

²⁴¹Np β⁻ decay 1981Pa20

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Parent: ²⁴¹Np: E=0.0; J^π=5/2⁺; T_{1/2}=13.9 min 2; Q(β⁻)=1.30×10³ 7; %β⁻ decay=100.0

²⁴¹Np-J^π: From Adopted Levels in ²⁴¹Np.

²⁴¹Np-T_{1/2}: From least squares decay analyses of the 175 keV γ.

²⁴¹Np-Q(β⁻): From 2012Wa38.

1981Pa20: ²⁴¹Np produced via ²³⁸U(α,p) with Eα=32 MeV and ²⁴⁴Pu(n,p3n) with En=30-160 MeV at the Brookhaven MEIN facility. Irradiation were followed by chemical separation. Decay of ²⁴¹Np was studied by γ spectroscopy using a high resolution Ge(Li) detector and by β emission by a 4π proportional counter. Measured Eγ, absolute Iγ, and T_{1/2}.

1966Qa02: ²⁴¹Np produced via ²³⁸U(α,p) at Nuffield Cyclotron at Birmingham University with Eα= 40 MeV. Irradiation was followed by chemical separation. A Geiger counter, anthracene crystal scintillation β spectrometer, Xe proportional counter, NaI(Tl) detector, and a ZnS-Ag scintillation α counter were used to measure γ and β radiations. The half life from decay curves for ²⁴¹Np was 16.0 min 2 with an end-point energy of 1.25 MeV. The 3.4 hour activity was not detected.

1959Va32: ²⁴¹Np produced via ²³⁸U(α,p) at Argonne cyclotron followed by chemical separation and measured with a 2π and end window proportional counters. β and γ spectrum were measured with the anthracene crystal and a NaI(Tl) detectors. The beta spectrum end point energy of the 16 minute component was 1.36 MeV 10 with logft of 5.8.

²⁴¹Pu Levels

E(level) [†]	J ^π [‡]	Comments
0.0	5/2 ⁺	
41.97	7/2 ⁺	
95.78	9/2 ⁺	
161.69	1/2 ⁺	E(level): The feeding of this level has not been established. It cannot be directly fed by a β branch, and no transitions feeding the level have been observed.
175.05	7/2 ⁺	
404.45	(9/2) ⁻	J ^π : See comment on J ^π (404 level) in Adopted Levels.
518.81	5/2 ⁻	
561.42	7/2 ⁻	
834.84	3/2 ⁺ ,5/2 ⁺ ,7/2 ⁺	
929.7 2	3/2,5/2,7/2	

[†] Rounded-off values from Adopted Levels, except for the 930 level, whose de excitation transition is seen only in β decay.

[‡] From Adopted Levels.

β⁻ radiations

E(decay)	E(level)	Iβ ⁻ ^{†‡}	Log ft	Comments
(3.7×10 ² 7)	929.7	0.080 20	7.0 4	av Eβ=105 22
(4.7×10 ² 7)	834.84	≈0.12	≈7.1	av Eβ=135 23
(7.4×10 ² 7)	561.42	0.28 6	7.41 18	av Eβ=226 25
(7.8×10 ² 7)	518.81	0.42 4	7.32 15	av Eβ=241 25
(9.0×10 ² 7)	404.45	0.27 3	7	av Eβ=282 26
(1.12×10 ³ 7)	175.05	30.8 15	6.00 10	av Eβ=366 27
(1.26×10 ³ 7)	41.97			Iβ ⁻ : The intensity balance gives Iβ=-2 4.
1.30×10 ³ 7	0.0	70 4	5.87 9	av Eβ=432 27
E(decay): From adopted Q(β ⁻). Measured values are 1360 100 (1959Va32) and 1250 (1966Qa02).				

[†] From an intensity balance at each level.

[‡] Absolute intensity per 100 decays.

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γ(²⁴¹Pu)

I_γ normalization: I_γ(133γ)=0.86 5 per 100 disintegrations (4π proportional counter **1981Pa20**).

