

^{237}U β^- decay [1966Ya05](#), [1960Un01](#)

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Parent: ^{237}U ; $E=0.0$; $J^\pi=1/2^+$; $T_{1/2}=6.75$ d I ; $Q(\beta^-)=518.6$ 6; $\% \beta^-$ decay=100.0

Other measurements: [1949Me43](#), [1953Wa05](#), [1956Ba39](#), [1957Bu42](#), [1957Ra04](#), [1966El12](#), [1968Da24](#), [1971Cl03](#), [1982BuZF](#), [1985He02](#), [1985Wi04](#).

[1966Ya05](#): Source produced by $^{236}\text{U}(n,\gamma)$; Detector:Ge(Li) and Si(Li); Measured: $E\gamma$, $I\gamma$, α , deduced level scheme.

 ^{237}Np Levels

E(level) [†]	J^π [‡]	$T_{1/2}$	Comments
0.0 [#]	$5/2^+$	2.14×10^6 y I	$T_{1/2}$: From Adopted Levels.
33.196 [#] $_9$	$7/2^+$		
59.545 [@] $_{10}$	$5/2^-$	63 ns 5	$T_{1/2}$: From 208γ and 59.6γ $\gamma\gamma(t)$ in 1960Un01 .
75.91 [#] $_5$	$9/2^+$		
102.965 [@] $_{13}$	$7/2^-$		
267.561 ^{&} $_{14}$	$3/2^-$	5.2 ns 2	$T_{1/2}$: Weighted average of 5.2 ns 5 ($208\gamma(t)$ – 1957Bu42), 5.2 ns 2 ($208\gamma(t)$ – 1960Un01), and 5.0 ns 2 ($268\gamma(t)$ – 1960Un01).
281.368 ^{&} $_{20}$	$1/2^-$		
332.385 ^a $_{19}$	$1/2^+$	≤ 1.0 ns	$T_{1/2}$: From $332\gamma(t)$ in 1960Un01 .
368.59 ^a $_3$	$5/2^+$		
370.93 ^a $_3$	$3/2^+$		

[†] From a least square fit to the γ -ray energies.

[‡] From Adopted Levels.

[#] $5/2[642]$ band.

[@] $5/2[523]$ band.

[&] $1/2[530]$ band.

^a $1/2[400]$ band.

 β^- radiations

β intensities shown on the decay scheme have been deduced from intensity balance at each level. Measured β energies and intensities are:

Nuclear finite size effects on the absolute fit values were reported in [1966Bo08](#). For calculations of screening corrections to the Fermi function for allowed β decay, see [1966Ma57](#).

1956Ba39			1957Ra04		
$E\beta$	$I\beta$		$E\beta$	$I\beta$	
84	5	26%	248	96%	
249	5	74%	no $E\beta^- = 450$	< 1%	
no $E\beta^- > 266$					

Other measurements: [1949Me43](#), [1953Wa05](#).

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<u>E(decay)</u>	<u>E(level)</u>	<u>$I\beta^-$[†]</u>	<u>Log ft</u>	<u>Comments</u>
(147.7 6)	370.93	≈ 0.8	≈ 7.5	av $E\beta=38.98$ 17
(186.2 6)	332.385	3.4 3	7.21 4	av $E\beta=49.83$ 17
(237.2 6)	281.368	51 4	6.37 4	av $E\beta=64.54$ 18
(251.0 6)	267.561	42 3	6.53 4	av $E\beta=68.59$ 18
(459.1 [‡] 6)	59.545	3.0 23	8.5 ^{1u} 2	av $E\beta=137.57$ 19

Intensity balance at the 59-keV level yields $I\beta=4\pm 7$ for the possible β^- feeding. Sum of γ transitions decaying from higher levels to the 5/2[642] and 5/2[523] bands is 97.0% 23, which suggests that, unless there are additional (as yet unobserved) γ 's decaying to these bands, 3.0% 23 b- feeds the levels below 267 keV. The 5/2⁻ state at 59 keV is the most likely candidate for such a feeding; however, 1957Ra04 did not observe this possible β^- transition and set an upper limit of 1%.

[†] Absolute intensity per 100 decays.

[‡] Existence of this branch is questionable.

γ(²³⁷Np)

γγ: 1953Wa05, 1957Ra04.

