

^{169}Ho β^- decay [1971Ha42](#)

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Parent: ^{169}Ho : E=0.0; $J^\pi=7/2^-$; $T_{1/2}=4.72$ min 10; $Q(\beta^-)=2126$ 20; % β^- decay=100.0

The decay scheme and data are from [1971Ha42](#), except where noted. Sources from $^{170}\text{Er}(\gamma, p)$, E(bremsstrahlung)=70 MeV; Er metal (natural) and Er oxide (>98% ^{170}Er enrichment) targets; measured E_γ , I_γ (Ge(Li), FWHM=1.8 keV at 100 keV, 2.5 keV at 1 MeV). Some data are from [1963Mi17](#), [1966Fu09](#), and [1970Mu15](#).

 ^{169}Er Levels

E(level)	$J^\pi^\dagger$	$T_{1/2}$	E(level)	$J^\pi^\dagger$	E(level)	$J^\pi^\dagger$
0.0	$1/2^-$	9.40 d 2	176.7 2	$(7/2)^-$	317.3? 5	$(9/2^+)$
64.55 2	$3/2^-$		224.1 1	$7/2^-$	769.6 1	$(5/2^-)$
74.6 1	$5/2^-$		242.0 2	$9/2^-$	853.0 1	$5/2^-$
91.9 2	$(5/2)^-$		243.6 2	$7/2^+$	941.0 2	$(7/2)^-$

† From Adopted Levels.

 β^- radiations

[1963Mi17](#) report two β^- groups: ≈ 1.20 MeV to ≈ 915 level (75%), and ≈ 1.95 MeV (25%), with both groups feeding close-lying levels. The β^- feedings to the 769.6, 853.0, and 941.0 levels were estimated by dividing the 75% intensity in proportion to the total $I(\gamma+ce)$ deexciting each level. Because γ -ray intensity data are incomplete, it was not possible to determine β^- feedings to all levels.

E(decay)	E(level)	$I\beta^-^\dagger$	Log ft	Comments
(1185 20)	941.0	≈ 12.2	≈ 5.4	av $E\beta=411$ 8
(1273 20)	853.0	≈ 60	≈ 4.9	av $E\beta=447$ 8
(1356 20)	769.6	≈ 2.7	≈ 6.3	av $E\beta=482$ 8
(1809 ‡ 20)	317.3?			
(1882 20)	243.6	≈ 7.2	≈ 6.4	av $E\beta=706$ 9
(1949 20)	176.7	≈ 1.9	≈ 7.1	av $E\beta=735$ 9
(2034 ‡ 20)	91.9			

† Absolute intensity per 100 decays.

‡ Existence of this branch is questionable.

 $\gamma(^{169}\text{Er})$

I_γ normalization: from $I\beta$ to 853.0 level $\approx 60\%$ (see general comment on β^- data). a serious discrepancy is apparent if one calculates the normalization from $\Sigma I(\gamma+ce)$ to g.s.=100% (β^- to g.s. not expected because $\Delta J=3$, total $I_\gamma(73.6\gamma+74.6\gamma)$ assumed for 74.6 γ). The resulting $I\beta$ to 853.0 level is 95%.

All unplaced γ rays could alternatively be assigned to ^{168}Ho decay.

$I_\gamma(\text{Er K x ray}) \approx 530$, relative to $I_\gamma=100$ for 761.0 γ ([1966Fu09](#)).

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$^{169}\text{Ho } \beta^- \text{ decay } \quad \text{1971Ha42 (continued)}$ $\gamma(^{169}\text{Er}) \text{ (continued)}$

