

## Curriculum Vitae

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#### **Professional experience**

2014-present Director of DEMOCRITOS, theory&simulation unit of the CNR Istituto Officina dei Materiali;  
2008-present Research staff member, DEMOCRITOS Simulation Center, CNR-IOM Institute, Trieste, Italy;  
2005-present Head of the theory group, ELETTRA synchrotron facility, Trieste, Italy;  
2004-2008 Tenure-track researcher, DEMOCRITOS Simulation Center, INFN and CNR. *Tenured in 2008*;  
2003-2004 Postdoctoral research fellow, INFN-CNR DEMOCRITOS, Trieste, Italy;  
2000-2002 Postdoctoral research fellow, Max-Planck-Institut für Metallforschung, Stuttgart, Germany.

#### **Education**

2000 Ph.D. degree in physics, Queen's University of Belfast, UK;  
1997 Degree in Materials Science and Engineering, University of Trieste, Italy. 110/100 cum laude.

#### **Research visits**

2013 National Institute for Materials Science, Tsukuba, Japan (*Invited*);  
2011 CECAM, Centre Européen de Calcul Atomique et Moléculaire, Lausanne, CH (*Invited*);  
2010 Molecular Foundry, Lawrence Berkeley National Lab., Berkeley, USA;  
2005 Max-Planck-Institut für Festkörperforschung, Stuttgart, Germany (*travel fellowship*);  
2000 Atomistic Simulation Group, Queen's University of Belfast, UK (*travel fellowship*).

#### **Awards**

2014 National habilitation as associate professor in chemistry (sectors 03/B1 and 03/A2);  
2014 National habilitation as associate professor in theoretical condensed matter physics (sector 02/B2);

#### **Teaching experiences**

2010-present "Professore a contratto", PhD course, electronic structure & materials science, SISSA, Trieste, Italy;  
2010-2011 "Professore a contratto", computational materials science, University of Trieste, Italy. ANNEX I;  
2006-present Supervisor of 5 PhD and 3 MSc students. ANNEX II;  
2005-present Supervisor of 12 postdoctoral fellows. ANNEX II;  
2004-present 14 invited lectures at workshops&schools in the field of computational materials science. ANNEX III;  
2000-2002 Teaching assistant, MSc course, "Electronic structure of condensed matter", University of Stuttgart;  
1997-1999 Teaching assistant, MSc course, "Materials science" Queen's University of Belfast, UK.

#### **Scientific interests**

Keywords: Computational materials science; Nanostructured materials for artificial photosynthesis, water splitting, hydrogen production/purification and fuel cells; Surface chemistry and heterogeneous catalysis of oxides and oxide-supported metals; Surface-supported organic and metal-organic nanostructures; Theoretical methods for computational spectroscopy and microscopy.

#### **Scientific production and activity**

- 57 scientific papers published in international journals and refereed conference proceedings: 1 Science, 1 PNAS, 3 Phys Rev Lett, 3 Nano Lett, 2 Angew Chem Int Ed, 2 J Am Chem Soc, 1 ACS Nano, 2 J Phys Chem Lett, 14 J Phys Chem A-C, 3 J Chem Phys, 11 Phys Rev B, and others. Full list in ANNEX VI;
- 6000+ citations, H-index 25 (source Google Scholar, August 2014);
- 43 invited talks at international conferences, workshops, universities and research centers. ANNEX II;
- Director/organizer of 11 scientific conferences&workshops. ANNEX IV.

#### **Funding** ANNEX V

##### Principal Investigator and scientific responsible

389 K€	EU FP7-NMP-2012 - <i>Design of thin-film nano catalysts for on-chip fuel cell technology.</i>	2013-2016;
100 K€	EU FP7-PEOPLE-IRG-2008 - <i>Water splitting Catalysts for Artificial Photosynthesis.</i>	2009-2013;
300 K€	Convenzione quadro CNR- Sincrotrone Trieste s.r.l (ELETTRA).	2007-2013;
40 K€	PRIN - <i>Controlling the structure&amp;function of metalorganic nanostructures on metal surfaces;</i>	2010-2013;
78 K€	FVG regional grant: <i>Nanocatalysis on carbon-based materials.</i>	2008-2010.

#### Participant:

- FP7-PEOPLE-COST-2011 - CMI 104 *Reducible oxide chemistry, structure and functions* 2013-2015;
- PRIN: GRAF *Frontiere della ricerca sul grafene: comprensione e controllo di funzionalità avanzate* 2013-2016;
- FP7-INFRA-2007-2.1.1: NFFA - Nanoscience Foundries and Fine Analysis 2011-2013;

#### PI and co-PI in computational grants (last 3 years only):

- 35 M core/h PRACE 2012: Shedding light on the catalytic core of artificial leaf technologies. PI
- 12 M core/h PRACE 2012: Engineering multi-core transition metal catalysts for solar fuel production. Co-PI
- 5 M core/h PRACE 2011: Multicenter cobalt-oxo cores for catalytic water oxidation. Co-PI
- 1 M core/h ISCRA A 2011: Functionalized carbon nanotubes for artificial photosynthesis. PI

