

# Chapter 30: Reflection and Refraction

## Thursday November 17<sup>th</sup>

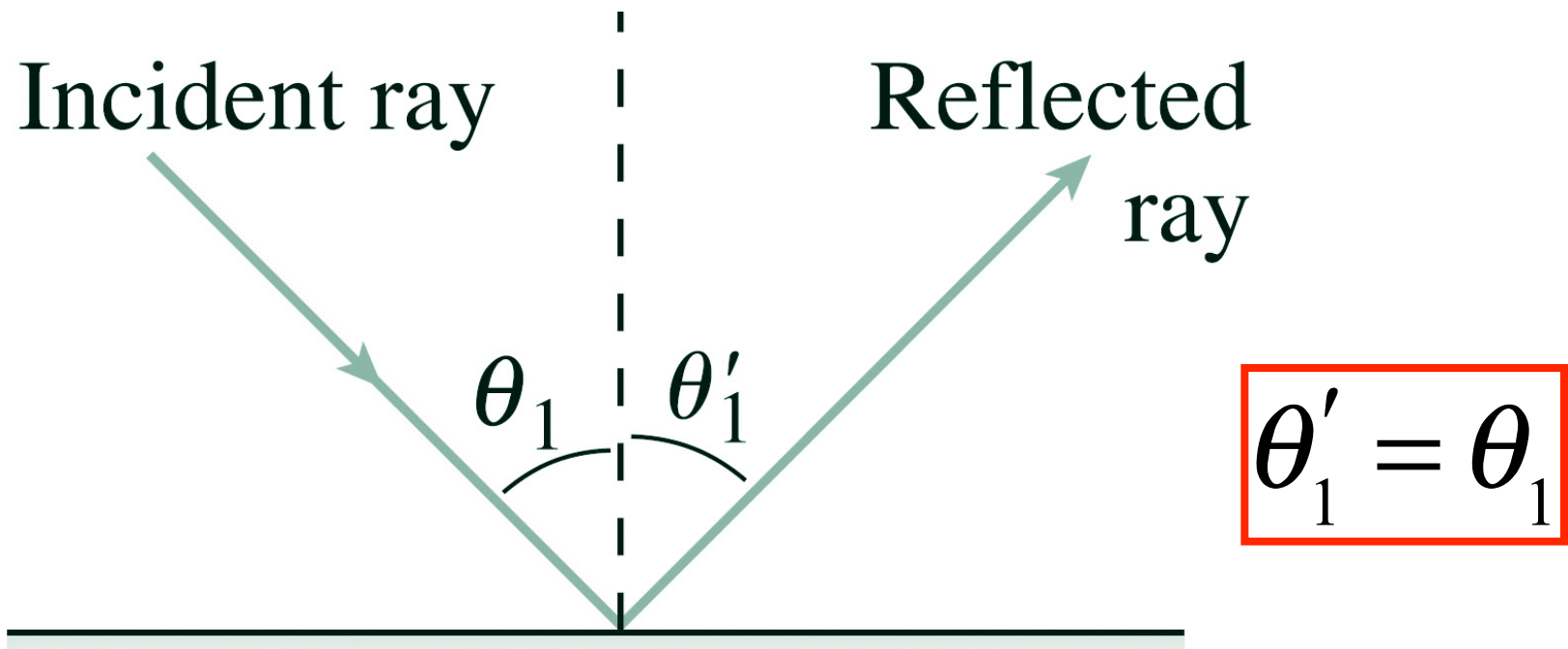
- **V. IMPORTANT: Final exam will be in HCB103/316**
  - There will be assigned seating (TBA)
- Check your exam scores online
- Still 50 unregistered *iClickers*, some with excellent scores!

