

^{242}Cm α decay

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Parent: ^{242}Cm : E=0.0; $J^\pi=0^+$; $T_{1/2}=162.86$ d 8; $Q(\alpha)=6215.56$ 8; % α decay=100.0 ^{242}Cm -T_{1/2}: From [2002Ch52](#) evaluation. $Q(\alpha)$ 6215.56 8 from [1995Au04](#). $\alpha\gamma$: [1963Bj03](#), [1964Ba31](#). $\gamma\gamma$: [1960As10](#), [1955As64](#). $\text{Ag}(\theta)$: [1953Mo74](#). $T_{1/2}$ from [1986LoZT](#).X-Rays: $M_{\alpha,\beta}:\text{L}_e:\text{L}_\alpha:\text{L}_{\eta,\beta}:\text{L}_\gamma = 30\ 3:4.9\ 8: 66.\ 7: 100\ 16: 23.\ 3$ ([1990Po14](#)). ^{238}Pu Levels

| E(level) | J^π [†] | T _{1/2} | Comments |
|------------|----------------------|------------------|---|
| 0.0 | 0 ⁺ | 87.74 y 4 | |
| 44.08 3 | 2 ⁺ | 177 ps 5 | T _{1/2} : from 1970To08 . Other: 183 ps 15 (1960Be25). |
| 146.00 5 | 4 ⁺ | | |
| 303.42 7 | 6 ⁺ | | |
| 513.62 16 | 8 ⁺ | | |
| 605.08 7 | 1 ⁻ | | |
| 661.28 11 | 3 ⁻ | | |
| 763.22 12 | 5 ⁻ | | |
| 941.44 9 | 0 ⁺ | | |
| 962.72 8 | 1 ⁻ | | |
| 983.00 9 | 2 ⁺ | | |
| 1018.6? 3 | | | |
| 1028.62 5 | 2 ⁺ | | |
| 1125.79 17 | (4 ⁺) | | |
| 1228.69 22 | 0 ⁺ | | |
| 1264.29 22 | 2 ⁺ | | |

† From Adopted Levels.

 α radiations

| E α [†] | E(level) | I α ^{‡#} | HF | Comments |
|-------------------------|----------|--------------------------|------------|---|
| 4869.43 23 | 1264.29 | 5.2×10^{-7} 15 | 5.9 18 | |
| 4904.44 23 | 1228.69 | 5.5×10^{-7} 15 | 10 3 | |
| 5005.64 19 | 1125.79 | 3.1×10^{-7} 8 | 88 23 | |
| 5101.21 10 | 1028.62 | 3.7×10^{-6} 8 | 32 7 | |
| 5111.1 3 | 1018.6? | $\leq 2 \times 10^{-7}$ | ≥ 686 | |
| 5146.07 12 | 983.00 | 1.7×10^{-6} 4 | 137 33 | I α : 1966Ba07 report I $\alpha \leq 5 \times 10^{-6}$. |
| 5165.95 16 | 962.72 | 1.13×10^{-6} 21 | 278 52 | |
| 5186.95 12 | 941.44 | 3.6×10^{-5} 7 | 11.9 24 | I α : weighted average of 3.4×10^{-5} 8 (1963Bj01), 2.5×10^{-5} 8 (1966Ba07 , with a 30% uncertainty assigned by the evaluators), and 3.5×10^{-5} 7 from the γ intensities. |
| 5366.22 15 | 763.22 | 2.2×10^{-7} 3 | 24432 | |
| 5462.47 14 | 661.28 | 1.26×10^{-5} 24 | 1712 32 | |
| 5517.75 11 | 605.08 | 2.5×10^{-4} 5 | 183 22 | I α : weighted average of 2.8×10^{-4} 5 (1963Bj01), 2.5×10^{-4} 6 (1966Ba07 , with a 20% uncertainty assigned by the evaluators), and 2.6×10^{-4} 5 from the γ intensities. |
| 5607.76 16 | 513.62 | 2×10^{-5} | 7544 | E α : 1966Ba07 report 5614. |

