

$^{204}\text{Au}$   $\beta^-$  decay [1984Cr01](#)

Type	Author	History	Citation	Literature Cutoff Date
Full Evaluation	C. J. Chiara and F. G. Kondev		NDS 111,141 (2010)	1-Oct-2009

Parent:  $^{204}\text{Au}$ :  $E=0.0$ ;  $J^\pi=(2^-)$ ;  $T_{1/2}=39.8$  s 9;  $Q(\beta^-)=3940$ ;  $\% \beta^-$  decay=100.0

[1984Cr01](#):  $^{204}\text{Au}$  parent produced via  $^{204}\text{Hg}(n,p)$  reaction; natural Hg target;  $E(n)=14$  MeV. Measured  $\gamma$  singles with Ge,  $\gamma\gamma$  coin with Ge-Ge(Li);  $\Delta E=1.7$  and  $2.3$  keV at  $1332$  keV for Ge and Ge(Li), 10% efficiency for both; 2-min irradiation followed by 30-35 s delay and 2 min count. Measured  $\gamma(t)$  spectra for  $E_\gamma$  in 400-1000 keV or 1800-2400 keV range, in 6 15-s intervals;  $T_{1/2}(^{204}\text{Au})$  determined from  $\gamma(t)$  of  $436.6\gamma$ ,  $691.7\gamma$ , and  $723.0\gamma$ .

Other: [1972Pa06](#).

[Additional information 1.](#)

 $^{204}\text{Hg}$  Levels

[Additional information 2.](#)

E(level) <sup>†</sup>	$J^\pi$ <sup>‡</sup>	Comments
0	$0^+$	
436.552 8	$2^+$	
1128.23 11	$4^+$	<a href="#">Additional information 3.</a>
1828.71 11	$(2^-)$	<a href="#">Additional information 4.</a>
1841.38 11	$1^+$	<a href="#">Additional information 5.</a>
1851.26 10	$(2,3)^+$	<a href="#">Additional information 6.</a>
1947.69 11	$2^+$	<a href="#">Additional information 7.</a>
1989.36 10	$(2^+)$	<a href="#">Additional information 8.</a>
2088.51 10	$2^+$	<a href="#">Additional information 9.</a>
2117.0 5	$2^+$	<a href="#">Additional information 10.</a>
2140.86 10	$(1^+,2^+,3^+)$	<a href="#">Additional information 11.</a>
2264.36 18	$(1,2,3)$	<a href="#">Additional information 12.</a>
2300.20 14	$(2^+,3)$	<a href="#">Additional information 13.</a>
2385.9 4	$1^+,2^+$	<a href="#">Additional information 14.</a>
2395.6 4	$1,2,3$	<a href="#">Additional information 15.</a>
2465.46 20	$(2)^+$	<a href="#">Additional information 16.</a>
2726.6 3	$(2^+,3)$	<a href="#">Additional information 17.</a>
2812.83 24	$3^-$	<a href="#">Additional information 18.</a>

<sup>†</sup> From a least-squares fit to  $E_\gamma$ .

<sup>‡</sup> From Adopted Levels.

 $\beta^-$  radiations

[1972Pa06](#) measured with a plastic scin an endpoint energy  $\approx 3300$  keV with  $T_{1/2}=30-40$  s, which can be associated with decay of  $^{202,204}\text{Au}$  used on evaluators' estimate of relative yields of the  $436.6\gamma$  ( $^{204}\text{Au}$ ) and  $439.6\gamma$  ( $^{202}\text{Au}$ , normalized to account for 90%  $\beta^-$  to g.s.) from Fig.1 of [1972Pa06](#), this is consistent with  $Q(\beta^-)(^{202}\text{Au})=2950$  keV and systematic  $Q(\beta^-)(^{204}\text{Au})=3900$  keV.

[1967Wa23](#) report  $E(\beta^-)=3500$  keV  $200$  with  $T_{1/2}\approx 30$  s and  $E(\beta^-)=4500$  keV  $300$  with  $T_{1/2}\approx 4$  s; decay with the latter lifetime was not confirmed by [1972Pa06](#) or [1984Cr01](#). [1984Cr01](#) deduce  $I\beta^-$  to g.s.<10% from estimate of (n,p) cross sections; other  $I\beta^-$  branches are from  $\gamma+ce$  intensity balance, assuming negligible feeding to g.s.

