

$^{81}\text{Y } \varepsilon+\beta^+ \text{ decay (70.4 s) }$ 1985Li12

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Parent: ^{81}Y : E=0; $J^\pi=(5/2^+)$; $T_{1/2}=70.4$ s 11; $Q(\varepsilon)=5815$ 6; % ε +% β^+ decay=100

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

Others: 1981Li12, 1982De36, 1993Mi11, 2005Ka39.

1985Li12: source from $^{58}\text{Ni}(^{28}\text{Si},\alpha p)$ at E(^{28}Si)=95 MeV, alternating 120-s bombardment and 180-s counting cycles, Ge(Li); measured $E\gamma$, $I\gamma(t)$. Data from 1981Li12 reappraised.

1982De36: ^{81}Y from ^{32}S induced reactions on ^{54}Fe , ^{58}Ni and ^{50}Cr , E=100-160 MeV, β recoil tof of mass spectrometer, plastic scin, Ge(Li), x-ray detector.

1981Li12: heavy ion reactions, measured with Ge(Li), intrinsic germanium, plastic detectors.

The adopted decay scheme is essentially that of 1985Li12 and differs fundamentally from that of 1982De36. It relies heavily on tentative J^π assignments to Sr excited states deduced from ($\alpha, x\gamma$) data.

 $^{81}\text{Sr Levels}$

E(level) [†]	J^π [‡]	$T_{1/2}$ [‡]	Comments
0	$1/2^-$	22.3 min 4	T _{1/2} : from Adopted Levels.
79.20 4	$(5/2)^-$	0.39 μs 6	T _{1/2} : weighted average of 0.326 μs 55 (1982De36 – from $\tau=470$ ns 80) and 0.370 μs 85 (1985Li12, 1981Li12).
89.02 7	$(7/2^+)$	6.4 μs 5	
119.76 4	$(1/2^+)$	24 ns 4	
132.3	$(9/2^+)$	<9 ns	Reported in 1993Mi11 only.
155.20 10	$3/2^-$	74 ps 20	
203.36 5	$(5/2^+)$	1.1 ns 3	T _{1/2} : from $\tau < 5$ ns (1982De36); Other: <7 ns (1981Li12).
220.81 7	$3/2^{(+)}$	0.63 ns 20	
336.20 9	$(5/2^+)$	0.16 ns 5	
611.58 8	$(7/2^+)$	<7 ns	T _{1/2} : from 1981Li12. Based on electronic time resolution (408 γ and 511 γ observed to be in prompt coincidence).

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

[‡] From Adopted Levels.

 ε, β^+ radiations

1982De36 report endpoint energy of 4520 227 for T_{1/2}=70 s β^+ from A=81 β -recoil nuclei. They attribute this to g.s. feeding, but ΔE is too big to preclude attribution to excited states up to ≈ 200 keV. It was, presumably, feeding the 203 level that was observed.

εK , εL , εM , εN : Additional information 1.

av E β : Additional information 2.

E(decay)	E(level)	$I\beta^+$ #	$I\varepsilon$ #	Log ft	$I(\varepsilon+\beta^+)$ ^{†#}	Comments
(5203 6)	611.58	≈ 15.0	≈ 0.4	≈ 5.7	≈ 15.4	av E β =1908.0 29; εK =0.02165 45; εL =0.00257 5; εM $=5.81\times 10^{-4}$ 10
						E(decay): other: 4723 135 from E β (max)=3701 135 (408 γ - β^+ coin, 1981Li12).
(5479 6)	336.20	≈ 2.7	≈ 0.1	≈ 6.6	≈ 2.8	av E β =2039.6 29; εK =0.01804 37; εL =0.002140 44; εM $=4.84\times 10^{-4}$ 9
(5594 6)	220.81	≈ 4.5	≈ 0.1	≈ 6.4	≈ 4.6	av E β =2094.6 29; εK =0.01676 34; εL =0.001988 41; εM $=4.49\times 10^{-4}$ 8
(5612 6)	203.36	≈ 32.1	≈ 0.6	≈ 5.6	≈ 32.7	av E β =2103.2 29; εK =0.01658 34; εL =0.001967 40;

