

^{227}Pa α decay [1989Ah05,1990Sh15,1963Su10](#)

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Parent: ^{227}Pa : $E=0.0$; $J^\pi=(5/2^-)$; $T_{1/2}=38.3$ min 3; $Q(\alpha)=6580.0$ 21; $\% \alpha$ decay=85 2

^{227}Pa - $\% \alpha$ decay: from $\varepsilon K(\text{exp})/\alpha=0.18$ 2 ([1951Me10](#)).

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Mass-separated sources. Measured E_γ , I_γ , Ice, $\alpha\gamma$ coin, $(\alpha)(\text{ce})$ coin. Detectors:Ge(Li), Si(Li), plastic scin, Si ([1989Ah05,1990Sh15](#)). Other: [1963Su10](#).

Measured $(\alpha)(\text{ce})(t)$, deduced level half-lives ([1989Ah05](#)).

See [1999Sc17](#), [1997Sc16](#) for measured $I_\alpha(\theta)$ for oriented ^{227}Pa nuclei. Others: [1996St14](#), [1994Be30](#), [1992Wo14](#).

 ^{223}Ac Levels

E(level) [#]	J^π ^{†‡}	$T_{1/2}$ ^d	Comments
0.0 [@]	$(5/2^-)^c$	2.10 min 5	$T_{1/2}$: from Adopted Levels.
4.1? ^e	$(3/2^-)$		
12.5? ^{a,f} 2	$(3/2^-)^c$		
42.4 [@] 1	$(7/2^-)^c$	≤ 0.25 ns	
50.7 ^a 1	$(5/2^-)^c$	≤ 0.25 ns	
64.62 ^{&} 4	$(5/2^+)^c$	≤ 0.25 ns	
88.9? ^e	$(3/2^+)$		
89.1? ^e	$(7/2^-)$		
90.7 [@] 1	$(9/2^-)^c$	≤ 0.25 ns	
97.3? ^f 2	$(3/2^+)$		
107.2 ^{a,f} 2	$(7/2^-)^c$	≤ 0.25 ns	
110.06 ^{&} 4	$(7/2^+)^c$	≤ 0.25 ns	
110.2? ^e	$(5/2^+)$		
130.7 ^b 1	$(7/2^+)$		
141 [@] 5	$(11/2^-)$		
167.5 ^{&} 1	$(9/2^+)^c$	≤ 0.25 ns	
185.0? ^e	$(9/2^-)$		

[†] Parity doublet rotational band assignments are from [1990Sh16](#), [1990Sh15](#), [1989Ah05](#), and [1990Ja11](#). Spin and parity assignments are based on rotational structure and γ -ray multiplicities.

[‡] Although octupole deformations are small in this region, nuclear states are no longer fully characterized by single Nilsson orbitals. This terminology, however, is used throughout this evaluation to label states rather than to accurately describe their nature.

[#] Deduced by evaluator from a least-squares fit to γ -ray energies.

[@] Band(A): 5/2(523) parity doublet rotational band.

[&] Band(B): 5/2(642) parity doublet rotational band.

^a Band(C): 3/2(532) parity doublet rotational band.

^b Band(D): 3/2(651) parity doublet rotational band.

^c From Adopted Levels.

^d From [1989Ah05](#).

^e Reported by [1990Sh15](#) only.

^f Reported by [1989Ah05](#) only.

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Transition-intensity balance for each level using γ -ray data and the decay scheme of [1990Sh15](#) could not reproduce most of the measured α -particle intensities.

