

$^{229}\text{U } \varepsilon \text{ decay} \quad \textbf{1982Ah08,1989AhZZ}$

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Parent: ^{229}U : E=0.0; $J^\pi=(3/2^+)$; $T_{1/2}=58$ min 3; $Q(\varepsilon)=1305$ 14; % $\varepsilon+\beta^+$ decay≈80.0

Twelve of the nineteen observed γ -ray transitions have not been placed in the decay scheme. Thus, the decay scheme is incomplete, and the evaluators have not deduced neither absolute photon intensities nor ε branchings.

 $^{229}\text{Pa Levels}$

E(level) [#]	J^π [†]	Comments
0.0 ^{&}	(5/2 ⁺)	
11.2 ^{&} 7	(7/2 ⁺)	
11.6 [@] 3	(3/2 ⁻)	Additional information 1.
133.9 ^b 7	(5/2 ⁻)	
222.3 ^a 8	(3/2 ⁺)	
253.2 ^a 8	(7/2 ⁺)	
470.1 8		

[†] Adopted values.

[‡] Deduced by evaluators from least-squares fit to γ -ray energies.

There is no clear evidence of a parity doublet within 0.2 keV from ^{229}Pa g.s. as proposed in [1982Ah08](#). An alternative explanation is given rather than assuming the existence of a 0.22-keV level ([1991Gr13](#)). Evaluators have adjusted by 11.6 keV (from [1994Le22](#)) all level energies in [1982Ah08](#), a half-life of 0.42 (3) μs was measured using delayed coincidences between protactinium x-K and 80-400-ev electrons ([1982Ah08](#)).

@ Band(A): 1/2⁻[530].

& Band(B): 5/2⁺[642].

^a Band(C): 3/2⁺[651].

^b Band(D): 5/2⁻[523] + 5/2⁻[512].

 $\gamma(^{229}\text{Pa})$

E_γ [†]	I_γ [‡]	E_i (level)	J_i^π	E_f	J_f^π	Mult. [#]	α [@]	Comments
(11.0)		11.2	(7/2 ⁺)	0.0	(5/2 ⁺)			
11.6 3		11.6	(3/2 ⁻)	0.0	(5/2 ⁺)	(E1)		
^x 66.15 10	0.51 5	222.3	(3/2 ⁺)	133.9	(5/2 ⁻)	E1		E_γ , Mult.: From $^{231}\text{Pa}(P,\gamma\gamma)$ (1998Le15).
^x 88.43 10	2.2 2							
^x 114.03 10	0.47 5	253.2	(7/2 ⁺)	133.9	(5/2 ⁻)	E1		
119.24 10	0.23 3							
122.51 10	2.5 2	133.9	(5/2 ⁻)	11.6	(3/2 ⁻)	M1		
^x 126.4 2	0.13 3							
^x 132.51 10	0.35 4							
^x 144.68 10	0.40 5							
^x 198.83 10	2.2 2			M1		3.06		
^x 204.62 10	0.6 1							
211.09 10	0.43 4	222.3	(3/2 ⁺)	11.2	(7/2 ⁺)	[E2]		
216.82 10	0.61 6	470.1		253.2	(7/2 ⁺)			$\alpha(E1)=0.0805$, $\alpha(M1)=2.40$, $\alpha(E2)=0.533$.
^x 226.0 10	0.30 5							
^x 229.6 10	0.25 4							
^x 240.51 10	0.76 7							
241.92 10	0.56 6	253.2	(7/2 ⁺)	11.2	(7/2 ⁺)	[M1+E2]		
247.84 10	1.44 12	470.1		222.3	(3/2 ⁺)			$\alpha(E1)=0.0592$, $\alpha(M1)=1.66$, $\alpha(E2)=0.335$.

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 ^{229}U ε decay 1982Ah08,1989AhZZ (continued) $\gamma(^{229}\text{Pa})$ (continued)

E_γ^{\dagger}	I_γ^{\ddagger}	<u>E_i(level)</u>
$^{x}278.0$ 2	0.4 5	
$^{x}279.1$ 2	0.4 5	

[†] Measurements by 1982Ah08, 1989AhZZ.

[‡] From 1989AhZZ. Photon intensities are relative to $I(\text{Pa kx-rays})=100$.

[#] Determined by 1982Ah08 from ce measurements (data not given).

[@] 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.

^x γ ray not placed in level scheme.

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