

$^{68}\text{Cu } \beta^-$ decay (3.75 min) 1975Ti01, 1972Sw01

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Parent: ^{68}Cu : E=721.26 8; $J^\pi=6^-$; $T_{1/2}=3.75$ min 5; $Q(\beta^-)=4439.8$ 18; $\% \beta^-$ decay=14 2

^{68}Cu - $\% \beta^-$ decay: 14% 2. Iy's indicate 18.8 16 β^- decays (3.75 min) and 114.5 18 IT decays per hundred 525.9 γ transitions in ^{68}Cu . This has a correction due to the different $T_{1/2}$ of the two branches.

1975Ti01: ^{68}Cu activity produced by $^{68}\text{Zn}(n,p)$, E(n)=14.9 MeV. Measured $E\gamma$, Iy, and $T_{1/2}$ using a Ge(Li) detector.

1972Sw01: ^{68}Cu activity produced by $^{68}\text{Zn}(n,p)$, E(n)=14.7 MeV. Measured $E\gamma$, Iy, $E\beta^-$, $I\beta^-$, $T_{1/2}$, $\gamma\gamma$ and $\beta\gamma$ coin using Ge(Li) and NaI(Tl) detectors and a plastic scintillator.

Data are taken mainly from 1972Sw01 and 1975Ti01.

Others: 2002Ko31, 1971Si19, 1969Wa22, 1969Va16, 1964Ba13, 1960Yt03.

The decay scheme of ^{68}Zn given here is for the equilibrium decay of the 3.75-min ^{68}Cu isomer which proceeds 14% by direct β^- decay and 86% via IT decay with subsequent g.s. decay to ^{68}Zn . These branching fractions include a correction for the different $T_{1/2}$ of the two branches.

α : Additional information 1.

 ^{68}Zn Levels

$E(\text{level})^\dagger$	$J^\pi{}^\ddagger$	$T_{1/2}{}^\ddagger$	$E(\text{level})^\dagger$	$J^\pi{}^\ddagger$	$E(\text{level})^\dagger$	$J^\pi{}^\ddagger$
0	0^+	stable	2418.2 11	4^+	3459.2 15	5^-
1077.6 5	2^+		2510.5 16		3610.8 18	$(6)^-$
2339.5 8	2^+		2821.4 16	2^+	3725.3 22	
2370.6 16			2956.2 22		3733?# 3	
					3971?@ 3	

† From least-squares fit to $E\gamma$'s by evaluator, except as noted.

‡ From the Adopted Levels.

From 1975Ti01. E=3735.9 in 1972Sw01.

@ From 1975Ti01. E=3964.4 in 1972Sw01.

 β^- radiations

$E(\text{decay})^\ddagger$	$E(\text{level})$	$I\beta^-{}^{\dagger\#}$	$\text{Log } ft$	Comments
(1190 @ 4)	3971?	1.4 6	5.59 19	av $E\beta=444.0$ 16
(1428 @ 4)	3733?	0.9 4	6.10 20	av $E\beta=549.3$ 16
(1436 3)	3725.3	0.38 13	6.48 15	av $E\beta=552.7$ 13
(1550 3)	3610.8	6.3 17	5.39 12	av $E\beta=604.3$ 12
(1701.9 24)	3459.2	4 3	5.8 4	E(decay): 1700 100 (1972Sw01). av $E\beta=673.2$ 11
(2742.9 21)	2418.2	2.5 23	6.8 4	E(decay): 1800 100 (1972Sw01). av $E\beta=1160.0$ 10

‡ From Iy imbalances in $^{68}\text{Cu } \beta^-$ decay (30.9 s + 3.75 min) in equilibrium. Branches to high-spin states are assumed to be from the 3.75 min ^{68}Cu parent state.

† Experimental values from $\beta\gamma$ coincidence measurements are given in the comments.

Absolute intensity per 100 decays.

@ Existence of this branch is questionable.

⁶⁸Cu β⁻ decay (3.75 min) 1975Ti01, 1972Sw01 (continued) $\gamma^{(68\text{Zn})}$

I γ normalization: From $\Sigma(I\gamma + \text{c.e.})$ (to ⁶⁸Zn g.s.)=100. With I γ (526)=100, I γ 's give 18.8 16 β⁻ decays (3.75 min).
For additional unplaced γ's see ⁶⁸Cu β decay (30.9 s).

