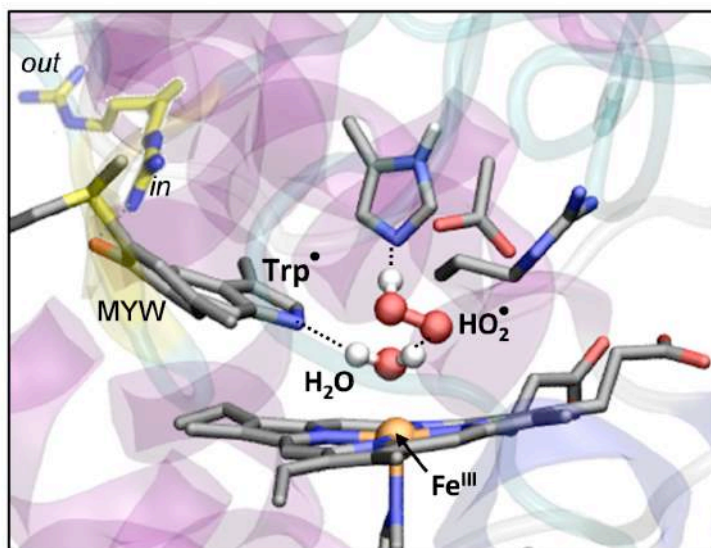


Institut de Química Teòrica i Computacional de la Universitat de Barcelona (IQTCUB)



Activity Report 2014



On November 27th, 2007 the Board of Government of the *Universitat de Barcelona* (UB) approved the creation of the Institute of Theoretical Chemistry of the *Universitat de Barcelona* (IQTCUB), one of the research institutes of this university. IQTCUB brings together professors and researchers from different departments of the Chemistry and Physics faculties of UB who commonly use methods of Computational Chemistry and/or Computational Physics (e.g. Quantum Chemistry, Solid State Modeling). The IQTCUB research activity, if mainly within the field of Chemistry, is quite different from what one expects from a traditional chemist. This is because the instruments used by the IQTCUB members cannot be found in a typical chemical laboratory but rather in a virtual “computational laboratory” with supercomputers having hundreds if not thousands of processors. The main goals of Theoretical and Computational Chemistry are: to reach a detailed knowledge of chemical process at the molecular level, to make predictions which can be experimentally proven, to interpret experimental results, and to create new tools and concepts. From such a basis the IQTCUB aims to design new materials and drug molecules with tailored properties, investigate new chemical reactions to obtain important products with improved efficiency and selectivity, to improve existing processes with respect to efficiency and environmental impact, and to propose new sources of sustainable energy. Obviously, most of these goals are also shared with other scientific disciplines. Precisely because of the interdisciplinary approach of modern research, knowledge at the theoretical level is essential. Once again, this has been a difficult year with unprecedented cuts in the overall research budget of the whole country. Still, through the support of Research Vicerector, UB has renewed the compromise with the IQTCUB which is fully acknowledged by all personnel of the institute who otherwise could not carry out this research. In fact, just to maintain the computational infrastructure, essential to carry out a high-quality and competitive research is not a simple task and without the support from the institution it would not have been possible. This is also thanks to the, often invisible, excellent technical staff that is responsible for keeping the whole computational framework adequately working. The research *memoir* that follows exemplifies the IQTCUB vitality, the considerable scientific production in research lines as different as drug design, heterogeneous catalysis, nanostructures, and atmospheric chemistry clearly demonstrates the growing impact of our research. The past year, 2014, also represents the starting of a new cycle since it constitutes the start of my second and last term as IQTCUB Director. In the years to come we hope that the IQTCUB project will continue deserving the support of our university and thus be able to further improve the scientific quality already recognized by external peer review evaluation in 2013 with the report available at the institute recently renewed web page.

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Francesc Illas
Director de l'IQTCUB

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I. IQTCUB OVERVIEW

The Institute of Theoretical and Computational Chemistry of the *Universitat de Barcelona* (IQTCUB), was created by the university Government Board on November 27th, 2007, with the main goal of enhancing and supporting scientific research in Theoretical and Computational Chemistry at the *Universitat de Barcelona* by organizing the research in four main lines and promoting and supporting interdisciplinary activities which will allow to tackle the new challenges in this scientific discipline.

I.1 DIRECTION TEAM

Prof. Francesc Illas Riera

Director

Prof. Ramón Sayós Ortega

Treasurer and Secretary

Prof. Carme Rovira Virgili

Board member

I.2 IQTCUB RESEARCH LINES

Scientific research currently being carried out at the IQTCUB can be viewed as classified in the following four main research lines.

1. Methods, algorithms and computational tools development

Here we focus on theories and algorithms devoted to account for electronic correlation, nuclear motion, quantum structure-activity, continuous symmetry measures, molecular modelling, variational state transition theory and magnetic resonance. Further developing of Monte Carlo, molecular dynamics and Brownian dynamics is also envisaged.

2. Computational Materials Science

In this research area we employ computational methods, ranging from high-level quantum chemistry and ab initio molecular dynamics to classical simulation methods, to investigate the bulk, surface and nanoscale properties of a broad class of solid materials, such as complex inorganic compounds, molecular crystals and heterogeneous catalysts.

3. Computational Biochemistry and Soft Matter

Using the arsenal of available computational methods, from electronic structure based methods to classical simulations, we focus on systems of biological interest. In particular we investigate the structure and reactivity of proteins and enzymes, drug design, processes in cellular membranes, enzymatic reactions in crowded media and soft nanoparticles in solution.

4. Reactivity and Reaction Dynamics

Research in this area uses quantum, classical and statistical mechanics methods to analyse the dynamics of elementary reactions, electronic excited states and atmospheric and combustion reactions. Continuum methods are also used to investigate macromolecular complexation reactions in aqueous media.

I.3 IQTCUB MEMBERS

IQTCUB involves a total of 76 professors and researchers: The full list of members of IQTCUB (including the corresponding academic situation and affiliation within UB) is provided below.

Family Name	Name	Department/Unit
Full Professors (Catedràtics)		
Aguilar Navarro	Antonio	Physical Chemistry
Alemaný i Cahner	Pere	Physical Chemistry
Alvarez Reverter	Santiago	Inorganic Chemistry
Bofill Villà	Josep Maria	Organic Chemistry
González Pérez	Miguel	Physical Chemistry
Illas Riera	Francesc	Physical Chemistry
Mas Pujadas	Francesc	Physical Chemistry
Novoa Vide	Juan José	Physical Chemistry
Rubio Martínez	Jaime	Physical Chemistry
Ruiz Sabin	Eliseo	Inorganic Chemistry
Sayós Ortega	Ramón	Physical Chemistry
Associate Professors (Professors Titulars)		
Albertí Wirsing	Margarita	Physical Chemistry
Costa Sala	Ramón	Inorganic Chemistry
De Andrés Llopis	Jaime	Physical Chemistry
De Pinho Ribeiro Moreira	Ibério	Physical Chemistry
Giménez Font	Xavier	Physical Chemistry
Huarte Larrañaga	Fermín	Physical Chemistry
Lucas Alcorta	Josep Maria	Physical Chemistry
Llunell Marí	Miquel	Physical Chemistry
Mota Valeri	Fernando	Physical Chemistry
Paniagua Valle	Juan Carlos	Physical Chemistry
Solé Sabaté	Albert	Physical Chemistry
Sousa Romero	Carme	Physical Chemistry
Vilaseca Font	Eudald	Physical Chemistry

Other categories (Professors Agregats i Lectors)

Aullón López	Gabriel	Inorganic Chemistry
Deumal Solé	Mercè	Physical Chemistry
Gamallo Belmonte	Pablo	Physical Chemistry
Madurga Díez	Sergio	Physical Chemistry
Reigada Sanz	Ramón	Physical Chemistry

Other categories (Professors Associats)

Gómez Coca	Silvia	Inorganic Chemistry
Prats García	Hèctor	Physical Chemistry
Tercero Mohedano	Javier	Inorganic Chemistry

ICREA Research Professors

Bromley	Stefan T.	Physical Chemistry
Neyman	Konstantin M.	Physical Chemistry
Rovira Virgili	Carme	Organic Chemistry

Postdoctoral contracts*Juan de la Cierva contract*

Jover Modrego	Jesús	Inorganic Chemistry
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Beatriu de Pinós-Marie Curie

Cirera Fernández	Jordi	Inorganic Chemistry
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Beatriu de Pinós

Albareda Piquer	Guillem	IQTCUB
Jornet Somoza	Joaquim	Physical Chemistry

Ramón y Cajal contract

Ribas Ariño	Jordi	Physical Chemistry
Viñes Solana	Francesc	Physical Chemistry

Other

Álvarez Falcón	Leny	Physical Chemistry
Chul Ko	Kyoung	Physical Chemistry
Kovács	Gábor	Physical Chemistry
Pastor del Campo	Isabel	Physical Chemistry

Ph D students*FPI (Associated with Ministerio Research Grants)*

Aguilar Fargas	Javier	Physical Chemistry
Alcon Rovira	Isaac	Physical Chemistry
Alonso Gil	Santiago	Organic Chemistry
Climent Biescas	Clàudia	Physical Chemistry
Falceto Palacín	Andrés	Inorganic Chemistry
Jurado Sáez	Manuel	Physical Chemistry
Posada Pérez	Sergio	Physical Chemistry
Vela Llausi	Sergi	Physical Chemistry
Vilà Casanova	Arnau	Physical Chemistry

FPU (Spanish Ministerio Program)

Capdevila Cortada	Marçal	Physical Chemistry
Kozlov	Sergey M.	Physical Chemistry
Mondelo Martell	Manel	Physical Chemistry
Rojas Cervellera	Victor	Organic Chemistry

UB own program

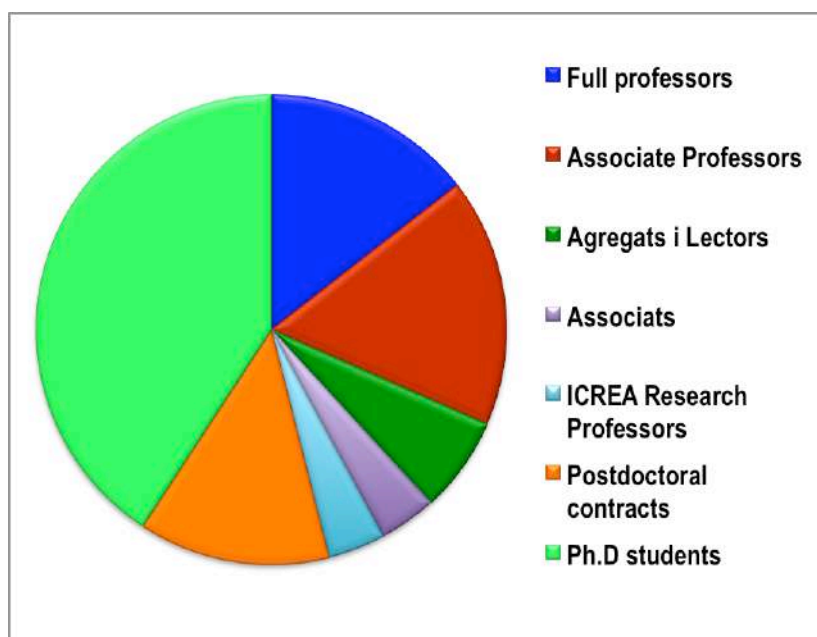
Fumanal Quintana	Maria	Physical Chemistry
Lamiel Garcia	J. Oriol	Physical Chemistry
Raich Armendáriz	Lluís	Organic Chemistry

FI (Catalan Government Program)

López Marne	Estefanía	Physical Chemistry
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Other funding

Alonso Benito	Gerard	Physical Chemistry
Amoza Dávila	Martín	Inorganic Chemistry
Balcells Nadal	Cristina	Physical Chemistry
Blancafort Jorquera	Miquel	Physical Chemistry
Demiroglu	Ilker	Physical Chemistry
Figueroba Sánchez	Alberto	Physical Chemistry
Iglesias Fernández	Javier	Organic Chemistry
Martín Rodríguez	Alejandro	Inorganic Chemistry
Maxwell Villacorta	Lindley	Inorganic Chemistry
Morales Martínez	Roser	Inorganic Chemistry
Notario Estévez	Almudena	Physical Chemistry
Pueyo Bellafont	Noelia	Physical Chemistry
Reta Mañeru	Daniel	Physical Chemistry
Sopena Moros	Arturo	Physical Chemistry



Distribution of IQTCUB members according to professional category

I.4 TECHNICAL STAFF

Apart from the academic and research personnel whose main activity is scientific research in theoretical and computational chemistry at IQTCUB, three technical staff members take care of maintenance of the computational infrastructure, their work is extremely important since they also implement the codes and optimize their performance.

