $\alpha(P)=0.19$ 4; $\alpha(Q)=0.0052$ 4
60.5 1	0.010 3	345.89	(9/2 <sup>+</sup> )	285.41	(7/2 <sup>+</sup> )	(M1+E2)	0.48 @ 16	62 & 21	$\alpha(L)=46$ 13; $\alpha(M)=12$ 4 $\alpha(N)=3.4$ 11; $\alpha(O)=0.83$ 25; $\alpha(P)=0.15$ 4; $\alpha(Q)=0.0047$ 5
61.67 5	0.40 3	61.67	11/2 <sup>-</sup>	0.0	9/2 <sup>-</sup>	M1+E2	0.25 @ 2	37.5 16	$\alpha(L)=27.8$ 11; $\alpha(M)=7.1$ 4 $\alpha(N)=1.96$ 9; $\alpha(O)=0.491$ 21; $\alpha(P)=0.092$ 4; $\alpha(Q)=0.00493$ 8 $\alpha(L1+L2):\alpha(L3):\alpha(M+N)=23.5$ 31:3.3 8:11.0 17 (2003Ah07). $\alpha(K):\alpha(L1+L2):\alpha(L3):\alpha(M):\alpha(N)=0.24$ 5:1.0 1:0.5 1:0.7 1:0.37 5 (1970BrZN).
(68# 2)		516.68	(7/2 <sup>+</sup> )	448.8	(5/2 <sup>+</sup> )				

<sup>251</sup>Cf α decay **2003Ah07,1968Ch03,1970BrZN** (continued)

γ(<sup>247</sup>Cm) (continued)

