

**<sup>253</sup>No  $\alpha$  decay**    **[2012He09,2006Lo12,2004He28](#)**

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Parent: <sup>253</sup>No: E=0.0; J <sup>$\pi$</sup> =(9/2<sup>-</sup>); T<sub>1/2</sub>=94.0 s 12; Q( $\alpha$ )=8415 4; % $\alpha$  decay=55 3

<sup>253</sup>No-J <sup>$\pi$</sup> : From Adopted Levels of <sup>253</sup>No in the ENSDF ([2013Br09](#)).

<sup>253</sup>No-T<sub>1/2</sub>: From weighted average of 100.0 s 55 ([2018Ac08](#)), 102 s 12 ([2017Mi01](#)), 93.6 s 12 ([2009He23](#)), 94 s +11-9 ([2009Qi04](#)), 95 s 10 ([1967Mi03](#)), 105 s 20 ([1967Gh01](#)).

<sup>253</sup>No-Q( $\alpha$ ): From [2021Wa16](#).

<sup>253</sup>No-% $\alpha$  decay: From Adopted Levels of <sup>253</sup>No in ENSDF database ([2013Br09](#)).

[2012He09](#): <sup>253</sup>No was produced in <sup>207</sup>Pb(<sup>48</sup>Ca,2n) reaction. The <sup>48</sup>Ca beam at E=218.4 MeV from the UNILAC accelerator at GSI bombarded a 98.9% enriched <sup>207</sup>Pb target. Evaporation residues were separated using the velocity filter SHIP. They were then implanted into a position-sensitive 16-strip PIPS detector at the focal plane. 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 (Expt.1), and VEGA-type detector without shielding (Expt.2) FWHM=1.7 keV (Expt.1) and FWHM=2.5 keV (Expt.2) for the 279.5 keV  $\gamma$ -rays. Measured E $\gamma$ , I $\gamma$ , E $\alpha$ , I $\alpha$ ,  $\alpha\gamma$  coin ( $\Delta t \leq \pm 0.4 \mu s$ ). Deduced level scheme, J <sup>$\pi$</sup> , and simulated the sum energy (E $\alpha$ +E<sub>ce</sub>) spectra as a function of the implantation depth of <sup>253</sup>No by GEANT4 code.

[2004He28,2004He04,1997He29](#) (same group as [2012He09](#)): <sup>253</sup>No produced in <sup>207</sup>Pb(<sup>48</sup>Ca,2n) Residues separated by SHIP velocity filter and implanted into PIPS of GSI. Measured  $\alpha$ ,  $\gamma$ ,  $\gamma\gamma$  coin,  $\alpha\gamma$  coin. Prompt and delayed spectra following  $\alpha$  decay of <sup>253</sup>No.

[2011Lo06](#): (The same group as [2006Lo12](#) at FLNR, JINR. However, [2011Lo06](#) did the measurements with increased efficiency of their detector system and revisited the decay scheme). <sup>253</sup>No was produced in <sup>207</sup>Pb(<sup>48</sup>Ca,2n). 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 increased to 16.4% for 100-keV photon and 3.4% at 1332 keV. Measured  $\alpha$ ,  $\gamma$ ,  $\gamma\gamma$  coin,  $\alpha\gamma$  coin, conversion electrons and  $\alpha$ (ce) coin and prompt and delayed spectra following  $\alpha$  decay of <sup>253</sup>No. Confirmed the work of [2006Lo12](#) and observed a new  $\alpha$ -group to a (7/2<sup>-</sup>) state at 669 keV.

[2006Lo12](#) and [2006Po10](#): (Same group as [2011Lo06](#) but used the position sensitive 16-strip silicon detector.) <sup>253</sup>No was produced in <sup>207</sup>Pb(<sup>48</sup>Ca,2n). The residues were separated by VASSILISSA recoil separator and implanted into GABRIELA detection system at FLNR, JINR. The detectors consisted of 16-strip silicon detectors at the focal plane, 4-strip silicon detectors upstream and the Ge detector. The source was mixed with <sup>254</sup>No which made it impossible to determine the absolute  $\alpha$  decay branching ratios.

Measured  $\alpha$ ,  $\gamma$ ,  $\gamma\gamma$  coin,  $\alpha\gamma$  coin, conversion electrons and  $\alpha$ (ce) coin. Prompt and delayed spectra following  $\alpha$  decay of <sup>253</sup>No.

