

Ongoing developments at the Decay Data Evaluation Project

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1 The Decay Data ■ Project at LNHB

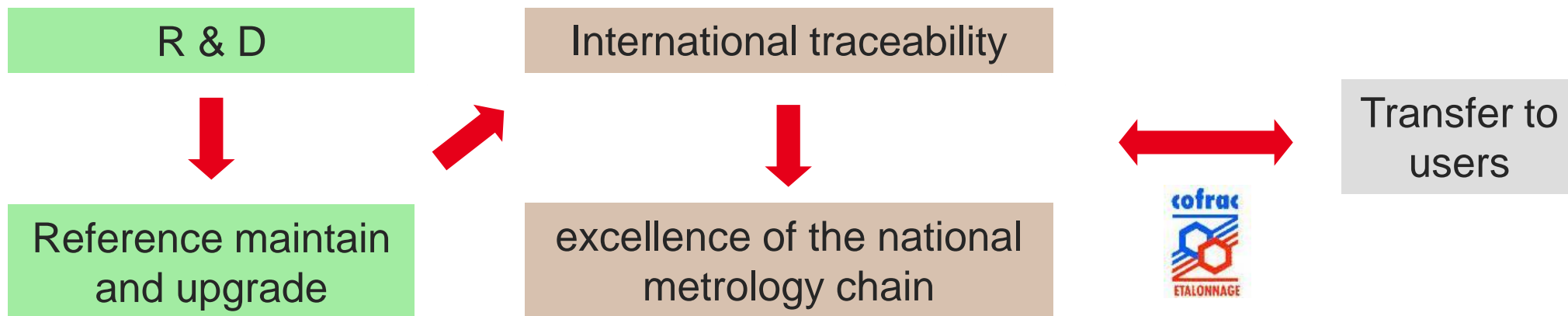
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- LNHB is the French national metrology laboratory for ionising radiation: radioactivity and dosimetry of photons and charged particles



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- Standards and measurements for:

- Radiotherapy
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- Diagnostics
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- Nuclear industry
- Environmental studies
- Defense
- Research

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- During international inter-comparison exercises, differences in recommended activity values were seen to be dependent upon the decay scheme data used.
- A group dedicated to decay scheme evaluation was formed in 1993 between LNH (France) & PTB (Germany), quickly followed by USA and others in 1994
- Hence, the international DDEP group was established in 1995, in which a common evaluation methodology was defined and adopted, including a comprehensive review process.
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- A group of experts was formed (Germany, France, UK, etc.)

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DDEP is complementary to ENSDF decay data

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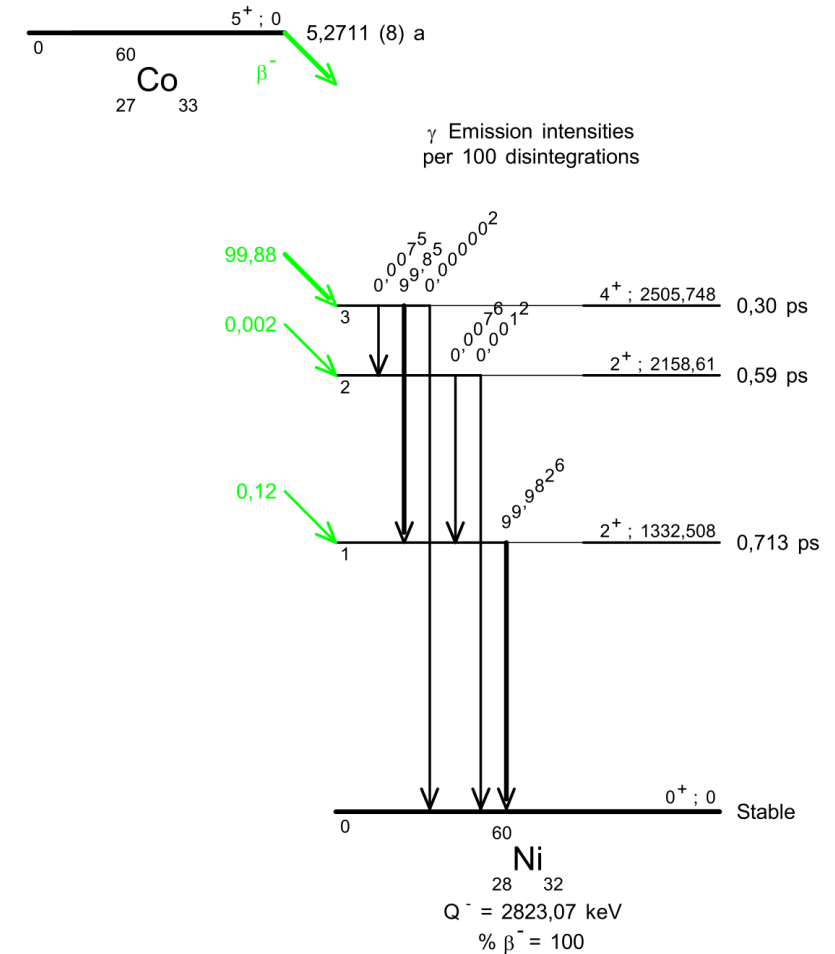
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- Main information of interest:
 - Half-life, Q-value
 - Decay scheme
 - Intensity and energies of
 - Alpha / beta / electron capture
 - Gamma and internal conversion
 - X-rays & Auger electrons

} Decay properties

} Emitted particles



DDEP members

- DDEP Coordination: Xavier Mougeot

- LNHB Local team (evaluation, review, edition, publication)

- Sylvain Leblond
- Xavier Mougeot

- Mark A. Kellett (Special advisor)
- Christophe Duluiu (IT support)

- Decay data evaluators

- Alan L. Nichols
(Surrey University, UK)
- Aurelian Luca
(IFIN, Romania)

- Brian E. Zimmerman
(NIST, USA)
- Rob Shearman
(NPL, UK)

- Xialong Huang
(CIAE, China)
- Nikolai Kuzmenko
(KRI, Russia)

- Additional support

- Tibor Kibédi (Brlcc and BrlccMixing codes)
- Balraj Singh (ENSDF collaboration)



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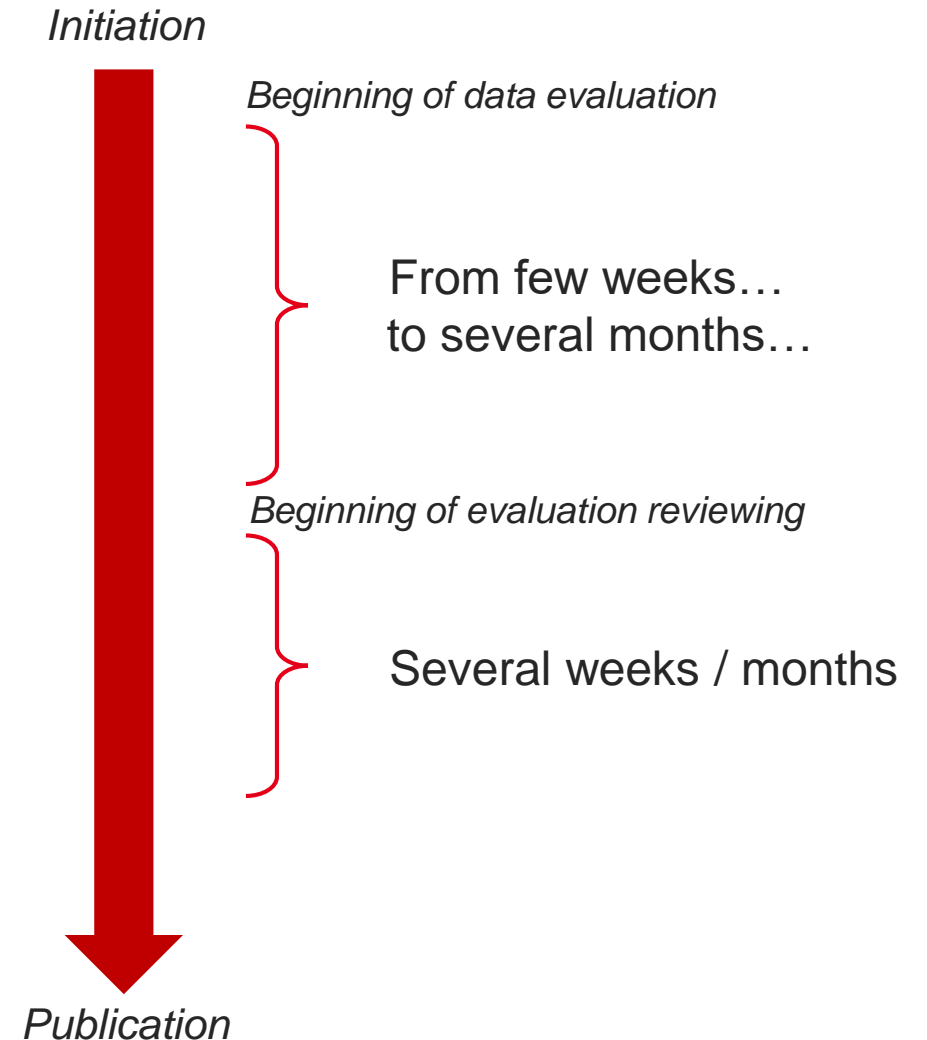
Beginning of data evaluation

From few weeks...
to several months...