### • Reflection and Refraction (Ch. 30)

- Review: wave reflection from an interface
- Review wave transmission through an interface (refraction)
- Snell's law
- Total Internal reflection
- Brewster's angle
- Dispersion

Reading: up to page 540 in the text book (Ch. 30)

# Review: Wave Reflection (Ch. 30)



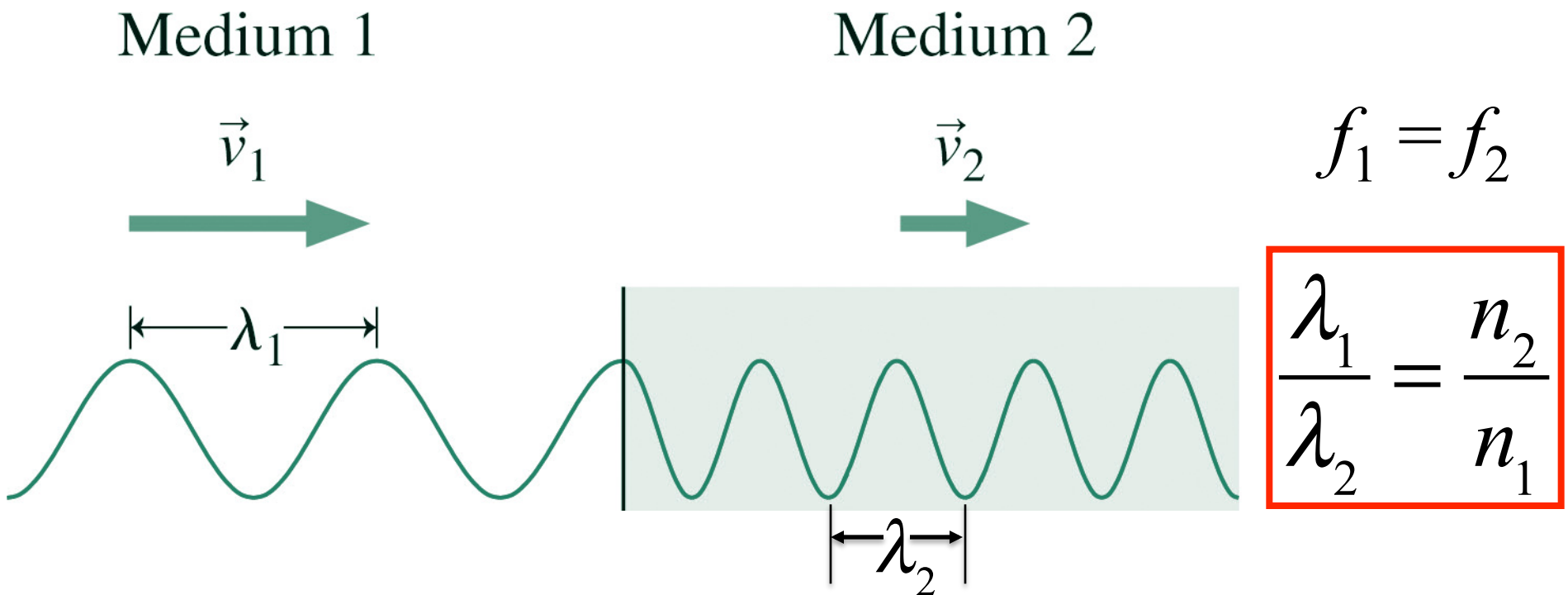
- There are a number of different ways to rationalize this, both in terms of the wave- and particle-like nature of light.
- The latter involves conservation of energy/momentum, i.e., just like a perfect elastic collision between a billiard ball and the rail.

