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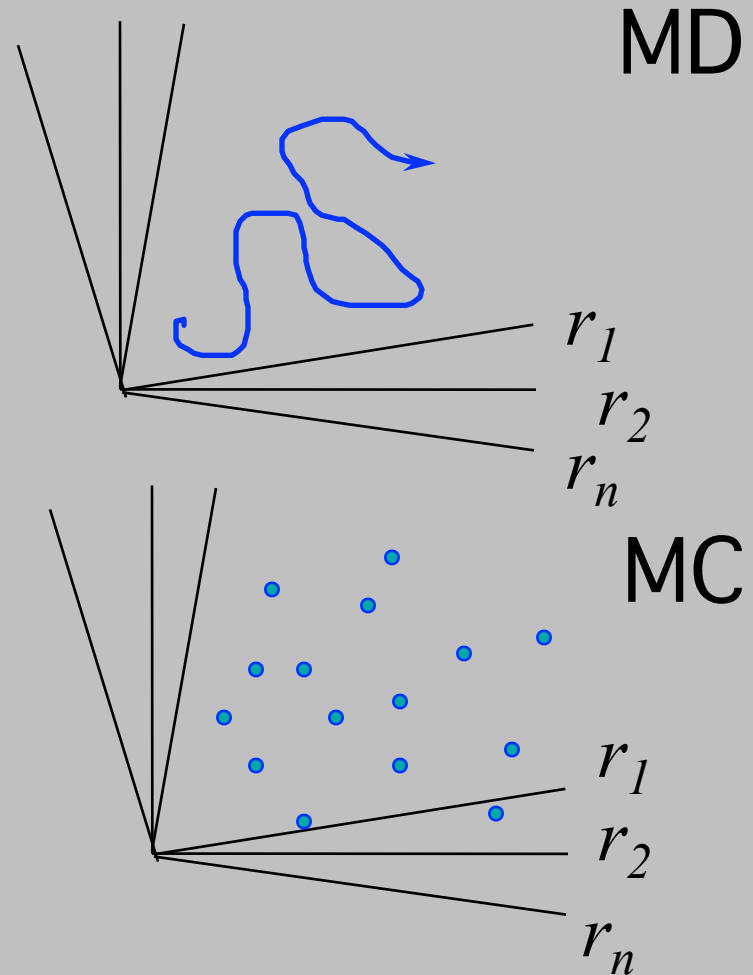
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## Introduction Statistical Thermodynamics

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# Molecular Simulations

- ◆ Molecular dynamics:  
solve equations of motion
- ◆ Monte Carlo:  
importance sampling



## Algorithm 1 (Basic Metropolis Algorithm)

<pre>PROGRAM mc</pre>	basic Metropolis algorithm
<pre>do icycl=1,ncycl</pre>	perform <code>ncycl</code> MC cycles
<pre>  call mcmove</pre>	displace a particle
<pre>  if (mod(icycl,nsamp).eq.0)</pre>	
<pre>+    call sample</pre>	sample averages
<pre>enddo</pre>	
<pre>end</pre>	

*Comments to this algorithm:*

- 1. Subroutine `mcmove` attempts to displace a randomly selected particle (see Algorithm 2).*
- 2. Subroutine `sample` samples quantities every `nsamp`th cycle.*

## Algorithm 2 (Attempt to Displace a Particle)

<pre>SUBROUTINE mcmove  o=int(ranf()*npart)+1 call ener(x(o), eno) xn=x(o)+(ranf()-0.5)*delx call ener(xn, enn) if (ranf().lt.exp(-beta +   *(enn-eno)) x(o)=xn return end</pre>	<p>attempts to displace a particle</p> <p>select a particle at random energy old configuration give particle random displacement energy new configuration acceptance rule (3.2.1) accepted: replace <math>x(o)</math> by <math>xn</math></p>
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*Comments to this algorithm:*

1. Subroutine `ener` calculates the energy of a particle at the given position.
2. Note that, if a configuration is rejected, the old configuration is retained.
3. The `ranf()` is a random number uniform in  $[0, 1]$ .

# Questions

What is the desired distribution?

- How can we prove that this scheme generates the desired distribution of configurations?
- Why make a random selection of the particle to be displaced?
- Why do we need to take the old configuration again?
- How large should we take:  $\delta x$ ?

# Outline

## Rewrite History

- Atoms first! Thermodynamics last!

## Thermodynamics

- First law: conservation of energy
- Second law: in a closed system entropy increase and takes its maximum value at equilibrium

## System at constant temperature and volume

- Helmholtz free energy decrease and takes its minimum value at equilibrium

## Other ensembles:

- Constant pressure
- grand-canonical ensemble



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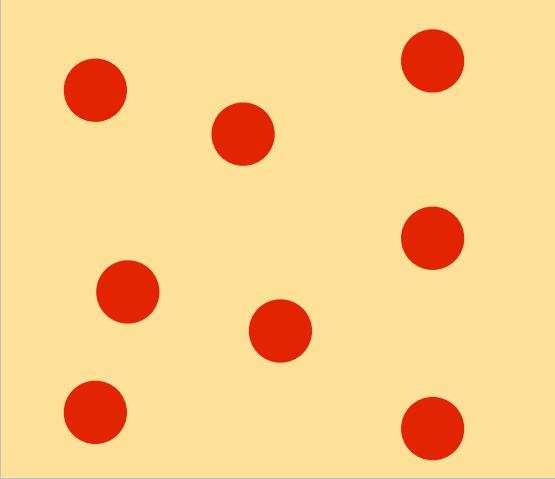
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thermodynamics next

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# A box of particles



We have given the particles an intermolecular potential

Newton: equations of motion

$$\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{r}) = -\nabla u(\mathbf{r})$$

$$m \frac{d^2 \mathbf{r}}{dt^2} = \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{r})$$

Conservation of total energy



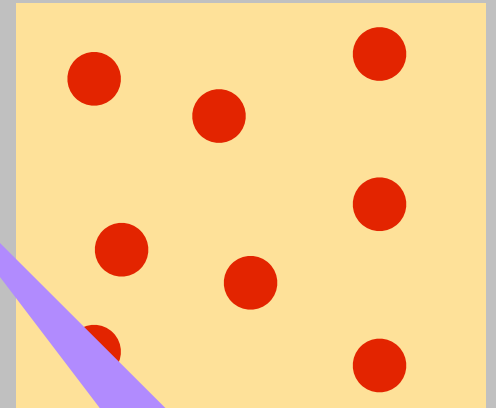
# Phase space

Thermodynamics:  $N, V, E$

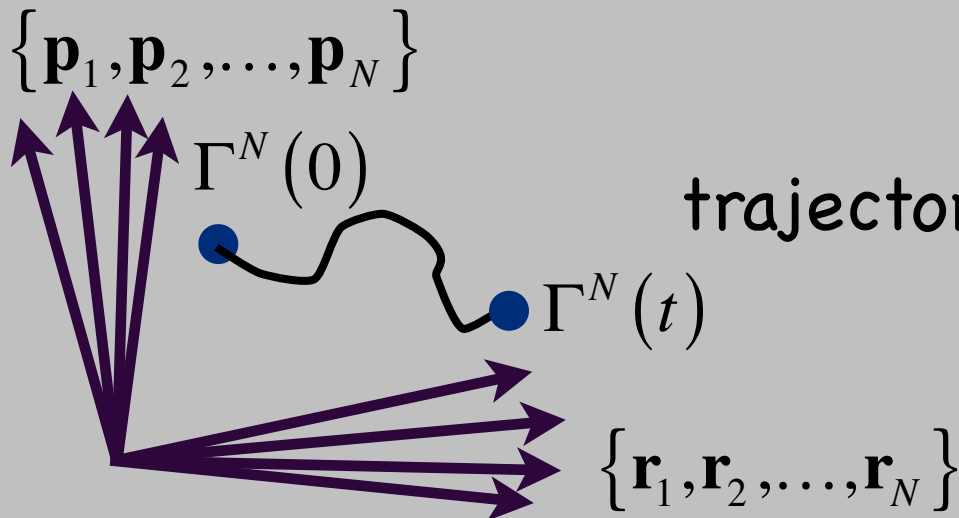
Molecular:

$$\Gamma^N = \{\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \dots, \mathbf{r}_N, \mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2, \dots, \mathbf{p}_N\}$$

point in phase space



Why this one?

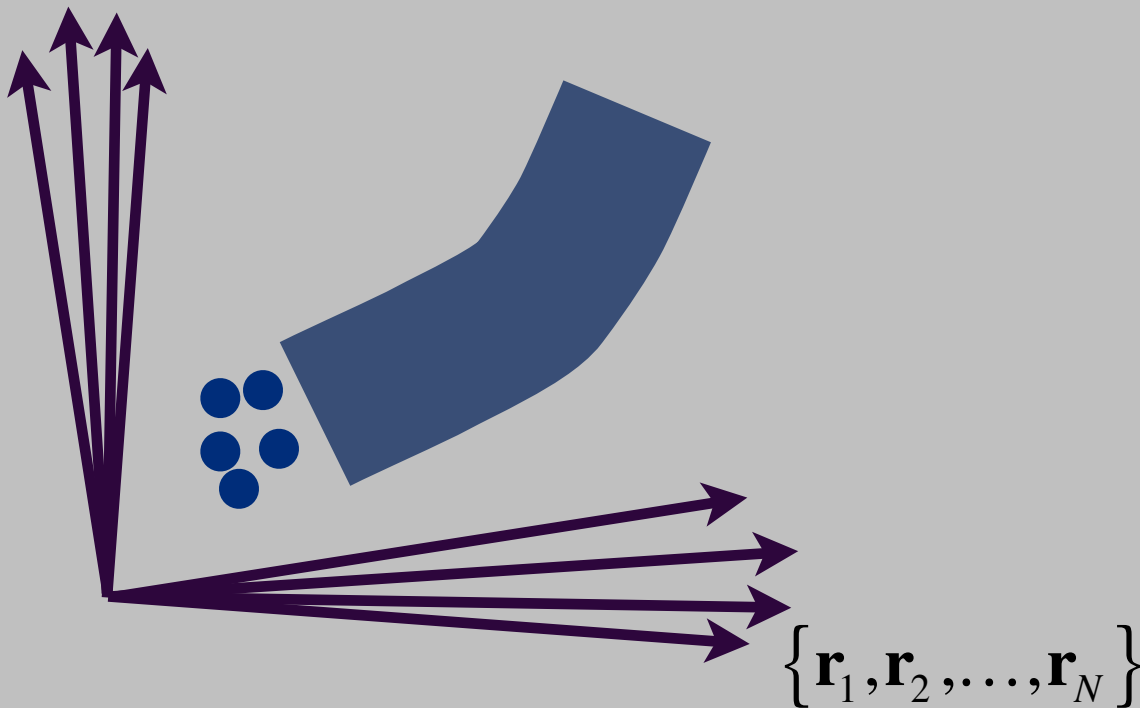


trajectory: classical mechanics

All trajectories with the same initial total energy should describe the same thermodynamic state

