

CONCEPT: DE BROGLIE WAVELENGTH

- **The De Broglie Wavelength** associates the wave nature of a moving *object* with its velocity through Planck's constant.
 - **Object:** A photon, a subatomic particle or literally anything with a velocity.

De Broglie Wavelength Formula

The De Broglie Wavelength Formula is used when we have the **velocity** and **wavelength** of an object.

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

- λ = Wavelength in meters.
- h = Planck's Constant as $6.626 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s}$
- m = mass of object in kg .
- v = velocity in m/s .

- Based on the formula, the wavelength of an object is $\frac{1}{m \cdot v}$ proportional to its mass and velocity.

EXAMPLE: Find the wavelength of a proton with a speed of $6.25 \times 10^5 \text{ m/s}$. (Mass of a proton = $1.67 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$)

PRACTICE: What is the velocity (in m/s) of an electron that has a wavelength of $3.13 \times 10^5 \text{ pm}$? (Mass of an electron = $9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$).

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PRACTICE: The faster an electron is moving, the _____ its kinetic energy, and the _____ its wavelength.

a) higher, shorter

b) higher, longer

c) lower, longer

d) lower, shorter

PRACTICE: What is the speed (in m/s) of a subatomic particle that has a wavelength of 3.13×10^5 pm? (Mass of a proton = 1.67×10^{-27} kg).

PRACTICE: Consider an atom traveling at 3.00×10^{15} m/s. The de Broglie wavelength is found to be 7.1316×10^{-39} . Determine the mass (in g) of the atom.