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This textbook is suitable for two courses in computational physics. The first is at an advanced introductory level and is appropriate for seniors or first year graduate students. The student is introduced to integral and differential techniques, Monte Carlo integration, basic computer architecture, linear algebra, finite element techniques, digital signal processing and chaos. In this first part of the book, no knowledge of quantum mechanics is assumed. The third edition has expanded treatments of the subjects in each of the first nine chapters and a new section on modern parallel computing, in particular, Beowulf clusters. The second course (the last four chapters) deals with problems in the strong interaction using quantum mechanical techniques, with emphasis on solutions of many-body scattering problems and several-body bound state calculations with Monte Carlo techniques. It also contains a chapter dealing with the numerical summation of divergent series. Originally published: New York: Wiley, 1980. In selecting the papers for this volume I have excluded all physics papers proper. I have further omitted all book reviews. Instead, I have included two papers not published previously; they are

marked by an asterisk (*) in the table of contents. Since many of the papers were occasioned by Symposia or similar gatherings their chronological order is rather accidental. Hence I have tried to group the papers thematically into four parts. Within each part the order of sequence is from the more general to the more special, or from a more popular to a more technical treatment. The same principle has been applied to the sequential order of the parts. The foundational papers on quantum mechanics have been arranged in a somewhat different manner. Chapters XVI-XIX are concerned with the logic of complementarity while in Chapters XX-XXII a more radical reconceptualization is carried out. Two of the older papers (Chapters VI and VIII) have been revised to bring them more into line with present terminology. Other papers have been corrected by additions and omissions. Additions are marked by square brackets [], while double square brackets [[]] signify omissions or parts to be omitted. Hence [[A]] [B] means that 'A' should be replaced by 'B'. The heading of one paper (Chapter XX) has been changed to make it more descriptive.

The Consortium for Upper Level Physics Software (CUPS) has developed a comprehensive series of Nine Book/Software packages that Wiley will publish in FY '95 and '96. CUPS is an international group of 27 physicists, all with extensive backgrounds in the research, teaching, and development of instructional

software. The project is being supported by the National Science Foundation (PHY-9014548), and it has received other support from the IBM Corp., Apple Computer Corp., and George Mason University. The Simulations being developed are: Astrophysics, Classical Mechanics, Electricity & Magnetism, Modern Physics, Nuclear and Particle Physics, Quantum Mechanics, Solid State, Thermal and Statistical, and Wave and Optics.

Our understanding of the physical world was revolutionized in the twentieth century — the era of “modern physics”. The book *Introduction to Modern Physics: Theoretical Foundations*, aimed at the very best students, presents the foundations and frontiers of today's physics. Typically, students have to wade through several courses to see many of these topics. The goal is to give them some idea of where they are going, and how things fit together, as they go along. The book focuses on the following topics: quantum mechanics; applications in atomic, nuclear, particle, and condensed-matter physics; special relativity; relativistic quantum mechanics, including the Dirac equation and Feynman diagrams; quantum fields; and general relativity. The aim is to cover these topics in sufficient depth that things “make sense” to students, and they achieve an elementary working knowledge of them. The book assumes a one-year, calculus-based freshman physics course, along with a one-year course in calculus. Several

appendices bring the reader up to speed on any additional required mathematics. Many problems are included, a great number of which take dedicated readers just as far as they want to go in modern physics. The present book provides solutions to the over 175 problems in Introduction to Modern Physics: Theoretical Foundations in what we believe to be a clear and concise fashion.

This thesis addresses two of the central processes which underpin the formation of galaxies: the formation of stars and the injection of energy into the interstellar medium from supernovae, called feedback. In her work Claudia Lagos has completely overhauled the treatment of these processes in simulations of galaxy formation. Her thesis makes two major breakthroughs, and represents the first major steps forward in these areas in more than a decade. Her work has enabled, for the first time, predictions to be made which can be compared against new observations which probe the neutral gas content of galaxies, opening up a completely novel way to constrain the models. The treatment of feedback from supernovae, and how this removes material from the interstellar medium, is also likely to have a lasting impact on the field. Claudia Lagos Ph.D. thesis was nominated by the Institute for Computational Cosmology at Durham University as an outstanding Ph.D. thesis 2012.

This is the sixteenth edition of the textbook. It include

solutions of A.M.I.E. papers. Some of the latest questions from B.E., B.Sc(Engg.) a B.Sc(General) examinations of various Indian Universities have also been added. Special features the book is that all the diagrams are redrawn & made by computer. The size of the book is all changed as per the present trend of various popular textbooks.