$E_\gamma$ †	$I_\gamma$ ‡b	$E_i$ (level)	$J_i^\pi$	$E_f$	$J_f^\pi$	Mult. @	$\delta$	$\alpha^a$	Comments
73.00 8	0.040 5	134.66	13/2 <sup>-</sup>	61.67	11/2 <sup>-</sup>	[M1+E2]	0.7 <sup>@</sup> +5-4	39& 16	$\alpha(L)=28$ 13; $\alpha(M)=8$ 4 $\alpha(N)=2.1$ 10; $\alpha(O)=0.52$ 24; $\alpha(P)=0.09$ 4; $\alpha(Q)=0.0023$ 7
(83.7 <sup>#</sup> 2) 84.35 8	0.040 5	516.68 219.02	(7/2 <sup>+</sup> ) 15/2 <sup>-</sup>	432.98 134.66	(3/2 <sup>+</sup> ) 13/2 <sup>-</sup>	[M1+E2]		26 15	$\alpha(L)=19$ 11; $\alpha(M)=5$ 4 $\alpha(N)=1.5$ 9; $\alpha(O)=0.36$ 22; $\alpha(P)=0.06$ 4; $\alpha(Q)=0.0012$ 9
113.7 1	0.024 5	518.59	(3/2 <sup>+</sup> )	404.90	1/2 <sup>+</sup>	[M1+E2]		8 3	$\alpha(L)=5.5$ 20; $\alpha(M)=1.5$ 7 $\alpha(N)=0.41$ 18; $\alpha(O)=0.10$ 4; $\alpha(P)=0.018$ 6; $\alpha(Q)=0.0005$ 4
134.65 8	0.014 3	134.66	13/2 <sup>-</sup>	0.0	9/2 <sup>-</sup>	[E2]		4.94	$\alpha(K)=0.1531$ 22; $\alpha(L)=3.46$ 5; $\alpha(M)=0.976$ 14 $\alpha(N)=0.272$ 4; $\alpha(O)=0.0659$ 10; $\alpha(P)=0.01104$ 16; $\alpha(Q)=6.08 \times 10^{-5}$ 9
157.35 8	0.020 4	219.02	15/2 <sup>-</sup>	61.67	11/2 <sup>-</sup>	[E2]		2.56	$\alpha(K)=0.1741$ 25; $\alpha(L)=1.723$ 25; $\alpha(M)=0.485$ 7 $\alpha(N)=0.1350$ 20; $\alpha(O)=0.0328$ 5; $\alpha(P)=0.00552$ 8; $\alpha(Q)=3.65 \times 10^{-5}$ 6
165.70 5	0.12 1	227.379	5/2 <sup>+</sup>	61.67	11/2 <sup>-</sup>	E3		30.4	$\alpha(K)=0.235$ 4; $\alpha(L)=21.3$ 3; $\alpha(M)=6.47$ 10 $\alpha(N)=1.83$ 3; $\alpha(O)=0.445$ 7; $\alpha(P)=0.0750$ 11; $\alpha(Q)=0.000469$ 7 Ice(L1+L2):Ice(L3)=15 3:6.7 26 (2003Ah07).
177.52 2	17.3 9	404.90	1/2 <sup>+</sup>	227.379	5/2 <sup>+</sup>	E2		1.567 22	$\alpha(K)=0.1643$ 23; $\alpha(L)=1.015$ 15; $\alpha(M)=0.285$ 4 $\alpha(N)=0.0794$ 12; $\alpha(O)=0.0193$ 3; $\alpha(P)=0.00327$ 5; $\alpha(Q)=2.52 \times 10^{-5}$ 4 Ice(K):Ice(L1+L2):Ice(L3):Ice(M+N)=0.19 3:0.71 8:0.31 3:0.41 5 (2003Ah07). Ice(K):Ice(L1+L2):Ice(L3):Ice(M):Ice(N)= 4.1 6:18 1:9 1:12 1:6.4 10 (1970BrZN).
227.38 2	6.8 3	227.379	5/2 <sup>+</sup>	0.0	9/2 <sup>-</sup>	M2+E3	0.52 +9-8	10.3 4	$\alpha(K)_{exp}=0.25$ , $\alpha_{(exp)}=1.27$ (1968Ch03). $\alpha(K)=6.0$ 5; $\alpha(L)=3.15$ 9; $\alpha(M)=0.87$ 3 $\alpha(N)=0.242$ 9; $\alpha(O)=0.0609$ 20; $\alpha(P)=0.0113$ 3; $\alpha(Q)=0.00056$ 4 $\alpha(K):\alpha(L1+L2):\alpha(L3):\alpha(M+N)=6.0$ 5:2.7 3:0.41 5 :1.53 17 (2003Ah07). $\alpha(K):\alpha(L1+L2):\alpha(L3):\alpha(M):\alpha(N)=7$ 2:3.7 6:0.6 2:2.1 4 :0.85 15 (1970BrZN).
256.65 8	0.13 1	318.31	9/2 <sup>+</sup>	61.67	11/2 <sup>-</sup>	[E1]		0.0611 9	$\alpha(K)=0.0477$ 7; $\alpha(L)=0.01007$ 15; $\alpha(M)=0.00246$ 4 $\alpha(N)=0.000670$ 10; $\alpha(O)=0.0001672$ 24; $\alpha(P)=3.10 \times 10^{-5}$ 5; $\alpha(Q)=1.675 \times 10^{-6}$ 24
265.86 8	0.43 3	265.86	(7/2 <sup>+</sup> )	0.0	9/2 <sup>-</sup>	[E1]		0.0565 8	$\alpha(K)=0.0442$ 7; $\alpha(L)=0.00927$ 13; $\alpha(M)=0.00226$ 4 $\alpha(N)=0.000617$ 9; $\alpha(O)=0.0001540$ 22; $\alpha(P)=2.86 \times 10^{-5}$ 4; $\alpha(Q)=1.559 \times 10^{-6}$ 22 Since an E1 transition from 5/2[622] to 9/2[734] state would be K forbidden, there might be some M2 admixture in 265.86 γ. $\alpha(M2)=7.10$ .
284.2 1	0.12 1	345.89	(9/2 <sup>+</sup> )	61.67	11/2 <sup>-</sup>	[E1]		0.0489 7	$\alpha(K)=0.0383$ 6; $\alpha(L)=0.00794$ 12; $\alpha(M)=0.00194$ 3

<sup>251</sup>Cf  $\alpha$  decay [2003Ah07](#),[1968Ch03](#),[1970BrZN](#) (continued)

$\gamma$ (<sup>247</sup>Cm) (continued)