Jordi Inglés Camats

System Administrator Manager

Raul Porcel Martínez

System Administrator

Teresa Arenal Porcel

System Administrator

I.5 EQUIPMENT

Currently, the IQTCUB computational facilities consist of seven calculation clusters located in two conditioned rooms of the Chemistry Faculty of UB. All the clusters except iqt06 are located in a room near the garage of the faculty where it is cooled by two air conditioning machines of 47,000 and 66.000 KW respectively. Iqt06 is located in a room called VAX, which is cooled by an air conditioner machine of 30.000 KW and other two machines of 9.000 KW.

CALCULATION CLUSTERS

cerqt2 (approximate value 400.000 €)

<i>Machine type</i>	SUN cluster (4 racks)
<i>Operating system</i>	SLES10
<i>Services</i>	Calculation cluster and disk server (raid of 2.5TB). Internal DHCP server
<i>Structure</i>	Master + 111 nodes
<i>Notes</i>	There are heterogeneous nodes with 32 and 64 bits processors.
<i>Specifications</i>	

Master

CPU: 1.80Ghz Opteron Dual processor (64bits)
RAM: 8GB
HD: 1x146GB hard disk + 2.5TB direct attached storage
Network: 2 gigabit network cards (one for external network and one for calculation network)

7 Sun Fire V60X nodes (3.06Ghz processor)

CPU: 3.06GHz Xeon Dual processor (32 bits)
RAM: 3GB
HD: 2x36GB hard disk
Network: 2 gigabit network cards (calculation network)

92 Sun Fire V60X nodes (2.80GHz processor)

CPU: 2.80GHz Xeon Dual processor (32 bits)
RAM: 6 nodes with 4GB, 86 nodes with 3GB
HD: 2x36GB hard disk
Network: 2 gigabit network cards (calculation network)

11 Sun Fire V20Z nodes (1.80GHz processor)

CPU: 1.80GHz Opteron Dual processor (64 bits)
RAM: 10 nodes with 8GB, 2 nodes with 16GB
HD: 10 nodes with 2x73GB hard disk, 2 nodes with 2x73GB and 2x300GB hard disk respectively
Network: 2 gigabit network cards (calculation network)

1 Sun Fire V20Z node 64 bits (2.20GHz processor)

CPU: 2.20GHz Opteron Dual processor (64 bits)
RAM: 16GB
HD: 2x146GB hard disk
Network: 2 gigabit network cards (calculation network)

iqtc01 (approximate value 250.000 €)

<i>Machine type</i>	HP cluster
<i>Operating system</i>	Debian Stable
<i>Services</i>	Calculation cluster
<i>Structure</i>	80 nodes
<i>Notes</i>	64 bits processors

*Specifications***80 AMD HP ProLiant DL145 G2 nodes**

CPU: 2x2.2GHz AMD Opteron 275 Dualcore

RAM: 8GB

HD: 2x80GB hard disk

Network: 2 gigabit network card (calculation network) + 1 ILO card (out of band network, OOB)

iqtc02 (approximate value 78.000 €)

<i>Machine type</i>	HP cluster
<i>Operating System</i>	SLES10
<i>Services</i>	Calculation cluster
<i>Structure</i>	26 nodes
<i>Notes</i>	64 bits processors

*Specifications***17 INTEL HP ProLiant DL160 G5 nodes**

CPU: 2x2.66GHz Xeon QuadCore

RAM: 16GB

HD: 2x250GB hard disk

Network: 2 gigabit network card (calculation network) + 1 ILO card (OOB)

5 INTEL HP ProLiant DL160 G5 nodes

CPU: 2x2.66GHz Xeon QuadCore

RAM: 16GB

HD: 4x250GB hard disk

Network: 2 gigabit network card (calculation network) + 1 ILO card (OOB)

1 INTEL HP ProLiant DL160 G5 nodes

CPU: 2x2.66GHz Xeon QuadCore

RAM: 16GB

HD: 2x500GB hard disk

Network: 2 gigabit network card (calculation network) + 1 ILO card (OOB)

3 INTEL HP ProLiant DL160 G5 nodes

CPU: 2x2.66GHz Xeon QuadCore

RAM: 32GB

HD: 2x250GB hard disk

Network: 2 gigabit network card (calculation network) + 1 ILO card (OOB)

iqtc03 (approximate value 33.000 €)

<i>Machine type</i>	HP cluster
<i>Operating System</i>	SLES10
<i>Services</i>	Calculation cluster
<i>Structure</i>	11 nodes
<i>Notes</i>	64 bits processors. Merged with iqtc02 cluster

*Specifications***10 INTEL HP ProLiant DL140 G3 nodes**

CPU: 2x2.33GHz Xeon QuadCore

RAM: 16GB

HD: 2x80GB hard disk

Network: 2 gigabit network card (calculation network) + 1 ILO card (OOB)

1 INTEL HP ProLiant DL140 G3 nodes

CPU: 2x2.33GHz Xeon QuadCore

RAM: 32GB

HD: 2x80GB hard disk

Network: 2 gigabit network card (calculation network) + 1 ILO card (OOB)

iqtc04 (approximate value 460.000 €)

<i>Machine type</i>	HP cluster
<i>Operating system</i>	SLES11
<i>Services</i>	Calculation cluster
<i>Structure</i>	101 nodes
<i>Notes</i>	64 bits processors. Infiniband network

*Specifications***95 INTEL HP ProLiant DL160 G6 nodes**

CPU: 2x2.66GHz Xeon SixCore

RAM: 48GB

HD: 1x1TB hard disk

Network: 2 gigabit network card (internal data network) + 2 infiniband network (calculation network) + 1 ILO card (IAM)

4 INTEL HP ProLiant DL160 G6 nodes

CPU: 2x2.66GHz Xeon SixCore

RAM: 48GB

HD: 4x500GB hard disk

Network: 2 gigabit network card (internal data network and calculation network) + 1 ILO card (OOB)

2 INTEL HP ProLiant DL160 G6 nodes

CPU: 2x2.66GHz Xeon SixCore

RAM: 48GB

HD: 1x500GB hard disk

Network: 2 gigabit network card (internal data network and calculation network) + 1 ILO card (OOB)

iqtc05 (approximate value 32.000 €)

<i>Machine type</i>	SGI Cluster
<i>Operating System</i>	SLES11

Services Calculation cluster
Structure 4 nodes
Notes 64 bits processors
Specifications

4 AMD SGI H2106-G7 nodes

CPU: 4x2.3GHz Opteron 6276 16-core
RAM: 256GB
HD: 2x1TB hard disk
Network: 2 gigabit network card (calculation network) + 1 IPMI card (OOB)

iqtc06 (approximate value 360.000 €)

Machine type Heterogeneous Cluster
Operating System SLES11
Services Calculation cluster
Structure 28 nodes
Notes 64 bits processors
Specifications

23 INTEL HP ProLiant DL560 Gen8 nodes

CPU: 4x2.2GHz Xeon OctoCore
RAM: 512GB
HD: 2x300GB hard disk
Network: 4 gigabit network card (calculation network) + 1 IPMI card (OOB)
Network: 2 10gigabit network card (internal data network)

5 INTEL Supermicro SuperServer 8017R-TF+

CPU: 4x2.3GHz Xeon OctoCore
RAM: 512GB
HD: 3x1TB hard disk
Network: 2 gigabit network card (calculation network) + 1 IPMI card (OOB)
Network: 2 10gigabit network card (internal data network)

GPU cluster (approximate value 30.000 €)

Machine type Heterogeneous Cluster
Operating System SLES11
Services Calculation cluster with GPUs
Structure 4 nodes
Notes 64 bits processors
Specifications

Node

CPU: 1x3.06GHz Intel Core i7 950

RAM: 16GB
HD: 1x1TB hard disk
Network: 1 gigabit network card (calculation network)
GPU: 1 NVIDIA GTX580, 1 NVIDIA GTX480

Node Tyan FT72B7015

CPU: 2x2.66GHz Xeon SixCore
RAM: 48GB
HD: 1x500GB hard disk
Network: 4 gigabit network card (calculation network) + 1 IPMI card (OOB)
GPU: 8 NVIDIA GTX580

Node

CPU: 1x3.30GHz AMD FX-4100 QuadCore
RAM: 16GB
HD: 1x1TB hard disk
Network: 1 gigabit network card (calculation network)
GPU: 1 NVIDIA GTX770

Node ASUS ESC4000 G2

CPU: 2x2GHz Xeon SixCore
RAM: 32GB
HD: 1x2TB hard disk
Network: 2 gigabit network card (calculation network) + 1 IPMI card (OOB)
GPU: 4 NVIDIA GTX TITAN

Node ASUS ESC4000 G2

CPU: 2x2.4GHz Xeon SixCore
RAM: 32GB
HD: 1x1TB hard disk
Network: 2 gigabit network card (calculation network) + 1 IPMI card (OOB)
GPU: 4 NVIDIA GTX TITAN BLACK

SERVERS

Glusterfs disk server (approximate value 30.000 €)

Machine type DELL cluster
Operating system SLES 11

Services Storage service cluster with 8TB of space for applications directories and user's work area exported by GlusterFS

Structure 2 nodes

Notes Storage service with a dedicated UPS and redundant power supply

Specifications

2 INTEL DELL PowerEdge 2950 nodes

CPU: 2x2.50GHz Xeon QuadCore E5420
 RAM: 8GB
 HD: 4x1TB (raid 5)
 Network: 2 gigabit network card (internal network)

Machine type HP cluster
Operating system SLES 11

Services Storage service cluster with 32TB of space for user's data exported by GlusterFS

Structure 2 nodes

Notes Storage service with a dedicated UPS and redundant power supply

Specifications

1 INTEL HP ProLiant DL180 G6 node

CPU: 2x2.27GHz Xeon QuadCore E5520
 RAM: 56GB
 HD: 12x2TB (raid 5)
 Network: 2 gigabit network card (internal network) + 1 IPMI card (OOB)

1 INTEL HP ProLiant DL380e Gen8 node

CPU: 2x2.20GHz Xeon QuadCore E5-2407
 RAM: 48GB
 HD: 12x2TB (raid 5)
 Network: 2 gigabit network card (internal network) + 1 IPMI card (OOB)

Portal (user access servers) (approximate value 2.300 €)

Machine type 2 redundant HP ProLiant DL120 G5 nodes
Operating system Debian stable
Services SGE Execution Host, Heartbeat, ssh server
Structure 2 redundant nodes
Notes User access servers for submitting jobs and accessing user data. Critical service connected with a UPS

Specifications

2 INTEL HP ProLiant DL120 G5 node

CPU: 1x2.33GHz Xeon Dual Core
 RAM: 8GB
 HD: 1x160GB hard disk
 Network: 2 gigabit network card (internal network)

Virtualization servers (approximate value 18.300 €)

Machine type 4 redundant nodes
Operating system Debian stable

<i>Services</i>	Xen, DRBD, IQTCUB internal services
<i>Structure</i>	4 redundant nodes
<i>Notes</i>	Servers that contains the Xen virtual machines with the IQTCUB's internal services (SGE, dhcp, license server, etc.). Critical service connected with a UPS

Specifications

2 INTEL DELL PowerEdge 2950 nodes

CPU: 2x2.50GHz Xeon QuadCore E5420

RAM: 8GB

HD: 2x1TB (raid 1)

Network: 3 gigabit network card (internal network)

2 INTEL HP ProLiant DL120 G5 node

CPU: 1x2.33GHz Xeon Dual Core

RAM: 8GB

HD: 2x160GB hard disk

Network: 3 gigabit network cards (internal network)

Graphical applications server (approximated value 3.000 €)

<i>Machine type</i>	1 HP ProLiant DL385 node
<i>Operating system</i>	Debian Stable
<i>Services</i>	Server for the use of graphical applications (gaussview, p4vasp, etc.)
<i>Structure</i>	1 node
<i>Notes</i>	Server connected to an UPS

Specifications

1 AMD HP ProLiant DL385 node

CPU : 2x2.2GHz AMD Opteron 275 Dualcore

RAM: 4GB

HD: 6x146GB hard disk

Network: 1 10/100 network (external network) + 1 gigabit network (internal network)

OTHERS _____

The IQTCUB have other services to provide service to the IQTCUB's users.

