^{201}Tl - Comments on evaluation of decay data by E. Schönfeld

This evaluation was completed in May 1997 and the half life value has been updated in May 2004.

1 Decay Scheme

Above the 167 keV level and below available energy there are three levels of ^{201}Hg: 384,601(18) keV (5/2-), 414,522(17) keV (7/2-) ; 21,3 ps, and 464,41(3) keV (5/2-); 2,6 ps. EC transitions to these levels would be (in the above order) unique first forbidden / nonunique third forbidden and unique first forbidden. But, these transitions have not been observed in the decay of ^{201}Tl. If these transitions do not exist, then the decay scheme on page 1 is complete.

2 Nuclear Data

The following values of the half-life have been considered ($T_{1/2}$ in d):

1	3,00(13)	Neumann and Perlman (1950)
2	3,063(33)	Herrlander et al. (1960)
3	3,0380(7)	Debertin et al. (1979) ; superseded by 6
4	3,0408(14)	Lagoutine and Legrand (1982); originally given 3 σ = 0,0040 d
5	3,0447(9)	Hoppes et al. (1982) ; superseded by 7
6	3,043(3)	Schrader (1989) ; superseded by 10
7	3,0456(15)	Unterweger et al. (1992)
8	3,0400(28)	Simpson and Meyer (1994)
9	3,038(17)	de Souza (2004)
10	3,0486(30)	Schrader (2004)
11	3,0421(17)	adopted value with external uncertainty, present evaluation

Values 1 and 2 are only of historical interest. Value 5 is superseded by value 7 and value 3 by value 6 and then by value 10. The LWM of values 4, 7, 8, 9 and 10 is given as value 11, the reduced χ^2 is 4,3.

The Q_{EC} value 483(15) keV is taken from Audi and Wapstra (1995).

2.1 Electron Capture Transitions

The adopted values P_K, P_L, P_M, P_N were calculated from the table of Schönfeld (1995) using the Q_{EC} value of Audi and Wapstra (1995) and the binding energies of Hg. These values are:

ΔE keV	P_K	P_L	P_M	P_{NO}
316(15)	0,724(7)	0,206(7)	0,054(2)	0,016(2)
451(15)	0,758(3)	0,181(3)	0,0461(12)	0,025(2)
483(15)	0,763(3)	0,178(3)	0,0451(12)	0,014(2)

The above values are in excellent agreement with the values calculated by Funck and Nylandstedt Larsen (1983) although the latter have no assigned uncertainties:

to level keV	P_K	P_L	P_M
167	0,7230	0,2016	0,0549
32	0,7567	0,1813	0,0474
1,6 and 0	0,7613	0,1779	0,0464

They are also in agreement with the values given by Lagoutine in the Table des Radionucléides (1984). It has to be mentioned that Lagoutine used different transition energies. His values are:

ΔE keV	P_K	P_L	P_{MN}
321(15)	0,730(5)	0,206(3)	0,064(2)
456(15)	0,762(5)	0,182(3)	0,056(2)
488(15)	0,767(5)	0,178(3)	0,055(2)

The transition probabilities of the EC transitions were calculated by

$$P_{e_{0,4}} = P_{g+ce_{4,0}} + P_{g+ce_{4,1}} + P_{g+ce_{4,2}} + P_{g+ce_{4,3}}$$

$$P_{e_{0,3}} = P_{g+ce_{3,0}} + P_{g+ce_{3,1}} + P_{g+ce_{3,2}} - P_{g+ce_{4,3}}$$

$$P_{e_{0,1}} + P_{e_{0,0}} = 1 - (P_{e_{0,4}} + P_{e_{0,3}})$$

2.2 Gamma Transitions

The energies of the main transitions are measured by Herrlander et al. (1960) via the conversion energies. The present values are taken from S. Rab (1994).
Herrlander et al. (1960) have measured the $L_1/L_2/L_3$ ratios of the 30,6 keV, 32,19 keV, 135,34 keV and 167,43 keV. By comparing the experimental values with theoretical ones the multipolarity of all this transitions were prooved to be M1. For the 165,88 keV an E2 mixture of up to 7 % could not be excluded. The present multipolarities and conversion coefficients are taken from Rab (1994). The transition probabilities are calculated from the gamma-ray emission probabilities (4.2) and the total conversion coefficients.

