

$^{249}\text{Cm } \beta^-$ decay [2005Ah03](#)

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Parent: ^{249}Cm : $E=0.0$; $J^\pi=1/2^+$; $T_{1/2}=64.15$ min 3; $Q(\beta^-)=904.4$ 26; $\% \beta^-$ decay=100

$^{249}\text{Cm}-Q(\beta^-)$: From [2021Wa16](#).

[2005Ah03](#): ^{249}Cm isotope prepared by neutron capture reactions on ^{248}Cm targets. The irradiations were performed at both the Livermore pool-type reactor and the General Electric test reactor in California. It was then followed by chemical separation to remove fission products. Measured E_γ and I_γ , with three Ge(Li) detectors, where only one was equipped with a NaI Compton-suppression shield and the E_β and I_β with a gas-flow proportional counter and the β spectrum and conversion electrons with a cooled Si(Li) detector. Note: No conversion electron data are given in [2005Ah03](#). All γ rays assigned to $^{249}\text{Cm } \beta^-$ -decay exhibited decays consistent with the adopted $T_{1/2}$ for the parent.

Others: [1975HoZA](#) (unable to obtain this private communication), [1958Ea06](#).

 ^{249}Bk Levels

E(level) [†]	J^π	$T_{1/2}$ [‡]	E(level) [†]	J^π	E(level) [†]	J^π
0.0	7/2 ⁺	327.2 d 3	377.49 19	(1/2 ⁺)	558.05 [@] 18	(3/2 ⁻)
8.71 [#] 19	3/2 ⁻	0.3 ms	389.12 17	(5/2 ⁺)	569.10 [@] 20	(1/2 ⁻)
39.58 [#] 19	5/2 ⁻		410.50? ^a 22	(3/2 ⁺)	643.05 ^{&} 20	(1/2 ⁻)
82.65 ^a 27	7/2 ⁻		421.18 ^a 17	(5/2 ⁺)	661.50 ^{&} 20	(3/2 ⁻)

[†] From least-squares fit to E_γ data by the evaluator.

[‡] From Adopted Levels.

[#] Band(A): 3/2[521].

[@] Band(B): 1/2[530].

[&] Band(C): 1/2[521].

^a Seq.(D): 1/2[400].

 β^- radiations

E(decay)	E(level)	I_β ^{†‡}	Log f_t	Comments
(242.9 28)	661.50	0.320 17	6.53 3	av $E_\beta=65.99$ 77
(261.4 28)	643.05	1.51 10	5.96 4	av $E_\beta=71.37$ 79
(335.3 28)	569.10	1.03 8	6.47 4	av $E_\beta=93.53$ 80
(346.4 28)	558.05	0.217 17	7.19 4	av $E_\beta=96.90$ 80
(493.9 [#] 28)	410.50?			
(526.9 28)	377.49	0.316 23	7.62 4	av $E_\beta=154.01$ 86
(895.7 28)	8.71	96.6 2	5.903 5	av $E_\beta=280.17$ 93

[†] Deduced by evaluator from intensity balance at each level in $^{249}\text{Cm } \beta^-$ -decay scheme.

[‡] Absolute intensity per 100 decays.

[#] Existence of this branch is questionable.

