

RENATA M. M. WENTZCOVITCH, Prof. of Materials Science and Engineering

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Professional Preparation

University of São Paulo	Physics	B.A., 1980
University of São Paulo	Physics (with Prof. José R. Leite)	M.Sc., 1982
UC Berkeley	Physics (with Prof. Marvin L. Cohen)	Ph.D., 1988

Appointments

- Prof. in Chemical Engineering and Materials Science, UMN, 2006-present
- Assoc. Prof. in Chemical Engineering and Materials Science, UMN, 2001-06
- Member of UMN Graduate Faculty in School of Physics and Astronomy, Department of Earth Sciences, Scientific Computation Program, Chemical Physics Program, 2004-present
- Asst. Prof. in Chemical Engineering and Materials Science, UMN, 1994-2001
- Post-doc, Physics, Stony Brook Univ. and Brookhaven, with Prof. Philip B. Allen, 1989-1992
- Post-doc, Physics, Cavendish Labs, Cambridge, and Royal Institution of Great Britain, 1992-94

Honors and Awards

Wilhelm Heraeus Visiting Prof.ship, Goethe University at Frankfurt am Main (2015-16) • Fellow, AAAS (2013-) • Fellow, AAAS (Physics) (2012-) • Fellow, MSA (2009-) • Fellow, AGU (2008-) • Fellow, APS, Materials Physics (2006-) • Alexander von Humboldt Award for US-Scientists (2008) • JSPS, Invitation Fellowship for Research in Japan (2008) • Member at-large, APS, Comp. Physics (2000-03) • Fellow (2001-) and Assoc. Fellow (1997-2001) of Minnesota Supercomputing Inst. • “Graduate Research Award” of the MRP Group, AGU (2009), PhD thesis of Y. Yu • “Outstanding Student Paper Award” of the MRP Group, AGU (2009) to M. Núñez-Valdez • Shell Land-Grant Prof. in Chemical Engineering and Material Science, UMN (1994-1995) • Honorary Research Fellow, University of London (1993-1994) • Fellowships from Brazilian agencies: FAPESP (undergraduate, 1978-1980), CNEN (graduate, 1980-82), CNPq (1983-87)

Synergistic Activities

At other institutions: Assoc. Investigator at ELSI, WPRI of the JSPS, Tokyo Tech (10/12-) • Visiting Prof., Computational Science Research Center, Chinese Academy of Engineering Physics (06/15) • Visiting Prof., Department of Earth and Space Sciences, University of Science and Technology of China, (07/12, 8/13) • Visiting Prof., Faculty of Sciences, Interactive Center for Science, Tokyo Tech (5/10-8/10) • Visiting Prof., Departments of Physics and Earth and Planetary Sciences, Tokyo Tech (04/02, 08/06, 10-12/08) • Visiting Prof., Departments of Geology, University of Frankfurt (09/08-11/08, 08/09, 08/10, 08/12) • Visiting Prof. Department of Physics and Astronomy and Department of Geological Sciences, (Fall '05) and Department of Physics and Astronomy (08/95, 02/96, 08/97, 07/98), Stony Brook University • Distinguished Visiting Prof. (2005), Visiting Prof. (08/01, 08/02, 08/03, 08/04, 08/12) and Visiting Scientist (08/98, 08/99, 08/00), SISSA • Visiting Scientist, INESC, Lisbon (01/96) • Asst. Prof., Department of Materials Physics, Institute of Physics, U of São Paulo, Brazil (Fall '95)

Other professional activities: Director of Graduate Studies, Scientific Computing Program, UMN (2012-) • Founding Director, Virtual Laboratory for Earth and Planetary Materials, VLab, Minnesota Supercomputing Institute, UMN (2004-10) • Assoc. Editor, *American Mineralogist*, (2011-) • UMN representative and elector to the NSF-COMPRES consortium (2003-) • UMN Point-of-Contact for the UMN/Tokyo Tech Cooperation in Graduate Program (2013-) • Referee for APS, ACS, MRS, AGU, AAAS, UK, and EU-based journals • Regular referee for US (NSF, DOE, PRF), UK (SERC and NERC), German (DFG), and Italian (MIUR) funding agencies.