3 Atomic data

The atomic data are taken from Schönfeld and Janßen (1996).

3.1 X Radiation

The energy values are calculated from the wavelengths in Å* as given by Bearden (1967).
The relative emission probabilities of K X rays are taken from Schönfeld and Janßen (1996).

3.2 Auger Electrons

The energy values are taken from Larkins (1977) (KLL) and the Table de Radionucléides (LMRI 1982) (KLX, KXY). The relative emission probabilities of K Auger electrons are taken from Schönfeld and Janßen (1996). The relative emission probabilities of the L Auger electrons is calculated from the value in the table 4.1 putting P(KLL) = 1.

4 Radiation Emission

4.1 Electron Emission

The energies of the Auger are the same as in 3.2. The energies of the conversion electrons are calculated from the transition energy (2.2) and the binding energies.

The emission probabilities of the conversion electrons are calculated using the conversion coefficients given in 2.2. The values of the emission probabilities of the Auger electrons are calculated using the transition probabilities given in 2.1 and 2.2, the atomic data given in 3 and the conversion coefficients given in 2.2.

4.2 Photon Emission

The energy of the X rays are the same as in 3.1. For the relative K X ray emission probabilities and the relative γ ray emission probabilities it has been found

E_γ in keV		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
30,60		2,2(2)	3,10(13)	2,35(25)	2,57(6)	2,60(8)	2,60(8)	2,53(5)	2,58(5)	-
32,19		2,2(2)	2,85(12)	2,69(34)	2,60(9)	2,60(7)	2,72(6)	2,58(5)	2,63(5)	-
68,90	K_{a_2}		274(9)	243(15)	261(7)		270(4)		268(4)	273(5)
70,82	K_{a_1}		466(14)	412(25)	446(12)		442(6)		446(6)	464(7)
	K_a		740(23)	655(29)	707(14)	722(13)	712(7)		715(7)	737(11)
80,2	K'_{b_1}				153(4)				153(4)	157(4)
82,5	K'_{b_2}				45,9(15)				45,9(15)	46,1(13)
	K_b		205(7)	182(11)	199(16)	205(4)	195(5)		202(5)	203(5)
135,34		26,5(13)	26,5(10)	31(4)	26,4(3)	26,5(4)	27,2(5)	25,65(18)	26,04(22)	-
165,88		1,6(1)	1,80(20)	1,6(3)	1,5(2)	1,46(20)	1,45(2)	1,55(5)	1,47(2)	-
167,43		100	100,0(17)	100(8)	100,0(11)	100,0(10)	100,0(12)	100	100,0(10)	-

1: Hofmann and Walcher (1975)
2: Nass (1977)
3: Martin (1976)
4: Debertin et al. (1978)
5: Funck et al. (1983)
6: Kawada et al. (1990)
7: Coursey et al. (1990)
8: LWM (without 3)
9: Calculated from atomic data, EC data and conversion coefficients. Adopted and recommended values for the X rays.

The values in column 8 are the LWM from 1, 2, 4 - 7 (the values 3 are less reliable). The uncertainties were taken not smaller than the minimum of a single value. Between values 8 and 9 there is not in all cases 1 σ overlapping. The transformation from relative emission probabilities to absolute emission probabilities was made using the absolute transition probability for the 167 keV transition $P_\gamma(167) = 0{,}1000(10)$ as determinated by Coursey et al. (1990) from absolute activity measurements.

5 Main Production Modes

Taken from the „Table de Radionucléides“, LMRI, 1982.

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