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E(decay)	E(level)	I β^+ #	I ε #	Log ft	I($\varepsilon+\beta^+$) ^{†#}	Comments
(5660 6)	155.20	≈ 3.2	≈ 0.1	≈ 6.6	≈ 3.3	$\varepsilon M+=4.45 \times 10^{-4} 8$ E(decay): other: 5358 74 from $E\beta(\max)=4336$ 74; weighted average of $E\beta(\max)=4235$ 112 (1981Li12) and 4479 128, 4320 146 (1982De36); from $124\gamma-\beta^+$ coin. av $E\beta=2126.2$ 29; $\varepsilon K=0.01609$ 33; $\varepsilon L=0.001909$ 39; $\varepsilon M+=4.32 \times 10^{-4} 8$
(5695 6)	119.76	≈ 4.2	≈ 0.2	≈ 8.2	≈ 4.4	av $E\beta=2142.1$ 28; $\varepsilon K=0.0348$ 7; $\varepsilon L=0.00415$ 8; $\varepsilon M+=9.39 \times 10^{-4}$ 16
(5726 6)	89.02	≤ 36.3	≤ 0.7	≥ 5.6	$\leq 37^{\ddagger}$	av $E\beta=2157.8$ 29; $\varepsilon K=0.01545$ 31; $\varepsilon L=0.001833$ 37; $\varepsilon M+=4.15 \times 10^{-4} 7$
(5736 6)	79.20	≤ 35.4	≤ 0.6	≥ 5.6	$\leq 36^{\ddagger}$	I($\varepsilon+\beta^+$): upper limit from transition intensity balance of 18 19. av $E\beta=2162.5$ 29; $\varepsilon K=0.01536$ 31; $\varepsilon L=0.001822$ 37; $\varepsilon M+=4.13 \times 10^{-4} 7$
(5815 @ 6)	0	≤ 2.5	≤ 0.1	$\geq 8.5^{1u}$	≤ 2.6	I($\varepsilon+\beta^+$): upper limit from transition intensity balance of 17 19. av $E\beta=2198.6$ 28; $\varepsilon K=0.0322$ 6; $\varepsilon L=0.00384$ 8; $\varepsilon M+=8.70 \times 10^{-4}$ 15

[†] From transition intensity balance at each level, except where otherwise noted.

[‡] Because the 89 level to 79 level transition is unobserved, only $\varepsilon+\beta^+$ branching ($\approx 36.5\%$) to this pair of levels can be deduced. However, if $J^\pi(^{81}\text{Y g.s.})=5/2^+$, most of the feeding would be expected to go to the ($7/2^+$) 89 level. Decay to a level would be allowed ($\log ft \leq 5.9$) if $I(\varepsilon+\beta^+) \geq 16.5\%$, so an expected $I(\varepsilon+\beta^+)$ would be $\leq 16.5\%$ to the 79 level and rest expected to feed the 89 level. In the dataset the upper-limits are listed for these two levels.

[#] Absolute intensity per 100 decays.

[@] Existence of this branch is questionable.

⁸¹Y $\varepsilon+\beta^+$ decay (70.4 s) 1985Li12 (continued) $\gamma^{(81)\text{Sr}}$

I γ normalization: if $\Sigma(I(\gamma+ce))$ to g.s.=98.7% 13 (i.e., assuming g.s. branch <2.6%, which follows if $\log f^{1u}t>8.5$). Note: absolute I γ determined by 1982De36 from (total I γ /total β^+ recoils) implies I γ normalization=0.011 1 (97% g.s. branch); the reason for this major discrepancy is not understood. The decay scheme normalization is consequently tentative (see also comments on adopted J^π for ⁸¹Y g.s.) and approximate.