The first half of this book is designed as a course for first year graduate students in the sciences. Problems are chosen to illustrate mathematical and physical subjects. In this first half only a moderate background in physics and mathematics is assumed. Integration, Monte Carlo techniques, the solution of linear systems and finite element methods are treated with enough depth to allow the student to understand them. An introduction to modeling with differential methods, digital signal processing and chaos is given. One chapter provides an introduction to common computer architectures. In the second half a thorough understanding of quantum mechanics is assumed with the Schrödinger equation being treated with scattering and bound state conditions. The time-dependent Schrödinger equation is also solved. A thorough introduction to the solution of the quantum-mechanical bound state with variational and Monte Carlo Green's function is given, with two examples being the solution of the bound state nuclear helium 4 and the energy of atomic liquid helium 4 at zero temperature. The exact solution of the low energy scattering problem is presented. Algorithms for the Borel and Pade methods for the summation of divergent series are studied. In the final chapter, methods for the solution of hadronic scattering from nuclei are treated including single, double and multiple scattering as well as the derivation and calculation of multiple scattering through fundamental optical models. The

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first half of the book will be suitable for a general course in computational methods while the second half can serve as a second semester course for Physics majors intending to do work in hadronic physics or scattering. Request Inspection Copy

This Well-written book is devoted to modern physics that was revolutionized in the last century with few exceptions the monograph is self contained. He book is also useful for practicing scientists treating basic principles and a wide range of applications.

In many fields of modern physics, classical mechanics plays a key role. This book provides an illustration of classical mechanics in the form of problems (at the bachelor level) inspired - for most of them - by contemporary research in physics, and resulting from the teaching and research experience of the authors.

The present Multicolor edition has been thoroughly revised and update taking into account the recent syllabi of various Indian Universities. Multicolor pictures have been added to enhance the content value and to give the students an idea of what he will be dealing in reality, and to bridge the gap between theory and practice.

This volume is a compilation of significant papers by leading scientists exploring exciting frontiers of physics. It presents the latest results in well-defined fields as well as fields represented by the interfaces between mainstream sciences.

G 't Hooft is the 1999 Nobel Laureate in Physics and A Richter is the Stern-Gerlach prize recipient of 2000.

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Physics Elementary Particle Physics Neutrino Physics and

Nuclear Astrophysics Atomic and Nuclear Physics in the Study of Diamond Applications of Pure and Applied Physics in

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Introduces the standard model of particle physics that describes all the known fundamental interactions of elementary particles and is regarded as the greatest intellectual achievement of modern physics despite its exclusion of gravity, which prevents the realization of Einstein's dream of a single unified theory of all known physical phenomena. Reprint. 30,000 first printing. Accessible and flexible, MODERN PHYSICS, Third Edition has been specifically designed to provide simple, clear, and mathematically uncomplicated explanations of physical concepts and theories of modern physics. The authors clarify and show support for these theories through a broad range of current applications and examples-attempting to answer questions such as: What holds molecules together? How do electrons tunnel through barriers? How do electrons move through solids? How can currents persist indefinitely in superconductors? To pique student interest, brief sketches of the historical development of twentieth-century physics such as anecdotes and quotations from key figures as well as interesting photographs of noted scientists and original apparatus are integrated throughout. The Third Edition has been extensively revised to clarify difficult concepts and thoroughly updated to include rapidly developing technical applications in quantum physics. To complement the analytical solutions in the text and to help students visualize abstract concepts, the new edition also features free online access to QMTTools, new platform-independent simulation software created by co-author, Curt Moyer, and developed with support from the National Science Foundation. Icons in the text indicate the problems designed for use with the software. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be

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The lectures focus on the relevance of the Copenhagen interpretation today and on the philosophy of Wolfgang Pauli.

From the Preface. THE task of giving some account of Maxwell's work -- of describing the share that he has taken in the advance of Physical Science during the latter half of this nineteenth century -- has proved no light labour. The problems which he attacked are of such magnitude and complexity, that the attempt to explain them and their importance, satisfactorily, without the aid of symbols, is almost foredoomed to failure. However, the attempt has been made, in the belief that there are many who, though they cannot follow the mathematical analysis of Maxwell's work, have sufficient general knowledge of physical ideas and principles to make an account of Maxwell and of the development of the truths that he discovered, subjects of intelligent interest. Maxwell's life was written in 1882 by two of those who were most intimately connected with him, Professor Lewis Campbell and Dr. Garnett. Many of the biographical details of the earlier part of this book are taken from their work....