- Backup server DELL R515 (backup server with 4TB of disk capacity connected to a UPS)
- Tape library server HP MSL4048 (48 tapes with approximately 48TB of space, ~1TB/tape)

- Administration server (laptop with 3 network cards for critical incidences support)
- Proxy server (server that allows the access to the public network from IQTCUB's network)
- Switch Layer 3 HP Procurve with 24 ports (used for the IQTCUB's data centre infrastructure)
- 8 Switches Layer 2 Dlink with 48 ports (internal network for cerqt2, iqt01, iqt02, iqt03 clusters)
- 4 Switches Layer 2 HP with 48 ports (internal network for iqt04, iqt05 and iqt06 cluster)
- 3 Switches Infiniband Voltaire with 36 ports (calculation network for iqt04 cluster)
- Modular switch HP (8 calculation network modules for iqt01 ,iqt02, iqt03 clusters)
- 2 Modular switch HP 10GB (calculation network for iqt06 and data network for the glusterfs servers)

The approximated total cost of this equipment is 50.000€

SUMMARY

Processors.....	3230 CPUs
Memory.....	21688 GB RAM
Calculation disk capacity	174 TB
Data user disk capacity	32 TB

The approximated total cost, considering also the consumables such as network cables and other material is

2.100.000 €*

*This value does not include the cost of the air conditioning machines and electrical panels.



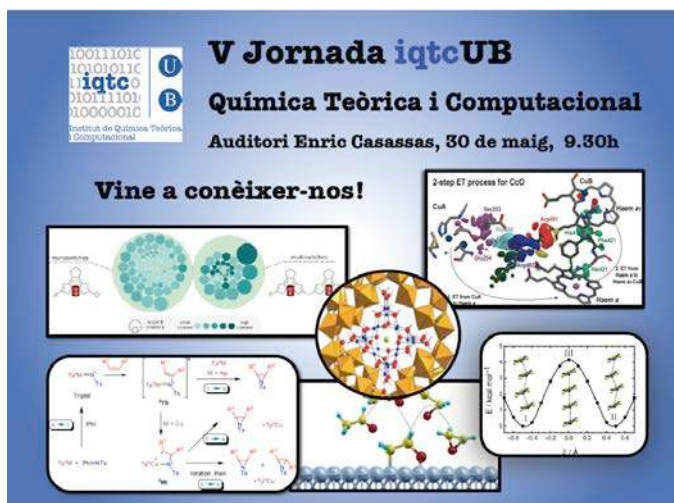
One of the clusters for intensive computation at IQTCUB

II. IQTCUB ACTIVITIES

II.1 GENERAL ACTIVITIES

Next, a description of activities and actions promoted by IQTCUB through 2014 is provided.

a. *5th IQTCUB workshop*. This one-day workshop aimed at the dissemination of the research done at the IQTCUB took place on May 30th, 2014. The IQTCUB members and internationally acknowledged speakers present the most recent work. This year we highlight the participation of Prof. Denis Jacquemin from *Université de Nantes*, Prof. Feliu Maseras from *ICIQ*, Prof. Víctor Guallar from *BSC-IRB*, Dr. Xavier López from *Universitat Rovira i Virgili*, and Dr. Francesc Viñes and Dr. Sergi Vela from *Universitat de Barcelona*. The IQTCUB assigned a budget to cover the traveling expenses of Prof. Jacquemin as well as the catering service offered to all participants. Total cost: 1300 €



b. *Promotion and encouragement of research*. This year the IQTCUB has offered a total of three contracts (around 2000 € per contract) aimed to help students to initiate a scientific career. These contracts are addressed to students about to end the degree and aimed to cover a six month period to facilitate the student to pursue an official Master at UB as well as collaborating in some of the research projects of the IQTCUB groups. The contracts have been awarded to Mr. Alejandro Martín Rodríguez, Ms. Alba Nin Hill and Ms. Mireia Via Nadal. Total cost: 6140 €



c. *Introductory course in Computational Chemistry.* The main goal of this course is to initiate chemistry undergraduate students in the possibilities of Computational Chemistry. The course takes place during a whole week and is mainly addressed to Chemistry and Chemical Engineering students at the UB. The 2014 edition has been the fourth one and has been very successful with over 30 students requesting to participate. The course took place from June 25th to July 1st with an attendance of 27 students.



d. *Advanced Course in Computational Chemistry.* Fuelled by the positive feedback received from the students in the previous editions we have offered again this year a course at a more advanced level with the main goal of improving previous knowledge in use of computers and, in particular, on Computational Chemistry. Participants in the course are usually students who have taken part in the introductory course or Chemistry undergraduates who have followed a Quantum Chemistry course. The course took place in

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July, 2nd-8th with an attendance of 16 students.

IQTCUB has covered catering expenses for both courses on Computational Chemistry with a total cost of 670 €.



Picture corresponding to the “Introductory Course in Computational Chemistry” that took place in June 2014 at the Chemistry Faculty of the *Universitat de Barcelona*.



Picture corresponding to the “Advanced Course in Computational Chemistry” that took place in July 2014 at the Chemistry Faculty of the *Universitat de Barcelona*.

II.2 IQTCUB SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES

Thirteen seminars have been organized by IQTCUB during 2014.

1. **Prof. Roy Johnston** (University of Birmingham) UK
Combining Theory and Experiment to Determine the Structures of Gas Phase Metal Clusters
February 25th, 2014
2. **Dr. Marcos Fernández-García** (Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas) Spain
Multitechnique approach to Heterogeneous Catalysis: from preparation to reaction
February 27th, 2014
3. **Dr. Joaquim Jornet-Somoza** (Université Montpellier) France
The role of pyramidalisations, torsion and stretching in the $V \leftarrow N$ and $R(3s) \leftarrow N$ photodynamics of ethylene
February 28th, 2014
4. **Prof. Jaakko Akola** (University of Tampere) Finland
Au nanoclusters as superatoms: DFT and MD simulations
March 7th, 2014
5. **Dr. Martijn Zwijnenburg** (University College London) UK
A Computational Perspective on the Photochemistry of Materials
March 31st, 2014
6. **Prof. Juan E. Peralta** (Michigan University) USA
Magnetic Exchange Couplings in Transition Metal Complexes from First-Principles Calculations
June 2nd, 2014
7. **Federico Brivio** (University of Bath) United Kingdom
DFT calculations for Perovskites Solar Cells

June 13th, 2014

8. **Dr. Nisanth N. Nair** (Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur) India
QM/MM Modelling of Catalytic Reactions: Developments and Applications
July 3rd, 2014

9. **Prof. Dr. Hans-Peter Steinrück** (Friedrich-Alexander University Erlangen-Nuremberg)
Germany
Surface Chemistry of Hydrocarbons - from Small Molecules to Graphene and Liquid Organic Hydrogen Carriers
July 17th, 2014

10. **Prof. Carmen Domene** (Kings College London) UK
Studies of ion conduction through cell membranes using free energy methods
September 18th, 2014

11. **Dr. David Balcells** (University of Oslo) Norway
DFT Studies on the Dark Side of Catalysis: Active Species Generation and Catalyst Degradation
December 3rd, 2014

12. **Dr. Jon M. Maxtain** (University of the Basque Country) Spain
Novel Solid Phases by Self-Assembling of Nanoclusters
December 12th, 2014

13. **Dr. Sergi Ruiz-Barragan** (Institute for Molecular Science) Japan
Photophysics of fulvene under the non-resonant Stark effect. Shaping the conical intersection seam
December 16th, 2014

II.3 IQTCUB INVITED RESEARCHERS

During 2014, a total of six researchers from all over the world have spent some time at the IQTCUB collaborating in different research projects.

1. **Miroslava Nedyalkova** (invited visitor)
University of Sofia, Bulgaria
February, 2014
2. **Ichraf Oueslati** (invited visitor)
Université Pierre et Marie Curie, Paris, France
March-July, 2014
3. **Alexander S Mikhailov** (invited visitor)
Fritz Haber Institute, Germany
June, 2014
4. **Laura Pitulice** (invited visitor)
West University of Timisoara, Romania
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III. SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITY OF IQTCUB MEMBERS

III.1 HIGHLIGHTS FROM MOST RELEVANT RESULTS

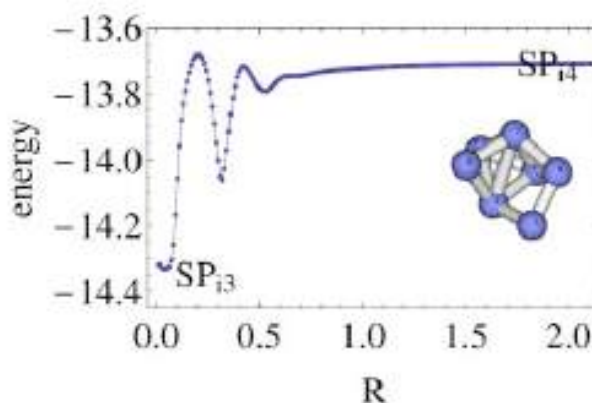
Here some of the most relevant results corresponding to every IQTCUB main research line are presented.

LINE 1. METHODS, ALGORITHMS AND COMPUTATIONAL TOOLS DEVELOPMENT

Locating saddle points of any index on potential energy surfaces by the generalized gentlest ascent dynamics

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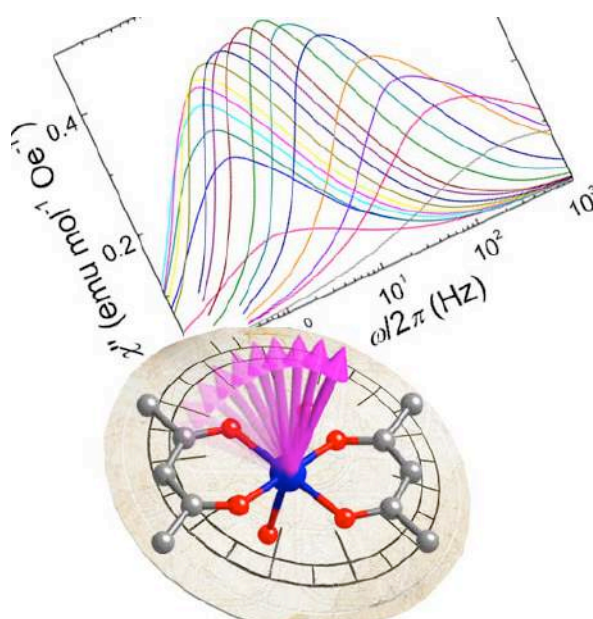


Energy profile over an index-4-GAD trajectory beginning at a LJ₇-SP of index 3, to a LJ₇-SP of index 4. R is an abstract 'reaction coordinate', the inset is the shape of the SP₄.

The system of ordinary differential equations for the method of the gentlest ascent dynamics (GAD) has been derived which was previously proposed [W. E and X. Zhou, *Nonlinearity* 24, 1831 (2011)]. For this purpose we use diverse projection operators to a given initial direction. Using simple examples we explain the two possibilities of a GAD curve: it can directly find the transition state by a gentlest ascent, or it can go the roundabout way over a turning point and then find the transition state going downhill along its ridge. An outlook to generalised formulas for higher order saddle-points is added.

