

^{81}Se β^- decay (18.5 min) [1969Zo06,1971Do09,2015Kr02](#)

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Parent: ^{81}Se : $E=0$; $J^\pi=1/2^-$; $T_{1/2}=18.5$ min I ; $Q(\beta^-)=1588.0$ I_4 ; $\% \beta^-$ decay=100

^{81}Se - $J^\pi, T_{1/2}$: from ^{81}Se Adopted Levels.

^{81}Se - $Q(\beta^-)$: from [2021Wa16](#).

Others: [1960Ku06](#), [1962Su07](#), [1963Ar01](#), [1967Pr06](#), [1967Yt03](#), [1969Ba34](#), [1969Be82](#), [1971Na18](#), [1974Ve12](#), [1974SaYH](#), [1977Kr18](#).

[1969Zo06](#): chemically separated Se from $^{80}\text{Se}(n,\gamma)$ (99.87% ^{80}Se); measured E_γ , I_γ with Ge(Li), FWHM=2.5 keV at $E_\gamma=1332$, and $\gamma\gamma$ coin with Ge(Li) and NaI, FWHM=7.0 keV at $E_\gamma=1332$.

[1971Do09](#): source from $^{82}\text{Se}(\gamma,n)$ (89.1% ^{82}Se target); measured E_γ , I_γ , $\gamma\gamma$ coin, $\gamma(t)$; Ge(Li) (FWHM=3.6 keV at 1 MeV) and, for $E_\gamma<300$, x-ray Ge(Li) spectrometer (FWHM=0.8 keV at 50 keV, 1.3 keV at 300 keV).

[2015Kr02](#): ^{nat}Se targets were irradiated using rabbit system in the core of the Oregon State University TRIGA reactor. γ rays were detected with high-resolution Ge detectors (efficiency of 35% and FWHM=1.9 keV at 1332 keV). Measured E_γ , I_γ . Deduced levels, β feedings and log ft values.

[1974Ve12](#): source from $^{80}\text{Se}(n,\gamma)$ $E=\text{thermal}$ (96.87% ^{80}Se target); measured E_γ , I_γ ; Ge(Li) FWHM=4 keV at 662 keV. $\Delta E(\gamma)$ not given; no isomeric assignment made for observed γ rays.

 ^{81}Br Levels

The adopted decay scheme is based on those from [1969Zo06](#) and [1971Do09](#), with minor revisions by the evaluator. The tentative 815 level (deexcited by an 815 γ) and the 1352 level (deexcited by 1352 γ and 787 γ), proposed by [1974Ve12](#) without the benefit of coin information, are not adopted by the evaluator. The 787 γ presumably corresponds to the weak lines reported at 789.2 γ and 787 γ by [1971Do09](#) and [1969Zo06](#), respectively, and that E_γ implies $E(\text{level})=1354.5$ γ which does not fit the 1352 γ well. An $E_\gamma=789.6$ γ line in (p, γ) is placed as the major branch from a 1327 level, and the evaluator tentatively introduces this level into the decay scheme to accommodate the 789.2 γ of [1971Do09](#). The evaluator also tentatively introduces the known 1105 level ($J^\pi=1/2^-, 3/2^-$) to accommodate the weak unplaced 1105 γ from [1971Do09](#). $E_\gamma=30$ reported in [1962Su07](#) is not confirmed in [1967Ra08](#).

$E(\text{level})^\dagger$	$J^\pi^\ddagger$	$T_{1/2}^\ddagger$	Comments
0	$3/2^-$		
275.986 γ	$5/2^-$	9.7 ps I_4	$T_{1/2}$: 235 ps I_5 from 290 γ -276 $\gamma(t)$ (1974SaYH). Inconsistent with adopted value (9.7 ps I_4) for reasons which are unknown.
538.194 I_4	$1/2^-, 3/2^-$	0.76 ps 3	J^π : proposed spin and parity $5/2^-$ or $7/2^-$ in 1967Ra08 .
566.125 I_1	$3/2^-$	68 ps +32-18	
650.003 I_6	$(3/2)^-$	2.6 ps 3	
828.434 I_5	$3/2^-$	0.46 ps 7	
835.5 5	$7/2^-$	1.05 ps 7	$E(\text{level})$: level proposed in 1977Kr18 . Absent in other references.
1105? I	$(1/2)^-$		
1327.3? 5			

† From a least-squares fit to E_γ .

‡ From Adopted Levels.

 β^- radiations

β^- av $E\beta$: [Additional information 2](#).

