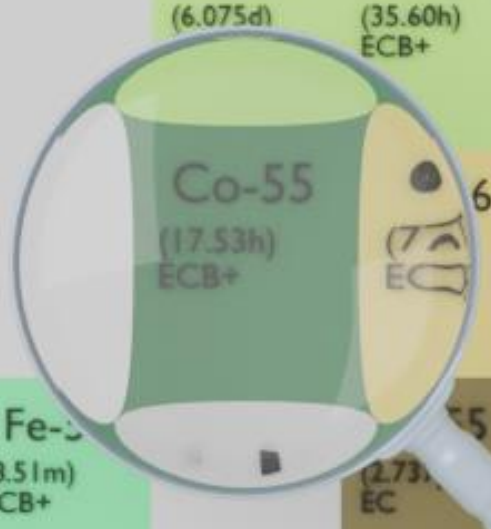




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|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Fe-52<br>(8.275h)<br>ECB+ | Fe-53<br>(8.51m)<br>ECB+  | Co-55<br>(17.53h)<br>ECB+ | Co-56<br>(7.74m)<br>EC      | Co-57<br>(271.74d)<br>EC | Co-58<br>(70.86d)<br>ECB+ | Co-59<br>(STABLE) |
| Ni-56<br>(6.075d)<br>ECB+ | Ni-57<br>(35.60h)<br>ECB+ | Ni-58<br>(STABLE)         | Ni-59<br>(1.01E+5y)<br>ECB+ | Ni-60<br>(STABLE)        |                           |                   |
| Fe-56<br>(STABLE)         | Fe-57<br>(STABLE)         | Fe-58<br>(STABLE)         |                             |                          |                           |                   |

# COBALT-55

## SUMMARY DATA

### GENERAL

#### CLASSIFICATION

Isotope: Co-55  
Atomic number (Z): 27  
Mass number (A): 55  
Neutron number (N): 28

#### RADIOACTIVE DECAY

Decay modes:  $\beta^+$ , Electron capture  
Half-life: 17.53 [h]  
Decay constant:  $1.0984 \times 10^{-5}$  [1/s]  
Daughters: Fe-55 (100.0%)  
Radioactive daughters: Fe-55

#### DOSIMETRIC CONSTANTS

Mean alpha energy: 0.0 [MeV]  
Mean electron energy: 0.43119 [MeV]  
Mean photon energy: 1.99597 [MeV]  
Air kerma rate constant,  $\Gamma_{10}$ :  $4.306 \times 10^{-17}$  [Gy  $\cdot$  m<sup>2</sup>/Bq  $\cdot$  s]  
Air kerma coefficient,  $K_{\text{air}}$ :  $7.242 \times 10^{-17}$  [Gy  $\cdot$  m<sup>2</sup>/Bq  $\cdot$  s]  
Equilibrium dose constant for weakly-penetrating radiations ( $\alpha$  and/or electrons),  $\Delta_{\text{wp}}$ :  $6.908 \times 10^{-14}$  [Gy  $\cdot$  kg/Bq  $\cdot$  s]  
Equilibrium dose constant for alphas,  $\Delta_{\alpha}$ :  $0.000 \times 10^{+00}$  [Gy  $\cdot$  kg/Bq  $\cdot$  s]