LINE 2. COMPUTATIONAL MATERIALS SCIENCE**Origin of slow magnetic relaxation in Kramers ions with non-uniaxial anisotropy**

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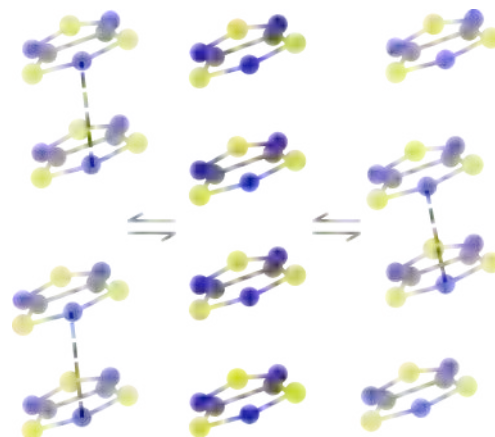
Nature Commun., 5 (2014) 4300.

Quantitative first-principles calculations on the Kramers Co^{II} ion in the $[\text{Co}(\text{acac})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]$ complex show that the slow magnetic relaxation in this and similar systems is a general consequence of time-reversal symmetry that hinders direct spin-phonon processes. This conclusion applies regardless of the sign of the zero-field splitting parameters associated to the two forms of magnetic anisotropy, *easy axis* and *easy field* magnetization. The hyperfine interaction between electronic and nuclear spins opens paths for magnetic relaxation that would otherwise be forbidden by time reversal symmetry and uncovers a promising strategy for the design and achievement of atom-size magnetic memories.

The key role of vibrational entropy in the phase transitions of dithiazolyl-based bistable magnetic materials

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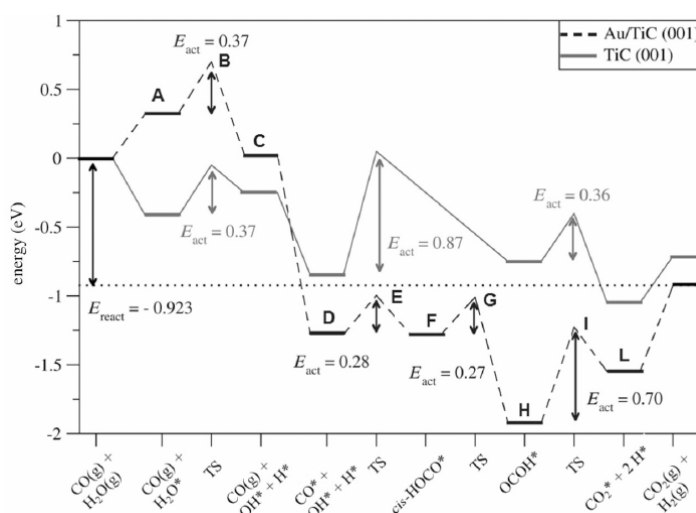


Pair-exchange dynamics in the TTTA material

The neutral radical 1,3,5-trithia-2,4,6-triazapentalenyl (TTTA) is a prototype of molecule-based bistable materials. TTTA crystals undergo a first-order phase transition between their low-temperature diamagnetic and high-temperature paramagnetic phases, with a large hysteresis loop that encompasses room temperature. Here, based on *ab initio* molecular dynamics simulations and new X-ray measurements, we uncover that the regular stacking motif of the high-temperature polymorph is the result of a fast intra-stack pair-exchange dynamics, whereby TTTA radicals continually exchange the adjacent TTTA neighbour (upper or lower) with which they form an eclipsed dimer. Such unique dynamics, observed in the paramagnetic phase within the whole hysteresis loop, is the origin of a significant vibrational entropic gain in the low-temperature to high-temperature transition and thereby it plays a key role in driving the phase transition. This finding provides a new key concept that needs to be explored for the rational design of novel molecule-based bistable magnetic materials.

Charge Polarization at a Au-TiC Interface and the Generation of Highly Active and Selective Catalysts for the Low-Temperature Water-Gas Shift Reaction

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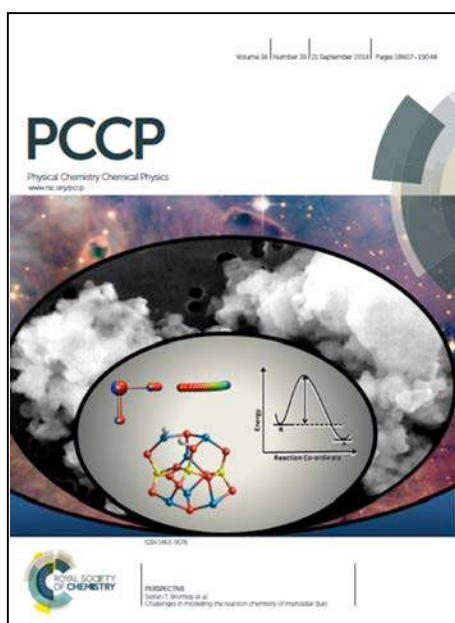
Energy derived from DFT calculations for the WGS reaction on clean TiC(001) and Au₄/TiC(001). TS = transition state.

Au atoms in contact with TiC(001) undergo a significant charge polarization. The strong metal–support interactions make Au/TiC(001) an excellent catalyst for the low-temperature water–gas shift (WGS), with turnover frequencies orders of magnitude larger than those observed for conventional metal/oxide catalysts such as Cu/ZnO. DFT calculations indicate that the WGS reaction follows an associative mechanism with HOCO as a key intermediate, showing how the synergy of Au/TiC(001) and the charge polarization is at the hearth of the different catalytic activity of Au/TiC(001) compared to TiC(001).

Challenges in modelling the reaction chemistry of interstellar dust

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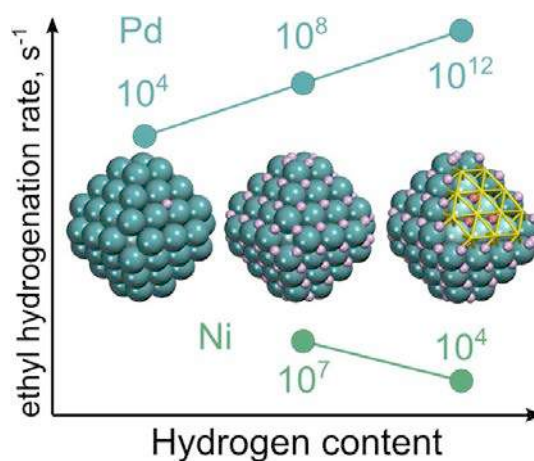
Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys. (Perspective), 74 (2014) 58.



The challenges in modelling the reaction chemistry of interstellar dust are concisely reviewed.

How absorbed hydrogen affects catalytic activity of transition metals

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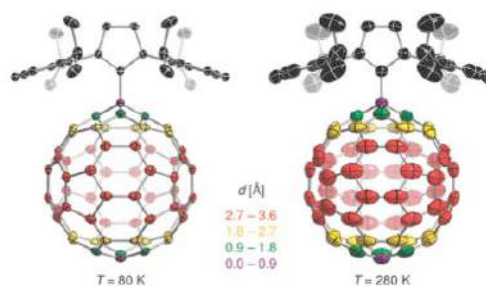
Angew. Chem. Int. Ed., 53 (2014) 13371.

Understanding hydrogenation on transition metals: Subsurface hydrogen, H_{sub} , is shown to significantly influence the stability and the reactivity of the adsorbed hydrogen on transition metals in two different ways. Very surprisingly, density functional calculations on a representative reaction, ethyl hydrogenation, show that it is accelerated on Pd and Pt, but slowed down on Ni and Rh in the presence of H_{sub} .

A Fullerene-Carbene Adduct as a Crystalline Molecular Rotor: Remarkable Behavior of a Spherically-Shaped Rotator

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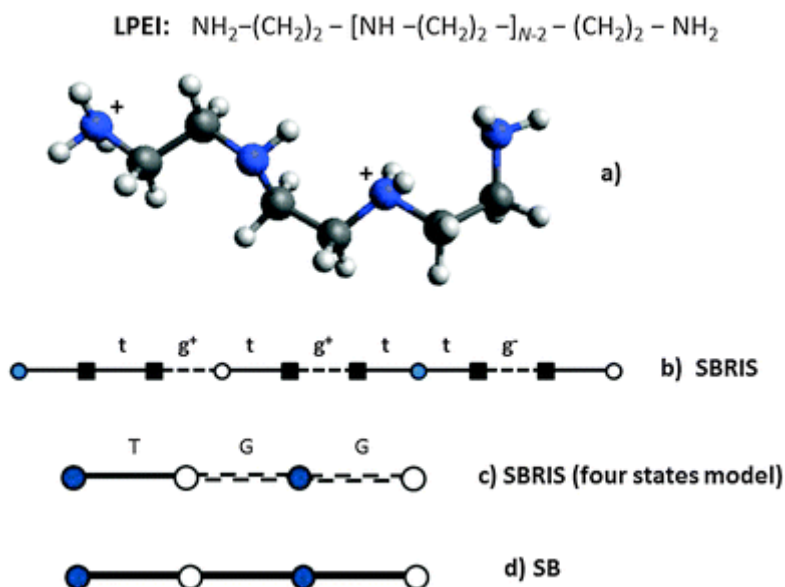


Thermal displacement ellipsoids at 80 and 280 K indicate the presence of a rapid rotation of the C₆₀ fragment around the C-C bond joining it to the carbene at high temperature. The color code indicates the distance of the atoms on the fullerene to the rotation axis.

A new fullerene structure was recently obtained from the reaction of a N-heterocyclic carbene and C₆₀. The molecular features of the zwitterionic adduct can be described as a molecular rotor with the fullerene cage acting as the rotator that spins about one distinct axis given by its C–C single bond linkage with the imidazolium heterocycle stator. Variable temperature single-crystal x-ray diffraction experiments (80 K < T < 480 K) carried out to investigate the rotational dynamics of the fullerene group revealed atomic displacement parameters consistent with fast rotation of the highly symmetric fullerene in the solid state, whereas the imidazolium unit remains in a fixed position and therefore represents the stator. DFT and semiempirical calculations were applied to get insight into the profile of the rotational potential of the fullerene unit, particularly considering interactions with the neighboring molecules in the crystal lattice. The results indicate that the crystal environment leads to the presence of one lowest energy minimum that is connected to seven others that are slightly higher in energy through rotational barriers of approximately 1.5–2.5 kcal mol⁻¹.

LINE 3. COMPUTATIONAL BIOCHEMISTRY AND *SOFT MATTER***Coupling of conformational and ionization equilibria in linear poly(ethylenimine): a study based on site binding/rotational isomeric state (SBRIS) model**

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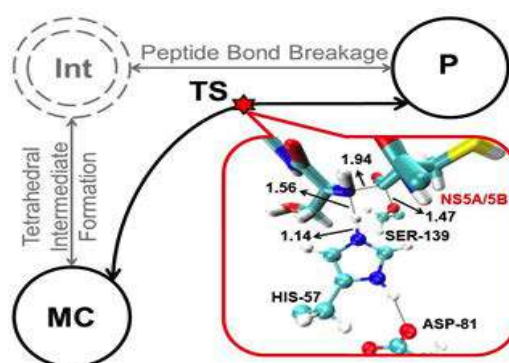
Possible ionization and the conformational state of a linear polyethylenimine (LPEI) oligomer with four amine groups. The conformation and charge distribution of the polyelectrolyte is treated at different levels.

The conformational and ionization properties of linear polyethylenimine are studied by combining the site binding model (SB) with the rotational isomeric state (RIS) model, developed by Flory to calculate the conformational properties of neutral linear molecules. The resulting approach (the SBRIS model) is used to rationalise the experimental polyethylenimine titration curves. By fitting the experimental macroconstants, conformational and binding parameters are obtained. The obtained values are consistent with previous binding and structural information. In order to account for excluded volume and long-range electrostatic interactions, Monte Carlo simulations are performed. The results indicate that at high ionic strengths, long-range interactions have a very limited impact on the titration curves. However, for long chains, they have a significant influence on the radius of gyration.

