

Recommended Nuclear Decay Data

Pu-238

Decay Mode: α	Half-Life: (32030 \pm 110) d	Intensity (%)		[2]
Radiation Type	Energy (keV)	Intensity (%)		Ref.
Auger-L	9.89	9.1	13	[4]
ce-L-2	21.72	20.7	8	[4]
ce-M-2	37.93	5.69	22	[4]
ce-NOP-2	42.04	1.88	8	[4]
α	5357.7	0.10	3	[4]
α	5456.3	28.3	6	[4]
α	5499.1	71.6	6	[4]
X-ray LI	11.62	0.25	3	[2]
X-ray L α	13.60	4.2	3	[2]
X-ray L η	15.40	0.102	11	[2]
X-ray L β	17.06	5.2	5	[2]
X-ray L γ	20.30	1.15	13	[2]
γ	43.50	0.0395	8	[2]
γ	99.85	0.00735	8	[2]

weak γ 's (I < 0.001 %)

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■ Decay Mode

α	Alpha
β^- , β^+	Beta
EC	Electron capture
IT	Isomeric transition

■ Half-Life

s	Seconds
m	Minutes
h	Hours
d	Days
y	Years

■ Energy

All energies are given in keV.
Normally there are energies listed with an intensity $\geq 1\%$.

■ Radiation Type

Auger-L/K	L or K-shell auger electron
ce-K-1	K-shell conversion electron transition 1
ce-L-2	L-shell conversion electron transition 2
α	Alpha particle
β^- max, β^+ max	Beta particle (maximal energy)
β^- av, β^+ av	Beta particle (average energy)
X-ray L	L X-ray
X-ray $K\alpha$, $K\beta$	K X-rays
γ	Gamma ray
γ Annih.	Annihilation radiation
Σ	Signifies weighted mean energies and intensities

■ Intensity

Values are given in percent. The format used for the uncertainties in the listed values can be illustrated by the following examples:

$$1.2 \quad 56 = 1.2 \pm 5.6$$
$$1.23 \quad 56 = 1.23 \pm 0.56$$

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