

**CROUCHER FOUNDATION - ADVANCED STUDY INSTITUTE (ASI) ON**  
***Frontiers in Computational Methods and Their Applications in Physical Sciences***

**Program**

**December 6 (Tuesday)**

**Registration:** Room G25, Ground Floor, Science Centre North Block

**December 7 (Wednesday)**

Venue: L3, Science Centre

8:00 am Bus to workshop venue (assemble in hotel lobby)

8:30 am Light breakfast

**Opening and Overviews**

*Session Chair: H. Q. Lin*

9:00 am **K. Young** and **H. Q. Lin**: Opening

9:30 am **D. P. Landau**: Overview of Current Status in Simulation of Classical Systems

10:30 am Tea break; registration

11:00 am **R. Car**: Overview of Current Status in Simulation of Quantum Systems

12:00 pm Lunch; discussions ; e-mail; registration

**Topic: First Principles Calculations**

*Session Chair: D. S. Wang*

2:00 pm **S. G. Louie**: First Principles Ground- and Excited-State Calculations: DFT, GW and Beyond

3:00 pm **R. Car**: Exploring DFT Potential Energy Surfaces: String and Metadynamics Approaches

4:00 pm Tea break

*Session Chair: Q. Q. Zheng*

4:30 pm **J. Tse**: A Perspective on the Crystal Structures of High Pressure Elements and Their Properties

5:15 pm **G. H. Chen**: First-principles Method for Open System

12:00 pm - 6:00 pm Poster Presentation (*Chair: Z. F. Liu*): *Ab initio Methods* [display for 2 days]

6:00 pm & 7:00 pm Bus to hotel

Note 1: "Light breakfast" refers to cakes, sandwich, and drinks

Note 2: "6:00 pm & 7:00 pm bus to hotel" means that the first bus leaves 6:00 pm, while the second one leaves 7:00 pm for people who prefer to dining at the University

Note 3: for people who leave Hong Kong on December 14, we will arrange tour, shopping, etc., upon request. Accommodation is covered by us.

## December 8 (Thursday)

Venue: L3, Science Centre or Room 707, Mong Man Wai Building

8:00 am Bus to workshop venue (assemble in hotel lobby)

8:30 am Light breakfast

### Topic: Many-body Systems

*Session Chair: S. P. Feng*

9:00 am **D. M. Ceperley**: Quantum Monte Carlo Methods for Many-Fermion Continuum Systems in their Ground State

10:20 am Tea break

10:40 am **J. E. Gubernatis**: Quantum Monte Carlo for Electrons on a Lattice: Introduction and Methods

12:00 pm Lunch; discussions ; e-mail

### Topic: First Principles Calculations

*Session Chair: Z. F. Liu*

2:00 pm **S. G. Louie**: Quasiparticle Excitations and Optical Response of Bulk and Reduced-Dimensional Systems

3:00 pm **C. T. Chan**: Applying Electronic Structure Techniques to Photonic Calculation

3:30 pm Tea break

*Session Chair: C. T. Chan*

3:50 pm **Z. Fang**: First-principles Studies for the Anomalous Hall Effect and Spin Hall Effect

4:20 pm **G. Y. Guo**: Ab initio Calculations as a Tool for Discovery: Charge-orbital Ordering and Verwey Transition in Magnetite

4:50 pm **J. L. Yang**: First-principles Studies of BN Nanotubes

5:20 pm **H. Sun**: Ideal Strengths of Super-Hard Materials

9:00 am - 6:00 pm Poster Presentation (*Chair: Z. F. Liu*): *Ab initio Methods* (continues)

6:00 pm & 7:00 pm Bus to hotel

## December 9 (Friday)

Venue: L3, Science Centre

8:00 am Bus to workshop venue (assemble in hotel lobby)

8:30 am Light breakfast

### Topic: First Principles Calculations and Classical Monte Carlo

*Session Chair: G. H. Chen*

9:00 am **R. Car:** First Principles Molecular Dynamics: Applications to Water

9:50 am **S. G. Louie:** Deriving Insights from Computation: Molecular Electronics to Self-trapped Excitons

10:40 am Tea break

*Session Chair: J. S. Wang*

11:00 am **D. P. Landau:** Dynamic Scaling of Surface Growth in Simple Lattice Models

12:00 pm Lunch; discussions; e-mail

### Topic: Computational Studies of Macromolecules

*Session Chair: L. H. Tang*

2:00 pm **Y. Duan:** Physics-based All-atom Simulations of Protein Folding and Aggregation

2:30 pm **L. H. Lai:** The Metabolic Network of Arachidonic Acid and Implications for Drug Design

3:00 pm **Q. Quyang:** The Cell-cycle Dynamics of the Budding Yeast

3:30 pm Tea Break

*Session Chair: Z. Zeng*

3:50 pm **E. Wang:** A Molecular Picture of Water Solid Interaction

4:20 pm **X. C. Zeng:** Water, Ice, and Bubble at Nanoscales

4:50 pm **X. G. Gong:** Constant Pressure MD Method and Its Application to Nano-cluster and Nano-tubes

5:20 pm **Z. F. Liu:** Links between Electron Microsolvation and Size Dependent Reactivity in Hydrated  $Mg^+$  and Na Clusters

6:00 pm & 7:00 pm Bus to hotel

## December 10 (Saturday)

Venue: L5, Science Centre

8:00 am Bus to workshop venue (assemble in hotel lobby)

