Research School of Physical Sciences & Engineering 2004



Dr David Williams

Applied Mathematics

The Department of Applied Mathematics performs research on fundamental and applied topics in novel materials and disordered systems. These include both soft matter systems such as polymers and colloids and hard systems such as rocks and sand.

The Department during 2004 continued its long tradition of research into the broad areas of condensed matter and surface science. This includes much experimental work as well as theory and simulation of these systems. The research interests in condensed matter can be broadly classified into three main areas: (a) porous and disordered materials; (b) soft matter systems (polymers, liquid crystals, surfactants); and (c) surface science. Although condensed matter and materials research dominates the Department's efforts, there are also theoretical program areas as diverse as networks and analysis of economic data.

A large part of the Department's effort intermeshes strongly with the ARC Cooperative Research Centre, SmartPrint, which focuses mainly on paper research (Kackstedt, Senden and Craig). It involves in particular the use of the X-ray Computed Tomography Facility which enables 3D imaging of small samples of material at a resolution of 2 microns. This Facility is a crucial part of much of the Department's experimental efforts and is also used to image rock samples for the petroleum industry and bone samples for applications in biotechnology.

The Department is very large, comprising about 60 people. It continues to grow, thanks mainly to inputs of money from industry and from the ARC in terms of fellowships, the CRC and grants. It is also very diverse, encompassing researchers with very different backgrounds and often very different approaches to research. Research ranges from the very esoteric through to highly applied work on petroleum extraction and papermaking. This is its great strength. In reality it is much like a physics, chemistry, biology, mathematics, materials and chemical engineering department all rolled into one. It also has a strong experimental component as well as theory and computer simulation. The Department has a very broad funding base amounting to over \$2M per annum. More than 60% of its budget comes from outside sources. This of course creates a very complicated budgetary situation.

During 2004 the research of the Department continued much as in recent years. A highlight was the award of a prestigious Federation Fellowship to Steve Hyde for both his theoretical and experimental work across a diverse range of disciplines. Much was also achieved on the traditional theoretical, colloid front (Ninham, Williams and Edwards). Another important area of research is experimental surface forces, either using the surface forces apparatus or one of the atomic force microscopes (Craig and Senden).

The group led by Mark Knackstedt continued advanced simulation and experiments on porous media including rocks, and bone, with particular applications to oil recovery. Tomaso Aste made several advances in network theory as applied to both granular matter and economic modelling.

Staff List

Head of Department

David Williams, BSc Sydney, PhD Cambridge (ARC Senior Fellow)

Professors

Stephen Hyde, BSc PhD Monash (ARC Federation Fellow, from November)

Senior Fellows

Tomaso Aste, DipHons Genova, PhD Milan

Tiziana Di Matteo, BSc (Hons) PhD Salerno (ARC QEII Fellow)

Mark Knackstedt, BSc Columbia, PhD Rice (ARC QEII Fellow)

Vassili Yaminsky, DipHons PhD Moscow (until June)

Fellow

Tim Senden, BSc PhD ANU (ARC Fellow) Vince Craig, BSc PhD ANU (ARC Fellow)

Research Fellows

Christoph Arns, Dipl-Phys Aachen, PhD UNSW Satomi Ohnishi, BSc SUT Tokyo, PhD Saitama (ARC QEII Fellow, until June) Arthur Sakellariou, BSc PhD Melbourne Adrian Sheppard, BSc Adelaide, PhD ANU Rob Sok, BSc PhD Groningen

Postdoctoral Fellows

Armin Bauer, Dipl-Chem Dr.Rer.Nat Regensburg (until November) Fabrice Bauget, PhD Paris XI Amit Goel, B.Eng. Roorkee, PhD Minnesota Ernesto Hernandez, BSc PhD Mexico Shio Inagaki, BSc Tokyo I.T., MSc Ibaraki, PhD Tokyo Alexandre Kabla, PhD Paris VI (until November) Mika Kohonen, BSc ThD ANU Christian Kugge, PhD KTH Stockholm (STINT Scholarship) Ann-Kristin Larsson, MaSc Lic PhD Lund, Doc Stockholm Chiara Neto, BSc(Hons) PhD Florence Shannon Notley, Bsc(Hons) PhD Newcastle (from November) Drew Parsons, BSc(Hons) PhD Karpov IPC Moscow, DipEd UNSW

