

**<sup>253</sup>Md  $\alpha$  decay (6 min) [2012He09,2005He27](#)**

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Parent: <sup>253</sup>Md: E=0.0; J <sup>$\pi$</sup> =(7/2<sup>-</sup>); T<sub>1/2</sub>=6 min +12-3; Q( $\alpha$ )=7573 e; % $\alpha$  decay $\approx$ 0.7

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

<sup>253</sup>Md-Q( $\alpha$ ): From [2021Wa16](#).

<sup>253</sup>Md-% $\alpha$  decay: % $\alpha\approx$ 0.7 ([2005He27](#)).

[2012He09](#): <sup>253</sup>Md produced as daughter of  $\epsilon$  decay of <sup>253</sup>No produced in reaction: <sup>207</sup>Pb(<sup>48</sup>Ca,2n) with beam energy 218.4 MeV.

Evaporation residues were separated from the primary beam by velocity filter SHIP at GSI facility and implanted at focal plane into a position-sensitive 16-strip PIPS detector. The PIPS detector was used to measure  $\alpha$  decay energy of the implanted nuclei and their daughter products. It was surrounded in backward hemisphere by a box of silicon detectors to stop  $\alpha$  particles. Gamma rays were detected using a four crystal Ge-clover detector shielded with Cu, Cd, Pb with FWHM=1.7 keV (Expt.1), and VEGA-type detector without shielding with FWHM=2.5 keV (Expt.2). Both FWHM values are for the 279.5-keV  $\gamma$  ray. Measured E $\gamma$ , I $\gamma$ , E $\alpha$ , I $\alpha$ ,  $\alpha\gamma$  coin ( $\Delta t\leq\pm 0.4$   $\mu$ s). Deduced level scheme.

[2011Lo06](#): <sup>253</sup>Md produced as daughter of  $\epsilon$  decay of <sup>253</sup>No that was produced in <sup>207</sup>Pb(<sup>48</sup>Ca,2n) reaction. The residues were separated by VASSILISSA recoil separator and implanted into the GABRIELA detection system at focal plane. The detectors consisted of 48x48 strip Double-Sided-Silicon strip Detector (DSSD), 32-strip silicon detector upstream and a Ge detector. The efficiency for  $\gamma$  ray detection was 16.4% for 100-keV photon and 3.4% at 1332 keV. Measured  $\alpha$ ,  $\gamma$ ,  $\gamma\gamma$  coin,  $\alpha\gamma$  coin, and conversion electrons.

[2005He27](#): <sup>253</sup>Md produced as daughter of  $\epsilon$  decay of <sup>253</sup>No produced in reaction: <sup>207</sup>Pb(<sup>48</sup>Ca,2n) with beam energy E=4.58, 4.60 MeV/nucleon. Evaporation residues were separated from the primary beam by velocity filter SHIP at GSI facility and implanted at focal plane into a position-sensitive 16-strip PIPS detector. The PIPS detector was used to measure the alphas and a clover detector was used for  $\gamma$  rays. Measured (fragments) $\alpha$  coin,  $\alpha\gamma$  coin, prompt and delayed  $\gamma$  rays.

All data from [2012He09](#), except as noted.

<sup>249</sup>Es Levels

E(level)	J <sup><math>\pi</math></sup> <sup>†</sup>	T <sub>1/2</sub> <sup>†</sup>	Comments
0.0	7/2 <sup>+</sup>	102.2 min 6	Configuration= $\pi 7/2$ [633].
49.0 6	(9/2 <sup>+</sup> )		J <sup><math>\pi</math></sup> : Proposed in <a href="#">2012He09</a> based on 304.2 $\gamma$ from 353, 7/2 <sup>-</sup> level feeding this level.
353.2 4	(7/2 <sup>-</sup> )		E(level): from E $\gamma$ =353.2 4. Configuration= $\pi 7/2$ [514].

<sup>†</sup> From Adopted Levels.

$\alpha$  radiations

E $\alpha$	E(level)	Comments
7123 <sup>†</sup> 15		E $\alpha$ : See comment for 390.8 $\gamma$ .
7103 15	353.2	E $\alpha$ : Alpha hindrance factor $\approx$ 1 was deduced by <a href="#">2012He09</a> , based on a single 7103 $\alpha$ branch with theoretical half-life from <a href="#">1980Po10</a> and <a href="#">1983Ru11</a> . Other: 7065 ( <a href="#">2011Lo06</a> who reported that the E $\alpha$ is rather low).

<sup>†</sup> Existence of this branch is questionable.

$\gamma$ (<sup>249</sup>Es)

I $\gamma$  normalization: From I( $\gamma$ +ce) of 353.3 $\gamma$  and 304.2 $\gamma$ =100.

<sup>253</sup>Md α decay (6 min) 2012He09,2005He27 (continued)

γ(<sup>249</sup>Es) (continued)

E <sub>γ</sub>	I <sub>γ</sub> <sup>‡</sup>	E <sub>i</sub> (level)	J <sub>i</sub> <sup>π</sup>	E <sub>f</sub>	J <sub>f</sub> <sup>π</sup>	Mult.	α <sup>†</sup>	Comments
304.2 4	17	353.2	(7/2 <sup>-</sup> )	49.0	(9/2 <sup>+</sup> )	[E1]	0.0455 6	α(K)=0.0354 5; α(L)=0.00760 11; α(M)=0.001867 27 α(N)=0.000516 7; α(O)=0.0001326 19; α(P)=2.411×10 <sup>-5</sup> 34; α(Q)=1.075×10 <sup>-6</sup> 15 E <sub>γ</sub> : 19 events observed by 2012He09, 1 event observed by 2011Lo06.
353.2 4	83	353.2	(7/2 <sup>-</sup> )	0.0	7/2 <sup>+</sup>	(E1)	0.0334 5	α(K)=0.0261 4; α(L)=0.00547 8; α(M)=0.001340 19 α(N)=0.000370 5; α(O)=9.54×10 <sup>-5</sup> 14; α(P)=1.748×10 <sup>-5</sup> 25; α(Q)=8.06×10 <sup>-7</sup> 11 E <sub>γ</sub> : 68 events observed by 2012He09, 15 event observed by 2011Lo06.
<sup>x</sup> 390.8 4								Mult.: from α(K)exp≤0.06 (2005He27). E <sub>γ</sub> : Observed 3 events. 2012He09 describe a possible scenario of assignment of the (7123α, 390.8γ) pair to the g.s. decay of <sup>253</sup> Md that would suggest <sup>249</sup> Es g.s. to be 3/2[521], such as for <sup>251</sup> Es, then placement of 390.8γ from 353, 7/2 <sup>-</sup> state (see Fig. 5 in 2012He09) could feed a 5/2 <sup>-</sup> state at ≈30 keV built on the 3/2[521] orbital, comparable to states in <sup>247,249</sup> Bk. In this scenario 7/2 <sup>+</sup> state with 7/2[633] configuration will lie at ≈68 keV. Better quality data are required to support this tentative scenario, thus 2012He09 omit placement of 390.8γ in the decay scheme.

† Additional information 1.

‡ For absolute intensity per 100 decays, multiply by ≈0.00679.

<sup>x</sup> γ ray not placed in level scheme.

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Decay Scheme

Intensities: I<sub>(γ+ce)</sub> per 100 parent decays

