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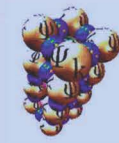
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**Venue: Leonardo da Vinci Building Main Lecture Hall**

### **Preliminary Programme**

#### **REGISTRATION AND WELCOME**

**10 January 2013**

- 08:00 - 08:50** (Room: Leonardo da Vinci Building, Lobby)  
--- REGISTRATION ---  
All those attending the activity are required to complete registration formalities at the desk in the Leonardo Building entrance.
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#### **HIGH-THROUGHPUT AND FUNCTIONAL MATERIALS**

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**10 January 2013**

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**Simulation of phase change materials for data storage**
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## EXPLORING FUNCTIONAL MATERIALS

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## ELECTRONIC EXCITATIONS

Chairperson: Richard Martin

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**A direct approach to the calculation of many-body Green's functions: beyond quasiparticles**
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## RPA AND BEYOND

Chairperson: Stefano Baroni

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## DMFT AND STRONGLY CORRELATED MATERIALS

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Chairperson: Sandro Sorella

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Total energy calculations: an auxiliary-field many-body perspective

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**11 January 2013**

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An informal buffet will be served to all participants during the poster session.

**SEARCH FOR NEW PHASES AND CLASSES OF MATERIALS (Saturday)**

**Chairperson: Emilio Artacho**

**12 January 2013**

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Predicting the properties of ordinary matter under extreme conditions
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New classes of piezoelectrics, ferroelectrics, and antiferroelectrics by first-principles high-throughput materials design
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**PROGRESS IN DEVELOPMENT OF NEW FUNCTIONALS (Saturday)**

**Chairperson: Michael Gillan**

**12 January 2013**

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A new generation of density-functional methods based on the adiabatic-connection dissipation-fluctuation theorem
- 11:00 - 11:30**     **Paola Gori Giorgi** / *Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, The Netherlands*  
Strong correlation in Kohn-Sham density-functional theory
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- 12:00 - 12:30**     **Andrea Ferretti** / *University of Modena, Italy*  
Bridging density-functional and many-body perturbation theory: orbital-density dependence in electronic-structure functionals
- 12:30 - 12:45**     **Closing remarks**



**ABSTRACTS**

**OF**

**INVITED TALKS**

(ordered according to the programme)

## Atomic-scale design of energy materials

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The design of new materials for more efficient production and use of sustainable and clean energy is of utmost importance for the standard of living all over the World the coming years. Efficient utilization of solar energy can take many forms including transforming the energy of the light into heat, electrical energy, or fuels.

In the talk I shall describe some computational efforts to design new materials related to solar energy in particular to the conversion of light into hydrogen fuel through water splitting. We have employed computational screening to search for stable semiconductor materials with an appropriate bandgap, band edge alignment, and with sufficient stability in an aqueous environment to be relevant for light-induced water splitting. In particular we have focused on a large amount of oxides, oxynitrides, oxysulfides, oxyfluorides, and oxyfluoronitrides in the cubic perovskite structure but also more generally materials in the ICSD database. The screening of bandgaps is performed using the so-called GLLB-functional which is shown to give reasonable estimates of bandgaps and light absorption for a number of different systems. The stability of the materials towards dissolution in water is investigated through the construction of Pourbaix diagrams combining DFT calculations and experimental information about solution energies.

The talk will also cover some recent efforts in using machine-learning techniques to develop new electronic density functionals. The functional construction uses Tikhonov regularization to obtain smooth functionals and employs bootstrapping to avoid overfitting. The new functionals are named Bayesian Error Estimation Functionals (BEEF) because they automatically offer error estimation on calculated results.

## Simulation of phase change materials for data storage

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Chalcogenide phase change alloys ( $\text{Ge}_2\text{Sb}_2\text{Te}_5$ , GeTe and related materials) are the subject of extensive experimental and theoretical research because of their use in optical (DVD) and electronic (phase change memories, PCM) storage devices [1]. Both applications rely on the fast and reversible transformation between the crystalline and amorphous phases induced by heating either via laser irradiation (DVD) or Joule effect (PCM). The two states of the memory can be discriminated thanks to the large difference in optical reflectivity and electronic conductivity of the two phases.

In the last few years, molecular dynamics (MD) simulations based on density functional theory (DFT) have provided useful insights on the properties of phase change materials (see Ref. [1] for a review and Ref. [2] for some of our contributions). However, several key issues such as the crystallization dynamics and the thermal conductivity at the nanoscale, just to name a few, are presently beyond the reach of fully DFT simulations. A route to overcome the limitations in system size and time scale of DFT-MD is the development of classical interatomic potentials. Traditional approaches based on the fitting of simple functional forms are very challenging due to the complexity and variability of the chemical bonding in the crystal and amorphous phases revealed by DFT simulations. A possible solution has been demonstrated recently by Behler and Parrinello [3] who developed empirical interatomic potentials with close to DFT accuracy for several elemental systems by fitting a large DFT database with a Neural Network (NN) scheme. By means of this technique, we have recently developed an interatomic potential for GeTe [4] which is one of the compounds under scrutiny for applications in PCM.