[1997He29](#):  $\alpha$  decay chain <sup>257</sup>Rf $\rightarrow$ <sup>253</sup>No was studied at the UNILAC accelerator at GSI, Germany. The evaporation residue (ER) from the <sup>208</sup>Pb(<sup>50</sup>Ti,n) were separated in the SHIP velocity filter and then passed through a TOF system and finally implanted into a position sensitive 16-strip silicon wafer. Measured E $\alpha$ ,  $\alpha\alpha$  correlations and excitation functions, and half-lives. There may be some indication that the <sup>253</sup>No  $\alpha$  decay involves the decay of two isomers. Possibly the 8063  $\alpha$  are correlated with the  $\alpha$ 's from 3.9 s <sup>257</sup>Rf, however no final conclusion was made.

Fm K-x rays (keV) (measured by [2012He09](#))

115.3 2	K $\alpha$ 2
121.1 2	K $\alpha$ 1
136.4 2	K $\beta$ 1
140.6 2	K $\beta$ 2

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<sup>249</sup>Fm Levels

E(level) <sup>†</sup>	J $\pi$ <sup>‡</sup>	T <sub>1/2</sub>	Comments
0.0 <sup>#</sup>	(7/2 <sup>+</sup> )	2.05 min 25	T <sub>1/2</sub> : From Adopted Levels. Configuration=7/2[624].
58.20 <sup>#</sup> 17	(9/2 <sup>+</sup> )		
129.2 <sup>#</sup> 3	(11/2 <sup>+</sup> )		
140? 20			E(level): Calculated by the evaluator from E $\alpha$ in <a href="#">1997He29</a> . May consist of unresolved doublet as observed by <a href="#">1997He29</a> .
209.30 20	(5/2 <sup>+</sup> )		Configuration=5/2[622].
248 17			E(level): Calculated by the evaluator from E $\alpha$ in <a href="#">1997He29</a> .
279.80 16	(9/2 <sup>-</sup> )		Configuration=9/2[734].
669.5 4	(7/2 <sup>-</sup> )		Configuration=7/2[743].

<sup>†</sup> From least-squares fit to E $\gamma$  data except as noted.

<sup>‡</sup> From Adopted Levels.

<sup>#</sup> Band(A): 7/2[624].

$\alpha$  radiations

E $\alpha$	E(level)	I $\alpha$ <sup>#</sup>	HF <sup>‡</sup>	Comments
7619 15	669.5	0.24 6	24 7	E $\alpha$ : Weighted average of 7620 15 ( <a href="#">2012He09</a> ) and 7615 4 ( <a href="#">2011Lo06</a> ). I $\alpha$ : Estimated by evaluator from intensity balance. <a href="#">2012He09</a> gives I $\alpha$ = 0.25 6.
8007 4	279.80	95.2 52	1.47 12	E $\alpha$ : Weighted average of 8004 10 ( <a href="#">2012He09</a> ) and 8007 4 ( <a href="#">2011Lo06</a> ). Others: 8011 93 ( <a href="#">1997He29</a> ), 8003 5 ( <a href="#">2006Lo12</a> ), 8004 5 ( <a href="#">2004He28</a> ). I $\alpha$ : Estimated by the evaluator from 100-(Summed $\alpha$ branches to g.s., 209.30, and 669.5 -keV levels). <a href="#">2012He09</a> gives I $\alpha$ = 95.8 1.
8038 17	248			E $\alpha$ : From <a href="#">1997He29</a> .
8078 10	209.30	3.9 5	62 9	E $\alpha$ : Weighted average of 8075 15 ( <a href="#">2012He09</a> ) and 8080 10 ( <a href="#">2011Lo06</a> ). Others: 8063 74 ( <a href="#">1997He29</a> ), 8070 10 ( <a href="#">2006Lo12</a> ). I $\alpha$ : Estimated by evaluator from intensity balance. <a href="#">2012He09</a> gives I $\alpha$ = 4.2 6.
8144 20	140?			E $\alpha$ : Observed by <a href="#">1997He29</a> who noted that it may consist of an unresolved doublet.
8150 <sup>†</sup> 20	129.2			E $\alpha$ : From <a href="#">2006Lo12</a> .
8220 <sup>†</sup> 20	58.20			E $\alpha$ : From <a href="#">2006Lo12</a> .
8280 <sup>†</sup> 20	0.0			E $\alpha$ : From <a href="#">2006Lo12</a> .

<sup>†</sup> Broad distribution of alpha particles was observed by [2012He09](#). The shape analysis of the measured  $\alpha$  spectra was compared to GEANT simulations that lead to evidence for weak  $\alpha$  decay branches of <sup>253</sup>No into g.s. of <sup>249</sup>Fm or the ground-state rotational band. In the simulations, by GEANT4 code, (E $\alpha$ +E $\epsilon$ ) and a total of 0.7%  $\alpha$  decay branch to the g.s. rotational band were considered.

