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Donostia International Physics Center



ON THE COVER ADDING ROCKS TO THE SOUP

The elegant model of the early Earth designed by Miller-Urey demonstrated that applying lightning to a primitive reducing atmosphere and an alkaline sea could create a primordial soup containing the molecular building blocks of life. However, they overlooked the importance of minerals. We now understand that the experiment succeeds due to the role of silica and silicate minerals. These rocks also promote the formation of a solid organic film that self-organizes into protocells (seen in the image), thus recreating a chemical Hadean Proto-world capable of evolving towards greater chemical complexity and ultimately to primeval biochemistry. This discovery also has significant implications for detecting primitive life on Earth and elsewhere.

2024

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Building Connections

In today's rapidly evolving world, we navigate a complex global landscape. Geopolitical tensions have intensified and the international exchange of goods, ideas, and people seems increasingly threatened by mistrust and fragmentation. There remain however some powerful forces that continue to connect us. One of them is science, which is based on openness, collaboration, trust, and the free movement of ideas and people across cultures and continents. At DIPC, we are proud to be a part of this tradition.

Our research activity is international and interdisciplinary. Scientists from a wide variety of backgrounds work side by side, **building connections that transcend borders**. We believe that collective efforts are key to advancing knowledge. The great scientific challenges of our time—whether in quantum technologies, artificial intelligence, or fundamental physics—can only be addressed through global cooperation.

This vision of continuous collaboration and interconnectedness is mirrored by our own growth as an institution. The year 2024 has brought with it a defining development: **the ongoing construction of a new building** for DIPC, funded by the Department of Science, Universities and Innovation of the Basque Government. More than just a structural expansion, this project reflects the momentum that DIPC has gained in recent years—scientifically, intellectually, and socially. With more than 6,000 square meters of additional space and designed to host offices, experimental laboratories, and communal areas, the new facility will allow us to attract new talent, foster deeper collaboration, and embark on ambitious new research projects.

The new building will support and amplify our scientific core, now organized around four main thematic areas: QUANTUM, NANO, LIFE, and COSMOS. These areas encompass a dynamic research activity, which benefit from close partnerships with both local and international institutions. They reflect DIPC's commitment to science as a basis for long-term social and economic progress.

Beyond research, DIPC embraces the responsibility to be a cultural agent that engages with society. We want to contribute to a **culture that values knowledge, creativity, and critical thinking**. We believe that scientific culture is a cornerstone of a more open and tolerant society. In times of uncertainty and conflict, this mission becomes all the more urgent. Our outreach program, conceived with this very purpose, stands as one of the flagships of DIPC's activity. It reflects our belief in the transformative power of science within society.

None of this would be possible without the trust and support of our Board of Partners, which brings together public institutions and private organizations committed to the advancement of science. The meeting of the Board in December presided over by the new President of the Basque Government, Imanol Pradales, was a moment of recognition for DIPC's achievements. On this



Ricardo Díez Muiño, Director and Pedro Miguel Echenique, President

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occasion, IBM officially joined the Board of Partners, further strengthening the ecosystem that sustains and drives our research forward. During the meeting, President Pradales remarked the importance of the Board's support in light of the center's growing size and impact and invited to all Partners to nurture the center's activity with a renewed ambition.

Last but not least, let us mention that the achievements of DIPC are the result of the exceptional efforts of our **scientific, technical, and administrative staff**. Their work is the driving force behind every achievement and every project of DIPC.

In a world of growing walls, science builds bridges. In a time of fragmentation, science offers connection. This belief guides our work at DIPC and inspires our vision for the years to come. ■

Donostia International Physics Center (DIPC) is a research center opened in the year 2000. DIPC's mission is to carry out and catalyze research in physics and related disciplines, as well as to convey scientific culture to society. DIPC is a Foundation in which both public institutions (Basque Government, Gipuzkoa Provincial Council, San Sebastian City Council, and University of the Basque Country) and private entities (currently Kutxa Fundazioa, CAF, Telefónica, Fundación EDP and IBM) participate and contribute to its funding. In 2008, DIPC was awarded the distinction of 'Basque Excellence Research Center' (BERC) by the Basque Government's Department of Education. In 2019, DIPC was recognized as a 'Severo Ochoa' Center of Excellence by the Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation.

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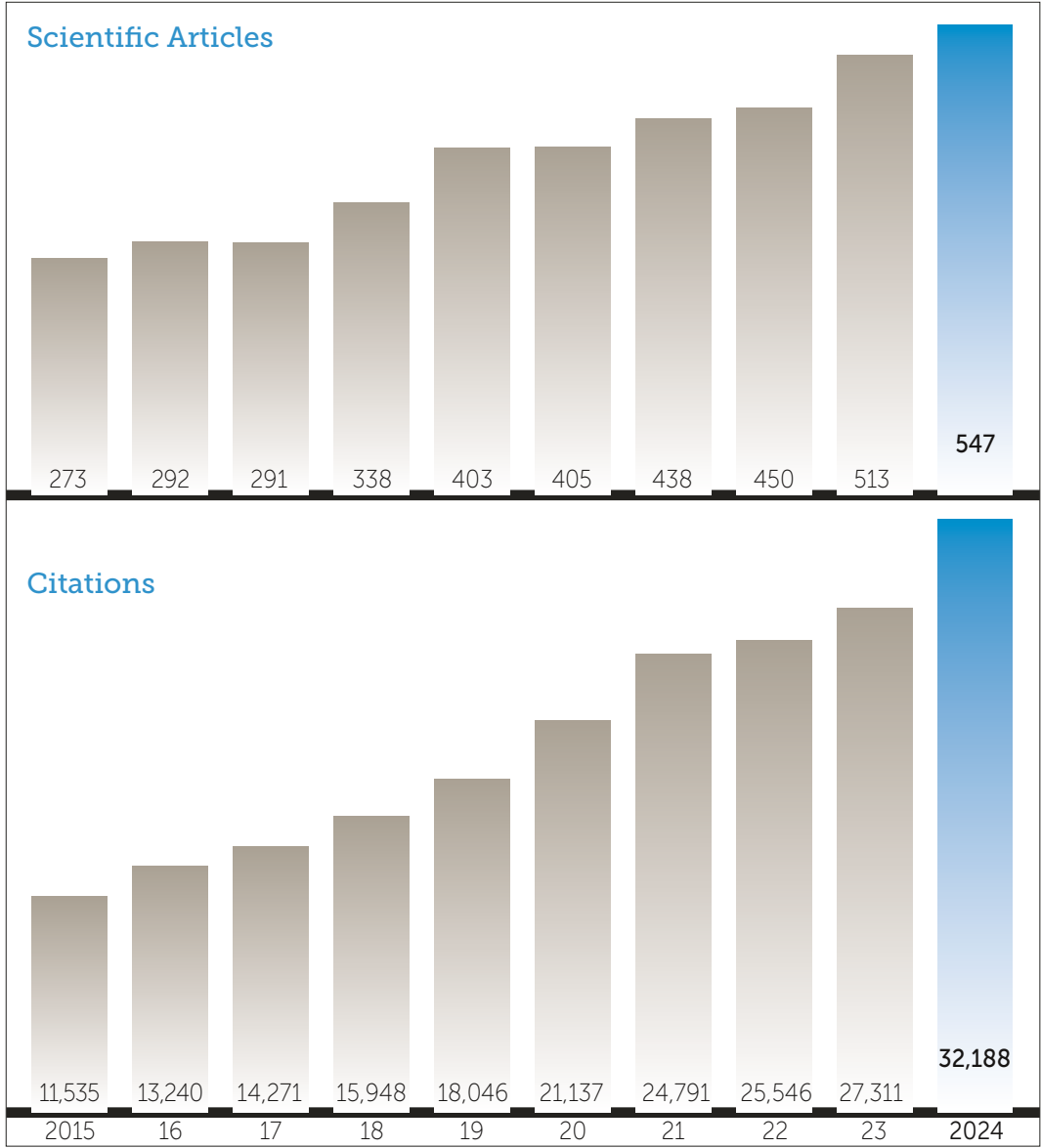
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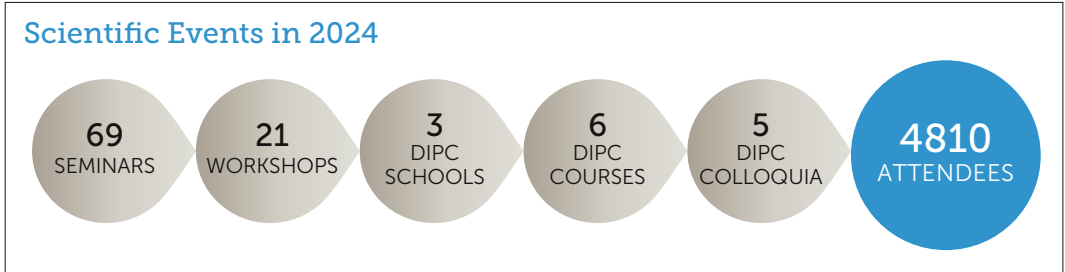
IBM
Horacio Morell Gálvez General Manager for Spain, Portugal, Greece and Israel (as of December 2024)

Research Activity at a Glance

The scientific production and impact of DIPC has grown year after year. In 2024, the center’s scientific production set a record with **547 articles published**. But most important is the remarkable increase in the number of citations received by DIPC publications. Since 2000, DIPC has published a total of **6,350 ISI articles** and has received more than **262,200 citations**.



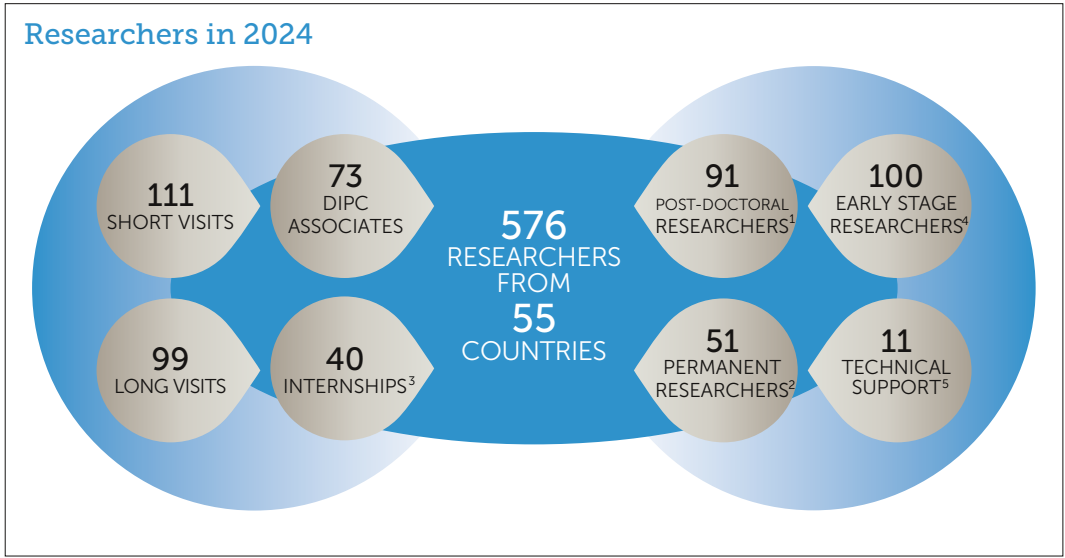
Source Web of Science Core Collection (all years and all indexes, 24/04/2025)



In addition to doing research, DIPC’s annual strategic agenda of actions foster exchange with scientists from around the world. Our Scientific Events include several formats. Seminars, given by international experts, cover research topics of particular interest to our community, whereas international Workshops highlight specific subjects of interest. There are also DIPC Schools and Courses, especially aimed at young researchers and focused on learning particular skills. As well as DIPC Colloquia, which are colloquium-style lectures by outstanding speakers covering all areas of natural sciences. To reach a larger audience most of the programmed activities were also streamed live.

Driving Force of DIPC’s Research Activity: Our Highly Dynamic Community

The core of the DIPC Community is made up of senior scientists and technicians, as well as PhD students and postdoctoral researchers. These young scientists complete their training and hone their expertise at the Center. In addition, DIPC counts on DIPC Associates, who are hired by other institutions but develop part of their research activity at DIPC. Last but not least, our scientists act as hosts for a large number of international visiting researchers that greatly contribute to DIPC’s scientific activity. All in all, the vibrant energy of our research community creates a stimulating environment that fosters creativity.



¹ Postdoctoral Positions and Research Collaborators ² Ikerbasque, Distinguished Researchers and Fellows
³ Internships and Undergraduate Students ⁴ PhD Students and Research Assistants ⁵ Technical Assistants and Engineers

DIPC Supercomputing Center

The Supercomputing Center at DIPC is its great strategic infrastructure and serves as a fundamental tool for the excellent research carried out by our researchers and those of other research centers in the Basque Country

Computational physics and chemistry are among the strongest research fields in the Basque Country and the Supercomputing Center is one of its key resources. In recent years the Supercomputing Center has also started offering its services to other type of research lines related to Cosmology, Genetics, Artificial Intelligence, Mathematics... With its current level of physical, human and technical resources, this high performance computing (HPC) center has become a focus of technological knowledge, training, and innovation. Its status and influence transcend its primary mission, not only as a tool but also as a discipline in itself. There is no more powerful computing center of its type in the Basque Country.



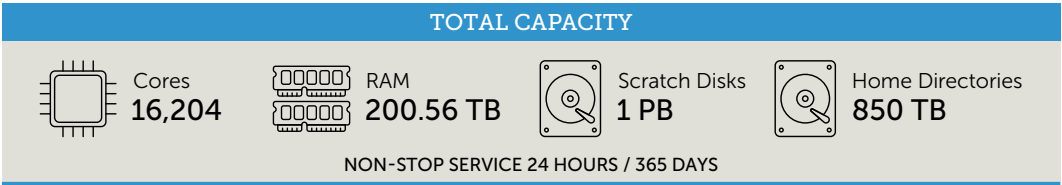
DIPC Supercomputing Center's team.

Current computing resources

The Center has two rooms to host the HPC systems. These rooms have an isolated electrical connection, communications infrastructure, humidity, electricity consumption and temperature control sensors, various uninterrupted power supply systems, refrigeration systems, automatic fire-extinguishing systems and intrusion detection.

As of 2024, the Center operates several supercomputers covering a wide range of computational needs. Its flagship system is the HYPERION supercomputer, inaugurated in February with the attendance of the Minister of Education of the Basque Government, Jokin Bildarratz.

HYPERION is a cluster featuring Xeon nodes, ranging from small nodes with 48 cores and 96 GB of RAM to large shared-memory nodes with 64 cores and 2 TB of RAM under a single operating system image. The supercomputing infrastructure includes 72 NVIDIA Tesla A100 GPUs, which are particularly suited for training large AI models. With over 16,000 cores and 200 TB of RAM, it ranks among the most powerful supercomputers in Spain. The construction of HYPERION was part of the overall strategy of the Basque Government to provide the scientific community with the necessary tools and infrastructures to carry out its work, in alignment with the strategic areas identified by the IKUR Strategy.



More than 600 researchers from DIPC and other research centers of the Basque Country such as UPV/EHU, Ikerbasque, the BERC centers, Achucarro, BC3, BCBL, BCAM, CFM/MPC, Biofisika, and BCMaterials, as well as, BioGipuzkoa, CIC BiomaGUNE, CIC NanoGUNE, Tecnalia, ESS Bilbao, Tecnun, Biobizkaia, Neiker, Orai, CIC BioGUNE, Deusto University, CIC EnergiGUNE, HiTZ Center, CEIT, Orai-Elhuyar, Vicomtech, BioAraba, AZTI, Aranzadi or Polymat used this computational infrastructure in 2024.



The Supercomputing Center team and DIPC's President and Director, along with the Minister of Education of the Basque Government Jokin Bildarratz, Deputy Minister of Universities and Research Adolfo Moraes, and Director of Research Amaia Esquisabel during a visit to HYPERION supercomputer at DIPC.

Science Communication

2024 was a year of consolidation and further expansion of DIPC's science outreach program. One of the most iconic activities, Cinema and Science, attracted a record number of people in several cities, surpassing the **5,000 mark** for the number of participants for the second year in a row. Emakumeak Zientzian, a celebration of the International Day of Girls and Women in Science was even more popular, with **13,500 people** taking part in the numerous activities organized by 32 scientific and technological institutions in the Basque Country. In total, DIPC organized more than **160 activities** throughout the year and reached over **38,000 people**. This growing public interest encourages us to continue working to bring scientific knowledge closer to society. ■



Emakumeak Zientzian opening ceremony at the Intxaurreondo Cultural Center in Donostia/San Sebastián.

EMAKUMEAK ZIENTZIAN

08-16/02/2024

The eighth edition of Emakumeak Zientzian brought together 32 science and technology institutions from the Basque Country to celebrate the International Day of Girls and Women in Science, which takes place on February 11th.

Over the years, this collaborative project has spread throughout the Basque Country. In 2024, **sixty activities** were organized, 3 exhibitions, a video competition and a program of visits by female scientists to educational centers. In addition, a campaign under the slogan 'Living beyond science' was carried out on social networks to promote the reconciliation of a scientific career with a full life.

The main objectives of Emakumeak Zientzian are to increase the visibility of women in science, to challenge gender stereotypes associated with scientific and technical fields, and to encourage girls and young women to pursue careers in science.

A record number of **13,558 people** took part in the various activities in 2024. In total, it is estimated that **30,000 people** have been reached directly in the eight editions, demonstrating the attractiveness and social impact of Emakumeak Zientzian.

This success is mainly due to the enthusiasm and determination of **hundreds of volunteer scientists** (more than 300 in 2024) who participate in the project, but also to the institutions that have supported it.

In 2024, the collaboration agreements reached with Fomento San Sebastián, the Provincial Council of Gipuzkoa, the Provincial Council of Bizkaia and BRTA were maintained, and new sponsors such as Ikerbasque and the companies SALTO and Casio joined the project. Other entities such as Donostia Kultura and Emakunde also collaborated through co-programming or the allocation of spaces.



The following activities were organized or had direct involvement of DIPC:

- 08/02/2024 Intxaurreondo Cultural Center Donostia/San Sebastián
Opening ceremony with all the volunteers
- 09/02/2024
Virtual tour of DIPC and CFM centers with our female scientists
Schools
- 09/02/2024 Victoria Eugenia Club Aretoa, Donostia/San Sebastián
16/02/2024 Bidebarrieta Library, Bilbao
Women scientists of yesterday and today
Public lectures
General public
- 08/02/2024 Artium Museum, Vitoria-Gasteiz
09/02/2024 Tabakalera, Donostia/San Sebastián
10/02/2024 Bizkaia Hall (UPV/EHU), Bilbao
13/02/2024 Golem Baiona Cinema, Pamplona
Within Cinema and Science
"Bombshell. The Hedy Lamarr Story"
Screening presented by:
Physicist **Maia Garcia-Vergniory** DIPC, Max Planck Institute for Chemical Physics of Solids
Telecommunications Engineer **Ane Insausti** Provincial Council of Gipuzkoa, Mubil Fundazioa
Computer Engineer **Mari Luz Guenaga** Deusto University
General public

For more information visit
<https://emakumeakzientzian.eus>

CINEMA AND SCIENCE

The seventh Cinema and Science festival, organized jointly by DIPC, the Basque Film Archive, and the San Sebastián International Film Festival, took place from January to March. Ten films were presented by scientists in five cities, in the venues of our collaborators: Tabakalera (Donostia/San Sebastián), Bizkaia Aretoa of UPV/EHU (Bilbao), in lieu of the Bilbao Fine Arts Museum during the course of its expansion works, Artium (Vitoria-Gasteiz), Cines Golem (Pamplona) and Cinéma Le Sélect (Saint Jean de Luz, France).

This year’s theme was the dilemmas and struggles of the scientific community, always aware of the historical moments that affect it. In total, more than 5,641 people attended the 47 programmed sessions.

General Sessions

Films projected in

- (1) Vitoria-Gasteiz (2) Donostia/San Sebastián
- (3) Bilbao (4) Pamplona (5) Saint Jean de Luz

Oppenheimer (Christopher Nolan, 2023)*/**

- (1) 11/01/2024 (2) 11/01/2024 (3) 13/01/2024
- (4) 16/01/2024 (5) 22/03/2024

Physicist **Arantzazu Garcia-Lekue**, DIPC, Ikerbasque

Physicist **Pedro Miguel Echenique**, UPV/EHU, DIPC

Physicochemist **Didier Roux**, Membre de l’Académie des Sciences et des Technologies

Semmelweis (André De Toth, 1940)*

- (1) 18/01/2024 (2) 22/03/2024 (3) 20/01/2024
- (4) 23/01/2024 (5) 15/01/2024

Physician **Miguel Angel Goenaga**,

Hospital Universitario Donostia, OSI Donostialdea
Microbiologist **Ignacio Lopez Goñi**, Universidad de Navarra, UNAV

Historian **Joxean Fernández**, Basque Film Archive

Out of Africa (Sydney Pollack, 1985)*/**

- (1) 25/01/2024 (2) 26/01/2024 (3) 27/01/2024
- (4) 30/01/2024 (5) 29/01/2024

Biologist **Juan Ignacio Pérez Iglesias**, UPV/EHU, DIPC

Historian **Joxean Fernández**, Basque Film Archive

Subtitles and presentation in *Spanish, **French, and ***Basque.

ZINEMA ETA ZIENTZIA
CINE Y CIENCIA
CINEMA AND SCIENCE
2024

URTARRILA-MARTXOA
ENERO-MARZO
JANUARY-MARCH

BILBAO
DONOSTIA / SAN SEBASTIÁN
VITORIA-GASTEIZ
IRUÑEA / PAMPLONA
DONIBANE LONITZUNE /
SAINT-JEAN-DE-LUZ



Antolatzaileak / Organizadores / Organizers
EUSKADIKO FILMTEGIA
DONOSTIA-SAN SEBASTIÁN
CINEMATHEQUE BASQUE

DIPC

SSIFF

Kolaboratzaileak / Collaboradores / Collaborators

The Perfect Storm (Wolfgang Petersen, 2000)***

- (1) 01/02/2024 (2) 02/02/2024
- (3) 23/03/2024 (4) 06/02/2024

Physicist **Onintze Salazar**, Euskalmet, Tecnalia

Physicist **Maialen Martija**, Euskalmet, Tecnalia

Bombshell. The Hedy Lamarr Story (Alexandra Dean, 2017)*

- (1) 08/02/2024 (2) 09/02/2024
- (3) 10/02/2024 (4) 13/02/2024

Physicist **Maia Garcia-Vergniory**, DIPC, Max Planck Institute for Chemical Physics of Solids

Engineer **Ane Insausti**, Gipuzkoako Diputazioa,

Mubil Fundazioa

Engineer **Mari Luz Guenaga**, Universidad de Deusto

Organized in collaboration with Emakumeak Zientzian

Tiempo de Silencio (Vicente Aranda, 1986)*

- (1) 15/02/2024 (2) 16/02/2024
- (3) 17/02/2024 (4) 20/02/2024

Biochemist **Itziar Alkorta**, UPV/EHU

Chemist **Fernando Cossio**, UPV/EHU, Ikerbasque

Plan 75 (Chie Hayakawa, 2022)*

- (1) 22/02/2024 (2) 23/02/2024
- (3) 24/02/2024 (4) 27/02/2024

Physician **Itziar Vergara**, IIS Biogipuzkoa

Organized in collaboration with Biogipuzkoa

Bringing Up Baby (Howard Hawks, 1938)**/**

- (1) 29/02/2024 (2) 01/03/2024
- (3) 02/03/2024 (4) 05/03/2024 (5) 04/03/2024

Physicist **Javier Aizpurua**, DIPC, Ikerbasque

Chemist **Idoia Mujika**, CFM (CSIC-UPV/EHU)

Physicist **Ricardo Díez Muiño**, DIPC, Ikerbasque

Mars Express (Jérémie Périn, 2023)**/**

- (1) 07/03/2024 (2) 08/03/2024
- (3) 09/03/2024 (4) 12/03/2024 (5) 12/02/2024

Engineer **Amaia Bernaras**, Euskadiko Parke Teknologikoa

Physicist **Ricardo Díez Muiño**, DIPC, Ikerbasque

Theater of Thought (Werner Herzog, 2023)*

- (1) 14/03/2024 (2) 15/03/2024
- (3) 16/03/2024 (4) 19/03/2024

Physicist **Aitzol García Etxarri** DIPC, Ikerbasque

School Sessions

Special morning sessions were organized for high school students in San Sebastián and Bilbao. The selected film, “**Mars Express**” (Jérémie Périn, 2023) which calls for reflection on artificial intelligence, was presented by scientists from **HiTZ Zentroa** a reference center for language technologies that promotes research, training, technology transfer and innovation in artificial intelligence with a focus on language and speech.

Tabakalera

Donostia/San Sebastián

28/02/2024***

Presentations

Computer Engineer

Rodrigo Agerri

HiTZ Zentroa - UPV/EHU

Computer Engineer

Izaskun Etxeberria

HiTZ Zentroa - UPV/EHU

Bizkaia Aretoa UPV/EHU

Bilbao

05/03/2024***

Presentations

Telecommunication Engineer

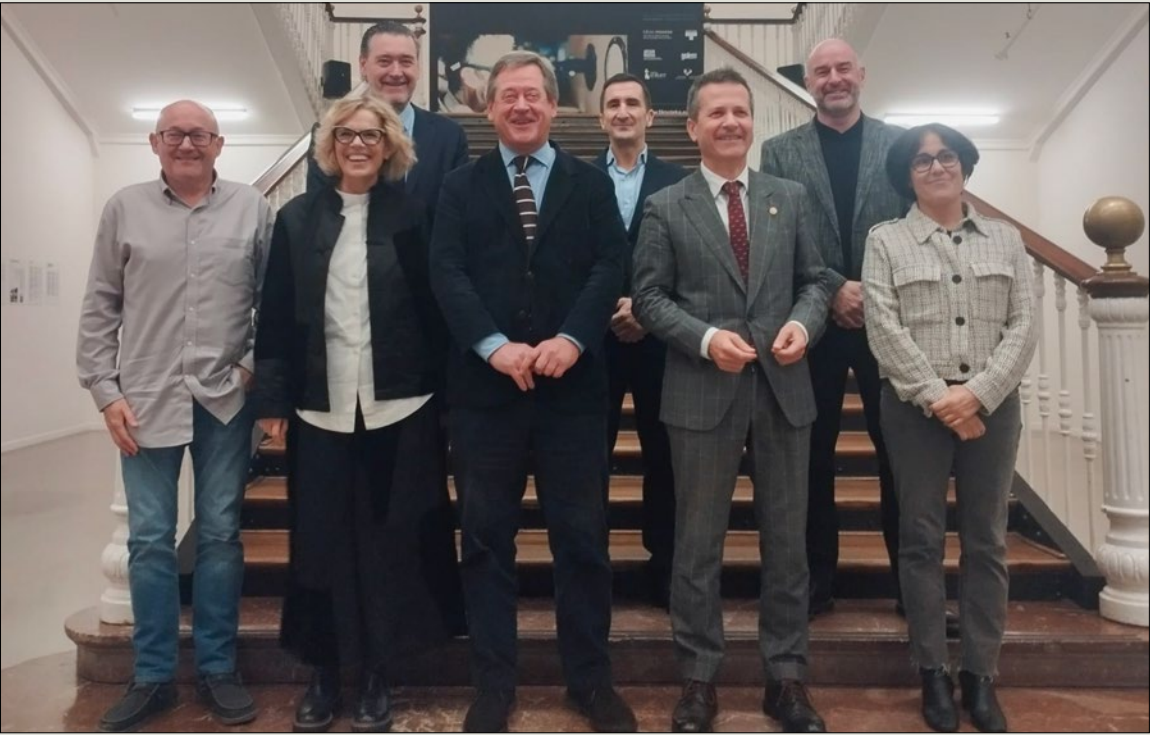
Inma Hernáez

HiTZ Zentroa - UPV/EHU

Telecommunication Engineer

Jon Sanchez

HiTZ Zentroa - UPV/EHU



Representatives from different institutions at the presentation of the seventh edition of Cinema and Science.

ON ZIENTZIA

DIPC and Elhuyar organized the 14th edition of the On Zientzia video contest. The aim of this competition is to promote the production and dissemination of short, original videos on science and technology for all types of audiences. This year we reached a new record of participation with 100 videos, submitted in Basque, Spanish, and English, with a good gender balance among the participants. Most of the entries came from the Basque Country but there were also videos from countries such as Argentina, Chile and Mexico.

The 2024 award ceremony was held on June 7 at Kutxa Fundazioa Plaza in Tabakalera.



In each category, the following videos were awarded:

BEST DISSEMINATION VIDEO

🔗 *El viaje de SiO₂*

Paula Alonso and Pablo Fernández

BEST VIDEO IN BASQUE

🔗 *Txantxangorri kuantikoa eta bestelako izaki magikoak*

Jon Puignau

YOUNG PRIZE

🔗 *Dolly ardia*

Miren Ayerdi, Arhane Torres and Malen Irurzun

SPECIAL MENTIONS

🔗 *Adimen Artifiziala: funtzionamendua eta errorrak*

Maddi Piris

🔗 *Korrante ozeanikoez*

Patxi Juaristi

AUDIENCE AWARD

🔗 *Minaren sekretuak, ezagutzen dituzu?*

Noa Manso and Lydia Duro

To watch the videos visit
www.onzientzia.tv

WOMEN AND SCIENCE

The Women and Science program, launched by the Gipuzkoa Provincial Council and DIPC in 2021, aims to promote the presence of women of excellence in science, in line with DIPC's mission and the Council's objective to promote gender equality in all areas and especially in those where this inequality is most evident.

As part of this initiative, DIPC and the Gipuzkoa Provincial Council organized a seminar where Talat S. Rahman presented some programs that have helped the Physics Department at the University of Central Florida (UCF) to enhance diversity, equity and inclusion in its composition and mission.

Talat Rahman is a UCF Trustee Chair Professor and a Pegasus Professor of Physics. At UCF, she has been involved in efforts to increase the participation of women and minorities, particularly through the American Physical Society's Bridge Program, one of whose sites she helped establish at UCF with the goal of increasing the number of physics PhDs from underrepresented minority (URM) groups.



22/03/2024

Diversity Matters – some strategies that could broaden participation

Talat S. Rahman, University of Central Florida

IKUR QUANTUM TALKS

Leaders and specialists in quantum technologies from DIPC, UPV/EHU and BCAM organized the IKUR Quantum Talks series to raise awareness of the scientific foundation and potential of quantum technologies.

In 2024, two public lectures given by internationally renowned experts in the field were programmed, gathering around 200 attendees:

20/01/2024 San Telmo Museum

Donostia/San Sebastián

From atoms to stars: the universe according to Pauli

Jean Philip Solovej Mathematician and mathematical physicist, University of Copenhagen

Interview by Arantzazu García Lekue, DIPC, Ikerbasque

08/03/2024 Bidebarrieta Auditorium, Bilbao

Bell inequalities: from curiosity to security

Artur Ekert Physicist, University of Oxford

Interview by Luz Roncal, BCAM, Ikerbasque



JOT DOWN SCIENCE 2024

03-04/05/2024
Tabakalera, Donostia/San Sebastián

For its 11th edition, after visiting Jaca and Sevilla, the Jot Down Science event returned to San Sebastián. This time it was organized by the cultural magazine Jot Down and DIPC, with the collaboration of Kutxa Fundazioa.

The 2024 edition focused on hominids—the primate family that includes modern humans (Homo sapiens), their direct ancestors, and other extinct relatives. The program featured a diverse range of formats, including lectures, interviews, and panel discussions with leading experts in paleoanthropology, archaeology, human evolution, physics, and geology.

As always, the event was also the scenario for the awards ceremony of the annual Jot Down Science popularization competition, in which DIPC has been collaborating since 2015. The contest currently includes four categories: scientific photography, scientific illustration, scientific dissemination essay and science fiction narrative. It is sponsored by Donostia International Physics Center (DIPC), the Laboratorio Subterráneo de Canfranc (LSC), the museum Laboratorium of Bergara and Jot Down with support from the Universidad de Sevilla, Mercurio Magazine, and Nextdoor Publisher.