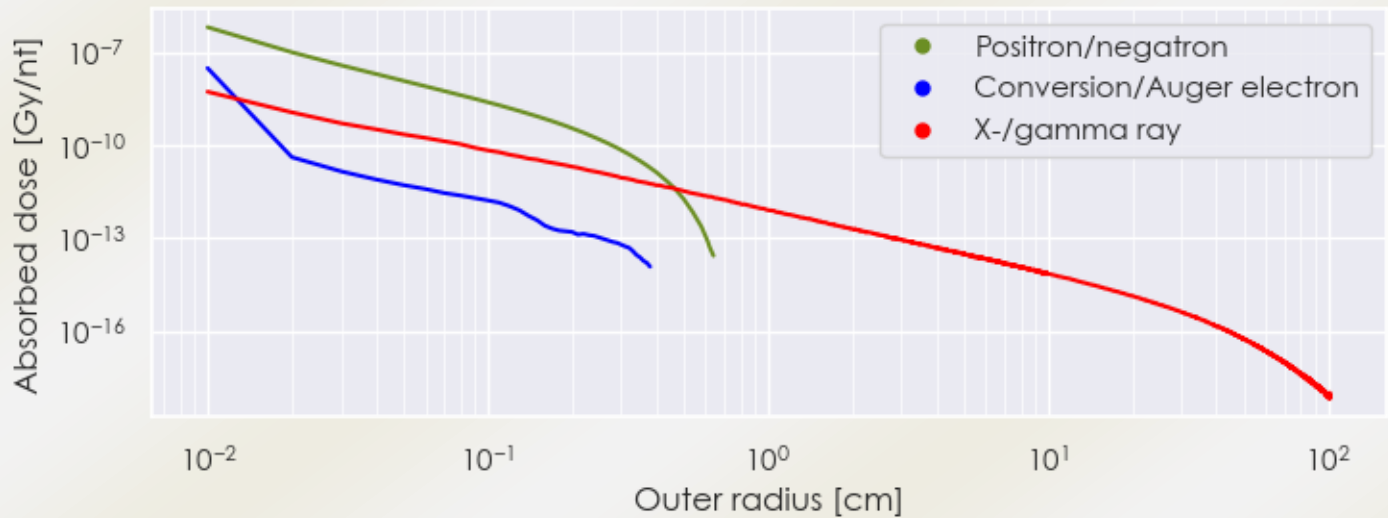
Equilibrium dose constant for betas/electrons,  $\Delta_{\beta,\beta^+,e^-}$ : 6.908e-14 [Gy·kg/Bq·s]

Equilibrium dose constant for photons,  $\Delta_p$ : 3.198e-13 [Gy·kg/Bq·s]

## DOSE POINT KERNELS (PLOT)

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

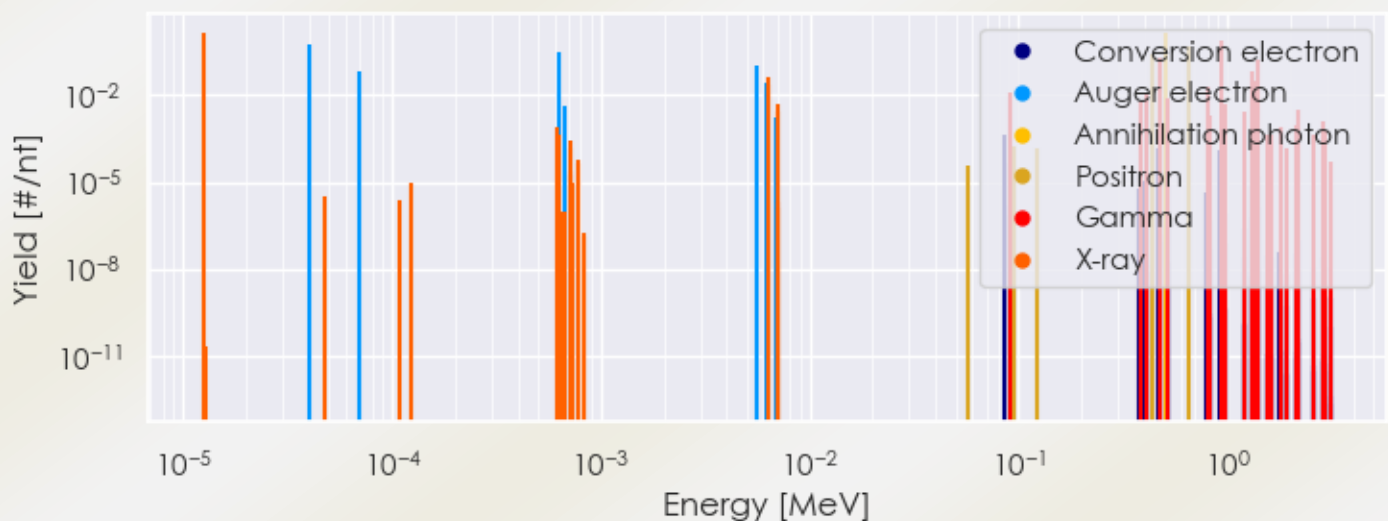
Note: Bins are spaced every 0.1 mm until a radius of 10 cm, and every 1 mm until a radius of 2 m.



