

<sup>166</sup>Ta ε decay 2005Mc01,1977Le08

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Parent: <sup>166</sup>Ta: E=0; J<sup>π</sup>=(2)<sup>+</sup>; T<sub>1/2</sub>=34.4 s 5; Q(ε)=7760 40; %ε+%β<sup>+</sup> decay=100.0

<sup>166</sup>Ta produced using <sup>159</sup>Tb(<sup>16</sup>O,9n) reaction At E=147 5 MeV (1977Le08) or E=155 MeV (2005Mc01).

1977Le08: measured Eγ, Iγ, γγ coin, parent T<sub>1/2</sub>.

2005Mc01: aluminized Kapton tape transport of reaction recoils to low background area; three Compton-suppressed Clover HPGE detectors and one low-energy photon spectrometer; measured Eγ (E<2400), Iγ, γγ coin, γγ(θ) (two cascades).

<sup>166</sup>Hf Levels

The decay scheme is adopted from 2005Mc01; it differs significantly from that proposed In 1977Le08 on the basis of limited coincidence information. the authors of 2005Mc01 introduce new levels At 897, 1405, 1551 and 1603; they also reject those At 695, 852, 909, 1023, 1213 and 1447 proposed In 1977Le08. However, the deduced ε+β<sup>+</sup> feeding and the J<sup>π</sup> of the levels fed still fail to present an entirely consistent picture, suggesting that the scheme is incomplete, As might Be expected given that Q=7760 and No Eγ>2400 transitions have been measured.

| E(level) <sup>†</sup> | J <sup>π</sup> <sup>‡</sup> | T <sub>1/2</sub> <sup>‡</sup> | E(level) <sup>†</sup> | J <sup>π</sup> <sup>‡</sup>         | E(level) <sup>†</sup> | J <sup>π</sup> <sup>‡</sup>         |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 0                     | 0 <sup>+</sup>              | 6.77 min 30                   | 1007.16 6             | (3 <sup>+</sup> )                   | 1404.85 7             |                                     |
| 158.64 4              | 2 <sup>+</sup>              |                               | 1064.99 10            | (0 <sup>+</sup> )                   | 1551.39 10            | (4 <sup>-</sup> )                   |
| 470.47 6              | 4 <sup>+</sup>              |                               | 1162.70 8             |                                     | 1603.18 11            | (2 <sup>+</sup> ,3,4 <sup>+</sup> ) |
| 809.96 6              | (2 <sup>+</sup> )           |                               | 1218.76 8             | 2 <sup>+</sup>                      |                       |                                     |
| 897.16 12             | 6 <sup>+</sup>              |                               | 1332.41 7             | (2 <sup>+</sup> ,3,4 <sup>+</sup> ) |                       |                                     |

<sup>†</sup> From least-squares fit to Eγ, omitting the 1133γ from the 1603 level because that Eγ May contain a typographical error.

<sup>‡</sup> From Adopted Levels.