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$\gamma(^{249}\text{Bk})$										
E_γ [†]	I_γ ^{@a}	$E_i(\text{level})$	J_i^π	E_f	J_f^π	Mult. [#]	δ [#]	α ^{&}	$I_{(\gamma+ce)}$ ^a	Comments
(8.77)		8.71	3/2 ⁻	0.0	7/2 ⁺	[M2]		3.07×10 ⁶ 4	99.9765 31	$\alpha(\text{M})=2.222\times10^6$ 31 $\alpha(\text{N})=6.49\times10^5$ 9; $\alpha(\text{O})=1.653\times10^5$ 23; $\alpha(\text{P})=2.97\times10^4$ 4; $\alpha(\text{Q})=1564$ 22 E_γ : Deduced by evaluator from level-energy difference. $I_{(\gamma+ce)}$: Deduced by evaluator from intensity balance at g.s., with $I\beta$ to g.s.=0; $\Sigma I\gamma(1+\alpha)$ to g.s.=100.
(30.85 [‡] 1)		39.58	5/2 ⁻	8.71	3/2 ⁻	M1+E2	0.114 +29-18	3.1×10 ² 4		$\alpha(\text{L})=231$ 29; $\alpha(\text{M})=59$ 8 $\alpha(\text{N})=16.3$ 23; $\alpha(\text{O})=4.1$ 6; $\alpha(\text{P})=0.78$ 9; $\alpha(\text{Q})=0.0441$ 6
(42.98 [‡] 1)		82.65	7/2 ⁻	39.58	5/2 ⁻	M1+E2	0.111 +25-16	103 6		$\alpha(\text{L})=77$ 5; $\alpha(\text{M})=19.3$ 13 $\alpha(\text{N})=5.3$ 4; $\alpha(\text{O})=1.37$ 9; $\alpha(\text{P})=0.263$ 15; $\alpha(\text{Q})=0.01647$ 24
(43.7)		421.18	(5/2 ⁺)	377.49	(1/2 ⁺)	[E2]		1070	≈0.036	E_γ : Placed in decay scheme by the evaluator on the basis of intensity balance at 421.2-keV level.
(73.82 [‡] 1)		82.65	7/2 ⁻	8.71	3/2 ⁻	E2		84.9 12		$\alpha(\text{L})=61.2$ 9; $\alpha(\text{M})=17.38$ 24 $\alpha(\text{N})=4.86$ 7; $\alpha(\text{O})=1.191$ 17; $\alpha(\text{P})=0.1964$ 28; $\alpha(\text{Q})=0.000663$ 9 % $I_\gamma=0.0054$ 5
85.2 2 136.9 1	0.0054 5 0.039 3	643.05 558.05	(1/2 ⁻) (3/2 ⁻)	558.05 421.18	(3/2 ⁻) (5/2 ⁺)	[E1]		0.256 4		$\alpha(\text{K})=0.1918$ 27; $\alpha(\text{L})=0.0483$ 7; $\alpha(\text{M})=0.01194$ 17 $\alpha(\text{N})=0.00326$ 5; $\alpha(\text{O})=0.000812$ 11; $\alpha(\text{P})=0.0001447$ 20; $\alpha(\text{Q})=6.41\times10^{-6}$ 9 % $I_\gamma=0.039$ 3
158.6 1	0.0029 4	569.10	(1/2 ⁻)	410.50?	(3/2 ⁺)	[E1]		0.1842 26		$\alpha(\text{K})=0.1397$ 20; $\alpha(\text{L})=0.0334$ 5; $\alpha(\text{M})=0.00824$ 12 $\alpha(\text{N})=0.002253$ 32; $\alpha(\text{O})=0.000563$ 8; $\alpha(\text{P})=0.0001013$ 14; $\alpha(\text{Q})=4.69\times10^{-6}$ 7 % $I_\gamma=0.0029$ 4
168.8 2	0.0022 2	558.05	(3/2 ⁻)	389.12	(5/2 ⁺)	[E1]		0.1599 23		$\alpha(\text{K})=0.1217$ 17; $\alpha(\text{L})=0.0286$ 4; $\alpha(\text{M})=0.00705$ 10 $\alpha(\text{N})=0.001929$ 28; $\alpha(\text{O})=0.000482$ 7; $\alpha(\text{P})=8.72\times10^{-5}$ 12; $\alpha(\text{Q})=4.11\times10^{-6}$ 6 % $I_\gamma=0.0022$ 2
180.5 1	0.0200 14	558.05	(3/2 ⁻)	377.49	(1/2 ⁺)	[E1]		0.1373 19		$\alpha(\text{K})=0.1049$ 15; $\alpha(\text{L})=0.02426$ 34; $\alpha(\text{M})=0.00597$ 8 $\alpha(\text{N})=0.001634$ 23; $\alpha(\text{O})=0.000409$ 6; $\alpha(\text{P})=7.43\times10^{-5}$ 10; $\alpha(\text{Q})=3.57\times10^{-6}$ 5 % $I_\gamma=0.0200$ 14

