

²⁴²Am β⁻ decay (16.01 h)

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Parent: ²⁴²Am: E=0.0; J^π=1⁻; T_{1/2}=16.01 h 2; Q(β⁻)=664.3 4; %β⁻ decay=83.0 3
²⁴²Am-Q(β⁻): From [2021Wa16](#).

²⁴²Cm Levels

E(level)	J ^π	T _{1/2}
0.0	0 ⁺	162.88 d 8
42.129 7	2 ⁺	

β⁻ radiations

E(decay) [†]	E(level)	Iβ ⁻ [‡]	Log ft	Comments
(622.2 4)	42.129	42 4	6.88 5	av Eβ=185.85 14 E(decay): E(β ⁻)=625 5 was measured by 1955Ba31 , 620 20 by 1955Ho67 . Iβ ⁻ : From (β)(L x-ray) coincidence measurements 1955Ho67 deduced I(β ⁻ to the 42 level)/∑Iβ ⁻ =0.51 5.
(664.3 4)	0.0	41 4	6.99 5	av Eβ=200.10 14 E(decay): E(β ⁻)=667 5 was measured by 1955Ba31 . Other measurement: 1982Wi05 . Iβ ⁻ : From 83-I(β ⁻ to the 42 level).

[†] From Q(β⁻) and level energies.

[‡] Absolute intensity per 100 decays.

γ(²⁴²Cm)

I_γ normalization, I(γ+ce) normalization: From I(γ+ce)(42γ)=I(β⁻ to the 42 level).

E _γ	I _γ [‡]	E _i (level)	J _i ^π	E _f	J _f ^π	Mult.	α [†]	I(γ+ce) [‡]	Comments
42.129 7	0.036 4	42.129	2 ⁺	0.0	0 ⁺	E2	1155 16	42 4	ce(N)/(γ+ce)=0.0566 11; ce(O)/(γ+ce)=0.01368 27; ce(P)/(γ+ce)=0.00223 4; ce(Q)/(γ+ce)=5.44×10 ⁻⁶ 11 α(L)=836 12; α(M)=235.5 33 α(N)=65.5 9; α(O)=15.82 22; α(P)=2.58 4; α(Q)=0.00629 9 ce(L)/(γ+ce)=0.723 8; ce(M)/(γ+ce)=0.204 4 E _γ : From 1980VyZZ . Others: 42.18 (1955Ba31), 42.2 3 (1955Ho67), 42.12 6 (1956A141), 42.20 (1960As05). I _γ : Photons per 100 16.01-h ²⁴² Am β ⁻ decays from I(γ+ce) and α. I(γ+ce): Total intensity per 100 16.01-h ²⁴² Am β ⁻ decays from the requirement of an intensity balance at the 42 level, where I(γ+ce)(42γ)=I(β ⁻) feeding the 42 level. Other: (∑ce 42γ)/∑I(β ⁻)=0.551 was measured by 1955Ba31 . This corresponds to I(γ+ce)(42γ)=45.6% per 100 parent decays, in good agreement with the value deduced from

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$^{242}\text{Am} \beta^-$ decay (16.01 h) (continued)

$\gamma(^{242}\text{Cm})$ (continued)

<u>E_γ</u>	<u>$E_i(\text{level})$</u>	<u>Comments</u>
		the intensity balance. Mult.: From L3/L2=0.73 (1955Ho67). Other: I(L-ray)/I γ (42.13 γ)=16.3/0.039 5 is listed in 1980VyZZ .

† [Additional information 1.](#)

‡ Absolute intensity per 100 decays.

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Decay Scheme

Intensities: $I_{(\gamma+ce)}$ per 100 parent decays