

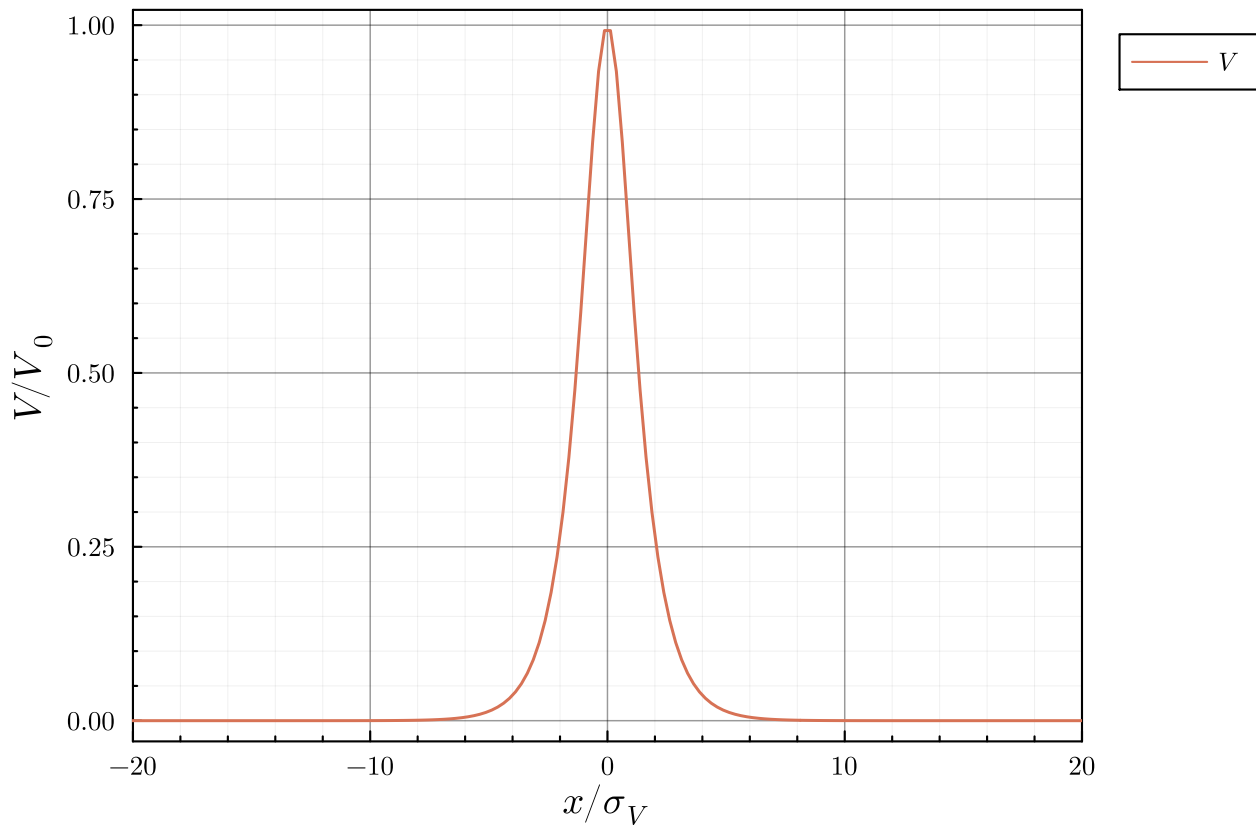
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# Classical vs. quantum tunneling

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# define problem parameters
begin
    ħ = 0.2;
    m = 1;
    V1 = 0.06;
    σv = 1.0;
    V(x) = V1 / cosh(x / σv);
    F(x) = (V1/σv)*sech(x/σv)*tanh(x/σv)
    nPts=4000;
    L = 1000;
    Δx = L/(nPts-1);
    x=collect((-L/2):Δx:(L/2));
    Vx = V.(x);
end;
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## Classical simulations:

