

²¹⁶Bi β⁻ decay (128 s) [2024An09,2025Li06](#)

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Full Evaluation	C. Morse	NDS 209,409 (2026)	5-Aug-2025

Parent: ²¹⁶Bi: E=0; J^π=(8⁻); T_{1/2}=128 s 4; Q(β⁻)=4092 11; %β⁻ decay=100

²¹⁶Bi-Q(β⁻): From [2021Wa16](#).

[2024An09](#): ²¹⁶Bi produced by spallation of a 50-g/cm² UC_x target by 1.4 GeV protons at ISOLDE (CERN). Isotopes diffused out of the target and were laser ionized by RILIS, then delivered to the ISOLDE Decay Station and deposited on a tape. Four HPGe clover detectors were used for γ-rays and a plastic scintillator detected coincident β particles. Measured E_γ, I_γ, and analyzed βγ and γγ coincidences; deduced decay scheme.

[2025Li06](#): ²¹⁶Bi produced at ISOLDE (CERN) by spallation of a 50-g/cm² UC_x target by 1.4 GeV protons. Reaction products diffused out of the target and were laser ionized by RILIS and transported to a decay tape station. Four HPGe clover detectors were used for γ-ray spectroscopy, a plastic scintillator detected β particles, and two LaBr₃ detectors were used for γ-ray timing measurements. Measured E_γ, excited-state half-lives.

See [2014Mo02](#) (²³⁸U fragmentation on ⁹Be target at GSI), [2000Ku06](#) (²³²ThC₂ spallation by 1 GeV proton beam at ISOLDE), and [1990Ru02](#) (thorium carbide spallation by 200 MeV proton beam at Orsay) for earlier β-decay work.

²¹⁶Po Levels

E(level) [#]	J ^π [‡]	T _{1/2} [@]	E(level) [#]	J ^π [‡]	T _{1/2} [@]	E(level) [#]	J ^π [‡]
0 [†]	0 ⁺		1802.7 5	(7,8,9)	155 ps 14	2271.1? 4	(7,8 ⁺)
549.80 [†] 20	2 ⁺	11 ps 5	1814.3 5	(6 ⁺)		2338.2 5	(7,8 ⁺)
968.6 [†] 3	(4 ⁺)	21 ps 5	1873.9 5	(7,8,9)		2509.0 5	(7,8,9)
1328.2 [†] 4	(6 ⁺)	31 ps 5	1890.3 4	(6 ⁺ ,7,8)		2613.6 5	(7,8,9)
1551.5 [†] 4	(8 ⁺)	409 ps 16	1979.9 5	(7,8,9)		2727.5? 5	(7,8,9)
1611.5? 3	(6 ⁺)		2038.8 5	(7,8,9)		2761.3 6	(7,8,9)
1699.3 5	(7,8,9)		2182.1 5	(7,8,9)		2850.4 5	(7,8,9)
1785.7 4	(6 ⁺ ,7,8)		2234.3 5	(7,8,9)			

[†] Seq.(A): Yrast sequence.

[‡] From Adopted Levels.

[#] From a least-squares fit to E_γ.

[@] From [2025Li06](#).

β⁻ radiations

av Eβ: [Additional information 1](#).

E(decay)	E(level)	Iβ ⁻ [‡]	Log ft	Comments
(1242 11)	2850.4	0.27 4	7.26 7	av Eβ=419.8 43
(1331 11)	2761.3	0.32 11	7.29 15	av Eβ=455.0 44
(1365 11)	2727.5?	0.43 11	7.21 11	av Eβ=468.6 44
(1478 11)	2613.6	0.33 11	7.45 15	av Eβ=513.9 44
(1583 11)	2509.0	0.55 3	7.335 30	av Eβ=556.5 45
(1754 11)	2338.2	0.95 15	7.26 7	av Eβ=626.5 45
(1821 11)	2271.1?	0.95 15	7.33 7	av Eβ=654.2 46
(1858 11)	2234.3	10.71 11	6.307 17	av Eβ=669.6 46
(1910 11)	2182.1	2.3 4	7.02 8	av Eβ=691.2 46
(2053 11)	2038.8	4.2 7	6.88 7	av Eβ=751.0 46
(2112 11)	1979.9	1.95 12	7.258 31	av Eβ=775.8 46
(2202 11)	1890.3	1.4 3	7.47 9	av Eβ=813.7 46
(2218 11)	1873.9	4.44 6	6.982 17	av Eβ=820.4 46