After a brief review of our main DFT results on the properties of amorphous  $\text{Ge}_2\text{Sb}_2\text{Te}_5$  and related materials, we will discuss large scale NN simulations (4000 atoms for 10 ns) of GeTe addressing several properties such as the fragility of the supercooled liquid close to the glass transition temperature [4] and the crystallization dynamics of the amorphous phase.

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# From transition metal oxides to cosmology with electronic structure calculations.

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What happened in the early universe just after the Big Bang? This is one of the most intriguing basic questions in all of science, and is difficult to answer because of insurmountable issues associated with replaying the Big Bang in the laboratory. One route to the answer is to use condensed matter systems to test the so-called "Kibble-Zurek" scaling laws for the formation of defects such as cosmic strings that are proposed to have formed in the early universe. In this talk I will show that a popular multiferroic material – with its coexisting magnetic, ferroelectric and structural phase transitions – generates the crystallographic equivalent of cosmic strings. I will describe how we used electronic structure calculations within the density functional theory framework to identify and quantify the behavior, and show experimental results of the first unambiguous demonstration of Kibble-Zurek scaling.

# Field-Lattice Coupling in Flexoelectrics and Magnetoelectrics

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In piezoelectric crystals a uniform strain induces macroscopic polarization. Instead flexoelectricity is polarization induced by strain *gradient*; it is symmetry allowed even in high-symmetry crystals. The basic issue whether they are bulk properties has been settled in the 1970s for piezoelectricity, and is unsettled to this day for flexoelectricity. A first step towards a bulk theory of flexoelectricity has been achieved in Ref. [1], where only the simplest class of dielectrics was addressed: elemental cubic crystals. Subsequent work addressing more useful classes of crystals has stumbled over a major problem; possibly flexoelectricity needs a bold paradigm change.

In ordinary dielectrics the field  $\mathbf{E}$  is coupled to the electronic polarization as well as to the lattice, via the ionic charges. This has three important consequences: (1) the static dielectric constant (or tensor)  $\varepsilon_0$  is different from the electronic one  $\varepsilon_\infty$  (also called “clamped nuclei” dielectric constant); (2) the phonon spectrum is nonanalytic at short wavevector; (3) The zone-center phonon frequencies are related to the dielectric constants by the Lyddane-Sachs-Teller (1941) relationship, nowadays in every solid-state-physics textbook. In magnetoelectrics an electric field induces macroscopic magnetization, and a magnetic field induces electrical polarization. Both fields  $\mathbf{E}$  and  $\mathbf{H}$  contribute to the coupling on equal footing, and therefore the points (1–3) above need a complete reformulation; this has been recently achieved [2,3].

Two more specialized topics are possibly discussed. (i) To a first-principle theorist, the macroscopic fields of choice are  $\mathbf{E}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$ , not  $\mathbf{H}$ : they enter e.g. the Kohn-Sham Hamiltonian. The solution of the  $\mathbf{H}$  vs.  $\mathbf{B}$  issue is provided. (ii) A magnetic field does not exert any force on a nucleus at rest: so which is the origin of the magnetic lattice coupling? The answer to this question is provided [3].

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## General model for spin order induced polarization in multiferroics

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In recent years, we have theoretically studied the microscopic origin of ferroelectricity in different multiferroic systems. We proposed a general model [1-3] for spin-order induced ferroelectric polarization, which not only unifies the existing models for magnetic multiferroics, but also generalizes the spin-current induced polarization model. Based on the first-principles calculations, we explained the ferroelectricity induced by the proper-screw spin spiral [1], unraveled a novel magnetoelectric coupling mechanism in which the magnitude of the polarization is governed by the exchange striction with the direction by the spin chirality [2], proposed that the ferroelectricity in the chiral-lattice magnet  $\text{Cu}_2\text{OSeO}_3$  is due to the unusual single-spin site term [3]. In addition, we also proposed an efficient approach to compute the first order derivatives of spin interaction parameters [4].

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# Water and its Constituent Ions Under the Microscope

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Here we use extensive *ab initio* molecular dynamics (AIMD) simulations to probe the complex hydrogen bond network of liquid water and its constituent ions, the proton and hydroxide. By inserting the directionality of the network in ring-like structures originally observed by Rahman and Stillinger, we unveil some “ground rules” in the cooperative organization of the water network. Directed rings are populated by water molecules acting as double-donors (DD), double-acceptors (AA) or single donor-acceptors (DA) in a ring. The closed directed topology requires that DD and AA waters always come in pairs resulting in directional correlations along the rings. The hydronium and hydroxide ions perturb the network via a collective effect on the distribution of the directed rings which results in “proton-wires” decorating both ions. The presence of these wires results in a broader distribution of pathways and timescales of proton and hydroxide transfer in water compared to the currently accepted picture of the Grotthus mechanism. The diffusion of both the proton and hydroxide goes through periods of burst in activity involving hops over several waters followed by resting periods. Long-range diffusion requires that the proton translocates from one ring to another. The solvent reorganization driving this activity is a multiscale and multidynamical process involving the coupling of the collective compressions of wires, water network restructuring and for the case of the excess proton, its umbrella-inversion motion.

