

The Doppler Effect

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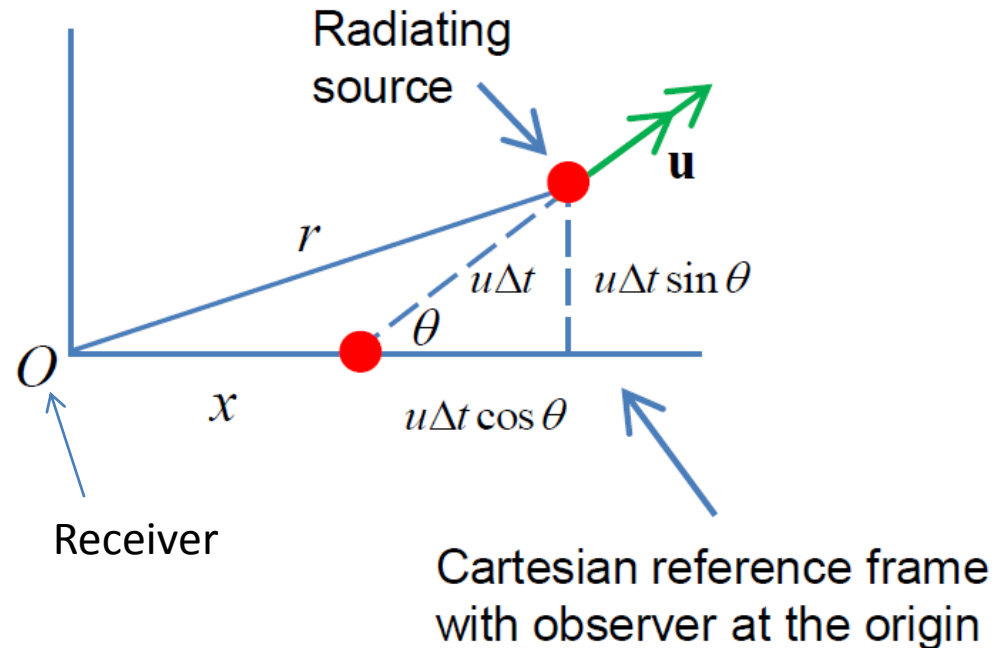


Dr Andrew French

Christian Doppler
1803-1853

Consider a **receding** wave source of frequency f . It crosses the x axis of a Cartesian reference frame at angle θ with speed u . The receiver of the waves is stationary at the origin of the Cartesian frame.

The speed of waves, relative to the observer, is w .

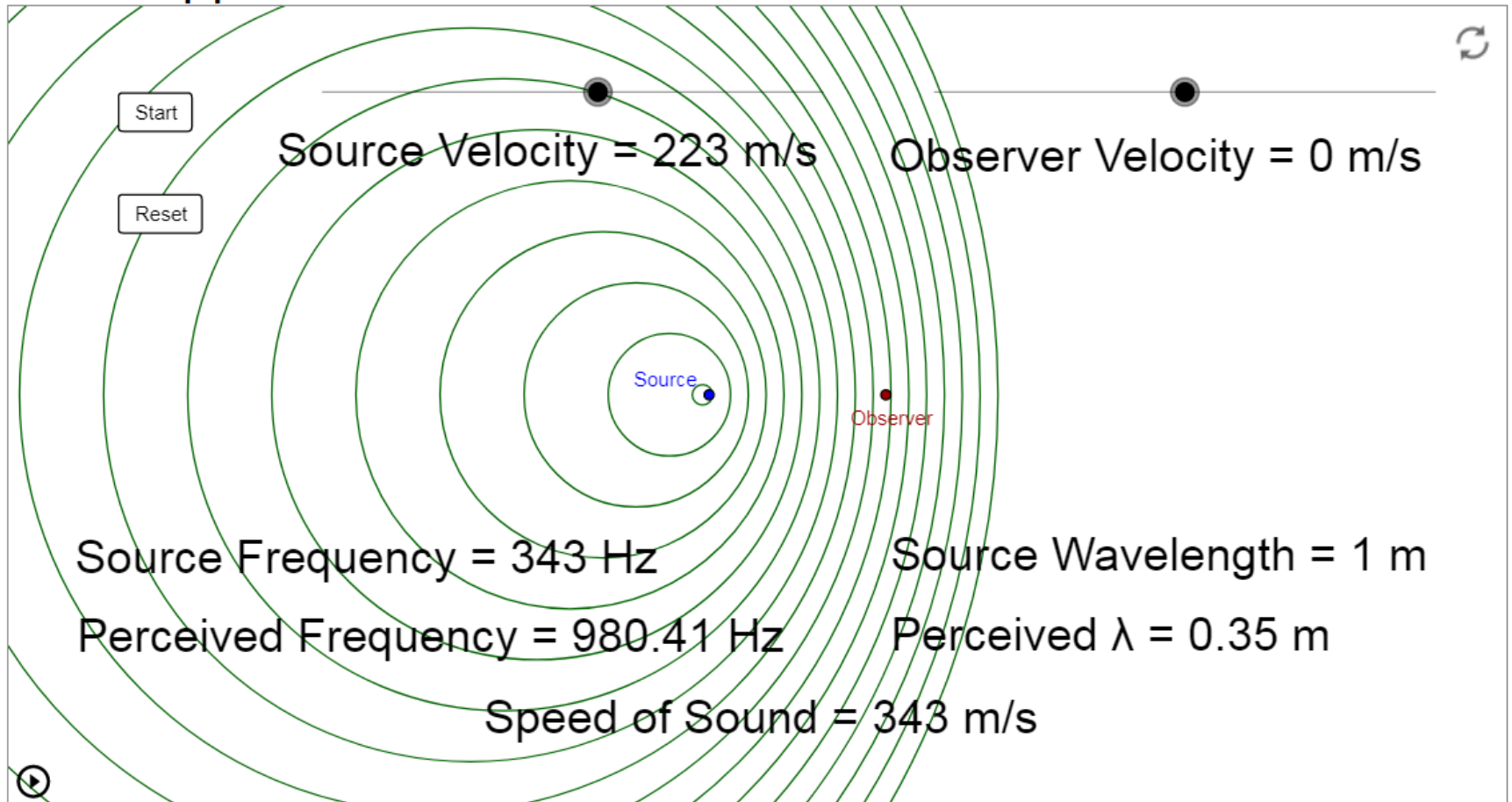


Depending on the velocity of the wave source relative to the observer, the observer will experience a *frequency shift* from f . If the source *recedes*, the frequency *diminishes* and the *wavelength increases* ('**redshift**'). If the source is *approaching*, the observed frequency will increase and the wavelength will decrease ('**blueshift**').

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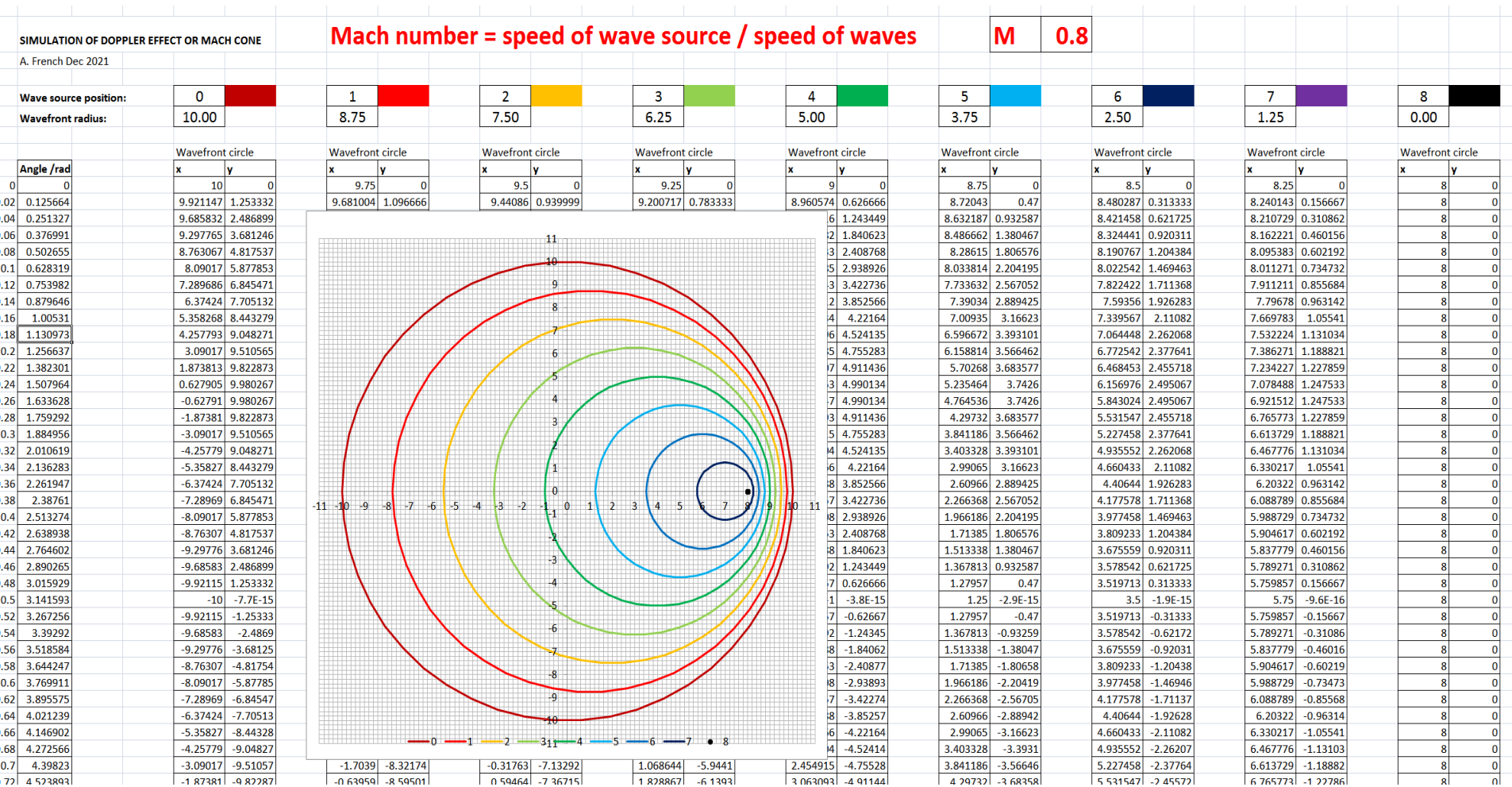
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The Doppler Effect & Sonic Boom

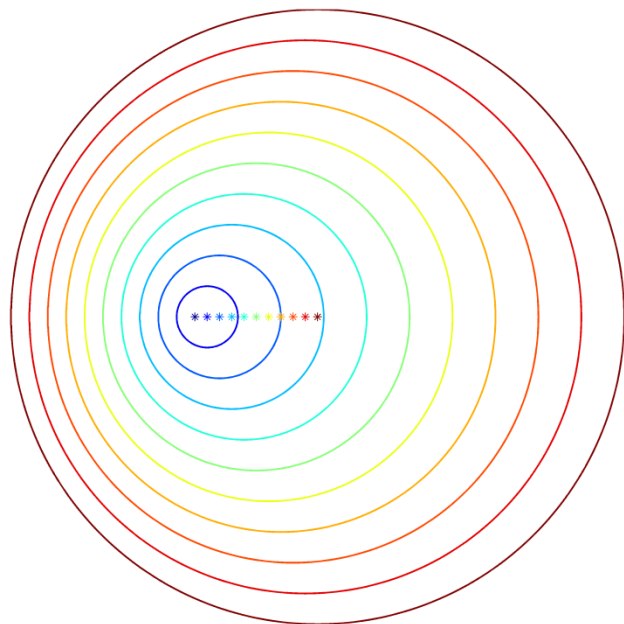


Excel model of Doppler Shift

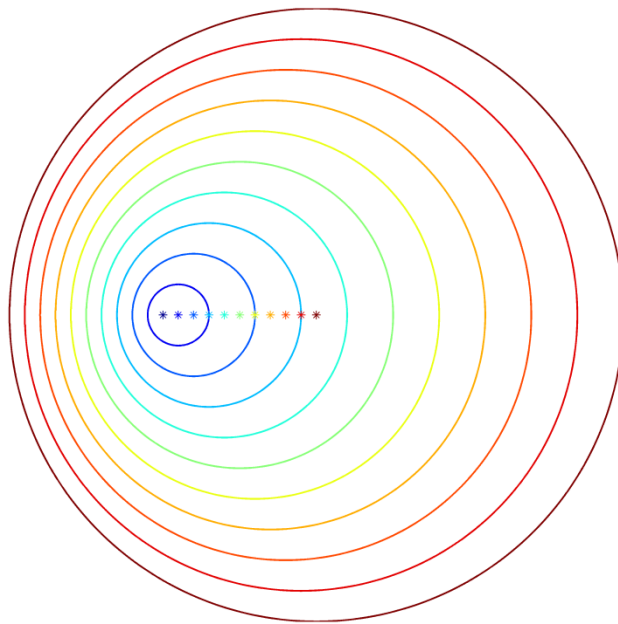
- Plot the circular wavefront(s) when the source has got to position 8.
- i.e. you see a wavefront radius which *increases* as the *initial position decreases*, and also a *shift of wavefront centre*. The combination of these two effects causes the bunching up of wavefronts



