

# Dr. Giorgio F. Signorini

## Curriculum Vitae



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### EDUCATION

**High School:** Liceo Classico “Dante”, Firenze (1973-1978)

**University:** Degree in Chemistry, Università di Firenze (1979-1985)

Final mark: 110/110 *cum laude*

Dissertation in Molecular Spectroscopy: “*Lattice Dynamics and Anharmonic Processes in Molecular Crystals: Anthracene and Nitrogen*” (Supervisor: Prof. V. Schettino)

**Ph. D.:** Dottorato di Ricerca in Scienze Chimiche, curriculum Chimica Fisica dello Stato Solido (Physical Chemistry of Solid State) (1986-1989)

Dissertation: “*Dynamical Properties and Relaxation Processes in Condensed Molecular Systems*”

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## EMPLOYMENT

- Post-Doctoral Fellow at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, USA; Prof. Michael L. Klein (1989-1990)
  - IBM Study Contract with Università di Firenze: “*Connection of different computing systems through token-ring and Portability of Unix applications*” (1990-1991)
  - Member of Scientific-Technical staff, Dipartimento di Chimica, Università di Firenze (1991-present)
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## RESEARCH FIELDS

**intermolecular potentials:** models for intermolecular potentials and their use in computational schemes such as Molecular Dynamics (MD) and Lattice Dynamics (LD); transferable force fields; influence of different parts of potential on anharmonicity; simulation of crystal-liquid transition

**vibrational states of molecular crystals:** harmonic and anharmonic LD of molecular crystals; extension of standard LD treatment to crystals of molecular ions; relaxation processes of internal and external phonons, vibrational band broadening; approximate computation of high-order contributions to bandwidth; temperature and pressure effect on bandwidths; contribution of orientational disorder to bandwidths: MD simulations and comparison to LD;

**spectroscopic properties of impurities:** vibrational relaxation of a doping molecule in a host molecular lattice; pressure dependence of vibronic band frequencies of a small molecule in a rare-gas matrix;

**dynamics of molecular liquids:** structure and structure relaxation near the glass transition; comparison of simulation results to predictions of mode-coupling theory; relaxation of rotational degrees of freedom

**advanced simulation methods:** application of nonequilibrium simulations for the computation of free energy differences; generalized ensemble methods (Replica Exchange, Serial Generalized Ensemble, etc.)

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## OTHER PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS

**archaeometry:** non-destructive spectroscopic analysis of painting materials from rock art sites

**computer systems and networks:** IBM VM/CMS mainframe computer and UNIX workstation administration; TCP/IP network design and administration; DNS server administration; electronic mail management

**Open Source and sustainable \_development:** the “Open Source” model applied to fields other than software; shared knowledge and development; open access publication, open science, open education

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## TEACHING EXPERIENCES

- *Fortran Programming*, for Chemistry students, Università di Firenze, 1990/91
- *The VM/CMS operating system*, cycle of lessons and lab sessions for Theoretical Chemistry students, Università di Firenze, 1990/91
- *Lattice Dynamics calculations on Ionic Crystals*, seminar for Solid State Physical Chemistry students, Università di Firenze, 1994/95
- *Internet resources for Chemistry education*, lesson and lab session for High School teachers, Università di Firenze, 1999.
- *Molecular Dynamics Simulations*, cycle of lessons for Theoretical Chemistry students, Università di Firenze, 2000/2001 and 2001/2002.
- *Introduction to UNIX*, cycles of lessons and lab sessions in the *IT Skills* course for Chemistry students, Università di Firenze, 2001/02, 2002/03, 2003/04, 2005/06 and 2006/07
- *Introduction to the Internet*, cycles of lessons and lab sessions in the *IT Knowledge* course for students of Cultural Heritage Conservation, Università di Firenze, 2001/02, 2002/03, 2003/04, 2005/06 and 2006/07
- *Steered Molecular Dynamics Simulation of a model polypeptide*, laboratory project in the course *Structure and Dynamics of Biomolecules*, for Ph.D. students in Chemistry of Biomolecules, Università di Firenze, 2005/06
- *Monte Carlo Simulation*, laboratory project in the course *Structure and Dynamics of Biomolecules*, for Ph.D. students in Chemistry of Biomolecules, Università di Firenze, 2006/07 and 2007/08
- *Elementary Statistical Mechanics and Molecular Dynamics Simulation of proteins*, series of classes and laboratory project in the course *Structure and Dynamics of Biomolecules*, for Ph.D. students in Chemistry of Biomolecules, Università di Firenze, 2006/07
- *Elementary Statistical Mechanics* (classes), *Molecular Dynamics Simulation of proteins and advanced computational techniques for the evaluation of stability* (laboratory project); in the course *Structure and Dynamics of Biomolecules*, for Ph.D. students in Chemistry of Biomolecules, Università di Firenze, 2006/07, 2007/08, 2008/09
- *Structural Properties of Glasses* (teaching module within the course *Glasses and Ceramics*), Università di Firenze, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19