

Experimental Physics 3 - Em-Waves, Optics, Quantum mechanics

Lecture 28

Some dates in January and February

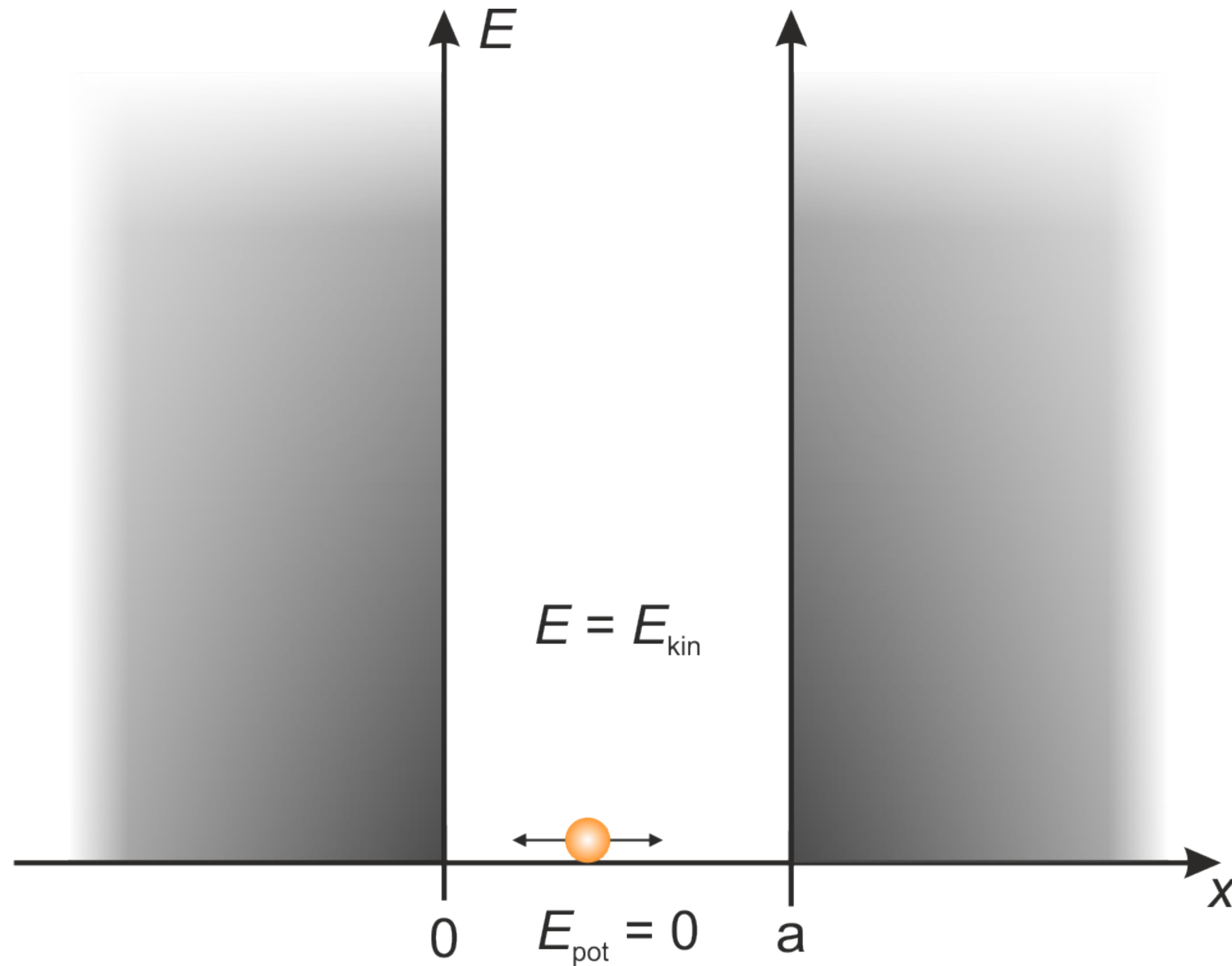
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Exam: February 20, 2023, 9 am - 12 pm, 1 (one) DIN A4 page lettered

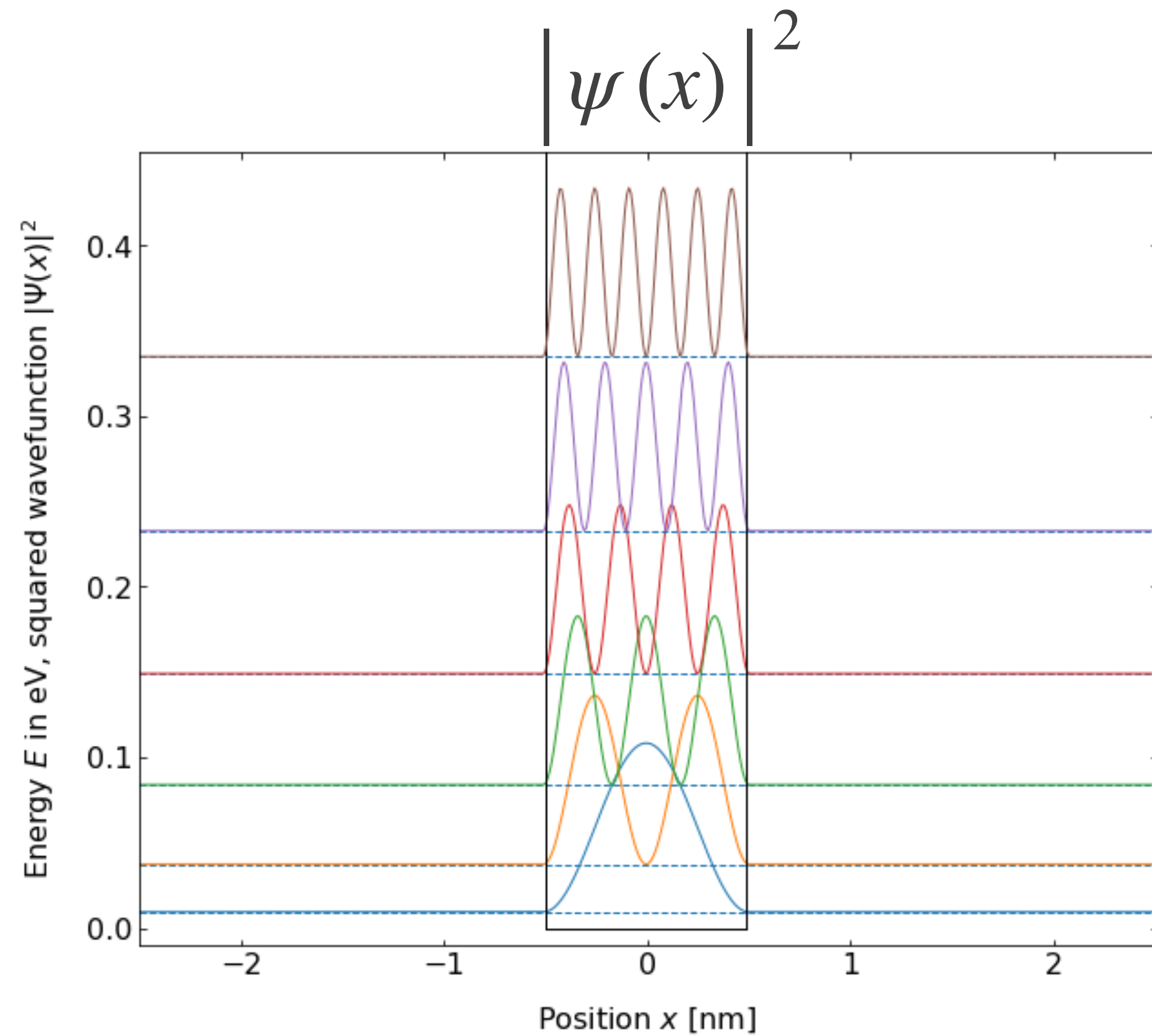
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Recap - the potential well