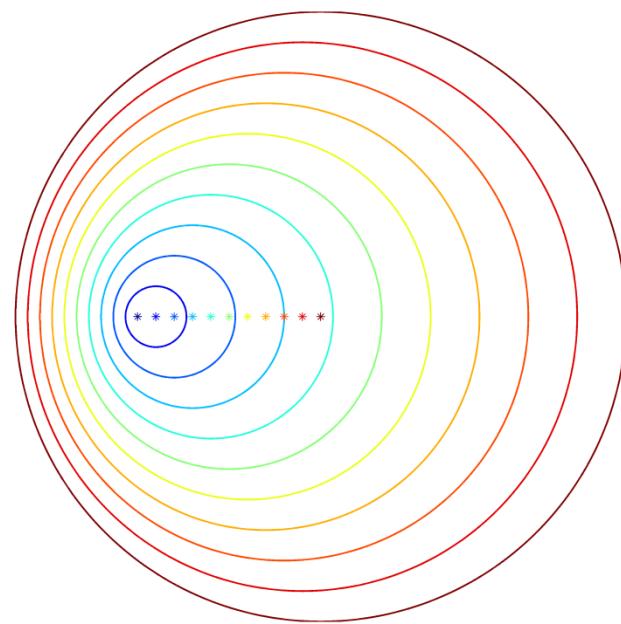
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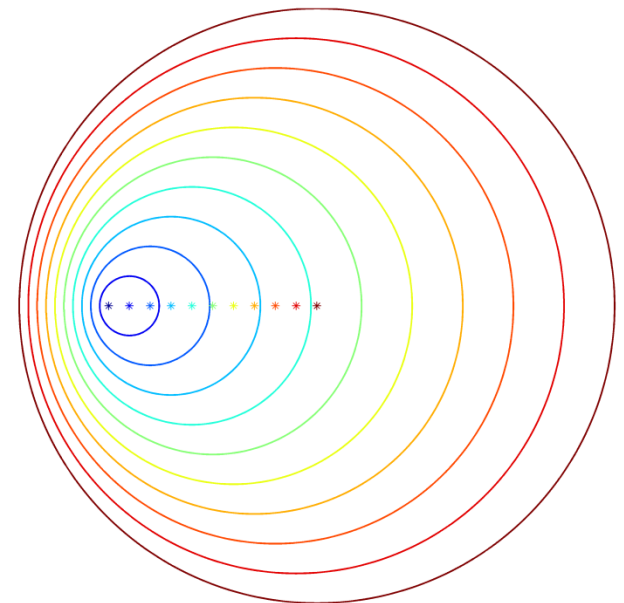


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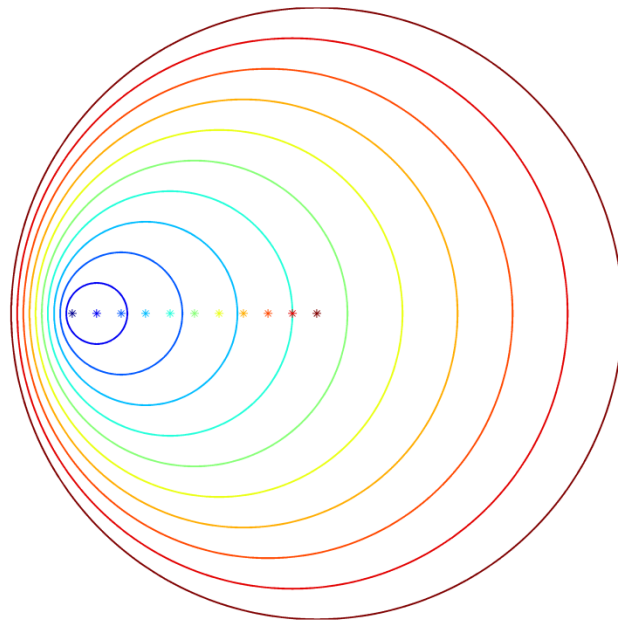


MATLAB model

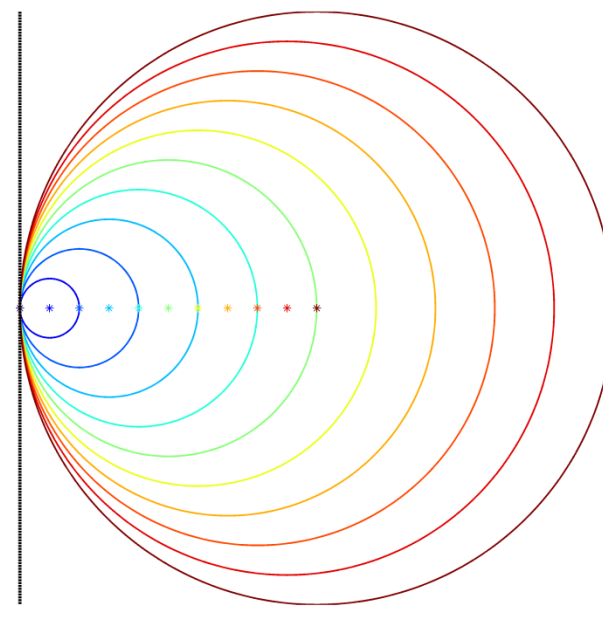
$M = v/c = 0.7$



$M = v/c = 0.8$



$M = v/c = 1$



Doppler shift method for measuring radial velocity

$$c = f \lambda$$

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You'll see a minus sign in u otherwise

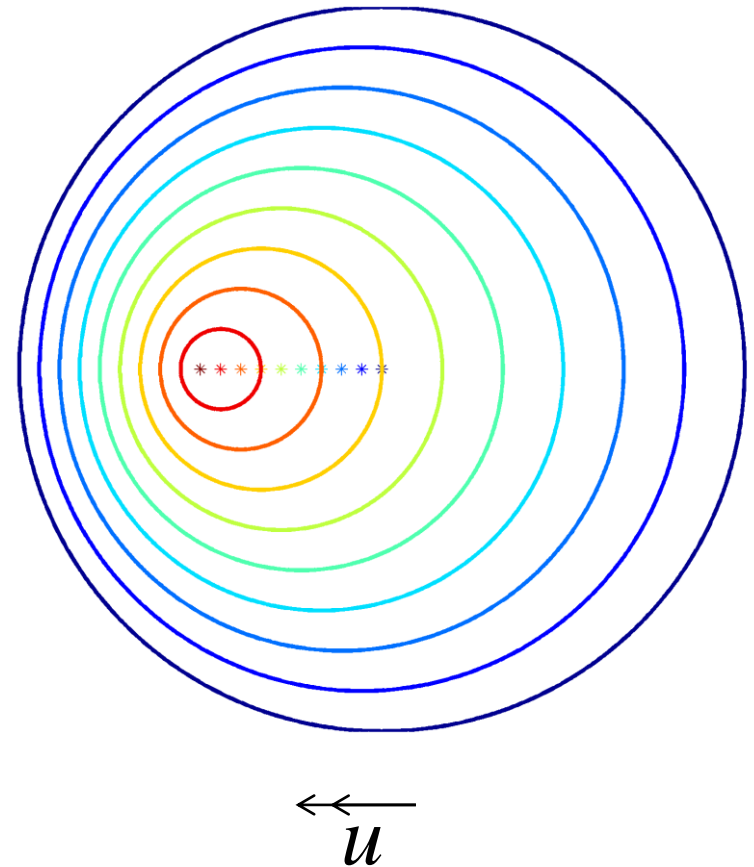
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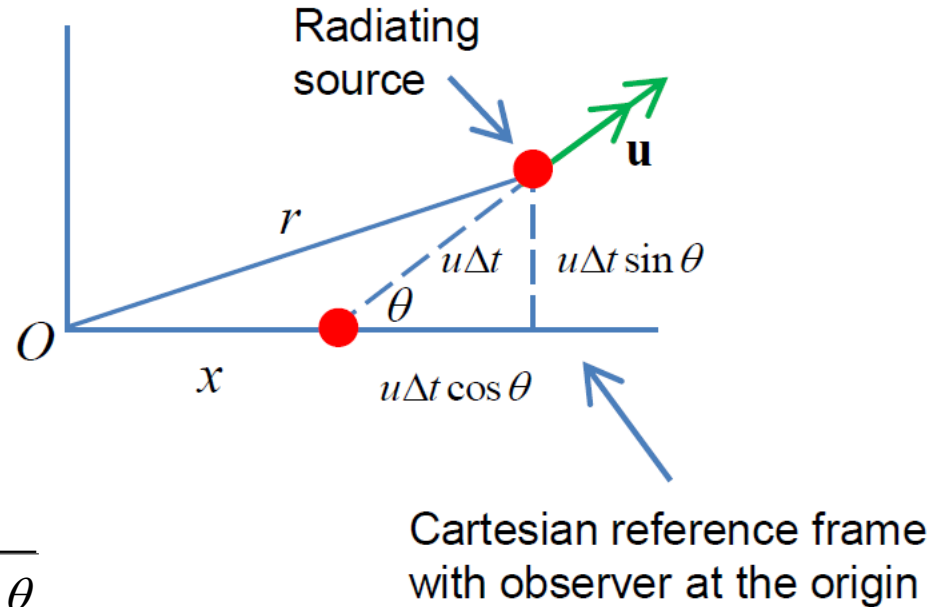
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The period T of waves received by an observer (in the x direction) at the frame origin O is:

$$T = \Delta t + \frac{r - x}{w}$$

Δt : time between wave crests at source
 w : wave speed
 $r - x$: extra distance travelled by source between wave crests



From geometry:

$$r = \sqrt{(x + u\Delta t \cos \theta)^2 + u^2 \Delta t^2 \sin^2 \theta}$$

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$$r = x \sqrt{1 + 2 \cos \theta \frac{u\Delta t}{x} + \left(\frac{u\Delta t}{x} \right)^2}$$

If $u\Delta t \ll x$ $r \approx x \sqrt{1 + 2 \cos \theta \frac{u\Delta t}{x}} \approx x \left(1 + \cos \theta \frac{u\Delta t}{x} \right) = x + u\Delta t \cos \theta$

$$\therefore r - x \approx u\Delta t \cos \theta$$

Hence frequency of radiation received at O is $F = 1/T$ where:

$$\frac{1}{F} = \Delta t + \frac{u\Delta t \cos \theta}{w} = \Delta t \left(1 + \frac{u \cos \theta}{w} \right)$$

In a *Classical* scenario, where u, w are much less than the speed of light:

$$f = 1/\Delta t$$

Received frequency

$$\therefore F = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{u}{w} \cos \theta} f$$

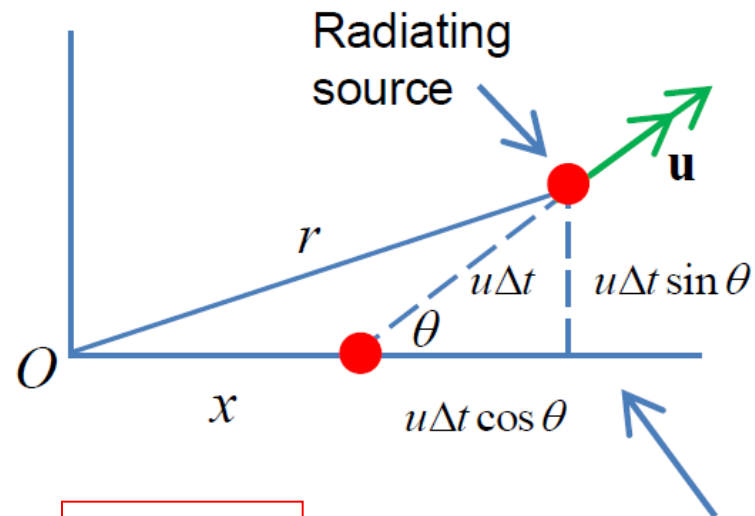
Emitted frequency

If $w \gg u$, $\theta \approx 0$

$$F \approx f - \frac{u}{w} f$$

i.e. a **Doppler Shift** of:

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Cartesian reference frame with observer at the origin

