

$^{238}\text{Np } \beta^-$ decay

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Parent: ^{238}Np : E=0.0; $J^\pi=2^+$; $T_{1/2}=2.099$ d 2; $Q(\beta^-)=1292.0$ 7; % β^- decay=100.0 $^{238}\text{Np-T}_{1/2}$: From Adopted Levels; weighted average of 2.1023 d 7, 2.1024 d 9, 2.1026 d 9 ([2006Re09](#)), and 2.0980 d 3 ([1990Ch35](#)).Other values: 2.117 d 2 ([1966Qa01](#)), 2.10 d 1 ([1950Fr53](#)).[Additional information 1.](#) ^{238}Pu Levels

E(level)	J^π [†]	$T_{1/2}$	Comments
0.0	$0^+ \ddagger$	87.74 y 4	
44.051 16	$2^+ \ddagger$		
145.934 21	$4^+ \ddagger$		
303.36 6	6^+		
605.16 4	$1^- \#$		
661.43 4	$3^- \#$		
763.21 15	$5^- \#$		
941.54 13	$0^+ \&$		
962.765 18	$1^- @$		
968.2 3	(2^-)	<8.5 ns	$T_{1/2}$: from delayed cey coincidence.
983.02 6	$2^+ \&$		
985.47 4	$2^- @$		
1028.542 18	$2^+ a$		
1069.924 22	$3^+ a$		
1082.53 4	$(4)^- b$	8.5 ns 5	$T_{1/2}$: from $\beta\gamma(t)$ (50-300 β)(936.6 γ)(t) (1970Be57).
1202.62 4	$(3)^- c$		

[†] From Adopted Levels.[‡] K=0 g.s. band.

K=0 octupole-vibrational band.

@ K=1 band.

& K=0 β -vibrational band.^a K=2 band.^b K=4 ν 7/2[743]+ ν 1/2[631] proposed by [1972Wi22](#).^c K=3 ν 7/2[743]- ν 1/2[631] proposed by [1972Wi22](#). β^- radiations

β measurements: β feeding to each level has been deduced from γ -transition intensities. The measured β energies and intensities are compared below with the values deduced from level scheme.

1950Fr53		1955Ra28		1956Ba95		1962Bo03		from level scheme		
E β	I β	E β	I β	E β	I β	E β	I β	E β	I β	
				\approx 200?	8%			222 2	11.3% 6	
				250 10	31%					
258	53%	55%				\approx 260	58%	4 263 2	45.% 4	
				280 10	20%			329 2	1.3% 1	
				1133	2.8%					
1272	47%	45%	1236 5	38%		\approx 1240	42%	4 1248 2	40.5% 10	

E(decay)	E(level)	$I\beta^-^\dagger$	Log ft	Comments
(89.4 7)	1202.62	0.54 5	6.6 1	av $E\beta=23.11$ 19
222 2	1069.924	11.51 11	6.5 1	av $E\beta=60.07$ 21
263 2	1028.542	44.8 5	6.1 1	av $E\beta=72.20$ 21
				$\delta(\Delta L=1/\Delta L=2)=10 +\infty-3$ (1990Si11), so the transition is mainly gamov-Teller.
(306.5 7)	985.47	0.521 7	8.2 1	av $E\beta=85.08$ 22
(309.0 7)	983.02	0.26 3	8.6 1	av $E\beta=85.83$ 22
(329.2 7)	962.765	1.254 13	7.9 1	av $E\beta=91.97$ 22
(630.6 7)	661.43	0.0384 21	10.4 1	av $E\beta=189.34$ 24
(686.8 7)	605.16	0.102 3	10.1 1	av $E\beta=208.56$ 25
1248 2	44.051	41.1 6	8.4 1	av $E\beta=412.4$ 3 $I\beta^-$: see comment on $I(\gamma+ce)(44.08\gamma)$.

[†] Absolute intensity per 100 decays.

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I γ normalization, I(γ +ce) normalization: From weighted average of the following absolute γ -ray intensities: 24.99% 34 ([2012Le03](#)), 25.6% 4 ([2010Le01](#)), 25.17% 13 ([2006Re09](#)), 25.19% 21 ([1990Ch35](#)), and 23.8% 6 ([1967Sc34](#)) for the 984.5-keV gamma ray.

$\gamma\gamma$: [1971Wi03](#).

