

$^{224}\text{Pa}$   $\alpha$  decay **1996Li05**

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Parent:  $^{224}\text{Pa}$ :  $E=0$ ;  $J^\pi=(5^-)$ ;  $T_{1/2}=0.79$  s 6;  $Q(\alpha)=7694$  5;  $\% \alpha$  decay=100

[Additional information 1.](#)

 $^{220}\text{Ac}$  Levels

**1996Li05**: measured  $\alpha$ ,  $\gamma$ , ce,  $\alpha\gamma$ , ( $\alpha$ )(ce), ( $\alpha$ )( $\gamma$ )(ce).

**1990An19**: measured  $\alpha$ .

**1987FuZT**: measured  $\alpha$ , time correlated  $\alpha\alpha$ .

The decay scheme is that proposed by **1996Li05**, and is based on  $\gamma$ ,  $\alpha$ ,  $\alpha\gamma$  and ( $\alpha$ )(ce) measurements.

**1987FuZT** also measured  $E\alpha$  and  $I\alpha$  and the results, although in general agreement with those from **1996Li05**, show some discrepancies. In particular, **1987FuZT** reported an  $\alpha$  group with  $E\alpha=7528$  keV which feeds a 28-keV level. This  $\alpha$  group was not seen in **1996Li05**.

Evaluators have significantly modified the decay scheme by introducing a 28-keV level, as suggested in **1987FuZT**. Thus, the 28-keV  $\gamma$  ray reported in **1996Li05** is probably a doublet. The individual intensities have been adjusted to produce a more consistent transition-intensity balance in the decay scheme, and to reproduce the experimental alpha-particle intensities. The multipolarity of the 40.7-keV  $\gamma$  ray has been reported as M1 in **1996Li05**. Evaluators, however, have assigned an M1+3%E2 multipolarity to the  $\gamma$  ray for consistency in the decay-scheme transition intensity balance, since its conversion coefficient is very sensitive to an E2 admixture. Using this interpretation, the sum of the  $\gamma$ -ray transition intensities to the g.s. and 13-keV is 116 (13)%.

**1990An19** observed two  $\alpha$  groups with  $E\alpha=7460$  (25%) and 7555 (75%) which they were interpreted to belong to a parent of  $^{220}\text{Ac}$ . These results are in disagreement with those reported in **1996Li05**.

E(level) <sup>†</sup>	$J^\pi$ <sup>‡</sup>	Comments
0.0	(3 <sup>-</sup> )	
13.79 13	(2 <sup>-</sup> )	
28?		E(level): level suggested by $\alpha$ group reported in <b>1987FuZT</b> .
40.69 10	(4 <sup>-</sup> )	
68.71 14	(5 <sup>-</sup> )	
71.56 20	(1 <sup>-</sup> )	
108.51 18	(3 <sup>-</sup> )	
113.30 20	(1 <sup>-</sup> )	
145.6? 3		$I\alpha=2.6\%$ 9, from $\gamma$ -ray transition intensity balance.
150.18 14	(4 <sup>-</sup> )	
153.00 10	(2 <sup>-</sup> )	
184.21 16	(3 <sup>-</sup> )	
233.81 17	(5 <sup>+</sup> )	
263.22 15	(4 <sup>+</sup> )	
312.0 8		
335.18 20		
356.1 3		
411.9 7		

<sup>†</sup> From least squares fit to  $\gamma$ -ray energies.

<sup>‡</sup> Proposed by **1996Li05**, based on  $\gamma$ -ray multiplicities,  $\alpha$  hindrance factors, and shell model expectations.

