

Adopted Levels, Gammas

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Q(β^-)=1780 4; S(n)=4970 4; S(p)=5089 6; Q(α)=5531 *syst* [2012Wa38](#)
 Note: Current evaluation has used the following Q record 1780 4 4969 5 5087 6 5532 19 [1995Au04](#).

Since the 39.9-h ²⁵⁴Es α decay and ²⁴⁹Bk(n, γ) data presented in this evaluation are considered as preliminary, level schemes and predominant configuration assignments given here, which are based mostly on these data, should be taken as tentative, particularly in view of some interpretations that are inconsistent with data.

Assuming the level scheme is correct, the inconsistencies noted here can be explained by large admixtures of other configurations.

See 275.7-d ²⁵⁴Es and 39.3-h ²⁵⁴Es α decays and ²⁴⁹Bk(n, γ) data sections for additional remarks.

[Additional information 1.](#)

Theoretical studies:

Fission-barrier properties were calculated by [1977Pr10](#), [1980Ku14](#), [1984Oh09](#), [1984Ku05](#), [1984Ro23](#).

For discussions and calculations of Gallagher-Moszkovski splitting, and of odd- and even-spin states' energy shifts (Newby shifts), see, for example, [1986Ho30](#), [1986Ho36](#), [1986So12](#), [1988Fr16](#), [1989HoZI](#), [1994No15](#).

²⁵⁰Bk Levels

[Additional information 2.](#)

Cross Reference (XREF) Flags

- A ²⁵⁴Es α decay (275.7 d)
- B ²⁵⁴Es α decay (39.3 h)
- C ²⁴⁹Bk(n, γ):(tentative)

E(level) ^f	J ^{π}	T _{1/2} ^g	XREF	Comments
0.0 [†]	2 ⁻	3.212 h 5	ABC	% β^- =100 T _{1/2} : measurement of 1979Re01 . Other measured half-lives are 3.10 h (1954Gh24), 3.222 h 5 (1959Va02), 3.103 h 19 (1988Po05). J ^{π} : log ft=7.2 for β to 3 ⁺ state rules out J<2; from log ft's to 0 ⁺ states, J ^{π} Ne 2 ⁺ and J is not >2. Among the available Nilsson orbitals, analogy to ²⁵¹ Bk and ²⁵¹ Cf for the proton and neutron states suggests that probable configuration is 2 ⁻ ,(p 3/2[521]+n 1/2[620]).
34.47 [†]	(3 ⁻)		ABC	J ^{π} : 34.4 γ to g.s. is (M1,E2); rotational parameter.
35.59 [‡]	(4 ⁺)	29 μ s 1	ABC	J ^{π} : (M2) to g.s.; α hindrance factor of α from 275.7-d ²⁵⁴ Es is consistent with the J ^{π} and configuration assignments.
78.33 [‡]	(5 ⁺)		ABC	J ^{π} : (M1+E2) to (4 ⁺); α hindrance factor in 275.7-d ²⁵⁴ Es α decay.
80.26 [†]	(4 ⁻)		C	J ^{π} : 45.79 γ to (3 ⁻) and 80.26 γ to 2 ⁻ are (M1+E2) and (E2), respectively, obtained in (n, γ).
86 [#] 2	(7 ⁺)	213 μ s 8	A	J ^{π} : favored α decay from (7 ⁺) 275.7-d ²⁵⁴ Es.
97.49 [@]	(5 ⁻)	38 ns 5	A C	J ^{π} : 61.91-keV (E1) transition to (4 ⁺). Hindrance factor for the α from (7 ⁺),(p 7/2[633],n 7/2[613]) 275.7-d ²⁵⁴ Es is consistent with J ^{π} =(5 ⁻) and the configuration of (p 3/2[521],n 7/2[613]).
103.83 ^{&}	(1 ⁻)		BC	J ^{π} : (M1) to g.s. J ^{π} and configuration was assigned by 1973Ah04 in 39.3-h ²⁵⁴ Es α decay and by 1982HoZE in (n, γ) reaction.
115.45 ^a	(3 ⁺)		BC	J ^{π} : (M1) transitions from 2 ⁺ level at 211.82 and to (4 ⁺) level at 35.59. E(level): the order of 96.38- and 79.86-keV gammas, feeding and deexciting the level, respectively, were reversed in 39.3-h ²⁵⁴ Es α decay and (n, γ) works, with

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²⁵⁰Bk Levels (continued)