Committee Services

Aneesur Rahman Prize APS/DCOMP, vice-chair (2012), chair (2017) • APS Fellow Nominating (2008-11) • Bridgman Award Selection, AIRAPT (2009-11) • Status of Women in Physics (site visit team member to U. Washington (2005) • APS March Meeting Program (2002-03) • COMPRES, Long range planning and co-author of NSF report: “*Understanding the Building Blocks of our Planet: The Materials Science of Earth Processes*” (2010).

At U of M: Grad recruiting, CEMS (1994, 2005-6, 2011-12) • Faculty recruiting, CEMS (2005-06) and Earth Sciences (2013) • Nominating, MSI (1997-99, 2001-03) • MSI/IBM-SP Advisory (1997-98) • MSI Research Scholarship (2003-06, Chair in 2006) • DTC/MSI Task Force on Initiatives in High Performance Computing (2006-07) • MSI Long-range Planning (2006-07) • MSI Allocation (2009-12), Chair (2010) • OVPR Grant-in-Aid for Research and Scholarship review (2013) • Basic Sciences Computing Lab Steering (2000-01) • CSE Instructional Computing (1999-00) • President's Distinguished Faculty Mentor Program (1998-2001).

Panels

Review of DOE-EFRC, High Pressure Energy Research in Extreme Environments, Carnegie Institution of Washington, Geophysical Lab (2012) • Review of DOE-EFRC, Center for Emerging Superconductivity, BNL/ANL/UIUC (2012) • Review of DOE Theoretical Chemical Physics Program at PNL (2010) • NSF: XSEDE's 2nd Annual review panel (2013) • NSF: Review panel for OCI/SI2 Software Institutes (2012) • NSF: High Performance Computing (track 2b) (2006, 2009) • NSF: Materials World Network: Cooperative Activity in Materials Research between US Investigators and Counterparts Abroad (MWN) (2007) • Joint NSF-DFG Materials Research Review Panel, Berlin (2007) • NSF: ASU MRSEC (1999).

Workshop/Conference/Mimi-Course organization

Lead organizer (w/A. Navrotsky), 2016 COMPRES Meeting Breakout Session “Infrastructure for Computational/Theoretical Mineral Physics” • Lead organizer (w/L. Arrachea (AR), E. Miranda (BR), and R. Martin (USA)), Workshop: *Next Generation Quantum Materials*, (ICTP-SAIFR), São Paulo, Brazil (04/16) • Instructor of Mini-Course: *Ab Initio Modeling of Materials at Extreme Conditions*, Materials Physics, U. São Paulo (05/15) • Organizer: Computational Approaches in High Pressure Research, High Pressure Workshop of the IUC, Campinas, Brazil (09/15) • Lead organizer, co-organizer D. Bercovici, Symposium: *Modeling Earth's Interior from Atomic to Global Scale*, AAAS Annual Meeting (02/15) • Instructor of Mini-Course: *Ab Initio Modeling of Materials at Extreme Conditions*, Materials Physics, U. São Paulo (05/15) • Lecturer and instructor of computational labs for the *African School of Electronic Structure Methods and Applications (ASESMA)* (two week program): African Institute for Mathematical Sciences, Cape Town (07/10); Chepkoilel College, Eldoret, Kenya (05/12) • Co-organizer, MRP Sessions, *The role of transition elements in geophysical and geochemical processes in the deep Earth*, Fall AGU Meeting (12/14) • Co-organizer, MRP Sessions, *Thermodynamic & Elasticity Databases and the Geoinformatics Revolution: Objectives, Scope and Construction of Data Systems for Geochemical and Geophysical Modeling*, Fall AGU Meeting (12/13) • Co-organizer, MRP Sessions, *Electronic and Elastic properties of Mantle Materials*, Fall AGU Meeting (12/12) • Lead-organizer, co-organizer D. Truhlar, Symposium: *Quantum chemistry meets geochemistry*, ACS National Meeting (03/12) • Co-organizer, MRP Sessions, *Deep Mantle Properties*, Fall AGU Meeting (12/10) • Co-organizer, MRP Physics Sessions, *Recent Advances in Understanding Dynamics, Structure, and Composition of the Deep Lower Mantle*, Joint Assembly, Spring AGU Meeting (05/09) • Co-organizer, MRP Sessions, *Spin Crossover Transitions in the Lower Mantle*, Fall AGU Meeting (12/08) • Co-organizer, MRP Sessions,