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$\gamma(^{249}\text{Bk})$ (continued)									
E_γ †	I_γ @a	$E_i(\text{level})$	J_i^π	E_f	J_f^π	Mult. #	δ #	α &	Comments
191.6 1	0.0100 9	569.10	(1/2 ⁻)	377.49	(1/2 ⁺)	[E1]		0.1199 17	$\alpha(\text{K})=0.0920$ 13; $\alpha(\text{L})=0.02097$ 29; $\alpha(\text{M})=0.00516$ 7 $\alpha(\text{N})=0.001411$ 20; $\alpha(\text{O})=0.000354$ 5; $\alpha(\text{P})=6.45\times 10^{-5}$ 9; $\alpha(\text{Q})=3.15\times 10^{-6}$ 4 %I γ =0.0100 9
368.76 6	0.350 23	377.49	(1/2 ⁺)	8.71	3/2 ⁻	M1		0.764 11	%I γ =0.350 23
389.0 2	0.0063 8	389.12	(5/2 ⁺)	0.0	7/2 ⁺				$\alpha(\text{K})=0.599$ 8; $\alpha(\text{L})=0.1234$ 17; $\alpha(\text{M})=0.0302$ 4 $\alpha(\text{N})=0.00832$ 12; $\alpha(\text{O})=0.002141$ 30; $\alpha(\text{P})=0.000423$ 6; $\alpha(\text{Q})=2.95\times 10^{-5}$ 4 %I γ =0.0063 8
(402.0 ‡ 1)		410.50?	(3/2 ⁺)	8.71	3/2 ⁻	[M1,E2]		0.35 26	
421.3 2	0.0092 10	421.18	(5/2 ⁺)	0.0	7/2 ⁺				$\alpha(\text{K})=0.26$ 22; $\alpha(\text{L})=0.068$ 31; $\alpha(\text{M})=0.017$ 7 $\alpha(\text{N})=0.0047$ 20; $\alpha(\text{O})=0.0012$ 5; $\alpha(\text{P})=2.3\times 10^{-4}$ 11; $\alpha(\text{Q})=1.3\times 10^{-5}$ 10 %I γ =0.0092 10
475.4 2	0.0072 12	558.05	(3/2 ⁻)	82.65	7/2 ⁻	[E2]		0.0705 10	$\alpha(\text{K})=0.0374$ 5; $\alpha(\text{L})=0.02420$ 34; $\alpha(\text{M})=0.00652$ 9 $\alpha(\text{N})=0.001815$ 26; $\alpha(\text{O})=0.000453$ 6; $\alpha(\text{P})=8.16\times 10^{-5}$ 11; $\alpha(\text{Q})=2.296\times 10^{-6}$ 32 %I γ =0.0072 12
518.5 1	0.088 6	558.05	(3/2 ⁻)	39.58	5/2 ⁻	[M1,E2]		0.20 15	$\alpha(\text{K})=0.15$ 12; $\alpha(\text{L})=0.037$ 19; $\alpha(\text{M})=0.009$ 4 $\alpha(\text{N})=0.0026$ 12; $\alpha(\text{O})=6.6\times 10^{-4}$ 32; $\alpha(\text{P})=1.3\times 10^{-4}$ 7; $\alpha(\text{Q})=8.\text{E}-6$ 6 %I γ =0.088 6
529.5 2	0.0070 8	569.10	(1/2 ⁻)	39.58	5/2 ⁻	[E2]		0.0545 8	$\alpha(\text{K})=0.0312$ 4; $\alpha(\text{L})=0.01709$ 24; $\alpha(\text{M})=0.00457$ 6 $\alpha(\text{N})=0.001270$ 18; $\alpha(\text{O})=0.000318$ 4; $\alpha(\text{P})=5.77\times 10^{-5}$ 8; $\alpha(\text{Q})=1.825\times 10^{-6}$ 26 %I γ =0.0070 8
549.4 1	0.030 5	558.05	(3/2 ⁻)	8.71	3/2 ⁻	[M1,E2]		0.17 12	$\alpha(\text{K})=0.13$ 10; $\alpha(\text{L})=0.032$ 16; $\alpha(\text{M})=0.008$ 4 $\alpha(\text{N})=0.0022$ 11; $\alpha(\text{O})=5.6\times 10^{-4}$ 27; $\alpha(\text{P})=1.1\times 10^{-4}$ 6; $\alpha(\text{Q})=7.\text{E}-6$ 5 %I γ =0.030 5
560.4 1	0.84 6	569.10	(1/2 ⁻)	8.71	3/2 ⁻	(M1+E2)	0.75 20	0.198 30	$\alpha(\text{K})=0.152$ 25; $\alpha(\text{L})=0.034$ 4; $\alpha(\text{M})=0.0085$ 9 $\alpha(\text{N})=0.00234$ 26; $\alpha(\text{O})=0.00060$ 7; $\alpha(\text{P})=0.000117$ 14; $\alpha(\text{Q})=7.5\times 10^{-6}$ 12 %I γ =0.84 6
603.4 2	0.0064 9	643.05	(1/2 ⁻)	39.58	5/2 ⁻	[E2]		0.0406 6	$\alpha(\text{K})=0.02499$ 35; $\alpha(\text{L})=0.01145$ 16; $\alpha(\text{M})=0.00303$ 4 $\alpha(\text{N})=0.000841$ 12; $\alpha(\text{O})=0.0002111$ 30; $\alpha(\text{P})=3.87\times 10^{-5}$ 5; $\alpha(\text{Q})=1.392\times 10^{-6}$ 20 %I γ =0.0064 9
621.9 1	0.180 13	661.50	(3/2 ⁻)	39.58	5/2 ⁻				%I γ =0.180 13