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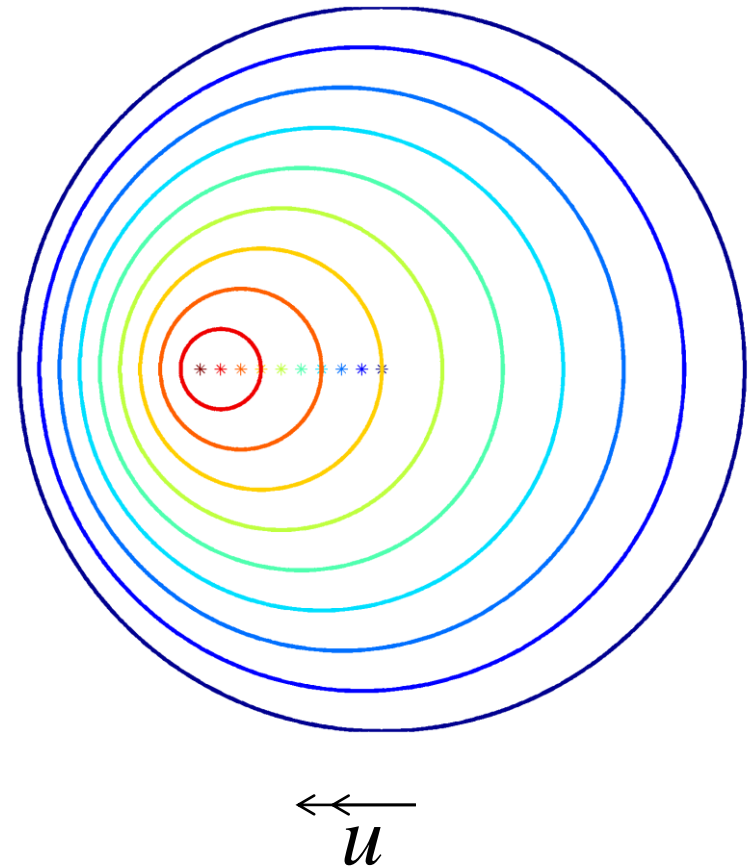
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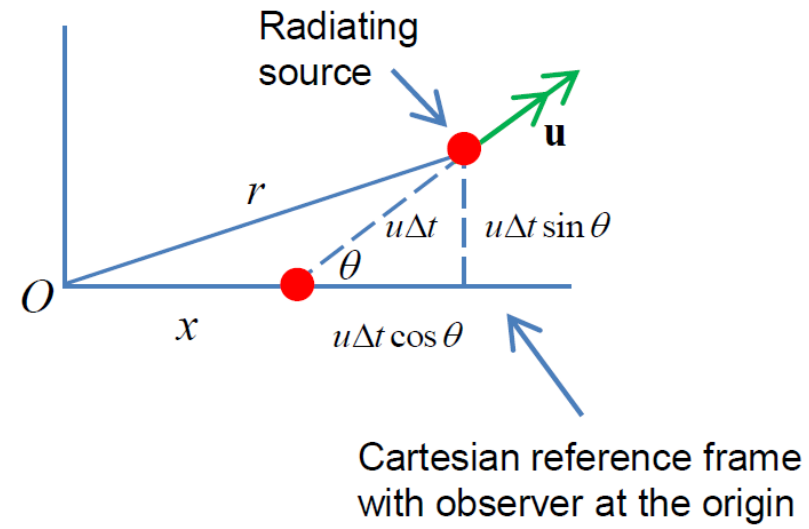
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Wavelength shift and **Redshift**

$$F = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{u}{w} \cos \theta} f$$

Received frequency at O \rightarrow F
 w \rightarrow wave speed
 f \leftarrow emitted frequency



$$F = \frac{w}{\lambda_o}, \quad f = \frac{w}{\lambda_e}$$

$$\therefore \frac{\lambda_o}{\lambda_e} = 1 + \frac{u}{w} \cos \theta$$

Define **REDSHIFT**

$$z = \frac{u \cos \theta}{w}$$

$$\therefore 1 + z = \frac{\lambda_o}{\lambda_e}$$

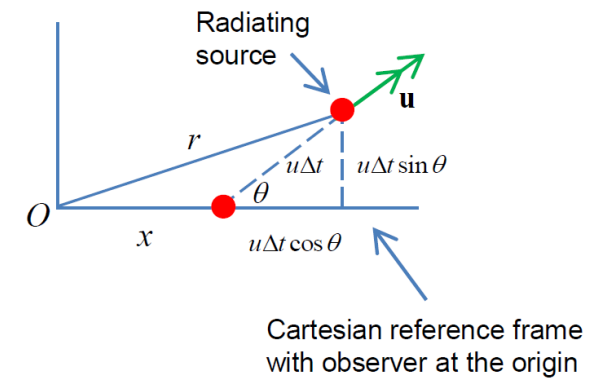
Observed wavelength

Emitted wavelength

$$\frac{\lambda_o}{\lambda_e} = 1 + \frac{u}{w} \cos \theta$$

wave speed

Recession velocity from observer



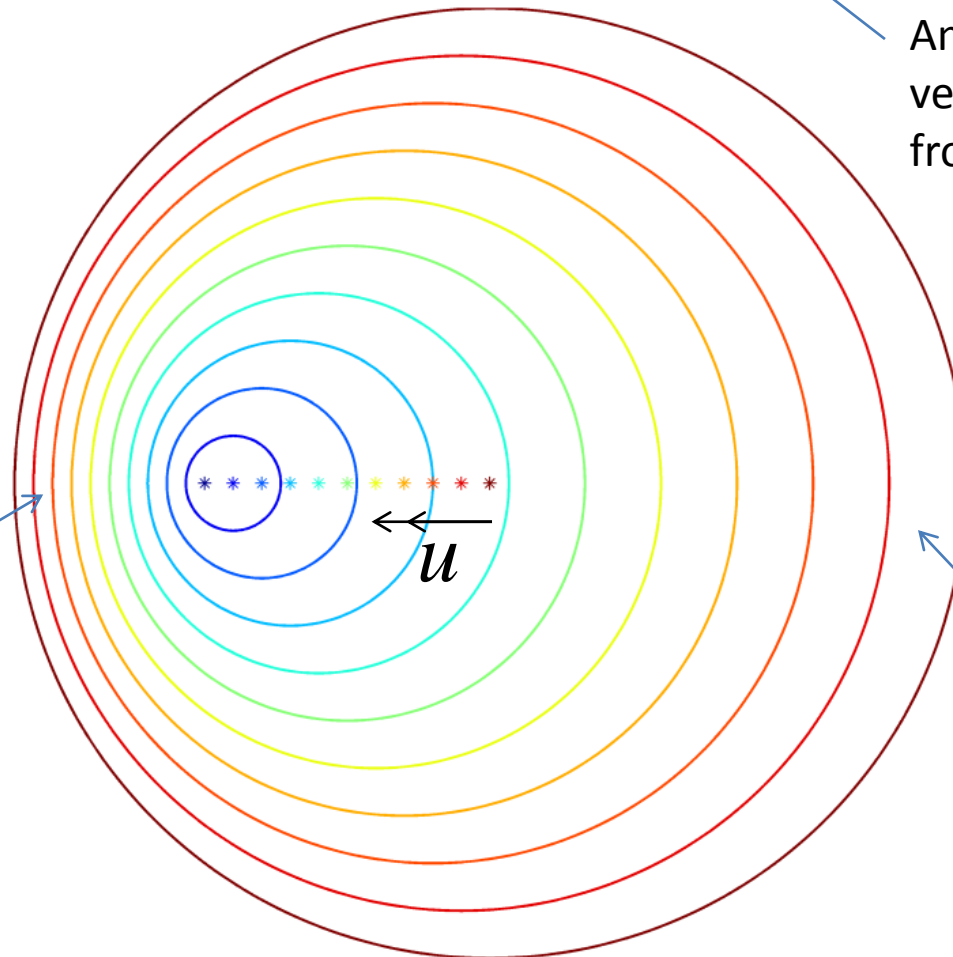
Angle of source velocity from horizontal

In this example:

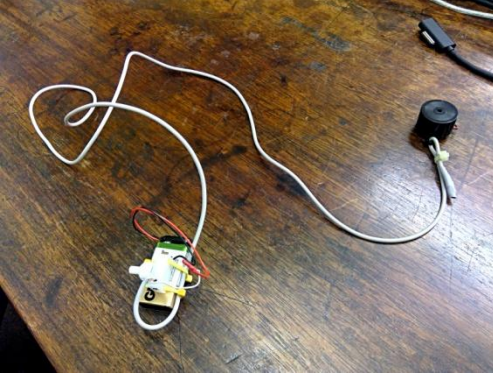
$$\theta = 0$$

$$u = 0.6w$$

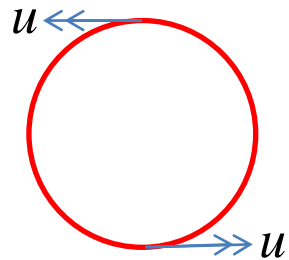
$$\lambda_o = \lambda_e (1 - 0.6)$$



$$\lambda_o = \lambda_e (1 + 0.6)$$



Whirl a loudspeaker



$$\Delta f_{\max} \approx \frac{u}{w} f$$

$$\therefore u \approx \frac{200}{2100} \times 340 \text{ms}^{-1}$$

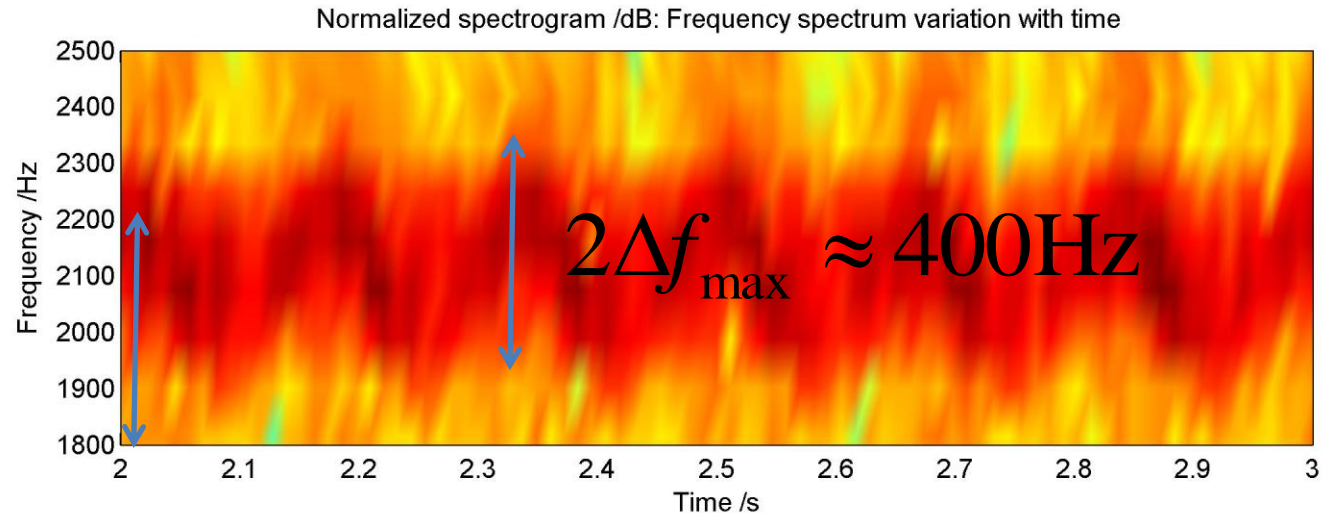
$$\therefore u \approx 33 \text{ms}^{-1} \quad \text{speaker speed}$$