<u>E(level)^f</u>	<u>J^π</u>	<u>T_{1/2}^g</u>	<u>XREF</u>	<u>Comments</u>
				two different level energies. The same configuration assignment was proposed by 1973Ah04 and by 1982HoZE. The order for these two gammas chosen here is mostly based on the intensity balance in α decay at this level. However, uncertainties on the transition intensities of these gammas do not rule out the reverse order. Therefore, the level energy could very well be 131.97 keV. Another reason for adopting this order is that if the 3 ⁺ state were at 131.97 keV, the rotational band parameter would be much too small, assuming the assignment of the 148.60-keV level as the band's 4 ⁺ member is correct. An expected E1 transition to g.s. either 115.45 keV or 131.97 keV, which would determine the level's correct energy, would be obscured by the Kα ₁ x ray and Kβ ₂ ' x ray. See also the 39.3-h ²⁵⁴ Es α decay set.
125.01 ^{&}	(2 ⁻)		BC	J ^π : (M1) transitions to 2 ⁻ and (3 ⁻) members of g.s. band; rotational band parameter.
130.49 [‡]	(6 ⁺)		ABC	J ^π : 52.16γ and 94.91 γ's to (5 ⁺) and (4 ⁺) states are (M1+E2) and (E2), respectively; α hindrance factor in 275.7-d ²⁵⁴ Es α decay.
137.32 [†]	(5 ⁻)		ABC	J ^π : (M1) and (E2) transitions to the (4 ⁻) and (3 ⁻) members of the band, respectively; energy fit to the band.
146.43 ^b	(2 ⁻)		C	J ^π : assignment was made by 1982HoZE. The (M1) and (M1+E2) transitions to the (3 ⁻) and 2 ⁻ states of the g.s. band, respectively, are consistent with the suggested configuration, which is reasonable among the available Nilsson states expected at low energies.
148.60 ^a	(4 ⁺)		C	J ^π : (M1) transitions to (4 ⁺) and (5 ⁺) states of the K=4 band, and the energy spacing from the 115.44 level are consistent with this J ^π assignment.
156 [#] 2	(8 ⁺)		A	J ^π : α hindrance factor in 275.7-d ²⁵⁴ Es α decay; (M1+E2) to (7 ⁺) state at 86 keV.
157.39 ^{&}	(3 ⁻)		C	J ^π : (E2) transition to (1 ⁻) state, (M1) to (4 ⁻) state.
167.09 [@]	(6 ⁻)		A C	J ^π : (M1+E2) to (5 ⁻); rotational parameter. α hindrance factor is consistent with the J ^π and configuration assignments.
175.13	(1 ⁺)	42 ns 2	BC	J ^π : (E1) transitions to (2 ⁻) and (1 ⁻) states; no γ to (3 ⁻). The K=0,(p 7/2[633],n 7/2[613]) configuration, assigned by 1973Ah04 in 39.3-h ²⁵⁴ Es α decay and by 1982HoZE in (n,γ), is not consistent with HF=270 for the α from 2 ⁺ ,2 (p 7/2[633],n 3/2[622]) parent state; it is also not consistent with γ transitions to members of K=1 and K=2 bands with (p 3/2[521]±n 1/2[620]) configurations.
179.99 ^b	(3 ⁻)		C	J ^π : (M1+E2) and (M1) transitions to 2 ⁻ and (3 ⁻) states; band parameter.
190 [‡] 2	(7 ⁺)		A	J ^π : hindrance factor of 2350 for 6324α from 275.7-d ²⁵⁴ Es is consistent with its transition from J ^π ,K=7 ⁺ ,7,(p 7/2[633],n 7/2[613]) parent to (7 ⁺) of K=4,(p 7/2[633],n 1/2[620]) band.
203.64 ^{&}	(4 ⁻)		C	J ^π : (M1) transitions to (3 ⁻) and (4 ⁻) states of g.s. band. J ^π =(4 ⁻) is preferred from nonobservation of γ to 2 ⁻ g.s. Energy fit to level is somewhat poor.
211.82 ^c	2 ⁺		BC	J ^π : parity is from E1 character of 211.82γ to 2 ⁻ g.s. Spin is from favored α decay from 39.3-h ²⁵⁴ Es.
215.94	(0 ⁺)		C	J ^π : (M1) and (E1) transitions to (1 ⁺) and (1 ⁻), respectively; no γ to J=2 and higher J ^π states. A=6.80, if this and 175.12-keV levels are 0 ⁺ and 1 ⁺ members of a K=0 band, as proposed by 1982HoZE.
236.74 ^c	(3 ⁺)		BC	J ^π : HF(6357α)=30 3, in 39.3-h ²⁵⁴ Es α decay, is consistent with α transition from 2 ⁺ ,2(p 7/2[633],n 3/2[622]) parent to this state with main configuration of 3 ⁺ ,2(p 7/2[633],n 3/2[622]) . E(level): 121.29γ deexciting this level is assumed to be incorrectly shown in decay scheme of 1982HoZE to decay to the 148.60-keV level: it is placed here between this level and the 115.44-keV level. E(level)=236 3 from Ea's.
241 [#] 2	(9 ⁺)		A	J ^π : (M1,E2) to (8 ⁺) member of the K=7 band; HF(α)=380 is consistent with α transition from the 7 ⁺ ,7(p 7/2[633],n 7/2[613]) parent.
247.9 [@] 2	(7 ⁻)		A	J ^π : (M1,E2) to (6 ⁻) and γ to (5 ⁻) members of the band; HF=224 22 for α transition from the 7 ⁺ ,7(p 7/2[633],n 7/2[613]) parent.

