



PROJECT

WAVES & SIMPLE HARMONIC MOTION

“EVERY WAVE, REGARDLESS OF HOW HIGH AND FORCEFUL IT CRESTS, MUST EVENTUALLY COLLAPSE WITHIN ITSELF.”

- STEFAN ZWEIG

What's a Wave?

- * A **wave** is a wiggle in time and space
- * The source of a wave is almost always a vibration
 - * A **vibration** is a wiggle in time
- * So a wave is basically a traveling vibration
 - * BUT carries *energy* from the vibrating source to the receiver; it does NOT transfer matter



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Richter 15

- * The biggest earthquake in recorded history happened in Chile in 1960. It measured 9.5 in the Richter scale.
- * What if a magnitude 15 hit America? 20? 25?



Qualities of a Wave

- * **Period (T)**

- * Time it takes for one back-and-forth cycle
- * In seconds (s)

- * **Wavelength (λ)**

- * Distance between successive identical parts of the wave
- * In meters (m)

- * **Frequency (f)**

- * Number of vibrations in a given time
- * In Hertz (Hz)
- * $f = 1/T$

Qualities of a Wave

- * **Velocity**

- * Speed and direction of the wave

- * In m/s

- * $v = \lambda f$

- * **Crests**

- * Peaks or high point of the wave

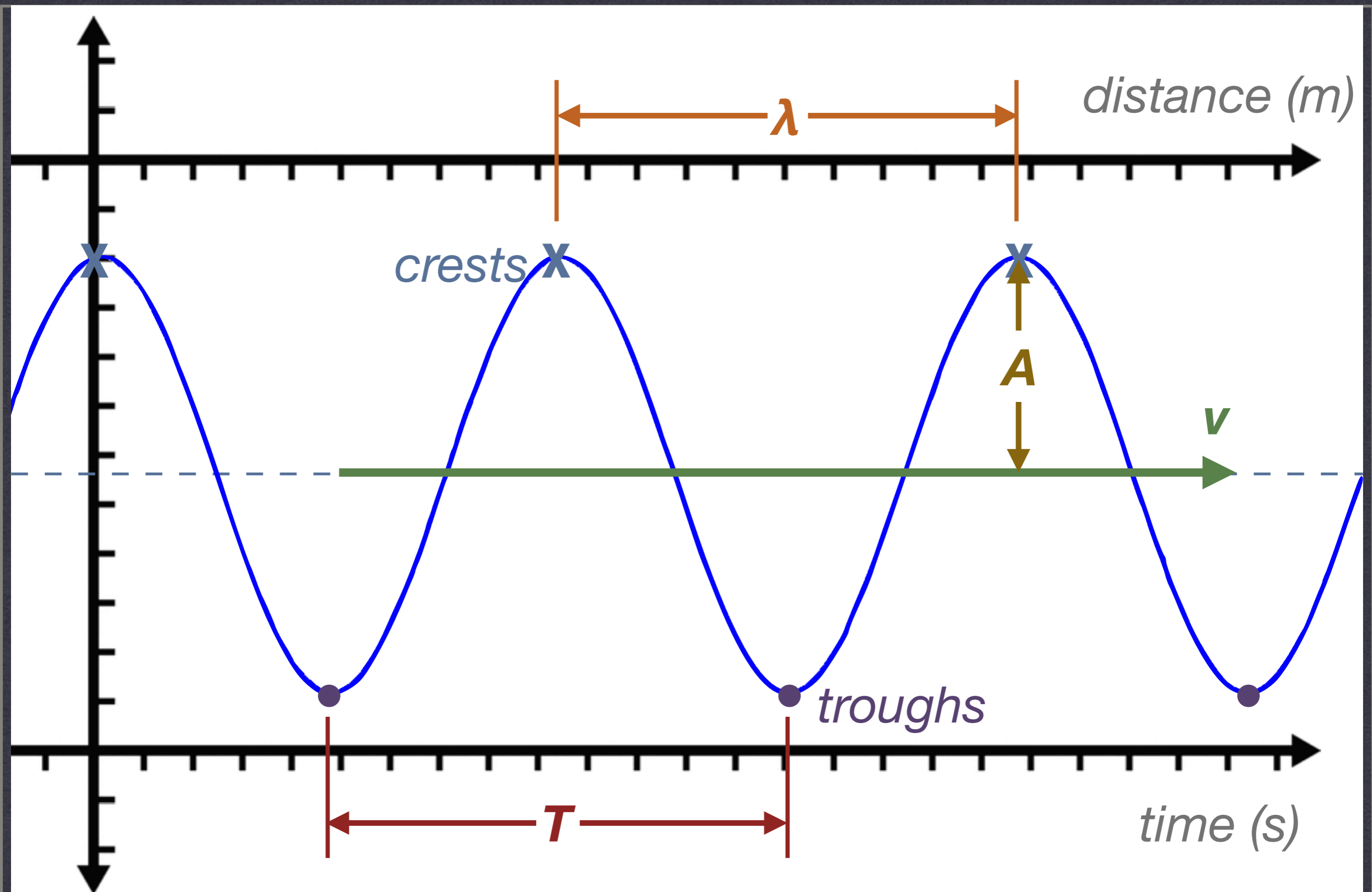
- * **Troughs**

- * Valleys or low points of the wave

- * **Amplitude (A)**

- * Distance from midpoint to crest (or trough)

- * Maximum displacement from equilibrium



QUALITIES OF A WAVE

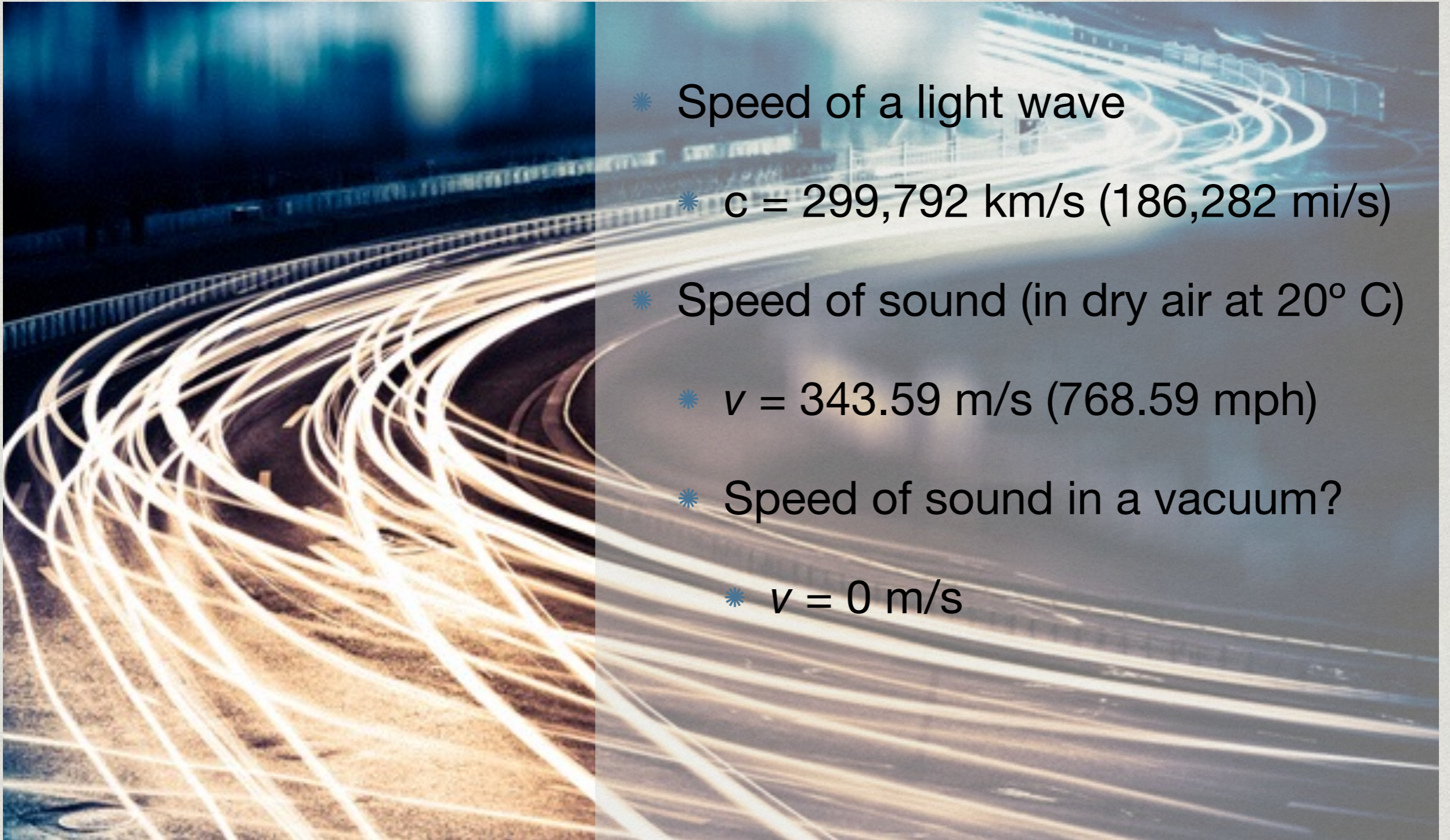
WAVE MOTION

Wave Speed

- * In a freight train, each car is 10 m long. If two cars roll by you every second, how fast is the train moving?
 - * $v = d/t = 2 \times (10 \text{ m}) / (1 \text{ s}) = 20 \text{ m/s}$
- * A wave has a wavelength of 10 m. If the frequency is 2 Hz, how fast is the wave traveling?
 - * $v = \lambda f = (10 \text{ m})(2 \text{ Hz}) = 20 \text{ m/s}$

Wave Speed

- * Speed of a light wave
 - * $c = 299,792 \text{ km/s}$ (186,282 mi/s)
- * Speed of sound (in dry air at 20° C)
 - * $v = 343.59 \text{ m/s}$ (768.59 mph)
- * Speed of sound in a vacuum?
 - * $v = 0 \text{ m/s}$



Types of Waves

- * **Transverse Waves**

- * Motion of the medium is perpendicular to the direction in which the wave travels

- * Examples:

