

^{60}Co β^- decay (1925.28 d)

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Parent: ^{60}Co : $E=0.0$; $J^\pi=5^+$; $T_{1/2}=1925.28$ d 14; $Q(\beta^-)=2822.8$ 2; $\% \beta^-$ decay=100.0

Based on an evaluation by R. G. Helmer, January 1998 including some general comments from previous evaluation ([1993Ki10](#)).

This evaluation was done as part of a collaboration of evaluators from Laboratoire National Henri Becquerel (LNHB) in France; Physikalisch-Technische Bundesanstalt (PTB) in Germany; HMS Sultan and AEA Technology in the United Kingdom; Khlopin Radium Institute (KRI) in Russia; Centro de Investigaciones Energeticas, Medioambientales, y Tecnologicas (CIEMAT) and Universidad Nacional a Distancia (UNED) in Spain; and Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL), Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL), and Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory (INEEL) in the United States. See also: [1999BeZQ](#), [1999BeZS](#).

^{60}Co generally from $^{59}\text{Co}(n,\gamma)$. Measured E_γ , I_γ with Compton suppression spectrometer, Ge(Li) and NaI detectors ([1976Ca18](#)).

Measured E_β , I_β , E_γ with magnetic spectrometer, Ge(Li) detector ([1968Ha03](#)). Measured $\gamma(\theta)$ from ^{60}Co polarized in Fe by low-temperature techniques with Ge(Li) and NaI detectors ([1980Kr05](#)). Measured $\gamma\gamma(t)$ with combined plastic-NaI detectors and centroid shift technique ([1976KI04](#)). Measured E_β in iron-free spectrometer ([1968Wo02](#)). For $\beta(\theta)$ emitted from polarized ^{60}Co , see [1980Ch14](#). For $\gamma\gamma(\theta)$ measurements, see [1969Kh11](#). Measured I_γ by detecting neutrons from the $d(\gamma,n)$ reaction caused by the 2505 γ -ray ([1978Fu05](#)).

For K-shell ionization in the β^- decay of ^{60}Co , see [1983Ki04](#).

Others: [2008Sy01](#), [2006Pa20](#), [2004Ge20](#), [2004Ka07](#), [2003Lu04](#), [1983La06](#), [1982Er10](#), [1977Lo01](#), [1976Bo16](#), [1976Hu09](#), [1973Fu15](#), [1972Le14](#), [1970Wa19](#), [1970Di01](#), [1970Ri20](#), [1969Va20](#), [1969Ra23](#), [1961Ca05](#), [1956Wo09](#), [1954Ke04](#).

Decay scheme is internally consistent since the total decay energy computed from this scheme is 2821.0 2 keV compared to the Q value of 2822.8 2.

[1998Ku24](#): measured "Near-Zero Energy" electrons (distribution, peak= 0.2 eV, FWHM=1 eV) intensity=0.14 per β^- decay.

[2010Wa40](#): measured β^- asymmetry by polarizing a ^{60}Co source using a low-temperature nuclear orientation method.

 ^{60}Ni Levels

E(level)	J^π^\dagger	$T_{1/2}$	Comments
0.0	0^+	stable	The β^- feeding of this level is a unique 4 th forbidden transition. From the systematics (1998Si17), the $\log ft$ of this transition will be >23 and the corresponding intensity will be $<1.0 \times 10^{-10} \%$.
1332.508 4	2^+	0.9 ps 3	$T_{1/2}$: from $\gamma\gamma(t)$ by 1976KI04 .
2158.612 21	2^+		
2505.748 4	4^+	3.3 ps 10	$T_{1/2}$: see Adopted Levels.

† From ^{60}Ni Adopted Levels.