These trajectories define a probability density in phase space

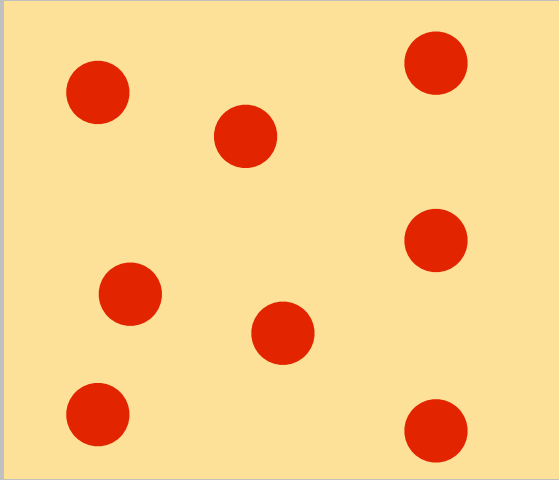
$\{\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2, \dots, \mathbf{p}_N\}$



# Intermezzo 1: phase rule

- Question: explain the phase rule?
- Phase rule:  $F=2-P+C$ 
  - F: degrees of freedom
  - P: number of phases
  - C: number of components
- Why the 2?

# Making a gas



What do we need to specify to fully define a thermodynamic system?

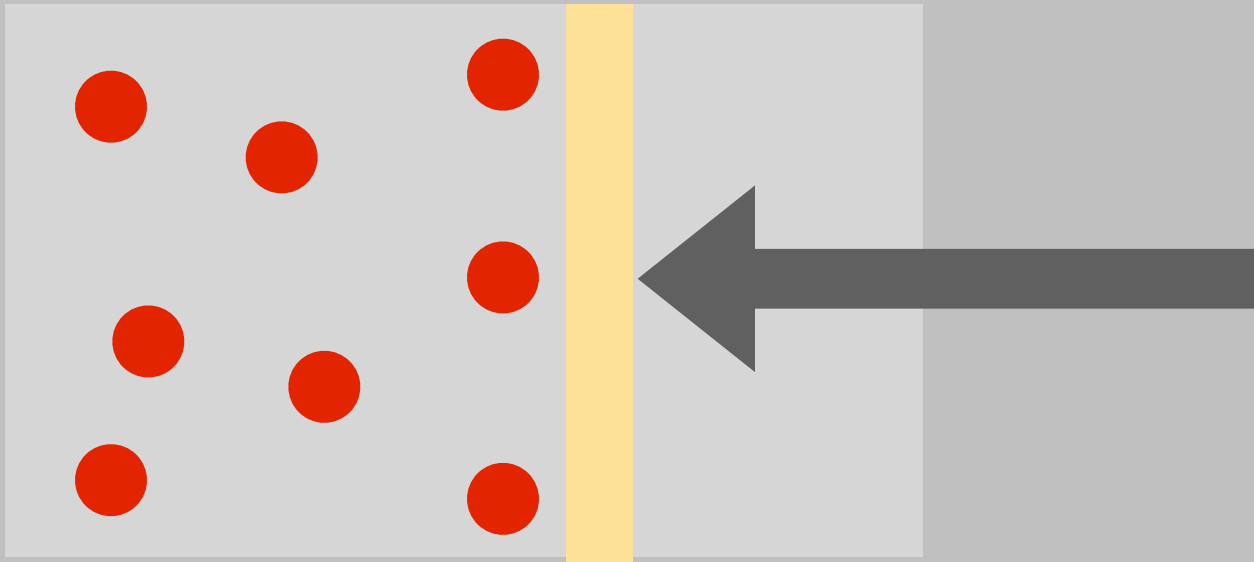
1. Specify the volume  $V$
2. Specify the number of particles  $N$
3. Give the particles:
  - ♦ initial positions
  - ♦ initial velocities

More we cannot do: Newton takes over!

System will be at constant:  $N, V, E$   
(micro-canonical ensemble)

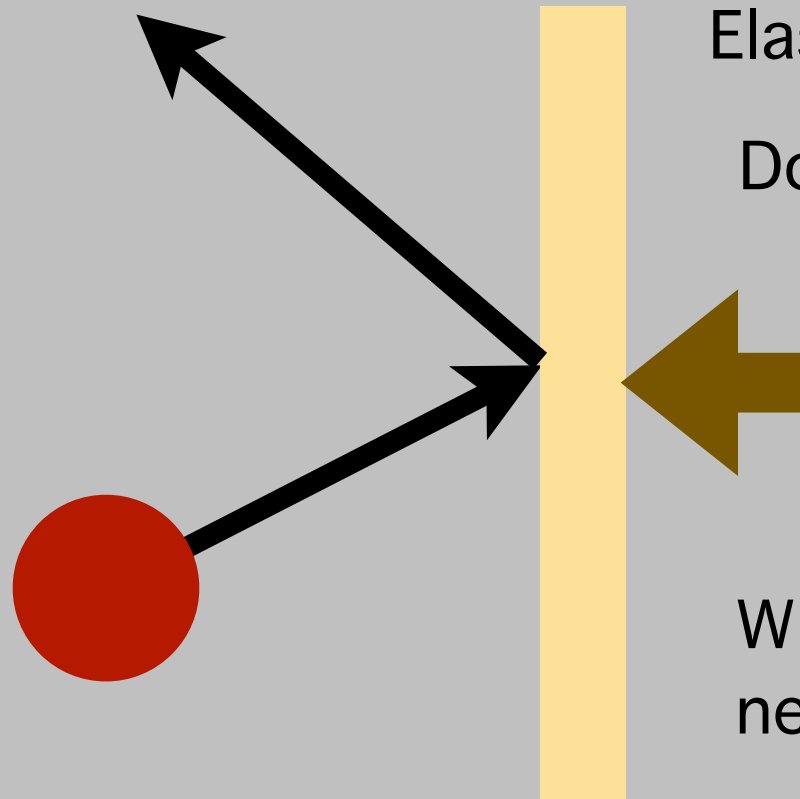
# Pressure

What is the force I need to apply to prevent the wall from moving?



How much work I do?

# Collision with a wall



Elastic collisions:

Does the energy change?

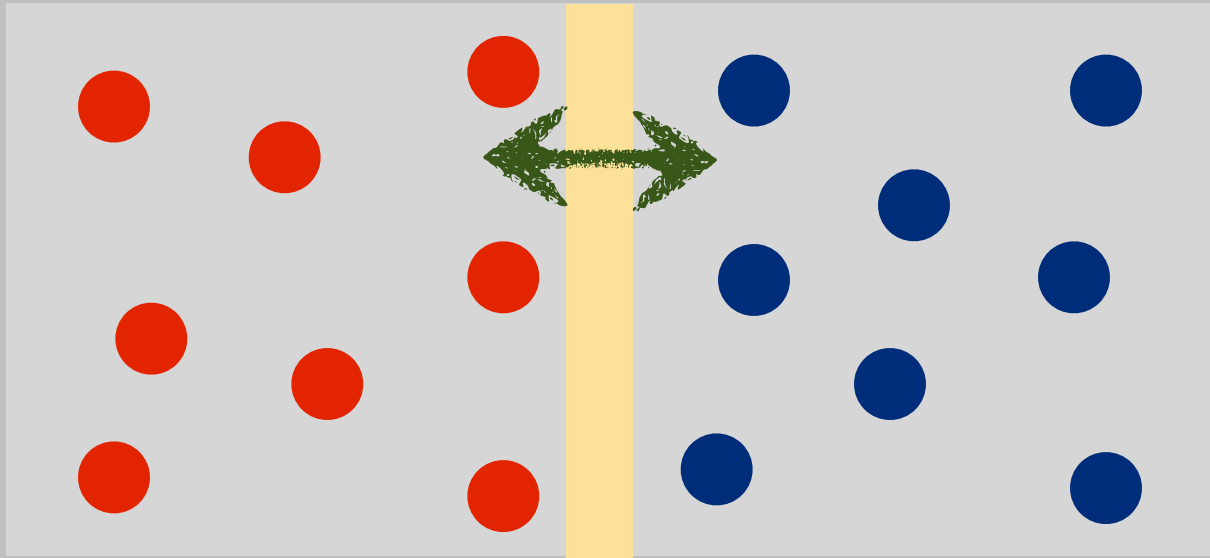
What is the force that we need to apply on the wall?

