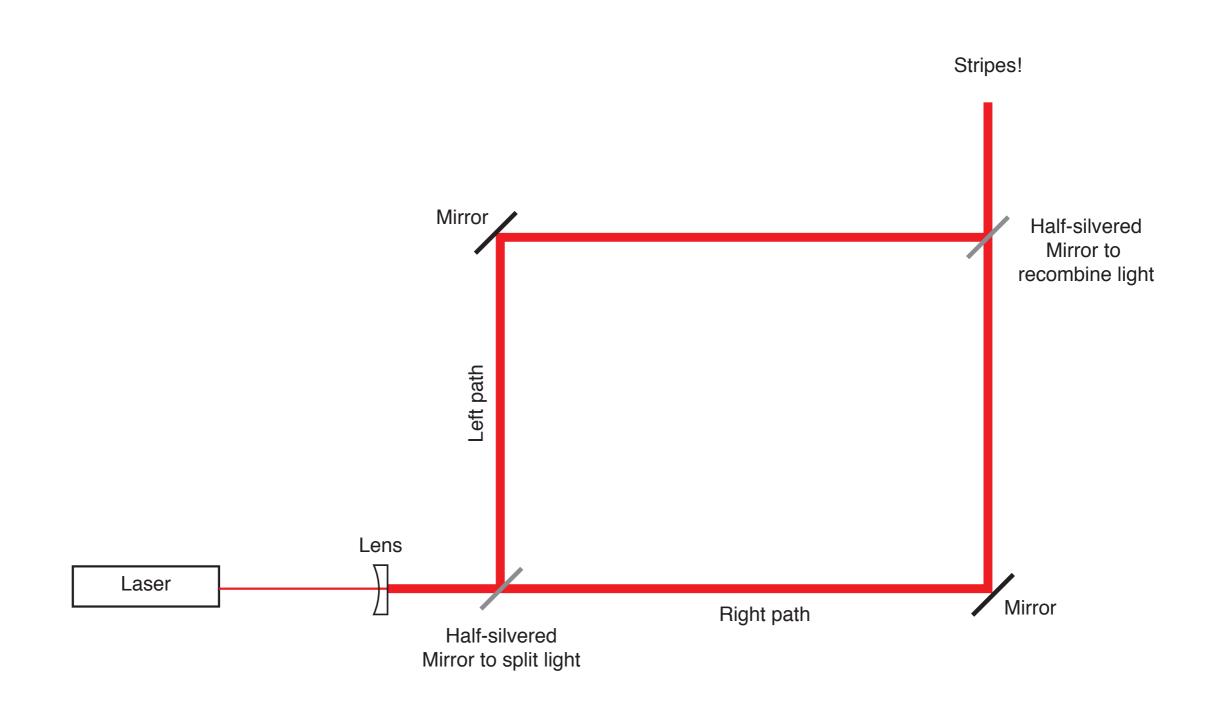
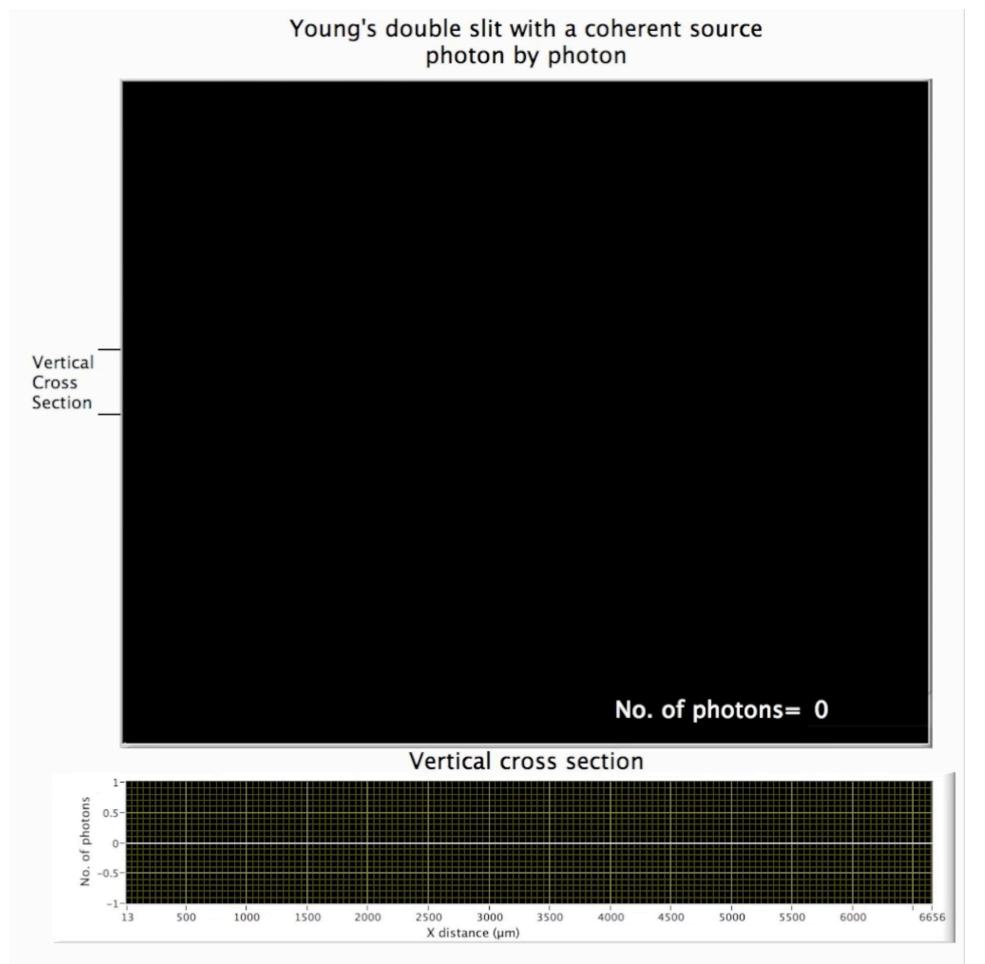
