

LA-10111-MS

CIC-14 REPORT COLLECTION
**REPRODUCTION
COPY**

Los Alamos National Laboratory is operated by the University of California for the United States Department of Energy under contract W-7405-ENG-36.

*Thermal Equilibrium Population
of the First Few Nuclear Excited States
(Ac, Th, Pa, U, Np, Pu, Am, Cm,
Bk, and Cf Isotopes)*

LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY



3 9338 00310 4238

Los Alamos Los Alamos National Laboratory
Los Alamos, New Mexico 87545

DISCLAIMER

This report was prepared as an account of work sponsored by an agency of the United States Government. Neither the United States Government nor any agency thereof, nor any of their employees, makes any warranty, express or implied, or assumes any legal liability or responsibility for the accuracy, completeness, or usefulness of any information, apparatus, product, or process disclosed, or represents that its use would not infringe privately owned rights. Reference herein to any specific commercial product, process, or service by trade name, trademark, manufacturer, or otherwise, does not necessarily constitute or imply its endorsement, recommendation, or favoring by the United States Government or any agency thereof. The views and opinions of authors expressed herein do not necessarily state or reflect those of the United States Government or any agency thereof.

LA-10111-MS

UC-34c

Issued: June 1984

Thermal Equilibrium Population of the First Few Nuclear Excited States (Ac, Th, Pa, U, Np, Pu, Am, Cm, Bk, and Cf Isotopes)

G. D. Doolen

H. H. Hsu

C. L. Doolen*



*Second year student at Los Alamos High School, Los Alamos, New Mexico 87544

Los Alamos Los Alamos National Laboratory
Los Alamos, New Mexico 87545

**THERMAL EQUILIBRIUM POPULATION OF THE
FIRST FEW NUCLEAR EXCITED STATES
(Ac, Th, Pa, U, Np, Pu, Am, Cm, Bk, and Cf ISOTOPES)**

by

G. D. Doolen, H. H. Hsu, and C. L. Doolen

ABSTRACT

The Boltzmann distributions of nuclear excited states are plotted for most actinide isotopes for temperatures from 0 to 60 keV.

When working with nuclear excited states, it is often useful to refer to plots of thermal equilibrium populations as a function of material temperature. These Boltzmann distribution plots are easily generated, and they are useful for understanding nuclear behavior in high-temperature environments. Such plots for the actinides form the main content of this report. Two subsequent reports are planned: one on the lanthanides and the other on the remaining detector isotopes.

The plots contain the Boltzmann thermal equilibrium nuclear excited state populations. The fraction excited in state i , with excitation energy, E_i , equals

$$(2J_i + 1) \exp(-E_i/kT) / \sum_n (2J_n + 1) \exp(-E_n/kT) ,$$

where k is the Boltzmann constant, T is the temperature, and J_i is the nuclear spin of the i^{th} state. The sum over n goes over those states included in each plot label. Generally, states with excitation energies below 200 keV are included. The spins and energy levels are from the most recent data available from the *Nuclear Data Sheets*¹ or from the *Table of Isotopes*.²

Each of the 81 plots contains, as a function of temperature, the thermal equilibrium total excited state fraction of an actinide isotope. The population of each excited state is also plotted. The actinide isotopes plotted are shown in Fig. 1. A few isotopes are included for which unknown spins were estimated from systematics. These spins are followed by a ? in the plots.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Special thanks go to Dave Madland and Ed Arthur for constructive advice and for encouraging the compilation of these plots and to Richard Hoff for providing spins and energy levels for ²⁵⁰Bk.

REFERENCES

1. M. J. Martin and J. K. Tuli, Eds., *Nuclear Data Sheets* (Academic Press, New York, 1980-1982), Vols. 31-37.
2. C. Michael Lederer and Virginia S. Shirley, Eds., *Table of Isotopes*, 7th Ed., (John Wiley and Sons, New York, 1978).

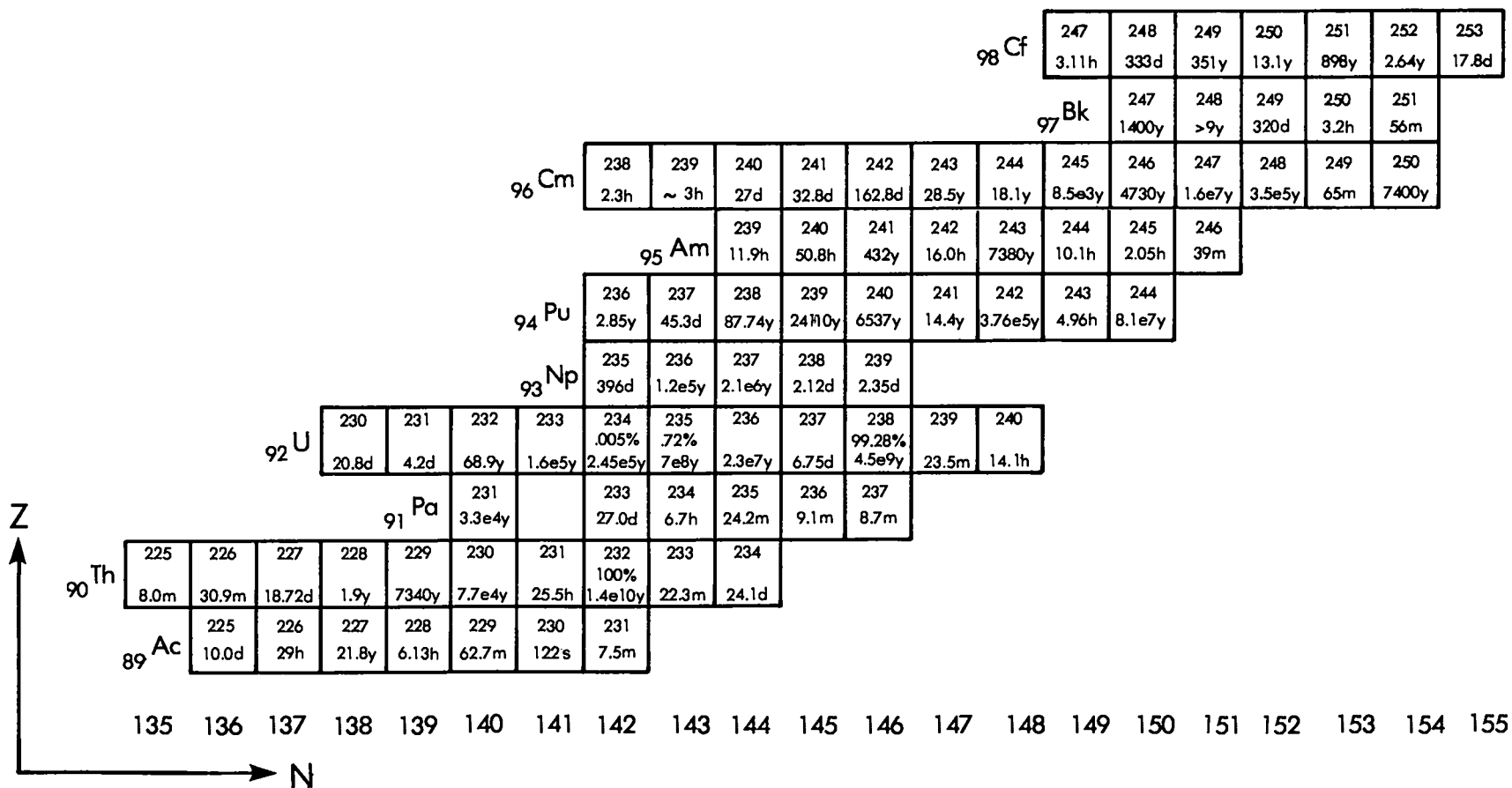
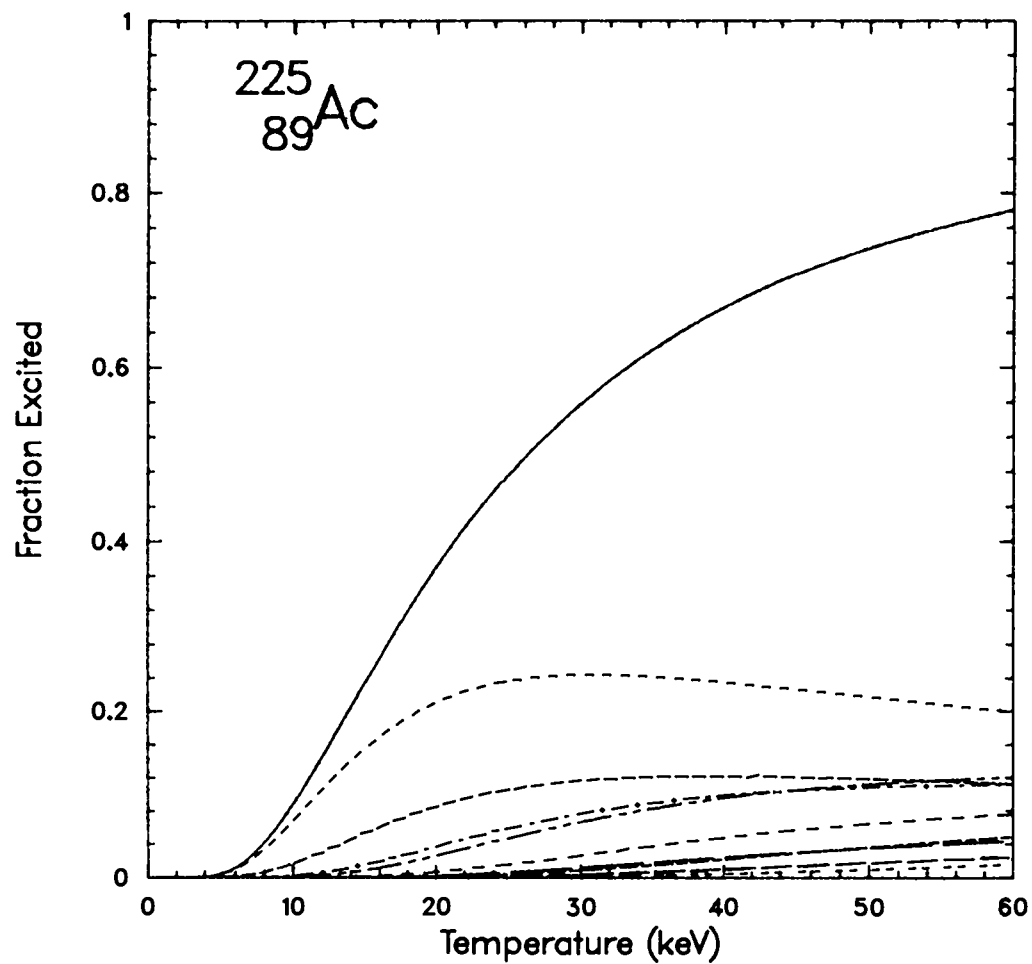
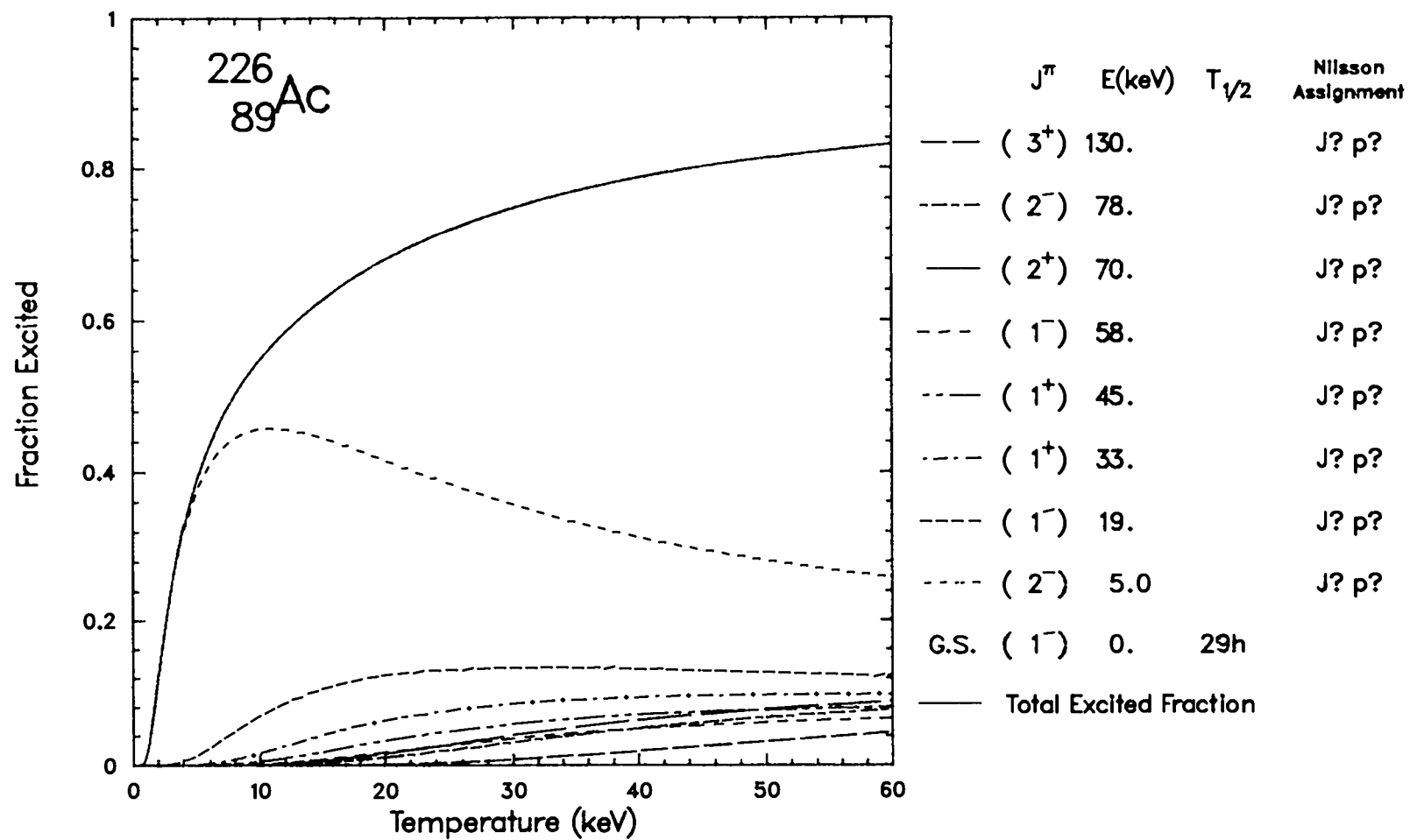
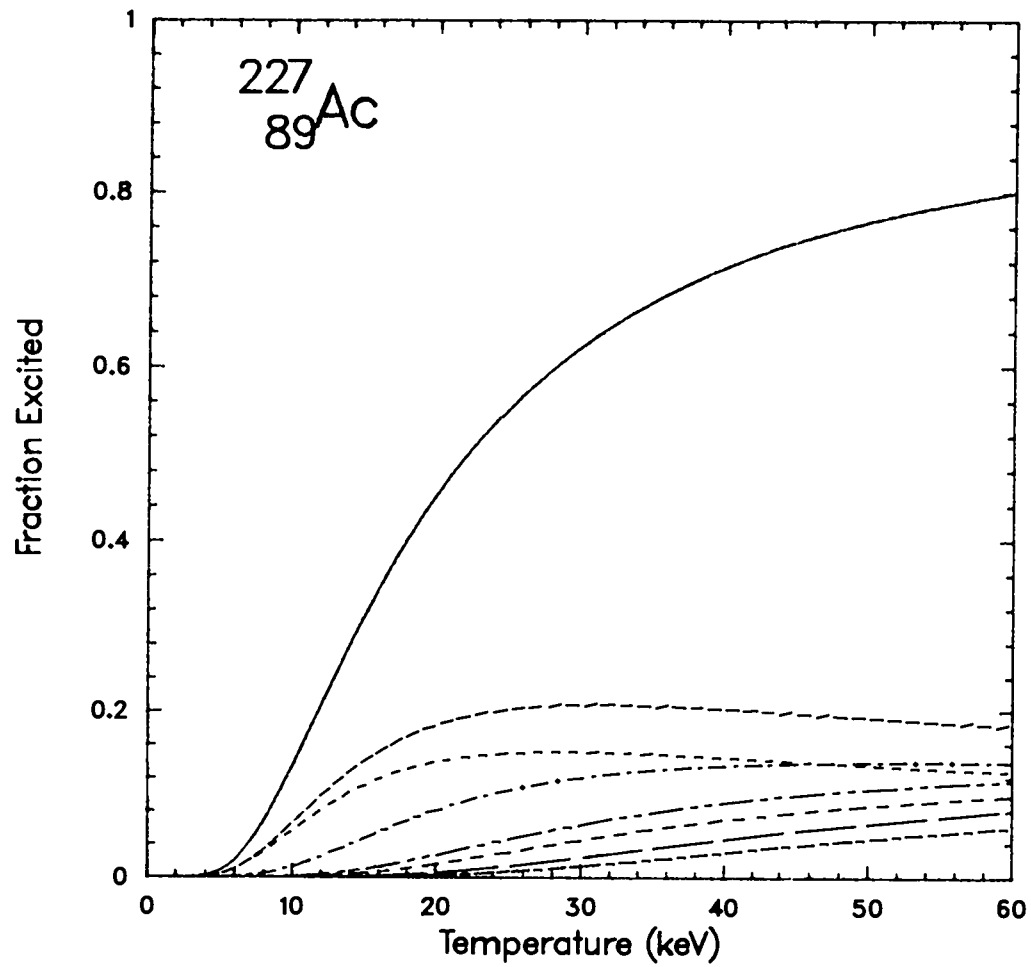


Fig. 1. Actinides.

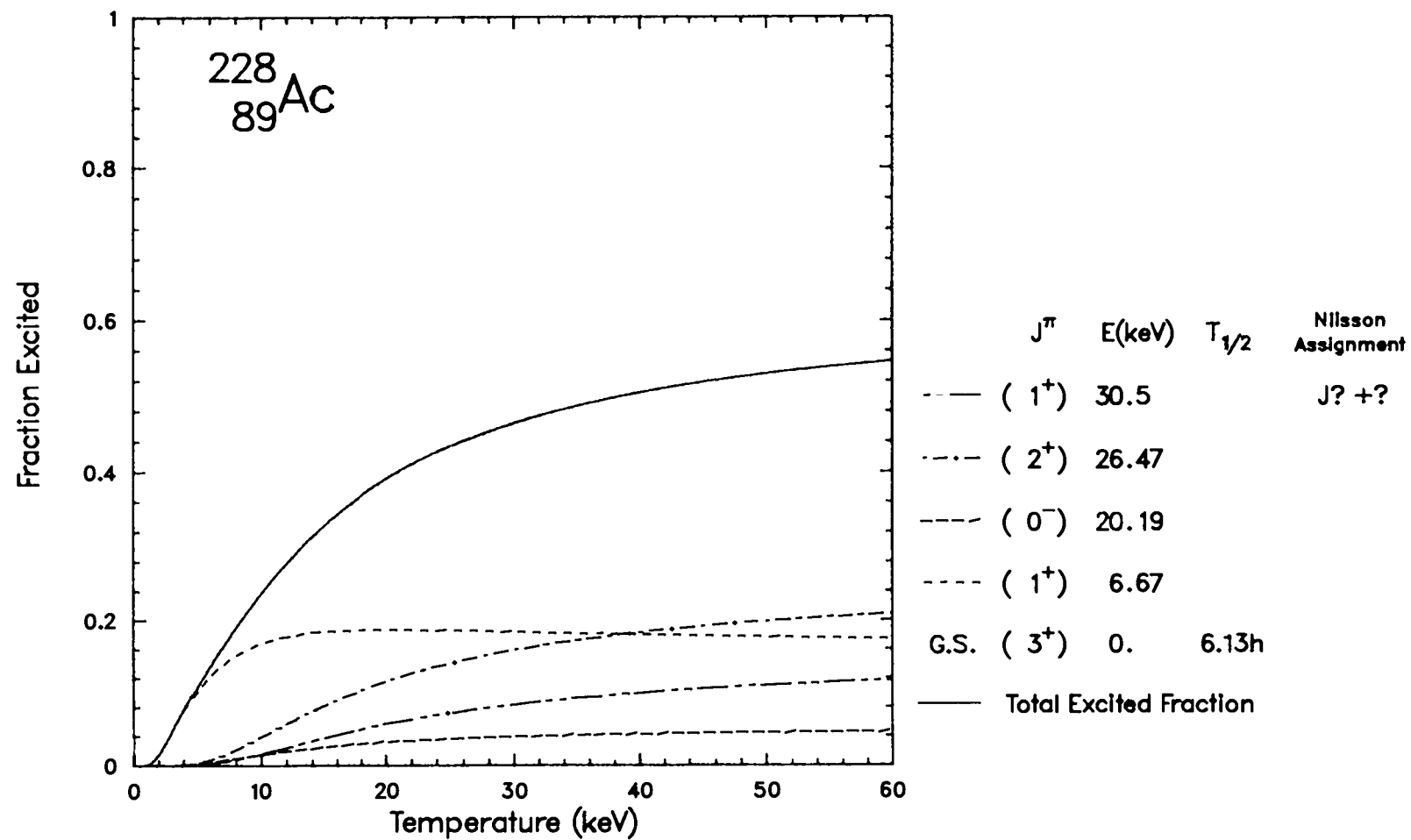


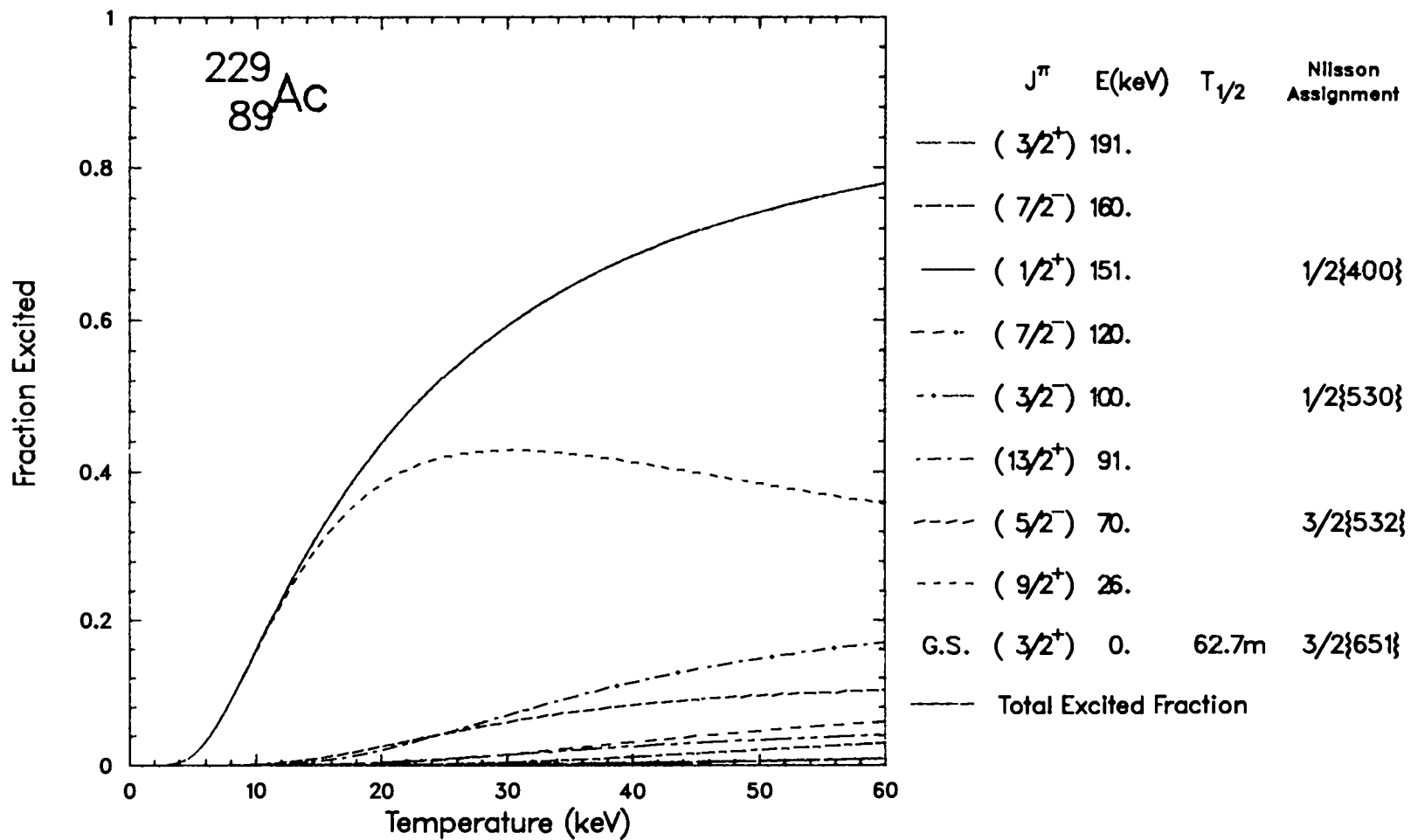
J^π	E(keV)	$T_{1/2}$	Nilsson Assignment
($7/2^+$)	199.9		
($7/2^-$)	170.6		
($5/2^+$)	155.5		$5/2\{642\}$
($9/2^+$)	145.		J?
($5/2^-$)	120.8		$5/2\{523\}$
($7/2^+$)	105.1		J?
($7/2^-$)	77.5		
($5/2^+$)	64.7		J? +?
($3/2^+$)	40.		$3/2\{651\}$
($5/2^-$)	30.		
G.S. ($3/2^-$)	0.	10.0d	$3/2\{532\}$
Total Excited Fraction			

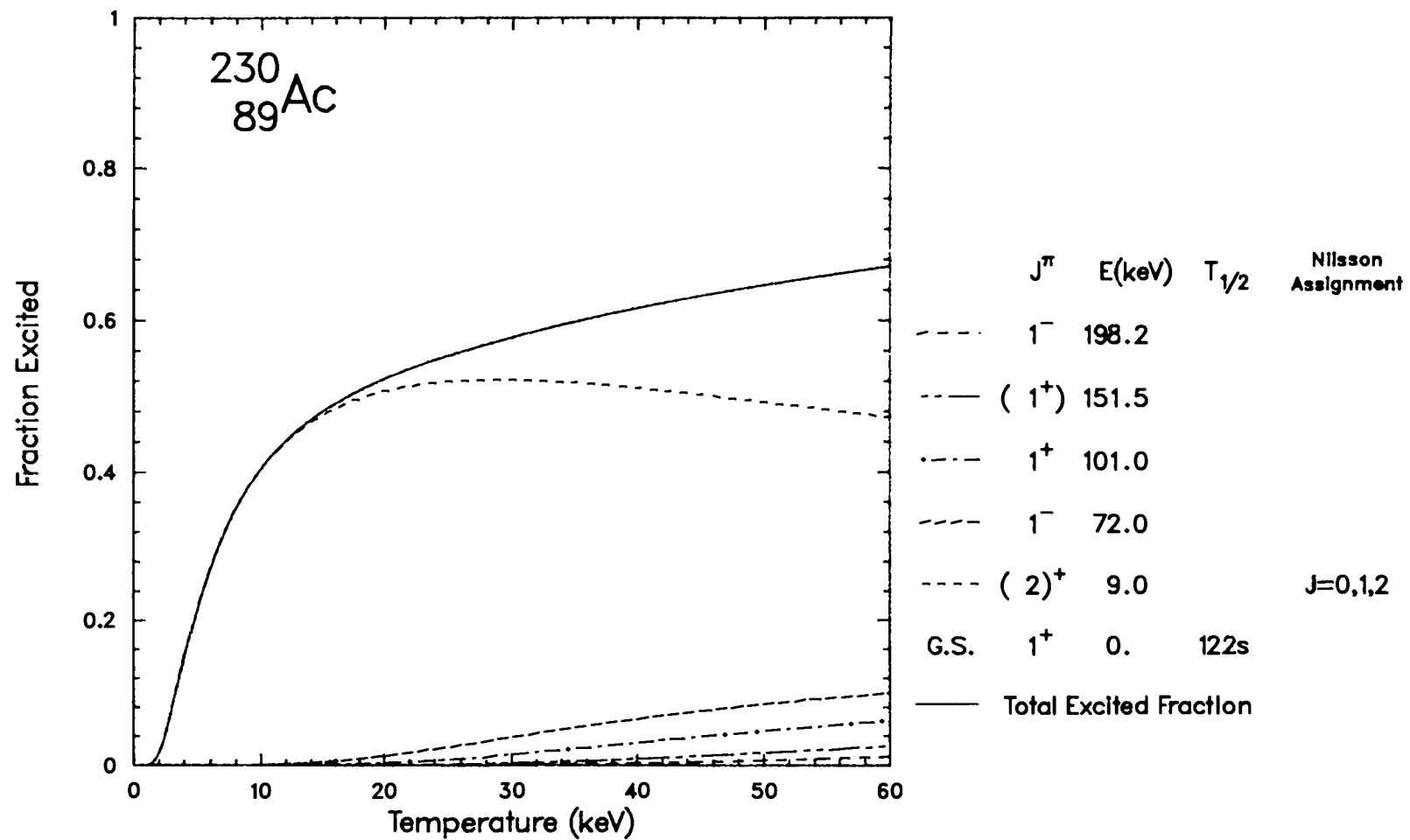


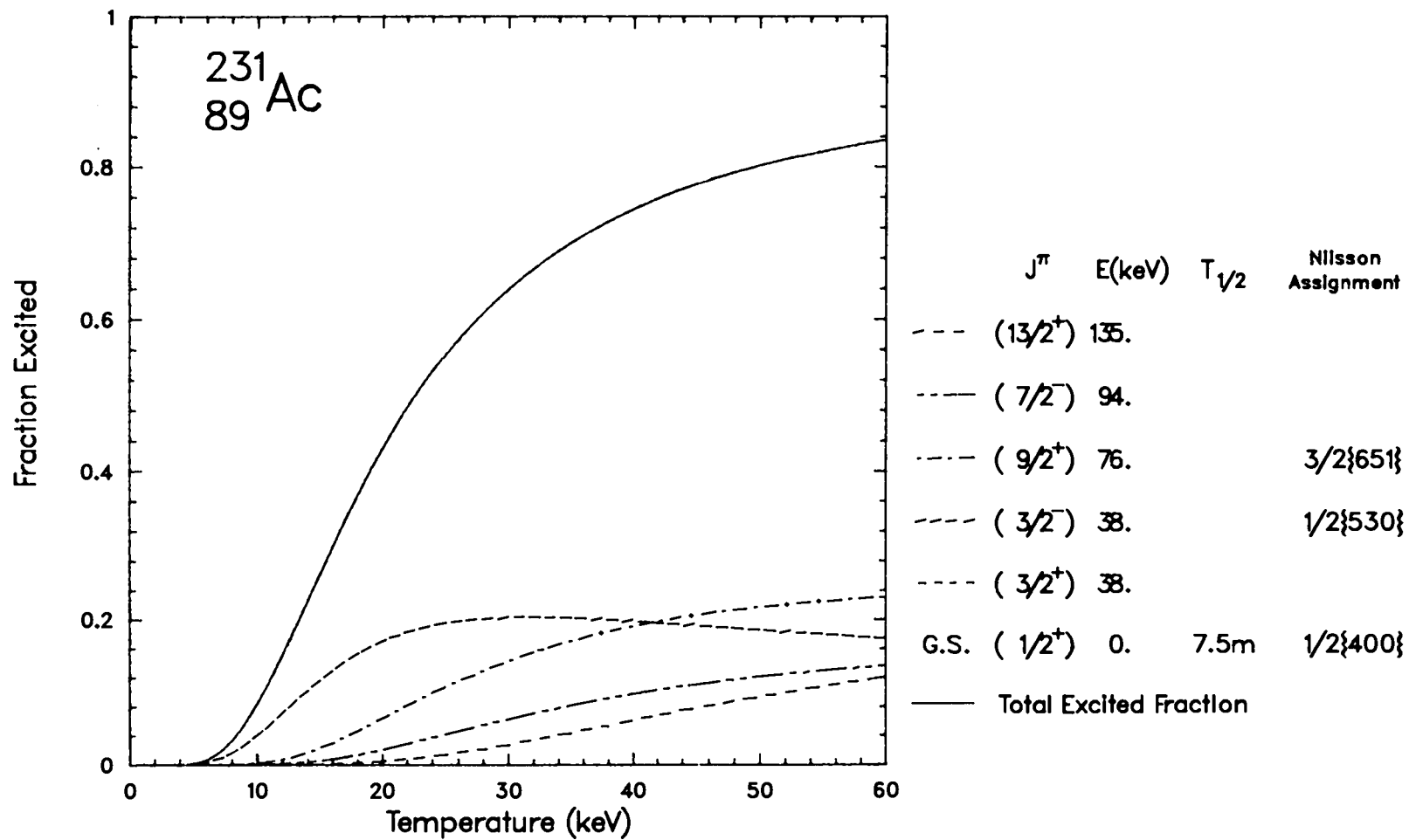


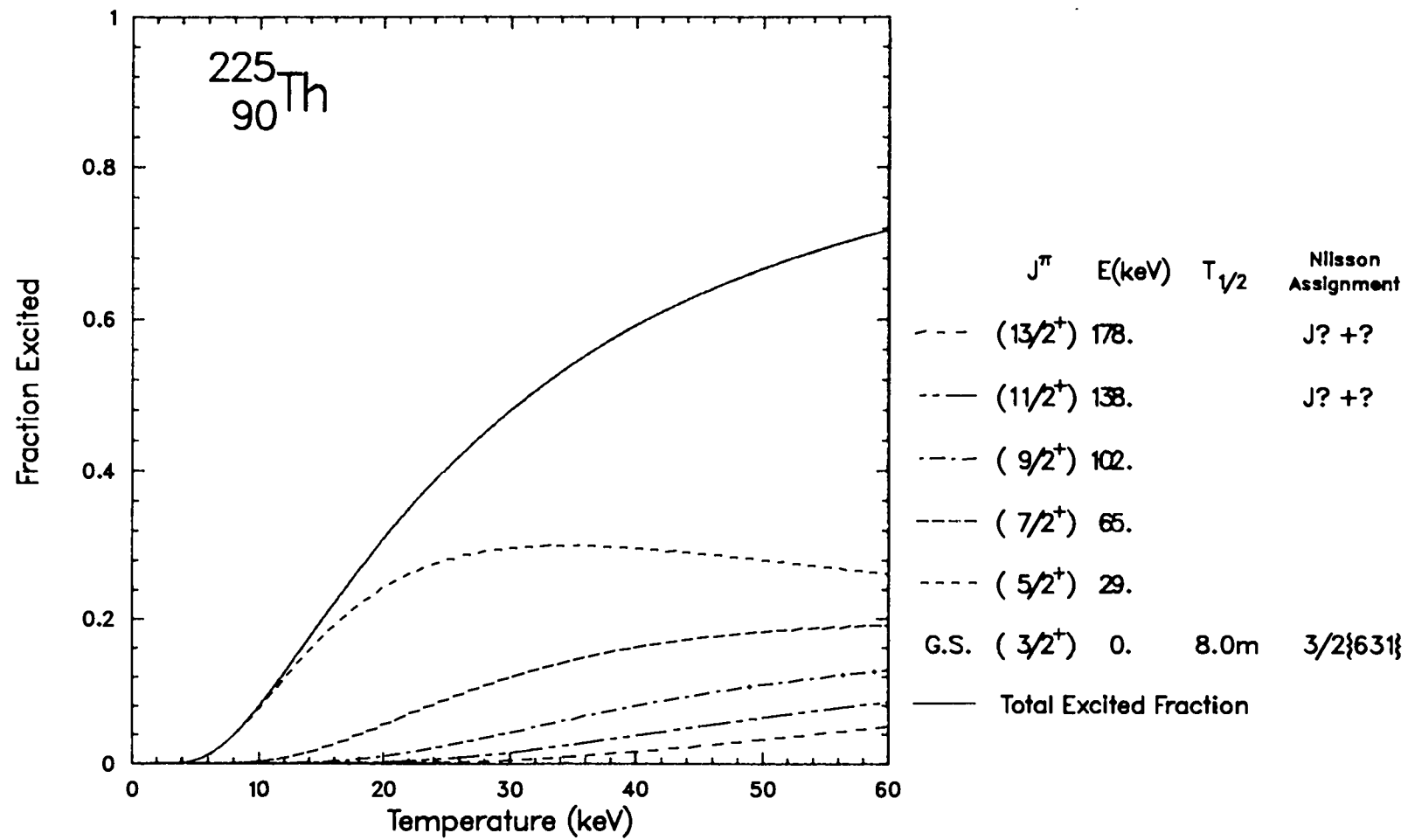
	J^π	$E(\text{keV})$	$T_{1/2}$	Nilsson Assignment
----	$9/2^-$	126.84		
----	$9/2^+$	110.00		
- - - -	$7/2^+$	84.55		
- - - -	$7/2^-$	74.13		
- . - .	$5/2^+$	46.35		
- - - -	$5/2^-$	29.94		
- - - -	$3/2^+$	27.36		$3/2\{651\}$
G.S.	$3/2^-$	0.	21.8y	$3/2\{532\}$
—	Total Excited Fraction			

