



POTASSIUM-42

SUMMARY DATA

GENERAL

CLASSIFICATION

Isotope: K-42
Atomic number (Z): 19
Mass number (A): 42
Neutron number (N): 23

RADIOACTIVE DECAY

Decay modes: β^-
Half-life: 12.36 [h]
Decay constant: 1.5578×10^{-5} [1/s]
Daughters: Ca-42 (100.0%)
Radioactive daughters: None

DOSIMETRIC CONSTANTS

Mean alpha energy: 0.0 [MeV]
Mean electron energy: 1.43034 [MeV]
Mean photon energy: 0.27869 [MeV]
Air kerma rate constant, Γ_{10} : 9.051×10^{-18} [Gy $\cdot$ m²/Bq $\cdot$ s]
Air kerma coefficient, K_{air} : 9.051×10^{-18} [Gy $\cdot$ m²/Bq $\cdot$ s]
Equilibrium dose constant for weakly-penetrating radiations (α and/or electrons), Δ_{wp} : 2.292×10^{-13} [Gy $\cdot$ kg/Bq $\cdot$ s]
Equilibrium dose constant for alphas, Δ_{α} : 0.000×10^0 [Gy $\cdot$ kg/Bq $\cdot$ s]

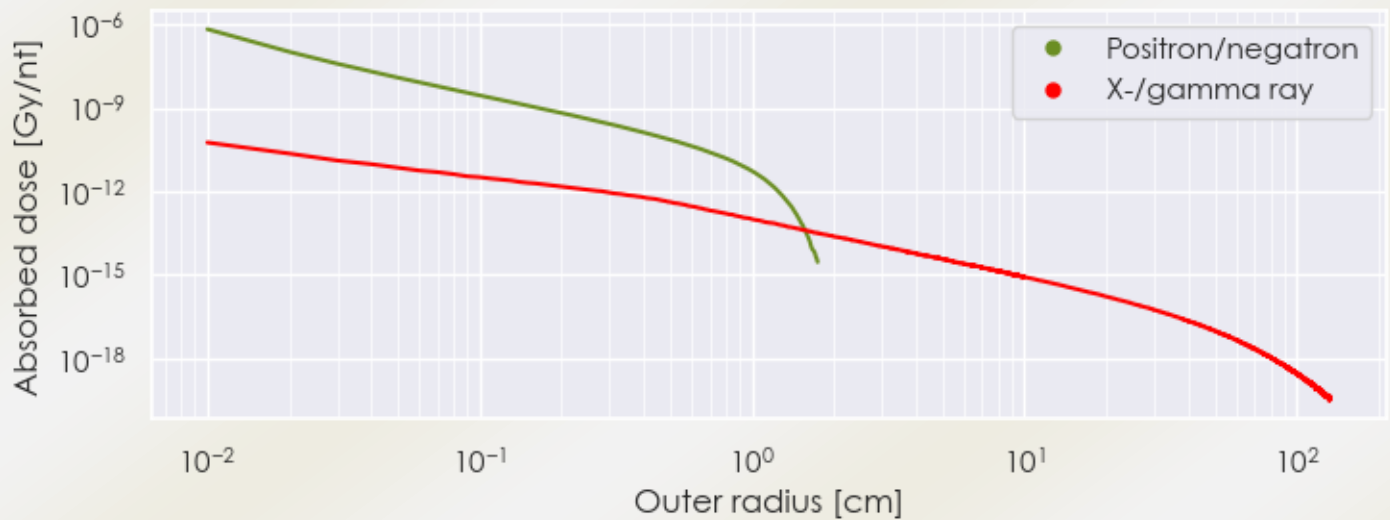
Equilibrium dose constant for betas/electrons, $\Delta_{\beta,\beta^+,e^-}$: 2.292e-13 [Gy·kg/Bq·s]

Equilibrium dose constant for photons, Δ_p : 4.465e-14 [Gy·kg/Bq·s]

DOSE POINT KERNELS (PLOT)