Analyses what criteria should determine how scientific theories are selected and justified.

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students, extends the coverage of the theoretical groundwork of today's physics presented in the previous volume: Introduction to Modern Physics: Theoretical Foundations (Vol. I). Typically, students have to wade through several courses to see many of these topics. The goal is to give them some idea of where they are going, and how things fit together, as they go along. The present book focuses on the following topics: reformulation of quantum mechanics, angular momentum, scattering theory, lagrangian field theory, symmetries, Feynman rules, quantum electrodynamics, including higher-order contributions, path integrals, and canonical transformations for quantum systems. Many problems are included that enhance and extend the coverage. The book assumes a mastery of the material in Vol. I, and the continued development of mathematical skills, including multivariable calculus and linear algebra. Several appendices provide important details, and any additional required mathematics. The reader should then find the text, together with the appendices and problems, to be self-contained. The aim is to cover the framework of modern theoretical physics in sufficient depth that things "make sense" to students, and, when finished, the reader should have an elementary working knowledge in the principal areas of theoretical physics of the twentieth century. The Book Has Been Written In Two Volumes:

Volume One Deals With Mechanics, Waves And Heat, And Volume Two With Electricity, Magnetism, Optics And Modern Physics. The Emphasis Is On Basic Concepts Which Have Been Developed In A Coherent Manner From The Very Beginning. Apart From Covering The Entire Cbse Syllabus For Class Xi And Class Xii, The Book Goes Beyond Its Confines, And Becomes More Broad Based. As Such, Wider Coverage Of Topics Should Provide Flexibility In Its Use In Various States. In This Format The Book Should Be Acceptable In Other Countries Also. Si Units Have Been Followed.

Theoretical Details Of Laboratory Experiments Usually Performed And Instruments Used At This Level Have Been Given. The Discussion And Problems At The End Of Each Chapter Form An Integral Part Of The Text, As Quite A Few Topics Have Been Introduced Through Them.

This book covers important concepts and applications of contemporary physics. The book emphasizes logical development of the subject and attempts to maintain rigor in the analytical discussions. The text has been presented in a concise and lucid manner. A modern description of properties and interaction of particle is given along with discussions on topics such as cosmology, laser and applications. The concepts are illustrated by numerous worked examples. Selected problems given at the end of each chapter help students to

evaluate their skills. The book with its simple style, comprehensive and up-to-date coverage is highly useful for physics students. The detailed coverage and pedagogical tools make this an ideal book also for the engineering students studying core courses in physics.

The Marcel Grossmann Meetings seek to further the development of the foundations and applications of Einstein's general relativity by promoting theoretical understanding in the relevant fields of physics, mathematics, astronomy and astrophysics and to direct future technological, observational, and experimental efforts. The meetings discuss recent developments in classical and quantum aspects of gravity, and in cosmology and relativistic astrophysics, with major emphasis on mathematical foundations and physical predictions, having the main objective of gathering scientists from diverse backgrounds for deepening our understanding of spacetime structure and reviewing the current state of the art in the theory, observations and experiments pertinent to relativistic gravitation. The range of topics is broad, going from the more abstract classical theory, quantum gravity, branes and strings, to more concrete relativistic astrophysics observations and modeling. The three volumes of the proceedings of MG13 give a broad view of all aspects of gravitational physics and astrophysics, from mathematical issues to recent observations and

experiments. The scientific program of the meeting included 33 morning plenary talks during 6 days, and 75 parallel sessions over 4 afternoons. Volume A contains plenary and review talks ranging from the mathematical foundations of classical and quantum gravitational theories including recent developments in string/brane theories, to precision tests of general relativity including progress towards the detection of gravitational waves, and from supernova cosmology to relativistic astrophysics including such topics as gamma ray bursts, black hole physics both in our galaxy and in active galactic nuclei in other galaxies, and neutron star and pulsar astrophysics. Volumes B and C include parallel sessions which touch on dark matter, neutrinos, X-ray sources, astrophysical black holes, neutron stars, binary systems, radiative transfer, accretion disks, quasars, gamma ray bursts, supernovas, alternative gravitational theories, perturbations of collapsed objects, analog models, black hole thermodynamics, numerical relativity, gravitational lensing, large scale structure, observational cosmology, early universe models and cosmic microwave background anisotropies, inhomogeneous cosmology, inflation, global structure, singularities, chaos, Einstein–Maxwell systems, wormholes, exact solutions of Einstein's equations, gravitational waves, gravitational wave detectors and data analysis, precision gravitational measurements, quantum gravity and loop quantum

gravity, quantum cosmology, strings and branes, self-gravitating systems, gamma ray astronomy, and cosmic rays and the history of general relativity.