The total energy calculated with the program RADLST for  $\beta^-$  decay of  $^{204}\text{Au}$  is  $4267$  keV  $155$ , compared to the Q value from systematics,  $3940$  keV, indicating that the decay scheme is incomplete.

[Additional information 19.](#)

$^{204}\text{Au}$   $\beta^-$  decay 1984Cr01 (continued) $\beta^-$  radiations (continued)

E(decay)	E(level)	$I\beta^-^\dagger$	Log $ft$	Comments
(1127.17 24)	2812.83	0.66 7	$\approx 6.0$	av $E\beta=378.84$
(1213.4 3)	2726.6	0.61 19	$\approx 6.2$	av $E\beta=412.77$
(1474.54 20)	2465.46	0.35 6	$\approx 6.7$	av $E\beta=517.77$
(1544.4 4)	2395.6	2.9 5	$\approx 5.9$	av $E\beta=546.34$
(1554.1 4)	2385.9	0.10 5	$\approx 7.4$	av $E\beta=550.32$
(1639.80 14)	2300.20	2.0 4	$\approx 6.1$	av $E\beta=585.62$
(1675.64 18)	2264.36	2.03 16	$\approx 6.2$	av $E\beta=600.46$
(1799.14 10)	2140.86	3.11 19	$\approx 6.1$	av $E\beta=651.87$
(1823.0 5)	2117.0	0.20 7	$\approx 7.3$	av $E\beta=661.85$
(1851.49 10)	2088.51	1.05 8	$\approx 6.6$	av $E\beta=673.79$
(1950.64 10)	1989.36	5.9 4	$\approx 6.0$	av $E\beta=715.48$
				<a href="#">Additional information 20.</a>
(1992.31 11)	1947.69	26.5 14	$\approx 5.3$	av $E\beta=733.07$
(2088.74 10)	1851.26	31.5 16	$\approx 5.3$	av $E\beta=773.85$
(2098.62 11)	1841.38	3.8 6	$\approx 6.3$	av $E\beta=778.05$
				<a href="#">Additional information 21.</a>
(2111.29 11)	1828.71	21.7 12	$\approx 5.5$	av $E\beta=783.43$
				<a href="#">Additional information 22.</a>
(2811.77 $^\ddagger$ 11)	1128.23	<0.7	>8.8 <sup>1u</sup>	av $E\beta=1053.00$
(3503.448 8)	436.552	<2	>7.4	av $E\beta=1386.43$
				$I\beta^-$ : No feeding to this level was deduced from either <a href="#">1984Cr01</a> or <a href="#">1972Pa06</a> . In both works, more $\gamma$ intensity was identified feeding this level than depopulating it.
(3940 $^\ddagger$ )	0	<10	>8.5 <sup>1u</sup>	av $E\beta=1541.47$

$^\dagger$  Absolute intensity per 100 decays.

$^\ddagger$  Existence of this branch is questionable.

 $\gamma(^{204}\text{Hg})$ 

$I\gamma$  normalization: Based on the assumption that  $I\beta^-$  to g.s. is negligible and  $\Sigma \text{Ti(to g.s.)}=100\%$ .

All intense  $\gamma$ 's are in coin with  $E\beta>500$  keV ([1972Pa06](#)).

[Additional information 23.](#)

$E_\gamma^\ddagger$	$I_\gamma^\&$	$E_i(\text{level})$	$J_i^\pi$	$E_f$	$J_f^\pi$	Mult. @	$\alpha^\dagger$	Comments
436.551 8	100 4	436.552	2 <sup>+</sup>	0	0 <sup>+</sup>	E2	0.0378	$\alpha(\text{K})=0.0263$ 4; $\alpha(\text{L})=0.00870$ 13; $\alpha(\text{M})=0.00216$ 3; $\alpha(\text{N+..})=0.000636$ 9 $\alpha(\text{N})=0.000538$ 8; $\alpha(\text{O})=9.50\times 10^{-5}$ 14; $\alpha(\text{P})=3.47\times 10^{-6}$ 5 $E_\gamma$ : From adopted gammas. $E_\gamma=436.56$ keV 5 in <a href="#">1984Cr01</a> . <a href="#">Additional information 25.</a>
554.7 3	3.0 5	2395.6	1,2,3	1841.38	1 <sup>+</sup>			$T_{1/2}=70$ s 20; <a href="#">1984Cr01</a> suggest possibility this may be due to 53 s 2, $E_\gamma\approx 690$ keV $\gamma$ from $^{203}\text{Au}$ $\beta^-$ decay ( <a href="#">1972Bu42</a> ). However, no such $\gamma$ was later confirmed to be from $^{203}\text{Au}$ $\beta^-$ decay (see <a href="#">2005Ko20</a> ); evaluator rejects this possible origin.
*654.9 $^\#$ 4	9.0 8							
691.74 15	26.4 8	1128.23	4 <sup>+</sup>	436.552	2 <sup>+</sup>	E2	0.01285	$\alpha(\text{K})=0.00991$ 14; $\alpha(\text{L})=0.00224$ 4; $\alpha(\text{M})=0.000538$ 8; $\alpha(\text{N+..})=0.0001603$ 23