# Review: Refractive index

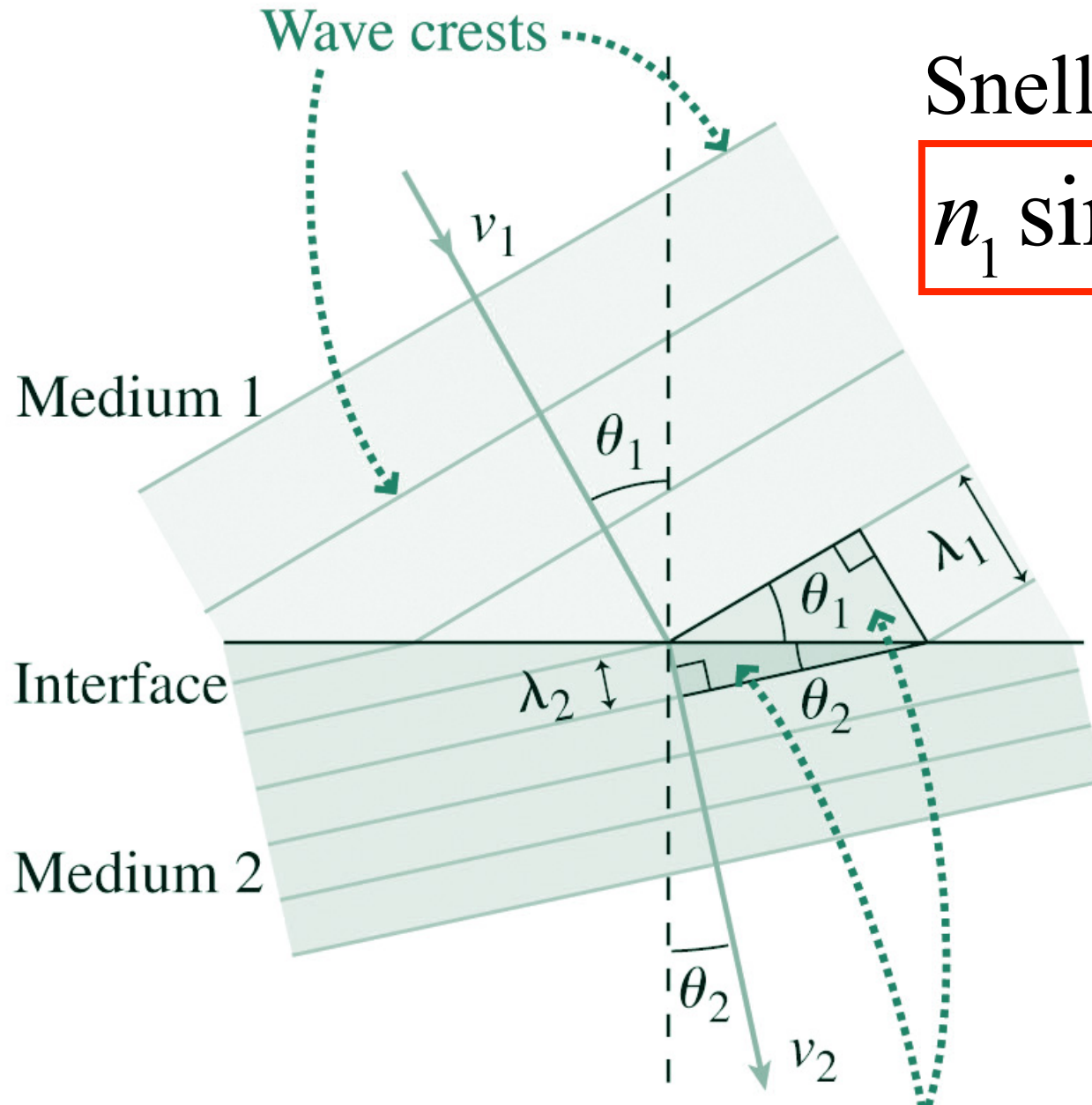
When a wave travels into a medium other than vacuum, the constants  $\epsilon_0$  and  $\mu_0$  are modified by their permeabilities  $\kappa_e$  and  $\kappa_m$ , thus the speed of the electromagnetic wave is given by:

$$v = c \sqrt{\frac{1}{\kappa_e \kappa_m}} = \frac{c}{n}$$

where  $n = (\kappa_e \kappa_m)^{1/2}$  is called the refractive index of the material.