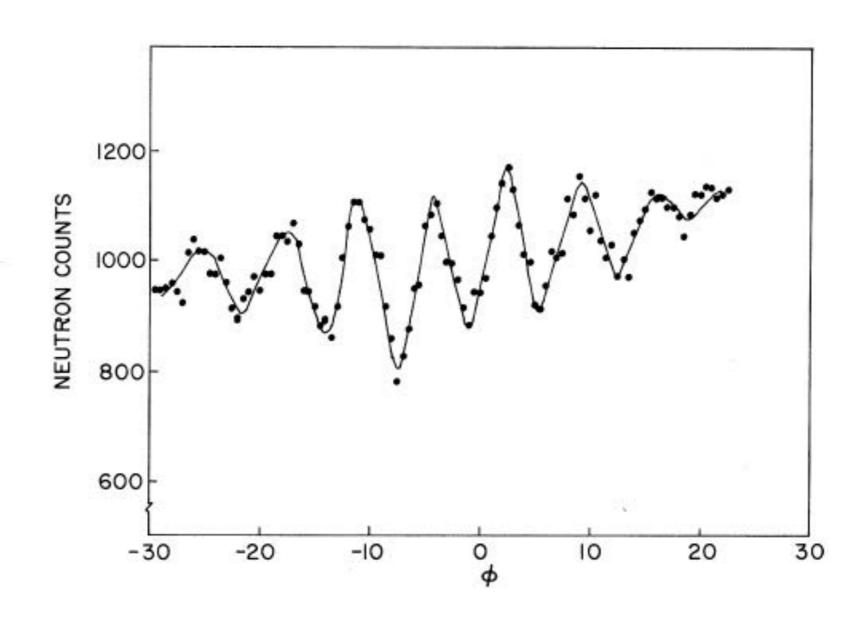