#### Other professional activities

- Head of the theory group of the ELETTRA synchrotron laboratory ([www.democritos.it/the-group](http://www.democritos.it/the-group));
- Scientist in charge of the CNR cost center MD.P06.025 Teoria, simulazione e progetto assistito dal calcolatore di materiali nanostrutturati, (2009-present);
- Faculty member of the SISSA PhD school in condensed matter; Member of SISSA committees for student admission, personnel search, and for PhD final exams (2003-present);
- Member of personnel search committees for CNR (2003-present);
- Associate Editor - Journal of Materials for Renewable and Sustainable Energy - Springer Ed. (2012-present);
- Member of the steering board of the Users Forum Partnership for Advanced Computing in Europe (PRACE);
- Referee for international journals: Nature Chemistry, Physical Review Letters, J. Am. Chem. Soc., Physical Review B, Applied Physics Letters, Advanced Functional Materials, Journal of Physical Chemistry, Journal of Chemical Physics, Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys., Surface Science, Catalysis Communications, Acta Materialia, and others;
- Referee for international funding agencies: the Austrian Science Fund; the US Air Force Office of Scientific Research; the US Basic Energy Sciences (BES) - Department of Energy Office of Science.
- Referee for the CINECA Italian SuperComputing Resource Allocation and the Swiss Center for Scientific Computing of the ETH Zurich.
- Referee and PhD examiner for the King's College of London and University of Ljubljana.

#### Selected publications

1. S. Piccinin, A. Sartorel, G. Aquilanti, A. Goldoni, M. Bonchio, and S. Fabris  
*Water oxidation surface mechanisms replicated by a totally inorganic tetraruthenium-oxo molecular complex*  
Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. **110**, 4917-4922 (2013) 14 citations
2. H. L. Hu, S. Piccinin, A. Laio, and S. Fabris  
*Atomistic Structure of Cobalt-Phosphate Nanoparticles for Catalytic Water Oxidation*  
ACS Nano **6**, 10497 (2013) 9 citations
3. T. Sun and S. Fabris  
*Mechanisms for oxidative unzipping and cutting of graphene*  
Nano Letters **12**, 17 (2012) 32 citations
4. O. Stetsovych, F. Dvorák, L. Szabová, S. Fabris, J. Myslivecek, and V. Matolín  
*Nanometer-range strain distribution in layered incommensurate systems*  
Phys. Rev. Letters **109**, 266102 (2012) 3 citations
5. R. Larciprete, S. Fabris, T. Sun, P. Lacovig, A. Baraldi, and S. Lizzit  
*Dual path mechanism for the thermal reduction of graphene oxide*  
J. Am. Chem. Soc. **133**, 17315 (2011) 43 citations
6. S. Piccinin and S. Fabris,  
*First principles study of water oxidation catalyzed by a tetraruthenium-oxo core within polyoxometalate ligands,*  
Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys. **13**, 7666 (2011) 15 citations
7. M. Farnesi Camellone and S. Fabris  
*Reaction Mechanisms for the CO Oxidation on Au/CeO<sub>2</sub> catalysts: Activity of Substitutional Au<sup>3+</sup>/Au<sup>+</sup> Cations and Deactivation of Supported Au<sup>+</sup> Adatoms*  
J. Am. Chem. Soc. **131**, 10473 (2009) 93 citations
8. S. Colussi, A. Gayen, M. Farnesi Camellone, M. Boaro, J. Llorca, S. Fabris, and A. Trovarelli  
*Nanofaceted Pd-O Sites in Pd-Ce Surface Superstructures Boost Activity in catalytic Combustion of Methane*  
Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. **48**, 8481 (2009) 49 citations
9. M. Huang and S. Fabris  
*CO adsorption and oxidation on ceria surfaces from DFT+U calculations*  
J. Phys. Chem. C **112**, 8643 (2008) 98 citations
10. F. Esch, S. Fabris, L. Zhou, T. Montini, C. Africh, P. Fornasiero, G. Comelli, and R. Rosei  
*Electron localization determines defect formation on ceria substrates*  
Science **309**, 752 (2005) 502 citations

# ANNEX I TEACHING

## Graduate and Postgraduate courses

1. **International School for Advanced Studies – SISSA.** Professore a contratto 2010-present  
Electronic structure course in the PhD program of condensed matter  
*Introductory lectures on the physical chemistry of materials*  
*Topical lectures and computer laboratory on advanced simulation methods for modeling nanostructured materials*  
*Topical lectures on simulating materials and physical/chemical processes for renewable-energy technologies*  
20 hours/year
2. **University of Trieste.** Professore a contratto 2010-2011  
Titolare del corso di laurea specialistica in Ingegneria dei Materiali ING-IND/22  
*Modellizzazione su base micro e nano strutturale*  
50 hours

