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High Precision Half Life Measurement of 26Na with GRIFFIN

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A high-precision half-life measurement for the radioactive isotope, 26Na, was performed at TRIUMF's Isotope Separator and Accelerator (ISAC) facility. This is the first experimental test of the high-efficiency Gamma-Ray Infrastructure for Fundamental Investigations of Nuclei (GRIFFIN) spectrometer for performing high precision (\pm 0.05% or better) half-life measurements [1]. In this talk, I will discuss new results of the half-life obtained from gating on 1809-keV γ -ray photopeaks that include corrections for pile-up and deadtime losses. The results obtained from these techniques will be compared to a previous high-precision measurement of the that employed direct β counting [2].

KEYWORDS: radioactive isotope, half-life, deadtime, pile-up

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