Publication

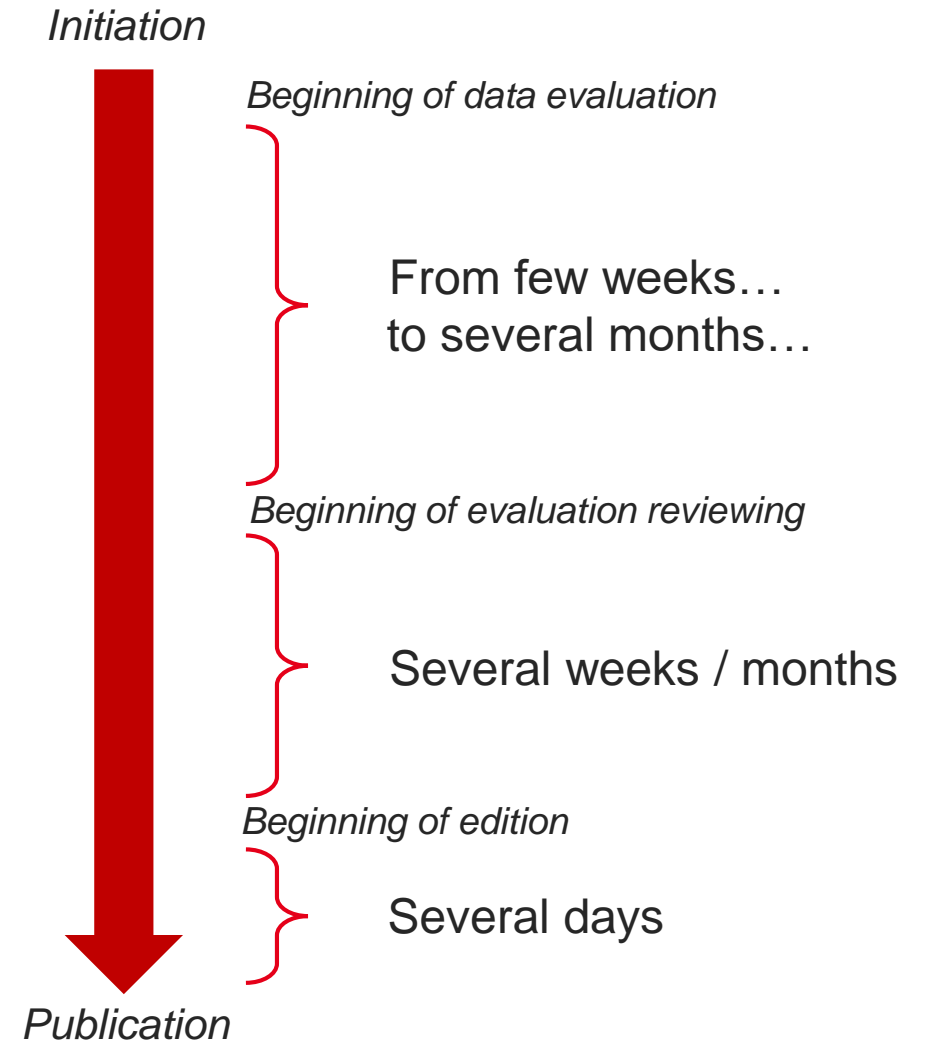
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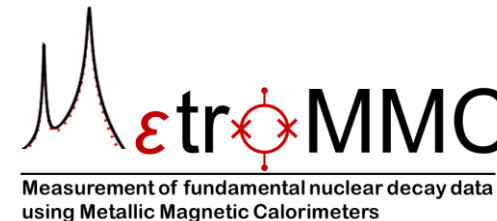
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DDEP various collaborations

- IAEA Coordinated Research Projects (CRP)
 - 2019: *Nuclear Data for Charged-particle Monitor Reactions and Medical Isotope Production*
 - 2013: *Library of Recommended Actinide Decay Data*
 - 2007: *Update of X Ray and Gamma Ray Decay Data Standards for Detector Calibration and Other Applications*
- Evaluations for Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organisation (Mónica Galán: Xe and I isotopes)
- European Research Project (EMPIR Euramet)
- CEA INSNU project (Reactor safety)
- Joint Evaluated Fission and Fusion file (JEFF) European library



The Joint Evaluated Fission and Fusion File (JEFF) is an evaluated library produced via an international collaboration of NEA Data Bank participating countries.



2 ■ **Dissemination of DDEP recommendations**

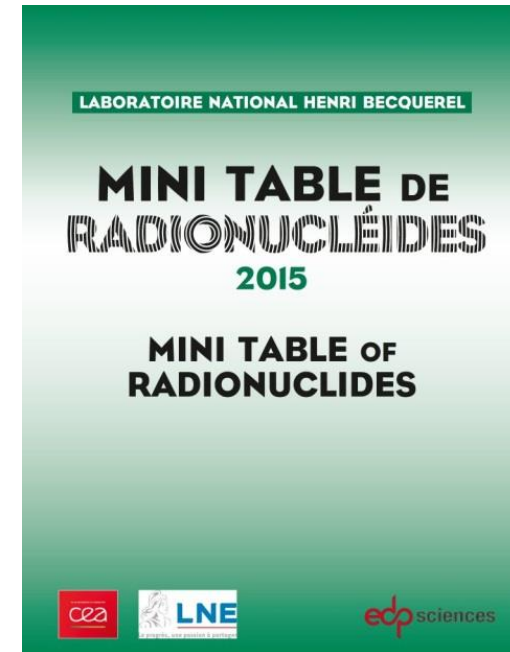
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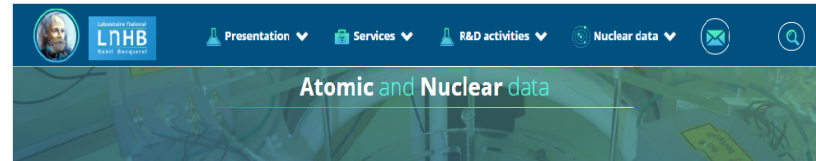
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- Mini Table of Radionuclides
 - Published by EDP Sciences
 - Price: 25 €
 - 1884 units sold (paper + digital)
 - Around 300 isotopes
 - Small and compact

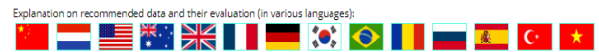


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This [introduction](#) presents a brief description of the radioactivity physical processes, the enumeration of the evaluation rules leading to the recommended values, and a summary of the symbols and terms used in all the publications.



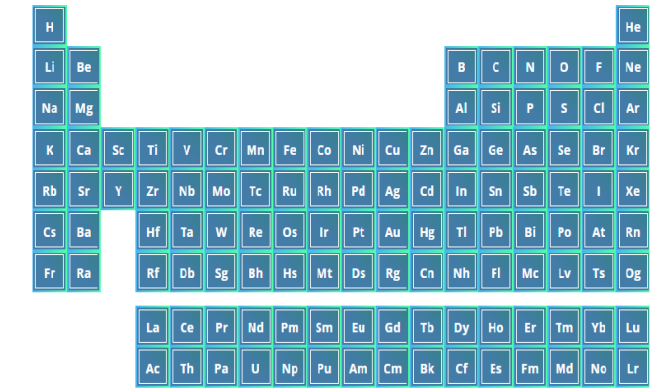
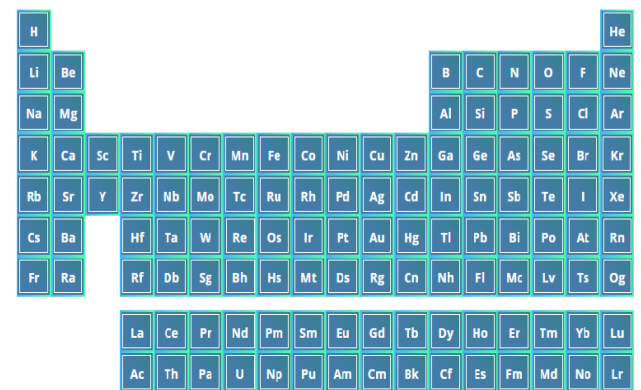
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1	Monographie BIPM-5 - Table of Radionuclides, vol. 1	2004	92-822-2206-9	2004a2D	TabRad_v1.bib	6	Monographie BIPM-5 - Table of Radionuclides, vol. 6	2011	978-92-822-2242-9	2011a2D	TabRad_v6.bib
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4	Monographie BIPM-5 - Table of Radionuclides, vol. 4	2008	92-822-2231-4	2008a2D	TabRad_v4.bib	9	Monographie BIPM-5 - Table of Radionuclides, vol. 9	2020	-	-	-

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by Element
 by Atomic number (Z)
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Sort by:

Atomic number

Nuclide	Z	Vol. (?)	UpDate	Type (?)	Table (?)	Comments (?)	ASCII files (?)
H-3	³ H	1	3	04/09/2006	1	T	C E P L B
Be-7	⁷ Be	4	1	18/02/2004	1	T	C E P L B
C-11	¹¹ C	6	1	03/11/2011	2	T	C E P L B
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O-15	¹⁵ O	8	1	01/06/2004	1	T	C E P L B
F-18	¹⁸ F	9	1	01/09/2014	2	T	C E P L B
Na-22	²² Na	11	5	06/08/2009	3	T	C E P L B
Na-24	²⁴ Na	11	1	16/06/2014	2	T	C E P L B
Al-26	²⁶ Al	13	99	24/07/2003	1	T	C E P L B
P-32	³² P	15	1	08/04/2004	1	T	C E P L B
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LNE - LNHB/CEA Table de Radionucléides ${}^6_2\text{He}_4$

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4 Main Production Modes
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Presentation Services R&D activities Nuclear data

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Laraweb online tool

- Laraweb online interface
 - Easy access to decay data
 - Decay scheme
 - Direct access to Tables & recommendations
 - Various tools (activity calculation, mass...)
 - Energy / intensity queries
- Statistics
 - ~ 2000 users per day
 - ~ 3000 requests per day
 - ~ 60 countries
 - Common queries: ^{241}Am , ^{137}Cs , ^{152}Eu ...

<http://www.lnhb.fr/Laraweb>

Fig.2: Advanced use (search)

Nucléide - Lara
Library for gamma and alpha emissions

Nuclide list: 208Tl, 209Tl, 209Po, 209Bi, 210Po, 210Pb, 210Tl, 210Pb

Nuclide, element or mass number search: (e.g.: 57Co, Co-57, Co, 57)

Energy threshold (keV):
Intensity threshold (%):
Coincidence threshold (%):
Show γ - γ coincidences:
Sort by decreasing intensity:

Display: Data Tools Emissions Scheme
Emissions: X Gamma Alpha

Language: EN EO FR

Nuclide search criteria

Decay mode: β^+ , α β^- π^+ π^- α
(And Or XOr)

Emissions: X Gamma Alpha

Energy 1 (or range): \pm / - keV
Energy 2 (or range): \pm / - keV
Energy 3 (or range): \pm / - keV

Intensity range: - %
Mass range: - u
Atomic number range: -
Half-life range: d d s s

Find nuclides 1

Selection results

3 nuclides disintegrating by β^+ , e or β^- or I.T. or α giving 6 emissions where
Energy 1: $E = 511 \pm 1$ keV and
Energy 2: $E = 850 \pm 50$ keV
Intensity: $I \geq 10\%$
Half-life: $T_{1/2} \geq 1$ d

Energy / Intensity (nuclide): (sorted by increasing energy)

511	3.92E+1	(56Co)
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Nuclide (half-life):
56Co (77.236 d) 2
58Co (70.85 d)
84Rb (32.82 d)

Energy threshold (keV):
Intensity threshold (%):

Show emissions 3 **Show scheme only**

58Co - Emissions and decay scheme

Data Tools Emissions Scheme

Data
Element: Cobalt (Z=27)
Daughter(s): Fe-58 (β^+ , α , 100%)
 Q^+ : 2307.9 keV
Possible parent(s): Co-58m (I.T., 100%)
Half-life ($T_{1/2}$): 70.85 (3) d = 6.1214 (26) 10^6 s
Decay constant (λ): 113.233 (48) 10^{-9} s $^{-1}$
Specific activity (A_m): 1.17570 (50) 10^{15} Bq.g $^{-1}$
Reference: CEA/LNE-LNHB - 2013
Associated data files: [Table](#) - [Comments](#) - [ENSDF](#) - [PenNuc](#)

Data and emissions file (ASCII text format): [Co-58.txt](#)

Emissions
Energy threshold: 10 keV
Emissions (4 lines out of 8) sorted by increasing energy
Emissions meeting search criteria **Other significantly intense emissions**

