¹⁶¹Dy α decay:? 2011Be18

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Parent: 161 Dy: E=0.0; $J^{\pi}=5/2^{+}$; $T_{1/2}\geq3.5\times10^{16}$ y; $Q(\alpha)=343.4$ 13; $\%\alpha$ decay=?

¹⁶¹Dy-T_{1/2}: From 2011Be18, limit based on 83 events which can be excluded at 90% confidence level (C.L.) and detector efficiency of 0.2%.

¹⁶¹Dy-Q(α): From 2012Wa38.

Additional information 1.

Compiled for the XUNDL database by M. Birch and B. Singh (McMaster).

Search for α decay of ¹⁶¹Dy.

Measured lower limit of the half life for the α decay process in 161 Dy using a 322 g Dy₂O₃ sample and an ultra-low background HPGe detector installed in the underground at the Gran Sasso National Laboratories of the INFN (Italy). The detector was passively shielded using lead, copper and borated polyethylene. Contaminants in the sample were identified and their radioactivities measured to accurately identify the source of γ lines in the observed spectrum.

Only first excited state in ¹⁵⁷Gd, 54.5 keV and 5/2⁻, is expected to be populated in this decay.