

### Centro de Física de Materiales Materialen Fisika Zentroa Materials Physics Center





















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### Introduction/Foreword

Centro de Física de Materiales-Materials Physics Center – CFM-MPC operates at the forefront of Materials Science, pushing the limits of this discipline to the frontiers of knowledge and providing high-quality training for new generations of scientists and technologists.

CFM is a joint Center of Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas (CSIC) and Universidad del País Vasco – Euskal Herriko Unibersitatea (UPV/EHU). Since year 1999, these two flagship institutions have merged forces in order to rationalize, optimize and multiply the effect of their investments in this area of research. The Basque Government has joined this long term commitment by distinguishing CFM as a Basque Excellence Research Centre (BERC) through the joint Association Materials Physics Center (MPC).

CFM-MPC is located at Ibaeta Campus in Donostia -San Sebastian, at the very core of a thrilling research community focused in a variety of aspects of Materials Sciences, with reference institutions in very close proximity in the campus, such as CIC nanoGUNE, POL-YMAT, Donostia International Physics Centre - DIPC, or different University Departments of the Faculty of Chemistry at UPV/EHU, with whom CFM works in perfect synergy. Within this stimulating environment, CFM-MPC plays a central role, representing its founding institutions and hosting a stable critical mass of world-class research groups focused in fundamental materials science. CFM-MPC activity is developed by a core of scientist, boosting cooperation and development of multidisciplinary research in materials science that ranges from physical chemistry to surface physics, through photonics, condensed and soft matter physics, which has materialized in an important track of high profile scientific publications and has attracted a significant amount of competitive funding of scientific projects.

The structure of CFM-MPC in four main research lines, (i) Chemistry of complex systems, (ii) Electrons in Solids, (iii) Photonics, and (iv) Soft matter, has proven to be an efficient scientific framework, where experimentalist and theoreticians with different backgrounds exchange ideas and pursuit challenging scientific goals, but also where students receive upto-date training and have the chance to interact with world-class researchers.

Despite CFM-MPC's orientation towards fundamental research, cooperation with industry is an important goal that ensures that our society also benefits from our activity. We are especially proud of the spin-off and start-up initiatives launched during 2015, which provide some of our young researchers with new career perspectives and bring the entrepreneurial culture into the daily activities of the center, multiplying the opportunities for cooperation.

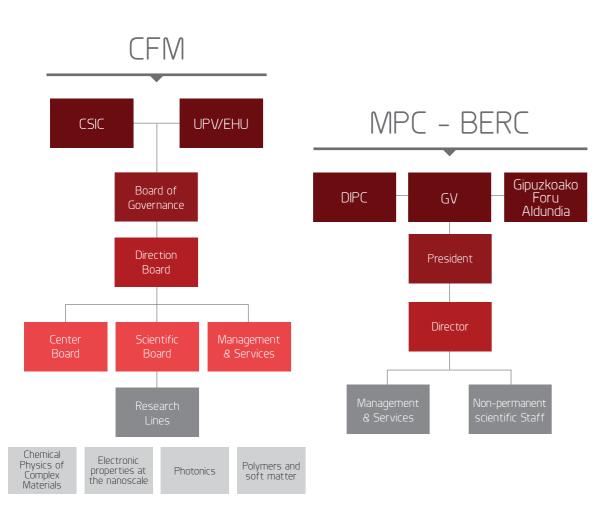
Along 2015 Javier Aizpurua has taken the baton from Ricardo Díez Muiño at the Head of CFM-MPC. Ricardo's hard and relentless work during the last four years has allowed for preserving the high-quality working environment as well as meeting the ambitious scientific goals of the center during the last years, despite the difficult financial situation. Thanks to the constant effort of the whole human team, CFM-MPC keeps its position at the forefront of research in materials science, and new and exciting challenges can now be faced in this combined effort of CSIC, the University of the Basque Country and the Basque Government.

### Governance

As a joint Center of the Spanish Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas (CSIC) and the University of the Basque Country (UPV/EHU), the main Board of Governance of the **Centro de Física de Materiales** (CFM) is constituted by the Governing Board of the Center where representatives from both CSIC and UPV/EHU designate a Direction Board which runs the daily administrative and scientific strategy of the Center. To that end the Direction board is supported by the Center Board and the Scientific Board.

As an instrumental body of activity, the Association "Materials Physics Center" MPC is a non-profit asso-

ciation declared as Basque Excellence Research Center (BERC) which is intrinsically united to, and shares goals and scientific activity with CFM in a totally synergistic and combined activity. The body of governance of the BERC MPC is constituted by the Basque Government (GV), the Gipuzkoa Province Government (Gipuzkoako Foru Aldundia), and the Donostia International Physics Center (DIPC), who appoint the scientific director of the association. The combined an united strategic activity of both CFM-MPC is ensured by the joint appointment of the same person as director of both institutional bodies.



### Human Resources in 2015

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### Visitors

CFM received around 70 short- and long-term visiting researchers during 2015.



### Representative Research Activities

# Chemical physics of complex materials team

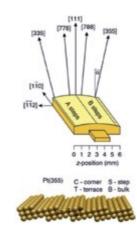
X-ray photoemission analysis of clean and carbon monoxide-chemisorbed platinum(111) stepped surfaces using a curved crystal

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Nature Communications 6, 8903 (2015)

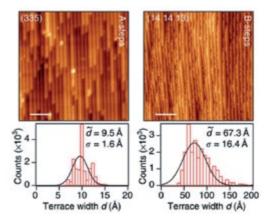
Surface chemistry and catalysis studies could significantly gain from the systematic variation of surface active sites, tested under the very same conditions. Curved crystals are excellent platforms to perform such systematics, which may in turn allow to better resolve fundamental properties and reveal new phenomena. This is demonstrated here for the carbon monoxide/platinum system. We curve a platinum crystal around the high-symmetry (111) direction and carry out photoemission scans on top. This renders the spatial core-level imaging of carbon monoxide adsorbed on a 'tunable' vicinal surface, allowing a straightforward visualization of the rich chemisorption phenomenology at steps and terraces. Through such photoemission images we probe a characteristic

elastic strain variation at stepped surfaces, and unveil subtle stress-release effects on clean and covered vicinal surfaces. These results offer the prospect of applying the curved surface approach to rationally investigate the chemical activity of surfaces under real pressure conditions.