## Lectures and hands-on laboratories at schools and workshops

3. **Computer modelling of materials at the nanoscale**, The University of Tokyo, 23-26/4/2014  
*Two lectures and a computer lab on "Simulation techniques for exploring potential energy surfaces".* 10 hours.
4. **CECAM/SISSA summer school on atomistic modeling techniques**, SISSA, Trieste - 25/7/2013  
*Two lectures and a computer lab on i) Computational theories and algorithms for the simulation of activated events; ii) Insight into materials properties from DFT calculations - post processing data.* 10 hours.
5. **Summer school for the PhD program of the University of Trieste** "La filiera dell'energia rinnovabile tra sole, idrogeno e smart grid" - Sesto – 24-28/6/2013  
*One lecture on fundamentals of computational materials modeling and on its applications to renewable-energy technologies.* 3 hours.
6. **ICTP Workshop on Advances in Materials Science (KWAMS'13)** – Khartoum – 19-31/1/2013  
*Three lectures and four computer laboratories on fundamentals and implementations of density functional theory for the simulation of materials properties.* 20 hours.
7. **ICTP Workshop on Numerical Methods for Materials Science Related to Renewable Energy Applications**, International Center for Theoretical Physics, Trieste - 26-30/11/2012  
*Two lectures and a computer laboratory on computational catalysis and its applications to renewable-energy materials and processes.* 10 hours.
8. **Joint ICTP-TWAS II Latin American School on Computational Materials Science for Energy and Environmental Applications**, Santo André, Brazil - 5-16/9/2011  
*Two lectures and two computer laboratories on fundamentals and implementations of density functional theory for the simulation of materials properties.* 10 hours.
9. **CECAM/SISSA summer school on atomistic modeling techniques**, SISSA, Trieste - 5-23/7/2010  
*Two lectures on elementary electronic structure theory and its implementation into advanced computer codes.* 5 hours.
10. **IARS Frontiers workshop: Advanced School and International Conference on DFT and its Applications in Nanosciences**, Marmaris Turkey - 19-29/10/2009  
*Three lectures and two computer laboratories on fundamentals of density functional theory and on its application to surface science.* 20 hours.
11. **Latin American School on Computational Materials Science**, Universidad Andrés Bello, Santiago del Chile – 19-30/11/2009  
*Two lectures and two computer laboratories on fundamentals and implementations of density functional theory for the simulation of materials properties.* 10 hours.
12. **Winter School on Applications of Computer Simulation and Modelling in Contemporary Solid State Physics and Nanotechnology**, Marmaris, Turkey - 28/1-6/2/2008  
*Three lectures and two computer laboratories on fundamentals of density functional theory and on its application to surface science.* 20 hours.
13. **CECAM workshop "Simulating matter at the nano-scale using density-functional theory, pseudopotentials and plane waves"**, Lyon, France - 13-17/11/2006  
*One lecture and two computer laboratories on the implementation of density functional theory in a plane-wave and pseudo potential framework, and on its use to model chemical reactions and other activated events.* 10 hours.

14. **Tutorial on the ab-initio simulation of the electronic, structural and dynamical properties of materials** - Università degli Studi di Cagliari - 29-30/9/2005  
*Two computer laboratories on the use and implementation of density functional theory in a plane-wave and pseudo potential framework.* 10 hours.
15. **Tutorial on the ab-initio simulation of the electronic, structural and dynamical properties of materials** - International Center for Theoretical Physics, Trieste - 17-21/1/2005  
*Two computer laboratories on the use and implementation of density functional theory in a plane-wave and pseudo potential framework.* 10 hours.
16. **Tutorial on the ab-initio simulation of the electronic, structural and dynamical properties of materials** - Consorzio Interuniversitario per il Calcolo Avanzato, CINECA, Bologna - 1-5/3/2004  
*Two computer laboratories on the use and implementation of density functional theory in a plane-wave and pseudo potential framework.* 10 hours.
17. **Winter College on Numerical Methods in Electronic Structure Theory** - International Center for Theoretical Physics ICTP, Trieste - 16-31/1/2003  
*One lecture on numerical algorithms for matrix diagonalization and for minimization problems. Three computer laboratories on the use and implementation of density functional theory in a plane-wave and pseudo potential framework.* 20 hours.

## ANNEX II

### SUPERVISION AND TRAINING

#### **PhD and MSc students**

- Guido Fratesi, MSc student, International School for Advanced Studies SISSA, 2004.
- Adriano Mosca Conte, PhD student, International School for Advanced Studies SISSA, Thesis title: *Quantum mechanical modeling of nano magnetism: new tools based on Density-Functional theory with case applications to solids, surfaces, wires, and molecule*, 2008;
- Changru Ma, PhD student, International School for Advanced Studies SISSA, Thesis title: *Modeling Ru-based molecular catalysts for water oxidation*, 2012;
- Lucie Szabova, MSc student, Department of Surface and Plasma Science, Charles University of Prague, Thesis title *Ab initio study of Cu-Ce-O interfaces*, 2008;
- Lucie Szabova, PhD student, Department of Surface and Plasma Science, Charles University of Prague, Thesis title: *Ab initio study of ultrathin ceria films on Cu(111)*, 2013;
- Tommaso Francese, Master student, Università Ca' Foscari, Venezia, 2014;
- Michal Fecik, PhD student, International School for Advanced Studies SISSA, 2014;
- Nguyen Dung Tran, PhD student, International School for Advanced Studies SISSA, 2014.

