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tailed treatment of Coulomb scattering, has become a classic. It is a well-thumbed-through book in my own library. The present volume is a fitting successor to the earlier work and a lasting monument to McDowell, who passed away on 13 June 1993.

A particular strength of Charge Exchange and the Theory of Ion-Atom Collision is the fine explanation of the physical ideas motivating the coordinate systems used in theoretical models of charge-exchange reac-Another strong point is the comprehensive discussion of the various systems of coupled equations that result from different ways of representing the system's wavefunction. Also valuable is the detailed treatment of boundary conditions in Coulomb scattering and the role that continuum states play in charge-exchange reactions. While I lament the omission of much of the older book's material on classical scattering, the deeper understanding afforded by the unified approach of Bransden and McDowell is certainly a signal addition to the literature and will give readers a road map to follow in answering the two fundamental questions posed above.

As befits a volume in the International Series of Monographs on Physics published by Clarendon Press, the present book is free of major typographical errors. However, because of the high cost of the hardcover edition I would have preferred a paperback edition for the use of graduate students.

In conclusion, Charge Exchange and the Theory of Ion-Atom Collisions will be a valuable addition to the libraries of theorists active in heavy-particle and electron scattering in atomic and molecular physics.

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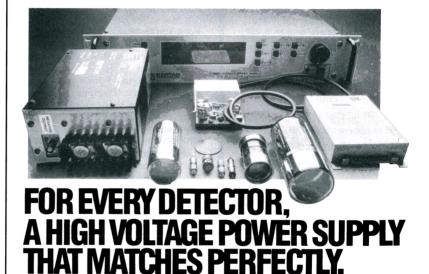
Materials Fundamentals of Molecular Beam Epitaxy

Jeffrey Y. Tsao Academic, San Diego, Calif, 1993. 301 pp. \$49.95 hc ISBN 0-12-70165-2

Some of the most elegant experimental solid-state physics explored in the last 20 years—from the integral and fractional quantum Hall effects to lower-dimensional systems, such as quantum wells, wires and dots—has

been enabled by the discovery and seemingly unending refinement of molecular beam epitaxy. MBE's ability to control the growth of layered semiconductor structures on the atomic scale has allowed its practitioners to create the thin film structures required for these elegant experiments with unparalleled precision. At the same time, progress in semiconductor physics has spawned a number of unique semi-

conductor devices, such as the high electron mobility transistor and the quantum well laser, making MBE an important production technology in high-performance devices. Yet even for those intimately familiar with the details of the exciting physics that these structures explore, the MBE growth process itself remains surprisingly mysterious and inaccessible. Materials Fundamentals of Molecular Beam Epitaxy by Jeff Tsao



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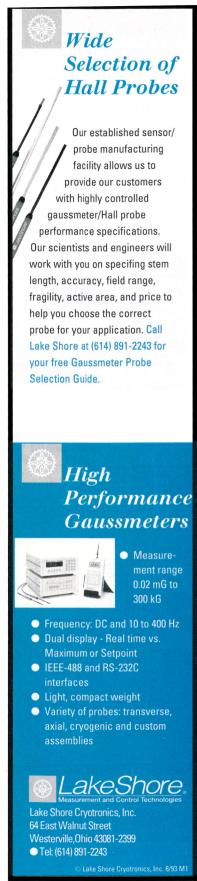
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strips this fast-growing field of much of that shroud of mystery. The author clearly and thoroughly explains the underlying materials principles behind this exciting technology.

MBE as a subdiscipline has been around long enough to have generated a handful of texts that go beyond the straightforward conference proceedings, which typically cover only the latest developments for experts within the field. M. A. Herman and H. Sitter's Molecular Beam Epitaxy: Fundamentals and Current Status (Springer-Verlag, New York, 1989) and E. Kasper and J. C. Bean's Silicon Molecular Beam Epitaxy (CRC P., Boca Raton, Fla., 1988) both present unified overviews of the field from the perspectives of its finest practitioners, and E. H. C. Parker's The Technology and Physics of Molecular Beam Epitaxy (Plenum, New York, 1985) treats in great detail the actual MBE hardware that is so integral to the field. But Tsao manages to cut through the MBE technology issues most readers find so daunting and instead concentrates on the real materials science underpinnings of the growth technique. In so doing, he addresses a much wider audience than those hundreds of MBE crystal growers. Not only does the reader get a rare and insightful view into the MBE growth process, but he or she is treated to a remarkably complete course in the underlying disciplines of thermodynamics and kinetics, with careful explanations of when and where to apply each approach.

Thermodynamics pervades the majority of the topics discussed, and the book includes a good exposition of the essentials required for the indepth treatments that follow. These include phase stability as it applies to vapor deposition, the concepts of congruent and incongruent evaporation, a thermodynamic treatment of surface roughening and a particularly detailed exposition of the cluster variation method, which is useful in treating pseudobinary III–V alloys.

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