When astronomers look deep into space or astrophysicists explore it from a theoretical perspective using the known laws of nature, they encounter highly exotic objects, such as neutron stars or black holes. Again and again, such discoveries challenge our view of the world. They symbolise the spirit of research at Goethe University Frankfurt, which transforms our understanding of the world at the frontiers of knowledge. In the next issue of Forschung Frankfurt, researchers will report on such alien worlds that can be found in the vastness of space and in the microcosm of atoms and biomolecules, in science fiction and quantum materials, in foreign worlds of ideas and in cyberspace.

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