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# Newton's second law
function eom!(du,u,params,t)
    du[1] = u[2]
    du[2] = F(u[1])/m
end;
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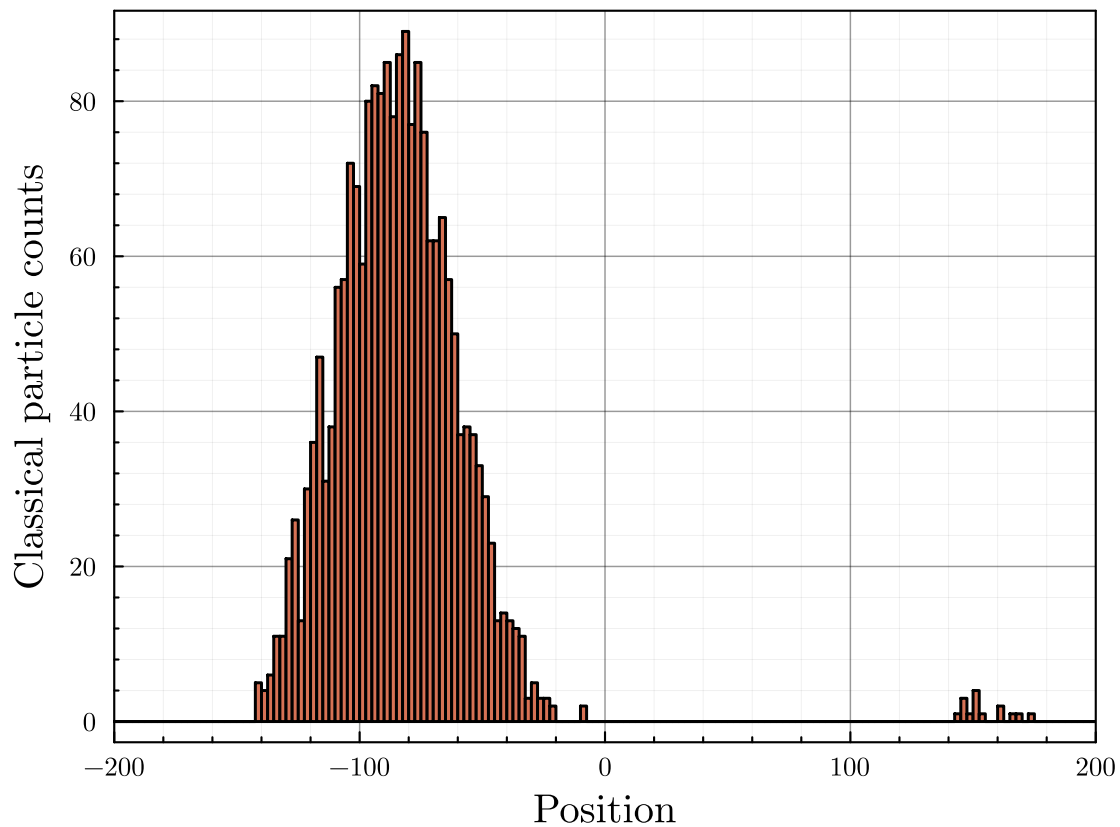
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# Get a solution given initial position and momentum
function trajec(x0,p0)
    u0 = [x0,p0/m];
    tspan = (0.0,1000.0);
    prob = ODEProblem(eom!,u0,tspan);
    sol = solve(prob,dtmax=1,saveat=4,reltol=1e-8, abstol=1e-8);
    return sol
end;
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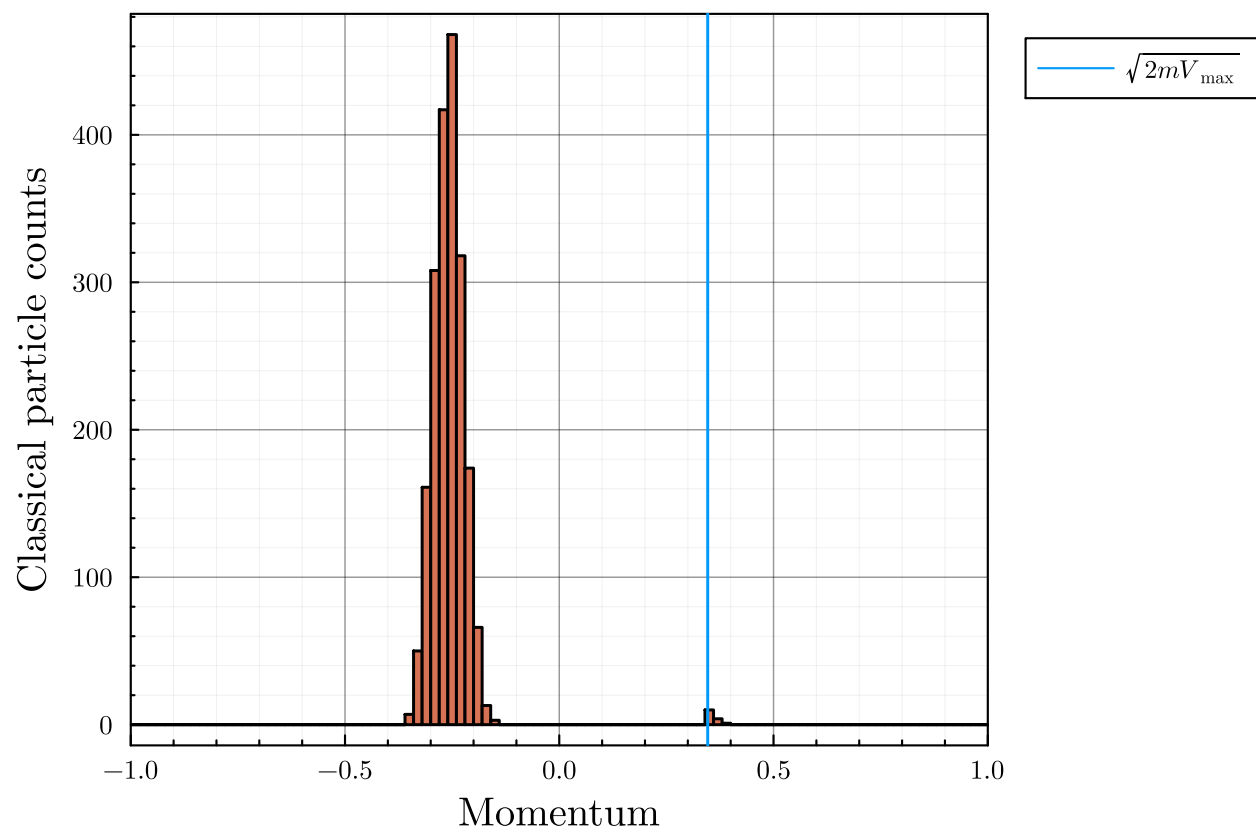
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# Choose parameters for initial ensemble distribution
