

# Twelfth International Workshop on Computational Physics and Materials Science: Total Energy and Force Methods

## 1 Summary

This Workshop followed the series started in Oxford (1983) and continued in Braunschweig (1984) and in Trieste (1987, 1989, 1991, 1993, 1995, 1997, 1999, 2001 and 2003). Following the tradition of the previous meetings, the Workshop has been devoted to recent advances in computational condensed matter physics and materials science, based on realistic calculations of the electronic structure of polyatomic systems.

The Workshop consisted of 28 invited talks, a special section on code development with 5 invited talks and a poster session with about 90 posters. The meeting was focused on methodological aspects, supplemented by sessions devoted to recent important applications. Its format was the one of a Workshop among specialists, with ample space for discussion and personal interaction. This edition, with a total attendance of 206 people, has seen a large number of young participants who could benefit from the interaction with more experienced scientists. Thanks to the ICTP funds we could also support (partially or in full) 9 participants from developing countries.

The Workshop has been followed by a one-week tutorial on the use of the Quantum ESPRESSO package, an open source package for electronic structure calculation. (See the web page <http://www.democritos.it/events/espresso-tutorial.php>). Many participants to this tutorial could follow the discussions at the Workshop and be exposed to the advanced applications of electronic structure methods presented here.

## 2 Description of the scientific content

The complete program of the Workshop is given at the end of this document. As can be seen from the program the addressed topics were very broad, ranging from formal theoretical developments in Quantum Monte-Carlo, ab-initio transport theory, ab-initio theory of superconductivity, linear scaling methods and density functional perturbation theory, to applications to nano and biological structures, to complex materials problems, and to surfaces and catalysis.

As in the tradition of the Workshop we had a section on the development of DFT beyond the local density formulation and related topics with contributions by S. Louie (US) and M. Head-Gordon (US).

We had a section devoted to the study of solids in an electric field (static and time dependent) and a related section devoted to density functional perturbation theory with contributions by I. Souza (US), O. Diéguez (US), F. Giustino (Switzerland), S.Y. Savrasov (US), M. Veithen (Belgium), and M. Lazzeri (France).

A section was devoted to linear scaling density functional theory calculations with contributions by M. Challacombe (US), M. Seijo (Spain) and J.L. Fattebert (US).

The ab-initio theory of superconductivity was illustrated by E.U.K. Gross (Germany) and applications were presented by S. Massidda (Italy).

Developments and applications of Quantum Monte Carlo methods were presented by C. Filippi (Netherlands), J.C. Grossman (US) and M. Fuchs (Germany).

Novel methods to deal with the ballistic transport in nanostructures were presented by N. Marzari (US) and by A. Smogunov (Italy).

Applications of the ab-initio methods to the study of nano and biological structures were presented by W. Andreoni (Switzerland), X. Blase (France), A. Oshiyama (Japan) and N. Manini (Italy).

Applications to complex material problems were presented by D. Alfè (UK), F. Willaime (France) and S.A. Bonev (Canada), while applications to surfaces and catalysis were presented by F. de Angelis (Italy), J.M. Soler (Spain) and N. Bonini (Italy).

Moreover, a special section was devoted to the modern methods for code development. Speakers in this section were P. Murray Rust (UK), A. Garcia and J. Wakelin (UK), P. Giannozzi (Italy), J. Junquera (Spain) and J.J.

Mortensen (Denmark).

A lively poster section with about 90 posters allowed young participants to present their work and to interact with more experienced scientists. The Workshop had a very international character and it contributed to strengthen contacts between scientists of US, Europe, Asia, and Africa and to continue the strong international attitude of this community. Speakers, committee members, organizers, and chairpersons (47 in total) were from North America (12), from Europe (33), and from Asia (2). Participants (159 in total) were from North America (10), Brasil (1), Europe (113), Eastern Europe (6), Asia (22), Africa (6), and New Zealand (1). 121 among the 159 participants were less than 35 years old.

