

Molecular interactions, thermodynamics & reaction coupling

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group: what are core ideas in today's reading...

A. explain, what factors influence the equilibrium state of a reaction.

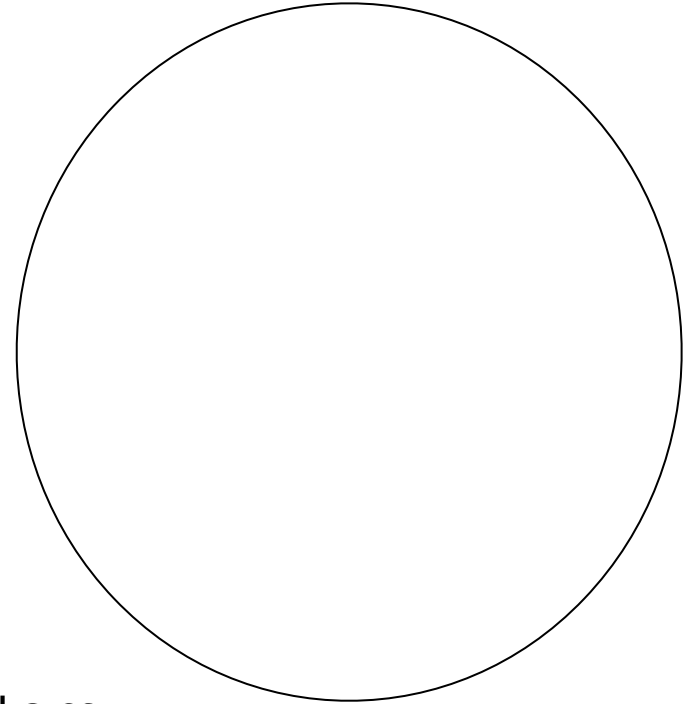
why is entropy higher in a gas than in a solid

B. explain, in terms of energies and probabilities, what factors influence the rate of a reaction.

Consider a system with a barrier

Concentration of A [A] is higher outside than inside.

Draw the reaction diagram for the system
(what factors are you considering in your drawing?)

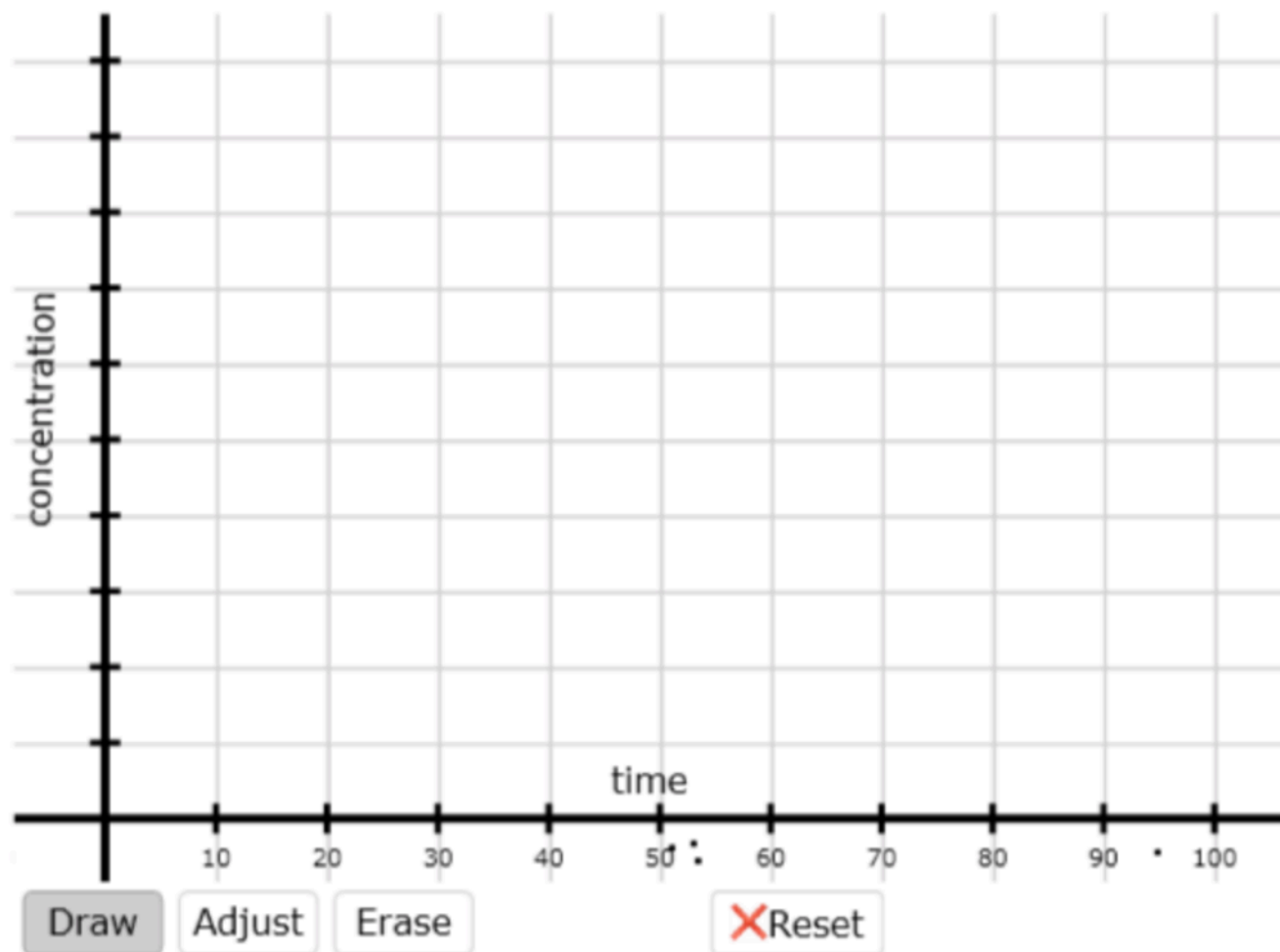


Q: What is involved in coupling reactions?

how can you recognize a coupled (or an uncoupled) reaction system?