E_γ	$I_\gamma^\dagger$	$E_i(\text{level})$	J_i^π	E_f	J_f^π	Mult. [†]	$\delta^\dagger$	$\alpha^\#$	Comments
(10.0 1)		74.6	5/2 ⁻	64.55	3/2 ⁻	[M1]		69.1	Placement proposed by 1963Mi17 . E_γ : deduced from energy difference between 74.6 and 64.6 levels.
(17.3 3)		91.9	(5/2) ⁻	74.6	5/2 ⁻				E_γ : deduced from energy difference between 91.9 and 74.6 levels.
(27.6 [†] 2)		91.9	(5/2) ⁻	64.55	3/2 ⁻	[M1]		20.0 6	$\alpha(\text{L})=15.6$ 4; $\alpha(\text{M})=3.47$ 9; $\alpha(\text{N}+..)=0.931$ 25 $\alpha(\text{N})=0.808$ 21; $\alpha(\text{O})=0.117$ 3; $\alpha(\text{P})=0.00639$ 17
64.55 [†] 2	≈ 28	64.55	3/2 ⁻	0.0	1/2 ⁻	M1+E2	0.67	12.12	$\alpha(\text{K})=6.44$ 9; $\alpha(\text{L})=4.37$ 7; $\alpha(\text{M})=1.045$ 15; $\alpha(\text{N}+..)=0.267$ 4 $\alpha(\text{N})=0.237$ 4; $\alpha(\text{O})=0.0288$ 4; $\alpha(\text{P})=0.000398$ 6 $I_\gamma=33$ for 64.6 γ and 67.3 γ combined (1966Fu09); evaluator estimates $I_\gamma(64.6\gamma)/I_\gamma(67.3\gamma)\approx 5$ from spectrum in 1971Ha42 .
67.3 3	≈ 5	243.6	7/2 ⁺	176.7	(7/2) ⁻	E1		0.917 17	$\alpha(\text{K})=0.751$ 14; $\alpha(\text{L})=0.1301$ 25; $\alpha(\text{M})=0.0289$ 6; $\alpha(\text{N}+..)=0.00746$ 14 $\alpha(\text{N})=0.00657$ 13; $\alpha(\text{O})=0.000853$ 16; $\alpha(\text{P})=3.21\times 10^{-5}$ 6 I_γ : see comment with 64.6 γ .
73.6 [@] 5		317.3?	(9/2 ⁺)	243.6	7/2 ⁺				$I_\gamma=13$ for 73.6 γ and 74.6 γ combined (1966Fu09).
74.6 [†] 1		74.6	5/2 ⁻	0.0	1/2 ⁻	(E2)		9.23	$\alpha(\text{K})=1.87$ 3; $\alpha(\text{L})=5.64$ 9; $\alpha(\text{M})=1.374$ 22; $\alpha(\text{N}+..)=0.347$ 6 $\alpha(\text{N})=0.310$ 5; $\alpha(\text{O})=0.0360$ 6; $\alpha(\text{P})=8.60\times 10^{-5}$ 13 I_γ : see comment with 73.6 γ .
84.9 [†] 1	13	176.7	(7/2) ⁻	91.9	(5/2) ⁻	M1		4.56	$\alpha(\text{K})=3.82$ 6; $\alpha(\text{L})=0.575$ 9; $\alpha(\text{M})=0.1276$ 19; $\alpha(\text{N}+..)=0.0343$ 5 $\alpha(\text{N})=0.0298$ 5; $\alpha(\text{O})=0.00430$ 7; $\alpha(\text{P})=0.000236$ 4 I_γ : from 1966Fu09 .
149.6 [†] 2	14 3	224.1	7/2 ⁻	74.6	5/2 ⁻	[M1,E2]		0.79 12	$\alpha(\text{K})=0.57$ 20; $\alpha(\text{L})=0.17$ 6; $\alpha(\text{M})=0.041$ 16; $\alpha(\text{N}+..)=0.011$ 4 $\alpha(\text{N})=0.009$ 4; $\alpha(\text{O})=0.0012$ 4; $\alpha(\text{P})=3.2\times 10^{-5}$ 16
151.5 [†] 2	54 6	243.6	7/2 ⁺	91.9	(5/2) ⁻	E1		0.1079	$\alpha(\text{K})=0.0904$ 13; $\alpha(\text{L})=0.01372$ 20; $\alpha(\text{M})=0.00303$ 5; $\alpha(\text{N}+..)=0.000797$ 12 $\alpha(\text{N})=0.000697$ 10; $\alpha(\text{O})=9.55\times 10^{-5}$ 14; $\alpha(\text{P})=4.32\times 10^{-6}$ 7
159.59 [†] 9	13 4	224.1	7/2 ⁻	64.55	3/2 ⁻	[E2]		0.542	$\alpha(\text{K})=0.311$ 5; $\alpha(\text{L})=0.178$ 3; $\alpha(\text{M})=0.0427$ 6; $\alpha(\text{N}+..)=0.01089$ 16 $\alpha(\text{N})=0.00970$ 14; $\alpha(\text{O})=0.001174$ 17; $\alpha(\text{P})=1.388\times 10^{-5}$ 20
167.4 [†] 1	7.4 21	242.0	9/2 ⁻	74.6	5/2 ⁻	[E2]		0.460	$\alpha(\text{K})=0.271$ 4; $\alpha(\text{L})=0.1449$ 21; $\alpha(\text{M})=0.0348$ 5; $\alpha(\text{N}+..)=0.00887$ 13 $\alpha(\text{N})=0.00790$ 12; $\alpha(\text{O})=0.000960$ 14; $\alpha(\text{P})=1.224\times 10^{-5}$ 18

