

$^{40}\text{K} \beta^-$  decay ( $1.248 \times 10^9$  y)    1999BeZQ, 1999BeZS

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Parent:  $^{40}\text{K}$ : E=0;  $J^\pi=4^-$ ;  $T_{1/2}=1.248 \times 10^9$  y 3;  $Q(\beta^-)=1310.89$  6; % $\beta^-$  decay=89.28 11

$^{40}\text{K}-J^\pi, T_{1/2}$ : From Adopted Levels of  $^{40}\text{K}$ .

$^{40}\text{K}-Q(\beta^-)$ : From 2012Wa38.

$^{40}\text{K}-\% \beta^-$  decay: deduced by the present evaluator based on  $I(\gamma)/I(\beta^-)=0.1195$  14, which is equal to  $I(\varepsilon \text{ to } 1461 \text{ level})/I(\beta^-)$ , and  $I(\beta^+)/I(\beta^-)=1.12 \times 10^{-5}$  14 from evaluation of 1973EnVA, and  $\varepsilon/\beta^+(^{40}\text{K} \text{ to } ^{40}\text{Ar g.s.})=45.2$  14 (3U theory), with all  $\beta^+$  decay proceeding to  $^{40}\text{Ar}$  ground state. Previously evaluated value by 1999BeZQ, 1999BeZS is 0.8914 13 based on the estimation of  $\varepsilon/\beta^+=200$  100 for the unique 3rd forbidden branch to the  $^{40}\text{Ar}$  ground state.

**Additional information 1.**

Measurements: 2004Ko09, 2002Gr01, 2001No10, 1977Ce04, 1972Go21, 1967Mc10, 1966Fe09, 1965Le15, 1965Br25, 1962Fl05, 1962En01, 1960Sa31, 1960Eg01, 1959Ke26, 1957We43, 1956Mc20, 1955Ba25, 1955Ko21, 1955Su38, 1953Bu58, 1952Fe16, 1951Go29, 1951De34, 1950Sa52, 1949Ov01, 1948Ev09, 1947Gl07. This list is not complete, see 1978LeZA for several other references that are not present in NSR database.

The decay scheme, which includes the  $\beta^-$  decay to the ground state of  $^{40}\text{Ca}$  and two levels in  $^{40}\text{Ar}$ , is complete since these are the only levels in the daughter nuclides below the respective decay energies.

 $^{40}\text{Ca}$  Levels

E(level)	$J^\pi$	$T_{1/2}$
0	$0^+$	stable

 $\beta^-$  radiations

E(decay)	E(level)	$I\beta^-$ <sup>†</sup>	Log ft	Comments
(1310.89 6)	0	89.28 13	20.75 <sup>3u</sup>	av $E\beta=560.18$ 5 Log ft: log $f^3 u t$ from private communication from R. B. Firestone; see also 1970Wa11. <b>Additional information 2.</b>

<sup>†</sup> For absolute intensity per 100 decays, multiply by 0.9999 12.