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$\alpha$  radiations

$E\alpha^\dagger$	E(level)	$I\alpha^\ddagger@$	HF $^\ddagger$	Comments
7151	411.9	<0.05	>340	$I\alpha=0.04\%$ , from $\gamma$ -ray transition intensity balance.
7205	356.1	0.2	$1.8\times 10^2$ 8	$E\alpha=7191$ , $I\alpha=0.7\%$ 2 reported in 1987FuZT. $I\alpha=0.43\%$ 7, from $\gamma$ -ray transition intensity balance.
7226	335.18	0.1	$3.2\times 10^2$ 18	$E\alpha=7221$ , $I\alpha=1.3\%$ 4 from 1987FuZT. $I\alpha=0.39\%$ 5, from $\gamma$ -ray transition intensity balance.
7249	312.0	0.1	$3.9\times 10^2$ 22	$I\alpha=0.03\%$ , from $\gamma$ -ray transition intensity balance.
7297	263.22	2.0	29 16	$E\alpha=7.292$ , $I\alpha=3.6\%$ 5 reported in 1987FuZT. $I\alpha=2.7\%$ 2, from $\gamma$ -ray transition intensity balance.
7326	233.81	1.5	49 27	Two $\alpha$ groups with $E\alpha=7337$ , $I\alpha=1.4\%$ 3 and $E\alpha=7316$ , $I\alpha=1.9\%$ 3 reported in 1987FuZT. $I\alpha=1.0\%$ 2, from $\gamma$ -ray transition intensity balance.
7375	184.21	2.5	43 24	$I\alpha=3.3\%$ 3, from $\gamma$ -ray transition intensity balance.
7405	153.00	12 <sup>#</sup>	12 6	$I\alpha=11.2\%$ 8, from $\gamma$ -ray transition intensity balance.
7408	150.18	4.0 <sup>#</sup>	35 20	$I\alpha=3.5\%$ 5, from $\gamma$ -ray transition intensity balance.
7444	113.30	2.5	75 40	$I\alpha=1.1\%$ 2, from $\gamma$ -ray transition intensity balance.
7449	108.51	4.0	49 27	$I\alpha=3.9\%$ 12, from $\gamma$ -ray transition intensity balance.
7484	71.56	<0.7	>370	$I\alpha<3.4\%$ , from $\gamma$ -ray transition intensity balance.
7488	68.71	70	3.8 21	$I\alpha=66\%$ 3 from 1987FuZT. $I\alpha=71\%$ 8, from $\gamma$ -ray transition intensity balance.
7515	40.69	<0.5	>660	$I\alpha\approx 13\%$ from $\gamma$ -ray transition intensity balance.
7528	28?	2.9 6	125	$I\alpha=1.3\%$ 2, from $\gamma$ -ray transition intensity balance. $E\alpha, I\alpha$ : From 1987FuZT, $\alpha$ group not seen in 1996Li05.
7542	13.79	<0.5	>810	
7556	0.0	<0.5	>900	

<sup>†</sup> From 1996Li05, unless otherwise noted.

<sup>‡</sup>  $t_{1/2}(^{220}\text{Ac})=1.530$  20.

<sup>#</sup> 1987FuZT reported one  $\alpha$  group with  $E\alpha=7408$  and  $I\alpha=17\%$  2.

<sup>@</sup> Absolute intensity per 100 decays.

$\gamma(^{220}\text{Ac})$

All  $\gamma$ -ray data are from 1996Li05.

