

$$P(s) = \frac{1}{Z} e^{-E_s/kT} = \frac{1}{Z} e^{-\beta E_s} \quad \beta = \frac{1}{kT}$$

e.g. HCl atom $\omega_0 = 5.4 \times 10^{14} \text{ s}^{-1}$



$$E_n = (n + \frac{1}{2}) \hbar \omega_0 = 0.35 \text{ eV} (n + \frac{1}{2})$$

$$E_0 = 0.18 \text{ eV}$$

$$E_1 = 0.53 \text{ eV}$$

$$\frac{P(n=0)}{P(n=1)} = \frac{\frac{1}{Z} e^{-E_0/kT}}{\frac{1}{Z} e^{-E_1/kT}} = e^{(E_1 - E_0)/kT}$$

$$300 \text{ K} \quad kT = \frac{1}{40} \text{ eV}$$

$$\frac{P_0}{P_1} = e^{(0.35 \text{ eV}) \cdot 40} = 1,200,000$$

HCl doesn't vibrate much at R.T.

$$\text{When } kT \sim E_1 - E_0 = 0.35 \text{ eV}$$

$$\rightarrow T = \frac{0.35 \text{ eV}}{8.6 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV/K}} = 4000 \text{ K}$$

$$\text{At } 4000 \text{ K}, \quad \frac{P_0}{P_1} = e = 2.7$$

Two energy scales

ΔE : gap between energy microstates

kT : thermal energy

$\Delta E \gg kT$ $\left[\begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{array} \right]_{kT}$ $kT \ll \Delta E$, very unlikely to be at higher energy level

$\Delta E \ll kT$ $\left[\begin{array}{c} \equiv \\ \equiv \\ \equiv \end{array} \right]_{kT}$ $kT \gg \Delta E$, higher energy levels will be well-populated - much more likely

Average Energy

$$\overline{E} = \sum_s P_s E_s = \frac{1}{Z} \sum_s E_s e^{-\beta E_s}$$

$$= \frac{1}{Z} \sum_s \left(-\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} e^{-\beta E_s} \right)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{Z} \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \sum_s e^{-\beta E_s}$$

$$\overline{E} = -\frac{1}{Z} \frac{\partial Z}{\partial \beta} = \frac{1}{Z} \frac{1}{k^2 T} \frac{\partial Z}{\partial T}$$

(see HW 10 for more fun!)

IP N particles
each with some energy states

then occupancy of state s is

$$N \quad n_s = N \frac{1}{Z} e^{-\beta E_s}$$

if s is a microstate

Degeneracy means that are multiple
microstates with same energy

$$\left(\begin{array}{c} \# \text{ with} \\ \text{energy } E \end{array} \right) = \left(\begin{array}{c} n(E) \\ \# \text{ of particles} \\ \text{in a microstate} \\ \text{w/ energy } E \end{array} \right) \times \left(\begin{array}{c} \# \text{ of states} \\ \text{with energy} \\ E \\ g(E) \end{array} \right)$$

$$\frac{1}{Z} e^{-\beta} \frac{1}{Z} e^{-\beta} \frac{1}{Z} e^{-\beta} E = 1$$

$$\frac{1}{Z} e^{-\beta 0} E = 0$$

$$\bar{E} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\substack{s \\ \text{states}}} E_s n_s = \frac{1}{N} \sum_E E n(E) g(E)$$

if levels really close together \equiv

$$\bar{E} \approx \frac{1}{N} \int E n(E) \boxed{\frac{dg(E)}{dE}} dE$$

$D(E)$ density of states

$$\# D(E) dE$$

of microstates
with energy between E & $E + dE$