# Pressure

- one particle:  $2 m v_x$
- # particles:  $\rho A v_x$
- 50% is the positive directions: 0.5
- $P A = F = \rho A m v_x^2$
- Kinetic energy:  $U_K = \frac{1}{2} m v^2 = \frac{3}{2} k_B T$ 
  - (we define temperature)
- Pressure:  $P V = N k_B T$



# Experiment (1)



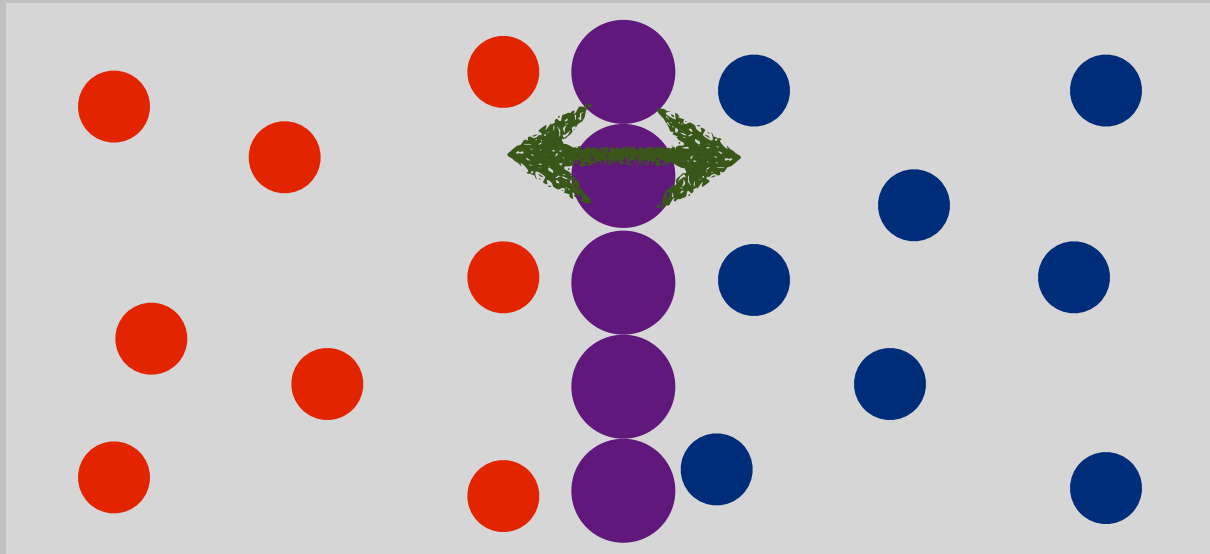
$NVE_1$

$NVE_2$

$E_1 > E_2$

What will the moveable wall do?

# Experiment (2)



$NVE_1$

$NVE_2$

$E_1 > E_2$

Now the wall are heavy molecules

What will the moveable wall do?

# Newton + atoms

- We have a natural formulation of the first law
- We have discovered pressure
- We have discovered another equilibrium properties related to the total energy of the system

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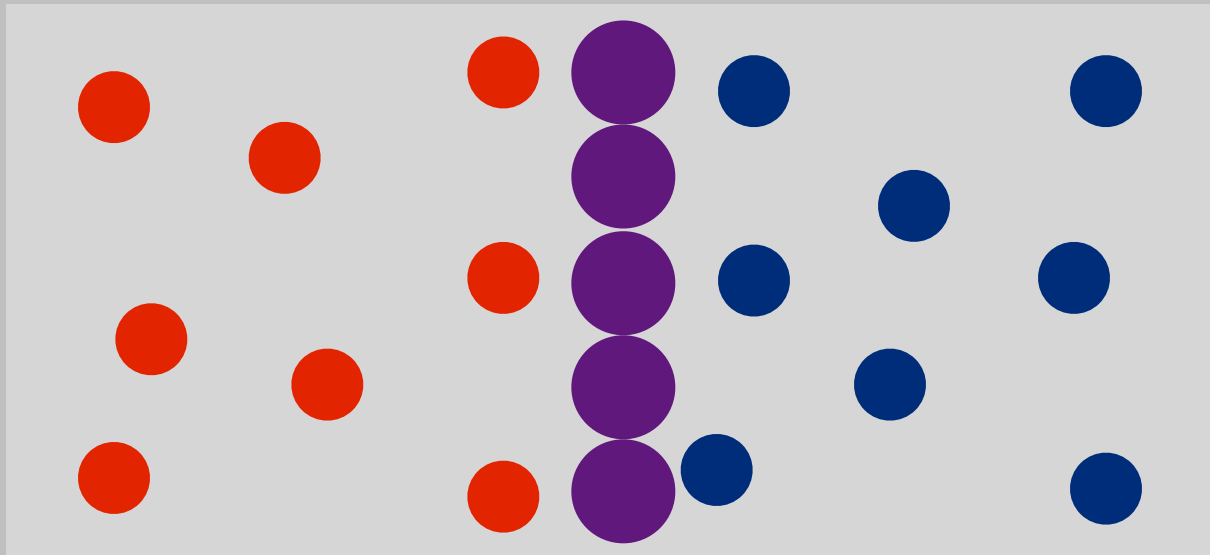
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## Thermodynamics (classical)

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# Experiment



The wall can move and exchange  
energy:  
what determines equilibrium ?

# Classical Thermodynamics

- 1st law of Thermodynamics
  - Energy is conserved
- 2nd law of Thermodynamics
  - Heat spontaneously flows from hot to cold

# Classical Thermodynamics

Carnot: Entropy difference between two states:

$$\Delta S = S_B - S_A = \int_A^B \frac{dQ_{\text{rev}}}{T}$$

Using the first law we have:

$$\Delta U = Q + W$$

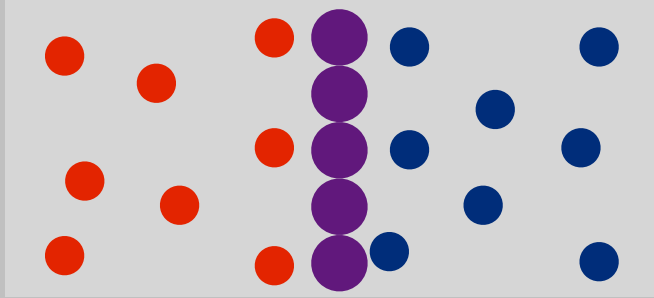
If we carry out a reversible process, we have for any point along the path

$$dU = TdS + dW$$

If we have work by a expansion of a fluid

$$dU = TdS - pdV$$





Let us look at the very initial stage

$dq$  is so small that the temperatures of the two systems do not change

For system H 
$$dS_H = -\frac{dq}{T_H}$$

For system L 
$$dS_L = \frac{dq}{T_L}$$

Hence, for the total system

$$dS = dS_L + dS_H = dq \left( \frac{1}{T_L} - \frac{1}{T_H} \right)$$

Heat goes from warm to cold: or if  $dq > 0$  then  $T_H > T_L$

This gives for the entropy change:  $dS > 0$

Hence, the entropy increases until the two temperatures are equal

# Question

- Thermodynamics has a sense of time, but not Newton's dynamics
  - Look at a water atoms in reverse
  - Look at a movie in reverse
- When do molecules know about the arrow of time?

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# Statistical Thermodynamics

Basic assumption

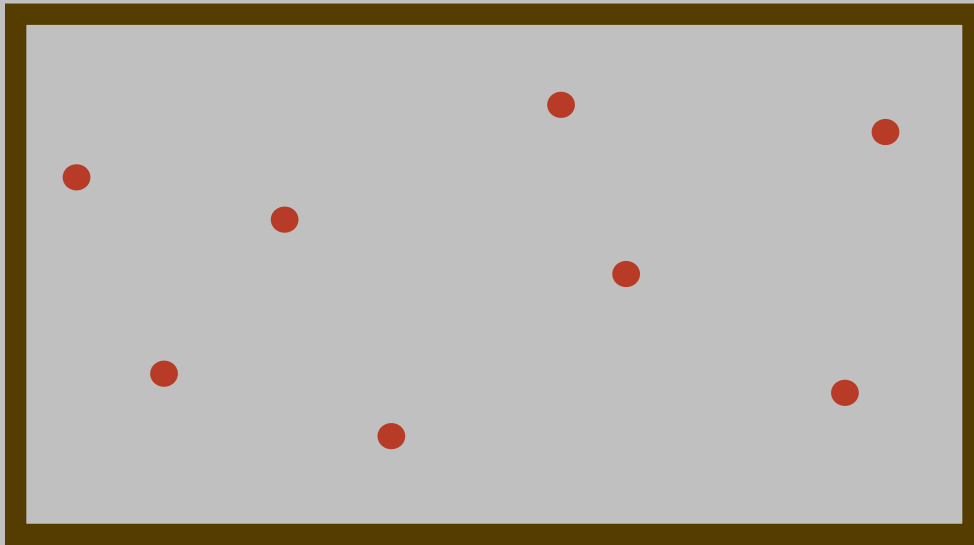
For a system in contact with a reservoir  
at temperature  $T$ , the probability of finding the system in a state with energy  $E$  is given by the Boltzmann factor

Conclusion

All thermodynamics and equilibrium thermodynamics  
is based on laws

# Ideal gas

Let us again make an ideal gas



We select:

- (1)  $N$  particles,
- (2) Volume  $V$ ,
- (3) initial velocities  
+ positions

This fixes;  $V/n$ ,  $U/n$

Basic assumption

For an isolated system any microscopic configuration is equally likely

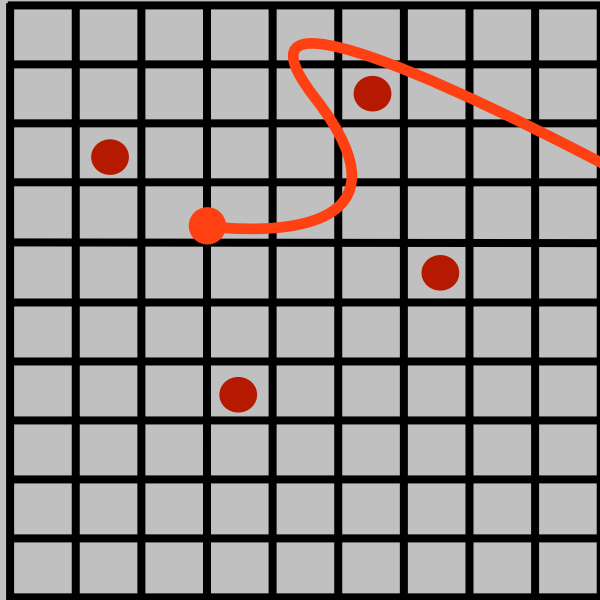
What is the probability to find this configuration?



The system has the same kinetic energy!!

Our basic assumption must be seriously wrong!

... but are we doing the statistics correctly?



... lets look at our statistics correctly

What is the probability to find this configuration?

