

Double-well TRAPS

$$1. V(x) = \frac{1}{2} \omega^2 x^2 + b^2 e^{-x^2/2\sigma^2}$$

$$V'(x) = \omega^2 x - \frac{x b^2}{\sigma^2} e^{-x^2/2\sigma^2}$$

Minimum position at $\bar{x} \neq 0$

$$0 = \omega^2 - \frac{b^2}{\sigma^2} e^{-\bar{x}^2/2\sigma^2}$$

$$\frac{\omega^2 \sigma^2}{b^2} = e^{-\bar{x}^2/2\sigma^2}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{\bar{x}^2}{2\sigma^2} = -\ln\left(\frac{\omega^2 \sigma^2}{b^2}\right) \quad \frac{\omega \sigma}{b} \ll 1}$$

The height is given by:

$$V(0) - V(\bar{x}) = h$$

$$h = b^2 - \frac{\omega^2 \bar{x}^2}{2} + b^2 e^{\ln(\omega^2 \sigma^2 / b^2)}$$

$$\boxed{h = (b^2 - \omega^2 \sigma^2) - \frac{\omega^2 \bar{x}^2}{2}}$$

$$h = (b^2 - \omega^2 \sigma^2) + \omega^2 \sigma^2 \ln\left(\frac{\omega^2 \sigma^2}{b^2}\right)$$

$$2. V(x) = -\frac{a^2}{2} x^2 + \frac{b^2}{4} x^4 + \frac{a^4}{4b^2}$$

$$V'(x) = -a^2 x + b^2 x^3$$

$$0 = -a^2 + b^2 \bar{x}^2$$

$$\boxed{\bar{x} = \frac{a}{b}}$$

$$V(\bar{x}) = -\frac{a^4}{2b^2} + \frac{a^4}{4b^2} + \frac{a^4}{4b^2} = 0$$

$$V(0) = h \text{ is the height}$$

$$\boxed{h = \left(\frac{a}{2}\right)^2 \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{a}{2}\right)^2 \bar{x}^2}$$