

Modern Physics (Phys. IV): 2704

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MWF 12:30-1:20 Lecture

Announcements

- Final exam is scheduled for Friday May 11 7:30-9:30 am in Van 70 (this room).
 - I'm certainly not happy either!
- Midterm #1 is next Wednesday 2/21 in class
 - Midterm #1 covers Ch. 1-4 in the book
 - Two practice exams have now been posted
 - Remember to put together your equation sheet
 - Next Monday is a review day

Week 5 Assessment

- The pace of class so far has been:
 - A. Relativistic
 - B. Too fast
 - C. About right
 - D. Too slow
 - E. Like a rollercoaster

Week 5 Assessment

- On the material we've covered so far, I feel:
 - A. Like a superior human being
 - B. Pretty confident about everything
 - C. Confident about some topics, not about others
 - D. A bit shaky on most topics
 - E. Completely lost

Week 5 Assessment

- The homework so far has been:
 - A. Too much for 25% of the grade
 - B. Too little for 25% of the grade
 - C. About right
 - D. We have homework?

Week 5 Assessment

- The labs so far have been:
 - A. Interesting and useful
 - B. Not interesting/not useful
 - C. A mix
 - D. I'm too distracted by Erik's awesome sweaters

Week 5 Assessment

- For an average lab report, I spend:
 - A. Less than 2 hours outside of lab time
 - B. 2-4 hours per lab report outside of lab time
 - C. 4-6 hours per lab report outside of lab time
 - D. 6-8 hour per lab report outside of lab time
 - E. More than 8 hours per lab report outside of lab time

Any thoughts/issues?

- If something's not going the way you want, it's not too late to fix it

Heisenberg Uncertainty Principle(s)

$$\Delta p \Delta x \geq \frac{1}{2} \hbar$$

$$\Delta E \Delta t \geq \frac{1}{2} \hbar$$

Ehhh... not that one...



Uncertainty Principle Interpreted

Precisely determined momentum

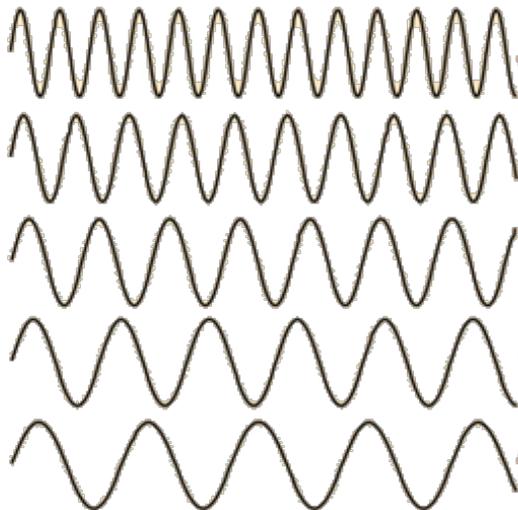


A sine wave of wavelength λ implies that the momentum is precisely known.

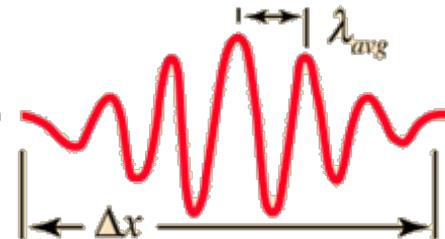
But the wavefunction and the probability of finding the particle $\Psi^*\Psi$ is spread over all of space!

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

p-precise
x-unknown



Adding several waves of different wavelength together will produce an interference pattern which begins to localize the wave.



