

$^{250}\text{Bk } \beta^-$ decay

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Parent: ^{250}Bk : E=0.0; $J^\pi=2^-$; $T_{1/2}=3.212$ h 5; $Q(\beta^-)=1780$ 4; % β^- decay=100.0 ^{250}Cf Levels

E(level)	J^π	E(level)	J^π	E(level)	J^π	E(level)	J^π
0.0	0^+	1031.852 21	2^+	1210? 1	(3^-)	1411.33 6	$(1,2^+)$
42.721 5	2^+	1071.37 2	3^+	\approx 1218.2?		1426.86? 12	(3^-)
141.875 10	4^+	1154.24 10	0^+	1244.50 8	2^+	1658.00 4	2^+
871.57 3	2^-	1175.52 3	1^-	1266.6 2	0^+	1695.15 10	(3^+)
905.89 2	3^-	1189.39 3	2^+	1296.60 4	2^+		
951.98 2	4^-	1209.97 4	$(2)^-$	1385.50 10	$1,2^+$		

 β^- radiations

E(decay)	E(level)	$I\beta^{-\dagger\dagger}$	Log ft	Comments
(85 4)	1695.15	0.0015 2	7.95 9	av $E\beta=21.9$ 11
(122 4)	1658.00	0.117 4	6.55 5	av $E\beta=31.8$ 11
(353 [#] 4)	1426.86?	0.0076 11	9.18 7	av $E\beta=98.9$ 13
(369 4)	1411.33	0.0034 4	9.59 6	av $E\beta=103.6$ 13
(395 4)	1385.50	0.0039 2	9.62 3	av $E\beta=111.6$ 13
(483 4)	1296.60	0.021 4	9.18 9	av $E\beta=139.7$ 13
(513 4)	1266.6	0.0080 8	9.69 ^{lu} 5	av $E\beta=150.7$ 12
(536 4)	1244.50	0.0065 4	9.83 3	av $E\beta=156.6$ 14
(562 [#] 4)	\approx 1218.2?	0.0067 14		
(570 [#] 4)	1210?			
(570 4)	1209.97	0.027 2	9.30 4	av $E\beta=167.9$ 14
(591 4)	1189.39	0.0161 9	9.58 3	av $E\beta=174.7$ 14
(604 4)	1175.52	0.059 4	9.05 3	av $E\beta=179.3$ 14
(626 4)	1154.24	0.0015 2	10.8 ^{lu} 1	av $E\beta=184.7$ 13
(709 4)	1071.37	6.23 18	7.25 2	av $E\beta=214.4$ 14
(748 4)	1031.852	83.4 16	6.21 2	av $E\beta=227.9$ 14
				E(decay): 1984Li04 measured $E\beta=705$ 20.
(874 [#] 4)	905.89			av $E\beta=271.9$ 15
(908 4)	871.57	\approx 0.06	\approx 9.6	av $E\beta=284.0$ 15
				$I\beta^-$: sum of β transitions to 871.57- and 905.89-keV levels. Actual β intensities to these levels are dependent on $Iy(34.325\gamma)$ which has not been measured In $^{250}\text{Bk } \beta^-$ decay work.
(1638 4)	141.875	0.35 20	10.6 ^{lu} 3	av $E\beta=523.0$ 15
(1737 4)	42.721	\approx 4.9	\approx 8.7	av $E\beta=594.1$ 16
				Additional information 1.
1780 4	0.0	\approx 4.9	\approx 9.7 ^{lu}	av $E\beta=574.3$ 15
				E(decay): recommended by 1995Au04 from their mass adjustments. The measured energies are: $E\beta^-$ =1760 50 (1959Va02), 1820 25 (1984Li05).
				$I\beta^-$: $I\beta(E\beta^- > 1.25 \text{ MeV In singles})/I\beta(E\beta^- > 1.25 \text{ MeV In coin with L x rays}) \approx 2$, indicating that half of the high-energy β 's decay to the 42.7-keV level and half to the g.s. (1959Va02). $I\beta$ (to g.s.)+ $I\beta$ (to 42.72 level)=9.7 14 is deduced from γ transitions.