## Recent progress in multiscale molecular dynamics simulation

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Multiscale modeling techniques allow to simulate larger systems and longer time scales by reducing the level of detail in the model where and when possible. In this talk I will present two multiscale methods that we have recently developed.

The first method is path-metadynamics, which allows us to sample activated processes, such as chemical reactions, that take place on a time scale that is much longer than the accessible time of a straightforward molecular dynamics simulation. Path-metadynamics determines the most-likely reaction path as a function of (many) selected coordinates and obtains the free energy profile along this reaction path. As an example, I will show its application to unravel the light-activated conformational transition in photoactive yellow protein.

The second method is adaptive multiscale molecular dynamics, which we developed to study the interesting parts of a molecular system in atomistic detail, while including the environment with a reduced, coarse-grain, model. The boundaries of the atomistic/coarsegrain regions are open and the molecules that diffuse over adapt their resolution on the fly. I will briefly discuss the statistical mechanical consequences of such hybrid multiscale modeling and show its application to model the swelling of a polymer.



# Efficient Implementation of Hartree-Fock Exchange, MP2, and RPA for Periodic Systems within the GPW Method

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There is a strong increase in interest in wavefunction based electronic structure methods in recent years for condensed matter systems. Hybrid functionals and post Hartree-Fock methods, e.g. MP2 or random phase approximations have been investigated and it has been found that a considerable improvement over standard GGA density functionals can be achieved for selected properties and systems. Although these methods and their corresponding algorithms have been well studied in quantum chemistry over many years, new computational problems arise in condensed phase systems. Many of these problems are related to periodic boundary conditions and the use of special basis sets. The Gaussian and Plane Waves (GPW) method has been developed in order to combine the advantages of localized (chemistry aware) basis sets and the use of regular grids and plane waves for the description of electrostatic interactions in periodic systems. We will show that these combined advantages also hold, at least in part, for wavefunction based methods. We will present a family of algorithms that allow for an efficient calculation of Hartree-Fock exchange and post-HF energy terms. Accuracy and efficiency of these algorithms for hybrid density functional calculations will be documented. Finally, we will investigate the current limits for system size and structure sampling using post-HF methods.

# Treating Non-adiabatic dynamics with the MCTDH method - from grid-based to direct dynamics

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The direct numerical solution of the time-dependent Schrödinger equation has become an essential tool for the theoretical study of fundamental molecular processes. The Multi-configuration time-dependent Hartree (MCTDH) method [1, 2] provides a powerful quantum dynamics algorithm, which enables us to include more degrees of freedom than other methods. This is particularly useful in the study of photochemistry, where non-adiabatic effects can couple the motion of a number of degrees of freedom leading to the need to simulate a multi-dimensional problem [3]. A benchmark example was a study of the pyrazine molecule including explicitly all 24 vibrational modes [4]. In a more recent example, simulations on benzene, combined with experiments made by the Fielding group at UCL, have uncovered a channel with ultrafast inter-system crossing that plays a role in the classic channel 3 problem [5].

MCTDH is, however, a grid-based method. And like all grid-based quantum dynamics methods is still restricted to small molecules. To extend the method to larger and more general systems, we are developing a direct dynamics version, in which the potential surfaces are calculated on-the-fly using quantum chemistry calculations only when required by the system. The DD-vMCG method is fully quantum mechanical, and promises to have good convergence properties, which are essential for these expensive calculations [6].

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## TDDFT-based nonadiabatic dynamics of complex molecular systems in external laser fields

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In the mixed quantum-classical description of molecular systems, only the quantum character of the electronic degrees of freedom is considered while the nuclear motion is treated at a classical level. In the adiabatic case, this picture corresponds to the Born-Oppenheimer limit where the nuclei move as point charges on the potential energy surface (PES) associated with a given electronic state. Despite the success of this approximation, many physical and chemical processes do not fall into the regime where nuclei and electrons can be considered decoupled. In particular, most photoreactions pass through regions of the PES in which electron-nuclear quantum interference effects are sizeable and often crucial for a correct description of the phenomena.

Recently, we have developed a trajectory-based nonadiabatic molecular dynamics scheme that describes the nuclear wavepacket as an ensemble of particles following classical trajectories on PESs derived from time-dependent density functional theory (TDDFT) [1]. The method is based on Tully's fewest switches trajectories surface hopping (TSH) where the nonadiabatic coupling elements between the different potential energy surfaces are computed on-the-fly as functionals of the ground state electron density or, equivalently, of the corresponding Kohn-Sham orbitals [2]. Alternatively, we can also capture nuclear quantum effects using Bohmian trajectories derived from quantum hydrodynamics [3].

Here, we present the theoretical fundamentals of our approach together with an extension that allows for the direct coupling of the dynamics to an external electromagnetic field [4] as well as to the external potential generated by the environment (solvent effects) [5]. The method is applied to the study of the photodissociation dynamics of simple molecules in gas phase and to the description of the fast excited state dynamics of molecules in solution.