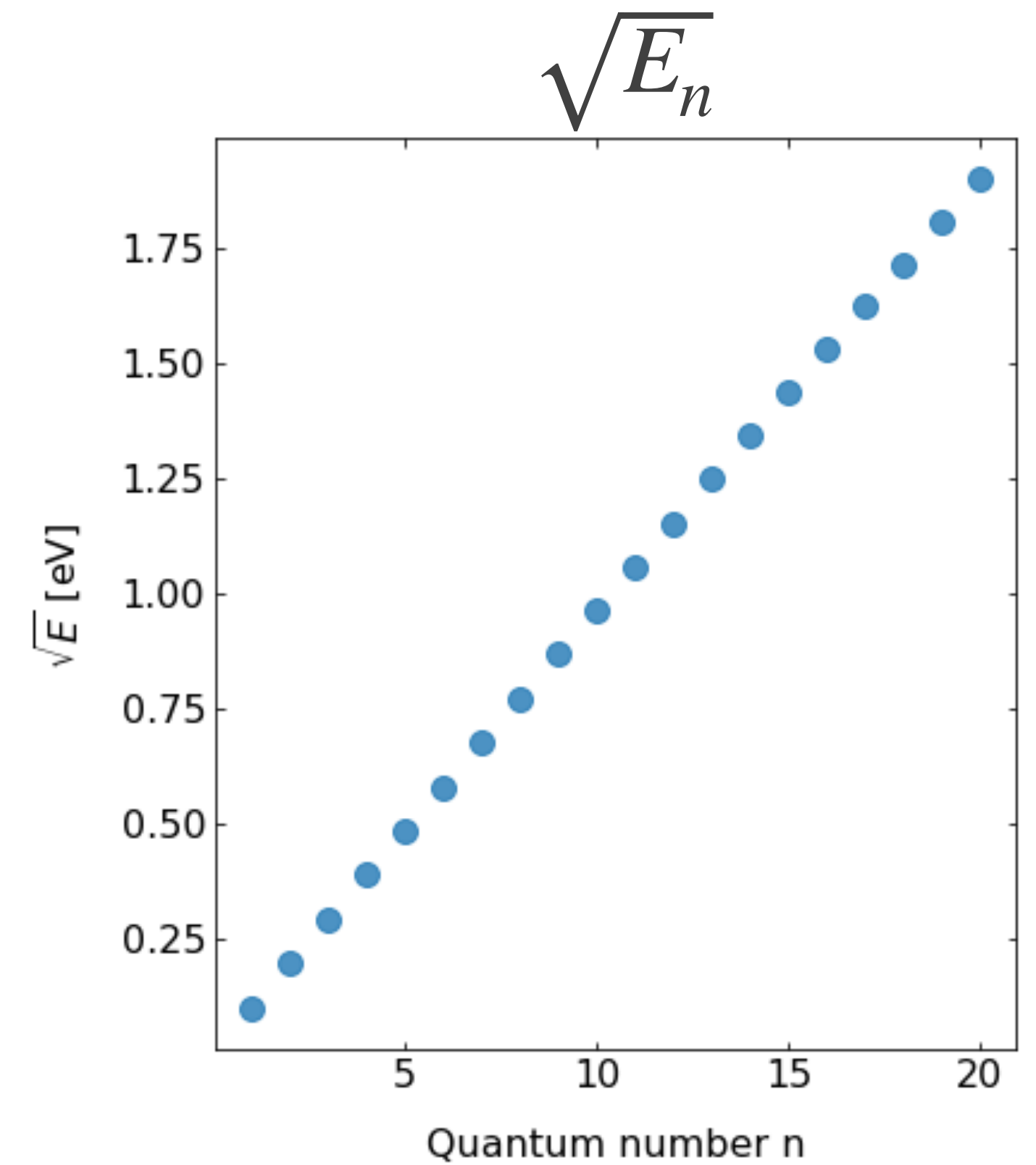
Recap - infinite potential well



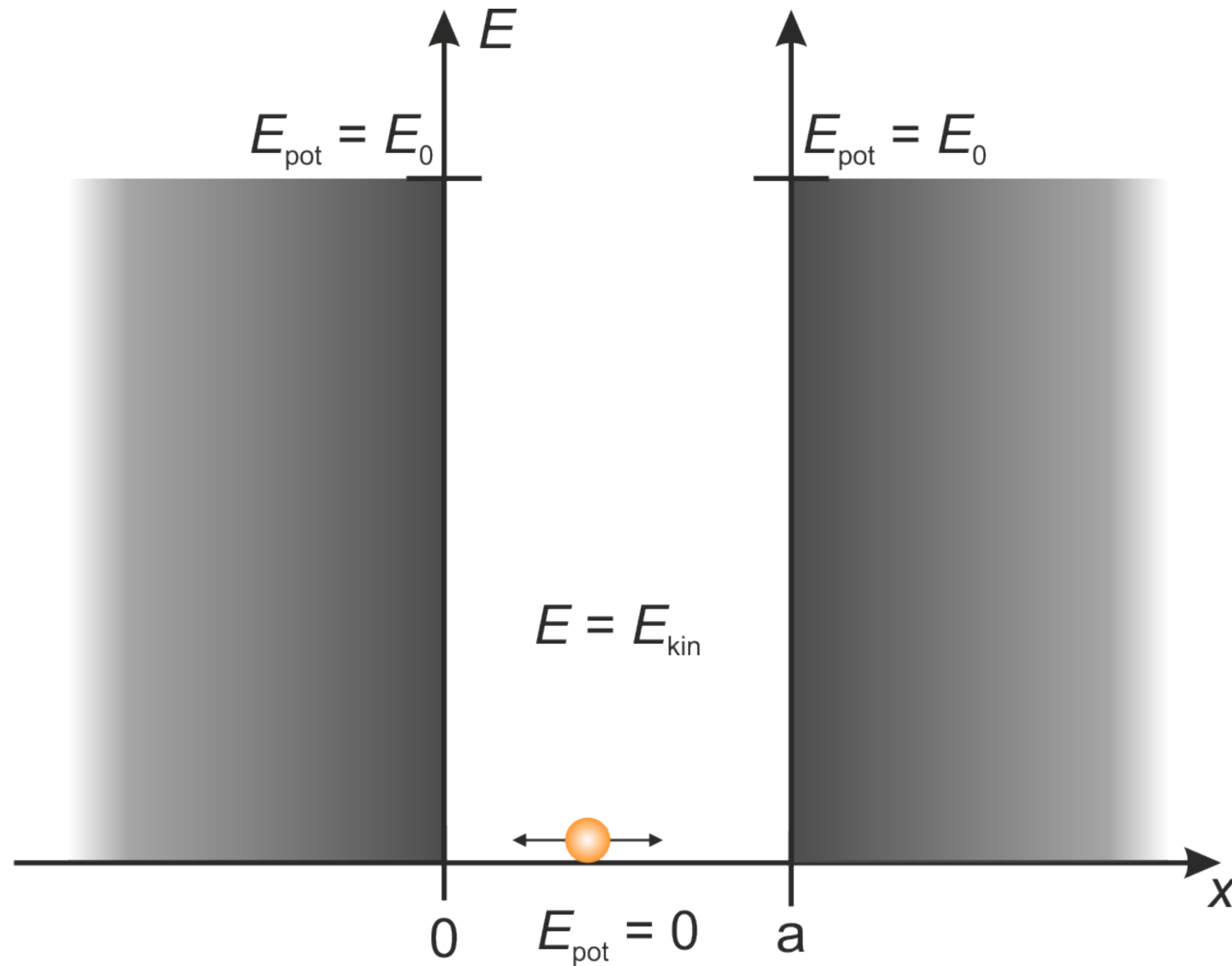
Recap - infinite potential well



- No probability outside well
- $E_n \propto n^2$
- $E_n \propto a^{-2}$
- $E_1 > 0$

