

Lecture 09 – 12 February 2009



- **SCIENCE TOPICS:**

The Doppler Effect
Telescopes

- **READING**

Ch 2, Sec 2.7

Ch 3, Sec 3.1 and 3.2

- **PRACTICE**

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**COMPREHENSION 01:
Thursday, 19 Feb 2009**

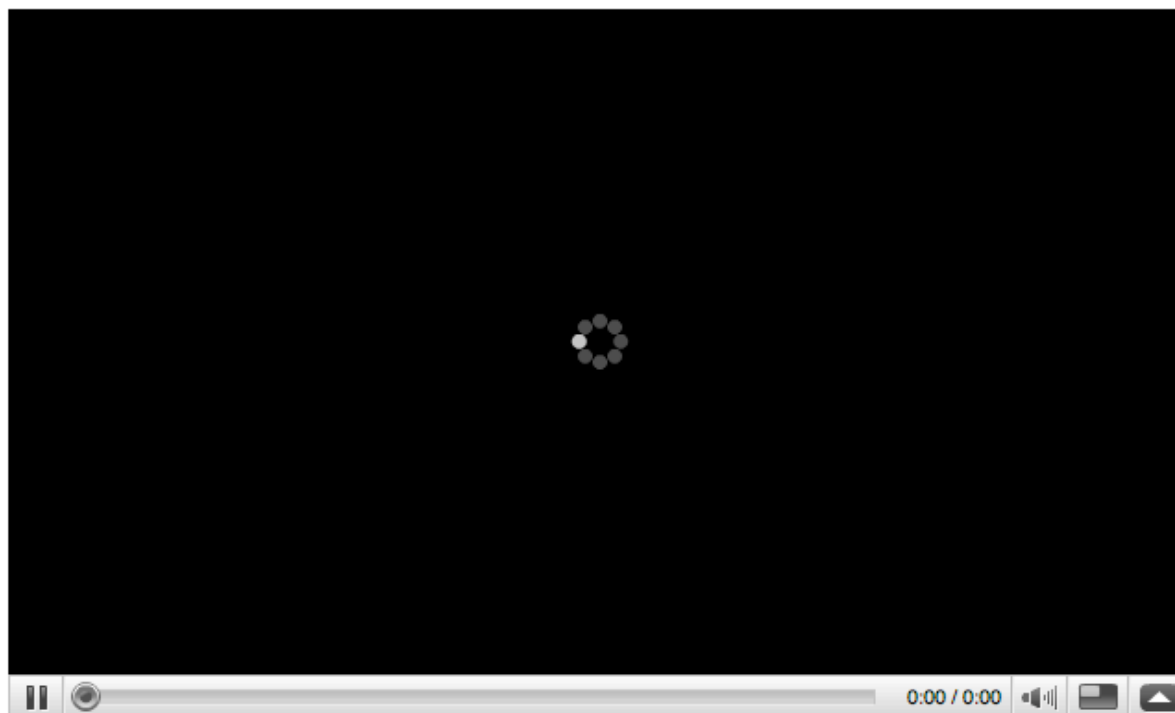
About Comprehension I

- ***When and Where:*** Thursday, 19 February 2009 in this classroom, during regular class time
- ***Format and Time Limit:***
A passage of unseen text relevant to the course.
20 multiple choice questions; 1 mark per question
- ***What to Bring:***
 - **your PSU ID card**
 - #2 pencils and eraser
 - a calculator
- ***Other Rules and Regulations:***
 - closed book, closed notes
 - work on your own
 - items other than the above out of sight (*especially* cellphones)

The Doppler Effect

- The Doppler effect, (a.k.a. the Doppler Shift) is a very important concept in physics and astronomy. It allows us to tell how fast objects are moving in space.
- On Earth, we are most used to the Doppler effect when dealing with *sound waves*. Think of an ambulance or a race car or a fire engine...

Fire Engine siren demonstrates the Doppler Effect



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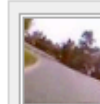


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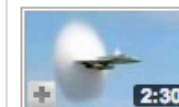
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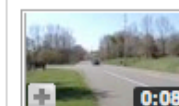
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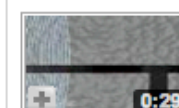
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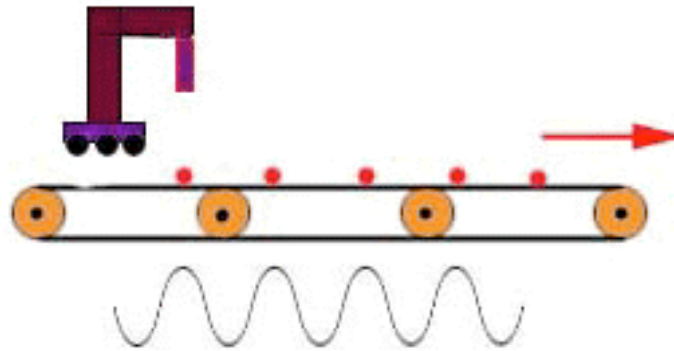


The Doppler Effect

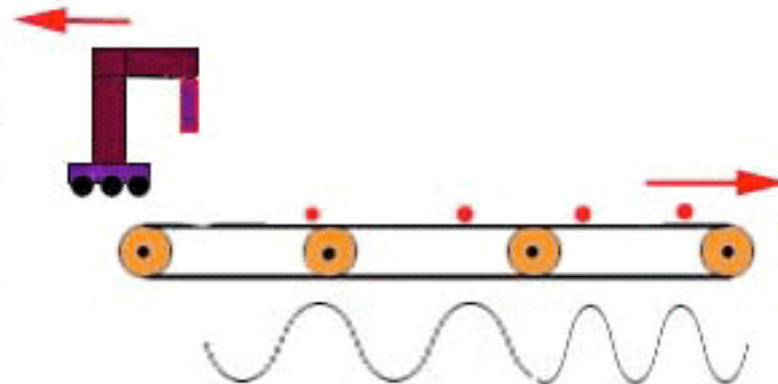
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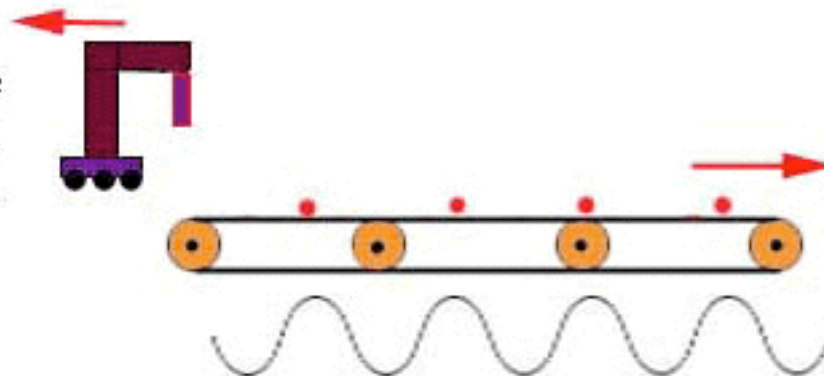
Machine is fixed. Drops candy at regular intervals, i.e. equal spacings



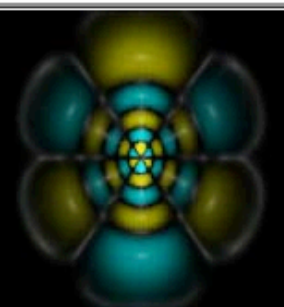
Machine starts to move in direction opposite to the conveyor belt. The candy intervals start to get stretched out.