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E(level) ^f	J ^π	XREF	Comments
270.46 ^c	(4 ⁺)	BC	J ^π : (E2) to (2 ⁺) member of the band; HF(α)=79 for α from 2 ⁺ ,2 (p 7/2[633],n 3/2[622]) parent.
298 2		B	
316 ^c 3	(5 ⁺)	B	J ^π : HF(α)=650 150 for α transition from 2 ⁺ ,2 (p 7/2[633],n 3/2[622]).
316.46 ^d	(5 ⁺)	C	J ^π : J ^π =5 ⁺ of K=5,(p 7/2[633]+n 3/2[622]) band assignment was made by 1982HoZE from M1 γ transitions to 4 ⁺ and 5 ⁺ members of K=4,(p 7/2[633],n 1/2[620]) band. The level observed at 316 keV in 39.3-h ^{254}Es α decay was assigned by 1973Ah04 to J ^π =5 ⁺ of K=2,(p 7/2[633]-n 3/2[622]) band. Both of these 5 ⁺ states may be populated by α in 39.3-h ^{254}Es .
325 2		A	
333 2		A	
≈341		A	
369.61 ^d	(6 ⁺)	C	J ^π : (M1) transitions to (5 ⁺) and (6 ⁺) members of K=4 band; (6 ⁺) is inferred from non-observation of an E2 to the band's (4 ⁺) member.
406	(6 ⁺)	C	J ^π : K,J ^π =6,6 ⁺ , (p 5/2[642],n 7/2[613]) state was proposed by 1982HoZE from (n,γ), and also by 1982KoZZ in ^{254}Es α decay data which is not included in this evaluation, since it is tentative. It should be pointed out that an α transition to this state from the 7,7 ⁺ (p 7/2[633],n 7/2[613]) parent is expected to have low hindrance factor.
413 ^e 3		A	E(level): calculated from Q(α)(^{254}Es)=6615.7 15 and Eα=6105 2. This level may be identical to the state identified in (n,γ) at 406-keV. However, in their preliminary α decay work, 1982KoZZ observed a new α to 406-keV level, presumably in addition to an α to the 413-keV level. If the 6105α is a doublet, HF(α to 406)≥22 which is consistent with an α transition between the 7 ⁺ ,7(p 7/2[633],n 7/2[613]) parent and a 6 ⁺ ,6(p 5/2[642],n 7/2[613]) daughter state. α and γ spectra with higher resolution are needed to resolve whether or not these two levels are the same.
471 ^e 2		A	
526		C	J ^π : J ^π ,K=3 ⁻ ,3 (p 7/2[633],n 1/2[761]) was assigned from (n,γ) data.
527 ^e 20		A	Additional information 3.
552		C	J ^π : J ^π ,K=6 ⁺ ,6 (p 7/2[633],n 5/2 ⁺ [622]) was proposed from (n,γ) data. The same configuration was assigned by 1982KoZZ to a level at 355.3 keV from ^{254}Es α decay.
566		C	J ^π : J ^π ,K=4 ⁻ ,4 (p 7/2[633],n 1/2[761]) was proposed from (n,γ) data.

† Band(A): K=2. A=5.7; configuration: (p 3/2[521],n 1/2[620]).

