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"This book presents comprehensive and updated material for anyone interested in getting to know the vast field of BPM. With its excellent organization and use of many figures, it can also be an excellent choice as a text book on BPM." (Amit Sheth, LexisNexis Ohio Eminent Scholar, Wright State University, Dayton, OH, USA)

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