

# *What's the Matter with Mass?: Getting relativity and quantum theory to come out of the closet*



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- *What's the matter with **Mass**?*

*Shining some light on the elephant in the spacetime room*

- *Optical wave coordinate manifolds and frames*

*Shining some light on light using complex phasor analysis*

- *Applying Occam's razor to relativity axioms*

*Einstein Pulse-Wave (PW) axiom vs. Evenson Coherent-Wave (CW) axiom*

- ***Spectral** development of relativistic mass mechanics*

*Doppler shifts and hyper-complex "phase-based" matter-wave mechanics*

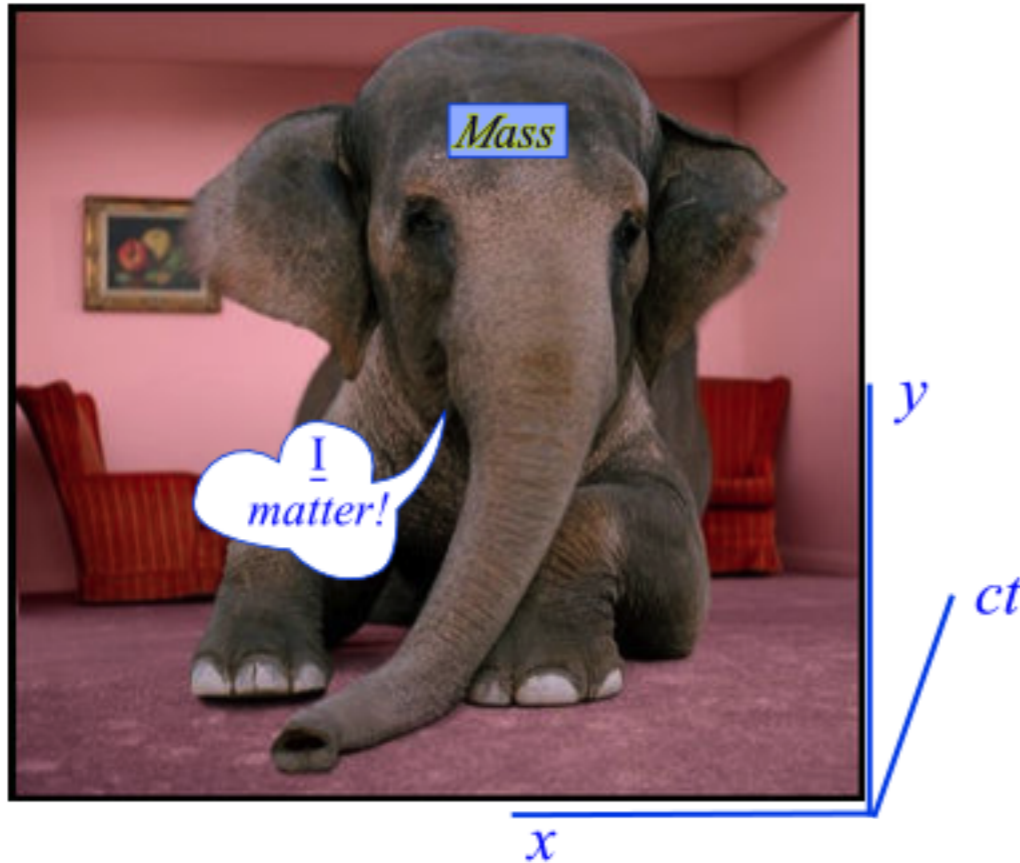
- *Geometry of relativistic Hamilton-Lagrange mechanics*

*Legendre contact transformations at extreme velocity*

- *Wave frames of **varying** acceleration*

*Optical Einstein elevator, photon rockets, Compton acceleration*

• *What's the matter with Mass?*



*A brief History of defining Mass M :  
1590 Galileo's "impago"*

$$M_{Galileo} = \frac{\text{Momentum}}{\text{Velocity}} = \frac{M \cdot v}{v}$$

*1687 Newton's "inertia"*

$$M_{Newton} = \frac{\text{Change in Momentum}}{\text{Change in Velocity}} = \frac{M \cdot a}{a}$$

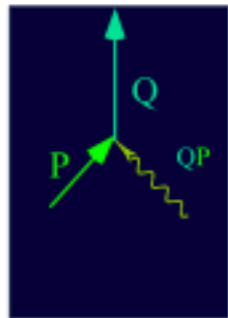
*1905 Einstein's "rest mass"*

$$M_{Einstein} = \frac{\text{Energy}}{(\text{lightspeed})^2} = \frac{M \cdot c^2}{c^2}$$

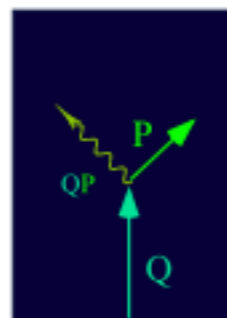
*Shining some light on the elephant in the spacetime room*

*Fundamental light-matter processes:*

*Absorption A*



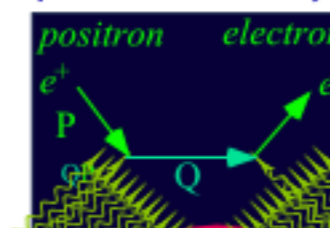
*Emission E*



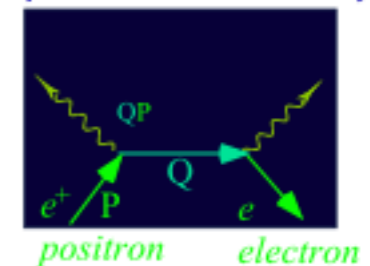
*AE Together  
(Compton Scattering)*



*AA Together  
(Pair-Creation)*



*EE Together  
(Pair-Annihilation)*



Does cavity QED have a future?

Hyper-complex geometry of optical interference → ...formulation of relativistic QM

○ *Optical wave coordinate manifolds and frames*

*Shining some light on light using complex phasor analysis*

# • Optical wave coordinate manifolds and frames

Shining some light on light using complex phasor analysis

## Old-fashioned meter-stick-clock frames

E. F. Taylor and J. A. Wheeler Spacetime Physics (Freeman San Francisco 1966)

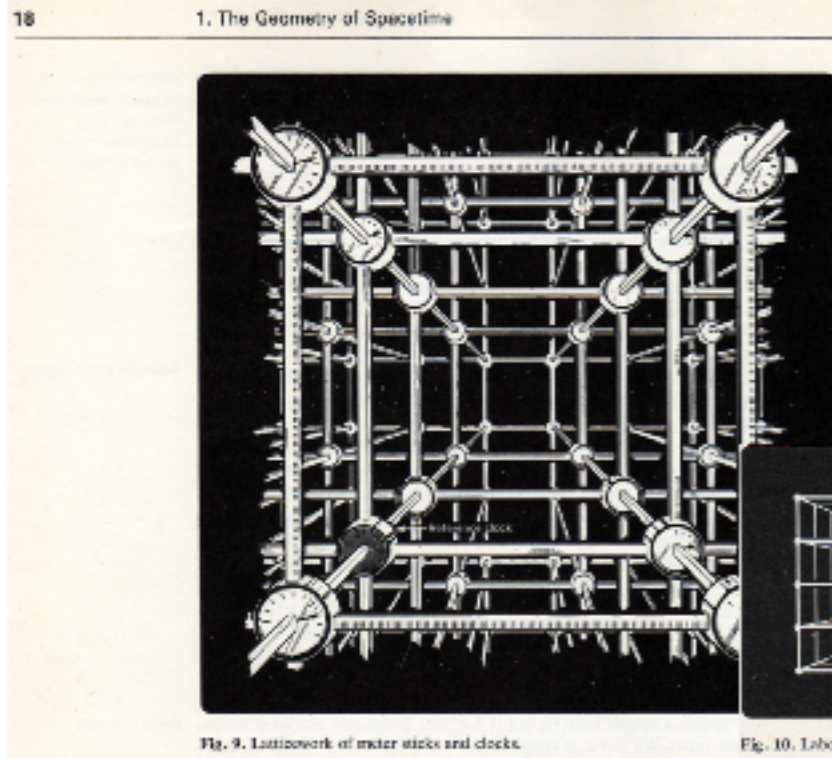


Fig. 9. Latticework of meter sticks and clocks.

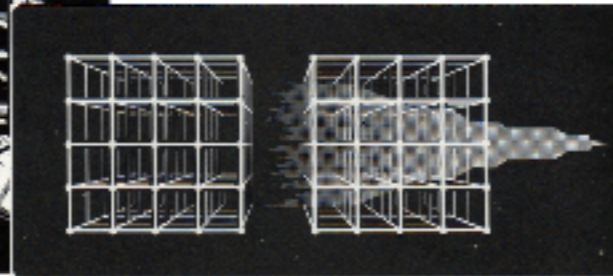


Fig. 10. Laboratory and rocket frames. The two lattices intersected a second ago.

## New-fashioned laser clocks & meter sticks

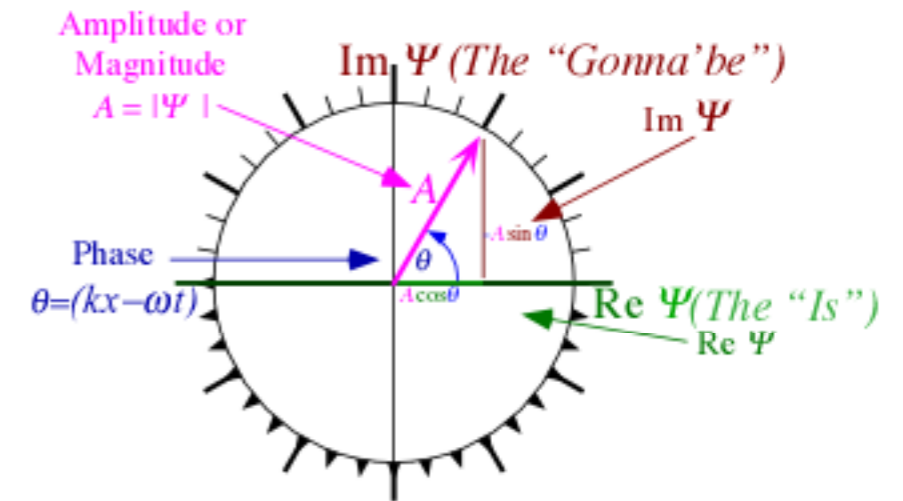
Complex Phasor Clocks : Tesla's AC "phasor"

Quantum Phasor Clock

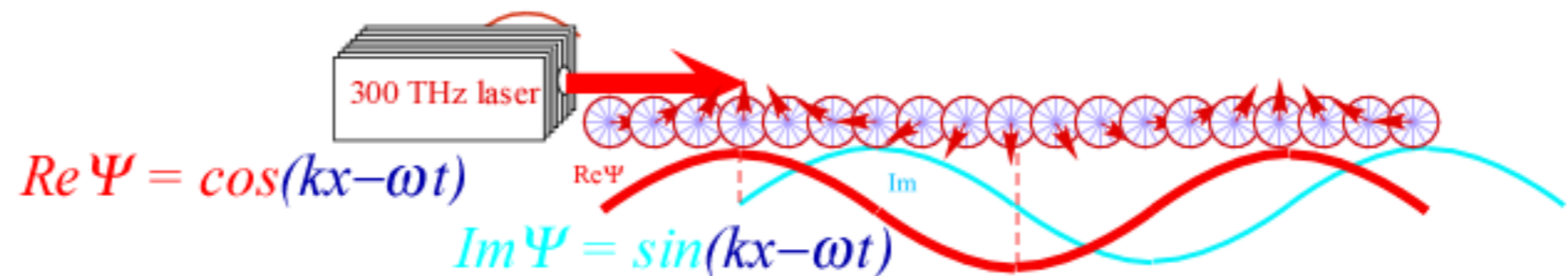
$$\Psi = Ae^{i(kx - \omega t)}$$

$$= A \cos(kx - \omega t) + i A \sin(kx - \omega t)$$

Phasor clocks turn clockwise in time for positive  $\omega$



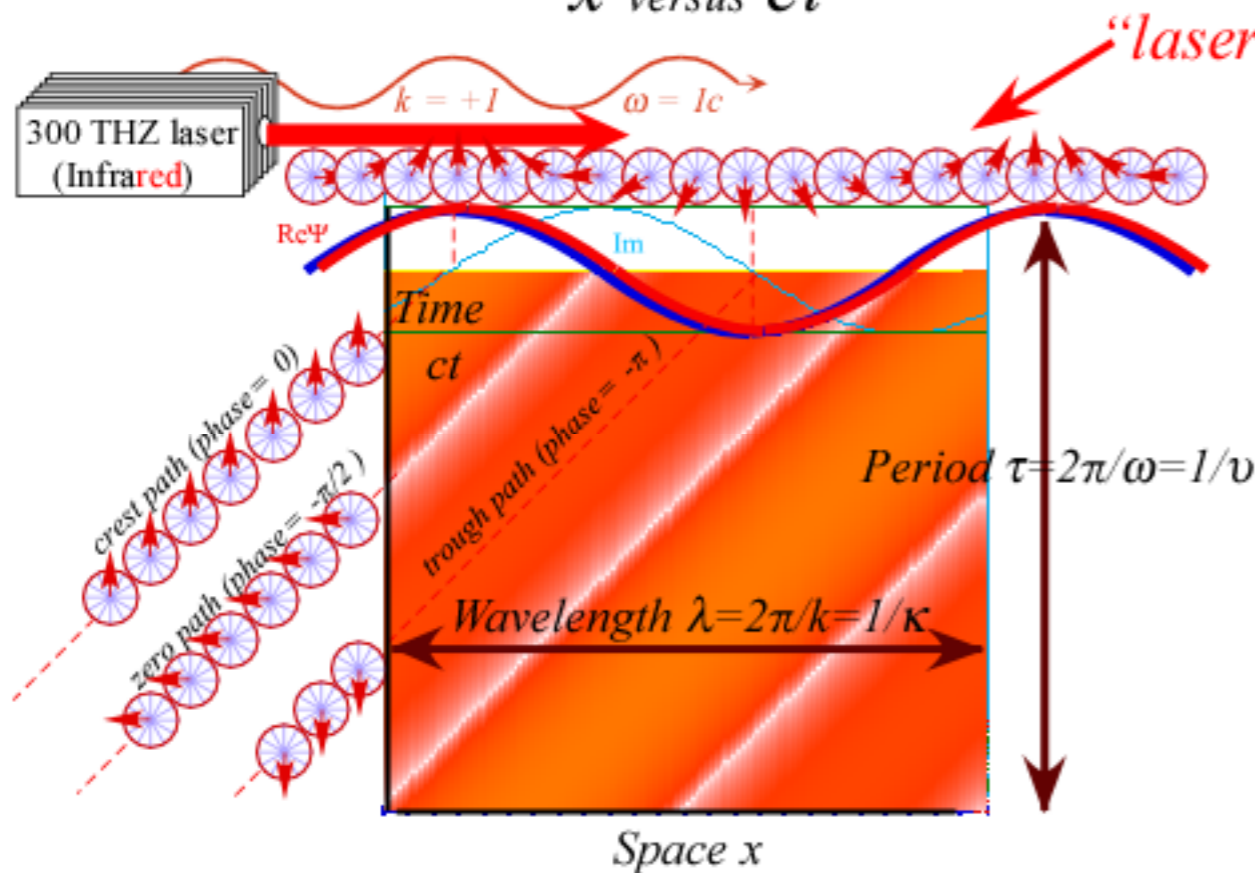
300THz Laser plane wave  $\langle x, t | k, \omega \rangle = Ae^{i(kx - \omega t)}$



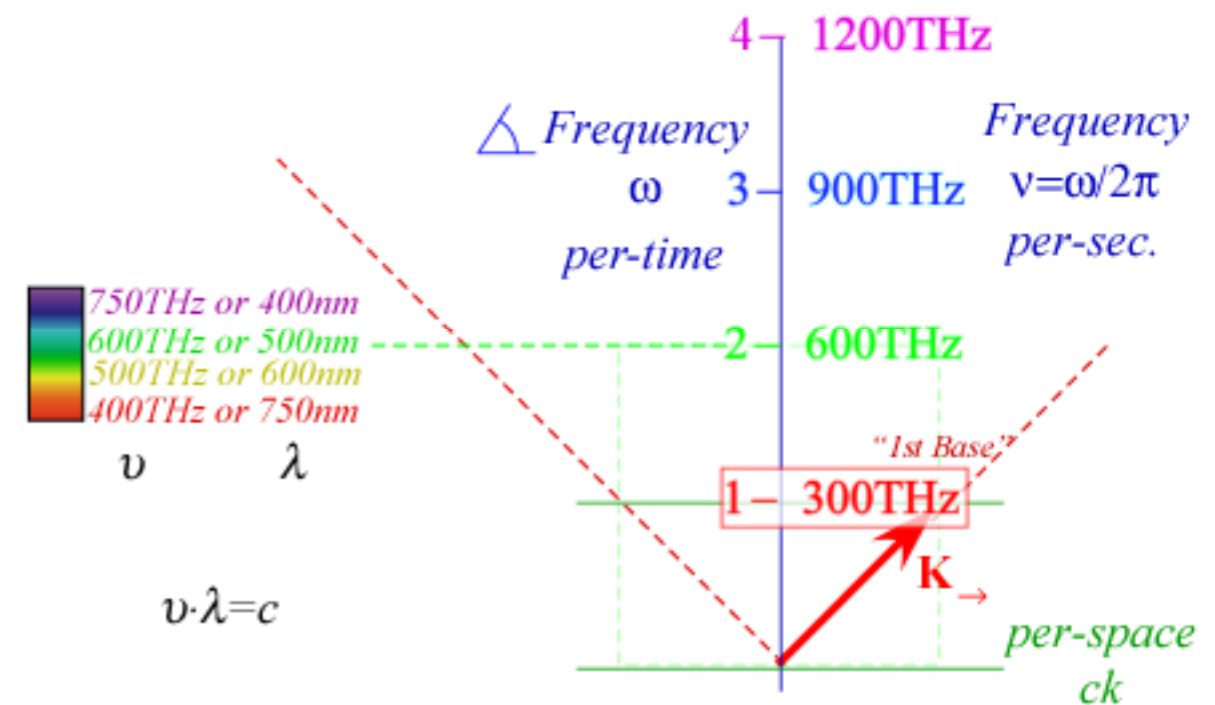
# New-fashioned laser clocks & meter sticks (contd.)

## Dual views:

(1.) Spacetime  
 $x$  versus  $ct$



(2.) Per-Spacetime  
 $\omega$  versus  $ck$

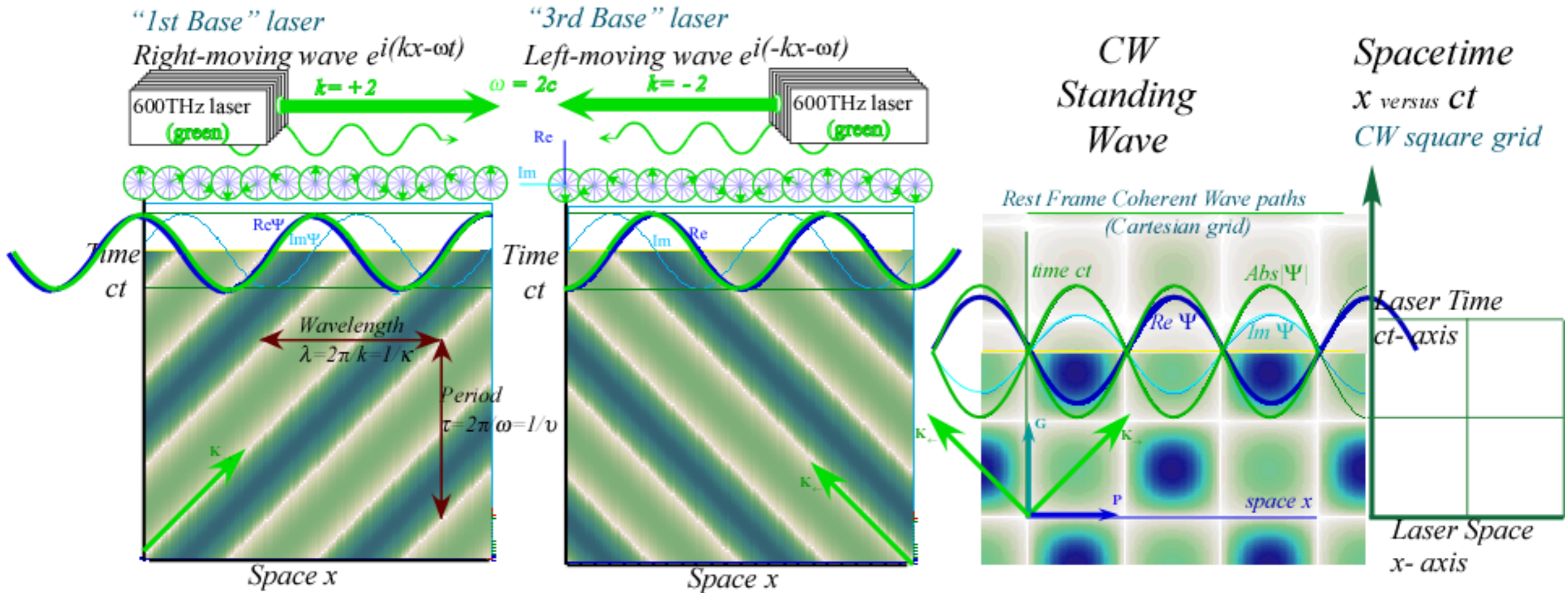


Single plane-wave meter-stick-clocks are too fast  
 (can't catch 'em)

(...But at least this view is constant)

Interfering wave pairs needed  
 to make rest frame coordinates...