$$r \approx 0.50 \text{m}$$

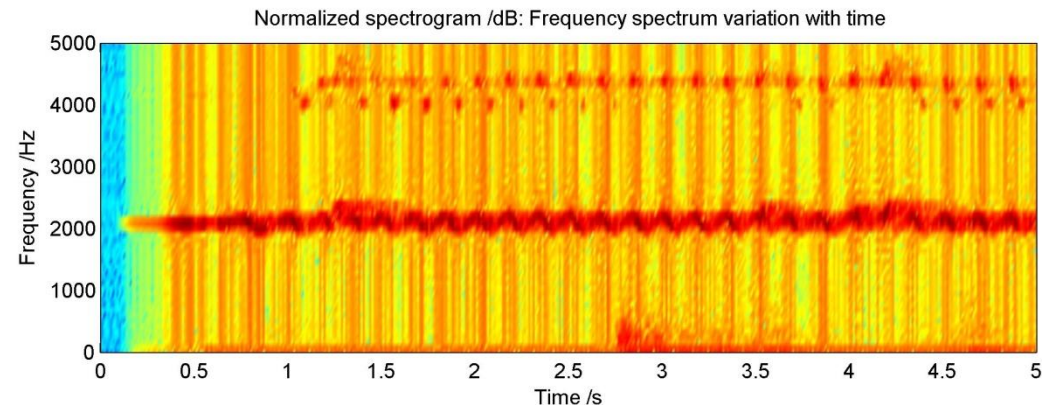
Radius of circle of whirling speaker

$$w = 340 \text{ms}^{-1}$$

Speed of sound in air



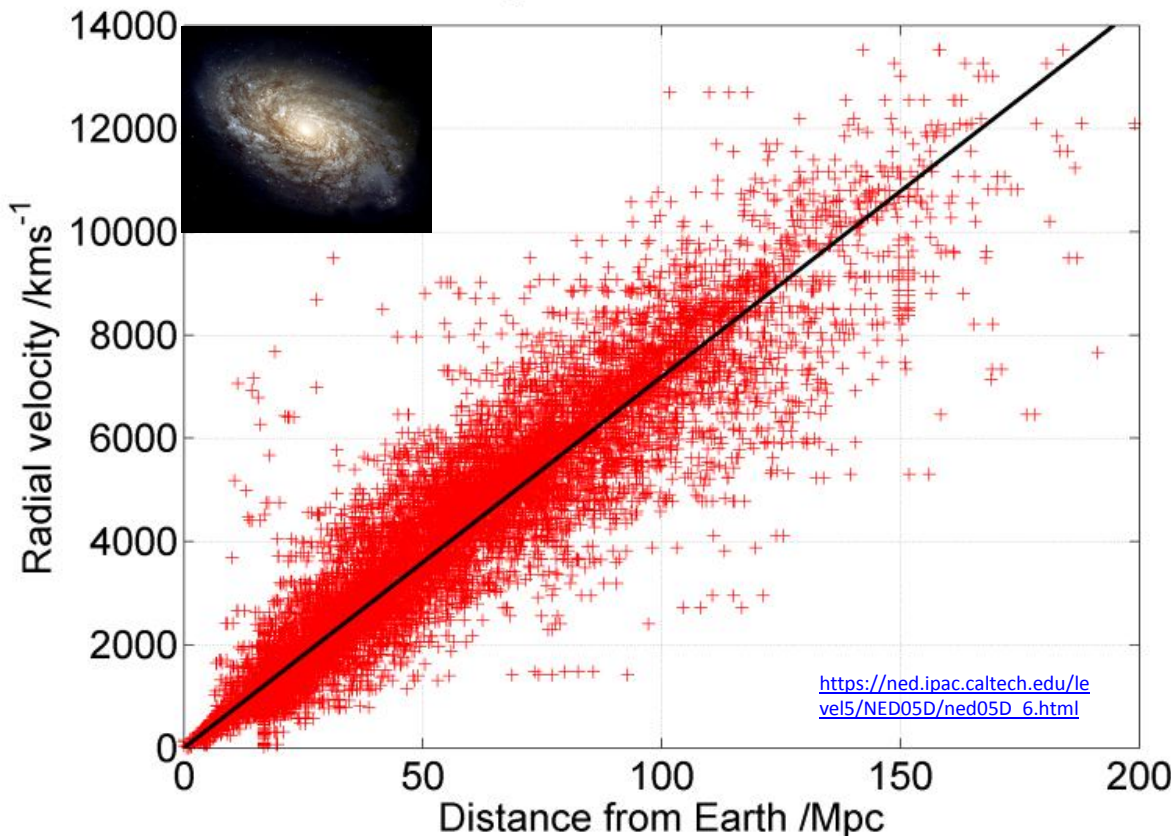
Record a *spectrogram* to determine frequency variation vs time.



Doppler Shift is a highly useful tool in **Cosmology**, since by comparing the *spectra* of light from stars to the light emitted by their constituent gases such as hydrogen or helium *in the laboratory*, we can infer the recession speed of the stars. The *general trend of galaxies to be red-shifted* is the key piece of evidence to suggest the *Big Bang Theory* of the evolution; i.e. that it the **Universe is expanding** and ‘began’ as an extraordinarily hot and dense ‘singularity.’

15,231 measurements
of 4672 galaxies

Hubble law overlaid upon NASA Extragalactic Database (2008)
 $H_0 = 71.9 \text{ kms}^{-1}/\text{Mpc}$



$$\left(\frac{v}{\text{kms}^{-1}} \right) \approx 71.9 \left(\frac{d}{\text{Mpc}} \right)$$

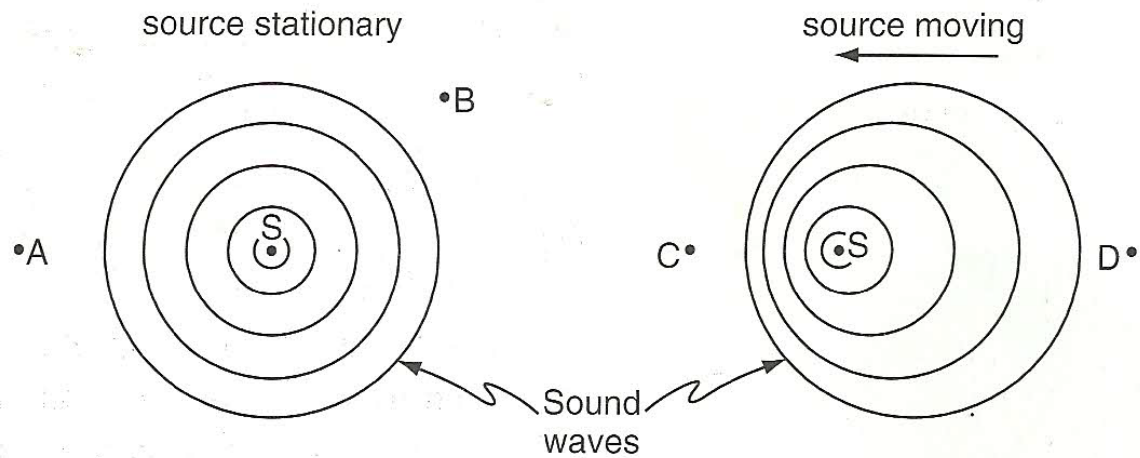
1Mpc

$$= 3.26 \times 10^6 \text{ Ly}$$

$$= 3.09 \times 10^{22} \text{ m}$$

Edwin Hubble
1889-1953

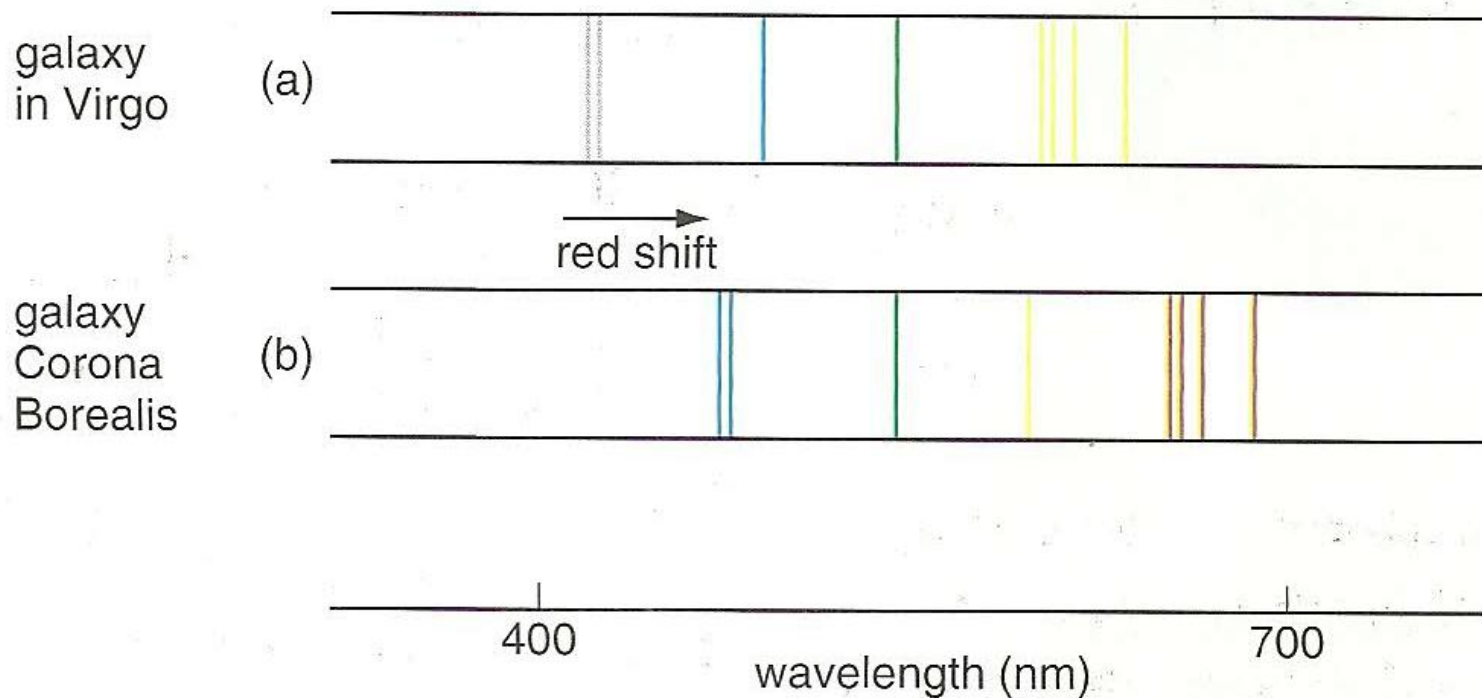




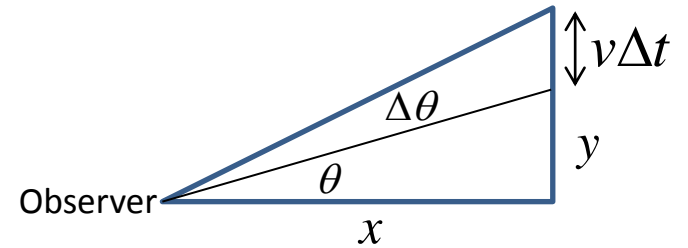
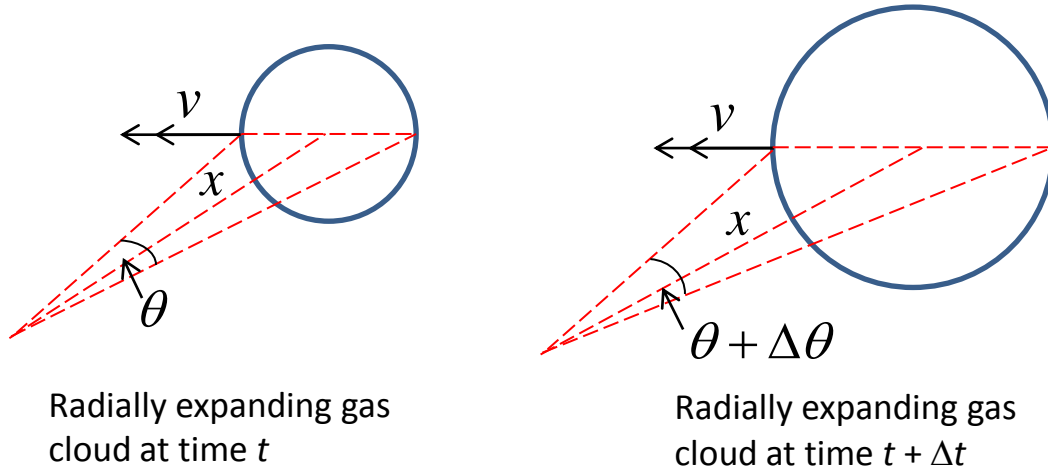
Redshift z is the fractional change in wavelength of light due to the Doppler effect

$$z = \frac{\lambda_{\text{observed}} - \lambda_{\text{emitted}}}{\lambda_{\text{emitted}}}$$

Emission spectra of light from stars. Assume mostly **Hydrogen**. Compare to Hydrogen spectra measured in an Earth laboratory.



