

$^{239}\text{Am}$   $\varepsilon$  decay [1972Po04](#)

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Parent:  $^{239}\text{Am}$ :  $E=0$ ;  $J^\pi=(5/2)^-$ ;  $T_{1/2}=11.9$  h  $I$ ;  $Q(\varepsilon)=802.1$   $I$ ;  $\% \varepsilon$  decay=99.990  $I$

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Other measurements: [1957Sm77](#), [1960GI01](#), [1972Po12](#).

 $^{239}\text{Pu}$  Levels

E(level) <sup>‡</sup>	$J^\pi$ <sup>†</sup>	Comments
0	$1/2^+$	
7.860 3	$3/2^+$	
57.273 4	$5/2^+$	
75.701 8	$7/2^+$	
163.76 2	$9/2^+$	
285.46 1	$5/2^+$	$T_{1/2}$ : 1.09 ns $\delta$ , from $\gamma\gamma(\theta, H, t)$ ( <a href="#">1973PaYM</a> ).
330.12 1	$7/2^+$	
387.42 1	$9/2^+$	
391.60 1	$7/2^-$	
505.7 2	$(5/2^-)$	
511.84 1	$7/2^+$	

<sup>†</sup> From Adopted Levels.

<sup>‡</sup> Deduced by evaluator from a least-squares fit to  $\gamma$ -ray energies.

 $\varepsilon$  radiations

E(decay)	E(level)	$I_\varepsilon$ <sup>†‡</sup>	Log $ft$	Comments
(290.3 17)	511.84	18.1 21	5.9 1	$\varepsilon\text{K}=0.5842$ 19; $\varepsilon\text{L}=0.2984$ 13; $\varepsilon\text{M}+=0.1173$ 6
(296.4 17)	505.7	0.0033 6	9.7 1	$\varepsilon\text{K}=0.5908$ 18; $\varepsilon\text{L}=0.2940$ 13; $\varepsilon\text{M}+=0.1153$ 6
(410.5 17)	391.60	0.065 10	8.8 1	$\varepsilon\text{K}=0.6649$ 7; $\varepsilon\text{L}=0.2431$ 5; $\varepsilon\text{M}+=0.09204$ 22
(472.0 17)	330.12	$\approx 3.5$	$\approx 7.2$	$\varepsilon\text{K}=0.6857$ 5; $\varepsilon\text{L}=0.2287$ 4; $\varepsilon\text{M}+=0.08561$ 15
(516.6 17)	285.46	71 8	6.0 1	$\varepsilon\text{K}=0.6968$ 4; $\varepsilon\text{L}=0.2210$ 3; $\varepsilon\text{M}+=0.08217$ 12
(726.4 <sup>#</sup> 17)	75.701	$\approx 3.4$	$\approx 7.7$	$\varepsilon\text{K}=0.7274$ 2; $\varepsilon\text{L}=0.1998$ 2; $\varepsilon\text{M}+=0.07281$ 5
(744.8 <sup>#</sup> 17)	57.273	$\approx 2.4$	$\approx 7.8$	$\varepsilon\text{K}=0.7291$ 2; $\varepsilon\text{L}=0.1986$ 1; $\varepsilon\text{M}+=0.07229$ 5

<sup>†</sup> Deduced by evaluator from  $\gamma$ -ray transition intensity balance.

<sup>‡</sup> For absolute intensity per 100 decays, multiply by 0.99990  $I$ .

<sup>#</sup> Existence of this branch is questionable.

$\gamma(^{239}\text{Pu})$

I $\gamma$  normalization: assuming negligible  $\varepsilon$  feeding to g.s. and first excited state; this assumption is consistent with the measured x-ray intensities ( $I_{\varepsilon} < 1\%$  to g.s. from  $\log f^{Au}_t > 8.5$ ).

K $\alpha_2$  x ray= 35.5% , K $\alpha_1$  x ray= 56.2% , and K $\beta$  x ray= 27.8% calculated by evaluator (RADLST) agree well with experimental K $\alpha_2$  x ray= 35.0% 15, K $\alpha_1$  x ray= 53.9% 23, and K $\beta$  x ray= 27.0% 12 (1972Po04), respectively. This agreement suggests negligible  $\varepsilon$  feeding to g.s. and 7.86-keV levels.