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Richard Corby (CRC) (from November)

Stuart Ramsden, GradDip Film & Television Swinburne

Professor Emeritus

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Publications

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Professor Brenton Lewis

Atomic and Molecular Physics Laboratories

As recognised by the Division of Atomic, Molecular, and Optical (AMO) Physics of the American Physical Society, "AMO physics is an enabling science that supports many other important areas of science and technology." Indeed, students graduating in AMO Physics acquire a breadth of knowledge and skills, enabling them to contribute to many areas of science, technology, and society. AMO physicists have also appeared prominently among Nobel laureates in recent times. The Atomic and Molecular Physics Laboratories are engaged in a broad range of experimental and theoretical studies of the interaction of electrons, positrons, and photons with atoms, molecules, and solids, in order both to further our knowledge of fundamental physical and chemical processes, and to provide essential information that is critical to applications in other scientific disciplines, technology, and the environment.

During the year, the Department welcomed three new academic staff members, Susan Bellm, Michael Went, and Igor Ivanov, together with four Honours students, a summer scholar and a visiting scholar. Three higher degrees were conferred (Waring, Dall, Blajer), and we also congratulate Stephen Gibson on his promotion to Senior Fellow. Following completion of the East Cockroft refurbishment, the Department is now mostly co-located, resulting in a much more efficient and collegial operation. Finally, we were distressed to hear in December of the passing of John Carver, a former Director of the School and the IAS, and an active member of the Department over a long period. John was a key driver in making the School and Department what they are today, and he will be sadly missed.

Members of the Department were again successful in winning grants, awards, and other marks of distinction during the year. The Department won four grants in the ARC Discovery round, resulting in funding on the order of \$400,000 p.a. (Sullivan APD, Mills, Vos, Lewis), and a UWA-led LIEF project (Vos) was commenced, leading to additional funding of around \$190,000. Ken Baldwin was successful in winning \$127,000 from the Major Equipment Committee, for the purchase of an excimer laser. Brenton Lewis won a total of an additional \$50,000 sponsorship for the VUV14 conference, held in Cairns during July, in grants from several bodies (ANU, ASRP, John Hindmarsh, Ian Potter Foundation, OSA, ONRIFO, AOARD, AROFE). Finally, congratulations are in order for Ken Baldwin, who was honoured with the award of the Eureka Prize for the promotion of the understanding of science, and Anatoli Kheifets, who was elected to Fellowship of the American Physical Society, during the year.

The international research profile of the Department remains strong, as evidenced not only by continuing receipt of international awards and learned-society fellowships, but also by invitations to speak at international conferences, and an ongoing commitment to 44 collaborative projects, most involving international collaborators. Of 41 refereed departmental publications this year, nearly 60% have international coauthors.

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Publications

Legend: *# External to the University # Member of another area of this University other than this School + Author having a joint appointment across departments within the School*

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The Electronic Materials Engineering (EME) Department undertakes world-class interdisciplinary research into the growth, structure, properties and applications of semiconductors and related materials and trains early career researchers for future employment in industry, academia and government. It also plays a leading role in electronic materials research within the broader national and international research communities, and integrates its research, wherever possible, with the needs and demands of Australian industry. These activities are underpinned by the Department's comprehensive suite of state-of-the-art equipment and facilities and its strong national and international collaborative networks.

Key measures of the Department's success include the number and quality of its publications, success in competitive research funding schemes, and the ability to attract and train high-quality early career researchers. In 2004, EME staff and students published over 50 papers in high-quality peer-reviewed journals and conference proceedings, and presented 17 invited or keynote talks at national or international conferences. The Department also continued its success in the ARC Discovery round, with two new grants awarded in the 2003/2004 round (the majority of senior academic staff in the Department already hold two grants).