### Figure:

Schematic representation of the Curved Crystal Concept. A monocrystalline sample with atom-defined curved surface allows accessing different crystalline orientations, including exotic ones.



#### Figure:

STM images at selected surface orientations, showing step lattice variations at the atomic scale.

### > Electronic Properties at the Nanoscale

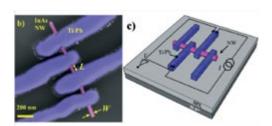
### Pb/InAs Nanowire Josephson Junction with High Critical Current and Magnetic Flux Focusing

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Nano Letters 15, 1803 (2015)

Josephson junctions and coherent quantum transport have been attracting interest in recent years due to the development of modern nanofabrication techniques, which enable the fabrication of nanoscale hybrid superconducting devices in a broad range of design and materials. Josephson junctions realized with semiconductor nanowires (NWs) have shown a high potential in different types of nanoscale devices demonstrating, for example, tunable supercurrents, the supercurrent reversal, and the suppression of supercurrent by hot electron injection. NWs have also been used for superconducting quantum interference devices (SQUIDs) and tunable Cooper pair splitters. Benefits of using NWs include the tunable charge density by means of a gate voltage that in turn tunes the supercurrent. Yet, small dimensions of NWs also make them a promising choice for studying fundamental phenomena such as the quantum interference and Majorana fermions.

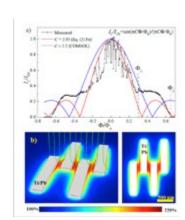
In this collaborative work, carried out by the groups led by F. Giazzotto (NEST, CNR - Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa, Italy and S. Bergeret (CFM, CSIC - UPV/EHU, Spain) we have successfully fabricated mesoscopic Pb/ InAs-NW/Pb Josephson junctions with ~100 nm interelectrode spacing by room-temperature Pb evaporation. Devices show excellent properties in terms of a high critical current exceeding 600 nA and an observable Josephson current at temperatures up to 4.5 K and magnetic fields up to 0.3 T. Superconductivity is observed in the electrodes up to ~7 K. Unlike the expected behaviour in narrow junctions where the width is smaller than the magnetic length, we observe a marked diffraction pattern of the critical current as a function of the magnetic field which can be explained by a strong magnetic flux focusing provided by the Pb electrodes.



### Figure:

Left) Electron micrograph (false colour) of the InAsbased Josephson junction

Right) Schematic description of the device.



### Figure:

Top) Normalized critical current versus magnetic flux, showing the Fraunhofer patterns.

Bottom) Simulation showing the strength of perpendicular magnetic flux as a function of position.

### > Photonics

### Nano-optics of molecular-shunted plasmonic nanojunctions

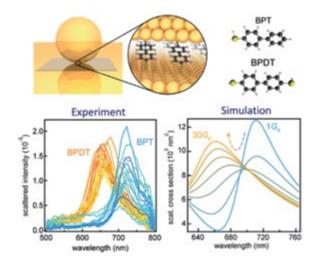
F. Benz, Ch. Tserkezis, L.O. Herrmann, B. de Nijs, A. Sanders, D.O. Sigle, L. Pukenas, S.D. Evans, J. Aizpurua, and J.J. Baumberg

Nano Letters 15, 669 (2015)

The interplay of photons and electrons in a molecule is at the base of modern molecular optoelectronics, however to access the transport properties of molecules at very high AC frequencies is not possible with the current capabilities of electronics. A joint recent study between researchers from Cambridge and CFM-MPC analyses the optical response of a plasmonic metallic cavity shunted by molecular linkers as a monitor that provides valuable information about this ultrafast transport regime. Furthermore, the optical methodology introduced in this work can determine the number of molecules involved in the transport through a cavity, as well as their unitary conductance. The results obtained by this collabora-

tive effort thus impacts the field of molecular devices for optoelectronics.

Metallic junctions provide a fantastic platform to test molecular transport properties. When a bias between two metallic electrodes is applied the current through the junction is mainly determined by the distance between the two metallic interfaces, as well as by the intrinsic transport properties of the material within the junction. In a collaboration with the Nanophotonics Centre in Cambridge (U.K.), researchers from the Center for Materials Physics in Donostia-San Sebastián have explored the optical fingerprints of conductivity in molecular- shunted plasmonic junctions.



### Figure:

(Top) Schematics of a plasmonic junction formed by a metallic nanoparticle on a metallic surface shunted by a self-assembled monolayer of BPT and BPDT molecules.

(Bottom) Experimental and theoretical spectral blue-shift of the plasmonic cavity when the non-conductive molecules (BPT) are substituted by conductive ones (BPDT).