Which path did the photon take?

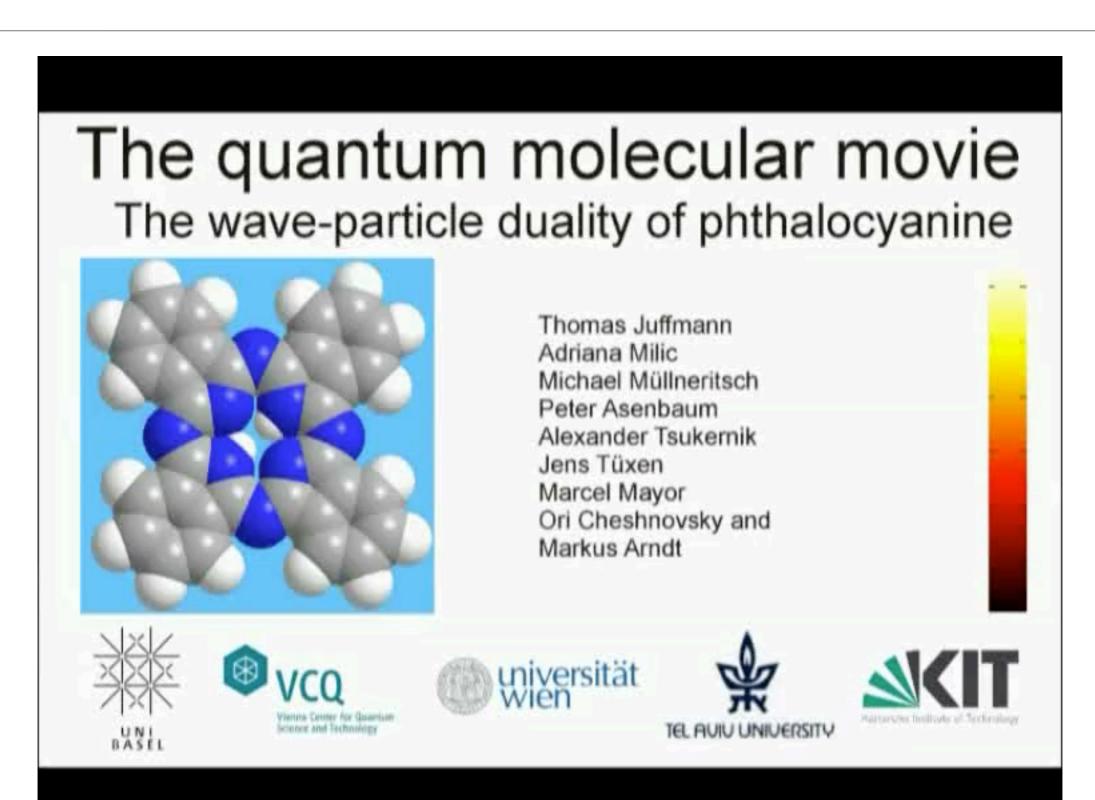




Neutrons



C₃₂H₁₈N₈ (~3000 particles)



All particles move like waves and hit like particles

- From photons, to electrons, to neutrons, to molecules, they **all** move like waves and hit like particles
- Color is related to both wavelength and energy