After a while all the intervals are stretched out and so is the wave.



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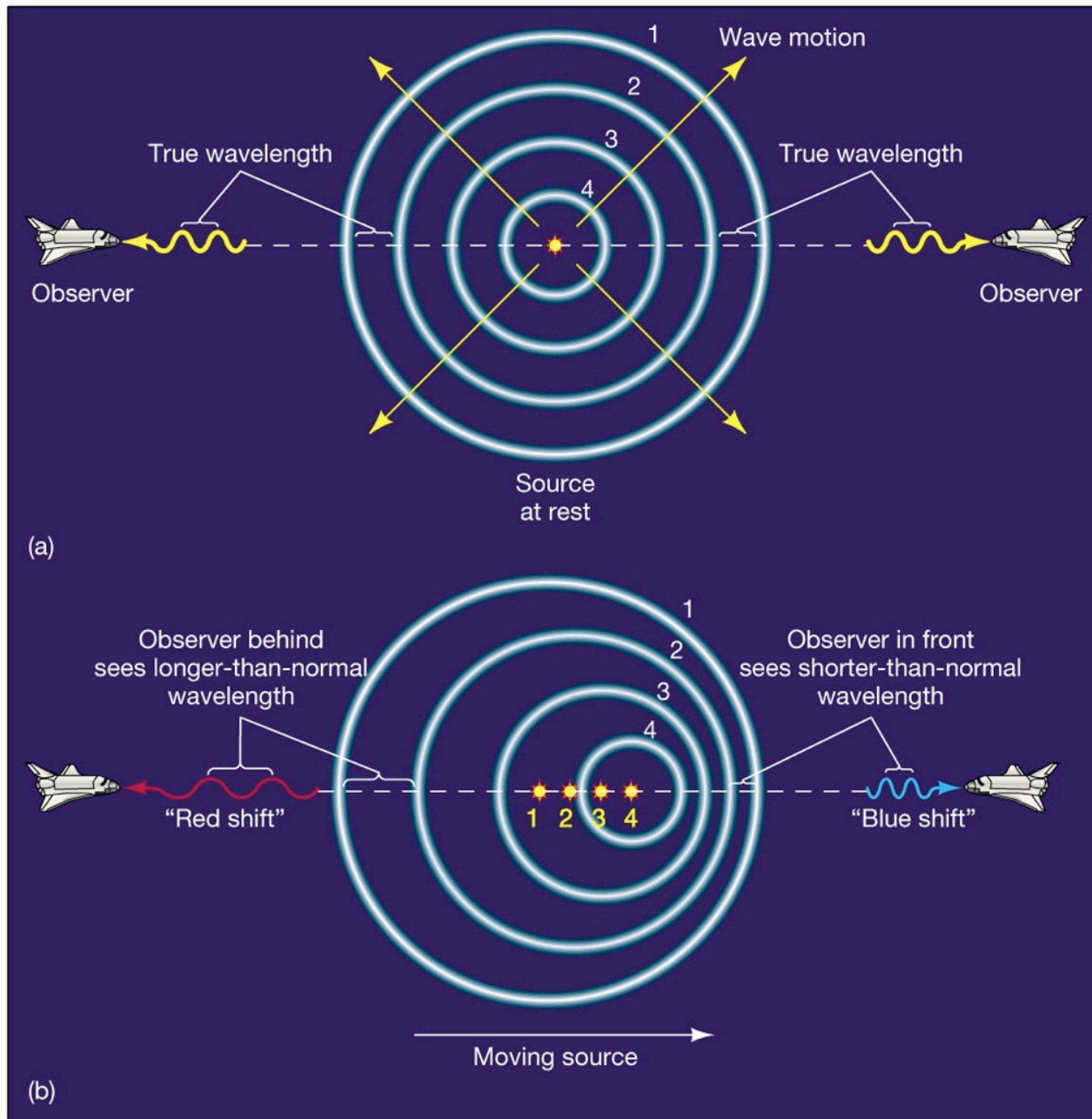
Tutorial