Using **radial velocity** calculation (via Doppler shift)
to calculate distances of stars



$$y = x \tan \theta$$

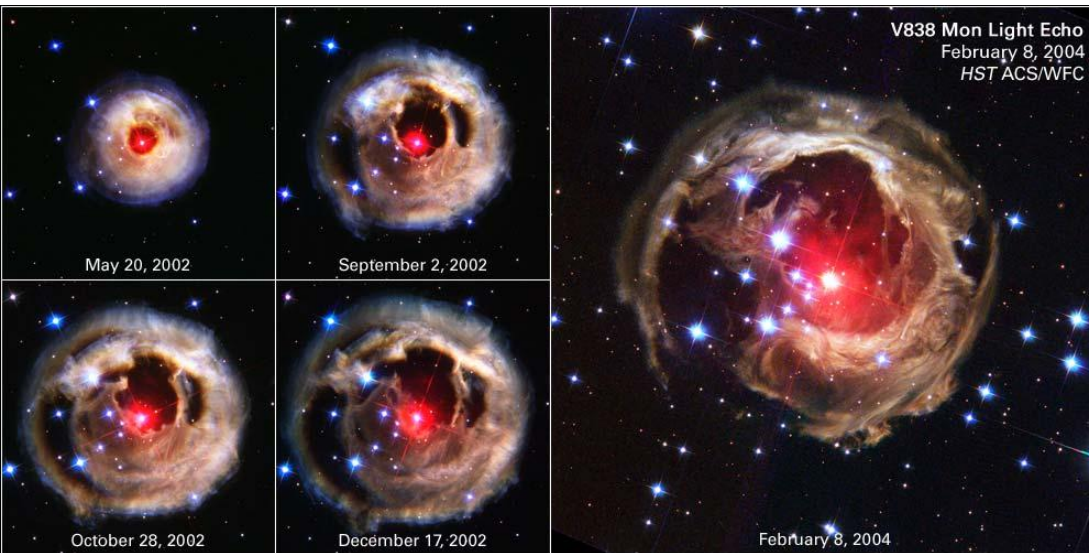
$$\tan(\theta + \Delta\theta) = \frac{v\Delta t + y}{x}$$

$$x = \frac{v\Delta t + x \tan \theta}{\tan(\theta + \Delta\theta)}$$

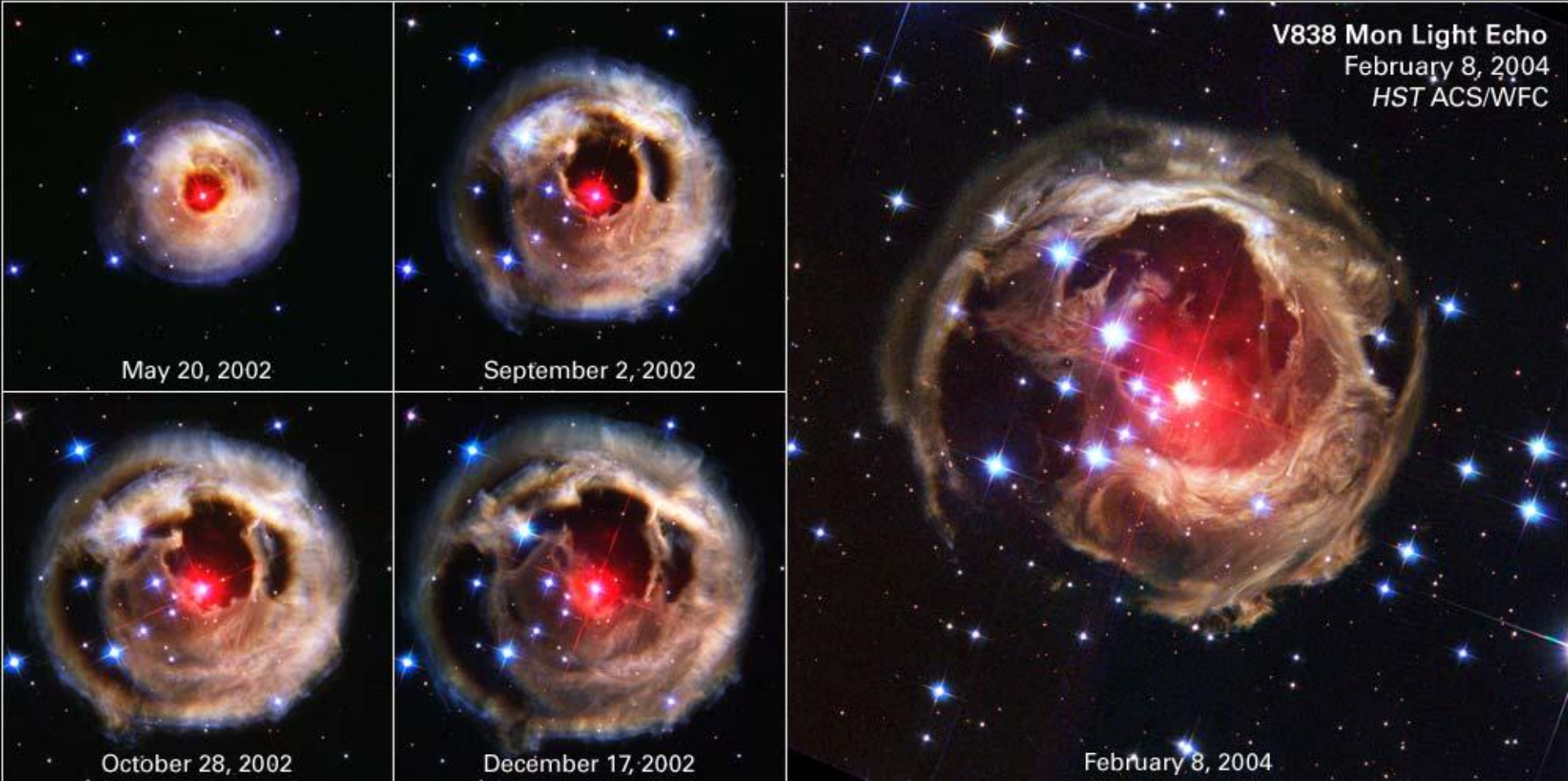
$$x(\tan(\theta + \Delta\theta) - \tan \theta) = v\Delta t$$

$$x = \frac{v\Delta t}{\tan(\theta + \Delta\theta) - \tan \theta}$$

$$x \approx \frac{v\Delta t}{\Delta\theta}$$



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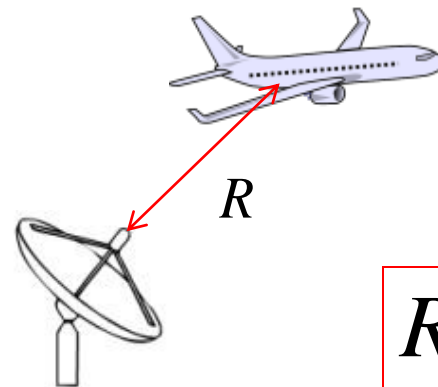
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The key challenge here is to work out what the **emission frequency** f should be, in order to work out the Doppler shift

RADAR Detection And Ranging

Radars detect the presence of a physically remote object via the reception and processing of **backscattered electromagnetic waves**.

Unlike optical systems, (which are responsive to frequencies $\approx 10^{15}$ Hz), Radar is typically associated with frequency bands ranging from a **few MHz** (High Frequency or HF band) up to **hundreds of GHz** (mm wave).



$$R = \frac{1}{2} c \Delta t$$

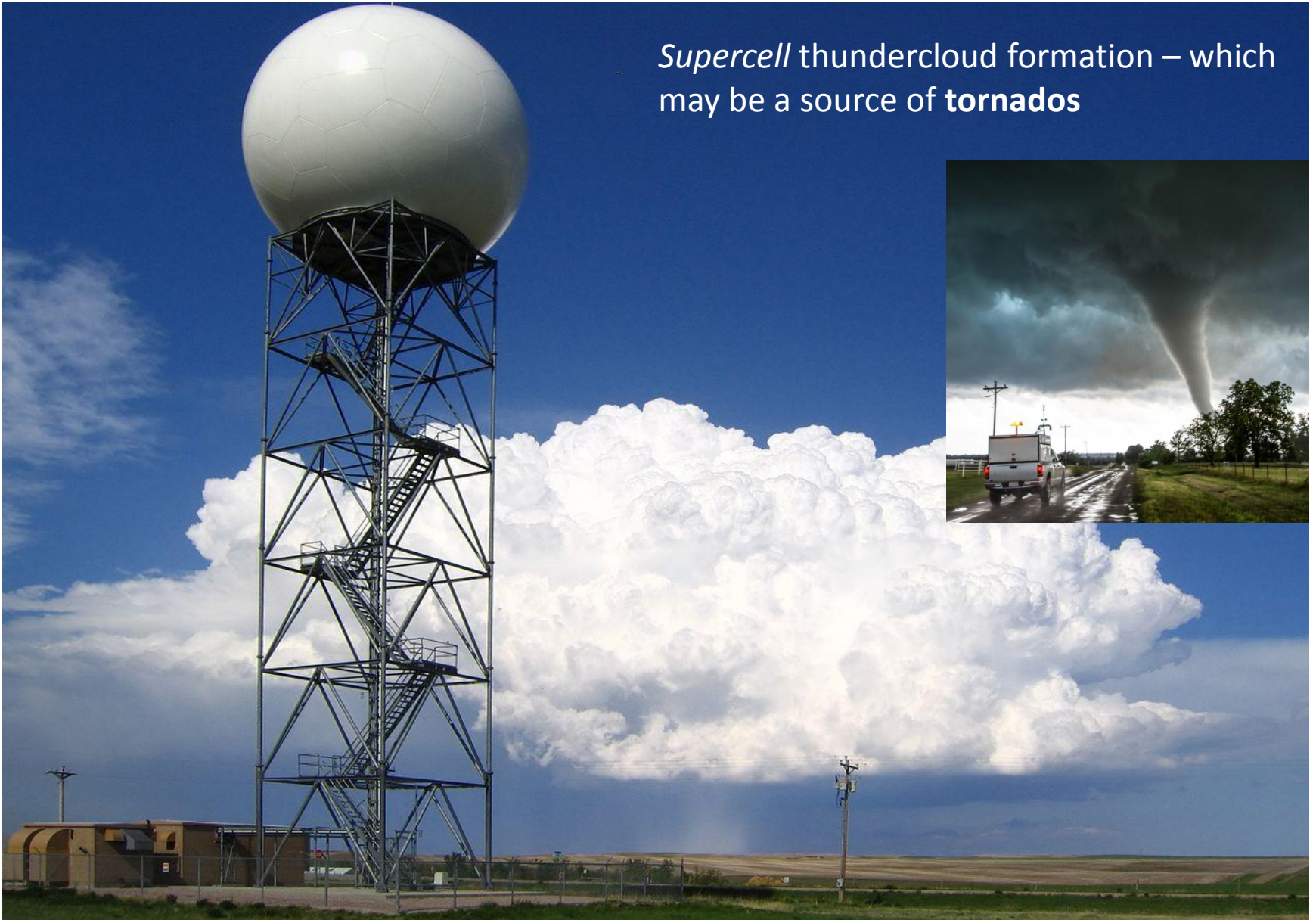
$$c = 2.998 \times 10^8 \text{ ms}^{-1}$$

- Most targets of interest (especially those constructed from **metal**) are **highly reflective** at Radar frequencies.
- Radar can be used in **darkness** and can **penetrate** haze, fog, snow and rain.
- **Atmospheric propagation attenuation is much less severe** for Radar than higher frequency electromagnetic disturbances. This means Radar can be used for **long range surveillance**. A **military** air defence system may have an operational range of **hundreds of km**.
- Radar has been used to successfully measure the distance between the Earth and other planets in the solar system. Note Mars is 56 million km from Earth!

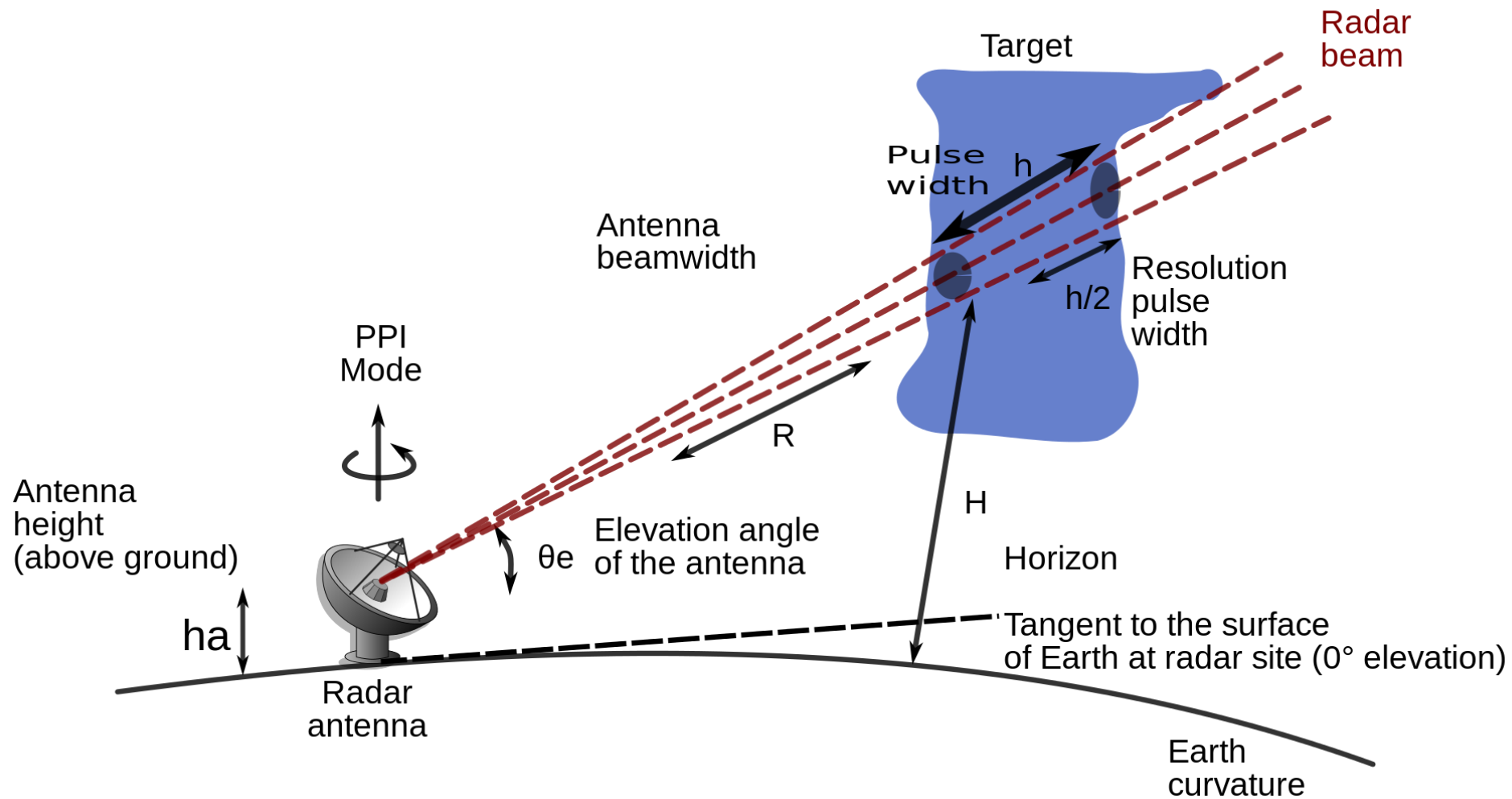


I told you it would be useful!

