

^{228}Th α decay (1.9125 y) [1977Ku15,1984Ge07](#)

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Parent: ^{228}Th : $E=0$; $J^\pi=0^+$; $T_{1/2}=1.9125$ y 9; $Q(\alpha)=5520.15$ 22; $\% \alpha$ decay=100

^{228}Th - $Q(\alpha)$: From [2021Wa16](#).

^{228}Th - $T_{1/2}$: 698.53 d 32 or 1.9125 y 9 (using 1 tropical year=365.2422 d). This value is the weighted average of 698.4 d 4 (from Erratum in Applied Rad. Isot. 159, 108976 (2020) to [2014Un01](#) which was revision of their previous values reported in [2002Un02](#) and [1992Un01](#)); 698.77 d 32 ([1971Jo14](#), also [1964Ei01](#)), 697.8 d 7 ([1956Ki16](#)). Others: [1964Ei01](#) give $T_{1/2}=1.91313$ y 44, a value also quoted in [1971Jo14](#) with an internal uncertainty of 0.00044 y but with a final uncertainty of 0.00088 y; [1956Ki16](#), [1964Ei03](#) and [1971Jo14](#) are from the same laboratory; 696.9 d 15, 703 d 7 ([1962Ma57](#)), 695.8 d 70 ([1918Me01](#), uncertainty of 1% mentioned by [1956Ki16](#)).

^{228}Th -Additional information 1.

^{228}Th - $\% \alpha$ decay: $\% \alpha=100$. Cluster decay: measured $\%^{20}\text{O}=1.13 \times 10^{-11}$ 22 ([1993Bo20](#)).

[1977Ku15](#) (also [1977Ku25](#)): measured $E\gamma$, $I\gamma$, $\gamma\gamma$ -coin using Ge(Li) detectors. Deduced levels, J , π , half-life, α hindrance factors.

[1984Ge07](#): measured $I\gamma$, absolute $I\gamma$ using $4\pi\alpha$ - γ counting system. Precise $E\gamma$ values were not measured in this work.

[1970Ba20](#): measured $E\alpha$, $I\alpha$ using a magnetic spectrograph. Deduced levels, J , π . See also [1976BaZZ](#).

[1989Po19](#): measured $\gamma\gamma$ -coin, $\alpha\gamma(\theta)$, ce, total-conversion coefficients from $\alpha\gamma$ -coin data.

Others:

[1973He13](#): measured g factor of first 2^+ state.

[1970SpZW](#): measured subshell ratios.

[1968Du06](#), [1966Co40](#): measured total-conversion coefficient from $\alpha\gamma$ -coin data.

α measurements: [1971Gr17](#), [1953As31](#), [1949Ro02](#). Evaluation: [1991Ry01](#).

γ ray measurements: [1982Sa36](#), [1974HeYW](#), [1973Ta25](#), [1972DaYV](#), [1957St92](#), [1954Ne01](#), [1953Ri23](#), [1953Bo45](#).

$\alpha\gamma(\theta)$ measurements: [1954St02](#), [1953Ba07](#), [1951Be42](#).

[1982Sa36](#): measured $I\gamma$ for four γ rays. The values are systematically lower than in [1977Ku15](#) and [1984Ge07](#), thus not used here.

The decay scheme is from [1977Ku15](#).

 ^{224}Ra Levels

$E(\text{level})^\dagger$	$J^\pi^\ddagger$	$T_{1/2}^\ddagger$	Comments
0	0^+	3.6319 d 23	
84.373 3	2^+	0.748 ns 19	$g=+0.46$ 11 (1973He13) $g: \alpha\gamma(\theta, H)$ (1973He13). $T_{1/2}$: weighted average of $(\alpha)(ce)(t)$ values: 0.748 ns 20 (1970To08), 0.744 ns 19 (1965Ne03), 0.76 ns 3 (1960Be25).
215.985 4	1^-		
250.783 5	4^+	0.181 ns 9	$J^\pi: 4^+$ from $\alpha\gamma(\theta)$ from 0^+ parent (1989Po19). $T_{1/2}: (\alpha)(ce)(t)$ (1965Ne03).
290.32 5	3^-		
432.89 19	$(5)^-$		
479.28 20	(6^+)		
916.39 19	0^+		
992.50 10	(2^+)		

† From least-squares fit to $E\gamma$ data.

‡ From Adopted Levels.

