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A high precision half-life measurement was performed for the radioactive isotope, ^{26}Na at the Isotope Separator and Accelerator (ISAC) rare-isotope beam facility at TRIUMF in Vancouver. 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]. Following the implantation of the samples at the centre of the GRIFFIN spectrometer, a γ -ray counting measurement was performed by detecting 1809-keV γ -rays in the ^{26}Mg daughter. 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 ^{26}Na half-life that employed direct β counting [2].

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

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