

<sup>242</sup>Np β<sup>-</sup> decay (2.2 min) 1979Ha26

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Parent: <sup>242</sup>Np: E=0.0; J<sup>π</sup>=(1<sup>+</sup>); T<sub>1/2</sub>=2.2 min 2; Q(β<sup>-</sup>)=2.70×10<sup>3</sup> 20; %β<sup>-</sup> decay=100.0  
<sup>242</sup>Np-Q(β<sup>-</sup>): From 2021Wa16.

<sup>242</sup>Pu Levels

E(level) <sup>†</sup>	J <sup>π</sup> <sup>‡</sup>	T <sub>1/2</sub>	E(level) <sup>†</sup>	J <sup>π</sup> <sup>‡</sup>	E(level) <sup>†</sup>	J <sup>π</sup> <sup>‡</sup>
0.0	0 <sup>+</sup>	3.73×10 <sup>5</sup> y 2	1154.6 2	(2 <sup>+</sup> ,3 <sup>-</sup> )	1903.6 2	
44.545 9	2 <sup>+</sup>	160 ps 3	1181.6 1	(2 <sup>+</sup> )	1949.8 2	(1,2 <sup>+</sup> )
147.35 9	4 <sup>+</sup>		1401.1? 1	(0,1 <sup>+</sup> )	1969.9 2	(1,2 <sup>+</sup> )
780.46 4	1 <sup>-</sup>		1428.0 3	(2 <sup>-</sup> )	2246.1 4	(1,2 <sup>+</sup> )
832.3 2	3 <sup>-</sup>		1517.6 1	(1 <sup>-</sup> )	2331.3 1	(2 <sup>+</sup> )
992.6? 2	(2 <sup>+</sup> )		1871.5 3			
1039.2? 3	(1,2 <sup>+</sup> )		1874.0 1			

<sup>†</sup> From a least-squares fit to the E<sub>γ</sub> data.

<sup>‡</sup> From Adopted Levels.

β<sup>-</sup> radiations

E(decay)	E(level)	Iβ <sup>-</sup> <sup>‡</sup>	Log ft	Comments
(3.7×10 <sup>2</sup> 20)	2331.3	1.5 5	4.9 11	av Eβ=104 65
(4.5×10 <sup>2</sup> 20)	2246.1	0.10 4	6.4 9	av Eβ=131 67
(7.3×10 <sup>2</sup> 20)	1969.9	0.78 25	6.1 5	av Eβ=224 71
(7.5×10 <sup>2</sup> 20)	1949.8	1.0 3	6.1 5	av Eβ=231 72
(8.0×10 <sup>2</sup> 20)	1903.6	0.78 25	6.3 5	av Eβ=247 72
(8.3×10 <sup>2</sup> 20)	1874.0	1.4 5	6.1 5	av Eβ=257 73
(8.3×10 <sup>2</sup> 20)	1871.5	0.18 7	7.0 5	av Eβ=258 73
(1.18×10 <sup>3</sup> 20)	1517.6	2.2 7	6.4 4	av Eβ=388 76
(1.27×10 <sup>3</sup> 20)	1428.0	0.39 14	7.3 3	av Eβ=421 77
(1.30×10 <sup>3</sup> # 20)	1401.1?	0.9 3	7.0 3	av Eβ=432 77
(1.52×10 <sup>3</sup> 20)	1181.6	1.6 5	7.0 3	av Eβ=516 79
(1.55×10 <sup>3</sup> 20)	1154.6	0.49 16	8.3 <sup>1u</sup> 4	av Eβ=501 74
(1.66×10 <sup>3</sup> # 20)	1039.2?	0.07 4	8.5 4	av Eβ=572 79
(1.71×10 <sup>3</sup> # 20)	992.6?	0.09 4	8.4 3	av Eβ=590 80
(1.87×10 <sup>3</sup> 20)	832.3	0.66 22	8.6 <sup>1u</sup> 3	av Eβ=620 98
(1.92×10 <sup>3</sup> 20)	780.46	4.7 15	6.85 23	av Eβ=674 81
2.7×10 <sup>3</sup> 2	44.545	≤88	≥6.1	av Eβ=972 82
				Iβ <sup>-</sup> : See comment on the g.s. β <sup>-</sup> group.
2.7×10 <sup>3</sup> 2	0.0	≤88	≥6.1	av Eβ=990 82
				Iβ <sup>-</sup> : I(β <sup>-</sup> =83 5 has been measured for the g.s. + 44.5 level).

