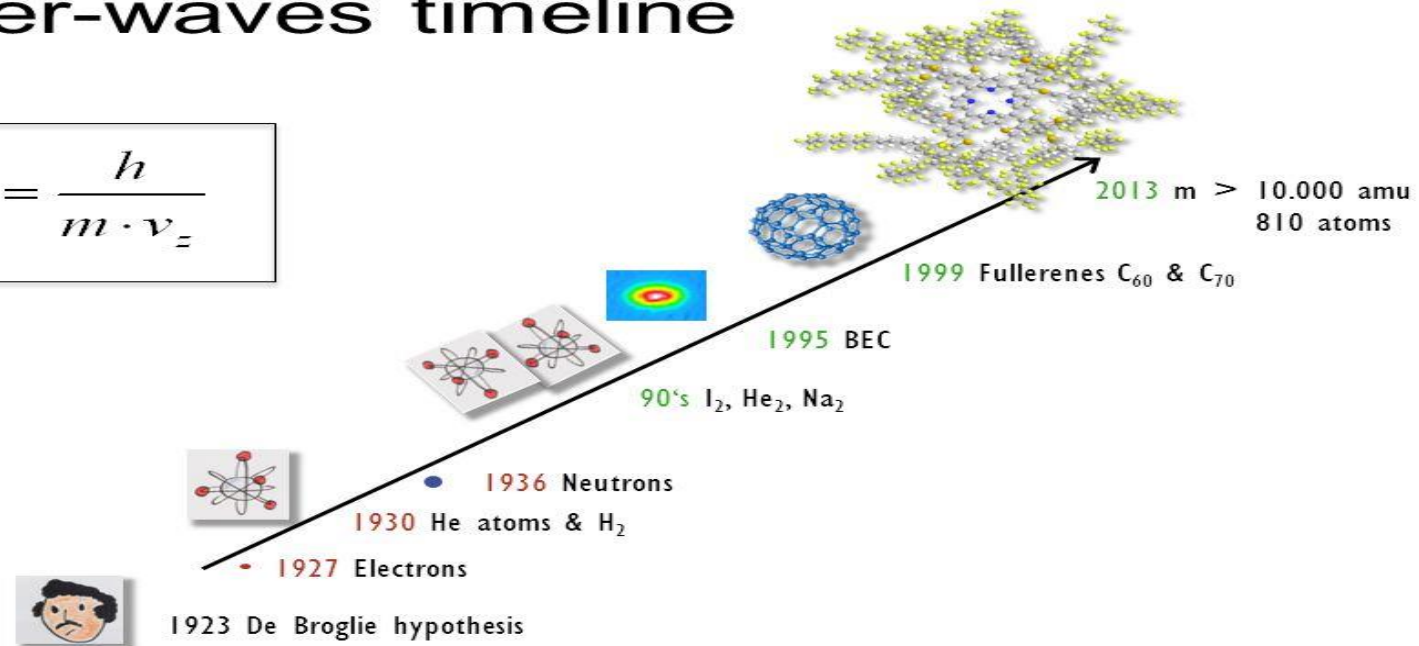


Matter-waves timeline

$$\lambda_{dB} = \frac{h}{m \cdot v_z}$$



Matter waves:

Water waves \rightarrow Height of water surface

Sound wave \rightarrow Pressure

E.M. waves \rightarrow E & B

representation $\psi(x, t)$

Probability density $|\psi|^2$ Max Born in 1926

de Broglie wave velocity

$$v_p = v \lambda$$

$$\lambda = \frac{h}{\gamma m v}$$

$$E = \gamma m c^2 = h \nu$$

$$v = \frac{\gamma m c^2}{h}$$

de Broglie's
phase
velocity

$$v_p = v \lambda = \left(\frac{\gamma m c^2}{h} \right) \left(\frac{h}{\gamma m v} \right) = \frac{c^2}{v}$$

