OPENING: Post-doc Position





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One post-doc position (1+1 year) focused on "TWO-DIMENSIONAL FERROIC MATERIALS" available in the group of

Dr. Silvia Picozzi (CNR-SPIN Chieti, Italy).

Topic: Inspired by the global thrust towards miniaturization and by the ubiquitous research in 2D-materials, the activity will focus on the modelling of ferroelectrics, ferromagnets and multiferroics towards the 2D limit. Materials of interest will range from few layers of CMOS-compatible ferroelectrics (HfO₂) to 2D-chalcogenides (SnTe, GeTe) to 2D halide-magnets (CrI₃ and related). First-principles simulations and hamiltonian-modelling will be performed, aimed at fundamental understanding of microscopic mechanisms and materials optimization for applications

Funding: The position will be funded by a PRIN-MIUR project called "**TWEET**: ToWards fErroElectricity in Two-dimensions", headed by Dr. S. Picozzi and with project partners: CNR-SPIN Napoli (Dr. F. Miletto), Politecnico Milano (Dr. C. Rinaldi), Univ. Napoli (Dr. A. Rubano)

Salary: 1.600-2.000 Euros/month (net), depending on the candidate experience (Italy has a much lower cost of life compared to Germany/Switzerland/UK, Chieti being particularly cheap in Italy)

Duration: 1 year, renewable for an additional year depending on the first year research outcome.

Start: End of 2019 - Beginning of 2020

Research environment: MODEM group - MOdelling and DEsign of functional Materials, headed by Dr. Silvia Picozzi (CNR-SPIN).

Location: the activity will be carried out at CNR-SPIN @ University of Chieti (Italy)

Required Expertise: A PhD in Physics, Chemistry, Materials Science or related disciplines is needed. Previous experience in first-principles simulations is required.

Collaborations: The research activity will be carried out in close collaboration with TWEET experimental partners and with researchers at the NFFA-Trieste Infrastructure (Elettra Syncrotron, Trieste).

Contacts: please contact Dr. Silvia Picozzi via email at

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