[Additional information 2](#).

[1981Le15](#) normalized experimental α to $\alpha(\text{K})(1028.54\gamma)=0.0088$ (E2 theory).

x-rays: measurements of [1981Le15](#) for K α x ray and of [1972Wi22](#) for K β x ray

E γ	I γ		
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99.6	0.769 8	K α_2	x ray
average RI from 2006Re09 and 1981Le15 .			
103.7	1.16 8	K α_1	x ray
average RI from 2006Re09 and 1981Le15 .			
117.3	0.295	K β_1'	x ray
from 2006Re09 .			
120.5	0.119	K β_2'	x ray
From RI(120.5) + RI(121.7)= 0.119 (2006Re09).			

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E γ [†]	I γ ^{#b}	E _i (level)	J $^\pi_i$	E _f	J $^\pi_f$	Mult. [@]	$\delta^{\&}$	α^c	I $_{(\gamma+ce)}$ ^b	Comments
44.06 2	0.395 6	44.051	2 ⁺	0.0	0 ⁺	E2		775	320.6 10	Mult.: from $\alpha(M)\exp=175$ 20 (1981Le15). I $_{(\gamma+ce)}$: from $\Sigma I(\gamma+ce)[(\gamma+ce)$ to g.s. excluding the 44.08 $\gamma]=76.4$ 7, the normalization factor 0.2519 21, and the requirement of 100% feeding of the g.s. by γ +ce, one gets I(γ +ce)(44 γ)=320.6 10 and I β (to 44 level)=41.0% 5. From α , one then gets I γ =0.413 5, including a 1% uncertainty assigned to the theoretical α value. 1990Ch35 report I γ =0.35 4, and 1981Le15 , based on ce data, report 0.32 4.
101.88 3	0.97 4	145.934	4 ⁺	44.051	2 ⁺	E2		14.8		I γ : From I(ce) and theoretical α value. α: value given is the E2 theory value lowered by 3% (see 1987Ra01). Mult.: $\alpha(L)\exp=11.2$ 6; (L1+L2):L3=1.61 5 (1981Le15). E γ , I γ : from 1972Wi22 .
114.4 4	0.020 4	1082.53	(4) ⁻	968.2	(2 ⁻)	(E2)		8.67		Mult.: from an intensity balance at the 968 level, $\alpha \leq 16$; therefore, mult could be E1, M1 or E2. An intensity balance at the 1083 level gives $\alpha=11$ 6 which rules out E1 and pure M1. The proposed level structure requires $\Delta J=2$. Mult.: from $\alpha(L)\exp=2.8$ 6, $\alpha(M)\exp=0.69$ 6, $\alpha(N)\exp=0.23$ 3 (1981Le15).
120.09 3	0.42 [#] 3	1202.62	(3) ⁻	1082.53	(4) ⁻	M1(+E2)	<0.38	3.81 21		