<sup>†</sup> The fraction of all <sup>242</sup>Np β<sup>-</sup> decay to the 0<sup>+</sup> ground state and the 2<sup>+</sup>, 44.5-keV level was determined by 1979Ha26 as 83% 5 from comparison of the total absolute intensity of the 2700-keV β with analogous spectrum of <sup>144</sup>Pr. All other Iβ<sup>-</sup>'s are from intensity balances.

<sup>‡</sup> Absolute intensity per 100 decays.

# Existence of this branch is questionable.

<sup>242</sup>Np β<sup>-</sup> decay (2.2 min) **1979Ha26** (continued)

γ(<sup>242</sup>Pu)

I<sub>γ</sub> normalization: From Σ(γ+ce to gs+44 level)=17.5 given that Σ(β<sup>-</sup> to gs +44 level)=83% 5.

$E_{\gamma}^{\ddagger}$	$I_{\gamma}^{\#\&}$	$E_i(\text{level})$	$J_i^{\pi}$	$E_f$	$J_f^{\pi}$	Mult. <sup>@</sup>	$\alpha^{\ddagger}$	$I_{(\gamma+ce)}^{\&}$	Comments
(44.545 9)		44.545	2 <sup>+</sup>	0.0	0 <sup>+</sup>	E2	748 10		$\alpha(L)=543.8$ ; $\alpha(M)=151.5$ 21 $\alpha(N)=41.6$ 6; $\alpha(O)=9.78$ 14; $\alpha(P)=1.529$ 21; $\alpha(Q)=0.00328$ 5 $E_{\gamma}, \text{Mult.}$ : The transition was not observed in 2.2 min β <sup>-</sup> decay. $E_{\gamma}$ and multipolarity are from Adopted Gammas. $ce(L)/(\gamma+ce)=0.677$ 7; $ce(M)/(\gamma+ce)=0.1895$ 34 $ce(N)/(\gamma+ce)=0.0521$ 10; $ce(O)/(\gamma+ce)=0.01228$ 25; $ce(P)/(\gamma+ce)=0.00196$ 4; $ce(Q)/(\gamma+ce)=7.10 \times 10^{-6}$ 14 $\alpha(L)=10.07$ 15; $\alpha(M)=2.82$ 4 $\alpha(N)=0.775$ 11; $\alpha(O)=0.1827$ 27; $\alpha(P)=0.0291$ 4; $\alpha(Q)=0.0001056$ 15 $E_{\gamma}, I_{(\gamma+ce)}$ : Transition not observed in 2.2-min <sup>242</sup> Np β <sup>-</sup> decay. $E_{\gamma}$ is from Adopted Gammas and $I_{(\gamma+ce)}$ is from an intensity balance at the 147 level. $I_{\gamma}$ is from $I_{(\gamma+ce)}$ and $\alpha$ .
(102.8 1)	1.04 10	147.35	4 <sup>+</sup>	44.545	2 <sup>+</sup>	[E2]	13.88 20	15.5 15	
620.6 1	18 2	1401.1?	(0,1 <sup>+</sup> )	780.46	1 <sup>-</sup>				
647.4 3	5.5 5	1428.0	(2 <sup>-</sup> )	780.46	1 <sup>-</sup>				
<sup>x</sup> 681.4 4	2.9 10								
685.0 1	7 1	832.3	3 <sup>-</sup>	147.35	4 <sup>+</sup>				
735.93 7	100	780.46	1 <sup>-</sup>	44.545	2 <sup>+</sup>	[E1]	0.00696 10		$\alpha(K)=0.00564$ 8; $\alpha(L)=0.000999$ 14; $\alpha(M)=0.0002391$ 33 $\alpha(N)=6.47 \times 10^{-5}$ 9; $\alpha(O)=1.597 \times 10^{-5}$ 22; $\alpha(P)=2.98 \times 10^{-6}$ 4; $\alpha(Q)=1.811 \times 10^{-7}$ 25 $\alpha(K)=0.00508$ 7; $\alpha(L)=0.000895$ 13; $\alpha(M)=0.0002139$ 30 $\alpha(N)=5.79 \times 10^{-5}$ 8; $\alpha(O)=1.430 \times 10^{-5}$ 20; $\alpha(P)=2.67 \times 10^{-6}$ 4; $\alpha(Q)=1.636 \times 10^{-7}$ 23
780.44 5	53 1	780.46	1 <sup>-</sup>	0.0	0 <sup>+</sup>	[E1]	0.00626 9		
(787.8)	7.9 CA	832.3	3 <sup>-</sup>	44.545	2 <sup>+</sup>				$E_{\gamma}$ : Obscured by the 789.6γ of <sup>240</sup> Np. $E_{\gamma}$ is from the level energy difference. $I_{\gamma}$ : From the Alaga rule. From (n,γ): E=secondary γ's, from the level scheme of <b>1972MaYS</b> , $I_{\gamma}(787.8\gamma)$ is shown as being slightly larger than $I_{\gamma}(685.0\gamma)$ , consistent with the value given by the Alaga rule.
813.6 1	24 2	2331.3	(2 <sup>+</sup> )	1517.6	(1 <sup>-</sup> )				
948.0 2	1.7 5	992.6?	(2 <sup>+</sup> )	44.545	2 <sup>+</sup>	[M1,E2]	0.033 20		$\alpha(K)=0.026$ 16; $\alpha(L)=0.0054$ 28; $\alpha(M)=0.0013$ 7 $\alpha(N)=3.6 \times 10^{-4}$ 18; $\alpha(O)=9.E-5$ 4; $\alpha(P)=1.7 \times 10^{-5}$ 9; $\alpha(Q)=1.0 \times 10^{-6}$ 6
1007.3 2	3.0 5	1154.6	(2 <sup>+</sup> ,3 <sup>-</sup> )	147.35	4 <sup>+</sup>				
1034.2 2	5.5 10	1181.6	(2 <sup>+</sup> )	147.35	4 <sup>+</sup>				
1039.2 <sup>a</sup> 3	<2.7 <sup>a</sup>	1039.2?	(1,2 <sup>+</sup> )	0.0	0 <sup>+</sup>				$I_{\gamma}$ : $I_{\gamma}<2.2$ 5 was measured for the doubly placed 1039γ.
1039.2 <sup>a</sup> 3	<2.7 <sup>a</sup>	1871.5		832.3	3 <sup>-</sup>				$I_{\gamma}$ : $I_{\gamma}<2.2$ 5 was measured for the doubly placed 1039γ.