‡ Band(B): K=4. A=4.27; configuration: (p 7/2[633],n 1/2[620]).

Band(C): K=7. A=4.4; configuration: (p 7/2[633],n 7/2[613]).

@ Band(D): K=5. A=5.7; (p 3/2[521],n 7/2[613]) configuration was proposed by 1966Mc02. Since the deexcitation of the 97.49 level by 61.91γ to the 4⁺,4(p 7/2[633],n 1/2[620]) level at 35.59 is not consistent with 5⁺,5(p 3/2[521],n 7/2[613]) assignment for the 97.49 level (a γ transition between these states would require both proton and neutron states to change during decay), large admixture with other states would be expected.

& Band(E): K=1. A=5.3; configuration, (p 3/2[521],n 1/2[620]), was assigned by 1983Ah02 in 39.3-h ^{254}Es α decay and by 1982HoZE in (n,γ) reaction.

^a Band(F): K=3. A=4.14; (p 7/2[633],n 1/2[620]) configuration was assigned by 1982HoZE. This assignment was proposed by 1973Ah04 to a level at 131.6 keV.

^b Band(G): K=2. A=5.59; (p 3/2[521],n 7/2[613]) configuration was proposed by 1982HoZE.

^c Band(H): K=2. A=4.15. From the favored α decay of 39.3-h ^{254}Es , the configuration is (p 7/2[633],n 3/2[622]), as assigned by 1973Ah04. However, the γ's shown to decay to g.s. band are not consistent with the configuration assigned. Some admixture with other bands is needed to explain the γ deexcitations.

^d Band(I): K=5. A=4.43; configuration of (p 7/2[633],n 3/2[622]) was assigned by 1982HoZE.

^e The authors of 1966Mc02 tentatively suggested that the 413-,471- and 527-keV levels might be members of a rotational band. They may possibly be the 6⁺, 7⁺ and 8⁺ members of the K=6 band, identified at 406 keV.

^f From 275.7-d and 39.3-h ^{254}Es α decay and from ^{249}Bk (n,γ) reaction studies.

^g Excited states' half-lives are from 275.7-d and 39.3-h ^{254}Es α decay.

Adopted Levels, Gammas (continued)