²⁴⁹Cm β⁻ decay [2005Ah03](#) (continued)

γ(²⁴⁹Bk) (continued)

<u>E_γ[†]</u>	<u>I_γ^{@a}</u>	<u>E_i(level)</u>	<u>J_i^π</u>	<u>E_f</u>	<u>J_f^π</u>	<u>Comments</u>
634.3 <i>I</i>	1.5 <i>I</i>	643.05	(1/2 ⁻)	8.71	3/2 ⁻	%I _γ =1.5 <i>I</i>
652.8 <i>I</i>	0.14 <i>I</i>	661.50	(3/2 ⁻)	8.71	3/2 ⁻	%I _γ =0.14 <i>I</i>

[†] From [2005Ah03](#), except as noted.
[‡] From Adopted Gammas.
[#] From Adopted Gammas. Note that in the previous evaluation, [2011Ab07](#) had provided multipolarities and mixing ratio for E_γ=368.76 keV, 621.9 keV, 634.3 keV and 652.8 keV from [1975HoZA](#). These values are not given in the current evaluation as the evaluator is unable to verify the information.
[@] From [2005Ah03](#).
[&] [Additional information 1](#).
^a Absolute intensity per 100 decays.

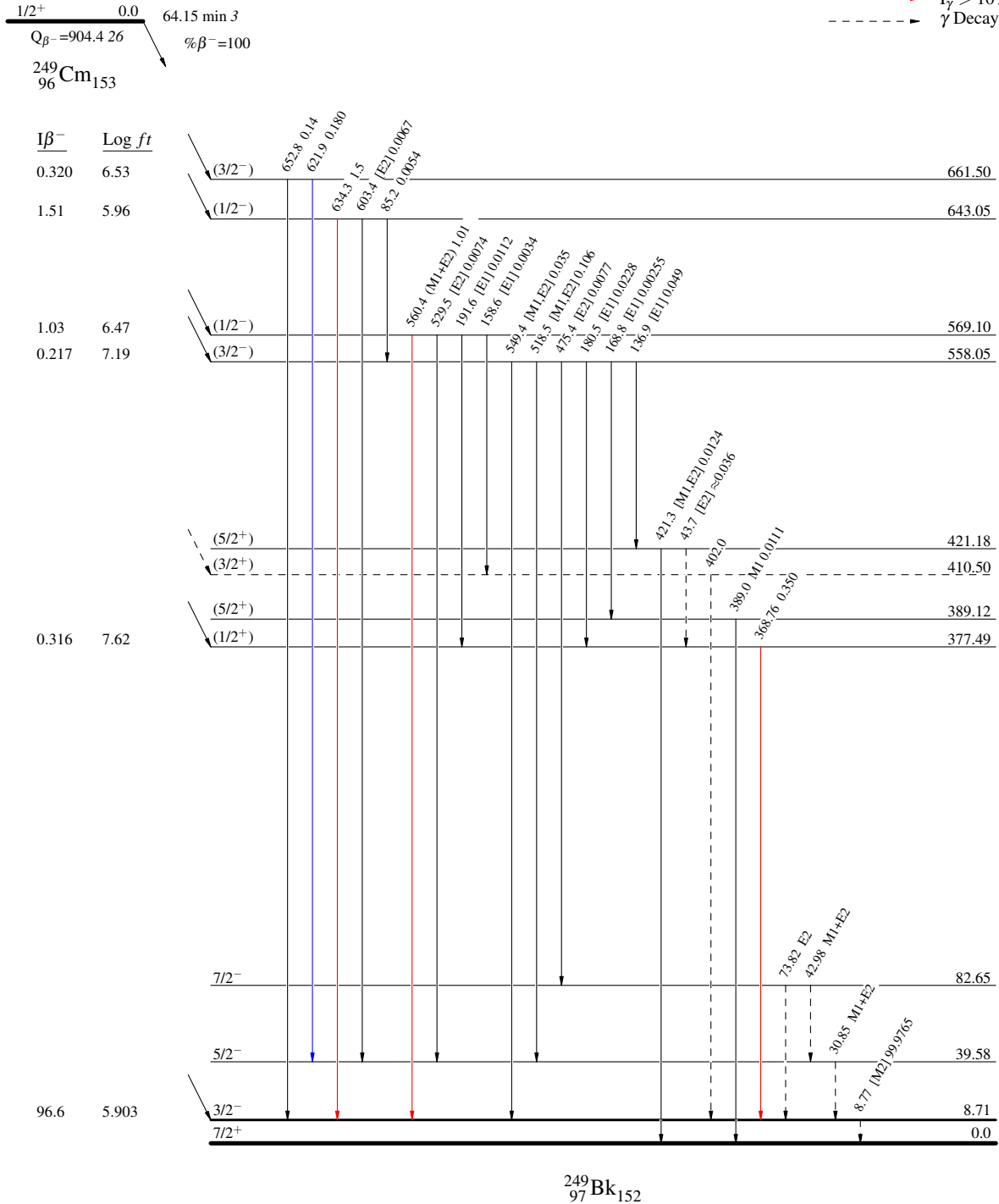
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Decay Scheme