#### **Postdoctoral fellows**

- Min Huang, INFM DEMOCRITOS Simulation Center, 2005-2007. Now assistant professor at Wuhan Institute of Physics and Mathematics, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Wuhan 430071, China;
- Hande Hüstünel, INFM DEMOCRITOS, 2005-2006. Now assistant professor at Department of Physics, Middle East Technical University.
- Matteo Farnesi Camellone, INFM DEMOCRITOS Simulation Center, 2007-2009. Now staff researcher at CNR-IOM DEMOCRITOS;
- Tao Sun, International School for Advanced Studies SISSA, 2008-2011. Now associate professor at University of Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing, China;
- Simone Piccinin, CNR-IOM DEMOCRITOS, 2009. Now permanent staff researcher at CNR-IOM DEMOCRITOS;
- Xiaoliang Hu, CNR-IOM DEMOCRITOS and SISSA, 2010-2012. Now postdoctoral research fellow at École polytechnique fédérale de Lausanne, EPFL;
- Sara Fortuna, CNR-IOM DEMOCRITOS, 2010-2012. Now postdoctoral research fellow at Università degli Studi di Udine;
- Sara Furlan, International School for Advanced Studies SISSA, 2012-2014. Now postdoctoral research fellow at Università degli Studi di Trieste;
- Karolina Kwapien, CNR-IOM DEMOCRITOS, 2012-2014;
- Praveen Surendram Chandramati, CNR-IOM DEMOCRITOS, 2012-2014. Now research fellow at ETH Zurich;
- Fabio Ribeiro, CNR-IOM DEMOCRITOS, 2012-2014;
- Matteo Farnesi Camellone, CNR-IOM DEMOCRITOS, 2012-2014, researcher.

#### **Visiting fellows**

- Xinquan Wang, PhD student at the School of Chemical Engineering and Technology, Tianjin University. Training in DFT simulations on oxide materials and co-supervisor of PhD Thesis. 3 months visit, October-December 2008;
- Yansun Yao, PhD student at the Physics Department, University of Saskatchewan, Canada. Training in the ab-initio simulation of X-ray photoemission spectroscopy. 2 months visit, March-April 2008;
- Sebastian Pehan, PhD student at the J. Stefan Institute, Ljubljana, Slovenia. Training in ab-initio and empirical modeling of organic molecules in solution. 2 months visit, April-May 2010;
- Masoud Nahali, PhD student at the Sharif University of Technology, Teheran, Iran. Training in the ab-initio simulation of oxidation processes on graphitic substrates. 6 months visit, August 2011-January 2012;
- Sergey Kozlov, PhD student at University of Barcelona, March-May 2014.

## ANNEX III

### INVITED TALKS AND SEMINARS

#### Invited talks at international conferences and workshops

1. **Materials Research Society Fall Meeting** – Boston – 30/11-5/12/2014
2. **7th International Conference on Materials for Advanced Technologies** - Singapore - 30/6-5/7/2013  
Title: *Computational Modeling of Nanostructured Materials for Solar-driven Fuel Production*
3. **4th Regional Symposium on Electrochemistry of South-East Europe (RSE-SEE4)** - Ljubljana - 26-30/05/2013  
Title: *Computational Modeling of New Materials for Electrochemical Solar-to-fuel Energy Conversion*
4. **ICTP Workshop on Advances in Materials Science (KWAMS'13)** – Khartoum – 19-31/1/2013  
Title: *Surface-supported Metal Clusters: Insight from Computational Modeling*
5. **UNESCO Advanced Workshop on Solar Energy Conversion** - Bucharest - 21-24/5/2012  
Title: *Computational Modeling of New Materials for Solar-driven Fuel Production*
6. **NANOENERGETICS: Theoretical and Experimental Approaches** - ICTP Trieste - 15-16/11/2011  
Title: *Novel Materials for Solar Energy Conversion and Storage: Insight from first-principles modeling*
7. **COST ACTION MP0901, Designing novel materials for nanodevices: From Theory to Practice** – ICTP Trieste – 9-11/11/2011  
Title: *Atomistic mechanisms for oxidative unzipping and cutting of graphene*
8. **American Chemical Society meeting**, Denver, USA - 28/08-1/09/2011  
Title: *Reaction mechanism and thermodynamics of efficient water oxidation catalyzed by tetraruthenium-oxo clusters in solution*
9. **International Atomic Energy Agency Advanced School** - Development and characterization of materials for hydrogen-based energy systems: role of nuclear technology, ICTP Trieste - 13-18/6/2011  
Title: *Computational modeling of catalytic materials for Hydrogen-based technologies*
10. **Workshop of the PhD in Nanotechnology** - Università di Trieste, 20-23/9/2011  
Title: *Computational Materials Science for Energy Conversion and Storage*
11. **ICTP-TWAS II Latin American Workshop** on Computational Materials Science for Energy and Environmental Applications, Santo André, Brazil - 5-16/9/2011  
Title: *Computational modeling of catalytic materials for energy and environmental applications*
12. **CECAM workshop** on "Understanding structure and functions of reducible oxide systems-a challenge for theory and experiment", Zaragoza, Spain - 20-23/06/2011  
Title: *Catalytic activity of metal clusters and substitutional ions at reducible oxide surfaces*
13. **CECAM workshop** on "Charge and Spin Transport in Chemically Modified Graphene-Based Materials", Barcelona, Spain - 7-8/4/2011  
Title: *Thermal evolution of oxidized graphene*
14. **Workshop su Fisica della Materia e Scienza dei Materiali Computazionali**, CNR, Rome - 21-22/2/2011  
Title: *Computational materials science for energy conversion and storage*
15. **Energy Materials Workshop**, Thomas Young Center, London - 7-9/9/2010  
Title: *Ab initio modeling of homogeneous catalysts for water oxidation*
16. **CECAM workshop** "Electronic-structure challenges in materials modeling for energy applications", Lausanne - 1-4/6/2010  
Title: *Catalytic activity of gold nanoclusters supported by cerium oxide*
17. **I International workshop on cerium oxide**, Modena, Italy - 23-25/6/2010  
Title: *Modelling the reactivity of ceria-supported metal nanoparticles with DFT+U calculations*
18. **US Department of Energy meeting, Discovery in Basic Energy Science: The role of Computing at the Extreme Scale** Washington, USA - 13-15/08/2009  
Title: *Computational materials science for energy conversion and storage*
19. **Latin American School on Computational Materials Science**, Santiago, Chile - 19-30/1/2009  
Title: *Understanding the structure and function of self-assembled organometallic nanomaterials by computer modeling*