But that process spreads the momentum values and makes it more uncertain. This is an inherent and inescapable increase in the uncertainty Δp when Δx is decreased.

$$\Delta x \Delta p > \frac{h}{2}$$

Plane Waves Vs. Wave Packets

$$\Psi(x, t) = A \exp [i(kx - \omega t)]$$



$$\Psi(x, t) = \sum_n A_n \exp [i(k_n x - \omega_n t)]$$



Wave Notation

Traveling waves

$$\sin(kx - \omega t)$$

$$k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}$$

$$\omega = 2\pi \nu$$

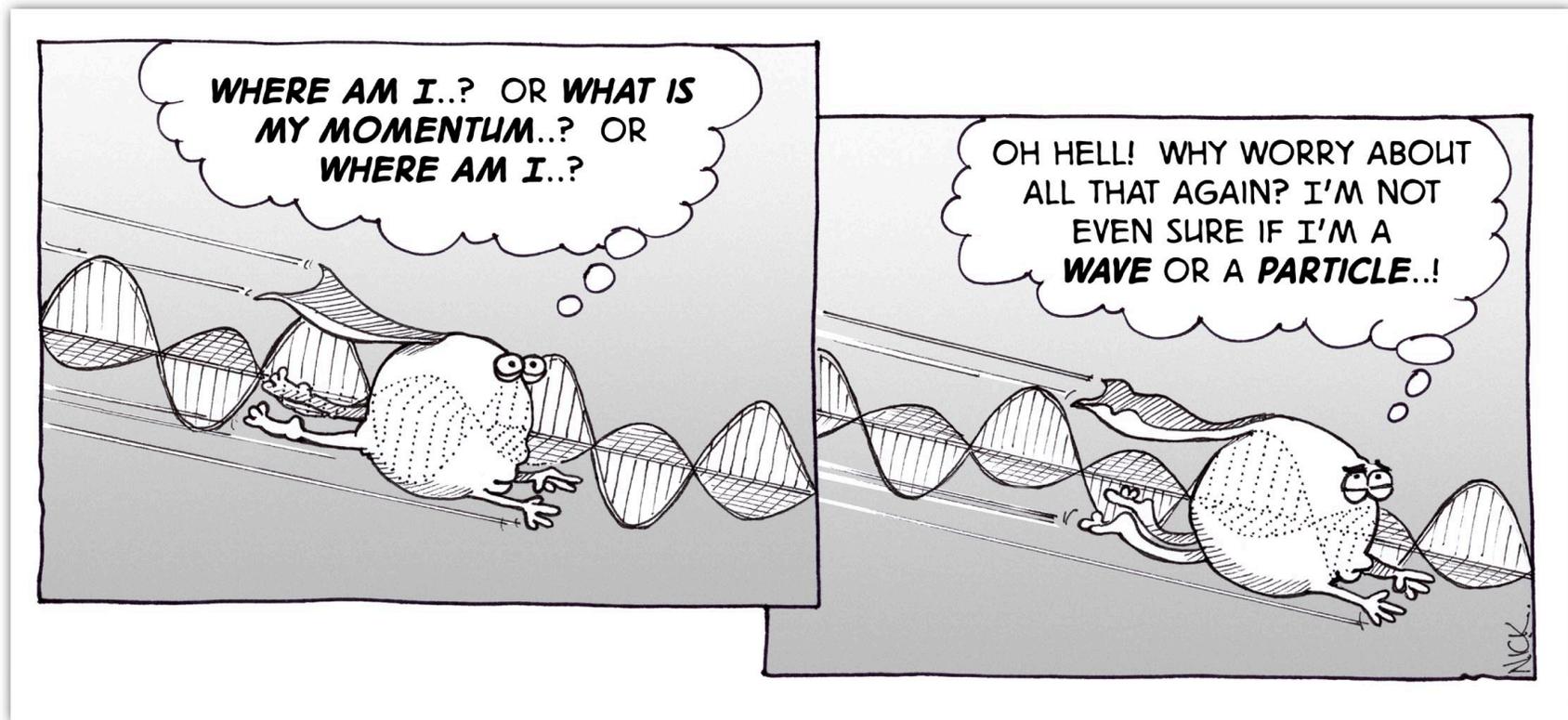
Note $p = \frac{h}{\lambda}$

$$= \frac{h k}{2\pi} = \hbar k$$

$$E = h\nu \quad (\text{for } m=0)$$

$$= \frac{h\omega}{2\pi} = \hbar\omega$$

Identity Problems

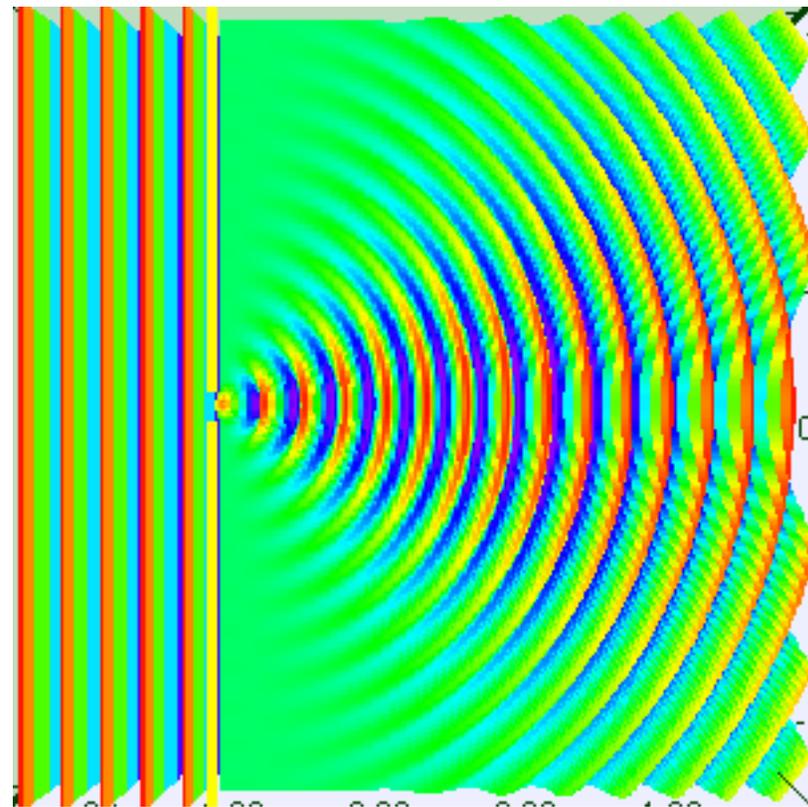
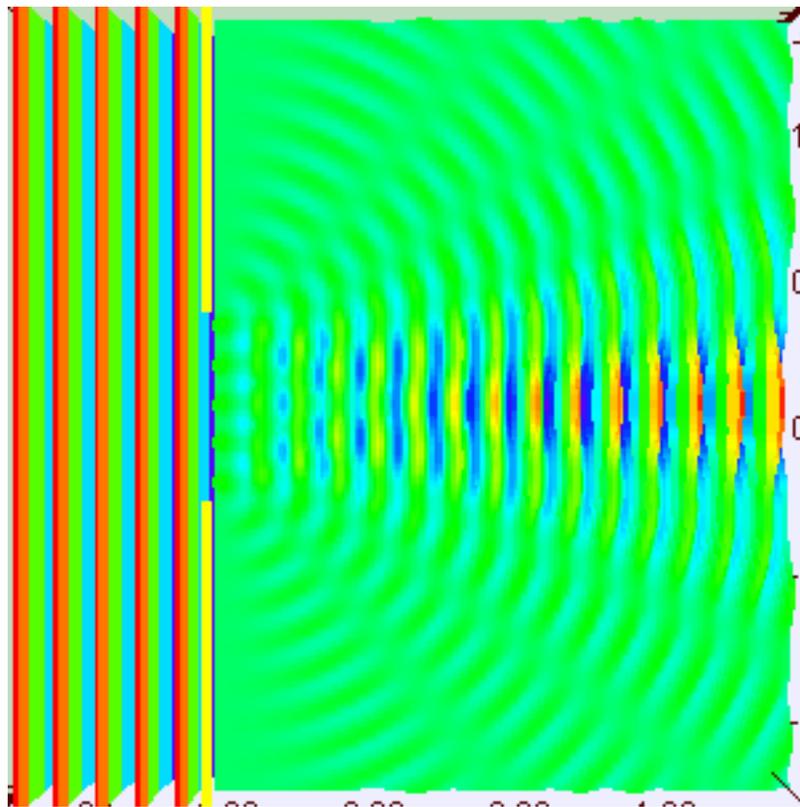


