

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

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Parent:  $^{60}\text{Co}$ :  $E=0.0$ ;  $J^\pi=5^+$ ;  $T_{1/2}=1925.28$  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](#).

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

Measured  $E_\beta$ ,  $I_\beta$ ,  $E_\gamma$  with magnetic spectrometer, Ge(Li) detector ([1968Ha03](#)). Measured  $\gamma(\theta)$  from  $^{60}\text{Co}$  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  $E_\beta$  in iron-free spectrometer ([1968Wo02](#)). For  $\beta(\theta)$  emitted from polarized  $^{60}\text{Co}$ , see [1980Ch14](#). For  $\gamma\gamma(\theta)$  measurements, see [1969Kh11](#). Measured  $I_\gamma$  by detecting neutrons from the  $d(\gamma,n)$  reaction caused by the 2505  $\gamma$ -ray ([1978Fu05](#)).

For K-shell ionization in the  $\beta^-$  decay of  $^{60}\text{Co}$ , 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  $\beta^-$  decay.

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

 $^{60}\text{Ni}$  Levels

E(level)	$J^\pi^\dagger$	$T_{1/2}$	Comments
0.0	$0^+$	stable	The $\beta^-$ feeding of this level is a unique 4 <sup>th</sup> forbidden transition. From the systematics ( <a href="#">1998Si17</a> ), 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 <a href="#">1976KI04</a> .
2158.612 21	$2^+$		
2505.748 4	$4^+$	3.3 ps 10	$T_{1/2}$ : see Adopted Levels.

$^\dagger$  From  $^{60}\text{Ni}$  Adopted Levels.

 $\beta^-$  radiations

E(decay) $^\dagger$	E(level)	$I\beta^-$ $^\ddagger$	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 ( <a href="#">1998Si17</a> ), the lowest log $ft$ values for unique second forbidden decays are 13.86 for $^{10}\text{Be}$ 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 $\beta$ 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 ( <a href="#">1954Ke04</a> ), 0.010 2 ( <a href="#">1956Wo09</a> ), 0.12 ( <a href="#">1961Ca05</a> ), and 0.08 2 ( <a href="#">1968Ha03</a> ).

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$\beta^{-}$  radiations (continued)

<sup>†</sup> From [1968Ha03](#), except as noted.

<sup>‡</sup> Absolute intensity per 100 decays.

<sup>#</sup> Existence of this branch is questionable.

<sup>60</sup>Co β<sup>-</sup> decay (1925.28 d) (continued)

γ(<sup>60</sup>Ni)

A possible γ of 467 keV with I<sub>γ</sub><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<sub>β</sub> to the 2626 level would be <0.001%.

E <sub>γ</sub> <sup>†</sup>	I <sub>γ</sub> <sup>#a</sup>	E <sub>i</sub> (level)	J <sub>i</sub> <sup>π</sup>	E <sub>f</sub>	J <sub>f</sub> <sup>π</sup>	Mult. <sup>@</sup>	δ <sup>@</sup>	α <sup>†&amp;</sup>	Comments
347.14 7	0.0075 4	2505.748	4 <sup>+</sup>	2158.612	2 <sup>+</sup>	[E2]		0.00557 8	α=0.00557 8; α(K)=0.00499 7; α(L)=0.000503 7; α(M)=7.06×10 <sup>-5</sup> 10; α(N+..)=2.90×10 <sup>-6</sup> 4 α(N)=2.90×10 <sup>-6</sup> 4 I <sub>γ</sub> : 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 <sup>+</sup>	1332.508	2 <sup>+</sup>	M1+E2	+0.9 3	0.000337 18	α=0.000337 18; α(K)=0.000303 17; α(L)=2.97×10 <sup>-5</sup> 17; α(M)=4.18×10 <sup>-6</sup> 23; α(N+..)=1.80×10 <sup>-7</sup> 1 α(N)=1.80×10 <sup>-7</sup> 10 I <sub>γ</sub> : from 1976Ca18; others: 0.0055 47 (1969Va20) and 0.003 2 (1972Le14).
1173.228 3	99.85 3	2505.748	4 <sup>+</sup>	1332.508	2 <sup>+</sup>	E2(+M3)	-0.0025 22	0.0001722 25	α=0.0001722 25; α(K)=0.0001500 21; α(L)=1.465×10 <sup>-5</sup> 21; α(M)=2.06×10 <sup>-6</sup> 3 α(N)=8.88×10 <sup>-8</sup> 13; α(IPF)=5.42×10 <sup>-6</sup> 8 I <sub>γ</sub> : from I <sub>γ</sub> (1173)=(I <sub>β</sub> -(2505) - I <sub>γ</sub> (347)[1.0+α(347)] - I <sub>γ</sub> (2505)[1.0+α(2505)]) / [1.00+α(1173)+α <sub>π</sub> (1173)]= 99.87 3 / 1.000174 4. δ: from 1980Kr05. α: from 1985HaZA evaluation of measured values; from theory (1976Ba63) α=1.65×10 <sup>-4</sup> , α <sub>K</sub> =1.50×10 <sup>-4</sup> , and α <sub>L</sub> =1.48×10 <sup>-5</sup> 4. α: α <sub>π</sub> =6.2*10 <sup>-6</sup> 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 <sup>+</sup>	0.0	0 <sup>+</sup>	E2		0.0001625 23	α=0.0001625 23; α(K)=0.0001137 16; α(L)=1.108×10 <sup>-5</sup> 16; α(M)=1.560×10 <sup>-6</sup> 22 α(N)=6.73×10 <sup>-8</sup> 10; α(IPF)=3.61×10 <sup>-5</sup> 5 I <sub>γ</sub> : from I <sub>γ</sub> (1332)=(100.00 - I <sub>γ</sub> (2158)[1.0+α(2158)] - I <sub>γ</sub> (2505)[1.0+α(2505)]) / [1.00+α(1332)+α <sub>π</sub> (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 <sub>K</sub> from 1985HaZA evaluation of measured values; from theory (1976Ba63) α=1.25×10 <sup>-4</sup> , α <sub>K</sub> =1.14×10 <sup>-4</sup> , and α <sub>L</sub> =1.13×10 <sup>-5</sup> . α: α <sub>π</sub> =3.4*10 <sup>-5</sup> 4 interpolated from theoretical values of 1979Sc31; 3.0×10 <sup>-5</sup> 3 (1994GrZW).

