

$^{139}\text{Ce}$   $\varepsilon$  decay (137.641 d) [2008BeZV](#),[1999BeZQ](#)

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Parent:  $^{139}\text{Ce}$ :  $E=0.0$ ;  $J^\pi=3/2^+$ ;  $T_{1/2}=137.641$  d 20;  $Q(\varepsilon)=264.6$  20;  $\% \varepsilon$  decay=100.0

$^{139}\text{Ce}$ - $J^\pi, T_{1/2}$ : From  $^{139}\text{Ce}$  Adopted Levels.

$^{139}\text{Ce}$ - $Q(\varepsilon)$ : From [2021Wa16](#) based on measured 264.6 20 ([1996Hi14](#), internal bremsstrahlung).

Dataset updated Nov 12, 2021 by Balraj Singh: 1. uncertainty of  $I_\gamma(165.8\gamma)$  changed to 0.05 from CA (calculated). 2. Q value reference updated to [2021Wa16](#). 3. Added a few more references. 4. Reorganized references in the header comments.

[2008BeZV](#) (also [1999BeZQ](#), [1999BeZS](#)): DDEP evaluation of  $^{139}\text{Ce}$  decay, the  $\alpha(\text{exp})$  and  $\alpha_K(\text{exp})$  recommended by [1985HaZA](#) were adopted in this evaluation.

[2009GaZY](#): measured  $I_\gamma$ ,  $I(\text{x ray})$ ,  $E(\text{x ray})$ ,  $\gamma(\text{x ray})$ -coin.,  $(\text{ce})(\text{x ray})$ -coin; deduced K-capture probability.

[1999Al12](#): measured precise energy of the 165-keV  $\gamma$  ray using an intrinsic Ge (LEPS-type) detector.

[1996Hi14](#): measured (internal bremsstrahlung) $\gamma$ -coin; deduced Q-value using HPGe detectors.

[1994Ku43](#): measured  $I_\gamma/I(\text{K x-ray})$ ; deduced K-electron capture probability.

[1993Ko26](#) measured K x rays,  $E_\gamma$ ; planar and coaxial intrinsic Ge and deduced  $3.87 \leq \text{K x ray}(\text{K capture})/\text{K x ray}(\text{K conversion}) \leq 5.05$  15.

[1993Mi20](#) measured  $\gamma(\text{x ray})$  coin (CsI(Tl)).  $\Gamma_{\text{invisible axion}}/\Gamma_\gamma < 1.21 \times 10^{-6}$  for 166 $\gamma$ .

[1988KoZM](#): measured (K x-ray) $\gamma$ -coin, absolute activity; deduced K-capture probability.

[1987Sc30](#): measured x-ray triple coincidence; deduced double K-shell ionization probability accompanying internal conversion.

[1987BeYL](#) measured (K x ray)-(166 $\gamma$ )-coin using Ge(Li) and Si(Li) detectors. Deduced  $P_K \omega_K = 0.658$  22.

[1982RuZV](#): measured  $T_{1/2}$  of  $^{139}\text{Ce}$  decay,  $\gamma$ -emission probability using Ge(Li) detector,  $4\pi$   $\gamma$ -ionization counter,  $4\pi$   $\beta\gamma$ -coin system.

[1978SeZS](#): measured  $I(\text{ce})$ ,  $E(\text{K x-ray})$ .

[1977Sc38](#): measured  $\beta\gamma$ -coin; deduced transition conversion coefficient.

[1977RyZZ](#): report of international comparison of activity measurements of a solution of  $^{139}\text{Ce}$ .

[1976Ha11](#) measured (electron)(x-ray)-coin using magnetic spectrometer, and Si(Li) detector.

[1976Ha36](#) measured (x ray) $\gamma$ -coin using NaI(Tl) and Ge(Li) detectors. Deduced  $P_K \omega_K = 0.726$  10.

[1976Be18](#): measured anisotropy in L x ray- $\gamma(\theta)$ .

[1975Ha43](#) measured x rays (Si(Li)),  $E_\gamma$  (NaI), and electrons using magnetic spectrometer and a scintillation detector.

[1975Mo12](#) measured (K x ray) $\gamma$ -coincidences and (K x ray)-(K x ray) coincidences; deduced  $\delta(E2/M1)$  for 165.8 $\gamma$ .

[1975Pi06](#) measured  $4\pi$  (x,electron) $\gamma$ -coincidences ( $4\pi$  pc,NaI), electrons ( $4\pi$  pc), and  $\gamma$  rays using  $4\pi$  NaI(Tl) detector. deduced  $P_K \omega_K = 0.639$  6.

[1973Le29](#) (also [1973LeZO](#)): measured  $I(\text{ce})$ ,  $I_\gamma$ ; deduced conversion coefficient.