Continued on next page (footnotes at end of table)

$^{204}\text{Au} \beta^-$  decay 1984Cr01 (continued) $\gamma(^{204}\text{Hg})$  (continued)

$E_\gamma$ ‡	$I_\gamma$ &	$E_i(\text{level})$	$J_i^\pi$	$E_f$	$J_f^\pi$	Mult. @	$\alpha^\dagger$	Comments
								$\alpha(\text{N})=0.0001345$ 19; $\alpha(\text{O})=2.45 \times 10^{-5}$ 4; $\alpha(\text{P})=1.313 \times 10^{-6}$ 19 Additional information 26.
723.00 16	24.4 7	1851.26	(2,3) <sup>+</sup>	1128.23	4 <sup>+</sup>	M1+E2	0.023 12	$\alpha(\text{K})=0.019$ 10; $\alpha(\text{L})=0.0033$ 14; $\alpha(\text{M})=0.0008$ 3; $\alpha(\text{N}+..)=0.00024$ 10 $\alpha(\text{N})=0.00020$ 8; $\alpha(\text{O})=3.7 \times 10^{-5}$ 15; $\alpha(\text{P})=2.6 \times 10^{-6}$ 14
897.9 6	0.30 19	2726.6	(2 <sup>+</sup> ,3)	1828.71	(2 <sup>-</sup> )			
1172.0 1	1.8 4	2300.20	(2 <sup>+</sup> ,3)	1128.23	4 <sup>+</sup>			
1392.15 11	24.2 6	1828.71	(2 <sup>-</sup> )	436.552	2 <sup>+</sup>	(E1)	0.001391 20	$E_\gamma$ : From adopted gammas. $\alpha=0.001391$ 20; $\alpha(\text{K})=0.001080$ 16; $\alpha(\text{L})=0.0001589$ 23; $\alpha(\text{M})=3.63 \times 10^{-5}$ 5; $\alpha(\text{N}+..)=0.000115$ $\alpha(\text{N})=9.08 \times 10^{-6}$ 13; $\alpha(\text{O})=1.714 \times 10^{-6}$ 24; $\alpha(\text{P})=1.320 \times 10^{-7}$ 19; $\alpha(\text{IPF})=0.0001042$ 15
1404.82 12	4.24 20	1841.38	1 <sup>+</sup>	436.552	2 <sup>+</sup>	M1+E2	0.0048 17	$\alpha=0.0048$ 17; $\alpha(\text{K})=0.0040$ 14; $\alpha(\text{L})=0.00064$ 21; $\alpha(\text{M})=0.00015$ 5; $\alpha(\text{N}+..)=0.00010$ 3 $\alpha(\text{N})=3.7 \times 10^{-5}$ 12; $\alpha(\text{O})=7.1 \times 10^{-6}$ 23; $\alpha(\text{P})=5.3 \times 10^{-7}$ 20; $\alpha(\text{IPF})=5.0 \times 10^{-5}$ 12
1414.72 11	9.6 3	1851.26	(2,3) <sup>+</sup>	436.552	2 <sup>+</sup>	M1+E2	0.0048 17	$\alpha=0.0048$ 17; $\alpha(\text{K})=0.0039$ 14; $\alpha(\text{L})=0.00063$ 21; $\alpha(\text{M})=0.00015$ 5; $\alpha(\text{N}+..)=0.00010$ 3 $\alpha(\text{N})=3.7 \times 10^{-5}$ 12; $\alpha(\text{O})=6.9 \times 10^{-6}$ 23; $\alpha(\text{P})=5.3 \times 10^{-7}$ 20; $\alpha(\text{IPF})=5.3 \times 10^{-5}$ 13
1511.10 12	27.7 7	1947.69	2 <sup>+</sup>	436.552	2 <sup>+</sup>	[M1+E2]	0.0041 14	$\alpha=0.0041$ 14; $\alpha(\text{K})=0.0034$ 11; $\alpha(\text{L})=0.00054$ 17; $\alpha(\text{M})=0.00013$ 4; $\alpha(\text{N}+..)=0.00013$ 4 $\alpha(\text{N})=3.1 \times 10^{-5}$ 10; $\alpha(\text{O})=5.9 \times 10^{-6}$ 19; $\alpha(\text{P})=4.5 \times 10^{-7}$ 16; $\alpha(\text{IPF})=8.9 \times 10^{-5}$ 22
1552.8 1	6.51 19	1989.36	(2 <sup>+</sup> )	436.552	2 <sup>+</sup>			
1598.4 3	0.37 7	2726.6	(2 <sup>+</sup> ,3)	1128.23	4 <sup>+</sup>			
1680.4 5	0.22 7	2117.0	2 <sup>+</sup>	436.552	2 <sup>+</sup>	M1+E2	0.0034 10	$E_\gamma$ : From adopted gammas. $\alpha=0.0034$ 10; $\alpha(\text{K})=0.0026$ 8; $\alpha(\text{L})=0.00042$ 12; $\alpha(\text{M})=0.00010$ 3; $\alpha(\text{N}+..)=0.00020$ 5 $\alpha(\text{N})=2.4 \times 10^{-5}$ 7; $\alpha(\text{O})=4.6 \times 10^{-6}$ 14; $\alpha(\text{P})=3.5 \times 10^{-7}$ 12; $\alpha(\text{IPF})=0.00017$ 4
1704.3 1	3.42 14	2140.86	(1 <sup>+</sup> ,2 <sup>+</sup> ,3 <sup>+</sup> )	436.552	2 <sup>+</sup>	(M1+E2)	0.0033 10	$E_\gamma$ : placed by evaluators based on the 1680.9 $\gamma$ in adopted gammas. Additional information 31. $\alpha=0.0033$ 10; $\alpha(\text{K})=0.0026$ 8;