A highlight of the year was the award of a Federation Fellowship to Chennupati Jagadish. This was complemented by the success of the Department's early-career researchers in the 2004 academic promotion round, with Tessica Weijers, Jodie Bradby, Lan Fu, Susan Kluth and Chris Glover all being promoted to level B. In addition, two graduate students, Penny Lever and Qiang Gao, were awarded PhD degrees. Other awards of significance include the School's John Carver Prize which was awarded to Kallista Stuart for the best student research presentation, a best poster prize awarded to Patrick Kluth at the 14th International Conference on Ion Beam Modification of Materials, and the ANU Centre for the Science and Engineering of Materials (CSEM) best honours project awarded to Wilson Pok.

In addition to their impressive research performance, EME staff and students continued to contribute their time in support of the School, the University and professional bodies. This included service on School and University committees, and to professional societies, national and international conference series, granting agencies and journals. It also included significant contributions to undergraduate teaching, the supervision of honours students, and participation in outreach activities such as summer schools and related activities.

The Department's general staff also continued to play a critical role in its success. Indeed, their contribution cannot be overstated. As an experimental department with an extensive suite of complex experimental equipment and infrastructure EME relies very heavily on the dedication and expertise of its technical staff (Michael Aggett, Martin Conway, Tom Halstead, Fred Johnson, Bernie King, and David Llewellyn). The smooth running of the Department, and its social ambience, also depend critically on the administrative and social skills of its departmental administrator (Renee Vercoe). (EME also received administrative assistance from Frances Smyth and Belinda Barbour). The important role played by other general staff in the School, including both workshop and administrative staff, is also acknowledged.

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Research within the Centre covers many of the most exciting aspects of contemporary laser physics. The activities within the Centre can be broadly divided into the following areas: Laser Matter Interaction Physics, Nonlinear Optical Phenomena, Nonlinear Optical Materials, Solid State Spectroscopy and Photonics. Research in photonics is partly supported by the ARC Centre of Excellence for Ultrahigh Bandwidth Devices for Optical Systems (CUDOS). Research highlights for 2004 included the production of longest lived coherent excitation ever observed in a solid (Fraval, Longdell, Sellars and Manson); the production of the first nanoscale photonic crystals in free-standing chalcogenide glass films using a focused ion beam mill (Freeman, Luther-Davies, Krolikowska and Madden); the production of the dry etched low loss nonlinear chalcogenide glass waveguides (Ruan, Luther-Davies and Li); and the first experimental study of wavelength dispersion of the complex cubic nonlinear optical susceptibility carried out on an organometallic dendrimer indicating the presence of competition between two-photon absorption and saturation of one-photon absorption (Morrall, Samoc, Humphrey, Notaras and co-workers at the Department of Chemistry, ANU).

During 2004 the Department benefited from strong levels of funding from the Australian Research Council with major grants supporting CUDOS; Professor Luther-Davies' Federation Fellowship; four Discovery grants and one Linkage grant. In addition significant funding was provided by DARPA (USA) and DSTO. Two new Discovery grants were awarded for commencement in 2005 for work on "Nanoclusters with Extraordinary Properties Made out of Ordinary Materials" (Rode, Luther-Davies and Christy) and to develop "Polymer Optical Fibres with Controlled Molecular Orientation for Photonic Applications" (A. Samoc and M. Samoc).

The Centre congratulates Vesselin Kolev and Kylie Waring on the award of their PhDs and Darryl Scott for his Masters degree. New staff appointed in 2004 included Steve Madden and Duk Choi who will work on the fabrication of chalcogenide waveguide devices and Rongping Wang who will work on pulsed laser deposition. Malte During rejoined the Centre in December as a Visiting Scholar to continue our collaboration with Fraunhofer ILT in Aachen on the development of high power picosecond laser sources.