$E\alpha^\dagger$	E(level)	$I\alpha^{\ddagger\#}$	HF ‡	Comments
6299 5	167.5	0.8	29	$I\alpha$: 0.6 <i>I</i> deduced by evaluator from γ -ray transition intensity balance.
6326 5	141	0.4	75	
6336 5	130.7	0.7	48	
6356.7 3	110.06	7.9 3	5.2	
6376 5	90.7	2.6	19	$I\alpha$: combined intensity to 107 and 110 levels. $I\alpha \approx 4$ (HF=11) to 110 level deduced by evaluator from γ -ray transition intensity balance.
6401.7 3	64.62	9.4 4	6.8	$I\alpha$: 3 <i>I</i> deduced by evaluator from γ -ray transition intensity balance.
6415.8 3	50.7	15.1 4	4.9	$I\alpha$: 9.7 3 deduced by evaluator from γ -ray transition intensity balance.
6423.8 3	42.4	11.7 4	6.8	$I\alpha$: 17 2 deduced by evaluator from γ -ray transition intensity balance.
6465.8 3	0.0	50.2 16	2.4	$I\alpha$: 14 8 deduced by evaluator from γ -ray transition intensity balance.
				$I\alpha$: 48 8 deduced by evaluator from γ -ray transition intensity balance.

† Intensities are per 100 α decays of ^{227}Pa ([1958Hi78](#),[1963Su10](#)). Data for $E\alpha \geq 6376$ MeV have been evaluated by [1991Ry01](#), and recommended values are presented here. Fractional uncertainties in $I\alpha$ are 2.5% ([1958Hi78](#)). Energies have been adjusted by 5.8 keV because of a change in the calibrating α -particle energies of ^{211}Bi ([1991Ry01](#)).

‡ Using $r_0(^{223}\text{Ac})=1.529$, average of $r_0(^{222}\text{Ra})=1.5383$ 8, $r_0(^{224}\text{Ra})=1.5332$ 8, $r_0(^{222}\text{Th})=1.522$ 22, and $r_0(^{224}\text{Th})=1.524$ 9 ([1998Ak04](#)).

$^\#$ For absolute intensity per 100 decays, multiply by 0.85 2.

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I_γ normalization: from $I_\gamma(65\gamma)=7.2$ 3 per 100 α 's, experimental value ([1990Sh15](#)), and $\% \alpha=85$ 2 ([1951Me10](#)). Other values: 8.2 8, deduced from γ -ray transition intensity balance ([1989Ah05](#)); 6.2, experimental value ([1963Su10](#)).

Experimental relative K x ray intensity=22 3 ([1990Sh15](#)) agrees with a value of 18 4 deduced by evaluator from the decay scheme.

All of the K x ray intensity originates from atomic vacancies created by the 110-, 125-, and 130-keV transitions.

E_γ	$I_\gamma^{\text{@\&}}$	$E_i(\text{level})$	J_i^π	E_f	J_f^π	Mult.	δ	α^a	Comments
(8.0)		50.7	(5/2 ⁻)	42.4	(7/2 ⁻)	[M1]		1542	
(12.5)		12.5?	(3/2 ⁻)	0.0	(5/2 ⁻)				
21.1 ^{#d} 1	1.1 [#] 4	110.2?	(5/2 ⁺)	89.1?	(7/2 ⁻)	(E1) [#]		7.13	$\alpha(\text{L})= 5.30$; $\alpha(\text{M})= 1.38$ Populates 89.1 ((7/2 ⁻)) or 88.9 ((3/2 ⁺)).
22.3 [‡] 1	2.1 6	64.62	(5/2 ⁺)	42.4	(7/2 ⁻)	E1		6.17	I_γ , Mult.: from 1990Sh15 .
38.4 ^{#d} 2	0.6 [#] 3	89.1?	(7/2 ⁻)	50.7	(5/2 ⁻)	(M1) [#]		59.8	$\alpha(\text{L})= 45.3$; $\alpha(\text{M})= 10.9$
42.4 [‡] 1	2.1 5	42.4	(7/2 ⁻)	0.0	(5/2 ⁻)	M1+E2	0.63 1	214	I_γ : other value: 5.0 6 (1990Sh15). Mult., δ : from $\text{ce}(\text{L1}) + \text{ce}(\text{L2})/\text{ce}(\text{L3})$ $\text{exp}=2.5+6-4$ (1989Ah05). E_γ : other value: 42.5 2 (1989Ah05).
45.6 ^{†d} 2	≈ 2.2	97.3?	(3/2 ⁺)	50.7	(5/2 ⁻)	(E1)		0.882	I_γ : from $I_\gamma(\text{doublet})=2.7$ 6 (1989Ah05) and $I_\gamma(45.6\gamma, 110 \text{ level}) \approx 0.5$. Mult.: from experimental $\alpha(\text{doublet})=5.2$ 15 (1989Ah05), assuming the other 45.6 γ which deexcites the 110 level is M1. E_γ : other value: 45.5 1 (1990Sh15).

