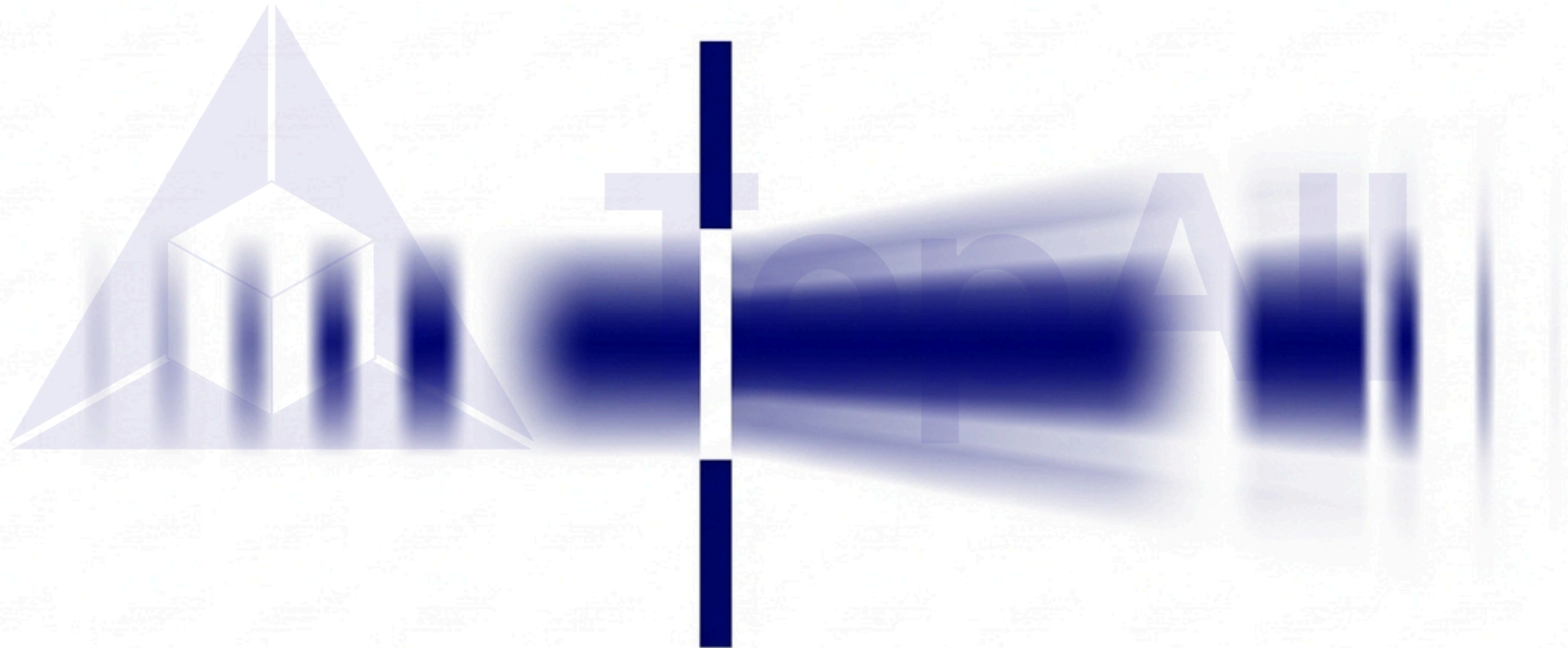


How to See Single Slit Diffraction

A simple real-world observation method



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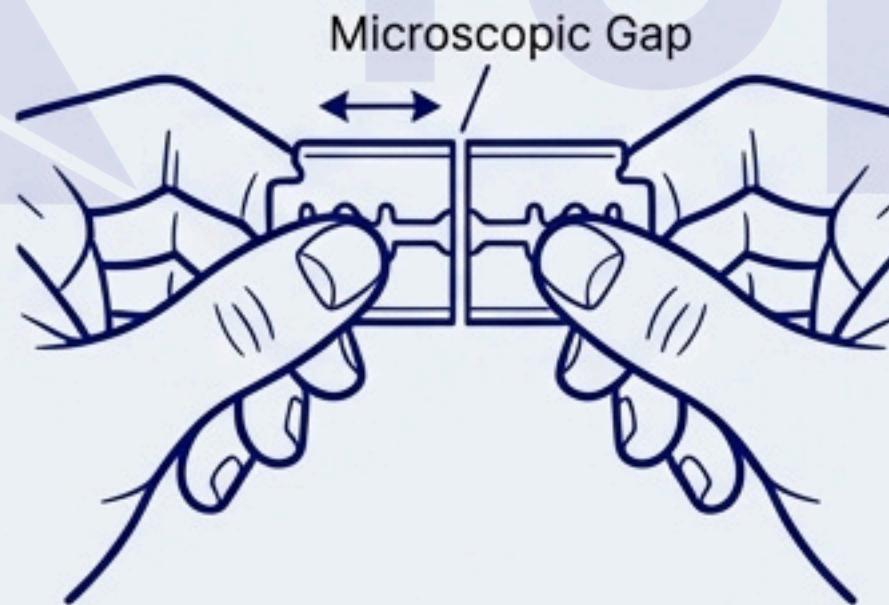
1. Distant Source

Use a clear glass electric bulb with a straight filament. Keep the filament parallel to your viewing slit.