E $_\gamma^\dagger$ (9.82)	I $_\gamma^{\dagger\&}$	E $_i$ (level) 89.02	J $^\pi_i$ (7/2 $^+$)	E $_f$ 79.20	J $^\pi_f$ (5/2) $^-$	Mult. ‡ [E1]	δ^\ddagger	$\alpha^@$ 10.24 14	I $_{(\gamma+ce)}^{\&}$ 62 50	Comments
43.3	132.3	(9/2 $^+$)	89.02 (7/2 $^+$)	M1+E2	-0.08 3	1.87 11				I $_{(\gamma+ce)}$: from intensity imbalance at 79 and 89 levels, respectively, $I(\gamma+ce) \leq 109$ 3 and ≥ 12.7 4 (assuming mult(114 γ)=M1 and $I(\gamma+ce)(43\gamma)$ negligible). Note that $\alpha(k)\exp(43\gamma)=1.5$ 3 (2005Ka39) implies $I(\gamma+ce)(43\gamma)$ is not negligible. An estimated value $I(\gamma+ce)(43\gamma)=228$ does not yield a satisfactory intensity balance to resolve the beta feeding as of the footnote. Measurement of $I\gamma(43)$ is needed. $\alpha(K)\exp=1.5$ 3 (2005Ka39) $\alpha(K)=1.62$ 8; $\alpha(L)=0.210$ 28; $\alpha(M)=0.035$ 5 $\alpha(N)=0.0043$ 5; $\alpha(O)=0.000245$ 9 E $_\gamma$: from level energy difference in 1993Mi11. Mult., δ : from Adopted Gammas. $\alpha(K)\exp=1.5$ 3 (2005Ka39); measured relative to $\alpha(K)\exp(79.2\gamma)$. This implies mult=M1(+E2) with $\delta \leq 0.14$, consistent with adopted value.
79.20 4	66.5 4	79.20	(5/2) $^-$	0	1/2 $^-$	E2		2.386 34		Additional information 3. %I $\gamma \approx 24.7$ $\alpha(K)=1.953$ 28; $\alpha(L)=0.364$ 5; $\alpha(M)=0.0615$ 9 $\alpha(N)=0.00697$ 10; $\alpha(O)=0.0002410$ 34 E $_\gamma$: weighted average of 79.23 4 (1985Li12) and 79.17 4 (1982De36). I $_\gamma$: other: 82 1 (relative to $I\gamma(124)=100$) and 0.91% 25 (1982De36) – %I γ appears to be erroneous. Mult.: from $\alpha(K)\exp=2.3$ 6 ((K x ray)- γ coin, 1982De36) which implies $\delta(E2,M1)>2.4$.
101.05 5	7.4 4	220.81	3/2 $^{(+)}$	119.76 (1/2 $^+$)	M1+E2	-0.5 2	0.32 10			%I $\gamma \approx 2.75$ $\alpha(K)=0.28$ 8; $\alpha(L)=0.039$ 14; $\alpha(M)=0.0066$ 23 $\alpha(N)=7.8 \times 10^{-4}$ 26; $\alpha(O)=3.8 \times 10^{-5}$ 10

⁸¹Y $\varepsilon+\beta^+$ decay (70.4 s) [1985Li12 \(continued\)](#) $\gamma(^{81}\text{Sr})$ (continued)