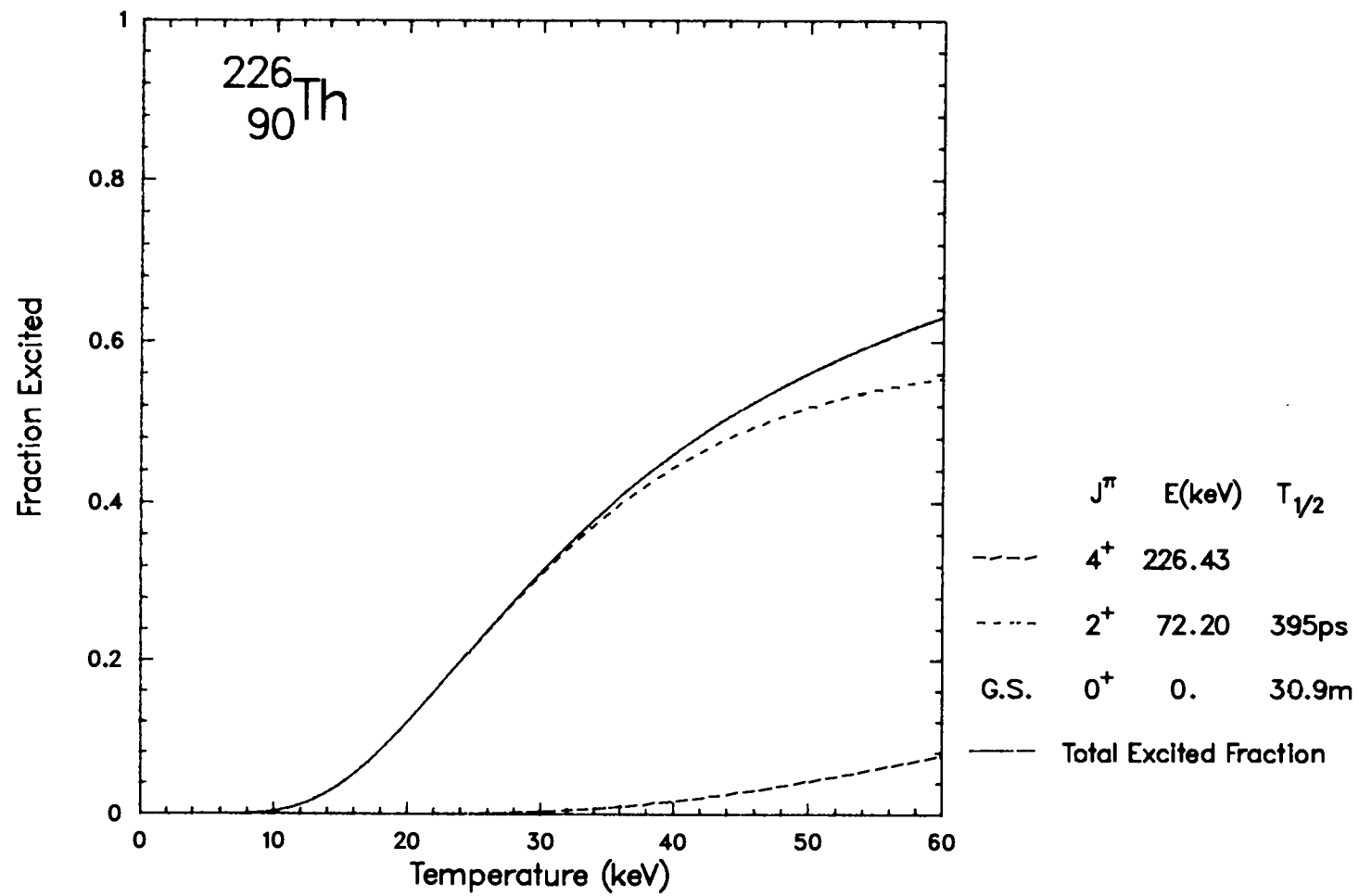


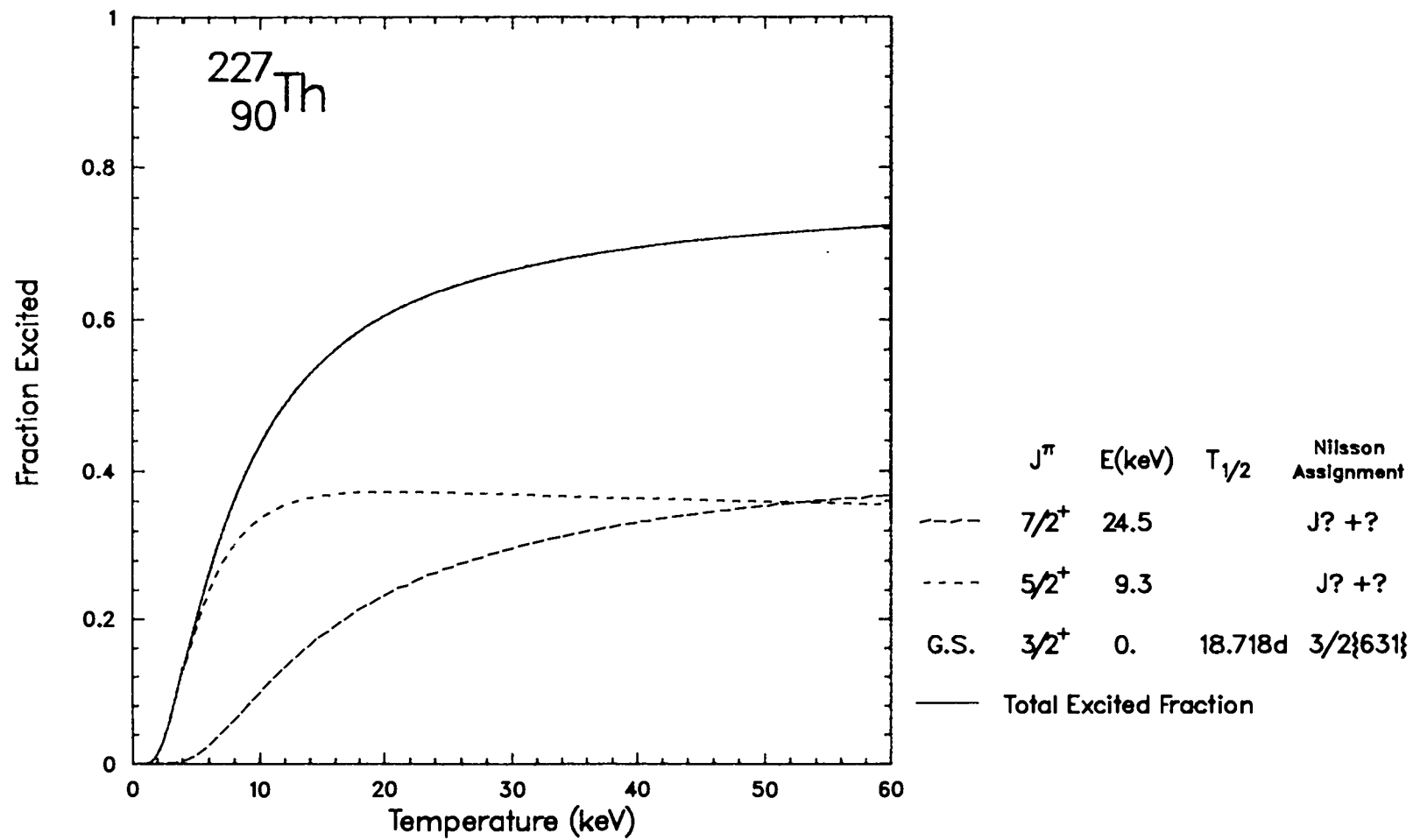


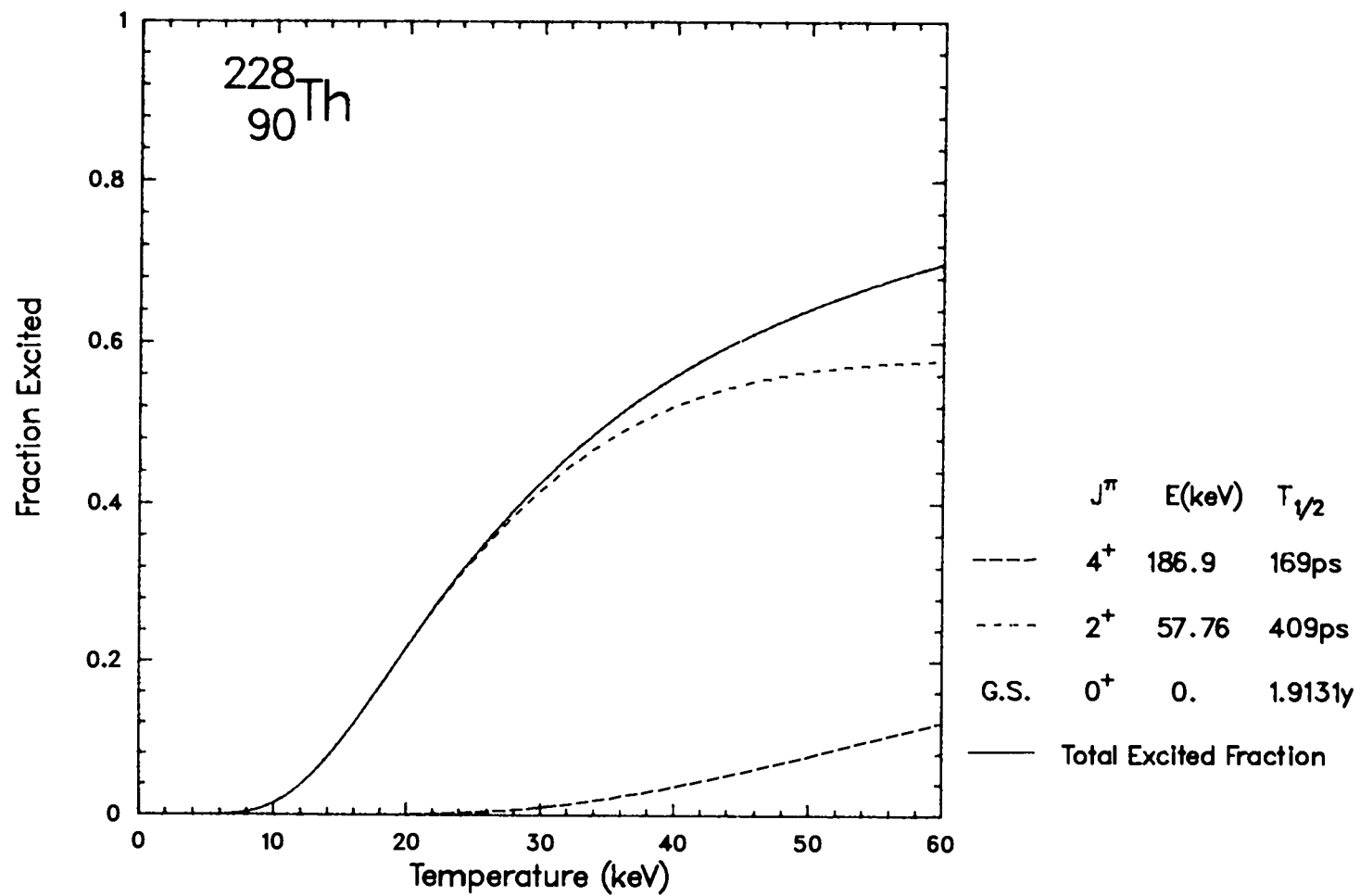


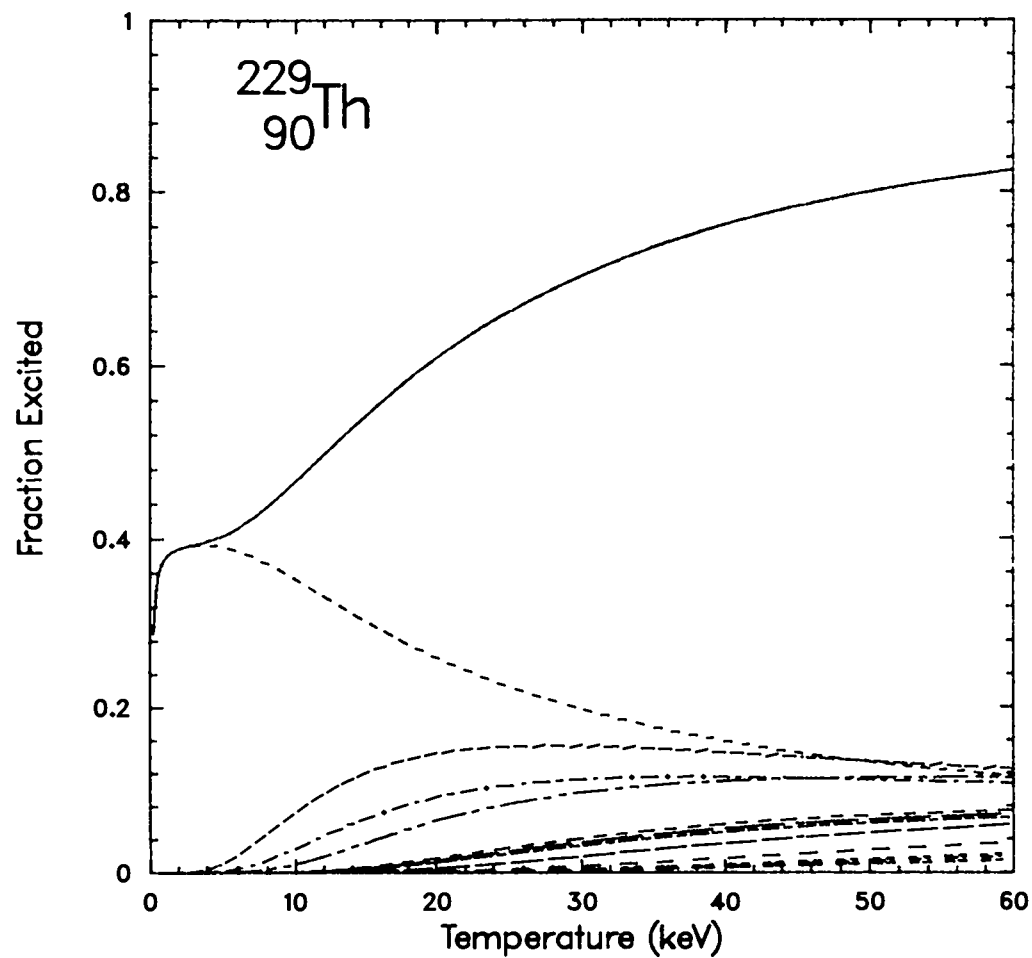




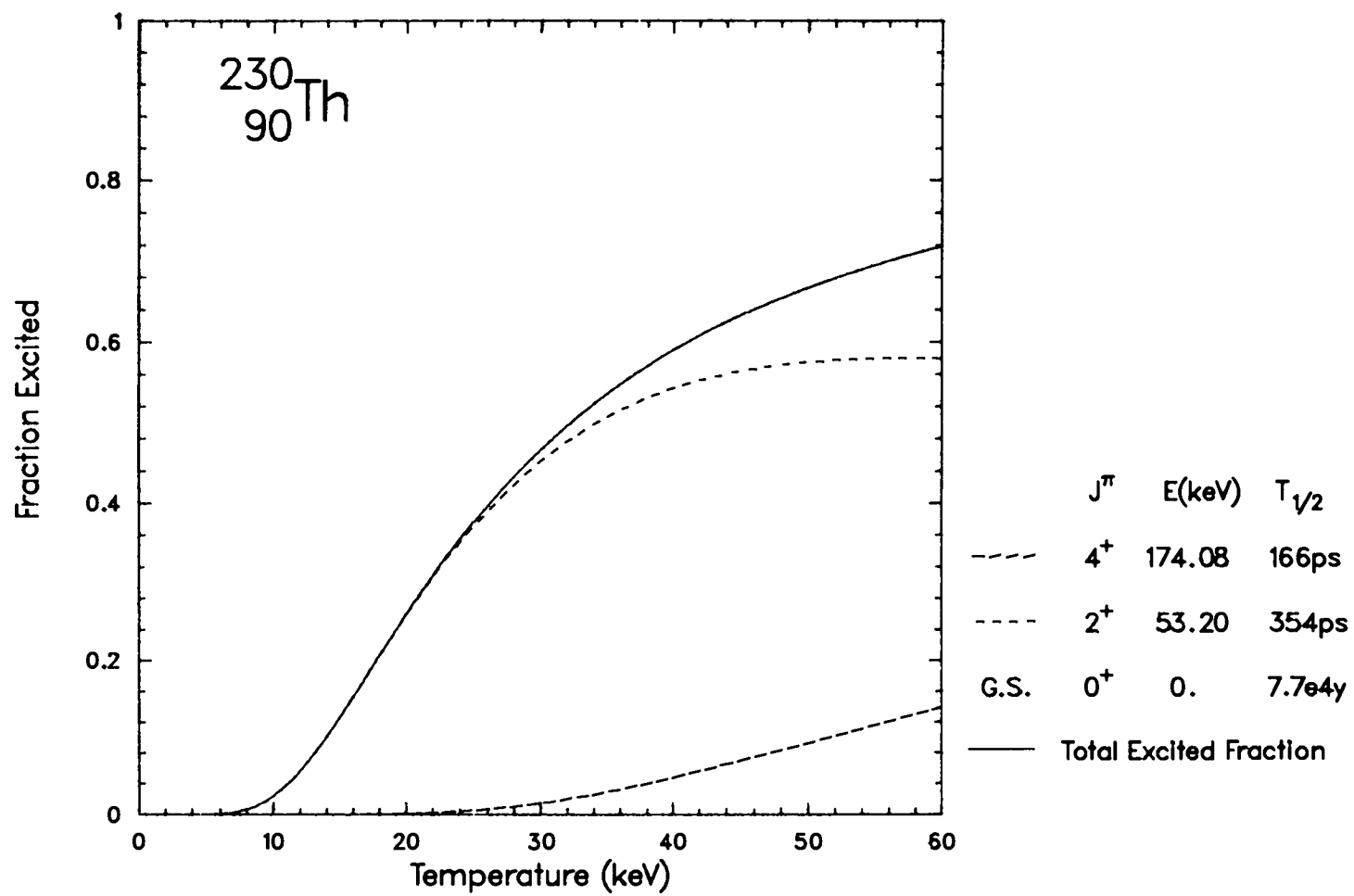


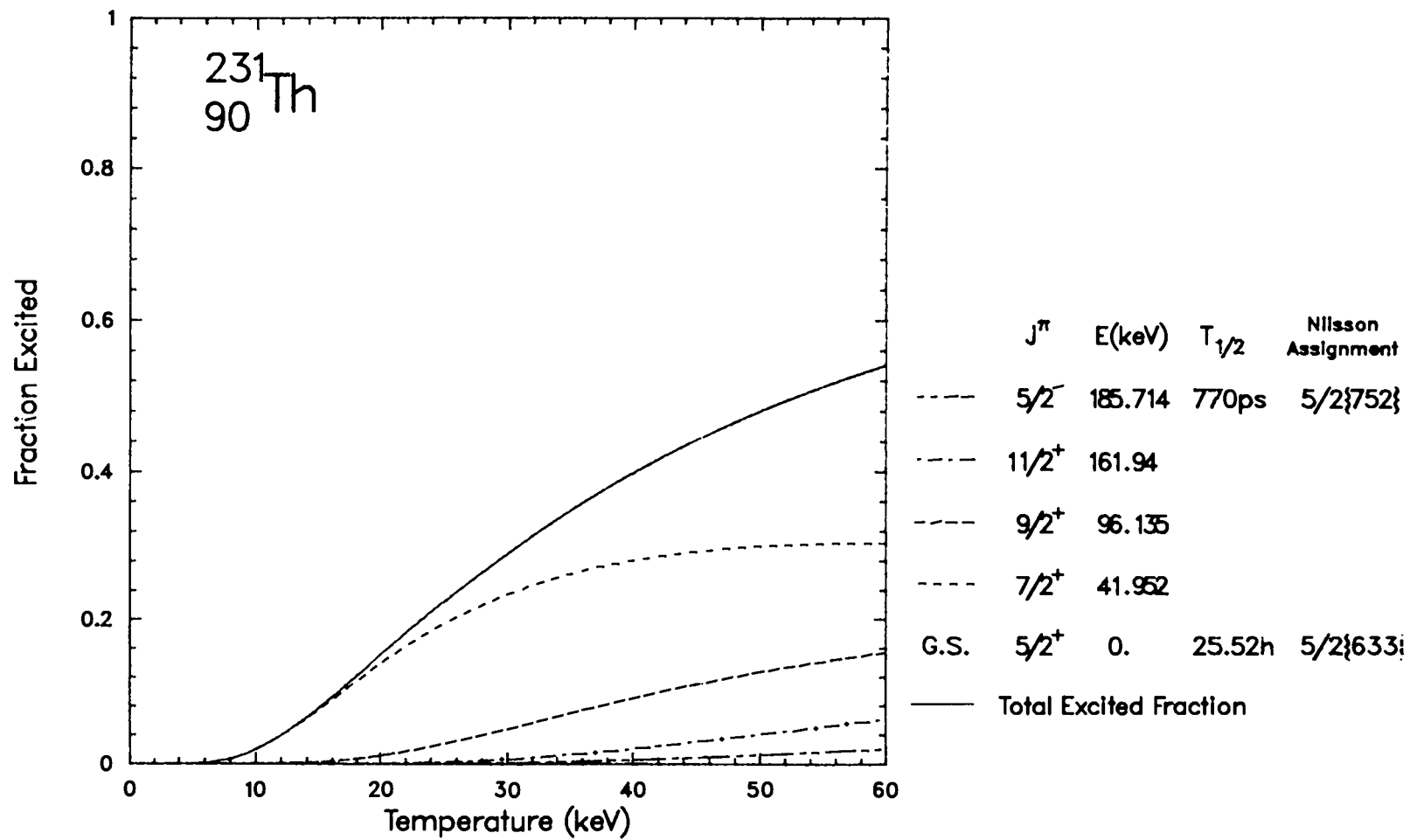


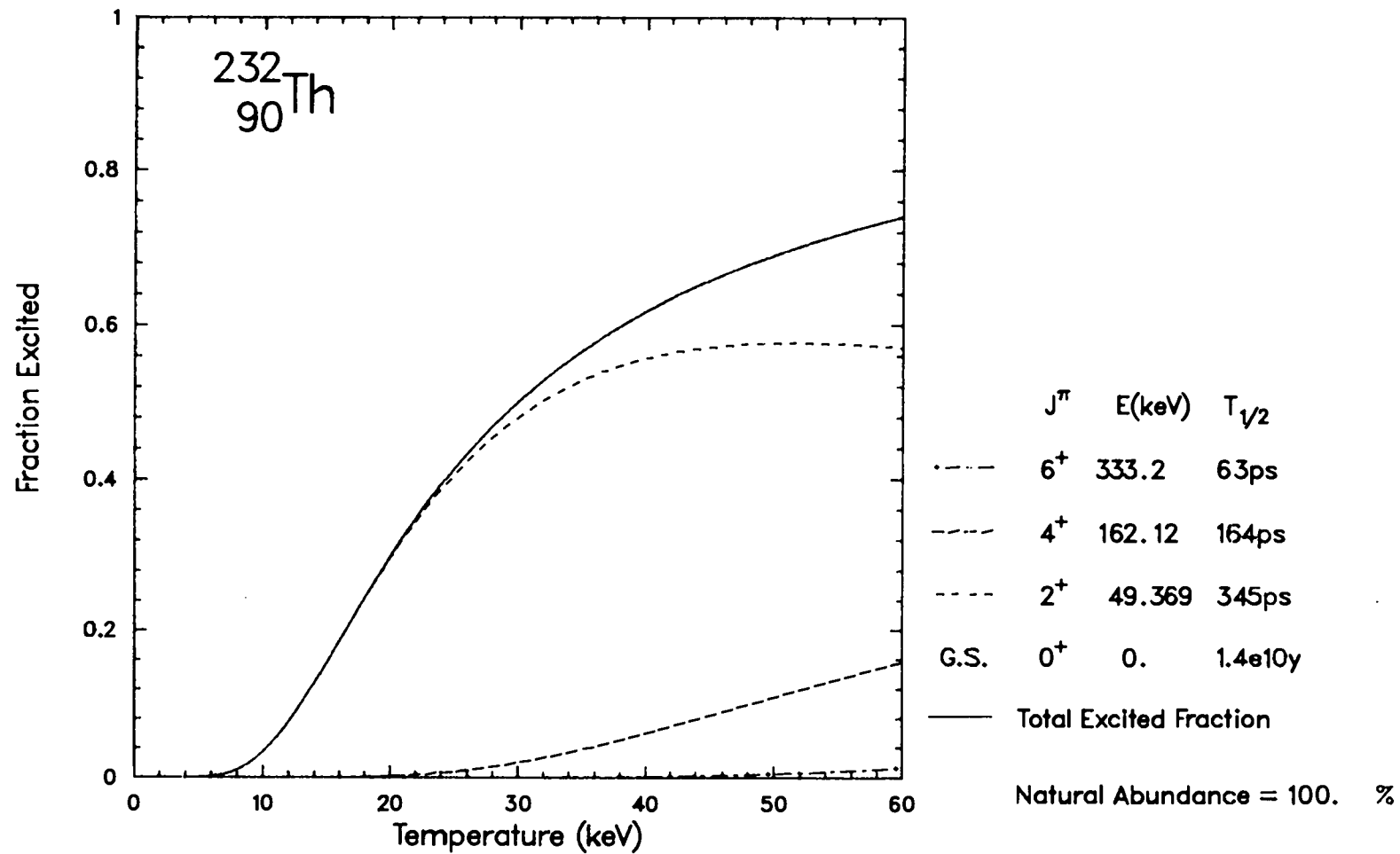


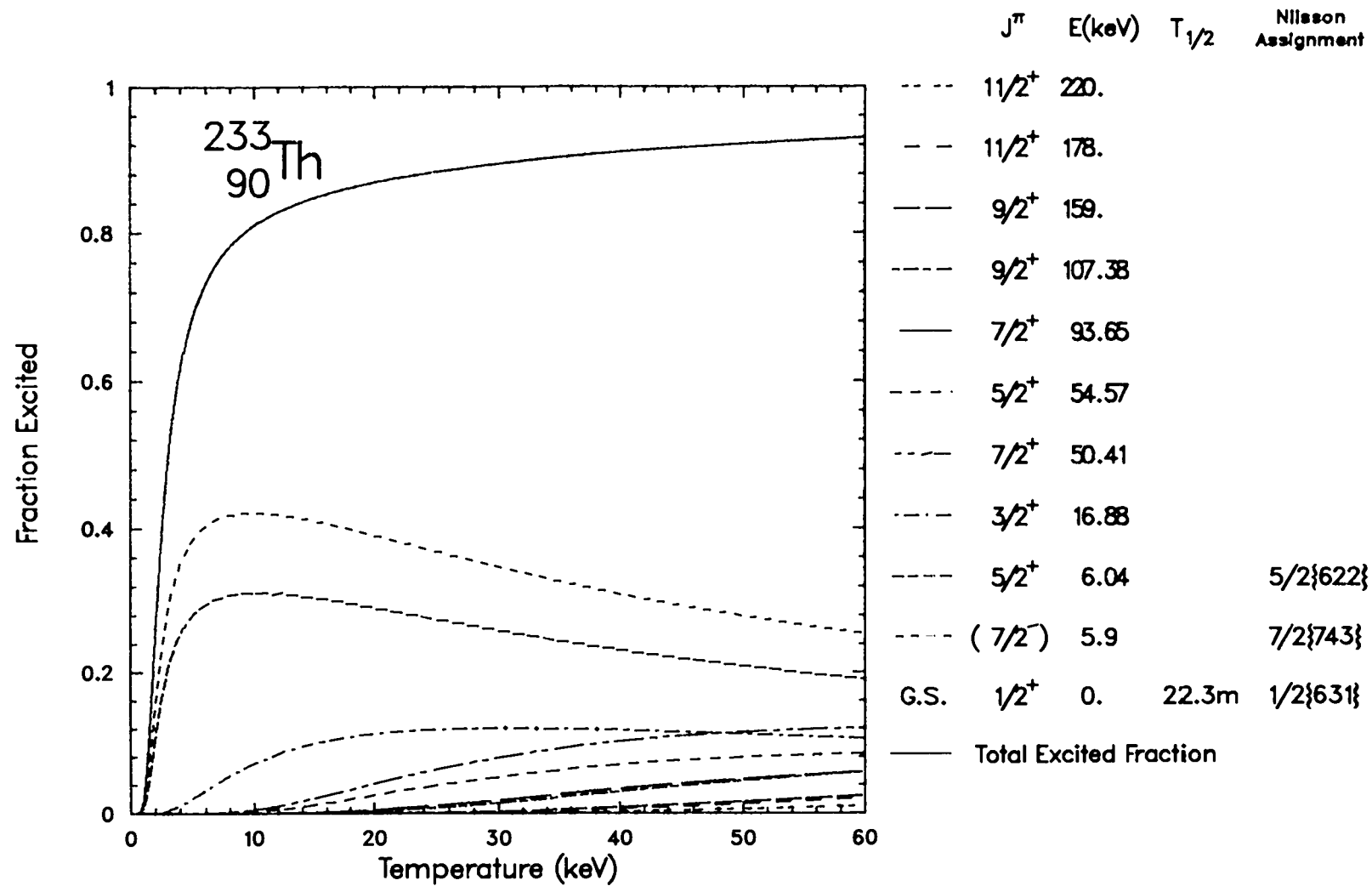


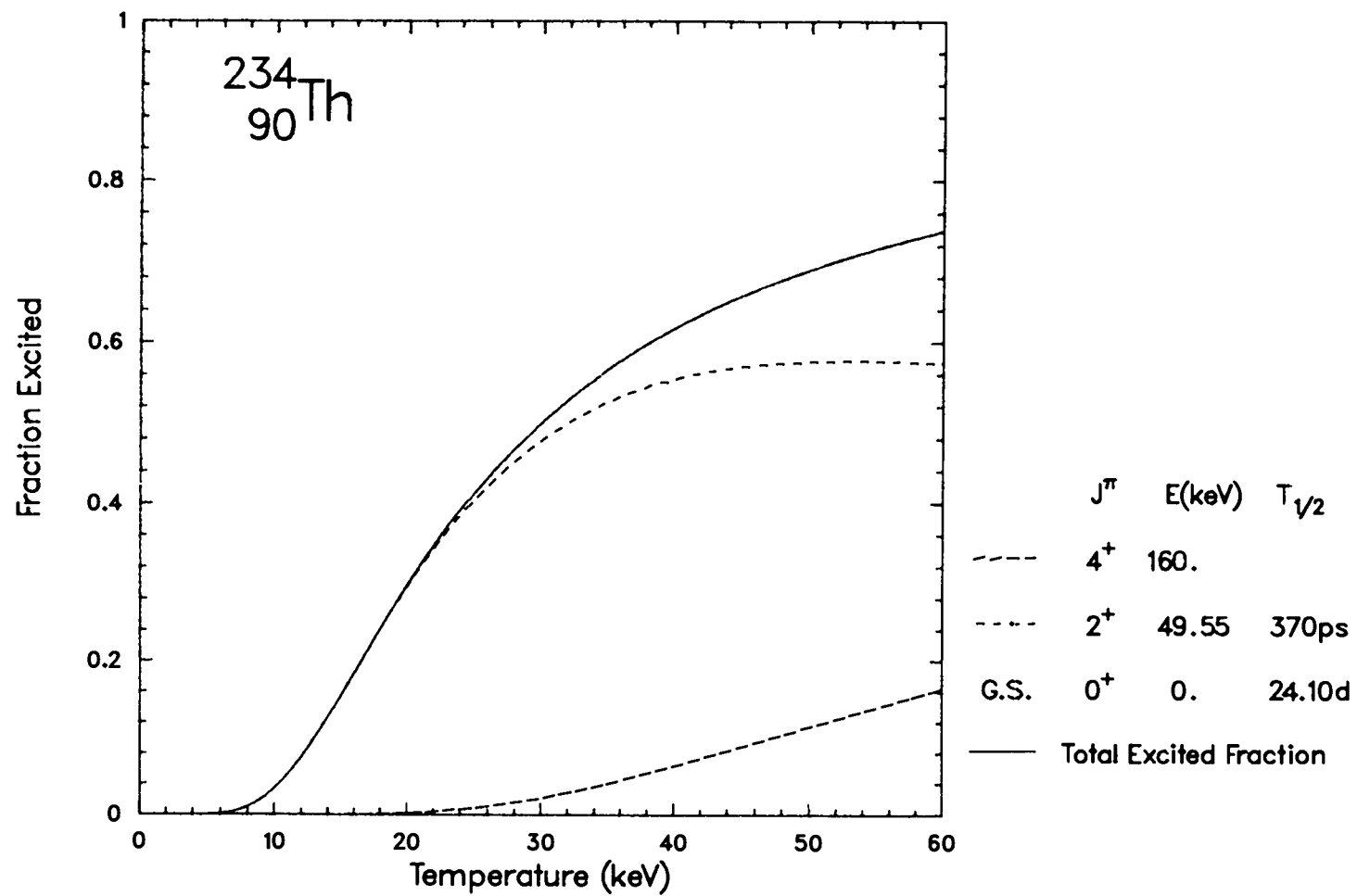
J^π	E(keV)	$T_{1/2}$	Nilsson Assignment
--- ($7/2^-$)	148.16		
--- ($5/2^-$)	146.36		5/2{752}
--- ($7/2^+$)	140.		J? +?
-- ($9/2^+$)	125.4		
--- $9/2^+$	97.13	147ps	
--- ($7/2^+$)	75.		
--- ($7/2^+$)	71.82		
--- $7/2^-$	68.		J? +?
--- $7/2^+$	42.44	172ps	
--- ($5/2^+$)	29.2		
--- $5/2^-$	20.		J? +?
--- ($3/2^+$)	.1		3/2{631}
G.S. $5/2^+$	0.	7340y	5/2{633}
Total Excited Fraction			