βγ: 1953Wa05

γγ(θ, t):

(208γ)(59γ)(θ): A₂=(0.046±0.005); δ(208γ)>0 1968Hr01

A₂=(0.07±0.02) ; δ(208γ)>0 1980An23

A₂ value constant for T_{1/2}<250 Ns 1968Hr01, 1980An23

others: 1960Un01, 1960St18

X rays (Np):			I(x-ray)			
E(x-ray)						
1966Ya05	1982Ba56	1976GuZN	1966Ya05	1976GuZN		
(semi)	(cryst)	(semi)	rel to	(%)		
from (n,γ)			I(208γ)			
			=21.2			
11.9			1.38	15	L ₁ x ray	
14.0			24.4	26	L _α x ray	
17.8			25.9	26	L _β x ray	
20.8			7.0	7	L _γ x ray	
97.0	97.069 3	97.071 5	16.1	17	15.8 7	Kα ₂ x ray
101.0	101.057 3	101.066 5	22.5	24	25.2 8	Kα ₁ x ray
	113.308 4	113.300			3.04 16	Kβ ₃ x ray
113.5			9.8	10		Kβ ₁ ' x ray
	114.244 3	114.230			5.85 18	Kβ ₁ x ray
		114.950			0.335 34	Kβ ₅ x ray
		117.340			0.790	Kβ ₄ x ray
		117.580			1.56	Kβ ₂ x ray
117.5			3.1	4		Kβ ₂ ' x ray

other measurements: 1957Ra04, 1990Po14, 1992Ba08.

E _γ [†]	I _γ ^{#c}	E _i (level)	J _i ^π	E _f	J _f ^π	Mult. [@]	δ [@]	α ^d	Comments
(2.3)		370.93	3/2 ⁺	368.59	5/2 ⁺				E _γ : from level scheme; transition has not been observed. I _γ : if there is no β ⁻ feeding to the 368.59-keV level, the intensity balance at that level suggests that Ti(2.3γ)=0.235 11.
13.81 [‡] 2	0.099 4	281.368	1/2 ⁻	267.561	3/2 ⁻	M1+E2	0.0321 10	518 16	α(M)=390 13 I _γ : calculated by the evaluator from Ice(M1)=29.9 3 and α(M1)=303 9.
26.3446 2	2.43 6	59.545	5/2 ⁻	33.196	7/2 ⁺	E1 ^{&}		8 ^a 2	α(L)exp=6 2; α(M)exp=1.6 2 B(E1)(W.u.)=3.9×10 ⁻⁶ 13
33.196 1	0.130 5	33.196	7/2 ⁺	0.0	5/2 ⁺	M1+E2	0.13 3	185 23	E _γ : 26.3448 2 from ²⁴¹ Am α decay. α(L)=138 18; α(M)=35 5

²³⁷U β⁻ decay **1966Ya05,1960Un01** (continued)

γ(²³⁷Np) (continued)

E _γ [†]	I _γ ^{#c}	E _i (level)	J _i ^π	E _f	J _f ^π	Mult. [@]	δ [@]	α ^d	I _(γ+ce) ^c	Comments
38.54 [‡] 3	<0.021	370.93	3/2 ⁺	332.385	1/2 ⁺	(M1+E2)	>0.65	>492	≈0.4	I _(γ+ce) : from measured Ice's. I _γ (38.54γ)<0.001 I _γ (208γ) (1966Ya05).
(42.704 ^b 5)		75.91	9/2 ⁺	33.196	7/2 ⁺	(M1+E2)	≈0.13	≈80		α(L)≈59; α(M)≈15
43.420 3	0.0240 20	102.965	7/2 ⁻	59.545	5/2 ⁻	M1+E2	0.41 2	167 9		α(L)=124 7; α(M)=32.8 18
51.01 [‡] 3	0.340 10	332.385	1/2 ⁺	281.368	1/2 ⁻	E1		0.767		α(L)= 0.574; α(M)= 0.143; α(N+...)= 0.0502 B(E1)(W.u.)=0.0001195 16
59.5409 1	34.5 8	59.545	5/2 ⁻	0.0	5/2 ⁺	E1 ^{&}		1.16 ^a 7		α(L)exp=0.84 6; α(M)exp=0.226 7; α(N+...)exp=0.094 10 B(E1)(W.u.)=4.8×10 ⁻⁶ 6 E _γ : 59.5412 2 from ²⁴¹ Am α decay. α: obtained from measured Ice's and I _γ 's. See also ²⁴¹ Am α decay.
64.83 [‡] 2	1.282 17	332.385	1/2 ⁺	267.561	3/2 ⁻	E1		0.408		α(L)= 0.306; α(M)= 0.075; α(N+...)= 0.027 B(E1)(W.u.)=0.0002195 20 I _γ : from 314 3 per 1000 ²⁴¹ Pu decays (1985Wi04). 1.28 2 per 100 ²³⁷ U β ⁻ decays (1976GuZN).
(69.76 ^b 3)	0.00095 19	102.965	7/2 ⁻	33.196	7/2 ⁺	(E1)		0.336		α(L)=0.252; α(M)=0.0621; α(N+...)=0.0219 I _γ : calculated by the evaluator from I _γ (69.76γ)/I _γ (43.423γ)=2.9 4/73 8, as measured in ²⁴¹ Am α decay.
(75.8 ^b 2)		75.91	9/2 ⁺	0.0	5/2 ⁺					
(102.98 ^b 2)	0.0064 9	102.965	7/2 ⁻	0.0	5/2 ⁺	E1		0.121		α(L)=0.091; α(M)=0.022; α(N+...)=0.0080 I _γ : calculated by the evaluator from I _γ (102.98γ)/I _γ (43.423γ)=19.5 1/73 8, as measured in ²⁴¹ Am α decay.
^x 114.09 5										Photon was masked by Kβ x ray; three conversion lines were identified in 1966Ya05: L1:L2:L3=20 4:20 4:22 4; Ice(L3)=0.022% 4.
164.61 [‡] 2	1.86 3	267.561	3/2 ⁻	102.965	7/2 ⁻	E2		1.74		α(K)= 0.199; α(L)= 1.12; α(M)= 0.309; α(N+...)= 0.117 B(E2)(W.u.)=0.201 12 I _γ : 1.865 23 (from 457 4 per 1000 ²⁴¹ Pu decays; 1985He02), 1.853 23 (from 454 4 per 1000 ²⁴¹ Pu decays; 1985Wi04). I _γ =1.84 5 per 100 ²³⁷ U β ⁻ decays (1976GuZN).
208.005 [‡] 23	21.2 3	267.561	3/2 ⁻	59.545	5/2 ⁻	M1+E2	+0.156 5	3.18		α(K)= 2.504 4; α(L)=0.504; α(M)=0.123; N+=0.046 B(M1)(W.u.)=0.000102 6; B(E2)(W.u.)=0.0169 15 I _γ : 21.2 3 (from 5200 50 per 1000 ²⁴¹ Pu