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$^{81}\text{Se} \beta^-$ decay (18.5 min) [1969Zo06](#),[1971Do09](#),[2015Kr02](#) (continued) β^- radiations (continued)

E(decay)	E(level)	$I\beta^-$ ^{†‡}	Log <i>ft</i>	Comments
(260.7 [#] 18)	1327.3?	≤0.0025	≥6.8	av $E\beta=74.46$ 48 $I\beta^-$: 0.0025 4 from γ transition intensity balance. The evaluator proposed the limit for $I\beta$, since isomeric assignment of $I\gamma(789.1\gamma)$ was not determined in 1969Zo06 . A comparable 789.254 γ also reported in $^{81}\text{Se} \beta^-$ decay (57.28 m) from 2015Kr02 .
(759.6 17)	828.434	0.41 4	6.188 43	av $E\beta=257.8$ 6 $I\beta^-$: other: 0.61 5% in 1967Ra08 .
(938.0 17)	650.003	0.0191 18	7.857 41	av $E\beta=330.8$ 6
(1021.9 17)	566.125	0.78 7	6.386 39	av $E\beta=366.1$ 6 $I\beta^-$: other: 0.92 5% in 1967Ra08 . E(decay): 1010 (1960Ku06).
(1049.8 17)	538.194	0.032 7	7.80 9	av $E\beta=377.9$ 6
(1312.0 17)	275.986	≤0.013	≥9.3	av $E\beta=509.8$ 6 $I\beta^-$: 0.013 9 from γ transition intensity balance. The evaluator proposed the limit for $I\beta$, since $I\gamma(275.99\gamma)$ may contain negligible intensity resulting from the feeding in $^{81}\text{Se} \beta^-$ decay (57.28 m).
(1588.0 20)	0	98.74 12	5.0283 29	av $E\beta=614.2$ 6 E(decay): measured endpoint energy 1580 40: weighted average of 1560 50 (1960Ku06) and 1600 50 (1967Yt03). $I\beta^-$: 100%- $\Sigma(I(\gamma+ce)$ to g.s.). Other: 98.5 1% in 1967Ra08 .

[†] From total transition intensity balance at each level. Values of [1967Ra08](#) are listed in comments, estimated from measured $I\gamma$, the total number of 18-min ^{81}gSe disintegrations was obtained by using a total conversion coefficient of $\alpha=7.07$ for the 102.7-keV isomeric transition, and a value of 0.68, from $[(T_p-T_d)/T_p]$, for the ratio of $^{81m}\text{Se}/^{81g}\text{Se}$ activities at equilibrium.

[‡] Absolute intensity per 100 decays.

[#] Existence of this branch is questionable.

$\gamma(^{81}\text{Br})$

I_γ normalization: using equation [8] of [2020Ba30](#) in transient equilibrium of $^{81\text{m}}\text{Se}$ (57.28 m 2) and ^{81}Se (18.5 m 1), where $I_\gamma(103\gamma, ^{81}\text{Se IT})/I(276\gamma, ^{81}\text{Br})=12.9$ 9 for ^{81}Se source in transient equilibrium (weighted average of 12.2 14 (using data in [1969Zo06](#)) and 13.6 15 (using data in [1971Do09](#))), and $\%I_\gamma(102.968)=12.8$ 2. Authors, typically, have employed ^{81}Se sources in which the 57-min and 18-min isomers are in transient equilibrium, and quote I_γ relative to $I_\gamma=100$ for the 103 γ in ^{81}Se (57 min) IT decay. Following [1969Zo06](#) and [1971Do09](#), the evaluator has deduced $I(276\gamma)$ appropriate to ^{81}Se (18 min) decay alone using the measured $I(276\gamma)$ for ^{81}Se (57 min+18 min) decay and $I(260\gamma)$ (present in ^{81}Se (57 min) decay only), assuming $\alpha(260\gamma)=0.0456$ and $\alpha(276\gamma)=0.008$; I_γ data from [1969Zo06](#), [1971Do09](#) and [1974Ve12](#) were then renormalized so $I(276\gamma, 18\text{-m Se})=100$. These data are then in excellent agreement among themselves and with I_γ obtained by [1969Zo06](#) by resolving the decay curve for each γ into its two components.

$\alpha(\text{K})_{\text{exp}}$, $\alpha(\text{L})_{\text{exp}}$ data are from [1971Na18](#), measured with Ge(Li) γ detector and Si(Li) electron spectrometer, calibrated using transitions with well-known $\alpha(\text{K})$ and $\alpha(\text{L})$.