Basic

assumption:

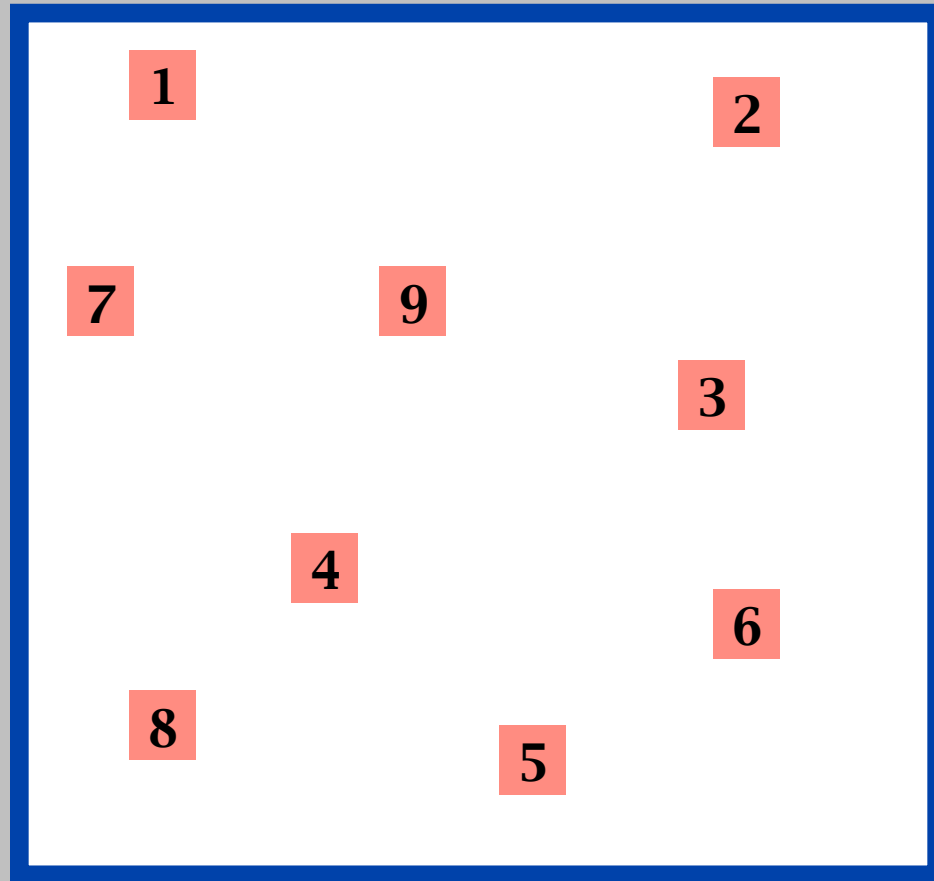
$$\mathcal{P} = \frac{1}{\text{total \# of configurations}}$$

number 1 can be put in  $M$  positions, number 2 at  $M$  positions, etc

Total number of configurations:  $M^N$  with  $M = \frac{V}{dr}$

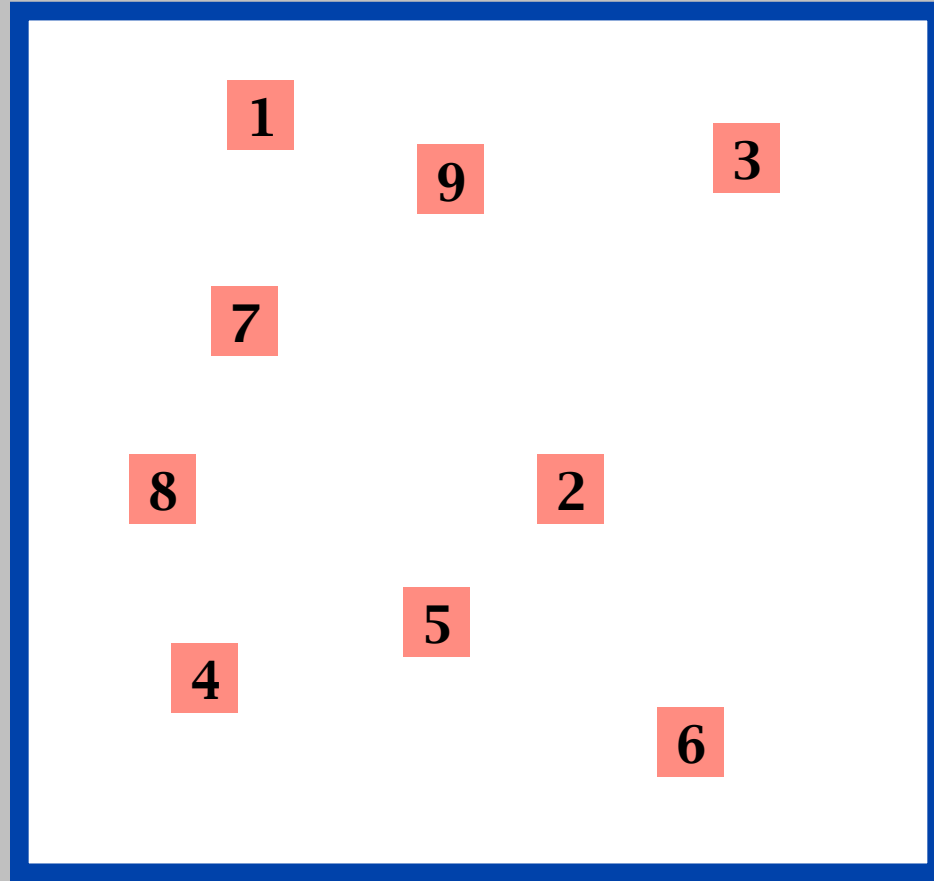
the larger the volume of the gas the more configurations





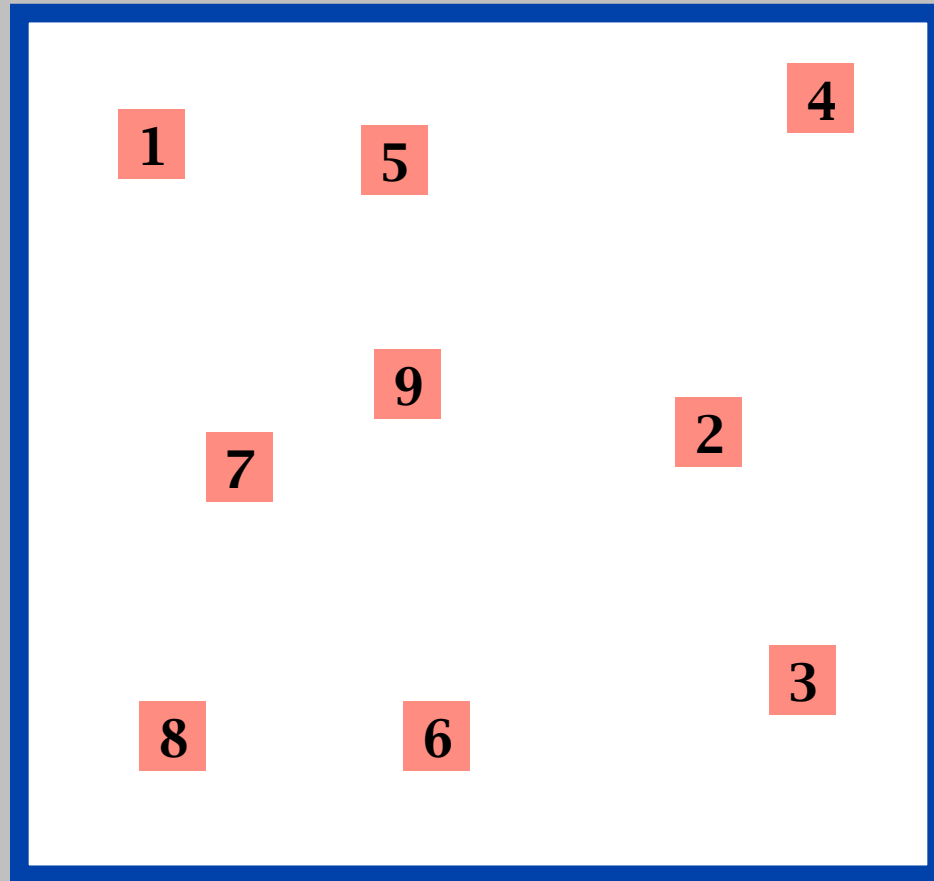
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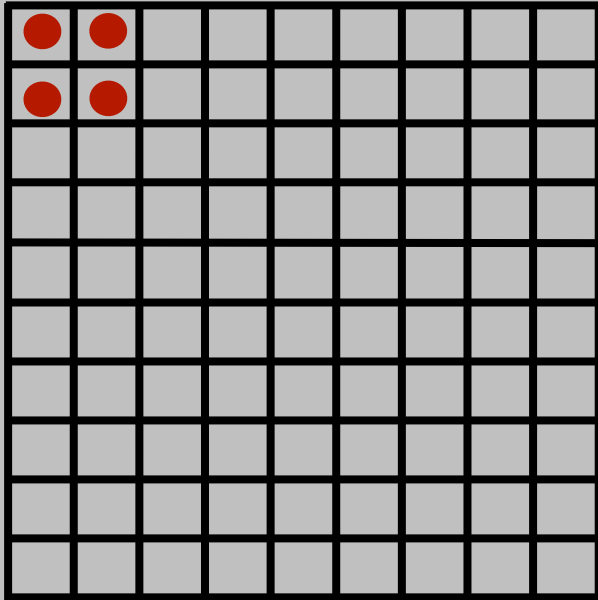
1	5	4
7	9	2
8	6	3

What is the probability to find the 9 molecules exactly at these 9 positions?

$$\left(\frac{\Delta V}{V}\right)^N$$

# Question

- Is it safe to be in this room?



What is the probability to find this configuration?

exactly equal as to any other configuration!!!!!!