Continued on next page (footnotes at end of table)

$^{204}\text{Au}$   $\beta^-$  decay 1984Cr01 (continued) $\gamma(^{204}\text{Hg})$  (continued)

$E_\gamma$ <sup>‡</sup>	$I_\gamma$ <sup>&amp;</sup>	$E_i(\text{level})$	$J_i^\pi$	$E_f$	$J_f^\pi$	Mult. <sup>@</sup>	$\alpha^\dagger$	Comments
								$\alpha(\text{L})=0.00041$ 12; $\alpha(\text{M})=9.\text{E}-5$ 3; $\alpha(\text{N}+..)=0.00021$ 5 $\alpha(\text{N})=2.4\times 10^{-5}$ 7; $\alpha(\text{O})=4.5\times 10^{-6}$ 13; $\alpha(\text{P})=3.4\times 10^{-7}$ 11; $\alpha(\text{IPF})=0.00018$ 5 $E_\gamma$ : From adopted gammas.
<sup>x</sup> 1817.4 6	0.16 7							Additional information 24.
1827.80 18	2.23 14	2264.36	(1,2,3)	436.552	2 <sup>+</sup>			$E_\gamma$ : Placed by evaluator based on the 1827.4 $\gamma$ in (n,n' $\gamma$ ) (see adopted gammas). Additional information 32.
1841.38 19	2.91 11	1841.38	1 <sup>+</sup>	0	0 <sup>+</sup>	M1	0.00357 5	$\alpha=0.00357$ 5; $\alpha(\text{K})=0.00271$ 4; $\alpha(\text{L})=0.000429$ 6; $\alpha(\text{M})=9.90\times 10^{-5}$ 14; $\alpha(\text{N}+..)=0.000339$ 5 $\alpha(\text{N})=2.48\times 10^{-5}$ 4; $\alpha(\text{O})=4.71\times 10^{-6}$ 7; $\alpha(\text{P})=3.70\times 10^{-7}$ 6; $\alpha(\text{IPF})=0.000310$ 5 Additional information 27.
1851.7 <sup>#a</sup> 4	$\leq 0.28$	1851.26	(2,3) <sup>+</sup>	0	0 <sup>+</sup>			Additional information 28.
1863.3 3	0.39 4	2300.20	(2 <sup>+</sup> ,3)	436.552	2 <sup>+</sup>			$E_\gamma, I_\gamma$ : From adopted gammas.
1947.76 20	1.47 11	1947.69	2 <sup>+</sup>	0	0 <sup>+</sup>	[E2]	0.00197 3	$\alpha=0.00197$ 3; $\alpha(\text{K})=0.001432$ 20; $\alpha(\text{L})=0.000227$ 4; $\alpha(\text{M})=5.24\times 10^{-5}$ 8; $\alpha(\text{N}+..)=0.000259$ 4 $\alpha(\text{N})=1.311\times 10^{-5}$ 19; $\alpha(\text{O})=2.47\times 10^{-6}$ 4; $\alpha(\text{P})=1.85\times 10^{-7}$ 3; $\alpha(\text{IPF})=0.000243$ 4 Additional information 29.
1959.0 <sup>#</sup> 4	$\leq 0.29$	2395.6	1,2,3	436.552	2 <sup>+</sup>			$E_\gamma$ : From adopted gammas.