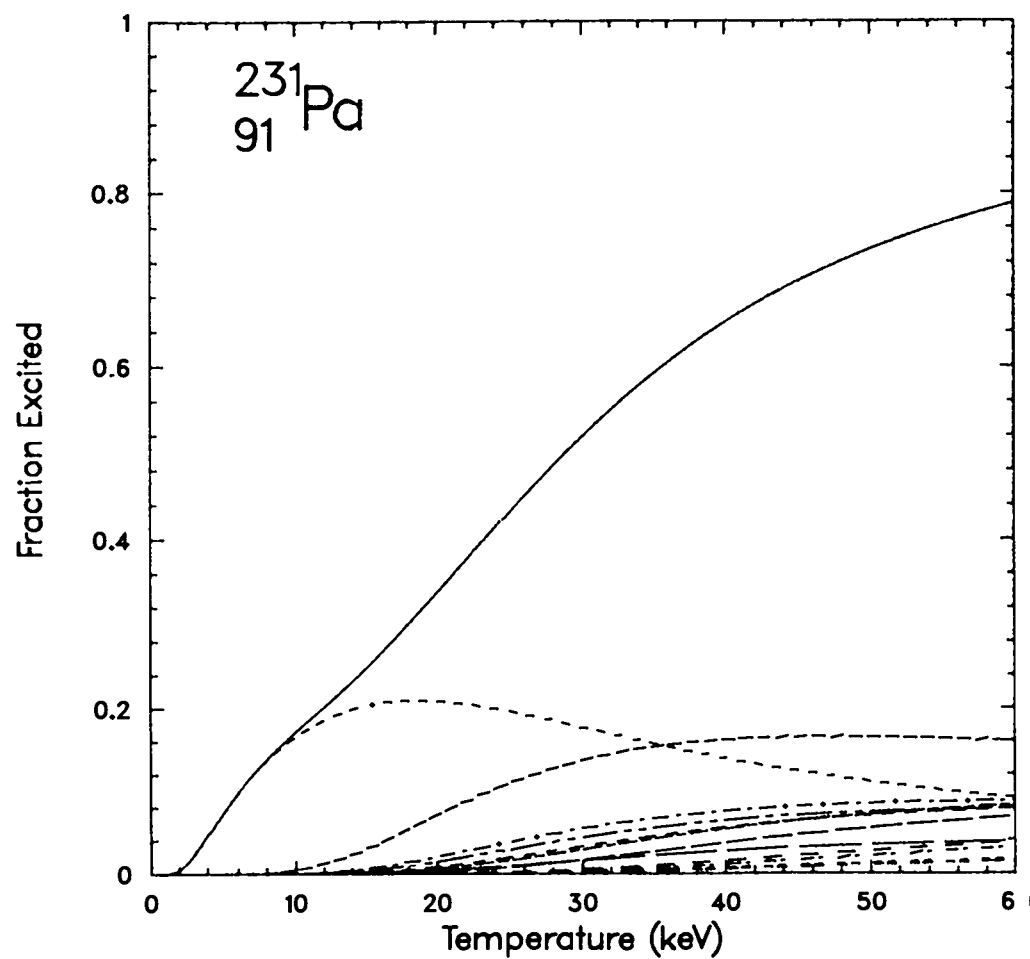




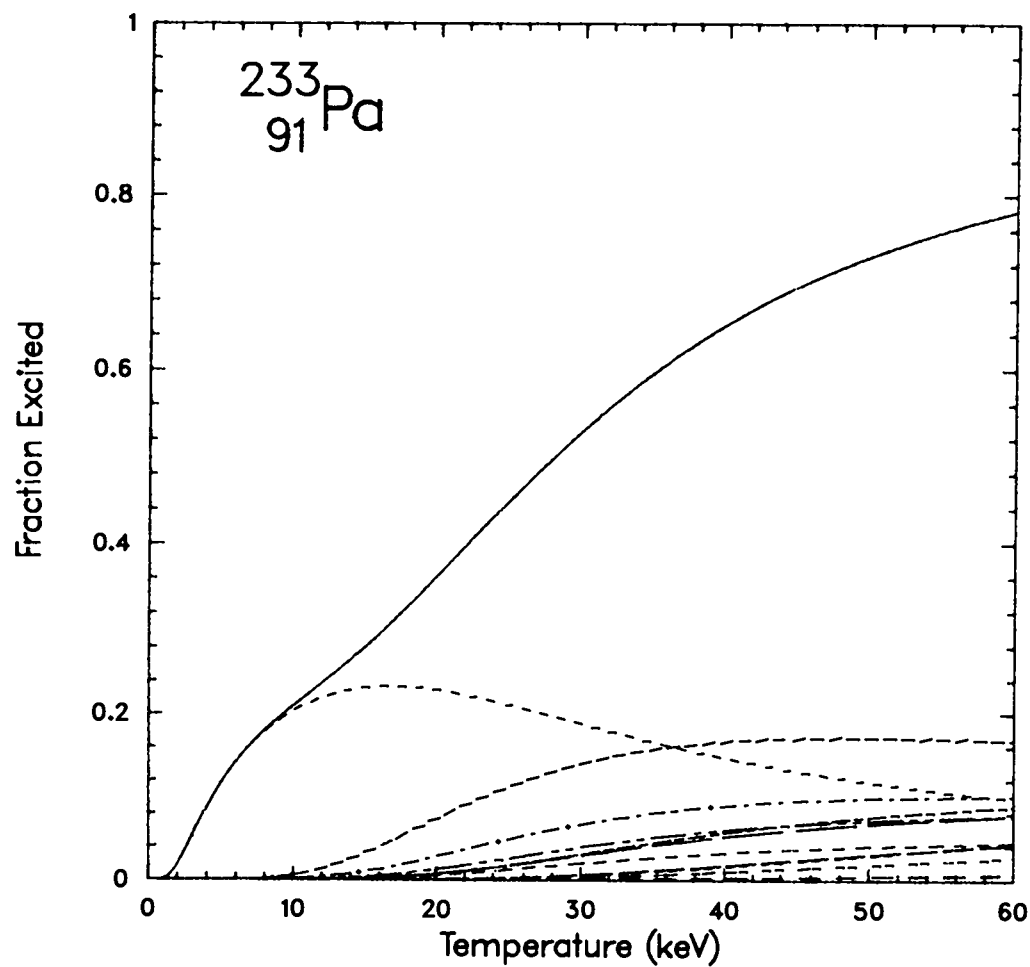




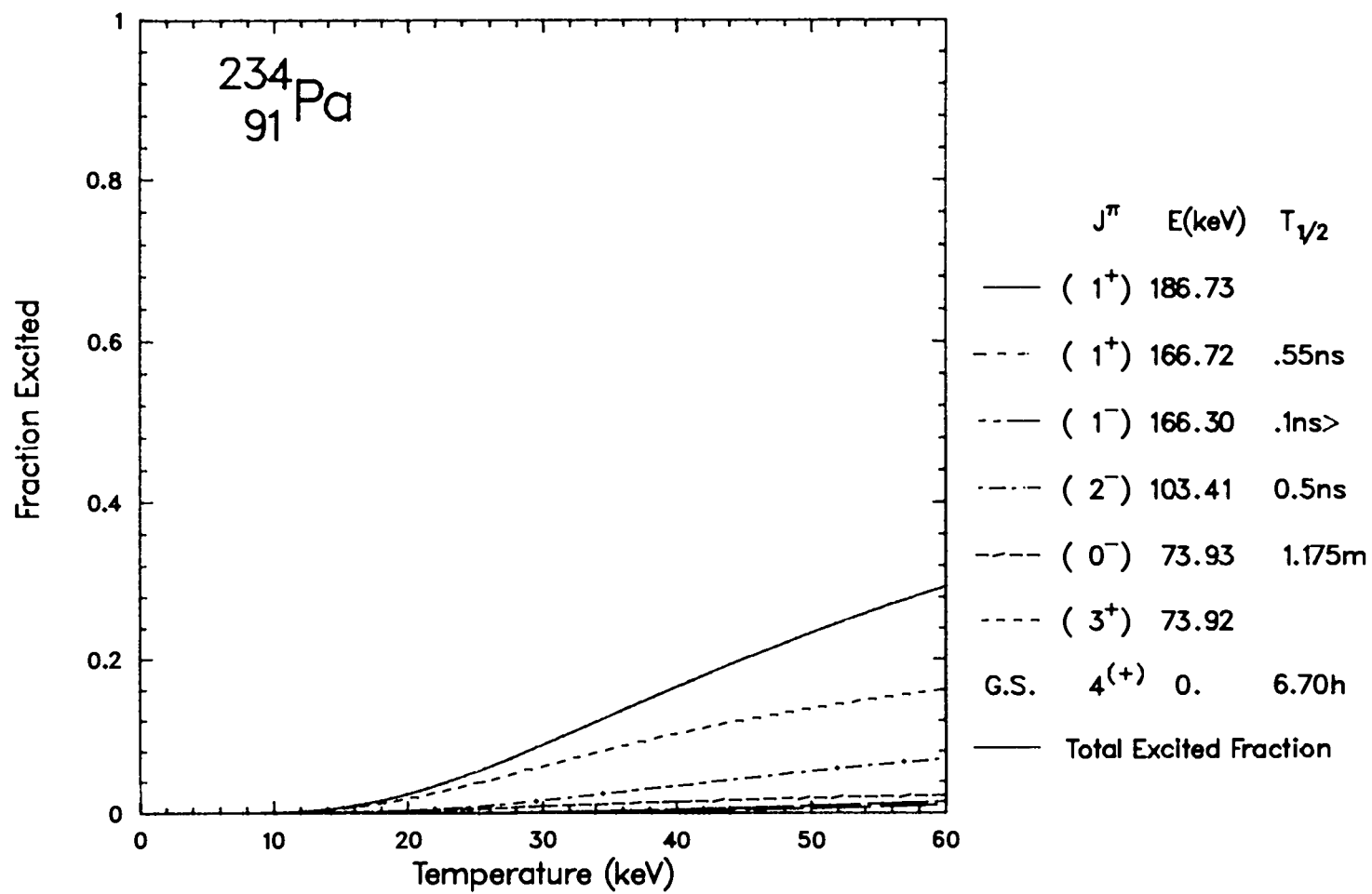


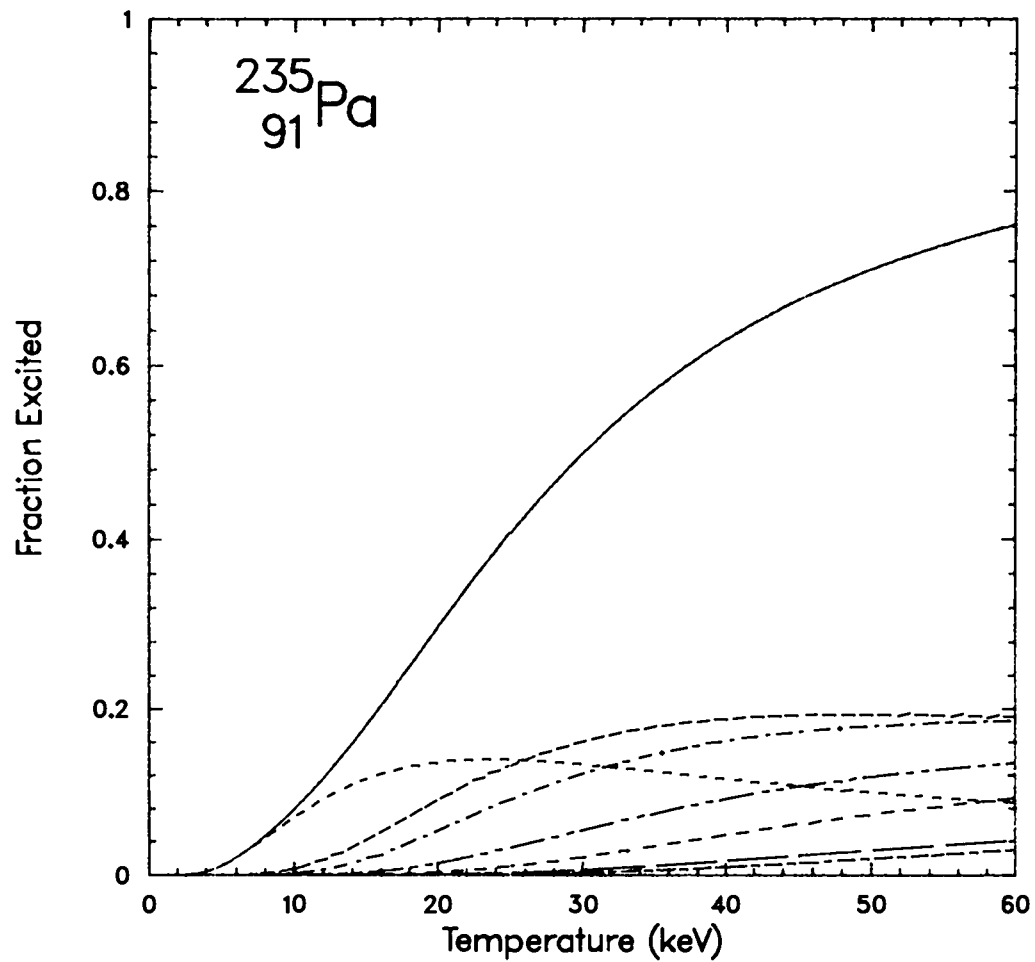


J^π	E(keV)	$T_{1/2}$	Nilsson Assignment
$(13/2^+)$	189.		
$5/2^+$	183.494		$5/2\{642\}$
$5/2^-$	174.166		$5/2\{523\}$
$(11/2^-)$	169.3		
$(11/2^+)$	134.		
$(9/2^+)$	111.64		
$3/2^+$	102.259		
$7/2^+$	101.393		
$5/2^+$	84.208	45.1ns	$3/2\{651\}$
$5/2^-$	77.69		
$7/2^-$	58.564	274ps	
$1/2^-$	9.20		
G.S.	$3/2^-$	0.	3.28e4y $1/2\{530\}$
Total Excited Fraction			

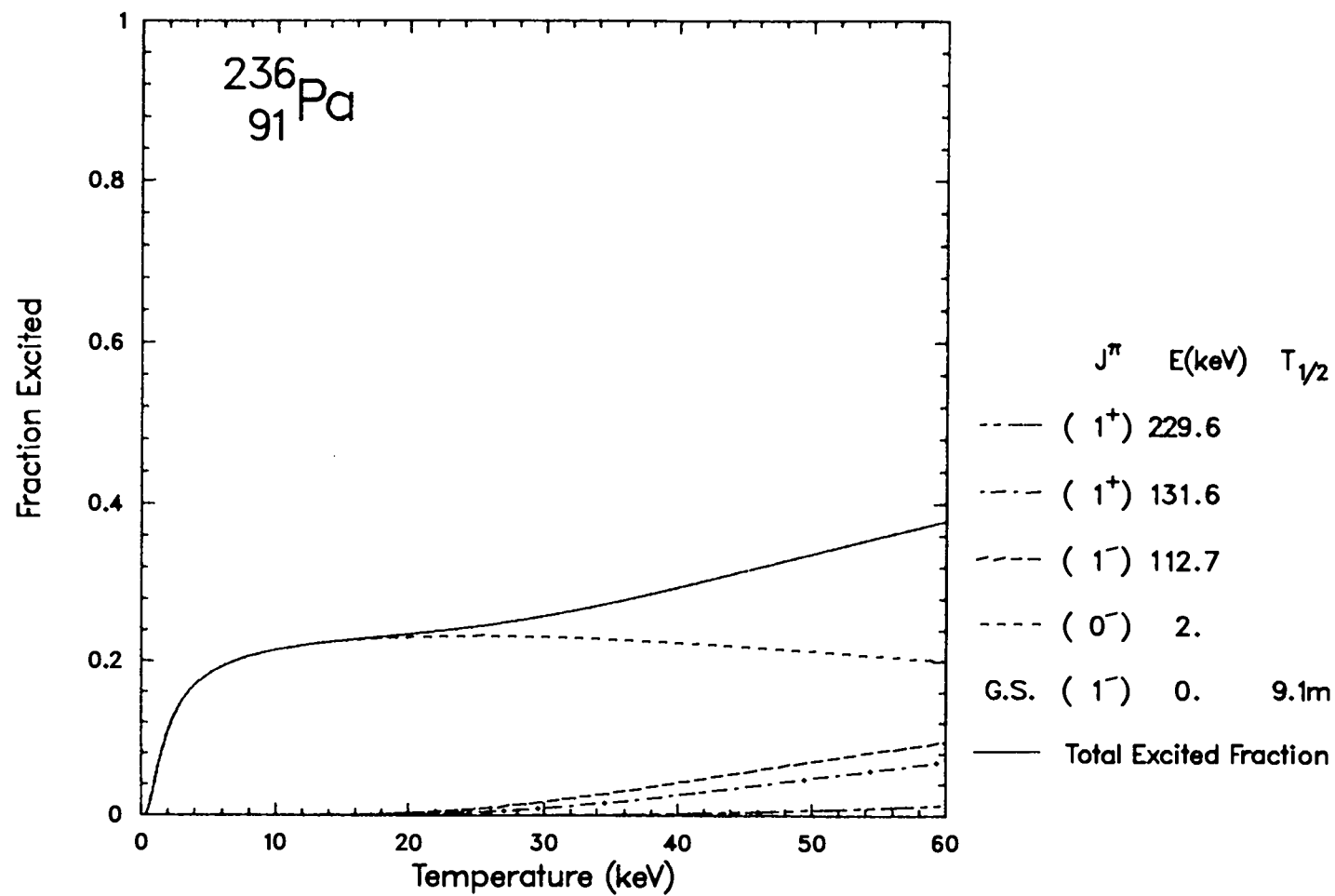


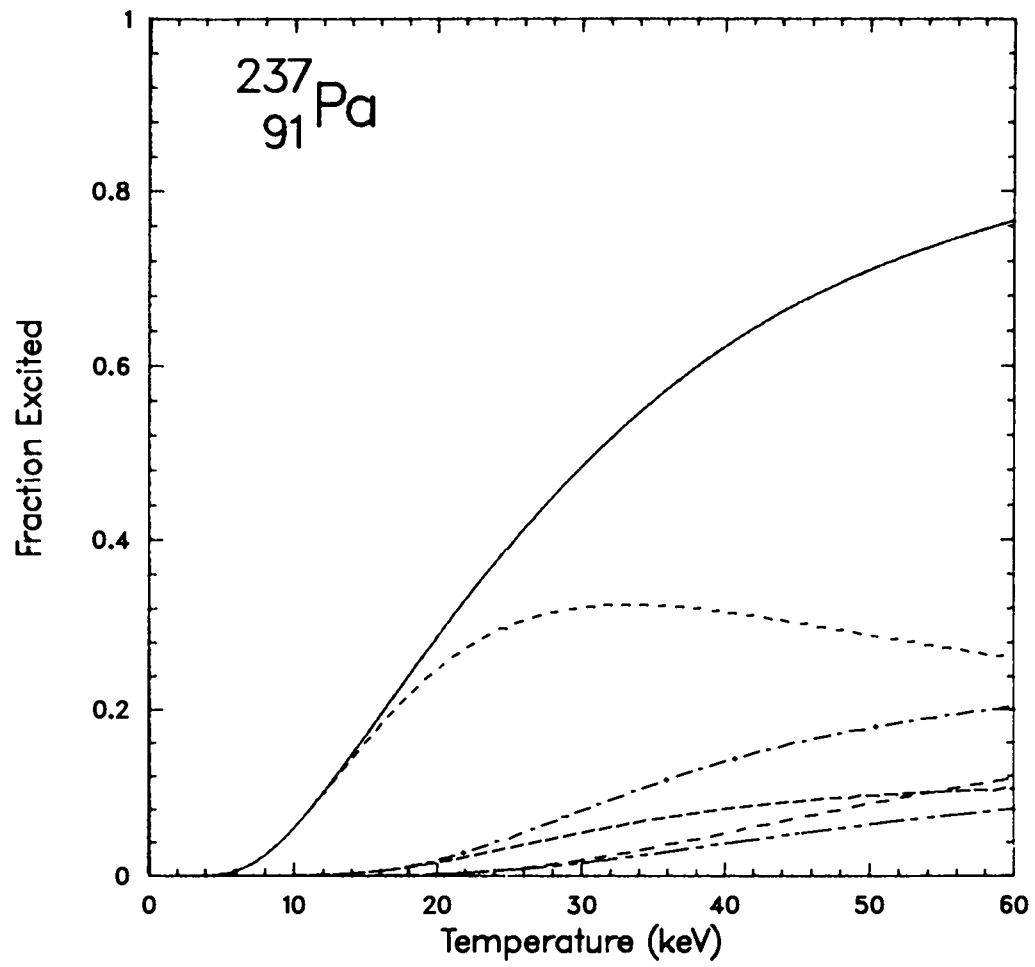
	J^π	E(keV)	$T_{1/2}$	Nilsson Assignment
----	$3/2^+$	201.7		
----	$9/2^-$	179.4		
----	$(13/2^+)$	173.		
- - -	$(1/2^+)$	169.15		$1/2\{400\}$
----	$(11/2^-)$	163.27		
----	$9/2^+$	109.10		
----	$7/2^+$	103.8		
----	$3/2^+$	94.7		
----	$5/2^+$	86.5	35.7ns	$3/2\{651\}$
----	$5/2^-$	70.6		
----	$7/2^-$	57.15		
----	$1/2^-$	6.65		
G.S.	$3/2^-$	0.	27.0d	$1/2\{530\}$
----	Total Excited Fraction			



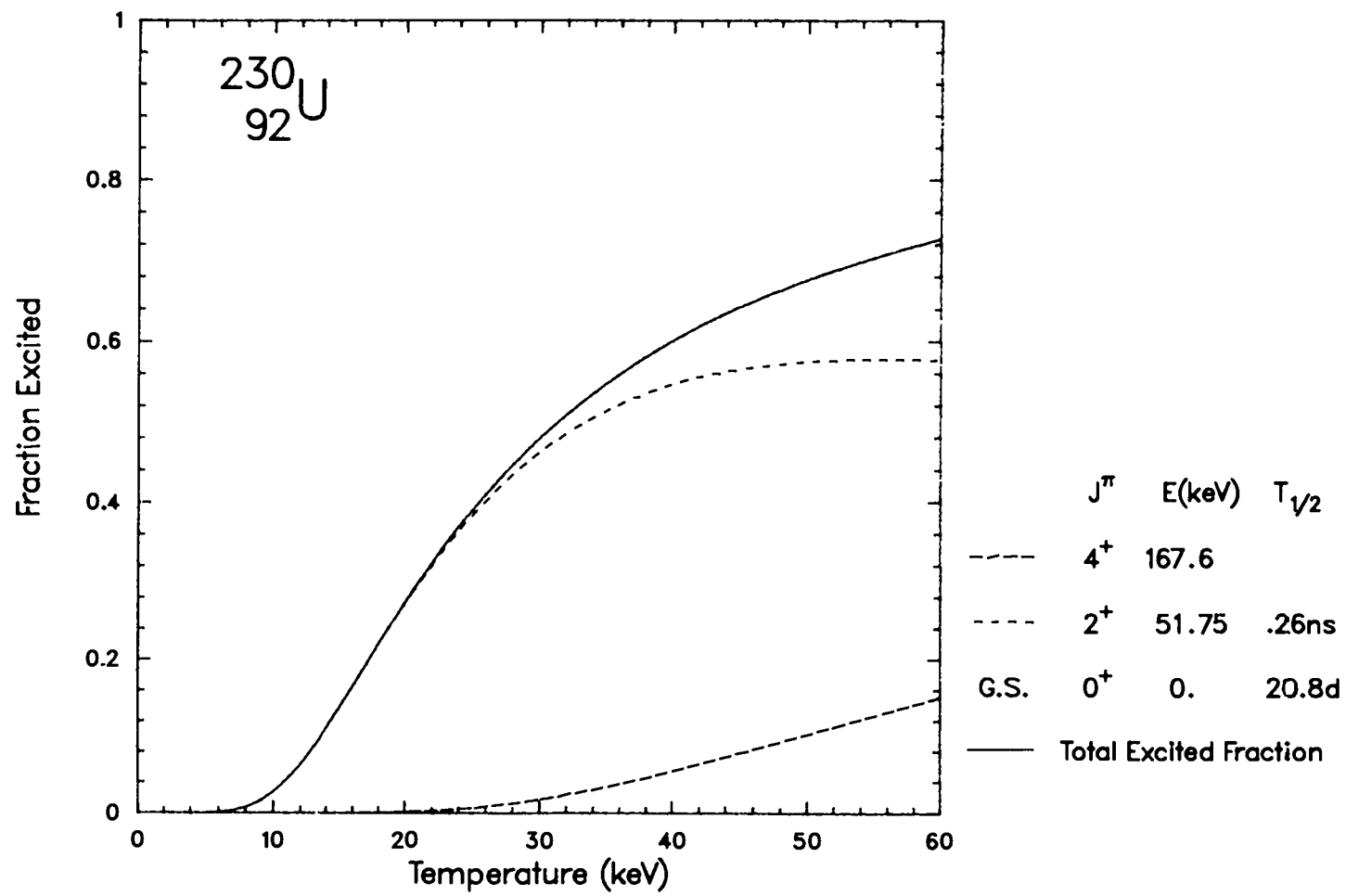


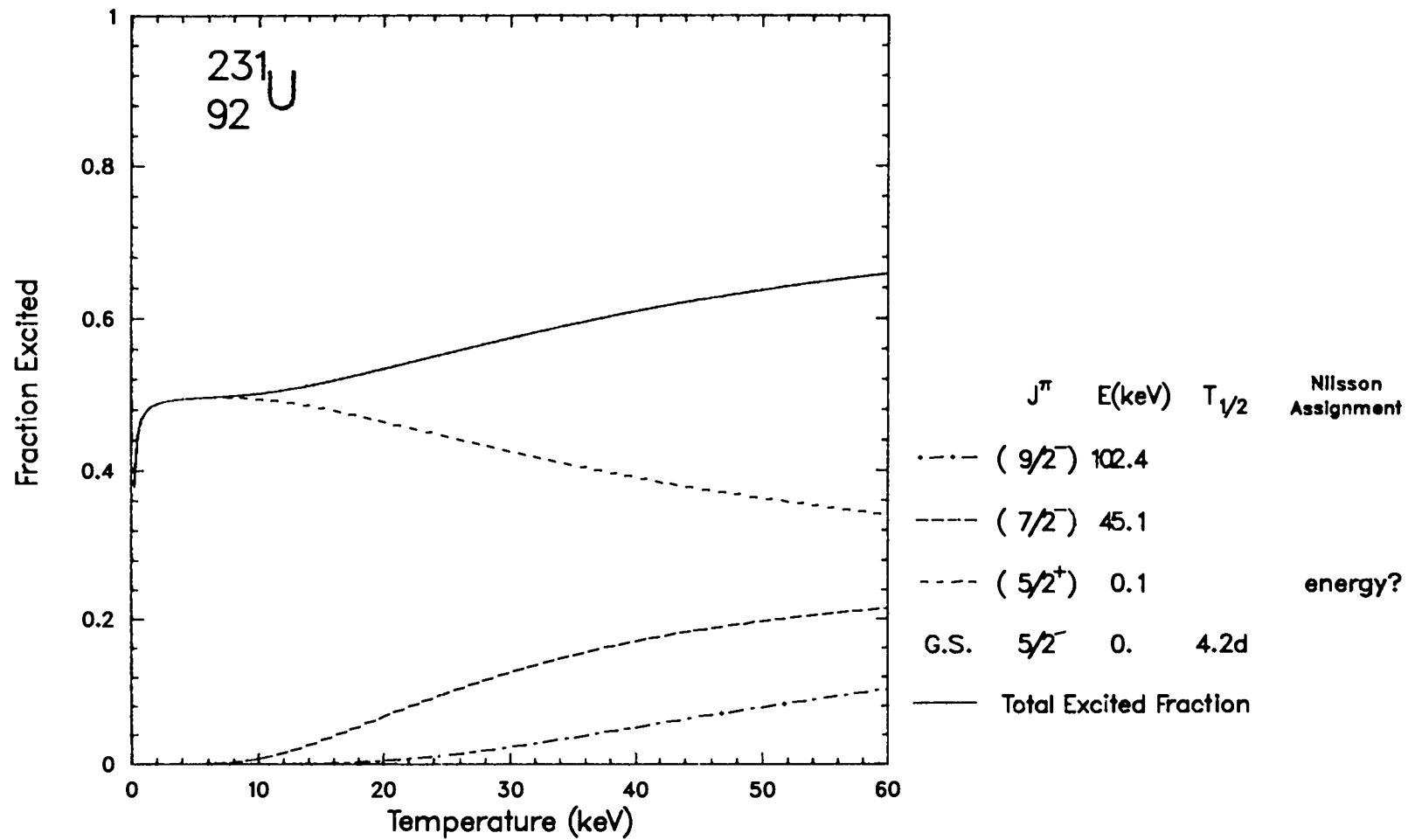
J^π	E(keV)	$T_{1/2}$	Nilsson Assignment
--- (11/2 ⁻)	190.		J? +?
— (9/2 ⁻)	160.		J? +?
--- (13/2 ⁺)	132.		J? +?
-.- (11/2 ⁺)	100.		J? +?
·-· (9/2 ⁺)	70.		3/2{651}
--- (7/2 ⁻)	55.		
--- (1/2 ⁺)	19.		1/2{400}
G.S. (3/2 ⁻)	0.	24.2m	1/2{530}
— Total Excited Fraction			

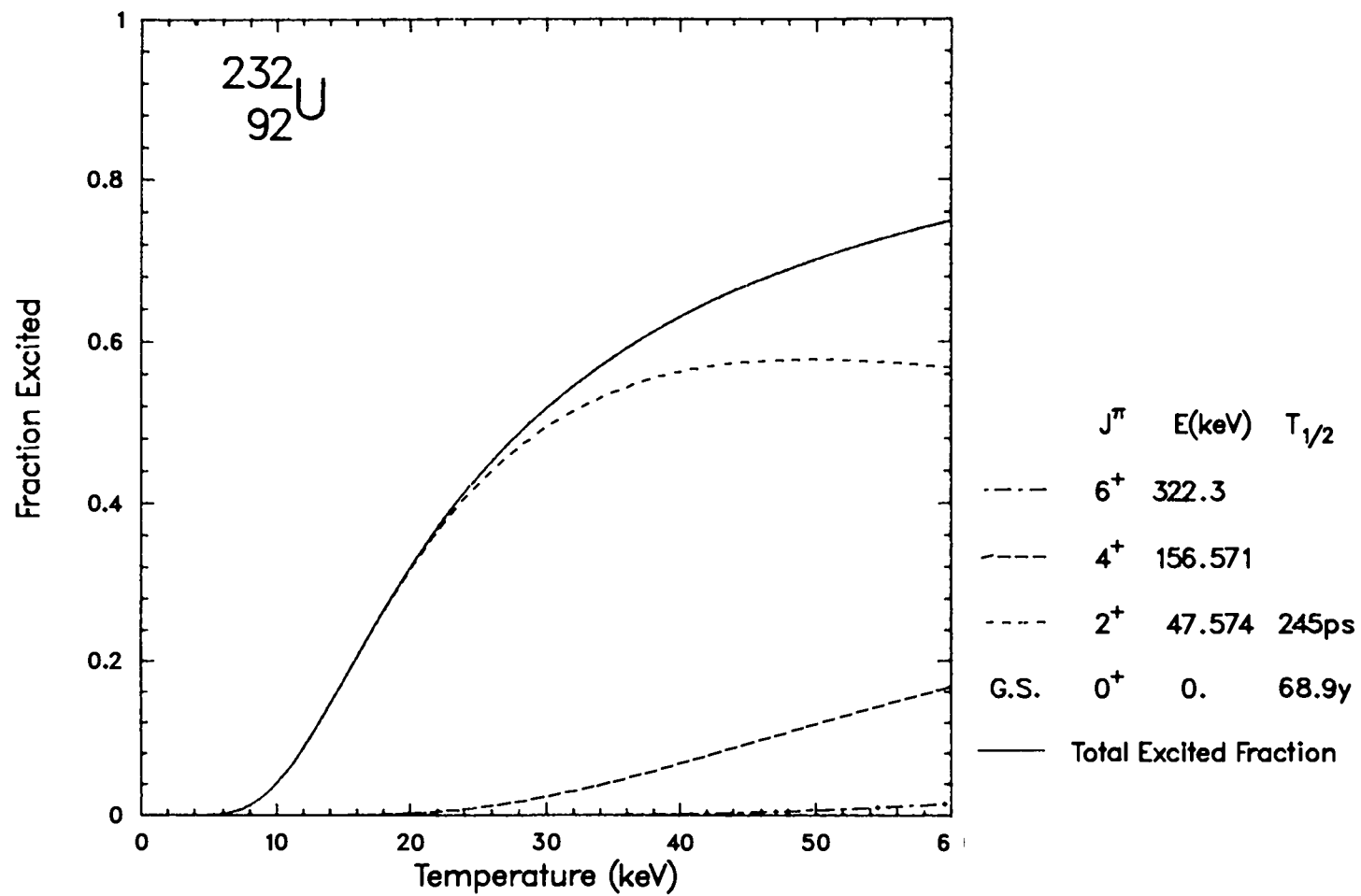


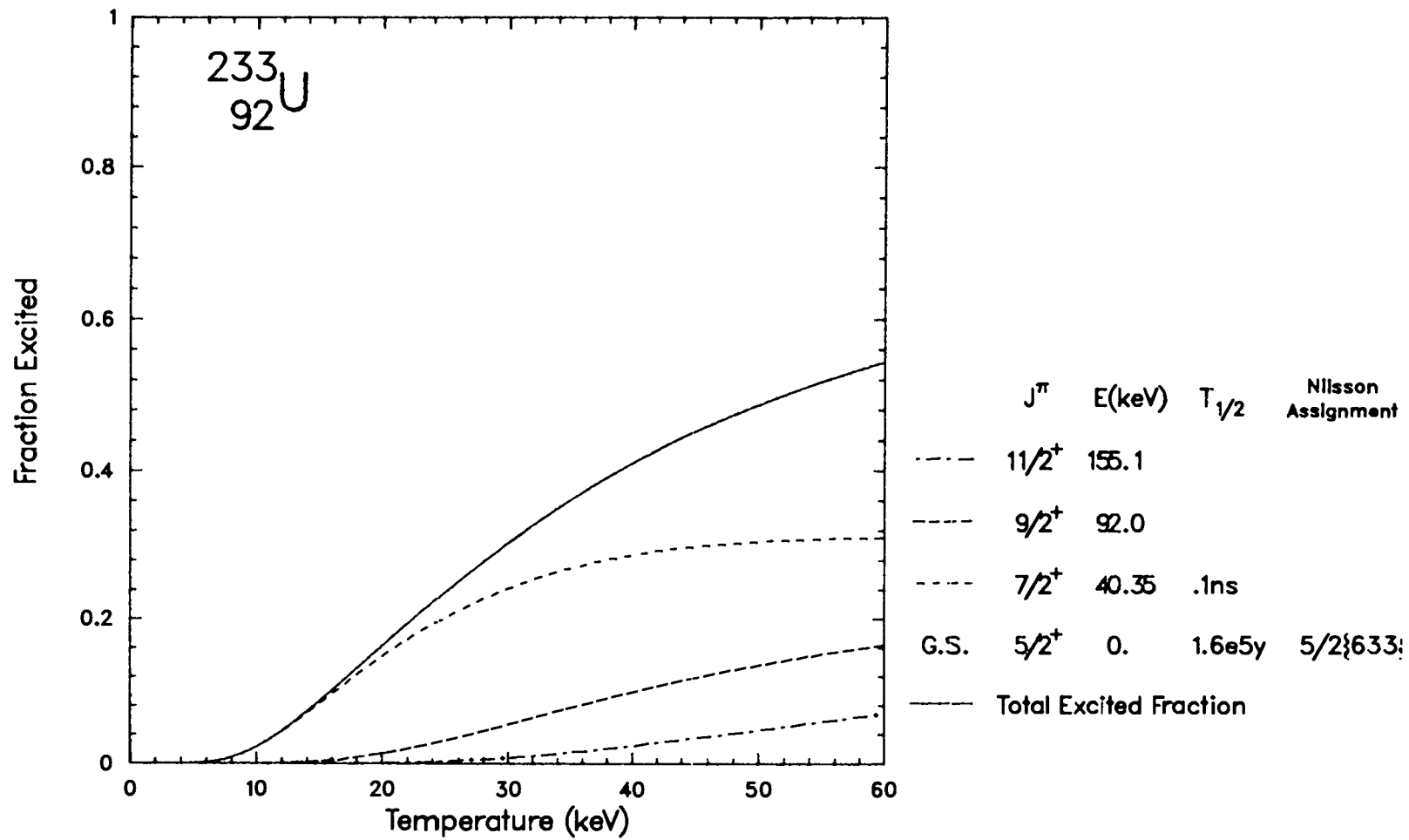


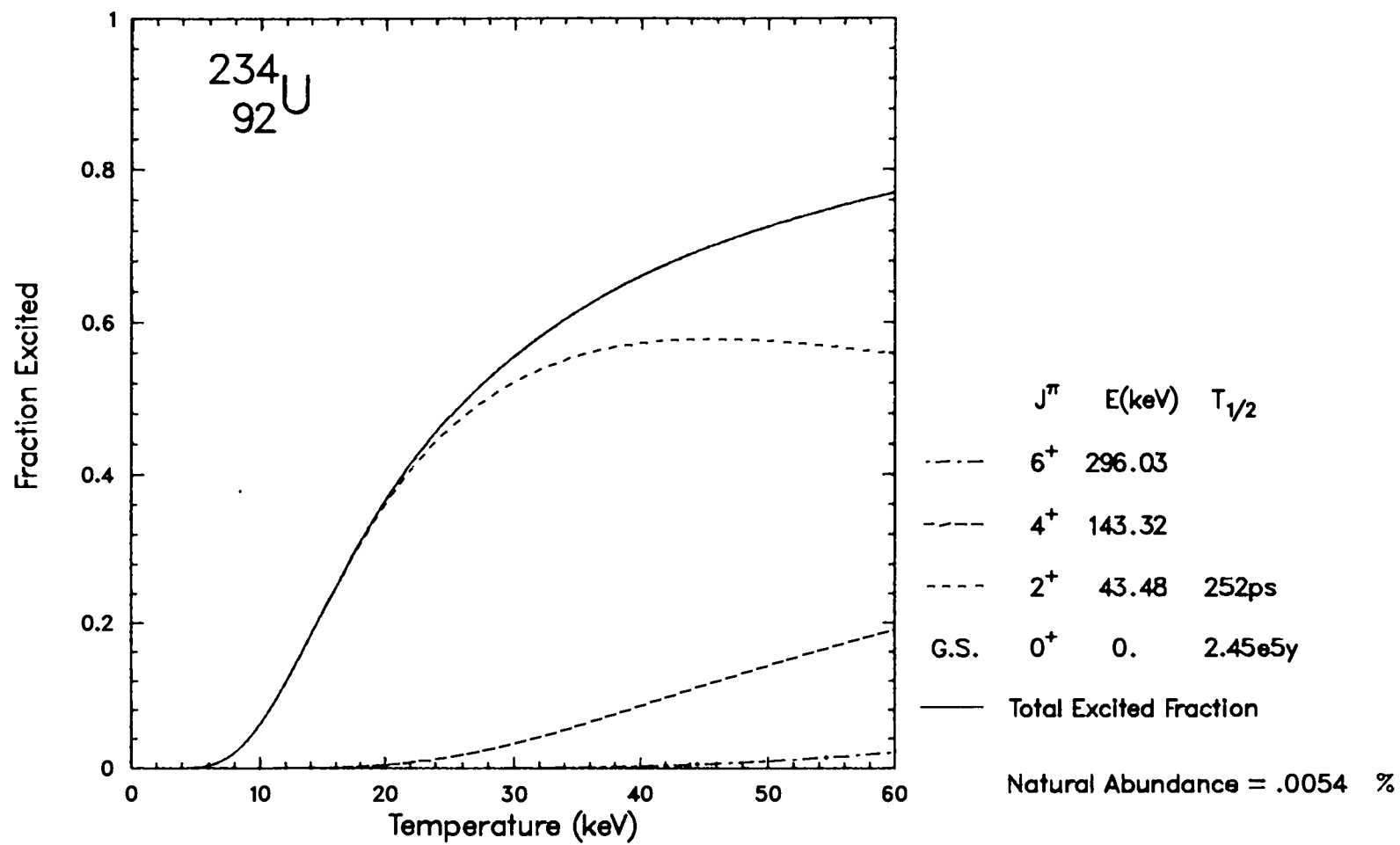
J^π	$E(\text{keV})$	$T_{1/2}$	Nilsson Assignment
$(13/2^+)$	158.		
$(7/2^-)$	147.		
$(9/2^+)$	105.		$3/2\{651\}$
$(3/2^-)$	90.		$1/2\{530\}$
$(3/2^+)$	35.		
G.S. $(1/2^+)$	0.	8.7m	$1/2\{400\}$
Total Excited Fraction			