[†] β intensity per 100 $^{250}\text{Bk } \beta^-$ decays, deduced from intensity balances. The uncertainties do not include the effects of unplaced γ 's. The sum of all $I(\gamma+ce)$'s to g.s. plus to 42-keV level is 90.3% 14, based on the absolute $Iy(989)=45.0\%$ 8. This suggests

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 $^{250}\text{Bk } \beta^-$ decay (continued) **β^- radiations (continued)**

I β (to g.s.)+I β (to 42.72 level)=9.7 14.

\ddagger Absolute intensity per 100 decays.

\ddagger Existence of this branch is questionable.

$^{250}\text{Bk} \beta^-$ decay (continued) **$\gamma(^{250}\text{Cf})$**

I γ normalization: absolute γ intensities were measured by [1972Re01](#): I(989 γ)=0.450% 8.

$\gamma\gamma$ coincidence and $4\pi (\beta^-)(\gamma)$ coincidence data were taken by [1979Re01](#). Other coincidence measurements: [1959Va02](#).

Californium x-rays:

1982Ba56			1972Re01			1972Di02		
E(x-ray)	I(REL.)	E(x-ray)	I(REL.)	E(x-ray)	I(REL.)			
109.838 8	0.65 1	109.84 1	0.654 20	109.818 5	0.670 8	K α_2 x ray		
115.036 8	1.02	115.03 1	1.02 3	115.031 5	1.02	K α_1 x ray		

128.599 7 0.136 4 K β_3 x ray
129.816 7 0.264 10 K β_1 x ray

x-ray Intensities Were Listed In [1972Re01](#) Relative To I(989.125 γ)=100;
Intensities Of [1982Ba56](#) And [1972Di02](#) Are Normalized Here To
I(K α_1 x ray)=1.02.

E γ^{\dagger}	I $\gamma^{\ddagger d}$	E $_i$ (level)	J $^\pi_i$	E $_f$	J $^\pi_f$	Mult. $^{\#}$	δ	α^e	Comments
(34.325 & 5)	$2.2 \times 10^{-6}^a 4$	905.89	3 $^-$	871.57	2 $^-$	M1+E2	0.42 5	$7.4 \times 10^2 11$	$\alpha(L)=939; \alpha(M)=266$
42.740 15	0.084 6	42.721	2 $^+$	0.0	0 $^+$	E2@		1293	I γ : if I β to 42.7-keV level)=4.9%, the intensity balance At the 42.7-keV level yields I γ (42.7 γ)=0.101 26.
(46.093 & 5)	$4.7 \times 10^{-6}^b 7$	951.98	4 $^-$	905.89	3 $^-$	M1+E2	0.40 2	200 10	$\alpha(L)=17.0; \alpha(M)=4.84; \alpha(N..)=1.934$
(80.412 & 10)	$7.2 \times 10^{-6}^b 10$	951.98	4 $^-$	871.57	2 $^-$	E2		63.3	$\alpha(L)=0.0714; \alpha(M)=0.01769; \alpha(N..)=0.00656$
99.166 9	0.285 15	141.875	4 $^+$	42.721	2 $^+$	E2@		23.8	$\alpha(L)=0.0622; \alpha(M)=0.01541; \alpha(N..)=0.00573$
119.4 3	0.0015 5	1071.37	3 $^+$	951.98	4 $^-$	[E1]		0.0956	$\alpha(K)=0.1403; \alpha(L)=0.0340; \alpha(M)=0.00840;$
126.01 3	0.0140 12	1031.852	2 $^+$	905.89	3 $^-$	[E1]		0.0834	$\alpha(N..)=0.00313$
160.26 4	0.063 4	1031.852	2 $^+$	871.57	2 $^-$	[E1]		0.1859	$\alpha(K)=0.1305; \alpha(L)=0.0315; \alpha(M)=0.00776;$
165.44 15	0.0030 4	1071.37	3 $^+$	905.89	3 $^-$	[E1]		0.1726	$\alpha(N..)=0.00289$
199.72 20	0.0024 3	1071.37	3 $^+$	871.57	2 $^-$	[E1]		0.1127	$\alpha(K)=0.0861; \alpha(L)=0.01986; \alpha(M)=0.00488;$
303.95 20	0.0051 5	1175.52	1 $^-$	871.57	2 $^-$	[M1,E2]		1.0 8	$\alpha(N..)=0.001816$
555.22 10	0.014 1	1426.86?	(3 $^-$)	871.57	2 $^-$	[M1,E2]		0.20 14	placement of this γ between the 1427- and 871-keV levels is based on the 3 $^-$ level seen In (d,d') At 1429 keV and on observation of (555 γ)(828 γ) coincidences by 1979Re01 .
586.43 7	0.014 1	1658.00	2 $^+$	1071.37	3 $^+$	M1(+E2)		0.24 1	$\alpha(K)\exp= 0.18 5; \alpha(L)=0.4$