[1972Sc08](#) measured  $E_\gamma$  and x rays,  $\text{ce}(\text{x ray})$ - and (x ray) $\gamma$ -coin using Si(Li) and Ge(Li) detectors.

[1972Ca07](#): measured  $I(\text{x-ray})$ ,  $I_\gamma$ ,  $I(\text{x-ray})/I_\gamma$  ratios.

[1971Ar43](#): measured total internal coefficient of 165.8 $\gamma$ .

[1970Ko38](#): measured  $(\text{ce})(\text{K X-rays})(t)$ ; deduced half-life of 165.8 level.

[1970BaYT](#): measured (x ray) $\gamma(t)$ ,  $(\text{ce})\gamma(t)$ ; deduced level  $T_{1/2}$ .

[1967Ma07](#) measured  $\varepsilon K(\text{exp})$  and Auger- $\text{ce}(t)$  using magnetic spectrometer.

[1965Ge04](#) measured  $\text{ce}$  and  $\text{ce-X}_K(t)$  using magnetic spectrometer and scintillation detector.

[1964Ha20](#), [1963Ha07](#): measured angular distributions and plane polarization of 165.8-keV  $\gamma$  ray by nuclear orientation; deduced  $\delta(E2/M1)$ .

[1962Be31](#): measured (K x-rays)(165.8 $\gamma$ )(t); deduced half-life of 165.8 level.

[1962Gr17](#): measured angular distribution and polarization of the 166-keV  $\gamma$  by nuclear orientation; deduced  $\delta(E2/M1)$ .

[1962Ta03](#): measured  $\text{ce}$  of the 166-keV transition.

[1961Kn02](#): measured angular distribution and polarization of the 166-keV  $\gamma$  by nuclear orientation; deduced  $\delta(E2/M1)$ .

[1960St10](#): measured K-capture probability.

[1956Ke23](#) measured (K x ray)-(166 $\gamma$ ) ( $4\pi$  NaI).  $P_{LM+}/P_K = 0.37$  2.

[1954Pr31](#): measured  $E_\beta$ ,  $E_\gamma$ , conversion electrons, lifetime of 165.8-keV level; deduced  $K/(L+M)$  ratio and K-conversion coefficient for the 165.8-keV  $\gamma$  ray.

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1947Ma32: measured Eβ, Iβ, Eγ, Iγ, x-rays, T<sub>1/2</sub> of decay of <sup>139</sup>Ce and isotopic identification.

Theoretical calculations:

2019Ba17: calculated recoil force from asymmetrical neutrino emission accompanying electron capture of polarized nuclei for pure Gamow-Teller transitions, and for mixed Fermi and Gamow-Teller transitions.

1988Ri08: calculated line shape modifications; deduced neutrino mass search implications.

<sup>139</sup>La Levels

E(level)	J <sup>π</sup>	T <sub>1/2</sub> <sup>†</sup>	Comments
0.0	7/2 <sup>+</sup>		
165.8576 11	5/2 <sup>+</sup>	1.499 ns 19	T <sub>1/2</sub> : measurements via ε decay: 1.60 ns 4 (1970Ko38, ceγ(t), spect), 1.48 ns 3 (1967Ma07), 1.47 ns 6 (1965Ge04), and 1.47 ns 5 (1962Be31, K x ray-γ(t),scin).

<sup>†</sup> From the Adopted Levels.

ε radiations

Additional information 1.

ω<sub>K</sub>=0.906 26 (1977Ba48) assumed by 1975Mo12 and 1976Ha36 to extract P<sub>K</sub>; ω<sub>K</sub>=0.926 (1979Kr22) assumed by 1987BeYL.

Evaluators used the value from 1977Ba48.

E(decay)	E(level)	Iε <sup>†</sup>	Log ft	Comments
98.7 20	165.8576	100	5.42 3	εK=0.704 6; εL=0.226 4; εM+=0.0702 14 E(decay): from 1996Hi14: measured (internal bremsstrahlung)166γ-coin using detector HPGe. εK(exp): unweighted average of 0.735 11 (1956Ke23), 0.68 2 (1967Ma07), 0.78 3 (1972Sc08), 0.705 20 (1972Ca07), 0.726 10 (1975Ha43), 0.705 20 (1975Pi06), 0.801 34 (1976Ha36), 0.695 31 (1987BeYL), and 0.74 3 (1994Ku43). εK(theory)=0.704 6. See 1988Ri08 for possible effects of finite widths of atomic levels on capture rates. Double K-shell ionization probability=2.0×10 <sup>-6</sup> 16 (1991Hi01. 166γ-K <sub>α</sub> x ray-hypersatellite K <sub>α</sub> x ray; intrinsic Ge). 1991Hi01 note that this result justifies the neglect of P <sub>KK</sub> (ε) in derivation of P <sub>KK</sub> (ic) by 1987Sc30.
(264.6 <sup>‡</sup> 20)	0.0	5.×10 <sup>-7</sup> 5	14.8 5	εK=0.8147 4; εL=0.1436 3; εM+=0.04172 9 Iε: From Γ <sub>invisible axion</sub> /Γ <sub>total</sub> (1993Mi20). Other: <0.0036 from log ft systematics (1973Ra10).