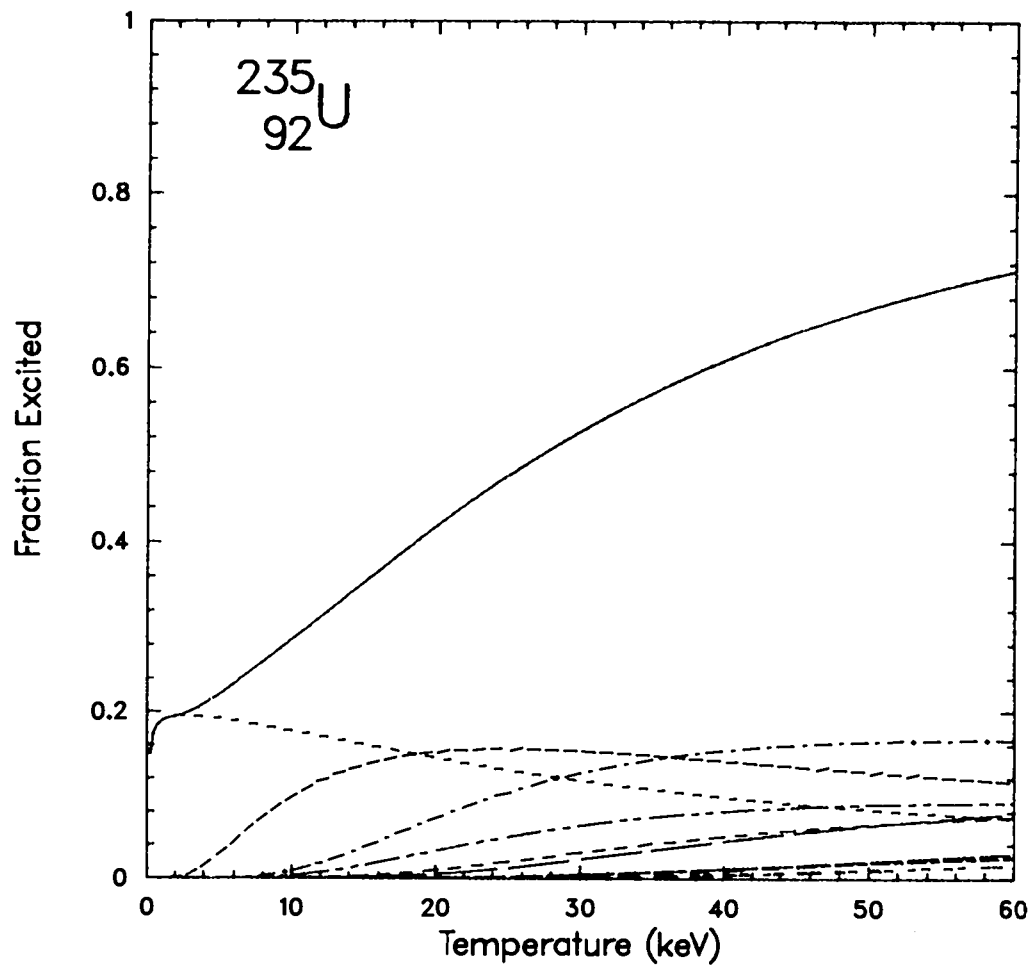






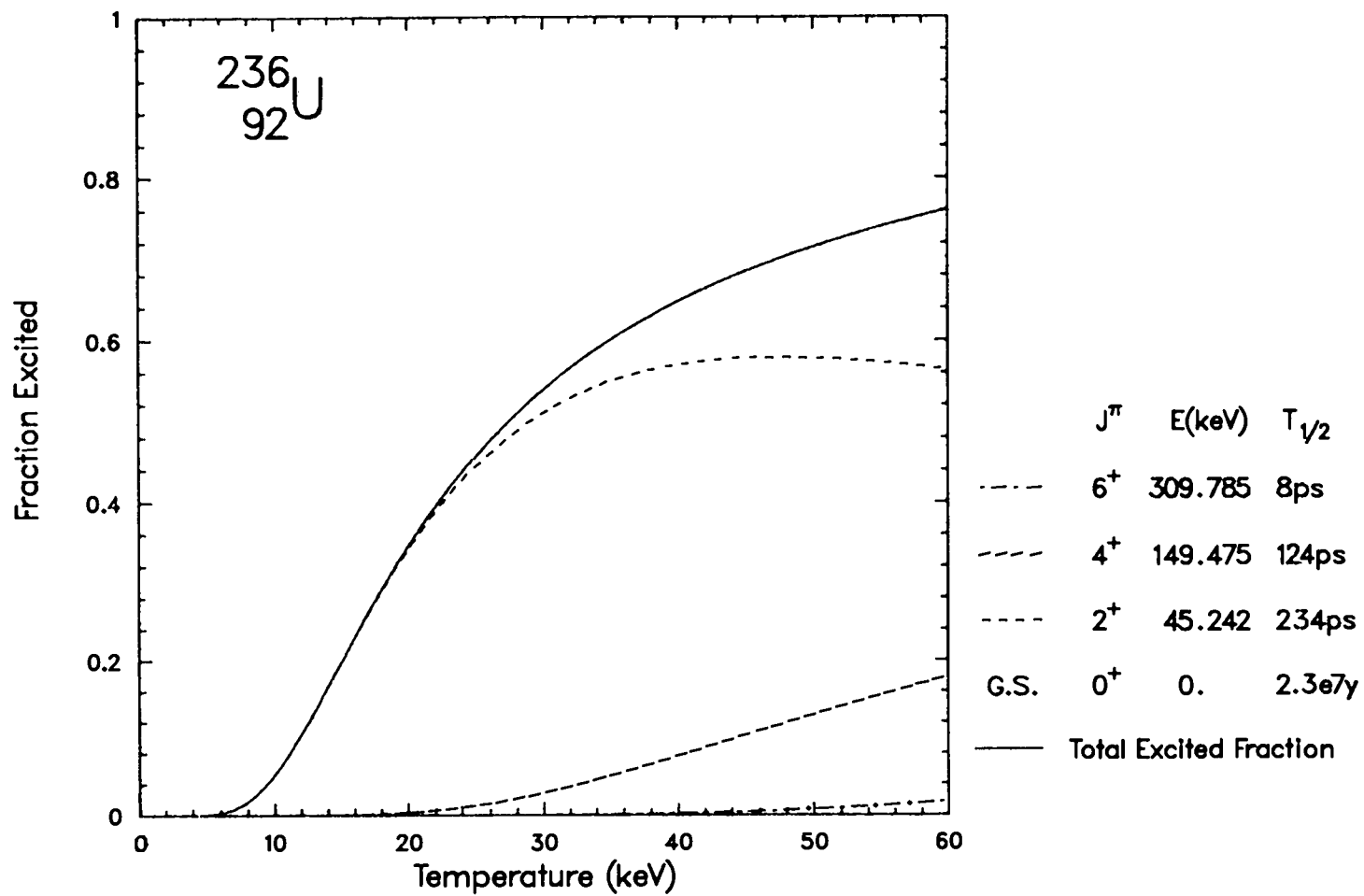


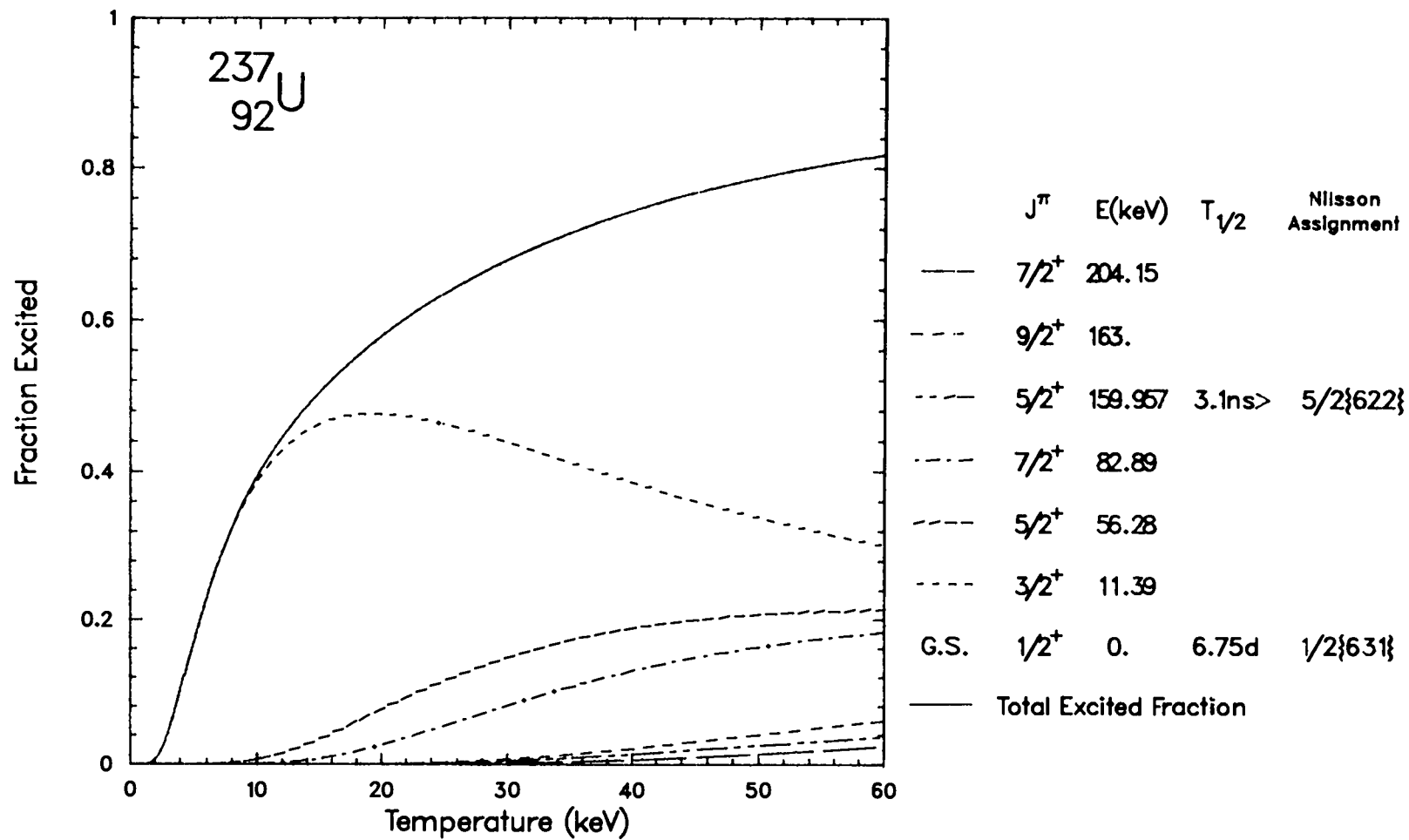


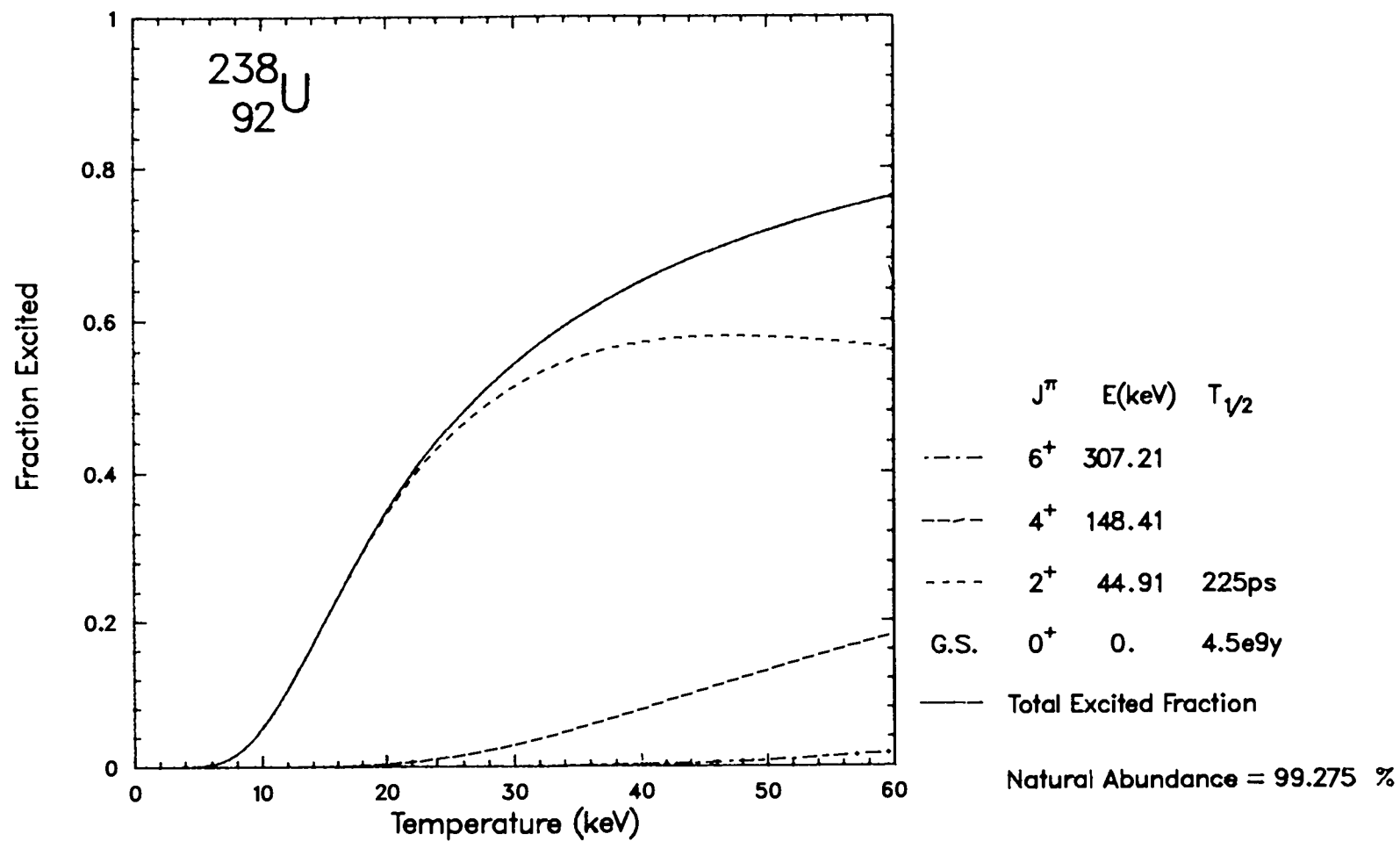


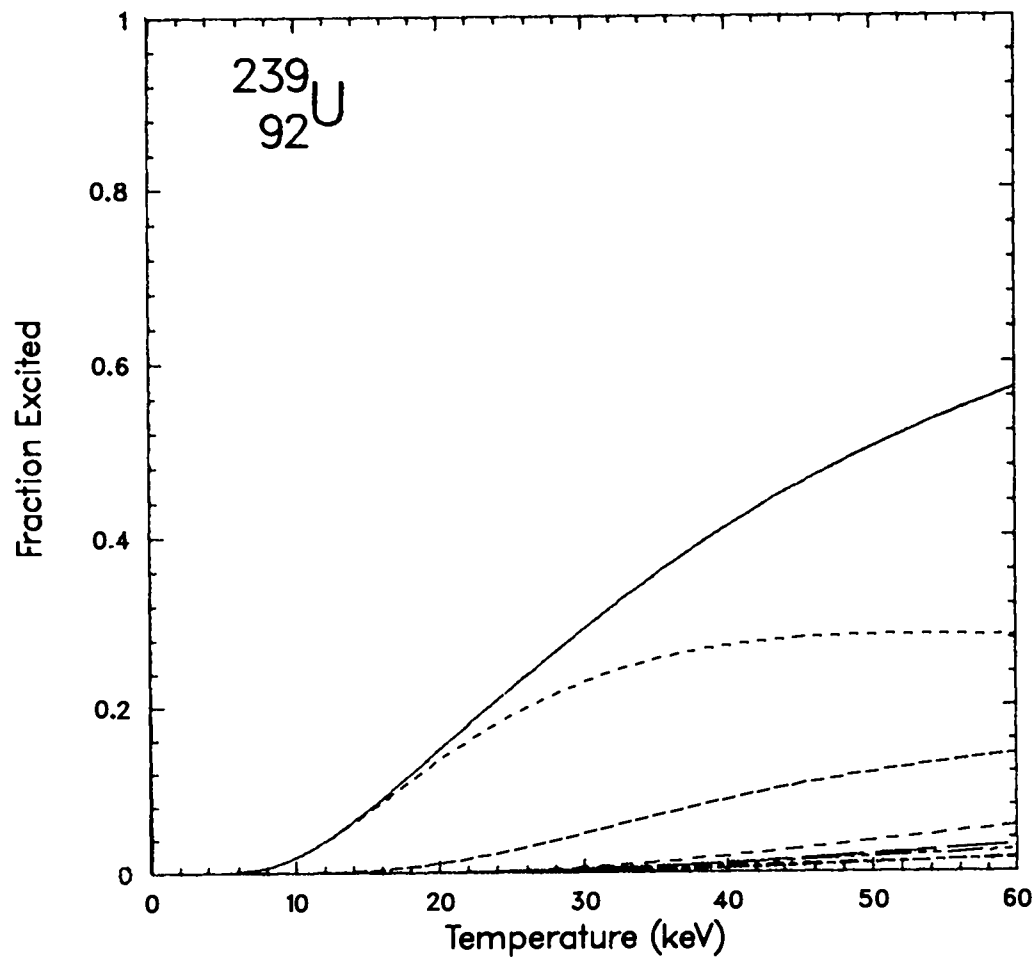
	J^π	E(keV)	$T_{1/2}$	Nilsson Assignment
----	$11/2^+$	197.13		
----	$7/2^+$	171.576		
----	$13/2^-$	170.73		
----	$9/2^+$	150.5		
----	$5/2^+$	129.29		$5/2\{622\}$
----	$11/2^-$	103.03		
----	$7/2^+$	81.77		
----	$5/2^+$	51.69	191ps	
----	$9/2^-$	46.21		
----	$3/2^+$	13.01	.5ns	
----	$1/2^+$	.073	25m	$1/2\{631\}$
G.S.	$7/2^-$	0.	$7.04 \times 10^8 \text{y}$	$7/2\{743\}$
----	Total Excited Fraction			

Natural Abundance = .720 %

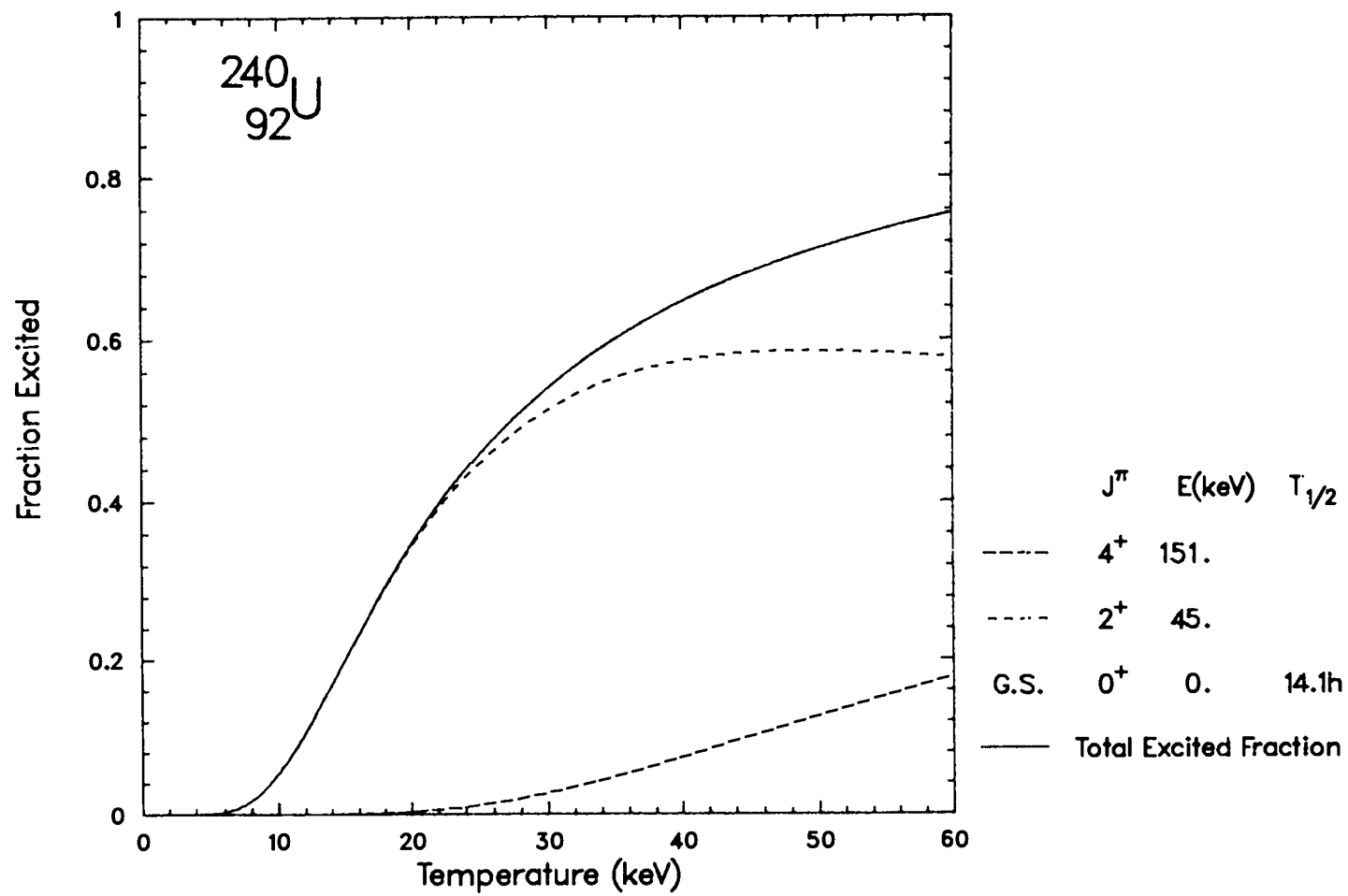


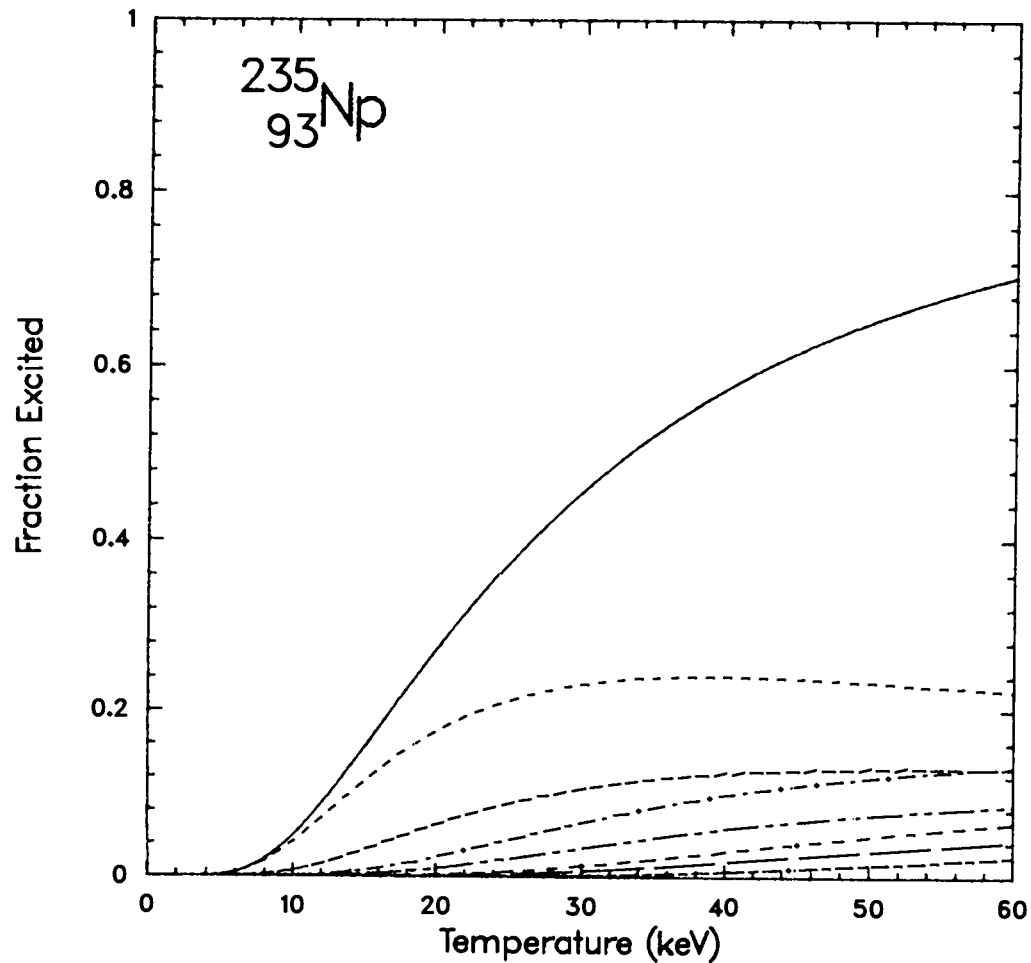




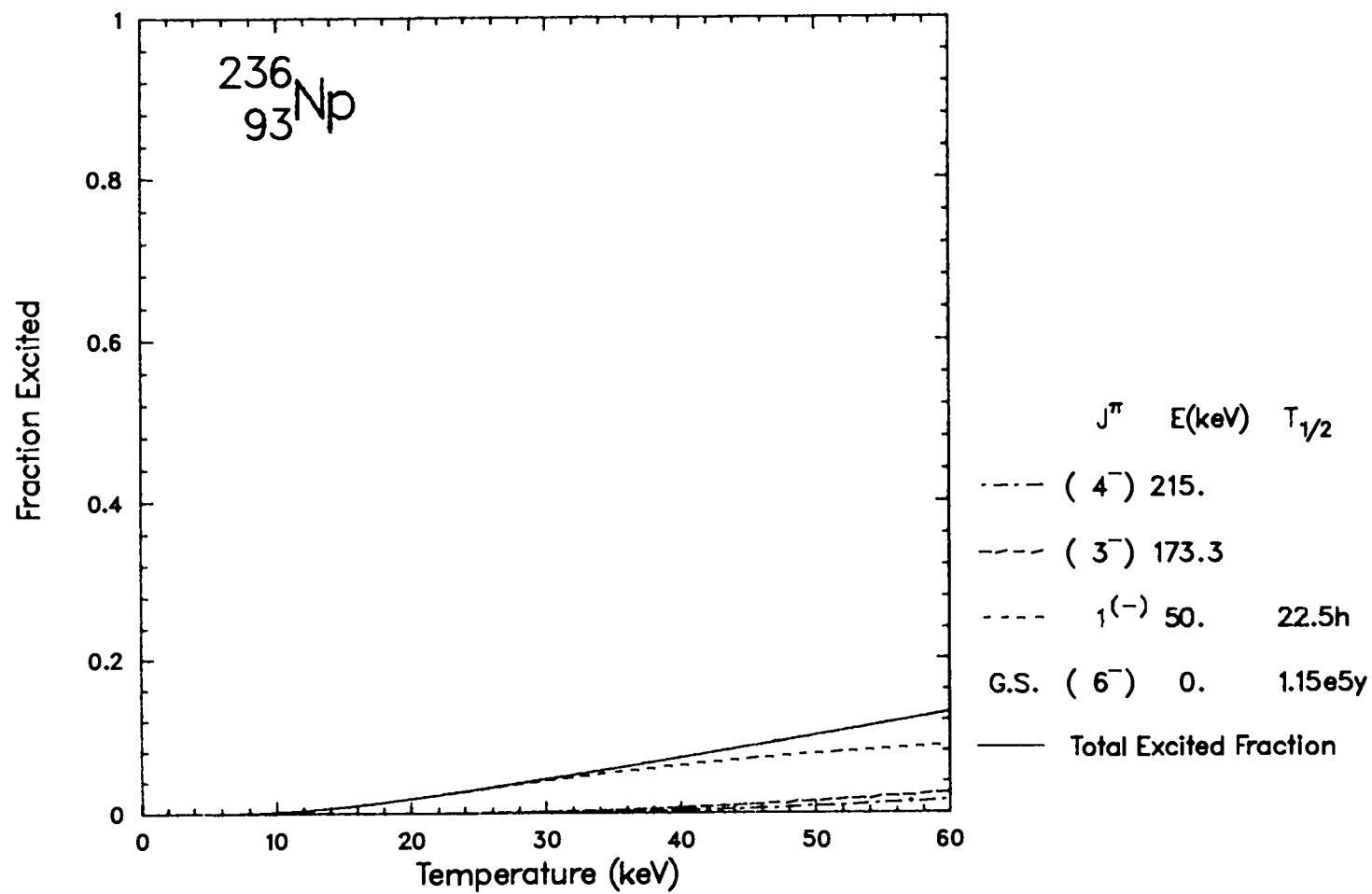


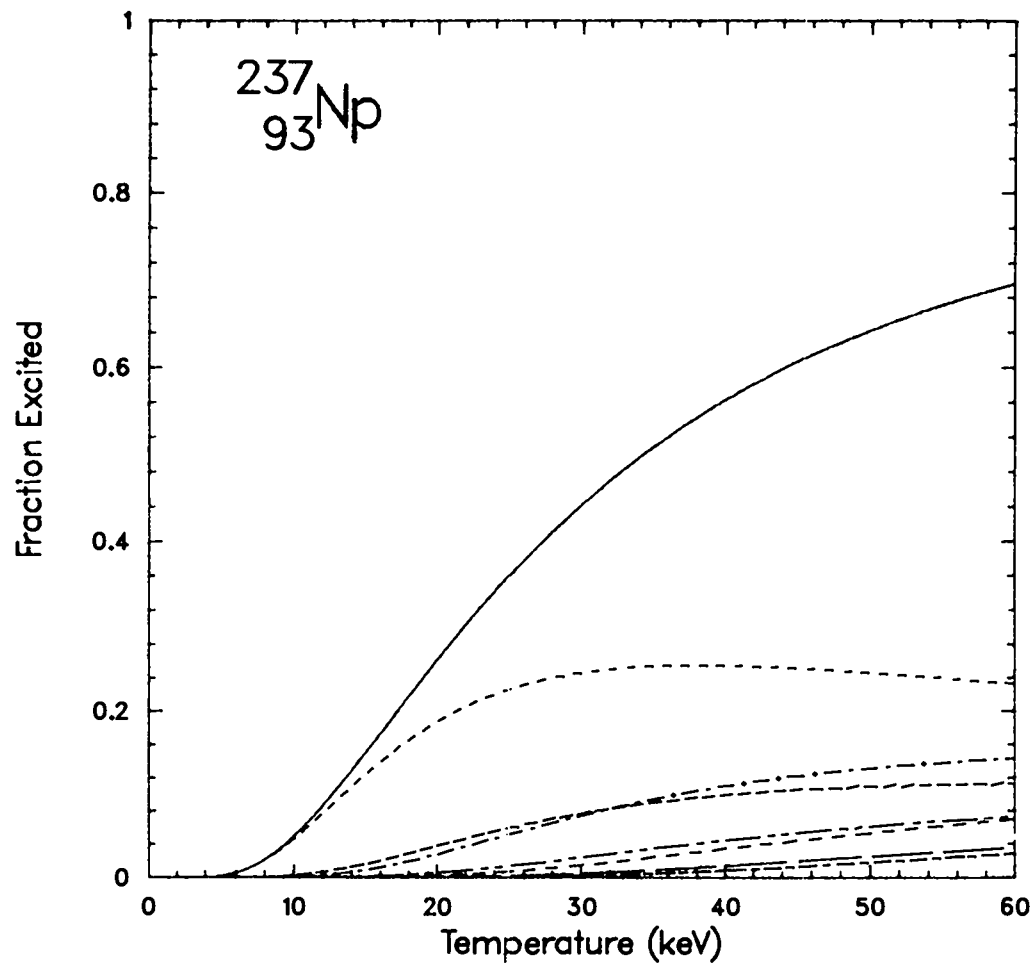
	J^π	$E(\text{keV})$	$T_{1/2}$	Nilsson Assignment
----	$5/2^+$	193.9		
—	$(7/2^+)$	173.		$7/2\{624\}$
----	$(11/2^+)$	165.		
----	$3/2^+$	145.6		
----	$1/2^+$	133.799	780ns	$1/2\{631\}$
----	$9/2^+$	97.		
----	$7/2^+$	42.54		
G.S.	$5/2^+$	0.	23.50m	$5/2\{622\}$
—	Total Excited Fraction			



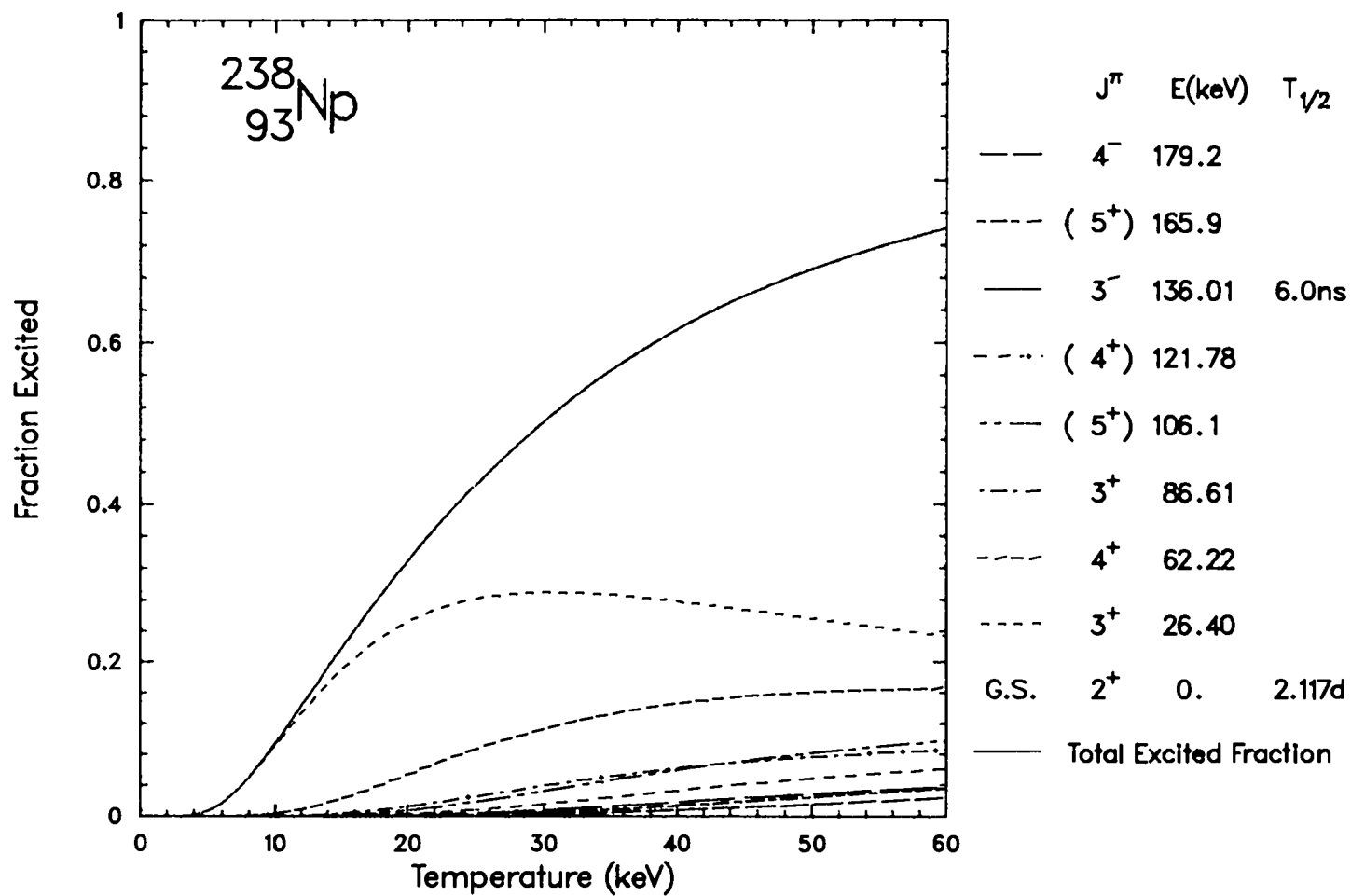


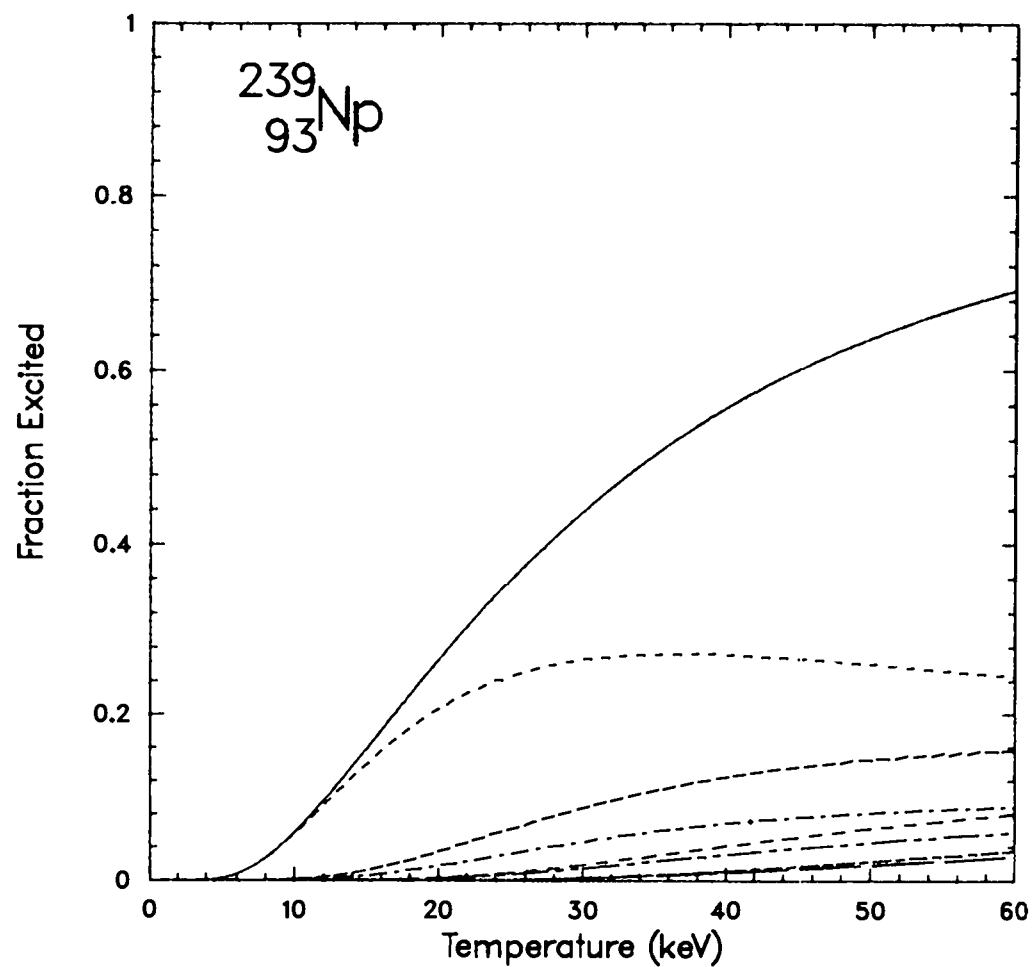
	J^π	$E(\text{keV})$	$T_{1/2}$	Nilsson Assignment
----	$13/2^+$	201.		
----	$9/2^-$	146.8		
- - - -	$(11/2^+)$	133.		
- - - -	$(7/2^-)$	91.6		
- . - .	$(9/2^+)$	79.1		
- - - -	$(5/2^-)$	49.10	6.9ns	$5/2\{523\}$
- - - -	$(7/2^+)$	34.23		
G.S.	$5/2^+$	0.	396d	$5/2\{642\}$
—	Total Excited Fraction			



