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-Cliffard Swartz for PHYSICS WORLD, September 2003

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-Jay Newman, Union College

From the Back Cover

This long-awaited revision of this highly popular text on advanced laboratory experiments has been thoroughly updated to include modern techniques and experiments of current interest. Important additions include two chapters on lasers, an entirely new chapter on electronics as well as new experiments on the electronic properties of solids.

Data acquisition by computer and data analysis tools are widely used. New experiments on chaos, Berry's phase, saturation absorption spectroscopy and muon decay have been added. As in the previous edition the emphasis is on results obtained by students.

This text is addressed to juniors and seniors enrolled in an advanced laboratory course in physics. In the past it has also proven to be a

valuable reference for instructors, graduate students and professional physicists.

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