 β^- radiations

E(decay) †	E(level)	$I\beta^-$ ‡	Log ft	Comments
317.88 10	2505.748	99.88 3	7.512 2	av $E\beta=95.77$ 15 $I\beta^-$: from 100.00 - $I_{\beta^-}(1332)$ - $I_{\beta^-}(2158)$.
670 $^\#$ 20	2158.612	0.000 2	$\geq 14.0^{2u}$	$I\beta^-$: from the $\log ft$ systematics (1998Si17), the lowest $\log ft$ values for unique second forbidden decays are 13.86 for ^{10}Be and 14.36 and 14.61 for higher masses. For a reasonable lower limit of 14.4 for the $\log ft$ for this transition, the β intensity would be less than 0.001%. Therefore, the evaluator has assigned the most probable value as 0.000 with an uncertainty of 0.002.
1492 20	1332.508	0.12 3	14.70 2u 11	av $E\beta=625.87$ 21 $I\beta^-$: average of measured values of 0.15 1 (1954Ke04), 0.010 2 (1956Wo09), 0.12 (1961Ca05), and 0.08 2 (1968Ha03).

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${}^{60}\text{Co}$ β^{-} decay (1925.28 d) (continued)

β^{-} radiations (continued)

- † From [1968Ha03](#), except as noted.
‡ Absolute intensity per 100 decays.
Existence of this branch is questionable.

60Co β⁻ decay (1925.28 d) (continued)

γ(60Ni)

A possible γ of 467 keV with I_γ<0.0004% (1969Va20) and <0.00023 (1976Ca18) from the known level at 2626 keV to the 2158 level is not included here. At the lower intensity limit, the I_β to the 2626 level would be <0.001%.

<u>E_γ[‡]</u>	<u>I_γ^{#α}</u>	<u>E_i(level)</u>	<u>J_i^π</u>	<u>E_f</u>	<u>J_f^π</u>	<u>Mult.[@]</u>	<u>δ[@]</u>	<u>α^{†&}</u>	<u>Comments</u>
347.14 7	0.0075 4	2505.748	4 ⁺	2158.612	2 ⁺	[E2]		0.00557 8	α=0.00557 8; α(K)=0.00499 7; α(L)=0.000503 7; α(M)=7.06×10 ⁻⁵ 10; α(N+..)=2.90×10 ⁻⁶ 4 α(N)=2.90×10 ⁻⁶ 4 I _γ : from consideration of <0.005 (1955Wo44), 0.0078 12 (1969Va20), <0.006 (1970Di01), 0.00758 50 (1976Ca18), and 0.0069 10 (1977Lo01).
826.10 3	0.0076 8	2158.612	2 ⁺	1332.508	2 ⁺	M1+E2	+0.9 3	0.000337 18	α=0.000337 18; α(K)=0.000303 17; α(L)=2.97×10 ⁻⁵ 17; α(M)=4.18×10 ⁻⁶ 23; α(N+..)=1.80×10 ⁻⁷ 1 α(N)=1.80×10 ⁻⁷ 10 I _γ : from 1976Ca18; others: 0.0055 47 (1969Va20) and 0.003 2 (1972Le14).
1173.228 3	99.85 3	2505.748	4 ⁺	1332.508	2 ⁺	E2(+M3)	-0.0025 22	0.0001722 25	α=0.0001722 25; α(K)=0.0001500 21; α(L)=1.465×10 ⁻⁵ 21; α(M)=2.06×10 ⁻⁶ 3 α(N)=8.88×10 ⁻⁸ 13; α(IPF)=5.42×10 ⁻⁶ 8 I _γ : from I _γ (1173)=(I _β -(2505) - I _γ (347)[1.0+α(347)] - I _γ (2505)[1.0+α(2505)]) / [1.00+α(1173)+α _π (1173)]= 99.87 3 / 1.000174 4. δ: from 1980Kr05. α: from 1985HaZA evaluation of measured values; from theory (1976Ba63) α=1.65×10 ⁻⁴ , α _K =1.50×10 ⁻⁴ , and α _L =1.48×10 ⁻⁵ 4. α: α _π =6.2*10 ⁻⁶ 7 interpolated from theoretical values of 1979Sc31; this value is negligible since it is only about 5% of the corresponding α.
1332.492 4	99.9826 6	1332.508	2 ⁺	0.0	0 ⁺	E2		0.0001625 23	α=0.0001625 23; α(K)=0.0001137 16; α(L)=1.108×10 ⁻⁵ 16; α(M)=1.560×10 ⁻⁶ 22 α(N)=6.73×10 ⁻⁸ 10; α(IPF)=3.61×10 ⁻⁵ 5 I _γ : from I _γ (1332)=(100.00 - I _γ (2158)[1.0+α(2158)] - I _γ (2505)[1.0+α(2505)]) / [1.00+α(1332)+α _π (1332)]= 99.9988 2 / 1.000162 6. In the evaluation 1991BaZS, this is computed in the same fashion, but is given as 99.983% 6; the origin of the larger uncertainty is not clear. α: α and α _K from 1985HaZA evaluation of measured values; from theory (1976Ba63) α=1.25×10 ⁻⁴ , α _K =1.14×10 ⁻⁴ , and α _L =1.13×10 ⁻⁵ . α: α _π =3.4*10 ⁻⁵ 4 interpolated from theoretical values of 1979Sc31; 3.0×10 ⁻⁵ 3 (1994GrZW).