Energy (keV)	Intensity (%)	Type	Origin*	Levels Start*	End*
511 (-)	29.88 (32)	γ	Fe-58	-1	-1
810.7602 (20)	99.44 (2)	γ	Fe-58	1	0
863.958 (6)	0.700 (22)	γ	Fe-58	2	1
1 674.705 (6)	0.528 (13)	γ	Fe-58	2	0

84Rb - Emissions and decay scheme

Data Tools Emissions Scheme

Data
Element: Rubidium (Z=37)
Daughter(s): Kr-84 (β^+ , α , 96.2%), Sr-84 (β^- , 3.8%)
 Q^+ : 2680.4 keV, Q^- : 890.6 keV
Half-life ($T_{1/2}$): 32.82 (7) d = 2.836 (6) 10^6 s
Decay constant (λ): 244.4 (5) 10^{-9} s $^{-1}$
Specific activity (A_m): 1.7524 (37) 10^{15} Bq.g $^{-1}$
Reference: CEA/LNE-LNHB - 2013

Data and emissions file (ASCII text format): [Rb-84.txt](#)

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12.599 (-)	11.4 (3)	$X_{K\alpha 2}$	Kr-84		
12.65 (-)	22.1 (5)	$X_{K\alpha 1}$	Kr-84		
14.152 (-)	5.26 (13)	$X_{K\beta 1}$	Kr-84		
14.3215 (-)	0.53 (2)	$X_{K\beta 2}$	Kr-84		
511 (-)	51.4 (20)	γ	Kr-84	-1	-1
881.610 (3)	69.0 (22)	γ	Kr-84	-1	0
1 016.162 (13)	0.349 (13)	γ	Kr-84	-1	1
1 897.761 (14)	0.74 (3)	γ	Kr-84	-1	2

Decay data for Monte-Carlo

- Monte-Carlo simulations
 - Rely on many databases
 - Strongly dependent on the quality of the latter
 - Need for a complete inclusion of DDEP data
- PENELOPE
 - PENNUC module
- GEANT4
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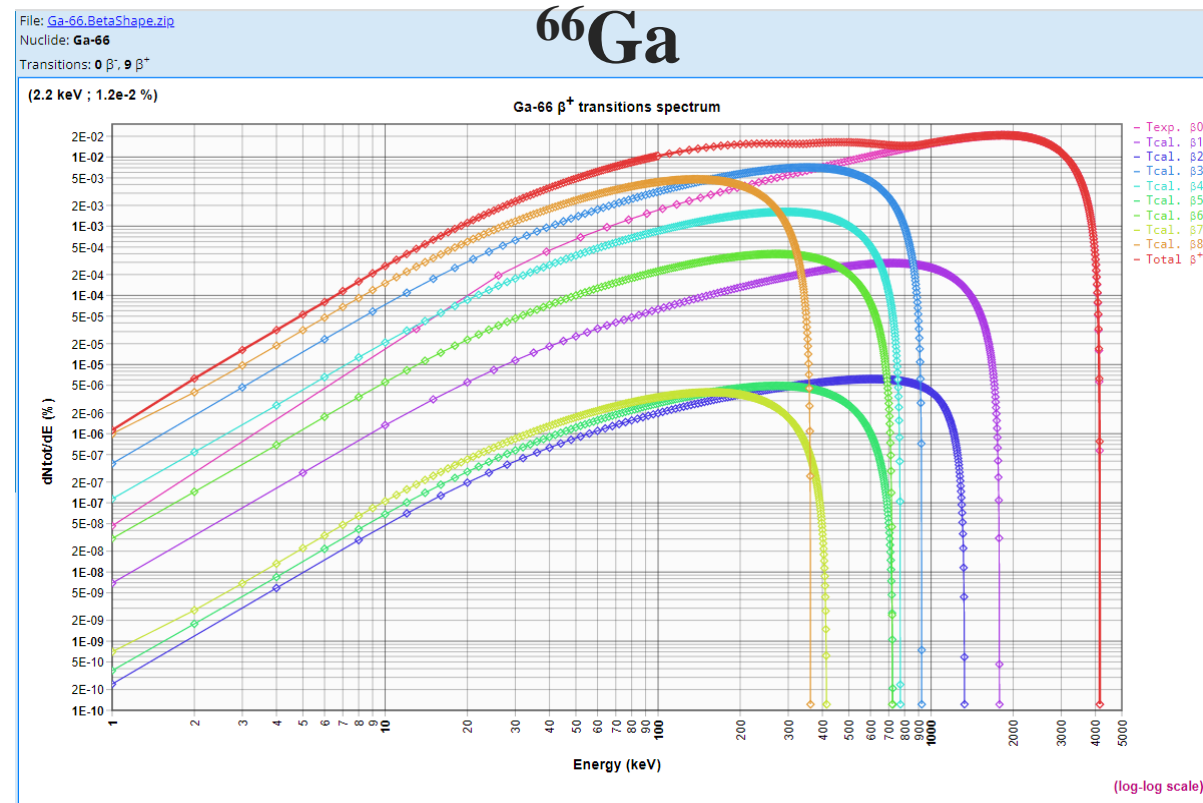
3 ■ Ongoing developments

Laraweb continuous development

- Decay chain tools
 - Parent / Daughters activity calculation
 - Calculation of radiation emission intensities
 - Decay chains visualisation (in process)
- BetaShape on the web (released recently)

http://www.lnhb.fr/Laraweb/BetaShape_web/

- Any suggestion?
 - Contact: Christophe.DULIEU@cea.fr



Increasing the number of evaluators

- DDEP workforce remains limited
 - 7th to 9th of March 2022: Organisation of a DDEP workshop dedicated to evaluator training
 - Vanessa VALLET (CEA Cadarache)
 - David BERNARD (CEA Cadarache)
 - Muriel FALLOT (SUBATECH)
 - Amanda PORTA (SUBATECH)
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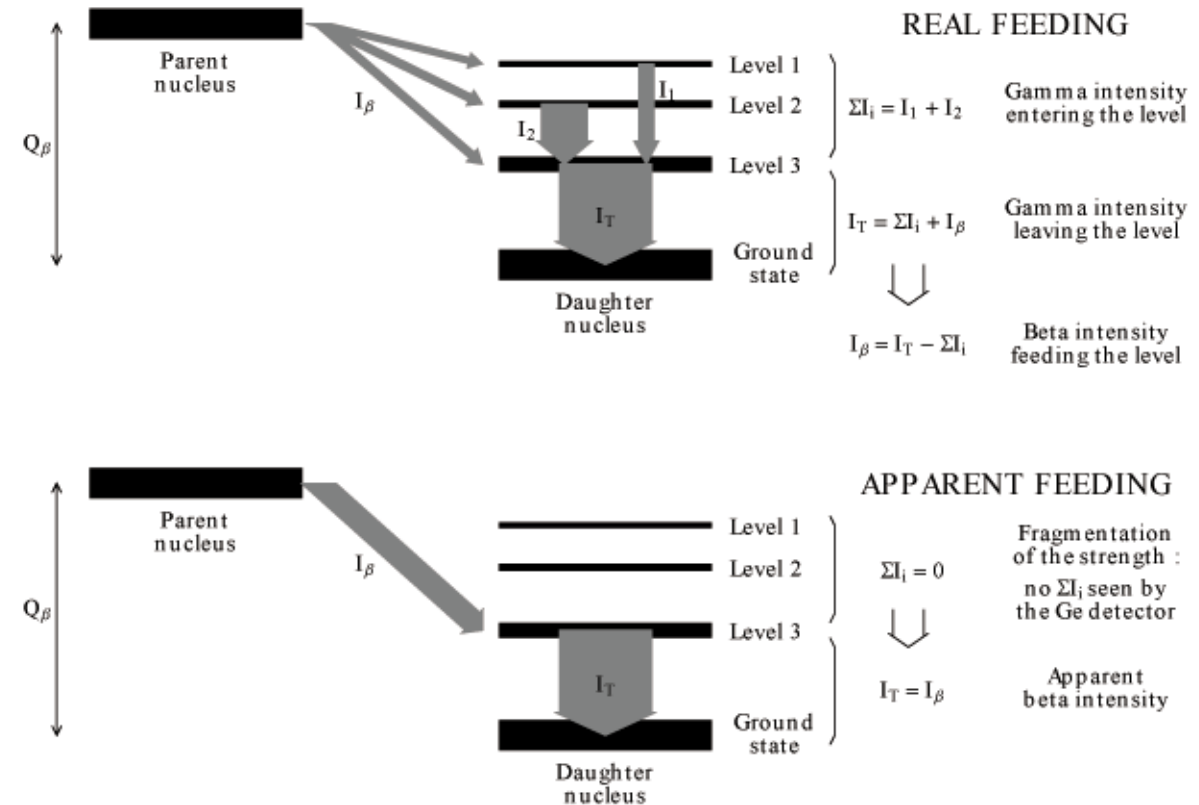
Enroll today !

Workshop dedicated to evaluator training



TAGS measurements

- Pandemonium effect
 - First discover by J. Hardy in 1977
 - Lead to inaccurate estimation of beta feeding
- TAGS measurements
 - Gamma calorimeters
 - New level scheme including pseudo levels
- Inclusion of TAGS data in DDEP
 - Discussions with TAGS community
 - Procedure to be defined
 - Requires support and expertise



JEFF 4

- Historical link between DDEP and the JEFF database
 - Inclusion of DDEP decay data in JEFF 3.3 by M.A. Kellett

Eur. Phys. J. A (2020) 56:181
<https://doi.org/10.1140/epja/s10050-020-00141-9>

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Review

The joint evaluated fission and fusion nuclear data library, JEFF-3.3

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- Possible involvement of DDEP in JEFF 4
 - Update of the decay data library
 - Addition of the BetaShape calculations
 - Beta decay electrons spectra
 - Antineutrino spectra
 - LogFT value
- Limited by available manpower



4 ■ Conclusion

DDEP project at LNHB

- Evaluations of decay data
 - Since 1993
 - For non-specialist
- Recommendations available
 - Online on LNHB website
 - Through LNHB web tool
 - For Monte-Carlo simulation
- On-going evolutions
 - Software & website
 - Recruitment of new evaluators
 - Inclusion of TAGS data ?
 - Update of JEFF 4?



This [introduction](#) presents a brief description of the radioactivity physical processes, the enumeration of the evaluation rules leading to the recommended values, and a summary of the symbols and terms used in all the publications.