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E_γ	I_γ @ &	$E_i(\text{level})$	J_i^π	E_f	J_f^π	Mult.	δ	α^a	Comments
45.6 [†] 2	≈0.5	110.06	(7/2 ⁺)	64.62	(5/2 ⁺)	(M1)		36.0	I_γ : from $I_\gamma(\text{doublet})=2.7$ 6, experimental $\alpha(\text{doublet})=5.2$ 15, and γ -ray transition intensity balance at 64.6 level needed to reproduce the experimental $I\alpha=9.6$. The existence of this doublet was inferred from the measured $\alpha=5.2$ 15, which could not be less than 36 (for pure M1) (1989Ah05). Mult.: from ce data (1989Ah05).
46.6 ^{#d} 2	1.5 [#] 4	50.7	(5/2 ⁻)	4.1?	(3/2 ⁻)	(M1) [#]		33.7	$\alpha(L)=$ 25.6; $\alpha(M)=$ 6.14
48.3 [‡] 1	1.4 5	90.7	(9/2 ⁻)	42.4	(7/2 ⁻)	M1		30.3	E_γ : other value: 48.5 3 (1989Ah05). I_γ : other value: 1.3 4 (1990Sh15).
50.7 ^{b‡} 1	1.9 5	50.7	(5/2 ⁻)	0.0	(5/2 ⁻)	M1+E2	0.26 1	41.9 11	E_γ : other value: 50.5 2 (1989Ah05). I_γ : other value: 2.9 6 (1990Sh15). Mult., δ : from ce(L1) + ce(L2)/ce(L3) exp=5.3+25-15 (1989Ah05).
50.7 ^{b‡#d} 1	#	141	(11/2 ⁻)	90.7	(9/2 ⁻)	M1+E2 [#]			
54.3 ^{#d} 1	2.4 [#] 4	185.0?	(9/2 ⁻)	130.7	(7/2 ⁺)	(E1) [#]		0.587	$\alpha(L)=$ 0.442; $\alpha(M)=$ 0.108; $\alpha(N+..)=$ 0.0368 Not observed by 1990Sh15 . Only ce lines were observed (1990Sh15).
56.6 [†] 2	≈2	107.2	(7/2 ⁻)	50.7	(5/2 ⁻)				E_γ : other value: 59.7 2 (1989Ah05). Mult.: from ce data (1989Ah05).
57.5 [‡]		167.5	(9/2 ⁺)	110.06	(7/2 ⁺)				
59.5 ^{c‡} 2	1.7 ^c 4	110.06	(7/2 ⁺)	50.7	(5/2 ⁻)	E1		0.459	E_γ : other value: 59.7 2 (1989Ah05). Mult.: from ce data (1989Ah05).
59.5 ^{c#d} 2	2.5 ^{c#} 4	110.2?	(5/2 ⁺)	50.7	(5/2 ⁻)	E1 [#]			
60.5 ^{#d} 3	1.0 [#] 4	64.62	(5/2 ⁺)	4.1?	(3/2 ⁻)	(E1) [#]		0.439	$\alpha(L)=$ 0.331; $\alpha(M)=$ 0.0807; $\alpha(N+..)=$ 0.0275
64.62 5	100	64.62	(5/2 ⁺)	0.0	(5/2 ⁻)	E1		0.369	Mult.: from $\alpha=0.32$ 11, $\alpha(L3)\text{exp}<0.65$, and ce(L1) + ce(L2)/ce(L3) exp= 1.6 5 (1989Ah05). E_γ : other value: 64.9 1 (1989Ah05).
67.6 [‡] 1	6.9 8	110.06	(7/2 ⁺)	42.4	(7/2 ⁻)	E1		0.327	E_γ : other value: 67.9 1 (1989Ah05). I_γ : other value: 10.1 8 (1990Sh15). Mult.: from ce data (1989Ah05).

