

$^{48}\text{Ca}$   $\beta^-$  decay: ? [2002Bb03,2000HuZZ,1985A117](#)

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Parent:  $^{48}\text{Ca}$ :  $E=0.0$ ;  $J^\pi=0^+$ ;  $T_{1/2}=2.9\times 10^{19}$  y  $+42-11$ ;  $Q(\beta^-)=279$  5;  $\% \beta^-$  decay  $\leq 63.0$

$^{48}\text{Ca}-T_{1/2}$ : From  $^{48}\text{Ca}$  Adopted Levels.  $T_{1/2}(2\beta^-)=2.5\times 10^{19}$  y  $+39-10$  estimated by evaluator from partial  $T_{1/2}(2\beta^-)$ 's to g.s., 984, 2421, and 2997. Other:  $T_{1/2}(2\nu 2\beta^-)=2.87\times 10^{19}$  y 51 ([2004Ra26](#), from analysis of Gamow-Teller strengths in  $^{48}\text{Ti}(d,2p)$  and  $^{48}\text{Ca}(p,n)$ ) and  $3.55\times 10^{19}$  y 75 ([2006Fr03](#), preliminary, from analysis of Gamow-Teller strengths in  $^{48}\text{Ti}(d,2p)$  and  $^{48}\text{Ca}(^3\text{He,t})$ ).

$^{48}\text{Ca}-Q(\beta^-)$ : From [2021Wa16](#).

$^{48}\text{Ca}-\% \beta^-$  decay: 25%  $+38-25$  from  $^{48}\text{Ca}$  Adopted Levels.

[1985A117](#) searched for  $^{48}\text{Ca}$   $\beta^-$  decay in a 3.71-g  $^{48}\text{Ca}$  sample;  $\gamma\gamma$  coincidences were measured in HPGE (well-type) and NaI detectors.  $^{48}\text{Sc}$  252,  $4^+$ , state assumed not to be fed since the feeding would be fourth-forbidden nonunique with a  $Q(\beta^-)$  of only 26 5.

[2000HuZZ](#) searched for  $^{48}\text{Ca}$   $\beta^-$  decay in the Modane Underground Laboratory using 64-g of  $^{48}\text{CaCO}_3$  powder (73% enriched). No event associated with the cascade  $\gamma$ 's of 984, 1038, and 1312 keV from 44-h  $^{48}\text{Sc}$   $\beta^-$  decay was found in a spectrum accumulated for 797 hours; HPGe.

[2002Bb03,2002Ba33](#): source was a powder of  $^{48}\text{CaCO}_3$  (73%  $^{48}\text{Ca}$ ) at Modane Underground Laboratory. Measured  $E_\gamma$ ,  $I_\gamma$  with low-background 400  $\text{cm}^3$  HPGe with a passive shield of 6 cm lead, 10 cm of OFHC copper, and 15 cm of ordinary lead.

[2002Bb03](#) repeat the measurement by [2002Ba33](#) since large impurities were found in the latter. Results in [2002Bb03](#) supersede those in [2002Ba33](#).  $T_{1/2}(\beta^-) > 1.6\times 10^{20}$  y,  $> 2.5\times 10^{20}$  y,  $> 1.9\times 10^{20}$  y for single  $\beta^-$  decay to g.s., 131 and 152 levels, respectively, all with 90% C.L.

No event from  $^{48}\text{Ca}$   $\beta^-$  decay has been observed.

 $^{48}\text{Sc}$  Levels

All data except for comments on partial  $\beta^-$  decay half-lives are from Adopted Levels.

E(level)	$J^\pi$	$T_{1/2}$	Comments
(0.)	$6^+$	43.67 h 9	$T_{1/2}(\beta^-) > 1.6\times 10^{20}$ y ( <a href="#">2002Bb03</a> ; 90% C.L.) to this state. Theory: $1.5\times 10^{29}$ y $\leq T_{1/2}(\beta^-) \leq 1.3\times 10^{31}$ y ( <a href="#">1999Au05</a> ).
(130.94 4)	$5^+$		$T_{1/2}(\beta^-) > 2.5\times 10^{20}$ y ( <a href="#">2002Bb03</a> ; 90% C.L.) to this state. Theory: $1.1\times 10^{21}$ y $+8-6$ ( <a href="#">1999Au05</a> ). $7.6\times 10^{20}$ y 53 ( <a href="#">1985Wa14</a> ).
(252.35 6)	$4^+$		$T_{1/2}(\beta^-) > 1.9\times 10^{20}$ y ( <a href="#">2002Bb03</a> ; 90% C.L.) to this state? unlikely to be fed since the feeding would be fourth-forbidden nonunique with $Q(\beta^-)=30$ 5 (evaluator). Theory: $8.8\times 10^{23}$ y $\leq T_{1/2}(\beta^-) \leq 5.2\times 10^{28}$ y ( <a href="#">1999Au05</a> ).

 $\gamma(^{48}\text{Sc})$ 

$E_\gamma^\dagger$	$E_i(\text{level})$	$J_i^\pi$	$E_f$	$J_f^\pi$
(121.41 4)	(252.35)	$4^+$	130.94?	$5^+$
(130.94 4)	(130.94)	$5^+$	0.?	$6^+$

$^\dagger$  From Adopted Gammas.

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## Decay Scheme

## Legend

