

Radiation Biology, Protection and
Applications (PHYS-450)

SOLUTION

Week 08

$W_t = 0.12$ (tissue weighting factor for lungs to get effective dose)

$W_r = 20$ (weighting factor for alpha radiation to get equivalent dose)

$E_\alpha = 5.307 \text{ MeV}$

$m = 1 \text{ kg}$

Activity per cigarette = 0.516 pCi

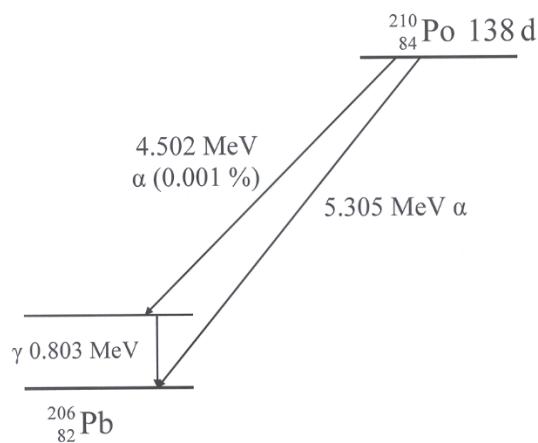


Figure 1 - Decay scheme of Polonium-210

$$A = 0.516 \text{ pCi/Cigarette} = 1.9092 \cdot 10^{-2} \text{ Bq/Cigarette}$$

$$A^{\text{total}} = 1.9092 \cdot 10^{-2} \text{ Bq/Cigarette} \cdot 30 \text{ Cigarettes} = 0.57276 \text{ Bq}$$

$$D^{\text{total}} = \frac{A^T \cdot E_\alpha \cdot t}{m} = \frac{0.57276 \cdot (5.305 \cdot 1.6 \cdot 10^{-13}) \cdot (365.25 \cdot 24 \cdot 3600)}{1} = 15.358 \mu\text{Gy/year}$$

$$H^{\text{total}} = D^{\text{total}} \cdot W_r = 307.15 \mu\text{Sv/year}$$

$$E^{\text{total}} = H^{\text{total}} \cdot W_t = 36.86 \mu\text{Sv/year}$$