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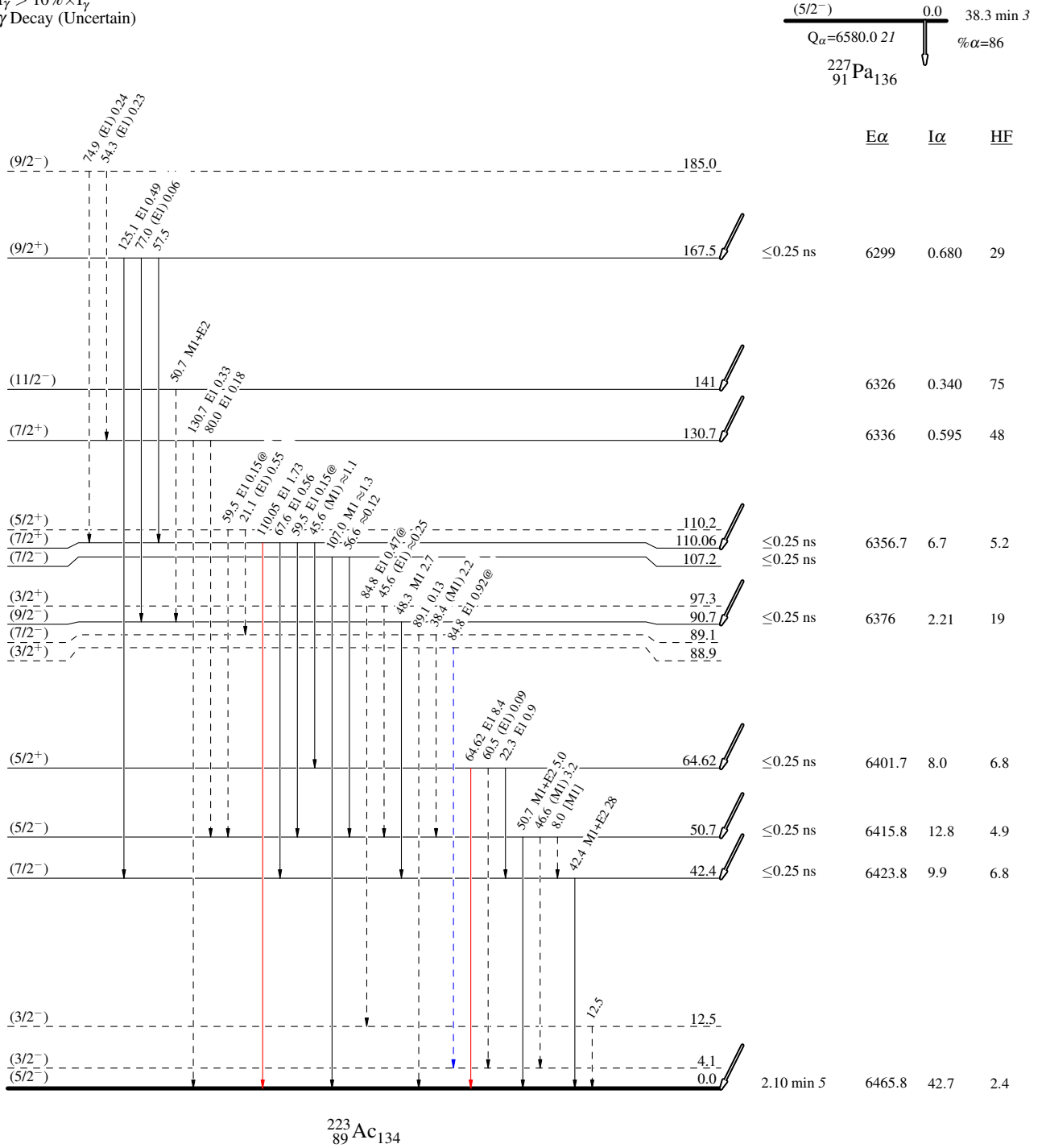
E_γ	I_γ @ &	$E_i(\text{level})$	J_i^π	E_f	J_f^π	Mult.	α^a	Comments
74.9 ^{#d} 1	3.2 [#] 6	185.0?	(9/2 ⁻)	110.06	(7/2 ⁺)	(E1) [#]	0.249	$\alpha(\text{L})= 0.188$; $\alpha(\text{M})= 0.0455$; $\alpha(\text{N}+..)= 0.0156$
77.0 [‡] 2	0.8 4	167.5	(9/2 ⁺)	90.7	(9/2 ⁻)	(E1)	0.231	$I_\gamma, \text{Mult.}$: from 1990Sh15 .
80.0 ^{#d} 1	2.4 [#] 4	130.7	(7/2 ⁺)	50.7	(5/2 ⁻)	E1 [#]	0.209	$\alpha(\text{L})= 0.158$; $\alpha(\text{M})= 0.0381$; $\alpha(\text{N}+..)= 0.0132$
84.8 ^{c#d} 1	14 ^{c#} 2	88.9?	(3/2 ⁺)	4.1?	(3/2 ⁻)	E1 [#]		
84.8 ^{c‡d} 1	6.5 ^c 9	97.3?	(3/2 ⁺)	12.5?	(3/2 ⁻)	E1	0.179	
89.1 ^{#d} 2	2.2 [#] 6	89.1?	(7/2 ⁻)	0.0	(5/2 ⁻)	[#]		