ε,β<sup>+</sup> radiations

| E(decay)                 | E(level) | Iβ <sup>+</sup> <sup>†</sup> | Iε <sup>†</sup> | Log ft               | I(ε+β <sup>+</sup> ) <sup>†</sup> | Comments   |
|--------------------------|----------|------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| (6.16×10 <sup>3</sup> 4) | 1603.18  | 1.99 15                      | 0.61 5          | 6.54 4               | 2.60 19                           | av Eβ=2344 19; εK=0.194 4; εL=0.0306 6; εM+=0.00933 17   |
| (6.21×10 <sup>3</sup> 4) | 1551.39  | 0.81 9                       | 0.56 7          | 8.75 <sup>1u</sup> 6 | 1.37 16                           | av Eβ=2315 19; εK=0.341 5; εL=0.0548 8; εM+=0.01674 24   |
| (6.36×10 <sup>3</sup> 4) | 1404.85  | 6.0 5                        | 1.6 1           | 6.14 4               | 7.6 6                             | av Eβ=2437 19; εK=0.178 3; εL=0.0282 5; εM+=0.00857 15   |
| (6.43×10 <sup>3</sup> 4) | 1332.41  | 4.8 3                        | 1.3 1           | 6.26 4               | 6.1 4                             | av Eβ=2471 19; εK=0.173 3; εL=0.0273 5; εM+=0.00832 15   |
| (6.54×10 <sup>3</sup> 4) | 1218.76  | 2.7 3                        | 0.68 8          | 6.55 6               | 3.4 4                             | av Eβ=2525 19; εK=0.165 3; εL=0.0261 5; εM+=0.00793 14   |
| (6.60×10 <sup>3</sup> 4) | 1162.70  | 1.92 15                      | 0.46 4          | 6.72 4               | 2.38 18                           | av Eβ=2551 19; εK=0.161 3; εL=0.0255 5; εM+=0.00775 13   |
| (6.70×10 <sup>3</sup> 4) | 1064.99  | 0.93 14                      | 0.21 3          | 7.07 7               | 1.14 17                           | av Eβ=2597 19; εK=0.155 3; εL=0.0244 4; εM+=0.00744 13   |
| (6.75×10 <sup>3</sup> 4) | 1007.16  | 4.8 5                        | 1.1 1           | 6.38 5               | 5.9 6                             | Log ft: much too low for a ΔJ=2, Δπ=No transition.<br>av Eβ=2625 19; εK=0.1512 25; εL=0.0239 4; εM+=0.00727 12         |
| (6.86×10 <sup>3</sup> 4) | 897.16   | 0.55 8                       | 0.12 2          | 7.36 7               | 0.67 10                           | av Eβ=2677 19; εK=0.1447 24; εL=0.0228 4; εM+=0.00695 12   |
| (6.95×10 <sup>3</sup> 4) | 809.96   | 15.1 11                      | 3.05 23         | 5.95 4               | 18.1 13                           | Iε,log ft apparent feeding inconsistent with J <sup>π</sup> of level fed.<br>av Eβ=2718 19; εK=0.1397 23; εL=0.0220 4; |

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<sup>166</sup>Ta ε decay **2005Mc01,1977Le08** (continued)

ε,β<sup>+</sup> radiations (continued)

| E(decay)                 | E(level) | Iβ <sup>+</sup> † | Iε †    | Log ft | I(ε+β <sup>+</sup> ) † | Comments   |
|--------------------------|----------|-------------------|---------|--------|------------------------|--|
| (7.29×10 <sup>3</sup> 4) | 470.47   | 12.8 7            | 2.21 12 | 6.13 3 | 15.0 8                 | εM+=0.00671 11<br>av Eβ=2878 19; εK=0.1223 19; εL=0.0193 3; εM+=0.00587 10<br>Log ft: much too low for a ΔJ=2, Δπ=No transition. |
| (7.60×10 <sup>3</sup> 4) | 158.64   | 31 3              | 4.7 4   | 5.84 4 | 36 3                   | av Eβ=3026 19; εK=0.1086 17; εL=0.0171 3; εM+=0.00521 8  |

† Absolute intensity per 100 decays.

γ(<sup>166</sup>Hf)

I<sub>γ</sub> normalization: The normalization assumes that there is no ε+β<sup>+</sup> feeding to the ground state (ΔJ=(2), Δπ=No); then, Σ (I(γ+ce) to g.s.)=100%.