Photon self-identity issues

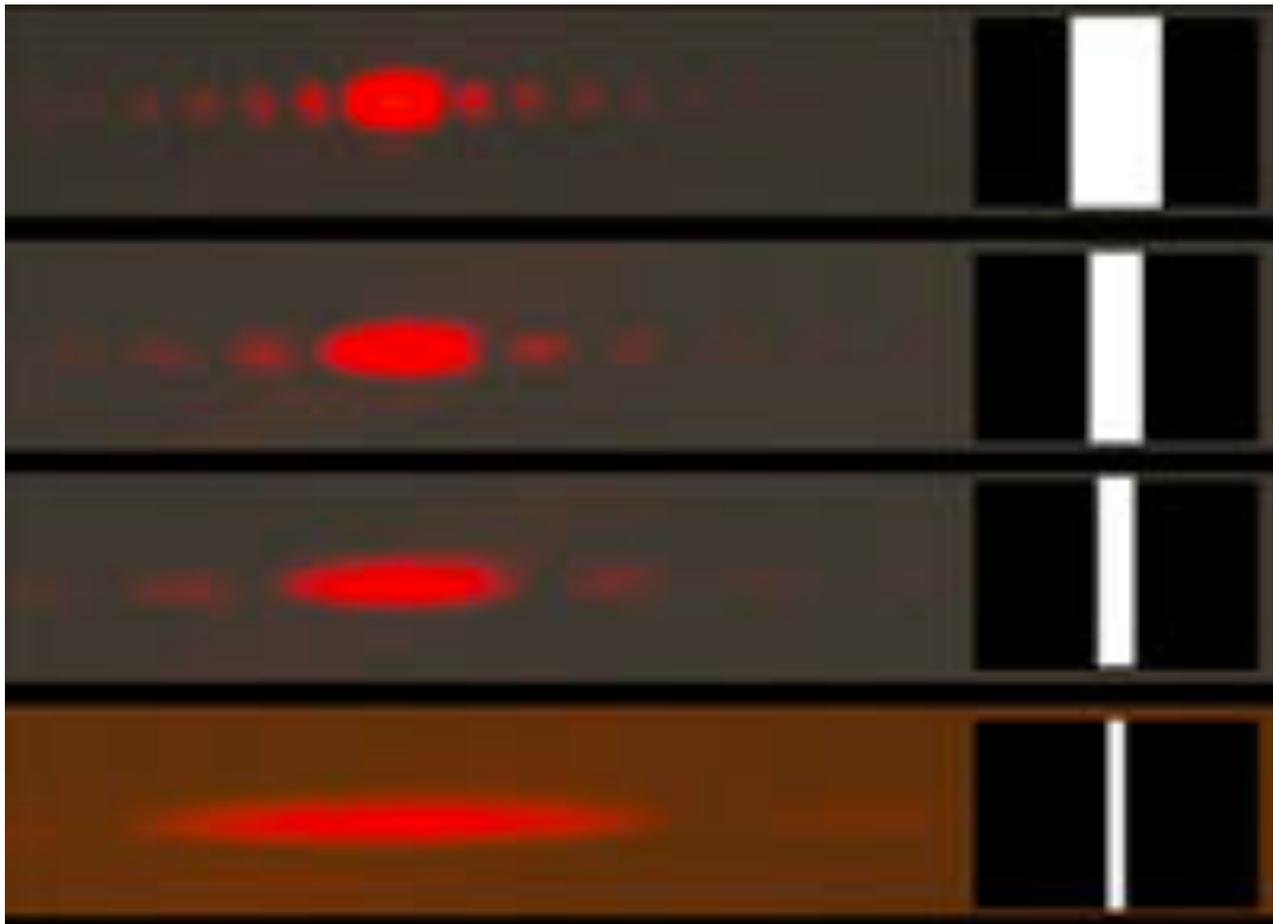
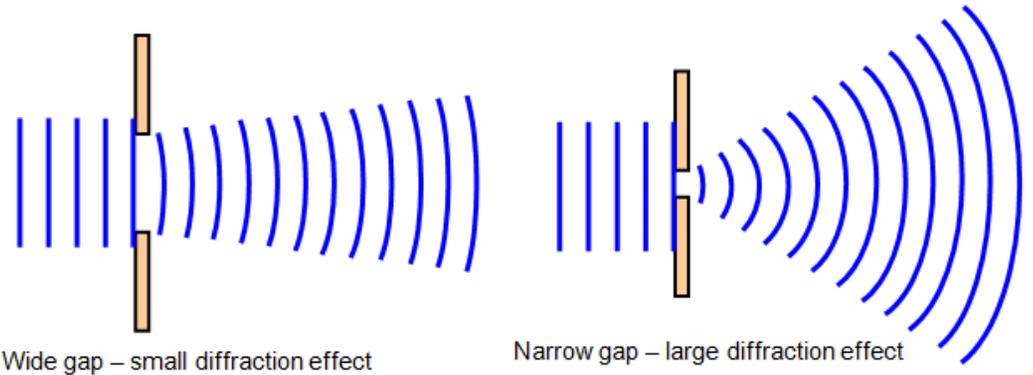
Important point