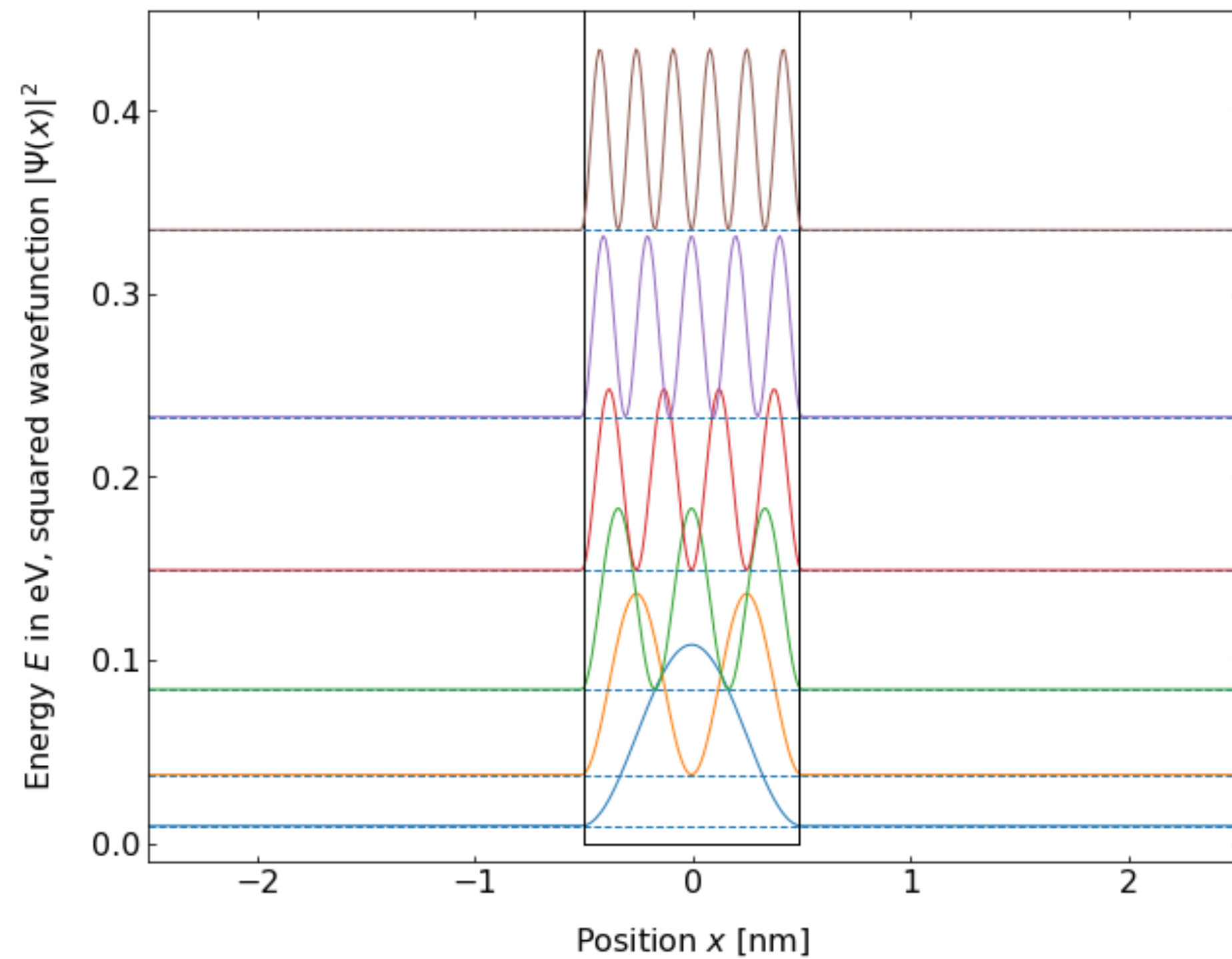


Recap - finite potential well

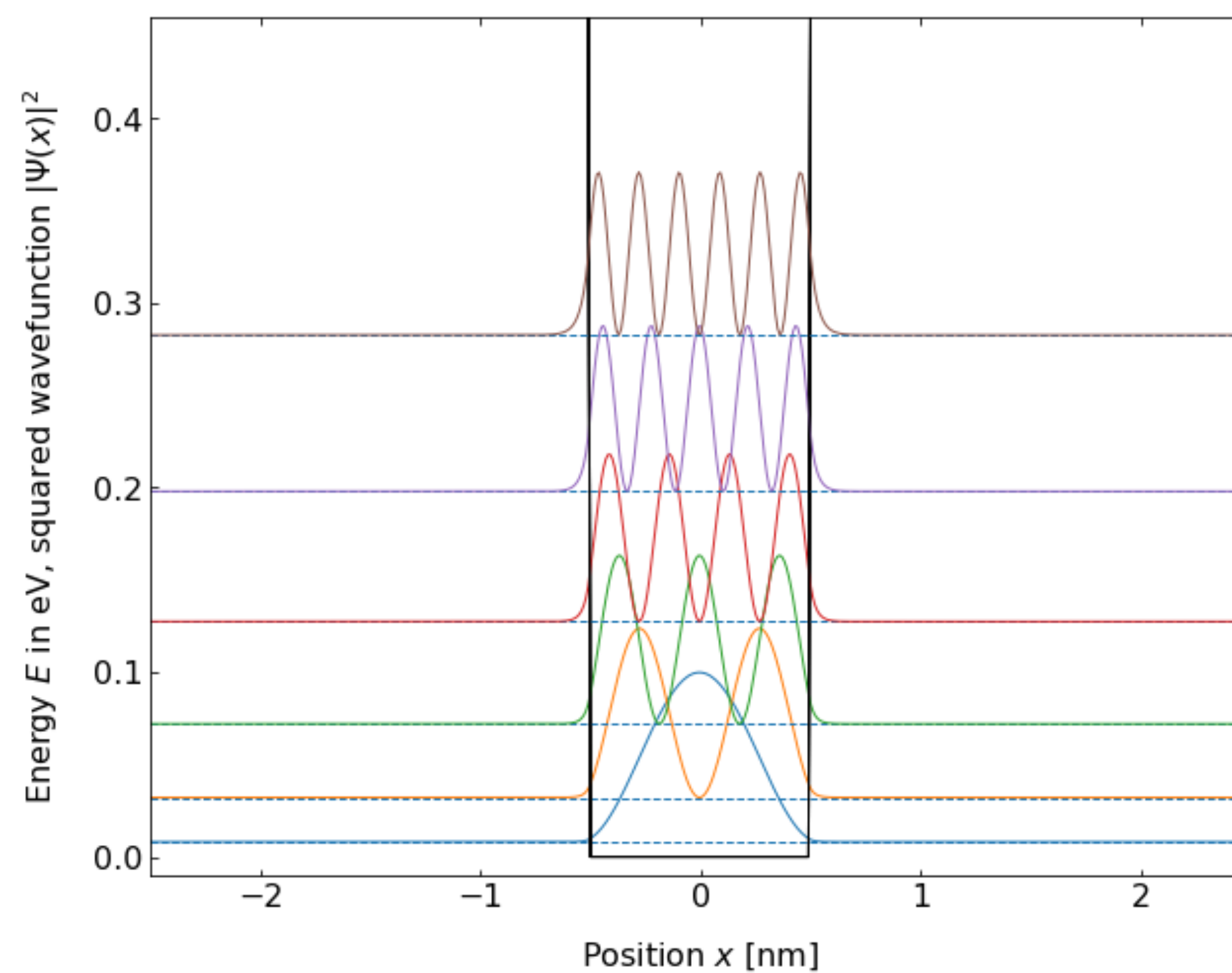


Recap - finite potential well