Computational Mineral Physics, Spring **AGU** Meeting (05/06, 12/07, 12/08, 12/09) • Co-organizer, MRP Sessions, *Post-perovskite Phase Transition and the D" Layer*, Fall **AGU** Meeting (12/04) • Co-organizer: Focus Session *Computational Chemistry for Geochemistry*, 243rd ACS National Meeting (03/12) • Organizer, “*Infrastructure for Computational Mineral Physics: a Community Consultation Workshop*”, for NSF’s **COMPRES** (08/10). Co-author of “*Infrastructure for Computational Mineral Physics: a Community Consultation Workshop*” report to COMPRES • Co-organizer: Workshop on *Computational Mineral Physics: Geophysical Applications* at the Centre Européen de Calcul Atomique et Moléculaire (**CECAM**), with Hans-Peter Bunge and Lappo Boschi, ETH Zurich (10/10) • Organizer “*Theoretical and Computational Methods in Mineral Physics: Geophysical Applications*”, Joint Short Course for the Mineralogical Society of America and **VLab**, Berkeley CA, USA (03/09) • Organizer of working group on “*Spin transitions in the lower mantle: the hidden transitions*”, Workshop on Long Range Planning for High Pressure Earth Sciences, Tempe, AZ, USA (03/09) • Organizer/Instructor, **VLab**/CIDER Tutorial, Kavli Institute for Theoretical Physics, Santa Barbara, USA (07/08). One week program within the Cooperative Institute for Deep Earth Research (CIDER) summer program • Organizer, **VLab** Workshop, Minnesota Supercomputing Institute, Minneapolis, USA (07/05), (08/07) • Organizer/Instructor, **VLab**/ESPRESSO Tutorial, Minnesota Supercomputing Institute, Minneapolis, USA (05-06/06). Offered for credit as a graduate course (MatS8995) • Topic Leader, *High Pressure Physics*, **APS** March Meeting, USA (2006,2007,2008) • Co-organizer of Focus sessions, *Earth and Planetary Materials*, **APS** March Meeting, Montreal (CA), Baltimore (USA) (2004,2006) • Organizer, Invited Symposium, *Computational Geophysics*, **APS** March Meeting, Austin, USA (2003) • Co-organizer, Topic Group *Materials Theory: Simulations*, **APS** March Meeting, San José, USA (1996) • Co-organizer, Symposium on *Perovskite Materials*, w/ Alexandra Navrotsky and Ken Poeppelmeier, **MRS** Spring Meeting, San Francisco, USA (04/02) • Co-organizer, Symposium on *High Pressure Materials Research*, w/ Peter Yu, Rus Hemley, and Bill Nellis, **MRS** Fall Meeting, Boston, USA (12/97) • Co-organizer, Symposium on *Materials Design and Modeling*, *V* International Conference on Advanced Materials, with Binglin Gu, Xianwei Sha, and Shuichi Iwata, **IUMRS** and **Chinese MRS**, Beijing, PRC (12/99) • Co-organizer, Symposium on *Frontiers in High Pressure Materials Physics*, Centre Européen de Calcul Atomique et Moléculaire (**CECAM**), with G. Chiarotti, K. Syassen, and R. Hemley, Lyon, France (06/99).

Research Funding

I have received US\$9.0 M+ in funding from NSF and U of M since 1996. In 2004, I received a US\$2.8M award to establish the Virtual Laboratory for Earth and Planetary Materials, **VLab**, at the Minnesota Supercomputing Institute.