<sup>‡</sup> The nuclear radius parameter r<sub>0</sub>(<sup>249</sup>Fm)=1.4730 54 is deduced from interpolation (or unweighted average) of radius parameters of the adjacent even-even nuclides.

<sup>#</sup> For absolute intensity per 100 decays, multiply by 0.55 3.

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

I $\gamma$  normalization: From I( $\gamma$ + $\epsilon$ )=99.3 for all gammas from 209, 279 and 669 levels, allowing for 0.7% relative  $\alpha$  feeding to g.s. or ground-state band. It is considered approximate due to unplaced 75.0 $\gamma$  and other uncertain features of the decay scheme.

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$\gamma$ (<sup>249</sup>Fm) (continued)

$E_\gamma$	$I_\gamma^\#$	$E_i(\text{level})$	$J_i^\pi$	$E_f$	$J_f^\pi$	Mult. <sup>†</sup>	$\alpha^\ddagger$	Comments
58.3 2	1.3 3	58.20	(9/2 <sup>+</sup> )	0.0	(7/2 <sup>+</sup> )	(M1)	50.6 9	$\alpha(L)=37.8$ 7; $\alpha(M)=9.36$ 16 $\alpha(N)=2.62$ 5; $\alpha(O)=0.691$ 12; $\alpha(P)=0.1342$ 23; $\alpha(Q)=0.00758$ 13 $E_\gamma, I_\gamma$ : From <a href="#">2012He09</a> . $E(58\gamma)$ was also seen in <a href="#">2011Lo06</a> (shown in Fig.4 in <a href="#">2011Lo06</a> ). Mult.: From <a href="#">2012He09</a> who notes that for M1 transition, the expected $I(\gamma+ce)(58.3\gamma)/I(\gamma+ce)(221.5\gamma)=1$ . The experimental ratio is 0.73 25 for M1, 4.1 15 for E2, 0.022 10 for E1; thus M1 (or M1 with small E2 admixture) for 58.3 $\gamma$ is most probable. It is noted by the evaluator that if 58.3 $\gamma$ is pure M1, $I_\gamma$ should be 2.1, deduced from $\gamma$ intensity balance at 58.2 level: $I(\gamma+ce)(58.3\gamma)=I(\gamma+ce)(221.5\gamma)=109.2$ units. If $I_\gamma=1.3$ 3 is correct, then 58.3 $\gamma$ may be M1+E2 with $\delta \approx 0.35$ . $E_\gamma$ : Expected by <a href="#">2006Lo12</a> based on the 150 $\gamma$ in coincident with $\approx 55^-$ and $\approx 70$ -keV electrons and the presence of a structure at 100 keV in the electron single spectrum. $E_\gamma$ : 75 $\gamma$ in coincidence with $\alpha$ events ranging from 8050-8100 keV.
(71)		129.2	(11/2 <sup>+</sup> )	58.20	(9/2 <sup>+</sup> )			
<sup>x</sup> 75.0 2	1.3 3							
129.2 4	1.0 2	129.2	(11/2 <sup>+</sup> )	0.0	(7/2 <sup>+</sup> )	E2	8.19 16	$\alpha(L)=5.88$ 12; $\alpha(M)=1.690$ 34 $\alpha(N)=0.481$ 10; $\alpha(O)=0.1216$ 24; $\alpha(P)=0.0195$ 4; $\alpha(Q)=9.24 \times 10^{-5}$ 17 $E_\gamma, I_\gamma$ : From <a href="#">2012He09</a> . Mult.: From $\alpha(LMN^+)$ exp=4.0 18 ( <a href="#">2006Lo12</a> ),..
150.6 3	18 1	279.80	(9/2 <sup>-</sup> )	129.2	(11/2 <sup>+</sup> )	E1	0.2151 32	$\alpha(K)=0.1594$ 23; $\alpha(L)=0.0416$ 6; $\alpha(M)=0.01035$ 15 $\alpha(N)=0.00287$ 4; $\alpha(O)=0.000734$ 11; $\alpha(P)=0.0001266$ 19; $\alpha(Q)=4.54 \times 10^{-6}$ 7 $E_\gamma$ : weighted average of 150.4 2 ( <a href="#">2012He09</a> ) and 151.2 4 ( <a href="#">2011Lo06</a> ). $I_\gamma$ : From <a href="#">2012He09</a> . Mult.: From $\alpha(LMN^+)$ exp=0.11 3 ( <a href="#">2006Lo12</a> ), $\alpha(K)$ exp<0.98 ( <a href="#">2004He28</a> ), $\alpha(L)$ exp<0.3 ( <a href="#">2004He28</a> ), $\alpha(LMN^+)$ exp=0.11 2 ( <a href="#">2011Lo06</a> ).
209.3 2	1.1 1	209.30	(5/2 <sup>+</sup> )	0.0	(7/2 <sup>+</sup> )	M1	5.61 8	$\alpha(K)=4.35$ 6; $\alpha(L)=0.945$ 13; $\alpha(M)=0.2335$ 33 $\alpha(N)=0.0652$ 9; $\alpha(O)=0.01722$ 25; $\alpha(P)=0.00334$ 5; $\alpha(Q)=0.0001866$ 27 $E_\gamma$ : weighted average of 209.3 2 ( <a href="#">2012He09</a> ) and 209.5 5 ( <a href="#">2011Lo06</a> ). $I_\gamma$ : From <a href="#">2012He09</a> . Mult.: From $\alpha(LMN^+)$ exp=2.8 22 ( <a href="#">2006Lo12</a> ), $\alpha(K)$ exp=4.4 12 ( <a href="#">2012He09</a> ), $\alpha(K)$ exp=4.9 19 ( <a href="#">2012He09</a> ) $\alpha(LMN^+)$ exp=3.42 87 ( <a href="#">2011Lo06</a> ).
221.7 2	100	279.80	(9/2 <sup>-</sup> )	58.20	(9/2 <sup>+</sup> )	E1	0.0916 13	$\alpha(K)=0.0698$ 10; $\alpha(L)=0.01631$ 23;

