

ZERO & FIRST ORDER REACTION

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First Order Reactions

For a $A \rightarrow$ products

Differential:

$$\text{rate} = - \frac{\Delta[A]}{\Delta t} = k[A]$$

Integrated:

$$\ln[A]_t = -kt + \ln[A]_0$$

$$\ln \frac{[A]_0}{[A]_t} = kt$$

Half-life, first order reactions

Integrated law :

$$\ln \frac{[A]_0}{[A]_t} = kt$$

Half-life :

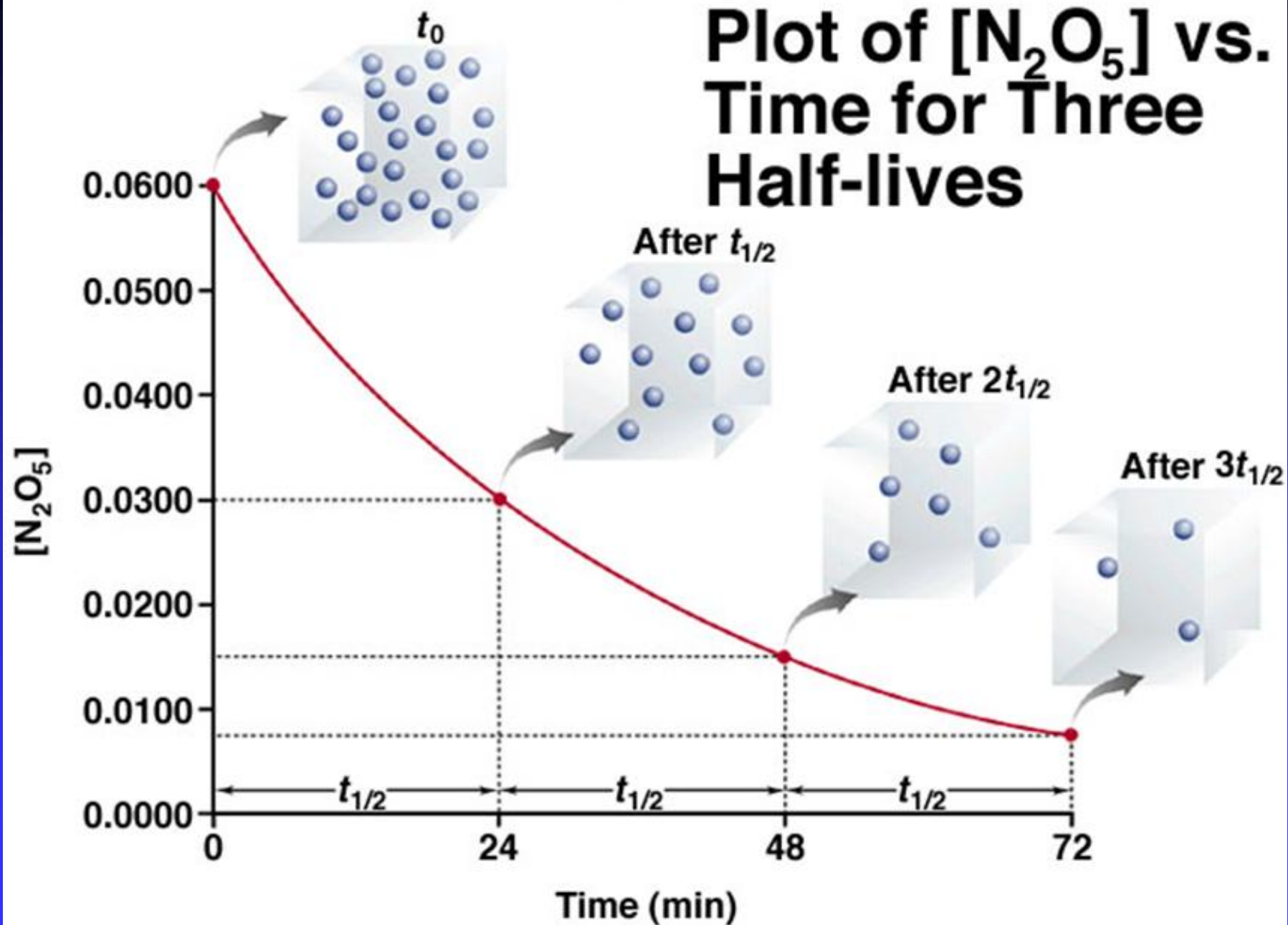
Half of initial reacted

$$[A]_t = \frac{1}{2}[A]_0$$

Independent of $[A]_0$

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

Plot of $[N_2O_5]$ vs. Time for Three Half-lives



Zero Order Reactions

For a $A \rightarrow \text{products}$

Differential:

$$\text{rate} = - \frac{\Delta[A]}{\Delta t} = k[A]^0 = k$$

$$[A]_t = -kt + [A]_0$$

Integrated:

$$[A]_t - [A]_0 = -kt$$

Elementary Reactions and Molecularity

Table 16. Rate Laws for General Elementary Steps

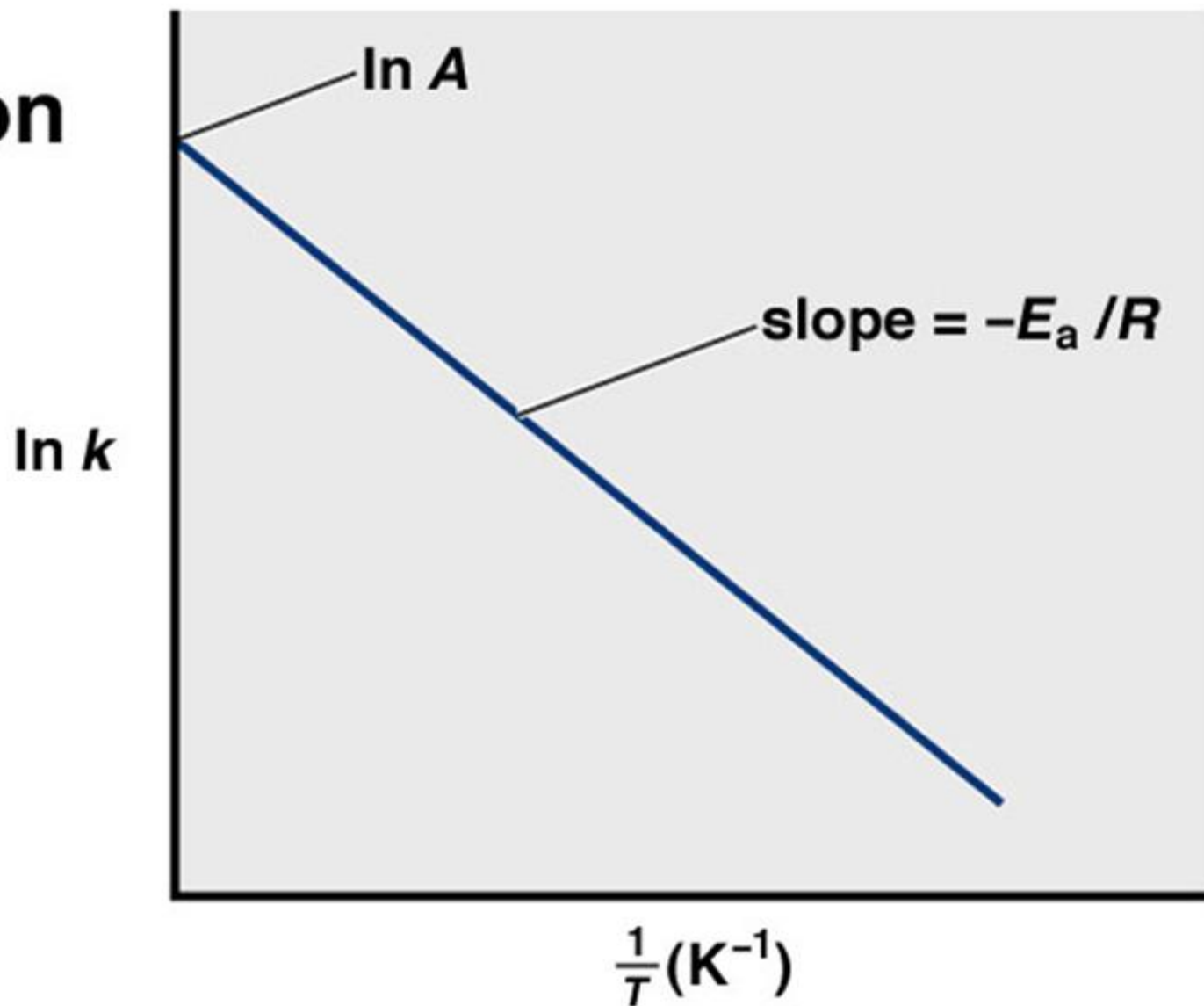
Elementary Step	Molecularity	Rate Law
$A \longrightarrow \text{product}$	Unimolecular	Rate = $k[A]$
$2A \longrightarrow \text{product}$	Bimolecular	Rate = $k[A]^2$
$A + B \longrightarrow \text{product}$	Bimolecular	Rate = $k[A][B]$
$2A + B \longrightarrow \text{product}$	Termolecular	Rate = $k[A]^2[B]$

Arrhenius Equation

$$k = Ae^{-\frac{E_a}{RT}}$$

- k : rate constant
- E_a : activation energy (minimum required)
- T : absolute temperature
- R : universal gas constant
- A : orientation factor

Determination of the Activation Energy.



Thank
you!