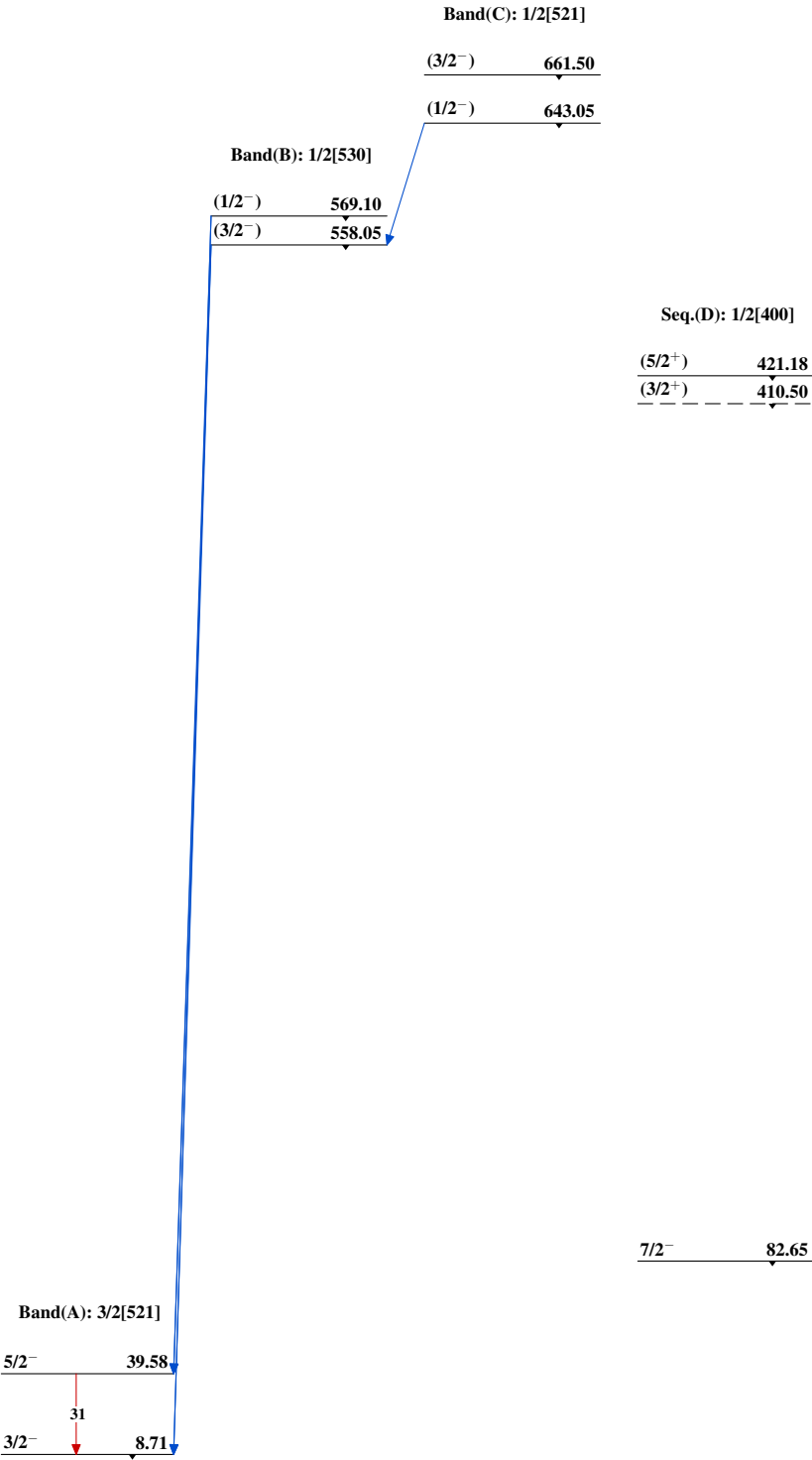
Intensities: $I_{(\gamma+ce)}$ per 100 parent decays

Legend

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



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