Java 1.1

The Doppler Effect

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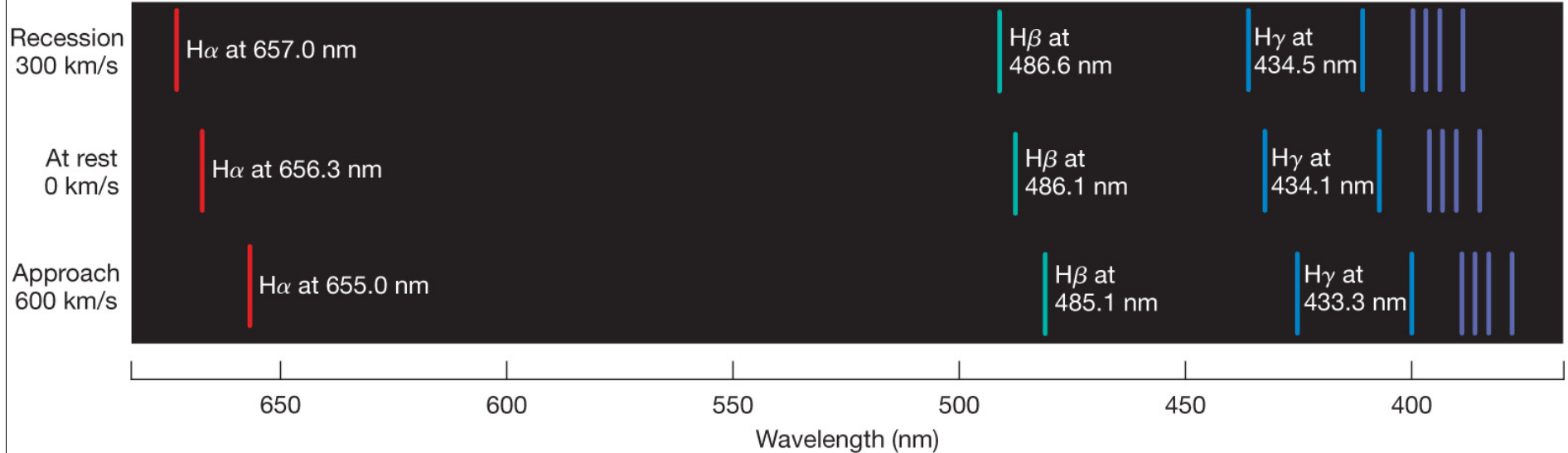
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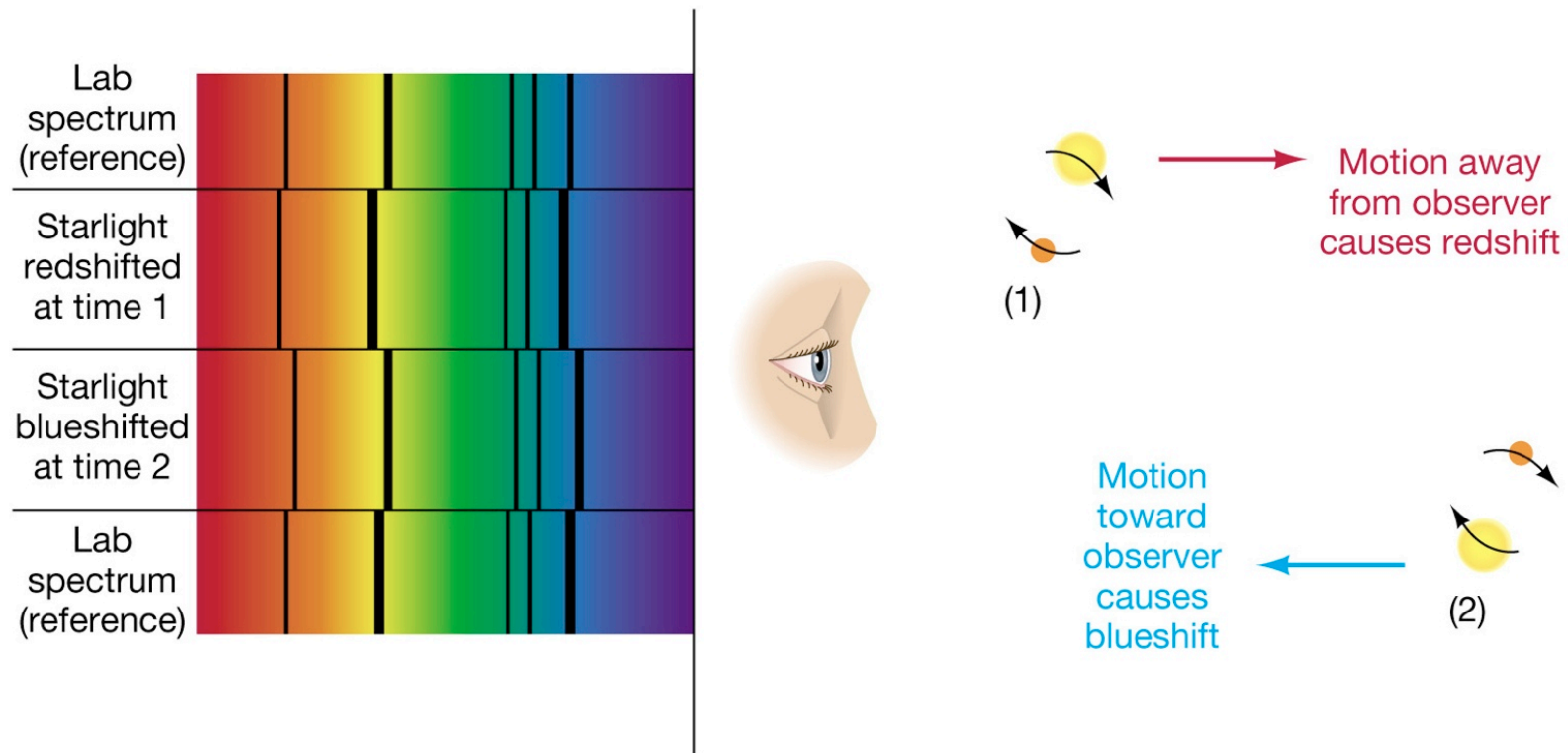
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- The Doppler effect is heard for sound waves and seen for electromagnetic (EM) waves e.g. light.
- With light waves, when objects are moving **away** from us, the wavelength *increases*, the frequency *decreases* and hence you see a shift to the **red** part of the spectrum, a “**redshift**”.

Consequences of the Doppler Effect: Redshifts and Blueshifts



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Applications of the Doppler Effect: Binary Star Motion



Applications of the Doppler Effect: Exoplanets

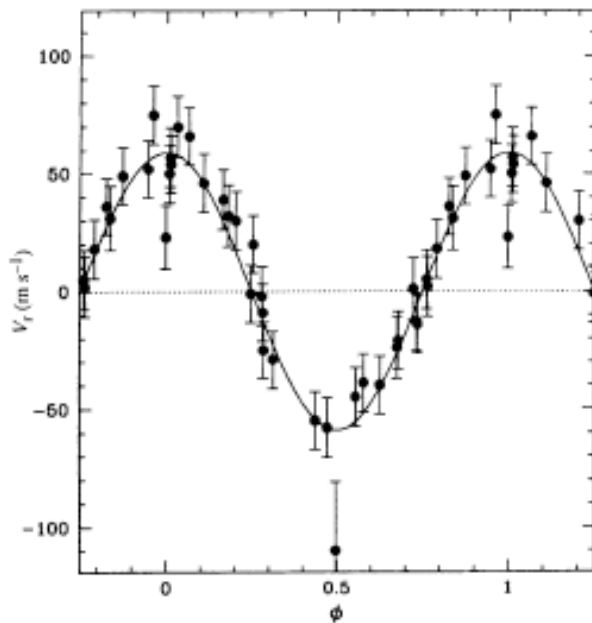
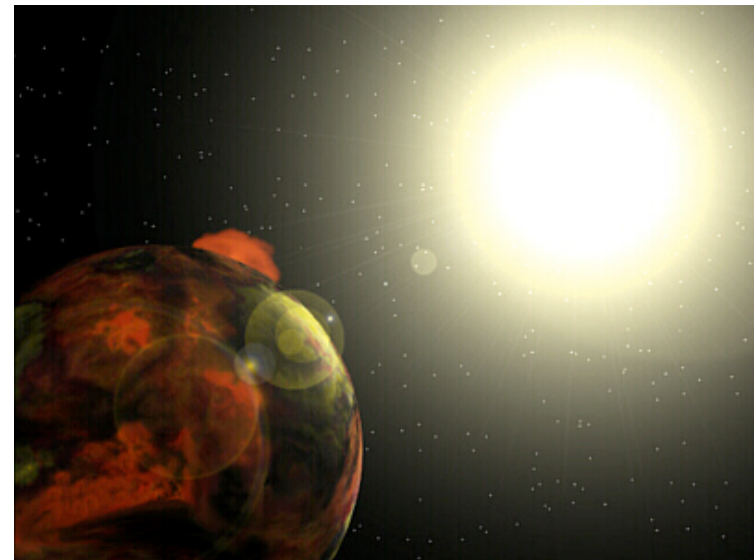