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E_γ^\dagger	$I_\gamma^{\ddagger b}$	$E_i(\text{level})$	J_i^π	E_f	J_f^π	Mult. [@]	$\delta^&$	a^c	Comments
132.77 50	0.0095 8	1202.62	(3) ⁻	1069.924	3 ⁺	[E1]		0.271	
157.42 5	≈ 0.004	303.36	6 ⁺	145.934	4 ⁺	[E2]		2.243	E_γ, I_γ : from $^{242}\text{Cm } \alpha$ decay (1981Le15).
174.08 5	0.091 2	1202.62	(3) ⁻	1028.542	2 ⁺	[E1]		0.143	
x220.87 11	0.0122 14					(M2)		11.45	$\alpha(K)\exp=6.7 15$, $\alpha(L)\exp=4.0 10$ (1981Le15). E_γ, I_γ : from 1972Wi22 . 1981Le15 report $I_\gamma < 0.14$. Other: 2006Re09 .
301.37 7	0.043 3	962.765	1 ⁻	661.43	3 ⁻	E2		0.213	Mult.: from ε decay.
319.26 20	0.033 3	1082.53	(4) ⁻	763.21	5 ⁻	M1+E2	1.0 5	0.66 23	Mult., δ : from $\alpha(K)\exp=0.49 20$ (1981Le15).
321.8 1	0.0048 20	983.02	2 ⁺	661.43	3 ⁻				I_γ : From 1981Le15 . Other value: $I_\gamma=0.0048 8$ (2006Re09).
324.07 15	0.058 2	985.47	2 ⁻	661.43	3 ⁻	M1+E2	2.8 8	0.29 6	Mult.: from $\alpha(K)\exp=0.17 5$ (1981Le15).
336.38 15	0.0009 5	941.54	0 ⁺	605.16	1 ⁻				E_γ : from $^{242}\text{Cm } \alpha$ decay (1981Le15). I_γ : from the intensity of the 897 γ and the branching ratio $I(336\gamma)/I(897\gamma)=0.031 15$ in $^{242}\text{Cm } \alpha$ decay. (1981Le15).
357.68 9	0.200 4	962.765	1 ⁻	605.16	1 ⁻	M1+E2	2.43 20	0.224 15	Mult.: from $\alpha(K)\exp=0.13 2$ (1981Le15) and data in ε decay.
378.1 1	0.012 2	983.02	2 ⁺	605.16	1 ⁻				I_γ : From 1981Le15 . Other value: $I_\gamma=0.008 8$ (2006Re09).
380.33 10	0.043 3	985.47	2 ⁻	605.16	1 ⁻	[M1]		0.67	Mult.: see ε decay.
421.05 10	0.086 3	1082.53	(4) ⁻	661.43	3 ⁻	[M1]		0.29	
459.80 20	0.012 1	763.21	5 ⁻	303.36	6 ⁺				E_γ : from $^{242}\text{Cm } \alpha$ decay (1981Le15).
515.53 7	0.147 3	661.43	3 ⁻	145.934	4 ⁺	E1+M2 ^a	0.114 17	0.023 3	δ : from $\alpha(K)\exp$ in ε decay. 1990Si11 report $\delta=-0.2 +2-5$.
561.17 5	0.419 5	605.16	1 ⁻	44.051	2 ⁺	E1 ^a		0.0116	δ : 1990Si11 report $\delta=0.3 +\infty-4$. $\delta < 0.05$ from $\alpha(K)\exp$ in ε decay.
605.18 5	0.308 6	605.16	1 ⁻	0.0	0 ⁺	E1 ^a		0.0101	
617.41 ^d 5	0.269 ^{d#} 6	661.43	3 ⁻	44.051	2 ⁺	E1+M2 ^a	0.077 17	0.0122 13	δ : from $\alpha(K)\exp$ in ε decay. 1990Si11 report $\delta=-0.2 +1-2$.
617.41 ^d	≈ 0.03 ^{d#}	763.21	5 ⁻	145.934	4 ⁺				
836.88 7	0.095 5	983.02	2 ⁺	145.934	4 ⁺	[E2]		0.0176	Mult.: from $\alpha(K)\exp=0.0115 8$ (1981Le15).
882.63 3	3.19 2	1028.542	2 ⁺	145.934	4 ⁺	E2		0.0159	E_γ, I_γ : from 2006Re09 .
x885.00 15	0.16 2								Mult.: from ε decay.
897.55 30	0.032 3	941.54	0 ⁺	44.051	2 ⁺	(E2)		0.0154	Mult.: from $\alpha(K)\exp=0.0036 8$ (1981Le15).
918.70 4	2.10 2	962.765	1 ⁻	44.051	2 ⁺	E1		0.00471	δ : 1990Si11 report $\delta=-0.02 +11-3$. $\delta < 0.05$ from $\alpha(K)\exp$ in ε decay.
923.99 2	10.33 5	1069.924	3 ⁺	145.934	4 ⁺	M1+E2	+44 +72-8	0.0145	Mult.: from $\alpha(K)\exp=0.0099 4$ (1981Le15) δ ; from 1990Si11 .
924	0.26	968.2	(2 ⁻)	44.051	2 ⁺				E_γ and I_γ measured by 1970Be57 in delayed cey coincidence.
936.60 5	1.43 [#] 1	1082.53	(4) ⁻	145.934	4 ⁺	[E1+M2]	-0.24 4	0.009 5	δ : From 1990Si11 .
938.85 30	0.117 7	983.02	2 ⁺	44.051	2 ⁺	E0+E2		4.4 4	Mult.: from $\alpha(K)\exp=3.5 4$, K/L=5.2 2 (1981Le15); K:L12:M12=72:21:7.5 (1960Al29). I_γ : Other from $I_\gamma/I_\gamma(837\gamma)=0.94 22$ in α decay.

