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# X-ray intensity data in the ENSDF database

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# Background

- For ENSDF, currently we do not evaluate or provide X-ray intensity data in the decay datasets
- □ Users can retrieve using Web tools, like NuDAT or LiveChart
- At the NSDD, it has been decided to list the atomic data, like Auger electrons and X-ray.
- In the Table of Radioactive Isotopes (1986BrZQ), recommended X-ray data are calculated values
- In DDEP, the recommended value is either from calculation or measurements
- As we are in the implementation phase of including the atomic data in the ENSDF decay datasets – a few observations on X-ray data are presented.



# X-ray data in the ENSDF:

## Experimental data

- X-ray energy, relative or absolute intensity are listed
- In table or above the common sections in the data set
- Used for decay data normalization

### No recommended data for X-rays

- in general K<sub>α</sub>, K<sub>β</sub> subshell X-ray intensities are stronger and used as characteristic X-rays of an element
- Other subshell intensities can be higher
- X-ray data can be retrieved through web tools, like NuDAT or LiveChart
  - NuDAT (notes?)
  - Livechart (some notes are available)

### <sup>235</sup>U α decay (7.04×10<sup>8</sup> y)

I(Th L<sub>1</sub> x-rays)=0.599 *15* (absolute), 1.039 *26* (relative) (2017Le03). I(Th L<sub>α</sub> x-rays)=20.26 *44* (absolute), 35.2 *8* (relative) (2017Le03). I(Th L<sub>β</sub> x-rays)=17.42 *38* (absolute), 30.2 *6* (relative) (2017Le03). I(Th L<sub>γ</sub> x-rays)=2.43 *5* (absolute), 4.22 *9* (relative) (2017Le03). I(Th total L x-rays)=40.7 *10* (absolute), 70.7 *17* (relative) (2017Le03). I(Th K<sub>α2</sub> x-rays)=3.73 *19* (absolute), 6.48 *35* (relative) (2017Le03). I(Th K<sub>α1</sub> x-rays)=4.62 *24* (absolute), 8.03 *43* (relative) (2017Le03). I(Th K<sub>β1</sub> x-rays)=1.46 *8* (absolute), 2.63 *14* (relative) (2017Le03). I(Th K<sub>β2</sub> x-rays)=0.431 *22* (absolute), 0.748 *40* (relative) (2017Le03).

Measured energies and absolute intensities of x rays (1996Ru11): I(Th,  $K_{\alpha 1}$ ): E(x ray)=93.35, I(x ray)=5.56% 14. I(Th,  $K_{\beta 1}$ ): E(x ray)=105.6, I(x ray)=1.17% 5.

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#### <sup>241</sup>Am α decay

M x-rays:	6.3% 6	1971Ka48
L x-rays:	37.7%	1957Ma17
	37.3% 18	1971Ge11
	38.9% 20	1971Wa28
	38.2% 8	1974Ca16
	37.9%	1976GuZN
	45.0%	1977Hs02
	38.3% 10	1988SeZR
	37.7% 19	1992Bl07
K x-rays:	0.0040%	1976GuZN

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## Notes: Livechart (web tool)

## Livechart

Atomic radiation fields

**E** energy of the radiation in keV. For X-rays and Auger electrons, an energy range is given for transitions grouping various atomic sub-shells. For conversion electrons the energy is averaged over the contributing sub-shells and it is calulated using the **Bricc** code

I(abs) absolute intensity of the radiation in %

Origin atomic shell emitting the radiation

Line IUPAC notation of the transition.

γ, EC energy Energy of the gamma transition or electron capture respectively, causing the X-ray or electron emission

 $P_{shell}$  Electron capture probability for the given  $\beta$  transition

 $\alpha_{shell}$  Conversion coefficient for the given  $\gamma$  transition



# X-ray data in the DDEP:

### Experimental data

- X-ray energy, relative or absolute intensity are evaluated and listed
- Recommend data from the evaluation
  - Using codes, like RADLST, EMISSION
  - Or from the measured data
  - Associated data, like P<sub>k,L</sub>, ω<sub>k,L</sub>, n<sub>k,L</sub>, etc., are documented
- Available from the published pdf or individual isotopic decay data from web retrieval
  - Isotopic decay data Table and Comments – two separate documents

### KRI/V. P. Chechev, N. K. Kuzmenko 2002

#### <sup>241</sup>Am α decay

#### From the Comments document

	1976GuZN (measured) <sup>a</sup>	Recommended (calculated)
$K\alpha_2$	0,001 18 (4)	0,001 134 (30)
$K\alpha_1$	0,001 89 (6)	0,001 81 (5)
Kβ1	7,1 (3) 10 <sup>-4</sup>	6,58 (21) 10 <sup>-4</sup>
$K\beta_2$	2,29 (15) 10 <sup>-4</sup>	2,26 (8) 10 <sup>-4</sup>

