

vances in both developmental biology and mathematics will surely increase the number of organisms whose form can be rigorously studied. There is a lot of geometry out there, most of it unexplored. Seeing a piece of it carefully studied reminds us that there must be more.

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## Optical Properties

**Modern Nonlinear Optics.** MYRON EVANS and STANISŁAW KIELICH, Eds. Wiley, New York, 1994. In three parts. Part 1, xii, 628 pp., illus. \$150 or £124. Part 2, xii, 835 pp., illus. \$195 or £161. Part 3, xiv, 823 pp., illus. \$195 or £161. *Advances in Chemical Physics*, vol. 85.

Given the current interest in nonlinear optics in the fields of physics, chemistry, and materials science, it is timely that a volume of *Advances in Chemical Physics* should be devoted to the subject. The three parts that make up the volume contain 36 papers by 60 authors.

Part 1 comprises 13 papers by the Poznań school in Poland. This school was founded in the 1950s by A. Piekara, who made notable discoveries concerning the nonlinear dielectric polarization of liquids and solutions; Stanisław Kielich's contributions to the theory of nonlinear phenomena enhanced the reputation of the school. Alas, Kielich died in October 1993. This volume is a fitting and lasting memorial to a very productive scientist.

When confronted with such a large collection of papers a reviewer must concentrate on a selection that reflects personal preferences. The two reviews by Kielich *et al.* on squeezed states of light are timely and informative, as is his chapter with Lalanne and Buchert on fast molecular reorientation in liquid crystals probed by nonlinear optical techniques.

The chapter in part 2 by Akhlesh Lakhtakia on the continuum electromagnetic properties of a gas of scattering centers provides a firm and stylish mathematical foundation for this viewpoint. The Heaviside-Lorentz conceptualization of continua is reviewed and generalized. The scattering by a gas, which can be considered to comprise either small pieces of continua or molecules, is discussed and related to scattering by a continuum. A continuum can always be subdivided into smaller pieces, each retaining the same

properties as the original. Also in part 2, Jeffrey Williams contributes a useful review of the Kerr and Cotton-Mouton effects and the optical Kerr effect, discussing the utility of optical Kerr and Cotton-Mouton measurements as probes of ionic solutions and touching upon the possibility that low-frequency electromagnetic fields could be harmful to health. David Andrews presents a scholarly theoretical account of second harmonic generation, but it contains little in the way of a practical guide to help in the choice of a particular nonlinear optical material.

In part 3 Laurence Nafie and Diping Che provide a timely account of both theory and experiment in the differential Raman scattering of right and left circularly polarized light and related chiral phenomena. Teresa Freedman and Nafie review the theory of vibrational circular dichroism. But one may ask if these interesting subjects actually lie within the field of nonlinear optics! The chapters on hyper-Rayleigh and hyper-Raman scattering by Koen Clays *et al.* and by T. Bancewicz and Z. Ożgo (the latter in part 1) are, however, clearly within the bounds.

Part 3 also includes a long chapter with 547 references by Sheng-Bai Zhu, Surjit Singh, and Wilse Robinson on field-perturbed water. It is concerned with computer simulations of liquid water and ends with some provocative questions: "Has anything not previously known to experimentalists actually been predicted? . . . Have any old questions been settled?" The authors admit that the answers are at best only very weakly in the affirmative.

There are two papers by Myron Evans in part 2. The first is entitled "Laser and pulsed laser NMR spectroscopy" and presents Evans's contentious views of this infant subject. Its figure 4, showing an apparent shift in a methoxy resonance caused by a circularly polarized laser beam, is not to be found in the paper that is cited as its source. The second paper, "Some properties of longitudinal fields and photons," runs to 213 pages. Evans proposes that a circularly polarized beam is associated with a static magnetic field in the direction of propagation and that this field is of opposite sign for right and left circular polarization. However, such a proposal requires that rotating positive or negative charges radiate circularly polarized light having opposite magnetic fields; that is, there would be two distinct types of right (and left) circularly polarized light, contrary to experience. The paper contains lengthy and probably unrefereed criticisms of L. D. Barron's comments on a related paper by Evans and is seriously out of place in this volume.