$\gamma(^{250}\text{Bk})$									
<u>E_i(level)</u>	<u>J^{π}_i</u>	<u>E_{γ}[†]</u>	<u>I_{γ}[‡]</u>	<u>E_f</u>	<u>J^{π}_f</u>	<u>Mult.#</u>	<u>α[@]</u>	<u>I_(γ+ce)</u>	<u>Comments</u>
34.47	(3 ⁻)	34.47		0.0	2 ⁻	(M1,E2)	18×10 ² 16		
35.59	(4 ⁺)	(1.12)		34.47	(3 ⁻)	[E1]		≈5.5×10 ⁵	B(E1)(W.u.)≈1×10 ⁻⁶ The N-, O-, P- subshell, and the total conversion coefficient were calculated by 1991Ba63 for 0.95-, 1.1- and 1.25-keV γ transitions with E1 multipolarity. The authors calculated total $\alpha(1.1\gamma)$ =986. From intensity balance in ²⁵⁴ Es α decay, 30% of I(γ +ce) from the 35.59 level decays through the 1.12-keV γ .
		35.59	100	0.0	2 ⁻	(M2)	1.287×10 ⁴	12.9×10 ⁵	B(M2)(W.u.)≈0.026
78.33	(5 ⁺)	42.74		35.59	(4 ⁺)	(M1+E2)			
80.26	(4 ⁻)	45.79		34.47	(3 ⁻)	(M1+E2)			
		80.26		0.0	2 ⁻	(E2)			
86	(7 ⁺)	(8)		78.33	(5 ⁺)	[E2]	1.3×10 ⁶		B(E2)(W.u.)=0.0007 5 Transition has not been observed; energy is from level scheme.
97.49	(5 ⁻)	61.91		35.59	(4 ⁺)	(E1)	0.508		B(E1)(W.u.)=1.25×10 ⁻⁵ 18
103.83	(1 ⁻)	103.83		0.0	2 ⁻	(M1)	7.47		
115.45	(3 ⁺)	79.86		35.59	(4 ⁺)	(M1)	16.05		
125.01	(2 ⁻)	90.53	100 30	34.47	(3 ⁻)	(M1)	11.13		
		125.01	75 30	0.0	2 ⁻	(M1)	4.38		
130.49	(6 ⁺)	52.16		78.33	(5 ⁺)	(M1+E2)	2.6×10 ² 20		
		94.91		35.59	(4 ⁺)	(E2)	26.7		
137.32	(5 ⁻)	57.06		80.26	(4 ⁻)	(M1)	42.8		
		102.84		34.47	(3 ⁻)	(E2)	18.4		
146.43	(2 ⁻)	111.96		34.47	(3 ⁻)	(M1)	6.01		
		146.43		0.0	2 ⁻	(M1+E2)	8.3 41		
148.60	(4 ⁺)	70.27		78.33	(5 ⁺)	(M1)	23.3		
		113.01		35.59	(4 ⁺)	(M1)	5.85		
156	(8 ⁺)	70.4 2		86	(7 ⁺)	(M1+E2)	66 43		
157.39	(3 ⁻)	53.59		103.83	(1 ⁻)	(E2)	402.8		
		77.13		80.26	(4 ⁻)	(M1)	17.78		
		122.95		34.47	(3 ⁻)	(M1)	4.59		
167.09	(6 ⁻)	69.60		97.49	(5 ⁻)	(M1+E2)	69 24		
175.13	(1 ⁺)	50.12	22 3	125.01	(2 ⁻)	(E1)	0.882		B(E1)(W.u.)=3.5×10 ⁻⁶ 7
		71.30	100 10	103.83	(1 ⁻)	(E1)	0.352		B(E1)(W.u.)=5.6×10 ⁻⁶ 8
		175.12	6.5 14	0.0	2 ⁻	[E1+M2]	2.76		B(E1)(W.u.)=2.2×10 ⁻⁸ 6; B(M2)(W.u.)=0.30 8 α : for E1+M2, δ =0.3. B(M2)(W.u.) for δ =0.3.
179.99	(3 ⁻)	145.56		34.47	(3 ⁻)	(M1)	12.9		
		179.99		0.0	2 ⁻	(M1+E2)	4.3 27		
203.64	(4 ⁻)	123.37		80.26	(4 ⁻)	(M1)	4.55		
		169.19		34.47	(3 ⁻)	(M1)	8.40		
211.82	2 ⁺	(36.7)		175.13	(1 ⁺)				This transition was not observed; existence was deduced from $\alpha\gamma$ -coincidence data

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γ(²⁵⁰Bk) (continued)

<u>E_i(level)</u>	<u>J_i^π</u>	<u>E_γ[†]</u>	<u>I_γ[‡]</u>	<u>E_f</u>	<u>J_f^π</u>	<u>Mult.[#]</u>	<u>α[@]</u>	<u>Comments</u>
								observed in 39.3-h ²⁵⁴ Es α decay. E _γ : from level scheme.
211.82	2 ⁺	96.38	5.9 7	115.45 (3 ⁺)	(M1)		9.28	
		177.36	59 6	34.47 (3 ⁻)	(E1)		0.145	
		211.82	100 10	0.0 2 ⁻	E1		0.0967	
215.94	(0 ⁺)	40.82		175.13 (1 ⁺)	(M1)		113.7	
		112.116		103.83 (1 ⁻)	(E1)		0.109	
236.74	(3 ⁺)	121.29		115.45 (3 ⁺)	(M1)		4.78	
		202.27		34.47 (3 ⁻)				E _γ : deduced from level energies shown in 1982HoZE . γ energy was not given in the decay scheme of 1982HoZE .
241	(9 ⁺)	85.1 1		156 (8 ⁺)	(M1,E2)			
247.9	(7 ⁻)	80.8 1		167.09 (6 ⁻)	(M1,E2)			
		150 2		97.49 (5 ⁻)				
270.46	(4 ⁺)	58.64		211.82 2 ⁺	(E2)		261	
		235.98		34.47 (3 ⁻)				
316.46	(5 ⁺)	238.14		78.33 (5 ⁺)	(M1)		3.21	
		280.88		35.59 (4 ⁺)	(M1)		2.03	
325		233& 2	32 4	97.49 (5 ⁻)				Existence of this transition is questionable.
		249 2	100 16	78.33 (5 ⁺)				
369.61	(6 ⁺)	239.18		130.49 (6 ⁺)	(M1)		3.17	
		291.36		78.33 (5 ⁺)	(M1)		1.81	
413		316 2		97.49 (5 ⁻)				This γ could deexcite the 406-keV level, if it is also populated by an α from ²⁵⁴ Es g.s. An E1 γ transition would be expected between the J ^π ,K=6 ⁺ ,6(p 5/2[642],n 7/2[613]) and 5 ⁻ ,5(p 3/2[521],n 7/2[613]) states.
471		304 2		167.09 (6 ⁻)				

† From (n,γ), 276-d and 39.3-h ²⁵⁴Es α decays.