In this work, the optical response of a cav-

ity plasmon was monitored as a function of the molecular conductance across the cavity formed by a nanoparticle deposited on a metallic surface (see schematics of the system on top of the figure). To progressively change the conductance at the cavity, two different species of molecular linkers were used: (i) a conductive biphenyl-4-4'-dithiol (BPDT) molecule with the thiols linked to both metallic interfaces forming the cavity, and (ii) a biphenyl-4-thiol (BPT) molecule where one of the thiol connections of the BPDT is removed, preventing conduction through it. The chemical structure of both molecules can be observed on the top of the figure, on the right hand side. As the ratio of the conducting molecules within the cavity is progressively modified with respect to the nonconducting ones, a screening of the cavity plasmon is produced, that progressively modifies the capacitance of the bonding plasmon formed at the cavity, and thus modifying its resonance wavelength. This behavior had been predicted by researchers at the CFM, and has been now corroborated experimentally by the researchers in Cambridge led by Prof. J. J. Baumberg. The results show an experimental blueshift of the screened plasmon of about 60 nm, as observed in the figure attached (bottom, left), when all the nonconductive molecules are substituted by conducting ones. According to the numerical calculations developed at the CFM in San Sebastian, a conductance of 30 G across the cavity (with G the quantum of conductance) is necessary to produce the observed blue-shift. By applying a simple circuit theory model, where the spectral shift can be associated

with the reduction of the capacitance of the screened charge of the plasmon, the calculated conductance provided an estimation of the number of conducting molecules in the cavity (around 200 BPDT), as well as of the conductance per molecule (about 0.17 G.).

To obtain information on the high-frequency transport properties of molecular-shunted junctions by optical means provides new venues to explore important constructs in optoelectronics, as well as to reach regimes of transport not accessible by other means.

### > Polymers and Soft Matter

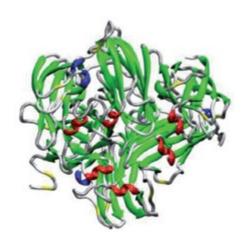
### Efficient Synthesis of Single-Chain Globules Mimicking the Morphology and Polymerase Activity of Metalloenzymes

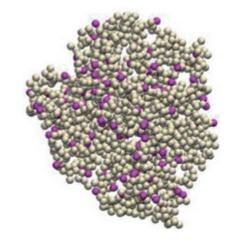
A. Sanchez-Sanchez, A. Arbe, J. Kohlbrecher, J. Colmenero, J. Pomposo

Macromolecular Rapid Communications 36, 1592 (2015)

About one-third of all enzymes known so far are metalloenzymes containing metal ions which are directly bound to the protein or to prosthetic groups (nonamino acid portions required for enzyme function firmly bonded to the protein). Recently, it has been discovered that metalloenzymes (laccase, horseradish peroxidase, hemoglobin) show polymerase activity, i.e., they catalyze the controlled radical polymerization of water soluble vinyl-type monomers. We were intrigued by this discovery and, especially, by the potential feasibility of designing bioinspired synthetic nano-objects having metalloenzyme mimicking properties for the controlled synthesis of water-soluble polymers. In this sense, endowing unimolecular soft nano-objects with biomimetic functions is attracting significant interest in the emerging field of single chain technology.

Hence, inspired by the compartmentalized structure and polymerase activity of metalloenzymes we have designed, synthesized and characterized coppercontaining compact nano-globules endowed with metalloenzyme mimicking characteristics towards controlled synthesis of water-soluble polymers and thermoresponsive hydrogels. To our best knowledge, this has been the first report of water-soluble polymers and thermoresponsive hydrogels synthesized by metal-containing single chain globules. When compared to metalloenzymes, artificial nano-objects endowed with metalloenzyme mimicking characteristics offer increased stability against thermal changes and reduced degradability by hydrolytic enzymes.





Lacase enzyme

Single-chain globule

### Research output

We provide in the following some representative indicators of the research activity of CFM-MPC during 2015.



AVERAGE IMPACT FACTOR
OF THE CENTER

5,127

NUMBER OF ARTICLES

173

Among all the scientific articles written by researchers at CFM-MPC in 2015, we list below a selection of them published in high impact-factor journals.

JOURNAL	Number of articles	Impact factor	Accumulated Impact factor
Nature Materials	1	36,503	36,503
Nature Nanotechnology	1	34,048	34,048
Chemical Society Reviews	1	33,383	33,383
Nature Physics	1	20,147	20,147
Nano Letters	5	13,592	67,960
ACS Nano	3	12,881	38,643
Nature Communications	2	11,470	22,940
Angewandte Chemie-International	1	11,261	11,261
Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America	1	9,674	9,674
ACS Catalysis	1	9,312	9,312
Chemical Science	1	9,211	9,211
Chemistry Of Materials	1	8,354	8,354
Laser & Photonics Reviews	1	8,008	8,008
Physical Review Letters	10	7,512	75,120
Journal Of Physical Chemistry Letters	2	7,458	14,916

Among all the articles published at CFM-MPC, 79,19% of the articles (135 out 173) were published in the framework of international collaborations, showing the international dimension and positioning of the Center in the field of Materials Science.

### > Publication list

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### Functionalization of Defect Sites in Graphene with RuO, for High Capacitive Performance

Yang F, Zhang LB, Zuzuarregui A, Gregorczyk K, Li L, Beltran M, Tollan C, Brede J, Rogero C, Chuvilin A, Knez M. ACS Applied Materials & Interfaces 7, 20513 (2015)

2

### Comparing Quasiparticle H<sub>2</sub>O Level Alignment on Anatase and Rutile TiO<sub>2</sub>

Sun H, Mowbray DJ, Migani A, Zhao J, Petek H, Rubio A. ACS Catalysis 5, 4242 (2015)

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### **Bipolar Conductance Switching of Single Anthradithiophene Molecules**

Borca B, Schendel V, Petuya R, Pentegov I, Michnowicz T, Kraft U, Klauk H, Arnau A, Wahl P, Schlickum U, Kern K. ACS Nano 9, 12506 (2015)

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#### **Epitaxial B-Graphene: Large-Scale Growth and Atomic Structure**

Usachov DY, Fedorov AV, Petukhov AE, Vilkov OY, Rybkin AG, Otrokov MM, Arnau A, Chulkov EV, Yashina LV, Farjam M, Adamchuk VK, Senkovskiy BV, Laubschat C, Vyalikh DV.
ACS Nano 9, 7314 (2015)

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### Monitoring Morphological Changes in 2D Mono layer Semiconductors Using Atom-Thick Plasmonic Nanocavities

Sigle DO, Mertens J, Herrmann LO, Bowman RW, Ithurria S, Dubertret B, Shi YM, Yang HY, Tserkezis C, Aizpurua J, Baumberg JJ.