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γ(<sup>242</sup>Pu) (continued)

<u>E<sub>γ</sub><sup>‡</sup></u>	<u>I<sub>γ</sub><sup>#&amp;</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>Comments</u>
1093.5 1	23 2	1874.0		780.46	1 <sup>-</sup>	
1110.0 2	7 1	1154.6	(2 <sup>+</sup> ,3 <sup>-</sup> )	44.545	2 <sup>+</sup>	
1123.1 2	5 1	1903.6		780.46	1 <sup>-</sup>	
1137.1 1	25 1	1181.6	(2 <sup>+</sup> )	44.545	2 <sup>+</sup>	I <sub>γ</sub> : <b>1979Ha26</b> point out that I <sub>γ</sub> relative to the other intensities deexciting the 1181.6 level is much higher than expected based on the Alaga rule. They suggest that the 1137.1γ might be a doublet with a second and stronger component as yet unplaced.
<sup>x</sup> 1172.0 3	2.9 6					
1181.6 2	3.0 5	1181.6	(2 <sup>+</sup> )	0.0	0 <sup>+</sup>	
<sup>x</sup> 1239.9 1	4.9 5					
1383.6 4	2.5 10	1428.0	(2 <sup>-</sup> )	44.545	2 <sup>+</sup>	
1473.1 1	45 1	1517.6	(1 <sup>-</sup> )	44.545	2 <sup>+</sup>	
1517.6 1	24 1	1517.6	(1 <sup>-</sup> )	0.0	0 <sup>+</sup>	
1550.9 1	7 1	2331.3	(2 <sup>+</sup> )	780.46	1 <sup>-</sup>	
<sup>x</sup> 1813.7 2	3.5 5					
1826.9 3	2.3 5	1871.5		44.545	2 <sup>+</sup>	
1859.2 3	11.0 5	1903.6		44.545	2 <sup>+</sup>	
1874.5 3	5 1	1874.0		0.0	0 <sup>+</sup>	
1905.1 2	5.5 5	1949.8	(1,2 <sup>+</sup> )	44.545	2 <sup>+</sup>	
1925.4 2	4.5 5	1969.9	(1,2 <sup>+</sup> )	44.545	2 <sup>+</sup>	
1949.9 2	14.8 5	1949.8	(1,2 <sup>+</sup> )	0.0	0 <sup>+</sup>	
1969.9 2	10.5 5	1969.9	(1,2 <sup>+</sup> )	0.0	0 <sup>+</sup>	
<sup>x</sup> 1984.5 5	1.0 2					
<sup>x</sup> 1992.1 3	4.0 2					
<sup>x</sup> 2042.4 7	0.8 2					
<sup>x</sup> 2061.1 10	0.6 2					
<sup>x</sup> 2076.8 5	1.3 3					
2201.6 5	1.2 3	2246.1	(1,2 <sup>+</sup> )	44.545	2 <sup>+</sup>	
2246.0 5	0.9 3	2246.1	(1,2 <sup>+</sup> )	0.0	0 <sup>+</sup>	
<sup>x</sup> 2357.9 5	1.0 5					
<sup>x</sup> 2370.5 5	1.0 5					

† Additional information 1.