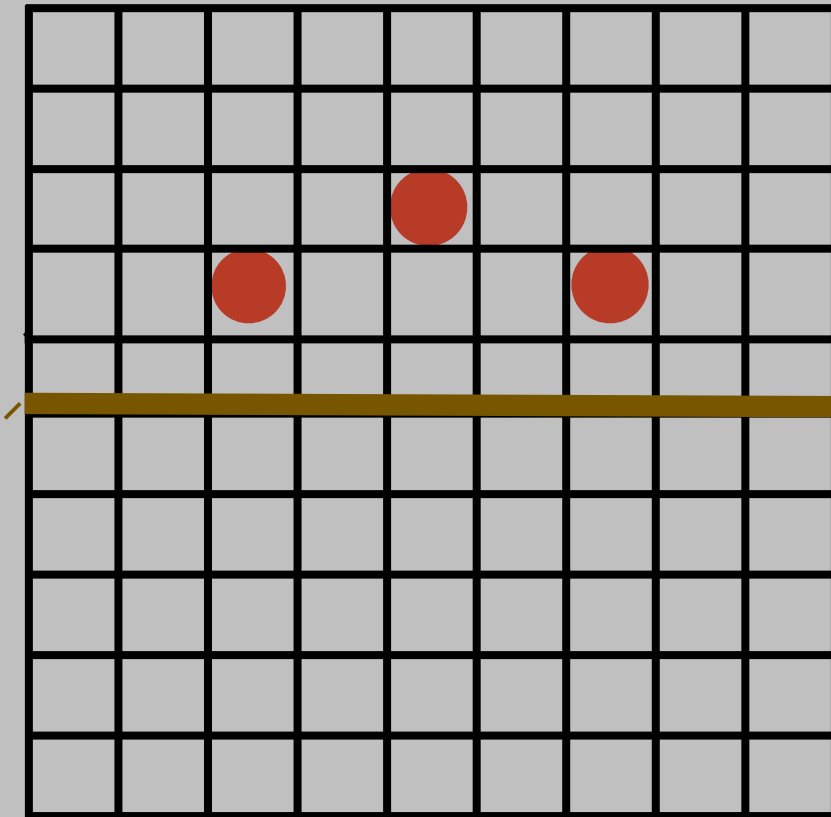
This is reflecting the microscopic reversibility of Newton's equations of motion. A microscopic system has no "sense" of the direction of time

Are we asking the **right question?**

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These are microscopic properties; **no irreversibility**

Thermodynamic is about macroscopic properties:



Measure densities: what is the probability that we have all our  $N$  gas particle in the upper half?

$N$	$P(\text{empty})$
1	0.5
2	$0.5 \times 0.5$
3	$0.5 \times 0.5 \times 0.5$
1000	$10^{-301}$

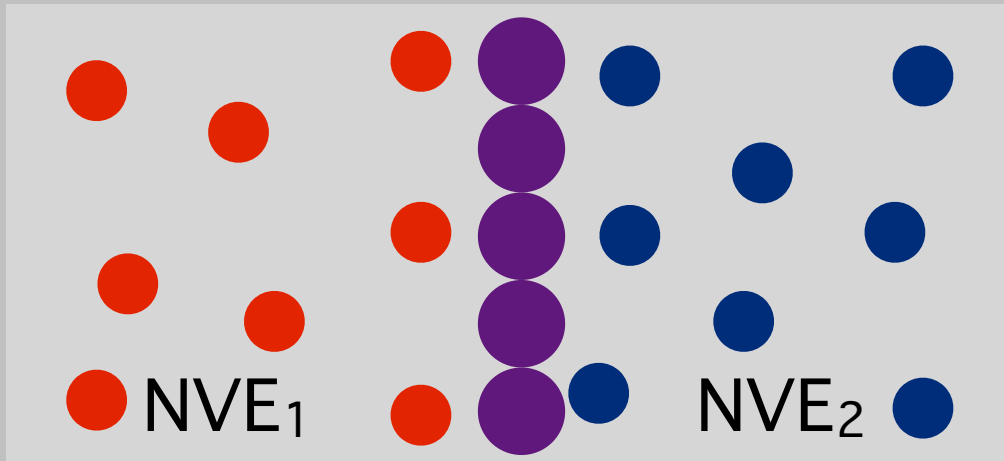


# Summary

- On a microscopic level all configurations are equally likely
- On a macroscopic level; as the number of particles is extremely large, the probability that we have a fluctuation from the average value is extremely low
- Let us quantify these statements

# Basic assumption

$$E_1 > E_2$$



Let us look at one of our examples; let us assume that the total system is isolate but heat can flow between 1 and 2.

All micro states will be equally likely!

... but the number of micro states that give an particular energy distribution  $(E_1, E-E_1)$  not ...

... so, we observe the most likely one ...

In a macroscopic system we will observe the **most likely** one

$$\mathcal{P}(E_1, E_2) = \frac{\mathcal{N}_1(E_1) \times \mathcal{N}_2(E - E_1)}{\sum_{E_1=0}^{E_1=E} \mathcal{N}_1(E_1) \times \mathcal{N}_2(E - E_1)}$$

The summation only depends on the total energy:

$$\mathcal{P}(E_1, E_2) = C \times \mathcal{N}_1(E_1) \times \mathcal{N}_2(E - E_1)$$

$$\ln \mathcal{P}(E_1, E_2) = \ln C + \ln \mathcal{N}_1(E_1) + \ln \mathcal{N}_2(E - E_1)$$

We need to find the maximum

$$\frac{d \ln \mathcal{P}(E_1, E_2)}{dE_1} = \frac{d \ln \mathcal{N}(E_1, E_2)}{dE_1} = 0$$

$$\frac{d [\ln \mathcal{N}_1(E_1) + \ln \mathcal{N}_2(E - E_1)]}{dE_1} = 0$$

We need to find the maximum

$$\frac{d [\ln \mathcal{N}_1(E_1) + \ln \mathcal{N}_2(E - E_1)]}{dE_1} = 0$$

$$\frac{d \ln \mathcal{N}_1(E_1)}{dE_1} = - \frac{d \ln \mathcal{N}_2(E - E_1)}{dE_1}$$

As the total energy is constant

$$E_2 = E - E_1$$

$$dE_1 = -d(E - E_1) = -dE_2$$

Which gives as equilibrium condition:

$$\frac{d \ln \mathcal{N}_1(E_1)}{dE_1} = \frac{d \ln \mathcal{N}_2(E_2)}{dE_2}$$

Let us define a property  
(almost  $S$ , but not quite) :

$$S^* = \ln \mathfrak{N}(E)$$

Equilibrium if: 
$$\frac{d \ln \mathfrak{N}_1(E_1)}{dE_1} = \frac{d \ln \mathfrak{N}_2(E_2)}{dE_2}$$

or 
$$\left( \frac{\partial S_1^*}{\partial E_1} \right)_{N_1, V_1} = \left( \frac{\partial S_2^*}{\partial E_2} \right)_{N_2, V_2}$$

And for the total system: 
$$S^* = S_1^* + S_2^*$$

For a system at constant energy, volume and number of particles the  $S^*$  increases until it has reached its maximum value at equilibrium

What is this magic property  $S^*$ ?

Defined a property  $S^*$  (that is almost  $S$ ):

$$\begin{aligned} S^*(E_1, E - E_1) &= \ln \aleph(E_1, E - E_1) \\ &= \ln \aleph_1(E_1) + \ln \aleph_2(E - E_1) \\ &= S_1^*(E_1) + S_2^*(E - E_1) \end{aligned}$$

Why is maximizing  $S^*$  the same as maximizing  $N$ ?

The logarithm is a monotonically increasing function.

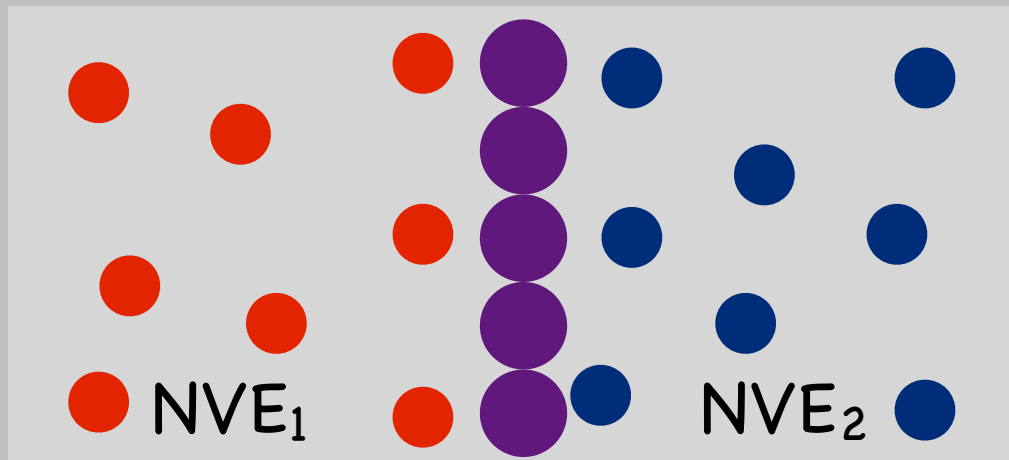
Why else is the logarithm a convenient function?

Makes  $S^*$  additive! Leads to extensivity.

Why is  $S^*$  not quite entropy?

Units! The logarithm is just a unitless quantity.

# Thermal Equilibrium (Review)



$$E_1 > E_2$$

Isolated system that allows heat flow between 1 and 2.

$$\mathcal{N}(E_1, E - E_1) = \mathcal{N}_1(E_1) \cdot \mathcal{N}_2(E - E_1)$$

Number of micro states that give an particular energy distribution  $(E_1, E - E_1)$  is maximized with respect to  $E_1$ .

For a partitioning of  $E$  between 1 and 2, the number of accessible states is maximized when:

$$\left( \frac{\partial S_1^*}{\partial E_1} \right)_{N_1, V_1} = \left( \frac{\partial S_2^*}{\partial E_2} \right)_{N_2, V_2}$$

What do these partial derivatives relate to?

Thermal equilibrium --> Temperature!

$$dE = TdS - pdV + \sum_{i=1}^M \mu_i dN_i$$

Temperature

$$T = \left( \frac{\partial E}{\partial S} \right)_{V, N_i} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{1}{T} = \left( \frac{\partial S}{\partial E} \right)_{V, N_i}$$



# Summary

- Statistical Mechanics:
  - basic assumption:
    - all microstates are equally likely
  - Applied to NVE
    - Definition of Entropy:  $S = k_B \ln \Omega$
    - Equilibrium: equal temperatures

# Question

How large is  $\Omega$  for a glass of water?