This three-part work contains some use-

ful papers, but it is rather idiosyncratic and lacks contributions from the stars of nonlinear optics.

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## Reprints of Books Previously Reviewed

**Children in Time and Place.** Developmental and Historical Insights. Glen H. Elder, Jr., John Modell, and Ross D. Parke, Eds. Cambridge University Press, New York, 1994. Paper, \$16.95 or £16.95. *Reviewed* 264, 1013 (1994).

**Dynamics of the Standard Model.** John F. Donoghue, Eugene Golowich, and Barry R. Holstein. Cambridge University Press, New York, 1994. Paper, \$39.95 or £25. *Reviewed* 260, 107 (1993).

**Fossil Horses.** Systematics, Paleobiology, and Evolution of the Family Equidae. Bruce J. McFadden. Cambridge University Press, New York, 1994. Paper, \$29.95 or £15.95. *Reviewed* 260, 1156 (1993).

**Wrinkles in Time.** George Smoot and Keay Davidson. Avon, New York, 1994. Paper, \$12.50. *Reviewed* 263, 1455 (1994).

## Books Received

**Age and Structural Lag.** Society's Failure to Provide Meaningful Opportunities in Work, Family, and Leisure. Matilda White Riley, Robert L. Kahn, and Annette Foner, Eds. Wiley, New York, 1994. xiv, 290 pp., illus. \$39.95.

**Agricultural Field Experiments.** Design and Analysis. Roger G. Peterson. Dekker, New York, 1994. xii, 409 pp., illus. \$150. *Books in Soils, Plants, and the Environment*.

**Airway Secretion.** Physiological Bases for the Control of Mucous Hypersecretion. Tamotsu Takishima and Sanae Shimura, Eds. Dekker, New York, 1994. xx, 714 pp., illus. \$195. *Lung Biology in Health and Disease*, vol. 72.

**Asteroids, Comets, Meteors 1993.** A. Milani, M. Di Martino, and A. Cellino, Eds. Published for the International Astronomical Union by Kluwer, Norwell, MA, 1994. xxxiv, 503 pp., illus. \$147.50 or £100 or Dfl.250. From a symposium, Belgirate, Italy, June 1993.

**Astronomy for All Ages.** Discovering the Universe Through Activities for Children and Adults. Philip Harrington and Edward Pascuzzi. Globe Pequot, Old Saybrook, CT, 1994. xii, 208 pp., illus. Paper, \$17.95.

**Biomembranes.** Structural and Functional Aspects. Meir Shinitzky, Ed. VCH, New York, 1994. viii, 383 p., illus. \$135. *Biomembranes*, vol. 2.

**Bioprocessing.** G. Stephanopoulos, Ed. VCH, New York, 1994. xvi, 816 pp., illus. \$320. *Biotechnology*, vol. 3. 2nd ed.

**The Birds of South America.** Vol. 2, The Suboscine Passerines. Ovenbirds and Woodcreepers, Typical and Ground Antbirds, Gnatcatchers and Tapaculos, Tyrant Flycatchers, Cotingas and Manakins. Robert S. Ridgely and Guy Tudor in association with The Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia. University of Texas Press, Austin, 1994. xii, 814 pp., illus., + plates. \$85.

**Chemical Analysis by Nuclear Methods.** Z. B. Alfassi, Ed. Wiley, New York, 1994. xx, 556 pp., illus. \$150.

**Chemical Engineering Dynamics.** Modelling with PC Simulation. John Ingham *et al.* VCH, New York, 1994. xx, 701 pp., illus. + diskette. \$160.

**Chemical Safety.** International Reference Manual. Mervyn Richardson, Ed. VCH, New York, 1994. xviii, 613 pp., illus. \$145.

**Chemistry.** An Experimental Science. 2nd ed. George M. Bodner and Harry L. Pardue. Wiley, New