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ELRON INC. BLDG. 812, RARITAN CENTER EDISON N.J. 08817 TEL. 201-225-1900 edition (published five years ago). Typical changes are a minor rearrangement of the order in which the chapters appear, an attempt to make chemistry sound more like physics and a discussion of DNA (complete with a reference to James Watson's *The Double Helix*). In all, this new edition is but a marginal improvement of a text that was already excellent.

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The Physics of Metals: Electrons

J. M. Ziman, ed. 433 pp. Cambridge U. P., New York, 1969. \$14.50

This book is the first half of a two-volume work prepared in tribute to Sir Nevill Mott by some of his colleagues past and present. The second volume, which has yet to appear, will treat mechanical properties and defects of solids.

The subject of volume 1 is band structure, Fermi surfaces and transport properties of metals. Approximately half the content is standard fare available elsewhere in similar, if not almost identical, form. However, in total the book is a fairly unique combination of topics. Because the authors are well known to solid-state physicists for their research and prior writings, much of the book's flavor may be conveyed simply by a brief summary of names and subjects.

The opening chapter, written by V. Heine, provides an excellent theoretical discussion of electronic structure from the viewpoint of the pseudopotential method. This is followed in logical sequence by a masterful review by D. Shoenberg of experimental work on Fermi surfaces. Conduction electrons in a magnetic field are dealt with by A. B. Pippard. Surface and size effects are treated by R. G. Chambers in one of the best written chapters, and the editor, J. M. Ziman, has contributed a chapter on ordinary transport properties.

A relatively unique feature, and surely a mark of progress, is the inclusion of a long chapter on liquid metals. T. E. Faber has written an authoritative and lucid summary of the status of our understanding of the transport properties of this difficult state of matter. Experimental work on the structure of metals and alloys is discussed by P. J. Brown and W. H. Taylor. The book concludes with a lengthy and valuable contribution by J. Friedel on band structure, cohesive energy, and magnetism of the transition metals.

The emphasis, the editor informs us in the preface, is on the physics; thus elaborate mathematics is avoided. The interpretation of this varies considerably among the authors and results in a lack of uniformity. Some reviews contain virtually no mathematics; others present detailed mathematical analysis and, in my opinion, generally come off better in the reading.

The book would not suffice as a textbook in most solid-state physics courses, and presumably was not so intended. But that is no loss since by now we may have enough texts except, of course, for that impossibility known as "one really good one." In essence Ziman and colleagues have given us an organized collection of authoritative reviews that may be highly recommended as a supplementary reference in an advanced solid-state physics course.

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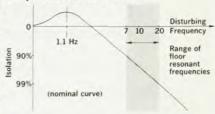
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