107.0 [†] 5	≈ 2.5	107.2	(7/2 ⁻)	0.0	(5/2 ⁻)	M1	7.17	I_γ : from experimental $I\alpha(6356\alpha)=8.0$, and $I\alpha\approx 4$ to 110 level. Only conversion electron lines were observed (1989Ah05).
110.05 [‡] 5	20.3 15	110.06	(7/2 ⁺)	0.0	(5/2 ⁻)	E1	0.393	E_γ : other value: 110.4 1 (1989Ah05). I_γ : other value: 31 3 (1990Sh15). Mult.: from $\alpha(\text{K})_{\text{exp}} < 1.1$ and $\alpha(\text{L})_{\text{exp}} < 2.0$ (1989Ah05).
125.1 [‡] 1	6.2 9	167.5	(9/2 ⁺)	42.4	(7/2 ⁻)	E1	0.288	E_γ : other value: 126.0 2 (1989Ah05). I_γ : other value: 7 1 (1990Sh15). Mult.: from 1990Sh15 .
130.7 ^{#d} 1	4.3 [#] 10	130.7	(7/2 ⁺)	0.0	(5/2 ⁻)	E1 [#]	0.259	$\alpha(\text{K})= 0.202$; $\alpha(\text{L})= 0.0432$; $\alpha(\text{M})= 0.0104$; $\alpha(\text{N}+..)= 0.00363$