ACS Nano 9, 825 (2015)

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Zywietz U, Schmidt MK, Evlyukhin AB, Reinhardt C, Aizpurua J, Chichkov BN. ACS Photonics 2, 913 (2015)

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Molina-Mendoza AJ, Barawi M., Biele R, Flores E, Ares JR, Sánchez C, Rubio-Bollinger G, Agraït N, D'Agosta R, Ferrer IJ, Castellanos-Gomez A.

Advanced Electronic Materials 1, 1500126 (2015)

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### Engineering Photophenomena in Large, 3D Structures Composed of Self-Assembled van der Waals Heterostructure Flakes

Krishna MBM, Man MKL, Vinod S, Chin C, Harada T, Taha-Tijerina J, Tiwary CS, Nguyen P, Chang P, Narayanan TN, Rubio A, Ajayan PM, Talapatra S, Dani KM.

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### Unraveling the Intrinsic Color of Chlorophyll

Advanced Optical Materials 3, 1551 (2015)

Milne BF, Toker Y, Rubio A, Nielsen SB.

Angewandte Chemie-International Edition 54, 2170 (2015)

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### Influence of size, shape and core-shell interface on surface plasmon resonance in Ag and Ag@MgO nanoparticle films deposited on Si/SiO,

D'Addato S, Pinotti D, Spadaro MC, Paolicelli G, Grillo V, Valeri S, Pasquali L, Bergamini L, Corni S. Beilstein Journal of Nanotechnology 6, 404 (2015)

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### Membrane dipole modifiers modulate single-length nystatin channels via reducing elastic stress in the vicinity of the lipid mouth of a pore

Chulkov EG, Schagina LV, Ostroumova OS. Biochimica et Biophysica Acta- Biomembranes 1848, 192 (2015)

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Juaristi JI, Diaz E, Bocan GA, Muino RD, Alducin M, Blanco-Rey M. Catalysis Today 244, 115 (2015)

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### A simple, fast and highly sensitive colorimetric detection of zein in aqueous ethanol via zein-pyridine-gold interactions

Latorre Sanchez A, Pomposo JA. Chemical communications 51, 15736 (2015)

#### Design of two-photon molecular tandem architectures for solar cells by ab initio theory

Ornso KB, Garcia-Lastra JM, De La Torre G, Himpsel FJ, Rubio A, Thygesen KS. Chemical Science 6, 3018 (2015)

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### Advances in single chain technology

Gonzalez Burgos M, Latorre Sanchez A, Pomposo JA. Chemical Society Reviews 44, 6122 (2015)

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### Tuning the Tensile Strength of Cellulose through Vapor-Phase Metalation

Gregorczyk KE, Pickup DF, Sanz MG, Irakulis IA, Rogero C, Knez M. Chemistry Of Materials 27, 181 (2015)

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### Chemical Bonding of Transition-Metal Co, Clusters with Graphene

Alonso-Lanza T, Ayuela A, Aguilera-Granja F. Chemphyschem 16, 3700 (2015)

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Darghouth AAMHM, Casida ME, Taouali W, Alimi K, Ljungberg MP, Koval P, Sanchez-Portal D, Foerster D. Computation 3, 616 (2015)

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Konschelle F, Blanter YM. EPL 109, 68004 (2015)

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Bergeret FS, Tokatly IV. EPL 110, 57005 (2015)

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Castro A, Rubio A, Gross EKU. European Physical Journal B 88, 191 (2015)

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De Giovannini U, Larsen AH, Rubio A. European Physical Journal B 88, 56 (2015)

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Asenjo-Sanz I, Santos JI, Bittner AM, Pomposo JA, Barroso-Bujans F. European Polymer Journal 73, 413 (2015)

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### Plasmonic and new plasmonic materials: general discussion

de Abajo FJG, Sapienza R, Noginov M, Benz F, Baumberg J, Maier S, Graham D, Aizpurua J, Ebbesen T, Pinchuk A, Khurgin J, Matczyszyn K, Hugall JT, van Hulst N, Dawson P, Roberts C, Nielsen M, Bursi L, Flatte M, Yi J, Hess O, Engheta N, Brongersma M, Podolskiy V, Shalaev V, Narimanov E, Zayats A. Faraday Discussions 178, 123 (2015)

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### Conferences

CFM-MPC scientists have organized or coorganized several international workshops and conferences during 2015. Many of these meetings have been held in close cooperation with Donostia Intenational Physics Center (DIPC), which shows the excellent results brought by the synergistic collaboration between both institutions.

