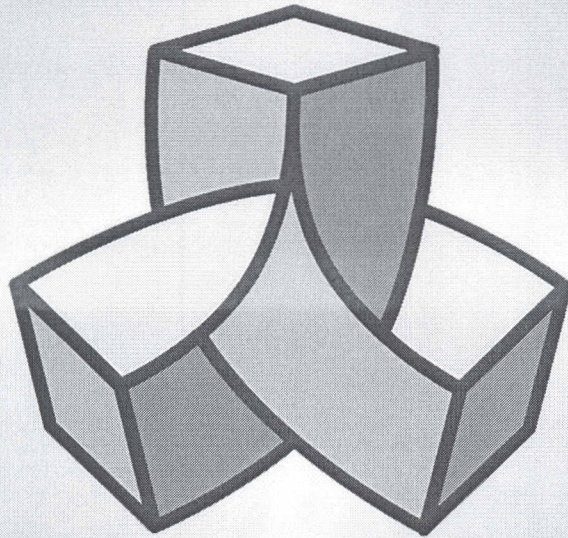


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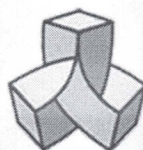


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ELECTRON INTERACTION WITH MOLECULES OF BIOLOGICAL INTEREST

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In the Laboratory for Atomic Collision Processes of the Institute of Physics, Belgrade, we undertook a series of electron spectroscopic measurements to study electron collision with biologically relevant molecules in order to understand elementary electron driven processes in biological systems. We investigated two simplest amino acids glycine and alanine [1] and tetrahydrofuran (THF) [2]. Elastic electron scattering from glycine and alanine has been studied using a crossed electron-molecule beam apparatus ESMA in details described elsewhere [3]. The elastic differential cross sections for elastic electron-alanine and electron-glycine scattering were measured at electron impact energies from 20eV to 80eV and within scattering angles from 10° to 150°. Electron energy loss spectra (EELS) of these molecules were also obtained at impact energies from 20eV to 80 eV at small scattering angles, up to 5°. Results were compared with available theoretical studies.

THF molecule which could be considered as the simplest prototype for investigation of electron interaction with deoxyribose molecules and DNA sugar backbone, was investigated to evaluate radiation damage to living cells that could be responsible for most genotoxic effects. Differential cross sections for elastic electron scattering by THF measured in the angular range from 20° to 180° at the impact energy of 10 eV as well as EELS of gaseous THF for incident energies of 50 eV and 100 eV were recorded using electron spectrometer UGRA [4].

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ELECTRON COLLISIONS BY METAL ATOMS

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Electron collisions by metal atoms are of both applied and fundamental interest. In order to understand the properties of atomic systems and their structure, we undertook a series of electron spectroscopic measurements on different metal atoms: Ca, Mg, Yb, Zn, Pb and In [1-6]. The electron spectrometer ESMA used in this experiment is designed for crossed electron atom beam measurements in which an atomic beam was perpendicularly crossed by monoenergetic electron beam. The metal vapour beams have been produced by heating ovens crucible containing corresponding metal atoms. Electron impact excitation and elastic scattering have been studied in the energy range from 10 to 100 eV and at scattering angles from 0° for excitations and from 10° for elastic scattering up to 150° . Absolute excitation differential cross sections (DCSs) values were determined through the normalization of relative DCS to the optical oscillator strength (OOS) utilizing the forward scattering function (FSF) for generalized oscillator strengths (GOS). Absolute elastic DCSs have been obtained from the elastic-to-inelastic intensity ratio at each impact energy. Experimental DCSs were extrapolated to 0° and 180° and numerically integrated to yield integral, momentum transfer and viscosity cross sections.

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