- For macroscopic systems, super-astronomically large.
- For instance, for a glass of water at room temperature

$$\Omega \approx 10^{2 \times 10^{25}}$$

- Macroscopic deviations from the second law of thermodynamics are not forbidden, but they are extremely unlikely.

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## Systems at Constant Temperature (different ensembles)

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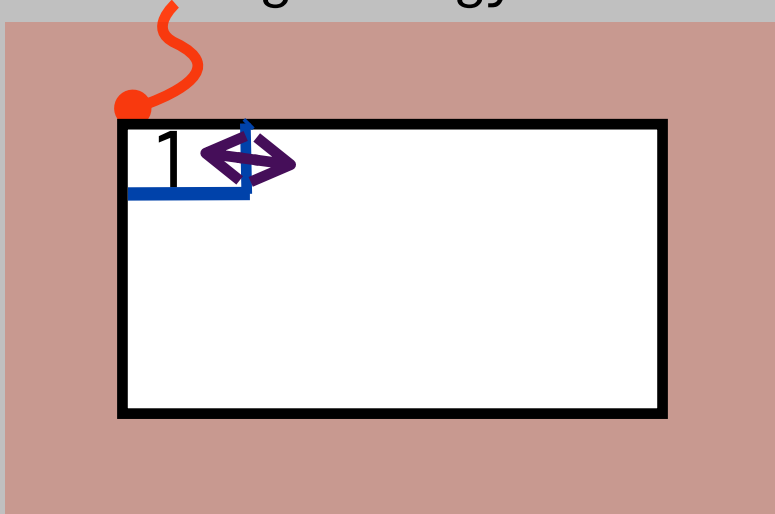
# The 2<sup>nd</sup> law

Entropy of an isolated system can only **increase**; until equilibrium where it takes its maximum value

Most systems are at constant temperature and volume or pressure?

What is the formulation for these systems?

fixed volume but can  
exchange energy



# Constant $T$ and $V$

We have our box 1 and a bath

Total system is isolated and  
the volume is constant

First law  $dU = dq - pdV = 0$

Second law  $dS \geq 0$

Box 1: constant volume and temperature

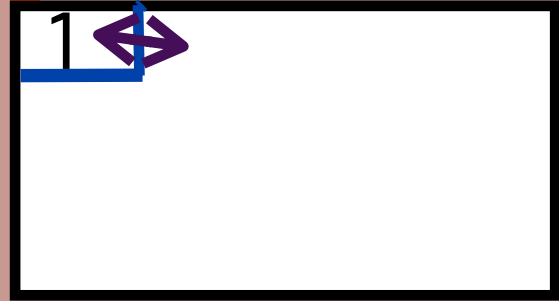
1<sup>st</sup> law:  $dU_1 + dU_b = 0$       or       $dU_1 = -dU_b$

The bath is so large that the heat flow does not influence the  
temperature of the bath + the process is reversible

2<sup>nd</sup> law:  $dS_1 + dS_b = dS_1 + \frac{dU_b}{T} \geq 0$

$TdS_1 - dU_1 \geq 0$

fixed volume but can  
exchange energy



# Constant T and V

Total system is isolated and  
the volume is constant

Box 1: constant volume  
and temperature

$$2^{\text{nd}} \text{ law: } TdS_1 - dU_1 \geq 0$$

$$d(U_1 - TS_1) \leq 0$$

Let us define the Helmholtz free energy:  $A$

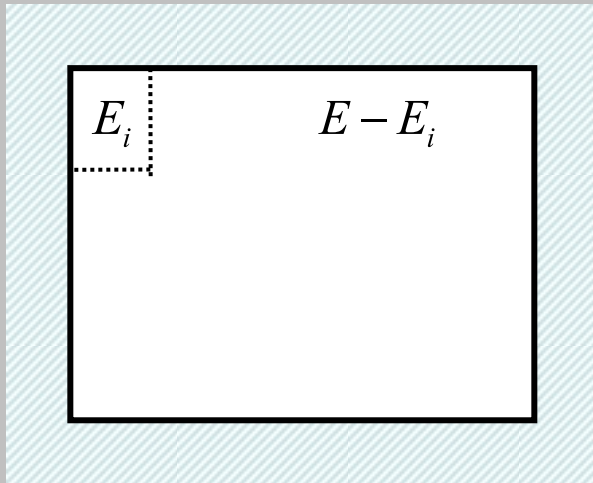
$$A \equiv U - TS$$

For box 1 we can write  $dA_1 \leq 0$

Hence, for a system at constant temperature  
and volume the Helmholtz free energy decreases  
and takes its minimum value at equilibrium

# Canonical ensemble

$$1/k_B T$$



Consider a small system that can exchange heat with a big reservoir

$$\ln \Omega(E - E_i) = \ln \Omega(E) - \frac{\partial \ln \Omega}{\partial E} E_i + \dots$$

$$\ln \frac{\Omega(E - E_i)}{\Omega(E)} = -\frac{E_i}{k_B T}$$

Hence, the probability to find  $E_i$ :

$$P(E_i) = \frac{\Omega(E - E_i)}{\sum_j \Omega(E - E_j)} = \frac{\exp(-E_i/k_B T)}{\sum_j \exp(-E_j/k_B T)}$$

$$P(E_i) \propto \exp(-E_i/k_B T)$$

Boltzmann distribution

# Thermodynamics

What is the average energy of the system?

$$\begin{aligned}\langle E \rangle &\equiv \sum_i E_i P(E_i) = \frac{\sum_i E_i \exp(-\beta E_i)}{\sum_j \exp(-\beta E_j)} \\ &= - \frac{\partial \ln \sum_i \exp(-\beta E_i)}{\partial \beta} \\ &= - \frac{\partial \ln Q_{N,V,T}}{\partial \beta}\end{aligned}$$

Compare:

$$\left( \frac{\partial F/T}{\partial 1/T} \right) = E$$



# Thermodynamics

## First law of thermodynamics

$$dE = TdS - pdV$$

## Helmholtz Free energy:

$$F \equiv E - TS$$

$$dF = -SdT - pdV$$

$$\begin{aligned}\left(\frac{\partial F/T}{\partial 1/T}\right) &= F + \frac{1}{T} \frac{\partial F}{\partial 1/T} = F - T \frac{\partial F}{\partial T} \\ &= F + TS = E\end{aligned}$$

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Compare:

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Hence:

$$\frac{F}{k_B T} = - \ln Q_{N,V,T}$$

# Atoms?

We have assumed that we can count states

Quantum Mechanics: energy discrete

What to do for classical model such as an ideal gas, hard spheres, Lennard-Jones?

Energy is continuous:

- potential energy
- kinetic energy

Particle in a box:

$$\epsilon_n = \frac{(nh)^2}{8mL^2}$$

What are the energy levels for Argon in a 1-dimensional box of 1 cm?

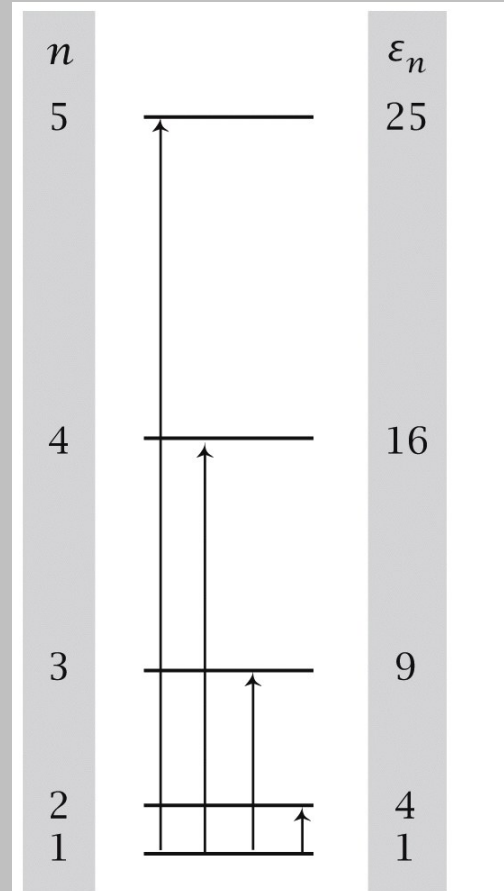


Figure 11.4 Molecular Driving Forces 2/e (© Garland Science 2011)

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Argon:  $m=40 \text{ g/mol}=6.63 \times 10^{-26} \text{ kg}$   
 $h=6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J s}$

$$\epsilon_n = 5 \times 10^{-39} n^2 (J)$$

Kinetic energy of Ar at room temperature  $\approx 4.14 \times 10^{-21} \text{ J}$

Many levels are occupied: only at very low temperatures or very small volumes one can see quantum effect!

$$q_{\text{translational}} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{(nh)^2}{8mL^2 k_B T}}$$

$$q_{\text{translational}} = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\frac{(nh)^2}{8mL^2 k_B T}} dn$$

$$q_{\text{translational}} = \left( \frac{2\pi m k_B T}{h^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} L$$

3D: 
$$q_{\text{translational}} = \left( \frac{2\pi m k_B T}{h^2} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} V = \frac{V}{\Lambda^3}$$

De Broglie wavelength

Partition function;

$$q = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} e^{-E_n} = \int e^{-E_n} dn$$

Hamiltonian:

$$H = U_{kin} + U_{pot} = \sum_i \frac{p_i^2}{2m_i} + U_{pot}(r^N)$$

$$Z_{1,V,T} = C \int e^{-\frac{p^2}{2m k_B T}} dp^{3N} \int e^{-\frac{U_p(r)}{k_B T}} dr^{3N}$$

One ideal gas molecule:  $U_p(r)=0$

$$Z_{1,V,T}^{IG} = C \int e^{-\frac{p^2}{2m k_B T}} dp \int dr = CV (2\pi m k_B T)^{\frac{3}{2}}$$

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N gas molecules:

$$Z_{N,V,T} = \frac{1}{h^{3N}} \int e^{-\frac{p^2}{2m k_B T}} dp^N \int e^{-\frac{U(r)}{k_B T}} dr^N$$

WRONG!  
Particles are  
indistinguishable

$$Z_{N,V,T} = \frac{1}{h^{3N} N!} \int e^{-\frac{p^2}{2m k_B T}} dp^N \int e^{-\frac{U(r)}{k_B T}} dr^N$$

Configurational part of  
the partition function:

$$Q_{N,V,T} = \frac{1}{\Lambda^{3N} N!} \int e^{-\frac{U(r)}{k_B T}} dr^N$$

# Question

- For an ideal gas, calculate:
  - the partition function
  - the pressure
  - the energy
  - the chemical potential

ideal gas molecules:

$$Q_{N,V,T}^{IG} = \frac{V^N}{\Lambda^{3N} N!}$$

All thermodynamics follows from the partition function!