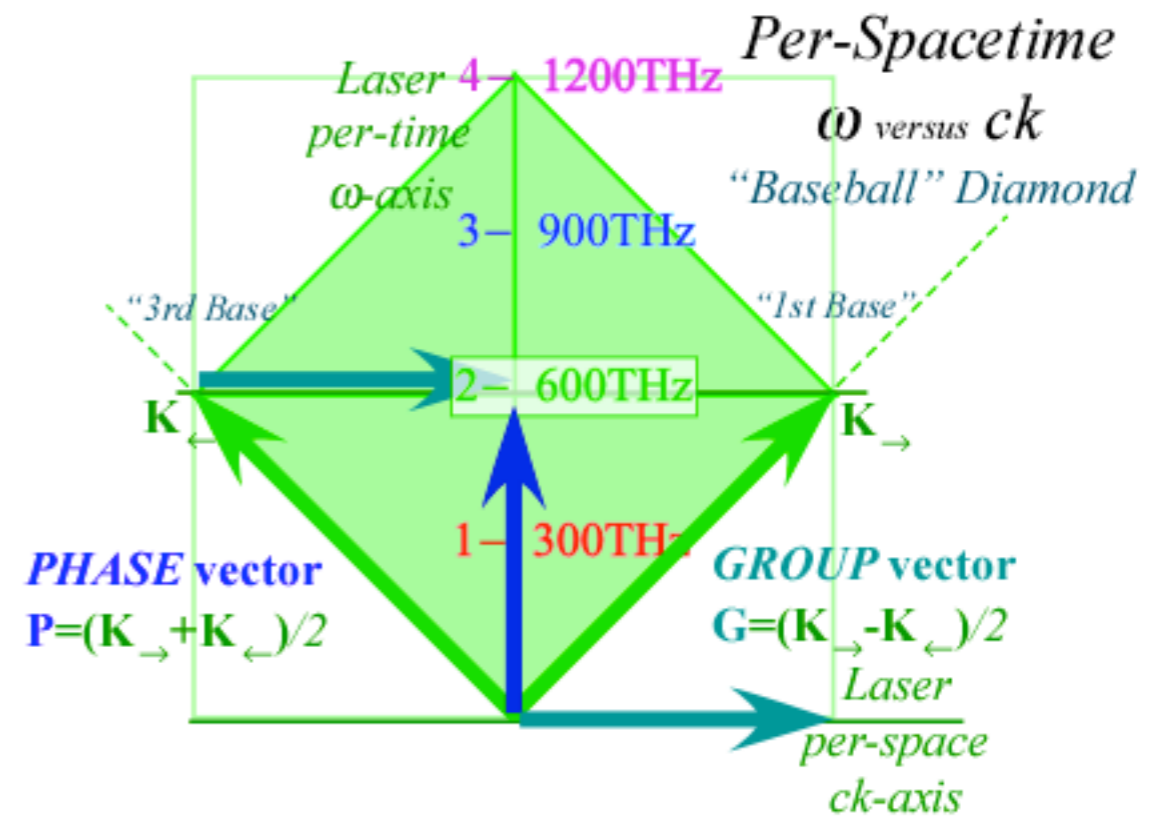
# Zeros of head-on CW sum gives (x,ct)-grid



Find zeros by factoring sum:

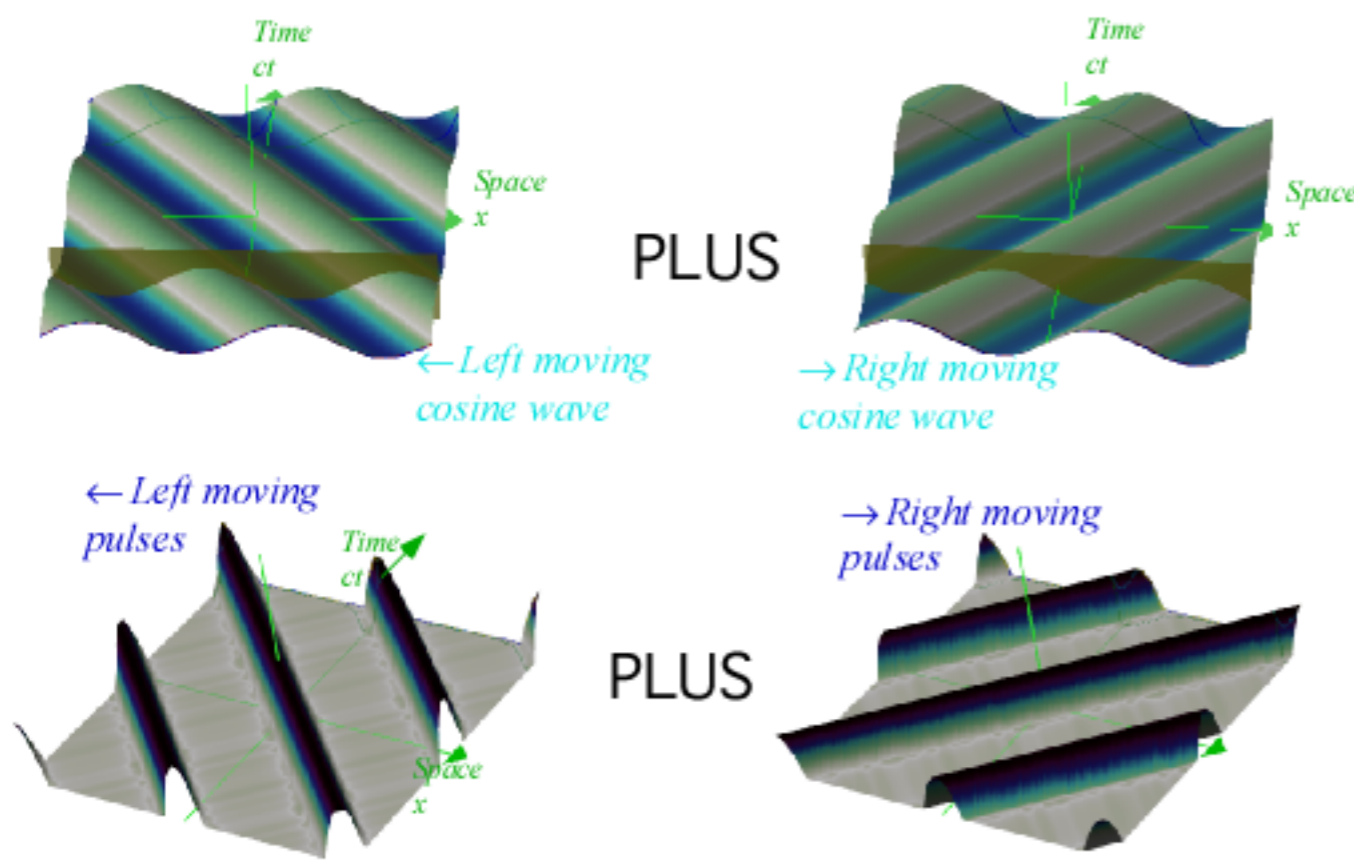
$$\begin{aligned}
 \Psi &= e^{ia} + e^{ib} \\
 &= e^{i(a+b)/2} (e^{i(a-b)/2} + e^{-i(a-b)/2})
 \end{aligned}$$

Phase factor:  $exp(i \frac{a+b}{2}) = e^{-i\omega t}$   
 Group factor:  $2 \cos(\frac{a-b}{2}) = 2 \cos(kx)$

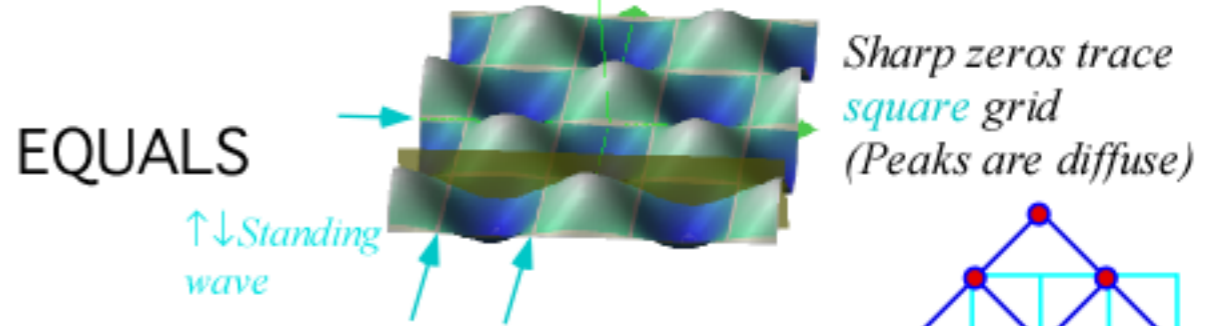


# Newton's "Fits" in Optical Interference

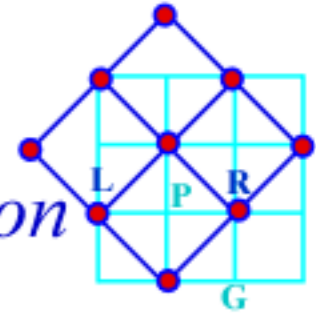
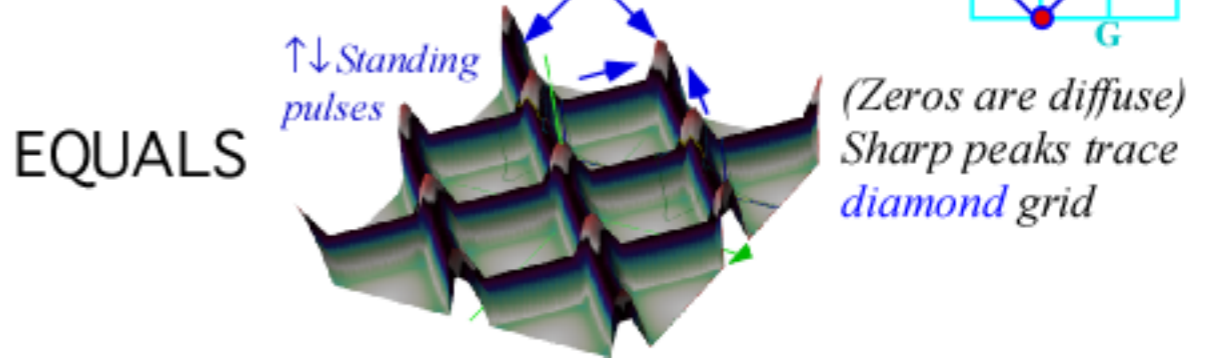
Newton complained that light waves have "fits" (what we now know as wave *interference* or *resonance*.)  
 Examples of interference are head-on collision of two *Continuous Waves (2-CW)* or two *Pulse Waves (PW)*



## Continuous Wave (CW) Addition



## Pulse Wave (PW) Addition



## Pulse Wave (PW) sum compared with

- *PW* waves are OFF (0) or ON (1)
- *PW* sum is Boolean  $(0_L, 0_R), (0_L, 1_R), (1_L, 0_R), (1_L, 1_R)$ .
- *PW* time peak-diamond paths are wysiwyw. (What you see is what you expect!)

PLUS

EQUALS

Left **L** Right **R**

**L+R**

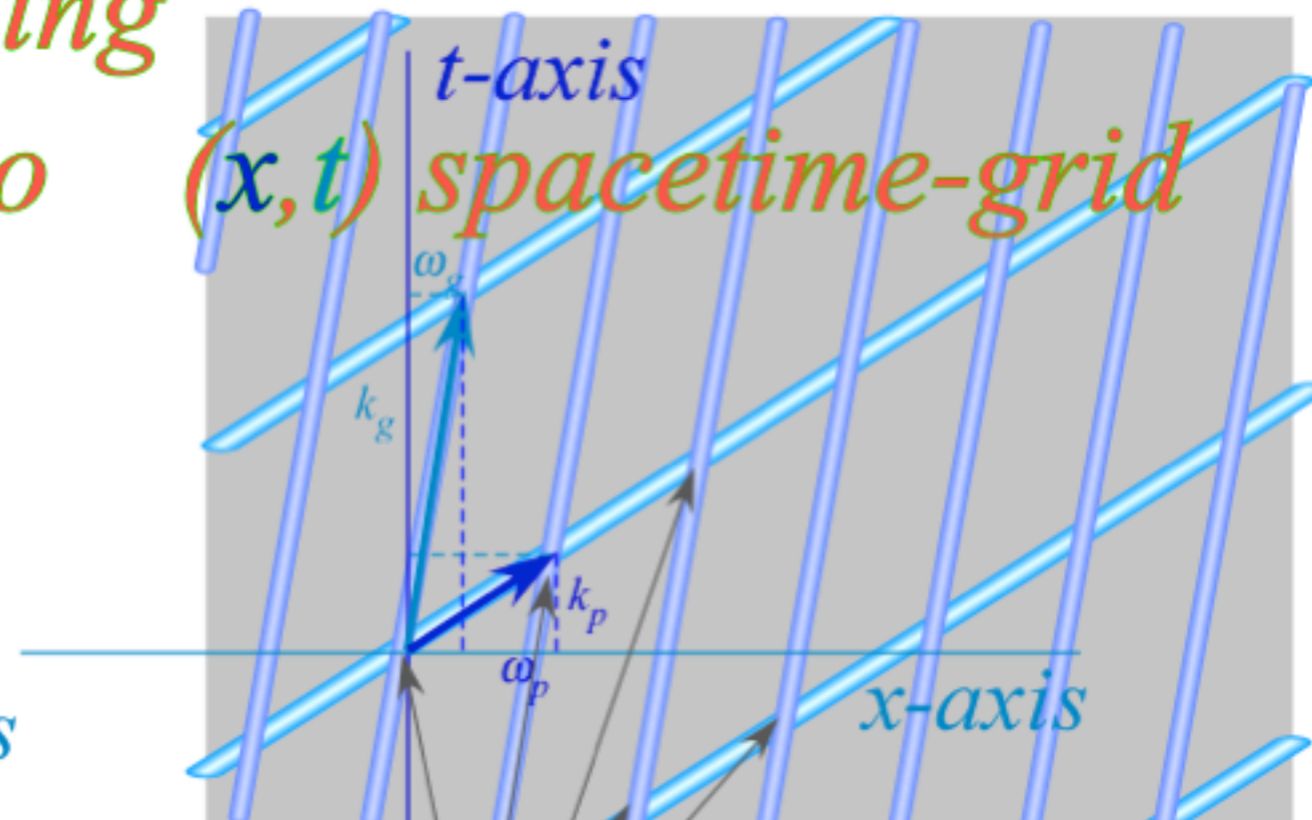
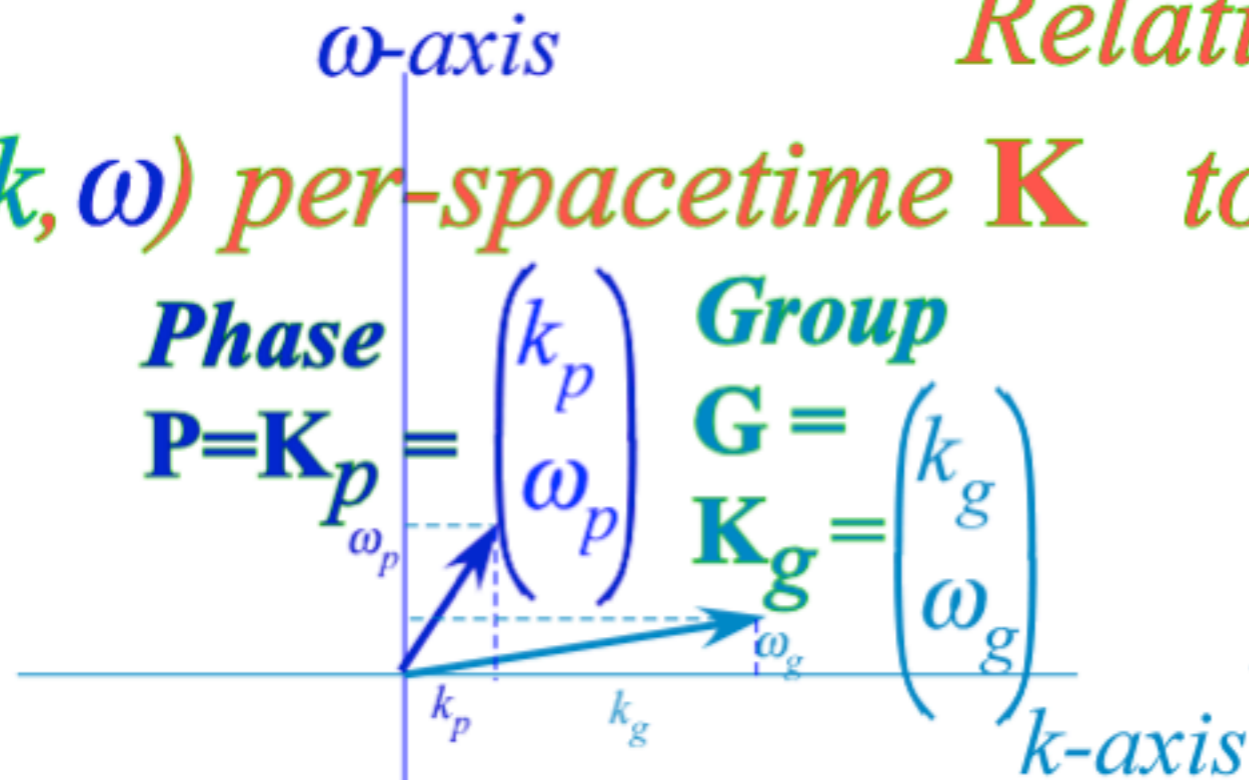
## Continuous Wave (CW) sum

- *CW* waves range continuously from -1 to +1
- *CW* sum is more subtle and nuanced *interference*.
- *CW* time zero-square paths are subtle results of the half-sum **P**-rule and the half-difference **G**-rule of *phase P* and *group G* zeros.

$P = \frac{R + L}{2}$

$G = \frac{R - L}{2}$

# Relating $(k, \omega)$ per-spacetime $\mathbf{K}$ to $(x, t)$ spacetime-grid



$$k_p x - \omega_p t = n_p \pi/2$$

$$k_g x - \omega_g t = n_g \pi/2$$

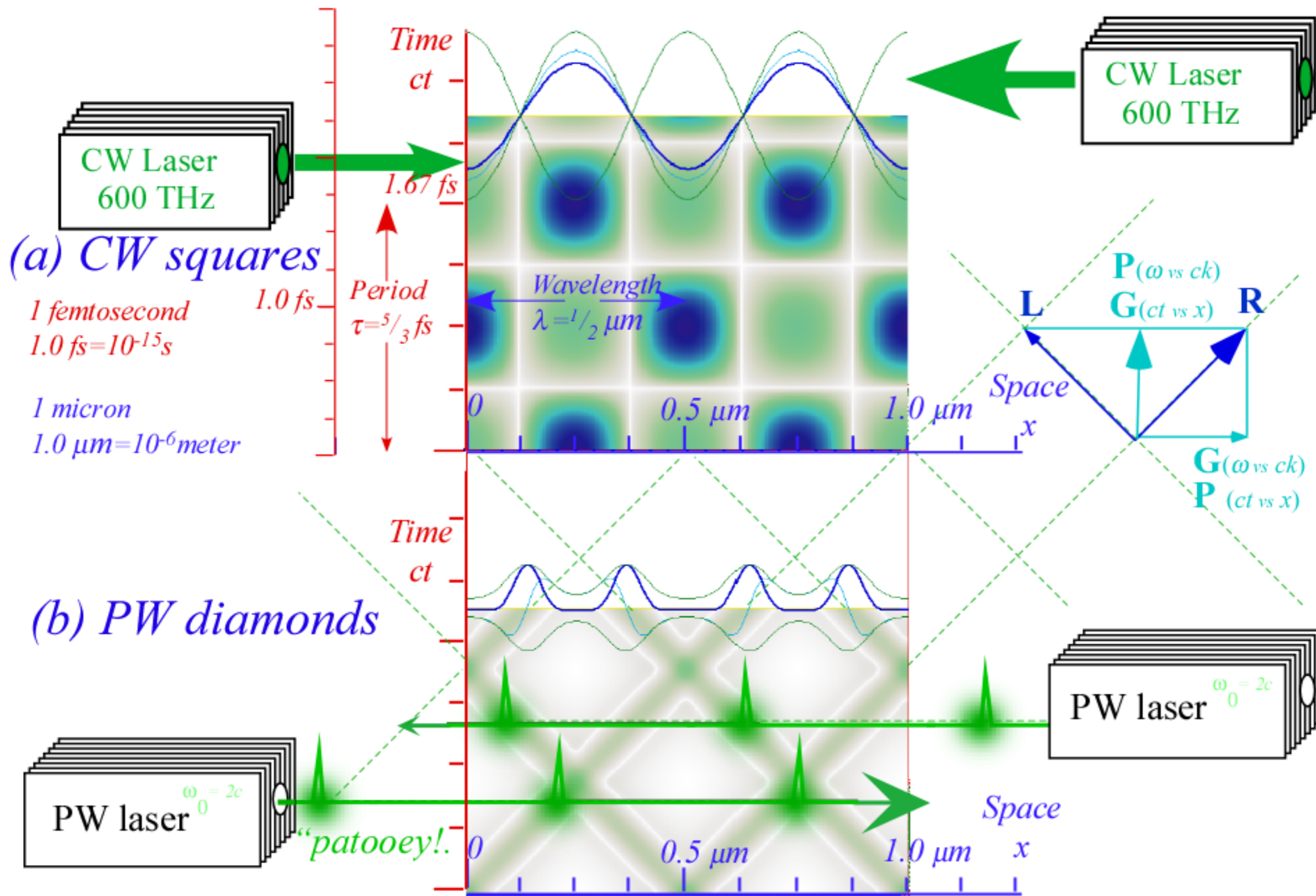
lattice point equations for:  
 $n_p = \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$  and  $n_g = \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$

$$\begin{pmatrix} k_p & -\omega_p \\ k_g & -\omega_g \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ t \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} n_p \\ n_g \end{pmatrix} \pi/2$$

inverted  $\rightarrow$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ t \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\det |\mathbf{K}_g \times \mathbf{K}_p|} \begin{pmatrix} -\omega_g & \omega_p \\ -k_g & k_p \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} n_p \\ n_g \end{pmatrix} \pi/2 = -n_p \frac{1}{\det |\mathbf{K}_g \times \mathbf{K}_p|} \begin{pmatrix} \omega_g \\ k_g \end{pmatrix} + n_g \frac{1}{\det |\mathbf{K}_g \times \mathbf{K}_p|} \begin{pmatrix} \omega_p \\ k_p \end{pmatrix}$$





○ *Applying Occam's razor to relativity axioms*

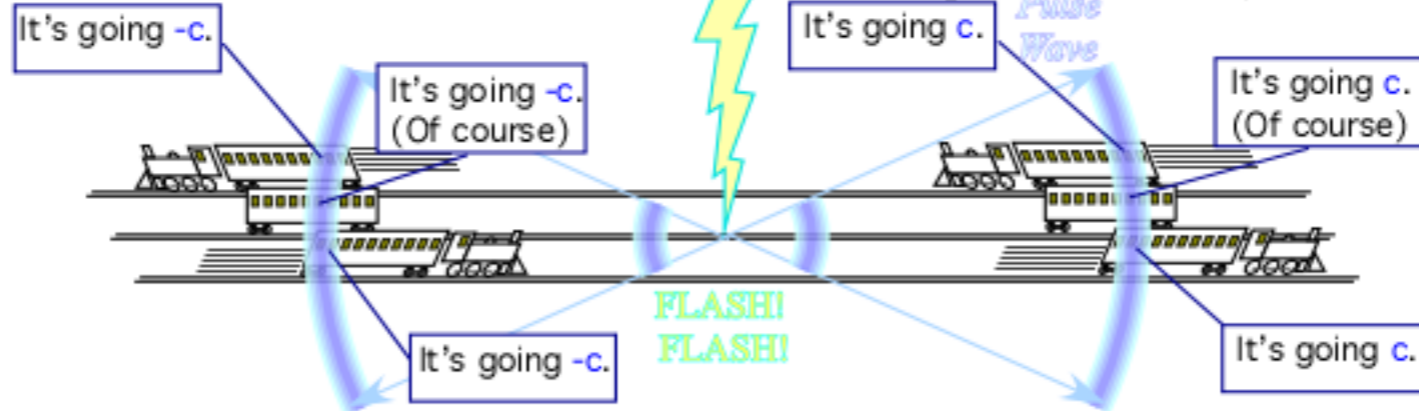
*Einstein Pulse-Wave (PW) axiom vs. Evenson Coherent-Wave (CW) axiom*

Albert Einstein



1879-1955

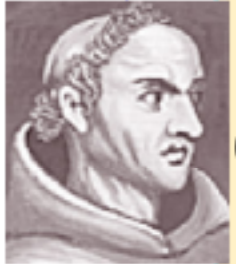
Einstein Pulse Wave (PW) Axiom: PW speed seen by all observers is  $c$



A "road-runner" axiom is a "show-stopper"



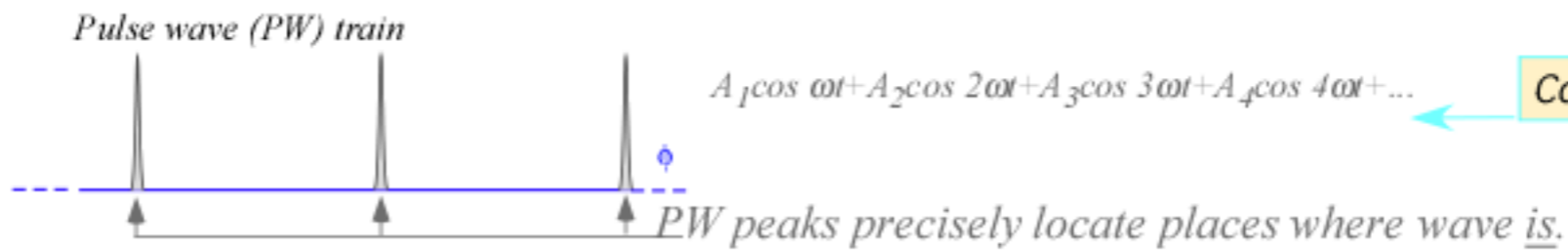
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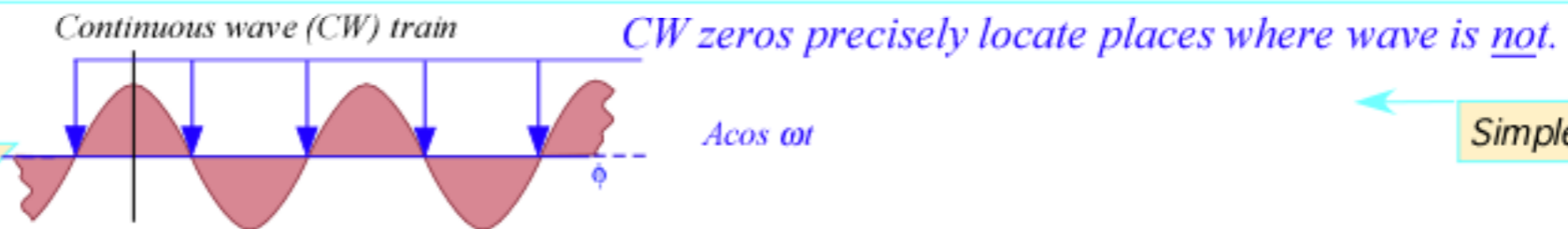
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Using Occam's Razor