[†] From [1989Ah05](#).[‡] From [1990Sh15](#).[#] From [1990Sh15](#). Placement in the decay scheme is considered uncertain by evaluator. Multipolarity is from ce data.[@] From [1989Ah05](#), unless otherwise specified. Authors claim all γ rays with absolute intensities > 0.2 (per 100 α' s) have been observed.[&] For absolute intensity per 100 decays, multiply by 0.061 3.^a Total theoretical internal conversion coefficients, calculated using the BrIcc code ([2008Ki07](#)) with Frozen orbital approximation based on γ -ray energies, assigned multiplicities, and mixing ratios, unless otherwise specified.^b Multiply placed.^c Multiply placed with intensity suitably divided.^d Placement of transition in the level scheme is uncertain.

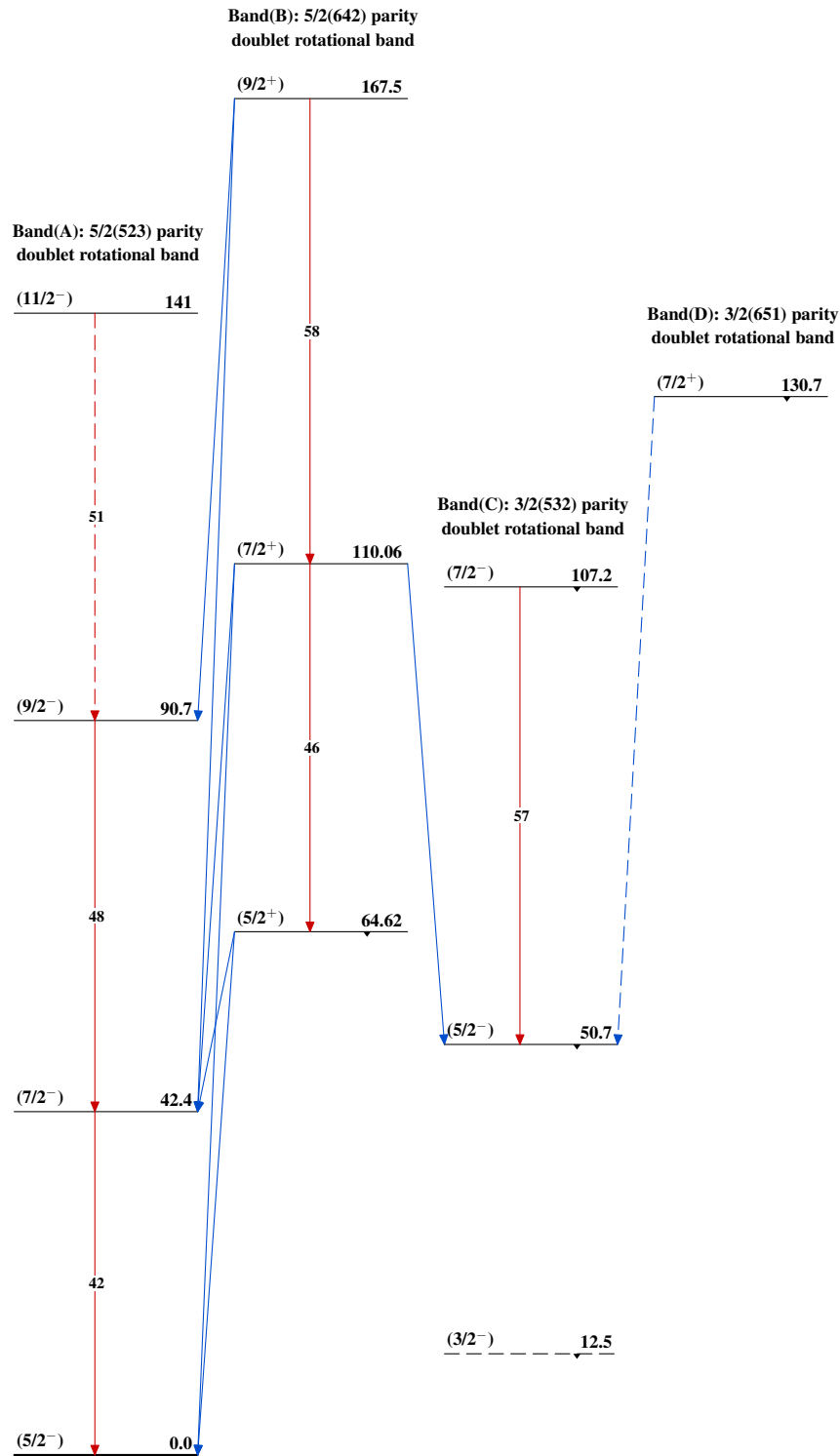
^{227}Pa α decay 1989Ah05,1990Sh15,1963Su10**Decay Scheme****Legend**

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

Intensities: $I_{(\gamma+ce)}$ per 100 parent decays
 @ Multiply placed: intensity suitably divided



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