Theoretical study of the free energy surface and kinetics of the hepatitis C virus NS3/NS4A serine protease reaction with the NS5A/5B substrate. Does the generally accepted tetrahedral intermediate really exist?

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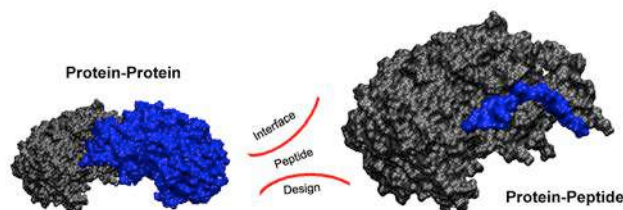
Concerted acylation mechanism found for the reaction of the NS3/NS4A serine protease and the NS5A/5B substrate, compared with the generally proposed two-step mechanism. A molecular representation of the transition state characterized is also shown.

The SCC-DFTB/MM and EA-VTST/MT theoretical methods were used to analyze the mechanism and calculate the rate constant of the NS3/NS4A protease + NS5A/5B acylation reaction, which is very important in the vital cycle of the hepatitis C virus. A concerted reaction mechanism with a single transition state (TS) has been determined, in contrast with the proposed general two-steps serine protease acylation mechanism. This is related to the fact that the enzyme is particularly efficient for NS5A/5B. The acylation TS found here can be a good initial structure in the search of NS3/NS4A inhibitors based on TS analogs. Moreover, the calculated and experimental phenomenological free energy barriers only differ by 2.3 kcal mol⁻¹ (although this leads to a significant discrepancy between calculated and experimental rate constants), and the rest of calculated kinetic parameters (kinetic isotopic effect (H/D), tunneling, and recrossing) agree with the expected behaviour for the studied reaction.

Design of an interface peptide as new inhibitor of humanglucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase

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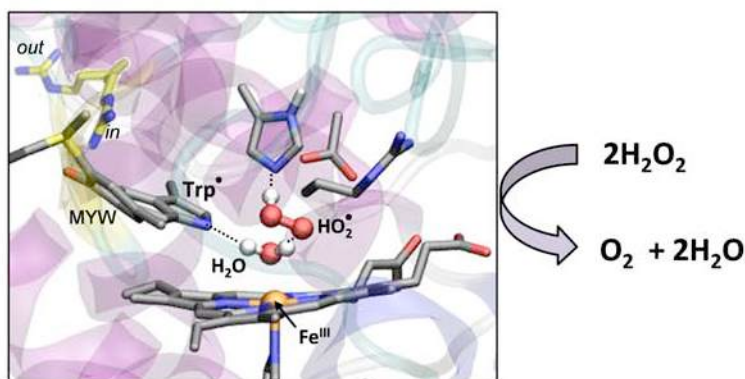


Design of interface peptides

Glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase (G6PDH) is an essential enzyme involved in the first reaction of the oxidative branch of the pentose phosphate pathway (PPP). Recently, G6PDH was suggested as a novel target protein for cancer therapy as one of the final products of the PPP, ribose-5-phosphate, is necessary for nucleic acid synthesis and tumor progression. After analyzing the protein–protein interface of the crystal structure of human G6PDH by means of molecular dynamics simulations, we designed six interface peptides based on the natural sequence of the protein. The three most promising peptides, as predicted by binding free energy calculations, were synthesized and one of them was confirmed as a novel inhibitor of human G6PDH in experimental assays. Together, the active peptide found and its suggested binding mode proposes a new strategy for inhibiting this enzyme and should aid the further design of novel, potent and non-peptidic G6PDH inhibitors.

An ionizable tryptophane residue imparts catalase activity to a peroxidase core

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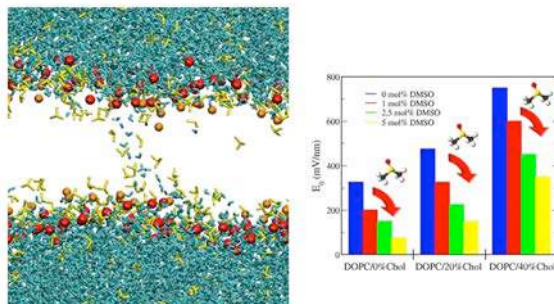
Enzyme intermediate determined by quantum mechanics/molecular mechanics (QM/MM) simulations.

When it comes to enzymes and hydrogen peroxide (H₂O₂), there are catalases and peroxidases. The former degrade hydrogen peroxide; the latter use it to oxidize other molecules. The heme-containing catalase-peroxidases (KatGs) perform both activities, but as the enzymes' active sites tend to resemble peroxidases (which have poor catalase activity), it has never been clear how they work. KatGs have a unique methionine-tryptophan-tyrosine (MWY) "covalent adduct" near the heme ring, as well as a critical arginine residue that alternates between "in" and "out" orientations. Using QM/MM calculations and x-ray crystallography, we demonstrate that the adduct tryptophan loses a proton during the catalytic cycle. We also propose an eight-step mechanism in which the MWY complex and mobile arginine act as an "electronic switch" that drives conversion of hydrogen peroxide to water and oxygen.

Effects of Dimethyl Sulfoxide on Lipid Membrane Electroporation

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DMSO (yellow) facilitates the formation of electropores in the membrane and the passage of water molecules (cyan). This effects causes a reduction of the minimum electroporation field

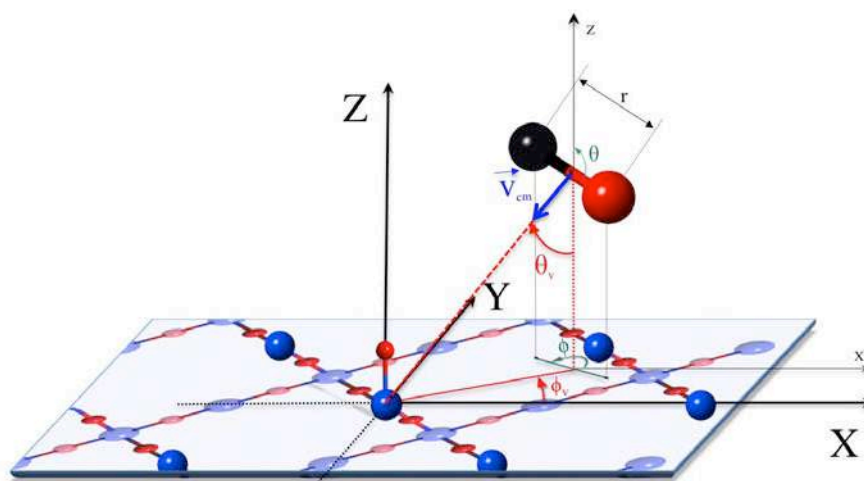
Pores can be generated in lipid membranes by the application of an external electric field or by the addition of particular chemicals such as dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO). Molecular dynamics (MD) has been shown to be a useful tool for unveiling many aspects of pore formation in lipid membranes in both situations. By means of MD simulations, we have addressed the formation of electropores in cholesterol-containing lipid bilayers under the influence of DMSO. We show how a combination of physical and chemical mechanisms leads to more favorable conditions for generating membrane pores and, in particular, how the addition of DMSO to the medium significantly reduces the minimum electric field required to electroporate a lipid membrane. The strong alteration of membrane transversal properties and the energetic stabilization of the hydrophobic pore stage by DMSO provide the physicochemical mechanisms that explain this effect.

LINE 4. REACTIVITY AND REACTIONS DYNAMICS

ReaxFF molecular dynamics simulations of CO collisions on an O-preadsorbed silica surface

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CO molecule interacting with an O-preadsorbed β -cristobalite (001) surface

A quasiclassical trajectory dynamics study was performed for carbon monoxide collisions over an oxygen preadsorbed β -cristobalite (001) surface. A reactive molecular force field (ReaxFF) was used to model the potential energy surface. The collisions were performed fixing several initial conditions: CO rovibrational states ($v = 0-5$ and $j = 0, 20, 35$), collision energies ($0.05 \leq E_{\text{col}} \leq 2.5$ eV), incident angles ($\theta_v = 0^\circ, 45^\circ$) and surface temperatures ($T_{\text{surf}} = 300$ K, 900 K). The principal elementary processes were the molecular reflection and the non-dissociative molecular adsorption. CO_2 molecules were also formed in minor extension via an Eley-Rideal reaction although some of them were finally retained on the surface. The scattered CO molecules tend to be translationally colder and internally hotter (rotationally and vibrationally) than the initial ones. The present study supports that $\text{CO} + \text{O}_{\text{ad}}$ reaction should be less important than $\text{O} + \text{O}_{\text{ad}}$ reaction over silica for similar initial conditions of reactants, in agreement with experimental data.

Unexpected Reactivity of Amidogen Radical in the Gas Phase Degradation of Nitric Acid

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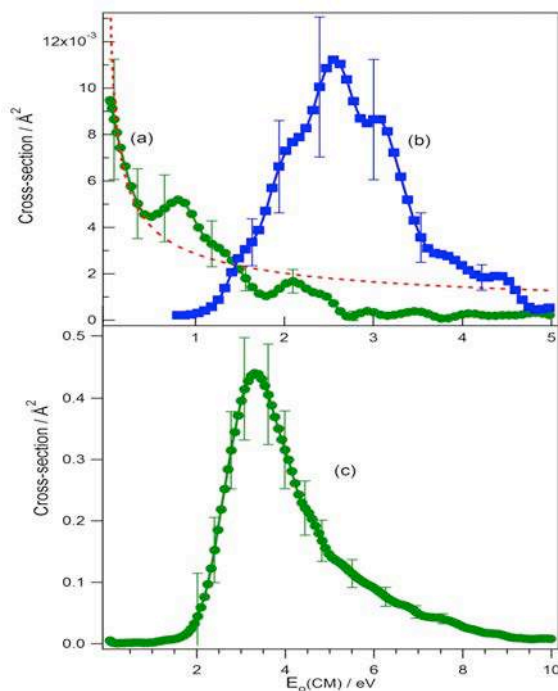
Catalytic cycle involving the oxidation of NH_3 by OH radical and the reaction between amidogen radical and nitric acid

The gas phase reaction between nitric acid and amidogen radical has been investigated employing high level quantum-mechanical electronic structure methods and variational transition state theory kinetic calculations. Our results show that the reaction proceeds through a *proton coupled electron transfer* mechanism with a rate constant of $1.81 \times 10^{-13} \text{ cm}^3 \cdot \text{molecule}^{-1} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$ at 298 K. This value is similar to the rate constants for the reactions of hydroxyl radical with either ammonia or nitric acid. An analysis of these data in the context of the chemistry of the atmosphere suggests that the amidogen radical, formed in the oxidation of ammonia by hydroxyl radical, reacts with nitric acid regenerating ammonia. On the basis of these findings, we propose a potential new catalytic-like cycle which couples the oxidation of ammonia by hydroxyl radical and the reaction of nitric acid with amidogen radical in the Earth's atmosphere.