Infinite $|\psi(x)|^2$



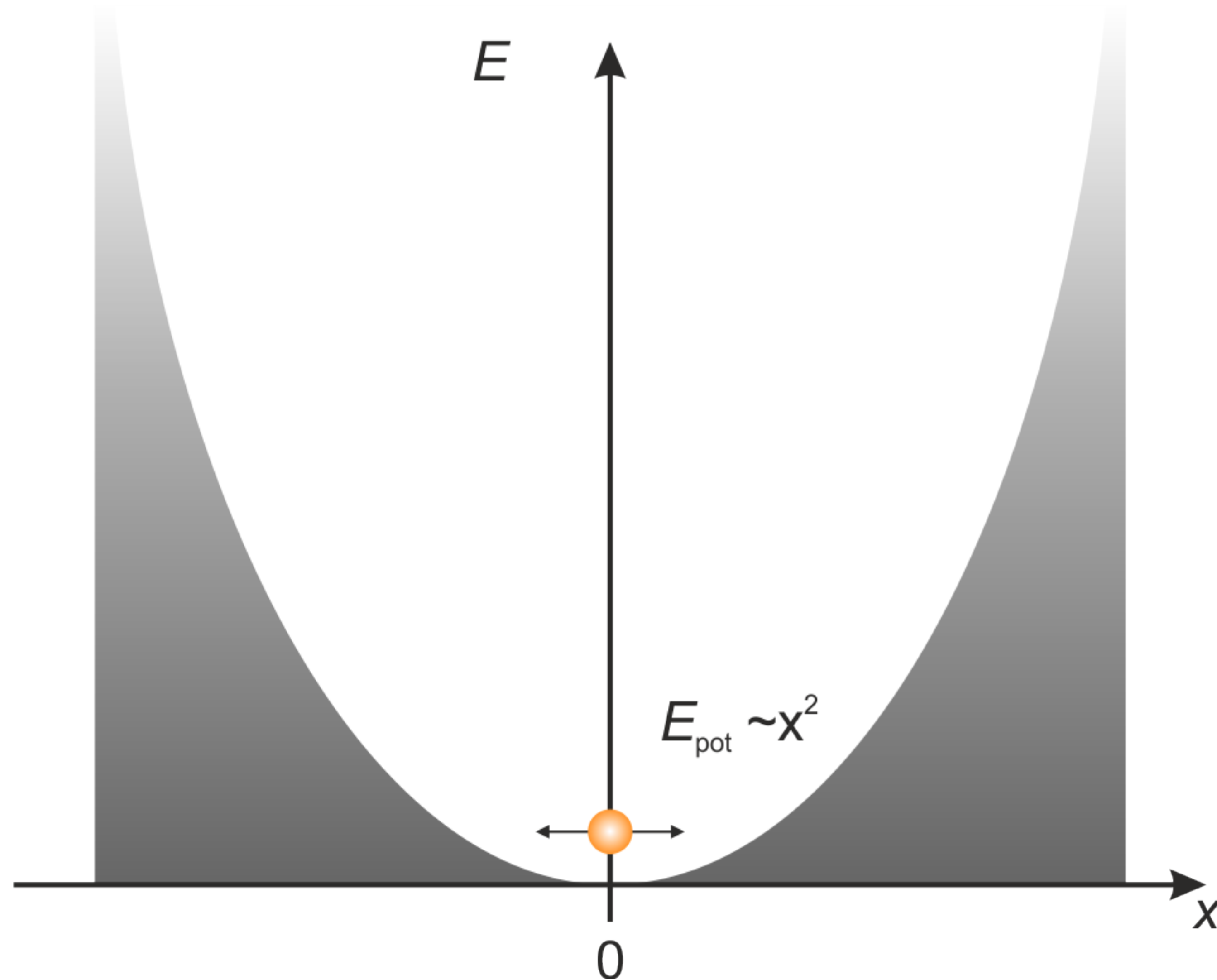
Finite $|\psi(x)|^2$



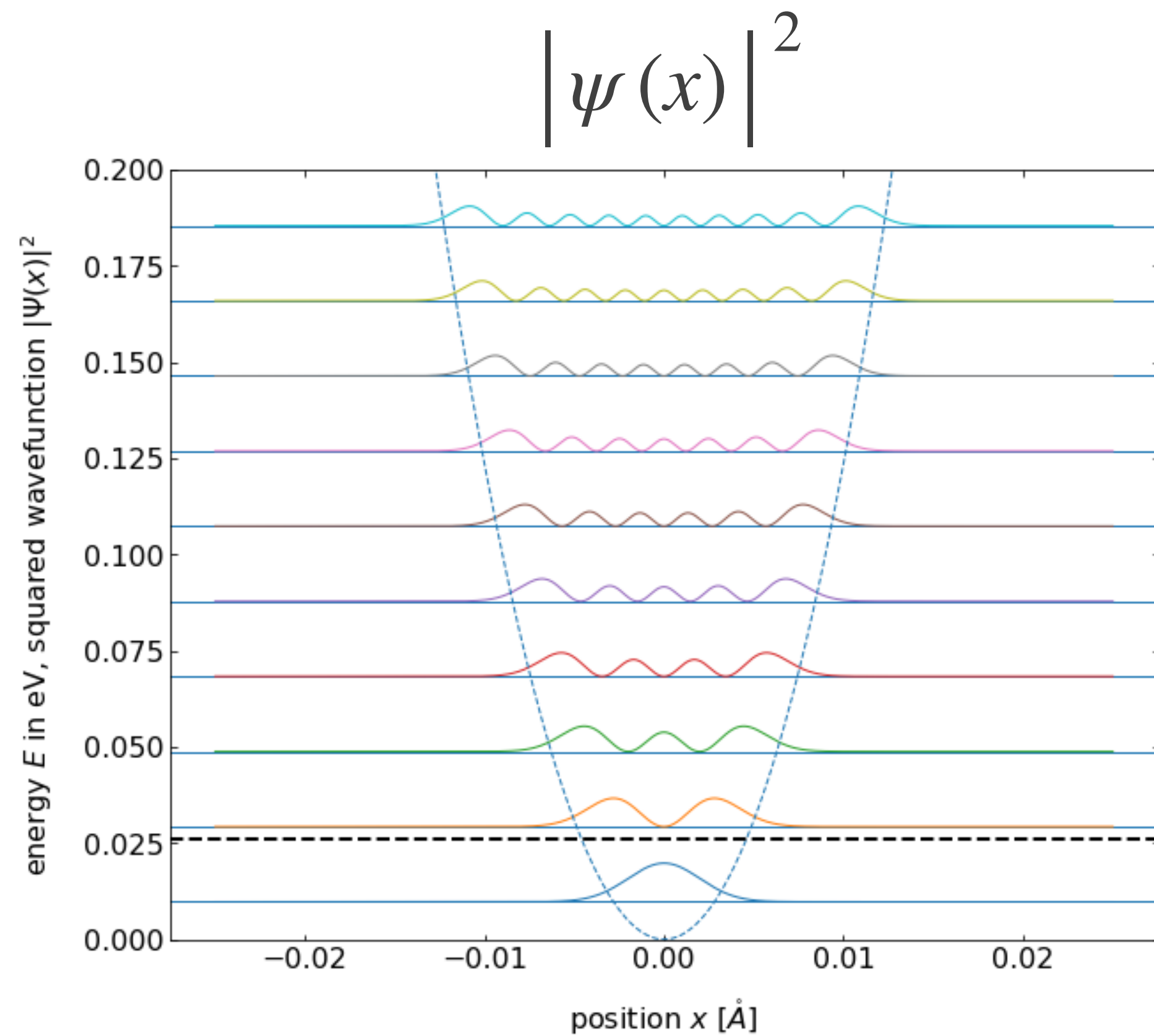
- Probability density decays exponentially inside potential wall
- Increased position uncertainty Δx
- Reduced momentum uncertainty Δp_x
- Thus, reduced energy E_n