03/05/2024
Lectures
Humanos, homínidos, y otros simios perdidos
Emiliano Bruner, CENIEH, CIEN
¿Por qué surgió la agricultura? Amaia Arranz, UPV/EHU, Ikerbasque
La espeleología. Última frontera de la exploración humana en la Tierra Sergio García Dils, International Cave Exploration Team CAVEX



Round table on Art and Science
Clara Montero, Tabakalera, **Mauricio Antón** palaeo-illustrator and **Marina Otero**, Columbia University GSAPP
Moderator: **Ángel L. Fernández**, Jot Down

04/05/2024
Lectures
Seducción cristalina **Juan Manuel García Ruiz**, DIPC, Ikerbasque, CSIC
Por quién doblan las campanas. Violencia y evolución humana **María Martínón-Torres**, CENIEH

Book presentation
Primates al este del edén by **Juan Ignacio Pérez Iglesias**, UPV/EHU, DIPC
Interviewer: **María Martínón-Torres**, CENIEH

Lecture
Una mirada a la evolución **Conchi Lillo**, Universidad de Salamanca Instituto de Neurociencias de Castilla y León, INCYL

Book presentation
Nación Neanderthal by **Juan José Gómez Cadenas**, DIPC, Ikerbasque
Interviewer: **Ángel L. Fernández**, Jot Down

The program also included complementary activities designed for children and families. Workshop for children
Animalien eboluzioa: lehoiak, oreinak, gorilak eta gizakiak
Dynamisers: **Jexux Tapia** and **Manu Ceberio**, Aranzadi Zientzia Elkartea



Jot Down 2024 Science Outreach Contest

- Best Scientific Dissemination Essay
🔗 *Orce: piedras que se asemejan a huesos* | **Juan Manuel Jiménez Arenas**
- Best Science Fiction Narrative Award (joint winners)
🔗 *Madres* | **Juan Carlos Pereletegui**
🔗 *Un edén improbable* | **Rebeca García Nieto**
- Best Scientific Illustration
🔗 *El primer paso* | **Andrés Diam**
- Best Scientific Photography
🔗 *Metamorfosis homínida* | **Jose Conceptes**





12/04/2024 Barakaldo Theatre, Barakaldo
La Cristalización de la Danza
Dance lecture on art and science

CRYSTALLIZATION OF DANCE

La Cristalización de la Danza (Crystallization of Dance) is an original proposal created by the crystallographer Juan Manuel García-Ruiz, and the dancer and choreographer Vanesa Aibar. The show invites us to reflect on their complementary visions of art, confronting the idea of abstraction, represented here by the inorganic and crystalline, with the empathy embodied by the biological and natural. The first performance in the Basque Country was in 2024:

Vanesa Aibar, Dancer
Juan Manuel García-Ruiz, DIPC, Ikerbasque
María Marín, Musician

QUANTUM TECHNOLOGIES SERIES

Donostia is preparing to receive the world's sixth quantum supercomputer deployed by IBM, but what do we really know about this technology that could revolutionize science, education and industry?

The answer to these and other questions was tackled by the "Quantum Technologies" series, organized by DIPC and San Telmo Museoa in a new edition of *Donostia, Zientzia Hiria* initiative which was attended by over 150 people. This annual collaboration is part of the 'Challenges' program at San Telmo Museoa.



In 2024, the series included the following:

19/04/2024
Teknologia kuantikoak: zer da hori?
Javier Aizpurua, BasQ, DIPC, Ikerbasque

26/04/2024
Acercándonos a las tecnologías cuánticas
Celia Rogero, CFM (CSIC-UPV/EHU)
Kepa Ruiz Mirazo, UPV/EHU
and Biophysics Institute
Aitor Moreno, Ayesa
Cristina Sanz, IBM
Moderator: **Javier Aizpurua**, BasQ,
DIPC, Ikerbasque



SCIENCE WEEK

07-09/11/2024
Tabakalera

Once again, DIPC participated in the Science Week of the University of the Basque Country (UPV/EHU), together with CIC nanoGUNE, the Materials Physics Center (CFM CSIC-UPV/EHU) and POLYMAT research centers.

In 2024, researchers from the four centers led the usual stand with hands-on experiments in materials science and nanoscience, which was open to the public in the "Txokos" section. In addition, the program included two workshops; the already classic one for children focused on experimenting and visualizing the tiny world, and a new workshop developed in collaboration with the experimental particle physics researchers from DIPC.

07-09/11/2024
Stand "Exploring the world of materials"

08/11/2024
Zientzia Club
Diamonds are (quantum) physics' best friends
Gabriel Molina CFM, Ikerbasque, DIPC

08/11/2024
Cosmic Rays and Elementary Particles
Workshop for schools (12-16 years old)

09/11/2024
Scale your World
Workshop for children (4-8 years old)

Screening of EL SECRETO DE LA NATURALEZA

El secreto de la naturaleza (José Antonio Pérez Ledo, 2018) is a documentary film co-produced by the Chair of Scientific Culture of UPV/EHU and K2000 which traces the life and scientific legacy of Pedro Miguel Echenique through his reflections on science and beauty. Two screenings were organized in 2024:

12/09/2024
Tabakalera, Donostia/San Sebastián

The Basque Film Archive and the Chair of Scientific Culture of the UPV/EHU organized the screening in San Sebastian. Juan Ignacio Pérez Iglesias, Minister of Science, Universities and Innovation, and Joxean Fernández, Director of the Basque Film Archive, introduced the film. After the screening, Prof. Echenique was interviewed by Edurne Ormazabal, general director of Tabakalera, and answered the questions from the audience. The screening was organized in collaboration with DIPC and the San Sebastian International Film Festival.

15/11/2024
San Agustin Kulturgunea, Durango

The documentary was screened as part of the "Zientziaren Ertzetik" series of scientific talks, and was supported by Durango City Council, Bizenta Mogel Library, the Chair of Scientific Culture of the UPV/EHU, DIPC and the Basque Government. After the screening Pedro Miguel Echenique and Jone Guenetxea, director of the weekly magazine *Anboto*, led a colloquium.



SESSIONS FOR KIDS: San Sebastián International Film Festival

20, 23-27/09/2024
Ikastetxeak Belodromoan, Anoeta Velodrome



As part of the San Sebastian International Film Festival (SSIFF), thousands of children between the ages of 6 and 11 come together to enjoy children’s film screenings. Co-organized by SSIFF, DIPC, and the Basque Film Archive since 2019, the initiative aims to promote a positive image of science among local schoolchildren, highlighting the city’s strong ties to scientific research. The slogan *City of Cinema, City of Science* reflects this goal.

This time round, Ikastetxeak Belodromoan focused on extraterrestrial life. The Velodrome’s giant screen showed *Little Allan – The Human Antenna* (*Alan giza antena*), a Danish animated movie directed by *Amalie Næsby* about the relationship between a little alien girl and an 11-year-old boy and his UFO-obsessed neighbor. The screening of the film, dubbed into Basque, included an original introduction with several surprises.

This year’s invited scientist was astrophysicist *Naiara Barrado* from the Planetary Sciences Group of the Bilbao School of Engineering (UPV/EHU). Together with Naiara, the Velodrome embarked on a journey through the universe trying to answer the big question about the existence of extra-terrestrial life.



One of the surprises was the return of the already ‘famous’ social robot *Pepper* and his new friend *Aatxe*, a quadruped robot with all kinds of acrobatic skills. This special session was made possible thanks to the collaboration of *Elena Lazkano*, *Igor Rodriguez*, *Unai Zabala* and *Eneko Atxa*, members of the robotics research group Robotics and Autonomous Systems (RSAIT) from the University of the Basque Country (UPV/EHU). At the end of the event, there was a real party where *Pepper* and *Aatxe* danced together with an enthusiastic audience.

Premier of OLATU BATEN ISTORIOA

12/11/2024
Bilbao

The Bilbao Zinebi International Documentary and Short Film Festival presented the premiere of *Olatu Baten Istorioa* (*The Story of a Wave*), a short film produced by *El Santo Films* and directed by *Nagore Eceiza* which explores the connection between the physics of waves and the passion for surfing.



The film features the surfer *Kepa Acero* and includes the scientific collaboration of the physicist *Maia García-Vergniory*, researcher at DIPC and at the time, professor of condensed matter physics at Sherbrooke University in Canada.

This interdisciplinary project has its origins in *Donostia, Zientzia Hiria* initiative, promoted by DIPC, the Chair of Scientific Culture of the UPV/EHU and Donostia Kultura. Its first edition in 2022, focused on Surf and Science and included the participation of Kepa Acero and Maia García Vergniory with a joint lecture entitled *Olatu Baten Istorioa* (*The Story of a Wave*). Two years later the short film of the same name was born.

The production was possible thanks to the support of the Basque Government, Fundación EDP, DIPC, Euskampus and the Chair of Scientific Culture of the UPV/EHU.

EL PALO DE ERATÓSTENES – ZIENTZIA ELKARRIZKETAK

Aranzadi Science Society continued the lecture series *El Palo de Eratóstenes – Zientzia Elkarrizketak* during 2024 in collaboration with Eureka! Zientzia Museoa and DIPC.

The series was named after the scientist Eratosthenes who, 2,000 years ago, measured the circumference of the Earth using the shadow cast by a stick. It is a science outreach program focusing on astronomy, astrophysics, cosmology and other scientific fields.

The following scientists participated in the series organized from March to June:

- 14/03/2024 **Ignacio Tanco**, ESA
- 09/04/2024 **Silvia Bonoli**, DIPC, Ikerbasque
- 14/05/2024 **Eduardo Zubia**, Aranzadi
- 11/06/2024 **Raúl Angulo**, DIPC, Ikerbasque



HIGH SCHOOL VISITS

For the tenth consecutive year, DIPC and the Materials Physics Center (CSIC-UPV/EHU) organized the well-established DIPC/CFM Visits Program. The aim of the program is to promote scientific careers among young students by showing them our daily activity, the research areas we work in and our facilities. To carry out this activity, we count on scientists who volunteer to show their work and accompany the visitors during the 2-hour visit. In 2024, six on-site visits and two virtual visits were scheduled, one of them held as part of the Emakumeak Zientzian initiative. A total of 25 high schools and 1,160 students were hosted during the year.

In addition, two special visits were organized as part of UPV/EHU's orientation program *Egokitu*, and students from the Computer Science Faculty of UPV/EHU and Universidad Europea paid a special visit to the DIPC Supercomputing Center. Moreover, winners of *Elhuyar Zientzia Azoka* visited our research center.

STRØM - Inclusive Astronomy

The STRØM – Inclusive Astronomy exhibition, created by DIPC for Passion for Knowledge 2023, was inaugurated at the Pamplona Planetarium in December 2024 as part of a collaboration agreement signed between the two institutions.

The Pamplona Planetarium is the first institution after Tabakalera in San Sebastian, to host this touring exhibition which invites visitors to explore the cosmos through tactile, sound and audiovisual experiences with the aim of guaranteeing access to science for all citizens without barriers of any kind.



From left to right: Paula Noya (NICDO), Patricia Fanlo (Government of Navarre), Pedro Miguel Echenique (DIPC, UPV/EHU), Izaskun Azcona (Fundación La Caixa) and Silvia Bonoli (Ikerbasque, DIPC).

The opening ceremony was attended by Paula Noya, Head of Cultural Infrastructures of NICDO; Patricia Fanlo, regional minister for Universities, Innovation and Digital Transformation of the Government of Navarre; Izaskun Azcona, La Caixa Foundation's representative in Navarre; Pedro Miguel Echenique, president of DIPC and professor emeritus of the University of the Basque Country (UPV/EHU), and Silvia Bonoli, Ikerbasque research professor at DIPC and scientific curator of STRØM.

From the inauguration, on December 19, to the last day of 2024, the exhibition received a total of 970 visitors, of which 84 were guided tours and 886 were members of the general public.

As a result of a fire that affected the Pamplona Planetarium's dome, the exhibition will be relocated in 2025, with the hope of reopening to the public in Pamplona.

top@DIPC ENCOUNTERS Zientziarekin Solasean

On November 28, we celebrated the XIV edition of top@DIPC Zientziarekin Solasean! at Eureka! Zientzia Museoa, an event that brings together top-level scientists and high school students from the Basque Country.

In this edition, the students had the opportunity to interact with Nobel Laureate Jean-Pierre Sauvage, the president of the European Physical Society, Mairi Sakellariadou, and the vice-president of the CERN Science Policy Committee, Pilar Hernández. The physicist and DIPC's president Pedro Miguel Echenique moderated the discussion, during which the invited scientists shared insights into their professional careers and answered the students' questions.

The main objective of this gathering is to encourage young people in the Basque Country to pursue studies in science and technology, and to instill a passion for knowledge. DIPC organized the event, with the support of the Department of Science, Universities and Innovation of the Basque Government and Kutxa Fundazioa, as well as the special collaboration of Telefónica, which awarded the prize for the most interesting and original question among the participants.



Students and teachers from around the Basque Country gather at the XIV edition of top@DIPC Encounters in front of the Eureka! Zientzia Museoa in Donostia/San Sebastián.

28/11/2024 Eureka! Zientzia Museoa
Jean-Pierre Sauvage, Université de Strasbourg
Mairi Sakellariadou, King's College London
Pilar Hernández, Universitat de València, IFIC, CERN
Moderated by **Pedro Miguel Echenique**,
President of DIPC

Hosts:
Ander Aizpurua, General Director of Kutxa Fundazioa
Javier Benito, Director of Telefónica Euskadi
Adolfo Morais, Vice-minister of Universities and
Research, Department of Science, Universities
and Innovation of the Basque Government

NEW PATHS OF SCIENCE

Co-organized by the Ernest Lluch Cultural Center of Donostia Kultura and DIPC, the aim of this series of lectures is to bring the research done by local scientists closer to citizens. This year, two talks were held and gathered over 75 attendees.

The lectures are available in podcast format at Donostia Kultura Irratia.



22/10/2024

🔗 *Nanozientzia eta Kuantika, benetan?*
Arantzazu García Lekue, DIPC, Ikerbasque

26/11/2024

🔗 *Mapeando la cultura. Enredando ciencias y humanidades*
Gustavo Ariel Schwartz, CFM CSIC-UPV/EHU, DIPC

MESTIZAJES

During 2024, the Mestizajes project has continued to foster dialogue between science, literature, and the other branches of humanities. The project is promoted and organized by DIPC within the framework of Euskampus and coordinated by Gustavo Ariel Schwartz. Within the Mestizajes program, different research and outreach activities such as conferences, seminars, presentations or collaborative projects have been carried out during the last 14 years. These activities have been organized in collaboration with Donostia Kultura, Tabakalera and the Vice Rectorate of the Gipuzkoa Campus of the University of the Basque Country (UPV/EHU).

In 2024, research on complex networks applied to cultural analytics has continued actively through our collaboration with The CulturePlex Lab (Canada), which began in 2021. This interdisciplinary project explores the emergence of genius and revolutionary ideas using data mining, complex network analysis, and machine learning. By modeling cultural networks around iconic figures and transformative moments—such as the early 20th-century intersections of art, science, and literature—the project bridges quantitative analysis with traditional humanities research.

OTHER COLLABORATIONS

In addition to our outreach program, we sponsor and support various initiatives every year thanks to the participation of our researchers. In 2024, these initiatives include: *Inspira Bizitzak*, organized by Kutxa Fundazioa to inspire new generations of students to pursue scientific careers; *Pint of Science*, an international initiative featuring informal talks by local scientists in bars around the city; the *Scientific Bidebarrieta* cycle, organized by the Chair of Scientific Culture of UPV/EHU and the Bidebarrieta Library; the special event *Machine Learning application in streaming platforms* organized by DIPC and Kutxa Fundazioa; and the presentation of the documentary *El misterio de los cristales gigantes* at the 36th Urrelur Mineralogy and Paleontology Week.

STEAM SARE: Gravitating Bodies

In the framework of the STEAM Euskadi strategy, promoted by the Department of Education of the Basque Government through Innobasque, DIPC participated in 2022, in the co-creation of the activity "Gravitating Bodies", in collaboration with teachers from the Ikastola Lauaxeta (Bizkaia) and the artist Saioa Olmo.

The pilot test of this activity was carried out by DIPC post-doctoral researchers Marcos Pellejero and Sergio Contreras, and took place at the Lauaxeta center. After a positive assessment by the teaching staff, "Gravitating Bodies" became part of the STEAM Sare catalog of activities offered to secondary and high school students in the Basque Country. In 2024, the activity was led by DIPC researchers Sergio Contreras, Irati Lizaso, Sara Ortega and Irene Valderrama, in the following schools:

29/02/2024 Ategorri BHI, Erandio, Bizkaia

15/11/2024 Lauaxeta Ikastola, Amorebieta-Etxano, Bizkaia

26/11/2024 Nazaret, Donostia/San Sebastián, Gipuzkoa



DONOSTIA WeekINN 2024

25-31/10/2024

As every year, DIPC collaborated in the Innovation Week "Donostia WeekINN" organized by Fomento of San Sebastián.

As part of the 2024 edition, CFM and DIPC research centers offered a materials science workshop conducted by researchers from both institutions. DIPC also participated in a special event that brought together citizens and R+D+i agents to discuss the social impact of science: San Sebastian Science Society.



28/10/2024 Kursaal

Ciencia con Impacto Social, ¿cómo lo definimos?
Javier Aizpurua, BasQ, Ikerbasque, DIPC

29/10/2024 Santo Tomas Lizeoa

Materials Science Workshop for students by CFM and DIPC
Irene Vittori, Marco Gobbi and Shayan Edalatmanesh

DIPC 2024 THE YEAR IN MEDIA

254

newspaper articles

34

radio broadcasts

17

television appearances

+800

online impacts

Equality at DIPC

In 2024, we continued to advance gender equality through various projects and initiatives. The Emakumeak Zientzian alliance has strengthened networks, raised awareness, and made a meaningful impact on society through a diverse program of activities around February 11th, the International Day of Women and Girls in Science.



Presentation of Emakumeak Zientzian 2024.

Emakumeak Zientzian

Emakumeak Zientzian is a strategic equality project in the Basque Country that has received several awards. It has been promoted by DIPC since its inception and has successfully expanded its network of partners. In 2024, 32 Basque institutions joined forces to organize the International Day of Women and Girls in Science, which is celebrated on February 11th. These institutions have committed themselves to the objectives of the initiative by signing a cooperation agreement. The aim is to showcase the activities of women in science, to break gender stereotypes in scientific and technical fields, and to encourage girls and young women to pursue scientific careers. The program has successfully achieved its goals through the implementation of 65 aligned actions, involving **13,500 people** of all ages, including children, teenagers, and adults. It is estimated that in its 8 editions, the Emakumeak Zientzian project has had a significant social impact, reaching more than **30,000 people** in the Basque Country.

DIPC Equality Plan

The first DIPC Equality Plan was launched by DIPC in 2020. It was designed as a framework consisting of four main areas identified as key challenges during the diagnostic process: organizational culture, workforce diversity, sexual harassment in the workplace, and work-life balance. One of our main goals at DIPC is to foster an inclusive organizational culture with gender-diverse leadership and transparency at its core. Each year, we share significant actions with the community to reinforce our commitment.

In addition, we recognize the importance of promoting diversity and inclusion internally by implementing inclusive language across various communication channels. To promote a diverse workforce, we have raised awareness and increased the visibility of underrepresented researcher collectives (gender, ethnic background, etc.) as role models in local community events.

Furthermore, in 2024, we continued the special “Women and Science” program, created in partnership with the Gipuzkoa Provincial Council, to promote the careers of outstanding female scientists.

In 2021, a protocol was established to ensure and maintain a dignified working environment for all DIPC employees, **free from violence** of any kind, including violence against women and minorities. This applies both within and outside the physical space of DIPC, as well as to instances occurring through virtual or symbolic means of communication. The implementation of this Protocol, which has been in place for three years, represents one of the most significant milestones of our Gender Equality Plan. Every year, awareness and prevention campaigns are carried out with the active participation of our community.



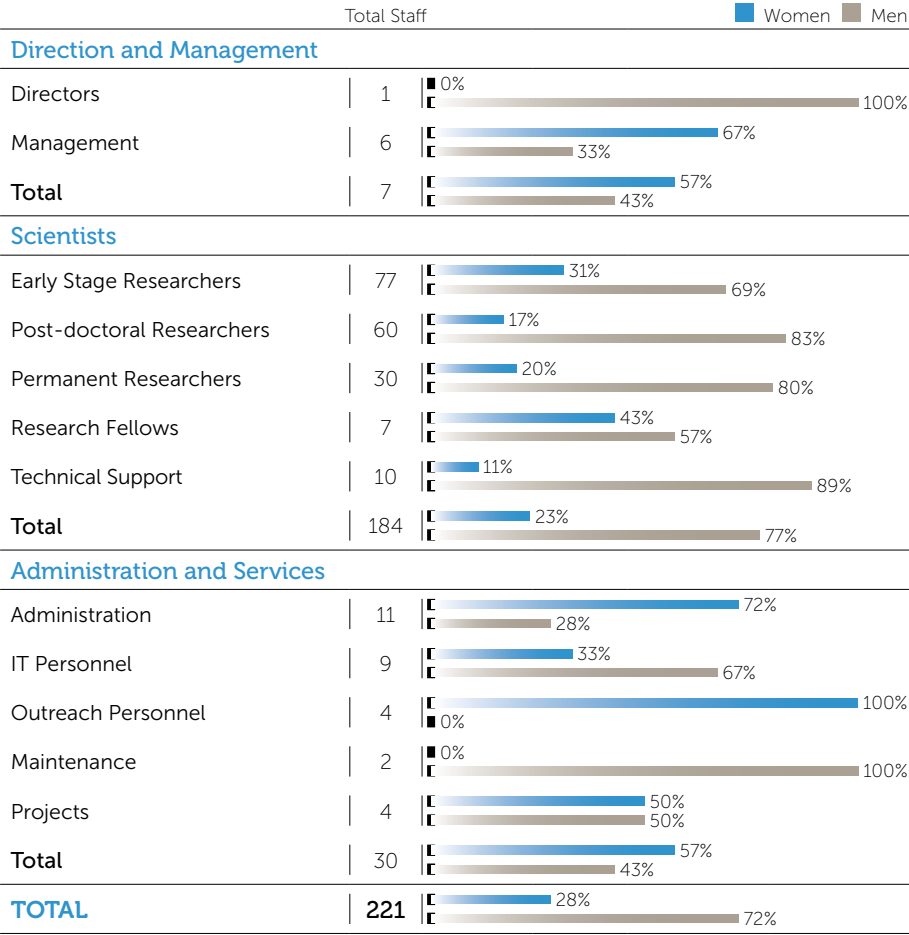
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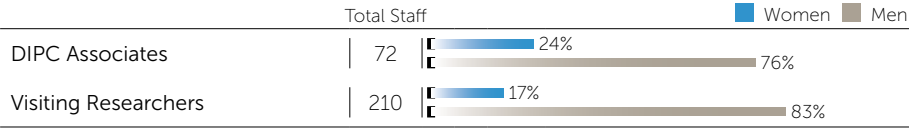
First DIPC
Equality Plan

Looking ahead to next year, one of our key challenges will be the renewal of our First DIPC Equality Plan and the subsequent development of the Second DIPC Equality Plan. This new plan, spanning the next four years, will strengthen our commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion. We will achieve this by implementing impactful initiatives, raising awareness, and ensuring fair and inclusive practices across DIPC.

Personnel Segregated by Gender



Associates and Visiting Researchers



Data as of 31/12/2024. DIPC includes the non-binary gender definition, but none has been recorded to date.

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Enantiopure [6]-azairidahelicene by dynamic kinetic resolution of a configurationally labile [4]-helicene

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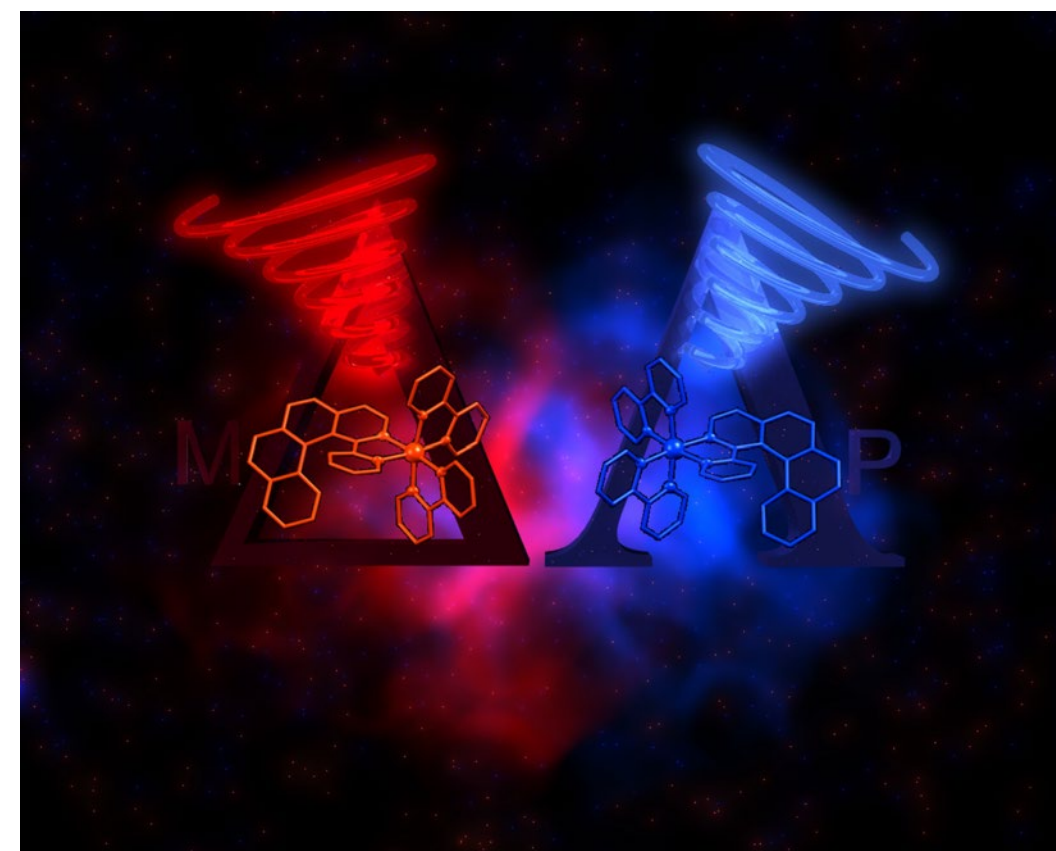
“Helicene” is the name introduced by Newman in 1955, to describe the benzologues of phenanthrene in which the extra ortho-condensed rings give rise to a (regular) cylindrical helix. The pioneer work of Newman in this field cannot be overemphasized; his brilliant synthesis and resolution of [6]helicene will remain as a landmark, for it opened the way to the study of a fascinating class of synthetic molecules.

Formally, helicenes are ortho-fused polycyclic aromatic or heteroaromatic compounds in which all rings (minimum five) are angularly arranged so as to give helically shaped molecules, which are thus chiral. This chirality results from the handedness of the helicity itself, lacking both asymmetric carbons and chiral centers. The clockwise and counterclockwise helices are non-superposable. By convention, a left-handed helix is minus and labelled (M), a right-handed helix is plus and labelled (P). The chemistry of helicenes has attracted continuing attention because of their unique structural, spectral, and optical features.

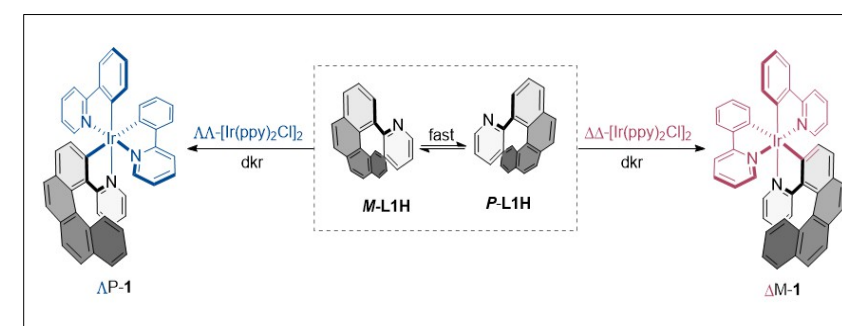
Organometallic helicenes are appealing chiral entities. By combining the chiroptical properties of helicenes with those inherent to the metal centre, they are suitable for the development of multifunctional molecules. Among them, few examples of iridahelicenes appeared in the literature, intended to exploit the outstanding photophysics of iridium(III) bis- or tris cyclometalated complexes, combined with the central chirality imposed by the organometallic core and the helicenic structure.

Now, a team of researchers reports the synthesis of a pair of enantiopure [6]-azairidahelicenes incorporating chirality at the metal center and on the helicenic ligand. These two organometallic helicenes are readily accessible by an effective dynamic kinetic resolution (dkr) of a configurationally labile [4]-helicenic ligand. The two isolated enantiomers exhibit perfect mirrored electronic circular dichroism (ECD) and circularly polarized phosphorescence (CPP) signals.

According to the results, dkr is strongly directed by structural features on the reaction intermediates towards cyclometalation, imposed by the C₂-symmetric bis-cyclometalated organometallic core. This type of arrangement is common in many organometallic compounds. Consequently, this synthetic strategy can be extended to obtain not only a variety of chiral [6]-azairidahelicenes but also other metallahelicenes by simple combinations of ready-available chiral-at-metal bis-chelated precursors conformationally stable and epimerizable [4]-helicene derivatives.



Cover image of the issue, representing the enantiomeric irida[6]helicenes exhibiting perfect mirrored electronic circular dichroism (ECD) and circularly polarized phosphorescence (CPP) signals.



Enantiopure irida [6]helicenes combining chirality at the metal center and at the helicenic fragment are obtained by dynamic kinetic resolution of configurationally labile [4]helicenic ligands

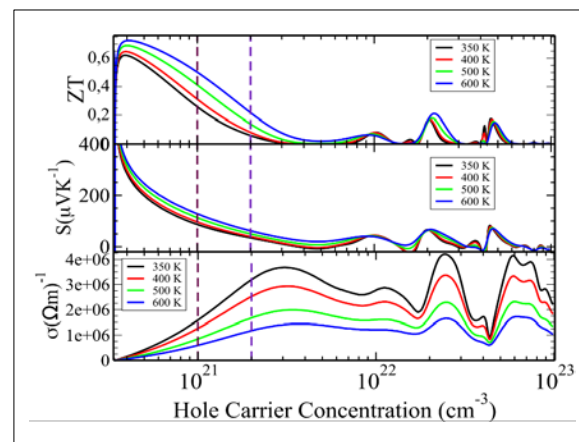
Thermoelectric properties of the main species present in Portland cement pastes

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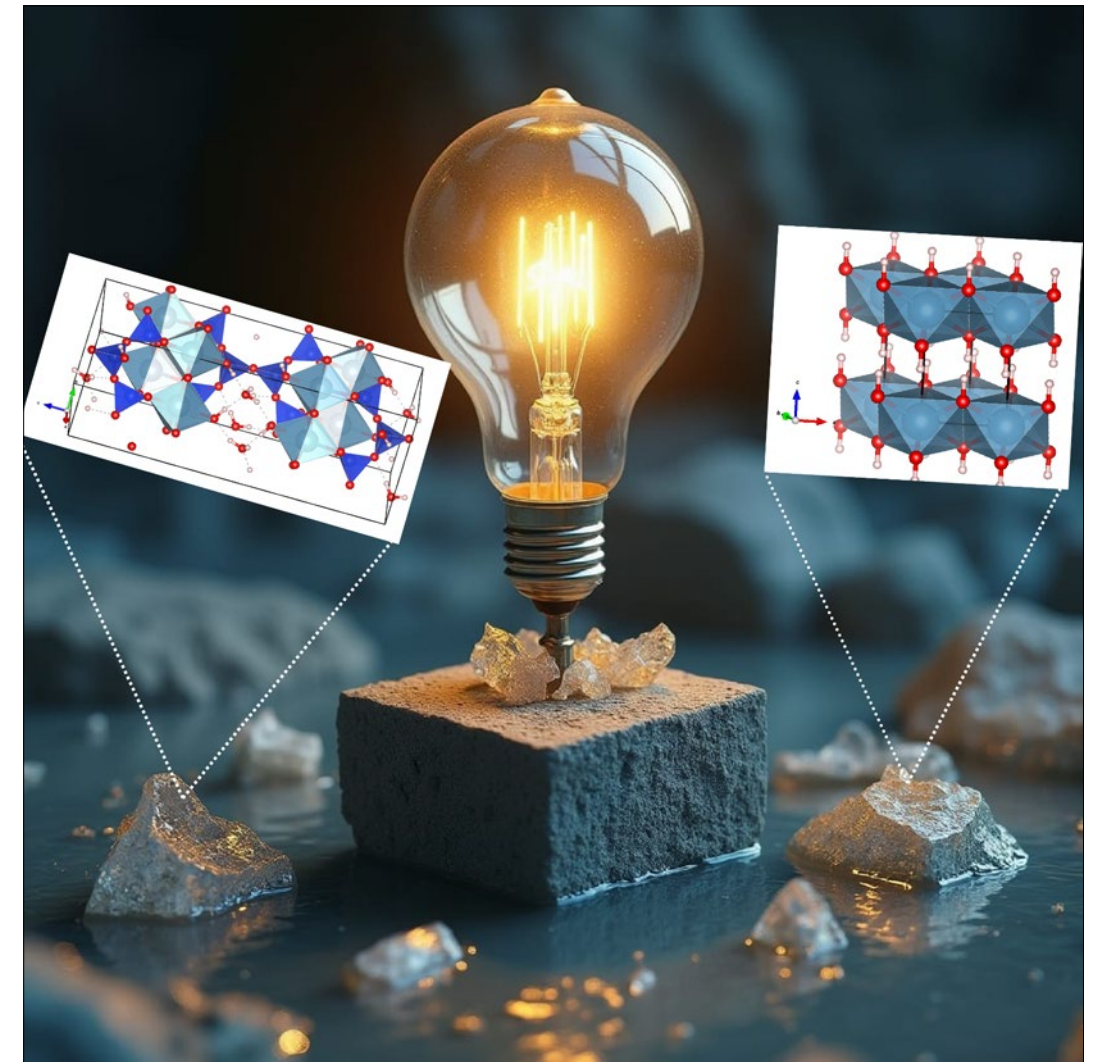
In the pursuit of sustainable energy solutions, thermoelectricity offers a compelling pathway converting wasted heat into usable electrical energy. While promising, its success hinges on enhancing the efficiency of thermoelectric materials.