Experimental guided ion beam and *ab initio* studies of the reactive processes in gas phase *i*-C₃H₇Br and *i*-C₃H₇OH collisions with potassium ions

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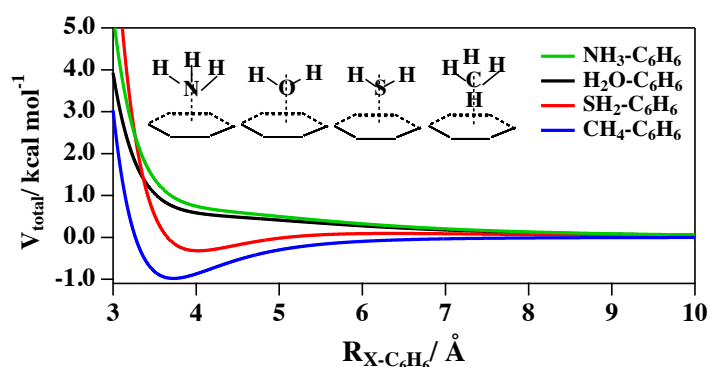
Cross-section CM energy dependences in $K^+ + i\text{-C}_3\text{H}_7\text{Br}$ collisions for: (a) $[K\text{-}i\text{-C}_3\text{H}_7\text{Br}]^+$ adduct formation (\bullet); (b) dehydrohalogenation reaction (\blacksquare); (c) adduct decomposition reaction. Discontinuous line: LGS model (energies are given in the CM frame)

Collisions between K^+ and *i*-C₃H₇Br and *i*-C₃H₇OH molecules, all in their electronic ground state, have been studied in our laboratory in the 0.10-10.00 eV center of mass (CM) collision energy range, using the radiofrequency-guided ion beam (RF-GIB) technique. In $K^+ + i\text{-C}_3\text{H}_7\text{Br}$ collisions $\text{KHB}r^+$ formation is observed and quantified, while the analogous KH_2O^+ formation by *i*-C₃H₇OH dehydration was hardly detected. Moreover, formation of the $[K\text{-}i\text{-C}_3\text{H}_7\text{Br}]^+$ and $[K\text{-}i\text{-C}_3\text{H}_7\text{OH}]^+$ adducts and their decomposition leading to C_3H_7^+ and KBr or KOH , respectively, have been observed. Absolute reaction cross-sections are measured as a function of the CM energy and the thermal rate constant at 303 K has been calculated for $\text{KHB}r^+$ formation. *Ab initio* structure calculations at the MP2 level gave information about the relevant features of the potential energy surfaces where reactions take place adiabatically for both systems and allowed a qualitative interpretation of the experimental data to be proposed.

Benzene-Hydrogen Bond (C_6H_6-HX) Interactions: The Influence of the X Nature on their Strength and Anisotropy

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$H_2O-C_6H_6$, $SH_2-C_6H_6$, $NH_3-C_6H_6$, and $CH_4-C_6H_6$
intermolecular interaction potentials for the represented molecular approaches

The intermolecular potential energy of the $C_6H_6-SH_2$ and $C_6H_6-NH_3$ dimers is formulated as combination of electrostatic and nonelectrostatic contributions. The relevant parameters, derived from molecular polarizability components, allow describing in a consistent way both size repulsion and dispersion attraction forces. The features of the most stable configurations predicted by the potential model have been compared with available ab initio and experimental data. Moreover, the strength of the C_6H_6-HX interaction has been analyzed by comparing the obtained results with the corresponding ones for the $C_6H_6-H_2O$ and the $C_6H_6-CH_4$ systems, investigated previously with the same methodology. Information on the relative orientation of the partners, arising from the anisotropy of the intermolecular interaction, evaluated at different intermolecular distances, has been also obtained. Such information is crucial to evaluate stereodynamics effects in bimolecular collisions.

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DOCTORALS THESES 2014

1. *Computational modeling of heterogeneous catalysts based on platinum and cerium oxide*
Albert Bruix Fusté
 Facultat de Química, Universitat de Barcelona
 February 2014
 2. *Effect Dimensionality and Polymorphism on the properties of ZnO*
Ilker Demiroglu
 Facultat de Química, Universitat de Barcelona
 February 2014
 3. *Estudi experimental i teòric de la dinàmica de les reaccions ió-molècula*
Javier Aguilar Fargas
 Facultat de Química, Universitat de Barcelona
 March 2014
 4. *Long, multicenter bonding present in radical···radical interactions: a computational study*
Marçal Capdevila Cortada
 Facultat de Química, Universitat de Barcelona
 July 2014
 5. *Elucidating catalytic mechanisms in carbohydrate-active enzymes by means of ab initio molecular dynamics simulations*
Javier Iglesias Fernández
 Facultat de Química, Universitat de Barcelona
 September 2014
 6. *Computational modeling of molecular magnetic materials*
Sergi Vela Llausí
 Facultat de Química, Universitat de Barcelona
 September 2014
- THESES PRESENTED AT OTHER UNIVERSITIES AND COSUPERVISED BY MEMBERS OF IQTCUB
7. *Computational study of nanoparticles: the effect of metal ions, solvent and citric acid*
Miroslava Nedyalkova
 Faculty of Chemistry and Pharmacy, University of Sofia
 March 2014

8. *Spin Crossover Mechanisms unraveled by Theory. Towards the design of new materials*
Andrii Rudavskyi
Facultat de Química, University of Groningen
September 2014

9. *Transition metal carbides as active phase and as support in catalysis: Insights from first principles theoretical modelling*
Gian Giacomo Asara
Facultat de Química, Universitat Rovira i Virgili
October 2014

MASTERS THESES 2014

1. *Enzyme Size as a Modulator of Macromolecular Crowding in Enzyme Kinetics: A Comparative Study*
Cristina Balcells Nadal
Facultat de Química, Universitat de Barcelona
July 2014

SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS 2014

VIII Encuentro Franco-Español de Química y Física del Estado Sólido

Castellón, (Spain)

Cartography of the Van der Waals Territory

S. Álvarez

Special invited lecture at the Dr. Barbara Mez-Starck Prizes for the Best Master Graduates ceremony

Universität Ulm, Ulm (Germany)

Pseudosymmetry, nested symmetries and latent symmetry in the molecular world

S. Álvarez

Escuela de Verano sobre Historia de la Química

Universidad de La Rioja, Logroño (Spain)

La identidad y los atributos del átomo, antes y después de Bohr

S. Álvarez

16ª Reunión Bienal del Grupo Especializado de Química Inorgánica - QIES2014

Almería (Spain)

Imanes unimoleculares con anisotropía de tipo plano fácil

E. Ruiz

10th Congress of the World Association of Theoretical and Computational Chemists - WATOC 2014

Santiago de Chile (Chile)

Mononuclear easy-plane Single Molecule Magnets: A theoretical study

E. Ruiz, S. Gómez-Coca, E. Cremades

7th European School on Molecular Nanoscience - ESMoNa

Gandía (Spain)

Switching magnetoresistance in a Single-Molecule device at room temperature

E. Ruiz

Challenges in Inorganic and Materials Chemistry - ISACS13

Chartered Accountants House, Dublin (Ireland)

Copper-catalyzed trifluoromethylation of aryl iodides with CF₃SiEt₃: Computational insights

J. Jover

Understanding single-molecule magnets behaviour of mononuclear first-row transition metal complexes

S. Gómez Coca

XXXII Reunión del Grupo Especializado de Química Organometálica - GEQO XXXII

Universitat Rovira i Virgili, Tarragona (Spain)

Copper-catalyzed trifluoromethylation of aryl iodides with CF_3SiEt_3 : Computational insights

J. Jover

The 2nd International Symposium for Young Chemists on Stimuli-Responsive Chemical Species for the Creation of Functional Molecules

Osaka University, Osaka (Japan)

The key role of second order phase transitions in dithiazolyl-based switchable magnetic materials

J. Ribas

AIAA Science and Technology Forum and Exposition 2014: 52nd Aerospace Sciences Meeting

National Harbor, Maryland (USA)

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A. Laricchiuta, I. Armenise, M. Cacciatore, R. Celiberto, F. Esposito, P. Gamallo, A. Laganà, V. Laporta, A. Lombardi, S. Orlandini, F. Pirani, M. Rutigliano, R. Sayós, J. Tennyson, M. Capitelli

9th Congress on Electronic Structure: Principles and Applications. ESPA2014

Badajoz (Spain)

Kinetic Monte Carlo simulation of water-gas shift reaction on Cu(111)

H. Prats, L. Álvarez, F. Illas, R. Sayós

Spin Crossover in Fe(II) Materials

C. Sousa

Triplet-Singlet Gap Engineering in High Spin Ground State Alternant Hydrocarbon Diradicals

D. Reta-Mañeru, I.d.P.R. Moreira, F. Illas

The chemistry of the Titan's atmosphere

E. López, D. Ascenzi, J.M. Bofill and A. Aguilar

International Symposium Frontiers in surface and materials science: Theory and Practice
Universitat de Barcelona (Spain)

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Electronic Structure-Based Chemical Descriptors: (In)dependence on Self-Interaction and Hartree-Fock Exchange

A. Notario-Estévez, S.M. Kozlov, F. Viñes, F. Illas

Absorption Spectrum of $[Fe(bpy)_3]^{2+}$: Beyond the Static Approach

A. Domingo, C. Sousa, C. de Graaf

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Salamanca (Spain)

Quantum dynamic effects of $O + H_2^+ \rightarrow OH^+ + H$, $OH + H^+$. Influence of nonadiabatic effects.

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Photodissociation quantum dynamics of diatomic molecules in a quantum solvent (4He nanodroplets)

A. Vilà, M. González, R. Mayol

Oxidation of atmospheric mercury by the OH radical. Ab initio and quasiclassical trajectory study

M. Paniagua, R. Martínez, M. González

8th international meeting on photodynamics and related aspects (Photodynamics)
Oaxaca (Mexico)

Adiabatic and nonadiabatic dynamics of $CH(X^2P) + H(^2S)$ and deuterated reactions.

C. Petrongolo, P. Gamallo, P. Defazio, S. Akpınar.

II Reunión de jóvenes investigadores en coloides e interfases (JICI-II).
Granada (Spain)

Efecto del crowding macromolecular en reacciones enzimáticas

C. Balcells, I. Pastor, L. Pitulice, E. Vilaseca, S. Madurga, A. Isvoran, M. Cascante, F. Mas

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Barcelona (Spain)

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XXX Reunió de la xarxa de Referència en Química Teòrica i Computacional de Catalunya (XrQTC)

Barcelona (Spain)

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Simple chemical reactions in ⁴He nanodroplets

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Nitrile compounds in Titan's atmosphere

J.M. Lucas, A. Aguilar, D. Ascenzi, J.M. Bofill and E. López

Quantitative study of the eigenstates of a Hydrogen molecule confined inside Single Walled Carbon Nanotubes

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Barcelona (Spain)

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Emergent Colloidal Dynamics Far From Equilibrium

Lausanne (Switzerland)

Molecular dynamic study of thin film rupture due to external electric field

M. Nedyalkova, S. Madurga, N. Panchev, S. Pisov

Deutsche Physikalische Gesellschaft - DPG Spring Meeting

Technische Universität Dresden, Dresden (Germany)

Cost-Effective Catalysis on Early Transition Metal Carbides Surfaces

F. Viñes

International Congress of Theoretical Aspects in Catalysis - ICTAC15

University College London, London (UK)

Cost-Effective Catalysis on Transition Metal Carbides Surfaces

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3rd General Meeting of the European COST Action CM1104

Universitat de Barcelona, Barcelona (Spain)

Chairman

K.M. Neyman

Surface Contact Engineering in Photoactive ZnO Nanostructures

O. Lamiel-García, F. Viñes, A. Iglésias-Juez, M. Fernández-García, F. Illas

Theoretical study of the CO interactions with mononuclear platinum species supported on nanoparticulate ceria

H.A. Aleksandrov, K.M. Neyman, G.N. Vayssilov

Atomically dispersed M species (M = Pd, Ni, Cu) in ceria nanoparticles: Stability and red-ox processes

A. Figueroba, K.M. Neyman

Origin, stability, and effect of atomically dispersed Pt on nanostructured catalytic Pt-CeO₂ materials with maximum noble-metal efficiency

A. Bruix, A. Figueroba, Y. Lykhach, I. Matolínová, A. Neitzel, T. Skála, N. Tsud, M. Vorokhta, V. Stetsovych, K. Ševčíková, J. Mysliveček, K.C. Prince, F. Illas, V. Matolín, J. Libuda, K.M. Neyman

I Encuentro de Jóvenes Investigadores de la SECAT

Universitat de Málaga, Málaga (Spain)

