

$$\left( \frac{1}{E'} - \frac{1}{E} \right) = \frac{(1 - \cos \theta)}{m_e c^2}$$

In terms of wavelength

$$\left( \frac{\lambda'}{hc} - \frac{\lambda}{hc} \right) = \frac{(1 - \cos \theta)}{m_e c^2}$$

$$E = h\nu = \frac{hc}{\lambda}$$

$$\lambda' - \lambda = \frac{h}{m_e c} (1 - \cos \theta)$$

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Eq. gives the changes in wavelength expected for a photon that is scattered Through the angle  $\theta$  by the particle of rest mass  $m_e$

This change is independent of wavelength  $\lambda$  of the incident photon

Compton wavelength  $\lambda_c = h/mc \quad 2.426 \times 10^{-12} \text{ m}$

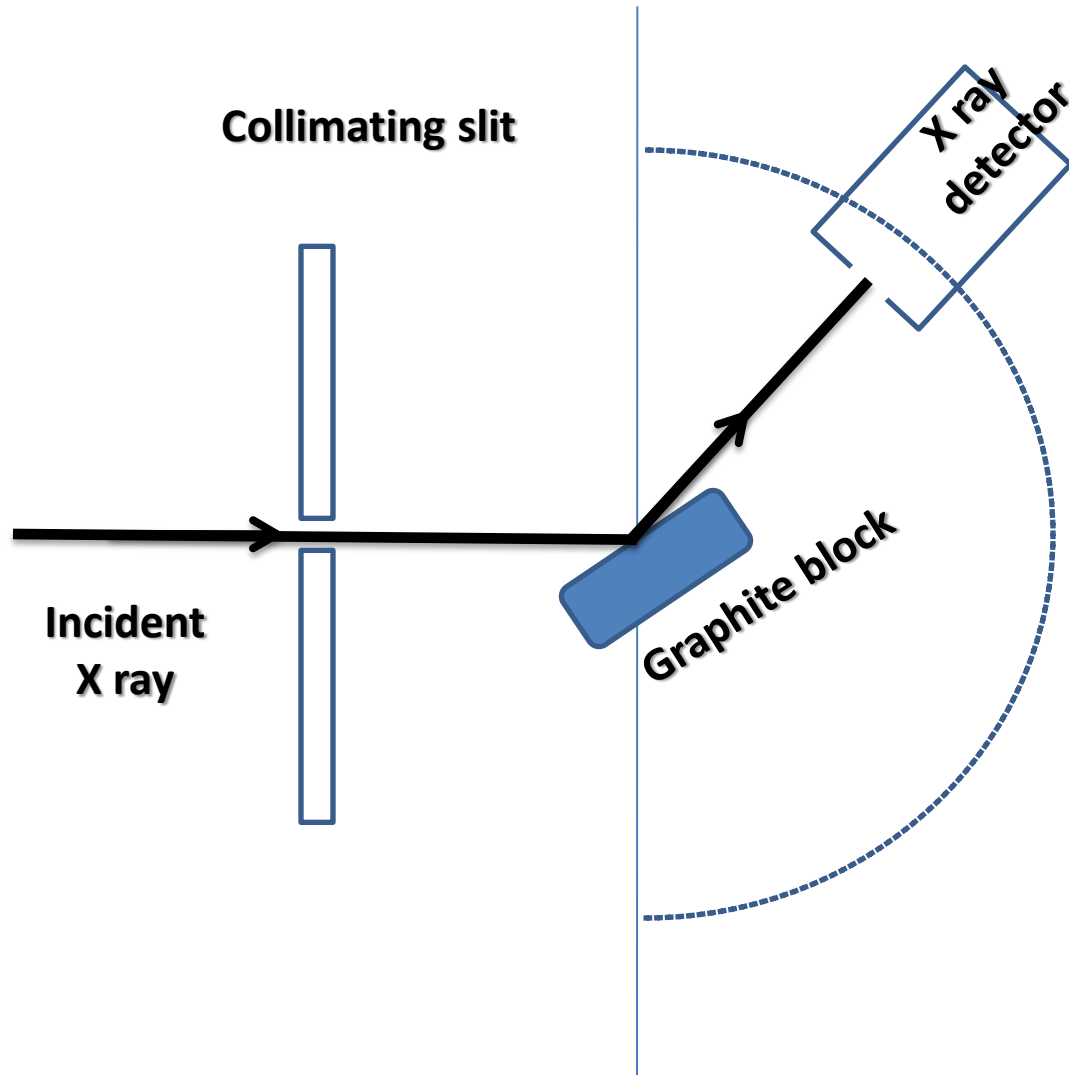
The greatest wavelength change is AT  $\theta=180^\circ$