E_γ^\dagger	$I_\gamma^\dagger \&$	$E_i(\text{level})$	J_i^π	E_f	J_f^π	Mult. [‡]	δ^\ddagger	$\alpha @$	Comments
114.34 4	11.4 3	203.36	(5/2 ⁺)	89.02	(7/2 ⁺)	[M1]		0.1122 16	%I γ ≈4.23 $\alpha(K)=0.0988$ 14; $\alpha(L)=0.01125$ 16; $\alpha(M)=0.001895$ 27 $\alpha(N)=0.0002369$ 33; $\alpha(O)=1.509\times10^{-5}$ 21
115.39 6	5.7 5	336.20	(5/2 ⁺)	220.81	3/2 ⁽⁺⁾	(M1+E2)	-0.2 1	0.128 22	%I γ ≈2.12 $\alpha(K)=0.112$ 18; $\alpha(L)=0.0135$ 29; $\alpha(M)=0.0023$ 5 $\alpha(N)=0.00028$ 6; $\alpha(O)=1.67\times10^{-5}$ 23
119.76 4	21.5 17	119.76	(1/2 ⁺)	0	1/2 ⁻	(E1)		0.0597 8	%I γ ≈8.0 $\alpha(K)=0.0528$ 7; $\alpha(L)=0.00582$ 8; $\alpha(M)=0.000970$ 14 $\alpha(N)=0.0001195$ 17; $\alpha(O)=7.22\times10^{-6}$ 10
124.16 3	110.7 9	203.36	(5/2 ⁺)	79.20	(5/2) ⁻	(E1)		0.0537 8	%I γ ≈41.1 $\alpha(K)=0.0475$ 7; $\alpha(L)=0.00523$ 7; $\alpha(M)=0.000872$ 12 $\alpha(N)=0.0001075$ 15; $\alpha(O)=6.51\times10^{-6}$ 9 E γ : other: 124.17 4 (1982De36). I γ : other: 100 (relative) and 1.1% 1 (1982De36) – %I γ appears to be erroneous.
155.20 10	8.5 10	155.20	3/2 ⁻	0	1/2 ⁻	(M1+E2)	+0.1 1	0.051 4	%I γ ≈3.2 $\alpha(K)=0.045$ 4; $\alpha(L)=0.0051$ 5; $\alpha(M)=0.00086$ 9 $\alpha(N)=0.000107$ 11; $\alpha(O)=6.8\times10^{-6}$ 5
216.6	<2.2	336.20	(5/2 ⁺)	119.76	(1/2 ⁺)	(E2)		0.0606 8	%I γ <0.816 $\alpha(K)=0.0527$ 7; $\alpha(L)=0.00663$ 9; $\alpha(M)=0.001114$ 16 $\alpha(N)=0.0001346$ 19; $\alpha(O)=7.29\times10^{-6}$ 10 E γ , I γ : γ not observed by 1985Li12 ; E γ is from level energy difference in 1993Mi11 , I γ is limit from 1985Li12 .
221#	9 5	220.81	3/2 ⁽⁺⁾	0	1/2 ⁻	(E1)		0.01002 14	%I γ ≈3.3 $\alpha(K)=0.00887$ 12; $\alpha(L)=0.000967$ 14; $\alpha(M)=0.0001617$ 23 $\alpha(N)=2.011\times10^{-5}$ 28; $\alpha(O)=1.260\times10^{-6}$ 18
408.22 8	41.2 10	611.58	(7/2 ⁺)	203.36	(5/2 ⁺)	(M1)		0.00424 6	%I γ ≈15.3 $\alpha(K)=0.00375$ 5; $\alpha(L)=0.000412$ 6; $\alpha(M)=6.92\times10^{-5}$ 10 $\alpha(N)=8.69\times10^{-6}$ 12; $\alpha(O)=5.66\times10^{-7}$ 8 E γ : weighted average of 408.18 6 (1982De36) and 408.36 11 (1985Li12). I γ : other: 35 6 (relative to I γ (124)=100) and 0.4% 1 (1982De36) – %I γ appears to be erroneous .
479.3		611.58	(7/2 ⁺)	132.3	(9/2 ⁺)				E γ : from level energy difference in 1993Mi11 . Weak transition.

[†] From [1985Li12](#), except as noted. Data for the 3 gammas in [1982De36](#), listed in comments, are in agreement, except for I γ (79).

[‡] From Adopted Gammas, except as noted.

[#] Unresolved from much stronger 221 γ from ⁸³Zr ε decay. Decay time of multiplet indicates that most of the intensity comes from the A=83 chain ([1985Li12](#)).

[@] [Additional information 4](#).

[&] For absolute intensity per 100 decays, multiply by ≈0.371.

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Legend

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

Decay SchemeIntensities: $I_{(\gamma+ce)}$ per 100 parent decays