20. **Psi-K workshop** on "Ab Initio Modelling in Applied Biosciences: Structure, Dynamics and Function", Uppsala University, Sweden 11-12/12/2008  
Title: *Concerted catalytic action of di-iron centers dissociates O<sub>2</sub>*
21. **22nd conference of the European Physical Society**, Rome, Italy - 25-29/8/2008  
Title: *Understanding the structure and function of self-assembled organometallic nanomaterials by computer modeling*
22. **2nd International Workshop on Materials Science and Nano-Engineering**, Awaji Island, JAPAN - 1-5/12/2007  
Title: *Properties of surface-supported nanomagnets from relativistic DFT calculations*
23. **American Chemical Society Fall Meeting**, Boston, USA - 19-23/8/2007  
Title: *Oxygen buffering at reducible oxide surfaces: Interplay between vacancies, electron localization, and adsorbate mobility on ceria*
24. **24th European Conference on Surface Science ECOSS 24**, Paris - 4-8/9/2006  
Title: *Oxygen buffering at reducible oxide surfaces: interplay between vacancies, electron localization, and adsorbate mobility on ceria*
25. **Colloquium on "Nanostructured Oxide Surfaces"**, Dipartimento di chimica, Università di Torino, Italy - 23-24/3/2006  
Title: *Modeling the surface chemistry of Cerium Oxide using Density Functional Theory*
26. **European Science Foundation EUROCORES workshop** "Functional molecular nanostructures", Kloster Irsee, Germany - 26-29/4/2006  
Title: *Insight into the electronic and magnetic properties of Tb Double- Decker molecular magnets*
27. **ELETTRA Workshop** on "Computer Simulation of Surface and Interface Phenomena", ICTP, Trieste - 14-16/12/2005  
Title: *Oxygen vacancies and electron localization at reducible oxide surfaces*
28. **High-Performance Computing Transnational Access Meeting**, High Performance Computing Center Stuttgart (HLRS) University of Stuttgart - 21-24/9/2005  
Title: *First-principles calculations of metal-organic nanostructures*
29. **MMD Matter, Materials, and Devices Meeting**, Genova - 22-25/6/2005  
Title: *Taming multiple valency with density functionals: the case of reduced ceria*
30. **ECSAC Conference** "Nanosciences and Nanotechnology" - 6-10/9/2004  
Title: *The atomistic puzzle of a molecular necklace: the case of trimesic acid on Cu(111)*