The list of workshops organised by CFM-MPC researchers during 2015 follows:

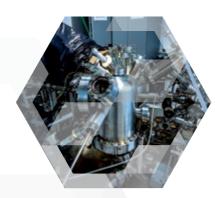
- Workshop MANA DIPC. "Nanostructures and Complex Functional Materials"

  August 27-28, 2015. Donostia International Physics Center, Donostia San Sebastián. *Organisers*: Yutaka Wakayama (MANA, Japan) and Enrique Ortega (CFM-MPC).
- Summer School "Frontiers of Condensed Matter 2015"

  August 31 September 11, 2015. Les Houches (France). Organisers: S. Bergeret (CFM-MPC), F. Hekking (Grenoble), J. Meyer (Grenoble) and J. van Ruitenbeek (Leiden).
- The Ψ<sub>k</sub> 2015 Conference
  September 6-10, 2015. Kursaal Congress Centre, Donostia San Sebastian. Organisers: Angel Rubio (CFM-MPC) and Risto Nieminen (University of Tech. Finland).
- JCNS Workshop 2015: Neutron Scattering on Nano-Structured Soft Matter: Synthetic- and Bio-Materials
  October 5-8, 2015. Tutzing, Germany. Organisers: Dieter Richter (Aachen, Germany) and Juan Colmenero (CFM-MPC).
- **21st International Workshop on Inelastic Ion-Surface Collisions (IISC-21)**October 18-23, 2015. Donostia-San Sebastián, Spain: *Organiser*: Iñaki Juaristi (CFM-MPC).
- 4th Baskrete Open Days to Industry
  November 23-24, 2015, Donostia-San Sebastián. Organisers: Donostia International Physics Center,
  CEI Euskampus EHU/UPV Tecnalia CFM/MPC.
- Euskampus-Bordeaux SYMPOSIUM
   November 26-27, 2015. Donostia San Sebastián. Organisers: University of Bordeaux and Euskampus
   Aggregation, University of the Basque Country, Tecnalia, the Donostia International Physics Center, and CFM-MPC.
- The 15th International Conference on Vibrations at Surfaces (VAS15)

  June 22-26, 2015. Miramar Palace, Donostia San Sebastián. Organisers: Andres Arnau (CFM-MPC),
  Giorgio Benedek, Eugene Chulkov (CFM-MPC), Asier Eiguren, Aran Garcia Lekue, Aitor Mugarza, Jose Ignacio Pascual and Thomas Frederiksen.
- Workshop on "Theory for Planar Molecular and Atomic Scale Devices"
  January 26-28, 2015. Donostia International Physics Center, Donostia San Sebastián. Organisers: Daniel Sánchez-Portal (CFM-MPC), Mads Engelund (CFM-MPC), Thomas Frederiksen and Aran García-Lekue.

### Research Funding



The following research projects are being developed at CFM-MPC during 2015. They cover a large variety of topics spred along the four research lines of the center. The projects running during 2015 are listed below according to the source of competitive funding, for every principal investigator (PI):

### **Projects funded by the Basque Government:**

#### IT-578-13

Grupos consolidados: Simulación de sistemas cuánticos nanostructurados fuera del equilibrio

PI: Rubio Secades, Ángel

#### IT-621-13

Grupos de Investigación Consolidados y de Alto Rendimiento: Laboratorio de Nanofísica

PI: Ortega Conejero, Enrique

### IT-627-13

Grupo de Investigación Consolidados

PI: Vitali, Lucia

#### IT-654-13

Polimeros y materiales no-cristalinos

PI: Colmenero de León, Juan

#### IT659-13

Grupo de Investigación Consolidado

PI: Balda de la Cruz, Rolindes

#### IT-756-13

Grupos de Investigación Consolidados y De Alto Rendimiento

PI: Arnau Pino, Andrés

### IE14-393

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### Projects funded by the Spanish Ministry Science and Education:

### FIS2011-27968

Estudio comparativo de la dinámica espectral y temporal de láseres

PI: Férnandez Rodríguez, Joaquín

#### FIS2013-41184-P

Optoelectrónica de gaps (sub)nanométricos plasmónicos para el desarrollo de espectroscopías y microscopías aumentadas de campo.

PI: Aizpurua Iriazabal, Javier

#### FIS2013-43130-P

Dynamical exchange-correlation effects in electronic and thermal transport

PI: Rubio Secades, Ángel

### FIS2013-46159-C3-1-P

FUN-EMAT: Desarrollos fundamentales para la simulación y caracterización de procesos dinámicos fuera del equilibrio

PI: Rubio Secades, Ángel

### FIS2013-48286-C2-1-P

Electronic processes in surfaces and nanostructures

PI: Ayuela Fernández, Andrés

### FIS-2013-48286-C2-2-P

Reactividad, propiedades electrónicas y estructurales de sistemas complejos

PI: Juaristi Oliden, Iñaki

#### FIS2014-55987-P

Transporte de espin en estructuras híbridas: metales, superconductores, semiconductores, grafeno y aislantes topológicos

PI: Bergeret Sbarbaro, Sebastian

#### FIS2014-59264-REDC

Red Española sobre Ciencia, Aplicaciones y Tecnología de los Láseres Ultrarrápidos (CATLUR)

PI: Balda de la Cruz, Rolindes

#### MAT2012-31088

Estructura y dinámica de materiales complejos basados en polímeros

PI: Colmenero de León, Juan

#### MAT2012-33720

Efectos magnetoeléctricos estáticos y ópticos en cristales

PI: Souza, Ivo

### MAT2013-46593-C6-2P

Teoría de propiedades electrónicas de híbridos covalentes en superficies

PI: Sánchez-Portal, Daniel

### MAT2013-46593-C6-4P

Híbridos covalentes en superficies

PI: Ortega Conejero, Enrique

### MAT2013-46593-C6-4P

Híbridos covalentes en superficies

PI: Vitali, Lucia

#### MAT2013-48246-C2-2-P

Efecto del procesamiento sobre las propiedades ópticas de vidrios y vitrocerámicos con aplicaciones fotónicas

PI: Balda de la Cruz, Rolindes



#### FIS2015-62538-ERC

Estrategias para el cosechamiento de la energía en la nanoescala

Pl: Corso, Martina

#### CSD2010-00044:

Consolider nanoTHERM. Tailoring electronic and phononic properties of nanomaterials: Towards ideal Thermoelectricity PI: Rubio Secades, Ángel

### **Proyect funded by CSIC**

### ICOOPLIGHT2015

Plasmónica Cuántica Activa en nanoantenas metálicas Pl: Aizpurua Iriazabal, Javier