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^{242}Cm α decay (continued) **α radiations (continued)**

| $E\alpha^{\dagger}$ | $E(\text{level})$ | $I\alpha^{\ddagger\#}$ | HF | Comments |
|---------------------|-------------------|------------------------|---------|---|
| 5816.39 11 | 303.42 | 0.0046 5 | 458 50 | $I\alpha$: from 1966Ba07 . $E\alpha$: measured values are 5811 (1953As14), 5809 2 (1958Ko87), and 5816 (1966Ba07). $I\alpha$: from 1958Ko87 . Other: 0.0046 (1966Ba07). |
| 5969.24 9 | 146.00 | 0.035 2 | 395 23 | $E\alpha$: measured values are 5964 (1953As14), 5961 2 (1958Ko87), 5971 3 (1963Dz07), and 5971.4 (1966Ba07). $I\alpha$: from 1963Dz07 . Other: 0.035 (1953As14), 0.030 1 (1958Ko87), 0.036 (1966Ba07). |
| 6069.43 12 | 44.08 | 25.92 6 | 1.733 5 | $E\alpha$: energy adjusted by 1991Ry01 due to change in calibration energy. $I\alpha$: from 1998Ya17 . Others: 26.3 5 (1953As14), 26.5 5 (1958Ko87), and 25.8 (1966Ba07). |
| 6112.72 8 | 0.0 | 74.08 7 | 1.000 | $E\alpha$: from 1991Ri01 . $I\alpha$: from 1998Ya17 . Others: see 44 level. $\Sigma I(a \text{ to g.s.} + 44 \text{ level}) = 100$. |

[†] Except for the g.s. and 44 level, the $E\alpha$ values are obtained from $Q(\alpha)$ and the $E(\text{level})$ values. Experimental values are listed where available. Values are reported by [1971Gr17](#) (s), [1971Bb10](#) (s), [1966Ba07](#) (s), [1963Bj03](#) ($\alpha\gamma$), [1963Dz07](#) (s), [1958Ko87](#) (s), and [1953As14](#) (s).

[‡] Deduced from level scheme of [1981Le15](#), unless otherwise noted. See also [2002Ch52](#).

[#] Absolute intensity per 100 decays.

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I γ normalization, I(γ +ce) normalization: 1981Le15 deduce I γ (561 γ)=0.00015% 4 based on their relative I γ data and a previous unpublished value by the authors, based on $\alpha\gamma$, of the sum of intensities per 100 α decays for the 515, 561, 605, and 617 γ 's.

