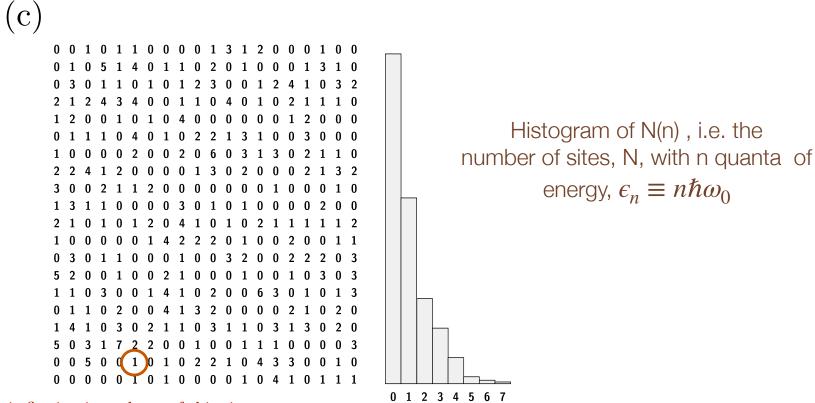
$$\frac{1}{k_{8}T} = \frac{1}{\hbar \omega_{0}} \ln \left( \frac{1+\bar{n}}{\bar{n}} \right)$$

- · So for n=1 kBT = two/In2 => Btwo=In2
- · We can also express n in terms of the temperature

Analysis of Thermal State

- We found the temperature of the system  $k_BT = \hbar \omega_0 / \ln 2$  or  $\beta \hbar \omega_0 = \ln 2$
- · We can verify that this is correct numerically.
- Each site is an independent subsystem. The probability of a site having energy En is P(En) & e-En/kgT

## Analysis of the thermal state



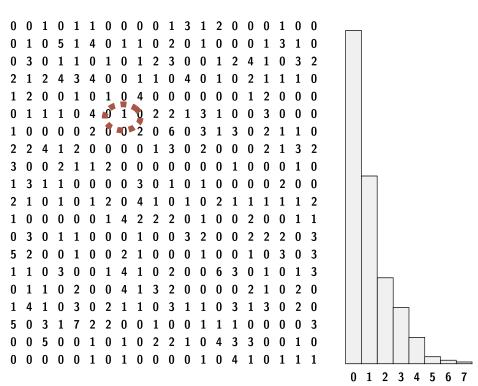
Energy is flowing in and out of this site

A typical histogram of the number quanta is shown above: What is N(n)?

This is badly phrased: it should read the number of sites N(n) with n quanta of energy. The total number of sites is  $N = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} N(n) = 400$ 

## What is N(n)?





## Pick a site: The remaining sites are the reservoir

Expect the probability for a site to have n quanta to be:

$$P(\epsilon_n) \propto e^{-\beta \epsilon_n} = e^{-n\beta\hbar\omega_0}$$

The histogram N(n) is the number of sites with n quanta, and should be  $P_n$  up to normalization

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· Since for a harmonic oscillator &= ntwo with DE = two, we expect

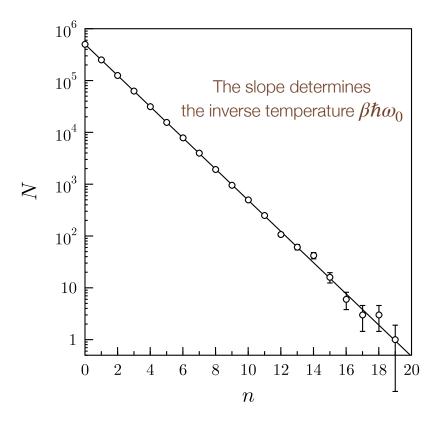
P(E) ~ e-BEn = e-nBtwo=e-nln2

• This probability distribution is reflected in the histogram N(n) which is the number of sites N(n) with n vibrational quanta

 $N(n) \propto e^{-n \ln 2}$ 

· This is born out in our numerical experiment

Numerical verification: number of sites, N(n), with n quanta on 1000x1000 grid



What you are seeing (on a log scale) is

$$N(n) = N_0 e^{-Cn}$$

The log of N(n) is the line you see

$$ln N(n) = ln N_0 - Cn$$

The slope should be  $C=\beta\hbar\omega_0=\ln 2$  set by the temperature. It is!

We found temperature in this problem  $k_BT=\hbar\omega_0/\ln 2$  by counting possibilities!

## The Boltzmann Factor

We can use notions of entropy to derive the Boltzmann Distribution

P & e - Es/kBT Es = energy of
states microstate

- Take a subsystem which is small compared to the total, interacting with a reservoir (the rest of the system).

  If (E-E) E

  E-E

  E «E
- The total system has energy E. Let us require that the subsystem be in one microstate with energy E. The remaining system has energy E-E-E. The probability of this configuration is

 $P(E-\epsilon,\epsilon) = \Omega(E-\epsilon) \cdot 1/\Omega(\epsilon)$  constant

(Before we had  $\Omega_1(\vec{E}_1) \mathcal{N}_2(\vec{E}_2)$ , now system 2 is in exactly one state).  $\mathcal{N}_R(\vec{E}_1-\vec{E}_1) = \mathcal{N}_1$  is the number of microstates associated with the reservoir, and  $\Omega_2 = 1$ .  $\Omega(\vec{E}_1)$  is constant since the energy is constant

$$\log P(\epsilon) = const + \log \Omega_R(E-\epsilon) + \log 1$$

· Now & is small compared to the total system

$$\log \Omega_R(E-E) = \log \Omega_R(E) - (\partial \log \Omega_R(E)) E$$

Or since

· We have

$$\log P(E) = const + \log SP(E) - E$$

all const

indep of E

· So exponentiating

The constant can be found from normalization:

$$C = \frac{1}{2}$$
 with  $Z = \sum_{s} e^{-\mathcal{E}_{s}/kT}$