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How things work: an overview of astronomical instrumentation.

During the course of biological evolution it has often been noted that where a species expands into two ecological areas separated by a significant geographical or physical barrier, the two populations evolve divergently until they eventually become different species, no longer able to interbreed. This explains what has happened in astronomy, where optical and radio astronomers, separated by the formidable barrier of the Planck function, live out their lives in mutual incomprehension.

Prescribed reading:

  This paper might appear at first to be as boring as bat guano, but it is important that you get your head around these concepts.

  Completely irrelevant to this talk, but you should read it anyway.

John Storey, 14 May 2012