

# The physics of a falling Slinky

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Professor Ted Bunn (no relation), who still gets email about a Black Holes FAQ he wrote over fifteen years ago, recently blogged about what happens when you suspend a Slinky vertically, then let go. *No wait, come back.*

In Part the First, he provides an alternate (but equivalent) explanation for the phenomenon. Allen Downey on his wonderfully-titled blog *Probably Overthinking It* started in with the equations, which inspired Ted to write Part the Second, which contains with lots of math, *but there are also charts.*

Okay, fine, I don't blame you for leaving.



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