

²⁵¹Cm β⁻ decay 1978Lo13

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Parent: ²⁵¹Cm: E=0; J^π=(1/2⁺); T_{1/2}=16.8 min 2; Q(β⁻)=1420 20; %β⁻ decay=100

1978Lo13: ²⁵¹Cm produced through neutron irradiation of ²⁵⁰Cm collected from the debris of the 1969 HUTCH nuclear test.

Observed γ rays produced in β⁻ decay to states in ²⁵¹Bk. Measured E_γ, I_γ, T_{1/2}, deduced ²⁵¹Bk level scheme.

α: [Additional information 1.](#)

²⁵¹Bk Levels

E(level)	J ^π	T _{1/2}	Comments
0 [†]	(3/2 ⁻)	56 min 1	%β ⁻ =100 configuration=π3/2 ⁻ [521] (1978Lo13) T _{1/2} : From Adopted Levels.
32.5 [†] 6	(5/2 ⁻)		configuration=π7/2 ⁺ [633] (1978Lo13) E(level): Stated in 1978Lo13, citing 1970HoZN.
35.7 10	(7/2 ⁺)		
269.3 14	(5/2 ⁺)		configuration=π5/2 ⁺ [642] (1978Lo13)
311.7 10	(1/2 ⁺)		configuration=π1/2 ⁺ [400] (1978Lo13)
422.3 [‡] 8	(3/2 ⁻)		configuration=π1/2 ⁻ [530] (1978Lo13)
438.2 [‡] 10	(1/2 ⁻)		
542.6 [#] 8	(1/2 ⁻)		configuration=π1/2 ⁻ [521] (1978Lo13)
562.5 [#] 7	(3/2 ⁻)		
978.4 6	(1/2 ⁻ ,3/2 ⁻)		J ^π : Stated in 1978Lo13. Possibly a vibrational state.

[†] Band(A): π3/2⁻ [521].

[‡] Seq.(B): π1/2⁻ [530].

[#] Seq.(C): π1/2⁻ [521].

β⁻ radiations

E(decay)	E(level)	Iβ ^{-†‡}	Log ft	Comments
(442 20)	978.4	2.1 4	5.96 11	av Eβ=126.6 64
(858 20)	562.5	3.7 9	6.67 12	av Eβ=266.6 71
(877 20)	542.6	16 4	6.07 12	av Eβ=273.7 72
(982 20)	438.2	2.1 6	7.12 13	av Eβ=311.0 73
(998 20)	422.3	3.6 9	6.91 12	av Eβ=316.8 73
(1108 20)	311.7	0.7 17	7.8 11	av Eβ=357.1 74
(1151 [#] 20)	269.3	1.7 8	7.45 21	av Eβ=372.7 75
				β ⁻ feeding to this level seems too large given the spin difference with the parent. A γ-ray photopeak was observed at 152.9 keV in in 1978Lo13 but was assigned to ²⁵¹ Cf. It may be that this peak also contains a component that belongs to ²⁵¹ Bk, and would fit as the decay from the 422.3 keV level to the 269.3 keV level.
(1420 20)	0	70 4	6.16 4	av Eβ=473.8 77

[†] From level-scheme intensity balance.

[‡] Absolute intensity per 100 decays.

[#] Existence of this branch is questionable.

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γ(²⁵¹Bk)

