

$^{242}\text{Np}$   $\beta^-$  decay (5.5 min) 1981Fr07

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Parent:  $^{242}\text{Np}$ :  $E=0.0+x$ ;  $J^\pi=(6^+)$ ;  $T_{1/2}=5.5$  min  $I$ ;  $Q(\beta^-)=2.70\times 10^3$  20;  $\% \beta^-$  decay=100.0

$^{242}\text{Np}$ - $Q(\beta^-)$ : From 2021Wa16.

A partial decay scheme is presented as constructed by 1981Fr07.

 $^{242}\text{Pu}$  Levels

E(level) <sup>‡</sup>	$J^\pi$ <sup>†</sup>	$T_{1/2}$	Comments
0.0	$0^+$	$3.73\times 10^5$ y 2	
44.545 9	$2^+$	160 ps 3	
147.35 10	$4^+$		
306.45 13	$6^+$		
1092.15 13	$(6^+)$		$J^\pi$ : A two-neutron $6^+$ , ( $\nu$ 5/2[622], $\nu$ 7/2[624]) assignment was proposed by 1981Fr07 in analogy to the 1040.3-keV level in $^{244}\text{Cm}$ .
1357.25? 17			$J^\pi$ : 1981Fr07 suggest that this level may be the lowest two-proton state with $J^\pi=K^\pi=5^-$ and configuration ( $\pi$ [642], $\pi$ [523]) in analogy to the 1308 level in $^{244}\text{Pu}$ .

<sup>†</sup> From Adopted Levels.

<sup>‡</sup> From a least-squares fit to the  $E_\gamma$  data.

 $\beta^-$  radiations

E(decay)	E(level)	Comments
$(1.34\times 10^3)$ 20)	1357.25?	If the 265.1 $\gamma$ is the only transition deexciting the 1357 level, and if there is no feeding from higher levels, then $I(\beta^-$ feeding the 1357 level) is 15% 2 if the 265.1 $\gamma$ is E1, and 38% 4 if M1. If one assumes that $Q(\beta^-)$ for the 5.5-min isomer is the same as that of the gs, then $E\beta^-$ (average)=448 80, with $\log ft=6.2$ 3 or 5.8 3 for $\text{mult}(265.1\gamma)=\text{E1}$ or M1, respectively.
$(1.61\times 10^3)$ 20)	1092.15	The intensity balance leads to a $\beta^-$ feeding of 85% 4 if the 265.1 $\gamma$ feeding the level is E1, and 62% 5 if it is M1. If one assumes that $Q(\beta^-)$ for the 5.5-min isomer is the same as that for the gs, then the $\beta^-$ branch has $E(\text{average})=550$ 83 with $\log ft=5.7$ 2 or 5.8 3 for $\text{mult}(265.1\gamma)=\text{E1}$ or E2, respectively.

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γ(<sup>242</sup>Pu)

I<sub>γ</sub> normalization: The normalization factor was obtained by requiring the sum of gamma transition intensities feeding the ground-state band (785.7 and 944.8 gammas) to be 100.

<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.</u>	<u>δ</u>	<u>α<sup>†</sup></u>	<u>I<sub>(γ+ce)</sub><sup>#</sup></u>	<u>Comments</u>
44.545 9	0.218 10	44.545	2 <sup>+</sup>	0.0	0 <sup>+</sup>	[E2]		748 10	163 7	ce(L)/(γ+ce)=0.726 8; ce(M)/(γ+ce)=0.202 4 ce(N)/(γ+ce)=0.0556 11; ce(O)/(γ+ce)=0.01306 26; ce(P)/(γ+ce)=0.00204 4; ce(Q)/(γ+ce)=4.39×10 <sup>-6</sup> 9 α(L)=543 8; α(M)=151.5 21 α(N)=41.6 6; α(O)=9.78 14; α(P)=1.529 21; α(Q)=0.00328 5 E <sub>γ</sub> , I <sub>(γ+ce)</sub> : Not observed in 5.5-min <sup>242</sup> Np β <sup>-</sup> decay. E <sub>γ</sub> is from Adopted Gammas. I(γ+ce)=I(γ+ce 102.8γ) from the decay scheme. I <sub>γ</sub> is from I(γ+ce) and α.
102.8 1	11.0 5	147.35	4 <sup>+</sup>	44.545	2 <sup>+</sup>	[E2]		13.88 20	163 7	ce(L)/(γ+ce)=0.677 7; ce(M)/(γ+ce)=0.1895 34 ce(N)/(γ+ce)=0.0521 10; ce(O)/(γ+ce)=0.01228 25; ce(P)/(γ+ce)=0.00196 4; ce(Q)/(γ+ce)=7.10×10 <sup>-6</sup> 14 α(L)=10.07 15; α(M)=2.82 4 α(N)=0.775 11; α(O)=0.1827 27; α(P)=0.0291 4; α(Q)=0.0001056 15 E <sub>γ</sub> , I <sub>(γ+ce)</sub> : Not observed in β <sup>-</sup> decay of <sup>242</sup> Np (5.5 min). E <sub>γ</sub> is from Adopted Gammas. I(γ+ce)=I(γ+ce 159.1γ+944.8γ) from the decay scheme. I <sub>γ</sub> is from I(γ+ce) and α.
159.1 1	32 2	306.45	6 <sup>+</sup>	147.35	4 <sup>+</sup>	[E2]		2.098 30		α(K)=0.1921 27; α(L)=1.384 20; α(M)=0.386 6 α(N)=0.1062 15; α(O)=0.0251 4; α(P)=0.00406 6; α(Q)=2.430×10 <sup>-5</sup> 34
265.1 1 785.7 1	24 2 100	1357.25? 1092.15	(6 <sup>+</sup> ) (6 <sup>+</sup> )	1092.15 306.45	(6 <sup>+</sup> ) 6 <sup>+</sup>	[(M1)+E2]	>1.0	0.037 17		α(K)=0.028 14; α(L)=0.0066 23; α(M)=0.0016 5 α(N)=4.5×10 <sup>-4</sup> 15; α(O)=1.1×10 <sup>-4</sup> 4; α(P)=2.1×10 <sup>-5</sup> 7; α(Q)=1.1×10 <sup>-6</sup> 5 Mult.: The requirement of an intensity balance at the 306 level gives α<0.055. For mult=M1+E2 this gives δ>1.0 and α=0.038 18.
944.8 1	63 3	1092.15	(6 <sup>+</sup> )	147.35	4 <sup>+</sup>	[E2]		0.01377 19		α(K)=0.01014 14; α(L)=0.00271 4; α(M)=0.000683 10 α(N)=0.0001860 26; α(O)=4.55×10 <sup>-5</sup> 6; α(P)=8.33×10 <sup>-6</sup> 12; α(Q)=4.00×10 <sup>-7</sup> 6
<sup>x</sup> 1104.0 10	0.6 2									

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

† Additional information 1.

‡ Relative photon intensity from **1981Fr07**.

# For absolute intensity per 100 decays, multiply by 0.595 14.

<sup>x</sup>  $\gamma$  ray not placed in level scheme.

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## Decay Scheme

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

Legend

