



RADIUM-226

SUMMARY DATA

GENERAL

CLASSIFICATION

Isotope: Ra-226
Atomic number (Z): 88
Mass number (A): 226
Neutron number (N): 138

RADIOACTIVE DECAY

Decay modes: α
Half-life: 1600.0 [y]
Decay constant: 1.3728×10^{-11} [1/s]
Daughters: Rn-222 (100.0%)
Radioactive daughters: Rn-222

DOSIMETRIC CONSTANTS

Mean alpha energy: 4.8602 [MeV]
Mean electron energy: 0.00391 [MeV]
Mean photon energy: 0.00739 [MeV]
Air kerma rate constant, Γ_{10} : 5.227×10^{-19} [Gy $\cdot$ m²/Bq $\cdot$ s]
Air kerma coefficient, K_{air} : 5.227×10^{-19} [Gy $\cdot$ m²/Bq $\cdot$ s]
Equilibrium dose constant for weakly-penetrating radiations (α and/or electrons), Δ_{wp} : 7.793×10^{-13} [Gy $\cdot$ kg/Bq $\cdot$ s]
Equilibrium dose constant for alphas, Δ_{α} : 7.787×10^{-13} [Gy $\cdot$ kg/Bq $\cdot$ s]

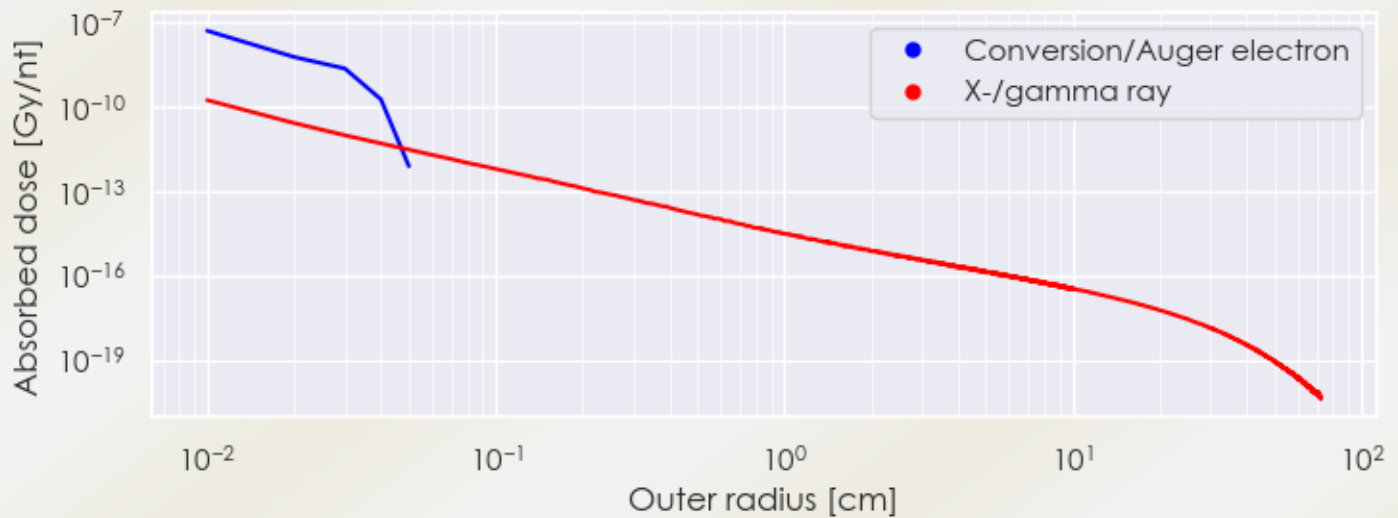
Equilibrium dose constant for betas/electrons, $\Delta_{\beta, \beta^+, e^-}$: 6.265×10^{-16} [Gy·kg/Bq·s]

Equilibrium dose constant for photons, Δ_p : 1.184×10^{-15} [Gy·kg/Bq·s]

DOSE POINT KERNELS (PLOT)

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

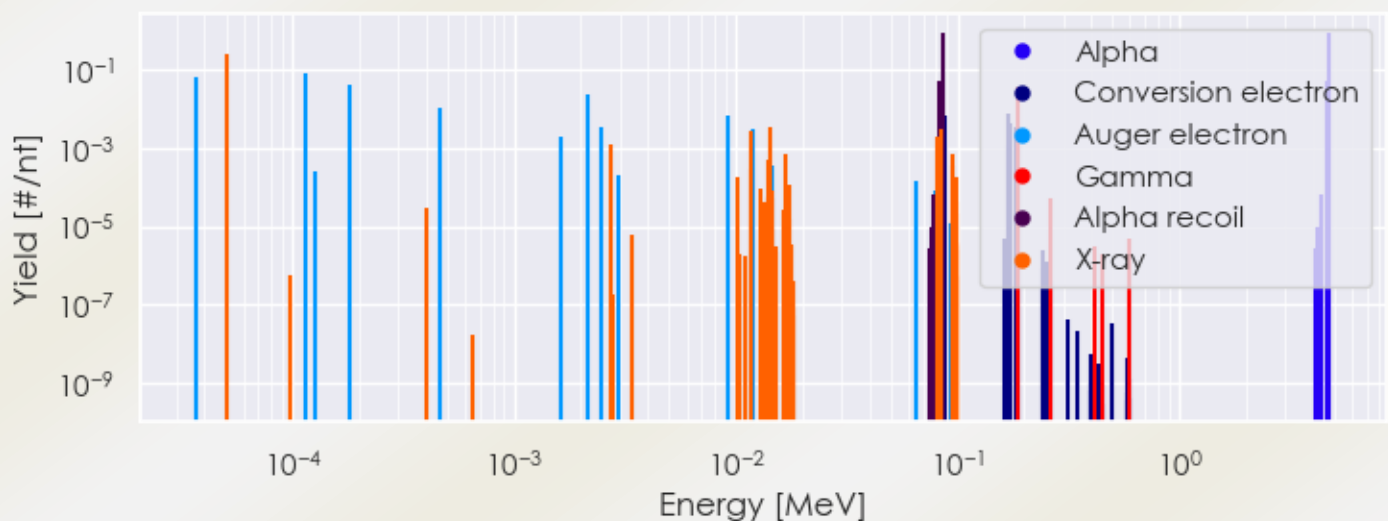
Note: Bins are spaced every 0.1 mm until a radius of 10 cm, and every 1 mm until a radius of 2 m.



Download tabulated dose point kernel file here: www.mirdsoft.org/products/MIRDspecs/Ra-226 DPK.csv

SUMMARY SPECTRA (PLOT)

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



Download tabulated summary spectra file here: www.mirdsoft.org/products/MIRDspecs/Ra-226 Summary Spectrum.csv

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 [# / n _t] if > 0.01	Radiation type
5.01098e-05	2.689e-01	X-ray
1.86211e-01	3.590e-02	Gamma
3.69480e-05	6.922e-02	Auger electron
1.13514e-04	7.938e-02	Auger electron
1.80400e-04	4.401e-02	Auger electron
4.65740e-04	1.076e-02	Auger electron
2.13122e-03	2.382e-02	Auger electron
4.60146e+00	5.550e-02	Alpha
4.78437e+00	9.444e-01	Alpha
8.29630e-02	5.550e-02	Alpha recoil
8.62609e-02	9.444e-01	Alpha recoil

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.snm-mi.org/SNM-MI-MAIN/iCore/Store/StoreLayouts/Item_Detail.aspx?iProductCode=0-932004-80-6