Recap - the harmonic oscillator

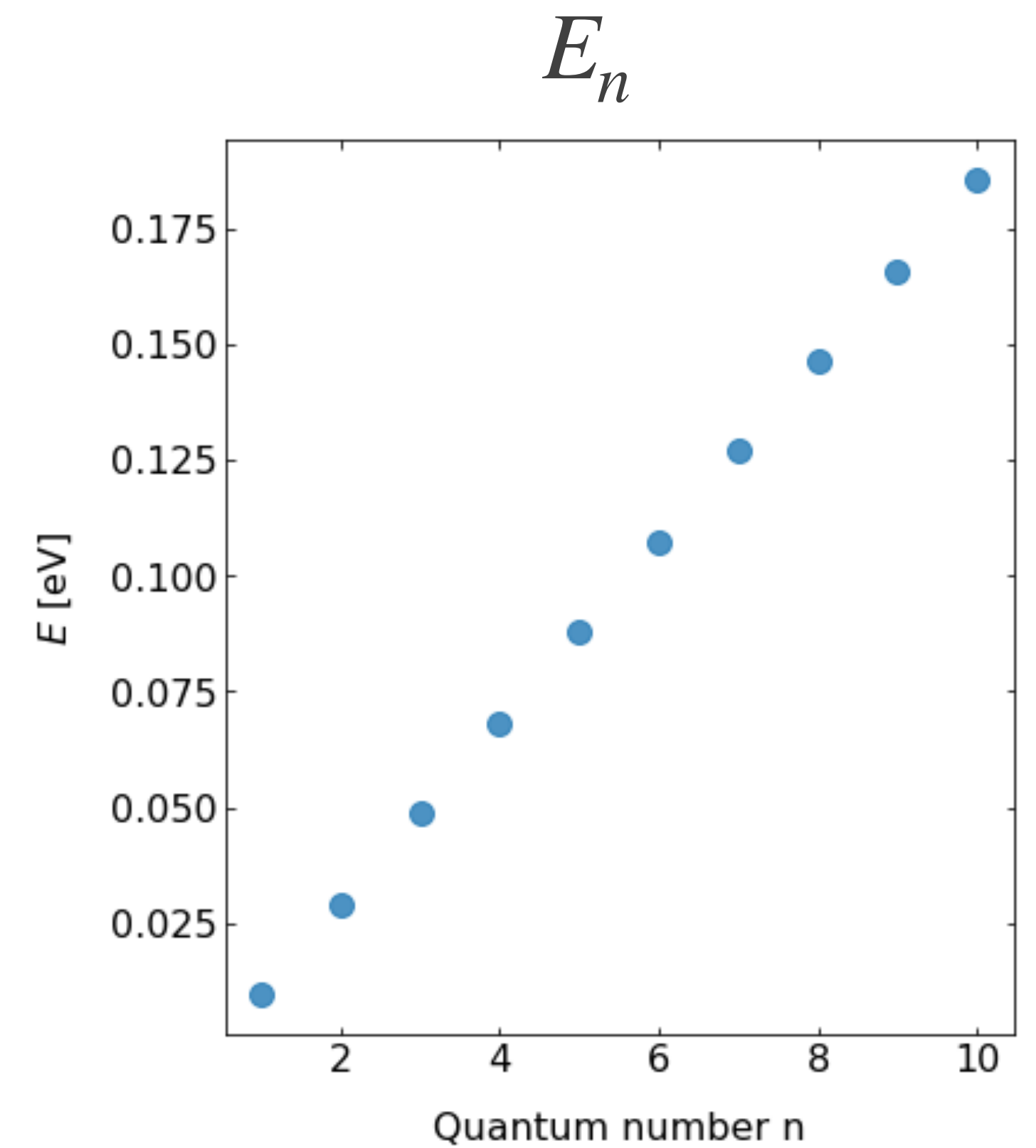
Recap - harmonic oscillator



Recap - infinite potential well



- $E_n = \hbar\omega \left(n + \frac{1}{2} \right)$
- $E_n \propto n$
- $E_0 = \frac{1}{2}\hbar\omega$



