

^{126}I β^- decay [1977Ja04,1998Fo05](#)

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Parent: ^{126}I : $E=0.0$; $J^\pi=2^-$; $T_{1/2}=12.93$ d 5; $Q(\beta^-)=1236$ 4; $\% \beta^-$ decay=47.3 5

^{126}I - $\% \beta^-$ decay: from $\text{I}(\beta^-)$ and $4\pi\beta\gamma$ ([1998Fo05](#)). Other: $\text{I}(\beta^+)/\text{I}(\beta^-)=0.028$ 1; $\text{I}(406\beta^+)/\text{I}(1110\beta^+)=0.29$ ([1955Ko14](#)).

[1977Ja04](#): $^{127}\text{I}(n,2n)$, Compton suppression spectrometer, semi γ .

[1976Sa28](#): $^{126}\text{Te}(p,n)$ mass separations; $\gamma\gamma(\theta,H,t)$.

[1998Fo05](#): $^{127}\text{I}(n,2n)$; HPGe, scin, pc γ , β , K x ray; $4\pi\beta\gamma$, X γ coin.

See also ^{126}I ε decay.

 ^{126}Xe Levels

E(level)	J^π^\dagger	$T_{1/2}$	Comments
0.0	0^+		
388.634 10	2^+	41.3 ps 14	$T_{1/2}$ from $(\beta)(388.633\gamma)(t)$ (1963De21), $g=0.22$ 5.
879.879 10	2^+		

† Spin and parity values are those given under Adopted Levels.

 β^- radiations

E(decay)	E(level)	$\text{I}\beta^-^\ddagger$	Log ft	Comments
385 5	879.879	3.65 6	7.462 19	av $E\beta=103.9$ 17 E(decay): from $\beta\gamma$ -coin (1955Ko14).
865 5	388.634	33.4 6	7.792 14	av $E\beta=283.8$ 20 Allowed shape (1955Ko14).
1250 10	0.0	10.3 ‡ 7	9.606 1u 25	av $E\beta=452.5$ 21 First-forbidden unique shape (1953Ma59,1955Ko14).

† From intensity balance at each level except where noted otherwise.

‡ From $\Sigma\text{I}(\gamma+\text{ce})(\text{to gs})=37.0\%$ 5 and $\% \beta^-=47.3\%$ 5.

Absolute intensity per 100 decays.

 $\gamma(^{126}\text{Xe})$

$\text{I}\gamma$ normalization: From $\text{I}(388.6\gamma)=35.6$ 5 per 100 decays of the parent ([1998Fo05](#)).

E_γ^\dagger	$\text{I}_\gamma^\ddagger@$	$E_i(\text{level})$	J_i^π	E_f	J_f^π	Mult.#	δ	$\alpha^\&$	Comments
388.633 11	35.6 5	388.634	2^+	0.0	0^+	E2		0.0187	$\alpha(\text{K})=0.01562$ 22; $\alpha(\text{L})=0.00243$ 4; $\alpha(\text{M})=0.000500$ 7 $\alpha(\text{N})=0.0001020$ 15; $\alpha(\text{O})=1.199\times 10^{-5}$ 17 Mult.: from $\gamma\gamma(\theta)$; $\alpha(\text{K})_{\text{exp}}=0.016$ 2 (1953Ma59); $\text{K/LM}=6.7$ 10 (1955Ko14).
491.243 11	2.88 4	879.879	2^+	388.634	2^+	M1+E2	+9.1 +43-23	0.00946	$\alpha(\text{K})=0.00800$ 12; $\alpha(\text{L})=0.001164$ 17; $\alpha(\text{M})=0.000238$ 4 $\alpha(\text{N})=4.87\times 10^{-5}$ 7; $\alpha(\text{O})=5.84\times 10^{-6}$ 9 Mult.: from $\gamma\gamma(\theta)$; $\alpha(\text{K})_{\text{exp}}=0.0061$ (1971Zh01).

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E_γ †	I_γ ‡@	$E_i(\text{level})$	J_i^π	E_f	J_f^π	Comments
879.876 13	0.743 13	879.879	2 ⁺	0.0	0 ⁺	δ : from 1971Ta04. Other: 1971Gr14; +27 +30-9.

† From 1977Ja04. The evaluators have added 10 eV in quadrature to the uncertainties of 1977Ja04 to account for the uncertainty in calibration.

‡ From 1998Fo05.

$\gamma\gamma(\theta)$ data from 1959Sa05, 1960As04, 1971Gr14, and 1971Ta04.

@ Absolute intensity per 100 decays.

& Total theoretical internal conversion coefficients, calculated using the BrIcc code (2008Ki07) with Frozen orbital approximation based on γ -ray energies, assigned multipolarities, and mixing ratios, unless otherwise specified.

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Decay Scheme

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

Legend

- $I_\gamma < 2\% \times I_\gamma^{max}$
- $I_\gamma < 10\% \times I_\gamma^{max}$
- $I_\gamma > 10\% \times I_\gamma^{max}$
- Coincidence