<u>E_γ</u>	<u>I_γ^{†‡}</u>	<u>E_i(level)</u>	<u>J_i^π</u>	<u>E_f</u>	<u>J_f^π</u>	<u>Mult.</u>	<u>α</u>	<u>Comments</u>
32.6		32.5	(5/2 ⁻)	0	(3/2 ⁻)			
233.6	4.1 4	269.3	(5/2 ⁺)	35.7	(7/2 ⁺)	[M1+E2]	1.9 13	α(K)=1.3 12; α(L)=0.43 9; α(M)=0.111 15; α(N)=0.031 4; α(O)=0.0078 12; α(P)=0.0014 3 α(Q)=6.8×10 ⁻⁵ 55
311.7	4.8 5	311.7	(1/2 ⁺)	0	(3/2 ⁻)	[E1]	0.0411 7	α(K)=0.0322 5; α(L)=0.00668 11; α(M)=0.00163 3; α(N)=0.000447 7; α(O)=0.0001130 18
389.7	11.7 18	422.3	(3/2 ⁻)	32.5	(5/2 ⁻)	[M1+E2]	0.44 32	α(P)=2.12×10 ⁻⁵ 4; α(Q)=1.168×10 ⁻⁶ 18 α(K)=0.32 28; α(L)=0.085 38; α(M)=0.0216 85; α(N)=0.0060 24; α(O)=0.00152 62
415.9	1.5 6	978.4	(1/2 ⁻ ,3/2 ⁻)	562.5	(3/2 ⁻)	[M1+E2]	0.37 27	α(P)=2.9×10 ⁻⁴ 13; α(Q)=1.6×10 ⁻⁵ 13 α(K)=0.27 23; α(L)=0.070 33; α(M)=0.0177 74; α(N)=0.0049 21; α(O)=0.00125 54
422.3	6.6 8	422.3	(3/2 ⁻)	0	(3/2 ⁻)	[M1+E2]	0.35 26	α(P)=2.4×10 ⁻⁴ 12; α(Q)=1.4×10 ⁻⁵ 11 α(K)=0.26 22; α(L)=0.067 32; α(M)=0.0169 72; α(N)=0.0047 20; α(O)=0.00119 52
435.8	1.4 5	978.4	(1/2 ⁻ ,3/2 ⁻)	542.6	(1/2 ⁻)	[M1+E2]	0.32 24	α(P)=2.3×10 ⁻⁴ 11; α(Q)=1.3×10 ⁻⁵ 11 α(K)=0.24 20; α(L)=0.061 29; α(M)=0.0154 67; α(N)=0.0043 19; α(O)=0.00109 48
438.2	11.4 7	438.2	(1/2 ⁻)	0	(3/2 ⁻)	[M1+E2]	0.32 24	α(P)=2.1×10 ⁻⁴ 10; α(Q)=1.22×10 ⁻⁵ 94 α(K)=0.24 20; α(L)=0.060 29; α(M)=0.0152 66; α(N)=0.0042 18; α(O)=0.00107 48
530.0	14.9 11	562.5	(3/2 ⁻)	32.5	(5/2 ⁻)	[M1+E2]	0.19 14	α(P)=2.06×10 ⁻⁴ 99; α(Q)=1.20×10 ⁻⁵ 93 α(K)=0.14 12; α(L)=0.035 18; α(M)=0.0087 42; α(N)=0.0024 12; α(O)=6.2×10 ⁻⁴ 30
542.7	100.0 26	542.6	(1/2 ⁻)	0	(3/2 ⁻)	[M1+E2]	0.18 13	α(P)=1.19×10 ⁻⁴ 62; α(Q)=7.2×10 ⁻⁶ 54 α(K)=0.14 11; α(L)=0.033 17; α(M)=0.0082 40; α(N)=0.0023 11; α(O)=5.8×10 ⁻⁴ 29
562.5	9.4 30	562.5	(3/2 ⁻)	0	(3/2 ⁻)	[M1+E2]	0.16 12	α(P)=1.11×10 ⁻⁴ 58; α(Q)=6.8×10 ⁻⁶ 51 α(K)=0.124 96; α(L)=0.030 16; α(M)=0.0074 36; α(N)=0.00204 99; α(O)=5.2×10 ⁻⁴ 26
945.9	1.4 7	978.4	(1/2 ⁻ ,3/2 ⁻)	32.5	(5/2 ⁻)	[M1,E2]	0.043 27	α(P)=1.01×10 ⁻⁴ 53; α(Q)=6.2×10 ⁻⁶ 46 α(K)=0.033 22; α(L)=0.0072 38; α(M)=0.00177 91; α(N)=4.9×10 ⁻⁴ 25; α(O)=1.25×10 ⁻⁴ 65
978.2	9.2 12	978.4	(1/2 ⁻ ,3/2 ⁻)	0	(3/2 ⁻)	[M1+E2]	0.039 24	α(P)=2.5×10 ⁻⁵ 13; α(Q)=1.6×10 ⁻⁶ 11 α(K)=0.030 20; α(L)=0.0066 35; α(M)=0.00162 83; α(N)=4.5×10 ⁻⁴ 23; α(O)=1.15×10 ⁻⁴ 59 α(P)=2.2×10 ⁻⁵ 12; α(Q)=1.47×10 ⁻⁶ 93