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α radiations					Comments
$E\alpha^\dagger$	E(level)	$I\alpha^\ddagger@$	HF [#]		
4430	992.50	$\approx 4.6 \times 10^{-6}$	≈ 7.1		
4507	916.39	1.7×10^{-5} 3	7 1		
4944	479.28	2.4×10^{-5} 5	4.6×10^3 10		
4990	432.89	1.0×10^{-5} 3	2.1×10^4 7		
5138	290.32	0.036 6	44 8		$E\alpha$: 5136.1 (1970Ba20). $I\alpha$: ≈ 0.05 (1970Ba20).
5173	250.783	0.218 8	12.5 5		$E\alpha$: 5171.5 (1970Ba20). $E\alpha$: other: 5173 (1953As31). $I\alpha$: 0.2 (1953As31), 0.18 (1970Ba20).
5211	215.985	0.408 14	10.7 4		$E\alpha$: 5208.9 (1970Ba20). $E\alpha$: other: 5208 (1953As31). $I\alpha$: 0.4 (1953As31), 0.36 (1970Ba20).
5340.36 15	84.373	26.0 10	0.96 4		$E\alpha$: measured values: 5339.2 10 (1976BaZZ), 5340.54 15 (1971Gr17), 5338.6 (1970Ba20), 5338.5 10 (1953As31), 5338 (1949Ro02). $I\alpha$: 26.7 2 (1969Pe17), 26.7 (1970Ba20), 28 (1953As31), 28 (1949Ro02). 1976BaZZ and 1970Ba20 are from the same lab.
5423.15 22	0	73.4 5	1.0		$I\alpha$: from DDEP evaluation (published in 2013BeZP); based on measurements by 1976BaZZ and 1993Ba72. $E\alpha$: measured values: 5420.6 10 (1976BaZZ), 5423.33 22 (1971Gr17), 5420.0 (1970Ba20), 5421 1 (1953As31), 5423 (1949Ro02). $I\alpha$: others: 74.0 6 (1993Ba72), 72.4 10 (1976BaZZ), 72.7 (1970Ba20) 71 (1953As31), 72 (1949Ro02).

[†] Data for the ground-state and 84-level branches are from 1991Ry01 evaluation. Others are from 1970Ba20, but increased by 2 keV by the evaluators to account for changes in calibration as deduced from a comparison of authors' values for the two strong branches with those of 1991Ry01 evaluation.

[‡] From $I(\gamma+ce)$ imbalance at each level, unless stated otherwise.

[#] HF(5423.15 α)=1.0 yields $r_0(^{224}\text{Ra})=1.53389$ fm 32, same r_0 in 2020Si16 evaluation.

[@] Absolute intensity per 100 decays.

 $\gamma(^{224}\text{Ra})$

$I\gamma$ normalization: From absolute $I\alpha=73.4$ 5 (2013BeZP evaluation based on measured values in 1976BaZZ and 1993Ba72), and summed γ transition intensity to g.s.=100-73.4 5. Others: measured values: 0.0121 6(1969Pe17), 0.01248 29 (1984Ge07), 0.019 1 (1982Sa36, this value is discrepant). Evaluation: 0.0122 2 (1991BaZS and 1986LoZT).

$E_\gamma^\dagger$	$I_\gamma^{\#&}$	$E_i(\text{level})$	J_i^π	E_f	J_f^π	Mult.	α^a	Comments
74.4 1	0.033 12	290.32	3 ⁻	215.985	1 ⁻	[E2]	38.5	$\alpha(\text{L})=28.3$ 5; $\alpha(\text{M})=7.70$ 12 $\alpha(\text{N})=2.03$ 4; $\alpha(\text{O})=0.431$ 7; $\alpha(\text{P})=0.0621$ 10; $\alpha(\text{Q})=0.0001645$ 25
84.373 [‡] 3	100.0 16	84.373	2 ⁺	0	0 ⁺	E2	21.2	$\alpha(\text{L})=15.57$ 22; $\alpha(\text{M})=4.24$ 6 $\alpha(\text{N})=1.119$ 16; $\alpha(\text{O})=0.238$ 4; $\alpha(\text{P})=0.0343$ 5; $\alpha(\text{Q})=0.0001015$ 15 $E\gamma=84.371$ 3 (1977Ku25). Mult.: L1:L2:L3=5.19 21:134.3 10:100; M1:M2:M3=5.7 6:121.9 9:100 (1970SpZW); theory(E2): L1:L2:L3=4.8:129.7:100. From $\alpha\gamma$: $\alpha(\text{exp})=21.4$ 9 (1969Pe17), 19.6 14 (1968Du06), 18 4 (1966Co40).
131.613 [‡] 4	10.70 15	215.985	1 ⁻	84.373	2 ⁺	E1 [@]	0.247	$\alpha(\text{K})=0.194$ 3; $\alpha(\text{L})=0.0406$ 6; $\alpha(\text{M})=0.00977$ 14 $\alpha(\text{N})=0.00254$ 4; $\alpha(\text{O})=0.000559$ 8;

