

**<sup>231</sup>Np ε decay (48.8 min) 1973We08**

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Parent: <sup>231</sup>Np: E=0; J<sup>π</sup>=(5/2<sup>-</sup>); T<sub>1/2</sub>=48.8 min 2; Q(ε)=1820 50; %ε+%β<sup>+</sup> decay≈98.0

<sup>231</sup>Np-J<sup>π</sup>,T<sub>1/2</sub>: From <sup>231</sup>Np Adopted Levels.

<sup>231</sup>Np-Q(ε): From 2021Wa16.

<sup>231</sup>Np-%ε+%β<sup>+</sup> decay: %α≈2 and %ε+%β<sup>+</sup>≈98 from <sup>231</sup>Np Adopted Levels.

1973We08: <sup>231</sup>Np produced in <sup>233</sup>U(d,p3n),E=28 MeV at the Karlsruhe Isochronous Cyclotron, followed by chemical separation.

Measured E<sub>γ</sub>, I<sub>γ</sub> using a Ge(Li) detector. Also deduced I(β<sup>+</sup>)/I(ε)<0.001 from limit on γ<sup>±</sup>.

Evaluator's note: the decay scheme is incomplete, with no spectral information about the multipolarities and mixing ratios of γ transitions, including that for a low energy 45.1-keV transition.

<sup>231</sup>U Levels

9/2<sup>-</sup> member of configuration=ν5/2[752] (1973We08) is expected at 102 keV from rotational energy formula.

E(level) <sup>†</sup>	J <sup>π</sup>	T <sub>1/2</sub>	Comments
0.0	(5/2 <sup>-</sup> )	4.2 d 1	Configuration=ν5/2[752] (1973We08).
45.1 3	(7/2 <sup>-</sup> )		E(level): ≈42 keV from analogy with the neighboring even-odd nuclei <sup>233</sup> U, <sup>229</sup> Th and <sup>231</sup> Th. J <sup>π</sup> : 7/2 member of configuration=ν5/2[752] (1973We08).
416.1 3			
421.1 4			
481.7 4			
1153.5 4			
1268.1 4			

<sup>†</sup> From least-squares fit to E<sub>γ</sub> values.

ε,β<sup>+</sup> radiations

E(decay)	E(level)	Iβ <sup>+</sup> <sup>†</sup>	Iε <sup>†</sup>	Log ft	I(ε+β <sup>+</sup> ) <sup>†</sup>	Comments
(1.82×10 <sup>3</sup> 5)	0.0	≈0.1	≈90	≈5.9	≈90	E(decay): ≈1700. Iβ <sup>+</sup> : from measured I(K x ray)/I <sub>γ</sub> , 1973We08 deduced that at least 90% of ε feeds the ground state, and I(β <sup>+</sup> )/I(ε)<0.001 from limit on γ <sup>±</sup> . Other: I(β <sup>+</sup> )=0.19% 5 from I(β <sup>+</sup> )/I(ε) (theory) from LOGFT code.

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

γ(<sup>231</sup>U)

E <sub>γ</sub> <sup>†</sup>	I <sub>γ</sub> <sup>†</sup>	E <sub>i</sub> (level)	J <sub>i</sub> <sup>π</sup>	E <sub>f</sub>	J <sub>f</sub> <sup>π</sup>	Comments
(45.1 3)		45.1	(7/2 <sup>-</sup> )	0.0	(5/2 <sup>-</sup> )	E <sub>γ</sub> : γ not observed, energy from level-energy difference.
<sup>x</sup> 263.8 3	29 1					
<sup>x</sup> 348.4 3	37 2					
370.9 3	100	416.1		45.1	(7/2 <sup>-</sup> )	
376.3 4	6.5 3	421.1		45.1	(7/2 <sup>-</sup> )	
416.3 3	2.9 6	416.1		0.0	(5/2 <sup>-</sup> )	
420.7 4	10.7 11	421.1		0.0	(5/2 <sup>-</sup> )	
436.9 4	2.9 6	481.7		45.1	(7/2 <sup>-</sup> )	

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**$^{231}\text{Np}$   $\varepsilon$  decay (48.8 min) 1973We08 (continued)** $\gamma(^{231}\text{U})$  (continued)

$E_\gamma^\dagger$	$I_\gamma^\dagger$	$E_i(\text{level})$	$J_i^\pi$	$E_f$	$J_f^\pi$	$E_\gamma^\dagger$	$I_\gamma^\dagger$	$E_i(\text{level})$	$E_f$	$J_f^\pi$
481.6 5	6.2 12	481.7		0.0	(5/2 <sup>-</sup> )	786.6 3	1.9 1	1268.1	481.7	
<sup>x</sup> 484.7 5	16.6 32					<sup>x</sup> 837.3 4	4.1 6			
<sup>x</sup> 715.5 4	2.5 3					851.6 5	7.1 3	1268.1	416.1	
737.8 3	12.6 7	1153.5		416.1		1108.1 3	5.5 5	1153.5	45.1	(7/2 <sup>-</sup> )

<sup>†</sup> From 1973We08.

<sup>x</sup>  $\gamma$  ray not placed in level scheme.

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## Legend

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

## Decay Scheme

Intensities: Relative  $I_\gamma$ 