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E(decay)	E(level)	$I\beta^{-\ddagger}$	Log ft	Comments
(2278 11)	1814.3	3.3 16	8.29 ^{1u} 21	av $E\beta=800.3$ 44
(2289 11)	1802.7	17.08 18	6.450 16	av $E\beta=850.5$ 47
(2306 11)	1785.7	0.80 4	7.792 27	av $E\beta=857.7$ 47
(2393 11)	1699.3	3.73 6	7.186 17	av $E\beta=894.6$ 47
(2481 11)	1611.5?	1.2 4	8.94 ^{1u} 15	av $E\beta=882.3$ 45
(2541 11)	1551.5	44.2 11	6.213 19	av $E\beta=957.7$ 47
(2764 11)	1328.2	<2.7	>8.9 ^{1u}	av $E\beta=998.2$ 45

[†] Deduced during evaluation from intensity balance at each level.

[‡] Absolute intensity per 100 decays.

 $\gamma(^{216}\text{Po})$

I_γ normalization: Calculated by assuming no β feeding to the 4^+ state, and requiring that $\Sigma I_\gamma(1+\alpha)=100$ for decay to the 4^+ state.

E_γ	$I_\gamma^\#$	$E_i(\text{level})$	J_i^π	E_f	J_f^π	Mult. [†]	α^\ddagger	Comments
147.8 2	4.05 6	1699.3	(7,8,9)	1551.5	(8 ⁺)			% $I_\gamma=3.73$ 6
223.3 2	74.4 5	1551.5	(8 ⁺)	1328.2	(6 ⁺)	[E2]	0.322 5	% $I_\gamma=68.6$ 5 $\alpha(\text{K})=0.1306$ 18; $\alpha(\text{L})=0.1427$ 21; $\alpha(\text{M})=0.0376$ 5; $\alpha(\text{N})=0.00963$ 14; $\alpha(\text{O})=0.001859$ 27 $\alpha(\text{P})=0.0001777$ 26
251.2 2	19.07 12	1802.7	(7,8,9)	1551.5	(8 ⁺)			% $I_\gamma=17.58$ 12
283.3 [@] 3	0.7 2	1611.5?	(6 ⁺)	1328.2	(6 ⁺)	(M1+E2)	0.37 22	% $I_\gamma=0.65$ 18 $\alpha(\text{K})=0.28$ 20; $\alpha(\text{L})=0.070$ 15; $\alpha(\text{M})=0.0171$ 28; $\alpha(\text{N})=0.0044$ 7; $\alpha(\text{O})=0.00089$ 18 $\alpha(\text{P})=1.04\times 10^{-4}$ 34
322.4 2	4.82 6	1873.9	(7,8,9)	1551.5	(8 ⁺)			% $I_\gamma=4.44$ 6
359.6 2	100	1328.2	(6 ⁺)	968.6	(4 ⁺)	[E2]	0.0748 11	% $I_\gamma=92.20$ 20 $\alpha(\text{K})=0.0447$ 6; $\alpha(\text{L})=0.02254$ 32; $\alpha(\text{M})=0.00579$ 8; $\alpha(\text{N})=0.001487$ 21; $\alpha(\text{O})=0.000292$ 4 $\alpha(\text{P})=3.01\times 10^{-5}$ 4 B(E2)(W.u.)=37 +7-5
^x 360.4 3	0.7 3							% $I_\gamma=0.65$ 28
418.8 2		968.6	(4 ⁺)	549.80	2 ⁺	[E2]	0.0498 7	$\alpha(\text{K})=0.0321$ 5; $\alpha(\text{L})=0.01328$ 19; $\alpha(\text{M})=0.00338$ 5; $\alpha(\text{N})=0.000868$ 12; $\alpha(\text{O})=0.0001717$ 24 $\alpha(\text{P})=1.823\times 10^{-5}$ 26
428.4 2	1.91 7	1979.9	(7,8,9)	1551.5	(8 ⁺)			% $I_\gamma=1.76$ 6
457.5 2	0.87 4	1785.7	(6 ⁺ ,7,8)	1328.2	(6 ⁺)			% $I_\gamma=0.80$ 4
486.1 3	2.2 7	1814.3	(6 ⁺)	1328.2	(6 ⁺)	E0+M1+(E2)		$\alpha(\text{exp})=1.1$ 4 (2024An09); % $I_\gamma=2.0$ 6
487.3 2	4.6 7	2038.8	(7,8,9)	1551.5	(8 ⁺)			Mult.: From $\alpha(\text{exp})$. % $I_\gamma=4.2$ 6
523.9 2	0.49 4	2338.2	(7,8 ⁺)	1814.3	(6 ⁺)			% $I_\gamma=0.45$ 4
535.5 3	0.54 15	2338.2	(7,8 ⁺)	1802.7	(7,8,9)			% $I_\gamma=0.50$ 14
549.8 2		549.80	2 ⁺	0	0 ⁺	[E2]	0.0257 4	$\alpha(\text{K})=0.01826$ 26; $\alpha(\text{L})=0.00560$