8:30 am Light breakfast

### Topic: Quantum Many-body Systems and Quantum Computing

*Session Chair: X. C. Xie*

9:00 am **D. M. Ceperley**: Path Integral Methods for Bosonic Superfluids

10:00 am Tea break

*Session Chair: Y. D. Zhang*

10:20 am **A. C. C. Yao**: Quantum Algorithms

12:00 pm Lunch; discussions; e-mail

### Topic: Simulation of Classical Systems

*Session Chair: E. G. Wang*

2:00 pm **D. P. Landau**: The Search for Spin Waves in Iron above  $T_c$ : Spin Dynamics Simulations

3:00 pm **B. Zheng**: Monte Carlo Simulations of Phase Transitions - From Equilibrium to Non-equilibrium State

3:30 pm Tea break

*Session Chair: Y. P. Wang*

3:50 pm **J. S. Wang**: Worm Algorithms

4:20 pm **L. H. Tang**: Multicanonical Methods Applied to 2D XY Models

9:00 am - 5:00 pm Poster Presentation (*Chair: H. Q. Lin*): *Many-body Systems and Quantum Information* [display for 2 days]

5:00 pm - 5:30 pm Photo taking

5:30 pm Bus to banquet

6:00 pm Banquet

## December 11 (Sunday) Sight-seeing Tour

**December 12 (Monday)**

Venue: L3, Science Centre

8:00 am Bus to workshop venue (assemble in hotel lobby)

8:30 am Light breakfast

**Topic: “Exact Numerical Approach” to Quantum Many-body Systems**

*Session Chair: F. C. Zhang*

9:00 am **T. K. Lee:** Superfluid and Supersolid Phases in Spin-dimer Model

9:30 am **P. Prelovsek:** Finite Temperature Dynamics of Strongly Correlated Electrons:  
Anomalous Properties of Cuprates

10:00 am **A. W. Sandvik:** Quantum Monte Carlo Simulation in the Valence Bond Basis

10:30 am Tea break

*Session Chair: C. D. Gong*

10:50 am **J. M. Dong:** Possible Tube-like Gold Clusters  $Au_{24}$  and  $Au_{26}$

11:20 am **T. Xiang:** Recent Progress in Density Matrix Renormalization Group

11:50 am **X. Q. Wang:** Density Matrix Renormalization Group Method and Its Perspectives

12:20 pm Lunch; discussions; e-mail

**Topic: Quantum Many-body Systems and Quantum Computing**

*Session Chair: T. Xiang*

2:00 pm **J. E. Gubernatis:** Quantum Monte Carlo for Electrons on a Lattice: Applications and  
Issues

3:00 pm **G. Ortiz:** Simulating Physical Phenomena with a Quantum Computer

3:40 pm Tea break

*Session Chair: J. E. Gubernatis*

4:00 pm Panel Discussions on Future Developments and Summary

**D. P. Landau** (MC), **J. Tse** (Ab initio), **D. M. Ceperley** (QMC)

**L. Yu:** Summary

6:00pm & 7:00 pm Bus to Hotel

## Poster Presentations

### Topic: Ab initio Methods

- K. W. Chan:**  $\text{Mg}^+$  in Different Solvation Clusters ( $\text{NH}_3$  and  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ )
- L. W. Deng:** First-principles Study of Orthorhombic Perovskites up to 120GPa and the Geophysical Implications
- B. Gao:** Size-dependent Charge Separation Reaction for Hydrated Sulfate di-anion Cluster,  $\text{SO}_4^{2-}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_n$ , with  $n=3-7$
- H. Hong:** Collective Synchronization in Locally Coupled Limit-cycle Oscillators
- L. Lau:** Oxidation Of Si(100) And Ge(100) Surface by Single Oxygen Molecule
- H. Liu:** Molecular Dynamics Simulations of Liquid Nitromethane under High Pressure and at High Temperature
- J. W. Liu:** Chemisorption of  $\text{H}_2$  on Solid  $\text{C}_{60}$  under High Pressure
- H. B. Su:** Confinement and Catalysis in Formation of Tubular Fullerene Structures from Peapod Structures
- L. F. Xu:** Ab initio Study of Hygroscopic Properties of Borate Crystals
- Z. Zeng:** Magnetic and Spectral Properties of  $\text{Na}_x\text{CoO}_2$
- L. Zhang:** Equation of State of  $\text{MgO}$  up to 200GPa and 3000K: Combination of First-Principles Simulations and Experimental Data
- Q. J. Zhang:** Investigation of [2+2] Concerted Cycloaddition Mechanism for Unsaturated Hydrocarbon Chemisorption on Si(100)

### Topic: Many-body Systems and Quantum Information

- C. K. Chan:** Spectral Methods and Their Applications
- K. Chang:** Rashba Spin-orbit Interaction and Spin Transport in Semiconductor Quantum Wells
- X. J. Chen:** How the Superconducting Transition Temperature Varies in Cuprate Superconductors
- Y. G. Chen:** Second- to First-order Transition in Two Coupled Antiferromagnetic Molecular Rings
- R. Fan:** Variational Monte Carlo Study of  $\text{Na}_{0.3}\text{CoO}_2 \cdot 1.3\text{H}_2\text{O}$  Superconductivity
- Y. L. Liu:** Universal Power-law Behavior of Local Electron Correlation Functions in the Falicov-Kimball Lattice Model
- K. M. Tam:** Functional Renormalization Group Analysis of the Half-filled One-dimensional Holstein-Hubbard model
- Y. Q. Wang:** Numerical Study of Magnetism in the Periodic Anderson Model
- Y. Z. Zhang:** Phase Transition in Checkerboard Lattice
- L. J. Zou:** Orbital Fluctuations & Orbital Ordering in Strongly Correlated Systems: Linearized Dynamical Mean-field Theory & Self-consistent-field Cluster Approach