# <sup>222</sup>Pa $\alpha$ decay (4.1 ms) 1970Bo13,1979Sc09,2019Mi08

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Parent:  $^{222}$ Pa: E=0.0;  $T_{1/2}$ =4.1 ms 6;  $Q(\alpha)$ =8890 syst;  $\%\alpha$  decay=100

2019Mi08:  $^{222}$ Pa activities obtained from the  $\alpha$ -decay chains starting from  $^{226}$ Np or in  $^{181}$ Ta( $^{48}$ Ca,X),E=212, 217, 226 MeV at the UNILAC accelerator of GSI facility. Evaporation residues (ERs) were separated by the SHIP velocity filter and implanted into the COMPAct Spectroscopy Set-up (COMPASS), consisting of silicon detectors. Measured energy and time spectra of correlations between ERs and  $\alpha$  particles from subsequent decays; deduced E $\alpha$  and half-lives of decays of  $^{222}$ Pa and  $^{218}$ Ac.

Additional information 1.

# <sup>218</sup>Ac Levels

# $\frac{\text{E(level)}^{\dagger}}{(0.0)}$ $\approx 193$ $\approx 407$ $\approx 529$ $\approx 560$

≈580

## $\alpha$ radiations

$E\alpha^{\dagger}$	E(level)	$I\alpha^{\ddagger \&}$	HF#	Comments
8160 <sup>@</sup>	≈580	≈17 <sup>@</sup>	≈16 <sup>@</sup>	
8180 <sup>@</sup>	≈560	≈17 <sup>@</sup>	≈18 <sup>@</sup>	
8210 <sup>@</sup>	≈529	≈17 <sup>@</sup>	≈22 <sup>@</sup>	I $\alpha$ (8210 $\alpha$ + 8180 $\alpha$ + 8160 $\alpha$ ) $\approx$ 50 (1970Bo13). Other: 8.31 MeV 4 (2019Mi08), emitted from the decay of <sup>222</sup> Pa, only when the activity of <sup>222</sup> Pa is produced directly in a reaction, not from the <sup>226</sup> Np $\alpha$ -decay chain, which may suggest an isomer in <sup>222</sup> Pa.
8330	≈407	≈20	≈40	E $\alpha$ : $\alpha$ peak is strongly mixed somewhat with 8.36 MeV- $\alpha$ line emitted by $^{214}$ Fr activity. Other: 8.47 MeV 4 (2019Mi08).
8540	≈193	≈30	≈105	E $\alpha$ : $\alpha$ peak is mixed somewhat with $\alpha$ lines emitted by $^{214m}$ Fr activity. Other: 8.63 MeV 4 (2019Mi08).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>†</sup> From 1970Bo13. Uncertainty is not given by the authors, but expected to be ≈20 keV, based on data for other isotopes in the paper. Only one  $\alpha$  of 8210 keV was observed by 1979Sc09. In 2019Mi08, two main peaks were reported at 8.63 and 8.47 MeV, and a third one at 8.31 MeV. It appears that  $\alpha$  energies are about 100 keV higher in 2019Mi08, as compared to those in 1970Bo13. Note that statistics are much weaker in 2019Mi08 as compared to those in 1970Bo13.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>222</sup>Pa-T<sub>1/2</sub>: Unweighted average of 4.5 ms 3 (2019Mi08, time correlations between <sup>222</sup>Pa fragments and subsequent α decays); 3.3 ms 3 (1995AnZY); 2.9 ms +6-4 (1979Sc09); 5.7 ms 5 (1970Bo13). In <sup>222</sup>Pa Adopted Levels in the ENSDF database (March 2011 update), value is adopted from 1979Sc09.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>222</sup>Pa-Q( $\alpha$ ): 8890 50 (syst, 2017Wa10).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>222</sup>Pa-%α decay: Only α decay has been observed for the decay of <sup>222</sup>Pa. Theoretical partial  $T_{1/2}$ =21.3 s for <sup>222</sup>Pa ε decay (2019Mo01) gives %ε+%β<sup>+</sup>=0.02.

<sup>1970</sup>Bo13: measured  $E\alpha$ ,  $I\alpha$ , hindrance factors, half-life of decay of  $^{222}$ Pa.

<sup>1979</sup>Sc09: measured  $E\alpha$ , half-life of decay of  $^{222}$ Pa.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>†</sup> Level energies are deduced from Q( $\alpha$ )=8890 50 (syst, 2017Wa10) and E $\alpha$  values given here.

<sup>‡</sup> From 1970Bo13

<sup>#</sup>  $r_0(^{218}\text{Ac})=1.5515$  79, obtained using  $r_0(^{218}\text{Ra})=1.5571$  17,  $r_0(^{216}\text{Ra})=1.5664$  65,  $r_0(^{220}\text{Th})=1.5514$  30, and  $r_0(^{218}\text{Th})=1.529$  15

### $^{222}\text{Pa}~\alpha$ decay (4.1 ms) 1970Bo13,1979Sc09,2019Mi08 (continued)

# $\alpha$ radiations (continued)

<sup>@</sup> Complex peak in 1970Bo13, too broad to be a single peak. Authors divide the peak in the three components. Total multiplet intensity  $\approx$ 50 divided equally by the evaluators between the three  $\alpha$  groups. 
<sup>&</sup> Absolute intensity per 100 decays.