

# Curriculum Vitae

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## 1 Personal Data

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## 2 Research Experience

**2009 - present** Postdoctoral research fellow.  
Advanced Material Research Institute,  
College of Sciences,  
University of New Orleans,  
New Orleans, LA 70148,  
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**2007 - 2009** Postdoctoral research fellow.  
Condensed Matter and Statistical Physics sector,  
The Abdus Salam ICTP,  
Italy

### 3 Teaching Experience

**2008** I taught Numerical method course to diploma students in ICTP, Italy.

### 4 Education

**2003 - 2008** Ph. D. in Physics.  
University of Pune,  
India  
**Advisor:** Prof. D. G. Kanhere  
**Thesis title:** First principle calculations for  
electronic structure, equilibrium geometry, and  
finite temperature properties of small clusters.

**2005 - 2006** STEP – Ph. D. program.  
The Abdus Salam ICTP,  
Italy  
**Advisor:** Prof. Sandro Scandolo

**1991 - 1995** M. Sc. in Physics.  
University of Delhi,  
India

**1983 - 1987** B. Sc. in Science.  
Pusan National University,  
Republic of Korea

### 5 Area of Research

Computational physics, *ab initio* molecular dynamics simulations, *ab initio* electronic structure calculations, high pressure physics, Thermoelectric materials.

- Half-Heusler semiconductors for thermoelectric materials

- High-pressure physics: first-principles simulations of phase transitions in molecular systems, with applications to materials science, geophysics and planetary science.
- Phonon, infrared and Raman spectra of various systems such as clusters, bulk systems.
- Surface science: first-principles calculations of surface reconstructions.
- Geometric and electronic structure of small clusters using first-principle calculations.
- Thermodynamic properties of small clusters by Born–Oppenheimer molecular dynamics simulations.

## 6 Skill Highlight

- Extensive experience in large-scale scientific/numerical computing, simulation and modeling.
- Proficiency in Fortran (F90).
- Experience in parallel computing using MPI.
- Experience in developing and porting codes on a range of Unix and GNU Linux platforms, PCs, SGI Itanium.
- Experience with libraries and packages such as LAPACK, BLAS, numerical recipes. Compilation of various codes like VASP and Quantum-ESPRESSO in P4 machines and Linux clusters. Experience with shell-scripts, LaTeX, and graphic softwares such as gnuplot, xmgr.
- I have worked extensively with the VASP and Quantum-ESPRESSO packages for carrying out calculations during my research. I have modified Quantum-ESPRESSO (CP code) for my own calculations.
- I have an experience of using tools like conjugate gradient minimization, simulated annealing, Born–Oppenheimer and Car–Parrinello molecular dynamics, and analyzes of thermodynamics data using multiple histogram technique. I have also developed a suit of codes and scripts for analyzing the data generated by PwScf and FPMD/CP code of Quantum-ESPRESSO package as well as by VASP.

## 7 Scientific Production

### 7.1 Articles Published in Journals

1. **Mal–Soon Lee**, Javier A. Montoya, and Sandro Scandolo, *Thermodynamic stability of layered structures in compressed CO<sub>2</sub>*, Phys. Rev. B. **79**, 144102 (2009).
2. Jian Sun, Dennis D. Klug, Roman Martonák, Javier Antonio Montoya, **Mal–Soon Lee**, Sandro Scandolo, and Erio Tosatti, *High-pressure polymeric phases of carbon dioxide*, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A. **106**, 6077 (2009).
3. **Mal–Soon Lee**, F. Baletto, D. G. Kanhere, and S. Scandolo, *Far-infrared absorption of small water clusters by first-principles molecular dynamics*, J. Chem. Phys. **128**, 214506 (2008).
4. Seyed Mohammad Ghazi, **Mal-Soon Lee**, and D. G. Kanhere, *The effects of electronic structure and charged state on thermodynamic properties: An ab initio molecular dynamics investigations on neutral and charged clusters of Na<sub>39</sub>, Na<sub>40</sub>, and Na<sub>41</sub>*, J. Chem. Phys. **128**, 104701 (2008).
5. **Mal–Soon Lee**, et al., *Si<sub>x</sub>C<sub>1-x</sub>O<sub>2</sub> alloys: a possible route to stabilize carbon-based silica-like solids?*, Solid St. Comm. **144**, 273 (2007).
6. U. F. T. Ndongmouo, **M.-S. Lee**, R. Rousseau, F. Baletto, and S. Scandolo, *Finite-Temperature Effects on the Stability and Infrared Spectra of HCl(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>6</sub> Clusters*, J. Phys. Chem. A **111**, 12810 (2007).
7. Shahab Zorriasatein, **Mal–Soon Lee** and D. G. Kanhere, *Electronic structures, equilibrium geometries, and finite-temperature properties of Na<sub>n</sub> (n=39-55) from first principles*, Phys. Rev. B **76**, 165414 (2007).
8. **Mal–Soon Lee**, D. G. Kanhere, *Effects of geometric and electronic structure on the finite temperature behavior of Na<sub>58</sub>, Na<sub>57</sub>, and Na<sub>55</sub> clusters*, Phys. Rev. B **75**, 125427 (2007).
9. **Mal–Soon Lee**, S. Gowtham, Haiying He, Kah–Chun Lau, Lin Pan, and D. G. Kanhere, *Geometry, electronic properties, and thermodynamics of pure and Al-doped Li clusters*, Phys. Rev. B **74**, 245412 (2006).

