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Sommario/riassunto

This book gives both a comprehensive and detailed account of the current theoretical and observational investigations of the radio galaxy M87 in the Virgo cluster. A number of introductory chapters provide a general overview, which makes the book accessible also to non-specialists in the field. The remaining chapters are devoted to a detailed treatment of special topics covering all relevant aspects of the galactic structure and jet.

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