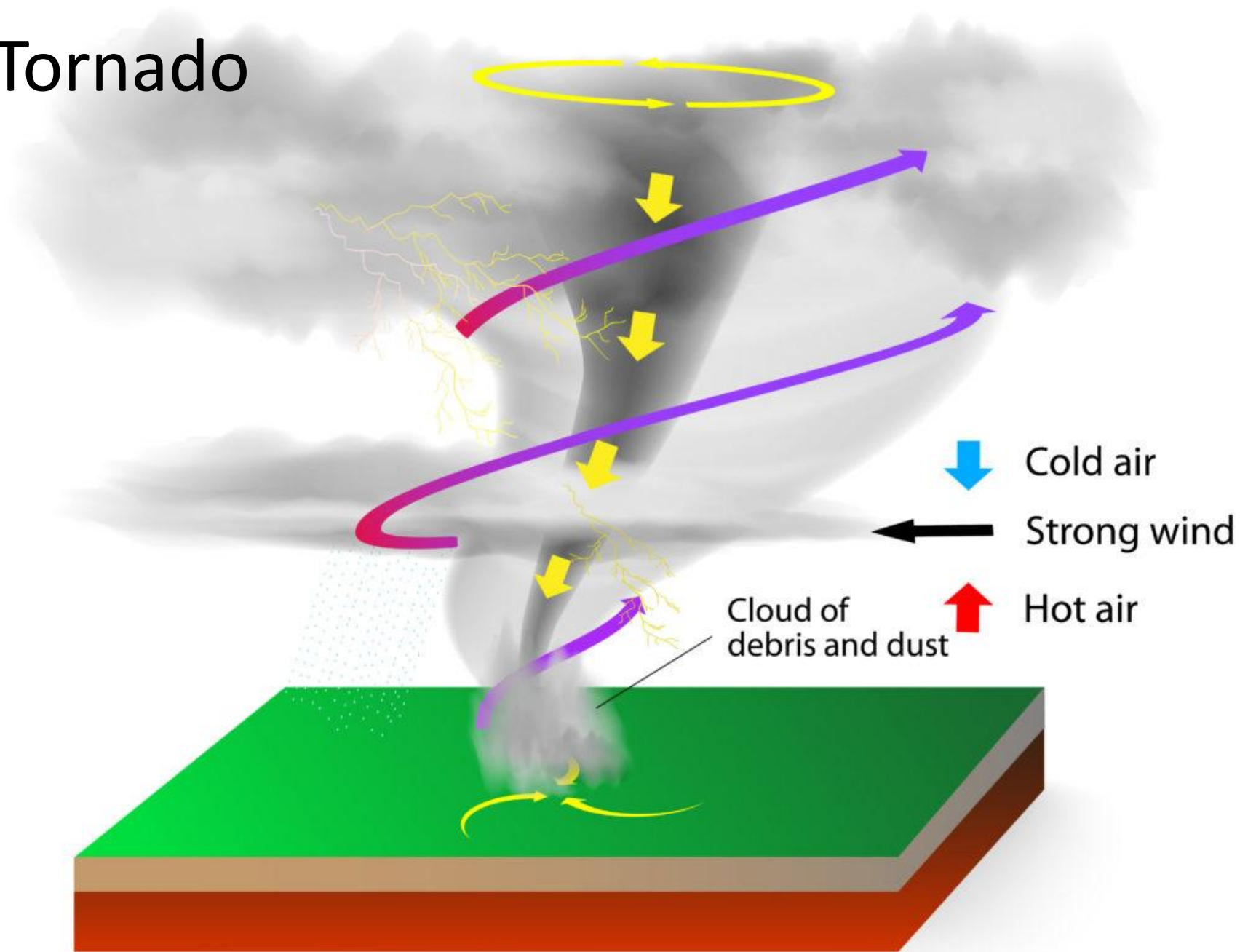
Supercell thundercloud formation – which may be a source of **tornados**



Doppler radar in Oklahoma, USA.



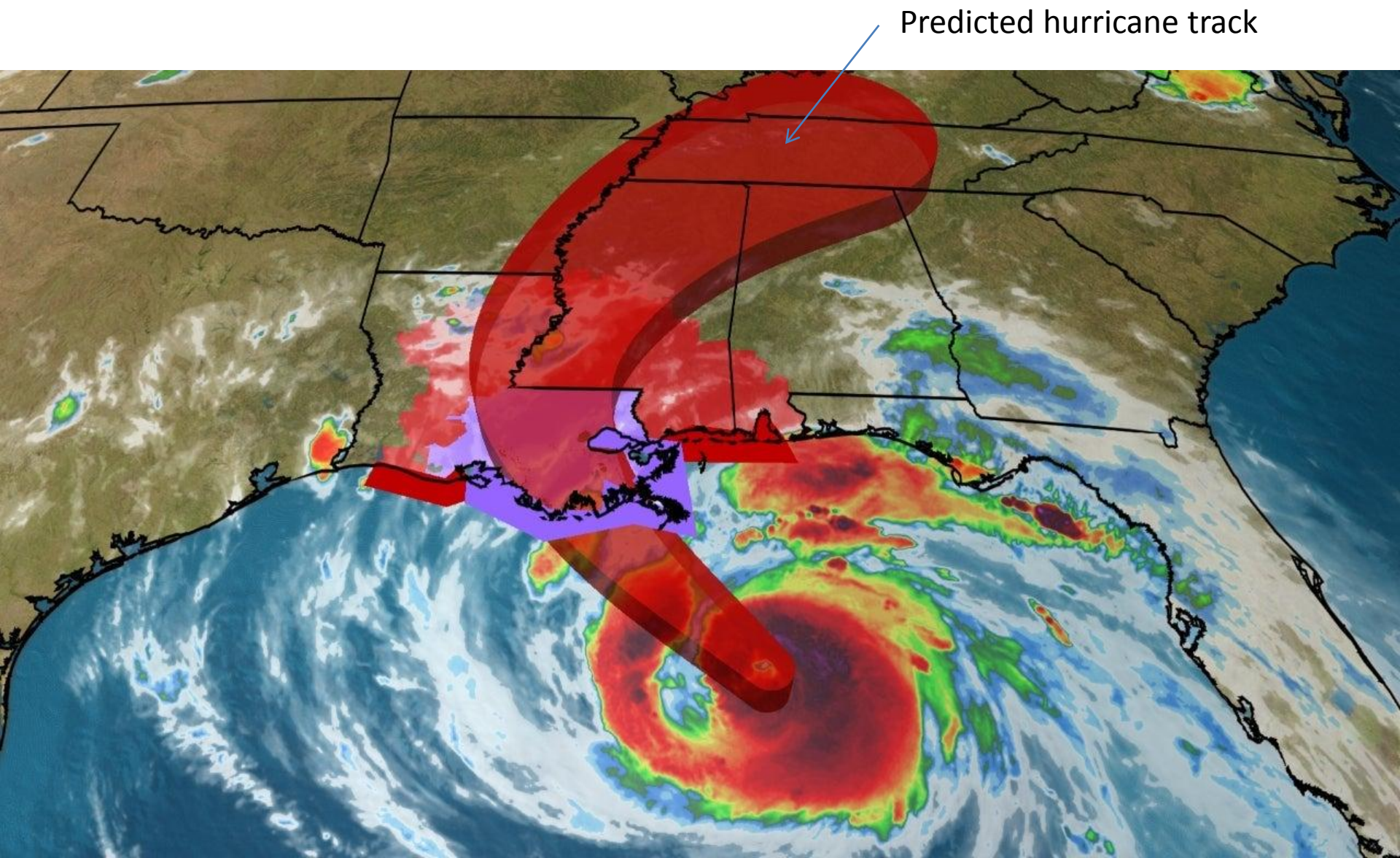
Tornado



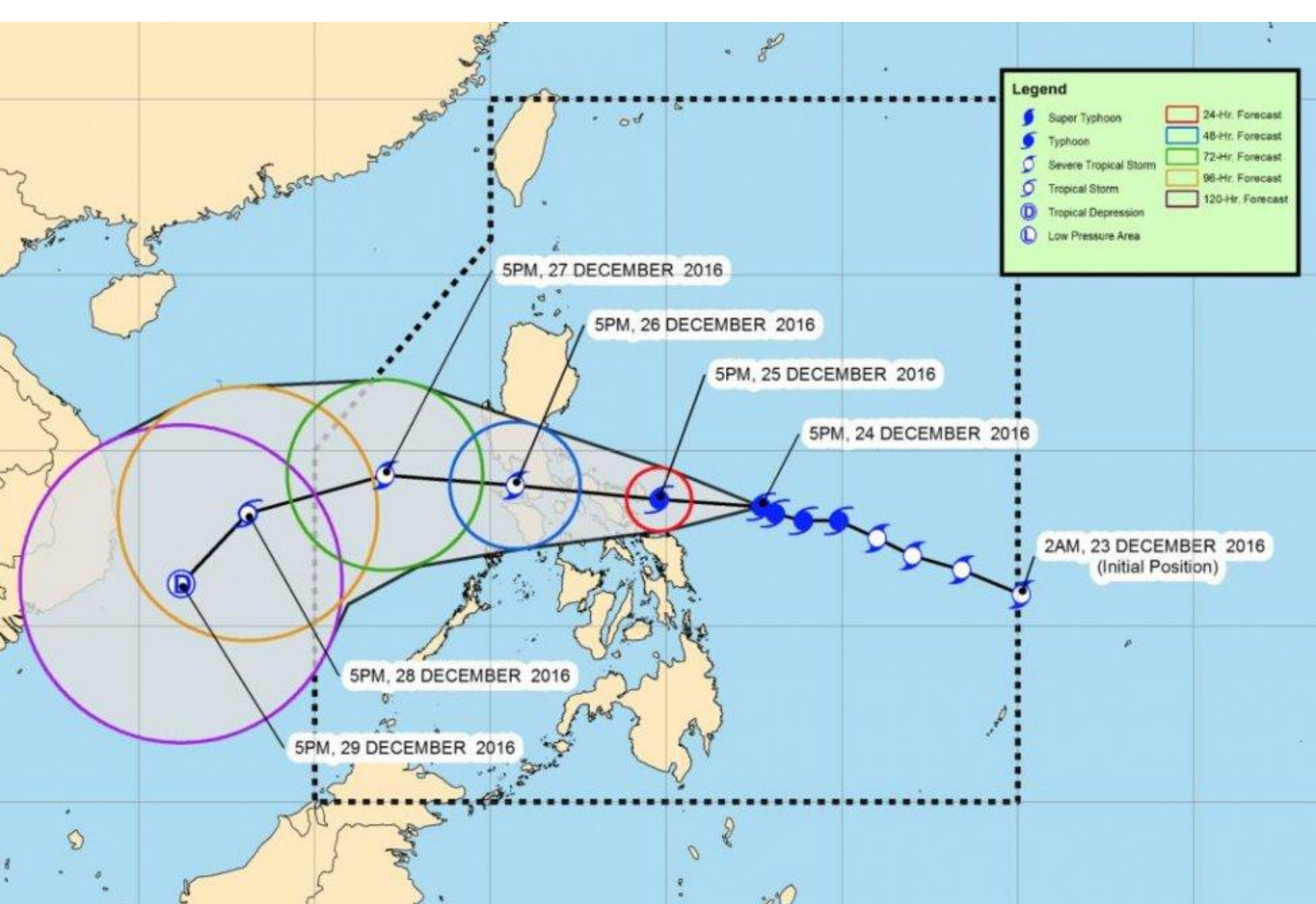
Doppler radar can be used to determine **wind speed**. i.e. reflections from moving clouds are processed. This is an important tool in **meteorology**, particularly in forecasting extreme weather events such as hurricanes and tornados.