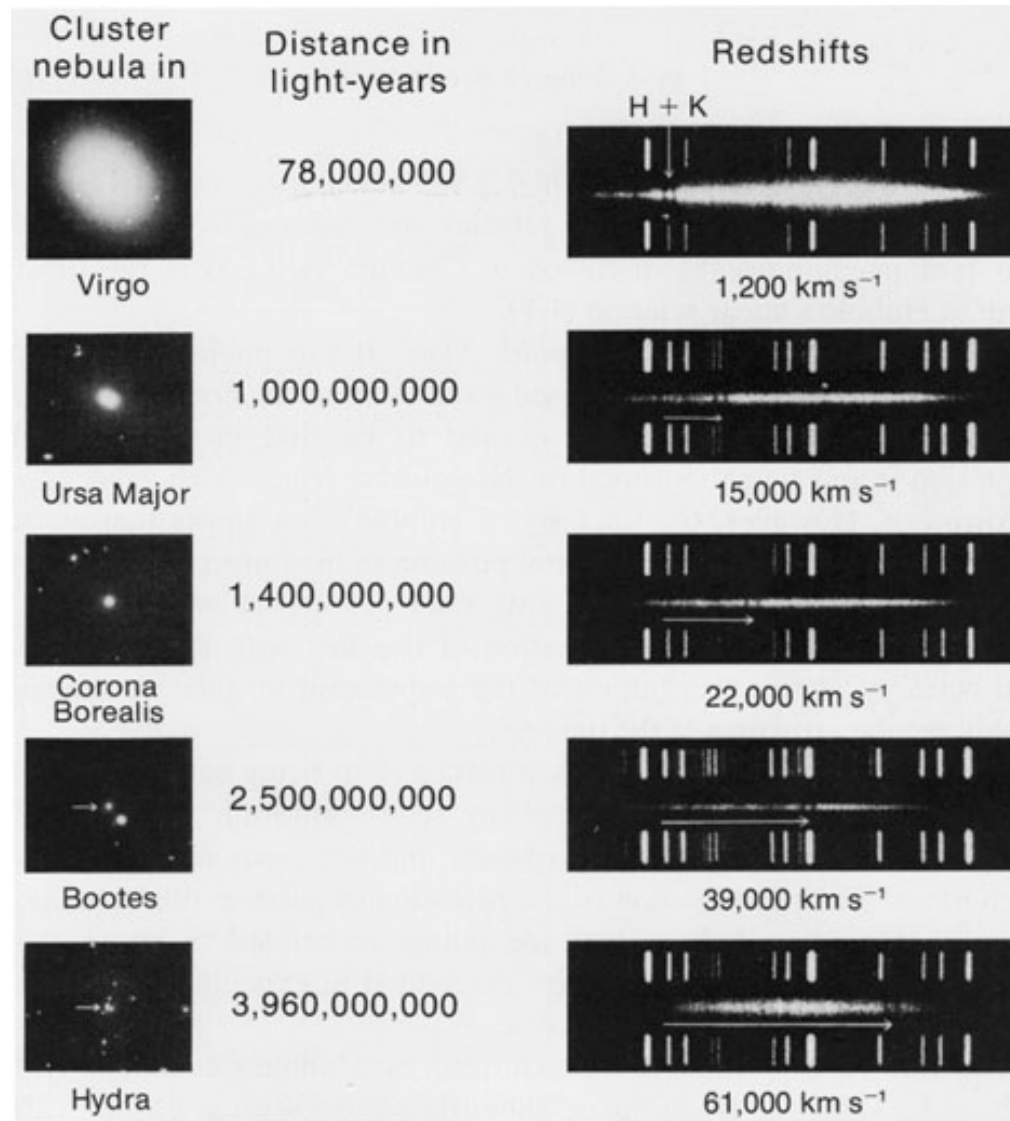
FIG. 4 Orbital motion of 51 Peg corrected from the long-term variation of the γ -velocity. The solid line represents the orbital motion computed from the parameters of Table 1.



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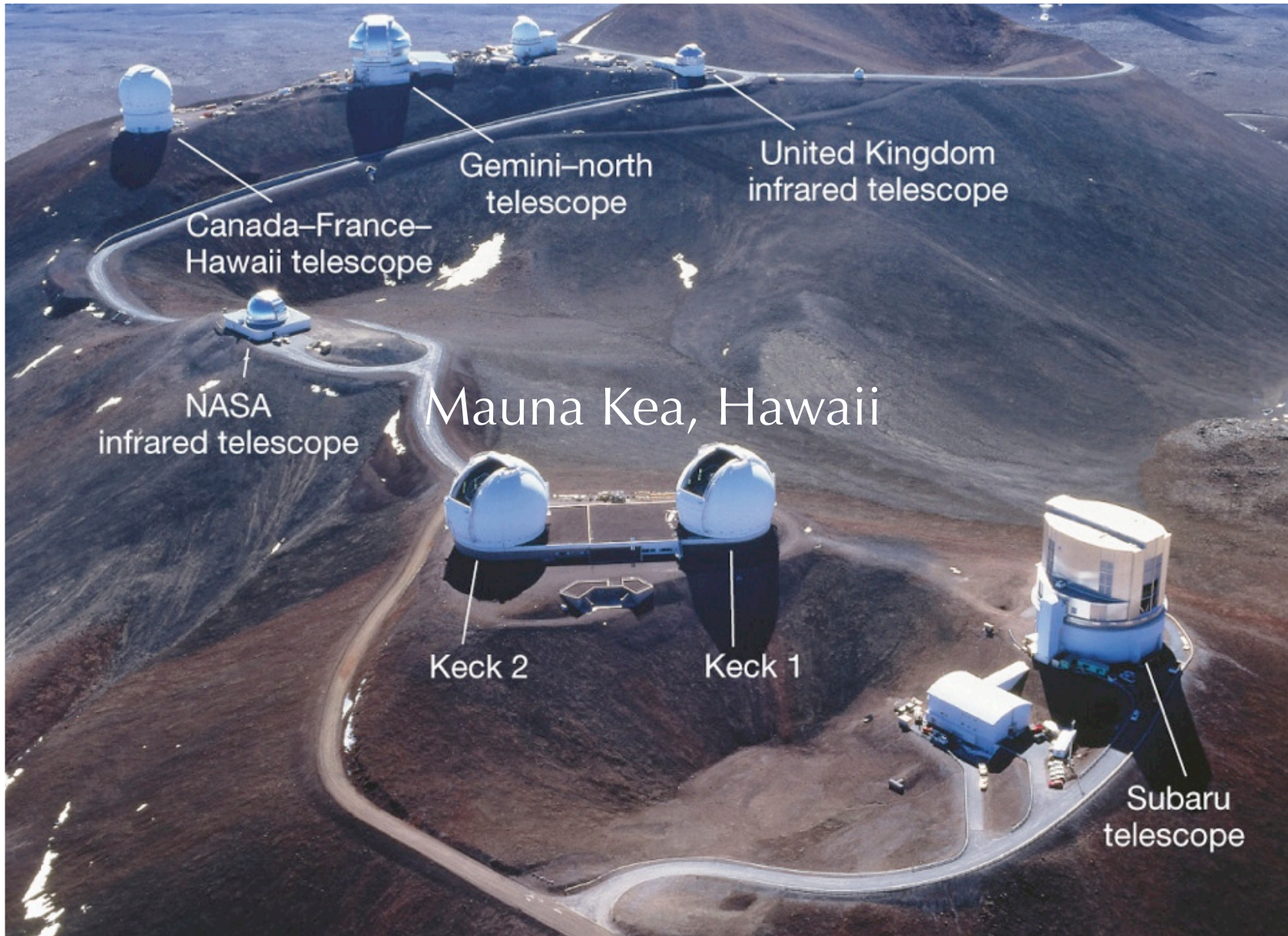
Mayor & Queloz, 1995, Nature

