

and its limits. It seems to me that the authors could have omitted some of the issues raised in sections four and five, especially because the preface already emphasizes enduring versus ephemeral aspects of the field.

The layout and graphics of the book are quite appealing. The book's Exercises help the reader to reflect on the presented ideas and concepts, and its Problems highlight unsolved issues in modern cosmology. An extensive index and table of contents make it is easy to find a topic of interest. However, citations are not handled consistently. For example, detailed references to original articles are given to support the discussion of covariant linear perturbations, but almost no original works are cited in connection with metric-based perturbation theory. And for those interested in particle-physics aspects of cosmology or in observational details, this is not the book to consult first.

Nonetheless, I strongly recommend *Relativistic Cosmology*. Best suited for graduate students, postdocs, and senior researchers, it offers a lot to explore and to learn about this exciting topic.

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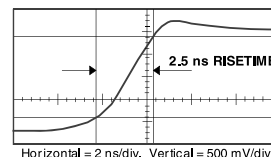
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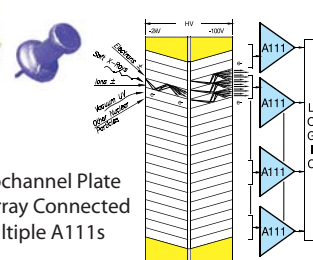
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