

$$E_n = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \left( \frac{n\pi}{L} \right)^2 \quad \text{so} \quad E_2 - E_1 = \frac{\hbar^2 \pi^2}{2mL^2} (2^2 - 1^2) = 3 \cdot \frac{\hbar^2 \pi^2}{2mL^2}$$

For an electron,  $m = 9.1 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$ , and  $L = 10^{-9} \text{ m}$ ,

$$E_2 - E_1 = \frac{3}{2} \left( \frac{6.626 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s}}{2\pi} \right)^2 \frac{\pi^2}{9.1 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg} (10^{-9} \text{ m})^2} \approx 1.8 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$$

For 1 mole of electrons, multiply by Avogadro's number, so

$$E_2 - E_1 \approx 109 \text{ kJ/mol}$$

For a ball of mass  $m = 10^{-2} \text{ kg}$ , and  $L = 1 \text{ m}$ ,

$$E_2 - E_1 = \frac{3}{2} \left( \frac{6.626 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s}}{2\pi} \right)^2 \frac{\pi^2}{10^{-2} \text{ kg} (1 \text{ m})^2} \approx 1.65 \times 10^{-65} \text{ J}$$

For 1 mole of tennis balls,

$$E_2 - E_1 \approx 10^{-41} \text{ kJ/mol}$$