Free energy:  $F^{IG} = -k_B T \ln Q_{N,V,T}^{IG} = k_B T N \left[ \ln \Lambda^3 - \ln(V/N) \right]$

$$F^{IG} = F^0 + k_B T N \ln \rho$$

Pressure:  $p = - \left( \frac{\partial F}{\partial V} \right)_{T,N} = k_B T N \frac{1}{V}$

Energy:  $E = \left( \frac{\partial F/T}{\partial 1/T} \right)_{V,N} = 3k_B N \left( \frac{\partial \ln \Lambda}{\partial 1/T} \right)_{V,N}$

$$E = \frac{3}{2} N k_B T \qquad \Lambda = \left( \frac{h^2}{2\pi m k_B T} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$



Chemical potential:

$$\mu_i = \left( \frac{\partial F}{\partial N_i} \right)_{T, V, N_j}$$

$$\beta F = N \ln \Lambda^3 + N \ln \left( \frac{N}{V} \right)$$

$$\beta \mu = \ln \Lambda^3 + \ln \rho + 1$$

$$\beta \mu^{IG} = \beta \mu^0 + \ln \rho$$

# Summary:

## Canonical ensemble $(N, V, T)$

Partition function:

$$Q(N, V, T) = \frac{1}{\Lambda^{3N} N!} \int d\mathbf{r}^N \exp[-\beta U(\mathbf{r}^N)]$$

Probability to find a particular configuration

$$P(\Gamma) \propto \exp[-\beta U(\Gamma)]$$

Free energy

$$\beta F = -\ln Q_{N, V, T}$$

# Summary:

## micro-canonical ensemble $(N, V, E)$

Partition function:

$$Q(N, V, E) = \frac{1}{h^{3N} N!} \iint d\mathbf{p}^N d\mathbf{r}^N \delta(H(\mathbf{p}^N, \mathbf{r}^N) - E)$$

Probability to find a particular configuration

$$P(\Gamma) \propto 1$$

Free energy

$$\beta S = \ln Q_{N, V, E}$$

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## Other Ensemble

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# Other ensembles?

In the thermodynamic limit the thermodynamic quantities are independent of the ensemble: so buy a bigger one.

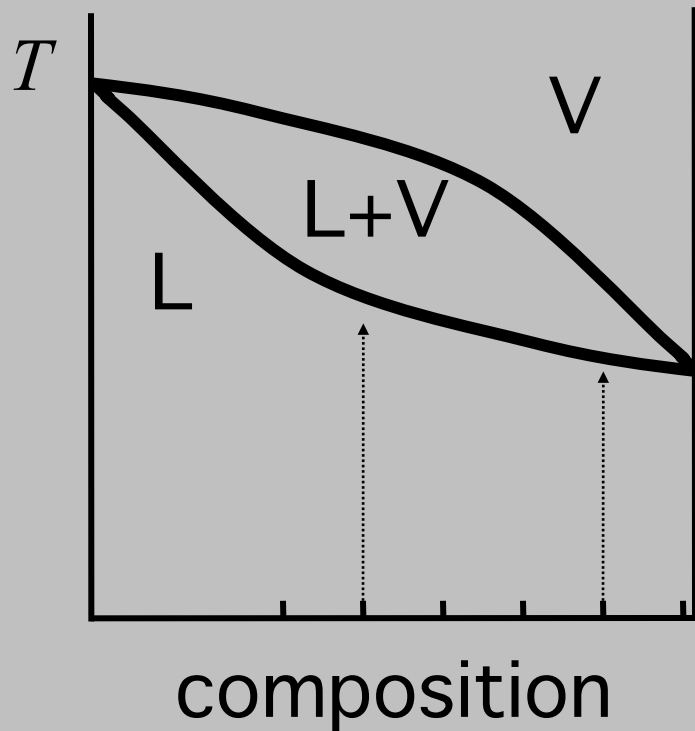
COURSE:  
MD and MC different ensembles

However, it is most of the times much better to think about the problem and to carefully select an appropriate ensemble.

For this it is important to know how to simulate in the various ensembles.

But for doing this we need to know the Statistical Thermodynamics of the various ensembles.

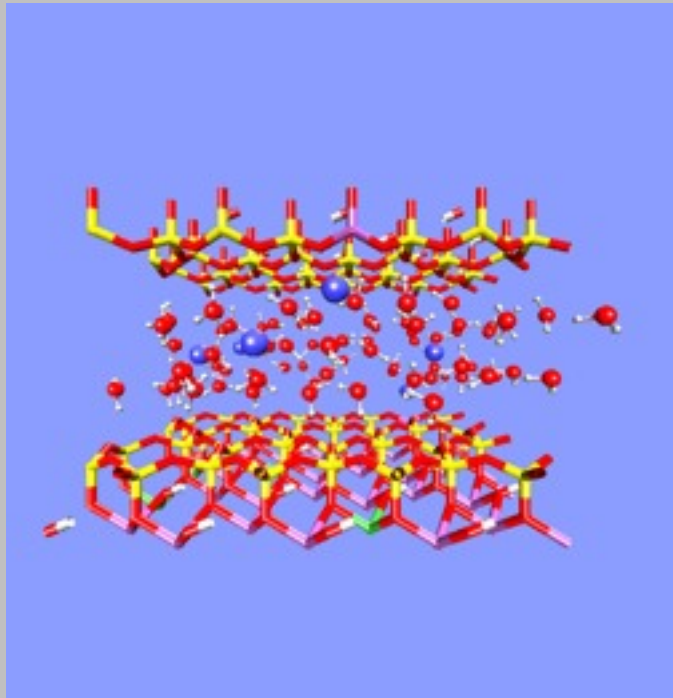
# Example (1): vapour-liquid equilibrium mixture



Measure the composition of the coexisting vapour and liquid phases if we start with a homogeneous liquid of two different compositions:

- How to mimic this with the  $N, V, T$  ensemble?
- What is a better ensemble?

# Example (2): swelling of clays



Deep in the earth clay layers can swell upon adsorption of water:

- How to mimic this in the N,V,T ensemble?
- What is a better ensemble to use?

# Ensembles

- Micro-canonical ensemble:  $E, V, N$
- Canonical ensemble:  $T, V, N$
- Constant pressure ensemble:  $T, P, N$
- Grand-canonical ensemble:  $T, V, \mu$



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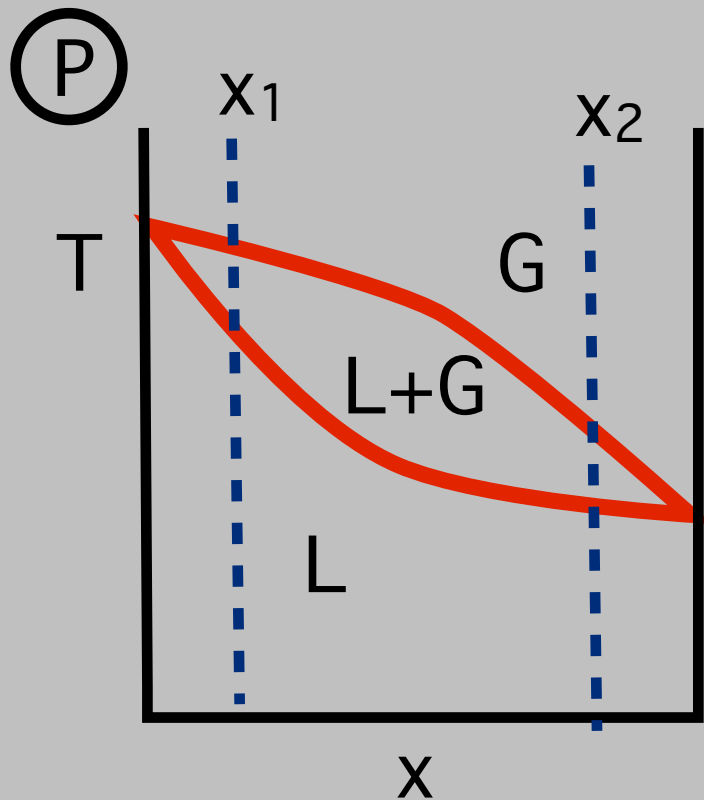
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## Constant pressure

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# Experimental Example

Phase equilibria

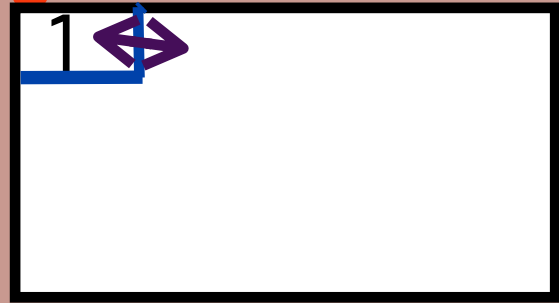


How do we measure  
vapor-liquid equilibria  
for a mixture?

How to mimic this  
experiment in NVT  
conditions?

