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Proceedings of the NATO Advanced Study Institute, held in Erice, Italy, 2-13 July 2004

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Proceedings of the NATO Advanced Study Institute on Chaotic Worlds: from Order to Disorder in Gravitational N-Body Dynamical Systems, held in Cortina, Italy, 8-20 September 2003

B. Steves, Glasgow Caledonian University, UK; A. Maciejewski, University of Zielona Gora, Poland; M. Hendry, University of Glasgow, UK (Eds.) 2006. Approx. 345 p. (NATO Science Series II: Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry, Volume 227) Hardcover ISBN 1-4020-4704-5 ► € 129,95 | £100.00

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Collective and Stochastic Phenomena

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The book gives an extended review of theoretical and observational aspects of neutron star physics. With masses comparable to that of the Sun and radii of about ten kilometres, neutron stars are the densest stars in the Universe. This book describes all layers of neutron stars, from the surface to the core, with the emphasis on their structure and equation of state. Theories of dense matter are reviewed, and used to construct neutron star models. Hypothetical strange quark stars and possible exotic phases in neutron star cores are also discussed. Also covered are the effects of strong magnetic fields in neutron star envelopes and a comparison on neutron star models with observations.

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Astrophysical Concepts

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Organizations and Strategies in Astronomy 6

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Dark Matter in Astro- and Particle Physics

Proceedings of the International Conference DARK 2004, College Station, USA, 3-9 October, 2004

H. Klapdor-Kleingrothaus, MPI für Kernphysik, Heidelberg, Germany; R. Arnowitt, Texas A & M University, College Station, TX, USA (Eds.)

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3rd ed. 1999. 2nd printing 2006. Vol. I: XX p., 616 p, 36 illus.; Vol. II: XX p., 438 p. 41 illus. (in 2 volumes, not available separately). (Astronomy and Astrophysics Library) Softcover ISBN 3-540-29692-1 ► € 99,95 | £77.00

Spinning Flight

Dynamics of Frisbees, Boomerangs, Samaras, and Skipping Stones

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More frisbees are sold each year than baseballs, basketballs and footballs combined. Yet these familiar flying objects have subtle and clever aerodynamic and gyrodynamic properties which are only recently being documented by wind tunnel and other studies. In common with other rotating bodies discussed in this readily accessible book, they are typically not treated in textbooks of aeronautics and the literature is scattered in a variety of places. This book develops the theme of disc-wings and spinning aerospace vehicles in parallel. Since many of the examples are recreational, anyone who enjoys these activities will likely find it profitable and enjoyable. In addition to spinning objects of various shapes, several exotic manned aircraft with disc planforms have been proposed and a prototypes built - these include a Nazi 'secret weapon' and the De Havilland

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The 331st Wilhelm and Else Heraeus Seminar Bad Honnef, Germany, 16-20 August 2004

S. Hüttemeister, E. Manthey, D. Bomans, K. Weis, University of Bochum, Germany (Eds.)

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The boundaries of the magnetosphere have been the target of direct in-situ measurements since the beginning of the space age. But because they are constantly moving, changing their orientation, and undergoing evolution, the interpretation of single-spacecraft measurements has been plagued by the fundamental inability of a single observer to unambiguously distinguish spatial from temporal changes. The boundaries are thus a prime target for the study by a closely spaced fleet of spacecraft. Thus the Cluster mission, with its four spacecraft in a three-dimensional configuration at variable separation distances, represents a giant step forward. This 20th volume of the ISSI Space Science Series represents the first synthesis of the exciting new results obtained in the first few years of the Cluster mission.

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Within the national German geoscientific research and development programme "GEOTECHNOLO-GIEN", funded by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) and the German Research Foundation (DFG), the research theme "Observation of the System Earth from Space" was selected as one of 13 key areas in this programme. During the first research phase for this theme from 2002 to 2004 six projects were accomplished covering Earth gravity field and Earth rotation research. These six projects are related to the data exploitation and preparation of analysis techniques for the gravity field satellite missions CHAMP, GRACE and GOCE, to the integration of geodetic observation techniques for a user centre within the International Earth Rotation Service and to improvements in observation and analysis techniques for airborne gravimetry and ring lasers. This book provides a detailed summary of the obtained results, which are relevant for a broad scientific community working in gravity field and Earth rotation research.

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Relativistic Astrophysics and Cosmology

A Primer

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Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 26 July-4 August 2004 M. Novello, S. E. Perez Bergliaffa, Centro Brasileiro de Pesquisas Fisicas, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (Eds.)

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Distant Worlds

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The Story of Radio Astronomy

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Lunar and Planetary Webcam User's Guide

M. Mobberley, Suffolk, England

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