chapters, entitled "Cooling and Cryogenic Equipment," "Cryogenic Design Aids,""Experimental Techniques and Special Devices" and "Thermometry." Within each of these chapters are several more-specialized articles, written by individuals or groups, that discuss separate subtopics quite extensively. It is difficult to encompass all the techniques used in low-temperature physics, and this book makes no claims to doing so. What it does discuss, it discusses in detail: It even goes so far as to give at the end of each section such useful tips as a list of reliable manufacturers in this area and what to expect from each of these suppliers as to delivery, price and so forth.

I think this book belongs in every lab that uses cryogenics, and in most condensed matter physics labs. Investigators should use it as a reference source when thinking about how to design a new experiment. Most of the articles are very easy to read, begin at the beginning and lead the reader through to fairly sophisticated techniques. There are a couple of exceptions, but in general it is straightforward to find the subject of one's interest quickly, and learn the tricks of a successful laboratory.

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## Neutron Scattering at a Pulsed Source

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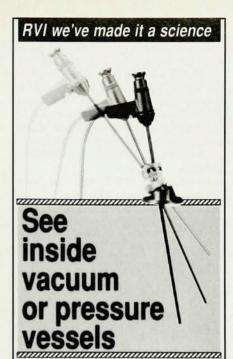
Neutron scattering is by now established as an essential tool in condensed matter, materials science and certain areas of chemistry and biology. Indeed, it is hard to imagine the progress in these fields over the past 20 years taking place without the detailed microscopic information that neutron diffraction, small-angle neutron scattering and inelastic neutron scattering have been able to provide. However, unlike many comparably important research techniques, which are available in the typical university or industrial laboratory, neutron scattering has to be carried out at national or international research facilities. Thus it has always seemed somewhat mysterious and distant to the average graduate student, and often to more senior staff and faculty as well; this is even more true for researchers in the average industrial research laboratory.

It is therefore gratifying to find this book, the result of a summer school organized at the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory in 1985. Aimed at the researcher with little or no experience of the theory or practice of neutron scattering, the book captures the flavor of a hands-on workshop, supplying many details of practical importance for carrying out experiments and analyzing data. As the title implies, it is geared to researchers intending to use a pulsed spallation neutron source rather than a nuclear reactor. Such neutron sources are still relatively novel to the scientific community. Because the instrumentation is rather different from what one generally finds at reactor-based neutron sources, involving time-of-flight rather than more conventional crystal spectrometry, there is some point to documenting its principles and use in books such as

The reverse side of the coin is that the informality of workshop lectures (which is often compensated for by follow-up detailed discussions, question-and-answer sessions and handson demonstrations) makes for a rather bare and sometimes even a bit confusing presentation when simply published more or less verbatim for posterity. In particular, several of the chapters suffer from many careless errors, typographical and otherwise; poor cross-referencing, and generally poor editing. This is particularly unfortunate in a book aimed at beginners.

The introductory section by Michael Gunn is devoted to a discussion of neutron scattering formalism. The approach taken is based mainly on plausibility arguments from a semiclassical picture of waves interacting with static or dynamic scattering centers. This may be a more palatable physical picture of the scattering process for the beginner. The quantum mechanical theory is then introduced, but the full power and elegance of the formal theory in terms of operators and correlation functions is not developed, perhaps because it was judged too advanced for the intended audience. There is a brief discussion of magnetic scattering, total reflection of neutrons and even scattering from fractals. A list of references is unfortunately missing from this chapter.

The chapter on neutron scattering instrumentation by Colin Windsor looks like a 15-page condensation of his impressive 400-page *Pulsed Neutron Scattering* (Wiley, New York,



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1981) and suffers somewhat from extreme terseness. The chapter by Elizabeth Lindley and Jerry Meyers, on experimental data corrections, may seem elementary but its detailed information will probably be useful to beginning practitioners. There is also an interesting discussion of the maximum-entropy method by Geoffrey Daniell.

In the last section of the book various experts describe scientific applications in different areas. The chapter by William David on powder neutron diffraction, with its detailed tour through the Rietveld profile refinement method and comprehensive list of references, appears to be particularly useful for the novice. There are chapters on single-crystal diffraction, liquids and amorphous solids, small-angle scattering, biological applications, neutron reflectometry, various applications of inelastic scattering, and a particularly nice chapter on magnetic scattering by Brian Rainford.

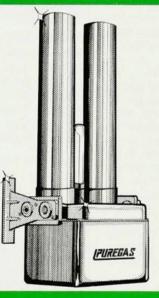
In spite of its shortcomings, this book should be a useful addition to the library of any institution that has a research group carrying out neutron scattering research at a spallation

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