2028.9 2	0.38 6	2465.46	(2) <sup>+</sup>	436.552	2 <sup>+</sup>			Additional information 34.
2088.5 1	1.15 7	2088.51	2 <sup>+</sup>	0	0 <sup>+</sup>	E2	0.00183 3	$\alpha=0.00183$ 3; $\alpha(\text{K})=0.001263$ 18; $\alpha(\text{L})=0.000198$ 3; $\alpha(\text{M})=4.57\times 10^{-5}$ 7; $\alpha(\text{N}+..)=0.000322$ 5 $\alpha(\text{N})=1.144\times 10^{-5}$ 16; $\alpha(\text{O})=2.16\times 10^{-6}$ 3; $\alpha(\text{P})=1.631\times 10^{-7}$ 23; $\alpha(\text{IPF})=0.000308$ 5 $E_\gamma$ : From adopted gammas. Additional information 30.
2376.26 24	0.72 7	2812.83	3 <sup>-</sup>	436.552	2 <sup>+</sup>	[E1]	0.001321 19	$\alpha=0.001321$ 19; $\alpha(\text{K})=0.000448$ 7; $\alpha(\text{L})=6.47\times 10^{-5}$ 9; $\alpha(\text{M})=1.476\times 10^{-5}$ 21; $\alpha(\text{N}+..)=0.000793$ 1 $\alpha(\text{N})=3.69\times 10^{-6}$ 6; $\alpha(\text{O})=6.99\times 10^{-7}$ 10; $\alpha(\text{P})=5.52\times 10^{-8}$ 8; $\alpha(\text{IPF})=0.000789$ 11 Additional information 35.
2385.9 4	0.11 5	2385.9	1 <sup>+</sup> ,2 <sup>+</sup>	0	0 <sup>+</sup>			Additional information 33. $E_\gamma$ : From adopted gammas.

Continued on next page (footnotes at end of table)

---

$^{204}\text{Au}$   $\beta^-$  decay    **1984Cr01** (continued)

$\gamma(^{204}\text{Hg})$  (continued)

† [Additional information 36](#).

‡ From [1984Cr01](#), with assignment to  $^{204}\text{Au}$   $\beta^-$  decay based on  $T_{1/2}$  and on  $\gamma\gamma$ -coin; other: [1972Pa06](#). For  $E_\gamma < 400$  keV, sensitivity was reduced by Pb absorbers;  $\gamma\gamma$  not recorded if  $E_\gamma < 400$  keV.

# Assigned to both  $^{204}\text{Au}$  and  $^{202}\text{Au}$  ([1984Cr01](#)).

@ From adopted  $\gamma$ 's.

& For absolute intensity per 100 decays, multiply by 0.91 4.

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




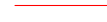
<sup>x</sup>  $\gamma$  ray not placed in level scheme.

$^{204}\text{Au} \beta^-$  decay 1984Cr01

Decay Scheme

Intensities:  $I_\gamma$  per 100 parent decays

Legend

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

