

^{59}Cu ε decay [1973Va03,1977Se02](#)

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Parent: ^{59}Cu : $E=0.0$; $J^\pi=3/2^-$; $T_{1/2}=81.5$ s 5; $Q(\varepsilon)=4798.4$ 4; $\% \varepsilon + \% \beta^+$ decay=100.0

Others: [1968Lu15](#), [1968Ve15](#) (for summary of E_γ , I_γ scin data), [1958Bu07](#), [1956Pr12](#), [1955Li38](#), [1955Yu06](#), [1939De01](#).

Measured E_γ , I_γ , semi. ^{59}Cu produced from $^{58}\text{Ni}(p,\gamma)$ using 99.9% ^{58}Ni target ([1973Va03,1977Se02](#)).

[1977Se02](#) propose a level at 1778.8 to accommodate an $E_\gamma=1778.8$ l line which appears strongly in their spectrum ($I_\gamma=0.87$ 2) but is absent from the spectrum of [1973Va03](#); the evaluator assumes this is not a ^{59}Ni line (it could plausibly arise from ^{28}Al β^- decay). Otherwise, agreement between [1973Va03](#) and [1977Se02](#) is excellent.

 ^{59}Ni Levels

E(level)	$J^\pi^\dagger$	$T_{1/2}^\dagger$	E(level)	$J^\pi^\dagger$	E(level)	$J^\pi^\dagger$
0.0	3/2 ⁻	7.6×10 ⁴ y 5	1188.93 13	5/2 ⁻	1734.67 6	3/2 ⁻
339.37 5	5/2 ⁻		1301.41 7	1/2 ⁻	2414.85 13	3/2 ⁻
464.92 7	1/2 ⁻		1338.1 5	7/2 ⁻	2681.2 7	(5/2 ⁻)
878.00 6	3/2 ⁻		1679.70 7	5/2 ⁻		

[†] From Adopted Levels.

 ε, β^+ radiations

$\varepsilon + \beta^+$ branches are obtained from $I(\gamma + ce)$ imbalance at each level. Measured $\varepsilon/\beta^+ < 5\%$ ([1955Yu06](#)).

E(decay)	E(level)	$I\beta^+^\dagger$	$I\varepsilon^\dagger$	Log ft	$I(\varepsilon + \beta^+)^\dagger$	Comments
(2117.2 8)	2681.2	0.026 5	0.012 2	6.0 1	0.038 7	av $E\beta=470.40$ 36; $\varepsilon K=0.2717$ 5; $\varepsilon L=0.02949$ 5; $\varepsilon M+=0.004982$ 9
(2383.5 4)	2414.85	0.201 12	0.044 3	5.5 1	0.245 15	av $E\beta=589.22$ 19; $\varepsilon K=0.1598$ 2; $\varepsilon L=0.01733$ 2; $\varepsilon M+=0.002927$ 3
(3063.7 4)	1734.67	1.88 4	0.117 3	5.3 1	2.00 4	av $E\beta=900.21$ 19; $\varepsilon K=0.05187$ 3; $\varepsilon L=0.005618$ 4; $\varepsilon M+=0.0009488$ 6
(3118.7 4)	1679.70	1.61 3	0.0920 18	5.4 1	1.70 3	av $E\beta=925.72$ 19; $\varepsilon K=0.04803$ 3; $\varepsilon L=0.005202$ 3; $\varepsilon M+=0.0008785$ 5
(3460.3 7)	1338.1	0.055 11	0.0020 4	7.2 1	0.057 11	av $E\beta=1085.24$ 30; $\varepsilon K=0.03093$ 3; $\varepsilon L=0.003348$ 3; $\varepsilon M+=0.0005653$ 5
(3497.0 4)	1301.41	18.9 3	0.654 12	4.7 1	19.6 3	av $E\beta=1102.47$ 19; $\varepsilon K=0.02960$ 2; $\varepsilon L=0.003204$ 2; $\varepsilon M+=0.0005411$ 3
(3609.5 4)	1188.93	0.110 18	0.0033 6	7.0 1	0.113 19	av $E\beta=1155.38$ 20; $\varepsilon K=0.02598$ 2; $\varepsilon L=0.002812$ 2; $\varepsilon M+=0.0004748$ 3
(3920.4 4)	878.00	8.6 4	0.18 1	5.3 1	8.8 4	av $E\beta=1302.36$ 20; $\varepsilon K=0.018602$ 8; $\varepsilon L=0.0020126$ 9; $\varepsilon M+=0.0003398$ 2
(4333.5 4)	464.92	3.35 15	0.0481 22	6.0 1	3.40 15	av $E\beta=1499.05$ 20; $\varepsilon K=0.012554$ 5; $\varepsilon L=0.0013577$ 5; $\varepsilon M+=0.000229$
(4459.0 4)	339.37	5.89 10	0.0756 15	5.8 1	5.97 10	av $E\beta=1559.10$ 20; $\varepsilon K=0.011247$ 4; $\varepsilon L=0.0012163$ 5; $\varepsilon M+=0.000205$
(4798.4 4)	0.0	57.5 4	0.557 7	5.0 1	58.1 4	av $E\beta=1721.99$ 20; $\varepsilon K=0.008515$ 3; $\varepsilon L=0.0009206$ 3; $\varepsilon M+=0.0001554$ E(decay): $E(\beta^+)=3740$ 100 (1956Pr12), 3400 500 (1955Li38).