### **Projects funded by the programs of the European Union:**

### FP7-ICT-2013-C 618082

ACMOL: Electrical spin manipulation in electroACtive MOLecules PI: Rubio Secades, Ángel

#### FP7-ICT-2013-10 610446

PAMS: Plasmar Atomic and Molecular Scale devices
PI: Sánchez Portal, Daniel

### 7PM - People- CIG13/02

Magnetoelectric couplings in solids and releated phenomena PI: Souza, Ivo

#### SEP-210187476

MOSTOPHOS: Modelling stability of organic phosphorescent light-emitting diodes

PI: Rubio Secades, Ángel

### 654360 - NFFA-Europe - RIA

Nanoscience foundries and fine analysis for Europe PI: Rubio Secades, Ángel

### FLAG-ERA-Trans2DTMD

Theoretical investigation of electronic transport in functionalized 2D transition metal dichalcogenides PI: Rubio Secades, Ángel

#### **MPNS COST Action MP12014**

TERA-MIR Radiation: Materials, Generation, Detection and Applications

PI: Aizpurua Iriazabal, Javier

#### **MPNS COST Action MP1401**

Advanced fibre laser and coherent source as tools for society, manufacturing and life science.

PI: Fernández Rodriguéz, Joaquín

### **MPNS COST Action MP1403**

Nanoscale Quantum Optics.

PI: Aizpurua Iriazabal, Javier

### Other sources of International Funding

### FA2386-15-1-0006 AOARD 144088

2D Materials and Devices beyond Graphene Science & Emerging Technology of 2D Atomic Layered Materials and Devices, US Air Force

PI: Rubio Secades, Ángel



### Training

The Materials Physics Center (CFM-MPC) is a joint institute that depends on the University of the Basque Country (UPV/EHU) and thus it shares the mission of the University regarding higher education, in particular at post-graduate level. CFM-MPC is one of the very few centers of the Basque Country in which a balanced body of University teachers/scientific researchers (CSIC and Ikerbasque researchers) coexist and interact on a regular basis, trasnfering many of the values of the university-research center collaboration to the classroom. The standard higher education followed by a young student at CFM is associated to two degrees awarded by the corresponding associated departments at UPV/EHU:

Master in Nanoscience. This is an official master program of UPV/EHU (held at CFM headquarters) and coorganized by the CFM-MPC itself. The goal of the Master in Nanoscience is to provide the student with the basic concepts and the most common working tools in the field of Nanoscience, including the use and interpretation of the results of experimental techniques that are specific to Nanotechnology research laboratories, development of topics related to nanomaterials and their applications, and a general knowledge on the research activity at the international level in the field of Nanoscience.

In addition, during their Master's thesis work, students choose to develop the skills either in fields directly linked with applied and technology-oriented research work in Technological Centers, or in the basic/oriented research that is carried out in academic research groups. The students will be also able to start developing the research work that may allow them to access the PhD program.

Physics of Nanostructures and Advanced Materials PhD program. This is a Ph.D. program of the University of the Basque Country (UPV/EHU) which has been recognized by the Spanish Ministry of Education as a highly qualified Ph.D. program (Mención hacia la excelencia MEE2011-0591). After completing a master program (usually the Master's in Nanoscience program, although other similar degrees are accepted as well), the PhD student joins one of the research groups at the Center and is trained to develop his/ her own research work. The PhD Committee of Graduate Studies looks after the PhD student training on an individual basis. The list of PhD thesis works successfully defended at CFM in 2015 follows:

### PhD Theses

### Curved crystal surfaces: fabrication, characterization and growth of cobalt nanostructures

Student: Ana Magaña Supervisor: Enrique Ortega UPV/EHU

### The role of H-bonds on the structure and dynamics of very concentrated polymer solutions

Student: Guido Goracci Supervisors: Arantxa Arbe and Angel Alegria UPV/EHU

### Spectroscopic analysis of atoms and molecules

Student: Alison Crawford Uranga Supervisors: Stefan Kurth and Angel Rubio UPV/EHU

### On the dielectric properties of water confined in cement-like materials

Student: Manuel Monasterio Jaqueti Supervisor: Silvina Cerveny Murcia UPV/EHU

### Theory and simulation of the optical response of novel nanomaterials from visible to terahertz

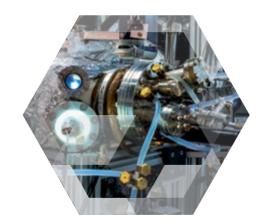
Student: Mohamed Ameen Poyli Supervisors: Rubén Esteban and Javier Aizpurua UPV/EHU

### Density-Potential Mapping in the Standard and Quantum Electrodynamical Time-Dependent Density Functional Theory

Student: Mehdi Farzanehpour Supervisors: Ilya Tokatly and Angel Rubio UPV/EHU

### Optimisation of the first principle code Octopus for massive parallel architectures: application to light harvesting complexes

Student: Joseba Alberdi-Rodriguez Supervisors: Javier Muguerza and Angel Rubio UPV/EHU



### Master Theses

### Synthesis and relaxation dynamics of cyclic polyethers

Student: Thomas Gambino Supervisor: Fabienne Barroso-Bujans UPV/EHU

### Zwitterionic Ring Opening Polymerization for the Construction of Complex Nano-objects

Student: Jon Rubio Cervilla Supervisors: José A. Pomposo and Fabienne Barroso-Bujans UPV/EHU

### New photoactivated routes to bioinspired single-chain polymer nanoparticles

Student: Sajad Jalilian Supervisor: José A. Pomposo UPV/EHU

### Investigation of the structure of curved single crystal surfaces of Pd and Ni

Student: Erika Alexandra Montero Lebron Supervisors: Enrique Ortega and Maxim Ilin UPV/EHU

### SYNTHESIS OF CYCLIC POLYETHERS

Student: Dannia Esther Guzman Pimentel Supervisor: Fabienne Barroso-Bujans UPV/EHU

### STM and LEED characterization of F4TCNQ molecules self-assembly on BiAg2/Ag(111) surface alloy

Student: Néstor Merino Díez Supervisors: Dimas García de Oteyza and Guillaume Vasseur UPV/EHU

### Undergraduate Courses

In addition to the Master's and PhD programs, the staff at CFM-MPC also participates in a variety of undergraduate courses in 4 Faculties and University Schools of the University of the Basque Country (UPV/EHU). In total, more than 1400 teaching hours spread over 6 undergraduate degrees and 3 Master degrees at UPV/EHU are delivered by CFM-MPC staff.

