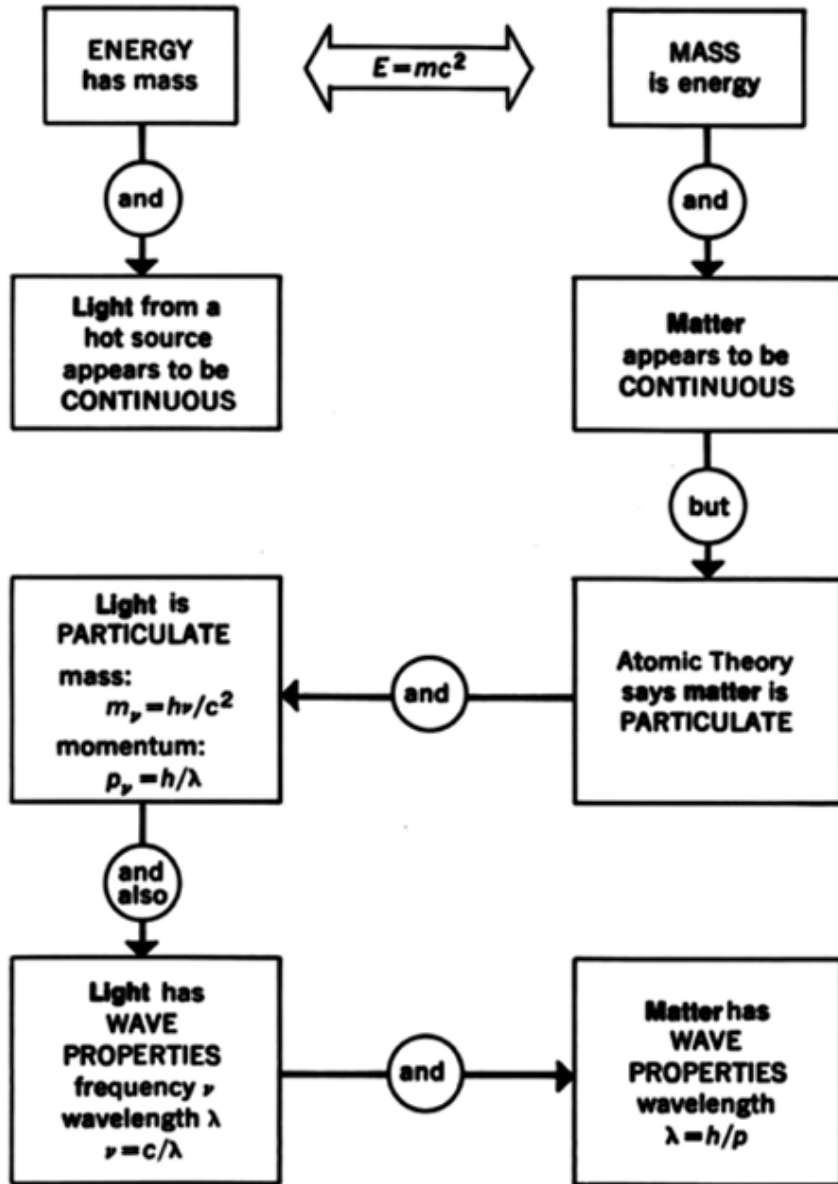


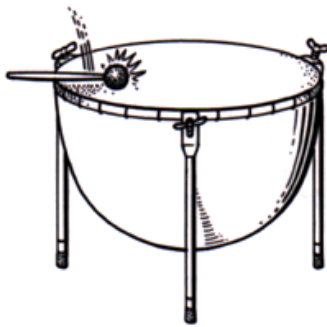
Rationalizing QM



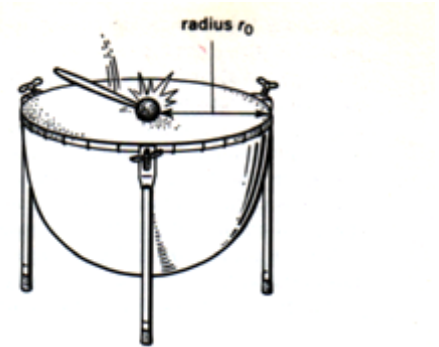
The Wave Nature of Matter

If we use wave math to describe matter then the quantization is due to the boundary conditions that exist. We can see examples of how boundary conditions create quantization:

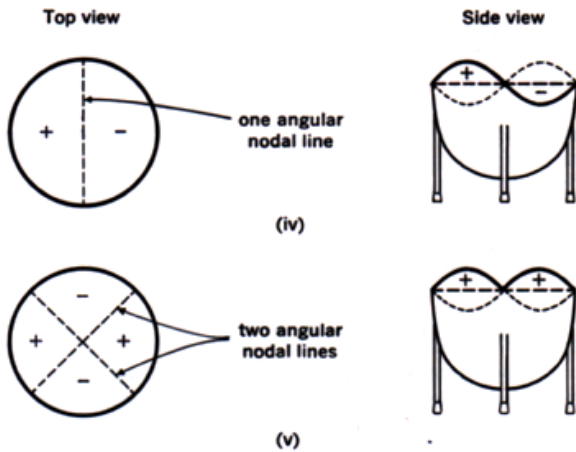
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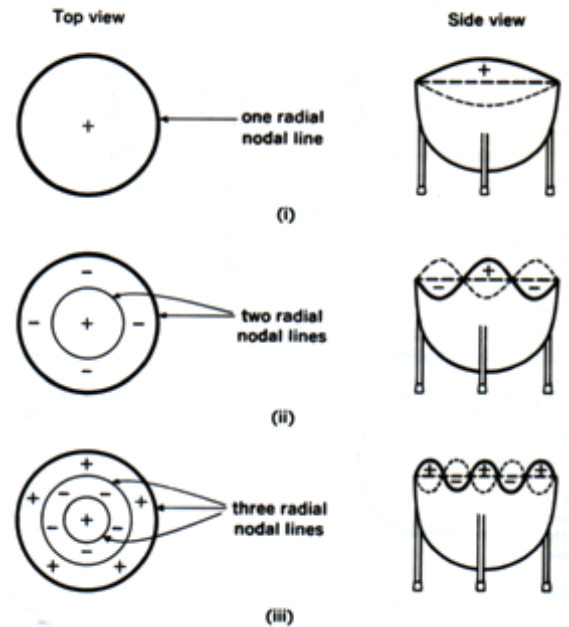
Radial nodes are circular.



In a one dimensional vibrator the node is a point.



In a two dimensional vibrator there are nodal lines.



The Wave Function

By the late 1920's the work of three scientists had formalized the mathematics that are used to describe an atom.

Louis de Broglie- Derived the wavelengths for matter.

Erwin Schrödinger- Uses the math that converts the classical description of the atom in to a wave description.

Werner Heisenberg- Working with Bohr develops a physical understanding of the wave function as the uncertainty principle.

There is a fundamental limit to how well we can know the position and momentum of a particle at the same time.

$$\Delta x \cdot \Delta(mv) \geq \frac{h}{4\pi}$$