Current Grants:

- Theory of thermoelastic properties of iron-bearing minerals, PI R. Wentzcovitch, co-PI M. Cococcioni, NSF/EAR – 1319361, my part \$336,001 (08/13-07/16).
- Collaborative Project – CSEDI: Integrated Study of H₂O in the Mantle, PI M. Hirschman, co-PIs D. Kohlstedt, R. Wentzcovitch, NSF/CSEDI - 1161023, \$762,193 (my part \$275,000) (05/13-04/17 on no-cost extension).
- U of M NSF/MRSEC, PI Tim Lodge, ~\$240,000 in post-doc salary and fringe (09/12-09/16).
- Quantum Mechanical Modeling of Major Mantle Materials, PI Renata Wentzcovitch, co-PI David A. Yuen, NSF/EAR-1348066, \$805,000 (my part \$669,000) (7/14-6/17).
- Petascale Computations in Mineral Physics with the Quantum ESPRESSO, PI Renata Wentzcovitch, NSF/GLCPC, 3,000,000 CPU hours in the Blue Waters system.

- Collaborative Project – CSEDI – Understanding Fe and Si differentiation in the Earth’s mantle and core through joint experimental and theoretical research in geochemistry and mineral physics - PI Nicolas Dauphas (U. of Chicago), co-PIs Renata Wentzcovitch (U of MN), Jung-Fu Lin (UT-Austin), NSF/EAR 1503084, my part \$215,000 (05/01/15-04/30/18).

Teaching

- *Winter 1995, 1997, 1998* - Lecturer in ***Introduction to Materials Science (MatS3600H)***. Honors class of the Institute of Technology at the junior level.
- *Spring 1996* - Lecturer in ***Electronic Structure of Materials (MatS8214)***. Graduate course on electronic structure at the CEMS Department.
- *Fall 1996, Spring 1999* - Lab instructor - *Fall 1997 and 1998*—Lecturer in ***Computational Methods in Chemical Engineering and Materials Science (ChEn5001)*** (four sessions). Undergraduate course in numerical methods applied to chemical engineering problems.
- *Fall 1999, 2000* - Lecturer - *Fall 2002* - Recitation instructor in ***Introduction to Materials Science and Engineering (MatS3011)***. Large (150+ students) junior level class.
- *Spring 1998, 1999, 2001* - Lecturer in ***Introduction to Electrical and Magnetic Properties of Materials (MatS5013)***. Senior level Materials Science course.
- *Spring 2000, Fall 2009*—Lecturer (2000) and recitation instructor (2009) in ***Materials and Energy Balances (ChEn 4001)***. Large (180+ students) junior level class in the Chemical Engineering curriculum.
- *Spring 2002*—Lecturer of seminar series on ***Current Issues in Solid Earth Geophysics: Observations and First Principles Calculations*** at SISSA, Trieste, Italy.
- *Fall 2002, 2003*—Organizer of freshmen seminar ***Advances in Chemical Engineering and Materials Science and Engineering (ChEn/MatS1001)***
- *Spring 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008*—Lecturer in ***Electronic Properties of Materials (MatS8003)***. Core graduate course in Materials Science.
- *Fall 2003* - Recitation instructor for ***Chemical Engineering Thermodynamics (ChEn4101)***. Junior level course in Chemical Engineering.
- *Fall 2004, 2006, 2015*—Lecturer and recitation instructor for ***Metals and Alloys (MatS3012)*** senior level course in Materials Science.
- *Summer 2006* - ***Vlab Tutorial in Computational Materials/Mineral Physics (MatS8995)*** (05/21 to 06/03). Educational outreach activity funded by NSF but also offered for credit to U of MN graduate students.
- *Fall 2007, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014* - Lecturer and recitation instructor in ***Thermodynamics of Materials (MatS4001/MatS3001)***, undergraduate course in Materials Science.
- *Fall 2009* - Recitation Instructor in ***Mass and Energy Balance (ChEn2001)*** junior level course in Chemical Engineering. Large (150+ students) junior level class.
- *Spring 2010* - ***Electronic Structure of Solids: Basic Theory and Practical Calculations (MatS8223)***. I developed this in 2010. Introduces theoretical and computational methods for electronic structure calculations. Accompanied by hands-on computational labs that provide experience with the Quantum ESPRESSO software. It was designed having graduate students in CEMS, Physics, Chemistry, and engineering departments across CSE.
- *Spring 2011-13, 2016*—Recitations in ***Numerical Methods: Chemical Engineering Applications (ChEn3201)***. Numerical analysis applied to ChemE problems.