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Nonlinear Physics Centre

The recently established Nonlinear Physics Centre is one of the most active and productive groups of young researchers in the School engaged into interdisciplinary research that covers a number of diverse topics such as nonlinear optics and alloptical switching devices; nano-optics and photonic crystals; self-trapping effects and energy transfer in condensed matter physics and biopolymers; nonlinear atom optics and dynamics of matter waves including the dynamics of the Bose-Einstein condensates; and more recently, linear and nonlinear effects in left-handed metamaterials. Other research topics covered are linear and nonlinear guided wave optics; parametric effects and frequency conversion; dissipative solitons; nonlinear composite materials; etc.

Research highlights for 2004 include a number of important theoretical and experimental results, presented in many research publications including eight papers in Physical Review Letters, the top-ranked journal in physics. The most remarkable results include the prediction of matter-wave gap vortices in Bose-Einstein condensates (Ostrovskaya) and the extension of this concept to asymmetric vortices (Sukhorukov and Alexander); the first experimental generation of photonic gap solitons in optically-induced lattices (Neshev and Sukhorukov); the prediction of a number of novel nonlinear effects in left-handed metamaterials (Shadrivov and Zharov); the theoretical demonstration of a giant Lamb shift in photonic crystals (Wang); the prediction and analysis of nonlinear resonant Fano effects (Miroshnichenko) and beaming effect in photonic crystals (Morrison); and the experimental demonstrations of interesting properties of photonic Bragg gratings including tunable negative refraction (Neshev, Sukhorukov and Rosberg), performed in collaboration with the group of Professor W. Krolikowski from the Laser Physics Centre. Added to our important milestones for 2004, were the publication of a book on the Frenkel-Kontorova model (Braun and Kivshar) and a completion of a comprehensive review paper on optical vortices and vortex solitons for the famous book series "Progress in Optics" (Desyatnikov, Torner and Kivshar).

This was another successful year for new competitive funding. The Centre continues to play an important role in the two Centres of Excellence funded by the Australian Research Council announced at the end of 2002, namely the ARC Centre of Excellence for Ultra-high Bandwidth Devices for Optical Systems (CUDOS) and the ARC Centre of Excellence for Quantum-Atom Optics (ACQAO). In view of our earlier success with ARC funding, we have a limited ability to attract additional funding from the ARC. Nevertheless, a new ARC Discovery grant (\$1.036k), the largest in the School, was won in the 2004 round to support our research on left-handed metamaterials and negative refraction (Kivshar).

The Centre congratulates Dragomir Neshev on his promotion to level C, and Ilya Shadrivov who received a number of student awards in 2004 including the Australian Optical Society Postgraduate Prize. We were pleased to welcome three new PhD students, namely Steven Morrison, Aaron Matthews, and Christian Rosberg. During 2004, the Centre hosted a number of long-term visiting scholars and visiting fellows, including Igor Barashenkov (South Africa), Alex Dreischuh (Bulgaria), Dmitry Pelinovsky (Canada), Jaroslav Prilepsky (Ukraine), Nikolay Rosanov (Russia), Jose Salgueiro (Spain), Anatoly Sukhorukov (Russia), John Wyller (Norway), Xiulun Yang (China), Alex Zharov and Nina Zharova (Russia), Boris Malomed (Israel), Christian Motzek (Germany), Ray-Kuang Lee (Taiwan), Lukasz Wolf (Sweden), and Ling Xiao Zhu (Sweden), who also contributed into the Centre's outstanding performance and success.

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Nuclear Physics

The Department again had a productive year in terms of both the research carried out by staff and in the development and operation of the Heavy Ion Accelerator Facility, the premier laboratory in Australia for accelerator-based research in nuclear physics.

Approximately 54 papers were published in major peer-reviewed journals with five refereed conference papers and numerous contributions to international conferences and workshops, including ten invited papers.