| E <sub>γ</sub> †      | I <sub>γ</sub> † <sup>a</sup> | E <sub>i</sub> (level) | J <sub>i</sub> <sup>π</sup>         | E <sub>f</sub> | J <sub>f</sub> <sup>π</sup> | Mult. ‡ | α <sup>b</sup> | Comments   |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|---------|----------------|--|
| 158.64 4              | 100.0 30                      | 158.64                 | 2 <sup>+</sup>                      | 0              | 0 <sup>+</sup>              | E2      | 0.636          | α(K)=0.315 5; α(L)=0.245 4;<br>α(M)=0.0606 9; α(N+..)=0.01593 23<br>α(N)=0.01409 20; α(O)=0.00182 3;<br>α(P)=1.97×10 <sup>-5</sup> 3<br>I <sub>γ</sub> =100.0 35 In <b>1977Le08</b> .<br>I <sub>γ</sub> =54.1% 8, assuming recommended decay scheme normalization. |
| 197.5&c               |                               | 1007.16                | (3 <sup>+</sup> )                   | 809.96         | (2 <sup>+</sup> )           |         |                | I <sub>γ</sub> : <0.40 ( <b>2005Mc01</b> ).  |
| 211.6&c               |                               | 1218.76                | 2 <sup>+</sup>                      | 1007.16        | (3 <sup>+</sup> )           |         |                | I <sub>γ</sub> : <0.13 ( <b>2005Mc01</b> ).  |
| 255.0&c               |                               | 1064.99                | (0 <sup>+</sup> )                   | 809.96         | (2 <sup>+</sup> )           |         |                | I <sub>γ</sub> : <0.19 ( <b>2005Mc01</b> ).  |
| 311.87 5              | 44.7 9                        | 470.47                 | 4 <sup>+</sup>                      | 158.64         | 2 <sup>+</sup>              | E2      | 0.0706         | α(K)=0.0495 7; α(L)=0.01616 23;<br>α(M)=0.00388 6; α(N+..)=0.001036 15<br>α(N)=0.000908 13; α(O)=0.0001240 18;<br>α(P)=3.56×10 <sup>-6</sup> 5<br>I <sub>γ</sub> =53.6 21 In <b>1977Le08</b> .   |
| 325.3&c               |                               | 1332.41                | (2 <sup>+</sup> ,3,4 <sup>+</sup> ) | 1007.16        | (3 <sup>+</sup> )           |         |                | I <sub>γ</sub> : <0.33 ( <b>2005Mc01</b> ).  |
| 339.5&c               |                               | 809.96                 | (2 <sup>+</sup> )                   | 470.47         | 4 <sup>+</sup>              |         |                | I <sub>γ</sub> : <0.27 ( <b>2005Mc01</b> ).  |
| 352.8&c               |                               | 1162.70                |                                     | 809.96         | (2 <sup>+</sup> )           |         |                | I <sub>γ</sub> : <0.51 ( <b>2005Mc01</b> ).  |
| 397.6@ 1              | 2.9@ 3                        | 1404.85                |                                     | 1007.16        | (3 <sup>+</sup> )           |         |                |  |
| 408.8&c               |                               | 1218.76                | 2 <sup>+</sup>                      | 809.96         | (2 <sup>+</sup> )           |         |                | I <sub>γ</sub> : <0.69 ( <b>2005Mc01</b> ).  |
| 426.7@ 1              | 1.21@ 17                      | 897.16                 | 6 <sup>+</sup>                      | 470.47         | 4 <sup>+</sup>              | E2      | 0.0292         | α(K)=0.0220 3; α(L)=0.00549 8;<br>α(M)=0.001297 19; α(N+..)=0.000349 5<br>α(N)=0.000304 5; α(O)=4.28×10 <sup>-5</sup> 6;<br>α(P)=1.660×10 <sup>-6</sup> 24<br>I <sub>γ</sub> : <0.65 ( <b>2005Mc01</b> ).  |
| 522.5&c               |                               | 1332.41                | (2 <sup>+</sup> ,3,4 <sup>+</sup> ) | 809.96         | (2 <sup>+</sup> )           |         |                | E <sub>γ</sub> =536.0 4, I <sub>γ</sub> =7.5 10 In <b>1977Le08</b> ;<br>probably included large contribution from 537.6γ In <sup>166</sup> Yb ( <b>2005Mc01</b> ).   |
| 536.81 7              | 2.0 2                         | 1007.16                | (3 <sup>+</sup> )                   | 470.47         | 4 <sup>+</sup>              |         |                |  |
| 544.27@ 10            | 0.94@ 18                      | 1551.39                | (4 <sup>-</sup> )                   | 1007.16        | (3 <sup>+</sup> )           |         |                | attributed In <b>2005Mc01</b> to 552.0γ from <sup>164</sup> Lu ε decay.  |
| <sup>x</sup> 552.4# 4 | 5.6# 18                       |                        |                                     |                |                             |         |                | placement from 1065 level In <b>1977Le08</b>   |
| 594.65 10             | 5.7 9                         | 1404.85                |                                     | 809.96         | (2 <sup>+</sup> )           |         |                |  |

