

# Franco Bonafé

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## Personal Information

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## Education

- 2014–2018 **PhD in Chemical Sciences**, *Dpmt. of Theoretical and Computational Chemistry, School of Chemical Sciences, UNC*, Supervisor: Prof. Cristián G. Sánchez, thesis title: “UV/visible photoinduced nuclear motion in molecular and nanoscopic systems”. Defense held on 13.12.2018
- 2009–2014 **Licenciate in Chemistry, Orientation: Physical Chemistry**, *School of Chemical Sciences, UNC, Argentina*, GPA: 9.82/10.
- 2003–2008 **Chemical Technician, Orientation: Food Industry**, *Dr. Manuel Lucero Secondary School (Córdoba)*, GPA: 9.64/10.

## Teaching and Research

### Publications

- 2019 **“Simulations of Impulsive Vibrational Spectroscopy”**, *F. J. Hernandez, F. P. Bonafé, B. Aradi, Th. Frauenheim, and C. G. Sanchez*, *J. Phys. Chem. A* (in revision process).
- 2018 **“Uniform Selenization of Crack-Free Films of Cu(In,Ga)Se<sub>2</sub> Nanocrystals”**, *T. B. Harvey, F. P. Bonafé, T. Updegrave, V. Reddy Voggu, C. Thomas, S. C. Kamarajugadda, C. J. Stolle, D. Pernik, J. Du, and B. A. Korgel*, *ACS App. Energy Mater.*, Article ASAP, DOI: 10.1021/acsaem.8b01800.
- 2018 **“Fully Atomistic Real-Time Simulations of Transient Absorption Spectroscopy”**, *F. P. Bonafé, F. J. Hernández, B. Aradi, Th. Frauenheim, and C. G. Sánchez*, *J. Phys. Chem. Lett.* 9 (15) 4355.
- 2017 **“Plasmon-driven sub-picosecond breathing of metal nanoparticles”**, *F. P. Bonafé, B. Aradi, M. Guan, O. A. Douglas-Gallardo, C. Lian, S. Meng, Th. Frauenheim, and C. G. Sánchez*, *Nanoscale* 9 12391.

- 2016 **"Optical Properties of Graphene Nanoflakes: Shape Matters"**, *C. Mansilla Wettstein, F. P. Bonafé, M. B. Oviedo, and C. G. Sánchez*, *J. Chem. Phys* 144 224305.
- 2015 **"Ultra-small rhenium clusters supported on graphene"**, *O. Miramontes, F.P. Bonafé, U. Santiago, E. Larios Rodríguez, J.J. Velázquez-Salazar, M. Mariscal, and M. Jose-Yacamán*, *Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys.* 17 7898.
- 2013 **"A theoretical study of the optical properties of nanostructured TiO<sub>2</sub>"**, *V.C. Fuertes, C.F.A. Negre, M.B. Oviedo, F.P. Bonafé, F.Y. Oliva, and C.G. Sánchez*, *J. Phys.: Cond. Matter* 25 115304.

#### Presentations in international scientific meetings

- 2017 **"Subpicosecond breathing mode excitation in metal nanoparticles"**, *F. P. Bonafé, B. Aradi, O. A. Douglas Gallardo, Th. Frauenheim and C. G. Sánchez*, CECAM Workshop: Charge carrier dynamics in nanostructures: optoelectronics and photostimulated processes. Bremen, Germany, Poster.
- 2016 **"Absorption spectra and excitations from real time TD-DFTB"**, *F. P. Bonafé and C. G. Sánchez*, International CECAM-Workshop & Tutorial on Approximate Quantum Methods in the ab initio World. Beijing, China, Tutorial.
- 2014 **"Selenization of Automated, Ultra-Sonic Spray-Deposited Cu(In,Ga)Se<sub>2</sub> Nanocrystal Films for Photovoltaics"**, *T. B. Harvey, F. P. Bonafé, T. Updegrave, C. Thomas, S. Kamarajugadda, C. J. Stolle, D. Pernik, J. Du and B. A. Korgel*, AIChE Annual Meeting. Atlanta, Georgia, USA, Poster.
- 2013 **"Study of the nucleation of Pd nanoparticles on graphene"**, *F. P. Bonafé, G. J. Soldano, M. M. Mariscal*, XXII International Materials Research Congress (IMRC). Cancún, Mexico, Poster.

