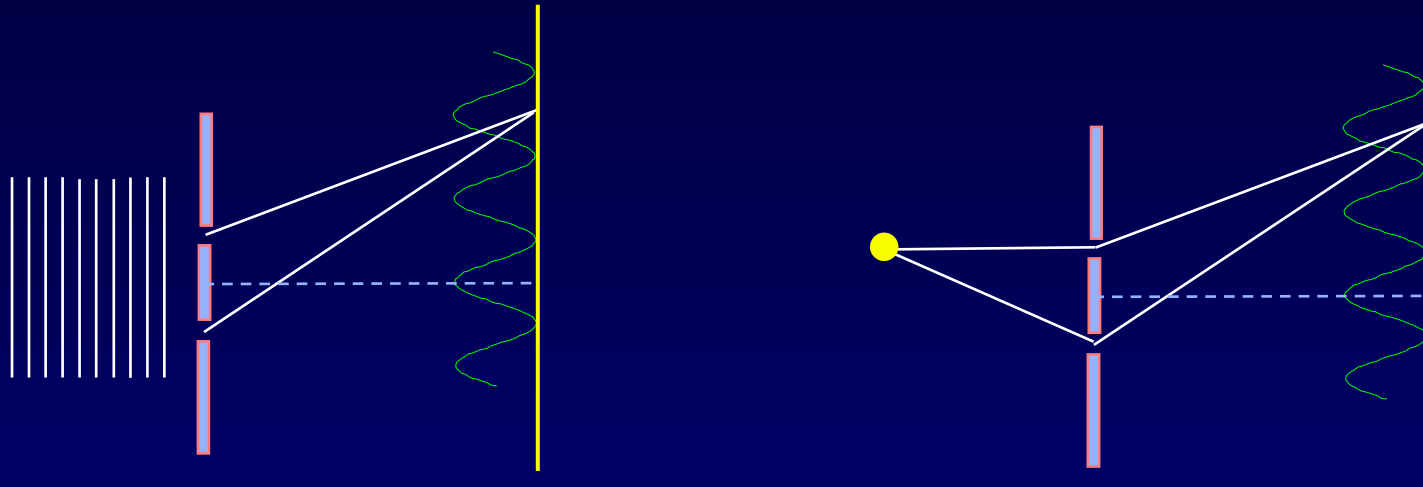


Review of 2-Slit Interference



- Only the phase difference matters.
Phase difference is due to source phases and/or path difference.
- In a more complicated geometry (see figure on right), one must calculate the total path from source to screen.
- If the amplitudes are equal \Rightarrow Use trig identity: $A = 2A_1 \cos(\phi/2)$.
- Phasors: Phasors are amplitudes.
Intensity is the square of the phasor length.