

(19.10) Our solar system is considered to be 4.5 billion years old. What was the ^{235}U percentage in natural uranium when the solar system was formed?

$$N_A := 6.022137 \cdot 10^{23} \cdot \text{mole}^{-1} \quad M_{235} := 235 \cdot \text{gm} \cdot \text{mole}^{-1} \quad M_{238} := 238 \cdot \text{gm} \cdot \text{mole}^{-1}$$

$$t_{h235} := 7.038 \cdot 10^8 \cdot \text{yr} \quad \lambda_{235} := \frac{\ln(2)}{t_{h235}}$$

$$t_{h238} := 4.468 \cdot 10^9 \cdot \text{yr} \quad \lambda_{238} := \frac{\ln(2)}{t_{h238}}$$

$$x_{235} := 0.72 \cdot \% \quad x_{238} := 1 - x_{235}$$

$$M_U := x_{235} \cdot M_{235} + x_{238} \cdot M_{238}$$

Assume 1 kg uranium for simplicity: $m_{tot} := 1 \cdot \text{kg}$

$$N_{235} := \frac{m_{tot}}{M_U} \cdot N_A \cdot x_{235} \quad N_{238} := \frac{m_{tot}}{M_U} \cdot N_A \cdot x_{238} \quad t_{age} := 4.5 \cdot 10^9 \cdot \text{yr}$$

$$N_{0235} := N_{235} \cdot \exp(\lambda_{235} \cdot t_{age}) \quad m_{old235} := \frac{N_{0235}}{N_A} \cdot M_{235}$$

$$N_{0238} := N_{238} \cdot \exp(\lambda_{238} \cdot t_{age}) \quad m_{old238} := \frac{N_{0238}}{N_A} \cdot M_{238}$$

$$m_{old} := m_{old235} + m_{old238}$$

$$\text{Fraction}_{235} := \frac{m_{old235}}{m_{old}} \quad \text{Fraction}_{235} = 0.231 \quad \text{or}$$

$$\text{Fraction}_{235} = 23.052 \cdot \%$$