Fundamental feature of how our universe works

Ripples

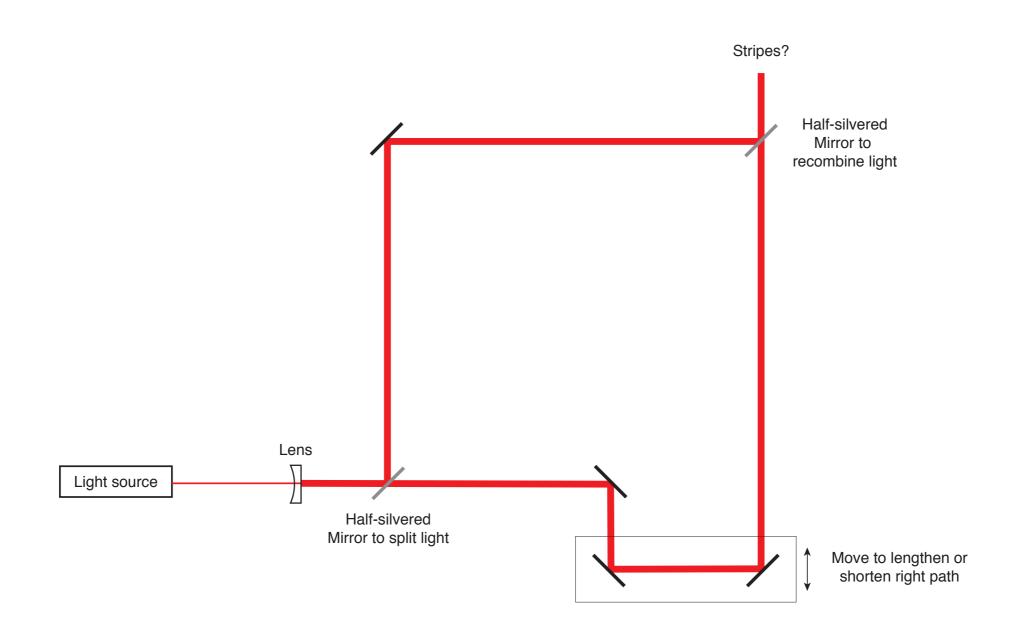


If all particles move like waves: two key questions

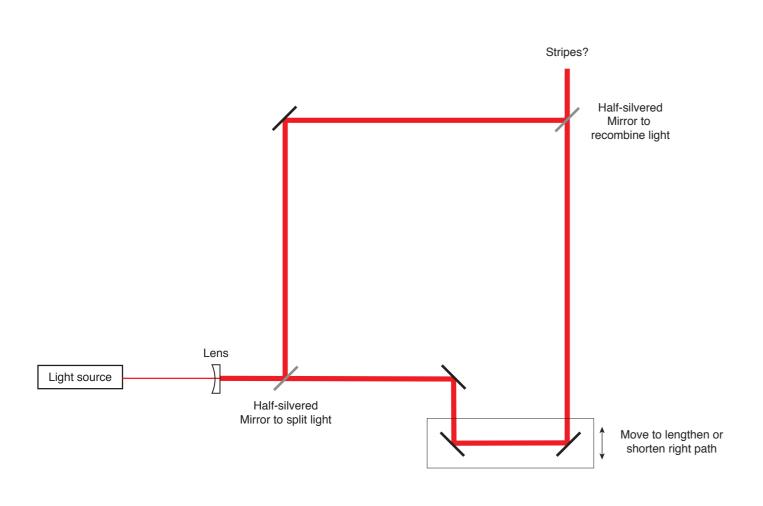
- How long is a particle ripple?
- How wide is a particle ripple?