Research highlights reflect the breadth of the research program that extends from basic research in nuclear structure to the varied applications accessible with accelerator mass spectrometry. The basic research carried out using the local facilities has been regularly complemented with the winning of access to major overseas facilities in collaborative proposals led by Department staff. In 2004 they included pioneering experiments carried out at the National Superconducting Cyclotron Laboratory, Michigan State University which yielded the first magnetic moment measurements of very short-lived states in exotic neutron-rich isotopes, results that are a challenge to conventional nuclear models. Broadly related studies exploiting recoil-into-vacuum techniques were carried out at the Holifield Radioactive Ion-beam Facility and all of these new studies have been complemented by experiments using the ANU Facility. Other experiments aimed at the exploitation of radioactive ion-beams included experiments on trans-lead nuclei at the SPIRAL Facility in France and the development of collaborations focusing on heavy-ion fusion with RIKEN in Japan.

Other successful ventures aimed at the study of deformed nuclei near stability and to the neutron-rich side of the stability line have exploited deep-inelastic reactions and Gammasphere at Argonne National Laboratory. These began in 2003 and have since produced a wealth of new information on metastable states. The studies were extended in 2004 using a variety of pulsed-beam conditions provided by the ATLAS accelerator at Argonne. The experiments involved five Department staff and are a central part of an ARC Discovery project.

In 2004 external funding obtained through ARC Discovery grants included an award for the study of climate change using cosmogenic isotopes in glaciers (Tim Barrows), an award to David Hinde and Nanda Dasgupta in collaboration with groups from the UK and Japan for extensive experimental and theoretical studies of the break-up and fusion of weakly-bound nuclei, and an award to Steve Tims and Keith Fifield in collaboration with external groups for the development of the accelerator mass spectrometry of plutonium as a tracer of sediment transport into the Great Barrier Reef Lagoon. As well as these project grants, a proposal led by Keith Fifield to the ARC LIEF program for development of a new generation ultra-sensitive radio-carbon system for multi-institution research on climate, natural resources and ecosystems, was successful. The project involves eight Australian universities and the CSIRO. This year also saw the first operation of the new superconducting solenoid for fusion studies, SOLITAIRE, conceived by Nanda Dasgupta and David Hinde with the close involvement of local technical staff and ARC support. In parallel, a bid to the ANU Major Equipment committee to develop a novel recoil spectrometer based on SOLITAIRE, for gamma-ray and electron spectroscopy of nuclei far from stability, was successful. This is a project funded initially by an ARC grant to George Dracoulis, Greg Lane and Tibor Kibedi.

Considerable progress was also made in the restructuring of the LINAC accelerator, the implementation of improved computer control, beam improvements including more efficient bunching of pulsed beams and construction of a new ion source. All will contribute to the main thrust of the 2004 LIEF project to develop the capabilities of the "National Heavy Ion Accelerator" which is central to an extensive range of research in basic science, applications and research training.

George Dracoulis was awarded the 2004 Walter Boas medal of the Australian Institute of Physics while Nanda Dasgupta, as the incumbent AIP Women in Physics Lecturer for 2004 gave over twenty lectures around Australia during the year, and numerous radio interviews. Other highlights included the presentation of the 2003 Lyle Medal of the Australian Academy of Science to George Dracoulis at the Annual General Meeting in May 2004, an occasion which also marked the 50th Anniversary of the Academy.

Anna Wilson was promoted to level C and began a threeyear joint appointment with the Faculties. Professor Aidan Byrne who also maintains a joint position was appointed as Head of Physics in the Faculties. Nanda Dasgupta was promoted to level D and Keith Fifield to Professor (level E).

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Optical Sciences Group

Our small Group undertook a rather eclectic range of research activities within guided wave photonics. On the theoretical side, a new compact purely geometrical planar device was devised and quantified for the multiplexing and de-multiplexing of well-separated wavelength channels in optical communications systems, and photonic band-gap structures were also investigated for their wavelength splitting properties. Tapered holey fibres were analysed for potential application in scanning near-field optical microscopy (SNOM). The complex Ginzburg-Landau equations were solved for a range of non-linear problems pertaining to dissipative solitons, chaotic solitons when viewed as strange attractors, and solitons with stationary to pulsating behaviour.

