

$^{97}\text{Zr } \beta^-$ decay

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Parent: ^{97}Zr : E=0.0; $J^\pi=1/2^+$; $T_{1/2}=16.749$ h 8; $Q(\beta^-)=2659.0$ 18; % β^- decay=100.0
 ^{97}Zr -ADOPTED values for ^{97}Zr .

 ^{97}Nb Levels

The level scheme is based on $E\gamma$, $I\gamma$, $\gamma\gamma$ data of [1968Si02](#) and modified and refined by subsequent measurements of $E\gamma$, $I\gamma$, $\gamma\gamma$, by [1970Ar11](#), [1970Ho01](#), [1970Me06](#), [1970Mi02](#), [1972TiZS](#), [1975Co26](#). The level scheme shown here omits the levels previously suggested at 1547 and 2056 keV. It is felt that the experimental basis for the placement of the 804.52 γ deexciting a level at 1547 keV is lacking; if this γ deexcites a 1547-keV level, then the coin spectra of [1970Me06](#) require that the 218.90 γ is a triplet (feeding both the 1547 and 1548-keV levels and also 1433-keV level). The 2056-keV level is omitted because although the coin data ([1970Me06](#)) indicate that the 508 γ is a doublet, it has not been shown that it feeds the 1548 level directly.

Although seemingly well established, the decay scheme still presents several difficulties: 1) β^- feeding of the 1851.71 keV $5/2^+$ level. [1970Me06](#) measure the $E\beta^-(\text{max.})=825$ 30 keV in coin with the 1851 γ , implying direct β^- feeding to this level, yet strong 1851.61 γ to g.s. will not allow $J<5/2$ or $J^\pi=5/2^-$ for this level. The β -group is, therefore, a second forbidden nonunique transition which should have $\log ft>11.0$, i.e. $I\beta^-<10\times 10^{-3}\%$. 2) β^- feeding of the 1750.43 keV $5/2^+$ level. Again, the $\log ft=8.25$ is too low for $1/2^+$ to $5/2^+$ β^- transition, but strong decay to $9/2^+$ g.s. rules out $J<5/2$ or $J^\pi=5/2^-$.

Additional data: [1969Be83](#): $\gamma\gamma(t)$; [1970Be86](#), [1978Kr03](#): $\gamma\gamma(\theta)$; [1970Ho01](#), [1970Me06](#): $\beta\gamma$; [1970Mi02](#): (ce) γ , $\beta\gamma$; [1971Mu13](#): I(ce), $\alpha(K)$, $\gamma\gamma(\theta)$; [1976Pr13](#): $\beta\gamma(\theta)$; [1979Bo26](#): $E\gamma$ (curved crystal spect.).

E(level) [†]	$J^\pi\ddagger$	T _{1/2} [#]	Comments
0.0	9/2 ⁺	72.1 [‡] min 7	% β^- =100 % β^- : from Adopted Levels.
743.35 3	1/2 ⁻	58.7 [‡] s 18	
1147.96 6	7/2 ⁺	≤ 0.15 ns	J^π : not $5/2^+$ ($\gamma\gamma(\theta)$ 1978Kr03). J^π : $\beta\gamma(\theta)$ agrees with $J^\pi=5/2^-$, rules out $J=1/2$ (1976Pr13).
1251.01 7	3/2 ⁻		
1276.09 7	5/2 ⁺		
1433.92 13	5/2 ⁻		
1548.36 11	(3/2 ⁺ ,5/2 ⁻)		
1652.82 21			
1750.43 9	5/2 ⁺	≤ 0.2 ns	J^π : not $7/2^+$ ($\gamma\gamma(\theta)$ 1978Kr03); J agrees with $7/2$ $\gamma\gamma(\theta)$ (1971Mu13).
1764.42 14	(3/2 ⁻)		
1851.71 6	5/2 ⁺	≤ 0.2 ns	J^π : not $7/2^+$ ($\gamma\gamma(\theta)$ 1978Kr03).
1958.4 6			
2105.91 6	(3/2 ⁺)	≤ 0.2 ns	J^π : $J=1/2$ ruled out $\gamma\gamma(\theta)$ (1971Mu13).
2203? 2			
2247.46 15	3/2 ⁻		

[†] From least squares fit to $E\gamma$.

