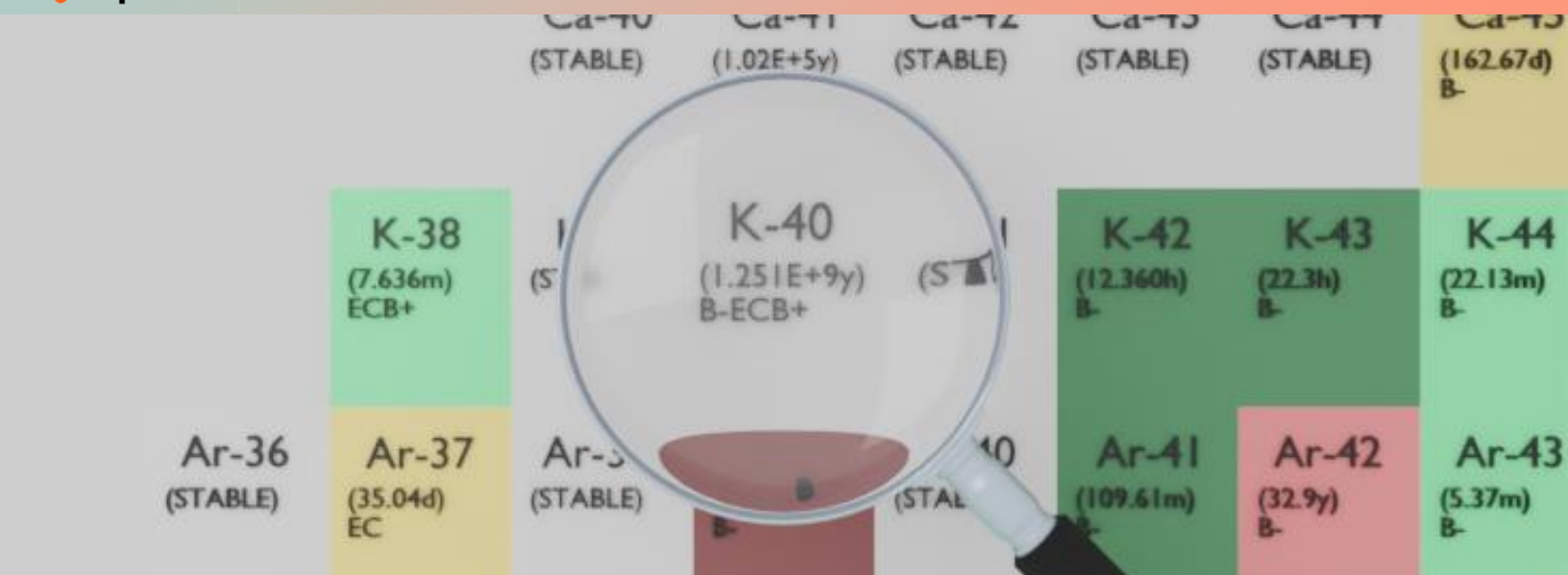




POTASSIUM-40

SUMMARY DATA

GENERAL

CLASSIFICATION

Isotope: K-40
 Atomic number (Z): 19
 Mass number (A): 40
 Neutron number (N): 21

RADIOACTIVE DECAY

Decay modes: β^- , β^+ , Electron capture
 Half-life: 1251000000.0 [y]
 Decay constant: 1.7558×10^{-17} [1/s]
 Daughters: Ca-40 (89.1%), Ar-40 (10.9%)
 Radioactive daughters: None

DOSIMETRIC CONSTANTS

Mean alpha energy: 0.0 [MeV]
 Mean electron energy: 0.52176 [MeV]
 Mean photon energy: 0.15671 [MeV]
 Air kerma rate constant, Γ_{10} : 5.113×10^{-18} [Gy $\cdot$ m²/Bq $\cdot$ s]
 Air kerma coefficient, K_{air} : 5.148×10^{-18} [Gy $\cdot$ m²/Bq $\cdot$ s]
 Equilibrium dose constant for weakly-penetrating radiations (α and/or electrons), Δ_{wp} : 8.360×10^{-14} [Gy $\cdot$ kg/Bq $\cdot$ s]
 Equilibrium dose constant for alphas, Δ_{α} : 0.000e+00 [Gy $\cdot$ kg/Bq $\cdot$ s]