Cement and concrete, despite their ubiquity, remain under-explored in this context, with reported figures of merit still lingering between 10^{-7} and 10^{-9} . Unlocking their energy-harvesting potential requires improving the intrinsic thermoelectric properties of their core components. Notably, portlandite and tobermorite-11 exhibit inherently low lattice thermal conductivity, a critical advantage that significantly boosts their thermoelectric performance and positions them as promising candidates for next-generation smart construction materials.

Tobermorite-11, a key mineral found in cement, has shown unexpected promise as a thermoelectric material capable of converting heat into electricity. Within a hole carrier concentration range of 10^{20} to 10^{21} cm^{-3} , it delivers an impressive Seebeck coefficient of up to $400 \mu\text{V/K}$, and a thermoelectric figure of merit (Z) between 0.5 and 0.79 across a practical temperature window of 350 K to 600 K. To enhance these properties, we explored p-type doping by replacing a silicon atom in the tobermorite structure with aluminum. This substitution introduces one hole per unit cell, effectively reaching an ideal carrier concentration of 10^{21} cm^{-3} and achieving a Z value of 0.5 at 600 K. However, while adding more aluminum increases electrical conductivity, it comes at a cost reducing both the Seebeck coefficient and the overall efficiency. Our findings reveal that optimal performance is achieved when one silicon atom is replaced by aluminum in every ten unit cells, maintaining a balance between conductivity and thermoelectric efficiency. These insights highlight a powerful strategy: through selective n- and p-type doping, we can engineer cement-based materials not just to build, but to actively harvest energy transforming concrete into a functional component of sustainable, energy-aware infrastructure.



Hole carrier concentration-based thermoelectronic properties of normal tobermorite-11.



Crystal structures of $\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2$ and normal tobermorite-11.

With precise p-type doping—elegantly replacing silicon with aluminum in tobermorite, we unlock a dramatic rise in performance

The result: A bold leap toward energy-harvesting cement composites that redefine what infrastructure can do

Mixed stereochemistry macrocycle acts as a helix-stabilizing peptide N-cap

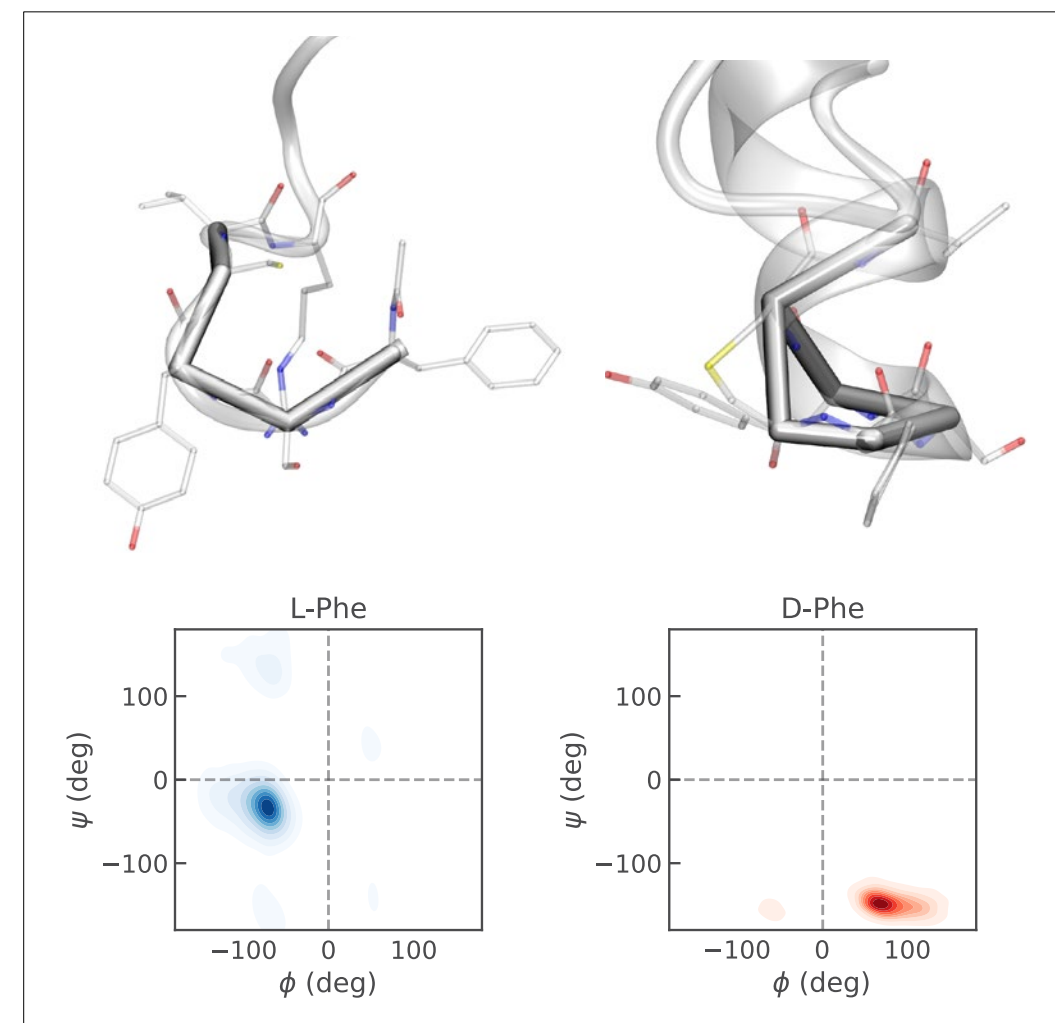
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Peptides are a promising class of compounds for inhibiting protein-protein interactions, as they can mimic the behavior of natural intrinsically disordered proteins (IDPs). However, short linear peptides typically lack a defined structure in isolation and must fold upon binding, which incurs an entropic penalty that reduces binding affinity.

Macrocyclization —the formation of rings containing twelve or more atoms— has emerged as an effective strategy to “preorganize” peptides by stabilizing their bioactive conformations, particularly α -helices. In addition to rational design approaches, the RaPID system (Random non-standard Peptides Integrated Discovery) enables the discovery of de-novo macrocyclic peptides from genetically reprogrammed libraries incorporating non-canonical amino acids. While most peptides identified by the RaPID system adopt coil or sheet-like conformations, only a few form α -helices. This raises the question of whether such short N-terminal-to-side-chain macrocycles can effectively mimic longer helical motifs.

To investigate this question, a research team composed of experimentalists from the University of Copenhagen and computational chemists from DIPC and UPV/EHU focused on Mcl-1 — a clinically relevant apoptosis regulator and member of the Bcl-2 protein family that recognizes α -helical BH3 motifs from pro-apoptotic proteins such as Bid. Using the RaPID system, they identified potent binders, termed “Heliats”, which feature a four-residue macrocycle (formed via a thioether bond) fused to a short linear segment that mimics BH3 motifs. These Heliats bound Mcl-1 with nanomolar affinity and effectively disrupted its interaction with native ligands. Notably, macrocyclization was found to both enhance binding affinity and promote α -helical structure.

Computational studies conducted by the DIPC and UPV/EHU team provided detailed mechanistic insights into the stabilization effect. Molecular dynamics simulations demonstrated that macrocyclization increased α -helical content compared to linear analogs, particularly near the macrocyclic region, and promoted key i to i+4 hydrogen bonds. Quantum chemical calculations corroborated the presence of these interactions, especially involving the D-stereocenter at position 1, which adopted polyproline II torsion angles conducive to helix stabilization and thioether linkage formation. The simulations also revealed that this D-stereochemistry favors macrocyclic geometries and intramolecular hydrogen bonding, effectively pre-organizing the peptide for target binding. Together, these findings underscore the utility of a minimal, mixed-stereochemistry macrocyclic N-cap that is synthetically accessible and broadly graftable — offering a versatile platform for helix stabilization and improved peptide-protein interactions in drug discovery.



Torsional distribution of Ramachandran angles for the L-Phe and D-Phe variants.

Researchers have developed “heliats”, peptides that mimic α -helical motifs to block protein-protein interactions, with simulations revealing how macrocyclization enhances both structural preorganization and binding affinity

Interfacing two-dimensional and magnetic topological insulators: Bi bilayer on MnBi_2Te_4 -family materials

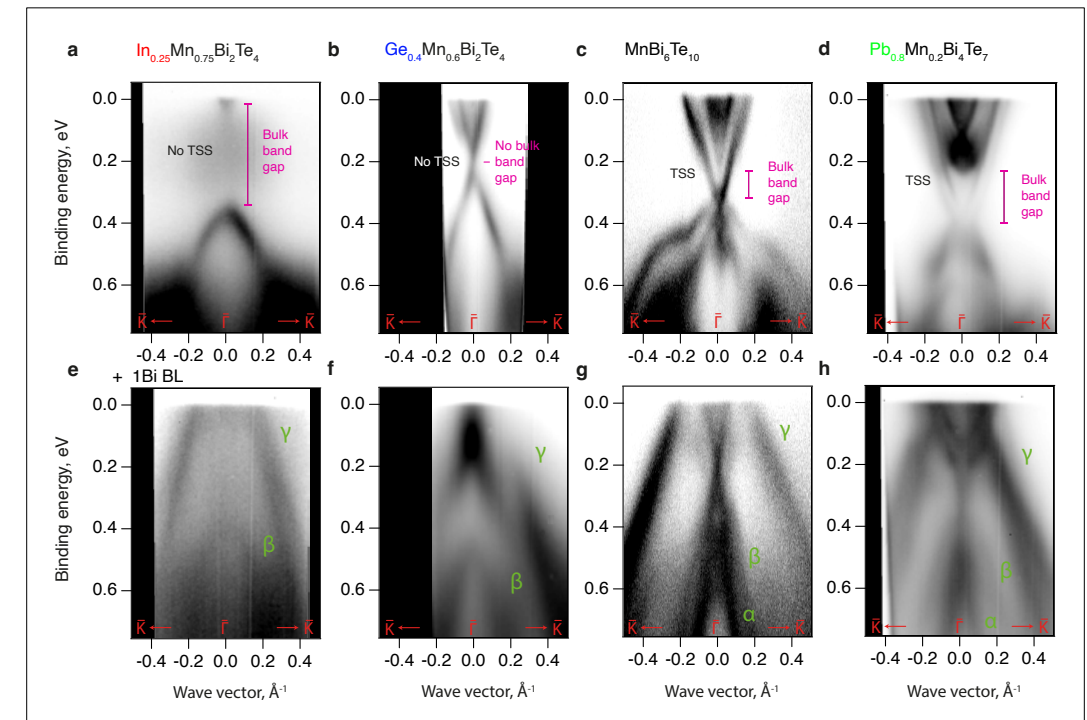
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Recently observed axion quasiparticle in Chern insulator MnBi_2Te_4 ignites its use for dark matter detector. Heterostructuring of MnBi_2Te_4 with another topological insulator, 2D bismuth layer, extends the applications even broader, possibly resulting in high and tunable Chern number systems.

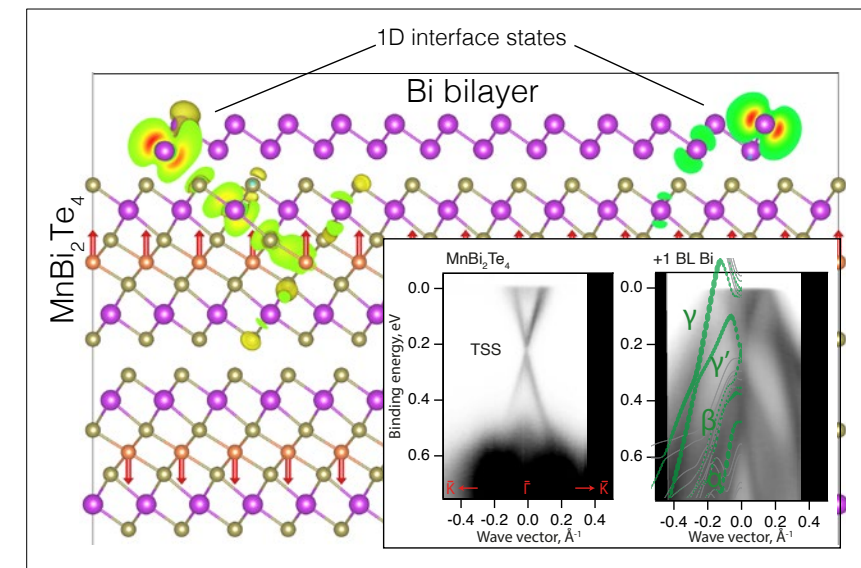
Discovery of non-trivial topological phases opened one of the most fruitful area in solid state physics and chemistry. Recently, it was shown that when the non-trivial topology meets magnetism, new phases and phenomena, such as Quantum Anomalous Hall Effect (QAHE) and Majorana zero modes emerge. QAHE in the first 3D intrinsic magnetic topological insulator (IMTI), MnBi_2Te_4 , with Chern number ($C=1$) was greatly enhanced, but further gain is expected for magnetic topological heterostructures. Recently, intriguing possibility of tunable QAHE with high and tunable Chern numbers ($C=\pm 1, \pm 3$) was predicted for heterostructures consisting of 2D topological insulators and IMTIs.

The Chern number corresponds to the number of the 1D gapless chiral modes residing at the Chern insulator film's edge. These edge modes conduct electricity without dissipation, which could be useful for the construction of novel highly efficient chiral interconnects for low-power-consumption electronics. However, the contact resistance between a metal electrode and Chern insulator in the envisioned interconnect devices is a bottleneck limiting their performance. To reduce this resistance as much as possible, the number of chiral edge modes should be as large as possible. Therefore, it is of great interest and importance to engineer TIs with high Chern numbers.

We have synthesized and characterized the heterostructures consisting of 2D topological insulator Bi bilayer (Bi-BL) and IMTIs in the MnBi_2Te_4 family. Using angle-resolved photoemission spectroscopy (ARPES), the electronic structure of the interface is detected that uncovers the interaction of the substrate surface states with the Bi-BL states, in agreement with our DFT calculations. Further, our calculations predict exchange-split 1D topological states at the Bi-BL edges that may result in a number of intriguing quantum phenomena beyond the high temperature QAHE, such as TRS-broken QSHE phase and tunable Chern number system.



ARPES dispersion relations in the low energy region in the $K-\Gamma-K$ direction of BZ of MnBi_2Te_4 -family samples taken at 17 K before (upper panels) and after (lower panels) Bi deposition. The photon energies are 20 eV for (a,d,e,f,h), 9 eV for (b), 30 eV for (c,g).



Side view of the atomic structure of Bi-BL ribbon on top of MnBi_2Te_4 and spacial charge distribution of the 1D states calculated by means of DFT. ARPES measurements of the MnBi_2Te_4 surface before and after Bi-BL deposition are shown at the inset with superimposed DFT bandstructure.

Magnetic topological substrate “transfers” its unique properties to 2D bismuth film on top

Enhancing haloarene coupling reaction efficiency on an oxide surface by metal atom addition

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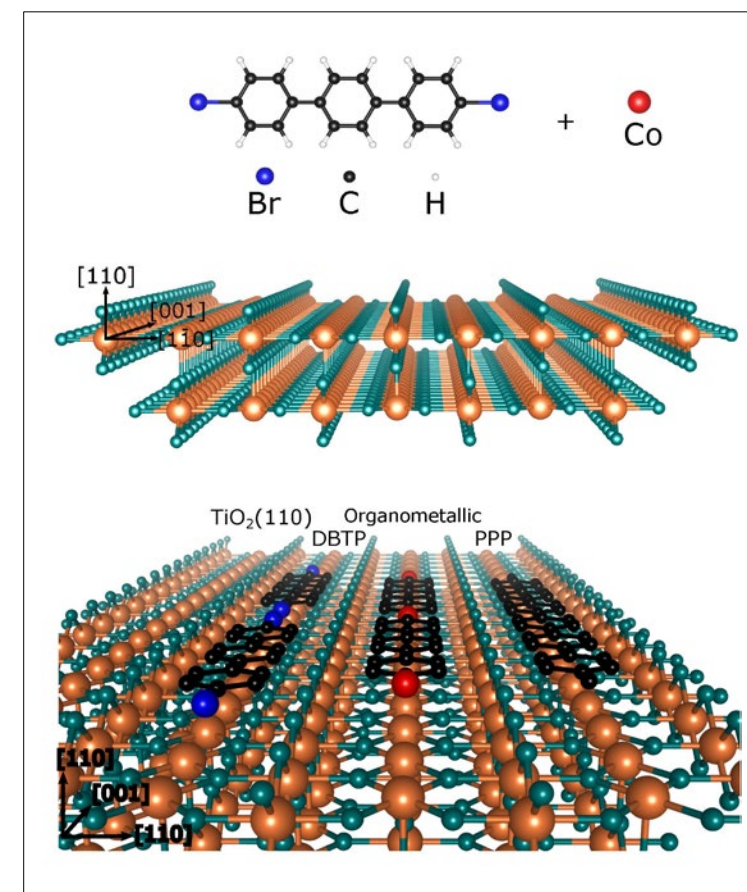
This study presents a new strategy for implementing the on-surface Ullmann-like reaction with high efficiency on poorly reactive semiconducting or insulating surfaces such as $\text{TiO}_2(110)$, opening a promising avenue for synthesizing graphene-based nanostructures, such as graphene nanoribbons and nanoporous graphene structures, directly on more technologically relevant surfaces.

Throughout the past decade, on-surface chemistry has proven to be an extraordinary tool for building sp^2 bond-based carbon nanostructures with unprecedented atomic precision. Motivated by the fact that such carbon structures, which are hard to synthesize by common wet chemistry methods, have prominent electronic properties deserving implementation into electronic devices, the interest of exploring surface-induced molecular reactions has grown exponentially.

The Ullmann coupling reaction, in conjunction with a subsequent cyclodehydrogenation step, is recognized as the most promising pathway toward designing carbon-based nanostructures for molecular electronics on surfaces. However, bringing such materials into nanodevices remains a challenge, as the surface-assisted Ullmann reaction is mostly employed in ultrahigh vacuum (UHV) conditions on single-crystal noble metal substrates (gold, silver, and copper) given their catalytic activity. Nevertheless, these metal-adsorbed nanostructures present limitations since they remain electronically coupled to the underlying catalyzing substrate. Thus, the decoupling of the synthesized nanostructures must be achieved afterward for their implementation into devices, which is currently performed by cumbersome post-growth transfer methods.

The bottom-up synthesis of carbon-based nanomaterials directly on semiconductor surfaces allows for the decoupling of their electronic and magnetic properties from the substrates. However, the typically reduced reactivity of such nonmetallic surfaces adversely affects the course of these reactions.

Now, a team of researchers achieve a high polymerization yield (it is practically tripled) of halogenated polyphenyl molecular building blocks on the semiconducting $\text{TiO}_2(110)$ surface via concomitant surface decoration with cobalt atoms, which catalyze the Ullmann coupling reaction.



On the top, the components involved in the on-surface Ullmann coupling reaction are shown: DBTP as the molecular precursor, cobalt as the external catalyst, and $\text{TiO}_2(110)$ as the template substrate. On the bottom, the adsorption of DBTP on the $\text{TiO}_2(110)$.

Metal additions boost key surface chemical reactions for future technologies

Specifically, cobalt atoms trigger the debromination of 4,4'-dibromo-p-terphenyl molecules on $\text{TiO}_2(110)$ and mediate the formation of an intermediate organometallic phase already at room temperature. As the debromination temperature is drastically reduced (lowered by 55 K), homocoupling and polymerization readily proceed, preventing precursor desorption from the substrate and entailing a drastic increase of the poly-para-phenylene polymerization yield. The general efficacy of this mechanism is shown with an iodinated terphenyl derivative, which exhibits similar dehalogenation and reaction yield.

Impact of single-melamine tautomerization on the excitation of molecular vibrations in inelastic electron tunneling spectroscopy

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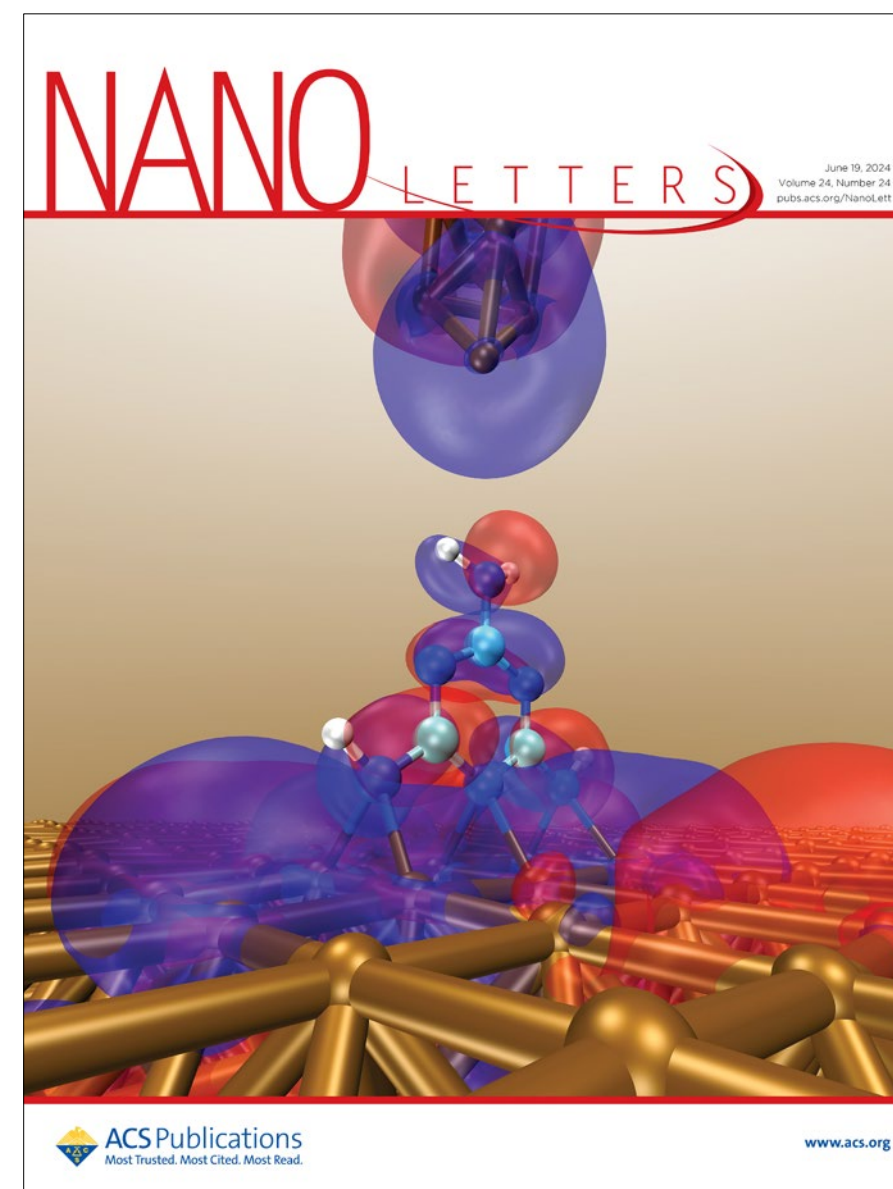
Understanding how molecular transformations affect quantum properties at the atomic scale is essential for advancing nanoscale electronics and surface chemistry. This study investigates how tautomerization in single melamine molecules modulates vibrational spectra using STM-IETS.

The reversible switching of a single melamine molecule on a copper surface reveals how minute changes in chemical structure can lead to measurable shifts in quantum mechanical behavior. Using inelastic electron tunneling spectroscopy (IETS) in a scanning tunneling microscope (STM), researchers observed significant changes in low-energy vibrational spectra following a tautomerization reaction— a subtle proton transfer within the molecule. This reaction, triggered by electron injection or by bringing the probe tip into contact with the molecule, alters the symmetry of the molecule and thereby modulates its inelastic electron scattering signature.

Key to the discovery is the identification of a redshift in an internal bending vibrational mode upon tautomerization, supported by detailed simulations. These changes are not merely structural curiosities—they demonstrate how electronic transport and vibrational coupling in a molecular junction are governed by both molecular conformation and the local electronic environment. Notably, forming a chemical bond between the scanning tip and the molecule not only quenched the inelastic signal but also effectively drove the tautomerization, suggesting a method to control molecular states mechanically and electronically.

Combining experimental scanning tunneling spectroscopy with advanced transport calculations allowed the researchers to pinpoint the active vibrational modes and identify symmetry rules that govern the observed signal changes. These findings provide foundational insights for designing molecular devices with switchable properties and contribute to our understanding of fundamental processes in single-molecule electronics.

Beyond its implications for molecular electronics, this study underscores the strength of combining precise experimental manipulation with theory driven interpretation in surface science. The ability to reversibly switch molecular states and resolve their vibrational signatures with sub-millivolt resolution showcases how far scanning probe techniques have advanced. The observed sensitivity of vibrational spectra to subtle structural and bonding changes highlights the value of IETS as a powerful diagnostic for probing reaction pathways at the atomic level. That bond formation with the STM tip can initiate tautomerization further demonstrates how mechanical and electronic interactions can be harnessed to explore chemical reactivity with single-molecule precision. Together, these results reflect significant strides in understanding and manipulating molecular behavior on surfaces.



Cover image from Nano Letters illustrating a transport scattering state across a melamine molecule on Cu(100) contacted with an atomically sharp STM tip.

Mechanically induced switching: Bonding the STM tip to the molecule triggers a reversible chemical transformation, paving the way for controllable molecular junctions

Deceptive orbital confinement at edges and pores of carbon-based 1D and 2D nanoarchitectures

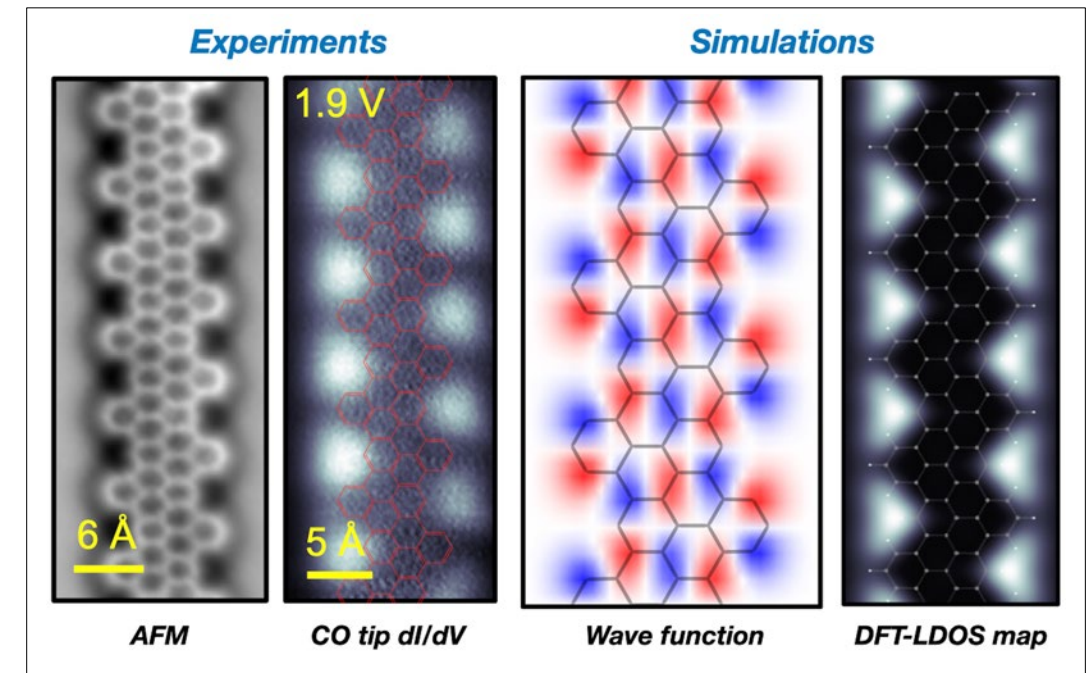
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Over the past decade, on-surface chemistry has enabled the atomically precise synthesis of target carbon-based nanoarchitectures, such as graphene nanoribbons and nanoporous graphene structures. The electronic properties of these materials are highly sensitive to single-atom variations in their atomic structure and chemical composition, making atomic-scale characterization tools essential.

Scanning tunneling microscopy (STM) is a powerful tool to explore the electronic structure of these nanoarchitectures with nanoscale resolution by correlating the measured dI/dV maps with the local electronic density of states.

However, Söde et al. found that the interpretation of STM experiments could misleadingly suggest electronic density confinement at the edges of uniform armchair graphene nanoribbons (GNRs), whereas theoretical predictions do not support the presence of intrinsically localized edge states. This deceptive confinement effect was attributed to a lack of cancellation between positive and negative regions of the wave function along the edges. Numerous subsequent studies have reported dI/dV data showing confinement of electronic density at the edges and pores of more complex geometries, yet there remains a lack of consensus on its interpretation.

In this work, researchers from DIPC in collaboration with researchers from the Technical University of Munich (TUM), Al-Azhar University and Kyoto University demonstrate that dI/dV mapping in carbon-based nanoarchitectures is influenced by a wave function decay effect that can result in a deceptive spatial distribution of electronic density. This effect is examined in semiconducting gulf-type GNRs and nanoporous graphene (NPG) structures synthesized on-surface, where dI/dV maps show the confinement of valence and conduction band states at the edges and nanopores of both structures. Density Functional Theory (DFT) calculations confirm that these measurements correspond to electronic states delocalized across the entire carbon nanoarchitecture, ruling out any intrinsic wave function localization. The deceptive confinement effect is explained by the faster decay of high-momentum Fourier components



On the left, atomic structure of a gulf-type GNR taken with atomic force microscopy (AFM), and the corresponding dI/dV map taken at positive bias voltage showing the confinement of conduction band states to the gulf-type edges. On the right, calculated conduction band state wave-function, which is delocalized over the entire GNR backbone, and the corresponding local density of states (LDOS) map simulation at realistic tip-sample distances, their spatial dependence being quite different. The LDOS map simulations account for the Fourier filtering effect and reproduce the experimental data.

STM measurements are subject to a wave function decay into the vacuum that masks the undisturbed electronic orbital shape

of the wave function into the vacuum region above the sample. As the wave function decays to realistic tip-sample distances, only the lowest momentum Fourier components contribute to its spatial distribution, which appears localized at the edges and nanopores.

Although the decay of electronic orbitals into vacuum is a well-known effect observed in many surfaces and molecular assemblies, the unique edge and nanopore morphologies significantly influence the apparent orbital confinement in carbon-based nanoarchitectures. Thus, this work provides crucial understanding for the accurate interpretation of STM experiments and highlights the essential insights provided by theoretical calculations.

Uncovering low-frequency vibrations in surface-enhanced Raman Scattering of organic molecules

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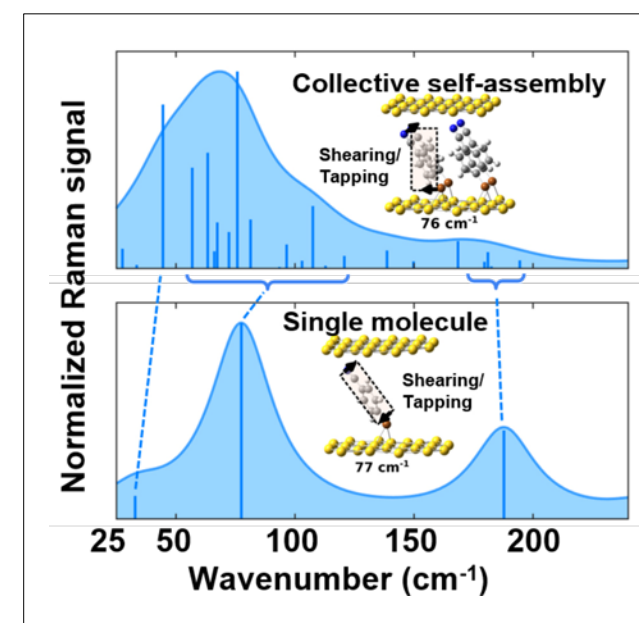
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Raman Scattering is a powerful spectroscopic technique to optically characterize molecules by interrogating their vibrational properties. When molecules are placed near the surface of metallic nanocavities that confine light into extremely small regions through plasmonic resonances, the resulting Surface-Enhanced Raman Spectroscopy (SERS) signal becomes enhanced, and thus sensitive to tiny amounts of analyte, and even to single molecules.

However, most of the research on SERS of organic molecules focuses on vibrations of relatively large energy, associated with the localized motion of a specific bondings involving two or three atoms within the molecule. Typical vibrational modes of this kind are, for instance, stretching or bending modes within pairs of atoms, which show scattering peaks at a particular wavevector values running from about 200 cm^{-1} up to 3,000 cm^{-1} in the Raman spectrum. These vibrations serve to identify the presence of a particular metabolite, or the occurrence of a specific chemical reaction.

A much less explored, and often elusive range of vibrational energies in the Raman spectrum occurs for wavevector excitation below 200 cm^{-1} , reaching even a few tens of cm^{-1} in the TeraHertz range (THz). These low-energy vibrational modes involve more complex motions along the molecule, often involving many atoms, or even collective motion along chains of molecules where the vibrational modes acquire a phonon-like propagating nature. To access this regime of low-energy vibrational excitation is very challenging experimentally, as these vibrational peaks are often masked by a strong emission background. The theoretical interpretation of the modes is equally challenging as the motion of several hundreds atoms in complex motions along molecular rings and chains, requires a considerable capacity of computation and classification.