E _γ [†]	I _γ ^c	E _i (level)	J _i ^π	E _f	J _f ^π	Mult. [‡]	δ ^{‡b}	α ^a	Comments
42.0 1	0.10 3	41.97	7/2 ⁺	0.0	5/2 ⁺	M1+E2	0.186 4	102.2 22	α(L)=76.0 16; α(M)=19.4 5 α(N)=5.29 12; α(O)=1.29 3; α(P)=0.231 5; α(Q)=0.01087 17
(53.81 [@])	0.020 [#] 6	95.78	9/2 ⁺	41.97	7/2 ⁺	M1+E2	0.201 8	44.7 11	α(L)=33.3 8; α(M)=8.42 21 α(N)=2.30 6; α(O)=0.563 14; α(P)=0.1021 22; α(Q)=0.00519 8
(79.26 [@])	0.040 4	175.05	7/2 ⁺	95.78	9/2 ⁺	M1+E2	0.65 +25-22	22 6	α(L)=16 4; α(M)=4.3 12 α(N)=1.2 4; α(O)=0.28 8; α(P)=0.047 11; α(Q)=0.00129 22 I _γ : From I _γ /I _γ (133γ+175γ)=0.010 1 in α decay.
(95.79 [@])	0.003 [#] 1	95.78	9/2 ⁺	0.0	5/2 ⁺	E2		19.3	α(L)=14.00 20; α(M)=3.92 6 α(N)=1.077 15; α(O)=0.254 4; α(P)=0.0404 6; α(Q)=0.0001375 20
133.1 1	0.86 5	175.05	7/2 ⁺	41.97	7/2 ⁺	M1+E2	0.222 9	11.35 17	α(K)=8.79 13; α(L)=1.92 3; α(M)=0.472 7 α(N)=0.1287 19; α(O)=0.0319 5; α(P)=0.00599 9; α(Q)=0.000366 6
161.6 2	0.07 1	161.69	1/2 ⁺	0.0	5/2 ⁺	E2		1.97	α(K)=0.190 3; α(L)=1.292 20; α(M)=0.360 6 α(N)=0.0991 15; α(O)=0.0234 4; α(P)=0.00379 6; α(Q)=2.32×10 ⁻⁵ 4
175.1 1	3.1 2	175.05	7/2 ⁺	0.0	5/2 ⁺	M1+E2	0.217 19	5.20	α(K)=4.07 7; α(L)=0.854 12; α(M)=0.209 3 α(N)=0.0569 8; α(O)=0.01413 20; α(P)=0.00267 4; α(Q)=0.000167 3
308.8 2	0.07 2	404.45	(9/2) ⁻	95.78	9/2 ⁺	E1		0.0388	α(K)=0.0307 5; α(L)=0.00610 9; α(M)=0.001477 21 α(N)=0.000399 6; α(O)=9.75×10 ⁻⁵ 14; α(P)=1.761×10 ⁻⁵ 25; α(Q)=9.22×10 ⁻⁷ 13
362.4 1	0.19 2	404.45	(9/2) ⁻	41.97	7/2 ⁺	E1		0.0276	α(K)=0.0220 3; α(L)=0.00425 6; α(M)=0.001028 15 α(N)=0.000278 4; α(O)=6.81×10 ⁻⁵ 10; α(P)=1.238×10 ⁻⁵ 18; α(Q)=6.70×10 ⁻⁷ 10
≈405 ^d		404.45	(9/2) ⁻	0.0	5/2 ⁺				E _γ : Only a slight indication for its existence was found in the γ spectrum. One expects E _γ =404.453. This transition is not seen in (n,γ). If one assumes that I _γ is smaller than that for the adjacent 404.707 and 405.90 γ's in (n,γ), one can estimate I _γ <0.01.
(465.65 [@])	0.064 17	561.42	7/2 ⁻	95.78	9/2 ⁺	E1+M2	0.088 +21-28	0.024 4	α(K)=0.019 3; α(L)=0.0039 8; α(M)=0.00097 20 α(N)=0.00026 6; α(O)=6.5×10 ⁻⁵ 14; α(P)=1.2×10 ⁻⁵ 3; α(Q)=7.1×10 ⁻⁷ 16 I _γ : From I _γ /I _γ (519γ+562γ)=0.321 20 in (n,γ).
476.6 2	0.10 1	518.81	5/2 ⁻	41.97	7/2 ⁺	E1+M2	0.104 +20-25	0.025 4	α(K)=0.020 3; α(L)=0.0042 8; α(M)=0.00104 20 α(N)=0.00028 6; α(O)=7.0×10 ⁻⁵ 14; α(P)=1.3×10 ⁻⁵ 3; α(Q)=7.7×10 ⁻⁷ 16
518.81 ^{&}	0.31 ^{&} 3	518.81	5/2 ⁻	0.0	5/2 ⁺	E1		0.01340	α(K)=0.01078 15; α(L)=0.00198 3; α(M)=0.000477 7 α(N)=0.0001290 18; α(O)=3.17×10 ⁻⁵ 5; α(P)=5.86×10 ⁻⁶ 9; α(Q)=3.38×10 ⁻⁷ 5