Superficies de Carburo de Molibdeno: Activación y Ruptura de la Molécula de CO₂

S. Posada-Pérez, F. Viñes, P.J. Ramirez, A.B. Vidal, J.A. Rodriguez, F. Illas

Physics@FOM Conference

FOM, Veldhoven (The Netherlands)

Theoretical study of the high spin, low spin relaxation in iron based spin crossover compounds: beyond single mode approximation

A. Rudavskiy, G. Lof, C. Sousa, J. Tatchen, C. Marian, C. de Graaf, R. Broer

VII European Workshop on Molecular Magnetism- Jujols VII

Max Planck Institute for Chemical Energy Conversion, Mülheim an der Ruhr (Germany)

Temperature dependent high spin - low spin relaxation on spin crossover materials

A. Rudavskiy, C. Sousa, C. de Graaf, R. Broer

The Triplet-Singlet Gap in the m-Xylylene Radical: A Not So Simple One
D. Reta-Mañeru

Remarks on the exact energy functional for fermions: a wave-function theories using the Löwdin partitioning technique
I.d.P.R. Moreira

American Chemical Society National Meeting, Physical Chemistry Division

American Chemical Society, Texas (USA)

Analysis of the spin-crossover mechanism in Fe(II) complexes
R. Broer, M. Etinski, C. de Graaf, R.W.A. Havenith, C. Marian, A. Rudavskyi, C. Sousa, J. Tatchen

Theoretical Studies of Au/TiC and Cu/TiC based catalysts for CO₂ activation and hydrogenation
F. Illas, J.A. Rodriguez

Promoting Female Excellence in Theoretical and Computational Chemistry II

University of Tromsø, Oslo (Norway)

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11th International Conference on Relativistic Effects in Heavy-Element Chemistry and Physics

Comenius University, Smolenice Castle (Czech Republic)

Mechanisms of spin crossover in Fe(II) complexes
A. Rudavskyi, R. Broer, M. Etinski, C. de Graaf, R.W.A. Havenith, C.M. Marian, C. Sousa, J. Tatchen

10th Congress of the World Association of Theoretical and Computational Chemists, WATOC 2014

Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, Santiago de Chile (Chile)

Spin Crossover in Fe(II) Metal-Organic Complexes
A. Rudavskyi, R. Broer, M. Etinski, C. de Graaf, R.W.A. Havenith, C.M. Marian, C. Sousa, J. Tatchen

Analyzing the electronic structure of molecules using Continuous Symmetry Measures
P. Alemany

Solvatochromic effects on a D- π -A type organic dye with a quinoidal thiophene π -bridge
C. Climent, D. Casanova, P. Alemany

Advances in Computational Spectroscopy 2014, COST CODECS

Matej Bel University, Bratislava (Slovakia)

Absorption Spectrum of [Fe(bpy)₃]²⁺: Beyond the Static Approach

A. Domingo, C. Sousa, C. de Graaf

XI Simposio de Investigadores Jóvenes RSEQ-Sigma Aldrich

Universidad del País Vasco, Bilbao (Spain)

Synthesis and Study of an Organic Molecule with Paramagnetic Response

D. Reta-Mañeru, C. Heras, I.d.P.R. Moreira, J.M. Bofill, A. López-Calahorra

50th Symposium on Theoretical Chemistry 2014 (STC2014)

Universität Wien, Vienna (Austria)

Remarks on the exact energy functional for fermions: a wave-function theories using the Löwdin partitioning technique

I.d.P.R. Moreira, M. Caballero, J.M. Bofill

Locating Saddle Points of any Index on Potential Energy Surfaces by the Generalized Gentlest Asecent Dynamics

J. M. Bofill, W. Quapp

RCTF2014 14^{ème} Rencontre des Chimistes Théoriciens Francophones

Université Pierre et Marie Curie, Paris (France)

Towards theoretical modeling of realistic systems in heterogeneous catalysis from first principles

F. Illas

XL Congreso Internacional de Químicos Teóricos de Expresión Latina - QUITEL

Universidad San Francisco de Quito, Galápagos (Ecuador)

New Catalysts for CO₂ activation and hydrogenation based on Au/TiC and Cu/TiC: Theoretical modeling and experiments

F. Illas

DFG-out kinase inhibitors: Understanding their binding mechanism

L. Coronel, E. Yurci, J. Mayans, J.M. Granadino-Roldan, M.S. Tomás, M.D. Pujol, J. Rubio-Martínez

Steered molecular dynamics and umbrella sampling approaches to the binding mechanism of DFG-out p38 α kinase inhibitors

J. Clark, J.M. Granadino-Roldán, M.S. Tomás, M.D. Pujol, J. Rubio-Martínez

XXV Congresso Nazionale Della Societa Chimica Italiana (SCI)

Università della Calabria, Cozenza (Italia)

First principles modeling of realistic systems in heterogenous catalysis

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Symposium on clusters, Cluster Assemblies and Nano-scale Materials - III

Harish-Chandra Research Institute, Allahabad (India)

Ionicity, Covalency and the Cluster-to-Bulk Transition in Nano-Oxides

S. T. Bromley

European Materials Research Society (EMRS) – Fall Meeting 2014, Symposium D: Transparent Conducting Oxides and Related Materials

Warsaw University of Technology, Warsaw (Poland)

Bandgap Engineering via Nanoporosity

S. T. Bromley

Cosmic Dust VII

Osaka Sangyo University, Osaka (Japan)

A Bottom-up Computational Modelling Approach to the Formation and Properties Silicate Dust

S. T. Bromley

COST Action CM1104 meeting - Reducible oxide chemistry, structure and functions

Zaragoza Scientific Center for Advanced Modeling (ZCAM), Zaragoza (Spain)

Approaching the nanocluster-to-bulk structural transition in CeO₂, TiO₂ and SiO₂

S. T. Bromley

Symposium on Clusters, Nanoparticles and Nanostructures in Catalysis and Beyond

Universitat de Barcelona, Barcelona (Spain)

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From supported oxide nanoclusters to nanoporous oxide polymorphs

S. T. Bromley

Studies of nanostructuring effects on model catalysts

S.M. Kozlov, K.M. Neyman

SFB “Functional Oxide Surfaces and Interfaces”

Institute of Materials Chemistry, Vienna University of Technology, Vienna (Austria)

Towards more realistic density functional modelling of nanostructures relevant to heterogeneous catalysis

K.M. Neyman

International Conference “Molecular Complexity in Modern Chemistry”

Moscow (Russia)

Towards realistic first-principles modelling of complexity in heterogeneous catalysis

K.M. Neyman

XI Girona Seminar on Carbon, Metal, and Carbon-Metal Clusters: From Theory to Applications

Girona (Spain)

First-principles studies of metal particles in catalysis

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CIC energiGUNE

Parque Tecnológico de Álava, Miñano (Spain)

First-principles modelling of complex nanostructures: From catalysis to energy technologies

K.M. Neyman

247th National Meeting of the American Chemical Society, Symposium “Clusters in Catalysis”

Dallas (USA)

Density-functional studies in heterogeneous catalysis: Extended surfaces or nanoparticles?

K.M. Neyman

248th National Meeting of the American Chemical Society

San Francisco (USA)

CO adsorption on mononuclear platinum species supported on nanoparticulate ceria

H.A. Aleksandrov, K.M. Neyman, G.N. Vayssilov

Clusters 2014: Workshop on reactivity and catalysis of metallic nanoclusters

Esbo (Finland)

Density-functional modelling of metal nanoparticles relevant for catalysis

K.M. Neyman

Theoretical investigations of metal particles as potential PEMFC electrocatalysts

P. Jennings, R.L. Johnston, H.A. Aleksandrov, K.M. Neyman

VI Conference in Education and Modeling in Basic Sciences

Universidad de Medellín, Medellín (Colombia)

Modelling the effect of metal-support interactions in nanostructured heterogeneous catalysts based on Pt and CeO₂

A. Bruix, K.M. Neyman, F. Illas

WG3 Meeting of the COST Action CM1104 “Reducible oxide chemistry, structure and functions”

Charles University in Prague (Czech Republic)

Progress in modelling of ionic metal species in CeO₂-based catalytic nanomaterials

K.M. Neyman, A. Bruix, A. Figueroba, F. Illas, J. Libuda, V. Matolin *Relative stability of*

mononuclear platinum species supported on nanoparticulate ceria and adsorption of CO on them

H.A. Aleksandrov, K.M. Neyman, G.N. Vayssilov

Substrate effects on Pt nanoparticles. Electronic and structural differences induced by CeO₂(111) and MgO(100) on ~1 nm Pt clusters

S.M. Kozlov, K.M. Neyman, S. Fabris

4th International Symposium of Intermetallic Compounds in Catalysis

Santa Margherita de Ligure (Italy)

Geometric and electronic structure of Pd-based intermetallic nanoparticles

S.M. Kozlov, K.M. Neyman

General Meeting of COST-MP0903 Action “Nanoalloys as Advanced Materials”

Santa Margherita de Ligure (Italy)

Modeling of bimetallic and intermetallic nanoparticles containing Pd

S.M. Kozlov, K.M. Neyman

Evaluation Meeting of COST-MP0903 Action “Nanoalloys as Advanced Materials” (April 9)

Santa Margherita de Ligure (Italy)

Report on the activities of the Working Group 3 “Catalysis”

K.M. Neyman

4th Workshop Quantum Days in Bilbao

Centro Vasco de Matemáticas Aplicadas, Bilbao (Spain)

Quantum reaction dynamics in gas phase and in a quantum solvent (⁴He nanodroplets)

M. González, A. Vilà, R. Mayol, P. Gamallo, M. Paniagua, C. Petrongolo

Helium-mediated Synthesis, Soft-landing and Spectroscopy of Metal Nanoparticles on Surfaces (HeSSMe 2014)

Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas, Madrid (Spain)

Molecular photodissociation processes in helium nanodroplets. A theoretical quantum dynamics approach

A. Vilà, M. González, R. Mayol

II Jornada de Bioinformàtica i Biologia Computacional

Barcelona (Spain)

Development of new drugs against tuberculosis. Computer-aided identification of inhibitors of the enzyme CDP-methylerythritol synthase

C. Obiol-Pardo, C. García Sabaté, E. Schreiber, J. Rubio-Martínez. S. Imperial

14th Fock meeting of Quantum and Computational Chemistry

Samara (Russia)

Continuous Shape and Symmetry Measures: a useful tool in structural chemistry

P. Alemany

Optical properties of 4-bromobenzaldehyde derivatives in chloroform solution

C. Climent, D. Casanova, P. Alemany

6th Time-Dependent Density-Functional Theory: Prospects and Applications.

Benasque (Spain)

Non-Adiabatic Dynamics with Conditional Wave Functions

G. Albareda

78. Jahrestagung der Deutsche Physikalische Gesellschaft und DPG-Frühjahrstagung.

Berlin (Germany)

Non-Adiabatic Molecular Dynamics with Conditional Wave Functions

G. Albareda, H. Appel, I. Franco, A. Abedi, Á. Rubio

CECAM Workshop. Recent progress in adiabatic and non-adiabatic methods in quantum dynamics.