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²³⁷U β⁻ decay [1966Ya05,1960Un01](#) (continued)

<u>γ(²³⁷Np) (continued)</u>									
<u>E_γ[†]</u>	<u>I_γ^{#c}</u>	<u>E_i(level)</u>	<u>J_i^π</u>	<u>E_f</u>	<u>J_f^π</u>	<u>Mult.[@]</u>	<u>δ[@]</u>	<u>α^d</u>	<u>Comments</u>
									decays; 1985He02 , 1985Wi04). I _γ =21.7 5 per 100 ²³⁷ U β ⁻ decays (1976GuZN).
									α(K) _{exp} =2.30 12 determined in 1966Ya05 by comparing ce and γ intensities of 208γ with those of 411.8γ from ¹⁹⁸ Au taking α(K)=0.0302 5 for the 411.8γ.
									δ: positive sign for δ is from γγ(θ) measurements.
221.80 [‡] 4	0.0212 7	281.368	1/2 ⁻	59.545	5/2 ⁻	E2		0.560	α(K)= 0.132; α(L)= 0.310; α(M)= 0.0853; α(N+..)= 0.0323
234.40 [‡] 4	0.0205 7	267.561	3/2 ⁻	33.196	7/2 ⁺	M2		8.66	α(K)= 5.87; α(L)= 2.05; α(M)= 0.537; α(N+..)= 0.205 B(M2)(W.u.)=0.047 4
267.54 [‡] 4	0.712 10	267.561	3/2 ⁻	0.0	5/2 ⁺	E1+M2	0.490 15	1.11 6	α(K)= 0.77 4; α(L)= 0.250 12; α(M)= 0.065 4; α(N+..)=0.0246 12 B(E1)(W.u.)=1.07×10 ⁻⁸ 8; B(M2)(W.u.)=0.164 14 I _γ : from 0.714 22 (1.75 5 per 1000 ²⁴¹ Pu decays, 1985He02) and 0.711 10 (1.741 15 per 1000 ²⁴¹ Pu decays, 1985Wi04). I _γ =0.740 18 per 100 ²³⁷ U β ⁻ decays (1976GuZN).
292.77 6	0.0025 7	368.59	5/2 ⁺	75.91	9/2 ⁺	[E2]		0.220	α(K)=0.0808; α(L)=0.101; α(M)=0.0275; α(N+..)=0.0104 E _γ : 292.77 6 from ²⁴¹ Am α decay. I _γ : from I _γ (292.7γ)/I _γ (208.0γ)=0.00012 3, as measured in 1966Ya05 .
(309.1 ^b 3)	0.00027	368.59	5/2 ⁺	59.545	5/2 ⁻				I _γ : from I _γ (309γ)/I _γ (335γ)=0.14/49.6, as measured in ²⁴¹ Am decay.
332.35 3	1.200 16	332.385	1/2 ⁺	0.0	5/2 ⁺	E2		0.150	α(K)= 0.0640; α(L)= 0.0624; α(M)=0.0169; α(N+..)=0.0064 B(E2)(W.u.)=0.5077 20 I _γ : from I _γ =294 3 per 1000 ²⁴¹ Pu decays (1985Wi04). I _γ =1.21 3 per 100 ²³⁷ U β ⁻ decays (1976GuZN).
335.37 3	0.0951 22	368.59	5/2 ⁺	33.196	7/2 ⁺	M1+E2	0.46 17	0.74 9	α(K)= 0.57 8; α(L)= 0.121 9; α(M)= 0.0296 20; α(N+..)=0.0110 8 I _γ : from I _γ =23.3 5 per 1000 ²⁴¹ Pu decays (1985Wi04). I _γ =0.097 3 per 100 ²³⁷ U β ⁻ decays (1976GuZN).
337.7 [‡] 5	0.0089 5	370.93	3/2 ⁺	33.196	7/2 ⁺	(E2)		0.143	α(K)= 0.0622; α(L)= 0.0588; α(M)=0.0159; α(N+..)=0.0060 Seen only in 1976GuZN .
^x 340.45	0.00165 33	368.59	5/2 ⁺	0.0	5/2 ⁺	M1(+E2)	<0.31	0.64 2	α(K)=0.51 2; α(L)=0.100 3; α(M)=0.0244 6; α(N+..)=0.0091 2 I _γ : from I _γ =9.6 4 per 1000 ²⁴¹ Pu decays (1985Wi04). I _γ =0.043 2 per 100 ²³⁷ U β ⁻ decays (1976GuZN).
368.62 3	0.0392 17	368.59	5/2 ⁺	0.0	5/2 ⁺	M1+E2	0.43 +7-21	0.57 6	α(K)= 0.45 5; α(L)= 0.092 7; α(M)= 0.0225 15; α(N+..)=0.0084 5 I _γ : from I _γ =26.3 4 per 1000 ²⁴¹ Pu decays (1985Wi04). I _γ =0.110 4 per 100 ²³⁷ U β ⁻ decays in 1976GuZN .