- * Ripples in the water

- * A whip

- * Light

- * Earthquake secondary waves

Types of Waves

- * Longitudinal Waves

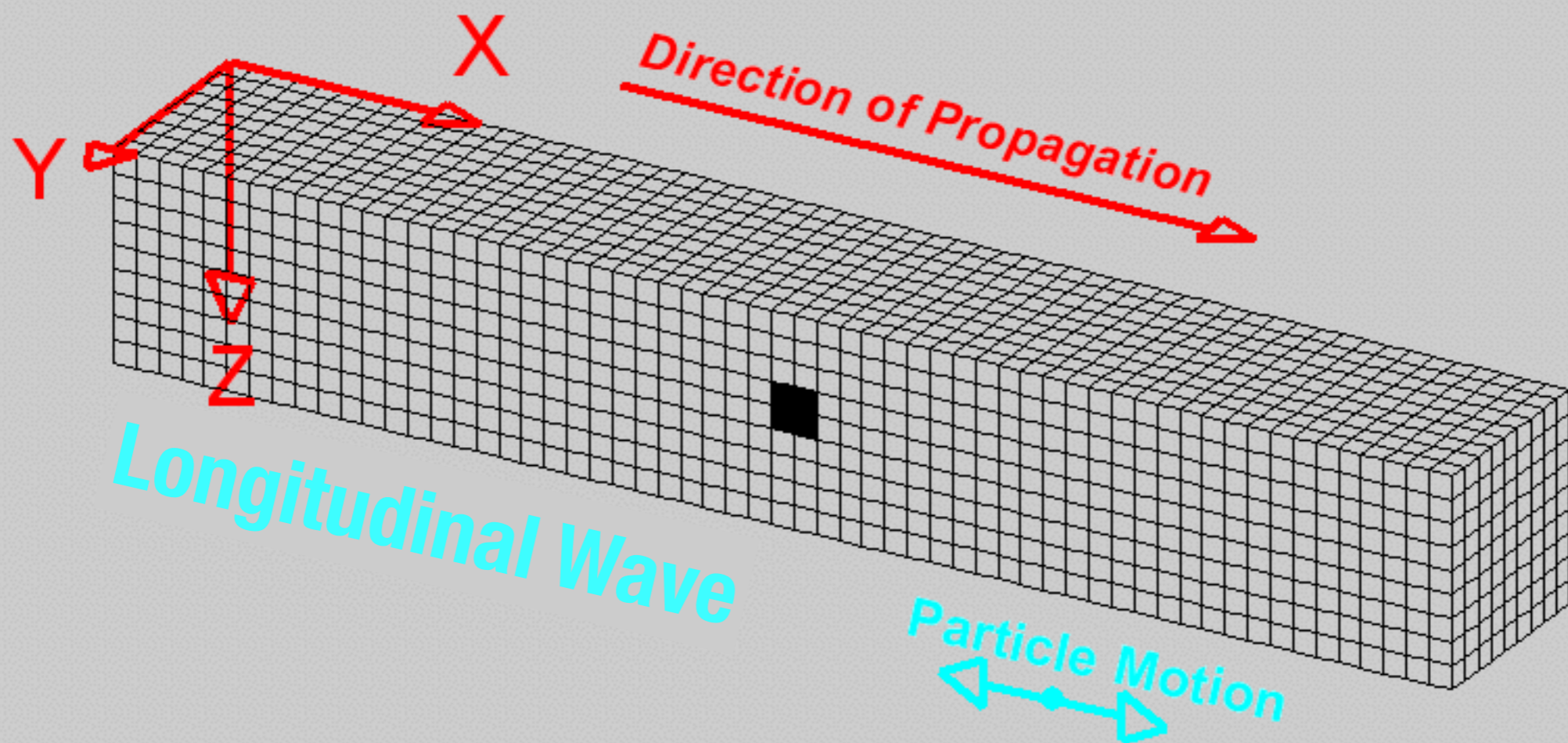
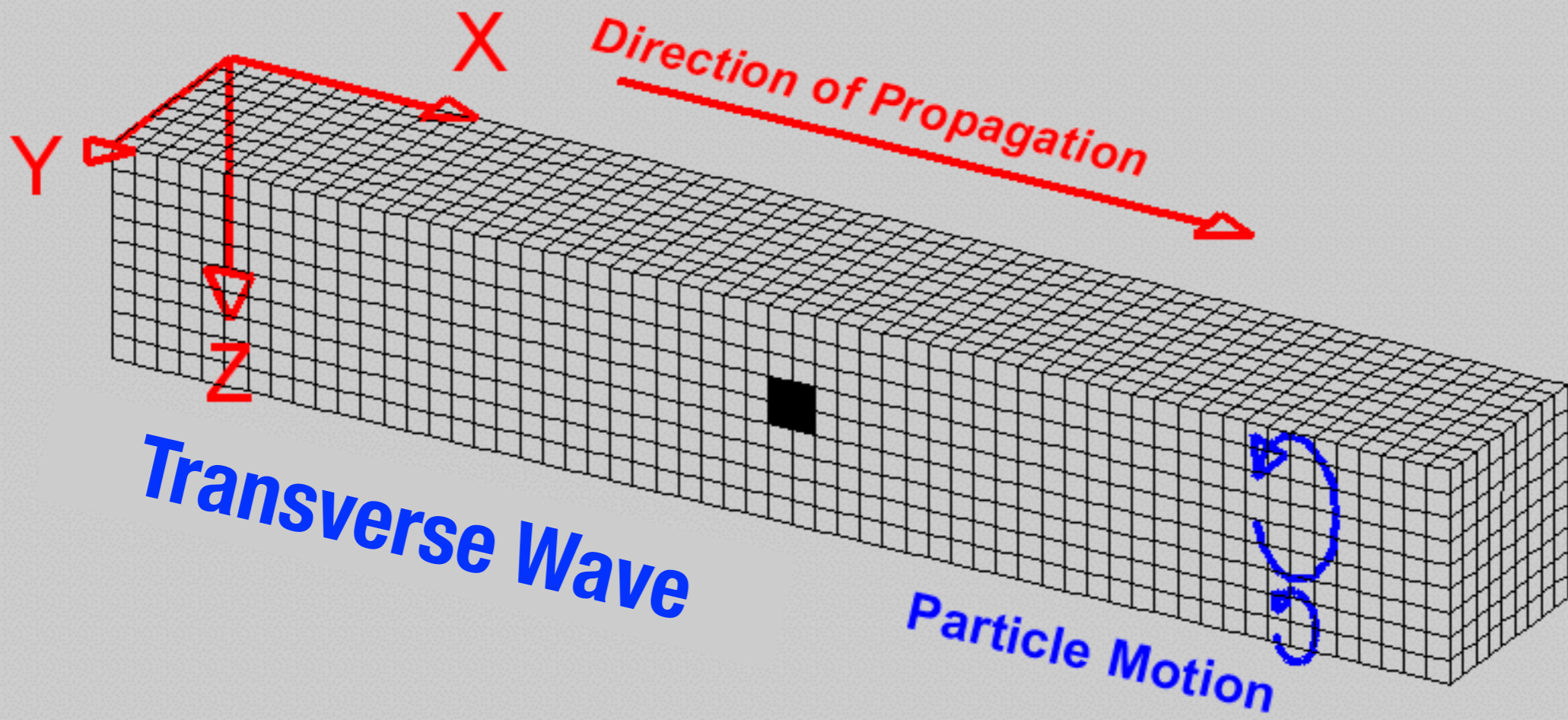
- * Motion of the medium is in the same direction as in which the wave travels

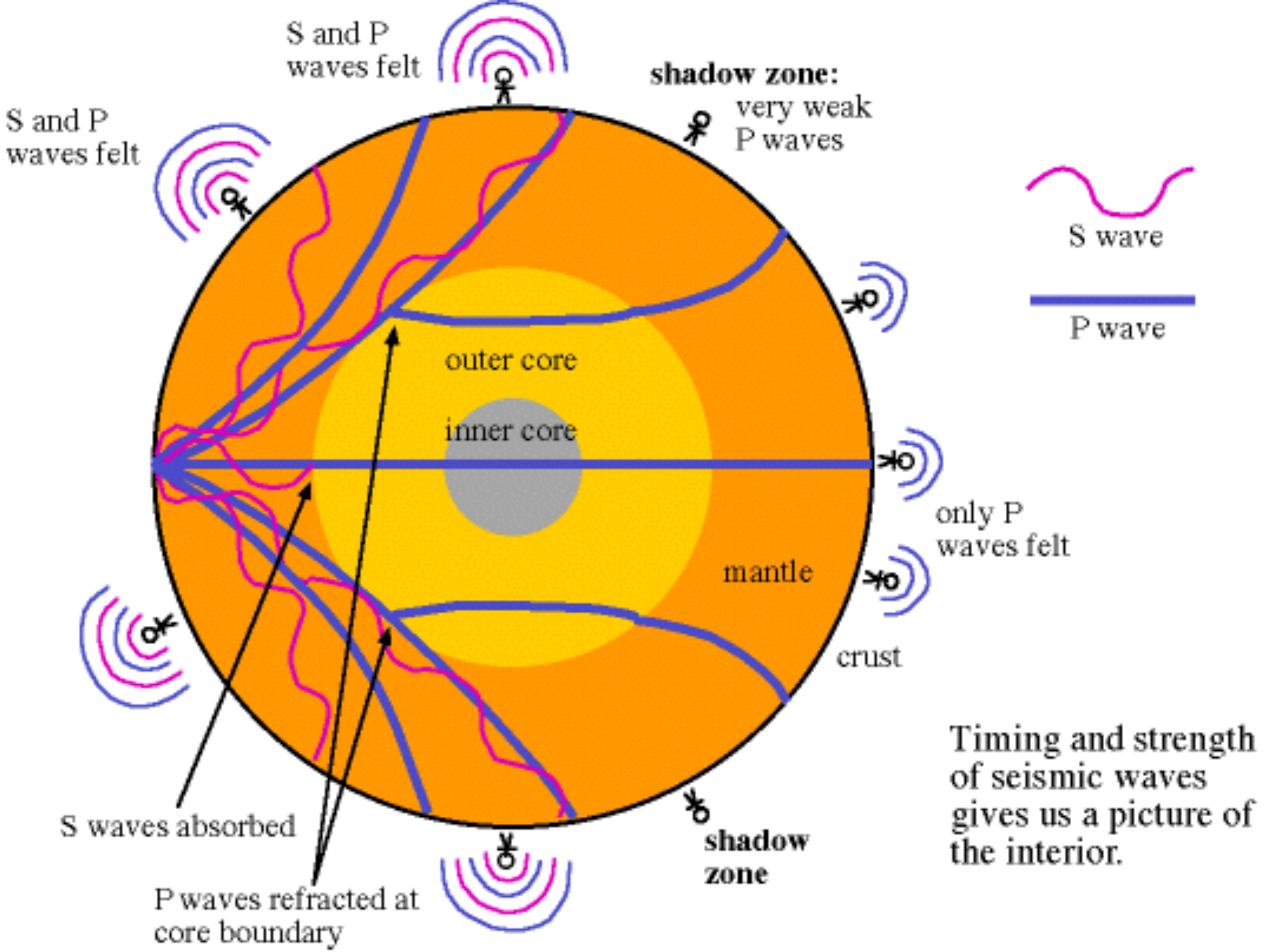
- * Also called *compression waves*

- * Examples:

- * Earthquake primary waves

- * Sound





Interference

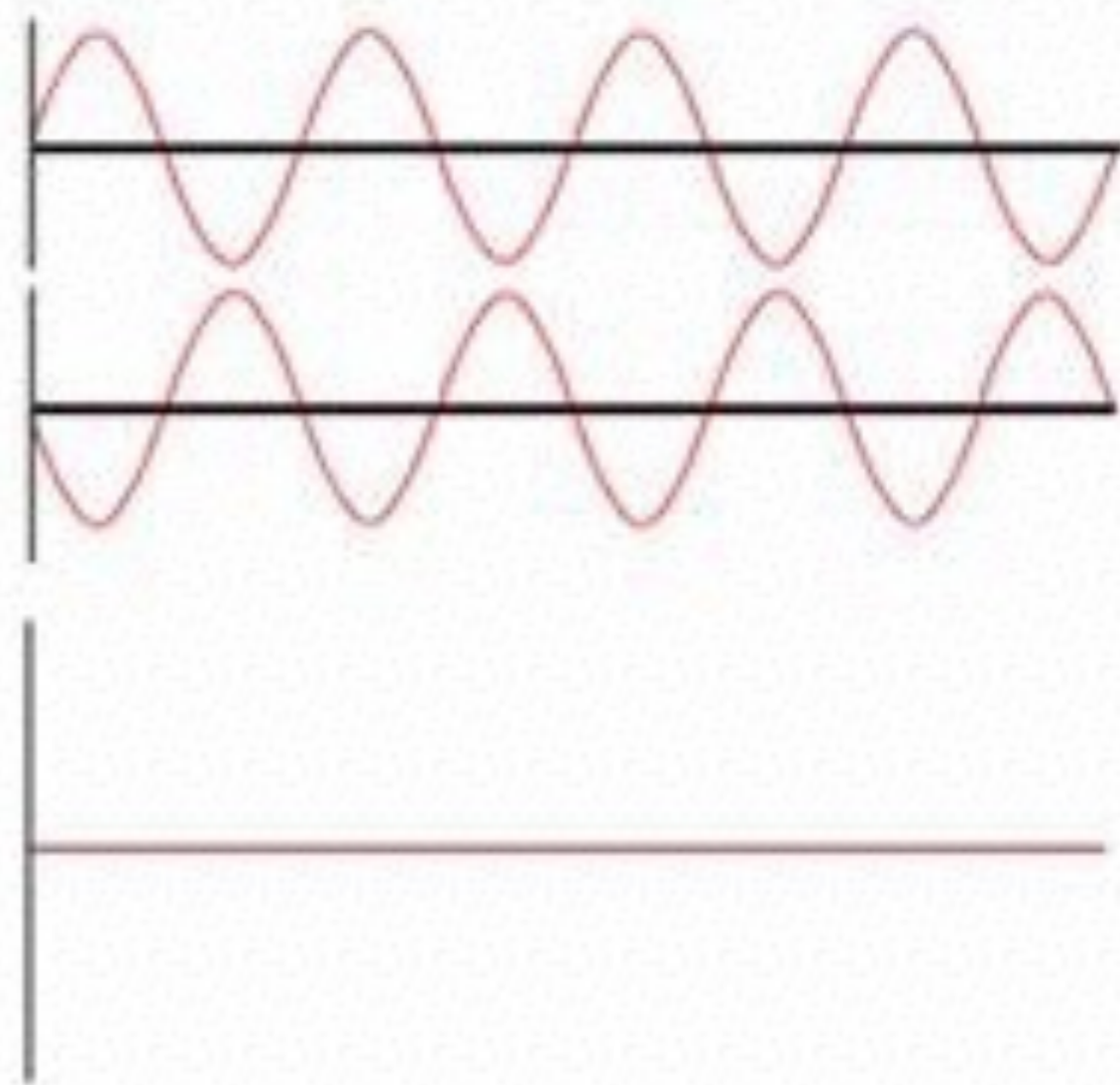
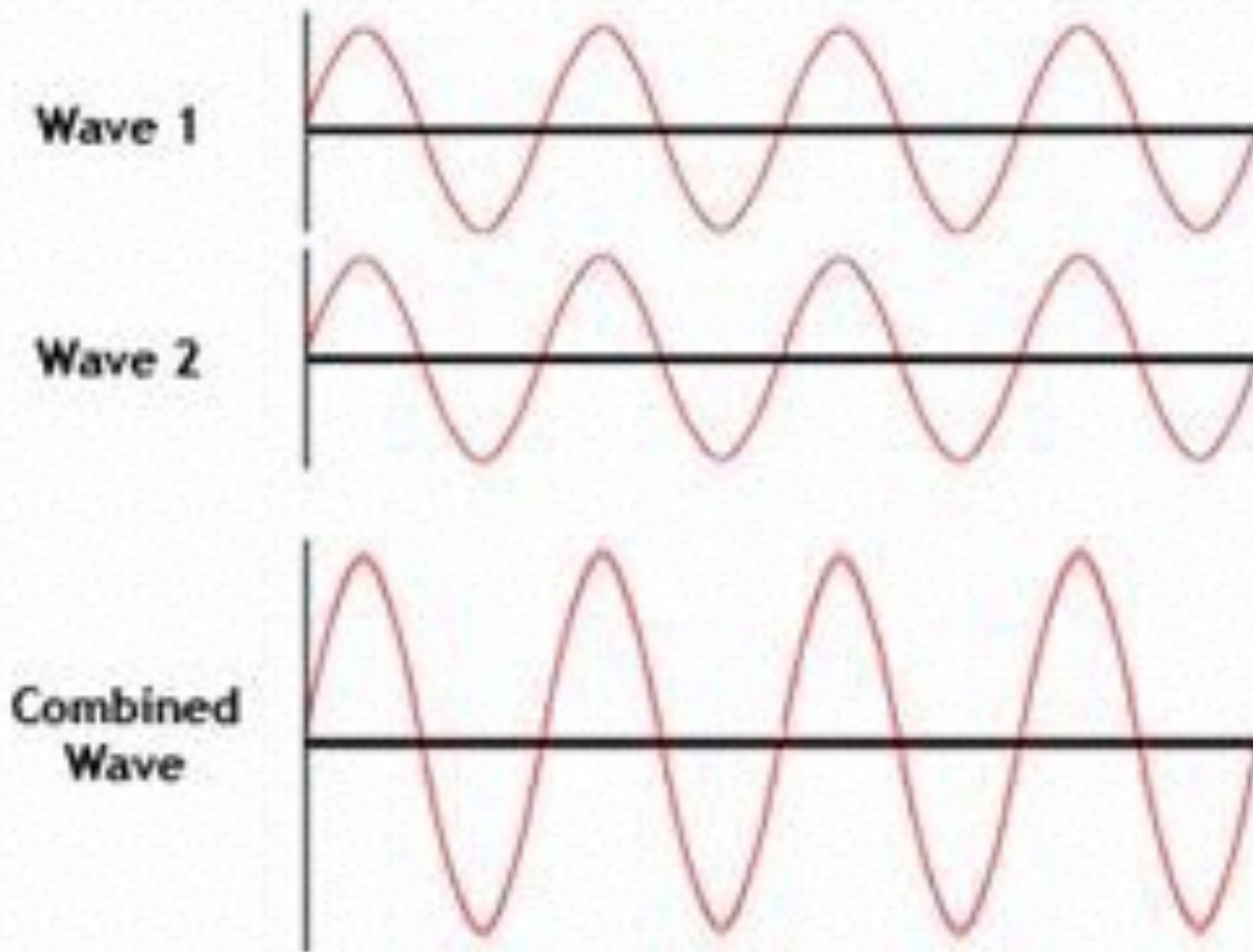
- * Occurs when two or more waves meet
- * Parts of the waves may overlap and form an *interference pattern*
- * Wave effects may be increased, decreased, or neutralized

