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The energy released by electron capture into different atomic subshells of ^{242m}Am isomer for different ionization degrees

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Following the first experimental observation of ^{93m}Mo isomer depletion via nuclear excitation by electron capture (NEEC), we have made theoretical investigation related to the ^{242m}Am isomer ($T_{1/2} \sim 141$ y). It is worth to underline that for ^{242m}Am isomer the probability of the NEEC process can be even higher than for the ^{93m}Mo isomer [1-3].

We have performed here the extensive multiconfiguration Dirac-Fock [4-9] study concerning the dependence of the energy released by electron capture into different subshells for N, O and P shell of ^{242m}Am isomer on the degree of ionization and electronic configuration.

These study have a basic research character, because they are concentrated on a systematic study directed toward greater knowledge and understanding of the various aspects of a new physical phenomena, i.e. the NEEC process. The presented studies may contribute to the development of the concept of new ultra-energy-dense nuclear power sources, and γ -ray lasers.

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