

Thorium Series (4n)\*

Nuclide	Historical name	Half-life	Major radiation energies (MeV) and intensities†		
			α	β	γ
$^{232}_{90}\text{Th}$	Thorium	$\sim 1.41 \times 10^{10} \text{ y}$	3.95 (24%) 4.01 (76%)	---	---
$^{228}_{88}\text{Ra}$	Mesothorium I	6.7y	---	0.055 (100%)	---
$^{228}_{89}\text{Ac}$	Mesothorium II	6.13h	---	1.18 (35%) 1.75 (12%) 2.09 (12%)	0.34c‡ (15%) 0.908 (25%) 0.96c (20%)
$^{228}_{90}\text{Th}$	Radiothorium	1.910y	5.34 (28%) 5.43 (71%)	---	0.084 (1.6%) 0.214 (0.3%)
$^{224}_{88}\text{Ra}$	Thorium X	3.64d	5.45 (6%) 5.68 (94%)	---	0.241 (3.7%)
$^{220}_{86}\text{Rn}$	Emanation Thoron (Tn)	55s	6.29 (100%)	---	0.55 (0.07%)
$^{216}_{84}\text{Po}$	Thorium A	0.15s	6.78 (100%)	---	---
$^{212}_{82}\text{Pb}$	Thorium B	10.64h	---	0.346 (81%) 0.586 (14%)	0.239 (47%) 0.300 (3.2%)
$^{212}_{83}\text{Bi}$	Thorium C	60.6m	6.05 (25%) 6.09 (10%)	1.55 (5%) 2.26 (55%)	0.040 (2%) 0.727 (7%) 1.620 (1.8%)
$^{212}_{84}\text{Po}$	Thorium C'	304ns	8.78 (100%)	---	---
$^{208}_{81}\text{Tl}$	Thorium C''	3.10m	---	1.28 (25%) 1.52 (21%) 1.80 (50%)	0.511 (23%) 0.583 (86%) 0.860 (12%) 2.614 (100%)
$^{208}_{82}\text{Pb}$	Thorium D	Stable	---	---	---

\*This expression describes the mass number of any member in this series, where n is an integer.

Example:  $^{232}_{90}\text{Th}$  (4n).....4(58) = 232

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‡Complex energy peak which would be incompletely resolved by instruments of moderately low resolving power such as scintillators.

Data taken from: Lederer, C. M., Hollander, J. M., and Perlman, I., Table of Isotopes (6th ed.; New York: John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 1967) and Hogan, O. H., Zigman, P. E., and Mackin, J. L., Beta Spectra (USNRDL-TR-802 [Washington, D.C.: U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, 1964]).

Neptunium Series ( $4n + 1$ )\*

Nuclide	Element name	Half-life	Major radiation energies (MeV) and intensities†		
			$\alpha$	$\beta$	$\gamma$
<sup>241</sup> <sub>94</sub> Pu	Plutonium	13.2y	4.85 (0.0003%) 4.90 (0.0019%)	0.021 (~100%)	0.145 (.00016%)
<sup>241</sup> <sub>95</sub> Am	Americium	458y	5.44 (13%) 5.49 (85%)	---	0.060 (36%) 0.101c‡ 0.04%
<sup>237</sup> <sub>92</sub> U	Uranium	6.75d	---	0.248 (96%)	0.060 (36%) 0.208 (23%)
<sup>237</sup> <sub>93</sub> Np	Neptunium	2.14x10 <sup>6</sup> y	4.65c (12%) 4.78c (75%)	---	0.030 (14%) 0.086 (14%) 0.145 (1%)
<sup>233</sup> <sub>91</sub> Pa	Protactinium	27.0d	---	0.145 (37%) 0.257 (58%) 0.568 (5%)	0.31c (44%)
<sup>233</sup> <sub>92</sub> U	Uranium	1.62x10 <sup>5</sup> y	4.78 (15%) 4.82 (83%)	---	0.042 (?) 0.097 (?)
<sup>229</sup> <sub>90</sub> Th	Thorium	7340y	4.84 (58%) 4.90 (11%) 5.05 (7%)	---	0.137c (~3%) 0.20c (~10%)
<sup>225</sup> <sub>88</sub> Ra	Radium	14.8d	---	0.32 (100%)	0.040 (33%)
<sup>225</sup> <sub>89</sub> Ac	Actinium	10.0d	5.73c (10%) 5.79 (28%) 5.83 (54%)	---	0.099 (?) 0.150 (?) 0.187 (?)
<sup>221</sup> <sub>87</sub> Fr	Francium	4.8m	6.12 (15%) 6.34 (82%)	---	0.218 (14%)
<sup>217</sup> <sub>85</sub> At	Astatine	0.032s	7.07 (~100%)	---	---
<sup>213</sup> <sub>83</sub> Bi	Bismuth	47m	5.87 (~2.2%)	1.39 (~97.8%)	0.437 (?)
<sup>213</sup> <sub>84</sub> Po	Polonium	4.2 $\mu$ s	8.38 (~100%)	---	---
<sup>209</sup> <sub>81</sub> Tl	Thallium	2.2m	---	1.99 (100%)	0.12 (50%) 0.45 (100%) 1.56 (100%)
<sup>209</sup> <sub>82</sub> Pb	Lead	3.30h	---	0.637 (100%)	---
<sup>209</sup> <sub>83</sub> Bi	Bismuth	Stable (>2x10 <sup>18</sup> y)	---	---	---