Explanation on recommended data and their evaluation (in various languages):



Please cite our evaluations using the following references:

Vol.	Publication	Year	ISBN	NSR	BibTeX	Vol.	Publication	Year	ISBN	NSR	BibTeX
99	CEA Report – Table de Radionucléides	1999	2-7272-0200-3	1999BaZQ	TabRad_v0.bib	5	Monographie BIPM-5 – Table of Radionuclides, vol. 5	2010	978-92-821-2234-8	2010BaZQ	TabRad_v5.bib
1	Monographie BIPM-5 – Table of Radionuclides, vol. 1	2004	92-822-2206-3	2004BaZR	TabRad_v1.bib	6	Monographie BIPM-5 – Table of Radionuclides, vol. 6	2011	978-92-821-2242-3	2011BaZW	TabRad_v6.bib
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3	Monographie BIPM-5 – Table of Radionuclides, vol. 3	2006	92-822-2218-7	2006BaZL	TabRad_v3.bib	8	Monographie BIPM-5 – Table of Radionuclides, vol. 8	2016	978-92-821-2264-5	2016BaZY	TabRad_v8.bib
4	Monographie BIPM-5 – Table of Radionuclides, vol. 4	2008	92-822-2231-4	2008BaZV	TabRad_v4.bib	9	Monographie BIPM-5 – Table of Radionuclides, vol. 9	2020	to be published	-	-

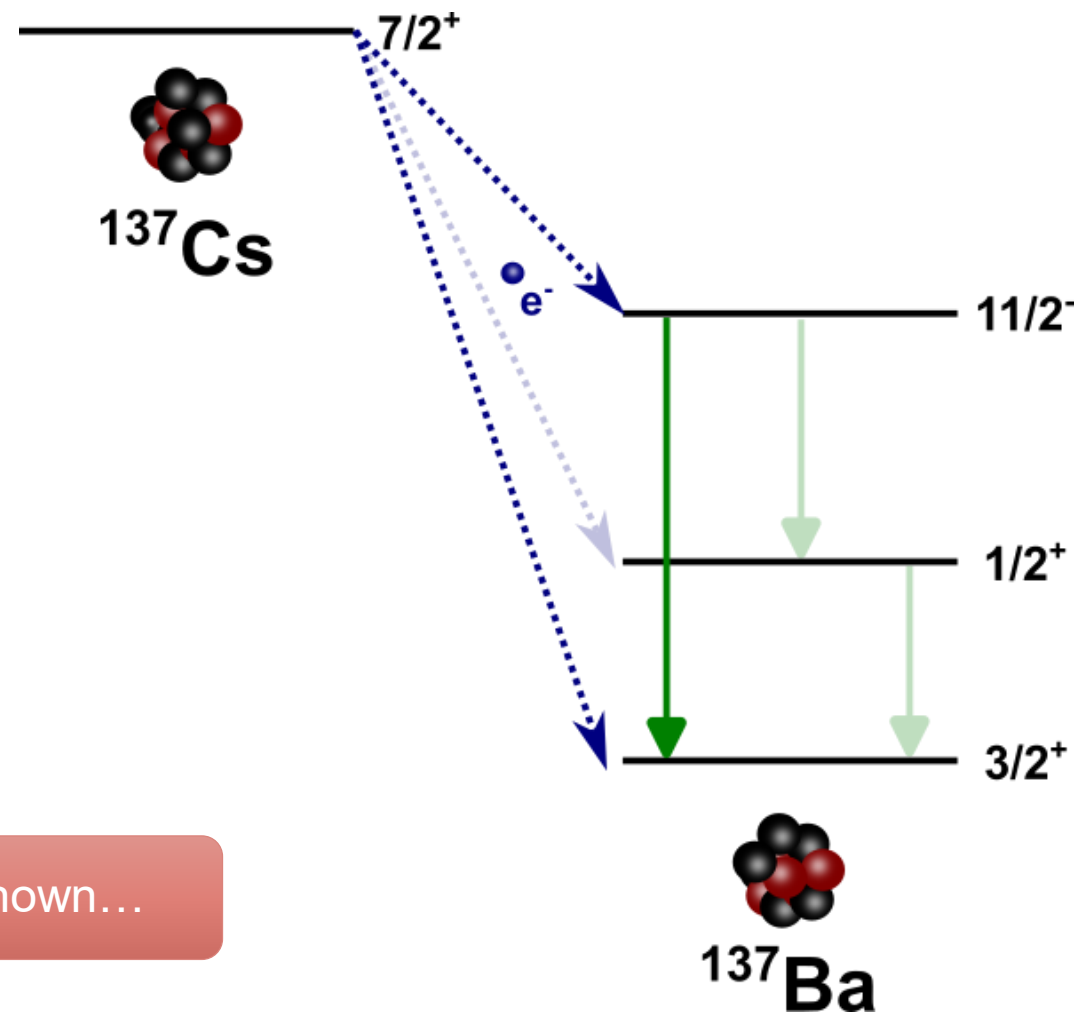


5 ■ Backup

Decay overview of ^{137}Cs

- A β^- decay to ^{137}Ba
 - Populates ground & excited states
 - Half-life around 30 years
 - Total Q-value close to 1176 keV
- Emissions
 - Two main β^- branches
 - Ground state ($E_{\text{max}} \sim 1176 \text{ keV}$)
 - Second excited state ($E_{\text{max}} \sim 514 \text{ keV}$)
 - Iconic 662 keV gamma

Surely decay data are well known...

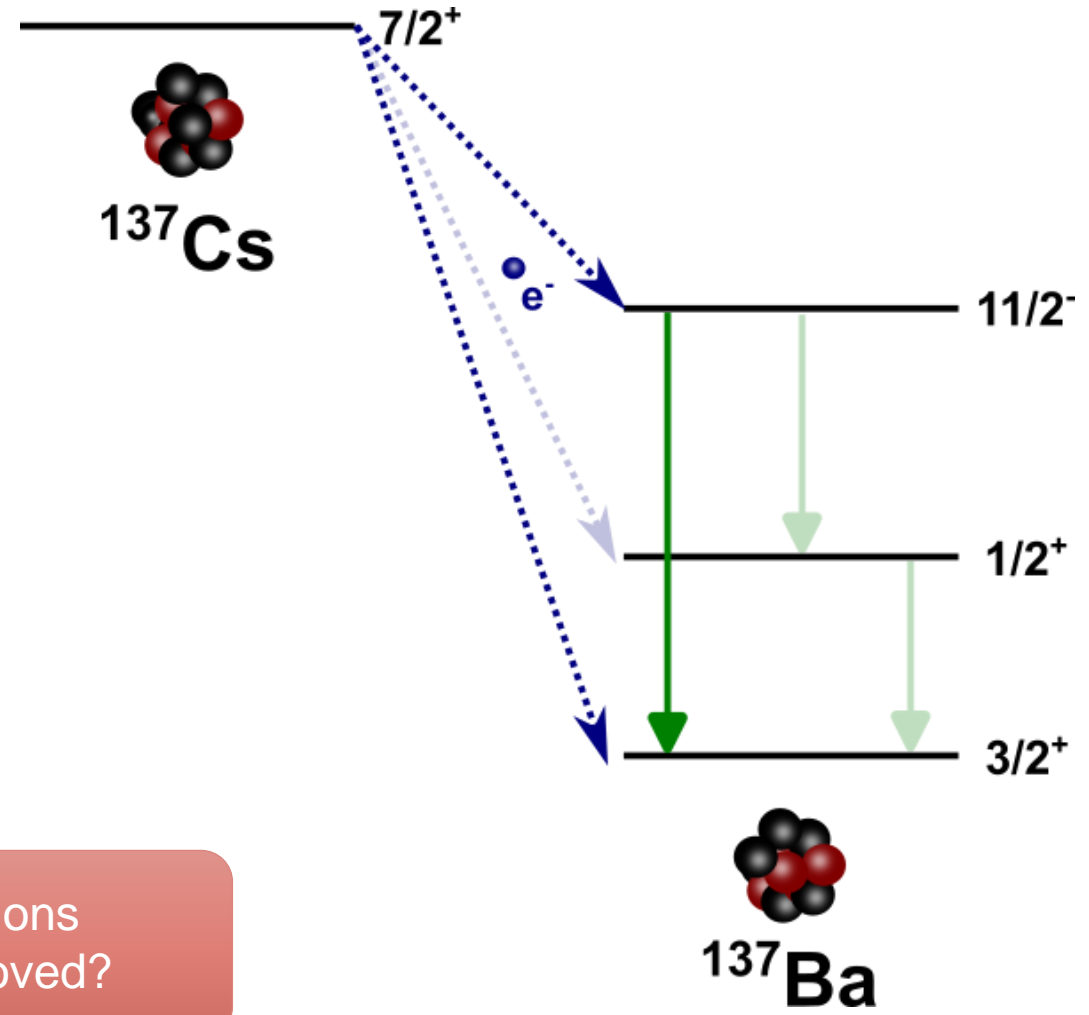


Decay data status

- Latest ^{137}Cs decay data evaluations
 - DDEP
 - R.G. Helmer and V.P. Chechev (2006)
 - ENSDF
 - E. Browne and J.K. Tuli (2007)

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New publications
 Can it be improved?



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 - From 1948 to 2016
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DECAY HALF-LIFE OF Cs^{137}
M. P. Glazunov, A. I. Grivkova, B. A. Zaitsev, and V. A. Kiselev
Translated from *Atomnaya Énergiya*, Vol. 10, No. 6, pp. 622-623, June 1961
Original article submitted January 9, 1961

NATURE April 3, 1948 Vol. 161
In U^{235} fission the groups have a similar shape to those for U^{238} but are one unit lower on the mass scale. The maxima of the fission-yield curves are approximately the same in all cases, being approximately 6×10^{-7} .
A detailed account of the investigation is to be published.
W. E. GRUMMITT
G. WILKINSON
Atomic Energy Project,
National Research Council,
Chalk River, Ontario,
Dec. 6.

Fission Products of U^{235}
EXPERIMENTS HAVE BEEN DESCRIBED WHICH...

HALF-LIFE MEASUREMENTS AT THE PTB
K.F. Walz, K. Debertin and H. Schrader
Physikalisch-Technische Bundesanstalt (PTB), Braunschweig

technical note
Appl. Radiat. Isot. Vol. 43, No. 7, pp. 949-951, 1992
Int. J. Radiat. Appl. Instrum. Part A
© Pergamon Press Ltd 1992. Printed in Great Britain
0883-2889/92 \$5.00 + 0.00

A Determination of the Half-life of ^{137}Cs
J.-J. GOSTELY
Institut d'Electrochimie et de Radiochimie de L'Ecole,
Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne, 1015 Lausanne,
Switzerland

