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Navigating the Heavens with Radiation Torque

Abstract: It is well known that radiation pressure may be used to propel a solar sail through space. Navigating that sailcraft, however, requires attitude control that may be achieved by mechanical or optical means. This talk will describe methods of achieving optically induced torque which imparts angular momentum to a structure.