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$\gamma(^{249}\text{Fm})$  (continued)

<u>E<sub><math>\gamma</math></sub></u>	<u>I<sub><math>\gamma</math></sub></u> <sup>#</sup>	<u>E<sub>i</sub>(level)</u>	<u>J<sub>i</sub><sup><math>\pi</math></sup></u>	<u>E<sub>f</sub></u>	<u>J<sub>f</sub><sup><math>\pi</math></sup></u>	<u>Mult.</u> <sup>†</sup>	<u><math>\alpha</math></u> <sup>‡</sup>	<u>Comments</u>
								$\alpha(\text{M})=0.00404$ 6 $\alpha(\text{N})=0.001119$ 16; $\alpha(\text{O})=0.000289$ 4; $\alpha(\text{P})=5.14\times 10^{-5}$ 7; $\alpha(\text{Q})=2.054\times 10^{-6}$ 29 E <sub><math>\gamma</math></sub> : weighted average of 221.5 2 ( <a href="#">2012He09</a> ) and 221.8 2 ( <a href="#">2011Lo06</a> ). I <sub><math>\gamma</math></sub> : From <a href="#">2012He09</a> . Mult.: From $\alpha(\text{LMN}+)\text{exp}=0.04$ 1 ( <a href="#">2006Lo12</a> ), $\alpha(\text{K})\text{exp}<0.17$ ( <a href="#">2004He28</a> ), $\alpha(\text{L})\text{exp}<0.05$ ( <a href="#">2004He28</a> ), $\alpha(\text{LMN}+)\text{exp}=0.023$ 4 ( <a href="#">2011Lo06</a> ).
279.7 2	44 1	279.80	(9/2 <sup>-</sup> )	0.0	(7/2 <sup>+</sup> )	E1	0.0556 8	$\alpha(\text{K})=0.0429$ 6; $\alpha(\text{L})=0.00953$ 13; $\alpha(\text{M})=0.002349$ 33 $\alpha(\text{N})=0.000652$ 9; $\alpha(\text{O})=0.0001687$ 24; $\alpha(\text{P})=3.05\times 10^{-5}$ 4; $\alpha(\text{Q})=1.294\times 10^{-6}$ 18 E <sub><math>\gamma</math></sub> : weighted average of 279.5 2 ( <a href="#">2012He09</a> ) and 279.8 2 ( <a href="#">2011Lo06</a> ). I <sub><math>\gamma</math></sub> : From <a href="#">2012He09</a> . Mult.: $\alpha(\text{LMN}+)\text{exp}=0.08$ 2 ( <a href="#">2006Lo12</a> ), $\alpha(\text{K})\text{exp}=0.12$ 3 ( <a href="#">2006Lo12</a> ), $\alpha(\text{K})\text{exp}<0.35$ ( <a href="#">2004He28</a> ), $\alpha(\text{L})\text{exp}<0.1$ ( <a href="#">2004He28</a> ), $\alpha(\text{K})\text{exp}=0.145$ 22 ( <a href="#">2011Lo06</a> ), $\alpha(\text{LMN}+)\text{exp}=0.076$ 12 ( <a href="#">2011Lo06</a> ).
669.5 4	0.43 11	669.5	(7/2 <sup>-</sup> )	0.0	(7/2 <sup>+</sup> )	[E1]	0.01023 14	$\alpha(\text{K})=0.00814$ 11; $\alpha(\text{L})=0.001571$ 22; $\alpha(\text{M})=0.000382$ 5 $\alpha(\text{N})=0.0001059$ 15; $\alpha(\text{O})=2.77\times 10^{-5}$ 4; $\alpha(\text{P})=5.22\times 10^{-6}$ 7; $\alpha(\text{Q})=2.64\times 10^{-7}$ 4 E <sub><math>\gamma</math></sub> : From <a href="#">2012He09</a> .