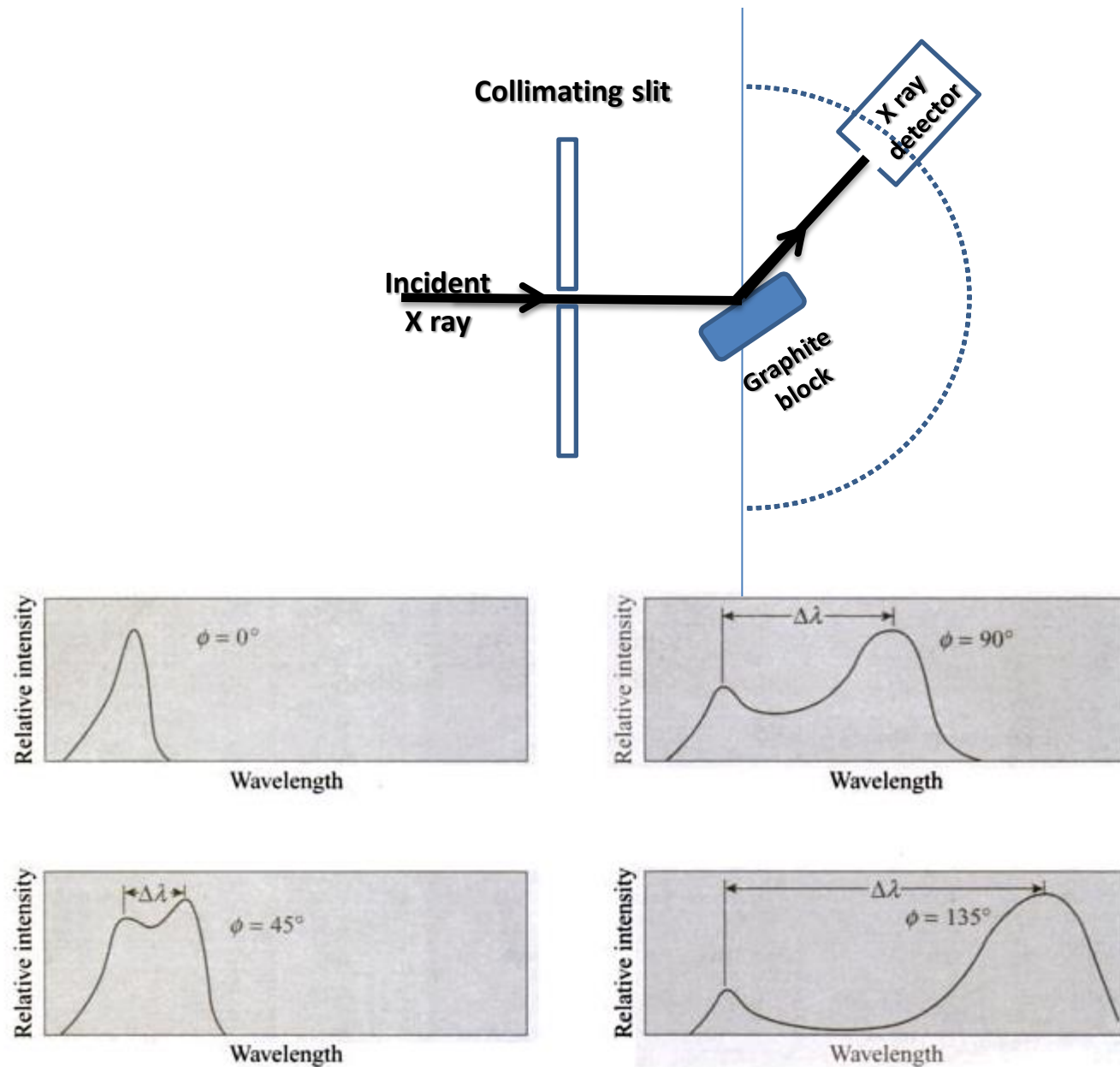
$$\Delta\lambda = 4.852 \times 10^{-12} \text{ m}$$