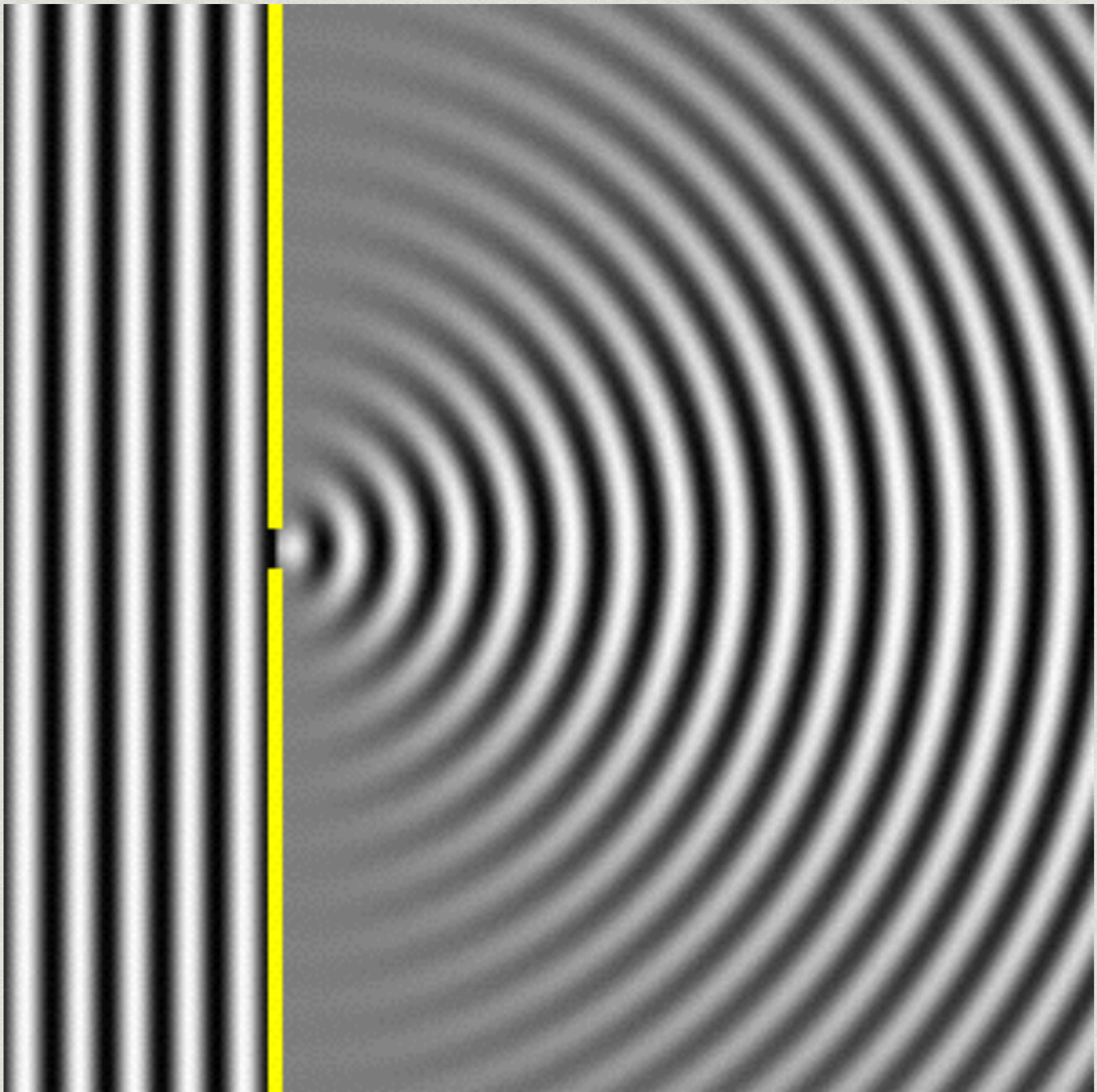
Interference

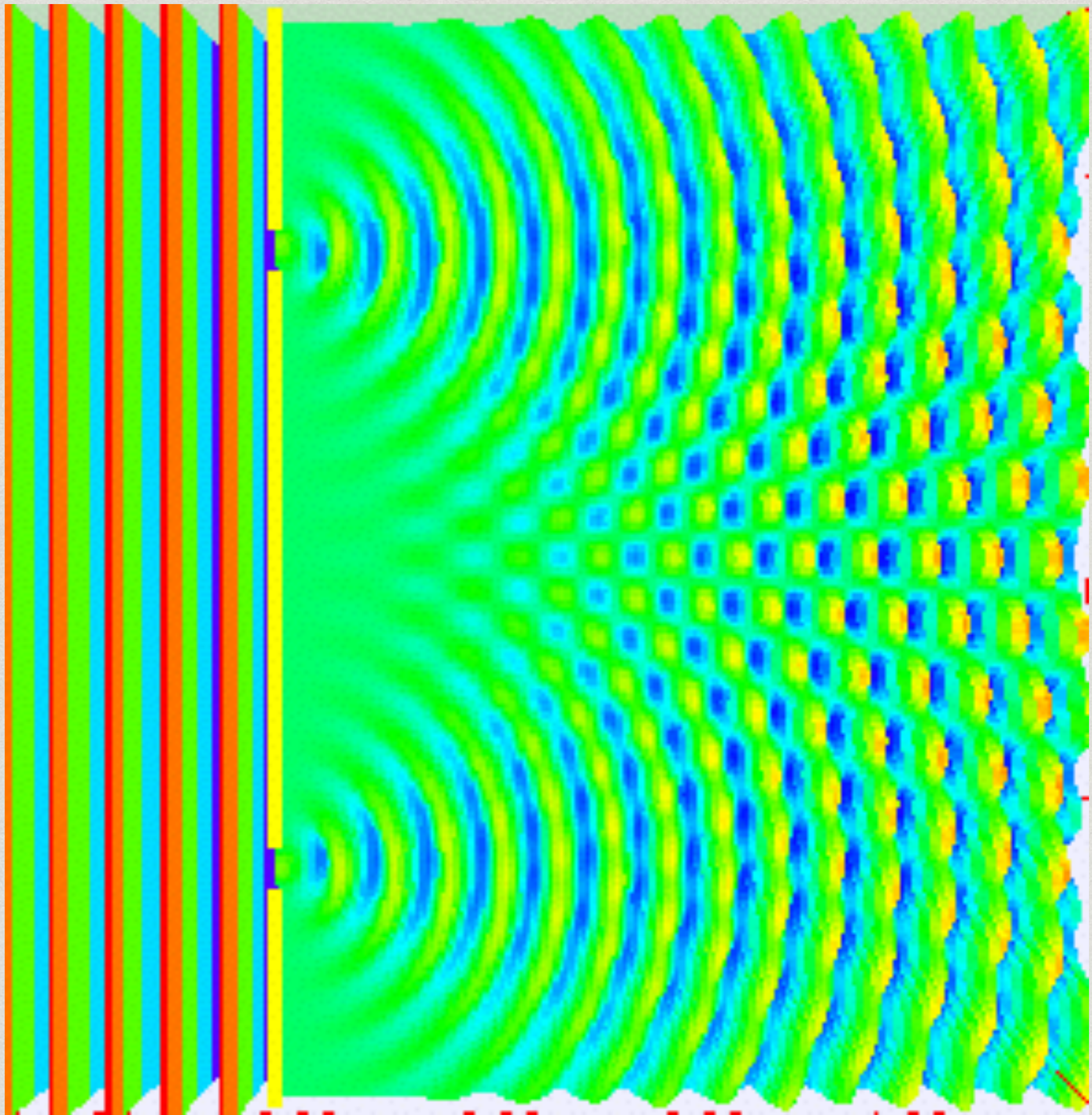
- * When the crest of one wave overlaps with the crest of another, their individual effects add up
 - * Called *constructive interference*
- * When the crest of one wave meets the trough of another, their individual effects decrease
 - * Called *destructive interference*
- * Characteristic of *all* wave motion, whether water waves, sound waves, or light waves

**Two waves in phase
(Constructive Interference)**

**Two waves out of phase
(Destructive Interference)**

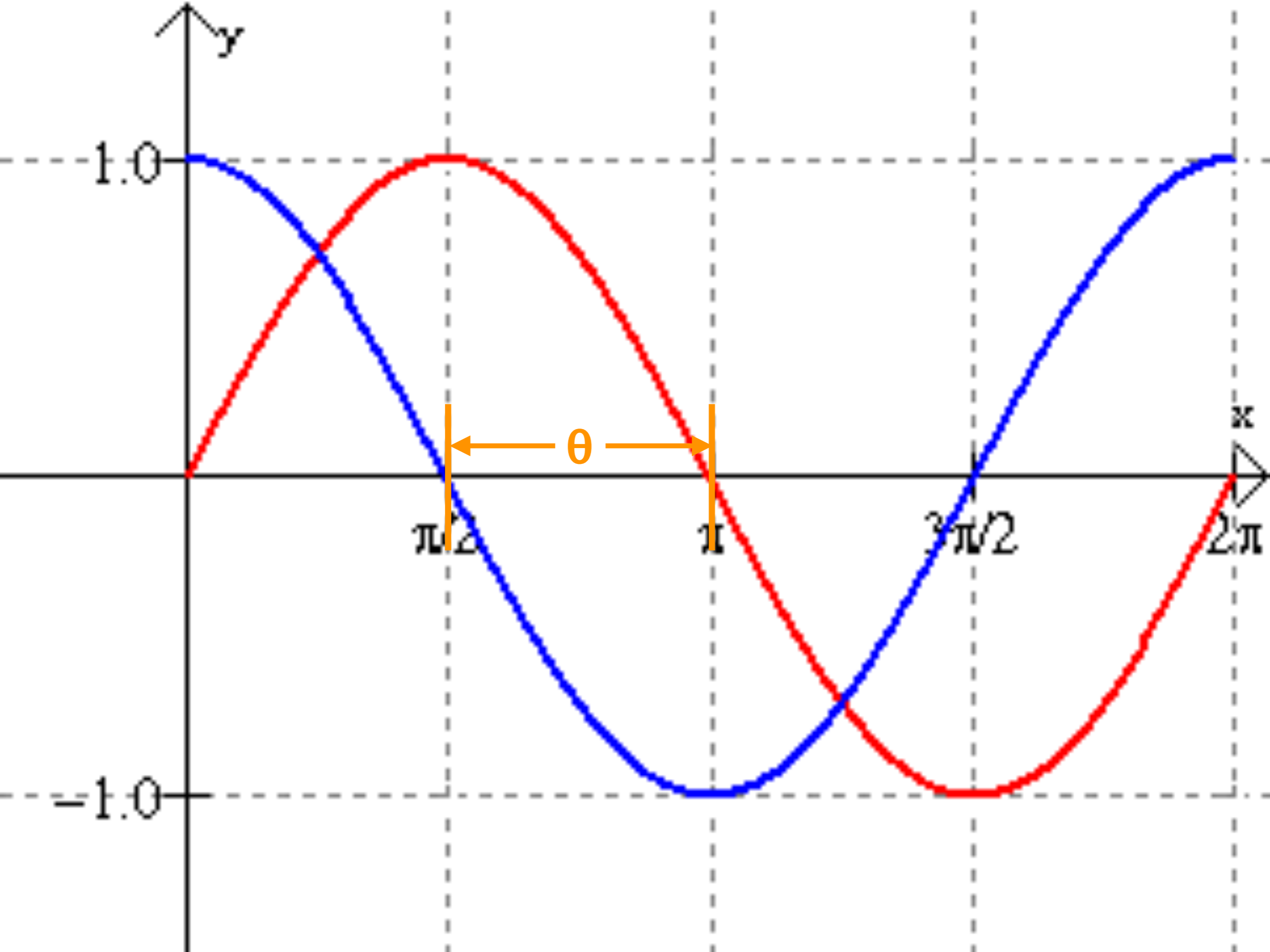






Phase

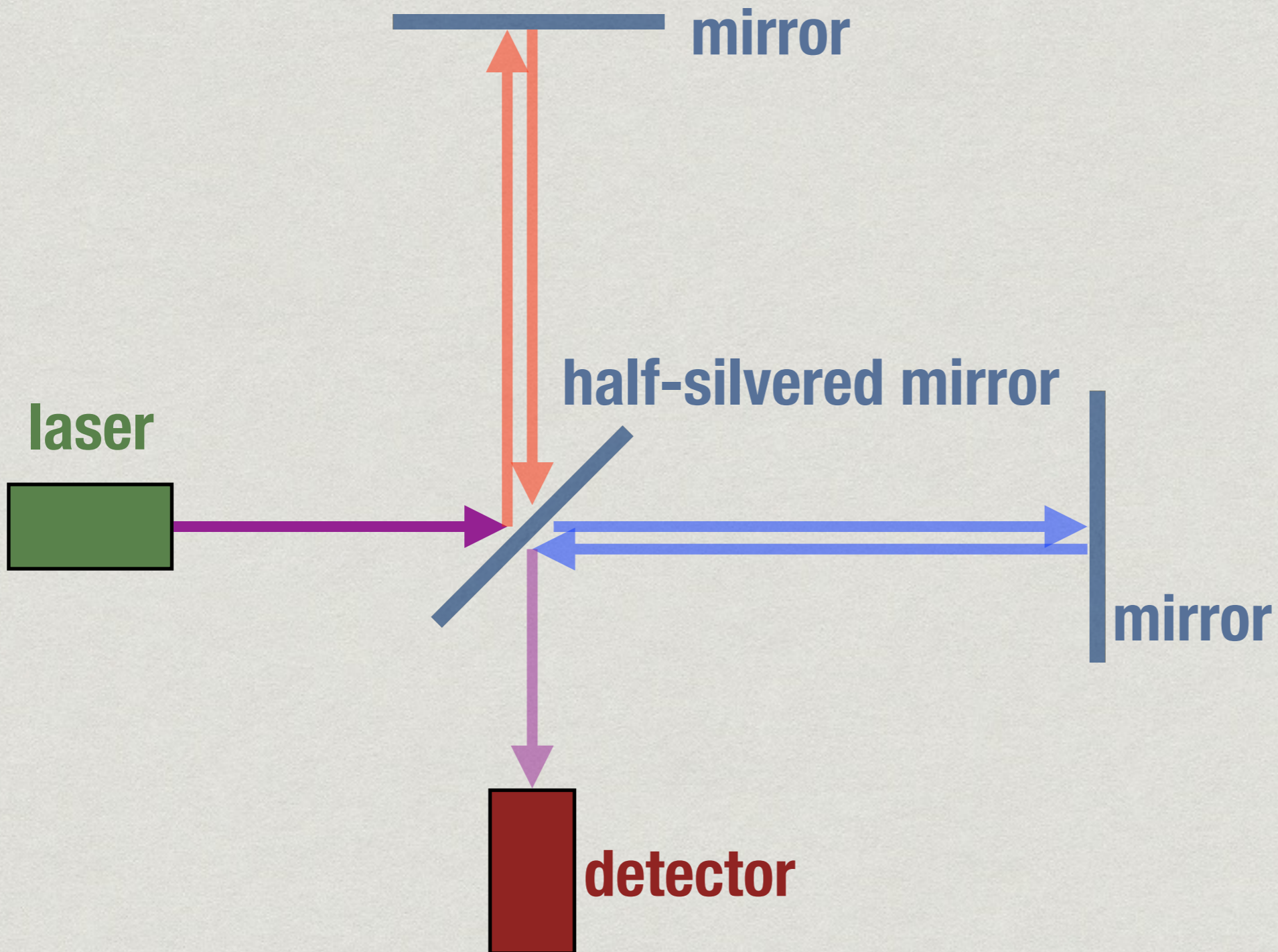
- * Phase is the relationship between the period of a wave and an external reference point
- * Two waves which are *in phase* are in synch
- * Two waves which are *out of phase* are out of synch