(and Evenson's lasers)



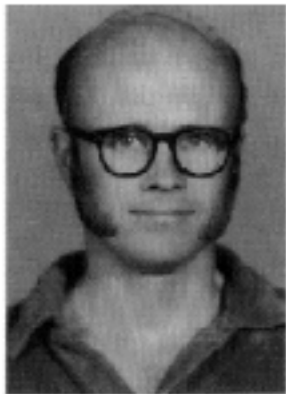
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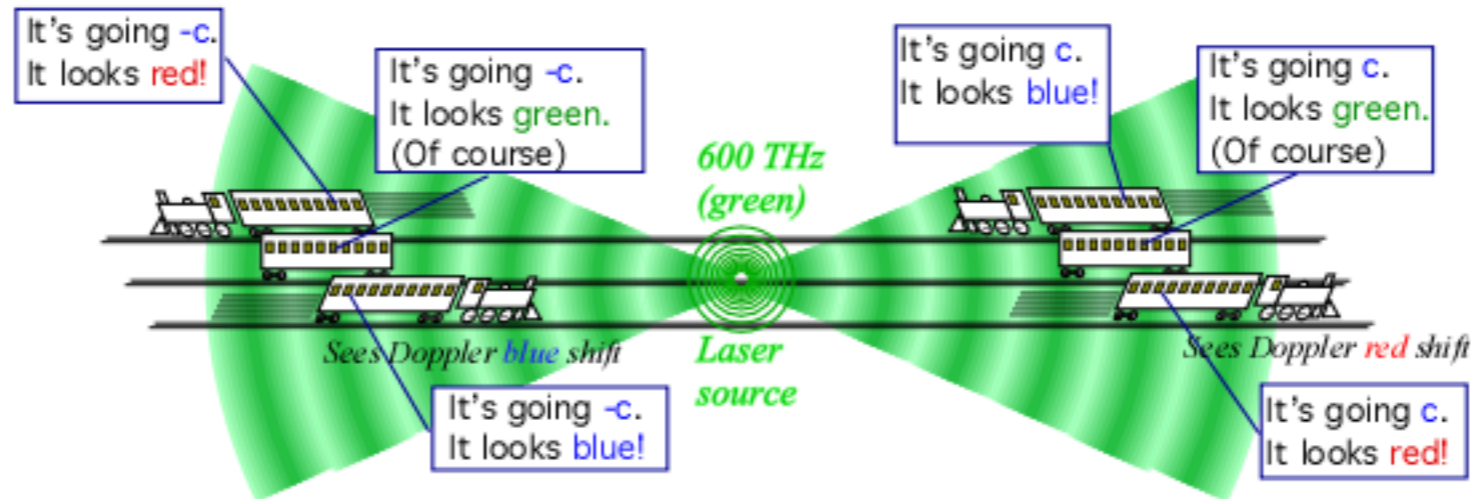
Simpler

Evenson Continuous Wave (CW) axiom: CW speed for all colors is  $c$

Kenneth Evenson



1929-2002  
 $c = 299,792,458 \text{ m/s}$

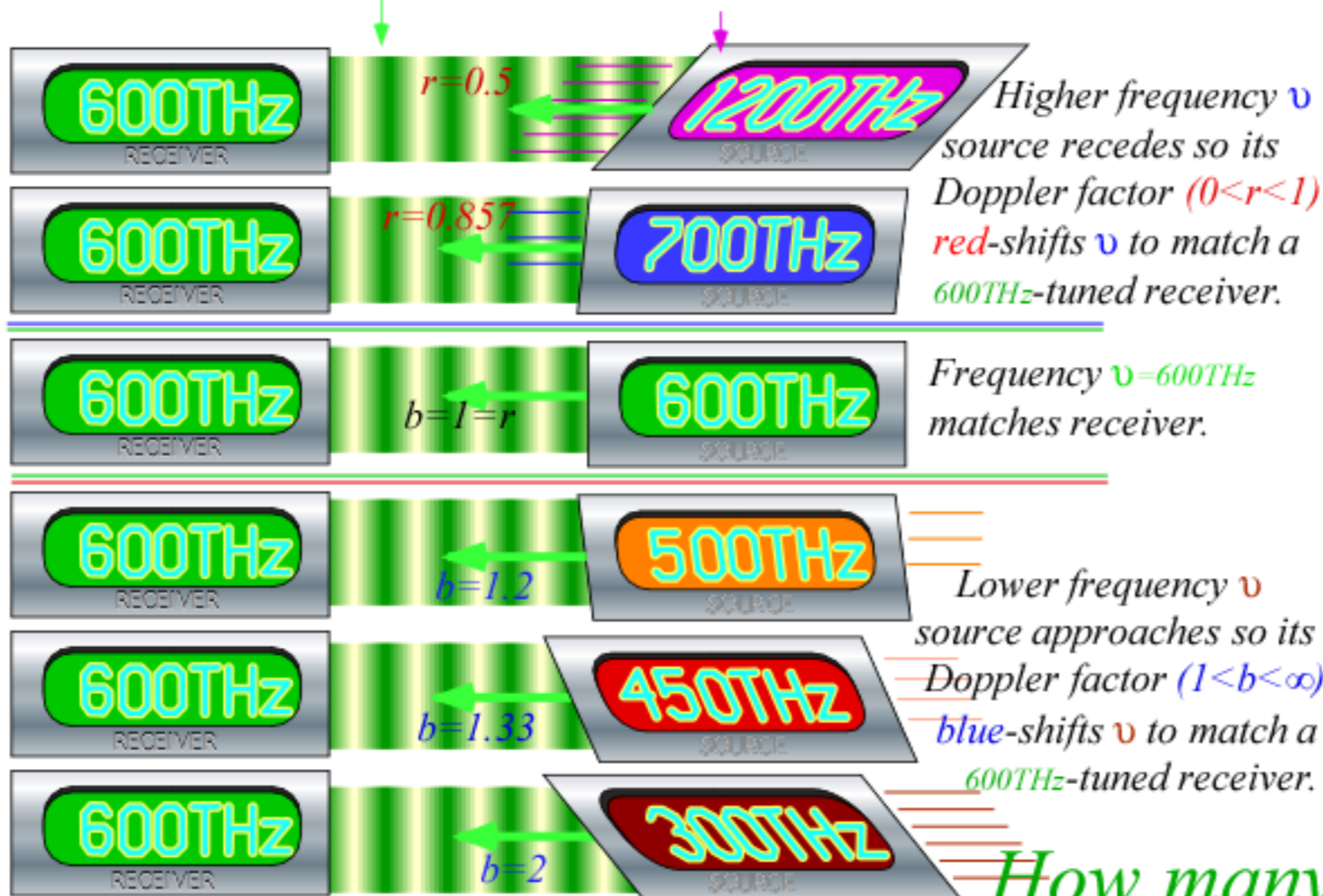


More self-evident "must-be" axiom

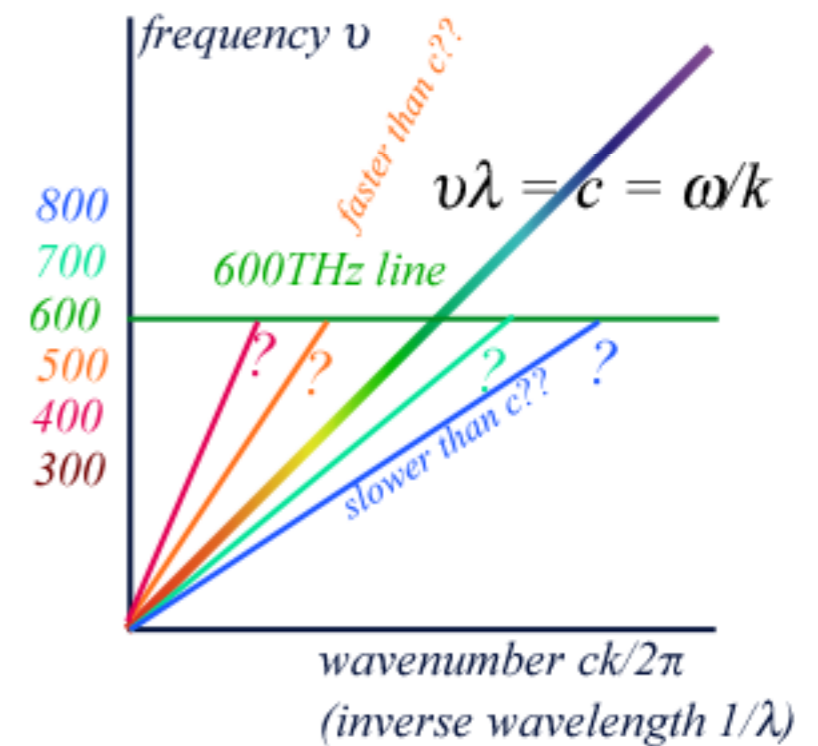
# CW Axiom ( "All colors go c." ) based on Doppler effects

Showing that Green is Green is Green... (and all the same speed)...

Any color (like 600THz green) may be made by any other color source Doppler shifted by some speed  $u$  (less than  $c$ )



How many ways can you make 600THz green?



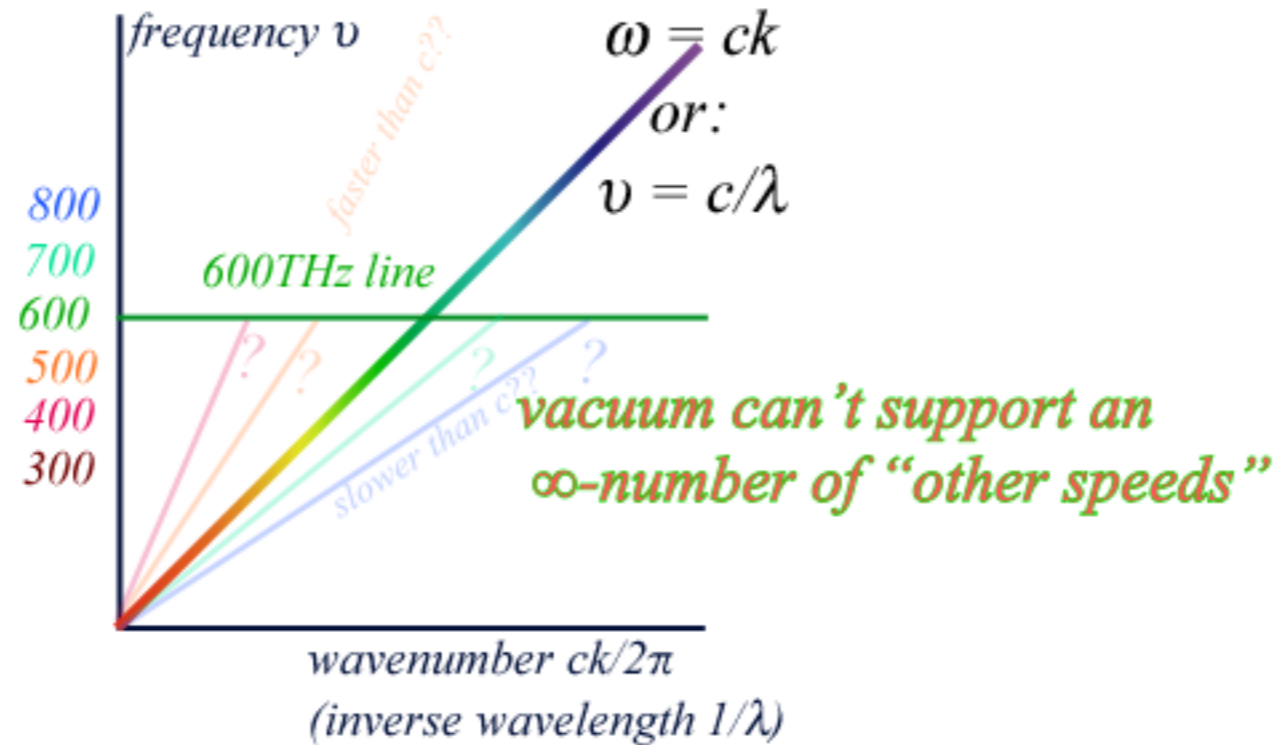
How many kinds of green exist? (It's either 1 or infinity.)

*Evenson CW Axiom ( "All colors go c.") is only reasonable conclusion:*

*Linear dispersion:*  $\omega = ck$

*Linear dispersion means NO dispersion*

*Einstein PW is corollary of Evenson CW*



*What if blue were to travel 0.001% slower than red  
from a galaxy 9 billion light years away? (..and show up  $10^5$  years late)*

*That would mean Good-Bye Hubble Astronomy!*

*If all colors always march in lock-step then any Doppler shift must be geometric factor, that is, the same multiplier for all colors.*

*If 300THz Doppler shifts to 600THz (1 octave-shift = 2.0)*



*Then 600THz Doppler shifts to 1200THz (1 octave-shift = 2.0)*



*Doppler shifts maintain frequency ratios (not differences)*

*1-D Doppler shifts {red =  $e^{-\rho}$  ... blue =  $e^{+\rho}$ } form a Lie Group*

*3-D Doppler shifts are hypercomplex elements of Lorentz Group*

Frequency blue shift  $b$  when  
Source-Receiver interval is  
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$$\frac{v_{IN}}{v_{OUT}} = \frac{v_{Receiver}}{v_{Source}} = b = e^{+|\rho|} > 1$$

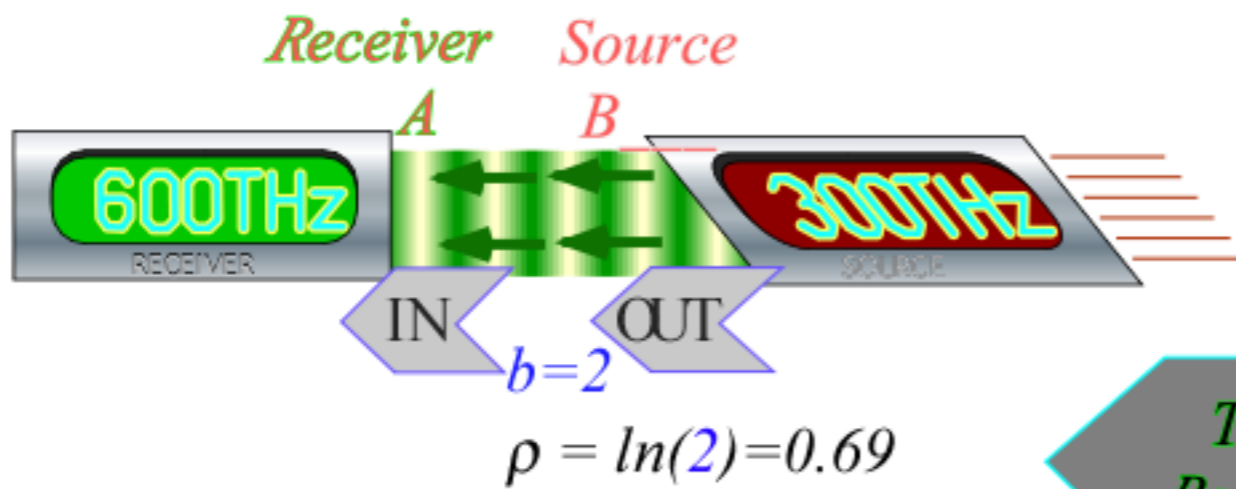
Defining Rapidity  $\rho$  as  
logarithm of Doppler

$$\rho = \ln(b \text{ or } r)$$

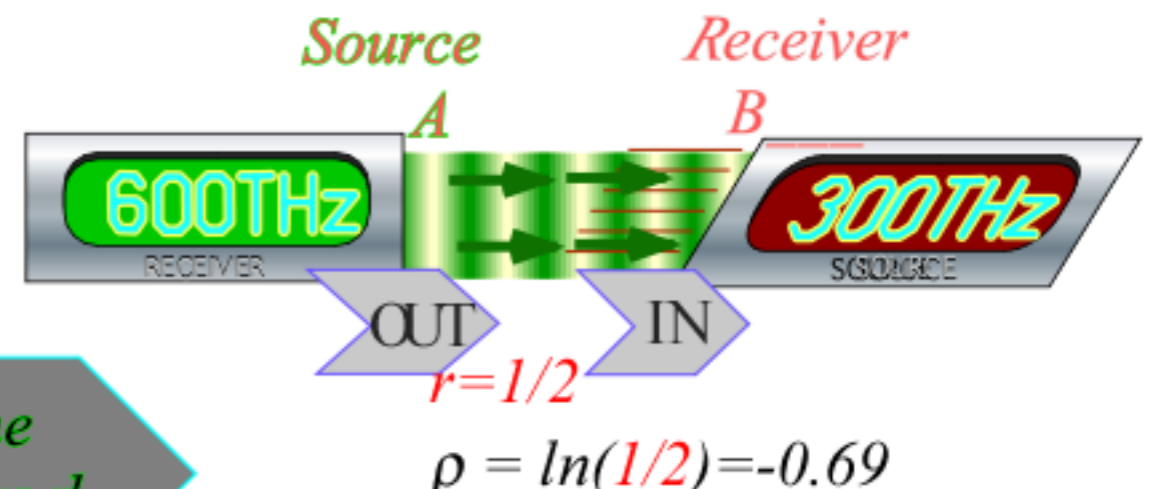
Frequency red shift  $r$  when  
Source-Receiver interval is  
<<OPENING>>

$$\frac{v_{Receiver}}{v_{Source}} = r = e^{-|\rho|} < 1$$

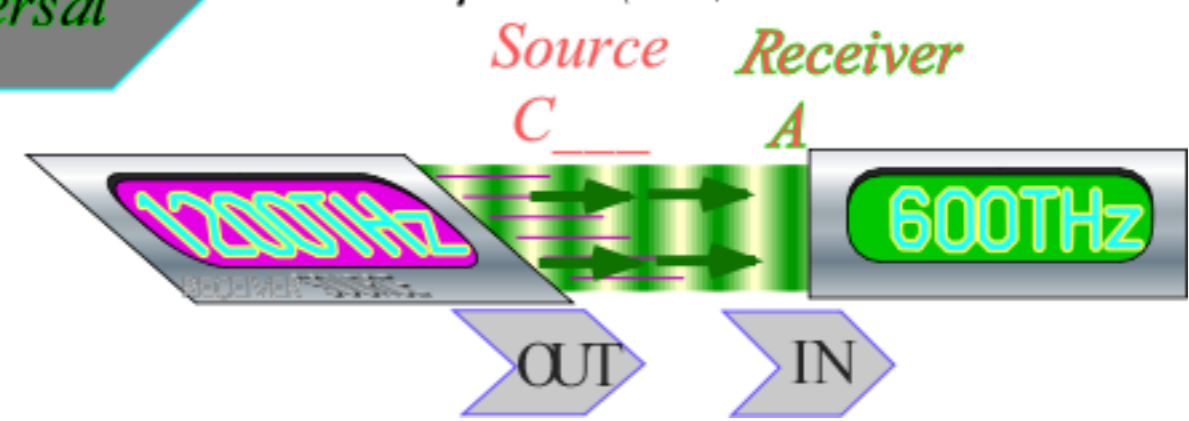
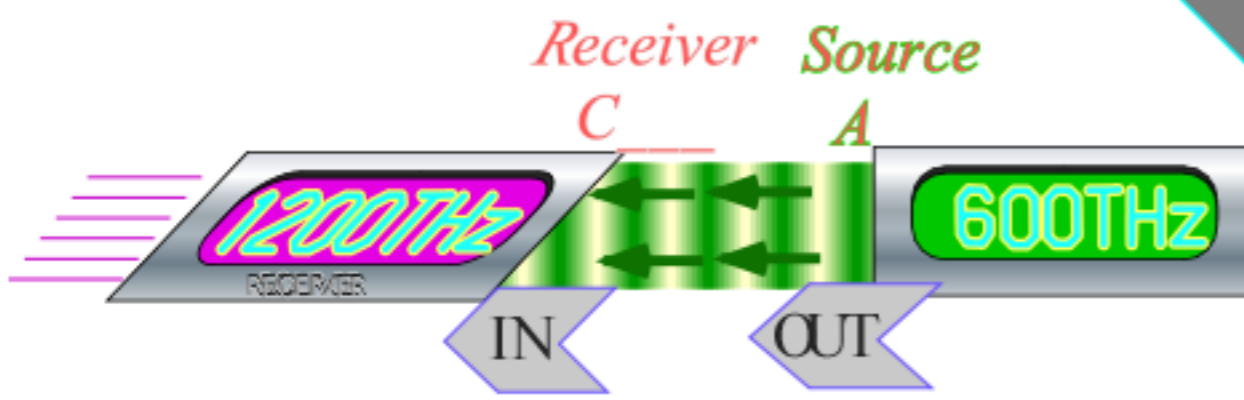
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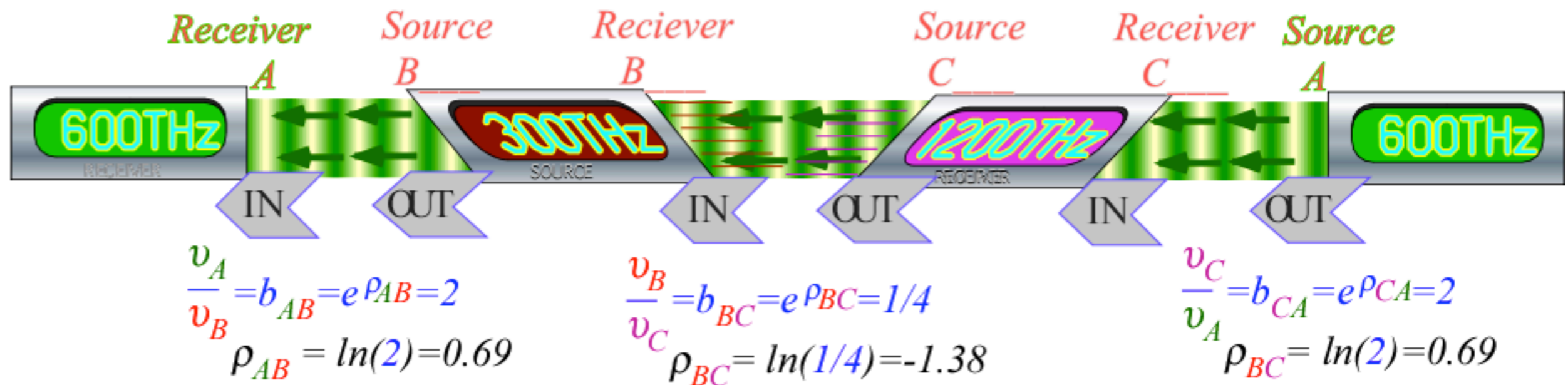
Examples:



Time Reversal



Each Doppler shift  $\frac{v_A}{v_B}$  maps to a Lorentz transformation  $T_{AB}$



Group product  
is represented:  
(by IN-OUT "nematodes")

$$T_{AB} \cdot T_{BC} = T_{CA}$$

$$\frac{v_A}{v_B} \frac{v_B}{v_C} = \frac{v_A}{v_C}$$

$$e^{\rho_{AB}} e^{\rho_{BC}} = e^{\rho_{AC}} = e^{(\rho_{AB} + \rho_{BC})}$$

...and rapidity  $\rho_{AB}$  is a Galilean (arithmetic) parameter

To be shown:  $\rho_{AB} = \text{atanh}(u_{AB}/c)$  approaches  $(u_{AB}/c)$  for:  $\rho_{AB} \ll 1$

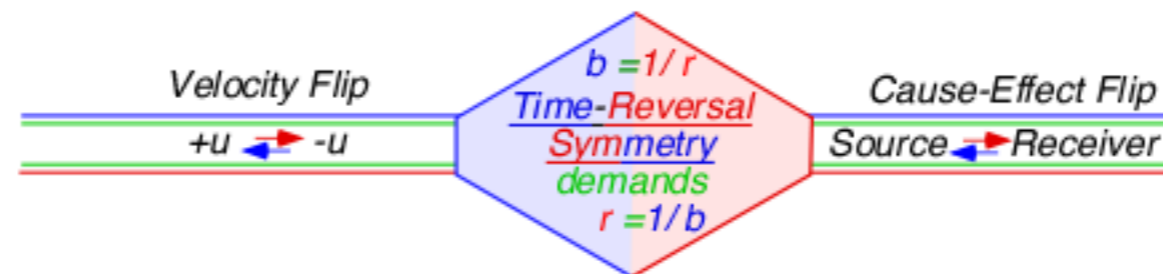


*Inverse to Lorentz transformation*  $T_{AB}$  *is*  $T_{BA}$   
*..just as the arithmetic inverse of*  $\frac{v_A}{v_B}$  *is*  $\frac{v_B}{v_A}$

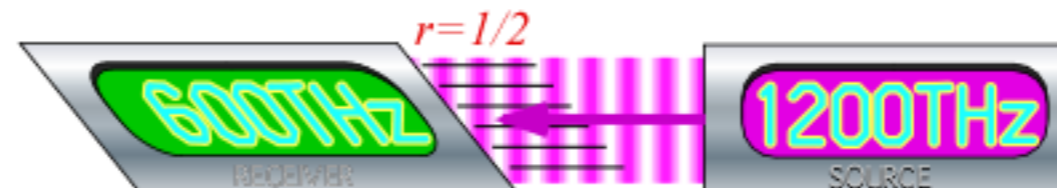
*... of*  $e^{\rho_{AB}}$  *is*  $e^{\rho_{BA}} = e^{-\rho_{AB}}$

*... of*  $\rho_{AB}$  *is*  $\rho_{BA} = -\rho_{AB}$

*Detailed time reversal symmetry*  
*implies*  $r=1/b$ .