- The particle doesn't **have** a wave packet around it
- The particle **is** the wave packet!!!

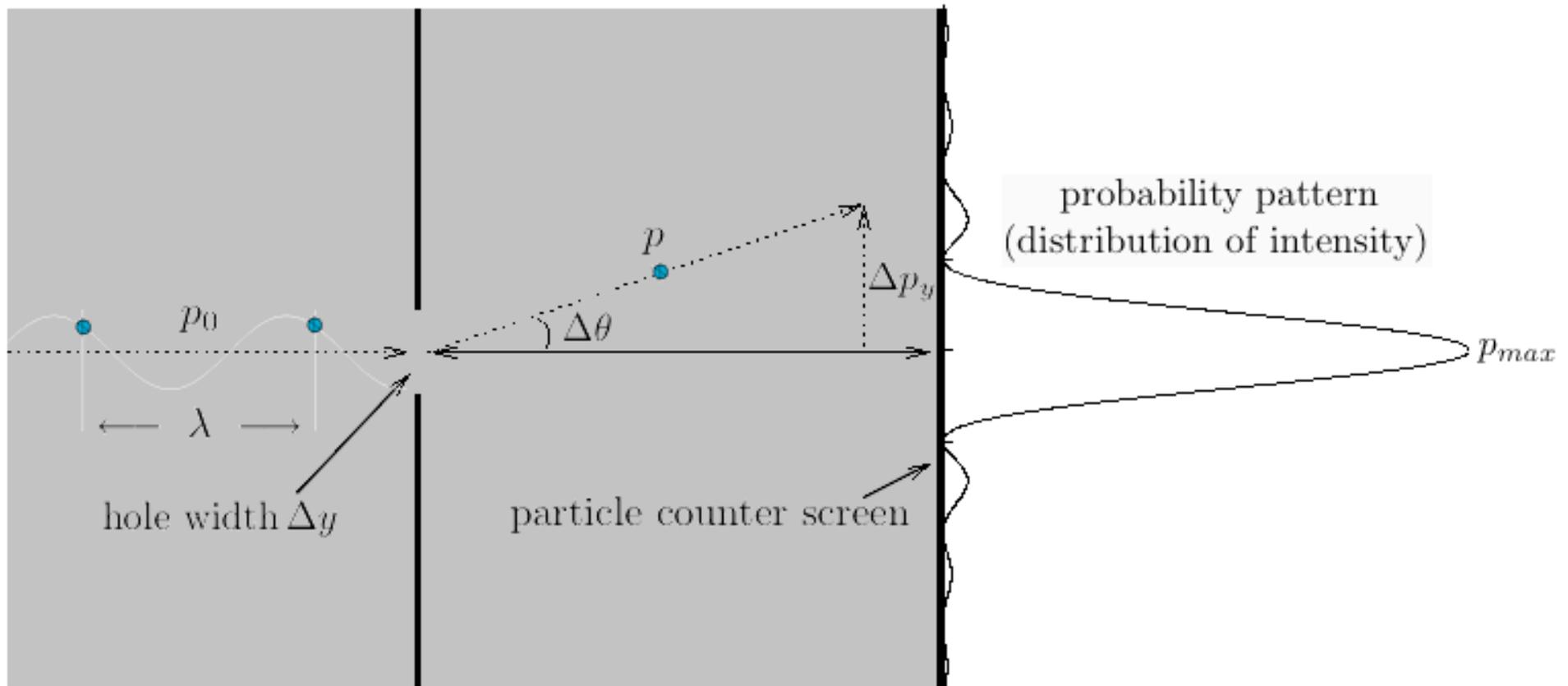
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Diffraction and Uncertainty Principle