[‡] From Adopted Levels.

[#] From $\gamma\gamma(t)$ ([1969Be83](#)).

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$I\beta$ calculated from $I\gamma$ balance in level scheme.

E(decay)	E(level)	$I\beta^{-\ddagger}$	Log ft	Comments
(411.5 18)	2247.46	0.38 3	7.12 4	av $E\beta=124.84$ 64
(553.1 18)	2105.91	4.95 17	6.448 16	av $E\beta=175.92$ 67 E(decay): 560 30 from $B(355\gamma)$ (1970Me06); 550 10 from $(1749\gamma+1851\gamma)\beta^-$ (1970Mi02).
(700.6 [#] 19)	1958.4	0.032 17	9.00 23	av $E\beta=232.18$ 74
(807.3 [#] 18)	1851.71	0.27 11	8.29 18	av $E\beta=274.44$ 73 E(decay): 825 30 from $B(1852\gamma)$ (1970Me06).
(894.6 18)	1764.42	1.77 18	7.64 5	av $E\beta=309.83$ 74
(908.6 [#] 18)	1750.43	0.46 17	8.25 [†] 16	av $E\beta=315.57$ 74 E(decay): 920 30 from $B(1148\gamma)$ (1970Me06).
(1006.2 [#] 18)	1652.82	0.102 21	9.07 9	av $E\beta=356.02$ 76
(1110.6 18)	1548.36	0.36 5	8.68 6	av $E\beta=400.08$ 77 E(decay): 1050 50 from $B(1276\gamma)$ (1970Ho01).
(1382.9 [#] 18)	1276.09	0.12 8	9.5 [†] 3	av $E\beta=517.93$ 80
(1408.0 18)	1251.01	3.90 20	8.046 23	av $E\beta=528.97$ 80
(1915.7 18)	743.35	87.8 4	7.227 3	av $E\beta=757.30$ 83 E(decay): 1840 50 (1970Ho01).

[†] log ft too low for second forbidden β transition; see comment above.

[‡] Absolute intensity per 100 decays.

[#] Existence of this branch is questionable.

⁹⁷Zr β^- decay (continued) $\gamma(^{97}\text{Nb})$

The $\alpha(K)\exp$ of [1971Mu13](#) were obtained from measured $I(\text{ce}(K))/I\gamma$, normalized to $\alpha(K)(743\gamma \text{ M4})=0.0185$.