x0 = -100; sigma_x0 = 3.0; p0 = 0.26; sigma_p0 = hbar/(2*sigma_x0);
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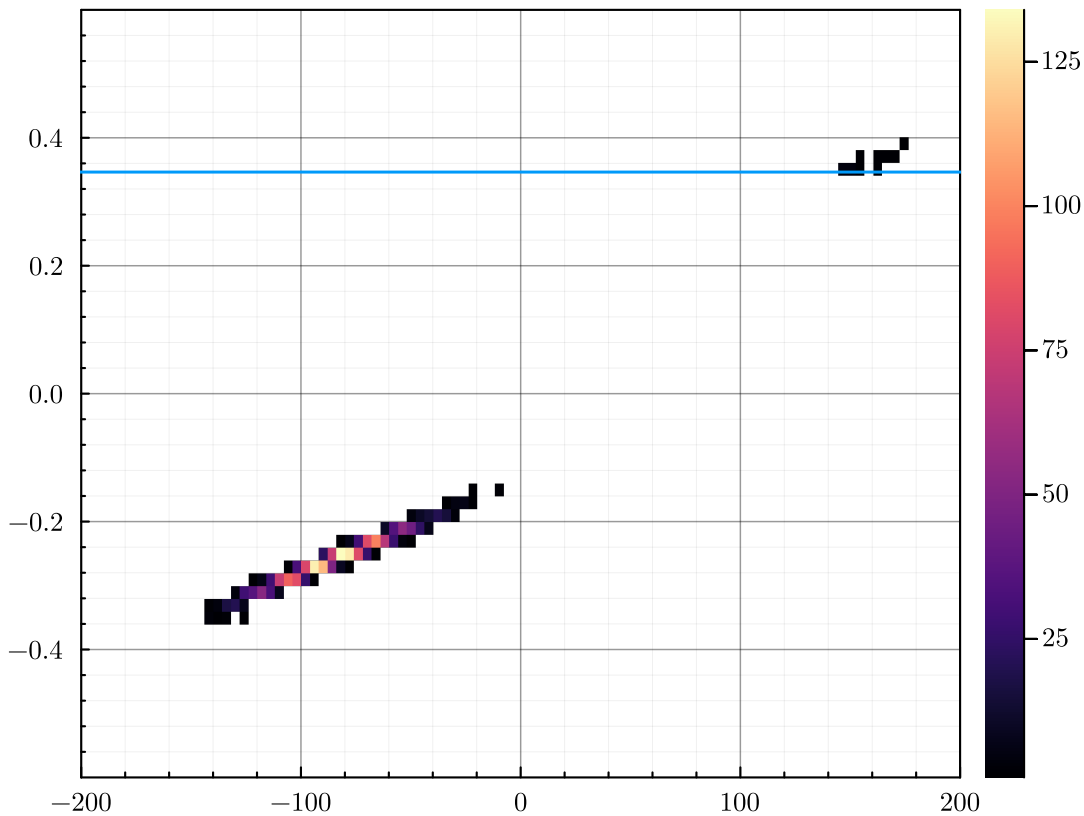
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• begin #solve differential equations for 1000 particles
•   ensemblepstep = []; ensemblexstep = []; tsclassical = 0:2:1000;
•   for _ in 1:2000
•       let p = p0 + σp,0*randn(), x = x0 + σx,0*randn()
•       atrajec = trajec(x,p);
•       push!(ensemblexstep, atrajec(tsclassical, idxs=1).u)
•       push!(ensemblepstep, atrajec(tsclassical, idxs=2).u)
•   end
• end
• ensemblex = hcat(ensemblexstep...)
• ensemblep = hcat(ensemblepstep...)
• end;

