

^{256}Fm α decay [1968Ho13](#)

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Parent: ^{256}Fm : $E=0.0$; $J^\pi=0^+$; $T_{1/2}=157.1$ min 10; $Q(\alpha)=7027$ 5; $\% \alpha$ decay=8.1 3

[1968Ho13](#): ^{256}Fm was directly produced in reactions of $^{253}\text{Es}(\alpha,p)$, or as the ε -decay daughter of ^{256}Md produced in reactions of $^{253}\text{Es}(\alpha,n)$ using a 38-MeV ^4He beam at the Heavy Ion Linear Accelerator in Berkeley. The isotopic purity of ^{256}Fm was achieved by using an isotope separator after both ^{256}Fm and ^{256}Md were collected on beryllium foils for chemical purification.

$T_{1/2}(^{256}\text{Fm})$: weighted average of 150 min 4 ([1981Lo15](#)), 157.6 min 13 ([1972Fi04](#)), 157 min 2 ([1968Ho13](#)), 162 min 6 ([1965Si14](#)), 160 min 10 ([1958Ph40](#)).

$Q(\alpha)(^{256}\text{Fm})=7027$ keV 5 derived from $E\alpha=6917$ keV 5 ([2017Wa10](#)). Using $E\alpha=6915$ keV 2 as adopted here would result in $Q(\alpha)(^{256}\text{Fm})=7025$ keV 2.

 ^{252}Cf Levels

E(level)	J^π	$T_{1/2}$	Comments
0.0	0^+		
45.72 5	2^+	92 ps 6	E(level), J^π , $T_{1/2}$: From the Adopted Levels.

 α radiations

$E\alpha$	E(level)	$I\alpha^\ddagger$	HF †	Comments
6870 2	45.72	14 2	3.9 6	$E\alpha$: deduced by evaluator taking $E\alpha=6915$ keV 2 to ground state and adopted $E=45.72$ keV for level 2^+ . Measured: 6868 keV (1970Fi12).
6915 2	0.0	86 2	1.000	$E\alpha$: measured by 2019Ah04 with adopted $E\alpha$ standards in 1991Ry01 . Other: 6911 keV 5 (1970Fi12); 6925 keV 5 (1968Ho13), which is adjusted to 6917 keV 5 by 1991Ry01 due to changes in $E\alpha$ calibration standards; 6918 keV 2 (1993Mo18), which used the 1973Ry07 $E\alpha$ standards.

† $r_0(^{252}\text{Cf})=1.499$ 3 is calculated from $\text{HF}(6915\alpha)=1.0$ and $\alpha/(\alpha+\text{SF})=0.081$ 3.

‡ From [1970Fi12](#).

$\#$ For absolute intensity per 100 decays, multiply by 0.081 3.