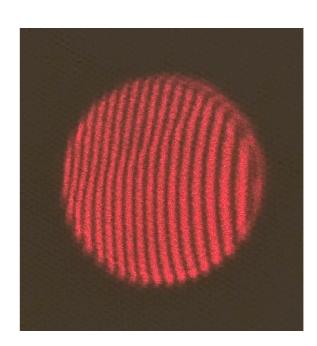


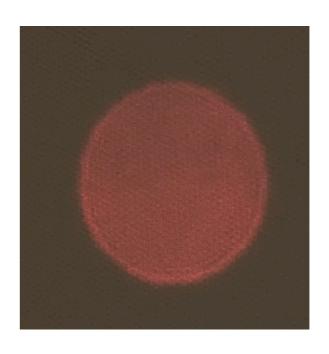
Fancier interferometer



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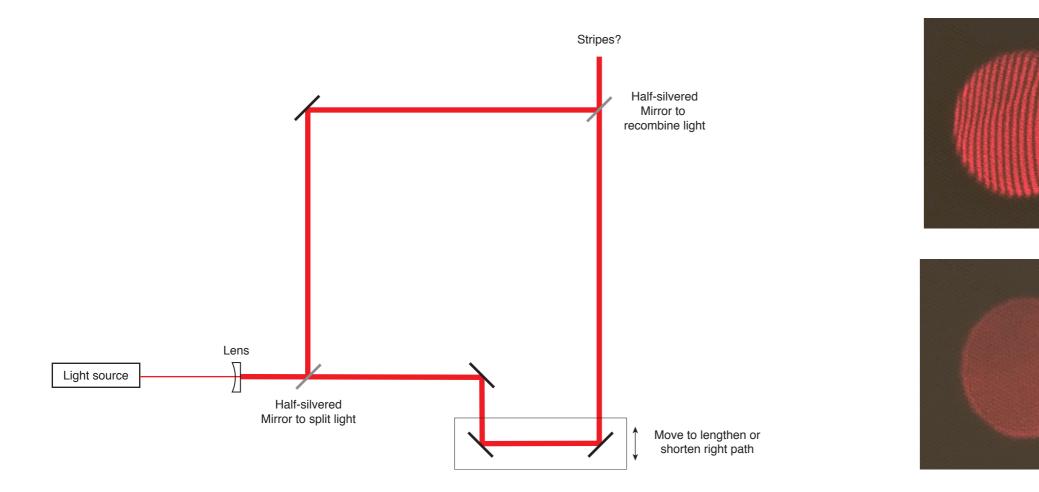






Stripes fade

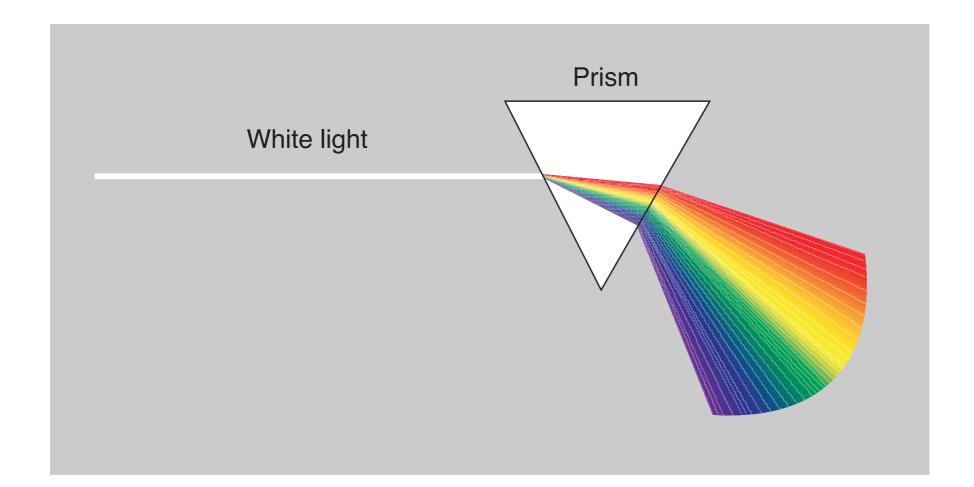
- Sometimes very quickly (white light; microns)
- Sometimes very slowly (fancy lasers; km)



Going through the bulb drawer

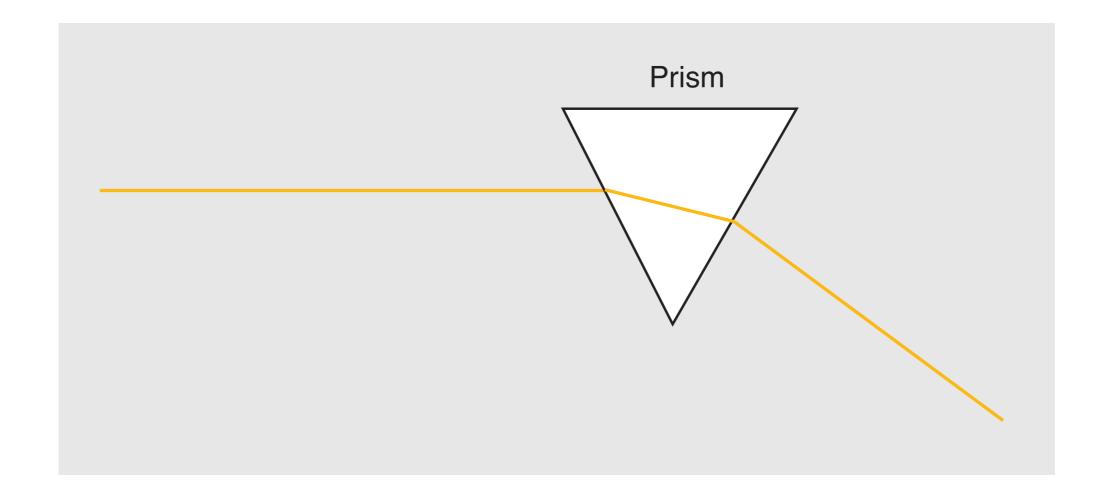
Sunlight, starlight, incandescent light bulb