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begin
    histogram2d(ensembles[first(eachindex(tsclassical)[tsclassical .==
        plottclassical]),:],ensembles[first(eachindex(tsclassical)[tsclassical .==
        plottclassical]),:],xlim=(-200,200),ylim=(-0.6,0.6),bins=
        (-200:4:200,-0.6:0.02:0.6))
    hline!([sqrt(2*m*V1)],label=:none)
end

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Observe that a few particles do get through... They are exactly those that have an initial momentum greater than  $\sqrt{2mV_{\max}}$

## Quantum simulations

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# Define quantum operators:
begin
    ∇² = Δx^(-2)*SymTridiagonal(-2*ones(nPts),ones(nPts-1)); #Discrete Laplacian
    V̂ = Diagonal(Vx);
    H₀ = (-ħ²/(2m))∇²; # Hamiltonian w/ no barrier
    H = (-ħ²/(2m))∇² + V̂; # Hamiltonian
end;

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• # compute energies and stationary states:
• begin
•     #  $\mathcal{E}_s$ ,  $s\psi_s = \text{eigen}(H)$ 
•     eigs = eigen(H);
•      $\mathcal{E}_s$  = eigs.values;
•      $s\psi_s$  = eigs.vectors .*  $\Delta x^{(-1/2)}$ ;
•     eigfrees = eigen( $H_0$ );
•      $\mathcal{E}_{\text{frees}}$  = eigfrees.values;
•      $s\psi_{\text{frees}}$  = eigfrees.vectors .*  $\Delta x^{(-1/2)}$ ;
• end;

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• # initial wave function
•  $\psi_0$  = normalize(exp.(-(x .-  $x_0$ ).^2 ./ (4 *  $\sigma_{x0}^2$ ) + 1.0im *  $p_0$  * x /  $\hbar$ )) *  $\Delta x^{(-1/2)}$ ;

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• # time evolution by attaching phase factors
• begin
•      $\psi_0$ eigenbasis =  $s\psi_s'$  *  $\psi_0$ ; # convert to stationary state basis
•      $\psi_0$ freeeigenbasis =  $s\psi_{\text{frees}}'$  *  $\psi_0$ ;
•      $\psi(t)$  =  $s\psi_s$  * Diagonal(exp.(-1.0im * t *  $\mathcal{E}_s / \hbar$ )) *  $\psi_0$ eigenbasis *  $\Delta x$ ;
•      $\psi_{\text{free}}(t)$  =  $s\psi_{\text{frees}}$  * Diagonal(exp.(-1.0im * t *  $\mathcal{E}_{\text{frees}} / \hbar$ )) *  $\psi_0$ freeeigenbasis *  $\Delta x$ ;
• end;

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• begin # create vector of time-evolved states
•     tmax = 1000; timestep=2.5;
•      $\psi_s$  =  $\psi$ .(0:timestep:tmax)
•     PDFs = (X->abs.(X).^2).(ψs)
• end;

