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This compilation of previously published papers offers a current view of the state of the art of magnetic bubble technology. The 46 reprinted papers are grouped according to topic in six chapters. About one-third of the book consists of tutorial commentary by the editor and includes a critical examination of the current uses of the technology and an assessment of its potential applications. The chapters following an historical review of magnetic bubble research and development are devoted to devices, applications, physics, materials, and technology forecast. There is also a bibliography of 1300 papers for the period 1950-1974 and abstracts of U.S. patents on bubble domain devices.

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