

$^{240}\text{Pu } \alpha$ decay

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Parent: ^{240}Pu : E=0.0; $J^\pi=0^+$; $T_{1/2}=6561$ y 7; $Q(\alpha)=5255.82$ 14; % α decay=100.0

$^{240}\text{Pu}-Q(\alpha)$: From [2021Wa16](#).

$^{240}\text{Pu}-T_{1/2}$: From the Adopted Levels of ^{240}Pu ([2008Si25](#)).

E and I K x ray: from [1976GuZN](#).

α : [Additional information 1](#).

K x ray: from [1976GuZN](#)

$E\gamma$ $I(K \text{ x ray}) 1.\times 10^{-8}/\alpha$

94.658 5	63.6 30	$K\alpha_2$	x ray
98.422 5	0.2 5	$K\alpha_1$	x ray
110.421	11.8	$K\beta_3$	x ray
111.300	23	$K\beta_1$	x ray

 ^{236}U Levels

$E(\text{level})^\ddagger$	J^π^\dagger	$T_{1/2}$	Comments
0	0^+		
45.2431 20	2^+	0.235 ns 6	$T_{1/2}$: weighted average of 0.232 ns 20 (1960Be25) and 0.235 ns 6 (1970ToZZ).
149.480 5	4^+	0.142 ns 10	$T_{1/2}$: from 1970ToZZ .
309.788 5	6^+		
522.26 4	8^+		
687.55 4	1^-		
744.2 10	3^-		
919.22 12	0^+		
958.00 20	2^+		
960.0 10	(2^+)		
967.0 10	(1^-)		

† From the Adopted Levels.

‡ Deduced by the evaluator from a least-squares fit to γ -ray energies.

 α radiations

$E\alpha^\dagger$	$E(\text{level})$	$I\alpha^\#$	HF^\ddagger	Comments
(4217.3)	967.0	$<5\times 10^{-8}$	>139	$I\alpha$: deduced from $I\gamma(967)<5\times 10^{-8}$.
(4224.2)	960.0	$<5\times 10^{-8}$	>160	$I\alpha$: deduced from $I\gamma(960)<5\times 10^{-8}$.
(4226.1)	958.00	$<1\times 10^{-7}$	>83	$I\alpha$: deduced from $I\gamma(958)<1\times 10^{-7}$.
(4264.3)	919.22	5.9×10^{-7} 6	30 3	$I\alpha$: deduced from $I\gamma(874)=5.8\times 10^{-7}$ 6.
(4436.4)	744.2	$<2.5\times 10^{-8}$	>18416	$I\alpha$: deduced from $I\gamma(699)<2.5\times 10^{-8}$.
4492.02 14	687.55	2.7×10^{-5} 7	47 13	$I\alpha$: weighted average of 4.0×10^{-5} 10 (2010Si30), 3.2×10^{-5} 5 (2010Si30) and 2.1×10^{-5} 4 (1969Le05).
4654.60 14	522.26	1.72×10^{-6} 7	1.287×10^4 53	$I\alpha$: from 2010Si30 ; other: 2.9×10^{-5} 4 (1972Sc01).
4863.53 14	309.788	0.00099 9	706 65	$I\alpha$: weighted average of 0.0012 3 (1972Sc01) and 0.00097 9 (2010Si30), other: 0.0032 1 (1956Ko67), 0.002 1 (1959Tr37), and 0.001 (1977Ba69).
5021.17 14	149.480	0.0892 23	91.6 24	$I\alpha$: Measured: 4851 5 (1956Ko67) and 4863.6 5 (1977Ba69). $I\alpha$: weighted average of 0.085 15 (1956Go43), 0.091 6 (1956Ko67), 0.096 5 (1972Sc01), 0.090 5 (1984Ah06), 0.10 3 (1992Bi13), 0.08

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^{240}Pu α decay (continued) α radiations (continued)