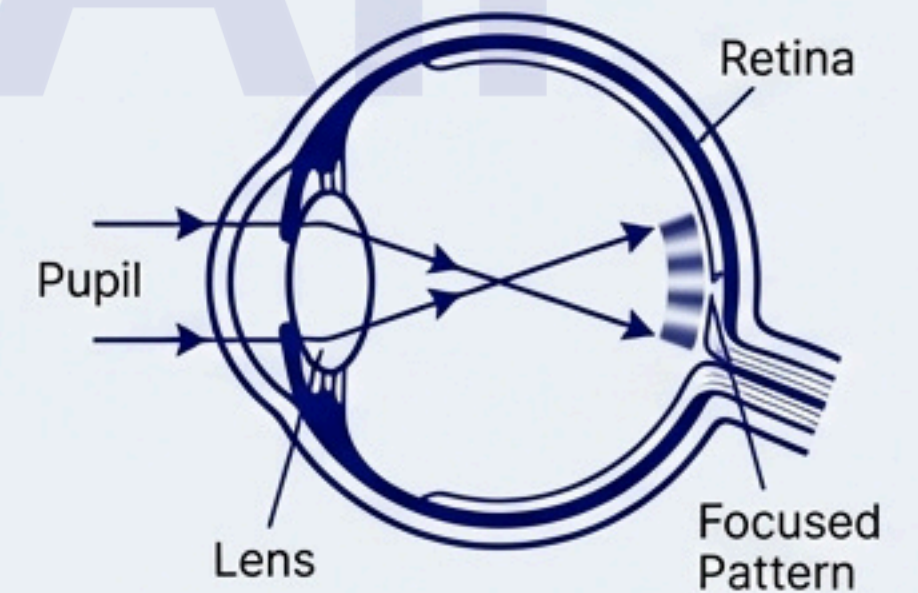
2. The Narrow Slit

Hold two razor blades so their edges are parallel. Adjust the width slightly with your thumb and forefinger to fine-tune the microscopic gap.



3. The Screen

Place the slit right in front of your eye. The lens of your eye acts as the projector, focusing the pattern directly onto your retina.





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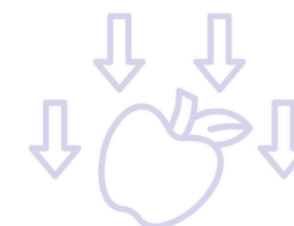
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The Diffraction Pattern