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**Quantum Dynamics from Classical Trajectories:  
Direct simulation of charge transfer in enzymes and molecular  
catalysts**

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Condensed-phase charge-transfer reactions are a central feature of many biological and synthetic catalytic pathways. The development of accurate, scalable methods to simulate and understand these reactions is thus a central challenge for chemical theory. In this talk, we will describe recently developed path-integral methods for the direct simulation of condensed-phase electron transfer, proton transfer, and proton-coupled electron transfer (PCET) reactions. Specific applications will include *(i)* characterization of the role of nanometer-scale protein fluctuations in facilitating enzyme-catalyzed hydrogen transfer and *(ii)* comparison of concerted vs. sequential reaction pathways for PCET in mixed-valence iron bi-imidazoline systems.

## Electronic excitations in solids and nanostructures: GW, GW-BSE, and beyond

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In this talk, we discuss some recent progress in the use of the GW approach and its extensions to electronic excitations and related spectroscopic properties of materials and nanostructures. Inclusion of electron-hole interactions allows further *ab initio* study of optical properties. Several topics are discussed. We present results on excitonic effects in the optical spectra of graphene, in the form of a strong resonant exciton, and show how the prominent exciton features are altered by carrier doping and quasiparticle lifetime. We describe how calculations of electronic multiplet splittings are possible within the GW approximation. Finally, we show that the *ab initio* GW approximation overestimates the quasiparticle-satellite separation significantly in photoemission spectra and falsely predicts a plasmaron excitation. By including significant vertex corrections via the *ab initio* GW+cumulant approach, we demonstrate that the plasmon satellites may be accurately computed, explaining recent angle-resolved photoemission measurements, e.g., on graphene. Comparisons with experiments for all three cases are presented.

# A direct approach to the calculation of many-body Green's functions: beyond quasiparticles

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Green's functions based methods are powerful tools to describe many properties of materials. For example, Hedin's GW approximation in the framework of many-body perturbation theory has become a standard approach for the calculation of the bandstructure of materials. However, the excitation spectra of interacting systems contains more than just quasiparticle peaks. Photoemission, for example, shows satellite structure that cannot be interpreted in a pure bandstructure picture. Perturbative approaches like GW often have difficulties to describe quantitatively, or even qualitatively, such correlation effects.

We are exploring a non-perturbative route to the calculation of interacting electron Green's functions. It is based on a set of functional differential equations relating the one-particle Green's function to its functional derivative with respect to an external perturbing potential [1]. We will discuss insight that one can gain from solving the equations for model systems [2], advances in the description of photoemission and absorption obtained by an approximate solution of the equations for real systems [3], and recent progress towards more and more complete solutions.

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# Towards a unified description of ground and excited state properties: *GW* vs RPA and beyond

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In the quest for finding an “optimal” first principles electronic structure method, that combines accuracy and tractability with transferability across different chemical environments and dimensionalities (e.g. molecules, wires/tubes, surfaces, solids), the treatment of exchange and correlation in terms of “exact-exchange plus correlation in the random-phase approximation (EX+cRPA)” offers a promising avenue. Likewise one can express the same level of theory in the Green’s function context through the *GW* approximation, which has the additional advantage that quasiparticle spectra as measured by direct and inverse photoemission become accessible. In this talk I will contrast both approaches and present the latest results from our continuous assessment. We find that self-consistent (sc) *GW* provides excellent charge densities, which is particularly important for charge transfer systems [1]. Spectral properties for closed shell molecules are generally in good agreement with photoemission spectra, although a judicious choice of the starting point in perturbative  $G_0W_0$  calculations can outperform sc*GW* [1,2]. Other ground state properties do not improve over EX+cRPA calculations [1]. EX+cRPA, on the other hand, provides a good description of the ground state [3] even for challenging cases like chemical reaction barrier heights [4] and the *f*-electron metal Cerium [5]. The notorious underbinding of EX+cRPA can be corrected by going beyond RPA to renormalised second order perturbation theory (rPT2) [3] that gives the overall most balanced performance.

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# RPA Correlation Potential in the Adiabatic Connection Fluctuation-Dissipation formalism

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Calculations of correlation energies within the formally exact Adiabatic Connection Fluctuation-Dissipation (ACFD) formalism, within the Random Phase Approximation (RPA) for the exchange-correlation kernel, have been recently carried out for a number of isolated and condensed systems. The efficiency of such calculations has been greatly improved by exploiting iterative algorithms to diagonalize RPA dielectric matrices [1]. However for several systems correlation energies may significantly depend about the choice of input single particle wavefunctions [2]. We derive an expression for the RPA self-consistent potential based on Density Functional Perturbation theory and we present self-consistent RPA calculations for weakly bound molecular dimers, including the controversial case of Beryllium dimer. In this case the self-consistent determination of RPA potential is crucial to determine the stability of the system which however results to be unstable toward dissociation in separated fragments.