#### Invited seminars

31. **University of Tokyo**, Japan – 28/8/2013 – Host: Tsuneyuki  
Title: *Computational Modeling of New Materials for Electrochemical Solar-to-Fuel Energy Conversion*
32. **National Institute for Materials Science**, Tsukuba, Japan – 23/8/2013 – Host: Y. Tateyama  
Title: *Computational Modeling of New Materials for Electrochemical Solar-to-Fuel Energy Conversion*
33. **University of the Basque Country and nanoGUNE**, San Sebastian - 12/2/2013 – Host: A. Rubio  
Title: *Unifying Concepts in Water Oxidation Catalysis: Surface mechanisms replicated at molecular sites*
34. Institute of Materials Chemistry, **Vienna University of Technology**, Austria - 21/3/2012 - Host: G. Rupprechter  
Title: *Catalytic activity of metal clusters and substitutional ions at reducible oxide surfaces*
35. **Josef Stefan Institute**, Ljubljana, Slovenia - 7/2/2012 - Host: A. Kokalj  
Title: *Heterogeneous catalysts based on transition metals and reducible oxides: Insight from first-principles calculations*
36. Colloquium at **Technical University of Munich**, Deutschland - 21/11/11 - Host: F. Esch  
Title: *Catalytic activity of metal clusters and substitutional ions at reducible oxide surfaces*
37. **University College Cork**, Ireland - 28/9/11 - Host: M. Nolan  
Title: *Catalytic activity of metal clusters and substitutional ions at reducible oxide surfaces*
38. **Center for Functional Nanomaterials**, Brookhaven National Laboratory, USA - 3/8/2010 - Host: Mark S Hybertsen  
Title: *Catalytic activity of Au nanoclusters supported by Cerium oxide*
39. **Molecular Foundry, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory**, Berkeley, USA - 28/7/2010 - Host: Jeffrey Neaton  
Title: *Catalytic activity of Au nanoclusters supported by Cerium oxide*

40. **Charles University, Prague**, Check Republic - 15/9/2009 - Host: V. Matolin  
Title: *Structure and reactivity of metal nanoparticles supported by ceria surfaces*
41. **Tianjin University**, China - 18/09/2009 – Host:  
Title: *Reactivity and deactivation of metal nanoparticles supported by reducible oxides: The case of the Au/CeO<sub>2</sub> catalyst*
42. **Charles University of Prague**, Check Republic - 16/05/2007 – Host: Vladimir Matolin  
Title: *Oxygen buffering at reducible oxide surfaces:interplay between vacancies, electron localization, and adsorbate mobility*
43. **Max-Planck Institut fuer Festkoerperforschung**, Stuttgart - 17/4/2004 – Host: K. Kern  
Title: *Structure and chemical reactivity of reduced ceria surfaces*



## ANNEX IV ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

1. **CECAM workshop - From the chemical bond to the chemical reactor: Computational and Materials challenges in gas conversion technologies**  
25-28/8/2014, International Centre for Materials Science, Bangalore, India  
Directors: S. Fabris, S. Narasimhan, S. Piccinin, L. Spanu  
<http://www.democritos.it/bangalore2014>
2. **Workshop on Material Challenges in Devices for Solar Fuel Production and Employment**  
19-23/5/2014, International Center for Theoretical Physics, Trieste,  
Organizer(s): T. Bligaard, N. Bonini, A. De Vita, S. Fabris, R. Gebauer, S.C. Roy, N. Seriani.  
[http://cdsagenda5.ictp.it/full\\_display.php?email=0&ida=a13198](http://cdsagenda5.ictp.it/full_display.php?email=0&ida=a13198)
3. **CECAM Conference Energy from the Sun: Computational Chemists and Physicists Take up the Challenge**  
10-14/09/2012, Chia Laguna, Sardinia, Italy.  
Directors: W. Andreoni, V. Barone, S. Fabris, G. Galli, A. Mattoni;  
<http://www.cecama.org/workshop-820.html>
4. **ICTP School on Numerical Methods for Materials Science Related to Renewable Energy Applications**  
26-30/11/2012, International Center for Theoretical Physics, Trieste, Italy  
Directors: F. De Angelis, S. Fabris, R. Gebauer, N. Seriani  
[http://cdsagenda5.ictp.trieste.it/full\\_display.php?ida=a1191](http://cdsagenda5.ictp.trieste.it/full_display.php?ida=a1191)
5. **CECAM Workshop "Chemical and topological functionalization of graphitic surfaces: open challenges for computational modeling"**  
23-25 April 2012, Centre Européen de Calcul Atomique et Moléculaire – CECAM, Lausanne CH  
Directors: G. Benedek and S. Fabris  
<http://www.cecama.org/workshop-786.html>
6. **SISSA-ICTP Workshop on New Materials for Renewable Energy**  
October 2011, International Center for Theoretical Physics, Trieste  
Directors: S. Fabris and R. Gebauer  
[http://cdsagenda5.ictp.trieste.it/full\\_display.php?ida=a10178](http://cdsagenda5.ictp.trieste.it/full_display.php?ida=a10178)
7. **15th Workshop on Computational Physics and Materials Science: Total Energy and Force Methods**  
Jan 2011, International Center of Theoretical Physics (ICTP), Trieste  
Directors: L. Reining, I. Souza, S. Fabris; R. Gebauer  
[http://cdsagenda5.ictp.it/full\\_display.php?agenda\\_id=3218](http://cdsagenda5.ictp.it/full_display.php?agenda_id=3218)
8. **10th ECSAC conference on "Sustainable Energy: Challenges and Opportunities"**  
August 2010, Losinj (Croatia)  
Directors: A. Treleani and S. Fabris  
<http://ecsac.ictp.it/ecsac10/index.php>
9. **Psi\_k 2010 Conference** - Symposium Catalysis from first principles: Energy conversion and storage, 12-16/11/2010, Berlin (Germany).  
Organizers: T. Bligaard and S. Fabris  
[http://th.fhi-berlin.mpg.de/th/Meetings/psik\\_2010/](http://th.fhi-berlin.mpg.de/th/Meetings/psik_2010/)
10. **Computer Simulation of Surface and Interface-Phenomena**  
ELETTRA synchrotron laboratory, 15-16 Dec. 2005, Trieste (Italy)  
Organizers: S. Baroni, S. Fabris, A. Goldoni, M. Kiskinova  
<http://www.elettra.trieste.it/events/2005/um13/>
11. **Tutorial on Ab-initio simulation of the electronic, structural and dynamical properties of materials,**  
26-30 Sept. 2005, SLACS center of the CNR, Cagliari (Italy);  
Organizers: S. Baroni, S. Fabris, P. Giannozzi, P. Ruggerone, A. Satta  
<http://www.democritos.it/events/espresso-tutorial-2.php>