‡ Relative photon intensities deexciting each level. These branchings are deduced from I_γ's measured in ²⁵⁴Es α decays.

Deduced in ²⁵⁴Es α decays and (n,γ) work.

@ Total theoretical internal conversion coefficients, calculated using the BrIcc code ([2008Ki07](#)) with Frozen orbital approximation based on γ-ray energies, assigned multipolarities, and mixing ratios, unless otherwise specified.

& Placement of transition in the level scheme is uncertain.

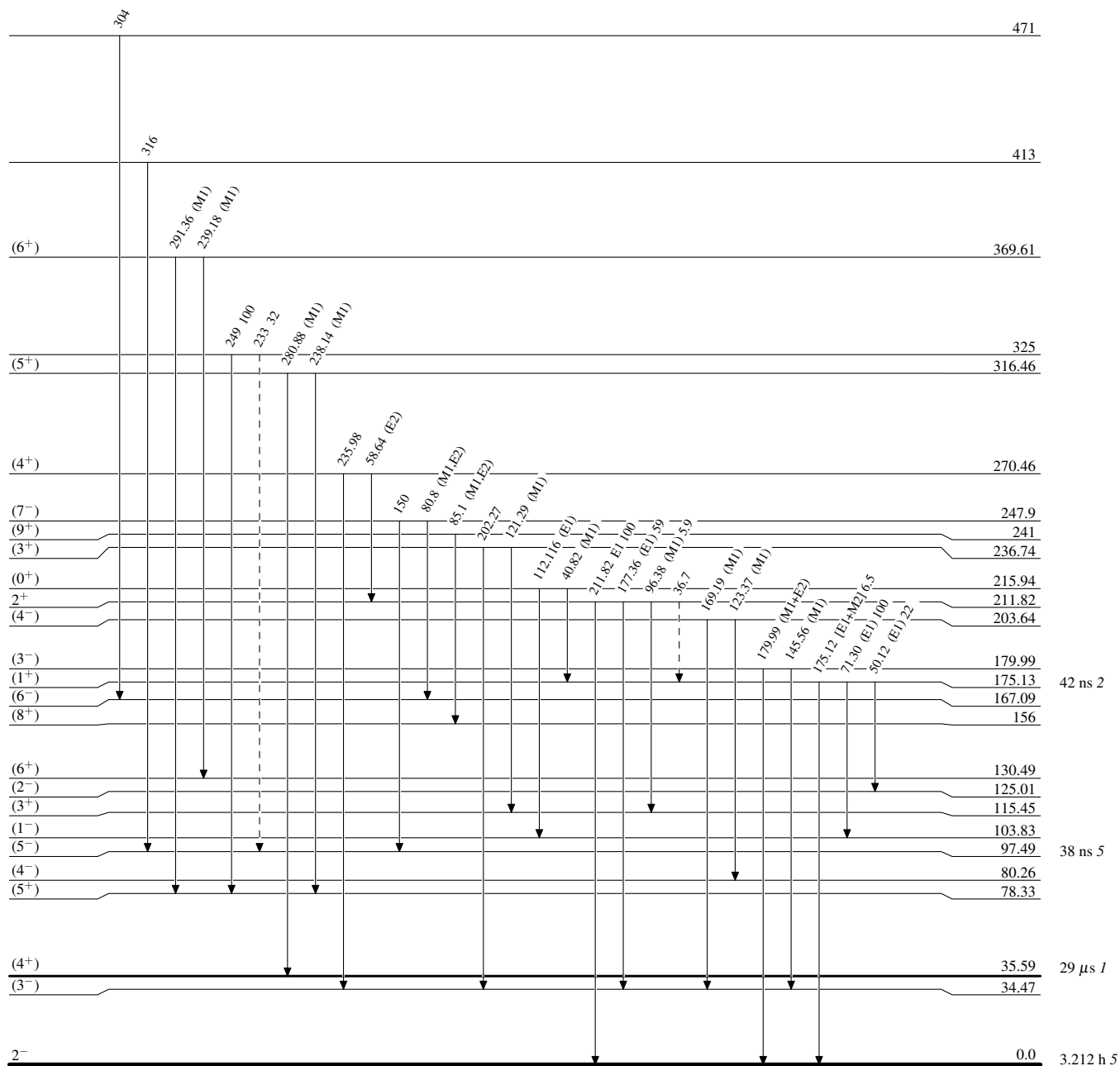
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Level Scheme

