



Quasar Riders. Virtual Light Speed Sailing Using Quasar Sources.1st Edition.

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Createspace, United States, 2014. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 279 x 216 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.While I was attending high school, my science teacher who taught me Earth Science and Biology often mentioned far-out concepts. One that was particularly appealing to me and highly abstract for a 10 grader was the concept of negative drive. Accordingly, a spacecraft would accelerate at an increasing rate, perhaps with run-away exponentially increasing acceleration, in the ship frame. Now, as a seasoned theoretical starship propulsion physicist, several years ago, I realized that negative drive is perhaps workable in the future while also realizing how it could best be accomplished. The key here is electromagnetic negative refractive index pull sails. In theory, a powerful beam shining on such a sail would pull the sail forward into the direction whence the beam originated. Traditionally, light always pushes object instead of pulling on them. However, a net pulling force has been observed in a laboratory setting due to the negative refraction of light alone. So, my concepts permit stellar or quasar orbiting spacecraft to accelerate at a rate in the ship frame that is proportional to the cube of the...

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