$E_\gamma$	$I_\gamma^\ddagger&$	$E_i(\text{level})$	$J_i^\pi$	$E_f$	$J_f^\pi$	Mult. <sup>#</sup>	$\alpha^\dagger$	Comments
(13.8)		13.79	(2 <sup>-</sup> )	0.0	(3 <sup>-</sup> )	[M1,E2]	$2.1\times 10^4$ 21	$\alpha(\text{M})=1.6\times 10^4$ 16; $\alpha(\text{N}+..)=5.E3$ 6 $\alpha(\text{N})=4.E3$ 5; $\alpha(\text{O})=9.E2$ 9; $\alpha(\text{P})=1.4\times 10^2$ 14; $\alpha(\text{Q})=0.30$ 9 Mult.: $\alpha(\text{M}1)=304$ , $\alpha(\text{E}2)=43000$ .
28.0 <sup>@</sup> 1	3.0 4	28?		0.0	(3 <sup>-</sup> )	[E1]	3.34 6	$\alpha(\text{L})=2.50$ 5; $\alpha(\text{M})=0.634$ 11; $\alpha(\text{N}+..)=0.202$ 4 $\alpha(\text{N})=0.163$ 3; $\alpha(\text{O})=0.0340$ 6; $\alpha(\text{P})=0.00487$ 8; $\alpha(\text{Q})=0.000164$ 3 $I_\gamma$ : Evaluators have interpreted this $\gamma$ ray as a doublet with $I_\gamma(\text{doublet})=8.1$ (6) (1996Li05). $I_\gamma=3.0$ 4 and E1 multipolarity was assumed from decay-scheme balance consistency.
28.0 <sup>@</sup> 1	5.1 5	68.71	(5 <sup>-</sup> )	40.69	(4 <sup>-</sup> )	M1	143 3	$\alpha(\text{L})=108.4$ 19; $\alpha(\text{M})=26.1$ 5; $\alpha(\text{N}+..)=8.86$ 16 $\alpha(\text{N})=6.93$ 13; $\alpha(\text{O})=1.61$ 3; $\alpha(\text{P})=0.298$ 6; $\alpha(\text{Q})=0.0266$ 5 $I_\gamma$ : Evaluators have interpreted this $\gamma$ ray as a doublet with $I_\gamma(\text{doublet})=8.1$ (6) (1996Li05).

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<sup>224</sup>Pa α decay **1996Li05** (continued)

γ(<sup>220</sup>Ac) (continued)

