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### Fusion Research

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The purpose of this book is to describe the methods of fusion research currently in use and to describe the prospects for fusion power that may lie ahead. The book is written in textbook style in that there are problem sets, an answer key, and references for further study of the topical areas. The preface also suggests that the book is useful to workers in the field as well. The book is divided into three sections. The first is a physics section, the second is a description of current experiments, and the third is a look at the technology of proposed reactor schemes. All three contain an overwhelming amount of material, and the book has a "one of everything" style similar to the classic Glasstone texts in nuclear engineering.

The first volume of the book, titled "Principles," assumes no background other than freshman calculus and physics and ends with a fairly sophisticated overview of plasma diagnostic techniques to be applied to the tokamak fusion test reactor. I doubt whether a naive reader could really go from the right-hand rule through plasma turbulence in a little over 250 pages, but the intentions are certainly honest, and the references are good.

Included in the first volume are a brief overview of the world energy situation, a discussion of distribution functions and nuclear reactions, and some atomic and molecular physics. From there the author derives a power balance equation for a fusion reactor. After the reader sees the motivation for high values of the confinement parameter  $n\tau_E$ , the basic physics of plasma is introduced, with both microscopic and macroscopic viewpoints discussed. The emphasis in this physics section is on experimental as well as theoretical issues, with a strong chapter on plasma diagnostics.

The second volume, containing descriptions of all fusion experiments, past and present, is a compilation of hundreds of laboratory reports and journal articles. Some forty-odd experiments are described in varying detail. Almost no editorial viewpoint is present, either by comments on the relative merits of the various concepts presented or by selective coverage. The approach is to give as much information as has been documented in each area of experimental fusion research. This second volume is more suited as a reference book than as a text.

While the information contained in this volume is as up-to-date as possible, a treatment of this kind always runs the risk of being out-of-date quickly in the fast-paced world of experimental fusion research. However, one can read the

older Glasstone and Lovberg book (first published in 1960) and still learn from the experimental evidence of the day. In that respect, the experimental chapter is a good chronicle of the 22 years of experimental progress since Glasstone and Lovberg.

The fusion technology section of this text, presented in the third volume, is a fairly general discussion of the various high-technology endeavors that are necessary in fusion systems: superconducting magnet coils, vacuum systems, radiation shielding, and exotic materials problems. The calculations discussed are a potpourri of nuclear, mechanical, and electrical design problems. Similar in style to Volume 1, the approach is to assume no background in strength of materials, neutronics, thermodynamics, or heat transfer. While some areas are covered in laborious detail, such as coil design and blanket neutronics, other areas are a bit sparse of fundamental information, such as the section on reactor materials problems due to neutron irradiation. If used as a text, one would want supplemental material in this area. In keeping with the general style of the book, however, there are ample references to the literature of this very important field.

On the whole, the book is interesting, well balanced, and organized. It is expensive compared to other texts. A student asked to purchase a course text for \$75.00 will understandably balk. However, when one considers that the material contained is enough for a course in plasma physics and fusion technology, as well as an introduction to fusion research, perhaps this is not a high price for an integrated program of study in fusion. I commend Prof. Dolan in his brave attempt to document the entire nebulous and eclectic field of fusion research, even though it took three volumes.

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### World Survey of Major Activities in Controlled Fusion Research (4th Edition)

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