- *Fall 2009, 2010, 2013, Spring 2011* - Organizer of **Scientific Computation Seminar Series: Simulations in Materials and Chemistry (SciC8190)** Weekly graduate seminars by U of MN faculty members in the Scientific Computation Program.
- *Spring 2014* - Recitations in **Mass Transport and Kinetics (MATS 3002)**. Undergraduate course in Materials Science.

Personnel Supervision

25 post-docs (5 currently), 9 graduate students (2 currently), 7 visiting graduate students (1 currently), 8 undergraduate students. 14 have permanent academic positions, 12 tenured.

Current Advisees: **Mehmet Topsakal**, research Assoc. (09/13-); **Pedro da Silveira** post-doc (05/14-); **Kanchan Sarkar** Post-doc (09/14-); **Gaurav Shukla**, post-doc (03/16-); **Joelson Cott-Garcia**, post-doc (09/15-); **Juan Valencia-Cardona** Graduate student in Scientific Computing (05/13-); **Tian Qin** (07/14-) Graduate student (Earth Sciences).

Michel Laderda Marcondes (06/14-) Visiting graduate student from Institute of Physics, University of São Paulo, SP, Brazil. **Chao Yao** (09/15-) Visiting graduate student from Department of Earth and Space Sciences—USTC-Hefei, PRC.

Past Advisees: **Wenhui Duan** (post-doc, 1996-99) Prof., Physics, Tsinghua University, Beijing, PRC; **Cesar R. S. da Silva** (post-doc, 1996-99, research Assoc., 2005-08) Assoc. Prof., Department of Computer Science, Federal University of Uberlândia, MG, Brazil; **Bijaya Karki** (post-doc, 1997-2001) Chair and Prof., Department of Computer Science and Engineering, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LS, USA; **Koichiro Umemoto** (post-doc, 2003-06, research Assoc., 2006-13) Staff scientist, Earth and Life Sciences Institute, Tokyo Tech; **João Francisco Justo** (research Assoc., 2007-08) Assoc. Prof., Electrical Engineering, Escola Politécnica, U. of São Paulo, SP, Brazil; **Taku Tsuchiya** (post-doc JSPS Fellow, 2003-05) Prof., Center for Geodynamical Research, Ehime University, Japan; **Jun Tsuchiya** (post-doc JSPS Fellow, 2003-05) Assoc. Prof., Center for Geodynamical Research, Ehime University, Japan; **Razvan Caracas** (post-doc, 2003-04), CR1 Researcher, CNRS, Laboratoire de Sciences de la Terre, École Normale Supérieure de Lyon, Lyon, France; **Amel Laref** (post-doc, 2006-07) research Assoc., King Saud University, Department of Physics and Astronomy, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia; **Pierre Carrier** (research Assoc., 2006-08) Applications & benchmarking analyst, Cray Inc; **Zhongqing Wu** (post-doc, 2005-08) Prof., Department of Earth and Space Sciences, U. of Science and Technology of China, Hefei, China; **Dipta Bahnu Ghosh** (post-doc, 2008-09) research Assoc., Computer Science, LSU; **Han Hsu** (post-doc, 2007-11) Asst. Prof., Physics Department, National Central University, Jhongli City, Taoyuan, Taiwan; **Tao Sun** (post-doc, 2011-13) Prof., Key Laboratory of Computational Geodynamics, University of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing, PRC. Winner of *1,000 Youth Talents of China* competition; **Dong-Bo Zhang** (post-doc, 2011-14) Assoc. Prof. of Computational Condensed Matter Physics, Computational Science Research Center, Chinese Academy of Engineering Physics, Beijing, PRC (04/14). Winner of *1,000 Youth Talents of China* competition; **Fawei Zheng** (post-doc, 2014-15) Assoc. Prof., Computational Condensed Matter Physics, Institute for Applied Mathematics and Computational Physics, Chinese Academy of Engineering Physics, Beijing, PRC; **Kendall Thomson** (graduate student, 1995-99) Assoc. Prof., Department of Chemical Engineering, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, USA; **Alexander Dobin** (graduate student, Physics, 1998-2001, Graduated under Randall Victora) Scientific staff member at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, Cold Spring Harbor, NY, USA; **Chris Perrey** (graduate student, Materials Science, 1999-2001, Graduated under Barry Carter) Principal Engineer at Tennant Company, Greater Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN, USA; **Yonggang Yu** (graduate student, Chemistry, 2004-08,