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Example: <sup>229</sup><sub>90</sub>Th ( $4n + 1$ ).....4(57) + 1 = 229

The ( $4n + 1$ ) series is included here for completion. It is not found as a naturally-occurring series.

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Data taken from: Table of Isotopes and USNRDL-TR-802.



Uranium Series ( $4n + 2$ )\*

Nuclide	Historical name	Half-life	Major radiation energies (MeV) and intensities†		
			$\alpha$	$\beta$	$\gamma$
$^{238}_{92}\text{U}$	Uranium I	$4.51 \times 10^9 \text{ y}$	4.15 (25%) 4.20 (75%)	---	---
$^{234}_{90}\text{Th}$	Uranium $X_1$	24.1d	---	0.103 (21%) 0.193 (79%)	0.063c‡ (3.5%) 0.093c (4%)
$^{234}_{91}\text{Pa}^m$	Uranium $X_2$	1.17m	---	2.29 (98%)	0.765 (0.30%) 1.001 (0.60%)
$^{234}_{91}\text{Pa}$	Uranium Z	6.75h	---	0.53 (66%) 1.13 (13%)	0.100 (50%) 0.70 (24%) 0.90 (70%)
$^{234}_{92}\text{U}$	Uranium II	$2.47 \times 10^5 \text{ y}$	4.72 (28%) 4.77 (72%)	---	0.053 (0.2%)
$^{230}_{90}\text{Th}$	Thorium	$8.0 \times 10^4 \text{ y}$	4.62 (24%) 4.68 (76%)	---	0.068 (0.6%) 0.142 (0.07%)
$^{226}_{88}\text{Ra}$	Radium	1602y	4.60 (6%) 4.78 (95%)	---	0.186 (4%)
$^{222}_{86}\text{Rn}$	Emanation Radon (Rn)	3.823d	5.49 (100%)	---	0.510 (0.07%)
$^{218}_{84}\text{Po}$	Radium A	3.05m	6.00 (~100%)	0.33 (~0.019%)	---
$^{214}_{82}\text{Pb}$	Radium B	26.8m	---	0.65 (50%) 0.71 (40%) 0.98 (6%)	0.295 (19%) 0.352 (36%)
$^{214}_{85}\text{At}$	Astatine	~2s	6.65 (6%) 6.70 (94%)	? (~0.1%)	---
$^{214}_{83}\text{Bi}$	Radium C	19.7m	5.45 (0.012%) 5.51 (0.008%)	1.0 (23%) 1.51 (40%) 3.26 (19%)	0.609 (47%) 1.120 (17%) 1.764 (17%)
$^{214}_{84}\text{Po}$	Radium C'	164 $\mu$ s	7.69 (100%)	---	0.799 (0.014%)
$^{210}_{81}\text{Tl}$	Radium C''	1.3m	---	1.3 (25%) 1.9 (56%) 2.3 (19%)	0.296 (80%) 0.795 (100%) 1.31 (21%)
$^{210}_{82}\text{Pb}$	Radium D	21y	3.72 (0.00002%)	0.016 (85%) 0.061 (15%)	0.047 (4%)
$^{210}_{83}\text{Bi}$	Radium E	5.01d	4.65 (0.00007%) 4.69 (0.0005%)	1.161 (~100%)	---
$^{210}_{84}\text{Po}$	Radium F	138.4d	5.305 (100%)	---	0.803 (0.0011%)
$^{206}_{81}\text{Tl}$	Radium E''	4.19m	---	1.571 (100%)	---
$^{206}_{82}\text{Pb}$	Radium G	Stable	---	---	---