- Wide range of color
- Very short ripple



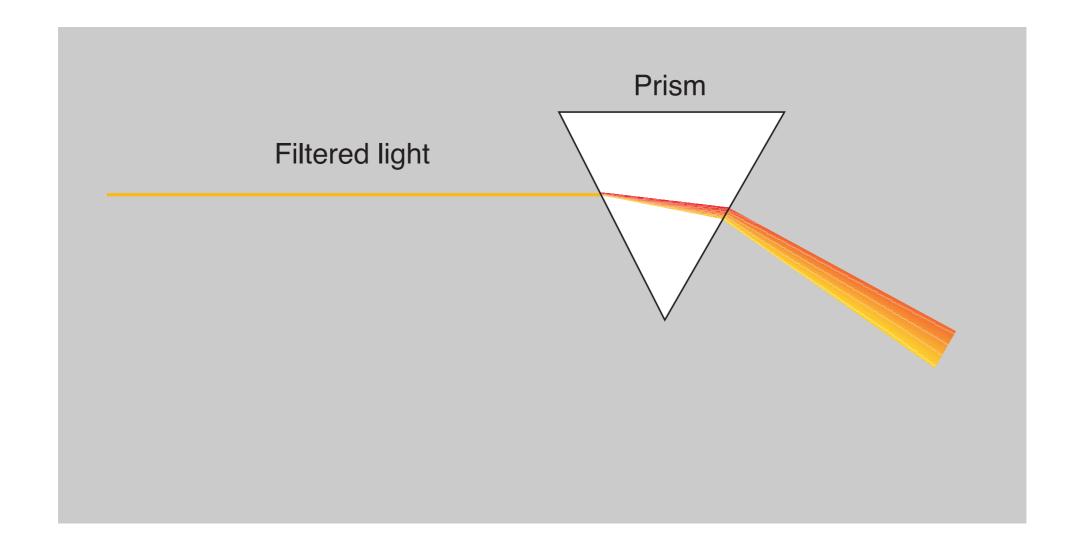
Lasers, neon lamp, sodium streetlight

- narrow range of color
- Long ripple



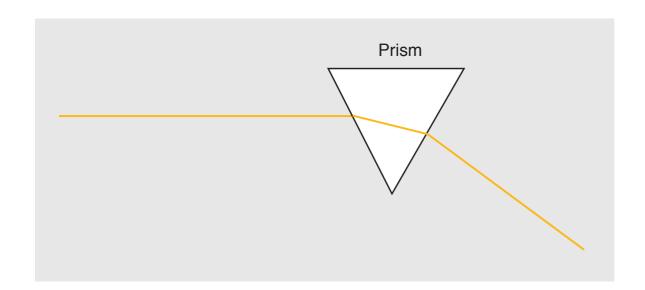
Filtered starlight, light reflected off of paint

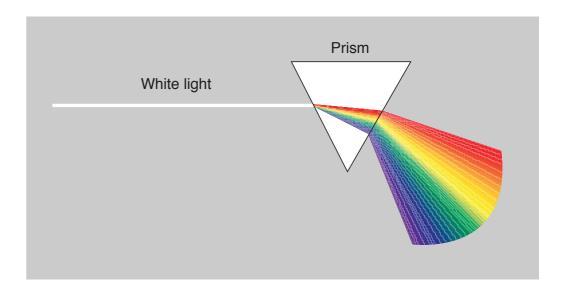
- Intermediate range of color
- Intermediate ripple



