

Book Reviews

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No. 2. Main metals: Group IV (excluding silicon). Germanium is reviewed by B.C. Pant (42 pages, 260 references); E.J. Bulten reviews tin (90 pages, 479 references); and lead

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Introduction to Applied Quantum Chemistry, by S.P. McGlynn, L.G. Vanquickenborne, M. Kinoshita and D.G. Carroll. Holt, Rinehart and Wilson, Toronto, 1972, 472 pp., \$14.70 (hard cover).

This book presents an introductory course in quantum mechanics covering areas of particular relevance to molecular spectroscopy.

As prefaced by the Authors, this is a "how to" book, and contains a wealth of worked examples. It is recommended that the book be used as a supplementary text rather than supplanting existing texts.

The chapters discuss: atomic orbitals (including various many-electron approaches), overlap integrals, Huckel molecular orbital approach, Mulliken-Wolfsberg-Helmholz procedures, free electron MO theory, composite-molecule methods, symmetry and spin-adapted wave functions, energy of many-electron systems, electric dipole transition probabilities, static electric dipole moments, spin-orbit coupling and spin-spin coupling.

The text is well written and the many examples are pedagogically particularly valuable. Naturally a great deal is left out but this does not detract from the value of the book as a supplementary text: some minimal knowledge of quantum mechanics, operator and group theory is desirable before the book could be adequately utilised.

The sections dealing with overlap integrals, symmetry and spin-adapted wave functions, transition probabilities, spin-orbit and spin-spin coupling are particularly rewarding for the depth of explanation, by example, not generally found in other texts. The only criticisms are the occasional 'glossing over' of a difficult point in a calculation without adequate explanation or literature reference from which additional information might be obtained, and the tendency in some areas, specifically those dealing with different approaches to

handling atomic or molecular orbitals, to present very short, concise accounts which are so short as to be almost valueless.

The book is attractively produced, fairly free from typographical errors and is certainly to be recommended for its pedagogical value.

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