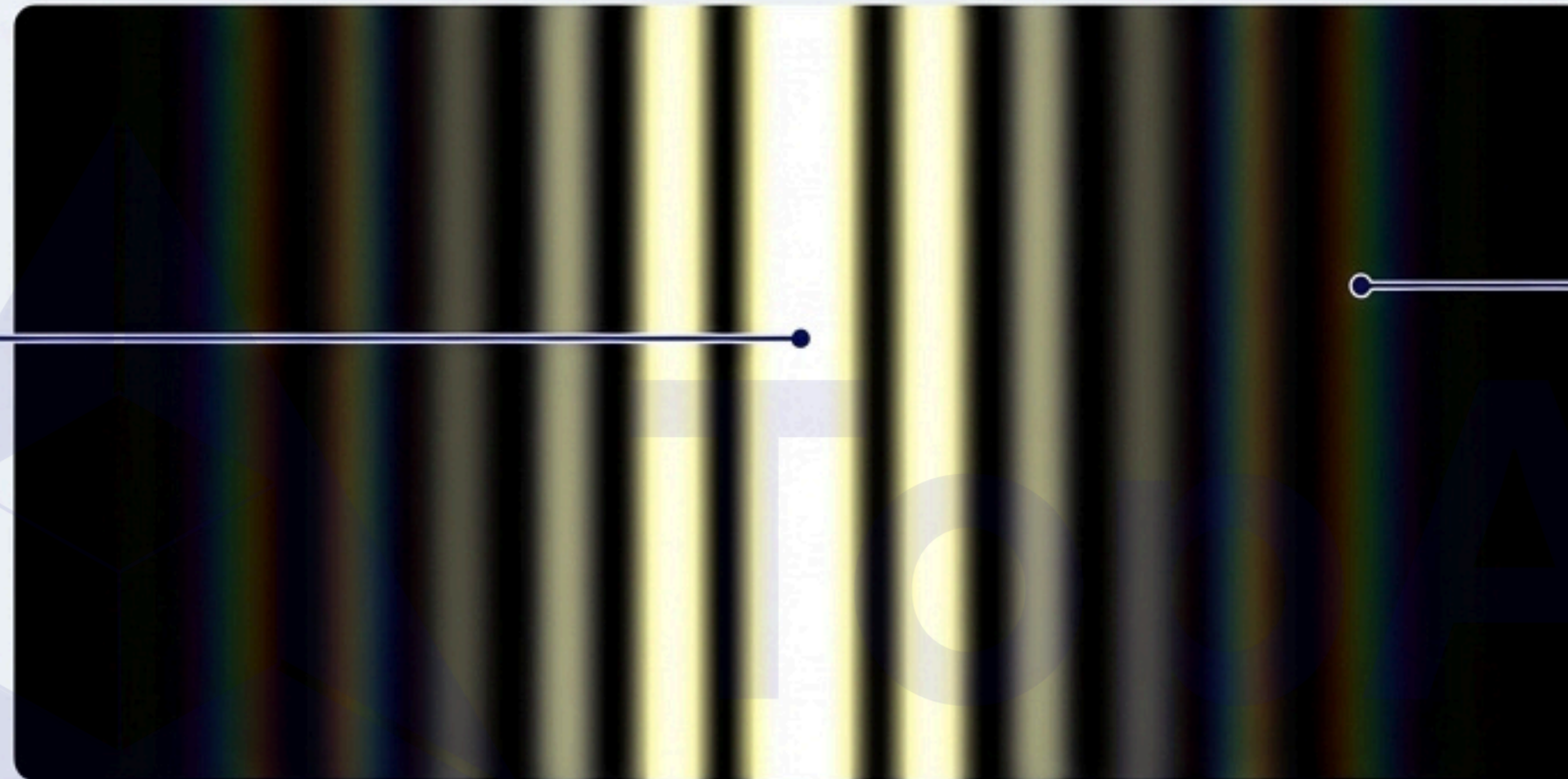
A single slit yields a full pattern, not just one isolated line.

Central Maximum

A broad, highly intense bright region directly in the center of your vision.

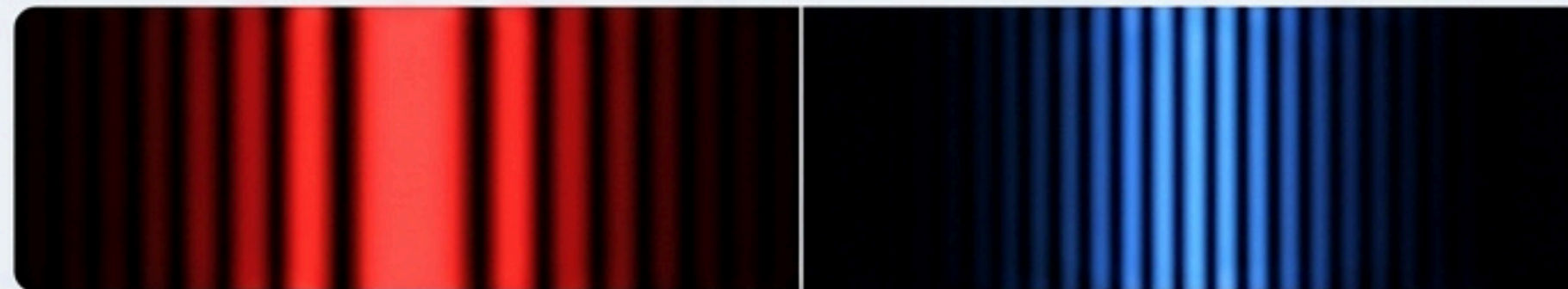
Secondary Bands & Colors

Alternating dark and bright regions spread outwards. Because band positions depend on wavelength, the outer edges show distinct colors.



