

**<sup>253</sup>Fm  $\alpha$  decay 1967Ah02**

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Parent: <sup>253</sup>Fm: E=0.0; J <sup>$\pi$</sup> =1/2<sup>+</sup>; T<sub>1/2</sub>=3.00 d 12; Q( $\alpha$ )=7197.9 10; % $\alpha$  decay=12 1

<sup>253</sup>Fm-Q( $\alpha$ ): From 2021Wa16.

<sup>253</sup>Fm-J <sup>$\pi$</sup> , T<sub>1/2</sub>: From Adopted Levels in <sup>253</sup>Fm in the ENSDF database (2013Br09).

<sup>253</sup>Fm-% $\alpha$  decay: % $\alpha$ =12 1 (1967Ah02).

1967Ah02: <sup>253</sup>Fm was produced from the <sup>252</sup>Cf( $\alpha$ ,3n) nuclear reaction at Argonne cyclotron and was chemically separated from the fission products. It was noted that the high-energy  $\alpha$  groups from the decay of <sup>253</sup>Fm are masked by the <sup>255</sup>Fm and <sup>252</sup>Fm  $\alpha$  peaks, whereas the  $\alpha$  groups below 6.682 MeV are obscured by the <sup>253</sup>Es  $\alpha$  peaks which grows from the electron-capture decay of <sup>253</sup>Fm during the measurement. Hence the sample was allowed to decay for approximately 10 days so that <sup>252</sup>Fm (t<sub>1/2</sub>= 25.39 h) and <sup>255</sup>Fm (t<sub>1/2</sub>= 20.07 h) would decay to a very low level, allowing the  $\alpha$  decay from <sup>253</sup>Fm to be measured without impurities.  $\alpha$ -particles were measured with a Au-Si surface-barrier detector, the  $\gamma$  rays were measured with a NaI(Tl) detector and the conversion electrons were detected with a Si(Li) detector. Measured  $\alpha$ ,  $\gamma$ ,  $\alpha\gamma$ -coin, conversion electrons and t<sub>1/2</sub>.

Others: 1959Si88, 1990Po14 (measured relative L and M x-ray intensities from the decay using the x-ray spectrometer).

<sup>249</sup>Cf Levels

E(level) <sup>†</sup>	J <sup><math>\pi</math></sup> <sup>‡</sup>	T <sub>1/2</sub>	Comments
0 <sup>#</sup>	9/2 <sup>-</sup>	351 y 2	T <sub>1/2</sub> : From Adopted Levels.
62.48 <sup>#</sup> 5	11/2 <sup>-</sup>		
144.98 <sup>@</sup> 5	5/2 <sup>+</sup>	45 $\mu$ s 5	T <sub>1/2</sub> : From $\alpha\gamma$ (t) (1967Ah02).
187.97 <sup>@</sup> 6	7/2 <sup>+</sup>		
221.7 10	15/2 <sup>-</sup>		
243.13 <sup>@</sup> 7	9/2 <sup>+</sup>		
416.8 <sup>&amp;</sup> 4	1/2 <sup>+</sup>		
440 <sup>&amp;</sup>	(3/2 <sup>+</sup> )		
460 <sup>&amp;</sup>	(5/2 <sup>+</sup> )		
550.6 10	(1/2 <sup>+</sup> , 3/2, 5/2 <sup>+</sup> )		
$\approx$ 606			

<sup>†</sup> From Adopted Levels.

<sup>‡</sup> From Adopted Levels. Band assignments are from 1967Ah02.

<sup>#</sup> Band(A): 9/2<sup>-</sup>[734] Band.

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

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

$\alpha$  radiations

E $\alpha$ <sup>†</sup>	E(level)	I $\alpha$ <sup>‡@</sup>	HF <sup>#</sup>	E $\alpha$ <sup>†</sup>	E(level)	I $\alpha$ <sup>‡@</sup>	HF <sup>#</sup>
$\approx$ 6487	$\approx$ 606	$\approx$ 0.3	$\approx$ 32	$\approx$ 6867	221.7	$\approx$ 0.9	$\approx$ 550
6541 5	550.6	1.5 4	11 4	6901 4	187.97	9.8 5	70 8
6630 4	460	2.6 5	17 4	6943 3	144.98	42.7 11	24.5 24
6650 4	440	2.4 4	23 5	7023 4	62.48	6.7 4	345 38
6673 3	416.8	23.2 9	3.0 3	7083 4	0	1.3 2	3.21 $\times$ 10 <sup>3</sup> 58
6846 3	243.13	8.4 5	48 6				

<sup>†</sup> Adjusted by evaluator with correction recommended by 1991Ry01 (-8.8 keV) from measurements of 1967Ah02.

<sup>‡</sup> From 1967Ah02.

