

atomic physics, and a description of the static properties of nuclei. In Chapter 3 are the major types of particle accelerators. The characteristics of a typical machine of each variety are tabulated. Chapters 4 and 5 are devoted to experimental instruments and methods. This is a very complete summary. One minor objection to this section is the inclusion of rather complex diagrams of apparatus from the literature without sufficient accompanying explanations. The next two chapters are an introduction to radioactivity and nuclear reactions. Chapter 8 is a discussion of systematics and the general characteristics of nuclear forces. A chapter then is devoted to the liquid-drop model and fission.

Before the development of nuclear theory, there is an introduction to quantum mechanics that should prove helpful to the student at this point. Some of the topics in nuclear theory that are then included are the major models, nuclear moments, radiative transitions, alpha and beta decay. The last two chapters are devoted to the theory of nuclear reactions and nuclear forces.

Perhaps the most outstanding feature of the book is its completeness. The arrangement of material is, for the most part, very good. There is a set of problems at the end of each chapter that are designated according to their complexity. The book in general is well referenced, and a list of these references is included at the end of each chapter.

In summary, *Nuclear Physics* should be welcomed by those teaching a course in the subject, since there are few textbooks written at this level that are so comprehensive and lucid. Others involved in nuclear physics should be equally pleased to have this as a reference book, since it brings together a vast amount of up-to-date information on the subject.

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