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| **Lesson Number: 28.10** |
| **Lesson Title: Doppler effect** |
| **Specification Reference** | **3.9.3.1, 3.9.3.2, 3.9.3.3** |
| **Learning Objectives** |
| for *v* ≪ *c* applied to optical and radio frequencies.Calculations on binary stars viewed in the plane of orbit.Galaxies and quasars.Red shift *v* = *Hd* |
| **Opportunities for Assessment** |
| Calculation of the speeds and distances of galaxies based on their redshift |
| **Starter:** | Slide #1 enables a recap and discussion of the Doppler effect |
| **Main:** | Slides #2 - #4 are an optional practical but one that is very effective. This requires the downloading and familiarisation of the audacity software (Public Domain) from <http://www.audacityteam.org/download/>I enclose a copy for windows OS with this lesson however obtaining the latest version or version for your operating system is recommendedSlide #5 explains the mathematical approach to calculating the Doppler effectSlides #6 - #8 explain Hydrogen lines and their use in calculating red-shift in galaxies – work through several examples here (Note Balmer lines are used instead of Lyman traditionally because they lie in the visible spectrum)Slide #9 links red-shift calculations to binary systems and rotating galaxies – a discussion of dark matter can be of interest hereSlides #10 - #12 link the Doppler effect to the Hubble constant and distance calculations - this is covered again in a lesson on the *distance ladder* |
| **Plenary:** | Slide #13 is a summary |

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| **Homework:** | Research Edwin Hubble and the Hubble constant; research the latest understanding of the expansion of the universe |
| **Differentiation / Extension / S&C** |
| Calculations of the speed of sound using Audacity and a known recessional speed (1m/s) of the microphone; Research and discussion of Dark energy and/or Dark matter |
| **Numeracy / Literacy** | **SMSC / Fundamental British Values** |
| Use of formulae, units and graphs | Edwin Hubble and his discovery; the difficulties that other researchers had (including Einstein) in believing in an expanding universe |
| **RESOURCES:** |
| The practical requires the use of the Public Domain software “Audacity” which is available for download at:<http://www.audacityteam.org/download/>Set of:* Sine wave generator
* Speaker
* Microphone (to plug into a laptop)
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| **Risk Assessment** e.g. CLEAPSS card reference |
| None although care should be made not to hit a student with the moving microphone |
| **Working Scientifically (HSW)** |
| Linking Doppler effect to cosmology and the distance ladder |

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Slides#2 - #4 contain screen-prints from Audacity (Public Domain software)

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