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E_γ^{\dagger}	$I_\gamma^{\ddagger d}$	$E_i(\text{level})$	J_i^π	E_f	J_f^π	Mult. [#]	α^e	Comments
626.11 4	0.052 3	1658.00	2 ⁺	1031.852	2 ⁺	M1(+E2)	0.24 1	$a(K)$ exp is from 2.22-H ²⁵⁰ Es ε decay, determined by 1980Ah03 . $a(K)$ exp= 0.18 3; $a(L)$ exp=0.044 9 $a(K)$ exp and $a(L)$ exp are from 2.22-H ²⁵⁰ Es ε decay, determined by 1980Ah03 .
(764.2 & 1)	0.00133 ^a 5	905.89	3 ⁻	141.875	4 ⁺	E1	0.00758	
786.26 14	0.011 2	1658.00	2 ⁺	871.57	2 ⁻	[E1]	0.00721	$a(K)=0.00579$; $a(L)=0.00107$
(810.2 & 1)	2.26×10^{-4} ^b 15	951.98	4 ⁻	141.875	4 ⁺	E1	0.00684	
828.812 25	0.260 14	871.57	2 ⁻	42.721	2 ⁺	E1	0.006 58	$a(K)=0.00528$; $a(L)=0.000972$
(863.2 & 1)	0.00170 ^a 11	905.89	3 ⁻	42.721	2 ⁺	E1	0.00613	
889.956 22	3.40 5	1031.852	2 ⁺	141.875	4 ⁺	[E2]	0.01961	$a(K)=0.01376$; $a(L)=0.00439$
929.468 22	2.74 4	1071.37	3 ⁺	141.875	4 ⁺	[E2]	0.0180	$a(K)=0.01280$; $a(L)=0.00394$
989.125 21	100	1031.852	2 ⁺	42.721	2 ⁺	E2 [@]	0.01603	$a(K)=0.01153$; $a(L)=0.00338$
								$E\gamma=989.225$ 17 was measured by 1982Ho07 In ²⁴⁹ Bk(n, γ) ²⁵⁰ Bk, followed by β^- decay; $I\gamma=21$ 4 per 100 neutron captures (1982Ho07).
1028.654 25	10.9 3	1071.37	3 ⁺	42.721	2 ⁺	(E2) [@]	0.0149	$a(K)=0.01079$; $a(L)=0.00308$
								$E\gamma=1028.1$ 4 was measured by 1982Ho07 In ²⁴⁹ Bk(n, γ) ²⁵⁰ Bk, followed by β^- decay; $I\gamma=1.4$ 4 per 100 neutron captures (1982Ho07).
1031.852 21	79.1 12	1031.852	2 ⁺	0.0	0 ⁺	E2 [@]	0.01480	$a(K)=0.01074$; $a(L)=0.00306$
1047.51 5	0.0050 4	1189.39	2 ⁺	141.875	4 ⁺	[E2]	0.0144	$E\gamma=1031.921$ 25 was measured by 1982Ho07 In ²⁴⁹ Bk(n, γ) ²⁵⁰ Bk, followed by β^- decay; $I\gamma=14.1$ 27 per 100 neutron captures (1982Ho07).
1068.27 ^g 17	0.0013 2	1210?	(3 ⁻)	141.875	4 ⁺			$a(K)=0.0105$; $a(L)=0.00295$
^x 1098.36 ^c 16	0.0012 2							existence of this transition is not certain.
1103.0 3	0.00076 26	1244.50	2 ⁺	141.875	4 ⁺	[E2]	0.01306	$E\gamma$: from 2.22-H ²⁵⁰ Cf ε decay. A peak observed by 1979Re01 At 1103.33 is assumed doublet: the measured intensity of the 1103-keV peak relative to 1201- and 1244-keV gammas deexciting the 1244-keV level does not agree with the relative intensities measured In ²⁵⁰ Es ε decay. $I\gamma$: $I\gamma(1103\text{-keV peak})=0.0020$ 3 was measured. $I\gamma(1103.0\gamma$ from 1244-keV level)=0.00076 26, calculated from the adopted branching of $I\gamma(1103\gamma)/I\gamma(1201.79\gamma)=0.072$ and $I\gamma(1201.79\gamma)=0.0105$ 6. The remaining intensity, 0.0012, is assigned to second part of the doublet, not yet placed.
^x 1103.33 10	0.0012 5							
1111.50 10	0.0024 2	1154.24	0 ⁺	42.721	2 ⁺	[E2]	0.0129	$a(K)=0.00947$; $a(L)=0.00256$
1132.80 3	0.0430 22	1175.52	1 ⁻	42.721	2 ⁺	[E1]	0.00385	$a(K)=0.00311$; $a(L)=0.00056$
1146.67 3	0.0280 14	1189.39	2 ⁺	42.721	2 ⁺	E0+E2	0.10 3	a : deduced In 2.22-H ²⁵⁰ Es ε decay.
(1154.3 2)		1154.24	0 ⁺	0.0	0 ⁺	E0		$E\gamma$: transition was seen In ce spectrum taken In 2.22-H ²⁵⁰ Es ε

