The second National meeting on Quantum, Atomic, Molecular and Plasma Physics will be held at the Open University, Milton Keynes, September 19th - 22nd 2005 Registration now open! (closes on Fri 19th August)

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In 2001 the EPSRC organised a Forward Look at Atomic and Molecular Physics Research in the UK. The final report (now available on the EPSRC Physics Programme web site at http://www.epsrc.ac.uk/) stated that in order to reintegrate the UK atomic and molecular physics community, and to promote alliances with other related communities, it reinstated a national conference in AM and related physics. In addition it suggested that a Summer School in Atomic and Molecular

Physics for all newly starting PhD students would be highly beneficial in addressing quality issues, and offer excellent use of advanced teaching resources.

The Institute of Physics Division of Atomic Molecular Optical and Plasma Physics (DAMOPP) has therefore now undertaken the task of organising a biannual National meeting and summer school.

The DAMOPP division includes the following affiliated IoP Groups:-

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Each of these Groups at present hold their own individual National Meetings of varying size and duration. However in cognisance of the Look Forward recommendation above to reinstate a National Meeting, they agreed to co-ordinate their conference activities to form one weeklong meeting on Quanta, Atoms, Molecules lons and Plasmas (QuAMP) in September 2003. This was attended by nearly 200 participants at the Open University, September 7 - 11 2003 (see the post-conference version of the QuAMP I web site here)

In 2005 QuAMP II is being organised as a 'summer school' with a series of lectures being given by selected UK academics on topical areas of current research in atomic, molecular, optical, plasma and quantum physics. The school will run from 1400 on Monday September 19 th (registration from 1200) to 1730 on Thursday September 22nd and in addition to lectures, will contain a poster session on Tuesday. A conference dinner will be held on Wednesday evening September 21st. A full programme is available via the menu. For further details, contact

The Conference Secretary (click here)

Sponsorship supporting accommodation and travel is available for delegates to attend QuAMP II.

Student Bursaries

Students attending may receive financial support from the EPSRC to attend the meeting. Numbers are however limited to ~100 and preference will be given to those who register early to attend the meeting. A condition of such support is that they must attend the whole meeting and are strongly encouraged to present a poster on their work (however preliminary). Students must send a signed letter from their supervisor (or other appropriate authority) confirming their student status and their means of support (e.g. EPSRC student, institution studentship, EU award etc) to the Conference Secretary.

Support for non student participants:

Other participants (PDRAs and Staff), not in receipt of EPSRC Network support, may also receive support. Again numbers are limited and early registration is advised. Should you wish to apply for support please write to the Conference Secretary with a formal request. You should be prepared to present a poster or short presentation (so called Hot Topics) and should give an estimate of your travel and accommodation expenses together with any partial support you have received. The organisers wish to provide support to as many attendees as possible so will preferentially provide partial support to a larger number of attendees in contrast to full support for a small number of attendees.

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Abstract Measurements of absolute cross sections for the elastic electron scattering by Ca atom as well as differential cross sections for excitation of the 4 1P state will be presented and compared with new theoretical calculations. Normalization procedure will be discussed in terms of forward scattering function and opticall oscillator strength. Integrated cross sections are derived from differential ones.

ELECTRON SCATTERING BY Ca ATOM

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The measurements of differential cross section (DCS) for excitation of the 41P state at 2.93 eV as well as DCSs for elastic electron scattering by Ca atom were carried out using a crossed electron-atom beam technique (Milisavljević et al. (2004, 2005)).

The measurements were performed at electron-impact energies (E_0) of 10, 20, 40, 60 and 100 eV and scattering angles from 1° to 150° for excitation and from 10° up to 150° for elastic scattering.

The absolute DCSs for excitation were determined through normalization to the optical oscilator strength (OOS) using the forward scattering function (FSF) method.







Integral cross sections for the 41P state of the calcium atom.



Energy-loss spectrum of Ca at 60 eV electronimpact energy and 2º scattering angle.

The absolute DCSs for elastic scattering were obtained using absolute DCS values of the 41P state and measured elastic-to-inelastic intensity ratios.



Differential cross sections for elastic electron scattering by calcium atom. In insets, present DCSs are normalized at 10° and 20° on present static-exchange-polarization calculation (SEP).

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