$E_\gamma^\dagger$	$I_\gamma^\ddagger b$	$E_i$ (level)	$J_i^\pi$	$E_f$	$J_f^\pi$	Mult. @	$\alpha^a$	Comments
285.41 8	1.13 9	285.41	(7/2 <sup>+</sup> )	0.0	9/2 <sup>-</sup>	[E1]	0.0484	$\alpha$ (N)=0.000528 8; $\alpha$ (O)=0.0001320 19; $\alpha$ (P)=2.46×10 <sup>-5</sup> 4; $\alpha$ (Q)=1.362×10 <sup>-6</sup> 19 $\alpha$ (K)=0.0380 6; $\alpha$ (L)=0.00787 11; $\alpha$ (M)=0.00192 3 $\alpha$ (N)=0.000523 8; $\alpha$ (O)=0.0001308 19; $\alpha$ (P)=2.44×10 <sup>-5</sup> 4; $\alpha$ (Q)=1.350×10 <sup>-6</sup> 19
289.3 1	0.070 7	516.68	(7/2 <sup>+</sup> )	227.379	5/2 <sup>+</sup>	[M1+E2]	0.9 7	$\alpha$ (K)=0.7 6; $\alpha$ (L)=0.19 6; $\alpha$ (M)=0.049 13 $\alpha$ (N)=0.014 4; $\alpha$ (O)=0.0034 9; $\alpha$ (P)=0.00064 21; $\alpha$ (Q)=3.E-5 3
291.20 8	0.30 3	518.59	(3/2 <sup>+</sup> )	227.379	5/2 <sup>+</sup>	[M1+E2]	0.9 7	$\alpha$ (K)=0.7 6; $\alpha$ (L)=0.19 6; $\alpha$ (M)=0.048 13 $\alpha$ (N)=0.013 4; $\alpha$ (O)=0.0033 9; $\alpha$ (P)=0.00063 21; $\alpha$ (Q)=3.E-5 3
315.8 1	0.024 3	581.67	(5/2 <sup>+</sup> )	265.86	(7/2 <sup>+</sup> )	[M1+E2]	0.7 6	$\alpha$ (K)=0.5 5; $\alpha$ (L)=0.15 6; $\alpha$ (M)=0.037 12 $\alpha$ (N)=0.010 3; $\alpha$ (O)=0.0026 8; $\alpha$ (P)=0.00049 18; $\alpha$ (Q)=2.6×10 <sup>-5</sup> 21
318.3 1	0.050 5	318.31	9/2 <sup>+</sup>	0.0	9/2 <sup>-</sup>	[E1]	0.0384	$\alpha$ (K)=0.0302 5; $\alpha$ (L)=0.00614 9; $\alpha$ (M)=0.001495 21 $\alpha$ (N)=0.000408 6; $\alpha$ (O)=0.0001021 15; $\alpha$ (P)=1.91×10 <sup>-5</sup> 3; $\alpha$ (Q)=1.086×10 <sup>-6</sup> 16
345.9 1	0.043 4	345.89	(9/2 <sup>+</sup> )	0.0	9/2 <sup>-</sup>	[E1]	0.0322 5	$\alpha$ (K)=0.0254 4; $\alpha$ (L)=0.00510 8; $\alpha$ (M)=0.001240 18 $\alpha$ (N)=0.000338 5; $\alpha$ (O)=8.48×10 <sup>-5</sup> 12; $\alpha$ (P)=1.593×10 <sup>-5</sup> 23; $\alpha$ (Q)=9.22×10 <sup>-7</sup> 13
354.3 1	0.013 2	581.67	(5/2 <sup>+</sup> )	227.379	5/2 <sup>+</sup>	[M1+E2]	0.5 4	$\alpha$ (K)=0.4 4; $\alpha$ (L)=0.10 5; $\alpha$ (M)=0.026 10 $\alpha$ (N)=0.0072 25; $\alpha$ (O)=0.0018 7; $\alpha$ (P)=0.00034 14; $\alpha$ (Q)=1.9×10 <sup>-5</sup> 16

† From [2003Ah07](#). Other measurements: [1968Ch03](#), [1970BrZN](#).

‡ Measured by [2003Ah07](#), except as noted otherwise. Absolute intensities were determined by [2003Ah07](#) by measuring the alpha rate of a thin <sup>251</sup>Cf source with a Si detector of known geometry and measuring the gamma spectrum with a Ge spectrometer of known absolute efficiency which was determined with a calibrated source. Earlier measurements: [1968Ch03](#), [1970BrZN](#). See also <sup>247</sup>Am  $\beta^-$  decay.