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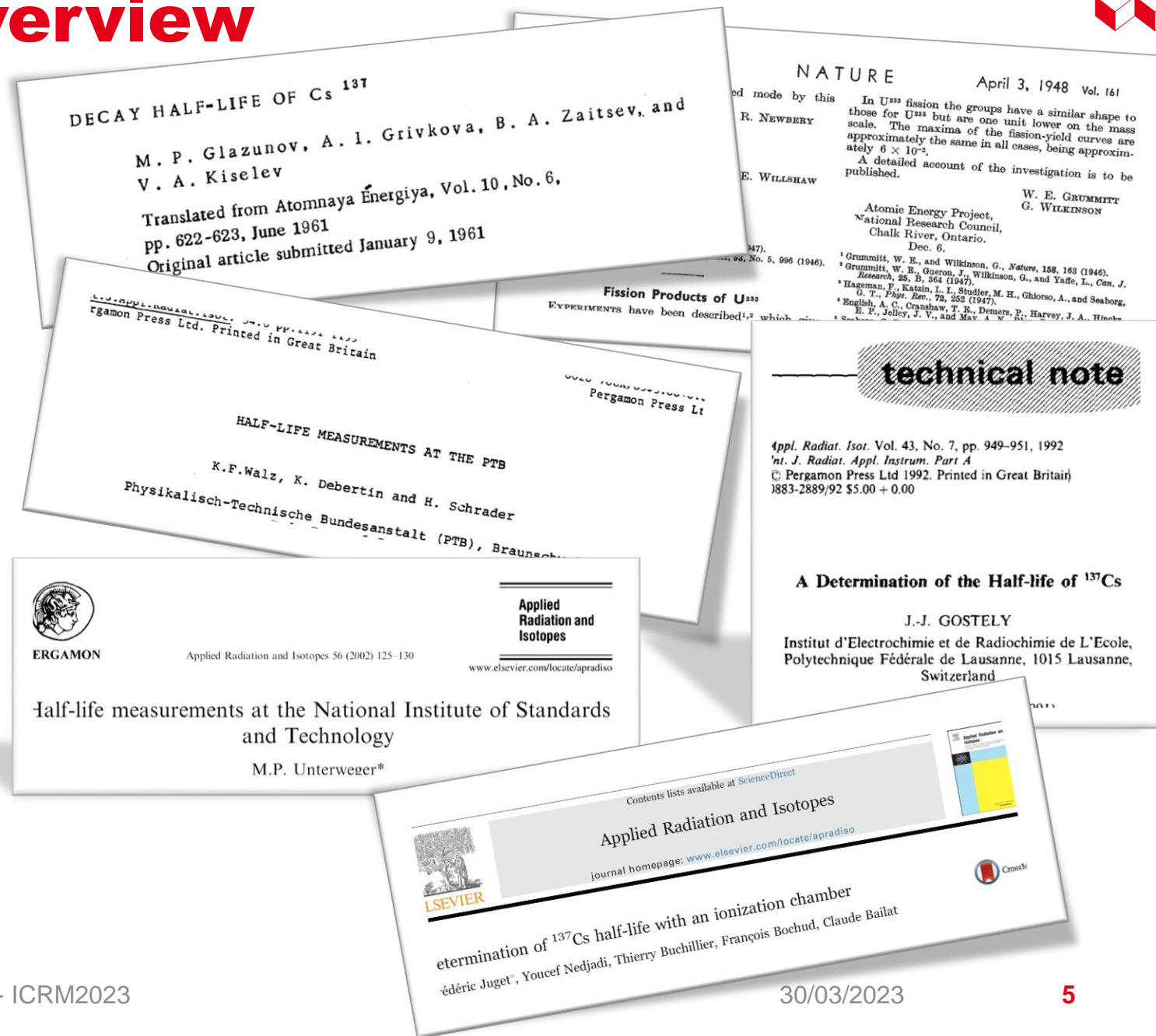
Half-life measurements at the National Institute of Standards and Technology
M.P. Unterwiesing*

Applied Radiation and Isotopes
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Determination of ^{137}Cs half-life with an ionization chamber
S. Leblond, Frédéric Juget, Youcef Nedjadi, Thierry Buchillier, François Bochud, Claude Bailat

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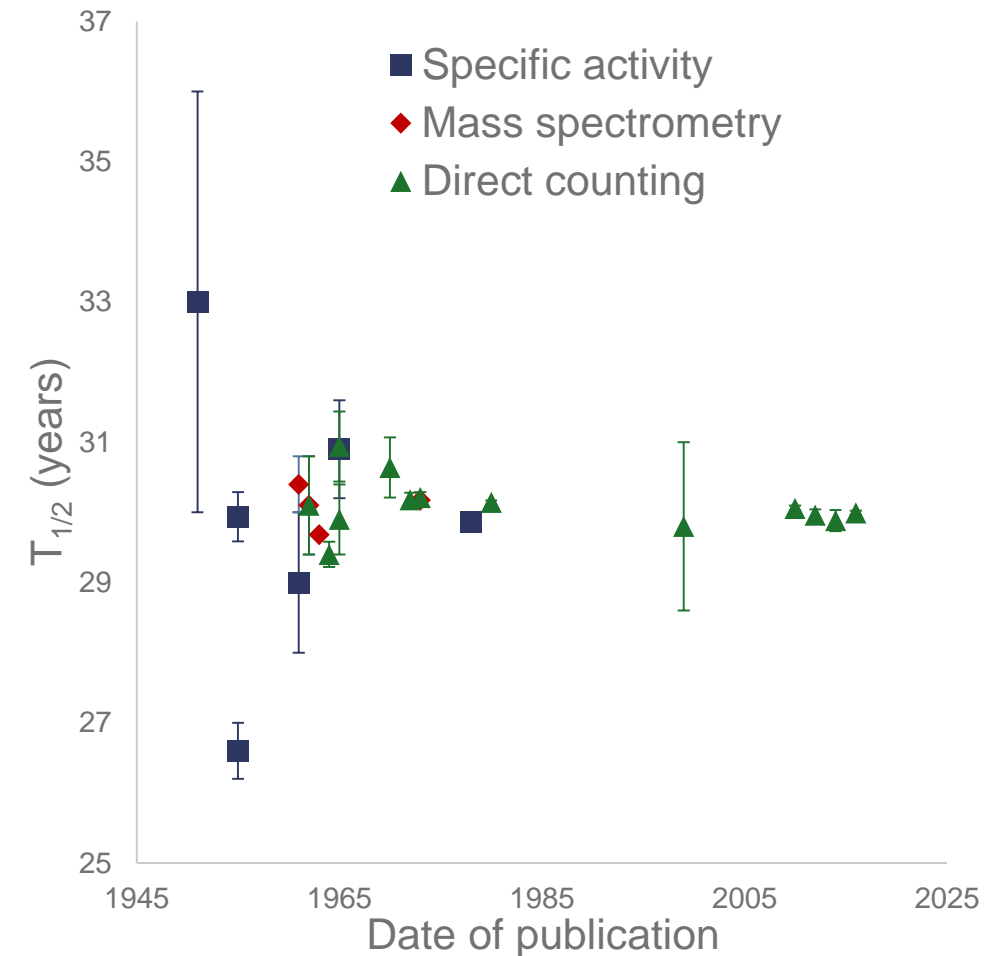