means $v_p > c$ unexpected result

General wave formula. $y = A \cos 2\pi \nu t$

$$y = A \cos 2\pi \nu \left(t - \frac{x}{v_p} \right)$$

$$\text{or } y = A \cos 2\pi \left(\nu t - \frac{\nu x}{v_p} \right)$$

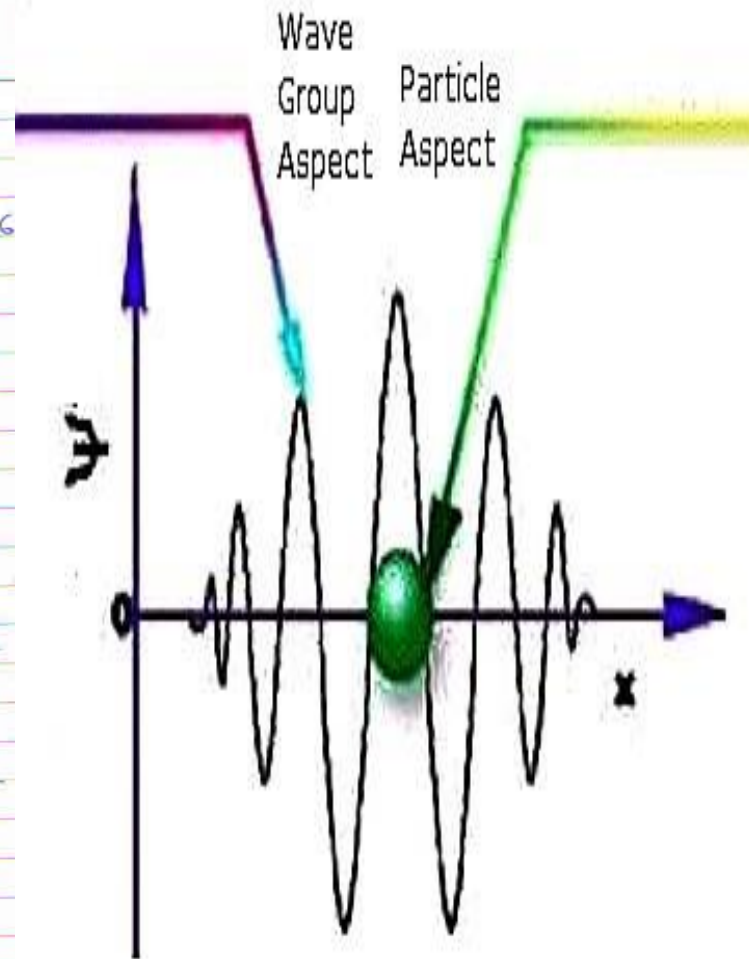
$$v_p = v \lambda$$

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$$y = A \cos 2\pi \left(\nu t - \frac{x}{\lambda} \right)$$

Angular frequency $\omega = 2\pi \nu$

Wave formula $k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} = \frac{\omega}{v_p}$



Wave formula.

$$y = A \cos(\omega t - kx) \quad \text{one dim}$$

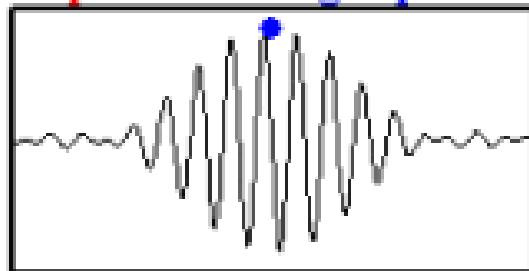
$$y = A \cos(\omega t - k \cdot r) \quad \text{Three dim}$$

Phase and Group velocities:

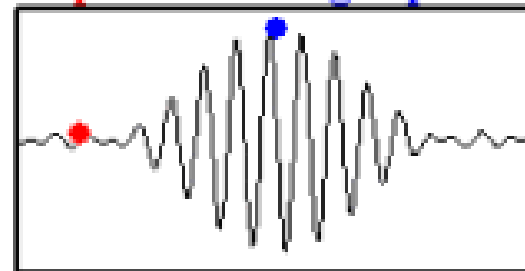
$$v_p = \frac{\omega}{k}$$

$$v_g = \frac{d\omega}{dk}$$

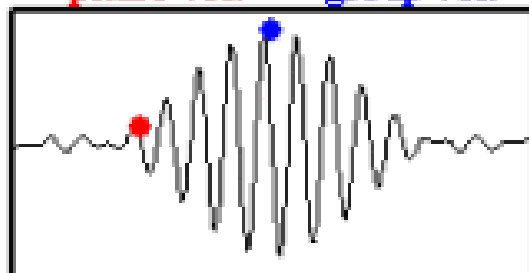
phase vel. = group vel.



