

$^{44}\text{Ar } \beta^-$ decay (11.87 min) [1978Hu10](#)

Type	Author	History	Citation	Literature Cutoff Date
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Parent: ^{44}Ar : $E=0.0$; $J^\pi=0^+$; $T_{1/2}=11.87$ min 5; $Q(\beta^-)=3108.2$ 16; $\% \beta^-$ decay=100

$^{44}\text{Ar}-J^\pi$: From Adopted Levels of ^{44}Ar .

$^{44}\text{Ar}-Q(\beta^-)$: From [2021Wa16](#).

[1978Hu10](#) (also [1978Hu15](#)): ^{44}Ar isotope produced in the spallation reaction $^{51}\text{V}(p,6\text{pxn})$ with the protons from the 600 MeV external beam of the CERN synchrocyclotron. Argon nuclides isotopically separated in the ISOLDE on-line mass separator. Ge(Li) detectors for detecting γ -rays. Measured E_γ , I_γ , $\gamma\gamma$ -coin.

Others: [1970Hu11](#), [1969La16](#).

 ^{44}K Levels

E(level) [†]	J^π [‡]	$T_{1/2}$ [‡]	Comments
0.0	2 ⁻	22.13 min 19	
182.64 6	(1 ⁻)	<0.9 ns	$T_{1/2}$: adopted value from $\gamma\gamma(t)$ (1978Hu10).
382.90 9	(3 ⁻)	<0.7 ns	
519.98 19	(4 ⁻)	<0.7 ns	
1051.30 8	(3 ⁻)		
1076.80 7	(2 ⁻)		
1459.39 7	(1 ⁻)		
1886.05 6	1 ⁺		
2325.92 18	1 ⁺		
2574.11 12	1 ⁺		

[†] From a least-squares fit to γ -ray energies. In the fitting procedure, ΔE_γ for 1460.0 γ has been doubled to decrease the reduced χ^2 to 2.0 from 4.0.

[‡] From the Adopted Levels.

 β^- radiations

E(decay)	E(level)	$I\beta^-$ ^{†‡}	Log ft	Comments
(534.1 16)	2574.11	2.2 1	4.42 2	av $E\beta=179.5$ 6
(782.3 16)	2325.92	3.2 2	4.87 3	av $E\beta=279.6$ 7
(1222.2 16)	1886.05	93.0 6	4.151 4	av $E\beta=468.7$ 7
(1648.8 16)	1459.39	1.5 4	6.47 12	av $E\beta=661.0$ 7
(2031.4 [#] 16)	1076.80	<0.1	>9.1 ^{1u}	av $E\beta=859.3$ 7
(2056.9 [#] 16)	1051.30	<0.3	>9.9	av $E\beta=894.5$ 7
				log ft is calculated as for 2nd-forbidden unique decay.
(2725.3 [#] 16)	382.90	0.14 10	11.2 +5-3	av $E\beta=1203.2$ 7
(2925.6 [#] 16)	182.64	<10	>6.7	av $E\beta=1260.7$ 8
(3108.2 [#] 16)	0.0	<15	>8.1 ^{1u}	av $E\beta=1363.5$ 8

[†] From [1978Hu10](#).

[‡] Absolute intensity per 100 decays.

[#] Existence of this branch is questionable.

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I γ normalization: From intensity balance at 1886 level and %I β^- (1886)=93.0 6 measured by **1978Hu10**.

$E_\gamma^\dagger$	$I_\gamma^{\ddagger\#}$	$E_i(\text{level})$	J_i^π	E_f	J_f^π	Mult.	$\alpha^\#$	Comments
137.3 3	0.20	519.98	(4 $^-$)	382.90	(3 $^-$)	[M1]	0.00493 8	
182.6 1	100.0	182.64	(1 $^-$)	0.0	2 $^-$	[M1+E2]	0.013 10	
382.9 1	0.78	382.90	(3 $^-$)	0.0	2 $^-$			
408.1 1	6.2	1459.39	(1 $^-$)	1051.30	(3 $^-$)			
426.7 1	4.0	1886.05	1 $^+$	1459.39	(1 $^-$)			I γ (427)/I γ (809)/I γ (1703)/I γ (1886)=2.8 1/2.1 2/61.1 23/34.0 11.
519.4 4	0.07	519.98	(4 $^-$)	0.0	2 $^-$			I γ (519)/I γ (137)=30.2 5/69.8 5.
531.2 3	0.19	1051.30	(3 $^-$)	519.98	(4 $^-$)			I γ (531)/I γ (1051)=3.1 6/96.9 6.
693.8 2	0.35	1076.80	(2 $^-$)	382.90	(3 $^-$)			I γ (694)/I γ (894)/I γ (1077)=12.8 20/35.6 25/52.0 28.
809.1 1	3.0	1886.05	1 $^+$	1076.80	(2 $^-$)			
866.1 10	2.47	2325.92	1 $^+$	1459.39	(1 $^-$)			
^x 884.9 7	0.05							
894.2 1	1.01	1076.80	(2 $^-$)	182.64	(1 $^-$)			
^x 911.1 2	0.23							
^x 975.0 4	0.33							
1051.3 1	6.0	1051.30	(3 $^-$)	0.0	2 $^-$			
1076.6 1	1.47	1076.80	(2 $^-$)	0.0	2 $^-$			
1114.7 1	3.30	2574.11	1 $^+$	1459.39	(1 $^-$)			
1276.6 1	2.33	1459.39	(1 $^-$)	182.64	(1 $^-$)			I γ (1277)/I γ (1460)/I γ (408)=19.6 14/27.8 18/52.6 20.
1460.0 1	3.30	1459.39	(1 $^-$)	0.0	2 $^-$			E γ : poor fit. Level-energy difference=1459.36 7.
^x 1585.7 2	0.78							
^x 1639.7 2	1.02							
1703.4 1	85.6	1886.05	1 $^+$	182.64	(1 $^-$)			
^x 1765.4 8	0.17							
1886.1 1	47.7	1886.05	1 $^+$	0.0	2 $^-$			
2143.5 4	1.18	2325.92	1 $^+$	182.64	(1 $^-$)			
^x 2279.9 3	0.26							
2325.8 2	1.23	2325.92	1 $^+$	0.0	2 $^-$			I γ (2326)/I γ (2143)/I γ (866)=25.5 15/24.3 15/50.2 28.

† From **1978Hu10**. Quoted intensities are relative values with no uncertainties given in **1978Hu10**. The authors also list branching ratios with uncertainties, which are given under comments and are used when considered in the Adopted Gammas.

‡ For absolute intensity per 100 decays, multiply by 0.66.

$^\#$ 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.

x γ ray not placed in level scheme.

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Decay Scheme

Intensities: I_γ per 100 parent decays

Legend

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

