

Honors Level Stoichiometry Challenge:

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$$\frac{0.730 \text{ km}^3}{1} \left| \frac{(1000)^3 (\text{m})^3}{(1)^3 (\text{km})^3} \right| \frac{(100)^3 (\text{cm})^3}{(1)^3 (\text{m})^3} \left| \frac{1 \text{ ml}}{1 \text{ cm}^3} \right| \frac{10.28 \text{ ng}}{1 \text{ ml}} \left| \frac{1 \text{ g}}{1 \times 10^9 \text{ ng}} \right| \frac{1 \text{ kg}}{1000 \text{ g}} = \mathbf{7504.4 \text{ kg}}$$

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$$\frac{7504 \text{ kg}}{1} \left| \frac{2.09 \text{ days}}{31.60 \text{ kg}} \right| \frac{1 \text{ year}}{365 \text{ days}} = \mathbf{1.36 \text{ years}}$$