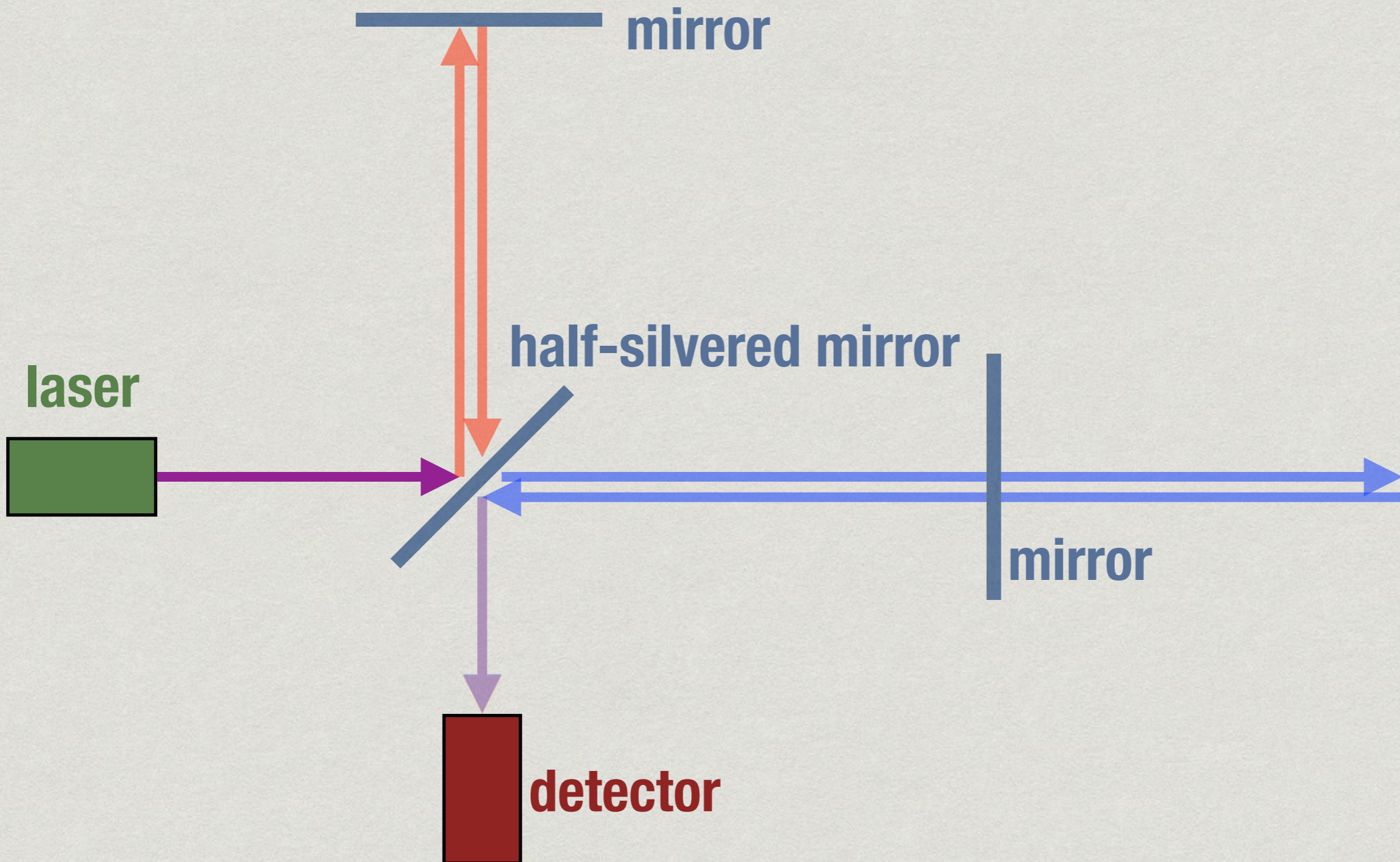
Interferometry

- * A family of techniques in which you use wave interference patterns to extract information about the wave is called **interferometry**
- * Usually measures interference between light waves (especially from lasers)