### PhD students seminars

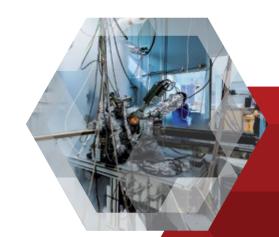
Since 2013, a regular series of seminars delivered by PhD students is organized at CFM. This activity continued during 2015. Approximately every two weeks, from September to June, two PhD students present updated results of their thesis work to the full CFM research community. Two other PhD students assume the role of opponents and are in charge of asking questions and discussing the presented results. The most important goal of this activity is to train PhD students in the necessary habits of science communication and research discussions. Furthermore, this activity helps to improve the internal communication about the research activity going on in the center.

### Internship

Undergraduate students are also offered the possibility to be trained in-situ at CFM-MPC, with the possibility to interact with top quality research groups in summer internships.

CFM-MPC provided two summer internships to undergraduate students during 2015:

- Mikel Andonegui Isasa working at the Polymers and soft Matter research line with J. Pomposo
- Ruben Tejero Bonacasa working at the Polymers and soft matter research line with A. Arbe



### Outreach

CFM-MPC is developing a broad program of activities aimed at bringing the excitement of science to young people. Among these activities, particular effort is devoted to secondary-level and high-school students, with an overall goal of increasing student and teacher enthusiasm for scientific research. Since September 2013, every two weeks, several schools have visited CFM facilities, sharing these efforts in joint activities with DIPC.

The list of schools visiting the CFM laboratories during 2015 follows:

School	Date	Number of students	Group
2014-2015 course			
IES Urola	26/02/2015	28	2nd course high school
Summa Aldapeta Ikastetxea	13/03/2015	44	2nd course high school
Usandizaga Institutoa	26/03/2015	51	2nd course high school
Irungo Pio Baroja Institutoa	17/04/2015	45	2nd course high school
URRETXU-ZUMARRAGA IKASTOLA	24/04/2015	35	2nd course high school
Axular Lizeoa	08/05/2015	15	2nd course high school
2015-2016 course			
La Anunciata de San Sebastián	03/10/2015	22 1st -	- 2nd course high school
Laskorain ikastola	16/10/2015	27	2nd course high school
BHI Beasain	30/10/2015	35	2nd course high school
Manteo- Zubiri Institutoa	20/11/2015	43	2nd course high school
Larramendi ikastetxea	27/11/2015	22	2nd course high school
J.M.Iparragirre B.H.I. Urretxu	17/12/2015	14	2nd course high school
	TOTAL	381	

### Others outreach activities

Researchers at CFM-MPC are fully committed to spread the activities in the center to society at many different levels. Some of the activities where CFM-MPC staff participated during 2015 follows:

### ♦ Imaginenano 2015

March 10-13, 2015. Bilbao - Phantoms Foundation, CIC nanoGUNE, DIPC and CFM. Stand showing the research activity at CFM-MPC coordinated by CFM-MPC project manager Francisco López Gejo, in coordination with DIPC and nanoGUNE.

### Mestizajes

A través del espejo: La literatura mira a las científicas.

Abril 28, 2015. Donostia. Museo San Telmo (STM) - DIPC - CFM-MPC. Talks and debates about the mixing of Science and Literature directed by CFM-MPC researcher Gustavo Schwartz.

### ♦ San Sebastian Software Carpentry Workshop 2015

June 15-16, 2015, Donostia. Materials Physics Center - University of the Basque Country. Workshop on software skills given by CFM IT manager Iñigo Aldazabal to a community of IT programmers.

### **♦** Pint of Science

June 18, 2015, Ni Neu Bar in San Sebastián, Outreach talk to the general public "La luz en la Nanoescala" by CFM-MPC researcher Javier Aizpurua, simultaneously with many other scientific talks in bars all over different cities in Europe.

#### Semana de la Ciencia

Noviembre 5-7, 2015 Donostia. Set of activities at Museo San Telmo plaza Zuloaga, devoted to promote scientific culture among primary school students. This action is coordinated by researcher Celia Rogero at CFM, in collaboration with researchers at DIPC and nanoGUNE.



### Transfer of Knowledge

CFM-MPC is constantly seeking to maximize the impact of the scientific activity developed in the center with the aim to provide return to our society, therefore any opportunity for transferring knowledge is conveniently exploited through a careful analisis of technical potentials found in the center as well as a market prospective.

Cooperation with industry at CFM-MPC is channeled through two different paths: Collaborative Research and Technical Services. Both forms of cooperation are backed up by the experienced Technology Transfer Offices and Administrative Services from CSIC and UPV/EHU.

In collaborative research, CFM teams up with industrial actors, and often with other research institutions, for addressing complex technological challenges. Projects typically aim at innovative technological solutions which provide a competitive edge and have direct impact in the commercial activity of the industrial partners. Thanks to the high-profile and excellence in research activity, CFM-MPC scores high in competitive calls, which provide financial support for these activities. Through technical services, CFM allows industrial actors to have access to its singular, state-of-the-art infrastructure and the experience and skills of its staff. Services can be hired at convenience and scaled to fit the needs, from single measurements to regular, recurrent analysis. Since 2015 a chart of services has been designed at CFM-MPC together with the central CSIC services as well as with the Basque Office of Innovation, Innobasque.

