Notre Dame Science Department of Physics

THE DOUBLE PULSAR, AURORA BOREALIS AND TESTING THEORIES OF GRAVITY

Astrophysics Seminar

Prof. Maxim Lyutikov Purdue University Monday, April 18, 2011 12:45 p.m. NSH 184

The Double Pulsar - a system of two neutron stars in which both companions emit pulsed radio signals - is an excellent astrophysical tool to probe theories of gravity, stellar evolution, pulsar theories and plasma physics in extreme conditions. Periodic eclipses seen in the system provided the first test of relativistic spin precession in strong gravity regime. A number of methods used in studying the interaction of the Solar wind with planetary magnetospheres can be directly applied to this system.

All interested persons are cordially invited to attend.