

^{241}Pu α decay [1976GuZN](#),[1968Ah01](#),[1965Ba26](#)

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Parent: ^{241}Pu : $E=0.0$; $J^\pi=5/2^+$; $T_{1/2}=14.290$ y 6; $Q(\alpha)=5140.0$ 5; $\% \alpha$ decay= 2.45×10^{-3} 1

Other measurements: [1953As40](#), [1964Dz03](#).

[1976GuZN](#): High isotopic purity ^{241}Pu source (preparation not described) was counted using variety of Ge detectors and alpha counter; Measured: $E\gamma$, $I\gamma$, α - γ coin, α branching.

[1968Ah01](#): 99.9% chemically pure ^{241}Pu was measured; Detectors: silicon surface barrier detector, NAI, and Ge(Li); Measured: $E\alpha$, $I\alpha$, $E\gamma$, $I\gamma$, $\gamma\gamma$ coin, α - γ γ - α coin, α branching.

[1965Ba26](#): Enriched ^{241}Pu source was prepared from vacuum evaporation of plutonium solution; spectra were taken with magnetic spectrograph; Measured: $E\alpha$, $I\alpha$.

$\% \alpha = 2.45 \times 10^{-3}$ 2.

 ^{237}U Levels

E(level) [†]	J^π [‡]	$T_{1/2}$	Comments
0.0@	1/2 ⁺	6.75 d 1	$T_{1/2}$: From Adopted Levels.
11.5@ 6	3/2 ⁺		
56.3@ 6	5/2 ⁺		
83.0@ 8	7/2 ⁺		
160.0& 6	5/2 ⁺	3.1 ns 1	$T_{1/2}$: From (α)(148.5 γ , K x-rays)(t) in 1968Ah01 .
204.3& 9	7/2 ⁺		
261.0& 10	9/2 ⁺		
274.0 ^a 12	(7/2) ⁻	155 ns 6	$T_{1/2}$: From (4600-4850 α)(114 γ)(t) in 1968Ah01 .
318.3# ^a 5	(9/2) ⁻		
≈ 328.5 #&	11/2 ⁺		
368.8# ^a 6	(11/2) ⁻		

[†] From a least-squares fit to the γ -ray energies, except otherwise noted, assuming $\Delta E=1$ keV for γ -rays with no uncertainty.

[‡] From Adopted Levels.

Deduced from the $E\alpha$ and $Q(\alpha)=5140.0$ 5 values by the evaluator.

@ 1/2[631] band.

& 5/2[622] band.

^a 7/2[743] band.

 α radiations

$E\alpha$ [†]	E(level)	$I\alpha$ ^{‡@}	HF [#]	Comments
4692 6	368.8	≈ 0.03	≈ 127	
≈ 4732	≈ 328.5	≈ 0.03	≈ 247	$E\alpha$: Reported only in 1965Ba26 .
4742 5	318.3	≈ 0.07	≈ 125	
4783 5	274.0	0.2 1	90 45	
4797 3	261.0	1.4 1	15.8 12	$I\alpha$: 1.18 in 1965Ba26 .
4852.9 11	204.3	12.1 2	4.51 9	$E\alpha$: Weighted average of 4853 3 (1968Ah01) and 4852.9 1.2 (1968Ba25).
4895.9 11	160.0	83.2 5	1.311 13	$E\alpha$: Weighted average of 4896 3 (1968Ah01) and 4895.9 1.2 (1968Ba25).
4972 3	83.0	1.3 1	274 22	
4999 4	56.3	0.41 5	1.30×10^3 16	
5042 3	11.5	1.02	1022	$I\alpha$: From 1965Ba26 . $I\alpha=1.5$ 1 together for 5055 α and 5042 α in 1968Ah01 .
5055 5	0.0	0.35	3533	$I\alpha$: From 1965Ba26 . $I\alpha=1.5$ 1 together for 5055 α and 5042 α in 1968Ah01 .

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α radiations (continued)

[†] From [1968Ah01](#), except otherwise noted. $E\alpha$ reported both in [1968Ah01](#) and [1965Ba26](#). In [1991Ry01](#) the original $E\alpha$ energies of [1965Ba26](#), [1968Ba25](#) have been increased by 0.4 keV, and energies of [1968Ah01](#) have been increased by 0.6 keV because of changes in calibration energies.