† The normalization has been deduced by the evaluator based on the intensity balance of the γ rays populating the 542-keV level, corrected for internal conversion, and the β-feeding intensity to the 542-keV level quoted in 1978Lo13. Explicitly, N=I_β⁵⁴²/(I_γ⁵⁴²α⁵⁴²-I_γ⁴³⁵α⁴³⁵).

‡ For absolute intensity per 100 decays, multiply by 0.14 3.

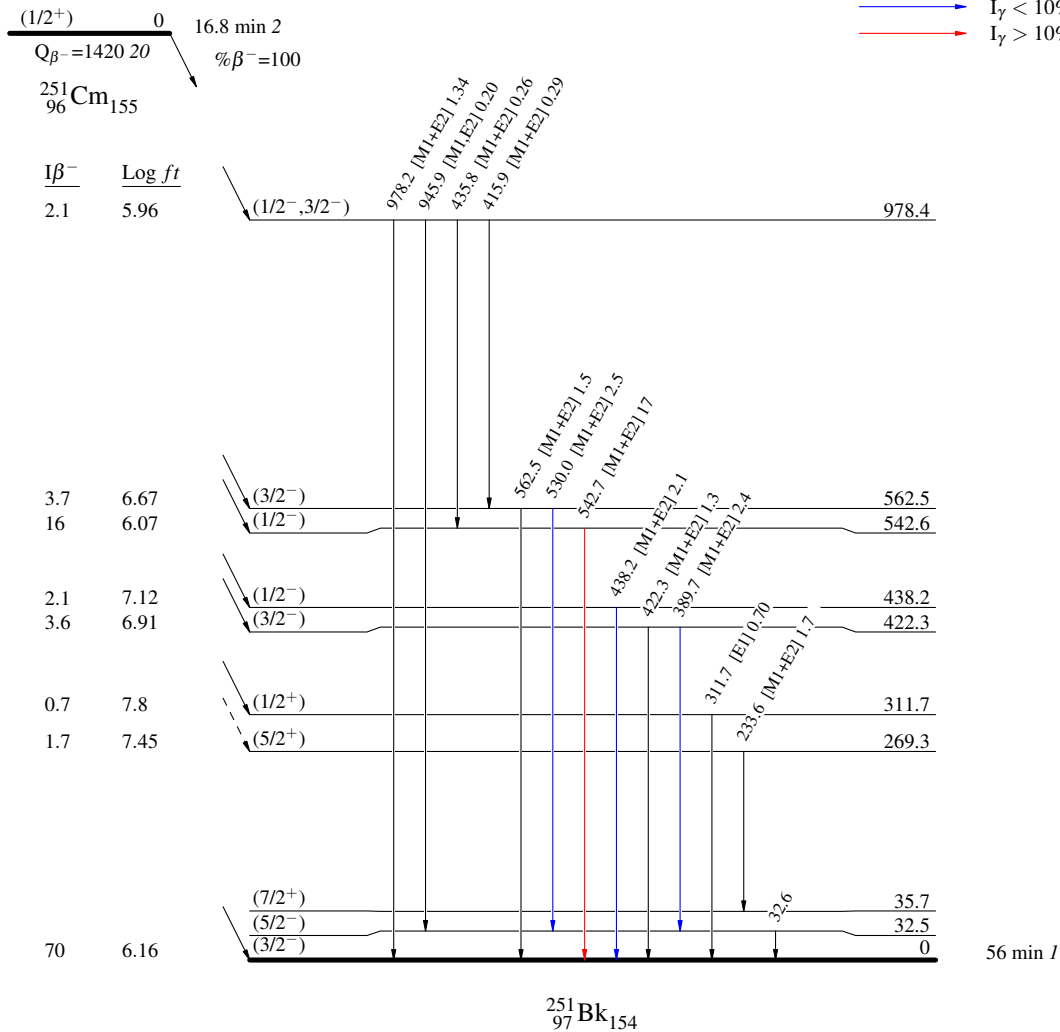
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Decay Scheme