CFM is committed to close the gap between Fundamental Research and Industrial activity. This is important not only for transferring knowledge but also for providing professional opportunities for our highly-skilled students and young researchers. Spin-off projects are important tools for this, as they provide our entrepreneurs to develop technological enterprises based in our know-how and technologies.

Currently, there are three on-going projects connected with transfer of knowledge:

◆ BIHURCRYSTAL (www.bihurcrystal.com), the first and most developed project so far, provides technology for ultra-high vacuum environments (scientific infrastructure and space applications). After winning Manuel Laborde and Toribio Echeberria Prizes in 2012 and 2013, respectively, as entrepreneurial project, the company constituted in 2013 and commercializes its first products, based in technologies developed at CFM and the CAB (Centro de Astrobiología, Madrid). BIHURCRYSTAL has attracted investment from SPRI CAPITAL RIESGO and important competitive funding such as from programs such as RETOS COLABORACION and NEOTEC. As of 2015, the company employs four Doctors and one technician, all former students of CFM and ICMM (Instituto Ciencia Materiales Madrid).

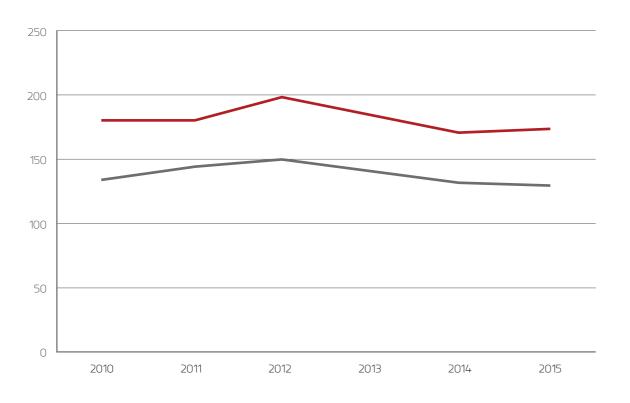
- ◆ MATERIALS EVOLUTION (http://www.etsf.eu/materials\_evolution) focuses in applying theoretical modelling and simulation methods for accelerating the development of new materials. The initiative at CFM-MPC is supported by the European Theoretical Spectroscopy Facility, and runs in parallel with counterparts in Sweden and Belgium, aiming to provide a service with coverage over the whole European Region. MATERIALS EVOLUTION has received the Manuel Laborde Prize in 2015.
- ◆ BASKRETE ENERGY, the youngest project, is focused in exploring the potential of concrete and cement-based materials for energy storage applications. The project is backed up by the experience of the BASKRETE group, which congregates a multidisciplinary group of experts in the area of Science of Cements from CFM-MPC, UPV/EHU, TECNALIA and POLYMAT.

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### Appendix

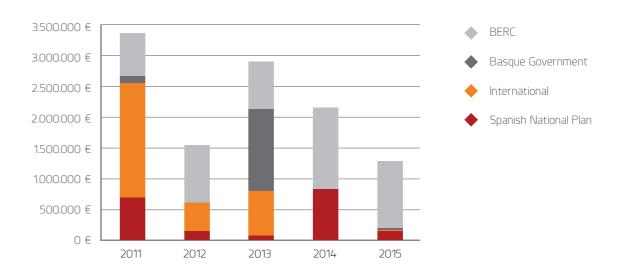
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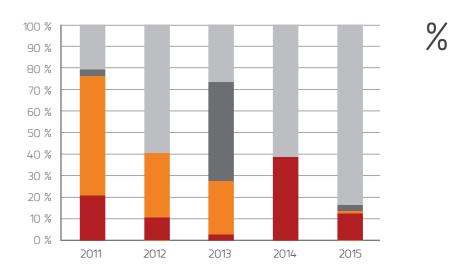


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2013	184	139
2014	171	131
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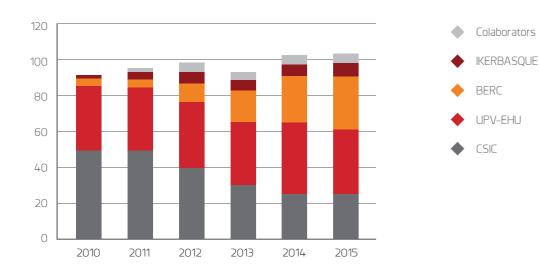
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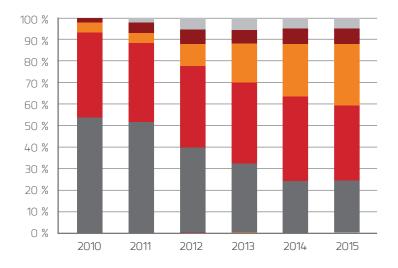




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	Spanish National Plan	International	Basque Government	BERC
2011	691.514,00 €	156.500,00 €	105.000,00 €	691.514,00 €
2012	156.090,00 €	469.895,62 €	0,00 €	918.757,39 €
2013	76.050,00 €	719.996,00 €	1.350.695,00 €	768.908,68 €
2014	838431,23 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	1.316.77845 €
2015	156.500,00 €	15.600,00 €	34.668,00 €	1.073426,00 €

### > Human Resources CFM 2010-2015





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	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
CSIC	49	49	39	30	25	25
UPV-EHU	36	35	37	35	40	36
BERC	4	4	10	17	25	29
IKERBASQUE	2	5	7	6	7	8
Colaborators	0	2	5	5	5	5
	91	95	98	93	102	103



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