

# Virial Theorem - statistical theorem

system of masses  $m_j$  at positions  $\vec{x}_j$ , force on  $m_j \hat{=} \vec{F}_j$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \sum_j \vec{p}_j \cdot \vec{x}_j = \sum_j \vec{p}_j \cdot \dot{\vec{x}}_j + \sum_j \dot{\vec{p}}_j \cdot \vec{x}_j = 2E_{kin} + \sum_j \vec{F}_j \cdot \vec{x}_j$$

$$\vec{p}_j \cdot \dot{\vec{x}}_j = \vec{p}_j \cdot \vec{v}_j = m_j \cdot v_j^2 = 2E_{kin(j)} \quad E_{kin} = \sum_j E_{kin(j)}$$

time average of both sides

$$\frac{1}{\tau} \int_0^\tau \frac{d}{dt} \sum_j \vec{p}_j \cdot \vec{x}_j = \langle 2E_{kin} + \sum_j \vec{F}_j \cdot \vec{x}_j \rangle$$

bound system: each member of the assembly remains a member for all times

$\vec{x}_j$  ... finite values  
 $\vec{p}_j$  ... remain finite  $\Rightarrow \sum_j \vec{p}_j \cdot \vec{x}_j$  remains finite

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{\tau \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\tau} \int_0^\tau \frac{d}{dt} \left( \sum_j \vec{p}_j \cdot \vec{x}_j \right) dt \rightarrow 0$$

$$\langle 2E_{kin} \rangle + \langle \sum_j \vec{F}_j \cdot \vec{x}_j \rangle = 0$$

if the force is derivable from a potential  $\vec{F}_j = -\vec{\nabla} E_{pol}(\vec{x}_j)$

$$\Rightarrow \langle 2E_{kin} \rangle - \langle \sum_j \vec{\nabla} E_{pol}(\vec{x}_j) \cdot \vec{x}_j \rangle = 0$$

$$\text{if } V(x) \sim x^n \quad \frac{\partial E_{pol}(\vec{x}_j)}{\partial x_j} \cdot x_j = n \cdot E_{pol(j)} \quad \sum_j E_{pol(j)} = E_{pol}$$

$$2 \langle E_{kin} \rangle = n \langle E_{pol} \rangle \quad \langle E_{kin} \rangle = \frac{n}{2} \langle E_{pol} \rangle$$

$$\langle E_{kin} \rangle + \langle E_{pol} \rangle = \langle E_{pol} \rangle \left( 1 + \frac{n}{2} \right) = \langle E_{tot} \rangle \Rightarrow n > -2$$

gravitation, electrostatic  $\hat{=} n = -1$

$\Downarrow$

$$\langle E_{kin} \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \langle E_{pol} \rangle$$