

Adopted Levels

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$Q(\beta^-) = -5360$ SY; $S(n) = 6520$ SY; $S(p) = 3020$ SY; $Q(\alpha) = 9840$ SY [2012Wa38](#)

Estimated uncertainties ([2012Wa38](#)): 220 for $Q(\beta^-)$, 140 for $S(n)$, 120 for $S(p)$, 100 for $Q(\alpha)$.

$S(2n) = 14950$ 110, $S(2p) = 4570$ 110, $Q(\epsilon p) = 2530$ 110 ([2012Wa38](#)); all values from systematic trend.

[2015Kh09](#): ^{221}U produced in $^{176}\text{Yb}(^{50}\text{Ti}, 5n), E(^{50}\text{Ti}^{12+} = 231\text{--}255$ MeV reaction. The $^{50}\text{Ti}^{12+}$ pulsed beam produced by the UNILAC at GSI. Target = 0.45 mg/cm² 5 thick $^{176}\text{YbF}_3$ mounted on a rotating wheel, synchronized with the beam pulses. Evaporation residues (ER), separated by using gas-filled TransActinide Separator and Chemistry Apparatus (TASCA) with flight time of 0.53 μs through the separator, were implanted in a double-sided silicon strip detector. The events due to radioactive decays of implanted residues were selected from the events related to beam using a multiwire proportional counter (MWPC). Measured $E\alpha$, $I\alpha$, ER- α correlated events from subsequent α -decay chains, half-lives of parent nuclei corresponding to the evaporation residues, and successive α -decay daughters, the latter identified by their known characteristics in literature. The identification of ^{221}U was made based on observed ER- α , two- or three-signal correlated events using a fast data acquisition and combined analog and digital (CANDI) readout system. A total of 26 ER traces were recorded for ^{221}U and analyzed with subsequent α decay chain: $^{221}\text{U} \rightarrow ^{217}\text{Th} \rightarrow ^{213}\text{Ra}$. FWHM ≈ 40 keV for 8.7 MeV α particles, recorded as single events, ≈ 110 keV and ≈ 180 keV for multiple α events stored in a single trace with time differences of 1 μs and 0.17 μs , respectively. Deduced α -decay reduced widths.

Other: [2001Ni06](#): tentative formation in the $^{221}\text{U} + ^{217}\text{Th}$ channel in $\text{Ce}(^{82}\text{Se}, X), E(\text{c.m.}) = 215\text{--}253$ MeV reaction, with evaporation residue cross-section of 17 to 21.6 nb at energies of 215 to 238 MeV.

Theoretical structure calculations: [2013To12](#), [2010To07](#), [2008Ad04](#).

 ^{221}U Levels

E(level)	J^π	$T_{1/2}$	Comments
0	(9/2 ⁺)	0.66 μs 14	$\% \alpha \approx 100$ Only the α decay observed by 2015Kh09. Decay mode $\% \alpha \approx 100$ is based on theoretical half-lives of 1.3 μs for α decay and >100 s for β^- decay (1997Mo25). E(level): it is assumed that the 0.66-μs activity corresponds to the ground state of ^{221}U. J^π: assignment proposed by 2015Kh09 based on systematics, and favored α transitions involving $\nu 2g_{9/2}$ orbital for $N=129$ nuclei. $T_{1/2}$: from fitting of the ER-α decay correlated curve for the 9710α peak from ^{221}U decay to a single exponential (2015Kh09). Measured $E\alpha = 9.71$ MeV 5 from the decay of ^{221}U to ^{217}Th (2015Kh09).