⁶⁰Co β⁻ decay (1925.28 d) (continued)

γ(⁶⁰Ni) (continued)

<u>E_γ[‡]</u>	<u>I_γ^{#a}</u>	<u>E_i(level)</u>	<u>J_i^π</u>	<u>E_f</u>	<u>J_f^π</u>	<u>Mult.[@]</u>	<u>α^{†&}</u>	<u>Comments</u>
2158.57 3	0.0012 2	2158.612	2 ⁺	0.0	0 ⁺	[E2]	0.000439 7	α=0.000439 7; α(K)=4.45×10 ⁻⁵ 7; α(L)=4.32×10 ⁻⁶ 6; α(M)=6.08×10 ⁻⁷ 9; α(N+..)=0.000390 6 α(N)=2.64×10 ⁻⁸ 4; α(IPF)=0.000389 6 I _γ : from consideration of 0.0012 2 (1955Wo44), <0.002 (1969Ra23), 0.0092 16 (1970Di01), 0.0005 2 (1972Le14), 0.0020 13 (1973Fu15), and 0.00111 18 (1976Ca18).
2505.692 5	2.0×10 ⁻⁶ 4	2505.748	4 ⁺	0.0	0 ⁺	E4	8.63×10 ⁻⁵ 12	α=8.63×10 ⁻⁵ 12; α(K)=7.76×10 ⁻⁵ 11; α(L)=7.58×10 ⁻⁶ 11; α(M)=1.069×10 ⁻⁶ 15; α(N+..)=4.62×10 ⁻⁸ 7 α(N)=4.62×10 ⁻⁸ 7 I _γ : from consideration of <4×10 ⁻⁵ (1970Di01), 9×10 ⁻⁶ 7 (1973Fu15), <1×10 ⁻³ (1977HaXC), 2.0×10 ⁻⁶ 4 (1978Fu05), and 5.2×10 ⁻⁶ 20 (1988Se09).

[†] Additional information 1.

[‡] From 2000He14 for 1173 and 1332 γ rays. The others were deduced from the level energies from a fit to the γ-ray energies. In addition to the 1173 and 1332 values, the input to this fit included 346.93 7 (1978Ca18 where the authors average their result and that of 1969Va20); 826.06 [from ⁵⁹Co(p,γ)⁶⁰Ni (1975Er05)]; 2158.57 10 [from ⁵⁹Co(p,γ) (1975Er05)]. Other measured γ energies include: 346.95 10 (1969Va20)], 826.18 20 (1969Va20), 826.28 9 (1976Ca18, but includes value of 1969Va20), 2158.8 4 (1970Di01), 2158.9 2 (1969Ra07), and 2159.6 8 (1969Ho22).

[#] I(K x ray)=0.0112 computed from decay scheme.

[@] From ⁶⁰Ni Adopted gammas, except as noted.

[&] Interpolated using program BRICC, unless otherwise noted.

^a Absolute intensity per 100 decays.

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Decay Scheme

Intensities: I_γ per 100 parent decays

Legend