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E_γ	I_γ #	$E_i(\text{level})$	J_i^π	E_f	J_f^π	Mult. †	α^\ddagger	Comments
								8; $\alpha(\text{M})=0.001399$ 20; $\alpha(\text{N})=0.000359$ 5; $\alpha(\text{O})=7.20\times 10^{-5}$ 10 $\alpha(\text{P})=8.04\times 10^{-6}$ 11
562.1 2	1.5 3	1890.3	(6 ⁺ ,7,8)	1328.2	(6 ⁺)			%I γ =1.38 28
630.6 2	2.5 4	2182.1	(7,8,9)	1551.5	(8 ⁺)			%I γ =2.3 4
642.9 @ 2	1.0 2	1611.5?	(6 ⁺)	968.6	(4 ⁺)	(E2)	0.01812 25	%I γ =0.92 18 $\alpha(\text{K})=0.01338$ 19; $\alpha(\text{L})=0.00358$ 5; $\alpha(\text{M})=0.000883$ 12; $\alpha(\text{N})=0.0002267$ 32 $\alpha(\text{O})=4.58\times 10^{-5}$ 6; $\alpha(\text{P})=5.25\times 10^{-6}$ 7
651.6 @ 4	0.21 11	1979.9	(7,8,9)	1328.2	(6 ⁺)			%I γ =0.19 10
659.6 @ 2	0.69 10	2271.1?	(7,8 ⁺)	1611.5?	(6 ⁺)			%I γ =0.64 9
682.8 2	11.62 11	2234.3	(7,8,9)	1551.5	(8 ⁺)			%I γ =10.71 10
694.7 2	0.60 3	2509.0	(7,8,9)	1814.3	(6 ⁺)			%I γ =0.553 28
719.8 @ 4	0.34 12	2271.1?	(7,8 ⁺)	1551.5	(8 ⁺)			%I γ =0.31 11
1062.1 3	0.36 12	2613.6	(7,8,9)	1551.5	(8 ⁺)			%I γ =0.33 11
1176.0 @ 3	0.47 12	2727.5?	(7,8,9)	1551.5	(8 ⁺)			%I γ =0.43 11
1209.8 4	0.35 11	2761.3	(7,8,9)	1551.5	(8 ⁺)			%I γ =0.32 10
1298.9 3	0.29 4	2850.4	(7,8,9)	1551.5	(8 ⁺)			%I γ =0.27 4