[†] Absolute intensity per 100 decays.

$\gamma(^{59}\text{Ni})$ I_γ normalization: from measured I(annihilation radiation)=196 5 (1973Va03) and theoretical β⁺/ε ratios.

E _γ [†]	I _γ ^{†b}	E _i (level)	J _i ^π	E _f	J _f ^π	Mult. [‡]	δ [‡]	α ^a	Comments
339.30 7	7.97 9	339.37	5/2 ⁻	0.0	3/2 ⁻	M1(+E2)	0.00 2	0.00213	α(K)=0.00191 3; α(L)=0.000189 3; α(M)=2.67×10 ⁻⁵ 4 α(N)=1.143×10 ⁻⁶ 16
423.40 7	2.66 12	1301.41	1/2 ⁻	878.00	3/2 ⁻				
464.9 1	5.87 9	464.92	1/2 ⁻	0.0	3/2 ⁻	[M1]		1.03×10 ⁻³	α(K)=0.000923 13; α(L)=9.08×10 ⁻⁵ 13; α(M)=1.280×10 ⁻⁵ 18 α(N)=5.51×10 ⁻⁷ 8
538.55 14	0.160 7	878.00	3/2 ⁻	339.37	5/2 ⁻				
545.75 14	0.230 14	1734.67	3/2 ⁻	1188.93	5/2 ⁻				
836.50 7	2.08 11	1301.41	1/2 ⁻	464.92	1/2 ⁻	[M1]		2.87×10 ⁻⁴	α(K)=0.000258 4; α(L)=2.52×10 ⁻⁵ 4; α(M)=3.55×10 ⁻⁶ 5 α(N)=1.535×10 ⁻⁷ 22
850.0 ^c 5	0.035 14	1188.93	5/2 ⁻	339.37	5/2 ⁻				E _γ , I _γ : obscured by sum peak (511+339 keV).
878.00 7	11.40 31	878.00	3/2 ⁻	0.0	3/2 ⁻	M1+E2	+0.08 3	2.60×10 ⁻⁴	α(K)=0.000234 4; α(L)=2.28×10 ⁻⁵ 4; α(M)=3.22×10 ⁻⁶ 5 α(N)=1.392×10 ⁻⁷ 20
962.0 5	0.05 1	1301.41	1/2 ⁻	339.37	5/2 ⁻	[E2]		2.65×10 ⁻⁴	α(K)=0.000238 4; α(L)=2.34×10 ⁻⁵ 4; α(M)=3.29×10 ⁻⁶ 5 α(N)=1.411×10 ⁻⁷ 20
998.7 5	0.041 10	1338.1	7/2 ⁻	339.37	5/2 ⁻	M1+E2	+4.6 6	2.40×10 ⁻⁴	α(K)=0.000216 3; α(L)=2.12×10 ⁻⁵ 3; α(M)=2.98×10 ⁻⁶ 5 α(N)=1.278×10 ⁻⁷ 19
1188.85 25	0.379 9	1188.93	5/2 ⁻	0.0	3/2 ⁻	M1+E2	-0.43 9	1.50×10 ⁻⁴ 3	α(K)=0.0001302 21; α(L)=1.267×10 ⁻⁵ 21; α(M)=1.79×10 ⁻⁶ 3 α(N)=7.73×10 ⁻⁸ 13; α(IPF)=5.48×10 ⁻⁶ 15
1214.2 7	0.0305 7	1679.70	5/2 ⁻	464.92	1/2 ⁻	[E2]		1.66×10 ⁻⁴	α(K)=0.0001390 20; α(L)=1.357×10 ⁻⁵ 19; α(M)=1.91×10 ⁻⁶ 3 α(N)=8.23×10 ⁻⁸ 12; α(IPF)=1.105×10 ⁻⁵ 20
1225.8 10	0.036 9	2414.85	3/2 ⁻	1188.93	5/2 ⁻				
1269.65 15	0.245 9	1734.67	3/2 ⁻	464.92	1/2 ⁻				
1301.35 15	14.78 20	1301.41	1/2 ⁻	0.0	3/2 ⁻				
1338 ^{&}	0.016 ^{&} 4	1338.1	7/2 ⁻	0.0	3/2 ⁻	E2		1.63×10 ⁻⁴	α(K)=0.0001127 16; α(L)=1.098×10 ⁻⁵ 16; α(M)=1.547×10 ⁻⁶ 22 α(N)=6.67×10 ⁻⁸ 10; α(IPF)=3.75×10 ⁻⁵ 6
1340.25 ^{&} 15	1.425 ^{&} 25	1679.70	5/2 ⁻	339.37	5/2 ⁻				
1395.2 1	0.340 25	1734.67	3/2 ⁻	339.37	5/2 ⁻				
1536.9 3	0.056 7	2414.85	3/2 ⁻	878.00	3/2 ⁻				
^x 1610.6 ^{#@} 5	0.016 ^{#@} 4								