# Transition was not observed. Existence is from the level scheme.

@ Determined by evaluator from  $\alpha$ (exp) ([2003Ah07](#)).

& Deduced by evaluator from intensity balance.

<sup>a</sup> Additional information 1.

<sup>b</sup> Absolute intensity per 100 decays.

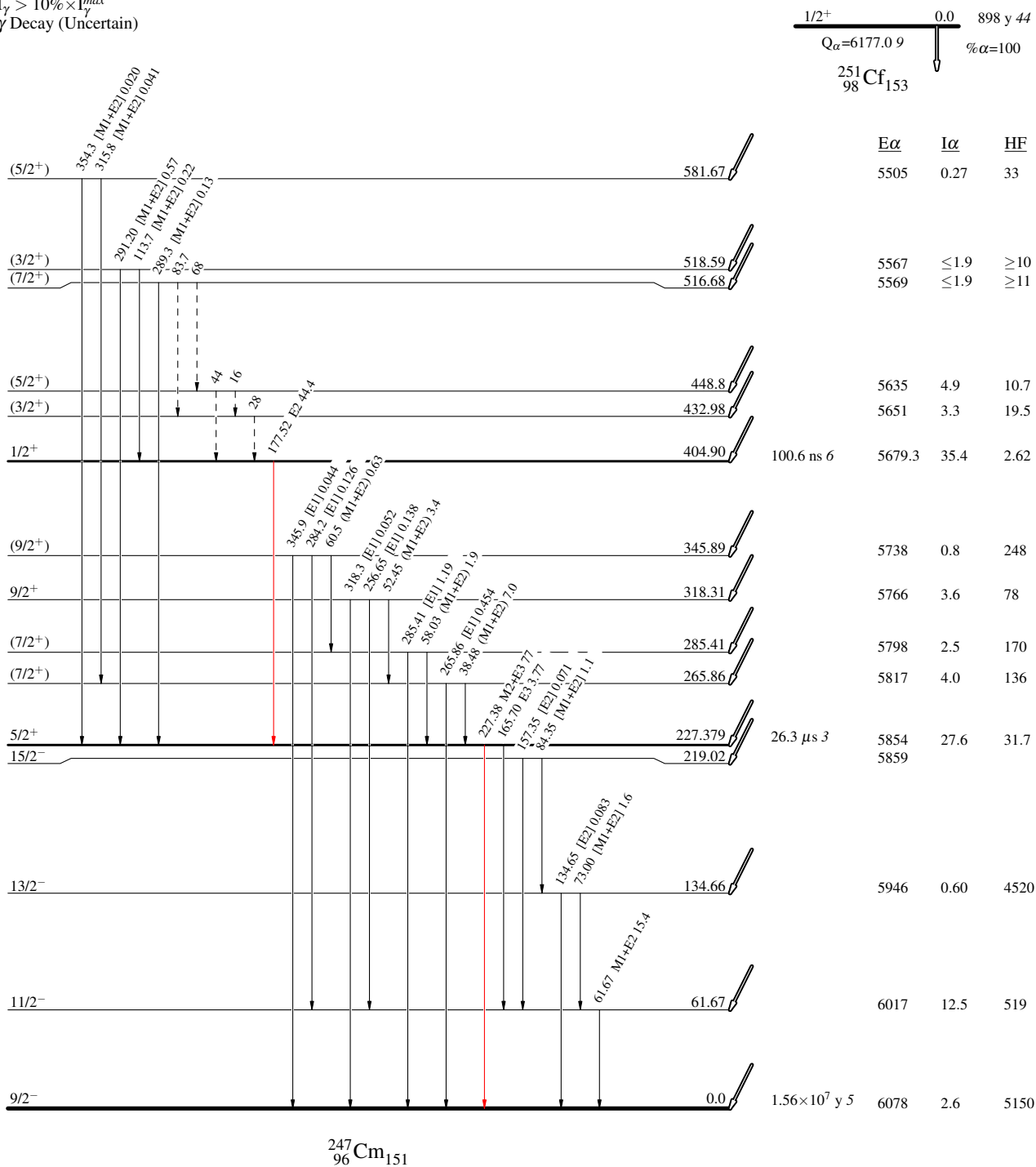
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Decay Scheme

