

**Microstate** : microscopic specification of every degree of freedom

$$(\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2, \dots, \vec{x}_N, \vec{p}_1, \vec{p}_2, \dots, \vec{p}_N)$$

$3 \times 2 \times N$  numbers!  
 $x, y, z \rightarrow$   $x, p$   $\leftarrow$  # of particles

**Macrostate** :  $P, V, T, \dots$

For a given macrostate there are MANY microstates.

We need to know how many microstate for a given macrostate.

We'll come back to the ideal gas, but start with something easier.

## Binary Models

binary digits 0, 1

random walk L, R steps

coin toss H, T

alloy Zn, Cu atoms

\* spin  $\frac{1}{2}$  \*  $\uparrow, \downarrow$

Paramagnet  $N$  spin- $\frac{1}{2}$  particles with  $N = N_{\uparrow} + N_{\downarrow}$   
electron has magnetic moment  $\mu_B \approx 5.788 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV/T} = \text{Bohr magneton}$

two states,  $\uparrow, \downarrow$  so  $\mu_e = \pm 5.788 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV/T}$

Spin- $\frac{1}{2}$  paramagnet

$$N = N_{\uparrow} + N_{\downarrow}$$

| microstates                      | macrostates<br>( $\mu/\mu_B$ )         |
|----------------------------------|--|
| $\uparrow\uparrow\uparrow$       | 3                                      |
| $\uparrow\uparrow\downarrow$     | 1                                      |
| $\uparrow\downarrow\uparrow$     | 1                                      |
| $\uparrow\downarrow\downarrow$   | -1                                     |
| $\downarrow\uparrow\uparrow$     | 1                                      |
| $\downarrow\uparrow\downarrow$   | -1                                     |
| $\downarrow\downarrow\uparrow$   | -1                                     |
| $\downarrow\downarrow\downarrow$ | -3                                     |
| # microstates<br>$= 2^N$         | # macrostates<br>$= 2(N-1)$<br>(N odd) |

$$\mu = \mu_B (N_{\uparrow} - N_{\downarrow})$$

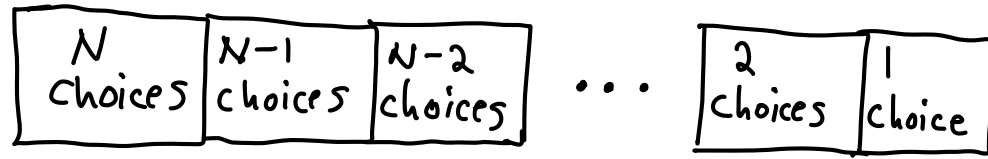
| macrostates<br>( $\mu/\mu_B$ ) | #<br>microstates   |
|--------------------------------|--|
| 3                              | 1 $\uparrow\uparrow\uparrow$   |
| 1                              | 3 $\downarrow\uparrow\uparrow, \uparrow\downarrow\uparrow, \uparrow\uparrow\downarrow$       |
| -1                             | 3 $\uparrow\downarrow\downarrow, \downarrow\uparrow\downarrow, \downarrow\downarrow\uparrow$ |
| -3                             | 1 $\downarrow\downarrow\downarrow$   |

$$(\uparrow + \downarrow)^3 = \uparrow\uparrow\uparrow + 3(\uparrow\uparrow\downarrow) + 3(\downarrow\downarrow\uparrow) + \downarrow\downarrow\downarrow$$

$N$  spins with numbers on them : 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 ...

$$N = N_{\uparrow} + N_{\downarrow}$$

Put them in  $N$  slots



1      3      2                      4      7

$N!$  different configurations

$N_{\uparrow}!$  different configs have  
 $\uparrow$  in same slots

$N_{\downarrow}!$  different configs have  
 $\downarrow$  in same slots

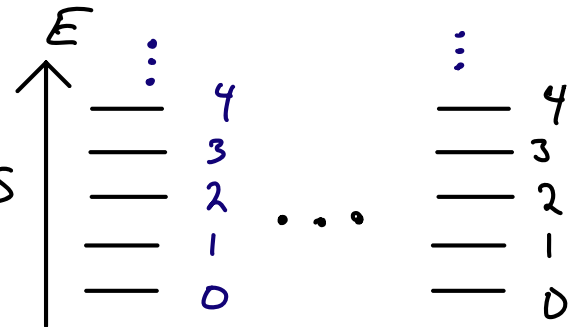
# of  
microstates  
with  
 $N_{\uparrow}$

$$\Omega(N, N_{\uparrow}) = \binom{N}{N_{\uparrow}} \frac{N!}{N_{\uparrow}! N_{\downarrow}!}$$

$$(\uparrow + \downarrow)^N = \uparrow\uparrow\dots\uparrow + (\dots)\uparrow\uparrow\dots\uparrow\downarrow \quad \leftarrow "N, \text{ choose } N_{\uparrow}"$$