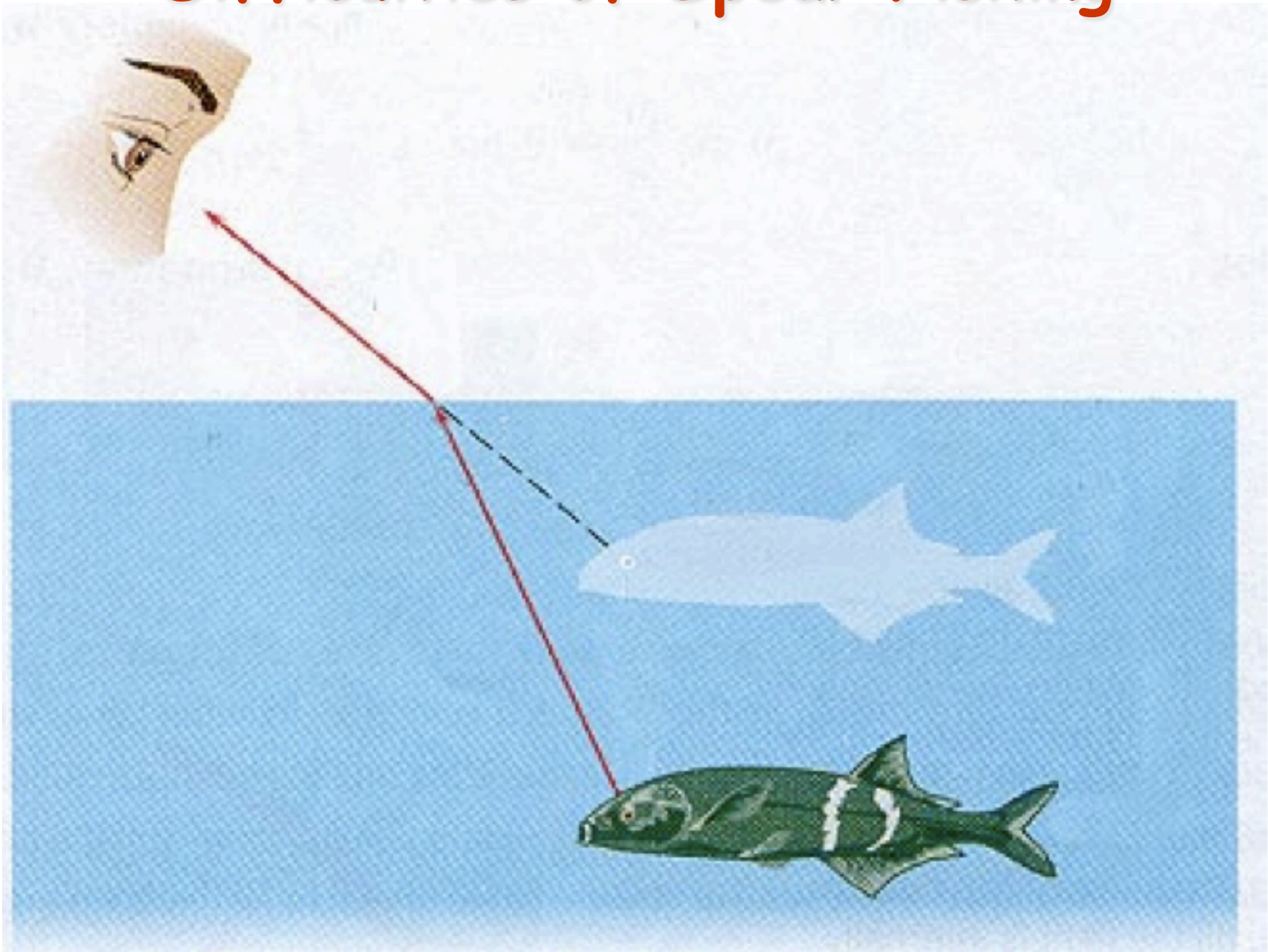
# Refraction and Snell's