Colour scale gives an indication of wind speed. Red means very high winds.



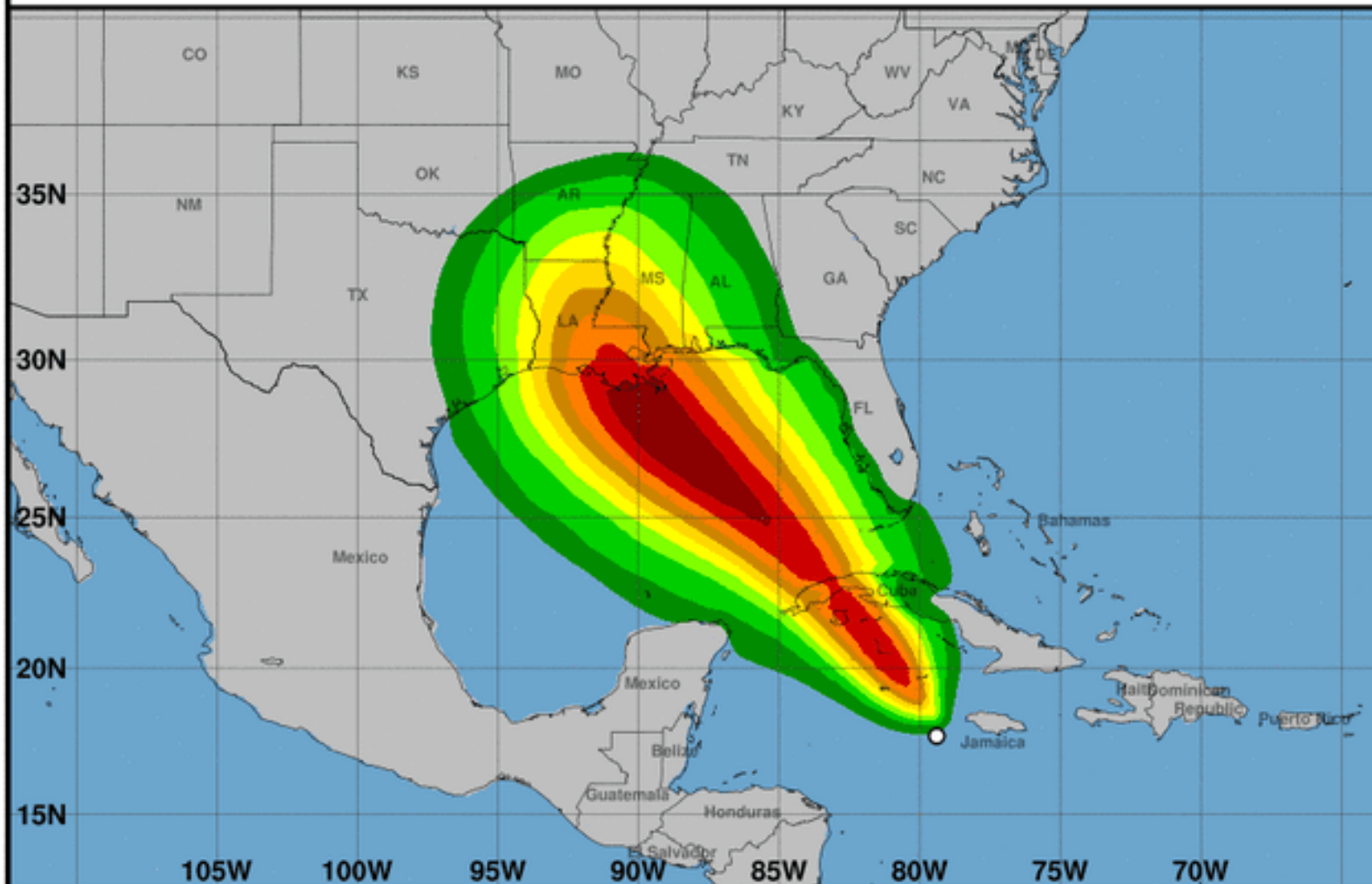
Combine Doppler radar and satellite imagery to help predict the likely trajectory of a hurricane. Live measurements help to correct a mathematical model.





Tropical-Storm-Force Wind Speed Probabilities (Preliminary)

For the 120 hours (5.0 days) from 2 PM EDT THU AUG 26 to 2 PM EDT TUE AUG 31

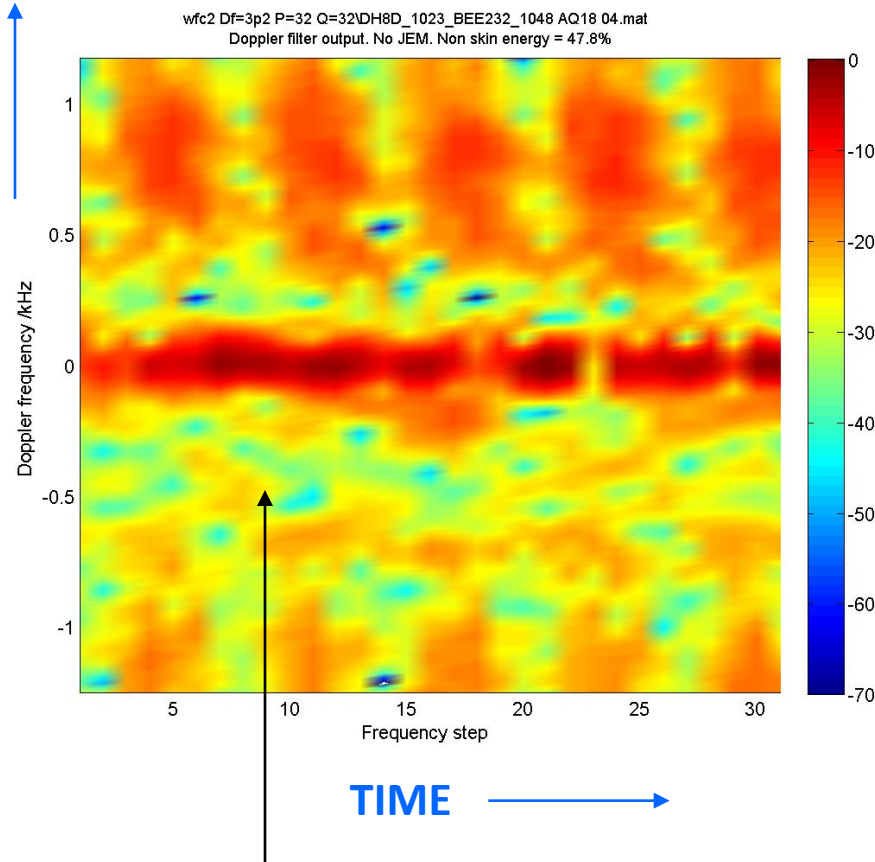


Probability of tropical-storm-force winds (1-minute average ≥ 39 mph) from Tropical Depression Nine
○ indicates Tropical Depression Nine center location at 2 PM EDT THU AUG 26, 2021 (Forecast/Advisory #2)



Doppler spectra

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Doppler spectrum for 32 pulse,
32 frequency step 2.5kHz PRF



Dash8 six blade
propeller aircraft

Identify the aircraft from the Doppler spectra of propellers, jet engines..

Note the factor

two in the Doppler formula.
This is because the ultrasound
is **re-radiated by the moving source**
and receiver by the (stationary)
transducer.

ultrasound transducer

$$I_r = I_0 \times \left(\frac{Z_1 - Z_2}{Z_1 + Z_2} \right)^2$$

**Coupling gel is used to
prevent reflection at air-
skin boundary**

gel

skin

blood vessel

MEASURING BLOOD FLOW VIA ULTRASOUND

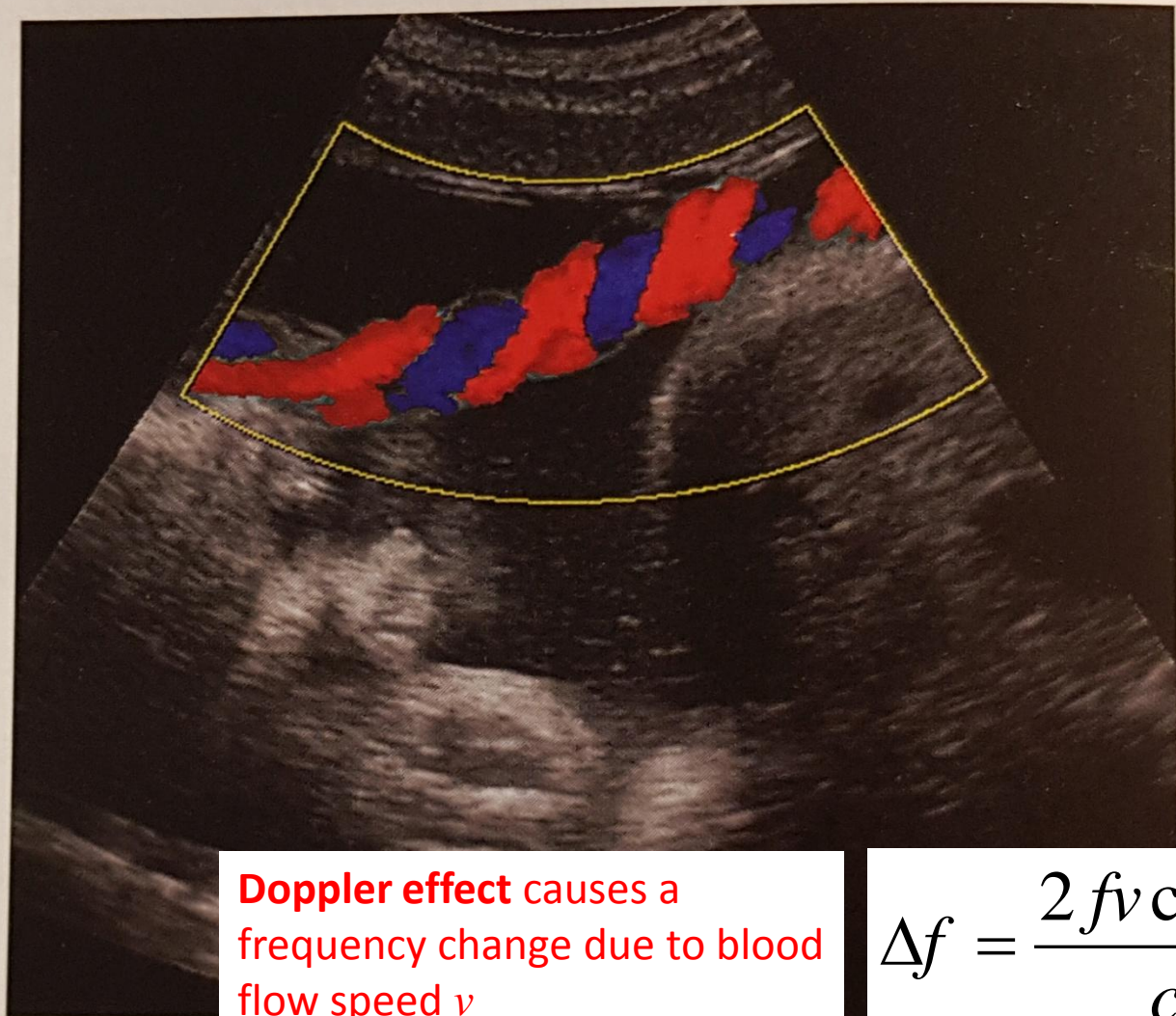
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red blood cells

