

# Debroglie relation

- Light waves behave like particles in the photoelectric effect.
- Particles can also behave like waves. For example, electrons can diffract (a property of light waves).
- Debroglie proposed a relationship between particle momentum and wavelength:

$$p = h/\lambda$$

- A light particle is called a photon. The momentum is  $p = E/c$ . Since  $c = \lambda\nu$  and  $E = h\nu$  this also gives  $p = h/\lambda$ . A photon has zero rest mass so one cannot interpret the momentum of a photon in the same way one does for other particles.