law



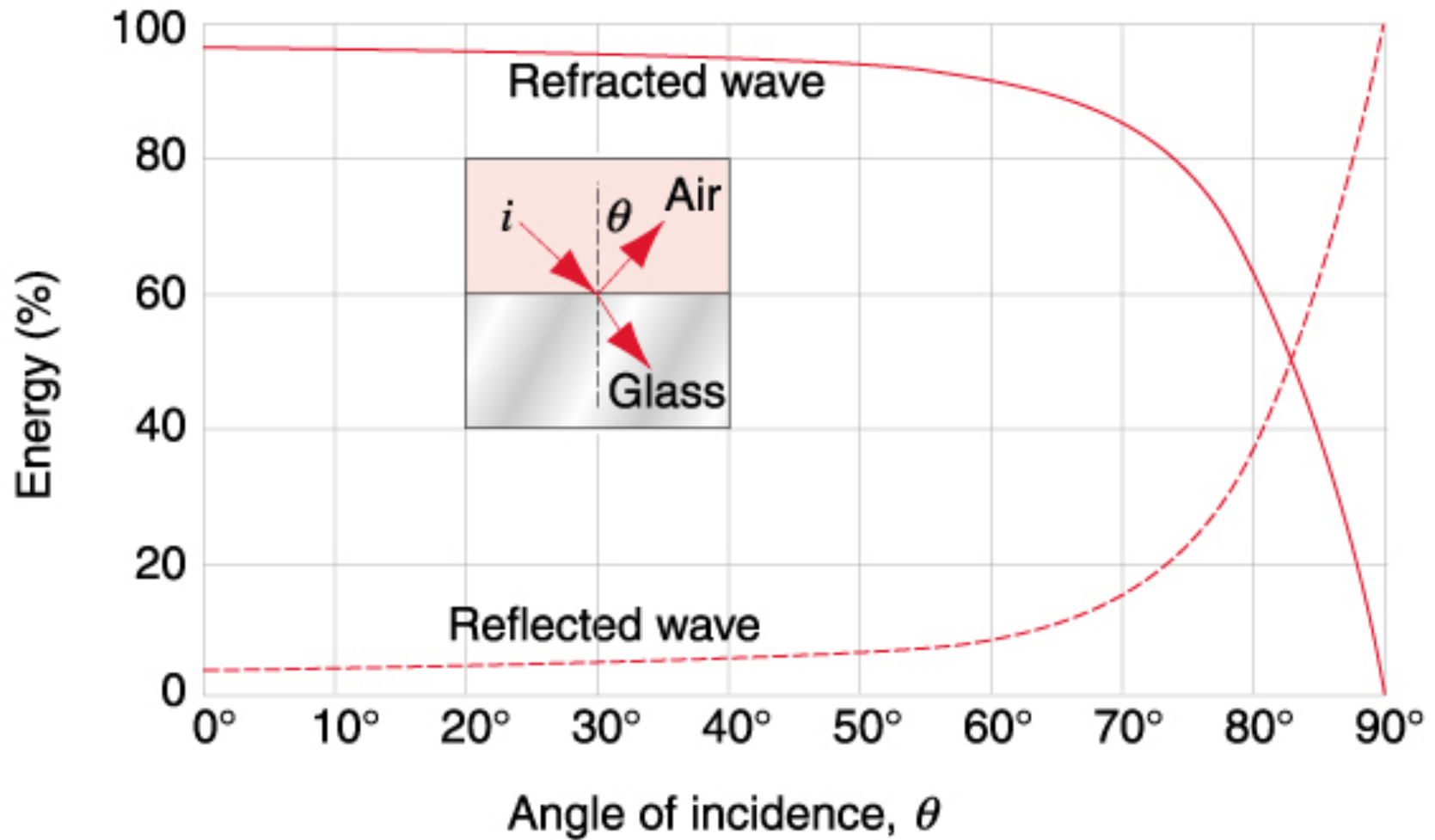
Snell's law:

$$n_1 \sin \theta_1 = n_2 \sin \theta_2$$

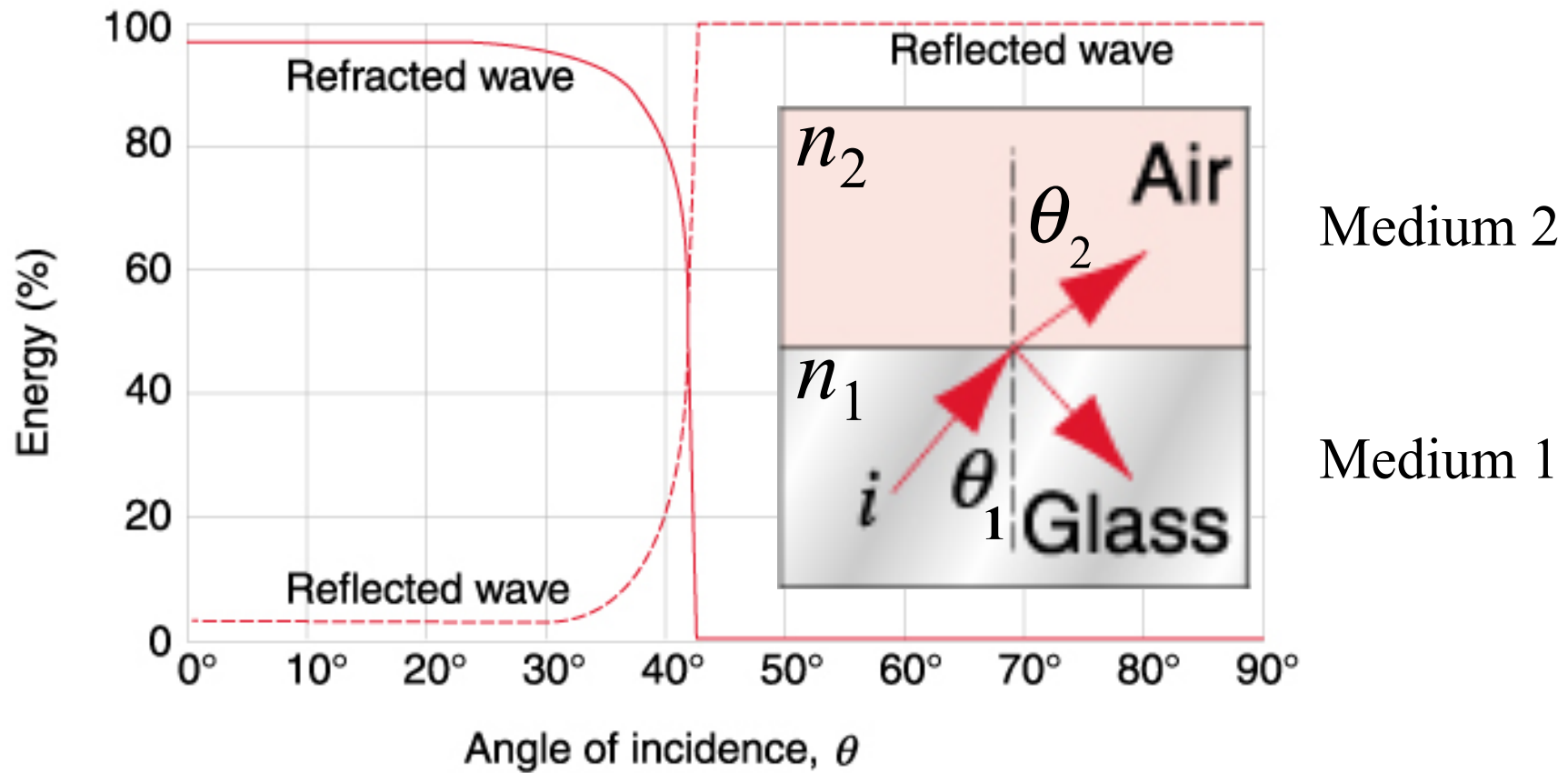
# Difficulties of Spear Fishing



# Refraction and total internal reflection