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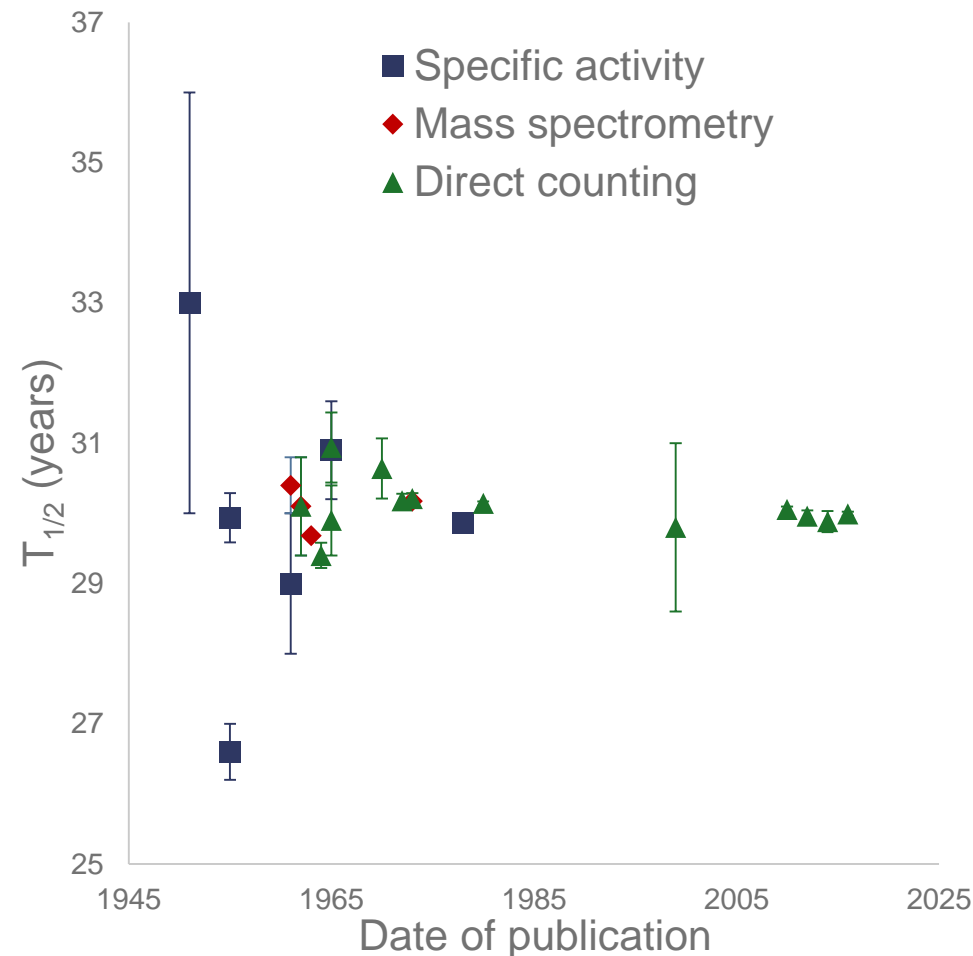
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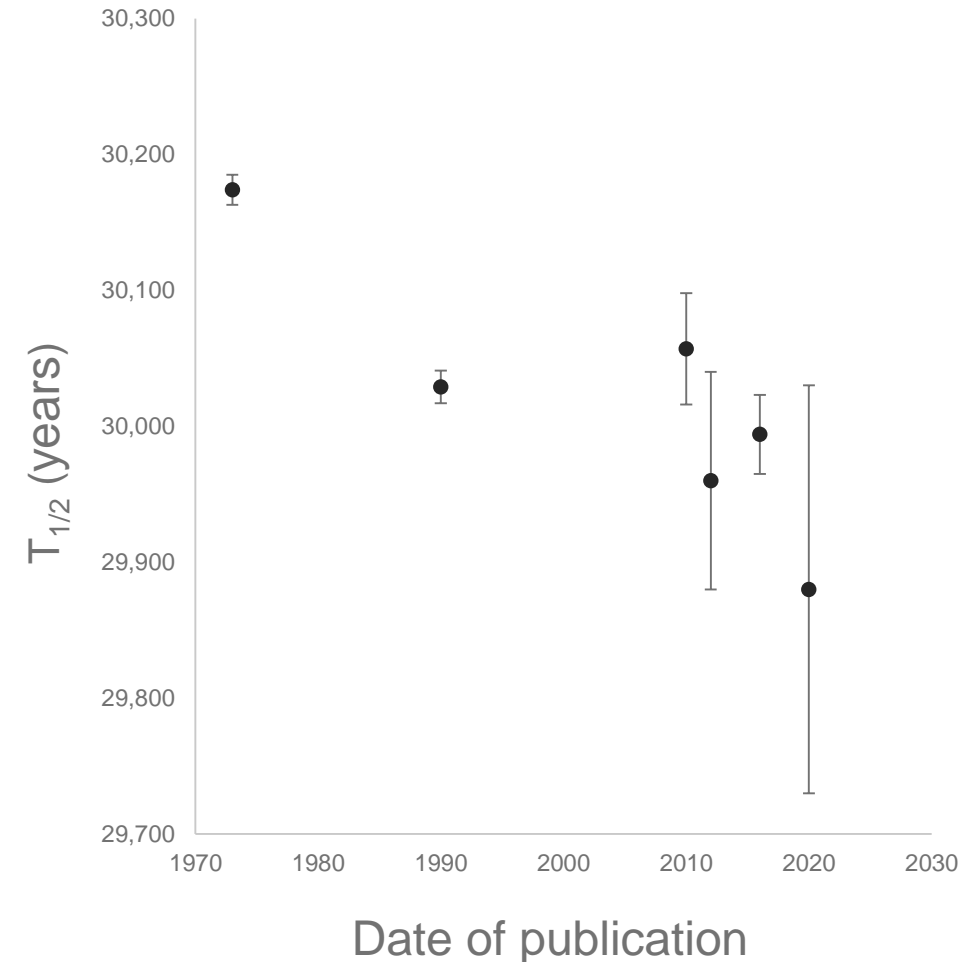
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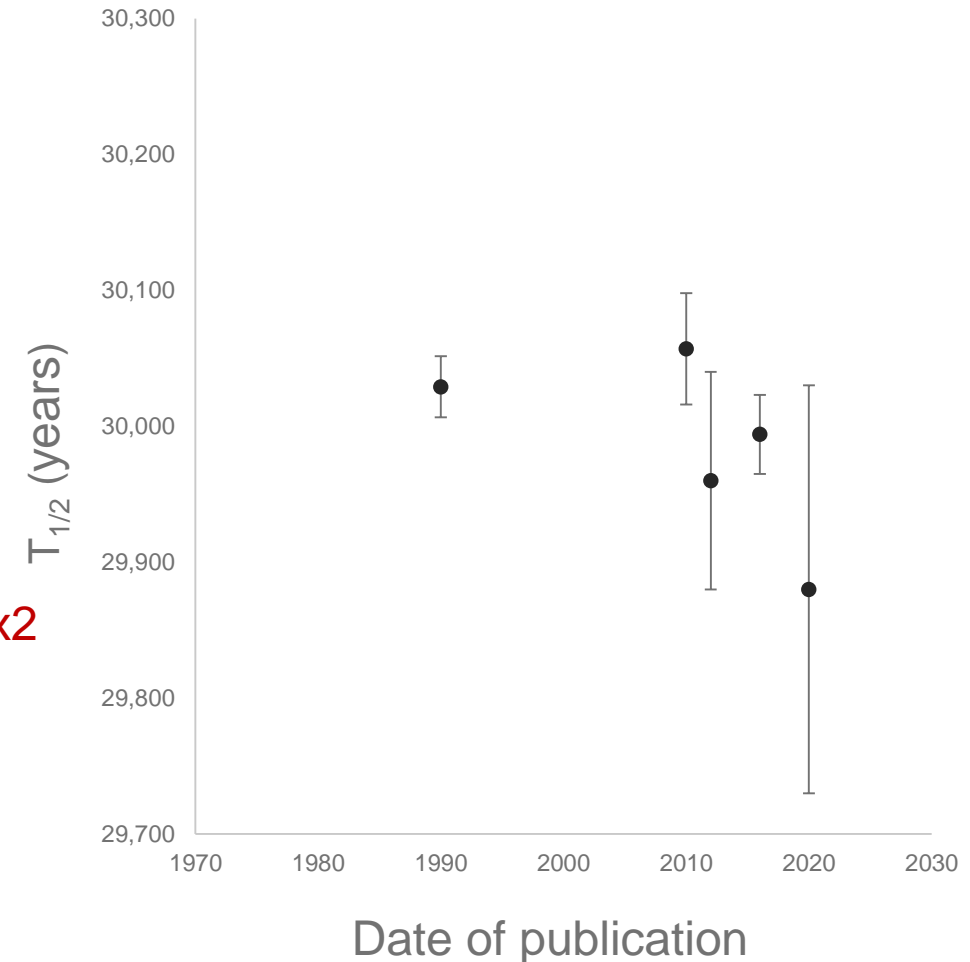
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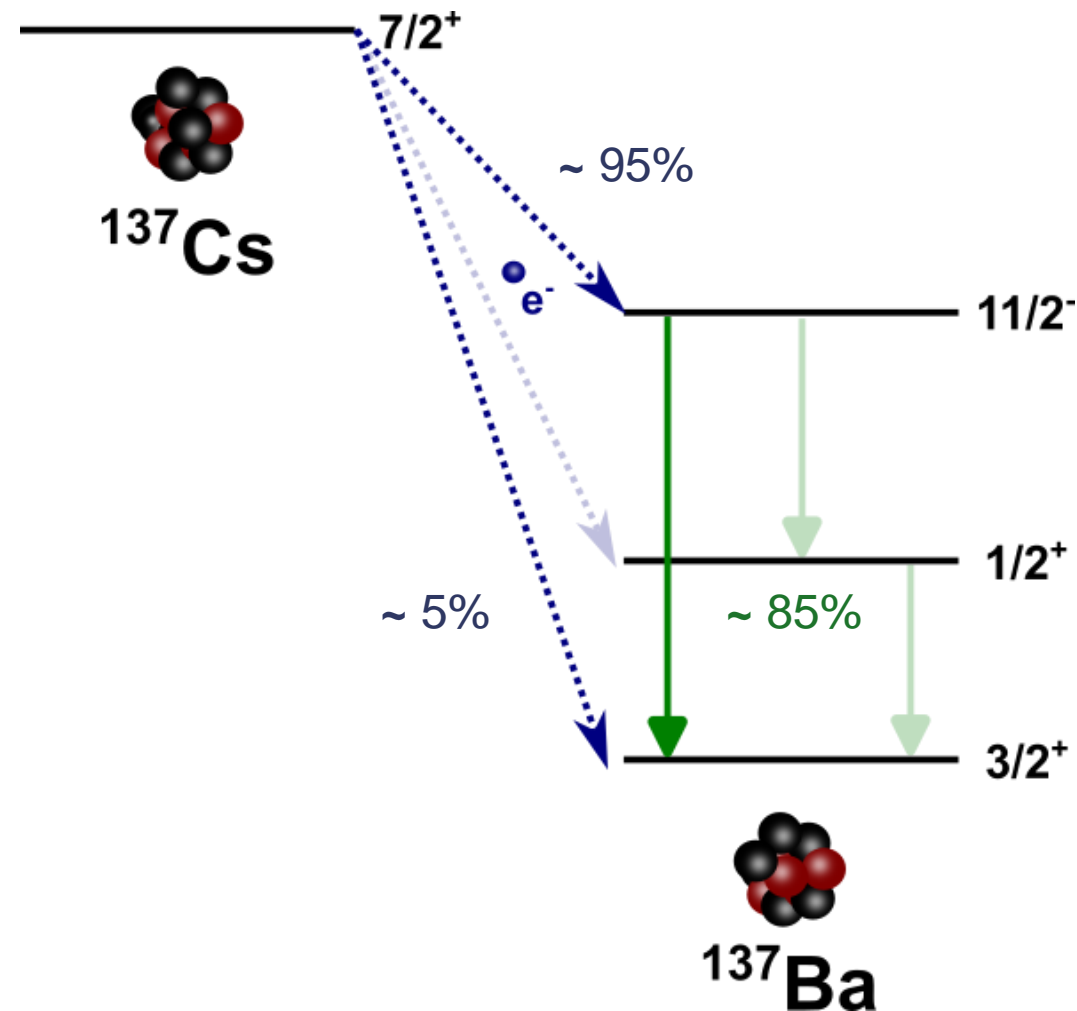
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- Outlooks
 - Lower dependency to *Martin et al.*
 - 50% of the weight
 - Need for additional measurements
 - Unpublished results ?
 - PTB (continuation of Schrader works)
 - NRC (IC from 1995 2009)