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γ(²⁴¹Pu) (continued)

<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^{‡b}</u>	<u>α^a</u>	<u>Comments</u>
519.43&	0.12& 4	561.42	7/2 ⁻	41.97	7/2 ⁺	E1+M2	0.24 +9-11	0.05 3	α(K)=0.038 22; α(L)=0.009 6; α(M)=0.0023 15 α(N)=0.0006 4; α(O)=0.00016 10; α(P)=2.9×10 ⁻⁵ 19; α(Q)=1.8×10 ⁻⁶ 12
561.1 2	0.08 3	561.42	7/2 ⁻	0.0	5/2 ⁺	(E1+M2)	0.27 4	0.048 11	α(K)=0.036 8; α(L)=0.0087 21; α(M)=0.0022 6 α(N)=0.00059 14; α(O)=0.00015 4; α(P)=2.8×10 ⁻⁵ 7; α(Q)=1.7×10 ⁻⁶ 4
834.6 2	0.11 3	834.84	3/2 ⁺ ,5/2 ⁺ ,7/2 ⁺	0.0	5/2 ⁺	M1+E2	0.94 +25-20	0.048 7	α(K)=0.037 6; α(L)=0.0079 10; α(M)=0.00192 22 α(N)=0.00052 6; α(O)=0.000130 15; α(P)=2.4×10 ⁻⁵ 3; α(Q)=1.49×10 ⁻⁶ 22
929.7 2	0.08 2	929.7	3/2,5/2,7/2	0.0	5/2 ⁺				

[†] From 1981Pa20. Others: 1966Qa02.

[‡] From (n,γ) as given in adopted γ's.

From an intensity balance at the 96 level and I_γ(96γ)/I_γ(54γ)=0.15 3 from (n,γ).

@ Rounded-off value from adopted γ's. Not seen in β decay.

& The authors report E_γ=518.8 1 with I_γ=0.44 3 for a transition doubly placed from the 519 and 561 levels. From I_γ/I_γ(477γ)=3.09 16 for the 519 level, and I_γ/I_γ(561γ)=1.45 13 for the 561 level, both from (n,γ), one gets I_γ=0.31 3 and 0.12 4 for these two placements, in agreement with the measured value for the doublet. The energies are rounded-off values from (n,γ).

^a Additional information 1.

^b If No value given it was assumed δ=1.00 for E2/M1, δ=1.00 for E3/M2 and δ=0.10 for the other multipolarities.

^c Absolute intensity per 100 decays.

^d Placement of transition in the level scheme is uncertain.

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Decay Scheme

Intensities: I_(γ+ce) per 100 decays through this branch

Legend

- I_γ < 2% × I_γ^{max}
- I_γ < 10% × I_γ^{max}
- I_γ > 10% × I_γ^{max}
- - - - - γ Decay (Uncertain)