Contents: On the Cosmological Singularity (Vladimir A Belinski) GRB Afterglow Discovery with BeppoSax: Its Story 15 Years Later (Filippo Frontera) Rotation, Convection, and Core Collapse (W David Arnett) Spacetime Singularities: Recent Developments (Claes Ugge) Hidden Symmetries: From BKL to Kac–Moody (Philipp Fleig & Hermann Nicolai) Recent Results in Mathematical GR (Sergiu Klainerman) Higher Dimensional Black Holes (Harvey S Reall) Causal Dynamical Triangulations and the Search for a Theory of Quantum Gravity (Jan Ambjorn, Andrzej Görlich, Jerzy Jurkiewicz & Renate Loll) On Quantum Gravity, Asymptotic Safety, and Paramagnetic Dominance (Andreas Nink & Martin Reuter) Perturbative Quantum Gravity as a Double Copy of Gauge Theory and Implications for UV Properties (Zvi Bern) Type Ia Supernova Cosmology: Past and Future (Ariel Goobar) The Energetic Universe: A Nobel Surprise (Robert P Kirshner) Strong, Weak, Electromagnetic and Gravitational Interactions in Neutron Stars (Jorge Rueda & Remo Ruffini) Gravitational-Wave Physics and Astronomy Using Ground-Based Interferometers (David H Reitze & David H Shoemaker) Gamma-Ray Burst Prompt Emission (Bing Zhang) Black Holes, Supernovae and Gamma Ray Bursts (Remo

Ruffini)Precisions Tests of Theories of Gravity Using Pulsars (Michael Kramer)The Planck Mission: Recent Results, Cosmological and Fundamental Physics Perspectives (Nazzareno Mandolesi, Carlo Burigana, Alessandro Gruppuso & Paolo Natoli)Observation of a New Boson at a Mass of 125 GeV with the CMS Experiment at the LHC (Chiara Mariotti)Unavoidable CMB Spectral Features and Blackbody Photosphere of Our Universe (Rashid Sunyaev & Rishi Khatri)Search for the Standard Model Higgs Boson with the ATLAS Detector (Domizia Orestano) Readership: Graduate students in astronomy, astrophysics and cosmology, and scientists interested in general relativity, gravitation, astrophysics, quantum gravity, particle physics, cosmology and theoretical physics.

Keywords:General

Relativity;Gravitation;Astrophysics;Quantum Gravity;Particle Physics;Cosmology;Theoretical Physics

This is the third edition of a well-received textbook on modern physics theory. This book provides an elementary but rigorous and self-contained presentation of the simplest theoretical framework that will meet the needs of undergraduate students. In addition, a number of examples of relevant applications and an appropriate list of solved problems are provided. Apart from a substantial extension of the proposed problems, the new edition provides more detailed discussion on Lorentz transformations and their group properties, a deeper treatment of quantum mechanics

in a central potential, and a closer comparison of statistical mechanics in classical and in quantum physics. The first part of the book is devoted to special relativity, with a particular focus on space-time relativity and relativistic kinematics. The second part deals with Schrödinger's formulation of quantum mechanics. The presentation concerns mainly one-dimensional problems, but some three-dimensional examples are discussed in detail. The third part addresses the application of Gibbs' statistical methods to quantum systems and in particular to Bose and Fermi gases.

Newton's classical physics and its underlying ontology are loaded with several metaphysical hypotheses that cannot be justified by rational reasoning nor by experimental evidence. Furthermore, it is well known that some of these hypotheses are not contained in the great theories of Modern Physics, such as the theory of Special Relativity and Quantum Mechanics. This book shows that, on the basis of Newton's classical physics and by rational reconstruction, the theory of Special Relativity as well as Quantum Mechanics can be obtained by partly eliminating or attenuating the metaphysical hypotheses. Moreover, it is shown that these reconstructions do not require additional hypotheses or new experimental results. In the second edition the rational reconstructions are completed with respect to General Relativity and Cosmology. In addition, the statistics of quantum objects is elaborated in more detail with respect to the rational reconstruction of quantum mechanics. The new material completes the approach of the book as much as it is possible at the present state of knowledge. Presumably, the most important contribution that is added to the second edition refers to the problem of interpretation of the three great theories of Modern Physics. It is shown in detail that in the light of rational reconstructions even realistic interpretations of the three theories of Modern Physics are possible and can easily be

achieved.

