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By David Attwood and Anne Sakdinawat CAMBRIDGE UNIV. PRESS 652PP. £54.99



This second edition has been expanded and now includes new chapters on free-electron lasers, laser high-harmonic generation, X-ray and extremeultraviolet optics, and nanoscale imaging. Also included are a

completely revised chapter on spatial and temporal coherence and an extensive discussion on the development and applications of femtosecond and attosecond techniques. This book is suitable for graduate students, researchers and those working in industry interested in X-ray and extreme-ultraviolet interaction with matter. Readers will be guided step-by-step through the mathematics of each topic and will gain a detailed understanding of the physics and applications of modern X-ray and extremeultraviolet radiation sources.

Quantum Photonics

By Thomas P. Pearsall SPRINGER 312PP. £57.99



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of photons through the second quantization of the electromagnetic field, introducing stimulated and spontaneous emission of photons at the quantum level. Schrödinger's equation is used to describe the behaviour of electrons in a one-dimensional potential. Tunnelling through a barrier is used to introduce the concept of nonlocality of an electron at the quantum level, which is closely related to quantum confinement tunnelling, resonant tunnelling, and the origin of energy bands in both periodic (crystalline) and aperiodic (non-crystalline) materials. It also includes an extensive treatment of the duration of tunnelling. The nonlocal nature of quantum-mechanical states is further developed by the proof of Bell's theorem and an in-depth discussion of its implications for experimental phenomena such as quantum tunnelling and quantum entanglement. Also presented is the generation of entangled photon pairs by spontaneous parametric downconversion using operators of the quantized photonic field.

Visible Light Communications

Edited by Zabih Ghassemlooy, Luis Nero Alves, Stanislav Zvánovec and Mohammad-Ali Khalighi CRC PRESS 568PP. £95.00



Visible light communications is an emerging topic with multiple applications including data communication, indoor localization, 5G wireless communication networks, security and small

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By Carolyn A. MacDonald PRINCETON UNIV. PRESS 368PP. £66.95

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motivating further investigations into scattering, detection and noise statistics of X-rays. The second section explores topics in X-ray generation, including characteristic emission, X-ray fluorescence

analysis, bremsstrahlung emission, and synchrotron and laser sources. The third section details the main forms of interaction, including the physics of photoelectric absorption, coherent and Compton scattering, diffraction, and refractive, reflective and diffractive optics. This book is suitable for advanced undergraduate and graduate students studying physics or related sciences, as well as for researchers.

Understanding Optical Systems Through Theory and Case Studies

By Sijiong Zhang, Changwei Li and Shun Li SPIE 294PP. US\$69.00



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