This changes are observable in x-ray

Shift in wavelength for visible light is less than 0.01 percent of the initial wavelength

## Compton Effect : Experimental setup





**Fig. 2.24** | Experimental confirmation of Compton scattering. The greater the scattering angle, the greater the wavelength change, in accord with Eq. (2.21).

# The nature of light.....

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- The birth of quantum mechanics is intimately linked with the theories and discoveries relating to the nature of light
- Is the nature of light that of a wave or a particle???

# The story of light.....

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- Corpuscular theory (**Newton**)
- Wave nature (**Huygens**)
- Double-slit interference experiment (**Young**)

# The story of light (contd.).....

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- Light is an electromagnetic wave (**Maxwell**)
- Photoelectric effect – existence of light quanta – photons (**Einstein**)
- Photons have momentum (**Compton**).....

# Light has a dual nature

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- **Wave** (electromagnetic) - Interference  
- Diffraction
- **Particle** (photons) - Photoelectric effect  
- Compton effect

Wave - Particle Duality for light



# What about Matter?

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If light, which was traditionally understood as a wave also turns out to have a particle nature, might matter, which is traditionally understood as particles, also have a wave nature?

# Louis de Broglie's hypothesis

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The **dual** nature of matter

A particle with momentum  $p$  has a **matter wave** associated with it, whose wavelength is given by

$$\lambda = \frac{h}{p}$$

# The connecting link – Planck's constant

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## Dual Nature

Radiation

$$E = h \nu$$

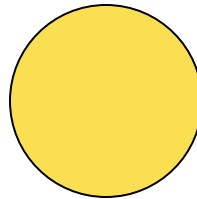
Matter

$$\lambda = \frac{h}{p}$$

# Particle

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**Our traditional understanding of a particle...**