Our understanding of the physical world was revolutionized in the twentieth century — the era of "modern physics". Three texts presenting the foundations and frontiers of modern physics have been published by the second author. Many problems are included in these books. The current authors have published solutions manuals for two of the texts *Introduction to Modern Physics: Theoretical Foundations* and *Topics in Modern Physics: Theoretical Foundations*. The present book provides solutions to the over 180 problems in the remaining text *Advanced Modern Physics: Theoretical Foundations*. This is the most challenging material, ranging over advanced quantum mechanics, angular momentum, scattering theory, lagrangian field theory, symmetries, Feynman rules, quantum electrodynamics (QED), higher-order processes, path-integrals, and canonical transformations for quantum systems; several appendices supply important details. This solutions manual completes the modern physics series, whose goal is to provide a path through the principal areas of theoretical physics of the twentieth century in sufficient detail so that students can obtain an understanding and an elementary working knowledge of the field. While obtaining familiarity with what has gone before would seem to be a daunting task, these volumes should help the dedicated student to find that job less challenging, and even enjoyable.

One of the field's most respected introductory texts, *Modern Physics* provides a deep exploration of fundamental theory and experimentation. Appropriate for second-year undergraduate science and engineering students, this esteemed text presents a comprehensive introduction to the concepts and methods that form the basis of modern physics, including examinations of relativity, quantum physics, statistical physics, nuclear physics, high energy physics,

astrophysics, and cosmology. A balanced pedagogical approach examines major concepts first from a historical perspective, then through a modern lens using relevant experimental evidence and discussion of recent developments in the field. The emphasis on the interrelationship of principles and methods provides continuity, creating an accessible “storyline” for students to follow. Extensive pedagogical tools aid in comprehension, encouraging students to think critically and strengthen their ability to apply conceptual knowledge to practical applications. Numerous exercises and worked examples reinforce fundamental principles.

Modern Physics for Scientists and Engineers provides an introduction to the fundamental concepts of modern physics and to the various fields of contemporary physics. The book's main goal is to help prepare engineering students for the upper division courses on devices they will later take, and to provide physics majors and engineering students an up-to-date description of contemporary physics. The book begins with a review of the basic properties of particles and waves from the vantage point of classical physics, followed by an overview of the important ideas of new quantum theory. It describes experiments that help characterize the ways in which radiation interacts with matter. Later chapters deal with particular fields of modern physics. These include includes an account of the ideas and the technical developments that led to the ruby and helium-neon lasers, and a modern description of laser cooling and trapping of atoms. The treatment of condensed matter physics is followed by two chapters devoted to semiconductors that conclude with a phenomenological description of the semiconductor laser. Relativity and particle physics are then treated together, followed by a discussion of Feynman diagrams and particle physics. Develops modern quantum mechanical ideas

systematically and uses these ideas consistently throughout the book Carefully considers fundamental subjects such as transition probabilities, crystal structure, reciprocal lattices, and Bloch theorem which are fundamental to any treatment of lasers and semiconductor devices Uses applets which make it possible to consider real physical systems such as many-electron atoms and semi-conductor devices

Introduction to Modern Physics, Second Edition is a 16-chapter text that discusses the principles of modern physics. This book deals first with the basic topics of modern science including the atomic nature of matter and electricity; the theory of relativity; the old quantum theory; waves and particles; and the Schrödinger equation. The subsequent chapters cover other general topics of molecular spectra, superconductivity, and the biological effects of radiation, illustrating the fundamental quantum theory of angular momentum and the harmonic oscillator. The remaining chapters explore the properties of nucleus, nuclear transformation, and interactions of particles. This book is an invaluable source for undergraduate quantum mechanics students.