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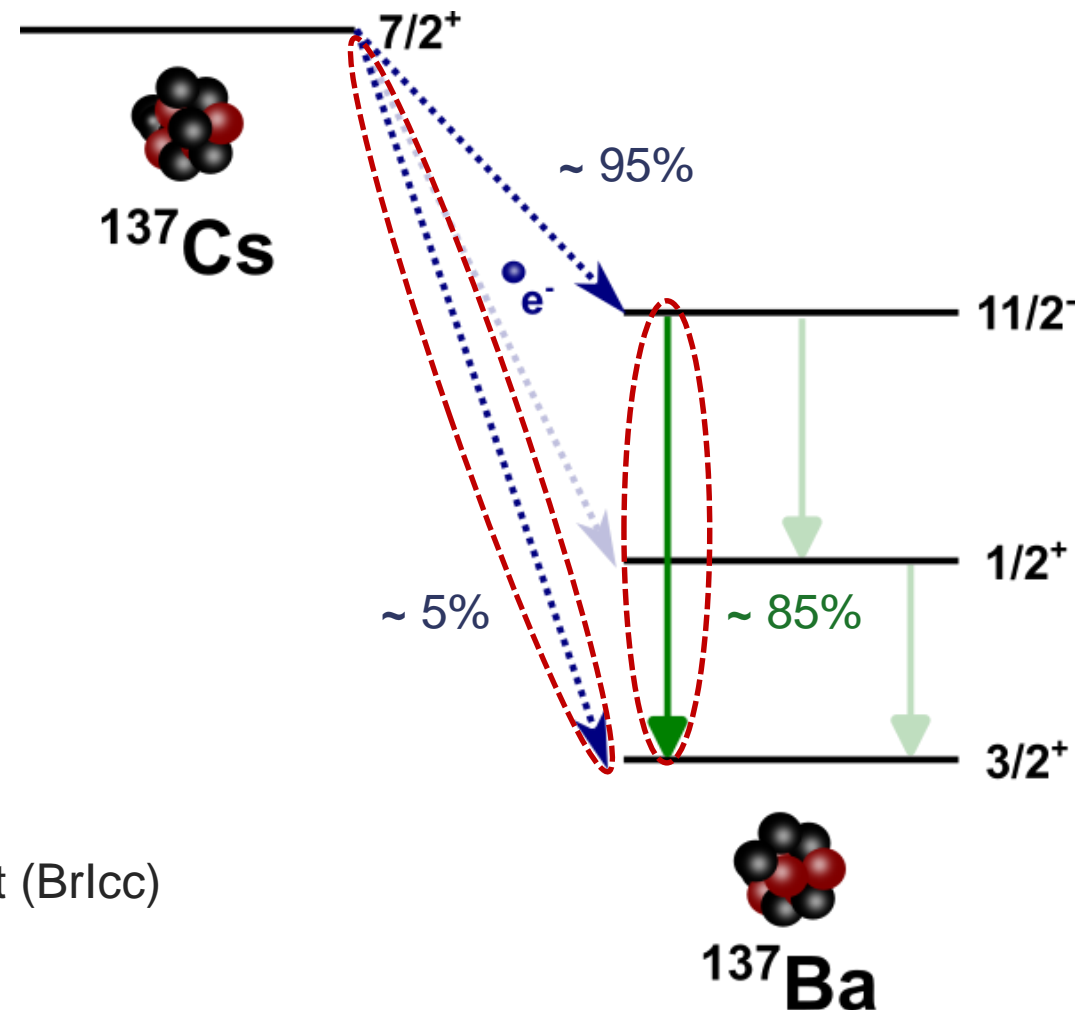
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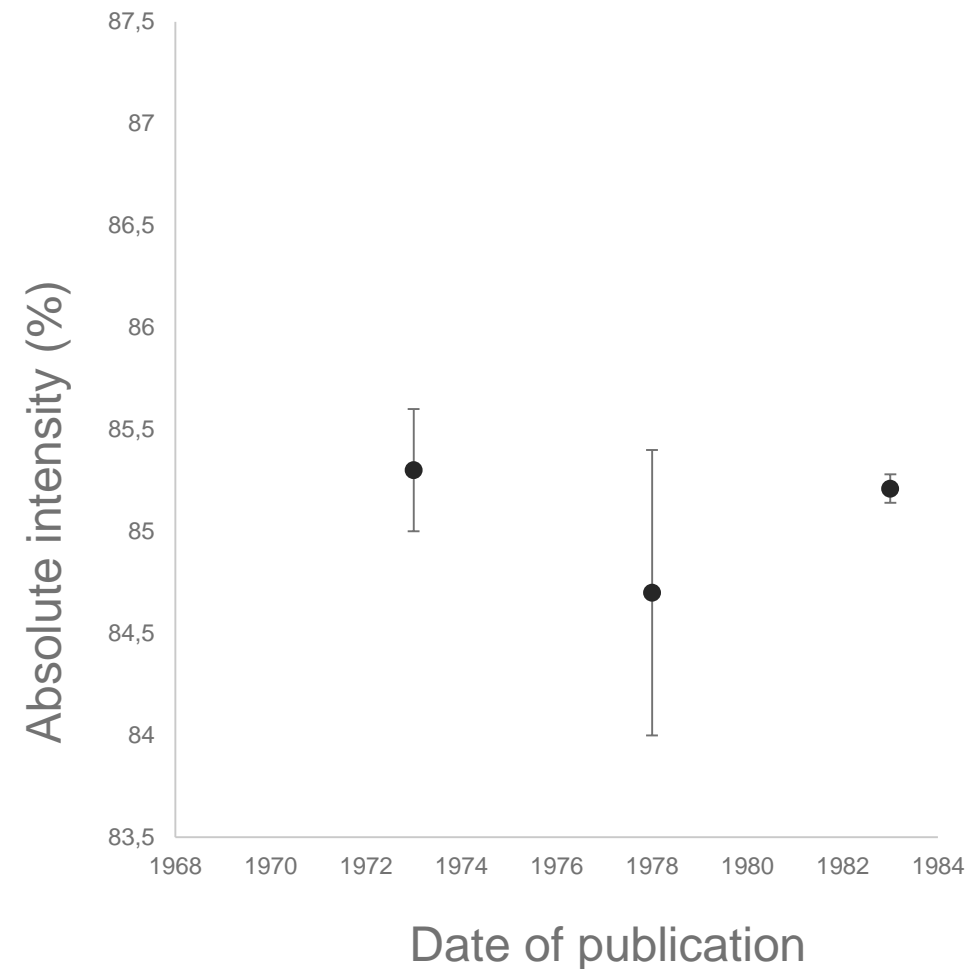
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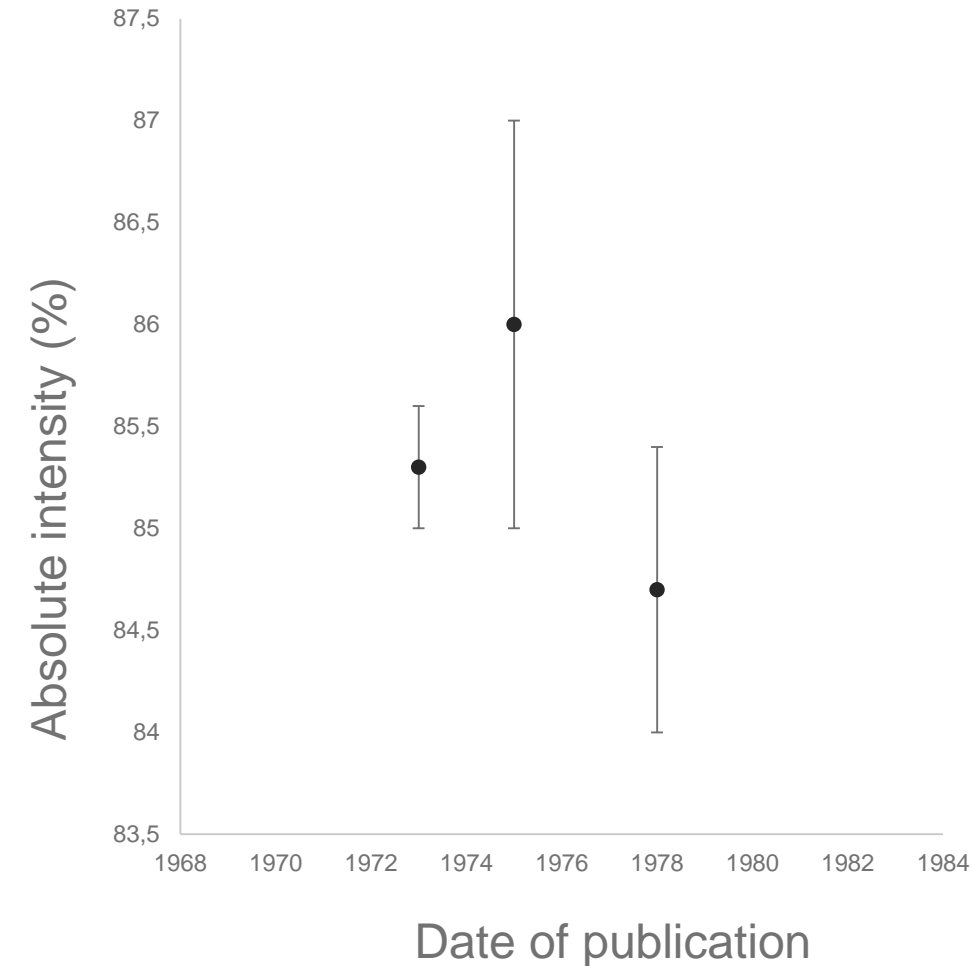
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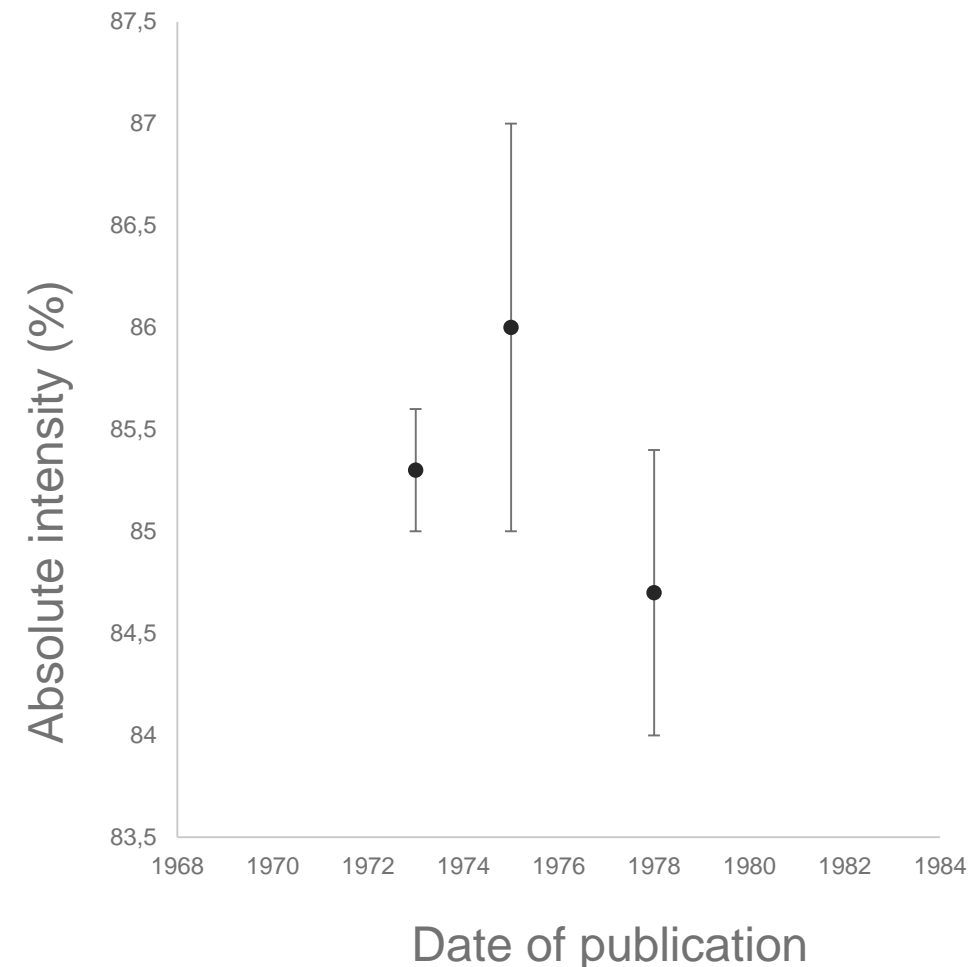
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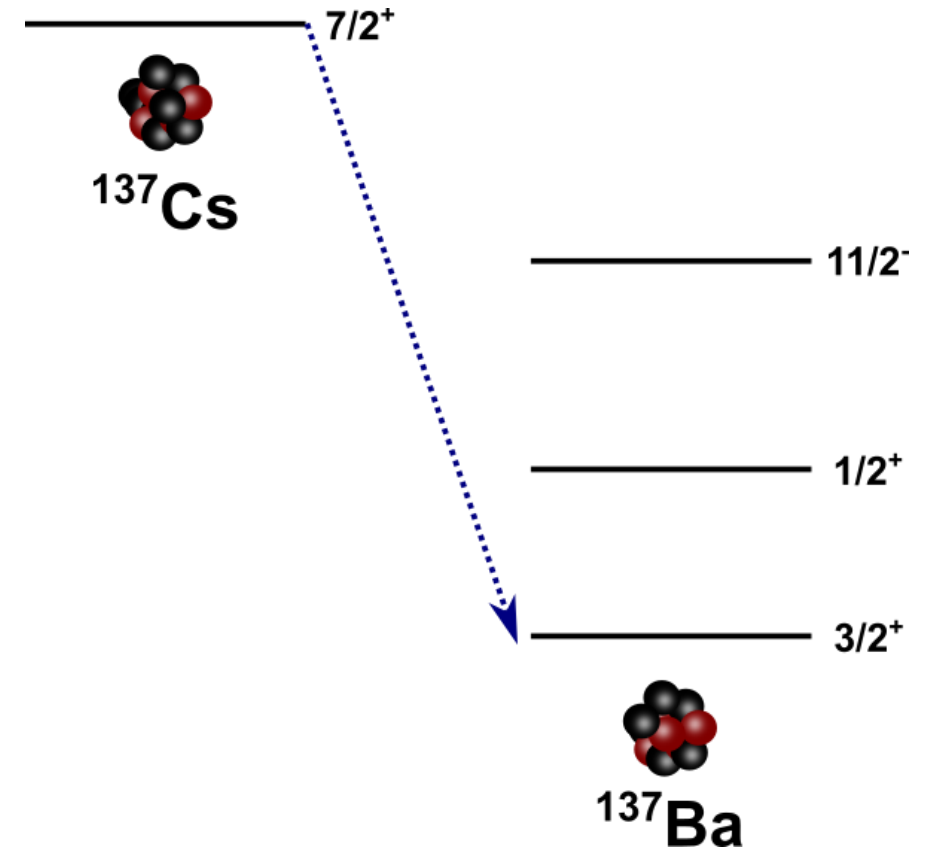
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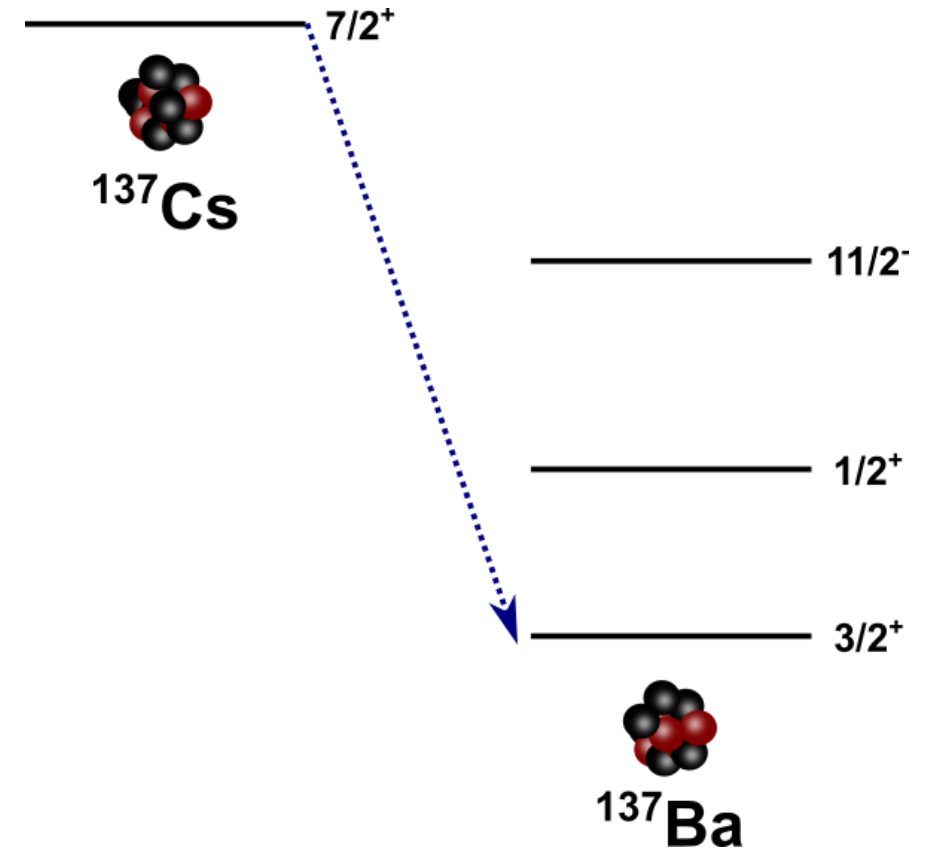
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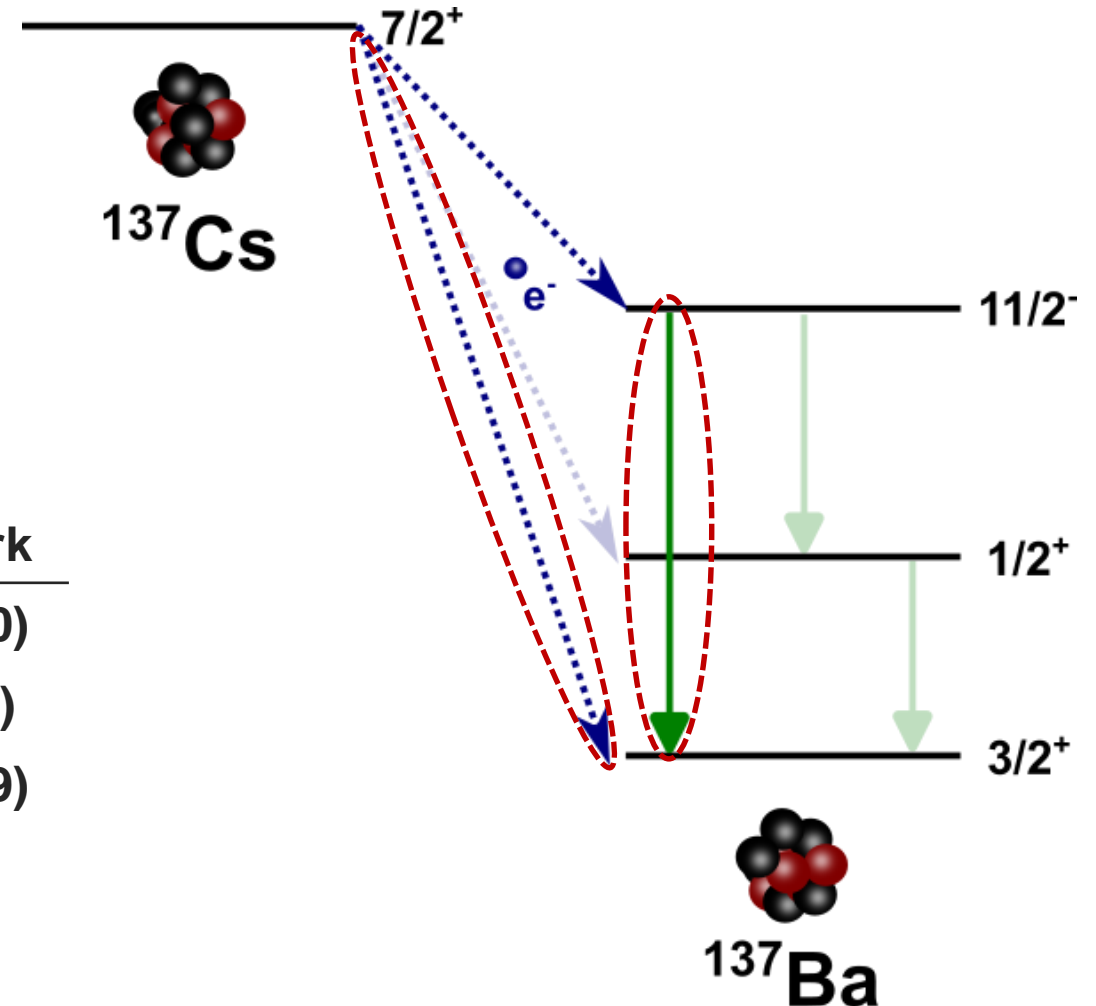
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Decay scheme reconstruction