In this work, researchers at DIPC and the Center for Materials Physics in San Sebastian, together with the Nanophotonics group at the University of Cambridge, analyze the low-energy vibrations of SERS spectra of seven canonical organic molecules forming self-assembled monolayers sandwiched in Nanoparticle-on-a-Mirror (NPoM) plasmonic structures. By combining a careful experimental procedure to eliminate the strong low-energy background with quantum simulations of the low-energy vibrational modes that



Example of some of the low energy vibrations identified in the Raman spectra of molecules self-assembled in a nanocavity. The vibrational modes are associated with tapping/shearing motion of atoms along the molecule. A comparison of the vibrational modes as theoretically obtained with (top) and without (bottom) molecule-molecule interactions reveals the presence of collective phononic effects at these low energies along the self-assembly. The vibrations of the single molecules (marked by vertical lines in the bottom panel) split into multiple hybridized vibrations once the molecule-molecule interactions are included, providing a key ingredient to interpret SERS spectra at THz frequencies.

Low-energy vibrations in SERS at THz frequencies experimentally revealed and theoretically interpreted in state-of-the-art plasmonic nano- and pico-cavities

include the details of the chemical interaction between the molecules in the layer as well as with the metallic surface, the authors unveil and classify the main THz spectral features of such molecular assemblies. The results show that the low-energy vibrations are sensitive to molecule-molecule interactions and to the atomistic configuration with respect to the metallic surface, which could lead to improved characterization of molecule-metal interactions at the atomic scale. Furthermore, by exploiting the formation of metallic picocavities (atomic protrusions further localizing the electromagnetic field produced within the NPoM cavity), light is able to excite vibrations in only one or very few individual molecules of the whole assembly, and thus narrow SERS spectral features can be observed. This indicates that the broad THz lines observed in a typical SERS experiment can be largely attributed to inhomogeneous broadening and molecule-molecule interactions. The use of plasmonic nanocavities and picocavities could thus open a novel roadmap to access the elusive THz vibrations in SERS.

On-chip phonon-enhanced IR near-field detection of molecular vibrations

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Molecules have some sort of fingerprints, unique features that can be used to differentiate them. Each type of molecule, when illuminated with the right light, vibrates at a characteristic frequency (its resonance frequency, which typically occurs at infrared frequencies) and strength. Similar to what can be done with human fingerprints, one can exploit this information to distinguish different types of molecules or gases from each other. That can also protect us from potential dangers, by identifying poisonous and dangerous substances or gases instead of criminals.

One conventional approach is infrared fingerprint spectroscopy, which uses infrared reflection or transmission spectra to identify different molecules. However, the small size of organic molecules compared to the infrared wavelength results in a weak scattering signal, making it challenging to detect small quantities of material. In recent years, this limitation has been addressed using Surface-Enhanced Infrared Absorption (SEIRA) spectroscopy. SEIRA spectroscopy leverages infrared near-field enhancement provided by rough metal surfaces or metallic nanostructure to amplify the molecular vibrational signals. The main advantage of SEIRA spectroscopy is its ability to measure and study minute material quantities.

Recently, phonon polaritons—coupled excitations of electromagnetic waves with atomic lattice vibrations—particularly hyperbolic phonon polaritons in thin layers of hexagonal boron nitride (h-BN), have emerged as promising candidates for boosting the sensitivity of SEIRA spectroscopy. Previously, we demonstrated that phonon polaritons can be applied for SEIRA spectroscopy of nanometer-thin molecular layers and gas sensing, thanks to their long lifetimes and ultra-high field confinement.

However, SEIRA spectroscopy remains a far-field technique that requires bulky equipment, such as light sources, SEIRA substrates, and typically nitrogen-cooled infrared detectors. This reliance on large instruments limits its potential for miniaturization and on-chip applications. In parallel, we have been investigating graphene-based infrared detectors that operate at room temperature, and we have shown that phonon polaritons can be electrically detected and can enhance detector sensitivity.

By combining these two progresses, a team of researchers has now successfully demonstrated the first on-chip phononic SEIRA detection of molecular vibrations. This result was made possible through the

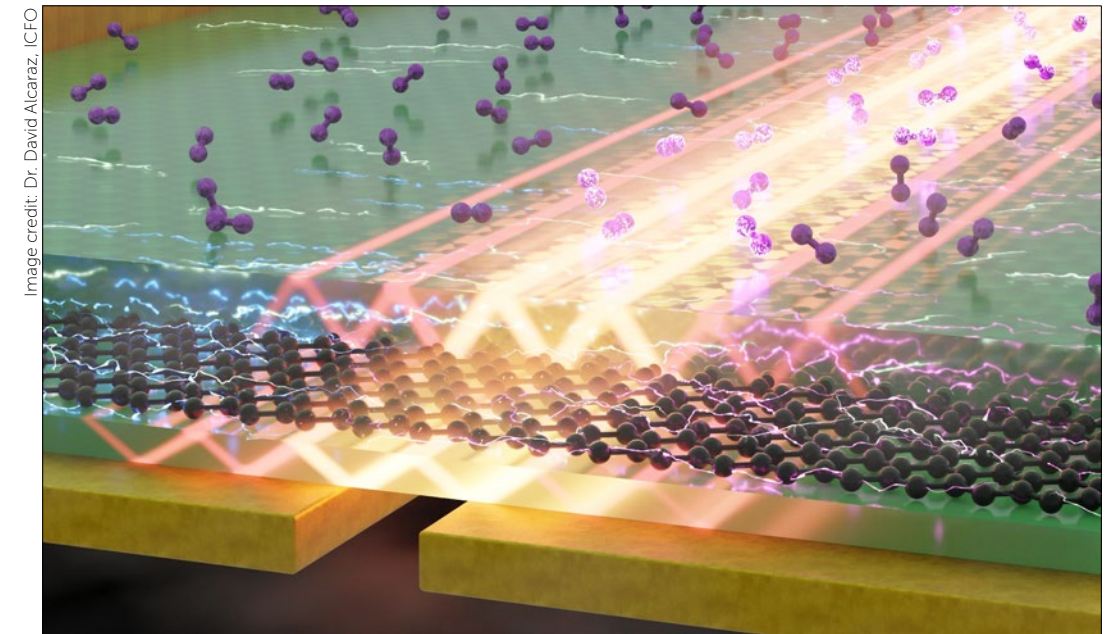


Illustration of an on-chip molecular vibration sensor based on a graphene IR detector, where phonon polaritons (bright rays) enhance the molecular fingerprint signal encoded in the photocurrent.

Graphene-based sensor reads molecular fingerprints through electric current at room temperature.

joint experimental efforts of CIC nanoGUNE and ICFO researchers, along with theoretical support from the groups of Dr. Alexey Nikitin at DIPC and Prof. Luis Martín-Moreno at the Instituto de Nanociencia y Materiales de Aragón (CSIC- Universidad de Zaragoza). The researchers employed ultra-confined HPhPs to detect molecular fingerprints in nanometer-thin molecular layers directly in the photocurrent of a graphene-based detector, eliminating the need for traditional bulky IR detectors.

One of the most exciting aspects of this approach is that this graphene-based detector opens the way towards miniaturization. By integrating this detector with microfluidic channels, we could create a true 'lab-on-a-chip', capable of identifying specific molecules in small liquid samples— paving the way for medical diagnostics and environmental monitoring.

In a longer-term picture, we believe that on-chip infrared detectors operating at room temperature could enable rapid molecular identification, potentially integrated into smartphones or wearable electronics. We further believes that this would offer a platform for compact sensitive, room-temperature infrared spectroscopy.

Fluorescence imaging of individual ions and molecules in pressurized noble gases for barium tagging in ^{136}Xe

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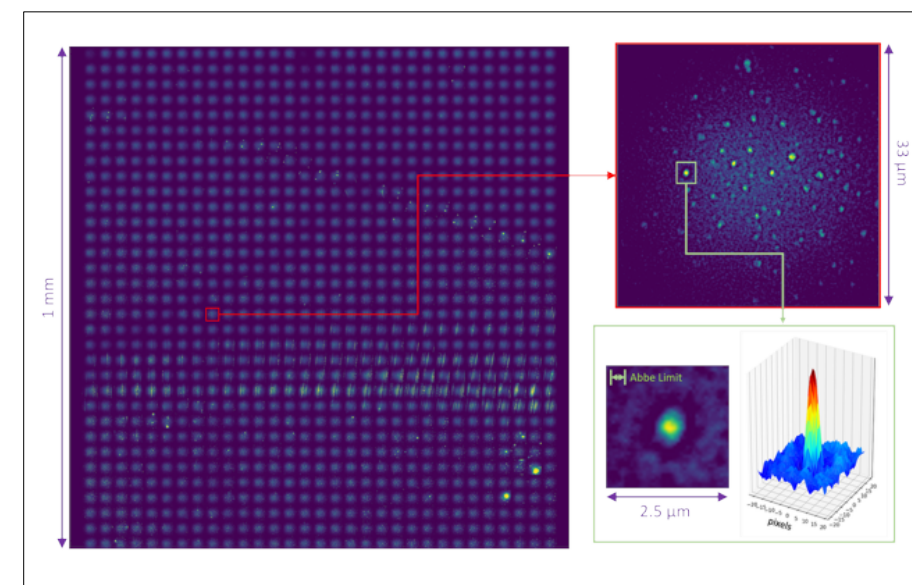
The search for neutrinoless double beta decay ($0\nu\beta\beta$) remains one of the most important searches in particle physics, as its discovery would confirm the Majorana nature of neutrinos and might provide experimental basis to theories that can explain the asymmetry between matter and antimatter in the universe.

A promising avenue to enable a background-free search involves tagging the barium ion (Ba^{2+}) produced in the decay of ^{136}Xe , together with the emission of two electrons. This technique is being pioneered by the NEXT collaboration and in this study the authors report the first demonstration of selective imaging of individual Ba^{2+} ions at the gas-solid interface in a pressurized noble gas, achieving a crucial technological milestone for barium tagging.

Using molecular chemosensors specifically designed for Ba^{2+} , the researchers were able to detect fluorescence signals from single ions within 10 bar of xenon gas. The ions were resolved with a diffraction-limited optical system over a $1 \times 1 \text{ cm}^2$ scan area. This setting closely mimics the conditions that would be found in a future large-scale xenon gas detector. The ability to image individual ions under these conditions represents a major step forward, overcoming challenges such as maintaining optical resolution and suppressing background signals in dense gases.

This achievement significantly strengthens the feasibility of background-free $0\nu\beta\beta$ searches. Additionally, the microscopy platform developed for this experiment opens a new window into the photophysics of fluorescent molecules and chemosensors at the solid-gas interface.

The system can be implemented within the pressure vessel of a time projection chamber such the one of the NEXT experiment with only small modifications. As such, this result advances the technology available for $0\nu\beta\beta$ experiments and introduces a powerful method for studying single-molecule phenomena under conditions previously inaccessible. Imaging single Ba^{2+} ions in xenon represents a critical step toward realization of a background-free, ton-to-multi-ton scale $0\nu\beta\beta$ experiment based on barium tagging.



Large scale raw data image of BODIPY molecules drip-coated onto a slide surface. The image is resolved with point-spread function close to the Abbe Diffraction Limit. Bright points consistent with single molecule fluorescence are observed over a scan region of 1 mm^2 .

Single Ba^{2+} ions have been imaged in high pressure xenon gas using turn-on fluorophores, representing the first demonstration of imaging of individual Ba^{2+} ions within a candidate active medium of a time projection chamber for $0\nu\beta\beta$

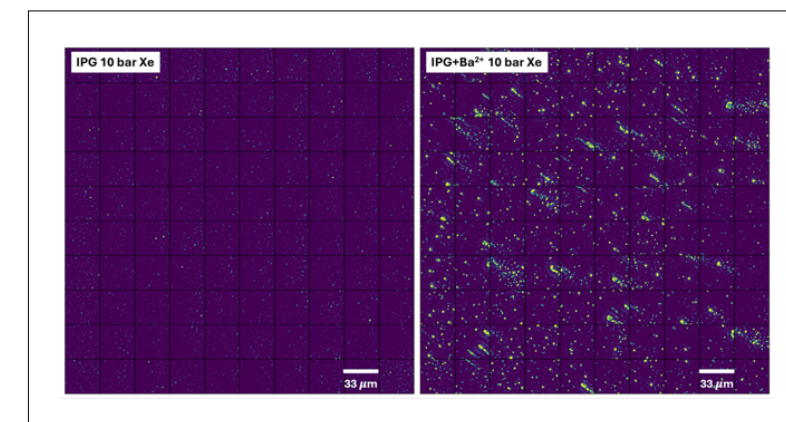


Image of a slide spin-coated in IPG-1 chemosensor, showing the activity with (right) and without (left) added Ba^{2+} .

A deep learning method that identifies cellular heterogeneity using nanoscale nuclear features

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Technology paves the way for new diagnostic and monitoring strategies for disease by capturing and scanning images of cells. The tool, AINU (AI of the NUcleus), scans high-resolution images of cells.

The images are obtained with a special microscopy technique called STORM, which creates a picture that captures many finer details than what regular microscopes can see. The high-definition snapshots reveal structures at nanoscale resolution. The AI can detect rearrangements inside cells as small as 20 nm, or 5,000 times smaller than the width of a human hair. These alterations are too small and subtle for human observers to find with traditional methods alone.

AINU is a convolutional neural network (CNN), the same type of AI behind facial recognition and self-driving car vision. In medicine, CNNs help detect signs of disease in images like mammograms or MRIs. AINU uses this visual intelligence to analyze how cellular components are arranged in 3D, especially within the nucleus.

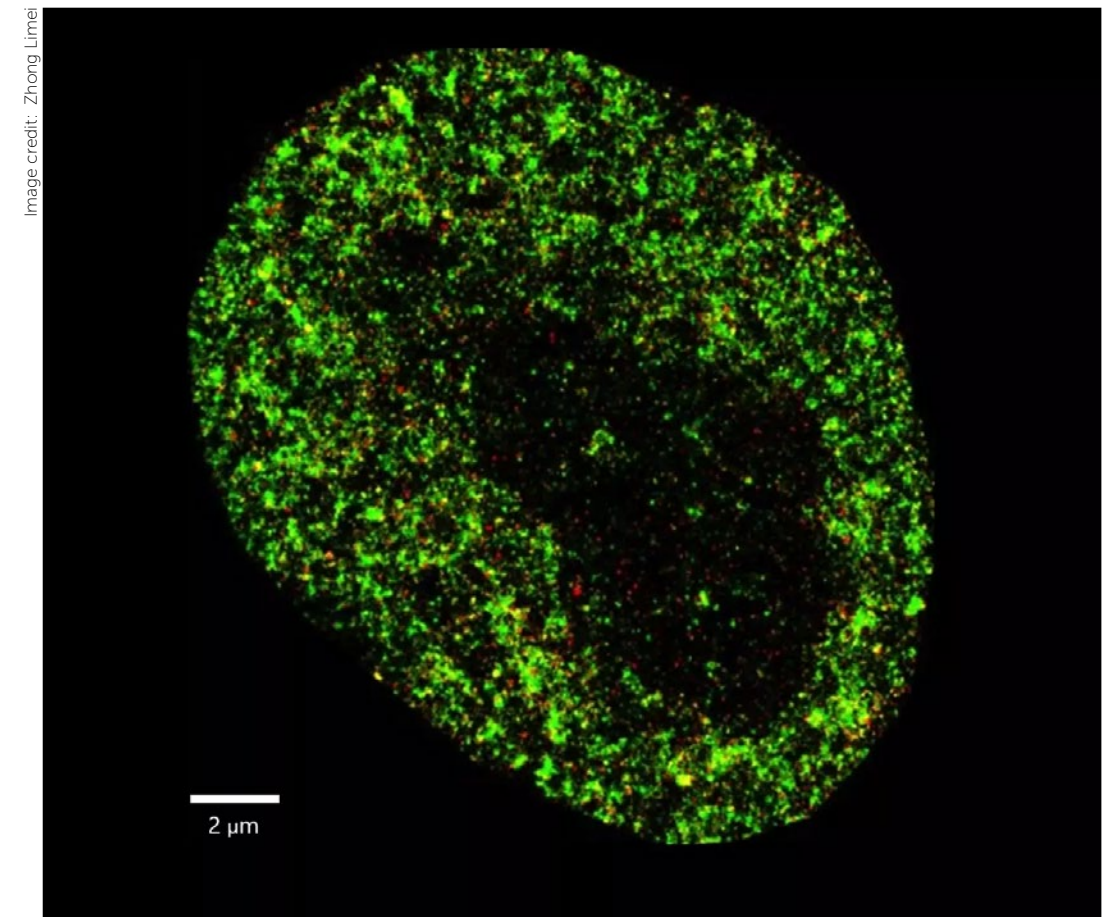
Researchers trained AINU using nanoscale images of many different cells. The AI learned to distinguish between normal and cancerous cells based on nuclear features like DNA organization or enzyme distribution. It also spotted early signs of infection by herpes simplex virus type-1 – detecting changes just one hour after infection, long before symptoms appear.

Our method sees microscopic nuclear changes immediately after a virus enters. This could help in diagnosing infections faster, or in designing better treatments and vaccines.

The ultimate goal is to use AINU clinically, allowing doctors to detect disease or infection from simple blood or tissue samples. However, current STORM imaging is only available in specialized labs, and it captures only a few cells per scan. Clinical applications would require broader imaging and more accessible equipment.

Despite these hurdles, AINU is already proving valuable in research. It accurately identifies pluripotent stem cells—cells that can become any other cell type – without relying on animal testing. AINU offers a faster, more ethical way to spot high-quality stem cells, helping make therapies safer.

This technology could one day personalize treatments and improve outcomes. With such precise information, we hope to give doctors a head start in diagnosing and treating disease.



Very high resolution image of a HeLa cancer cell used to train AINU.

Our method can detect cells
that have been infected by a virus very soon
after infection begins

Efficient near-infrared organic light-emitting diodes with emission from spin doublet excitons

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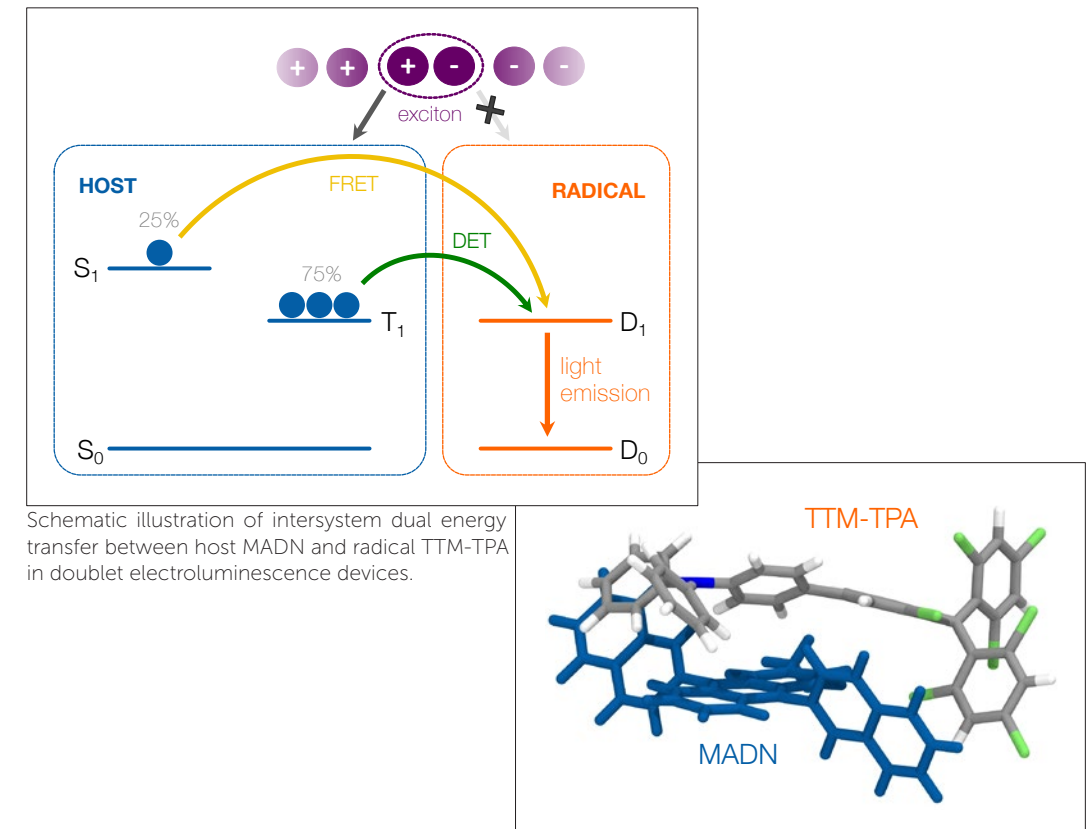
The development of luminescent organic radicals has resulted in materials with excellent optical properties for near-infrared (NIR) emission. Light generation in this range could be used for organic light-emitting diodes (OLEDs), as well as healthcare diagnosis and treatment to surveillance, communications and other security applications.

Although an external quantum efficiency greater than 20% in electroluminescence has been demonstrated for visible-light OLEDs, and commercial displays are commonplace, the performance of NIR OLEDs is generally limited to 5% external quantum efficiency using fully organic emitters with emission peak wavelengths at 800 nm and longer. The materials approach and mechanisms for efficient visible-light OLEDs by maximizing luminescence from singlet and triplet excitons have not translated to efficient NIR OLEDs.

Doublet fluorescence from organic radicals is an emerging basis for the development of highly efficient NIR light-emitting devices that exploit favorable optical, electronic and spin properties. Almost 100% internal quantum efficiency for electroluminescence was demonstrated in radical OLEDs exploiting tris(2,4,6-trichlorophenyl)methyl (TTM)-based radicals. This performance shows that using radical emitters with spin-allowed doublet emission is a conceptually superior solution to elegantly circumvent the spin statistics limited efficiency issue inherent to conventional closed-shell organic materials (25% internal quantum efficiency).

Although the unpaired electron arrangements of radicals enable efficient radiative transitions within the doublet-spin manifold in organic light-emitting diodes, their performance is limited by non-radiative pathways introduced in electroluminescence.

Now, a team of researchers uses a host-guest design for organic light-emitting diodes that exploits energy transfer with a boost of external quantum efficiency for 800 nm emission. The tris(2,4,6-trichlorophenyl)methyl-triphenyl-amine (TTM-TPA) radical guest is energy-matched to the triplet state in a charge-transporting anthracene-derivative (MADN) host.



Spin-allowed energy transfer and state matching drive efficient delayed emission, offering a pathway to minimize non-radiative losses in NIR devices

The researchers show from optical spectroscopy and quantum-chemical modelling that reversible host-guest triplet-doublet energy transfer allows efficient harvesting of host triplet excitons. The luminescent NIR radical system is implemented in high-performing OLEDs with a maximum external quantum efficiency of 9.6% for electroluminescence at 800 nm that operate to the high maximum radiance of $\sim 68,000 \text{ mW sr}^{-1} \text{ m}^{-2}$, with low efficiency roll-off and enhanced stability. This new design boosts performance in radical-based OLEDs and has broad implications for reducing non-radiative losses in devices beyond light-emitting applications with NIR light.

Bending rigidity, sound propagation and ripples in flat graphene

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Understanding why 2D materials are stable remains in some ways unsolved. This paper, led by the Quantum Theory of Materials group at CFM, with the participation of DIPC associates, brings together various factors that are important — symmetry and anharmonicity — and combines them to propose a resolution to this long-standing puzzle.

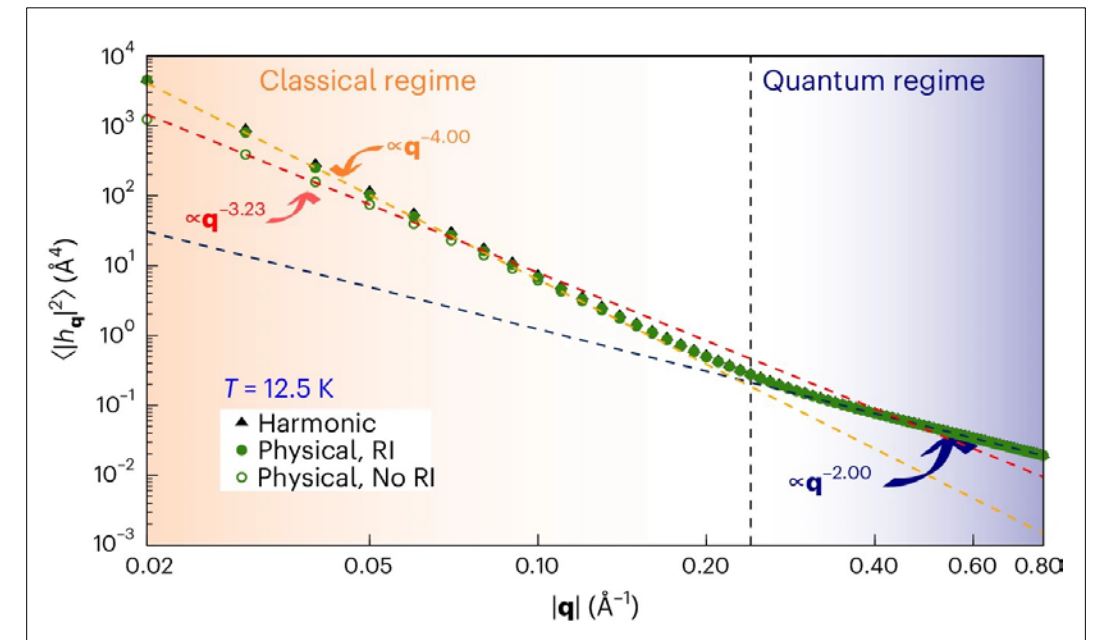
This study addresses a longstanding puzzle in the mechanical understanding of graphene and all two-dimensional (2D) materials: how out-of-plane flexural vibrations (bending modes) behave and how they affect physical properties like sound propagation and bending rigidity. The core finding is that rotational symmetry protects the quadratic dispersion of these flexural modes, even when accounting for anharmonic phonon–phonon interactions. This makes the bending rigidity non-divergent, challenging previous theories.

In the standard harmonic approximation, flexural vibrations in graphene are predicted to have a quadratic dispersion. However, this leads to the unphysical result that in-plane acoustic waves cannot propagate sound, prompting some to argue that interactions between phonons must linearize the dispersion. While this explanation permits sound propagation, it leads to a paradox: the bending rigidity becomes dependent on the system size, suggesting it diverges — an unsatisfactory outcome for a material known for its remarkable strength.

The authors propose a resolution based on a symmetry principle. Both harmonic and anharmonic phonons are derived from second derivatives of energy functions — the potential energy in the harmonic case and the full free energy in the anharmonic case — both of which are rotationally invariant. This symmetry requires that the dispersion of flexural modes remains quadratic even with anharmonic interactions.

The theory was tested using atomistic simulations and membrane models, and both confirmed that the quadratic nature of the flexural modes is preserved. Importantly, while a quadratic dispersion in the harmonic theory prevented sound propagation, in the anharmonic framework sound still propagates as it has to.

One major implication is that the bending rigidity remains finite, regardless of the system size — overturning the common assumption that it diverges due to linearized flexural modes.



The amplitude of ripples in a membrane are typically studied via the height correlation function in momentum space, $\langle |h_q|^2 \rangle$. Here, the height fluctuations of graphene are presented from the Fourier transform of the height–height correlation function, versus the wave number q , at 12.5 K. When there is the full rotational invariance (RI), the physical result scales as q^{-4} in the classical regime; but the exponent is lower when rotational invariance is broken (no RI). The physical RI results coincides practically with the harmonic solution. Bending rigidity scales as the correlation function times q^4 and so diverges in the absence of rotational symmetry, though not when rotational symmetry holds.

This paper addresses the long-standing puzzle of 2D material stability by unifying key factors such as symmetry and anharmonicity into a proposed resolution

While these results significantly improve our understanding of 2D materials' mechanical behavior, they apply only to ideal, unstrained, flat systems. In real-world applications, substrates or external strains might break rotational symmetry, altering such behavior. Future work will investigate whether static ripples naturally form in unstrained graphene and if their formation is energetically favorable.

Ultimately, this work provides a new, symmetry-based framework for understanding thermal and mechanical properties of all 2D materials like graphene.

Detection of a universal core-halo transition in dwarf galaxies as predicted by Bose-Einstein dark matter

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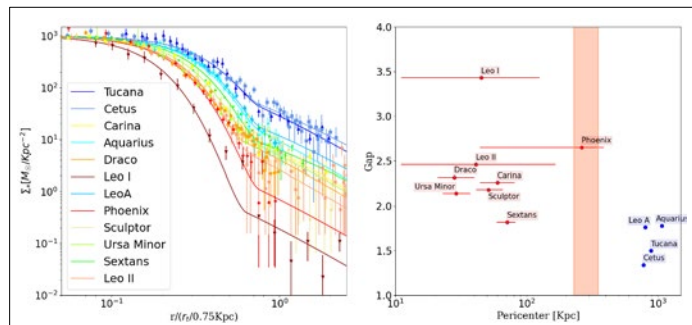
In this work, we analyze stellar profiles and velocity dispersions of a representative sample of dwarf galaxies, including both Milky Way satellites and isolated Local Group members. We find that all these systems exhibit a clear core-halo structure, with a pronounced transition in density at a radius of approximately 1 kpc.

Such a structure is unexpected in the standard CDM paradigm, which predicts cuspy, concentrated density profiles with no inherent transition. Instead, the observed profiles align remarkably well with the predictions of Bose-Einstein condensate dark matter (ψ DM), a model where dark matter behaves as a coherent wave. ψ DM naturally forms a dense central soliton core surrounded by a diffuse halo generated by wave interference patterns.

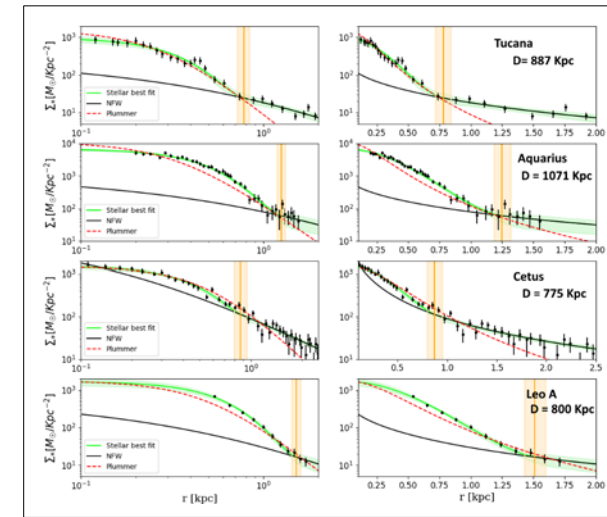
We show that the observed stellar density profiles are well fit by the ψ DM core-halo structure, with only one free parameter: the boson mass. Additionally, we find that the measured velocity dispersions in these galaxies peak at the core radius and decline outward—again, consistent with the ψ DM prediction. This agreement supports a boson mass of approximately 1.5×10^{-22} eV, in line with independent dynamical modeling.

These findings suggest that stars in these dark-matter-dominated galaxies trace the underlying wave structure of a quantum dark matter field. Light bosonic particles, such as axions predicted by string theory, provide a compelling alternative to heavy particle dark matter in explaining the structure and kinematics of dwarf galaxies.

Our results provide observational support for ψ DM and reinforce the idea that core-halo transitions are not exceptional features, but rather a generic signature of wave dark matter dynamics.

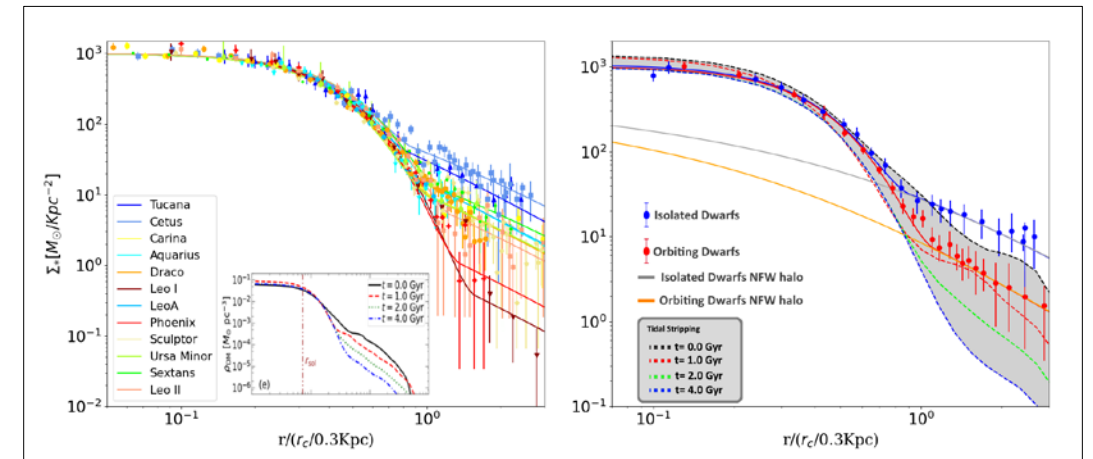


Stellar profiles of Local Group dwarfs, rescaled by their transition radius, reveal a common core-halo structure, with orbiting dwarfs showing more pronounced gaps correlated with their pericenter distance from the Milky Way.