Newton's Laws held for 300 years until Einstein developed the 'special theory of relativity' in 1905. Experiments done since then show anomalies in that theory. This book starts with a description of the special theory of relativity. It is shown that Einstein was not the first to derive the famous equation $E = mc^2$, which has become synonymous with his name. Next, experimental evidence that cannot be explained by special relativity is given. In the light of this evidence, the two basic postulates of the special theory of relativity on the behaviour of light are shown to be untenable. A new theory (universal relativity) is developed, which conforms to the experimental evidence. The movement of a conductor near a pole of a magnet and the movement of that pole near the conductor

does not always give the same result. It has been claimed that this contradicts relativity theory. Experiments described in this book show that it is not special relativity but another basic law of physics that is contradicted - Faraday's Law. The Big Bang theory of the beginning of the universe is questioned and an alternative proposed. The source of much of the mysterious missing 'dark matter' that has been sought for decades by astronomers is located. An explanation of the shapes of some galaxies is proffered. This book presents an alternative to Einstein's special theory of relativity, solves many problems left unanswered by special relativity, gives a better fit to many phenomena and experimental data and is more philosophically appealing. It is recommended to all people interested in fundamental issues of physics and cosmology. Professor Andre Assis, Brazil The book treats its subject properly, not just as an impersonal set of equations, but rather as a developing saga full of human triumph and failure. One learns from both experimental results and simple logical argument that all is not well with modern physics. Dr. Neal Graneau, Oxford University, U.K. Irish engineer solves the dark secrets of space. Sunday Times, U.K. Einstein got relativity theory wrong. Bangkok Post, Thailand

Now ubiquitous in public discussions about cutting-edge science and technology, nanoscience has generated many advances and inventions, from the development of new quantum mechanical methods to far-reaching applications in electronics and medical diagnostics. Ushering in the next technological era, Fundamentals of Picoscience focuses on the instrumentation and experiments emerging at the picometer scale. One picometer is the length of a trillionth of a meter. Compared to a

human cell of typically ten microns, this is roughly ten million times smaller. In this state-of-the-art book, international scientists and researchers at the forefront of the field present the materials and methods used at the picoscale. They address the key challenges in developing new instrumentation and techniques to visualize and measure structures at this sub-nanometer level. With numerous figures, the book will help you: Understand how picoscience is an extension of nanoscience Determine which experimental technique to use in your research Connect basic studies to the development of next-generation picoelectronic devices The book covers various approaches for detecting, characterizing, and imaging at the picoscale. It then presents picoscale methods ranging from scanning tunneling microscopy (STM) to spectroscopic approaches at sub-nanometer spatial and energy resolutions. It also covers novel picoscale structures and picometer positioning systems. The book concludes with picoscale device applications, including single molecule electronics and optical computers. Introductions in each chapter explain basic concepts, define technical terms, and give context to the main material.

The so-far unanswered question of whether the movements of distance-separated objects are correlated in the way quantum physics requires or whether, according to Einstein, they can influence

one another only by mechanical agencies travelling between them at speeds limited to that of light. It is to that still unanswered question that this present compilation of papers is addressed. The editorial approach is unusual in that in order to break the current conceptual deadlock and to encourage true innovation they have solicited inputs which are multidisciplinary. This open-ended venture is therefore perhaps more in line with what was once called Natural Philosophy than with what is currently known as 'Physics'. This is something of a departure for those who say that Physics no longer has anything to do with Philosophy. For there are physicists who believe that their predecessors have accomplished all the really important conceptual work on interpreting natural phenomena, so that there is no longer any call for radical revision in that direction. This leads to a constricted form of the discipline in which the purpose of all observation and experimentation is seen as simply to collect more and more information and fit it to conceptions which are traditionally 'cut and dried'. The emphasis is thus on presenting informed and carefully considered descriptions of natural phenomena, economizing as far as possible on interpretations in terms of entities which turn out to be no more than speculative. There are very few concepts that fascinate equally a theoretical physicist studying black holes and a patient undergoing serious mental psychosis. Time,

undoubtedly, can well be ranked among them. For the measure of time inside a black hole is no less bizarre than the perception of time by a schizophrenic, who may perceive it as completely "suspended," "standing still," or even "reversing its direction." The nature of time is certainly shrouded in profound mystery. This, perhaps, since the concept entails multifarious, and occasionally incongruous, facets. No wonder the subject attracts the serious attention of scholars on the one hand, and of the lay public on the other. Our Advanced Research Workshop is an excellent illustration of this point, as the reader will soon discover. It turned out to be a unique professional forum for an unusually lively, effective and fruitful exchange of ideas and beliefs among 48 participants from 20 countries worldwide, selected out of more than a hundred applicants. The present book is based on the select talks presented at the meeting, and aims to provide the interested layperson and specialist alike with a multidisciplinary sampling of the most up-to-date scholarly research on the nature of time. It represents a coherent, state-of-the-art volume showing that research relevant to this topic is necessarily interdisciplinary and does not ignore such delicate issues as "altered" states of consciousness, religion and metaphysics.

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