[‡] From [1968Ah01](#), except otherwise noted. α intensity per 100 α decays.

[#] $r_0(^{237}\text{U})=1.5156\ 9$, average of $r_0(^{238}\text{U})=1.5143\ 9$ and $r_0(^{236}\text{U})=1.5168\ 3$ ([1998Ak04](#)), is used in calculations. See [1969Po05](#) and [1976Du03](#) for theoretical calculations of hindrance factors.

[@] For absolute intensity per 100 decays, multiply by $2.45\times 10^{-5}\ I$.

²⁴¹Pu α decay **1976GuZN,1968Ah01,1965Ba26 (continued)**

X rays(uranium):

E γ	I γ /100 α	
94.658 5	12.3	K α_2 x ray
98.442 5	19.7	K α_1 x ray
110.421	2.40	K β_3 x ray
111.300	4.44	K β_1 x ray
111.89	0.13	K β_5 x ray
114.34	0.65	K β_2 x ray
114.56	1.48	K β_4 x ray
115.40	0.54	KO ₂₃ x ray

$\gamma(^{237}\text{U})$
1976GuZN

E γ †	I γ #&	E _i (level)	J $^\pi_i$	E _f	J $^\pi_f$	Mult.	δ	α^a	I $_{(\gamma+ce)}$ &	Comments
11.39 (26.7)		11.5 83.0	3/2 ⁺ 7/2 ⁺	0.0 56.3	1/2 ⁺ 5/2 ⁺				3.9 14	E γ : From 1971GuZY. I $_{(\gamma+ce)}$: transition not observed. Highly converted M1+E2 transition with total transition intensity of 3.9% 14 of α decay is expected from intensity balance at the 82.89-keV level.
44.20	0.17	204.3	7/2 ⁺	160.0	5/2 ⁺	(M1+E2)	0.194 13	75.2 28		α (L)=56.3 22; α (M)=14.2 6 Mult., δ : from total conversion coefficient of α =75.2 28. α : obtained from intensity balance at the 204.15-keV level. For the 40.748-keV 7/2 ⁺ to 5/2 ⁺ , 5/2[622] intraband transition in ²³⁷ Pu, δ =0.194 30 was deduced in ²³⁷ Am ε decay.
44.86	0.034	56.3	5/2 ⁺	11.5	3/2 ⁺	[M1+E2]	0.50 20	166 65		α (L)=122 54; α (M)=33 15 The intensity balance at the 56.28-keV level yields δ =0.50 14. An δ =0.62 was obtained by evaluator from calculation using the Alaga rule on 44.86 γ and 56.32 γ . Alaga rule yields I γ (44.86 γ ; E2 part)/I γ (56.32 γ)=0.0916, from which E2/M1(44.86 γ)=0.27 (δ =0.62) is obtained. The 45.724 γ in ²³⁷ Pu which connects the 5/2 ⁺ and 3/2 ⁺ states of the 1/2[631] band, the mixing ratio was determined to be δ =0.47 13.
56.32	0.102	56.3	5/2 ⁺	0.0	1/2 ⁺	[E2]		208.4		α (L)=151.2; α (M)=41.7; α (N+..)=15.5
56.76	0.04	261.0	9/2 ⁺	204.3	7/2 ⁺	[M1+E2]	0.11 +8-11	28 4		α (L)=21 5; α (M)=5.0 17; α (N+..)=1.87 17 α : from intensity balance at the 261.0-keV level. δ : from the total conversion coefficient of α =28 4.
71.6	0.117 4	83.0	7/2 ⁺	11.5	3/2 ⁺	[E2]		65.9		α (L)=47.7; α (M)=13.2; α (N+..)=4.91
77.10	0.84@ 2	160.0	5/2 ⁺	83.0	7/2 ⁺	[M1]				α (L)=7.90; α (M)=1.92; α (N+..)=0.698 B(M1)(W.u.)=0.000147 9 I γ : Weighted average of 0.90 3 (1976GuZN), 0.861 22

