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Write in minimum 1000 words and maximum 2000 words about De-Broglie hypothesis on basis of Nobel lecture delivered by Louis De-Broglie?

Louis De-Broglie's Nobel prize lecture delivered on December 12, 1929, marked a milestone in the history of physics. The French physicist who was awarded the Nobel prize in physics that year for his discovery of the wave-particle duality presented his discovery of the wave-particle duality hypothesis in the lecture. In this, he proposed that all matters, not just light, have wave-like particle properties; it can exhibit behaviour that is characteristic of waves.

De-Broglie's hypothesis is also known as De-Broglie's wave hypothesis, which was based on the concepts of wave-particle duality, which was first introduced by the German physicist, Max Planck, who had suggested that light exhibits both wave-like and particle-like behaviour. This idea was further developed by Albert Einstein, who showed that light can be considered both as a wave and a particle depending on the experimental condition.

Building on these ideas, De-Broglie proposed that all matters, including electrons, atoms, and molecules,



passes a wave like nature. He argued that if light which has no mass, can display wave like properties, then matter which does have mass should also exhibit wave like behaviour. De Broglie derived the equation that related the wave length of the matter wave to the mass and velocity of the particle which is now known as the De-Broglie eqn.

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

where  $\lambda$  is wave length,  $h$  is plank constant  $m$  is the mass of particle and  $v$  is velocity. This hypothesis was revolutionary because it challenges the classical view of matter as being purely composed of particles. It implied that particles could display both wave like and particle like behaviour. De Broglie theory also has far-reaching implication for the understanding of the structure of matter and the nature of the physical world. De-Broglie's hypothesis was confirmed by a series of experiments (Davisson-Germer expt in 1927). In this, expt electrons were scattered by a crystal and the diffraction pattern produced was found to be similar to that produced by X-rays which are known to be wave-like. This confirmed the wave like nature of electron & demonstrated the validity of De Broglie hypothesis.