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From the guidebook. The last few decades have given birth to a new field of astronomy: the study of planets beyond our solar system, or exoplanets. Recent advances in technology have led to the discovery of thousands of these distant planets, and research data indicates that there must be countless others. The 24 lectures in this course provide a comprehensive and up-to-date introduction to this rapidly advancing field. Among the major topics are the comparison of exoplanets with the more familiar properties of the solar system, the basic physics of planet-finding techniques, the theory of planet formation, and the prospects for finding other planets very similar to Earth that might be inhabited by living creatures. The course has 5 major parts. The first part, consisting of 3 lectures, will introduce the fundamental concepts that will recur throughout the course. The first lecture will include a brief tour of our own solar system, to establish the context for exoplanetary systems. Later in the course, you will meet some exoplanets that resemble some of the familiar planets from the solar system, as well as numerous exoplanets that are completely alien. The second and third lectures will be devoted to the difficult problem of how to detect exoplanets using telescope observations. This involves a marriage of physics, astronomy, and high technology. You will need to understand the basic principles of orbital dynamics, as determined by Newton's laws of motion and gravitation. The fourth lecture will examine the history of this subject and introduce you to some of the pioneers of planet searching. Given how recently this field emerged, many of the pioneers are still actively working today. In the second part of the course, you will encounter the first big surprise of exoplanetary science: the existence of gas giant planets that orbit their stars much more closely than any planets that orbit the Sun. In lectures 4 and 5, you will learn why this discovery was so surprising and examine the theoretical puzzles that these "misplaced giants" have raised. You also will explore some ideas for how they might be solved. Then follows an in-depth investigation, over 8 lectures, of the intriguing properties of planets that have been found by virtue of planetary transits, the miniature eclipses that are produced when a planet blocks a small portion of the light of its own star. In this third part of the course, you will learn how it is possible to use transits to study exoplanet atmosphere and to measure an important aspect of a planetary system called spin-orbit alignment. You also will learn about the NASA Kepler mission, a space telescope specially built to find transiting planets. The Kepler mission propelled much of the recent progress in this field by finding thousands of new planets, including whole new categories of planets, such as compact multiplanet system, circumbinary planets, and lava worlds. The fourth planet of the course is about the specific problem of finding planets that resemble the Earth around stars that resemble the Sun, as well as some variations on that theme. Finding exoplanets just like the Earth is an important part of the long-term quest to search for signs of life elsewhere in the universe. You also will learn about planets that occur around stars that are unlike the Sun, either because they are much smaller and fainter (lecture 16) or because they are older "red giant" stars (lecture 17). Many future initiatives are aiming to search all of the stars in our local neighborhood of the galaxy as thoroughly as possible for planets. In lecture 18, you will explore what is already known about the planets around our nearest neighbors. In the fifth and last part of the course is focused on the future. You will learn about a more exotic planet-finding technique called gravitational microlensing, which is based on Einstein's theory of relativity and might help locate thousands of new exoplanets using data from a future space telescope. Another planet-finding technique that is about to come of age is direct imaging, in which special optical instruments are used to reduce the glare from a bright star in an astronomical image and allow nearby planets to be spotted. After learning about these techniques, you will explore some of the plans for future telescopes and space missions to extend the search for exoplanets. The final 2 lectures will take on the perennially fascinating but still highly speculative subject of life on exoplanets. You will learn about the 2 basic approaches to this problem: the search for intelligent life through interstellar signaling and the search for life through the effects that living ecosystems produce on their planets' atmosphere. The course will conclude with a few specific predictions for new discoveries that might happen in the near term of 5 to 10 years from now (p. 1-3).

In this highly accessible book, leading scientists from around the world give a general overview of research advances in their subject areas within the field of Astronomy. They describe some of their own cutting-edge research and give their visions of the future. Re-written in a popular and well-illustrated style, the articles are mainly derived from scholarly and authoritative papers published in special issues of the Royal SocietyOCOs Philosophical Transactions, the worldOCOs longest running scientific journal. Carefully selected by the journalOCOs editor, topics include the Big Bang creation of the universe, the formation and evolution of the stars and galaxies, cold dark matter, explosive sun-spot events, and humankindOCOs exploration of the solar system. The book conveys the excitement and enthusiasm of the authors for their work at the frontiers of astronomy. All are definitive reviews for people with a general interest in the future directions of science."

This is the first collection of review articles in one volume covering the very latest developments in exoplanet research. This edited, multi-author volume will be an invaluable introduction and reference to all key aspects in the field this field. The reviews cover topics such as the properties of known exoplanets and searching for exoplanets in the stellar graveyard. The book provides an easily accessible point of reference in a fast moving and exciting field.

