

QUASARS

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The study of quasars has, in recent years, yielded many important and spectacular results, both observational and theoretical. The wide range of topics concerning quasars covered in this volume include their continuum properties, structure and morphology (in the radio, IR, optical, UV and X-ray regions of the spectrum), emission and absorption line studies, nature and models of their prime movers, their cosmological evolution and implications, studies of clustering and pairing, as well as their use as probes of the intervening medium and dark matter in the Universe.

Quasars are currently recognised as extreme manifestations of violent activity occurring in active galactic nuclei. They have also provided a valuable insight into the large-scale structure of the Universe, and are likely to remain at the forefront of research in extragalactic astronomy for a long time.

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