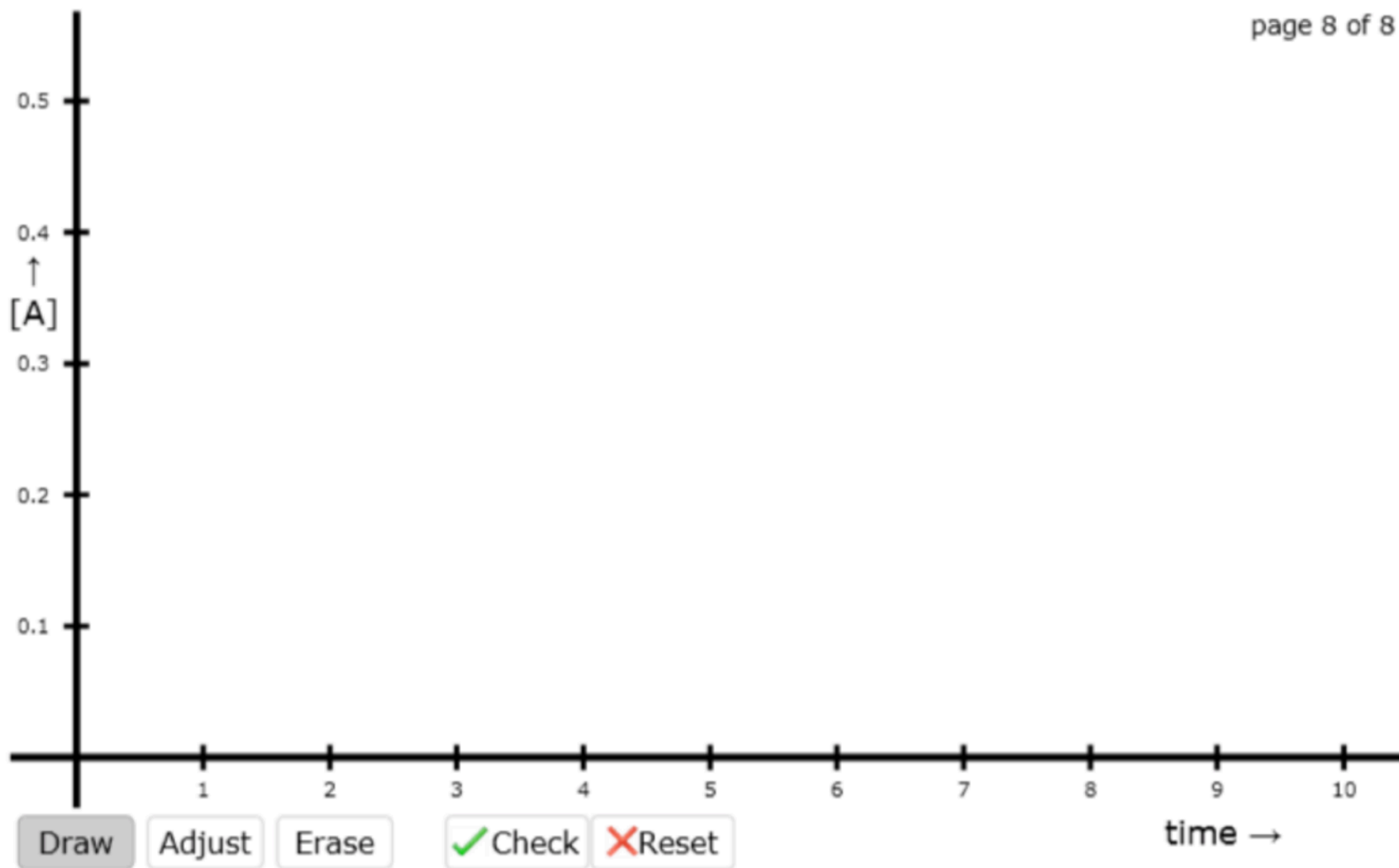
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Consider a thermodynamically favorable reaction with a high activation energy. Make & **justify** a prediction as to the behavior of the products over time.



In addition to the $A \leftrightarrow B + C$ reaction, there is a second reaction $C + E \leftrightarrow F$ that is **thermodynamically highly favorable** AND quickly reaches equilibrium.
At time $t=5$ the system is made 1M in E. **Graph what happens to [A]** from $t=0$ to $t=20$

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What is involved in coupling reactions? how do you recognize a coupled reaction system?

What is LeChatelier's principle and how is it involved in reaction coupling?

Why do all atoms / molecules attract one another?
Why do they not fuse with one another?

How does the shape of a molecule influence the interactions between molecules?

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