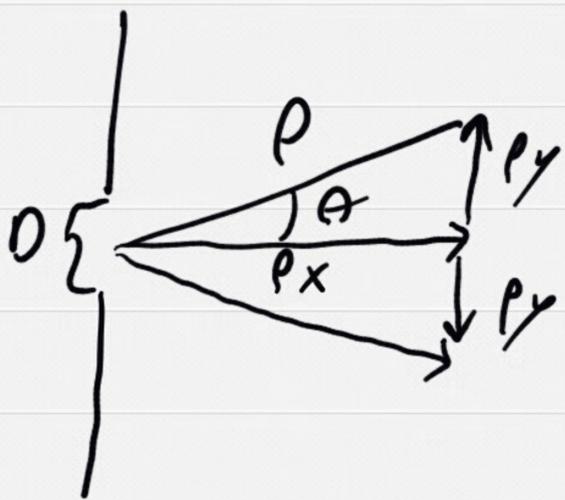


Diffraction

- classically, half width of central maximum

$$\sin \theta_{HW} = \lambda / D$$

w/ D = aperture diameter



$$\sin \theta = p_y / p$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sin \theta &= p_{y \max} / p \\ &= \Delta p_y / 2p \end{aligned}$$

$$= \lambda / D$$

$$= \lambda / \Delta y$$

$$= h / p \cdot \frac{1}{\Delta y}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta p_y \Delta y \sim 2h$$

$$\text{Heisenberg } \Delta y \Delta p_y \geq \hbar/2 = h/4\pi$$

- Diffraction satisfies uncertainty principle

- smaller $D \rightarrow$ bigger $\Delta \theta$
= smaller $\Delta p \rightarrow$ bigger Δp_y

Delta, Standard Deviation, RMS

- Standard deviation $\sigma_A = \sqrt{\langle A^2 \rangle - \langle A \rangle^2}$
- Define $\Delta p = \sigma_p$
- Special Case: $\langle p \rangle = 0$
 - $\Delta p = \sqrt{\langle p^2 \rangle} = p_{\text{rms}}$
 - Δp gives a measure of rms momentum

Concept Check

- The size of a Hydrogen atom is approximately 10^{-10} m. What is a good approximation for the rms momentum of the electron in the atom? Recall $h = 6.6 \times 10^{-34}$.
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Hydrogen atom

$$\Delta p \Delta x \sim \hbar \sim 10^{-34} \text{ J s}$$

$$p_{\text{rms}} = \Delta p \sim 10^{-24} \text{ kg m/s}$$

classically $KE = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$
 $= p^2/2m$

$$\langle KE \rangle = p_{\text{rms}}^2 / 2m$$

$$\frac{10^{-48}}{2 \cdot 10^{-30}}$$

$$= 0.5 \times 10^{-18} \text{ J}$$

$$\langle KE \rangle_{\text{eV}} = 0.5 \times 10^{-18} / e$$

$$= 0.5 \times 10^{-18} / 1.6 \times 10^{-19}$$

$$\sim 3.1 \text{ eV}$$

— Actual average kinetic energy of electron in H atom

$$= 13.6 \text{ eV}$$

pretty close!!