The Marcel Grossmann meetings have been conceived with the aim of reviewing recent advances in gravitation and general relativity with major emphasis on their mathematical foundations and physical predictions. Their main objective is to elicit contributions which deepen our understanding of space-time structures as well as review the status of experiments verifying Einstein Theory of gravitation. These two volumes are the record of the second meeting.

The contributions range from supergravity, physics and topology, exact solutions of Einstein Maxwell equations, quantum gravity, to the physics and astrophysics of gravitationally collapsed objects, cosmological models, observational cosmology, precision experiments on gravitation and to the theory detectability of gravitational waves.

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