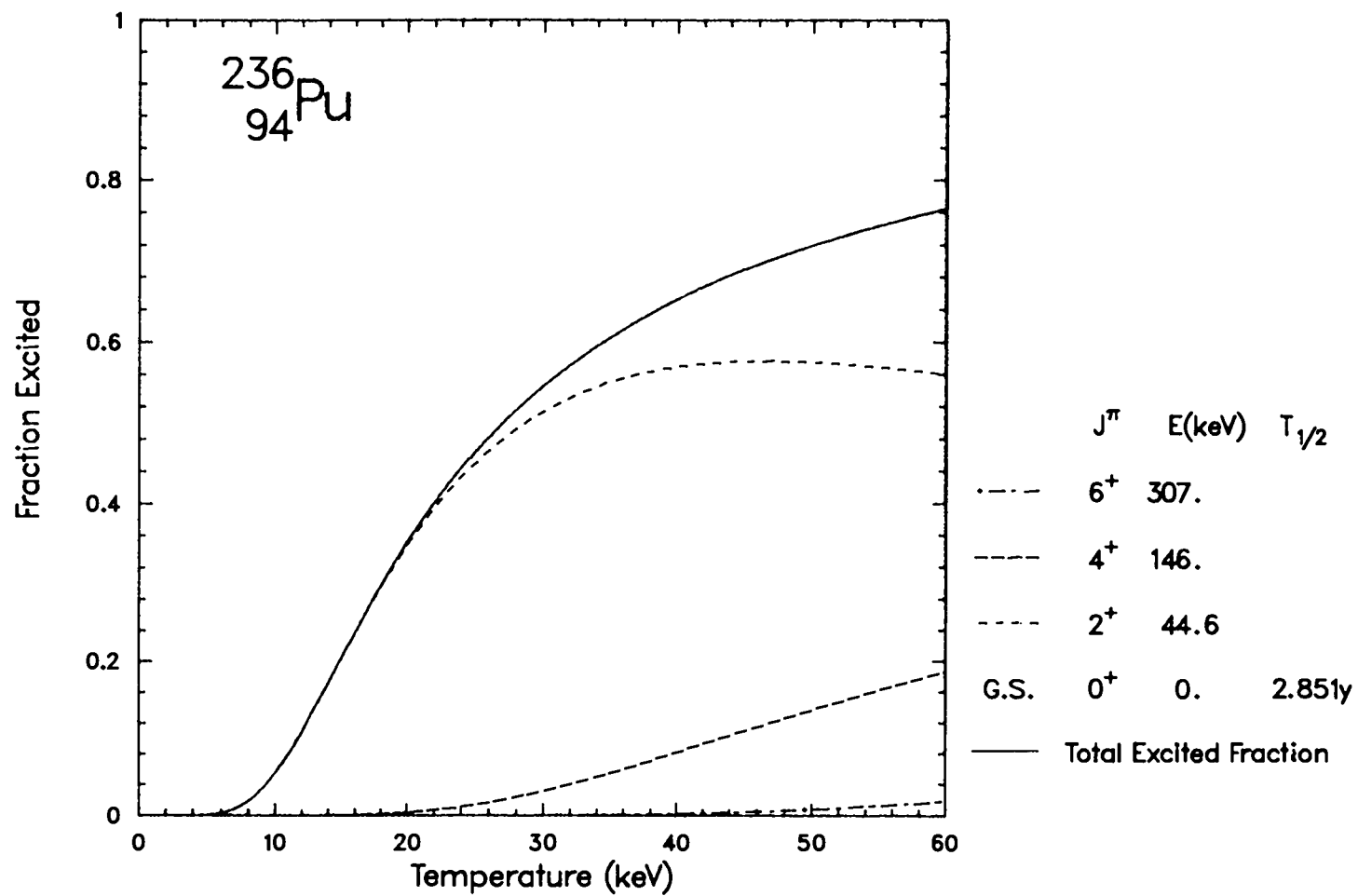


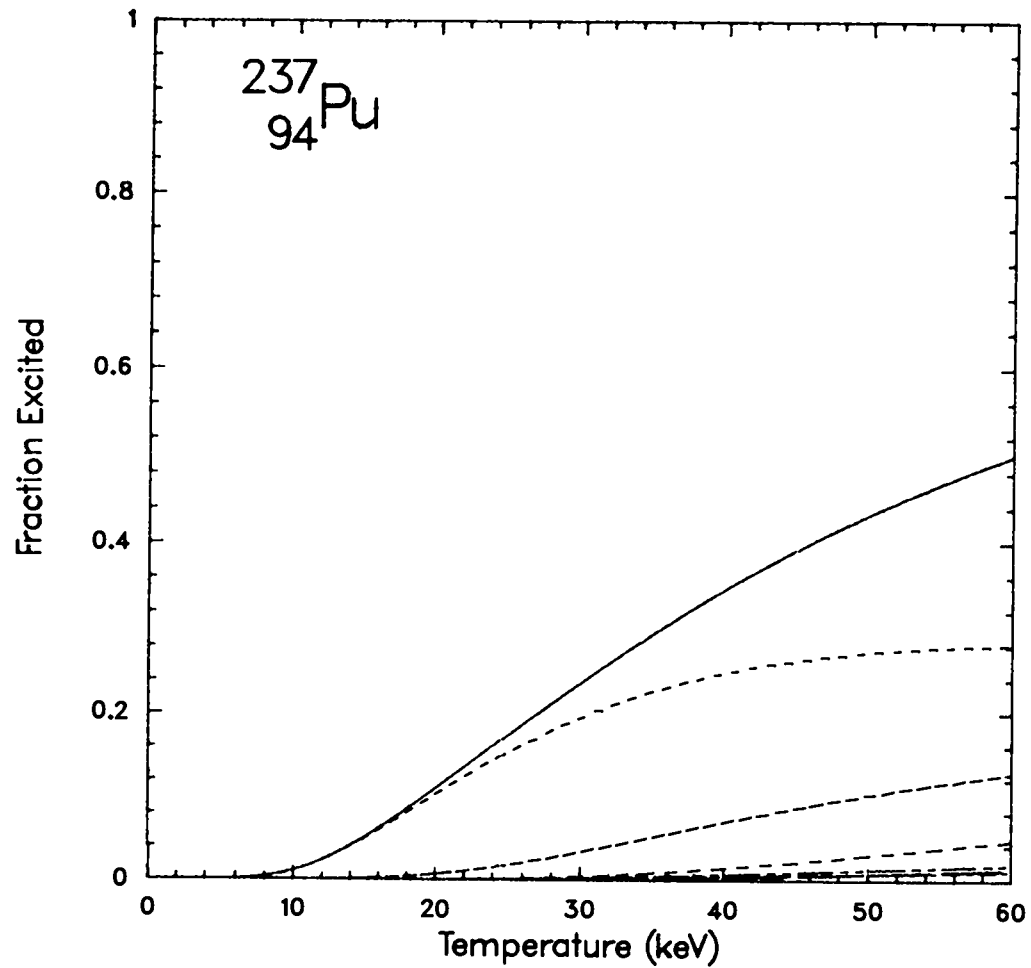
	J^π	$E(\text{keV})$	$T_{1/2}$	Nilsson Assignment
----	$13/2^+$	192.		
—	$9/2^-$	158.48		
- - -	$11/2^+$	129.89		
- · -	$7/2^-$	102.96	80ps	
- · · -	$9/2^+$	75.83		
- - -	$5/2^-$	59.537	67ns	$5/2\{523\}$
- - -	$7/2^+$	33.195	61ps	
G.S.	$5/2^+$	0.	2.14e6y	$5/2\{642\}$
—	Total Excited Fraction			



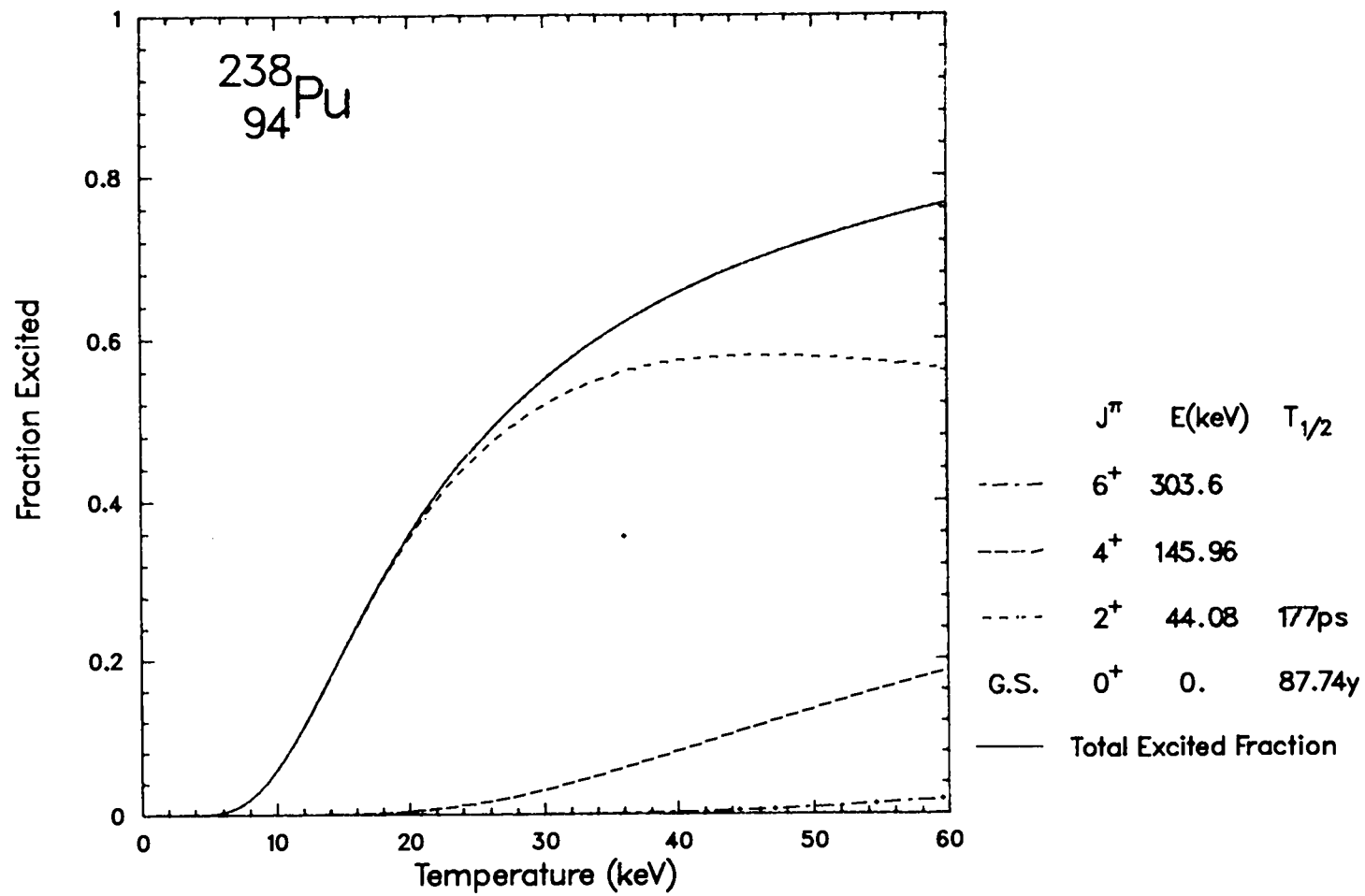


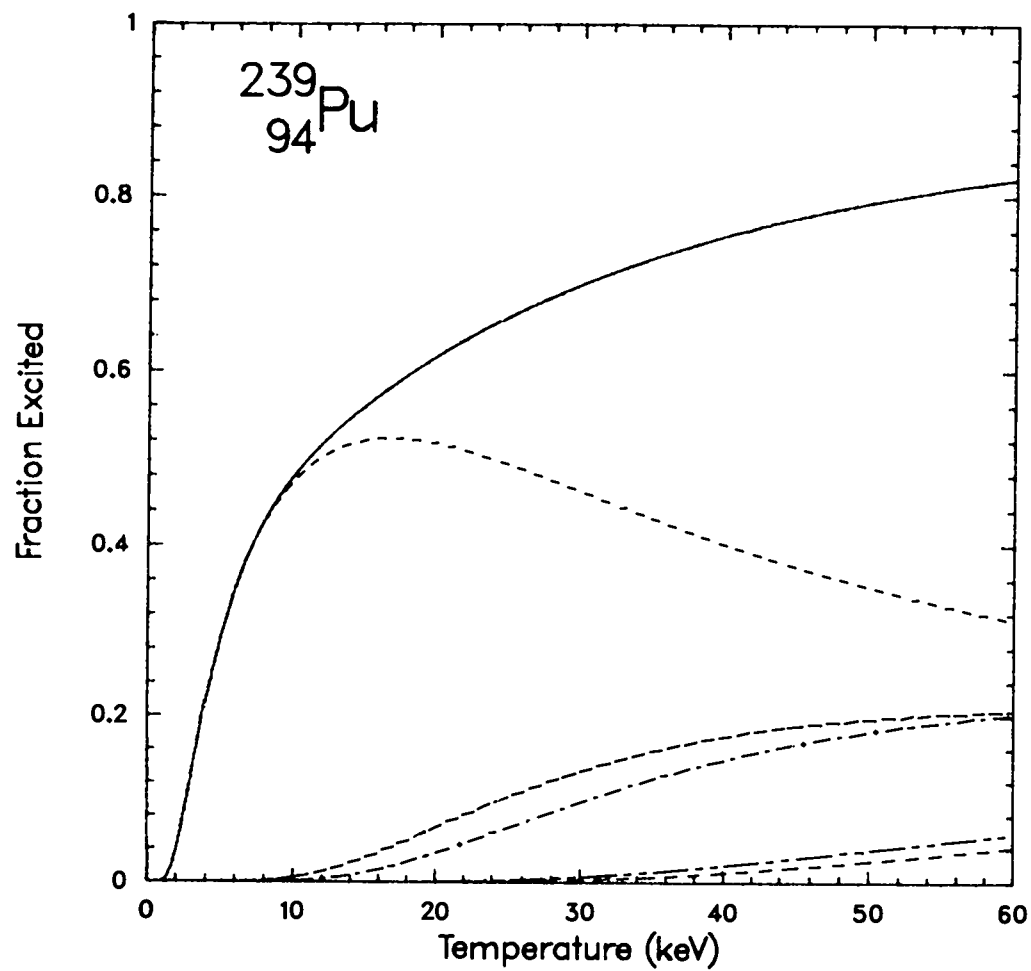
	J^π	$E(\text{keV})$	$T_{1/2}$	Nilsson Assignment
----	$13/2^+$	180.0		
—	$9/2^-$	173.02		
- - -	$11/2^+$	122.6		
- . -	$7/2^-$	117.73	0.4ns>	
- . -	$5/2^-$	74.669	1.4ns	$5/2\{523\}$
- . -	$9/2^+$	71.21		
- - -	$7/2^+$	31.135		
G.S.	$5/2^+$	0.	2.35d	$5/2\{642\}$
—	Total Excited Fraction			



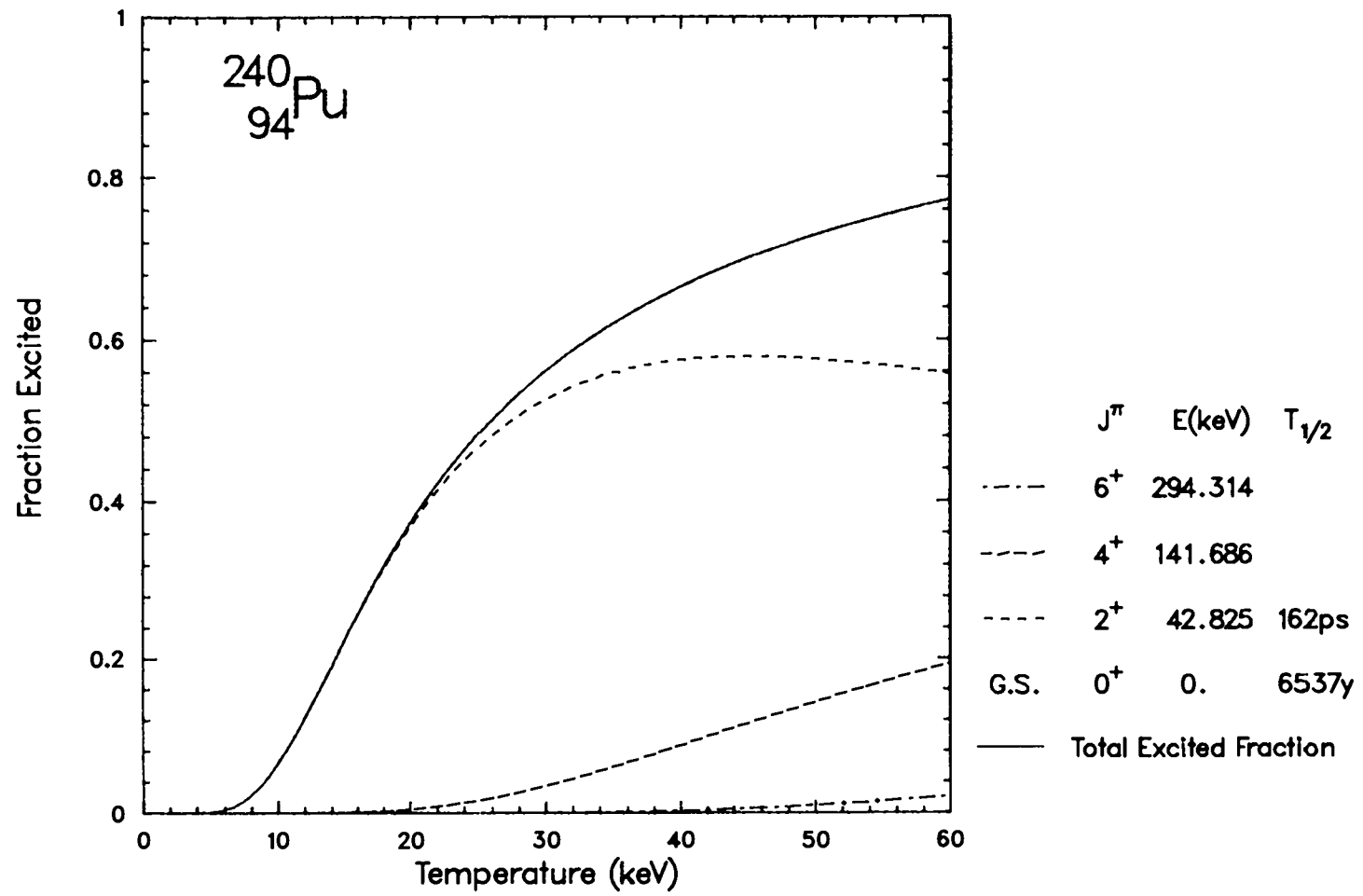


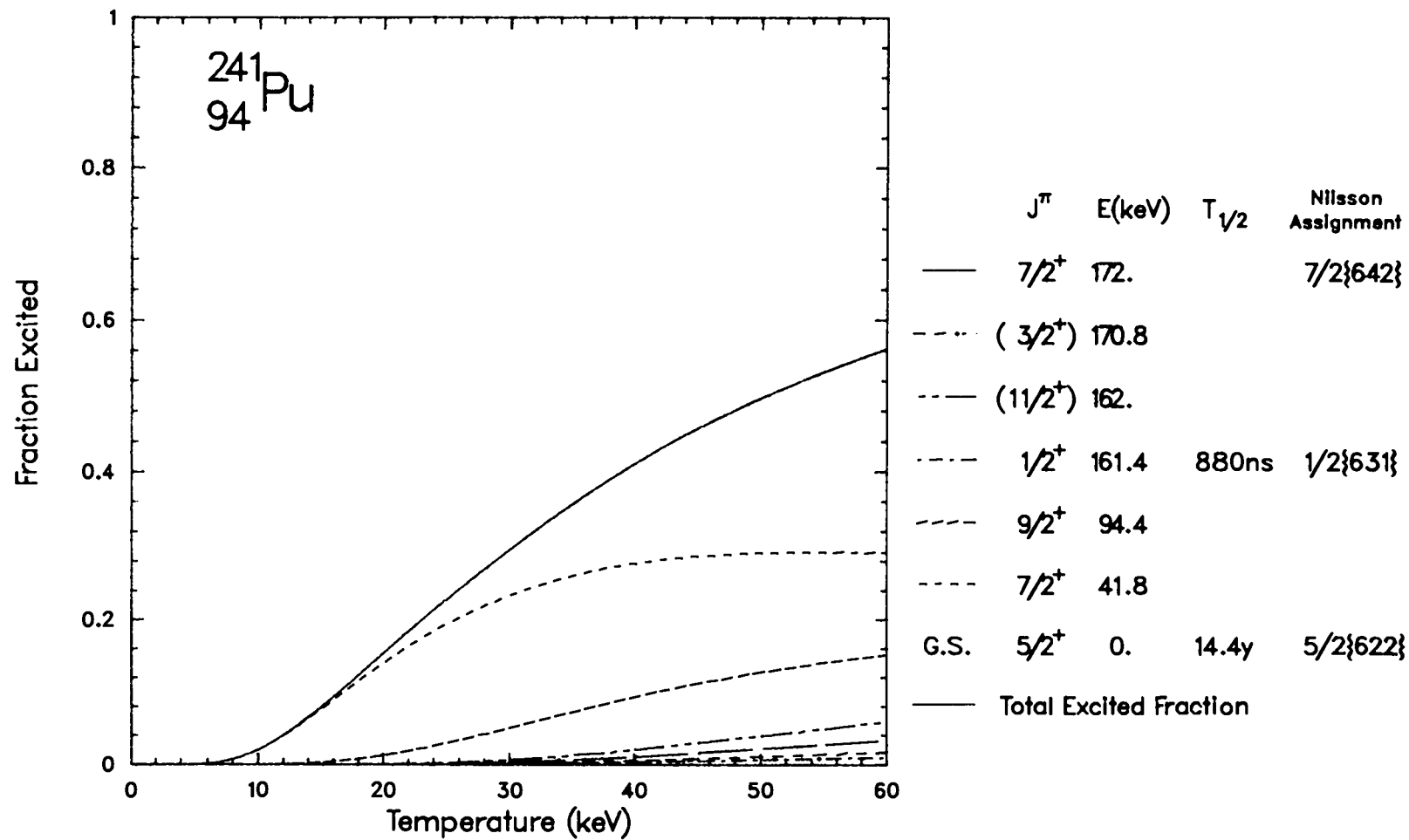
	J^π	$E(\text{keV})$	$T_{1/2}$	Nilsson Assignment
—	$5/2^+$	201.18		
- - -	$(13/2^-)$	175.		
- - -	$3/2^+$	155.45		
- · - ·	$1/2^+$	145.544	.18s	$1/2\{631\}$
- - -	$11/2^-$	106.		
- - -	$9/2^-$	47.71		
G.S.	$7/2^-$	0.	45.3d	$7/2\{743\}$
—	Total Excited Fraction			

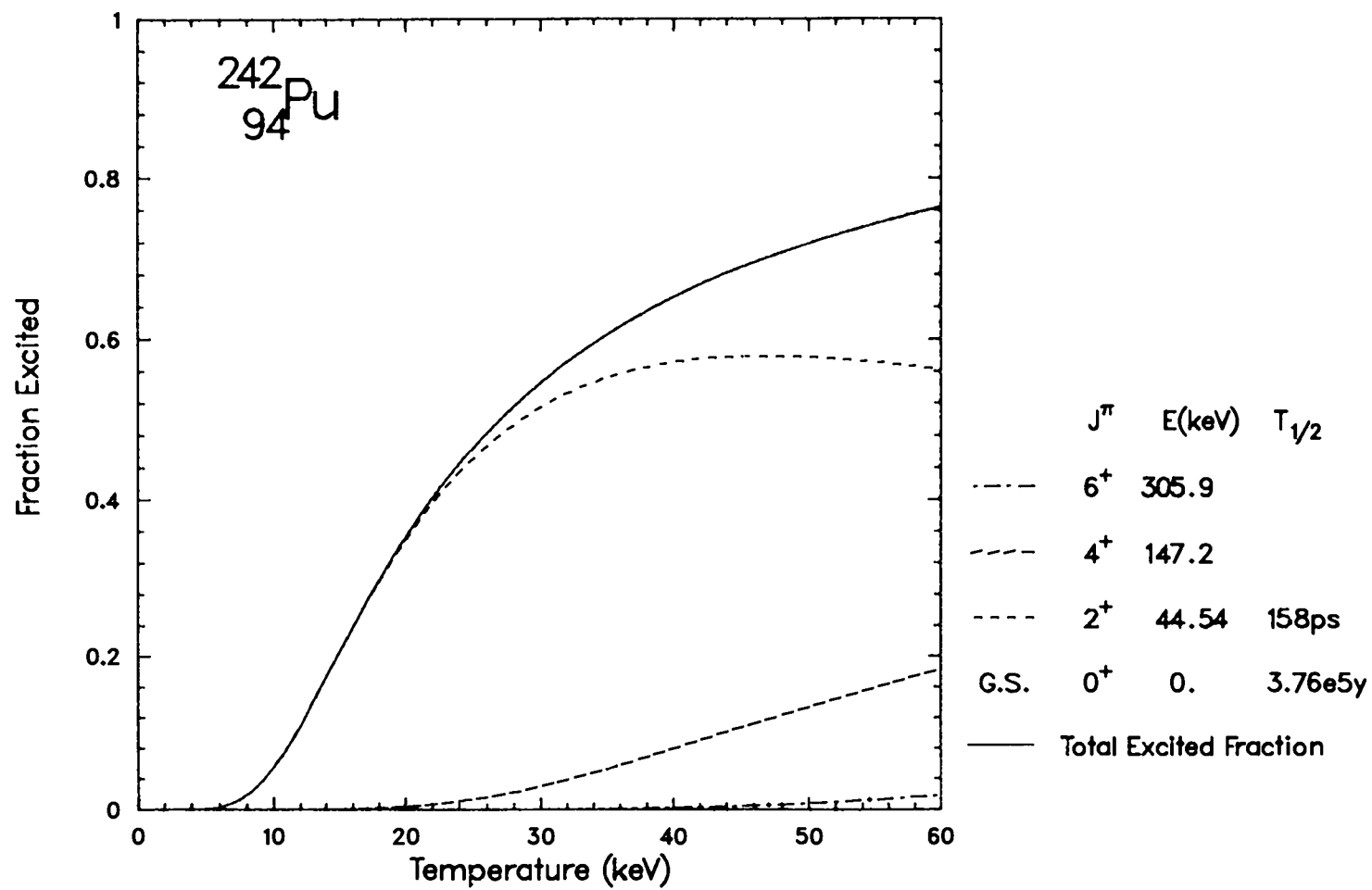


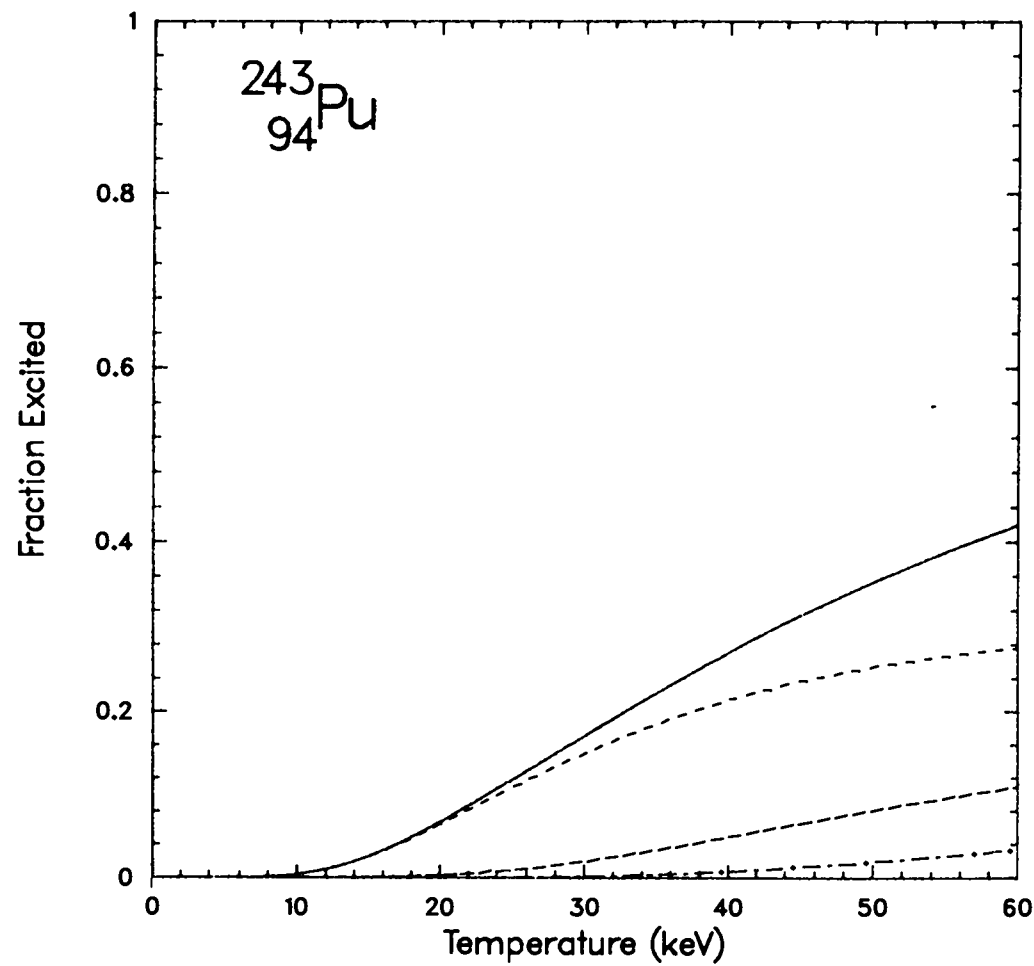


	J^π	$E(\text{keV})$	$T_{1/2}$	Nilsson Assignment
----	$11/2^+$	194.		
----	$9/2^+$	163.75		
----	$7/2^+$	75.701		
----	$5/2^+$	57.273	100ps	
----	$3/2^+$	7.860		
G.S.	$1/2^+$	0.	24110y	$1/2\{631\}$
—	Total Excited Fraction			

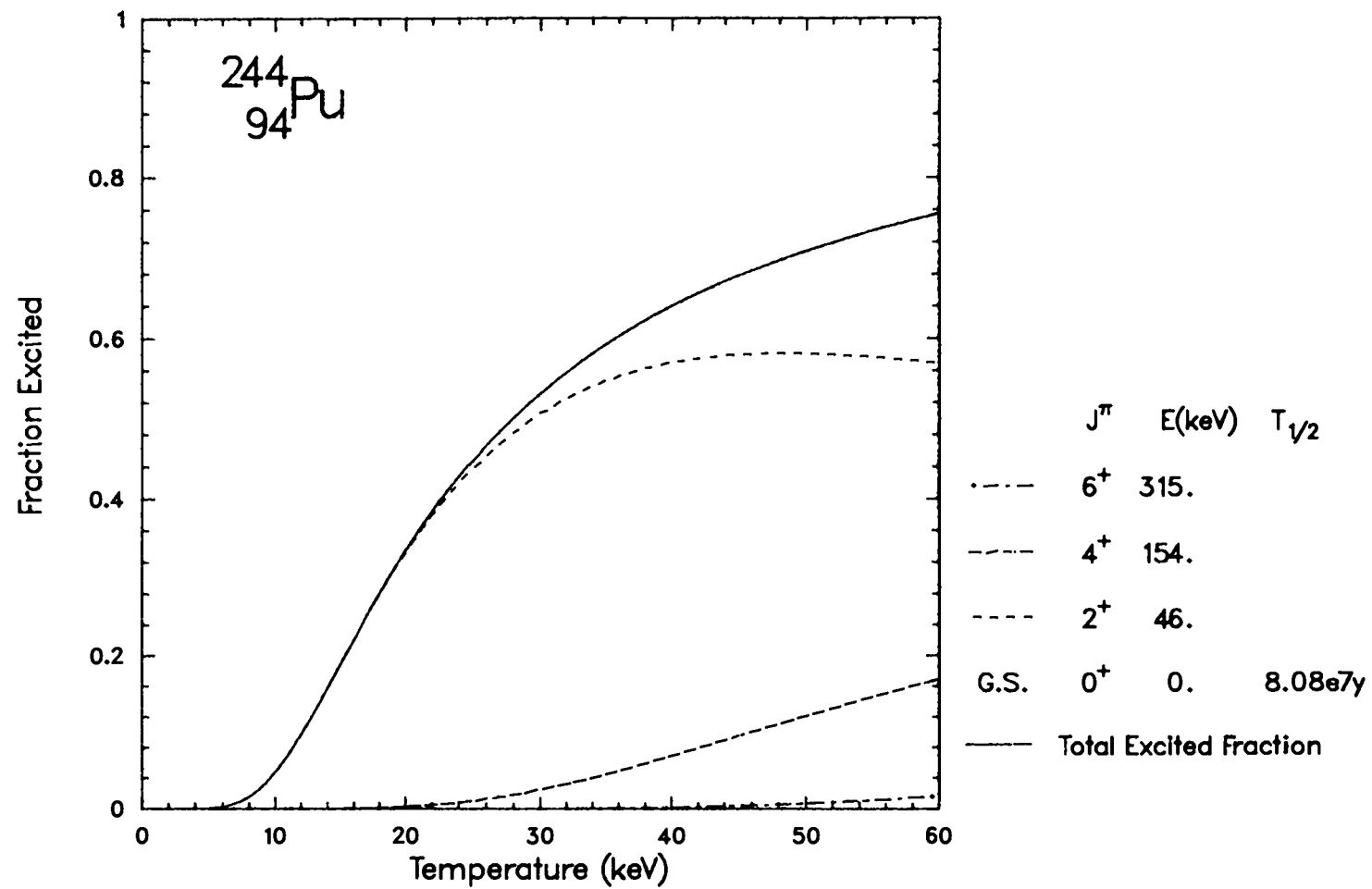


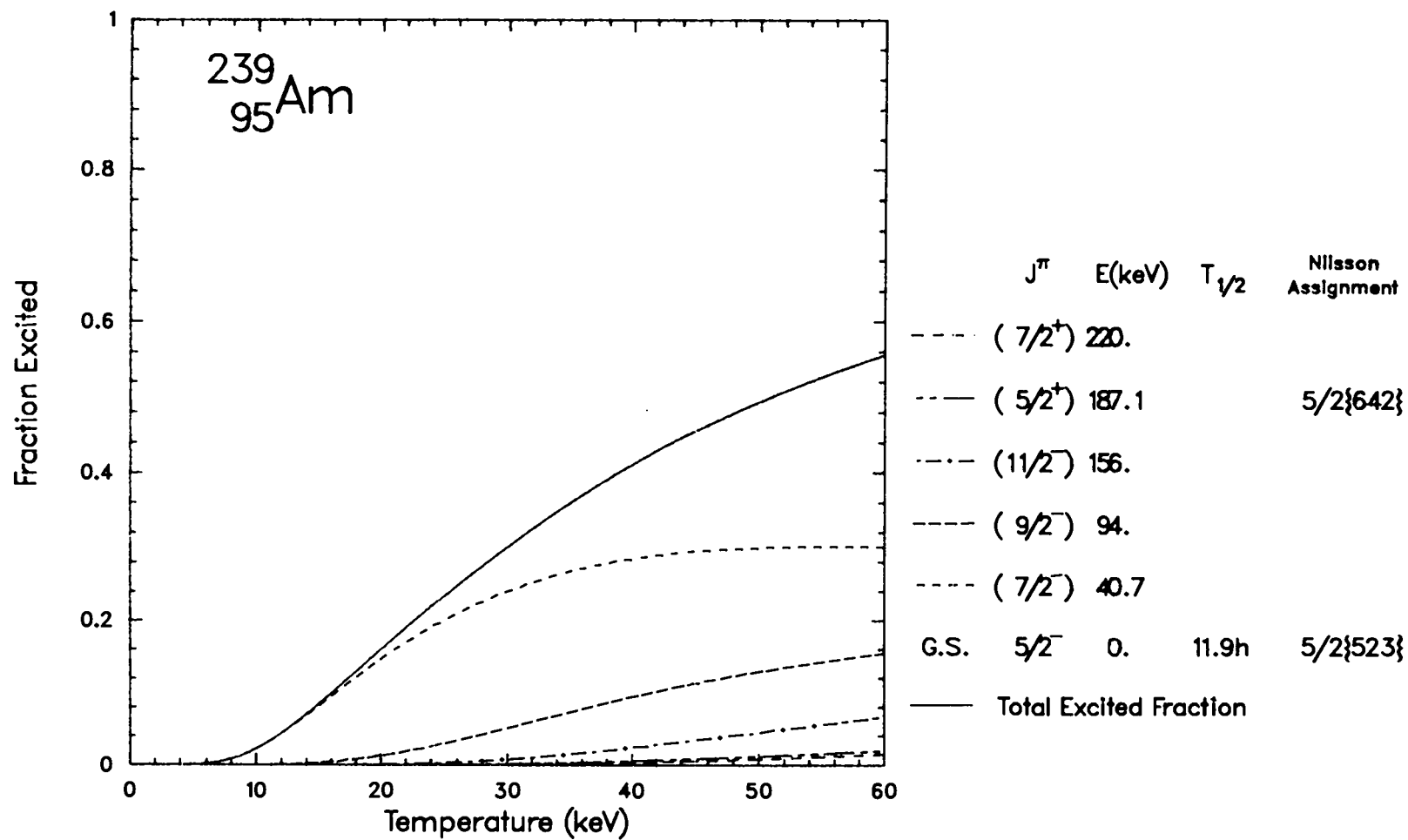


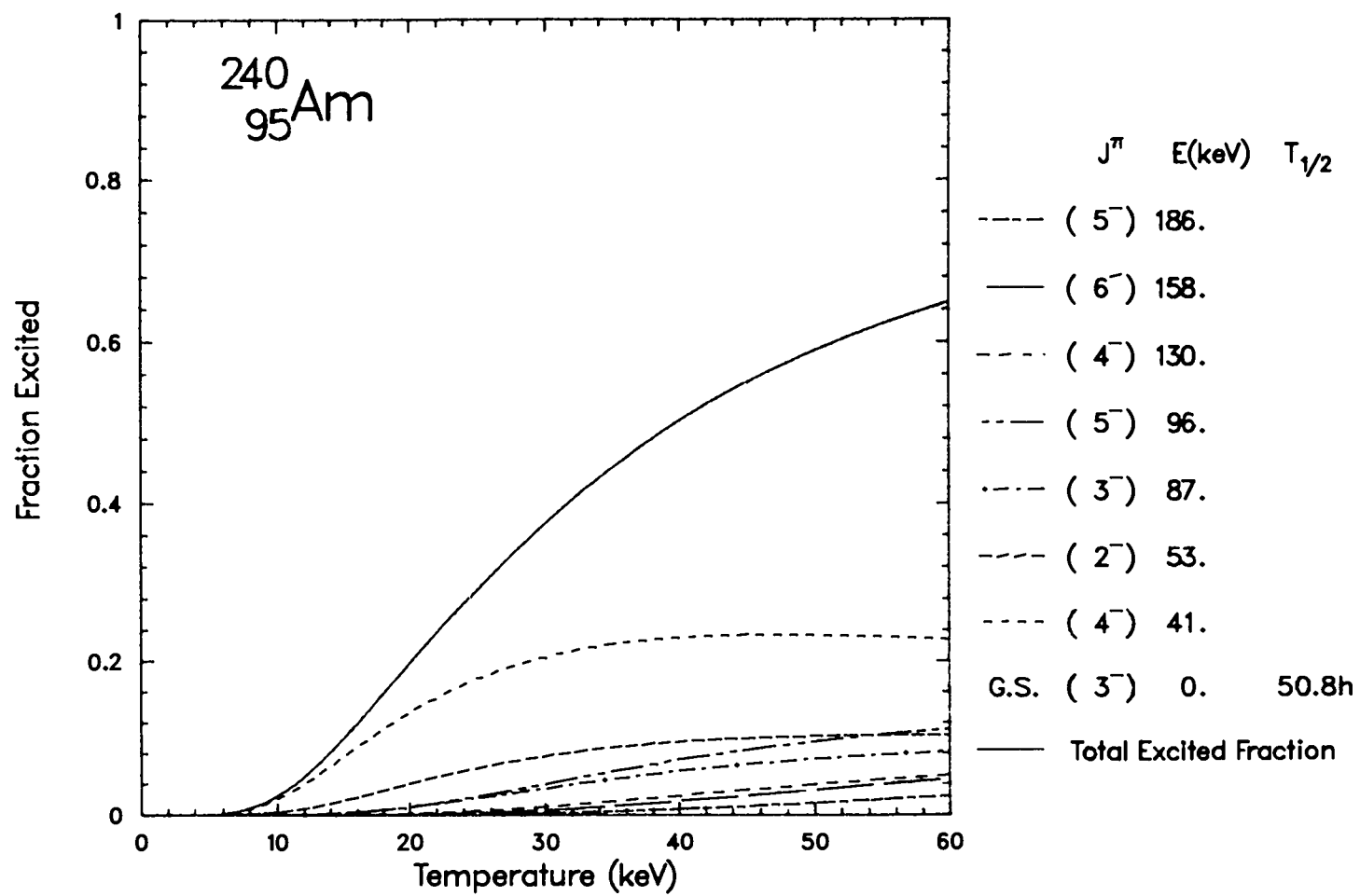


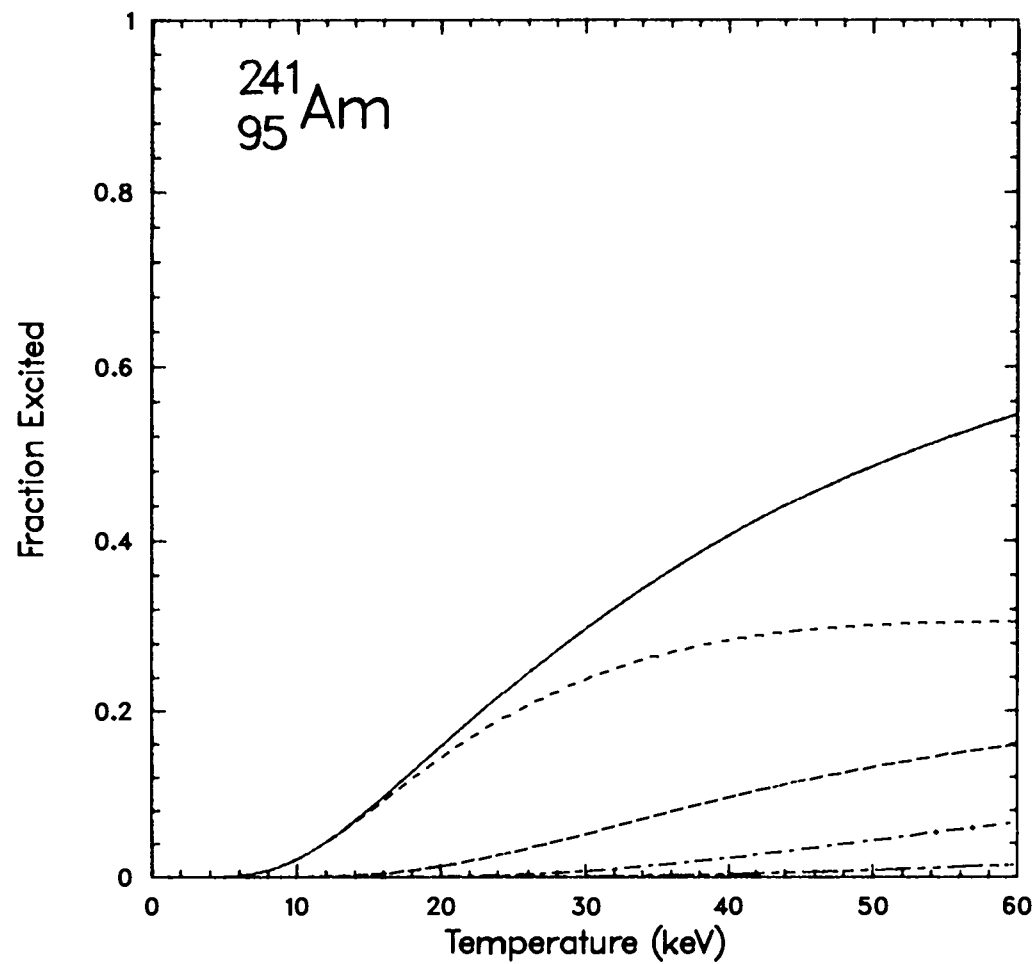


	J^π	$E(\text{keV})$	$T_{1/2}$	Nilsson Assignment
----	$(13/2^+)$	204.4		
----	$11/2^+$	124.4		
----	$9/2^+$	58.1		
G.S.	$7/2^+$	0.	4.956h	$7/2\{624\}$
—	Total Excited Fraction			

