

Adopted Levels

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$Q(\beta^-)=21490$ SY; $S(n)=560$ SY; $S(p)=19120$ CA; $Q(\alpha)=-16800$ SY [2021Wa16,2019Mo01](#)

$S(p)$ from theory ([2019Mo01](#)). Other values are from [2019Mo01](#).

Estimated uncertainties ([2021Wa16](#)): 650 for $Q(\beta^-)$, 780 for $S(n)$, 920 for $Q(\alpha)$.

$Q(\beta^-n)=18560$ 620, $S(2n)=3010$ 720 (syst, [2021Wa16](#)). $S(2p)=43320$ (theory,[2019Mo01](#)).

$Q(\beta^-2n)=17000$ 600 (syst), $Q(\beta^-3n)=13160$ 600 (syst), $Q(\beta^-4n)=9960$ 600 (syst), $Q(\beta^-5n)=3950$ 600 (syst) deduced by evaluator from relevant mass excesses in [2021Wa16](#).

[2009Ta24](#), [2009Ta05](#): ^{56}K identified by fragmentation of ^{76}Ge beam at 132 MeV/nucleon with W target at NSCL facility using A1900 fragment separator combined with S800 analysis beam line to form a two stage separator system. The transmitted fragments were analyzed event-by-event in momentum and particle identification. The nuclei of interest were stopped in eight Si diodes which provided measurement of energy loss, nuclear charge and total kinetic energy. The time-of-flight of each particle that reached the detector stack was measured in four different ways using plastic scintillators, Si detectors, and parallel-plate avalanche counters. The simultaneous measurement of ΔE signals, the magnetic rigidity, total kinetic energy and the time-of-flight (tof) provided unambiguous identification of the atomic number, charge state and mass number.

Theoretical calculations: only one primary reference extracted from the NSR database (www.nndc.bnl.gov/nsr/) is listed under document records.

[Additional information 1](#).

 ^{56}K Levels

| E(level) | Comments |
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| 0 | <p>$\% \beta^- = 100$; $\% \beta^- n = ?$; $\% \beta^- 2n = ?$; $\% \beta^- 3n = ?$; $\% \beta^- 4n = ?$ $\% \beta^- 5n = ?$</p> <p>As β^- is the only possible decay mode, followed by β^--delayed-neutrons, 100% β^- decay is assigned by inference. Theoretical $T_{1/2}=3.9$ ms, $\% \beta^- n=51$, $\% \beta^- 2n=34$, $\% \beta^- 3n=1$, $\% \beta^- 4n=0$, $\% \beta^- 5n=0$ (2019Mo01). Theoretical $T_{1/2}=7.3$ ms, $\% \beta^- n=18.9$, 21.2; $\% \beta^- 2n=65.3$, 62.8; $\% \beta^- 3n=2.0$, 2.3; $\% \beta^- 4n=0.34$, 0.21; $\% \beta^- 5n=0$ (2021Mi17).</p> <p>Measured cross section=8×10^{-11} mb β^- for W target (read by the evaluator from Fig. 8 in 2009Ta24).</p> <p>E(level): fragment observed by 2009Ta05, 2009Ta24 is assumed to be in the ground state of ^{56}K.</p> <p>J^π: 1^- or 2^- from $\Omega_p=1/2^+$ and $\Omega_n=3/2^-$ (theory,2019Mo01); 2^- from systematics (2021Ko07).</p> <p>$T_{1/2}$: >620 ns estimated from time-of-flight of 620-650 ns (from (e-mail reply of Sept 23, 2009 from O. Tarasov). Actual half-life is expected to be much longer as suggested by theoretical values of 3.9 ms (2019Mo01), 7.3 ms (2021Mi17), and 5 ms from systematics (2021Ko07). From a decreasing trend of half-lives with increasing neutron number in neutron-rich nuclei, $T_{1/2}$ of ^{56}K is expected to be <10 ms from known half-lives of 10 ms for ^{54}K, 30 ms for ^{53}K and 110 ms for ^{52}K.</p> |