

$^{81}\text{As } \beta^- \text{ decay }$ **1974Ch11,1975Kr08**

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Parent: ^{81}As : E=0; $J^\pi=3/2^-$; $T_{1/2}=33.3$ s 10; $Q(\beta^-)=3855.7$ 28; % β^- decay=100

$^{81}\text{As-Q}(\beta^-)$: from 2021Wa16.

Others: 1960Mo01, 1972De43, 1990Ru05.

1974Ch11: ^{81}As produced by $^{82}\text{Se}(\gamma,p)$, Ge(Li) detectors (FWHM=1.6 keV at 574 keV for Ge(Li) used for $E\gamma<1300$); measured $E\gamma, I\gamma, T_{1/2}$.

1975Kr08: ^{81}As produced in $^{233,235}\text{U}(\text{thermal n,f})$ or $^{82}\text{Se}(\text{n,pn})$, Ge(Li) detectors, FWHM=2.1 to 2.8 keV at $E\gamma=1332$; measured $E\gamma, I\gamma$.

1960Mo01: Measured $T_{1/2}$ of ^{81}As , β endpoint energy.

1972De43: ^{81}As was obtained from ^{81}Ge decay, the latter was produced from fast radiochemical separation at short time intervals from fission products in $^{235}\text{U}(\text{n,f})$. NaI(Tl) crystal. Reported partial level scheme.

 ^{81}Se Levels

E(level) [†]	$J^\pi\#$	$T_{1/2}\#$	E(level) [†]	$J^\pi\#$
0	$1/2^-$	18.5 min 1	2179.18 19	
102.86 13	$7/2^+$	57.28 min 2	2332.49 13	$5/2^+$
467.66 11	$3/2^-$		2569.86 13	$(1/2^-, 3/2^-, 5/2^-)$
490.82 11	$(5/2^-)$		2659.65 20	$(5/2^-)$
623.89 16	$5/2^-$		2769.61 19	$(5/2^-)$
1052.83 20	$5/2^+$		2935.12 18	$(5/2^-)$
1303.48 20	$5/2^+$		2965.01 21	$(5/2^-)$
1406.13 13	$3/2^-$		3222.6?‡ 15	$(5/2^-)$
2029.60 16	$1/2^-, 3/2^-$			

[†] From a least-squares fit to $E\gamma$.

[‡] Level proposed by 1974Ch11. However, the two deexciting $E\gamma$ yield poor fit, differing by at least 5σ from the least-squares adjusted value. E=3221.1 2 based on 3118γ alone and E=3224.2 2 based on 2733γ alone. Evaluator adopts unweighted average (3222.7 16) in preference to the least-squares adjusted value of 3222.75 17.

From Adopted Levels.

 β^- radiations

Measured average $E\beta=1600$ 30 (1990Ru05).

E(decay)	E(level)	$I\beta^{-\dagger\dagger}$	Log ft	Comments
(633.1# 33)	3222.6?	<0.13	>4.9	av $E\beta=209.2$ 12
(890.7 30)	2965.01	≈ 0.21	≈ 5.19	av $E\beta=312.6$ 12
(920.6 30)	2935.12	≈ 0.46	≈ 4.90	av $E\beta=325.0$ 12
(1086.1 30)	2769.61	≈ 0.33	≈ 5.32	av $E\beta=394.9$ 12
(1196.1 30)	2659.65	≈ 0.154	≈ 5.81	av $E\beta=442.3$ 12
(1285.8 30)	2569.86	≈ 0.61	≈ 5.33	av $E\beta=481.5$ 12
(1523.2 30)	2332.49	≈ 0.25	≈ 6.01	av $E\beta=586.8$ 13
(1826.1 30)	2029.60	≈ 0.60	≈ 5.95	av $E\beta=724.1$ 13
(2449.6 30)	1406.13	≈ 1.44	≈ 6.10	av $E\beta=1013.2$ 13
(2552.2 30)	1303.48	≈ 0.20	≈ 7.03	av $E\beta=1061.5$ 13
(2802.9 30)	1052.83	≈ 0.36	≈ 6.95	av $E\beta=1179.7$ 13
(3231.8 30)	623.89	≈ 1.58	≈ 6.57	av $E\beta=1383.3$ 13
(3364.9 30)	490.82	≈ 8.94	≈ 5.90	av $E\beta=1446.7$ 13
(3388.0 30)	467.66	≈ 17.89	≈ 5.61	av $E\beta=1457.8$ 13