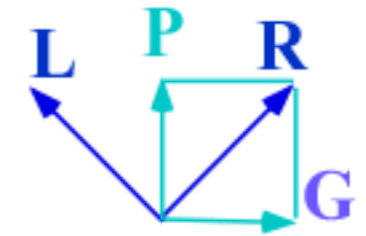
Receding receiver sees  
 Doppler *red*-shift of  
 1200THz source to 600THz  
 (600THz) =  $r \cdot (1200\text{THz})$   
 with  $r=1/2$



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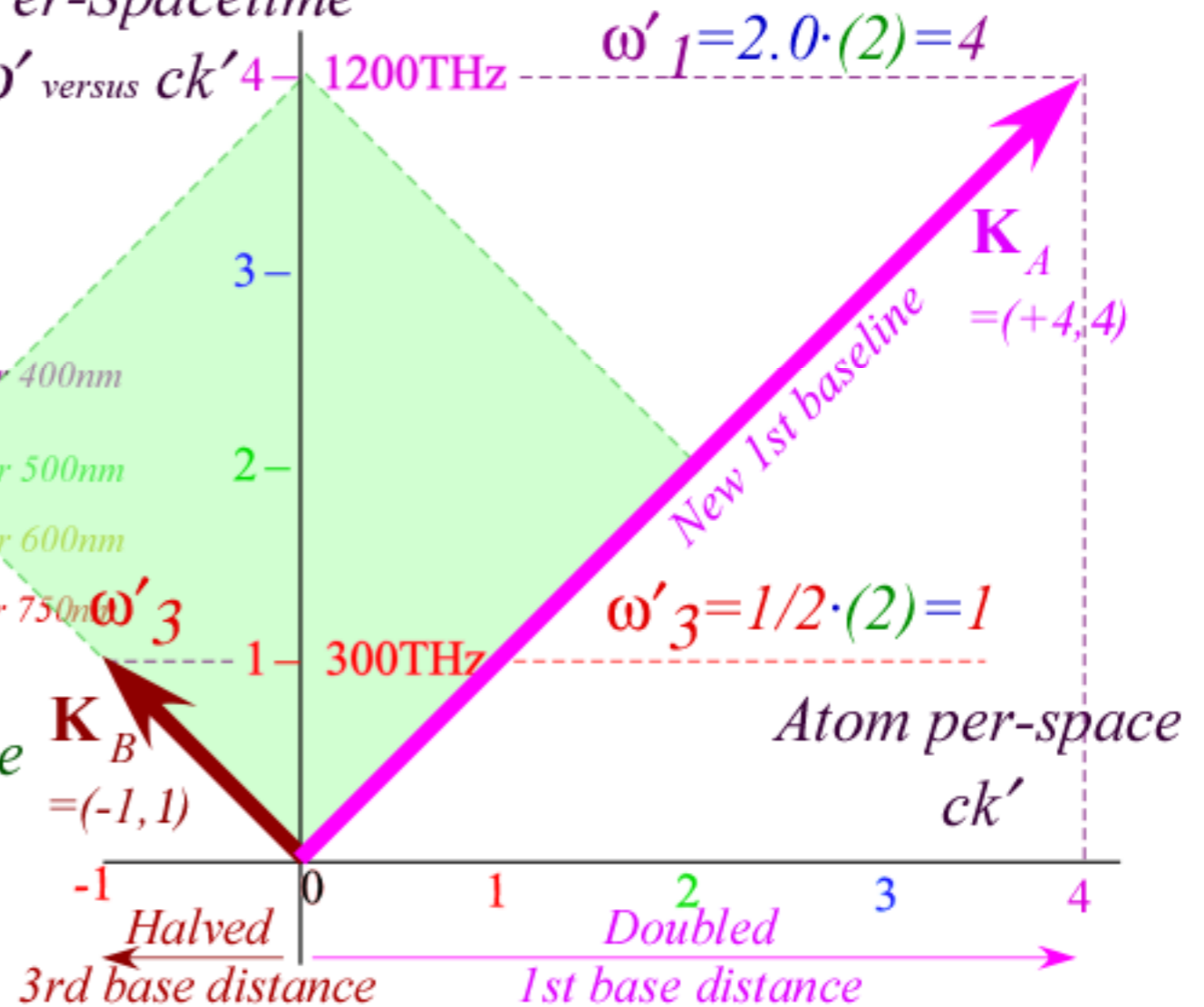
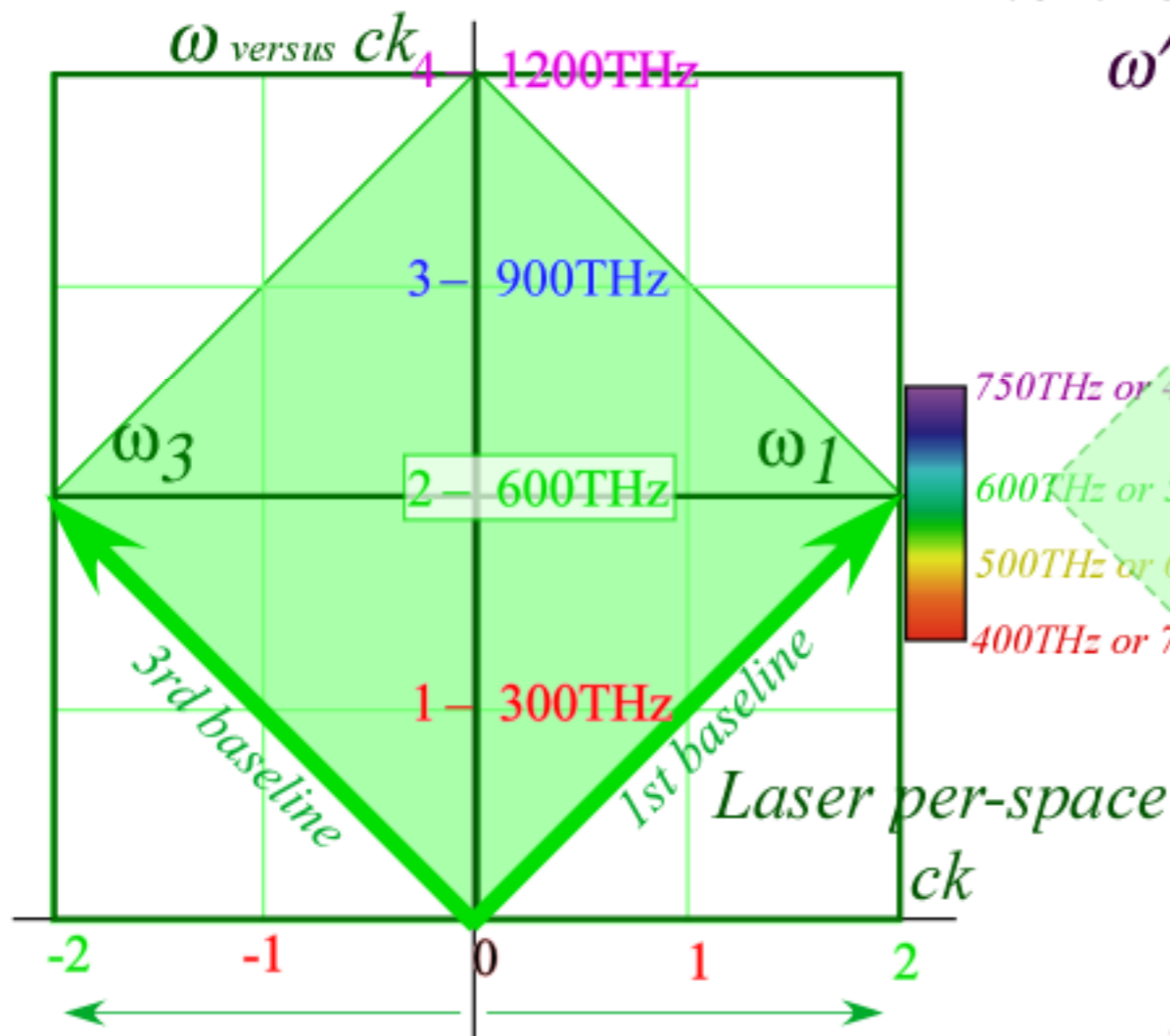
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- (3) Half-Sum Phase  $P=(R+L)/2$  and Half-Difference Group  $G=(R-L)/2$



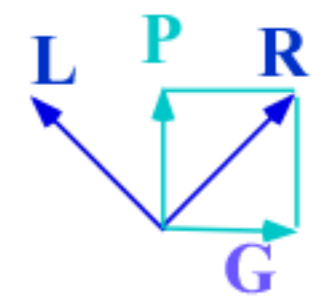
## LaserPer-Spacetime

## AtomPer-Spacetime



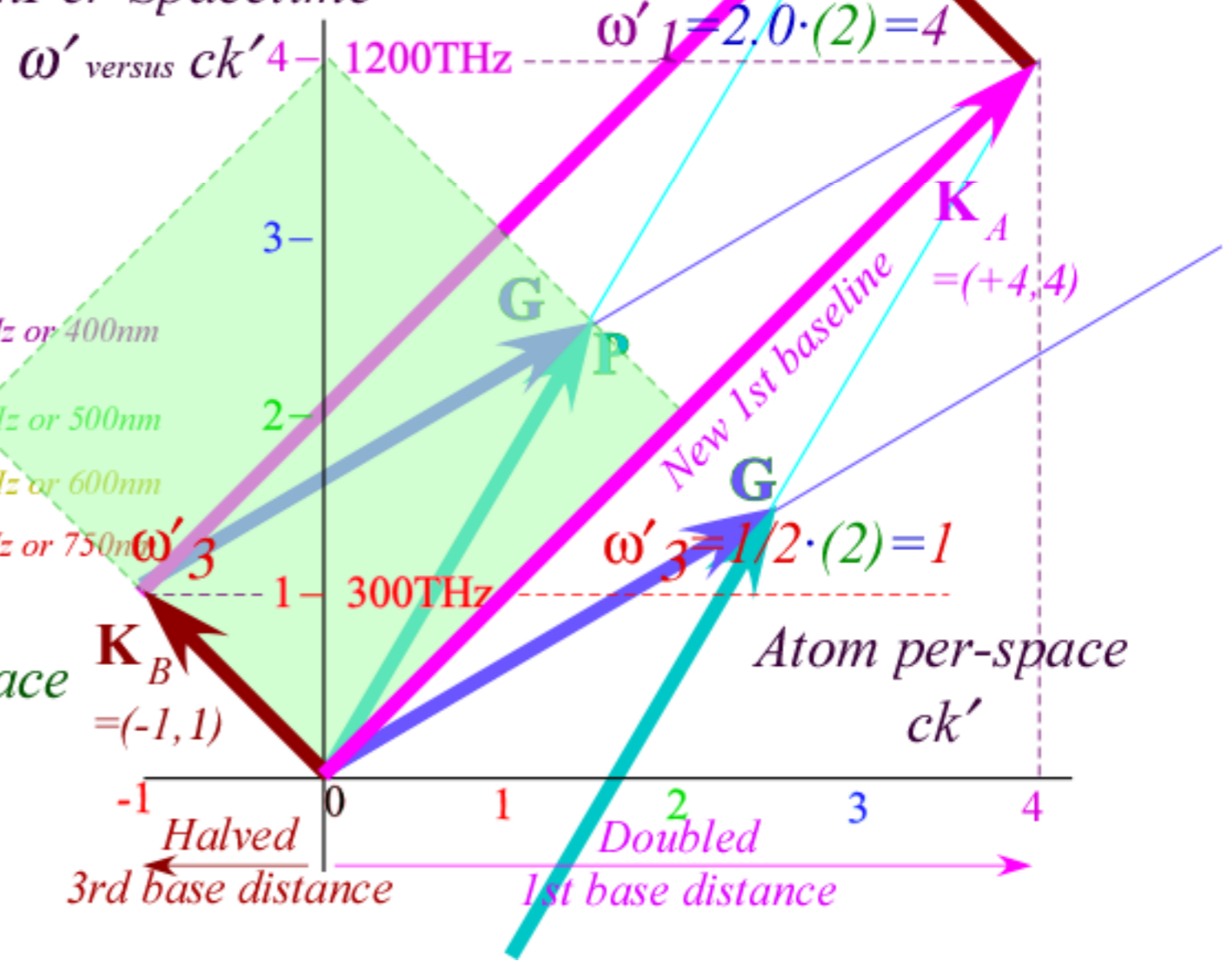
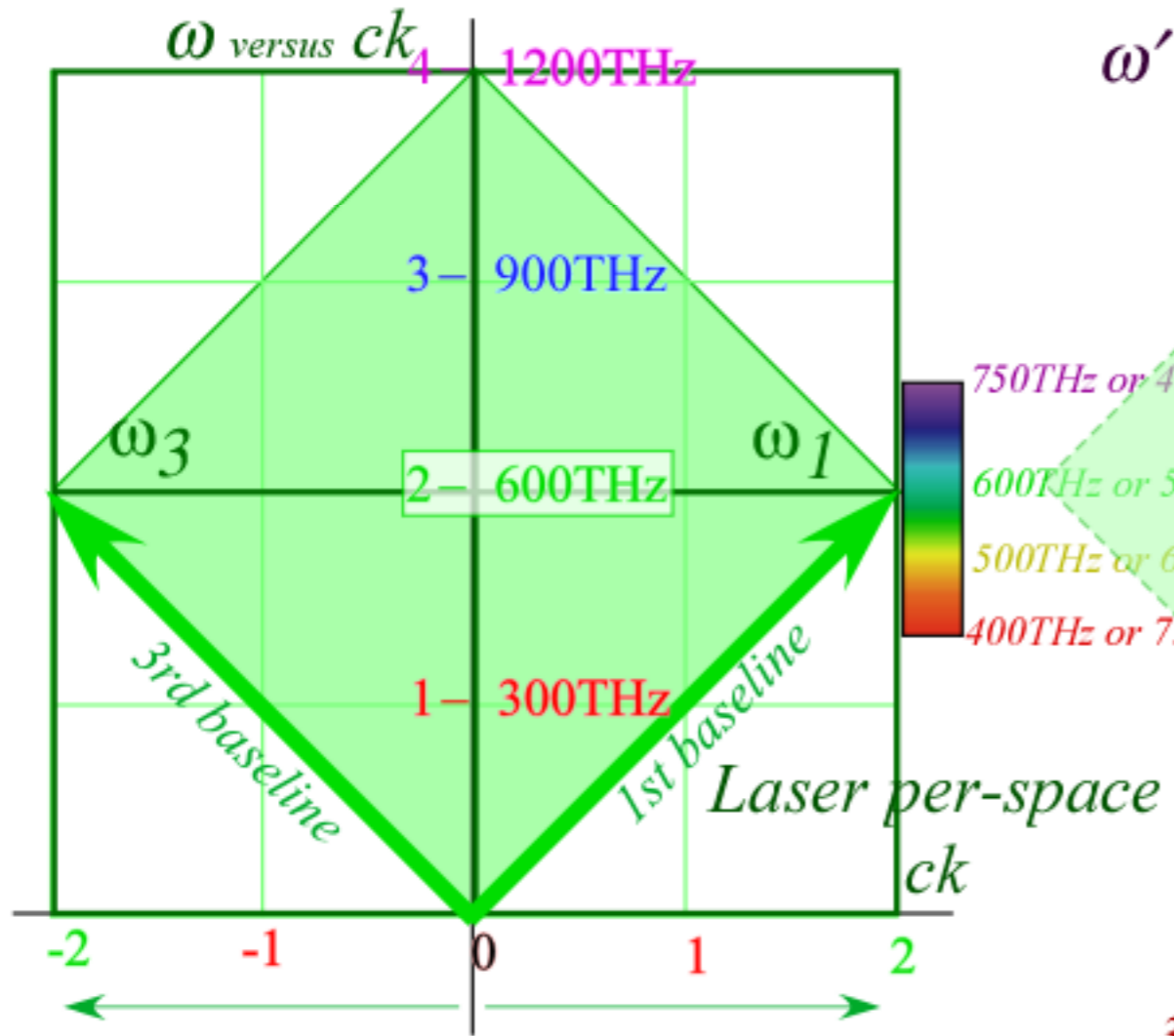
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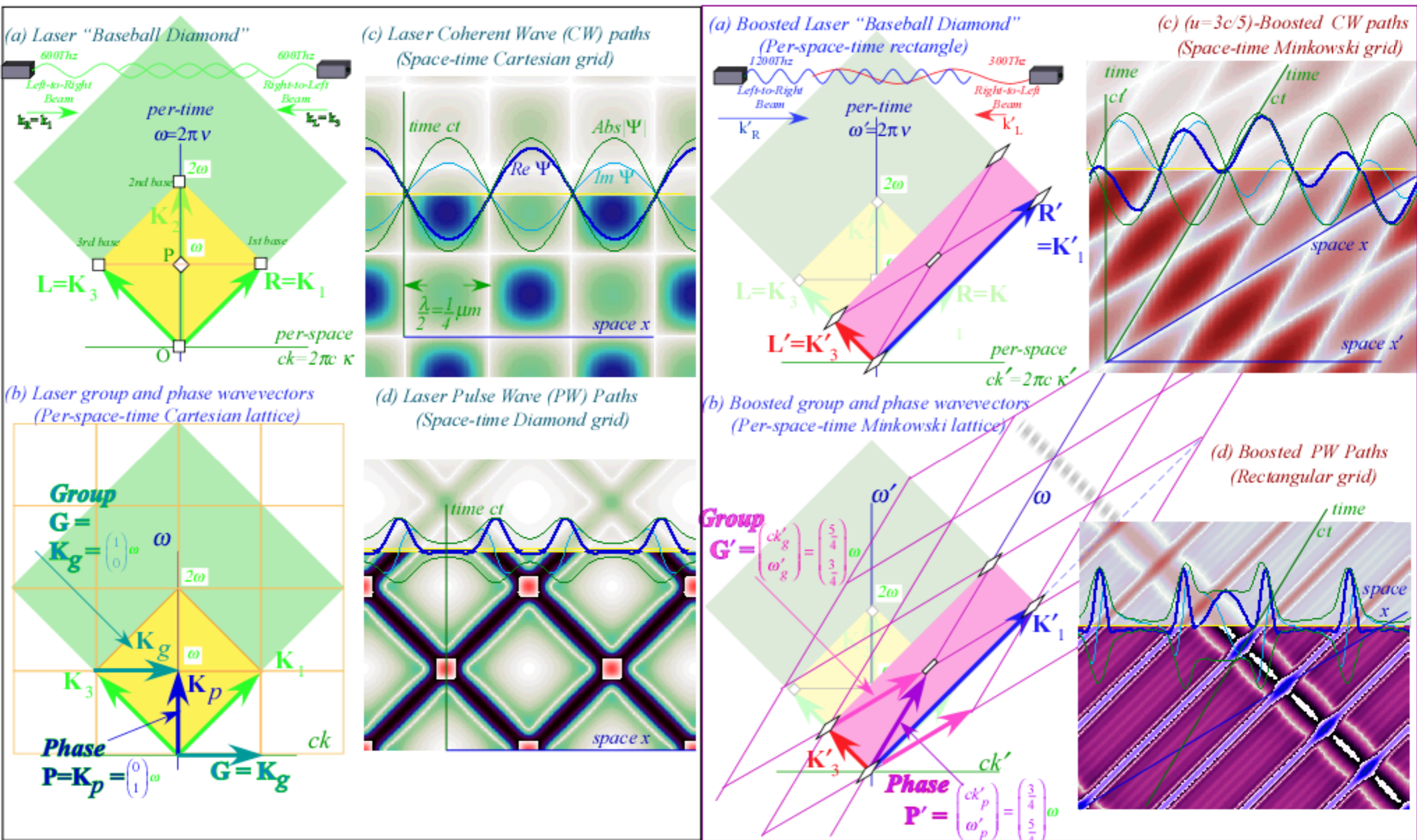
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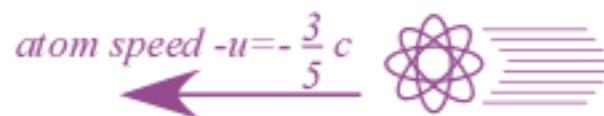
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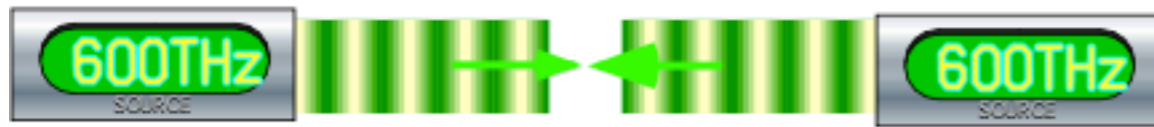




Laser lab views



Atom views (sees lab going  $+u = \frac{3}{5}c$ )



