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Radioactive Decay

1st ORDER RXNS!
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Half Life \Rightarrow time for $\frac{1}{2}$ (mass) to decompose

$$\ln A_t = -kt + \ln A_0$$

$\frac{1}{2} A_0$
 original amount.

$$t_{1/2} = \frac{0.693}{k}$$

$A_t =$ how much you have

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A_0 1g ^{90}Sr . A_t 0.953g after t 2 yrs.

Q Find $t_{1/2}$.

$$\ln A_t = -Kt + \ln A_0$$

$$\ln 0.953 = -K(2) + \ln 1$$

$$K = 0.0241 \text{ yr}^{-1}$$

$$\frac{t_{1/2}}{1} = \frac{0.693}{K}$$

$$\frac{K}{1} = \frac{0.693}{t_{1/2}}$$

$$28.84 \text{ yr}$$

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How much remains after 5 yrs.

$$\ln A_t = -Kt + \ln A_0$$

$$\ln A_t = -(0.0241)(5) + \ln 1$$

$$A_t = 0.8869 \text{ g}$$

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Rock has $\frac{0.257 \text{ mg } ^{206}\text{Pb}}{1 \text{ mg } ^{238}\text{U}}$

$t_{1/2} = 4.5 \times 10^9 \text{ yr}$

TOTAL = 1.257 mg ?
mass now U + Pb

Mass Ratio to convert U \rightarrow Pb

A_0 for ^{238}U - original mass just ^{238}U

$1 \text{ mg } ^{238}\text{U} + \frac{0.257 \text{ mg } ^{206}\text{Pb}}{1} \left(\frac{238 \text{ U}}{206 \text{ Pb}} \right) = 1.297 \text{ mg } ^{238}\text{U}$

UN stable \rightarrow ^{206}Pb stable

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$\ln A_t = -kt + \ln A_0$

$\ln 1 = -\left(\frac{0.693}{4.5 \times 10^9}\right)t + \ln 1.297$

$1.7 \times 10^9 \text{ yr}$

$k = \frac{0.693}{4.5 \times 10^9}$

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Δ in substance

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