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E_γ [†]	I_γ ^{#&}	$E_i(\text{level})$	J_i^π	E_f	J_f^π	Mult.	α^a	Comments
142.0 5	0.00011 4	432.89	(5) ⁻	290.32	3 ⁻	[E2]	2.18 5	$\alpha(\text{P})=8.92\times 10^{-5}$ 13; $\alpha(\text{Q})=4.80\times 10^{-6}$ 7 $E_\gamma=131.610$ 4 (1977Ku25). $\alpha(\text{K})=0.280$ 4; $\alpha(\text{L})=1.40$ 3; $\alpha(\text{M})=0.380$ 8 $\alpha(\text{N})=0.1004$ 22; $\alpha(\text{O})=0.0214$ 5; $\alpha(\text{P})=0.00313$ 7; $\alpha(\text{Q})=1.86\times 10^{-5}$ 4 I_γ : $I_\gamma(142.0)/I_\gamma(182.2)=0.26$ 10 is in disagreement with 0.56 13 from Adopted Gammas.
166.410 [‡] 4	8.49 12	250.783	4 ⁺	84.373	2 ⁺	E2	1.164	$\alpha(\text{K})=0.225$ 4; $\alpha(\text{L})=0.691$ 10; $\alpha(\text{M})=0.187$ 3 $\alpha(\text{N})=0.0495$ 7; $\alpha(\text{O})=0.01056$ 15; $\alpha(\text{P})=0.001553$ 22; $\alpha(\text{Q})=1.200\times 10^{-5}$ 17 $\alpha\gamma(\theta)$: $A_2=+0.55$ 6, $A_4=-0.48$ 18 (1989Po19). $E_\gamma=166.407$ 4 (1977Ku25). Mult.: from $I(\gamma+\text{ce})(161\gamma)=I\alpha(5173)=0.18$ (1970Ba20), $\alpha(\text{exp})(166\gamma)=0.73$.
182.2 2	0.00043 15	432.89	(5) ⁻	250.783	4 ⁺	[E1]	0.1127	$\alpha(\text{K})=0.0895$ 13; $\alpha(\text{L})=0.0176$ 3; $\alpha(\text{M})=0.00421$ 6 $\alpha(\text{N})=0.001100$ 16; $\alpha(\text{O})=0.000244$ 4; $\alpha(\text{P})=3.97\times 10^{-5}$ 6; $\alpha(\text{Q})=2.31\times 10^{-6}$ 4 I_γ : see comment for 142.0 γ .
205.93 5	1.61 5	290.32	3 ⁻	84.373	2 ⁺	E1	0.0842	$\alpha(\text{K})=0.0671$ 10; $\alpha(\text{L})=0.01293$ 19; $\alpha(\text{M})=0.00309$ 5 $\alpha(\text{N})=0.000807$ 12; $\alpha(\text{O})=0.000179$ 3; $\alpha(\text{P})=2.94\times 10^{-5}$ 5; $\alpha(\text{Q})=1.763\times 10^{-6}$ 25 Mult.: $\alpha(\text{K})\text{exp}<0.19$, $\alpha(\text{L})\text{exp}<0.05$, $\alpha(\text{M})\text{exp}<0.014$ (1989Po19).
215.983 [‡] 5	20.78 25	215.985	1 ⁻	0	0 ⁺	E1 [@]	0.0752	$\alpha(\text{K})=0.0600$ 9; $\alpha(\text{L})=0.01148$ 16; $\alpha(\text{M})=0.00274$ 4 $\alpha(\text{N})=0.000717$ 10; $\alpha(\text{O})=0.0001593$ 23; $\alpha(\text{P})=2.62\times 10^{-5}$ 4; $\alpha(\text{Q})=1.587\times 10^{-6}$ 23 I_γ : absolute $I_\gamma/100$ decays=0.261 3 (1984Ge07).
228.5 2	0.0015 3	479.28	(6 ⁺)	250.783	4 ⁺	[E2]	0.366	$E_\gamma=215.979$ 5 (1977Ku25). $\alpha(\text{K})=0.1243$ 18; $\alpha(\text{L})=0.178$ 3; $\alpha(\text{M})=0.0478$ 7 $\alpha(\text{N})=0.01264$ 19; $\alpha(\text{O})=0.00272$ 4; $\alpha(\text{P})=0.000406$ 6; $\alpha(\text{Q})=5.36\times 10^{-6}$ 8
700.5 5	≈ 0.00025	916.39	0 ⁺	215.985	1 ⁻	[E1]	0.00611	$\alpha(\text{K})=0.00501$ 7; $\alpha(\text{L})=0.000833$ 12; $\alpha(\text{M})=0.000196$ 3 $\alpha(\text{N})=5.15\times 10^{-5}$ 8; $\alpha(\text{O})=1.165\times 10^{-5}$ 17; $\alpha(\text{P})=2.00\times 10^{-6}$ 3; $\alpha(\text{Q})=1.472\times 10^{-7}$ 21
742.2 5	0.00012 4	992.50	(2 ⁺)	250.783	4 ⁺	[E2]	0.01624	$\alpha(\text{K})=0.01195$ 17; $\alpha(\text{L})=0.00322$ 5; $\alpha(\text{M})=0.000802$ 12 $\alpha(\text{N})=0.000211$ 3; $\alpha(\text{O})=4.71\times 10^{-5}$ 7; $\alpha(\text{P})=7.76\times 10^{-6}$ 11; $\alpha(\text{Q})=4.18\times 10^{-7}$ 6
832.0 2	0.0012 2	916.39	0 ⁺	84.373	2 ⁺	[E2]	0.01289	$\alpha(\text{K})=0.00970$ 14; $\alpha(\text{L})=0.00240$ 4; $\alpha(\text{M})=0.000594$ 9 $\alpha(\text{N})=0.0001565$ 22; $\alpha(\text{O})=3.50\times 10^{-5}$ 5; $\alpha(\text{P})=5.81\times 10^{-6}$ 9; $\alpha(\text{Q})=3.35\times 10^{-7}$ 5
908.10 10	≈ 0.00014	992.50	(2 ⁺)	84.373	2 ⁺	[M1,E2]	0.024 13	$\alpha(\text{K})=0.019$ 11; $\alpha(\text{L})=0.0036$ 17; $\alpha(\text{M})=0.0009$ 4