Intensities: Relative photon branching from each level

-----▶ γ Decay (Uncertain)



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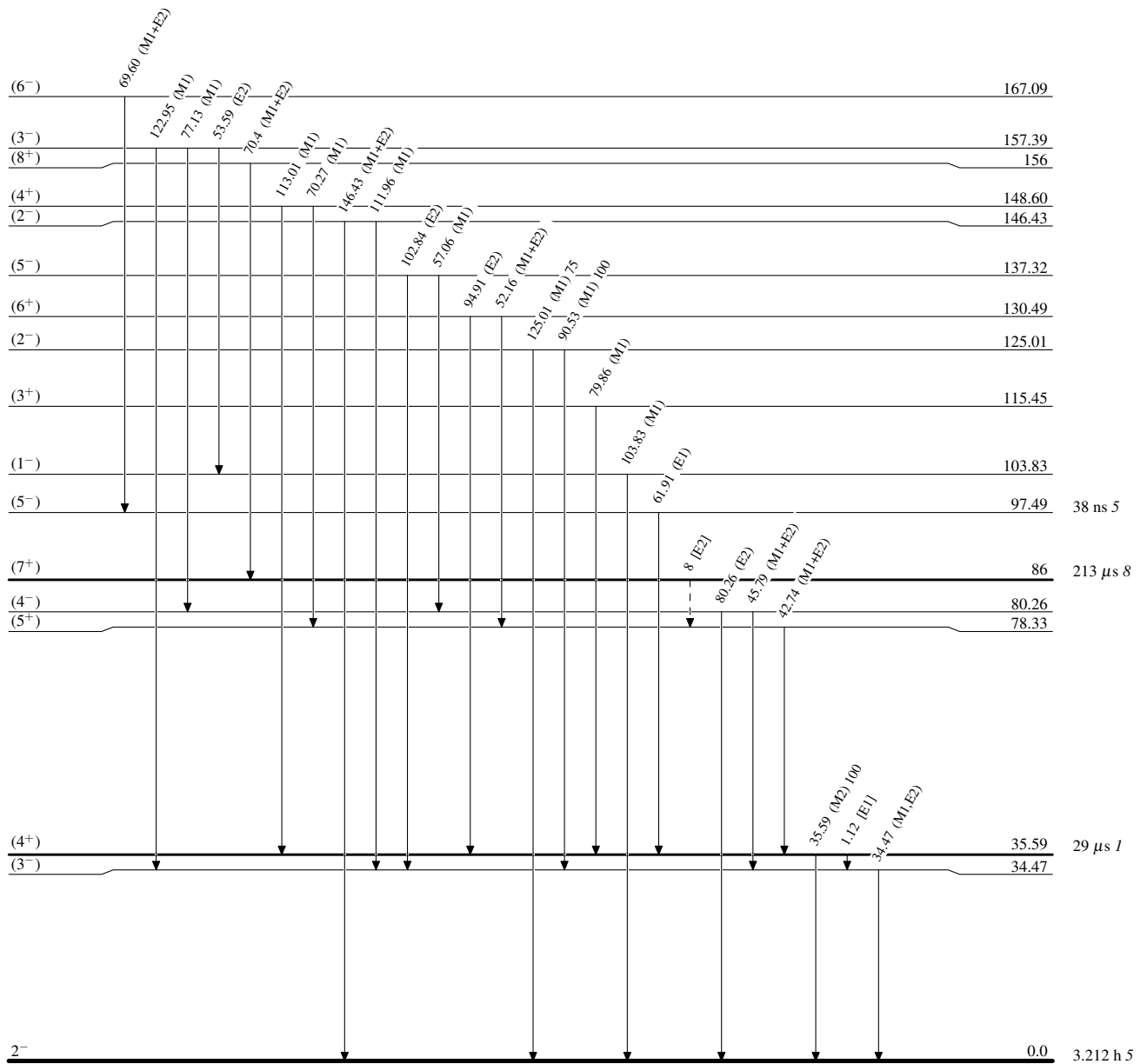
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Level Scheme (continued)