The correspondence principle

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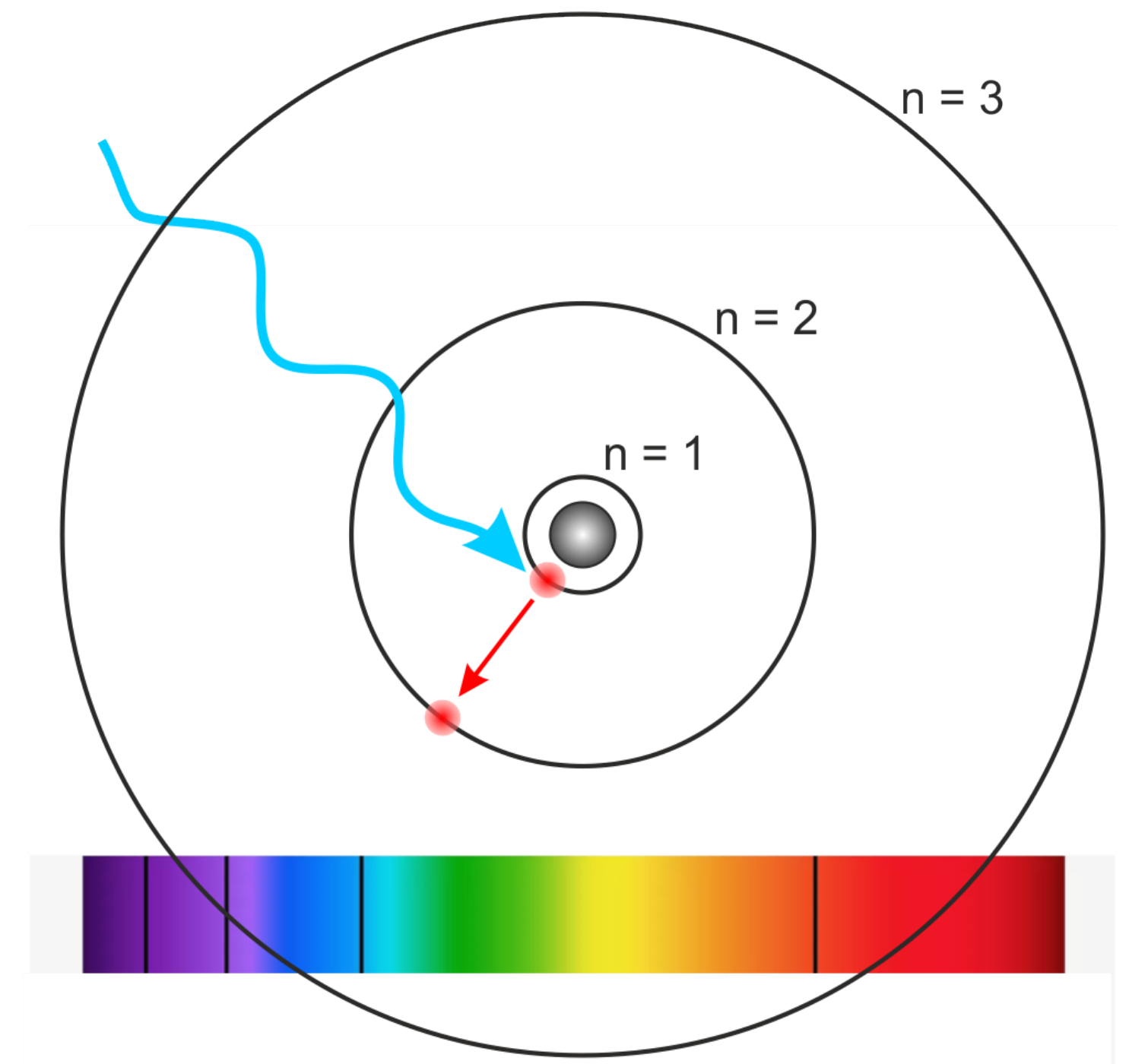
1st Bohr postulate (phase-integral condition):
Electrons propagate at particular orbits,
there they do not emit energy

$$\oint p dq = nh \longleftrightarrow \mu v r_n = n\hbar \longleftrightarrow 2\pi r_n = nh/(\mu v)$$

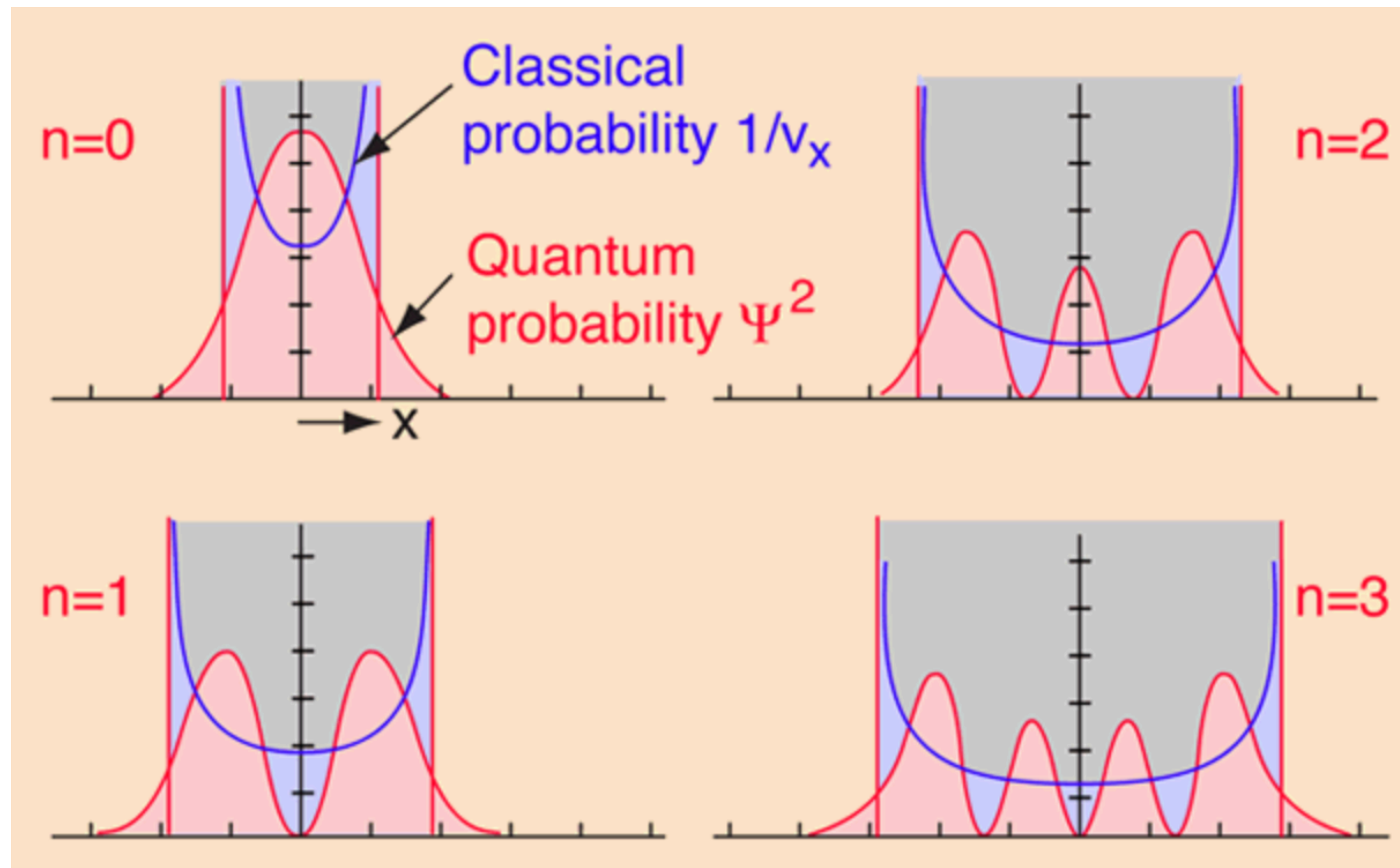
2nd Bohr postulate (frequency condition):
An atom can only change its energy through
transition from one stationary state into another
stationary state by absorption or emission of a photon