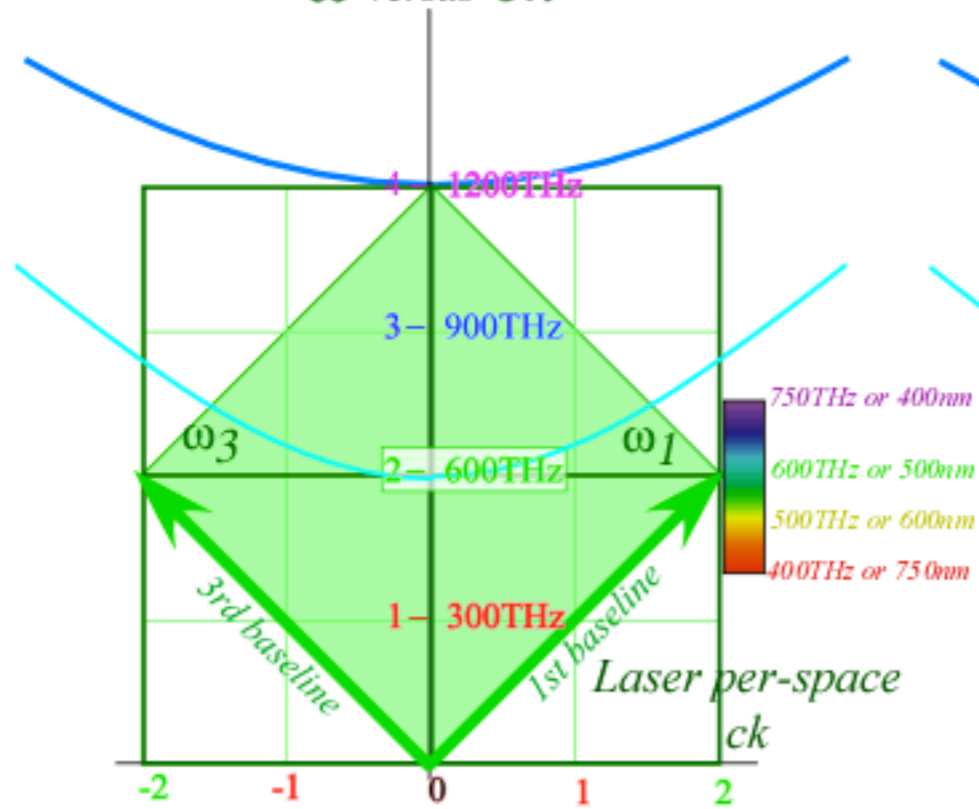
LASER LAB FRAME



ATOM FRAME view of LASER WAVES

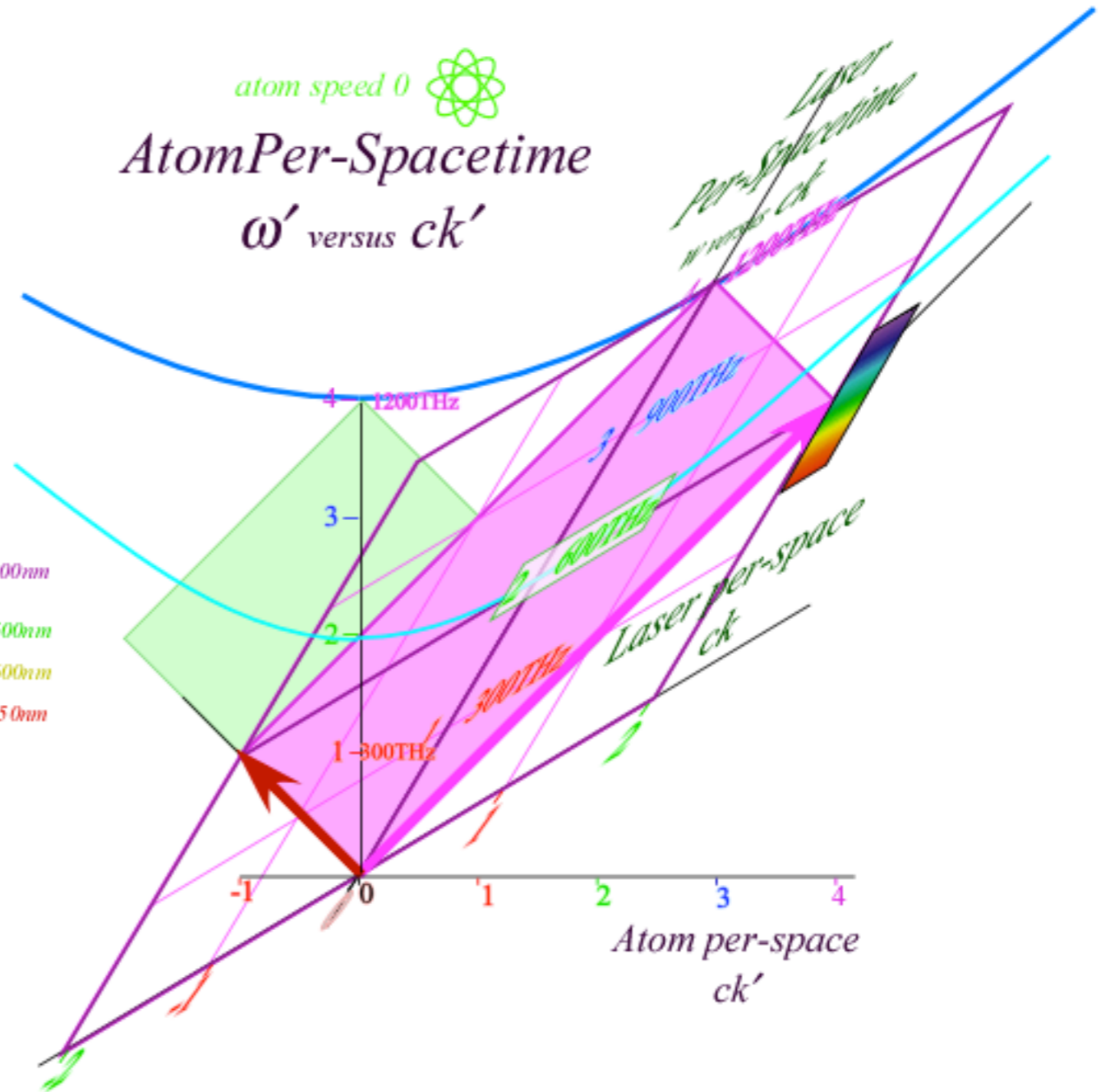
atom speed  $-u$    
*LaserPer-Spacetime*

$\omega$  versus  $ck$



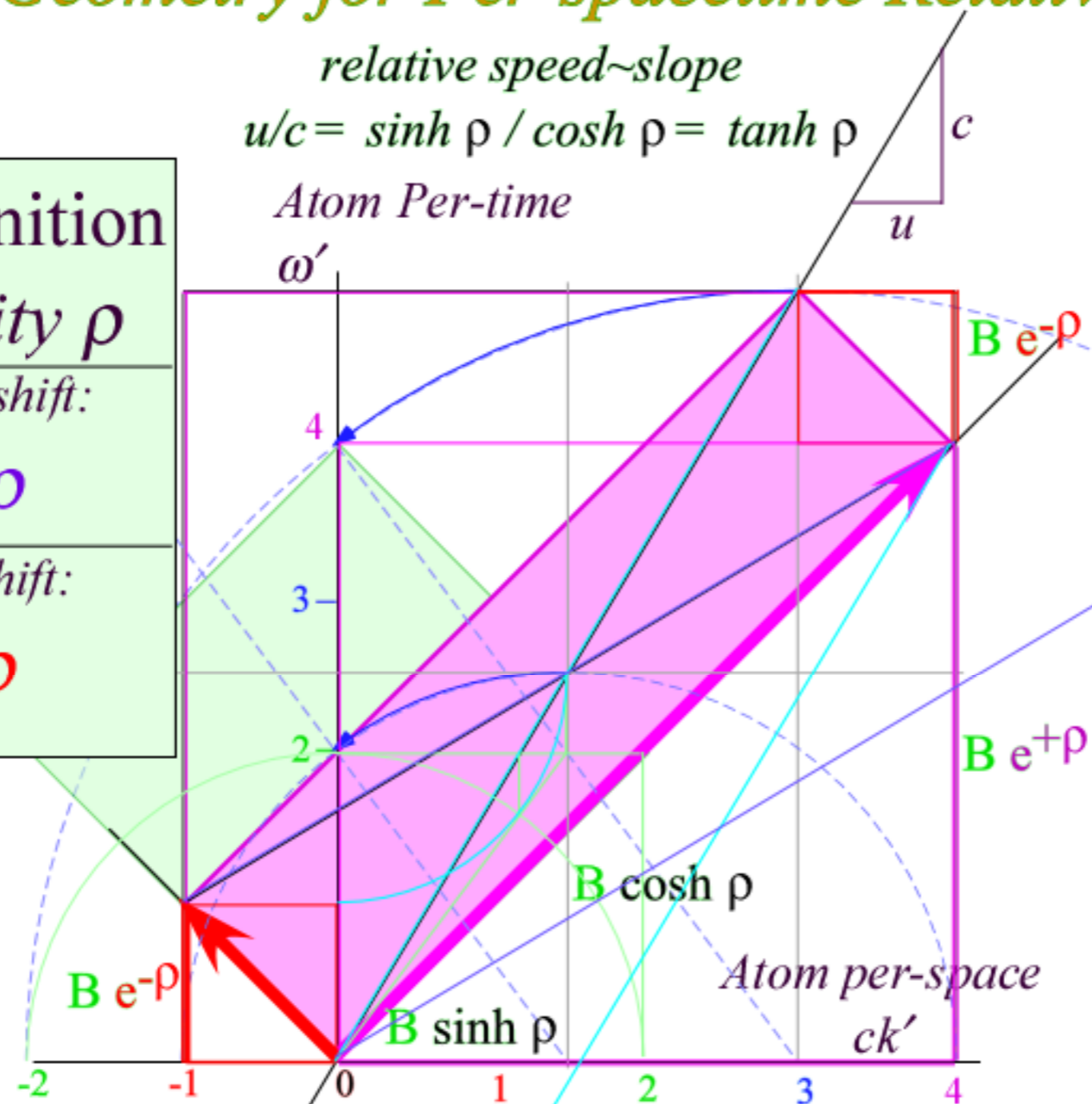
atom speed 0   
*AtomPer-Spacetime*

$\omega'$  versus  $ck'$



# Euclidian Geometry for Per-spacetime Relativity

**Key Definition of Rapidity  $\rho$**   
 Doppler blue shift:  
 $Bb = B e^{+\rho}$   
 Doppler red shift:  
 $Br = B e^{-\rho}$



relative speed~slope  
 $u/c = \sinh \rho / \cosh \rho = \tanh \rho$   
 Atom Per-time

**Key Results:**

$\omega$  vs.  $ck$   
 “winks” vs. “kinks”

$\omega = B \cosh \rho$   
 $ck = B \sinh \rho$

group velocity:  
 $\frac{\omega}{ck} = \frac{u}{c} = \tanh \rho$

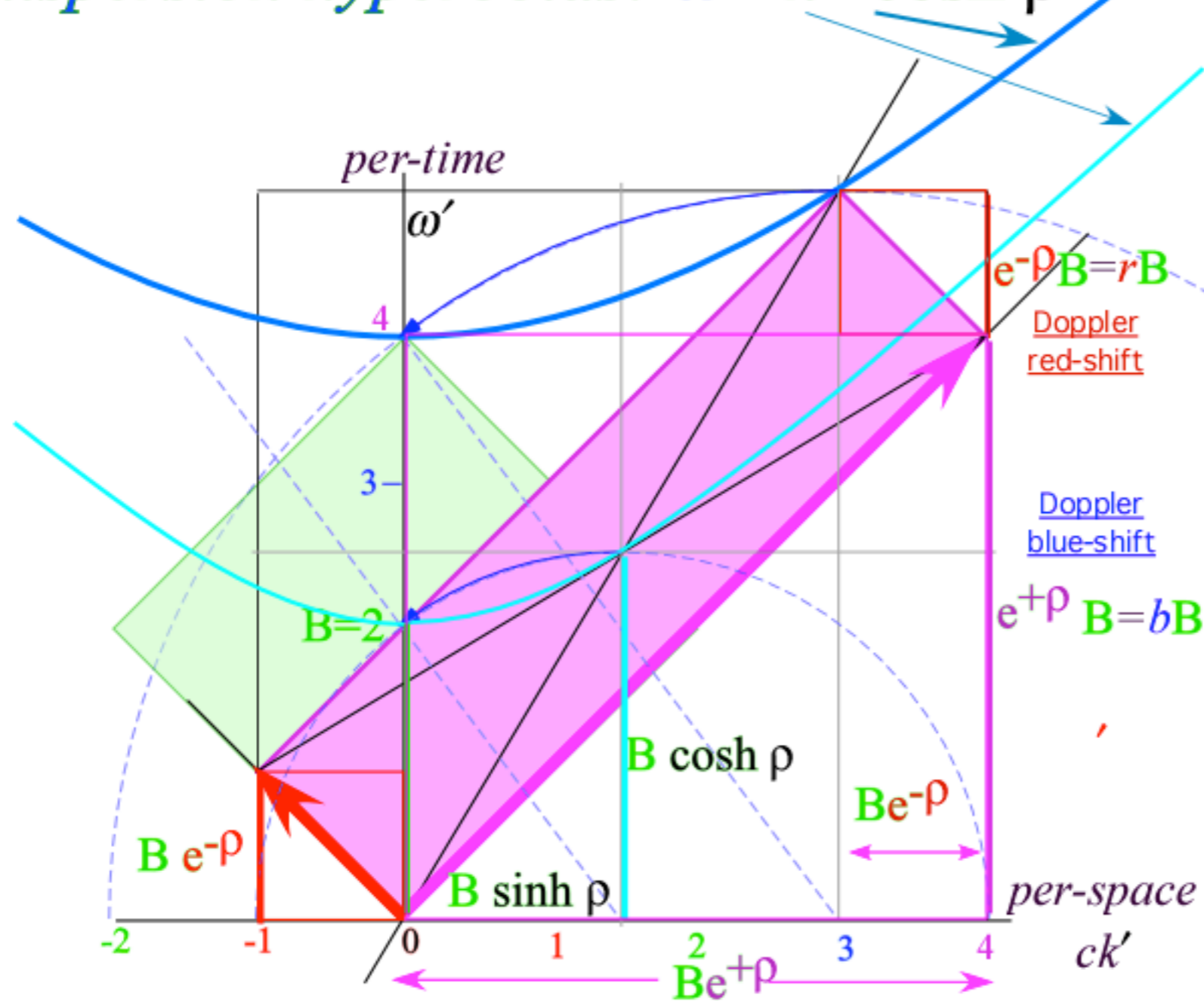
phase velocity:  
 $\frac{ck}{\omega} = \frac{c}{u} = \coth \rho$

$$B \sinh \rho = (B e^{+\rho} - B e^{-\rho})/2$$

$$B \cosh \rho = (B e^{+\rho} + B e^{-\rho})/2$$

$\frac{u}{c}$ $\sinh \rho = \sqrt{1 - \frac{u^2}{c^2}}$	<b>Key Quantities</b> Lorentz-Einstein factors	$\cosh \rho = \sqrt{1 + \frac{u^2}{c^2}}$
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*Euclidian wave geometry with time-reversal symmetry imply dispersion hyperbolas:  $\omega = nB \cosh \rho$*

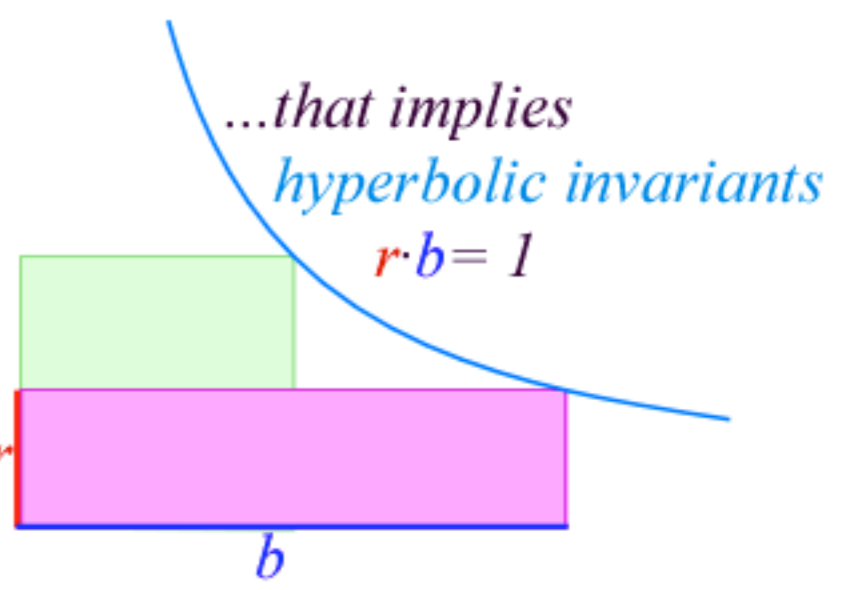


Lab frame area...

equals

Atom frame area...

by time-reversal axiom:  $r = 1/b$

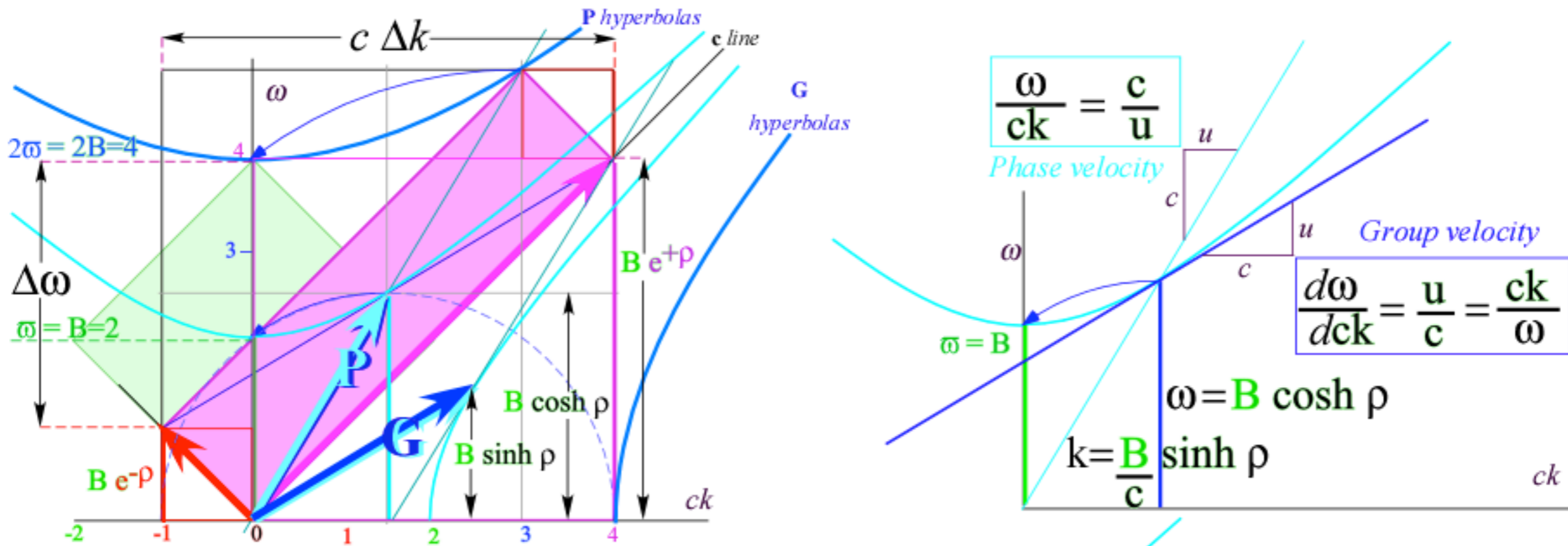


$$B \sinh \rho = (B e^{+\rho} - B e^{-\rho})/2$$

$$B \cosh \rho = (B e^{+\rho} + B e^{-\rho})/2$$



# Group velocity $u$ and phase velocity $c^2/u$ are hyperbolic tangent slopes

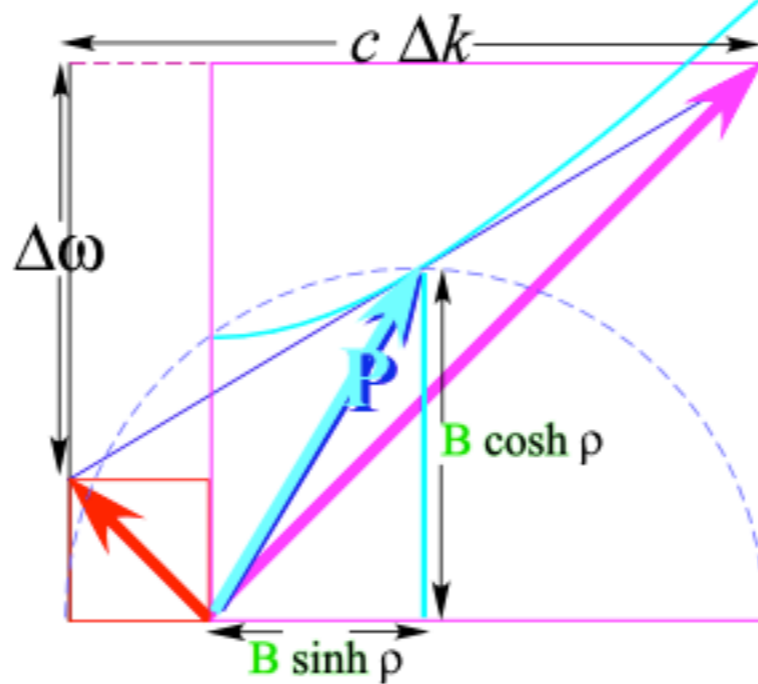


Rare but important case where

$$\frac{d\omega}{dk} = \frac{\Delta\omega}{\Delta k}$$

with LARGE  $\Delta k$   
(not infinitesimal)

Relativistic  
group wave  
speed  $u = c \tanh \rho$



Newtonian speed  $u \sim c\rho$   
Low speed approximation  
Rapidity  $\rho$  approaches  $u/c$

# CW Axioms (“All colors go c.” and “ $r=1/b$ ”) imply hyperbolic dispersion then mechanics of matter

$$\omega = \mathbf{B} \cosh \rho \cong \mathbf{B} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\mathbf{B}}{c^2} u^2$$

These follow from CW axioms

$$k = \frac{\mathbf{B}}{c} \sinh \rho \cong \frac{\mathbf{B}}{c^2} u$$

$$E = \text{constant} + \frac{1}{2} M u^2$$

(Newton's energy)

$$p = M u$$

(Galileo's momentum)

So 2-CW-light frequency  $\omega$  is like energy  $E$  while  $k$ -number is like momentum  $p$ , implies Planck's  $E = s \cdot \omega$  scaling with factors:  $s = \hbar = s$  equal to DeBroglie's  $p = s \cdot k$ .

$$E = s \omega = s \mathbf{B} \cosh \rho \cong s \mathbf{B} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{s \mathbf{B}}{c^2} u^2$$

$$p = s k = \frac{s \mathbf{B}}{c} \sinh \rho \cong \frac{s \mathbf{B}}{c^2} u$$

Both relations imply:  $M = \frac{s \mathbf{B}}{c^2}$  giving a (famous) rest energy constant:  $s \mathbf{B} = M c^2$

This then gives the famous Einstein energy  $E$  and also the Einstein momentum  $p$

$$E = s \omega = M c^2 \cosh \rho \cong M c^2 + \frac{1}{2} M u^2$$

$$p = s k = M c \sinh \rho \cong M u$$

$$= \frac{M c^2}{\sqrt{1 - u^2/c^2}}$$

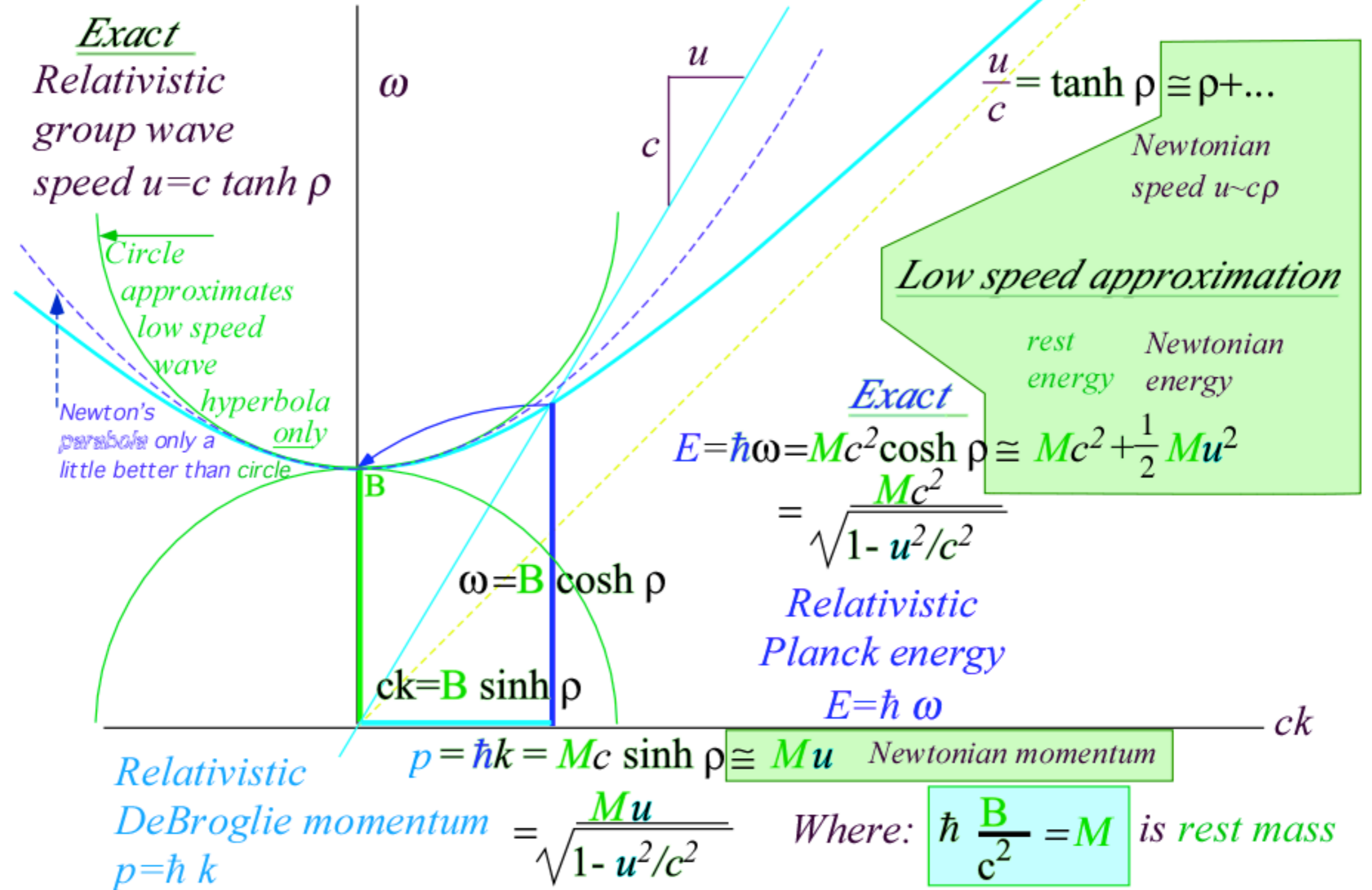
$$= \frac{M u}{\sqrt{1 - u^2/c^2}}$$

Rest energy ( $u=0$ ):  $\hbar \mathbf{B} = M c^2$

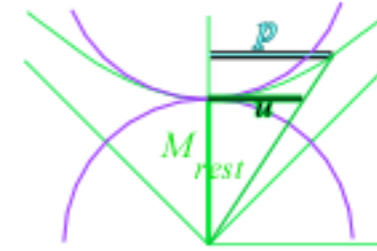
Rest momentum ( $u=0$ ):  $p=0$

Scale factors determined by experiment  
Planck's constant  
 $s = \hbar = 1.054572 \cdot 10^{-34} \text{ Joule} \cdot \text{s}$   
 $h = 6.626069 \cdot 10^{-34} \text{ J} \cdot \text{s} = 2\pi \hbar$