Post-doc 2010-11) *Winner of 2009 Graduate Research Award, Mineral and Rock Physics Group, AGU*; Humboldt Fellow in the Department of Geology, University of Frankfurt, Prof., Department of Earth Science, Nanjing University; Winner of *1,000 Youth Talents of China* competition; **Maribel Núñez-Valdéz** (graduate student, Physics 2009-11, Post-doc 2011-12). Post-doc, Department of Materials Science, ETH, Zürich, Switzerland (2013-15); Currently Research Assoc. at Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology (MIPT), Computational Materials Discovery Lab; **Pedro da Silveira** (graduate student, Scientific Computing, 2008-14). Senior software analyst at Digital River and part time post-doc with the Wentzcovitch group; **Gaurav Shukla** (06/11-01/16) Graduate student (Physics). Post-doc in CEMS with the Wentzcovitch group; **Elena Bernardis** (undergraduate student, Materials Science and Mathematics, 1999-2001) Post-doc, Department of Radiology, U-Penn, Philadelphia, PA, USA; **Daniil Kigelman**, (undergraduate student, Computer Science, MSI/VLab, 2006-08). Information Technology Professional, Thomson Reuters, Eagan, MN; **Neal Kelly** (undergraduate student, Materials Science, Mathematics and Computer Science, 2009-12) (UMN -REU). Graduate student at Penn State, Materials Science; **Alexander Holiday** (undergrad student, Chemical Engineering, 2011-12) (UMN-REU). Graduate student at Princeton University, Chemical Engineering; **Anne Carlson** (REU student, CEMS and Mathematics 2013-14). **William R. Lindermann** (UMN/MRSEC-REU student from the Department of Materials Engineering, Iowa State University of Science and Technology, 2014) Graduate student in Materials Science, MIT; **Caroline Qian** (UMN-REU student, CEMS and Computer Science, 2013-14). **Blake Wolf** (Summer'2015) undergrad student (Materials Science). Graduate student at U of M (CEMS).
Visitors: **Victor Vinograd** (research Associate, Department of Geology, University of Frankfurt 04-06/10). Research Scientist, Forschungszentrum Juelich GmbH, Juelich, Germany. **Ryan Requist** (graduate student from Physics and Astronomy, Stony Brook University 2006-07. (advisor: Prof. Phil Allen)) Post-doc with Erio Tossatti at SISSA, Trieste, Italy. **Boris Kiefer** (graduate student from the Geological Sciences, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (advisor: Prof. Lars Stixrude)) Associate Professor, Physics Department, University of New Mexico, NM, USA.

Publications

180+ papers published in peer reviewed journals, 17 conference proceedings; 3 books edited; one instruction video; Web of Science: 12,300+ citations; h-index 45; Google Scholar: 16,100+ citations; h-index 51; i10-index 144 (05/2016).