- Two main possibilities
 - From 662 keV gamma intensity
 - $I_\gamma = 85.26$ (30) %
 - From the beta decay to the ground state of ^{137}Ba
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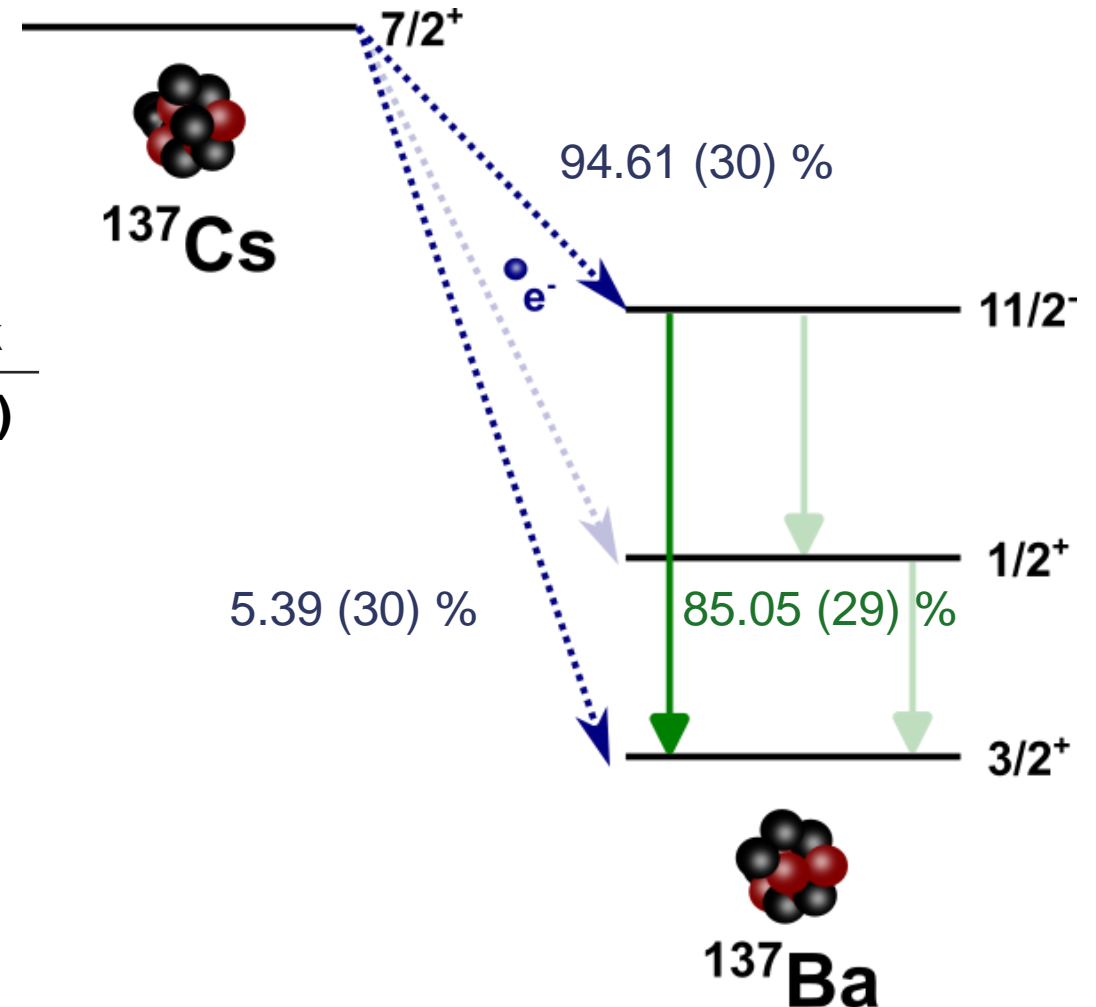


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