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<u>E_γ[†]</u>	<u>I_γ^{#&}</u>	<u>$E_i(\text{level})$</u>	<u>J_i^π</u>	<u>E_f</u>	<u>J_f^π</u>	<u>Mult.</u>	<u>α^a</u>	<u>Comments</u>
								$\alpha(\text{N})=0.00023$ 11; $\alpha(\text{O})=5.2\times 10^{-5}$ 24; $\alpha(\text{P})=9.\text{E}-6$ 5; $\alpha(\text{Q})=7.\text{E}-7$ 4
								E_γ, I_γ : from $I_\gamma/I(742\gamma)=1.14$ 26 in ^{224}Fr β^- decay in later work of these authors (1981Ku02). Spectrum in present work shows 911.2 γ labeled as a background peak.
992.9 10	≈ 0.00012	992.50	(2 ⁺)	0	0 ⁺	[E2]	0.00913	$\alpha(\text{K})=0.00705$ 10; $\alpha(\text{L})=0.001568$ 23; $\alpha(\text{M})=0.000383$ 6 $\alpha(\text{N})=0.0001010$ 15; $\alpha(\text{O})=2.27\times 10^{-5}$ 4; $\alpha(\text{P})=3.81\times 10^{-6}$ 6; $\alpha(\text{Q})=2.40\times 10^{-7}$ 4

[†] From [1977Ku15](#) unless otherwise noted.[‡] The value in [1977Ku25](#) has been adjusted by the evaluators for change in calibration of ^{198}Au line from 411.794 keV 7 (used by [1977Ku25](#)) to 411.80205 keV 17 recommended by [2000He14](#).[#] Relative to 100 for the 84 γ . Values for the strong lines (>1) are from [1984Ge07](#). Others are from [1977Ku15](#).[@] From an intensity balance at the 216 level, using $I\alpha(5211\alpha)=0.36$ ([1970Ba20](#)), both the 131 γ and 216 γ must be E1.[&] For absolute intensity per 100 decays, multiply by 0.01188 34.^a Total theoretical internal conversion coefficients, calculated using the BrIcc code ([2008Ki07](#)) with Frozen orbital approximation based on γ -ray energies, assigned multipolarities, and mixing ratios, unless otherwise specified.

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Decay Scheme