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$\gamma(^{237}\text{U})$ (continued)									Comments
$E_\gamma^\dagger$	$I_\gamma^{\# \&}$	$E_i(\text{level})$	J_i^π	E_f	J_f^π	Mult.	δ	α^a	
(101.0)	≈ 0.0029	261.0	$9/2^+$	160.0	$5/2^+$	[E2]		13.0	(1985He02), 0.829 18 (1985Wi04). $I_\gamma = 0.207 \times 10^{-6}$ 4/²³⁷U decay which corresponds to 0.845 18 per 100 α decays is recommended in 1986LoZT from I_γ's of 1985He02 and 1985Wi04. α: E2 admixture is calculated to be small, $E2/M1 = 0.00159$, using Alaga rule on 77.1γ and 159.9γ and their corresponding I_γ. E2/M1 value yields $\delta = 0.04$ and $\alpha = 10.7$. $\alpha(L) = 9.44$; $\alpha(M) = 2.62$; $\alpha(N+..) = 0.986$ E_γ: from level scheme. Transition was not observed; it would be obscured by the K x-rays. I_γ: Estimated using Alaga rule on (101γ) and 56.76γ by the evaluator, using $I_\gamma(56.76\gamma) = 0.040$ 4 and $\delta(56.76\gamma) = 0.11 + 8 - 11$.
103.680 5	4.13 2	160.0	$5/2^+$	56.3	$5/2^+$	[M1+E2]	0.069	4.49 4	$\alpha(L) = 3.37$ 4; $\alpha(M) = 0.816$ 7; $\alpha(N+..) = 0.300$ 3 $B(M1)(\text{W.u.}) = 0.000295$ 16; $B(E2)(\text{W.u.}) = 0.0386$ 21 I_γ: Weighted average of: 4.12 2 (1976GuZN), 4.16 12 (1985He02), and 4.21 5 (1985Wi04). 1986LoZT recommend $I_\gamma = 1.02 \times 10^{-6}$ 2 per ²³⁷U decay which is equal to 4.16 9 per 100 α decays. Other values: 4.5 5 (1968Ah01), 4.24 20 (1978DiZU). Mult.: $E2/M1 = 0.00479$ is obtained from $I_\gamma(103.68\gamma)$; E2 part/$I_\gamma(159.955\gamma) = 0.0735$, calculated by the evaluator using the Alaga rule, $I_\gamma(103\gamma) = 4.15$ 5, and $I_\gamma(159\gamma) = 0.267$ 6. α: for pure M1, $\alpha = 4.45$. $\alpha(L) = 0.0676$; $\alpha(M) = 0.0164$; $\alpha(N+..) = 0.00582$ $B(E1)(\text{W.u.}) = 7.1 \times 10^{-7}$ 4 E_γ, I_γ: From $\gamma\gamma$ coincidence in 1968Ah01. Mult.: from intensity balance at the 274.0-keV level: $\alpha(E2) = 7.42$, $\alpha(M1) = 3.38$.
114.0	3.3 3	274.0	$(7/2)^-$	160.0	$5/2^+$	E1		0.090	$\alpha(K) = 10.8$; $\alpha(L) = 2.13$; $\alpha(M) = 0.515$; $\alpha(N+..) = 0.189$ $\alpha(K) = 5.90$ 16; $\alpha(L) = 1.20$ 2; $\alpha(M) = 0.292$ 5; $\alpha(N+..) = 0.107$ 2 $B(M1)(\text{W.u.}) = 0.000180$ 11; $B(E2)(\text{W.u.}) = 0.069$ 5 I_γ: Weighted average of 7.63 12 (1976GuZN), 7.60 7 (1985He02), 7.57 7 (1985Wi04). $I_\gamma = 1.859 \times 10^{-6}$ 16 per ²³⁷U decay, corresponding to 7.59 9 per 100 α decays, is recommended in 1986LoZT. Other values: 7.56 28 (1978DiZU), 9.0 9 (1968Ah01). Mult.: $E2/M1 = 0.0281$ 8 ($\delta = 0.170$) is obtained from $I_\gamma(148\gamma)$; E2 part/$I_\gamma(159\gamma) = 0.790$, calculated by the evaluator using the Alaga rule, $I_\gamma(148\gamma) = 7.59$, and $I_\gamma(159\gamma) = 0.270$. α: for pure M1, $\alpha = 7.64$.
121.2 148.567 10	0.028 7.59 5	204.3 160.0	$7/2^+$ $5/2^+$	83.0 11.5	$7/2^+$ $3/2^+$	[M1] [M1+E2]	0.169 +3-2	13.7 7.50 14	$\alpha(K) = 10.8$; $\alpha(L) = 2.13$; $\alpha(M) = 0.515$; $\alpha(N+..) = 0.189$ $\alpha(K) = 5.90$ 16; $\alpha(L) = 1.20$ 2; $\alpha(M) = 0.292$ 5; $\alpha(N+..) = 0.107$ 2 $B(M1)(\text{W.u.}) = 0.000180$ 11; $B(E2)(\text{W.u.}) = 0.069$ 5 I_γ: Weighted average of 7.63 12 (1976GuZN), 7.60 7 (1985He02), 7.57 7 (1985Wi04). $I_\gamma = 1.859 \times 10^{-6}$ 16 per ²³⁷U decay, corresponding to 7.59 9 per 100 α decays, is recommended in 1986LoZT. Other values: 7.56 28 (1978DiZU), 9.0 9 (1968Ah01). Mult.: $E2/M1 = 0.0281$ 8 ($\delta = 0.170$) is obtained from $I_\gamma(148\gamma)$; E2 part/$I_\gamma(159\gamma) = 0.790$, calculated by the evaluator using the Alaga rule, $I_\gamma(148\gamma) = 7.59$, and $I_\gamma(159\gamma) = 0.270$. α: for pure M1, $\alpha = 7.64$.
159.955	0.267@ 3	160.0	$5/2^+$	0.0	$1/2^+$	[E2]		1.82	$\alpha(K) = 0.212$; $\alpha(L) = 1.16$; $\alpha(M) = 0.322$; $\alpha(N+..) = 0.120$ $B(E2)(\text{W.u.}) = 0.060$ 4 I_γ: $I_\gamma = 0.0658 \times 10^{-6}$ 9 per ²³⁷U decay, corresponding to 0.269 5 per 100 α decays, is recommended in 1986LoZT.