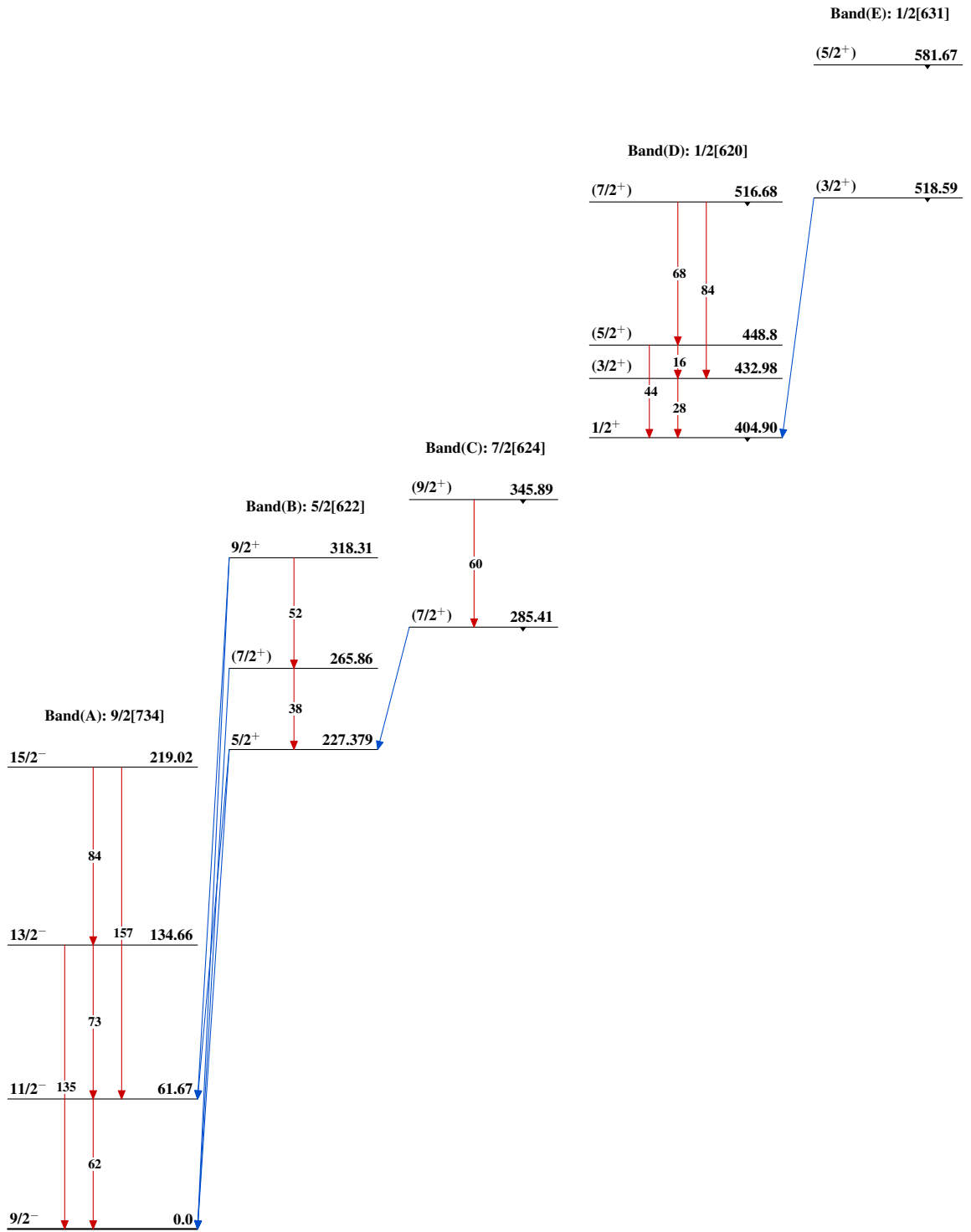
Legend

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

Intensities:  $I_{(\gamma+ce)}$  per 100 decays through this branch



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