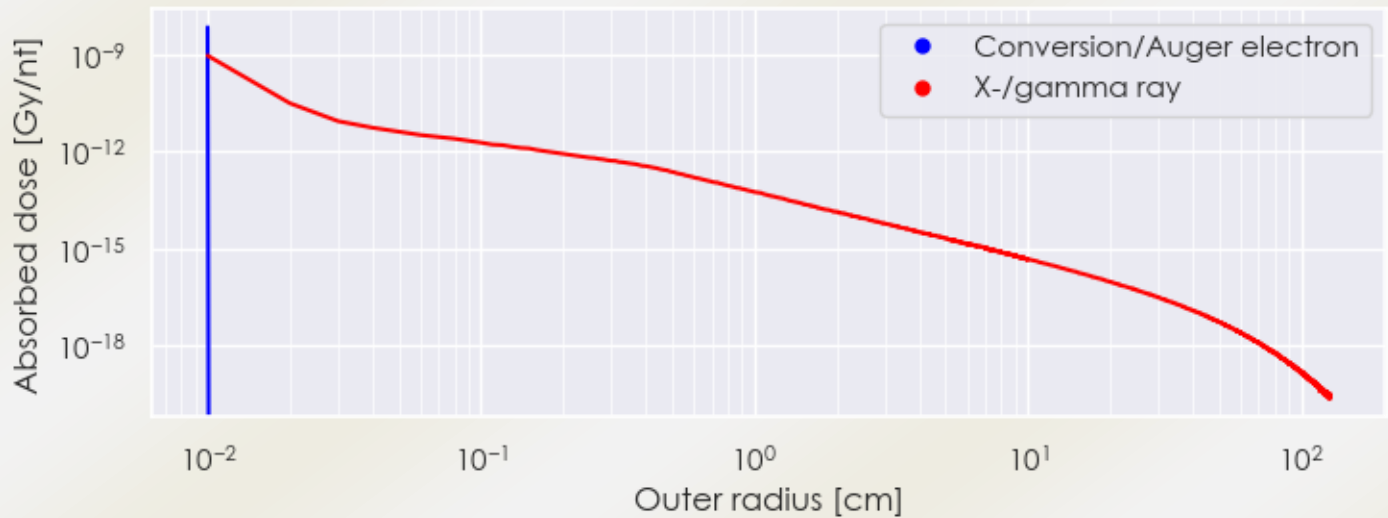
Equilibrium dose constant for betas/electrons, $\Delta_{\beta,\beta^+,e^-}$: 8.360e-14 [Gy·kg/Bq·s]

Equilibrium dose constant for photons, Δ_p : 2.511e-14 [Gy·kg/Bq·s]

DOSE POINT KERNELS (PLOT)

Dose point kernel source: **Graves, et al. Medical Physics. 2019 Nov.; 46(11):5284-5293.**

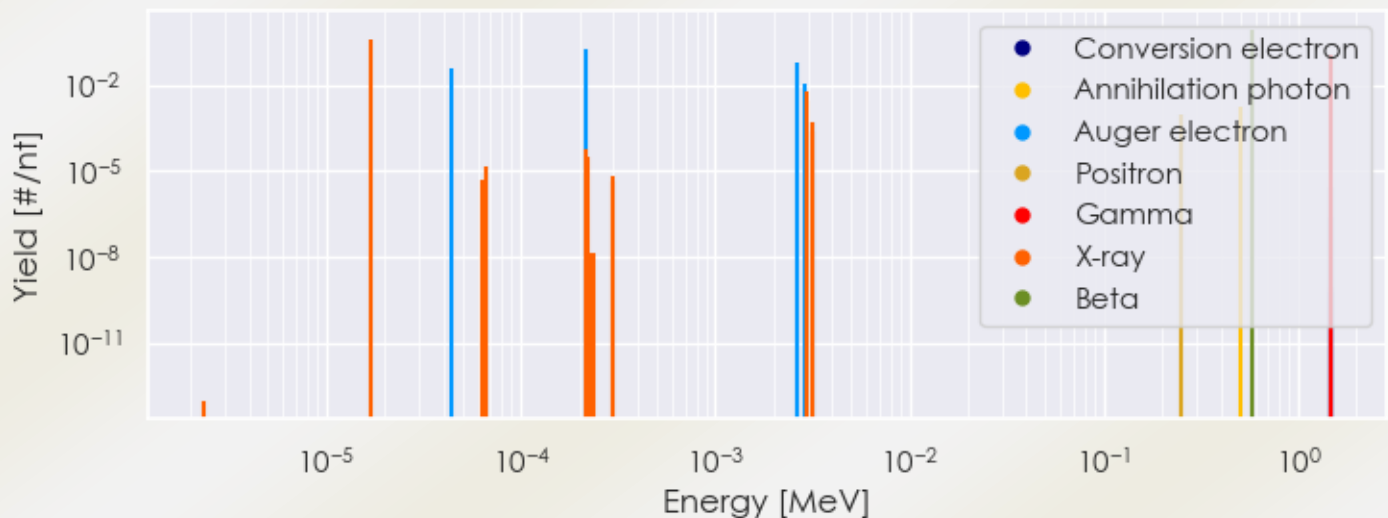
Note: Bins are spaced every 0.1 mm until a radius of 10 cm, and every 1 mm until a radius of 2 m.