| E γ ^a | I γ ^b | E _i (level) | J $^\pi_i$ | E _f | J $^\pi_f$ | Mult. [#] | $\delta^{\#}$ | α^c | I $_{(\gamma+ce)}^b$ | Comments |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|---------------|------------|----------------------|--|
| 44.08 @ 3 | 0.03345 & 8 | 44.08 | 2 ⁺ | 0.0 | 0 ⁺ | E2 | | 775 | 25.96 & 6 | ce(L)/(γ +ce)=0.729 6; ce(M)/(γ +ce)=0.202 4; ce(N)/(γ +ce)=0.067 2 |
| 101.93 4 | 0.00253 & 12 | 146.00 | 4 ⁺ | 44.08 | 2 ⁺ | E2 | | 14.8 | 0.040 & 2 | α : the value given is the E2 theory value lowered by 3% (see 1987Ra01). I γ : an unweighted average of the directly measured I γ values gives I γ =0.033 3. |
| 157.42 5 | 0.00142 & 15 | 303.42 | 6 ⁺ | 146.00 | 4 ⁺ | [E2] | | 2.24 | 0.0046 & 5 | I γ : a weighted average of the directly measured values is 0.0033 8. An unweighted average is 0.0055 13. |
| 210.20 14 | 1.2×10 ⁻⁵ & | 513.62 | 8 ⁺ | 303.42 | 6 ⁺ | E2 | | 0.73 | 2×10 ⁻⁵ & | I γ : a weighted average of the directly measured values is 0.0020 5. |
| 336.38 15 | 7×10 ⁻⁷ 3 | 941.44 | 0 ⁺ | 605.08 | 1 ⁻ | [E1] | | | | E γ : from in-beam studies. Not seen in α decay. |
| 357.62 @ 7 | 4.5×10 ⁻⁸ 9 | 962.72 | 1 ⁻ | 605.08 | 1 ⁻ | M1+E2 | 2.43 20 | 0.224 15 | | I γ : I γ (336)/I γ (561)=0.0045 15. I γ : from I γ /I γ (919 γ +963 γ)=0.0424 11 in β^- decay. Note that there is an unplaced 358.0 5 transition with I γ =5.9×10 ⁻⁷ 25, part of which probably corresponds to the 358 γ from the 962 level. |
| 459.80 20 | 6×10 ⁻⁸ 3 | 763.22 | 5 ⁻ | 303.42 | 6 ⁺ | | | | | I γ : I γ (459.8)/I γ (561)=0.00038 16. |
| 515.25 19 | 4.5×10 ⁻⁶ 12 | 661.28 | 3 ⁻ | 146.00 | 4 ⁺ | E1+M2 | 0.114 17 | 0.023 3 | | I γ : I γ (515)/I γ (561)=0.0297 20. |
| 561.02 10 | 1.5×10 ⁻⁴ 4 | 605.08 | 1 ⁻ | 44.08 | 2 ⁺ | E1 | | | | I γ : I γ (605)/I γ (561)=0.698 20. |
| 605.04 10 | 1.0×10 ⁻⁴ 3 | 605.08 | 1 ⁻ | 0.0 | 0 ⁺ | E1 | | | | I γ : I γ (617)/I γ (561)=0.0525 20. |
| 617.22 ^d 12 | 7.9×10 ⁻⁶ da 21 | 661.28 | 3 ⁻ | 44.08 | 2 ⁺ | E1+M2 | 0.077 17 | 0.0122 13 | | I γ : I γ (617)/I γ (561)=0.0011. |
| 617.22 ^d 12 | 1.6×10 ⁻⁷ da | 763.22 | 5 ⁻ | 146.00 | 4 ⁺ | | | | | I γ : I γ (837)/I γ (561)=0.00124 20. |
| 837.01 15 | 1.9×10 ⁻⁷ 6 | 983.00 | 2 ⁺ | 146.00 | 4 ⁺ | [E2] | | 0.0176 | | E γ , I γ : not seen in α decay. E is from β^- decay, and I γ is from I γ /I γ (984 γ +1028 γ)=0.01866 19 in β^- decay. |
| (882.63 3) | 6.7×10 ⁻⁸ 15 | 1028.62 | 2 ⁺ | 146.00 | 4 ⁺ | (E2) | | 0.0159 | | I γ : I γ (897)/I γ (561)=0.145 10. |
| 897.33 10 | 2.2×10 ⁻⁵ 6 | 941.44 | 0 ⁺ | 44.08 | 2 ⁺ | (E2) | | 0.0154 | | I γ : I γ (918)/I γ (561)=0.0036 3. |
| 918.7 2 | 5.4×10 ⁻⁷ 15 | 962.72 | 1 ⁻ | 44.08 | 2 ⁺ | E1 | | 0.00471 | | α : from β^- decay. |
| 938.91 10 | 1.8×10 ⁻⁷ 6 | 983.00 | 2 ⁺ | 44.08 | 2 ⁺ | E0+E2 | | 4.4 4 | | I γ : I γ (939)/I γ (561)=0.00117 20. |