Interferometry



Interferometry

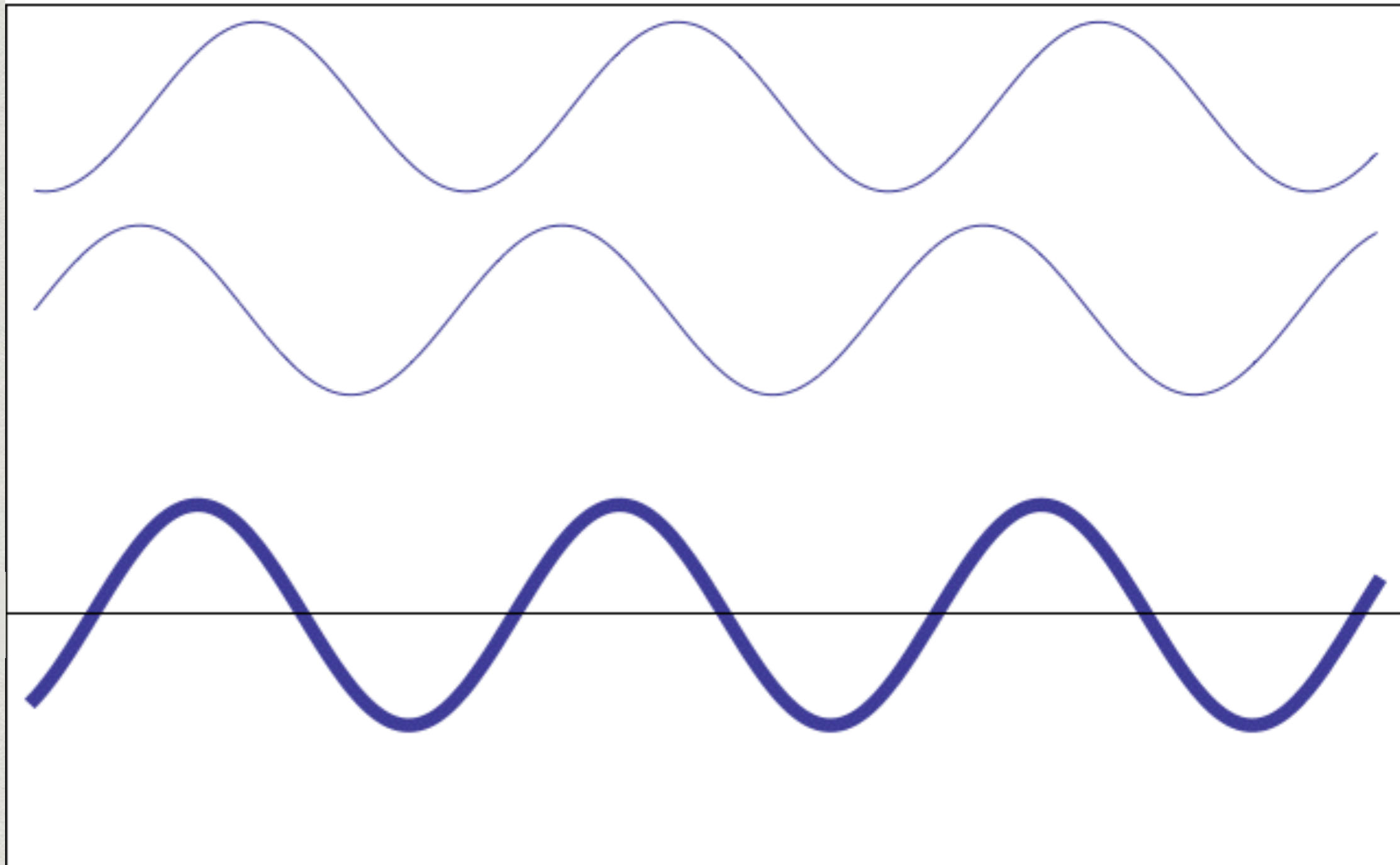


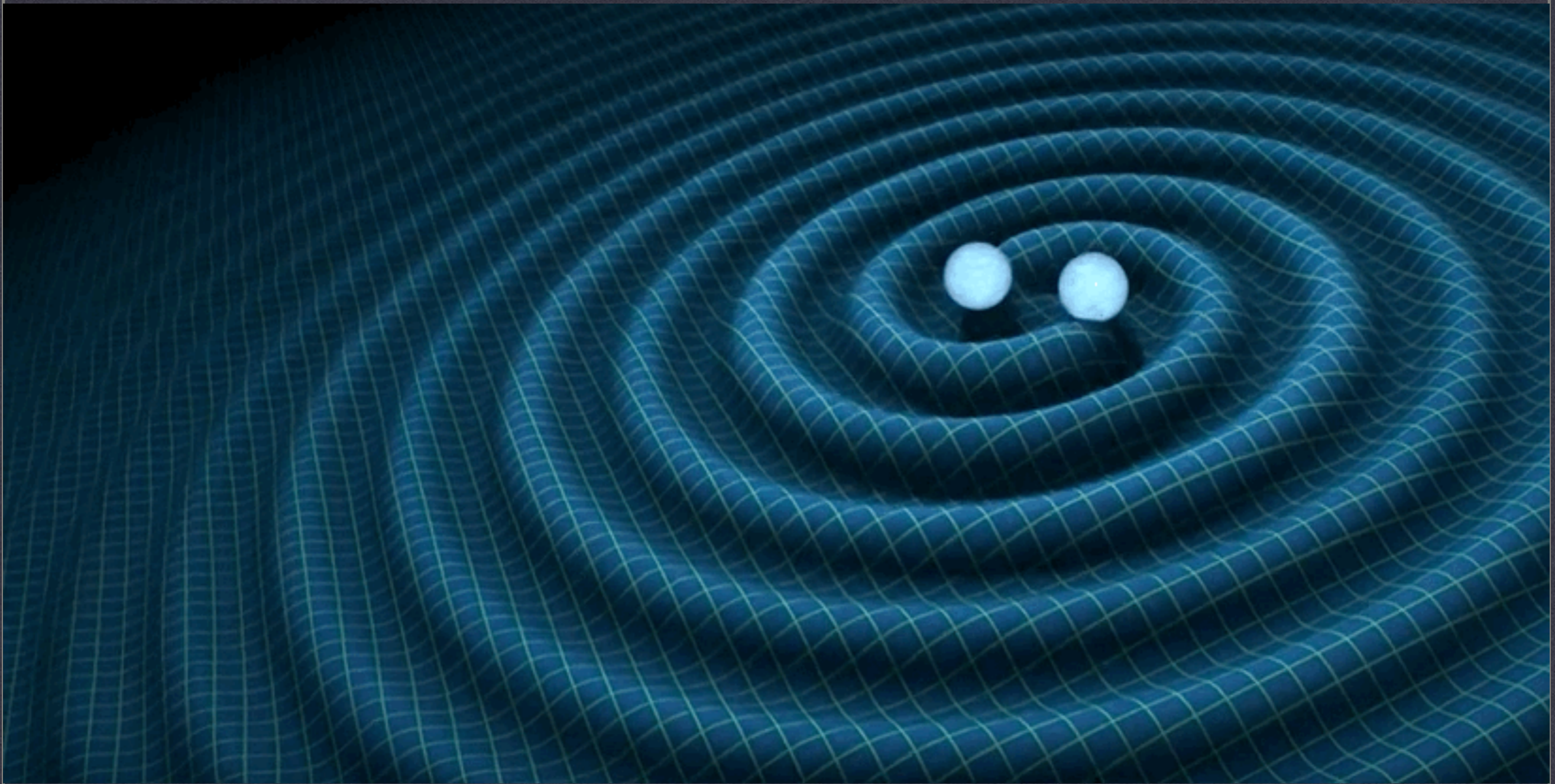
Interference

Signal 1

Signal 2

Recombined





GRAVITATIONAL WAVES

FROM TWO ORBITING BLACK HOLES



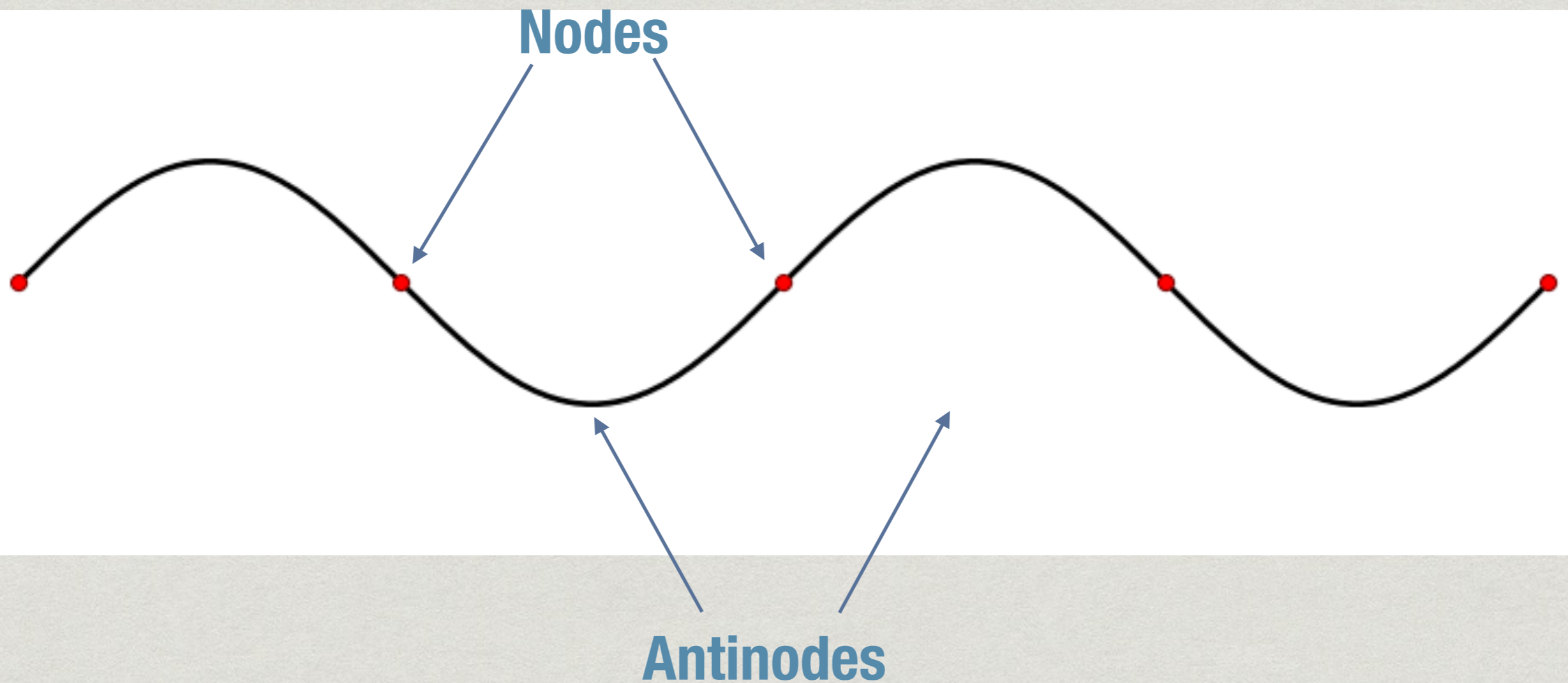
GRAVITATIONAL WAVES & INTERFEROMETRY

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Standing Waves

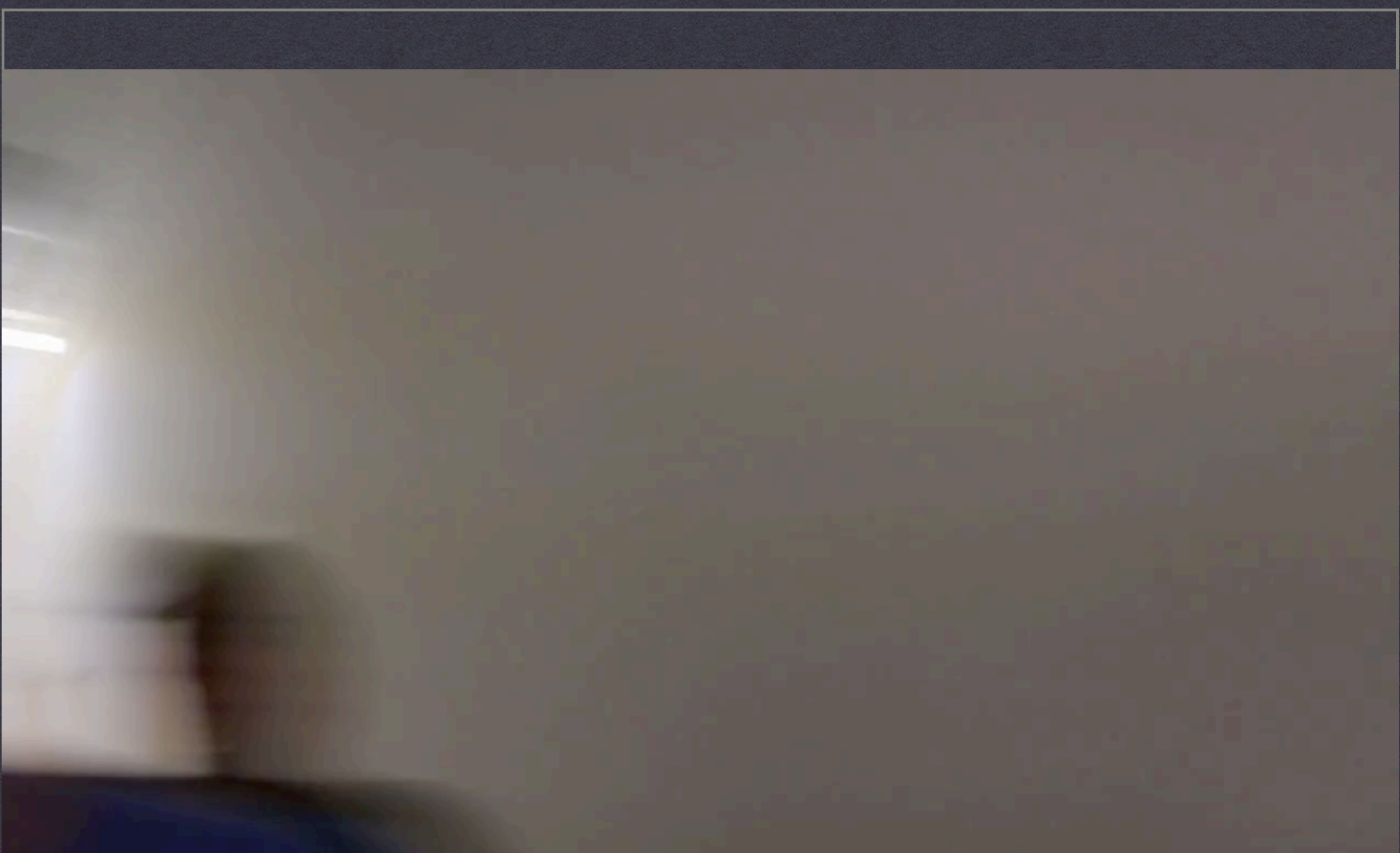
- * Also known as a *stationary wave*
- * A **standing wave** is one where particular points on the wave are “fixed,” or stationary
 - * Fixed points on a standing wave are called *nodes*
 - * Positions on a standing wave with the largest amplitudes are called *antinodes*
 - * Antinodes occur halfway between nodes

Standing Waves



Standing Waves

- * Standing waves are the result of interference
 - * Two waves of equal amplitude and wavelength pass through each other in opposite directions
 - * Waves are always out of phase at the nodes
 - * Nodes are are stable regions of destructive interference