<u>E<sub>γ</sub></u>	<u>I<sub>γ</sub><sup>†</sup>&amp;</u>	<u>E<sub>i</sub>(level)</u>	<u>J<sub>i</sub><sup>π</sup></u>	<u>E<sub>f</sub></u>	<u>J<sub>f</sub><sup>π</sup></u>	<u>Mult.<sup>#</sup></u>	<u>δ</u>	<u>α<sup>†</sup></u>	<u>Comments</u>
39.5 <sup>a</sup>		153.00	(2 <sup>-</sup> )	113.30	(1 <sup>-</sup> )	[M1,E2]		5.×10 <sup>2</sup> 5	I <sub>γ</sub> =5.1 5 was assumed from decay scheme balance consistency. α(L)=3.E2 3; α(M)=9.E1 9; α(N+..)=3.E1 3 α(N)=25 23; α(O)=5 5; α(P)=0.9 8; α(Q)=0.007 3 <b>Additional information 3.</b>
40.7 1	13.4 8	40.69	(4 <sup>-</sup> )	0.0	(3 <sup>-</sup> )	M1+E2	0.18	70.3 12	α(L)=52.7 9; α(M)=13.21 22; α(N+..)=4.45 8 α(N)=3.50 6; α(O)=0.795 14; α(P)=0.1388 23; α(Q)=0.00860 14 Mult.: Reported as M1 in <b>1996Li05</b> . Evaluators adopted M1+E2 for transition-intensity balance purposes.
57.8 2	2.6 9	71.56	(1 <sup>-</sup> )	13.79	(2 <sup>-</sup> )	[M1]		17.0 3	α(L)=12.83 23; α(M)=3.08 6; α(N+..)=1.046 19 α(N)=0.817 15; α(O)=0.190 4; α(P)=0.0352 6; α(Q)=0.00313 6
67.8 2	3.8 10	108.51	(3 <sup>-</sup> )	40.69	(4 <sup>-</sup> )	M1		10.63 18	α(L)=8.05 14; α(M)=1.93 4; α(N+..)=0.655 11 α(N)=0.512 9; α(O)=0.1191 20; α(P)=0.0220 4; α(Q)=0.00196 4
74.0 2	2.7 9	145.6?		71.56	(1 <sup>-</sup> )	[M1]		8.74 13	α(L)=19 13; α(M)=5 4; α(N+..)=1.7 12 α(N)=1.3 10; α(O)=0.29 21; α(P)=0.05 3; α(Q)=0.0009 7 Mult.: Assumed by evaluators from γ-ray transition intensity balance. <b>Additional information 2.</b>
81.5 3	≤3.0	153.00	(2 <sup>-</sup> )	71.56	(1 <sup>-</sup> )	M1		6.22 11	α(L)=4.71 9; α(M)=1.129 20; α(N+..)=0.383 7 α(N)=0.300 6; α(O)=0.0697 13; α(P)=0.01288 23; α(Q)=0.001145 21
109.5 1	3.0 3	150.18	(4 <sup>-</sup> )	40.69	(4 <sup>-</sup> )	M1		13.07	α(K)=10.43 15; α(L)=2.00 3; α(M)=0.480 7; α(N+..)=0.1628 24 α(N)=0.1272 19; α(O)=0.0296 5; α(P)=0.00547 8; α(Q)=0.000486 7
113.1 2	5.1 5	263.22	(4 <sup>+</sup> )	150.18	(4 <sup>-</sup> )	E1		0.360	α(K)=0.278 4; α(L)=0.0623 10; α(M)=0.01506 23; α(N+..)=0.00498 8 α(N)=0.00394 6; α(O)=0.000880 13; α(P)=0.0001488 22; α(Q)=8.47×10 <sup>-6</sup> 13
113.3 2	1.6 3	113.30	(1 <sup>-</sup> )	0.0	(3 <sup>-</sup> )	(E2)		6.07 10	α(K)=0.266 4; α(L)=4.25 7; α(M)=1.163 19; α(N+..)=0.388 7 α(N)=0.309 5; α(O)=0.0675 11; α(P)=0.01059 18; α(Q)=5.02×10 <sup>-5</sup> 8
139.2 1	4.8 4	153.00	(2 <sup>-</sup> )	13.79	(2 <sup>-</sup> )	M1		6.65	α(K)=5.32 8; α(L)=1.003 15; α(M)=0.241 4; α(N+..)=0.0817 12 α(N)=0.0638 9; α(O)=0.01484 21; α(P)=0.00275 4; α(Q)=0.000243 4
151.0 2	1.7 5	335.18		184.21	(3 <sup>-</sup> )				<b>Additional information 5.</b>
153.0 1	10.7 7	153.00	(2 <sup>-</sup> )	0.0	(3 <sup>-</sup> )	M1		5.08	α(K)=4.07 6; α(L)=0.766 11; α(M)=0.184 3; α(N+..)=0.0623 9