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

<u>E_γ</u> [†]	<u>$E_i(\text{level})$</u>
^x 641 [‡] 2	
^x 687 [‡] 2	

[†] From [1976GuZn](#), except noted otherwise. Measurements of [1968Ah01](#), [1976GuZN](#), [1985He02](#), and [1985Wi04](#) are in good agreement. Other measurements: [1952Fr25](#), [1965Ba35](#), [1976Um01](#), [1979Ce04](#), [1993Dr05](#).

[‡] Measurement of [1968Ah01](#). Assignment to ²⁴¹Pu α decay has not been established. If they belong to ²⁴¹Pu α decay, they could be identical to the 641.34- and 686.29-keV γ 's seen in (n, γ), deexciting the 5/2⁺,3/2[631] state. Since I_γ 's were not given, a positive assignment could not be made. Note also that the γ 's deexciting the 3/2⁺ state of this band have not been reported in ²⁴¹Pu α decay either.

[#] From [1976GuZN](#), except otherwise noted. Absolute photon intensity per 100 α decays. I_γ values are in γ/dis ([1976GuZn](#)) converted to absolute photon intensity per 100 α decays by evaluator using $\% \alpha = 0.00245$ *I*.

[@] Weighted average of [1985He02](#) and [1985Wi04](#). The intensities in [1985He02](#) and [1985Wi04](#) are listed as absolute photon intensities per 1×10^6 ²⁴¹Pu decays. These intensities are converted to I_γ 's per 100 α decays by using $\% \alpha = 0.00245$ *I*. For γ 's not listed in [1985He02](#) and [1985Wi04](#), the measured intensities in [1968Ah01](#) and [1976GuZN](#) are in fair agreement.

[&] For absolute intensity per 100 decays, multiply by 2.45×10^{-5} *I*.

^a 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.

^{241}Pu α decay $^{1976}\text{GuZN},^{1968}\text{Ah01},^{1965}\text{Ba26}$ Decay Scheme

Legend

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

Intensities: $I_{(\gamma+ce)}$ per 100 decays through this branch