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$^{81}\text{As } \beta^- \text{ decay }$ 1974Ch11,1975Kr08 (continued) β^- radiations (continued)

E(decay)	E(level)	I β^- ^{†‡}	Log ft	Comments
(3752.8 [#] 30)	102.86	<1.3	>8.5 ^{1u}	av E β =1632.4 13 I β^- : as required for log $f^{1u}t$ >8.5 and expected I(103 γ)<2.7 assuming $\alpha(103\gamma)=6.8$. See footnote for 103 γ .
(3855.7 32)	0	\approx 65.7	\approx 5.29	av E β =1681.6 13 E(decay): 3800 200 (1960Mo01 – from 3.8 MeV 2). I β^- : from 100 – ΣI_β to excited states, assuming 0.65% 65 β^- feeding of 7/2 ⁺ , 102.86-keV level.

[†] Uncertainty shown excludes unknown (and possibly large) uncertainty in I γ normalization. Consequently, log ft values are shown as approximate.

[‡] Absolute intensity per 100 decays.

[#] Existence of this branch is questionable.

⁸¹As β^- decay 1974Ch11, 1975Kr08 (continued) $\gamma(^{81}\text{Se})$

I γ normalization: from %I(468 γ) \approx 20% deduced in 1972De43. For details, see comment on I γ (468 γ).

Measured average E γ =2040 100 (1990Ru05).

1974Ch11 report additional γ rays whose I γ is very weak or whose T_{1/2} differs somewhat from that for ⁸¹As(g.s.), as follows: 744.6, 788.8, 910, 992.5, 998, 1050.5, 1352.6. Also, impurity lines would have masked ⁸¹As lines with E γ \approx 400 or 264, were they present.

E γ ^a	I γ ^b	E _i (level)	J $^\pi_i$	E _f	J $^\pi_f$	Mult. ^c	δ^d	α^e	Comments
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103.0 2		102.86	7/2 ⁺	0	1/2 ⁻	E3(+M4)	<0.0056	6.80 11	$\alpha(K)=5.30\ 8; \alpha(L)=1.287\ 21; \alpha(M)=0.201\ 4; \alpha(N+..)=0.01350\ 22$ $\alpha(N)=0.01350\ 22$ E γ : weighted average of 103.0 2 (1974Ch11) and 102.9 2 (1975Kr08).
156.0 2	1.42 20	623.89	5/2 ⁻	467.66	3/2 ⁻	[M1,E2]	0.10 7	$\alpha(K)=0.08\ 6; \alpha(L)=0.010\ 7; \alpha(M)=0.0015\ 11; \alpha(N+..)=0.00012\ 9$ $\alpha(N)=0.00012\ 9$	
388.1 [±] 2	4.3 [±] 5	490.82	(5/2 ⁻)	102.86	7/2 ⁺				
467.7 2	100 [@]	467.66	3/2 ⁻	0	1/2 ⁻				E γ : weighted average of 467.6 2 (1974Ch11) and 467.8 2 (1975Kr08).
491.2 2	42.5 5	490.82	(5/2 ⁻)	0	1/2 ⁻	(E2)	0.00291	$\alpha(K)=0.00258\ 4; \alpha(L)=0.000279\ 4; \alpha(M)=4.33\times 10^{-5}\ 6;$ $\alpha(N+..)=3.64\times 10^{-6}\ 6$ $\alpha(N)=3.64\times 10^{-6}\ 6$	E γ : weighted average of 491.1 2 (1974Ch11) and 491.3 2 (1975Kr08). I γ : weighted average of 42.5 5 (1974Ch11) and 42.7 23 (1975Kr08).
521.1 2	7.0 7	623.89	5/2 ⁻	102.86	7/2 ⁺				E γ : weighted average of 521.1 2 (1974Ch11) and 521.1 2 (1975Kr08). I γ : weighted average of 7.3 7 (1974Ch11) and 6.0 13 (1975Kr08).
756.0 2	0.86 10	2935.12	(5/2) ⁻	2179.18					
836.1 2	1.64 20	1303.48	5/2 ⁺	467.66	3/2 ⁻				
x874.9 2	0.69 10								
915.0 2	0.51 10	1406.13	3/2 ⁻	490.82	(5/2 ⁻)				
938.9 2	1.66 30	1406.13	3/2 ⁻	467.66	3/2 ⁻				
949.7 2	1.75 30	1052.83	5/2 ⁺	102.86	7/2 ⁺				
1406.0 2	4.99 6	1406.13	3/2 ⁻	0	1/2 ⁻				
1561.9 2	1.88 20	2029.60	1/2 ⁻ ,3/2 ⁻	467.66	3/2 ⁻				
1661.8 2	0.66 10	2965.01	(5/2 ⁻)	1303.48	5/2 ⁺				
1688.4 2	0.56 6	2179.18		490.82	(5/2 ⁻)				
1842.1 2	0.35 5	2332.49	5/2 ⁺	490.82	(5/2 ⁻)				