Over the past ten years, the discovery of extrasolar planets has opened a new field of astronomy, and this area of research is rapidly growing, from both the observational and theoretical point of view. The presence of many giant exoplanets in the close vicinity of their star shows that these newly discovered planetary systems are very different from the solar system. New theoretical models are being developed in order to understand their formation scenarios, and new observational methods are being implemented to increase the sensitivity of exoplanet detections. In the present book, the authors address the question of planetary systems from all aspects. Starting from the facts (the detection of more than 300 extraterrestrial planets), they first describe the various methods used for these discoveries and propose a synthetic analysis of their global properties. They then consider the observations of young stars and circumstellar disks and address the case of the solar system as a specific example, different from the newly discovered systems. Then the study of planetary systems and of exoplanets is presented from a more theoretical point of view. The book ends with an outlook to future astronomical projects, and a description of the search for life on exoplanets. This book addresses students and researchers who wish to better understand this newly expanding field of research.

New Astronomy Book

Exoplanets

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Exoplanet Atmospheres

New Worlds, New Horizons

Physical Processes

The Encyclopedia of the Solar System, Third Edition—winner of the 2015 PROSE Award in Cosmology & Astronomy from the Association of American Publishers—provides a framework for understanding the origin and evolution of the solar system, historical discoveries, and details about planetary bodies and how they interact—with an astounding breadth of content and breathtaking visual impact. The encyclopedia includes the latest explorations and observations, hundreds of color digital images and illustrations, and over 1,000 pages. It stands alone as the definitive work in this field, and will serve as a modern messenger of scientific discovery and provide a look into the future of our solar system. New additions to the third edition reflect the latest progress and growth in the field, including past and present space missions to the terrestrial planets, the outer solar systems and space telescopes used to detect extrasolar planets. Winner of the 2015 PROSE Award in Cosmology & Astronomy from the Association of American Publishers Presents 700 full-color digital images and diagrams from current space missions and observatories, bringing to life the content and aiding in the understanding and retention of key concepts. Includes a substantial appendix containing data on planetary missions, fundamental data of relevance for planets and satellites, and a glossary, providing immediately accessible mission data for ease of use in conducting further research or for use in presentations and instruction. Contains an extensive bibliography, providing a guide for deeper studies into broader aspects of the field and serving as an excellent entry point for graduate students aiming to broaden their study of planetary science.

The study of the universe, its origin, evolution and future is under the scope of cosmology. Astronomy is the science concerned with celestial objects such as stars, galaxies, planets, gamma ray bursts, etc. and their associated phenomena, origin and evolution. Cosmology deals with the universe as a whole, while astronomy studies individual celestial objects of the universe. Astrophysics is a branch of astronomy, which integrates the principles of physics and chemistry for the study of the nature of astronomical objects. The objects studied in astrophysics are stars, extrasolar planets, galaxies, cosmic microwave background and the interstellar medium. The studies of these are approached from both theoretical and observational astrophysics. This book is a compilation of chapters that discuss the most vital concepts and emerging trends in the fields of cosmology, astrophysics and astronomy. Different approaches, evaluations, methodologies and advanced studies in these fields have been included in this book. It is meant for students who are doing reference text on these domains.

Research on extrasolar planets is one of the most exciting fields of activity in astrophysics. In a decade only, a huge step forward has been made from the early speculations on the existence of planets orbiting "other stars" to the first discoveries and to the characterization of extrasolar planets. This breakthrough is the result of a growing interest of a large community of researchers as well as the development of a wide range of new observational techniques and facilities. Based on their lectures given at the 31st Saas-Fee Advanced Course, Andreas Quirrenbach, Tristan Guillot and Pat Cassen have written up up-to-date comprehensive lecture notes on the "Detection and Characterization of Extrasolar Planets", "Physics of Substellar Objects Interiors, Atmospheres, Evolution" and "Protostellar Disks and Planet Formation". This book will serve graduate students, lecturers and scientists entering the field of extrasolar planets as detailed and comprehensive introduction.

Text and color photographs examine the creation of the universe, planets, galaxies, and stars, telescopes, the Big Bang theory, and more.

Advances in Astronomy

Essential Science in the Final Years of the Hubble Space Telescope: Proceedings of the Space Telescope Science Institute Symposium, Held in Baltimore, Maryland May 3-6, 2004

Searching for Life in the Galaxy

2005: Past Meets Present in Astronomy and Astrophysics

What Astronomers Know

Describes the basic physical processes, including radiative transfer, molecular absorption, and chemical processes, common to all planetary atmospheres as well as the transit, eclipse, and thermal phase variation observations that are unique to exoplanets.