More information on the event and a booklet of abstracts can be found at the address:

[http://cdsagenda5.ictp.trieste.it/full\\_display.php?smr=0&ida=a04178#](http://cdsagenda5.ictp.trieste.it/full_display.php?smr=0&ida=a04178#)

### **3 Assessment of the results and impact of the event in the future direction of the field**

The format of this Workshop has been tested and refined over the years, and the ICTP has provided the ideal framework for the meeting of scientists coming from all over the world, solving almost seamlessly the practical problems that arise in the organization of these meetings. This edition saw a very active and motivated participation of many researchers from several countries, witnessing the interest in many parts of the world to pursue, expand or also to start activities in computational condensed matter physics and materials science based on the electronic structure. This Workshop was a very good occasion for many young people to present their work and to meet more experienced scientists. The quality of the talks and of the posters was very high and very much appreciated. In particular, the number of young participants demonstrates the vitality of this field that is now a mature field that is helping to give a sound theoretical basis to many very rapidly developing areas such as the study of nano and biological structures, the study of complex materials and of materials at extreme conditions, and the microscopic understanding and control of chemical reactions. The Workshop gathered a very active community that struggle to improve and extend the numerical methods based on the electronic structure, increasing their accuracy and the number of properties that they can tackle. The participation of scientists from US, Europe, and Asia shows that these efforts are really international. The availability of open-source codes is a very important aspect for the growing of this community and this Workshop contributed to show the potentiality of these codes and to improve their future developments.



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Venue: Main Building Lecture Hall

**Final programme**

**THURSDAY, 13 JANUARY 2005**

**REGISTRATION AND OPENING REMARKS**

**08:00 - 09:00** --- Registration and administrative formalities ---

**09:10 - 09:20** **Opening remarks**

**BEYOND LOCAL DENSITY FORMULATIONS**

**Chairperson: S. de Gironcoli**

**09:20 - 10:00** **S. Louie / UC Berkeley & Lawrence Berkeley National Lab., USA**  
**Ab-initio study of the photo-excited state: nanotubes to self-trapped excitons**

**10:00 - 10:30** **M. Head-Gordon / UC Berkeley & Lawrence Berkeley National Lab., USA**  
**Fast electron correlation methods for molecules**

**10:30 - 11:00** --- --- Coffee break --- ---

**AB-INITIO CALCULATIONS IN ELECTRIC AND MAGNETIC FIELDS**

**Chairperson: D. Vanderbilt**

**11:00 - 11:30** **I. Souza / UC Berkeley, USA**  
**Dynamics of Berry-phase polarization in time-dependent electric fields**

**11:30 - 11:50** **O. Diéguez / Rutgers University, USA**  
**First-principles simulations at constant electric polarization**

**11:50 - 12:10** **F. Giustino / EPFL & IRMMA, Switzerland**  
**Dielectric permittivity across interfaces in the atomic-scale limit**

**12:10 - 14:10** --- --- Break --- ---

**LINEAR SCALING DENSITY FUNCTIONAL THEORY CALCULATIONS****Chairperson: G. Galli**

- 14:10 - 14:40** M. Challacombe / LANL, USA  
New developments in linear scaling electronic structure theory: the perturbed projector for ab-initio response theory and exact Hartree-Fock exchange in the condensed phase
- 14:40 - 15:10** L. Seijo / UNAM, Spain  
Mosaico: a parallel, linear-scaling method for large molecules and embedded clusters
- 15:10 - 15:40** J.-L. Fattebert / LLNL, USA  
Linear scaling first-principles molecular dynamics with controlled accuracy
- 15:40 - 16:10** --- --- Coffee break --- ---

**SUPERCONDUCTIVITY WITHIN DENSITY FUNCTIONAL THEORY****Chairperson: R. Resta**

- 16:10 - 16:40** E.K.U. Gross / Freie Univ. Berlin, Germany  
DFT for superconductivity (theory)
- 16:40 - 17:10** S. Massidda / INFN SLACS, Università di Cagliari, Italy  
DFT for superconductivity (applications)

**SPECIAL SESSION ON CODES****Chairperson: E. Artacho**

- 17:10 - 17:30** P. Murray-Rust / University of Cambridge, UK  
Modular approaches to computational chemistry
- 17:30 - 18:00** A. Garcia & J. Wakelin / Univ. del País Vasco, Bilbao, Spain & Cambridge Univ., UK  
Software tools for data interchange
- 18:00 - 18:20** P. Giannozzi / Scuola Normale Superiore Pisa & DEMOCRITOS, Italy  
The Quantum-Espresso software distribution
- 18:20 - 18:35** J. Junquera / Universidad de Cantabria, Spain  
Software tools for data interchange
- 18:35 - 18:55** J.J. Mortensen / Technical University of Denmark  
An XML-format for atomic PAW setups