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${}^{253}\text{Fm}$   $\alpha$  decay **1967Ah02** (continued) $\alpha$  radiations (continued)

# The nuclear radius parameter  $r_0({}^{249}\text{Cf})=1.47787\ 78$  is deduced from interpolation (or unweighted average) of radius parameters of the adjacent even-even nuclides.

@ For absolute intensity per 100 decays, multiply by 0.12 *I*.

<sup>253</sup>Fm  $\alpha$  decay **1967Ah02 (continued)**

$\gamma(^{249}\text{Cf})$

I $\gamma$  normalization: From I(271.8 $\gamma$ )=22 3 per 100  $\alpha$  (1967Ah02).

$E_\gamma$	I $\gamma$ <sup>#</sup>	E <sub>i</sub> (level)	J $\pi$ <sub>i</sub>	E <sub>f</sub>	J $\pi$ <sub>f</sub>	Mult. <sup>†</sup>	$\delta^\dagger$	$\alpha^\ddagger$	Comments
43.00		187.97	7/2 <sup>+</sup>	144.98	5/2 <sup>+</sup>	M1+E2	0.27	177.5 25	$\alpha$ (L)=130.5 18; $\alpha$ (M)=34.5 5 $\alpha$ (N)=9.63 13; $\alpha$ (O)=2.437 34; $\alpha$ (P)=0.427 6; $\alpha$ (Q)=0.01466 21 E $\gamma$ : From Adopted Gammas.
(55.14)		243.13	9/2 <sup>+</sup>	187.97	7/2 <sup>+</sup>	M1+E2	0.14	54.6 8	$\alpha$ (L)=40.6 6; $\alpha$ (M)=10.21 14 $\alpha$ (N)=2.84 4; $\alpha$ (O)=0.731 10; $\alpha$ (P)=0.1377 19; $\alpha$ (Q)=0.00724 10 E $\gamma$ : From Adopted Gammas.
(62.47)		62.48	11/2 <sup>-</sup>	0	9/2 <sup>-</sup>	M1+E2	0.29 3	46.8 27	$\alpha$ (L)=34.6 19; $\alpha$ (M)=9.0 6 $\alpha$ (N)=2.50 16; $\alpha$ (O)=0.64 4; $\alpha$ (P)=0.115 6; $\alpha$ (Q)=0.00479 9 E $\gamma$ : From Adopted Gammas.
134 144.8 4	1.6 2	550.6 144.98	(1/2 <sup>+</sup> ,3/2,5/2 <sup>+</sup> ) 5/2 <sup>+</sup>	416.8 0	1/2 <sup>+</sup> 9/2 <sup>-</sup>	M2+E3	0.42 +11-12	65.2 13	E $\gamma$ : Existence of $\gamma$ deduced from ( $\alpha,\gamma$ ) coin (1967Ah02). $\alpha$ (K)=30.8 26; $\alpha$ (L)=24.7 22; $\alpha$ (M)=7.1 7 $\alpha$ (N)=2.03 21; $\alpha$ (O)=0.52 5; $\alpha$ (P)=0.092 8; $\alpha$ (Q)=0.00352 22 Mult.: Other: E2 from L12/M+=2.7 6 (1967Ah02).
271.8 4	22 3	416.8	1/2 <sup>+</sup>	144.98	5/2 <sup>+</sup>	E2		0.377 6	$\alpha$ (K)=0.0954 14; $\alpha$ (L)=0.2039 31; $\alpha$ (M)=0.0571 9 $\alpha$ (N)=0.01603 24; $\alpha$ (O)=0.00400 6; $\alpha$ (P)=0.000669 10; $\alpha$ (Q)=7.75 $\times$ 10 <sup>-6</sup> 11 I $\gamma$ : Absolute intensity per 100 $\alpha$ decays= 22 3 (1967Ah02). Mult.: From K:L12:M=0.9 2: 2.0 2: 0.8 1 (1967Ah02).
405 2	≈0.7	550.6	(1/2 <sup>+</sup> ,3/2,5/2 <sup>+</sup> )	144.98	5/2 <sup>+</sup>				

<sup>†</sup> From Adopted Gammas, except as noted. Conversion coefficient data measured by 1967Ah02 in this dataset are provided in comments.

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

<sup>#</sup> For absolute intensity per 100 decays, multiply by 0.120 21.