The Redshift of Galaxies

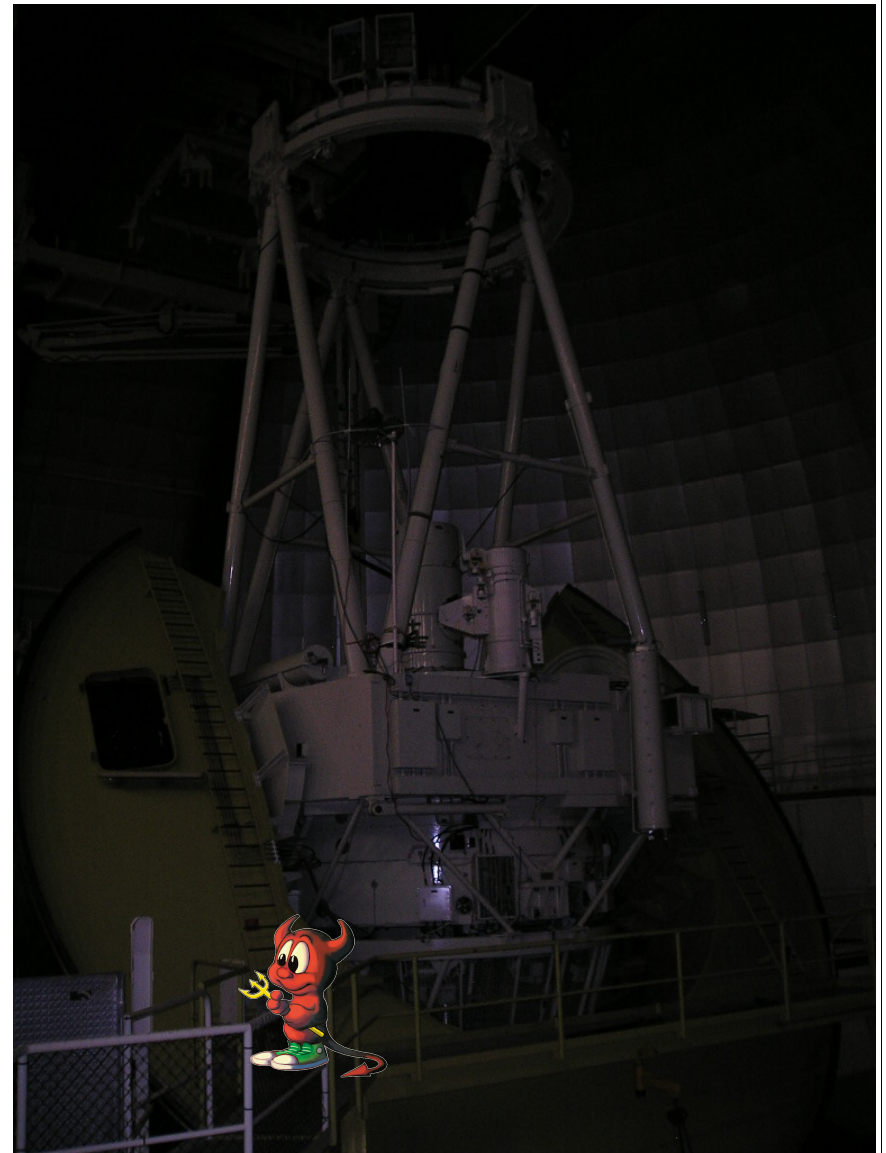


Telescopes: Tools of the Trade

Mauna Kea, Hawaii



Telescopes



Recall the Prism...