### 6.1 X-Ray Emissions

#### From the Table document

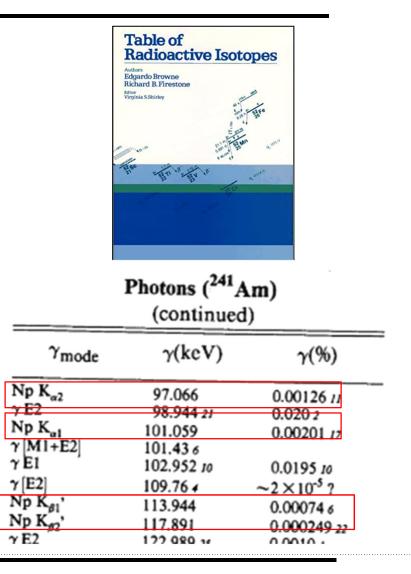
		Energy keV		Photons per 100 disint.	
XL	(Np)	$11,\!89 - 22,\!2$		37,66 (17)	
$XK\alpha_2$	(Np)	97,069		0,001134(30)	} Ka
$XK\alpha_1$	(Np)	101,059		0,00181 (5)	}
$XK\beta_3$	(Np)	113,303	}		
$XK\beta_1$	(Np)	114,234	}	0,000658 (21)	$K' \beta_1$
$XK\beta_5''$	(Np)	114,912	}		
$XK\beta_2$	(Np)	117,463	}		
$XK\beta_4$	(Np)	117,876	}	0,000226 (8)	$K'\beta_2$
XKO <sub>2,3</sub>	(Np)	118,429	}		



## Table of Radioactive Isotopes (1986BrZQ):

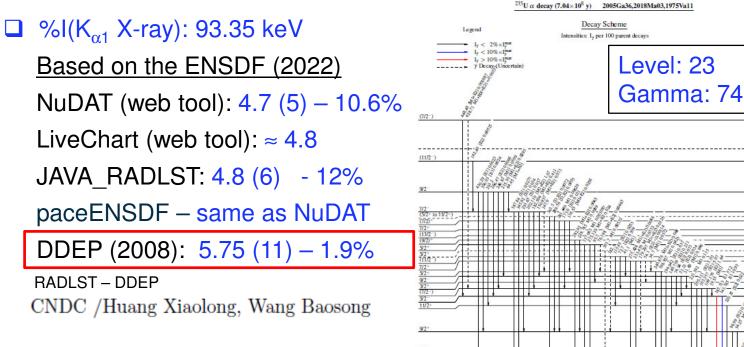
- Recommend data from the evaluation
  - Based on the decay data and calculations (Notes and Appendix)

Photons ( <sup>235</sup> U) (continued)					
$\gamma_{\rm mode}$	$\gamma$ (keV)	$\gamma(\%)^{\dagger}$			
γ [M1+~20%E2]	31.585 14	0.016 \$			
$\gamma$ [M1]	41.13 18	~0.03			
$\gamma = E2 + \sim 20\% M1$	41.954 12	~0.04			
γ [E2]	51.179 14	~0.020			
$\gamma$ [M1+E2]	54.201 18	< 0.030			
γ M1+E2	64.348 21	~0.020			
γ E2	72.71 18	~0.11			
Y EI	74.98 3	0.06 1			
Th K <sub>a2</sub>	89.955	3.36 21			
Th K	93.350	5.5 3			
$\gamma$ M1+E2	95.72 8				
γ E2]	96.154 16	0.086 11			
Th Ka1'	105.362	1.98 12			
Th K <sub>n2</sub>	108.990	0.66 4			
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<sup>235</sup>U  $\alpha$  decay [T<sub>1/2</sub>=7.04×10<sup>7</sup> y (1)]:



%I(K<sub>α1</sub> X-ray): 93.35 keV

Measurements:

1996Ru11: 5.56 (14) - 2.5% 2017Le03: 4.62 (24) - 5.2% **2001Br31 and 2013Br04** – minor variation - 2005Ga36 study **2022Si29:** a dedicated and precise gamma-ray and conversion electron spectroscopic study is needed for a better understanding and completeness of the decay scheme

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152.5 0.29

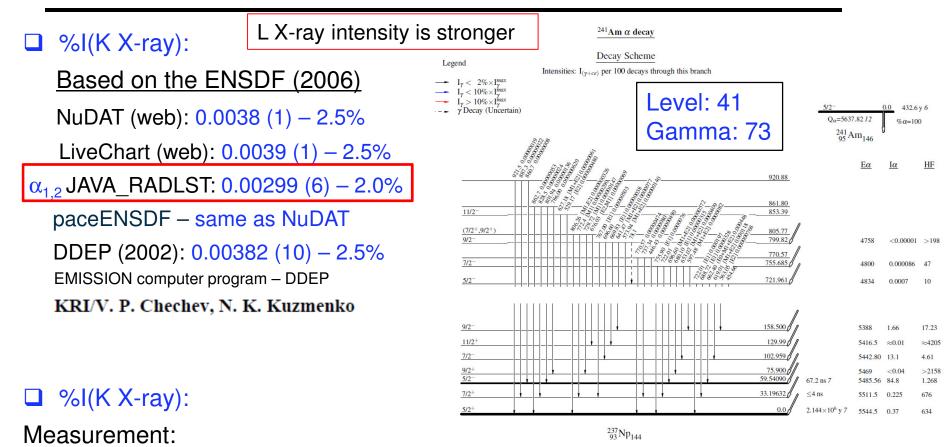
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4364.6 18.94 4377 0.35 4395.7 57.79 4415.1 3.09

4502.9

26 5.8 870 10.4 740 6.02 160

# <sup>241</sup>**Am** $\alpha$ **decay** [T<sub>1/2</sub>=432.6 y (6)]:



1976GuZN: 0.00401 (10) - 2.5%

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# **Observations:**

- Inclusion of X-ray data is currently in the implementation phase for decay datasets in the ENSDF
- At present, users can obtain these data using a web tool (NuDAT, Livechart, paceENSDF, etc.)
  - Not available in the Nuclear Data Sheets
- In the DDEP and Table of Radioactive Isotopes (1986) recommended X-ray data are available
- In general, these data have been recommended from calculations
- In DDEP, the recommended value is either from calculation or measurements.
- Depending on the status of the decay dataset and available experimental data – it would be better to consider the recommended value either from calculation or measurements.



# Thank you