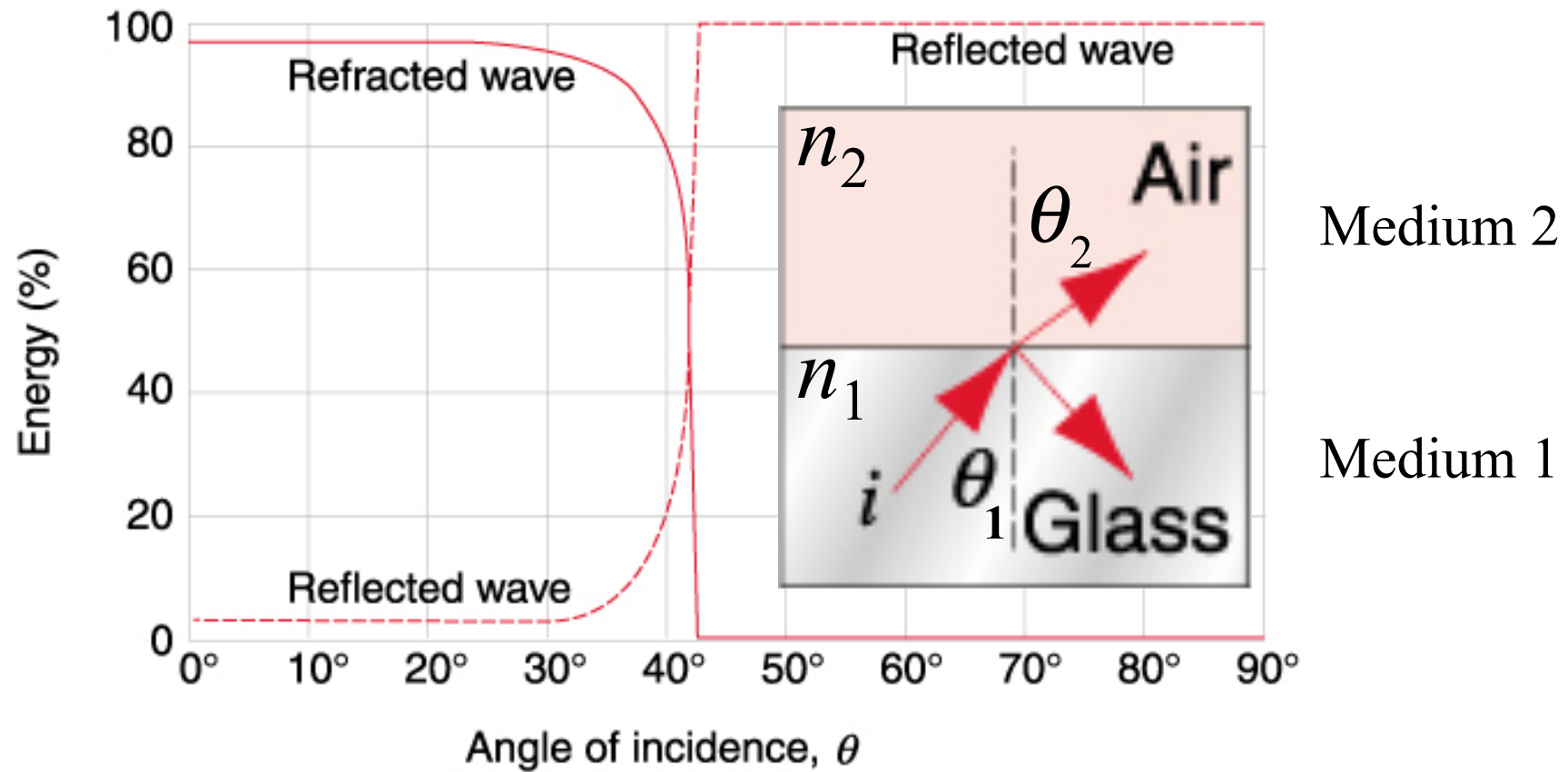


# Refraction and total internal reflection



$$\sin \theta_2 = \frac{n_1}{n_2} \sin \theta_1 > 1 \text{ for } \theta_1 > \theta_c$$