Summary of geometry  $\omega$ -vs- $ck$  or  $E$ -vs- $cp$  relations with velocity  $u$  or rapidity  $\rho$



# What's the Matter With Light? *Three definitions of optical mass*



1. Rest mass  $M_N = h\nu_N/c^2$  based on Planck's law  $E = h\nu_N = Nh\nu_1$

$$\text{Rest mass: } M_{rest} = E/c^2 = h\nu_N/c^2 \quad (\text{Is invariant})$$

2. Momentum mass is defined by Galileo's old formula  $p = Mu$  with newer forms for momentum  $p = M_{rest} u \cosh \rho$   $\rho = M_{rest} u / (1 - u^2/c^2)^{1/2}$  and group velocity  $u = d\omega/dk$ . It is the ratio  $p/u$  of momentum to velocity.

$$\text{Momentum mass: } M_{momentum} = p/u = M_{rest} \cosh \rho \quad (\text{Not invariant})$$

$$= M_{rest} / (1 - u^2/c^2)^{1/2}$$

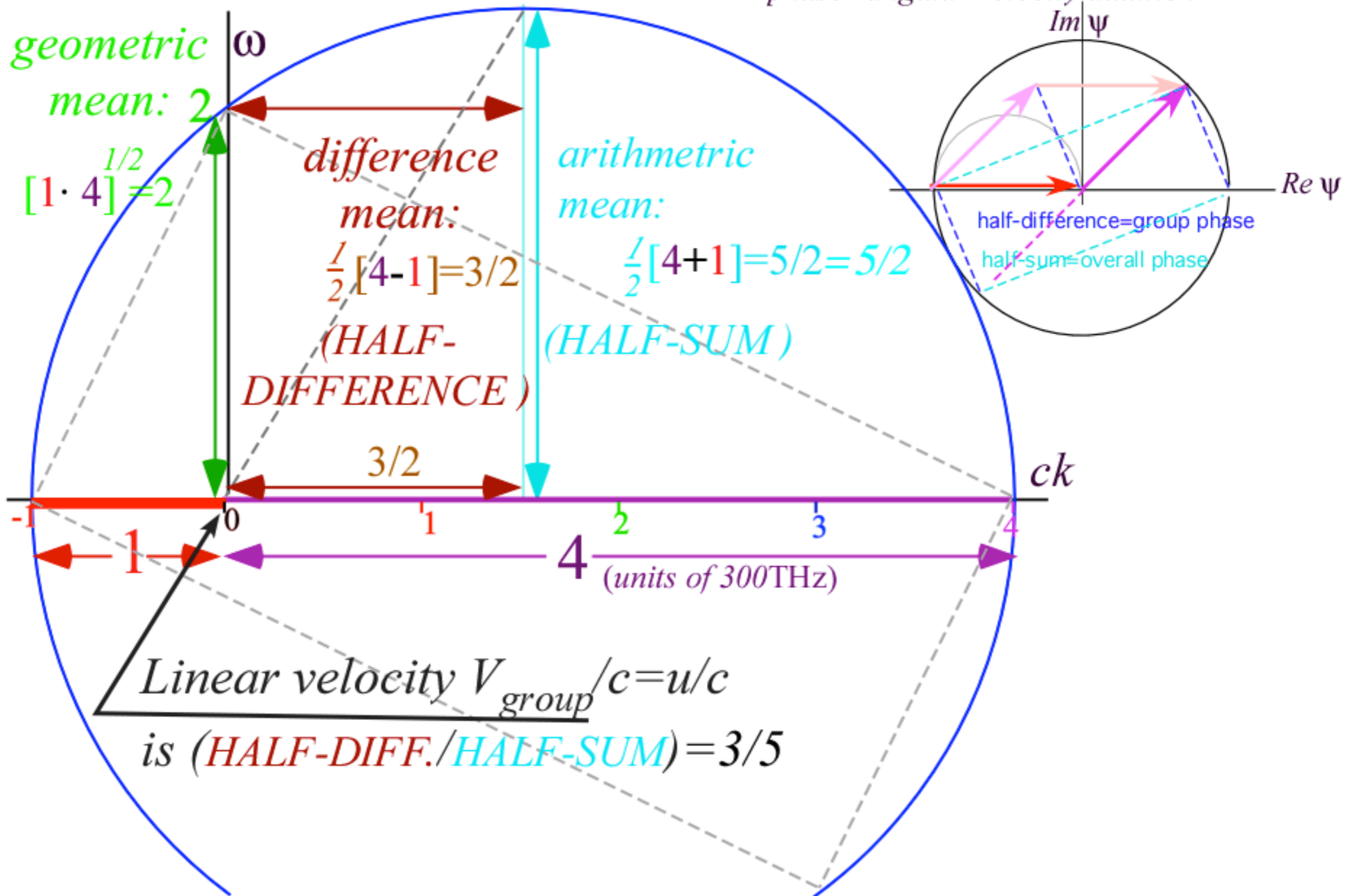
3. Effective mass is defined by Newton's old formula  $F = Ma$  with newer forms for  $F = dp/dt = \hbar dk/dt$  and  $a = du/dt =$  to give  $F/a = (\hbar dk/dt)(dt/du) = \hbar dk/du = \hbar/(du/dk)$ . It is the ratio  $F/a$  of change of momentum to the change of velocity,

$$\text{Effective mass: } M_{effective} = \hbar/(du/dk) = \hbar/(d^2\omega/dk^2) \quad (\text{Not invariant})$$

$$= M_{rest} \cosh^3 \rho = M_{rest} / (1 - u^2/c^2)^{3/2}$$

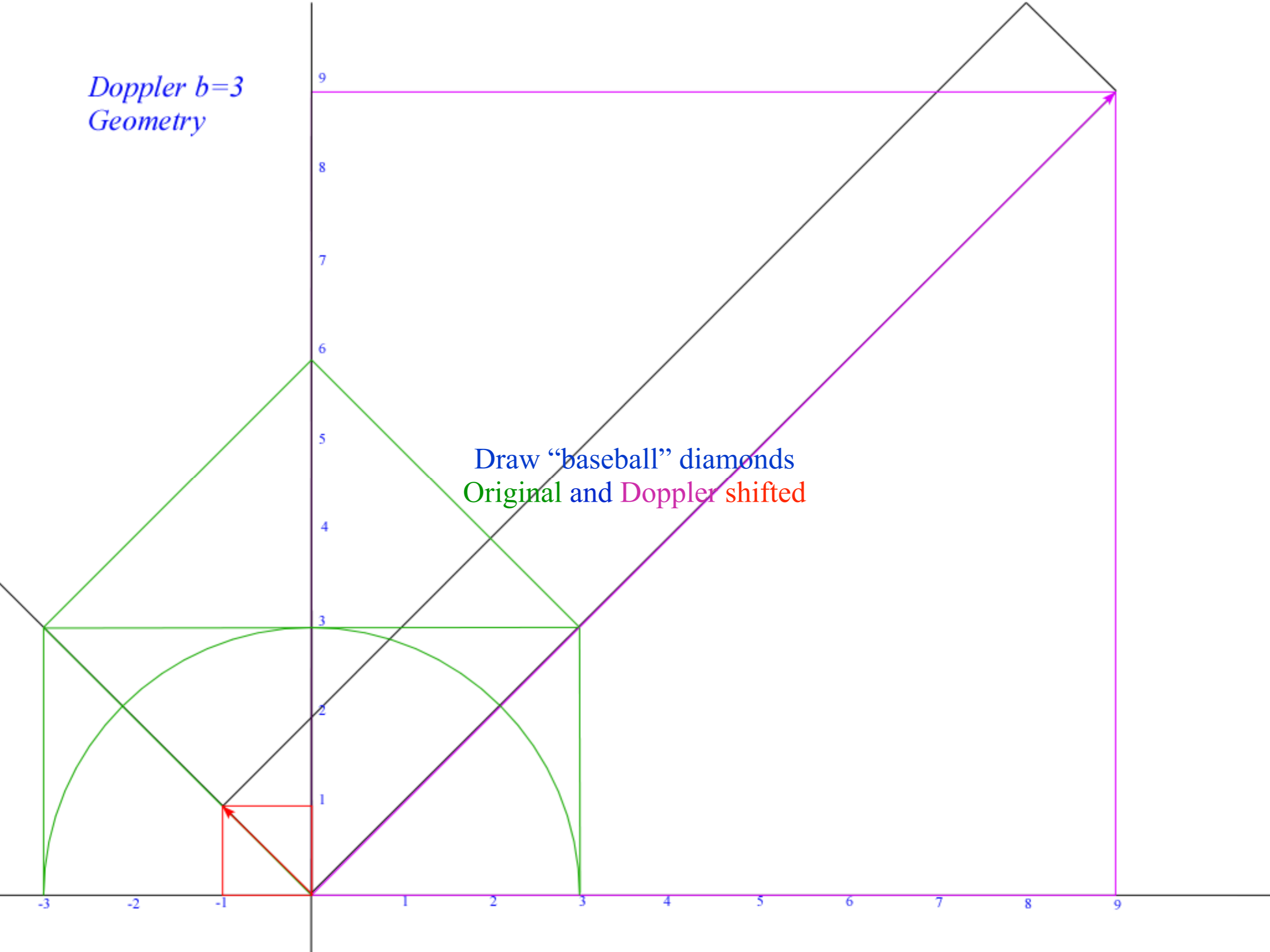
*Euclid's 3-means (300 BC)*  
 Geometric "heart" of wave mechanics

*Thales (580BC) rectangle-in-circle*  
 Relates to wave interference by (Galilean)  
 phasor angular velocity addition



*Summary:  
Step-by-Step  
Development of wave geometry  
 $u/c=4/5$*

*Doppler  $b=3$   
Geometry*













Note: Stellar Aberration Angle  $\phi$  is a 3-Space object that arises naturally in wave geometry

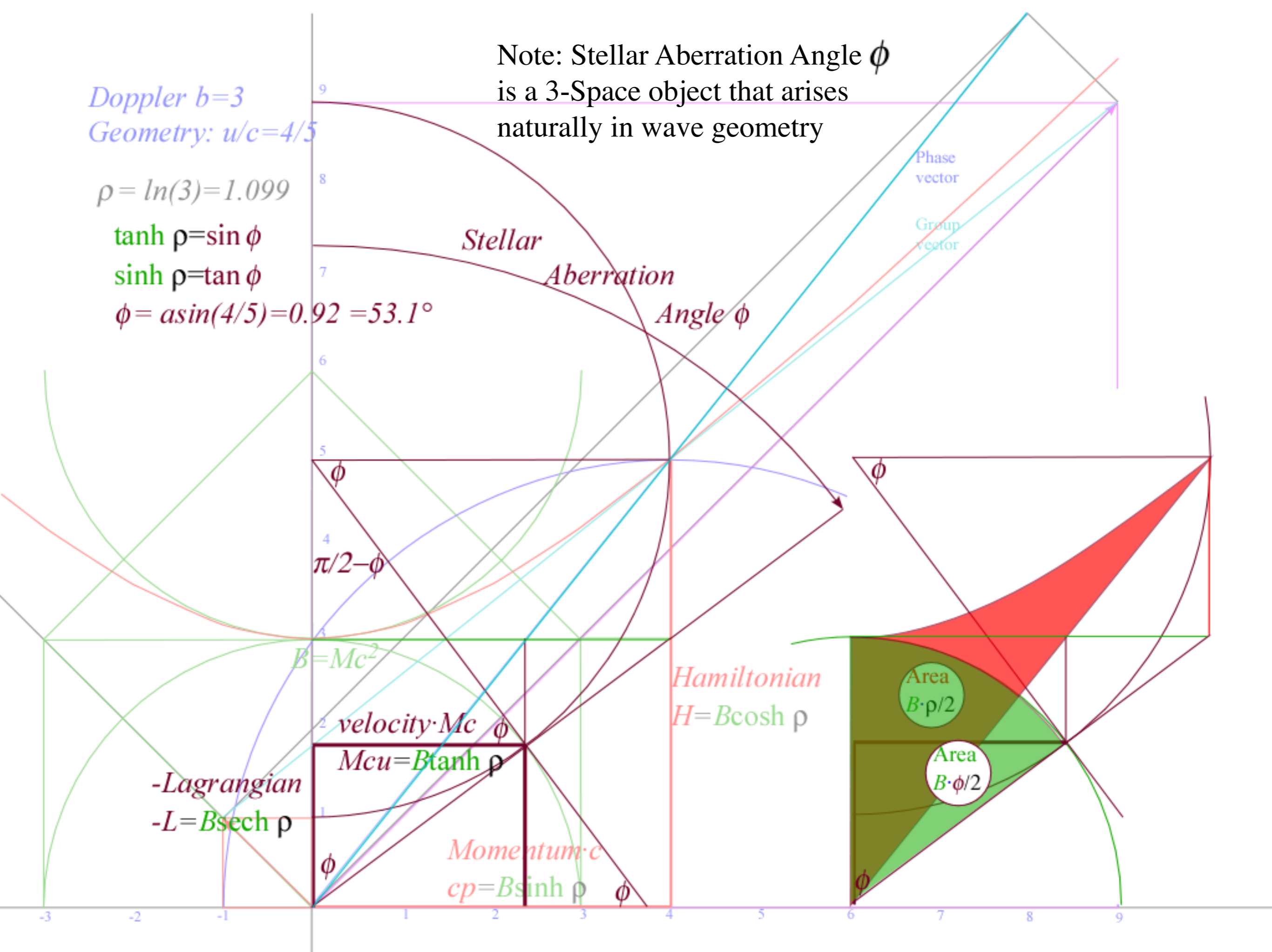
Doppler  $b=3$   
Geometry:  $u/c=4/5$

$$\rho = \ln(3) = 1.099$$

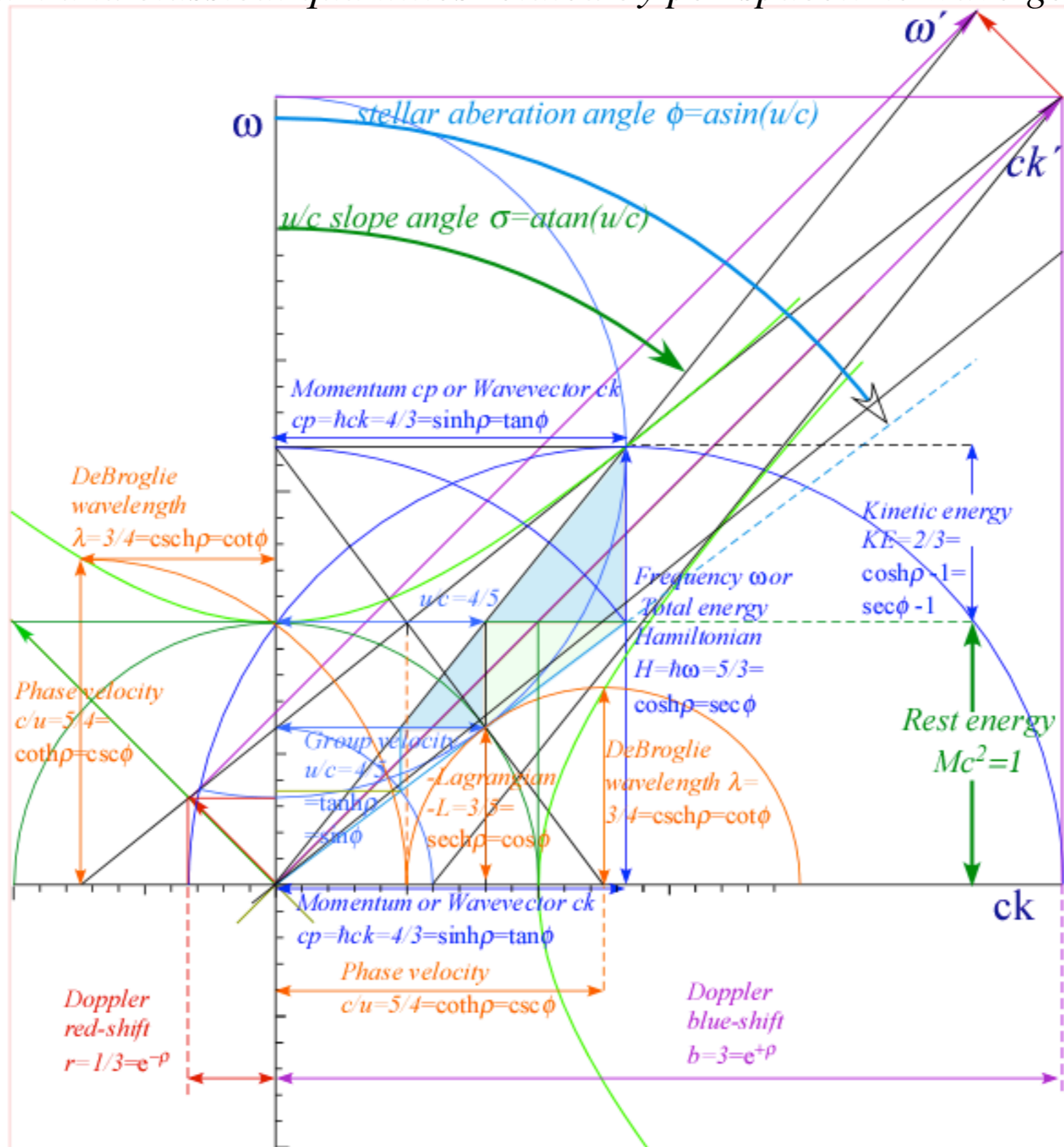
$$\tanh \rho = \sin \phi$$

$$\sinh \rho = \tan \phi$$

$$\phi = \arcsin(4/5) = 0.92 = 53.1^\circ$$



Key quantum and classical quantities related by per-spacetime wave geometry



*These quantum and classical relations include*  
*Poincare invariant action*  
*Legendre contact H-to-L transformation*

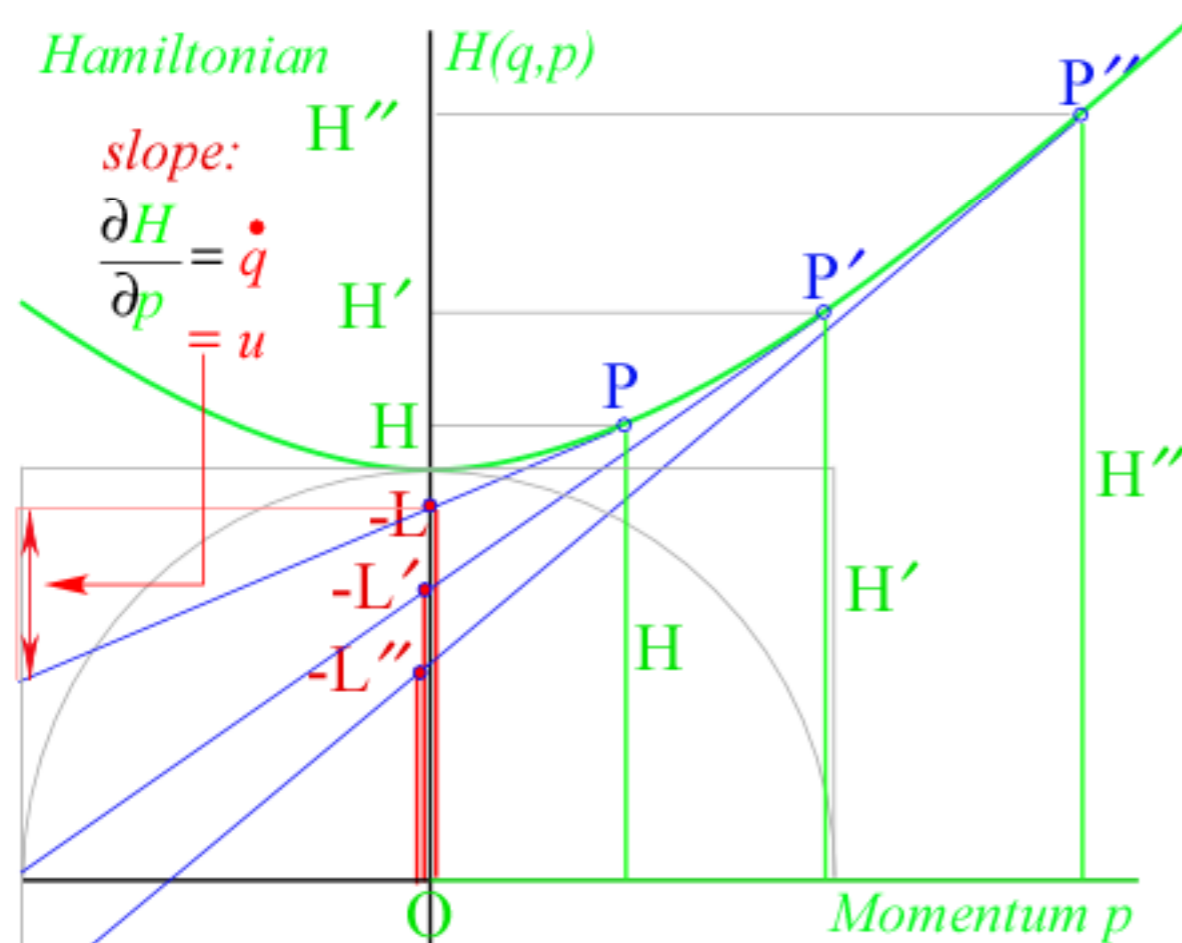
*(These relate quantum and classical mechanics)*

*Poincare Invariant Action*  $dS=Ldt=p dq-H dt=\hbar d\Phi$  (phase)

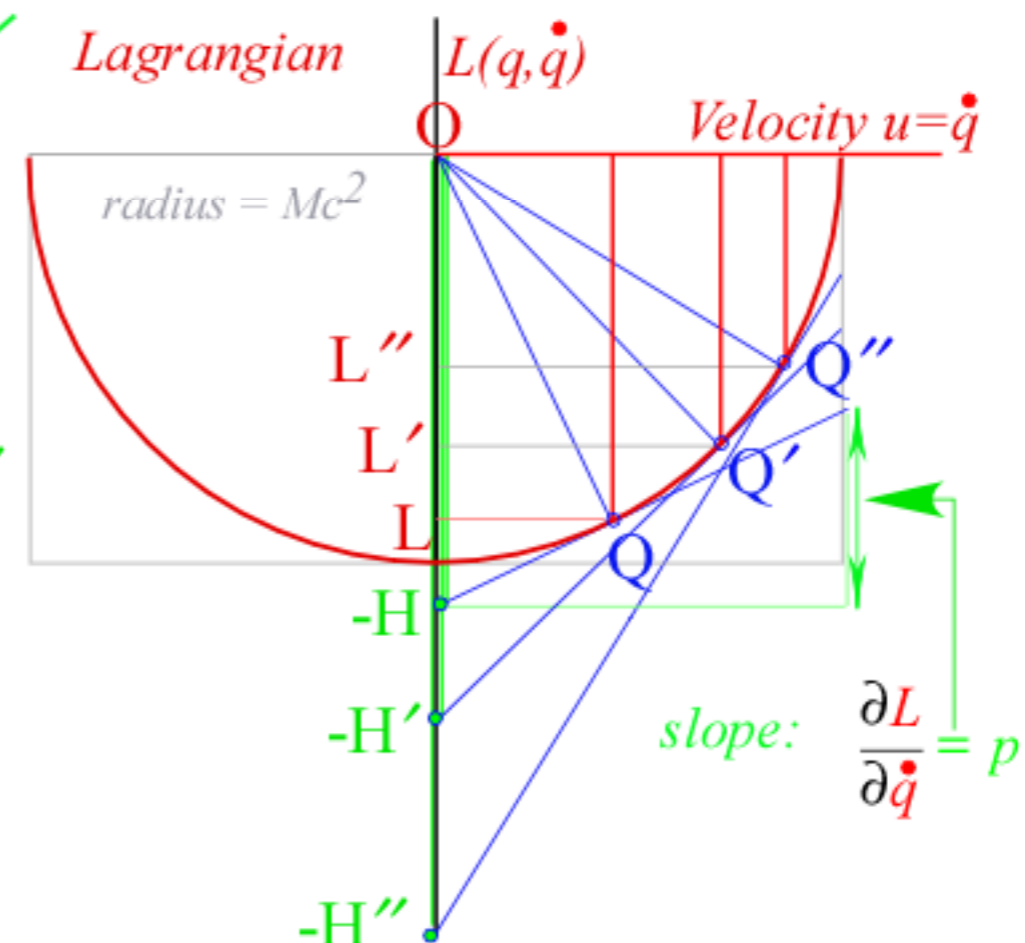
*Hamiltonian*  $H(p,q)=p\dot{q}-L$  vs. *Lagrangian*  $L(\dot{q},q)=p\dot{q}-H$

*Contact transformation: (slope, -intercept) of H (or L) tangent determines the (X, Y coordinates) of L (or H).*

(Also, called a *Legendre contact transformation* which is a special case of a *Huygens transformation* that uses contacting tangent *curves* instead of *lines*.)



