

# Re: Einstein's Relativity Disregards the Doppler Effect?

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[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aberration\\_of\\_light](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aberration_of_light)

Quote: "At the instant of any  
observation of an object, the  
apparent  
position of the object is  
displaced from its true

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position by an amount which depends upon the velocity of the observer."

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I don't know if I made a mistake and the above is only for celestial(orbiting)planes vs observation.

Therefore perhaps the word "aberration" should be skipped and instead wouldn't a doppler effect on light (frequency spectrum shift) also affect the calculations on the speed of light and the calculations on Time (say the Twin Paradox for example)?

Meaning depending on the direction of the observation on light through an intensified doppler effect the light would no longer be observed as light (although its speed remains constant) but instead as perhaps a sound wave (if moving away from observer) or alpha wave (if moving towards observer)?

Would these affect the calculations on Einstein's Relativity (Time and c)?

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In short, no.  
See for example Einstein in 1905 on Doppler:<http://www.fourmilab.ch/etexts/einstein/specrel/www/>, paragraph 7.  
Harald

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Thanks Harald.

It says at the end of Einstein's 7. Theory of Doppler's Principle and of Aberration" that quote: "It follows from these results that to an observer approaching a source of light with the velocity  $c$ , this source of light must appear of infinite intensity."

Imagine that your clock slows down to stand-still. How much energy will you receive per second on your clock?

So from the equations at the location you gave me above, I believe the equations tell us that:

1. the intensity increases,
2. the velocity remains constant,
3. the frequency shifts
4. and the objects perceived angle trajectory changes?

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What I don't understand exactly is say someone is sending me an "S.O.S" signal through a series of light pulses therefore the INITIAL Electro-Magnetic signal will reach my eye within the constant velocity of " $c$ " time delay but then the actual information (the frequency) through pulses will either slow down or increase (depending if I'm approaching or moving away (= doppler))?

That is standard Doppler.

So the time delay of the initial EM signal always remains the same since " $c$ " is constant (regardless of doppler effect) but then the time

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delay of receiving the entire S.O.S will vary (based on doppler effect) ...that seems a little strange (Un-even)?

Also in standard (classical) Doppler: when an emitting source approaches you, you will receive a higher frequency. Do you think that that's strange?

[...]

Actually I think I misread Einstein's doppler equations, it seems the doffler effect seems to reverse as  $v$  nears  $c$  therefore the frequency and abberation return to normal(back in phase??) = strange???

at: <http://www.fourmilab.ch/etexts/einstein/specrel/www/>

$$\cos \theta' = -v/c \quad f' = f \times \sqrt{(1-v/c) / (1+v/c)}$$

For  $v=c$   $\theta$  is 0 and for  $\phi=0$ ,  $f' = 0$ , which is also not "back in phase". Obviously, here positive velocity means motion away from the source (see his remark just below that equation). Also, in case you really delve deep into this part: for stellar aberration, his  $v$  ("relatively to the source of light") should be replaced by the velocity relative to the used constant inertial system of coordinates (typically the sun). The varying speeds of double stars do not affect the aberration angle.

Can anyone explain the "logic" behind this phenomena?

If you understand classical Doppler and classical aberration, then you can obtain the relativistic ones by simply adding (multiplying) the effects of time dilation and length contraction. I think that Einstein explained that also in 1907, but I don't have the reference handy.

Harald

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