$$h\nu_{ik} = |E_i - E_k|$$

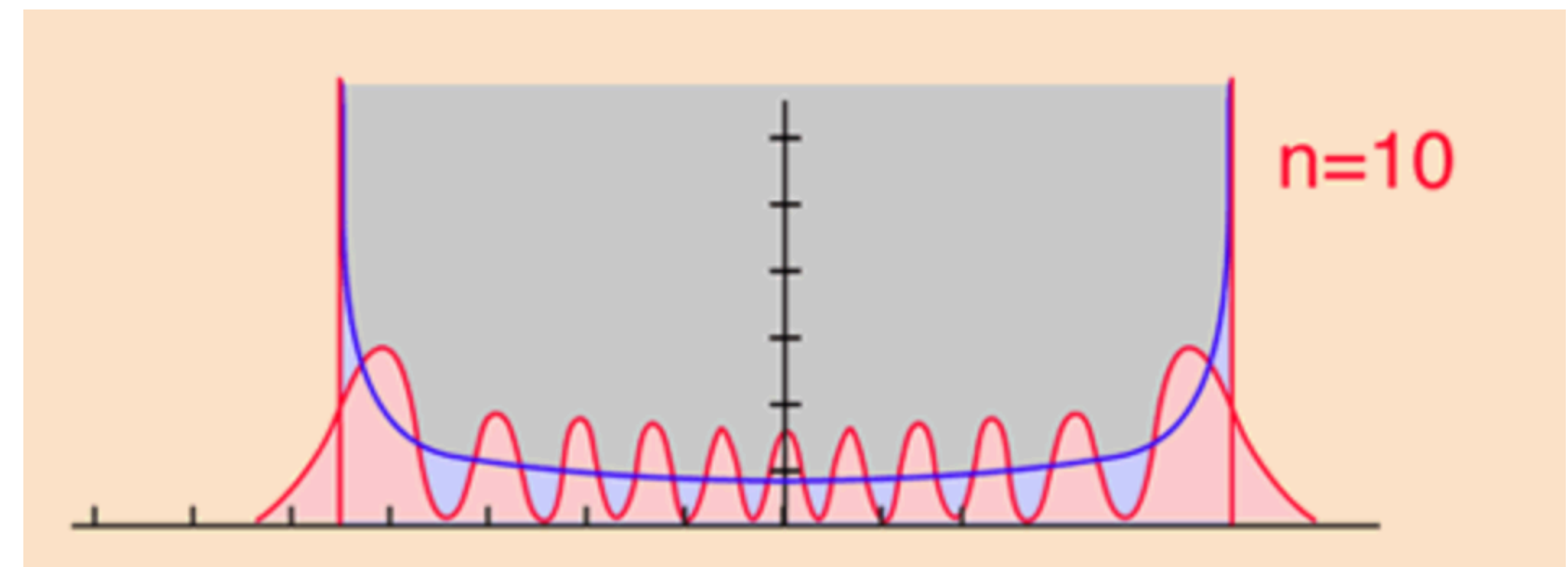
3rd Bohr postulate (correspondence principle):
The 1st and 2nd postulate have to correspond
to the laws of classical physics for great n and
big r_n



The correspondence principle - Bohr's 3rd postulate



- Example: harmonic oscillator
- For $n = 1$ qm. probability density contradicts classical probability
- For great n both approaches merge



The correspondence principle - Heisenbergs refined version

- Every observable A (a macroscopic measurable value) is assigned to linear Hermitian operator \hat{A} (real eigenvalues),

$$\langle A \rangle = \iiint \psi^* \hat{A} \psi \, dx \, dy \, dz$$

- If the operator \hat{A} applied to the function ψ replicates the function up to a constant factor $\hat{A}\psi = A\psi$,

the constant A is an **eigenvalue** and the function ψ is an **eigenfunction** of the operator \hat{A}

- Mean square deviation of eigenvalue

$$\begin{aligned} \langle A^2 \rangle - \langle A \rangle^2 &= \int \psi^* \hat{A}^2 \psi \, d\tau - \left(\int \psi^* \hat{A}^2 \psi \, d\tau \right)^2 \\ &= \int \psi^* \hat{A} \cdot \hat{A} \psi \, d\tau - A^2 \left(\int \psi^* \psi \, d\tau \right)^2 \\ &= A^2 \int \psi^* \psi \, d\tau - A^2 \left(\int \psi^* \psi \, d\tau \right)^2 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

- If ψ is eigenfunction of the operator \hat{A} , then $\langle \Delta A^2 \rangle = \langle (A - \langle A \rangle)^2 \rangle = 0$ and the system is a state in that A is constant over time

The correspondence principle - Heisenbergs refined version

Examples:

- Position operator $\hat{r} = r$
- Momentum operator $\hat{p} = -i\hbar \nabla$
- Kinetic energy op. $\frac{\hat{p}}{2m} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \Delta$
- Potential energy op. $\hat{E}_{\text{pot}} = V$
- Energy operator $\hat{H} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \Delta + V$
- Angular momentum op.
 $\hat{L} = \hat{r} \times \hat{p} = -i\hbar \hat{r} \times \nabla$

Examples:

- $\hat{H}\psi = E\psi$
- $\langle p \rangle = -i\hbar \int \psi^* \nabla \psi d\tau$
- The definitions for $\hat{r} = r$ and $\hat{p} = -i\hbar \nabla$ are only valid in position representation $\psi = \psi(r)$
- In momentum representation $\phi = \phi(p)$ the operators became
 $\hat{r}_p = i\hbar \nabla_p$ and $\hat{p}_p = p$