E_γ^{\dagger}	$I_\gamma^{\dagger a}$	$E_i(\text{level})$	J_i^π	E_f	J_f^π	Mult. [‡]	δ^{\ddagger}	α^b	Comments
111.6 3	0.070 10	1764.42	(3/2 ⁻)	1652.82					
182.9 5	0.034 7	1433.92	5/2 ⁻	1251.01	3/2 ⁻				
202.5 6	0.031 9	1750.43	5/2 ⁺	1548.36	(3/2 ⁺ ,5/2 ⁻)	D,E2 [@]			
218.9 2	0.18 2	1652.82		1433.92	5/2 ⁻				
254.17 14	1.23 8	2105.91	(3/2 ⁺)	1851.71	5/2 ⁺	M1+E2		0.030 11	$\alpha(K)=0.026$ 10; $\alpha(L)=0.0032$ 14; $\alpha(M)=0.00057$ 24; $\alpha(N+..)=9.\text{E}-5$ 4 $\alpha(N)=8.\text{E}-5$ 4; $\alpha(O)=4.1\times10^{-6}$ 14 $\alpha(K)(E2)=0.0351$, $\alpha(K)(M1)=0.0164$. Mult.: from $\alpha(K)\exp=0.039$ 6 (1971Mu13); from $\alpha(K)\exp<0.02$ from $\gamma\text{ce}/\gamma\beta^-$ (1970Mi02). δ : -0.04 3 or +3.9 +5-4 (1978Kr03).
272.40 16	0.25 3	1548.36	(3/2 ⁺ ,5/2 ⁻)	1276.09	5/2 ⁺				
^x 294.8 4	0.09 3								Observed by 1970Ar11 , 1972TiZS .
297.2 3	0.071 12	1548.36	(3/2 ⁺ ,5/2 ⁻)	1251.01	3/2 ⁻				
305.1 9	0.03 2	1851.71	5/2 ⁺	1548.36	(3/2 ⁺ ,5/2 ⁻)	D,E2 [@]			
330.43 19	0.154 16	1764.42	(3/2 ⁻)	1433.92	5/2 ⁻				
355.40 9	2.25 10	2105.91	(3/2 ⁺)	1750.43	5/2 ⁺	M1+E2		0.011 3	$\alpha(K)=0.0092$ 22; $\alpha(L)=0.0011$ 3; $\alpha(M)=0.00019$ 6; $\alpha(N+..)=2.9\times10^{-5}$ 8 $\alpha(N)=2.8\times10^{-5}$ 8; $\alpha(O)=1.5\times10^{-6}$ 3 $\alpha(K)(E2)=0.0113$, $\alpha(K)(M1)=0.00707$. Mult.: from $\alpha(K)\exp=0.014$ 2 (1971Mu13); $\alpha(K)\exp=0.0050$ 25 from $\gamma\text{ce}/\gamma\beta^-$ (1970Mi02). δ : -0.04 3 or +4.0 5 (1978Kr03).
400.42 16	0.263 17	1548.36	(3/2 ⁺ ,5/2 ⁻)	1147.96	7/2 ⁺				
^x 410 1	0.07 5								Observed by 1970Me06 in coin with 804.52 γ .
473.5 6	0.08 4	1750.43	5/2 ⁺	1276.09	5/2 ⁺	D,E2 [@]			
507.64 8	5.4 2	1251.01	3/2 ⁻	743.35	1/2 ⁻				Mult.: $\alpha(K)\exp=0.0082$ 9 (1971Mu13); (theory: $\alpha(K)(E2)=0.00432$, $\alpha(K)(M1)=0.00344$).
513.41 18	0.59 5	1764.42	(3/2 ⁻)	1251.01	3/2 ⁻				
558 1	0.03 2	2105.91	(3/2 ⁺)	1548.36	(3/2 ⁺ ,5/2 ⁻)				
600.6 6	<0.2	1851.71	5/2 ⁺	1251.01	3/2 ⁻				
602.37 14	1.48 8	1750.43	5/2 ⁺	1147.96	7/2 ⁺	M1+E2	+0.11 6	0.00228	$\alpha(K)=0.00201$ 3; $\alpha(L)=0.000225$ 4; $\alpha(M)=3.96\times10^{-5}$ 6; $\alpha(N+..)=6.14\times10^{-6}$ 9 $\alpha(N)=5.80\times10^{-6}$ 9; $\alpha(O)=3.39\times10^{-7}$ 5
690.52 16	0.197 19	1433.92	5/2 ⁻	743.35	1/2 ⁻				
699.2 3	0.108 21	2247.46	3/2 ⁻	1548.36	(3/2 ⁺ ,5/2 ⁻)				
703.76 5	1.09 5	1851.71	5/2 ⁺	1147.96	7/2 ⁺	M1+E2	+0.19 8	1.60×10^{-3}	$\alpha(K)=0.001410$ 20; $\alpha(L)=0.0001572$ 23; $\alpha(M)=2.77\times10^{-5}$ 4; $\alpha(N+..)=4.30\times10^{-6}$ 7 $\alpha(N)=4.06\times10^{-6}$ 6; $\alpha(O)=2.37\times10^{-7}$ 4

⁹⁷Zr β^- decay (continued) $\gamma(^{97}\text{Nb})$ (continued)