$E_{\gamma}$	$I_{\gamma}^{\text{@}}$	$E_i(\text{level})$	$J_i^{\pi}$	$E_f$	$J_f^{\pi}$	Mult. <sup>‡</sup>	$\delta^{\ddagger}$	$\alpha^{\dagger}$	$I_{(\gamma+ce)}^{\text{@}}$	Comments
(4.2 CA) 7.860 3		391.60 7.860	7/2 <sup>-</sup> 3/2 <sup>+</sup>	387.42 0	9/2 <sup>+</sup> 1/2 <sup>+</sup>	[E1] M1+E2	0.055 3	5.7×10 <sup>3</sup> 4	≈88	$\alpha(\text{M})=4.2 \times 10^3$ 3; $\alpha(\text{N}+..)=1.49 \times 10^3$ 10 $\alpha(\text{N})=1.16 \times 10^3$ 8; $\alpha(\text{O})=280$ 18; $\alpha(\text{P})=48$ 3; $\alpha(\text{Q})=1.632$ 23
(18.4) 44.663 5	0.09 1	75.701 330.12	7/2 <sup>+</sup> 7/2 <sup>+</sup>	57.273 285.46	5/2 <sup>+</sup> 5/2 <sup>+</sup>	[M1+E2] M1+E2	0.20 3	86 8	<3	$\alpha(\text{L})=64$ 6; $\alpha(\text{M})=16.2$ 17; $\alpha(\text{N}+..)=5.7$ 6 $\alpha(\text{N})=4.4$ 5; $\alpha(\text{O})=1.08$ 11; $\alpha(\text{P})=0.193$ 17; $\alpha(\text{Q})=0.00902$ 15
49.412 4	0.11 1	57.273	5/2 <sup>+</sup>	7.860	3/2 <sup>+</sup>	M1+E2	0.50 3	126 8		$\alpha(\text{L})=92$ 6; $\alpha(\text{M})=24.8$ 17; $\alpha(\text{N}+..)=8.7$ 6 $\alpha(\text{N})=6.8$ 5; $\alpha(\text{O})=1.62$ 11; $\alpha(\text{P})=0.269$ 17; $\alpha(\text{Q})=0.00592$ 13
57.273 4	≈0.09	57.273	5/2 <sup>+</sup>	0	1/2 <sup>+</sup>	E2		222		$\alpha(\text{L})=161.1$ 23; $\alpha(\text{M})=45.0$ 7; $\alpha(\text{N}+..)=15.73$ 22 $\alpha(\text{N})=12.36$ 18; $\alpha(\text{O})=2.91$ 4; $\alpha(\text{P})=0.457$ 7; $\alpha(\text{Q})=0.001109$ 16 I $\gamma$ : from I $\gamma$ = 0.170 17 after subtracting ≈0.08 for 57.3 $\gamma$ deexciting the 387 level. I $\gamma$ (57 $\gamma$ )≈0.09 disagrees with I $\gamma$ (57 $\gamma$ , 57 level) in <sup>243</sup> Cm $\alpha$ decay and <sup>239</sup> Np $\beta^-$ Decay.
57.3 CA	≈0.08	387.42	9/2 <sup>+</sup>	330.12	7/2 <sup>+</sup>	M1(+E2)		27.9		$\alpha$ : for M1. I $\gamma$ : from I $\gamma$ (57 $\gamma$ , 387 level)/I $\gamma$ (311 $\gamma$ )≈4.7 in <sup>243</sup> Cm $\alpha$ decay, and I $\gamma$ (311 $\gamma$ ) 0.017 2.
(61.480 4)	0.0020 4	391.60	7/2 <sup>-</sup>	330.12	7/2 <sup>+</sup>	E1		0.472		$\alpha(\text{L})=0.354$ 5; $\alpha(\text{M})=0.0880$ 13; $\alpha(\text{N}+..)=0.0300$ 5 $\alpha(\text{N})=0.0236$ 4; $\alpha(\text{O})=0.00553$ 8; $\alpha(\text{P})=0.000870$ 13; $\alpha(\text{Q})=2.87 \times 10^{-5}$ 4
67.841 7	0.130 13	75.701	7/2 <sup>+</sup>	7.860	3/2 <sup>+</sup>	E2		98.5		$\alpha(\text{L})=71.5$ 10; $\alpha(\text{M})=20.0$ 3; $\alpha(\text{N}+..)=6.99$ 10 $\alpha(\text{N})=5.50$ 8; $\alpha(\text{O})=1.293$ 19; $\alpha(\text{P})=0.204$ 3; $\alpha(\text{Q})=0.000543$ 8
88.06 3	≈0.0008	163.76	9/2 <sup>+</sup>	75.701	7/2 <sup>+</sup>	(M1+E2)	0.50	12.26		$\alpha(\text{L})=9.07$ 13; $\alpha(\text{M})=2.36$ 4; $\alpha(\text{N}+..)=0.830$ 12 $\alpha(\text{N})=0.645$ 9; $\alpha(\text{O})=0.1563$ 22; $\alpha(\text{P})=0.0274$ 4; $\alpha(\text{Q})=0.001050$ 15
101.965 13	≈0.008	387.42	9/2 <sup>+</sup>	285.46	5/2 <sup>+</sup>	E2		14.42		I $\gamma$ : from <sup>239</sup> Np $\beta^-$ decay I $\gamma$ (88.06 $\gamma$ )/I $\gamma$ (106.50 $\gamma$ )= 0.12 5, and I $\gamma$ (106.50 $\gamma$ )= 0.007 1. $\alpha(\text{L})=10.46$ 15; $\alpha(\text{M})=2.93$ 5; $\alpha(\text{N}+..)=1.025$ 15 $\alpha(\text{N})=0.805$ 12; $\alpha(\text{O})=0.190$ 3; $\alpha(\text{P})=0.0302$ 5; $\alpha(\text{Q})=0.0001088$ 16