²⁵⁰Bk β^- decay (continued) $\gamma(^{250}\text{Cf})$ (continued)

E_γ^\dagger	$I_\gamma^{\ddagger d}$	$E_i(\text{level})$	J_i^π	E_f	J_f^π	Mult. $\#$	a^e	$I_{(\gamma+ce)}^d$	Comments
1154.77 3	0.0159 8	1296.60	2 ⁺	141.875	4 ⁺	[E2]	0.0120		decay. Total Ice=0.00095 18, calculated from the branching for this E0 transition, measured In 2.22-H ²⁵⁰ Es ε decay, and $I\gamma(1111.5\gamma)=0.0024$ 2.
1167.25 ^f 3	0.061 3	1209.97	(2) ⁻	42.721	2 ⁺	E1	0.0036 6		$\alpha(K)=0.00888; \alpha(L)=0.00235$
1167.25 ^{fg}		1210?	(3 ⁻)	42.721	2 ⁺				
1175.50 3	0.078 5	1175.52	1 ⁻	0.0	0 ⁺	[E1]	0.00362		$\alpha(K)=0.00292; \alpha(L)=0.00052$
$\approx 1175.5g$	0.015 3	$\approx 1218.2?$		42.721	2 ⁺				the observed γ peak At 1175.5 keV had more than one component. Intensity of the 1175.5 γ deexciting the 1218.5-keV level was obtained by 1979Re01 from comparison of singles and (L x-ray)(γ) coincidence spectra. Placement of the weaker component is not well established.
1201.79 3	0.0105 6	1244.50	2 ⁺	42.721	2 ⁺	[E2,M1]	0.027 16		
1223.92 4	0.0062 4	1266.6	0 ⁺	42.721	2 ⁺	[E2]	0.01078		$\alpha(K)=0.00804; \alpha(L)=0.00206$
1244.42 7	0.0029 2	1244.50	2 ⁺	0.0	0 ⁺	[E2]	0.01045		$\alpha(K)=0.00781; \alpha(L)=0.00198$
1253.82 7	0.0037 3	1296.60	2 ⁺	42.721	2 ⁺	E0+E2	0.028 7		K/Total ce= 0.56, L/Total ce= 0.11, M/Total ce=0.040 \$. $I_{(\gamma+ce)}$: $I(\gamma+ce)=0.028$ 7, calculated from $Ti(1253.8\gamma)/I\gamma(1154.8\gamma)=1.77$ 43, measured In 2.22-H ²⁵⁰ Es ε decay.
(1266.6 2)		1266.6	0 ⁺	0.0	0 ⁺	E0			K/Total ce=0.79 6, L/Total ce=0.153 14, M/Total ce=0.042 6 \$. total Ice=0.0116 17, calculated from $I\gamma(1223.92\gamma)/Ice(1266.6\gamma)=0.33$ 3/0.620 52, measured In 2.22-H ²⁵⁰ Es ε decay, and $I\gamma(1223.92\gamma)=0.0062$ 4.
^x 1279.21 ^c 23	0.0018 2								
1296.54 13	0.0015 2	1296.60	2 ⁺	0.0	0 ⁺	[E2]	0.00969		$\alpha(K)=0.00728; \alpha(L)=0.00181$
^x 1302.90 ^c 22	0.0010 2								
^x 1312.95 ^c 6	0.0033 2								
1342.87 8	0.0042 3	1385.50	1,2 ⁺	42.721	2 ⁺				
1368.61 5	0.0070 5	1411.33	(1,2 ⁺)	42.721	2 ⁺				
1385.42 6	0.0045 3	1385.50	1,2 ⁺	0.0	0 ⁺				