#### Presentations in national scientific meetings

- 2018 **"Simulations of transient absorption in time dependent DFTB"**, *F. P. Bonafé, F. J. Hernández, B. Aradi, Th. Frauenheim, and C. G. Sánchez*, I Argentine Meeting of Quantum Physics, Córdoba, Argentina, Poster.
- 2017 **"An alternative explanation to laser-induced ultrafast vibrational excitations in metal nanoparticles"**, *F. P. Bonafé, B. Aradi, O. A. Douglas-Gallardo, Th. Frauenheim, and C. G. Sánchez*, XX Argentine Meeting of Physical Chemistry and Inorganic Chemistry. Villa Carlos Paz, Córdoba, Argentina, Talk.
- 2017 **"Plasmonic excitation of the breathing mode in metal nanoparticles"**, *F. P. Bonafé, B. Aradi, S. A. Paz, O. A. Douglas-Gallardo, Th. Frauenheim, and C. G. Sánchez*, IV Nanocórdoba. Villa Carlos Paz, Córdoba, Argentina, Talk.
- 2015 **"Model nanomotor driven by circularly polarized light"**, *F. P. Bonafé and C. G. Sánchez*, XIX Argentine Meeting of Physical Chemistry and Inorganic Chemistry. Buenos Aires, Argentina, Talk.
- 2013 **"TiO<sub>2</sub> as anode material for lithium-ion batteries: a computational study"**, *F. P. Bonafé, F. Y. Oliva, G. L. Luque*, 4th. Iberoamerican Meeting "Hydrogen and sustainable energy sources", Córdoba, Argentina, Poster.

- 2013 **“DFT and DFT+U calculations to study lithium insertion in different polymorphs of TiO<sub>2</sub>.”**, F. P. Bonafé, F. Y. Oliva, and G. L. Luque, XVIII Argentine Meeting of Physical Chemistry and Inorganic Chemistry. Rosario, Argentina, Poster.
- 2013 **“Study of the structural parameters that influence surface reactivity of TiO<sub>2</sub> nanoparticles”**, F. P. Bonafé, V. C. Fuertes, C. F. A. Negre, M. B. Oviedo, F. Y. Oliva, and C. G. Sánchez, XVIII Argentine Meeting of Physical Chemistry and Inorganic Chemistry. Rosario, Argentina, Poster.
- 2011 **“Effect of the Hoffmeister series on the acid-base properties of human serum albumin: experimental study and theoretical model”**, F. P. Bonafé, O. R. Cámara, and F. Y. Oliva, XVII Argentine Meeting of Physical Chemistry and Inorganic Chemistry. Córdoba, Argentina, Poster.

#### Research works in foreign institutions

- jan-feb/2019 **Visiting PhD student**, *“Development of tools, autotest suite and documentation for real-time Ehrenfest dynamics code within DFTB for release”*, BCCMS (Fraunheim Group), Universität Bremen, Germany.
- may/2018 **Visiting PhD student**, *“Development of tools, autotest suite and documentation for electronic real-time TDDFTB code”*, BCCMS, Universität Bremen, Germany.
- oct-dec/2017 **Visiting PhD student**, *“Applications of Ehrenfest dynamics and development of a technique to compute pump-probe spectra using real-time TDDFTB”*, BCCMS, Universität Bremen, Germany.
- feb-apr/2016 **Visiting PhD student**, *“Implementation of electron and Ehrenfest dynamics in DFTB+”*, BCCMS, Universität Bremen, Germany.
- 2013 **Undergrad research work**, *“Copper indium gallium selenide (CIGS) photovoltaic devices made using selenization of nanocrystal thin films”*, Korgel Lab, Department of Chemical Engineering, The University of Texas at Austin. USA, Exchange scholarship provided by The National University of Cordoba.  
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#### Graduate teaching activities

- 2014–2018 **Teacher assistant**, *Dpmt. of Theoretical and Computational Chemistry, School of Chemical Sciences, UNC*, Courses: Calculus I, Calculus II, Calculus III.
- 2018 **Admission Course teacher**, *School of Chemical Sciences, UNC*.

#### Undergraduate teaching activities

- 2011–2014 **Undergraduate teacher assistant**, *Departments of Physical Chemistry and Theoretical and Computational Chemistry, School of Chemical Sciences, UNC*, Courses: Calculus I, Calculus II, Laboratory I, Laboratory III, General Analytical Chemistry, Admission Course.
- 2010–2011 **Ad-honorem teacher assistant**, *Departments of Physical Chemistry and Theoretical and Computational Chemistry, School of Chemical Sciences, UNC*.

#### Preparation of course handbooks

- 2017 **“Calculus II: Handbook for Practical Classes”**, F. P. Bonafé, C. Mansilla Wettstein, C. R. Medrano, D. M. Márquez, L. Reinaudi, School of Chemical Sciences, UNC.