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$^{166}\text{Ta}$   $\varepsilon$  decay **2005Mc01,1977Le08** (continued) $\gamma(^{166}\text{Hf})$  (continued)

| $E_\gamma$ †            | $I_\gamma$ † <sup>a</sup> | $E_i$ (level) | $J_i^\pi$                           | $E_f$  | $J_f^\pi$         | Mult. ‡ | $\alpha^b$ | Comments   |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|--------|-------------------|---------|------------|--|
| 651.26 5                | 18.9 4                    | 809.96        | (2 <sup>+</sup> )                   | 158.64 | 2 <sup>+</sup>    |         |            | rejected In <b>2005Mc01</b> based on $\gamma\gamma$ coin data.<br>$I_\gamma=16.1$ 11 In <b>1977Le08</b> .<br>Mult.: 651 $\gamma$ -159 $\gamma$ ( $\theta$ ) consistent with 2+(810)-2+(159)-0+(g.s.) sequence ( $W(\Delta\theta=75^\circ)/W(\Delta\theta=15^\circ)=0.99$ 12) ( <b>2005Mc01</b> ).  |
| 692.23 6                | 4.4 3                     | 1162.70       |                                     | 470.47 | 4 <sup>+</sup>    |         |            | $E_\gamma=693.2$ 5, $I_\gamma=1.2$ 5 In <b>1977Le08</b> .<br>attributed to $^{164}\text{Yb}$ In <b>2005Mc01</b> .  |
| <sup>x</sup> 742.8# 4   | 13.3# 12                  | 1218.76       | 2 <sup>+</sup>                      | 470.47 | 4 <sup>+</sup>    |         |            | an $E_\gamma=750.0$ 5, $I_\gamma=10.4$ 18 transition was placed, instead, from a 909 level In <b>1977Le08</b> .  |
| 748.25 7                | 3.0 2                     |               |                                     |        |                   |         |            |  |
| <sup>x</sup> 750.0# 5   | 10.4# 18                  |               |                                     |        |                   |         |            | May include the 748.25 $\gamma$ from <b>2005Mc01</b> and a large contribution from the 747.8 $\gamma$ In $^{164}\text{Yb}$ .   |
| 793.2&c                 |                           | 1603.18       | (2 <sup>+</sup> ,3,4 <sup>+</sup> ) | 809.96 | (2 <sup>+</sup> ) |         |            | $I_\gamma$ : <0.33 ( <b>2005Mc01</b> ).<br>$I_\gamma=18.6$ 16 In <b>1977Le08</b> .   |
| 810.0 3                 | 20.2 18                   | 809.96        | (2 <sup>+</sup> )                   | 0      | 0 <sup>+</sup>    |         |            | $E_\gamma=847.4$ 4, $I_\gamma=13.6$ 27 In <b>1977Le08</b> .  |
| 848.41 6                | 12.7 9                    | 1007.16       | (3 <sup>+</sup> )                   | 158.64 | 2 <sup>+</sup>    |         |            | absent In <b>2005Mc01</b> ( $I_\gamma<0.3$ ).<br>$I_\gamma=7.1$ 20 In <b>1977Le08</b> .  |
| <sup>x</sup> 851.7# 6   | 3.4# 14                   |               |                                     |        |                   |         |            | attributed In <b>2005Mc01</b> to 863.9 $\gamma$ from $^{164}\text{Lu}$ $\varepsilon$ decay.  |
| 861.97 7                | 5.4 3                     | 1332.41       | (2 <sup>+</sup> ,3,4 <sup>+</sup> ) | 470.47 | 4 <sup>+</sup>    |         |            | $\alpha(K)=0.00411$ 6; $\alpha(L)=0.000689$ 10;<br>$\alpha(M)=0.0001570$ 22;<br>$\alpha(N+..)=4.30\times 10^{-5}$ 6<br>$\alpha(N)=3.71\times 10^{-5}$ 6; $\alpha(O)=5.54\times 10^{-6}$ 8;<br>$\alpha(P)=3.21\times 10^{-7}$ 5<br>$I_\gamma$ : 11.5 15 In <b>1977Le08</b> .<br>Mult.: from 906 $\gamma$ -159 $\gamma$ ( $\theta$ ) consistent with 0(1065)-2+(159)-0+(g.s.) sequence ( $W(\Delta\theta=75^\circ)/W(\Delta\theta=15^\circ)=0.50$ 10) ( <b>2005Mc01</b> ). |
| <sup>x</sup> 864.1# 5   | 9.2# 23                   |               |                                     |        |                   |         |            |  |
| 906.35 9                | 2.1 3                     | 1064.99       | (0 <sup>+</sup> )                   | 158.64 | 2 <sup>+</sup>    | (E2)    | 0.00500    |  |
| 934.4&c                 |                           | 1404.85       |                                     | 470.47 | 4 <sup>+</sup>    |         |            | $I_\gamma$ : <0.17 ( <b>2005Mc01</b> ).<br>absent In <b>2005Mc01</b> ( $I_\gamma<0.15$ ).  |
| <sup>x</sup> 977.0# 8   | 4.7# 11                   |               |                                     |        |                   |         |            | $I_\gamma$ : <0.15 ( <b>2005Mc01</b> ).<br>attributed to $^{166}\text{Yb}$ In <b>2005Mc01</b> .  |
| 1004.1&c                |                           | 1162.70       |                                     | 158.64 | 2 <sup>+</sup>    |         |            |  |
| <sup>x</sup> 1054.4# 10 | 8.3# 13                   |               |                                     |        |                   |         |            |  |
| 1060.2@ 1               | 2.3@ 3                    | 1218.76       | 2 <sup>+</sup>                      | 158.64 | 2 <sup>+</sup>    |         |            |  |
| 1080.86@ 12             | 1.6@ 2                    | 1551.39       | (4 <sup>-</sup> )                   | 470.47 | 4 <sup>+</sup>    |         |            |  |
| 1132.75@ 11             | 2.5@ 3                    | 1603.18       | (2 <sup>+</sup> ,3,4 <sup>+</sup> ) | 470.47 | 4 <sup>+</sup>    |         |            | $E_\gamma$ : from table I of <b>2005Mc01</b> ;<br>$E_\gamma=1133.75$ 11 In table II and 1134 In fig. 3. 1132.75 fits placement well, 1133.75 does not.   |
| 1173.74 7               | 5.9 4                     | 1332.41       | (2 <sup>+</sup> ,3,4 <sup>+</sup> ) | 158.64 | 2 <sup>+</sup>    |         |            |  |
| 1218.8@ 3               | 1.0@ 4                    | 1218.76       | 2 <sup>+</sup>                      | 0      | 0 <sup>+</sup>    |         |            |  |
| 1246.37@ 7              | 5.4@ 3                    | 1404.85       |                                     | 158.64 | 2 <sup>+</sup>    |         |            |  |
| <sup>x</sup> 1288.3# 12 | 5.8# 21                   |               |                                     |        |                   |         |            | absent In <b>2005Mc01</b> ( $I_\gamma<0.12$ ).   |
| 1444.4@ 2               | 2.3@ 1                    | 1603.18       | (2 <sup>+</sup> ,3,4 <sup>+</sup> ) | 158.64 | 2 <sup>+</sup>    |         |            |  |
| <sup>x</sup> 1447.0# 20 | 6.3# 16                   |               |                                     |        |                   |         |            | <b>2005Mc01</b> report No evidence In singles for this G.  |