<sup>239</sup>Am ε decay 1972Po04 (continued)

<u>γ(<sup>239</sup>Pu) (continued)</u>									
<u>E<sub>γ</sub></u>	<u>I<sub>γ</sub><sup>@</sup></u>	<u>E<sub>i</sub>(level)</u>	<u>J<sub>i</sub><sup>π</sup></u>	<u>E<sub>f</sub></u>	<u>J<sub>f</sub><sup>π</sup></u>	<u>Mult.<sup>‡</sup></u>	<u>δ<sup>‡</sup></u>	<u>α<sup>†</sup></u>	<u>Comments</u>
106.1 2	0.043 5	391.60	7/2 <sup>-</sup>	285.46	5/2 <sup>+</sup>	E1(+M2)		0.26 3	α(L)exp=0.19 3; α(M)exp=0.050 8; α(N+...)exp=0.017 3 I <sub>γ</sub> : from I <sub>γ</sub> (106γ doublet)= 0.05 1 after subtracting I <sub>γ</sub> (106γ, 163-keV level)= 0.007 1.
106.50 3	0.007 1	163.76	9/2 <sup>+</sup>	57.273	5/2 <sup>+</sup>	E2		11.78	α: anomalous E1 conversion (from <sup>239</sup> Np β <sup>-</sup> of 1959Ew90). α(L)=8.55 12; α(M)=2.39 4; α(N+...)=0.838 12 α(N)=0.658 10; α(O)=0.1551 22; α(P)=0.0247 4; α(Q)=9.28×10 <sup>-5</sup> 13 I <sub>γ</sub> : from intensity balance at 163-keV level.
124.416 15	0.10 1	511.84	7/2 <sup>+</sup>	387.42	9/2 <sup>+</sup>	M1(+E2)	<0.26	13.8 4	α(K)=10.7 4; α(L)=2.32 7; α(M)=0.570 22; α(N+...)=0.201 8 α(N)=0.155 6; α(O)=0.0385 14; α(P)=0.00725 19; α(Q)=0.000451 15
(166.39 6)	≈0.009	330.12	7/2 <sup>+</sup>	163.76	9/2 <sup>+</sup>	M1		6.22	α(K)=4.91 7; α(L)=0.984 14; α(M)=0.239 4; α(N+...)=0.0846 12 α(N)=0.0651 10; α(O)=0.01621 23; α(P)=0.00308 5; α(Q)=0.000202 3 I <sub>γ</sub> : deduced from I <sub>γ</sub> (166.39γ)/I <sub>γ</sub> (254.4γ)= 0.111 23, using I(cc(L1))(166.39γ)/I(cc(K))(254.4γ)= 7 1/ 105 15 from <sup>239</sup> Am ε decay (1959Ew90), the following theoretical conversion coefficients: α(L1)(166.39γ; M1)=0.932, and α(K)(254.4γ; M1+E2)=1.556, and I <sub>γ</sub> (254.4γ)= 0.084 6.
181.715 10	1.08 6	511.84	7/2 <sup>+</sup>	330.12	7/2 <sup>+</sup>	M1+E2	-0.12 6	4.80 10	α(K)=3.78 9; α(L)=0.766 11; α(M)=0.187 3; α(N+...)=0.0660 10 α(N)=0.0508 8; α(O)=0.01264 18; α(P)=0.00240 4; α(Q)=0.000155 4 δ: from 1972Kr07, 1972Po04, 1959Ew90.
209.8 1	3.5 2	285.46	5/2 <sup>+</sup>	75.701	7/2 <sup>+</sup>	M1+E2	0.37 <sup>#</sup> 8	2.93 13	α(K)=2.27 12; α(L)=0.499 9; α(M)=0.1231 18; α(N+...)=0.0435 7 α(N)=0.0335 5; α(O)=0.00830 13; α(P)=0.00155 3; α(Q)=9.3×10 <sup>-5</sup> 5
226.383 12	3.3 2	511.84	7/2 <sup>+</sup>	285.46	5/2 <sup>+</sup>	M1+E2	0.55 10	2.13 14	α(K)=1.61 13; α(L)=0.387 9; α(M)=0.0964 17; α(N+...)=0.0340 6 α(N)=0.0263 5; α(O)=0.00648 13; α(P)=0.00120 3; α(Q)=6.7×10 <sup>-5</sup> 5
228.184 12	11.3 6	285.46	5/2 <sup>+</sup>	57.273	5/2 <sup>+</sup>	M1+E2	0.28 <sup>#</sup> 7	2.41 9	α(K)=1.88 8; α(L)=0.395 7; α(M)=0.0967 15; α(N+...)=0.0342 6 α(N)=0.0263 4; α(O)=0.00653 11; α(P)=0.001232 23; α(Q)=7.7×10 <sup>-5</sup> 3
254.4 1	0.084 6	330.12	7/2 <sup>+</sup>	75.701	7/2 <sup>+</sup>	M1+E2	-0.12 6	1.86 4	α(K)=1.47 4; α(L)=0.295 5; α(M)=0.0718 11; α(N+...)=0.0254 4 α(N)=0.0195 3; α(O)=0.00486 8; α(P)=0.000924 15; α(Q)=5.98×10 <sup>-5</sup> 13
272.8 1	0.064 5	330.12	7/2 <sup>+</sup>	57.273	5/2 <sup>+</sup>	M1		1.553	α(K)=1.229 18; α(L)=0.244 4; α(M)=0.0593 9; α(N+...)=0.0210 3 α(N)=0.01614 23; α(O)=0.00402 6; α(P)=0.000764 11; α(Q)=4.98×10 <sup>-5</sup> 7
277.604 16	15.0 7	285.46	5/2 <sup>+</sup>	7.860	3/2 <sup>+</sup>	M1+E2	0.23 <sup>#</sup> 10	1.42 7	α(K)=1.12 6; α(L)=0.228 6; α(M)=0.0555 13; α(N+...)=0.0196 5 α(N)=0.0151 4; α(O)=0.00375 9; α(P)=0.000711 19; α(Q)=4.53×10 <sup>-5</sup> 22
285.5 1	0.80 5	285.46	5/2 <sup>+</sup>	0	1/2 <sup>+</sup>	E2		0.247	α(K)=0.0843 12; α(L)=0.1189 17; α(M)=0.0326 5;