<sup>†</sup> From the experimental internal conversion data. The numerical values of the conversion coefficients data from [2006Lo12](#) listed in the comments were read from Figure 6 of [2006Lo12](#).

<sup>‡</sup> [Additional information 1](#).

<sup>#</sup> For absolute intensity per 100 decays, multiply by 0.30.

<sup>x</sup>  $\gamma$  ray not placed in level scheme.

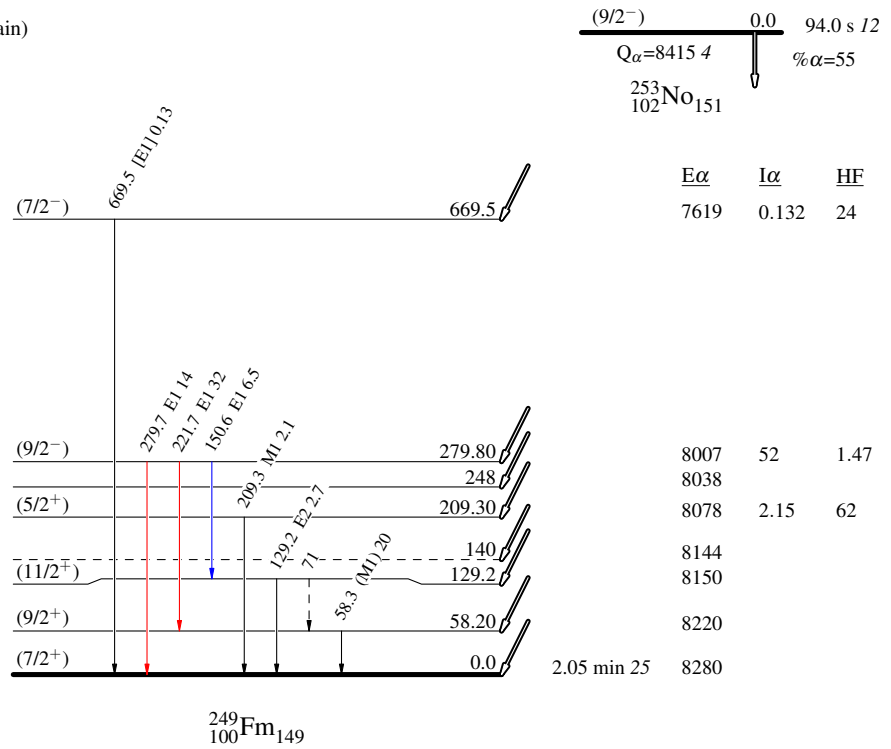
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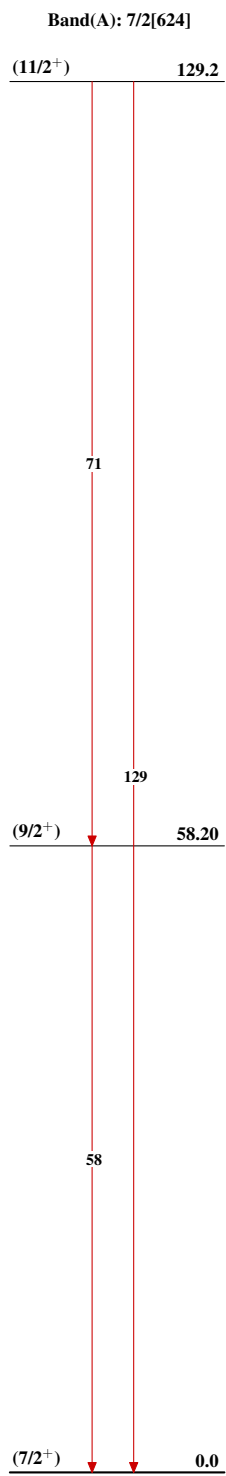
Decay Scheme

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 parent decays



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