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SUMMARY SPECTRA (PLOT)

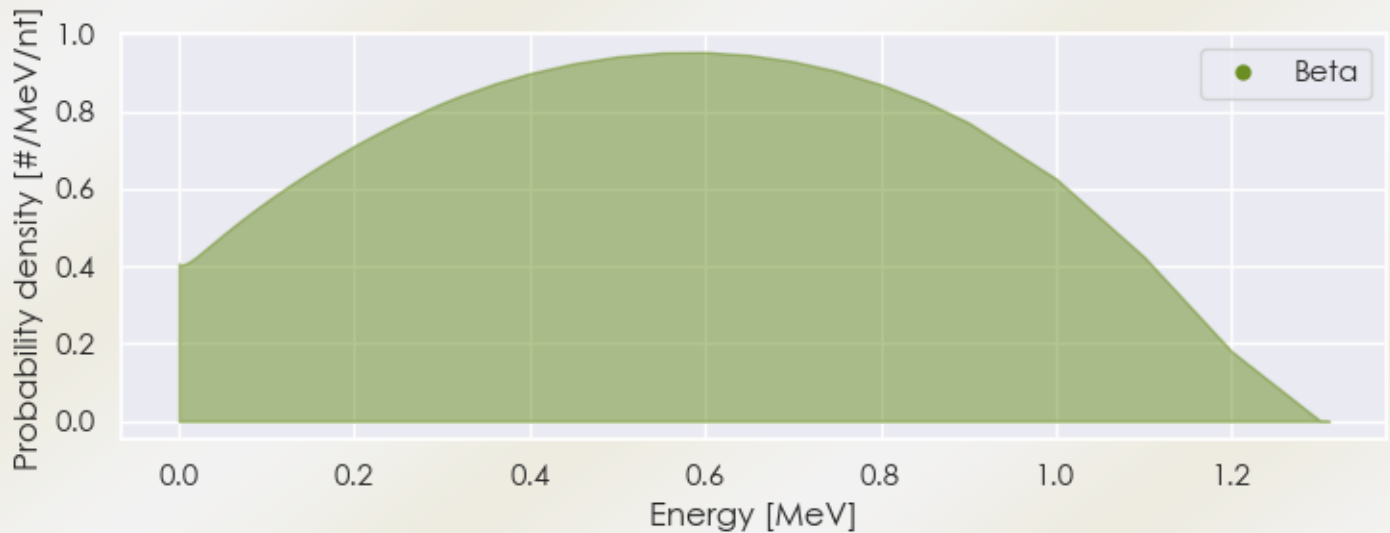
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BETA SPECTRA (PLOT)

Spectra source: **ICRP Publication 107: Nuclear Decay Data for Dosimetric Calculations. Ann. ICRP 2008, 38 (3).**



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TABULATED DATA

SUMMARY SPECTRA (TABLE)

Spectra source: **ICRP Publication 107: Nuclear Decay Data for Dosimetric Calculations. Ann. ICRP 2008, 38 (3).**

Note: Radiations with yield < 0.01 are excluded from the table, but are available in the linked *.csv data.

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Energy [MeV]	Yield [# / nt] if > 0.01	Radiation type
1.69795e-05	3.852e-01	X-ray
1.46082e+00	1.066e-01	Gamma
5.84803e-01	8.914e-01	Beta
4.41057e-05	3.872e-02	Auger electron
2.15668e-04	1.667e-01	Auger electron
2.65364e-03	6.198e-02	Auger electron
2.89583e-03	1.116e-02	Auger electron

USEFUL LINKS

Isotope decay characteristics are periodically updated as better measurements can be made - changes that may not be reflected on this page. Please see useful links:

National Nuclear Data Center (NNDC): <https://www.nndc.bnl.gov/nudat3/mird/>

International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Livechart: <https://www-nds.iaea.org/relnsd/vcharthtml/VChartHTML.html>

REFERENCE LINKS

ICRP Report 107: <https://www.icrp.org/publication.asp?id=ICRP%20Publication%20107>

Graves et al. Dose Point Kernels: <https://doi.org/10.1002/mp.13789>

MIRD Decay Schemes 2nd Edition: https://sites.snmmi.org/SNMML-MAIN/iCore/Store/StoreLayouts/Item_Detail.aspx?iProductCode=0-932004-80-6