

^{68}Co β^- decay (1.6 s) **2000Mu10**

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Parent: ^{68}Co : $E=x$; $J^\pi=(1^+)$; $T_{1/2}=1.6\text{ s}$ 3; $Q(\beta^-)=1.155\times 10^4\text{ kJ}$; $\% \beta^- \text{ decay}=100.0$

$^{238}\text{U}(\text{p},\text{F})$, $E(\text{p}) = 30\text{ MeV}$. Isotopes separated using the Leuven ion-guide laser-ion source (LIGLIS) coupled to the LISOL mass separator. Measured $E\gamma$, $I\gamma$, $T_{1/2}$, $\beta\text{-}\gamma$ and $\gamma\gamma$ coincidences using two HPGe detectors and three ΔE plastic detectors.

Others: **1999MuZZ**, **2002Ko31** (details on LIGLIS).

The total average radiation energy released by ^{68}Co β -decay (1.6 s) is 9700 300 (calculated by evaluator using computer program radlst), 16% lower than 11550 130, suggesting an incomplete decay scheme. This is supported by $\beta\text{-}\gamma$ coincidence measurements which estimate $\approx 50\%$ of the β -decay proceeds via unresolved levels that subsequently γ -decay to low-lying levels in ^{68}Ni (**2000Mu10**).

α : [Additional information 1](#).

 ^{68}Ni Levels

E(level) [†]	J^π [#]	$T_{1/2}$ [#]	Comments
0.0	0 ⁺	29 s 2	$\% \beta^- = 100$
2034.07 16	2 ⁺	0.31 ps 5	
2511.9 3	(0 ⁺) [‡]	<15 ns	$T_{1/2}$: assuming that observed 511 γ 's correspond to (e^- , e^+) transitions to the g.s.
2743.82 16	(2 ⁺) [‡]		
2849.17 [@] 3	5 ⁻	0.86 ms 5	$\% \text{IT}=100$
3149.2 3	(4 ⁺)		
3543.47 [@] 3			
3988.57 [@] 3			
4026.7 3	(1,2)		
4165.8 3	(0,1,2)		
5513.2 20	(0 ⁺ , 1 ⁺ , 2 ⁺)		
5550.2 20	(0 ⁺ , 1 ⁺ , 2 ⁺)		
5775.2 20	(0 ⁺ , 1 ⁺ , 2 ⁺)		

[†] From a least-squares fit to $E\gamma$'s by evaluator.

[‡] Low-lying $J=1$ states are not expected from the available neutron fp orbitals. A strong γ to the g.s. indicates $J^\pi=2^+$ for the 2744 state. Lack of a similar transition from the 2512 state and the possible E0 transition to the g.s. supports a $J^\pi=0^+$ assignment.

[#] From the Adopted Levels.

[@] Identification of the 3543 and 3989 levels is based on the observation of a 694 γ and 1139 γ with $T_{1/2}\approx 1.6\text{ s}$ which are non-coincident with any other transitions, suggesting they directly populate the 5⁻ 2849 isomeric level (**2000Mu10**). This, however, is in disagreement with the direct population of these levels from $J^\pi=(1^+)$ and thus, the evaluator considers their existence tentative.

 $\gamma(^{68}\text{Ni})$

$I\gamma(511\gamma)=20.8\text{ }5$. Nearly all the intensity is coincident with β particles and can be accounted for as 511-511 coincidences. The 511 γ 's are prompt with β particles within the $\approx 15\text{ ns}$ time resolution; thus it can be ruled out that the 511 γ originates from the 1770 0⁺ state which has $T_{1/2}=211\text{ ns }50$. **2000Mu10** propose the source of the 511 γ may be an E0 transition from the decay of the 2511 state to the g.s.