# Einstein Solid

$N$  identical quantum harmonic oscillators



# of quanta in each oscillator  $n_1 \dots n_N$

each oscillator  $E_n = hf(n + \frac{1}{2})$

constant, set  $\rightarrow 0$

$$E = E_{n_1} + E_{n_2} + \dots + E_{n_N} = hf(n_1 + \dots + n_N) + N \frac{1}{2} hf$$

$= q \leftarrow$  macrostate

# of microstates

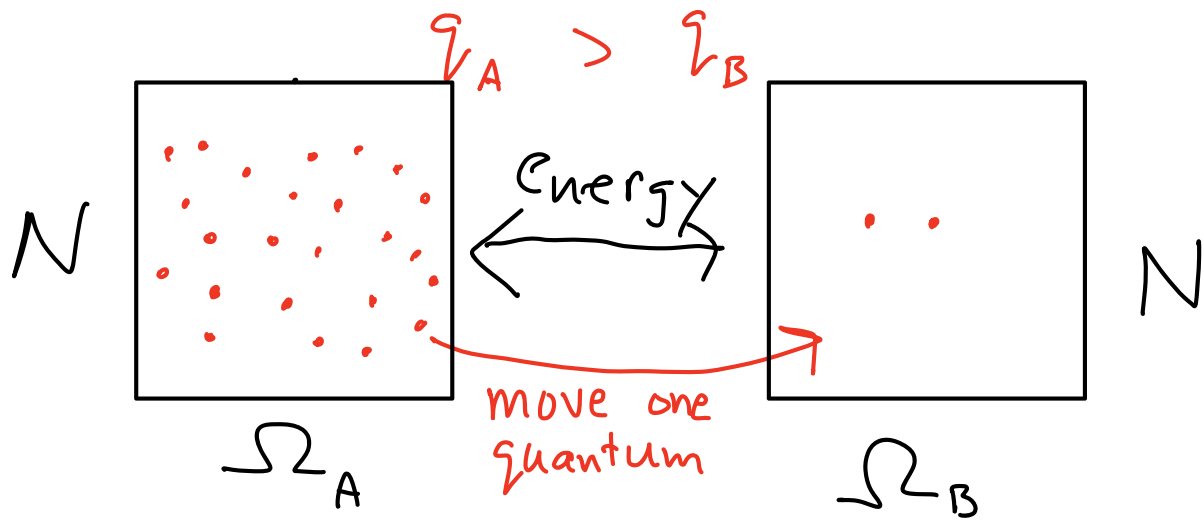
multiplicity function

$$\Omega(N, q)$$

# of oscillators

# of quanta

$$= \binom{q + N - 1}{q} = \frac{(q + N - 1)!}{q! (N - 1)!}$$



$$q_A + q_B = q_{\text{tot}} = \text{const}$$

$\Omega_A \Omega_B \xrightarrow{\text{move one}}$

$$\left[ \frac{(q_A + N - 1)!}{q_A! (N - 1)!} \cdot \frac{q_A}{q_A + N - 1} \right] \left[ \frac{(q_B + 1 + N - 1)!}{(q_B + 1)! (N - 1)!} \cdot \frac{(q_B + N - 1)!}{q_B! (N - 1)!} \right]$$

$$\frac{(q_A q_B + N q_A)}{(q_A q_B + N q_A) + \underbrace{(q_B - q_A + 1)(N - 1)}_{< 0}} > 1 \quad \text{as long as } q_A > 0$$

$\Omega_{\text{tot}} = \Omega_A \Omega_B$  keeps getting multiplied by factors  $> 1$  until  $q_A = q_B$ , then factors  $< 1$