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• begin # same for free states
•      $\psi_{\text{frees}}$  =  $\psi_{\text{free}}$ .(0:timestep:tmax)
•     PDFfrees = (X->abs.(X).^2).(ψfrees)
• end;

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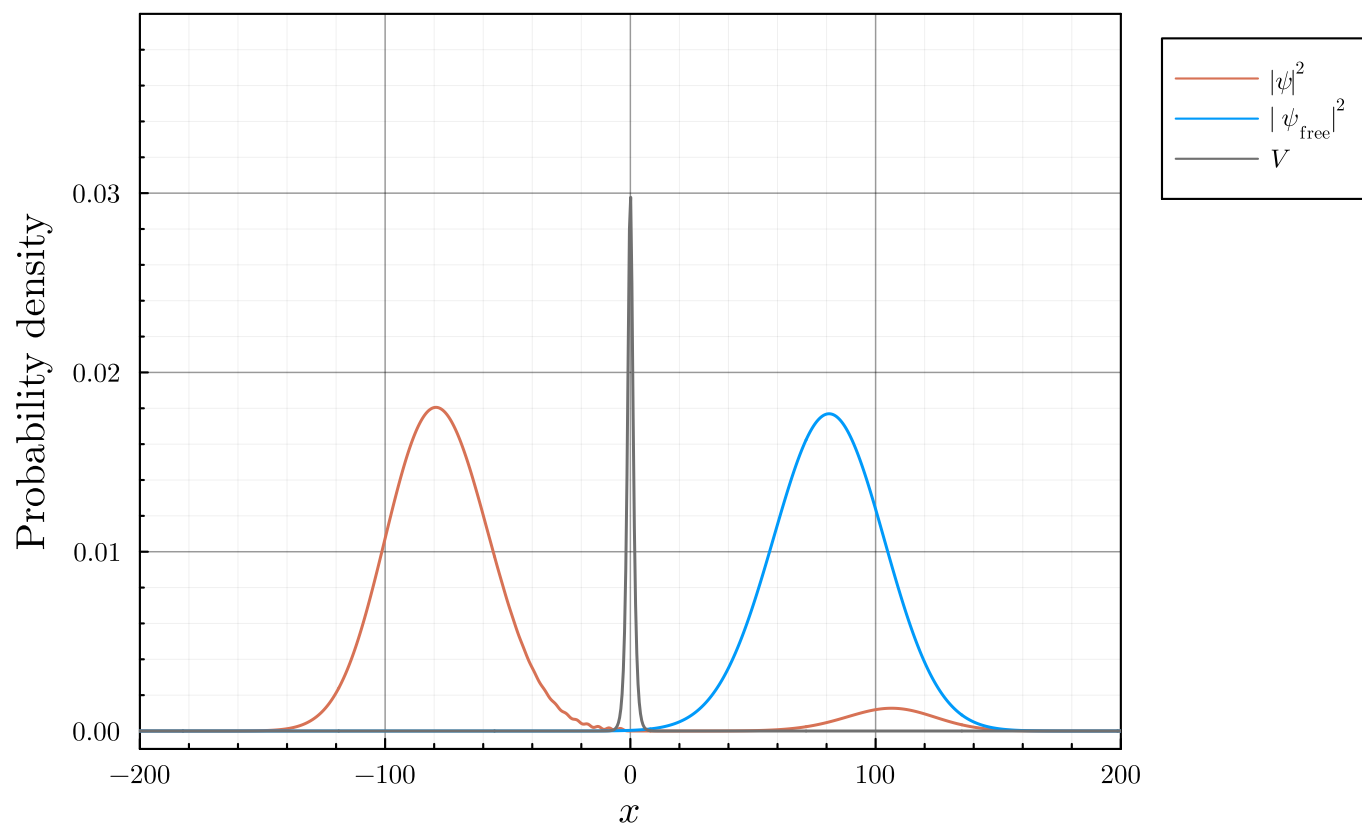
• begin # create a momentum basis
•     k = (-2π/Δx):(2π/(L/2 + Δx/2)):(2π/Δx);
•     pBasis = hcat( $\Delta x^{(-1/2)}$ *normalize.(eachcol(exp.(1.0im * x * k' /  $\hbar$ )))...);
• end;