E γ [†]	I γ ^{‡b}	E _i (level)	J $^\pi_i$	E _f	J $^\pi_f$	Mult.	#	δ [#]	α	Comments
151.6 [@] 10	6.5 6	3610.8	(6) ⁻	3459.2	5 ⁻	M1(+E2)	-0.05	+8-6	0.0206 17	$\alpha(K)=0.0184$ 15; $\alpha(L)=0.00191$ 17; $\alpha(M)=0.000274$ 24; $\alpha(N..)=1.08\times 10^{-5}$ 8
585.6 [@] 15	0.7 2	2956.2		2370.6						
^x 670.7 ^a 15	0.74 24									
1014.5 ^{@c} 15	1.1 5	3971?		2956.2						Not observed by 1972Sw01. E γ =1007.0 observed by 1972Sw01.
1041.0 [@] 10	11.3 12	3459.2	5 ⁻	2418.2	4 ⁺	(E1+M2)	+0.07	5	0.000120 4	$\alpha=0.000120$ 4; $\alpha(K)=0.000108$ 4; $\alpha(L)=1.07\times 10^{-5}$ 4; $\alpha(M)=1.53\times 10^{-6}$ 6; $\alpha(N..)=6.17\times 10^{-8}$ 22
1077.7 5	17& 2	1077.6	2 ⁺	0	0 ⁺	E2			0.000247 4	$\alpha=0.000247$ 4; $\alpha(K)=0.000221$ 4; $\alpha(L)=2.22\times 10^{-5}$ 4; $\alpha(M)=3.17\times 10^{-6}$ 5; $\alpha(N..)=1.272\times 10^{-7}$ 18
1149.4 ^{@c} 20	0.35 14	3971?		2821.4	2 ⁺					Not observed by 1972Sw01. E γ =1142.4 observed by 1972Sw01.
1222.2 ^{@c} 15	1.0 3	3733?		2510.5						E γ =1225.2 observed by 1972Sw01.
1261.8 8	0.35& 9	2339.5	2 ⁺	1077.6	2 ⁺	M1+E2	-0.18	4	0.0001727 25	$\alpha=0.0001727$ 25; $\alpha(K)=0.0001418$ 20; $\alpha(L)=1.410\times 10^{-5}$ 20; $\alpha(M)=2.02\times 10^{-6}$ 3 $\alpha(N..)=8.19\times 10^{-8}$ 12
1292.9 15	0.7& 3	2370.6		1077.6	2 ⁺					
1340.5 [@] 10	14.2 14	2418.2	4 ⁺	1077.6	2 ⁺	E2(+M3)	-0.05	6	0.000191 5	$\alpha=0.000191$ 5; $\alpha(K)=0.000138$ 4; $\alpha(L)=1.37\times 10^{-5}$ 4; $\alpha(M)=1.97\times 10^{-6}$ 6; $\alpha(N..)=3.79\times 10^{-5}$ 7
1385.8 [@] 20	0.40 14	3725.3		2339.5	2 ⁺					
1432.8 15	1.0& 3	2510.5		1077.6	2 ⁺					
^x 1540.7 ^a 15	1.0 3									
1743.7 15	0.4& 2	2821.4	2 ⁺	1077.6	2 ⁺	M1+E2	+0.27	5	0.000241 4	$\alpha=0.000241$ 4; $\alpha(K)=7.71\times 10^{-5}$ 11; $\alpha(L)=7.64\times 10^{-6}$ 11; $\alpha(M)=1.095\times 10^{-6}$ 16; $\alpha(N..)=0.0001550$
2339.5 15	0.039& 16	2339.5	2 ⁺	0	0 ⁺	(E2)			0.000529 8	$\alpha=0.000529$ 8; $\alpha(K)=4.71\times 10^{-5}$ 7; $\alpha(L)=4.66\times 10^{-6}$ 7; $\alpha(M)=6.68\times 10^{-7}$ 10; $\alpha(N..)=0.000477$ 7

[†] From 1975Ti01. Transitions with E γ =498.6, 570.7, and 1074.0 reported by 1972Sw01 are not confirmed by 1975Ti01 and are not adopted here.

[‡] Weighted average of 1975Ti01 and 1972Sw01, relative to I γ (525.9 γ)=100 in ⁶⁸Cu IT decay. Taken or calculated from I γ 's observed in the equilibrium decay:

⁶⁸Cu β decay (30.9 s + 3.75 min) using branching fraction. Full separation of I γ 's associated with 30.9 s and 3.75 min β⁻ decays was not possible with the data available. I γ 's are listed here for only those γ's which can be assigned wholly or partly to the 3.75 min β⁻ decay.

[#] From the Adopted Gammas.

[@] Observed to decay with a single half-life of 3.75 min (1972Sw01, 1975Ti01).

⁶⁸Cu β⁻ decay (3.75 min) 1975Ti01,1972Sw01 (continued)

γ(⁶⁸Zn) (continued)

^a Intensity deduced by evaluator based on equilibrium decay intensities for ⁶⁸Cu β⁻ decay (30.9 s + 3.75 min), branching fraction and assumptions on feeding.

^a The 670.7γ is multiply placed by the authors as deexciting levels at 3010 and 3424, and the 1540.7γ is placed from a 3425 level; however, these placements are inconsistent with branching from these levels in (n,γ) and thus not adopted.

^b For absolute intensity per 100 decays, multiply by 0.83 15.

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

^x γ ray not placed in level scheme.

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Decay Scheme

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

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)