$\gamma\gamma(\theta)$ data: for 290 γ -276 $\gamma(\theta)$, $A_2=+0.050$ 35 ([1963Ar01](#)), $+0.052$ 20 ([1969Be82](#)) and $A_4=+0.031$ 5 ([1963Ar01](#)), $+0.08$ 7 ([1969Be82](#)). Weighted averages of data are $A_2=+0.052$ 17, $A_4=+0.031$ 5; these allow $\delta(290\gamma)$ and $\delta(276\gamma)$ to be -8 $+4$ -17 and $+0.262$ 20, or -0.262 20 and $+8$ $+17$ -4, or $+0.258$ 23 and -7.5 $+6$ -7, or $+7.5$ $+7$ -6 and -0.258 23, none of which is consistent with adopted values of $+1.08$ 18 and -0.10 3, respectively.

E_γ ‡	I_γ ‡ ^b	$E_i(\text{level})$	J_i^π	E_f	J_f^π	Mult. #	δ #	α †	Comments
178.416 24	0.92 4	828.434	3/2 ⁻	650.003	(3/2) ⁻	(M1+E2)	<0.28	0.0274 31	$\alpha(\text{K})_{\text{exp}}<0.05$; $\alpha(\text{L})_{\text{exp}}<0.003$ $\alpha(\text{K})=0.0243$ 27; $\alpha(\text{L})=0.00269$ 34; $\alpha(\text{M})=0.00043$ 5 $\alpha(\text{N})=3.9\times 10^{-5}$ 5 E_γ : weighted average of 178.3 1 (1969Zo06), 177.9 3 (1971Do09), 178.424 20 (2015Kr02), 178.4 1 (1977Kr18). I_γ : weighted average of 0.98 10 (1969Zo06), 0.80 8 (1971Do09 , recalculated by evaluator), 0.94 4 (2015Kr02), 0.93 6 (1977Kr18). Mult.: E1 or M1(+E2), based on $\alpha(\text{K})_{\text{exp}}$ alone. If M1+E2, $\delta<0.28$ from $\alpha(\text{L})_{\text{exp}}$, <0.84 from $\alpha(\text{K})_{\text{exp}}$.
275.990 10	100 1	275.986	5/2 ⁻	0	3/2 ⁻	M1+E2	-0.10 3	0.00816 14	$\alpha(\text{K})_{\text{exp}}=0.009$ 1; $\alpha(\text{L})_{\text{exp}}=0.002$ 1 $\alpha(\text{K})=0.00724$ 13; $\alpha(\text{L})=0.000781$ 14; $\alpha(\text{M})=0.0001242$ 23 $\alpha(\text{N})=1.158\times 10^{-5}$ 21 E_γ : weighted average of 275.94 5 (1969Zo06), 275.9 1 (1971Do09), 275.6 3 (1969Ba34), 275.8 5 (1967Ra08), and 275.993 10 (2015Kr02). I_γ : from 2015Kr02 . Others: 100 (1969Zo06), 100 (1971Do09), 100 3 (1969Ba34 – rescaling 10.2 3), 100 5 (1967Ra08 – rescaling 10.2 5). δ : 0.45 $+14$ -15 from $\alpha(\text{K})_{\text{exp}}$ and $\alpha(\text{L})_{\text{exp}}$, but datum probably too imprecise to be reliable.
290.1 @ 1	2.4 @ 5	828.434	3/2 ⁻	538.194	1/2 ⁻ , 3/2 ⁻				E_γ : weighted average of 290.1 1 (1969Zo06), 290.0 7

$\gamma(^{81}\text{Br})$ (continued)