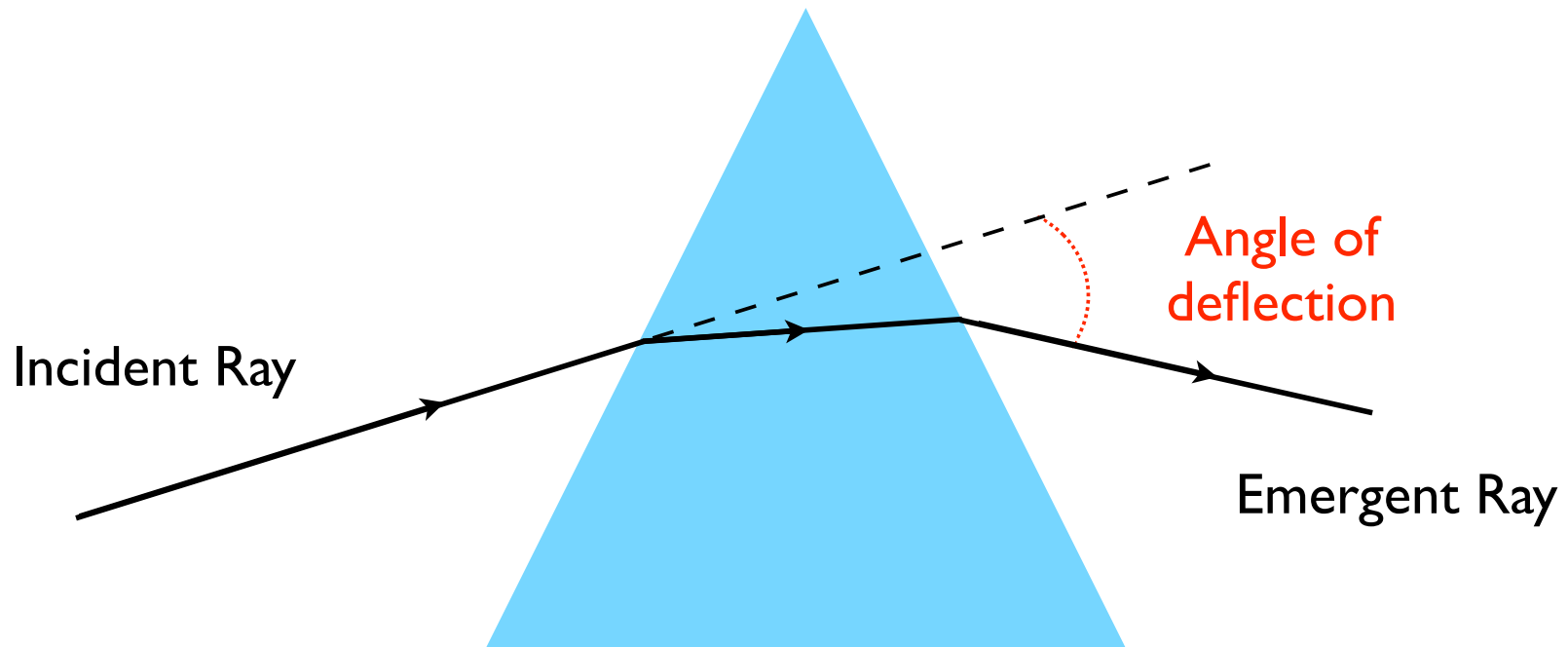
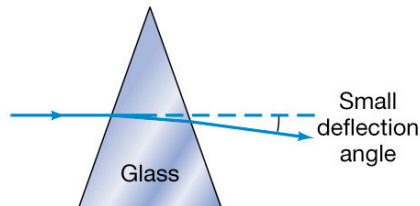
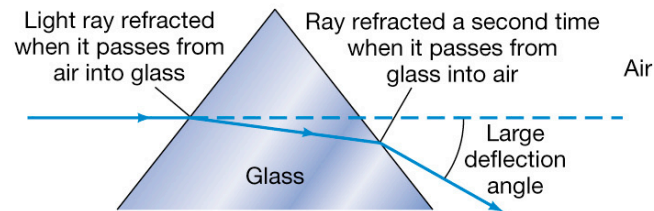
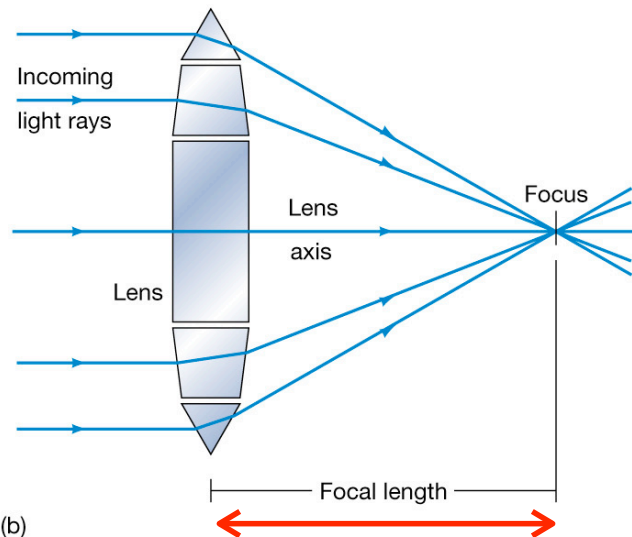


Image formation by a lens (via refraction)



(a)



(b)

- Lens made up of spherical surfaces
- Think of lens as stacked prisms
- Wider opening angles closer to the top, i.e., larger deflections
- All rays converge to a single point: **The Focus**