<sup>†</sup> Absolute intensity per 100 decays.

<sup>‡</sup> Existence of this branch is questionable.

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Iγ normalization, I(γ+ce) normalization: Iε(to g.s.)<9.7×10<sup>-7</sup> (1993Mi20). Other: 0.99988 +12-24 based on log ft systematics (1999BeZQ,1999BeZS).

Iγ(K<sub>α</sub> x ray)/Iγ(166γ)=0.813 20 and Iγ(Kβ x ray)/Iγ(166γ)=0.197 6 (1972Ca07, 4π CsI(Tl)) and Iγ(K<sub>α</sub> x ray)/Iγ(166γ)=0.794 11 (1994Ku43, (x ray)γ(166γ)) are in excellent agreement with 0.798 8 and 0.1942 14 calculated from the decay scheme; Iγ(Kβ x ray)/Iγ(166γ)=0.1430 21 (1994Ku43) disagrees.

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$E_\gamma$	$I_\gamma^\dagger$	$E_i(\text{level})$	$J_i^\pi$	$E_f$	$J_f^\pi$	Mult.	$\alpha(\text{exp})$	$I_{(\gamma+ce)}^\dagger$	Comments
165.8575 11	79.90 5	165.8576	5/2 <sup>+</sup>	0.0	7/2 <sup>+</sup>	M1	0.2516 7	100	$\alpha(\text{K})_{\text{exp}}=0.2146$ 10 (1985HaZA); $\alpha(\text{L})_{\text{exp}}=0.0289$ 12 (1976Ha11) $\text{ce}(\text{K})/(\gamma+ce)=0.1769$ 21; $\text{ce}(\text{L})/(\gamma+ce)=0.0238$ 4; $\text{ce}(\text{M})/(\gamma+ce)=0.00494$ 7; $\text{ce}(\text{N})/(\gamma+ce)=0.001085$ 16 $\text{ce}(\text{O})/(\gamma+ce)=0.000177$ 3; $\text{ce}(\text{P})/(\gamma+ce)=1.376 \times 10^{-5}$ 20; Particle normalization/ $\Gamma_{1/2}=0.001276$ 19 $E_\gamma$ : from 1999A112 (Intrinsic Ge-LEPS); recommended by 2000He14). $I_\gamma$ : from $I(\gamma+ce)$ and $\alpha(\text{exp})$ . Measured value=79.95% 6 (1982RuZV, $4\pi\gamma$ pc). Mult.: from $\alpha(\text{exp})$ values. $\delta(E2/M1)=+0.034$ 34 from 1963Ha07 ( $\gamma,\theta,t$ ) and polarization). Others: $-0.06$ (1961Kn02), $<0.02$ (1962Gr17). $\alpha(\text{exp})$ : recommended value from 1985HaZA based on 0.2514 11 (1962Ta03), 0.254 6 (1971Ar43), 0.251 2 (1975PI06), 0.252 5 (1976Ha11), and 0.2159 10 (1977Sc38). $\alpha=0.2446$ 12 (1973LeZO,1973Le29) discarded by 1985HaZA. Theory: $\alpha(M1)=0.261$ (BrIcc, 2008Ki07). $\alpha(\text{K})_{\text{exp}}$ : recommended value based on 0.2148 12 (1962Ta03), 0.214 5 (1975Mo12. Combination of their $\alpha(\text{K})_{\text{exp}}=0.207$ 9 and $\alpha(\text{exp})=0.254$ 6 (1971Ar43)), 0.214 2 (1975PI06), and 0.2152 33 (1976Ha11). Theory: $\alpha(\text{K})(M1)=0.223$ 4 (BrIcc, 2008Ki07). Other: see 1985HaZA. K/L+: other: 7.4 2 (1965Ge04). K/M+=28 1. L1:L2:L3::1:0.072 3:0.016 1 (1965Ge04). Double K-shell ionization probability= $6.0 \times 10^{-5}$ 14 (1987Sc30). K x ray-K x ray coin; Ge,Nal). See also comment on $\varepsilon$ (to 166). $\Gamma_{\text{invisible axion}}/\Gamma_\gamma < 1.21 \times 10^{-6}$ (1993Mi20).

† Absolute intensity per 100 decays.

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## Decay Scheme

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