ACOUSTIC LEVITATION

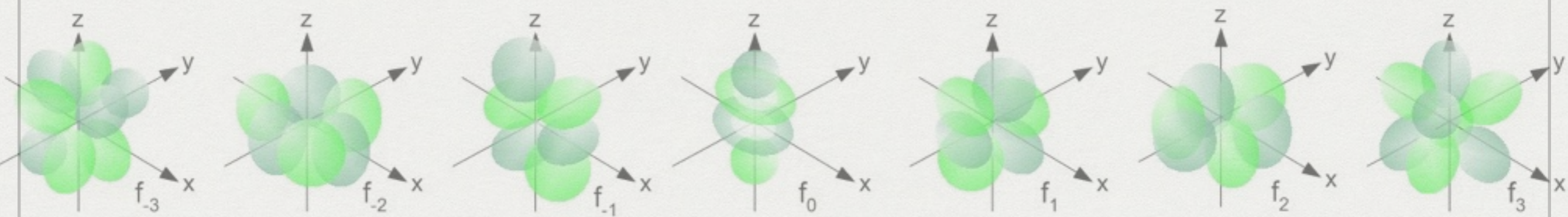
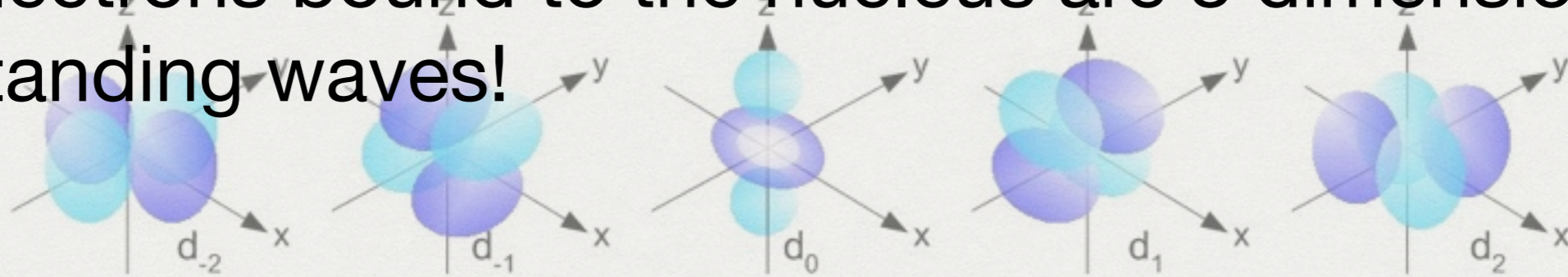
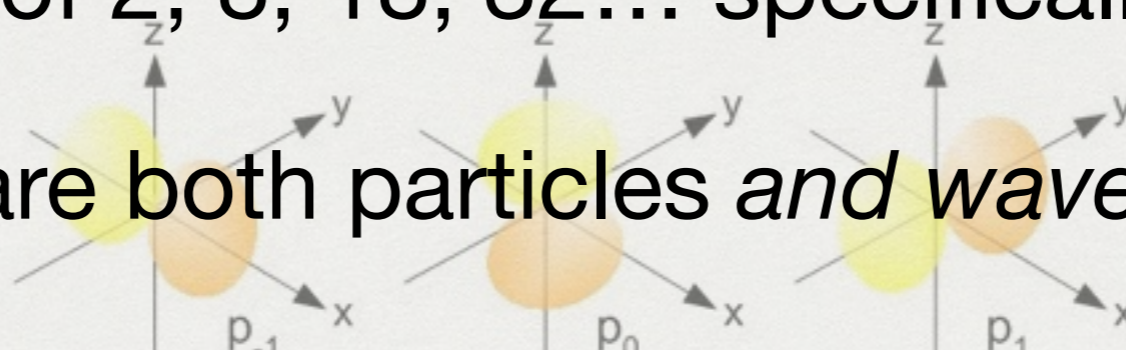
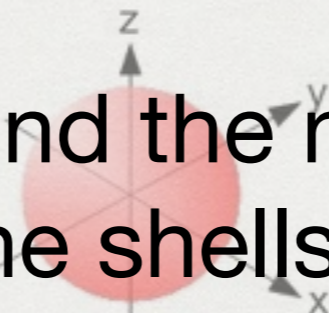
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2D STANDING WAVES

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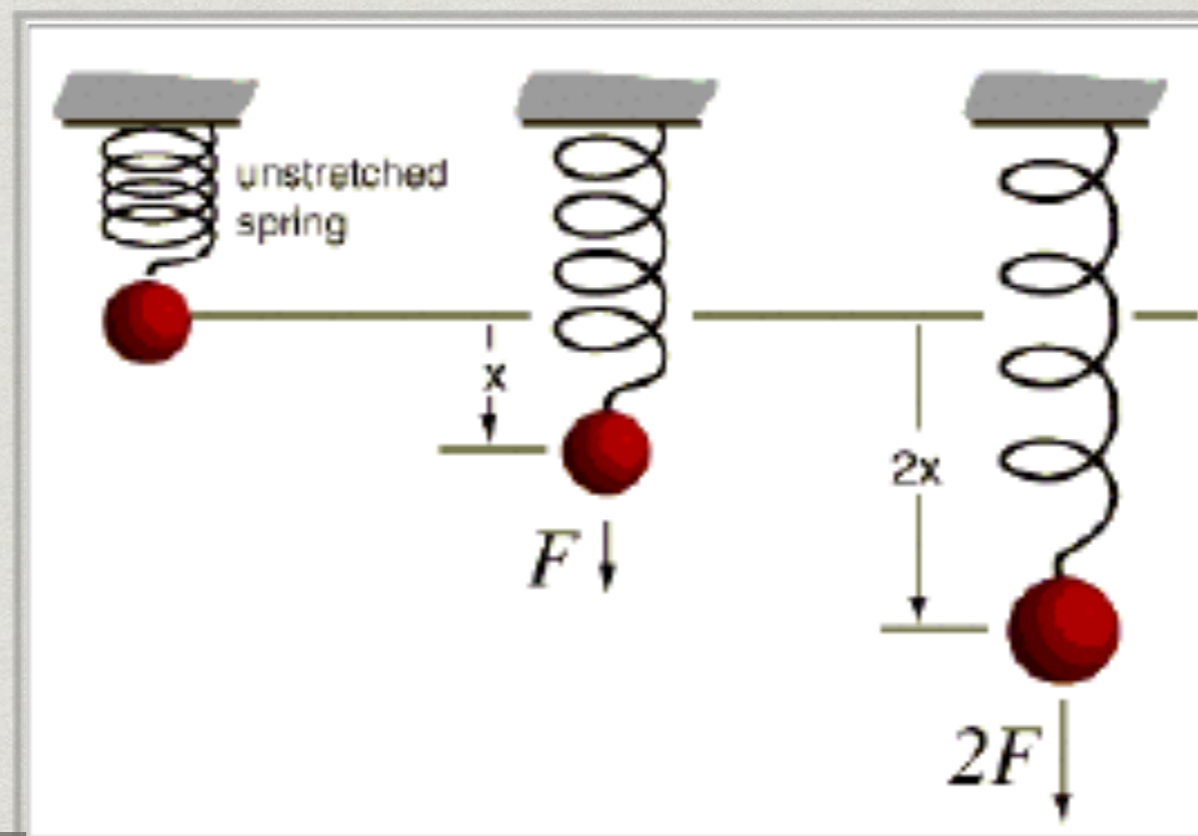
Electron Orbitals

- * Electrons move around the nucleus in orbital shells. But why do the shells have electron-holding capacities of 2, 8, 18, 32... specifically?
- * Electrons are both particles *and* waves
- * Electrons bound to the nucleus are 3 dimensional standing waves!



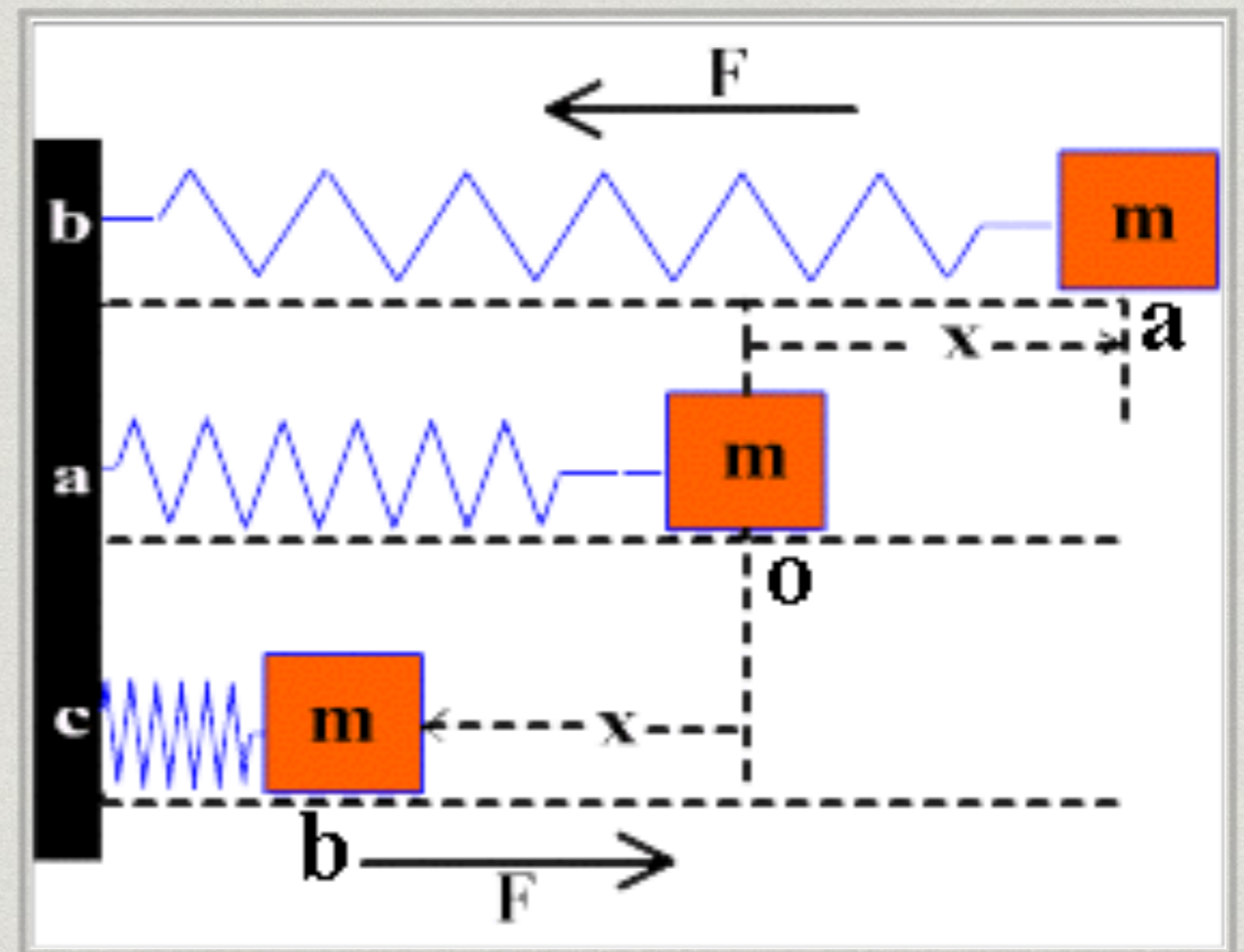
Simple Harmonic Motion

- * Oscillatory motion under a restoring force proportional to the amount of displacement from equilibrium
- * A **restoring force** is a force that tries to move the system back to equilibrium