## ANNEX V

### FUNDING

#### Principal Investigator and person in charge

##### **EU FP7 project - Design of thin-film nano catalysts for on-chip fuel cell technology - FP7-NMP-2012**

Principal Investigator of CNR unit

Other partners involved: Charles University of Prague, UNIVERSITÄT ERLANGEN NURNBERG, UNIVERSITÄT DE BOURGOGNE, UNIVERSITÄT DE BARCELONA, ThunderNIL srl, L.E.T. optomechanika Praha, SOLVICORE GMBH & CO KG

Total funding: 3.914 K€

Funding of CNR unit: 389 K€

Funding period: January 2013- December 2016

##### **MIUR PRIN 2008 - Controllare la struttura e le funzioni di nanostrutture organiche su superfici metalliche**

Principal Investigator of CNR unit (*Responsabile unità operativa CNR*)

Other partners involved: Roma La Sapienza (Capofila); Università degli Studi di Modena;

Total funding: 185 K€

Funding of CNR unit: 40 K€

Funding period: March 2010- February 2013

##### **EU FP7 project Water Splitting Catalysts for Artificial Photosynthesis - FP7-PEOPLE-IRG-2008**

Scientist in charge for CNR

Other partners involved: none;

Total funding: 100 K€

Funding period: May 2009 - April 2013

##### **FVG Regional Project "Nanocatalisi su fili e fibre di carbonio" – 473/LAVFOR/2008**

Principal Investigator of CNR unit

Other partners involved: SISSA, University of Trieste, University of Udine, Sincrotrone TS, EUROTTECH

Total funding: 390 K€

Funding of CNR unit: 78 K€

Funding period: October 2008 - September 2011

##### **Theory@Elettra project**

Principal Investigator, head of the research group and person in charge of the agreement "Convenzione quadro tra CNR-IOM, protocollo N. 13985 del 15/12/2006 e rinnovo 1145 del 22/06/2010"

Other partners involved: SISSA

Total funding: 300 K€

Funding period: December 2006 - June 2013

#### Participant

##### **Nanoarchitectonic control of efficient oxidation process on surface/interface for next-generation catalysts and fuel cell – Japanese National Institute for Materials Science**

Participant

Other partners involved: Charles University of Prague;

Total funding: 5.000 KYen;

Funding period: January 2014 - December 2016

##### **EU FP7 COST Action CMI104 Reducible oxide chemistry, structure and functions -FP7-PEOPLE-COST**

Participant to the Working Group 3 - REACTIVITY

Other partners involved: large EU network with more than 10 participants;

Total funding: the project funds collaborative visits and participation to meetings and workshops;

Funding period: April 2012 - March 2015

##### **MIUR PRIN 2010 - GRAF Frontiere della ricerca sul grafene: comprensione e controllo di funzionalità avanzate**

Participant to the SISSA unit

Total funding: 1.565.550 K€

Funding period: March 2010- February 2013

##### **EU FP7 project - NFFA - Nanoscience Foundries and Fine Analysis- FP7-INFRA-2007-2.1.1**

Participant to CNR unit

Other partners involved: STFC- SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FACILITIES COUNCIL;

PSI - PAUL SCHERRER INSTITUT;  
CSIC-CNM - CONSEJO SUPERIOR DE INVESTIGACIONES CIENTIFICAS  
OEAW- OESTERREICHISCHE AKADEMIE DER WISSENSCHAFTEN

Total funding: 1.800 K€  
Funding of CNR unit: 703 K€  
Funding period: June 2008- May 2011