$E\alpha^{\dagger}$	$E(\text{level})$	$I\alpha^{\#}$	HF^{\ddagger}					Comments
5123.83 17	45.2431	27.14 9	1.397 5					I (1994Ra27) and 0.085 4 (2010Si30); other: 0.071 I (1977Ba69). E α : Measured: 5014 2 (1956Ko67) and 5021.5 5 (1977Ba69). I α : weighted average of 26.39 21 (1977Ba69), 27.1 1 (1984Ah06), 27.2 4 (1987Bo25), 27.35 20 (1992Bi13), 27.0 5 (1990An33), 26.82 9 (1994Ra27), 27.35 7 (2004Si03), and 27.21 7 (2010Si30); others: 24 (1952As28) and 26 2 (1996Vi07).
5168.32 11	0	72.76 8	1.000					E α : weighted average of 5123.3 7 (1962Le11), 5123.45 23 (1972Go33,1991Ry01), 5123.62 25 (1977Ba69), 5124.10 15 (2004Si03); others: 5118 4 (1952As28). I α : weighted average of 73.51 36 (1977Ba69), 72.8 1 (1984Ah06), 72.7 9 (1987Bo25), 73.0 5 (1990An33), 72.55 40 (1992Bi13), 73.11 8 (1994Ra27), 72.56 6 (2004Si03), and 72.70 7 (2010Si30); others: 76 (1952As28) and 74 2 (1996Vi07). E α : weighted average of 5167.7 7 (1962Le11), 5168.13 15 (1972Go33,1991Ry01), 5168.30 15 (1977Ba69), and 5168.54 14 (2004Si03); others: 5162 4 (1952As28).

[†] From Q(α) and level energies, unless otherwise noted.[‡] $r_0(^{236}\text{U})=1.51638$ 11 is calculated from HF(5168 α)=1.0.[#] Absolute intensity per 100 decays. $\gamma(^{236}\text{U})$

E_{γ}^{\dagger}	I_{γ}^{\ddagger}	$E_i(\text{level})$	J_i^{π}	E_f	J_f^{π}	Mult. [†]	α	Comments
45.243 2	0.0432 3	45.2431	2 ⁺	0	0 ⁺	E2	589 8	$\alpha(L)=429$ 6; $\alpha(M)=118.6$ 17; $\alpha(N)=32.1$ 5; $\alpha(O)=7.36$ 10; $\alpha(P)=1.191$ 17; $\alpha(Q)=0.00285$ 4 I γ : weighted average of 0.04315 9 (1981He16,1986He12), 0.0453 9 (1971GuZY,1976GuZN) and 0.0461 9 (1976Um01). Mult.: from $\alpha(L2)/\alpha(L3)=1.05$ 5, $\alpha(M2)/\alpha(M3)=1.40$ 5 and $\alpha(L)/\alpha(M)=2.6$ 2 (1958Sa21) and $\alpha(\text{tot})\exp=607$ 29 (1968Du06).
104.237 4	0.00714 8	149.480	4 ⁺	45.2431	2 ⁺	E2	10.99 15	$\alpha(L)=8.00$ 11; $\alpha(M)=2.220$ 31; $\alpha(N)=0.603$ 8; $\alpha(O)=0.1385$ 19; $\alpha(P)=0.02268$ 32 $\alpha(Q)=9.41\times 10^{-5}$ 13 I γ : weighted average of 0.00698 14 (1976GuZY) and 0.00718 7 (1981He16,1986He12).
160.308 3	4.058×10^{-4} 15	309.788	6 ⁺	149.480	4 ⁺	E2	1.761 25	$\alpha(K)=0.2079$ 29; $\alpha(L)=1.132$ 16; $\alpha(M)=0.313$ 4; $\alpha(N)=0.0850$ 12; $\alpha(O)=0.01958$ 27 $\alpha(P)=0.00325$ 5; $\alpha(Q)=2.327\times 10^{-5}$ 33 I γ : weighted average of 0.000422 21 (1975OtZX), 0.000402 8 (1971GuZY,1976GuZY), 0.000402 4 (1981He16,1986He12) and 0.0004065 17 (1994Ba91); other: 0.00104 14 (1972CIZS).
212.47 4	1.08×10^{-6} 4	522.26	8 ⁺	309.788	6 ⁺	E2	0.599 8	$\alpha(K)=0.1400$ 20; $\alpha(L)=0.335$ 5;