Here *slope* is group velocity  $u=\dot{q}$   
Y-coordinate is *energy*  $H=\hbar\omega$

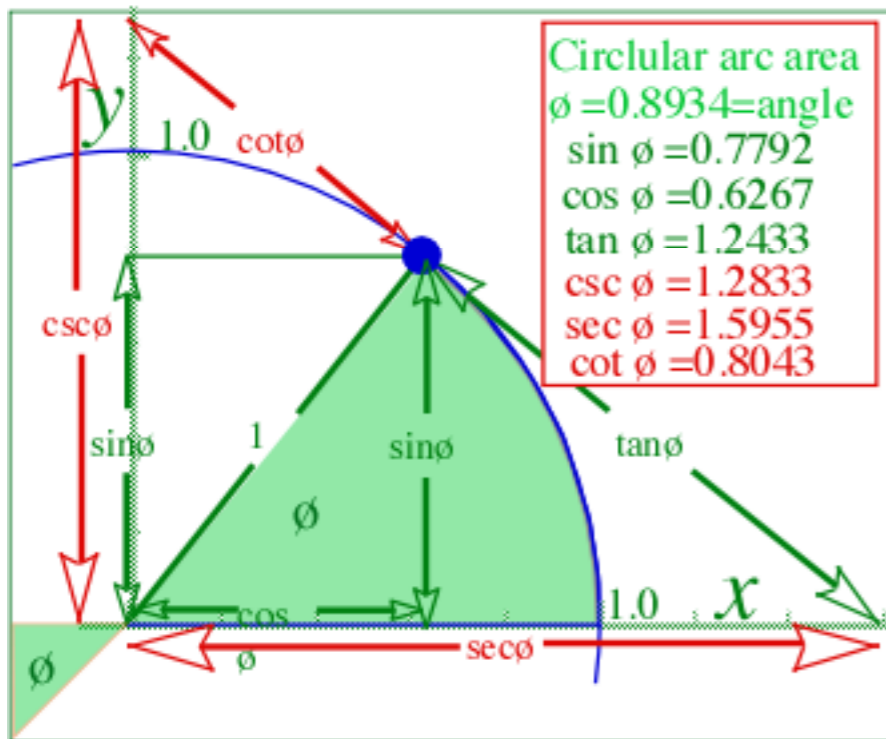


Here *slope* is momentum  $p$   
Y-coordinate is *phase rate*  $L=\hbar\dot{\Phi}$

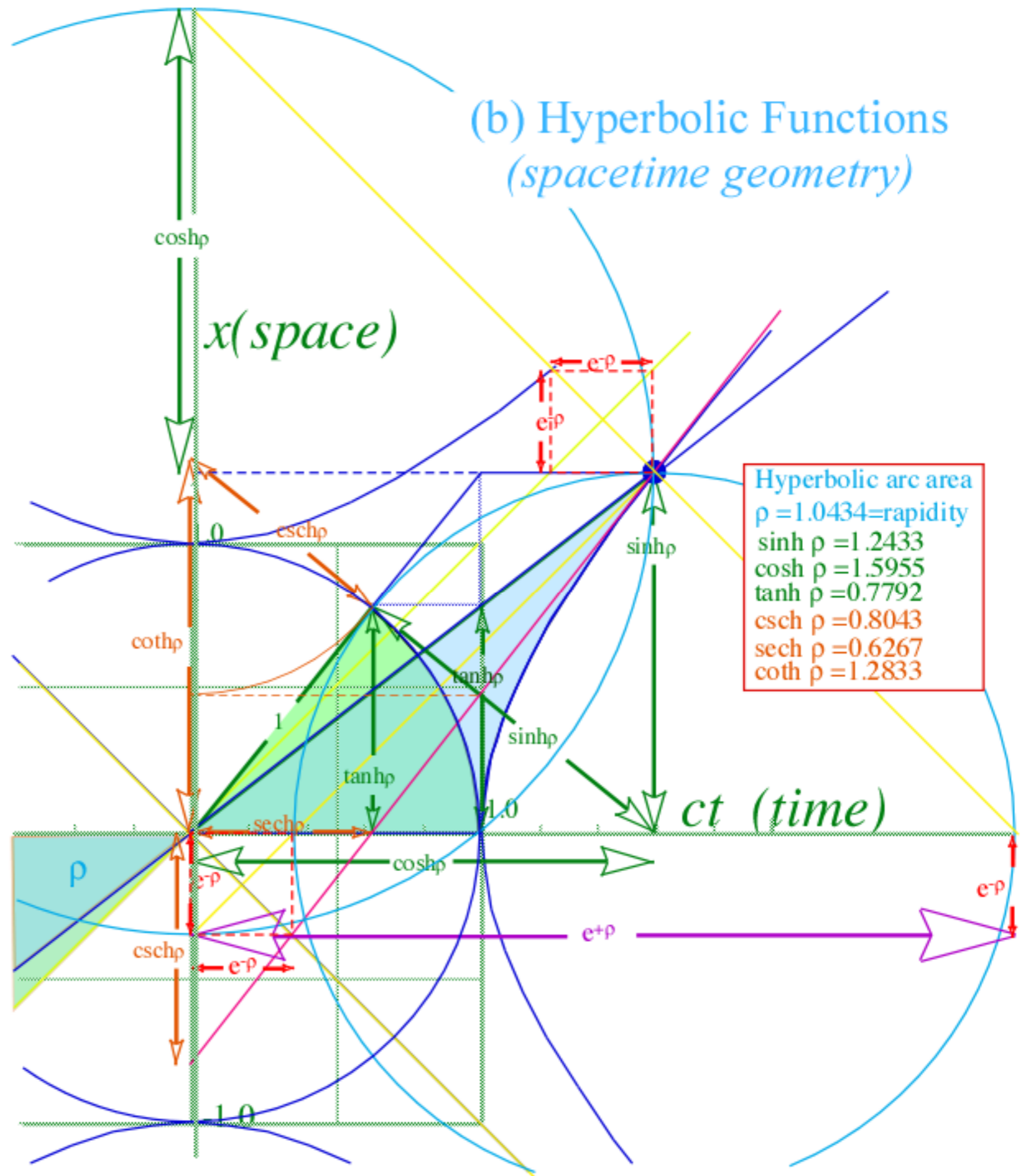
*Underlying per-spacetime wave geometry  
are the ancient relations between circle and hyperbola*



(a) Circular Functions  
(plane geometry)



(b) Hyperbolic Functions  
(spacetime geometry)



*Wave frames of **varying** acceleration*

*Optical Einstein elevator, photon rockets, Compton acceleration*

# Wave frames of *varying* acceleration

Varying local acceleration  $\rho = \rho(\tau)$

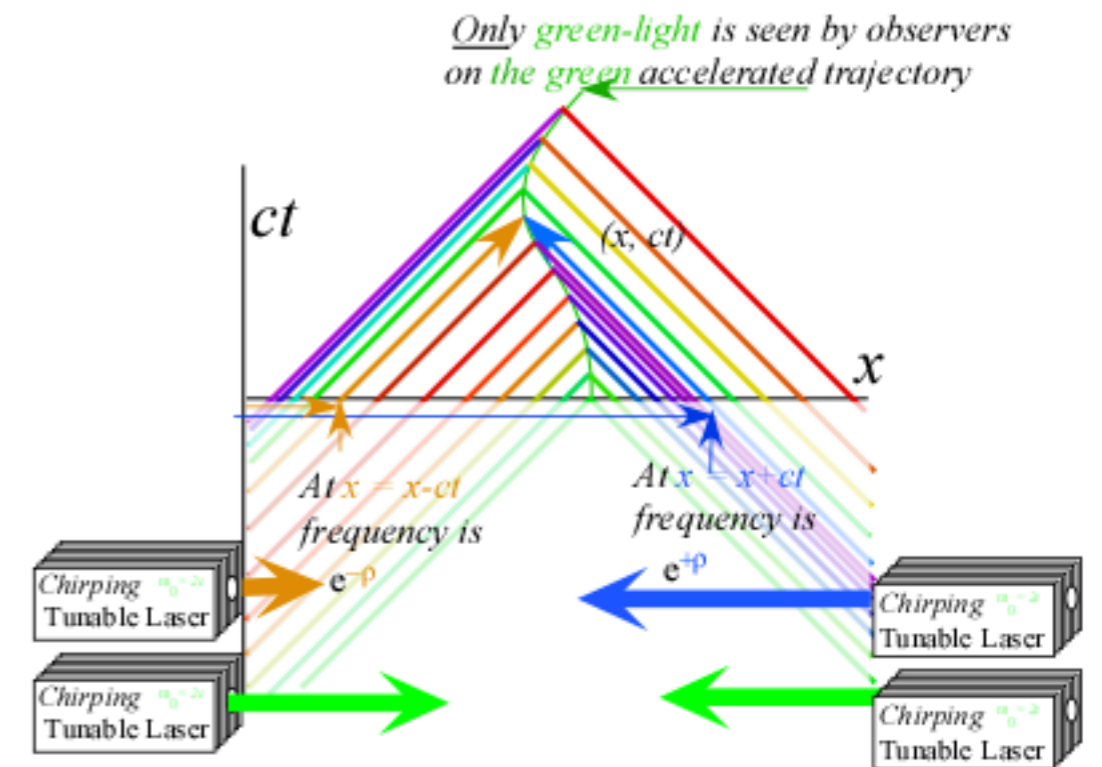
$$u = \frac{dx}{dt} = c \tanh(\tau)$$

$$\frac{dt}{d\tau} = \cosh \rho(\tau)$$

$$\frac{dx}{d\tau} = \frac{dx}{dt} \frac{dt}{d\tau} = c \tanh \rho(\tau) \cosh \rho(\tau) = c \sinh \rho(\tau)$$

$$ct = c \int \cosh \rho(\tau) d\tau$$

$$x = c \int \sinh \rho(\tau) d\tau$$

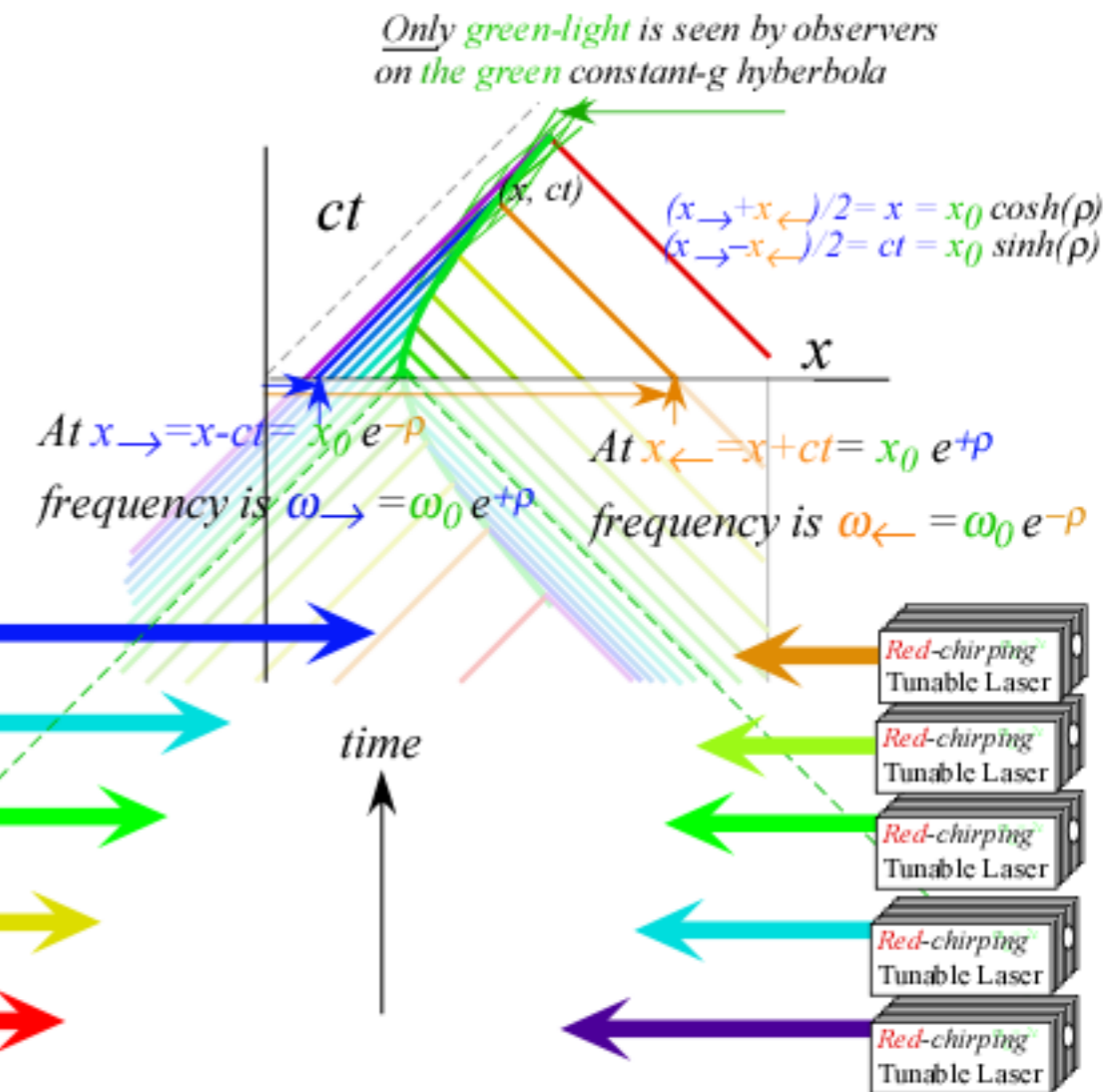


# Wave frames of *constant* acceleration

Constant local acceleration  $\rho = \frac{g\tau}{c}$  "Einstein Elevator"

$$ct = c \int \cosh \frac{g\tau}{c} d\tau = \frac{c^2}{g} \sinh \frac{g\tau}{c}$$

$$x = c \int \sinh \frac{g\tau}{c} d\tau = \frac{c^2}{g} \cosh \frac{g\tau}{c}$$

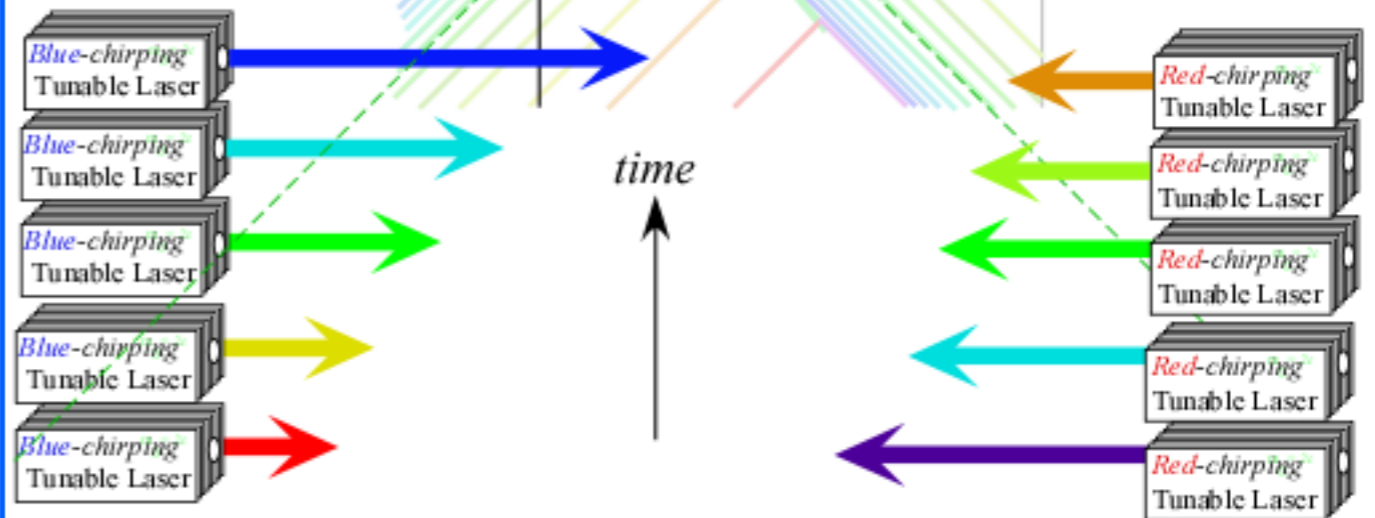
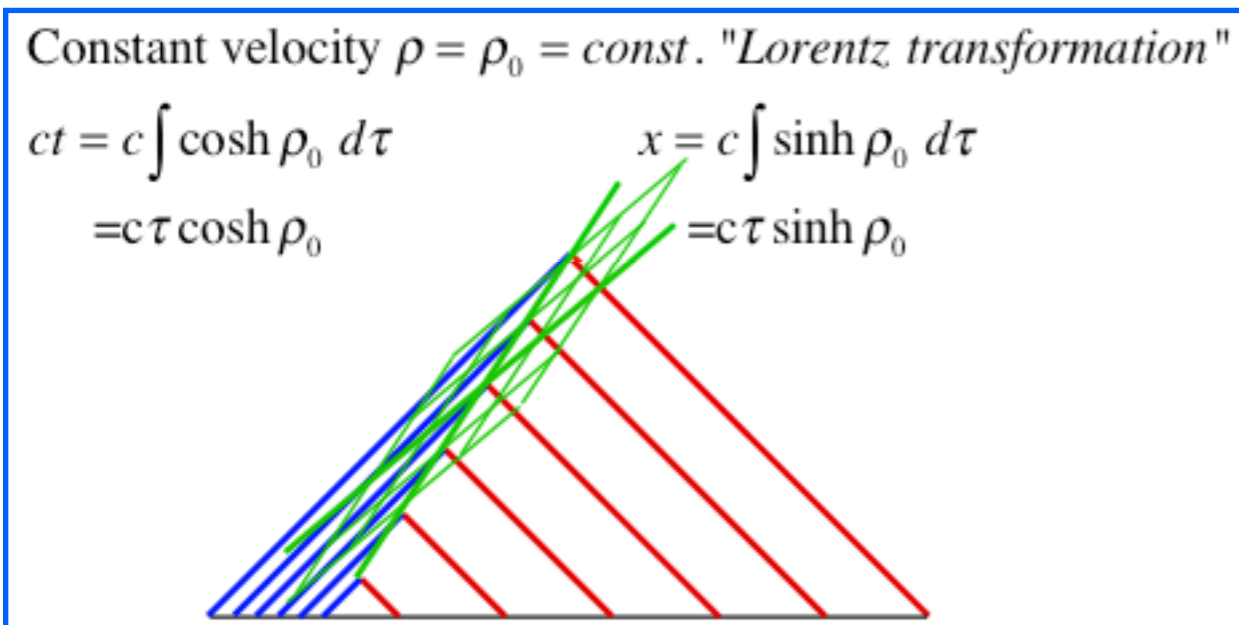


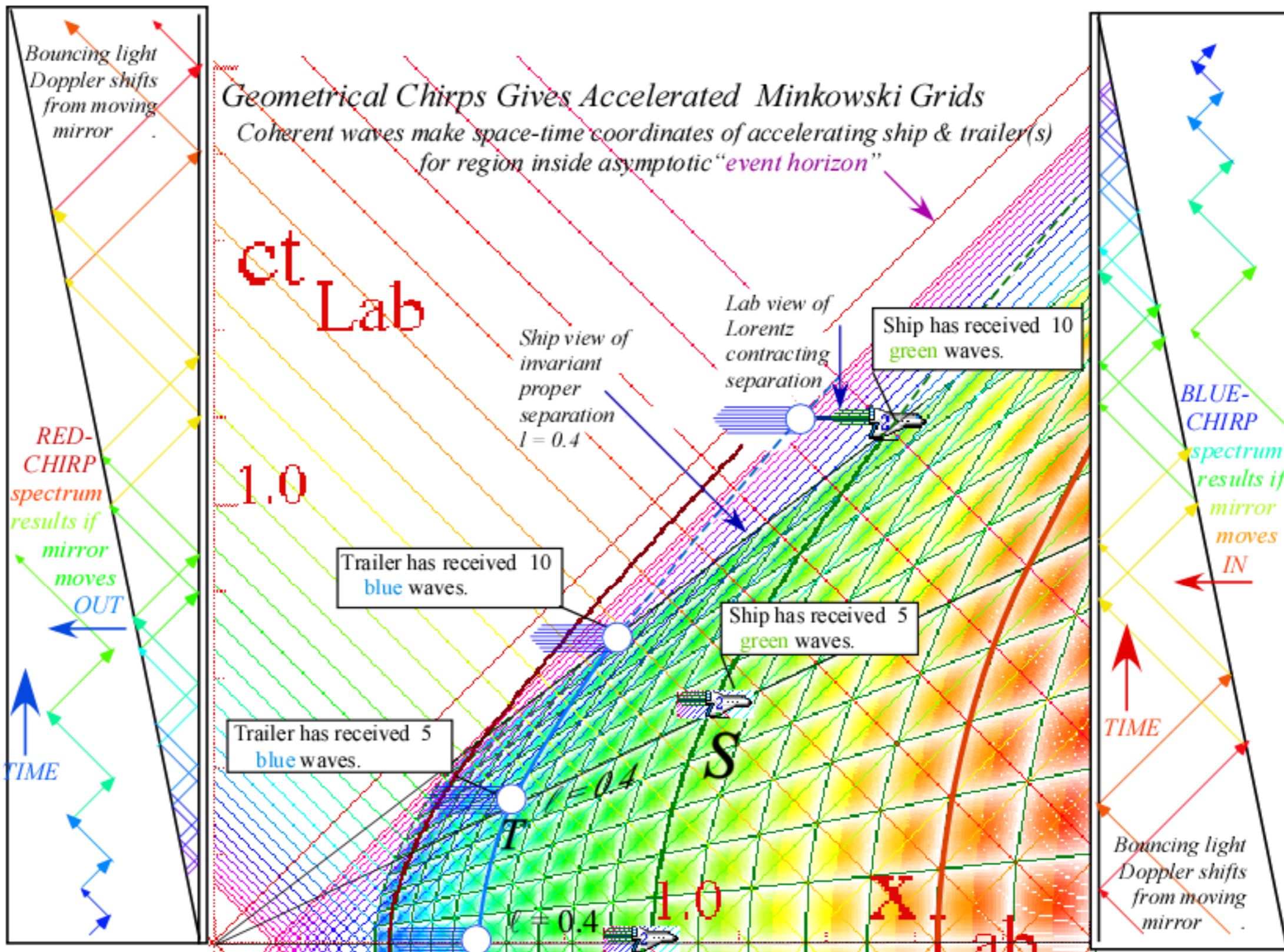
# Wave frames of *constant* velocity

Constant velocity  $\rho = \rho_0 = \text{const.}$  "Lorentz transformation"