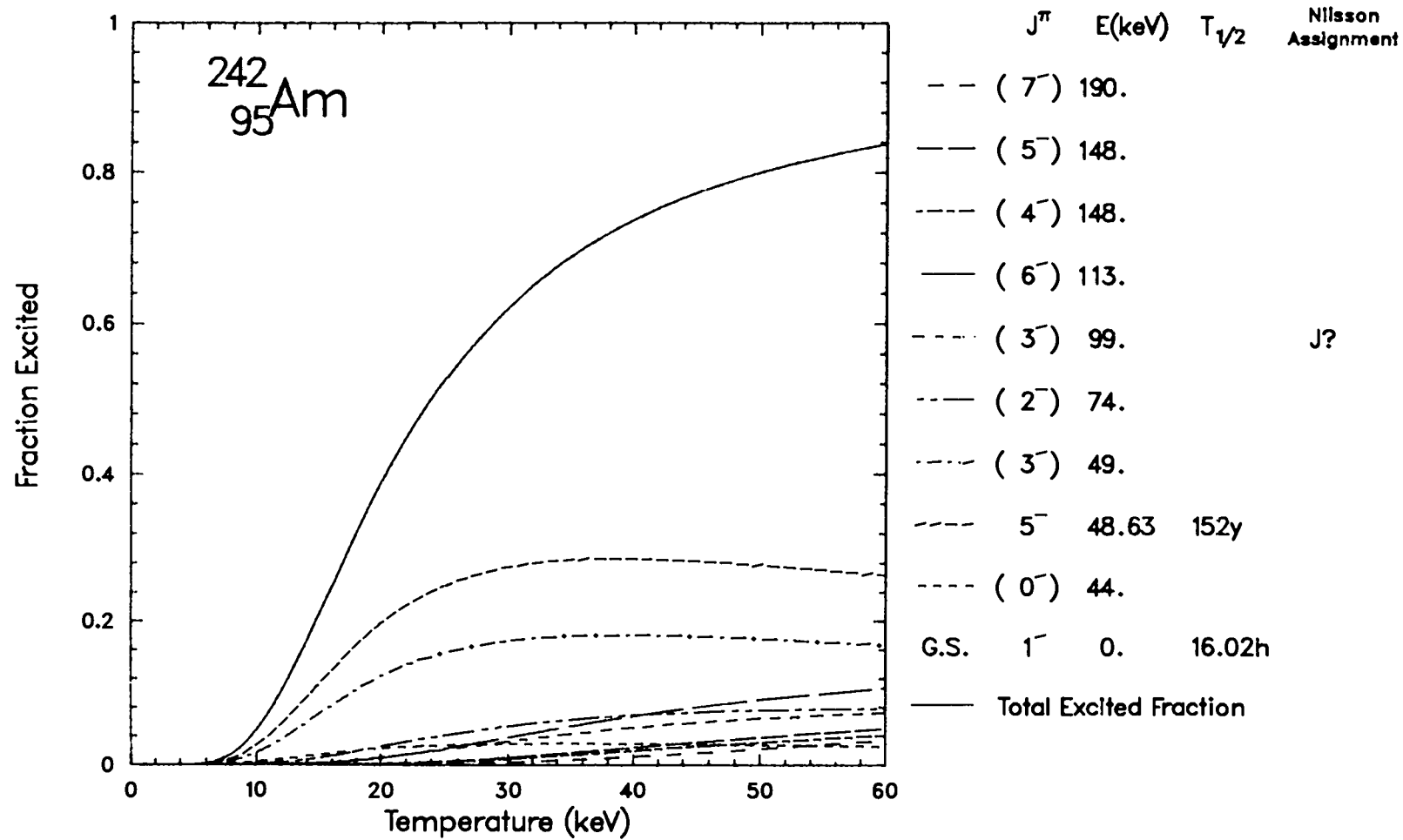


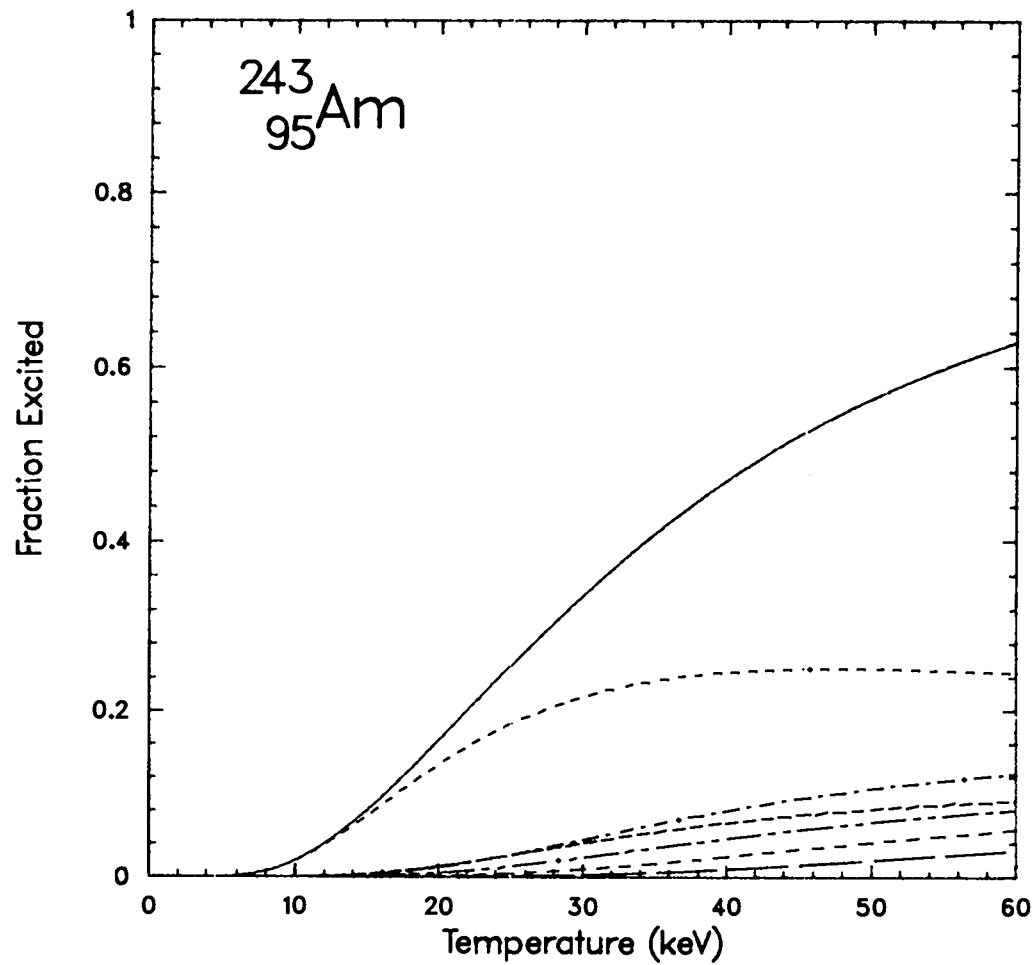




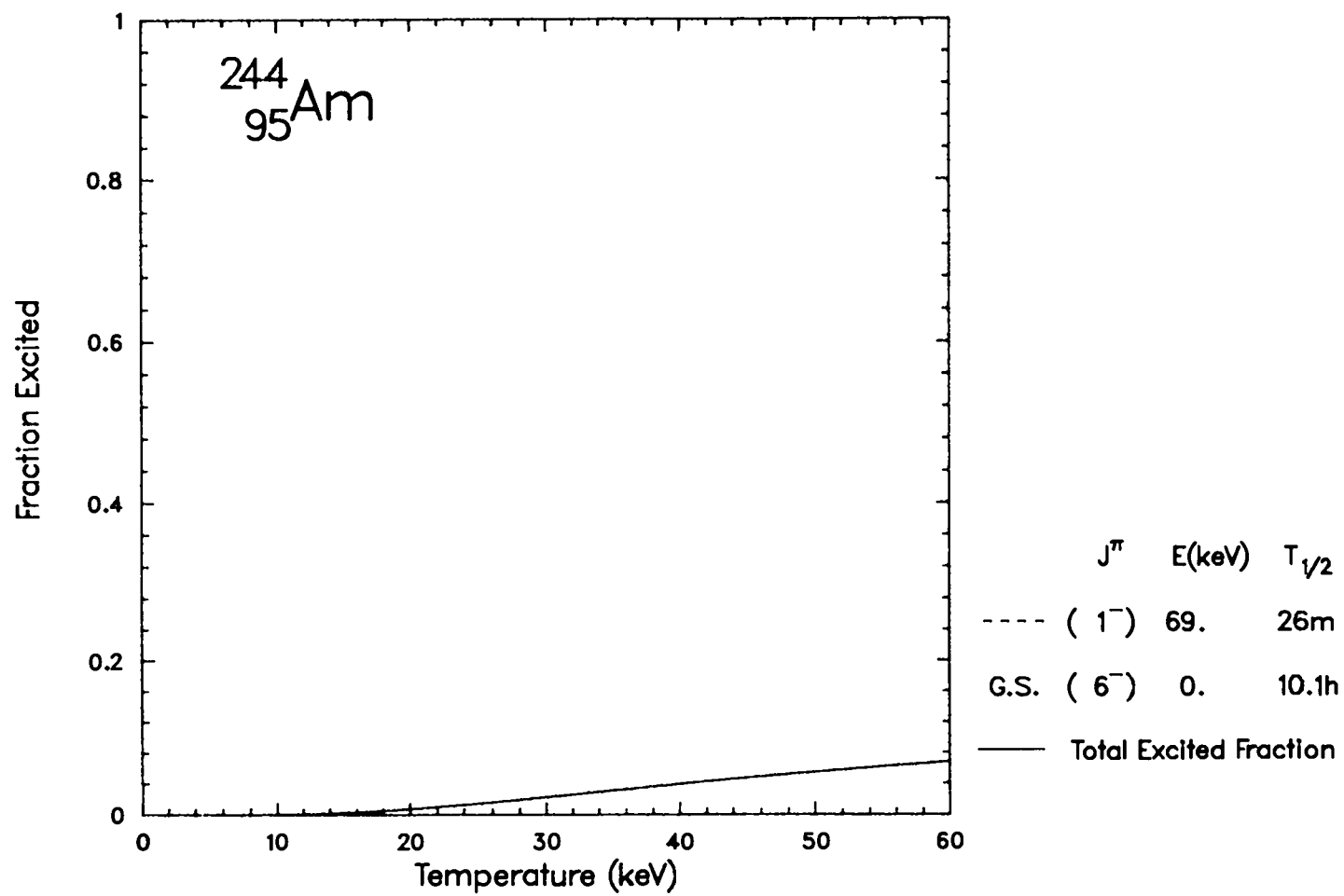


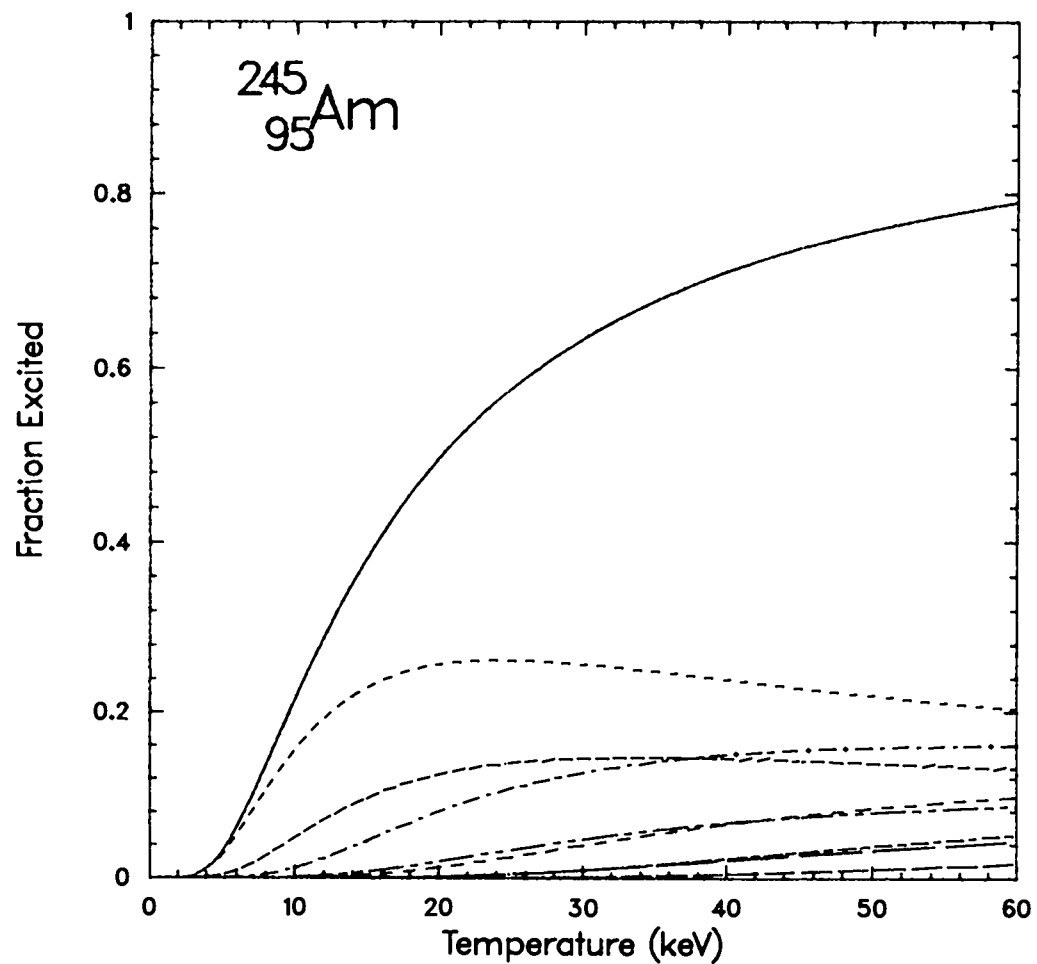
	J^π	E(keV)	$T_{1/2}$	Nilsson Assignment
—	$5/2^+$	205.883		$5/2\{642\}$
- · - · -	$11/2^-$	158.		
- · - - -	$9/2^-$	93.65		
- - - - -	$7/2^-$	41.176		
G.S.	$5/2^-$	0.	432.2y	$5/2\{523\}$
—	Total Excited Fraction			



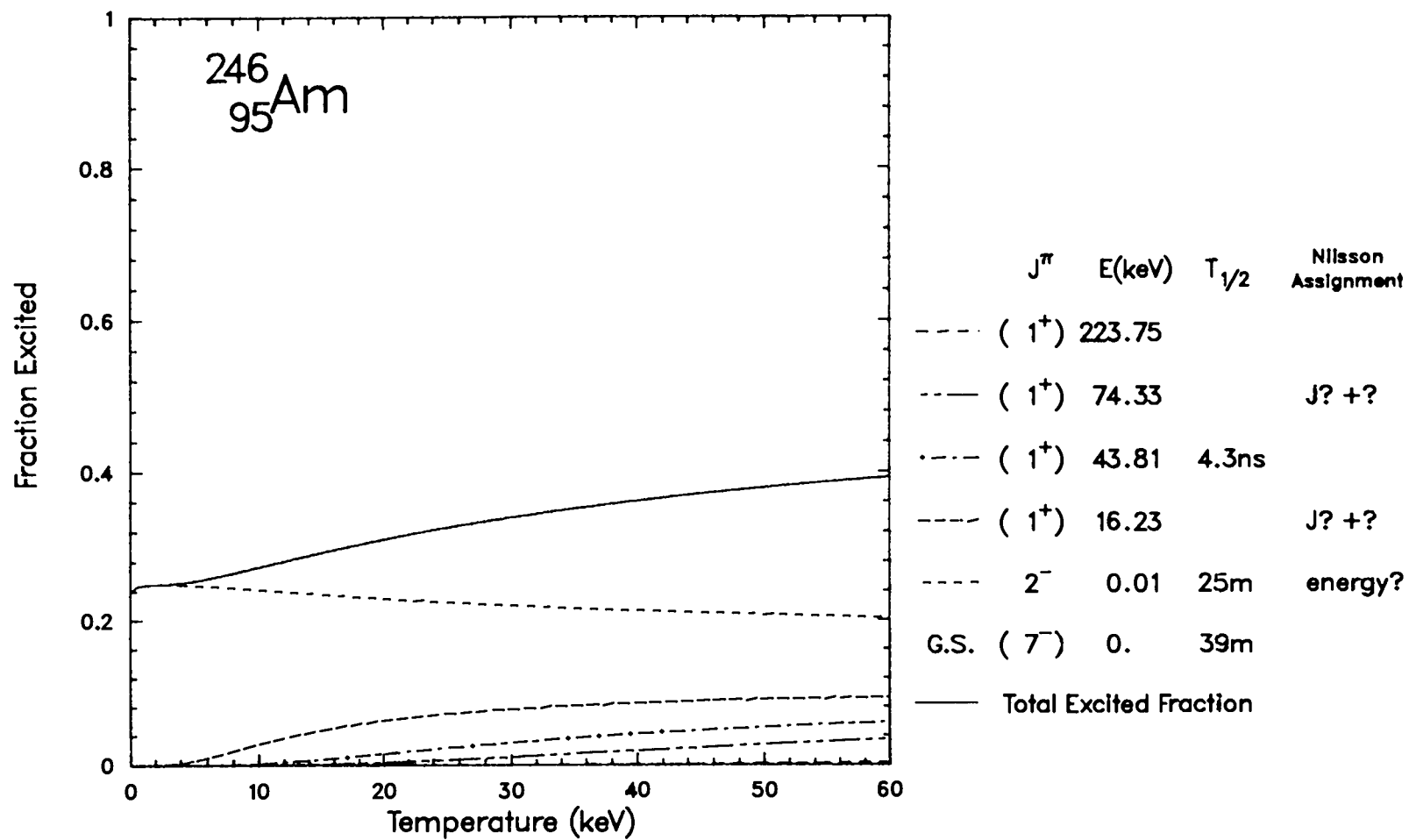


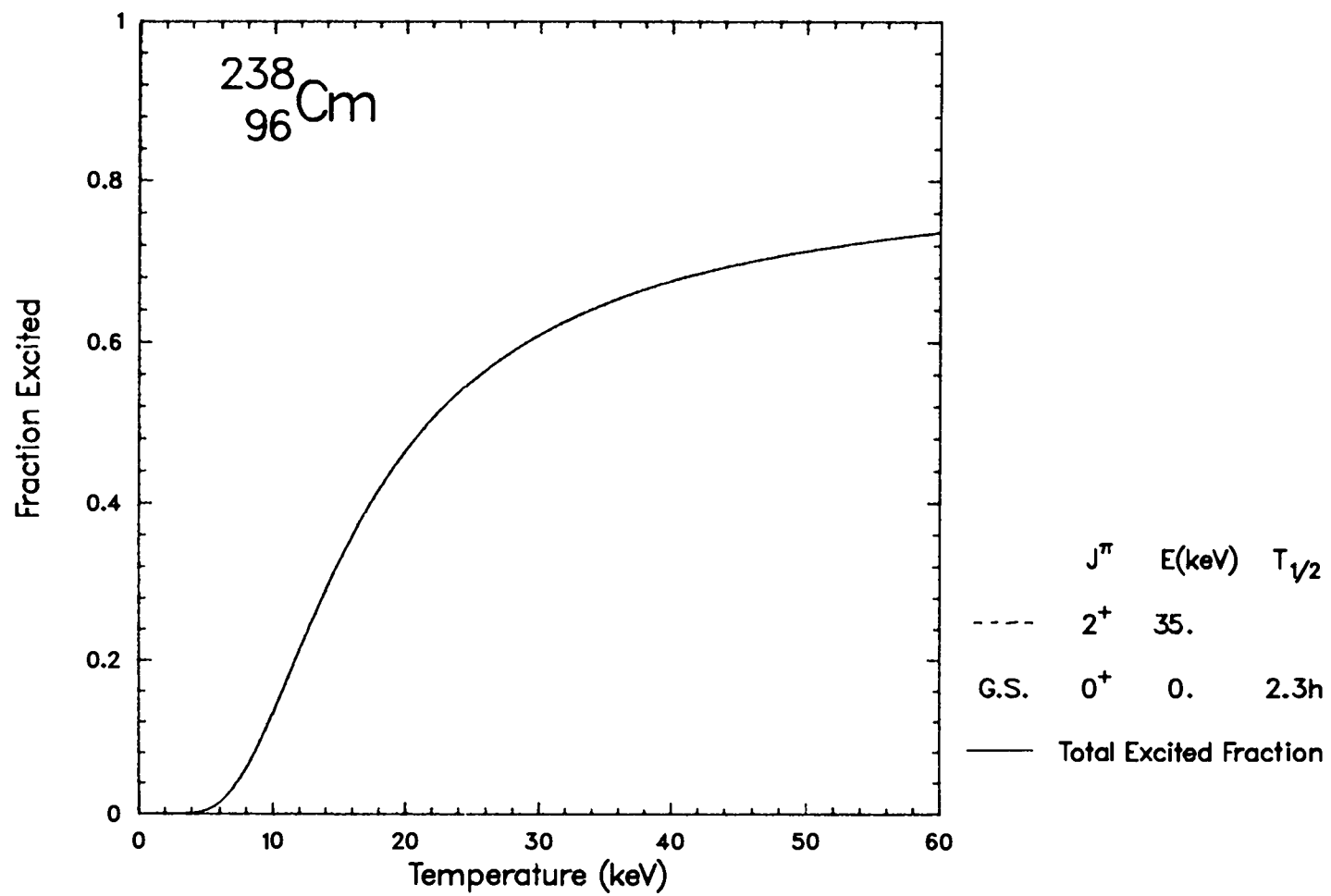
	J^π	$E(\text{keV})$	$T_{1/2}$	Nilsson Assignment
—	$(11/2^+)$	189.3		
- - -	$(9/2^+)$	143.5		
- · - ·	$7/2^+$	109.3		
· - · -	$9/2^-$	96.4		
- - -	$5/2^+$	84.	2.34ns	$5/2\{642\}$
- - -	$7/2^-$	42.2		
G.S.	$5/2^-$	0.	7380y	$5/2\{523\}$
—	Total Excited Fraction			

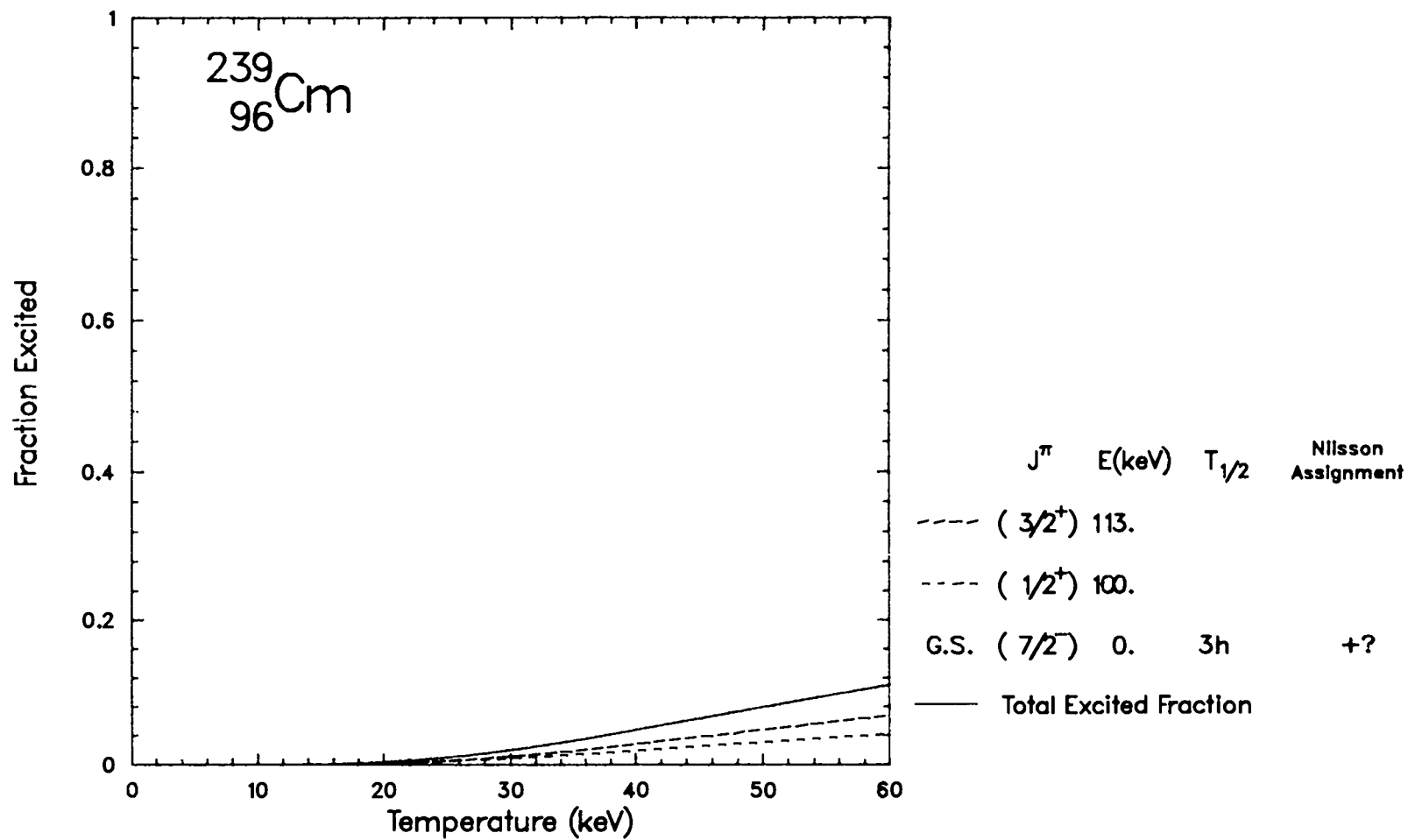


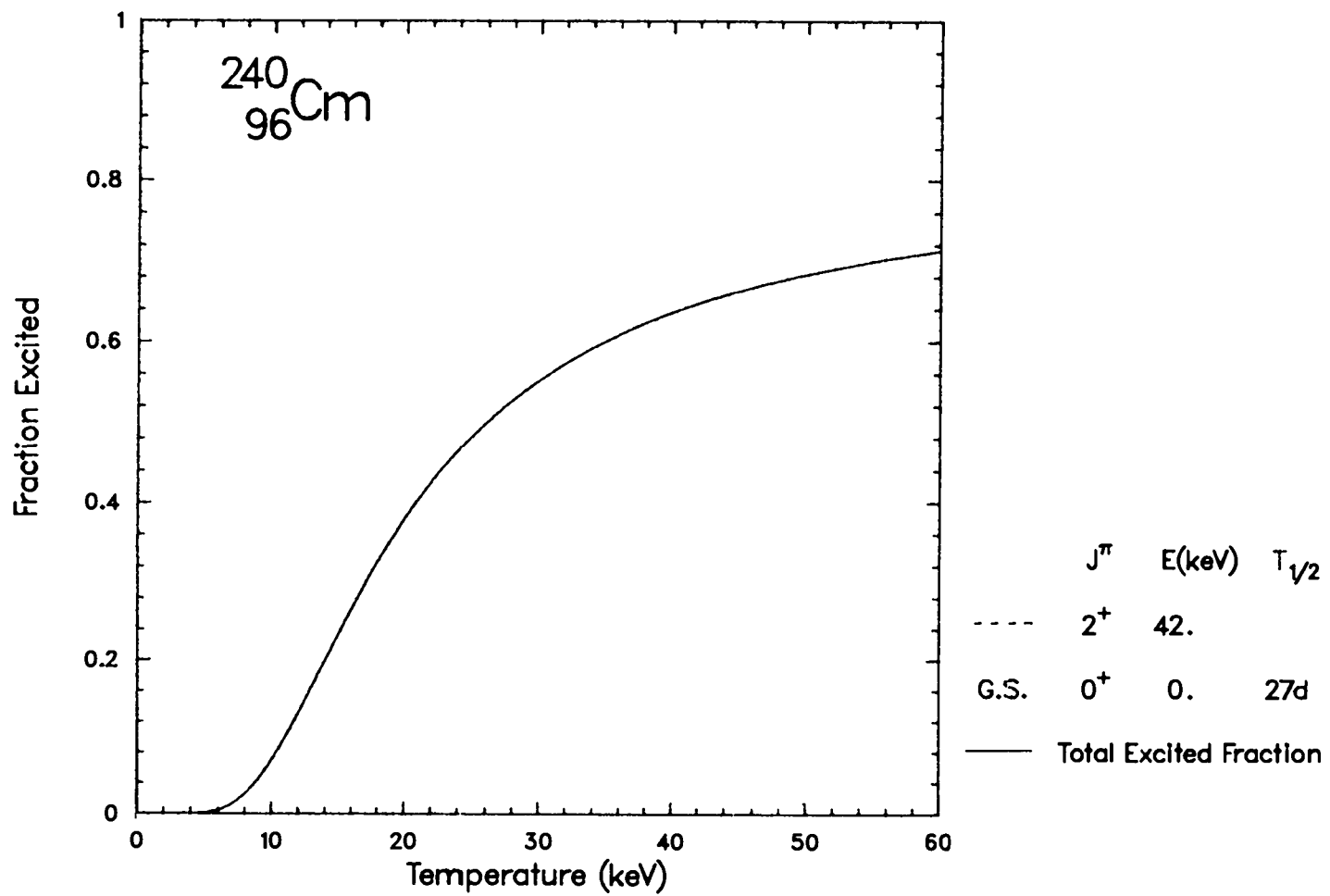


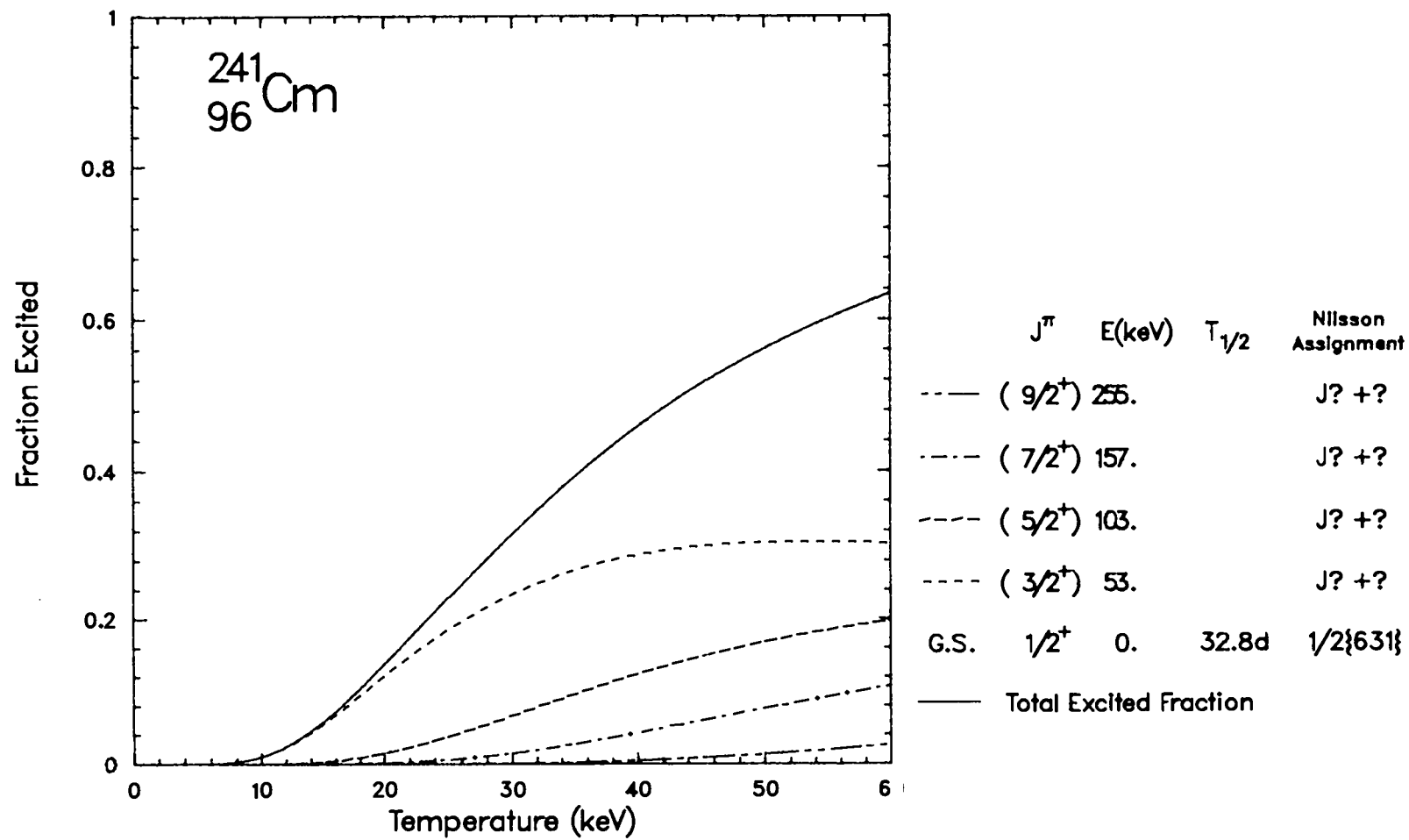
J^π	$E(\text{keV})$	$T_{1/2}$	Nilsson Assignment
$(11/2^-)$	190.82		
$(13/2^+)$	134.51		
$(9/2^-)$	124.59		
$(11/2^+)$	87.66		
$(7/2^-)$	70.43		
$(9/2^+)$	47.07		
$(5/2^-)$	27.93		$5/2\{523\}$
$(7/2^+)$	19.20		
G.S. $(5/2^+)$	0.	2.05h	$5/2\{642\}$
Total Excited Fraction			