10. **Mal–Soon Lee**, S. Chacko, D. G. Kanhere, *First principle investigation of finite temperature behavior in small sodium clusters*, J. Chem. Phys. **123**, 164310 (2005).
11. **Mal–Soon Lee**, Kavita Joshi, and D. G. Kanhere, *Ab initio density–functional study of the equilibrium geometries and the electronic properties of  $Li_{10-n}Sn_n$  ( $n=0-10$ ) clusters*, Phys. Rev. A **72**, 015201 (2005).

## 7.2 Articles submitted or under preparation

1. **Mal–Soon Lee** and Sandro Scandolo, *Water-methane mixed liquid at extreme conditions*, in preparation.
2. Fontana M. Mateus, **Mal–Soon Lee**, and Sandro Scandolo, *Phase transition of liquid  $CO_2$  at high pressure*, in preparation.

## 7.3 On going project

1. Impurity effect on thermodynamic properties of Al/Ga clusters.
2. Adsorption of  $H_2S$  on the Au(111) surface.
3. The dynamic properties of Ar clathrate hydrate.
4. Electronic structure and transport properties of half-Heusler systems.
5. Geometric and electronic properties of ionic clusters and their melting characteristics.

## 8 Schools Attended

- 2008** *63<sup>rd</sup> Scottish Universities Summer School in Physics on “High Pressure Physics”*, Sabhal Mòr Ostaig Gaelic College, Isle of Skye, UK.
- 2008** *Advanced School on Quantum Monte Carlo Methods in Physics and Chemistry*, International Centre for Theoretical Physics, Trieste, Italy.
- 2007** *Spring College on Water in Physics, Chemistry and Biology*, International Centre for Theoretical Physics, Trieste, Italy.
- 2007** *Advanced School in High Performance Computing Tools for e-Science - joint DEMOCRITOS/INFM-eLab/SISSA-ICTP activity*, International Centre for Theoretical Physics, Trieste, Italy. (I have attended this school as a tutor for the first week.)

- 2006 *Bangalore Summer School on “Electronic Structure Methods and their Applications” in conjunction with Conference on Computational Materials Theory*, Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research, Bangalore, India. (I have attended this school as a tutor.)
- 2006 *Tools for Computational Physics*, The Abdus Salam International Centre for Theoretical Physics, Trieste, Italy.

## 9 Presentation

- 2009 *14<sup>th</sup> International Workshop on Computational Physics and Materials Science*, The Abdus Salam International Centre for Theoretical Physics, Trieste, Italy.
- 2008 *CPMD 2008 (Conference on modeling and computation of structure and dynamics of condensed phase systems)*, The Abdus Salam International Centre for Theoretical Physics, Trieste, Italy.
- 2008 *63<sup>rd</sup> Scottish Universities Summer School in Physics on “High Pressure Physics”*, Sabhal Mòr Ostaig Gaelic College, Isle of Skye, UK.
- 2006 *Bangalore Summer School on “Electronic Structure Methods and their Applications” in conjunction with Conference on Computational Materials Theory*, Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research, Bangalore, India.
- 2006 *3<sup>rd</sup> National Conference on Nanoscience and Nanotechnology*, International School for Advanced Studies, Trieste, Italy.
- 2005 *11<sup>th</sup> International Conference on the Applications of the Density Functional Theory in Chemistry and Physics*, Geneva, Switzerland.
- 2005, 2006, 2007 *Raman Memorial Conference*, University of Pune, Pune, India. (I was awarded for the best presentation on 2007.)

## 10 Complementary Data

### 10.1 Other Career

- 1987–2000 I was a science teacher in high school.
- 1999 I was awarded as an educator with a good standard of science education from state department of education (Gyeongangnam-do Office of Education).

## **10.2 Languages**

English(fluent), Korean(fluent), Hindi(conversation only)

## References

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