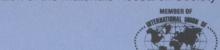
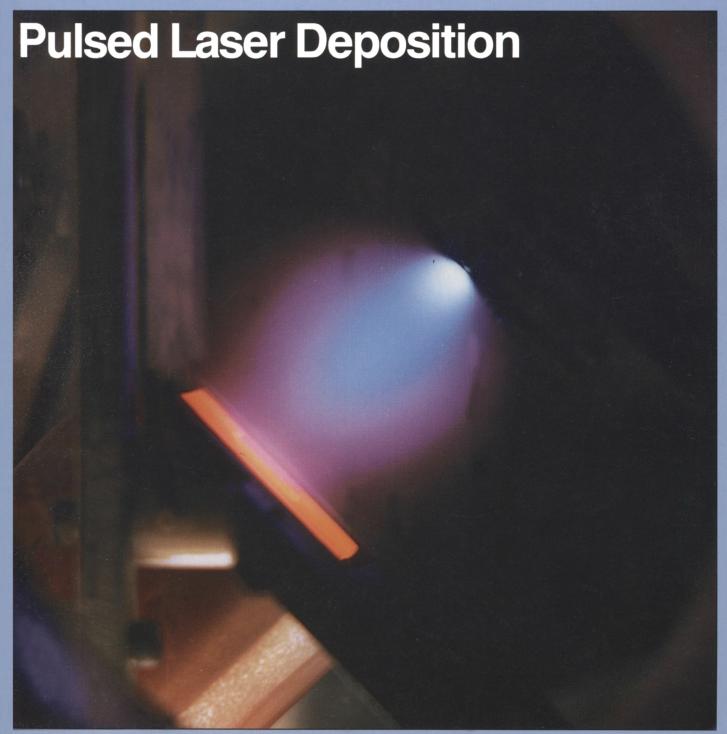
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ON THE COVER: The pulsed laser deposition of a thin film of the high transition temperature superconductor  $YBa_2CU_3O_7$  is shown on the cover. A focused KrF excimer laser pulse impacts a sintered pellet of YBa<sub>2</sub>CU<sub>3</sub>O<sub>7</sub> at a 45 deg angle. The laser-produced plume of ejected material flashes brightly in the visible due to interaction with the oxygen ambient. The distribution of ejected material in space is centered around the pellet's surface normal. To the left, and lying along the pellet's surface normal, is a MgO substrate, silver painted to a heater block whose temperature for deposition is~750°C. The stoichiometric plume of material deposits on the substrate. Once cooled, the film will demonstrate state-of-the-art superconducting transport properties. (Photograph taken by M.A. Savell.) For more on this topic, see "Pulsed Laser Deposition of High T. Superconducting Thin Films for Electronic Device Applications" by D.B. Chrisey and A. Inam on p. 37.

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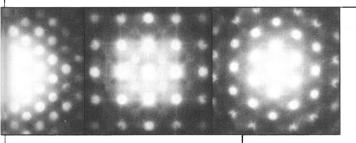
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