<sup>239</sup>Am ε decay **1972Po04** (continued)

$\gamma(^{239}\text{Pu})$ (continued)									
$E_\gamma$	$I_\gamma^{\text{@}}$	$E_i(\text{level})$	$J_i^\pi$	$E_f$	$J_f^\pi$	Mult. <sup>‡</sup>	$\delta^{\ddagger}$	$\alpha^\dagger$	Comments
311.7 2	0.017 2	387.42	9/2 <sup>+</sup>	75.701	7/2 <sup>+</sup>	(M1+E2)		0.6 5	$\alpha(\text{N}+\text{..})=0.01145$ 17 $\alpha(\text{N})=0.00895$ 13; $\alpha(\text{O})=0.00213$ 3; $\alpha(\text{P})=0.000356$ 5; $\alpha(\text{Q})=4.98\times 10^{-6}$ 7
315.9 2	0.0032 5	391.60	7/2 <sup>-</sup>	75.701	7/2 <sup>+</sup>	E1(+M2)	-0.10 12	0.07 12	$\alpha(\text{K})=0.5$ 4; $\alpha(\text{L})=0.13$ 5; $\alpha(\text{M})=0.032$ 9; $\alpha(\text{N}+\text{..})=0.011$ 4 $\alpha(\text{N})=0.0087$ 24; $\alpha(\text{O})=0.0021$ 7; $\alpha(\text{P})=0.00039$ 14; $\alpha(\text{Q})=1.9\times 10^{-5}$ 16 $\alpha(\text{K})=0.05$ 9; $\alpha(\text{L})=0.01$ 3; $\alpha(\text{M})=0.003$ 7; $\alpha(\text{N}+\text{..})=0.0011$ 24 $\alpha(\text{N})=0.0009$ 19; $\alpha(\text{O})=0.0002$ 5; $\alpha(\text{P})=4\text{E}-5$ 9; $\alpha(\text{Q})=2\text{E}-6$ 6 $I_\gamma$ : from <sup>239</sup> Np β <sup>-</sup> decay, the value $I_\gamma=0.0170$ 15 in <b>1972Po04</b> is probably a typographical error.
322.3 2	0.0026 3	330.12	7/2 <sup>+</sup>	7.860	3/2 <sup>+</sup>	[E2]		0.1699	$\alpha(\text{K})=0.0679$ 10; $\alpha(\text{L})=0.0745$ 11; $\alpha(\text{M})=0.0203$ 3; $\alpha(\text{N}+\text{..})=0.00713$ 11 $\alpha(\text{N})=0.00557$ 8; $\alpha(\text{O})=0.001329$ 19; $\alpha(\text{P})=0.000224$ 4; $\alpha(\text{Q})=3.73\times 10^{-6}$ 6
334.3 2	0.0042 5	391.60	7/2 <sup>-</sup>	57.273	5/2 <sup>+</sup>	E1(+M2)	+0.02 3	0.034 6	$\alpha(\text{K})=0.027$ 4; $\alpha(\text{L})=0.0053$ 13; $\alpha(\text{M})=0.0013$ 4; $\alpha(\text{N}+\text{..})=0.00045$ 12 $\alpha(\text{N})=0.00035$ 9; $\alpha(\text{O})=8.6\times 10^{-5}$ 22; $\alpha(\text{P})=1.6\times 10^{-5}$ 4; $\alpha(\text{Q})=8.3\times 10^{-7}$ 25