1411.6 ^g 4	0.0013 3	1411.33	(1,2 ⁺)	0.0	0 ⁺				
1516.22 7	0.0027 2	1658.00	2 ⁺	141.875	4 ⁺	[E2]	0.00727		$\alpha(K)=0.00556; \alpha(L)=0.00129$
1553.37 18	0.0012 3	1695.15	(3 ⁺)	141.875	4 ⁺				
1615.29 4	0.102 5	1658.00	2 ⁺	42.721	2 ⁺	E2	0.00498		
^x 1633.18 ^c 24	0.0012 2								
1652.40 10	0.0022 2	1695.15	(3 ⁺)	42.721	2 ⁺				
1658.00 4	0.061 3	1658.00	2 ⁺	0.0	0 ⁺	E2			

[†] Measurements of [1979Re01](#). Others: [1959Va02](#), [1970St05](#), [1975UeZY](#).[‡] Photon intensities, measured by [1972Re01](#), relative to $I\gamma(989\gamma)=100$. The absolute γ intensity of 989.125 γ was determined by [1972Re01](#) to Be $I(989\gamma)=45.0$ 8

²⁵⁰Bk β^- decay (continued) $\gamma(^{250}\text{Cf})$ (continued)

per 100 b- decays by using the $4\pi \beta$ - γ coincidence-counting technique.

[#] The multipolarities were deduced primarily from ce's measured In ²⁵⁰Es ε decays. The adopted γ multipolarities and the mixing ratios are given here, and those determined In ²⁵⁰Bk β^- decay are indicated. The multipolarities given In square brackets are from the level scheme; they were not determined experimentally.

[@] From ce data of [1959Va02](#).

[&] γ was not observed In ²⁵⁰Bk β^- decay; E γ is from Adopted Gammas.

^a Lower limit, deduced by requiring Ti(34.3 γ)+Ti(764.2 γ)+Ti(863.2 γ) to Be greater or equal to sum of γ transitions feeding the 905.89 level (*i.e.* I β (to 905.89 level) \geq 0).

^b Calculated by requiring intensity balance At the 952.98-keV level, assuming that there are No other transitions feeding the level. The adopted γ branchings from the level are used.

^c Transition was not placed by [1979Re01](#); its assignment to ²⁵⁰Bk is not definite ([1979Re01](#)).

^d For absolute intensity per 100 decays, multiply by 0.450 8.

^e 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.

^f Multiply placed.

^g Placement of transition in the level scheme is uncertain.

^x γ ray not placed in level scheme.

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Decay Scheme

Intensities: $I_{(\gamma+e^-)}$ per 100 parent decays