### Computational grants

- **PRACE 2013 Tier 0**, *Ab-initio modeling of novel catalysts for fuel-cell electrodes under operative conditions*  
35 M core/hours. PI;
- **PRACE 2012 Tier 0**, *Shedding light on the catalytic core of artificial leaf technologies*  
35 M core/hours. PI;
- **ISCRA 2012** - *First-principles investigation of supported Au clusters for heterogeneous catalysis*  
4.6 M core/hours. Co-PI;
- **ISCRA 2012** - *Accurate simulations of the photoemission spectra of metal supported metal-phthalocyanine self-assemblies*  
3.6 M core/hours. Participant;
- **PRACE 2011** - *Multicenter cobalt-oxo cores for catalytic water oxidation*  
4.8 M core/hours. Co-PI
- **ISCRA 2010** - *Functionalized carbon nanotubes for artificial photosynthesis*  
1 M core/hours. Co-PI
- **DEISA/DECI 2010** - *Water splitting catalysts for artificial photosynthesis*  
1.5 M/core/hours. Co-PI
- 2003-2010: Coordinator of 8 national HPC projects on CINECA supercomputers in the INFM Parallel Computation Initiative.

## ANNEX VI PUBLICATIONS

### **International refereed journals**

Lucie Szabova, Yoshitake Tateyama, Vladimir Matolin, and Stefano Fabris  
*Water adsorption and dissociation at metal-supported ceria thin films: Thickness and interface-proximity effects studied with DFT+U calculations*  
Submitted

Karolina Kwapien, Simone Piccinin, and Stefano Fabris  
*The role of surface phosphate groups on the reactivity of CoPi water-oxidation catalysts*  
Submitted

A. Fedorov, C.S. Praveen, N.I. Verbitskiy, D. Haberer, D. Usachov, D. V. Vyalikh, A. Nefedov, C. Woll, L. Petaccia, S. Piccinin, K. Mullen, H. Sachdev, M. Knupfer, B. Büchner, S. Fabris, and A. Grueneis  
*Efficient gating of epitaxial boron nitride monolayers by ionic functionalization*  
Submitted

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*Role of cluster morphology in the dynamics and reactivity of sub-nm Pt clusters supported on ceria surfaces*  
J. Phys. Chem. C **118**, 21014 (2014).
2. Changru Ma, Simone Piccinin, and Stefano Fabris  
*Interface structure and reactivity of water-oxidation Ru-polyoxometalate catalysts on functionalized graphene electrodes*  
Phys Chem Chem Phys **16**, 5333 (2014).
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*Rigid- and polarizable-ion potentials for modeling Ru-polyoxometalate catalysts for water oxidation*  
Acta Chim. Slov. **61**, 302 (2014).
4. Karolina Kwapien, Simone Piccinin, and Stefano Fabris  
*Energetics of Water Oxidation Catalyzed by Cobalt Oxide Nanoparticles: Assessing the Accuracy of DFT and DFT+U Approaches Against Coupled Cluster Methods*  
J. Phys. Chem. Letters **4**, 4223 (2013)
5. D. Haberer, L. Petaccia, A. V. Fedorov, C. S. Praveen, S. Fabris, S. Piccinin, ... and A. Grueneis  
*The complete unaltered Eliashberg function of doped graphene from angle-resolved photoemission spectroscopy*  
Phys. Rev. B **88**, 081401 (2013).
6. P. Ghosh, M. Farnesi Camellone, and S. Fabris  
*Fluxionality of Au clusters at ceria surfaces during CO oxidation: relationships among reactivity, size, cohesion, and surface defects from DFT simulations*  
J. Phys. Chem. Letters **4**, 2256 (2013).
7. P. Gargiani, G. Rossi, R. Biagi, V. Corradini, M. Pedio, S. Fortuna, A. Calzolari, S. Fabris, J. C. Cezar, N. Brookes, and M. G. Betti  
*Spin and orbital configuration of Metal Phthalocyanine chains assembled on the Au(110) surface*  
Phys. Rev. B **87**, 165407 (2013)
8. S. Piccinin, A. Sartorel, G. Aquilanti, A. Goldoni, M. Bonchio, and S. Fabris  
*Water oxidation surface mechanisms replicated by a totally inorganic tetraruthenium-oxo molecular complex*  
Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. **110**, 4917-4922 (2013).
9. L. Szabova, T. Skalab, I. Matolinova, Stefano Fabris, M. Farnesi Camellone, Vladimir Matolin  
*Copper-ceria interaction: A combined Photoemission and DFT study*  
Applied Surface Science **267**, 12 (2013).
10. Y. Wang, M. Lingenfelder, S. Fabris, G. Fratesi, R. Ferrando, Th. Classen, K. Kern and Giovanni Costantini  
*Programming Hierarchical Supramolecular Nanostructures by Molecular Design*  
J. Phys. Chem. C **117**, 3440 (2013)
11. O. Stetsovych, F. Dvorák, L. Szabová, S. Fabris, J. Myslivecek, and V. Matolín  
*Nanometer-range strain distribution in layered incommensurate systems*  
Phys. Rev. Letters **109**, 266102 (2012)
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*Atomistic Structure of Cobalt-Phosphate Nanoparticles for Catalytic Water Oxidation*

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Langmuir **28**, 13232 (2012)
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Nano Letters **12**, 17 (2012)
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Chem. Comm. **48**, 534 (2012)
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