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E_γ	$I_\gamma^\ddagger$	$E_i(\text{level})$	J_i^π	E_f	J_f^π	Comments
^x 579.6 5	7.2 7					
^x 609.6 5	5.2 5					
628.9 3	27 4	853.0	5/2 ⁻	224.1	7/2 ⁻	
^x 656.4 5	5.2 5					
^x 663.4 5	1.8 4					
676.5 2	41 4	853.0	5/2 ⁻	176.7	(7/2) ⁻	
695.0 2	13 4	769.6	(5/2) ⁻	74.6	5/2 ⁻	
697.0 @ 5	4 2	941.0	(7/2) ⁻	243.6	7/2 ⁺	
698.8 4	9 3	941.0	(7/2) ⁻	242.0	9/2 ⁻	
705.0 1	13 3	769.6	(5/2) ⁻	64.55	3/2 ⁻	
717.0 2	30.5 21	941.0	(7/2) ⁻	224.1	7/2 ⁻	
761.0 2	100	853.0	5/2 ⁻	91.9	(5/2) ⁻	
764.9 6	4.8 15	941.0	(7/2) ⁻	176.7	(7/2) ⁻	
^x 773.3 5	12 3					
778.4 1	98 6	853.0	5/2 ⁻	74.6	5/2 ⁻	
788.4 1	206 21	853.0	5/2 ⁻	64.55	3/2 ⁻	
849.4 6	10.1 13	941.0	(7/2) ⁻	91.9	(5/2) ⁻	
852.9 2	109 13	853.0	5/2 ⁻	0.0	1/2 ⁻	
866.4 2	43 6	941.0	(7/2) ⁻	74.6	5/2 ⁻	
876.4 3	20 4	941.0	(7/2) ⁻	64.55	3/2 ⁻	
^x 1373 1	5.2 5					
^x 1442 1	1.6 2					
^x 1517 1	1.4 3					
^x 1678 1	1.3 3					
^x 1769 1	0.9 2					
^x 1850 1	2.1 2					

I_γ : evaluator assumes $I_\gamma=202$ in [1971Ha42](#) (table 2) to be a misprint of $I_\gamma=20.2$ (see authors' figures 4 and 11).

[†] From Adopted Gammas.

[‡] For absolute intensity per 100 decays, multiply by ≈ 0.1037 .

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.

@ Placement of transition in the level scheme is uncertain.

^x γ ray not placed in level scheme.

^{169}Ho β^- decay 1971Ha42**Decay Scheme**Intensities: $I_{(\gamma+ce)}$ per 100 parent decays**Legend**

- $I_\gamma < 2\% \times I_\gamma^{\max}$
- $I_\gamma < 10\% \times I_\gamma^{\max}$
- $I_\gamma > 10\% \times I_\gamma^{\max}$
- - - γ Decay (Uncertain)