## Scholarships

- 2014–2018 **Doctoral fellowship**, *National Council for Science and Technology (CONICET)*, Director: Dr. Cristián Sánchez, from 01.04.2014.
- 2013 **Exchange studentship**, *Programa Cuarto Centenario, The National University of Córdoba*, fall semester 2013 at the University of Texas at Austin, USA.
- 2011–2012 **Undergraduate research scholarship del C (CIN)**, *National Interuniversity Council (CIN)*, Supervisors: Dr. Fabiana Oliva, Dr. Guillermina Luque, Topics: “Experimental and theoretical study of insertion of alkaline metal cations  $\text{TiO}_2$ ” (2012) and “Effect of the electrolyte on the charge development in proteins and its applications in protein adsorption on metallic oxides” (2011).

## Technology transfer and entrepreneurship

- 2018 **“Empowering UK-ARG”: culture and innovation exchange**, *Local coordinator*, 5 day event organised in Córdoba and Buenos Aires with experts in Innovation from the University of Cambridge, Local coordinator.
- 2015–2018 **“Quantum Dynamics”: technology based startup**, *Co-founder*, Incubated at the Business Incubator, UNC, [www.quantumdynamics.io](http://www.quantumdynamics.io).
- 2016 **“Vincular Córdoba”: public-private links for innovation**, *Invited panelist*, Blas Pascal University.
- 2016 **Naves: national entrepreneurship competition**, *finalist and best scientific startup prize*, representing *Quantum Dynamics*, Austral University, Buenos Aires.

## Courses

- 2017 **Scientific Programming Techniques Workshop**, *Universidad Nacional de Tucumán, Argentina*, Grade: 10/10.
- 2016 **Graduate course: “Pedagogical foundations involved in the teaching of the Chemical Sciences”**, *UNC*, Grade: 10/10.
- 2015 **Graduate course: “Quantum Dynamics”**, *Fac. Cs. Químicas, UNC.*, Calificación: 10 (diez).
- 2015 **Graduate course: “Quantum Espresso Spring School”**, *UNC*, Grade: 10/10.
- 2015 **Graduate course: “The problem of consciousness from the point of view of Philosophy of mind and Natural Sciences”**, *UNC*, Grade: Pass.
- 2014 **Graduate course: “The chemical sciences in Argentina”**, *School of Chemical Sciences, UNC*, Grade: 10/10.
- 2014 **Graduate course: “Quantum mechanical methods based on the DFT. Applications to nanostructured systems.”**, *UNC*, Grade: 10/10.
- 2014 **Microsoft Azure for Research Training**, *School of Mathematics, Physics and Astronomy, UNC*.
- 2013 **Third school of GPGPU computing for scientific applications**, *San Carlos de Bariloche, Argentina*, Grade: Pass.

2013 **Courses taken at the Universidad of Texas at Austin, fall 2013, Austin, Texas, USA.**

- Quantum Mechanics I. Steven Weinberg. Graduate course. Grade: A.
- Quantum Physics II. Daniel Heinzen. Undergraduate course. Grade: A.
- Thermodynamics and Statistical Mechanics. Elaine Li. Undergraduate course. Grade: A.

## **Institutional activities and communication of Science**

2016–2018 **Member of the Department Council, Dpmt. of Theoretical and Computational Chemistry, School of Chemical Sciences, UNC.**

2014–2018 **Member of the comission for activities with secondary schools, School of Chemical Sciences, UNC.**

2014–2015 **Director of “Pensando la Ciencia”, project to empower scientific vocation in secondary schools.**

2014–2015 **Speaker at the “Week of Science”, School of Chemical Sciences, UNC.**

2013 **Speaker and Organizer at University Fair “Cuatrociencia”, Science and technology exhibition organized as a celebration for the 400th. anniversary of the University, Topic: Energetic revolution for a sustainable future.**

## **Languages**

2018 **German, Goethe Institute Bremen and Córdoba, A2.1.**

2007 **First Certificate in English, University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations, B2.**  
Grade: A

2006 **Preliminary English Test, University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations.**  
Grade: Pass with Merit

## **Awards**

2015 **“10 Outstanding Young People” Award, Cordoba Stock Exchange.**

2014 **Valedictorian medal, Universidad Nacional de Córdoba, for the best student of the all the University schools and faculty, class 2013.**

2014 **Universidad Award 2013, Diploma with “Mention of Honor”.**

2008 **Award for the academic excelence, Roela Bank, for the best student of secondary school, class 2008.**

2008 **Academic merit medal, Dr. Manuel Lucero Secondary School, for the best student of the last year of the secondary school.**