Lausanne (Switzerland)

A Correlated Electron-Nuclear Dynamics with Conditional Wave Functions

G. Albareda, H. Appel, I. Franco, A. Abedi, Á. Rubio

Jornada d'Investigadors Predoctorals Interdisciplinària (2nd JIPI)

Universitat de Barcelona, Barcelona (Spain)

Astrochemistry & Nitrile compounds

E. López

4th Workshop on High Dimensional Quantum Dynamics: Challenges and Opportunities

Université de Strasbourg, Mittelwihr (France)

MCTDH Study of the eigenstates of a H₂ molecule confined inside a SWCNT

F. Huarte-Larrañaga, M. Mondelo-Martell

SPECMO 2014 : "New experimental and theoretical developments in molecular spectroscopy : pushing the limits"

Université Franco-Allemande, CNRS, Corsica (France)

Quantum Dynamics study of the eigenvalue spectrum of a Hydrogen molecule confined inside a Single Walled Carbon Nanotube

M. Mondelo-Martell, F. Huarte-Larrañaga

XI Carbohydrate symposium

Universitat de Logroño, Logroño (Spain)

Molecular mechanisms of retaining glycosyltransferases. QM/MM metadynamics investigations

C. Rovira

Minisymposium on structural biology

University of Oslo, Oslo (Sweden)

The catalytic mechanism of catalase-peroxidases (KatGs)

C. Rovira

International workshop on Biomembranes: from fundamentals to applications

CSC – IT Center for Science, Espoo, Helsinki (Finland)

The effects of chloroform in bilayer interleaflet coupling

R. Reigada

RESEARCH STAYS IN RECOGNIZED CENTERS _____

- M. Albertí **Univeristà di Perugia, Dipartimento di Chimica (Italy)**
Professor on sabbatical. January-July 2014
- D. Reta-Mañeru **Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, Mumbai (India)**
Predoctoral research stay. January-February 2014
- J. Ribas **Japan Atomic Energy Agency, Center for Computational Science and E-systems (Japan)**
Invited visiting scientist. January 2014
- M. Fumanal **Trinity College Dublin, Computational Spintronics Group (Ireland)**
Predoctoral research stay. April-May 2014
- S.M. Kozlov **Scuola Internazionale Superiore di Studi Avanzati, Trieste (Italy)**
Predoctoral research stay. March-May 2014
- P. Gamallo **MATGAS, Barcelona (Spain)**
Invited visiting professor. May-July 2014
- X. Giménez **MATGAS, Barcelona (Spain)**
Invited visiting professor. May-July 2014
- P. Alemany **Donostia International Physics Center, Donostia (Spain)**
Invited visiting scientist. June 2014
- C. Sousa **Universitat de Groningen, Groningen (The Netherlands)**
Invited visiting professor. July 2014
- C. Climent **Donostia International Physics Center, Donostia (Spain)**
Predoctoral research stay. July 2014

- K.M. Neyman **Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg, Erlangen (Germany)**
Invited visiting scientist. July-August 2014
- A. Falceto **Cornell University, Department of Chemistry and Chemical Biology (USA)**
Predoctoral research stay. July-October 2014
- D. Reta-Mañeru **University of Strasbourg, Strasbourg (France)**
Predoctoral research stay. September-November 2014
- P. Alemany **Departamento de Química, Universidad Católica del Norte, Antofagasta (Chile)**
Invited visiting scientist. October 2014
- M. Llunell **Donostia International Physics Center, Donostia (Spain)**
Research stay. November 2014

PARTICIPATION IN COMPETITIVE FUNDED RESEARCH PROJECTS _____

Grup d'Estructura Electrònica.

Santiago Alvarez Reverter, Universitat de Barcelona

2009SGR1459, 2012-2014

Agència de Gestió d'Ajuts Universitaris i de Recerca (AGAUR)

Grup d'Estructura Electrònica.

Santiago Alvarez Reverter, Universitat de Barcelona

2014SGR662, 2014-2016

Agència de Gestió d'Ajuts Universitaris i de Recerca (AGAUR)

Simulació molecular aplicada (MOLSIMAP)

Lourdes Vega Fernández, MATGAS

2014SGR1582, 2014-2016

Agència de Gestió d'Ajuts Universitaris i de Recerca (AGAUR)

Grup de Bioquímica Integrativa

Marta Cascante Serratosa, Universitat de Barcelona

2014SGR1017, 2014-2016

Agència de Gestió d'Ajuts Universitaris i de Recerca (AGAUR)

Grup de Dinàmica de Reaccions Químiques

Antonio Aguilar Navarro, Universitat de Barcelona

2014SGR0025, 2014-2016

Agència de Gestió d'Ajuts Universitaris i de Recerca (AGAUR)

Química Orgànica Experimental, Teòrica i Computacional

Josep Maria Bofill Vilà, Universitat de Barcelona

2014SGR139, 2014-2016

Agència de Gestió d'Ajuts Universitaris i de Recerca (AGAUR)

Laboratori de Ciència de Materials Computacional

Francesc Illas Riera, Universitat de Barcelona

2014SGR97, 2014-2016

Agència de Gestió d'Ajuts Universitaris i de Recerca (AGAUR)

Estructura i funció en macromolècules

Carme Rovira Virgili, Universitat de Barcelona

2014SGR-987, 2014-2016

Agència de Gestió d'Ajuts Universitaris i de Recerca (AGAUR)

Fisicoquímica de las interacciones y fenómenos de transporte a nivel coloidal entre iones, macromoléculas y nanopartículas de interés ambiental

Francesc Mas Pujadas, Universitat de Barcelona

CTM2012-39183-C02-02, 2013-2015

Ministerio de Economía y Competitividad (MINECO)

Estructura electrónica y propiedades de moléculas y sólidos inorgánicos.

Eliseo Ruiz Sabin and Pere Alemany Cahner, Universitat de Barcelona

CTQ2011-23862-C02, 2009-2014

Dirección General de Investigación

Estudio teórico de la dinámica y cinética de reacciones químicas. Química atmosférica, procesos de combustión y aplicaciones a sistemas enzimáticos.

Miguel González Pérez, Universitat de Barcelona

CTQ2011-27857-C02-01, 2012-2014

Dirección General de Investigación (DGI)

Dinámica de procesos químicos mediante haces moleculares y métodos teóricos.

Antonio Aguilar Navarro (IP1), Universitat de Barcelona

CTQ2010-16709, 2011-2014

Ministerio de Ciencia e Innovación (MICIIN)

Experimentación y modelización computacional de dinámica de reacciones químicas.

Antonio Aguilar Navarro (IP1), Fermín Huarte Larrañaga (IP2), Universitat de Barcelona

CTQ2013-41307-P, 2014-2016

Ministerio de Economía y Competitividad (MINECO)

Estructura y dinámica de reacciones químicas, mediante modelos extendidos de camino de reacción y la teoría de la función de onda.

Josep Maria Bofill Villà, Universitat de Barcelona

CTQ2011-22505, 2012-2014

Dirección General de Investigación (DGI)

Propiedades magnéticas y transformaciones de fase en cristales con propiedades de interés tecnológico.

Juan J. Novoa Vide, Universitat de Barcelona

MAT2011-25972.2012, 2012-2014

Ministerio de Economía y Competitividad (MINECO)

Quantum-chemical study and computational design of advanced materials

Francesc Illas Riera, Universitat de Barcelona

CTQ2012-30751, 2013-2015

Ministerio de Economía y Competitividad (MINECO)

Theoretical modeling of the reactivity of nanostructures relevant to catalysis and to energy technologies

Konstantin Neyman, Universitat de Barcelona

CTQ2012-34969, 2013-2015

Ministerio de Economía y Competitividad (MINECO)

Estudio teórico de reacciones de oxidación iniciadas por HO, O₃ y NO₃

Josep Maria Anglada Rull, CSIC

CTQ2011-27812, 2012-2014

Dirección General de Investigación y Gestión del Plan nacional de I+D+I (MICINN)

Simulation of reactive processes in heme enzymes, glycoside hydrolases/transferases and peptide-bound nanoparticles by means of ab initio molecular dynamics-based methods

Carme Rovira Virgili, Universitat de Barcelona

CTQ2011-25871, 2012-2014

Ministerio de Economía y Competitividad (MINECO)

Diseño asistido por ordenador y síntesis de nuevos inhibidores enzimáticos de naturaleza heterocíclica con potencial actividad antitumoral.

Jaime Rubio Martínez . Universidad de Barcelona.

CTQ2011-29285-C02-02 , 2012-2014

Ministerio de Ciencia e Innovación. Proyectos de Investigación fundamental no orientada.

Estructura, Redes y Motivos Celulares.

Ramon Reigada Sanz, Universitat de Barcelona

BFU2010-21847-C02-0 (subprograma BMC), 2011-2013 (Extended until 2014)

Ministerio de Ciencia e Innovación (MICINN)

Modelización de materiales formados por mezclas de óxidos con relevancia tecnológica y medioambiental

Stefan Bromley, Universitat de Barcelona

MAT2012-30924, 2013-2015

Ministerio de Economía y Competitividad (MINECO)

India-Spain bilateral Project on Theoretical and computational investigation of molecular magnets and extended systems as candidates of exotic nanomaterials with useful properties

Francesc Illas Riera, Universitat de Barcelona

PRI-PIBIN-2011-1028, 2012-2014

Ministerio de Economía y Competitividad

Knowledge led structure prediction for nanostructures

Scott Woodley, University College London

EP/K038958/1, 2013-2018

Engineering and Physical Science Research Council (EPSRC), United Kingdom

Theoretical Chemistry and Computational Modelling

Manuel Yáñez, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid

TCCM-EJD, 2014-2018

Horizon 2020 – Research and Innovation Framework Programme

Planetary entry integrated models (Phys4Entry).

Ramón Sayós Ortega, Universitat de Barcelona

Referencia, FP7-SPACE-2009-1, 242311

7th Framework Programme of the European Union

Design of thin-film nanocatalysts for on-chip fuel cell technology

Konstantin Neyman, Universitat de Barcelona

FP7-NMP.2012.1.1-1, Ref. No.310191, 2012-2016

European FP7 'Cooperation' - Research theme: 'Nanosciences, nanotechnologies, materials and new production technologies'

Metabolic Flux Analysis and Cancer (METAFLUX)

Jaime Rubio Martínez . Marta Cascante Serratos. Universitat de Barcelona.

PITN-GA-2010-264780, 2010-2014

FP7-PEOPLE. European Commission.

Reducible oxide chemistry, structure and functions

Francesc Illas Riera, (representant d'Espanya), Konstantin Neyman (representant adjunt),
Universitat de Barcelona

CM1104, 2012-2016

European Framework for Cooperation in Science and Technology (COST)

Explicit Control Over Spin-states in Technology and Biochemistry (ECOSTBio)

Marcel Swart, Universitat de Girona, Carme Sousa, Universitat de Barcelona

CM1305, 2013-2017

European Framework for Cooperation in Science and Technology (COST)

Network for intermetallic compounds as catalysts for steam reforming of methanol

Konstantin Neyman, Universitat de Barcelona (Spanish representative in the Management
Committee)

CM0904, 2010-2014

European Framework for Cooperation in Science and Technology (COST)

Nanoalloys as advanced materials: from structure to properties and applications

Konstantin Neyman, Universitat de Barcelona (Spanish representative in the Management
Committee; lider of the Workgroup "Catalysis")

MP0903, 2010-2014

European Framework for Cooperation in Science and Technology (COST)

Nanostructured materials for solid-state hydrogen storage

Konstantin Neyman, Universitat de Barcelona (member)

MP1103, 2011-2015

European Framework for Cooperation in Science and Technology (COST)

Reducible oxide chemistry, structure and functions

Konstantin Neyman, Universitat de Barcelona (deputy Spanish representative in the Management
Committee)

CM1104, 2012-2016

European Framework for Cooperation in Science and Technology (COST)

*Device simulation (RF), NannoMechanics and Spintronics Entidad financiadora: Graphene
Flagship.*

David Jiménez Jiménez, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona

604391 Graphene Flagship, 2013-2016

FET. European Union

Dynamical processes in open quantum systems: pushing the frontiers of theoretical spectroscopy.

Ángel Rubio Secades, Universidad del País Vasco and Fritz Haber Institute of the Max Planck Society

ERC DYNAMO, 2011-2016

European Research Council. Advanced Grant.

Simulación de sistemas cuánticos nanoestructurados fuera del equilibrio.

Ángel Rubio Secades, Universidad del País Vasco

IT578-13, 2013-2018

Grupos Consolidados. Gobierno del País Vasco.

Xarxa de Referència d'R+D+I en Química Teòrica i Computacional (XRQTC)

Francesc Illas Riera, Universitat de Barcelona

2014

Departament d'Innovació, Universitats i Empresa. Generalitat de Catalunya

Premi ICREA Academia

E. Ruiz, Universitat de Barcelona

2014-2018

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