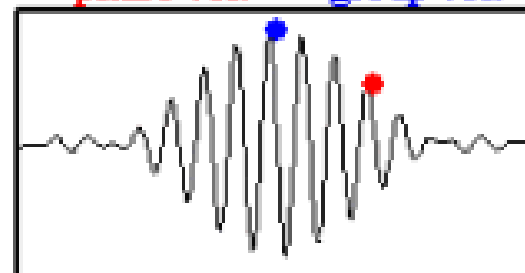
phase vel. = - group vel.



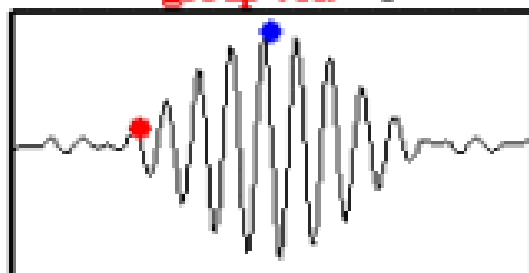
phase vel. > group vel.



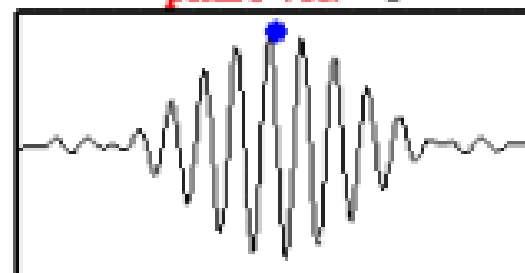
phase vel. < group vel.



group vel. = 0



phase vel. = 0



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Matter waves

Wave packet or wave group.



→ wave group →

Wave packet

$V_g \rightarrow$ group velocity \rightarrow wave group travels

Superposition of two waves. (Beats):

$$Y_1 = A \cos(\omega t - kx)$$

$$Y_2 = A \cos[(\omega + \Delta\omega)t - (k + \Delta k)x]$$

$$Y = Y_1 + Y_2 = A \cos \alpha + A \cos \beta$$

$$= A (\cos \alpha + \cos \beta)$$

$$Y = A \left[2 \cos \frac{1}{2}(\alpha + \beta) \cos \frac{1}{2}(\alpha - \beta) \right]$$

We know $\cos(-\theta) = \cos \theta$

hence

$$Y = Y_1 + Y_2$$

$$= 2A \cos \frac{1}{2}[(2\omega + \Delta\omega)t - (2k + \Delta k)x]$$

$$\cos \frac{1}{2}(\Delta\omega t - \Delta k x)$$

If $\Delta\omega$ and Δk are very small then.

$$2\omega + \Delta\omega \approx 2\omega$$

$$2k + \Delta k \approx 2k$$

So

$$Y = 2A \cos(\omega t - kx) \cos\left(\frac{\Delta\omega}{2}t - \frac{\Delta k}{2}x\right)$$

Means:

A wave of angular frequency ω and wave number k that has superimposed upon it a modulation of angular frequency $\frac{\Delta\omega}{2}$ and wave number of $\frac{\Delta k}{2}$

phase velocity $V_p = \frac{\omega}{k}$

$\omega t - kx = 0$
 $\frac{\omega}{k} = \frac{x}{t} = V_p$

Group Velocity, $V_g = \frac{\Delta \omega}{\Delta k}$

when ω and k are continuous spreads then

$$V_g = \frac{d\omega}{dk}$$

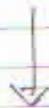
Group velocity may be less or greater than the phase velocities of its member waves.

like V_g and V_p are same when light passes through the free space.

$$V_g = v \text{ (particle velocity)}$$

$$V_p = \frac{\omega}{k} = \frac{c^2}{v}$$

$$V_p > c \quad \text{but} \quad v < c$$



$$\text{So } V_g < c$$

De Broglie waves therefore doesn't violate special relativity. because V_p has no physical significance because motion of the wave group, not the motion of individual waves that make-up the group, corresponds to the motion of body $V_g < c$.