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The past few years have seen an incredible explosion in our knowledge of the universe. Since its 2009 launch, the Kepler satellite has discovered more than two thousand exoplanets, or planets outside our solar system. More exoplanets are being discovered all the time, and even more remarkable than the sheer number of exoplanets is their variety. In Exoplanets,

astronomer Michael Summers and physicist James Trellif explore these remarkable recent discoveries: planets revolving around pulsars, planets made of diamond, planets that are mostly water, and numerous rogue planets wandering through the emptiness of space. This captivating book reveals the latest discoveries and argues that the incredible richness and complexity we are finding necessitates a change in our questions and mental paradigms. In short, we have to change how we think about the universe and our place in it, because it is stranger and more interesting than we could have imagined.

This latest, up-to-date resource for research on extrasolar planets covers formation, dynamics, atmospheres and detection. After a look at the formation of giant planets, the book goes on to discuss the formation and dynamics of planets in resonances, planets in double stars, atmospheres and habitable zones, detection via spectra and transits, and the history and prospects of this as well as satellite projects. Edited by a renowned expert in solar system dynamics with chapters written by the leading experts in the method described -- from the US and Europe -- this is an ideal textbook for graduates, students in astronomy, and astronomers.

Extrasolar Planets

The Solar System, Exoplanets and Planet Formation

The Cosmic Perspective

The Discovery of Exoplanets

Exoplanets, The Frontier of Modern Astronomy

Exoplanets and Alien Solar Systems

This is the eBook of the printed book and may not include any media, website access codes, or print supplements that may come packaged with the bound book. For two-semester courses in astronomy. Teaching the Process of Science through Astronomy Building on a long tradition of effective pedagogy and comprehensive coverage, The Cosmic Perspective: The Solar System, Eighth Edition provides a thoroughly engaging and up-to-date introduction to astronomy for non-science majors. This text offers a wealth of features that enhance student understanding of the process of science and actively engage students in the learning process for key concepts. The fully updated Eighth Edition includes the latest scientific discoveries, revises several subjects based on our most current understanding of the cosmos, and now emphasizes deeper understanding of the twists and turns of the process of science and the relevance of concepts to student's lives. The text is supported by a robust package of instructor and student ancillaries, including MasteringAstronomy. This market-leading online tutorial and homework system has been updated with new content that helps students learn and review more effectively outside of class. The Cosmic Perspective: The Solar System, Eighth Edition includes Chapters 1–13, 14–21, 24. Also available with MasteringAstronomy MasteringAstronomy from Pearson is the leading online homework, tutorial, and assessment system, designed to improve results by engaging students before, during, and after class with powerful content. Instructors ensure students arrive ready to learn by assigning educationally effective content before class, and encourage critical thinking and retention with in-class resources. Students can further master concepts after class through homework assignments that provide interactivity, hints and answer-specific feedback. The Mastering gradebook records scores for all automatically graded assignments in one place, while diagnostic tools give instructors access to rich data to assess student understanding and misconceptions. Mastering brings learning full circle by continuously adapting to each student and making learning more personal than ever—before, during, and after class. Note: You are purchasing a standalone product; MasteringAstronomy does not come packaged with this content. Students, if interested in purchasing this title with MasteringAstronomy, ask your instructor for the correct package ISBN and Course ID. Instructors, contact your Pearson representative for more information.

A complete and in-depth review of exoplanet research, covering the discovery methods, physics and theoretical background.

Planets come in many different sizes, and with many different compositions orbiting our Sun and countless other stars. Understanding their properties and interactions requires an understanding of a diverse set of sub-fields, including orbital and atmospheric dynamics, geology, geophysics, and chemistry. This textbook provides a physics-based tour of introductory planetary science concepts for undergraduate students majoring in astronomy, planetary science, or related fields. It shows how principles and equations learned in introductory physics classes can be applied to study many aspects of planets, including dynamics, surfaces, interiors, and atmospheres. It also includes chapters on the discovery and characterization of extrasolar planets, and the physics of planet formation.