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**Competition between the electronic and  
phonon-mediated scattering channels in the  
out-of-equilibrium carrier dynamics of semiconductors:  
an *ab-initio* approach**

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Ultra-fast optical spectroscopy is a powerful tool for the observation of dynamical processes in several kind of materials. The basic time-resolved optical experiment is the so-called pump-probe: a first light pulse, the pump, resonantly triggers a photo-induced process. The subsequent system evolution can be monitored, for example, by the time-dependent transmission changes of a delayed probe pulse. The pump pulse photon energy, spectral width and peak intensity creates a certain density of electron-hole pairs in a more or less localized region of space. After the creation of the initial carrier density the time evolution of the single-particle and many-particle excitations is now governed by a non-trivial interplay between electron-electron scatterings and energy relaxation. De-phasing will be driven by different phenomena. One of the most important is the energy transfer to the atomic motion in form of phonon excitations.

In this talk I will present a novel approach based on the merging of Non-Equilibrium Green's function theory and Density Functional Theory to investigate the carrier dynamics following a pump excitation.

The case of bulk Silicon, a paradigmatic indirect gap semiconductor, is studied by using the Baym-Kadanoff equations. Both the electron-electron (e-e) and electron-phonon (e-p) self-energies are calculated fully *Ab-Initio* by using a semi-static *GW* approximation in the e-e case and a Fan self-energy in the e-p case. By using the generalized Baym-Kadanoff ansatz the two-time evolution is replaced by the only dynamics on the macroscopic time axis. The enormous numerical difficulties connected with a real-time simulation of realistic systems is overcome by using a completed collision approximation that further simplifies the memory effects connected to the time evolution. The carrier dynamics is shown to reduce in such a way to have stringent connections to the well-known equilibrium electron-electron and electron-phonon self-energies. This link allows to use general arguments to motivate the relative balance between the e-e and e-p scattering channels on the basis of the carrier energies.

# Dynamical screening effects from first principles: implications for low-energy models and application to the iron pnictides

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The discovery, in 2008, of superconductivity above 50K in the iron pnictides has opened a new playground in condensed matter physics. The theoretical description of their electronic properties, even in the normal phase, poses a challenge to theory, emphasizing the need of determining many-body models entirely from first principles. A proper ab-initio derivation of low-energy correlated Hamiltonians, based on the constrained RPA method, produces a frequency dependent Coulomb interaction  $U$ , as it is dynamically screened by the higher-energy degrees of freedom. We present new methods to include these screening effects in an extended dynamical mean field theory (DMFT) framework[1, 2]. We demonstrate that the frequency dependence of  $U$  brings in additional features, such as the correlation satellites seen in photoemission spectroscopy together with a renormalization of the low-energy properties[3]. Our first application of the dynamically screened  $U$  to the iron pnictides indicates that  $\text{BaFe}_2\text{As}_2$  is a strongly correlated compound with strongly doping- and temperature-dependent properties. In the hole-overdoped region an incoherent metal is found, whereas Fermi-liquid behaviour

is recovered in the undoped compound[4]. In the intermediate-doping regime, a fractional power-law behavior of the self energy is observed for the first time in a realistic modelization of materials. The resulting spectral function is in an overall agreement with the most recent ARPES data, and provides a theoretical support to their interpretation.

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# Mechanism for orbital ordering in transition-metal oxides

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The origin of orbital order is central to the physics of many strongly-correlated transition-metal oxides. Classical examples are  $\text{KCuF}_3$  and  $\text{LaMnO}_3$ , as well as the series of rare-earth manganites. To clarify the origin of orbital order in these paradigmatic systems, using the LDA+DMFT approach we calculate  $T_{\text{KK}}$ , the transition temperature for the super-exchange mechanism, and disentangle the effects of super-exchange from those of lattice distortions. We show that, in all systems considered, the purely electronic super-exchange mechanism leads to remarkably high values of  $T_{\text{KK}}$ , but cannot explain alone the persistence of orbital order up to almost the melting point [1,2,3]. Static Jahn-Teller distortions are necessary to stabilize orbital order at such high temperatures. Finally, we show that super-exchange plays a minor role in determining the orbital order-to-disorder transition observed, increasing temperature or applying pressure, in  $\text{LaMnO}_3$  and in the full series of rare-earth manganites [3].

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# Total energy and force calculations for correlated materials

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We present an application of LDA+DMFT computational scheme for *ab initio* total energy and force calculations of materials with correlated electrons. Employing this method, it becomes possible to investigate electronic correlation effects in a solid with a given lattice structure and, most importantly, to incorporate the lattice by calculating the total energy of a correlated material as a function of the atomic positions and the unit cell. Here we employ this approach to compute the equilibrium Jahn-Teller distortion and perform a direct structural optimization of paramagnetic  $\text{KCuF}_3$ — a prototypical compound in which a strong cooperative Jahn-Teller effect is known to occur. In particular, we obtained the correct lattice constant, equilibrium Jahn-Teller distortion, antiferro-orbital order, tetragonal compression of the unit cell, and spectral properties [1]. Moreover, we employed this approach to study the equilibrium crystal structure and phase stability of paramagnetic iron at the bcc-fcc phase transition [2]. For this purpose we analyzed the energetics of the bcc-fcc lattice transformation using the Bain transformation path and calculated lattice dynamical properties of paramagnetic iron as a function of temperature. Our results for the equilibrium crystal structure, phase stability, and lattice dynamics are in good quantitative agreement with experimental data. We find that electronic correlations are important to explain the lattice stability of iron at the bcc-fcc phase transition. Finally, we present our recent results obtained by the LDA+DMFT approach implemented with the linear response formalism regarding atomic displacements. Our preliminary results already show an overall good agreement between the total energy and force computations of the equilibrium atomic positions for elemental hydrogen and  $\text{SrVO}_3$ .

