

# Radioactive transformations.

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Radioactive Transformation: $\beta$ -decay		
	$\beta^-$ -decay	$\beta^+$ -decay
Nature	fast moving (highly energetic) electron	fast moving positron (positively charged electron)
Why does it occur?	nucleus is neutron rich (i.e. has too many neutrons than protons)	nucleus is proton rich (i.e. has too many protons than neutrons)
What is happening inside the nucleus?	a neutron transforms into a proton with an electron and an antineutrino emitted $n \rightarrow p + e^- + \bar{\nu}_e$	a proton transforms into a neutron with a positron and a neutrino emitted $p \rightarrow n + e^+ + \nu_e$
Nuclear equation	$ZK \rightarrow Z'K' + \beta^- + \bar{\nu}_e$	$ZK \rightarrow Z'K' + \beta^+ + \nu_e$
Example	$^{38}_{18}Ar \rightarrow ^{38}_{19}K + \beta^- + \bar{\nu}_e$	$^{38}_{19}K \rightarrow ^{38}_{18}Ar + \beta^+ + \nu_e$

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## Radioactive Transformations

In the late 1980s a thin-walled type was introduced that was more sensitive to diagnostic-energy x rays. Levels decrease by a factor of the square of the distance.

### ◇ Free Ebook Radioactive Transformations By Ernest Rutherford

Modern nuclear physicists are the heir of their legacy, substituting Bunsen burners and beakers for reactors and accelerators in an attempt to transform the basic building blocks of matter. Exposure can be from an external source irradiating the whole body, an extremity, or other organ or tissue resulting in an external radiation dose.

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The pulse of light is proportional to the amount of light and the energy deposited in the crystal. Fold-outs, if any, are not part of the book. If a collimated beam of particles  $Z_1 A_1 E_{kin,1}$  strikes a foil  $Z_2 A_2$  so that most of the particles pass through the foil without any reduction in energy, it is found that many particles are scattered away from their incident direction Fig.

### Granite Countertops and Radiation

The cosmogenic radionuclides are a relatively small contributor to dose.

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Consider the charge-stripping effect of the target. In  $\beta$ -decay, the atom loses an electron. Podosek, in , 2003 1.

### The Basics of Nuclear Chemistry and Radiochemistry: An Introduction to Nuclear Transformations and Radioactive Emissions

Specific facts and circumstances may affect the applicability of concepts, materials, and information described herein.

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As well as providing evidence for the controversial 'solar system' model of the atom by proving the existence of a nucleus, he was thus able to conclusively disprove one of science longest-held dogmas: the indivisibility of matter.

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When dealing with unknown sources of radiation, this is a very useful feature.

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