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Levels in $^{124,125}{\rm Cd}$ populated by the β and β -n decay of $^{125m}{\rm Ag}$ and $^{125}{\rm Ag}$

The β -decay of 125m,125 Ag into levels in 125 Cd was investigated at the Holifield Radioactive Ion Beam Facility (HRIBF). Uranium-238 targets were bombarded with 50-MeV protons with an intensity of 15 μ A, and the induced fission products were mass separated and deposited on a moving tape in the center of the VANDLE array consisting of γ -detectors and plastic scintillators.

A partial decay scheme has been assigned for both β -decay of the (9/2⁺) ground state of ¹²⁵Ag (consisting of 72 γ 's from 47 levels) and its low-lying (1/2⁻) isomer (consisting of 16 γ 's from 14 levels). The energy of the low-lying (11/2⁻) isomeric state in ¹²⁵Cd is assigned as 188.5 keV. In both the isomer and ground state, evidence for β -delayed neutron emission was observed, with the resulting branching ratios of 4.6(12)\% for the isomer, and 1.2(2)\% for the ground state.

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