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# Towards a determinant space representation of the electronic wavefunction in the solid state

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We have extended the Full Configuration Interaction Quantum Monte Carlo method (FCIQMC)[1, 2] to tackle both the uniform electron gas, and *ab initio* solid-state problems, providing numerically exact finite simulation-cell energies in a range of materials[3, 4]. These benchmarks are used to assess the accuracy of the established hierarchy of quantum chemical methods, up to the ‘gold-standard’ CCSD(T), finding almost an order of magnitude improvement in cohesive energies of simple solids compared to PBE. Limitations of these wavefunction based methods are outlined, including the basis-set convergence and the issue of excited states, and potential solutions to these discussed[5, 6].

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# Minimum energy pathways from Quantum Monte Carlo

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We perform quantum Monte Carlo calculations to determine minimum energy pathways of simple chemical reactions, and compare the computed geometries and reaction barriers with those obtained with density functional theory and quantum chemistry methods. We find that QMC performs in general significantly better than DFT, being also able to treat cases in which DFT is inaccurate or even unable to locate the transition state. Since the wave function form employed here is particularly simple and can be transferred to larger systems, we suggest that a QMC approach is both viable and useful for reactions difficult to address by DFT and system sizes too large for high level quantum chemistry methods.

# Total energy calculations: an auxiliary-field many-body perspective

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I will discuss the auxiliary-field method as a framework for many-body total energy calculations. This is a field-theoretic approach which connects naturally to independent-electron theory, while allowing a stochastic computational implementation. As such, it is a many-body total energy method that looks like *many* coupled mean-field calculations in fluctuating external fields. Alternatively it can be thought of as a diffusion Monte Carlo calculations but with random walkers that are Slater determinants whose orbitals evolve stochastically. The constraint to remove the sign problem is formulated and carried out in Slater determinant space, which turns out to be much less restrictive and more accurate. With single-determinant constraining wave functions from Hartree-Fock or density-functional theory (DFT), this approach can be thought of as a post-DFT method with no parameter. In this form, the accuracy is typically comparable to the quantum chemistry coupled-cluster CCSD(T) method near equilibrium geometries, and better than CCSD(T) when bonds are stretched. Thus this approach combines some of the best features in key electronic structure methods: non-perturbative, high accuracy, and low-power law computational scaling with system size.

I will describe our recent progress on the calculation of excited states in solids, including the band gap in ZnO, and on further improving the accuracy of ground state calculations in transition metal systems and heavier elements. Work will also be presented on further increasing the systematic improvability of the results in strongly correlated systems by the use of symmetry and by releasing the constraint.



# Predicting the Properties of Ordinary Matter Under Extreme Conditions

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Recently proposed structure-prediction methods are revolutionizing our understanding of solid-state systems and becoming powerful tools in the design of novel materials. Such methods are playing a particularly important role in predicting the properties of ordinary matter under extreme pressures (and temperatures), conditions at which a significant fraction of matter exists at, for example in planetary interiors. This is because creating such conditions experimentally is extremely challenging, and thus theory and computational modeling plays the primary role in our understanding. In this talk, I will present results from the application of structure-prediction methods to two of the most abundant systems in the universe, water-ice and hydrogen. I will first discuss the ground-state structures that these systems adopt, and then go on to discuss some of the remarkable properties that they exhibit, including an insulator-to-metal transition in water-ice and high-temperature superconductivity as well as the possibility of a low- or zero-temperature quantum fluid in hydrogen.

# **New classes of piezoelectrics, ferroelectrics, and antiferroelectrics by first-principles high-throughput materials design**

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Functional materials, such as piezoelectrics, ferroelectrics, and antiferroelectrics, exhibit large changes with applied fields and stresses. This behavior enables their incorporation into a wide variety of devices in technological fields such as energy conversion/storage and information processing/storage. Discovery of functional materials with improved performance or even new types of responses is thus not only a scientific challenge, but can have major impacts on society. In this talk I will review our efforts to uncover new families of functional materials using a combined crystallographic database/high-throughput first-principles approach. I will describe our work on the design and discovery of thousands of new functional materials, specifically the LiAlSi family as piezoelectrics, the LiGaGe family as ferroelectrics, and the MgSrSi family as antiferroelectrics.