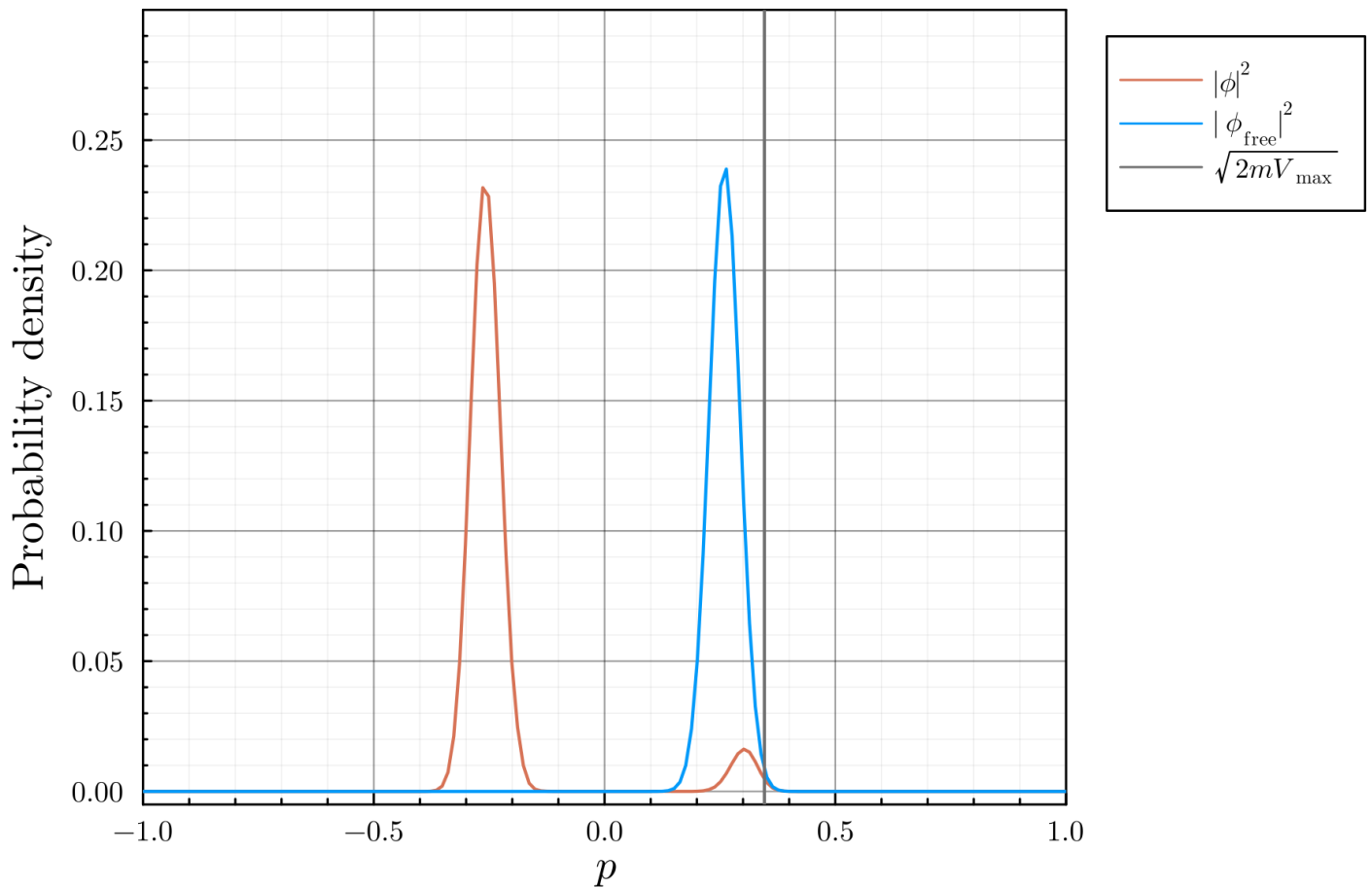
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• begin # evolution in momentum basis
•     moms = (X->abs.(pBasis' * X).^2).(ψs);
•     momsfree = (X->abs.(pBasis' * X).^2).(ψfrees);
• end;

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We see that there is a significant probability that at long times, there will be particles which pass the barrier and have momentum less than  $\sqrt{2mV_{\max}}$ ! This is tunneling!

We can see how the phase-space distribution evolves by using the Wigner quasi-probability distribution. There is a nice visualization on Wikipedia here [here](#).