430.0 3	0.0017 3	505.7	(5/2 <sup>-</sup> )	75.701	7/2 <sup>+</sup>				
436.0 3	0.008 1	511.84	7/2 <sup>+</sup>	75.701	7/2 <sup>+</sup>	[M1]		0.428	$\alpha(\text{K})=0.339$ 5; $\alpha(\text{L})=0.0669$ 10; $\alpha(\text{M})=0.01623$ 23; $\alpha(\text{N}+\text{..})=0.00573$ 8 $\alpha(\text{N})=0.00441$ 7; $\alpha(\text{O})=0.001098$ 16; $\alpha(\text{P})=0.000209$ 3; $\alpha(\text{Q})=1.361\times 10^{-5}$ 20
(448.3 5)	≈0.00012	505.7	(5/2 <sup>-</sup> )	57.273	5/2 <sup>+</sup>				From <sup>239</sup> Np β <sup>-</sup> decay.
454.6 3	0.0120 12	511.84	7/2 <sup>+</sup>	57.273	5/2 <sup>+</sup>	[M1]		0.382	$\alpha(\text{K})=0.303$ 5; $\alpha(\text{L})=0.0597$ 9; $\alpha(\text{M})=0.01447$ 21; $\alpha(\text{N}+\text{..})=0.00511$ 8 $\alpha(\text{N})=0.00394$ 6; $\alpha(\text{O})=0.000979$ 14; $\alpha(\text{P})=0.000186$ 3; $\alpha(\text{Q})=1.214\times 10^{-5}$ 18
497.8 3	0.0015 3	505.7	(5/2 <sup>-</sup> )	7.860	3/2 <sup>+</sup>				
504.0 3	0.0140 14	511.84	7/2 <sup>+</sup>	7.860	3/2 <sup>+</sup>	[E2]		0.0516	$\alpha(\text{K})=0.0304$ 5; $\alpha(\text{L})=0.01561$ 22; $\alpha(\text{M})=0.00413$ 6; $\alpha(\text{N}+\text{..})=0.001451$ 21 $\alpha(\text{N})=0.001130$ 16; $\alpha(\text{O})=0.000272$ 4; $\alpha(\text{P})=4.75\times 10^{-5}$ 7; $\alpha(\text{Q})=1.387\times 10^{-6}$ 20

† Additional information 2.

‡ Based on ce data of **1957Sm77,1972Po04** and  $\gamma(\theta)$  of **1972Kr07**, unless otherwise specified.

# Deduced by evaluator from conversion electron data of **1991Sh06** in <sup>243</sup>Cm α decay.

@ Absolute intensity per 100 decays.

<sup>239</sup>Am ε decay 1972P04

Legend

- I<sub>γ</sub> < 2% × I<sub>max</sub>
- I<sub>γ</sub> < 10% × I<sub>max</sub>
- I<sub>γ</sub> > 10% × I<sub>max</sub>
- - - γ Decay (Uncertain)

Decay Scheme

Intensities: I<sub>γ</sub> per 100 parent decays

