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So, roughly

$$N_n \approx \frac{60 \text{ kg}}{1.67 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}} \cdot \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\approx 1.8 \times 10^{28} \text{ neutrons}$$

Number of interactions will be

$$N_{\text{inter}} \approx (1.8 \times 10^{28} \text{ neutrons}) \left(10^{-50} \frac{\text{m}^2}{\text{neutron}} \right) \left(4.2 \times 10^{33} \frac{\text{v}}{\text{m}^2} \right)$$

$$= (1.8 \times 10^{22} \text{ m}^2) \left(4.2 \times 10^{33} \text{ v/m}^2 \right)$$

$$= 7.5 \times 10^{11}$$

Assuming further that each neutrino has a typical energy of

$$E_\nu \sim 0.3 \text{ MeV} \approx 5 \times 10^{-14} \text{ J}$$

the total energy transferred to the human body is

$$E_{\text{tot}} \sim \left(5 \times 10^{-14} \frac{\text{J}}{\text{inter}} \right) (7.5 \times 10^{11} \text{ inter})$$

$$\sim 3.5 \times 10^{-2} \text{ J}$$

The heat capacity of water is

$$C = 4186 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{kg} \cdot ^\circ\text{C}}$$

required to heat 1 kg by 1°C

So the rise in body temperature would be ... small.

$$\Delta T \sim \frac{E_{\text{tot}}}{C \cdot m_{\text{human}}} = \frac{0.035 \text{ J}}{4186 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{kg} \cdot ^\circ\text{C}} \cdot 60 \text{ kg}} \approx 10^{-7} ^\circ\text{C}$$