Need a Classroom Stimulus? Try Radio Astronomy

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Our planet earth is continually showered by radio waves from outer space. They arrive from all over the cosmos, from our own nearby solar system out to the furthermost reaches of the universe. Unravelling the origins and characteristics of this radio energy is what radio astronomy is all about. For physics teachers, a discussion of some of the mysterious and exotic celestial objects discovered via radio astronomy offers an opportunity to add excitement and adventure to a first year syllabus.