Hints

- · Long ripple is a narrow range of color
- · Short ripple is wide range of color



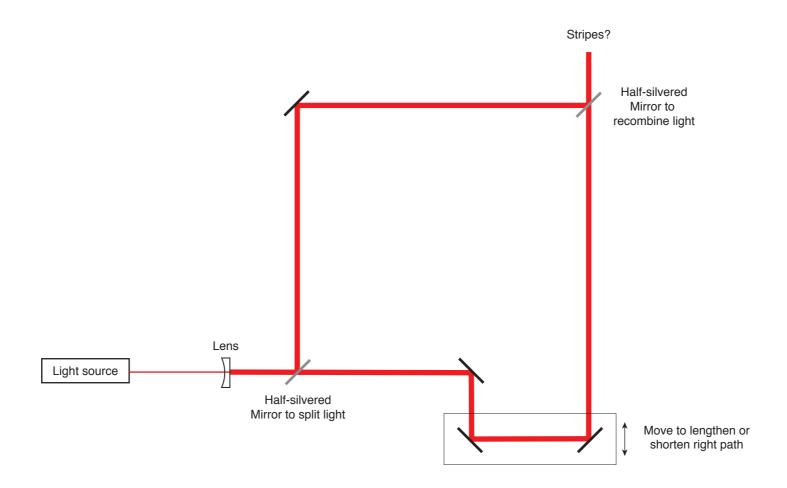


Ripples

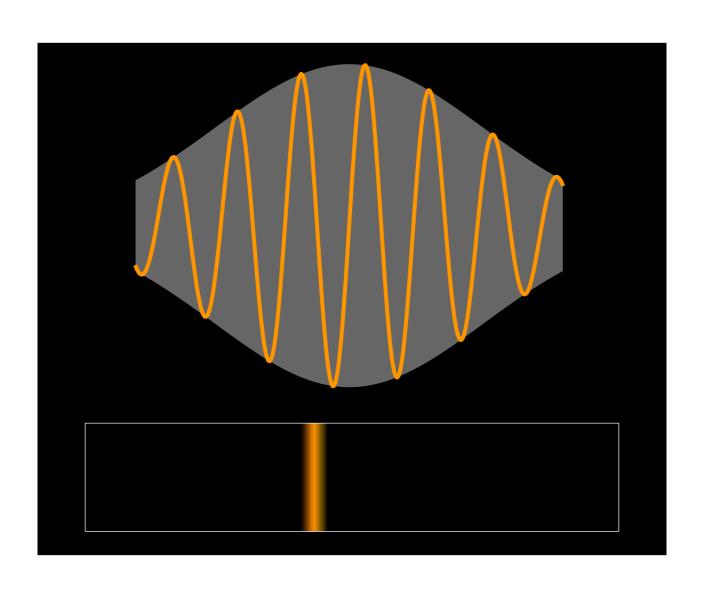


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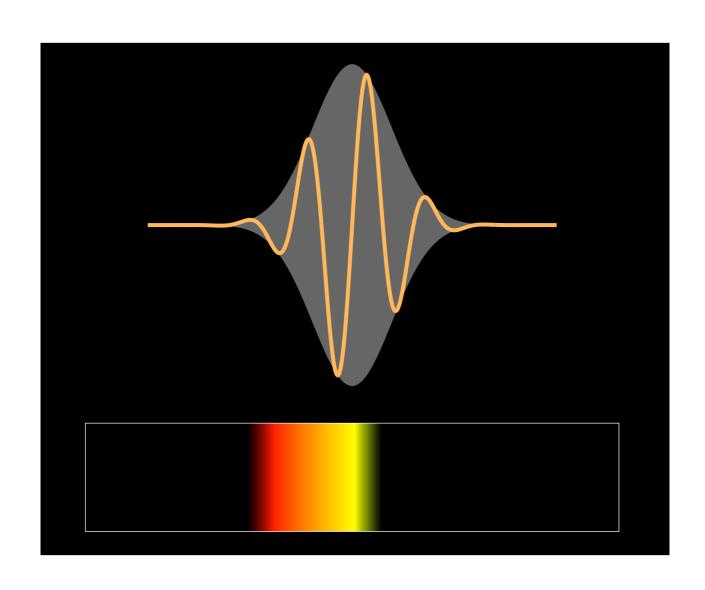
