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THE BOOK CORNER

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This book represents Volume 62 in the Chromatographic Science Series published by Marcel Dekker. The book is well presented and discusses the principles and techniques of diode array detection and its application in high performance liquid chromatography. The advantages of diode array detection over conventional absorbance detectors are also well presented. Diode array detection offers high selectivity and sensitivity as it is coupled by modern software which can evaluate and process a large amount of data, provided in a very short time. The most significant improvements made in optics of the diode array detector is also discussed.

The book is written by eight contributors, who are experienced in this technique. It also is well illustrated, as it contains 239 figures, 22 tables, and each chapter ends with references; however, the most recent references are cited in 1990.

The volume consists of 14 chapters, classified into four parts, with the following topics:

- I. Theory and Design:
 - * Historical Developments
 - Modern Developments
- II. Advantages of Diode Array Detectors to Chromatographers:
 - * Diode Array Detection Advantages for the Chromatographer
 - * Spectral Matching and Peak Purity
 - * Chemometrics and Photodiode Array Detection
- III. Applications of Diode Array Detectors:
 - * The Use of Diode Array Detectors in the Pharmaceutical Industry
 - * Clinical Applications

- * Toxicological Applications
- * Applications in the Analysis of Amino Acids, Peptides and Proteins
- * Food and Beverages
- * Environmental Applications
- * Chemical, Petrochemical, and Polymer Applications

IV. Guldellnes on how to optimize Sensitivity, Selectivity, Automatlon:

- * Optimization of Diode Array Detection, and
- * Using Diode Array Detectors for Automated Routine Analysis.

This book is highly recommended to analytical, pharmaceutical and environmental chemists and also for biochemists, and graduate students.

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