A common core-halo structure is observed in dwarf galaxies, with a sharp density transition near 1 kpc

Isolated Dwarf Galaxies: This figure shows the star count profiles versus dwarf galaxy radius for the well studied “isolated” dwarf galaxies in the local group, lying outside the virial radius of the Milky Way. (In the right panels D^- shows the distance from the Milky Way galaxy center.) Each dwarf galaxy has an extended halo of stars stretching to ~ 2 kpc and most evident on the linear scale of right hand panel. Cores are also evident on a scale < 1 kpc in each dwarf. A standard Plummer profile (red curve) is seen to fit approximately the core region but falls well short at large radius. Our predictions for light boson dark matter, ψ DM, are shown in green, where the distinctive soliton profile provides an excellent fit to the observed cores with the surrounded halo of excited states that average azimuthally to an approximately NFW-like profile beyond the soliton radius. The observed cores are in excellent agreement with the predicted soliton, best seen on a log scale in the left panels, and the predicted ψ DM halo (grey curve) is also seen to match well the observed halos, including the characteristic density.



The left hand panel compares all the dwarf profiles scaled ($\Sigma_{0\star} = 1000 \text{ M}/\text{kpc}^2$) and all the core radii set to 0.3 kpc. The profiles are very similar in the core region, differing in the extended halo region relative to the core, with the isolated galaxies (blue colors) having denser halos than the orbiting dwarfs (redder colors). The right hand panel shows the projected simulation profiles for ψ DM by Schive, Chiueh & Broadhurst (2020), where little dependence on the degree of tidal stripping is predicted for the core region, in contrast to the halo region bracketed in grey where stripping is significant. The duration of stripping is indicated by the legend and also shown in the inset of the left hand panel spanning 1–4 Gyr, and matching well the observed range of halo profiles. Note, the simulations predict the halo slope is relatively shallow and fairly independent of the degree of stripping, in good agreement with the mean halo profile of the isolated dwarfs (averages of the normalized profiles shown in the left panel, blue data) and the orbiting dwarfs (red data points), including the larger core-halo transition of the orbiting dwarfs. The NFW profile fits to the halos are also shown and can be seen to fall well below the prominent cores. These last two (orange and grey lines) are examples of the required pure NFW profiles that fit the observed stellar halo slopes of the isolated and orbiting dwarfs, respectively.

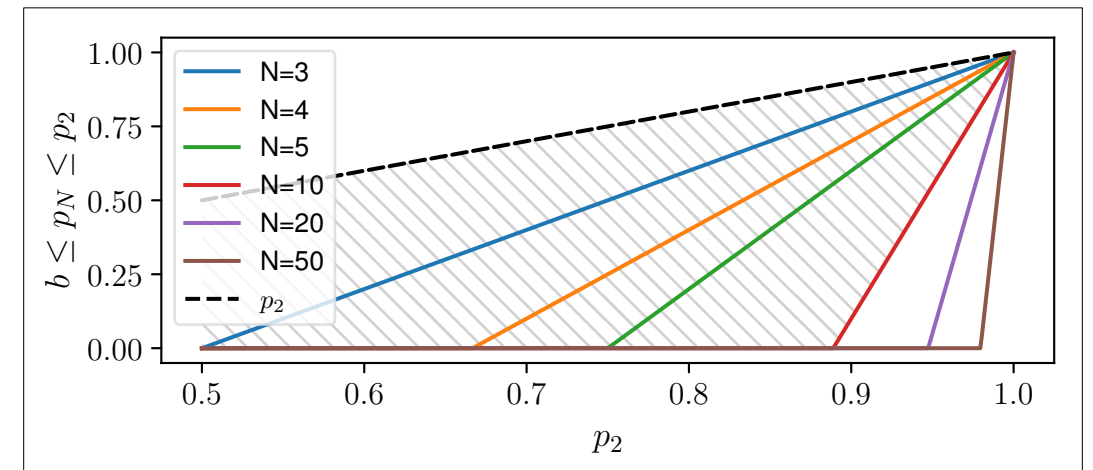
Indistinguishability of identical bosons from a quantum information theory perspective

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Fundamentally, all identical particles are indistinguishable. This has profound consequences for the properties of many-body systems and plays a crucial role for certain bosonic quantum computing approaches such as boson sampling or the KLM scheme that are based on letting many photons interfere in a multi-mode interferometer and only measure the photon number in the output modes.

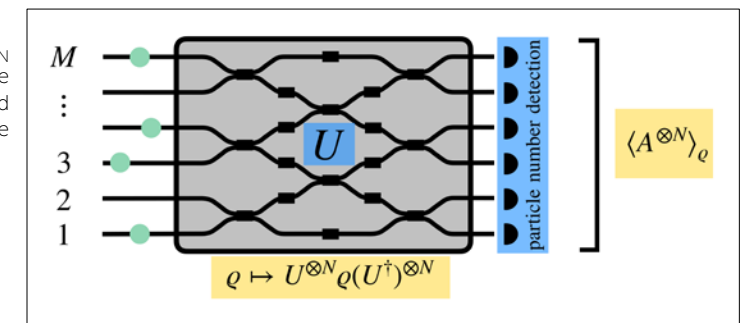
In practice, not all degrees of freedom of the bosons can be perfectly controlled (e.g., due to time jitter or frequency fluctuations of the photon source). This raises the question how good a given state of N bosons is and to judge the quality of a many-boson state or the source that produces it. A practically relevant question is whether these bosons behave indistinguishably if they coincide in all accessible degrees of freedom or not because of other, inaccessible degrees of freedom that distinguish them.

This paper develops a general way to quantify how indistinguishable identical bosons are in quantum experiments involving linear optics. Using ideas from quantum information theory, the authors define a measurable quantity p_N , the expectation value of the projector on the symmetric N -particle subspace, that captures how “boson-like” the particles are, even when they may have hidden differences. This generalizes and unifies previous definitions of many-particle indistinguishability. However, like all these quantities, for large particle number p_N is exponentially difficult to measure or compute. But the authors derive a lower bound in terms of a two-particle indistinguishability measurement, that can be efficiently obtained and that provides a tight bound for highly indistinguishable states. Additionally, the authors show that the measurements enabled by the interferometric setting are tomographically complete (that is, they allow to distinguish all states that are distinct in terms of their accessible degrees of freedom) and introduce a compatible notion of what it means for states to describe perfectly distinguishable bosons and show that the set of these states is not convex.



Boson sampling experiments and linear-optics quantum computing send a large number of photons through an interferometer and measure the particle number in the output ports. The difficulty of classically simulating this process depends on how indistinguishable the input photons are.

For many photons and modes, p_N is exponentially hard to compute or measure. But it can be bounded from below using the two-particle indistinguishability p_2 .



States of many indistinguishable photons are a resource for quantum computation. Here we derive a general method to quantify how indistinguishable the photons are

Universal features of entanglement entropy in the honeycomb Hubbard model

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Entanglement entropy is a measure of the degree of quantum entanglement between two subsystems constituting a two-part composite quantum system. But entanglement entropy also quantifies the information shared between a subsystem and its environment in a quantum many-body wavefunction.

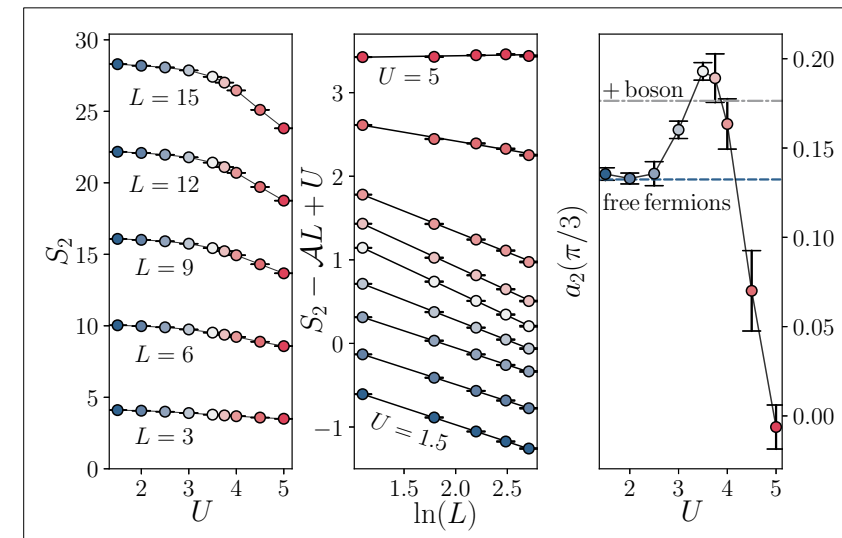
Interestingly, the finite-size scaling form of entanglement entropy has contributions that depend uniquely on universal physical quantities, making it a powerful probe to characterize strongly correlated systems. A widely known example of this is found in one-dimensional critical systems, where entanglement entropy grows logarithmically in the subsystem size with a prefactor given by the central charge.

In two dimensions, things get more complicated. On one hand, the leading term of the entanglement entropy grows at most proportionally with the boundary of the subsystem, the so-called "area law". On the other, if the subsystem contains sharp corners, critical ground states display a subleading universal logarithmic contribution.

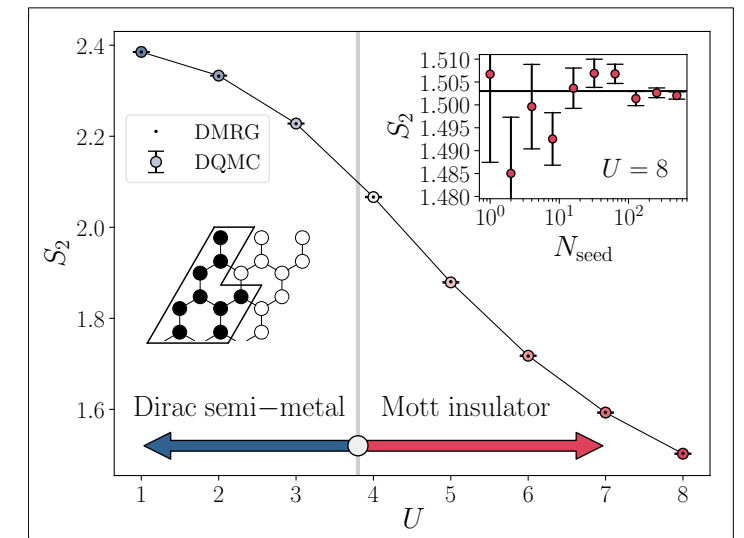
Despite a wide variety of numerical work investigating spin and boson systems, the universal features of entanglement entropy of two-dimensional interacting fermions have remained, for the most part, an unexplored frontier. The pioneering work of Grover introduced auxiliary-field determinantal quantum Monte Carlo (DQMC) simulations as a promising route to large-scale calculations of the Rényi entanglement entropy of interacting fermions. But the sampling from uncorrelated replica configurations make the estimator suffer from rare events that dominate the statistical average. Consequently, the universal features of entanglement entropy in 2D have remained out of reach for these methods.

Now, a team of researchers presents an improved method to compute the Rényi entanglement entropy in DQMC that solves the above mentioned sampling problem and enables unprecedented precision. To do so, the team develops an improved equilibrium method for DQMC simulations.

The approach harnesses the power of importance sampling by introducing an extended ensemble of Monte Carlo configurations in which the entangling region is allowed to fluctuate. Remarkably, the original Grover's formulation admits such an extended ensemble that can be simulated efficiently using standard DQMC techniques. To demonstrate the power of this technique, the scientists use it to study a benchmark system, a classic model of interacting fermions in two dimensions, the half-filled honeycomb Hubbard model at $T = 0$. Doing so, they detect, for the first time, logarithmic corrections to the area law in a 2D model of interacting fermions. Importantly, they find that such logarithmic terms can be sensitive to the type of entanglement cut that is used.



Entanglement entropy for the honeycomb Hubbard model as a function of interaction strength. The inset shows the fluctuating entangling region used to compute the entanglement entropy.



Entanglement entropy as a function of system size and interaction strength U in a triangle geometry. The method extracts for the first time the corner subleading logarithmic corrections and shows their interaction dependence, peaking at the critical point $U=3.8$.

A new Quantum Monte Carlo method exploiting importance sampling computes subleading logarithmic corrections to entanglement entropy, opening the way to a reliable path to probe quantum critical effects through entanglement

Evolution of superconductivity in twisted graphene multilayers

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Superconductivity, the phenomenon where electrical current flows without resistance, holds promise for revolutionizing technologies, from power grids to magnetic levitation. This study delves into the intriguing world of graphene based superconductors, shedding light on how twisting multiple layers of graphene can influence their superconducting properties.

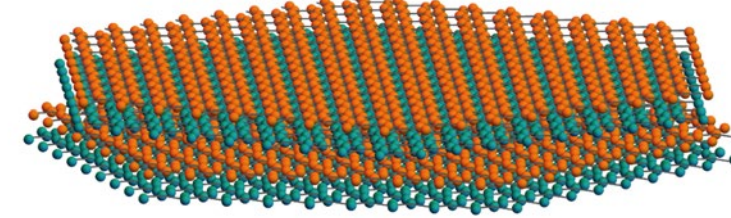
The angle at which graphene layers are twisted plays a pivotal role in determining their electronic properties. When layers are misaligned by a “magic angle” of approximately 1.1 degrees, the electronic interactions between the layers create a unique energy landscape. This configuration leads to the formation of “moiré patterns”, large-scale interference patterns that significantly alter the material’s electronic behavior. In twisted bilayer graphene, these moiré patterns have been linked to the emergence of superconductivity and other correlated electronic phases.

Building upon the insights from twisted bilayer graphene, this study is focused on “twisted double bilayer graphene” and “helical trilayer graphene.” In twisted double bilayer graphene, two bilayer graphene sheets are stacked with a twist, while helical trilayer graphene consists of three layers twisted in a specific sequence. These configurations introduce new complexities and opportunities in understanding superconductivity.

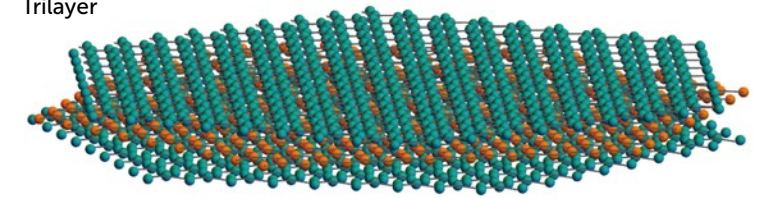
The researchers employed advanced theoretical models to analyze how long-range charge fluctuations—variations in the distribution of electric charge over distances— affect superconductivity in these multilayer graphene systems. Their findings reveal that the critical temperature and the order parameter differ significantly between twisted double bilayers and helical trilayers on one hand, and twisted bilayer graphene on the other. The temperature at which a material becomes superconducting, known as the critical temperature, differs significantly between the systems studied. Twisted double bilayer and helical trilayer graphene exhibit distinct critical temperatures compared to twisted bilayer graphene, suggesting that adding more layers and varying twist angles can tune the superconducting properties. The order parameter is a measure that describes the state of the superconducting phase. Variations in this parameter among the different graphene configurations indicate that the nature of the superconducting state changes with the number of layers and their arrangement.

The study highlights the role of moiré Umklapp processes, interactions where electrons scatter in a manner influenced by the moiré pattern. These processes differ between the systems, contributing to the observed variations in superconducting behavior.

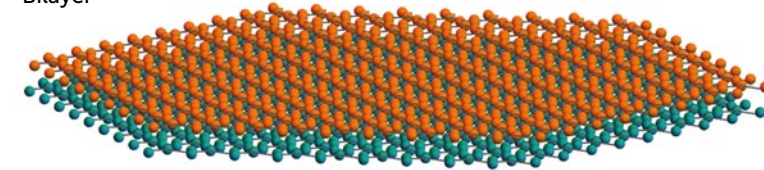
Double Bilayer



Trilayer



Bilayer



Configuration of graphene layers.

Differences in the arrangement of graphene layers point out to the origin of superconductivity

Understanding how twisting and layering graphene affects its superconducting properties is more than an academic pursuit; it has practical implications for developing advanced materials and technologies. By manipulating the twist angles and stacking sequences, scientists can engineer graphene-based materials with tailored superconducting characteristics, potentially leading to more efficient energy transmission, novel electronic devices, and quantum computing components.

Catalog of topological phonon materials

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The spectrum of phonons —essentially the energy as a function of momentum— and their wave functions, which represent their probability distribution in real space, can be computed using *ab initio* first principle codes. However, these calculations have so far lacked a unifying principle. For the quantum behavior of electrons, topology—a branch of mathematics— has successfully classified the electronic bands in materials. Can topology also characterize phonons?

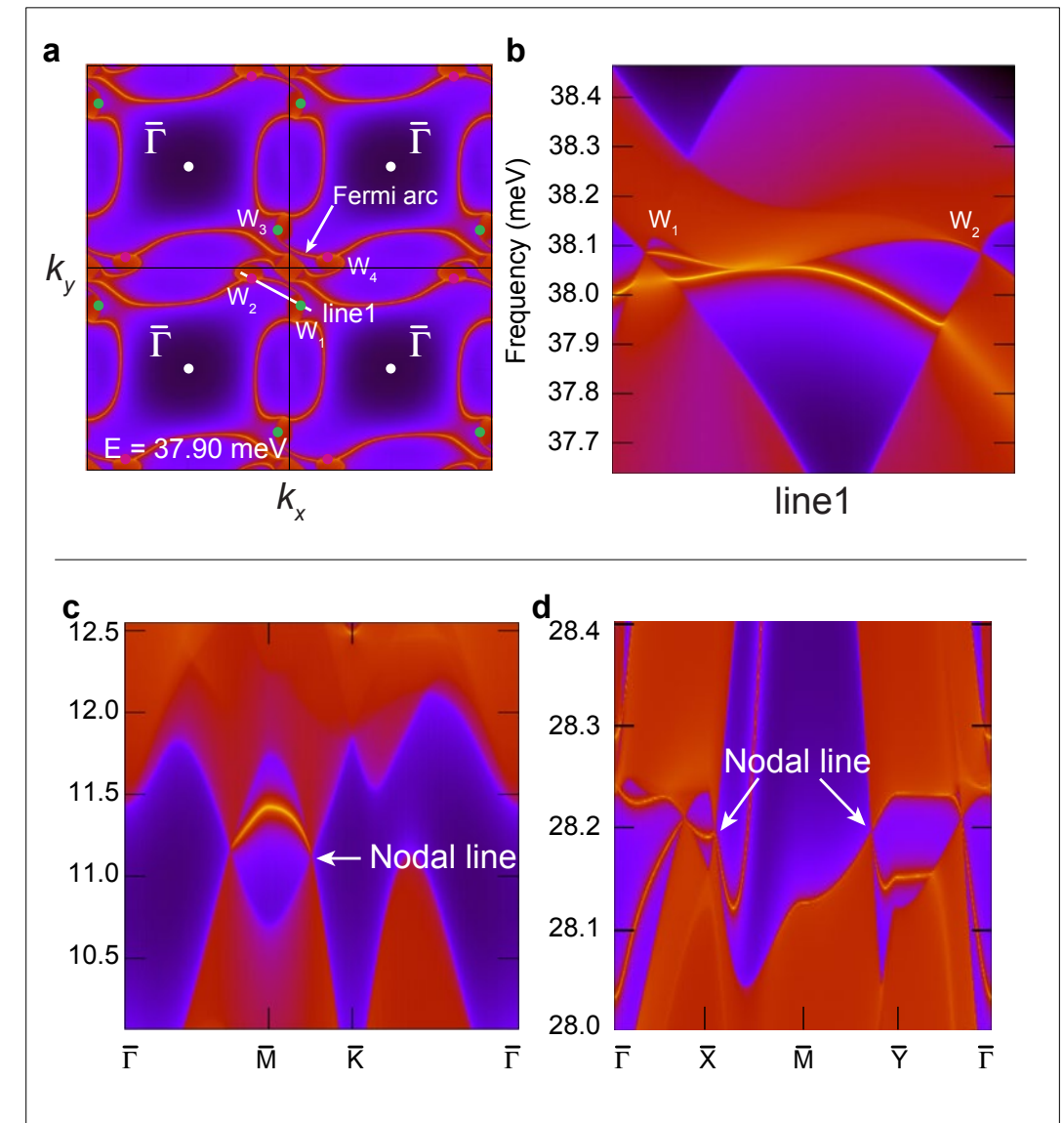
In this article we uncovered that a wide range of materials could host topological phonons. We first computed the phonon bands of thousands of quantum materials, identifying their wavefunctions and characterizing them by their symmetries, which provide a sort of local structure of the phonons. After completing this step, we employed topology to classify the global behavior of the phonon bands.

Several phonon structure databases have been meticulously analyzed, revealing that at least half of the materials exhibit at least one non-atomic cumulative phononic band set. The team employed a formalism similar to that developed for characterizing electronic bands, as outlined in their previous work on Topological Quantum Chemistry (TQC).

Phonon offer a new avenue for achieving nontrivial band topologies in solid-state materials, potentially leading to phonon surface states that could complement or enhance electronic surface states. The robustness of the topological surface phonon states can be leveraged for applications like frequency filtering or mechanical energy attenuation under imperfect conditions, as well as for heat transfer and infrared photoelectronics. Topological phonons could also pave the way for creating phonon diodes or acoustic waveguides. Analyzing data from over ten thousand materials, gathered from *ab-initio* calculations and stored in databases like PhononDB@kyoto-u and the Materials Project, we found that 50% of materials exhibit at least one non-trivial gap.

We discovered more topological structures in phonons than we initially expected, and we anticipate that topological phonons will lead to rich and unconventional physics, much like topological electrons have. We emphasized the importance of validating predictions for materials hosting topological phonons, noting that such experiments might be more challenging than those for electronic topology, due to lack of direct imaging techniques. The phonons have been cataloged in a public repository (<https://www.topologicalquantumchemistry.com/topophonons>), where researchers can access specific materials. Every phononic surface state is listed in this database; the next step would be for experimentalists to measure them.

The team envisions new physics that may emerge from the coupling between topological electrons and phonons. If topological electron surface states coexist with phononic ones, this could facilitate strong electron-phonon coupling on the surface —though potentially not in the bulk— potentially leading to surface superconductivity.



Surface state calculations for various prototypical topological phonon materials.

We have discovered more topological structures in phonons than we initially expected, and we anticipate that topological phonons will lead to rich and unconventional physics, much like topological electrons

Morphological sensitivity to pH of silica and chalk nanocrystalline self-organized biomorphs

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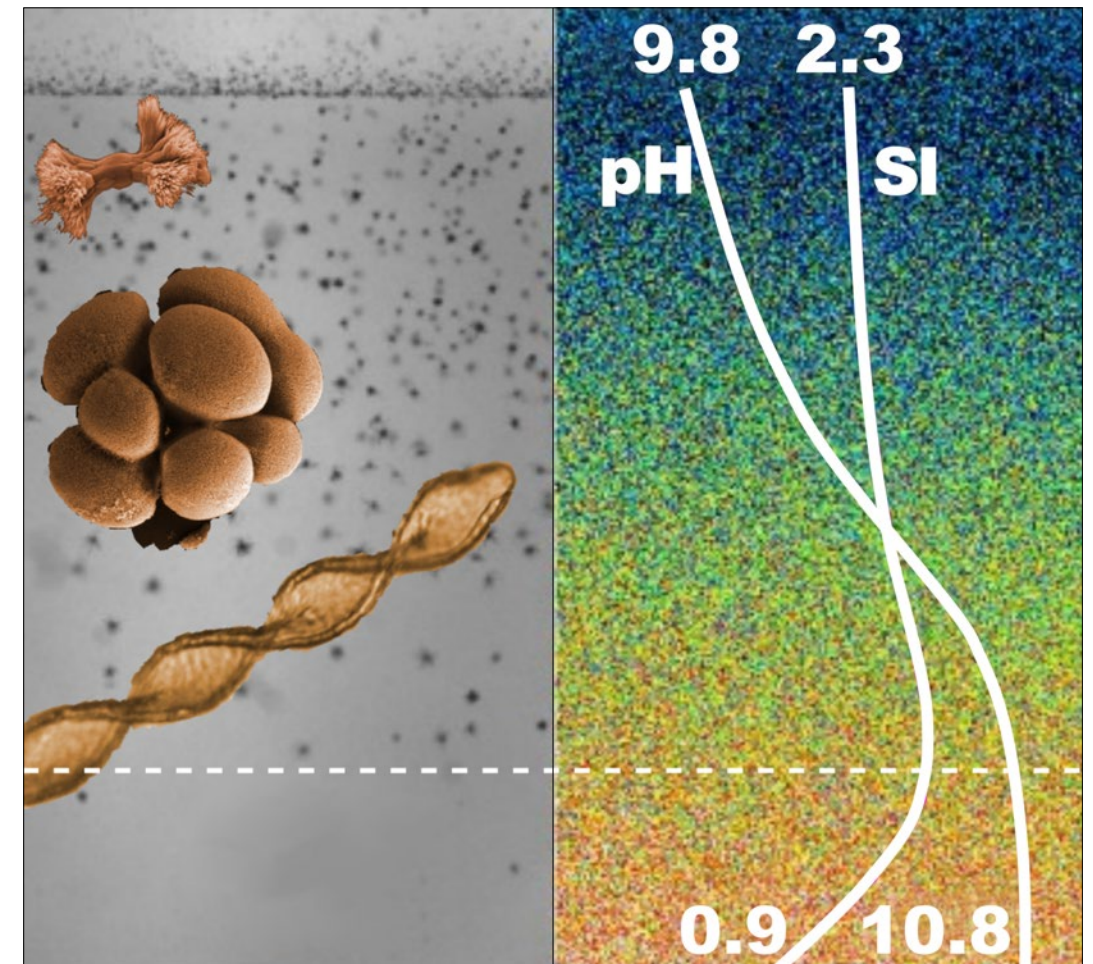
The bottom-up design of hierarchically organized nanostructures is a powerful strategy for achieving new materials with innovative functionalities. Biomorphs consist of thousands of carbonate nanocrystals aligned through silica-induced interactions, forming curved, non-crystallographic, and hierarchically textured structures. Their formation is considered an autocatalytic process driven by the inverse pH solubility of alkaline-earth carbonates and silica. As carbonate crystals form, the pH drops due to carbonate removal, which triggers silica precipitation. This, in turn, raises the pH again, initiating further carbonate nucleation and sustaining the coprecipitation cycle. The morphology and texture of biomorphs can be controlled by adjusting local conditions, namely temperature, $p\text{CO}_2$, and pH.

A pioneering study of the spatial and temporal evolution of pH inside silica gels during the precipitation of witherite biomorphs correlated pH with a photographic record of the spatial and temporal evolution of the morphologies of the aggregates. The work demonstrated that understanding the role of pH in morphogenesis requires measuring the pH locally in real-time using a non-invasive technique.

Now, a team of DIPC and University of Bologna researchers has developed a technique utilizing fluorescence imaging to detect pH on the growing front of biomorph in solution, reporting evidence of oscillations in the local pH at the front. The new ratiometric approach employs a probe that can be excited at two different wavelengths, producing two distinct fluorescence signals with varying pH dependencies. The ratio of the two signals remains independent of the local probe concentration and can be used to calculate pH.

This methodology eliminated artifacts in the pH measurements caused by probe concentration inhomogeneity due to diffusion, transport, photobleaching, or chemical degradation in the harsh alkaline conditions of the silica gel. The researchers demonstrate the use of the ratiometric fluorescent pH chemosensor to measure the variation of pH over time and across the silica gel during the growth of barium carbonate biomorphs. Changes in local pH were correlated with nucleation and biomorphic growth by combining optical transmission with fluorescence imaging.

The team measured the variation of pH in situ during a counter-diffusion precipitation experiment that formed barium carbonate biomorphs and compared it with a computer simulation of the growth



Precipitation simulations and in-situ noninvasive optical methods reveal pH's temporal and spatial evolution during biomorph morphogenesis.

Biomorphs are silica-carbonate curved architectures with hierarchical textures reminiscent of structural principles found in natural biominerals

experiment under identical starting conditions. The results demonstrate the envisaged existence of only two pH-dependent regimes in the formation of biomorphs: fractal growth and biomorphic growth.

Interestingly, the morphogenetic process controlling the complex shaping of biomorphs is independent of silica speciation. This indicates that while pH (and subsequently silica species) has a substantial effect on the transition from fractal to biomorphic growth, the morphogenetic mechanism responsible for different biomorphic shapes is independent of pH and must be inherent to the propagation of the growth front.

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01/11/2019–31/10/2024

Nanophotonics theory.
- Bo Chen

18/02/2020–Present

Nanothread chemistry and physics; high-pressure chemistry; carbene and diradical chemistry.
- Carlos Sánchez Cano

01/09/2021–Present

Controlling the metabolism of cells using metal-based intracellular catalysts.
- Tobias Daniel Grass

01/10/2022–Present

Quantum simulation and synthetic quantum matter.
- Claire Tonnelé

01/09/2023–Present

Electronic structure in molecular photophysics and optoelectronics.
- Stefano Roberto Soleti

01/09/2024–Present

Neutrinoless double beta decay with the NEXT experiment.

Fellows

- María Navarro Gastiasoro

01/01/2023–Present

Exotic superconductivity and correlation in quantum materials.
- Helena Almazán Molina

15/09/2024–Present

Neutrino physics in NEXT and WCTE experiments.

Postdoctoral Positions

- Jens Oliver Stücker

02/09/2019–31/08/2024

Cosmology.
- Tao Wang

07/10/2019–31/01/2024

On-surface synthesis of functional molecular materials.
- Rubén Rodríguez Ferradás

01/05/2020–20/08/2024

Development of new density functional approximations.
- Jonathan D’Emidio

05/10/2020–28/08/2024

Quantum Monte Carlo calculations and networks of tensors.
- Rafael Ramis Cortés

08/02/2021–29/02/2024

Molecular dynamics of potassium channels.
- María Jesús Morán Plata

20/09/2021–30/11/2024

Catalysis toward platinum substrates for drug delivery.
- Pablo Fernández Menéndez

01/10/2021–Present

Development of water Cherenkov test beam experiment.
- Ricardo Ortiz Cano

16/10/2021–29/02/2024

Quantum correlations in graphene-based nanostructures.
- Valerio Di Lisio

15/11/2021–14/11/2024

Non-equilibrium dynamics of amorphous polymers and other materials.
- Rodrigo Voivodic

06/12/2021–Present

Cosmology – Large scale structure.
- Iñigo Robredo Magro

01/02/2022–30/06/2024

Topological quantum materials as platforms for quantum computers.

Jorge Humberto Melillo
07/02/2022–06/02/2024
Supercooled water – polymeric and biological aqueous solutions.

Roberto Álvarez Boto
01/03/2022–Present
Quantum technologies – Optical properties of doped nanographenes.

María Blanco De Paz
01/03/2022–28/10/2024
Quantum technologies – Quantum metasurfaces.

Beatriz Robles Hernández
01/03/2022–29/02/2024
Polymers and soft matter.

Ander Simón Estévez
01/03/2022–Present
Coherent neutrino-nucleus scattering at ESS.

Alexey Brodoline
08/03/2022–Present
Optics, fluorescence.

Luis Alejandro Miccio Stefancik
01/04/2022–14/01/2024
Chain dynamics in crosslinked filled polymer systems with high plasticizer content.

María Isabel Ardaya Franco
04/04/2022–Present
Neurobioscience – Nanoneuro: optically manipulating neuronal activity with nanoparticles.

Anastasiia Skurativska
11/07/2022–10/07/2024
Quantum technologies – Quantum annealing hardware-based on non-conventional superconducting circuitsand new quantum materials.

Haoyu Hu
22/09/2022–18/11/2024
Development of flat band theory methods for search of new materials.

Stefano Roberto Soleti
26/09/2022–31/08/2024
Neutrinoless double beta decay with the NEXT experiment.

Raphael Enoque De Paiva
30/09/2022–Present
Development of photoactivatable anticancer metal complexes and nanomaterials.

Siddhartha Patra
18/11/2022–Present
Tensor networks and artificial intelligence for quantum matter.

Douglas Nakahata
21/11/2022–Present
Metal catalysis for the chemical modification of proteins.

Ana Cristina Carrasco Gento
01/01/2023–Present
Bioorthogonal photocatalysis towards metal substrates.

Ricardo Rama Eiroa
16/01/2023–Present
Designing the next generation of hard-drives using two-dimensional materials.

Jose Eduardo Barcelon
23/01/2023–Present
On-surface trapping of Ba ions by functionalized surfaces.

Fei Gao
23/01/2023–Present
Hybrid graphene nanoarchitectures for electrochemical sensing.

Raúl Guerrero Avilés
01/04/2023–14/06/2024
Adsorbing atoms and molecules on van der Waals heterostructures.

Charles Mark Lewis
01/04/2023–Present
Neutrino physics as part of ESSCEvNS.

Mesías Agustín Orozco Ic
05/04/2023–30/09/2024
Theoretical physical chemistry.

Óscar Rodríguez Ballesteros
10/04/2023–Present
Computational design of proteins.

Mikel Iraola Iñurrieta
11/04/2023–Present
Topological phases in interacting-electron systems.

Fernando Peñaranda del Río
01/05/2023–Present
Multiscale modelling of moiré materials.

Mihovil Bosnar

10/05/2023–06/10/2024

Condensed matter physics.

Ane Izaskun Aranburu Leiva

01/06/2023–30/09/2024

Development of luminescent chemical sensors for the selective detection of Ba++.

Galder Llorente Conde

01/06/2023–Present

Organic chemistry, neuroscience.

