We summarize methods of construction of spacetimes with nonexpanding impulsive waves, limit case of Kundt family and gyratonic spacetimes respectively, and \mathcal{C}^1 -matching procedure leading to refraction formulae of geodesic motion crossing the impulsive hypersurface. Next we conduct physical analysis and visualisation of geodesic motion for selected cases of studied spacetimes. As a part of this work we created a Python programming language package GRImpulsiveWaves for interactive visualisation of geodesic motion based on refraction formulae.