# A new generation of density-functional methods based on the adiabatic-connection dissipation-fluctuation theorem

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A new generation of density-functional methods based on orbital-dependent exchange-correlation functionals is presented. The exchange energy and the local multiplicative exchange potential, not to be confused with the nonlocal Hartree-Fock exchange potential, are treated exactly. Functionals for the correlation energy are derived from the adiabatic-connection dissipation-fluctuation theorem via time-dependent density-functional theory. In the latter either the simple Coulomb kernel or the Coulomb kernel plus the full frequency-dependent exact exchange kernel is employed, leading to the correlation energy either in the straightforward random phase approximation (RPA) or in an approximation termed exact-exchange RPA (EXXRPA). In the self-consistent calculation of the orbitals the correlation potential is either neglected or treated at the RPA level. The new methods, in particular the EXXRPA approach are shown to be highly accurate and, in contrast to traditional density-functional methods, to be well-suited for the treatment of Van-der-Waals interaction or situations characterized by strong correlation.

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# Strong correlation in Kohn-Sham Density Functional Theory

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In principle, Kohn-Sham (KS) density functional theory (DFT) should yield the exact ground-state density and energy of *any* many-electron system, including physical situations in which electronic correlation is very strong, representing them in terms of *non-interacting* electrons. Currently available approximations for KS DFT, however, fail at properly describing systems approaching the Mott insulating regime, the breaking of the chemical bond, and localization in low-density nanodevices, to name a few examples. Artificially breaking the spin (or other) symmetry can mimic some (but not all) strong-correlation effects, at the price of a wrong characterization of several properties and of a partial loosening of the rigorous KS DFT framework.

In this talk, I will show how the exact strong-interaction limit of the Hohenberg-Kohn energy density functional can be used to approximate the (restricted) KS exchange-correlation energy. This corresponds to constructing a highly non-local density functional whose functional derivative (the KS potential) can be easily constructed. Otherwise said, we transform *exactly*, in a physically transparent way, an important part of the electron-electron interaction into an effective local one-body potential able to capture essential features of strong correlation that (restricted) Kohn-Sham calculations using the currently available approximations cannot describe. Open problems and future perspectives will be discussed.

# Combining wave-function and density-functional theories: range-separated hybrids, multiconfigurational hybrids, and double hybrids.

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I will present several hybrid electronic-structure calculation methods which combine wave-function and density-functional theories based on a decomposition of the electron-electron interaction:

- (1) Range-separated hybrids which combine a (semi)local density-functional approximation for the long-range part of the electron-electron interaction with explicit many-body methods for the long-range part of the electron-electron interaction (see, e.g., Ref. [1]), such as second-order Møller-Plesset perturbation theory [2] or several variants of the random phase approximation [3,4,5,6,7]. This approach aims at improving the description of weak van der Waals interactions;
- (2) Multiconfigurational hybrids which combine a multiconfiguration self-consistent field calculation with a (semi)local density-functional approximation [8]. This approach aims at improving the description of static (or strong) correlation;
- (3) Double hybrids which combine Hartree-Fock exchange and second-order Møller-Plesset correlation with a (semi)local density-functional approximation with only one empirical parameter [9,10]. This approach aims at improving general thermochemistry properties (atomization energies, reaction barrier heights).

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# Bridging density-functional and many-body perturbation theory: orbital-density dependence in electronic-structure functionals

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Energy functionals which depend explicitly on the orbital densities (ODD), instead of the total charge density, appear when applying self-interaction corrections to density-functional theory. In these cases (e.g. the Perdew-Zunger [1] and the non-Koopmans [2] approaches) the total energy loses invariance under unitary rotations of the orbitals, and the minimization of the functionals leads to orbital-dependent Hamiltonians.

We show that it is possible to identify the orbital-dependency of densities and potentials with an effective and discretized frequency-dependency, in close analogy to the quasi-particle approximation of frequency-dependent self-energies and naturally oriented to interpret electronic spectroscopies [3]. Some of the existing ODD functionals are analyzed from this new perspective. Numerical results for the electronic structure of gas-phase molecules (within the Koopmans-corrected class of functionals) are computed and found in excellent agreement with photoemission (UPS) data [4].

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## **The true role of many-body polarization forces in describing the properties of liquid water**

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## **Dispersion interactions in DFT and linear-scaling DFT**

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## **Theoretical studies on a gramicidin A channel using a linear-scaling DFT technique**

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## **Structure of liquid water from first-principles simulations with van der Waals interactions**

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## **Reaction pathways and structural properties by Quantum Monte Carlo**

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## **Electronic and Optical properties of ZnO Quantum Dots, Nanorods and Nanoflakes: an atomistic study**

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## **FHI-aims becomes embedded: a full-potential QM/MM approach**

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## **Are Polarization and Magnetization Really Bulk Properties?**

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## **Orbital density dependent functionals: a powerful tool for electronic structure calculations**

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## **Range-separated approach to the RPA correlation applied to van der Waals bond and to diffusion of defects**

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## **Variational approach to hydrogen's electronic structure**

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## **Comparison of stress and total energy methods for the calculation of elastic properties of semiconductors**

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## **Epinephrine geometrical parameters study using car-parrinello molecular dynamics**

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## **Thermal conductivity and expansion of crystals from first principles**