▲ **Figure 3** Ultrasound transducer used to determine the speed of blood flow

Doppler effect causes a frequency change due
to blood flow speed v

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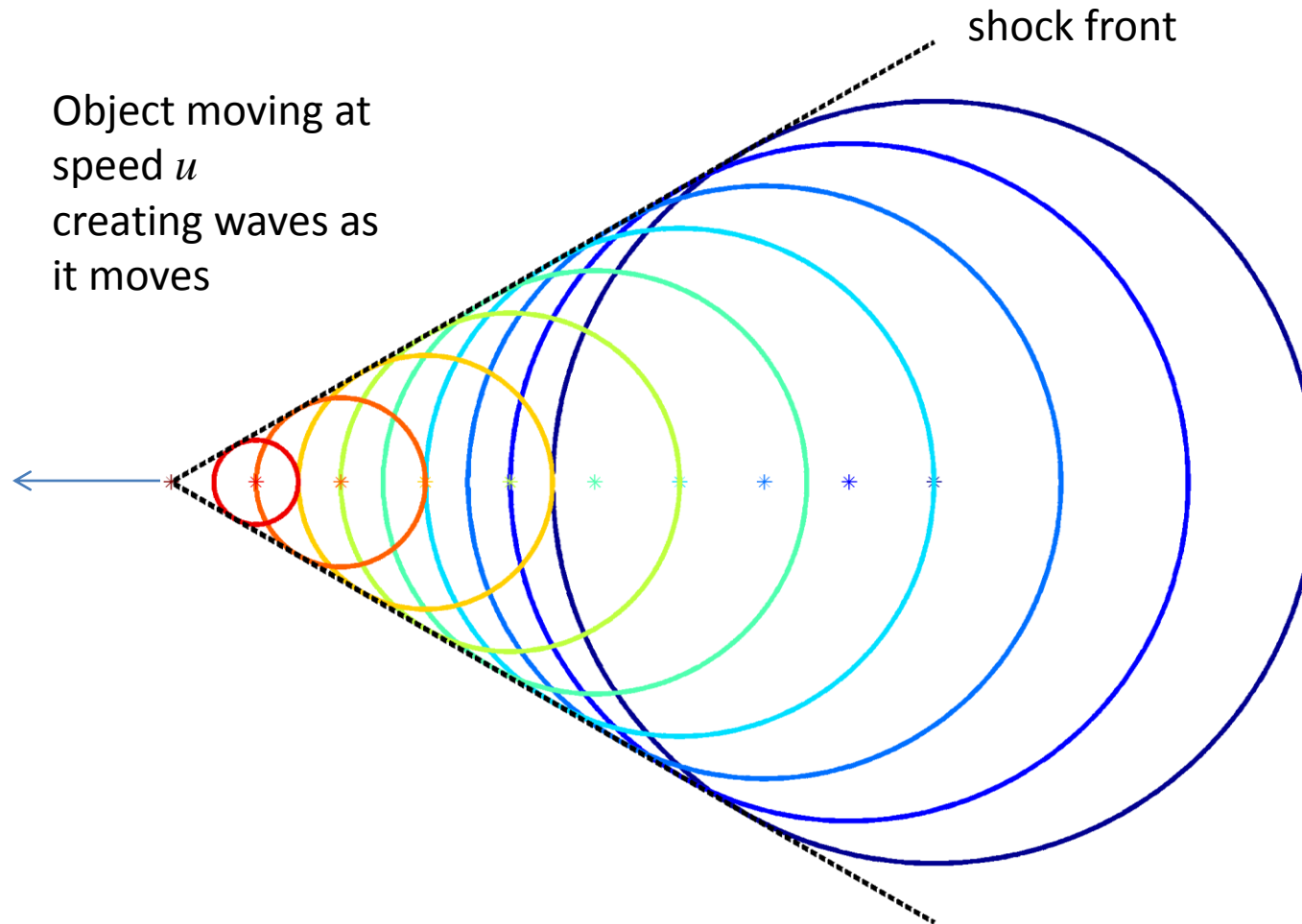
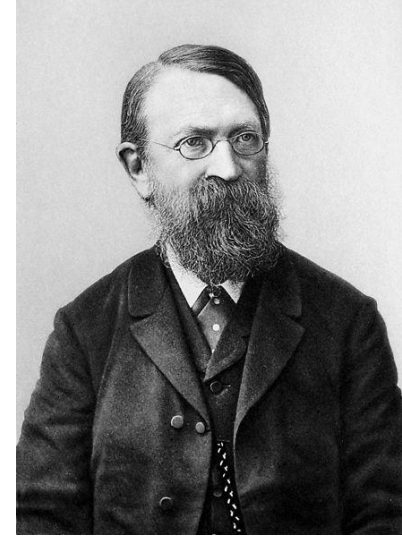


▲ **Figure 2** Coloured Doppler ultrasound scan showing umbilical blood flow – the fetus is lying across the bottom left, and oxygenated (arterial) blood, which is flowing from mother to fetus, is red, whilst deoxygenated (venous) blood, which is flowing from fetus to mother, is blue

Mach's construction: Shock Waves

Ernst Mach

1838-1916



'Infinitesimally thin' spherical shells of disturbance are created continuously as the object moves. They radiate out at the wave speed c

Mach's construction

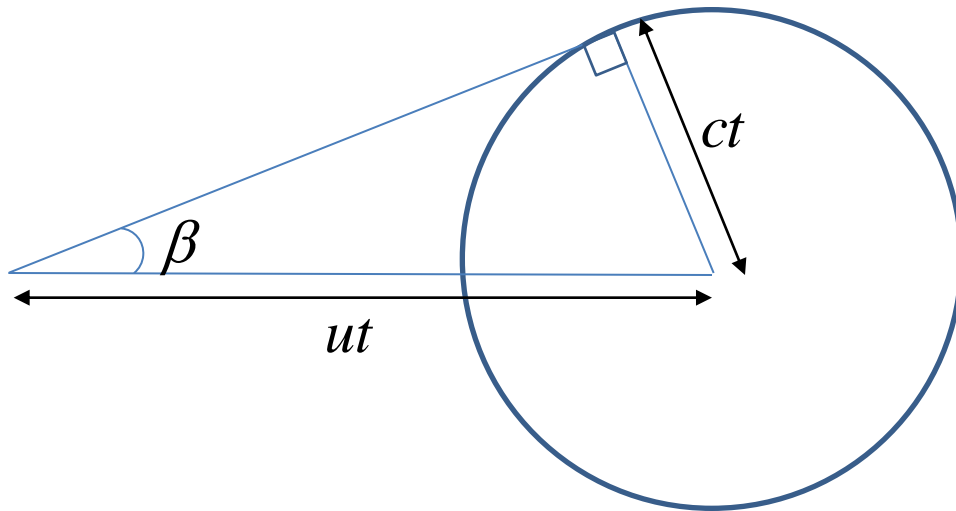
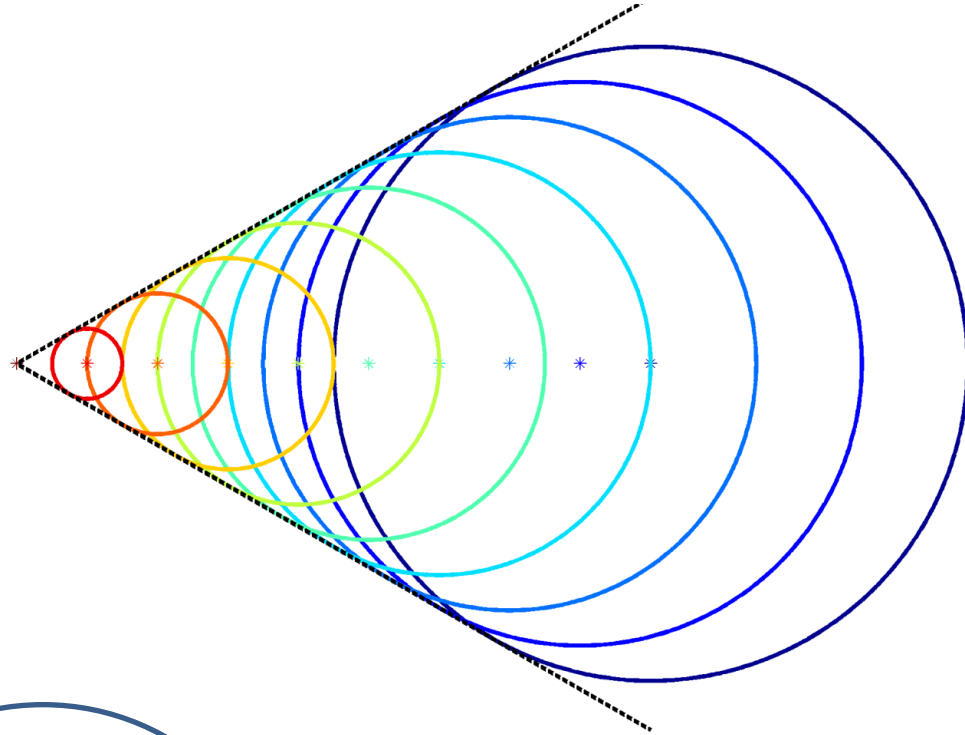
c is the wave speed

u is the velocity of the object making the waves

Mach number

$$M = \frac{u}{c}$$

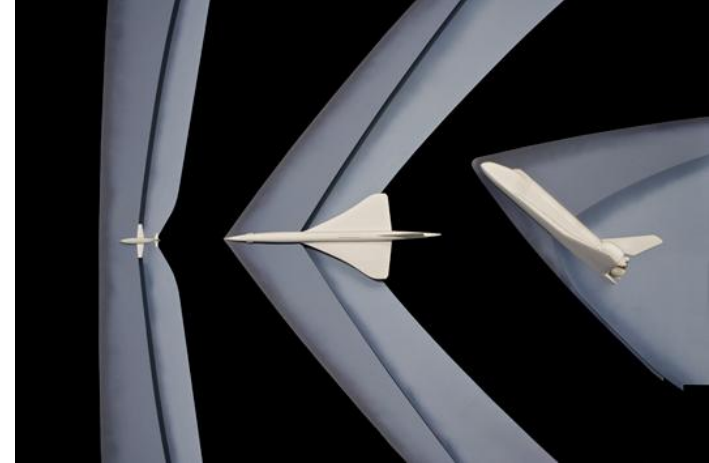
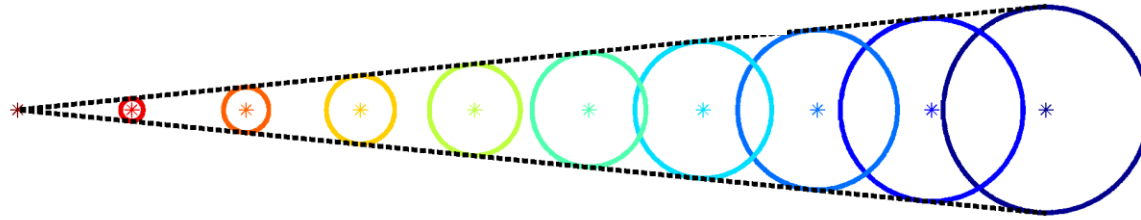
$$v/c = 2. \quad \sin^{-1}(c/v) = 30^\circ$$



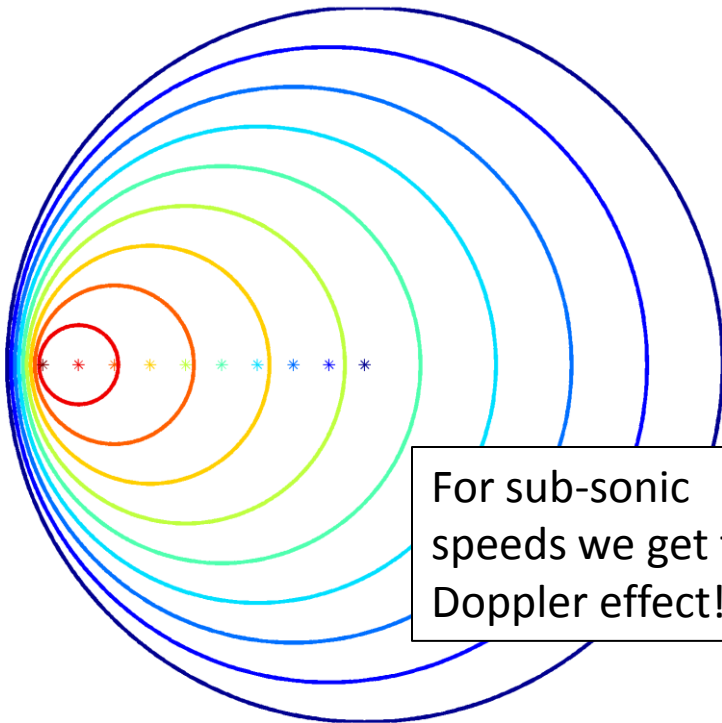
$$ut \sin \beta = ct$$

$$\therefore \beta = \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{c}{u} \right) = \sin^{-1} \frac{1}{M}$$

$$v/c = 10. \quad \sin^{-1}(c/v) = 5.7392^\circ$$



$$v/c = 0.9. \quad \sin^{-1}(c/v) = \text{NaN}^\circ$$



For sub-sonic
speeds we get the
Doppler effect!

$$v/c = 0.5. \quad \sin^{-1}(c/v) = \text{NaN}^\circ$$