From ENSDF

⁸¹As β^- decay 1974Ch11,1975Kr08 (continued) $\gamma(^{81}\text{Se})$ (continued)

E_γ^\dagger	$I_\gamma^{\dagger b}$	$E_i(\text{level})$	J_i^π	E_f	J_f^π	E_γ^\dagger	$I_\gamma^{\dagger b}$	$E_i(\text{level})$	J_i^π	E_f	J_f^π
1864.5 2	0.57 6	2332.49	$5/2^+$	467.66	$3/2^-$	2332.3 2	0.33 5	2332.49	$5/2^+$	0	$1/2^-$
1882.0 2	<0.04	2935.12	$(5/2)^-$	1052.83	$5/2^+$	2340.8 2	0.39 6	2965.01	$(5/2^-)$	623.89	$5/2^-$
2029.6 2	1.12 10	2029.60	$1/2^-, 3/2^-$	0	$1/2^-$	2569.5 2	0.86 10	2569.86	$(1/2^-, 3/2^-, 5/2^-)$	0	$1/2^-$
2079.3 2	0.34 5	2569.86	$(1/2^-, 3/2^-, 5/2^-)$	490.82	$(5/2^-)$	2659.6 2	0.77 9	2659.65	$(5/2)^-$	0	$1/2^-$
2102.2 2	1.83 20	2569.86	$(1/2^-, 3/2^-, 5/2^-)$	467.66	$3/2^-$	2733.3 ^{#d} 2	0.48 7	3222.6?	$(5/2)^-$	490.82	$(5/2^-)$
2145.8 2	0.28 5	2769.61	$(5/2^-)$	623.89	$5/2^-$	2832.4 2	1.42 15	2935.12	$(5/2)^-$	102.86	$7/2^+$
2301.8 2	1.37 14	2769.61	$(5/2^-)$	467.66	$3/2^-$	3118.2 ^{#d} 2	0.18 5	3222.6?	$(5/2)^-$	102.86	$7/2^+$

[†] From 1974Ch11, except where otherwise noted.[‡] From 1975Kr08; absent in 1974Ch11.[#] γ placement in 1974Ch11. However, $E\gamma$ differs from the least squares adjusted value by at least 5σ . At least one γ deexciting the 3223 level is presumably misplaced.[@] Absolute $I(468\gamma) \approx 20\%$ deduced by 1972De43 based on measured $I(336\gamma, ^{81}\text{As})$, $I(277\gamma, ^{78}\text{As})$ and $I(336\gamma, ^{81}\text{As})/I(468\gamma, ^{81}\text{Se})=0.83$ 5, assuming $I(277\gamma, ^{78}\text{As})=95\%$ and an estimated relative fission yield of 6.5 2 for ⁸¹Ge/⁷⁸Ge (1972De43).[&] 1975Kr08 report $I\gamma=15$ 10 for a $T_{1/2}=57$ min 103γ which grows into their As fraction with $T_{1/2}=30$ s 10 (1974Ch11 do not report $I(103\gamma)$ because the isomeric state was produced directly via the (γ,n) reaction during their source preparation). However, if $I\beta(103)<1.3\%$ as required for $\log f^{1u}t>8.5$, $I(103\gamma)<2.7$ is expected, assuming $\alpha(103\gamma)=6.8$.^a From Adopted Gammas.^b For absolute intensity per 100 decays, multiply by ≈ 0.20 .^c 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.^d Placement of transition in the level scheme is uncertain.^x γ ray not placed in level scheme.

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