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## **Wannier Functions study of chemical bonds in B12 and B28**

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## **Defect Ordering in hard PbTiO<sub>3</sub>**

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## **Protein field effect on the dark state of 11-cis Retinal in Rhodopsin by Quantum Monte Carlo**

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## **New implementations of the orbital minimization method in the SIESTA code**

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## **Study of the hydration effect on the carbamazepine geometric parameters using the Car-Parrinello molecular dynamic**

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## **Adsorption of Small Molecules at Kaolinite: a van der Waals DFT study**

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## **Differential polarization effects with wave function/DFT embedding for excited states**

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## **Structure and Thermochemistry of Borosilicate Glass**

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## **Second Order Møller-Plesset Perturbation Theory and Random Phase Approximation Correlation Energies with Resolution-of-Identity Approximation: An Efficient and Massively Parallel Gaussian and Plane Waves Approach**

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## **Diffusion Monte Carlo for Heavy Atoms**

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## **A First Principles Approach to Thermal Transport in Nanomaterials**

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## **Electronic transport properties of grain boundaries in graphene**

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## **Exciton dispersion from first principles**

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### **Why is water difficult for DFT?**

#### **An analysis using GAP potentials and quantum Monte Carlo**

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### **Implementation of the image charge method in QM/MM**

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### **Efficient relativistic nuclear magnetic resonance J-coupling with pseudopotentials and the zeroth-order regular approximation**

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### **First-principles calculation of Seebeck coefficient of AgSbSe<sub>2</sub>**

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### **Study of Vanadium- and Cobalt-Benzene Half-Sandwich Arenes by Stochastic Quantum Sampling Approach**

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### **Performance of local orbital basis sets in the self-consistent Sternheimer method for dielectric screening of extended systems**

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### **The GW approximation in GPAW**

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### **Enhanced metallicity in armchair graphene nanoribbons with Cu impurities**

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### **Quasi-linear band structure and electronic transport in transparent conducting oxides**

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### **Radiation damage in biological systems: Ab initio MD studies**

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### **Electronic correlations and crystal structure distortions in BaBiO<sub>3</sub>**

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### **Magnetic Spectroscopies with DFT + Hubbard (U,V)**

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### **Influence of exchange-correlation functional on local order competition in disordered phase of Ge<sub>2</sub>Sb<sub>2</sub>Te<sub>5</sub>: octahedral versus tetrahedral Ge**

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### **Ab-initio Sternheimer-GW method for quasiparticle calculations**

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### **Strongly-correlated quantum wires within Kohn-Sham Density Functional Theory**

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### **Disorder effects in solid state systems beyond a single-site perspective: theories and applications**

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### **Efficient evaluation of Fock exchange for non-localized wave-functions**

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### **Polyamorphism in CO<sub>2</sub> from ab initio molecular dynamics**

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### **Z-method calculation of the Mg melt curve**

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### **Structural and orbital phase transitions induced by Jahn-Teller distortions in KCuF<sub>3</sub>**

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## **Extension of the SCE Formalism to Fractional Electron Numbers and Investigation of the Derivative Discontinuity**

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## **Doping at the Si-SiO<sub>2</sub> interface**

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## **Topological surface state scattering in Antimony**

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## **Spin transport and magnetic behavior of boron nitride nanoribbons with magnetic impurities**

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## **Photoemission spectroscopy from Koopmans' compliant functionals, and its application to the tautomeric populations of DNA and RNA nucleobases**

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## **Spin state transition in LaCoO<sub>3</sub>: a DFT+DMFT approach**

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## **Frequency-dependent Hubbard U corrections to DFT: A simple approach**

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## **Extending the random-phase approximation for electronic correlation energies: The renormalized adiabatic local density approximation**

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## **Wavelets and Projector Augmented-Wave approach: an adaptive basis set for large-scale calculations at all-electron accuracy**

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## **A new field-theoretic approach to linear scaling ab-initio molecular dynamics**

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## **Optical Absorption in B-19 Cluster : A Time Dependent Density Functional Approach**

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## **Recent progress in the theory of flexoelectric response**

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## **Strong Isotope effect in phase II of Dense Solid Hydrogen and Deuterium**

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## **Computer simulation of the reaction mechanism of matrix metalloprotease MMP3 by QM/MM methods**

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## **Towards Petascale DFT-calculations: a new parallelization approach for linear response and exact exchange**

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## **Kohn-Sham orbitals from Quantum Monte Carlo Density**

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## **Ab initio angle- and energy-resolved photoelectron spectroscopy with time-dependent density-functional theory**

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## **Effective Hamiltonians for large-scale ab-initio lattice dynamics simulations of perovskites and related materials**

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## **Calculation of thermoelectric properties from first-principles**

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## **Optimized Structure and Vibrational Properties by Error Affected Potential Energy Surfaces**

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### **Dielectric Properties of Functional Oxide thin-films from First Principles**

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### **A mechanism for the $\alpha$ - $\gamma$ phase transition in Iron.**

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## **Stability and kinetics of divacancy defects in bilayer graphene from first principles**

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