$\gamma(^{237}\text{Np})$ (continued)

† From Adopted Levels, except otherwise noted.

‡ From [1966Ya05](#).

From [1976GuZN](#), [1985He02](#), and [1985Wi04](#), except where indicated. Intensities of the strong transitions were only measured in [1985He02](#) and [1985Wi04](#). These intensities are converted by the evaluator from per 100 ^{241}Pu decays to per 100 ^{237}U β^- decays by using the adopted α branching of $2.45 \times 10^{-3} \%$ 2 for ^{241}Pu decay. The $I\gamma$'s of [1976GuZN](#) were measured as absolute intensities. The $I\gamma$'s recommended in [1986LoZT](#) were obtained from the weighted average of intensities in [1985Wi04](#), [1985He02](#), [1984BaYS](#), [1966Ya05](#), [1971Cl03](#), [1976GuZN](#) and [1982BuZF](#). The $I\gamma$'s of [1985He02](#) and [1985Wi04](#) were recalculated by taking the α branching for ^{241}Pu as $2.41 \times 10^{-3} \%$ 4, and relative intensities of [1966Ya05](#), [1971Cl03](#) and [1984BaYS](#) were renormalized in [1986LoZT](#) at $I\gamma(208\gamma)$ to 21.6. See also [1966El12](#) for the absolute photon intensities measured using $4\pi(\beta\gamma)$ technique.

@ From ce measurements in [1966Ya05](#). See also ^{241}Am α decay. The I_{ce} 's given in [1966Ya05](#) are renormalized (by a factor of 0.96 2) at L-subshells of 164.61-keV E2 transition by using the adopted $I\gamma=1.86$ 3 and the theoretical L1, L2, L3 conversion coefficients.

& Anomalously converted. See [1960As02](#) and [1966Ya05](#) for discussions.

^a Experimental conversion coefficient, from [1966Ya05](#). $\alpha(K)(412\gamma \text{ of } ^{198}\text{Au} \beta^- \text{ decay})=0.0302$ 5 ([1990Zh04](#) recommend 0.0302 3) was used to normalize their measured I_{ce} and $I\gamma$'s.

^b Not observed in ^{237}U β^- decay. Energy from ^{241}Am α decay.

^c Absolute intensity per 100 decays.

^d 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.

^x γ ray not placed in level scheme.

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Decay Scheme

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

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)