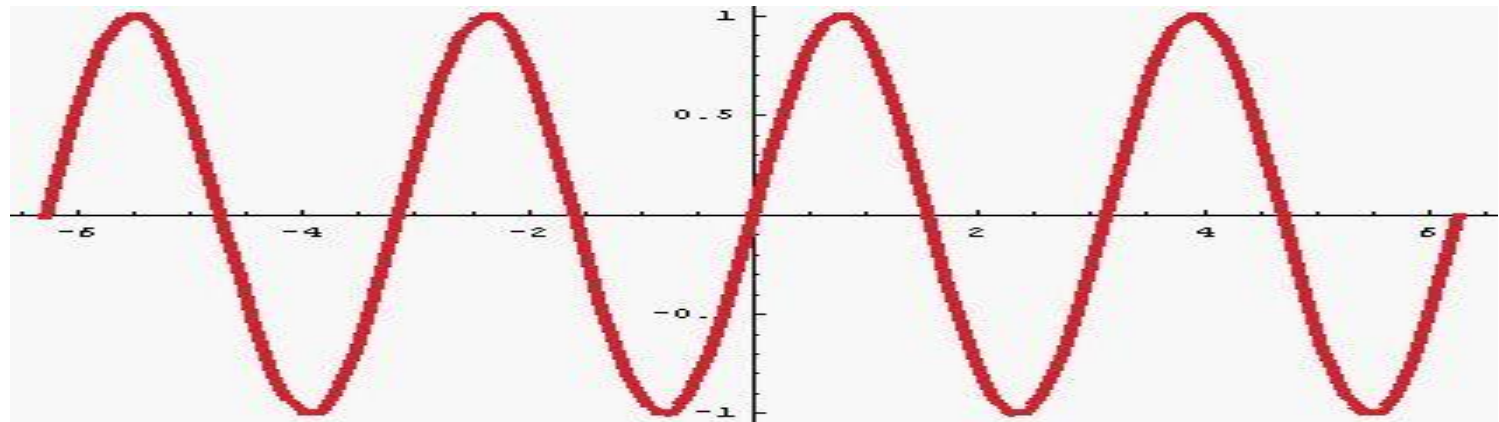


**“Localized” - definite position, momentum,  
confined in space**

# Wave

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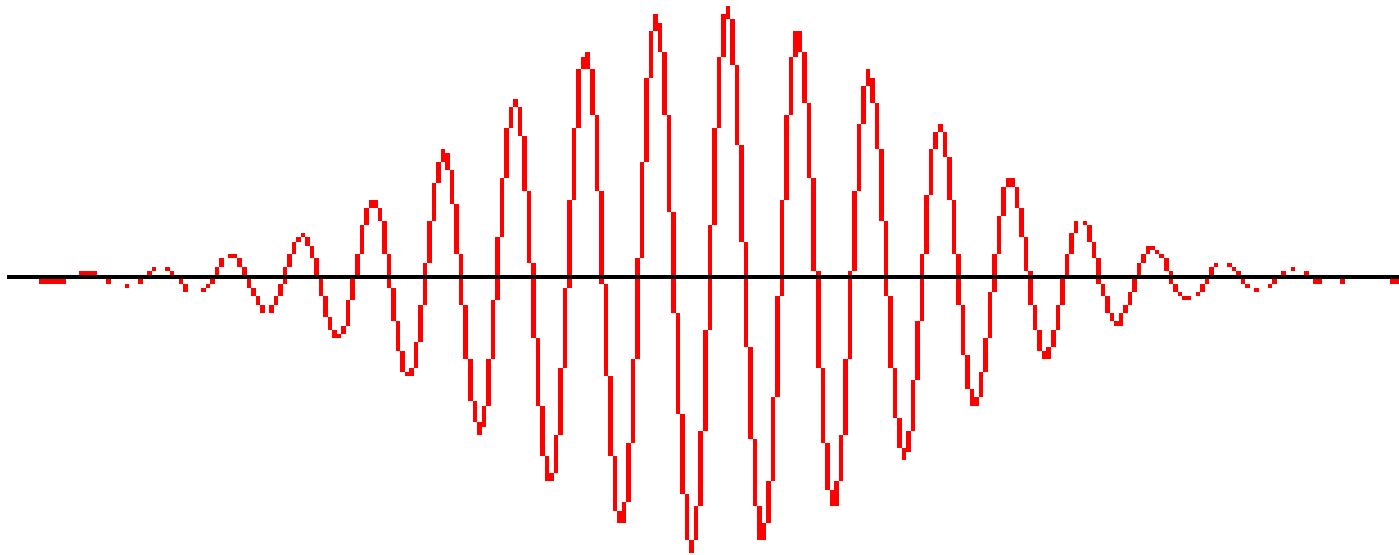
Our traditional understanding of a wave....