⁵⁹Cu ε decay [1973Va03](#),[1977Se02](#) (continued)

γ(⁵⁹Ni) (continued)

E_γ [†]	I_γ ^{†b}	$E_i(\text{level})$	J_i^π	E_f	J_f^π	Mult. [‡]	δ [‡]	α ^a	Comments
1679.70 7	0.244 12	1679.70	5/2 ⁻	0.0	3/2 ⁻	(M1+E2)	-1.6 +7-22	2.30×10 ⁻⁴ 12	$\alpha(K)=6.97\times 10^{-5}$ 16; $\alpha(L)=6.77\times 10^{-6}$ 16; $\alpha(M)=9.54\times 10^{-7}$ 22 $\alpha(N)=4.13\times 10^{-8}$ 10; $\alpha(\text{IPF})=0.000152$ 10
1734.70 7	1.188 19	1734.67	3/2 ⁻	0.0	3/2 ⁻				
1802.6 8	0.025 5	2681.2	(5/2 ⁻)	878.00	3/2 ⁻				
1949.90 14	0.117 5	2414.85	3/2 ⁻	464.92	1/2 ⁻				
^x 2242.9@ 6	0.012@ 4								
2414.7 4	0.036 7	2414.85	3/2 ⁻	0.0	3/2 ⁻				
2682 1	0.013 4	2681.2	(5/2 ⁻)	0.0	3/2 ⁻				

[†] Weighted average of data from [1973Va03](#) and [1977Se02](#).

[‡] From adopted gammas.

Observation of a 1610γ (Iγ=0.016 4) suggests population of the 1948 level, which in turn implies that the observed 1950γ (Iγ=0.117 5) includes unresolved contributions from 1948-g.s. and 2415-465 transitions. Assuming adopted 1948 level branching (viz. I(1608γ):I(1948γ)=63 13:100 4), the evaluator deduces Iγ(1948-g.s.)=0.073 14 leaving Iγ(2415-465)=0.043 13. However, the observed Eγ=1949.90 14 corresponds to that expected for the 2415-465 transition alone; also, branching from 2415 level is consistent with that observed in (n,γ) E=thermal only if the total observed I(1950γ) is assigned to the 2415-465 transition. The evaluator, therefore, assumes that the 1950γ is not a doublet, and the 1610γ reported by [1977Se02](#) alone is not the same as the 1608γ known from other reactions to de-excite a 1948 level.

@ Reported by [1977Se02](#) only. May not be a ⁵⁹Ni γ ray.

& Observation of 999γ (Iγ=0.041 10) implies population of the 1338 level whose 1338γ-decay branch presumably contributes to the observed 1349γ (Iγ=1.425 25). Assuming adopted 1338 level branching (viz. I(999γ):I(1338γ)=100 5:40.3 20), evaluator deduces Iγ(1338-g.s.)=0.016 4 leaving Iγ(1680-339)=1.409 25.

^a [Additional information 1](#).

^b Absolute intensity per 100 decays.

^c Placement of transition in the level scheme is uncertain.

^x γ ray not placed in level scheme.

^{59}Cu ε decay 1973Va03,1977Se02**Decay Scheme****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)

Intensities: $I_{(\gamma+ce)}$ per 100 parent decays