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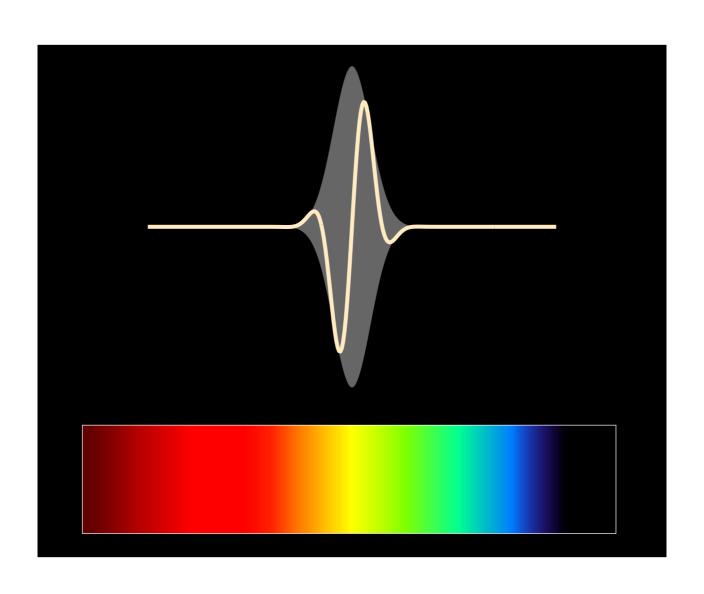
Long ripple, narrow color



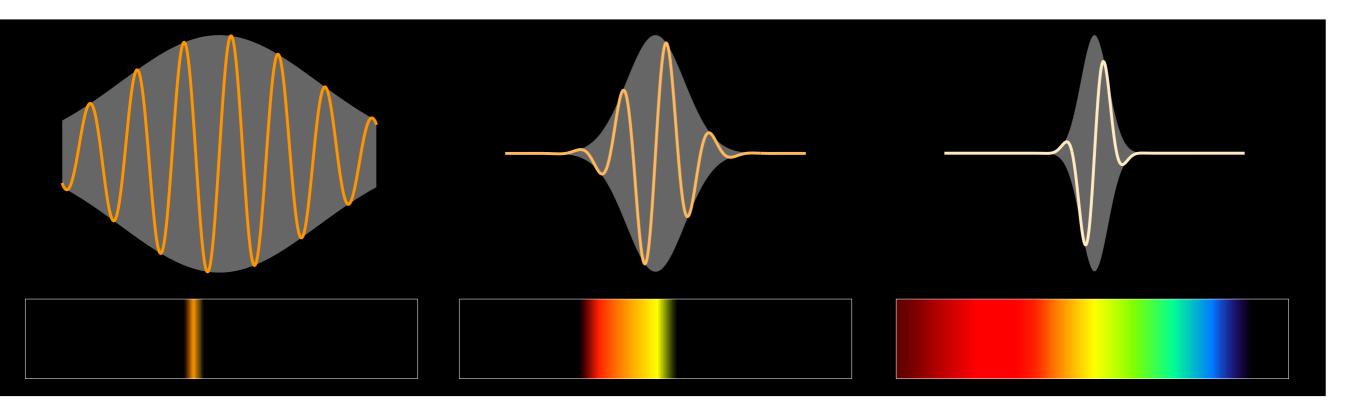
Med ripple, medium color range



Short ripple, wide color range



Ripple length



Can have any color