E_γ^{\dagger}	$I_\gamma^{\dagger a}$	$E_i(\text{level})$	J_i^π	E_f	J_f^π	Mult. [‡]	δ^{\ddagger}	α^b	Comments
707.4 6	0.034 18	1958.4		1251.01	3/2 ⁻				
743.36 3	100	743.35	1/2 ⁻	0.0	9/2 ⁺	[M4]		0.0210	$\alpha(K)=0.0181$ 3; $\alpha(L)=0.00237$ 4; $\alpha(M)=0.000423$ 6; $\alpha(N+..)=6.47\times 10^{-5}$ 9 $\alpha(N)=6.14\times 10^{-5}$ 9; $\alpha(O)=3.32\times 10^{-6}$ 5 E_γ : from 1979Bo26 .
^x 772# 3	0.26# 14								
^x 775.0# 8	0.20#								
^x 804.52 9	0.66 8								
^x 805.6# 8	0.30#								
829.79 9	0.257 19	2105.91	(3/2 ⁺)	1276.09	5/2 ⁺				
854.89 8	0.383 24	2105.91	(3/2 ⁺)	1251.01	3/2 ⁻	(E1)&		4.21×10^{-4}	$\alpha(K)=0.000372$ 6; $\alpha(L)=4.08\times 10^{-5}$ 6; $\alpha(M)=7.17\times 10^{-6}$ 10; $\alpha(N+..)=1.111\times 10^{-6}$ 16 $\alpha(N)=1.050\times 10^{-6}$ 15; $\alpha(O)=6.11\times 10^{-8}$ 9
971.34 15	0.299 18	2247.46	3/2 ⁻	1276.09	5/2 ⁺				
^x 1018.1# 8	0.40#								
1021.2 3	1.09 18	1764.42	(3/2 ⁻)	743.35	1/2 ⁻				
^x 1026.7# 8	0.30#								
^x 1110.44 19	0.10 2								
1147.97 8	2.81 11	1147.96	7/2 ⁺	0.0	9/2 ⁺	M1+E2	+0.5 2	5.47×10^{-4}	E_γ : previously assigned to 1851.71 6 level. However, weighted average of all E_γ measurements leads to 1110.44+743.35=1853.79, 2.08 keV higher than the $E(\text{level})$ obtained from least squares fit. $\alpha(K)=0.000481$ 8; $\alpha(L)=5.31\times 10^{-5}$ 8; $\alpha(M)=9.34\times 10^{-6}$ 14; $\alpha(N+..)=3.56\times 10^{-6}$ 9 $\alpha(N)=1.371\times 10^{-6}$ 20; $\alpha(O)=8.05\times 10^{-8}$ 13; $\alpha(IPF)=2.11\times 10^{-6}$ 8
1276.07 9	1.01 6	1276.09	5/2 ⁺	0.0	9/2 ⁺				
^x 1361.0# 8	0.7#								
1362.68 9	1.10 11	2105.91	(3/2 ⁺)	743.35	1/2 ⁻	[E1]		3.22×10^{-4}	$\alpha(K)=0.0001559$ 22; $\alpha(L)=1.698\times 10^{-5}$ 24; $\alpha(M)=2.98\times 10^{-6}$ 5; $\alpha(N+..)=0.0001461$ 21 $\alpha(N)=4.37\times 10^{-7}$ 7; $\alpha(O)=2.57\times 10^{-8}$ 4; $\alpha(IPF)=0.0001456$ 21
1750.24 22	1.17 11	1750.43	5/2 ⁺	0.0	9/2 ⁺				
1851.61 9	0.33 3	1851.71	5/2 ⁺	0.0	9/2 ⁺				
2203 ^c 2	2203?			0.0	9/2 ⁺				I_γ : weak.

[†] Weighted average of measurements by [1968Si02](#), [1970Ar11](#), [1970Ho01](#), [1970Me06](#), [1970Mi02](#), [1972TiZS](#), unless otherwise noted.

[‡] From $\gamma\gamma(\theta)$ ([1978Kr03](#)), unless otherwise noted.

[#] Observed by [1972TiZS](#) only.

$^{97}\text{Zr} \beta^-$ decay (continued) **$\gamma(^{97}\text{Nb})$ (continued)**

^a Deduced from RUL.

[&] D,E2 deduced from RUL, level scheme limits mult to E1.

^a For absolute intensity per 100 decays, multiply by 0.9309 16.

^b Total theoretical internal conversion coefficients, calculated using the BrIcc code ([2008Ki07](#)) with Frozen orbital approximation based on γ -ray energies, assigned multipolarities, and mixing ratios, unless otherwise specified.

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

^x γ ray not placed in level scheme.

⁹⁷Zr β⁻ decay

Decay Scheme

Intensities: $I_{(\gamma+ce)}$ per 100 decays through this branch