²³⁸Np β^- decay (continued) $\gamma(^{238}\text{Pu})$ (continued)

E_γ^{\dagger}	$I_\gamma^{\ddagger b}$	$E_i(\text{level})$	J_i^π	E_f	J_f^π	Mult. @	$\delta^{\&}$	α^c	$I_{(\gamma+ce)}^{\ddagger} b$	Comments
941.41 4	1.98 2	985.47	2^-	44.051	2^+	[E1+M2]	-0.17 +I-2	0.0079 6		
941.5 3		941.54	0^+	0.0	0^+	E0			0.042 3	δ : from 1990Si11 . Mult.: no photons were observed, $\text{Ice}(K)=0.0338\ 25$ (1981Le15).
962.76 2	2.56 2	962.765	1^-	0.0	0^+	E1		0.0043		Mult.: from $\alpha(K)\exp=0.0021\ 10$ (1981Le15).
968.2 4	0.032 14	968.2	(2^-)	0.0	0^+	[M2]				
983.0 3	0.27 8	983.02	2^+	0.0	0^+	[E2]		0.0129		E_γ, I_γ : from α decay. $I_\gamma/I_\gamma(837\gamma)=2.7\ 8$.
984.45	100 1	1028.542	2^+	44.051	2^+	M1+E2	>+23	0.0129		Mult.: from $\alpha(K)\exp=0.0096\ 3$; $K/L=4.4\ 2$; (L1+L2)/L3=19 2; L/M=3.4 2 (1981Le15) $\alpha(K)\exp=0.0100$ from absolute Ice measurements of 1962Bo03 , and absolute $I(\gamma)=23.8\ 6$ measurements of 1967Sc34 .
1025.87 2	34.8 2	1069.924	3^+	44.051	2^+	M1+E2	>+31	0.0119		δ : From 1990Si11 . Mult.: from $\alpha(K)\exp=0.0091\ 4$, $K/L=4.3\ 3$ (1981Le15).
1028.53 2	72.5 3	1028.542	2^+	0.0	0^+	E2		0.0119		δ : from 1990Si11 . Mult.: from $K/L=4.2\ 2$ (1981Le15).

[†] From [2006Re09](#), unless otherwise noted. Others: [1981Le15](#), [1972Wi22](#), include their $E\gamma$ values from α decay in these weighted averages See also [1970Be57](#) (semi), [1970Pa22](#) (semi), [1962Bo03](#) (s ce), [1960Al29](#) (s ce), [1956Ba95](#) (s ce), [1967Sc34](#) and [1969GuZW](#) (semi) see also γ and ce's observed in ²³⁸Am ε decay, ²⁴²Am α decay. Other measurements: [1950Fr53](#) (s ce), [1955Ra27](#) (s ce), [1959Ga13](#) (s ce).

[‡] Weighted average from [2006Re09](#), [2010Le01](#), [1990Ch35](#), [1981Le15](#), and [1971We22](#), unless otherwise noted. The I_γ are normalized to $I_\gamma(984\gamma)=100$ others: [2009So02](#), [1970Pa22](#), [1970Be57](#), [1969GuZW](#), [1967Sc34](#).

[#] $I_\gamma=0.269\ 6$ for the doubly placed 617 transition. [1981Le15](#) divide the intensity based on band structure considerations whereby one expects $I_\gamma/I_\gamma(459.8\gamma)$ from the 763 5- level to be ≈ 3 . The evaluators assign an uncertainty of 50% to this estimate in order to deduce I_γ for placement from the 661 3- level.

[@] From ce data of [1956Ba95](#), [1960Al29](#), [1962Bo03](#), [1981Le15](#). See also ε decay.

[&] Values of [1990Si11](#) are from low temperature nuclear orientation of ²³⁸Np(Gd).

^a From ce data in ²⁴²Cm α decay.

^b For absolute intensity per 100 decays, multiply by 0.2515 13.

^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.

^x γ ray not placed in level scheme.

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Decay Scheme

 Intensities: I_γ per 100 parent decays

@ Multiply placed: intensity suitably divided

Legend

- $I_\gamma < 2\%$ $\times I_\gamma^{\max}$
- $I_\gamma < 10\% \times I_\gamma^{\max}$
- $I_\gamma > 10\% \times I_\gamma^{\max}$