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$^{240}\text{Pu } \alpha$ decay (continued) **$\gamma(^{236}\text{U})$ (continued)**

E_γ^\dagger	I_γ^\ddagger	$E_i(\text{level})$	J_i^π	E_f	J_f^π	Mult. [†]	α	Comments
538.09 7	1.42×10^{-7} 12	687.55	1^-	149.480	4^+	E3	0.20 8	$\alpha(M)=0.0920$ 13; $\alpha(N)=0.02498$ 35; $\alpha(O)=0.00577$ 8 $\alpha(P)=0.000968$ 14; $\alpha(Q)=1.068 \times 10^{-5}$ 15 I_γ : deduced from $I\alpha=1.72 \times 10^{-6}$ 7; other: 2.90×10^{-5} 23 (1975OtZX). $\alpha(K)\exp=0.11$ 5 $\alpha,\alpha(K)\exp$: taken from the Adopted Gammas. I_γ : deduced using $I\gamma(538)/I\gamma(642)=0.0114$ 8 from Adopted Gammas; measured: 1.47×10^{-7} 12 (1975OtZX).
642.23 7	1.248×10^{-5} 11	687.55	1^-	45.2431	2^+	E1(+M2+E3)	0.15 2	$\alpha(K)\exp=0.111$ 10; $\alpha(L)\exp=0.031$ 9 $\alpha,\alpha(K)\exp,\alpha(L)\exp$: from Adopted Gammas; weighted average of 1.4×10^{-5} 2 (1969Le05), 1.26×10^{-5} 3 (1975OtZX) and 1.245×10^{-5} 12 (1976GuZN); other: 4.1×10^{-5} (1972CIZS).
687.59 6	3.42×10^{-6} 7	687.55	1^-	0	0^+	E1	0.31 2	$\alpha(K)\exp=0.219$ 14; $\alpha(L)\exp=0.069$ 9 $\alpha,\alpha(K)\exp,\alpha(L)\exp$: from Adopted Gammas; deduced using $I\gamma(688)/I\gamma(642)=0.274$ 5 from Adopted Gammas; measured: 3.8×10^{-6} 10 (1969Le05), 8.1×10^{-6} (1972CIZS), 3.30×10^{-6} 13 (1975OtZX) and 3.55×10^{-6} 5 (1976GuZN).
(699)	$<2.5 \times 10^{-8}$	744.2	3^-	45.2431	2^+	[E1]	0.00711 10	$\alpha(K)=0.00578$ 8; $\alpha(L)=0.001005$ 14; $\alpha(M)=0.0002395$ 34; $\alpha(N)=6.42 \times 10^{-5}$ 9 $\alpha(O)=1.548 \times 10^{-5}$ 22; $\alpha(P)=2.93 \times 10^{-6}$ 4; $\alpha(Q)=2.172 \times 10^{-7}$ 30 E_γ,I_γ : from 1975OtZX .
873.98 12	5.8×10^{-7} 6	919.22	0^+	45.2431	2^+	[E2]	0.01439 20	$\alpha(K)=0.01060$ 15; $\alpha(L)=0.00283$ 4; $\alpha(M)=0.000711$ 10; $\alpha(N)=0.0001917$ 27 $\alpha(O)=4.58 \times 10^{-5}$ 6; $\alpha(P)=8.47 \times 10^{-6}$ 12; $\alpha(Q)=4.86 \times 10^{-7}$ 7 E_γ,I_γ : from 1975OtZX .
(958.0 2)	$<1 \times 10^{-7}$	958.00	2^+	0	0^+			I_γ : from 1975OtZX .
(960)	$<5 \times 10^{-8}$	960.0	(2^+)	0	0^+			E_γ,I_γ : from 1975OtZX .
(967)	$<5 \times 10^{-8}$	967.0	(1^-)	0	0^+	(E1)		E_γ,I_γ : from 1975OtZX .

[†] From Adopted Gammas, unless otherwise noted.[‡] Absolute intensity per 100 decays.

^{240}Pu α decayDecay Scheme

Legend

Intensities: I_γ per 100 parent decays

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