‡ From **1979Ha26**.

# Relative photon intensity from **1979Ha26**.

@ From Adopted Gammas. Multipolarities in square brackets are from level scheme; they have not been determined experimentally.

& For absolute intensity per 100 decays, multiply by 0.049 15.

<sup>a</sup> Multiply placed with undivided intensity.

<sup>x</sup> γ ray not placed in level scheme.

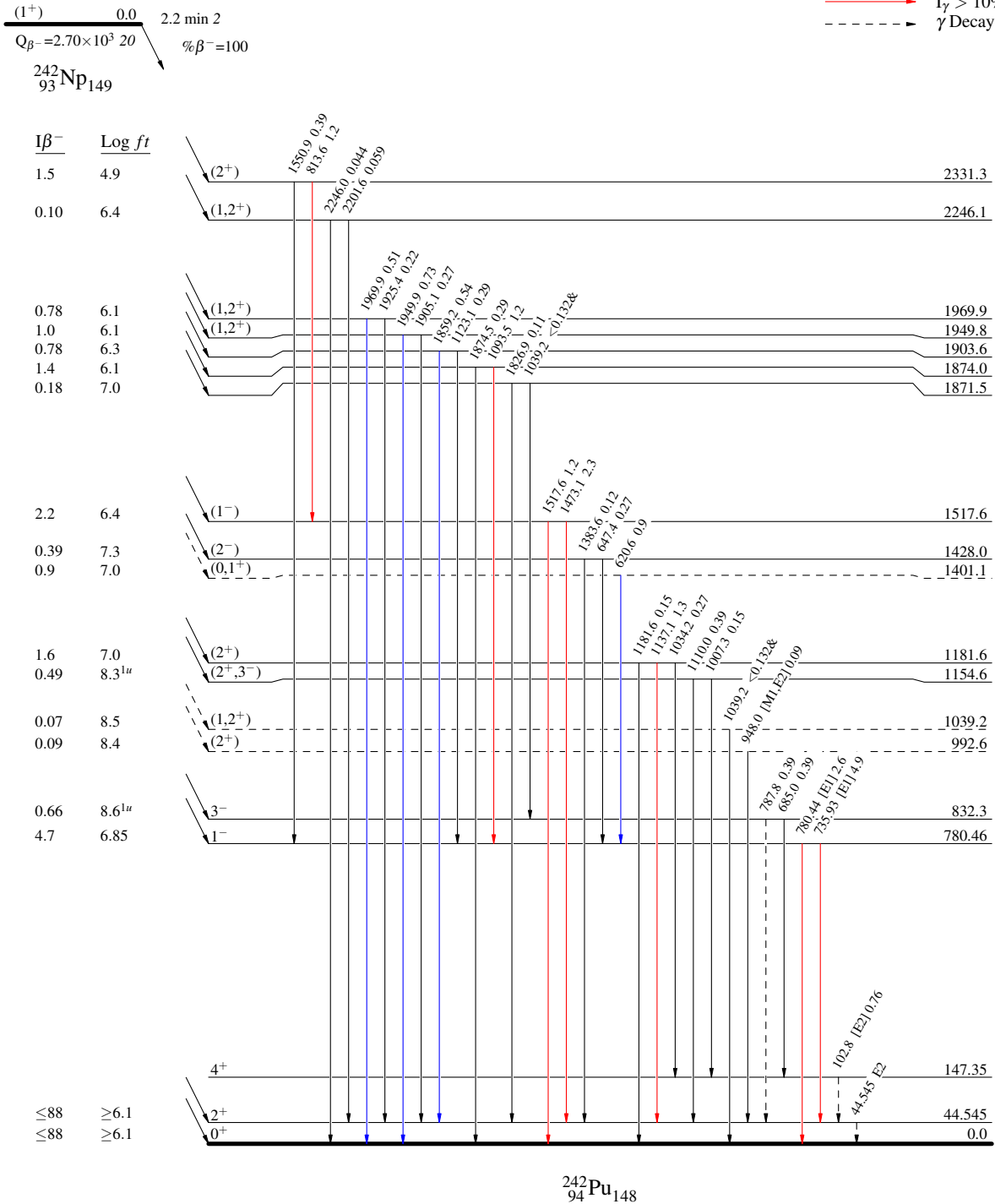
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Decay Scheme

Intensities: I<sub>(γ+ce)</sub> per 100 parent decays  
& Multiply placed: undivided intensity given

Legend

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



160 ps 3  
3.73 × 10<sup>5</sup> y 2