Álvaro Pozo Larrocha

01/06/2023–Present

Wave dark matter.

Shayan Edalatmanesh

05/06/2023–31/12/2024

Spin physics in graphene-based nanostructures.

Ilya Klimovskikh

19/06/2023–Present

Electronic properties of quantum interfaces studied in ARPES.

Sourav Biswas

01/07/2023–Present

Quantum technologies.

Haojie Guo

01/07/2023–Present

Condensed matter physics and strong electron correlations in moiré quantum matter.

Yi Jiang

01/07/2023–Present

HPC&IA – Magnetic properties of flat band kagome lattices studied by Inelastic neutron scattering.

Arunava Kar

01/07/2023–Present

Electronic properties of flat band kagome lattices studied by ARPES.

Nico Leumer

01/07/2023–Present

Spin physics in driven graphene nanostructures.

Luan Felipe Santos Martins Veríssimo

01/07/2023–30/12/2024

Computational condensed matter.

Rubén Pellicer Guridi

01/07/2023–31/12/2024

Vacancy centers in diamond for advanced quantum sensing.

Germán Eduardo Pieslinger

01/07/2023–Present

Green H₂ generation.

Mario Zapata Herrera

06/07/2023–Present

Nanophotonics.

Shivaprasad Achary Balahoju

01/09/2023–Present

Organic donor-acceptor π -conjugated molecular systems.

Tamara Richardson

01/09/2023–Present

Cosmology.

Benjamin Shirt-Ediss

14/09/2023–31/07/2024

Minimal agency and evolution.

Rodrigo Martínez Peña

01/10/2023–Present

Hybrid quantum algorithms for time series analysis.

Kate Storey-Fisher

11/10/2023–25/08/2024

Cosmological structure formation.

Constance Mahony

01/11/2023–30/09/2024

Weak gravitational lensing.

Hoang Nhan Luu

20/11/2023–Present

Exploring the nature of the standard cosmological model.

Moritz Frankerl

01/12/2023–Present

Theory of light emission from current-driven plasmonic nanocavities.

Antoine Patt

01/12/2023–Present

Theory and modelling, clathrate hydrates, porous materials.

Safa Hamreras

11/12/2023–Present

Hybrid quantum algorithms for pattern recognition.

Mateo Uldemolins Nivela

01/01–31/12/2024

Theory of quantum transport in superconducting and magnetic materials.

Pablo Ezequiel Dietz

02/01/2024–Present

Neutrino physics (CEvNS) at the European Spallation Source.

Chan Young Lim

05/01/2024–Present

Electronic properties of flat band kagome lattices studied by ARPES and scattering.

Ngoc Duc Le

15/01/2024–Present

Nano-optics, nano-photonics and nano-plasmonics.

Juan Felipe Huan Lew Yee

15/01/2024–Present

Solving the EoM for the 1RDM on quantum computing devices.

Manuel José Sánchez del Castillo

22/01/2024–Present

ECC - Experimental chemistry clusterX-rays for Inorganic biochemistry lab.

Andrei Mazanik

01/04–14/09/2024

Non-equilibrium properties of unconventional Josephson junctions.

Artem Korshunov

08/04/2024–Present

Uniaxial strain control of competing order parameters in complex quantum materials.

José Aarón Rodríguez Jiménez

11/04/2024–Present

Quantum Lanczos methods for quantum chemistry.

Emre Bölen

15/04–31/08/2024

Diffusion of ions into polymers and calcium silicates.

Jorge Diogo Marques Laranjeira

01/05/2024–Present

High-pressure computational organic chemistry.

Sabine Veronika Auras

01/06–30/11/2024

Activation of COP2 on metal surfaces.

Amanda Ribeiro Guimaraes

12/06–11/12/2024

In silico design and assessment of novel polyelectrophilic chemistry agents.

Kaycee Underwood

15/06/2024–Present

Novel forms of superconductivity and magnetism in two-dimensional materials.

Samuele Torelli

18/06/2024–Present

Search for neutrinoless double beta decay with high pressure xenon time projection chambers.

Hanqi Pi

01/07/2024–Present

Electronic structure of twisted 2 TMDs.

Nicholus Bhattacharjee

01/09/2024–Present

Computational mechanistic studies of the biological function of deprotonated diradicals.

Heqiu Li

01/09/2024–Present

Interactions, superconductivity, catalysis and topology in flat bands.

Tamar Meshveliani

01/09/2024–Present

Massive black holes and galaxy evolution.

Christian Jenewein

02/09/2024–Present

Patterns on the rocks.

Aleksander Bach Lorentzen

09/09/2024–Present

Theory and simulation of time-dependent nanoelectronics.

Rafael Ramis Cortés

16/09/2024–Present

AI-powered interpretation of missense variants in actionable genes.

Dulce Consuelo Guzmán Ocampo

01/10/2024–Present

Molecular dynamics simulation of proteins.

Stephen Ross McMillan
01/11/2024–Present
Spin qubits and graphene-based nanostructures.

Borja Aparicio Gil
18/11/2024–Present
Prebiotic chemistry and origin of life.

Irene Casademont Reig
01/12/2024–Present
Molecular optical properties and aromaticity.

Gonzalo Martínez Lema
06/12/2024–Present
Development of the GanESS detector.

Research Collaborators

Yetli Rosas Guevara
01/12/2020–30/11/2024
Theory and observation of galaxy formation.

Luis Antonio Soriano Águeda
01/02/2021–30/11/2024
Design of interchange and correlation functionalities for the correct description of dynamic and non-dynamic correlation.

Jorge Pelegrín Mosquera
08/09/2021–Present
Development of gas handling system for NEXT experiment.

Sergio Contreras Hantke
01/12/2021–Present
Modelling of galaxy formation physics and its impact on clustering and cosmological parameters.

PhD Students

Sara Lois Cerdeira
07/01/2020–06/01/2024
Tuning the chemical properties of graphene nanostructures.

Daniel López Cano
01/09/2020–31/08/2024
Computational cosmology.

Miryam Martínez Vara
01/09/2020–31/08/2024
Search for double beta decay without neutrinos with the NEXT-100 detector.

Nischal Acharya
28/09/2020–27/09/2024
The environment of quasars & evolution of galaxies.

Nathaniel Capote Robayna
01/10/2020–30/09/2024
Polaritons in anisotropic van der Waals crystals.

Antonio David Subires Santana
01/02/2021–Present
Electronic and magnetic ordering in low dimensional systems.

Irián Sánchez Ramírez
01/07/2021–Present
Modeling of strongly correlated electronic systems.

Aitor Díaz Andrés
01/08/2021–Present
Photophysical processes in molecules, molecular aggregates and molecular solids.

Juan Sánchez-Camacho Sánchez
01/08/2021–Present
Development of new biorthogonal photocatalytic catalysts for cancer therapy.

Antonio Cebreiro Gallardo
01/09/2021–Present
Quantum computational chemistry.

Kateryna Domina
01/09/2021–Present
Anomalous wave phenomena in 2D materials.

Divya Jyoti

02/09/2021–Present

Impurities on superconductor.

Mohammed Loukili

15/09/2021–Present

Exploring organic chemistry under pressure with computations.

Francisco Germano Maion

27/09/2021–Present

Cosmological large-scale structure.

Lurdes Ondaro Mallea

01/10/2021–Present

Research in computational cosmology.

Markos Polkas

15/10/2021–Present

Supermassive black holes and galaxy evolution.

Xabier Díaz de Cerio Palacio

01/11/2021–Present

Electronic properties of carbon-based nanostructures.

Adam Roselló Sánchez

01/11/2021–Present

Light-matter interactions in molecular systems on surfaces.

Carlo Andrea Pagnacco

15/11/2021–Present

Synthesis of cyclic polymers for biomedical applications.

Kirill Voronin

13/12/2021–Present

Nanophotonics with van der Waals crystals.

Sara Ortega Martínez

01/01/2022–Present

Cosmos: computational cosmology.

Andrei Paulau

12/01/2022–Present

Theoretical chemistry.

Leire Larizgoitia Arcocha

17/01/2022–Present

Development of gaseous detectors for the ESS.

Tim Kukkeler

07/02/2022–06/02/2024

Transport properties of non-conventional superconducting structures.

Amitayush Jha Takur

11/04/2022–31/12/2024

Condensed matter physics.

Chen-How Huang

03/05/2022–Present

Low dimensional system, quantum systems in non-equilibrium.

Andrés Felipe Bejarano Sánchez

06/05/2022–Present

Quantum transport.

Julen Aduriz Arrizabalaga

13/05/2022–Present

Theoretical simulation of metal-A β complexes.

Teresa Itziar Celaya Garmendia

17/05/2022–Present

Nanoneuro: optically manipulating neuronal activity with nanoparticles.

Nerea Salor Iguñiz

01/08/2022–Present

Medical physics.

Nils Hoyer

01/09/2022–29/02/2024

The cosmological evolution of Nuclear Star Clusters.

Duy Hoang Minh Nguyen

01/09/2022–Present

Twisted 2D materials.

Sandra Sajan

01/09/2022–Present

Unconventional superconductivity in 2D materials.

María de los Ángeles Del Barrio Torregrosa

01/10/2022–Present

Neutrinoless double beta decay with the NEXT experiment.

Eric Gómez Urreizti

01/10/2022–Present

Synthesis of cyclic polymers for biomedical applications.

Josianne Imbola Owona

01/10/2022–Present

Theoretical chemistry and computational modelling.

Martin Irizar Landa

01/10/2022–Present

Towards spin-qubits in 2.

Antonio Morales Pérez

01/10/2022–Present

Artificial Intelligence algorithms for the topological control of quantum emitters.

Pablo Manuel Bermejo Navas

01/12/2022–Present

Hybrid quantum machine learning for NISQ devices. Analysis of QML methods, tensor networks and neuromorphic computing.

Marta Costa Verdugo

15/12/2022–Present

Development of new photocatalytic materials for drug delivery.

Javier Domínguez Calvo

19/12/2022–Present

Development of new density functional approximations.

Esteban Zingales

09/01/2023–Present

Metal modulation of glucose metabolism.

Francesco Di Marcantonio

16/01/2023–15/01/2024

Simulation of quantum matter and gauge theories with tensor networks.

Mikel Elorza Romera

23/01/2023–Present

Development of slow control system for the GaP detector.

Aitor González Marfil

06/03/2023–Present

Deep self-supervised learning methods for bioimage analysis.

Daniel García Pina

15/03/2023–Present

Magnetism in graphene nanostructures: spin chains with tunable interactions.

Paschalis Agapitos

01/04/2023–Present

Complex networks methods applied to cultural analytics.

Nonia Vaquero Sabater

01/04/2023–Present

Quantum algorithms for quantum chemistry.

Mikel Olano Aranburu

01/06/2023–Present

Moving quantum dots.

Elena Ramos Cascón

12/06/2023–Present

Development, data collection and physical analysis in the WCTE and Hyper-Kamiokande experiments.

Hanae Boulehjour

01/07/2023–Present

Quantum technologies – Asymmetric dilanthanide clusters as platforms for addressable qubits.

Hussen Oumer Mohammed

01/07/2023–Present

Computational design of draw solutes for forward–osmosis seawater desalination.

Shah Jee Rahman

01/07/2023–Present

Optical trapping and levitation.

Andoni Agirre Arabolaza

01/10/2023–Present

Tensor network methods for interacting electrons in quasi-1D graphene nanostructures.

Guillermo Santamaría Fernández

01/10/2023–30/09/2024

Study of phonons and charge and heat transport in molecular crystals.

Francisco Manuel Ballester Macià

16/10/2023–Present

Study and application of topological phonons.

Ramón María Bergua López

16/10/2023–Present

Study of fluxionality and environment effects on Pt nanoclusters for applications in catalysis.

Pablo Ramón García Valle

16/10/2023–Present

Development of luminiscent chemical sensors for the selective selection of Ba++.

Carolina Adriana Iacovone

23/10/2023–Present

Polymers and Soft Matter.

Marc Justin Seemann

27/10/2023–Present

Experimental particle physics: towards next-generation high pressure xenon time projection chambers for neutrinoless double beta decay.

Irene Valderrama Flores

01/11/2023–Present

Galaxies.

Alfonso Yubero Navarro

01/11/2023–Present

Neutrino physics, surface physics.

Victor Sierka

03/11/2023–Present

Design of quantum materials for channeling light and electrons.

Unai Pereira Castelo

01/12/2023–09/02/2024

Uniaxial strain tuning of the ground state of quantum materials.

Yongsong Wang

13/12/2023–Present

Electronic characterization of real- and momentum-space topology of ultra flat bands.

Joan Grèbol Tomás

01/01/2024–Present

Aromaticity in large conjugated circuits.

Alaitz Lecuona Isasa

01/01/2024–Present

Chiral multicolor quantum dots for monitoring biologically relevant phenomena.

Alfredo Manuel Rotundo

01/01/2024–Present

Photoactive anticancer drugs.

Nitin Kumar

01/02/2024–Present

Catalysis and photocatalysis.

Guilherme Henrique De Oliveira

02/02/2024–Present

Correlative X-ray and non-linear optical microscopy to characterise protein aggregates.

Vladyslav Chernenko

14/02–31/05/2024

Theoretical study of spin-orbit effects in scattering of electrons by surfaces.

Jehyeok Ryu

29/02/2024–Present

Plasmon-exciton quantum emitters for applications in quantum technologies.

Ainhoa Villoria Bárcena

01/05/2024–Present

New biomolecules with Huisgenase activity: metalloproteins as biocatalysts for (3 + 2) cycloadditions.

Javier Antonio Vélez Simanca

06/05/2024–Present

Chaos, magnetic materials and antiferromagnetics.

Aymeric Saunot

25/09/2024–Present

Topological magnetic moiré heterostructures.

Santiago Villodre Martínez

01/10/2024–Present

Condensed matter models implemented in quantum computers.

Markel García Ibarluzea

15/10/2024–Present

Biophysics of potassium channels: from atomistic protein folding, to clinical testing and drug design.

Carolina Martínez Strasser

01/11/2024–Present

Physics of nanostructures and advanced materials.

Alicia Omist Gálvez

16/11/2024–Present

Quantum technologies.

Ludovic Donneger

01/12/2024–Present

Gaseous detectors for neutrino physics.

Research Assistants

Carlos Alberto Maciel Escudero
01/07/2022–31/05/2024

Ainhoa Villoria Bárcena
01/10/2022–30/04/2024

Carolina Martínez Strasser
13/10/2022–31/10/2024

Miguel Ángel Jiménez Herrera
17/10/2022–31/03/2024

Jehyeok Ryu
01/03/2023–28/02/2024

Alicia Omist Gálvez
15/07/2023–15/11/2024

Alfredo Serrano Jiménez
18/09/2023–30/09/2024

Markel García Ibarluzea
01/10/2023–14/10/2024

Irati Lizaso Berrueta
23/10/2023–Present

Martín Molezuelas Ferreras
13/11/2023–27/08/2024

Martín Gutiérrez Amigo
04/12/2023–31/08/2024

José Aarón Rodríguez Jiménez
10/12/2023–10/04/2024

Bruno Candelas Peñalba
01/01/2024–Present

David Silva Brea
01/01/2024–Present

Sara Lois Cerdeira
07/01/2024–Present

Janaarthana Babu Perumal Marisami
22/01/2024–Present

Benjamin Tirado Heras
01/06–19/12/2024

Diego Herrero Carrión
14/10/2024–Present

Laura Navarro Cozcolluela
14/10/2024–Present

Shiyue Zhang
16/12/2024–Present

Engineers

Jordi Torrent Collell
16/06/2018–Present

Eva Oblak
14/09/2020–Present

José María Benlloch Rodríguez
22/01/2022–Present

Asier Castillo Litago
02/02/2022–Present

Alejandro Taboada Fernández
11/09/2022–Present

Oier Peñasco Escandell
23/12/2024–Present

Technical Assistants

Francisco López Gejo
01/01/2021–Present

Carlos Echeverría Lizarraga
01/03/2022–Present

Bruno López-Gómez Saldaña
11/09/2022–13/08/2024

José Luis López Gómez
10/02/2023–24/11/2024

Andrés Blanco Galán
03/09/2024–Present

Internships

Aitor Echeverría Ibarbia

Escuela Universitaria de Ingeniería Dual, Spain
01/09/2023–12/07/2024
Infrastructure monitoring.

Irene Plazaola Iguaran

UPV/EHU, Spain
01/09/2023–01/07/2024
Chemigenetic probes based on synthetic chelators.

Gorka Acuña Pérez

Zubiri Manteo, Spain
21/09/2023–18/03/2024
Administration of networked computer systems.

Alejandro Pérez Casas

UPV/EHU, Spain
30/10/2023–30/01/2024
Computer engineering.

Matt Hugget

Collège Sciences et Technologies - Université de Bordeaux, France
22/01–14/06/2024
Electronic structure characterization of electronic spin states in molecules.

Guillem Pey Costa

Universitat de Girona, Spain
26/02–26/04/2024
Theoretical evaluation of molecular and spectroscopic properties.

Élodie Boutou

Polytech Clermont-Ferrand, France
04/03–03/08/2024
Donostia natural orbital functional software.

Rebeka Rita Reszegi

Universität Hamburg, Germany
18/03–30/06/2024
Chelating nanoparticles to reach metal pools in cellular environments.
01/07–01/09/2024
Nanoparticle systems for intrabacterial metal sensing.

Alejandro Martín Quevedo

UPV/EHU, Spain
15/04–15/07/2024
Refinement of supercomputing use cases.

Pablo Serrano Molinero

Universidad Internacional de la Rioja (UNIR), Spain
02/05–27/06/2024
Quantum computing application to Bayesian learning.

Urko Arosa Elcoroiribe

UPV/EHU, Spain
01/06–31/07/2024
Estimation of NLOP in ionic liquids.

Idoia Cámara Garmendia

UPV/EHU, Spain
01/06–31/07/2024
Theoretical design of PtGe catalyst for HOR in alkaline.

Laura Hernández Fernández

Universidad de Vigo, Spain
01/06–31/07/2024
Solvent effects of biocompatible ionic liquids.

Lore Oregi Lauzirika

UPV/EHU, Spain
01/06–31/07/2024
Android app development for exploring nanographenes.

Irene Plazaola Iguaran

UPV/EHU, Spain
01/06–31/07/2024
Preparation of cellulose-based colorimetric sensor for heavy metal ion detection.

Cristina Sobrino Fernández

Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (UAM), Spain
01/06–31/07/2024
Rhodium-catalyzed isomerization of alkenes.

Martín Zapata Ferguson

Universidad Complutense de Madrid (UCM), Spain
01/06–31/07/2024
Controlling light at the nanoscale.

Iker Valle Gallegos
UPV/EHU, Spain
05/06–04/08/2024
Electric circuits for the investigation of non-Hermitian lattice physics.

Patxi Moreno Estebáñez
UPV/EHU, Spain
10/06–09/08/2024
Photoemission experiments with quantum materials.

Ane Paniagua González de Chavarri
UPV/EHU, Spain
10/06–09/08/2024
Development of open-source deep learning tools for bioimage analysis.

Asier Adrián Díaz Valdivieso
UPV/EHU, Spain
12/06–11/08/2024
Machine learning methods applied to the mutagenesis of ion channels.

Ander Aleson Gurruchaga
UPV/EHU, Spain
19/06–18/08/2024
Aromaticity in large macrocylces.

Léa Serrano Giménez
Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Belgium
26/06–26/08/2024
Rationalization of linear and non-linear optical properties.

Alejandro Blanco Peces
Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (UAM), Spain
01/07–31/08/2024
Unconventional superconductivity in transition metal dichalcogenides.

Cristina Domínguez Escobar
UPV/EHU, Spain
01/07–31/08/2024
Computational study of the effect of pressure on organocatalysis.

Sergio Fernández Expósito
Universidad Complutense de Madrid (UCM), Spain
01/07–31/08/2024
Exploring noise impact on variational quantum eigensolvers.

Guillermo Pascua Ramón
Universidad de Zaragoza, Spain
02/07–31/08/2024
Gaseous detectors for neutrino physics at the ESS.

Clara Clemente Marcuello
Universidad de Zaragoza, Spain
08/07–07/09/2024
Nanophotonics in 2D materials.

Itsaso Hontoria Indart
UPV/EHU, Spain
08/07–11/08/2024
Gaseous detectors for neutrino physics at the ESS.

Laura Navarro Cozcolluela
Universidad de Valencia, Spain
08/07–31/08/2024
Positron-emission tomography with cryogenic crystals.

María Pérez Garrote
Universidad Complutense de Madrid (UCM), Spain
08/07–31/08/2024
Gaseous detectors for neutrino physics at the ESS.

Raúl Lago Saavedra
Universidad de Vigo, Spain
15/07–31/08/2024
Molecular dynamic simulations of intrinsically disordered proteins.

Alejandro Martín Rodríguez
Instituto de Ciencias Fotónicas (ICFO), Spain
01/08–31/08/2024
Unconventional superconductivity in two-dimensions.

Kamil Dutkiewicz
University of Warsaw, Poland
01/09–01/11/2024
Superconductivity in fractal lattices.

Carla García Gazulla
Universitat de Barcelona, Spain
30/09–30/12/2024
Study on rare processes in particle physics: research on dark matter and neutrinos.

Noa Andueza Arín
Zubiri Manteo, Spain
02/12/2024–Present
Supercomputing Center.

Undergraduate Candidates

Patxi Moreno Estebáñez
UPV/EHU, Spain
02/10/2023–30/06/2024
Introduction to synchrotron radiation and its use in photoemission studies.

Katy Andrea Domínguez Farinango
UPV/EHU, Spain
11/10/2023–28/06/2024
Crosslinked polymers with reversible enamine-type bands.

Xabier Arrue Díaz
UPV/EHU, Spain
30/09/2024–Present
Experimental physics - particle physics.

Unai Miranda Redondo
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01/10/2024–Present
Synchrotron radiation.

Master’s Degree Student

Katy Andrea Domínguez Farinango
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03/10/2024–Present
Cyclic polymers.

Special Assignments

Fabienne Barroso Bujans
DIPC Summer Internships

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DIPC Transferable Skills Courses

Arantzazu García Lekue
DIPC Calls for Young Researchers

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DIPC Colloquia

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Visiting Researchers

Long visits

Talat Shahnaz Rahman
University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL, USA
01/12/2023–31/03/2024
01/12–31/12/2024
Theoretical and computational investigations of transport, magnetic and optical properties of functional nanomaterials.

Julio Alonso Martin
Universidad de Valladolid, Spain
01/12/2023–31/01/2024
01/10–30/11/2024
Interaction of small molecules with layered materials.

Pablo Herrero Gómez
Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel
01/10/2023–30/04/2024
Development of hardware an analysis for SABBAT project.

Ángel Rodríguez Alcaráz
Universidad Complutense de Madrid (UCM), Spain
02/10/2023–31/01/2024
Developing new tools for the BASQ-IBM quantum computer.

Chioma Ibiam Aja
Federal University of Technology Owerri, Nigeria
17/10/2023–16/09/2024
Introducing sulphons to amino acids to create super conducting capacitors.

Laura Barros Silva
Instituto de Química - Unicamp, Campinas, Brazil
10/12/2023–11/03/2024
Synthesis, characterization and antiviral studies of novel Pd(II) complexes with aminoadamantanes.

Juan Faustino Aguilera Granja
Instituto de Física, Universidad Autónoma de San Luis Potosí, México
10/12/2023–09/01/2024
16/03–12/04, 04/06–31/07/2024
Nanostructures made of new components.

Maxim Kagan
Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russia
15/12/2023–15/01/2024
Acoustic plasmons in novel superconducting materials.

Antonio Zelaquett Khoury
Instituto de Física, Universidade Federal Fluminense,
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
18/12/2023–17/03/2024
Quantum nanophotonics.

Vladimir Nazarov
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel
01/01–31/01/2024
Optics of semiconductors and insulators beyond
adiabatic local density approximation.

Dumitru Calugaru
Princeton University, NJ, USA
11/01–30/03, 07/05–15/06/2024
SuperFlat.

Rubén Miguel Otxoa de Zuazola
Hitachi-Cambridge Laboratory, UK
15/01–15/06/2024
Antiferromagnetism & quantum error correction.

Andrew Weber
University of Missouri-Kansas City, MO, USA
01/02–30/04/2024
Thin film plasmonics.

Joshua Renner
IGFAE - Universidade de Santiago
de Compostela, Spain
01/02–31/05/2024
HyperK / WCTE radioactive source development.

Joseph Richard Manson
Clemson University, SC, USA
01/02–28/03, 01/09–31/10/2024
Electron-phonon interactions at surfaces.

Tyann Dumerchat
Centre de Physique des Particules de Marseille,
Aix-Marseille Université, France
12/02–15/03/2024
Cosmology with peculiar velocity clustering.

Sergi Danés Pibernat
Universitat de Girona, Spain
15/02–15/05/2024
Theoretical evaluation of molecular and
spectroscopic properties.

Zenan Dai
Shanghai Jiao Tong University, China
15/02–15/09/2024
Topological insulators.

Pau Besalú Sala
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Facultat de Ciències, Girona, Spain
26/02–08/04/2024
Theoretical evaluation of molecular and
spectroscopic properties.

Andrey Borissov
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01/03–30/04, 15/10–15/12/2024
Quantum plasmonics, strong field emission,
electron transport in plasmonic gaps.

Simon White
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03/03–30/03/2024
Cosmological structure formation.

Matteo Santini
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11/03–09/07/2024
Angular redshift fluctuations in
extragalactic mappings.

João Pedro Vieira de Mendonça Santos
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20/03–22/06/2024
Non Fermi liquid behavior in Hubbard ladders.

Heba Kandil
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21/03–14/09/2024
Exploring polysaccharide materials: innovating
wound healing patches for optimal recovery.

Seok Gyeong Yoon
The University of Chicago, IL, USA
29/03–29/08/2024
ERC-ESSCEvNS.

Petru Milev
Wrocław University of Science
and Technology, Poland
30/03–28/06/2024
Efficient methodologies for computing response
properties of molecules and materials.

José Ángel Hernando Morata
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(IGFAE) - Universidade de Santiago de
Compostela (USC), Spain
01/04–30/06/2024
Neutrinos.

Gernot Frenking
Philipps-Universität Marburg, Germany
01/04–30/05/2024
Quantum chemical analysis of the chemical bond.

Oleg Dolgov
Lebedev Physical Institute of the Russian
Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Russia
01/04–30/06/2024
Electronic excitations and superconducting
instability in solids.

Agustín Rodríguez Medrano
Instituto de Astronomía Teórica y Experimental
(IATE - Conicet), Córdoba, Argentina
01/05–30/07/2024
BACCO simulations.

Bárbara Andrade dos Santos
ICFO – The Institute of Photonic Sciences,
Castelldefels, Spain
01/05/2024–01/05/2025
Real-time evolution of lattice gauge theories
using modern quantum devices.

Paula Natalia Abufager
Instituto de Física Rosario, Argentina
01/05–01/07/2024
Electronic, magnetic and transport properties
at the nanoscale.

Eric Switzer
University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL, USA
05/05–28/06/2024
Developing new tools for the BASQ-IBM
quantum computer.

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Institute of Radio Astronomy and Astrophysics
(IRyA), UNAM, Morelia, México
06/05–01/07/2024
Parametric and environmental study of the
formation and evolution of stellar bars in a
cosmological context.

Peter Saalfrank
University of Potsdam, Germany
11/05–22/06/2024
Hot-electron mediated chemistry at
metal nanoparticles.

In-Sang Yang
Ewha Womans University, Seoul, South Korea
13/05–13/08/2024
Spin rotational excitations in hexagonal $RMnO_3$
(R=Y, rare-earths).

Oleg Prezhdo
University of Southern California, Los Angeles,
CA, USA
25/05–25/08/2024
Excited state dynamics in novel nanoscale
materials for optoelectronic applications.

Stephanie Louise Yardley
Northumbria University, Newcastle, UK
01/06–01/09/2024
Solar Physics/ Space weather.

Christian Jenewein
Instituto Andaluz de Ciencias de la Tierra (IACT),
Armilla, Granada, Spain
01/06–31/08/2024
Patterns on the rocks.

Godfrey Gumbs
Hunter College, City University of New York, USA
01/06–30/06/2024
Thermoelectric response of magic-angle twisted
bilayer graphene in external fields.

Elton Gomes Dos Santos
James Clerk Maxwell Building,
The University of Edinburgh, UK
01/06–01/09/2024
Correlated properties based
quantum technologies.

Francisco José García Vidal
Facultad de Ciencias, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (UAM), Spain
01/06–31/07/2024
Quantum light-matter interaction.

Juan Pablo Echeverry Enciso
Universidad de Ibagué, Colombia
01/06–30/07/2024
Electron-plasmon coupling in TiSe₂ monolayers and bilayers.

Blanca del Rosal Rabes
RMIT University, Melbourne, Australia
01/06–30/06/2024
Nanoneuro.

Edgar Martin Salazar Canizales
University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ, USA
03/06–28/06/2024
Large scale structure modeling.

Eduardo Rozo
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03/06–28/06/2024
Modeling of large scale structure.

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03/06–07/07/2024
Electron transport in carbon nanostructures.

Dmitri Efremov
Institute for Solid State Physics and Material Research (IFW), Dresden, Germany
07/06–06/07/2024
Charge excitations in superconducting materials.

Haozhe Tong
Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore
09/06–09/08/2024
Hyperbolic nanooptics.

Pavel Jelinek
Institute of Physics of the Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague, Czech Republic
17/06–17/07/2024
Magnetism at surfaces.

Rafael Yuste Rojas
Columbia University, New York, NY, USA
01/07–20/08/2024
Neurophysics.

Andrey Vasenko
HSE University, Moscow, Russia
01/07–30/09/2024
Photo-excitation dynamics in nanoscale systems.

Alejandro Martín Rodríguez
ICFO, Castelldefels, Spain
01/07–31/07/2024
STM/STS measurements on 2D materials.

Luis Martín Moreno
Instituto de Nanociencia y Materiales de Aragón, Zaragoza, Spain
01/07–31/07/2024
Theory on nanophotonics.

Nikolay Kabachnik
European XFEEL GmbH, Schenefeld, Germany
01/07–30/09/2024
Theoretical description of time-delay in photoemission from solid surfaces.

María Ángeles Hernández Vozmediano
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01/07–31/07/2024
Topological semimetals. Semimetal topologikoak.

Gabriel Alejandro Cwilich
Yeshiva University, New York, NY, USA
01/07–31/12/2024
Modeling of networks applied to vehicular traffic and similar problems.

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Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare, Laboratori Nazionali di Frascati, Italy
02/07–29/08/2024
Detectors for neutrino physics.

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02/07–29/08/2024
Detectors for neutrino physics.

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Universidad de Valladolid, Facultad de Ciencias, Spain
04/07–01/08/2024
12/12/2024–12/01/2025
On the quest of new magnetic 2D materials.

Felix von Oppen
Dahlem Center for Complex Quantum Systems and Freie Universität Berlin, Germany
06/07–04/08/2024
Theory of the quantum twisting microscope.

Leonid Glazman
Yale University, New Haven, CT, USA
13/07–11/08/2024
Phonon spectroscopy with the quantum twisting microscope.

Alejandro González Tudela
Instituto de Física Fundamental, Madrid, Spain
14/07–15/08/2024
Topological quantum optics.

Yuval Oreg
Weizmann Institute of Science, Rehovot, Israel
19/07–05/08/2024
Novel properties of van der Waals layered systems.

Victor Oluwapemi Adebayo
Paul Sabatier University, Toulouse, France
29/07–22/09/2024
Mechanism of doublet-triplet energy transfer for photon upconversion.

Mohammad Monir
KU Leuven, Belgium
01/08–01/10/2024
Magnetic anisotropy in organic polyradicals.

Igor Karnaukhov
GV Kurdyumov Institute for Metal Physics of the NAS of Ukraine, Kyiv, Ukraine
01/08–30/10/2024
Topological insulators and superconductors.

Tairzhan Karabassov
HSE University, Moscow, Russia
01/08–31/08/2024
Superconductivity in topologically nontrivial materials.

Sergio Carbajo García
UCLA, Los Angeles, CA, USA
01/08–31/08/2024
Topological nanophotonics.

Guillermo Pedro Acuña
University of Fribourg, Faculty of Science and Medicine, Switzerland
01/08–31/10/2024
Chiral light matter interactions at the nanoscale.

Pablo Ares García
Facultad de Ciencias, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (UAM), Spain
15/08–15/09/2024
AFM polarization in moiré materials.

Ziya Aliyev
Baku State University, Azerbaijan
25/08–25/09/2024
Materials physics of magnetic topological insulators.

Alexander Yaresko
Max Planck Institute for Solid State Research, Stuttgart, Germany
01/09–30/09/2024
Spin-polarized photoemission from the surface of antiferromagnet.

Leonid Sandratskii
Institute of Physics of the Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague, Czech Republic
01/09–30/11/2024
Magnons in altermagnets: symmetry aspects and first-principles calculations.

Ceferino López Fernández
ICMM (CSIC), Madrid, Spain
01/09–30/09/2024
Disorder photonics.

Stephen Ross McMillan
Universität Konstanz, Germany
12/09–31/10/2024
Spin dynamics in nanographenes.

Kurt Walsen Bluee-Blatter
Universidad Diego Portales (UDP), Santiago, Chile
16/09–07/12/2024
Cosmological simulations.