$E_\gamma^{\ddagger}$	$I_\gamma^{\ddagger b}$	$E_i(\text{level})$	J_i^π	E_f	J_f^π	Mult. [#]	$\delta^\#$	$\alpha^\ddagger$	Comments
									(1971Do09), 289.9 3 (1969Ba34), 290.0 5 (1977Kr18), 289.9 5 (1967Ra08). I_γ : weighted average of 1.9 5 (1969Zo06), 2.5 5 (1971Do09), 3.2 8 (1977Kr18). $A_2=0.052$ 20; $A_4=0.08$ 7 (1970Be79) $\alpha(\text{K})_{\text{exp}}=0.012$ 1; $\alpha(\text{L})_{\text{exp}}=0.002$ 1 $\alpha(\text{K})=0.0115$ 11; $\alpha(\text{L})=0.00130$ 12; $\alpha(\text{M})=0.000205$ 20 $\alpha(\text{N})=1.87 \times 10^{-5}$ 17 E_γ : weighted average of 290.08 5 (1969Zo06), 289.9 1 (1971Do09), 290.141 10 (2015Kr02), 290.19 5 (1977Kr18), 289.9 5 (1967Ra08), 289.9 3 (1969Ba34). In 1969Ba34 , authors could not prove it as doublet. I_γ : weighted average of 82 8 (1969Zo06), 82 9 (1971Do09), 84.3 8 (2015Kr02), 87 4 (1977Kr18), 85 4 (1967Ra08 – for both placement – rescaling 8.7 4), 82 3 (1969Ba34 – rescaling 8.4 3). In 1969Ba34 , authors could not prove it as doublet. δ : 1.23 22 from $\alpha(\text{K})_{\text{exp}}$, >0.64 from $\alpha(\text{L})_{\text{exp}}$. $\alpha(\text{K})=0.001454$ 20; $\alpha(\text{L})=0.0001541$ 22; $\alpha(\text{M})=2.448 \times 10^{-5}$ 34 $\alpha(\text{N})=2.293 \times 10^{-6}$ 32 E_γ : weighted average of 538.2 1 (1969Zo06), 538.2 2 (1971Do09), 538.0 4 (1969Ba34), 539.0 5 (1967Ra08), 538.188 14 (2015Kr02), 538.2 1 (1977Kr18). I_γ : from 2015Kr02 . Others: 6.9 7 (1969Zo06), 7.7 8 (1971Do09), 6.3 16 (1969Ba34 – rescaling 0.64 16), 7.8 20 (1967Ra08 – rescaling 0.8 2), 7.3 4 (1977Kr18). $\alpha(\text{K})=0.00142$ 7; $\alpha(\text{L})=0.000151$ 8; $\alpha(\text{M})=2.40 \times 10^{-5}$ 13 $\alpha(\text{N})=2.24 \times 10^{-6}$ 12 E_γ : 552.4 1 (1969Zo06), 552.5 2 (1971Do09), 552.1 4 (1969Ba34), 553.0 5 (1967Ra08), 552.456 14 (2015Kr02), 552.44 8 (1977Kr18). I_γ : weighted average of 12.5 12 (1969Zo06), 13.6 14 (1971Do09), 13.2 20 (1969Ba34 – rescaling 1.35 20), 14.7 29 (1967Ra08 – rescaling 1.5 3), 13.6 1 (2015Kr02), 13.6 9 (1977Kr18). $\alpha(\text{K})=0.001763$ 32; $\alpha(\text{L})=0.0001908$ 35; $\alpha(\text{M})=3.03 \times 10^{-5}$ 6
290.138 @ 13	84.2 @ 8	566.125	3/2 ⁻	275.986	5/2 ⁻	E2+M1	+1.11 22	0.0131 12	
538.189 14	7.18 7	538.194	1/2 ⁻ , 3/2 ⁻	0	3/2 ⁻	M1+E2	0.087 15	1.63×10 ⁻³ 2	
552.455 14	13.6 1	828.434	3/2 ⁻	275.986	5/2 ⁻	M1+E2	+0.32 20	0.00160 8	
566.123 14	31.8 3	566.125	3/2 ⁻	0	3/2 ⁻	M1+E2	-3.0 5	0.00199 4	

$\gamma(^{81}\text{Br})$ (continued)