Download tabulated dose point kernel file here: [www.mirdsoft.org/products/MIRDspecs/Co-55 DPK.csv](http://www.mirdsoft.org/products/MIRDspecs/Co-55 DPK.csv)

## SUMMARY SPECTRA (PLOT)

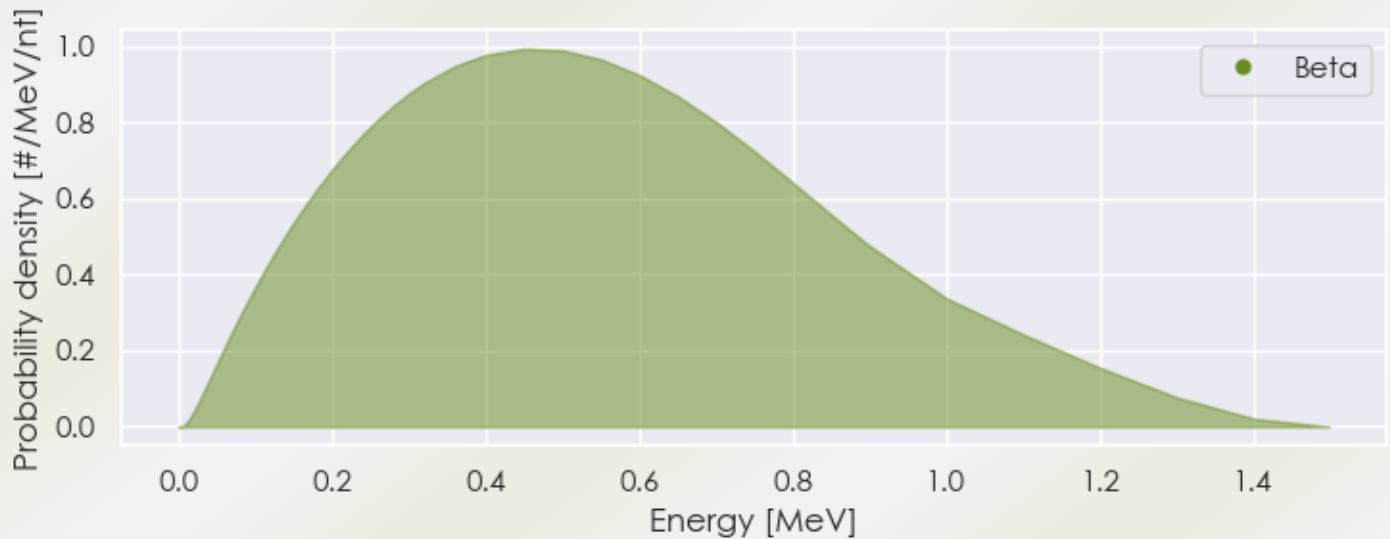
Spectra source: **ICRP Publication 107: Nuclear Decay Data for Dosimetric Calculations. Ann. ICRP 2008, 38 (3).**



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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      |
|--------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| 1.25308e-05  | 1.389e+00                | X-ray               |
| 6.34985e-03  | 2.182e-02                | X-ray               |
| 6.36272e-03  | 4.274e-02                | X-ray               |
| 9.19000e-02  | 1.162e-02                | Gamma               |
| 4.11500e-01  | 1.073e-02                | Gamma               |
| 4.77200e-01  | 2.018e-01                | Gamma               |
| 5.11000e-01  | 1.517e+00                | Annihilation photon |
| 8.03700e-01  | 1.868e-02                | Gamma               |
| 9.31100e-01  | 7.500e-01                | Gamma               |
| 1.31660e+00  | 7.087e-02                | Gamma               |

|             |           |                |
|-------------|-----------|----------------|
| 1.37000e+00 | 2.917e-02 | Gamma          |
| 1.40850e+00 | 1.688e-01 | Gamma          |
| 4.35589e-01 | 2.564e-01 | Positron       |
| 4.76131e-01 | 4.290e-02 | Positron       |
| 6.48717e-01 | 4.589e-01 | Positron       |
| 4.00282e-05 | 5.973e-01 | Auger electron |
| 6.97184e-05 | 6.568e-02 | Auger electron |
| 6.26750e-04 | 3.359e-01 | Auger electron |
| 5.58186e-03 | 1.134e-01 | Auger electron |
| 6.25798e-03 | 2.774e-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/SNMMI-MAIN/iCore/Store/StoreLayouts/Item\\_Detail.aspx?iProductCode=0-932004-80-6](https://sites.snmmi.org/SNMMI-MAIN/iCore/Store/StoreLayouts/Item_Detail.aspx?iProductCode=0-932004-80-6)