# Refraction and total internal reflection

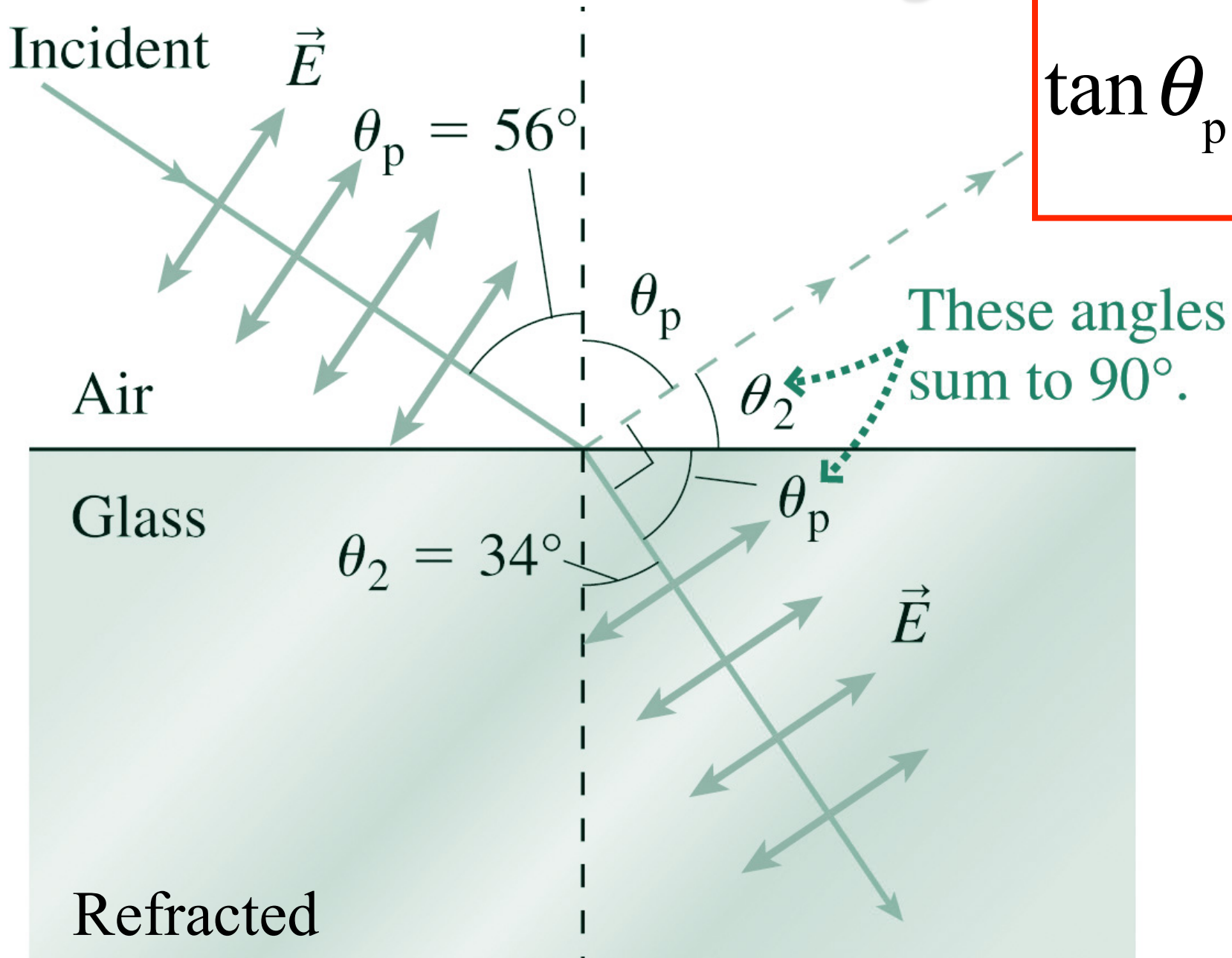


$$\sin \theta_c = \frac{n_2}{n_1}$$

Critical angle for total internal reflection



# Brewster's angle



$$\tan \theta_p = \frac{n_2}{n_1}$$

# Refraction and dispersion