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$E_\gamma$	$I_\gamma^{\ddagger\&}$	$E_i(\text{level})$	$J_i^\pi$	$E_f$	$J_f^\pi$	Mult. #	$\alpha^\dagger$	Comments
154.7 2	2.8 6	263.22	(4 <sup>+</sup> )	108.51	(3 <sup>-</sup> )	[E1]	0.1705	$\alpha(\text{N})=0.0487$ 7; $\alpha(\text{O})=0.01133$ 16; $\alpha(\text{P})=0.00209$ 3; $\alpha(\text{Q})=0.000186$ 3 $\alpha(\text{K})=0.1340$ 20; $\alpha(\text{L})=0.0276$ 4; $\alpha(\text{M})=0.00665$ 10; $\alpha(\text{N}+..)=0.00221$ 4
165.1 1	8.4 15	233.81	(5 <sup>+</sup> )	68.71	(5 <sup>-</sup> )	E1	0.1458	$\alpha(\text{N})=0.00174$ 3; $\alpha(\text{O})=0.000393$ 6; $\alpha(\text{P})=6.77\times 10^{-5}$ 10; $\alpha(\text{Q})=4.21\times 10^{-6}$ 6
170.5 3	1.9 3	184.21	(3 <sup>-</sup> )	13.79	(2 <sup>-</sup> )	M1	3.74	$\alpha(\text{K})=0.1150$ 17; $\alpha(\text{L})=0.0234$ 4; $\alpha(\text{M})=0.00563$ 8; $\alpha(\text{N}+..)=0.00187$ 3 $\alpha(\text{N})=0.001476$ 21; $\alpha(\text{O})=0.000333$ 5; $\alpha(\text{P})=5.76\times 10^{-5}$ 9; $\alpha(\text{Q})=3.64\times 10^{-6}$ 6
182.0 4	$\approx 1.0$	335.18		153.00	(2 <sup>-</sup> )			$\alpha(\text{K})=3.00$ 5; $\alpha(\text{L})=0.563$ 9; $\alpha(\text{M})=0.1349$ 20; $\alpha(\text{N}+..)=0.0458$ 7
184.2 2	6.3 5	184.21	(3 <sup>-</sup> )	0.0	(3 <sup>-</sup> )	M1	3.01	$\alpha(\text{N})=0.0358$ 6; $\alpha(\text{O})=0.00832$ 13; $\alpha(\text{P})=0.001539$ 23; $\alpha(\text{Q})=0.0001364$ 21 <b>Additional information 6.</b>
194.5 1	15.7 10	263.22	(4 <sup>+</sup> )	68.71	(5 <sup>-</sup> )	E1	0.0986	$\alpha(\text{K})=2.41$ 4; $\alpha(\text{L})=0.452$ 7; $\alpha(\text{M})=0.1083$ 16; $\alpha(\text{N}+..)=0.0368$ 6 $\alpha(\text{N})=0.0287$ 5; $\alpha(\text{O})=0.00668$ 10; $\alpha(\text{P})=0.001236$ 18; $\alpha(\text{Q})=0.0001095$ 16
247.6 3	1.8 5	356.1		108.51	(3 <sup>-</sup> )			$\alpha(\text{K})=0.0782$ 11; $\alpha(\text{L})=0.01544$ 22; $\alpha(\text{M})=0.00371$ 6; $\alpha(\text{N}+..)=0.001235$ 18
287.4 3	2.1 5	356.1		68.71	(5 <sup>-</sup> )			$\alpha(\text{N})=0.000974$ 14; $\alpha(\text{O})=0.000220$ 3; $\alpha(\text{P})=3.84\times 10^{-5}$ 6; $\alpha(\text{Q})=2.53\times 10^{-6}$ 4 <b>Additional information 9.</b>
294.7 5	$\approx 0.8$	335.18		40.69	(4 <sup>-</sup> )			<b>Additional information 10.</b>
298.2 7	$\approx 0.3$	312.0		13.79	(2 <sup>-</sup> )			<b>Additional information 7.</b>
315.8 7	$\approx 0.4$	356.1		40.69	(4 <sup>-</sup> )			<b>Additional information 4.</b>
335.0 7	$\approx 0.4$	335.18		0.0	(3 <sup>-</sup> )			<b>Additional information 11.</b>
398.0 10	$\approx 0.2$	411.9		13.79	(2 <sup>-</sup> )			<b>Additional information 8.</b>
412.0 10	$\approx 0.2$	411.9		0.0	(3 <sup>-</sup> )			<b>Additional information 12.</b> <b>Additional information 13.</b>

<sup>†</sup> **Additional information 14.**

<sup>‡</sup>  $I_\gamma$  per 1000 $\alpha$ .

# Based on  $\alpha(\text{K})_{\text{exp}}$  and  $\alpha(\text{L})_{\text{exp}}$  and K/L ratios, values not given.

@ Possible doublet.

& For absolute intensity per 100 decays, multiply by 0.10.

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

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Decay Scheme

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)

Intensities:  $I_{(\gamma+ce)}$  per 100 decays through this branch