Giorgio Benedek
Università di Milano-Bicocca, Italy
16/09–23/10/2024
Surface dynamics and electron phonon interaction.

Valeria Aylen Cristiani
Instituto de Astronomía Teórica y Experimental (IATE), Córdoba, Argentina
19/09–17/12/2024
Properties of disks and spheroids in galaxies belonging to hydrodynamic simulations.

Nischal Acharya
DIPC, Donostia/San Sebastián, Spain
28/09/2024–28/09/2025
Connecting active galactic nuclei to host galaxy properties.

Julio Navarro
University of Victoria, Canada
01/10/2024–31/03/2025
Dark matter clues from the faintest galaxies in the universe.

Anabel Lam Barandela
Universidad de La Habana, Cuba
01/10–31/10/2024
Cyclic polymers.

Nathaniel Capote Robayna
DIPC, Donostia/San Sebastián, Spain
01/10–30/10/2024
Polaritons in anisotropic van der Waals crystals.

Matyas Nachtigall
University of Luxembourg, Luxembourg
07/10–31/12/2024
Quantum treatments of nanophotonic systems.

Roberto José Javier Assef Trebilcock
Facultad de Ingeniería y Ciencias, Universidad Diego Portales (UDP), Santiago, Chile
15/10–15/11/2024
GN and galaxy evolution.

Luis Alberto Montero Cabrera
Universidad de La Habana, Facultad de Química, Cuba
01/11–30/11/2024
Photophysics of molecular photovoltaic devices.

Amaia Elizaran Mendarte
UPV/EHU, Leioa, Spain
15/11/2024–28/02/2025
Neural networks optimisation in data scarcity scenarios.

Junze Deng
Aalto University, Espoo, Finland
30/11/2024–30/06/2025
Study on kagome flat band materials.

Haoyu Hu
Princeton University, NJ, USA
01/12/2024–01/10/2025
SuperFlat.

An Wei
University of Science and Technology Beijing, China
11/12/2024–10/12/2025
Quantum treatments of molecule-nanoresonator coupling.

Maxim Kagan
Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russia
16/12/2024–14/01/2025
Investigation of doping dependence and plasmon poles of the dielectric function of cuprate high-T-c superconductors.

Short Visits

Rene Christian Urbina Jimenez
SPEC (CNRS-CEA) Université Paris-Saclay, Gif-sur-Yvette, France
08/01–11/01/2024
The exciting life of quasiparticles trapped between superconductors.

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08/01–11/01/2024
The exciting life of quasiparticles trapped between superconductors.

Anya Paopiamsap
University of Oxford, UK
09/01–13/01/2024
Large scale structure of the universe.

David Izquierdo Villalba
Università degli Studi di Milano-Bicocca, Italy
14/01–26/01/2024
Black hole growth and spin evolution.

Carolina Cuesta Lázaro
MIT, Cambridge, MA, USA
15/01–18/01/2024
Cosmological constraints from galaxy surveys.

Diego Herrero Carrión
Universidad Complutense de Madrid (UCM), Spain
21/01–25/01/2024
L-Galaxies.

Mohammadreza Ayromlou
Heidelberg University, Germany
21/01–26/01/2024
L-Galaxies.

Fabian Schmidt
Max Planck Institute for Astrophysics, Garching, Germany
28/01–02/02/2024
Forward models for large-scale structure.

Wei Xiong
University of California, San Diego, CA, USA
29/01–02/02/2024
Energy redistribution among vibrational degrees of freedom in molecular layers.

Jorge Iván Cárdenas Gamboa
Max Planck Institute for Chemical Physics of Solids, Dresden, Germany
03/02–24/02/2024
Non-collinear magnetism / Phonon calculation.

Christian Jenewein
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04/02–07/02/2024
Mineral self-organization and origin of life.

Jorge Olmos Trigo
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06/02–18/02/2024
Optical torques at the nano-and-microscale.

Samuele Torelli
Gran Sasso Science Institute, L'Aquila, Italy
07/02–10/02/2024
Search for neutrinoless double beta decay with high pressure xenon time projection chambers.

Arzhang Ardavan
The Clarendon Laboratory, University of Oxford, UK
15/02–15/02/2024
Experimental implementation of quantum error detection using hyperfine-coupled nuclear qubits.

Tim Kokkeler
University of Twente, Enschede, Netherlands
18/02–25/02, 12/10–22/10/2024
Nonlinear sigma model for materials with magnetic sublattices.

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21/02–25/02/2024
Superconductor, topological insulator
hybrid structures.

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21/02–24/02/2024
Lanthanide atoms on superconducting surfaces.

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02/03–10/03/2024
Gipuzkoa Quantum.

Norhan Omar
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03/03–08/03/2024
DALTON - how hydrogen desorption and
adsorption are influenced on tungsten by
oxygen and nitrogen?

Guinevere Kauffmann
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Garching, Germany
04/03–31/03/2024
Physical properties of galaxies in DESI bright
galaxy survey; stellar halos of low mass galaxies.

Iván Fernandez-Corbatón
Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, Germany
07/03–08/03/2024
Light-matter interactions.

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10/03–11/03/2024
Materials discovery through exploration of
biomolecular space.

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University of Bergen, Norway
11/03–15/03/2024
Temperature dependent properties of two
dimensional materials.

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Università di Parma, Italy
12/03–14/03/2024
Effect of pressure on tunneling in
organic reactions.

Mu-Kun Li
Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan
16/03–27/03/2024
Evindence of time-dilation in topologically
protected antiferromagnetic textures.

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18/03–21/03, 13/05–16/05, 16/12–20/12/2024
Magnetic topological insulators.

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25/03–04/04/2024
Inelastic diffraction of atoms on surfaces.

Julia Contreras García
Sorbonne Université, Paris, France
04/04–04/05, 11/12–20/12/2024
Non covalent interactions and
electron delocalization.

Antonio Hernando Grande
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08/04–12/04/2024
Magnetism in neurons.

Fernando Aguilar-Galindo Rodríguez
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08/04–12/04/2024
Electron dynamics under the effect of strong
laser pulses.

Jacopo Dosso
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10/04–12/04/2024
Reinventing dihydrophenazine systems:
from smart materials to catalysis.

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11/04–13/04/2024
Tidally induced bars in galaxies.

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14/04–20/04/2024
Dwarf galaxy simulations.

Guillem Aromi Bedmar
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17/04–18/04/2024
Spin qubit molecules.

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21/04–27/04/2024
Development of new magnetic
topological insulators.

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22/04–26/04/2024
LTC green concrete.

Jacek Styszynski
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26/04–04/05/2024
Relativistic effects in chemical bonding analysis.

Beñat Martínez de Aguirre Jokisch
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28/04–05/05/2024
Nano-optics, nano-photonics and
nano-plasmonics.

José Manuel Caridad Hernández
Universidad de Salamanca, Spain
28/04–30/04/2024
Graphene-based heterostructures for Terahetz
detection technology.

Kasper Moth-Poulsen
Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya (UPC),
Barcelona, Spain
29/04–30/04/2024
Synthetic chemistry for energy storage,
solar energy, sensors and molecular electronics.

Zhiyu Hu
Zhangjiang Institute for Advanced Study,
Shanghai Jiao Tong University, China
29/04–30/04/2024
Nano-fire technology and nanocatalysts.

Anastasia Vyalikh
Technical University Dresden, Germany
01/05–04/05/2024
Low dimensional functional materials.

Eloy Ramos Córdoba
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10/05–19/05/2024
Development of new density
functional approximations.

Karolina Slowik
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15/05–29/05/2024
Optical properties of grahene nanostructures.

Marta Pelc
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15/05–29/05/2024
Investigating electro-optical properties of
graphene nanoflakes with adatoms.

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ETH Zürich, Switzerland
20/05–25/05/2024
Optics, electronics and magnetism
in 2D materials.

Giovanni Aricò
University of Zurich, Switzerland
20/05–31/05/2024
Cosmological implications of dark energy.

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27/05–31/05/2024
Quantum plasmonics.

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31/05–31/05/2024
Quantum dots and peptide-based sensors
to develop and improve drug selection in
neurodegenerative diseases.

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06/06–08/06/2024
Non equilibrium transport in proximitized
InAs-Al nanowires.

Rodney Dewayne Priestley
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10/06–13/06/2024
Glass transition in polymers.

Zoltán Haiman
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10/06–16/06/2024
Massive black holes.

Latha Venkataraman
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13/06–16/06/2024
Electroluminescence at the nanoscale.

Sebastian Kozuch
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21/06–27/06/2024
Tunneling in organic reaction under pressure.

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25/06–27/06/2024
Surface science with ambient pressure XPS.

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27/06–27/06/2024
Cosmology with magnification bias.

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30/06–03/07/2024
Software ecosystem.

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01/07–06/07/2024
Quantum reservoir systems for machine learning.

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01/07–06/07/2024
Quantum reservoir systems for machine learning.

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03/07–07/07/2024
Spintonics and superconductors.

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07/07–27/07/2024
Flat bands in multi-layer systems.

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Plasmonics in atomically thin crystalline silver films.

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Many-body scar dynamics and open
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Magnetic Josephson junctions and
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Binomial quantum trajectories.

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Two-dimensional materials.

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Warped five-dimensional geometry in particle
physics, cosmology, and more formal theory.

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Towards a new Shiba Qubit based on
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quantum dots.

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Magnetic molecules on superconductors.

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Atomistic description of surface enhanced
raman spectroscopy.

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19/08–21/08/2024
Experimental particle physics.

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Achieving quantum utility for industrial
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Development of dark matter detectors.

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Mineral self-organisation.

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Temperature dependent properties of two
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Few quantum particles on a fractal lattice.

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Understanding the modulators of tau amyloid
aggregation pathways.

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2 The mathematics of the periodic table of the elements

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3 Ultrafast dynamics of molecular polaritons

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4 Scientific misconduct in current materials research: aspects, conditions and perspectives

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5 Feasibility of a directional solar neutrino measurement with the CYGNO/INITIUM experiment

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Samuele Torelli
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L-Galaxies Workshop 2024

January 22-24, 2024

Live streamed and in-person

DIPC, Donostia/San Sebastián

<https://lgalaxiespublicrelease.github.io/workshop2024.html>

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Rob Yates (University of Hertfordshire)

This meeting was aimed at discussing recent advancements and projects carried out with the galaxy evolution modeling code "L-Galaxies".



Invited Speakers

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Markos Polkas (DIPC, Spain)

Peter Thomas (Sussex, UK)

David Izquierdo-Villalba (Università degli studi di Milano-Bicocca, Italy)

Mohammadreza Ayromlou (Heidelberg University, Germany)

Will Roper (Astronomy Centre, University of Sussex, UK)

Akash Vani (MPA, Germany)

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Julen Untzaga San Vicente (Institute of Space Sciences (ICE), Spain)

Tong Su (National Astronomical Observatories, Chinese Academy of Sciences, China)

Wenxiang Pei (NAOC, China)

Jian Fu (Shanghai Astronomical Observatory, China)

14th European Symposium on Computing π -Conjugated Compounds (C π C-14)

February 8-9, 2024

Faculty of Education, Philosophy and Anthropology (HEFA I), Donostia/San Sebastián

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Claire Tonnelé (DIPC, Ikerbasque)

Since its beginning in 2010 in Valencia, the C π C symposium series has kept its original spirit of a convivial gathering that offers an informal platform for the discussion of the latest research findings in the domain of π -conjugated systems. Topics encompass the fields of functional materials, photochemistry, biochemistry, theory and computation. In essence, it is a youthful, affordable, short and *intimate* event that aims to foster open and stimulating friendly discussions.

This year, the C π C symposium remained faithful to its spirit once again, promoting young scientists, local researchers, and rich and intense scientific exchange within this vibrant community.

This edition was sponsored by InSilibio and Springer Nature Group (Theoretical Chemistry Accounts journal) who awarded prizes for the best oral and poster contributions.



Invited Speakers

Elixabete Rezabal (UPV/EHU, Spain)

Aran Garcia-Lekue (DIPC, Ikerbasque, Spain)

Aurelio Mateo-Alonso (Polymat & UPV/EHU, Ikerbasque, Spain)

BioNEXT: 1st AEBIN Young Researchers Symposium

March 14-15, 2024

Live streamed and in-person

DIPC, Donostia/San Sebastián

<https://bionext.dipc.org>

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BioNEXT is a new initiative by Spanish Association for Bioinorganic Chemistry (AEBIN), complementing the "Bio" series of biannual in-person events organized by the society. The main purpose of BioNEXT was to serve as a venue to foment interaction between Spanish and international young researchers working in the field of bioinorganic and medicinal inorganic chemistry.

We organized three thematic sessions, including six invited talks and 13 talks from young researchers selected among the abstracts we received, covering the following themes:

- Frontiers in medicinal inorganic chemistry
- Biomolecular targets and mechanism of action of metallodrugs
- Intracellular catalysis

We also hosted eight flash presentations and a poster session with 79 posters.



Together with our collaborator, ChemBioChem, we hosted a training session delivered by Dr. Ruben Ragg, editor-in-chief of the journal, and offered three prizes: one for the best oral communication by a young researcher, and two for the best posters.

BioNEXT received 264 attendees and presenters from 23 countries across Europe, the Americas, Africa, Asia and Oceania.

Invited Speakers

Andrew Kellett (Dublin City University, Ireland)

Caterina Ramogida (Simon Fraser University, Canada)

Ramon Vilar (Imperial College London, UK)

Jessica Rodríguez Villar (University of Santiago de Compostela)

Gerard Roelfes (University of Groningen, Netherlands)

James Coverdale (University of Birmingham, UK)

Anticancer Metal Drugs: New Developments and Future Perspectives 2nd Edition (MDRUGMET)

May 15-17, 2024

DIPC, Donostia/San Sebastián

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Raphael de Paiva (DIPC)

MDRUGMEET is an international scientific meeting, the first edition of which was held in Jerusalem (Israel) two years ago. In this second edition of the workshop, 25 prominent researchers from various European and Asian centers gathered to present unpublished results and discuss advancement in the field of medicinal inorganic chemistry. The unique format of the meeting helped to maximize interaction among researchers, thereby opening opportunities to consolidate existing collaborations and create new ones.



Invited Speakers

Angela Casini (Technical University of Munich, Germany)

Emilia Sicilia (University of Calabria, Italy)

Vanesa Fernandez Moreira (University of Zaragoza, Spain)

Luisa Ronga (University of Pau et des Pays de l'Adour, France)

Ana Pizarro (IMDEA Nanociencia, Spain)

Petra Heffeter (Medical University of Wien, Austria)

Giorgia Pastorin (National University of Singapore, Singapore)

Dan Gibson (Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel)

Luigi Messori (University of Florence, Italy)

Ingo Ott (University of Braunschweig, Germany)

Nicola Margiotta (University of Bari, Italy)

José Ruiz (University of Murcia, Spain)

Gustavo Espino (University of Burgos, Spain)

Giampaolo Barone (University of Palermo, Italy)

Wee Han Ang (National University of Singapore, Singapore)

Patrick Gamez (University of Barcelona, Spain)

Samuel Meier-Menches (University of Wien, Austria)

Walter Berger (Medical University of Wien, Austria)

Christian Kowol (University of Wien, Austria)

Alessio Terenzi (University of Palermo, Italy)

Optics, Electronics and Magnetism in 2D Materials (OEM2D)

May 21-24, 2024

Faculty of Education, Philosophy and Anthropology (HEFA I), Donostia/San Sebastián

<https://oem2d.dipc.org>

Organizing Committee

Garnett Bryant (Joint Quantum Institute, National Institute of Standards and Technology, University of Maryland)

Thomas Weitz (Georg-August University Göttingen)

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Karolina Stowik (Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń)

Andrés Ayuela (CSIC-UPV/EHU-MPC, DIPC)

Mikel Arruabarrena (CFM-MPC, CSIC-UPV/EHU)

Piotr Gładysz (Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń)

The OEM-2D International Conference aimed to establish and enhance collaborations between experts in the field, facilitating the exchange of ideas and research across several disciplines and serving as a platform for sharing perspectives and initiating collaborative projects.

By promoting a synergy of knowledge, the conference sought to accelerate progress and achieve significant advances in the areas of optics, electronics and magnetism, with special emphasis on graphene and other interesting 2D materials and nanostructures.

Supporting the next generation

The conference aimed to connect PhD students and postdoctoral researchers with the latest developments at the cutting edge of these fields. In this way it sought to bridge the gap between established researchers and emerging talent. It provided a valuable educational experience for young researchers through a combination of exhibition sessions and networking opportunities.



Invited Speakers

Eva Andrei (Rutgers University, USA)

Jaroslav Fabian (University of Regensburg, Germany)

Andrea Ferrari (Cambridge Graphene Center GC, UK)

Gregory A. Fiete (Northeastern University of Boston, USA)

Frank Koppens (ICFO, Spain)

Stevan Nadj-Perge (Caltech, USA)

Rick Silver (NIST, USA)

Fan Zhang (UT Dallas, USA)

Dario Bercioux (DIPC, Spain)

Erez Berg (Weizmann Institute, Israel)

Andres Castellanos (ICMM, Spain)

Leonor Chico (Universidad Complutense, Spain)

Joel Cox (University of Southern Denmark SDU, Denmark)

Xiaodong Cui (University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong)

Thomas Frederiksen (DIPC, Spain)

Stephan Hofmann (Cambridge Graphene Centre GC, UK)

Alexander Högele (Ludwig-Maximilians University of Munich, Germany)

Shahal Ilani (Weizmann Institute, Israel)

Włodzimierz Jaskólski (Nicolaus Copernicus University, Poland)

Nicolas Lorente (CFM-CSIC, Spain)

Paweł Machnikowski (Politechnika Wroclawska, Poland)

Alejandro Manjavacas (Instituto de Óptica "Daza de Valdés" (IO-CSIC), Spain)

Magdalena Margańska (University of Regensburg, Germany)

Alexey Nikitin (DIPC, Ikerbasque, Spain)

Hryhoriy Polshyn (Institute of Science and Technology Austria IST-A, Austria)

Paweł Potasz (Nicolaus Copernicus University NCU, Poland)

Lorenzo Del Re (Max Plank Institute for Solid State Research, Germany)

Carsten Rockstuhl (Karlsruher Institut of Technology, Germany)

Eli Zeldov (Weizmann Institute, Israel)

Michał Zieliński (Nicolaus Copernicus University NCU, Poland)

European South Atlantic Biophysics Congress – Young Scientist Seminar (ESAB-YSS)

June 4-5, 2024

DIPC, Donostia/San Sebastián

<https://www.biophysicssansebastian2024.com/satellite-workshop>

Organizing Committee

Aitziber L. Cortajarena (CIC biomaGUNE)

David de Sancho (DIPC, UPV/EHU)

Gabriel Ortega (CIC bioGUNE)

Edurne Rujas (Biofísica, UPV/EHU)

Aitor Manteca (CIC biomaGUNE)

The Young Scientist Seminar (ESAB-YSS) took place on June 4-5 at Donostia International Physics Center as a Satellite Workshop of the European South Atlantic Biophysics Congress. This workshop, designed to support early-stage researchers, brought together a vibrant community of 60 graduate students, postdoctoral researchers, and early-career scientists from various fields of biophysics.

The workshop sessions showcased the outstanding scientific work being conducted by the youngest members of the Spanish, Portuguese, and French biophysics communities. Each presentation was followed by lively discussions that encouraged the exchange of ideas and the exploration of new research directions.

Many attendees expressed their appreciation for the supportive environment and the chance to engage with leaders in the field. The organizing committee received positive feedback, particularly regarding the workshop’s focus on young scientists.

Invited Speakers

Nunilo Cremades (Universidad de Zaragoza, Spain)

Javier Fernández Martínez (Institute of Biofísica, Spain)

XXI International Workshop on Quantum Atomic and Molecular Tunneling Systems (QAMTS2024)

June 16-21, 2024

Miramar Palace, Donostia/San Sebastián

<https://qamts2024.dipc.org>

Organizing Committee

Ricardo Díez Muiño (DIPC, Ikerbasque)

Antonio Fernández Ramos (Universidade de Santiago de Compostela)

Salvador Miret Artés (Instituto de Física Fundamental CSIC)

Tunneling phenomena are of importance in a wide range of fields in the physical, chemical, biological and computational sciences. The series of Workshops on Quantum Atomic and Molecular Tunneling Systems has always been highly cross-disciplinary. It encompasses work on tunneling of protons and heavier species in gas and condensed phases, in general, including biological systems, chemical reactions, transport phenomena in solids and liquids and in systems of lower dimensionality.

The scientific program of QAMTS2024 included invited lectures as well as contributed talks and posters. There were scientific contributions on phenomena where atomic, molecular, or magnetic tunneling plays an important role, including not only processes in solids and matrices, but also organic and organometallic reactions in liquids, tunneling processes in clusters and nanoparticles, enzyme-catalyzed reactions, and some nontraditional emerging areas, this list being exemplary and non-exhaustive.



Invited Speakers

Octavio Roncero Villa (IFF, CSIC, Spain)
Marta I. Hernández (IFF, CSIC, Spain)
Alejandro González-Tudela (IFF, CSIC, Spain)
John Ellis (Cavendish Lab., UK)
Marco Sacchi (University of Surrey, UK)
Jian Liu (University of Beijing, China)
Chiara Aieta (University of Milano, Italy)
Michele Ceotto (University of Milano, Italy)
Jianshu Cao (MIT, USA)
Sebastian Kozuck (University Ben-Gurion, Israel)
Jeremy O. Richardson (ETH Zurich, Switzerland)
Gunter Wichmann (ETH Zurich, Switzerland)
Sotiris Xantheas (University of Washington, USA)
Jon M. Matxain (UPV/EHU, Spain)
Bo Chen (DIPC, Spain)
Pavel Jelinek (Institut of Physics, Czech Republic)
Karina Morgenstern (University of Bochum, Germany)
Ion Errea (CFM- CSIC, Spain)
Emilio Martínez-Núñez (Universidade de Santiago de Compostela, Spain)
Katarzyna Swiderek (University Jaume I, Spain)
Claudio M. Nunes (University of Coimbra, Portugal)
Elena Jimenez (University of Castilla La Mancha, Spain)
Robert McMahon (University of Wisconsin, USA)
Franceso Paesani (University of California, USA)
Zlatko Bacic (University of New York, USA)
Ad van der Avoird (University of Nijmegen, Netherlands)
Roberto Marquard (University of Strasbourg, France)
Peter Saalfrank (University of Potsdam, Germany)
Steven D. Schwartz (University of Arizona, USA)
Wolfram Sander (University of Bochum, Germany)
Sophya Garashchuk (University of South Carolina, USA)
Alberto Lesarri (University of Valladolid, Spain)
Micheline B. Sorey (University of Wisconsin, USA)

III International Conference on Novel 2D Materials Explored via Scanning Probe Microscopy & Spectroscopy (2DSPM)

June 24-28, 2024
Miramar Palace, Donostia/San Sebastián
<https://2dspm.dipc.org>

Organizing Committee
Miguel Moreno Ugeda (DIPC, Ikerbasque)
Iván Brihuega (UAM, IFIMAC)

The III International Conference on Novel 2D Materials Explored via Scanning Probe Microscopy & Spectroscopy (2DSPM) aimed to bring together the scientific elite in the field of 2D materials to present and discuss the latest advancements in the field, offering innovative ideas as well as new methods to study the fundamental properties of these new materials at the atomic scale.

The conference program was particularly focused on scientists specializing in 2D materials studied through Scanning Probe Microscopy & Spectroscopy (SPM & SPS) methods. Scanning probe techniques are particularly suitable for the study of two-dimensional materials because, unlike most experimental techniques, they provide information about their atomic, electronic, and magnetic structure in real space with atomic resolution. For this reason, these techniques have recently taken on a fundamental role in the study of these new materials and, in general, in the field of Materials Science.

The conference also aimed to be a gathering point to discuss the current state of research in this area, focused on the search for new functional low-dimensional materials, with the participation of leading national and international researchers in the field as well as to promote and encourage interaction and collaboration between internationally renowned research groups in the field and theoretical and experimental groups working in the Basque Country.



Invited Speakers

Ali Yazdani (Princeton University, USA)
Stevan Nadj-Perge (Caltech, USA)
Jennifer Hofmann (Harvard University, USA)
Stuart Parkin (Max Planck Institute, Germany)
Shalal Alani (Weizmann Institute, Israel)
Abhay Pasupathy (Columbia University, USA)
Katharina J. Franke (Freie University, Germany)
Francisco Guinea (DIPC, Spain)
Eva Andrei (Rutgers University, USA)
José Ignacio Pascual (CIC nanoGUNE, Spain)
Haim Beidenkopf (Weizmann Institute, Israel)
Roland Wiesendanger (University of Hamburg, Germany)
Joseph Stroschio (NIST, USA)
Maia G. Vergniory (Max Planck Institute, Germany)
Joaquín Fernández-Rossier (INL Braga, Portugal)
Peter Liljeroth (Aalto University, Finland)
Roser Valentí (Goethe-University, Germany)
Roman Fasel (EMPA, Switzerland)
Nadine Hauptmann (Radboud University, The Netherlands)
Sivan Refaeli-Abramson (Weizmann Institute, Israel)
Lin He (Beijing Normal University, China)
Feng Wang (UC Berkeley, USA)

Quantum Designer Physics 2024 (QDP2024)

July 15-19, 2024
Miramar Palace, Donostia/San Sebastián
<https://qdp2024.dipc.org>

Organizing Committee
Vitaly Golovach (CFM-UPV/EHU, DIPC, Ikerbasque)
Francisco Guinea López (DIPC, IMDEA Nanoscience)
Daniel Loss (University of Basel)

The workshop highlighted the advances in material systems designed for studying the most intriguing physical phenomena at the nanoscale. These phenomena are related to spin, topology, and coherence, which make it possible for the materials to display quantum functionalities. While Condensed Matter Physics is rich in material systems in which almost any physics can be readily found and studied, with recent developments of quantum materials, it is possible to purposefully design material systems with a given physical phenomenon in mind. Thus, a 'toy model' which could be conceived to exhibit an interesting behavior can be implemented in quantum materials and be subsequently used for basic research and applications.

This workshop brought together the leading experts working on quantum materials and created a stimulating atmosphere for discussing physics on the marvelous sites of Donostia/San Sebastián. We discussed recent progress in creating ordinary and topological quantum systems in different dimensions, as well as some of the most exotic quantum materials based on graphene and other low dimensional materials. We updated on the progress in topological and spin-based quantum computing with an outlook into the prominent future of quantum technologies. The workshop had all it is required to foster collaborations and inspire its attendants to tackle new problems with great ideas which make a difference for fundamental physics, lead to applications, and advance quantum technologies.



Invited Speakers

Shaffique Adam (National University of Singapore, Singapore)
Yoichi Ando (University of Cologne, Germany)
Christian Back (TU Munich, Germany)
Sebastian Bergeret (CFM-CSIC, Spain)
Andrei Bernevig (Princeton University, USA)
Stefano Bosco (QuTech, The Netherlands)
Sara Catalano (CFM-MPC, Spain)
Silvano De Franceschi (CEA Grenoble, France)
Olesia Dmytruk (CNRS, Institut Polytechnique de Paris, France)
Jérôme Faist (ETH Zurich, Switzerland)
Liang Fu (MIT, USA)
Leonid Glazman (Yale University, USA)
Shahal Ilani (Weizmann Institute of Science, Israel)
Jelena Klinovaja (University of Basel, Switzerland)
Roza Kotlyar (Intel, USA)
Leo Kouwenhoven (TU Delft, The Netherlands)
Henry Legg (University of Basel, Switzerland)
Roman Lutchyn (Microsoft, USA)
Allan MacDonald (University of Texas Austin, USA)
Vladimir Manucharyan (EPFL, Switzerland)
Pierre Pantaleon (IMDEA Madrid, Spain)
Jeong Min (Jane) Park (MIT, USA)
Stuart Parkin (MPI Halle, Germany)
Nacho Pascual (Nanogune, Spain)
Elsa Prada (ICMM-CSIC, Spain)
Patrik Recher (TU Braunschweig, Germany)
Pascal Simon (University Paris Saclay, France)
Ady Stern (Weizman Institute, Israel)
Dominik Zumbuhl (University of Basel, Switzerland)

NanoNeuro 2024

July 20, 2024
Live streamed
<https://ntc.columbia.edu/nanoneuro-2024>

Organizing Committee
Aitzol Garcia-Etxarri (DIPC, Ikerbasque)
Rafael Yuste (Columbia University)
Teresa Celaya (DIPC, Columbia University)

The conference aimed to help nucleate the emerging field of research at the intersection of Nanoscience and Neuroscience and provide a forum for experts from both areas to interact.

NanoNeuro2024 was an online conference, organized by the NeuroTechnology center at Columbia University and the Donostia International Physics Center (DIPC). The Conference was organized in thematic sessions with keynote and invited talks. This workshop was supported by the Tianqiao and Chrissy Chen Institute.

The conference achieved its scientific objectives and was followed by a total 700 people, making it a great success of public as well.



Invited Speakers
William Shih (Harvard University, USA)
Bryan Roth (UNC, USA)
Blanca del Rosal (RMIT, Australia)
Pau Gorostiza (IBEC, Spain)
José Antonio Garrido (ICN2, Spain)
Katrin Willig (University of Augsburg, USA)

Synthetic Electronic Quantum Matter (SELEQ)

August 28-30, 2024

Miramar Palace, Donostia/San Sebastián

<https://seleq24.dipc.org>

Organizing Committee

Dario Bercioux (DIPC, Ikerbasque)

François Dubin (CNRS)

Tobias Grass (DIPC, Ikerbasque)

Mohammad Hafezi (JQI, University of Maryland)

The SELEQ workshop brought together international scholars working on the challenge of controlling and manipulating electronic systems for the engineering of quantum correlations and many-body phases of real or synthetic matter. Experimental and theoretical experts presented the state-of-art related in scientific sessions dedicated to:

- Light-matter interactions in strongly correlated systems
- Excitons/exciton-polaritons
- Light-induced quantum phases
- Electronic quantum simulators
- Quantum dots
- Moiré systems



Invited Speakers

Jacqueline Bloch (University of Paris-Saclay, France)

Eugene Demler (ETH Zurich, Switzerland)

Sebastian Diehl (University of Cologne, Germany)

Nathan Goldman (UL Bruxelles, Belgium)

Tom Devereaux (Stanford University, USA)

Ataç Imamoglu (ETH Zurich, Switzerland)

Philip Kim (Harvard University, USA)

Camille Laguey (CRHEA, CNRS, France)

Cristiane Morais Smith (University of Utrecht, The Netherlands)

Fabio Pirolesini (Université de Bordeaux, France)

Marlou Slot (NIST, USA)

Ingmar Swart (University of Utrecht, The Netherlands)

Lieven Vandersypen (TU Delft, The Netherlands)

Xiadong Xu (University of Washington, USA)

Go Yusa (Tohoku University, Japan)

Quantum Phenomena in Multilayers and Heterostructures (QPMH)

September 2-6, 2024

Miramar Palace, Donostia/San Sebastián

<https://qpmh.dipc.org>

Organizing Committee

Leni Bascones (ICMM-CSIC)

Maria Gastiasoro (DIPC)

Paula Mellado (Universidad Adolfo Ibañez)

Ali Yazdani (Princeton University)

The aim of the workshop was to explore and discuss the correlated and topological phases of twisted and untwisted graphene and dichalcogenides multilayers, the properties of van der Waals magnets and interface superconductivity. Focus was given to the latest advances in the characterization, theory and ad-hoc engineering of new quantum states, as well as to breakthroughs in sensing and spectroscopic techniques to detect these novel states.

We list below some of the main scientific outcomes and achievements presented and discussed during the workshop:

- Novel evidence and techniques to detect Wigner crystals in graphene multilayers
- New techniques to detect topological edge states and to probe multilayers
- Novel measurements of fractional topological states in twisted dichalcogenides and penta-layer graphene
- Evidence of very strong substrate and capping layer effect on the properties of multilayers from in-situ twisting techniques
- Novel theoretical proposals to detect the correlated states in twisted bilayer and trilayer graphene
- New insights of different mechanisms for exceeding the Pauli limit with spin-orbit coupling of interface superconductors



Another achievement that should be highlighted is the strong interaction and engagement that took place among attendees throughout the entire week, not only with many questions during and after the talks, but also during the lunch and coffee breaks.