**POSTER SESSION**

## FRIDAY, 14 JANUARY 2005

### DENSITY FUNCTIONAL PERTURBATION THEORY

Chairperson: R. Resta

- 09:00 - 09:30** S.Y. Savrasov / *New Jersey Institute of Technology, USA*  
**Spectral density functionals for electronic structure calculations**
- 09:30 - 09:50** M. Veithen / *University of Liege, Belgium*  
**Computation of non-linear optical properties from density functional theory**
- 09:50 - 10:10** M. Lazzeri / *LMCP Paris, France*  
**Kohn anomalies and electron-phonon interactions in graphite**
- 10:10 - 10:40** --- --- Coffee break --- ---

### QUANTUM MONTE CARLO

Chairperson: R. Needs

- 10:40 - 11:10** C. Filippi / *Inst.-Lorentz Univ. Leiden, the Netherlands*  
**Excitation energies of photoactive molecules from Quantum Monte Carlo**
- 11:10 - 11:40** J.C. Grossman / *LLNL, USA*  
**Efficient Quantum Monte Carlo energies for molecular dynamics simulations**
- 11:40 - 12:10** M. Fuchs / *Max-Planck-Gesellschaft Berlin, Germany*  
**Diffusion Monte Carlo study of hydrogen bonded systems**
- 12:10 - 14:10** --- --- Break --- ---

### NANO AND BIO STRUCTURES

Chairperson: E. Tosatti

- 14:10 - 14:40** W. Andreoni / *IBM Research, Zürich, Switzerland*  
**The role of ab-initio molecular simulations in computational biology**
- 14:40 - 15:10** X. Blase / *CNRS & Univ. Claude Bernard, Lyon, France*  
**From plastic to superconducting properties of covalent clathrates**
- 15:10 - 15:40** A. Oshiyama / *University of Tsukuba, Japan*  
**Nano-shapes and electronic properties of carbon materials**
- 15:40 - 16:10** N. Manini / *Università di Milano, Italy*  
**Jahn-Teller spectral fingerprint in molecular photoemission: C60**
- 16:10 - 16:40** --- --- Coffee break --- ---

### TRANSPORT PROPERTIES

Chairperson: J. Ihm

- 16:40 - 17:10** N. Marzari / *MIT, USA*  
**Electronic structure and quantum conductance of nanostructures: the case of functionalized nanotubes**
- 17:10 - 17:30** A.N. Smogunov / *SISSA & INFN DEMOCRITOS, Trieste, Italy & Voronezh State University, Russia*  
**Electron transport in magnetic nanocontacts**
- 17:30 - 19:00** Free time - Posters up  
--- --- Conference dinner --- ---

## SATURDAY, 15 JANUARY 2005

### COMPLEX MATERIAL PROBLEMS

Chairperson: M. Gillan

- 09:20 - 09:40**    **D. Alfe** / *London, UK*  
**The melting curve of MgO from first principles calculations**
- 09:40 - 10:00**    **F. Willaime** / *CEA Saclay, France*  
**Kinetics of radiation defects in iron from first principles**
- 10:00 - 10:20**    **S.A. Bonev** / *Dalhousie University, Canada*  
**Ab-initio simulations of phase transitions in dense hydrogen**
- 10:20 - 10:50**    --- --- Coffee break --- ---

### SURFACES AND CATALYTIC PROCESSES

Chairperson: M. Bernasconi

- 10:50 - 11:10**    **F. De Angelis** / *ISTM - CNR, Università di Perugia, Italy*  
**A time-dependent DFT study of [Fe(CN)<sub>6</sub>]<sup>4-</sup> sensitization of TiO<sub>2</sub> nanoparticles**
- 11:10 - 11:40**    **J.M. Soler** / *UNAM, Spain*  
**Fast and reliable STM/STS simulations**
- 11:40 - 12:00**    **N. Bonini** / *SISSA & INFN DEMOCRITOS, Trieste, Italy*  
**Engineering the reactivity of metal catalysts: a model study of methane dehydrogenation on Rh(111)**
- 12:00 - 12:00**    **R. Martin** / *University of Illinois, Urbana, USA*  
**Closing remarks**