Galileo's Simple Telescope

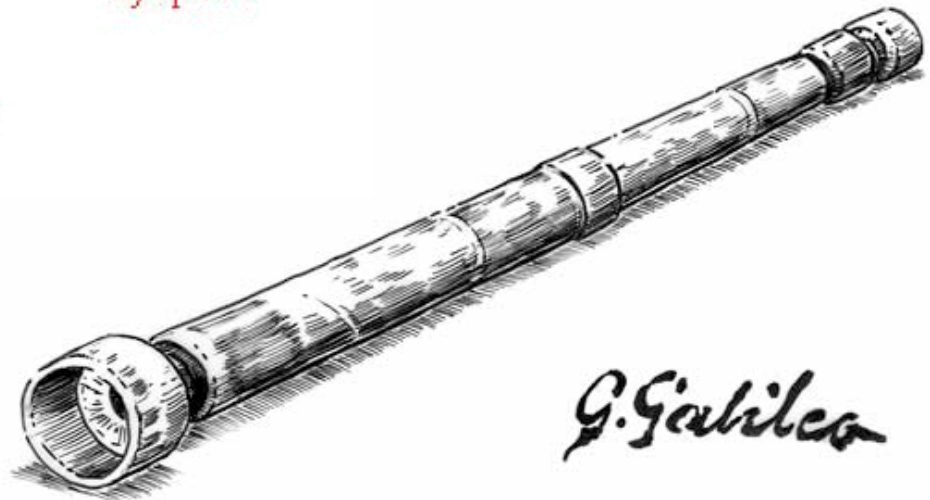
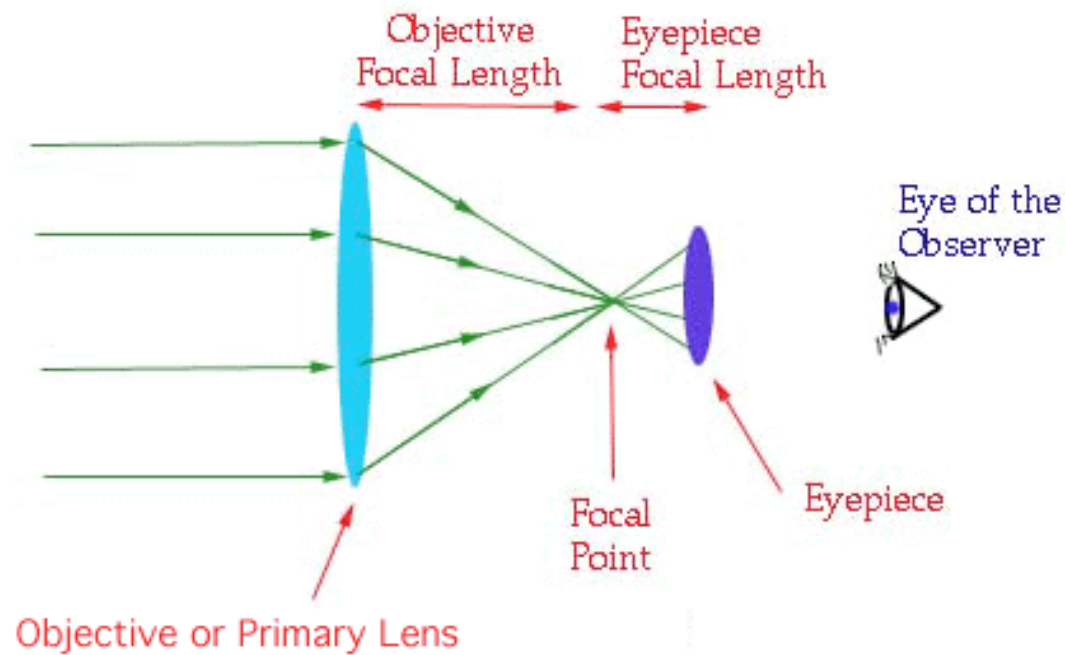
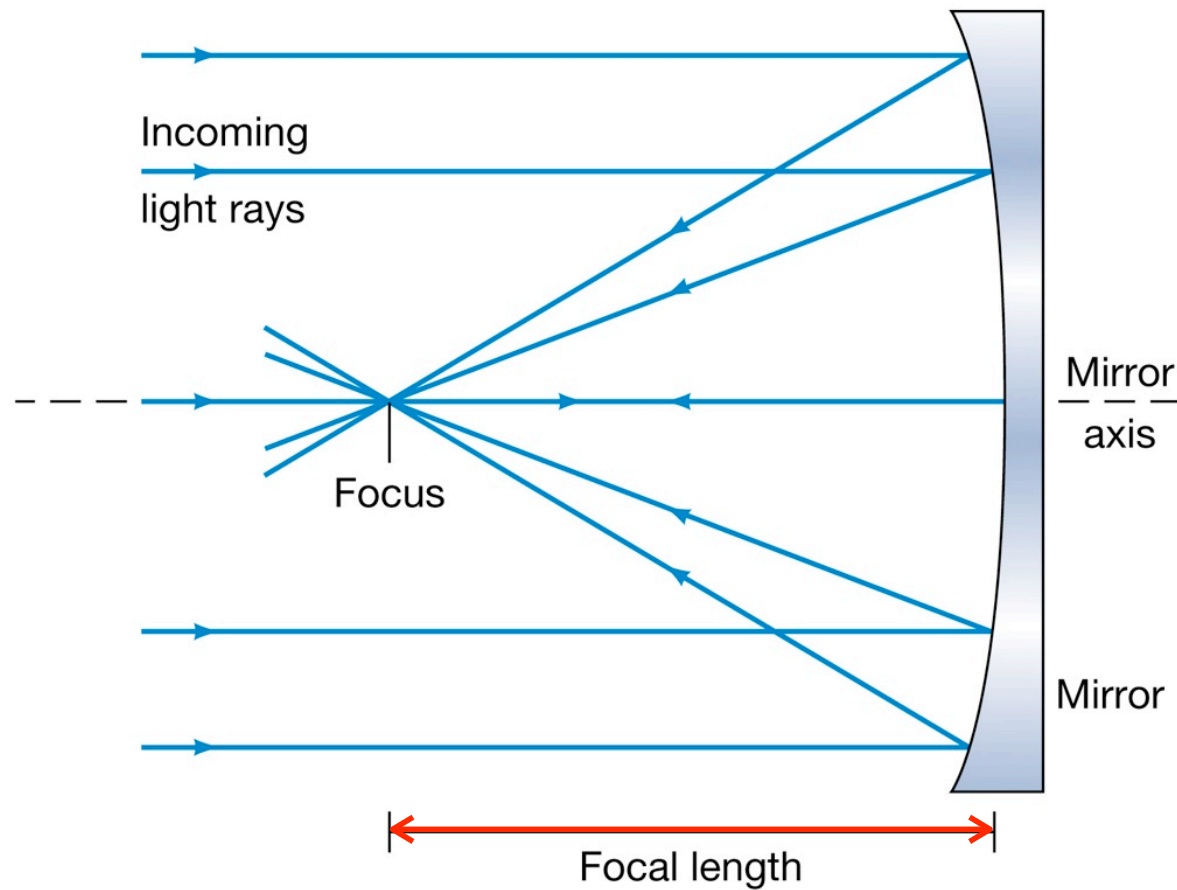
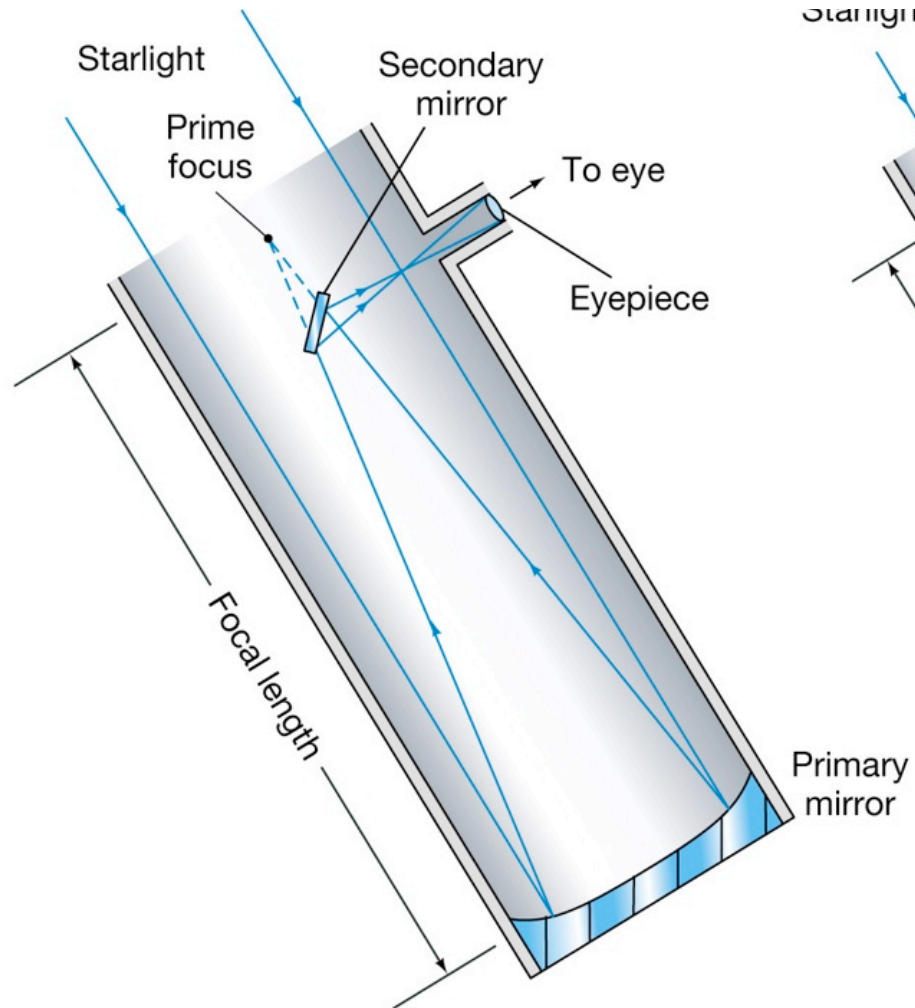