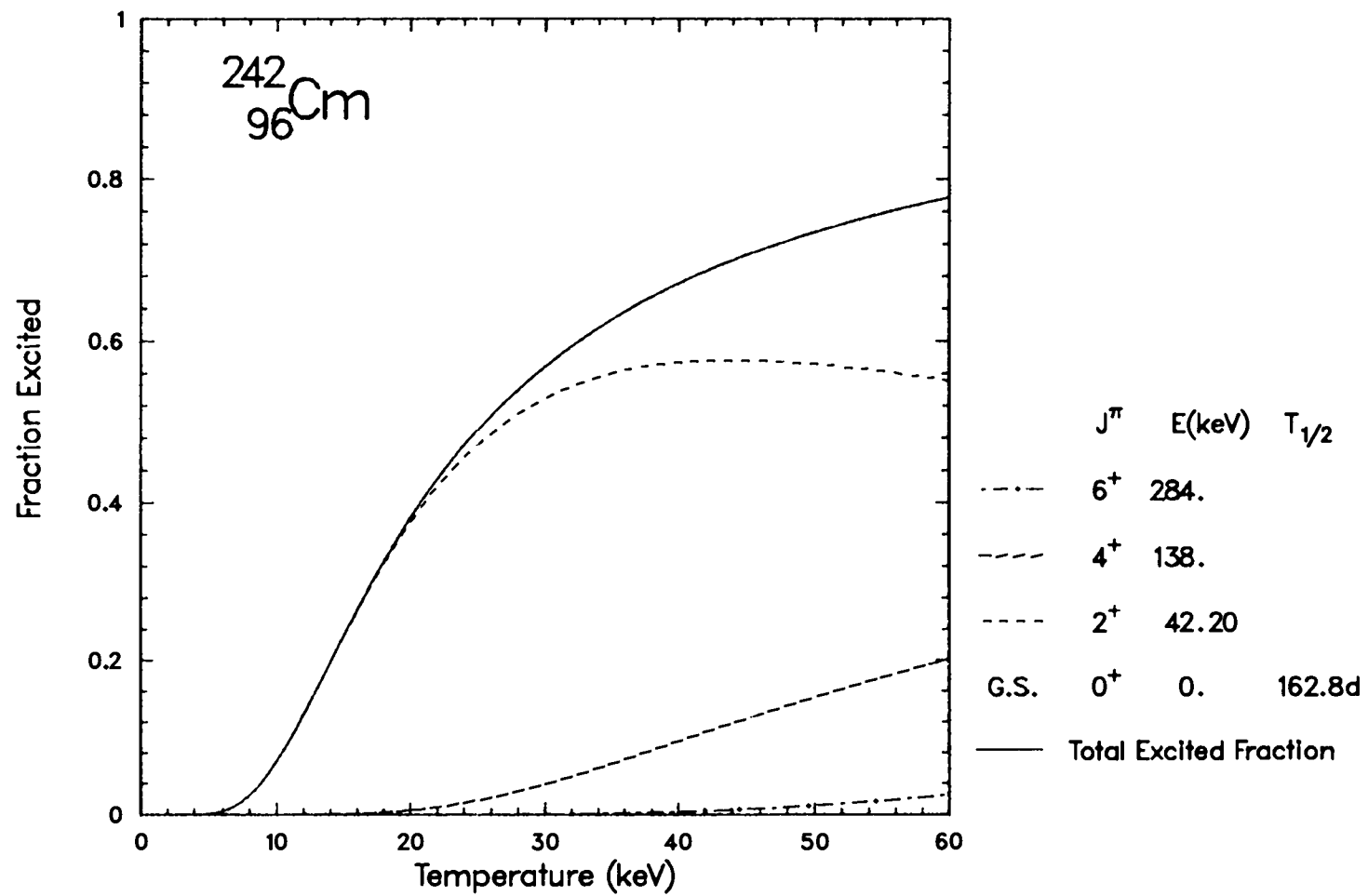


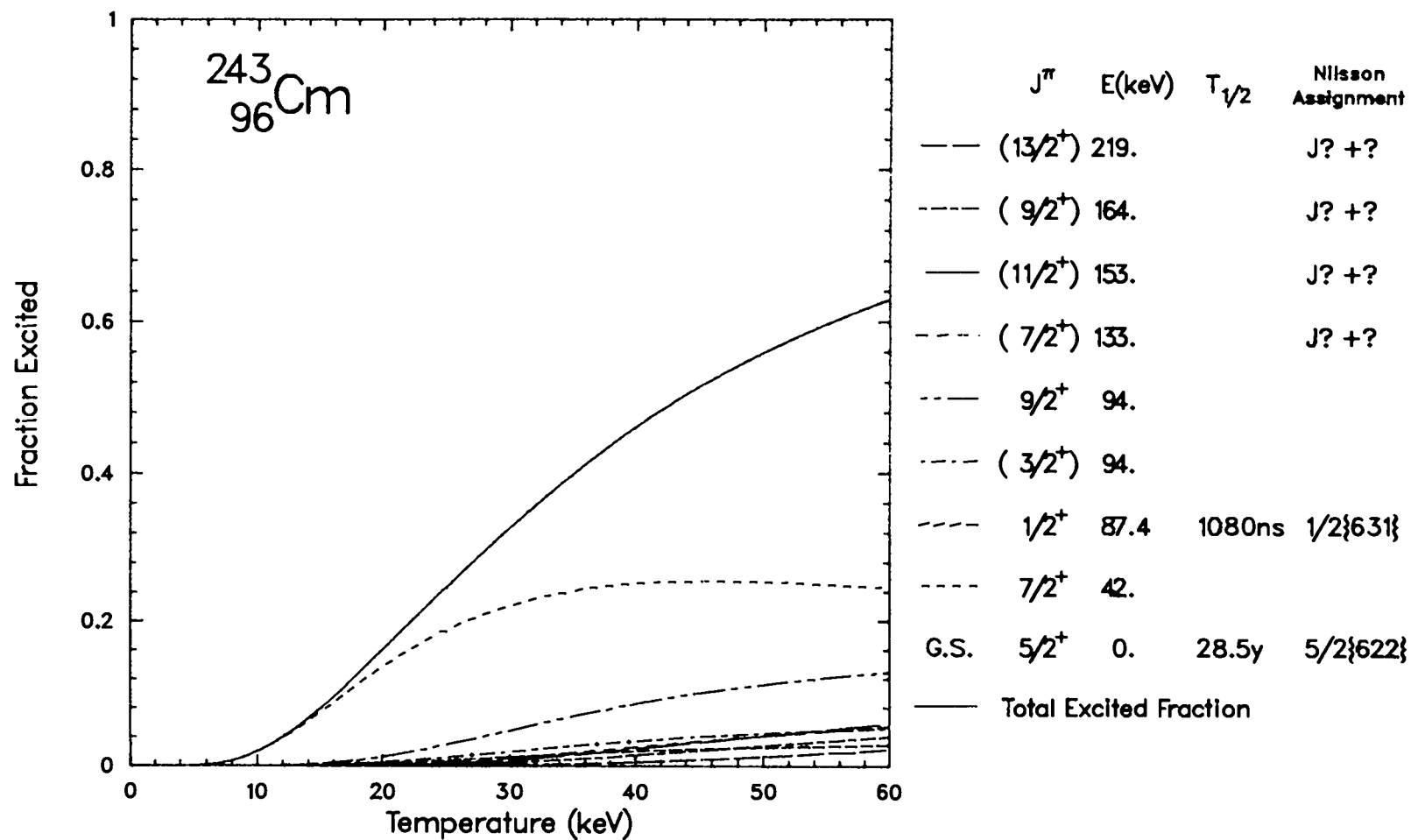


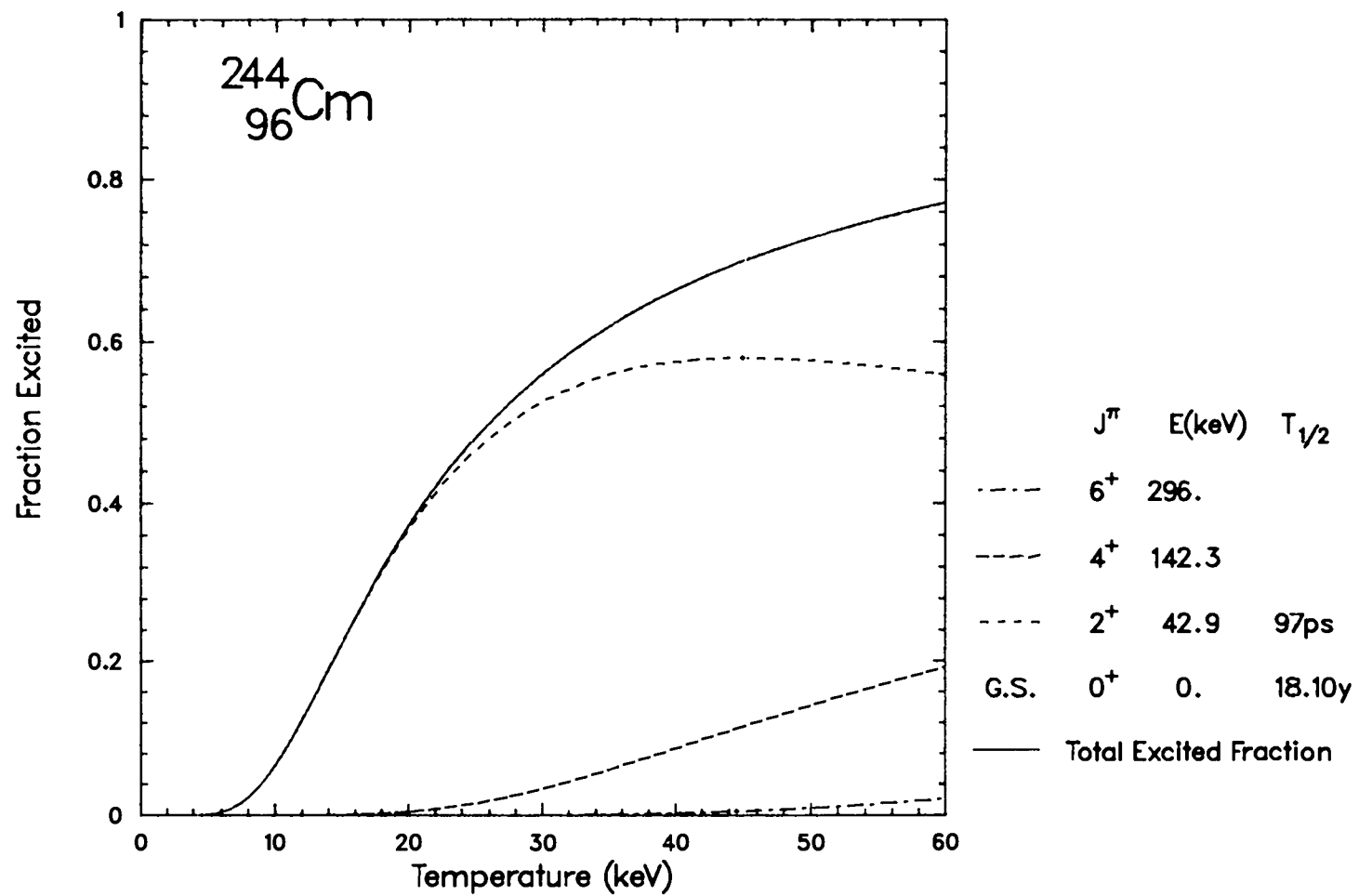


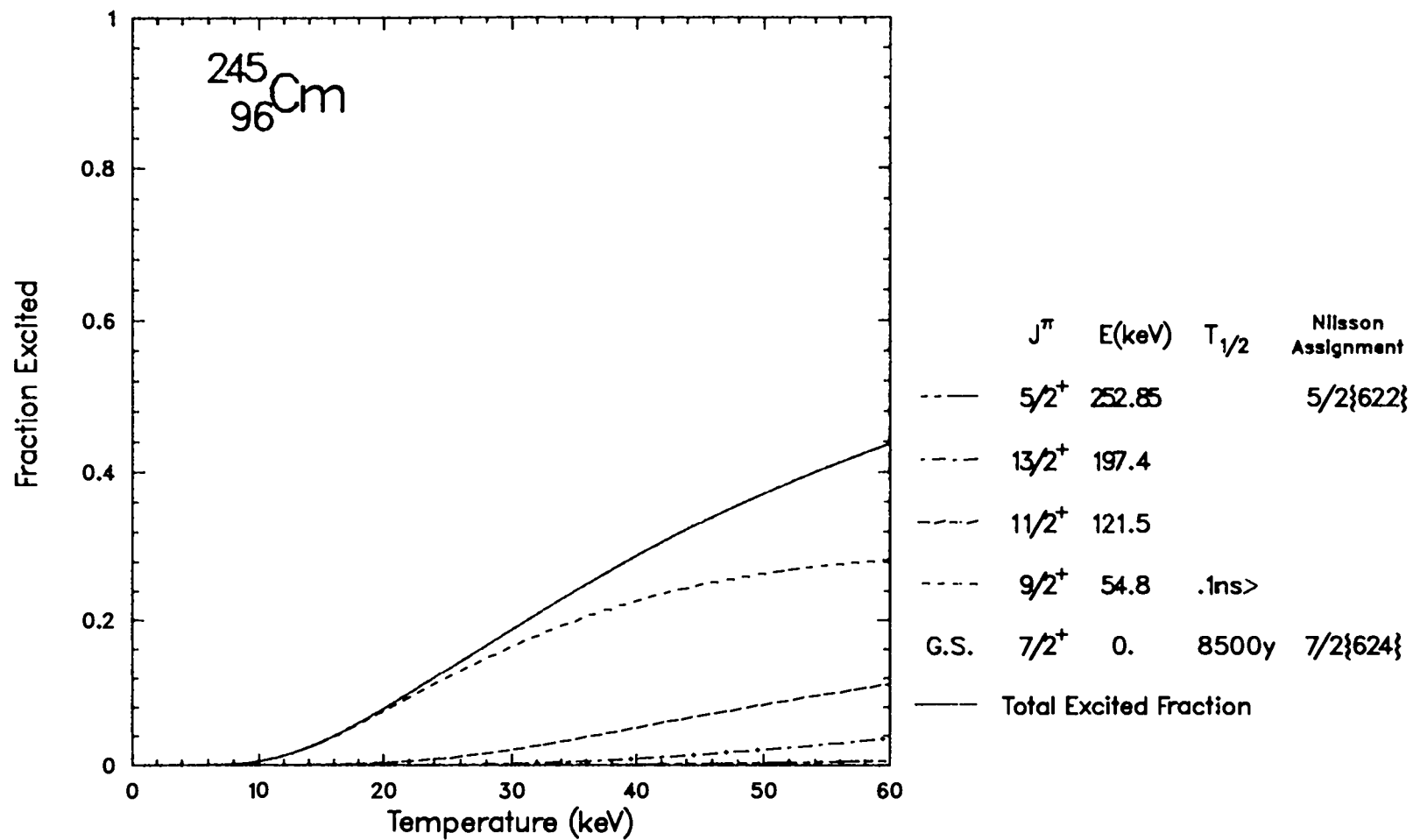


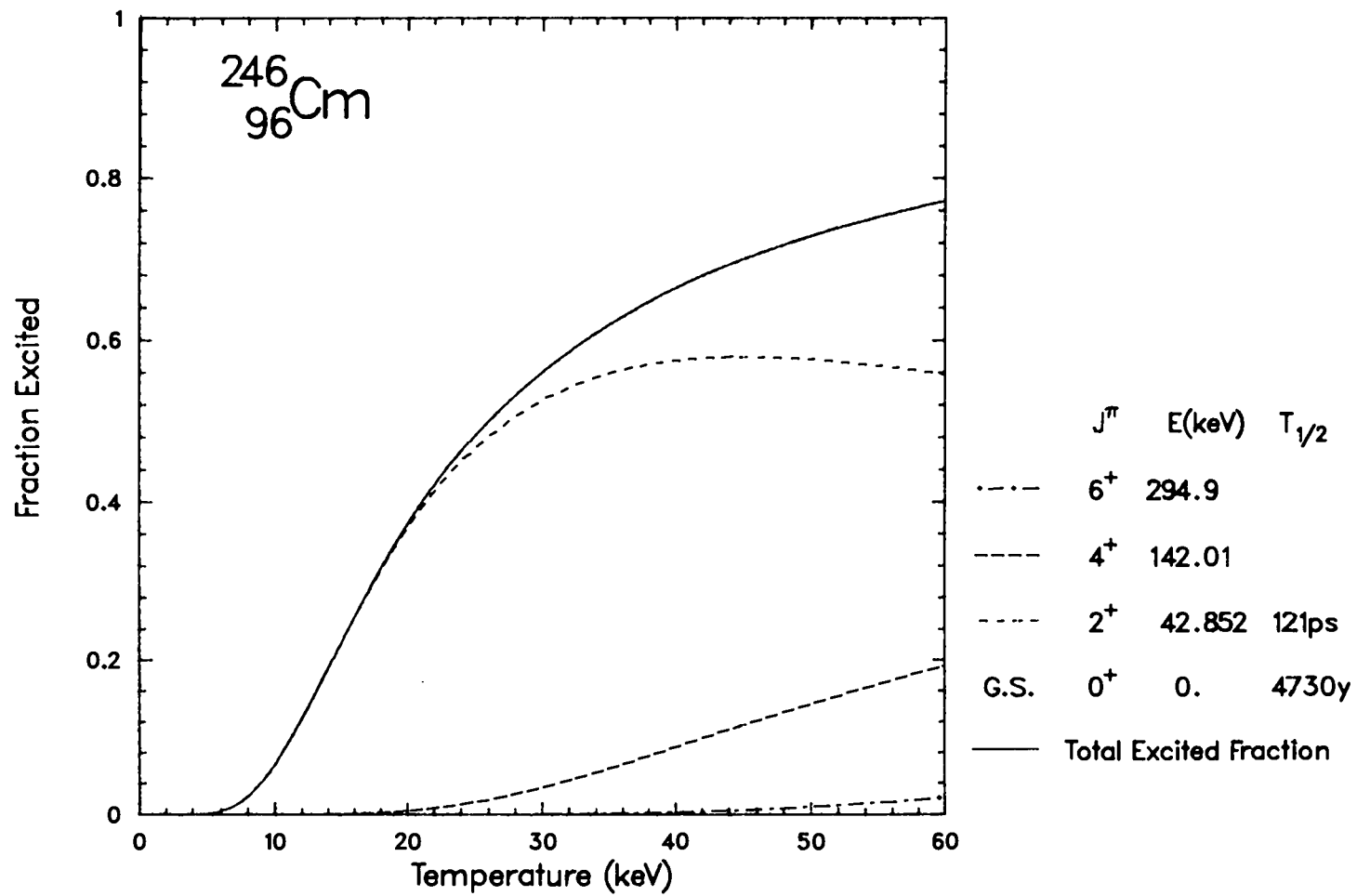


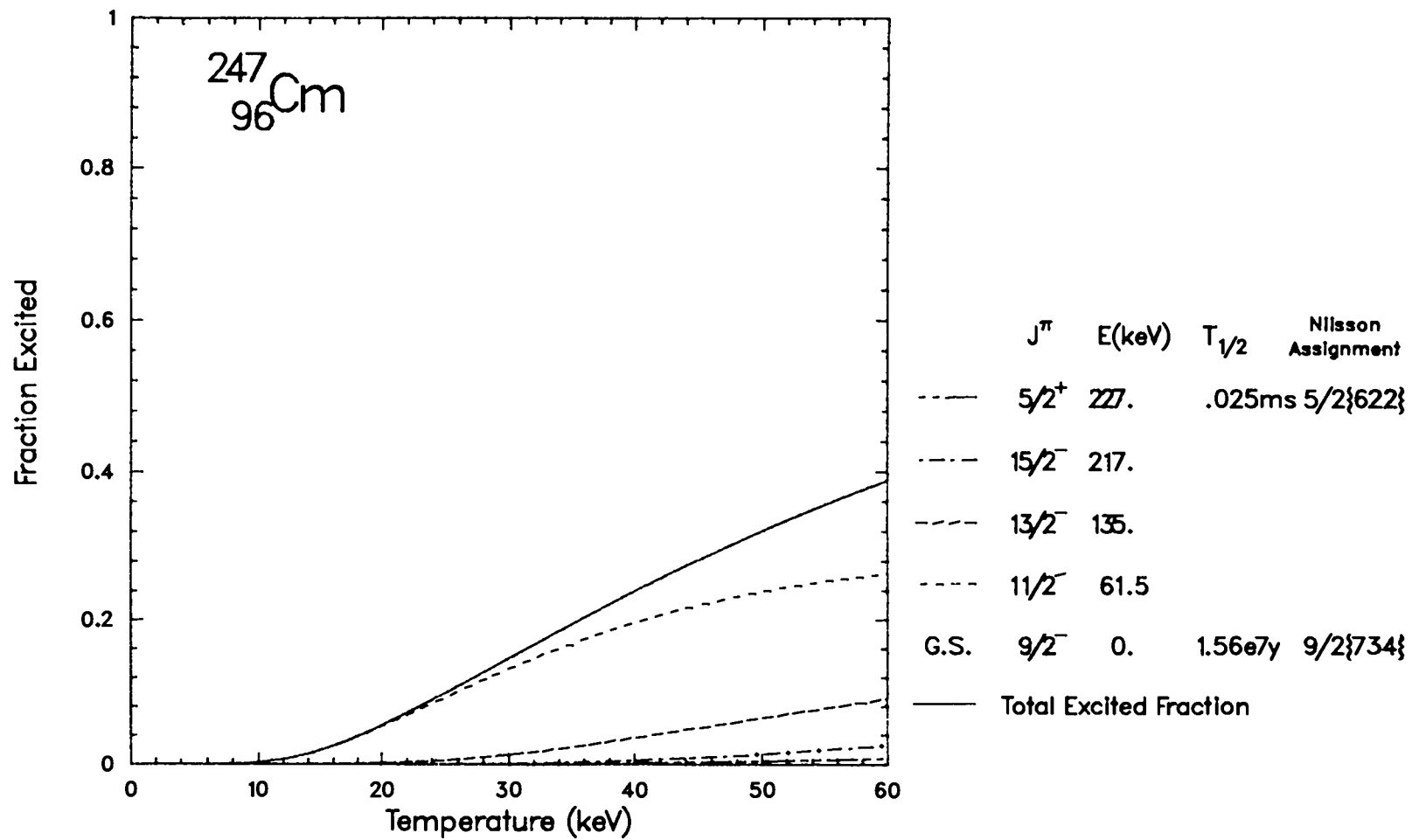


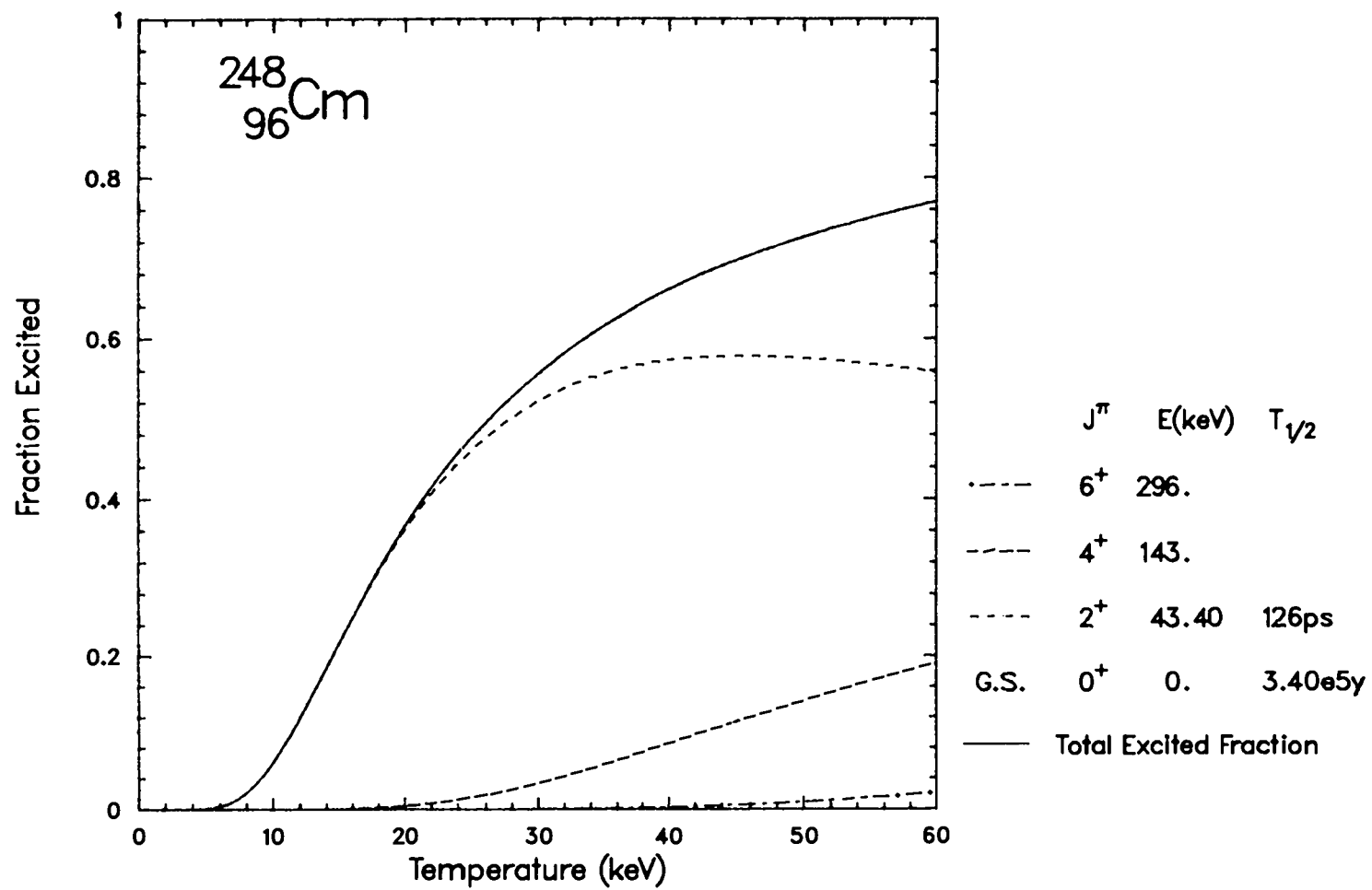


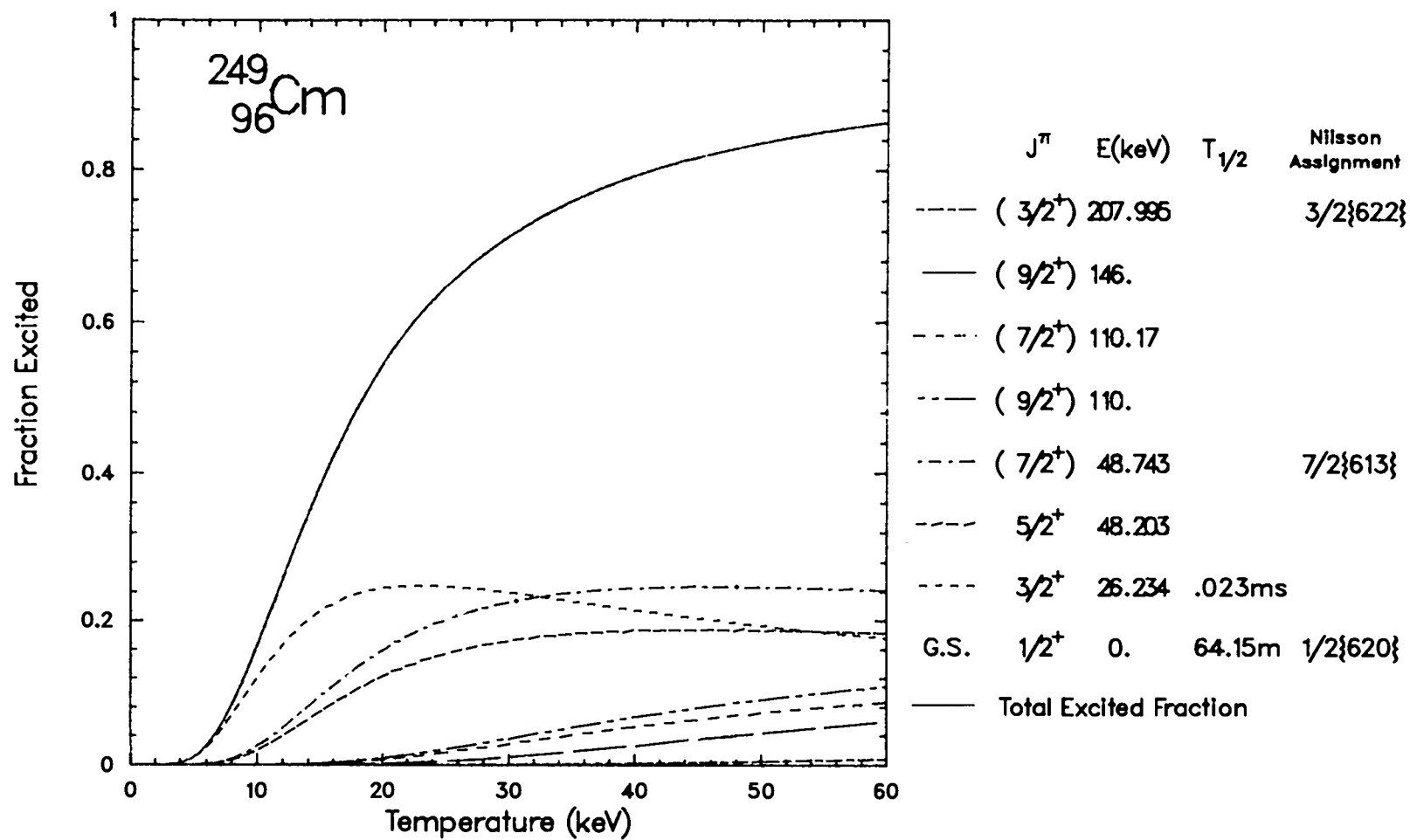


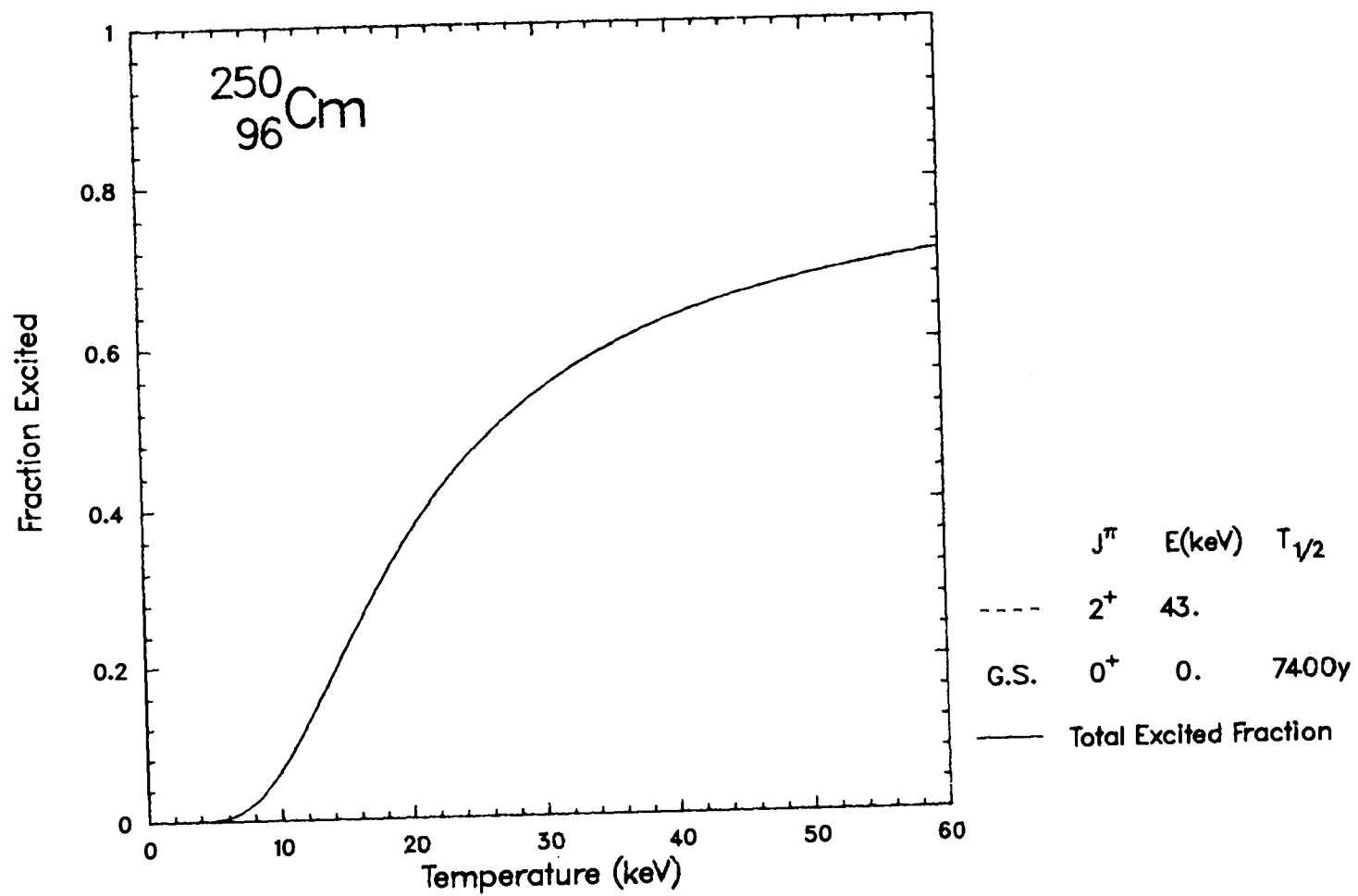


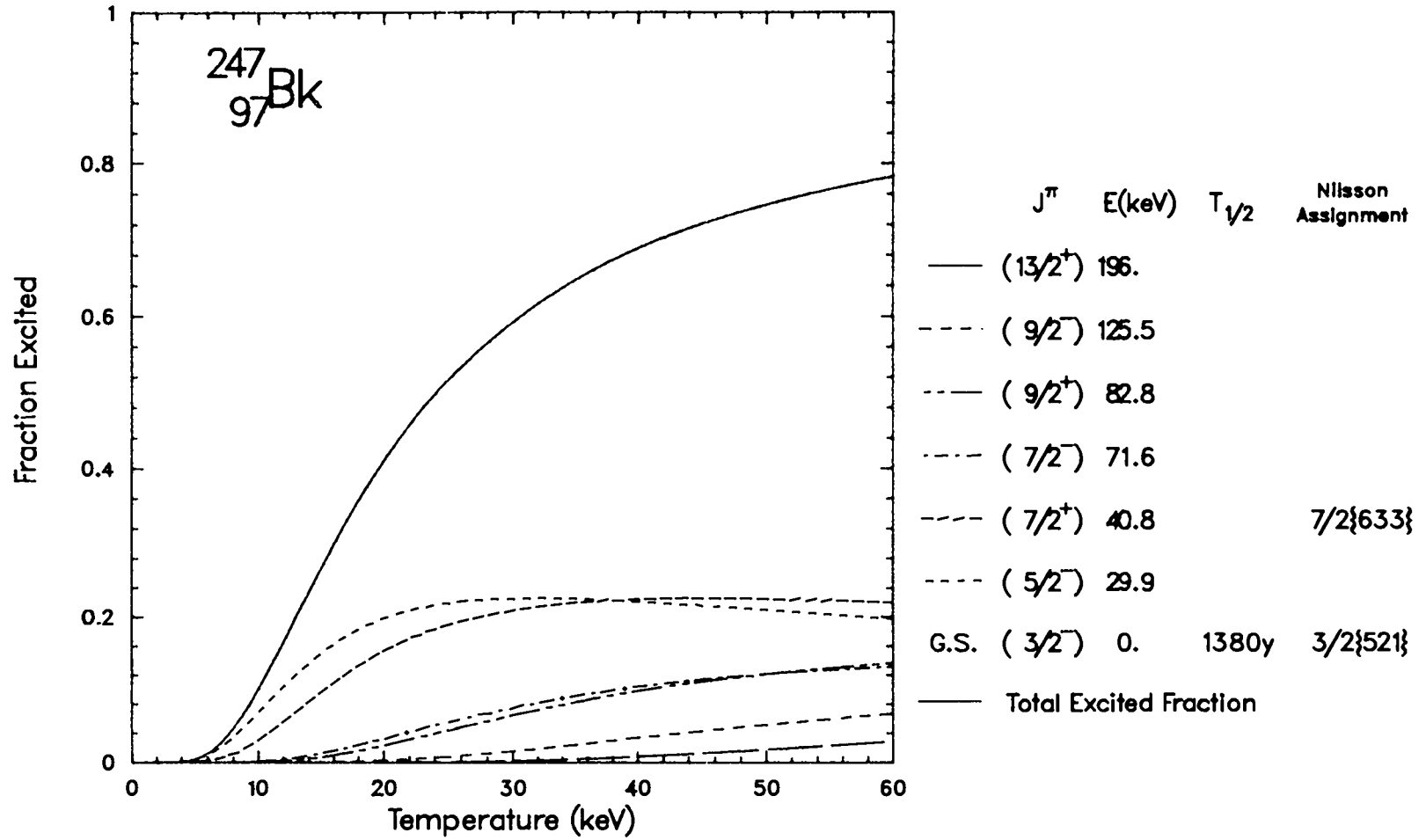


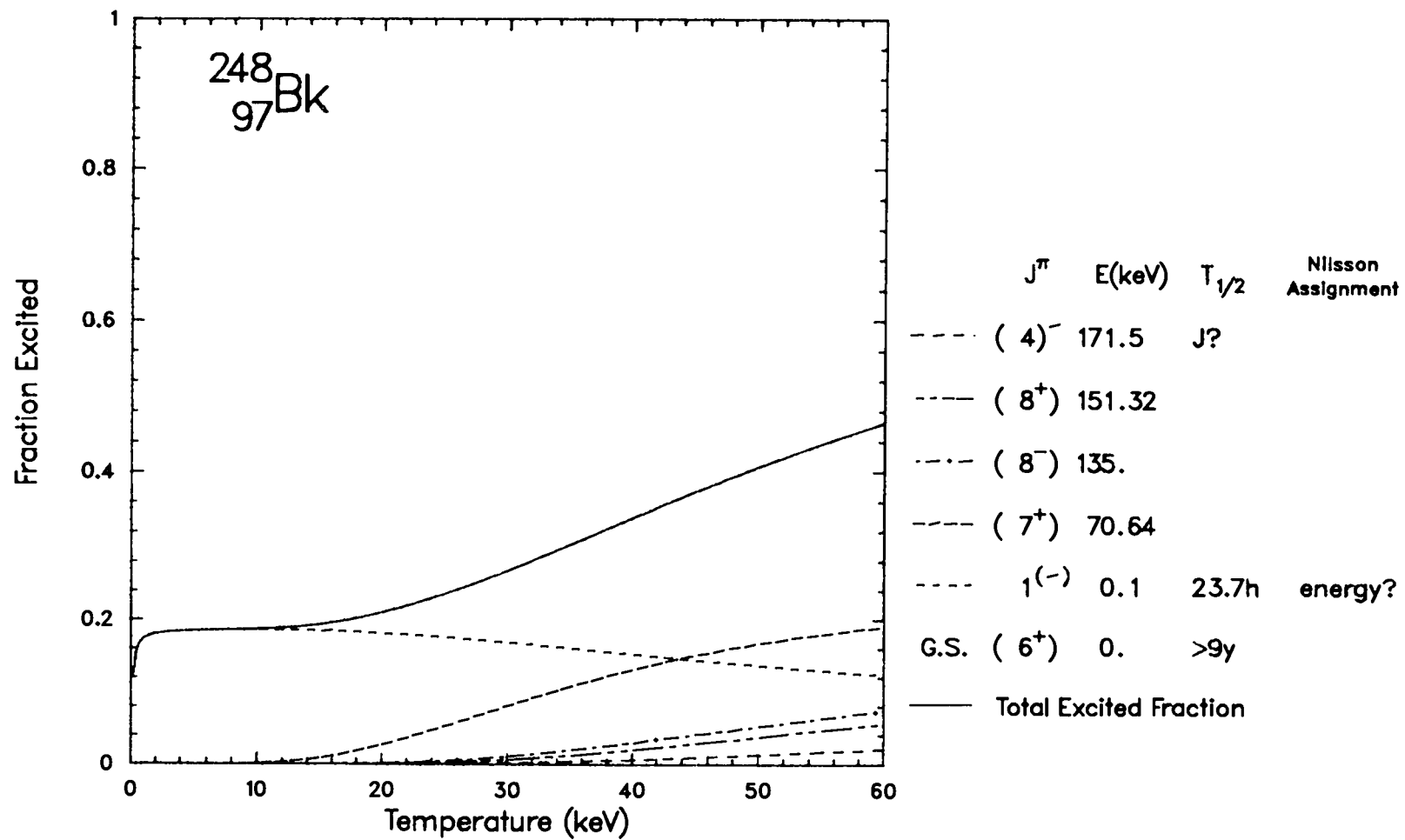


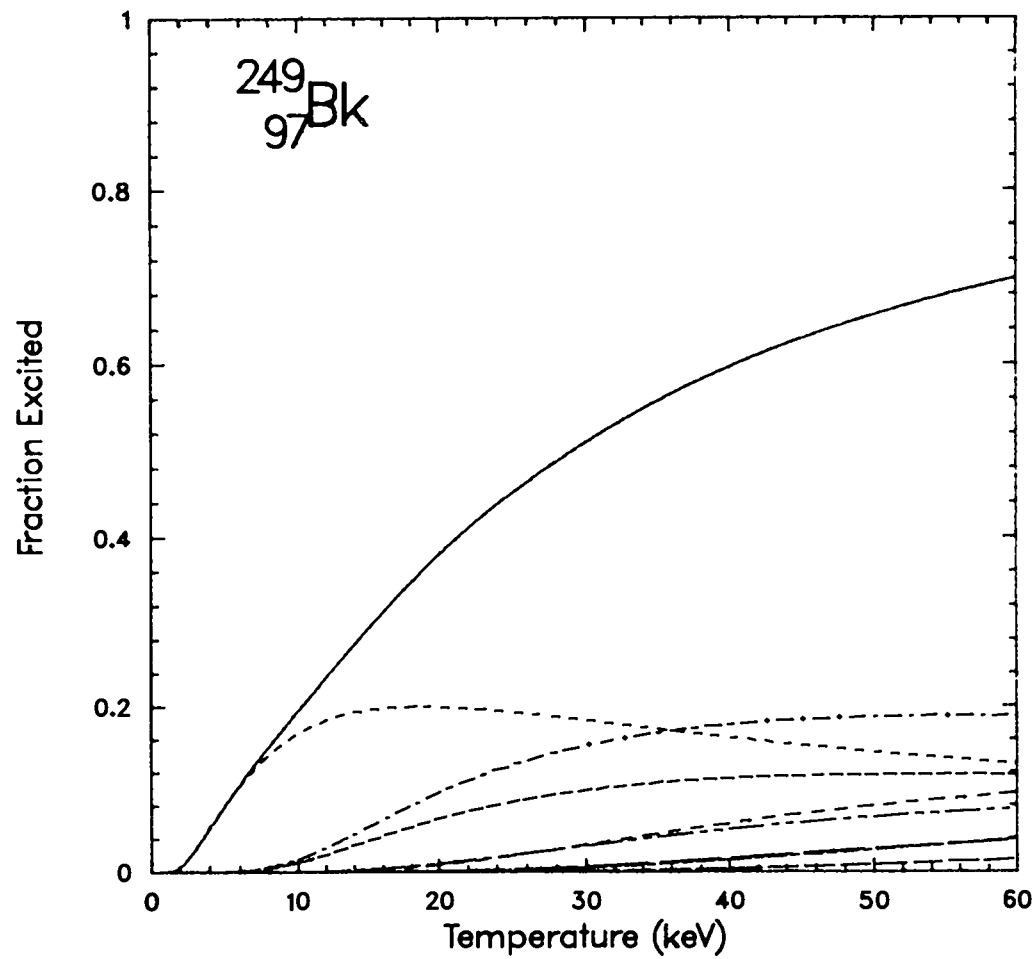




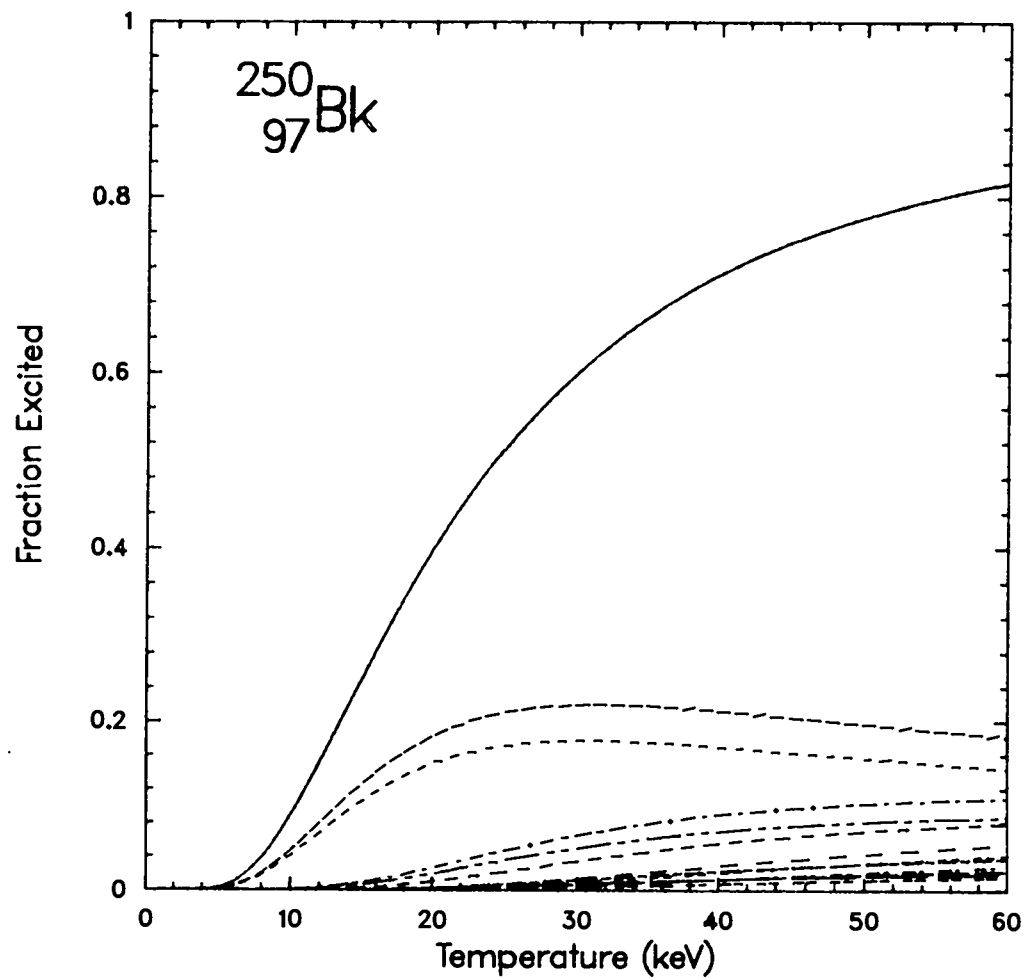




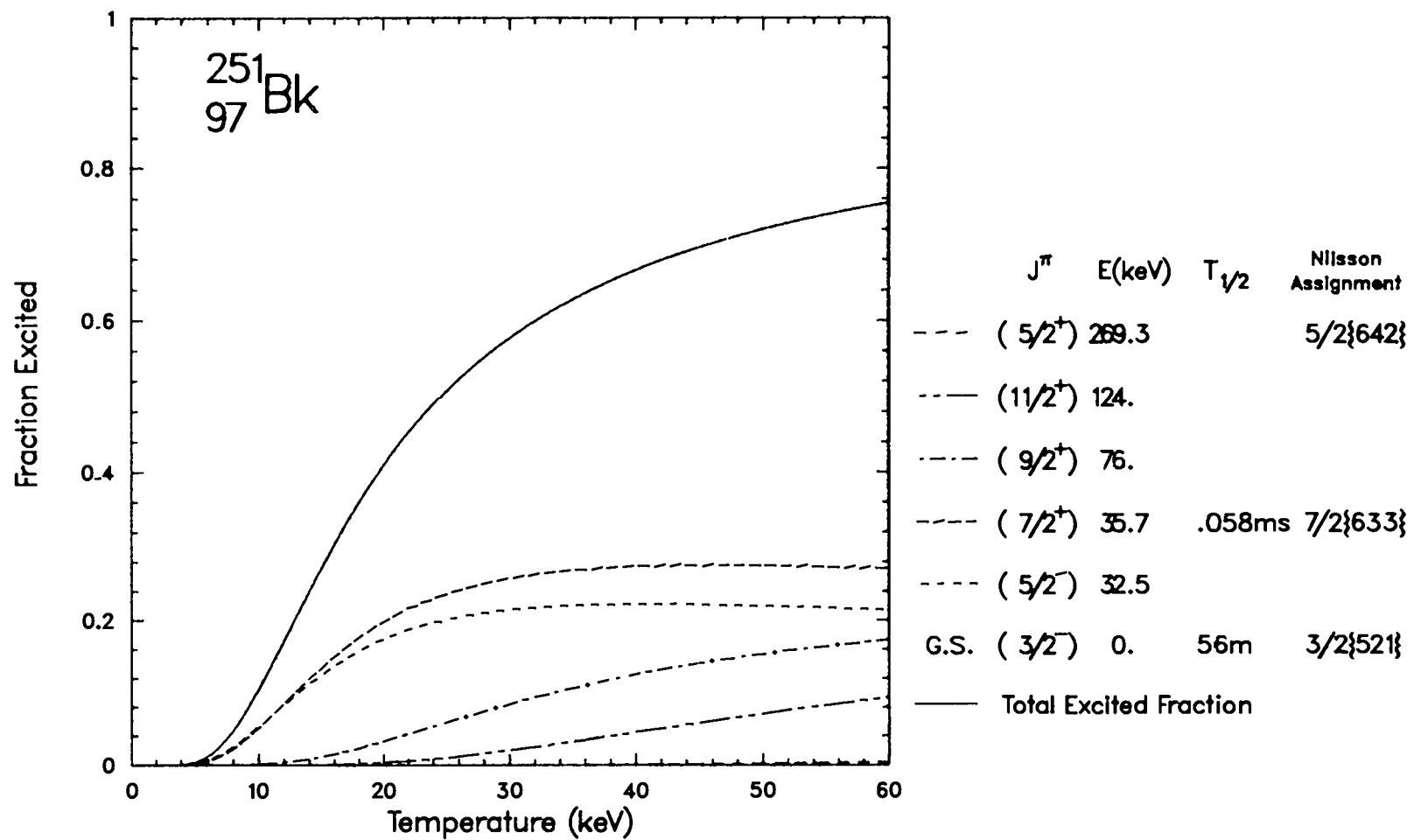


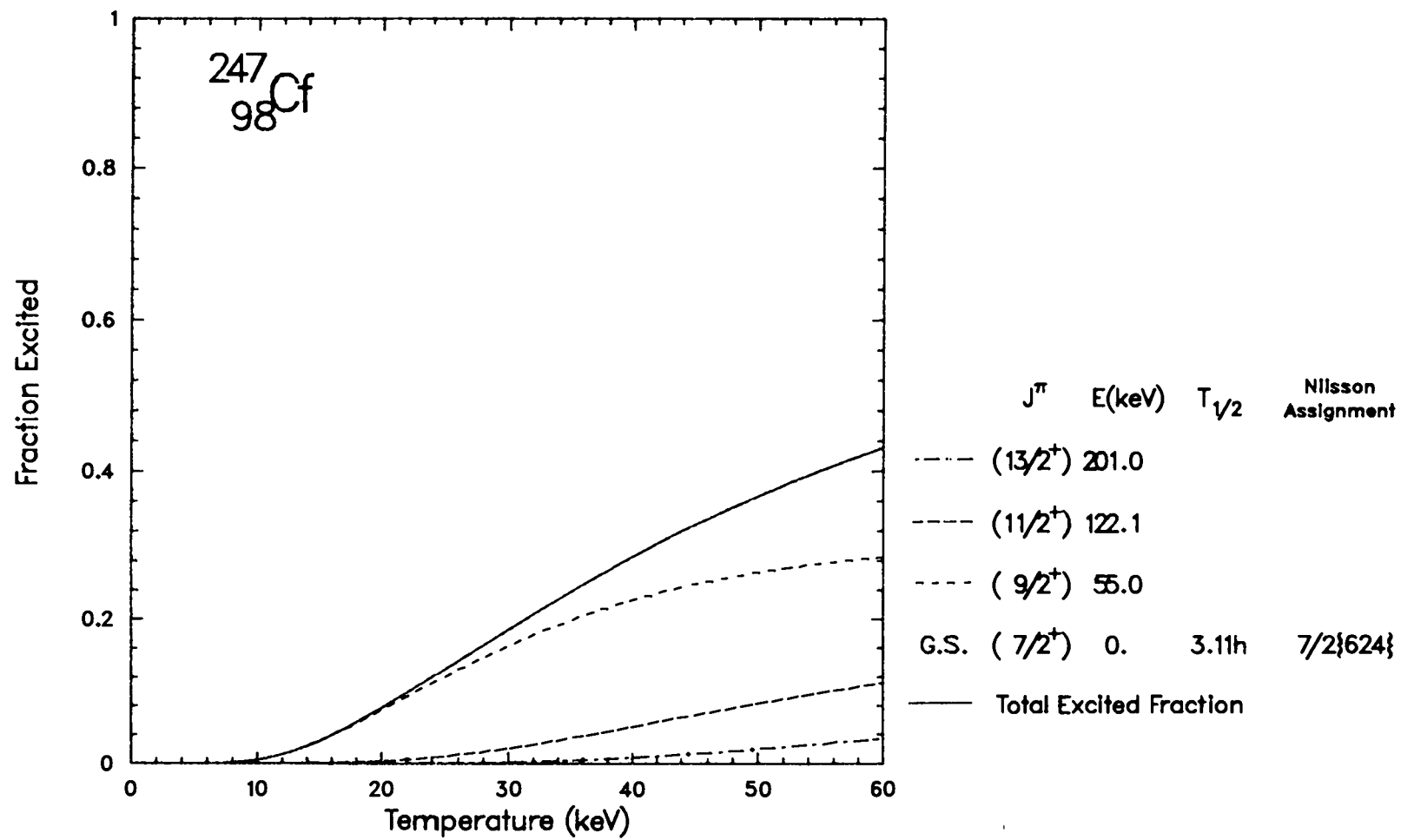


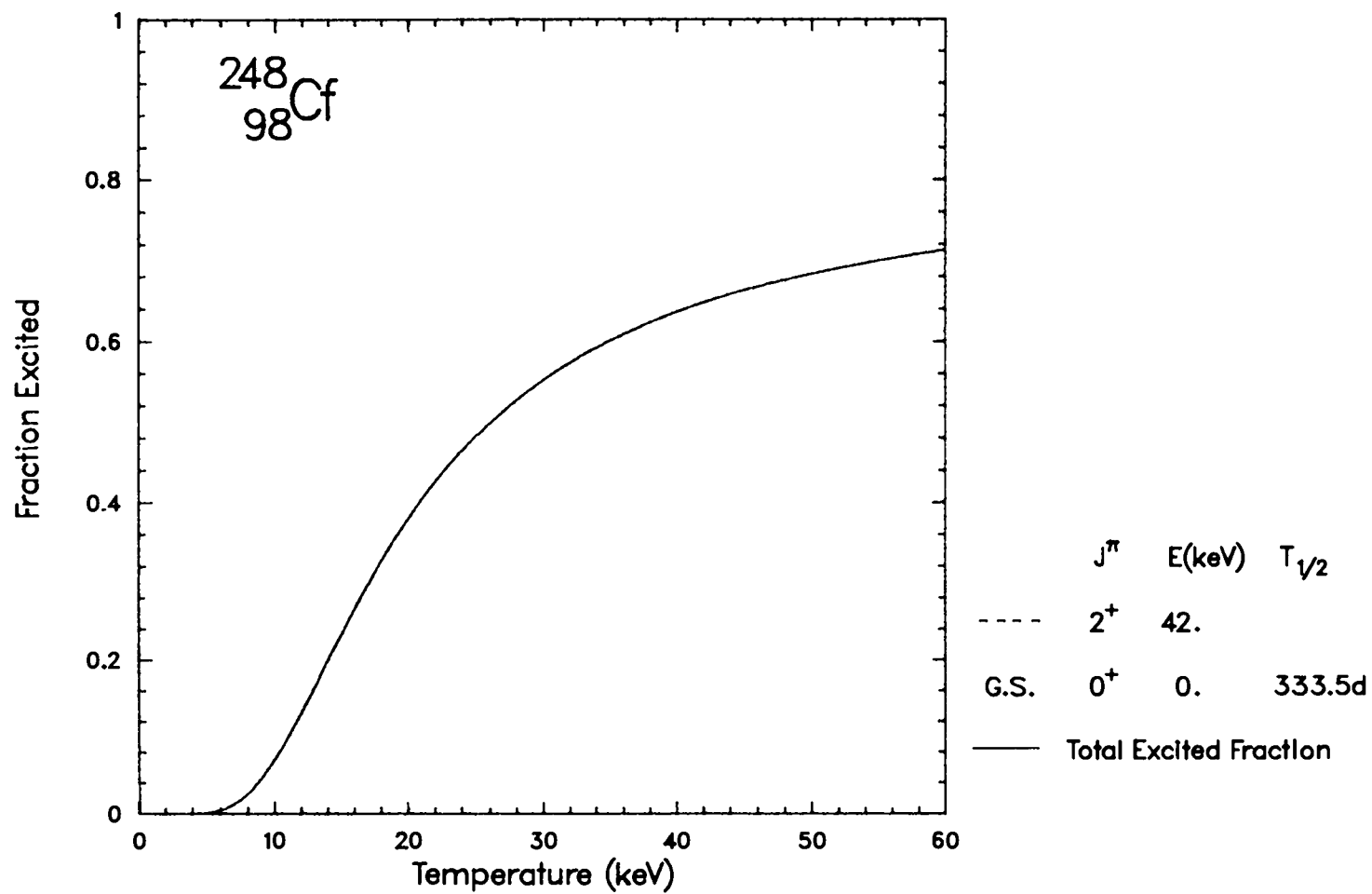
	J^π	$E(\text{keV})$	$T_{1/2}$	Nilsson Assignment
---	$11/2^-$	204.57		
----	$13/2^+$	155.83		
—	$9/2^-$	137.73		
- - -	$11/2^+$	93.74	5ps	
- - -	$7/2^-$	82.61		
- - -	$9/2^+$	41.79		
- - -	$5/2^-$	39.64	9ps	
- - -	$3/2^-$	8.78	0.3ms	$3/2\{521\}$
G.S.	$7/2^+$	0.	320d	$7/2\{633\}$
—	Total Excited Fraction			

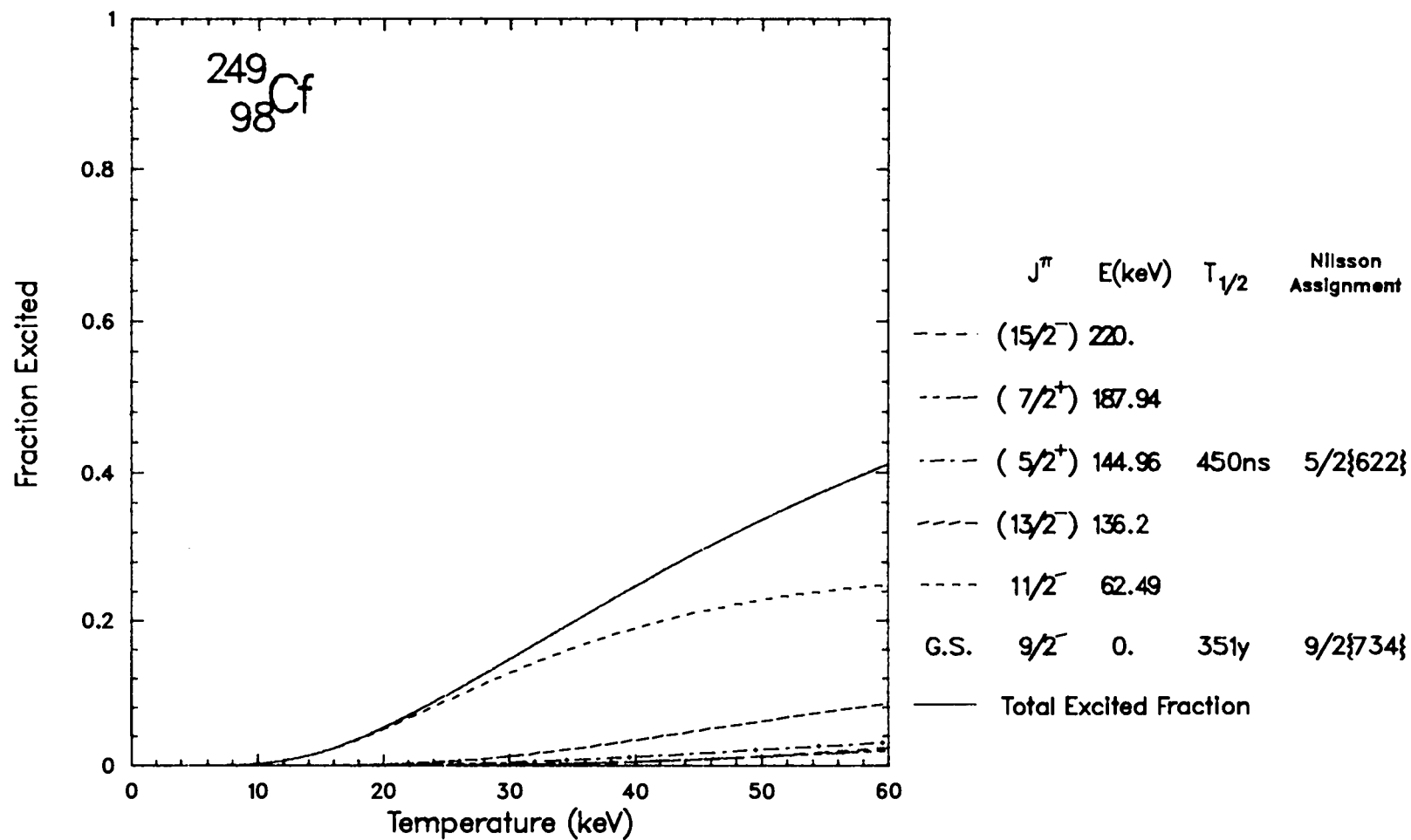


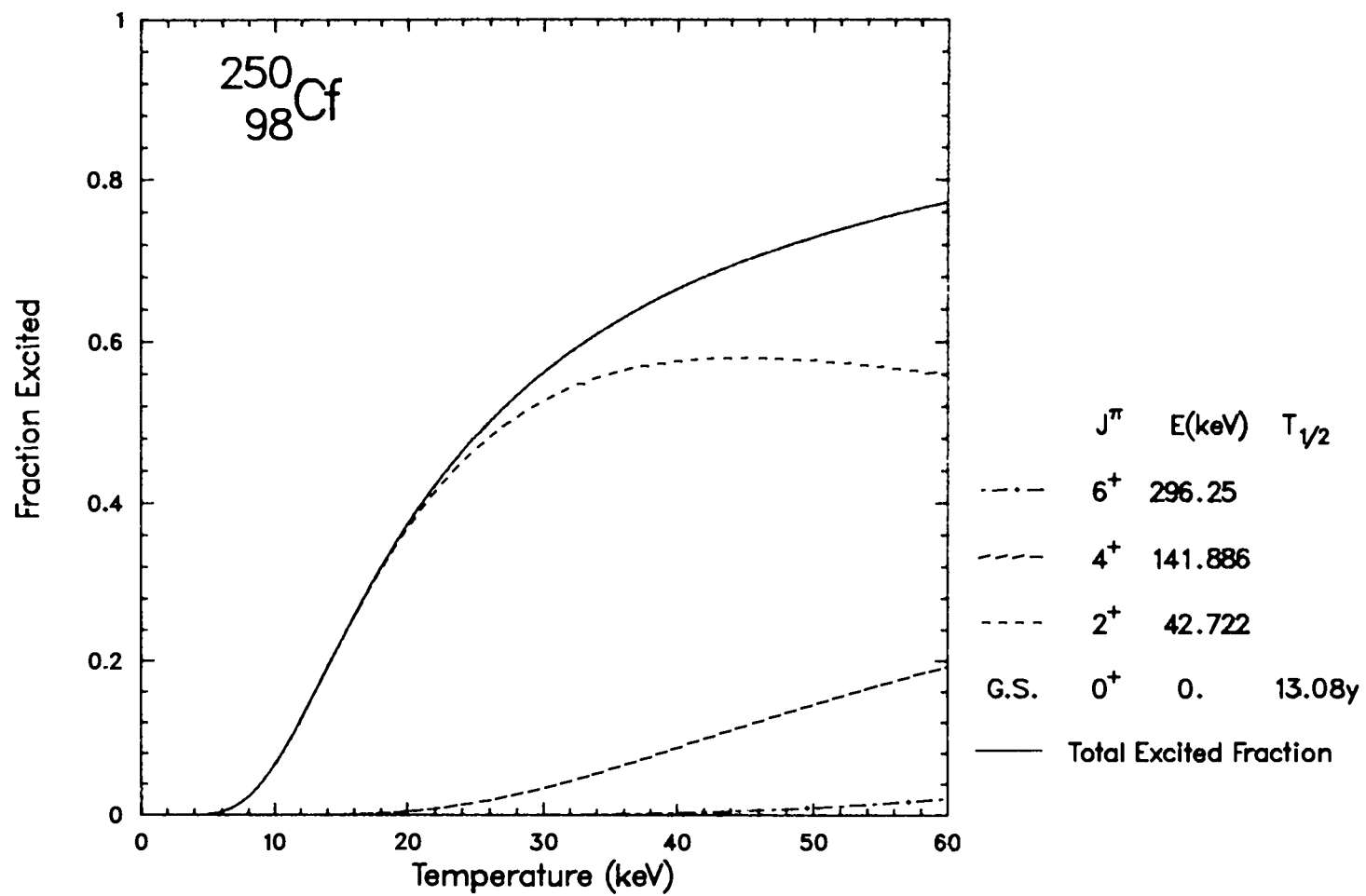
	J^π	$E(\text{keV})$	$T_{1/2}$
----	4^+	148.595	
----	2^-	146.472	
----	5^-	137.32	
----	6^+	130.492	
----	2^-	125.007	
----	3^+	115.442	
----	1^-	103.828	
----	5^-	97.493	
----	4^-	80.258	38ns