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Example:  $^{206}_{82}\text{Pb}$  ( $4n + 2$ ).....4(51) + 2 = 206

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Data taken from: Table of Isotopes and USNRC TR 900



**Actinium Series ( $4n + 3$ )\***

Nuclide	Historical name	Half-life	Major radiation energies (MeV) and intensities†		
			$\alpha$	$\beta$	$\gamma$
$^{235}_{92}\text{U}$	Actinouranium	$7.1 \times 10^8 \text{y}$	4.37 (18%) 4.40 (57%) 4.58c‡ (8%)	---	0.143 (11%) 0.185 (54%) 0.204 (5%)
$^{231}_{90}\text{Th}$	Uranium Y	25.5h	---	0.140 (45%) 0.220 (15%) 0.305 (40%)	0.026 (2%) 0.084c (10%)
$^{231}_{91}\text{Pa}$	Protoactinium	$3.25 \times 10^4 \text{y}$	4.95 (22%) 5.01 (24%) 5.02 (23%)	---	0.027 (6%) 0.29c (6%)
$^{227}_{89}\text{Ac}$	Actinium	21.6y	4.86c (0.18%) 4.95c (1.2%)	0.043 (~99%)	0.070 (0.08%)
$^{227}_{90}\text{Th}$ (98.6%) $^{227}_{87}\text{Fr}$ (1.4%)	Radioactinium	18.2d	5.76 (21%) 5.98 (24%) 6.04 (23%)	---	0.050 (8%) 0.237c (15%) 0.31c (8%)
$^{223}_{89}\text{Ac}$	Actinium K	22m	5.44 (~0.005%)	1.15 (~100%)	0.050 (40%) 0.080 (13%) 0.234 (4%)
$^{223}_{88}\text{Ra}$	Actinium X	11.43d	5.61 (26%) 5.71 (54%) 5.75 (9%)	---	0.149c (10%) 0.270 (10%) 0.33c (6%)
$^{219}_{86}\text{Rn}$	<u>Emanation Actinon (An)</u>	4.0s	6.42 (8%) 6.55 (11%) 6.82 (81%)	---	0.272 (9%) 0.401 (5%)
$^{215}_{84}\text{Po}$	Actinium A	1.78ms	7.38 (~100%)	0.74 (~0.0023%)	---
$^{211}_{82}\text{Pb}$ (~100%) $^{215}_{85}\text{At}$ (.00023%)	Actinium B	36.1m	---	0.29 (1.4%) 0.56 (9.4%) 1.39 (87.5%)	0.405 (3.4%) 0.427 (1.8%) 0.832 (3.4%)
$^{215}_{85}\text{At}$	Astatine	~0.1ms	8.01 (~100%)	---	---
$^{211}_{83}\text{Bi}$	Actinium C	2.15m	6.28 (16%) 6.62 (~84%)	0.60 (0.28%)	0.351 (14%)
$^{211}_{84}\text{Po}$ (0.28%) $^{207}_{81}\text{Tl}$ (99.7%)	Actinium C'	0.52s	7.45 (99%)	---	0.570 (0.5%) 0.90 (0.5%)
$^{207}_{81}\text{Tl}$	Actinium C''	4.79m	---	1.44 (99.8%)	0.897 (0.16%)
$^{207}_{82}\text{Pb}$	Actinium D	Stable	---	---	---

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Example:  $^{207}_{82}\text{Pb}$  ( $4n + 3$ )..... $4(51) + 3 = 207$

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