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$^{166}\text{Ta}$   $\varepsilon$  decay    **2005Mc01,1977Le08 (continued)**

$\gamma(^{166}\text{Hf})$  (continued)

† From [2005Mc01](#), except As noted.

‡ From Adopted Gammas, except As noted.

# From [1977Le08](#).

@ Not reported previously In  $^{166}\text{Ta}$   $\varepsilon$  decay.

& Approximate energy from level-energy difference for unobserved but spin-allowed transition; upper limit for intensity is given In comments and transition is omitted from Adopted Levels, Gammas.

<sup>a</sup> For absolute intensity per 100 decays, multiply by 0.541 *I7*.

<sup>b</sup> Total theoretical internal conversion coefficients, calculated using the BrIcc code ([2008Ki07](#)) with Frozen orbital approximation based on  $\gamma$ -ray energies, assigned multipolarities, and mixing ratios, unless otherwise specified.

<sup>c</sup> Placement of transition in the level scheme is uncertain.

<sup>x</sup>  $\gamma$  ray not placed in level scheme.

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Legend

- $I_\gamma < 2\% \times I_\gamma^{\text{max}}$
- $I_\gamma < 10\% \times I_\gamma^{\text{max}}$
- $I_\gamma > 10\% \times I_\gamma^{\text{max}}$
- - -  $\gamma$  Decay (Uncertain)
- Coincidence

Decay Scheme

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

$^{166}\text{Ta}_{93}$   $(2^+)$   $0$   $34.4 \text{ s } 5$   
 $Q_\epsilon = 7760.40$   
 $\% \epsilon + \% \beta^+ = 100$