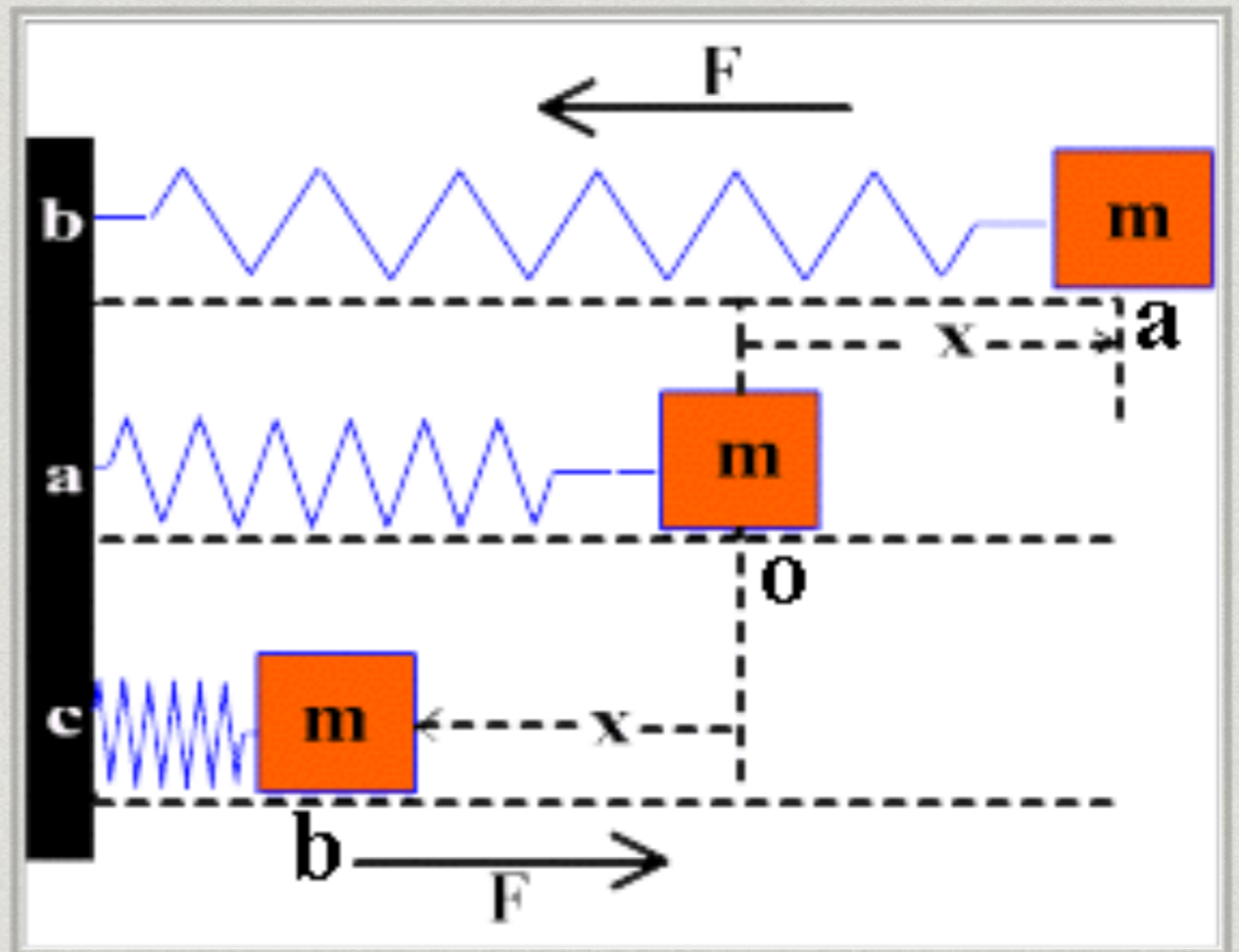
Describing Oscillation

- * Begin with the origin at equilibrium
- * x is then the displacement from equilibrium, i.e. the change in the length of the spring
- * When displaced, the spring force tends to restore the mass to equilibrium — *restoring force*
- * Oscillation can only occur when there is a restoring force



Describing Oscillation

- * Displace the body to the right to $x = A$ and let go
- * Net force and acceleration are to the left
- * Reaches maximum velocity at O
- * Net force at O is zero
- * Overshoots and compresses spring
- * Net force and acceleration to right
- * Compresses until $x = \underline{-A}$



Terms for Periodic Motion

- * Amplitude (A) — magnitude of displacement from equilibrium
 - * Total range of motion is $2A$
- * Period (T) — seconds per cycle; $T = 1/f$
- * Frequency (f) — cycles per second; $f = 1/T$
- * Angular frequency (ω) — $\omega = 2\pi f = 2\pi/T$
 - * essentially average angular speed

Simple Harmonic Motion

- * Periodic motion where the restoring force is directly proportional to the displacement from equilibrium
- * Typified by motion obeying Hooke's Law
- * Motion is sinusoidal

Hooke's Law

- * $F_s = -kx$
 - * Restoring force exerted by an ideal spring
- * IMPORTANT ASSUMPTION: no friction and massless spring
- * $a = F_s/m = -kx/m$

Things to Note

- * $a = -kx/m$
- * Acceleration is NOT constant
- * Cannot use kinematic equations



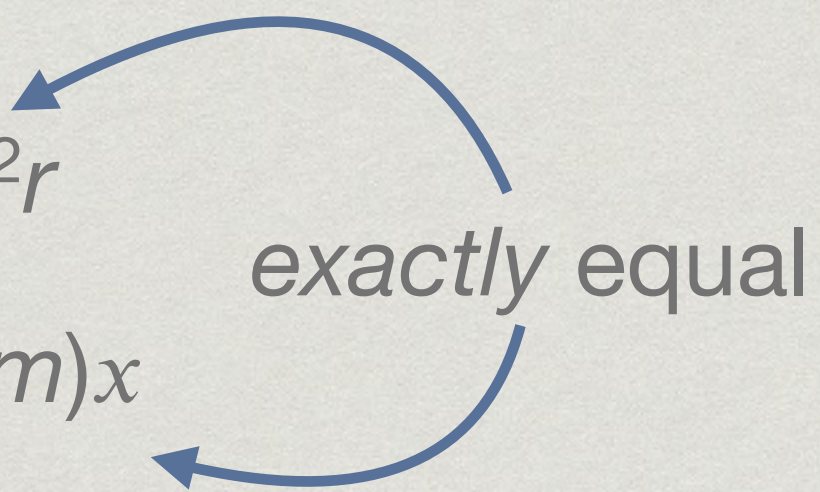
Harmonic Oscillators

- * Why are they important?
- * SHM is a powerful model for many different periodic motions
- * E.g. Electric current in an AC circuit, vibrations on a guitar string, vibrations of atoms in molecules

Circle of Reference

- * Imagine watching the shadow of a ball being swung in a vertical circle
- * If the **amplitude** of the body's oscillation is equal to the **radius** of the string attached to the ball
- * And if the **angular frequency** $2\pi f$ of the oscillating body is equal to the **angular speed** ω of the revolving ball
- * The motion of the shadow is *identical* to the motion of the ideal spring
- * <http://www.animations.physics.unsw.edu.au/jw/SHM.htm>

SHM and Circular Motion

- * acceleration of ball on string: $a = \omega^2 r$
 - * acceleration of S-M system: $a = (k/m)x$
 - * $r = x$
 - * $\omega^2 = k/m$ or $\omega = \sqrt{(k/m)}$
- exactly equal*
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SHM and Circular Motion

- * $f = \omega/2\pi = (1/2\pi)\sqrt{(k/m)}$

- * $T = 2\pi/\omega = 2\pi\sqrt{(m/k)}$

- * The larger the mass, the greater the moment of inertia, the longer it takes to complete a cycle
- * The stiffer the spring (the larger k), the shorter the time T per cycle

Things to Note

- * Don't confuse frequency f with angular frequency

$$\omega = 2\pi f$$

- * The period and frequency do NOT depend on the amplitude A
- * Bigger $A \rightarrow$ larger restoring force \rightarrow higher average velocity

Example

- * A 6.0 N weight is hung from a spring. The weight stretches the spring 0.030 m.
 - * Calculate the spring constant k
- * $F_s = F_g$
- * $-kx = -W$
- * $k = W/x$
- * $k = 200 \text{ N/m}$

Example

- * The same spring is placed horizontally with one attached to the wall and the other attached to a 0.50 kg mass. The mass is pulled a distance of 0.020 m, released, and allowed to oscillate
 - * Find the angular frequency, frequency, and period of oscillation
- * $\omega = \sqrt{(k/m)} = \sqrt{(200/0.50)} = 20 \text{ rad/s}$
- * $f = \omega/(2\pi) = 3.18 \text{ Hz}$
- * $T = 1/f = 1/3.18 = 0.314 \text{ s}$

SHM of a Simple Pendulum

- * Almost exactly the same behavior as the mass-spring system
- * Except:
 - * The restoring force is the force of gravity
 - * $T = 2\pi\sqrt{L/g}$
 - * Independent of A (same reason as M-S system)
 - * Independent of m (guesses why?)

Displacement in SHM

- * $x(t) = A \cos(\omega t)$

- * Could have written in terms of sine since $\cos\theta = \sin(\theta + \pi/2)$
- * In SHM the position is a periodic, sinusoidal function of time

Velocity and Acceleration in SHM

- * $v(t) = x' = -\omega A \sin(\omega t)$

- * $v(x) = -\sqrt{\omega(A^2 - x^2)}$

- * $a(t) = x'' = -\omega^2 A \cos(\omega t)$

- * $v_{\max} = A\omega$

Energy in SHM

- * $PE_s = \frac{1}{2}kx^2$

- * $PE_g = mgh$

- * $KE = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$

Question

- * A 17.0 g mass on a 35 N/m spring is pulled 20 cm from equilibrium and released. What is the position of the mass at time $t = 1.2\text{s}$?

Answer

- * $x = A\cos(\omega t)$

- * $\omega = \sqrt{k/m}$

- * $\omega = \sqrt{(35 \text{ N/m})/(0.017 \text{ kg})}$

- * $\omega = 45.4 \text{ rad/s}$

- * $x = (.2 \text{ m})\cos[(45.4 \text{ rad/s})(1.2 \text{ s})]$

- * $x = -0.101 \text{ m or } -10.1 \text{ cm}$

Question

- * You find yourself on a strange planet armed only with a simple pendulum. The bob of the pendulum hangs on a 0.45 m long string and will swing through a full oscillation in 1.7 s once set in motion. Use this information to find the acceleration due to gravity on this foreign planet.