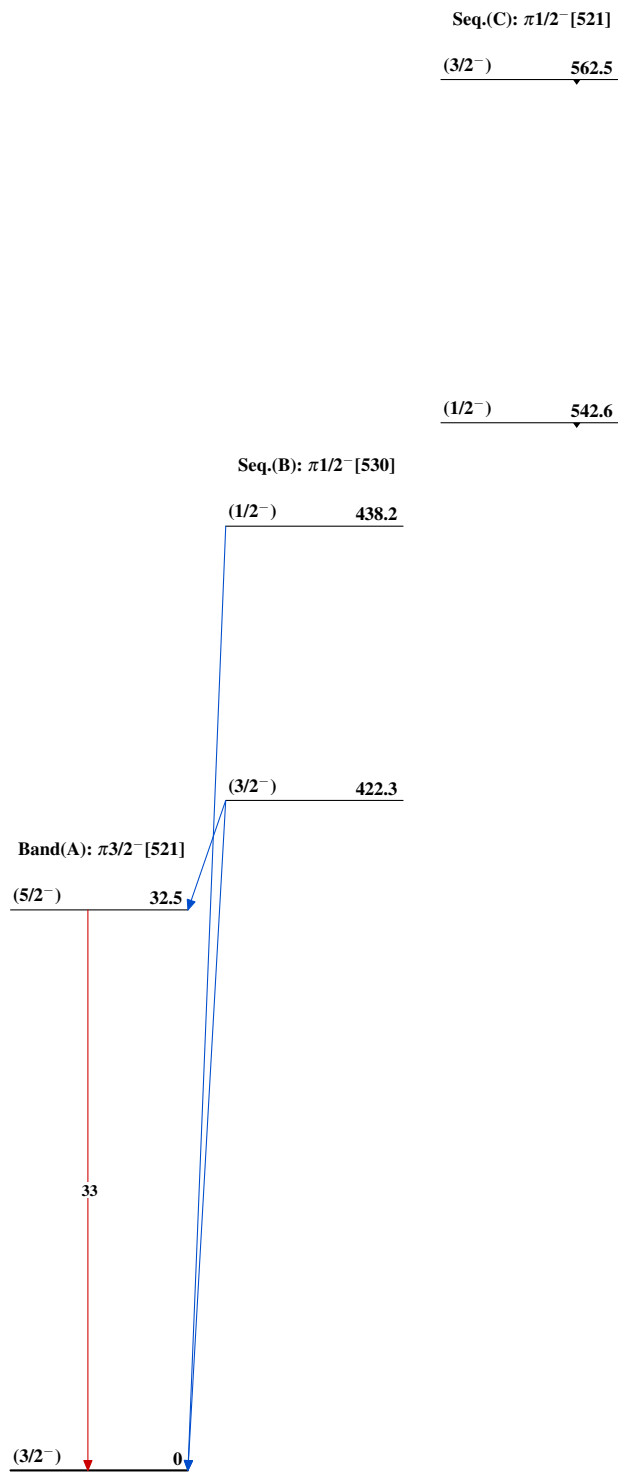
Intensities: $I_{(\gamma+ee)}$ per 100 parent decays

Legend

- $I_{\gamma} < 2\% \times I_{\gamma}^{\max}$
- $I_{\gamma} < 10\% \times I_{\gamma}^{\max}$
- $I_{\gamma} > 10\% \times I_{\gamma}^{\max}$



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