Invited Speakers

Kaveh Ahadi (Ohio State University, USA)
Monica Allen (UC San Diego, USA)
Leon Balents (UC Santa Barbara, USA)
Anand Bhattacharya (Argonne National Laboratory, USA)
Silke Buehler-Paschen (Vienna University of Technology, Austria)
María José Calderón (ICMM-CSIC, Spain)
Andrey Chubukov (University of Minnesota, USA)
Laura Classen (MPI-FKF Stuttgart, Germany)
Santiago Grigera (Universidad Nacional de La Plata, Argentina)
Shahal Ilani (Weizmann Institute of Science, Israel)
Long Ju (Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA)
Raquel Queiroz (Columbia University, USA)
Louk Rademaker (Geneva University, Switzerland)
Rebeca Ribeiro-Palau (CNN-Saclay-CNRS, France)
Carmen Rubio-Verdú (ICFO, Spain)
Lucile Savary (CNRS, École Normale Supérieure de Lyon, France)
Anna Seiler (ETH-Zurich, Switzerland)
Miguel Ugeda (DIPC,Ikerbasque, Spain)
Roser Valentí (Goethe Universität Frankfurt, Germany)
Maia García-Vergniory (DIPC, Spain, MPI-CPfS, Germany)
Xiaodong Xu (University of Washington, USA)

Challenges in Chemical Sensing with Graphene Derivatives and 2D Materials (SENSE)

September 23-25, 2024
Miramar Palace, Donostia/San Sebastián
<https://sense.dipc.org>

Organizing Committee
Martina Corso (CFM-CSIC)
Aran Garcia-Lekue (DIPC, Ikerbasque)
Aitor Mugarza (ICN2)
Diego Peña (CiQUS)
Dimas G. de Oteyza (CINN, CSIC-UNIOVI-PA)

Chemical sensors are part of modern society, finding broad applications in environmental and indoor monitoring, industrial safety, industrial chemical productions processes, pharmaceutical, food products, healthcare, security, etc. The workshop aimed to gather experts in the field of chemical sensing with two dimensional materials and graphene derivatives seeking for an efficient implementation of such materials in operating sensing devices and architectures. The three-day workshop, the first one of this kind, proved to be successful by creating a stimulating environment for exchange of ideas especially in gas and bio sensing. The workshop facilitated networking and collaboration opportunities among scientists from diverse research fields in experimental and theoretical physics, chemistry, engineering and materials science.



Invited Speakers
Cristina Africh (CNR-IOM, Italy)
Alejandro Criado (Universidade da Coruña, Spain)
Ganna (Any) Gryn'ova (Heidelberg Institute for Theoretical Studies, Germany)
Martina Lihter (Institute of Physics, Croatia)
Michal Otyepka (CATRIN, Palacký University, Czech Republic)
Celia Rogero (CFM- Spain)
Paolo Samori (University of Strasbourg, France)
Luigi Sangaletti (Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Italy)
Jose Angel Martin Gago (ICMM, Spain)
Tao Wei (Friedrich Alexander University Erlangen-Nürnberg, Germany)
Amaia Zurutuza (Graphenea, Spain)

BasQ Summer Course on Quantum Technologies

September 9-11, 2024

Miramar Palace, Donostia/San Sebastián

Organizing Committee

Javier Aizpurua (BasQ-DIPC, Ikerbasque)

Igor Campillo (Euskampus Foundation)

Promoted by the BasQ initiative, Donostia International Physics Center (DIPC) and Euskampus Foundation, the Summer Course on Quantum Technologies was held as part of the Summer Courses organized by the Universidad del País Vasco / Euskal Herriko Unibertsitatea (UPV/EHU).

The event gathered experts from around the world, offering a unique opportunity to delve into the growing field of quantum technologies, which promises to transform sectors such as computing, telecommunications, and security, among many others.

The course featured a diverse program of lectures by renowned researchers and professionals in the field. Over the course of three days, topics such as quantum computing, quantum communications, quantum cryptography, and quantum sensing were addressed. Each of these areas was presented in an educational manner, demonstrating their real and potential impact on industry and society as a whole. Participants, including undergraduate, master's, and PhD students from various disciplines, as well as researchers and business representatives, were able to explore the disruptive potential of these innovations and their possible applications in the future.



Invited Speakers

Verónica Fernández Marmol (ITEFI-CSIC, Spain)

Joana Fraxanet Morales (IBM Research, Spain)

Yassine Hamoudi (LaBRI-CNRS, Université de Bordeaux, France)

Eduardo Jacob Taquet (UPV/EHU, Spain)

Nicolás Lorente Palacios (CFM-CSIC, Spain)

Brahim Lounis (LP2N-Institut d'Optique, France)

Gabriel Molina Terriza (CFM-MPC, Ikerbasque, Spain)

Roman Orús (DIPC, Ikerbasque, Spain)

Daniel Ramos (ICMM, Spain)

Cristina Sanz (IBM Quantum, Spain)

Martha Johanna Sepúlveda Flórez (Airbus Defence and Space)

7th Basque Quantum Science and Technology Workshop (3rd IKUR Quantum Workshop)

October 4, 2024

Camara de Comercio, Donostia/San Sebastián

<https://giedke.dipc.org/eusqutech24.html>

Organizing Committee

Géza Giedke (DIPC, Ikerbasque)

Enrique Rico (UPV/EHU, Ikerbasque)

The meeting connected researchers from various research institutions of the Basque Country (BCAM, CFM, DIPC, Mondragon, Nanogune, Tecnun, UPV/EHU) and the Université de Bordeaux that work in the (broadly defined) field of quantum science and technology. It served as a platform to present recent results and enter into scientific exchange with colleagues, especially during the 2.5 hours poster session. In total, 14 talks and almost 40 posters were presented, meaning that almost two-thirds of all participants contributed to the program.



Invited Speakers

Pedro Crespo (Tecnun, Spain)

Thomas Frederiksen (DIPC, Ikerbasque, Spain)

Ruiyang Huang (Université de Bordeaux, France)

Fabio Pistolesi (Université de Bordeaux, France)

Manfred Mark (Universität Innsbruck, Austria)

Géza Toth (UPV/EHU, Ikerbasque, Spain)

Transborder QuantumChemPhys Lab Workshop

November 28-29, 2024

Bayonne, France

<https://dipc.ehu.eus/en/scientific-activities/workshops/transborder-quantumchemphys-lab-workshop>

Organizing Committee

Pascal Larregaray (ISM, CNRS - Université de Bordeaux)

Ricardo Díez Muiño (DIPC, Ikerbasque)

Theoretical Chemistry and Physics at the Quantum Scale (QuantumChemPhys) is a Transborder Joint Laboratory (LTC - Laboratoire Transfrontelien Conjoint, <http://www.quantumchemphys.org>) created by Université de Bordeaux (UBx), Universidad del País Vasco / Euskal Herriko Unibertsitatea (UPV/EHU), and Donostia International Physics Center (DIPC). The purpose of the QuantumChemPhys lab is to strengthen the scientific collaboration among researchers from Euskadi and Aquitaine through the creation of a transnational institution focusing on the theoretical aspects of chemistry and physics at the quantum scale, i.e. the quantitative description of the motion of electrons and nuclei (and their coupling) in solids, at gas-solid interfaces, as well as in the interaction with light. Such a challenge requires the developments of theoretical methods and numerical simulations within the framework of quantum/classical/semiclassical mechanics. In this context, on November 28th-29th 2024, the QuantumChemPhys Lab organized a workshop in which recent activity on the topics of interest to the Lab was discussed. Forty-six scientists from the three institutions forming the QuantumChemPhys lab gathered in Bayonne. All PhD students and post-doctoral researchers that are developing their research project under the joint supervision of scientists in Donostia and Bordeaux had the opportunity to present their work in the workshop. Contributions from other junior researchers were included in the program as well. This workshop contributed to the cohesiveness of the QuantumChemPhys lab, as well as building and developing new lines of research, in particular in the field of quantum computing.



Invited Speakers

Alejandro Rivero (Université de Lille, France)

Raúl Bombin (ISM, CNRS - Université de Bordeaux, France)

Juan Felipe Lew Yee (DIPC, Spain)

Markel Ylla (UPV/EHU, Spain)

Joan Grebòl-Tomàs (DIPC, Spain)

Raidel Martín Barrios (ISM, CNRS - Université de Bordeaux, France)

Duy Hoang Minh Nguyen (DIPC, Spain)

Matt Hugget (ISM, CNRS - Université de Bordeaux, France)

Nonia Vaquero (DIPC, Spain)

Laura Viaud (ISM, CNRS - Université de Bordeaux, France)

Angela Dellai (ISM, CNRS - Université de Bordeaux, France)

Alicia Ormist (DIPC, Spain)

Antonio Cebreiro-Gallardo (DIPC, Spain)

Janaarthana Babu Perumal Marisami (DIPC, Spain)

Norhan Omar (ISM, CNRS - Université de Bordeaux, France)

Antoine Patt (DIPC, Spain, ISM, CNRS - Université de Bordeaux, France)

Moritz Frankerl (DIPC, Spain, LOMA, CNRS - Université de Bordeaux, France)

Andrés Bejarano (DIPC, Spain, LOMA, CNRS - Université de Bordeaux, France)

Josianne Owona (DIPC, Spain, ISM, CNRS - Université de Bordeaux, France)

Isabella C. D. Merrit (ISM, CNRS - Université de Bordeaux, France)

José Aarón Rodríguez-Jiménez (DIPC, Spain)

Verónica Postils (ISM, CNRS - Université de Bordeaux, France; Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium)

Roberto A. Boto (DIPC, Spain)

Other Workshops

On-Surface Synthesis International Workshop (OSS2024)

June 2-7, 2024

Hotel Eden Roc, Sant Feliu de Guixols

<https://oss24.dipc.org>

Organizing Committee

Dimas G. de Oteyza (CINN, DIPC)

Martina Corso (CFM, DIPC)

Roman Fasel (EMPA)

On-surface synthesis, a surface-supported variation of organic chemistry most commonly performed under vacuum, unites the easy tunability of molecular materials and the promises of self-assembly as a revolutionary production method, with the sturdiness of covalently bonded structures.

Because this approach bridges across the fields of chemistry, physics and materials science, further involving engineering for the integration of these molecular materials in actual devices, the aim of this fifth edition of the "On-Surface Synthesis" international workshop was to bring together researchers working in this field from different perspectives, theory and experiment, as well as with chemical, physical and/or application-oriented viewpoints. It has been a full success, bringing together 110 researchers from 17 different countries spread over various continents. Their respective expertise also spanned the whole range of disciplines involved in this field, overall promoting common approaches and collaborations that will in the end allow for the fastest and best possible advances in this promising research field.



Invited Speakers

Gabriela Borin-Barin (EMPA, Switzerland)

Lifeng Chi (Soochow University, China)

Joaquín Fernández-Rossier (International Iberian Nanotechnology Laboratory, Portugal)

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Dolores Pérez (CIQUS, Universidade de Santiago de Compostela, Spain)

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International Quantum Matter Conference & Expo (QUANTUMmatter 2024)

May 7-10, 2024

Kursaal Congress Centre-Auditorium, Donostia/San Sebastian

<https://www.quantumconf.eu/2024>

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The fourth edition of the Quantum Matter International Conference – QUANTUMmatter 2024 (San Sebastian, Spain) – aimed at gathering the various communities engaged in the science and technologies of quantum information and quantum matter, to foster the incubation of new ideas and collaborations at the forefront of quantum technologies, emerging quantum materials and novel generations of quantum communication protocols, quantum sensing and quantum simulation.

Quantum Information and Quantum Matter are two components of revolutionary treatments of information which are becoming cornerstones for discovering and implementing disruptive paradigms in quantum computation and quantum technologies.

This year, the Topological Matter Conference (TMC2024) joined forces with QUANTUMmatter2024 featuring tutorials, specific workshops and speakers on topics such as topological insulators and Weyl semimetals, topological phononics and photonics, skyrmions, quantum metrology and more.



Invited Speakers

Ignacio Cirac (Max Planck Institute of Quantum Optics, Germany)

Claudia Felser (Max Planck Institute for Chemical Physics of Solids, Germany)

Leo Kouwenhoven (Delft University of Technology, The Netherlands)

Michelle Simmons (University of New South Wales, Australia)

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Ana Asenjo-Garcia (Columbia University in the city of New York, USA)

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Deung-Jang Choi (CFM-CSIC, UPV/EHU, Spain)

Jens Eisert (Freie Universität Berlin, Germany)

Francesca Ferlino (University of Innsbruck & IQOQI, Austria)

Mohammad Hafezi (University of Maryland, USA)

Angela Kou (University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, USA)

Anatoly Kulikov (ETH Zurich, Switzerland)

Peter Lodahl (University of Copenhagen, Denmark)

Yulia Maximenko (Colorado State University, USA)

Susanne Yelin (Harvard University, USA)

Antonio Acin (ICFO, Spain)

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Karl Jansen (Deutsches Elektronen-Synchrotron DESY, Germany)
Barbara Kraus (Technical University of Munich, Germany)
Marie-Blandine Martin (CNRS-Thales, France)
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Carmen Rubio Verdú (ICFO, Spain)
Nitin Samarth (Penn State University, USA)
Mikel Sanz (NQUIRE Center - UPV/EHU, Spain)
Javad Shabani (New York University, USA)
Matti Silveri (University of Oulu, Finland)
Jairo Sinova (Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz, Germany)
Magdalena Stobinska (Warsaw University, Poland)
Sofia Vallecorsa (CERN, Switzerland)
Visa Vesterinen (VTT, Finland)
Silvia Zorzetti (Fermilab, USA)
James S. Clarke (Intel, USA)
Yonatan Cohen (Quantum Machines, Israel)
Alexandre Dauphin (PASQAL, France)
Artur Ekert (University of Oxford / Centre for Quantum Technologies, NUS, UK / Singapore)
Jay M. Gambetta (IBM, USA)
Pau Jorba (Kiutra, Germany)
Yemliha Bilal Kalyoncu (Qblox BV, The Netherlands)
Samira Nik (European Innovation Council (EIC), Belgium)
Roman Orus (Multiverse Computing & DIPC, Spain)
Claudius Riek (Zurich Instruments, Switzerland)
Anurag Saha Roy (Qruise, Germany)
Felice Francesco Tafuri (Keysight Technologies, USA)
Jelena Trbovic (QuantrolOx, Finland)
Ramon Aguado (ICMM-CSIC, Spain)
Athanasios Dimoulas (NCSR-D, Greece)
Maia García Vergniory (Max Planck for Chemical Physics of Solids, DIPC, Germany/Spain)
Tomas Jungwirth (Czech Academy of Sciences, Czech Republic)

Artificial Intelligence for Advanced Materials (AI4AM2024)

July 2-4, 2024
Casa Convalescència, Barcelona
<https://www.ai4am.net/2024/index.php>

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AI4AM2024 was a cross-disciplinary international event that joined top experts from industry and research institutions utilizing Artificial Intelligence, including machine learning, deep learning, and neural networks. The event aimed to enhance discoveries in materials science by refining automated designs for both structural and electronic material models in engineering. It focused on improving interoperability among material databases and reverse material engineering. This platform offers experts an opportunity to delve into the latest innovations, discuss practical challenges, and share solutions in applying AI for groundbreaking advancements in material science and engineering. It covers targeted applications in electronics, composites, energy, (bio) medicine, quantum computing, and related fields. This inaugural edition set the groundwork for a series of conferences dedicated to this theme, fostering networking, collaboration, and industrial partnerships.





Invited Speakers

- Kostya Novoselov (NUS, Singapore)
Amanda Barnard (Australian National University, Australia)
Sergei V. Kalinin (UT Knoxville and Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, USA)
Karsten Reuter (Max-Planck-Gesellschaft, Germany)
Marin Soljacic (MIT, USA)
Anatole von Lilienfeld (University of Toronto, Canada)
Maite Alducin (CFM, Spain)
Juan Carrasquilla Alvarez (ETH Zurich, Switzerland)
Bingqing Cheng (UC Berkeley, USA)
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Giulia Cisotto (University of Milan-Bicocca, Italy)
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Andrea Ferrari (Cambridge Graphene Centre / University of Cambridge, UK)
Kedar Hippalgaonkar NTU, Singapore)
Boris Kozinsky (Harvard University, USA)
Nicola Marzari (EPFL, Switzerland)
Kostya Novoselov (NUS, Singapore)
Wolfgang Wenzel (Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, Germany)

XXXIX Reunión Bienal de la Real Sociedad Española de Física (RSEF)

July 15-19, 2024
Musikene and School of Engineering of Gipuzkoa, Donostia/San Sebastián
<https://bienalfisica.org/en/home>

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The RSEF Biennial served as a platform for the exchange of knowledge, the presentation of new research and the discussion of developments in various fields of physics. It was probably the largest event held in the Spanish state in the field of physics, covering all its fields from particle physics, biomedical physics and solid state physics, to physics education. It offered a unique platform for professionals, researchers, educators and students to participate in scientific discourse and establish new collaboration networks.

The main objectives have been the following:

- **Dissemination of Scientific Research.** The biennial facilitates the presentation of cutting-edge research findings in various subfields
- **Promotion of Collaboration.** The event promotes networking and collaboration opportunities between physicists from different institutions and countries, which is essential to develop joint research projects and share resources and knowledge
- **Education and Dissemination.** The biennial emphasizes the importance of education and public outreach, including sessions designed to improve the teaching of physics and promote public understanding of science
- **Recognition of Excellence.** During the biennial, prizes and recognitions are awarded, such as the prizes for the best doctoral theses of the RSEF+EPJ, highlighting significant achievements within the community



Invited Speakers

Sayeef Salahuddin (University of California Berkeley, USA)
Clivia, Sotomayor Torres (ICN2, Portugal)
Roberto, Gómez Calvet (European University of Valencia, Spain)
Francisco Savall (IES Veles e Vents, Spain)
José Luis, Sánchez Gómez (University of León, Spain)
Yolanda Prezado (Institut Curie, France)
Ursulla Keller (ETH Zurich, Switzerland)
Olga Smirnova (Max Born Institute, Berlin)
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Ricardo Díez Muiño (DIPC, Spain)
Jorge Mira (University of Santiago de Compostela, Spain)
Alessandra Buonanno (Max Planck Institute for Gravitational Physics, Germany)
Jonathan Home (ETH Zurich, Switzerland)
Jorge Méndez (University of La Laguna Tenerife, Spain)
Irene Abril (University of Cambridge, Spain)
Verónica Sanz (University of Valencia, Spain)
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Itziar Otegui (CIC NanoGUNE, Spain)
Jorge Bravo-Abad (Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Spain)
Claudio Zeni (Cambridge University, UK)

9th International Doctoral Training Session
“Frontiers of Condensed Matter”

September 16-27, 2024
École de Physique des Houches, France
<https://www.houches-school-physics.com/program/program-2024/frontiers-of-condensed-matter-1305548.kjsp>

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Frontiers of Condensed Matter offered final year master’s students and junior PhD students a high-level training program in the general area of condensed matter physics. The session consisted of a lecture series on topics such as Quantum Transport, Topological Phases, Superconductivity, and Quantum Information – complemented by more specialized pedagogical seminars on timely topics as well as poster sessions and discussion forums. This was the 9th event in a series of doctoral training sessions organized since 2010.



Invited Speakers
Carlo Beenakker (Leiden, The Netherlands)
Vidya Madhavan (Urbana-Champaign, USA)
Sophie Guéron (University of Paris-Saclay, France)
Adolfo Grushin (Institut Néel Grenoble, France)
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Christophe Mora (Université de Paris, France)
Silke Paschen (Vienna University of Technology, Austria)
Marta Pita-Vidal (IBM Research Zurich, Switzerland)

Scientific meetings

2nd SPRING-DIPC Meeting

February 26-28, 2024
Doneztebe/Santesteban, Navarra

The second SPRING-DIPC MEETING brought together researchers from diverse disciplines, so as to create a fertile ground for academic exchange, promoting scientific discussion in an overarching atmosphere of open dialogue and collaboration.



Meeting attendants

- Thomas Frederiksen (DIPC, Ikerbasque, Spain)
- Tobias Grass (DIPC, Ikerbasque, Spain)
- Geza Giedke (DIPC, Ikerbasque, Spain)
- Natxo Pascual (CIC nanoGUNE, Ikerbasque, Spain)
- Nico Leumer (DIPC, Spain)
- Roberto Alvarez Boto (DIPC, Spain)
- Moritz Frankerl (DIPC, Spain)
- Martín Irizar (DIPC, Spain)
- Shayan Edalatmanesh (DIPC, Spain)
- Talat Rahman (University of Central Florida, Orlando, USA)
- Matt Hugget (Collège Sciences et Technologies - Université de Bordeaux, France)
- Sourav Biswas (DIPC, Spain)
- Alicia Omist Galvez (DIPC, Spain)
- Sofía Sanz Wuhl (Materials Physics Center CFM-CSIC, Spain)
- Ricardo Ortiz (DIPC, Spain)
- Daniel García (DIPC, Spain)
- Daniel Sánchez Portal (Materials Physics Center CFM-CSIC, Spain)

PROTOS Kick-off meeting

July 14-16, 2024
Olarain, Donostia/San Sebastián

The first gathering of the ERC-PROTOS synergy project focused on establishing the working profile for the upcoming years. Both scientific and administrative key goals were discussed and established.



Meeting attendants

- Juan Manuel Garcia (DIPC)
- Christian Jenewein (DIPC)
- Olatz Leis (DIPC)
- Mikel Abadia (DIPC)
- Wolfgang Bach (UBremen)
- Mark van Zuilen (Naturalis)
- Denis Gebauer (LUH)
- Stefan Lalonde (CNRS)
- Isaac Rodríguez (INPT)
- Sebastien Teychene (INPT)
- Fermin Otálora (CSIC)

Higher Education

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DIPC Schools

Photo- and Electrocatalysis at the Atomic Scale (PECAS 2024)

May 6-9, 2024

Faculty of Chemistry (UPV/EHU), Donostia/San Sebastián

<https://pecas2024.dipc.org>

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Maria Escudero-Escribano (ICN2)

María Giménez (CiQUS)

As in previous editions, PECAS 2024 was aimed at promoting interdisciplinary discussions among scientists in the fields of materials science and photoelectrochemistry, as well as the presentation of new results, ideas, and methods to understand the catalyst-electrolyte interface at the atomic level.

The program began with a two-day school featuring introductory lectures on surface science, electrochemistry, and theoretical methods. These lectures were specifically designed to introduce master's and graduate students in Chemistry and/or Physics to the topics covered in PECAS 2024. After the school, PECAS 2024 continued with a two-day workshop, including postgraduate-level seminars in surface science and electrochemistry. Hands-on experiments in NAP-XPS, STM/nc-AFM, and electrochemistry were also conducted to introduce participants to key surface science tools.



Invited Speakers

Herbert Over (Justus Liebig University, Germany)

Julia Kunze-Liebhäuser (University of Innsbruck, Austria)

Hendrik Bluhm (Fritz Haber Institute of the Max Planck Society, Germany)

Paramarconi Rodriguez (CIC energiGUNE, Spain)

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Marko Melander (University of Jyväskylä, Finland)

Juan Jesús Velasco Vélez (Cells ALBA, Spain)

María del Carmen Giménez-López (CiQUS, Spain)

Nanotechnology Meets Quantum Information (NanoQI'24)

July 22-25, 2024

Miramar Palace, Donostia/San Sebastián

<http://nanoqi.dipc.org>

Organizing Committee

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Atac Imamoglu (ETH Zurich)

The speakers highlighted various active research directions in the area where quantum information and nanotechnology meet, ranging from the design of naturally protected qubits to quantum enhanced time-keeping and quantum-enabled communication protocols on the theory side to the implementation of coherent quantum dynamics and QIP protocols in diverse platforms (semiconductor quantum dots, quantum emitters in chiral waveguides, atomic spins on insulating or superconduction surfaces, magnons, two-dimensional materials, or cold atoms in optical tweezers). More than two thirds of the students presented a poster and actively discussed their work throughout the poster session and coffee breaks. They were also very active and inquisitive in all the lectures, making this the most successful edition of NanoQI so far. On the other hand, it was the least successful in terms of total attendance.

By their participation, the participants gained a broader and deeper knowledge of the covered fields and the methods used. In addition, they had the opportunity to get to know and network with their colleagues.



Invited Speakers

Jason Alicea (Caltech, USA)

Daniel Barredo (CINN-CSIC, El Entrego, Spain)

Harry Buhrman (QuSoft, The Netherlands and Quantinuum, UK)

Deung-Jang Choi (CFM-CSIC, Ikerbasque, Spain)

Francisco Guinea (IMDEA, DIPC, Spain)

Klemens Hammerer (University of Hannover, Germany)

Atac Imamoglu (ETH Zurich, Switzerland)

Silvia Kusminskiy (RWTH Aachen, Germany)

Hannes Pichler (University of Innsbruck, IQOQI, Austria)

Seigo Tarucha (RIKEN, Japan)

Topological Matter School (TMS2024)

August 19-23, 2024

Miramar Palace, Donostia/San Sebastián

<https://tms.dipc.org>

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Julen Ibañez-Azpiroz (Materials Physics Center, Ikerbasque)

In this year's edition the topic was topologically correlated flat bands. Flat band materials offer a platform for enhancing correlation effects, rendering them an area of significant current interest. They present exceptional opportunities for exploring topology in correlated settings and correlation physics enriched by topology. Recent experiments on correlated kagome metals and Moiré systems have unveiled evidence of peculiar behaviors, including strange-metal characteristics, charge density waves, nematic orders, and fractional Chern insulators within flat-band materials. Throughout this school, our objective was to delve into the study of flat bands and these systems, as well as the intriguing physical phenomena they manifest, under the guidance of world-leading experts.



Invited Speakers

Andrei Bernevig (Princeton University, USA)

Alexander Altland (University of Cologne, Germany)

Ming Yi (Rice University, USA)

Leni Bascones (CSIC, Spain)

Erez Berg (Weizmann Institute, Israel)

Stephen Wilson (University of Santa Barbara, USA)

Zhida Song (Peking University, China)

Nicolas Regnault (CNRS, France)

Yves Hon Kwan (Princeton University, USA)

Carmen Rubio-Verdú (ICFO, Spain)

Vidya Madhavan (University of Illinois, USA)

Allan MacDonald (University of Austin, USA)

Päivi Törmä (Aalto University, Finland)

DIPC Courses

Excited State Charge Dynamics and Optical Response of 2D Materials: Interplay Excitons and Phonons

February 29 - March 26, 2024

DIPC Auditorium, Donostia/San Sebastián

Talat S. Rahman

Department of Physics, University of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida

A striking feature of 2D transition metal dichalcogenides (TMDs) is the large exciton binding energy, which together with strong interactions between the electrons, holes, excitons, and phonons, promise the potential for applications in energy harvesting. These strong nonlinearities may be reflected in the characteristics of the resulting photocurrent and the emission spectra, for example, through high harmonic generation. In this talk, after attributing the experimentally observed anomalous optical band gap energy redshift, with increasing isotope mass, in single layer MoS₂, to strong exciton-phonon coupling, we turned to phonon-assisted charge and exciton dynamics and photoluminescence in single layer and bilayer MoS₂ and WSe₂. Shown, through application of time dependent density functional theory (TDDFT) and many-body theory, the (momentum-resolved) intra- and inter-valley dynamics, and photoluminescence in these 2D TMDs is a result of complex collective response involving the free charges, bright and dark excitons, and phonons. Our conclusions are validated by experimental data where available.

Innovations in Spintronics, Quantum Technologies and Advanced Electronics

July 9-18, 2024
DIPC Auditorium, Donostia/San Sebastián

Stephan Roche
Institut Català de Nanociència i Nanotecnologia (ICN2), Barcelona, Spain

This DIPC Course was composed of four lectures:

LECTURE 1 **Ten Years of 2D Materials based Spintronics Research: Highlights and Future**

Objective: Present an historical perspective of why graphene and other two-dimensional materials have been anticipated as enabling materials to revolutionize the transfer, storage, and processing of spin information in the context of spintronic applications. This bird's-eye view emphasized the various milestones unique capability of these materials for manipulating spin degree of freedom at room temperature and over unprecedented length scales. Beyond the efforts to move from lab to fab and the current state-of-the-art in the research at high technology readiness level, the prospect for spin logics or other spin-dependent technologies were also addressed.

LECTURE 2 **Linear scaling quantum transport methodologies applied to Topological Matter**

Objective: This lecture introduced linear scaling transport methodologies which are the only possible tool giving access to complex quantum transport physics in realistic models of disordered systems contained up to a billion atoms. By connecting DFT approaches to tight-binding parametrization, the elaborate models can capture both perturbative and nonperturbative effects of a variety of disorder sources, and give access to resonant transport, weak (anti)-localization, strong localization regimes as well as topological phenomena (quantum Hall effects and so on). The combination of bulk with multiterminal transport approaches was also shown key to solve controversial claims of topological physics in nontrivial heterostructures.

LECTURE 3 **Topological Spin Transport & Entanglement in Quantum Materials**

Objective: This lecture presented spin transport phenomena related with the emergence of nontrivial spin textures in topological materials with low symmetries. It was shown that persistence spin textures result in canted spin Hall and canted Quantum spin Hall effects in monolayer transition metal dichalcogenides (TMDs), offering a novel platform for manipulating spin degree of freedom in topological phases, opening some road to topological spintronics. The spin-orbit torque phenomenon was also discussed in Janus TMDs, with theoretical predictions showing unprecedented performances.

LECTURE 4 **Exploring properties and applications of amorphous 2D materials using Artificial Intelligence**

Objective: This lecture focused on the presentation of machine-learning based models of amorphous materials, which enable the access to quantitative predictions of their properties. Contrary to initial expectations at first sight, amorphous materials are offering novel types of improvement of a variety of properties for coating applications (anticorrosion, barrier to migration), interconnects (ultralow dielectric coefficient) or neuromorphic computing (memristive devices). Artificial Intelligence was shown to be key for future breakthroughs in these fields.

Transferable Skills Courses

Equipping researchers with skills beyond the purely scientific is a challenge that institutions are beginning to take up in the framework of what is known as the “transferable skills” education programs. Organized by Aitzol García-Etxarri (DIPC, Ikerbasque) and Gustavo A. Schwartz Pomeraniec (DIPC, CFM-CSIC) DIPC develops a full program covering issues like stress management, time and career management or transformative leadership. 40 researchers joined these courses in 2024.

First and Second Edition: Oral Presentation Skills Training

May 14, 21 and 28, June 7, 13 and 21, 2024
DIPC Josebe Olarra Auditorium, Donostia/San Sebastián

Sofía Facal
Skills for Science and Industry

The ability to communicate complex topics in a clear and efficient way is a key skill in the academic field, as the success of bright ideas, great initiatives and promising projects can depend significantly on how they are presented.

In this training the participants further develop their skills in preparing and delivering top quality scientific presentations, as well as in communicating with audiences of different levels of expertise in their field.

SESSION 1 **Before the Presentation**

- Understanding your audience
- Structuring your message
- Designing effective slides
- Timing your talk
- What do people care most about scientific talks

SESSION 2 **During the Presentation**

- Body language
- Voice and articulation
- Anti-nervousness program
- Stress management

SESSION 3 **After the Presentation**

- Delivering the 10 mins talk you have prepared
- Constructive feedback
- Techniques for a Successful Q&A session
- Designing and presenting scientific posters

Generative AI: Useful Tools or Expensive Toys?

June 13, 2024

DIPC Josebe Olarra Auditorium, Donostia/San Sebastián

Tim Smithers

The purpose of this course was to examine the benefits and risks of Generative AI systems, such as ChatGPT, in common research practices.

Generative AI systems now cover text, sound (speech and music), image, and video, generation, and combinations of these. A basic understanding of how these systems work and what they really do is needed to be able to judge well if and how they may be used in professional research practices, such as preparing research publications, funding proposals, presentations and talks, and computer code. Understanding how ChatGPT works and how the so-called Large Language Model (LLM) inside it is built does provide a good basis for deciding how and when good use might be made of any of the Generative AI systems. The important ethical issues and hazards raised by using ChatGPT in research practices are also common across the other kinds of Generative AI systems.

Outline of the course:

A few words on using tools in purposeful activities (and using toys).

Some terminological explanations to get started with.

How to build a Large Language Model (a cartoon sketch).

What does ChatGPT really do (it doesn't do writing!).

A look at what happens when we try to use ChatGPT.

Some ethical issues and hazards of using Generative AI systems.

Discussion and Questions.

Balancing Science and Self: Advanced Soft Skills for PI's

October 16 and 23, 2024

CFM Auditorium, Donostia/San Sebastián

October 30, 2024

DIPC Josebe Olarra Auditorium, Donostia/San Sebastián

Sofía Facal

Skills for Science and Industry

The training program "Balancing Science and Self: Advanced Soft Skills for PIs" was designed to address the need for soft skills development among Principal Investigators (PIs). The role of a PI goes beyond technical expertise, as they are responsible for shaping the direction of their research teams and fostering a good working culture.

Stress management, effective communication, emotional intelligence, and interpersonal skills form the backbone of successful leadership, creating a positive and collaborative environment where team members feel valued and supported. This training recognized the importance of soft skills and provided tools, the necessary self-reflection for each PI to lead, influence, and nurture within their own unique style, their research groups.

This training program was designed for researchers who seek to improve the art of balancing their scientific career with personal well-being. Through interactive sessions, they reflected on advanced soft skills, discovered effective stress management techniques, and explored strategies to achieve a healthy work-life balance. Our goal was to foster resilient, mindful, and highly effective leaders in the research community.

SESSION 1 Mastering Self-Awareness and Mindfulness in Leadership

- Techniques to increase self-awareness and understand its impact on leadership style and team dynamics
- Practical mindfulness exercises for busy schedules to enhance focus, reduce stress, and improve decision-making
- Strategies to manage emotions and understand the emotional needs of team members, fostering a supportive and productive research environment

SESSION 2 Effective Stress Management for Research Leaders

- Tools to recognize and address common stressors
- A toolkit of stress reduction methods, including time management, prioritization, and relaxation techniques
- Strategies to cultivate a research environment that promotes mental health, resilience, and well-being among team members
- Understanding the importance of balance for long-term productivity and personal well-being

SESSION 3 Advanced Communication and Conflict Resolution

- Communication Skills: Advanced strategies for clear, empathetic, and effective communication within diverse research teams
- Conflict Resolution: Approaches to resolving disagreements and conflicts in a way that promotes growth, understanding, and cohesion within the team

Theses

Fundamentals of nano-optics in hyperbolic van der Waals materials.

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