Red Filter

Blue Filter



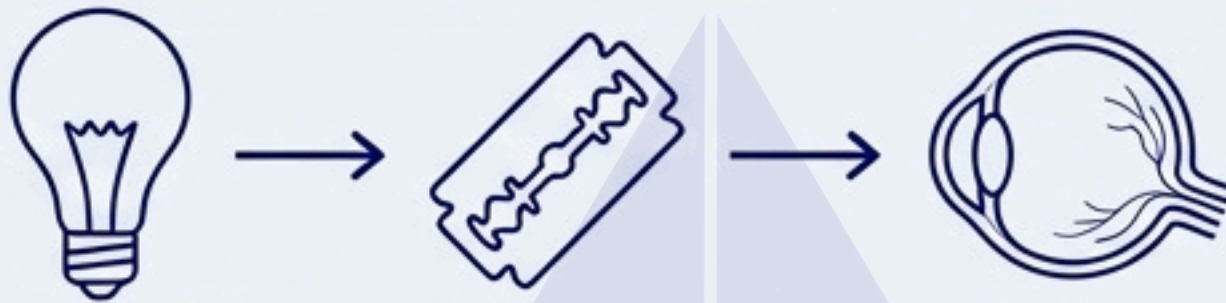
Try a filter: Red light (longer wavelength) produces wider fringes than blue light.

Unlocking Deep Physics

Simple setups reveal the wave nature of light.



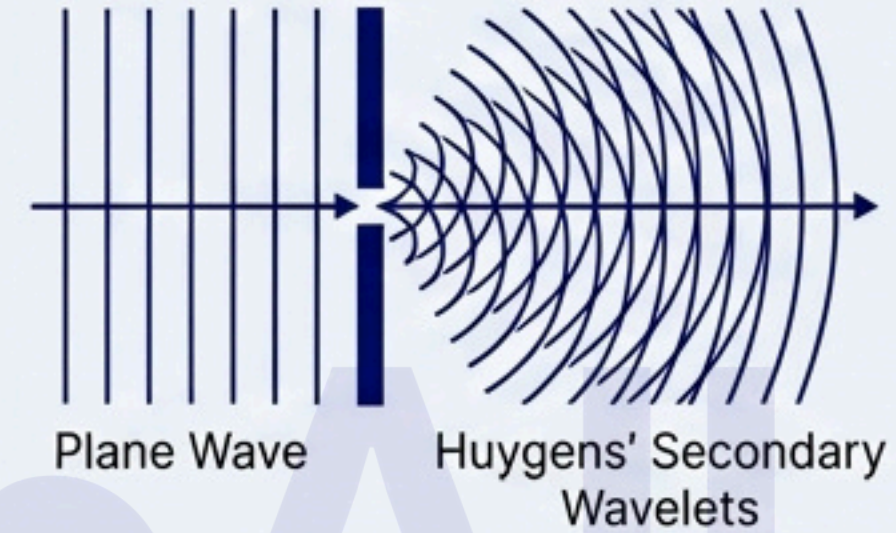
Wave Superposition



The single slit acts as a source of countless new secondary wavelets. These wavelets overlap, interfering **constructively** (bright bands) and **destructively** (dark bands).

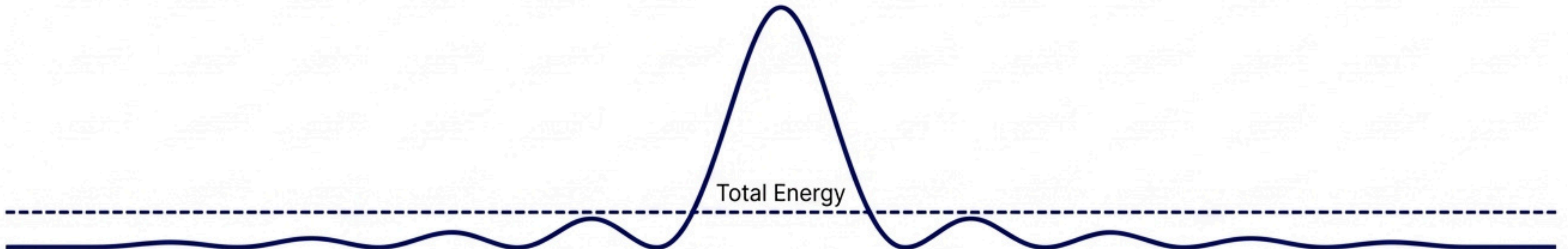
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Conservation of Energy



Light energy is not lost in the dark fringes; it is simply **redistributed** to the bright fringes. The total energy remains **perfectly constant**.

Total Energy



Summary & Key Takeaways



Diffraction is Directly Observable

You don't need million-dollar equipment to see quantum wave effects. Narrow openings—like the gap between two razor blades—are enough to diffract light.



Openings Reveal Wave Behavior

The spreading of light into the geometrical shadow proves that light does not just travel in straight rays—it fundamentally behaves as a wave.



Observation Supports Theory

The width of the fringes changes based on the color of the light (red > blue), directly supporting the mathematical wavelength formulas of wave optics.



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