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

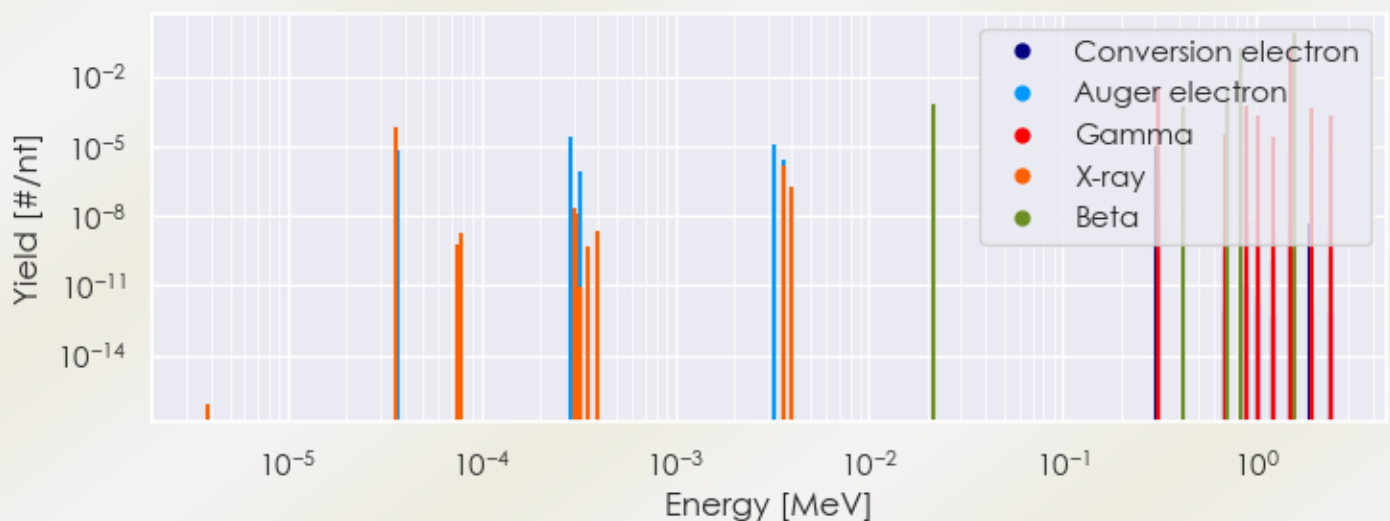
Note: Bins are spaced every 0.1 mm until a radius of 10 cm, and every 1 mm until a radius of 2 m.



Download tabulated dose point kernel file here: www.mirdsoft.org/products/MIRDspecs/K-42 DPK.csv

SUMMARY SPECTRA (PLOT)

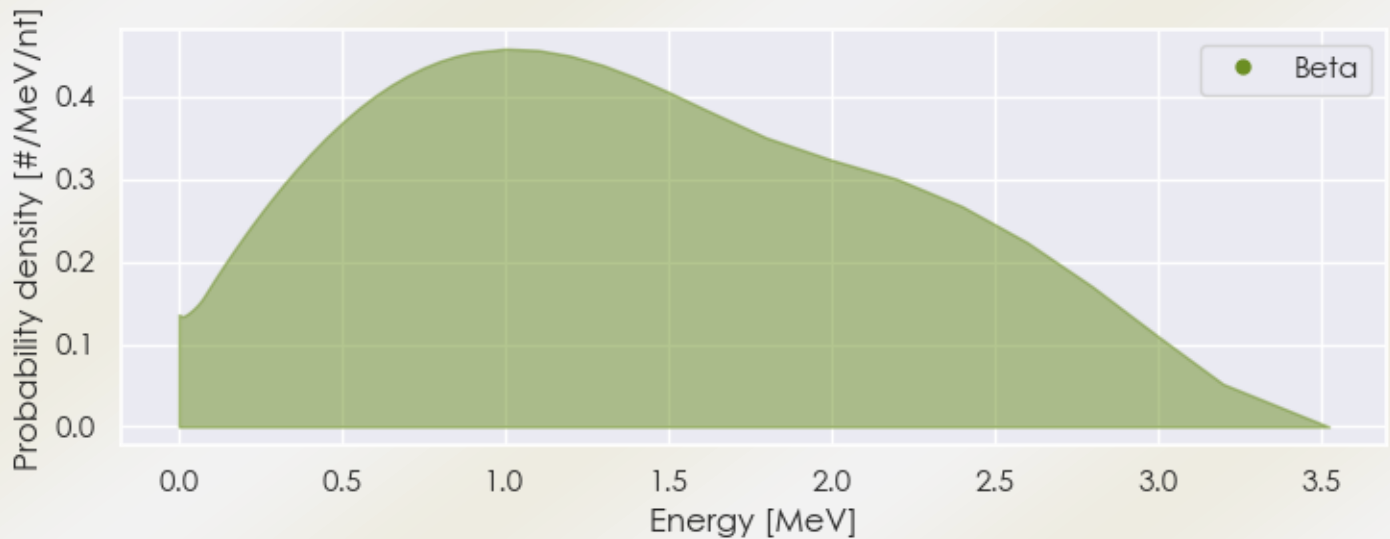
Spectra source: **ICRP Publication 107: Nuclear Decay Data for Dosimetric Calculations. Ann. ICRP 2008, 38 (3).**



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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
1.52460e+00	1.808e-01	Gamma
8.24108e-01	1.764e-01	Beta
1.56575e+00	8.190e-01	Beta

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.snmami.org/SNMAMI-MAIN/iCore/Store/StoreLayouts/Item_Detail.aspx?iProductCode=0-932004-80-6