A Note from the Author: On August 24, 2006, at the 26th General Assembly of the International Astronomical Union (IAU) in Prague, by a majority vote of only the 424 members present, the IAU (an organization of over 10,000 members) passed a resolution defining planet in such a way as to exclude Pluto and established a new class of objects in the solar system to be called "dwarf planets," which was deliberately designed to include Pluto. With the discovery of Eris (2003 UB313)—an outer solar system object thought to be both slightly larger than Pluto and twice as far from the Sun—astronomers have again been thrown into an age-old debate about what is and what is not a planet. One of many sizeable hunks of rock and ice in the Kuiper Belt, Eris has resisted easy classification and inspired much controversy over the definition of planethood. But, Pluto itself has been subject to controversy since its discovery in 1930, and questions over its status linger. Is it a planet? What exactly is a planet? Is Pluto a Planet? tells the story of how the meaning of the word "planet" has changed from antiquity to the present day, as new objects in our solar system have been discovered. In lively, thoroughly accessible prose, David Weintraub provides the historical, philosophical, and astronomical background that allows us to decide for ourselves whether Pluto is indeed a planet. The number of possible planets has ranged widely over the centuries, from five to seventeen. This book makes sense of it all—from the ancient Greeks' observation that some stars wander while others don't; to Copernicus, who made Earth a planet but rejected the Sun and the Moon; to the discoveries of comets, Uranus, Ceres, the asteroid belt, Neptune, Pluto, centaurs, the Kuiper Belt and Eris, and extrasolar planets. Weaving the history of our thinking about planets and cosmology into a single, remarkable story, Is Pluto a Planet? is for all those who seek a fuller understanding of the science surrounding both Pluto and the provocative recent discoveries in our outer solar system.

New Worlds in the Cosmos

Introductory Notes on Planetary Science

Answering Astronomy's Big Questions

Encyclopedia of the Solar System

Detection, Formation and Habitability of Extrasolar Planets

Extrasolar Planets and Astrobiology

This volume considers recent theoretical and observational developments in astronomy and astrophysics with contributions on solar system bodies, extrasolar planets, star formation, galaxy evolution and cosmology. A special section is dedicated to the history of astronomy including papers on the history of the Astronomical Observatory of Lisbon, time service and legal time, the 1870 solar eclipse expedition, and a comparison between Monteiro da Rocha and Wilhelm Olbers methods for the determination of the orbits of comets. Sample Chapter(s): Chapter 1. Evolution of the Spin of Mercury and Its Capture into the 3/2 Spin-Orbit Resonance (157 KB). Contents: Modern Astrophysics: Evolution of the Spin of Mercury and Its Capture into the 3/2 Spin-Orbit Resonance (A C M Correia & J L Trans-Neptunian Objects and Associated Families: Confronting Colors, Correlations and Evolution Models (N Pavlenko); Recent Results on Interstellar Turbulence (M A Avillex & D Breitschwerdt); Astromisecology and Variability of Young Stars (F J G Pinheiro); On the Problem of Magnetic Braking (J M Ferreira et al.); A First Step for Automatic Stellar Parameter Determination (S G Sousa); Study of Three Galaxy Clusters at Intermediate Redshifts (C Lobo & M S Roos); Astrophysical Tests of Fundamental Physics (C J A P Martins); Gamma Ray Bursts as Cosmological Probes (O Bertolami & P T Silva); Braneworld Cosmology: Sneutrino Inflation and Leptogenesis (N M C Santos et al.); AMS Oco A Magnetic Spectrometer on the International Space Station (L Arruda et al.); History of Astronomy. The Legacy of Sacrobosco: Tractatus de Sphaera (B Almeida); The 1870 Portuguese Solar Eclipse Expedition Oco A Preliminary Report (V H Bonfificio et al.); The Science Palaces (J D C G Jorge); The Astronomer/Instrument Maker Campos Rodrigues and the Contribution of the Observatory of Lisbon for the 1900-1901 Solar Parallax Programme (P Raposo); The Astronomical Observatory of Lisbon (P M de Abreu); Time Service and Legal Time in Portugal (M Silva & R Agostinho); and other papers. Readership: Researchers in astronomy, astrophysics and cosmology, as well as historians of science in general, and of astronomy in particular."

New Worlds, New Horizons in Astronomy and Astrophysics (NWNH), the report of the 2010 decadal survey of astronomy and astrophysics, put forward a vision for a decade of transformative exploration at the frontiers of astrophysics. This vision included mapping the first stars and galaxies as they emerge from the collapse of dark matter and cold clumps of hydrogen, finding new worlds in a startlingly diverse population of extrasolar planets, and exploiting the vastness and extreme conditions of the universe to reveal new information about the fundamental laws of nature. NWNH outlined a compelling program for understanding the cosmic order and for opening new fields of inquiry through the discovery areas of gravitational waves, time-domain astronomy, and habitable planets in the Milky Way.

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