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γ(<sup>60</sup>Ni) (continued)

<u>E<sub>γ</sub><sup>‡</sup></u>	<u>I<sub>γ</sub><sup>#a</sup></u>	<u>E<sub>i</sub>(level)</u>	<u>J<sub>i</sub><sup>π</sup></u>	<u>E<sub>f</sub></u>	<u>J<sub>f</sub><sup>π</sup></u>	<u>Mult.<sup>@</sup></u>	<u>α<sup>†&amp;</sup></u>	<u>Comments</u>
2158.57 3	0.0012 2	2158.612	2 <sup>+</sup>	0.0	0 <sup>+</sup>	[E2]	0.000439 7	α=0.000439 7; α(K)=4.45×10 <sup>-5</sup> 7; α(L)=4.32×10 <sup>-6</sup> 6; α(M)=6.08×10 <sup>-7</sup> 9; α(N+..)=0.000390 6 α(N)=2.64×10 <sup>-8</sup> 4; α(IPF)=0.000389 6 I <sub>γ</sub> : 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 <sup>-6</sup> 4	2505.748	4 <sup>+</sup>	0.0	0 <sup>+</sup>	E4	8.63×10 <sup>-5</sup> 12	α=8.63×10 <sup>-5</sup> 12; α(K)=7.76×10 <sup>-5</sup> 11; α(L)=7.58×10 <sup>-6</sup> 11; α(M)=1.069×10 <sup>-6</sup> 15; α(N+..)=4.62×10 <sup>-8</sup> 7 α(N)=4.62×10 <sup>-8</sup> 7 I <sub>γ</sub> : from consideration of <4×10 <sup>-5</sup> (1970Di01), 9×10 <sup>-6</sup> 7 (1973Fu15), <1×10 <sup>-3</sup> (1977HaXC), 2.0×10 <sup>-6</sup> 4 (1978Fu05), and 5.2×10 <sup>-6</sup> 20 (1988Se09).

<sup>†</sup> Additional information 1.

<sup>‡</sup> 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 <sup>59</sup>Co(p,γ)<sup>60</sup>Ni (1975Er05)]; 2158.57 10 [from <sup>59</sup>Co(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).

<sup>#</sup> I(K x ray)=0.0112 computed from decay scheme.

<sup>@</sup> From <sup>60</sup>Ni Adopted gammas, except as noted.

<sup>&</sup> Interpolated using program BRICC, unless otherwise noted.

<sup>a</sup> Absolute intensity per 100 decays.

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Decay Scheme

Intensities:  $I_\gamma$  per 100 parent decays

Legend

- $I_\gamma < 2\% \times I_\gamma^{max}$
- $I_\gamma < 10\% \times I_\gamma^{max}$
- $I_\gamma > 10\% \times I_\gamma^{max}$