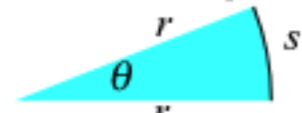
$$ct = c \int \cosh \rho_0 d\tau = c\tau \cosh \rho_0$$

$$x = c \int \sinh \rho_0 d\tau = c\tau \sinh \rho_0$$





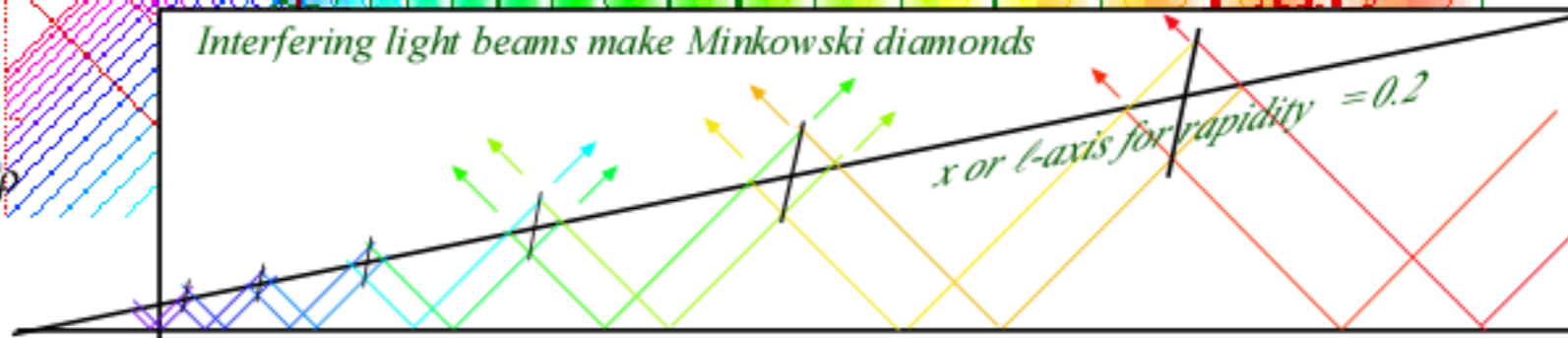
Circular rotation: arc-length  $s=r\theta$



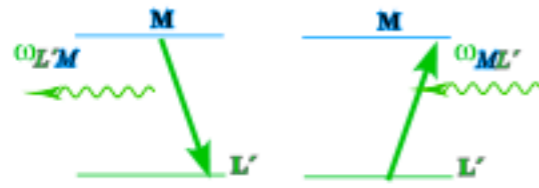
Hyperbolic rotation: proper time  $\tau=l\rho$



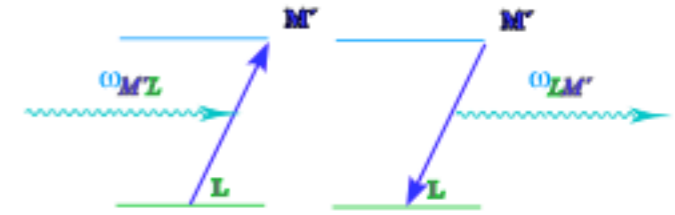
Interfering light beams make Minkowski diamonds



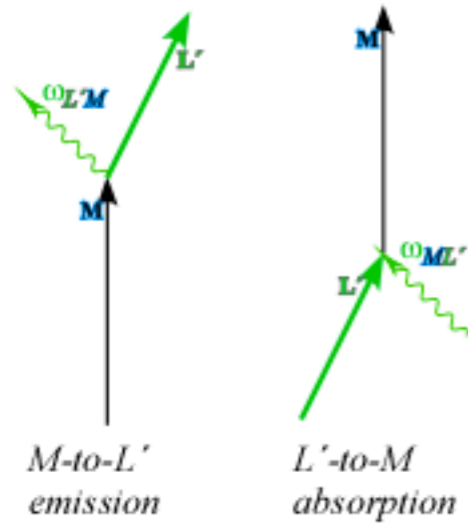
# Wave geometry of 1-photon transitions and Compton recoil



Grotian 2-level diagrams

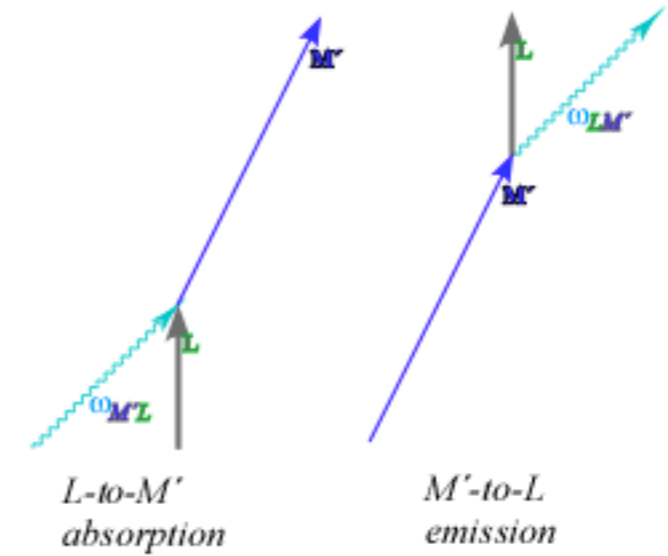


Feynman ( $\omega, ck$ ) diagrams  
(1-photon)



M-to-L'  
emission

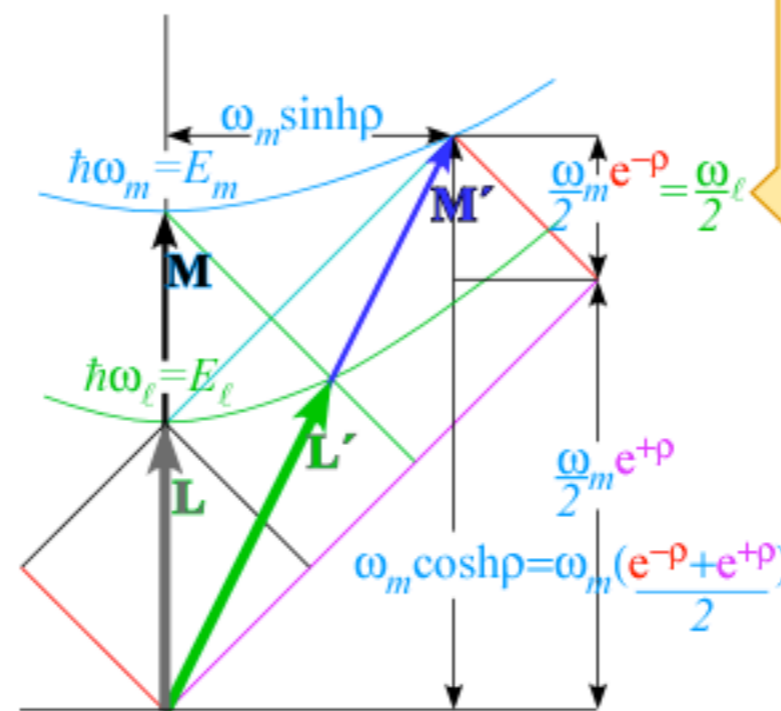
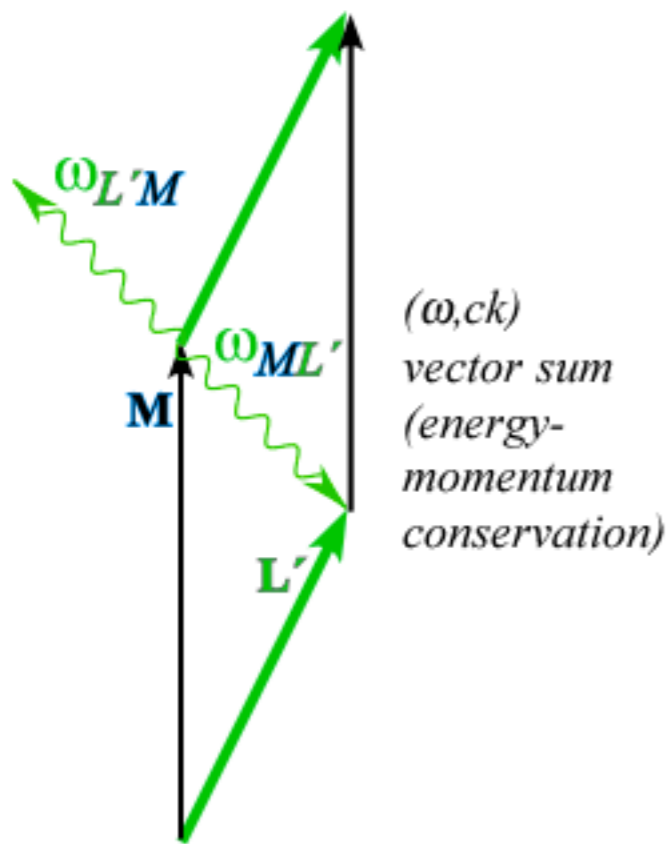
L'-to-M  
absorption



L-to-M'  
absorption

M'-to-L  
emission

2-Level ( $\omega, ck$ ) "baseball" diamonds



Key recoil relations:

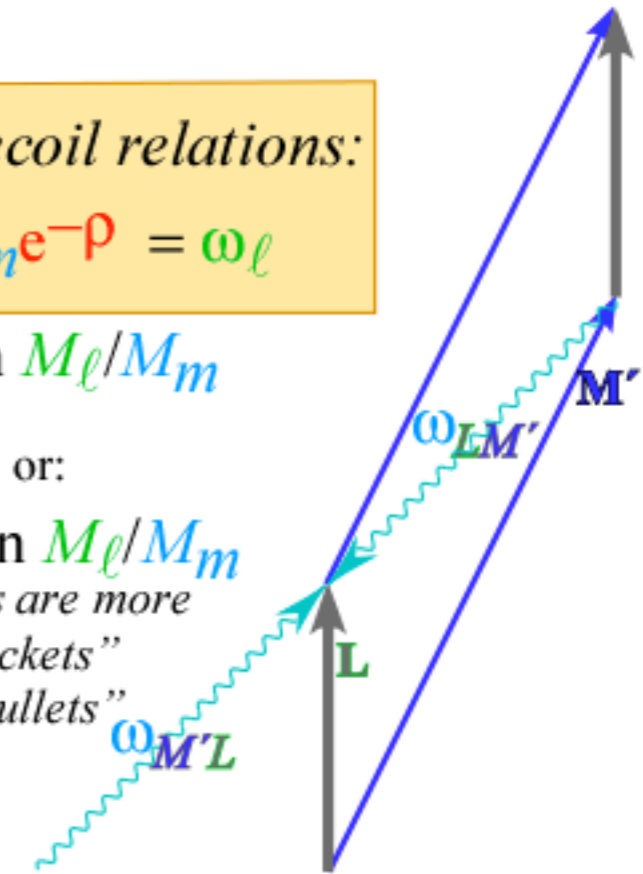
$$\omega_m e^{-\rho} = \omega_\ell$$

$$\rho = \ln M_\ell / M_m$$

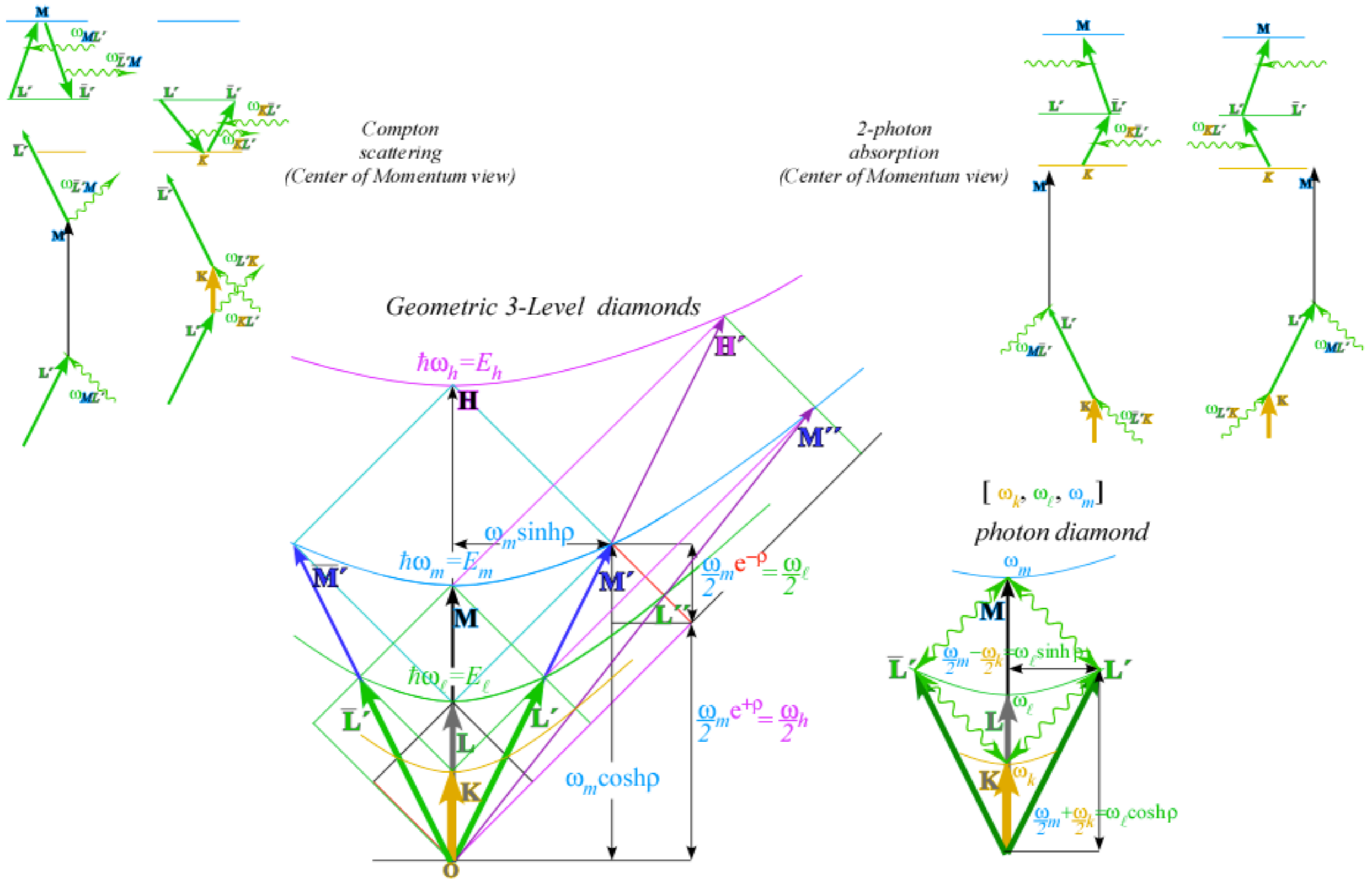
or:

$$u \sim c \ln M_\ell / M_m$$

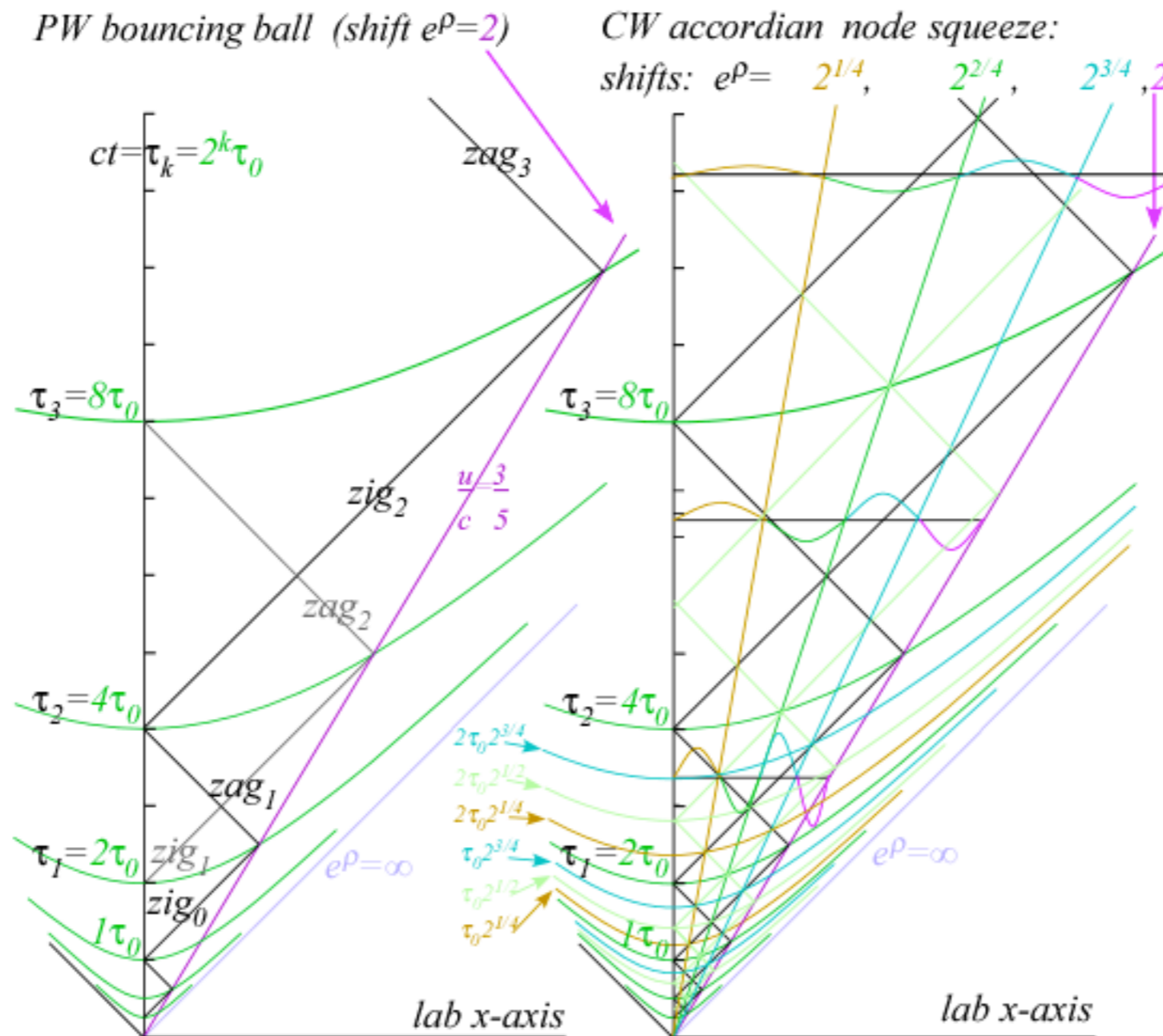
Photons are more like "rockets" than "bullets"



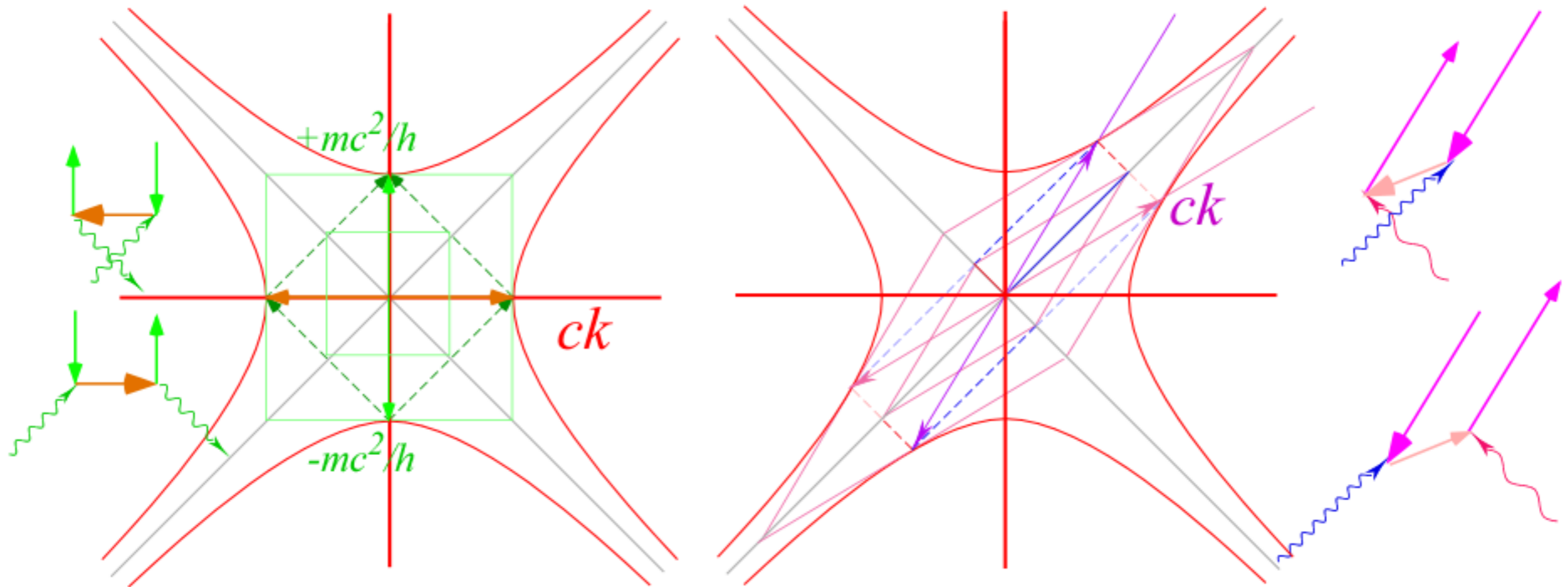
# Wave geometry of 2-photon transitions and Compton scattering



# Spacetime view of Compton acceleration and wave chirp



*Dirac Pair-Production Processes (A BIG mystery)*

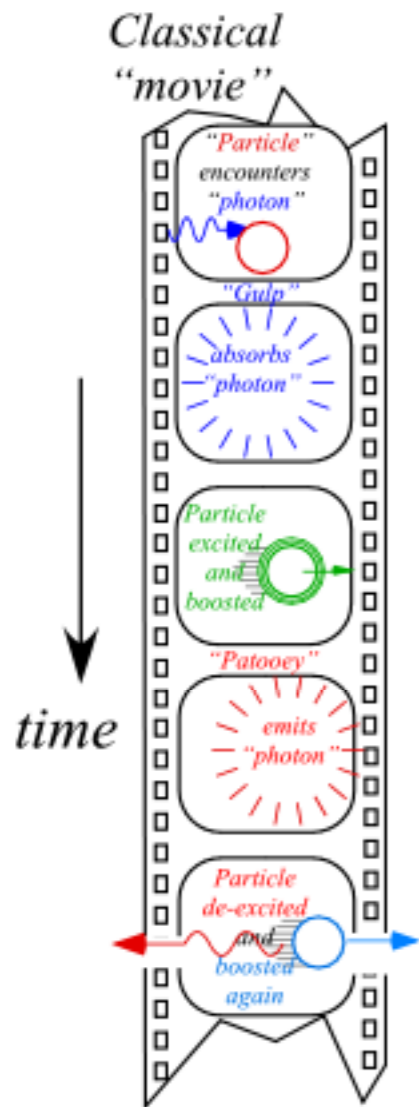


**Conclusion: Wave geometry can simplify and clarify SR and QM  
It's a wavy universe and one should think accordingly.**



# "Quantum Acceleration" in spacetime and per-spacetime

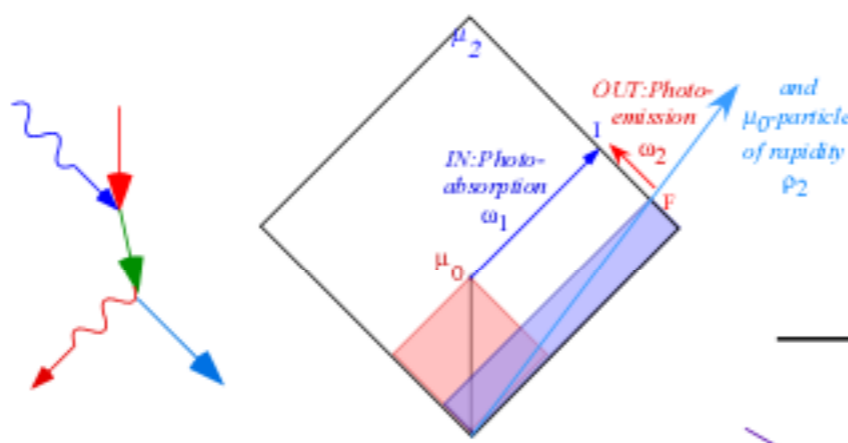
Spacetime:



Per-spacetime:

(a) Elementary Compton process

Feynman diagram



(b) Two Compton processes

