

(*A sample of 1 g of a radioactive isotope of atomic mass 208 decays via β emission, and 75 counts are recorded in a 24 hour period. If the detector efficiency is 10%, estimate the mean life of the isotope.*)

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ClearAll["Global`*"]
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totalMass = Quantity[1., "Grams"];
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atomicMass = Quantity[208., "AtomicMassUnit"];
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nbrAtoms = totalMass / atomicMass;
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nbrCounts = 75 / 0.10;
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timeInterval = Quantity[24., "Hours"];
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decayRate = nbrCounts / timeInterval;
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meanLifetime = Solve[D[nbrAtoms Exp[-t / tau], t] == -decayRate Exp[-t / tau], tau][[1, 1]];
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UnitConvert[tau /. meanLifetime, "Years"]
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Out[] = 1.05763×10^{16} yr