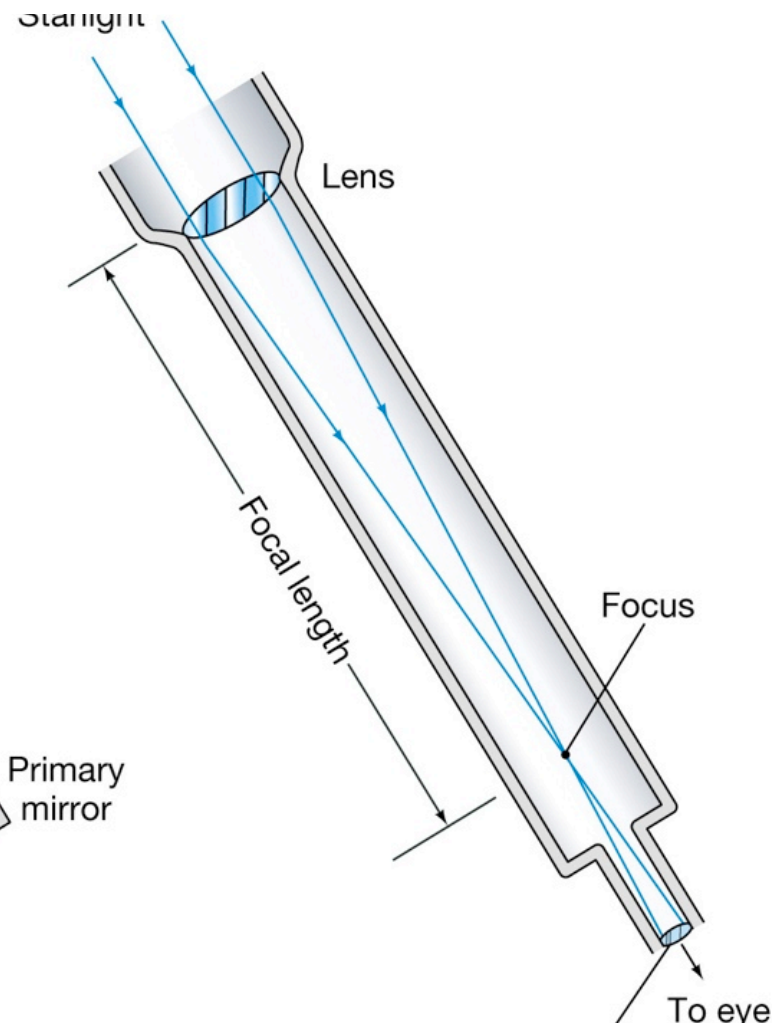
Image formation by a curved mirror (via reflection)



Reflector (mirror at bottom)



Refractor (lens at top)

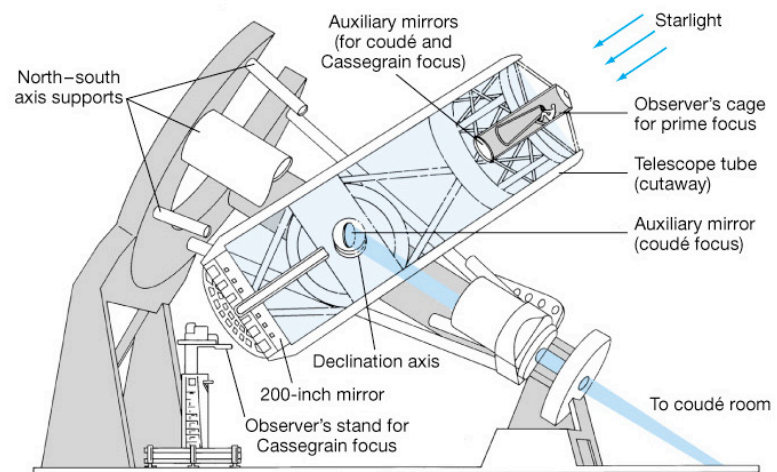


Reflector (mirror at bottom)

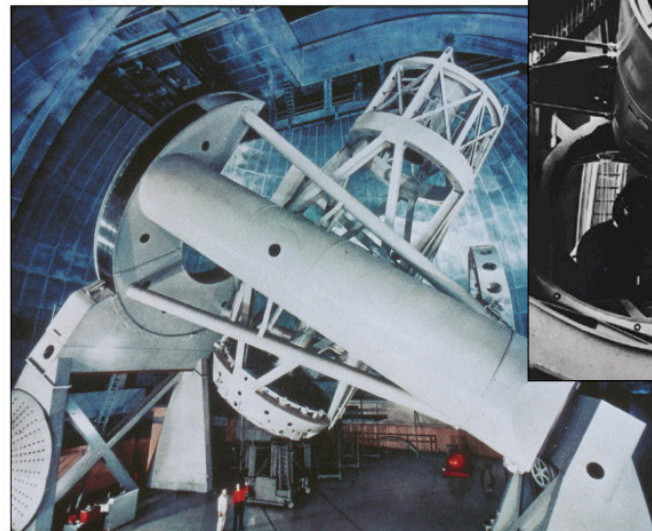
- Most modern telescopes are Reflectors
- Much easier to manufacture than lenses, especially as size increases
- Different type of Reflectors, depending on where light is focused e.g. Newtonian, Cassegrain

Refractor (lens at top)

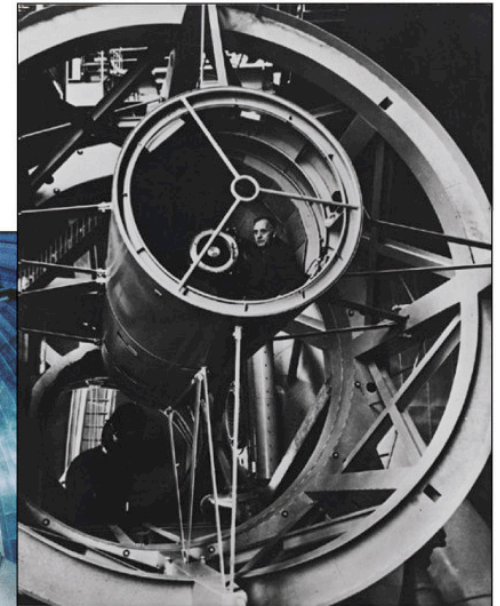
- Large lenses are heavy and difficult to manufacture
- Glass is not perfectly transparent, so light is lost when passing through the lens
- 'Chromatic Aberration'. Different colors of light are bent by different amounts, focused at different points



(a)



(b)



(c)