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Doppler Effect of Photons / EM Waves

Rather than considering sound waves, we consider the doppler effect for photons travelling at the speed of light.

$f_{\text{emission}} \neq f_{\text{observer}}$, if observer is moving relative to the source.

In this context, frequency is often denoted ν not f . λ keeps its original meaning of wavelength.