

[235Pu \$\alpha\$ decay \(25.3 min\)](#) [1952Or03,1957Th10](#)

Type	Author	History	Citation	Literature Cutoff Date
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Parent: ^{235}Pu : E=0; $J^\pi=(5/2^+)$; $T_{1/2}=25.3$ min 5; $Q(\alpha)=5951$ 20; % α decay=0.0027 5

$^{235}\text{Pu}-J^\pi, T_{1/2}$: From ^{235}Pu Adopted Levels in the ENSDF database (Feb 2014 update).

$^{235}\text{Pu}-Q(\alpha)$: From [2021Wa16](#).

$^{235}\text{Pu}-\% \alpha$ decay: $\% \alpha=0.0027$ 5 for the decay of ^{235}Pu from $I(\alpha)/I(\text{K x ray})$ in [1957Th10](#) and, $\epsilon(L+)/\epsilon(K)(\text{theory})=0.36$. [1957Th10](#) gave partial half-life of 1.7 y 4, and $\% \alpha=0.0030$ 6 using $\epsilon(L)/\epsilon(K)=0.23$. Note that $\% \alpha=0.0028$ 7 in ^{235}Pu Adopted Levels in the ENSDF database (Feb 2014 update).

[1957Th10](#): ^{235}Pu activity produced in $^{233}\text{U}(\alpha,2n)$ and $^{235}\text{U}(\alpha,4n)$ at the Crocker Laboratory 60-inch cyclotron. Measured $E\alpha$, $\% \alpha$ decay mode and half-life of ^{235}Pu decay. Except for the 5850 group, no other α group with $I\alpha \geq 5\%$ found in $E\alpha=5.5-6.5$ MeV range.

Evaluators' note about the decay scheme: except for the energy and approximate intensity of one α transition, no other spectral information is available in literature.

[231U Levels](#)

E(level)	J^π	Comments
0	(5/2 ⁻)	
0+x	(5/2 ⁺)	E(level): x=40 40 from energy systematics of neighboring nuclides.

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$E\alpha$	E(level)	$I\alpha^\dagger$	Comments
5850 20	0+x	≈100	$E\alpha$: from 1957Th10 . Other: 5850 30 (1952Or03). $I\alpha$: only one α branch has been measured. Other: ≈80 (1972El21 , systematics of α decay).

[†] For absolute intensity per 100 decays, multiply by 0.000027 5.