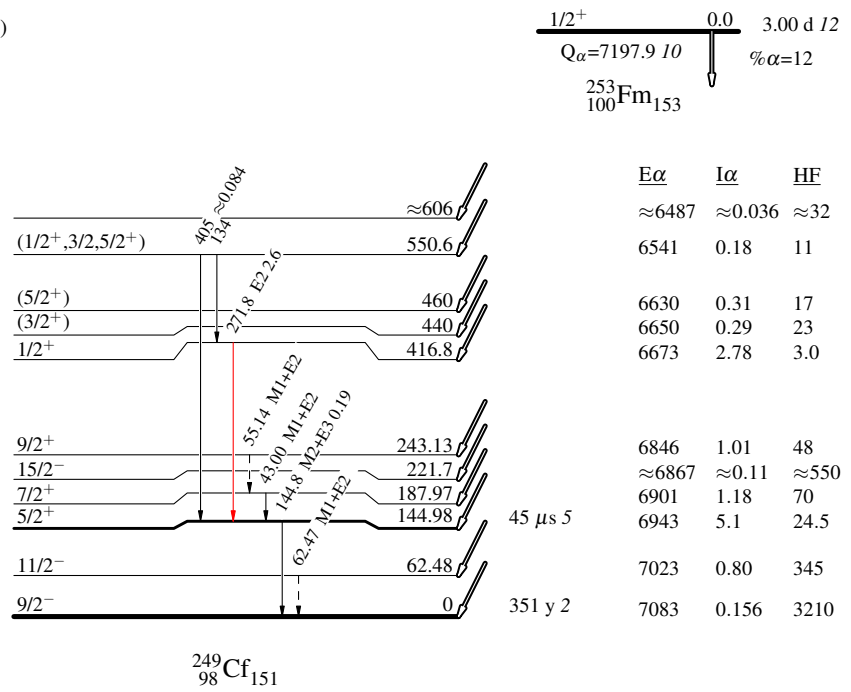
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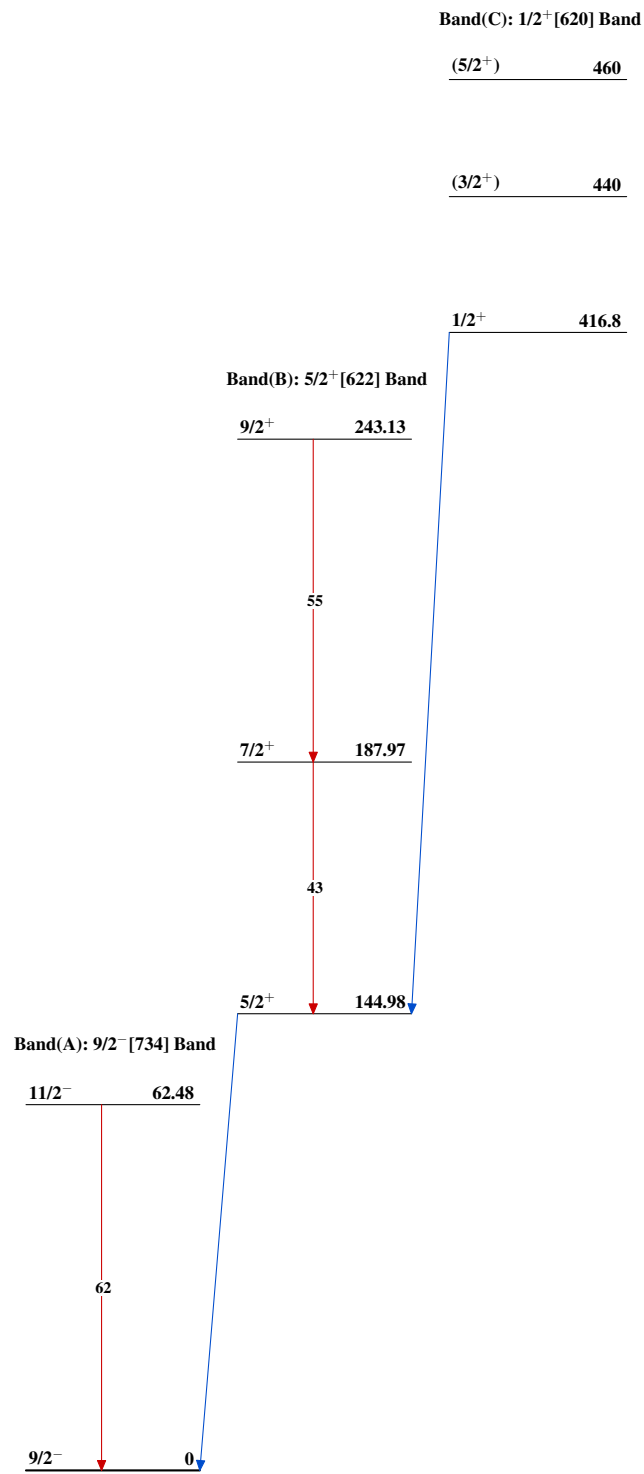
Decay Scheme

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:  $I_\alpha$  per 100  $\alpha$  decays of the parent



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