Better solution: NPT  
ensemble

fixed N but can exchange  
energy + volume



We have our box 1 and a bath

Total system is isolated and  
the volume is constant

First law  $dU = dq - pdV = 0$

Second law  $dS \geq 0$

Box 1: constant pressure and temperature

$$1^{\text{st}} \text{ law: } dU_1 + dU_b = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad dU_1 = -dU_b$$

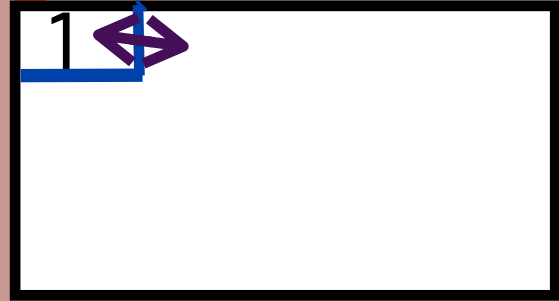
$$dV_1 + dV_b = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad dV_1 = -dV_b$$

The bath is very large and the small changes do not  
change P or T; in addition the process is reversible

$$2^{\text{nd}} \text{ law: } dS_1 + dS_b = dS_1 + \frac{dU_b}{T} + \frac{p}{T}dV_b \geq 0$$

$$TdS_1 - dU_1 - pdV_1 \geq 0$$

fixed N but can exchange  
energy + volume



Total system is isolated and  
the volume is constant

Box 1: constant pressure  
and temperature

$$2^{\text{nd}} \text{ law: } TdS_1 - dU_1 - pdV_1 \geq 0$$

$$d(U_1 - TS_1 + pV_1) \leq 0$$

Let us define the

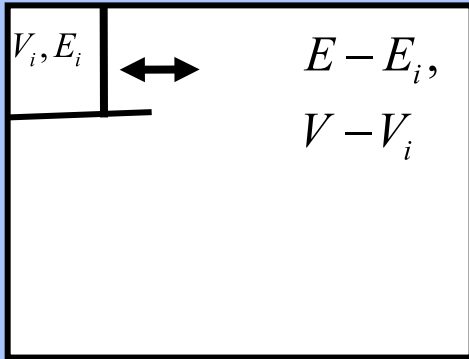
**Gibbs free energy:**  $G$

$$G \equiv U - TS + pV$$

For box 1 we can write  $dG_1 \leq 0$

Hence, for a system at constant temperature and  
pressure the Gibbs free energy decreases and  
takes its minimum value at equilibrium

# $N, P, T$ ensemble



Consider a small system that can exchange volume and energy with a big reservoir

$$\ln \Omega(V - V_i, E - E_i) = \ln \Omega(V, E) - \left( \frac{\partial \ln \Omega}{\partial E} \right)_V E_i - \left( \frac{\partial \ln \Omega}{\partial V} \right)_E V_i + \dots$$

The terms in the expansion follow from the connection with Thermodynamics:

$$S = k_B \ln \Omega$$

We have:

$$dS = \frac{1}{T} dU + \frac{p}{T} dV - \sum \frac{\mu_i}{T} dN_i$$

$$\left( \frac{\partial S}{\partial U} \right)_{V, N_i} = \frac{1}{T} \quad \text{and} \quad \left( \frac{\partial S}{\partial V} \right)_{E, N_i} = \frac{p}{T}$$

$$\ln \Omega(V - V_i, E - E_i) = \ln \Omega(V, E) - \left( \frac{\partial \ln \Omega}{\partial E} \right)_{V, N} E_i - \left( \frac{\partial \ln \Omega}{\partial V} \right)_{E, N} V_i + \dots$$

$$\ln \Omega(V - V_i, E - E_i) = \ln \Omega(V, E) - \frac{E_i}{k_B T} - \frac{p}{k_B T} V_i$$

$$\ln \frac{\Omega(E - E_i, V - V_i)}{\Omega(E, V)} = -\frac{E_i}{k_B T} - \frac{p V_i}{k_B T}$$

Hence, the probability to find  $E_i, V_i$ :

$$P(E_i, V_i) = \frac{\Omega(E - E_i, V - V_i)}{\sum_{j,k} \Omega(E - E_j, V - V_k)} = \frac{\exp[-\beta (E_i + p V_i)]}{\sum_{j,k} \exp[-\beta (E_j + p V_k)]}$$

$$\propto \exp[-\beta (E_i + p V_i)]$$

Partition function:  $\Delta(N, P, T) = \sum_{i,j} \exp \left[ -\frac{E_i}{k_B T} - \frac{p V_j}{k_B T} \right]$

Ensemble average:

$$\langle V \rangle = \frac{\sum_{i,j} V_j \exp \left[ -\frac{E_i}{k_B T} - \frac{p V_j}{k_B T} \right]}{\Delta(N, p, T)} = -k_B T \left( \frac{\partial \ln \Delta}{\partial p} \right)_{T, N}$$

Thermodynamics  $dG = -SdT + Vdp + \sum \mu_i dN_i$

$$V = \left( \frac{\partial G}{\partial p} \right)_{T, N}$$

Hence:

$$\frac{G}{k_B T} = -\ln \Delta(N, p, T)$$

# Summary

In the classical limit, the partition function becomes

$$Q(N, P, T) = \frac{1}{\Lambda^{3N} N!} \int dV \exp(-\beta P V) \int d\mathbf{r}^N \exp[-\beta U(\mathbf{r}^N)]$$

The probability to find a particular configuration:

$\mathbf{r}^N, V$

$$P(\mathbf{r}^N, V) \propto \exp[-\beta (P V + U(\mathbf{r}^N))]$$



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grand-canonical ensemble

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# Grand-canonical ensemble

## Classical

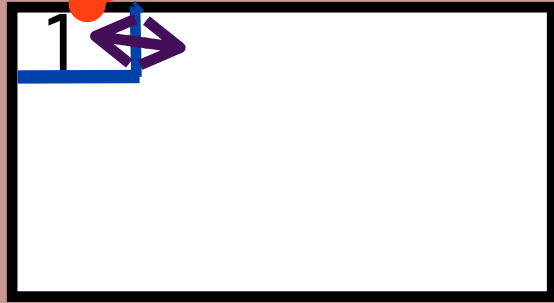
- A small system that can exchange **heat and particles** with a large bath

## Statistical

- Taylor expansion of a small reservoir

# Constant $T$ and $\mu$

exchange energy and  
particles



Total system is isolated  
and the volume is constant

First law

$$dU = TdS - pdV + \mu dN = 0$$

Second law  $dS \geq 0$

Box 1: constant chemical potential and temperature

$$1^{\text{st}} \text{ law: } dU_1 + dU_b = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad dU_1 = -dU_b$$

$$dN_1 + dN_b = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad dN_b = -dN_1$$

The bath is very large and the small changes do not change  $\mu$  or  $T$ ; in addition the process is reversible

$$2^{\text{nd}} \text{ law: } dS_1 + dS_b = dS_1 + \frac{1}{T_b} dU_b - \frac{\mu_b}{T_b} dN_b \geq 0$$

$$dS_1 + dS_b = dS_1 + \frac{1}{T_b} dU_b - \frac{\mu_b}{T_b} dN_b \geq 0$$

We can express the changes of the bath in terms of properties of the system

$$dS_1 - \frac{1}{T} dU_1 + \frac{\mu}{T} dN_1 \geq 0 \quad d(TS_1 - U_1 + \mu N_1) \geq 0$$

$$d(U - TS - \mu N) \leq 0$$

For the Gibbs free energy we can write:

$$G \equiv U - TS + pV \quad \text{or} \quad -pV = U - TS - \mu N$$

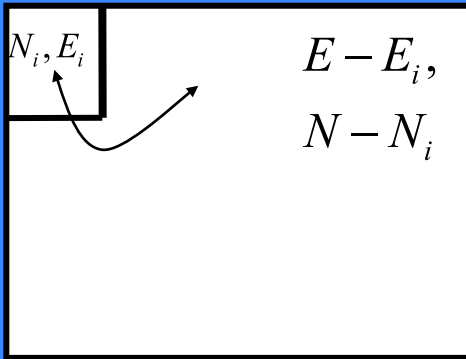
$$G = \mu N$$

Giving:

$$d(-pV) \leq 0 \quad \text{or} \quad d(pV) \geq 0$$

Hence, for a system at constant temperature and chemical potential  $pV$  increases and takes its maximum value at equilibrium

# $\mu, V, T$ ensemble



Consider a small system that can exchange particles and energy with a big reservoir

$$\ln \Omega(E - E_i, N - N_j) = \ln \Omega(E, N) - \left( \frac{\partial \ln \Omega}{\partial E} \right)_{V, N} E_i - \left( \frac{\partial \ln \Omega}{\partial N} \right)_{E, V} N_j + \dots$$

The terms in the expansion follow from the connection with Thermodynamics:

$$S = k_B \ln \Omega$$

$$dS = \frac{1}{T} dU + \frac{p}{T} dV - \frac{\mu}{T} dN$$

$$\left( \frac{\partial S}{\partial U} \right)_{V, N} = \frac{1}{T} \quad \left( \frac{\partial S}{\partial N} \right)_{E, V} = -\frac{\mu}{T}$$

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$$\ln \Omega(E - E_i, N - N_j) = \ln \Omega(E, N) - \frac{E_i}{k_B T} + \frac{\mu}{k_B T} N_j$$

$$\ln \frac{\Omega(E - E_i, N - N_j)}{\Omega(E, N)} = -\frac{E_i}{k_B T} + \frac{\mu}{k_B T} N_j$$

Hence, the probability to find  $E_i, N_j$ :

$$P(E_i, N_j) = \frac{\Omega(E - E_i, N - N_j)}{\sum_{k, l} \Omega(E - E_k, N - N_l)} \propto \exp \left[ -\frac{E_i}{k_B T} + \frac{\mu N_j}{k_B T} \right]$$

# $\mu, V, T$ ensemble (2)

In the classical limit, the partition function becomes

$$Q(\mu, V, T) = \sum_{N=1}^{\infty} \frac{\exp(\beta\mu N)}{\Lambda^{3N} N!} \int d\mathbf{r}^N \exp[-\beta U(\mathbf{r}^N)]$$

The probability to find a particular configuration:

$N, \mathbf{r}^N$

$$P(N, \mathbf{r}^N) \propto \exp[\beta\mu N - \beta U(\mathbf{r}^N)]$$