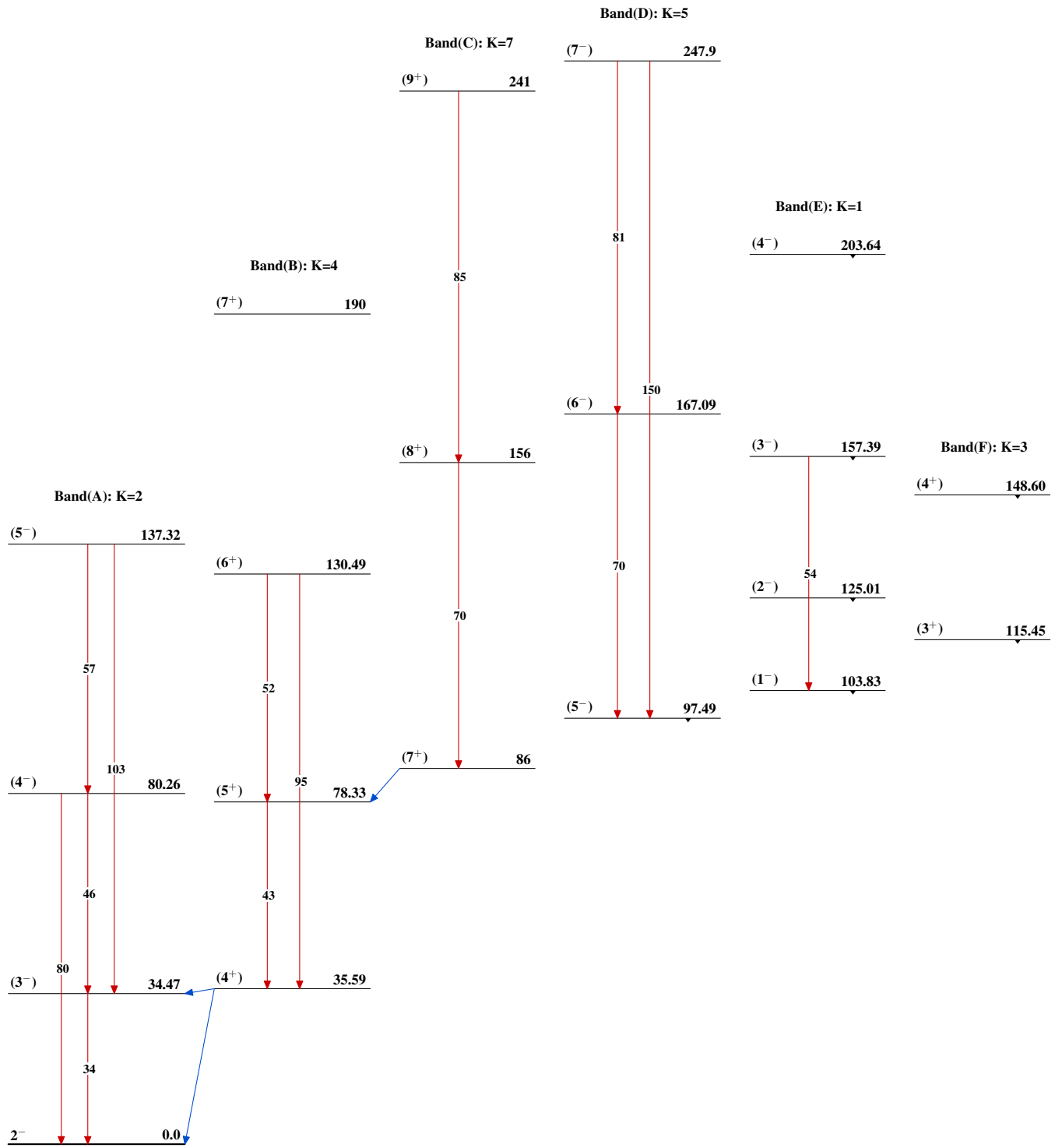
Intensities: Relative photon branching from each level

-----▶ γ Decay (Uncertain)



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Band(I): K=5

(6⁺) 369.61

Band(H): K=2

(5⁺) 316 (5⁺) 316.46(4⁺) 270.46(3⁺) 236.742⁺ 211.82

Band(G): K=2

(3⁻) 179.99(2⁻) 146.43 $^{250}_{97}\text{Bk}_{153}$