$^{68}\text{Co} \beta^-$ decay (1.6 s) **2000Mu10** (continued) $\gamma(^{68}\text{Ni})$ (continued)

E_γ	$I_\gamma^\dagger$	$E_i(\text{level})$	J_i^π	E_f	J_f^π	Mult. ‡	α	Comments
477.8 2	15.5 7	2511.9	(0 ⁺)	2034.07	2 ⁺	[E2]	0.00191 3	$\alpha(\text{K})=0.001717$ 25; $\alpha(\text{L})=0.0001711$ 24; $\alpha(\text{M})=2.40 \times 10^{-5}$ 4; $\alpha(\text{N}+..)=1.005 \times 10^{-6}$ 1
^x 663.2 5	3.4 2							
694.3 [#] 2	7.6 3	3543.4?		2849.1?	5 ⁻			
708.9 2	6.0 4	2743.82	(2) ⁺	2034.07	2 ⁺			From coincidence and $T_{1/2}$ measurements, this transition is a doublet also observed in $^{68}\text{Co} \beta^-$ decay (0.20 s).
815.0 [#] 2	13.8 5	2849.1?	5 ⁻	2034.07	2 ⁺	E3	0.000928 13	$\alpha=0.000928$ 13; $\alpha(\text{K})=0.000832$ 12; $\alpha(\text{L})=8.36 \times 10^{-5}$ 12; $\alpha(\text{M})=1.176 \times 10^{-5}$ 17; $\alpha(\text{N}+..)=4.92 \times 10^{-7}$
1115.1 2	9.7 5	3149.2	(4 ⁺)	2034.07	2 ⁺	(E2)	0.000188 3	E_γ : from $^{68}\text{Co} \beta^-$ decay (0.20 s). I_γ : from $\Sigma I_\gamma(\text{to } 2849)$ by evaluator. $\alpha=0.000188$ 3; $\alpha(\text{K})=0.0001683$ 24; $\alpha(\text{L})=1.645 \times 10^{-5}$ 23; $\alpha(\text{M})=2.32 \times 10^{-6}$ 4; $\alpha(\text{N}+..)=1.431 \times 10^{-6}$
1139.4 [#] 2	6.2 4	3988.5?		2849.1?	5 ⁻	D,Q		
1422.0 2	10.6 6	4165.8	(0,1,2)	2743.82	(2) ⁺			
1514.8 2	10.2 5	4026.7	(1,2)	2511.9	(0 ⁺)			
2033.2 2	100 2	2034.07	2 ⁺	0.0	0 ⁺	[E2]	0.000383 6	$\alpha=0.000383$ 6; $\alpha(\text{K})=4.96 \times 10^{-5}$ 7; $\alpha(\text{L})=4.81 \times 10^{-6}$ 7; $\alpha(\text{M})=6.77 \times 10^{-7}$ 10; $\alpha(\text{N}+..)=0.000328$ 5
2511.9 [#]		2511.9	(0 ⁺)	0.0	0 ⁺	(E0)		The source of the observed 511 γ 's (see above) may be from an E0 transition from the 2512 state to the 0 ⁺ g.s.; however, no 1511 γ -511 γ coincidences were observed. $\rho^2 > 0.24$ if all the $I_\gamma(511\gamma)$ originates from the 2512 level.
2744.6 2	14.7 8	2743.82	(2) ⁺	0.0	0 ⁺	(E2)	0.000700 10	$\alpha=0.000700$ 10; $\alpha(\text{K})=2.95 \times 10^{-5}$ 5; $\alpha(\text{L})=2.85 \times 10^{-6}$ 4; $\alpha(\text{M})=4.01 \times 10^{-7}$ 6; $\alpha(\text{N}+..)=0.000668$ 10
3479 2	7.4 7	5513.2	(0 ⁺ ,1 ⁺ ,2 ⁺)	2034.07	2 ⁺			
3516 2	5.5 7	5550.2	(0 ⁺ ,1 ⁺ ,2 ⁺)	2034.07	2 ⁺			
3741 2	10.3 7	5775.2	(0 ⁺ ,1 ⁺ ,2 ⁺)	2034.07	2 ⁺			

[†] Normalized to $I_\gamma(2033\gamma)=100$.[‡] From Adopted Gammas.[#] Placement of transition in the level scheme is uncertain.^x γ ray not placed in level scheme.

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Decay Scheme

Intensities: Type not specified

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)

(1^+)
 $Q_{\beta^-} = 1.155 \times 10^4 \text{ keV}$
 $^{68}\text{Co}_{41}$
 1.6 s
 $\% \beta^- = 100$

