



Bohr - Sommerfeld quantization rule for the case of a potential with two vertical walls is

$$n\pi\hbar = \int_{-b}^b \sqrt{2m(E - V(x))} dx$$

Since  $E \gg \gamma b^2$  we can essentially neglect  $V(x)$  in the integrand. As a result we have an infinite square well:

$$n\pi\hbar = \int_{-b}^b \sqrt{2mE} dx = 2b\sqrt{2mE}$$

$$n = \frac{2b\sqrt{2mE}}{\pi\hbar}$$

or

$$E_n = \frac{n^2 \pi^2 \hbar^2}{8mb^2}$$

For the next level  $(n+1)$  the energy is

$$E_{n+1} = \frac{(n+1)^2 \pi^2 \hbar^2}{8mb^2}$$

then

$$\Delta E = E_{n+1} - E_n = \frac{(2n+1) \pi^2 \hbar^2}{8mb^2} = \frac{\left(\frac{4b\sqrt{2mE}}{\pi\hbar} + 1\right) \pi^2 \hbar^2}{8mb^2}$$

If  $n$  is known to be large we can simplify it

$$\text{further: } \Delta E \approx \sqrt{\frac{E}{2m}} \frac{\pi\hbar}{b}$$