“de-localized” – spread out in space and time

# A “Wave Packet”

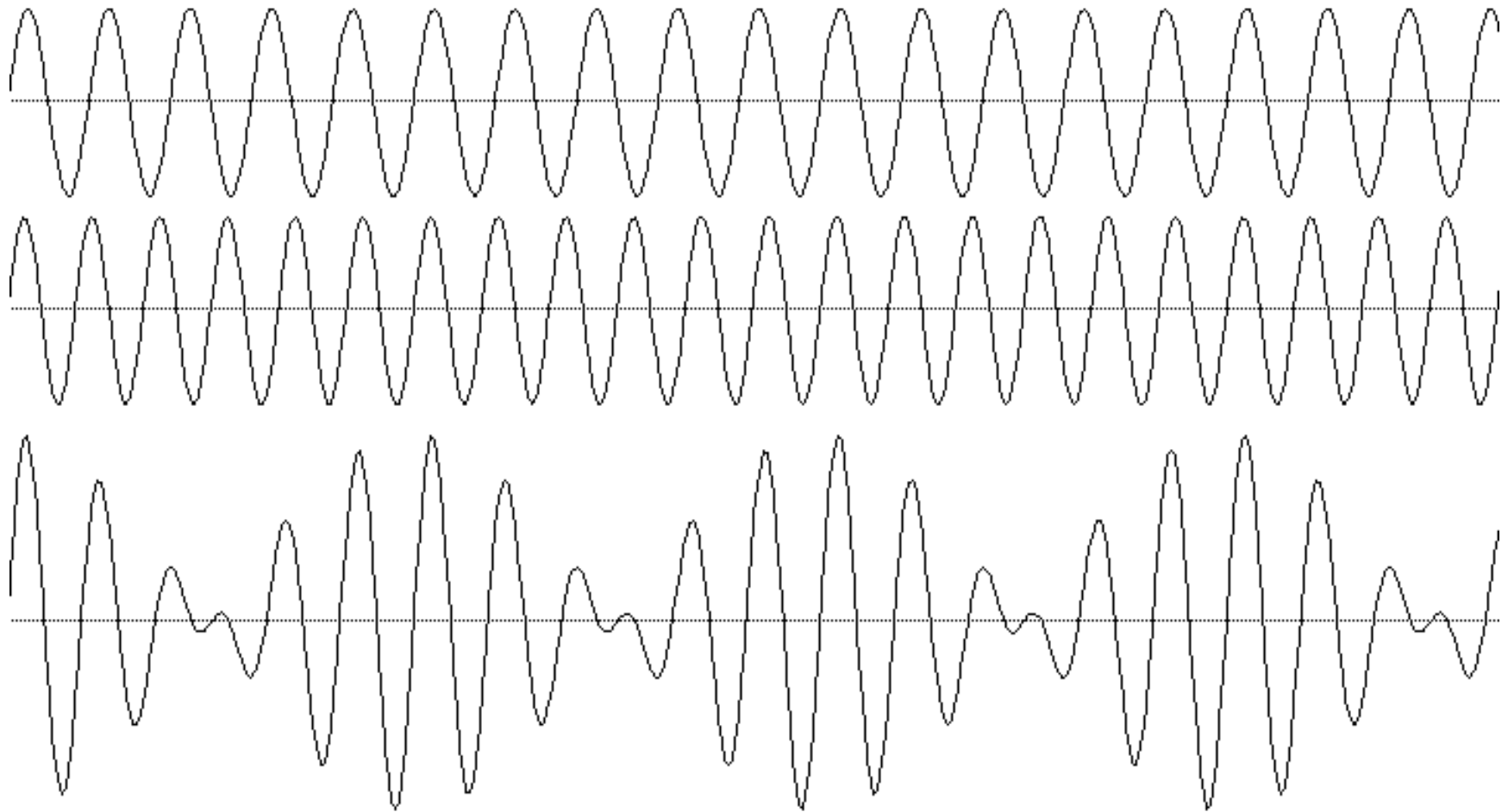
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How do you construct a wave packet?

# Adding up waves of different frequencies.....

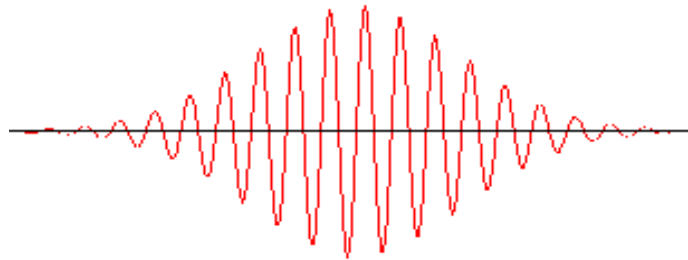
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# Constructing a wave packet by adding up several waves .....

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If several waves of different wavelengths (frequencies) and phases are superposed together, one would get a resultant which is a **localized wave packet**





# A wave packet describes a particle

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- A **wave packet** is a group of waves with slightly different wavelengths interfering with one another in a way that the amplitude of the group (envelope) is non-zero only in the neighbourhood of the particle
- A wave packet is **localized** – a good representation for a particle!

## Characteristics of Matter Waves

- Only moving material particles exhibit matter waves.
- Smaller is the speed of the particle longer is the wavelength associated with it.
- Matter wave travels faster than the speed of light in vacuum as  $v_p > c$
- Matter waves are not real waves and therefore cannot be represented by wave displacement. Variation of  $\Psi$  constitute matter waves. They are neither longitudinal nor transversion in nature.