Experimental research included a number of improvements to the uniformity of the geometry and material quality of silica-based planar waveguides fabricated using the HARE system in the Space Plasma and Plasma Processing Group. Measurement of bend loss for a range of different single-mode optical fibres in various configurations will enable comparison to be made with theoretical strategies for the minimisation of this loss. A taper rig was established for the fabrication of novel compact fibre-based optical devices using the heating and drawing of fibres.

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Plasma Research Laboratory

The Laboratory's research is in three main areas: magnetically confined plasma physics, space plasma and plasma processing (SP3), and aspects of communications, organised as several pursuits, and attracts over \$1M per year in external funding, from the ARC, DEST and ACT research grants, Euratom and international and industrial contracts.

The H-1 Major National Research Facility is the focus of basic research on magnetically confined plasma, important in developing fusion energy, which powers the Sun. The innovative plasma geometry of the H-1 heliac allows exploration of ideas for improved design of the fusion power stations that will follow the ITER international fusion experiment.

Automation of H-1 has enabled detailed scans of magnetic configurations (shapes) and fundamental plasma properties by Boyd Blackwell, Jeffrey Harris and colleagues. The vast quantity of data is being explored by data mining techniques. Related plasma shape modification has suppressed some plasma instabilities in a collaborative experiment on the DIIID tokamak in the USA.

The Advanced Imaging and Inverse Methods Group led by John Howard has expanded the development of novel multi-spectral imaging systems with two provisional patents on instruments suitable for industrial pyrometry and for fast high-resolution spectroscopic imaging. Several cameras have been sold overseas. With the recent graduation of three PhD scholars, the Group also maintains a major focus on plasma physics and various problems in tomography and remote sensing.

Ground-breaking experimental studies of plasma turbulence in the heliac by Michael Shats and his colleagues demonstrated the role of zonal flows, spectral energy transfer and self-organisation in regulating the outward transport of particles and achieving enhanced plasma confinement.

The SP3 Group, led by Rod Boswell and Christine Charles, conducts work on both basic and applied plasma physics. Recent discovery of current-free double layers has led to a DEST contract with the CRC for Satellite Systems and AUSPACE Pty Ltd to construct a plasma spacecraft thruster prototype to be tested by the European Space Agency early in 2004, and featured in the ABC program "Catalyst". Optimisation of the bright plasma source for the FEI Company is proceeding well and employs two post-doctoral fellows. The Group was awarded a large ARC grant to develop hydrogen powered fuel cells and another to investigate non-linear phenomena in optical thin films which compliments the work on thin film stress. Excellent results have been obtained in the basic science area: in protein mobility, non-linear wave plasma interaction (auroral physics, electric double layers), plasma detachment from spacecraft and computer simulation. The BushLAN radiofrequency network communications pursuit, led by Gerard Borg, has joined Standard Communications of Sydney in an ARC linkage project to develop a UHF BushLAN device providing Internet connectivity at ranges up to 50 km. A custom communication (MAC) protocol allows instantaneous sharing of frequency spectrum from 520 – 820 MHz. The original VHF BushLAN system has demonstrated a 26 km "Voice over IP" link for HiBiS in collaboration with YLESS4U Pty Ltd of Bywong.

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Theoretical Physics

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Research within the Department covers fundamental aspects of atomic and molecular physics, biophysics, condensed matter physics, nuclear physics, plasmas & fluids, statistical mechanics and quantum field theory.

Research highlights for 2004 include new three-dimensional integrable models; the investigation of conduction mechanisms of chloride ions in CIC-type ion channels; clarification of the shot noise in quantum point contact; the calculation of thermal and magnetic properties of spin-1 chains and their application to experimental compounds; a comprehensive review of the physics of the one-dimensional Kondo model; and the investigation of quantum chaos theory in toroidal plasmas.

The Department continued its strong success in competitive funding, with nearly \$1.1M held for 2004 in external grants and fellowships. Robert Dewar received \$1.5M in funding over five years as Network Convenor for the ARC Research Network on Complex Open Systems. Success was also obtained with a Linkage International award to Murray Batchelor for research collaboration with the University of Tokyo.

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