E_γ [‡]	I_γ ^{‡b}	$E_i(\text{level})$	J_i^π	E_f	J_f^π	Mult. [#]	δ [#]	α [†]	Comments
									$\alpha(\text{N})=2.80\times 10^{-6}$ 5 E_γ : weighted average of 566.04 5 (1969Zo06), 565.9 2 (1971Do09), 566.0 4 (1969Ba34), 566.1 5 (1967Ra08), 566.131 14 (2015Kr02), 566.11 7 (1977Kr18). Other: 552 and 560 (1962Su07). I_γ : weighted average of 33.0 33 (1969Zo06), 32.5 50 (1971Do09), 29.9 29 (1969Ba34 – rescaling 3.05 30), 28.4 29 (1967Ra08 – rescaling 2.9 3), 31.8 3 (2015Kr02), 33.3 15 (1977Kr18). Other: 37 8 for doublet 552 and 560 (1962Su07). $\alpha(\text{K})=0.000950$ 13; $\alpha(\text{L})=0.0001003$ 14; $\alpha(\text{M})=1.593\times 10^{-5}$ 22 $\alpha(\text{N})=1.493\times 10^{-6}$ 21 E_γ : weighted average of 649.8 1 (1969Zo06), 649.7 3 (1971Do09), 649.996 14 (2015Kr02), 649.9 1 (1977Kr18). I_γ : weighted average of 3.5 4 (1969Zo06), 4.0 4 (1971Do09), 3.79 4 (2015Kr02), 4.00 35 (1977Kr18). E_γ : weighted average of 787 2 (1969Zo06), 789.2 5 (1971Do09), 789.2 7 (1977Kr18 – not placed in the level scheme). I_γ : weighted average of 0.4 1 (1969Zo06) and 0.38 5 (1974Ve12 – rescaled $I_\gamma=0.039$ 5 (in level scheme) relative to $I_\gamma(275.990)=100$ instead of 10.23, $I_\gamma=0.930$ 5 in Table I appears to be a misprint). Other: < 0.2 (2015Kr02). $\alpha(\text{K})=0.000560$ 8; $\alpha(\text{L})=5.89\times 10^{-5}$ 8; $\alpha(\text{M})=9.35\times 10^{-6}$ 13 $\alpha(\text{N})=8.77\times 10^{-7}$ 12 E_γ : unweighted average of 828.27 5 (1969Zo06), 828.2 2 (1971Do09), 827.7 3 (1969Ba34), 829.0 5 (1967Ra08), 828.432 14 (2015Kr02), and 828.37 15 (1977Kr18). Other: 832 (1962Su07). I_γ : weighted average of 40.2 40 (1969Zo06), 43.9 44 (1971Do09), 40 5 (1969Ba34 – rescaling 4.1 5), 25 6 (1962Su07), 48 5 (1967Ra08 – rescaling 4.9 5), 43.6 4 (2015Kr02), 44 2 (1977Kr18). $\alpha(\text{K})=0.000629$ 9; $\alpha(\text{L})=6.70\times 10^{-5}$ 9; $\alpha(\text{M})=1.063\times 10^{-5}$ 15 $\alpha(\text{N})=9.89\times 10^{-7}$ 14 E_γ, I_γ : from 1977Kr18 . Other: 835 2 – reported in 1969Zo06 , however, comparable 834.1 γ was expected from contaminant ^{83}Se , an upper limit $I_\gamma < 0.0003\%$ was reported for this γ . E_γ : weak γ , isomeric assignment not established (1971Do09); placed by evaluator.
649.990 19	3.79 4	650.003	(3/2) [−]	0	3/2 [−]	M1+E2	+0.111 7	1.07×10^{-3} 2	
789.1 ^{&c} 5	0.38 5	1327.3?		538.194	1/2 [−] , 3/2 [−]				
828.33 17	43.5 5	828.434	3/2 [−]	0	3/2 [−]	M1+E2	+0.18 3	6.29×10^{-4} 9	
835.5 5	0.11 5	835.5	7/2 [−]	0	3/2 [−]	E2		7.08×10^{-4} 10	
1105 ^c 1		1105?	(1/2) [−]	0	3/2 [−]	D			

γ(⁸¹Br) (continued)

<u>E_γ[‡]</u>	<u>I_γ^{‡b}</u>	<u>E_i(level)</u>	<u>Comments</u>
^x 1352 ^a	0.21 7		

[†] [Additional information 3](#).

[‡] Weighted average of available data as listed in comments, except as noted. I_γ is photon intensity relative to I(276γ, 18-m ⁸¹Se)=100. Weak γ rays with E_γ=375 (I_γ=0.54 6) and E_γ=815 (I_γ=0.11 6) on the intensity scale used here are reported by [1974Ve12](#) (isotopic assignment unknown) and tentatively placed from 650 and 815 levels, respectively, but these gammas are absent in both [1969Zo06](#) and [1971Do09](#), so are omitted here.

From Adopted Gammas, except as noted.

@ Doublet. I_γ divided based on γγ coin. Energy separation of components is <0.7 keV ([1971Do09](#)) so averaged energy of doublet (290.04 7) is assigned to the stronger component and E_γ=290.0 7 (suggested by [1971Do09](#)) to the weaker one.

& Tentatively placed by evaluator by analogy with (p,γ); placed by [1974Ve12](#) from a tentative 1352 level which the evaluator does not adopt, but not placed by [1969Zo06](#), [1971Do09](#). Isomeric assignment not established.

^a Reported by [1974Ve12](#) only and placed from a 1352 level which the evaluator does not adopt. This γ must be different from the 1350γ deexciting the 1350-keV level in (n,n'γ), because the stronger 327γ and 583γ which also deexcite that level in (n,n'γ) are not seen by [1974Ve12](#). This γ may not belong to ⁸¹Se β⁻ decay.

^b For absolute intensity per 100 decays, multiply by 0.0067 5.

^c Placement of transition in the level scheme is uncertain.

^x γ ray not placed in level scheme.

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