----	5^+	78.326	.21ms
----	4^+	35.587	.029ms
----	3^-	34.472	
G.S.	2^-	0.	3.217h
—	Total Excited Fraction		

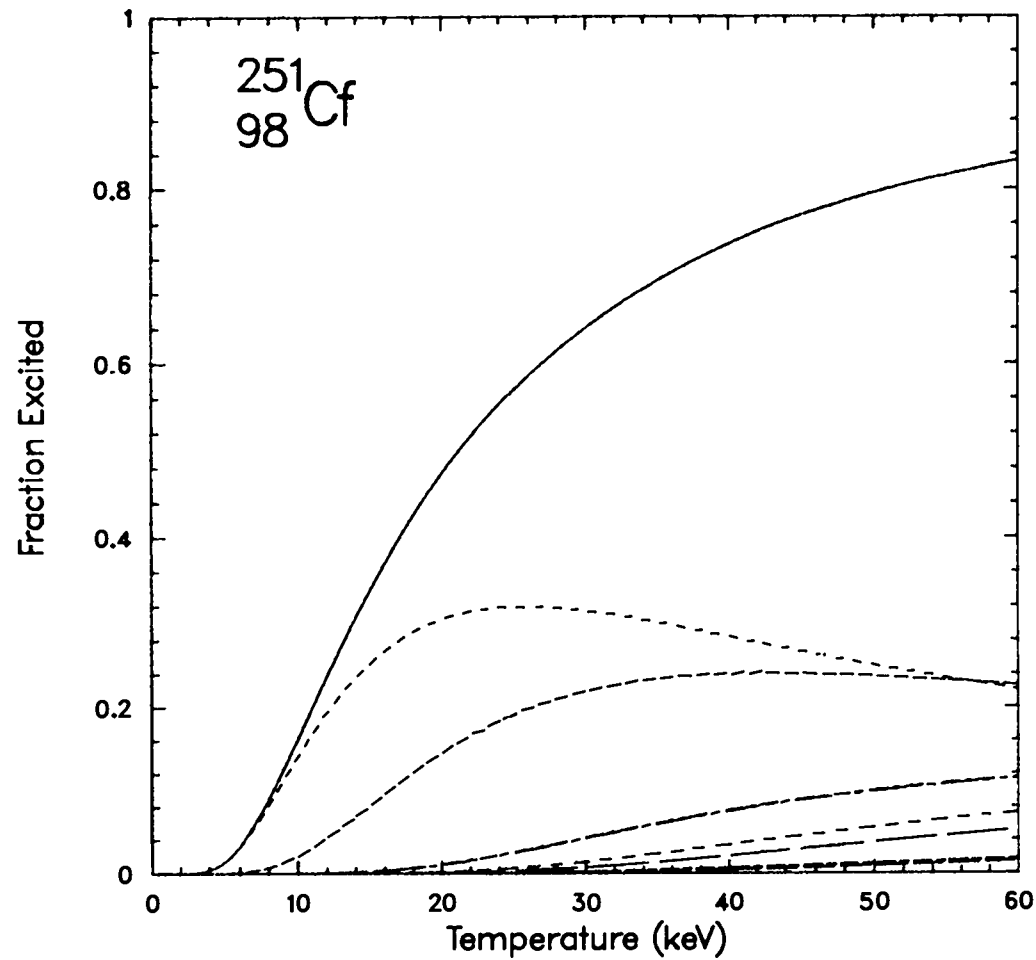




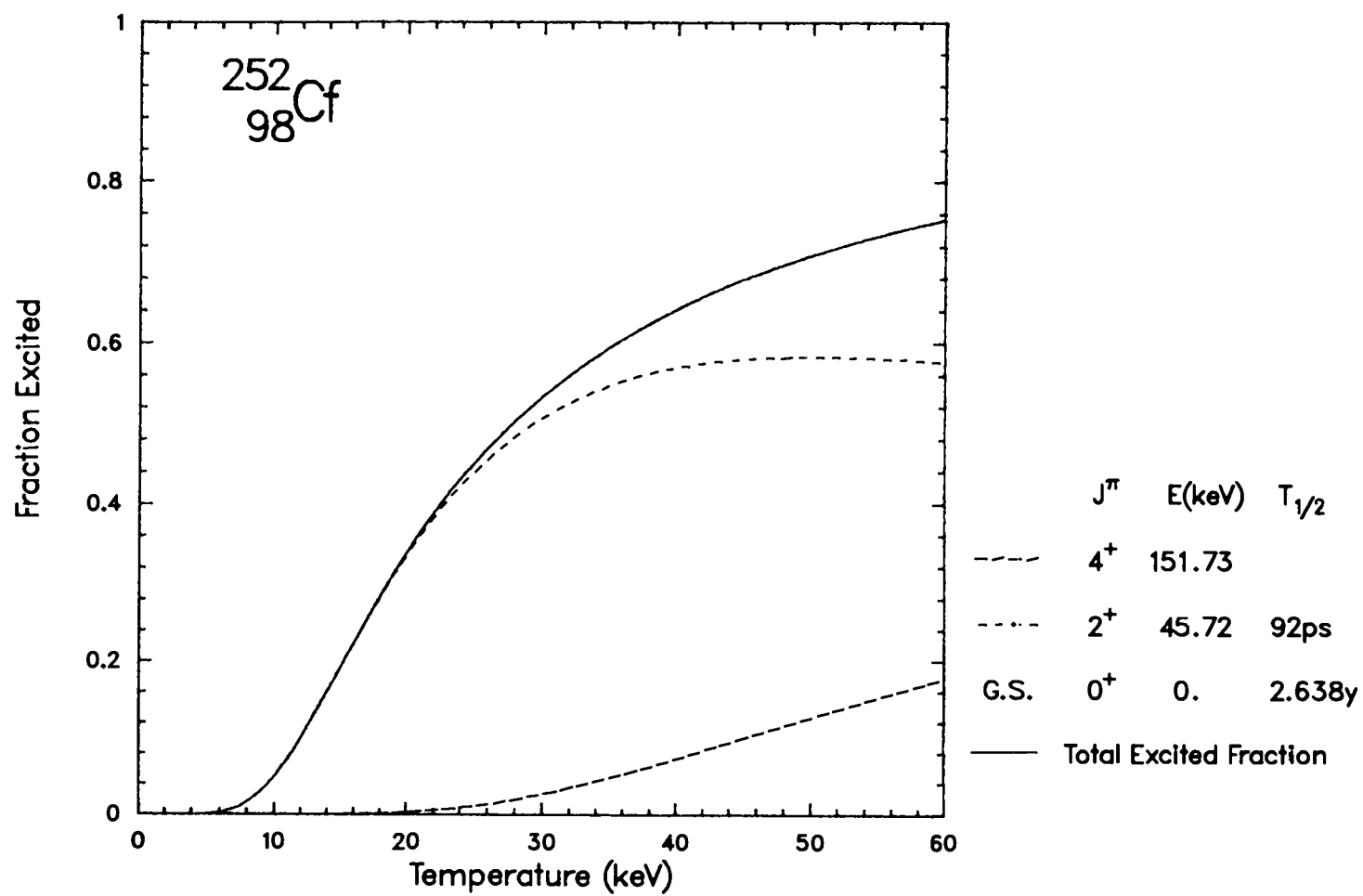


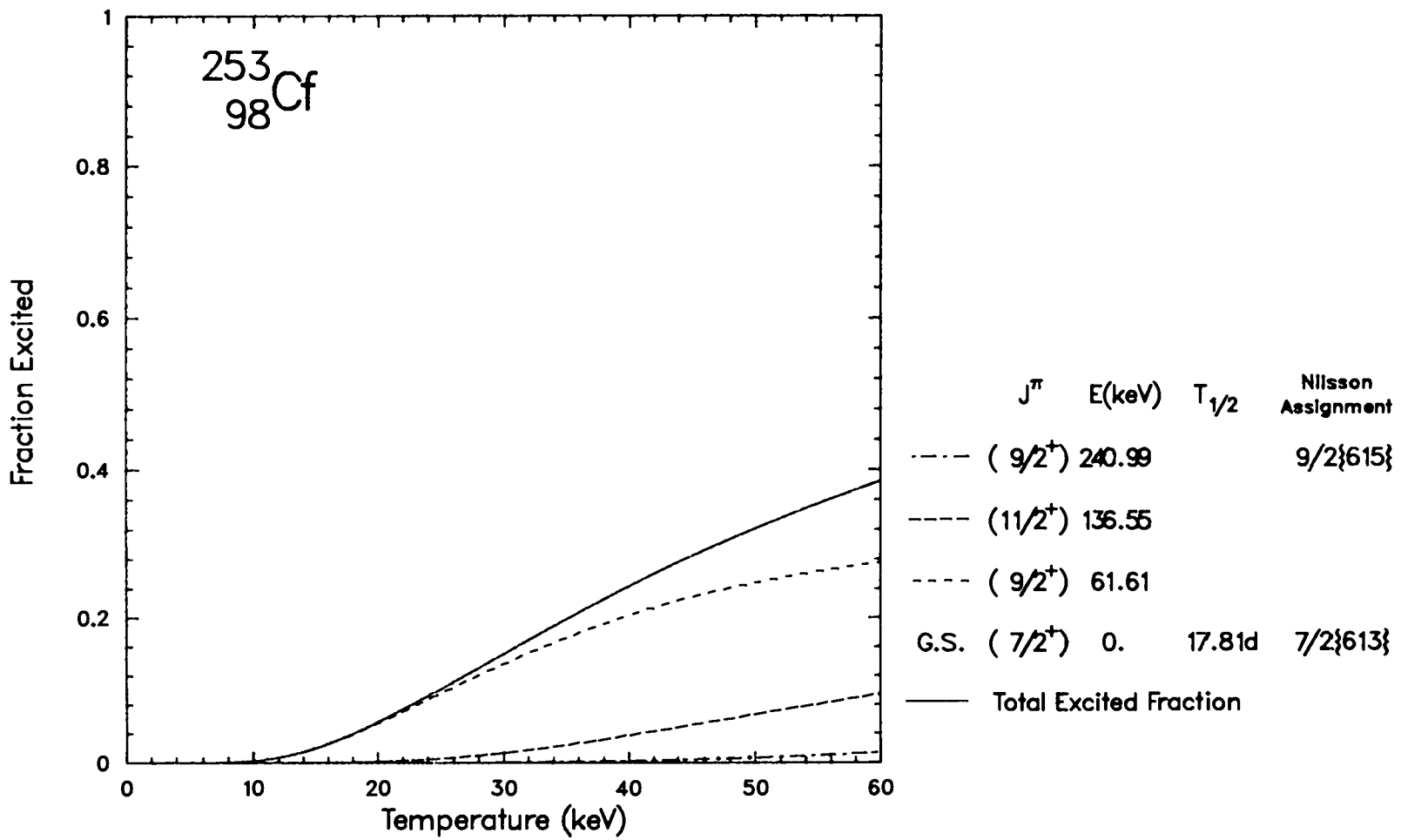






	J^π	$E(\text{keV})$	$T_{1/2}$	Nilsson Assignment
---	$5/2^+$	211.72		
----	$3/2^+$	177.69		$3/2\{622\}$
—	$9/2^+$	166.31		
- - -	$9/2^+$	146.46		
- - -	$7/2^+$	106.304	38ns	$7/2\{613\}$
· - - -	$7/2^+$	105.73		
- - -	$5/2^+$	47.828		
- - -	$3/2^+$	24.825		
G.S.	$1/2^+$	0.	898y	$1/2\{620\}$
—	Total Excited Fraction			





Printed in the United States of America
 Available from
 National Technical Information Service
 US Department of Commerce
 5285 Port Royal Road
 Springfield, VA 22161

Microfiche (A01)

NTIS		NTIS		NTIS		NTIS	
Page Range	Price Code	Page Range	Price Code	Page Range	Price Code	Page Range	Price Code
001-025	A02	151-175	A08	301-325	A14	451-475	A20
026-050	A03	176-200	A09	326-350	A15	476-500	A21
051-075	A04	201-225	A10	351-375	A16	501-525	A22
076-100	A05	226-250	A11	376-400	A17	526-550	A23
101-125	A06	251-275	A12	401-425	A18	551-575	A24
126-150	A07	276-300	A13	426-450	A19	576-600	A25
						601-up*	A99

*Contact NTIS for a price quote.

LOS ALAMOS
RECEIVED

RECEIVED

RECEIVED

Los Alamos