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| E_γ^{\dagger} | $I_\gamma^{\ddagger b}$ | $E_i(\text{level})$ | J_i^π | E_f | J_f^π | Mult. [#] | $o^{\#}$ | a^c | $I_{(\gamma+ce)}^{\textcolor{blue}{b}}$ | Comments |
|----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-----------|--------|-----------|--------------------|----------|---------|---|--|
| 941.5 2 | | 941.44 | 0^+ | 0.0 | 0^+ | E0 | | | $1.3 \times 10^{-5} 4$ | I_γ : from ε decay. $I_{(\gamma+ce)}$: from $I(\gamma+ce)/I\gamma(897\gamma)=0.59$ 8 in ε decay. 1960As10 report 0.62 in α decay. The value of 1.4 2 in β^- decay appears to be discrepant. |
| 962.8 2 | $5.3 \times 10^{-7} 15$ | 962.72 | 1^- | 0.0 | 0^+ | E1 | | 0.00434 | | I_γ : $I\gamma/I\gamma(561\gamma)=0.0035$ 3. |
| 974.5 ^e 3 | $\leq 2 \times 10^{-7}$ | 1018.6? | | 44.08 | 2^+ | | | | | I_γ : $I\gamma(979)/I\gamma(561)=0.00173$ 30. |
| 979.80 20 | $2.6 \times 10^{-7} 8$ | 1125.79 | (4 $^+$) | 146.00 | 4^+ | | | | | I_γ : $I\gamma(983)/I\gamma(561)=0.0033$ 8. |
| 983.0 3 | $5.0 \times 10^{-7} 18$ | 983.00 | 2^+ | 0.0 | 0^+ | [E2] | | 0.0129 | | I_γ : $I\gamma(984)/I\gamma(561)=0.0131$ 20. |
| 984.5 1 | $2.0 \times 10^{-6} 6$ | 1028.62 | 2^+ | 44.08 | 2^+ | M1+E2 | >+23 | 0.00129 | | I_γ : $I\gamma(1028)/I\gamma(561)=0.0105$ 10. |
| 1028.5 2 | $1.6 \times 10^{-6} 5$ | 1028.62 | 2^+ | 0.0 | 0^+ | E2 | | 0.0119 | | I_γ : $I\gamma(1081)/I\gamma(561)=0.00033$ 10. |
| 1081.7 3 | $5.0 \times 10^{-8} 20$ | 1125.79 | (4 $^+$) | 44.08 | 2^+ | | | | | I_γ : $I\gamma(1118)/I\gamma(561)=0.0011$ 5. |
| 1118.3 3 | $1.7 \times 10^{-7} 9$ | 1264.29 | 2^+ | 146.00 | 4^+ | [E2] | | | | I_γ : $I\gamma(1184)/I\gamma(561)=0.0033$ 4. |
| 1184.6 3 | $5.0 \times 10^{-7} 15$ | 1228.69 | 0^+ | 44.08 | 2^+ | E2 | | | | I_γ : $I\gamma(1220)/I\gamma(561)=0.00187$ 30. |
| 1220.2 3 | $2.8 \times 10^{-7} 9$ | 1264.29 | 2^+ | 44.08 | 2^+ | E0+E2+M1 | | 0.26 3 | | I_γ : from ε decay. |
| (1228.7 3) | | 1228.69 | 0^+ | 0.0 | 0^+ | E0 | | | $4.6 \times 10^{-8} 15$ | $I_{(\gamma+ce)}$: from $I(\gamma+ce)/I\gamma(1184\gamma)=0.092$ 11 in ε decay. |

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[†] From 1981Le15, except where noted otherwise.[‡] From 1981Le15, except where noted otherwise.[#] From adopted gammas. ce measurements have been made in α decay by 1952Du12, 1956Ba95, 1956Sm18, 1960As10, and 1965Ak02.@ From β^- decay.& $I(\gamma+ce)$ is deduced from the requirement of an intensity balance utilizing the γ branchings and the γ and α feedings. $I\gamma$ is then deduced from $I(\gamma+ce)$ and α .^a 1981Le15 report $E=617.22$ 12 with $I\gamma/I\gamma(561\gamma)=0.0536$ 20 for a doubly placed transition. The authors divide the intensity on the basis of model-dependent arguments.^b Absolute intensity per 100 decays.^c 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.^d Multiply placed with intensity suitably divided.^e Placement of transition in the level scheme is uncertain.

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Decay Scheme

Legend

Intensities: I_γ per 100 parent decays
 @ Multiply placed: intensity suitably divided

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