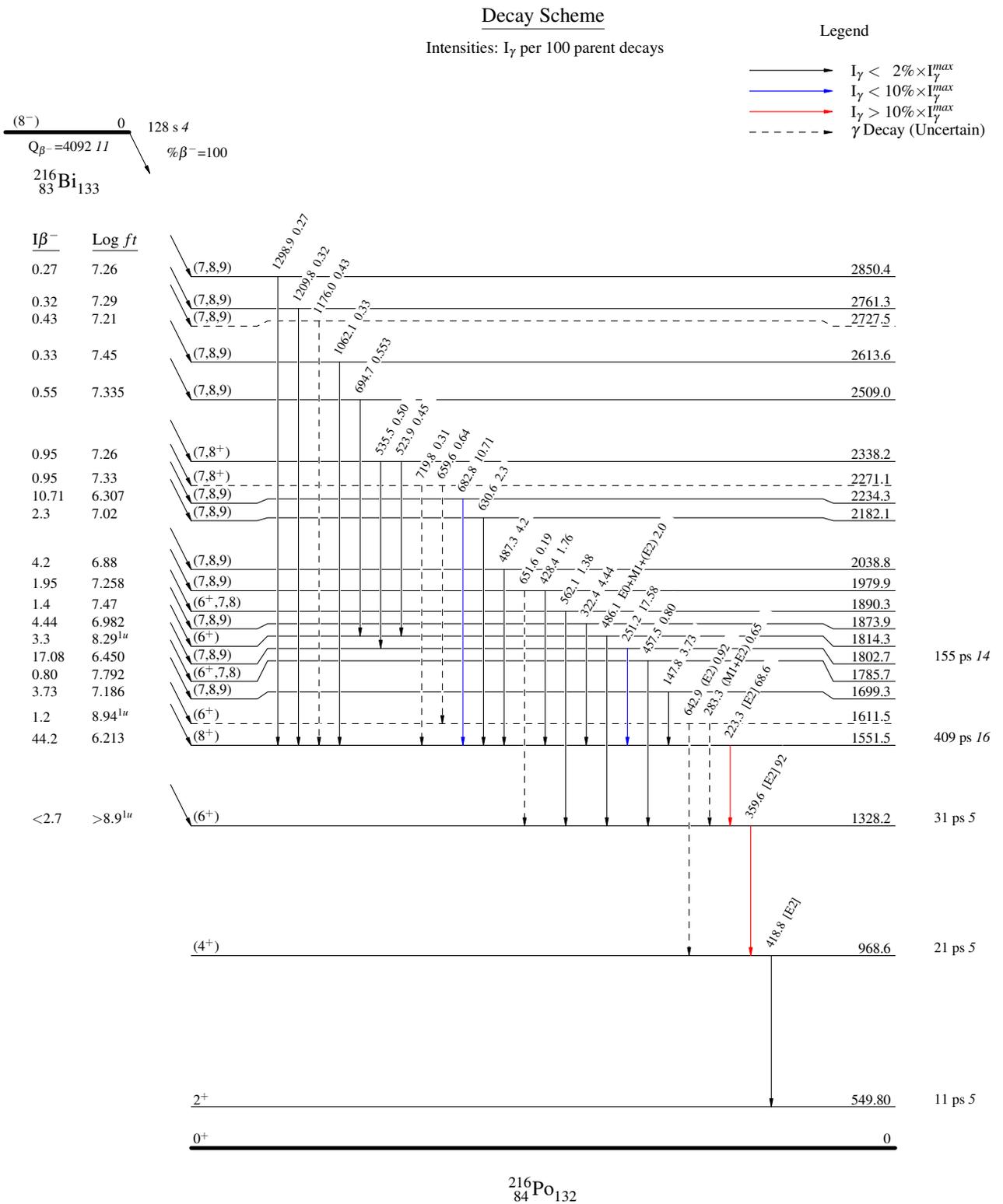
† From Adopted Gammas.

‡ [Additional information 2.](#)

For absolute intensity per 100 decays, multiply by 0.922 2.

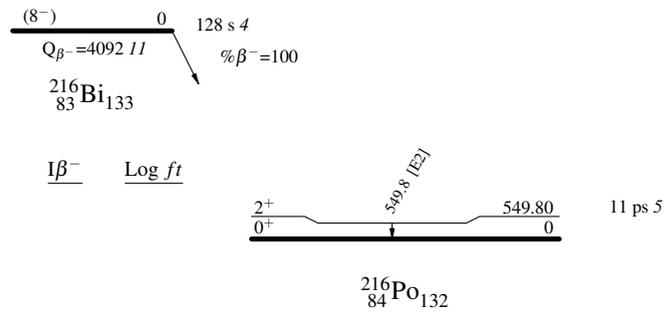
@ Placement of transition in the level scheme is uncertain.

x γ ray not placed in level scheme.

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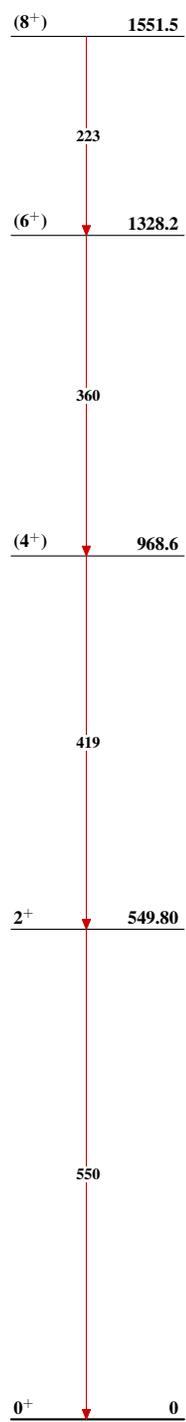
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Decay Scheme (continued)

Intensities: I_γ per 100 parent decays

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Seq.(A): Yrast sequence

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