Edited Books

- *Theoretical and Computational Methods in Mineral Physics: Geophysical Applications, Reviews in Mineralogy and Geochemistry*, MSA, vol. 71 (2010), eds. R. M. Wentzcovitch & L. Stixrude.
- *Perovskite Materials*, Proceedings of Symposium D of the Materials Research Society Spring-02 Meeting, vol. 718 (2002), ed. by R. M. Wentzcovitch, A. Navrotsky, and K. Poeppelmeyer.
- *High Pressure Materials Research*, Proceedings of Symposium DD of the Materials Research Society, Fall-97 Meeting, vol. 499 (1998), ed. by R. M. Wentzcovitch, R. Hemley, W. Nellis, and P. Y. Yu.

Invited Presentations

Renata Wentzcovitch and group members have presented ~250+ invited talks and seminars since 1993. Here are those from 01/2015.

Workshops conferences

- “Plenary talk: New trends and recent achievements in theoretical high pressure research”, 54th International Meeting of European High Pressure Group, Bayreuth, Germany (09/16).
- “Nature of the volume isotope effect in ice”, (HPSP-17), Tokyo, Japan (08/16).
- “Spin crossover in ferropicicase and lateral velocity variations in the Earth’s mantle”, High Pressure Gordon Research Conference, Holderness, NH, USA (07/16).
- “High performance computing in mineral physics and materials science”, National Academies of Science, Committee on Seismology and Geodynamics, Washington, DC (04/16).
- “Spin crossover in mantle minerals: some geophysical consequences”, Workshop on “Next Generation Quantum Materials”, ICTP-SAIFR, São Paulo, Brazil (04/16).
- “Spin crossover in mantle minerals”, 2015 IUCr High-P Workshop, Campinas, Brazil (09/15).
- “Spin crossover in ferropicicase and lateral velocity variations in the Earth’s mantle”, Joint AIRAPT-EHPRG’2015 Conference, Madrid, Spain (09/15).
- “Key-Note Lecture: Spin crossover in ferropicicase and lateral velocity variations in the Earth’s mantle”, Symposium 25d: Physics and Chemistry of Earth Materials, Goldschmidt Conference, 25th Anniversary, Prague, Czeck Republic (08/15).
- “Spin crossover in (Mg,Fe)O”, Symposium 4A: Advances in Computational Materials Science, XXIV International Materials Research Congress – Cancun, Mexico, (08/15).
- “Spin crossover in (Mg,Fe)O and implications for Earth’s internal structure”, Brazilian Physical Society Meeting, Foz do Iguacu, Brazil (05/15).

Seminars and department colloquia

- “Spin Crossover in Iron Bearing Minerals”, Center for Functional Materials, Brookhaven National Laboratory (12/15).
- “Modeling Earth Interior from Atomic to Global Scale”, Geosciences, Stony Brook U. (12/15).
- “Modeling Earth Interior from Atomic to Global Scale”, Institute for Advanced Computational Science, Stony Brook University (12/15).
- “The role of *Ab initio* Calculations in Geophysics”, LDEO, Columbia University (11/15).
- “Modeling Earth Interior from Atomic to Global Scale”, Department of Applied Physics and Applied Mathematics, Columbia University (11/15).
- “Spin Crossover in ferropicicase and lateral heterogeneities in Earth’s lower mantle”, Physics Department Colloquium, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada (10/15).
- “Modeling Earth Interior from Atomic to Global Scale”, Computational Science Research Center, Chinese Academy of Engineering Physics, Beijing, China (06/15).
- “Spin Crossover in ferropicicase and lateral heterogeneities in Earth’s lower mantle”, Physics Department, Tokyo-Tech, Tokyo, Japan (01/15).

Invited talks by recent group members

- *Koichiro Umemoto* - “Nature of the volume isotope effect in H₂O-ice”, 2015 IUCr High-Pressure Workshop, Campinas, SP, Brazil (09/15).
- *Michel M. Lacerda* - “Hybrid *ab initio*-experimental approach to modeling thermal properties of solids”, 2015 IUCr High-Pressure Workshop, Campinas, SP, Brazil (09/15).